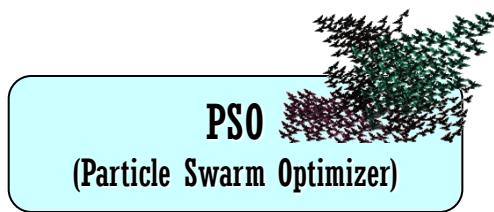


# Randomness and its Applications to Optimization

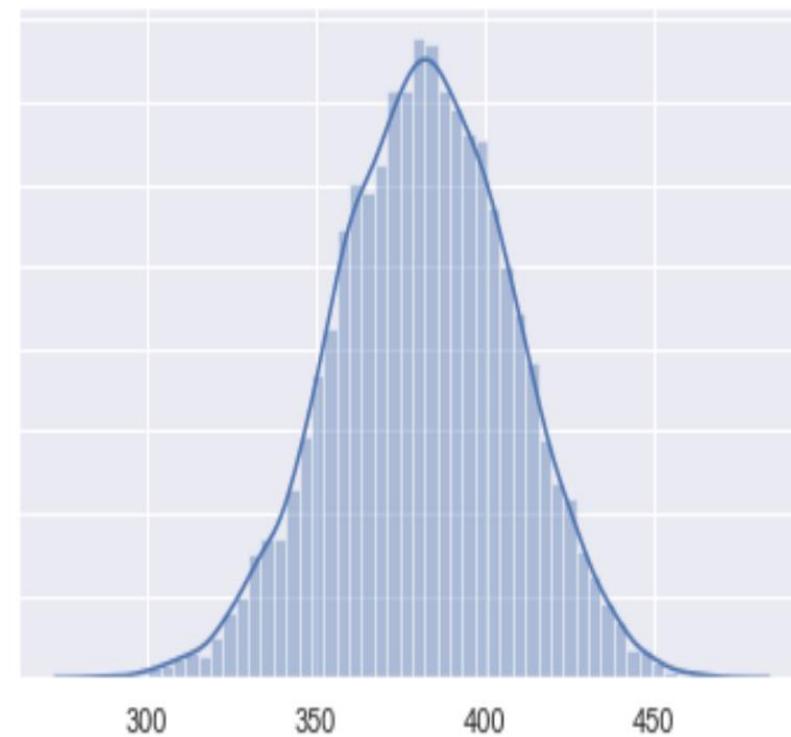
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# Objectives

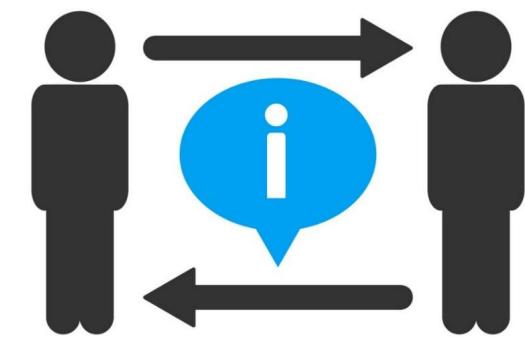
## Evolutionary Alg.



## Randomness



## Steps to GAs



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**PSO**  
(Particle Swarm Optimizer)



**ACO**  
(Ant Colony Optimizer)



**AIS**  
(Artificial Immune System)

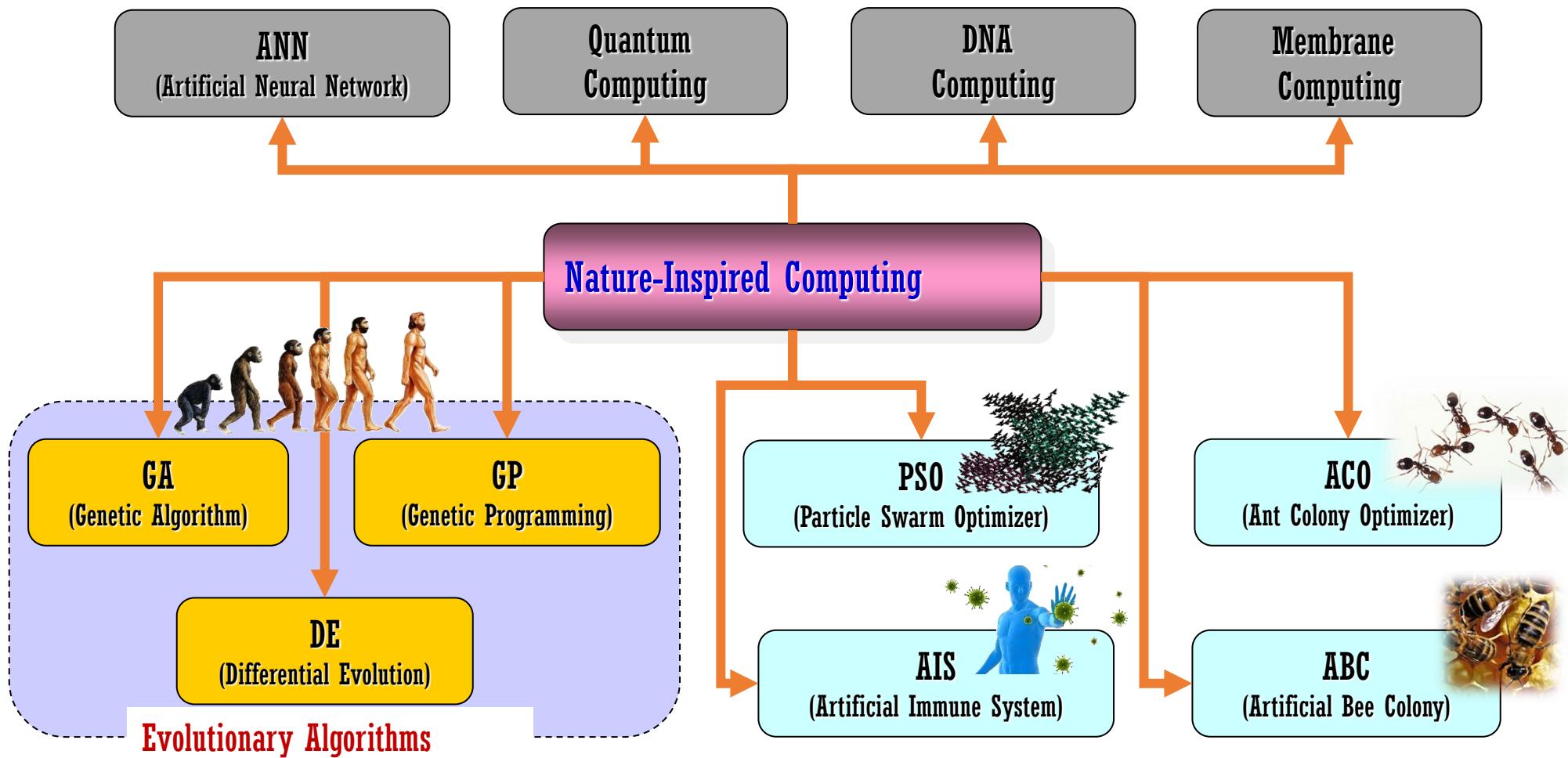


**ABC**  
(Artificial Bee Colony)

# Applications

## Nature-Inspired Computing (Algorithms): Examples

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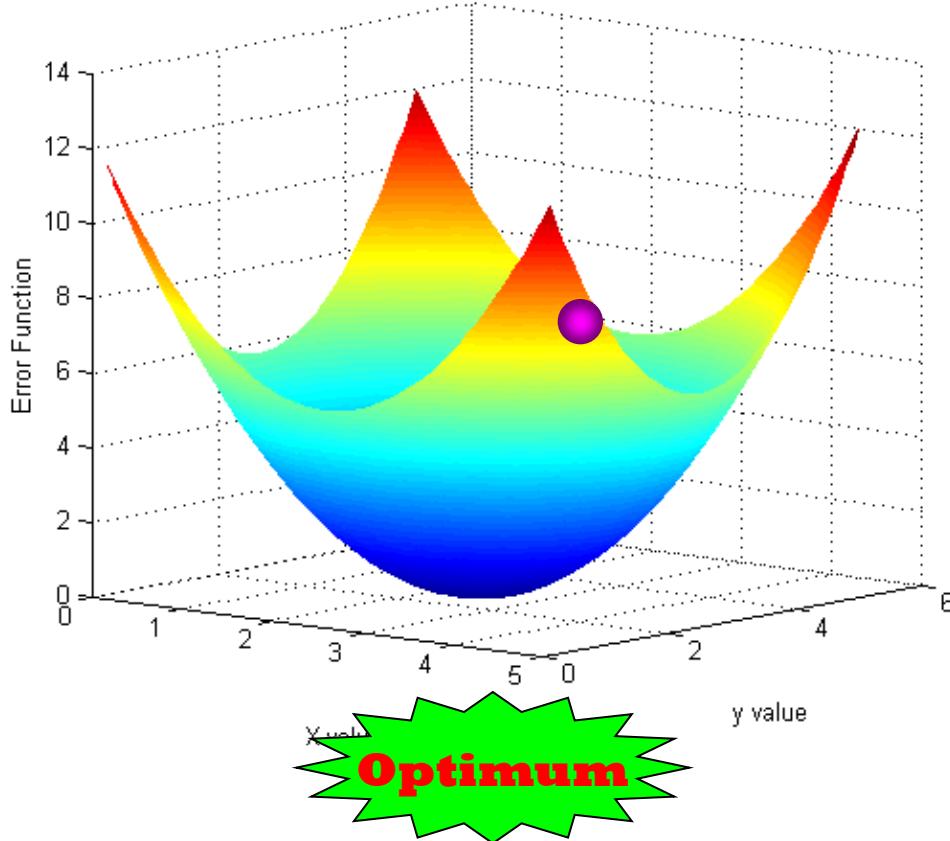


# Applications

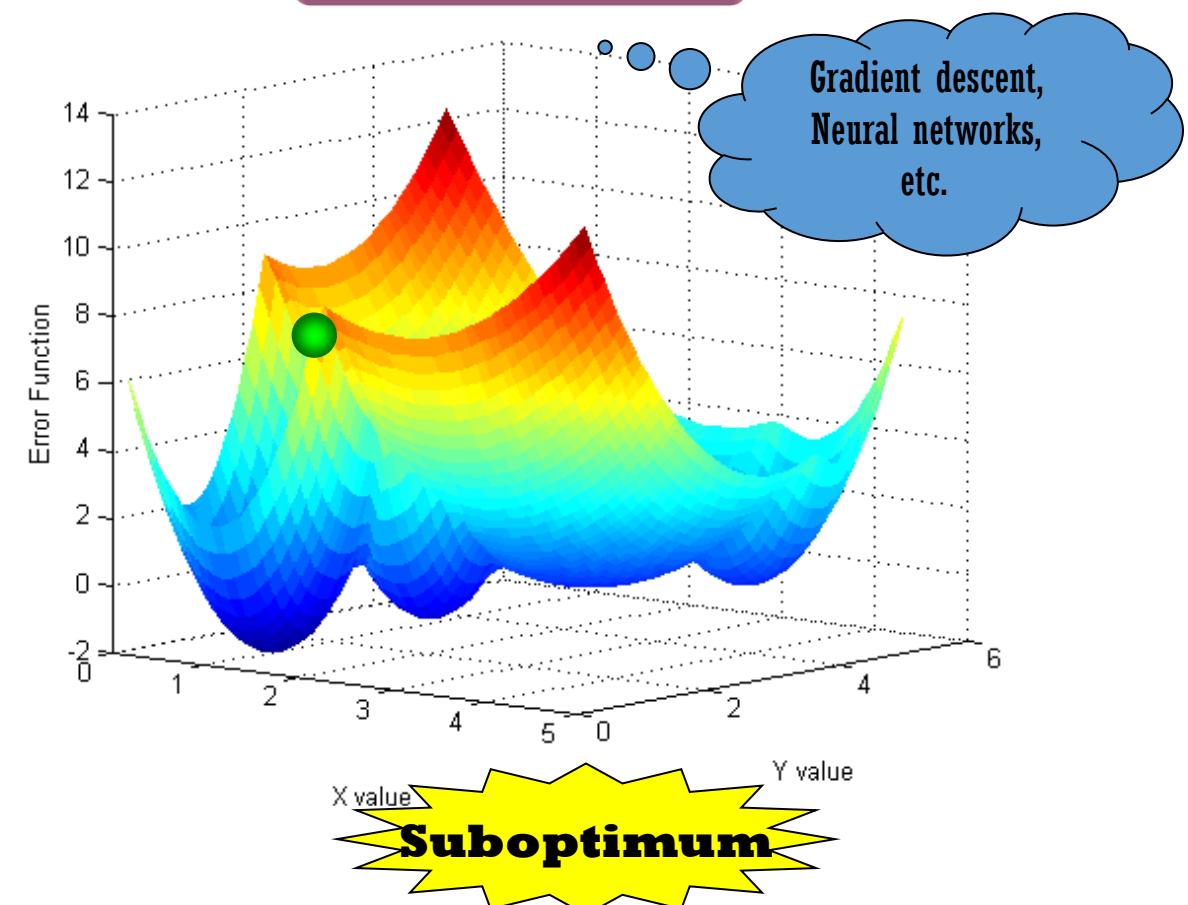
## What's the Problem of Existing (Deterministic) Methods?

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Single modal case



Multiple modal case



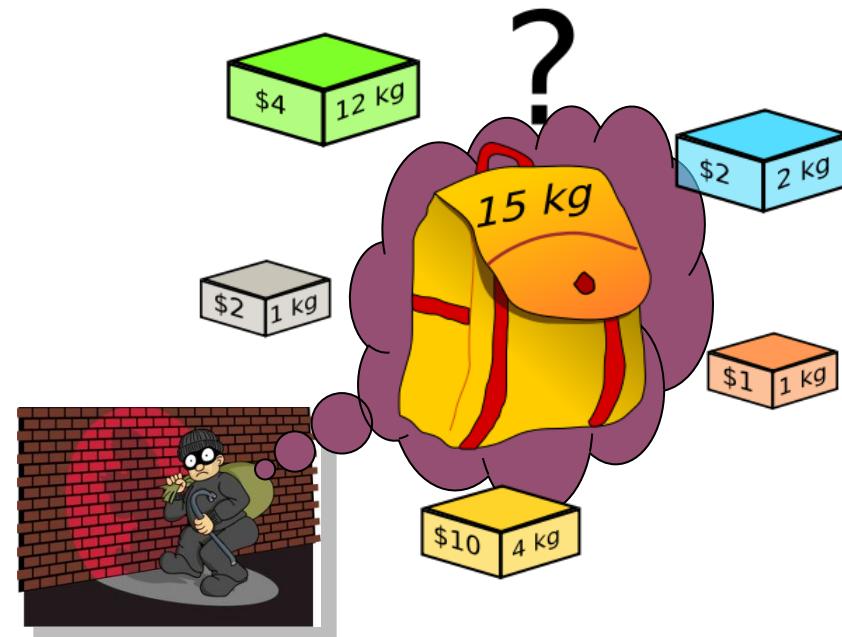
# Classical Combinatorial Problems

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## Traveling Salesman Problem



## Knapsack Problem

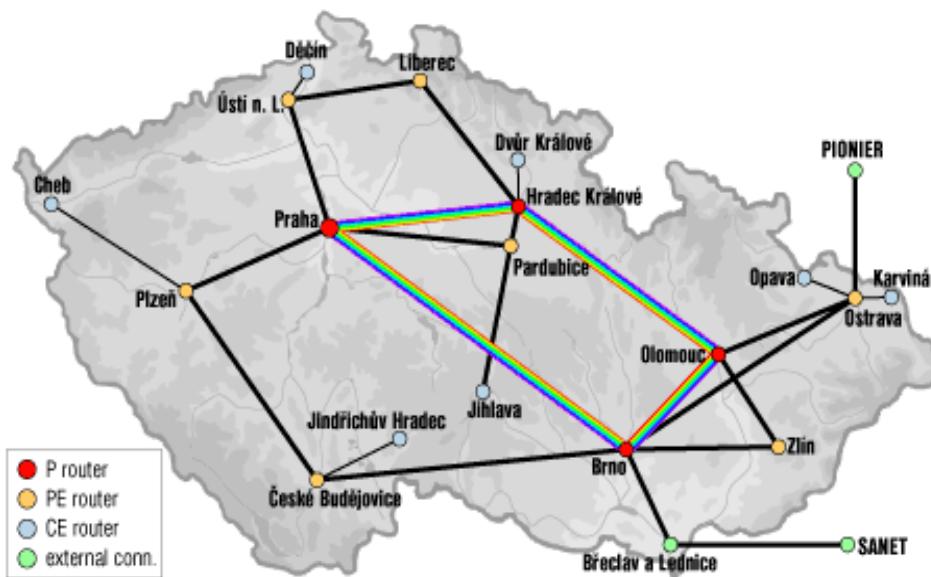


- Maximize the amount of profits (e.g., money) while still keeping the overall weight under or equal to a given limit!

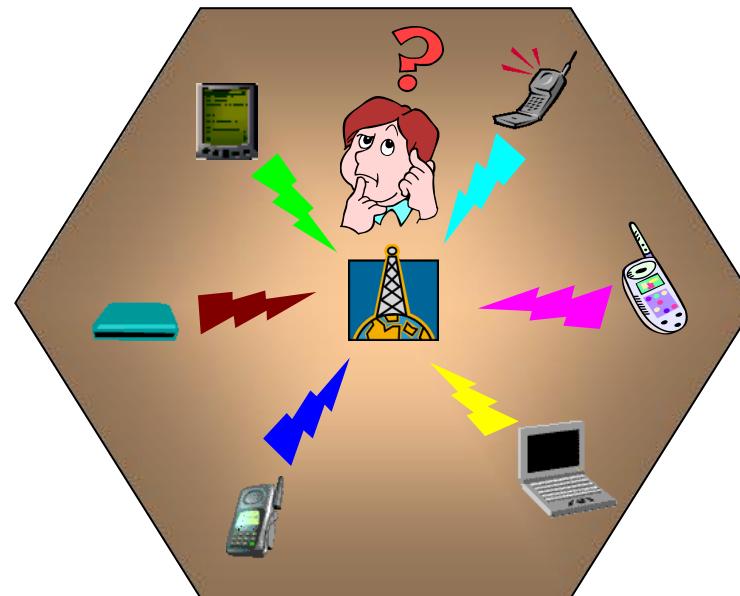
# Communication & Networks

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## Multicast Routing



## Resource Allocation



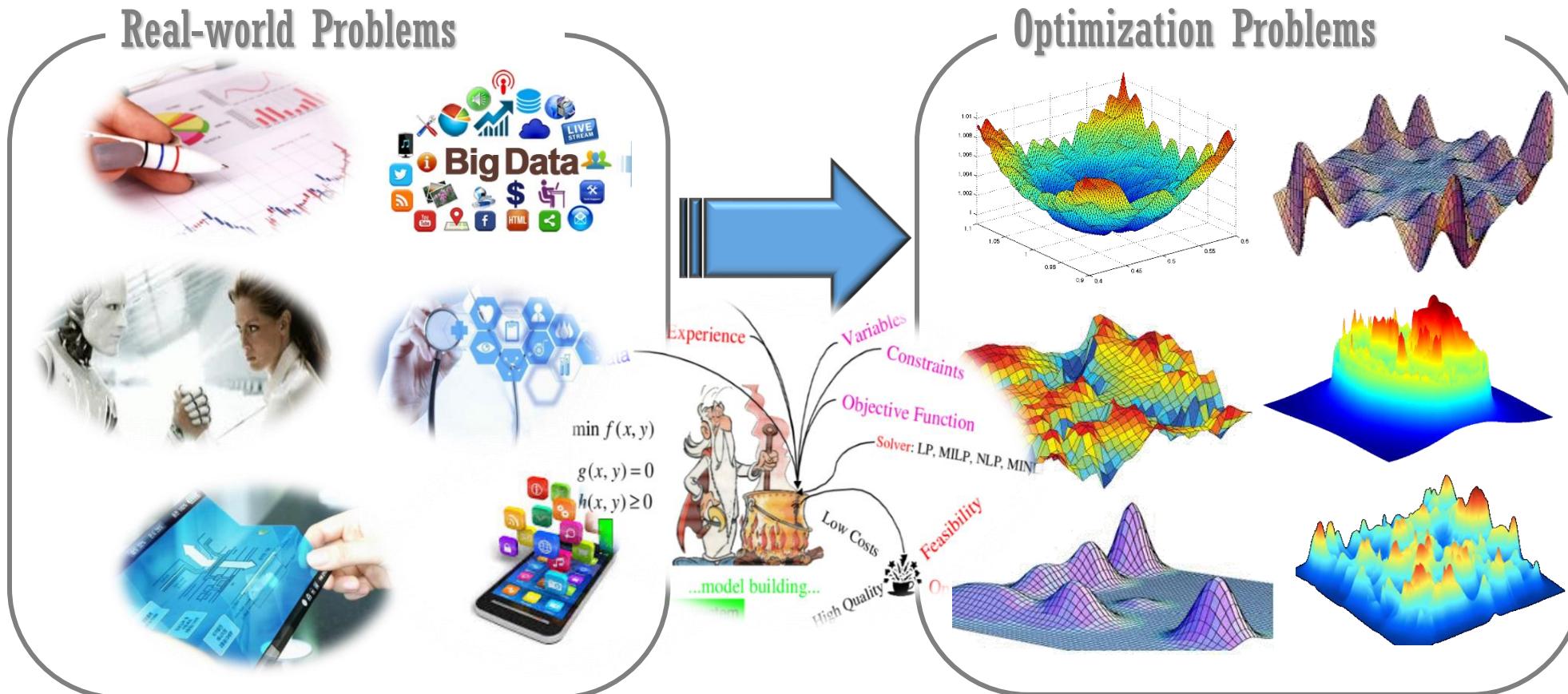
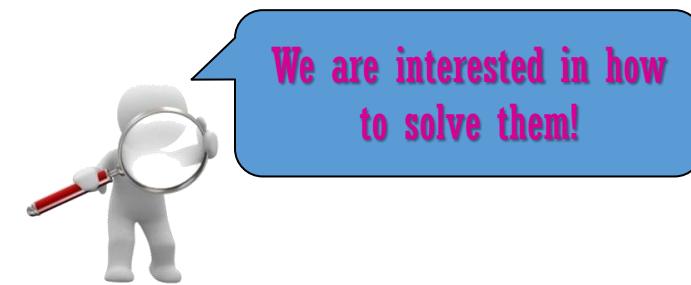
- Minimize the cost of multicast tree while satisfying delay and bandwidth constraints

- Maximize resource utilization by fairly distributing wireless resources among the connections

# Applications

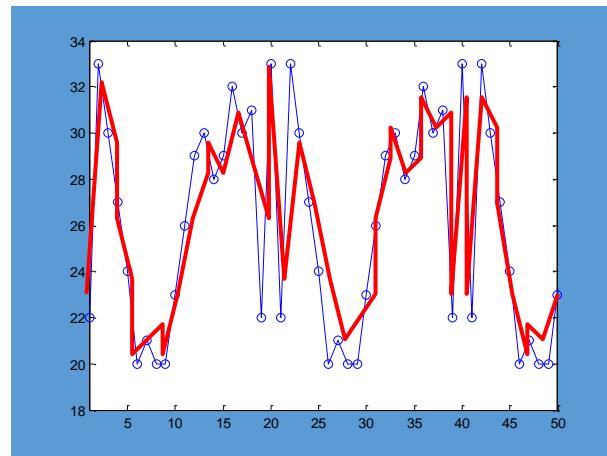
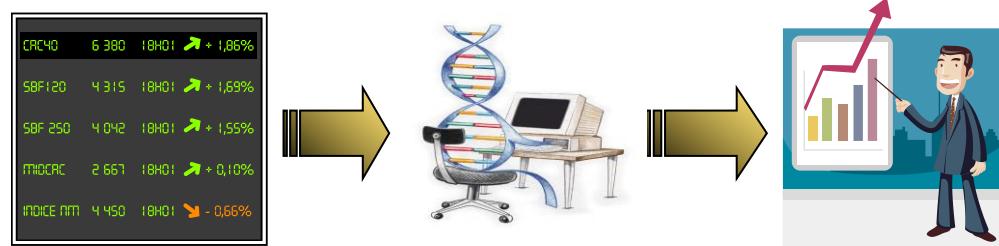
## What is the Target of Interest?

