

Analysis of Different Ranges for Wireless Sensor Node Localization using PSO and BBO and its variants

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ABSTRACT

In a Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) accurate location of target node is highly desirable as it has strong impact on overall performance of the WSN. This paper proposes the application of different migration variants of Biogeography-Based Optimization (BBO) algorithm and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) for distributed optimal localization of randomly deployed sensors for different ranges. Biogeography is collective learning of geographical allotment of biological organisms. BBO has a new inclusive vigor based on the science of biogeography and employs migration operator to share information between different habitats, i.e., problem solution. PSO models have only fast convergence but less mature. An investigation on distributed iterative localization is presented in this paper that shows how time consumption and error varies for different ranges. Here the nodes that get localized in iteration act as anchor node. A comparison of the performance of PSO and different migration variants of BBO in terms of number of nodes localized, localization accuracy and computation time is presented.

Keywords:

Particle Swarm Optimization, Biogeography Based Optimization, Enhanced BBO, Immigration Refusal, Blended BBO, Localization, Wireless Sensor Networks

1. INTRODUCTION

WSN is a collection of large number of sensor nodes those are connected wirelessly in an ad-hoc manner [1]. Each node is provided with sensors, transceiver, information processor and power supply, etc. The purpose of WSN is to collect and supply sensed information to a designated sink from a wider area. However, due to size, power supply and constraints the transceiving range is limited and are networked with each other to pass information to the sink. Information received at destination is of use only if the origin of the source, i.e., location of the sensor node is known. Moreover, location of all randomly deployed sensor nodes are also required to determine the route for information passing. Self organizing and fault tolerance characteristics of WSN make them promising for a number of military and civilian applications [2, 3]. To determine the physical coordinates of group of sensor nodes in WSN is one of challenging problem. Some WSN challenges and constraints are Self-Management, Wireless Networking, Design Constraints, Security.

1.1 Localization

Localization is most active research area in WSN and it usually refers to the process of determining positions of unknown

nodes (target nodes) that uses information of positions of some known nodes i.e., anchor nodes based on measurements such as distance, Time of Arrival (TOA), Time Difference of Arrival (TDOA), Angle of Arrival (AOA), etc. [4, 5, 6]. Many of the applications proposed for WSN require knowledge of sensing information which gives rise to problem of localization. The localization estimation is a two-phase process involving:-

- (1) **Ranging:** Node estimates their distance from anchors (beacons or settled nodes) using signal propagation time or strength of received signal. Precise measurement of these parameters is not possible due to noise; therefore, results of localization algorithms that use these parameter are likely to be inaccurate.
- (2) **Position Estimation:** It is carried out using the ranging information. This is done either by solving a set of simultaneous equations, or by using an optimization algorithm that minimizes the localization error. This is an iterative process, where settled nodes i.e., anchors and localization process is repeated until either all nodes are settled, or no more can be localized [7, 8].

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

A survey of localization systems of WSNs is available in [9]. An efficient localization system that extends GPS capabilities to non-GPS nodes in an ad-hoc network as anchors transmit their location information to all nodes in the network is proposed in [10]. Then, each target node estimates its location by performing triangularization. Localization accuracy of node is improved by measuring their distances from their neighbors in [11]. The issue of error accumulation is addressed in [12] through Kalman filter based least square estimation in [13, 14] to simultaneously locate the position of all sensor nodes. Node localization problem is addressed using convex optimization based on semi-definite programming. The semi-definite programming approach is further extended to non-convex inequality constraints in [15]. In [16], Gradient search technique demonstrates the use of data analysis technique called multidimensional scaling (MDS) for estimating the target node positions. WSN is treated as multidimensional optimization problem and addressed through population based stochastic approaches. In [17] centralized location of WSN nodes is proposed by PSO to minimize average localization error. In this approach it provides more accurate localization as compared to simulated annealing algorithm proposed earlier [18]. This approach required few known nodes (anchors) to localize all target nodes. [19] proposes application of BBO and HPSO algorithm for distributed iterative node localization in WSNs.

