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# Stochastic Search

## 隨機搜尋

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用隨機搜尋做隨機跳躍, 試圖找最佳解.

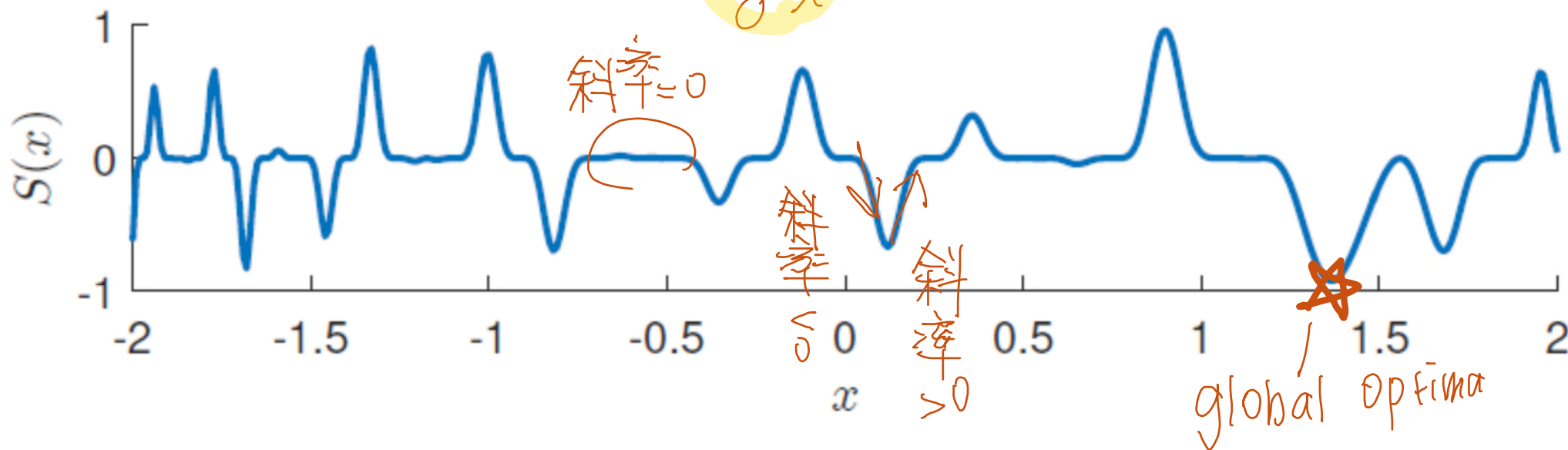
## Difficult Optimization

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- We could easily have multiple local minimums/maximums

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} -e^{-x^2/100} \sin(13x - x^4)^5 \sin(1 - 3x^2)^2, & \text{if } -2 \leq x \leq 2, \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} > 0 \text{ 或 } < 0?$$



全域最佳解



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## Simulated Annealing 退火

- $S(x)$  is an arbitrary function to be minimized,  $x$  may take values in continuous or discrete set  $X$

*Simulated annealing* is a Monte Carlo technique for minimization that emulates the physical state of atoms in a metal when the metal is heated up and then slowly cooled down. When the cooling is performed very slowly, the atoms settle down to a **minimum-energy state**. Denoting the state as  $x$  and the energy of a state as  $S(x)$ , the probability distribution of the (random) states is described by the *Boltzmann pdf*

$$f(x) \propto e^{-\frac{S(x)}{kT}}, \quad x \in X,$$

# 加熱与冷却  
直到找到最小能量状态。

where  $k$  is Boltzmann's constant and  $T$  is the temperature.



# Simulated Annealing

The idea of simulated annealing is to create a sequence of points  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  that are approximately distributed according to pdfs  $f_{T_1}(\mathbf{x}), f_{T_2}(\mathbf{x}), \dots$ , where  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  is a sequence of “temperatures” that decreases (is “cooled”) to 0 — known as the *annealing schedule*. If each  $X_t$  were sampled *exactly* from  $f_{T_t}$ , then  $X_t$  would converge to a global minimum of  $S(\mathbf{x})$  as  $T_t \rightarrow 0$ . However, in practice sampling is *approximate* and convergence to a global minimum is not assured. A generic simulated annealing algorithm is as follows.

## Algorithm 3.4.1: Simulated Annealing

**input:** Annealing schedule  $T_0, T_1, \dots$ , function  $S$ , initial value  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .

**output:** Approximations to the global minimizer  $\mathbf{x}^*$  and minimum value  $S(\mathbf{x}^*)$ .

- 1 Set  $X_0 \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_0$  and  $t \leftarrow 1$ .
- 2 **while** not stopping **do**
- 3     Approximately simulate  $X_t$  from  $f_{T_t}(\mathbf{x})$ .
- 4      $t \leftarrow t + 1$
- 5 **return**  $X_t, S(X_t)$





# 離散、連續都適用

## Algorithm 3.4.2: Simulated Annealing with a Random Walk Sampler

**input:** Objective function  $S$ , starting state  $X_0$ , initial temperature  $T_0$ , number of iterations  $N$ , symmetric proposal density  $q(y | x)$ , constant  $\beta$ .

**output:** Approximate minimizer and minimum value of  $S$ .

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1 for  $t = 0$  to  $N - 1$  do
2   Simulate a new state  $Y$  from the symmetric proposal  $q(y | X_t)$ .
3   if  $S(Y) < S(X_t)$  then
4      $X_{t+1} \leftarrow Y$  // accept
5   else //  $S(Y) > S(X_t)$ 
6     Draw  $U \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ .
7     if  $U \leq e^{-(S(Y) - S(X_t))/T_t}$  then
8        $X_{t+1} \leftarrow Y$  取代  $W_{old}$ 
9     else
10       $X_{t+1} \leftarrow X_t$  放棄, 再重跳
11   $T_{t+1} \leftarrow \beta T_t$ 
12 return  $X_N$  and  $S(X_N)$ 
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Min  $\int(x)$

sketchbook

New

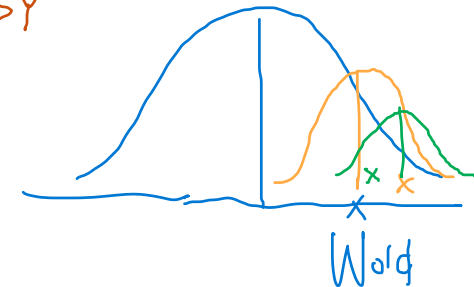
Old

continuous

$Y' = \lceil Y \rceil \rightarrow$  ceiling  
smallest

$(\leq 1, \geq 0)$  integer  $> Y$

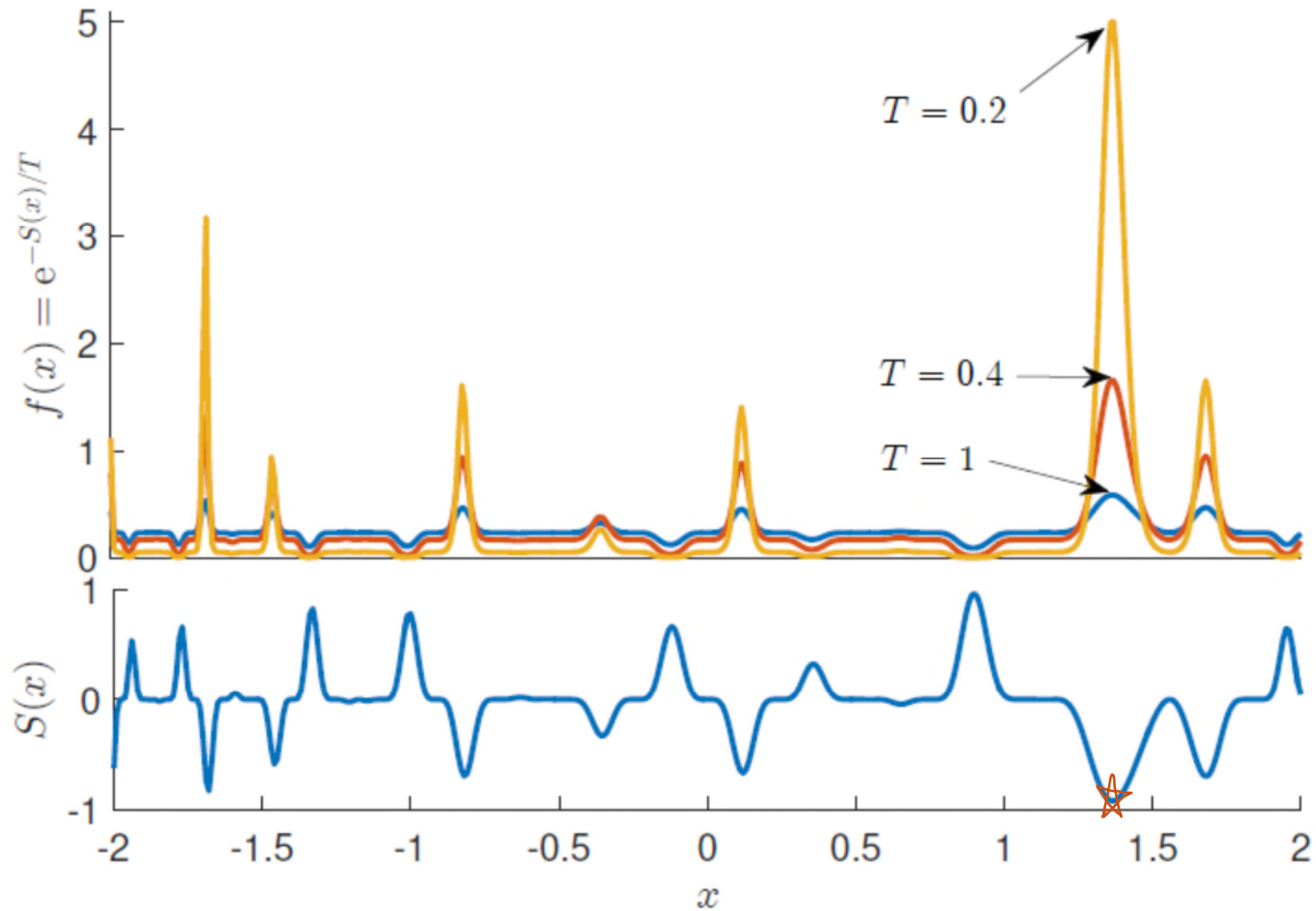
$W_{new} \sim \text{Normal}(M = W_{old}, \sigma)$