- All the Problems in Any Field!
- That is, a sort of Optimization Problem!



# Economic Science

## Time-Series Forecasting



- Predicting some future outcomes from a set of historical events
- Stock prediction, Weather forecasting, etc.

## Decision in Dilemma



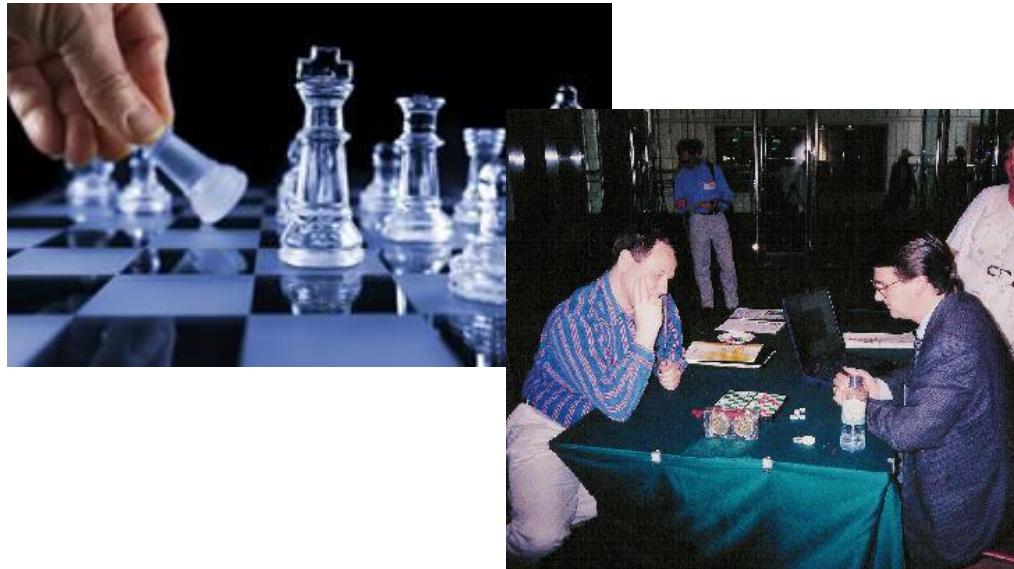
- Choosing a decision in conflict objectives
- Prisoner's dilemma, Game theory, etc.

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# Game

## ● Evolutionary Checker

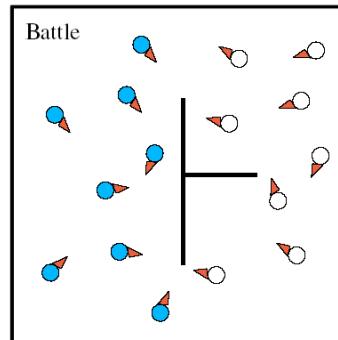
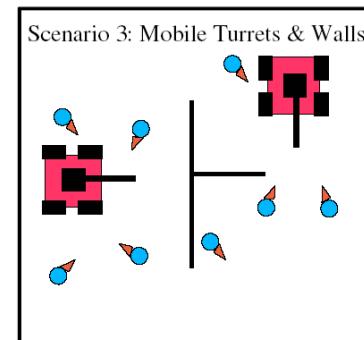
- 8X8 board, 12 checkers for each player
  - Diagonal moves, Jumps are forced, etc.
- Neural Networks + Evolutionary Prog.
  - Checkerboards are evaluated by NNs
  - NNs and King value are evolved with EP
- Almost the expert level without knowledge



## ● Video Game: NERO

- Univ. of Texas at Austin
- Player's role
  - Train agents for competition
- No prepackaged or scripted agents
- Evolve in real-time

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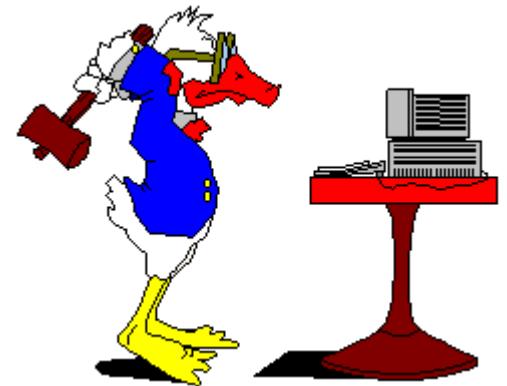


# Art

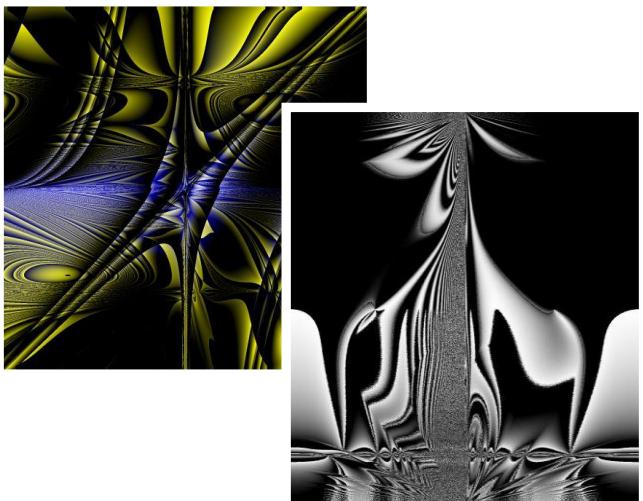
## ● What's Evolutionary Art?

- Technically, it is creating pieces of art through human-computer interaction
- Computer runs evolutionary algorithms and human applies subjective selection
  - Role of computers: offer choices and create diversity
  - Role of human: make (subjective) choices and reduce diversity
- Selection (aesthetic/subjective) steers towards implicit user preferences

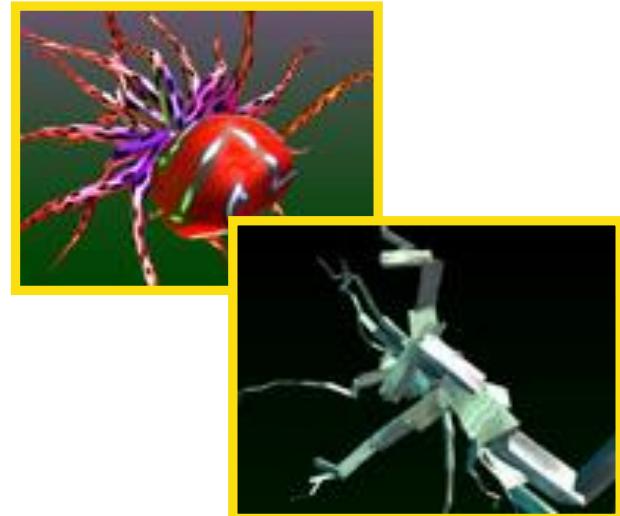
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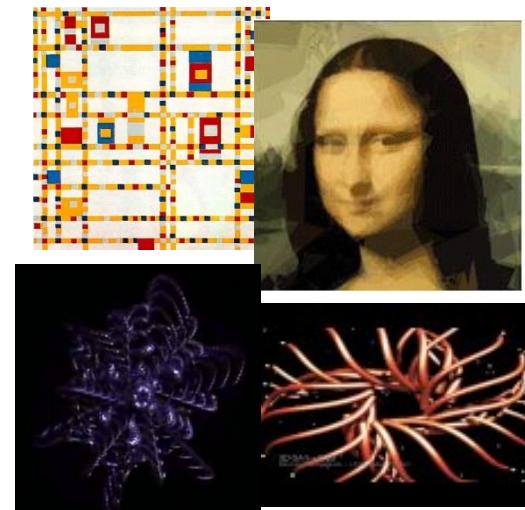
Evol. Art by Kleiweg



Galapagos by Karl Sims



Other Examples



# Music

## ● GenJam (Genetic Jammer)

- Developed in 1993~94 by Prof. John Al Biles
- Interactive GA that learns to play jazz solos
- GenJam's repertoire: Over 250 jazz-style tunes
- Evolving by special fitness operators;  
e.g., rhythm conformity
- What can it be done?
  - ✓ Playing full-chorus improvised solos
  - ✓ Listening to trumpet and responds interactively when we trade fours
  - ✓ Engaging in collective improvisation;  
we both solo simultaneously and GenJam performs a smart echo of improvisation
  - ✓ Listening to me and play the head of a tune and breeds my measures



Source:  
[http://www.it.rit.edu/~jab/  
GenJam.html](http://www.it.rit.edu/~jab/GenJam.html)



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Virtual  
quintet

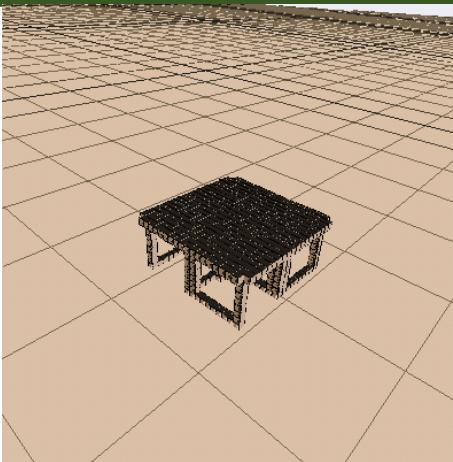
MusiGenesis



# Design

## ● Structure Design

- Bridge structure optimization
- Building structure design



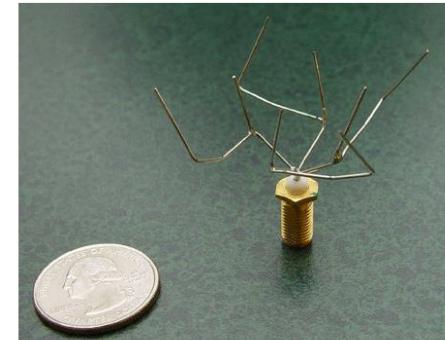
## ● Aviation System Design

- Airfoil, wing, and antenna designs
- Space platform structure optimization
- Jet aircraft model optimization

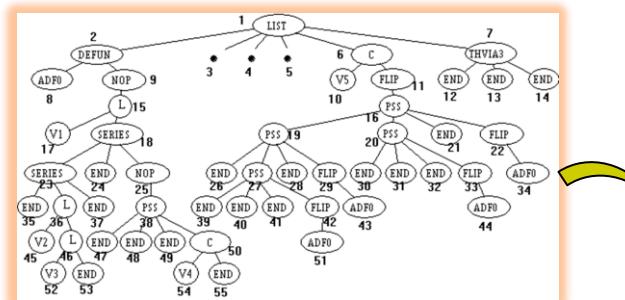


## ● Circuit Design

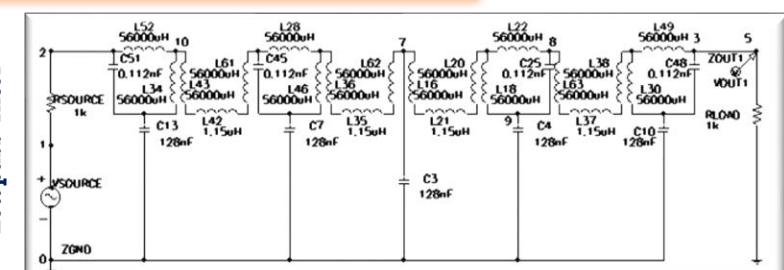
- Automatic synthesis of topology & sizing of analog electrical circuits



Evolved antenna  
(NASA, 2004)



Lowpass filter

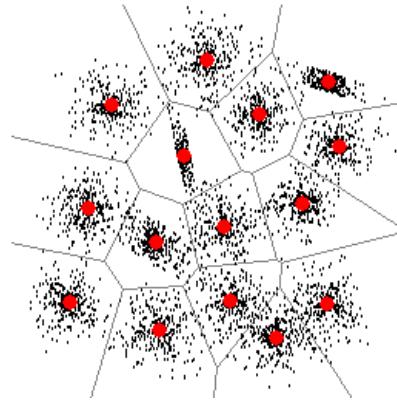


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# Information Mining

## ● Clustering

- Data clustering
- Text mining
- Web search

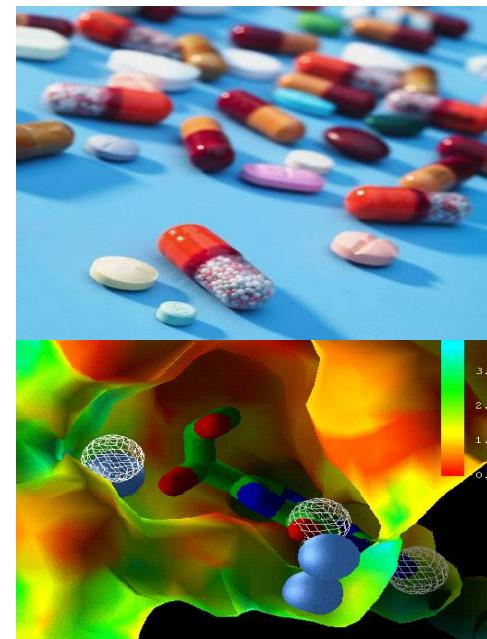
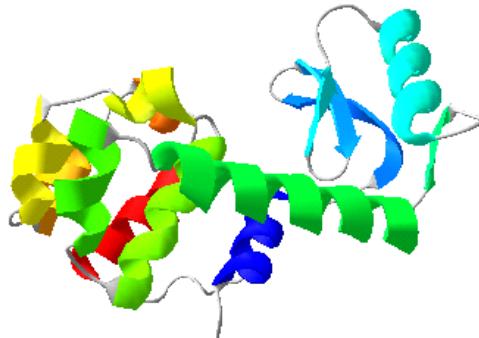


enterprise infrastructure  
technology operations  
information objectives  
scorecards  
analyze text mining  
metrics capitalization  
applications management  
connection techniques  
solution stakeholder



## ● Bioinformatics

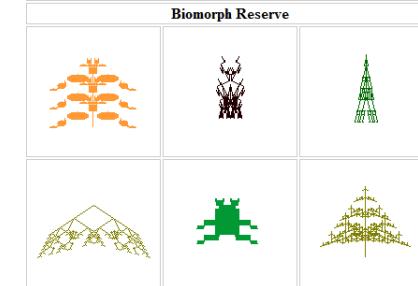
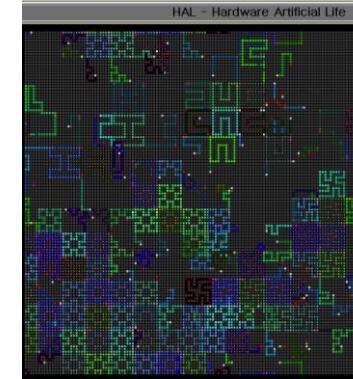
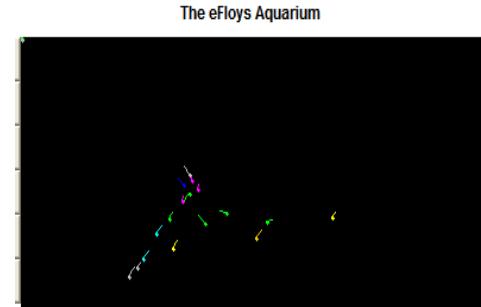
- Drug discovery
- Protein folding
- Cancer diagnosis



# Artificial Creatures & Robotics

## ● Artificial Creatures

- [eFly](#), [Biomorph](#), [HAL](#),
- [Self-replicating Worms](#)
- [Gozilla](#), [Solitaire](#)



## ● Robotics

- Humanoid Robots; e.g., e.g., [ASIMO](#)
- Genetic Robots; e.g., [Gene](#)
- Others; e.g., [Six-Legged Robot](#)  
[Robot Snake](#)



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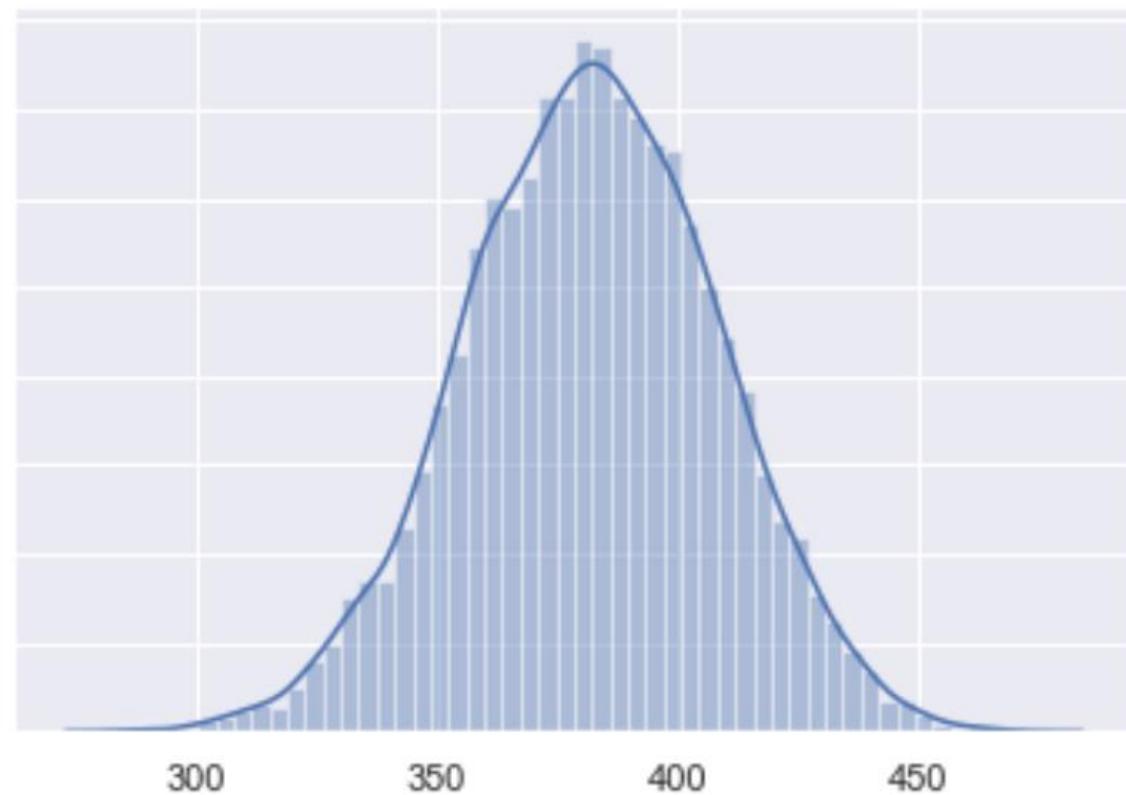
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# Randomness Applications

## ❖ Simulation of coin tossing



Count #heads

Count #tails

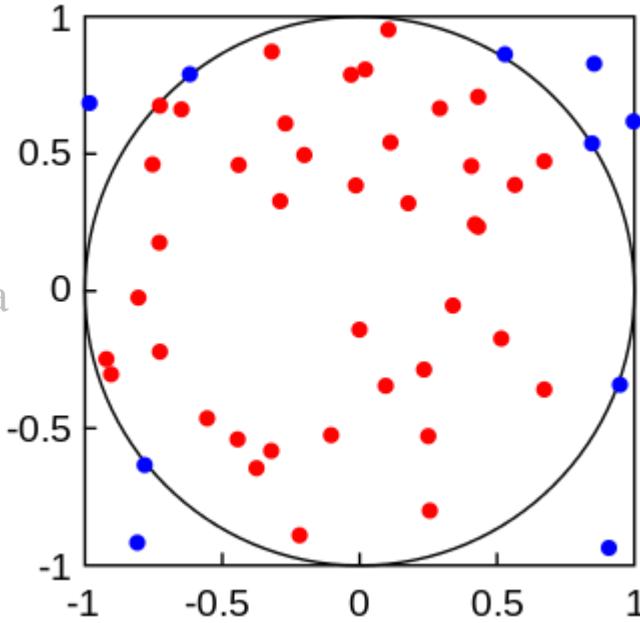
Check if the two numbers are similar

```
1.      # aivietnam.ai
2.      import random
3.
4.      # Tổng số lần búng đồng xu
5.      total_flips = 0
6.
7.      # số lần mặt sau xuất hiện
8.      num_tails = 0
9.
10.     # số lần mặt trước xuất hiện
11.     num_heads = 0
12.
13.     for _ in range(1000):
14.         # sinh số ngẫu nhiên nằm trong khoảng [0,1)
15.         n = random.random()
16.         if n < 0.5:
17.             num_tails = num_tails + 1
18.         else:
19.             num_heads = num_heads + 1
20.
21.         # code ở vị trí này không thuộc khôi else
22.         total_flips = total_flips + 1
```

# Randomness Applications

## ❖ PI estimation

hình từ  
wikipedia



$N_s$  is #random samples within the square generated according to uniform distribution

$N_c$  is #random samples within the circle generated according to uniform distribution

circle radius  $r = 1$

$$\text{circle\_area } A_c = \pi r^2$$

square side  $s = 2$

$$\text{square\_area } A_s = s^2$$

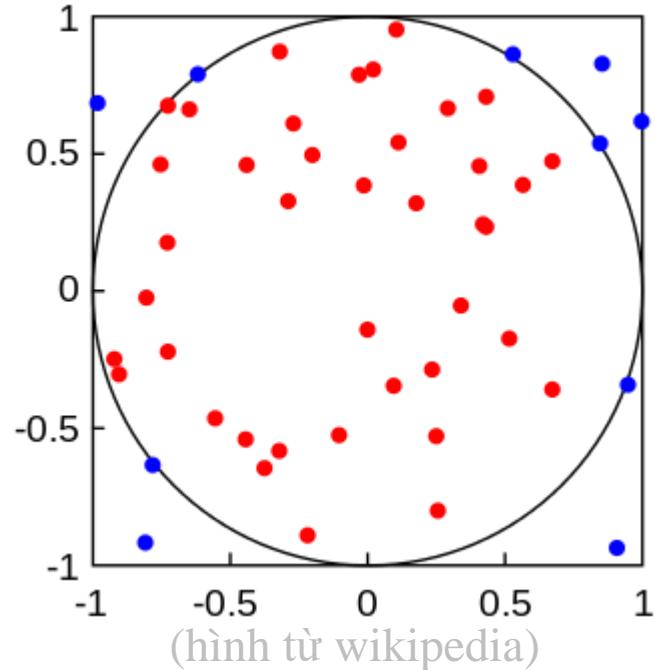
$$\frac{A_s}{A_c} \approx \frac{N_s}{N_c}$$

$$\frac{s^2}{\pi r^2} \approx \frac{N_s}{N_c}$$

$$\pi \approx \frac{s^2 N_c}{N_s}$$

# Randomness Applications

## ❖ PI estimation



$$\pi \approx \frac{s^2 N_c}{N_s}$$

```
1. # aivietnam.ai
2. import random
3. import math
4.
5.
6. # Tổng số điểm p được sinh ra
7. N = 100000
8.
9. # số điểm thuộc hình tròn
10. N_T = 0
11.
12. # Sinh ra N điểm ngẫu nhiên
13. for i in range(N):
14.     # sinh ra x, y thuộc [-1, 1].
15.     x = random.random()*2 - 1
16.     y = random.random()*2 - 1
17.
18.     x2 = x**2
19.     y2 = y**2
20.
21.     # kiểm tra p có nằm trong đường tròn
22.     if math.sqrt(x2 + y2) <= 1.0:
23.         N_T = N_T + 1
24.
25. # tính PI
26. pi = (N_T / N) * 4
27. print(pi)
```

