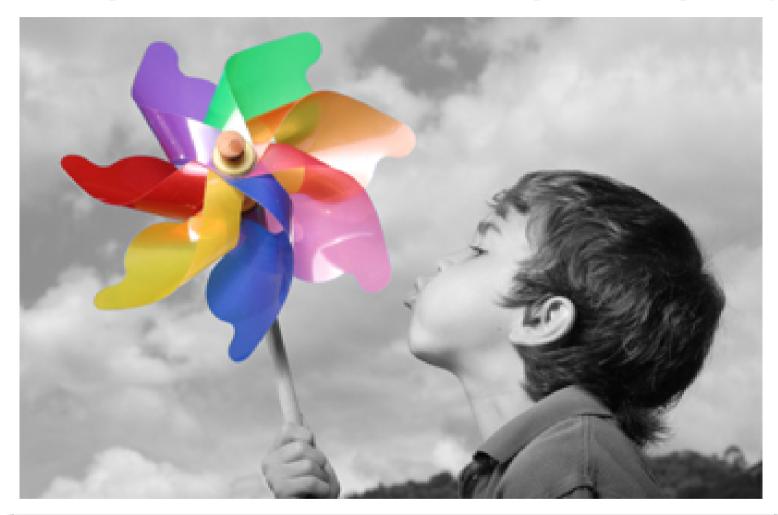
#### **Genetic Algorithms and Genetic Programming in Python**





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### **Evolved Virtual Creatures**



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBgG\_VSP7f8

# What are Genetic Algorithms and Genetic Programs?

# Search algorithms based on the mechanics of ...

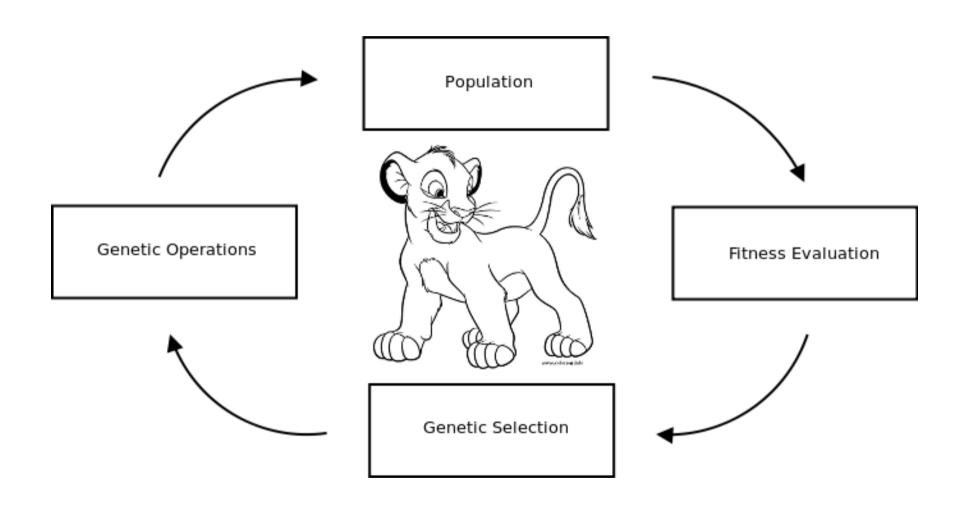
## **Natural Selection**



## Natural Genetics



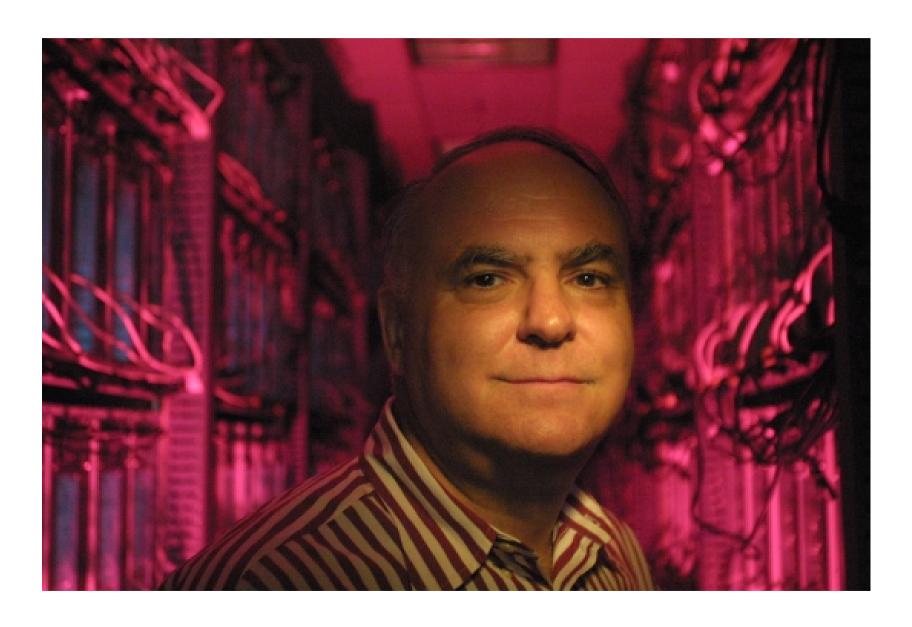
## The Mechanics (Circle of Life)



# John Holland, University of Michigan



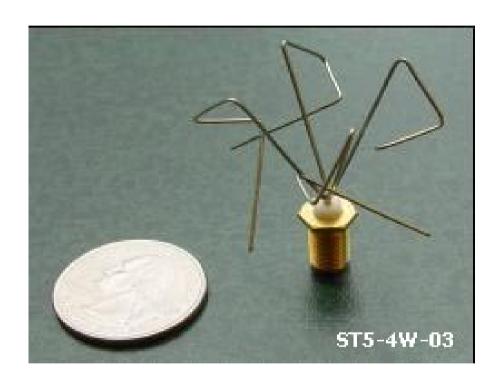
# John Koza, University of Michigan, Stanford



### They seem to do well when...

- There is a huge solution space
- The solution space is dynamic, non-linear, or otherwise complex
- The solution space is poorly understood
- Domain knowledge is scarce or difficult to encode
- No mathematical analysis is available
- Fitness, payoff, or suitability of a solution can be determined
- Traditional search methods fail

# Antenna Design



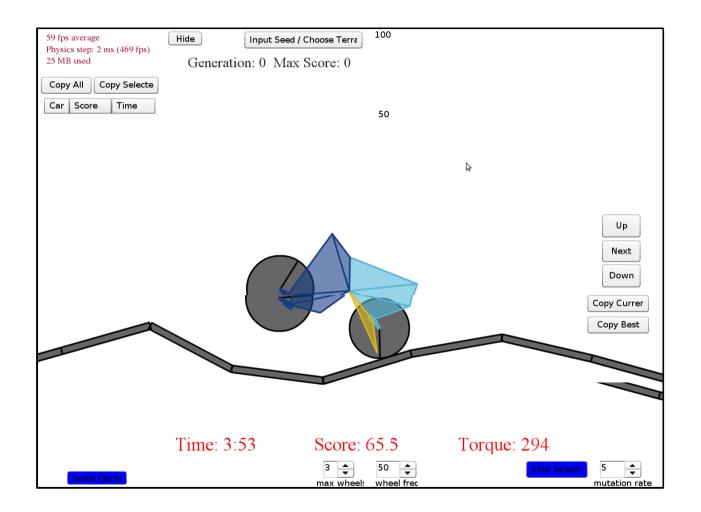
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### Locomotion



http://www.karlsims.com/evolved-virtual-creatures.html

# **Evolving Cars**



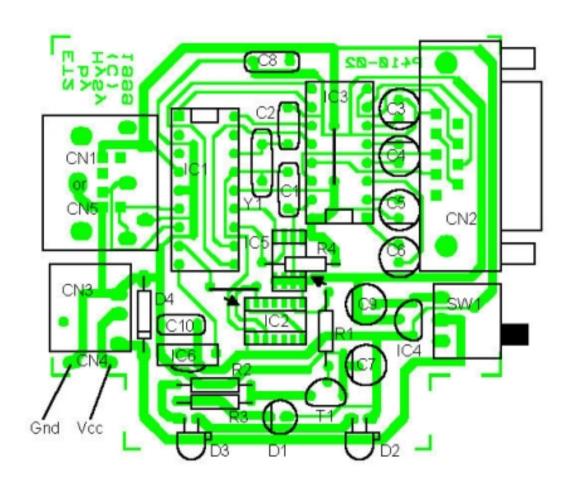
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### Art



