

GENETIC ALGORITHM

Lecture Two:

GAs: How Do They Work?

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1. Some General Comments

1.1 Maximization of a Function

- Without any loss of generality, we can assume maximization problems only.
- If the optimization problem is to minimize a function f , this is equivalent to maximizing a function g , where $g = -f$, i.e.,

$$\min f(x) = \max g(x) = \max \{-f(x)\}$$

- Moreover, we may assume that the objective function f takes positive values on its domain; otherwise we can add some positive constant C , i.e.,

$$\max g(x) = \max \{g(x) + C\}$$

- Suppose we wish to maximize a function of k variables, $f(x_1, \dots, x_k) : R^k \rightarrow R$.

1.2 Representation

- Suppose further that each variable x_i can take values from a domain $D_i = [a_i, b_i] \subseteq \mathfrak{R}$ and $f(x_1, \dots, x_k) > 0$ for all $x_i \in D_i$.
- We wish to optimize the function f with some required precision: suppose six decimal places for the variables' values is desirable.

- It is clear that to achieve such precision each domain D_i should be cut into $(b_i - a_i) \cdot 10^6$ equal size ranges.
- Let us denote by m_i the smallest integer such that $(b_i - a_i) \cdot 10^6 \leq 2^{m_i} - 1$.
- Then, a representation having each variable x_i coded as a binary string of length m_i clearly satisfies the precision requirement.

- Additionally, the following formula interprets each such string:

$$x_i = a_i + \text{decimal}(1001\dots001_2) \cdot \frac{b_i - a_i}{2^{m_i} - 1}$$

where $\text{decimal}(\text{string}_2)$ represents the decimal value of that binary string.

- Now, each chromosome (as a potential solution) is represented by a binary string of length $m = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i$ the first m_1 bits map into a value from the range $[a_1, b_1]$, the next group of m_2 bits map into a value from the range $[a_2, b_2]$, and so on; the last group of m_k bits map into a value from the range $[a_k, b_k]$.

1.3 Algorithm Overview

- To initialize a population, we can simply set some pop-size number of chromosomes randomly in a bitwise fashion.
 - However, if we do have some knowledge about the distribution of potential optima, we may use such information in arranging the set of initial (potential) solutions.

- The rest of the algorithm is straightforward: in each generation we
 1. **evaluate** each chromosome (using the function f on the decoded sequences of variables),
 2. **select** new population with respect to the probability distribution based on fitness values, and
 3. **alter** the chromosomes in the new population by *mutation* and *crossover* operators.
- After some number of generations, when no further improvement is observed, the best chromosome represents an (possibly the global) optimal solution.
 - Often we stop the algorithm after a fixed number of iterations depending on speed and resource criteria.

1.4 Selection Process

- The selection process (selection of a new population with respect to **the probability distribution based on fitness values**): a roulette wheel with slots sized according used.
- We construct such a **roulette wheel** as follows.
 - We assume here that the fitness values are **positive**, otherwise, we can use some scaling mechanism.

$$f'(x) = f(x) + C. \quad C = 10$$

$$f(v1) = 5 \quad \rightarrow \quad f'(v1) = 8$$

$$f(v2) = -1 \quad \rightarrow \quad f'(v2) = 2$$

$$f(v3) = 7 \quad \rightarrow \quad f'(v1) = 10$$

1. Calculate the **fitness value** $eval(v_i)$ for each chromosome v_i ($i = 1, \dots, pop_size$)
2. Find the **total fitness** of the population

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^{pop_size} eval(v_i)$$

3. Calculate the **probability of a selection** p_i for each chromosome v_i ($i = 1, \dots, pop_size$)

$$p_i = \frac{eval(v_i)}{F}$$

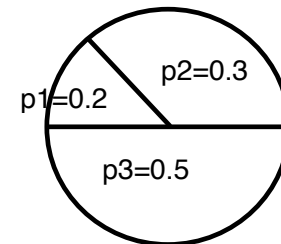
4. Calculate a **cumulative probability** q_i for each chromosome v_i ($i = 1, \dots, pop_size$)

$$q_i = \sum_{j=1}^i p_j$$

- The selection process is based on spinning the roulette wheel pop_size times: each time we select a single chromosome for a new population in the following way.
 1. Generate a random (float) number r from the range $[0, 1]$.
 2. If $r < q_1$, then select the first chromosome v_1 ; otherwise select the i^{th} chromosome v_i , such that $q_{i-1} < r \leq q_i$ ($2 \leq i \leq pop_size$)
- Obviously, some chromosomes would be selected more than once.
- This is in accordance with the **Schema Theorem** (see next chapter): the best chromosomes get more copies, the average stay even, and the worst die off.

