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An Exhaustive Review of Bio-Inspired Algorithms and its Applications for Optimization in Fuzzy Clustering

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Abstract: In recent years, new metaheuristic algorithms have been developed taking as reference the inspiration on biological and natural phenomena. This nature-inspired approach for algorithm development has been widely used by many researchers in solving optimization problem. These algorithms have been compared with the traditional ones algorithms and have demonstrated to be superior in complex problems. This paper attempts to describe the algorithms based on nature, that are used in fuzzy clustering. We briefly describe the optimization methods, the most cited nature-inspired algorithms published in recent years, authors, networks and relationship of the works, etc. We believe the paper can serve as a basis for analysis of the new are of nature and bio-inspired optimization of fuzzy clustering.

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1. Introduction

Optimization is a discipline for finding the best solutions to specific problems. Every day we developed many actions, which we have tried to improve to obtain the best solution; for example, the route at work can be optimized depending on several factors, as traffic, distance, etc. On other hand, the design of the new cars implies an optimization process with many objectives as wind resistance, reduce the use of fuel, maximize the potency of motor, etc. These best solutions are found by adapting the parameters of the algorithm to give either a maximum or a minimum value for the

solution. Therefore, in the last years many optimization methods have been developed with the aim of improving existing solutions.

Nowadays, many optimization algorithms based on nature can be found in the literature, it is calculated there are more than 150 different algorithms, and improved algorithms for finding the best results on the optimization problems [1–11]. However, it is not our aim to analyze all methods. Instead, our approach will be on the bio-inspired algorithms that are dealing with fuzzy clustering. Therefore, we have selected only a few algorithms in this review. Although, we have worked with different algorithms in different ways, for example, with parameter adaptation using fuzzy logic, original methods, the selected methods were chosen because they have demonstrated are good alternative for solving many optimization problems, and we have experience working with them. However, we focused with the applications about optimization fuzzy clustering.

Nature inspired algorithms can be classified as those based on biology and those inspired on natural phenomena. The algorithms based on biology can be further divided into those based on evolution and those based on swarm behavior. The evolutionary algorithms include the Genetic Algorithms, Differential Evolution, Cultural Evolution, Evolutionary Strategies, Genetic Programming. The swarm category includes Particle Swarm Optimization, Ant Colony Optimization [12], Artificial Bees [13], Termites [14], Bats [15], Birds [16], Cats [17], Bacterial Foraging [18], Cuckoo Search [19], Firefly algo-

rithm [20] and others. Also, there are algorithms based on the physical laws; for example,

40 Simulated Annealing, the Gravitational Search algorithm and the Big Bang Big Crunch
41 algorithm.

42 **2. Literature Review**

43 In this section, we made a general review about the methods using optimization
44 fuzzy clustering with different bio-inspired optimization methods. However, in the
45 following sections a deep study is developed doing specific queries of Web of Science,
46 and the tool VoSviewer to calculate the clusters of the analyzed works. In Table 1, is
47 presented a list with the most popular bio-inspired optimization algorithms based on
48 swarms, physics, populations, chemistry and evolution. This table shows many methods
49 in chronological orders that have been used since 1975 to date. However, only are
50 some methods but can be useful to expand the knowledge about these methods and to
51 observe the inspiration type. We made the query in Web of Science: 'Optimization fuzzy
52 clustering', we found a total of 2208 papers with this topic. However, in this paper only
53 is presented a description of the most recent works, but with the query above mentioned
54 can be seen the updated works. Figure 1, shows the countries with major number of
55 publications.

56 Recently, multi-view clustering research has attracted considerable attention be-
57 cause of duo the rapidly increasing demand for unsupervised analysis of multi-view data
58 in practical applications. In [21], was presented a novel Two-level Weighted Collabora-
59 tive Multi-view Fuzzy Clustering (TW-Co-MFC) approach to address the aforementioned
60 issues. In this method, TW-Co-MFC, a two-level weighting strategy is devised to mea-
61 sure the importance of views and features, and a collaborative working mechanism is
62 introduced to balance the within-view clustering quality and the cross-view clustering
63 consistency.

64 Also, in [22], authors proposed the image segmentation using Bat Algorithm with
65 Fuzzy C Means clustering. The proposed segmentation technique was evaluated with
66 existing segmentation techniques. On the other hand, in [23], the authors presented
67 a hybridization of SKH and RKFCM clustering optimization algorithm for efficient
68 moving object exploration.

69 Another recent study on this area is shown in [24], where the authors presented
70 a hybrid interval type-2 semi-supervised possibilistic fuzzy c-means clustering and
71 particle swarm optimization for satellite image analysis.

72 Also, in [25] a fuzzy based unequal clustering and context aware routing proce-
73 dure with glow-worm swarm optimization was developed in random way point based
74 dynamic wireless sensor networks. Based on fuzzy systems the unequal clustering
75 is formed and the optimal cluster head is nominated to convey the information from
76 cluster member to base station to increase the system lifespan and to decrease the energy
77 consumption.

Table 1: Popular Bio-inspired Optimization Algorithms based on swarms, physics, populations, chemistry and evolution.

Year	Algorithms and references
2021	Horse herd optimization algorithm [26]
2020	Mayfly Optimization Algorithm [27]
2020	Chimp Optimization Algorithm [28]
2020	Coronavirus Optimization Algorithm [29]
2020	Water strider algorithm [30]
2020	Newton metaheuristic algorithm [31]
2020	Black Widow Optimization Algorithm [32]
2019	Harris hawks optimization [33]
2019	Sailfish Optimizer [34]
2019	Spider Monkey Optimization [35]
2017	Grasshopper Optimisation Algorithm [36]
2017	Fractal Based Algorithm [37]
2017	Bacterial Foraging Inspired Algorithm [18]
2017	Rain-fall Optimization Algorithm [38]
2016	Dragonfly algorithm [39]
2016	Sperm Whale Algorithm [40]
2015	Water Wave Optimization [41]
2015	Ant Lion Optimizer [42]
2014	Symbiotic Organisms Search [43]
2013	Egyptian Vulture Optimization Algorithm [44]
2013	Dolphin echolocation [45]
2012	Great Salmon Run [46]
2012	Big Bang-Big Crunch [47]
2012	Flower Pollination Algorithm [48]
2011	Spiral Optimization Algorithm [49]
2011	Galaxy-based Search Algorithm [50]
2010	Japanese Tree Frogs [51]
2010	Bat Algorithm [15]
2010	Termite Colony Optimization [14]
2010	Firefly Algorithm [20]
2009	Cuckoo Search [19]
2009	Glowworm Swarm Optimization [52]
2009	Bee Colony Optimization [53]
2009	Gravitational Search Algorithm [54]
2008	Fast Bacterial Swarming Algorithm [55]
2007	River Formation Dynamics [56]
2007	Imperialistic Competitive Algorithm [57]
2008	Roach Infestation Optimization [58]
2006	The bees Algorithm [13]
2006	Cat Swarm Optimization [17]
2004	BeeHive [59]
2003	Queen-Bee Evolution [60]
2001	Harmony Search Algorithm [61]
1995	Particle Swarm Optimization [16]
1992	Genetic Programming [62]
1992	Ant Colony Optimization [12,63]
1989	Tabu Search [64]
1975	Genetic Algorithms [65]

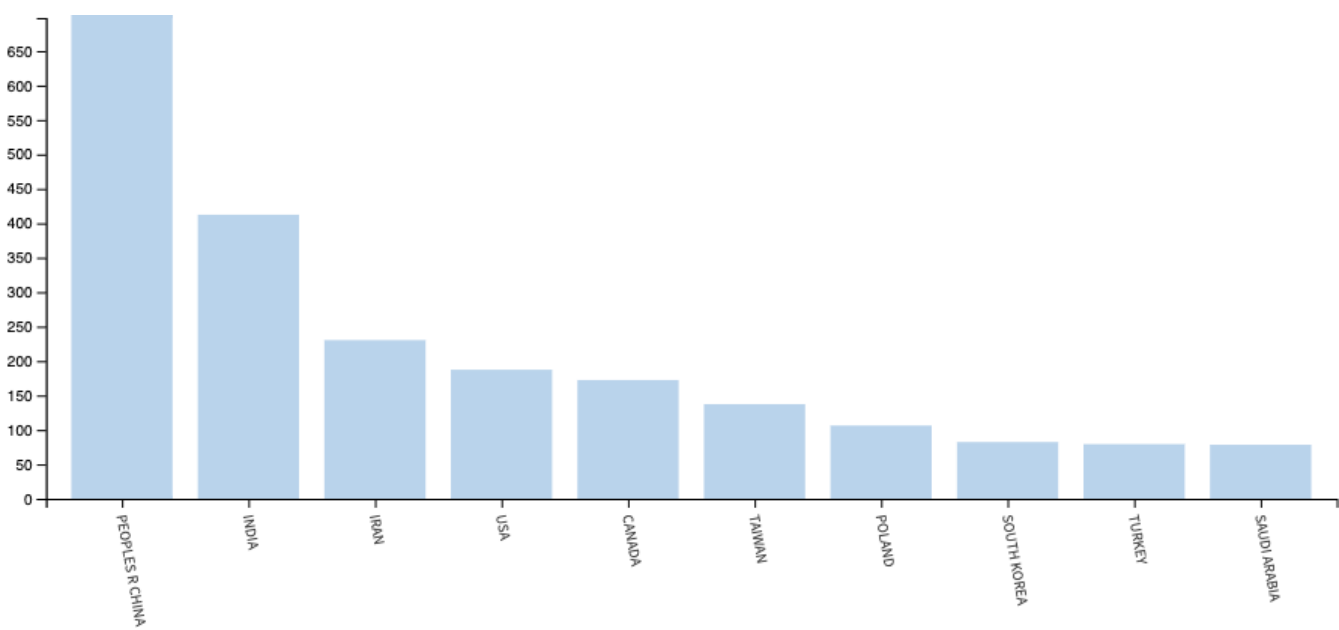


Figure 1. 2,208 papers of Web of Science for topic: (Optimization fuzzy clustering) by Countries.

