Intro to Bio-inspired AI

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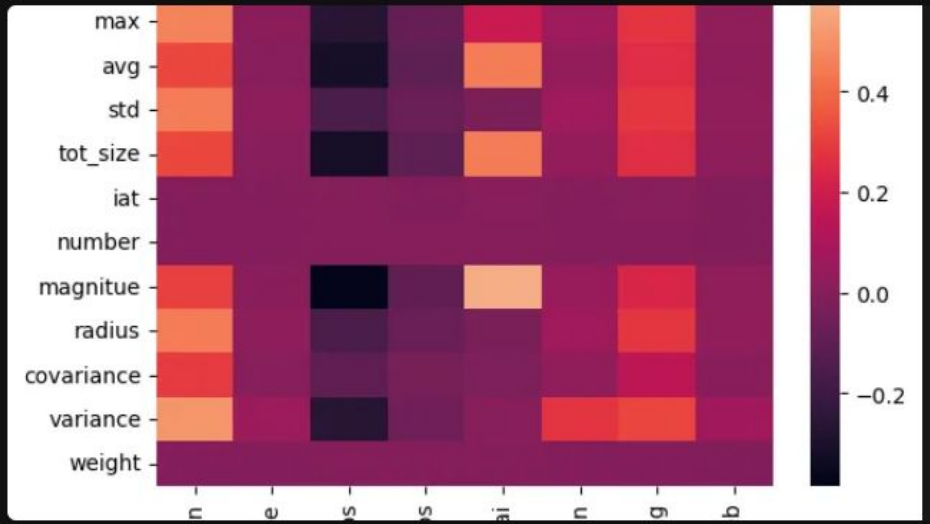

Sparse Data and Spurious Correlations

A Chonky Problem As mentioned in a previous post, we have a CHONKY 14 GB dataset. This is too large to even load into the memory we have available, so...

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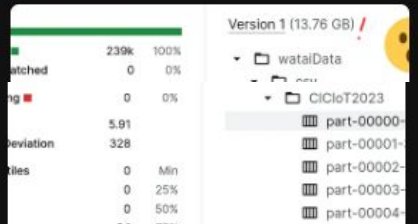

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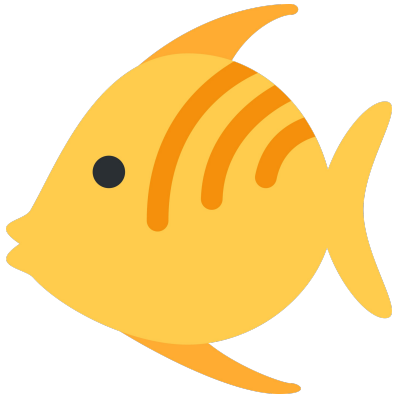

Checkpoint 1 

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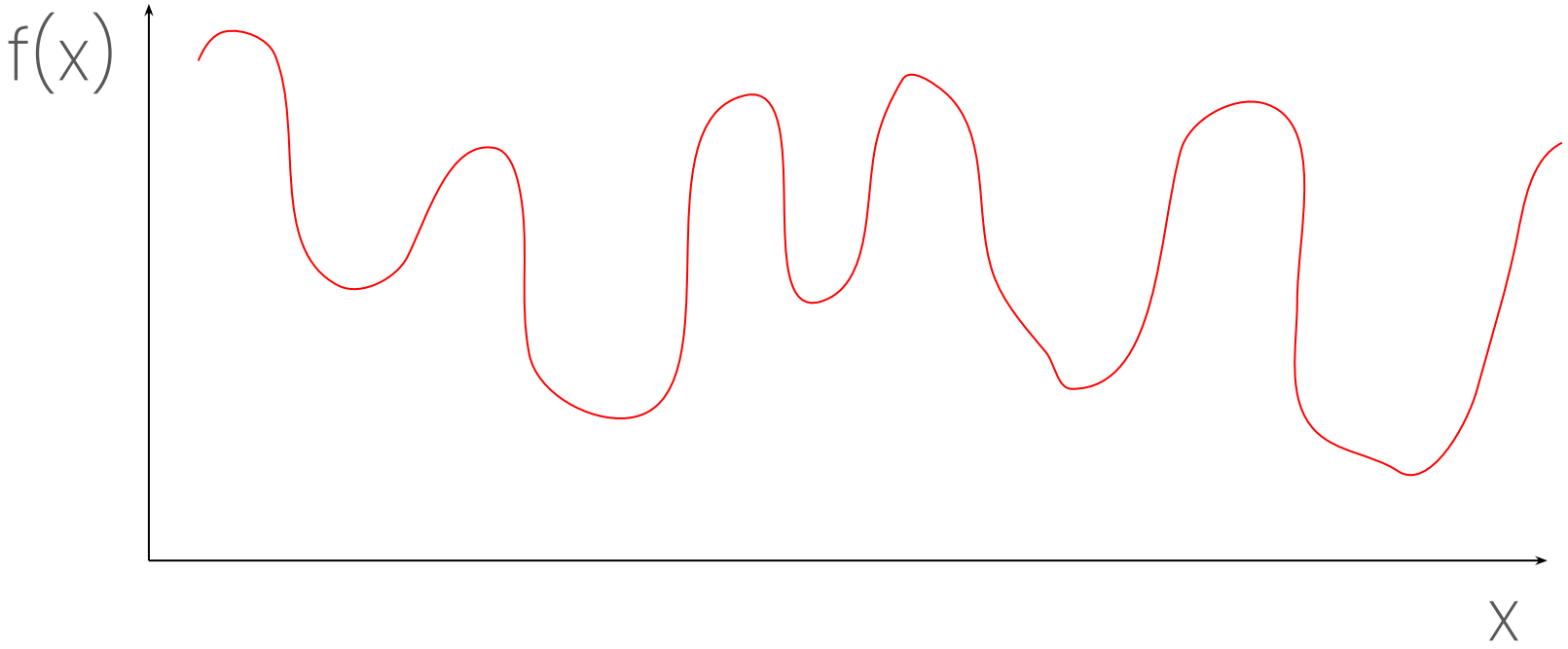
How to minimise the function?



