



# Optimization and Heuristic Methods Project

Colony of Genetic Artificial Bees (CoGAB) for  
optimizing bank loan lending decisions

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# Heuristics



Genetic  
Algorithm

Artificial  
Bee Colony



Colony of Genetic  
Artificial Bees



D	60	Dataset for 10 Customers								
K	0.15									
Loan Size	10	25	4	11	18	3	17	15	9	10
Interest	0.021	0.022	0.021	0.027	0.025	0.026	0.023	0.023	0.028	0.022
Rating	AAA	BB	A	AA	BBB	AAA	BB	AAA	A	A
Loss ( $\lambda$ )	0.0002	0.0058	0.0001	0.0003	0.0024	0.0002	0.0058	0.0002	0.001	0.001

## Problem Formulation

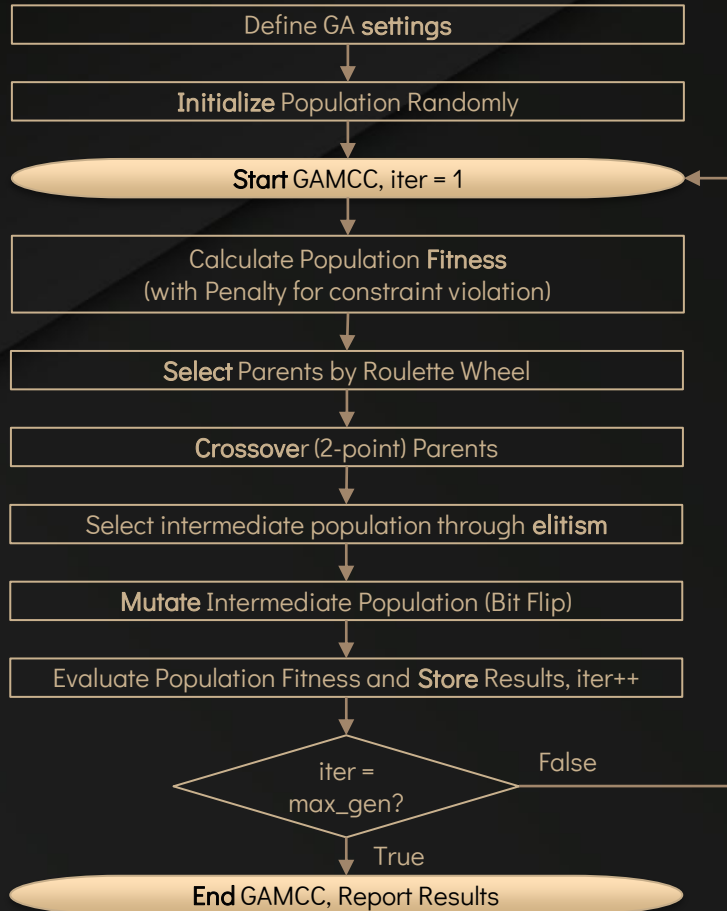
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Loan Size	25
Interest	0.022
Rating	BB
Loss ( $\lambda$ )	0.0058

Not  
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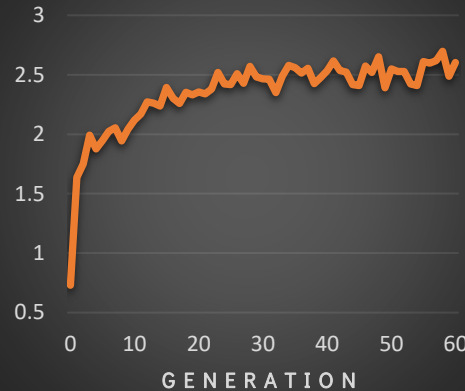
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# Pure Genetic Algorithm with Credit Crunch Constraint (GAMCC)

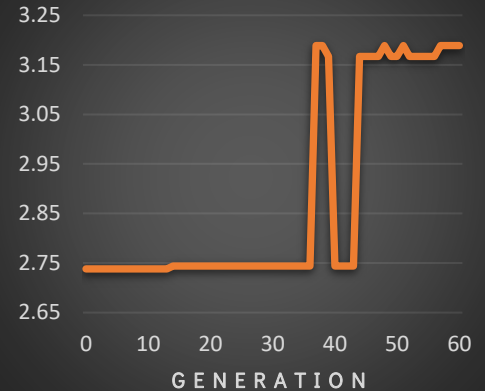


## Results and Inferences

Average Population Fitness



Best Population Fitness



Chromosome	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Loan Size	10	25	4	11	18	3	17	15	9	10
Rating	AAA	BB	A	AA	BBB	AAA	BB	AAA	A	A

Number of Loans Approved	6
Total Loan Amount	47
Max Loan Amount	51

Elapsed Time	0.039s
Best Fitness	3.189

High Credit Rating, yet Rejected !  
More Small Loans preferred over  
single large loan.  
More Transaction Fees!

