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function final_problem_domain = Mem_Interf_Rand_Optimization(problem_domain,
original_domain, original_range, num_iterations, search_depth, exponent_vector,
transpose_vector)

num_rows = size(problem_domain,2)

weight_matrix = ones(num_rows,search_depth,2)*Inf;

known_weights_vector = zeros(num_rows,1);

size(weight_matrix)
best_diff = Inf; %minimum difference from goal initial value
best_dist = Inf; %minimum distance from goal curve initial value

num_dimensions = size(problem_domain,1)

min_range_val = min(original_range);
max_range_val = max(original_range);

final_problem_domain = -1;

s = std(original_range(:));
num_range_items = size(original_range(:,1),1);
best_s_count = 0;

%iterates over number of interpolation attempts
for k = 1 : num_iterations

    %iterates over depth
    for i = 1 : search_depth

        %iterates over all dimensions
        for D = 1 : num_dimensions

            %if true, then this is the first column, random guess
            if(i == 1)

                current_pos(D) = randi(num_rows);

                %if true, we're at the top boundary
                elseif(current_pos(D) == 1)

                    weight_vector = weight_matrix(1:2,i,D);
                    x = find(weight_vector == Inf); %unknown weights

                    %if true, all weights are unknown
                    if(size(x,1) == 2)

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next_pos(D) = randi([2,3]);

%otherwise, at least one weight is known
else

    [IGNORE next_pos(D)] = min(weight_vector);
    next_pos(D) = next_pos(D) + 1; %we either go straight or down

endif

%if true, we're at the bottom boundary
elseif(current_pos(D) == num_rows)

    weight_vector = weight_matrix(num_rows-1:num_rows,i,D);
    x = find(weight_vector == Inf); %unknown weights

    %if true, all weights are unknown
    if(size(x,1) == 2)

        next_pos(D) = randi([1,2]);

        %otherwise, at least one weight is known
        else

            [IGNORE next_pos(D)] = min(weight_vector); %either straight or down

        endif

    %otherwise, it's not the first column or either boundary
    else

        weight_vector = weight_matrix(current_pos(D) - 1 : current_pos(D) + 1, i, D);
        x = find(weight_vector == Inf); %unknown weights

        %if true, all weights are unknown
        if(size(x,1) == 3)

            next_pos(D) = randi([1,3]);

            %otherwise, at least one weight is known
            else

                [IGNORE next_pos(D)] = min(weight_vector);

            endif

        endif

    end
end

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        endif %end of special case if test

        prior_pos(D) = current_pos(D);

%updates current position-----
        %if true, we calculate the next position
        if(i != 1)

            %if true, move up
            if(next_pos(D) == 1)

                current_pos(D) = current_pos(D) - 1;

            %if true, move straight
            elseif(next_pos(D) == 2)

                %no change

            %if true, move down
            else

                current_pos(D) = current_pos(D) + 1;

            endif

        endif

    endfor %end of D-loop

    %evaluates polynomial and tests difference from goal
    test_range = eval_polynomial(problem_domain, prior_pos, original_domain,
exponent_vector, transpose_vector);
    diff = sum(abs(test_range(:) .- original_range(:)));
    s_dist = (abs(test_range(:) .- original_range(:)) <= s);
    s_count = sum(s_dist);

    %updates the weights for each dimension
    for D = 1 : num_dimensions

        weight_matrix(prior_pos(D),i,D) = diff;

    endfor

    %if true, this is the best answer
    if(diff <= best_diff && s_count > best_s_count)

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best_s_count = s_count
best_diff = diff
final_problem_domain = prior_pos;

endif

endfor %end of i-loop

endfor %end of outer k-loop

endfunction
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