Some Genetic Algorithms (GA) based node localization are proposed in [20, 21, 22, 23]. Centralized algorithm determines location of target node by estimating their distances from all one hop neighbors. Each target node is localized under imprecise measurement of distances from three or more neighboring anchors or settled nodes. The method proposed in this paper has following advantages over some of the earlier methods:

- (1) Localization is robust against uncertainty of noise associated with distance measurement.
- (2) Localization accuracy is better and has fast convergence.
- (3) In each iteration, one node gets settled. Thus, each node gets more references in its transmission range. This leads to minimization in error due to flip ambiguity, the situation that arises as reference (anchor) nodes are in non-collinear locations.

This paper proposes two optimization algorithms for distributed iterative node localization in a WSN. The first algorithm is PSO [24] and second is BBO [25] and its variants, i.e., Blended BBO, Immigration Refusal, Enhanced BBO. Variants of BBO have never been proposed for distributed iterative node localization. The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 3 explains PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, Immigration Refusal, Enhanced BBO for localization in this study, Section 4 explains how the localization problem is approached using the above mentioned optimization methods, Section 5 discusses numerical simulation and results obtained. At the last, Section 6 presents conclusions and make a projection on possible future research path.

3. LOCALIZATION METHODS

The stochastic algorithms PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, EBBO, Refusal BBO are discussed in the following subsections.

3.1 Particle Swarm Optimization

PSO is a robust stochastic optimization technique based on the movement and intelligence of swarms. It was developed in 1995 by James Kennedy (social-psychologist) and Russell Eberhart (electrical engineer). It uses a number of particles that constitute a swarm moving around in the search space looking for the best solution. Each particle keeps track of its coordinates in the solution space which are associated with the best solution (fitness) that has achieved so far by that particle. This value is called personal best, *pbest*. Another best value that is tracked by the PSO is the best value obtained so far by any particle in the neighborhood of that particle. This value is called *gbest*. The basic concept of PSO lies in accelerating each particle toward its *pbest* and the *gbest* locations, with a random weighted acceleration at each time step as shown in Fig. 1.

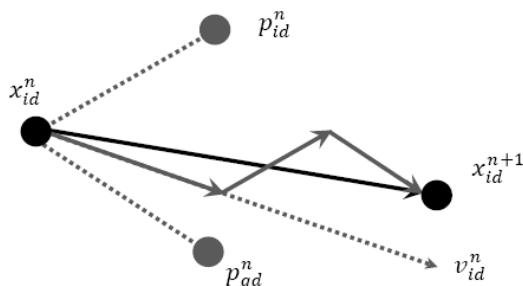


Fig. 1. PSO Characteristics

Consider that the search space is M -dimensional and i -th particle location in the swarm can be represented by $X_i = [x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{id}, \dots, x_{iM}]$ and its velocity can be represented by

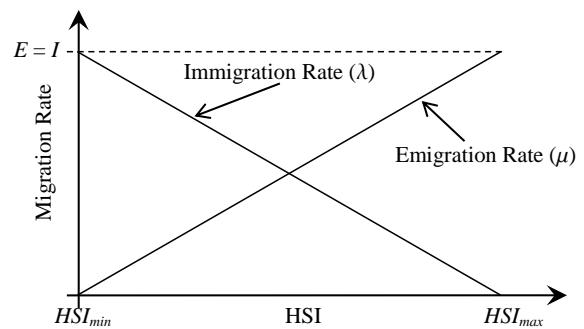


Fig. 2. Migration Curves

another M -dimensional vector $V_i = [v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{id}, \dots, v_{iM}]$. Let the best previously visited location position of this particle be denoted by $P_i = [p_{i1}, p_{i2}, \dots, p_{id}, \dots, p_{iM}]$, whereas, g -th particle, i.e., $P_g = [p_{g1}, p_{g2}, \dots, p_{gd}, \dots, p_{gM}]$, is globally best particle location. Fig. 1 depicts the vector movement of particle element from location x_{id}^n to x_{id}^{n+1} in $(n + 1)$ -th iteration that is being governed by past best location, p_{id}^n , global best location, p_{gd}^n , and current velocity v_{id}^n . Alternatively, the whole swarm is updated according to the equations (1) and (2) suggested by [26], [27].