A simple example

Chromosome	Evaluation	Probability (p_i) $= \text{Eval}(v_i) / F$	Cumm. Prob.(q_i)	Random number(r)
			$q_0=0.0$	
v_1	$\text{Eval}(v_1)=2$	$p_1=2/10=0.2$	$q_1=0.2$	$[0,0.2)$
v_2	$\text{Eval}(v_2)=3$	$p_2=3/10=0.3$	$q_2=0.5$	$[0.2,0.5)$
v_3	$\text{Eval}(v_3)=5$	$p_3=5/10=0.5$	$q_3=1.0$	$[0.5,1.0)$
	$F=10$			



1.5 Crossover Operation

- One of the parameters of a genetic system is probability of crossover p_c .
- This probability gives us the expected number $p_c \cdot \text{pop_size}$ of chromosomes which undergo the crossover operation.
- We proceed in the following way:
 1. Select candidates for crossover: For each chromosome in the (new) population:
 - a) Generate a random (float) number r from the range $[0, 1]$;
 - b) If $r < p_c$, **select** given chromosome for crossover.

1.5 Crossover Operation

2. Mate selected chromosomes randomly: for each pair of coupled chromosomes we generate a random integer number pos from the range $[1, m-1]$ (m is the total length, i.e., number of bits, in a chromosome).
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- Question: How to get pos ?

`round_up(r * (m-1)), r ∈ [0, 1)`

- The number pos indicates the position of the crossing point.
- Two chromosomes

$$(b_1 b_2 \dots b_{pos} b_{pos+1} \dots b_m)$$

and

$$(c_1 c_2 \dots c_{pos} c_{pos+1} \dots c_m)$$

are replaced by a pair of their offspring:

$$(b_1 b_2 \dots b_{pos} c_{pos+1} \dots c_m)$$

and

$$(c_1 c_2 \dots c_{pos} b_{pos+1} \dots b_m)$$

1.6 Mutation Operation

- The next operator, mutation, is performed on a bit-by-bit basis. Another parameter of the genetic system, probability of mutation p_m , gives us the expected number of mutated bits $p_m \cdot m \cdot pop_size$.
 $m = \text{total bits in a chromosome}$
- Every bit (in all chromosomes in the whole population) has an equal chance to undergo mutation, i.e., change from 0 to 1 or vice versa. So we proceed in the following way.

- For each chromosome in the current (i.e., after crossover) population and for each bit within the chromosome:
 1. Generate a random (float) number r from the range $[0, 1]$;
 2. If $r < p_m$, mutate the bit.
- Following selection, crossover, and mutation, the new population is ready for its next evaluation.
- This evaluation is used to build the probability distribution (for the next selection process), i.e., for a construction of a roulette wheel with slots sized according to current fitness values.
- The rest of the evolution is just cyclic repetition of the above steps.

2 Numerical Example

- We assume that the population size $pop_size = 20$, and the probabilities of genetic operators are $p_c = 0.25$ and $p_m = 0.01$. Let us assume also that we maximize the following function:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 21.5 + x_1 \cdot \sin(4\pi x_1) + x_2 \cdot \sin(20\pi x_2),$$

where $-3.0 < x_1 < 12.1$ and $4.11 < x_2 < 5.8$.

- The graph of the function f is given in Figure 1.