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# Simulated Annealing



# Multivariable Optimization

- Consider the following assets in 2017/11/10 ~2020/11/10  
APPLE, FACEBOOK, AMAZON, S&P500, NASDAQ, WWE (?)

Build a portfolio: Six continuous decision variables  $x$  in  $[0, 1]$

$$\sum x = 1$$

$$x \leq 1 \quad x \geq 0$$

Daily return is  $\{\text{price}(t) - \text{price}(t-1)\} / \text{price}(t-1)$

Maximize the Sharpe ratio  $= E[\text{Daily Return}] / (\text{Var}[\text{Daily Return}])^{0.5}$

see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharpe\\_ratio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharpe_ratio)

- Min objective =  $-1 * \text{Sharpe} + \text{lambda} * (\text{constraint})$

How can we accommodate key constraints?

$$((x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6) - 1)^2 \Rightarrow \sum x = 1$$

$$\text{sum}(\max(0, x[i] - 1)^2, \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, 6)$$

$$\text{sum}(\max(0, -x[i])^2, \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, 6)$$

for  $x_i \leq 1$

for  $x_i \geq 0$

if  $x_i = -2$

penalty > 0

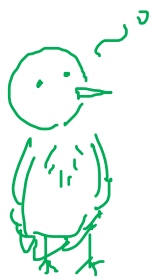
minimum

Max  $\frac{\text{Return}}{\text{Risk}}$

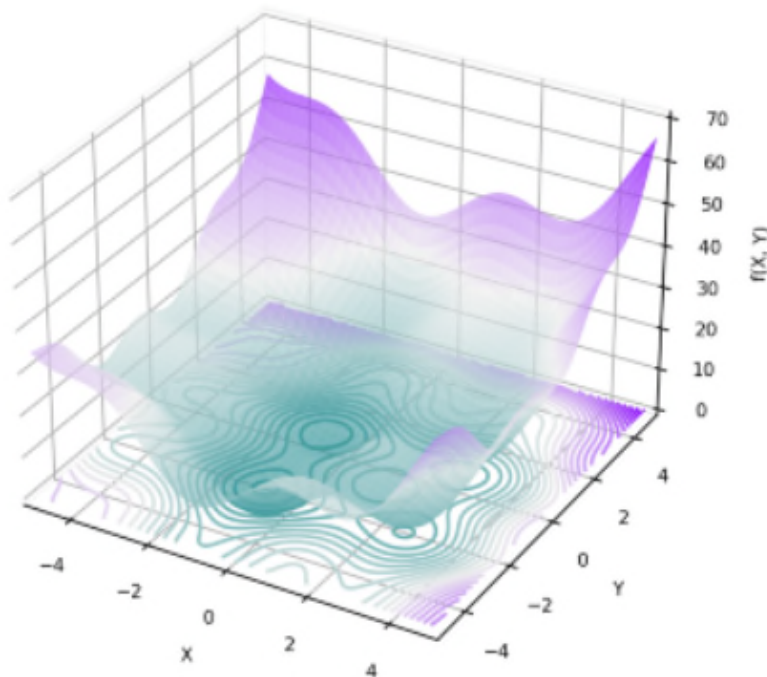
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pyMO

