

# Performance Research on Magnetotactic Bacteria Optimization Algorithm with the Best Individual-Guided Differential Interaction Energy

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## Abstract

Magnetotactic bacteria optimization algorithm (MBOA) is a new optimization algorithm inspired by the characteristics of magnetotactic bacteria, which is a kind of polyphyletic group of prokaryotes with the characteristics of magnetotaxis that make them orient and swim along geomagnetic field lines. The original Magnetotactic Bacteria Optimization Algorithm (MBOA) and several new variants of MBOA mimics the interaction energy between magnetosomes chains to obtain moments for solving problems. In this paper, Magnetotactic Bacteria Optimization Algorithm with the Best Individual-guided Differential Interaction Energy (MBOA-BIDE) is proposed. We improved interaction energy calculation by using the best individual-guided differential interaction energy formation. We focus on analyzing the performance of different parameters settings. The experiment results show that the proposed algorithm is sensitive to parameters settings on some functions.

# Keywords

Magnetotactic Bacteria, Nature Inspired Computing, Differential Interaction Energy, Parameters Settings

# **1. Introduction**

The research of algorithms have been conducted many years, the field of algorithm is very mature now. Evolutionary algorithm (EA) is a very popular research field. The common evolutionary algorithms are genetic algorithm (GA), Differential Evolution (DE) [1], Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) [2] and Bacterial Foraging Optimization algorithm (BFOA) [3] and so on.

Magnetotactic Bacteria Optimization Algorithm (MBOA) [4] [5] which is introduced by Mo is one of the modern heuristic algorithms and inspired by the magnetotactic bacteria. In nature, magnetotactic bacteria (MTBs) is a special kind of bacteria which have many micro magnetic particles named magnetosome in their bodies.

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In this paper, we proposed a Magnetotactic Bacteria Optimization Algorithm with the Best Individual-guided Differential Interaction Energy (MBOA-BIDE) in order to overcome the shortcomings of complicated interaction energy calculation of the original MBOA and several new variants of MBOA and focus on the study of the effect of different parameters settings.

# 2. Magnetotactic Bacteria Optimization Algorithm with the Best Individual-Guided Differential Interaction Energy (MBOA-BIDE)

In the following, we briefly describe the basic operators and the main steps of MBOA-BIDE. MBOA-BIDE mainly has three steps and three main operators including moment generation, moment replacement.

#### **2.1. Interaction Distance**

First, in the algorithm, each solution is looked as a cell containing a magnetosome chain. At first we define  $X_{best}$  stands for the best cell of the population in the current generation t. The distance of the cell  $X_i$  and the best cell  $X_{best}$ ,  $D_i^t = (d_{i1}^t, d_{i2}^t, \dots, d_{in}^t)$ , is calculated as follows:

$$D_i^t = X_{best}^t - X_i^t \tag{1}$$

After that, we can get a distance matrix  $D' = (D_1', D_2', ..., D_n', ..., D_n')' = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}' & d_{12}' & \cdots & d_{1n}' \\ d_{21}' & d_{22}' & \cdots & d_{2n}' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ d_{n1}' & d_{n2}' & \cdots & d_{nn}' \end{bmatrix}$ . *N* is the size of

cell population, n stands for dimension of every cell.

#### 2.2. Moments Generation

Based on the distances among cells, the interaction energy  $E_i^t = (e_{i1}^t, e_{i2}^t, ..., e_{ii}^t, ..., e_{in}^t)$  is defined as

$$e_{ij}^{t} = c_1^{*} d_{ij}^{t} + c_2^{*} d_{pq}^{t}$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where the settings of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  will be discussed in the next section.  $d'_{pq}$  stands for randomly selected variables from D'.  $p \in [1, N]$ ,  $q \in [1, n]$ .

After obtaining interaction energy, the moments  $M_i^t$  are generated as follows:

$$M_i^t = \frac{E_i^t}{B} \tag{3}$$

where the settings of B will be discussed in the next section.

