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# **MACHINE LEARNING**

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## **UNIT 6**

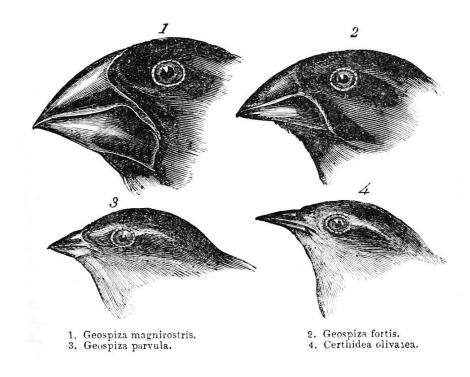
# **GENETIC ALGORITHMS**

## **STUDY GOALS**

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# **Evolution approaches:**

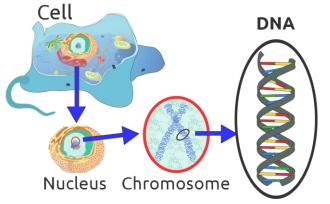
- Genetic algorithms: simulates the reproduction of individuals in a population in order to solve a specific optimization problem.
- Swarm algorithms: Simulate the movement of a group of animals toward a specific target.
- Ant Colony algorithms: simulate the communication between insects to find the shortest path between their nest and the food source.



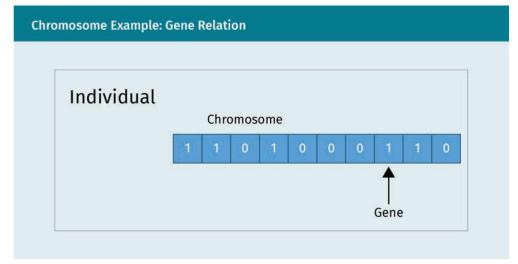
Example: Evolutionary biology

# **Genetic algorithms** (GA):

- Biological genetics: An individual in a population is made-up of cells encoded by genes (DNA) in chromosomes.
- GA in Machine Learning:
  - are inspired by the biological genetic evolution of living organisms
  - to find the **optimum** or near-optimum solutions
  - By iteratively exploring possible solutions
  - DNA and chromosome are encoded as bits



Organization of DNA in a eukaryotic cell



Chromosome representation in Genetic Algorithms

## **GENETIC ALGORITHMS**

## Basic terms:

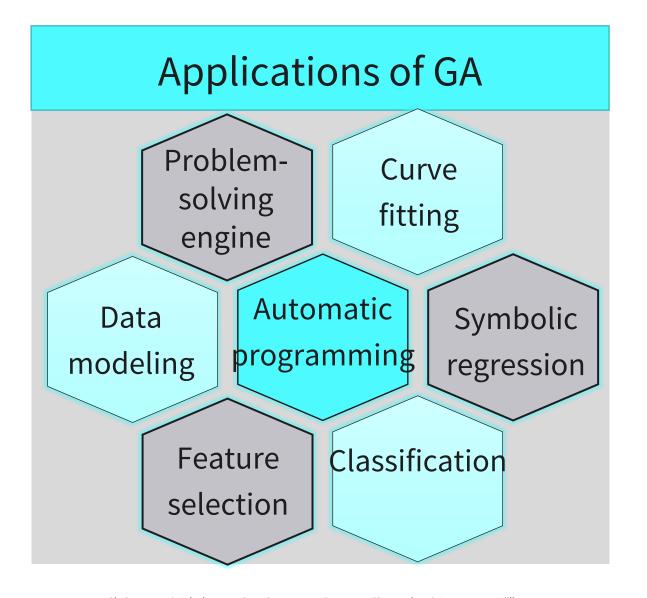
- Individual: any possible solution
- Population: group of all individuals within an investigation problem
- Fitness: target function that we are optimizing (each individual has a fitness)

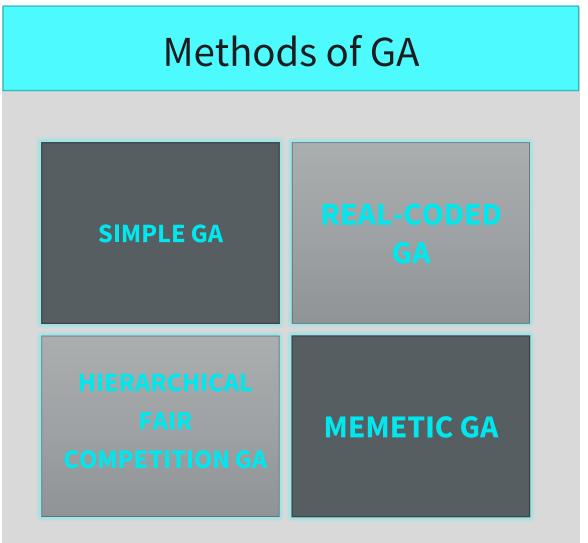
The output of the genetic algorithm is a quantity

## Basic process:

- It starts from a population of randomly generated individuals and happens in generations.
- In each generation, the fitness of every individual in the population is evaluated, multiple individuals are selected (based on their fitness), and modified to form a new population.
- Next-generation competes with each other, the process goes on until the perfect program is evolved.
- The new population is used in the next iteration of the algorithm.
- The algorithm terminates when either a maximum number of generations has been produced, or a satisfactory fitness level has been reached for the population.

