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OPTIMUM DESIGN OF THE BRACED DOME WITH FREQUENCY CONSTRAINT USING THE IMPROVED SHUFFLED BASED JAYA ALGORITHM

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, the improved shuffled-based Jaya algorithm (IS-Jaya) is applied to the size optimization of the braced dome with the frequency constraints. IS-Jaya is the enhanced version of the Jaya algorithm that the shuffling process and escaping from local optima are added for it. These two modifications increase the population diversity and ability the escape from the local optima of the Jaya. The robustness and performance of the IS-Jaya are evaluated by the three design examples. The results show that the IS-Jaya algorithm outperforms other state-of-the-art optimization techniques considered in the literature.

Keywords: improved shuffled based Jaya algorithm; metaheuristic; structural optimization; braced dome structures; frequency constraints.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Optimization has grown in popularity as a research topic over the last four decades. Optimization is the process of determining the function's minimal or maximum value while satisfying all constraints [1, 2]. Gradient-based methods and meta-heuristic algorithms are two types of optimization methods. Meta-heuristic algorithms are more frequently employed than gradient-based methods due to their ease of implementation and lack of reliance on gradient information [3, 4].

Not all optimization can efficiently be solved with a single meta-heuristic solution [5]. As a result, researchers develop new meta-heuristic algorithms that draw inspiration from a

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variety of sources. Meta-heuristic algorithms can be classified into four classes based on their source of inspiration [6]. The first group is the evolutionary-based algorithms such as Genetic Algorithm (GA) [7], Genetic Programming (GP) [8], Biogeography-Based Optimizer (BBO)[9], Artificial Algae Algorithm (AAA) [10], Monkey King Evolutionary (MKE) [11], and Sunflower Optimization (SFO) algorithm [12] imitate the natural evolution. The second category of algorithms is the human-based algorithms that mimic or stimulate the human behavior, such as Harmony Search Algorithm (HS) [13], Tabu Search (TS) [14], Social-Emotional Optimization (SEO) [15], Tiki-Taka Algorithm (TTA) [16], Volleyball Premier League Algorithm (VPL) [17], Shuffled Shepherd Optimization algorithm (SSOA) [18], and Past Present Future Algorithm (PPF) [19]. The third type of algorithm is swarm-based, which mimics the social behavior of various animals. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) [20], Glowworm Swarm Optimization (GSO) [21], Dragonfly algorithm (DA) [22], Dolphin echolocation (DE) [23], Bird Mating Optimizer (BMO) [24], Cyclical Parthenogenesis Algorithm (CPA) [25], Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO) [26], and Fruit Fly Optimization (FFO) algorithm [27] are the example of this group. The final class of algorithms is physicsbased algorithms, which employ physical laws to generate a new solution in each iteration, such as Big Bang-Big Crunch (BB-BC) [28], Electimize optimization algorithm [29], Charged System Search (CSS) [30], Heat Transfer Search Algorithm (HTS) [31], Ray Optimization [32], Henry Gas Solubility Optimization (HGSO) [33], Water Evaporation Optimization (WEO) [34], Flow Regime Algorithm (FRA), Tug of War Optimization (TWO) [35], Lichtenberg Algorithm (LA) [36], and Doppler Effect-Mean Euclidian Distance Threshold (DE-MEDT) [37].

Structural optimization has become a popular research subject for civil engineers in recent decades. Structural optimization is the process of reducing the weight of structures while also meeting all of the requirements such as stress, reliability, and story drift. Researchers evaluated the performance of the different optimization algorithms for the optimum design of structures. For example, Saka and Erdal [38] applied the harmony search algorithm for optimum design of the grillage system. Kaveh, et al. [39] tested the performance of four metaheuristic algorithms for the optimum design of castellated beams. Kumar, et al. [40] introduced modified symbiotic organisms for designing optimal structures with frequency constraints. Kaveh, and Malakoutirad [41] developed a hybrid method for analysis and design. Kazemzadeh Azad, et al. [42] developed the upper bound strategy framework for optimum design of structures using the meta-heuristic algorithms. Kaveh and Talatahri [43] charged system search with a fly to boundary method for discrete optimum design of truss structures. Azad and Hasançebi [44] applied the guided stochastic search for the optimum design of the steel truss. Kaveh, et al. [45] applied the metaheuristic algorithms for the optimum design of the portal frame. Jahangiri, et al. [46] proposed a new meta-heuristic algorithm for the optimum design of the seven benchmark structures. Artar and Carbas [47] applied two metaheuristic algorithms for the optimum design of the steel truss bridges. Kaveh and Zaerreza [48] present the enhanced Rao's algorithms for optimum structural design with deterministic and probabilistic constraints.