# But GAMCC is not enough!

## Problem

### Inconsistent Output / Lack of Robustness

Run	Best Fitness	Final Average Fitness
1	3.189	2.929
2	2.7908	2.4716
3	3.189	2.9589
4	3.189	2.2141
5	3.189	2.5263
6	2.7908	2.5428
7	3.189	2.6541
8	2.744	2.5835
9	3.189	2.5889
10	3.1672	2.4510

Average of Average  
Population Fitness

2.5920

- Whole Algorithm is run for 10 runs
- Optimal Solution reached only **6/10** times
- The algorithm is getting **stuck in local optimum**
- Depending on **luck not acceptable** in such an important decision
- Average fitness of population not good – **population not converging**

## Reason

### Excessive dependence on good population initialization

- GAMCC being a heuristic algorithm, it is not always expected that the optimal solution will be reached
- However, GA has a notorious reputation of **requiring a good initial solution set** (initial population)
- Currently, the initial population is being generated randomly (**i.e. LUCK!**)
- **Feeding a good initial population** may provide consistently better results

## Solution

### Use Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) to improve the initial population

#### Why ABC?

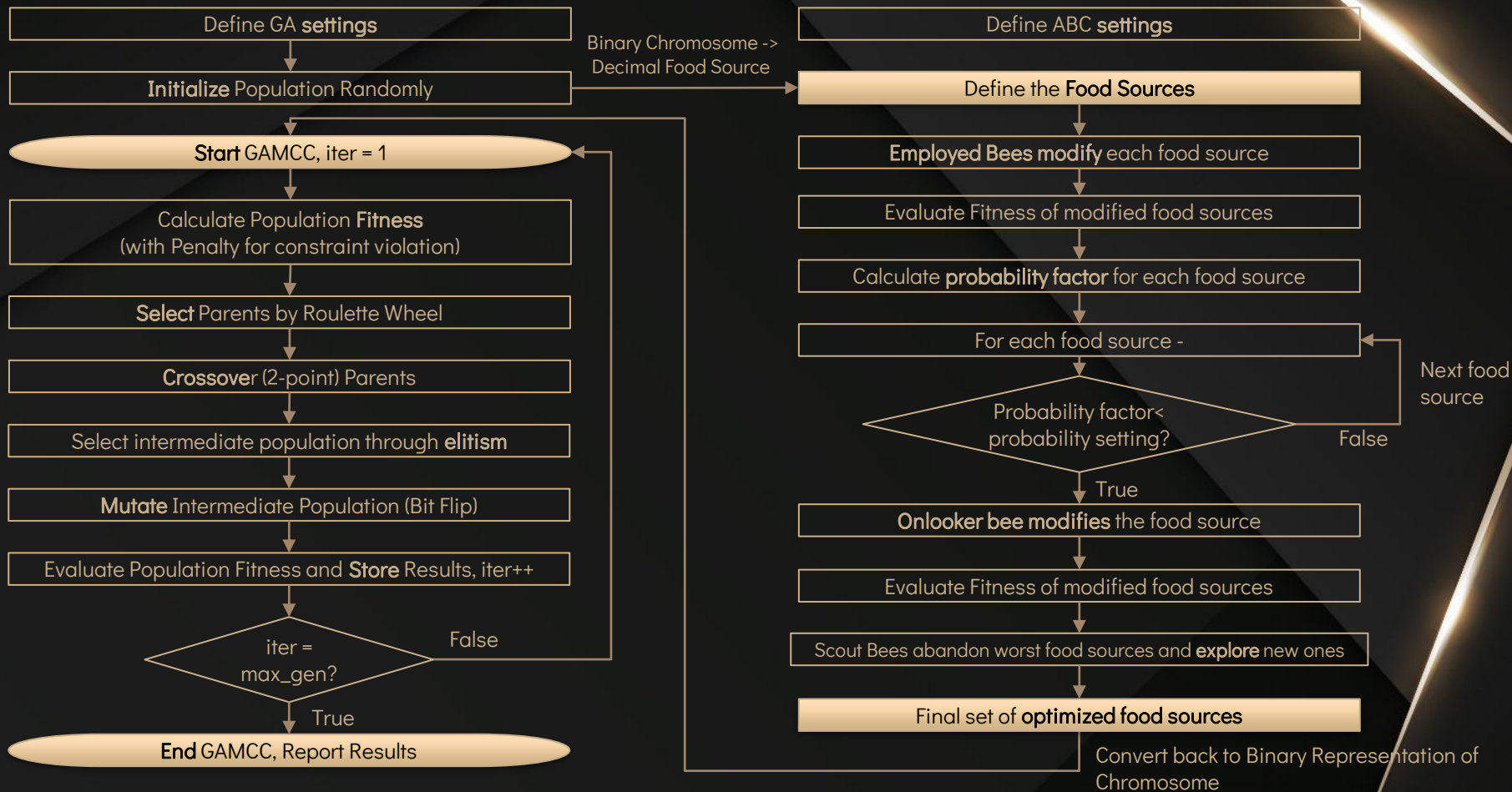
- Employed + Onlooker Bees **share past information** (absent in GA – provides synergy)
- **Fast selection** unlike computationally expensive roulette wheel (problematic in GA)
- Great mix of **exploitation** (Modified + Onlooker bees) and **Exploration** (Scout Bees)
- **Worst solutions eliminated** by Scout bees – population gets refined in a good way