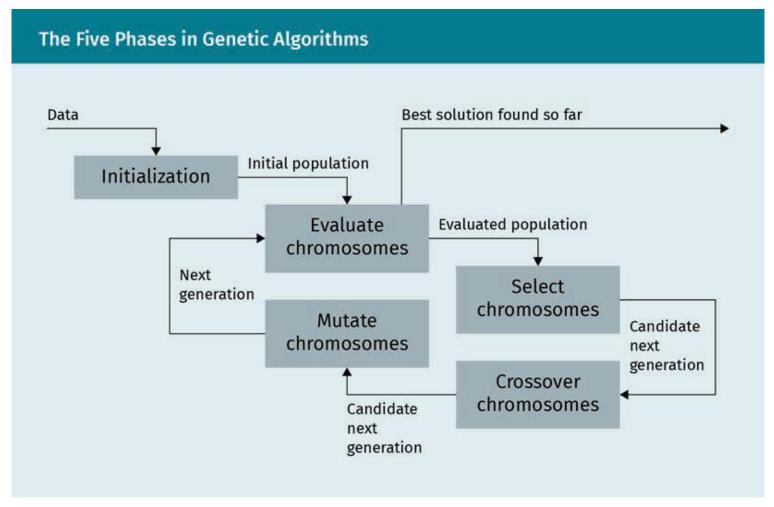
#### INTRODUCTION





# **GA Phases**

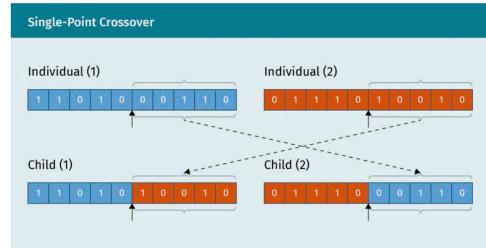
- Initialization
- Evaluation
- Selection
- Crossover
- Mutation



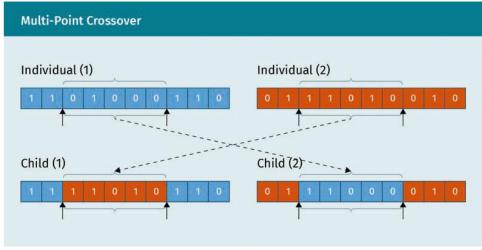
The five phases in Genetic Algorithms

# **Crossover phase:**

- Function: Mixing of the genes from parent's pair of chromosomes
- Effect: the child shares the characteristics of both parents
- Crossover point: random point in the chromosome, where the gene thread are cut and exchanged
- Types:
  - Single-point crossover: one locus is selected
  - Multiple-point crossover: a set of crossover points are selected



Single-point crossover in genetic algorithms

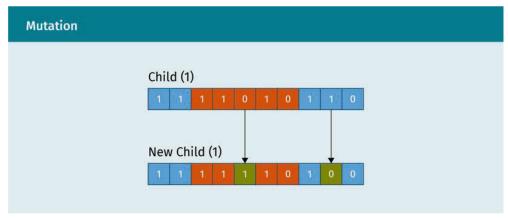


Multiple-point crossover in genetic algorithms

### **5.2 GENETIC ALGORITHM PHASES**

# **Mutation phase**

- Function: flipping of random genes at arbitrary location(s) in an individual chromosome
- Effect: prevent falling into local optimum solutions too quickly
- Types of changes:
  - Deletion
  - Insertion
  - Re-arrangement

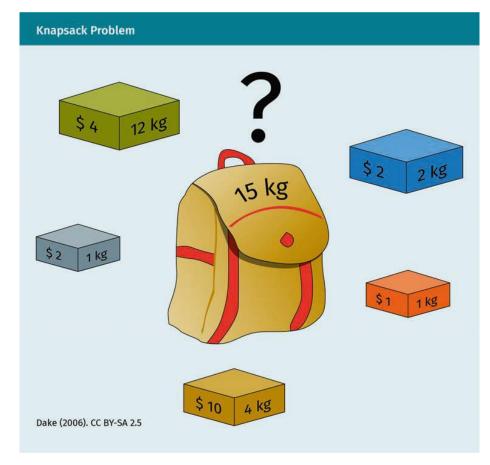


Mutation in genetic algorithms

#### **6.3 GENETIC ALGORITHM EXAMPLE**

# **Knapsack Problem**

- Given:
  - A set of items, each has weight and value
  - A knapsack of a max capacity
- Problem:
  - Select a subset of items so that
  - The total value is as large as possible
  - Total weight ≤ max capacity