# Gaussian Distribution

## Công thức

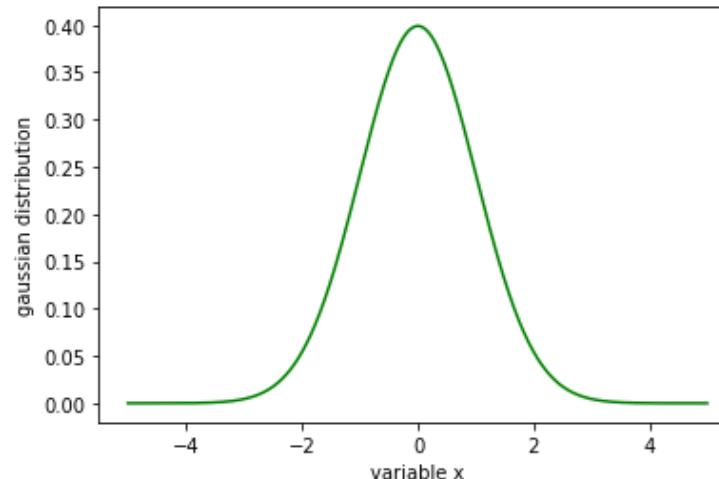
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2}$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty$$

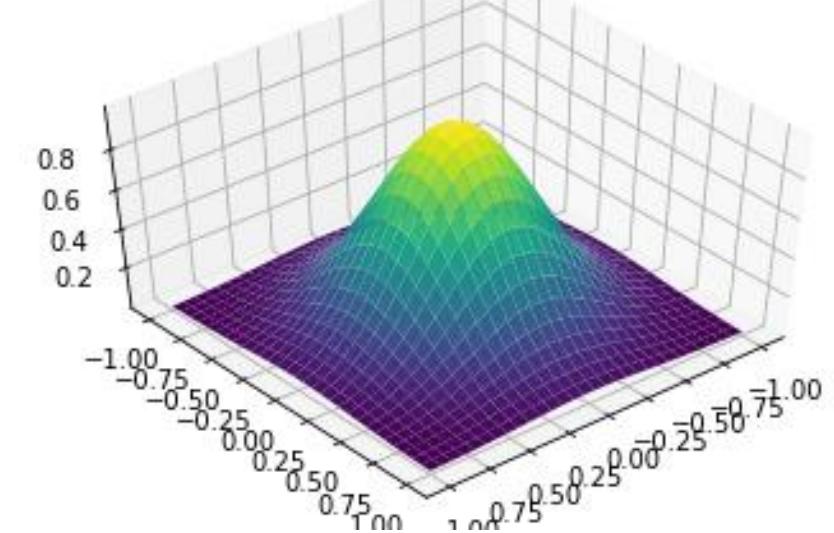
$\mu$ : mean

$\sigma^2$ : variance

Đồ thị Gaussian 1D



Đồ thị Gaussian 2D



## Ví dụ

Cho  $\mu = 0$  và  $\sigma^2 = 1$ . Tính giá trị hàm Gaussian với những giá trị x sau

$$f(x = -4) = \frac{1}{1\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2*1}(-4-0)^2} = \frac{e^{-8}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \frac{1}{e^{8}\sqrt{2\pi}} = 1.3e-04$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= [-4 & -3 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3] \\ f(x) &= [1.3e-04 & 4.4e-03 & 5.3e-02 & 2.4e-01 & 3.9e-01 & 2.4e-01 & 5.3e-02 & 4.4e-03] \end{aligned}$$

# Distribution

## ❖ Definition

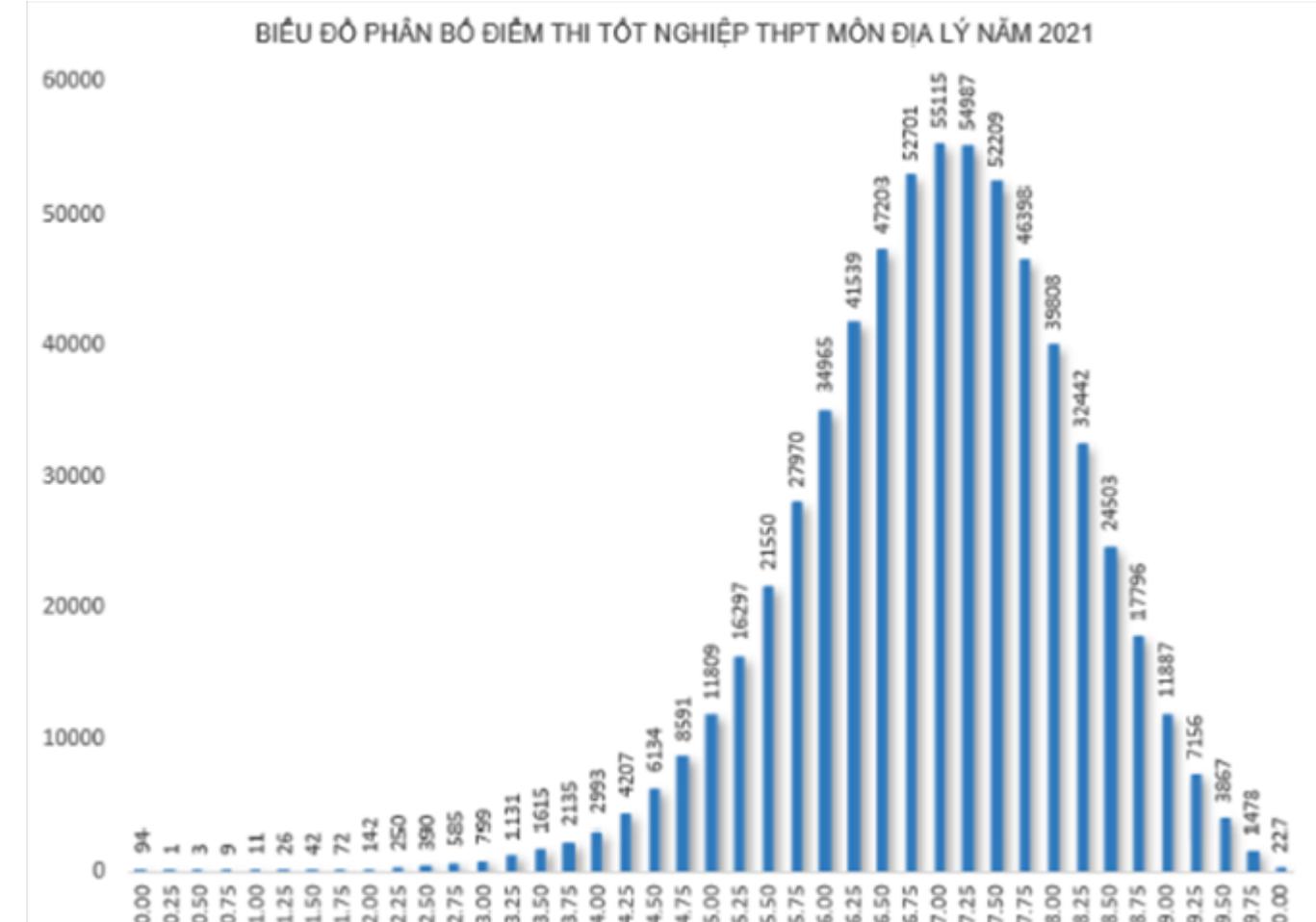
A distribution is simply a collection of data on a variable

Data are arranged in order

Statistics in Plain English

The probability distribution for a random variable describes how the probabilities are distributed over the values of the random variable.

<https://www.britannica.com/science/statistics/Random-variables-and-probability-distributions>



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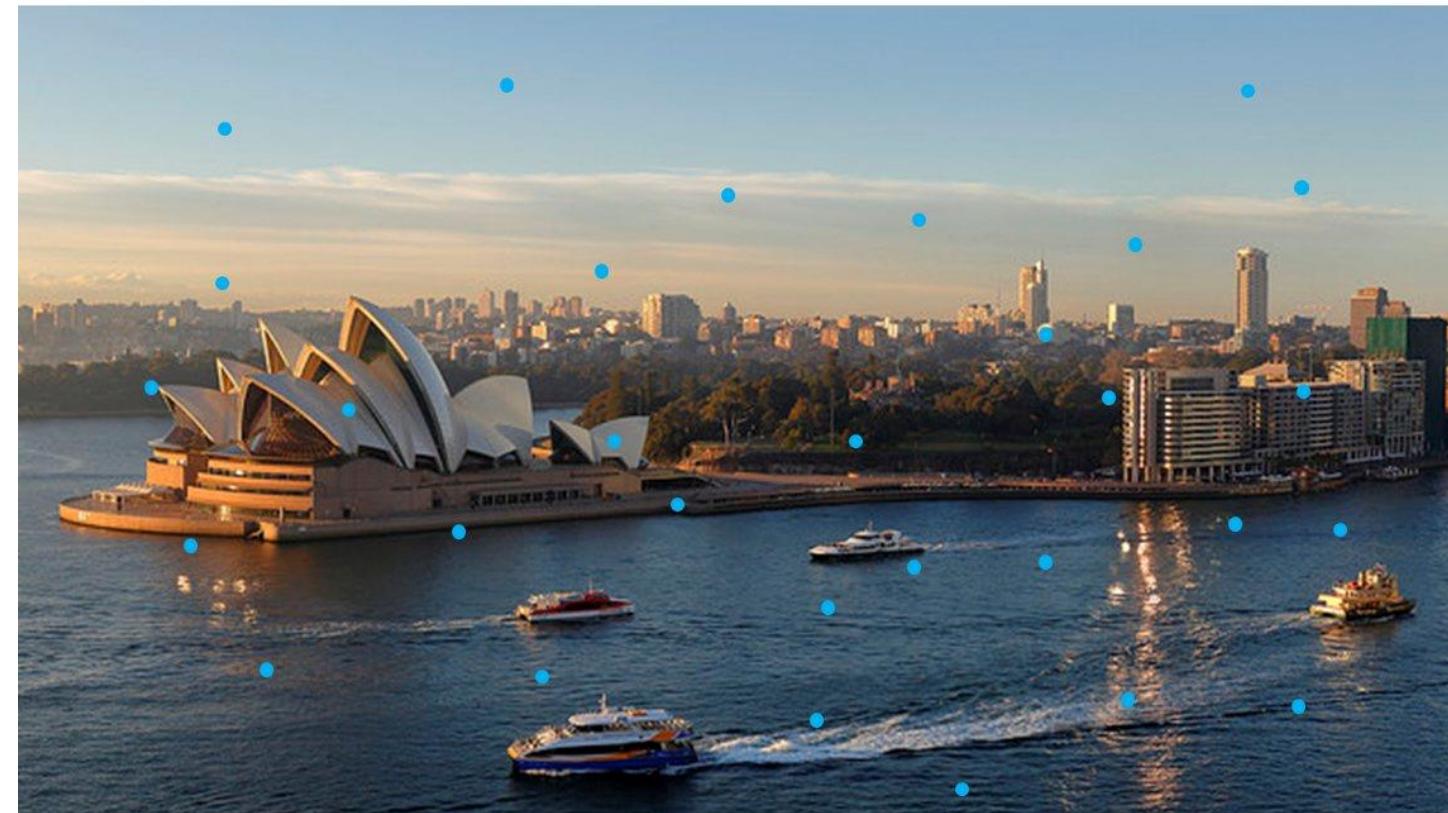
# Central Limit Theorem

Randomly selected 30 pixels

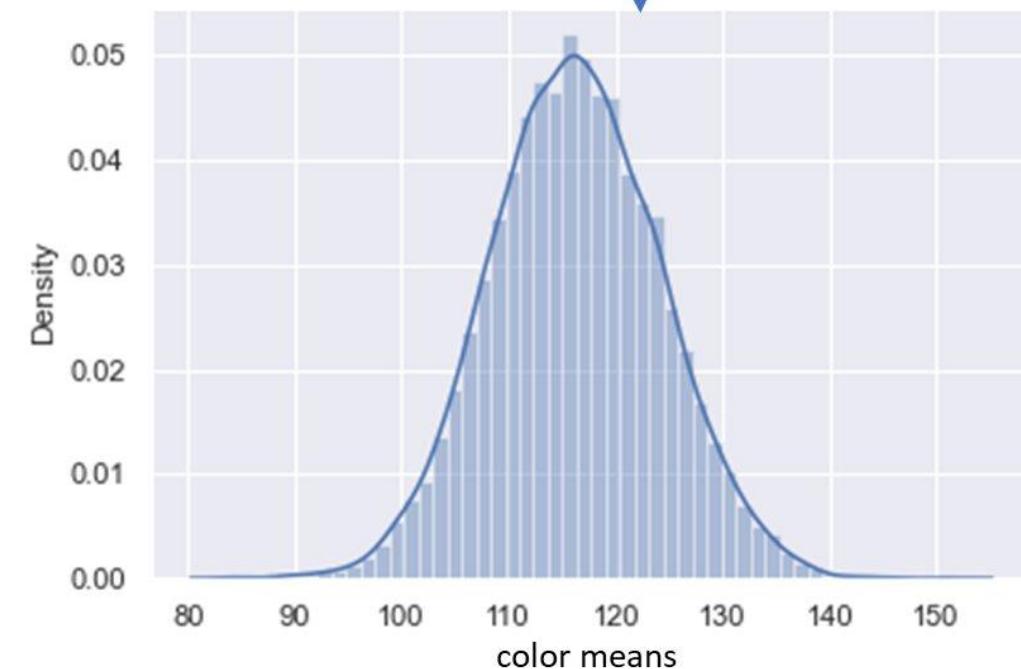
Compute color mean for the 30 pixels

Repeat 10000 times

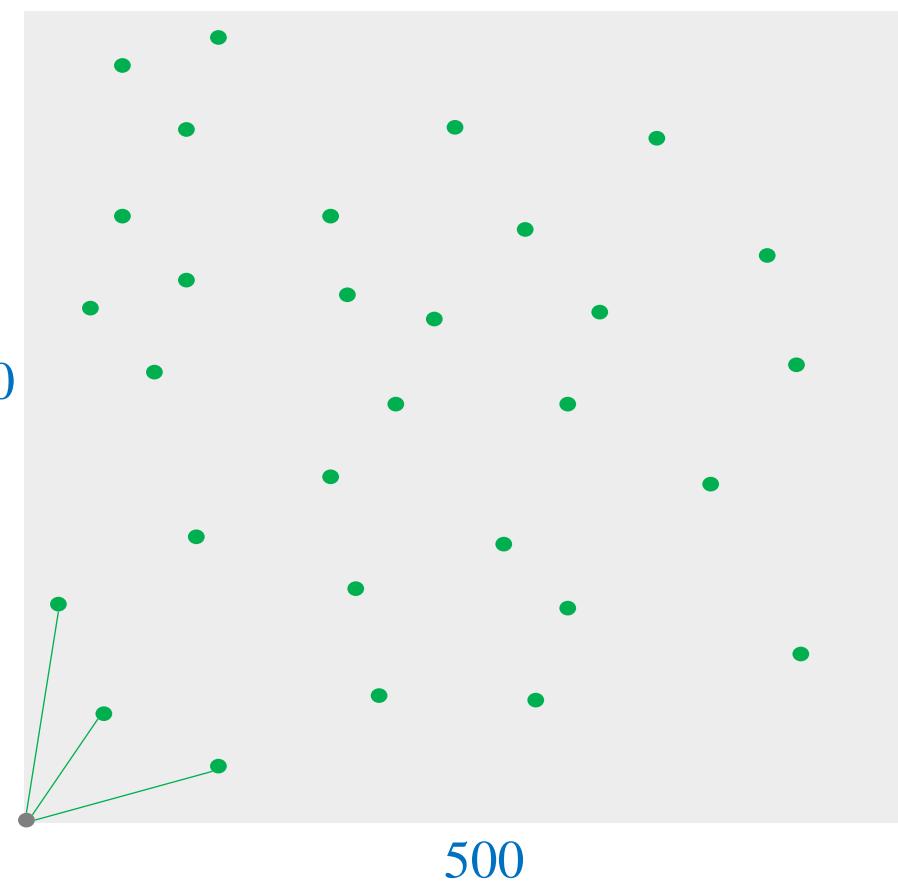
Histogram of the 10000 color means



Population: pixel colors of the entire image



## Example

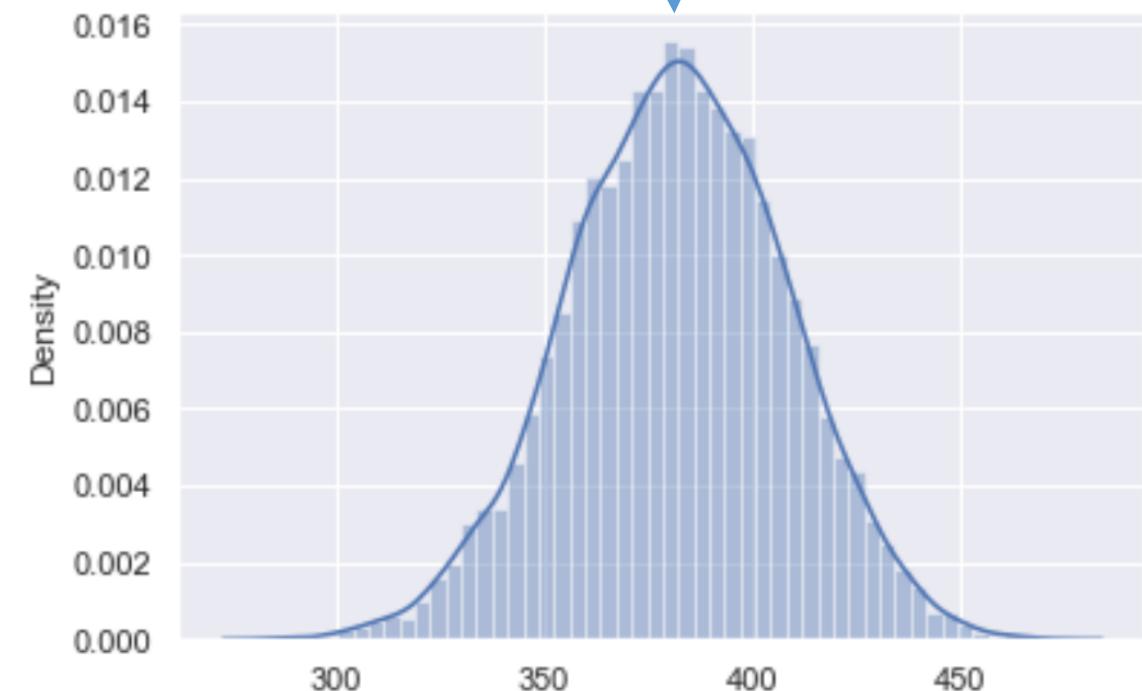


Randomly selected  
30 pixels

Compute distance  
mean

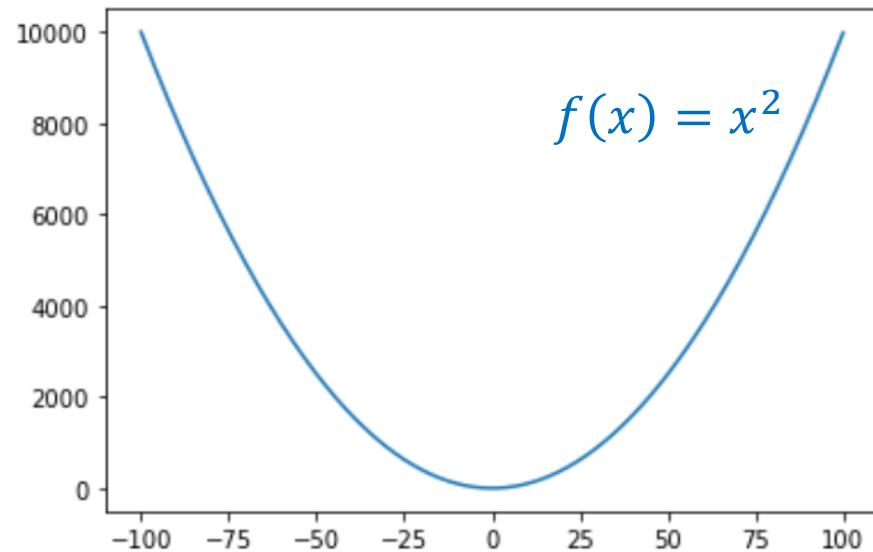
Repeat 10000  
times

Histogram of 1000  
distance means



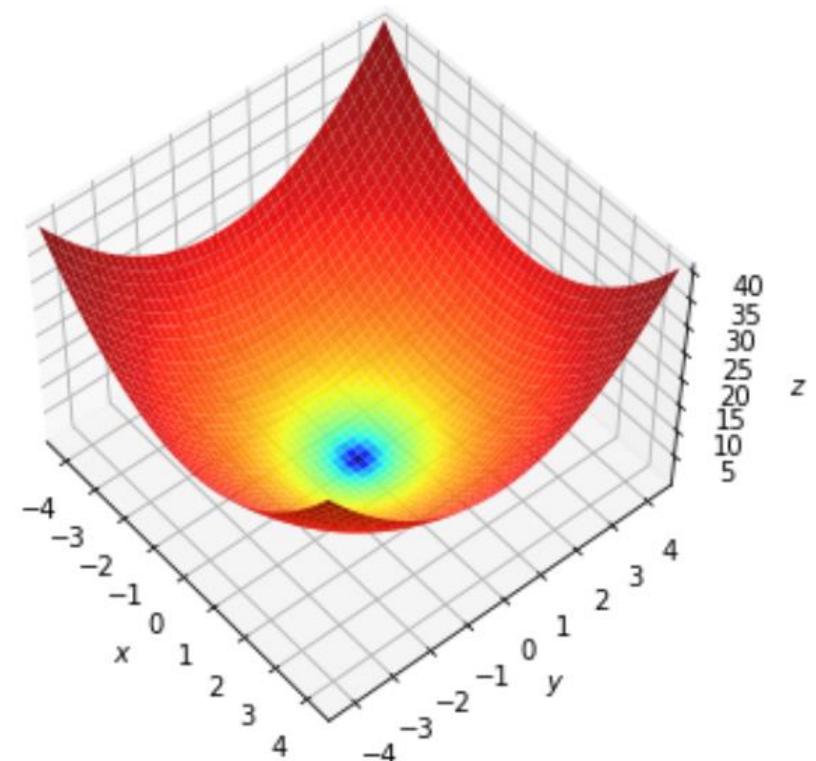
# Randomness Applications

## ❖ Optimization



$$\begin{aligned} -100 \leq x \leq 100 \\ x \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= x^2 + y^2 \\ -100 \leq x, y &\leq 100; x \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$



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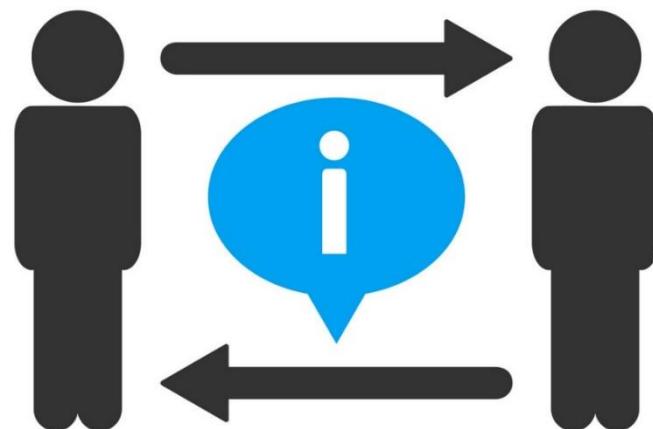
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## ❖ One-max problem

