Metaheuristics Approach for Maximum $k$ Satisfiability in Restricted Neural Symbolic Integration

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ABSTRACT

Maximum $k$ Satisfiability logical rule (MAX-$k$SAT) is a language that bridges real life application to neural network optimization. MAX-$k$SAT is an interesting paradigm because the outcome of this logical rule is always negative/false. Hopfield Neural Network (HNN) is a type of neural network that finds the solution based on energy minimization. Interesting intelligent behavior has been observed when the logical rule is embedded in HNN. Increasing the storage capacity during the learning phase of HNN has been a challenging problem for most neural network researchers. Development of Metaheuristics algorithms has been crucial in optimizing the learning phase of Neural Network. The most celebrated metaheuristics model is Genetic Algorithm (GA). GA consists of several important operators that emphasize on solution improvement. Although GA has been reported to optimize logic programming in HNN, the learning complexity increases as the number of clauses increases. GA is more likely to be trapped in suboptimal fitness as the number of clauses increases. In this paper, metaheuristic algorithm namely Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) were proposed in learning MAX-$k$SAT programming. ABC is swarm-based metaheuristics that capitalized the capability of Employed Bee, Onlooker Bee, and Scout Bee. To this end, all the learning models were tested in a new restricted learning environment. Experimental results obtained from the computer simulation demonstrate the effectiveness of ABC in modelling MAX-$k$SAT.

Keywords: Artificial bee colony, exhaustive search method, genetic algorithm, Hopfield neural network, maximum $k$ satisfiability
INTRODUCTION

In the past decades, Boolean Satisfiability (SAT) has become a popular subject in artificial intelligence (AI) that attracted researchers from various field of studies. There are basically two reasons. First, the SAT is a direct transformation from real life application to mathematical formulation. In that sense, SAT serves as a foundation for more real-life applications such as Very Large Scale Integrated (VLSI) system (Mansor et al., 2016a), neural network (Kasihmuddin et al., 2018a), pattern recognition, logic mining and knowledge based paradigm. Second, SAT is a foundation to the various algorithm because interestingly, there are no efficient algorithms to comply with NP problem compared to P problem (Rojas, 2013). Hence, researchers in this field always find the approximation algorithm to comprehend SAT problem without the need of mathematical complexity. The mentioned reasons motivate the researcher (Kasihmuddin et al., 2017) to incorporate SAT with other AI applications. Applications pertaining to the hybrid SAT structure can be used to solve various on-demand applications such as scheduling and optimization problem. Such realization leads to the creation of a more effective algorithm to satisfy more variant of SAT program (Asirelli et al., 1985). Inspired by the extended version of Boolean SAT, Maximum $k$ satisfiability (MAX-$k$SAT) starts to gain popularity in the heart of researcher because MAX-$k$SAT utilized false/negative output compared to other SAT representation (Poloczek et al., 2017). MAX-$k$SAT is commonly known as a logical rule that allocates symbolic binary/bipolar value to a Boolean variable with $k$ literals for each neuron that satisfies the maximum number of clauses (Lynce et al., 2018).

