

Fine-Tuning Restricted Boltzmann Machines Using No-Boundary Jellyfish

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Abstract: Metaheuristic algorithms present elegant solutions to many problems regardless of their domain. The Jellyfish Search (JS) algorithm is inspired by how jellyfish searches for food in ocean currents and performs movements within the swarm. In this work, we propose a new version of the JS algorithm called No-Boundary Jellyfish Search (NBJS) to improve the convergence rate. The NBJS was applied to fine-tune a Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM) in the context of image reconstruction. For validating the proposal, the experiments were carried out on three public datasets to compare the performance of the NBJS algorithm with its original version and two other metaheuristic algorithms. The results showed that proposed approach is viable, for it obtained similar or even lower errors compared to models trained without fine-tuning.

1 INTRODUCTION


Metaheuristic algorithms have gained considerable popularity in solving combinatorial problems that until now were considered impractical due to high computational costs. Problems like the traveling salesman (Wang et al., 2003; Hatamlou, 2018) and the backpack problem (Hembeckler et al., 2007) are just a few examples where we employ metaheuristic algorithms to find feasible solutions.


In machine learning, metaheuristic algorithms have also played a notable role in improving the model's performance, especially in neural network optimization. Kuremoto et al. (Kuremoto et al., 2012) employed the Particle Swarm Optimization to find the correct number of units and hyper-parameter fine-tuning to the context of time series forecasting. Moreover, Papa et al. (Papa et al., 2015) applied the Harmony Search in the context of Bernoulli RBM's hyper-parameters fine-tuning. In the same context, Papa et al. (Papa et al., 2016) applied the Harmony Search to fine-tune Deep Belief Networks (DBN) hyper-parameters. Later, Passos et al. (Passos et al.,


2019) compared six meta-heuristic algorithms to fine-tune the hyper-parameters of an infinity RBM to the context of automatic identification of Barrett's esophagus from endoscopic images of the lower esophagus.


The success achieved by metaheuristic algorithms is because they are independent of the problem domain and can find near-optimal solutions in a reasonable time. In addition, such algorithms can solve non-linear, non-differentiable, and complex numerical optimization problems. However, the balance between exploration and exploitation behaviors is crucial for such algorithms to perform well and avoid getting stuck in local optima. Exploration is the search for potential solutions in unexplored areas, while exploitation is the search for better neighboring solutions in promising regions. In this fashion, Chou and Truong (Chou and Truong, 2021) developed the novel Jellyfish Search (JS) algorithm inspired by the behavior of jellyfish's motion inside the swarm and the search for food in ocean currents. The algorithm adopts a time control mechanism to balance the exploration where the jellyfish follow the ocean currents in search of food and the exploitation behavior in which the jellyfish moves within the swarm.


In this context, the present work proposes a new version of the JS algorithm called No-Boundary Jellyfish Search (NBJS) for fine-tuning RBM parameters. Therefore, the main contributions of this work are:

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- to introduce the NBS and JS algorithm in the context of optimizing RBM's parameters for the image reconstruction task; and
- to provide an in-depth comparative analysis between the JS algorithm and the Black Hole Algorithm (BH) (Hatamlou, 2018) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) (Kennedy and Eberhart, 2001) algorithms in terms of effectiveness and efficiency.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents some theoretical background concerning Restricted Boltzmann Machines, JS and NBS algorithms, respectively, while Section 3 discusses the methodology employed in this work. Section 4 presents the experimental results and Section 5 states conclusions and future works.

2 THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

In this section, we present a theoretical foundation concerning Restricted Boltzmann Machines and Jellyfish Search.

2.1 Restricted Boltzmann Machines

Restricted Boltzmann Machines (Ackley et al., 1988; Hinton, 2012) are generative stochastic neural networks belonging to a class of energy-based models. In such models, we have an energy value associated with each state of the system. Basically, RBMs consist of m neurons in the visible layer $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$ and n neurons in the hidden layer $\mathbf{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_n)$. Thus, the probability of the system being in a certain state is given by the Gibbs distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}, \quad (1)$$

where $Z = \sum_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}} e^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}$ is a partition function. The energy function is described as follows:

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = - \sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i - \sum_{j=1}^n b_j h_j - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n v_i h_j w_{ij}, \quad (2)$$

where \mathbf{W} is the weight associated with the connection of the neurons of the visible layer and the invisible layer, and \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} represent the biases of visible and hidden units, respectively.

In RBMs, connections between layers are bidirectional, but connections between neurons belonging to the same layer are not allowed. In this way, the states of the visible and invisible layers are conditionally independent and can be described as follows:

$$p(\mathbf{v}) = \prod_i^m p(v_i | \mathbf{h}) \quad \text{and} \quad p(\mathbf{h}) = \prod_j^n p(h_j | \mathbf{v}). \quad (3)$$

Essentially, training RBMs consists of minimizing the expected log-likelihood for a training sample \mathbf{v} , given by:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{W}} \mathbb{E}[-\log p(\mathbf{v})]. \quad (4)$$

We can compute the gradient of $-\log p(\mathbf{v})$ easily as follows:

$$\frac{\partial -\log p(\mathbf{v})}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{h}} \left[\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \mathbf{W}} | \mathbf{v} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}} \left[\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \right], \quad (5)$$

where the first term is responsible for increasing the probability of the data and can be obtained through conditional probabilities, and the second term is responsible for reducing the probability of samples generated by the model. Since this term corresponds to an intractable problem, we can approximate it using contrastive divergence training (Hinton, 2002).