# Colony of Genetic Artificial Bees (CoGAB)

## ----- Implementation Flow -----

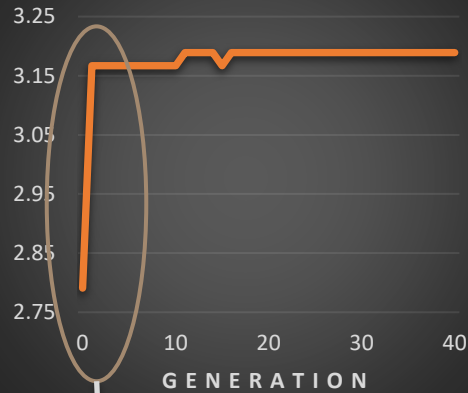
**GAMCC**

**ABC**

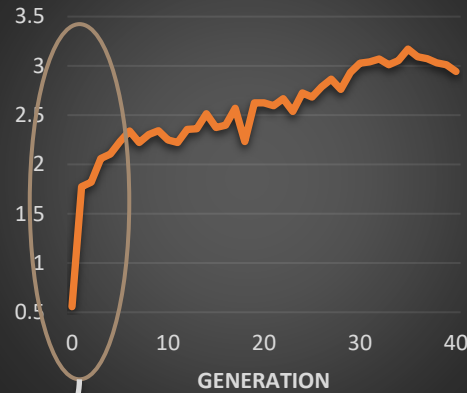


# Results – Colony of Genetic Artificial Bees (CoGAB)

Best Population Fitness



Average Population Fitness



Chromosome	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Loan Size	10	25	4	11	18	3	17	15	9	10
Rating	AAA	BB	A	AA	BBB	AAA	BB	AAA	A	A

Immediate finding of global optima due to optimized initial population.  
Superior quality of population is also indicated by steep rise in average population fitness

Number of Loans Approved	6
Total Loan Amount	47
Max Loan Amount	51

Elapsed Time	0.038s
Best Fitness	3.189

**Same result in lesser time and space!** (less iterations required to reach optimality consistently)

## Comparison – GAMCC vs CoGAB

Run	GAMCC		CoGAB	
	Best Fitness	Final Average Fitness	Best Fitness	Final Average Fitness
1	3.189	2.929	3.189	3.055
2	2.7908	2.4716	3.189	2.6293
3	3.189	2.9589	3.189	3.0246
4	3.189	2.2141	3.189	2.6848
5	3.189	2.5263	3.189	2.6522
6	2.7908	2.5428	3.189	3.0132
7	3.189	2.6541	3.189	2.5925
8	2.744	2.5835	3.189	2.9036
9	3.189	2.5889	3.189	3.0824
10	3.1672	2.4510	3.189	2.845

Average of Average Population Fitness	2.5920	2.8483
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- **CoGAB is more reliable** (reached global optimum in 10/10 runs compared to 6/10 for GAMCC)
- **Average population fitness is also greater** for CoGAB, that too in 40 generations compared to 60 used in GAMCC



# Thank You

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