# Particle Swarm Optimization, PSO

- Inspired by social behavior  
We make decisions by self-experience & group-experience



A group of birds is searching for food, how to move in a valley?



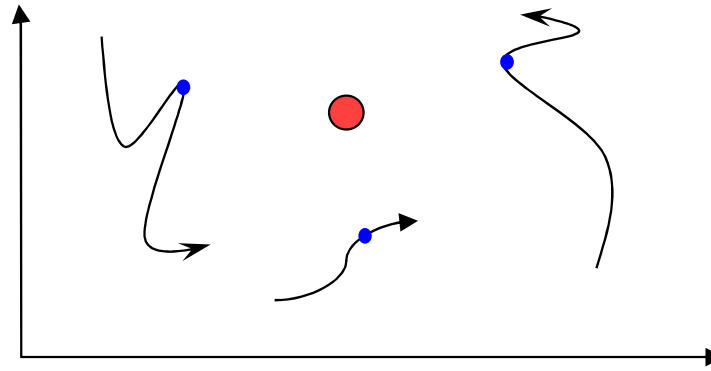
$$f(x,y) = x^2 + (y+1)^2 - 5\cos(3x/2 + 3/2) - 3\cos(2y - 3/2)$$





# Particle Swarm Optimization, PSO

- Let's simplify the case into 2 dimensions & only 3 particles

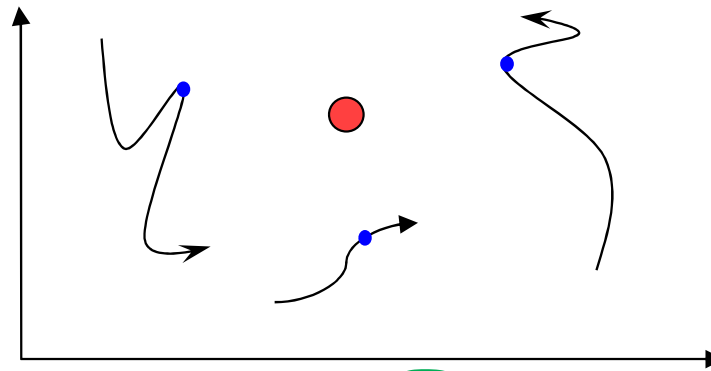


- $X_{n,t}$  : travel route of  $n$  particles in time period  $t$   
 $P(aaron) = [X_{a,1}, \mathbf{X_{a,2}}, X_{a,3} \dots X_{a,t}]$ , min at  $X_{a,2}$  (过往最佳解 / 自己最棒的)  
 $P(betty) = [X_{b,1}, X_{b,2}, \mathbf{X_{b,3}}, \dots X_{b,t}]$ , min at  $X_{b,3}$   
 $P(cathy) = [X_{c,1}, X_{c,2}, X_{c,3} \dots \mathbf{X_{c,t}}]$ , min at  $X_{c,t}$
- Next position for each particle is calculated by:  
$$X_{n,t+1} = X_{n,t} + V_{n,t+1} \quad // \text{adjustment}$$



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- Now, we have to decide  $V_{n,t+1}$  by  $pbest$  and  $gbest$

$$V_{n,t+1} = w * V_{n,t} + c1 * r1(V_{pbest}) + c2 * r2(V_{gbest})$$

是隨機函數

$r1 \& r2 \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$  past self-best group best