In this study, the performance of the Improved Shuffled Jaya algorithm (IS-Jaya) in the size optimization of the braced dome structures with frequency constraints is investigated. Improved Shuffled Jaya algorithm (IS-Jaya) for the first time introduced by Kaveh, et al. [49] for size optimization of the structures with the discrete variables. In this study, for the first

time, the performance of the IS-Jaya in the size optimization of the braced dome with continuous variables and frequency constraints. Three benchmark dome structure is considered, and two of them are large-scale structures. The result of the optimization in these structures shows that the IS-Jaya has good performance in the optimum design of the dome structures.

2. IMPROVED SHUFFLED JAYA ALGORITHM (IS-JAYA)

Jaya algorithm is developed by Rao [50]. Jaya algorithm has some shortcomings inducing the unwanted premature convergence and the possibility of being trapped in local minima. To alleviate these handicaps, first, the concept of shuffling is added to the Jaya algorithms. In the shuffling process, the population of the algorithm is divided into subpopulations. This dividing leads to an increase the population diversity of the algorithms and improves the ability of the escape from local optima. More detail about the shuffling process is available in Refs. [51, 52]. The escape from the local optima mechanism is added to the Jaya algorithms as a second modification. This mechanism helps the algorithms to get quickly out of the local optima. Also, it helps algorithms to find a better solution. the steps of the IS-Jaya algorithm are provided as follows.

Step 1: Initialization

Jaya algorithm starts with the population randomly generated in the search space.

Step 2: Shuffling

In the shuffling process, first, all of the solutions are sorted based on their objective function. Then, equal to the number of the subpopulation, the best solutions are selected and randomly added to each subpopulation. To place the second member of each subpopulation, the best solution of the rest of the solutions, and added randomly to each subpopulation. This process is repeated until all of the solutions are dived into the subpopulations.

Step 3: Main step size

After generating the subpopulations, the main step size of the algorithm is calculated as follows:

$$Stepsize_i = rand \times (X_{best} - X_i) - rand \times (X_{worst} - X_i)$$
(1)

where the *rand* is the random vector generated between 0 and 1. X_i is the considered solution. X_{best} and X_{worst} are the best and worst solution for the subpopulation to which X_i belong.

Then, the new solution is calculated using Eq. (2).

$$X_i^{new} = X_i + Stepsize_i \tag{2}$$

Step 4: Escape from the local optima mechanism

One solution in each subpopulation is selected to increase the ability to escape from the local optima. Then, one variable of them is modified using the following equation:

$$X_i^{new} = X_i^{new} + 0.1 \times randn \times (X_{max} - X_{min})$$
(3)

In which *randn* is the normally distributed random number. X_{max} is the upper bound of the search space. X_{min} is the lower bound of the search space.

Step 5: Replacement strategy

First, the newly generated solutions are evaluated. Then, the new solution is compared with their old solution in the aspect of the objective function, and the worst of them are omitted.

Step 6: Checking the termination condition

If the iteration number reaches the maximum number of iterations, the algorithm terminates. Otherwise, it returns to Step 2 for the next round of iteration.

To further clarify, the flowchart of the IS-Jaya is given in Fig. 1.

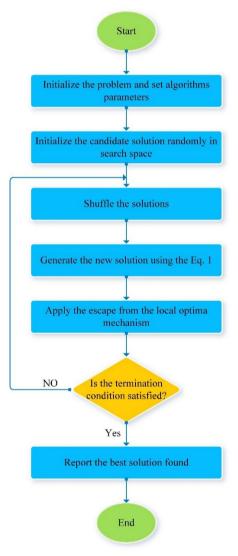


Figure 1. Flowchart of the IS-Jaya

3. DESIGN EXAMPLES

Three braced dome examples are considered to investigate the performance of the IS-Jaya. These examples include the 120-bar dome structure, 600-bar dome structure, and 1180-bar dome structure. The number of subpopulations is set to 4, and the number of solutions is set to 20 in all examples. Also, the maximum number of function evaluations is set to 20000 in these examples. To get the statistical results, 30 independent runs are performed.