78 **3. Bio-Inspired Optimization Methods**

79 This section presents the algorithms used as reference in this study. After making
80 a complete review of the methods above mentioned. We decide to include, in making
81 our study, some important and relevant methods along the history. Though, there are
82 many algorithms, it is impossible to include all methods. However, with these selected
83 methods it is possible to give us an idea of the relationship of authors, citations, cluster
84 of work networks with specific queries from high impact journals and other important
85 information. The main aim of this section is to briefly outline the basic concepts of several
86 bio-inspired optimization algorithms for a better comprehension of the importance of
87 this area. The selected algorithms are presented in the following sub-sections.

88 **3.1. Genetic Algorithms**

89 John Holland, from the University of Michigan initiated his key work on genetic
90 algorithms at the beginning of the 1960s. His first achievement was the publication of
91 Adaptation in Natural and Artificial Systems in 1975, developing a popular method in
92 the evolutionary computation field, known as genetic algorithm. In the simple genetic
93 algorithm, the representation used is a bit string. Each position in the string is assumed
94 to represent a particular feature of an individual, and the value stored in that position
95 represents how that feature is coded in the solution. Usually, the string is “evaluated as
96 a collection of structural features of a solution that have little or no interactions”. The
97 analogy may be drawn directly to genes in biological organisms. Each gene represents an
98 entity that is structurally independent of other genes. The main reproduction operator
99 used is bit-string crossover, in which two strings are used as parents and new individuals
100 are formed by swapping a sub-sequence between the two strings. Another popular
101 operator is bit-flipping mutation, in which a single bit in the string is flipped to form
102 a new offspring string. A variety of other operators have also been developed, but
103 are used less frequently. A primary distinction that may be made between the various
104 operators is whether or not they introduce any new information into the population.
105 Crossover, for example, does not while mutation does. All operators are also constrained
106 to manipulate the string in a manner consistent with the structural interpretation of
107 genes. For example, two genes at the same location on two strings may be swapped

between parents, but not combined based on their values. Traditionally, individuals are selected to be parents probabilistically based upon their fitness values, and the offspring that are created replace the parents. For example, if N parents are selected, then N offspring are generated which replace the parents in the next generation [65].

3.2. Particle Swarm Optimization

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is a population based stochastic optimization technique developed by Eberhart and Kennedy in 1995, inspired by social behavior of bird flocking or fish schooling.

PSO shares many similarities with evolutionary computation techniques such as the Genetic Algorithms (GA). The system is initialized with a random population solutions and searches for optima by updating generations. However, unlike the GA, the PSO has no evolution operators such as crossover and mutation. In PSO, the potential solutions, called particles, fly through the problem space by following the current best particles [1,11,66].

Another reason that PSO is attractive is that there are few parameters to adjust. One version, with slight variations, works well in a wide variety of applications. Particle swarm optimization has been used for approaches that can be used across a wide range of applications, as well as for specific applications focused on a specific requirement.

3.3. Cuckoo Search Algorithm

Cuckoo Optimization Algorithm is based on the life of a bird called 'cuckoo'. The basis of this novel optimization algorithm is specific breeding and egg laying of this bird. Adult cuckoos and eggs are used in this modeling. The cuckoos which are adult lay eggs in other birds' habitat. These eggs grow and become a mature cuckoo if they are not found and not removed by host birds. The immigration of groups of cuckoos and environmental specifications hopefully lead them to converge and reach the best place for reproduction and breeding. The objective function is in this best place [19]. CSA is a new continuous over all aware search based on the life of a cuckoo bird. Similar to other meta heuristic, CSA begins with a main population, a group of cuckoos. These cuckoos lay some eggs in the habitat of other host birds. A random group of potential solutions is generated that are considered to represent the habitat in CSA.

3.4. Bat Algorithm

Bat algorithm (BA) is a bio-inspired algorithm inspired on bat behavior and BA has been found to be very efficient. If we idealize some of the echolocation characteristics of, we can develop various bat-inspired algorithms or bat algorithms. For simplicity, we now use the next idealized rules:

1. All bats use echolocation to sense distance, and they also 'know' the difference between food/prey and background barriers in some unknown way.
2. Bats fly randomly with velocity v_i at position x_i with a fixed frequency, varying wavelength and loudness A_0 to search for prey. They can automatically adjust the wavelength (or frequency) of their emitted pulses and adjust the rate of pulse emission r [0, 1], depending on the proximity of their target.
3. Although loudness can vary in many ways, we assume that the loudness varies from a large (positive) A_0 to a minimum constant value A_{min} .

For simplicity, the frequency f is in $[0, \{max\}]$, the new solutions and velocity at a specific time step t are represented by a random vector drawn from a uniform distribution [15].

4. Experimental Results

In this section, is presented the obtained results with the different tools available in the literature for building the networks clusters, relationships, citations, with the analyzed methods. To validate the queried information of Web of Science, the VosViewer

158 tool [67] was used. However, this type of studies can be made by other similar tools to
159 make bibliometric analysis. For example, Bibliometrix [68] is a free tool that provides
160 various routines for importing bibliographic data from SCOPUS and Clarivate Analytics'
161 Web of Science databases; Bibliotool [69], is a set of python scripts written by Sebastian
162 Grauwin. They can read ISI data in CSV format and do some studies including co-
163 occurrence map and bibliographic coupling; finally, CiteSpace [70] is a free Java-based
164 software for visualizing and analyzing trends and patterns in the scientific literature. It
165 is designed as a tool for progressive knowledge domain visualization.

166 4.1. Study with Genetic Algorithms

167 In this section, is presented the obtained results of the queries in Web of Science with
168 the topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with genetic algorithms'. First, it was necessary
169 to access the web of science, and then make the desired queries. Once the information
170 was extracted, and using the Vos Viewer tool, it was possible to calculate the related
171 works, citations, authors, etc. Figure 2, represents a map based on network data collected
172 from the bibliographic database in Web of Science. The type of analysis represented in
173 this Figure is by co-occurrence, the unit of analysis was by keywords, the minimum
174 number of documents of an author was 5, minimum number of citations was 0, the
175 counting method was full counting, minimum number of occurrences of a keyword was
176 5; and finally, for each of the 92 keywords, the total strength of the co-occurrence links
177 with other keywords was calculated. On VosViewer, if the keyword 'genetic algorithm'
178 is selected, we can appreciate the number of clusters is 7 for this selection, with 88 links,
179 and 141 occurrences.

180 Figure 3, represents the selection of the keyword 'genetic algorithm' that corre-
181 sponding to the information obtained from Figure 2.

182 Figure 4, shows the total of papers collected from Web of Science and that were
183 used to make the calculus above described in Figure 2 and Figure 3. It can be seen how
184 the number of citations and papers with the analyzed topic has been increasing in recent
185 years.

186 Also, with this information was possible to observe, the record by authors, where
187 in Figure 5, it can be appreciated that two authors are the leaders in this area with the
188 topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with genetic algorithms'.

189 4.2. Study with Particle Swarm Optimization

190 In this section, is presented the obtained results of the queries in Web of Science with
191 the topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with genetic algorithms'. First, it was necessary
192 to access the web of science, and then make the desired queries. Once the information
193 was extracted, and using the Vos Viewer tool, it was possible to calculate the related
194 works, citations, authors, etc. Figure 6, represents a map based on network data collected
195 from the bibliographic database in Web of Science. The type of analysis represented in
196 this Figure is by co-occurrence, the unit of analysis was by keywords, the minimum
197 number of documents of an author was 5, minimum number of citations was 0, the
198 counting method was full counting, minimum number of occurrences of a keyword was
199 5; and finally, for each of the 116 keywords, the total strength of the co-occurrence links
200 with other keywords was calculated. On VosViewer, if the keyword 'particle swarm
201 optimization' is selected, we can appreciate the number of cluster is 8 for this selection,
202 with 108 links, and 234 occurrences.