Suppose  $M_i^t = (m_{i1}^t, m_{i2}^t, ..., m_{ii}^t, ..., m_{iii}^t)$ , we can obtain a moment vector matrix  $M^t = (M_1^t, M_2^t, ..., M_i^t, ..., M_N^t)'$ 

 $= \begin{bmatrix} m_{11}^{t} & m_{12}^{t} & \cdots & m_{1n}^{t} \\ m_{21}^{t} & m_{22}^{t} & \cdots & m_{2n}^{t} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ m_{N1}^{t} & m_{N2}^{t} & \cdots & m_{Nn}^{t} \end{bmatrix}.$ 

Then the total moments of a cell is regulated as follows:

$$v_{ii}^t = x_{ii}^t + m_{ls}^t \times rand \tag{4}$$

where  $m_{l_s}^t$  stands for the moment of a randomly selected MTS from  $M^t$ .  $l \in [1, N]$ ,  $s \in [1, n]$ .

#### 2.3. Moments Regulation

After moments generation, the moments regulation is realized as follows:

If rand > 0.5, the moments in the cell are regulated as follows:

$$u_{ij}^{t} = v_{cbestj}^{t} + (v_{cbestj}^{t} - v_{ij}^{t}) \times rand$$
(5)

Otherwise, they are regulated as follows:

$$u_{ij}^{t} = v_{ij}^{t} + (v_{cbestj}^{t} - v_{ij}^{t}) \times rand$$
(6)

where  $v_{chesti}^{t}$  stands for the *j* th dimension of current best cell  $V_{chest}^{t}$  in the current generation.

## 2.4. Moments Replacement

After the moments regulation, we set a replacement probability 0.5, some cells with worse fitness are replaced as follows:

if rand > 0.5,

$$x_{ij}^{t+1} = m_{l'j}^t \times rand \tag{7}$$

where l' is a random number between 1 and N.  $m'_{l'j}$  stands for the moment of a randomly selected MTS from  $M'_{l'}$ 

### **3. Parameters Settings**

To evaluate the performance of MBOA-BIDE, the experiments are carried out on 10 benchmark functions. In this section, the benchmark functions are presented firstly. Secondly, the simulation results obtained from different parameter settings are analyzed and discussed.

In all experiments, during each run, a maximum fitness evaluation of 200000 generations is used. To reduce statistical errors, each test is repeated 30 times independently and the mean results are used in the comparisons.

### 3.1. Benchmark functions

The ten basic benchmark problems summarised in **Table 1**, can be classified into two groups. The first five functions  $f_1 - f_5$  are unimodal functions. The unimodal functions here are used to test if MBOA-BIDE can maintain the fast-converging feature compared with the other methods. The next five functions  $f_6 - f_{10}$  are multimodal functions with many local optima. These functions can be used to test the global search ability of the algorithm in avoiding premature convergence.

#### 3.2. The effect of population size N

We set MBOA-BIDE with different population size (N = 10, 40, 50, 100, 150 and 200). The results of different population size are presented in **Table 2**. From **Table 2**, we can see that population size N with 40 is providing the best results in eight of the ten selected functions.

In this study, MBOA-BIDE with different population size N are ranked based on their mean performances. They are ranked according to their performances using a standard competition ranking scheme. In competition ranking, algorithms receive the same rank if their performances are same. The next performing algorithm is

Table 1. Benchmark functi	ons.		
Function	Range	D	Formulation
$f_1$ : Sphere	[-100, 100]	30	$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2$
$f_2$ : Schwefel 2.22	[-10, 10]	30	$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}  x_i  + \prod_{i=1}^{n}  x_i $
$f_3$ : Schwefel 1.2	[-100, 100]	30	$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\sum_{j=1}^{i} x_j)^2$
$f_4$ : Quartic Noise	[-1.28, 1.28]	30	$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} ix_i^4 + random[0,1)$
$f_5$ : Rosenbrock	[-30, 30]	30	$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [100(x_{i+1} - x_i^2)^2 + (x_i - 1)^2]$
$f_6$ : Rastrigin	[-5.12, 5,12]	30	$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} [x_i^2 - 10\cos(2\pi x_i) + 10]$
$f_7$ Generalized Schwefel	[-500, 500]	30	$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} -x_i \sin(\sqrt{ x_i })$
$f_8$ : Foxholes	[-65.536, 65.536]	2	$f(x) = \left[\frac{1}{500} + \sum_{j=1}^{25} \frac{1}{j + \sum_{i=1}^{2} (x_i - a_{ij})6}\right]^{-1}$
$f_9$ : Sixhump	[-5, 5]	2	$f(x) = 4x_1^2 - 2.1x_1^4 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^6 + x_1x_2 - 4x_2^2 + 4x_2^4$
$f_{\rm 10}$ : Goldstein price	[-2, 2]	2	$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + (x_1 + x_2 + 1)^2 \\ (19 - 14x_1 + 3x_1^2 - 14x_2 + 6x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2) \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 30 + (2x_1 - 3x_2)^2 \\ 18 - 32x_1 + 12x_1^2 + 48x_2 - 36x_1x_2 + 27x_2^2) \end{bmatrix}$