Each vector  $v$  has the length of  $n$

$$n = 10$$

vector  $v_1$



$$\text{secret}(v_1) \rightarrow 6$$

vector  $v_2$



$$\text{secret}(v_2) \rightarrow 3$$

vector  $v_1$



$$\text{secret}(v_1) \rightarrow 4$$

vector  $v_2$



$$\text{secret}(v_2) \rightarrow 7$$

Secret information

$$\text{secret}(v) = \sum_i v_i$$

The body of the secret function is unknown

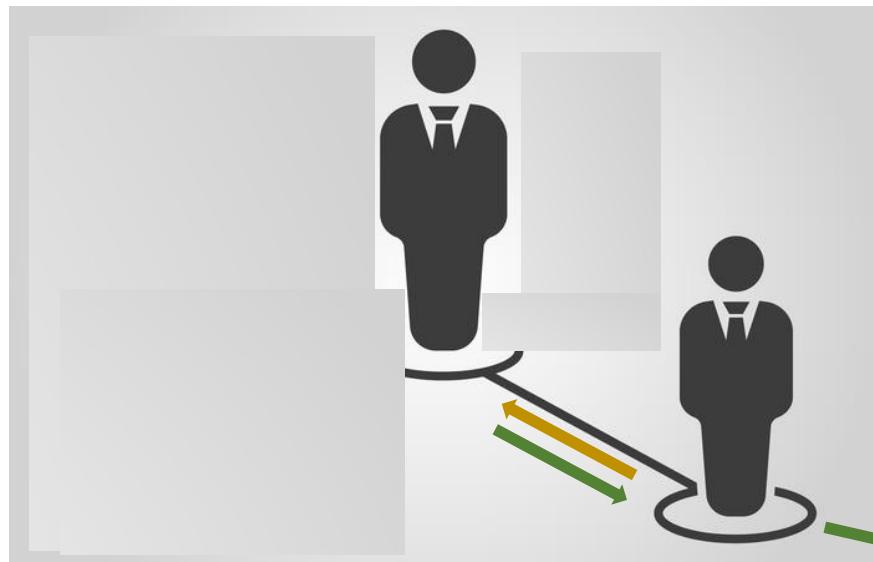
Design an algorithm for general purpose

Possible

## Scenario 1

### Searching Space

Decision maker (M)

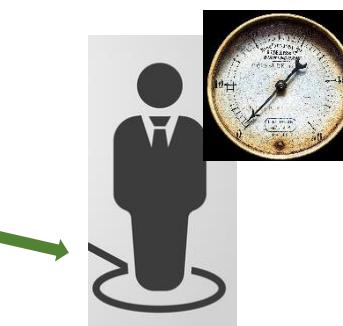


Worker W1

→ Assign a random location

← Feedback its score

*Assign a random location*



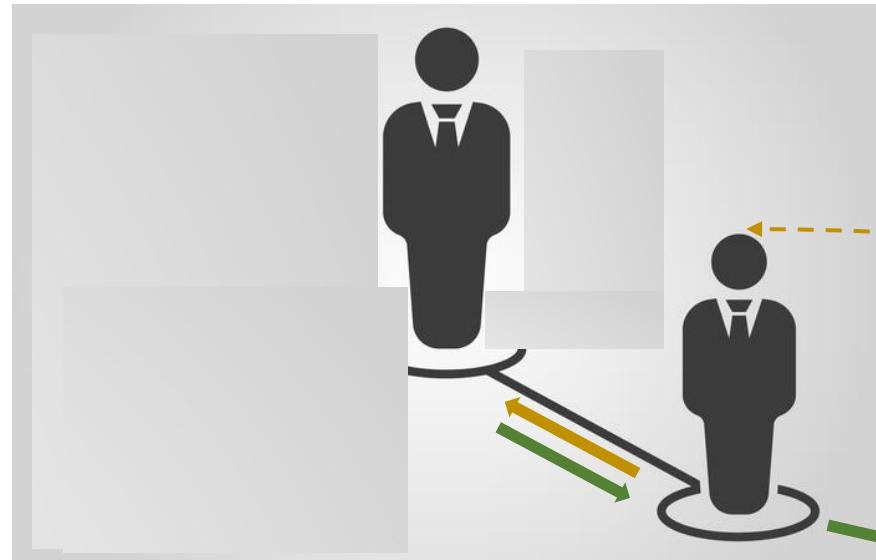
- 1) Only one worker
- 2) Enough \$ only for one round

## Scenario 1

### Searching Space

The score from W1 is 10

Decision maker (M)



→ Assign a random location

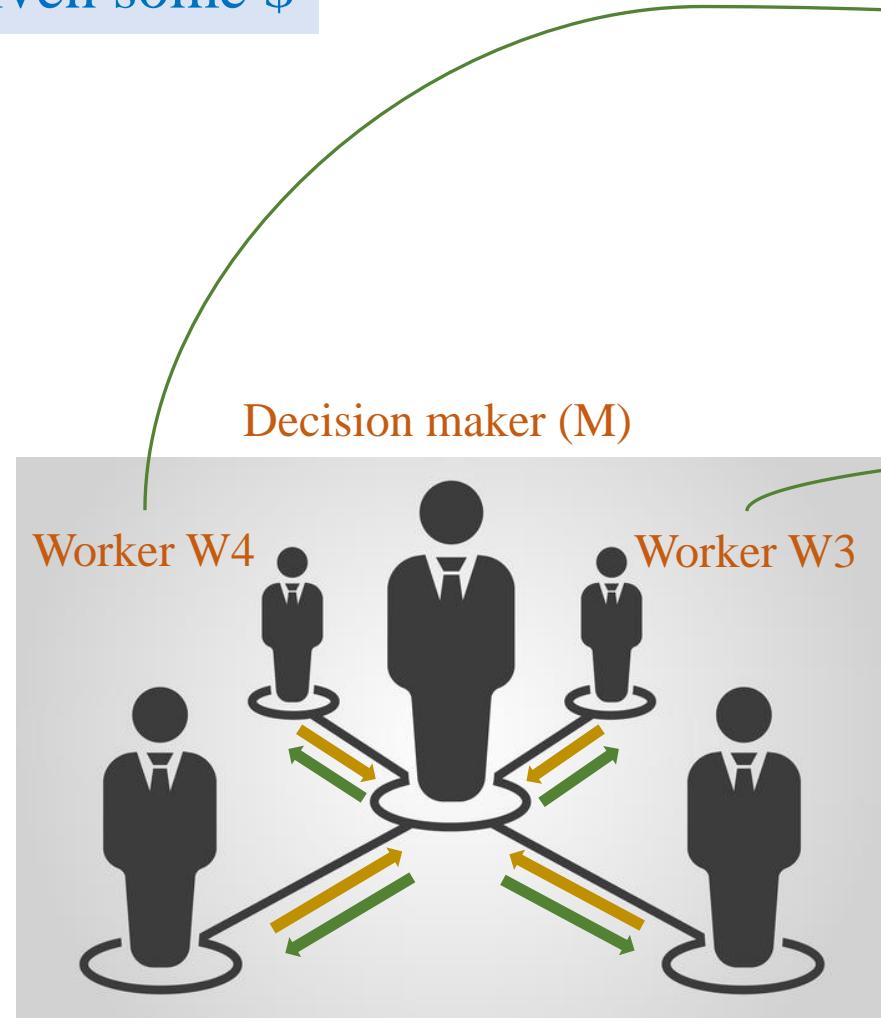
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Assign a random location

- 1) Only one worker
- 2) Enough \$ only for one round

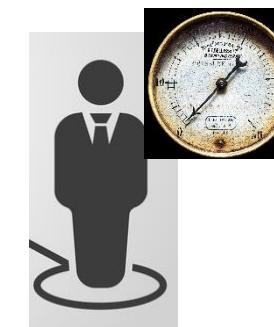
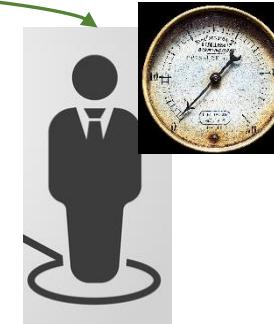
## Scenario 2: Given some \$

### Searching Space



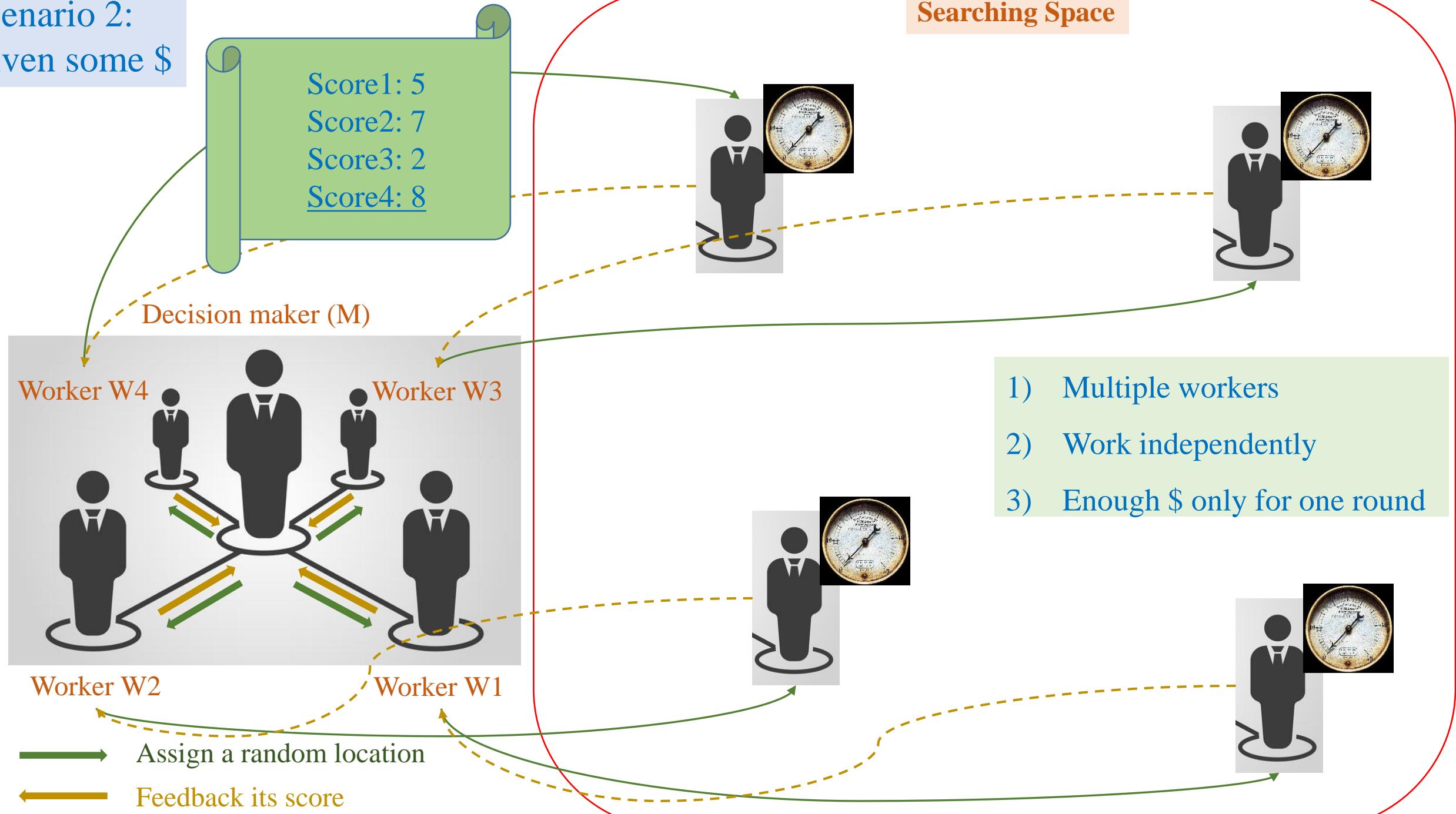
—→ Assign a random location  
← Feedback its score

- 1) Multiple workers
- 2) Work independently
- 3) Enough \$ only for one round



## Scenario 2: Given some \$

### Searching Space



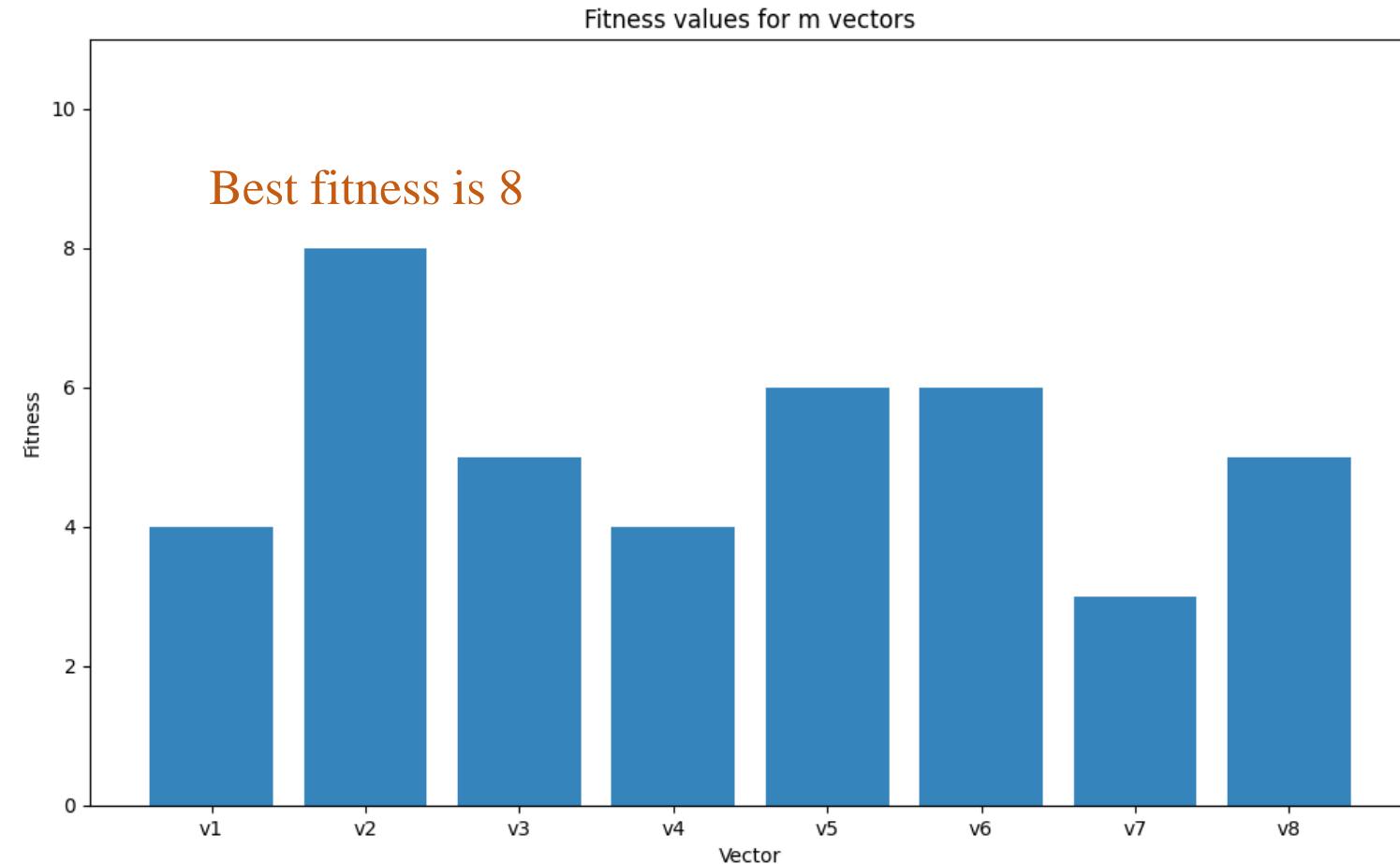
# Random Search

## ❖ How to obtain vectors with good scores

Generate m vectors randomly

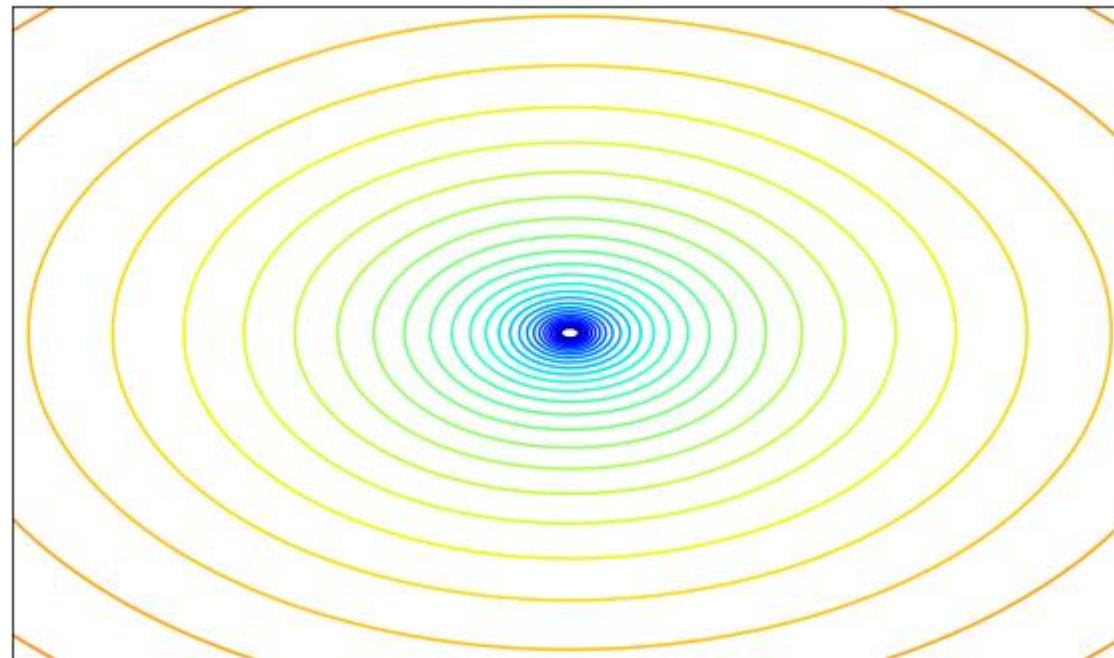
$v_i$  receives value 0 or 1 randomly

```
1 def generate_vectors(n=10, m=8):
2     vectors = [[0]*n for _ in range(m)]
3
4     for i in range(m):
5         for j in range(n):
6             if random.random() >= 0.5:
7                 vectors[i][j] = 1
8
9     return vectors
```

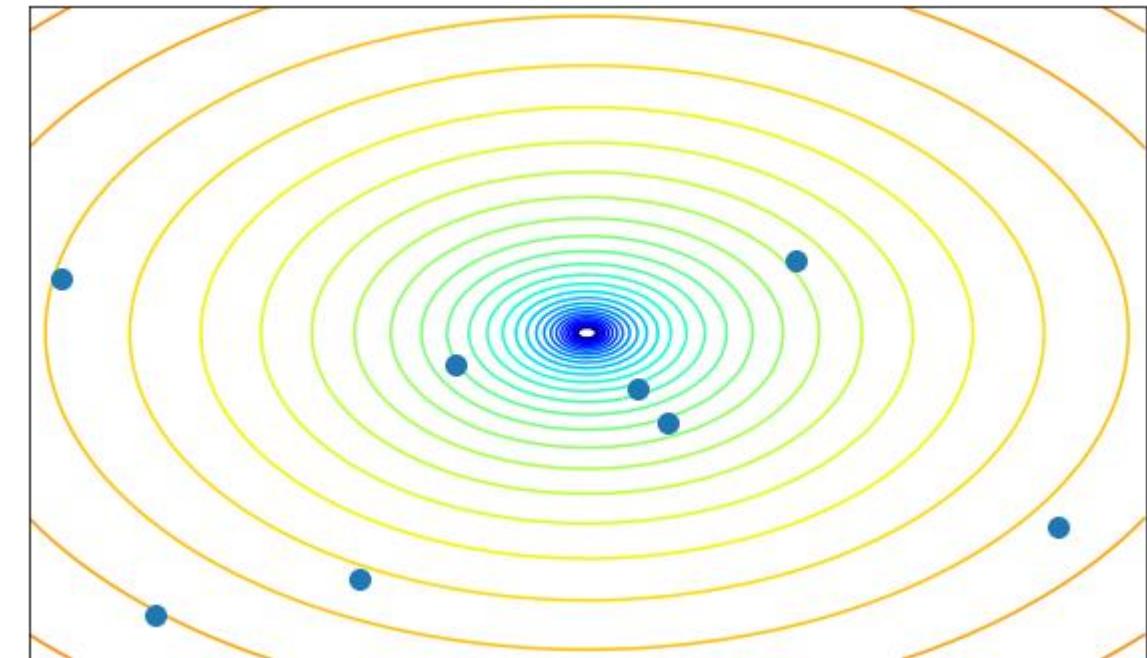


# Random Search

Searching space



M randomly generated vectors

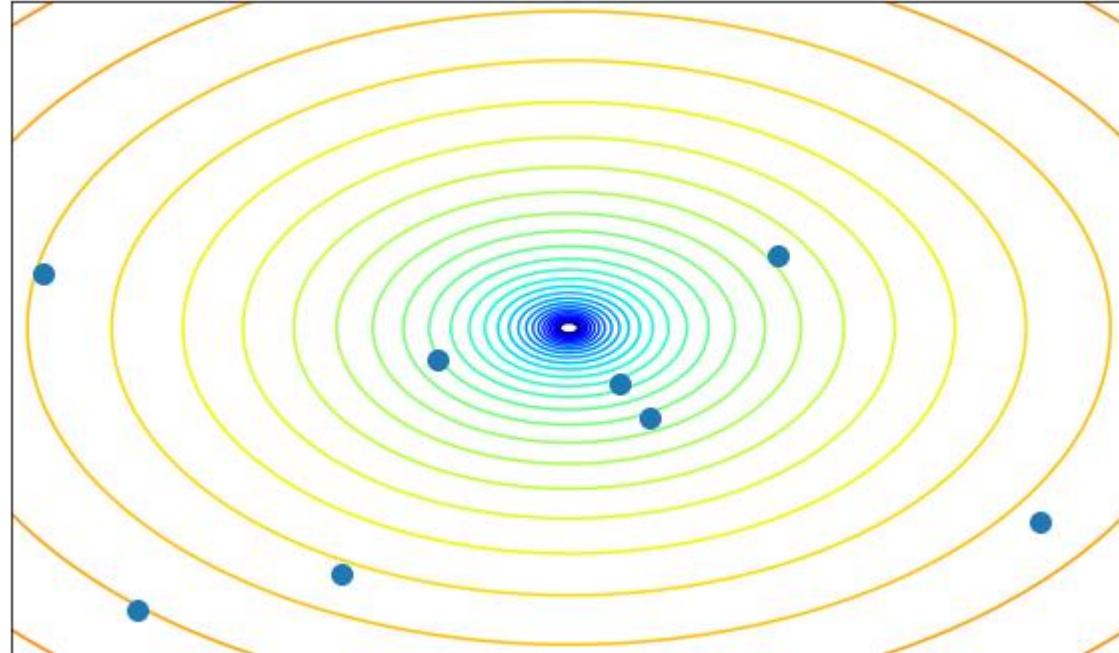


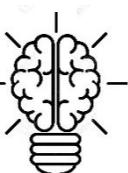
# Random Search

## ❖ Increase m to infinity

Impractical because  
of the limitation of  
resources

m randomly generated vectors

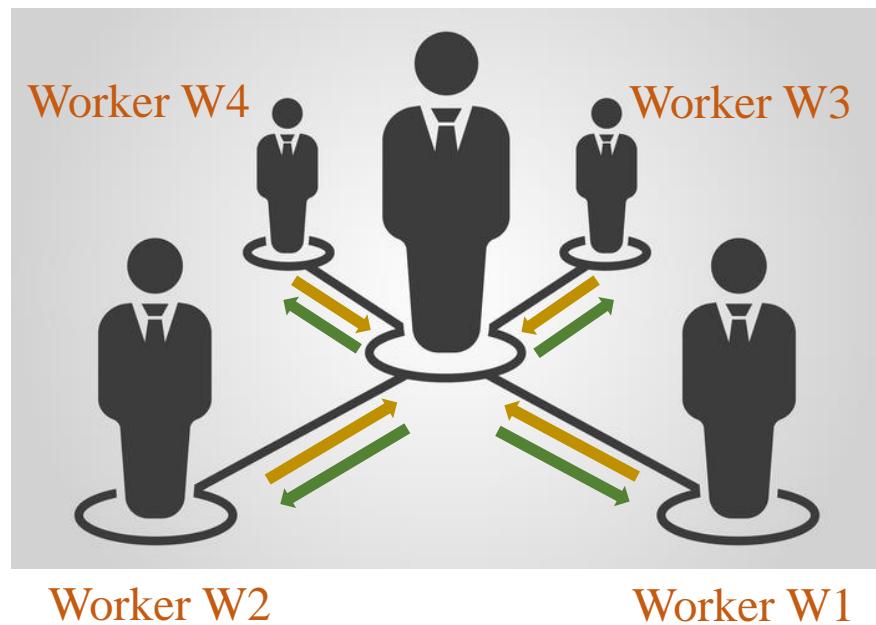


Need to use  rather than 

## Scenario 3

Given more \$

Decision maker (M)