2.2 Jellyfish Search

Jellyfish Search was proposed by Chou and Troung (Chou and Truong, 2021) inspired by how jellyfishes live in waters of different temperatures and depths. Let $X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m\}$ a population of jellyfishes, such that $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall i = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ represents the position of the i -th jellyfish in a n -dimensional search space. The Jellyfish Search is built on three fundamental rules: (i) a mechanism called "time control" that controls the movement by deciding whether the jellyfish will follow the ocean current or will follow the swarm; (ii) jellyfishes are preferentially attracted to places where the concentration of food is higher; and (iii) the amount of food available at a given location is defined by the location and its corresponding objective function.

In the ocean current, there is a large amount of food, making the jellyfish concentrate on it. The direction of the ocean current is given as follows:

$$\overrightarrow{trend} = \mathbf{x}_{best} - \beta * \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} * \boldsymbol{\mu}, \quad (6)$$

where \mathbf{x}_{best} is the jellyfish with the best location, $\beta > 0$ is the distribution coefficient that controls the length of the \overrightarrow{trend} , $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$, and $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the mean location of all jellyfishes.

Thus, the new location of each jellyfish is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}^{t+1} = \mathbf{x}^t + \boldsymbol{\varphi} * \overrightarrow{trend}, \quad (7)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\varphi} \in \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$.

As the ocean current temperature changes, jellyfishes switch ocean currents and form new swarms. Over time, a swarm is formed with the jellyfish coming together. The movements of a jellyfish within the swarm can be (i) passive motions (type A) and (ii) active motions (type B). The passive motion is described as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}^{t+1} = \mathbf{x}^t + \eta * \phi * (U_b - L_b), \quad (8)$$

where $\eta > 0$ is the motion coefficient, $\phi \in \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$, and $U_b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $L_b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are the upper and lower bound, respectively.

The active motion can be described as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}^{t+1} = \mathbf{x}^t + (\psi * \overrightarrow{step}), \quad (9)$$

where $\psi \in \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ and $step$ is defined by:

$$\overrightarrow{step} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i, & \text{if } f(\mathbf{x}_i) \geq f(\mathbf{x}_j) \\ \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $f(\cdot)$ denotes the fitness function.

The time control mechanism regulates jellyfish's movement and makes them change their behavior between following the ocean current or moving within the swarm. The mechanism comprises a time control function $c(t)$ and a constant C_0 . The time control function $c(t)$ can be obtained as follows:

$$c(t) = \left| \left(1 - \frac{t}{T} \right) * (2 * \lambda - 1) \right|, \quad (10)$$

where t is the current iteration, T is the total number of iterations, and $\lambda \in \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$. If c is greater than C_0 , jellyfishes follow the ocean current; otherwise, they move within the swarm. Also, the time control mechanism is used to control the movement performed by jellyfish within the swarm being Type A if $\mathcal{U}(0, 1) \geq (1 - c(t))$ or Type B otherwise.

2.3 No-Boundary Jellyfish Search

In Type A movement, the jellyfish moves around its location. The purpose of this work is to improve the convergence rate by changing Equation 8, which is responsible for the exploitation, as follows:

$$X^{t+1} = X^t + \eta * \phi, \quad (11)$$

where $\eta > 0$ is the motion coefficient, and $\phi \in \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$. By removing the multiplicative factor $(U_b - L_b)$ from Equation 8, the magnitude of the motion is reduced, making the jellyfish explores the region around it with higher quality.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Experimental Setup

In this work, we proposed enhancing the RBM reconstructive capacity by fine-tuning the parameters using the No-Boundary Jellyfish Search algorithm. Briefly speaking, we trained an RBM model with the following hyper-parameter settings: the learning rate $\eta = 0.1$, weight decay $\lambda = 0$, and momentum $\phi = 0$. For the number of neurons in the hidden layer, we used three different settings: $n = 128$, $n = 256$, and $n = 512$ represented by the symbols α , β , and γ , respectively. Concerning the number of epochs, we have employed $T = 1, 10, 25, 50, 100$ with mini-batches of size 128. Also, the image sizes adopted were: 7×7 , 14×14 , 28×28 .

After the model has been trained, the next step is fine-tuning the parameters. In RBM, more specifically, if we look at Equation 2, we have the vector \mathbf{a} that represents the bias of the visible layer, and the vector \mathbf{b} that represents the bias of the invisible layer. Finally, we have the matrix \mathbf{W} that represents the weights of all connections between the visible and invisible layers. In the optimization task, we used two different approaches: (i) selecting the best values for the vector \mathbf{a} , or (ii) selecting the best values for the matrix \mathbf{W} ¹.

Briefly explaining the process, the agents that make up the meta-heuristic algorithm are initialized with random values by the search space. At each iteration, the agents are evaluated in the search space. In other words, for each evaluated agent, the RBM model, previously trained, has its parameter (\mathbf{a} or \mathbf{W}) replaced by the agent's current position in the search space. Then, this new model is validated using a validation set, and the Mean Square Error (MSE) is computed. At the end of the optimization process, the previously trained model will have its parameter replaced by the position of the best agent, i.e., the set of parameters that minimizes the MSE in the validation set.²

Given the values that makeup \mathbf{a} or \mathbf{W} of the trained model, the lower bound (lb) and upper bound (ub) of the decision variables are given by:

$$lb = param - \Delta \quad \text{and} \quad ub = param + \Delta, \quad (12)$$

¹It was decided to optimize only the bias \mathbf{a} and the weight matrix \mathbf{W} to test the proposal and then extend it to other network parameters. As it is a new proposal, the behaviour of these experiments was not known.

