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Artificial & Computational Intelligence

AIML CLZG557

M2 : Problem Solving Agent using Search

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Course Plan



M1 Introduction to AI

M2 Problem Solving Agent using Search

M3 Game Playing

M4 Knowledge Representation using Logics

M5 Probabilistic Representation and Reasoning

M6 Reasoning over time

M7 Ethics in AI



Module 2 : Problem Solving Agent using Search

- A. Uninformed Search
- B. Informed Search
- C. Heuristic Functions
- D. Local Search Algorithms & Optimization Problems

Learning Objective



At the end of this class , students should be able to:

1. Differentiate which local search is best suitable for given problem
2. Design fitness function for a problem
3. Construct a search tree
4. Apply appropriate local search and show the working of algorithm at least for first 2 iterations with atleast four next level successor generation(if search tree is large)
5. Design and show local search Algorithm steps for a given problem

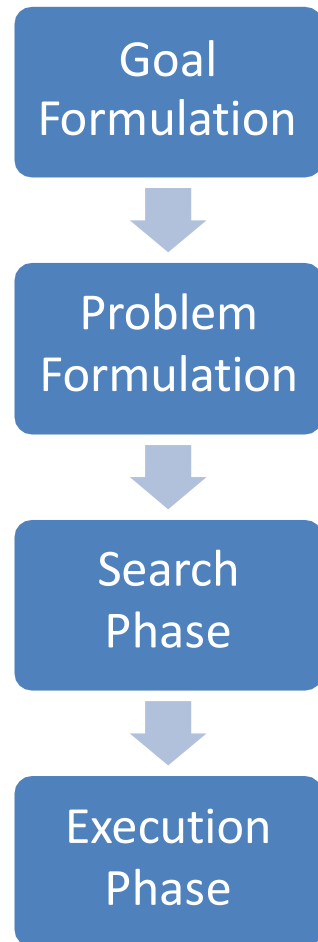


Local Search & Optimization

Task Environment



Phases of Solution Search by PSA



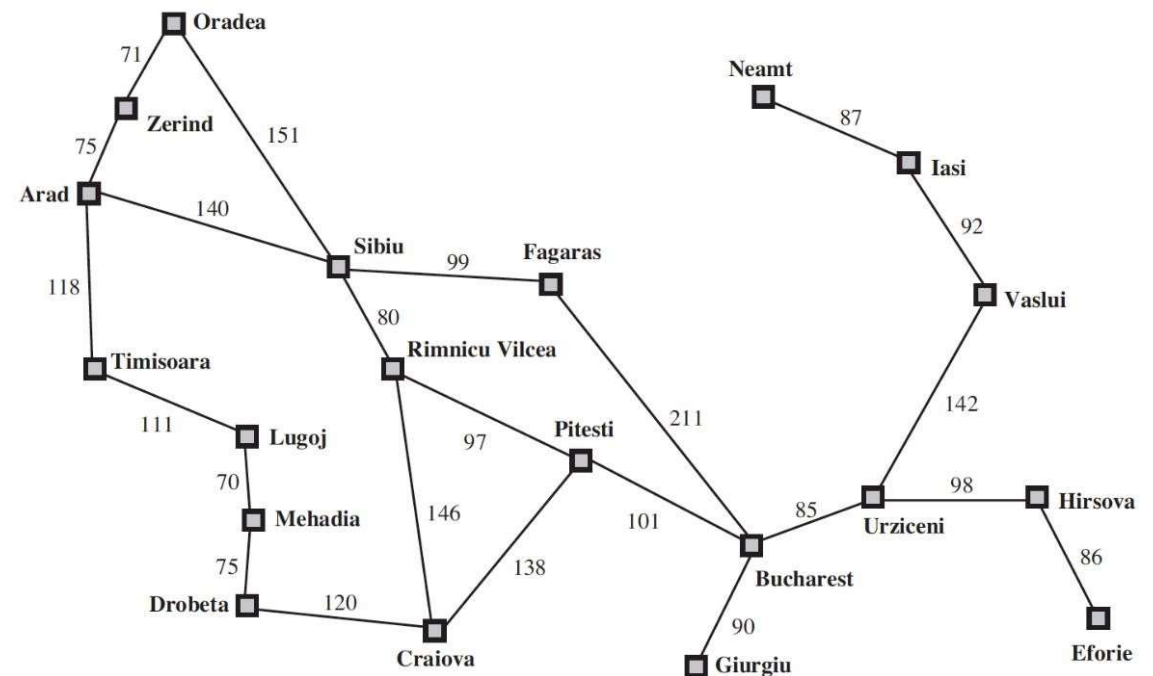
Assumptions – Environment :

Static

Observable

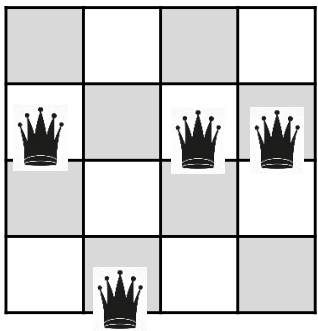
Discrete

Deterministic



Terminology

Local Search : Search in the state-space in the neighbourhood of current position until an optimal solution is found



Feasible State/Solution

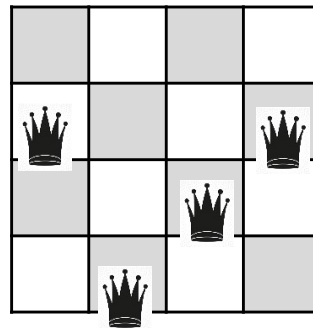
Fitness Value:

$$h(n) = 4$$

$h(n)$ = No.of.Conflicting **pairs** of queens

$$h(n) = 2$$

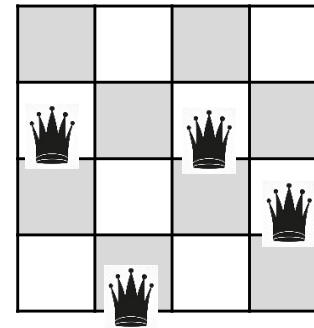
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Neighboring States

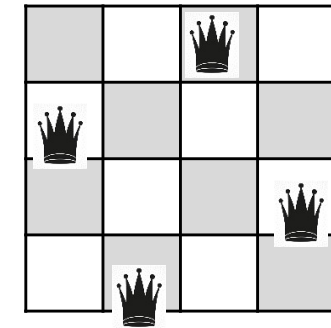
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Optimal Solution

$$h(n) = 0$$

$$h(n) = 6$$

Terminology

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Algorithms:

- Choice of Neighbour
- Looping Condition
- Termination Condition

2	5	3	2
♠	6	♠	♠
3	5	4	2
4	♠	4	2



Optimization Problem

Goal : Navigate through a state space for a given problem such that an optimal solution can be found

Objective : Minimize or Maximize the objective evaluation function value

Scope : Local

Objective Function : Fitness Value evaluates the goodness of current solution

Local Search : Search in the state-space in the neighbourhood of current position until an optimal solution is found

Single Instance Based

Hill Climbing

Simulated Annealing

Local Beam Search

Tabu Search

Multiple Instance Based

Genetic Algorithm

Particle Swarm Optimization

Ant Colony Optimization



Hill Climbing

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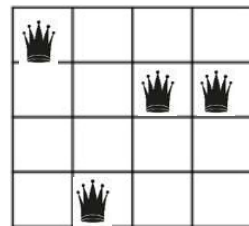
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Q1-Q4