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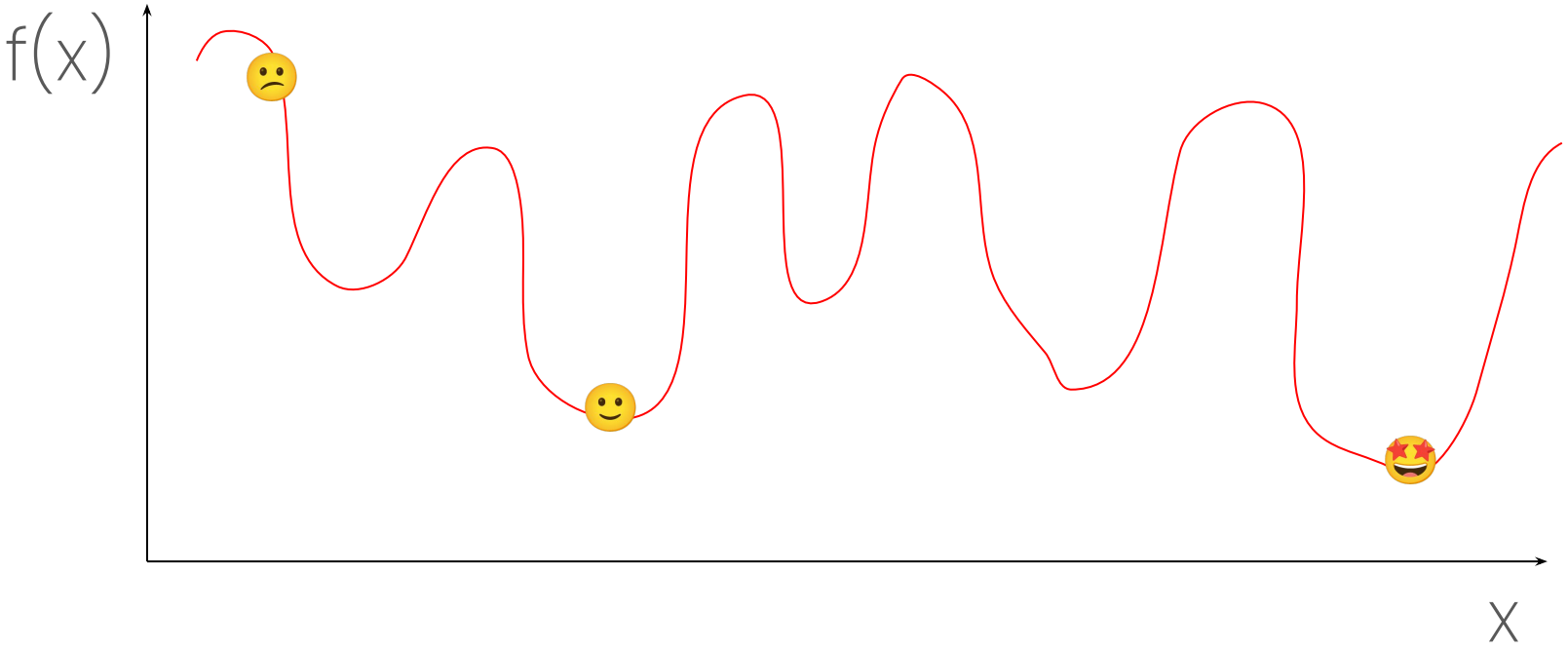

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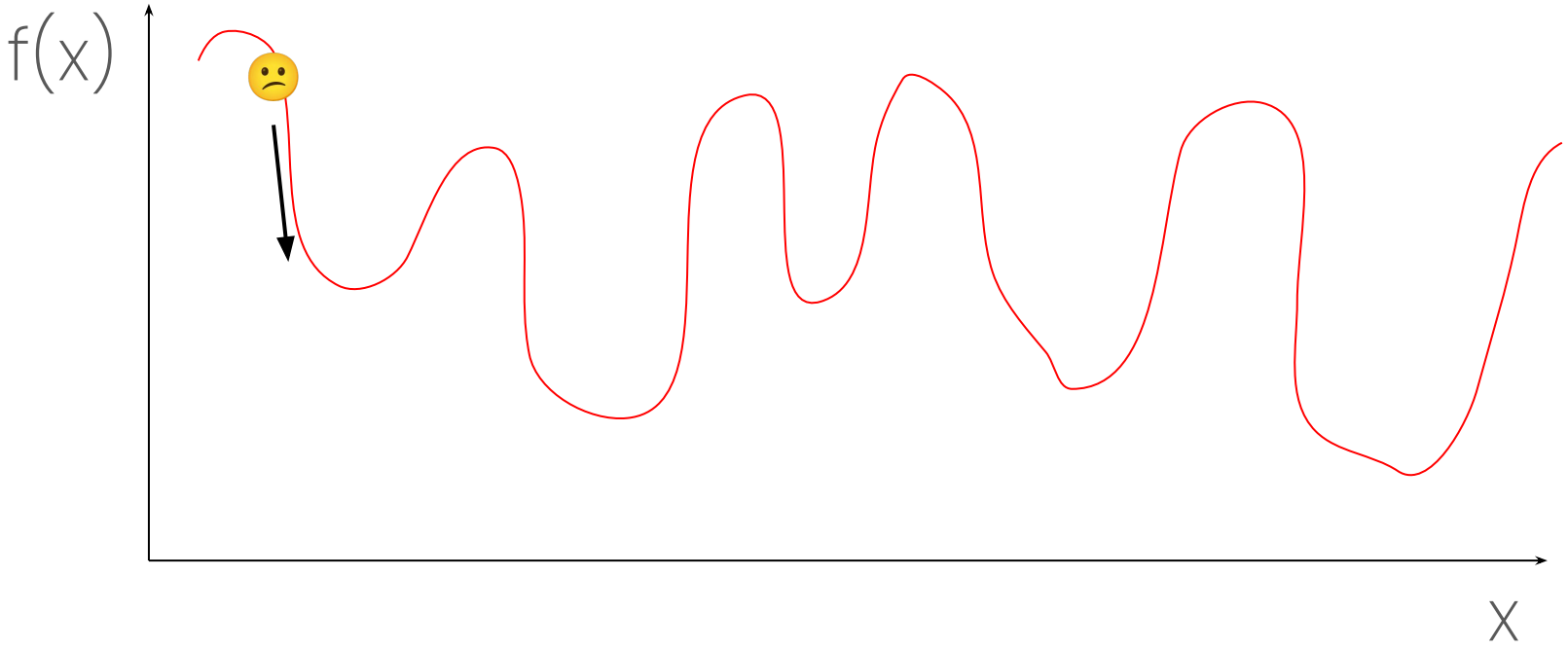

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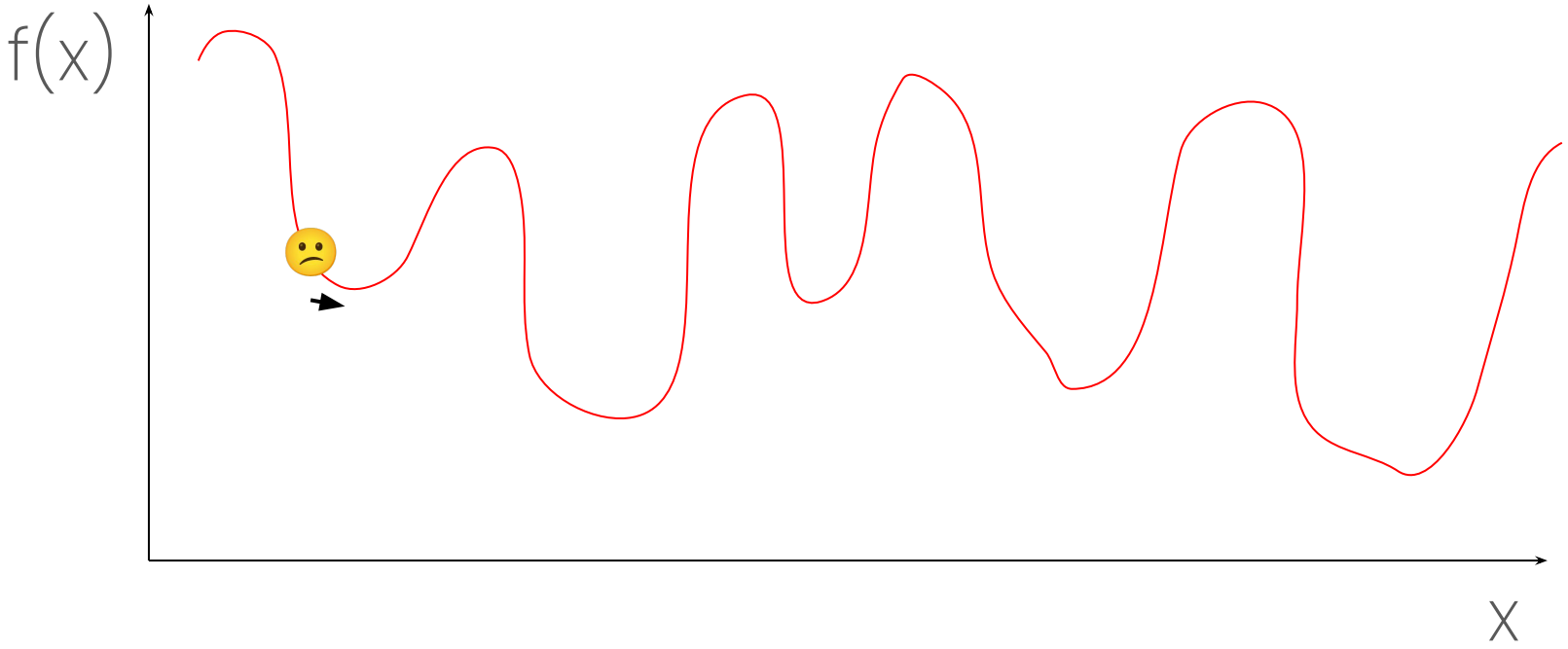

