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## **Zens Garden**

### **Zadanie 2.**

### **Umelá Inteligencia**

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### **Description of the assignment:**

The task of the assignment is to implement a genetic algorithm able to solve the problem known as Zens Garden. The problem consists of an  $x*y$  board, immovable stones at certain positions and a monk, whose goal is to completely rake the garden.

The monk's movements have certain restrictions – his movement starts from the edge of the garden, and he can only move horizontally or vertically, depending on the edge of the garden he started from. If a stone or an already raked field appears in his path, he has to change directions and continue moving in that direction until he reaches another stone, raked field, or returns to the edge of the garden. The monk can move freely on the edges, for example he can start on the left edge of the garden, get to the right edge while raking the garden and then move around the edge to the bottom and start raking from there.



Figure 1 - an (unfinished) example garden

source: <http://www2.fjii.stuba.sk/~kapustik/zen.html>

### **Genetic Algorithm description**

A genetic algorithm is a way to solve problems by simulating natural selection. More fit individuals pass their genes or their copies into the next generation, providing a better starting point for the next generation. Genes are passed by creating an offspring from parents and genes are able to mutate, which provides the ability to search in a wider scope.

## Genes:

In the context of the given problem, genes are represented by the sequence of starting edge positions and the horizontal and vertical turns the monk takes when his direction is blocked by a stone or a raked field.

The sequence of starting edge positions is a list consisting of edge positions, which have the form of a pair of coordinates - (x, y). The number of selected edge cases is calculated with the following formula:

**numOfRows+numOfColumns+numOfStones-2.**

This formula has been selected as the maximum limit of genes has to be less than the half of the perimeter plus the number of stone.

The -2 appears in the formula to leave space for the other two genes – the horizontal turn and the vertical turn. The horizontal turn takes values 'u' and 'd' (as in **u**p and **d**own), while the vertical turn takes values 'l' and 'r' (as in **l**eft and **r**ight).

For simplicity, the genes are listed as certain attributes of the class GARDENER. As we can see, their values are initialized randomly. This is the case for the initial population and individuals that do not come from a selection or crossover method.

```
467 class GARDENER:
468     def __init__(self, rows, columns, i) -> None:
469         self.identification = i
470
471         self.starting_position_x = 0 # these positions showcase the current position of the gardener throughout the mov
472         self.starting_position_y = 0
473
474         self.turn_vertically = random.choice(['r', 'l'])
475         self.turn_horizontally = random.choice(['u', 'd'])
476         self.garden = init_garden(rows, columns)
477         self.position_path = getRandomPath(rows, columns)
478         self.fitness = 0
479         self.target_fitness = rows * columns - len(STONE_LOCATIONS)
480         self.finished_gardening = False
481         self.solved = False
```

Figure 2 - attributes *self.position\_path*, *self.turn\_vertically*, *self.turn\_horizontally* represent the genes.

## Selection Methods:

In this solution, two selection methods were implemented – Elitism and Roulette selection. The user is able to select the method of selection via input – 1 for Elitism and 2 for Roulette's.

```
1.  Elitism Selection
2.  Roulette Selection
Enter the number corresponding to the desired selection:
```

**Elitism selection:** This selection method is quite simplistic. The 15% of individuals with the highest fitness are selected and copied into the next generation.

```
134 def elitismSelection(sortedArray):
135     myList = []
136     for i in range(int(NUM_OF_INDIVIDUALS / 100 * 15)):
137         myList.append(sortedArray[i])
138
139     return myList
```

**Roulette selection:** For this selection method all individuals of the generation have a chance to be moved into the next generation, but individuals with higher fitness have a higher probability of being chosen. Since the variability has been too high, the given program only takes 50% of the population with the highest fitness and does a roulette selection from them. With the whole population, generations have been often declining due to the reason of weaker individuals carrying their genes over, but sometimes the increased variability produced strong individuals as modified genes of the weaker individuals proved to be efficient.

This selection has been implemented in the following way. First, a list is created to sort to only contain the 50% of population with higher fitness. Afterwards, a sum of the fitness of the population is calculated, which serves as the upper limit for choosing a random number in the interval from 0 to the sum. The randomly selected number serves as a point for choosing an individual. This number is iteratively decreased by subtracting individuals' fitness, starting with the individual with the lowest fitness. When the number is subtracted below zero, the currently iterated individual is chosen for reproduction and its copy is passed into the next generation. Similarly, as in elitism selection, we select 15% of the population to be passed into the next generation and to reproduce.

```
146 def rouletteSelection(sortedArray):
147     myList = []
148     sum = 0
149
150     betterHalf = []
151
152     for i in range(int(NUM_OF_INDIVIDUALS/2)):
153         betterHalf.append(sortedArray[i])
154
155     for i in range(len(betterHalf)):
156         sum += sortedArray[i].fitness
157
158     for i in range(int(NUM_OF_INDIVIDUALS / 100 * 15)):
159
160         num = random.randint(0, sum)
161
162         for gardener in reversed(sortedArray):
163
164             num -= gardener.fitness
165             if num < 0:
166                 myList.append(gardener)
167                 break
```

## **Crossover (Reproduction):**

The crossover method in the given program accounts for the remaining 85% of the next generation since the remaining individuals are copies of the resulting 15% of chosen selection. For each crossover, two random parents are selected from the returned individuals from the selection method. First, a random index is selected from 0 to the length of the parents' path. This index serves as the crossover point, where starting positions before the index are of the first parent, and the positions after the index are copied from the second parent. Similarly, the preferred horizontal and vertical turn is randomly selected from the parents horizontal and vertical turn gene.

```
112 def crossover(selected_individuals, temp):
113     parent1 = random.choice(selected_individuals)
114     parent2 = random.choice(selected_individuals)
115
116     point_of_crossover = random.randint(0, len(parent1.position_path))
117
118     newPath = []
119
120     for i in range(len(parent1.position_path)):
121         if i > point_of_crossover:
122             newPath.append(parent2.position_path[i])
123         else:
124             newPath.append(parent1.position_path[i])
125
126     temp.position_path = newPath
127     temp.turn_vertically = random.choice([parent1.turn_vertically, parent2.turn_vertically])
128     temp.turn_horizontally = random.choice([parent1.turn_horizontally, parent2.turn_horizontally])
129
130     return temp
131
```