Q2-Q3

Q2-Q4

Q3-Q4



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Note : Steps 3 & 4 in the above algorithm will be a part of variation of Hill climbing

Hill Climbing



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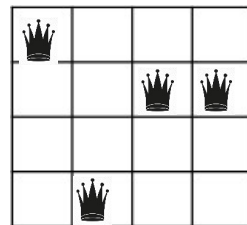
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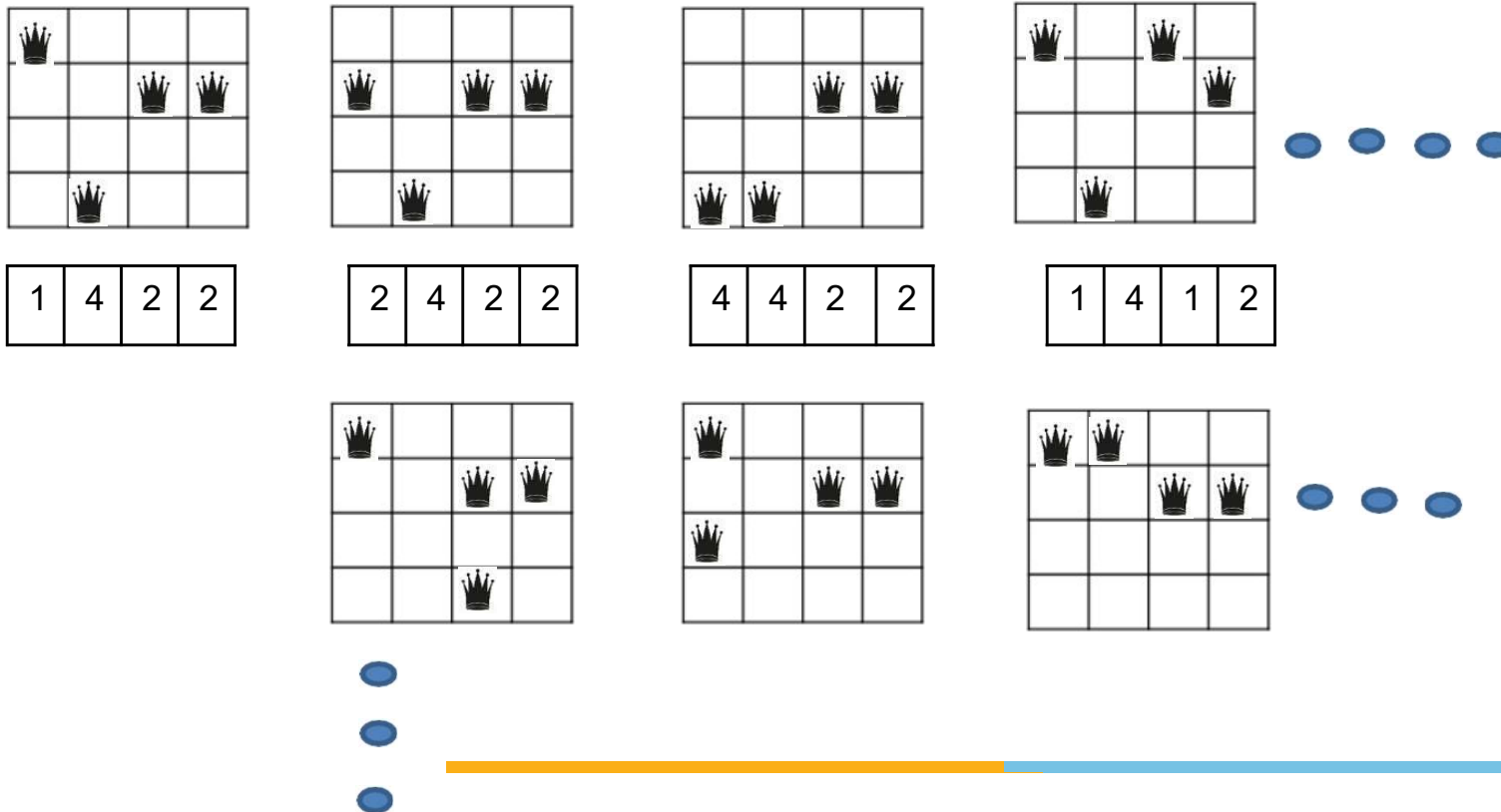
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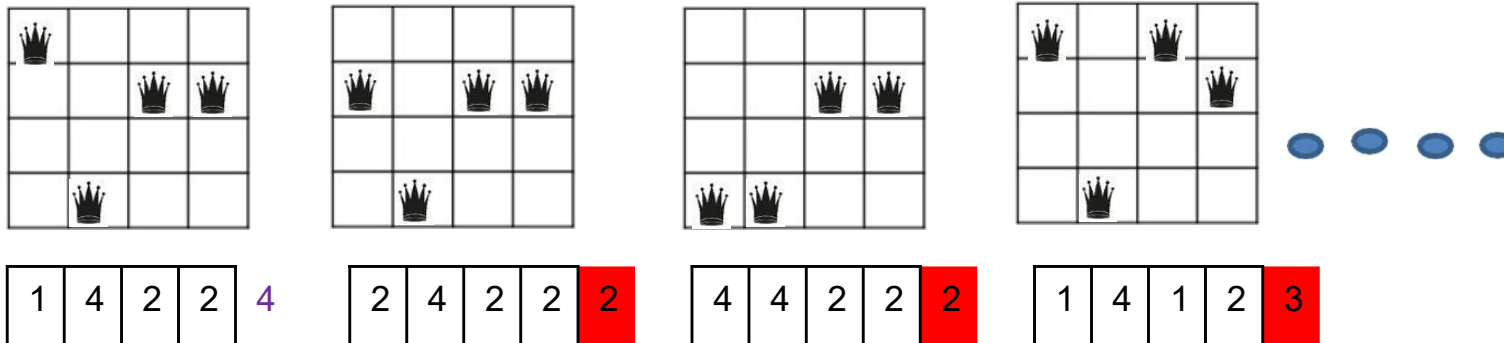
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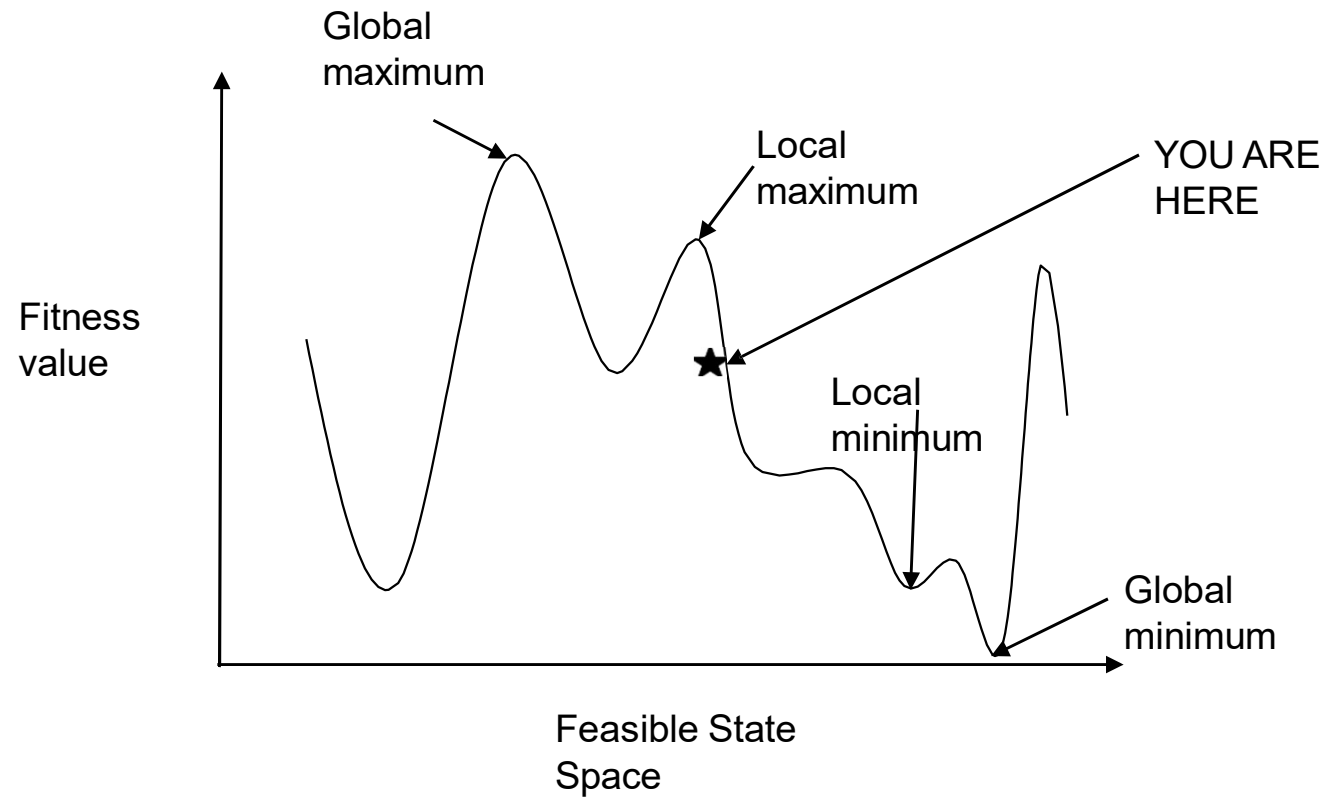