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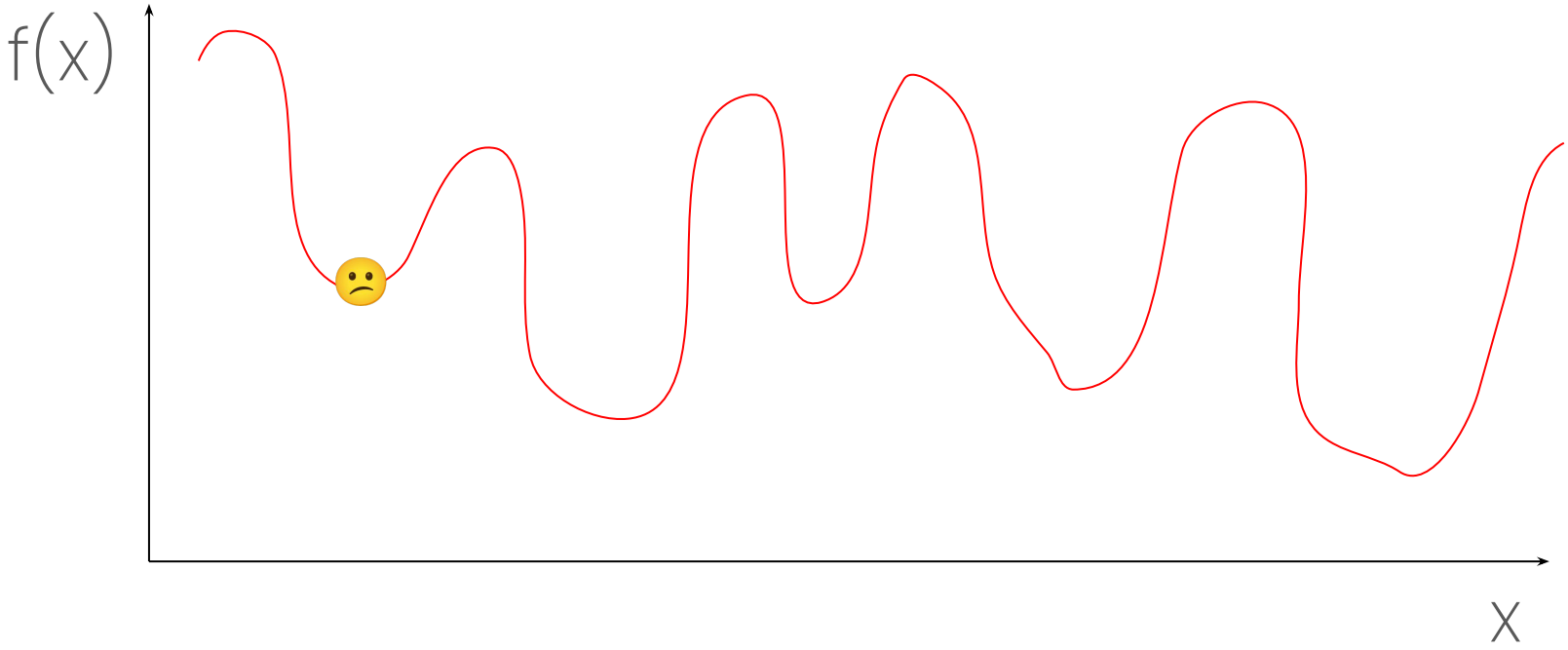

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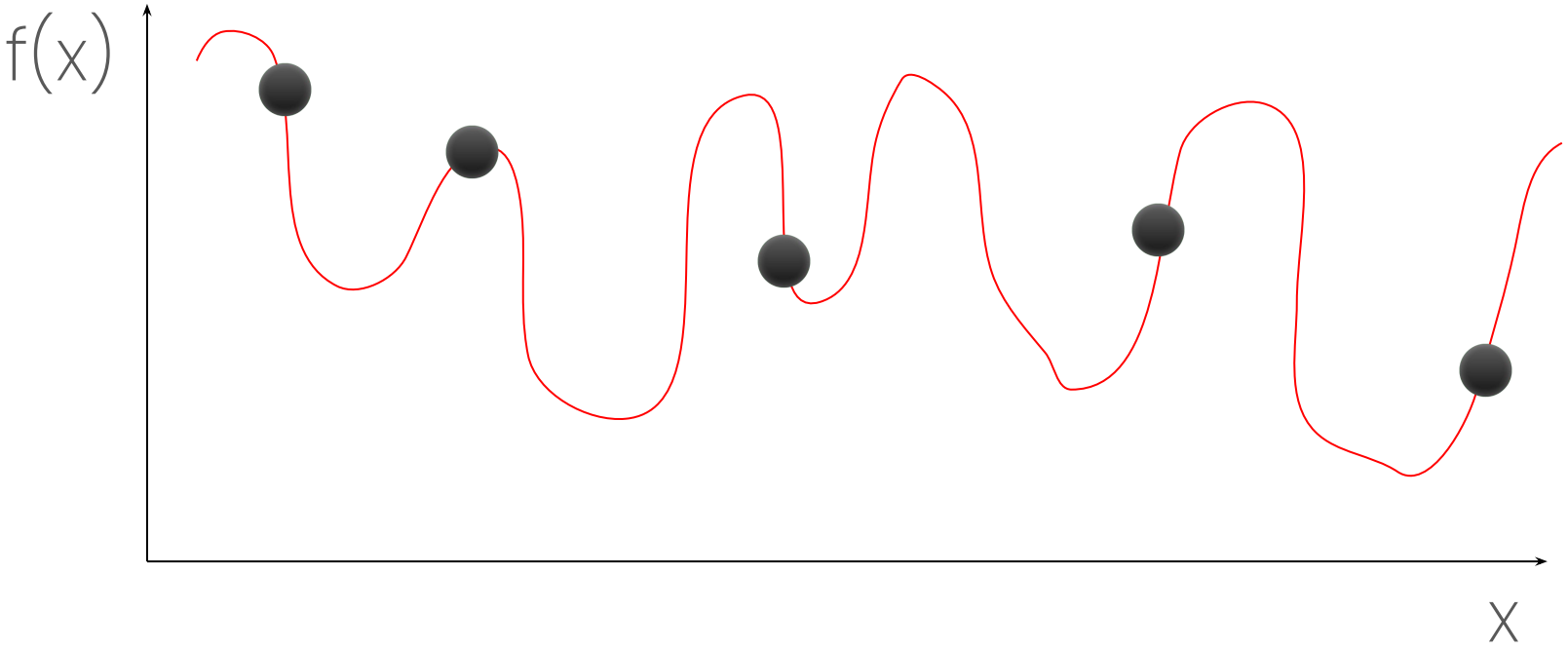

