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Optimization in Engineering Sciences

Many advances have recently been made in metaheuristic methods, from theory to applications. The editors, both leading experts in this field, have assembled a team of researchers to contribute 21 chapters organized into parts on simulated annealing, tabu search, ant colony algorithms, general purpose studies of evolutionary algorithms, applications of evolutionary algorithms, and metaheuristics.

Multi-Objective Optimization in Computer Networks Using Metaheuristics

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Metaheuristic Applications in Structures and Infrastructures

This book presents efficient metaheuristic algorithms for optimal design of structures. Many of these algorithms are developed by the author and his colleagues, consisting of Democratic Particle Swarm Optimization, Charged System Search, Magnetic Charged System Search, Field of Forces Optimization, Dolphin Echolocation Optimization, Colliding Bodies Optimization, Ray Optimization. These are presented together with algorithms which were developed by other authors and have been successfully applied to various optimization problems. These consist of Particle Swarm Optimization, Big Bang-Big Crunch Algorithm, Cuckoo Search Optimization, Imperialist Competitive Algorithm, and Chaos Embedded Metaheuristic Algorithms. Finally a multi-objective optimization method is presented to solve large-scale structural problems based on the Charged System Search algorithm. The concepts and algorithms presented in this book are not only applicable to optimization of skeletal structures and finite element models, but can equally be utilized for optimal design of other systems such as hydraulic and electrical networks.

Computational Methods for Optimizing Manufacturing Technology: Models and Techniques

This volume contains revised and extended research articles by prominent researchers. Topics covered include operations research, scientific computing, industrial engineering, electrical engineering, communication systems, and industrial applications. The book offers the state-of-the-art advances in engineering technologies and also serves as an excellent reference work for researchers and graduate students working with/on engineering technologies.

Metaheuristic Optimization in Power Engineering

This book gathers together a set of chapters covering recent development in optimization methods that are inspired by nature. The first group of chapters describes in detail different meta-heuristic algorithms, and shows their applicability using some test or real-world problems. The second part of the book is especially focused on advanced applications and case studies. They span different engineering fields, including mechanical, electrical and civil engineering, and earth/environmental science, and covers topics such as robotics, water

management, process optimization, among others. The book covers both basic concepts and advanced issues, offering a timely introduction to nature-inspired optimization method for newcomers and students, and a source of inspiration as well as important practical insights to engineers and researchers.

Recent Developments in Metaheuristics

Due to an ever-decreasing supply in raw materials and stringent constraints on conventional energy sources, demand for lightweight, efficient and low cost structures has become crucially important in modern engineering design. This requires engineers to search for optimal and robust design options to address design problems that are often large in scale and highly nonlinear, making finding solutions challenging. In the past two decades, metaheuristic algorithms have shown promising power, efficiency and versatility in solving these difficult optimization problems. This book examines the latest developments of metaheuristics and their applications in water, geotechnical and transport engineering offering practical case studies as examples to demonstrate real world applications. Topics cover a range of areas within engineering, including reviews of optimization algorithms, artificial intelligence, cuckoo search, genetic programming, neural networks, multivariate adaptive regression, swarm intelligence, genetic algorithms, ant colony optimization, evolutionary multiobjective optimization with diverse applications in engineering such as behavior of materials, geotechnical design, flood control, water distribution and signal networks. This book can serve as a supplementary text for design courses and computation in engineering as well as a reference for researchers and engineers in metaheuristics, optimization in civil engineering and computational intelligence. Provides detailed descriptions of all major metaheuristic algorithms with a focus on practical implementation Develops new hybrid and advanced methods suitable for civil engineering problems at all levels Appropriate for researchers and advanced students to help to develop their work

Optimization in Engineering Sciences

"This book contains the latest research developments in manufacturing technology and its optimization, and demonstrates the fundamentals of new computational approaches and the range of their potential application"--Provided by publisher.

