

# Finite Markov Chain Results in Evolutionary Computation: A Tour d'Horizon

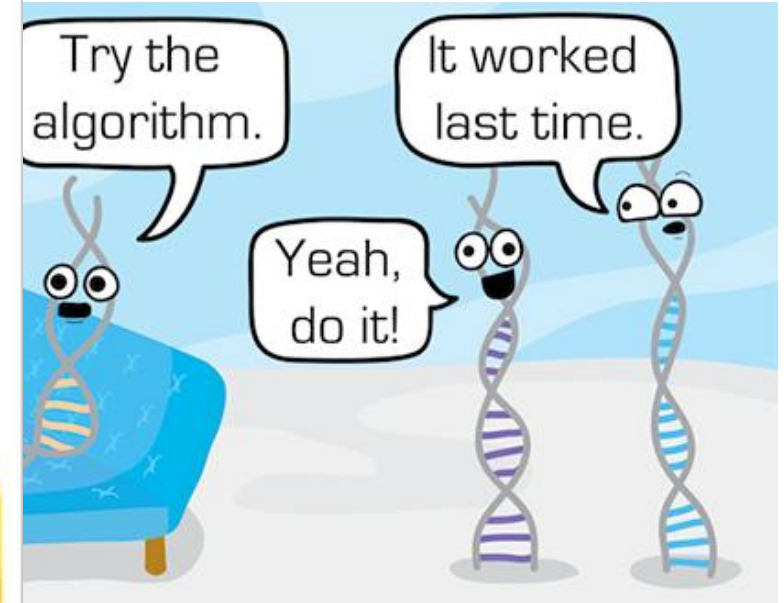
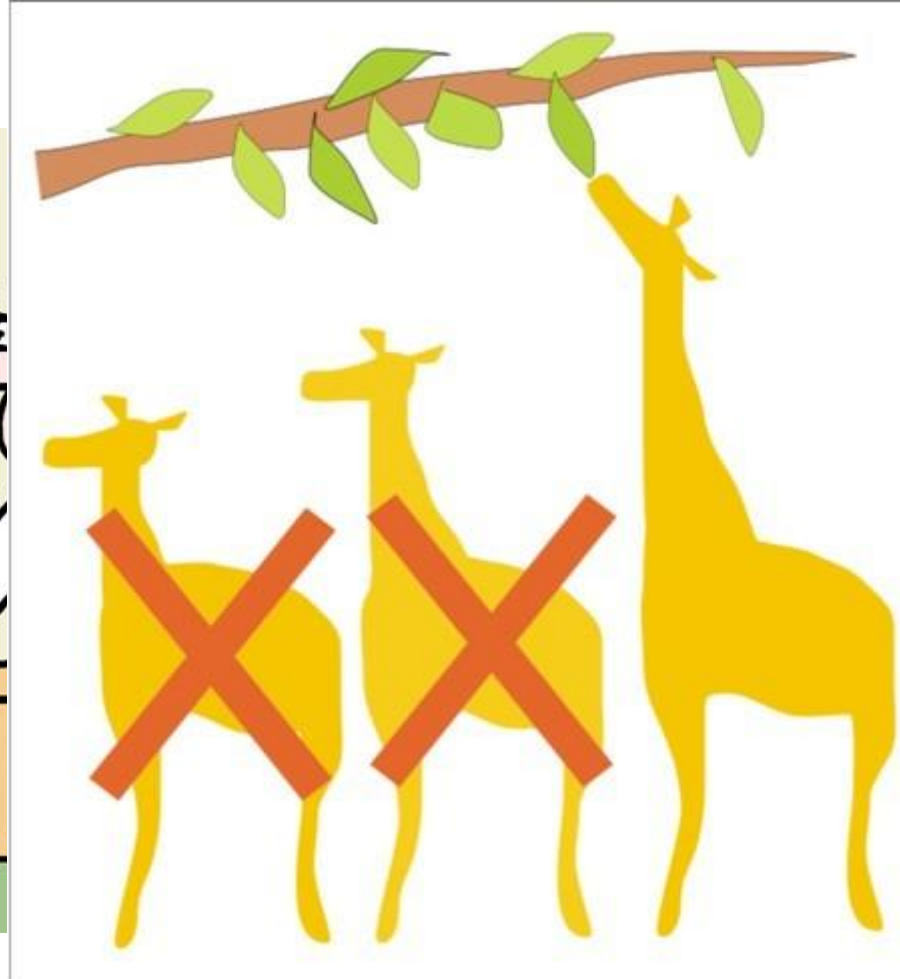
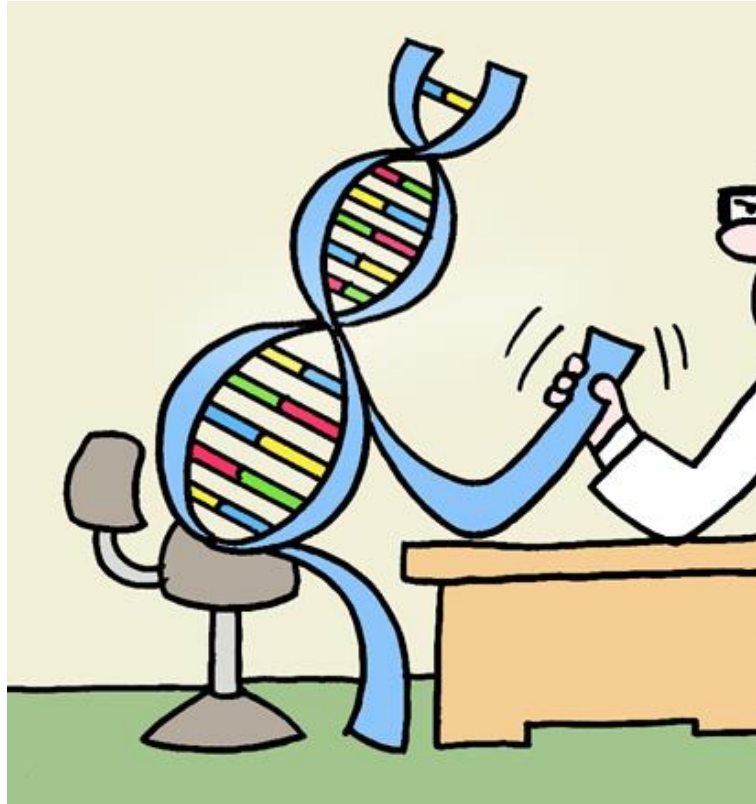
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# Introduction