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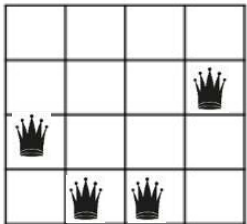


Hill Climbing



Random Restart

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loop do

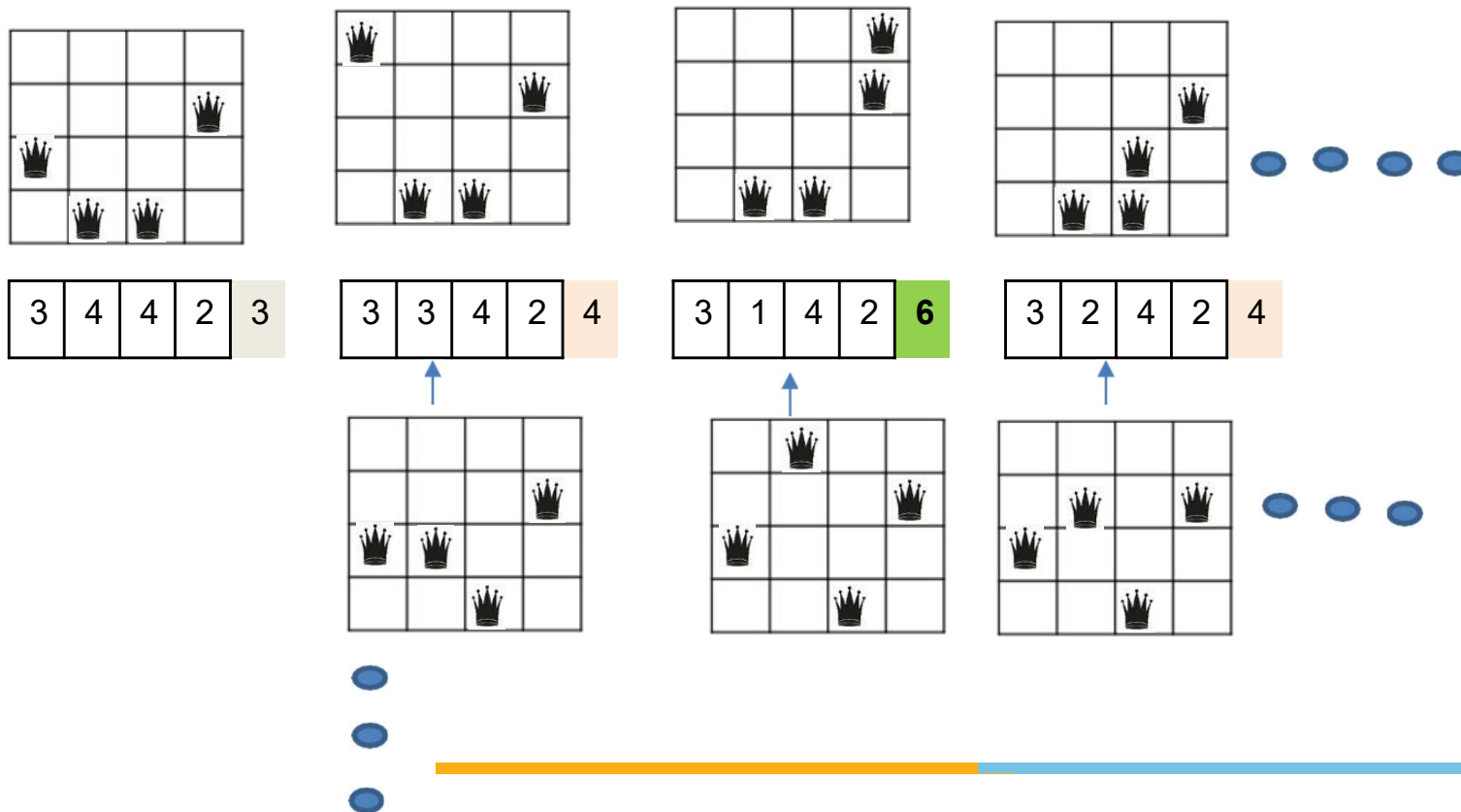
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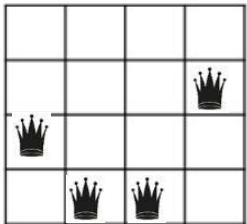
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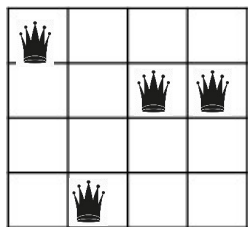
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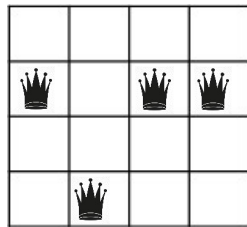
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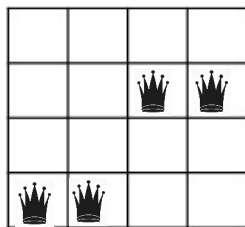
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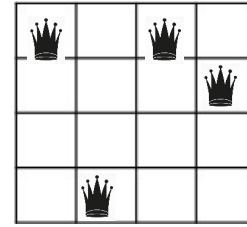
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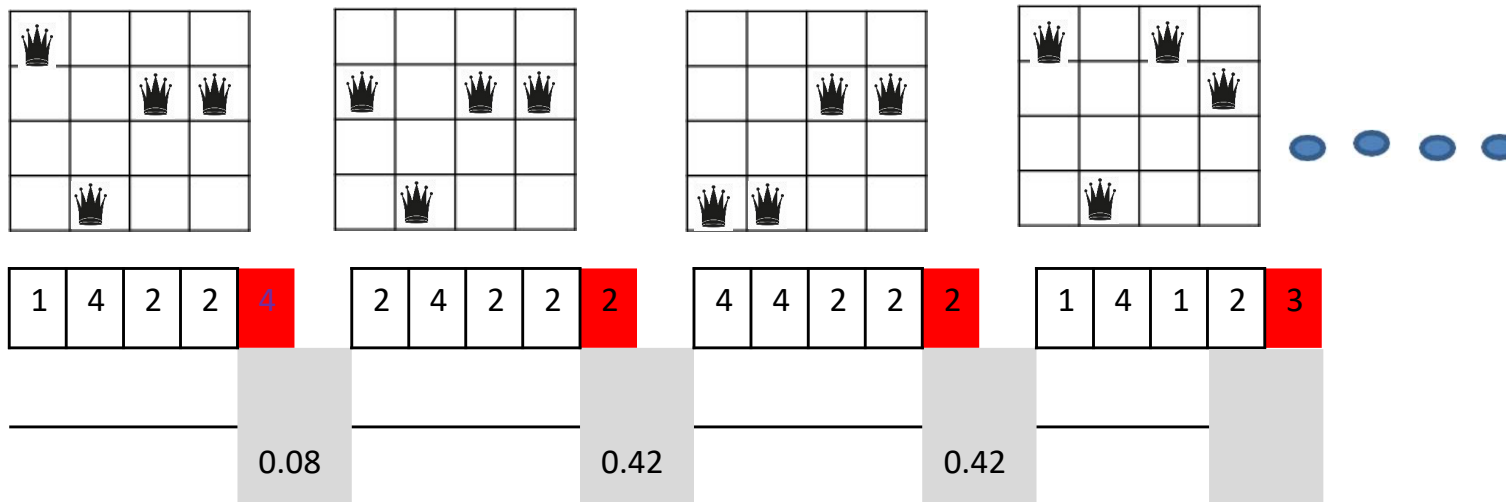
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12 N = {4,2,2,3,3,2,2,0,2,1,3,0}