3.1 The 120-bar dome structure

The first example considered is the 120-bar dome structure. Members of this example are divided into the 7 groups, as shown in Fig. 2. The modulus of elasticity and martial density are set to 210 GPa and 7971.81 kg/m³, respectively. 3000 kg, 500kg, and 100 kg non-structural masses are added to node 1, nodes 2 through 13, and other remaining free nodes, respectively. The minimum value of the first and second frequencies of the structure is set to 9 and 11 as the constraint of the problem. The upper and lower boundary of the search space is set to 1 and 129.3 cm².

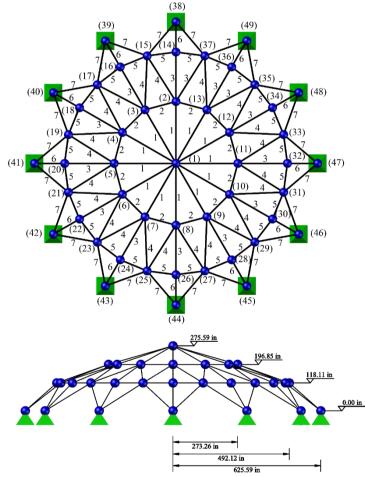


Figure 2. Schematic of the 120-bar dome structure

The result of the IS-Jaya and other methods are provided in Table 1. The optimum value found by the IS-Jaya (8707.62 kg) is better than Democratic PSO (8890.48 kg), ALC-PSO (8890.70kg), HALC-PSO (8889.96 kg), SOS- ABF1 (8712.11 kg), SOS- ABF2 (8710.33 kg), SOS- ABF1&2 (8716.94 kg), and Jaya (8709.35 kg). Also, the average of optimal weight found by IS-Jaya (8709.6428 kg) is much better than other optimization methods, and it is very close to the optimum weight found by IS-Jaya. Therefore, the IS-Jaya is more robust than other optimization methods. Table 1 shows that all of the constraint function in the best run of the IS-Jaya is satisfied. The convergence history for the best and average run of the IS-Jaya is provided in Fig. 3.

Table 1: Comparative results of the IS-Jaya with other methods in the 120-bar dome truss

Design	Democrat	ALC-	HALC-	SOS-	SOS-	SOS-	Iono	
variable	ic PSO	PSO	PSO	ABF1	ABF2	ABF1&2	Jaya [56]	IS-Jaya
variable	[53]	[54]	[54]	[55]	[55]	[55]	[30]	
A1	19.607	19.5316	19.309	19.5449	19.5715	19.3806	19.309	19.5231
A2	41.290	41.5725	40.763	40.9483	39.8327	40.4230	40.763	40.2601
A3	11.136	11.3712	10.791	10.4482	10.5879	11.1095	10.791	10.5795
A4	21.025	21.6754	21.272	21.0465	21.2194	21.2086	21.272	21.1117
A5	10.060	9.8078	9.943	9.5043	10.0571	9.9200	9.943	9.8825
A6	12.758	12.7670	11.695	11.9362	11.8322	11.3161	11.695	11.8025
A7	15.414	14.7140	14.579	14.9424	14.7503	14.7820	14.579	14.8471
Best weight (kg)	8890.48	8890.70	8889.96	8712.11	8710.33	8716.94	8709.35	8707.62
Worst weight (kg)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8722.3824
Average weight (kg)	8895.99	8900.68	8900.39	8727.42	8725.307	8790.69	8713.21	8709.6428
Standard deviation (kg)	4.26	8.81	6.38	16.5503	10.6402	55.7294	2.97	2.6029

Table 2: Natural frequencies evaluated at the optimum designs of the 120-bar dome truss

			N	latural frequ	uencies (Hz)		
Frequency	Democratic	ALC-	HALC-	SOS-	SOS-	SOS-	Iono	
number	PSO [53]	PSO	PSO	ABF1	ABF2	ABF1&2	Jaya [56]	IS-Jaya
		[54]	[54]	[55]	[55]	[55]	[50]	
1	9.0001	9.000	9.000	9.0011	9.0006	9.0012	9.0000	9.0000
2	11.00007	11.000	11.000	11.0003	11.0002	11.0023	11.0002	11.0002
3	11.0053	11.000	11.000	11.0003	11.0010	11.0023	11.0002	11.0002
4	11.0129	11.009	11.010	11.0015	11.0010	11.0056	11.0008	11.0002
5	11.0471	11.048	11.050	11.0674	11.0679	11.0720	11.0674	11.0674