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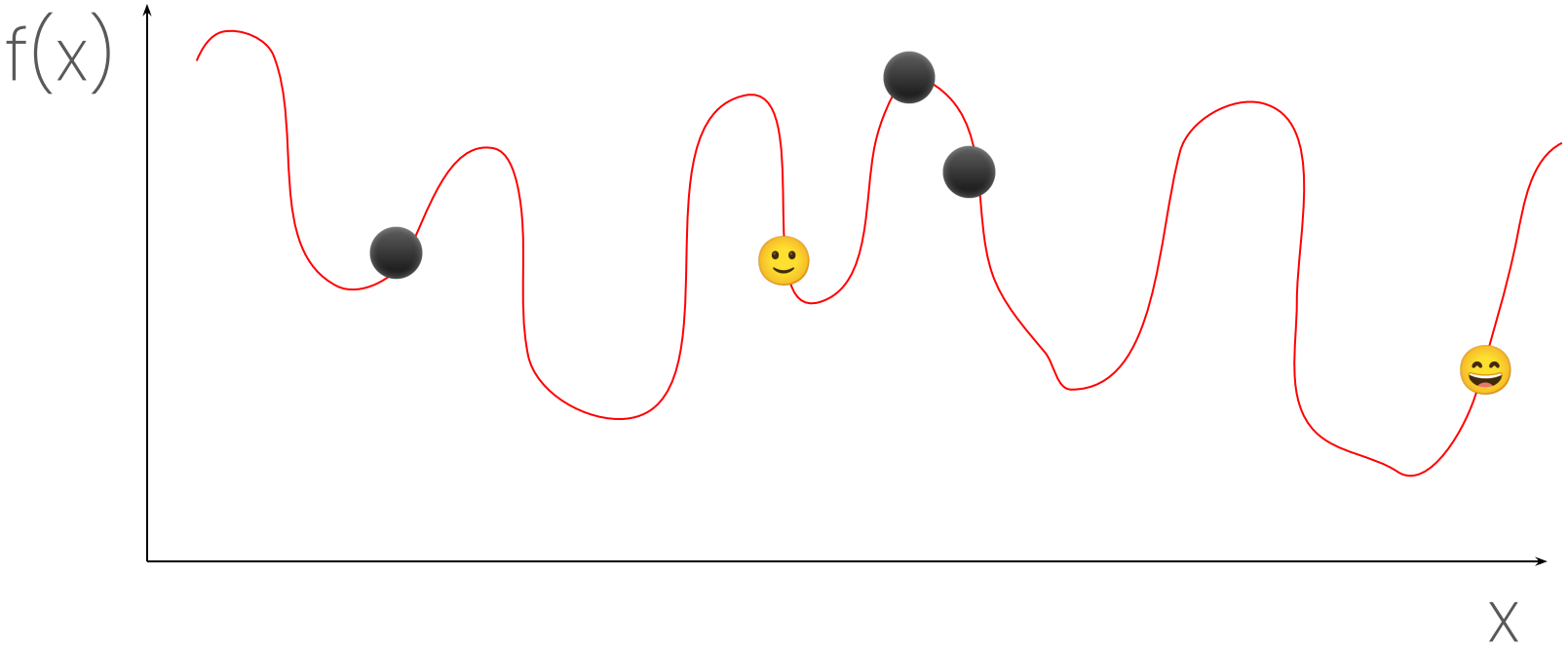

Evolution-based

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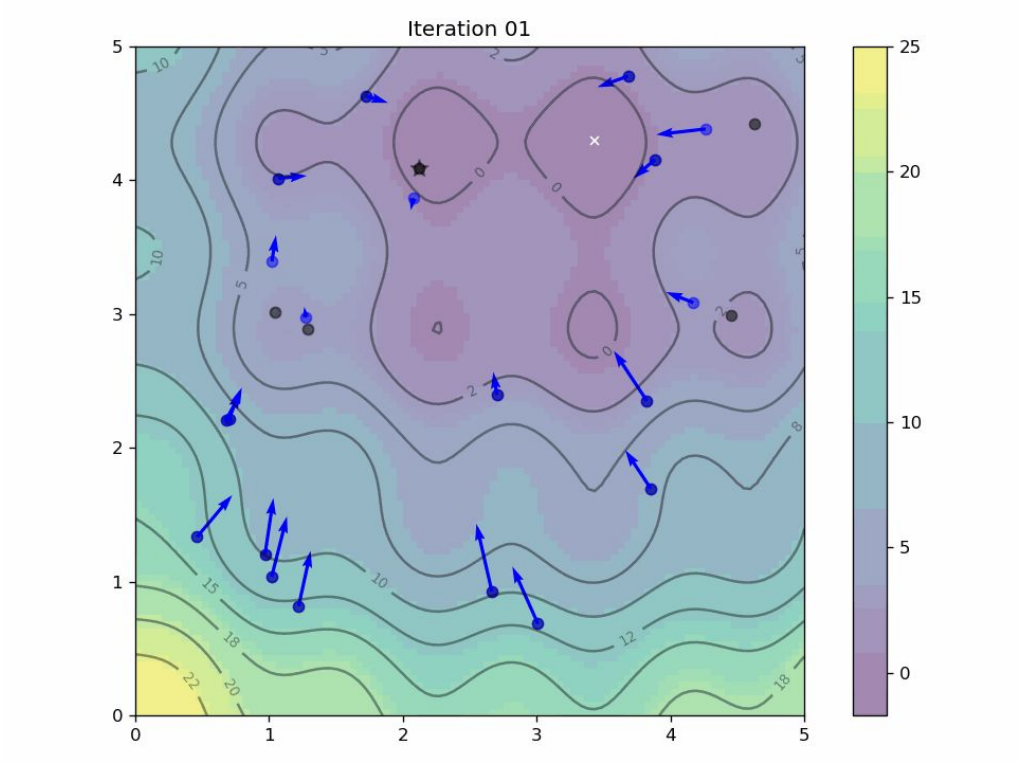
Checkpoint 2 

So is this CALC 101 or what?


Monterey Bay
Aquarium


Iteration 01
0
1
2
3
4
5
25
20
15
10
5
0

Number particles: $\{1,\ 2,\ \ldots,i,\ \ldots,\ P\}$

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Objective function: $f(x,\ y)$

