

# Linear Genetic Programming In Python Bytecode

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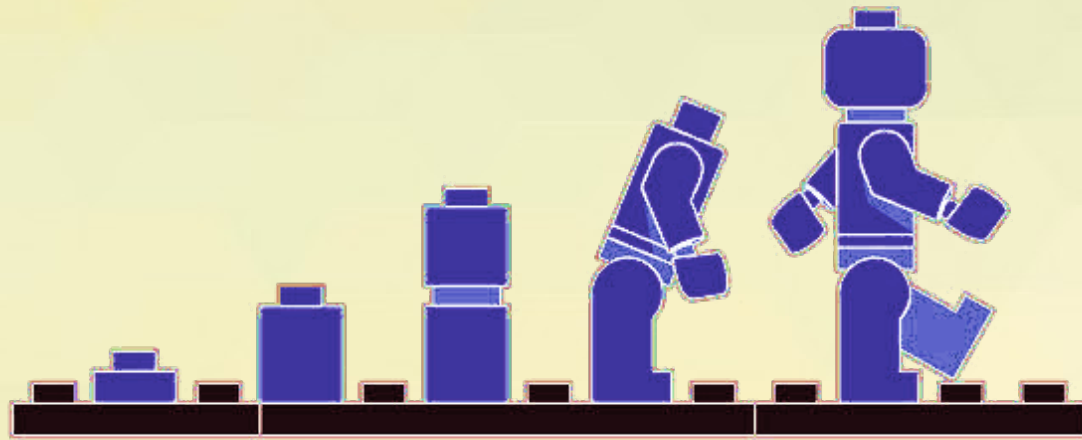
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C) have fiddled with Python Bytecode?

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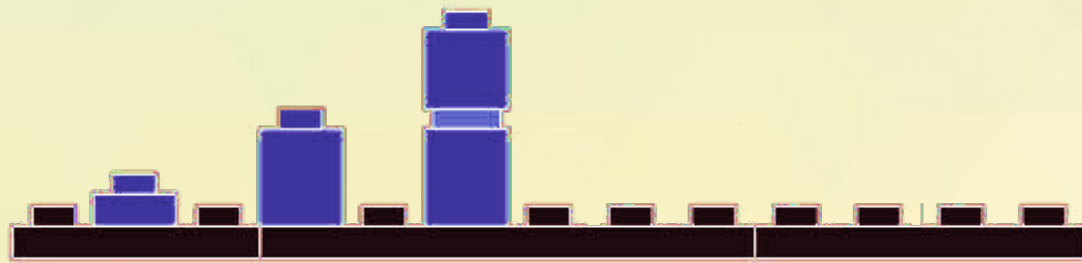