Execution of the Artificial neural network (ANN) in AI is to acquire knowledge and use that information to model the intelligent system that can solve important problems. Hopfield Neural Network (HNN) is a dynamical neural system which possesses a memory that is associative and consists of interconnected neurons (Layeb, 2012). All neurons in HNN work in a dynamical manner with pre-defined threshold to mimic the actual human brain mechanism (Hopfield, 1982). The vital characteristics of HNN are the energy minimization via Lyapunov energy. Several NP problems such as travelling salesman problem (Mérida-Casermeiro et al., 2001), scheduling problem (Liang & Hsu, 1996), N Queen (Ohta, 2002) represent the state of a neuron as a possible optimal solution. In this case, the neuron state will be “excited” via pre-determined local field and synaptic weight will be updated via Hebbian learning. Interestingly, the neurons will iterate until HNN converges to minimum energy (possible desired solution). Abdullah (1992) and Sathasivam (2006) introduced the merger between two different disciplines by implementing HornSAT in HNN. In these studies, HornSAT was converted to Boolean Algebra and the synaptic weight of the network was obtained by comparing cost function and Lypunov energy function. The most interesting insight from these mergers was, there was a fixed energy value for every satisfied clause. This is due to the property of HornSAT that is always
satisfiable. More specifically, the sum of all Lyapunov energy value becomes the absolute minimum energy for logic programming in HNN. Based on this paradigm, several researchers extend the usage of logic programming in the neural network. Hamadneh et al. (2012) proposed logic programming in Radial Basis Function Neural Network (RBFNN). The proposed network utilized HornSAT and satisfiable clauses in RBFNN. The usage of different SAT representation had been extended to \( k \)SAT (Mansor et al., 2016b). The primary motivation of this extension is the number of variables inside any clause is always \( k \leq 3 \) (Kullmann, 1999). After the introduction of \( k \)SAT, this representation has been a prominent logical rule in HNN. Several recent studies indicate that \( k \)SAT is compatible in doing pattern Satisfiability (Mansor et al., 2016a), and very large-scale integration circuit modelling (Mansor et al., 2018). The usage of \( k \)SAT in HNN also has been extended to another hybrid HNN model such as kernel HNN (Alzaeemi & Sathasivam, 2018). All the mentioned HNN-\( k \)SAT model only focus on satisfiable logic programming. Recently, the first attempt in representing non-satisfiable logic programming in HNN has been studied by Kasihmuddin et al. (2018b). The proposed model utilized Maximum \( k \) SAT in doing HNN. The proposed merger created a new horizon in finding the global minimum solution although the final logical outcome was negative.

In another development, a variant of logic programming in HNN has been explored by several paradigms such as pattern reconstruction and circuit verifications. This suggests an obvious question: could learning phase of HNN be a learning environment with predetermined constraints, so that, under suitable condition, the learning model of HNN must fulfill the certain learning constraints? This question has been positively discussed when Sathasivam and Ng (2013) proposed agent-based modelling (ABM) to simulate the environment of logic programming in HNN. Each factor that affects the interaction among “agents” is examined by using ABM. Mansor et al. (2016b) proposed VLSI circuit configuration by using \( k \)SAT in HNN. The proposed method created SAT environment based on the circuit configuration which consisted of millions of transistors. Mansor et al. (2016a) proposed pattern SAT by embedding \( k \)SAT inside some square matrices. This finding led to a solid foundation for pattern recognition via \( k \)SAT. By introducing environmental constraints, the various model could be constructed or tested during the learning phase of HNN.

Artificial bee colony (ABC) has been increasingly viewed as an optimization technique for continuous problem (Karaboga, 2005). Karaboga and Basturk (2007) conducted a comprehensive study to compare the effectiveness of ABC with other existing metaheuristics algorithm such as Genetic Algorithm (GA), Particle Swarm optimization (PSO) and Differential Evolution (DE). The simulation results illustrated that ABC had the best performance compared to other metaheuristic algorithms. Several advancements were implemented to improve the accuracy of ABC (Karaboga, 2009; Banitalebi et al., 2015). In
another perspective, the usage of binary ABC has been prominent in solving the constraint optimization problem. Ozturk et al. (2015) proposed binary ABC for solving 0-1 knapsack problem by intelligently adopting genetic operators. Kashan et al. (2012) proposed a binary ABC by replacing vector subtraction operator from original ABC algorithm with differential expression (Pampará & Engelbrecht, 2011). The proposed expression employed a measure of dissimilarity between binary vectors. Another important study in binary ABC was done by Jia et al. (2014). This study capitalized bitwise operation to portray the movement of employed bee and onlooker bee. The proposed ABC algorithm has been extended to HNN-$k$SAT (Kasihmuddin et al., 2016) where the hybrid network was able to achieve more than 95% of global minima ratio with reasonable computation time. Unfortunately, global minimum ratio and computational time show very little, the effectiveness of ABC in HNN-$k$SAT. In this study, ABC was a learning model for clausal checking in HNN-MAX$k$SAT in a new simulated learning environment. The results showed that ABC displayed the best performance for all performance metric in the restricted learning environment.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