Surrogate-Based Modeling and Optimization

How can we select the best performing data-driven model? How can we rigorously estimate its generalization error? Statistical learning theory answers these questions by deriving non-asymptotic bounds on the generalization error of a model or, in other words, by upper bounding the true error of the learned model based just on quantities computed on the available data. However, for a long time, Statistical learning theory has been considered only an abstract theoretical framework, useful for inspiring new learning approaches, but with limited applicability to practical problems. The purpose of this book is to give an intelligible overview of the problems of model selection and error estimation, by focusing on the ideas behind the different statistical learning theory approaches and

simplifying most of the technical aspects with the purpose of making them more accessible and usable in practice. The book starts by presenting the seminal works of the 80's and includes the most recent results. It discusses open problems and outlines future directions for research.

Meta-heuristic and Evolutionary Algorithms for Engineering Optimization

This book provides a complete background on metaheuristics to solve complex bi-level optimization problems (continuous/discrete, mono-objective/multi-objective) in a diverse range of application domains. Readers learn to solve large scale bi-level optimization problems by efficiently combining metaheuristics with complementary metaheuristics and mathematical programming approaches. Numerous real-world examples of problems demonstrate how metaheuristics are applied in such fields as networks, logistics and transportation, engineering design, finance and security.

Meta-Heuristics Optimization Algorithms in Engineering, Business, Economics, and Finance

The evolution of soft computing applications has offered a multitude of methodologies and techniques that are useful in facilitating new ways to address practical and real scenarios in a variety of fields. In particular, these concepts have created significant developments in the engineering field. *Soft Computing Techniques and Applications in Mechanical Engineering* is a pivotal reference source for the latest research findings on a comprehensive range of soft computing techniques applied in various fields of mechanical engineering. Featuring extensive coverage on relevant areas such as thermodynamics, fuzzy computing, and computational intelligence, this publication is an ideal resource for students, engineers, research scientists, and academicians involved in soft computing techniques and applications in mechanical engineering areas.

Model Selection and Error Estimation in a Nutshell

This timely book deals with a current topic, i.e. the applications of metaheuristic algorithms, with a primary focus on optimization problems in civil engineering. The first chapter offers a concise overview of different kinds of metaheuristic algorithms, explaining their advantages in solving complex engineering problems that cannot be effectively tackled by traditional methods, and citing the most important works for further reading. The remaining chapters report on advanced studies on the applications of certain metaheuristic algorithms to specific engineering problems. Genetic algorithm, bat algorithm, cuckoo search, harmony search and simulated annealing are just some of the methods presented and discussed step by step in real-application contexts, in which they are often used in combination with each other. Thanks to its synthetic yet meticulous and practice-oriented approach, the book is a perfect guide for graduate students, researchers and professionals willing to applying metaheuristic algorithms in civil engineering and other related engineering fields, such as mechanical, transport and geotechnical engineering. It is also a valuable aid for both lectures and advanced

engineering students.

Materials and Technologies in Engineering Activity

This book discusses the application of metaheuristic algorithms in a number of important optimization problems in civil engineering. Advances in civil engineering technologies require greater accuracy, efficiency and speed in terms of the analysis and design of the corresponding systems. As such, it is not surprising that novel methods have been developed for the optimal design of real-world systems and models with complex configurations and large numbers of elements. This book is intended for scientists, engineers and students wishing to explore the potential of newly developed metaheuristics in practical problems. It presents concepts that are not only applicable to civil engineering problems, but can also be used for optimizing problems related to mechanical, electrical, and industrial engineering. It is an essential resource for civil, mechanical and electrical engineers who use optimization methods for design, as well as for students and researchers interested in structural optimization.

Modeling, Analysis, and Applications in Metaheuristic Computing: Advancements and Trends

This book comprises select peer-reviewed papers presented at the International Conference on Advanced Engineering Optimization Through Intelligent Techniques (AEOTIT) 2018. The book combines contributions from academics and industry professionals, and covers advanced optimization techniques across all major engineering disciplines like mechanical, manufacturing, civil, automobile, electrical, chemical, computer and electronics engineering. Different optimization techniques and algorithms such as genetic algorithm (GA), differential evolution (DE), simulated annealing (SA), particle swarm optimization (PSO), artificial bee colony (ABC) algorithm, artificial immune algorithm (AIA), teaching-learning-based optimization (TLBO) algorithm and many other latest meta-heuristic techniques and their applications are discussed. This book will serve as a valuable reference for students, researchers and practitioners and help them in solving a wide range of optimization problems.