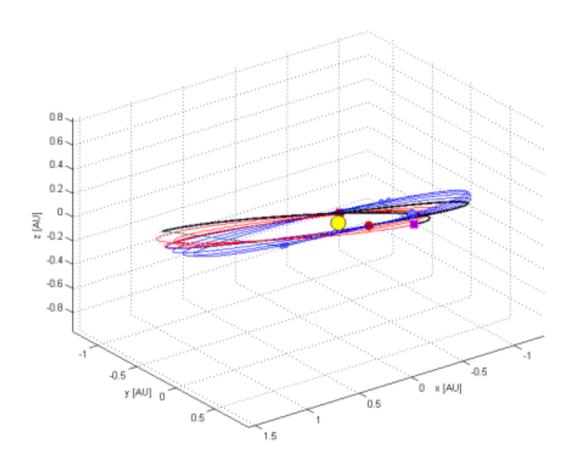
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# Minimize connection length



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# Spacecraft Tragectory Design



http://www.astos.de/solutions/space/interplanetary

#### The "Humie" Awards

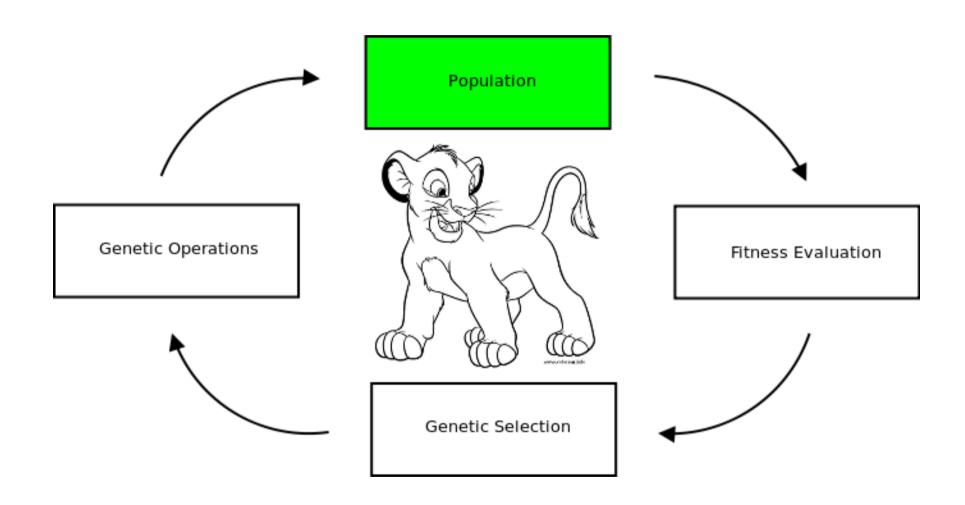
- Evolve patches to C programs
- Evolve efficient search algorithm for mate-in-N problem
- Diagnosing prostate cancer using infrared spectroscoping imaging
- Extracting ellipses from an image using GP
- Automated test program generation for microprocessor test and validation

# **PyEvolve**

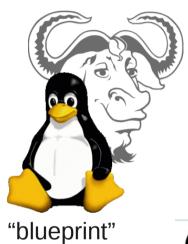
- GA/GP Library for Python
- Uses multiprocessing
- Fast with PyPy!
  - http://pyevolve.sourceforge.net/wordpress/?p=1189
- Currently released version 0.5
  - Don't Use
- Better to use PyEvolve 0.6RC1
  - Should be released near the end of March

# What are the "mechanics" of natural selection and natural genetics?

### The Circle of Life



### Genotype, Phenotype, and Genome



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"Instances"



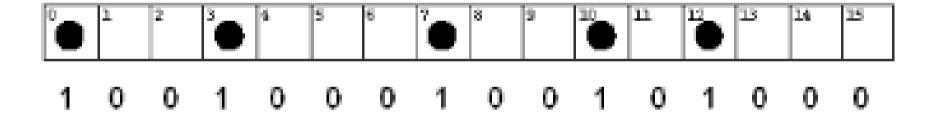
"Physical manifestation"

## Pyevolve Built-In Genotypes

- One-Dimensional Binary String
- Two-Dimensional Binary String
- One-Dimensional List
- Two-Dimensional List
- Tree
- Genetic Program (Tree specific to GP)
- You can roll your own!

## 1-D Binary String

from pyevolve import G1DBinaryString
genotype = G1DBinaryString.G1DBinaryString(16)



## 2-D Binary String

```
from pyevolve import G2DBinaryString
genotype = G1DBinaryString.G2DBinaryString(12, 36)
```

```
21
10:
12:
                                                               10S 12S 12S 12S 12S
                     1D 2D
             2 D
                  5H
                                4 D
                                     4 D
                                         4 D
                                              4 D
                                                   3D
                                                        4 S
                                                            4 H
                                                                 2H
             1S
                                                   2S
```

#### 1-D and 2-D Lists

```
from pyevolve import G1DList, G2DList
genotype = G1DList.G1DList(140)
genotype = G2DList.G2DList(8, 5)
```

"Alleles" are the object types the list is made of... by default integers
You can pass in a function to construct the list with whatever object you want

```
genotype.setParams(rangemin=-5.12, rangemax=5.13)
genotype.initializator.set(Initializators.G1DListInitializatorReal)
```

## Tree and Genetic Program

from pyevolve import GTree

```
genotype = GTree.GTree()
```

```
gp genotype = GTree.GTreeGP()
```

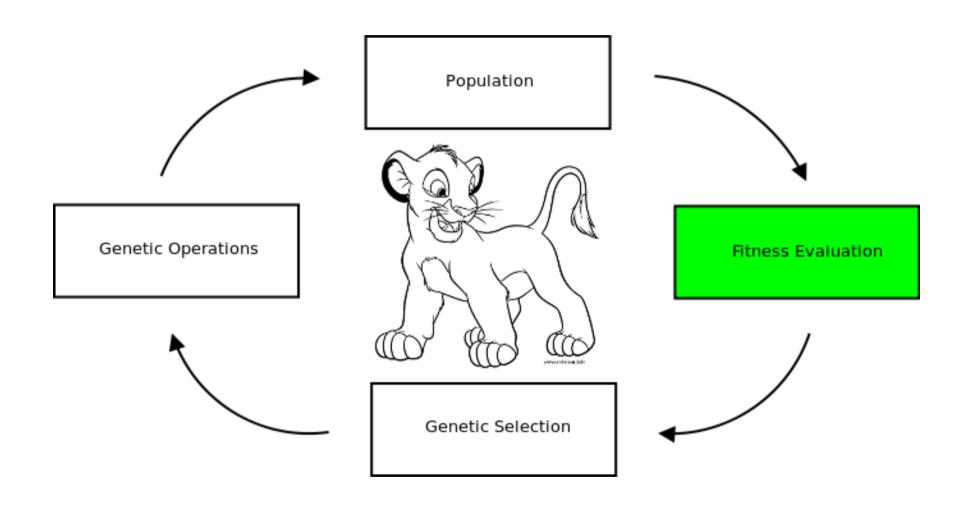
## Tree and Genetic Program

```
from pyevolve import GTree
genotype = GTree.GTree()

gp_genotype = GTree.GTreeGP()
```

Now that we have our genotype, how is it expressed, and how do we know how "good" instances of the genotype are?