203 Figure 7, represents the selection of the keyword 'genetic algorithm' that corre-
204 sponding to the information obtained from Figure 6.

205 Figure 8, shows the total of papers collected from Web of Science and that were
206 used to make the calculus above described in Figure 6 and Figure 7. It can be seen how
207 the number of citations and papers with the analyzed topic has been increasing in recent
208 years.

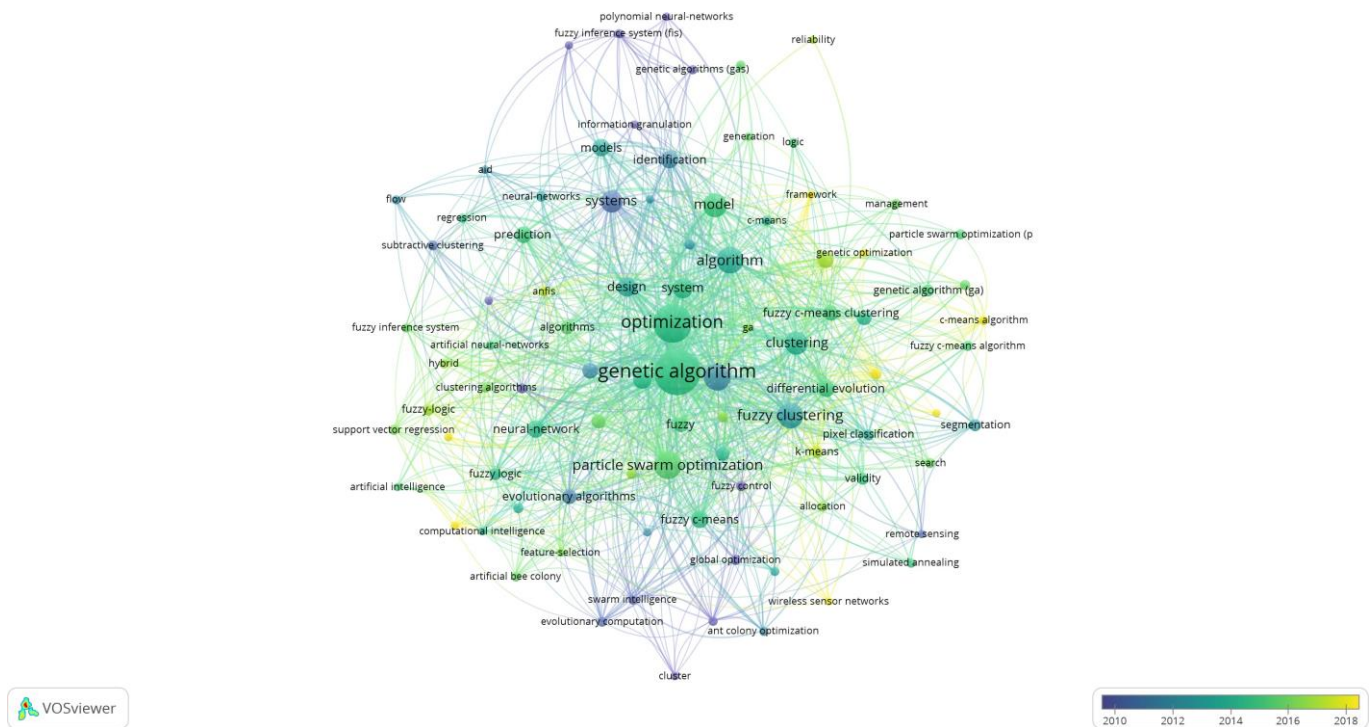


Figure 2. Total cluster obtained with the search 'optimization fuzzy clustering with genetic algorithms' from VOS viewer

Also, with this information was possible to observe, the records by authors, where in Figure 9, it can be appreciated that two authors are the leaders in this area with the topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with particle swarm optimization'.

212 4.3. Study with Cuckoo Search Algorithm

In this section, we present the obtained results of the queries in Web of Science with the topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with Cuckoo Search Algorithm'. The main difference with the other analyzed algorithms was that only 23 papers were found with the reviewed topic. Also, it was necessary to access the web of science, and then make the desired queries. Once the information was extracted, and using the Vos Viewer tool, it was possible to calculate the related works, citations, authors, etc. Figure 10, represents a map based on network data collected from the bibliographic database in Web of Science. The type of analysis represented in this Figure is by co-occurrence, the unit of analysis was by keywords, the minimum number of documents of an author was 5, minimum number of citations was 0, the counting method was full counting, minimum number of occurrences of a keyword was 5; and finally, for each of the 3 keywords, the total strength of the co-occurrence links with other keywords was calculated. On VosViewer, we can appreciate the number of clusters is 2 as can be seen in Figure 10 with only 1 link. With these results, it can be seen that this method has not been widely used or combined with fuzzy clustering.

Figure 11, shows the total of papers collected from Web of Science and that were used to make the calculus above described in Figure 10. It can be seen how the number of citations and papers are less than the other analyzed methods.

Also, with this information was possible to observe, the records by authors, where in Figure 9, it can be appreciated that two authors are the leaders in this area with the topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with cuckoo search algorithm'.

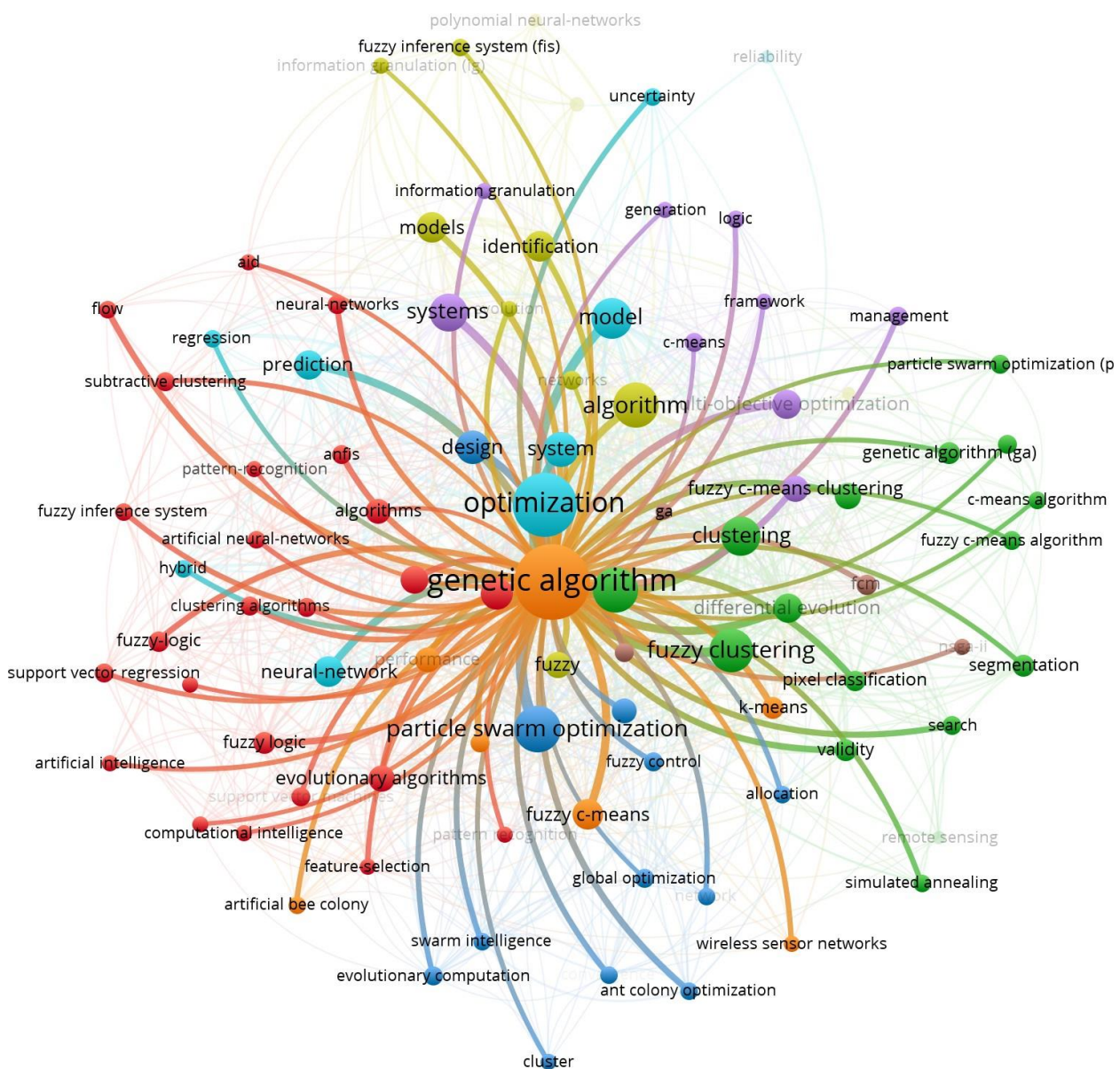


Figure 3. Represent the selection of the keyword 'genetic algorithm'.

