Distributed Intelligent Systems
Lab 6 Tutorial
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Part 1: Exploring PSO

• Run PSO on two benchmark functions (Sphere and Rastrigin functions) using SwarmViz

• Observe how swarm acts when varying parameters
SwarmViz

• Make sure you only have the indicated plots marked

• Fitness landscape plot
  – A history of all particles
  – Colors indicate fitness values

• Trajectory plots
  – Movement of particles
  – Previous positions can also be plotted
SwarmViz

**Fitness Landscape**

**Euclidean Distance**

**Fitness (Best and average)**
Part 2 : PSO for Robotic Learning

• PSO with an Artificial Neural Network to do unsupervised robotic learning

• Design a fitness function for obstacle avoidance
  – Compare with the fitness proposed by Floreano and Mondada

• How is the performance affected by PSO parameter variations
Code Structure

**Pso_sup.c**

- **Main()**
  - Initialize world
  - Best = pso()
  - Evaluate best

- **Calc_fitness()**
  - Reposition robots randomly
  - Send candidate solutions to robots
  - Evaluate fitness
  - Return fitness

**Pso.c**

- **Pso()**
  - Initialize swarm
  - For each iteration
    - Move particles
    - Evaluate particles
  - Return best particle

**Obs_con.c**

- **Main()**
  - Initialize robot
  - Receive weights from supervisor
  - Run controller with weights
  - Send sensor data to supervisor
Notes

• The performances for robotic learning are printed in the console of Webots

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