## **Mutation:**

Genes have a chance to mutate, meaning genes have the ability to change to increase the scope of evolution. The probability of mutation can be chosen by the user. The mutation for the genes varies. The gene of the individuals starting position path mutates by randomly choosing two indexes of the path and switching them. Horizontal and vertical turn gene mutates by changing the direction of the turn, if the vertical turn was left ('l'), the mutation causes the turn to switch to right ('r').

```
87 def mutation(gardener):
88     pathNum = random.randint(1, 10)
89     horiNum = random.randint(1, 10)
90     vertNum = random.randint(1, 10)
91     p = MUTATION_PROBABILITY * 10
92
93     if p >= pathNum:
94         num1 = random.randint(0, len(gardener.position_path) - 1)
95         num2 = random.randint(0, len(gardener.position_path) - 1)
96         gardener.position_path[num1], gardener.position_path[num2] = gardener.position_path[num2], gardener.position_path[num1]
97
98     if p >= vertNum:
99         if gardener.turn_vertically == 'r':
100             gardener.turn_vertically = 'l'
101         elif gardener.turn_vertically == 'l':
102             gardener.turn_vertically = 'r'
103
104     if p >= horiNum:
105         if gardener.turn_horizontally == 'u':
106             gardener.turn_horizontally = 'd'
107         elif gardener.turn_horizontally == 'd':
108             gardener.turn_horizontally = 'u'
```

### Parameters settings:

Parameters of the genetic algorithm are modifiable, as they are saved in global variables. The number of individuals, the number of generations, mutation probability and selection method percentage are the main attributes of the genetic algorithm, and the pre-set values have been chosen as 100 for the population as well as the number of generations and the probability of mutation is at .1 or 10%. The chosen selection method percentage is 15.

```
9 NUM_OF_INDIVIDUALS = 100 # number of individuals in a generation
10 NUM_OF_GENERATIONS = 100 # number of generations
11 MUTATION_PROBABILITY = .1 # sets the probability of mutation
12 SELECTION_METHOD_PERCENTAGE = 15 # sets the percentage of population copied to the next generation and do the crossover
```

Other parameters that are selectable is the size of the board, number of stones and the selection method, all of which are initialized by the user at the start of the program.

```
19 def main():
20     rows = int(input("Enter number of rows: "))
21     columns = int(input("Enter number of columns: "))
22
23     add_stones(rows, columns)
24
25     print("\n1.\tElitism Selection")
26     print("2.\tRoulette Selection")
27
28     chooseSelectionMethod = int(input("Enter the number corresponding to the desired selection: ")) # user chooses selection method
29
```

The add\_stones function adds stones to the garden indefinitely, until the user break the loop.

### Monk movements:

The monk's movement is defined mostly by his genes. The monk continuously starts raking from positions that are in his starting position gene. If his movement is blocked by a stone, depending on if he was moving horizontally or vertically, his turn is decided by the given gene. If he is not able to turn in that direction, the opposite direction is tried and if he

is blocked in that direction as well, the monk is stuck and his movement ends. The movement can also end if the monk has run out of starting positions/ has completed his path, or he was able to cover the whole garden.

```
172 def solve(gardener, columns, rows): # solves the board for the given gardener depending on his genes (path of start:
173
174     counter = 1
175     for position in gardener.position_path:
176
177         gardener.starting_position_x = position[0]
178         gardener.starting_position_y = position[1]
179
180         if gardener.starting_position_x == 0:
181             if gardener.garden[position[0] + 1][position[1]] != '0':
182                 continue
183             moveDown(gardener, counter)
184         elif gardener.starting_position_x == rows + 1:
185             if gardener.garden[position[0] - 1][position[1]] != '0':
186                 continue
187             moveUp(gardener, counter)
188         elif gardener.starting_position_y == 0:
189             if gardener.garden[position[0]][position[1] + 1] != '0':
190                 continue
191             moveRight(gardener, counter)
192         elif gardener.starting_position_y == columns + 1:
193             if gardener.garden[position[0]][position[1] - 1] != '0':
194                 continue
195             moveLeft(gardener, counter)
196
197         if gardener.finished_gardening:
198             return
```

The solve function iterates through the monk's path. Depending on which axis (side of garden) he is on, a movement function is called in that direction if the next field was not yet raked or holds a stone.

```
273 def moveLeft(gardener, operatorNum):
274     new_position_x = gardener.starting_position_x
275     new_position_y = gardener.starting_position_y - 1
276
277     if gardener.garden[new_position_x][new_position_y] == 'x':
278         return
279
280     if gardener.garden[new_position_x][new_position_y] != '0':
281         turnUpDown(gardener, operatorNum)
282         return
283
284     if gardener.garden[new_position_x][new_position_y] == '0':
285         gardener.garden[new_position_x][new_position_y] = str(operatorNum)
286         gardener.starting_position_x = new_position_x
287         gardener.starting_position_y = new_position_y
288         gardener.fitness += 1
289         if gardener.fitness == gardener.target_fitness:
290             gardener.finished_gardening = True
291             gardener.solved = True
292             moveLeft(gardener, operatorNum)
293
```

Figure 3 - Left direction movement function.

The movement in the given direction continues until the monk reaches the edge of the garden or his direction movement is blocked. In the latter case, the turn function is called. If the monk is able to continue to the next field, the field is rewritten with the number of the move and the fitness attribute of the monk is incremented. The function afterwards calls itself recursively.

```
def turnRightLeft(gardener, operatorNum):  
    if gardener.turn_vertically == 'r':  
        if gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y + 1] == 'x' or \  
           gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y + 1] == '0':  
            moveRight(gardener, operatorNum)  
        else:  
            if gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y - 1] == 'x' or \  
               gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y - 1] == '0':  
                moveLeft(gardener, operatorNum)  
            else:  
                gardener.finished_gardening = True  
                return  
    elif gardener.turn_vertically == 'l':  
        if gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y - 1] == 'x' or \  
           gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y - 1] == '0':  
            moveLeft(gardener, operatorNum)  
        else:  
            if gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y + 1] == 'x' or \  
               gardener.garden[gardener.starting_position_x][gardener.starting_position_y + 1] == '0':  
                moveRight(gardener, operatorNum)  
            else:  
                gardener.finished_gardening = True  
                return
```

Figure 4 - Right-Left turn function

The turn function checks the gene of the monk, and the monk starts moving in the given direction if he is able to. Otherwise, he switches directions and tries to continue in that direction. If he is blocked, the function returns.

### **Implementation Environment:**

As for finding and implementing a solution for this problem, the chosen programming language was Python version 3.10, and the selected IDE was PyCharm 2022.2.2. The choice was made due to an easy access and large variety of libraries. Libraries used were as follows:

random – Used to randomize initial population values.

time – Used to measure time complexity.

pandas – Used to display the garden in the console

matplotlib.pyplot – Used to graph generations line chart.