Take particle *aaron* for instance

$pbest$ : best self-experience:  $X_{a,2}$

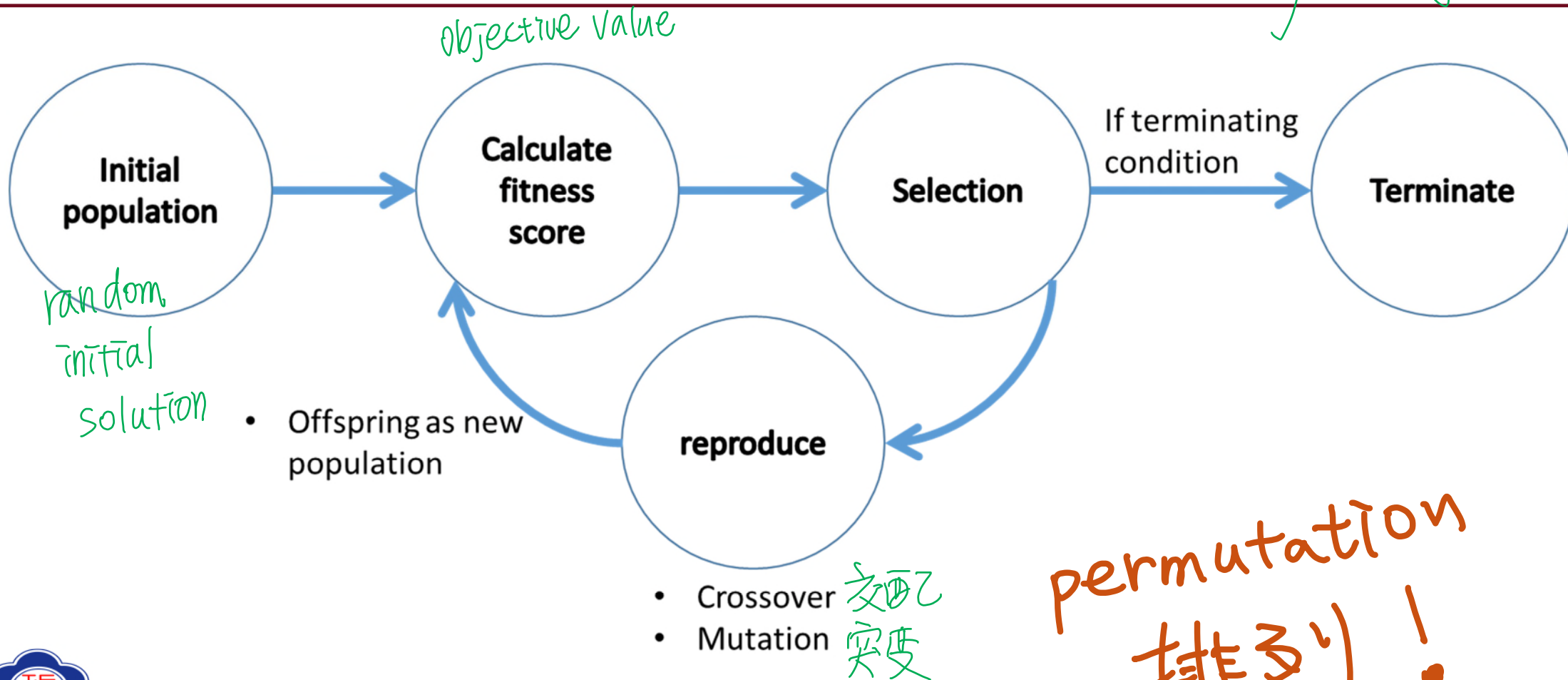
$gbest$ : best group-experience:  $X_{c,t}$

$$V_{a,t+1} = w * V_{a,t} + c1 * r1 * (X_{a,2} - X_{a,t}) + c2 * r2 * (X_{c,t} - X_{a,t})$$