# Problem setting – Optimization problem

## Definition 1. Optimization problem

$$\textit{Minimize } f_0(x)$$

$$\textit{Subject to } f_i(x) \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

$f_0 : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  ; Optimization variables

$f_i : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, i = 1, \dots, m$  : Constraint functions

$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{X}$  : Optimization variables

Specially, solutions which satisfy all constraints is called *feasible solutions*

# Combinatorial optimization

- **Combinatorial optimization** is a topic that consists of finding an optimal object from a finite of objects.
- It operates on the domain of those optimization problems, in which
  - the *set of feasible solutions is discrete* or
  - *can be reduced to discrete*

Goal: to *find the best solution* in feasible solutions

# Representation

## ■ Terminology

- A **individual**  $X \times A$ 
  - where  $A$  is a possible empty set collecting additional search state information.

$u_0$	$u_1$							
1	0	0	...	1	0	1	1	0

Figure 1: Solution representation of Combinatorial optimization

- A **fitness of individual**  $(x, a) \in X \times A$  is given  $f(x)$ ; objective function
- A **population of**  $n < \infty$  **individual**
  - An element of the product space  $(X \times A)^n$

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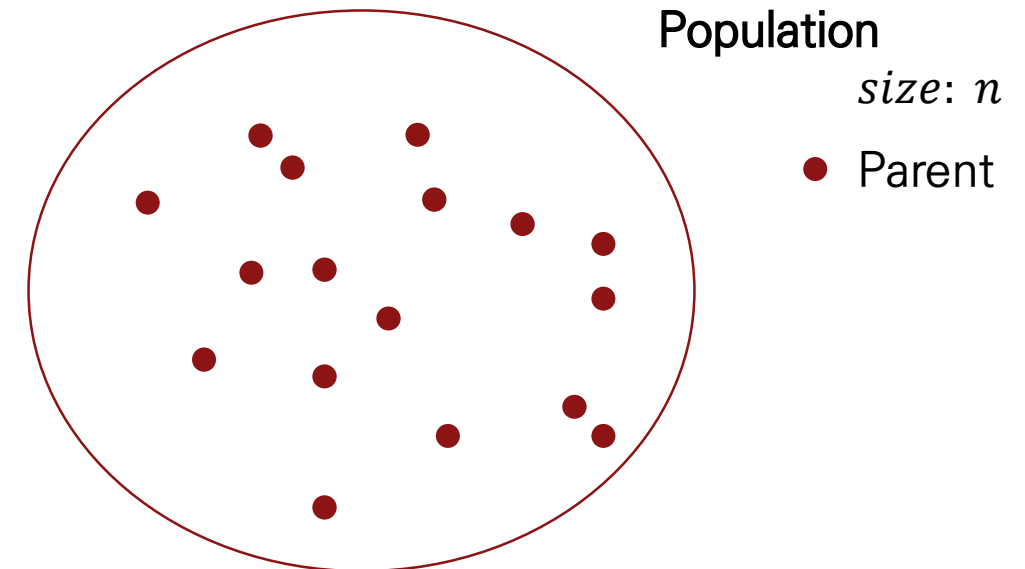
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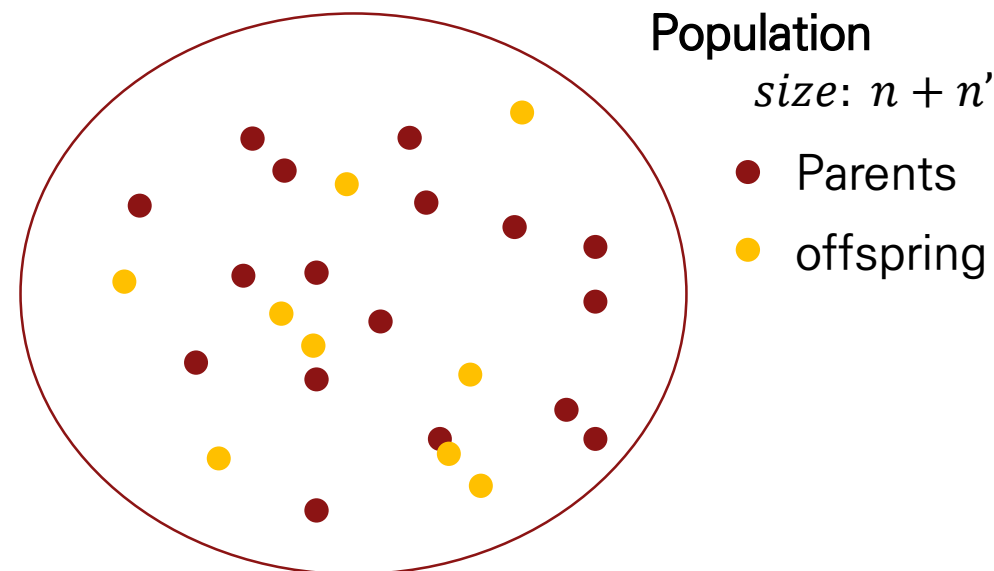
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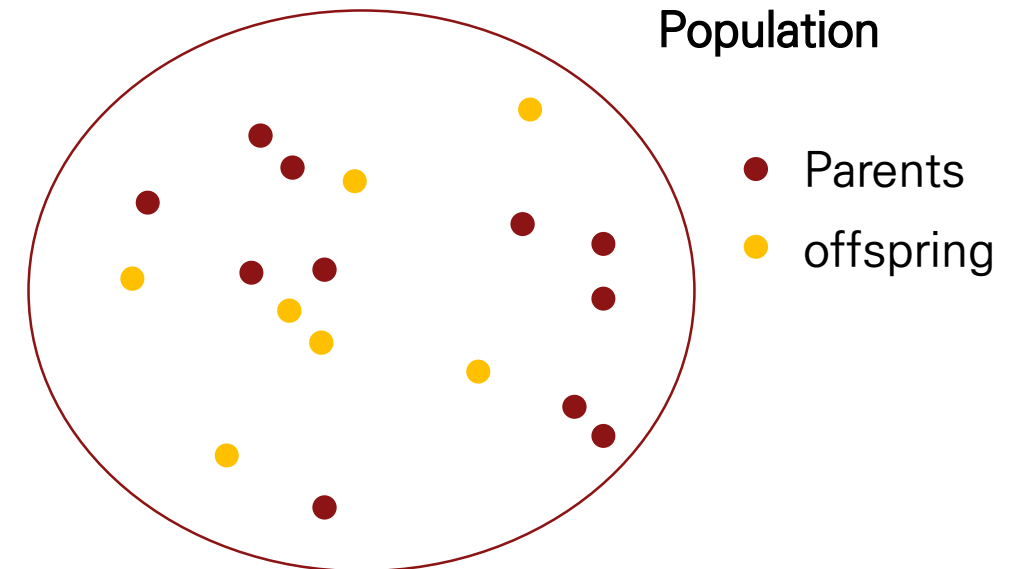


