

## LECTURE 12

CS 4: INTRODUCTION TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Why limit ourselves to just one state?

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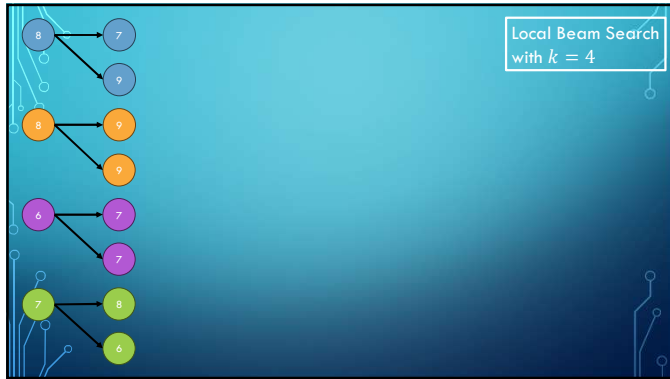
## LOCAL BEAM SEARCH

- The **local beam search** algorithm keeps track of  $k$  states rather than just one
- Basic idea
  - Start at  $k$  randomly generated states
  - Find all their successors and stop if a goal has been found
  - Otherwise, pick the  $k$  best successor states and repeat
- The parallel searches **communicate** useful information

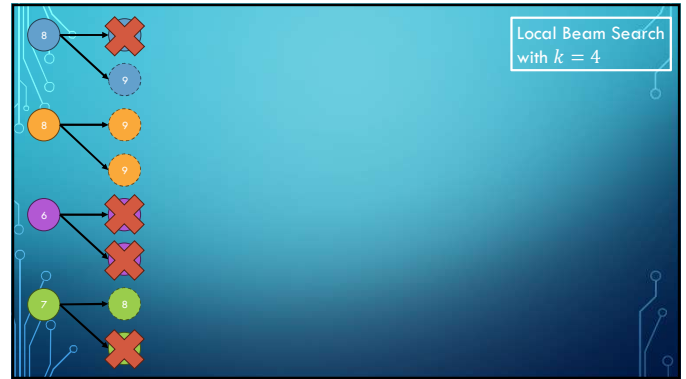
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Local Beam Search  
with  $k = 4$