### The Circle of Life

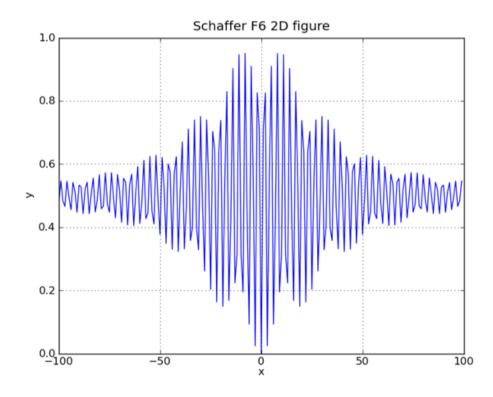


# Fitness



## Find the global minima of Schaffer F6

$$f(x,y) = 0.5 + \frac{\left(\sin\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}^2 - 0.5\right)}{\left[1.0 + 0.001(x^2 + y^2)\right]^2}$$



The genotype is a 2D point, i.e. (x,y)

Phenotype is how the (x,y) point manifests itself in its environment, in this case f(x,y)

Genome (or chromosomes) is a specific instance of an (x,y) point, i.e. (3, -2.5)

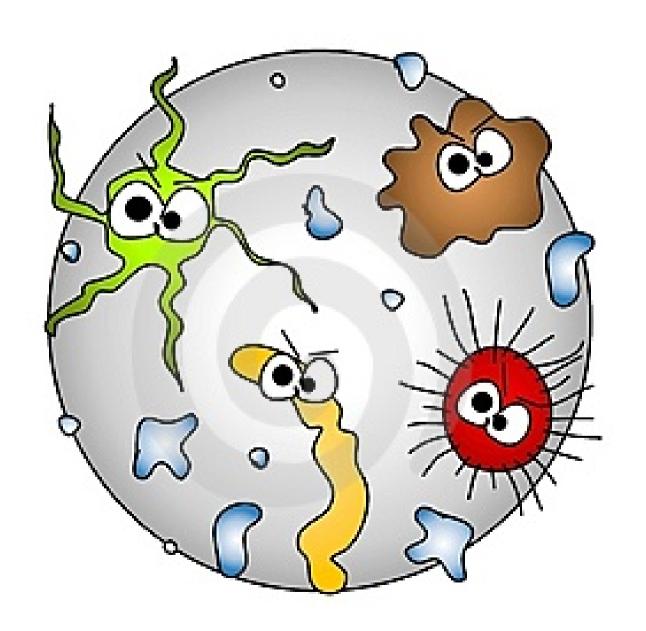
Fitness is how well the point does in its environment. In this case, how close f(x,y) is to the global minimum value (in this case, zero)

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#### The Fitness Function

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## The GA Engine

from pyevolve import GSimpleGA

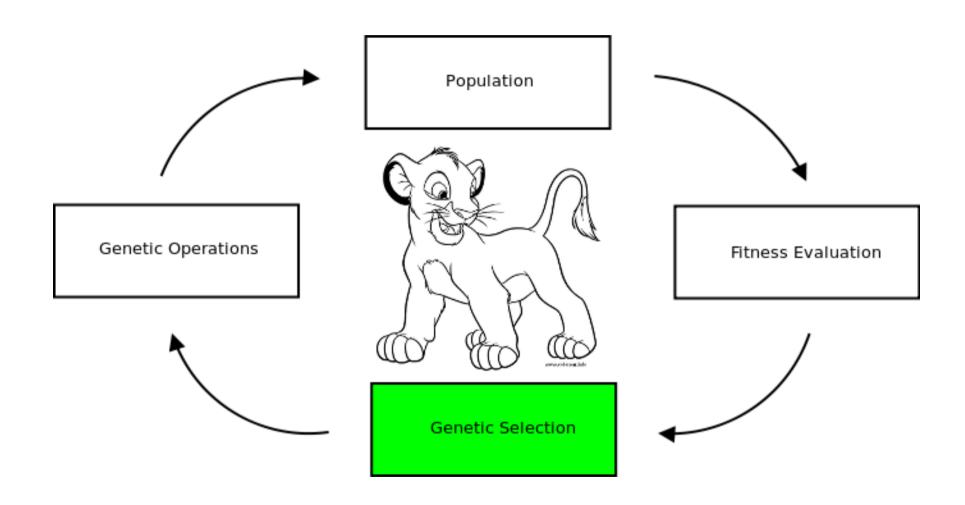
... create genome ...

```
ga = GSimpleGA.GSimpleGA(genome, seed=123)
ga.setMinimax(Consts.minimaxType["minimize"])
ga.evolve(freq stats=1000)
print ga.bestIndividual()
Output:
Gen. 0 (0.00\%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw) [0.60(0.82)/0.37(0.09)/0.50(0.50)]
Gen. 1000 (12.50%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw) [0.30(0.97)/0.23(0.01)/0.25(0.25)]
Gen. 2000 (25.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw) [0.21(0.99)/0.17(0.01)/0.18(0.18)]
Gen. 3000 (37.50%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw) [0.26(0.99)/0.21(0.00)/0.22(0.22)]
    Evolution stopped by Termination Criteria function !
Gen. 3203 (40.04%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw) [0.30(0.99)/0.23(0.00)/0.25(0.25)]
Total time elapsed: 14.357 seconds.
- GenomeBase
    Score:
                 0.000005
    Fitness:
                  0.232880
- G1DList
    List size:
    List:
                  [0.0020881039453384299, 0.00043589670629584631]
```

## The GA Engine

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### The Circle of Life



# Selection



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## Pyevolve Built-In Selection Operators

- Rank Selection
  - Choose the best (default)
- Uniform Selection
  - Choose at random
- Tournament Selection
  - Choose best from a random subset of population
- Roulette Wheel Selection
  - More fit more likely to be chosen

# Setting the selector

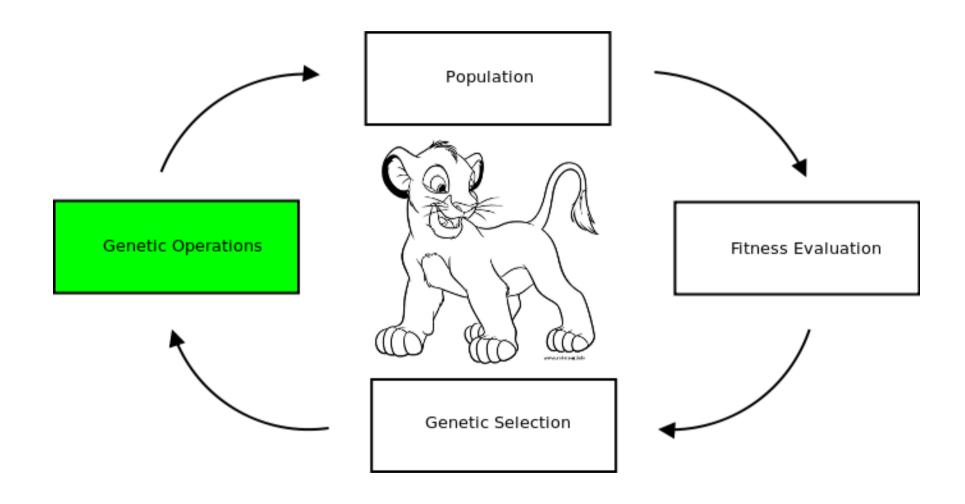
```
from pyevolve import Selectors

ga = GSimpleGA.GSimpleGA(genome)

ga.selector.set(Selectors.GRouletteWheel)
```

ga.selector is a "FunctionSlot." It can accept any number of functions that will be used in order. ga.evaluator is another.