²Our source code is available at https://github.com/gugarosa/rbm_tuning.

where *param* means \mathbf{a} or \mathbf{W} , and $\Delta = 0.1, 1.0$. Figure 1 depicts the aforementioned methodology concerning fine-tuning RBM’s parameters.

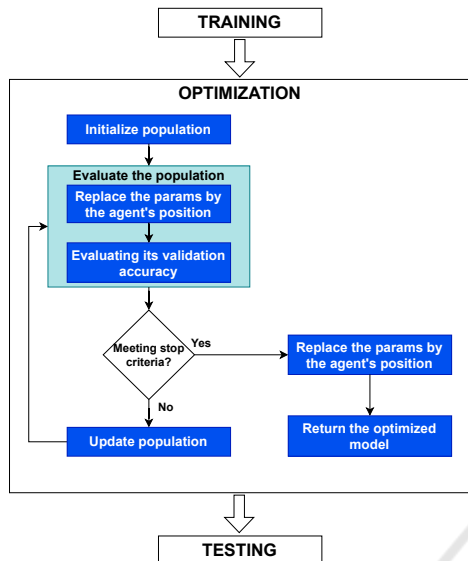


Figure 1: Pipeline of the optimization process.

3.2 Datasets

We employed three datasets, described as follows:

- MNIST dataset: it is composed of images of handwritten digits. The original version contains a training set with 60,000 images from digits ‘0’ to ‘9’, as well as a test set with 10,000 images.
- KMNIST dataset: it is composed of articles images. The dataset contains a training set of 60,000 examples and a test set of 10,000 examples.
- FMNIST dataset: it is composed of 70,000 images of Japanese handwritten digits.

4 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

This section presents the results regarding fine-tuning RBM’s parameters over MNIST, FMNIST, and KMNIST datasets. We carried out the experimental phase in two stages: (i) convergence analysis; and (ii) reconstruction analysis. For statistical pursuits and robust analysis, we used Wilcoxon’s signed-rank test (Wilcoxon, 1945) adopting $p = 0.05$ on the results from 25 independent cross-validation runs. For comparison purposes, besides No-Boundary Jellyfish Search and Jellyfish Search algorithms, we also used the Black Hole and Particle Swarm Optimization algorithms available at Opytimizer library³. Thus, the

³<https://github.com/gugarosa/opytimizer>.

results that compose this work are presented in terms of mean and standard deviation. Notice that the best results are highlighted in bold. Finally, we adopted 10 agents over 15 iterations for all techniques.

4.1 Reconstruction Analysis

Table 1 presents the results obtained considering the models trained in the training set and, later, evaluated in the test set without any optimization. Such results will serve as the baseline for comparison purposes with the method proposed in this work. Tables 2, 3, and 4 present the results concerning the MNIST, FMNIST, and KMNIST datasets, respectively.

To Facilitate and Guide Our Analysis in Understanding the Displayed Results, the Superscript Markers Separate the Groups of Statistically Similar Results. Starting with the MNIST dataset, the first group is composed of α and 7×7 size images, where the NBS and JS showed MSE lower than the baseline concerning the fine-tune \mathbf{W} with $\Delta = 1.0$ considering 10 epochs of pre-training. In α group, 14×14 and 28×28 size images, the lowest errors were achieved by the RBM trained conventionally without fine-tuning.

Moreover, in β and γ groups, NBS and JS reached the lowest MSE to fine-tune \mathbf{W} concerning 1 and 10 epochs of pre-training on 7×7 size images. In both cases, the best result was achieved with $\Delta = 1.0$. However, regarding the 14×14 size images belonging to γ group, all the analyzed metaheuristics performed statistically similar to the models without optimization in the fine-tuning of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{W} for $\Delta = 0.1$ and $\Delta = 1.0$. Furthermore, in the 28×28 size images, the NBS and JS performed similarly to the unoptimized models in fine-tuning \mathbf{W} with $\Delta = 0.1$.

Considering the FMNIST dataset, NBS and JS achieved the best results in the γ group for the fine-tuning \mathbf{W} with $\Delta = 1.0$ on the 7×7 size images. As for the α group, in the 7×7 and 14×14 size images with $\Delta = 0.1$ and $\Delta = 1.0$, respectively, the NBS and JS had statistically similar results to the models without optimization. Finally, for the γ group, in the 14×14 size images, the NBS and JS had the smallest errors considering the fine-tuning of \mathbf{W} with $\Delta = 0.1$. And in the 28×28 size images, for the fine-tuning of \mathbf{a} , all algorithms performed statistically similarly for both Δ configurations and $\Delta = 0.1$ in terms of fine-tuning the \mathbf{W} .

Finally, in the KMNIST dataset, in the 7×7 size images, the PSO obtained the lowest MSE value in the fine-tuning of the parameter \mathbf{a} with $\Delta = 1.0$ for the group α . In β and γ groups, the NBS and the JS obtained the lowest values of MSE in the fine-tuning

Table 1: Non-optimized models' reconstruction errors over MNIST, FMNIST and KMNIST testing sets.

