EE6227 Assignment 4

1. Requirements

This code is written in C++. Thus if you want to build from source code, your system should have a C++ compilation environment. For convenience, I have also provided binary files that can be run under **macOS, Windows or Ubuntu**. Next I will describe the two methods of running from binary files and building from source code, respectively, under different operating systems.

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a. Run from binary files

In the `bin` directory there are my pre-compiled executable files, you can select the executable file that corresponds to your system to run.

Windows

Double-click the `GA4_island_Windows.exe` file

macOS / Ubuntu

Open a terminal in the `bin` directory

```
./GA4_island_macOS  # if you use intel-based Mac
./GA4_island_Ubuntu # if you use Ubuntu
```

Note: These binaries are only valid for testing in my environment, if they fail to run, please build from source code !!!

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b. Build from source code

Windows

```
g++ islandGA.cpp Genetic.cpp -o GA4_island -std=c++11 -static
.\GA4_island.exe
```

macOS / Ubuntu

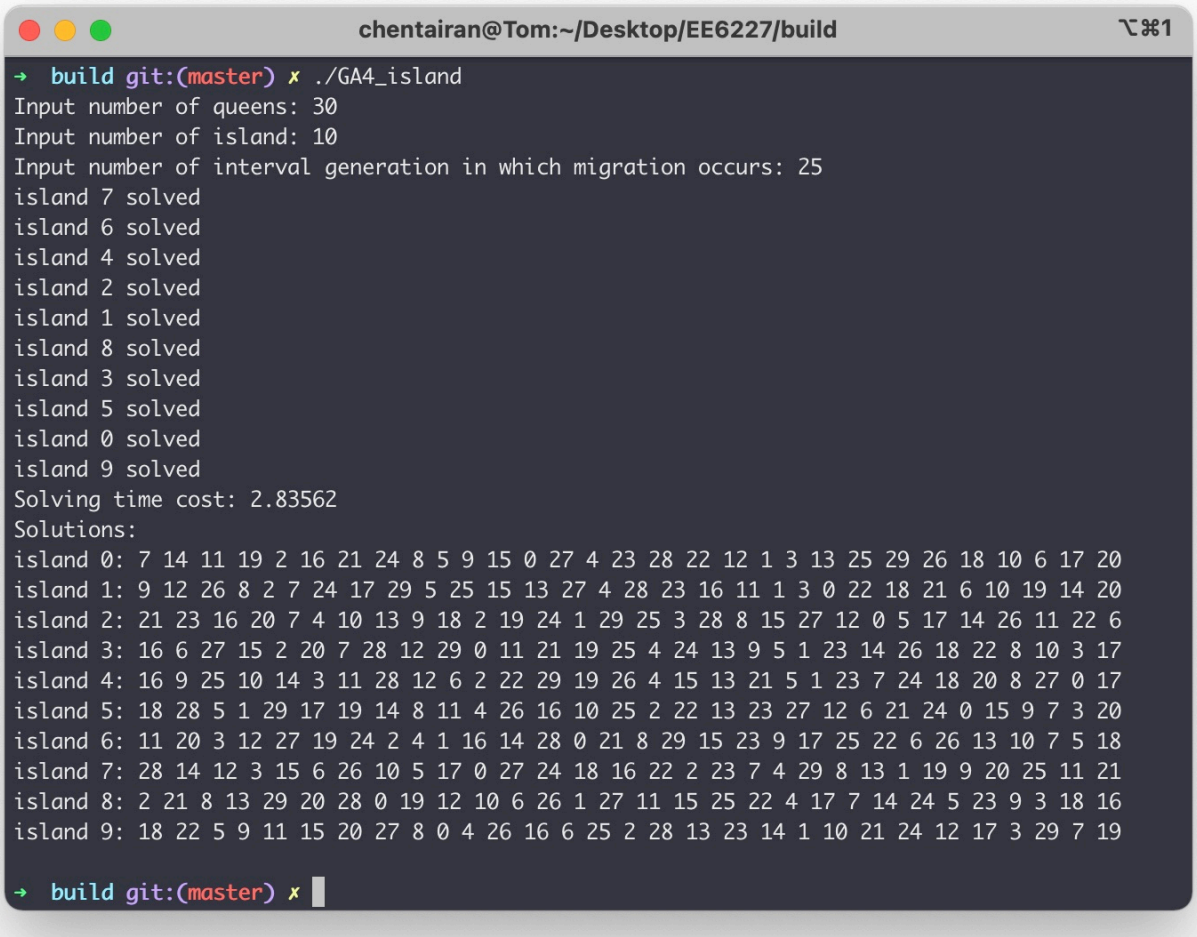
Option1: Using g++ compiler

```
g++ islandGA.cpp Genetic.cpp -o GA4_island -std=c++11
./GA4_island
```

Option2: Using cmake & make

```
cd /path/to/this/code  # Change to your own code path
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
./GA4_island
```

The following images show the results of the run:



2. Compare islandGA with Normal GA

I compare island GA with normal GA. For the normal GA, the time taken to solve for an n=30 solution is 0.31344s. And the time taken for island GA to solve for **island=10, n=30 is 2.83562s, averaging 0.283s per solution**. The island method speeds up the solver.

I also test the case when **n=100**. **Island GA takes 108.712s (averaging 10.8712s per solution)**, and **normal GA takes 12s.** The island method also shows an acceleration effect. The following figures show the results of the two GA algorithms respectively.

```
→  build git:(master) ✗ ./GA3
Input number of queens: 100
Iteration: 649
Solving time cost: 12.6983
Solution:
71 29 7 46 78 63 70 92 44 53 97 76 58 35 91 40 82 17 20 89 16 33 13 22 93 41 98 83 49 96 72 38
 5 34 10 84 11 57 2 99 23 31 74 3 39 19 77 45 32 64 95 88 1 8 67 26 80 65 69 36 86 30 79 66 42
 47 60 90 18 87 62 43 81 15 27 94 24 56 6 25 48 12 68 28 50 0 4 75 9 54 52 61 73 37 55 14 59 5
1 85 21
```

```
→  build git:(master) ✗ ./GA4_island
Input number of queens: 100
Input number of island: 10
Input number of interval generation in which migration occurs: 25
island 9 solved
island 7 solved
island 8 solved
island 6 solved
island 5 solved
island 3 solved
island 4 solved
island 2 solved
island 1 solved
island 0 solved
Solving time cost: 108.712
```

3. Island GA implementation

The algorithm is implemented as follows:

- Firstly, **k** GA solvers are constructed, and they are randomly initialized.
- Based on the iterations of the original GA, **m** chromosomes are randomly selected from the solver every **t** iterations and put into the next solver.
- Stop iterating when all solvers have found a solution

Implementation details can be found in `islandGA.cpp` and `Genetic.cpp`