$$v_{id}^{m+1} = \chi(wv_{id}^m + \psi_1 r_1 (p_{id}^m - x_{id}^m) + \psi_2 r_2 (p_{gd}^m - x_{id}^m)) \quad (1)$$

$$x_{id}^{m+1} = x_{id}^m + v_{id}^{m+1} \quad (2)$$

Here, w is inertia weight, ψ_1 is cognitive learning parameter, ψ_2 is social learning parameter and constriction factor χ , are strategy parameters of PSO algorithm, while r_1 and r_2 are random numbers uniformly distributed in the range $[0,1]$.

3.2 Biogeography-Based Optimization

BBO is a population based global optimization technique developed on the basis of the science of biogeography, i.e., study of the distribution of animals and plants among different habitats over time and space.

Originally, biogeography was studied by Alfred Wallace [28] and Charles Darwin [29] mainly as descriptive study. However, in 1967, the work carried out by MacArthur and Wilson [30] changed this view point and proposed a mathematical model for biogeography and made it feasible to predict the number of species in a habitat. For sake of simplicity, it is safe to assume a linear relationship between HSI (or population) and immigration and emigration rates and same maximum emigration and immigration rates, i.e., $E = I$ as depicted graphically in Fig. 2.

For k -th habitat, i.e., HSI_k , values of emigration rate and immigration rate are given by (3) and (4).

$$\mu_k = E \cdot \frac{HSI_k}{HSI_{max} - HSI_{min}} \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_k = I \cdot \left(1 - \frac{HSI_k}{HSI_{max} - HSI_{min}} \right) \quad (4)$$

Algorithmic flow of BBO involves two mechanisms, i.e., migration and mutation, these are discussed in the following subsections.

3.3 Migration

Migration is a probabilistic operator that improves HSI of poor habitats by sharing features from good habitats. During Migration, i th habitat, H_i where $(i = 1, 2, \dots, NP)$ use its immigration rate, λ_i given by (4), to probabilistically decide whether to

immigrate or not. In case immigration is selected, then the emigrating habitat, H_j , is found probabilistically based on emigration rate, μ_j given by (3). The process of migration is completed by copying values of SIVs from H_j to H_i at random chosen sites, i.e., $H_i(SIV) \leftarrow H_j(SIV)$. Migration variants are discussed in the following sections:

3.3.1 Immigration Refusal. In BBO, if a habitat has high emigration rate, i.e., the probability of emigrating to other habitats is high and the probability of immigration from other habitats is low. This BBO variants with conditional migration is termed as Immigration Refusal [31].

3.3.2 Blended Migration. In blended migration, a solution feature of solution $ImHbt$ is not simply replaced by a feature from solution $EmHbt$ as happened in standard BBO migration operator. Instead, a new solution feature, $ImHbt(SIV)$, solution is comprised of two components, i.e., $ImHbt(SIV) \leftarrow \alpha \cdot ImHbt(SIV) + (1 - \alpha) \cdot EmHbt(SIV)$. Where α is a random number between 0 and 1.

3.3.3 Enhanced Biogeography Based Optimization. Standard BBO migration operator creates the duplicate solutions which decreases the diversity of the algorithm. To prevent diversity decrease in the population, duplicate habitats are replaced with randomly generated habitats that increases the exploration ability.

3.4 Mutation

Mutation is another probabilistic operator that modifies the values of some randomly selected SIVs of every habitat that is intended for exploration of search space for better solutions by increasing the biological diversity in the population. The mutation rate, $mRate$, for k -th habitats is calculated as (5)

$$mRate_k = C \times \min(\mu_k, \lambda_k) \quad (5)$$

where NP is total number of habitats sorted in ascending order. E and I are maximum emigration and immigration rates, usually $E = I$ and C is a constant and equal to 1.