Position

$$X^i(t) = (x^i(t), y^i(t))$$

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Velocity

$$V^i(t) = (v^i_x(t), v^i_y(t))$$

$$X^i(t+1) = X^i(t) + V^i(t+1)$$

$$V^i(t+1) =$$

$$wV^i(t)$$

Inertia

$$V^i(t+1) =$$

$$wV^i(t)$$ Inertia

$$+ c_1 r_1 (pbest^i - X^i(t))$$ Cognitive

$$V^i(t+1) =$$

$$wV^i(t)$$ Inertia

$$+ c_1 r_1 (pbest^i - X^i(t))$$ Cognitive

$$+ c_2 r_2 (gbest - X^i(t))$$ Social

Position $$X^i(t+1) = X^i(t) + V^i(t+1)$$

Velocity $$V^i(t+1) =$$

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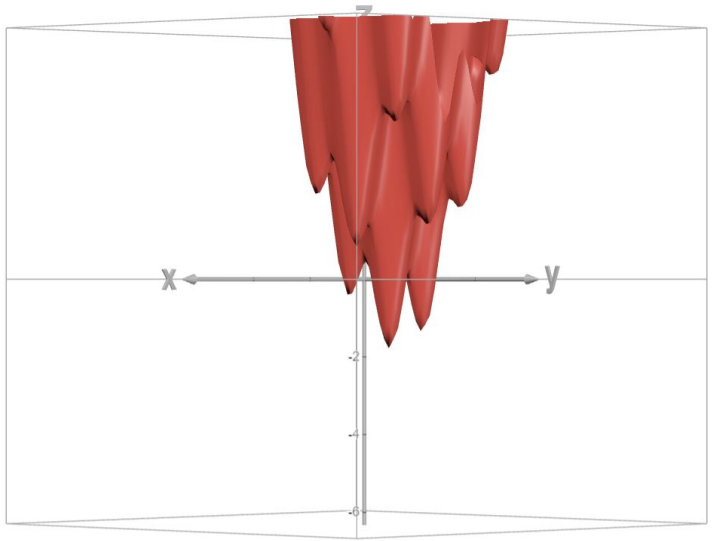
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y
-2
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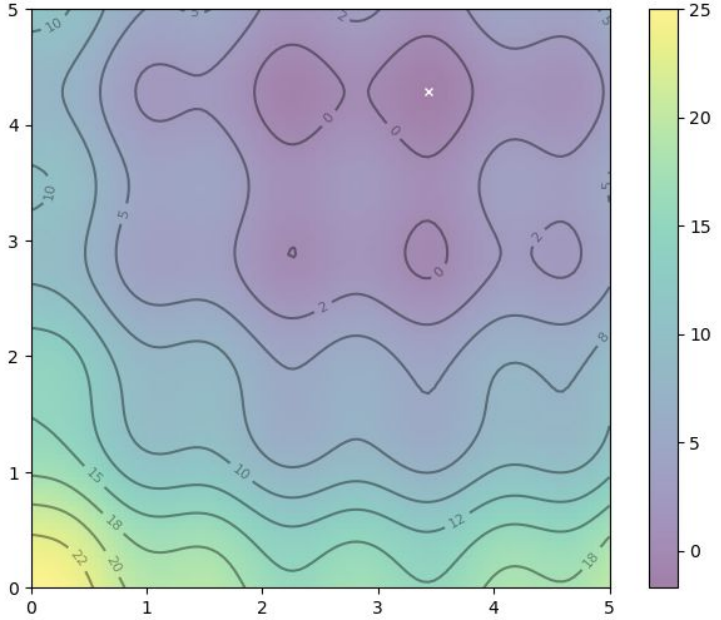
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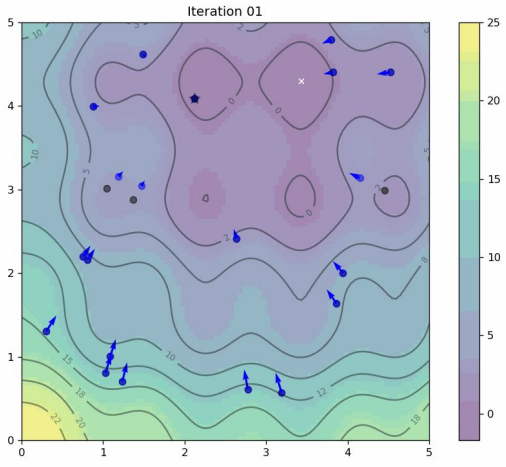
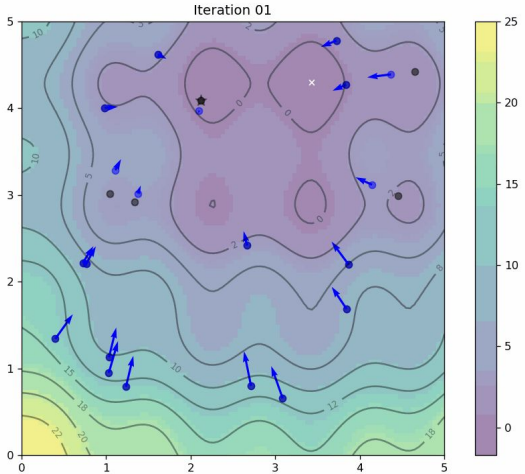
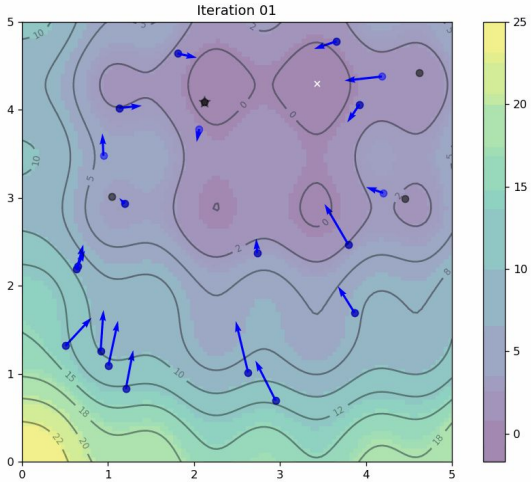
c1=c2=0.1