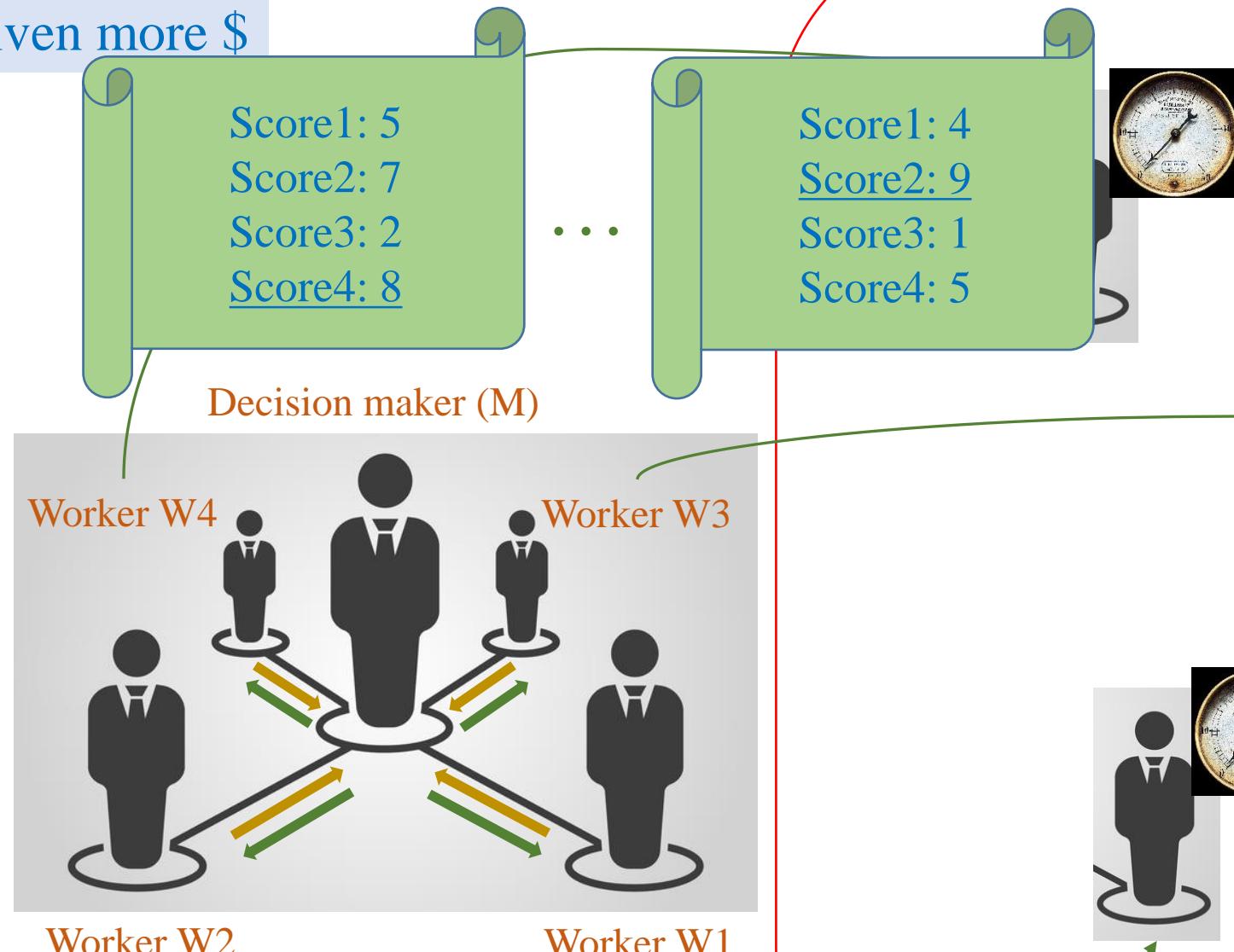
→ Assign a random location

← Feedback its score

- 1) Multiple workers
- 2) Work independently
- 3) Enough \$ only for several rounds
- 4) Generations are independent

## Scenario 3

Given more \$

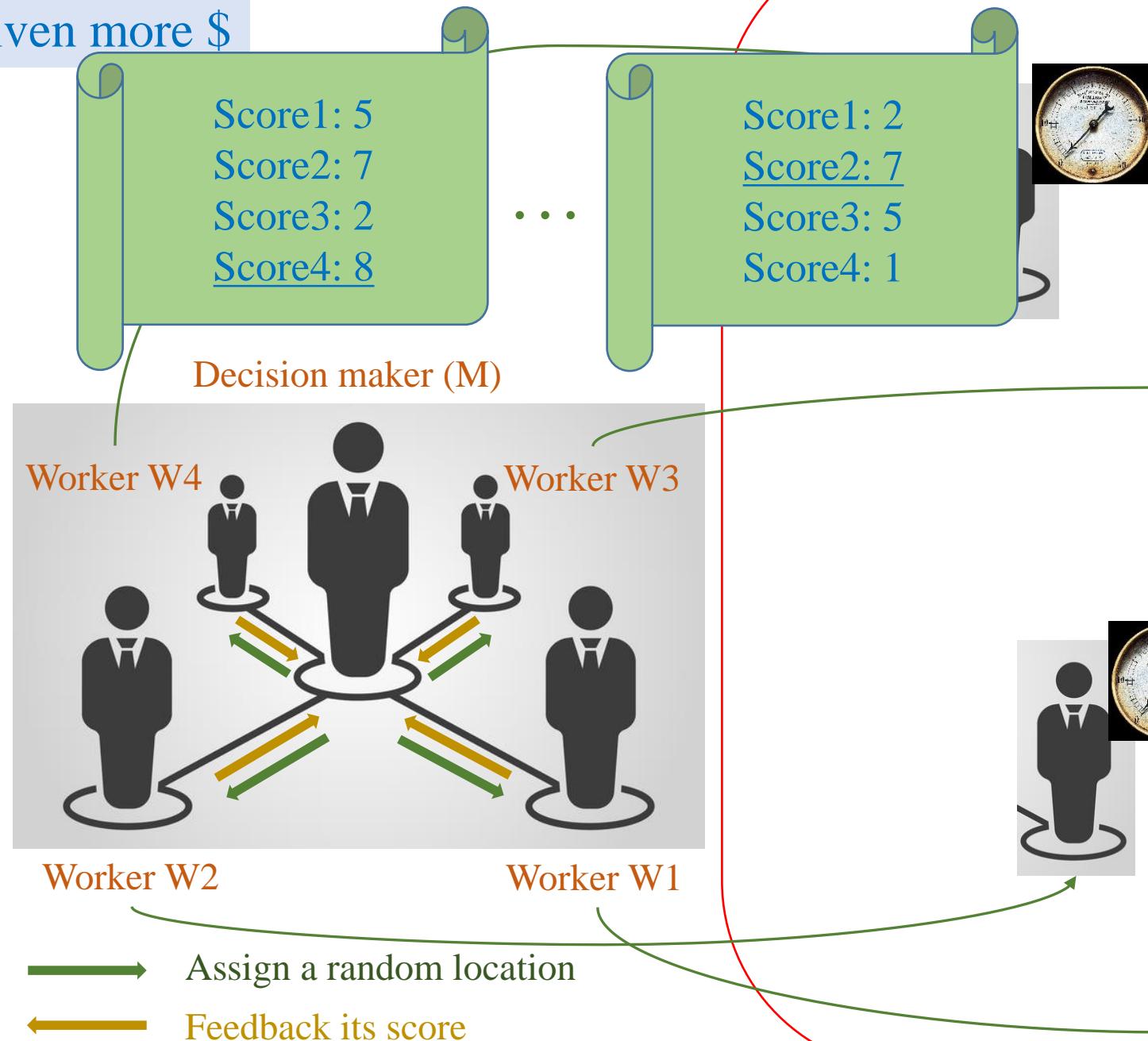


## Searching Space

- 1) Multiple workers
- 2) Work independently
- 3) Enough \$ only for several rounds
- 4) Rounds are independent

## Scenario 3

Given more \$

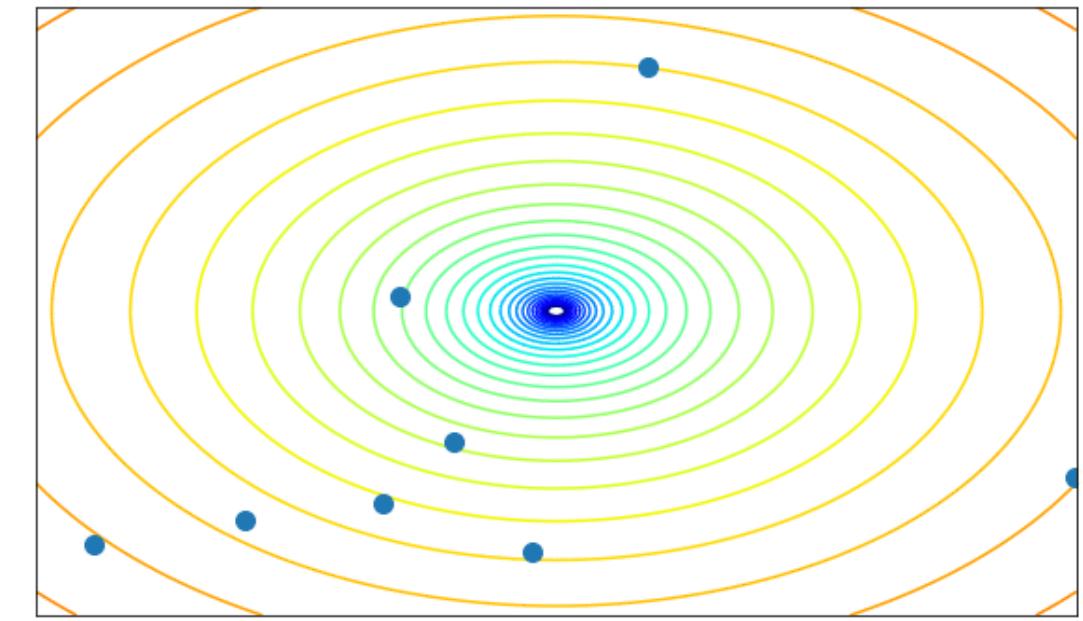
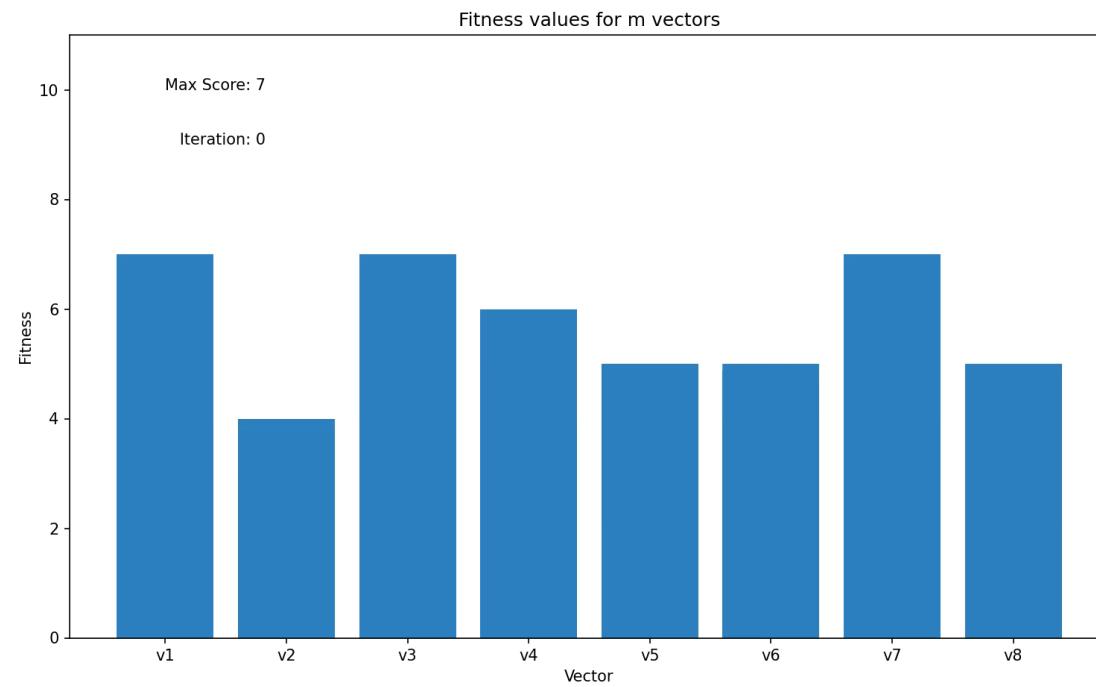


## Searching Space

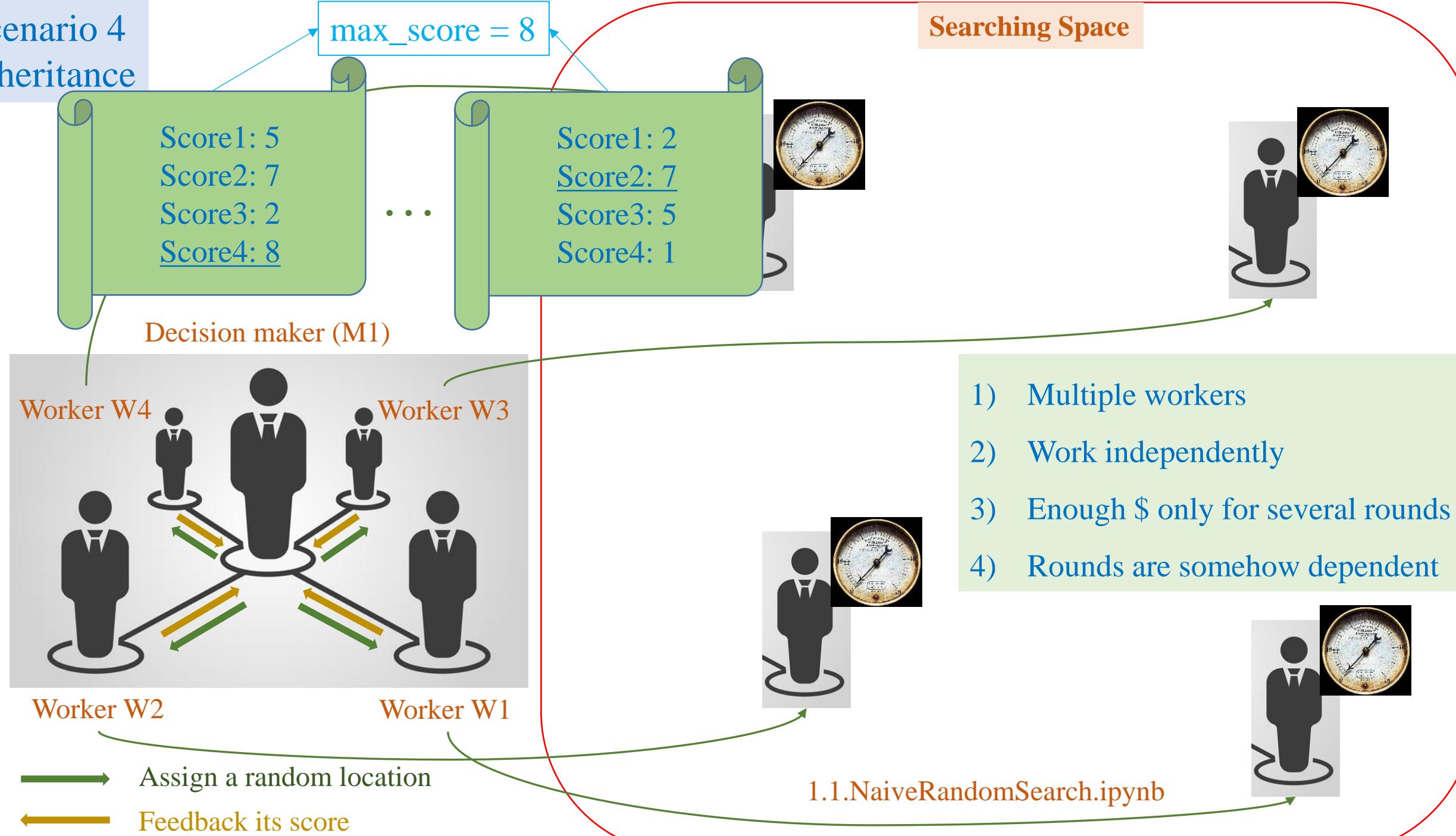
- 1) Multiple workers
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- 3) Enough \$ only for several rounds
- 4) Rounds are independent

# Random Search

- ❖ Generate different groups of m vectors

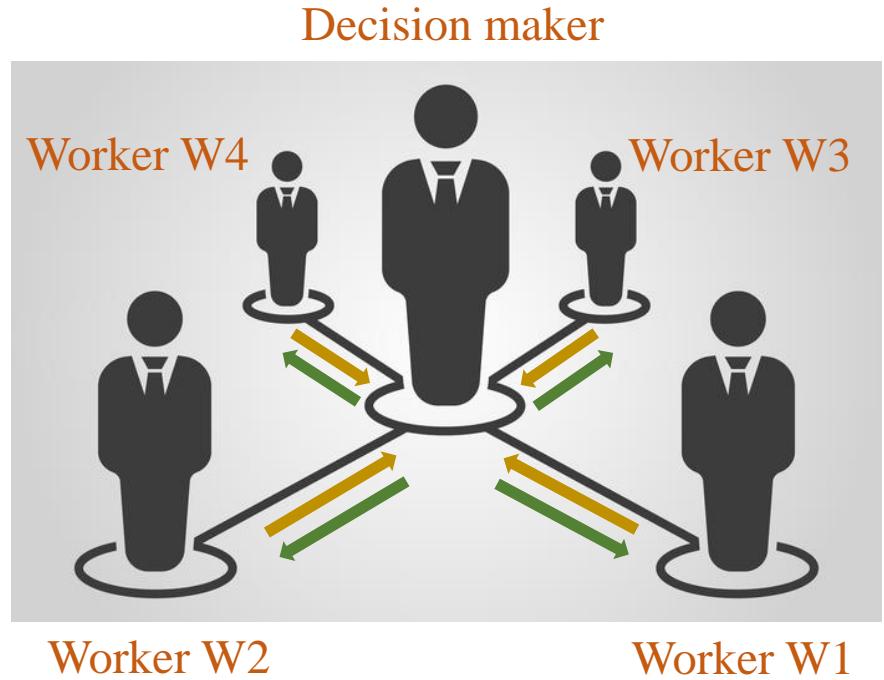


## Scenario 4 Inheritance

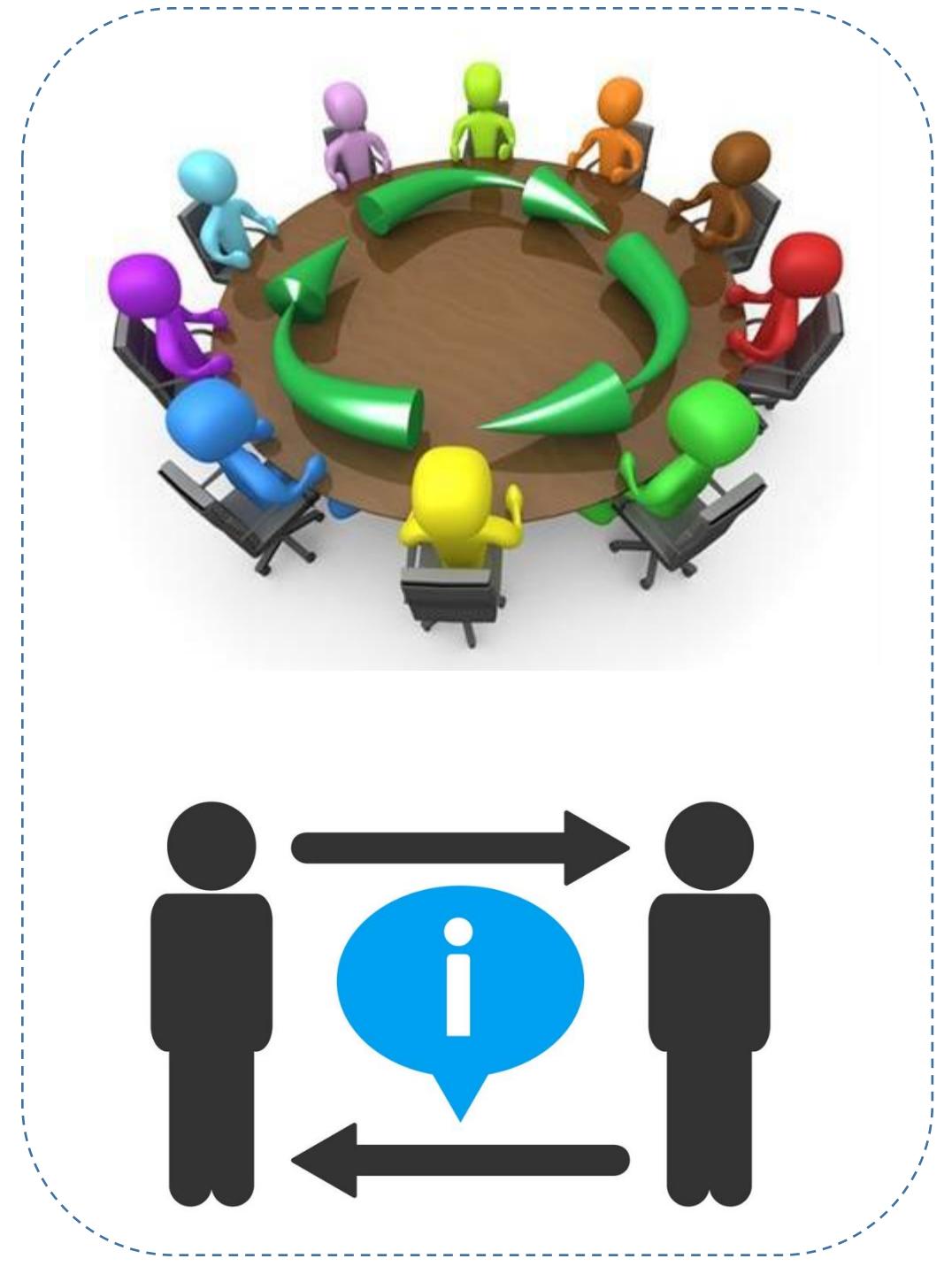


# Discussion

## ❖ Problems

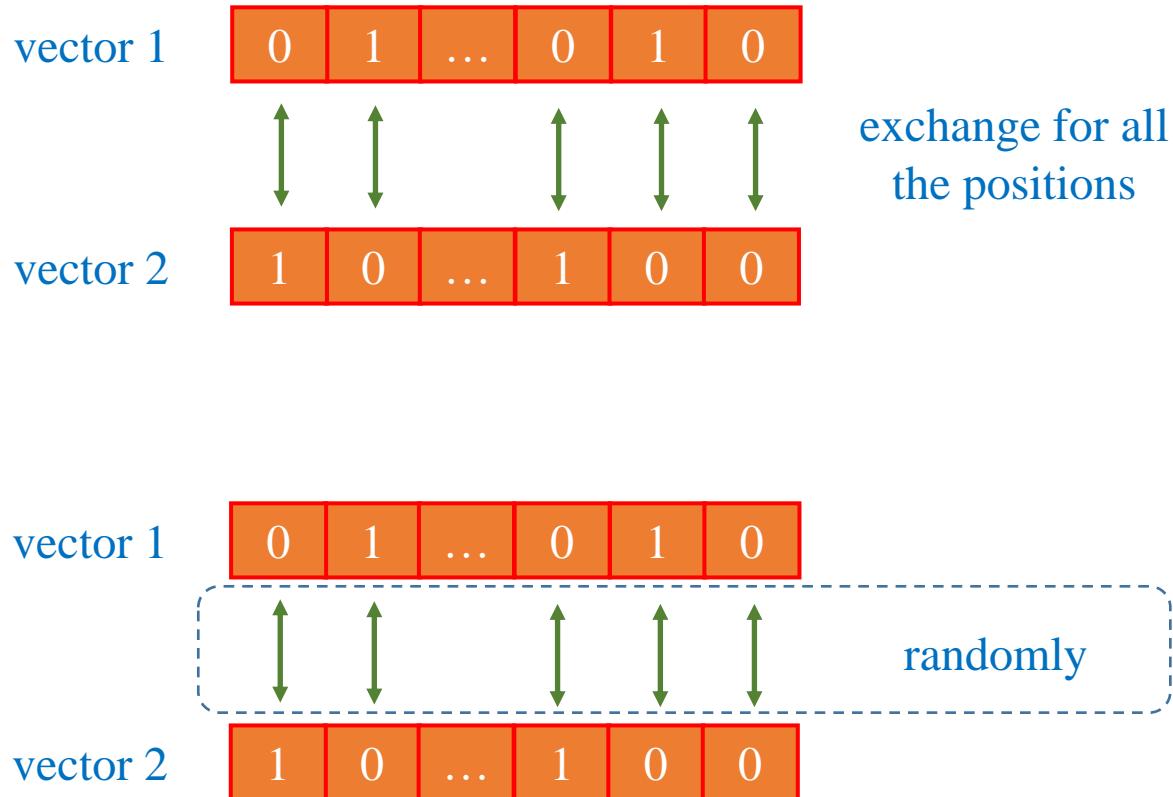


- 1) Multiple workers
- 2) Work independently
- 3) Enough \$ only for several rounds
- 4) Rounds are somehow dependent