**Maximum $k$ Satisfiability**

Karp (1972) had elaborated the concept of MAX-$k$SAT as the generalized variant of Boolean satisfiability logical rule structure as compared to the satisfiable logic, namely $k$ Satisfiability ($k$SAT). According to Chu et al. (2019), MAX-$k$SAT is a complex and well-known variant of NP-hard problem, commonly being leveraged in various applications such as in digital circuit fault detection and encoding various engineering problems. Thus, MAX-$k$SAT has diversified the propositional Boolean Satisfiability logic variant in term of finding the optimal interpretation that contributes into negative outcome (Mansor et al., 2017). Therefore, the general definition of MAX-$k$SAT is given as follows:

**Definition 1.1 (Maximum $k$ Satisfiability)**

Given a Boolean conjunctive normal form (CNF), the Maximum $k$ Satisfiability problem can be demarcated as searching the interpretation that maximizes the number of satisfied unit of clauses for a particular Boolean MAX-$k$SAT formula.

Similarly, the MAX-$k$SAT is constructed as a logical rule in CNF with $n$ clauses and $k$ variable each. Zhang et al. (2003) had defined the structure of MAX-$k$SAT as a pair of $(\eta, \alpha)$ given $\alpha$ is the combination of the possible bipolar interpretation, $\{1, -1\}^n$. In addition, $\alpha$ is a mapping $\eta \rightarrow Z$ which refers to the score of the interpretations where $Z$ is scored depending on a particular satisfied clauses. Hence, MAX-$k$SAT representation comprises identifying the best bipolar string assignments in $P_{MAX-kSAT}$ that at the same time satisfied at least $h$ clauses out of $m$ clauses. In the case of MAX-$k$SAT, the condition
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will be strictly \( h < m \). The modified MAX-\( k \)SAT formula for \( k = 2 \) has been coined by Kasihmuddin et al. (2018a):

\[
P_{\text{MAX-}k\text{-SAT}} = (A \lor B) \land (A \lor \neg B) \land (\neg A \lor B) \land (\neg A \lor \neg B) \land (C \lor D)
\] (1)

where \( k = 2 \) denotes the number of literals strictly in a particular clause.

According to Zhang et al. (2003), there are \( 2^n \) possible bipolar interpretations for a particular MAX-\( k \)SAT problem, whereby \( n \) denotes the number of literals. Specifically, Equation (1) has no complete interpretation that make \( P_{\text{MAX-}k\text{-SAT}} \) to become true or fully satisfiable. The computation of the fitness for \( P_{\text{MAX-}k\text{-SAT}} \) can be done by using Equation (2).

\[
f_{P_{\text{MAX-}k\text{-SAT}}} = \sum_{i=1}^{NC} C_i
\] (2)

where \( NC \) denotes the number of the clause and \( C_i \) is the number of satisfied MAX-\( k \)SAT clause. A point to ponder for \( P_{\text{MAX-}k\text{-SAT}} \) is the fitness value that will never attain the maximum number of the clause due to existence of the falsified clauses. Henceforth, MAX-\( k \)SAT will consider the minimum number of falsified clauses in a complete interpretation. In this paper, the MAX-\( k \)SAT logic programming is carried out in restricted learning in HNN. Since, the MAX-\( k \)SAT works exceptionally well with the conventional learning in HNN (Kasihmuddin et al., 2018b), the impact of restricted learning will be investigated extensively in this work. In fact, the MAX-\( k \)SAT logic programming is chosen due to the negative outcome produced as compared with the \( k \)SAT programming. Therefore, the real-life problem involving the negative outcomes can be encoded in the form of MAX-\( k \)SAT to be further extracted by the data mining algorithm.