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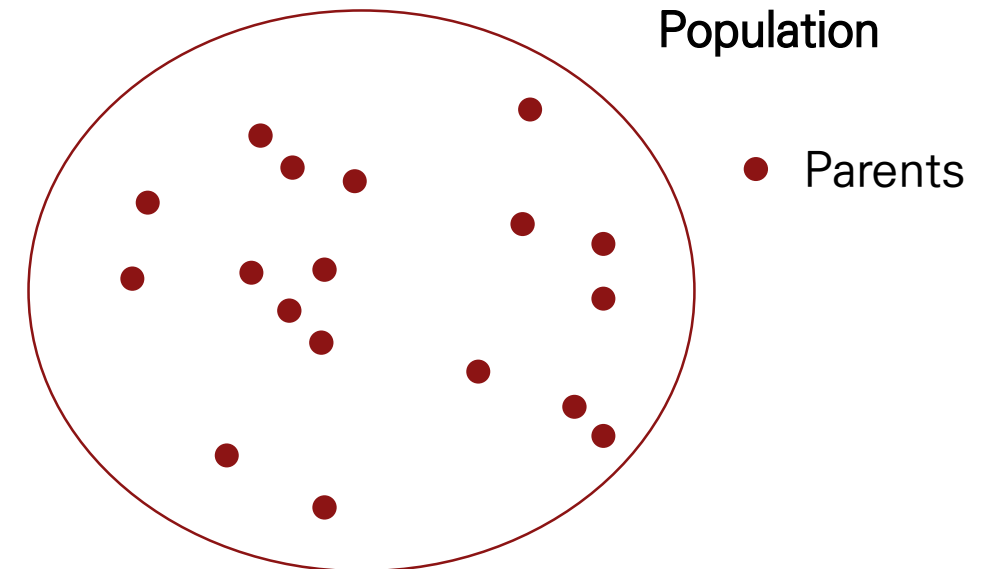
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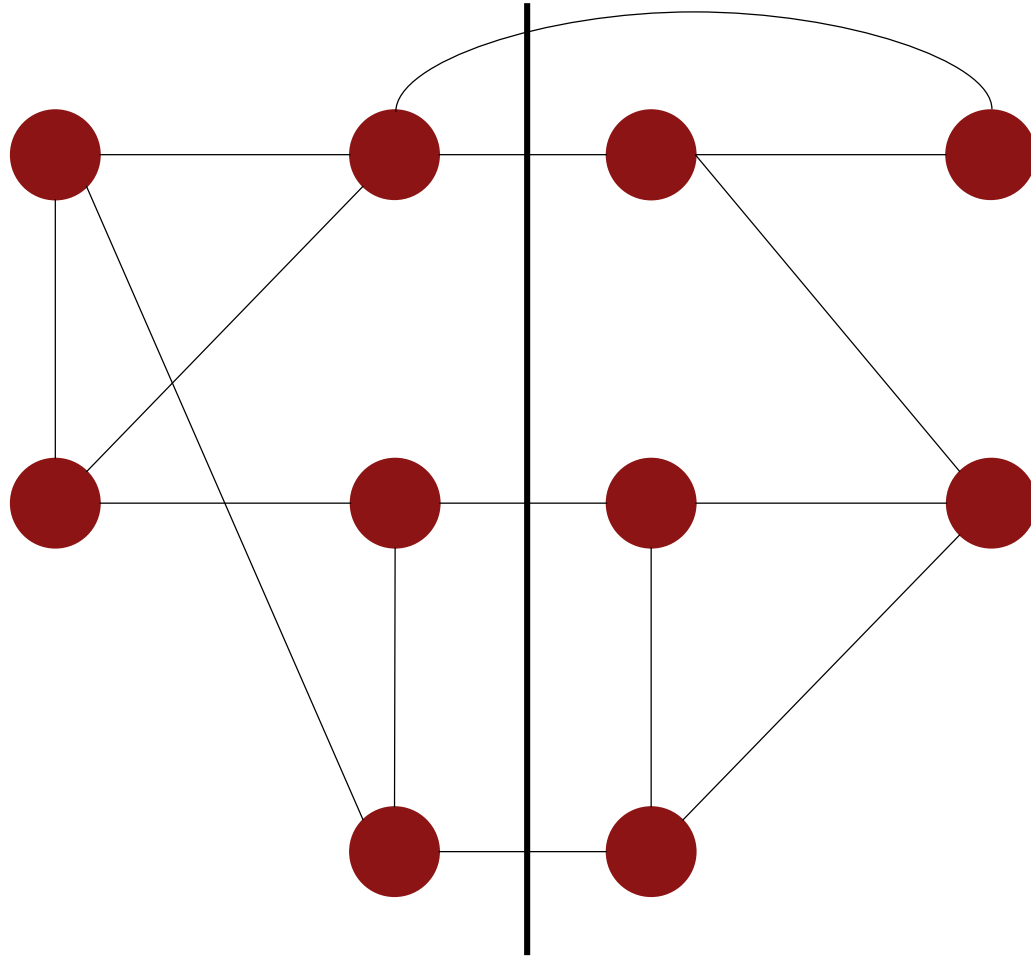
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# Toy problem