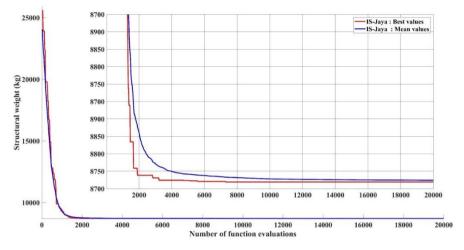


Figure 3. Convergence histories of the IS-Jaya for the 120-bar dome structure

3.2 600-bar dome structure

The 600-bar dome structure is the second example investigated, as shown in Fig. 4. This structure is composed of 24 substructures; each substructure has 25 members, as shown in Fig. 5. Each member of the substructures is considered as the group of the design variables; thus, this problem has 25 design variables. The modulus of elasticity and martial density are set to 200 GPa and 7850 kg/m3, respectively. A non-structural mass of 100 kg is attached to all 192 free nodes of the structure. The minimum value of the first and third frequencies of the structure is set to 5 and 7 as the constraint of the problem. The upper and lower boundary of the search space is set to 1 and 100 cm2.

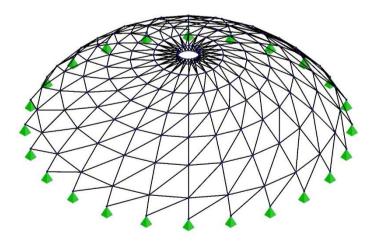


Figure 4. Schematic of the 600-bar dome structure

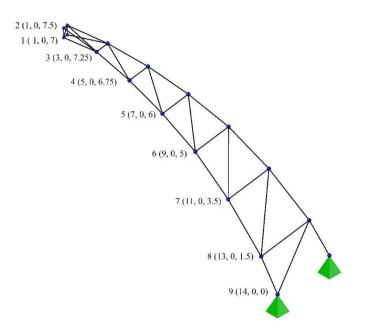


Figure 5. Details of a sub-structure of the 600-bar dome structure

Table 3 provides the comparison results of IS-Jaya with other available results acquired by Craziness based Particle Swarm Optimization (CRPSO) [57], Quantum-based Jellyfish Search (QJS) [58], Parameter Free Jaya Algorithm (PFJA) [59], and Jaya [60]. The optimum weight obtained by IS-Jaya is 6063.6003, which is the smallest weight among the other methods. Also, the average of the optimum weight of the present method is 6074.1263, which is the lightest weight in comparison to the other methods. The first five natural frequencies of the considered methods are given in Table 4. The convergence history for the best and average run of the IS-Jaya is provided in Fig. 6.

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Design variable	CRPSO [57]	QJS [58]	PFJA [59]	Jaya [60]	IS-Jaya
1 (1–2)	1.5000	1.2623	1.1867	1.7518	1.1596
2 (1–3)	1.5000	1.4105	1.2967	1.1811	1.4122
3 (1–10)	7.0000	5.1157	4.5771	4.8878	5.5829
4 (1–11)	1.0000	1.3939	1.3356	1.5162	1.1723
5 (2–3)	16.5000	17.5568	18.3157	18.1659	16.8962
6 (2–11)	34.5000	34.5863	38.5097	36.0764	36.7215
7 (3–4)	12.0000	13.0500	13.5917	12.6571	12.7631
8 (3–11)	15.5000	14.9897	16.8824	14.6113	15.4603
9 (3–12)	10.5000	11.3361	13.8766	11.3198	11.4343
10 (4–5)	10.0000	9.1993	9.5286	8.4580	9.3386
11 (4–12)	8.5000	8.3409	9.4218	8.4285	8.5046
12 (4–13)	9.0000	9.2362	9.7643	9.7321	9.5695
13 (5–6)	7.5000	7.5831	7.2431	7.2947	7.4455
14 (5–13)	5.5000	5.3152	5.3913	6.1922	5.2852
15 (5–14)	6.5000	6.5682	6.7468	6.4395	6.1294
16 (6–7)	5.5000	4.8128	5.1493	5.4760	5.0411