**Hopfield Neural Network**

HNN is broadly employed to store and process the patterns due to the capability of its content addressable memory (CAM). In particular, HNN is a class of dynamic recurrent network with symmetrical connected weight corresponds to the interconnected units emulated the biological human brain. The HNN is considered due to a few edges over the other variant of recurrent or feedforward neural network. It comprises good characteristics namely parallel computation, fast convergence and acceptable capacity of the CAM (Hopfield, 1982). Based on the architecture of HNN standpoint, HNN comprises interconnected units called neurons. Hence, the neuron state in HNN is denoted as \( S_i(t) \) where \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, N \). Consequently, the bipolar neuron combinations in HNN is well represented as \( S_i \in \{-1, 1\} \). In this work, the state will updated asynchronously per execution.
The excitation of the neuron in HNN can be represented mathematically as in $S_i$:

$$S_i = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } \sum_j W_{ij}S_j \geq \xi \\
-1 & \text{Otherwise}
\end{cases}$$  \tag{3}

where $W_{ij}$ is the weight for unit $j$ to $i$ and $\xi$ refers to the threshold of the HNN. The implementation of MAX-$k$SAT in HNN is denoted as HNN-MAX$k$SAT. In this case, HNN-MAX$k$SAT will consider the $k$ neurons per clause. The local field is prominent to properly squash the retrieved output before generating the final state. Moreover, the local field formulation for $k = 3$ is shown in Equation (4), whereas for $k = 2$ is given in Equation (5) (Sathasivam et al., 2011).

$$h_i = \sum_{k=1}^N W^{(3)}_{ijk}S_jS_k + \sum_{j=1}^N W^{(2)}_{ij}S_j + W^{(1)}_i, \quad k = 3$$  \tag{4}

$$h_i = \sum_{j=1}^N W^{(2)}_{ij}S_j + W^{(1)}_i, \quad k = 2$$  \tag{5}

where $i$ and $j$ are corresponded to neurons $N$. These local fields determine the effectiveness and variability of the final states obtained by HNN. Thus, the generated final interpretation classifies whether the solution is overfit or not. Precisely, the updating rule is given as

$$S_i(t + 1) = \text{sgn}[h_i(t)]$$  \tag{6}

The relation is limited to be symmetric and zero diagonal $W^{(2)}_{ij} = W^{(2)}_{ji}, W^{(2)}_{ij} = W^{(2)}_{jk} = W^{(3)}_{ii} = W^{(3)}_{jj} = W^{(3)}_{kk} = 0$ which further derive and formulate the final energy of respective variant of HNN-MAX$k$SAT as given:

$$H_{P_{MAX2SAT}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N W^{(2)}_{ij}S_iS_j - \sum_{i=1}^N W^{(1)}_iS_j, \quad k = 2$$  \tag{7}

$$H_{P_{MAX3SAT}} = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N W^{(3)}_{ijk}S_iS_jS_k$$
$$-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N W^{(2)}_{ij}S_iS_j - \sum_{i=1}^N W^{(1)}_{(i=1)}S_j, \quad k = 3$$  \tag{8}
Therefore, for the cumulative cases, all permutations that involve \(i\), \(j\), and \(k\) for \(\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}\) clauses are considered. Ultimately, the final energy recorded by HNN-MAX\_k\text{SAT} is always stable (Zhang et al., 2016) and reduces with the dynamics (Sathasivam, 2008).

**Restricted Learning in HNN-MAX\_k\text{SAT}**

The ability of HNN-MAX\_k\text{SAT} to adapt to change in its environment provide vital insight into the effectiveness of the learning model. In this section, restricted learning paradigm was implemented to HNN-MAX\_k\text{SAT} for the first time. During learning phase, the initial neuron state of \(S_i\) that represents the variable in \(\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}\) is given by

\[
S_i = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, \ldots, S_N\} \quad (9)
\]

By examining the inconsistencies of the \(\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}\) logical rule, the learned neuron assignment must minimize the cost function \(E_{p_{\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}}}\).