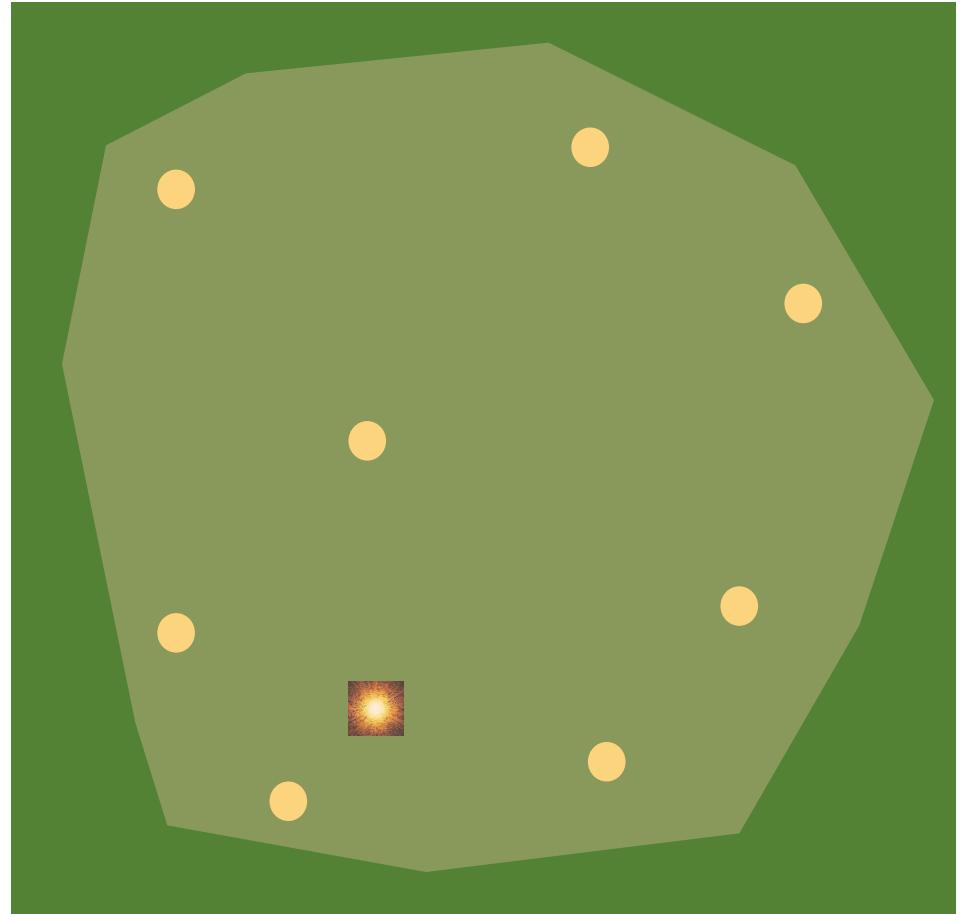
# Discussion

## ❖ Information exchange



Explore or exploit?

Search locally or globally?



# Discussion

## ❖ Information exchange

vector 1



randomly

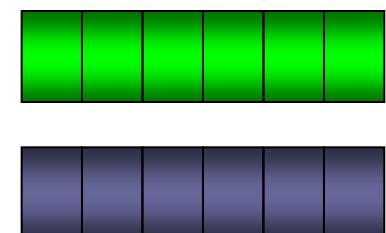


vector 2

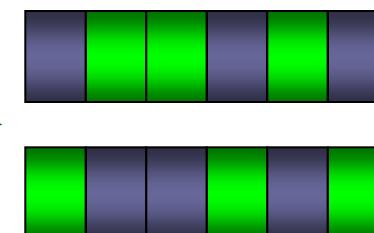
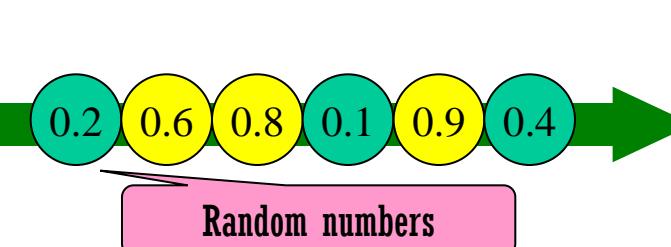
```
1 def exchange(vector1, vector2, n, cr=0.9):
2     vector1_new = vector1.copy()
3     vector2_new = vector2.copy()
4
5     for i in range(n):
6         if random.random() < cr:
7             vector1_new[i] = vector2[i]
8             vector2_new[i] = vector1[i]
9
10    return vector1_new, vector2_new
```



cr = 0.5

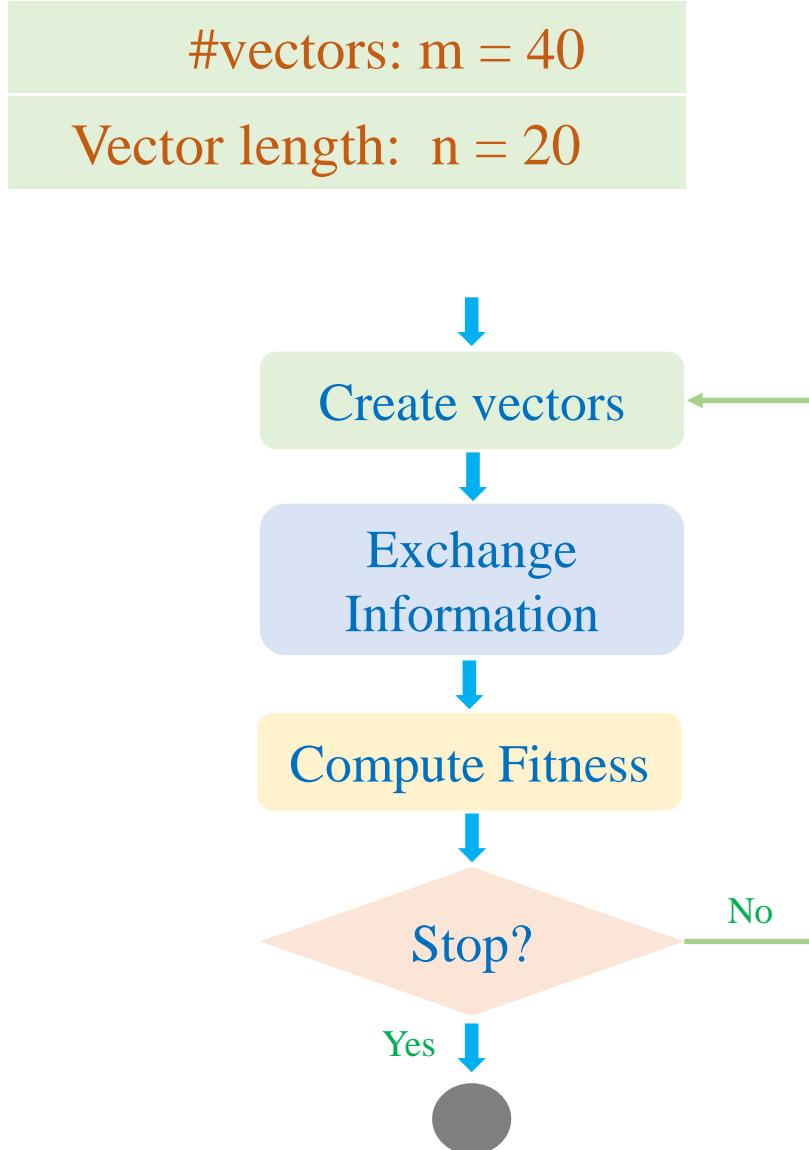


Random numbers



# Random Search + Information Exchange

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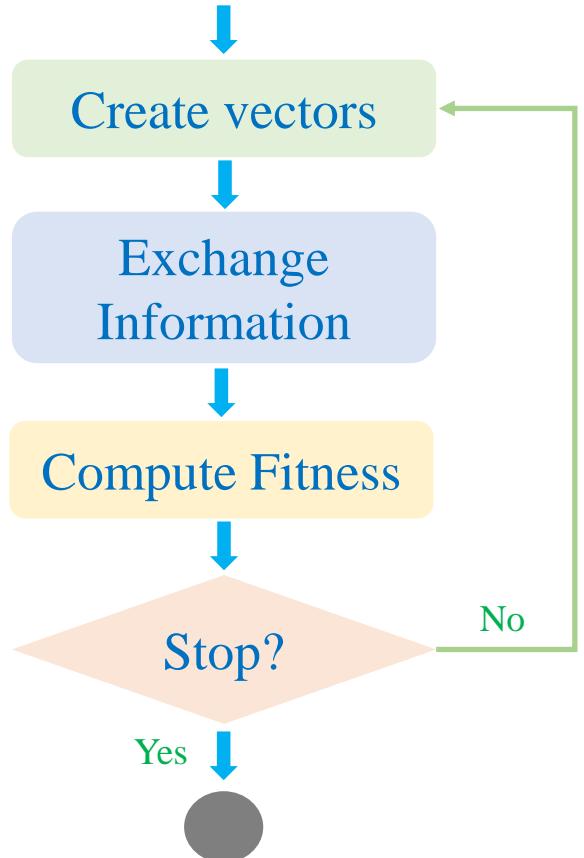


```
1 import random
2
3 def generate_01():
4     return random.randint(0, 1)
5
6 def compute_fitness(vector):
7     return sum(gen for gen in vector)
8
9 def create_vector():
10    return [generate_01() for _ in range(n)]
11
12 def exchange(vector1, vector2, n, cr=0.9):
13     vector1_new = vector1.copy()
14     vector2_new = vector2.copy()
15
16     for i in range(n):
17         if random.random() < cr:
18             vector1_new[i] = vector2[i]
19             vector2_new[i] = vector1[i]
20
21     return vector1_new, vector2_new
```

# Random Search + Information Exchange

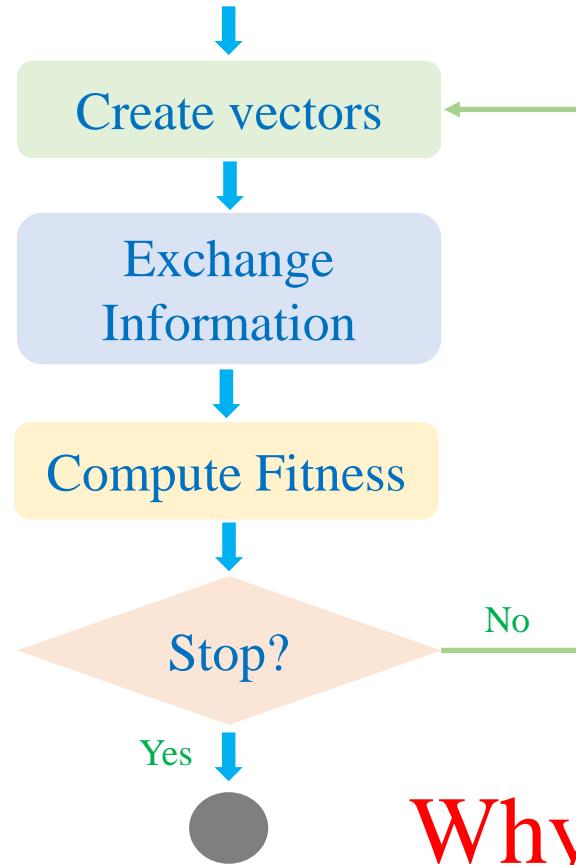
#vectors: m = 40

Vector length: n = 20

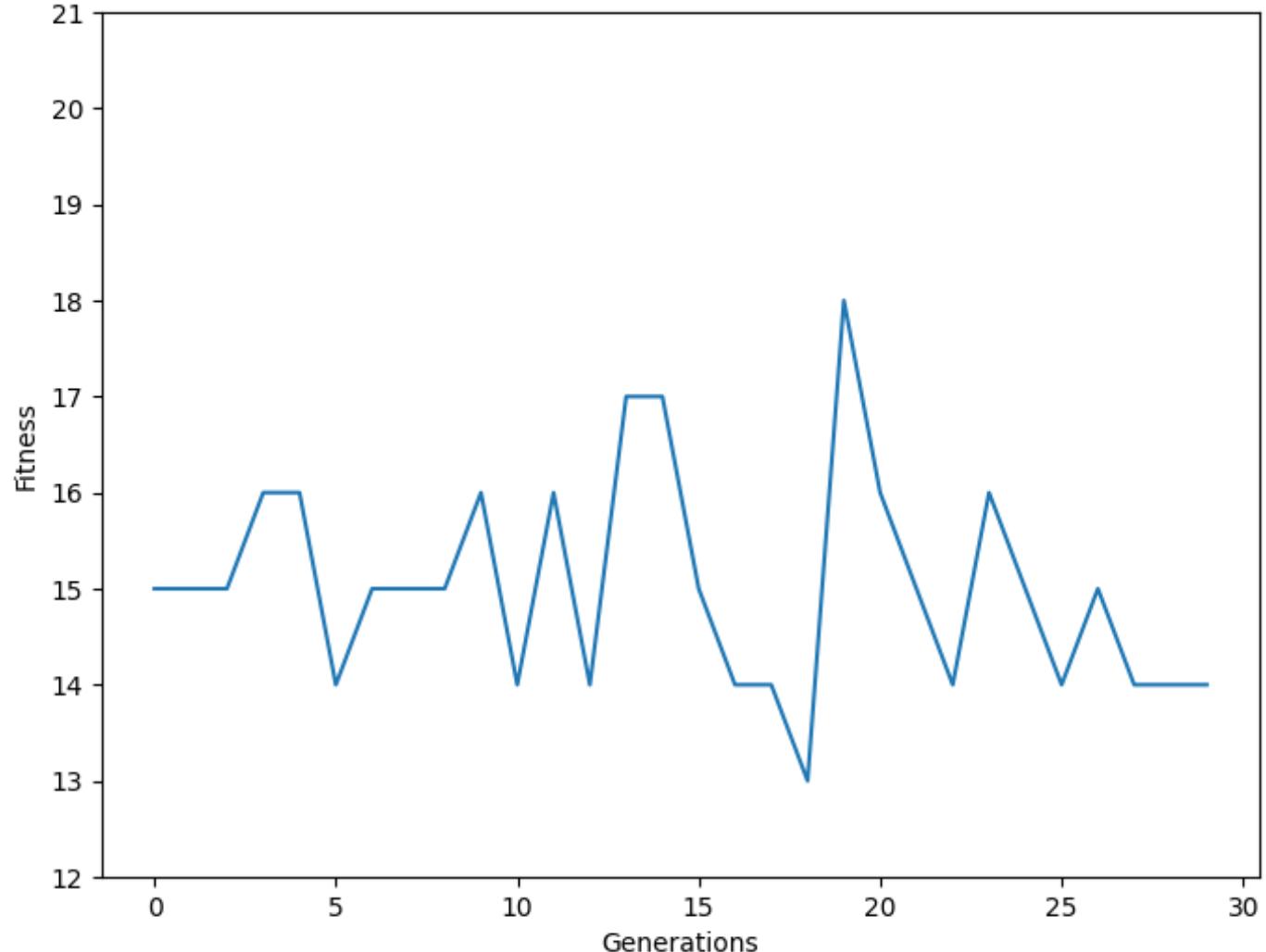


```
1 for i in range(n_generations):
2     # 1. create population
3     population = [create_vector() for _ in range(m)]
4
5     # 2. compute fitness ...
6
7     # exchange
8     new_population = []
9     while len(new_population) < m:
10        # get two vectors
11        index1 = random.randint(0, m-1)
12        while True:
13            index2 = random.randint(0, m-1)
14            if (index2 != index1):
15                break
16
17        vector1 = population[index1]
18        vector2 = population[index2]
19
20        # exchange
21        vector1, vector2 = exchange(vector1, vector2, n)
22
23        # save these two vectors
24        new_population.append(vector1)
25        new_population.append(vector2)
26
27        # update
28        population = new_population
```

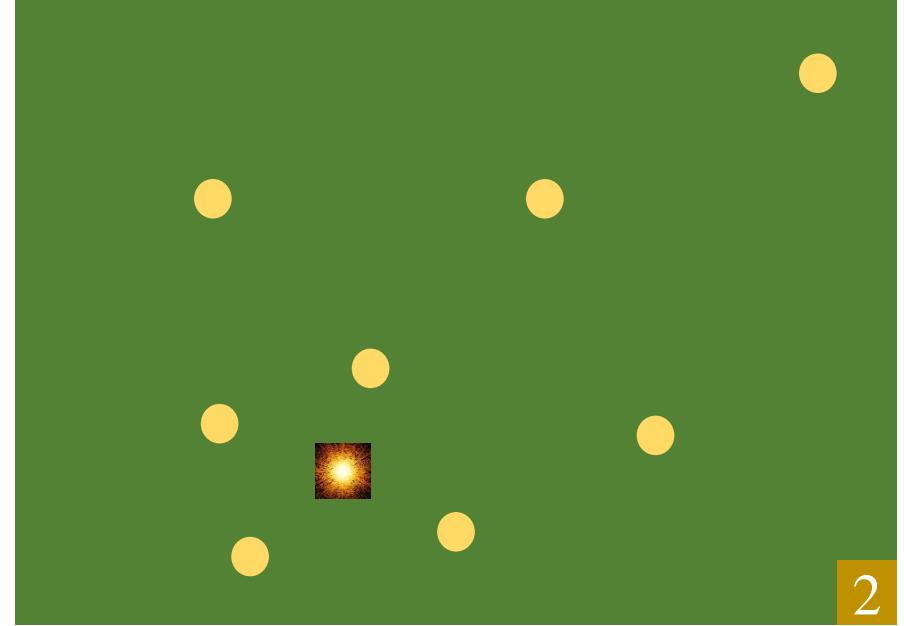
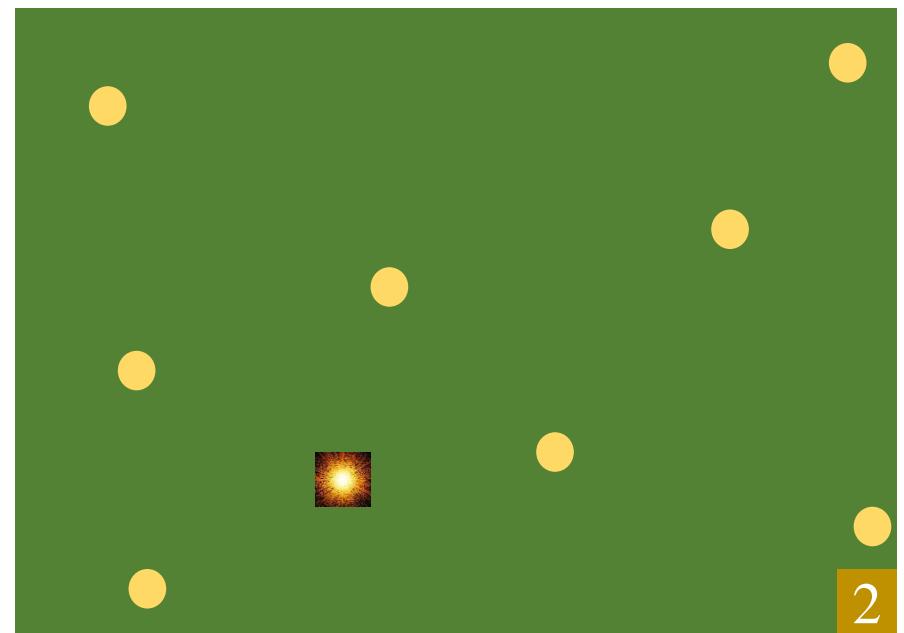
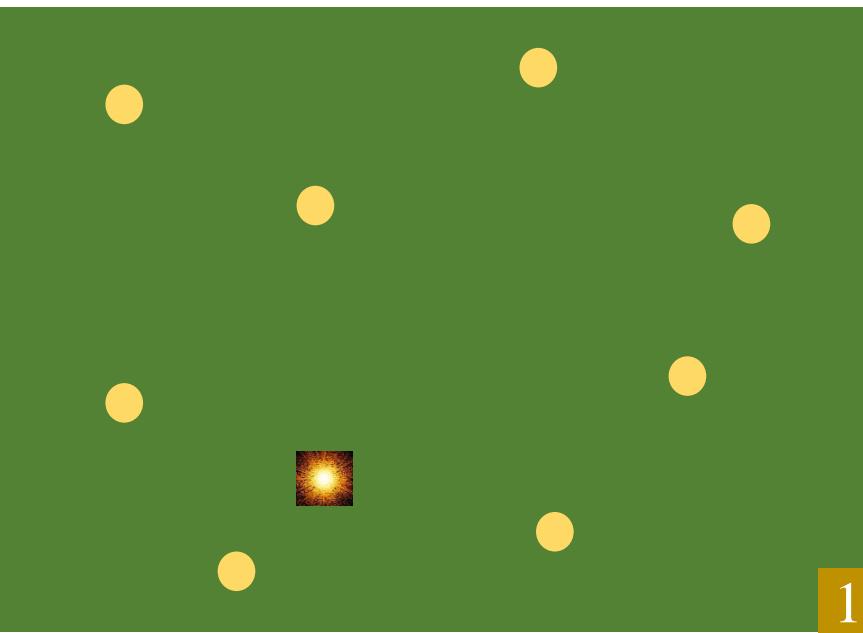
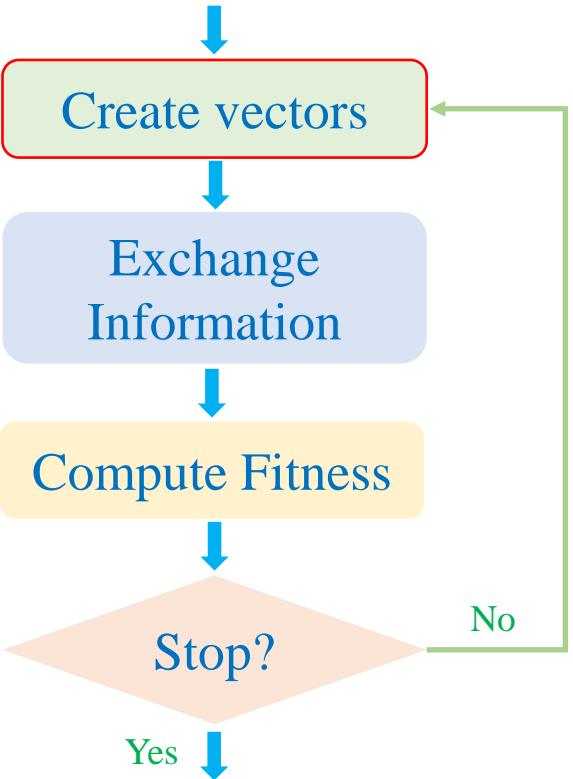
# Random Search + Information Exchange

#vectors:  $m = 40$ Vector length:  $n = 20$ 

Why??

