

# A Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm Based Handoff Decision Scheme with ABC Supported

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**Abstract.** A handoff decision scheme of heterogeneous wireless networks should be comprehensively considered with application quality of service (QoS) requirement, service fee, user preference, mobile terminal condition and access network condition, so as to make users and network providers achieve a win-win situation. With the knowledge of fuzzy mathematics and microeconomics introduced, the influence factors are characterized, and a multi-objective genetic algorithm based handoff decision scheme with always best connected (ABC) supported is proposed. Simulation results show that the proposed scheme is effective with excellent performance.

**Keywords:** handoff decision, heterogeneous wireless networks, genetic algorithm (GA), always best connected (ABC).

## 1 Introduction

The Fourth Generation (4G) heterogeneous wireless networks [1] are forthcoming with integrating various wireless access technologies. So wireless networks should enable users to be always best connected (ABC) [2], so as to achieve the global roaming of users in communication networks of different technologies [1].

ABC supports users to connect with the best access network at anytime anywhere according to the user demand. For this 'best' choice, handoff decisions should depend on plenty of factors, such as quality of service (QoS) [3], service fee, and user preference, etc. But QoS requirements are difficult to accurately quantify, and they have very strong fuzziness [4], so that an ability of processing fuzzy information is needed in handoff decision schemes. However, with the commercialization of network nowadays, ABC is not only an unilateral affair of users, but also needs to take user utility and network provider utility into account to realize the maximization of both utilities and avoid frequent handovers, which can lead to the ping-pong effect [5]. In this paper, there are  $N$  terminals in  $M$  access networks at the same time, and an optimal handoff solution of assigning  $N$  terminals to  $M$  access networks is found with a lot of factors to make user utility and network provider utility achieve or approach for Pareto optimum solution under Nash equilibrium. Since the number of terminals and access networks will be extraordinarily large in the future application, it is a

multi-objective optimal decision problem with a great deal of computation to select the best one from the  $M^N$  handoff schemes, and requires heuristics or intelligent optimization algorithms.

Existing algorithms [6] considered service fee, received signal strength information (RSSI), and user preference, etc. Some algorithms made handoff decision based on total payoff [7], load balancing, and battery lifetime [8], etc. However, most of the works haven't fully considered ABC supporting handoff decision factors. In this paper, application type, application QoS requirement, access network and mobile terminal are characterized with the knowledge of fuzzy mathematics and microeconomics, and they are analyzed attentively. Although it is similar to some other studies [6] that this proposed scheme is regarded as a multiple attribute decision. We try to apply the game analysis to seek a Pareto optimum solution under Nash equilibrium of user utility and network provider utility, and use an elitist selection and individual migration of multi-objective genetic algorithm [9] to improve decision efficiency. So that handoff decision technologies could be widely used.

## 2 Model Description

### 2.1 Types of Applications and QoS Requirement

According to the differentiated services (DiffServ) model [10], assume that there are  $I$  different types of applications and  $ATS = \{AT_1, AT_2, \dots, AT_I\}$  expressing the set of application types. The QoS requirement of each application has four parameters, bandwidth, delay, delay jitter and error rate. And it is denoted by  $QS_i$ , where  $QS_i = \langle [BW_i^l, BW_i^h], [DL_i^l, DL_i^h], [JT_i^l, JT_i^h], [ER_i^l, ER_i^h] \rangle$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$ .

### 2.2 Access Network Model

Assume that the order number of an access network is  $j, 1 \leq j \leq M$ , where  $M$  denotes the number of access networks.

The access network provider is  $PI_j$  and the set of all access network providers is  $PIS = \{PI_1, PI_2, \dots, PI_{|PIS|}\}$ . Similarly, the access network type and coding scheme are  $TI_j$  and  $CI_j$ , and the sets of all access network types and all coding schemes are  $TIS = \{TI_1, TI_2, \dots, TI_{|TIS|}\}$  and  $CIS = \{CI_1, CI_2, \dots, CI_{|CIS|}\}$ .  $CA_j, MV_j, FR_j$  and  $TP_j$  are the coverage, supporting highest velocity, frequency range and lowest signal strength of access network, respectively. The set of application types supported by access network  $j$  is  $NAS_j \subseteq ATS$ . The total bandwidth and available bandwidth of access network are  $TB_j$  and  $AB_j$  respectively, and the minimum bandwidth threshold of  $AB_j$  is  $AB_j^{\min}$ . When  $AB_j < AB_j^{\min}$ , the performance of access network will decline sharply, so it should not accept any of terminal requests to avoid the ping-pong effect.

