

Evolutionary Computation (6560) HW01

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Answers

Q1: Subset Problem

(a) **Representation:**

- (1) Binary Vector of Length N
- (2) 0 means not in Subset P
- (3) 1 means in Subset P

(b) **Fitness Function:**

- (1) Distance from 21, to be minimized.
- (2) Or the absolute value of sum of all elements in P, minus 21.
- (3) Fitness Formula = $\text{Min}(|\sum p - 21|)$

$$X = \{12, 17, 3, 24, 6\}$$

12	17	3	24	6	Fitness
0	0	0	0	0	21
0	0	0	1	0	3
1	0	1	0	1	0



(4)

(c) **Mutation:**

- (1) Bit-Flip Mutation with probability $1/N$

(d) **Crossover:**

- (1) 1-point crossover between two parents

(e) **Repair:**

- (1) If the $\sum p > 21$ then flip a random 1 to 0.
- (2) If the $\sum p < 21$ then flip a random 0 to 1.
- (3) Computationally Heavy Option: Calculate the distance from 21 of $\sum p$, and only swap lowest value that is less than the distance from either 0 to 1 or 1 to 0, depending on if $\sum p > 21$ or < 21 .

(f) **Termination:**

- (1) Fitness = 0 or reach 10,000 steps.

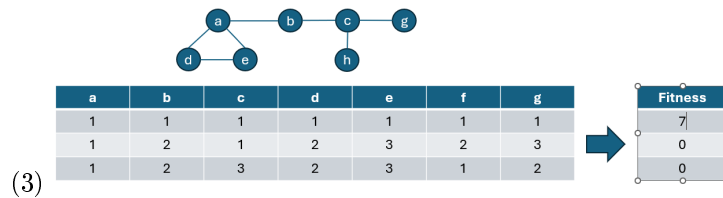
Q2: Graph K-coloring Problem

(a) Representation:

- (1) Integer Representation Vector of Length N
- (2) Each integer corresponds to a color from 1 to k
- (3) 0 means Red
- (4) 1 means Blue
- (5) ...
- (6) k means k-th color

(b) Fitness Function:

- (1) Minimize the number of conflicted edges.
- (2) A conflicted edge is one that has the same color on each vertex.
- (3) Fitness Formula = $\text{Min}(\text{Count}(\text{Conflicted Edges of E}))$



(c) Mutation:

- (1) Flip Mutation with probability $1/N$, changing to one of (K-1) other color options

(d) Crossover:

- (1) 1-point crossover between two parents

(e) Repair:

- (1) If a conflicted edge exists, change the color of the edge with the least amount of neighbors to a random different color.

(f) Termination:

- (1) Fitness = 0 or reach 10,000 steps.

Q3: Minimum Vertex Cover

(a) Representation:

- (1) Binary Vector of Length N
- (2) 0 means not in X
- (3) 1 mean in X

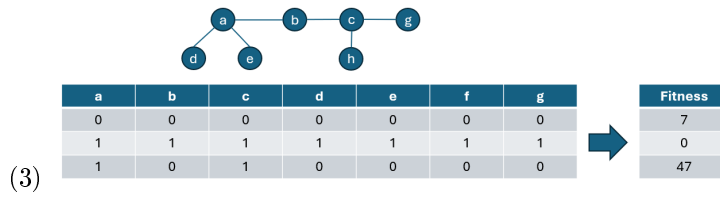
(b) **Fitness Function:**

(1) Maximize $(N * \text{Good edges}) + (N - \text{Size of } X)$.

(2) Good Edges: This is an edge that is only touched by only 1 vertex in X . We multiply it by N to ensure finding good edges is the first priority, then the second term helps to ensure we find the minimum vertex cover among feasible options.

(3) Bad Edges: This is an edge that is touched by 2 or 0 vertices in X .

(4) $(N - \text{Size of } X)$: This incentivizes finding a smaller solution set.



(c) **Mutation:**

(1) Bit-Flip Mutation with probability $1/N$

(d) **Crossover:**

(1) 1-point crossover between two parents

(e) **Repair:**

(1) Swap the value of a vertex if it is part of a "bad" edge. This can be either changing from 1 to 0 or 0 to 1 depending on if the edge is bad because it is touched by no vertex in X , or if its touched by 2 vertices in X .

(f) **Termination:**

(1) $\text{Fitness} = (N * M + N)$ or Reach 10,000 steps.

(2) $(N * M + (N - 1))$ is the maximum possible value of fitness. Essentially all edges are good AND only 1 vertex is used in the cover. This assumes that there exists at least 1 edge.