assigned a rank with a gap (gap is determined based on the number of equally performing algorithms). **Table 3** provides the ranks of the different population size and the average rank for all the functions based on mean performances. Based on the average ranking, the order of performance obtained is N = 40 followed by N = 50, N = 10, N = 100, N = 150 and N = 200 respectively.

Figure 1 presents the histograms that indicate the number of times each population size N have achieved the ranks in the range of 1 to 6. It can be seen that N = 40 achieves the top rank as compared to the other different population size.

#### 3.3. The effect of magnetic field *B*

To study the effects of *B* in MBOA-BIDE, we use  $f_5$ ,  $f_7$  and  $f_8$  for testing the performance of MBOA-BIDE. Firstly we suppose *B* is constant (B = 1, 3, 5, 7, 10), and study the effect of *B* on test functions. Secondly, we also study the effect of *B* varying with generation increases as follows:

- *B* is linearly increases from 1 to 10 (B = 1 10 LINER).
- *B* is exponentially increases from 1 to 10 (B = 1 10 EXP)
- *B* is linearly increases from 1 to 100 (B = 1 100 LINER)
- *B* is exponentially increases from 1 to 100 (B = 1 100 EXP).

The results are shown in **Table 4**. From **Table 4**, for  $f_5$ , we can see that when *B* is constant, B = 10, the method can achieve better performance, when B = 1 - 100 LINER can achieve better performance on  $f_5$ . For  $f_7$ , when B = 3 and B = 1 - 100 EXP, the method can achieve better performance. For  $f_8$ , we can see that when B = 1 and B = 1 - 10 LINER can achieve better performance.

**Figure 2** Presents the line chart and histograms that indicate the mean, best and median values each *B* have achieved for  $f_7$ , respectively. From **Figure 2**, we can see when B = 1 - 100 EXP, MBOA-BIDE achieve the



Figure 1. Histogram of individual mean ranks.

**Table 2.** Statistical results obtained by MBOA-BIDE with different population size *N*.

Func.		N = 10	N = 40	<i>N</i> = 50	N = 100	<i>N</i> = 150	N = 200
	Mean	0	0	0	0	2.5201e-254	4.5896e-181
$f_1$	Dev	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rank	1	1	1	1	5	6
	Mean	0	0	0	4.3137e-209	3.3968e-129	5.5820e-91
$f_2$	Dev	0	0	0	0	6.3405e-129	1.2236e-90
	Rank	1	1	1	4	5	6
	Mean	0	0	0	3.0876e-312	5.5975e-182	1.0773e-124
$f_3$	Dev	0	0	0	0	0	3.8100e-124
	Rank	1	1	1	4	5	6
	Mean	1.4263e-05	2.2258e-05	1.1082e-05	2.7951e-05	2.2837e-05	2.7755e-05
$f_4$	Dev	1.0928e-05	1.7502e-05	1.1717e-05	2.8866e-05	1.5794e-05	3. 4894e-05
	Rank	2	3	1	6	4	5
	Mean	21.4943	21.3003	22.1453	23.6719	24.2513	24.6209
$f_5$	Dev	0.7394	0.4264	0.3933	0.2229	0.2143	0.1610
	Rank	2	1	3	4	5	6
	Mean	0	0	0	0	0	0
$f_6$	Dev	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rank	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Mean	-1.1199e+04	-1.1808e+04	-1.1535e+04	-1.0843e+04	-1.0664e+04	-1.0807e+04
$f_7$	Dev	1.0496e+03	1.0526e+03	1.5453e+03	1.9108e+03	1.7327e+03	1.5578e+03
	Rank	3	1	2	4	6	5
	Mean	7.8914	2.5827	2.4521	1.1949	0.9980	0.9980
$f_8$	Dev	4.0483	3.3070	3.6346	1.0783	4.1884e-12	5.8272e-12
	Rank	6	5	4	3	1	1
	Mean	-1.03162842	-1.03162845	-1.03162845	-1.03162845	-1.03162845	-1.03162845
$f_9$	Dev	3.2639e-08	6.5144e-10	9.0922e-10	3.3173e-10	4.8852e-10	7.3936e-10
	Rank	6	1	1	1	1	1
	Mean	3.0000	3.00000	3.0000	3.00000	3.00000	3.00000
$f_{10}$	Dev	3.7073e-07	5.7118e-08	3.7689e-08	5.3505e-08	2.3598e-08	3.1246e-08
	Rank	1	1	1	1	1	1