17 (6–14)	5.0000	3.5015	3.8342	3.2695	3.5434
18 (6–15)	7.5000	7.6773	8.0665	8.3724	7.7381
19 (7-8)	4.5000	4.2587	4.2800	4.4987	4.3076
20 (7-15)	2.0000	2.1748	2.2509	2.2197	2.1404
21 (7-16)	4.5000	4.7066	4.5372	4.6162	4.4964
22 (8–9)	4.0000	3.8047	3.5615	3.0667	3.6230
23 (8–16)	2.0000	1.9187	1.7744	1.8549	1.8495
24 (8–17)	4.5000	4.7502	4.6445	4.7960	4.8509
25 (9–17)	1.5000	1.5567	1.6141	1.6029	1.6506
Best weight (kg)	6132.296	6065.503	6333.251	6112.644	6063.6003
Worst weight (kg)	N/A	6094.435	N/A	N/A	6104.2034
Average weight (kg)	6682.319	6077.634	6380.31	6146.1936	6074.1263
Standard deviation (kg)	999.246	9.356	47.396	17.2355	7.9698

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Table 4: Natural frequencies evaluated at the optimum designs of the 600-bar dome truss

Fraguancy number	Natural frequencies (Hz)						
Frequency number	CRPSO [57]	QJS [58]	PFJA [59]	Jaya [60]	IS-Jaya		
1	5.0231	5.0008	5.0011	5.0804	5.0003		
2	5.0231	5.0008	5.0011	5.0804	5.0003		
3	7.0013	7.0001	7.0000	7.0001	7.0001		
4	7.0013	7.0001	7.0000	7.0001	7.0001		
5	7.0013	7.0003	7.0000	7.0006	7.0001		

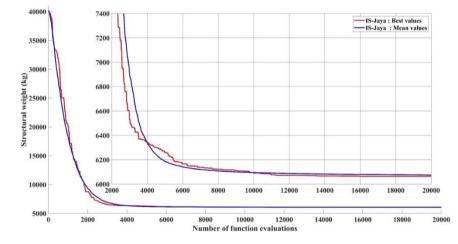


Figure 6. Convergence histories of the IS-Jaya for the 600-bar dome structure

3.3 The 1180-bar dome structure

The last example is the 1180-bar dome structure, as given in Fig. 7. This structure is composed of 20 substructures; each substructure has 59 members, as shown in Fig. 8. The structure members are categorized into the 59 sizing variables as given in Table 5. The modulus

elasticity, martial density, and boundary of the search space of this problem are the same as in the second example. The minimum value of the first and third frequencies of the structure is set to 7 and 9 as the constraint of the problem.

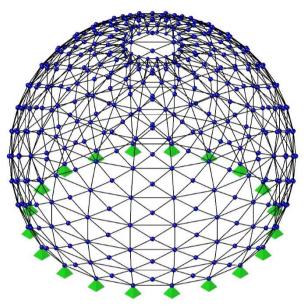


Figure 7. Schematic of the 1180-bar dome structure

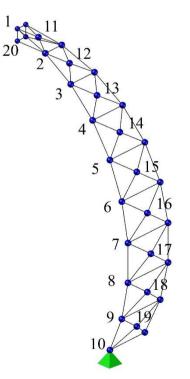


Figure 8. Details of a sub-structure of the 1180-bar dome structure

The result obtained by IS-Jaya and other methods are given in Table 5. As shown in Table 5, the IS-Jaya algorithm achieved the best weight of the 37463.0955 kg, which is the lightest weight among the other methods, namely ECBO [61] with the weight of 37984.39 kg, and PFJA [59] with the weight of 37695.59 kg. Furthermore, the average of the optimum weight of IS-Jaya acquired in the 30 independent runs is the lowest average weight (37723.0320 kg). Table 6 shows that all of the constraint function in the best run of the IS-Jaya is satisfied. The convergence history for the best and average run of the IS-Jaya is provided in Fig. 9.