Models	MNIST			FMNIST			KMNIST		
	7 × 7	14 × 14	28 × 28	7 × 7	14 × 14	28 × 28	7 × 7	14 × 14	28 × 28
RBM- α_1	6.87 ± 0.03	24.23 ± 0.15	87.66 ± 0.39	9.27 ± 0.03	35.11 ± 0.12	144.13 ± 0.71	10.83 ± 0.04	38.69 ± 0.13	160.92 ± 0.84
RBM- α_{10}	6.06 ± 0.02	17.39 ± 0.05	65.13 ± 0.24	7.64 ± 0.05	26.81 ± 0.09	127.10 ± 0.83	9.70 ± 0.05	31.08 ± 0.11	136.14 ± 0.76
RBM- α_{25}	5.81 ± 0.02	16.41 ± 0.07	62.71 ± 0.33	7.19 ± 0.04	25.81 ± 0.05 ¹¹	118.78 ± 1.37	9.39 ± 0.04	29.97 ± 0.11	134.41 ± 0.84
RBM- α_{50}	5.62 ± 0.05	15.99 ± 0.10 ²	61.06 ± 0.38	7.06 ± 0.04 ¹⁰	25.46 ± 0.06 ¹¹	110.92 ± 0.82	9.32 ± 0.03	29.69 ± 0.13 ²⁰	132.94 ± 1.27 ²¹
RBM- α_{100}	5.52 ± 0.03	15.79 ± 0.07 ²	59.21 ± 0.47 ³	7.02 ± 0.04 ¹⁰	25.24 ± 0.04 ¹¹	106.22 ± 0.62 ¹²	9.27 ± 0.03	29.62 ± 0.11 ²⁰	130.80 ± 2.08 ²¹
RBM- β_1	6.84 ± 0.04	21.65 ± 0.07	67.13 ± 0.14	8.58 ± 0.03	30.88 ± 0.12	129.05 ± 0.59	10.47 ± 0.08	35.90 ± 0.12	134.16 ± 0.33
RBM- β_{10}	6.05 ± 0.04	15.90 ± 0.05	42.30 ± 0.13	7.52 ± 0.01	25.46 ± 0.09	98.29 ± 0.26	9.59 ± 0.05	28.32 ± 0.05	93.06 ± 0.20
RBM- β_{25}	5.88 ± 0.02	14.92 ± 0.04	37.11 ± 0.16	7.22 ± 0.03	24.81 ± 0.07	92.34 ± 0.21	9.37 ± 0.03	27.14 ± 0.08	85.26 ± 0.15
RBM- β_{50}	5.71 ± 0.03	14.39 ± 0.05	35.02 ± 0.16	7.06 ± 0.02 ¹³	24.49 ± 0.06	90.12 ± 0.26	9.29 ± 0.04	26.68 ± 0.06 ²³	82.53 ± 0.26
RBM- β_{100}	5.55 ± 0.04	14.10 ± 0.06 ⁵	33.75 ± 0.12 ⁶	7.02 ± 0.04 ¹³	24.29 ± 0.08 ¹⁴	88.85 ± 0.21 ¹⁵	9.24 ± 0.02	26.40 ± 0.08 ²³	81.00 ± 0.18 ²⁴
RBM- γ_1	6.80 ± 0.20	20.16 ± 0.16	55.37 ± 0.19	8.50 ± 0.07	27.46 ± 0.11	112.07 ± 0.51	10.53 ± 0.23	33.28 ± 0.22	111.28 ± 0.22
RBM- γ_{10}	6.06 ± 0.06	15.78 ± 0.05 ⁸	32.67 ± 0.11 ⁹	7.53 ± 0.06	25.27 ± 0.08	90.64 ± 0.27 ¹⁸	9.50 ± 0.08	27.36 ± 0.06	67.79 ± 0.12
RBM- γ_{25}	5.91 ± 0.04	14.84 ± 0.05 ⁸	29.50 ± 0.06 ⁹	7.26 ± 0.04	24.67 ± 0.07 ¹⁷	87.27 ± 0.28 ¹⁸	9.45 ± 0.08	26.50 ± 0.04	62.31 ± 0.08
RBM- γ_{50}	5.70 ± 0.05	14.35 ± 0.06 ⁸	28.12 ± 0.04 ⁹	7.08 ± 0.02	24.36 ± 0.11 ¹⁷	85.76 ± 0.31 ¹⁸	9.30 ± 0.04	26.06 ± 0.05 ²⁶	60.05 ± 0.10
RBM- γ_{100}	5.53 ± 0.04	14.03 ± 0.04 ⁸	27.32 ± 0.04 ⁹	7.01 ± 0.02	24.14 ± 0.06 ¹⁷	84.43 ± 0.25 ¹⁸	9.23 ± 0.05	25.81 ± 0.03 ²⁶	58.94 ± 0.07 ²⁷

Table 2: Optimized models' reconstruction errors over MNIST testing set.

