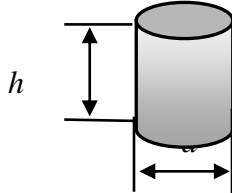


Simple GA application: Design of a cylindrical can  
(adopted from “An Introduction to Genetic Algorithms” by K. Deb)

Parameters: diameter  $d$  and height  $h$



Objectives/constraints: minimum volume 300ml, minimize cost of can material  
This corresponds to the following NLP problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Minimize} & f(d,h) = c \left( \frac{\pi d^2}{2} + \pi d h \right) \\
 \text{Subject to} & g(d,h) = \frac{\pi d^2 h}{4} \geq 300 \\
 \text{Variable bounds} & d_{\min} \leq d \leq d_{\max} \\
 & h_{\min} \leq h \leq h_{\max}
 \end{array}$$

### Representation:

Parameter values ( $d$  and  $h$ ) must be represented. Assume binary representation, 5 bits per parameter, i.e. overall length of the string  $l=10$ . The following string represents a can of diameter 8 cm and height 10 cm

$$\begin{array}{cc}
 \overbrace{01000}^d & \overbrace{01010}^h \\
 01000 & 01010
 \end{array}$$

i.e.  $(d, h) = (8, 10)$  cm is represented by chromosome **0100001010**

This corresponds to  $d_{\min} = h_{\min} = 0$  and  $d_{\max} = h_{\max} = 31$ . This can be generalized using scaling function

$$x_i = x_i^{\min} + \frac{x_i^{\max} - x_i^{\min}}{2^{l_i} - 1} \text{value}(s_i)$$

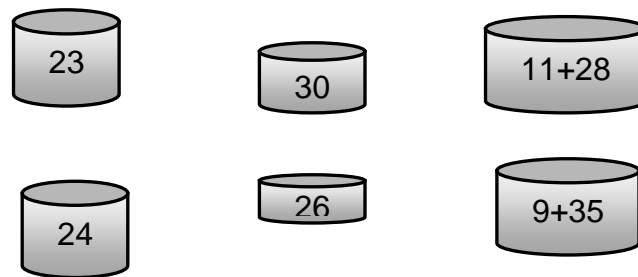
### Fitness assignment:

Fitness is assigned to each solution using the fitness function  $F(s)$ , in our case  $f(d,h)$ :

$$F(s) = 0.0654 (\pi \cdot 8^2/2 + \pi \cdot 8 \cdot 10) = 23$$

[0.0654 is an arbitrarily chosen unit cost of material used to make the can]

**Initial population:** Let's assume the following population has been randomly generated

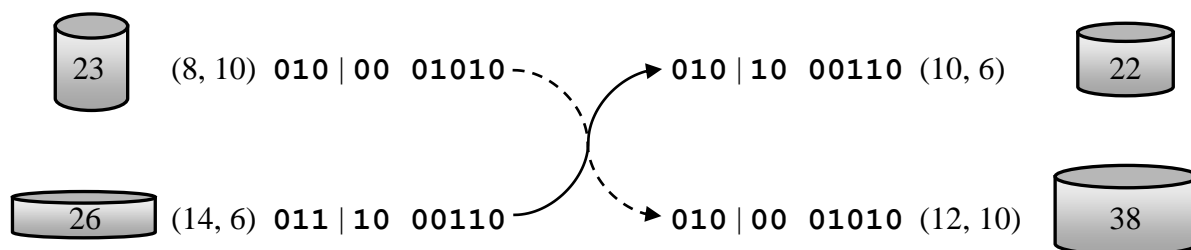


Note: Terms with '+' include penalties for cans that do not satisfy constraints - here  $g(d,h)$ .

**Selection:** Let's use tournament selection

Mating pool				Individual	# population	# m. pool
23	-	24	23	23	1	2
30		26	24	24	1	2
24	-	11+28	26	26	1	1
11+28		23	30	30	1	1
26	-	9+35	11+28	11+28	1	0
9+35		30	9+35	9+35	1	0

**Crossover:** example of combining two individuals (from the mating pool)



**Mutation:** example of mutation of single individual