Design variable	ECBO [61]	PFJA [59]	IS-Jaya
1 (1-2)	7.6678	7.952	7.3001
2 (1–11)	11.1437	10.466	9.6455
3 (1–20)	1.8520	2.089	2.0368
4 (1–21)	14.5563	14.219	14.3985
5 (1-40)	4.9499	3.944	4.4610
6 (2–3)	6.8095	5.979	5.9427
7 (2–11)	6.6803	7.775	7.2721
8 (2–12)	6.7889	6.351	6.3176
9 (2–20)	1.0630	1.896	2.0442
10 (2–22)	9.1602	11.908	12.3579
11 (3–4)	6.9891	7.241	6.8076
12 (3–12)	6.9881	5.647	6.0854
13 (3–13)	6.9555	6.700	6.7160
14 (3–23)	7.5443	7.799	7.4693
15 (4–5)	9.5431	9.198	8.7578
16 (4–13)	6.9123	6.282	6.0298
17 (4–14)	8.9891	7.695	8.3957
18 (4–24)	6.8926	7.520	7.8206
19 (5–6)	12.6128	11.840	11.4506
20 (5–14)	8.1983	7.230	8.2123
21 (5–15)	11.8358	10.211	10.8735
22 (5–25)	9.7321	9.252	9.5121
23 (6–7)	19.1650	17.222	16.7036
24 (6–15)	10.4682	11.417	9.3909
25 (6–16)	14.1178	14.196	14.0410
26 (6–26)	11.14567	11.639	11.4703
27 (7–8)	23.4125	24.065	24.5147
28 (7–16)	15.5167	13.377	14.0221
29 (7–17)	16.6613	16.469	17.7860
30 (7–27)	15.9631	16.057	16.3183
31 (8–9)	37.0532	34.125	32.1375
32 (8–17)	22.2937	18.866	19.6740
33 (8–18)	22.7409	24.600	24.5431
34 (8–28)	23.5624	21.103	21.2025
35 (9–10)	47.7652	47.696	48.6303
36 (9–18)	22.5066	27.760	27.8856
37 (9–19)	34.6418	33.518	33.7737

Table 5: Comparative results of the IS-Jaya with other methods in the 1180-bar dome truss

38 (9–29)	31.6492	31.773	30.4383
39 (10–19)	32.7268	33.592	35.9067
40 (10–30)	1.05206	1.000	1.0842
41 (11–21)	11.3681	9.455	8.4624
42 (11–22)	6.5512	7.189	7.0956
43 (12–22)	6.3619	6.767	6.3814
44 (12–23)	5.9296	6.322	5.9853
45 (13–23)	7.8739	6.720	6.2996
46 (13–24)	6.2794	6.425	6.1165
47 (14–24)	7.6206	8.451	8.3440
48 (14–25)	7.2937	8.176	8.0963
49 (15–25)	10.5783	10.069	10.5493
50 (15–26)	10.1173	12.219	10.8258
51 (16–26)	15.1088	13.257	13.9404
52 (16–27)	12.8251	13.782	15.9261
53 (17–27)	17.4375	17.573	20.2339
54 (17–28)	20.1153	19.909	17.9468
55 (18–28)	24.2121	24.019	24.6328
56 (18–29)	23.3175	27.701	24.2340
57 (19–29)	34.6196	32.918	31.2279
58 (19–30)	35.2970	37.001	34.4086
59 (20-40)	8.8569	3.864	4.4601
Best weight (kg)	37984.39	37695.59	37463.0955
Worst weight (kg)			38286.5945
Average weight (kg)	38042.15	37755.05	37723.0320
Standard deviation (kg)	101.43	58.025	203.2727

Table 6: Natural frequencies evaluated at the optimum designs of the 1180-bar dome truss

Natural frequencies (Hz)					
ECBO [61]	PFJA [59]	IS-Jaya			
7.000	7.0000	7.0005			
7.001	7.0000	7.0005			
9.000	9.0024	9.0005			
9.000	9.0024	9.0005			
9.064	9.0129	9.0161			
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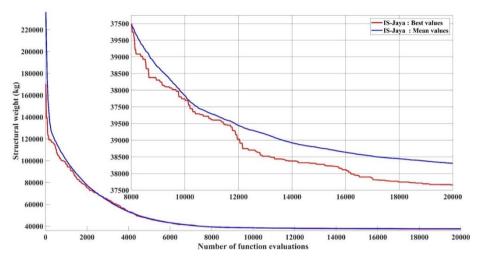


Figure 9. Convergence histories of the IS-Jaya for the 1180-bar dome structure

4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The improved shuffled-based Jaya algorithm (IS-Jaya) is employed for the size optimization of the braced dome structures in this study. In this method, the shuffling process is added to the main algorithm to increase the diversity of the population. In the shuffling prosses, the entire of population is divided into the subpopulation, then the main step size of the algorithm is calculated in each subpopulation. Also, escape from the local optima mechanism is added to increase the algorithm's ability to escape from the local optima.

Three braced dome examples with frequency constraints are considered in this study. These examples include the 120-bar dome structure, 600-bar dome structure, and 1180-bar dome structure. The result of the optimization. The IS-Jaya finds the best in these examples in the comparison of the considered methods. Also, the average weight obtained by IS-Jaya is less than other considered state-of-the-art optimization methods.

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