### The Circle of Life

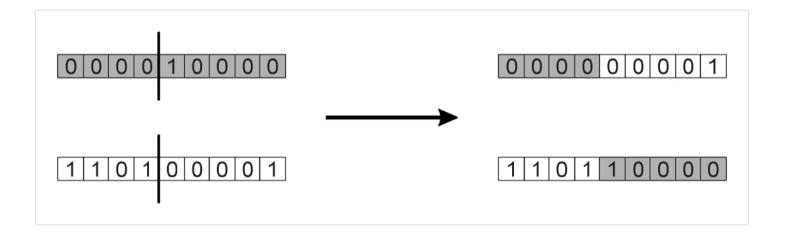


### Crossover

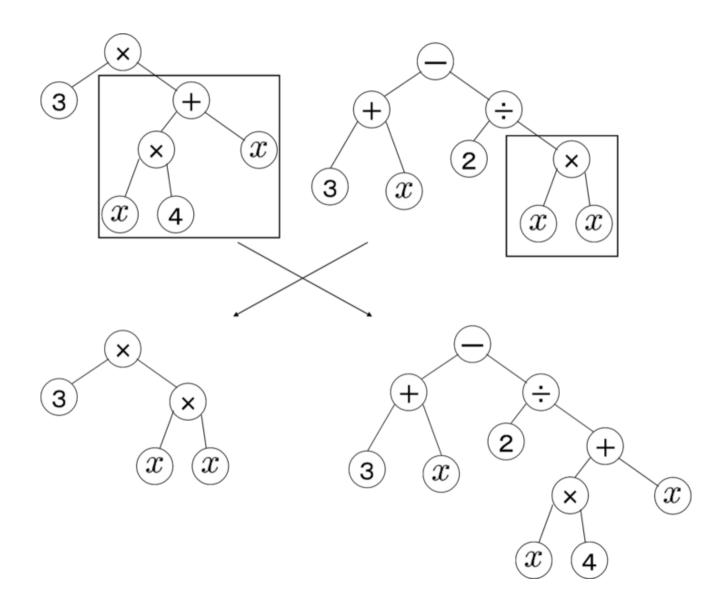


Take two (or more) individuals and combine them in some way to create children

# Single Point Crossover



# Single Point Crossover



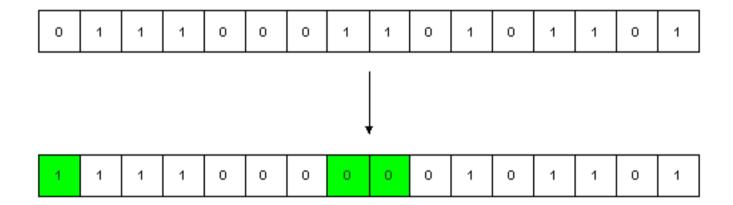
## Pyevolve Built-In Crossover Operators

- 1D Binary String
  - Single Point Crossover, Two Point Crossover, Uniform Crossover
- 1D List
  - Single Point Crossover, Two Point Crossover, Uniform Crossover, OX Crossover, Edge Recombination Crossover, Cut and Crossfill Crossover, Real SBX Crossover
- 2D List
  - Uniform Crossover, Single Vertical Point Crossover, Single Horizontal Point Crossover
- 2D Binary String
  - Uniform Crossover, Single Vertical Point Crossover, Single Horizontal Point Crossover
- Tree
  - Single Point Crossover, Strict Single Point Crossover
- GP Tree
  - Single Point Crossover

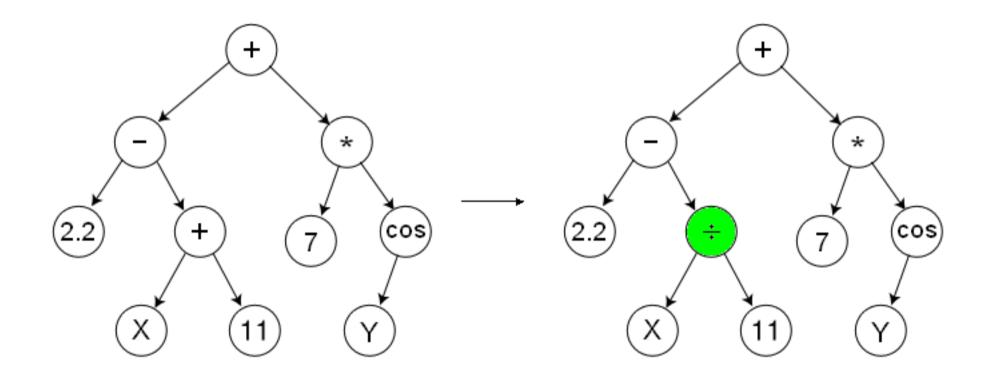
### Mutation



# **Binary Mutation**



### **Tree Mutation**



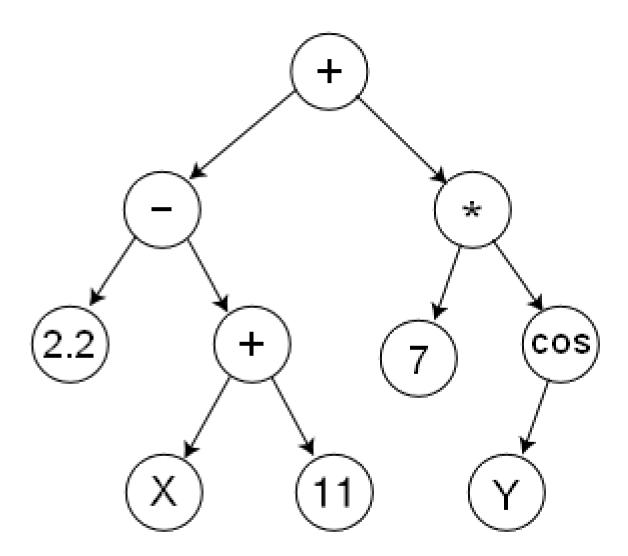
# Pyevolve Built-In Mutation Operators

- 1D Binary String
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- 1D List
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- 2D List
  - Swap Mutator, Integer Gaussian Mutator, Real Gaussian Mutator, Allele Mutator, Integer Range Mutator
- Tree
  - Swap Mutator, Integer Range Mutator, Real Range Mutator, Integer Gaussian Mutator, Real Gaussian Mutator
- GP Tree
  - Operation Mutator, Subtree mutator

# Genetic Programs are basically just a type of Genetic Algorithm

# A genetic program is just a tree with nodes (Think LISP)

Nodes can be operators (functions) or terminals (accepting no inputs)

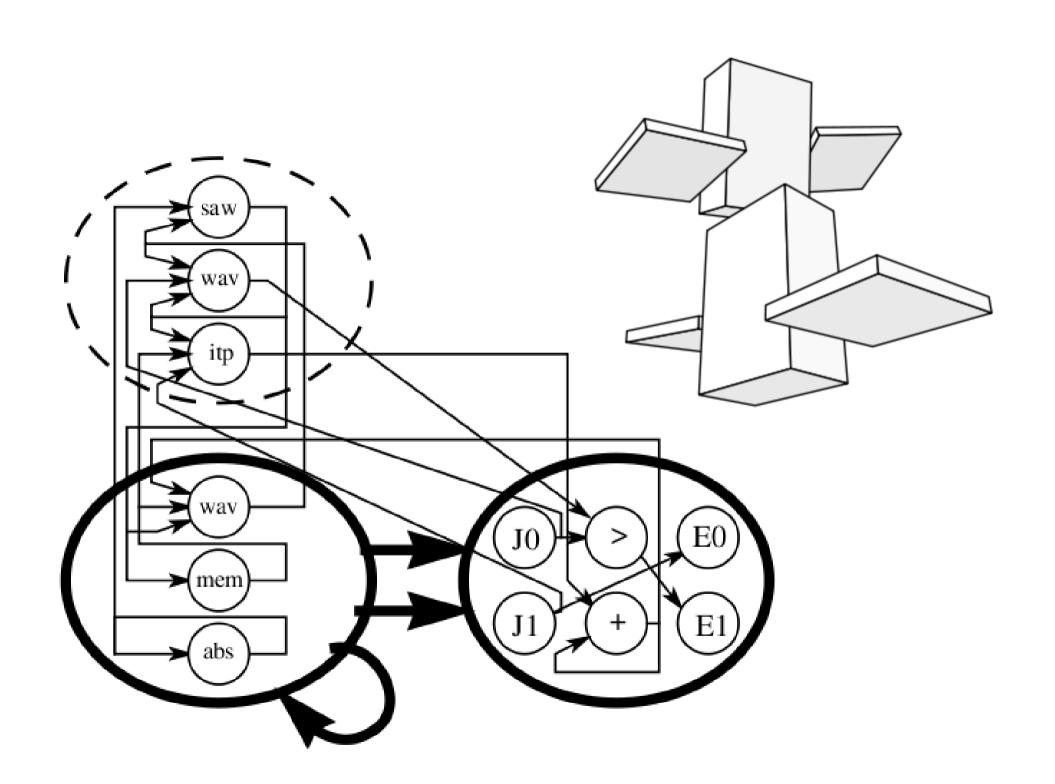


# Simple Operator Node Examples

- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division
  - Two inputs
- Cosine, Sine, Absolute Value
  - One input
- Max, Min, Average
  - Two inputs (or more)
- If Greater Than, If Less Than
  - Four inputs: if A is greater than B then C else D