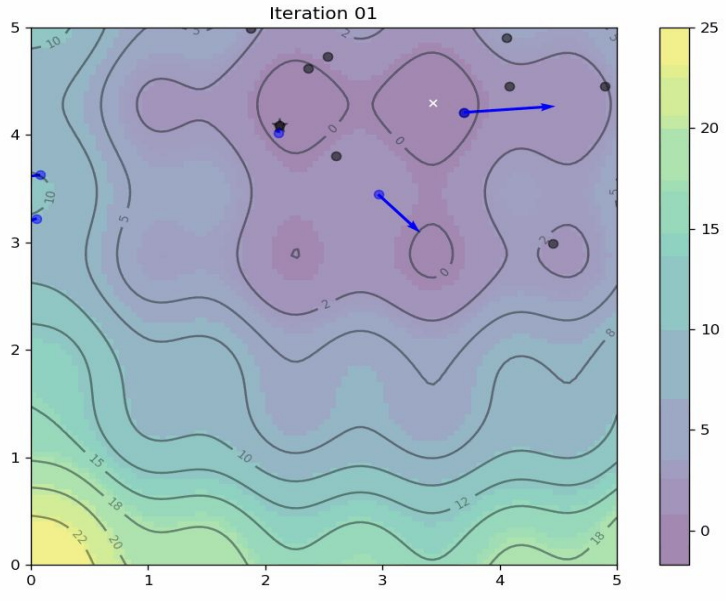


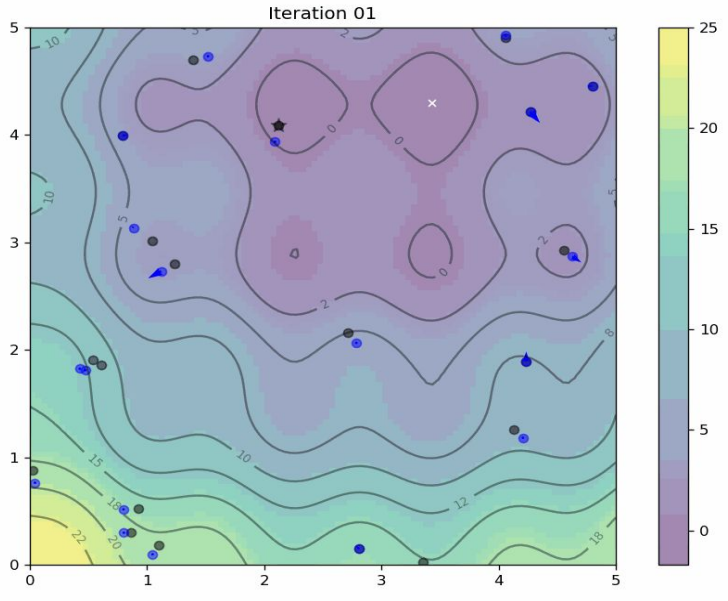
w=0

w=0.5

w=1

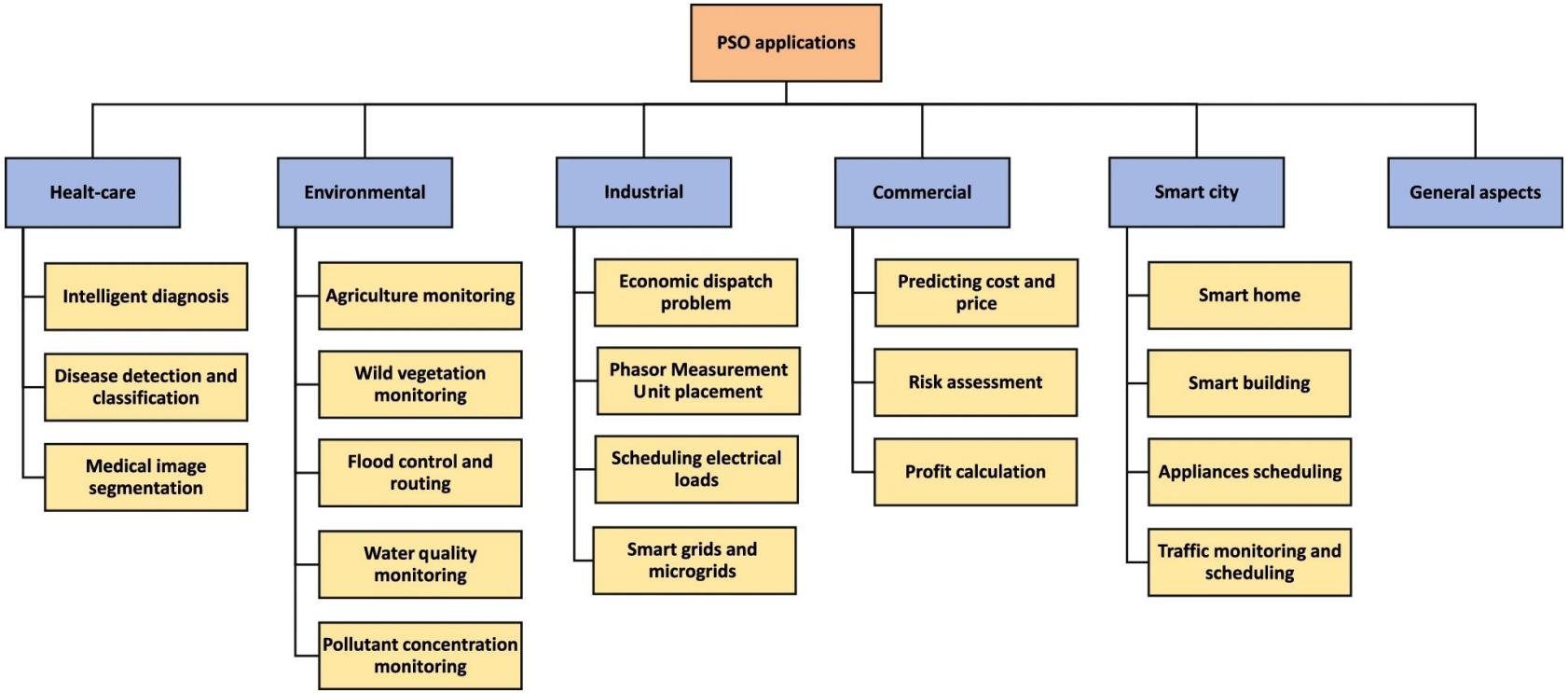
w=0.8





c1=0, c2=2

c1=2, c2=0



https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11831-021-09694-4

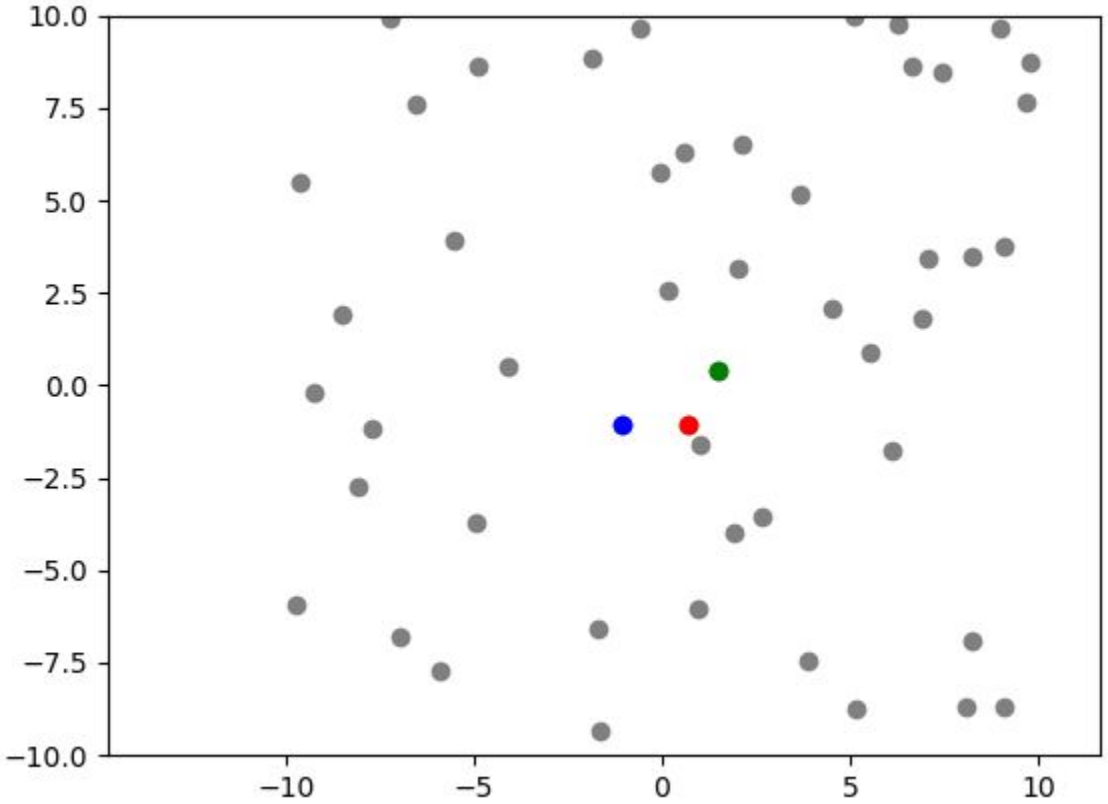
Checkpoint 3 

No more swimming with the fishies


A
followers
alpha


B


C



Animation by Quasar, *Stack Overflow*, 2021.