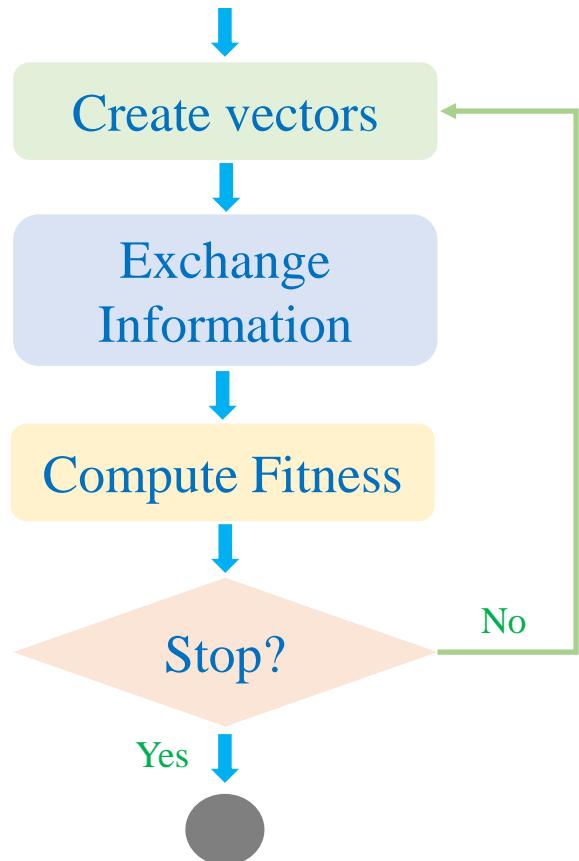


# Possibility

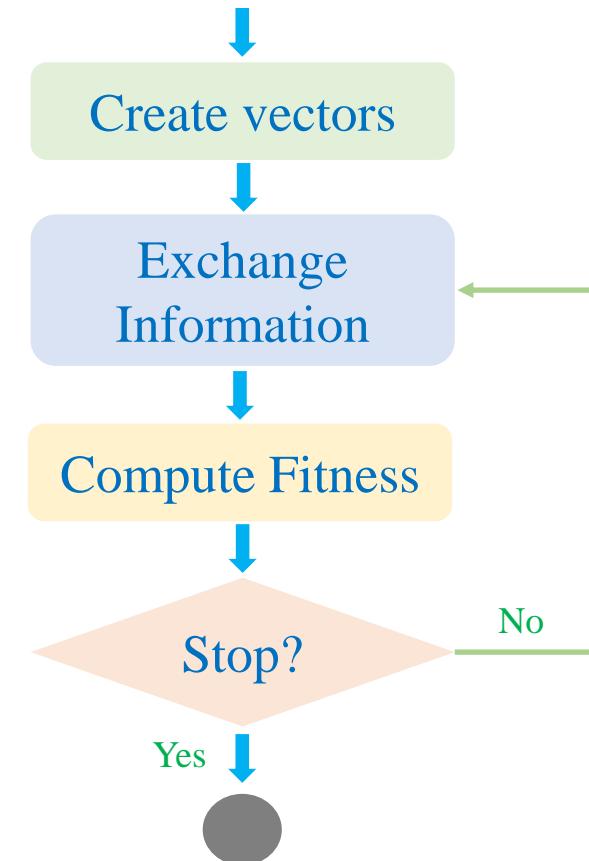


# Discussion

## ❖ Reuse what has done



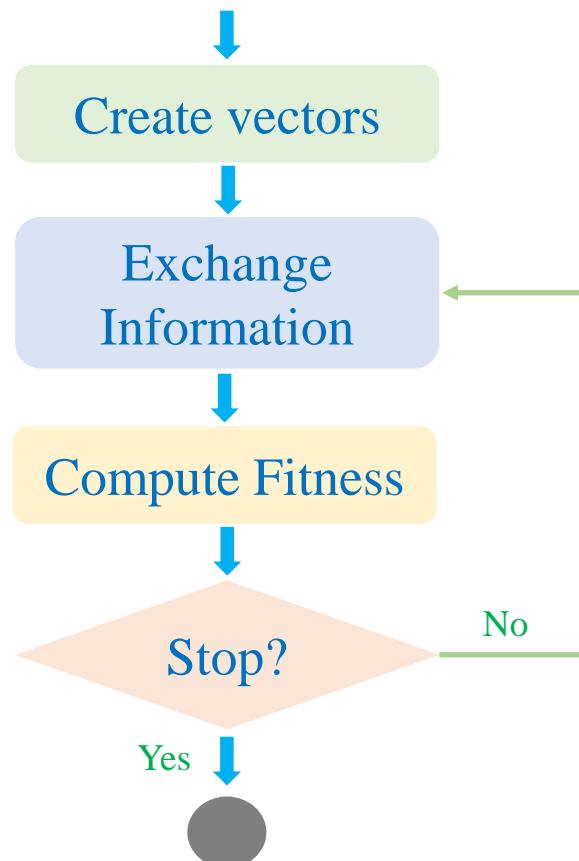
No inheritance



Inheritance

# Information Exchange + Inheritance

## ❖ Implementation

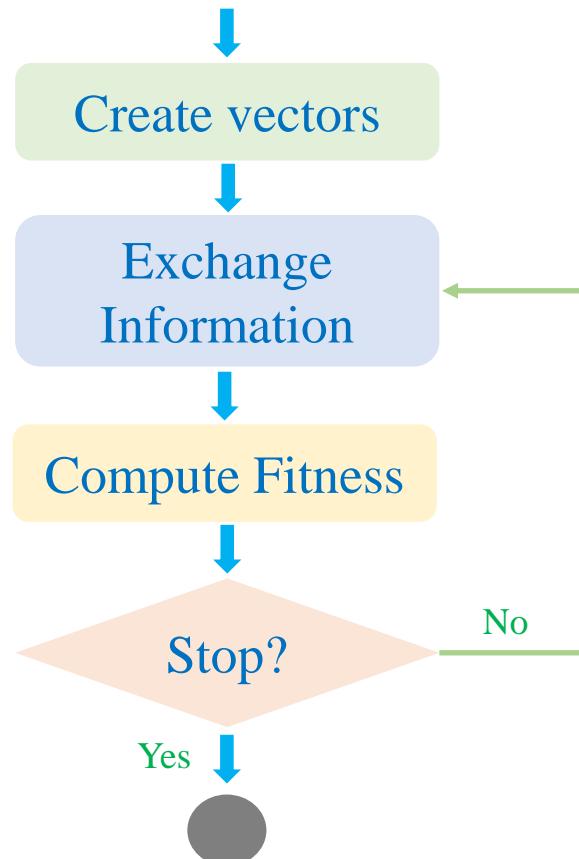


```
1 # 1. create population
2 population = [create_vector() for _ in range(m)]
3
4 for i in range(n_generations):
5     # 2. compute fitness ...
6
7     # exchange
8     new_population = []
9     while len(new_population) < m:
10         # get two vectors
11         index1 = random.randint(0, m-1)
12         while True:
13             index2 = random.randint(0, m-1)
14             if (index2 != index1):
15                 break
16
17         vector1 = population[index1]
18         vector2 = population[index2]
19
20         # exchange
21         vector1, vector2 = exchange(vector1, vector2, n)
22
23         # save these two vectors
24         new_population.append(vector1)
25         new_population.append(vector2)
26
27         # update
28         population = new_population
```

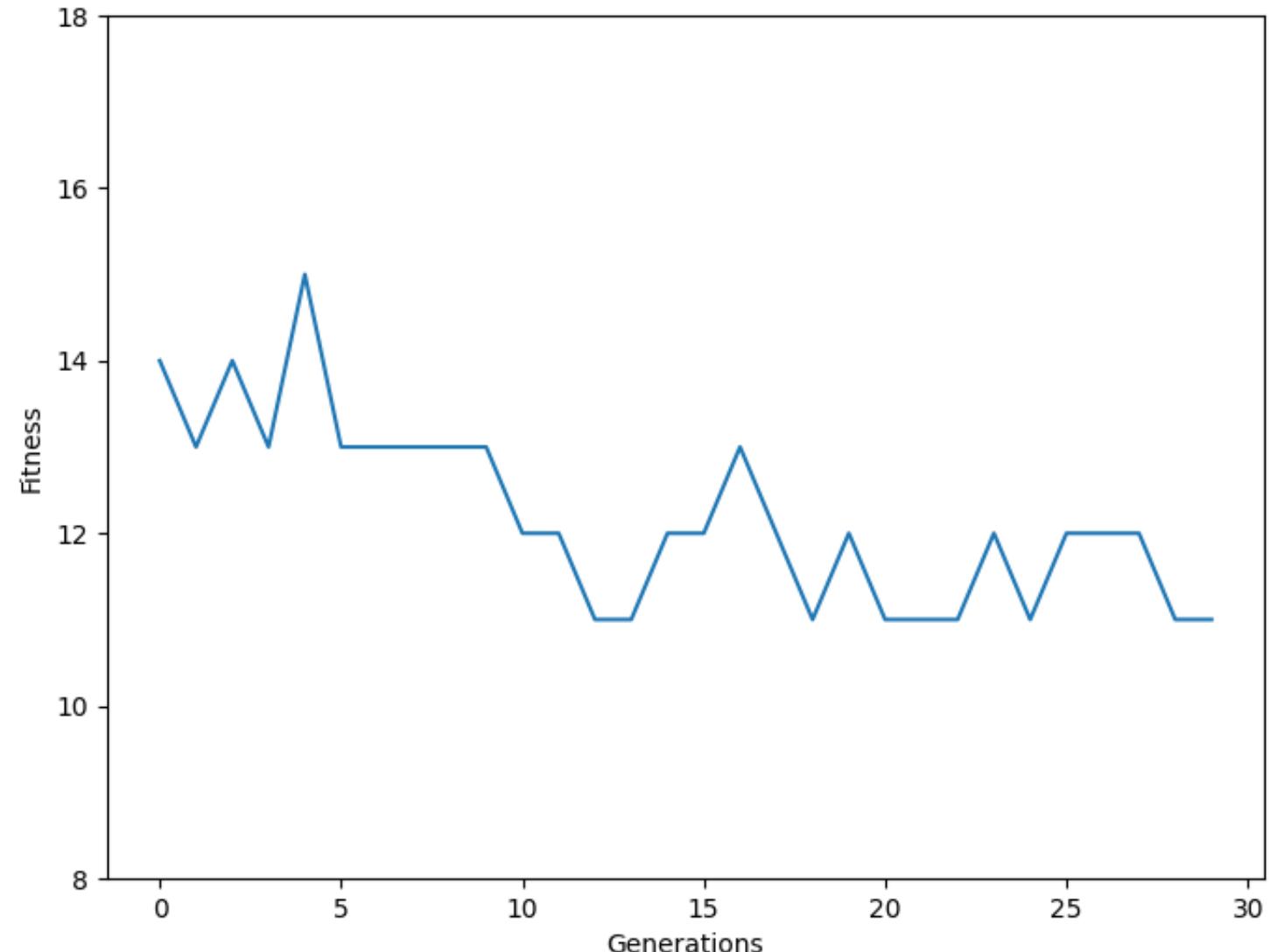
# Information Exchange + Inheritance

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## ❖ Result



Why???



## Revisit information exchange



Searching space

Bad information

vector 1

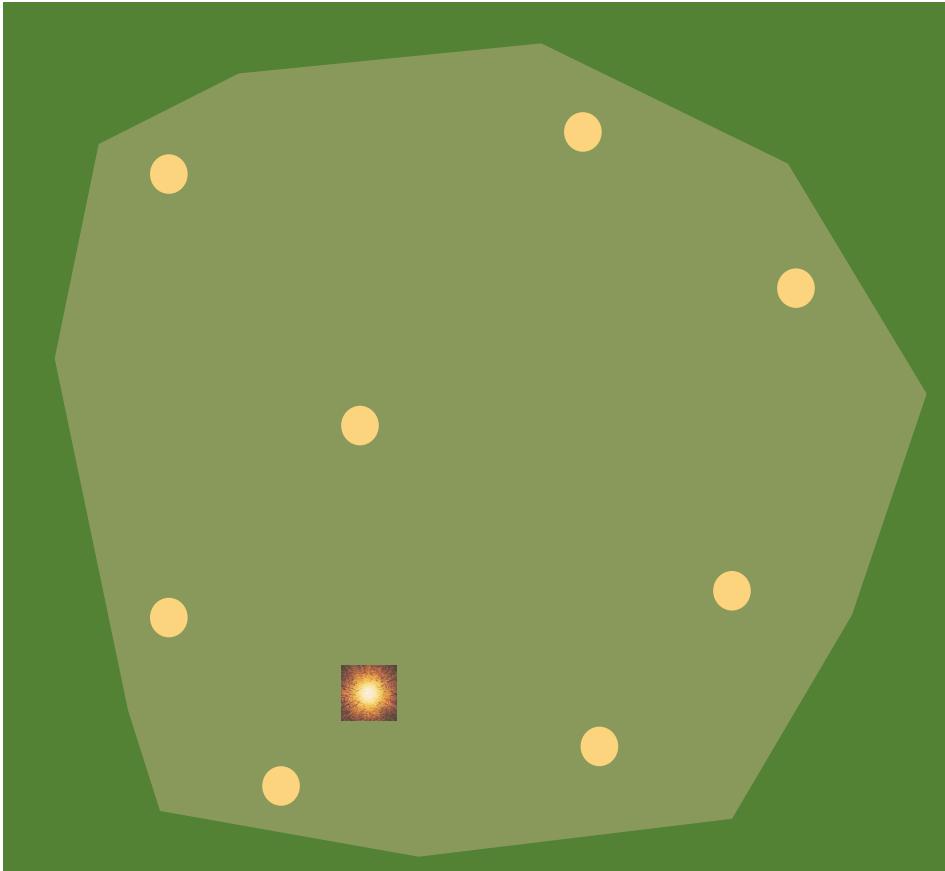
0	1	...	0	1	0
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Generated points

vector 2

1	0	...	1	0	0
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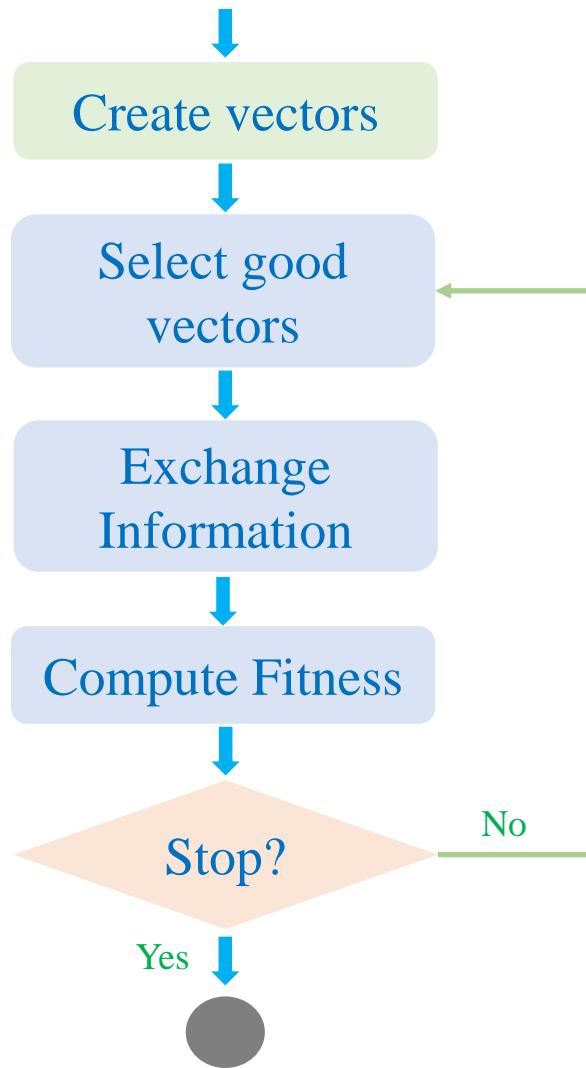
randomly



Only best  
vectors are used

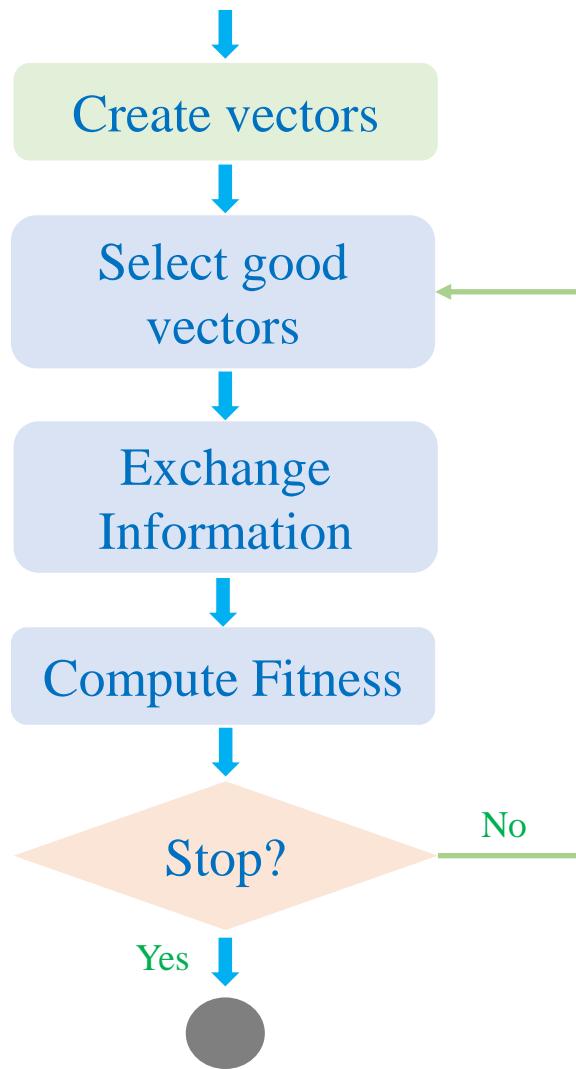


## ❖ Using good vectors



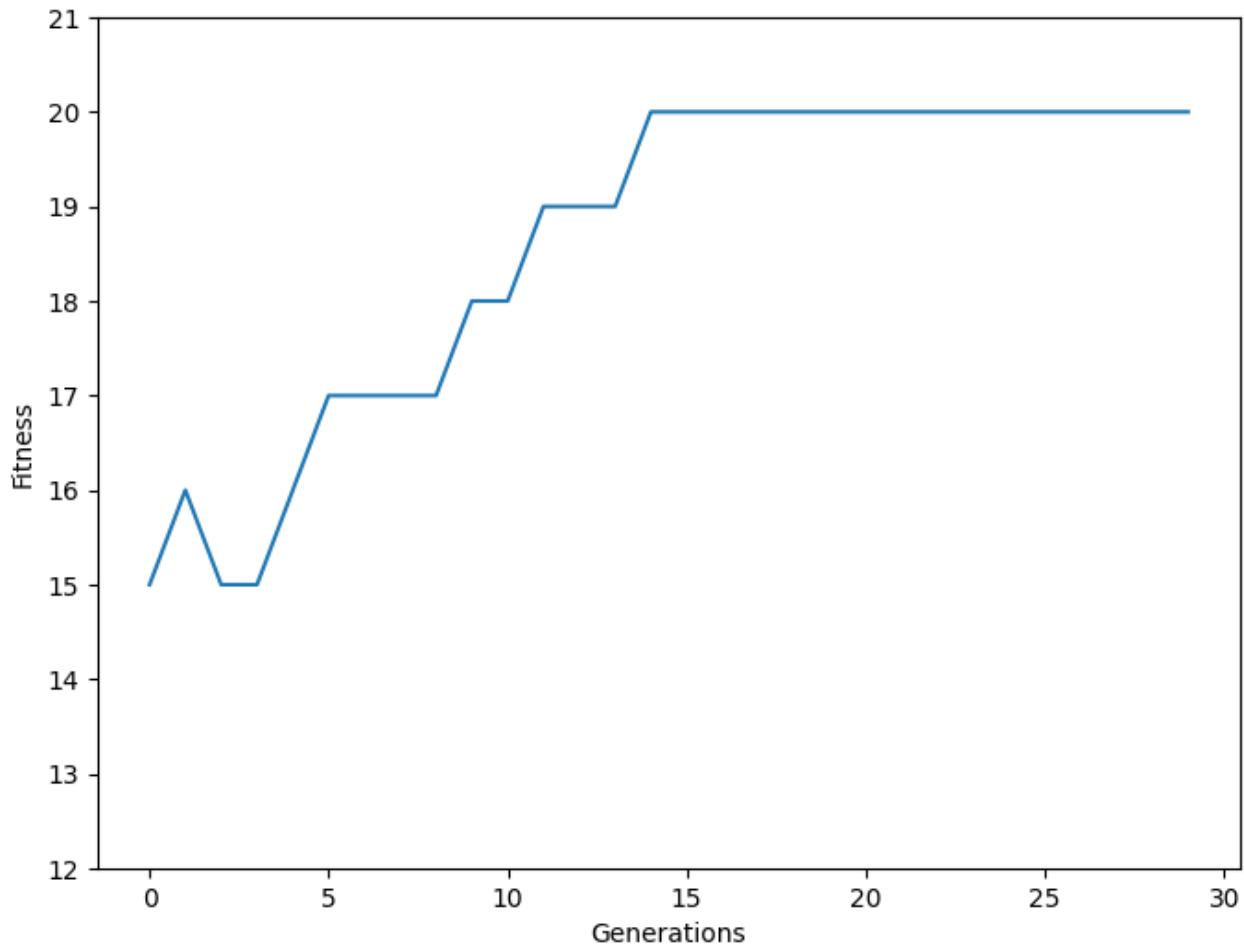
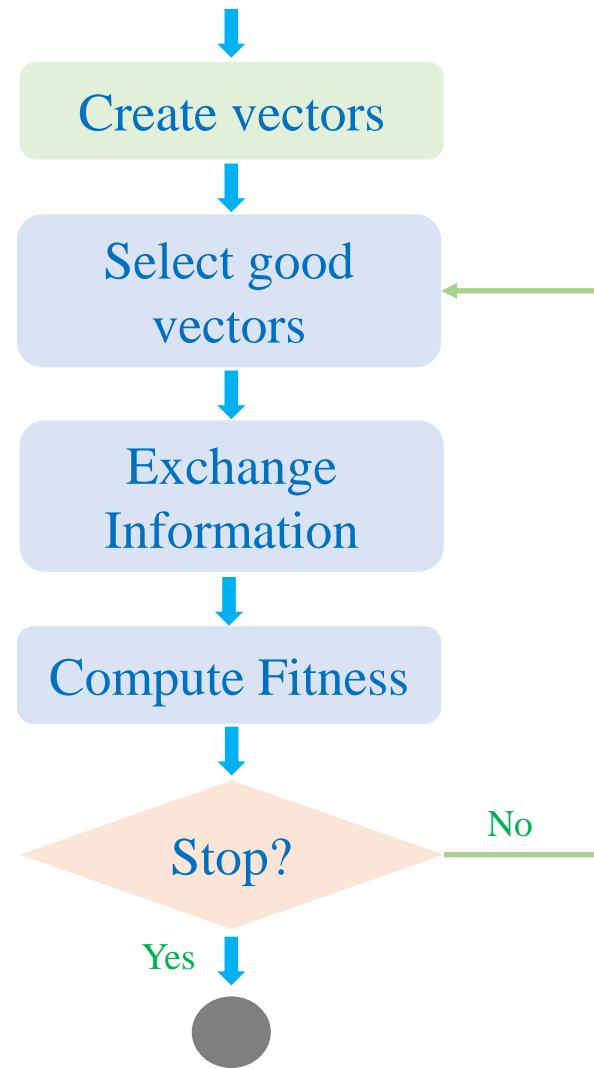
```
1 def select_better_vector(sorted_vectors):  
2     index1 = random.randint(0, m-1)  
3     while True:  
4         index2 = random.randint(0, m-1)  
5         if (index2 != index1):  
6             break  
7     vector = sorted_vectors[index1]  
8     if index2 > index1:  
9         vector = sorted_vectors[index2]  
10    return vector
```