234 4.4. Study with Bat Algorithm

In this section, is presented the obtained results of the queries in Web of Science with the topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with Bat Algorithm'. The main difference with the other analyzed algorithms was that only 23 papers were found with the reviewed topic. Also, it was necessary to access the web of science, and then make the desired queries. Once the information was extracted, and using the Vos Viewer tool, it was possible to calculate the related works, citations, authors, etc. Figure 13, represents a map based on network data collected from the bibliographic database in Web of Science. The type of analysis represented in this Figure is by co-occurrence, the unit of analysis was by keywords, the minimum number of documents of an author was 5, minimum number of citations was 0, the counting method was full counting, minimum number of occurrences of a keyword was 5; and finally, for each of the 3 keywords, the total strength of the co-occurrence links with other keywords was calculated. On VosViewer, we can appreciate the number of clusters is 1 as can be seen in Figure 13 with only 1 link.

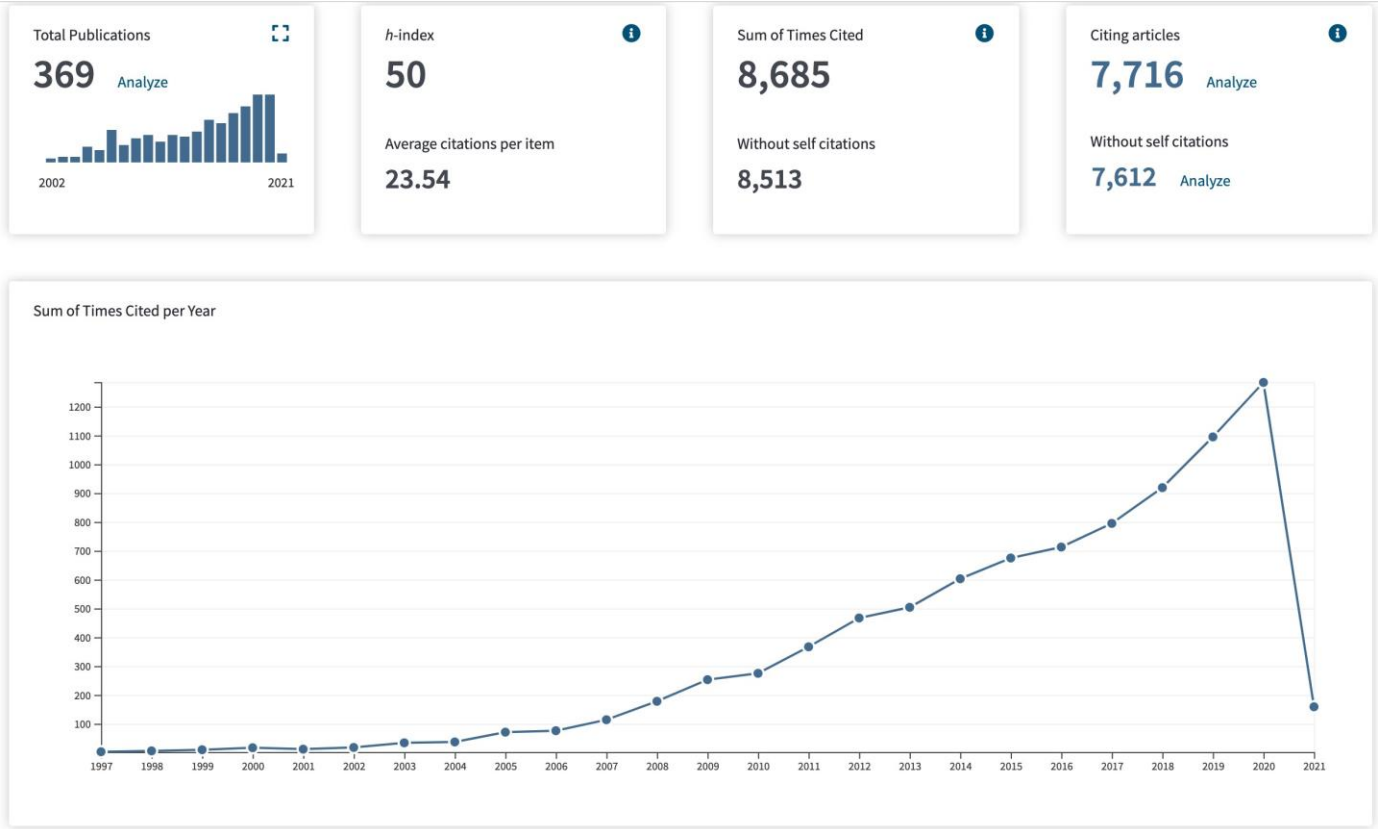


Figure 4. Citation report for 369 results from Web of Science Core Collection

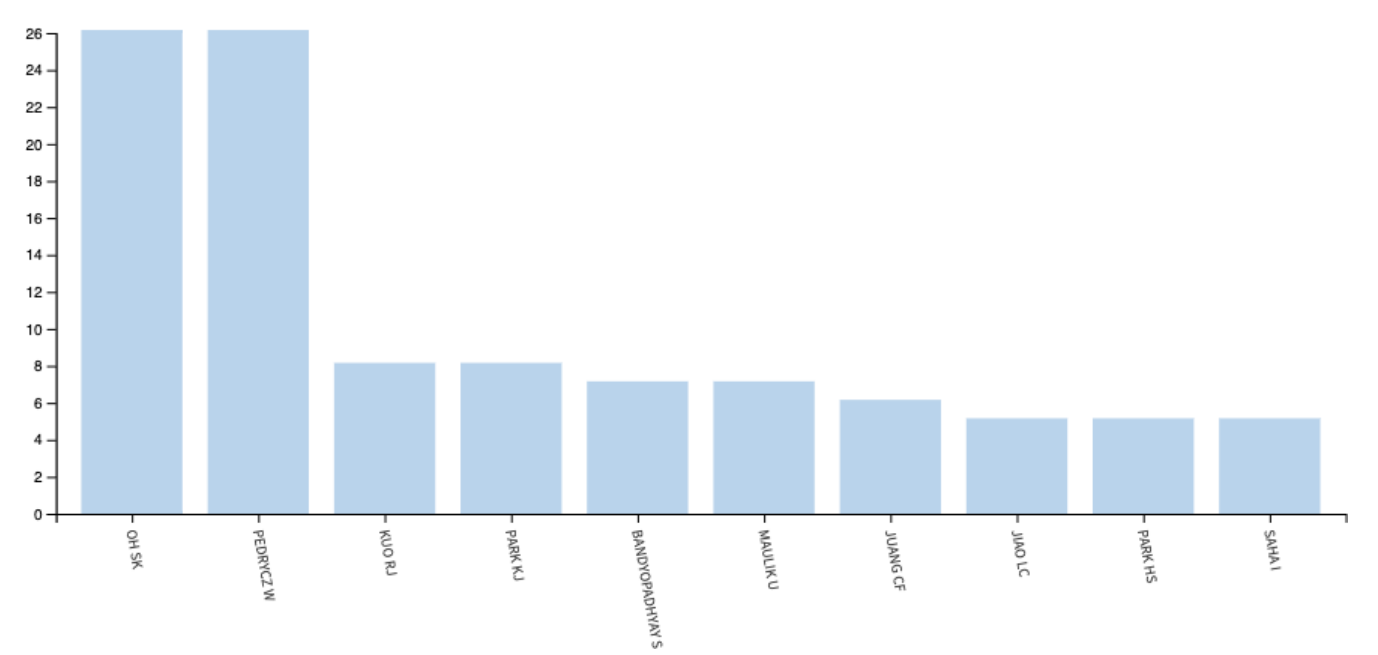


Figure 5. Record by authors for TOPIC: (optimization fuzzy clustering with genetic algorithms)



Figure 6. Total cluster obtained with the search 'optimization fuzzy clustering with particle swarm optimization' from VOS viewer

248 With these results, it can be seen that this method has not been widely used or combined
249 with fuzzy clustering.

Figure 14, shows the total of papers collected from Web of Science and that were used to make the calculus above described in Figure 13. It can be seen how the number of citations and papers are less than the other analyzed methods.

Also, with this information was possible to observe, the record by authors, where in Figure 15, it can be appreciated that two authors are the leaders in this area with the topic 'optimization fuzzy clustering with bat algorithm'.

256 *4.5. Analysis by authors*

In this section is presented an analysis by authors, considering the total cites from web of science, we can appreciate that the author with more works in this area with the analyzed algorithms in this paper is Witold Pedrycz from the University of Alberta, Canada. According with the information collected of Web of Science, Figure 16 shows the total of the publications of this author.