The set of service levels supported by access network  $j$  is  $SL_j$ , which can offer many QoS services to various types of applications. And various access networks provide all or part of service levels according to their capacities, so that  $SL_j \subseteq SL$ .

Assume that it is a  $k$  level service that the access network provides to  $AT_i$  type of applications, where  $k \in SL_j$ . The QoS of  $k$  level services is  $QS_{ji}^k = \langle [bw_{ji}^{kl}, bw_{ji}^{kh}] [dl_{ji}^{kl}, dl_{ji}^{kh}] [jt_{ji}^{kl}, jt_{ji}^{kh}] [er_{ji}^{kl}, er_{ji}^{kh}] \rangle$ . The service cost and service fee are  $ct_{ji}^k$  and  $pr_{ji}^k$  per unit bandwidth and unit time, respectively. For load balancing,  $pr_{ji}^k$  is determined by control coefficient and basic fee, which are set by access network providers based on the marketing strategy. Since there are  $N$  terminals transferring  $M$  access networks, terminals or access networks may cooperate in order to seek greater benefits. If there is any cooperation among terminals or access networks,  $pr_{ji}^k$  should be cut or risen.

### 2.3 Terminal Model

Assume that the order number of a terminal is  $t, 1 \leq t \leq N$ , where  $N$  denotes the number of terminals.

The set of application types and the set of coding schemes supported by terminal  $t$  are  $TAS_t$  and  $MCS_t$ , where  $TAS_t \subseteq ATS$  and  $MCS_t \subseteq CIS$ .  $WF_t$  and  $RS_t$  are the frequency range of terminal and the lowest signal strength received by terminal  $t$  respectively.  $CV_t$  is the velocity of terminal at current, and  $CV_h$  represents the threshold of high velocity. When  $CV_t \geq CV_h$ , the terminal is at high velocity condition. Similarly,  $RC_t$  and  $RC_{th}$  are remainder battery capacity and threshold of low battery capacity. The sequences of user preference in access networks and providers are  $PC_t = \{PC_{t1}, PC_{t2}, \dots, PC_{tq}\} \subseteq CIS$  and  $PP_t = \{PP_{t1}, PP_{t2}, \dots, PP_{tm}\} \subseteq PIS$ , where  $PC_t$  and  $PP_t$  are sorted by preference degree from high to low.  $HP_{it}$  is the service fee that the user is willing to pay for.

In summary, the handoff request of terminal  $t$  is  $HR_t = \langle AT_i, PC_t, PP_t, HP_{it} \rangle$ .

### 2.4 QoS Satisfaction

There are four coefficients,  $\bar{\omega}_i^B, \bar{\omega}_i^D, \bar{\omega}_i^J$  and  $\bar{\omega}_i^E$ , which represent the importance of bandwidth, delay, delay jitter and error rate respectively, and  $\bar{\omega}_i^B + \bar{\omega}_i^D + \bar{\omega}_i^J + \bar{\omega}_i^E = 1$ . The tolerance matrix method is utilized to determine the four coefficients. A judgment matrix  $A = [a_{mn}]_{4 \times 4}$  is constructed by relative importance between ones of QoS parameters. The rows and columns of  $A$  correspond to bandwidth, delay, delay jitter and error rate respectively. The  $a_{mn}$  is the approximate value of the parameter weight of  $m$  divided by that of  $n$ , and  $a_{mn} \in (0, 9], a_{mn} = 1 / a_{nm}$ , where  $m, n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . A tolerance matrix  $B = [b_{mn}]_{4 \times 4}$  is