Individual

0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
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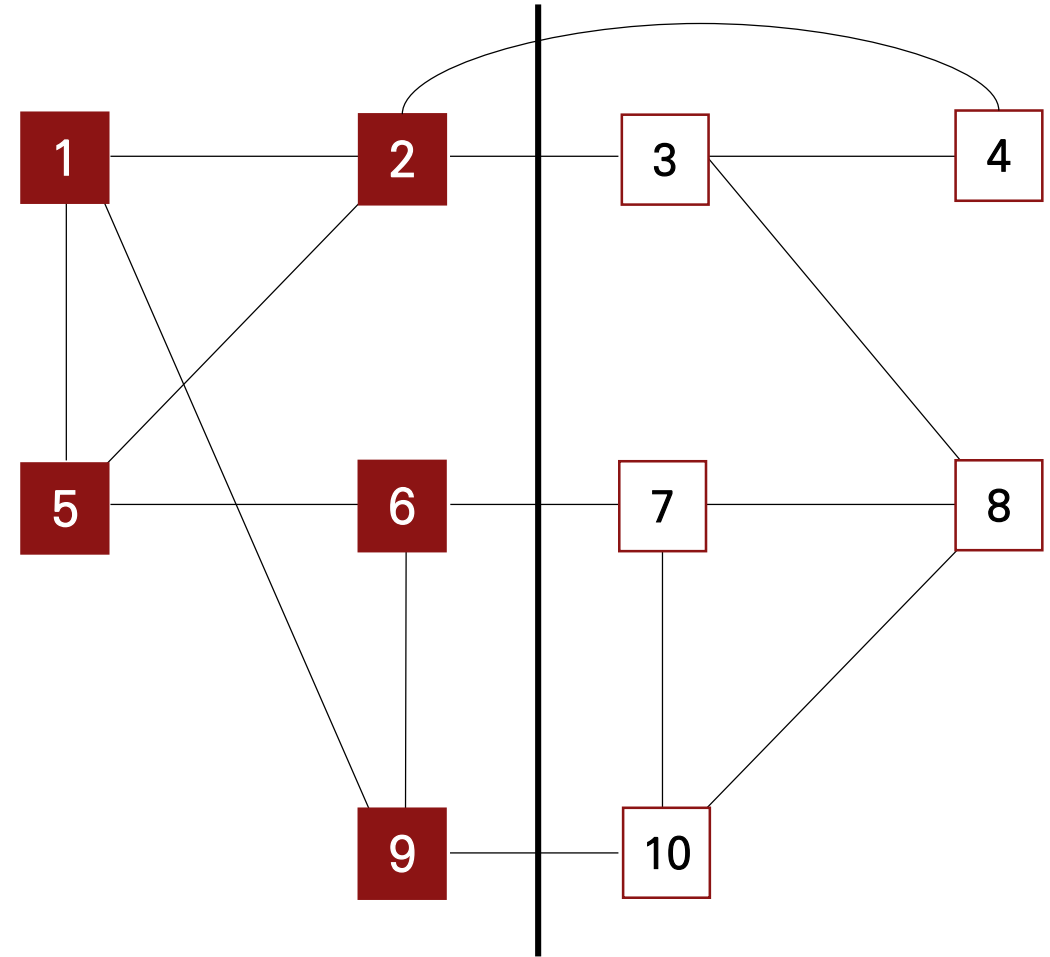


Figure 2: Bipartite graph problem

# Operational description of evolutionary algorithms

- Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$  denote the population of parents.
  - An offspring is produced as follows:

1 **Mat:**  $X^n \rightarrow X^\rho$  where  $2 < \rho \leq n$ . ; selecting  $\rho$  parents



2 **Reco:**  $X^\rho \rightarrow X$  ; these individuals are recombined



3 **Mut:**  $X \rightarrow X$  ; Mutation

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During a single iteration,

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} : x'_i = \text{mut}(\text{reco}(\text{mat}(x_1, \dots, x_n)))$$

$$(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \begin{cases} \text{sel}(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(q)}, x'_1, \dots, x'_m) & \text{(parents and offspring)} \\ \text{sel}(x'_1, \dots, x'_m) & \text{(only offspring)} \end{cases}$$

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- The evolution may happen in discrete or continuous time.
- The transition probabilities may depend on the time parameter or not.