Figure 17, was calculated in Vos Viewer and represents the relationship authors with Witold Pedrycz in the area of fuzzy clustering. The graph, was made considering the global work with a total of 1001 works collected from Web of Science.

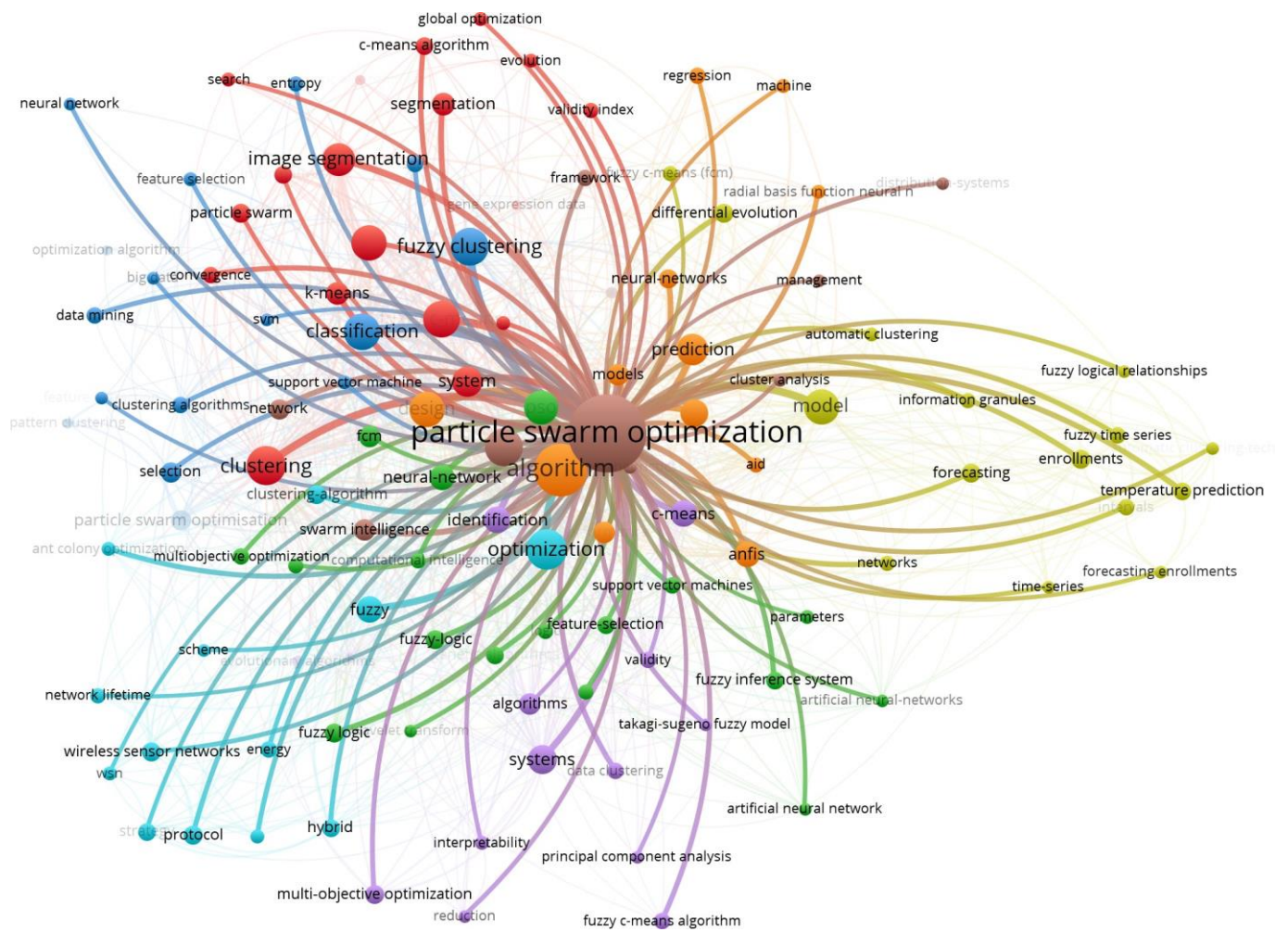


Figure 7. Representing the selection of the keyword 'particle swarm optimization'.