Position

Leaders

Motion

Position

Number wolves: $\{1, 2, \ldots, i, \ldots, W\}$

Position

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Position: $\vec{x}_i = [5, 10, 1]$

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Specifically: $\vec{x}_i = [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1]$

Leaders

Selector: $D = \{l, w, h\}.\ \vec{x} = [1\ 0\ 1].$

Leaders

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Leaders

Selector:

$$N_{tot} \qquad N_{feat}$$

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Leaders

N_{tot} N_{feat}

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Output: $f(\vec{x}) = k \cdot E(S(\vec{x})) + (1 - k) \cdot \frac{N_{feat}}{N_{tot}}$

Motion

Following: $\vec{x}_{\alpha,i}(t+1) = \vec{x}_{\alpha}(t)$

Motion

Following: $\vec{x}_{\alpha,i}(t+1) = \vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - c$

Motion

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Enclosing: $c(t) = 2\left(1 - \frac{t}{M}\right)$

Motion

Following: $$\vec{x}_{\alpha,i}(t+1) = \vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - c(2\vec{r}_1 - 1)$$

Enclosing: $$c(t) = 2\left(1 - \frac{t}{M}\right)$$

Motion

Following: $$\vec{x}_{\alpha,i}(t+1) = \vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - c(2\vec{r}_1 - 1)\,|2\vec{r}_2\vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - \vec{x}_i(t)|$$

Enclosing: $$c(t) = 2\left(1 - \frac{t}{M}\right)$$

Motion

Where to go

How much error

How far to go

Following:

$$\vec{x}_{\alpha,i}(t+1) = \vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - c(2\vec{r}_1 - 1)\,|2\vec{r}_2\vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - \vec{x}_i(t)|$$

Enclosing:

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Motion

Following: $$\vec{x}_{\alpha,i}(t+1) = \vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - c(2\vec{r}_1 - 1)\left|2\vec{r}_2\vec{x}_{\alpha}(t) - \vec{x}_i(t)\right|$$

Enclosing: $$c(t) = 2\left(1 - \frac{t}{M}\right)$$

Centering: $$\vec{x}_i(t+1) = \frac{1}{3}\left(\vec{x}_{\alpha,i} + \vec{x}_{\beta,i} + \vec{x}_{\delta,i}\right)$$

No

So did it work in practice?

No 😁

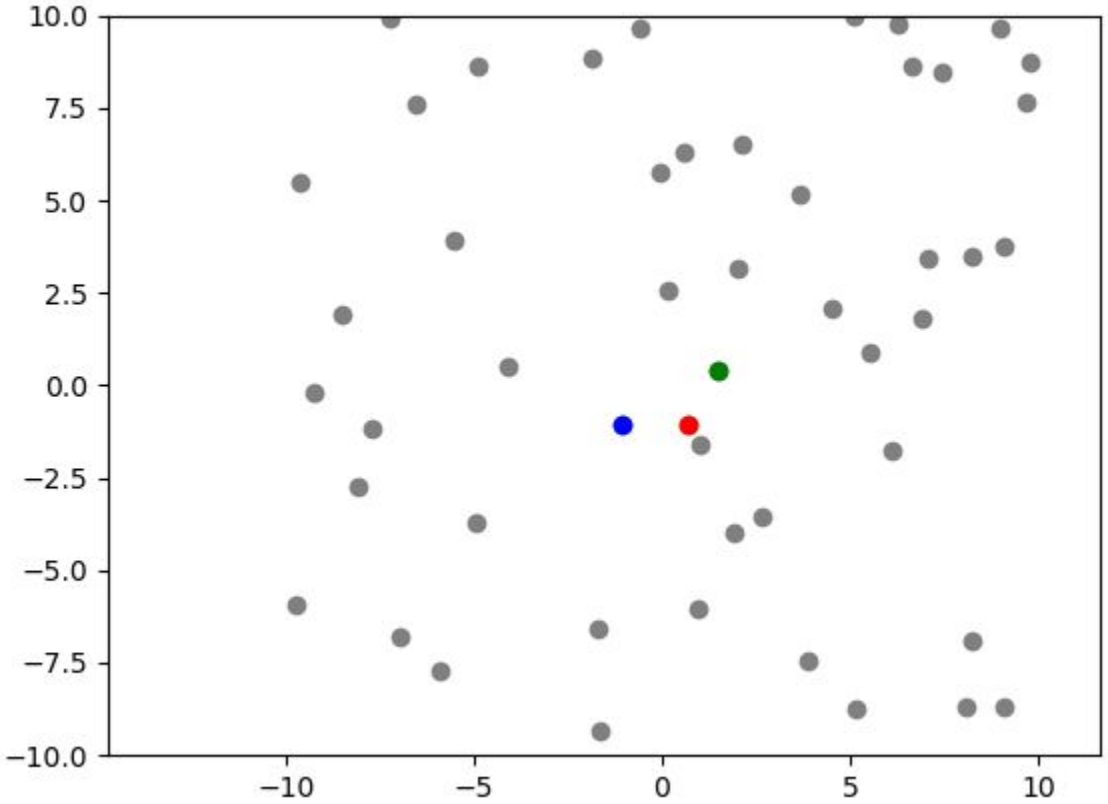
Problem 1: Dataset size

Consider the function that returns the classification error (0%-100%). Since it has to train a model on a dataset of 2.3 million rows, it takes forever to run. Keep in mind, the 2.3 million row dataset was the *reduced* dataset (5% of the original)!

So I went back to the drawing board and adjusted our data downsampling script. Instead of a fixed 5% of the original data, I created many downsampled datasets. The one with reasonable performance had 0.1% of the original data. Though this almost certainly creates a biased dataset, at least the algorithm was working as a proof of concept, right? 😊 🙂 😟 😑 😭

Problem 2: Hyperparameter tuning

The algorithm kept picking one feature out of 46. It's hard to believe it predicts cyberattacks. The problem is that I'd set the hyperparameter tau to 0.5, creating an equal reward for reducing feature size and improving prediction accuracy.



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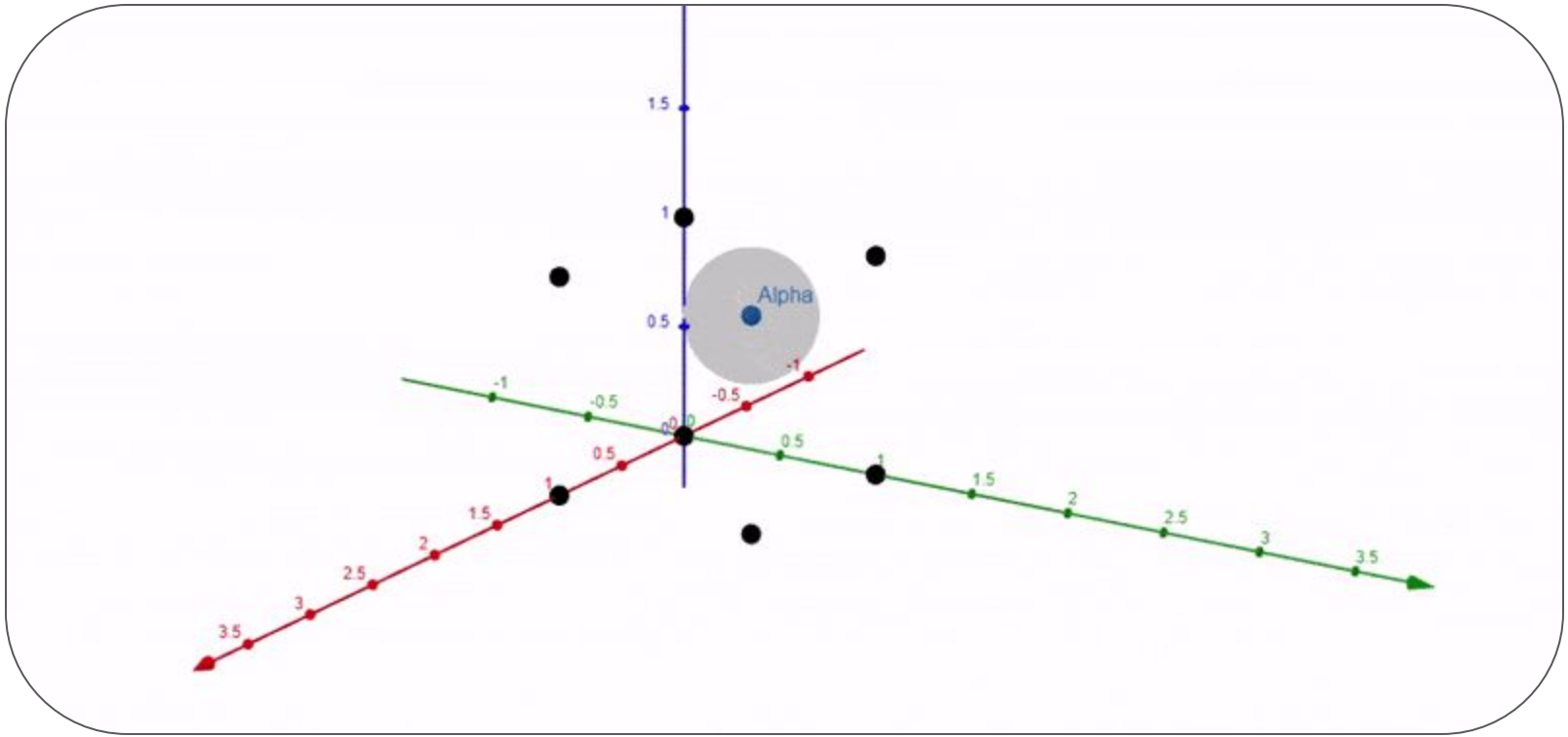
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1
1.5
2
2.5
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3.5