Figure 2. Histogram of statistical results of MBOA-BIDE with different *B* values

Fun	N = 10	N = 40	N = 50	N = 100	N = 150	N = 200
$f_1$	1	1	1	1	5	6
$f_2$	1	1	1	4	5	6
$f_3$	1	1	1	4	5	6
$f_4$	2	3	1	6	4	5
$f_5$	2	1	3	4	5	6
$f_6$	1	1	1	1	1	1
$f_7$	3	1	2	4	6	5
$f_8$	6	5	4	3	1	1
$f_9$	6	1	1	1	1	1
$f_{10}$	1	1	1	1	1	1
Avg. rank	2.4	1.6	1.6	2.9	3.4	3.8

Table 4. Statistical results obtained by MBOA-BIDE with different B values.

Fun		Mean	Median	Dev	Best	Worst
	B = 1	26.9030	26.9095	0.1675	26.5374	27.2250
<i>B</i> = 3	21.6974	21.8007	0.4795	20.6532	22.7105	
	<i>B</i> = 5	21.2422	21.2866	0.4115	19.8061	21.8931
	B = 7	21.1473	21.2003	0.4291	19.7336	22.0915
$f_5$	B = 10	20.9895	21.0589	0.3426	19.8434	21.5301
	B = 1 - 10 LINER	21.2495	21.3203	0.4827	20.4088	22.3778
	B = 1 - 10  EXP	20.3502	20.3270	0.9573	18.1462	21.9417
	B = 1 - 100  LINER	19.3093	19.3314	0.1863	18.7989	19.6055
	B = 1 - 100 EXP	21.0213	21.0466	0.3493	20.1838	21.4598

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	B = 1	-1.0623e+04	-1.0600e+04	247.5844	-1.1137e+04	-1.0214e+04
	<i>B</i> = 3	-1.0880e+04	-1.1211e+04	1.0098e+03	-1.1755e+04	-8.3927e+03
	B = 5	-8.4505e+03	-8.3105e+03	1.2271e+03	-1.1428e+04	-6.8399e+03
	B = 7	-7.2628e+03	-7.1560e+03	548.8644	-8.4595e+03	-6.3355e+03
$f_7$	B = 10	-7.4822e+03	-7.5949e+03	647.8553	-8.8086e+03	-6.0637e+03
	B = 1 - 10 LINER	-1.1722e+04	-1.2147e+04	1.3761e+03	-1.2320e+04	-6.9487e+03
	<i>B</i> = 1 - 10 EXP	-1.1799e+04	-1.1768e+04	134.5198	-1.2219e+04	-1.1609e+04
	<i>B</i> = 1 - 100 LINER	-9.1931e+03	-9.1373e+03	1.3684e+03	-1.2563e+04	-6.5952e+03
	B = 1 - 100  EXP	-1.2099e+04	-1.2530e+04	1.3411e+03	-1.2553e+04	-7.2080e+03
	B = 1	3.3981	0.9980	4.1130	0.9980	12.6705
	<i>B</i> = 3	5.6198	4.5408	3.8717	0.9980	12.6705
	B = 5	7.1337	8.2029	4.7696	0.9980	12.6705
	B = 7	5.8563	3.9683	4.4765	0.9980	12.6705
$f_8$	B = 10	6.3849	6.1614	3.6604	0.9980	12.6705
	B = 1 - 10 LINER	1.8220	0.9980	2.4891	0.9980	12.6705
	B = 1 - 10  EXP	2.8240	0.9980	3.8456	0.9980	12.6705
	B = 1 - 100  LINER	2.7863	0.9980	3.8309	0.9980	12.6705
	B = 1 - 100  EXP	2.2053	0.9980	3.0987	0.9980	12.6705