多少機率/比例可以達到  
 自己最佳位置  
 目前位置  
 能達到 group best

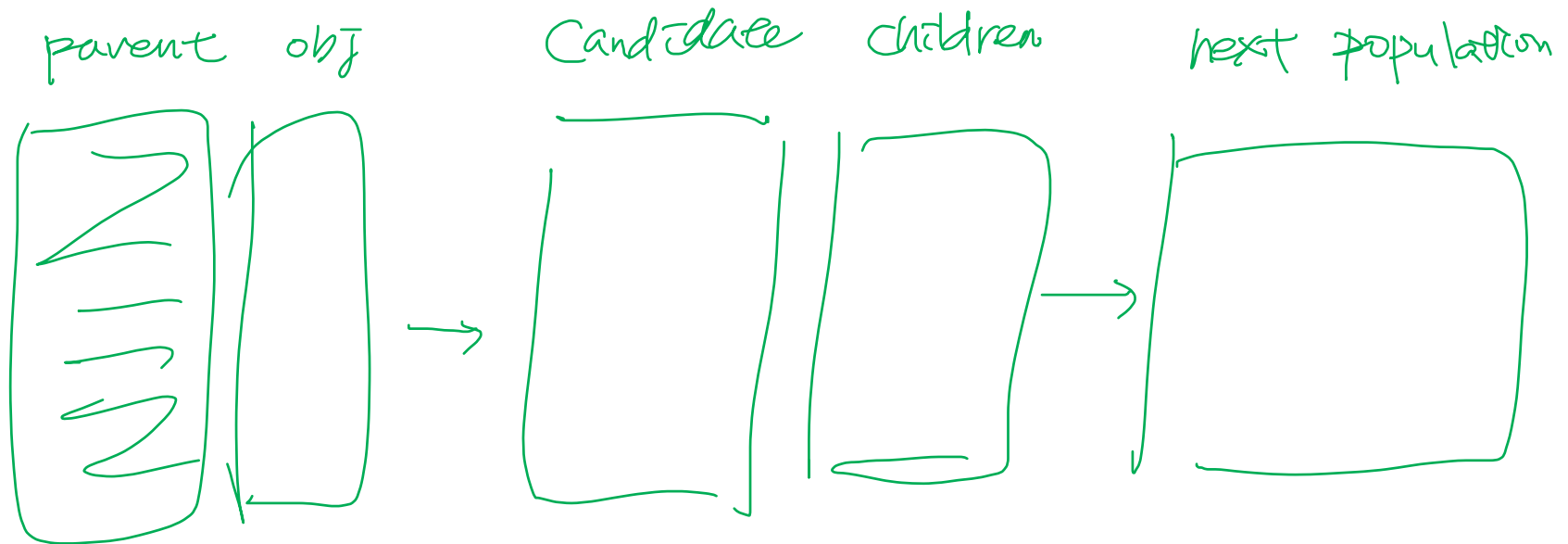
# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

evolutionary 进化 algo



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- Selection

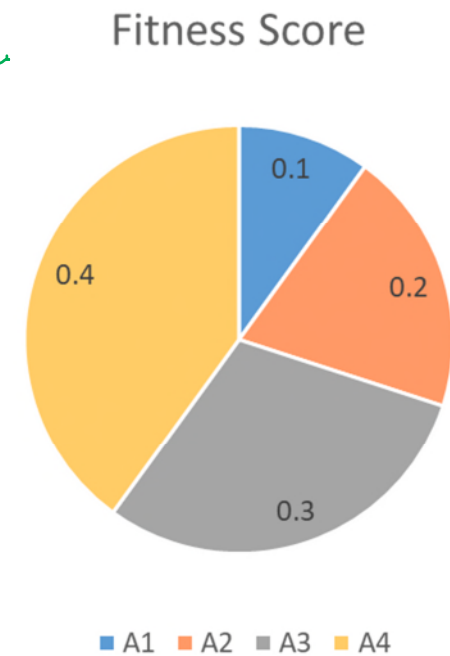
Chromosome	Fitness Score	Proportion
A1	10	0.1
A2	20	0.2
A3	30	0.3
A4	40	0.4

Min?

**Roulette wheel selection**

$$\frac{1}{10}$$
$$\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{40}$$

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  4. if  $rand_1 \leq pcrossover$ , make population into pairs and do crossover
  5. If  $rand_2 \leq pmutation$ , **for each child**, do mutate
  6. select **elitism** of highest fitness scores from previous population & randomly select (**pop\_size** – **elitism**) of children as new population