# Terminal Node Examples

- Ephemeral Constants
  - Generated at runtime
- Specified Constants
  - Defined by you
- Variables
  - Value determined when evaluated



Putting it all together:

Creating a better unskilled forecast

# Defining The Problem

- Columbus Next-Day High Temperatures
  - From February 2005 to June 2010
- Average Absolute Error
  - Today's High: 5.74 degrees
  - Climate Average: 7.67 degrees
  - Yesterday's High: 8.01 degrees
  - Last Year's High: 10.87 degrees
- Can we beat that?

### Create The Genome

```
genotype = GTree.GTreeGP()
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```
@GTree.gpdec(representation="+", color="red")
def gp add(a, b): return a+b
@GTree.gpdec(representation="-", color="red")
def gp sub(a, b): return a-b
@GTree.gpdec(representation="avg", color="green")
def gp avg(a, b): return (a+b)/2.0
@GTree.gpdec(representation="if gt", color="blue")
def gp gt(a, b, c, d):
    if a>b:
        return c
    else:
        return d
```

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```

### Define The Fitness Function

```
def eval_func(genome):
    code_comp = genome.getCompiledCode()

    error = 0.0
    count = 0.0
    for day, T, Y, L, C, actual in data:
        forecast = eval(code_comp)
        error += abs(forecast-actual)
        count += 1
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#### Run

```
ga = GSimpleGA.GSimpleGA(genotype)
ga.setParams(gp terminals = ['per', 'perlast', 'clm'],
             gp function prefix = "gp")
ga.setMinimax(Consts.minimaxType["minimize"])
ga.setGenerations(50)
ga.setCrossoverRate(1.0)
ga.setMutationRate(0.25)
ga.setPopulationSize(800)
ga.evolve(freq stats=10)
best = ga.bestIndividual()
print best
```

#### Results

(pyenv)efloehr@cassini:~/dev/evolve-wx/pycon\$ python step1.py

```
Gen. 0 (0.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw [108.74(375.30)/85.25(6.39)/90.61(90.61)]
Gen. 10 (10.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw)
                                            [20.13(249.98)/16.61(5.74)/16.77(16.77)]
                                            [43.01(187.38)/34.40(5.44)/35.84(35.84)]
Gen. 20 (20.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness (Raw)
Gen. 30 (30.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw)
                                            [43.93(250.52)/35.54(5.44)/36.61(36.61)]
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Gen. 50 (50.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw)
                                            [35.51(156.22)/28.46(5.44)/29.59(29.59)]
Gen. 60 (60.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw)
                                            [45.45(218.53)/36.51(5.44)/37.87(37.87)]
Gen. 70 (70.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw)
                                            [42.81(203.04)/34.39(5.44)/35.68(35.68)]
Gen. 80 (80.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw)
                                            [27.86(125.07)/22.41(5.44)/23.22(23.22)]
Gen. 90 (90.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw) [23.58(187.58)/19.32(5.44)/19.65(19.65)]
Gen. 100 (100.00%): Max/Min/Avg Fitness(Raw) [32.72(188.44)/26.53 (5.44)/27.26(27.26)]
```

#### Results

```
- GTree
  Height:
  Nodes:
GTreeNodeBase [Childs=2] - [gp avg]
  GTreeNodeBase [Childs=2] - [gp avg]
    GTreeNodeBase [Childs=0] - [C]
    GTreeNodeBase [Childs=0] - [T]
  GTreeNodeBase [Childs=0] - [T]
 GTreeGP
  Expression: gp avg(gp_avg(C, T), T)
```

## The Shiny Stuff



#### Interactive Mode

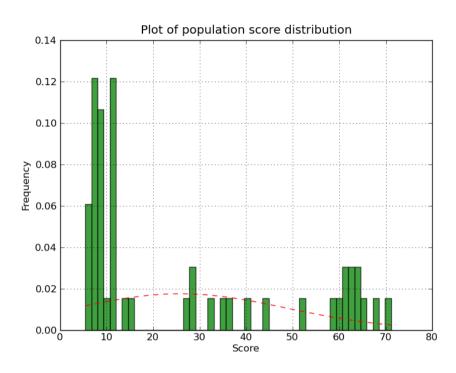
```
ga.setInteractiveGeneration(50)

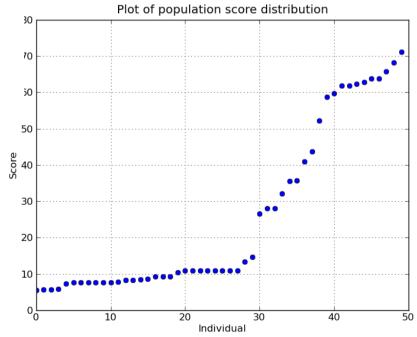
>>> it.plotHistPopScore(population)

>>> it.plotPopScore(population)

>>> popScores = it.getPopScores(population)
```

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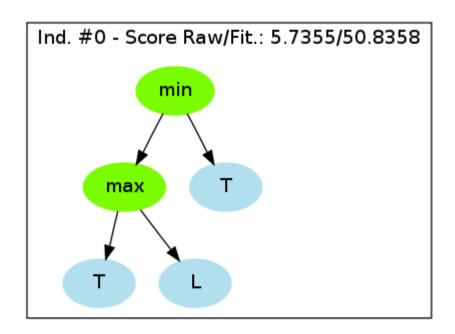




#### **GP Tree Graphs**

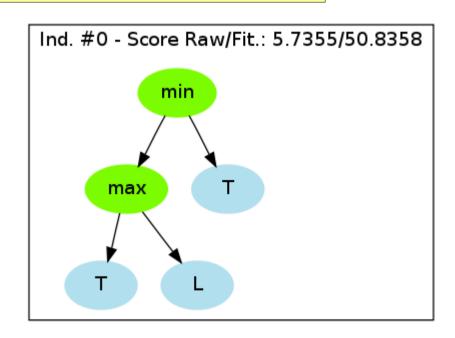
```
Gtree.GTreeGP.writePopulationDot(gp, filename, "png", 0, 1)
```