performance on  $f_7$ .

### 3.4. The Effect of *c*<sub>1</sub> and *c*<sub>2</sub>

Firstly we suppose that  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is constant, and study the effect of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  on three test functions. We set  $c_1 + c_2 = 1$ , and  $c_1$  with different values (0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 0.9). Secondly, we also study the effect of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  varying with generation increases. The parameter settings are as follows:

- $c_1 = 0 1$  L:  $c_1$  is linearly increases from 0 to 1,  $c_2 = 1 c_1$ ;
- $c_2 = 0 1$  L:  $c_2$  is linearly increases from 0 to 1.  $c_1 = 1 c_2$ ;
- $c_1 = 0.1 1$  E:  $c_1$  is exponentially increases from 0.1 to 1,  $c_2 = 1 c_1$ ;
- $c_2 = 0.1 1$  E:  $c_2$  is exponentially increases from 0.1 to 1,  $c_1 = 1 c_2$ ;
- $c_1 = 0 2$  L:  $c_1$  is linearly increases from 0 to 2,  $c_2 = 2 c_1$ ;
- $c_2 = 0 2$  L:  $c_2$  is linearly increases from 0 to 2,  $c_1 = 2 c_2$ ;

The statistical results are shown in **Table 5**.

From **Table 5** and **Table 6**, we can see that for  $f_5$ ,  $c_2 = 0.1 - 1$  E obtain the best performance. For  $f_7$  and  $f_8$ ,  $c_1 = 0 - 2$  L obtain the best performance. and based on the average ranking, the order of performance obtained is  $c_2 = 0 - 1$  L followed by  $c_1 = 0 - 2$  L,  $c_1 = 0 - 1$  L,  $c_2 = 0 - 2$  L,  $c_1 = 0.3$ ,  $c_1 = 0.1$ ,  $c_1 = 0.1 - 1$  E,  $c_1 = 0.9$ ,  $c_1 = 0.7$ ,  $c_2 = 0.1 - 1$  E and  $c_1 = 0.5$ , respectively.

## **4.** Conclusion

In this paper, by analyzing the performance of different parameters settings of MBOA-BIDE, we can see that when N = 40 - 50, B is exponentially increases from 1 to 100,  $c_2$  is linearly increases from 0 to 1.  $c_1 = 1$  -  $c_2$ , MBOA-BIDE obtain the better performance. The experiment results show that the proposed algorithm is

**Table 5.** Statistical results obtained by MBOA-BIDE with different  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  values.

