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1 Introduction

This Document explains how to set up the experimental setup and configurations required for this research project providing any user to perform the corresponding experimentation a step-by-step guideline of instructions to be followed, list of requirements and software packages or versions to be installed. This would enable the user to easily set up experimentation environment and reproduce the experiments with correct configuration applied.

2 System Configurations

All the experiment in research is performed on Windows 11 Operating System with i5 processor with 512 GB SSD and 12.7 GB System RAM.

2.1 List of software tool used

- VS code IDE for Code Execution 1
- Python (3.12.3) with pandas $(2.1.4)^2$, numpy $(1.26.4)^3$ and Matplotlib $(3.7.1)^4$ for visualising the results.
- MealPy library⁵(3.0.1)(Van Thieu et al.; 2023)(Van Thieu and Mirjalili; 2023)

⁴https://pypi.org/project/matplotlib/3.0.1/

¹https://code.visualstudio.com/

²https://pypi.org/project/pandas/2.1.4/

³https://pypi.org/project/numpy/1.26.4/

 $^{{}^{5}}https://mealpy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/pages/general/introduction.html$

3 Project Requirements

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Figure 1: Installing VSCode

- Install "python" version 3.12.3 and its packages from the official website of python ⁶. Step by Step installation instruction can be followed as mentioned in the official documentation of VisualStudio⁷ as mentioned in Figure 1.
- 2. Once VSCode is Installed make sure to add Jupyter extension to support .ipynb files as mentioned in Figure 2. This research uses Jupyter Notebook.



Figure 2: Installing Jupyter Extension on VSCode

⁶https://www.python.org/downloads/

⁷https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/setup/windows

3. Research Artifacts are stored in zip folder that needs to be extracted. The Code Artifact directory structure looks as mentioned in Figure 3



Figure 3: Code Artifact Directory Structure

- 4. The Experiment .ipynb File for each algorithm is present in the Algorithm respective directories and result output directories are systematically organised.
- 5. For the HGA algorithm, the main script is located at /HGA/OHBA_N.ipynb, and the results are saved in the directory /HGA/HGA-Epoch_100&popSize_100&GApoch_50& popSize_100---results.
- 6. For the HBA algorithm, the script can be found at /HBA/HBA_N.ipynb, and its results are stored in the directory /HBA/HBA-Epoch_100&popSize_100-results.
- 7. For the ALO algorithm its .ipynb is divided into three experiments. The directories are organized as follows: /ALO/ALO-Epoch_100&popSize_100/Experiments1-70/ ALO_N.ipynb for the first set of experiments, /ALO/ALO-Epoch_100&popSize_100/ Experiments71-105/ALO_N.ipynb for the second set, and /ALO/ALO-Epoch_100& popSize_100/Experiments106-140/ALO_N.ipynb for the third. The results for these experiments are stored in directories that match the experiment numbers: /ALO/ALO-Epoch_100&popSize_100/Experiments1-70/ALOresults1-70, '/ALO/ALO-Epoch_100&popSize_100/Experiments71-105/results', and '/ALO/ALO-Epoch_100&popSize_100/Experiments71-105/results'.

Note

These .ipynb contains output content of the experimentation that were performed for this research project. These .ipynb files can be scrolled to observe the experimented results.

- 8. The above script contains the 'Problem Objective Function", Problem Dict that is provided to the algorithm and the Algorithm Implementation. These script are set to be executed to perform Experimentation in iterations which Varies VM count, Task Count, and one of the algorithms hyperparameter that is PR (Probability Rate). PR Value is varied in the range 0 to 1 and are labeled. Here pr=0 is labeled Baseline Experiment, pr=0.1 is Low pr, pr=0.25 is Moderate pr, pr=0.5 is Balanced pr, 0.75 is High pr, 0.9 is Extreme pr and pr=1 is labeled as max pr. This .ipynb files just needs to be executed top to down to generate the results.
- 9. Problem Objective Function of the Research is mentioned in all the scripts and is defined as mentioned in Figure 4



Figure 4: Defined Problem Objective

10. In the Script the Experiment parameters are defined as mentioned in Figure 5. The list [100, 375, 750, 1000], The list [30, 45, 60, 75, 90] for VM Count, the list [0.0, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.9, 1.0] for 'pr' represents the different task counts, vm counts and pr value that the experiment will be executed. Each value in this list maps to a separate experiment where the problem objective is solved for that specific task count.



Figure 5: Experiment Parameter Defination

11. Problem Dict that is fed into the Algorithm are defined where upper bound , lower bound, and the defined obj_function (Fun) is passed to the algorithms as shown in Figure 6.

problem_dict1	= {							
"bounds":	FloatVar(lb=[0	for i in	<pre>range(size)],</pre>	ub=[vmcount	- 1 fc	or i in	<pre>range(size)],</pre>	<pre>name="delta"),</pre>
"minmax":	"min",							
"obj_func	': Fun,							
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Figure 6: Problem Dictionary for the Algorithm to solve

- 12. The .ipynb file needs to be execute from top to bottom to generate the results. The experiment runs for every combination of task_count, vm_count, and pr, which means it executes 4 (task counts) x 5 (VM counts) x 7 (pr values) = 140 separate experiments for a single algorithm. This research conducts similar experimentation for HBA, HGA and ALO that are total 3 x 140 separate experiments which is equal to total 420 separate experiments for this research that are in combination as mentioned in point 10.
- 13. The output result is shown as mentioned in Figure 7 saved to the specific directories as mentioned in point 7 in json format.

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Results saved to HBA_result_task_100_vm_30_pr_0.0.json Execution Time Solution

Figure 7: Algorithm Solution output

14. The results and execution time from these algorthms are recorded in a .csv file that records the execution time for all the 420 experiment test cases. The CSV file and combined experiment result tables are available in 'Experiment_Results.xlsx' file in root folder & '/ResultAlaysis/resultAnalysisTable.csv' directory in artifact folder. The Figures 8 9 10 shows the recorded results for all the experiments performed in the research.



Figure 8: HGA Experiment execution time records



Figure 9: HBA Experiment execution time records



Figure 10: ALO Experiment execution time records

15. The Scenarios mentioned in the evaluation table and the graph visualisation is performed in the file that is available in the /ResultAlaysis/ExperimentationDiscussion. ipynb directory. This file input is the combined results recorded and in the above Figures 8 9 10. This .ipynb file will generate the evaluation graph that is discussed in the Research Project Evaluation section. This /ResultAlaysis/ExperimentationDiscussion. ipynb file needs to be executed top to down for similar results.

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