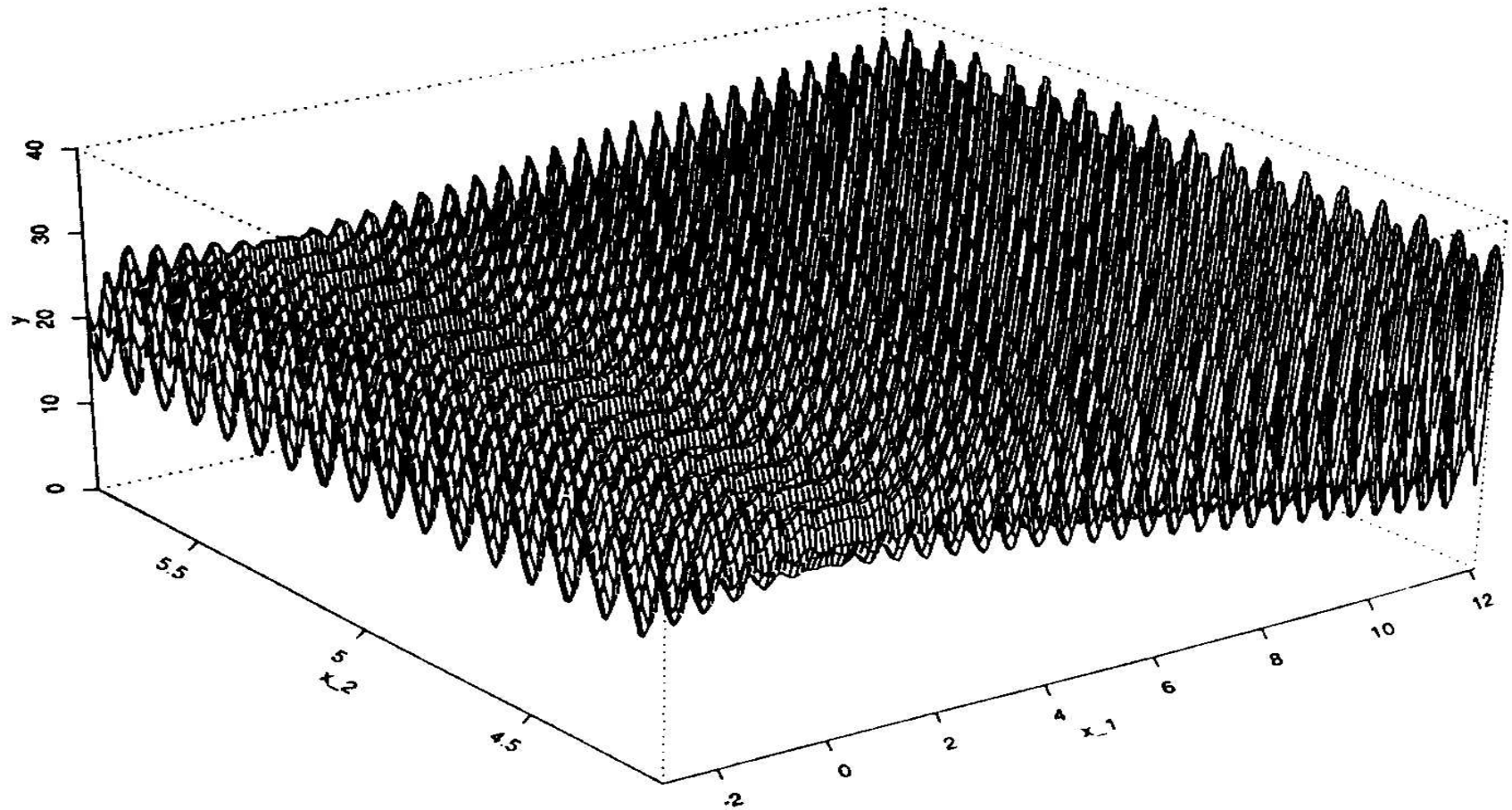


Figure 1: Graph of the function

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 21.5 + x_1 \cdot \sin(4\pi x_1) + x_2 \cdot \sin(20\pi x_2),$$

- Let assume further that the required precision is **four** decimal places for each variable.
- The domain of variable x_1 has length 15.1; the precision requirement implies that the range $[-3.0, 12.1]$ should be divided into at least $15.1 \cdot \underline{10000}$ equal size ranges.
- This means that **18** bits are required as the first part of the chromosome: $2^{17} < 151000 < 2^{18}$.
- The domain of variable x_2 has length 1.7; the precision requirement implies that the range $[4.1, 5.8]$ should be divided into at least $1.7 \cdot 10000$ equal size ranges.
- This means that **15** bits are required as the second part of the chromosome: $2^{14} < 17000 < 2^{15}$.

- The total length of a chromosome (solution vector) is then $m = 18 + 15 = 33$ bits; the first 18 bits code x_1 and remaining 15 bits (19-33) code x_2 .
- 1. Let us consider an example chromosome:
 (010001001011010000111110010100010).
 - a. The first 18 bits, 010001001011010000, represent

$$x_1 = -3.0 + \text{decimal}(010001001011010000_2) \cdot \frac{12.1 - (-3.0)}{2^{18} - 1}$$

$$= -3.0 + 70352 \cdot \frac{15.1}{26143} = 1.052426$$

- b. The next 15 bits, 111110010100010, represent

$$x_2 = 4.1 + \text{decimal}(111110010100010_2) \cdot \frac{5.8 - 4.1}{2^{15} - 1}$$
$$= 4.1 + 1.655330 = 5.755330$$

- c. So the chromosome
(010001001011010000111110010100010)
corresponds to
 $(x_1, x_2) = (1.052426, 5.755330)$.