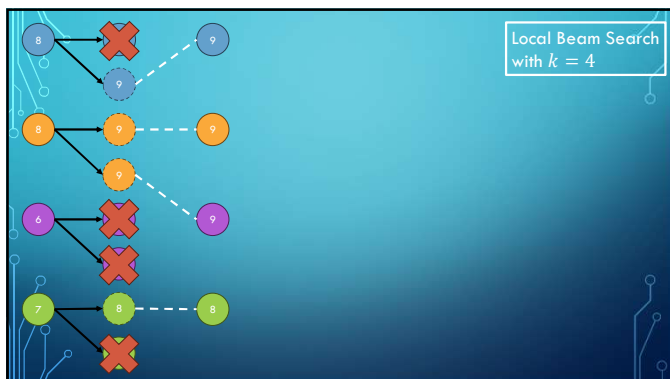
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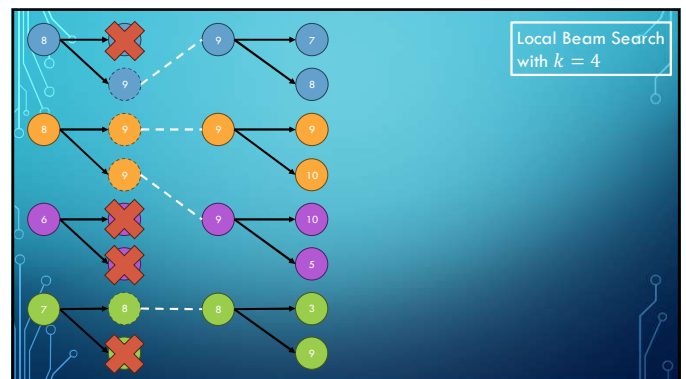
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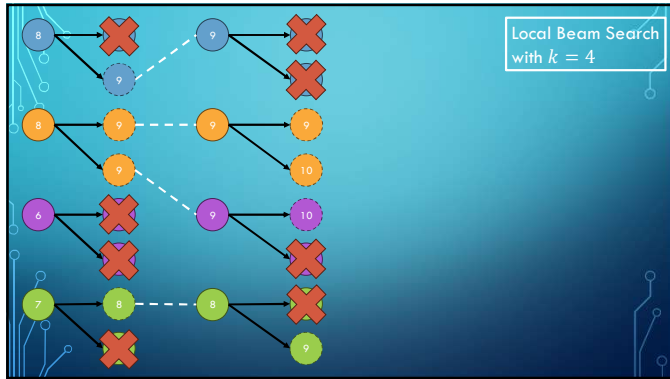
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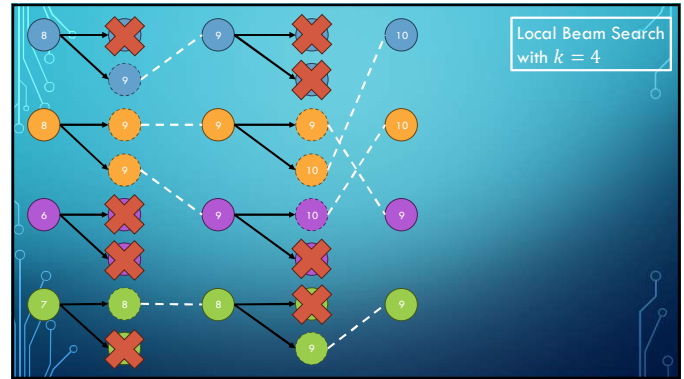
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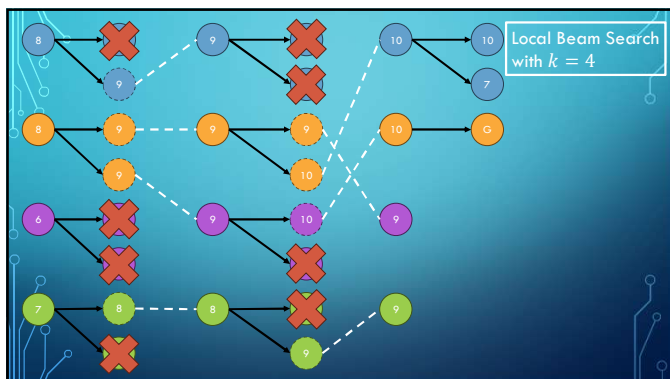
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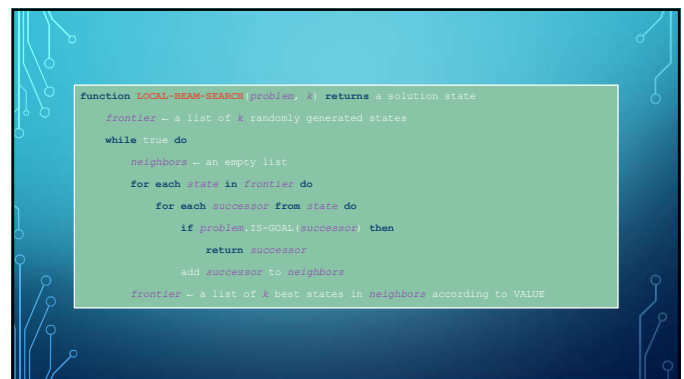
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function LOCAL-BEAM-SEARCH(problem, k) returns a solution state
  frontier ← a list of k randomly generated states
  while true do
    neighbors ← an empty list
    for each state in frontier do
      for each successor from state do
        if problem.IS-GOAL(successor) then
          return successor
        add successor to neighbors
    frontier ← a list of k best states in neighbors according to VALUE

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## STOCHASTIC LOCAL BEAM SEARCH