\[
\min[E_{p_{\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}}}] \quad (10)
\]

where \(E_{p_{\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}}} \neq 0\) for all \(\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}\) clauses. The neuron state will be updated based on the following condition

\[
S_i = \begin{cases} 
S_i : S_i \in \{-1,1\}, i \in I, & NH \leq \Omega \\
S_i^{\text{new}}, & NH > \Omega
\end{cases} \quad (11)
\]

where \(I\) is an index set and \(NH, \Omega \in I\). \(NH\) and \(\Omega\) are defined as learning iteration and maximum iteration repectively (Xu et al., 2019). In other words, the proposed HNN-MAX\_k\text{SAT} models will search the correct interpretation until \(NH > \Omega\). The new state of \(S_i^{\text{new}}\) emerges and proceeds to retrieval phase of HNN. This simulated learning environment is completely different than HNN proposed in Sathasivam (2010) and Mansor et al. (2017). The learning iteration of HNN in the mentioned work is increased indefinitely \(\Omega \to \infty\) until \(E_{p_{\text{MAX}\_k\text{SAT}}}\) reached the desired minimum value. The restricted learning paradigm of HNN-MAX\_k\text{SAT} is defined as RHNN-MAX\_k\text{SAT} models. Figure 1 shows the implementation of \(k\text{SAT}\) programming in HNN in restricted learning environment.
Genetic Algorithm

Genetic algorithm (GA) is a popular state-of-the-art metaheuristic algorithm that reduces the burden of computation in optimization problems without the usage of complex mathematical equations. It started with Goldberg and Holland (1988) who meticulously proved the idea of solution improvement in every iteration. Kasihmuddin et al. (2016) proposed an HNN embedded with $k$SAT system integrated with GA during the learning phase. The implementation of GA during learning phase of HNN-MAX$k$SAT is defined as RHNN-MAX$k$SATGA. Bipolar strings in this particular case represent the possible satisfied assignments of RHNN-MAX$k$SATGA. The stages involved in RHNN-MAX$k$SATGA are as follows:

**Stage 1: Initialization.** 100 bipolar strings will be generated where each element of \{1, -1\} is denoted by True and False.

**Stage 2: Fitness Evaluation.** Bipolar string from stage 1 will be evaluated based on the following equation:

$$f_{\text{MAX-}k\text{SAT}} = \max[C_1(x) + C_2(x) + C_3(x) + \ldots + C_N(x)] \quad (12)$$

where $C_1, C_2, C_3, \ldots, C_N$ are the clauses verified using by GA and $N$ represents the number of clauses.
clause number depicted in the formula. The choice of fitness function in Equation (12) is crucial to avoid the possible local maxima due the floating number produced during iteration.

Stage 3: Selection. Ten (10) bipolar strings that acquire the highest number of satisfied clauses will be selected. The selection process will dismiss potential non-fit MAX-kSAT solution.

Stage 4: Bipolar Crossover. The exchange of information between two sub-structure of bipolar string occurred randomly. The position of the crossover will be selected randomly. The main purpose of crossover is to diversify the potential fitness of the offspring.

Prior to crossover
Bipolar string \( X = -1 \ 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \)
Bipolar string \( Y = 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1 \)

Post crossover
Bipolar string \( X = 1 \ 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \)
Bipolar string \( Y = 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1 \)

Stage 5: Mutation. Mutation includes state exchange from 1 to -1 or -1 to 1. As a general point, mutation will potentially increase the average fitness of the whole solution and reduce the fitness of the low fit bipolar string. Stage 1 to 5 is repeated for until it reaches predetermined number of generations.

Artificial Bee Colony
ABC is a well-known swarm optimization method in finding near optimal solution. Since inconsistencies of bipolar string can be easily described as a cost function of MAX-kSAT logic, the perspective of ABC shifted toward bipolar optimization (Ning et al., 2018). In this case, the integration of ABC during the learning phase of HNN is abbreviated as RHNN-MAXkSATABC. The bipolar string is represented as a food source and bees were entrusted to locate the optimal food source (Karaboga & Basturk, 2008). The three optimization layers in ABC namely employed bees, onlooker bees and scout bee will explore the global solution of the search space (Zhang & Zhang, 2017). During the learning phase, the fittest bee is the one with the highest fitness value. The main stages of ABC in RHNN-MAXkSATABC is as follows:

Stage 1: Initialization. 50 employed bees, 50 onlooker bees and 1 scout bee are initialized. Each bee carries bipolar string of MAX-kSAT which is denoted by True and False.
Stage 2: Verification of Fitness. The fitness of each bee in Stage 1 (except for scout bee) will be evaluated based on the Equation (2).