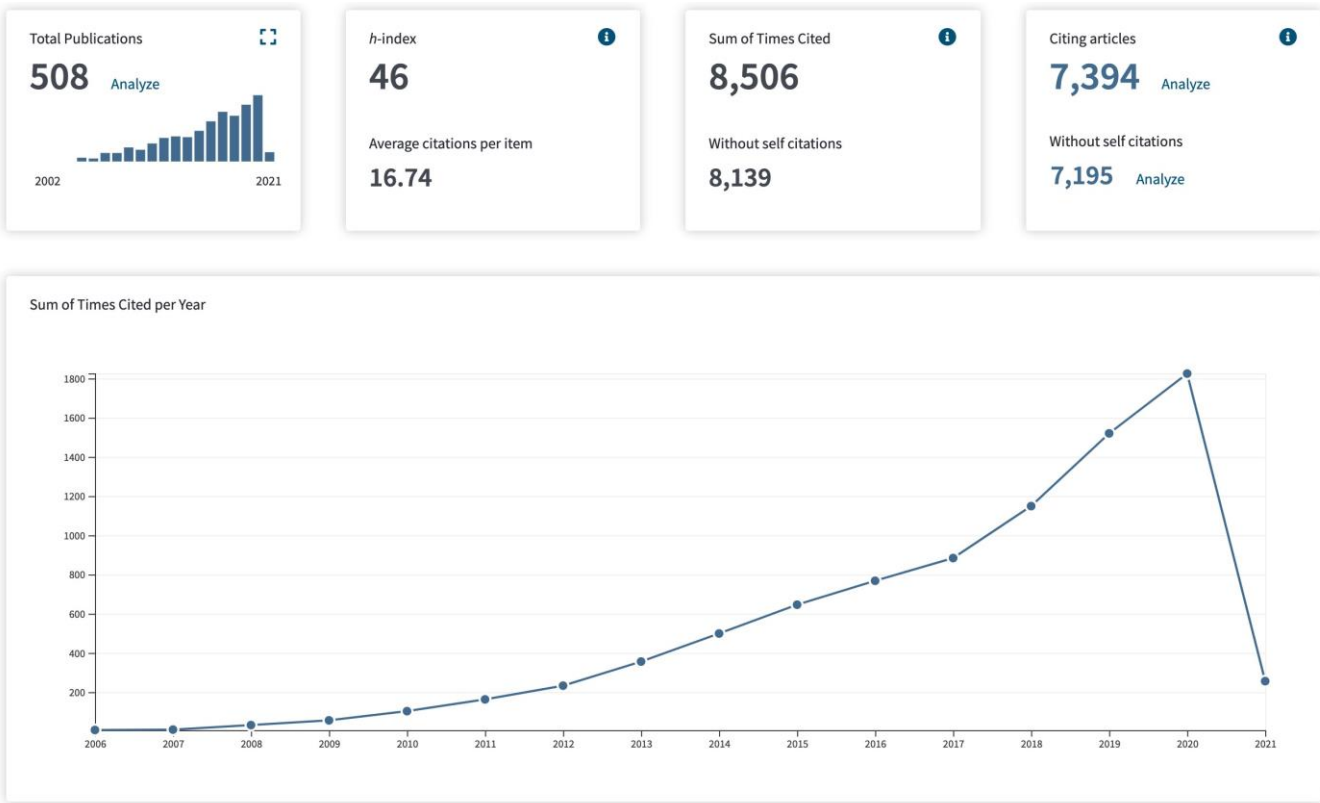


Figure 8. Citation report for 508 results from Web of Science Core Collection

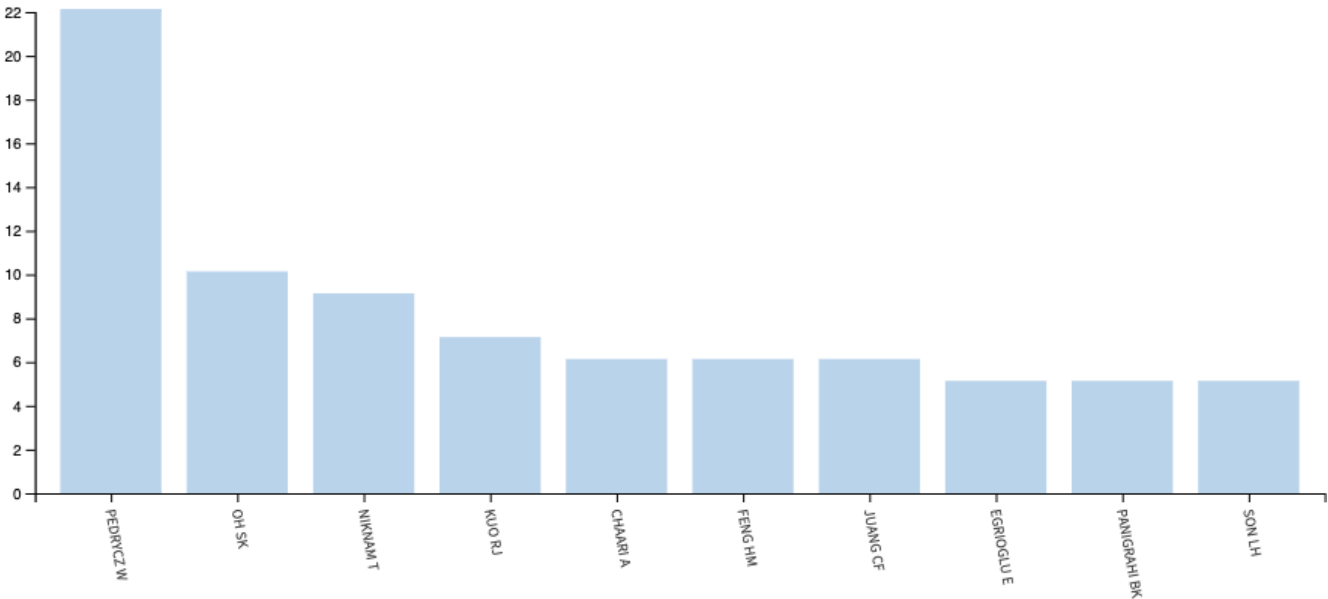


Figure 9. Record by authors for TOPIC: (optimization fuzzy clustering with particle swarm optimization)



Figure 10. Total cluster obtained with the search 'optimization fuzzy clustering with cuckoo search optimization' from VOS viewer

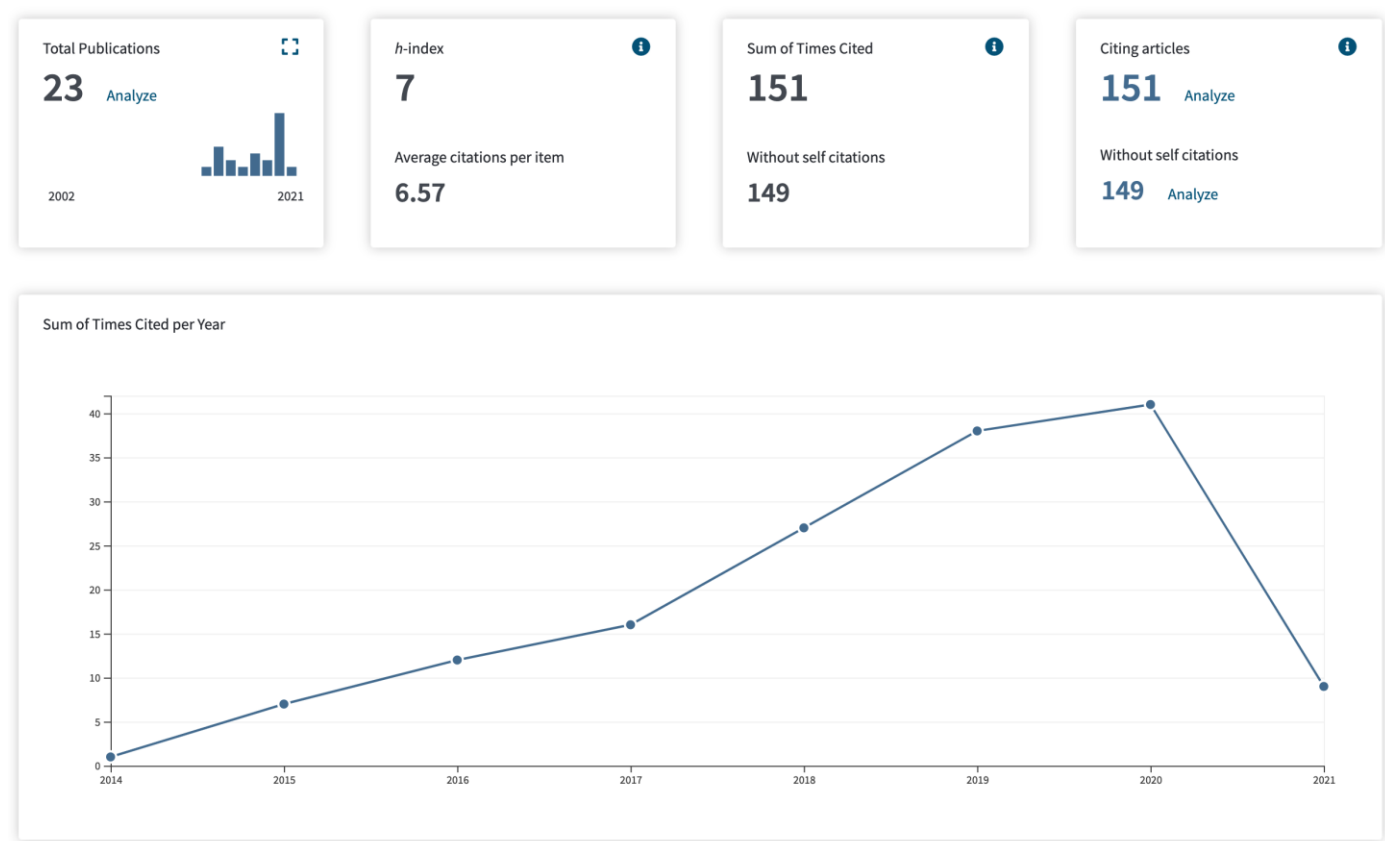


Figure 11. Citation report for 23 results from Web of Science Core Collection

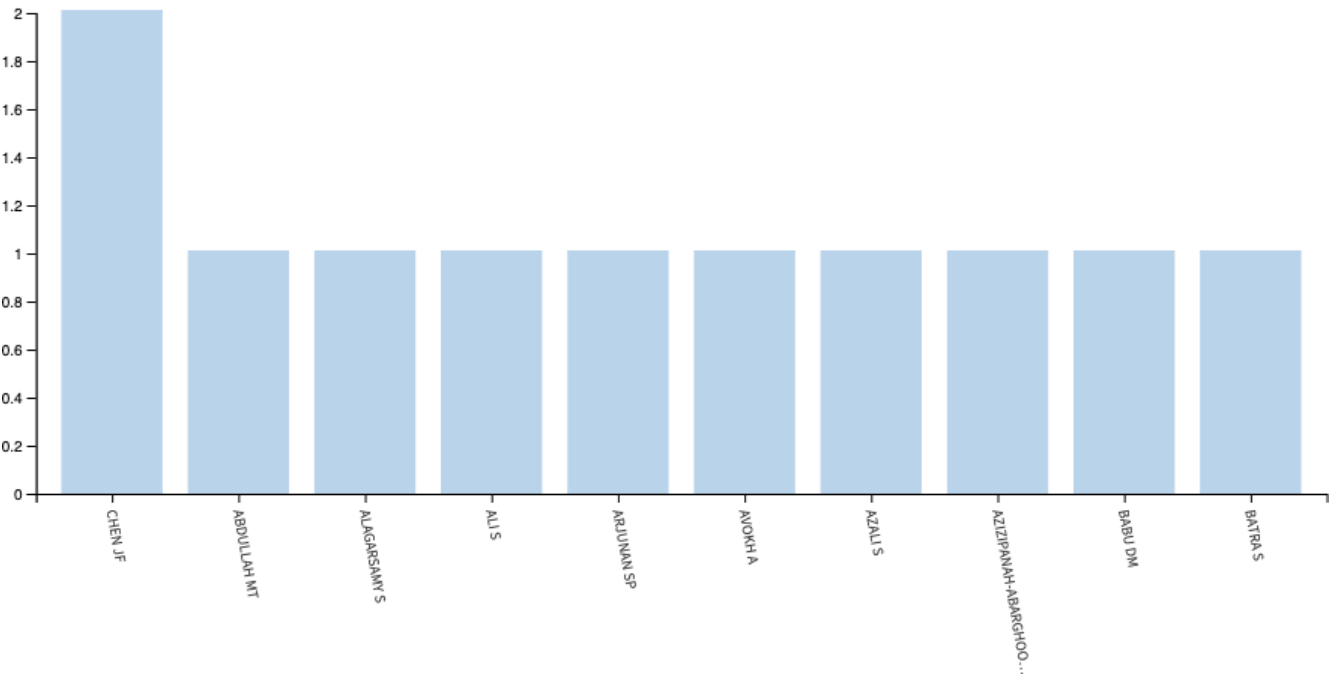


Figure 12. Record by authors for TOPIC: (optimization fuzzy clustering with cuckoo search algorithm)