- Normal local beam search suffers from lack of diversity
- In **stochastic beam search**, don't choose the  $k$  best successors
  - Instead, choose  $k$  successors with probability proportional to the successor's values

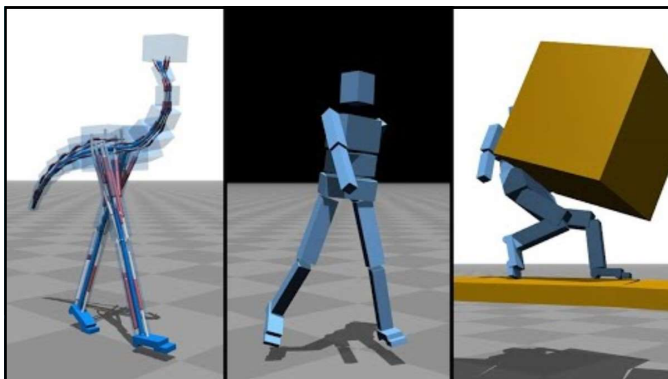
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## GENETIC ALGORITHMS

- **Genetic algorithms** are the nature-inspired versions of stochastic beam search
  - Population of individuals are the *states*
  - The *fittest* individuals (*highest values*) produce *offspring* (successor states)
  - These offspring become the next generation of individuals



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## GENETIC ALGORITHMS: DETAILS

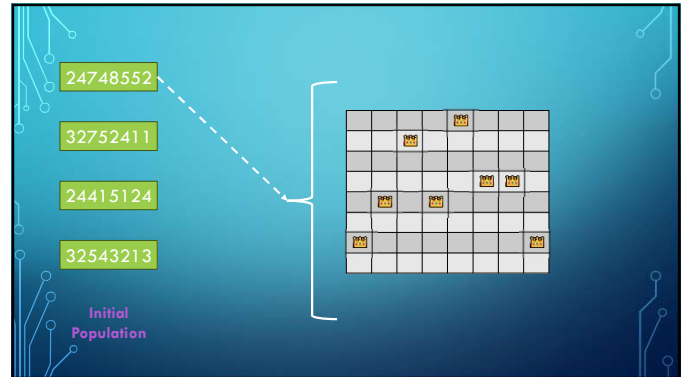
- The **mixing number**  $p$  is the number of parents that come together to form offspring
- The **selection** process selects the individuals who will become the parents of the next generation
- The **recombination** procedure forms the offspring
  - When  $p = 2$  a common approach is to use a **crossover point** to split each parent into two parts, combining each part to form two children

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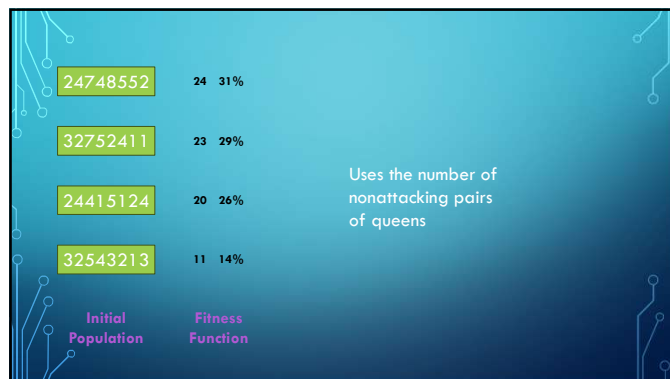
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- The **mutation rate** determines how often offspring have random mutations
- Optionally, adjustments to the next generation can be done
  - Elitism** includes a few top-scoring parents from the previous generation
  - Culling** removes all individuals below some threshold