Models	7 × 7				14 × 14				28 × 28			
	a		W		a		W		a		W	
	$\Delta = 0.1$	$\Delta = 1.0$	$\Delta = 0.1$	$\Delta = 1.0$	$\Delta = 0.1$	$\Delta = 1.0$	$\Delta = 0.1$	$\Delta = 1.0$	$\Delta = 0.1$	$\Delta = 1.0$	$\Delta = 0.1$	$\Delta = 1.0$
BH- α_1	6.84 ± 0.03	6.61 ± 0.10	6.79 ± 0.04	6.40 ± 0.20	24.19 ± 0.14	23.98 ± 0.14	24.10 ± 0.17	24.34 ± 0.24	87.64 ± 0.40	87.78 ± 0.48	87.66 ± 0.42	90.87 ± 0.83
JS- α_1	6.74 ± 0.05	6.59 ± 0.40	7.69 ± 1.16	5.75 ± 1.19	23.79 ± 0.15	24.98 ± 0.89	26.20 ± 1.71	32.59 ± 2.87	86.57 ± 0.37	93.56 ± 2.95	88.48 ± 3.70	127.31 ± 23.45
NBJS- α_1	6.77 ± 0.06	6.76 ± 0.37	7.97 ± 0.95	6.01 ± 0.74	23.85 ± 0.14	24.88 ± 0.75	26.38 ± 2.21	31.34 ± 5.11	86.67 ± 0.48	95.05 ± 2.20	88.32 ± 4.37	121.03 ± 17.06
PSO- α_1	6.83 ± 0.03	6.26 ± 0.14	6.69 ± 0.05	6.40 ± 0.18	24.19 ± 0.15	24.08 ± 0.20	24.05 ± 0.17	25.25 ± 0.50	87.66 ± 0.37	88.14 ± 0.39	87.77 ± 0.42	96.91 ± 1.72
BH- α_{10}	6.04 ± 0.02	5.89 ± 0.04	5.99 ± 0.02	5.76 ± 0.08	17.38 ± 0.05	17.35 ± 0.07	17.36 ± 0.05	17.77 ± 0.17	65.14 ± 0.25	65.29 ± 0.25	65.15 ± 0.24	67.14 ± 0.55
JS- α_{10}	6.02 ± 0.02	6.04 ± 0.22	6.38 ± 0.44	5.23 ± 0.28 ¹	17.25 ± 0.05	18.56 ± 0.27	17.18 ± 0.41	21.33 ± 1.21	64.89 ± 0.28	69.97 ± 1.76	63.20 ± 0.62	78.68 ± 5.02
NBJS- α_{10}	6.02 ± 0.02	6.09 ± 0.21	6.46 ± 0.32	5.30 ± 0.64 ¹	17.27 ± 0.07	18.66 ± 0.46	17.31 ± 0.34	20.44 ± 2.13	64.87 ± 0.27	70.84 ± 0.78	62.96 ± 0.34	85.10 ± 4.68
PSO- α_{10}	6.03 ± 0.03	5.70 ± 0.11	5.91 ± 0.06	5.63 ± 0.19	17.38 ± 0.05	17.43 ± 0.10	17.33 ± 0.08	18.56 ± 0.34	65.13 ± 0.25	65.52 ± 0.29	65.22 ± 0.29	70.17 ± 0.86
BH- β_1	6.82 ± 0.04	6.56 ± 0.07	6.68 ± 0.06	6.37 ± 0.15	21.63 ± 0.06	21.50 ± 0.12	21.52 ± 0.09	22.05 ± 0.48	67.13 ± 0.13	67.34 ± 0.15	67.17 ± 0.13	74.50 ± 1.02
JS- β_1	6.88 ± 0.06	6.29 ± 0.26	13.72 ± 1.86	3.23 ± 0.26 ⁴	21.67 ± 0.08	20.52 ± 0.60	26.98 ± 3.96	26.53 ± 2.90	66.72 ± 0.11	69.03 ± 1.62	71.59 ± 13.32	137.08 ± 18.75
NBJS- β_1	6.86 ± 0.07	6.18 ± 0.26	10.48 ± 3.64	3.32 ± 0.33 ⁴	21.64 ± 0.10	20.58 ± 0.81	21.64 ± 3.38	27.02 ± 1.77	66.73 ± 0.18	69.66 ± 2.01	69.96 ± 13.05	144.85 ± 19.50