$next \leftarrow$ a randomly selected successor of $current$
 $\Delta E \leftarrow next.VALUE - current.VALUE$
 if $\Delta E > 0$ then $current \leftarrow next$
 else $current \leftarrow next$ only with probability $e^{\Delta E/T}$

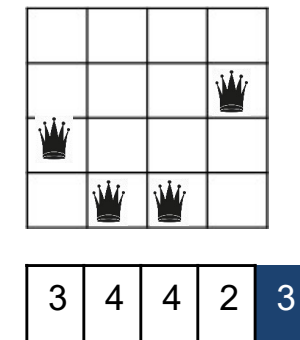
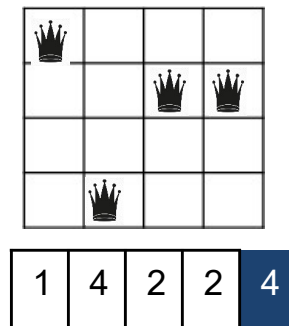


Local Beam Search

Beam Search



1. Initialize k random state
2. Evaluate the fitness scores for all the successors of the k states
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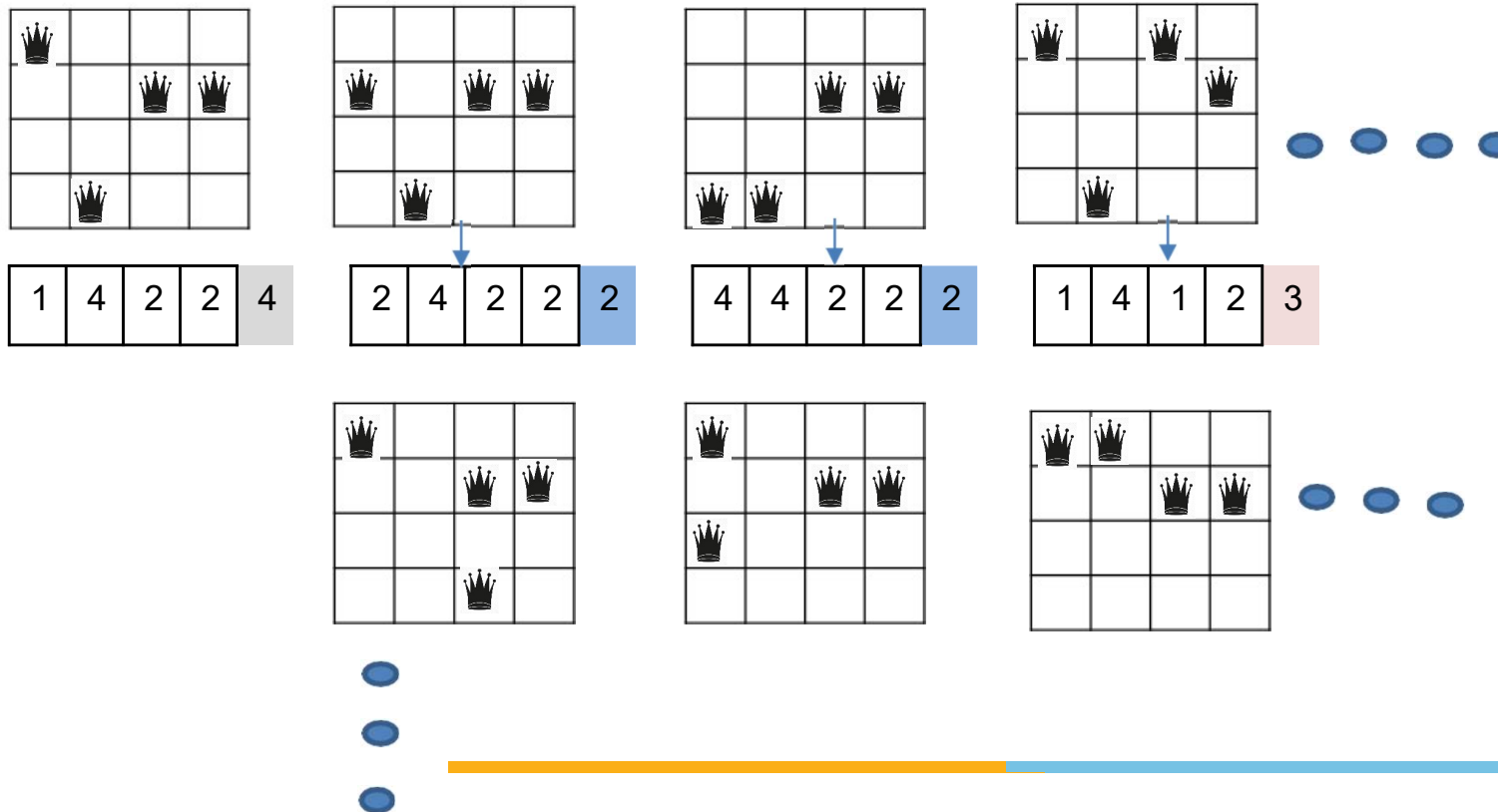