## Testing and Summary:

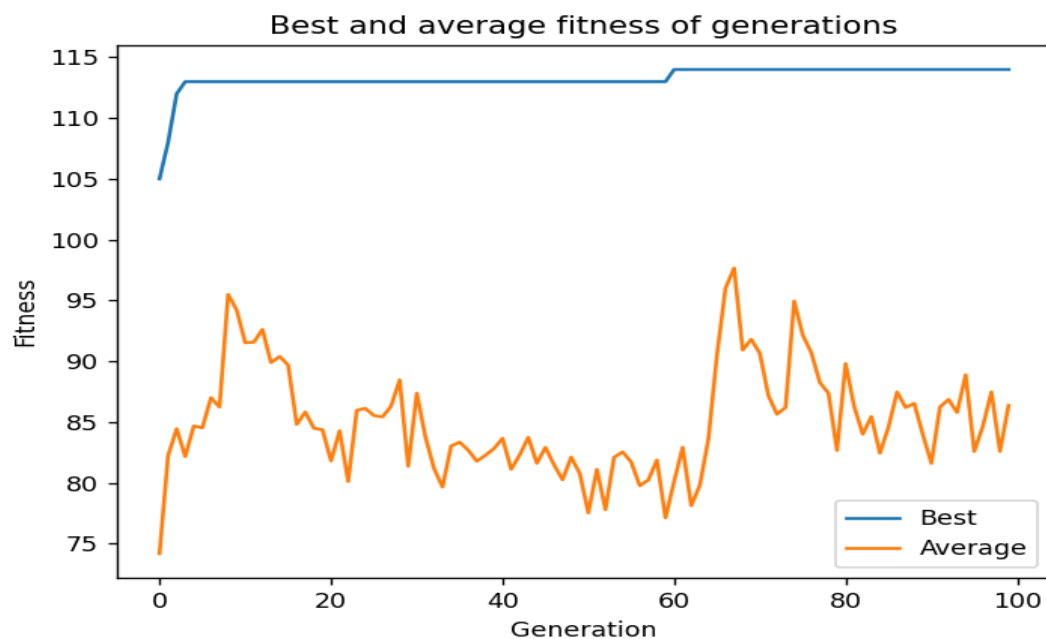
The first testing environment for the board was the example board given in in assignment. All the tests include 100 generations and 100 individuals.

Board size: 10\*12.

Stone locations: [(3,2),(5,3),(4,5),(2,6),(7,9),(7,10)]

### ELITISM

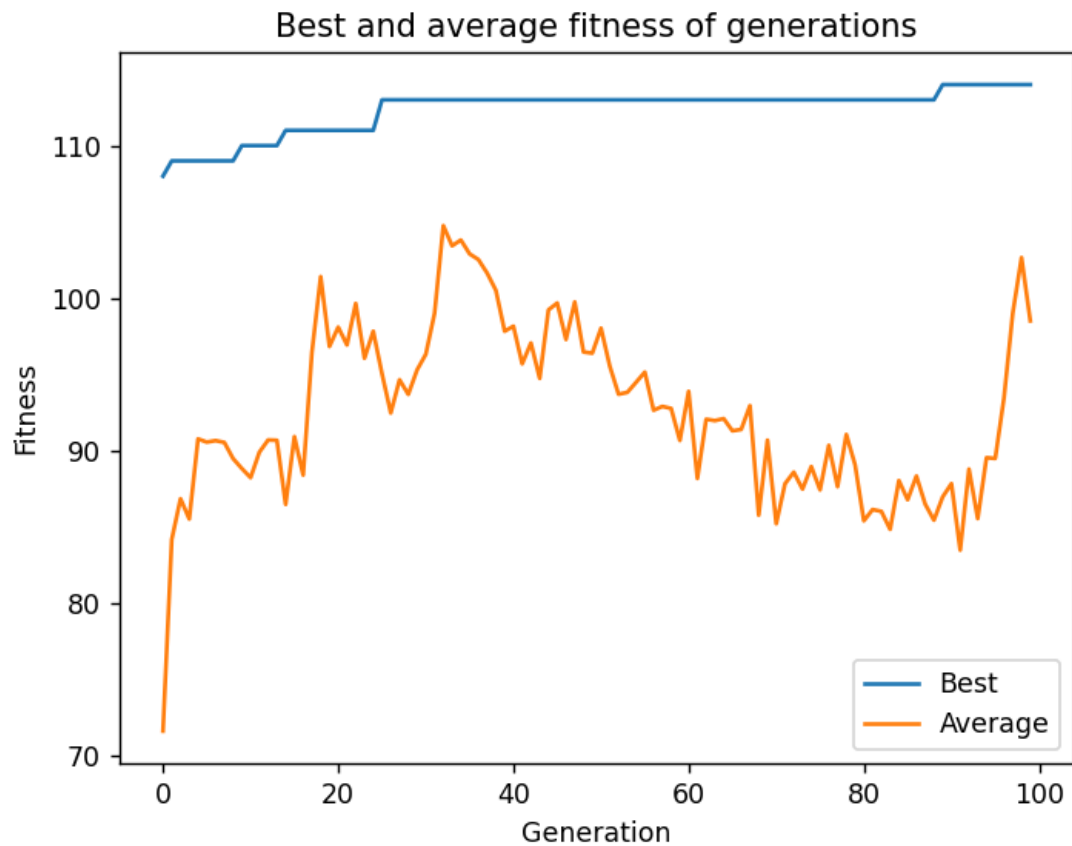
**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 10%, Elitism 15%, Crossover from elitism 85%



```
Best individual garden:
  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13
0  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x
1  x  8  8  5  6  6  5  5  4  7  7  2  9  x
2  x  8  8  5  6  6  s  5  4  7  7  2  9  x
3  x  4  s  5  5  5  5  5  4  7  7  2  9  x
4  x  4  5  5  5  s  5  5  4  7  7  2  9  x
5  x  4  5  s  5  5  5  5  4  7  7  2  9  x
6  x  4  5  5  5  5  5  5  4  7  7  2  9  x
7  x  4  4  4  4  4  4  4  4  s  s  2  9  x
8  x  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  2  9  x
9  x  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  2  2  x
10 x  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  x
11 x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x
Individuals' starting position path
Best individual generation: 60
Best individual fitness: 114
Vertical turn preference: l
Horizontal turn preference: d
Time to complete algorithm: 1.86 seconds.
```

Figure 5 - Individuals starting path was not printed due to being too long

**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 10%, Elitism 20%, Crossover from elitism 80%



Best individual garden:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1	x	9	9	9	9	9	9	1	3	11	11	4	5	x
2	x	2	2	2	2	2	s	1	3	11	11	4	5	x
3	x	12	s	12	12	2	2	1	3	11	11	4	5	x
4	x	12	12	12	12	s	2	1	3	11	11	4	5	x
5	x	12	12	s	12	12	2	1	3	11	11	4	5	x
6	x	12	12	12	12	12	2	1	3	11	11	4	5	x
7	x	12	12	12	12	12	2	1	3	s	s	4	5	x
8	x	7	7	7	7	7	2	1	3	6	6	4	5	x
9	x	8	8	8	8	7	2	1	3	6	6	4	5	x
10	x	10	10	10	8	7	2	1	3	6	6	4	5	x
11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Individuals' starting position path:

[(0, 7), (2, 0), (11, 8), (0, 11), (11, 12), (11, 10), (8, 0), (2, 13), (9, 0), (0, 1),