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- ✓ Most results are available for evolutionary algorithms with time *homogeneous transitions* and
- (1) *finite search space in discrete time*,
  - (2) not denumerable search space  $R^l$  in discrete as well as continuous time.

# Guarantee of Optimal Solution

Let  $X_k = (X_{k,1}, X_{k,2}, \dots, X_{k,n})$  be the random population of size  $n$ , at step  $k$  and  $F_k = \max\{f(X_{k,i}): i = 1, \dots, n\}$  the best fitness value within the population at step  $k \geq 0$ .

## ■ Goal

- As soon as the random variable  $F_k$  attains the value of the global maximum  $f^*$ , it is ensured that the population contains an individual representing the global solution of the maximization problem.

We **always** want to **find optimal solution regardless of the initialization**.

## Definition 2.1.

Let random variable  $T = \min\{k \geq 0: F_k = f^*\}$  denote the first hitting time of the global solution. An evolutionary algorithm is said to *visit the global optimum in finite time with probability one* if  $P\{T < \infty\} = 1$  regardless of the initialization.

# Stochastic Convergence

## Definition 2.2.

Let  $D_0, D_1, \dots$  be non-negative random variables defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ .

The sequence  $(D_k: k \geq 0)$  is said

to *converge completely to zero* if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P\{D_k > \epsilon\} < \infty$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

to *converge with probability 1 or almost surely to zero* if  $P\left\{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} D_k = 0\right\} = 1$

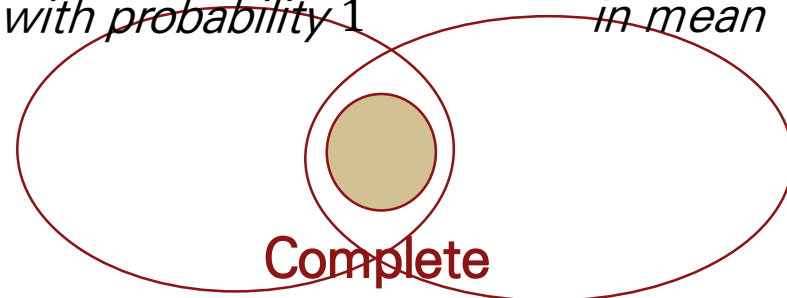
to *converge in probability to zero* if  $P\{D_k > \epsilon\} = o(1)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

and to *converge in mean to zero* if  $E[D_k] = o(1)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

1

with probability 1

in mean



2

Suppose that a sequence  $D_k$  is bounded above i.e. there exists  $M \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $D_k < M$  for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ .

then  $D_k$  convergence **in probability**  
implies convergence **in mean**



# the EA converges to the global optimum

## Definition 2.3.

Let  $X_k$  be the sequence of populations generated by some evolutionary algorithm and let  $F_k = \max(f(X_{k,1}), \dots, f(X_{k,n}))$  denote the best objective function value of the population of size  $n < \infty$  at generation  $k \geq 0$ .

An evolutionary algorithm is said to converge completely with probability to the global maximum  $f^* = \max\{f(x) : x \in X\}$  of objective function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  if the nonnegative random sequence  $D_k$  with  $D_k = f^* - F_k$  converges completely to zero.



Note that  
the property of visiting the global solution with probability 1 is  
a precondition for convergence but that the additional property of convergence **does not automatically indicate any advantage with respect to finding the global solution.**

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- Main question
  - First Question
    - whether some evolutionary algorithm will visit the global optimum in finite time or not?
  - Second Question
    - whether it will converge in some mode to the optimum or not



**Using finite Markov chain for some part!!**

# Operational description of evolutionary algorithms

## ■ assumptions

about **the properties of the variation and selection operators.**

- $(A_1) \forall x \in (x_1, \dots, x_n): P \{x \in reco(mat(x_1, \dots, x_n))\} \geq \delta_r > 0.$
- $(A_2)$  For every pair  $x, y \in X$ ,  
*there exists a finite path  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  of pairwise distinct points with  $x_1 = x, x_k = y$  such that  $P \{x_{i+1} = mut(x_i)\} \geq \delta_m > 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k - 1.$*
- $(A_2')$  For every pair  $x, y \in X$  holds  $P \{y = mut(x)\} \geq \delta_m > 0.$
- $(A_3) \forall x \in (x_1, \dots, x_n): P \{x \in sel(x_1, \dots, x_k)\} \geq \delta_s > 0.$
- $(A_4)$  Let  $v_k^*(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \max\{f(x_i): i = 1, \dots, k\}$   
*denotes the best fitness value within a population of  $k$  individuals ( $k \geq n$ ).  
the selection method fulfills the condition*

$$P\{v_k^*(sel(x_1, \dots, x_k)) = v_k^*(x_1, \dots, x_k)\} = 1$$

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## Theorem 2.1.

If the assumptions  $(A_1)$ ,  $(A_2)$ , and  $(A_3)$  are valid then the evolutionary algorithm visits the global optimum after a finite number of iterations with probability one, regardless of the initialization.

If assumption  $(A_4)$  is valid additionally and the selection method chooses from parents as well as offspring then the evolutionary algorithm converges completely and in mean to the global optimum regardless of the initialization.

✓ *visit the global optimum in finite time with probability one.*

✓  *$f^* - F_k$  converges completely to zero.*

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## Corollary 2.1.

Theorem 2.1 remains valid if the assumptions  $(A_1)$ ,  $(A_2)$ , and  $(A_3)$  are replaced by assumption  $(A_2')$

### ■ Note that

1

Assumptions  $(A_2)$  or  $(A_2')$



the reachability of the optimum is guaranteed solely by the properties of the **mutation** operators.