Beam Search



1st State

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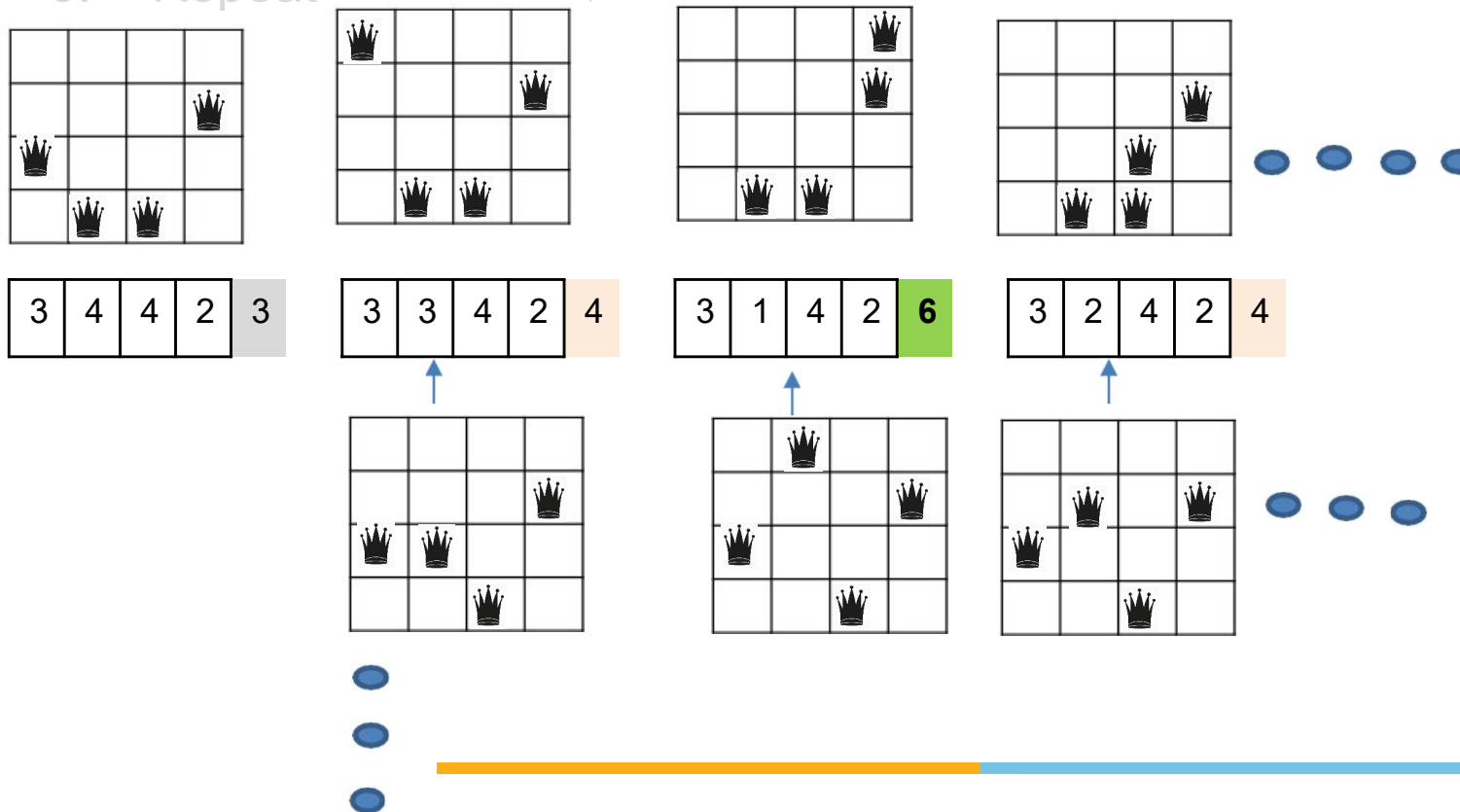


Beam Search



2nd State

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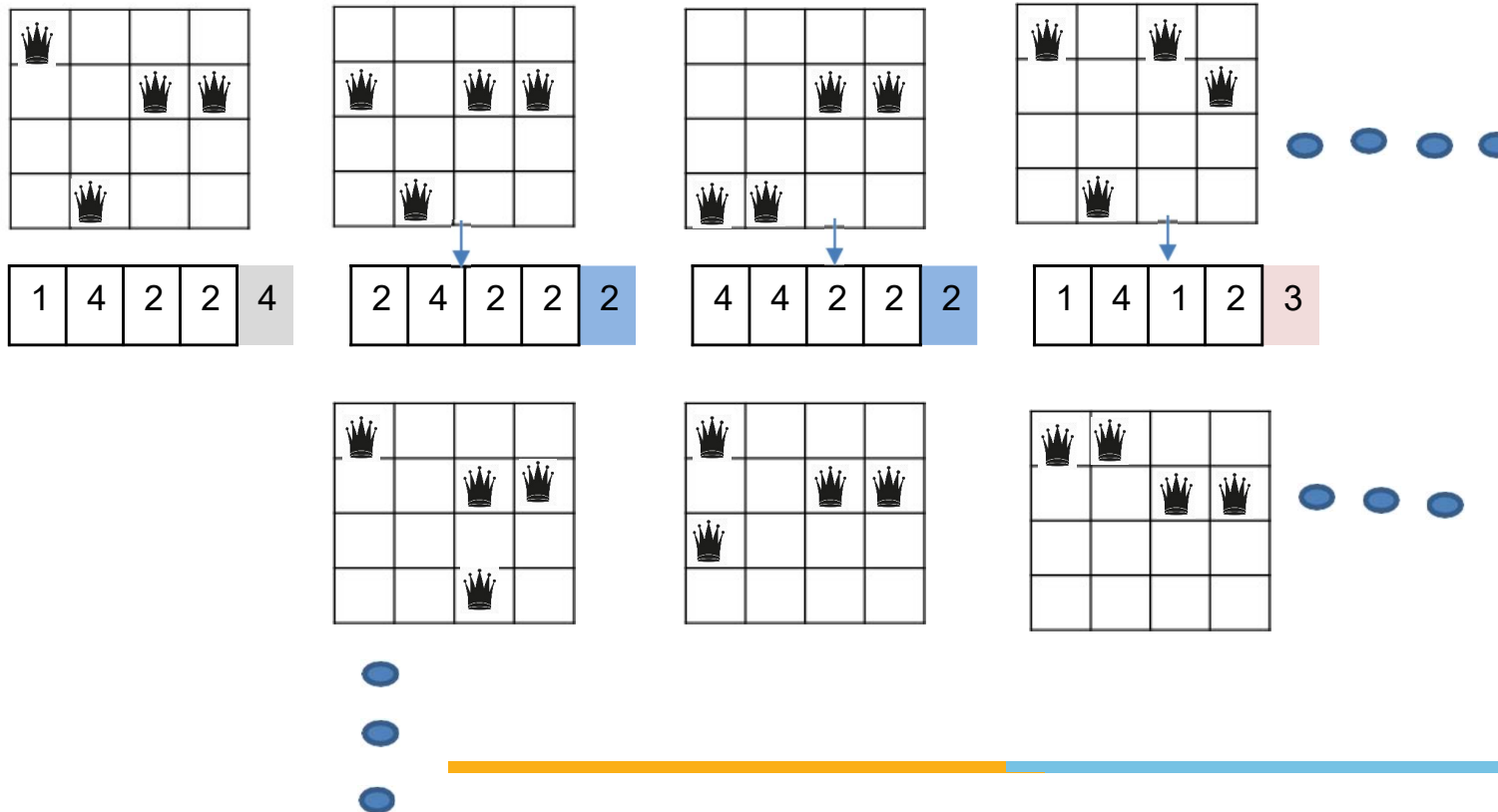


Stochastic Beam Search



Sample from 1st State

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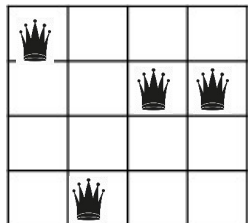