Best individual generation: 89

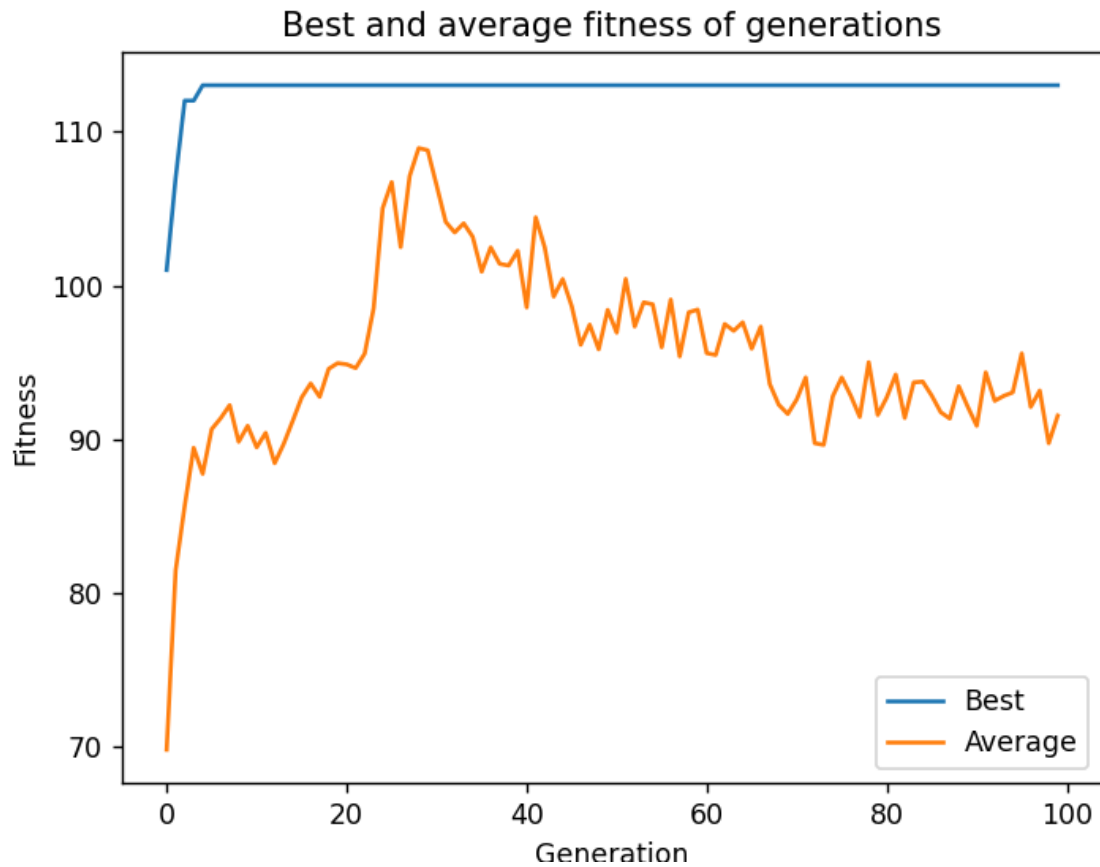
Best individual fitness: 114

Vertical turn preference: r

Horizontal turn preference: d

Time to complete algorithm: 1.75 seconds.

**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 10%, Elitism 40%, Crossover from elitism 60%



Best individual garden:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1	x	2	7	0	10	10	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	x
2	x	2	7	7	7	7	s	5	5	5	5	5	5	x
3	x	2	s	7	7	7	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	x
4	x	2	7	7	7	s	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	x
5	x	2	7	s	7	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	x
6	x	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	x
7	x	2	7	1	12	12	12	4	4	s	s	3	3	x
8	x	2	7	1	12	13	12	4	4	11	11	3	9	x
9	x	2	7	1	12	13	12	4	4	11	11	3	9	x
10	x	2	7	1	12	13	12	4	4	11	11	3	9	x
11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Individuals' starting position path:

[(3, 13), (0, 1), (2, 13), (11, 7), (0, 7), (0, 10), (11, 5), (2, 0), (8, 13), (11, 11),

Best individual generation: 4

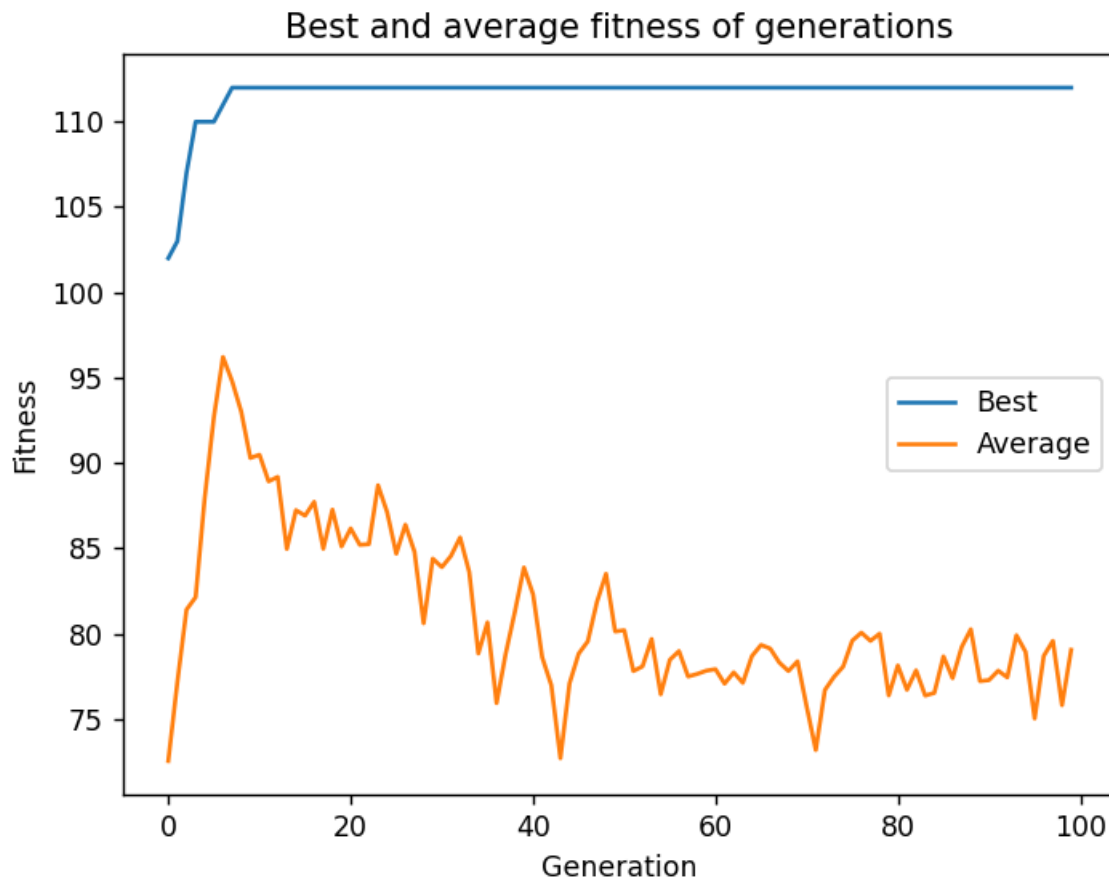
Best individual fitness: 113

Vertical turn preference: r

Horizontal turn preference: d

Time to complete algorithm: 1.13 seconds.