2

The potential positive effects of **recombination are completely neglected.**

3

Notice that an EA without recombination will always visit the optimum whereas an EA without mutation but with a usual recombination operator does not have this guarantee.

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## Theorem 2.2.

An evolutionary algorithm visits the global optimum infinitely often if assumption  $(A_2')$  or the assumptions  $(A_1)$ ,  $(A_2)$ , and  $(A_3)$  are valid.

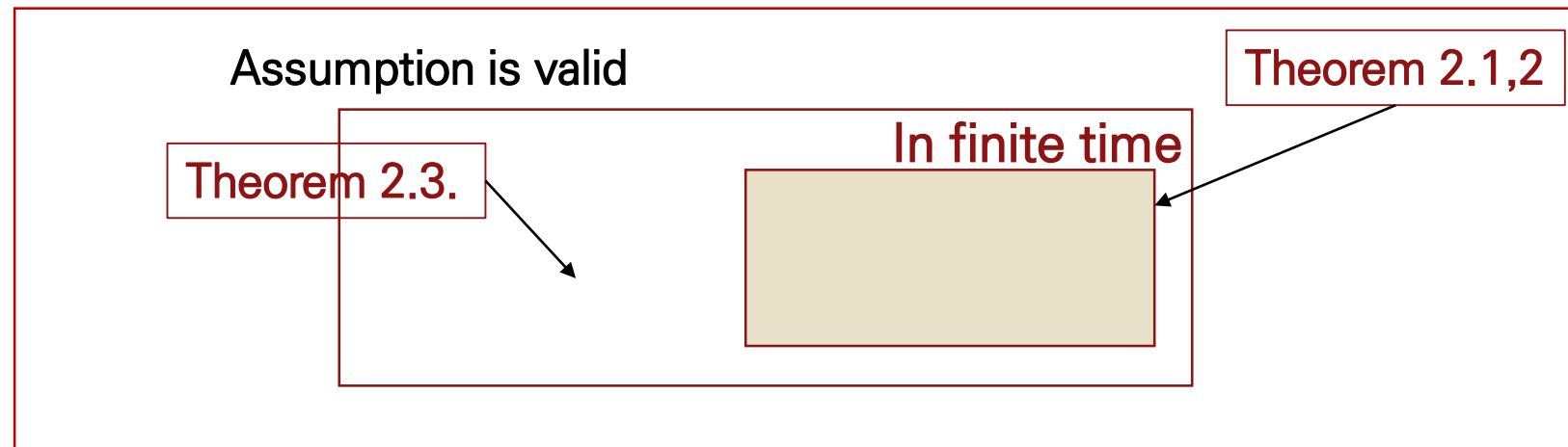
If the selection method only chooses from the offspring then the sequence  $\{F_k: k \geq 0\}$  will not converge to the global optimum, even if assumption  $(A_4)$  is valid.

*The assumptions and their implications presented so far are valid or the vast majority of evolutionary algorithms **with finite search space and time homogeneous transitions.***

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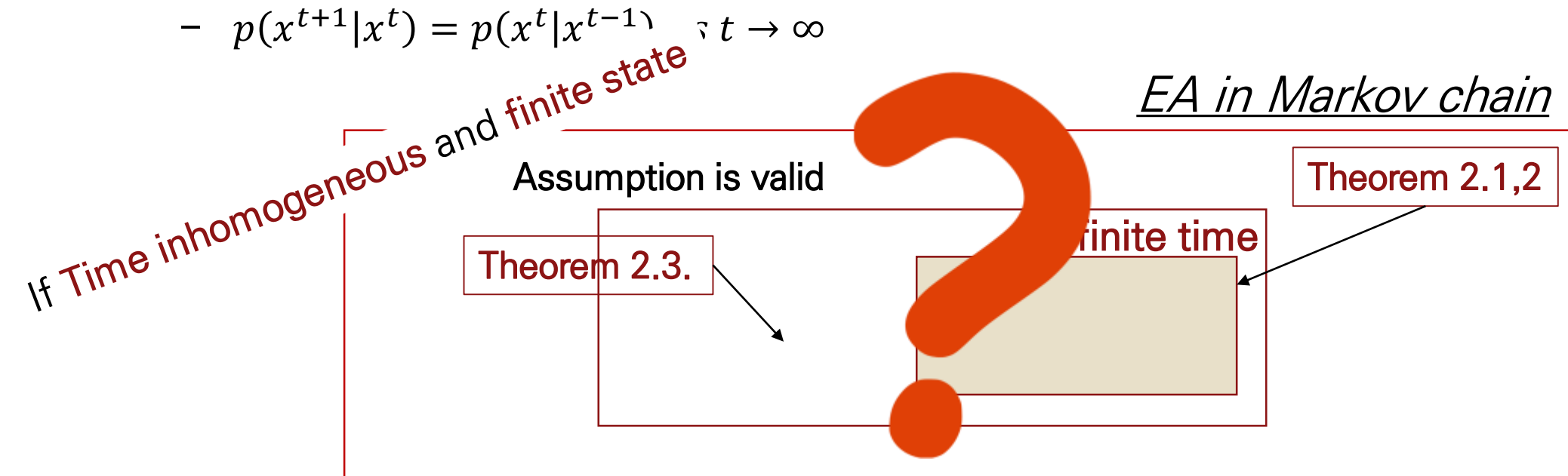
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In finite time



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 $\beta_k$  the probability of finding the optimum at step  $k$



**Lemma 1.8** (Borel-Cantelli). (i) Let  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i) < \infty \Rightarrow P\left(\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i\right) = 0.$$

(ii) Assume that  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , are independent. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i) = \infty \Rightarrow P\left(\limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i\right) = 1.$$

If  $\sum_k \alpha_k < \infty$  and  $\sum_k \beta_k = \infty$ ,

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# Finite Time Behavior in Finite Space and Discrete Time

- The examination of the finite time behavior of evolutionary algorithms cannot be treated in the same general manner as it is possible for the limit behavior.

