# Graph Coloring Algorithms

**Sampling Coloring:** A simple heuristic method that tries random colorings and keeps the best one found. It is fast but may not find the optimal solution.

**Brute Force Coloring:** Guarantees finding the optimal solution but is computationally expensive since it explores all possible colorings.

**Deterministic Hill Climbing:** Improves over random search by always selecting the best neighboring solution but can get stuck in local optima.

Stochastic Hill Climbing: Adds randomness to avoid local optima, making it more flexible than deterministic hill climbing.

**Tabu Search:** A more sophisticated approach that avoids cycling and can explore a broader solution space, but it is more complex and computationally intensive.

#### **Algorithm 1** Sampling Coloring

```
Require: Graph G, Number of Samples n
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: initial\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}
 2: best\_coloring \leftarrow generate\_random\_coloring(G, initial\_colors)
 3: best\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, best\_coloring)
 4: attempts \leftarrow 0
 5: for i = 1 to n do
       attempts \leftarrow attempts + 1
       coloring \leftarrow generate\_random\_coloring(G, initial\_colors)
 7:
       loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, coloring)
 8:
       if loss < best\_loss then
 9:
          best\_loss \leftarrow loss
10:
          best\_coloring \leftarrow coloring
11:
       end if
12:
13: end for
14: return best_coloring, best_loss, attempts
```

### Algorithm 2 Brute Force Coloring

```
Require: Graph G, Maximum Colors max_colors
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: nodes \leftarrow list(nodes(G))
 2: best\_coloring \leftarrow None, best\_loss \leftarrow \infty
 3: attempts \leftarrow 0, min\_colors \leftarrow 1
 4: for num\_colors = min\_colors to max\_colors do
 5:
       for each assignment of colors to nodes do
          attempts \leftarrow attempts + 1
 6:
          coloring \leftarrow map\_nodes\_to\_colors(nodes, num\_colors)
 7:
          loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, coloring)
         if loss < best\_loss then
 9:
             best\_loss \leftarrow loss
10:
             best\_coloring \leftarrow coloring
11:
12:
            if loss == 0 then
               \textbf{return} \hspace{0.2cm} best\_coloring, best\_loss, attempts
13:
             end if
14:
          end if
15:
       end for
17: end for
18: \ \mathbf{return} \ best\_coloring, best\_loss, attempts
```

#### Algorithm 3 Deterministic Hill Climbing

```
Require: Graph G
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: num\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}
 2: \ current \leftarrow \overline{generate\_random\_coloring}(G, num\_colors)
 3: current\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, current)
 4:\ attempts \leftarrow 1
 5: while true do
       best\_neighbor \leftarrow current
 6:
       best\_neighbor\_loss \leftarrow current\_loss
 7:
       \mathbf{for} \ \mathrm{each} \ \mathrm{node} \ \mathrm{in} \ G \ \mathbf{do}
 8:
 9:
          for each possible color do
             neighbor \leftarrow change\_color(current, node, color)
10:
             neighbor\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, neighbor)
11:
12:
             attempts \leftarrow attempts + 1
13:
             if \ neighbor\_loss < best\_neighbor\_loss \ then
                best\_neighbor \leftarrow neighbor
14:
                best\_neighbor\_loss \leftarrow neighbor\_loss
15:
             end if
16:
17:
          end for
18:
       end for
       if best\_neighbor\_loss \ge current\_loss then
19:
          {f return} current\_loss, attempts
20:
21:
       end if
22:
       current \leftarrow best\_neighbor
23:
       current\_loss \leftarrow best\_neighbor\_loss
24: end while
```

## Algorithm 4 Stochastic Hill Climbing

```
Require: Graph G, Max Attempts max_attempts
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: num\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}
 2: current \leftarrow generate\_random\_coloring(G, num\_colors)
 3: current\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, current)
 4:\ attempts \leftarrow 1
 5: while attempts < max\_attempts do
       neighbor \leftarrow get\_neighbor(G, current, num\_colors)
       neighbor\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, neighbor)
 7:
       attempts \leftarrow attempts + 1
 8:
       \mathbf{if} \ neighbor\_loss < current\_loss \ \mathbf{then}
 9:
10:
          current \leftarrow neighbor
11:
          current\_loss \leftarrow neighbor\_loss
          \mathbf{if}\ current\_loss == 0\ \mathbf{then}
12:
          end if
13:
       end if
14:
15: end while
16: \ \mathbf{return} \ \ current\_loss, attempts
```