4. STEPS FOLLOWED FOR LOCALIZATION

The objective of WSN localization is to determine maximum number of N target nodes by using M anchor nodes which know their locations by the process followed:-

- (1) N target nodes and M anchor nodes are randomly deployed in a 2-Dimensional sensor field. Each target node and anchor node has a transmission range R . At each iteration one node gets settled and works as anchor node in the next iteration and transmits information as the anchors do.
- (2) Target node which has atleast 3 anchor nodes in its transmission range is said to be localized.
- (3) Mean of coordinates of anchor nodes fall within transmission range, i.e., mean $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_5, \dots, x_n)$, mean $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5, \dots, y_n)$ is termed as centroid position.
- (4) Randomly deploy few nodes around estimated position and distance between nodes in deployment and anchor nodes in the transmission range are calculated. The distance measurement are effected with gaussian additive noise. A node estimates its distance from anchor i as $\hat{d}_i = d_i + \eta_i$. Where d_i is the actual distance and given by following equation

$$d_i = \sqrt{(x - x_i)^2 + (y - y_i)^2} \quad (6)$$

where (x, y) is the location of target node and (x_i, y_i) is the location of i -th anchor node in neighborhood of target node. The measurement noise η_i has a random value which is uniformly distributed in the range $d_i \pm d_i \left(\frac{P_n}{100}\right)$ where P_n is percentage noise in distance measurement.

- (5) Five case studies are conducted. Each localization target node runs PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, EBBO and Immigration Refusal to localize itself. The objective function is to minimize the average localization error between measured distance and estimated distance. It is defined as follows

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M (\sqrt{(x - x_i)^2 + (y - y_i)^2} - \hat{d}_i)^2 \quad (7)$$

where $M \geq 3$ is the number of anchor nodes within transmission range R , of target node.

- (6) When all the N_l localizable nodes determine their coordinates, total average localization error is calculated as the mean of square of distances of estimated node coordinates (x_i, y_i) and the actual node coordinates (X_i, Y_i) , for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_l$, determines for all cases of PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, EBBO, Immigration Refusal in following equation

$$E_l = \frac{1}{N_l} \sum_{i=1}^M ((x_i - X_i)^2 + (y_i - Y_i)^2) \quad (8)$$

- (7) Steps 2 to 6 are repeated until all target nodes get localized. The performance of localization algorithm is based on E_l and N_{Nl} , where $N_{Nl} = N - N_l$ is number of nodes that could not be localized. The minimum the values of E_l and N_{Nl} , the better will be the performance.

5. SIMULATION RESULTS

WSN localization simulations and its performance evaluation were conducted using PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, EBBO, Immigration Refusal in C/C++ environment. Common strategic settings for each case are: (1) Maximum number iterations = 20 (2) Population size = 10, (3) Number of target nodes = 50, (4) Number of anchor nodes = 10 (5) Transmission range of each node = 20 and 15 respectively. These target and anchor nodes are randomly deployed in 2-dimensional sensor field having dimensions of 100×100 square units. In Fig. 3 to Fig. 12, ∇ defines node localization estimated by PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, EBBO and Immigration Refusal respectively, * defines location of node, \bullet defines non-localized nodes and remaining defines the location of anchor nodes.

5.1 Localization using PSO

In this case study, each target node that can be localized, runs PSO algorithm to localize itself. The parameters of PSO are set as follows.

- (1) Acceleration constants $c_1 = c_2 = 2.0$
- (2) Limits on particle position: $X_{min} = 0$ and $X_{max} = 100$

25 trial experiments of PSO-based localization are conducted for $P_n = 2$ and $P_n = 5$ for range 20 and 15 respectively. Average of total localization error E_l defined in (8) is computed and shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 8.

5.2 Localization using BBO

In this case study, each target node that can be localized, runs BBO algorithm to localize itself. The parameters of BBO are set as follows.

- (1) Limits on particle position: $X_{min} = 0$ and $X_{max} = 100$
- (2) $w = 0.01$

25 trial experiments of localization using BBO are conducted for $P_n = 2$ and $P_n = 5$ for range 20 and 15. Average of total localization error E_l defined in (8) is computed and shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 9. The parameters are similar for Fig. 5 to Fig. 7 and Fig. 10 to Fig. 12, i.e., Blended BBO, EBBO, Immigration Refusal, respectively.