Fun		Mean	Median	Dev	Best	Worst	Rank
	$c_1 = 0.1$	21.3901	21.4491	0.2710	20.6426	21.8700	9
	$c_1 = 0.3$	21.0181	21.0926	0.3837	20.1813	21.6728	6
	$c_1 = 0.5$	21.0303	21.0385	0.3369	20.2972	21.7053	7
	$c_1 = 0.7$	20.9564	20.9955	0.3636	20.0590	21.5185	5
	$c_1 = 0.9$	21.3102	21.3443	0.2975	20.4737	21.8988	8
$f_5$	$c_1 = 0-1 L$	21.0213	21.0466	0.3493	20.1838	21.4598	3
	$c_2 = 0-1 L$	21.0500	21.0776	0.4023	20.2052	21.7740	4
	$c_1 = 0.1 - 1E$	20.8318	20.8450	0.3135	20.2436	21.6018	2
	$c_2 = 0.1-1E$	20.7453	20.7975	0.3485	19.8905	21.3564	1
	$c_1 = 0-2L$	21.8727	22.0773	0.6619	19.7414	22.8133	11
	$c_2 = 0-2L$	21.7704	21.9754	0.5780	20.3235	22.8893	10
	$c_1 = 0.1$	-1.2352e+04	-1.2532e+04	985.4425	-1.2549e+04	-7.1345e+03	4
	$c_1 = 0.3$	-1.2406e+04	-1.2533e+04	690.3886	-1.2547e+04	-8.7509e+03	3
	$c_1 = 0.5$	-1.2295e+04	-1.2536e+04	912.3674	-1.2548e+04	-8.8768e+03	6
	$c_1 = 0.7$	-1.2170e+04	-1.2535e+04	1.1179e+03	-1.2556e+04	-8.6381e+03	7
	$c_1 = 0.9$	-1.2105e+04	-1.2529e+04	1.3193e+03	-1.2548e+04	-7.3420e+03	8
$f_7$	$c_1 = 0 - 1 L$	-1.2099e+04	-1.2530e+04	1.3411e+03	-1.2553e+04	-7.2080e+03	9
	$c_2 = 0 - 1 L$	-1.2417e+04	-1.2535e+04	646.0001	-1.2552e+04	-8.9972e+03	2
	$c_1 = 0.1 - 1 E$	-1.2091e+04	-1.2534e+04	1.3939e+03	-1.2548e+04	-6.6607e+03	10
	$c_2 = 0.1 - 1 E$	-1.1775e+04	-1.2533e+04	1.7649e+03	-1.2547e+04	-6.7527e+03	11
	$c_1 = 0 - 2 L$	-1.2430e+04	-1.2436e+04	34.6550	-1.2488e+04	-1.2349e+04	1
	$c_2 = 0 - 2 L$	-1.2297e+04	-1.2434e+04	763.0817	-1.2498e+04	-8.2595e+03	5
	$c_1 = 0.1$	2.2362	0.9980	3.3244	0.9980	12.6705	4
	$c_1 = 0.3$	2.7849	0.9980	3.7353	0.9980	12.6705	8
	$c_1 = 0.5$	4.2983	0.9980	4.6656	0.9980	12.6705	11
	$c_1 = 0.7$	2.9363	0.9980	3.7453	0.9980	12.6705	9
	$c_1 = 0.9$	2.4267	0.9980	3.7530	0.9980	12.6705	6
$f_8$	$c_1 = 0 - 1 L$	2.2053	0.9980	3.0987	0.9980	12.6705	3
	$c_2 = 0 - 1 L$	2.3454	0.9980	3.5817	0.9980	12.6705	5
	$c_1 = 0.1 - 1 E$	2.7436	0.9980	3.6848	0.9980	12.6705	7
	$c_2 = 0.1 - 1 E$	3.1675	0.9980	4.0601	0.9980	12.6705	10
	$c_1 = 0 - 2 L$	1.0102	0.9980	0.0563	0.9980	1.2898	1
	$c_2 = 0 - 2 L$	1.5118	0.9980	2.0119	0.9980	12.6705	2

	Individua	al ranking of benchmar	Avg. RANK (R)	
$c_1, c_2$	$f_5$	$f_7$	$f_8$	
$c_1 = 0.1$	9	4	4	5.67
$c_1 = 0.3$	6	3	8	5.67
$c_1 = 0.5$	7	6	11	8
$c_1 = 0.7$	5	7	9	7
$c_1 = 0.9$	8	8	6	6.67
$c_1 = 0 - 1 L$	3	9	3	5
$c_2 = 0 - 1 L$	4	2	5	3.67
$c_1 = 0.1 - 1 E$	2	10	7	6.33
$c_2 = 0.1 - 1 E$	1	11	10	7.33
$c_1 = 0 - 2 L$	11	1	1	4.33
$c_2 = 0 - 2 L$	10	5	2	5.67

**Table 6.** Rank table for the mean values.

sensitive to parameters settings on some functions.

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