#### Algorithm 5 Tabu Search for Graph Coloring

```
Require: Graph G, Tabu List Size tabu_size, Max Iterations max_iterations
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: num\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}
 2: current \leftarrow generate\_random\_coloring(G, num\_colors)
 3: current\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, current)
 4: best\_solution \leftarrow current
 5: best\_loss \leftarrow current\_loss
 6: tabu\_list \leftarrow []
 7: attempts \leftarrow 1
    while attempts < max\_iterations and current\_loss > 0 do
 8:
       best\_neighbor \leftarrow None
 9:
10:
       best\_neighbor\_loss \leftarrow \infty
       best\_move \leftarrow None
11:
       for each node in nodes(G) do
12:
          for each color in range(num_colors) do
13:
14:
             if color \neq current[node] then
               move \leftarrow (node, current[node], color)
15:
               if move \notin tabu\_list then
16:
                  neighbor \leftarrow current.copy()
17:
                  neighbor[node] \leftarrow color
18:
19:
                  neighbor\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, neighbor)
                  attempts \leftarrow attempts + 1
20:
                  \mathbf{if} \ neighbor\_loss < best\_neighbor\_loss \ \mathbf{then}
21:
                     best\_neighbor \leftarrow neighbor
22:
23:
                     best\_neighbor\_loss \leftarrow neighbor\_loss
                     best\_move \leftarrow move
24:
                  end if
25:
               end if
26:
             end if
27:
          end for
28:
29:
       end for
30:
       if best\_neighbor \neq None then
          current \leftarrow best\_neighbor
31:
          current\_loss \leftarrow best\_neighbor\_loss
32:
33:
          if current\_loss < best\_loss then
             best\_solution \leftarrow current
34:
             best\_loss \leftarrow current\_loss
35:
          end if
36:
          tabu\_list \leftarrow tabu\_list + [best\_move]
37:
          if length of tabu_list i tabu_size then
38:
             tabu\_list.pop(0)
39:
40:
          end if
41:
       else
          BREAK
42:
       end if
43:
44: end while
45: \mathbf{return} best\_solution, best\_loss, attempts
```

### Algorithm 6 Simulated Annealing for Graph Coloring

**Require:** Graph G, Initial Temperature initial\_temp, Minimum Temperature min\_temp, Max Iterations max\_iterations, Cooling Schedule schedule

```
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: num\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}
 2: current \leftarrow generate\_random\_coloring(G, num\_colors)
 3: current\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, current)
 4:\ best\_solution \leftarrow current
 5: \ best\_loss \leftarrow current\_loss
 6: temperature \leftarrow initial\_temp
 7: attempts \leftarrow 1
 8: while temperature > min_temp and attempts < max_iterations and
    current\_loss > 0 do
 9:
       neighbor \leftarrow get\_gaussian\_neighbor(G, current, num\_colors)
10:
       neighbor\_loss \leftarrow calculate\_loss(G, neighbor)
       attempts \leftarrow attempts + 1
11:
       delta \leftarrow neighbor\_loss - current\_loss
12:
       if delta < 0 or random(); exp(-delta / temperature) then
13:
          current \leftarrow neighbor
14:
          current\_loss \leftarrow neighbor\_loss
15:
          if current\_loss < best\_loss then
16:
            best\_solution \leftarrow current
17:
            best\_loss \leftarrow current\_loss
18:
          end if
19:
       end if
20:
       temperature \leftarrow get\_temperature(initial\_temp, attempts, max\_iterations, schedule)
21:
22: end while
23: \mathbf{return} best\_solution, best\_loss, attempts
```