calculated according to  $A$ , where  $b_{nm} = \sqrt[4]{\prod_{k=1}^4 a_{mk} \cdot a_{kn}}$ . The QoS parameter weight  $\varpi_i^m$  is calculated as  $\varpi_i^m = c_m / \sum_{k=1}^4 c_k$  and  $c_m = \sqrt[4]{\prod_{g=1}^4 b_{mg}}$ . The  $\varpi_i^m$  for  $AT_i$  type applications is calculated and assigned to  $\varpi_i^B, \varpi_i^D, \varpi_i^J$  and  $\varpi_i^E$ , which are held for online. The coefficients are calculated offline only if the importance of QoS parameters has changed. Assume that access network  $j$  provides a  $k$  level service to terminal  $t$  with the  $AT_i$  type application running, where  $k$  is determined for  $HR_t$  by the access network condition and evaluated based on the grey relational analysis method.  $BS_{ji}^k$  and  $DS_{ji}^k$  are the weighted fuzzy satisfactions for bandwidth and delay, as Equations (1) and (2). Similarly, the weighted fuzzy satisfactions for delay jitter and error rate,  $JS_{ji}^k$  and  $ES_{ji}^k$ , are calculated only by replacing the relevant parameters of Equation (2) with the corresponding ones.

$$BS_{ji}^k = \varpi_i^B \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2}(bw_{ji}^{kl} + bw_{ji}^{kh}) - \min_j \frac{1}{2}(bw_{ji}^{kl} + bw_{ji}^{kh})}{\max_j \frac{1}{2}(bw_{ji}^{kl} + bw_{ji}^{kh}) - \min_j \frac{1}{2}(bw_{ji}^{kl} + bw_{ji}^{kh})} \tag{1}$$

$$DS_{ji}^k = \varpi_i^D \cdot \frac{\max_j \frac{1}{2}(dl_{ji}^{kl} + dl_{ji}^{kh}) - \frac{1}{2}(dl_{ji}^{kl} + dl_{ji}^{kh})}{\max_j \frac{1}{2}(dl_{ji}^{kl} + dl_{ji}^{kh}) - \min_j \frac{1}{2}(dl_{ji}^{kl} + dl_{ji}^{kh})} \tag{2}$$

Assume that the ideal service level of  $AT_i$  type applications is  $k^*$ , where the bandwidth satisfaction is  $BS_i^{k^*} = \max_j BS_{ji}^k$ . Similarly,  $DS_i^{k^*}, JS_i^{k^*}$  and  $ES_i^{k^*}$  are obtained. In this paper, the grey relational degree from  $k$  level service to  $k^*$  level ideal service is regarded as the evaluation  $QP_{ji}^k$  of  $k$  level service, where  $QP_{ji}^k = (GR_{ji}^{kB} + GR_{ji}^{kD} + GR_{ji}^{kJ} + GR_{ji}^{kE}) / 4$  and  $GR_{ji}^{kB}$  is calculated as Equation (3). Similarly,  $GR_{ji}^{kD}, GR_{ji}^{kJ}$  and  $GR_{ji}^{kE}$  are calculated only by replacing the relevant parameters.

$$GR_{ji}^{kB} = \frac{\min_i \min_j |BS_{ji}^k - BS_i^{k^*}| + \frac{1}{2} \min_i \max_j |BS_{ji}^k - BS_i^{k^*}|}{|BS_{ji}^k - BS_i^{k^*}| + \frac{1}{2} \min_i \max_j |BS_{ji}^k - BS_i^{k^*}|} \tag{3}$$

$CB_{ji}^k$  and  $CD_{ji}^k$  are the suitability of bandwidth and delay to bandwidth request and delay request of  $AT_i$  type applications, as Equations (4) and (5), where  $\beta$  is a constant. Similarly, suitability  $CJ_{ji}^k$  and  $CE_{ji}^k$  of delay jitter and error rate are calculated only by replacing the relevant parameters of Equation (5). The suitability of QoS for  $k$  level service is denoted by  $CQ_{ji}^k$ , where  $CQ_{ji}^k = \varpi_i^B \cdot CB_{ji}^k + \varpi_i^D \cdot CD_{ji}^k + \varpi_i^J \cdot CJ_{ji}^k + \varpi_i^E \cdot CE_{ji}^k$ .

$$CB_{ji}^k = \left( \frac{bw_{ji}^{kl} + bw_{ji}^{kh} - BW_i^l}{2} - \frac{BW_i^h - BW_i^l}{2} \right)^\beta \quad (4)$$

$$CD_{ji}^k = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{DL_i^h - DL_i^l} \left( \frac{dl_{ji}^{kh} + dl_{ji}^{kl}}{2} - \frac{DL_i^h + DL_i^l}{2} \right) \quad (5)$$

In summary, the QoS satisfaction is calculated as  $SQ_{ji}^k = QP_{ji}^k \cdot CQ_{ji}^k$ .