```
best = ga.bestIndividual()
best.writeDotImage("best.png")
```



#### **GP Tree Graphs**

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#### Callbacks

ga.stepCallback.set(step\_callback)

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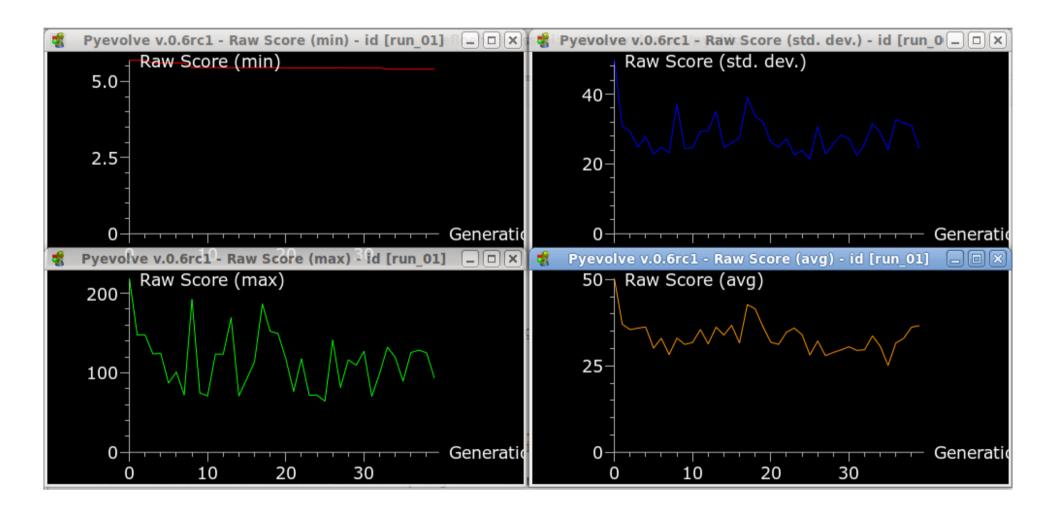
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#### Database Adapters

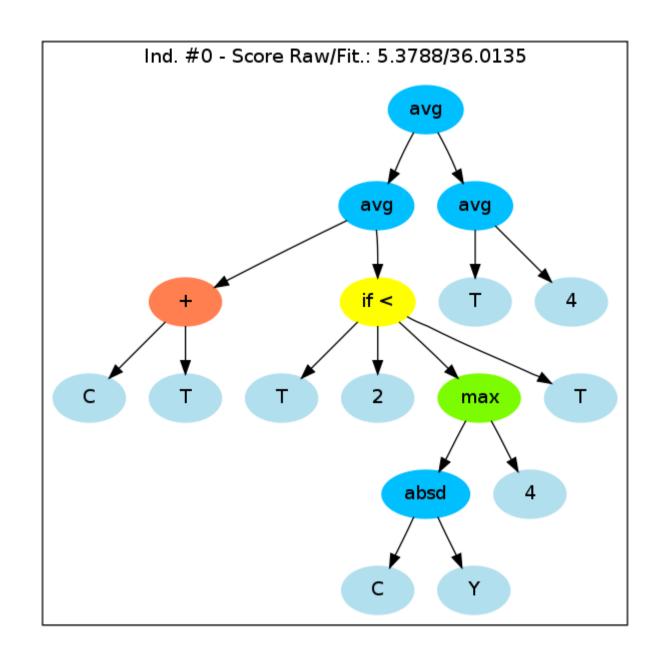
```
csv adapter = DBAdapters.DBFileCSV(identify="run1",
                                    filename="stats.csv")
ga.setDBAdapter(csv adapter)
ga.evolve(freq stats=10)
print ga.getStatistics()
- Statistics
                                                   = 7.35
   Minimum raw score
                                                   = 16.43
   Fitness average
   Minimum fitness
                                                   = 16.32
                                                   = 1352.22
   Raw scores variance
   Standard deviation of raw scores
                                                   = 36.77
   Average of raw scores