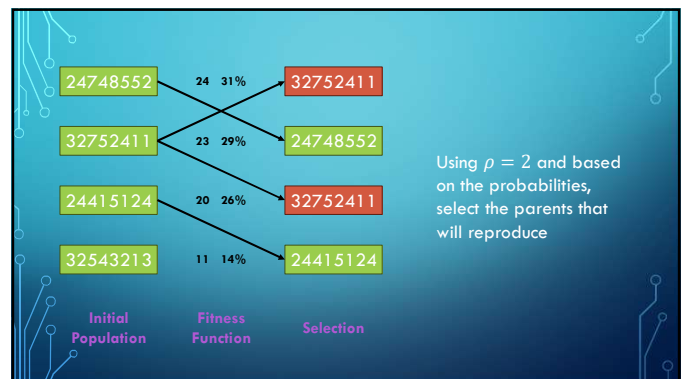
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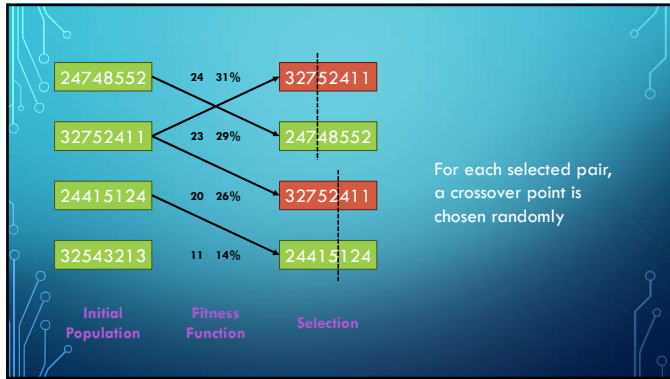
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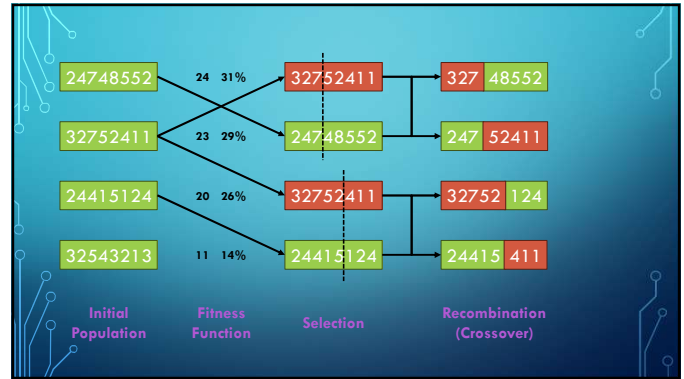
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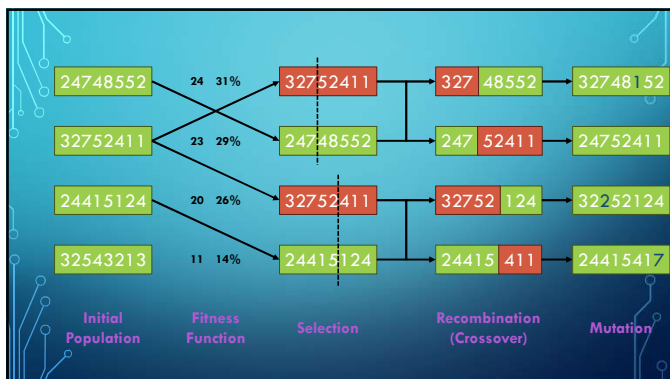
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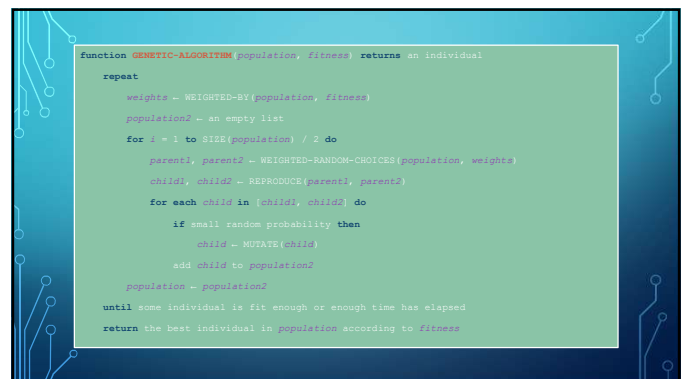
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