## 2.5 Other Satisfaction or Suitability

This paper describes the other satisfactions or suitability as follows:

$SP_{i,j}$  is the satisfaction of user for price  $pr_{ji}^k$ . And if  $pr_{ji}^k \leq HP_{it}$ ,  $SP_{i,j} = 1$ ; otherwise,  $SP_{i,j} = 0$ .  $SC_{ij}$  is the satisfaction of user for coding scheme  $CI_{ij}$ . If  $CI_{ij} \in PC_t$ ,  $SC_{ij} = 1/x^2$ ; otherwise,  $SC_{ij} = 0$ . Where  $x$  is the order number of  $CI_{ij}$  in  $PC_t$ .  $SR_{ij}$  is the satisfaction of user for access network provider  $PI_{ij}$ . If  $PI_{ij} \in PP_t$ ,  $SR_{ij} = 1/y^2$ ; otherwise,  $SR_{ij} = 0$ . Where  $y$  is the order number of  $PI_{ij}$  in  $PP_t$ .  $SV_{ij}$  is the velocity suitability. If the velocity of a terminal is high at current, an access network with larger coverage should be considered to transfer for decreasing the number of handovers. It can help to avoid the ping-pong effect. So that if  $CV_t < CV_h$ ,  $SV_{ij} = 1$ ; if  $CV_h \leq CV_t \leq MV_j$ ,  $SV_{ij} = 1/z^2$ ; otherwise,  $SV_{ij} = 0$ . Where  $z$  is the order number of access network type  $TI_j$  in  $TIS$  sorted by the coverage from high to low.  $SY_{ij}$  is the battery capacity suitability. If the battery capacity of a terminal is low at current, an access network with smaller coverage should be considered to transfer for decreasing the power of receiving and sending, and it can help to extend terminal working time. So that if  $RC_t \leq RC_{th}$ ,  $SY_{ij} = 1/(|TIS| - z)^2$ ; otherwise,  $SY_{ij} = 1$ .

## 2.6 Game Analysis and Utility Calculations

In this paper, the players are a terminal and an access network. Hence the payoff matrices of terminal and access network are denoted by  $TG$  and  $NG$ , as Equations (6) and (7). Where the rows or columns of matrix express that terminal  $t$  or access network  $j$  is willingness and unwillingness to accept in turn. The minus sign shows the lost payoff, and the penalty factor is  $\nu > 1$ . If a pair of policies  $\{a_{i^*}, b_{j^*}\}$  satisfies  $TG_{i^*j^*} \geq TG_{i^*j} \wedge NG_{i^*j^*} \geq NG_{ij^*}$ , the terminal payoff and access network payoff achieve Nash equilibrium, where  $i^*, j^*, i, j = 1, 2$ .

$$TG = \begin{bmatrix} HP_{ii} - pr_{ji}^k & HP_{ii} - pr_{ji}^k \\ -v \cdot (HP_{ii} - pr_{ji}^k) & -(HP_{ii} - pr_{ji}^k) \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$NG = \begin{bmatrix} pr_{ji}^k - ct_{ji}^k & -v \cdot (pr_{ji}^k - ct_{ji}^k) \\ pr_{ji}^k - ct_{ji}^k & -(pr_{ji}^k - ct_{ji}^k) \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

A coefficient matrix  $\Lambda = [\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_6]$  is introduced in this paper,  $\sum_{i=1}^6 \lambda_i = 1$ . The elements of  $\Lambda$  express the relative importance of factors, such as application QoS requirement, service fee, access network coding scheme, access network provider, terminal velocity and terminal battery capacity. The value of  $\lambda_i$  is also determined by the tolerance matrix method, similarly with Section 2.4.