Stage 3: Employed Bee Stage. In this stage, employed bee will identify new food position for $v_{ij}^{Employed}$ (bipolar string) in a given neighbourhood. The location of the food is given as follows

$$v_{ij}^{Employed} = y_{ij} \lor (\phi_{ij} \otimes (y_{ij} \land y_{kj}))$$

(13)

where

$y_{ij}$ food source at initial stage

$k_{ij}$ food source that is observed

$\phi_{ij}$ variables where,

$$\phi_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{rand}(0,1) < 0.5 \\ -1, & \text{rand}(0,1) \geq 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$\otimes$ is a ‘XOR’ operator

$\land$ is an ‘AND’ operator

$\lor$ is an ‘OR’ operator

Stage 4: Onlooker Bee Stage. Onlooker bees were selected food source based on the fitness of the employed bees in stage 3. The new position of the food source is based on roulette wheel selection (RWS) (Goldberg & Deb, 1991). The probability model for information exchange is given as

$$p_i^{Onlooker} = \frac{f_{v_{ij}^{Employed}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{SN} f_{v_{ij}^{Employed}}}$$

(14)

where $\sum_{i=1}^{SN} f_{v_{ij}^{Employed}}$ portrays targeted RHNN-MAXkSAT fitness and $SN$ shows the bee’s group count. Similar to Equation (13), onlooker bees are seeked for the closest food origin by using the following equation

$$v_{ij}^{Onlooker} = y_{ij} \lor (\phi_{ij} \otimes (y_{ij} \land y_{kj}))$$

(15)
where all the variable in Equation (15) are similar with the information given in Equation (13). Stage 1 until Stage 4 is repeated until the pre-determined trials.

**Stage 5: Scout Bee Stage.** If the position of the food for employed bees cannot be improved through the number of trials, scout bee abandons the current food source. Bipolar state in scout bee will be randomly generated. If the food source obtained $f_{v_{\text{Onlooker}}} = f_{NC}$ or $f_{v_{\text{Employed}}} = f_{NC}$, the best bipolar assignment is outputted.

**Implementation RHNN-MAX$k$SAT Model**

The robustness of the learning method is a very critical criterion of any given network. Worth mentioning that, the earliest celebrated optimization learning model in HNN was proposed by Sathasivam (2006) and Sathasivam (2010). The mentioned paper proposed Exhaustive Search (ES) in finding the correct HornSAT interpretation during the learning phase of HNN. In this case, ES is a conventional method during the learning phase of RHNN-MAX$k$SAT. The learning phase of all RHNN-MAX$k$SAT models is used to derive the optimal cost function by maximizing the number of satisfied clauses in MAX$k$SAT. Hence, the main task of the proposed network is to create a “model” that behave according to MAX$k$SAT logical rule. The following algorithm shows the implementation of RHNN-MAX$k$SAT models:

1. Transform MAX-$k$SAT clauses to Boolean algebra (if applicable).
2. Neurons is assigned to respective variable in MAX-$k$SAT clauses.
3. By defining the inconsistencies of MAX-$k$SAT, derive the cost function by assigning $X = \frac{1}{2} (1 + S_X)$ and $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - S_X)$. The neuron’s state shows true if $S_X = 1$ and false if $S_X = -1$. In this case, variable inside each clause is connected with addition $\vee$ and the overall clause is connected by multiplication ($\wedge$).
4. Bipolar assignment that minimizes the cost function will be obtained via ES, GA and ABC. The proposed learning model will exit the learning loop if $NH \geq \Omega$.
5. Obtain the synaptic weight matrix of the HNN model corresponds $-MAXkSAT$ logical rule.
6. Compute the lowest minimum energy of $-MAXkSAT$ by using Equation (7) and Equation (8).
7. Compute the final neuron state via Equation (4) and (5).
8. By using Equation (6) and Equation (7), calculate the final energy of the neuron state in step 7.

In order to obtain a fair comparison among all RHNN-MAX$k$SAT models, all source code is implemented via Microsoft Visual Basic C++ 2013 for Windows 10. Similar device
is used in every simulation to avoid the possible bad sector. Table 1 to Table 3 show all the parameters involved in each RHNN-MAX\(k\)SAT models.

