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### Evolutionary Algorithms in Forecasting Support Systems

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#### Motivation

Businesses require accurate forecasts of demand in order to make effective decisions, such as marketing, financial investment, inventory, distribution, human resource planning, purchasing, and so on. These forecasts are usually based on a function combination system (Forecasting support systems; FSS) of traditional statistical methods, evolutionary algorithms, artificial intelligent computation, and management judgment. Although the wide application of FSS concepts, due to lack of abilities to catch the forecast data pattern, FSS resulted in over-reliance on the use of informal judgment and higher expense.

With the advantages of evolutionary algorithms computing capabilities over the traditional optimization approaches, recently, they have been applied to catch the data pattern more accurate via systematical computation process, such as genetic algorithms (GA), simulated annealing algorithms (SA), tabu search algorithms (TA), ant colony optimization (ACO), immune algorithm (IA), and particle swarm optimization algorithm (PSO).

The objective of this special session is to invite together research and application of evolutionary algorithms for any forecasting fields.

#### Topics

This special session invites contributions in all aspects of applying evolutionary algorithms in any FSS to improve the usage efficiency of those algorithms and aims to promote the discussion and exploration of new ideas. Topics of interests include (but not limited to):

- ❖ The usage of evolutionary algorithms in any FSS.
- ❖ Theoretical comparison of evolutionary algorithms in FSS.
- ❖ Empirical comparison of evolutionary algorithms in FSS.
- ❖ Parameter determination by genetic algorithms (GA) in FSS.
- ❖ Parameter determination by simulated annealing algorithms (SA) in FSS.
- ❖ Parameter determination by tabu search algorithms (TA) in FSS.
- ❖ Parameter determination by ant colony optimization (ACO) in FSS.
- ❖ Parameter determination by immune algorithm (IA) in FSS.
- ❖ Parameter determination by particle swarm optimization algorithm (PSO) in FSS.
- ❖ Other application of novel intelligent evolutionary algorithms in FSS.

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