Engineering Optimization

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third Knowledge Technology Week, KTW 2011, held in Kajang, Malaysia, in July 2011. The 29 revised full papers presented together with 9 short papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 105 submissions. KTW 2011 consisted of a number of co-located events. This volume contains selected papers from the proceedings of the Third Malaysian Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (MJCAI 2011), the Third Semantic Technology and Knowledge Engineering (STAKE 2011), and the International Workshop on Semantic Agents (IWSA 2012).

Metaheuristics in Water, Geotechnical and Transport Engineering

Developments in metaheuristics continue to advance computation beyond its traditional methods. With groundwork built on multidisciplinary research findings; metaheuristics, algorithms, and optimization approaches uses memory manipulations in order to take full advantage of strategic level problem solving. Trends in Developing Metaheuristics, Algorithms, and Optimization Approaches provides insight on the latest advances and analysis of technologies in metaheuristics computing. Offering widespread coverage on topics such as genetic algorithms, differential evolution, and ant colony optimization, this book aims to be a forum researchers, practitioners, and students who wish to learn and apply metaheuristic computing.

Handbook of Research on Predictive Modeling and Optimization Methods in Science and Engineering

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Interfaces in Computer Science and Operations Research

This book highlights state-of-the-art developments in metaheuristics research. It examines all aspects of metaheuristic research including new algorithmic developments, applications, new research challenges, theoretical developments, implementation issues, in-depth experimental studies. The book is divided into two sections. Part I is focused on new optimization and modeling techniques based on metaheuristics. The chapters in this section cover topics from multi-objective problems with fuzzy data with triangular-valued objective functions, to hyper-heuristics optimization methodology, designing genetic algorithms, and also the cuckoo search algorithm. The techniques described help to enhance the usability and increase the potential of metaheuristic algorithms. Part II showcases advanced metaheuristic approaches to solve real-life applications issues. This includes an examination of scheduling, the vehicle routing problem, multimedia sensor network, supplier selection, bin packing, objects tracking, and radio frequency identification. In the fields covered in the chapters are of high-impact applications of metaheuristics. The chapters offer innovative applications of metaheuristics that have a potential of widening research frontiers. Altogether, this book offers a comprehensive look at how researchers are currently using metaheuristics in different domains of design and application.

Metaheuristics

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This book provides both the research and practitioner communities with a comprehensive coverage of the metaheuristic methodologies that have proven to be successful in a wide variety of real-world problem settings. Moreover, it is these metaheuristic strategies that hold particular promise for success in the future. The various chapters serve as stand alone presentations giving both the necessary background underpinnings as well as practical guides for implementation.

Metaheuristics for Portfolio Optimization

Control of an impartial balance between risks and returns has become important for investors, and having a combination of financial instruments within a portfolio is an advantage. Portfolio management has thus become very important for reaching a resolution in high-risk investment opportunities and addressing the risk-reward tradeoff by maximizing returns and minimizing risks within a given investment period for a variety of assets. Metaheuristic Approaches to Portfolio Optimization is an essential reference source that examines the proper selection of financial instruments in a financial portfolio management scenario in terms of metaheuristic approaches. It also explores common measures used for the evaluation of risks/returns of portfolios in real-life situations. Featuring research on topics such as closed-end funds, asset allocation, and risk-return paradigm, this book is ideally designed for investors, financial professionals, money managers, accountants, students, professionals, and researchers.

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Optimization Models in Steganography Using Metaheuristics

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Soft Computing Techniques and Applications in Mechanical Engineering

The book is a monograph in the cross disciplinary area of Computational Intelligence in Finance and elucidates a collection of practical and strategic Portfolio Optimization models in Finance, that employ Metaheuristics for their effective solutions and demonstrates the results using MATLAB implementations, over live portfolios invested across global stock universes. The book has been structured in such a way that, even novices in finance or metaheuristics should be able to comprehend and work on the hybrid models discussed in the book.