An evaluation matrix  $G_{t,j} = [SQ_{ji}^k \ SP_{t,j} \ SC_{t,j} \ SR_{t,j} \ SV_{t,j} \ SY_{t,j}]^T$  and a control coefficient  $\Omega$  are introduced. If both sides achieve Nash equilibrium,  $\Omega = 1$ ; otherwise,  $\Omega = 0$ . The user utility and network provider utility are  $uu_{t,j}$  and  $nu_{t,j}$ . If terminal  $t$  transfers access network  $j$ ,  $uu_{t,j} = \Omega \cdot \Lambda \cdot G_{t,j} \cdot ((HP_{ii} - pr_{ji}^k) / HP_{ii})$  and  $nu_{t,j} = \Omega \cdot \Lambda \cdot G_{t,j} \cdot ((pr_{ji}^k - ct_{ji}^k) / pr_{ji}^k)$ ; otherwise,  $uu_{t,j} = 0$  and  $nu_{t,j} = 0$ .

### 2.7 Mathematical Model

The mathematical description of optimal handoff solution is shown as follows.

$$\text{maximize} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M uu_{t,j} \right\} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{maximize} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M nu_{t,j} \right\} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{maximize} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M (uu_{t,j} + nu_{t,j}) \right\} \quad (10)$$

## 3 Algorithm Design

In this paper, the elitist selection and individual migration of multi-objective genetic algorithm is applied, because it converges more rapidly with keeping diversity.

### 3.1 Definitions and Operation Rules

$S$  is the size of each population, and each individual  $in_q = \langle ch_{q_1}, ch_{q_2}, \dots, ch_{q_N} \rangle$  is a solution of handoff decision problem. Chromosome  $ch_{q_t} = \langle AN_{q_t}, k_{q_t} \rangle$  expresses access network  $AN_{q_t}$  provides a  $k_{q_t}$  level service to terminal  $t$  in the  $q^{th}$  solution, where  $1 \leq q \leq S, 1 \leq t \leq N, 1 \leq AN_{q_t} \leq M, k_{q_t} \in SL$ .

The population initialization is a process of assigning an initial value to each individual of populations, where  $AN_{q_t}$  and  $k_{q_t}$  from each chromosome  $ch_{q_t}$  of each

individual  $in_q$  are randomly assigned with the values of interval  $[1, M]$  and interval  $[1, |SL_{AN_{q_i}}|]$  respectively. If  $\forall t ((TAS_t \subseteq NAS_{AN_{q_i}}) \wedge (MCS_t \cap CI_{AN_{q_i}} \neq \emptyset) \wedge (WF_t \subseteq FR_{AN_{q_i}}) \wedge (RS_t \leq TP_{AN_{q_i}}) \wedge (CV_t \leq MV_{AN_{q_i}}) \wedge (HP_{ti} \geq pr_{AN_{q_i}}^k) \wedge ((AB_{AN_{q_i}} - bw_{AN_{q_i}}^{kh}) \geq AB_{AN_{q_i}}^{\min}))$ , handoff solution  $in_q$  is feasible.  $FT_U(in_q)$ ,  $FT_N(in_q)$  and  $FT_{UN}(in_q)$  are fitness functions for Equations (8)-(10). If  $in_q$  is feasible,  $FT_U(in_q) = \sum_{i=1}^N (1/uu_{i,AN_{q_i}})$ ,  $FT_N(in_q) = \sum_{i=1}^N (1/nu_{i,AN_{q_i}})$ , and  $FT_{UN}(in_q) = \sum_{i=1}^N (1/uu_{i,AN_{q_i}} + 1/nu_{i,AN_{q_i}})$ ; otherwise,  $FT_U(in_q) = FT_N(in_q) = FT_{UN}(in_q) = +\infty$ .

In this paper, a linear crossover is utilized and a crossover probability is  $CP$ , where  $0 < CP < 1$ . Assume that two parent individuals are  $in_{q_1}$  and  $in_{q_2}$  taking part in the crossover, and  $\rho$  is a random pure decimal. If  $\rho > CP$ , copy the parent individuals as child individuals. Otherwise, execute the linear crossover operation and generate two child individuals  $in'_{q_1}$  and  $in'_{q_2}$ . The linear crossover operation of chromosome is that  $AN'_{q_1} = (\alpha_1 AN_{q_1} + (1 - \alpha_1) AN_{q_2})$ ,  $k'_{q_1} = (\alpha_1 k_{q_1} + (1 - \alpha_1) k_{q_2})$ ,  $AN'_{q_2} = (\alpha_2 AN_{q_1} + (1 - \alpha_2) AN_{q_2})$ , and  $k'_{q_2} = (\alpha_2 k_{q_1} + (1 - \alpha_2) k_{q_2})$ , where  $0 \leq \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \leq 1$ .