                                                   = 16.43
   Maximum fitness
                                                   = 19.72
                                                   = 295.57
   Maximum raw score
```

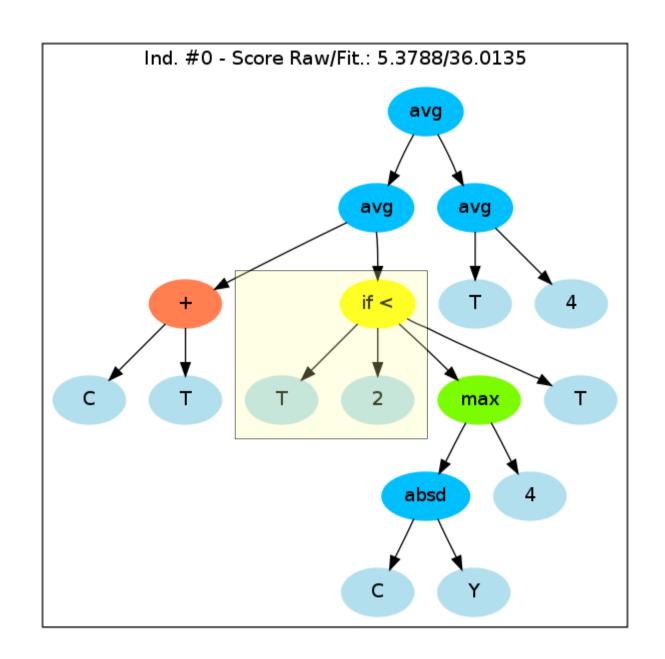
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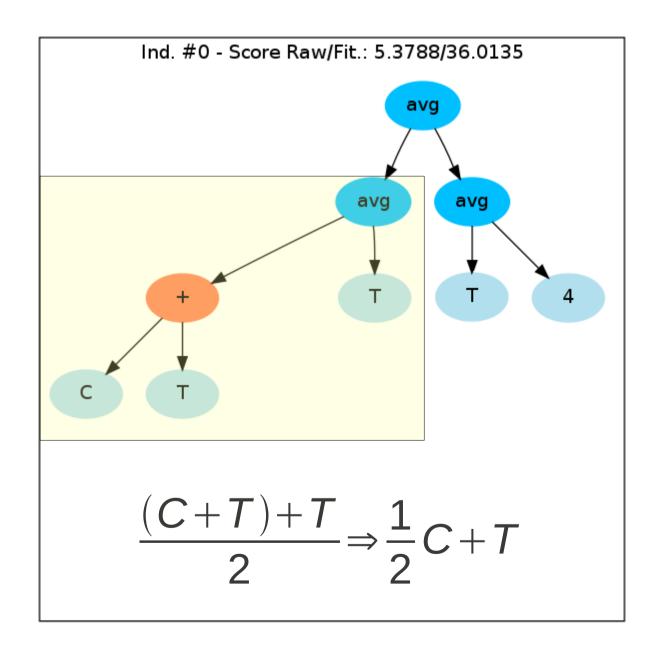
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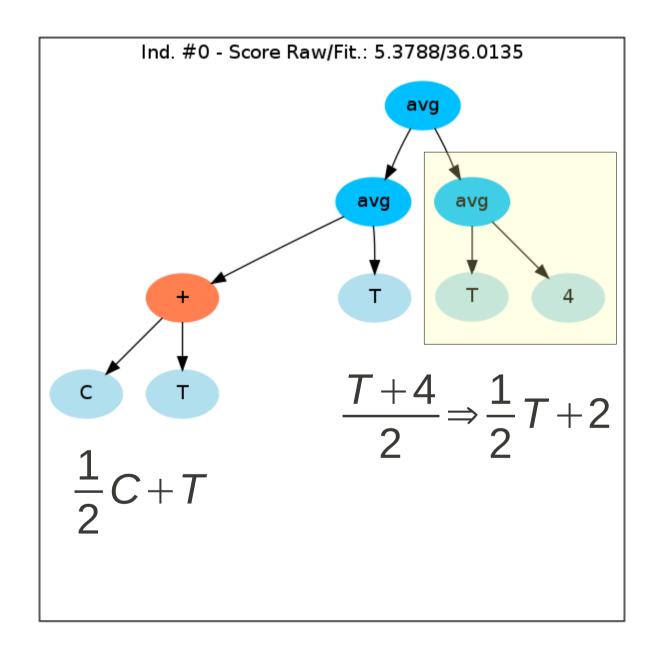


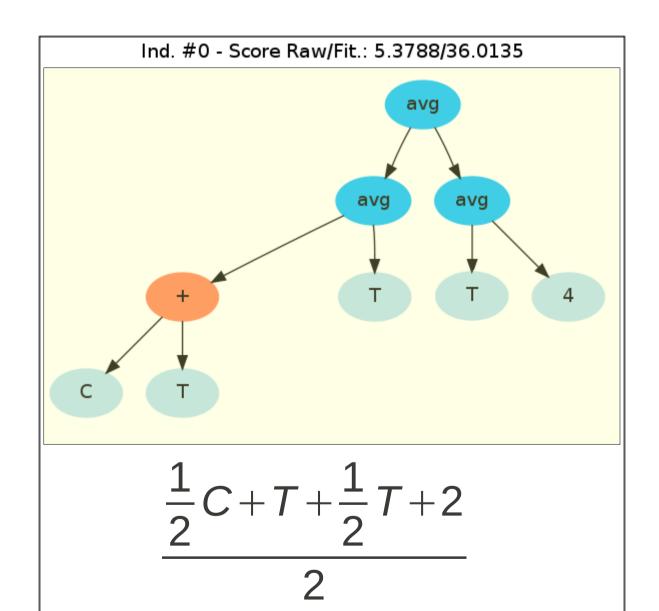
## Post-Processing Genomes

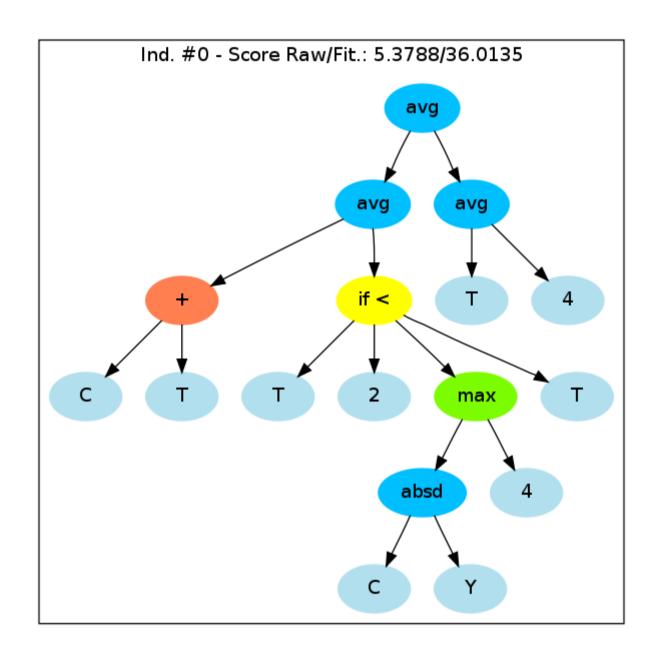




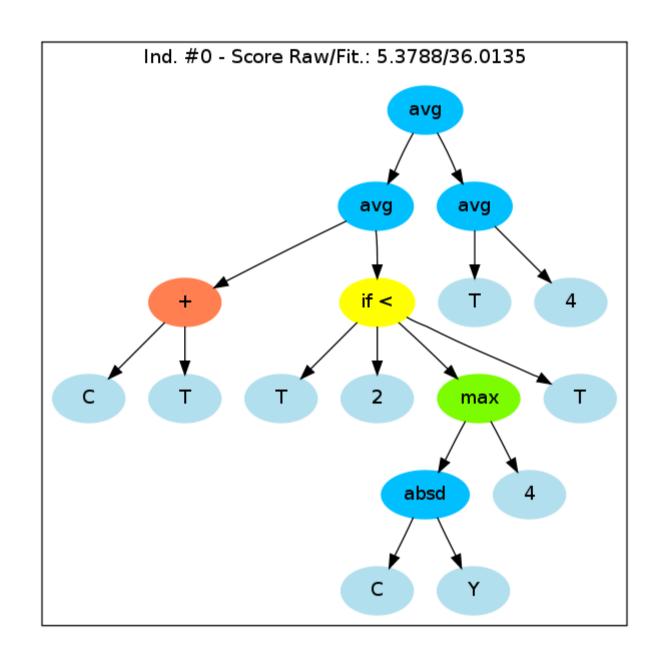




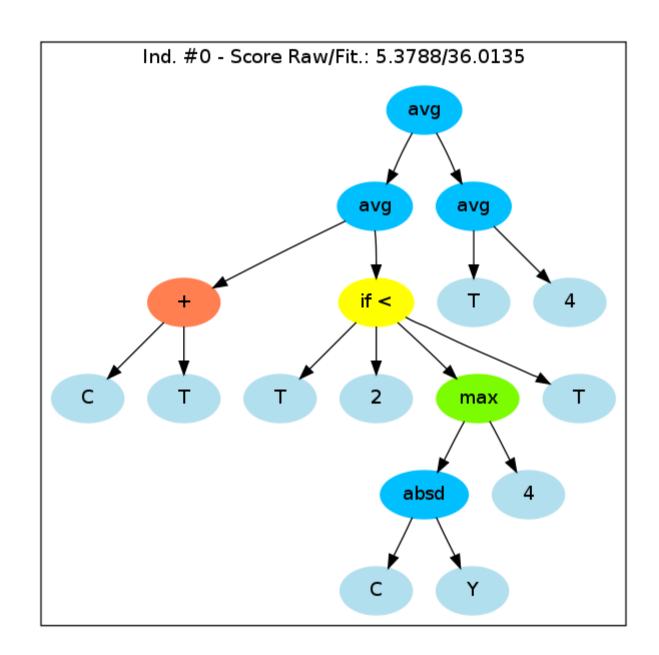




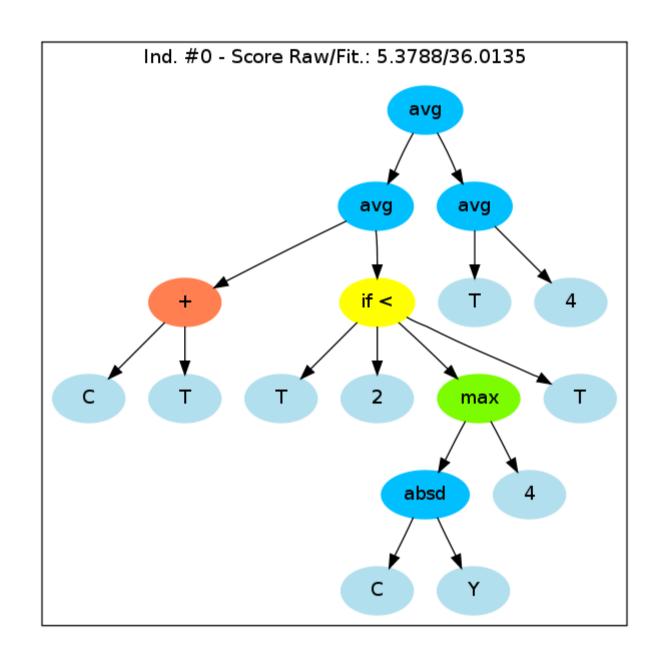
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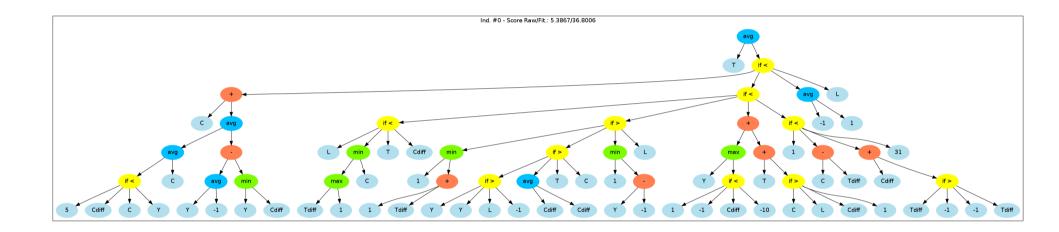
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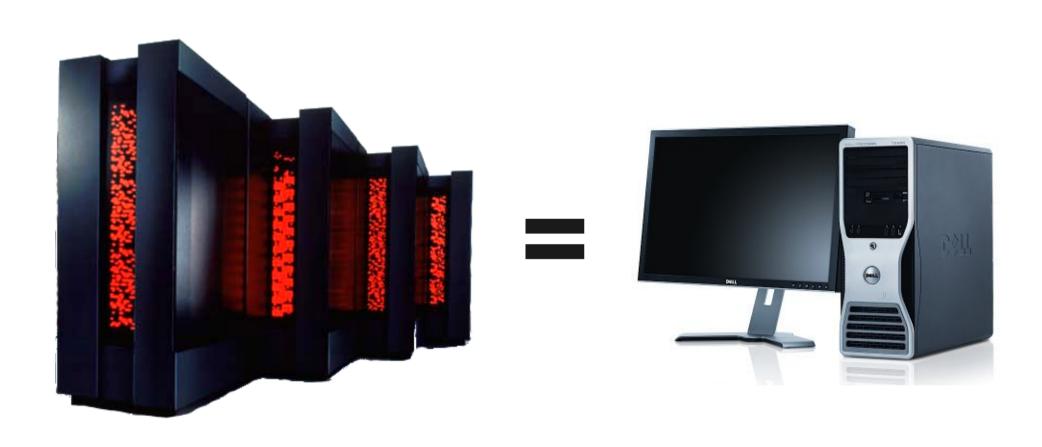


# Comparison

- Average absolute error:
  - Our GP: 5.38 degrees
  - Today's High: 5.74 degrees
  - Climate Average: 7.67 degrees
  - Yesterday's High: 8.01 degrees
  - Last Year's High: 10.87 degrees