Genetic Algorithm

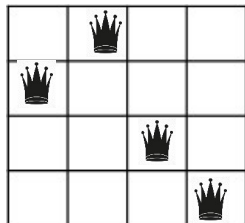
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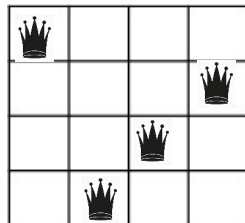
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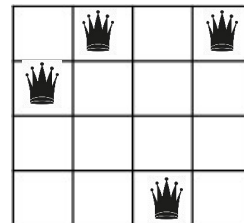
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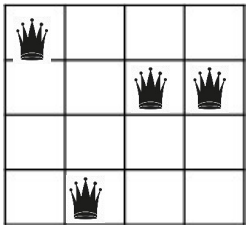


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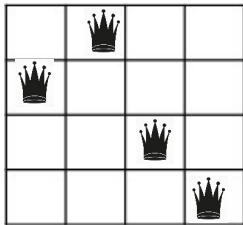
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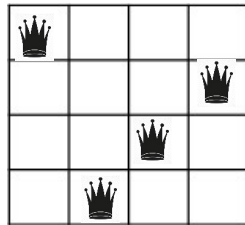
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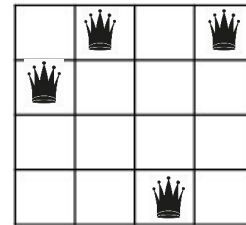
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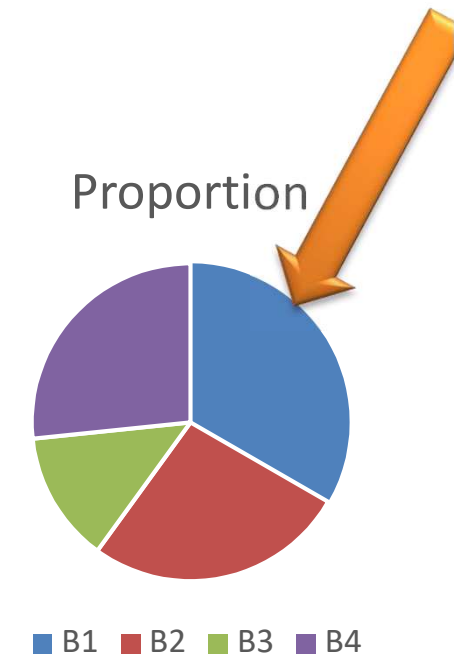
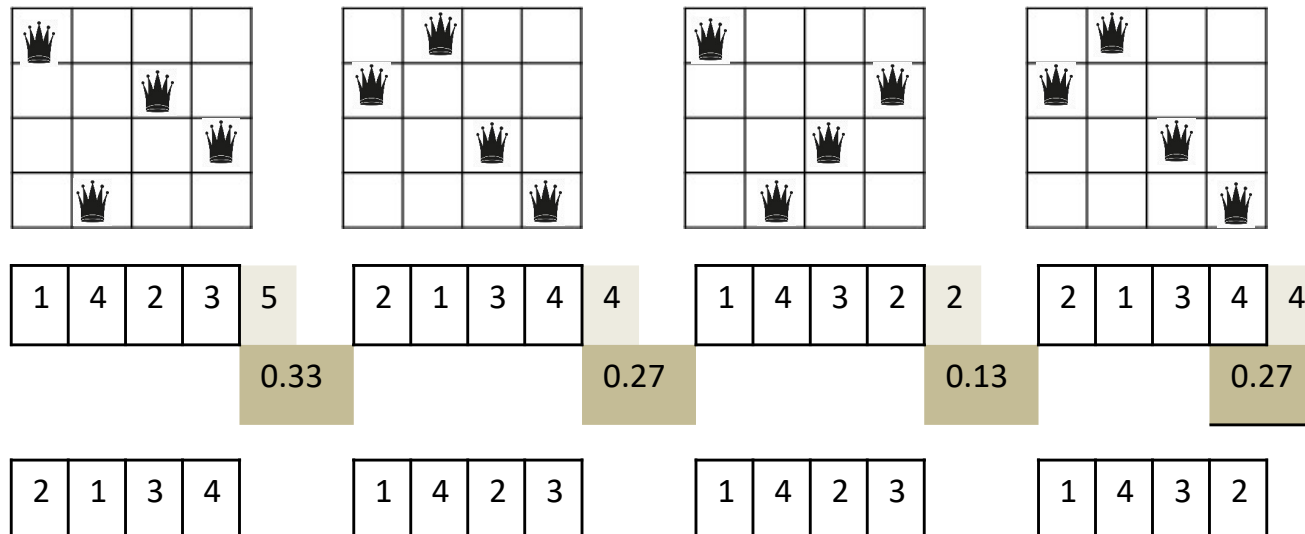


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Eg., use roulette wheel mechanism to select pair/s