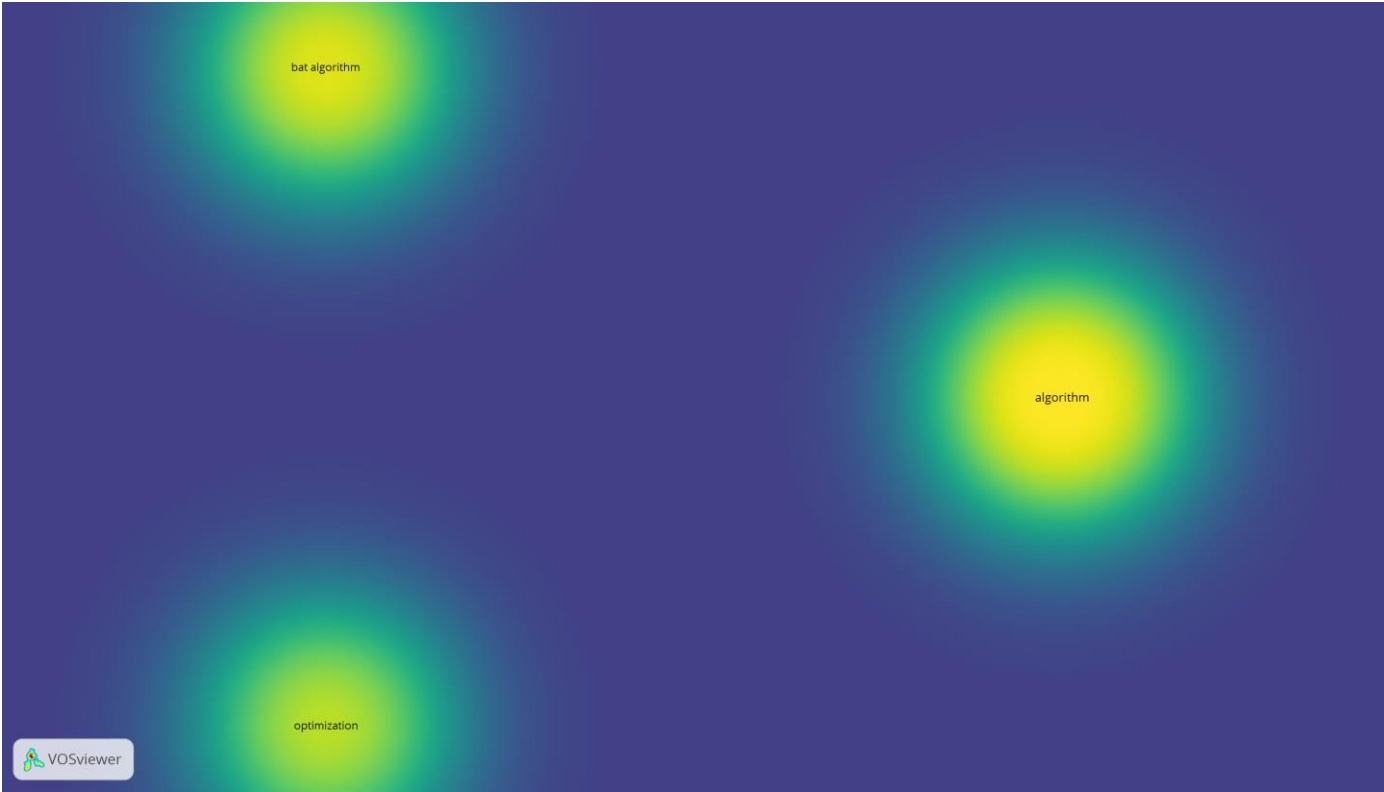


Figure 13. Total cluster obtained with the search 'optimization fuzzy clustering with cuckoo search optimization' from VOS viewer

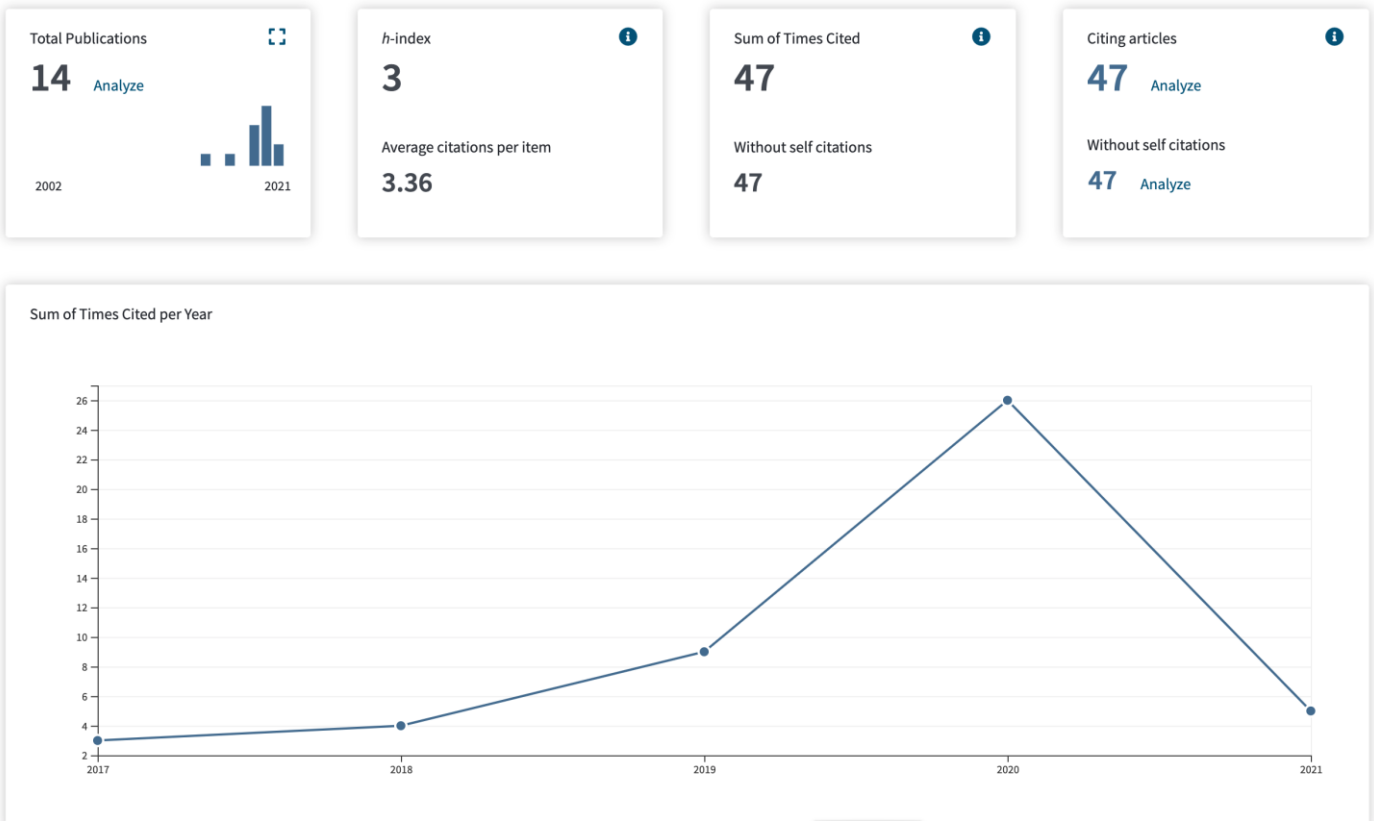


Figure 14. Citation report for 23 results from Web of Science Core Collection

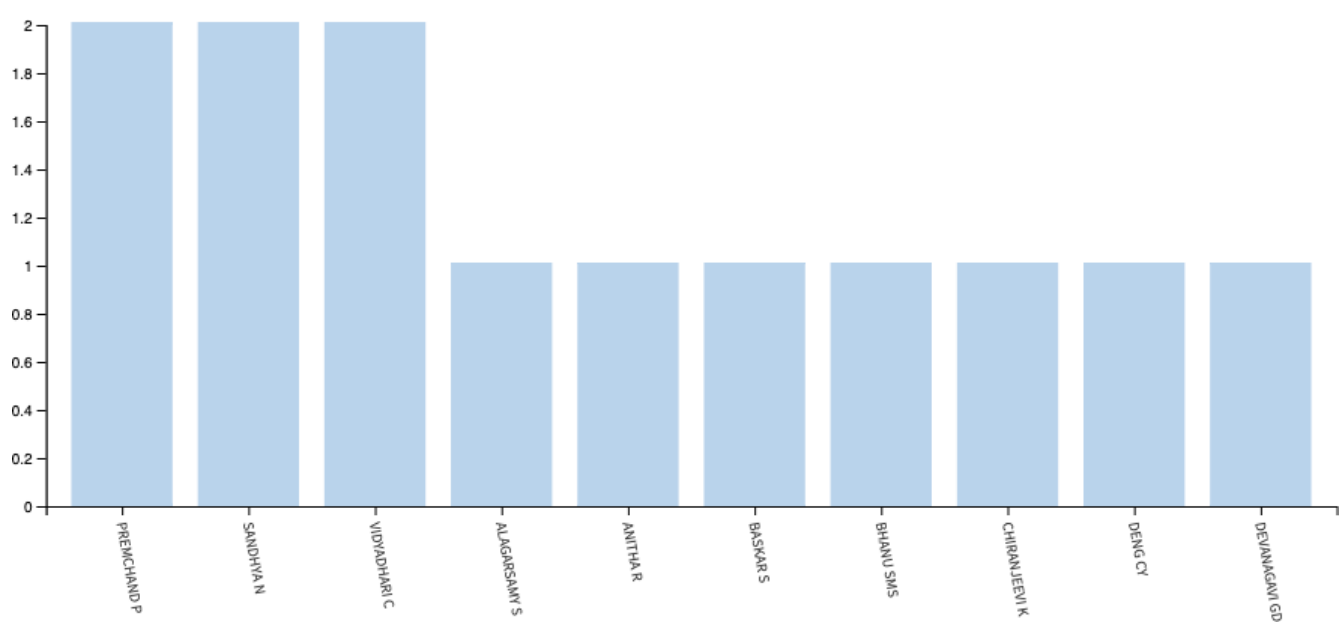


Figure 15. Record by authors for TOPIC: (optimization fuzzy clustering with bat algorithm)