**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 40%, Elitism 15%, Crossover from elitism 85%



Best individual garden:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1	x	1	14	17	4	4	0	3	1	7	9	9	15	x
2	x	14	14	17	4	4	s	3	1	7	9	9	15	x
3	x	0	s	17	4	4	4	3	1	7	9	9	15	x
4	x	12	12	17	4	s	4	3	1	7	7	7	7	x
5	x	12	12	s	4	4	4	3	1	13	13	13	13	x
6	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	13	13	13	13	x
7	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	s	s	1	1	1	x
8	x	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	x
9	x	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	x
10	x	6	6	6	5	8	16	16	16	8	10	11	11	x
11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Individuals' starting position path:

[(0, 11), (0, 3), (1, 0), (11, 10), (7, 13), (11, 4), (11, 12), (10, 0), (0, 4), (11, 9),

Best individual generation: 7

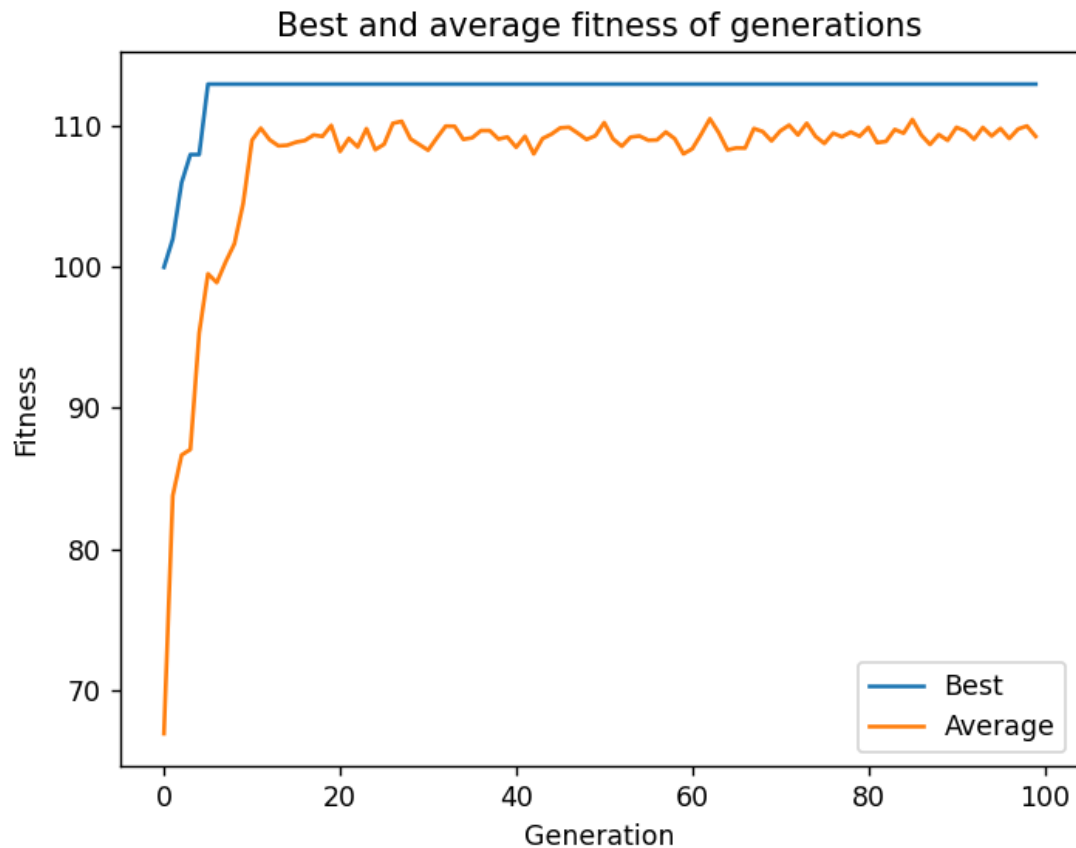
Best individual fitness: 112

Vertical turn preference: l

Horizontal turn preference: u

Time to complete algorithm: 1.29 seconds.

**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 5%, Elitism 15%, Crossover from elitism 85%



Best individual garden:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1	x	5	1	9	7	11	0	1	4	6	6	2	3	x
2	x	5	1	9	7	11	s	1	4	6	6	2	3	x
3	x	5	s	9	7	11	11	1	4	6	6	2	3	x
4	x	5	9	9	7	s	11	1	4	6	6	2	3	x
5	x	5	9	s	7	8	8	1	4	6	6	2	3	x
6	x	5	9	1	7	8	8	1	4	6	6	2	3	x
7	x	5	9	1	7	8	8	1	4	s	s	2	3	x
8	x	5	9	1	7	8	8	1	4	10	10	2	3	x
9	x	5	9	1	7	8	8	1	4	10	10	2	3	x
10	x	5	9	1	7	8	8	1	4	10	10	2	3	x
11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Individuals' starting position path:

[(11, 7), (0, 11), (11, 12), (11, 8), (11, 1), (2, 0), (5, 13), (0, 10), (11, 11), (11, 4), (11, 7),