Nature-Inspired Methods for Metaheuristics Optimization

Advances in Metaheuristic Algorithms for Optimal Design of Structures

Contemporary engineering design is heavily based on computer simulations. Accurate, high-fidelity simulations are used not only for design verification but, even more importantly, to adjust parameters of the system to have it meet given performance requirements. Unfortunately, accurate simulations are often computationally very expensive with evaluation times as long as hours or even days per design, making design automation using conventional methods impractical. These and other problems can be alleviated by the development and employment of so-called surrogates that reliably represent the expensive, simulation-based model of the system or device of interest but they are much more reasonable and analytically tractable. This volume features surrogate-based modeling and optimization techniques, and their applications for solving difficult and computationally expensive engineering design problems. It begins by presenting the basic concepts and formulations of the surrogate-based modeling and optimization paradigm and then discusses relevant modeling techniques, optimization algorithms and design procedures, as well as state-of-the-art developments. The chapters are self-contained with basic concepts and formulations along with applications and examples. The book will be useful to researchers in engineering and mathematics, in particular those who employ computationally heavy simulations in their design work.

Trends in Developing Metaheuristics, Algorithms, and Optimization Approaches

Metaheuristics exhibit desirable properties like simplicity, easy parallelizability and ready applicability to different types of optimization problems such as real parameter optimization, combinatorial optimization and mixed integer optimization. They are thus beginning to play a key role in different industrially important process engineering applications, among them the synthesis of heat and mass exchange equipment, synthesis of distillation columns and static and dynamic optimization of chemical and bioreactors. This book explains cutting-edge research techniques in related computational intelligence domains and their applications in real-world process engineering. It will be of interest to industrial practitioners and research academics.

Knowledge Technology

Selected peer reviewed papers from the 2016 International Conference on Design, Materials and Manufacturing, March 25-27, 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Applications of Metaheuristics in Process Engineering

Software has become ever more crucial as an enabler, from daily routines to important national decisions. But from time to time, as society adapts to frequent

and rapid changes in technology, software development fails to come up to expectations due to issues with efficiency, reliability and security, and with the robustness of methodologies, tools and techniques not keeping pace with the rapidly evolving market. This book presents the proceedings of SoMeT_19, the 18th International Conference on New Trends in Intelligent Software Methodologies, Tools and Techniques, held in Kuching, Malaysia, from 23–25 September 2019. The book explores new trends and theories that highlight the direction and development of software methodologies, tools and techniques, and aims to capture the essence of a new state of the art in software science and its supporting technology, and to identify the challenges that such a technology will have to master. The book also investigates other comparable theories and practices in software science, including emerging technologies, from their computational foundations in terms of models, methodologies, and tools. The 56 papers included here are divided into 5 chapters: Intelligent software systems design and techniques in software engineering; Machine learning techniques for software systems; Requirements engineering, software design and development techniques; Software methodologies, tools and techniques for industry; and Knowledge science and intelligent computing. This comprehensive overview of information systems and research projects will be invaluable to all those whose work involves the assessment and solution of real-world software problems.

Handbook of Metaheuristics

An accessible introduction to metaheuristics and optimization, featuring powerful and modern algorithms for application across engineering and the sciences From engineering and computer science to economics and management science, optimization is a core component for problem solving. Highlighting the latest developments that have evolved in recent years, *Engineering Optimization: An Introduction with Metaheuristic Applications* outlines popular metaheuristic algorithms and equips readers with the skills needed to apply these techniques to their own optimization problems. With insightful examples from various fields of study, the author highlights key concepts and techniques for the successful application of commonly-used metaheuristic algorithms, including simulated annealing, particle swarm optimization, harmony search, and genetic algorithms. The author introduces all major metaheuristic algorithms and their applications in optimization through a presentation that is organized into three succinct parts: *Foundations of Optimization and Algorithms* provides a brief introduction to the underlying nature of optimization and the common approaches to optimization problems, random number generation, the Monte Carlo method, and the Markov chain Monte Carlo method *Metaheuristic Algorithms* presents common metaheuristic algorithms in detail, including genetic algorithms, simulated annealing, ant algorithms, bee algorithms, particle swarm optimization, firefly algorithms, and harmony search *Applications* outlines a wide range of applications that use metaheuristic algorithms to solve challenging optimization problems with detailed implementation while also introducing various modifications used for multi-objective optimization Throughout the book, the author presents worked-out examples and real-world applications that illustrate the modern relevance of the topic. A detailed appendix features important and popular algorithms using MATLAB® and Octave software packages, and a related FTP site houses MATLAB code and programs for easy implementation of the discussed techniques. In

In addition, references to the current literature enable readers to investigate individual algorithms and methods in greater detail. *Engineering Optimization: An Introduction with Metaheuristic Applications* is an excellent book for courses on optimization and computer simulation at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It is also a valuable reference for researchers and practitioners working in the fields of mathematics, engineering, computer science, operations research, and management science who use metaheuristic algorithms to solve problems in their everyday work.