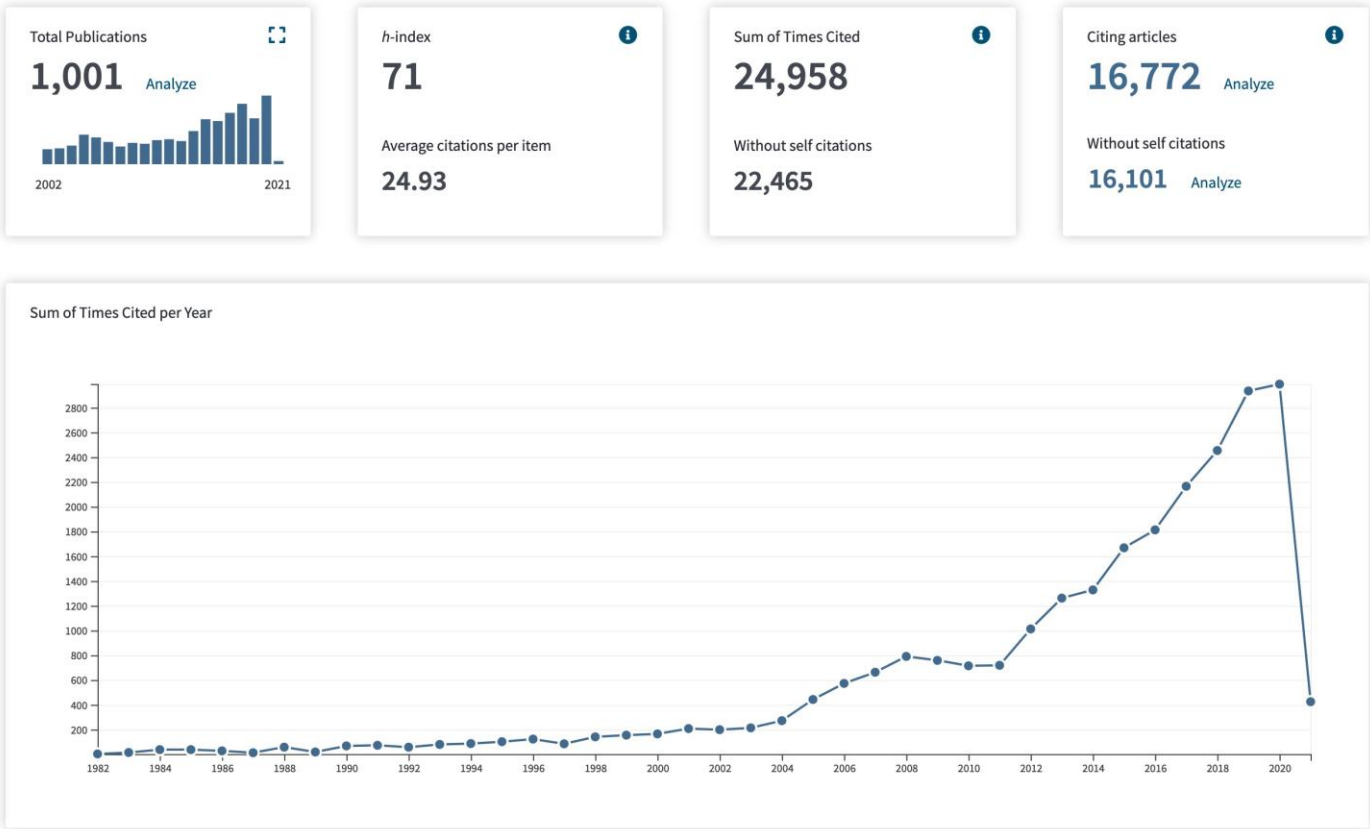


Figure 16. Citation report for1,001 results from Web of Science Core Collection by the author Witold Pedrycz.

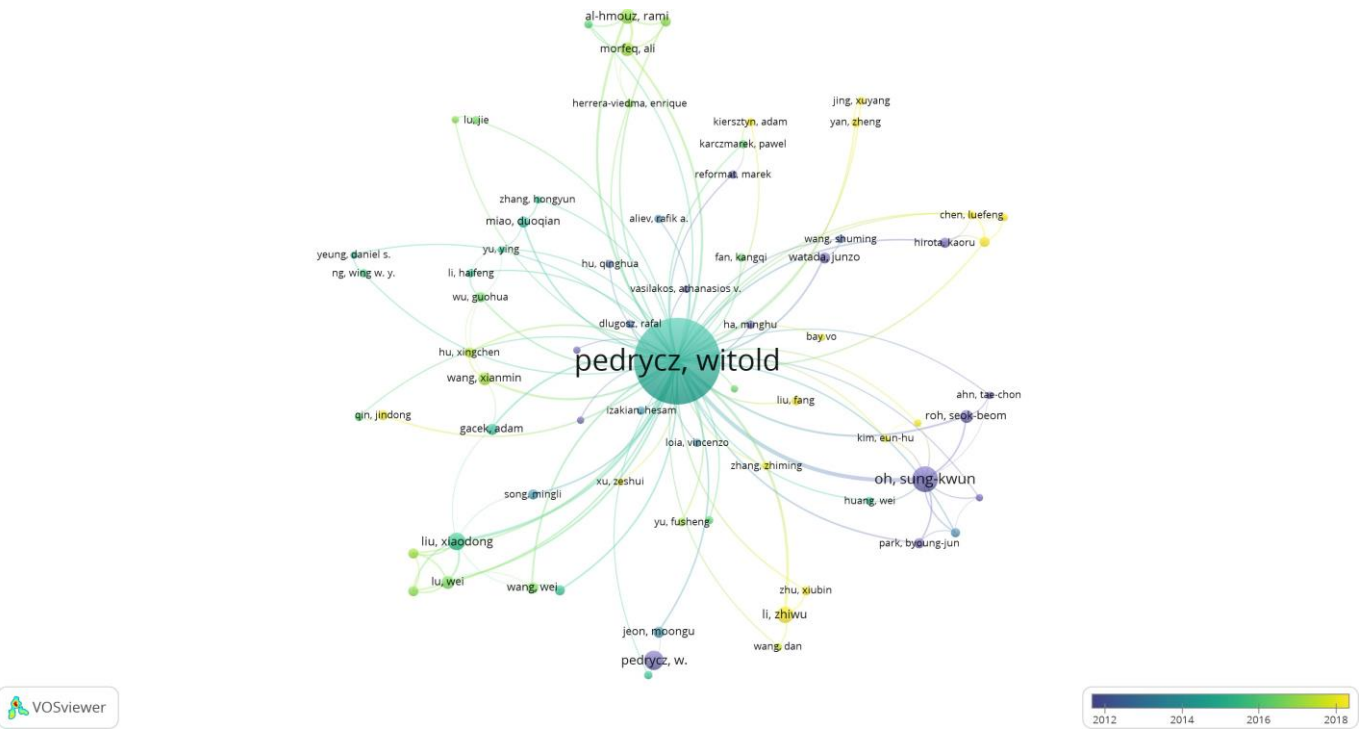


Figure 17. Clusters by authors on Vos Viewer

265 **5. Conclusions**

266 After reviewing the state of the art about area optimization fuzzy clustering with
267 optimization methods. We decided to make an analysis, considering four optimization
268 methods, which we have used in the last year. With all collected information of Web of
269 Science, Vos Viewer tool, we can observe that Genetic Algorithms and Particle Swarm
270 Optimization are two very popular methods that the authors have been using in the last
271 years. On the other hand, Cuckoo Search and Bat Algorithm, are two methods newer
272 than the other two. However, not many authors have attempted to make fuzzy clustering
273 using these two methods. Also, we were able to review the author with more works in
274 this area. As a future work, this review can be extended analyzing other optimization
275 methods with fuzzy clustering. The type of queries can be made by authors, keywords,
276 occurrences, etc. However, with the paper can be reviewed the software and tools used
277 and can be extracted all the information here presented.

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