- d. The fitness value for this chromosome is

$$f(1.052426, 5.755330) = 20.252640$$

2. To optimize the function f using a genetic algorithm, we create a population of $pop_size = 20$ chromosomes.
 - All 33 bits in all chromosomes are initialized *randomly*.

- a. Assume that after the initialization process we get the following population:

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_1 &= (100110100000001111111010011011111) \\
 v_2 &= (111000100100110111001010100011010) \\
 v_3 &= (000010000011001000001010111011101) \\
 v_4 &= (100011000101101001111000001110010) \\
 v_5 &= (000111011001010011010111111000101) \\
 v_6 &= (00010100001001010100101011111011) \\
 v_7 &= (00100010000011010111101101111011) \\
 v_8 &= (100001100001110100010110101100111) \\
 v_9 &= (010000000101100010110000001111100) \\
 v_{10} &= (000001111000110000011010000111011) \\
 v_{11} &= (011001111110110101100001101111000) \\
 v_{12} &= (110100010111101101000101010000000) \\
 v_{13} &= (111011111010001000110000001000110) \\
 v_{14} &= (010010011000001010100111100101001) \\
 v_{15} &= (111011101101110000100011111011110) \\
 v_{16} &= (110011110000011111100001101001011) \\
 v_{17} &= (011010111111001111010001101111101) \\
 v_{18} &= (011101000000001110100111110101101) \\
 v_{19} &= (000101010011111111110000110001100) \\
 v_{20} &= (101110010110011110011000101111110)
 \end{aligned}$$

- b. During the evaluation phase we decode each chromosome and calculate the fitness function values from (x_1, x_2) values just decoded. We get:

$$\begin{aligned} eval(\mathbf{v}_1) &= f(6.084492, 5.652242) = 26.019600 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_2) &= f(10.348434, 4.380264) = 7.580015 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_3) &= f(-2.516603, 4.390381) = 19.526329 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_4) &= f(5.278638, 5.593460) = 17.406725 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_5) &= f(-1.255173, 4.734458) = 25.341160 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_6) &= f(-1.811725, 4.391937) = 18.100417 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_7) &= f(-0.991471, 5.680258) = 16.020812 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_8) &= f(4.910618, 4.703018) = 17.959701 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_9) &= f(0.795406, 5.381472) = 16.127799 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{10}) &= f(-2.554851, 4.793707) = 21.278435 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{11}) &= f(3.130078, 4.996097) = 23.410669 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{12}) &= f(9.356179, 4.239457) = 15.011619 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{13}) &= f(11.134646, 5.378671) = 27.316702 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{14}) &= f(1.335944, 5.151378) = 19.876294 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{15}) &= f(11.089025, 5.054515) = 30.060205 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{16}) &= f(9.211598, 4.993762) = 23.867227 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{17}) &= f(3.367514, 4.571343) = 13.696165 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{18}) &= f(3.843020, 5.158226) = 15.414128 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{19}) &= f(-1.746635, 5.395584) = 20.095903 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{20}) &= f(7.935998, 4.757338) = 13.666916 \end{aligned}$$

- c. It is clear, that the chromosome v_{15} is the strongest one, and the chromosome v_2 the weakest.

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- Now the system constructs a roulette wheel for the selection process. The total fitness of the population is

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^{20} eval(v_i) = 387.776822$$