Nature-Inspired Methods for Metaheuristics Optimization

Overview of optimization -- Introduction to meta-heuristic and evolutionary algorithms -- Pattern search (PS) -- Genetic algorithm (GA) -- Simulated annealing (SA) -- Tabu search (TS) -- Ant colony optimization (ACO) -- Particle swarm optimization (PSO) -- Differential evolution (DE) -- Harmony search (HS) -- Shuffled frog-leaping algorithm (SFLA) -- Honey-bee mating optimization (HBMO) -- Invasive weed optimization (IWO) -- Central force optimization (CFO) -- Biogeography-based optimization (BBO) -- Firefly algorithm (FA) -- Gravity search algorithm (GSA) -- Bat algorithm (BA) -- Plant propagation algorithm (PPA) -- Water cycle algorithm (WCA) -- Symbiotic organisms search (SOS) -- Comprehensive evolutionary algorithm (CEA)

Handbook of Research on Instructional Systems and Technology

Metaheuristics are widely used to solve important practical combinatorial optimization problems. Many new multicast applications emerging from the Internet-such as TV over the Internet, radio over the Internet, and multipoint video streaming-require reduced bandwidth consumption, end-to-end delay, and packet loss ratio. It is necessary to design an

Metaheuristic Approaches to Portfolio Optimization

The disciplines of computer science and operations research (OR) have been linked since their origins, each contributing to the dramatic advances of the other. This work explores the connections between these key technologies: how high-performance computing methods have led to advances in OR deployment, and how OR has contributed to the design and development of advanced systems. The collected writings-from researchers and practitioners in Computer Science, Operations Research, Management Science, and Artificial Intelligence-were among those delivered at the Fifth INFORMS Computer Science Technical Section Conference in Dallas, Texas, January 8-10, 1996. The articles advance both theory and practice. Presented are new approaches to complex problems based on: metaheuristics (neural networks, genetic algorithms, and Tabu Search), optimization and mathematical programming, stochastic methods, constraint programming, and logical analysis. These advanced methodologies are applied to new applications in such areas as: telecommunications network design, financial engineering, manufacturing, project management, and forecasting, airline and machine scheduling, vehicle routing, modeling and decision support systems.

Featured is a remarkable paper by keynote speaker Fred Glover, creator of the Tabu Search family of metaheuristics. In it he develops the principles of memory-based heuristic methods, contrasts them with the popular genetic algorithms and simulated annealing, provides a sweeping survey of application vignettes, and points to promising avenues for future research.

Advances in Metaheuristics for Hard Optimization

This book presents recent developments in modelling and optimization of engineering systems and the use of advanced mathematical methods for solving complex real-world problems. It provides recent theoretical developments and new techniques based on control, optimization theory, mathematical modeling and fractional calculus that can be used to model and understand complex behavior in natural phenomena including latest technologies such as additive manufacturing. Specific topics covered in detail include combinatorial optimization, flow and heat transfer, mathematical modelling, energy storage and management policy, artificial intelligence, optimal control, modelling and optimization of manufacturing systems.

Metaheuristics for Bi-level Optimization

Metaheuristics in Combinatorial Optimization

Optimization techniques have developed into a significant area concerning industrial, economics, business, and financial systems. With the development of engineering and financial systems, modern optimization has played an important role in service-centered operations and as such has attracted more attention to this field. Meta-heuristic hybrid optimization is a newly development mathematical framework based optimization technique. Designed by logicians, engineers, analysts, and many more, this technique aims to study the complexity of algorithms and problems. Meta-Heuristics Optimization Algorithms in Engineering, Business, Economics, and Finance explores the emerging study of meta-heuristics optimization algorithms and methods and their role in innovated real world practical applications. This book is a collection of research on the areas of meta-heuristics optimization algorithms in engineering, business, economics, and finance and aims to be a comprehensive reference for decision makers, managers, engineers, researchers, scientists, financiers, and economists as well as industrialists.