Best individual generation: 5

Best individual fitness: 113

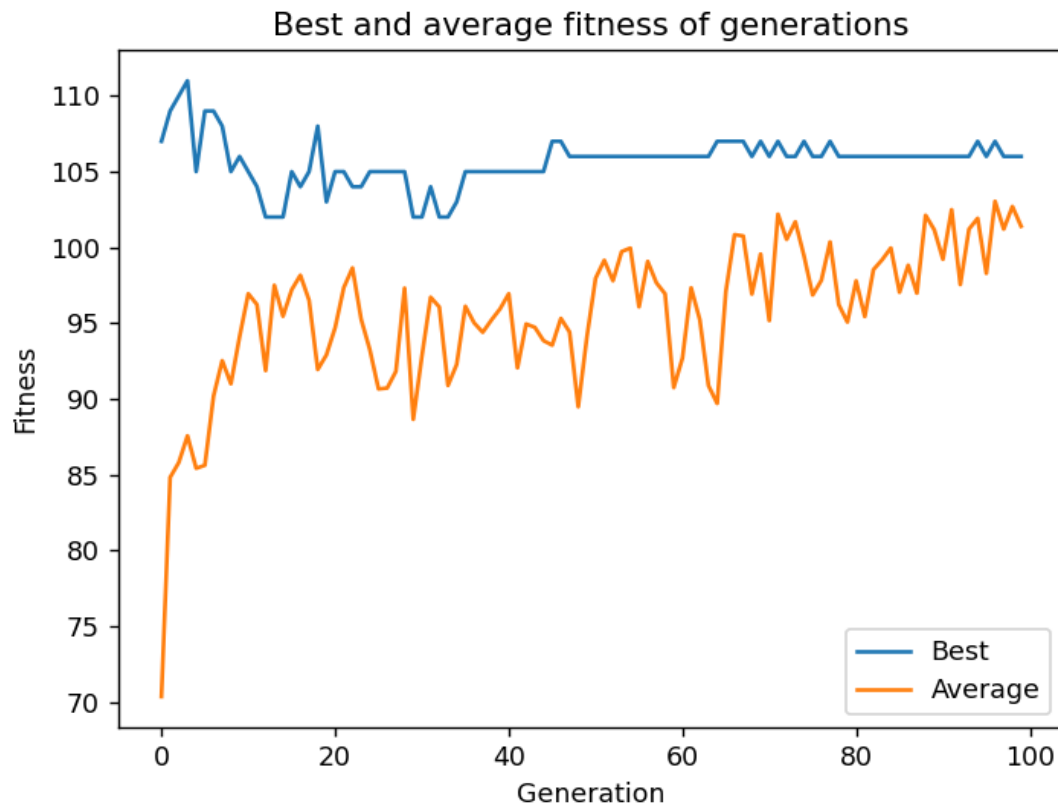
Vertical turn preference: l

Horizontal turn preference: d

Time to complete algorithm: 1.42 seconds.

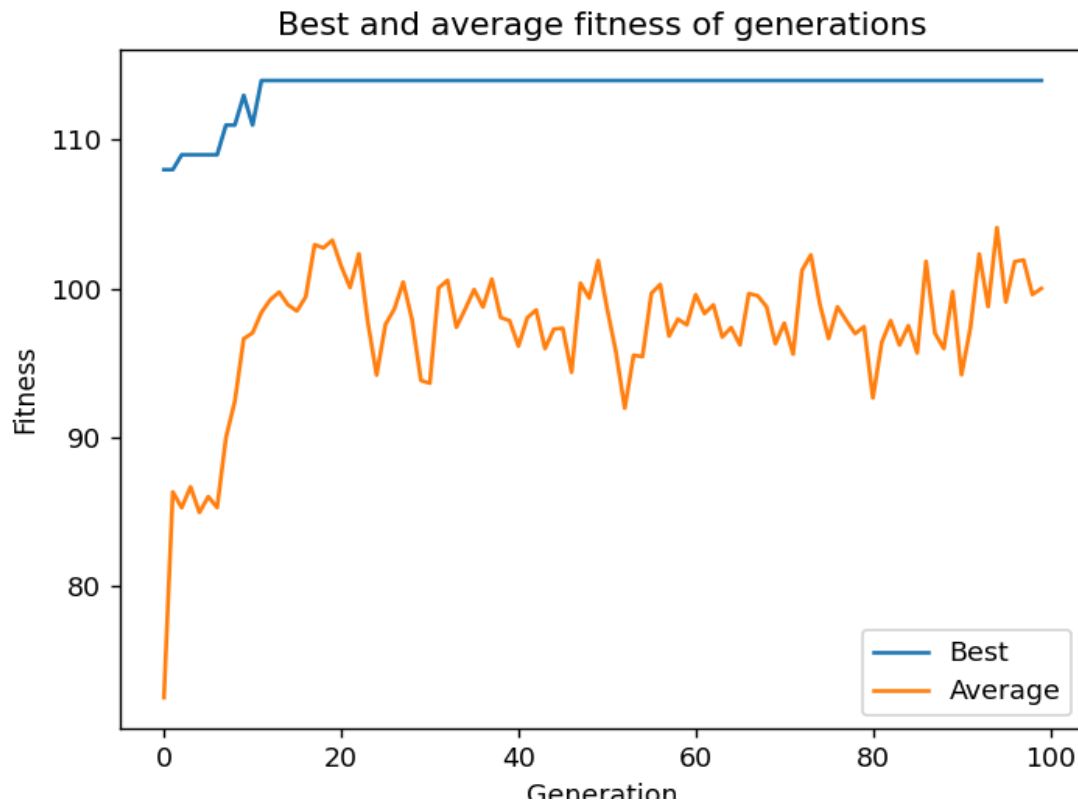
## ROULETTE

**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 10%, Roulette 15%, Crossover from Roulette Selection 85%



```
Enter the number corresponding to the desired selection: 3
Best individual garden:
  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13
0  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x
1  x  5 12 12 12 12 12 10 10 5 4 1 3  x
2  x  5 12 12 12 12  s 10 10 5 4 1 3  x
3  x  5  s 12 12 12 10 10 10 5 4 1 2  x
4  x  5 5 5 5 5  s 10 10 10 5 4 1 2  x
5  x  5 5  s 5 5 5 5 5 5 4 1 2  x
6  x  4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 1 2  x
7  x  6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6  s s 1 2  x
8  x  7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 6 8 8 1 2  x
9  x 11 11 11 11 9 9 7 6 8 8 1 2  x
10 x 0 0 0 11 9 9 7 6 8 8 1 2  x
11 x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x
Individuals' starting position path:
[(0, 11), (3, 13), (1, 13), (0, 10), (5, 13), (11, 0), (0, 1), (10, 13), (5, 0), (5, 0), (7, 0), (11, 7), (0, 12),
Best individual generation: 3
Best individual fitness: 111
Vertical turn preference: r
Horizontal turn preference: d
Time to complete algorithm: 1.85 seconds.
```

**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 10%, Roulette 40%, Crossover from Roulette Selection 60%



Best individual garden:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1	x	10	9	8	11	11	8	8	3	6	6	4	5	x
2	x	9	9	8	11	11	s	8	3	6	6	4	5	x
3	x	3	s	8	8	8	8	8	3	6	6	4	5	x
4	x	3	8	8	8	s	8	8	3	6	6	4	5	x
5	x	3	8	s	8	8	8	8	3	6	6	4	5	x
6	x	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	3	6	6	4	5	x
7	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	s	s	4	4	x
8	x	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	x
9	x	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	x
10	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	x
11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Individuals' starting position path:

[(10, 13), (8, 0), (3, 0), (11, 8), (0, 8), (0, 11), (11, 6), (4, 0),

Best individual generation: 11

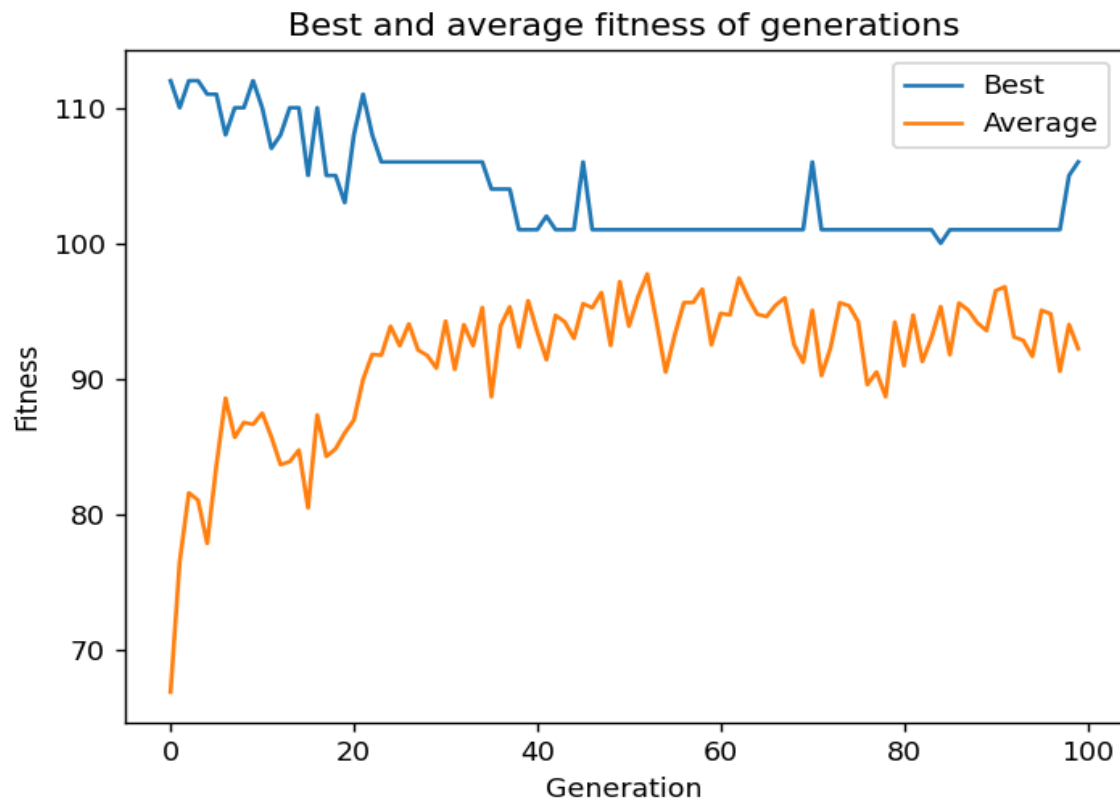
Best individual fitness: 114

Vertical turn preference: r

Horizontal turn preference: u

Time to complete algorithm: 1.15 seconds.

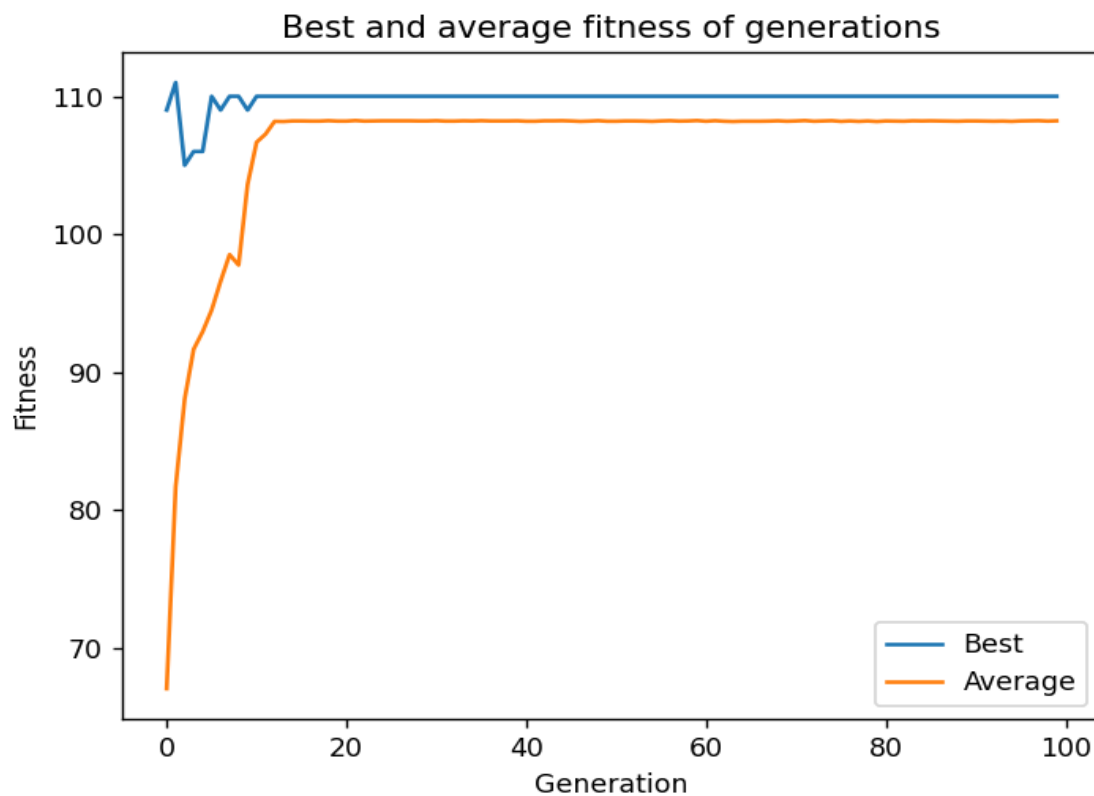
**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 40%, Roulette 15%, Crossover from Roulette Selection 85%



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Enter the number corresponding to the desired selection: 2
Best individual garden:
  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13
0  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x
1  x  4  4  4  4  4  4 10  6  8  9  9  1  x
2  x 10 10 10  0  0  s 10  6  8  9  9  1  x
3  x  7  s 10 10 10 10 10  6  8  9  9  1  x
4  x  7 10 10 10  s 10 10  6  8  9  9  1  x
5  x  7 10  s 10 10 10 10  6  8  9  9  1  x
6  x  7 10 10 10 10 10 10  6  8  8  8  1  x
7  x  6  6  6  6  6  6  6  6  s  s  8  1  x
8  x  2  2  2  2  2  2  2  2  2  2  8  1  x
9  x  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  3  2  8  1  x
10 x  5  5  5  5  5  5  5  5  3  2  8  1  x
11 x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x  x
Individuals' starting position path:
[(0, 12), (11, 10), (11, 9), (0, 6), (11, 8), (5, 13), (10, 13), (0, 1), (11, 4),
Best individual generation: 0
Best individual fitness: 112
Vertical turn preference: l
Horizontal turn preference: d
Time to complete algorithm: 1.29 seconds.
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**Test scenario parameters:** Mutation 5%, Roulette 40%, Crossover from Roulette Selection 60%



Best individual garden:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1	x	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	7	x
2	x	10	10	10	10	10	s	10	10	10	2	1	7	x
3	x	0	s	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	2	1	7	x
4	x	5	5	10	10	s	10	10	0	10	2	1	3	x
5	x	5	5	s	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	1	3	x
6	x	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	x
7	x	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	s	s	1	3	x
8	x	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	4	9	9	1	3	x
9	x	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	4	9	9	1	3	x
10	x	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	9	9	1	3	x
11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Individuals' starting position path:

[(0, 11), (1, 0), (4, 13), (7, 0), (10, 13), (0, 3), (5, 0), (10, 0), (0, 12),

Best individual generation: 1

Best individual fitness: 111

Vertical turn preference: l

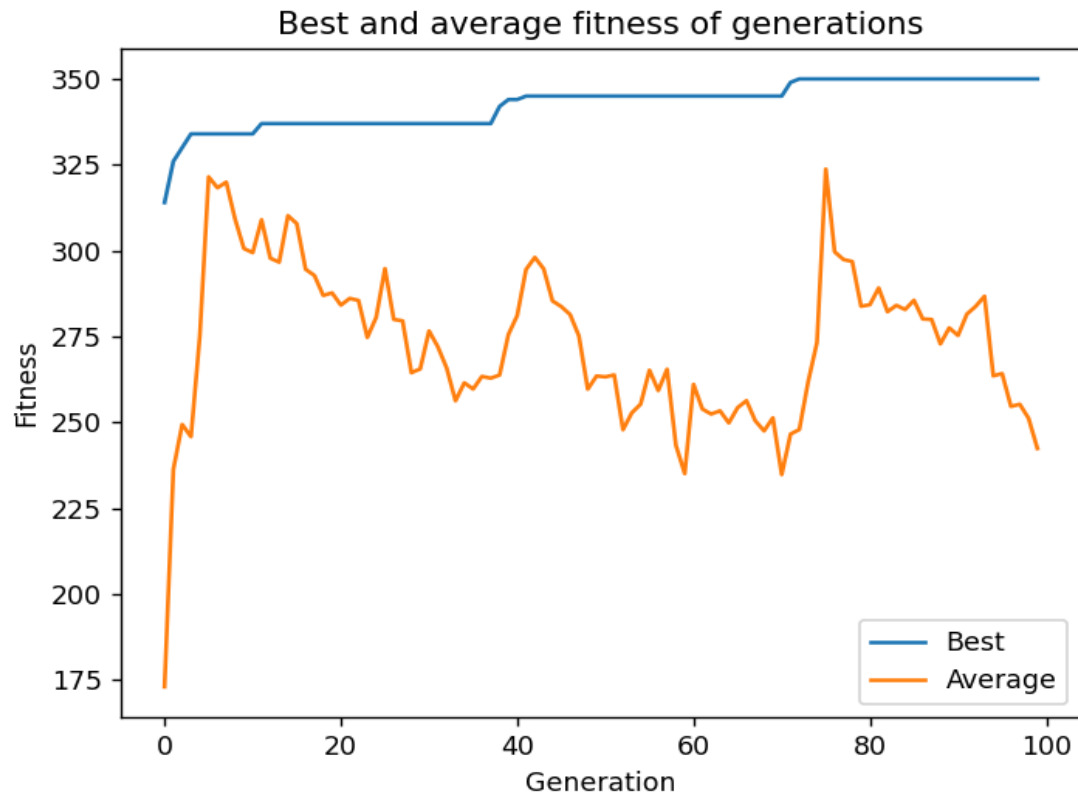
Horizontal turn preference: d

Time to complete algorithm: 1.44 seconds.

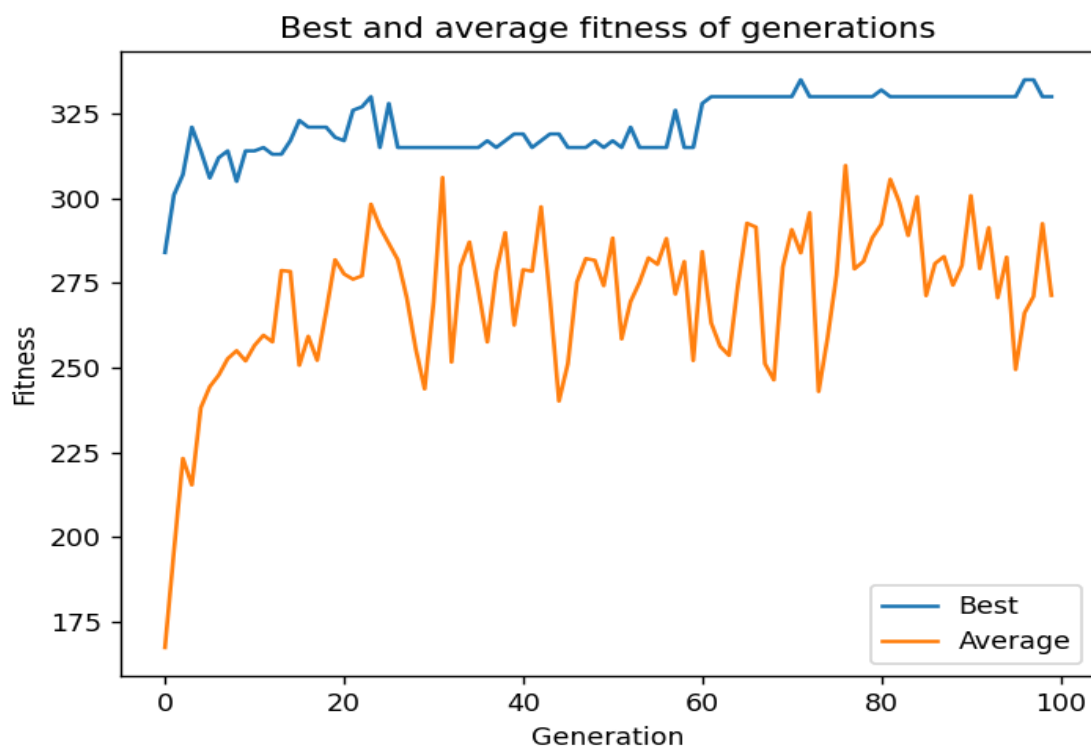
Board size: 20\*20      Mutation 10%, Elitism/ Roulette 15%, Crossover 85%

Stone locations: [(2,2),(3,8),(4,5),(4,6),(7,15),(8,10),(11,12),(11,1),(12,10),(14,8)]

### Elitism:



### Roulette



## **Summary:**

The previous graphs portray the difference between selections and various parameter settings. Overall, elitism has the tendency to find the local maximum in a couple generations and devolve from there. As the percentage of elitism tends to rise, variation goes down and fitness stays closer to the local maximum after reaching that point. Higher levels of mutation on the other hand create a lot of variability and elitism devolves generatively by quite some. If we decrease mutation, elitism tends to get better results with each generation.

In roulette selection under default settings generations progressively evolve. By increasing the percentage of selected individuals, the average fitness does not change much, but the fittest individuals are not lost as they are more often chosen. By decreasing mutation, variability is once again being lost and generations average rises quickly and does not change much. Increased mutation causes the fittest individuals to be lost, but the average does not change much, as mutations find other fit individuals.

There is definitely room for improvement in my solution, which could be found by experimenting with the parameters of the algorithm. Other selection methods could be implemented, the structure of creating new generations could be done more complex to ensure more evolution, such as setting new rules for mutation, set different percentages for passing whole individuals to next generation and change the way the crossover method works. All of the changes would be quite exciting to see.