5.3 Discussions on Results

The actual locations of nodes and anchors, and the coordinates of the nodes estimated by PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, EBBO, Immigration Refusal in a trail run are shown in Fig. 3 - Fig. 12. The best results are summarized in Table 1 and Table 2 and it can be observed that all stochastic algorithms used here have performed fairly well in WSN localization.

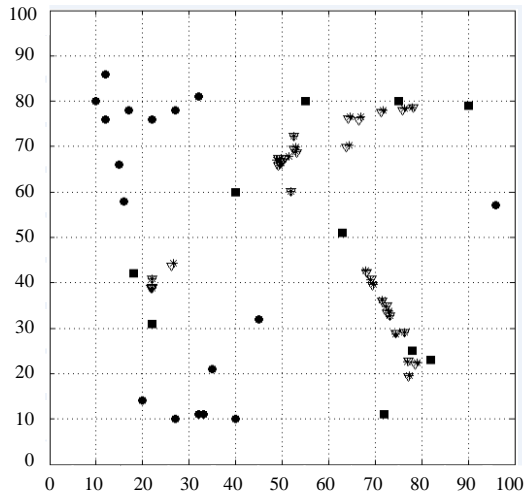


Fig. 3. Location estimated by PSO for Range=20

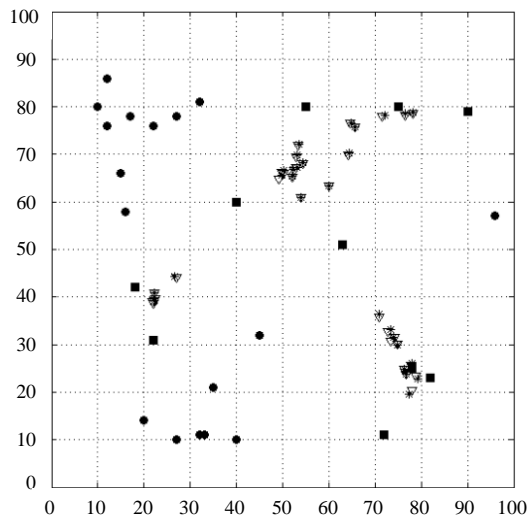


Fig. 4. Location estimated by BBO for Range=20

Average localization error in all algorithms is increased when P_n is changed from 2 to 5. Performance of E_l for Blended BBO is less as compared to all other algorithms that has been discussed. However the computing time required for Blended BBO is more as compared to BBO, EBBO, Immigration Refusal. A choice between algorithms influenced by how accurate the localization is expected to be and fast convergence.

6. CONCLUSION

Artificial intelligence based single-hop distributed node localization algorithms by PSO, BBO, Blended BBO, EBBO, Immigration refusal have been presented in distributed and iterative fashion. The proposed algorithms have better accuracy and fast convergence. The paper has briefly outlined the algorithms and pre-