PSO- β_1	6.80 ± 0.04	6.22 ± 0.12	6.45 ± 0.08	6.40 ± 0.40	21.61 ± 0.07	21.62 ± 0.11	21.50 ± 0.14	24.51 ± 0.75	67.14 ± 0.15	67.61 ± 0.18	67.37 ± 0.21	86.40 ± 3.87
BH- β_{10}	6.04 ± 0.04	5.87 ± 0.05	5.92 ± 0.04	5.57 ± 0.20	15.89 ± 0.05	15.88 ± 0.06	15.84 ± 0.03	16.22 ± 0.17	42.30 ± 0.12	42.49 ± 0.14	42.40 ± 0.12	47.76 ± 0.84
JS- β_{10}	6.07 ± 0.04	5.62 ± 0.23	7.10 ± 1.34	3.22 ± 0.28 ⁴	15.85 ± 0.06	15.96 ± 0.34	19.18 ± 1.85	21.60 ± 2.82	42.31 ± 0.17	43.53 ± 0.51	44.40 ± 4.96	100.76 ± 19.20
NBJS- β_{10}	6.07 ± 0.06	5.65 ± 0.18	7.03 ± 1.26	3.20 ± 0.26 ⁴	15.85 ± 0.05	16.24 ± 0.32	17.09 ± 2.03	20.12 ± 3.18	42.31 ± 0.17	43.72 ± 0.47	42.74 ± 3.38	109.93 ± 15.39
PSO- β_{10}	6.03 ± 0.04	5.74 ± 0.08	5.81 ± 0.06	5.57 ± 0.41	15.90 ± 0.05	15.97 ± 0.06	15.81 ± 0.10	17.33 ± 0.55	42.31 ± 0.12	42.70 ± 0.09	42.45 ± 0.14	56.42 ± 1.82
BH- γ_1	6.77 ± 0.20	6.56 ± 0.22	6.50 ± 0.16	6.32 ± 0.31	20.14 ± 0.16	20.04 ± 0.14	19.98 ± 0.17	21.76 ± 0.58	55.37 ± 0.20	55.50 ± 0.20	55.44 ± 0.16	64.56 ± 1.12
JS- γ_1	6.73 ± 0.18	6.15 ± 0.29	6.06 ± 3.95	1.33 ± 0.06 ⁷	20.02 ± 0.16	18.98 ± 0.49	14.75 ± 0.52	14.25 ± 0.74 ⁸	55.47 ± 0.24	55.77 ± 0.55	44.36 ± 4.02	120.24 ± 11.78
NBJS- γ_1	6.75 ± 0.18	6.08 ± 0.19	4.95 ± 0.33	1.36 ± 0.07 ⁷	20.04 ± 0.17	19.16 ± 0.47	14.84 ± 0.58	14.32 ± 0.64 ⁸	55.45 ± 0.20	56.05 ± 0.60	229.20 ± 301.12	128.76 ± 18.63
PSO- γ_1	6.75 ± 0.20	6.18 ± 0.18	6.03 ± 0.21	8.14 ± 0.79	20.13 ± 0.14	20.09 ± 0.16	19.77 ± 0.22	28.28 ± 1.36	55.38 ± 0.19	55.73 ± 0.18	55.55 ± 0.19	80.94 ± 5.25
BH- γ_{10}	6.04 ± 0.06	5.90 ± 0.04	5.79 ± 0.08	5.52 ± 0.24	15.77 ± 0.06 ⁸	15.78 ± 0.04 ⁸	15.58 ± 0.07 ⁸	16.05 ± 0.52	32.67 ± 0.11	32.82 ± 0.10	32.78 ± 0.13	40.66 ± 1.07
JS- γ_{10}	6.01 ± 0.06	5.50 ± 0.15	5.04 ± 0.92	1.36 ± 0.10 ⁷	15.72 ± 0.05 ⁸	15.65 ± 0.23 ⁸	14.01 ± 2.58 ⁸	15.72 ± 1.34 ⁸	32.63 ± 0.10	33.33 ± 0.19	32.84 ± 9.23 ⁹	108.16 ± 14.30
NBJS- γ_{10}	6.01 ± 0.06	5.49 ± 0.14	4.98 ± 0.95	1.34 ± 0.05 ⁷	15.74 ± 0.05 ⁸	15.71 ± 0.24 ⁸	15.15 ± 3.61 ⁸	15.84 ± 0.75 ⁸	32.63 ± 0.10	33.32 ± 0.17	30.44 ± 2.93 ⁹	105.50 ± 12.80
PSO- γ_{10}	6.03 ± 0.06	5.64 ± 0.12	5.51 ± 0.11	6.34 ± 0.37	15.78 ± 0.06 ⁸	15.82 ± 0.07 ⁸	15.42 ± 0.08 ⁸	18.14 ± 0.70	32.68 ± 0.11	32.93 ± 0.11	32.88 ± 0.12	51.66 ± 3.86