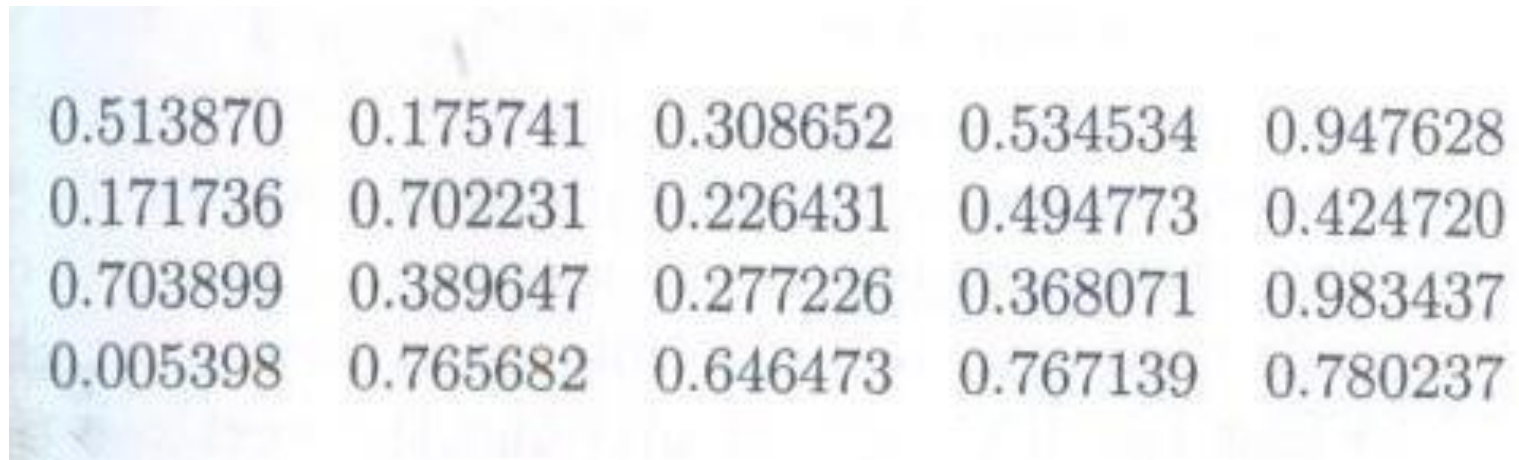
- a) The probability of a selection p_i for each chromosome v_i ($i=1, \dots, 20$) is:

$p_1 = eval(\mathbf{v}_1)/F = 0.067099$	$p_2 = eval(\mathbf{v}_2)/F = 0.019547$
$p_3 = eval(\mathbf{v}_3)/F = 0.050355$	$p_4 = eval(\mathbf{v}_4)/F = 0.044889$
$p_5 = eval(\mathbf{v}_5)/F = 0.065350$	$p_6 = eval(\mathbf{v}_6)/F = 0.046677$
$p_7 = eval(\mathbf{v}_7)/F = 0.041315$	$p_8 = eval(\mathbf{v}_8)/F = 0.046315$
$p_9 = eval(\mathbf{v}_9)/F = 0.041590$	$p_{10} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{10})/F = 0.054873$
$p_{11} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{11})/F = 0.060372$	$p_{12} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{12})/F = 0.038712$
$p_{13} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{13})/F = 0.070444$	$p_{14} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{14})/F = 0.051257$
$p_{15} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{15})/F = 0.077519$	$p_{16} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{16})/F = 0.061549$
$p_{17} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{17})/F = 0.035320$	$p_{18} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{18})/F = 0.039750$
$p_{19} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{19})/F = 0.051823$	$p_{20} = eval(\mathbf{v}_{20})/F = 0.035244$

b) The cumulative probabilities q_i for each chromosome v_i ($i=1, \dots, 20$) is:

$q_1 = 0.067099$	$q_2^{q_1+p_2} = 0.086647$	$q_3 = 0.137001$	$q_4 = 0.181890$
$q_5 = 0.247240$	$q_6 = 0.293917$	$q_7 = 0.335232$	$q_8 = 0.381546$
$q_9 = 0.423137$	$q_{10} = 0.478009$	$q_{11} = 0.538381$	$q_{12} = 0.577093$
$q_{13} = 0.647537$	$q_{14} = 0.698794$	$q_{15} = 0.776314$	$q_{16} = 0.837863$
$q_{17} = 0.873182$	$q_{18} = 0.912932$	$q_{19} = 0.964756$	$q_{20} = 1.000000$

4. Now we are ready to spin the roulette wheel 20 times; each time we select a single chromosome for a new population.
 - a) Let us assume that a (random) sequence of 20 numbers from the range $[0, 1]$ is:



0.513870	0.175741	0.308652	0.534534	0.947628
0.171736	0.702231	0.226431	0.494773	0.424720
0.703899	0.389647	0.277226	0.368071	0.983437
0.005398	0.765682	0.646473	0.767139	0.780237

- b) The **first** number $r = 0.513870$ is greater than q_{10} and smaller than q_{11} , meaning the chromosome is selected for the new population; the **second** number $r = 0.175741$ is greater than q_3 and smaller than q_4 meaning the chromosome v_4 is selected for the new population, etc.