Advanced Engineering Optimization Through Intelligent Techniques

The disciplines of science and engineering rely heavily on the forecasting of prospective constraints for concepts that have not yet been proven to exist, especially in areas such as artificial intelligence. Obtaining quality solutions to the problems presented becomes increasingly difficult due to the number of steps required to sift through the possible solutions, and the ability to solve such problems relies on the recognition of patterns and the categorization of data into

specific sets. Predictive modeling and optimization methods allow unknown events to be categorized based on statistics and classifiers input by researchers. The Handbook of Research on Predictive Modeling and Optimization Methods in Science and Engineering is a critical reference source that provides comprehensive information on the use of optimization techniques and predictive models to solve real-life engineering and science problems. Through discussions on techniques such as robust design optimization, water level prediction, and the prediction of human actions, this publication identifies solutions to developing problems and new solutions for existing problems, making this publication a valuable resource for engineers, researchers, graduate students, and other professionals.

Metaheuristic Optimization Algorithms in Civil Engineering: New Applications

"This book provides information on different styles of instructional design methodologies, tips, and strategies on how to use technology to facilitate active learning and techniques to help faculty and researchers develop online instructional and teaching materials. It enables libraries to provide a foundational reference for researchers, educators, administrators, and others in the context of instructional systems and technology"--Provided by publisher.

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Advancing Technology Industrialization Through Intelligent Software Methodologies, Tools and Techniques

This book explores the use of a socio-inspired optimization algorithm (the Cohort Intelligence algorithm), along with Cognitive Computing and a Multi-Random Start Local Search optimization algorithm. One of the most important types of media used for steganography is the JPEG image. Considering four important aspects of steganography techniques - picture quality, high data-hiding capacity, secret text security and computational time - the book provides extensive information on four novel image-based steganography approaches that employ JPEG compression. Academics, scientists and engineers engaged in research, development and application of steganography techniques, optimization and data analytics will find the book's comprehensive coverage an invaluable resource.

Mathematical Modelling and Optimization of Engineering Problems

A unified view of metaheuristics This book provides a complete background on metaheuristics and shows readers how to design and implement efficient algorithms to solve complex optimization problems across a diverse range of applications, from networking and bioinformatics to engineering design, routing, and scheduling. It presents the main design questions for all families of metaheuristics and clearly illustrates how to implement the algorithms under a software framework to reuse both the design and code. Throughout the book, the key search components of metaheuristics are considered as a toolbox for:

- Designing efficient metaheuristics (e.g. local search, tabu search, simulated annealing, evolutionary algorithms, particle swarm optimization, scatter search, ant colonies, bee colonies, artificial immune systems) for optimization problems
- Designing efficient metaheuristics for multi-objective optimization problems
- Designing hybrid, parallel, and distributed metaheuristics
- Implementing metaheuristics on sequential and parallel machines

Using many case studies and treating design and implementation independently, this book gives readers the skills necessary to solve large-scale optimization problems quickly and efficiently. It is a valuable reference for practicing engineers and researchers from diverse areas dealing with optimization or machine learning; and graduate students in computer science, operations research, control, engineering, business and management, and applied mathematics.

Metaheuristics and Optimization in Civil Engineering

Metaheuristic optimization is a higher-level procedure or heuristic designed to find, generate, or select a heuristic (partial search algorithm) that may provide a sufficiently good solution to an optimization problem, especially with incomplete or imperfect information or limited computation capacity. This is usually applied when two or more objectives are to be optimized simultaneously. This book is presented with two major objectives. Firstly, it features chapters by eminent researchers in the field providing the readers about the current status of the subject. Secondly, algorithm-based optimization or advanced optimization techniques, which are applied to mostly non-engineering problems, are applied to engineering problems. This book will also serve as an aid to both research and industry. Usage of these methodologies would enable the improvement in engineering and manufacturing technology and support an organization in this era of low product life cycle.

Features:

- Covers the application of recent and new algorithms
- Focuses on the development aspects such as including surrogate modeling, parallelization, game theory, and hybridization
- Presents the advances of engineering applications for both single-objective and multi-objective optimization problems
- Offers recent developments from a variety of engineering fields
- Discusses Optimization using Evolutionary Algorithms and Metaheuristics applications in engineering

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