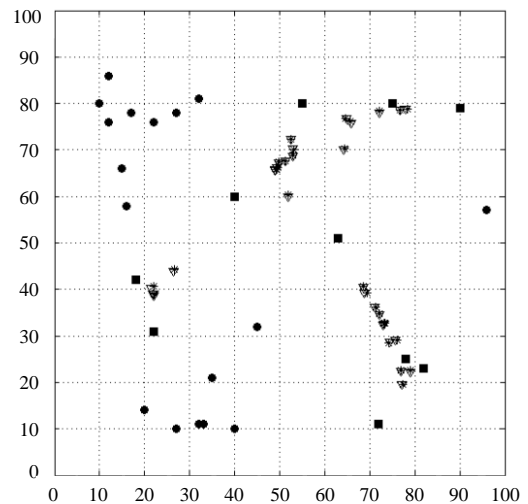


Fig. 5. Location estimated by Blended BBO for Range=20

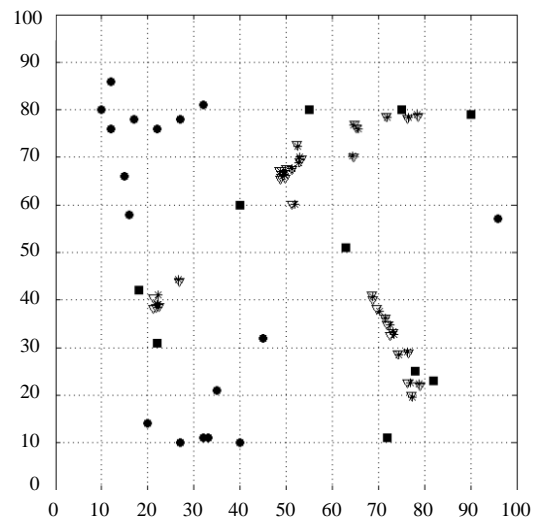


Fig. 6. Location estimated by Enhanced BBO for Range=20

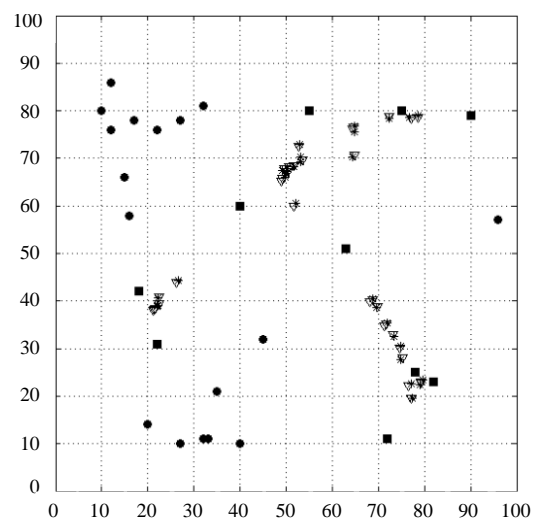


Fig. 7. Location estimated by Immigration Refusal for Range 20

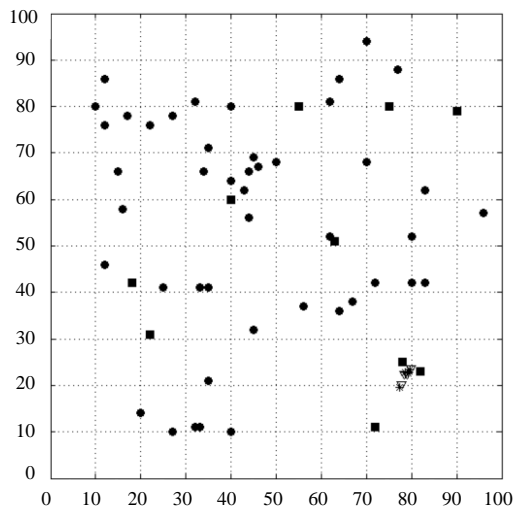


Fig. 8. Location estimated by PSO for Range=15

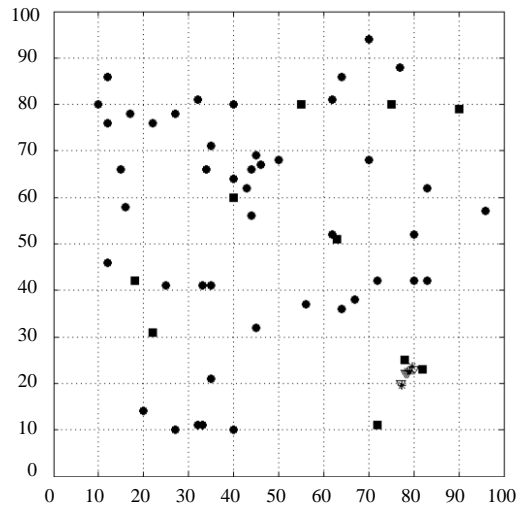


Fig. 11. Location estimated by Enhanced BBO for Range=15

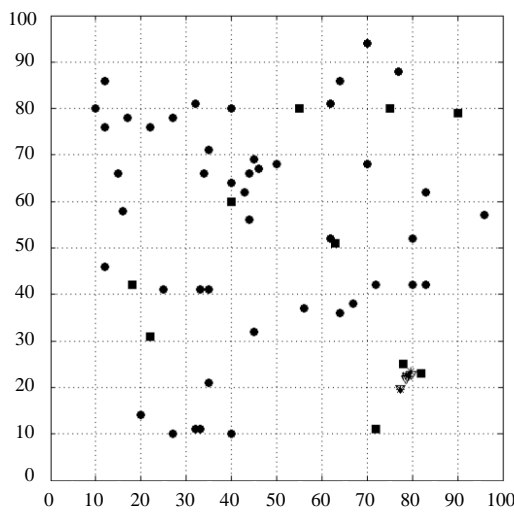


Fig. 9. Location estimated by BBO for Range=15

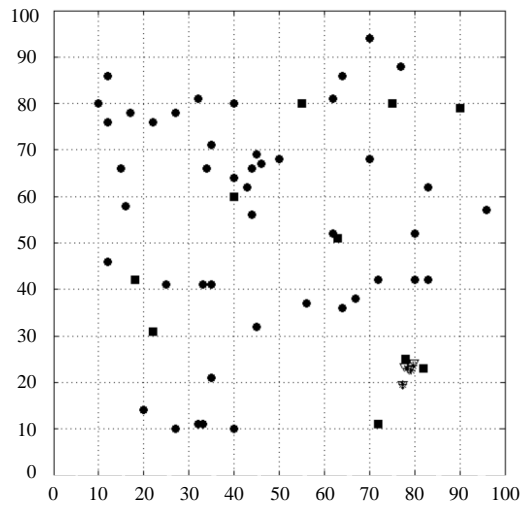


Fig. 12. Location estimated by Immigration Refusal for Range=15

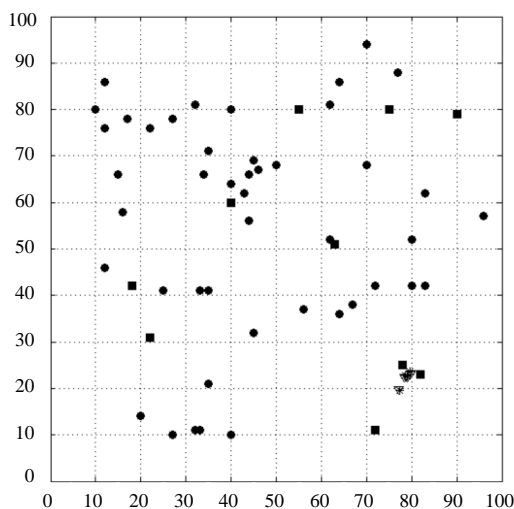


Fig. 10. Location estimated by Blended BBO for Range=15

sented a summary of their results for comparison. Blended BBO determines accurate coordinates quickly for both ranges 20 and 15 but the error for range 20 is less as compared to range 15 and time consumed is more for range 20 as compared to range 15. Further Stochastic algorithms can be used in centralized localization method in order to compare performance of centralized and distributed localization methods to minimize average localization error. A choice between the algorithms depends on desired localization speed and accuracy.

Table 1. Summary of 25 trial runs of PSO, BBO, and its variants for Range=20

EAs	$P_n=2$		$P_n=5$	
	E_1	Time(s)	E_1	Time(s)
PSO	0.4839	0.620	0.5777	0.618
BBO	0.5361	0.484	0.6692	0.547
Blended BBO	0.2564	0.502	0.3725	0.438
EBBO	0.5877	0.469	0.6594	0.508
Refusal BBO	0.6204	0.556	0.7983	0.518

Table 2. Summary of 25 trial runs of PSO, BBO, and its variants for Range=15

EAs	P _n =2		P _n =5	
	E ₁	Time(s)	E ₁	Time(s)
PSO	0.5486	0.060	0.6133	0.073
BBO	0.6403	0.075	0.8318	0.052
Blended BBO	0.3440	0.069	0.4005	0.068
EBBO	0.6219	0.067	0.7002	0.070
Refusal BBO	0.7107	0.053	0.7237	0.067

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