of the parameter \mathbf{W} with $\Delta = 1.0$. In 14×14 size images, NBJS and JS obtained similar results in optimizing the parameter \mathbf{W} with $\Delta = 0.1$ and $\Delta = 1.0$ to the results obtained without optimization.

The metaheuristic algorithms, especially the NBJS algorithm, obtained errors similar to or lower

than the models' errors without fine-tuning. The number of functions evaluated during an iteration in a metaheuristic algorithm is equivalent to the number of agents. Furthermore, the computational cost to evaluate the objective function is just replacing the positions of each agent in the RBM weight matrix. For

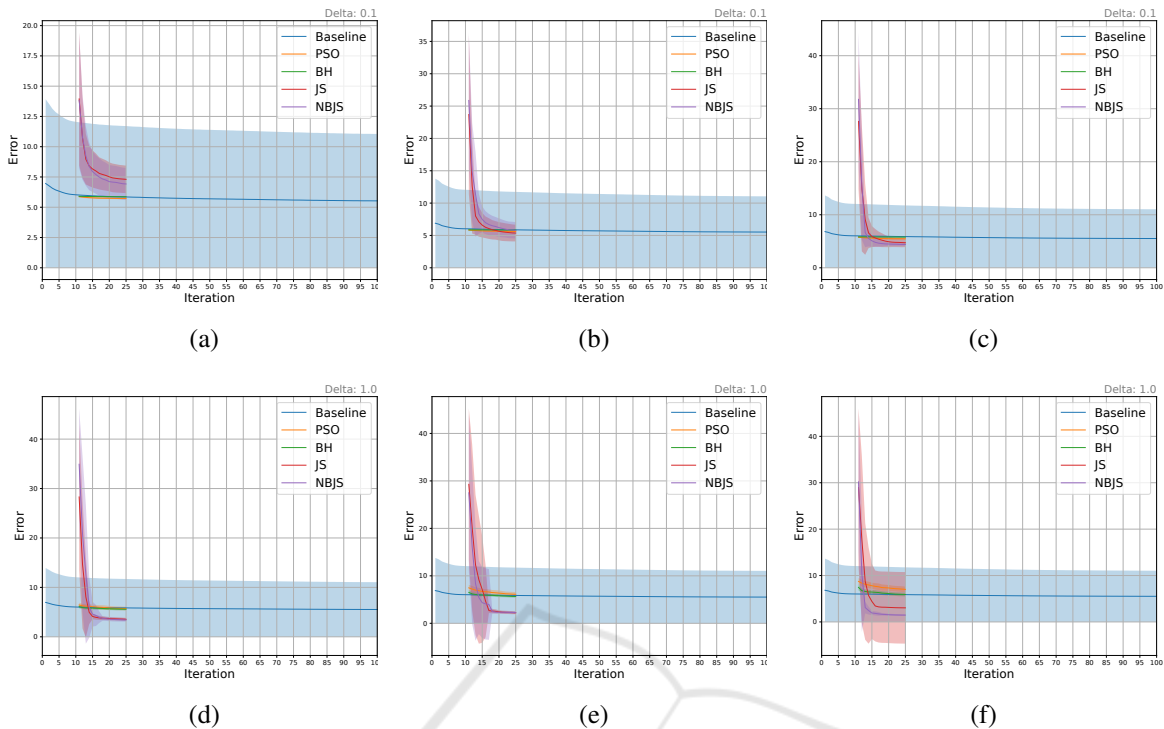


Figure 2: Convergence comparison on MNIST dataset regarding 7×7 size images: (a) 128, (b) 256, and (c) 512 hidden neurons with $\Delta = 0.1$, and (d) 128, (e) 256, and (f) 512 hidden neurons with $\Delta = 1.0$.

the assumption that an iteration of the metaheuristic algorithms and an epoch in RBM training are equivalent, the metaheuristic algorithms achieved similar or lower errors with the need for a smaller number of epochs.

4.2 Convergence Analysis

Figures 2, 3, and 4 illustrate a comparison among NBJs, JS, BH, and PSO convergence on MNIST, FMNIST, and KMNIST datasets for optimizing \mathbf{W} parameter regarding 7×7 size images considering two Δ configurations and 128, 256, and 512 hidden neurons, respectively. In all cases in Figures 2, 3, and 4, the algorithms obtained convergence similar to or superior to the RBM convergence using 100 training epochs. It is also noteworthy that the JS and NBJs techniques surpassed the convergence of PSO and BH in all configurations except for 128 hidden neurons as it can be seen in Figures 2a, 3a, and 4a. It is worth mentioning that the performance of all algorithms when $\Delta = 1.0$ in the MNIST dataset was shown to outperform when $\Delta = 0.1$.

However, a decreasing trend in the convergence of JS and NBJs techniques, concerning images of size 7×7 , can be observed in Figures 2a and 2b considering MNIST dataset, all configurations except for the

one shown in Figure 3d considering FMNIST dataset, and, finally Figures 4a and 4b considering KMNIST dataset.

5 CONCLUSION

This paper addressed increasing the reconstructability of the RBM using metaheuristic optimization. The idea is to pre-train an RBM model and fine-tune both the \mathbf{a} bias and the \mathbf{W} connection weights to minimize the mean square error. Experiments were performed on the MNIST, FMNIST, and KMNIST datasets with three different image size settings: 7×7 , 14×14 , and 28×28 .

The reported results demonstrated the feasibility of using metaheuristic algorithms to fine-tune connection weights. The NBJs algorithm achieved errors up to four times smaller than the baseline in 7×7 . Fine-tuning the \mathbf{a} parameter showed no significant influence on the models. Assuming that the iterations of the metaheuristic algorithms are computationally equivalent to the computational cost of the RBM training epochs, one can conclude that the metaheuristic algorithms achieve errors similar to or lower than those of the RBM, requiring a lower number of iterations.