An example of genetic algorithms: Knapsack problem

## THE KNAPSACK PROBLEM

W: 7kg

V: 5€

W: 2kg

V: 4€

W: 1kg

V: 7€

W: 9kg

V: 2€



15kg

0	1	1	0	W: 3kg	V: 11€
1	1	0	1	18kg	0€

W: 7kg	W: 2kg	W: 1kg	W: 9kg
V: 5€	V: 4€	V: 7€	V: 2€

An initial population is 8 solutions.

0	1	0	1	V: 6€
0	0	0	1	2
1	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	13
0	0	1	1	9
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Randomly select 2 solutions and they compete with each other. The winner becomes a parent.

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## Crossover

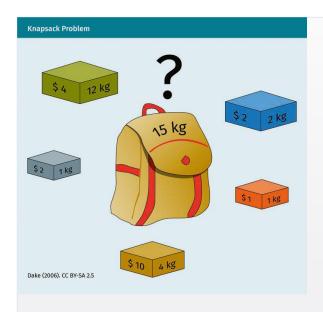
0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1

## Mutation

0	1	1	1
0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0
0	0	0	1

Repeat to have the same amount as the initial population

#### **6.3 GENETIC ALGORITHM IN PYTHON**



#### **Definitions:**

Kcap – Max capacity

POP\_SIZE – Number of solutions

GEN\_MAX – Number of generations

NUM\_ITEMS – Number of items

initialization() – Creating an initial population

fitness() – Measuring the fitness of an individual evolution() – Selection, crossover, mutation

# Main function of genetic algorithm in python def main(): import random KCap = 30; POP SIZE = 30; GEN MAX = 50; NUM ITEMS = 15 ITEMS = [(random.randint(0,20),random.randint(0,20)) for x in range (0, NUM ITEMS)] generation = 1 #Generation counter population = initialization(POP\_SIZE, NUM\_ITEMS) for g in range(0,GEN\_MAX): totalFitness = 0for i in population: totalFitness += fitness(i, ITEMS, KCap) print(totalFitness) population = evolution(population) generation += 1 population = sorted(population, key=lambda ind: fitness(ind, ITEMS, KCap), reverse=True) print(population[0])

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## **TRANSFER TASKS**

# Implement the main() function of GA for solving the Knapsack Problem with the following inputs:

- Max carry weight: M = 30
- Number of available items: n = 7,
- Each item has random weight  $(0 \le w \le 15)$  and value  $(0 \le v \le 10)$
- Number of randomly generated chromosomes: m = 10
- Number of generations: G = 100

# TRANSFER TASK PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS

Please present your results.

The results will be discussed in plenary.



## **LEARNING CONTROL QUESTIONS**



- 1. Genetic, swarm and ant colony algorithms are examples
- of \_\_\_\_\_ algorithms.
  - a) population-based
  - b) metaheuristic
  - c) optimization
  - d) all of the options are true.



# 2. Genetic algorithms consist of five main phases in this order:

- a) (1) Initialization, (2) crossover, (3) evaluation, (4) selection of the fittest, and (5) mutation of the genetic structure.
- b) (1) Initialization, (2) evaluation, (3) selection of the fittest, (4) crossover, and (5) mutation of the genetic structure.
- c) (1) Initialization, (2) mutation of the genetic structure, (3) crossover, (4) evaluation, and (5) selection of the fittest.
- d) (1) Initialization, (2) selection of the fittest, (3) evaluation, (3) crossover, and (4) mutation of the genetic structure.

## **LEARNING CONTROL QUESTIONS**



- 3. The \_\_\_\_ can help to escape local optimum solution in the population.
  - a) mutation phase
  - b) crossover phase
  - c) evaluation phase
  - d) selection phase



# 4. In genetic algorithms, each chromosome represents

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- a) ... the optimal solution for the domain problem.
- b) ... the fitness of a specific solution for the domain problem.
- c) ... a part of the solution for the domain problem.
- d) ... a possible solution for the domain problem.



- 5. Genetic algorithms\_\_\_\_\_ the finding of the optimal solution for a given problem.
  - a) guarantee
  - b) are not established for
  - c) do not guarantee
  - d) none of these

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