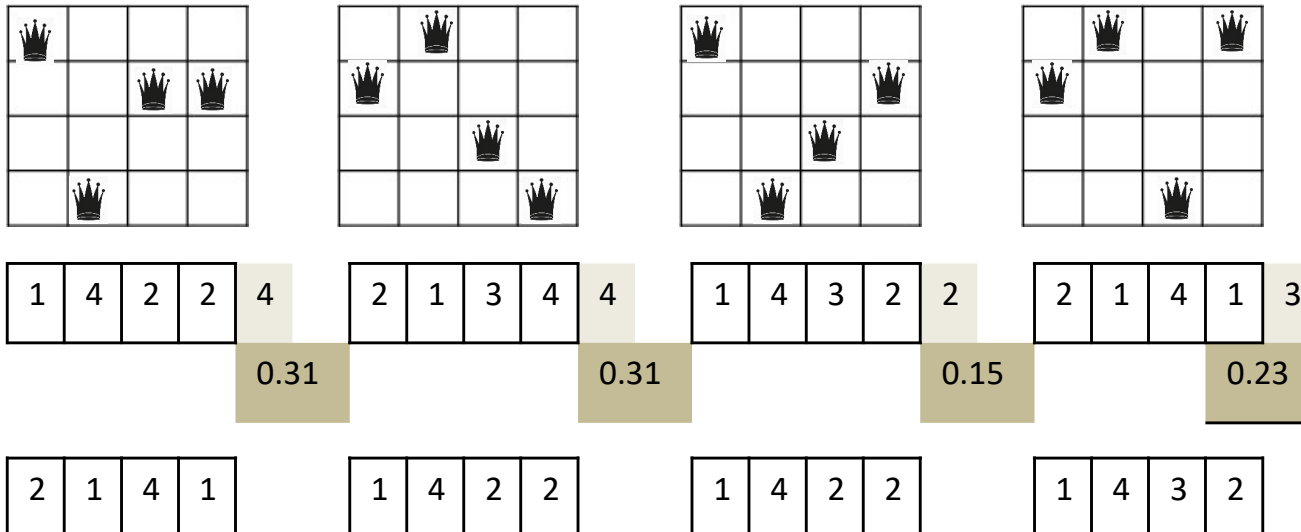


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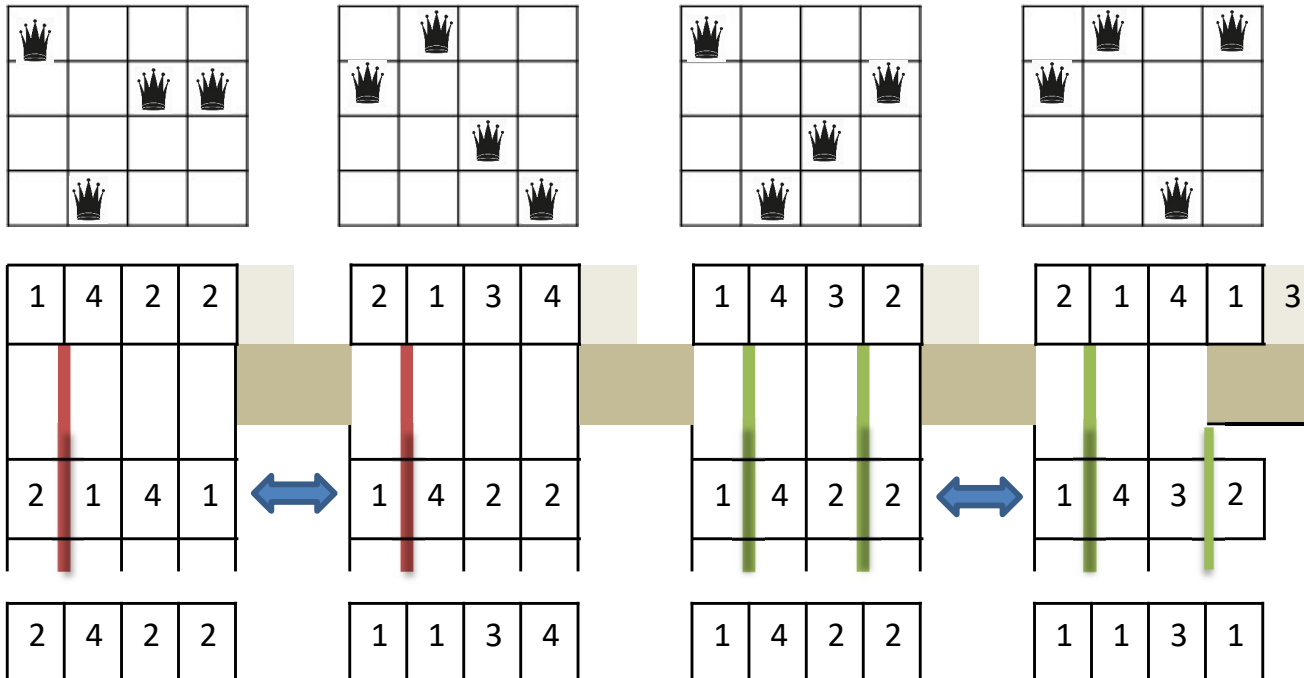


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Genetic Algorithm – Reference to alternative approaches of crossover