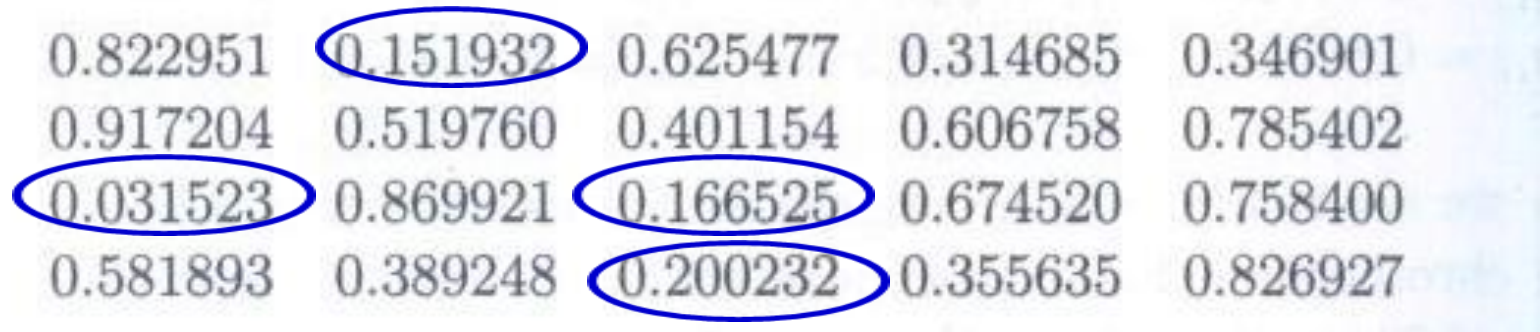
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5. Finally, the new population consists of the following chromosomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 v'_1 &= (011001111110110101100001101111000) (\overset{\lambda}{v}_{11}) \\
 v'_2 &= (100011000101101001111000001110010) (v_4) \\
 v'_3 &= (00100010000011010111101101111011) (v_7) \\
 v'_4 &= (011001111110110101100001101111000) (v_{11}) \\
 v'_5 &= (000101010011111111110000110001100) (v_{19}) \\
 v'_6 &= (100011000101101001111000001110010) (v_4) \\
 v'_7 &= (1110\underline{11}01101110000100011111011110) (v_{15}) \\
 v'_8 &= (000111011001010011010111111000101) (v_5) \\
 v'_9 &= (011001111110110101100001101111000) (v_{11}) \\
 v'_{10} &= (000010000011001000001010111011101) (v_3) \\
 v'_{11} &= (1110\underline{11}01101110000100011111011110) (v_{15}) \\
 v'_{12} &= (010000000101100010110000001111100) (v_9) \\
 v'_{13} &= (00010100001001010100101011111011) (v_6) \\
 v'_{14} &= (100001100001110100010110101100111) (v_8) \\
 v'_{15} &= (101110010110011110011000101111110) (v_{20}) \\
 v'_{16} &= (100110100000001111111010011011111) (v_1) \\
 v'_{17} &= (000001111000110000011010000111011) (v_{10}) \\
 v'_{18} &= (1110\underline{11}111010001000110000001000110) (v_{13}) \\
 v'_{19} &= (1110\underline{11}01101101110000100011111011110) (v_{15}) \\
 v'_{20} &= (1100\underline{11}10000011111100001101001011) (v_{16})
 \end{aligned}$$

6. Now we are ready to apply the recombination operator crossover, to the individuals in the new population.
 - a) The probability of crossover $p_c = 0.25$, so we expect that (on average) 25% of chromosomes (i.e., 5 out of 20) undergo crossover.
 - b) We proceed in the following way: for each chromosome in the (new) population we generate a random number r from the range $[0, 1]$; if $r < 0.25$, we select a given chromosome for crossover.

- c) Let us assume that the sequence of random numbers is:



0.822951	0.151932	0.625477	0.314685	0.346901
0.917204	0.519760	0.401154	0.606758	0.785402
0.031523	0.869921	0.166525	0.674520	0.758400
0.581893	0.389248	0.200232	0.355635	0.826927

- d) This means that the chromosomes v_2' , v_{11}' , v_{13}' and v_{18}' were selected for crossover. (We were lucky: the number of selected chromosomes is even, so we can pair them easily.
- If the number of selected chromosomes were **odd**, we would either **add one** extra chromosome or **remove one** selected chromosome - this choice is made randomly as well.)