# Exchange +Inheritance +Selection



```
1 # create population
2 population = [create_vector() for _ in range(m)]
3
4 # loops
5 for i in range(n_generations):
6     # compute fitness (optional)
7     sorted_vectors = sorted(population, key=compute_fitness)
8     fitnesses.append(compute_fitness(sorted_vectors[m-1]))
9     print("BEST:", compute_fitness(sorted_vectors[m-1]))
10
11 new_population = []
12 while len(new_population) < m:
13     # selection
14     vector1 = select_better_vector(sorted_vectors)
15     vector2 = select_better_vector(sorted_vectors) # dup.
16
17     # exchange
18     vector1, vector2 = exchange(vector1, vector2, n)
19
20     # save
21     new_population.append(vector1)
22     new_population.append(vector2)
23
24     # update
25     population = new_population
```

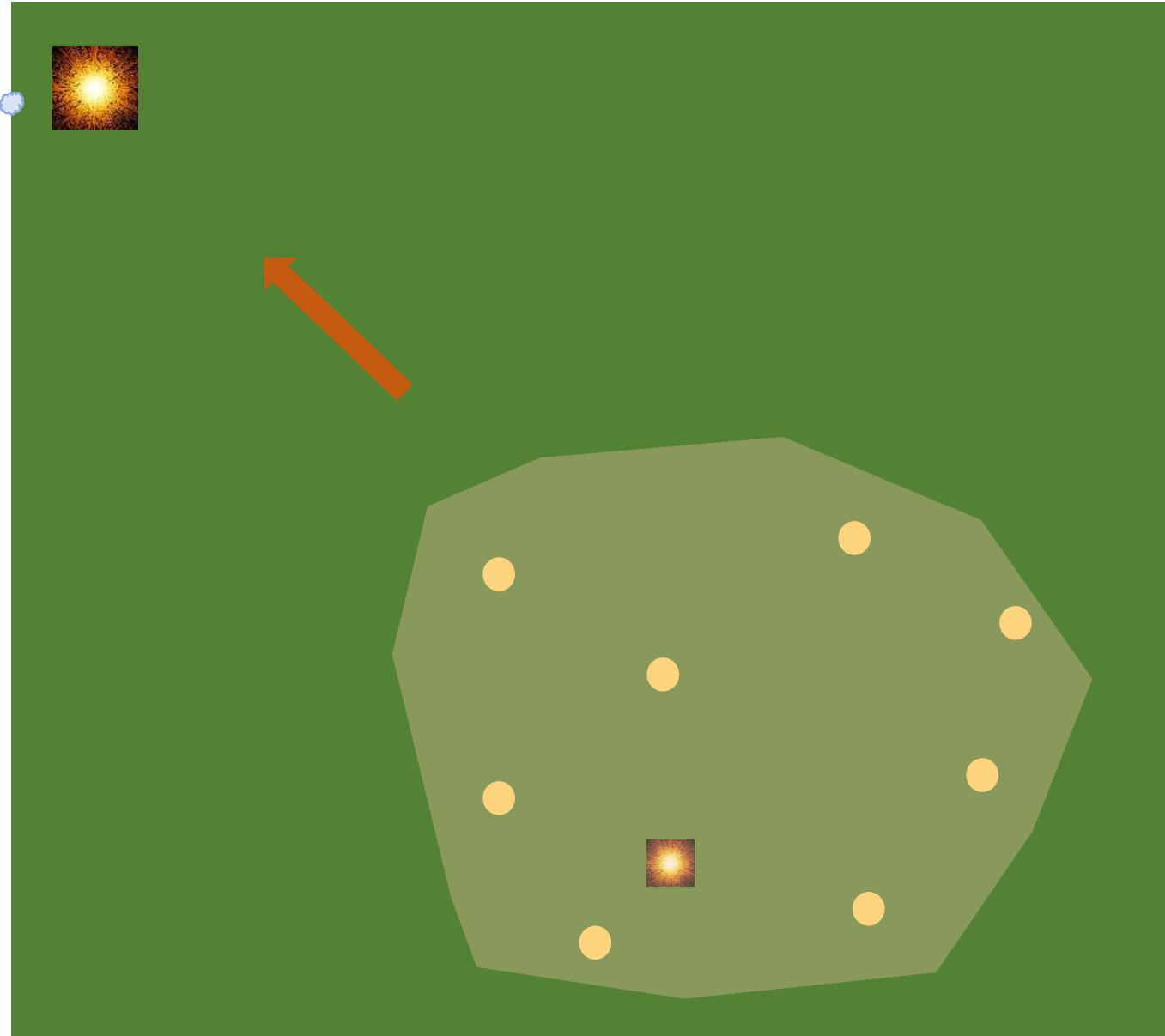
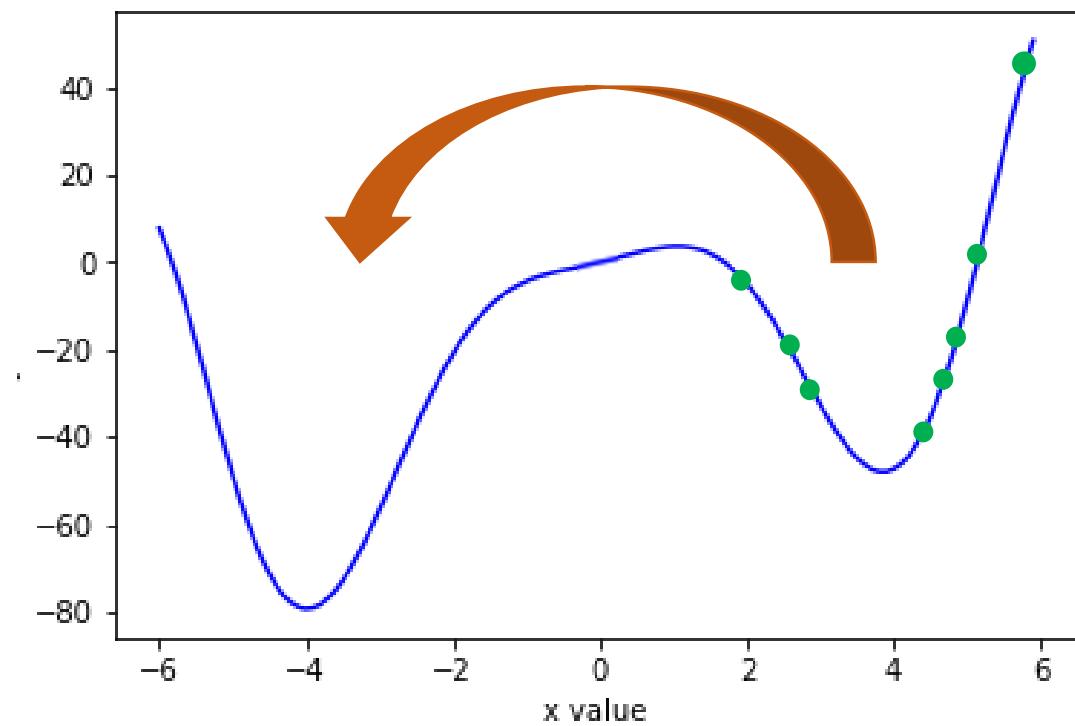
## ❖ Using good vectors



# New Challenge



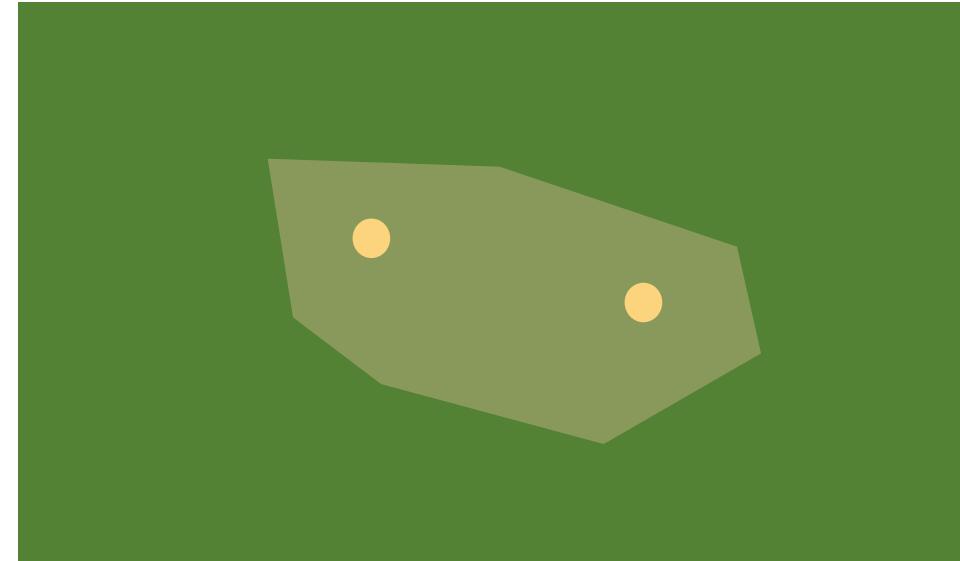
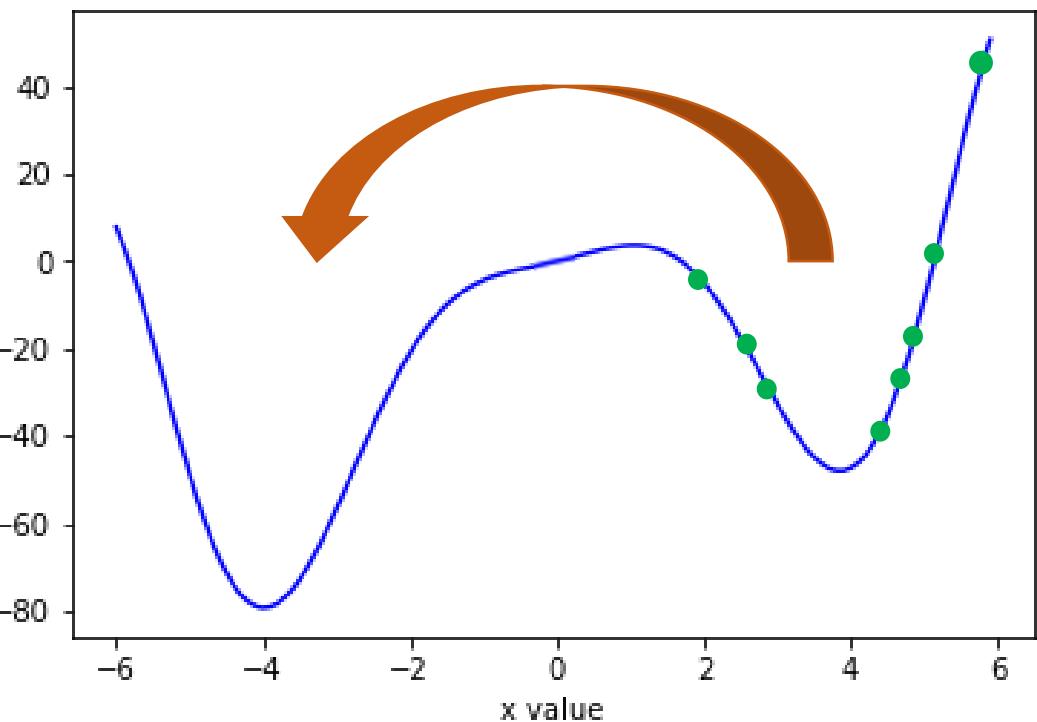
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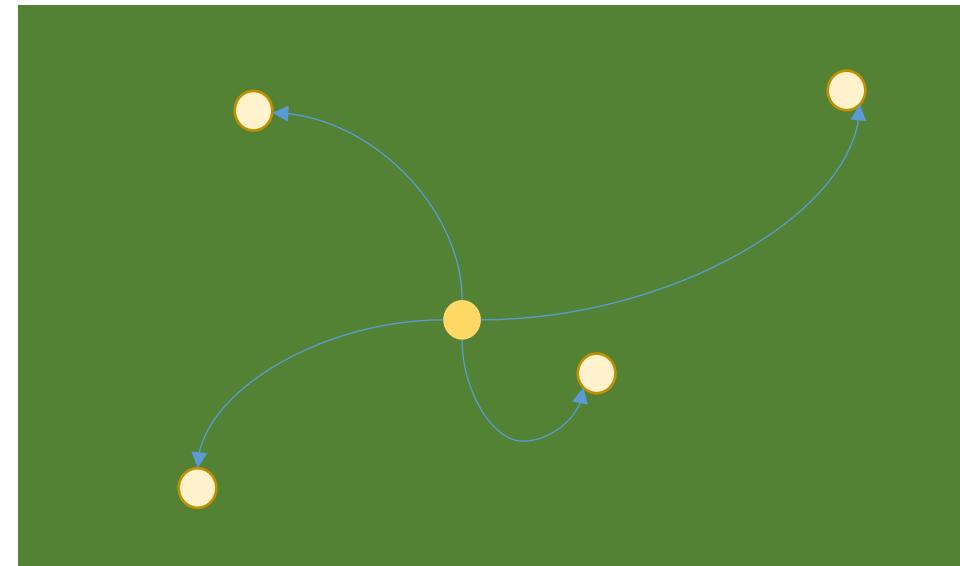
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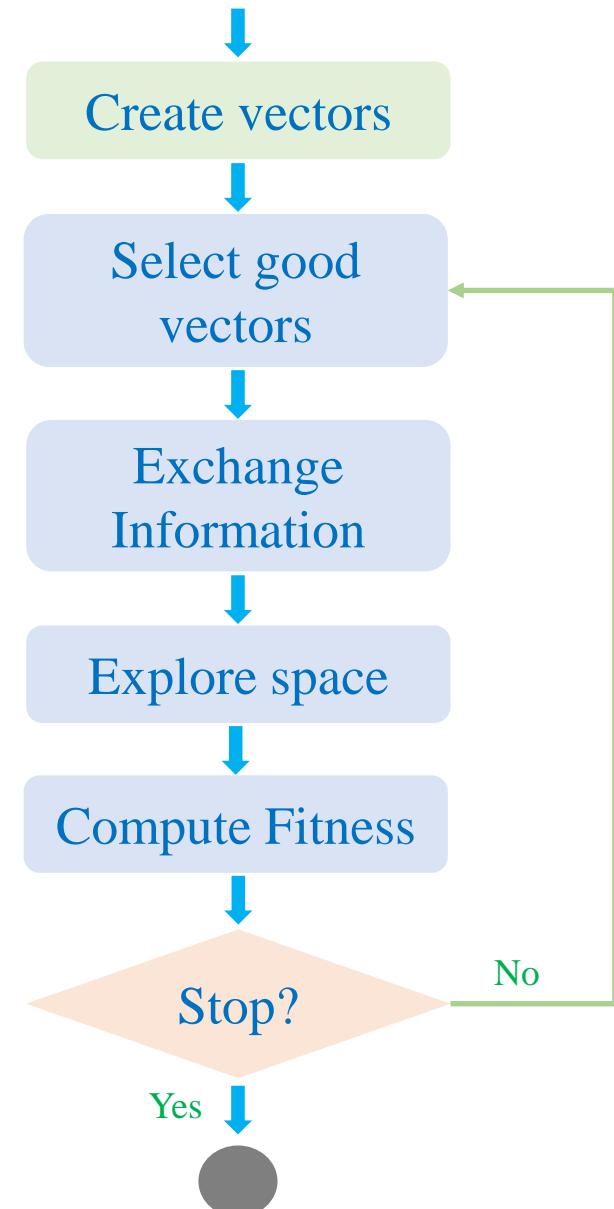
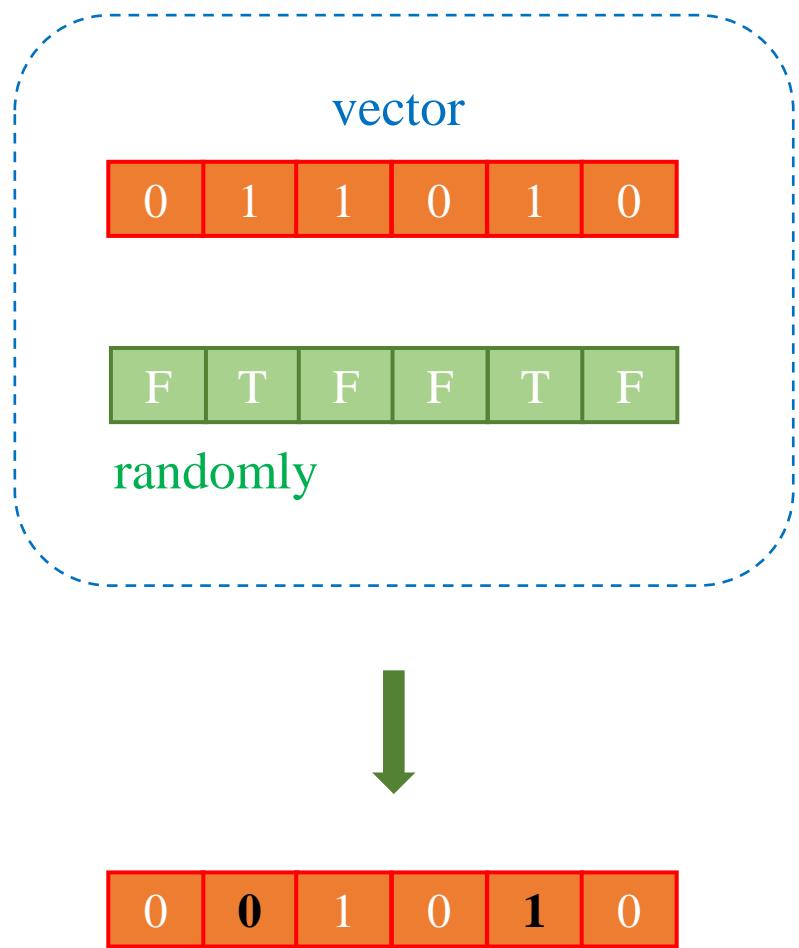
Exploitation (Information Exchange)



Exploration (Receiving a random value)

# ... + Exploration

## ❖ Change a value of a vector randomly

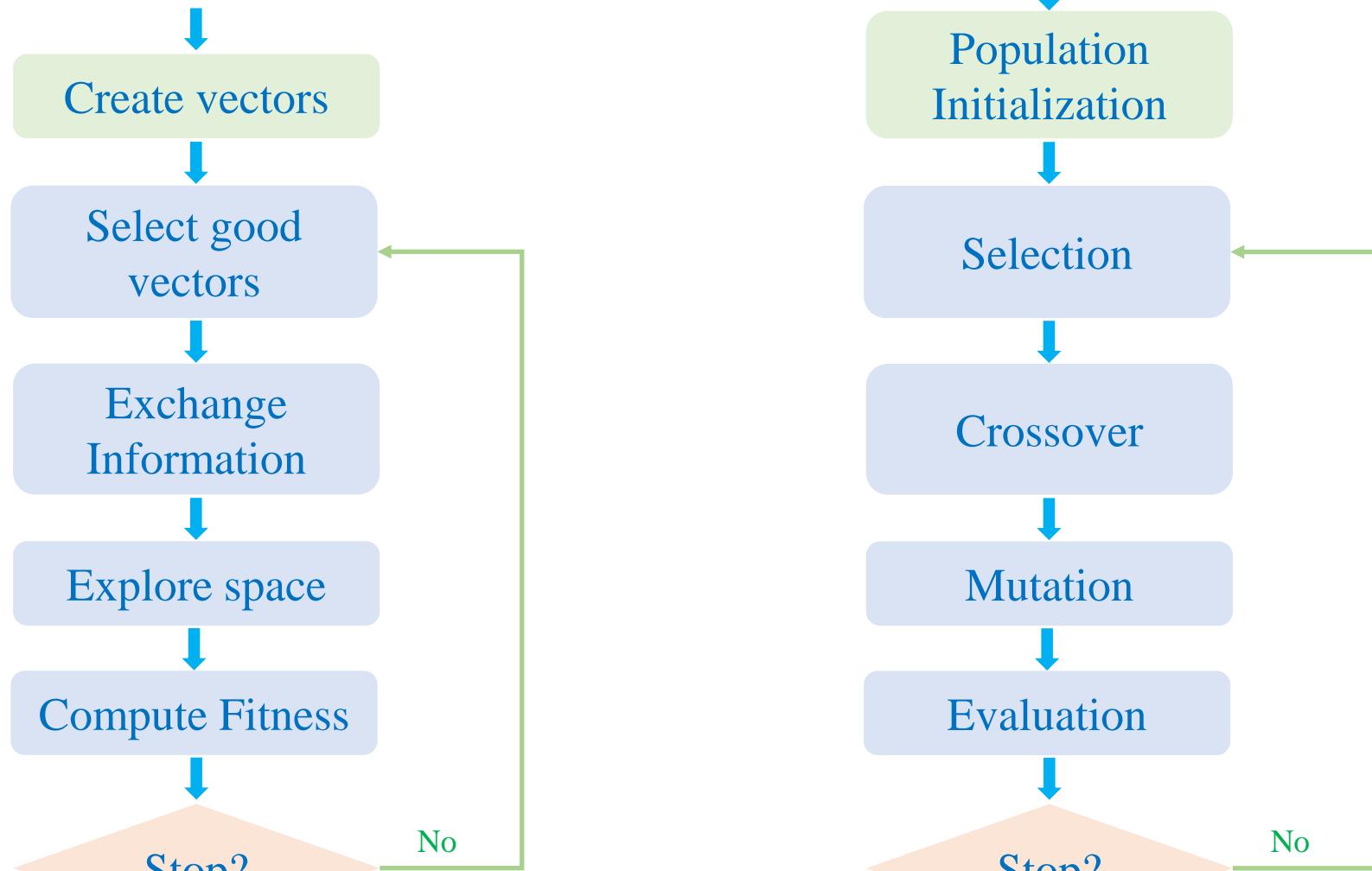


# ... + Exploration

```
1 def exchange(vector1, vector2, rate=0.9):
2     vector1_new = vector1.copy()
3     vector2_new = vector2.copy()
4
5     for i in range(n):
6         if random.random() < rate:
7             vector1_new[i] = vector2[i]
8             vector2_new[i] = vector1[i]
9
10    return vector1_new, vector2_new
11
12 def explore(vector, rate=0.05):
13     vector_m = vector.copy()
14
15     for i in range(n):
16         if random.random() < rate:
17             vector_m[i] = generate_01()
18
19     return vector_m
```

```
1 # create population
2 population = [create_vector() for _ in range(m)]
3
4 # loops
5 for i in range(n_generations):
6     # sort population
7     sorted_vectors = sorted(population, key=compute_fitness)
8
9     new_population = []
10    while len(new_population) < m:
11        # selection
12        vector_s1 = selection(sorted_vectors)
13        vector_s2 = selection(sorted_vectors) # duplication
14
15        # exchange
16        vector_c1, vector_c2 = exchange(vector_s1, vector_s2)
17
18        # explore
19        vector_m1 = explore(vector_c1)
20        vector_m2 = explore(vector_c2)
21
22        # save
23        new_population.append(vector_m1)
24        new_population.append(vector_m2)
25
26        # update
27        population = new_population
```

# Summary



Our algorithms

Genetic Algorithm