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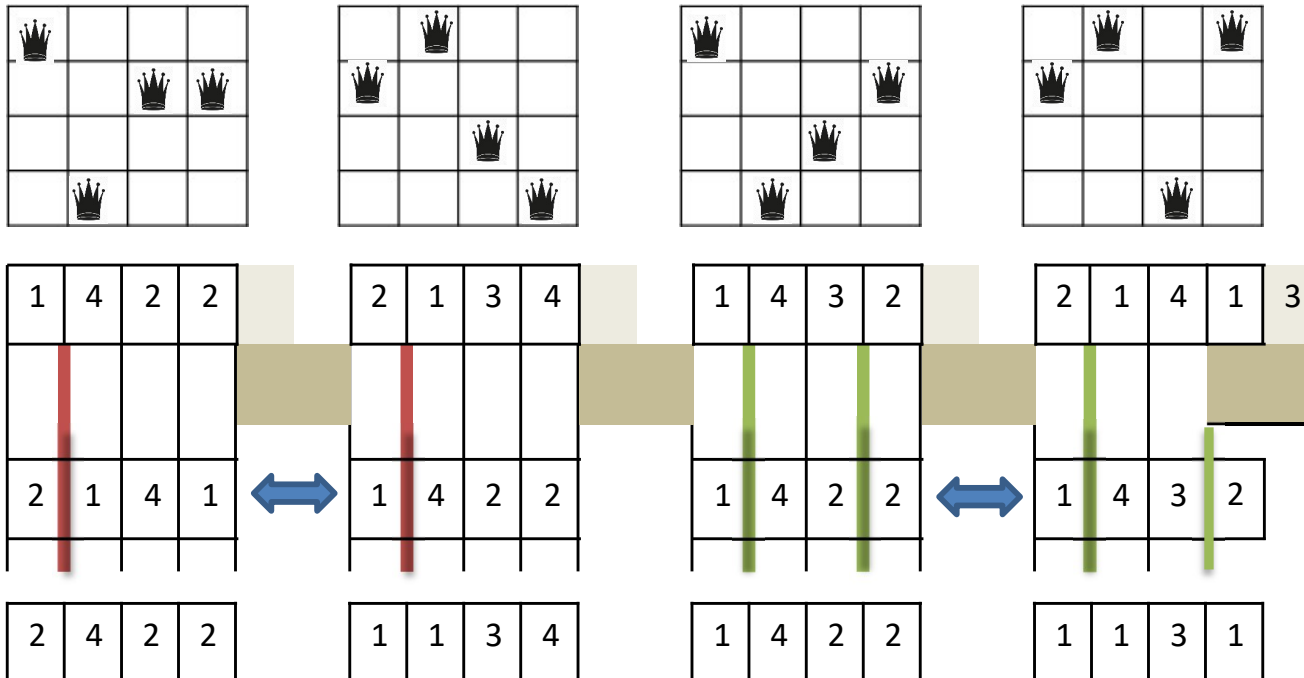
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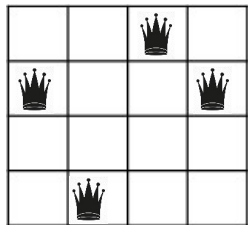
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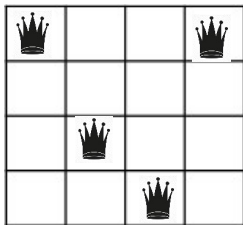
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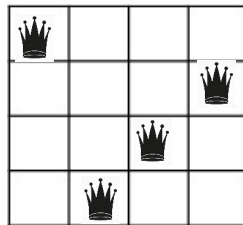
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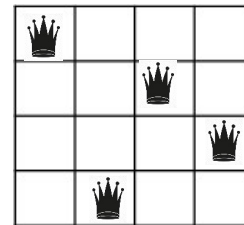
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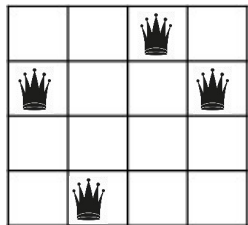
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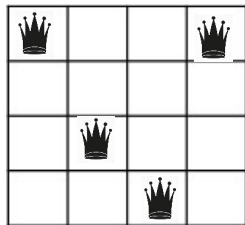
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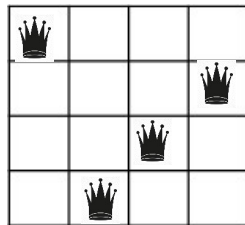
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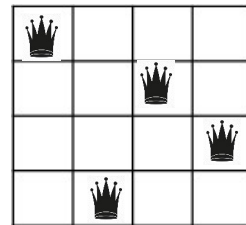
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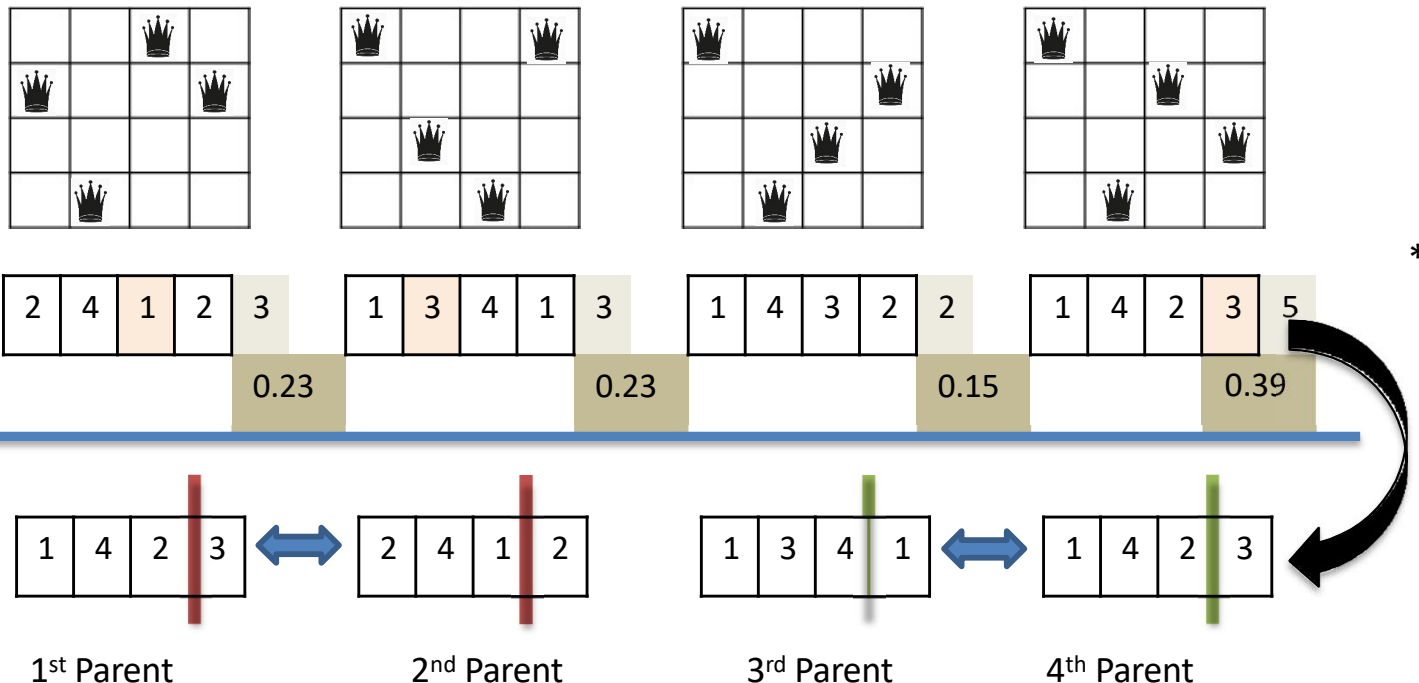
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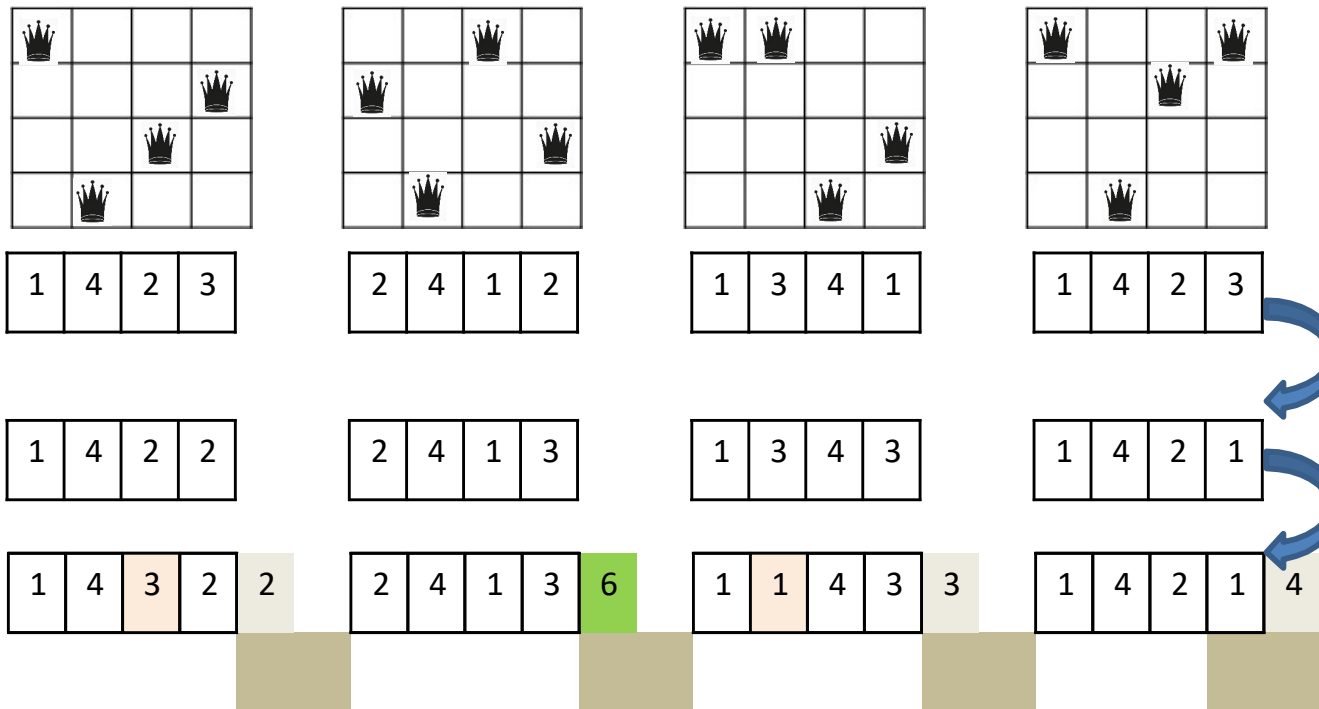
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Genetic Algorithm



Techniques:

1. Design of the fitness function
2. Diversity in the population to be accounted
3. Randomization

Application:

- Creative tasks
- Exploratory in nature
- Planning problem
- Static Applications

Genetic Algorithm



function GENETIC-ALGORITHM(*population*, FITNESS-FN) **returns** an individual

inputs: *population*, a set of individuals

FITNESS-FN, a function that measures the fitness of an individual

repeat

new_population \leftarrow empty set

for $i = 1$ **to** SIZE(*population*) **do**

$x \leftarrow$ RANDOM-SELECTION(*population*, FITNESS-FN)

$y \leftarrow$ RANDOM-SELECTION(*population*, FITNESS-FN)

child \leftarrow REPRODUCE(x, y)

if (small random probability) **then** *child* \leftarrow MUTATE(*child*)

add *child* **to** *new_population*

population \leftarrow *new_population*

until some individual is fit enough, or enough time has elapsed

return the best individual in *population*, according to FITNESS-FN

function REPRODUCE(x, y) **returns** an individual

inputs: x, y , parent individuals

$n \leftarrow$ LENGTH(x); $c \leftarrow$ random number from 1 to n

return APPEND(SUBSTRING($x, 1, c$), SUBSTRING($y, c + 1, n$))



Required Reading: ALMA – Chapter 4 - 4.1

Thank You for all your Attention

Note : Some of the slides are adopted from ALMA TB materials