- e) Now we mate selected chromosomes randomly: say, the first two (i.e., v_2' and v_{11}') and the next two (i.e., v_{13}' and v_{18}') are coupled together.
- f) For each of these two pairs, we generate a random integer number pos from the range $[1, 32]$ (33 is the total length - number of bits - in a chromosome). The number pos indicates the position of the **crossing point**.

i. The first pair of chromosomes is

$$\begin{aligned} v'_2 &= (100011000 \mid 101101001111000001110010) \\ v'_{11} &= (111011101 \mid 101110000100011111011110) \end{aligned}$$

and the generated number $pos = 9$. These chromosomes are cut after the 9th bit and replaced by a pair of their offspring:

$$\begin{aligned} v''_2 &= (100011000 \mid 101110000100011111011110) \\ v''_{11} &= (111011101 \mid 101101001111000001110010) \end{aligned}$$

ii. The second pair of chromosomes is

$$\begin{aligned} v'_{13} &= (00010100001001010100 \mid 1010111111011) \\ v'_{18} &= (11101111101000100011 \mid 0000001000110) \end{aligned}$$

and the generated number $pos = 20$. These chromosomes are replaced by a pair of their offspring:

$$\begin{aligned} v''_{13} &= (00010100001001010100 \mid 0000001000110) \\ v''_{18} &= (11101111101000100011 \mid 1010111111011) \end{aligned}$$

The current version of (the first 7 chromosomes of) the population is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}'_1 &= (011001111110110101100001101111000) \\ \checkmark \mathbf{v}''_2 &= (100011000101110000100011111011110) \\ \mathbf{v}'_3 &= (001000100000110101111011011111011) \\ \mathbf{v}'_4 &= (011001111110110101100001101111000) \\ \mathbf{v}'_5 &= (000101010011111111110000110001100) \\ \mathbf{v}'_6 &= (100011000101101001111000001110010) \\ \mathbf{v}'_7 &= (111011101101110000100011111011110) \end{aligned}$$

7. The next operator, mutation, is performed on a bit-by-bit basis. The probability of mutation $p_m = 0.01$ so we expect that (on average) 1% of bits would undergo mutation. There are $m \cdot pop_size = 33 \cdot 20 = 660$ bits in the whole population; we expect (on average) 6.6 mutations per generation.
- a) Every bit has an equal chance to be mutated, so, for every bit in the population, we generate a random number r from the range $[0,1]$; if $r < 0.01$, we mutate the bit.

- b) This means that we have to generate 660 random numbers. In a sample run, 5 of these numbers were smaller than 0.01; the bit number and the random number are listed below:

Bit position	Random number
112	0.000213
349	0.009945
418	0.008809
429	0.005425
602	0.002836

- c) The following table translates the bit position into chromosome number and the bit number within the chromosome:

Bit position	Chromosome number	Bit number within chromosome
112	4	13
349	11	19
418	13	22
429	13	33
602	19	8

- d) This means that four chromosomes are affected by the mutation operator; one of the chromosomes (the 13th) has two bits changed.

8. The final population is listed below; the mutated bits are typed in boldface. We have just completed one iteration (i.e., one generation) of the while loop in the genetic procedure.

$v_1 = (011001111110110101100001101111000)$
 $v_2 = (100011000101110000100011111011110)$
 $v_3 = (00100010000011010111101101111011)$
 $v_4 = (011001111110**0**10101100001101111000)$
 $v_5 = (000101010011111111110000110001100)$
 $v_6 = (100011000101101001111000001110010)$
 $v_7 = (111011101101110000100011111011110)$
 $v_8 = (000111011001010011010111111000101)$
 $v_9 = (011001111110110101100001101111000)$
 $v_{10} = (000010000011001000001010111011101)$
 $v_{11} = (111011101101101001**0**1000001110010)$
 $v_{12} = (01000000010110001011000001111100)$
 $v_{13} = (000101000010010101000**1**000010001**1**)$
 $v_{14} = (100001100001110100010110101100111)$
 $v_{15} = (101110010110011110011000101111110)$
 $v_{16} = (100110100000001111111010011011111)$
 $v_{17} = (000001111000110000011010000111011)$
 $v_{18} = (11101111101000100011101011111011)$
 $v_{19} = (11101110**0**101110000100011111011110)$
 $v_{20} = (110011110000011111100001101001011)$