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**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**  
Compared to previous HNN model such as Kasihmuddin et al. (2017), this experiment has been proposed in a restricted learning environment. In relation with several studies done by Cai et al (2016), all the proposed RHNN-MAX\(k\)SAT model were tested up to 400 variables. The learning iteration for all proposed models had been restricted to iterate up to \(\Omega = 10^3\) and \(\Omega = 10^5\).
Figure 2. Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of RHNN-MAX2SAT models

Figure 3. Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of RHNN-MAX3SAT models

Figure 4. Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of RHNN-MAX2SAT models
Figure 5. Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of RHNN-MAX3SAT models

Figure 6. Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) of RHNN-MAX3SAT models

Figure 7. Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) of RHNN-MAX2SAT models
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Figure 8. Symmetric Mean Absolute Percentage Error (SMAPE) of RHNN-MAX2SAT models

Figure 9. Symmetric Mean Absolute Percentage Error (SMAPE) of RHNN-MAX2SAT models

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Zm of RHNN-MAX3SAT models

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Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5 and Table 4 demonstrate the value of RMSE, MAE, MAPE, SMAPE and Zm respectively for all RHNN-MAXkSAT models. Learning errors (RMSE, MAE, SMAPE and Zm) are the benchmark for accuracy and Zm is a benchmark for the feasibility of the RHNN-MAXkSAT model. The result is very significant because the successful implementation of RHNN-MAXkSAT model shows the HNN system is adaptable to –MAXkSAT logical rule. Worth mentioning that, the final outcome of the network is negative and the induced final state were expected to achieve the maximum number of satisfied clauses. The result in Figure 2 to Figure 9 and Table 4 and Table 5 allow the following observations:

1. RHNN-MAXkSATABC provides the best result in terms of RMSE, MAE, MAPE, and SMAPE. RHNN-MAXkSATES is only capable of managing a smaller number of clauses.
2. RHNN-MAXkSATGA requires more iteration to develop the fitness of bipolar string before effective crossover could take place. This is due to a large number of the non-fit bipolar string during an early stage of RHNN-MAXkSATGA.
3. RHNN-MAXkSATABC is reported to obtain the most consistent bipolar string during the learning phase. Interaction and exchange of information between employed bee and onlooker bee by using Equation (13) to Equation (15) reduce the possibility of the network to reach the scout bee phase.
4. After $NN = 20$, the final neuron state in RHNN-MAXkSATES is approaching maximum metric error. In this case, the learning phase was trapped in trial and error state.

RHNN-MAXkSATABC has the best value of Zm (approaching 1) compared to the other learning model. It was observed (refer Table 4 and 5) that more than 95% of the final state of the neuron in RHNN-MAXkSATABC and RHNN-MAXkSATGA achieved the global
minimum solution. It is likely due to the learning rate acquired by both models increase the storage capacity of RHNN-MAX\(k\)SAT. The observation can be further explained in Sathasivam (2010) where higher relaxation time during the learning phase will increase the value of \(Z_m\). In another perspective, the value for the ratio of satisfied clauses (RSC) for RHNN-MAX\(k\)SATGA and RHNN-MAX\(k\)SATABC are consistently 0.857143 for \(k = 2\) and 0.9091 for \(k = 3\) restricted learning environment. All RSC values have good agreement with the analytical study done by Paul et al. (2016).

**CONCLUSION**

In this paper, three hybrid learning models in doing–MAX\(k\)SAT were proposed. All the proposed hybrid networks were tested in a restricted environment where \(NH \leq \Omega\). On the basis of results obtained by simulation, RHNN-MAX\(k\)SATABC is the best network compared to other RHNN-MAX\(k\)SAT models. On the other hand, the integrated approaches proposed here provide a few options that can help the neural network deal with a false or negative outcome. It suggests that there are countless real-life applications that give significance to the negative result. The proposed method is a solid foundation to other SAT representation such as Majority Satisfiability, Minimum Satisfiability, and Weighted Satisfiability.

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