## hyper-parameters

pop\_size : population size

pcrossover : probability of crossover

pmutation : probability of mutation

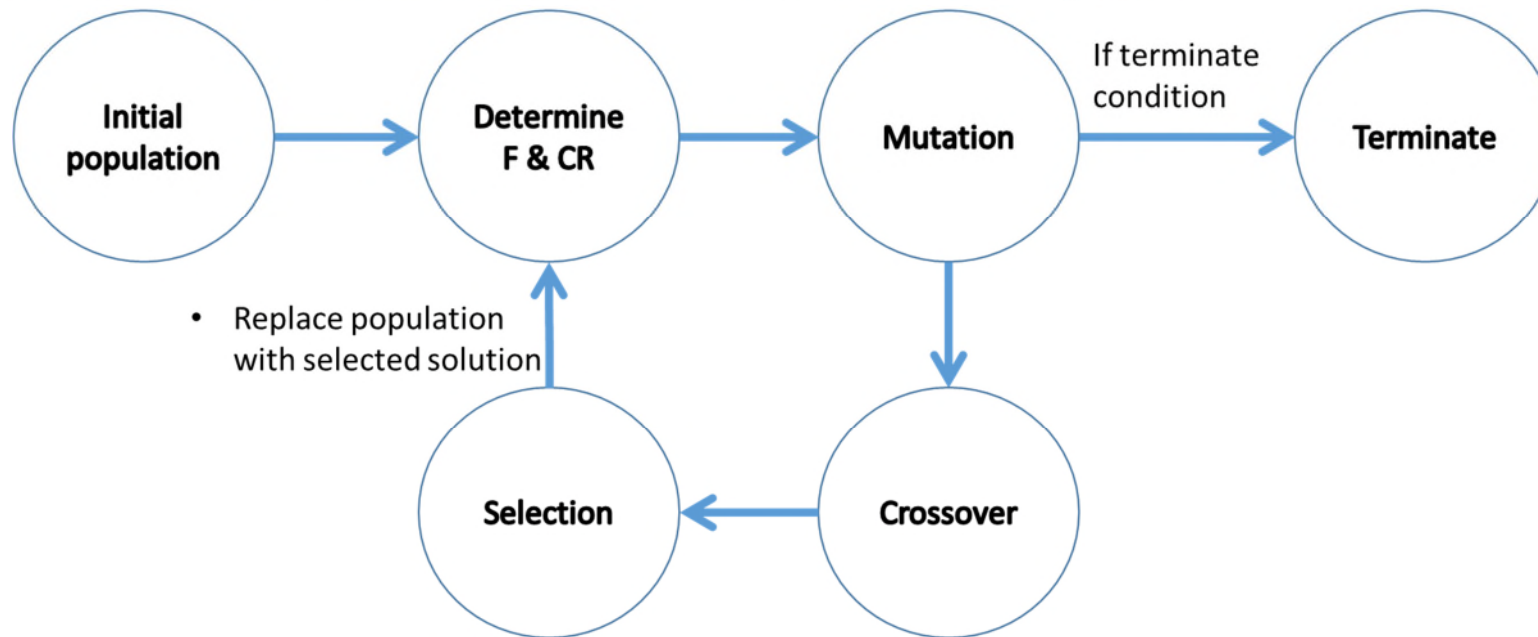
elitism : number of best fitness to survive

maxiter : max iteration



# Differential Evolution (DE)

- Choose the parameters  $NP \geq 4$ ,  $CR \in [0, 1]$ , and  $F \in [0, 2]$ .
  - $NP$  is the population size, i.e. the number of candidate agents or "parents"; a typical setting is  $10n$ .
  - The parameter  $CR \in [0, 1]$  is called the *crossover probability* and the parameter  $F \in [0, 2]$  is called the *differential weight*. Typical settings are  $F = 0.8$  and  $CR = 0.9$ .
- Initialize all agents  $\mathbf{x}$  with random positions in the search-space.



# Differential Evolution (DE)

- For each agent  $\mathbf{x}$  in the population do:
  - Pick three agents  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  from the population at random, they must be distinct from each other as well as from agent  $\mathbf{x}$ . ( $\mathbf{a}$  is called the "base" vector.)
  - Pick a random index  $R \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  where  $n$  is the dimensionality of the problem being optimized.
  - Compute the agent's potentially new position  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$  as follows:
    - For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , pick a uniformly distributed random number  $r_i \sim U(0, 1)$
    - If  $r_i < CR$  or  $i = R$  then set  $y_i = a_i + F \times (b_i - c_i)$  otherwise set  $y_i = x_i$ .  
(Index position  $R$  is replaced for certain.)
  - If  $f(\mathbf{y}) \leq f(\mathbf{x})$  then replace the agent  $\mathbf{x}$  in the population with the improved or equal candidate solution  $\mathbf{y}$ .

$U(0, 1)$

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Differential\\_evolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Differential_evolution)