- Improved on persistence forecast (today's high will be tomorrow's high) by 0.36 degrees.
- Average skilled forecast is about 3 degrees error

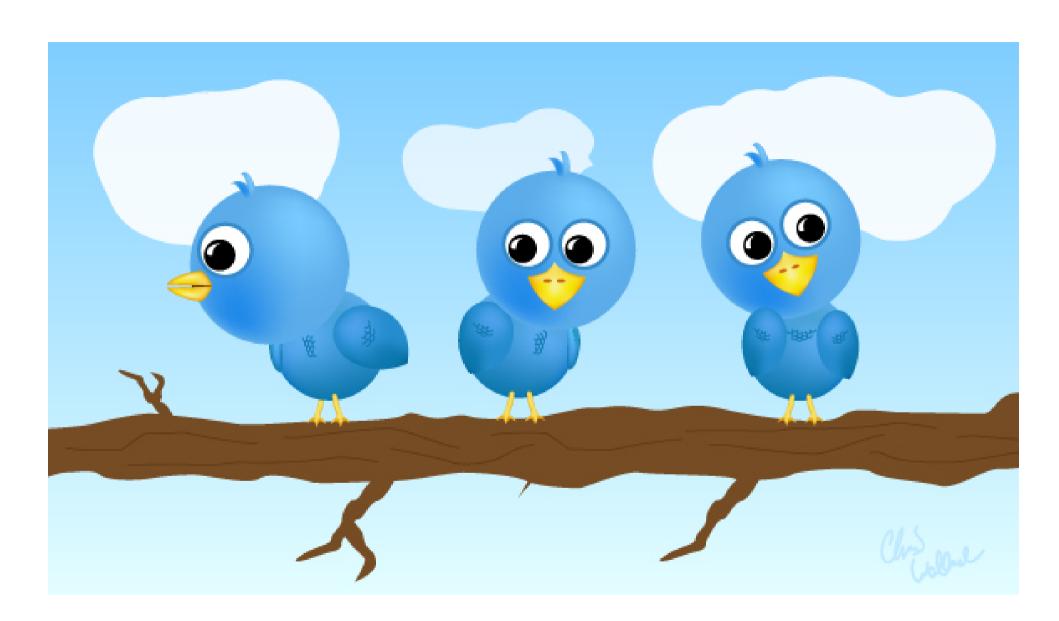
The Challenge

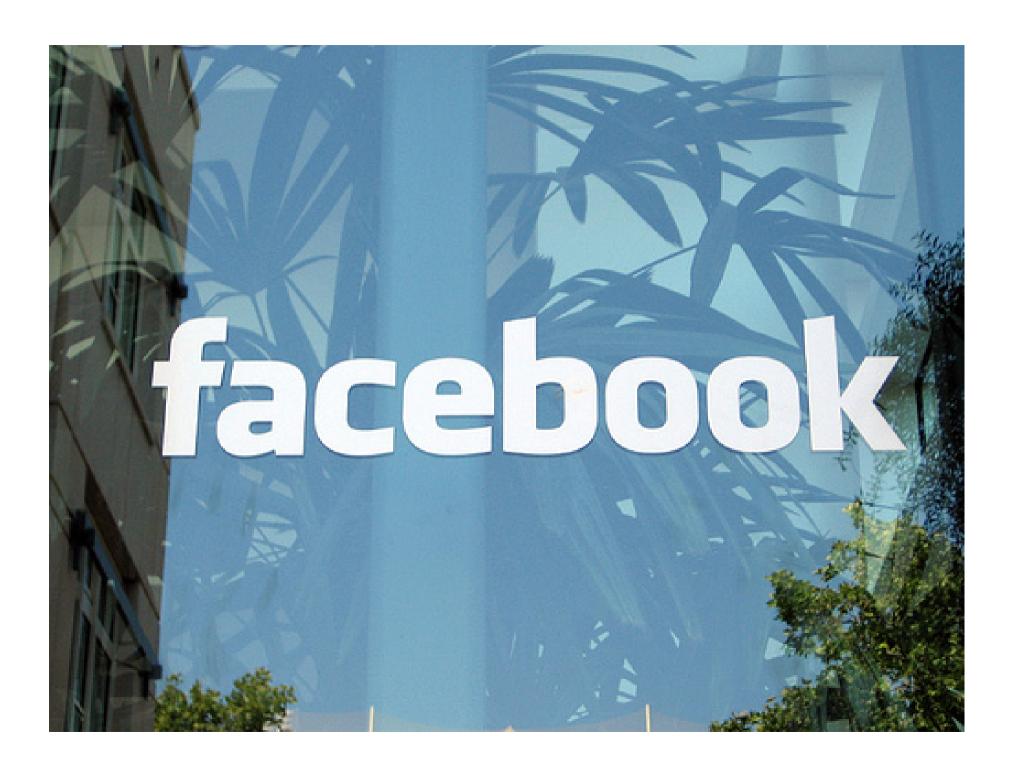
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	CM-5	<b>Dell T-3500</b>
Year	1993	2010
CPUs	32	4
MHz	32	2933
Architecture	SPARC	x86-64
Memory	1GB	12GB
MFLOPS	4,096	47,000
Cost	\$1,400,000	\$2,000

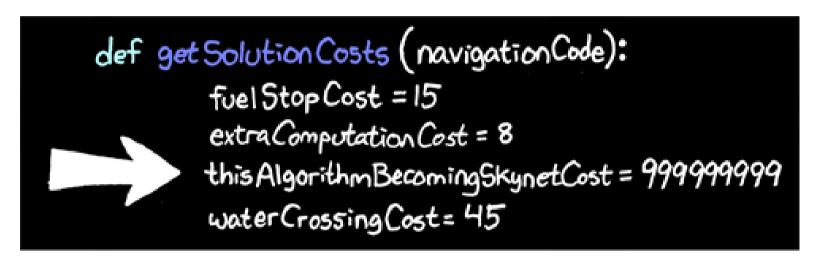






# Use the CPU!

## With This New Power Comes Responsibility



GENETIC ALGORITHMS TIP:

ALWAYS INCLUDE THIS IN YOUR FITNESS FUNCTION

http://xkcd.com/534/

#### **EvoGuido**

- •Inspired by EvoLisa, used first picture returned by Google of BDFL (you can run with any pic)
- •Hacked a little last night, needs work
- •Will have time Sunday to work on (but hack away framework there!)
- •Improvements include allowing a varying number of polygons, better mutation and crossover ops (including polygon move, add, remove)





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