#### Algorithm 7 Genetic Algorithm for Graph Coloring

**Require:** Graph G, Population Size population\_size, Elite Size elite\_size, Max Generations max\_generations, Crossover Type crossover\_type, Mutation Type mutation\_type, Termination Type termination\_type

```
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: num\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}
 2: population \leftarrow generate\_initial\_population(G, population\_size, num\_colors)
 3: attempts \leftarrow population\_size
 4: best\_solution \leftarrow max(population, keyfitness)
 5: qeneration \leftarrow 0
 6: while termination condition not met do
      Sort population by fitness in descending order
 7:
      if best\_solution.fitness = 0 then
 8:
 9:
         return best\_solution.coloring, 0, attempts
      end if
10:
      if termination type is generations and generation \geq max\_generations
11:
12:
         return\ best\_solution.coloring, -best\_solution.fitness, attempts
       end if
13:
       new\_population \leftarrow population[: elite\_size]
14:
       while size of new_population < population_size do
15:
16:
         parent1, parent2 \leftarrow select parents from tophal for population
         if\ crossover\_type = CrossoverType.UNIFORM\ then
17:
            child1, child2 \leftarrow uniform\_crossover(parent1, parent2)
18:
         else
19:
            child1, child2 \leftarrow single\_point\_crossover(parent1, parent2)
20:
         end if
21:
22:
         if mutation\_type = MutationType.RANDOM then
            child1 \leftarrow random\_mutation(child1, num\_colors)
23:
            child2 \leftarrow random\_mutation(child2, num\_colors)
24:
         else
25:
26:
            child1 \leftarrow swap\_mutation(child1)
27:
            child2 \leftarrow swap\_mutation(child2)
         end if
28:
         fitness1 \leftarrow -calculate\_loss(G, child1)
29:
30:
         fitness2 \leftarrow -calculate\_loss(G, child2)
         attempts \leftarrow attempts + 2
31:
         Add child1, child2 to new_population
32:
         if fitness1 = 0 or fitness2 = 0 then
33:
            return
                                 best
                                             solution
                                                            with
                                                                        fitness
                                                                                     0,
34:
            best\_solution.coloring, 0, attempts
         end if
35:
36:
       end while
       Update population to new_population
37:
38:
       best\_solution \leftarrow max(population, keyfitness)
       generation \leftarrow generation + 1
39:
40: end while
41: \mathbf{return}\ best\_solution.coloring, -best\_solution.fitness, attempts
```

### Algorithm 8 Parallel Genetic Algorithm for Graph Coloring

**Require:** Graph G, Population Size population\_size, Elite Size elite\_size, Max Generations max\_generations, Crossover Type crossover\_type, Mutation Type mutation\_type, Termination Type termination\_type, Number of Processes  $num\_processes$ Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts 1:  $num\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}$ 2:  $attempts \leftarrow 0$ 3: **if** num\_processes is None **then**  $num\_processes \leftarrow cpu\_count()$ 5: end if 6: INITIALIZE multiprocessing pool with num\_processes 7:  $coloring \leftarrow [generate\_random\_coloring(G, num\_colors)]$  for i = 1 to  $population\_size$  $fitnesses \leftarrow evaluate\_population\_parallel(G, coloring, pool)$ 9:  $attempts \leftarrow attempts + population\_size$ 10:  $population \leftarrow [Individual(c, f) \text{ for } c, f \text{ in } zip(coloring, fitnesses)]$ 11:  $best\_solution \leftarrow \max(population, key = \lambda x : x.fitness)$ 12:  $generation \leftarrow 0$ 13: while termination condition not met do SORT population by fitness in descending order 14: 15: if  $best\_solution.fitness = 0$  then 16: 17:  $\mathbf{return}$  best\_solution.coloring, 0, attempts 18: if termination\_type TerminationType.GENERATIONS and 19: = $generation \ge max\_generations$  then 20:  $return\ best\_solution.coloring, -best\_solution.fitness, attempts$ 21: end if 22:  $new\_population \leftarrow population[: elite\_size]$ 23: 24:  $offspring\_colorings \leftarrow []$ 25: while  $|new\_population| + |offspring\_colorings|/2 < population\_size do$ parent1, parent2random.sample(population[:26:  $population\_size/2], 2)$  $if\ crossover\_type = CrossoverType.UNIFORM\ then$ 27:  $child1, child2 \leftarrow uniform\_crossover(parent1, parent2)$ 28: 29: else  $child1, child2 \leftarrow single\_point\_crossover(parent1, parent2)$ 30: 31: 32: if  $mutation\_type = MutationType.RANDOM$  then  $child1 \leftarrow random\_mutation(child1, num\_colors)$ 33: 34:  $child2 \leftarrow random\_mutation(child2, num\_colors)$ 35: 36:  $child1 \leftarrow swap\_mutation(child1)$  $child2 \leftarrow swap\_mutation(child2)$ 37: 38: end if  $offspring\_colorings.append(c\&ild1, child2)$ 39: 40: end while  $offspring\_fitnesses \leftarrow evaluate\_population\_parallel(G, offspring\_colorings, pool)$ 41: 42:  $attempts \leftarrow attempts + |offspring\_fitnesses|$ for i = 0 to  $|offspring\_colorings| - 1$  step 2 do 43:  $child1\_coloring \leftarrow offspring\_colorings[i]$ 44:  $child2\_coloring \leftarrow offspring\_colorings[i+1]$ 45:

46:

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 $child1\_fitness \leftarrow offspring\_fitnesses[i]$ 

child2\_coloring

 $child2\_fitness \leftarrow offspring\_fitnesses[i+1]$ if  $child1\_fitness = 0$  or  $child2\_fitness = 0$  then

 $best\_coloring \leftarrow child1\_coloring \text{ if } child1\_fitness = 0 \text{ else}$ 

### Algorithm 9 Island Model Genetic Algorithm for Graph Coloring

**Require:** Graph G, Number of Islands num\_islands, Migration migration\_rate, Migration Interval migration\_interval, Population Size population\_size, Elite Size elite\_size, Max Generations max\_generations,

```
Crossover Type crossover_type, Mutation Type mutation_type, Termina-
    tion Type termination_type, Number of Processes num_processes
Ensure: Best Coloring, Best Loss, Attempts
 1: num\_colors \leftarrow \frac{|nodes(G)|}{2}
 2: attempts \leftarrow 0
 3: island\_size \leftarrow \frac{population\_size}{num : -1}
 4: if num_processes is None then
      num\_processes \leftarrow cpu\_count()
 6: end if
 7: INITIALIZE multiprocessing pool with num_processes
 8: INITIALIZE islands with num_islands each having island_size individ-
 9:
   for each island i do
10:
      coloring \leftarrow [generate\_random\_coloring(G, num\_colors)] for i = 1 to
      island\_size
      fitnesses \leftarrow evaluate\_population\_parallel(G, coloring, pool)
11:
      attempts \leftarrow attempts + island\_size
12:
13:
      population \leftarrow [Individual(c, f) \text{ for } c, f \text{ in } zip(coloring, fitnesses)]
14:
      islands.append(population)
15: end for
16: best\_solution
                                    \max(\max(island, key))
                                                                             \lambda x
    x.fitness) for each is land in is lands)
17: qeneration \leftarrow 0
18: while termination condition not met do
      for each island i do
19:
         SORT islands[i] by fitness in descending order
20:
         current\_best \leftarrow \max(islands[i], key = \lambda x : x.fitness)
21:
22:
         if current\_best.fitness > best\_solution.fitness then
23:
            best\_solution \leftarrow current\_best
         end if
24:
         \mathbf{if}\ best\_solution.fitness = 0\ \mathbf{then}
25:
26:
27:
            return best_solution.coloring, 0, attempts
28:
         end if
         if termination\_type = TerminationType.GENERATIONS and
29:
         generation \ge max\_generations then
30:
            {f return}\ best\_solution.coloring, -best\_solution.fitness, attempts
31:
         end if
32:
         new\_population \leftarrow islands[i][:elite\_size]
33:
34:
         offspring\_colorings \leftarrow []
         while |new\_population| + |offspring\_colorings|/2 < island\_size do
35:
36:
            parent1, parent2 \leftarrow random.sample(islands[i][:island\_size/2], 2)
           if crossover\_type = CrossoverType.UNIFORM then
37:
38:
              child1, child2 \leftarrow uniform\_crossover(parent1, parent2)
           else
39:
              child1, child2 \leftarrow single\_point\_crossover(parent1, parent2)
40:
           end if
41:
           if mutation\_type = MutationType.RANDOM then
42:
              child1 \leftarrow random\_mutation(child1, num\_colors)
43:
44:
              child2 \leftarrow random\_mutation(child2, num\_colors)
45:
              child1 \leftarrow swap\_mutation(child1)
46:
              child2 \leftarrow swap\_mutation(child2)
47:
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48:

end if

of fspring colorings append(child1 child2)