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11813	-0.165953	0.314758	-0.308658	-0.512099	-0.310367	-0.37
35509	-0.165953	-0.084583	3.239836	-0.512099	-0.310367	-0.37
40311	-0.211256	-0.088756	-0.308658	-0.512099	-0.310367	-0.37
5057	-0.165953	-0.088677	3.239836	-0.512099	-0.310367	-0.37
15973	-0.165953	-0.088736	-0.308658	1.952748	-0.310367	-0.37

5 rows × 21 columns

Checkpoint 4 

NO MORE CHECKPOINTS!!! 

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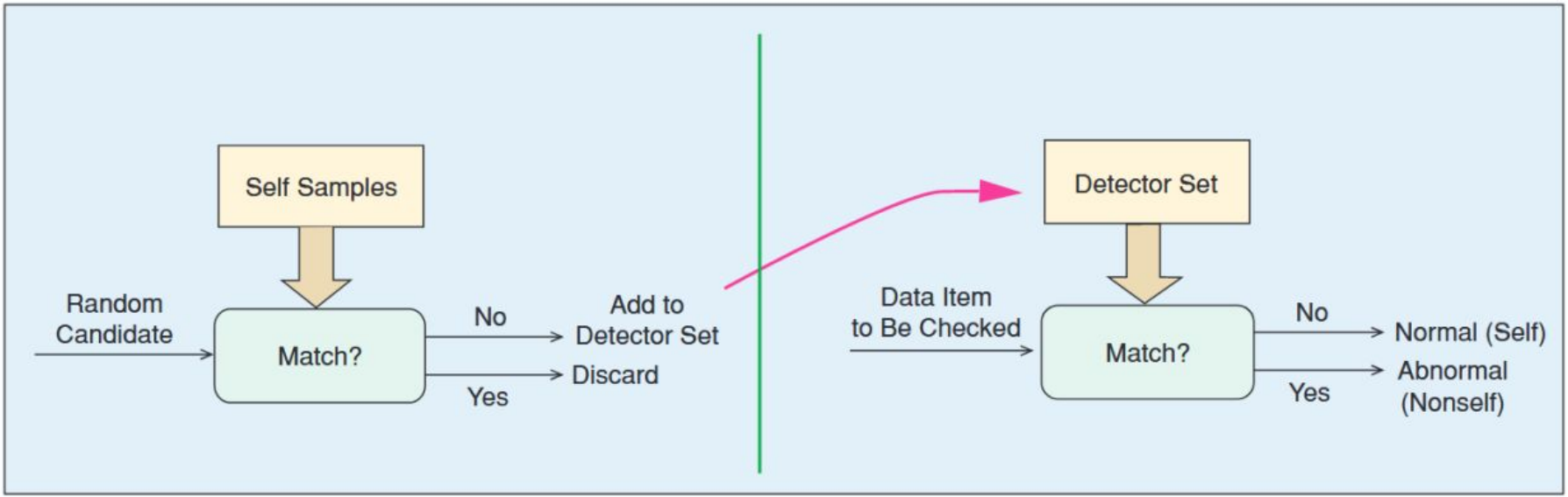
Self Samples
Random Candidate
Match?
No
Yes
Add to Detector Set
Discard
Detector Set
Data Item to Be Checked
Match?
No
Yes
Normal (Self)
Abnormal (Nonself)

Myesha (NSA)

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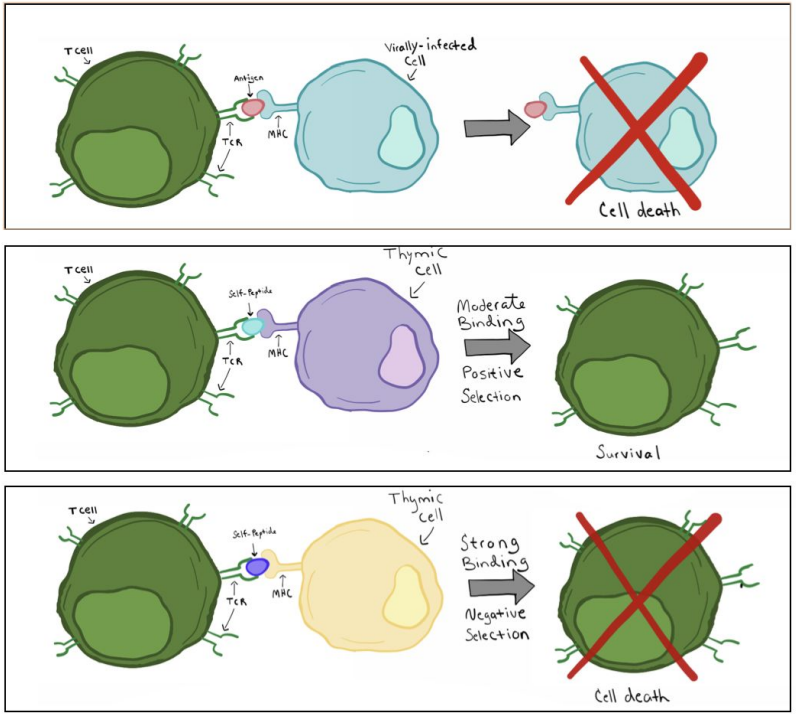
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Antigen
TCR
MHC
Virally-infected Cell
Cell death
Tcell
Self-Peptide
TCR
MHC
Thymic Cell
Moderate Binding
Positive Selection
Survival
Tcell
Self-Peptide
TCR
MHC
Thymic Cell
Strong Binding
Negative Selection
Cell death

Myesha (NSA)

Math slides

Myesha (NSA)

Demo
(code screenshot, graphs)

Myesha (NSA)

What are some applications of NSA?

Checkpoint 3 

Begone with itsy-bitsy microbe stuff