The same mutation probability occurs in every chromosome of individuals, and it is denoted by  $MP$ , where  $0 < MP < 1$ . Randomly select a chromosome  $ch_{q_i}$  from an individual  $in_q$ , and then randomly generate a pure decimal  $\delta$ . If  $\delta > MP$ , not execute the mutation operation. Otherwise, assign random values which are in the domains to  $AN_{q_i}$  and  $k_{q_i}$  of chromosome  $ch_{q_i}$  respectively.

### 3.2 Algorithm Description

Step 1: Set the crossover probability is  $CP$ , the mutation probability is  $MP$ , the size of the tournament race is  $RS$ , the size of subpopulations is  $S$ , the upper limit of the individual copy number is  $RT$ , and the time of continuous iterations is  $IT$ .

Step 2: According to Section 3.1, generate the subpopulation  $P_U$ ,  $P_N$  and  $P_{UN}$  for the three optimal objectives of Equations (8)-(10). The elitist populations of them are  $ES_U = ES_N = ES_{UN} = \emptyset$ , the minimum fitness of subpopulations are  $FT_U^* = FT_N^* = FT_{UN}^* = +\infty$ , and the global minimum fitness is  $FT^* = \min\{FT_U^*, FT_N^*, FT_{UN}^*\} = +\infty$ .

Step 3: Let  $it = 1$ .

Step 4: According to Section 2.6, make the terminal and access network from each chromosome of the individuals of  $P_U$ ,  $P_N$  and  $P_{UN}$  play the game. And then determine the utilities of both sides according to whether to accept cooperation.

Step 5: Calculate the fitness of each individual of  $P_U, P_N$  and  $P_{UN}$ , and denote the minimum fitness of each population by  $P_{U_{\min}}, P_{N_{\min}}$  and  $P_{UN_{\min}}$ . If  $\min\{P_{U_{\min}}, P_{N_{\min}}, P_{UN_{\min}}\} < FT^*$ ,  $FT^* = \min\{P_{U_{\min}}, P_{N_{\min}}, P_{UN_{\min}}\}$  and  $it = 1$ . If  $P_{U_{\min}} < FT_U^*$ , use all the corresponding individuals of  $P_{U_{\min}}$  to displace  $ES_U$  and  $FT_U^* = P_{U_{\min}}$ ; if  $P_{U_{\min}} = FT_U^*$ , unite  $ES_U$  with all the corresponding individuals of  $P_{U_{\min}}$ ; execute the same operation to  $ES_N$  and  $ES_{UN}$ , and then  $ES = ES_U \cup ES_N \cup ES_{UN}$ .

Step 6: If  $it > IT$ , go to Step 10.

Step 7: Initialize the copy number of each individual with 0 in  $P_U, P_N, P_{UN}$  and  $ES$ . Randomly select  $RS$  individuals from  $P_U$  and  $ES$  with ensuring that all the copy numbers of the individuals selected are less than  $RT$ , select the individual with minimum fitness as a parent individual of  $P_U$  and the copy number of it is increased by 1. Execute the same operation to  $P_N$  and  $P_{UN}$ . Execute repeatedly the operation until parent population  $P_U, P_N$  and  $P_{UN}$  are generated.

Step 8: Execute the crossover and mutation to  $P_U, P_N$  and  $P_{UN}$  respectively, so as to generate the new generation subpopulation  $P_U, P_N$  and  $P_{UN}$ .

Step 9: Let  $it = it + 1$ , go to Step 4.

Step 10: If  $FT^* \neq +\infty$ , regard the individual of  $ES$  corresponding to  $FT^*$  as the handoff decision solution, successfully finish; otherwise, there is no solution, failed.

## 4 Simulation Results and Discussions

In the network simulator 2 (NS2), we simulate the scheme of this paper (Scheme I), the greedy algorithm based handoff decision scheme [11] (Scheme II) and the QoS based handoff decision scheme [12] (Scheme III) in three hexagonal honeycomb topologies, which are covered by many different types of access networks. We use 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50 terminals to execute 500 times handoff decisions respectively, and set two user cases in each different number of terminals, according to Table 1.