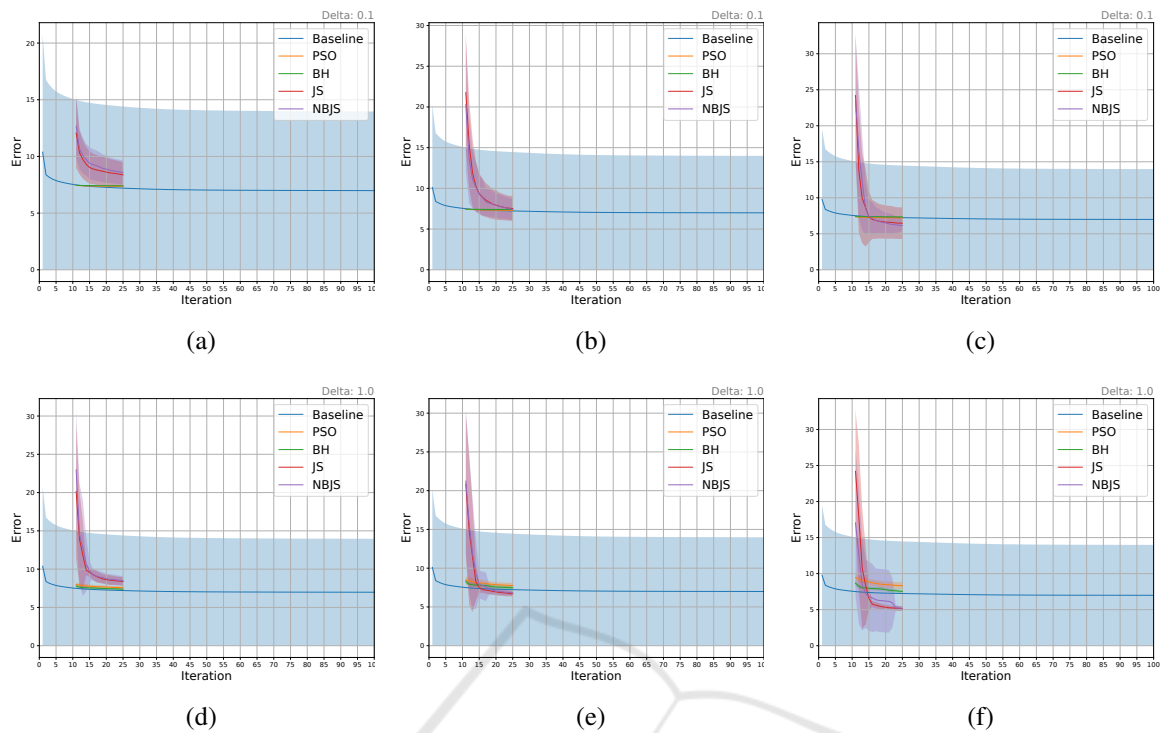


Figure 3: Convergence comparison on FMNIST dataset regarding 7×7 size images: (a) 128, (b) 256, and (c) 512 hidden neurons with $\Delta = 0.1$, and (d) 128, (e) 256, and (c) 512 hidden neurons with $\Delta = 1.0$.

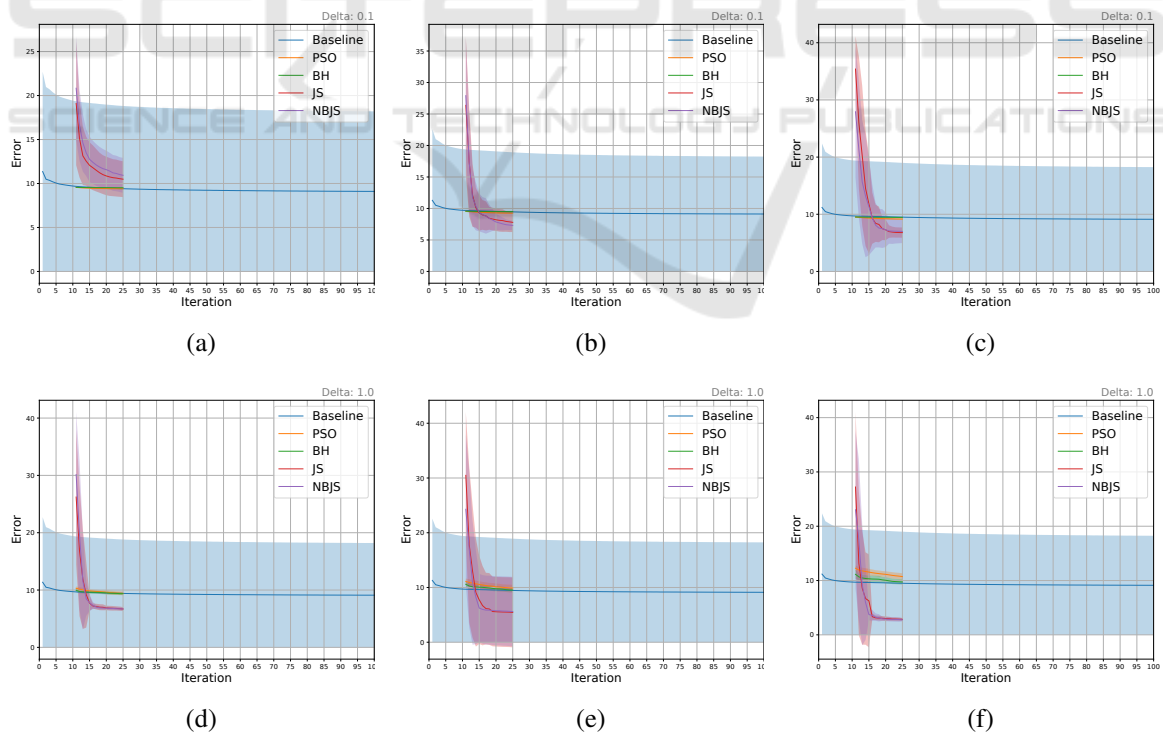


Figure 4: Convergence comparison on KMNIST dataset regarding 7×7 size images: (a) 128, (b) 256, and (c) 512 hidden neurons with $\Delta = 0.1$, and (d) 128, (e) 256, and (c) 512 hidden neurons with $\Delta = 1.0$.

Regarding future work, we intend to test the performance of the fine-tuning in the bias of the invisible layer **b** or even fine-tune the parameters simultaneously, e.g. **a** and **b**.

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