9. It is interesting to examine the results of the evaluation process of the new population. During the evaluation phase we decode each chromosome and calculate the fitness function values from (x_1, x_2) just decoded. We get:
 - a) Note that the total fitness of the new population f is 447.049688, much higher than total fitness of the previous population, 387.776822. (best environment)
 - b) Also, the best chromosome now (v_{11}) has a better evaluation (33.351874) than the best chromosome (v_{15}) from the previous population (30.060205). (best individual)

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_1) = f(3.130078, 4.996097) = 23.410669$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_2) = f(5.279042, 5.054515) = 18.201083$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_3) = f(-0.991471, 5.680258) = 16.020812$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_4) = f(3.128235, 4.996097) = 23.412613$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_5) = f(-1.746635, 5.395584) = 20.095903$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_6) = f(5.278638, 5.593460) = 17.406725$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_7) = f(11.089025, 5.054515) = 30.060205$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_8) = f(-1.255173, 4.734458) = 25.341160$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_9) = f(3.130078, 4.996097) = 23.410669$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{10}) = f(-2.516603, 4.390381) = 19.526329$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{11}) = f(11.088621, 4.743434) = 33.351874$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{12}) = f(0.795406, 5.381472) = 16.127799$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{13}) = f(-1.811725, 4.209937) = 22.692462$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{14}) = f(4.910618, 4.703018) = 17.959701$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{15}) = f(7.935998, 4.757338) = 13.666916$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{16}) = f(6.084492, 5.652242) = 26.019600$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{17}) = f(-2.554851, 4.793707) = 21.278435$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{18}) = f(11.134646, 5.666976) = 27.591064$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{19}) = f(11.059532, 5.054515) = 27.608441$$

$$\text{eval}(\mathbf{v}_{20}) = f(9.211598, 4.993762) = 23.867227$$

10. Now we are ready to run the selection process again and apply the genetic operators, evaluate the next generation, etc.

a) After 1000 generations the population is:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= (111011110110011011100101010111011) \\ v_2 &= (111001100110000100010101010111000) \\ v_3 &= (111011110111011011100101010111011) \\ v_4 &= (111001100010000110000101010111001) \\ v_5 &= (111011110111011011100101010111011) \\ v_6 &= (111001100110000100000100010100001) \\ v_7 &= (110101100010010010001100010110000) \\ v_8 &= (111101100010001010001101010010001) \\ v_9 &= (111001100010010010001100010110001) \\ v_{10} &= (111011110111011011100101010111011) \\ v_{11} &= (110101100000010010001100010110000) \\ v_{12} &= (110101100010010010001100010110001) \\ v_{13} &= (111011110111011011100101010111011) \\ v_{14} &= (111001100110000100000101010111011) \\ v_{15} &= (1110011010101111001010100110110001) \\ v_{16} &= (111001100110000101000100010100001) \\ v_{17} &= (111001100110000100000101010111011) \\ v_{18} &= (111001100110000100000101010111001) \\ v_{19} &= (111101100010001010001110000010001) \\ v_{20} &= (111001100110000100000101010111001) \end{aligned}$$

The fitness values are:

$$\begin{aligned} eval(\mathbf{v}_1) &= f(11.120940, 5.092514) = 30.298543 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_2) &= f(10.588756, 4.667358) = 26.869724 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_3) &= f(11.124627, 5.092514) = 30.316575 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_4) &= f(10.574125, 4.242410) = 31.933120 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_5) &= f(11.124627, 5.092514) = 30.316575 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_6) &= f(10.588756, 4.214603) = 34.356125 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_7) &= f(9.631066, 4.427881) = 35.458636 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_8) &= f(11.518106, 4.452835) = 23.309078 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_9) &= f(10.574816, 4.427933) = 34.393820 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{10}) &= f(11.124627, 5.092514) = 30.316575 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{11}) &= f(9.623693, 4.427881) = 35.477938 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{12}) &= f(9.631066, 4.427933) = 35.456066 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{13}) &= f(11.124627, 5.092514) = 30.316575 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{14}) &= f(10.588756, 4.242514) = 32.932098 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{15}) &= f(10.606555, 4.653714) = 30.746768 \\ eval(\mathbf{v}_{16}) &= f(10.588814, 4.214603) = 34.359545 \end{aligned}$$

11. It is relatively easy to keep track of the best individual in the evolution process. In a way, the algorithm would report the best value found during the whole process (as opposed to *the best value in the final population*).