Pseudo-Boolean optimization problem

Maximizing real-valued fitness functions with domain  $X = \mathbf{B}^l = \{0,1\}^l$ .

# Assumption

- the time of calculating the fitness value  $f(x)$  for  $x \in \mathbf{B}^l$  is bounded by a polynomial in  $l$ .
- Since the population size is finite, the number of fitness evaluations is an appropriate measure to assess the efficiency of an evolutionary algorithm



Evidently, needs a stopping rule  
that indicates the termination of the stochastic process.

# about terminal condition

- Let  $H_k$  contain the information available to the process until iteration  $k$ .
- the stopping rule  $\tau(H_k)$ 
  - termination of the process at step  $k$  if it evaluates to 1
  - continuation of the process if it evaluates to 0.



**Note that,** a stopping rule induces  
a random stopping time  $S = \min\{k \geq 0 : \tau(H_k) = 1\}$



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Let  $F_k^* = \max\{F_{k-1}^*, F_k\}$  for  $k \geq 1$  and  $F_0^* = F_0$  denote the best fitness value found until iteration  $k \geq 0$ .

An evolutionary algorithm is said to be efficient for a problem class  $\mathcal{C}$

if  $E[S] \leq \text{poly}_1(l)$  and  $P\{F_S^* = f^*\} \geq \frac{1}{\text{poly}_2(l)}$  for every instance of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

where  $\text{poly}_1(\cdot)$  and  $\text{poly}_2(\cdot)$  are two polynomial functions of the problem dimension  $l$ .

The association of the term “*efficient*” with this criterion is justified by the algorithmic technique known as *probability amplification* or *probability boosting*

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$$1/\text{poly}_2(\ell) \leq \mathbf{P}\{F_S^* = f^*\} < 1$$

An evolution after  $r$  independent runs of the EA is at most  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{\text{poly}_2(l)}\right)^r$

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where  $\text{poly}_1(l)$  Choose  $r = k \cdot \text{poly}_2(l)$  with  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  the problem dimension  $l$ .

a total expected runtime " $r \cdot E(S)$ "

The association of the term "*efficient*" with the algorithmic technique known as *probabilistic*

whereas the probability of not finding the optimum in  $r$  **runs decreases exponentially in  $k$ .**

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The results are based on bounds  
on the expected first hitting time  $E(T)$

Since  $P\{F_s^* = f^*\} =$  Assume it can be shown that  $E[T] \leq \text{poly}_1(l)$  for every instance of a specific problem class  $\mathcal{C}$  where the bound  $\text{poly}_1(l)$  is explicitly known.  
we obtain  $P\{F_s^* \neq f^*\} = P\{T > s\} \leq \frac{E[T]}{s}$  ( $\because$  Markov inequality)

If the stopping time is set to  $s = c \cdot \text{poly}_1(l)$  with  $c \geq 1 + 1/\text{poly}_2(l)$  for an arbitrary polynomial  $\text{poly}_2(l)$   
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the development of a polynomial upper bound for  $E[T]$  is sufficient for proving the efficiency of the evolutionary algorithm for a specific problem class.

Since  $P\{F_s^* = f^*\} = P\{T \leq s\}$  for every  $s \geq 0$ ,  
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## Definition 3.2.

A function  $f: \mathbf{B}^l \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is said to be modular if  $f(x \wedge y) + f(x \vee y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{B}^l$ .

## Theorem 3.1.

Let the fitness function  $f: \mathbf{B}^l \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be modular.

If the evolutionary algorithm only uses mutation and elitist selection,

(a)  $E[T] \geq l \log l$  under  $(M_1)$

(b)  $E[T] = \Omega(l \log l)$  under  $(M_2)$  with  $p = \frac{1}{l}$  (c)  $E[T] \leq l (\log l + 1)$

under  $(M_1)$ . (d)  $E[T] = O(l \log l)$  under  $(M_2)$  with  $p = \frac{1}{l}$

# Finite Time Behavior in Finite Space and Discrete Time

## Proposition 3.1.

The expected first hitting time of the  $(1 + 1)$ -EA with fitness function (1) is bounded by

- (a)  $E[T] \leq \ell^2$  under  $(M_1)$ ,
- (b)  $E[T] \leq \ell^2 (\exp(1) - 1)$  under  $(M_2)$  with  $p = 1/\ell$ .

## Proposition 3.2.

Let the unimax fitness function  $f : \mathbb{B}^\ell \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the long “Root2”-path problem given in [35]

The expected first hitting time of the  $(1 + 1)$ -EA can be bounded by

- (a)  $E[T] \geq 3 \cdot \ell \cdot 2^{(\ell-1)/2} - 2\ell$  under  $(M_1)$ ,
- (b)  $E[T] \leq (\ell^3 - \ell) \exp(1)/2$  under  $(M_2)$  with  $p = 1/\ell$ ,

if the EA starts at the bottom of the increasing path.

# Finite Time Behavior in Finite Space and Discrete Time

**Definition 3.5.**

A function  $f : \mathbb{B}^\ell \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *almost-positive* if the coefficients of all nonlinear terms are non-negative.  $\square$

An instance of this problem class is the pseudo-boolean function

$$f(x) = \ell - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} x_i + (\ell + 1) \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} x_i. \quad (2)$$

**Proposition 3.3.**

The expected first hitting time of the  $(1 + 1)$ -EA with fitness function (2) can be bounded by

- (a)  $\mathbb{E}[T] = \infty$  under  $(M_1)$ , unless being started at the optimum;
- (b)  $\mathbb{E}[T] \geq \ell^\ell$  under  $(M_2)$  with  $p = 1/\ell$  with worst starting point;
- (c)  $\mathbb{E}[T] \geq [(\ell + 1)^\ell - 1]/2^\ell$  under  $(M_2)$  with  $p = 1/\ell$  and random starting point.