Table 1. User cases

User cases	Coding scheme (%)			Network provider (%)			Velocity (%)			Battery capacity (%)		
	PC <sub>1</sub>	PC <sub>2</sub>	PC <sub>3</sub>	PP <sub>1</sub>	PP <sub>2</sub>	PP <sub>3</sub>	high	medium	low	high	medium	low
1	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
2	60	20	20	60	20	20	60	20	20	20	20	60



We make comparisons and regard the means as simulation results in Fig. 1. As shown in Fig. 1a, Scheme III has the best performance in QoS satisfaction, but Scheme I is still better than Scheme II. Because Scheme I gives consideration to plenty of factors and QoS is just one of them. Scheme III only seeks the QoS satisfaction of user. Fig. 1b-1h shows Scheme I has better performances than the others in these factors, such as user utility and network provider utility, Pareto optimum solution ratio, price satisfaction, coding scheme satisfaction, access network provider satisfaction, velocity suitability, and battery capacity suitability. As shown in Fig. 1i, Scheme I takes a bit of time acceptable. And the larger the number of handoff requests is, the more rapid this genetic algorithm is than the greedy algorithm.

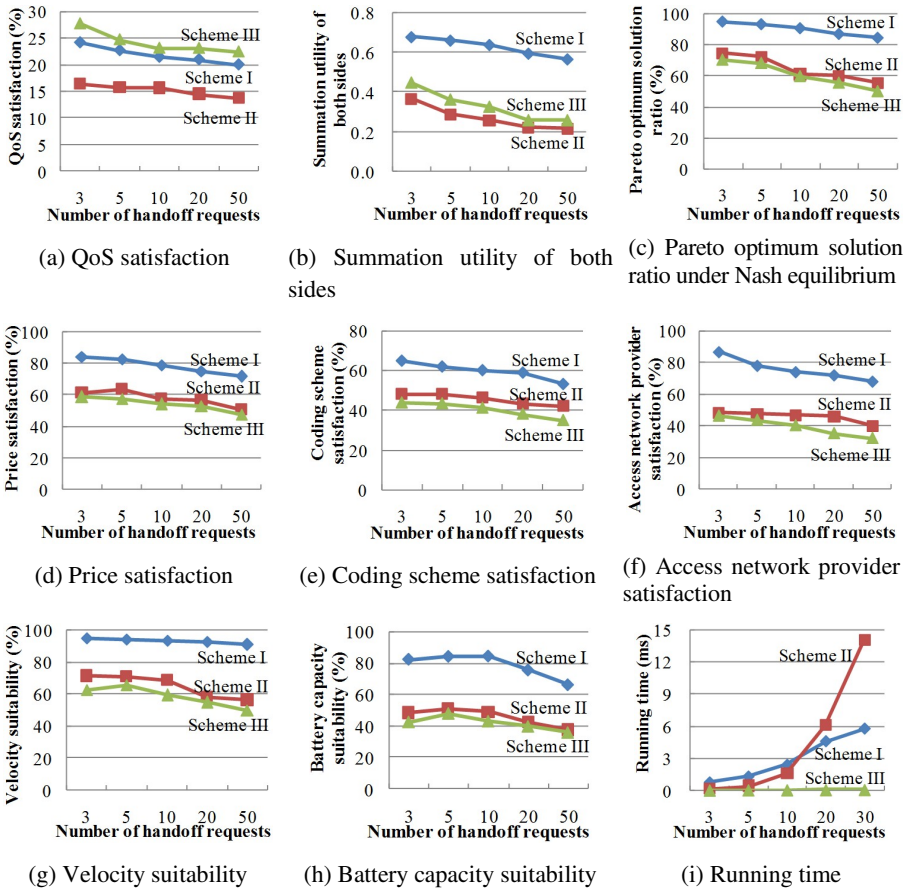


Fig. 1. Performance analyses among Scheme I , II and III

### 5 Conclusions

In this paper, the handoff decisive factors are synthetically considered, and a multi-objective genetic algorithm based handoff decision scheme with ABC supported is

proposed. And the simulation results show that the proposed scheme has better performance compared with existing schemes in most of the quotas.

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