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Examples

```
## Not run:
# A sample optimization problem
# Min  $f(x_i) = (x_1-7)^2 + (x_2-77)^2 + (x_3-777)^2 + (x_4-7777)^2 + (x_5-77777)^2$ 
# The range of  $x_i$  is unknown. The solution is
#  $x_1 = 7$ 
#  $x_2 = 77$ 
```

```

# x3 = 777
# x4 = 7777
# x5 = 77777
# Min f(xi) = 0
require("mcga")
f<-function(x){
  return ((x[1]-7)^2 + (x[2]-77)^2 +(x[3]-777)^2 +(x[4]-7777)^2 +(x[5]-77777)^2)
}
m <- mcga( popsize=200,
chsize=5,
minval=0.0,
maxval=999999999.9,
maxiter=2500,
crossprob=1.0,
mutateprob=0.01,
evalFunc=f)

cat("Best chromosome:\n")
print(m$population[1,])
cat("Cost: ",m$costs[1],"\\n")

## End(Not run)

```

mcga

Performs machine coded genetic algorithms on a function subject to be minimized.

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Usage

```

mcga(popsize, chsize, crossprob = 1.0, mutateprob = 0.01,
  elitism = 1, minval, maxval, maxiter = 10, evalFunc)

```

Arguments

popsize	Number of chromosomes.
chsize	Number of parameters.
crossprob	Crossover probability. By default it is 1.0

mutateprob	Mutation probability. By default it is 0.01
elitism	Number of best chromosomes to be copied directly into next generation. By default it is 1
minval	The lower bound of the randomized initial population. This is not a constraint for parameters.
maxval	The upper bound of the randomized initial population. This is not a constraint for parameters.
maxiter	The maximum number of generations. By default it is 10
evalFunc	An R function. By default, each problem is a minimization.

Value

population	Sorted population resulted after generations
costs	Cost values for each chromosomes in the resulted population

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References

M.H.Satman (2013), Machine Coded Genetic Algorithms for Real Parameter Optimization Problems, Gazi University Journal of Science, Vol 26, No 1, pp. 85-95

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#  $x_4 = 7777$ 
#  $x_5 = 77777$ 
# Min  $f(x_i) = 0$ 
require("mcga")
f<-function(x){
  return ((x[1]-7)^2 + (x[2]-77)^2 +(x[3]-777)^2 +(x[4]-7777)^2 +(x[5]-77777)^2)
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cat("Best chromosome:\n")
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```

print(m$population[1,])
cat("Cost: ",m$costs[1],"\\n")

## End(Not run)

```

multi_mcga

Performs multi objective machine coded genetic algorithms.

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This function performs multi objective optimization using the same logic underlying the mcga. Chromosomes are sorted by their objective values using a non-dominated sorting algorithm.

Usage

```

multi_mcga(popsize, chsize, crossprob = 1.0, mutateprob = 0.01,
           elitism = 1, minval, maxval, maxiter = 10, numfunc, evalFunc)

```

Arguments

popsize	Number of chromosomes.
chsize	Number of parameters.
crossprob	Crossover probability. By default it is 1.0
mutateprob	Mutation probability. By default it is 0.01
elitism	Number of best chromosomes to be copied directly into next generation. By default it is 1
minval	The lower bound of the randomized initial population. This is not a constraint for parameters.
maxval	The upper bound of the randomized initial population. This is not a constraint for parameters.
maxiter	The maximum number of generations. By default it is 10.
numfunc	Number of objective functions.
evalFunc	An R function. By default, each problem is a minimization. This function must return a cost vector with dimension of numfunc. Each element of this vector points to the corresponding function to optimize.

Value

population	Sorted population resulted after generations
costs	Cost values for each chromosomes in the resulted population
ranks	Calculated ranks using a non-dominated sorting for each chromosome

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References

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Examples

```
## Not run:
# We have two objective functions.
f1<-function(x){
  return(sin(x))
}

f2<-function(x){
  return(sin(2*x))
}

# This function returns a vector of cost functions for a given x sent from mcga
f<-function(x){
  return ( c( f1(x), f2(x)) )
}

# main loop
m<-multi_mcga(popsize=200, chsize=1, minval= 0, elitism=2,
              maxval= 2.0 * pi, maxiter=1000, crossprob=1.0,
              mutateprob=0.01, evalFunc=f, numfunc=2)

# Points show best five solutions.
curve(f1, 0, 2*pi)
curve(f2, 0, 2*pi, add=TRUE)

p <- m$population[1:5,]
points(p, f1(p))
points(p, f2(p))

## End(Not run)
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