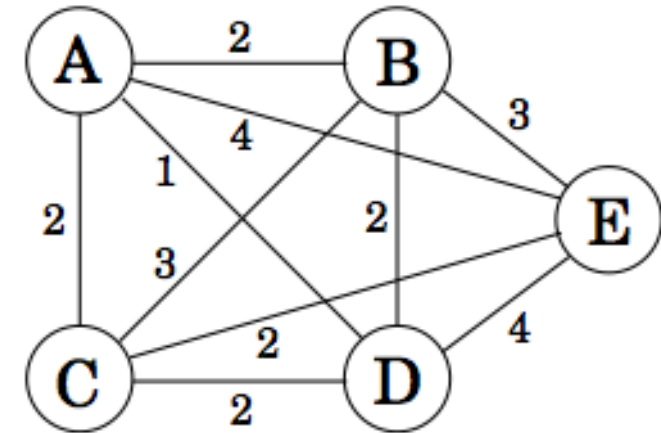
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## ■ Traveling Salesman Problem

- Finding a shortest closed tour
  - Visiting each node of a given graph with given edge length exactly once.

Figure 3: Traveling Salesman Problem and Ants build solutions, that is paths, from a source to a destination.

- Let  $G = (X, E, W)$  be a complete weight graph,
  - $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  ( $n \geq 3$ )
  - $E = \{e_{ij} | x_i, x_j \in X\}$
  - $W = \{w_{ij} | w_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ and } w_{ii} = 0, \text{ for all } i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$





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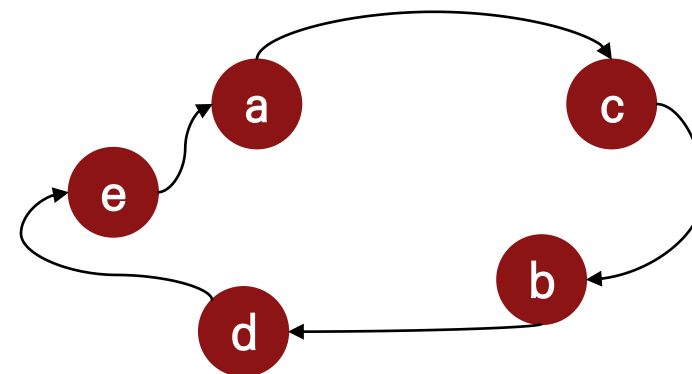
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## Representation of feasible solution

- Each chromosome is
  - a pair of strings;  $(S, P)$
- $S$ : the successors of the cities in a Hamiltonian cycle, which has  $n$  genes.
- $P$ : containing the predecessors of all the cities.
  - \* the cycle acbdea is represented by the  $(S, P)$  pair (cdbea, ecabd)



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- $p$  random permutation of size  $n$

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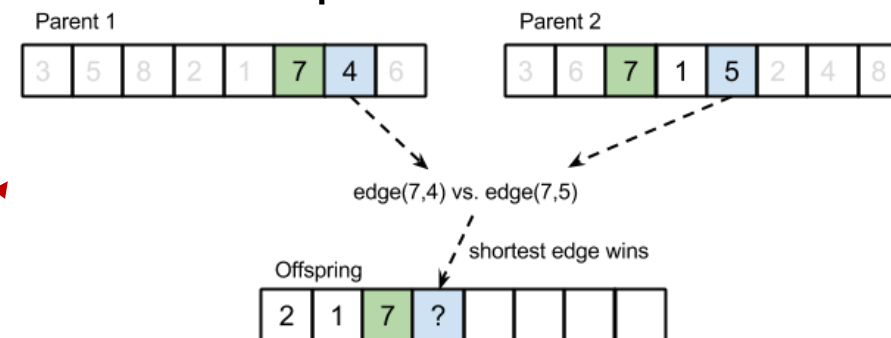
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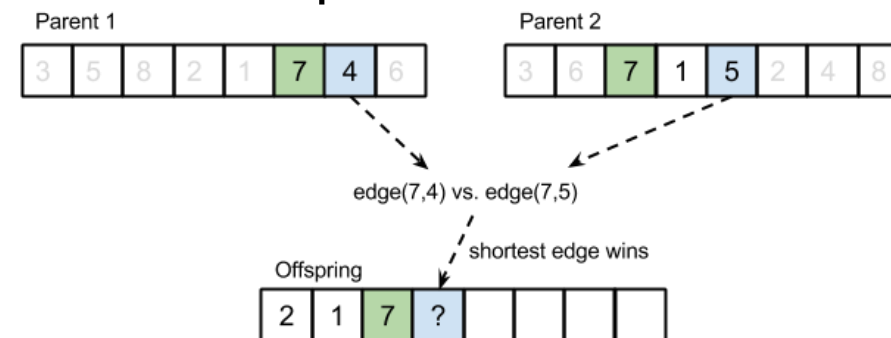
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- As mutation operator edge inversion is used with a mutation rate of 50%. In edge inversion, **two cities are selected randomly and the order of all cities between them is reversed.**

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## Comparison with exact solver[3]

Benchmark	Exact Solver		Genetic Algorithm (average over 10 runs)	
	Cycle Cost	Computation Time	Cycle Cost	Computation Time
att48	33523.71	10 sec	33546.76 (+0,07%)	1 sec
kroD100	21294.29	241 sec	21416.59 (+0,57%)	13 sec



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