Initial  
Things

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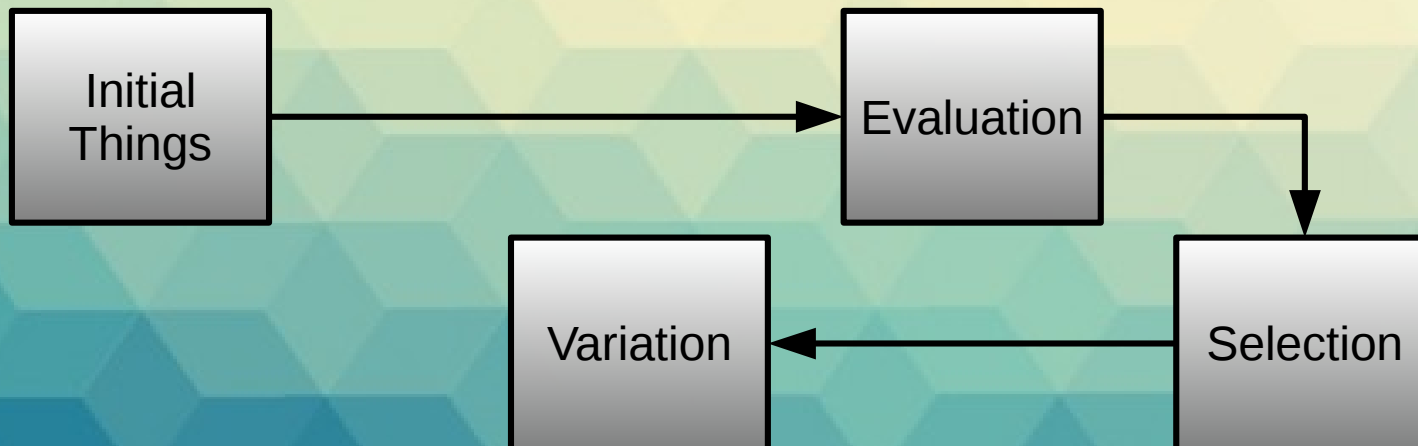
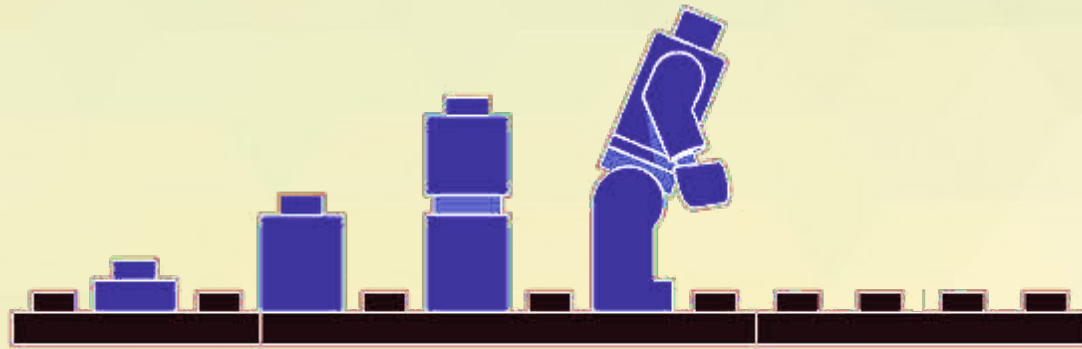


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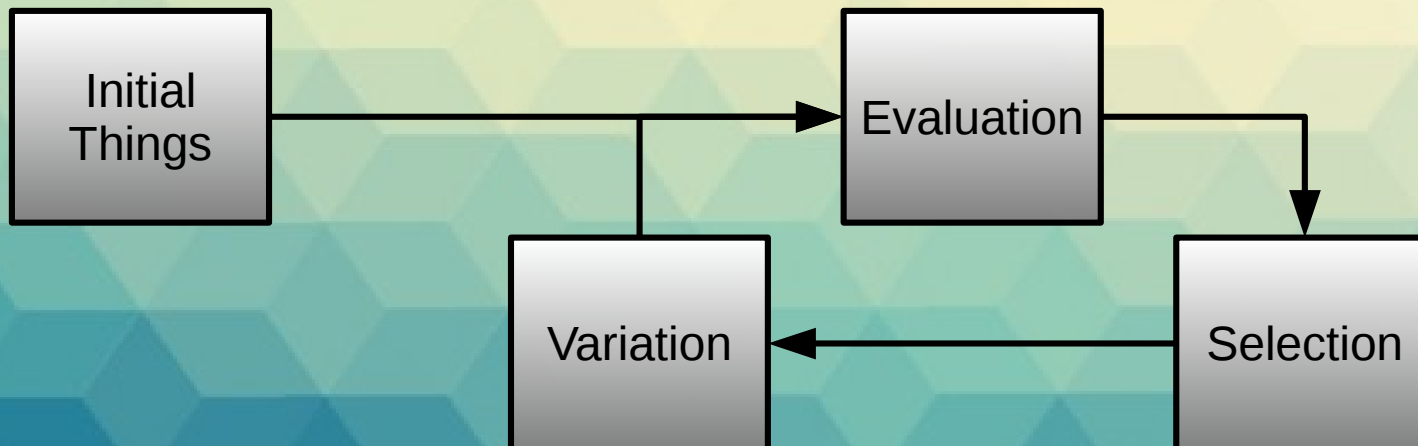
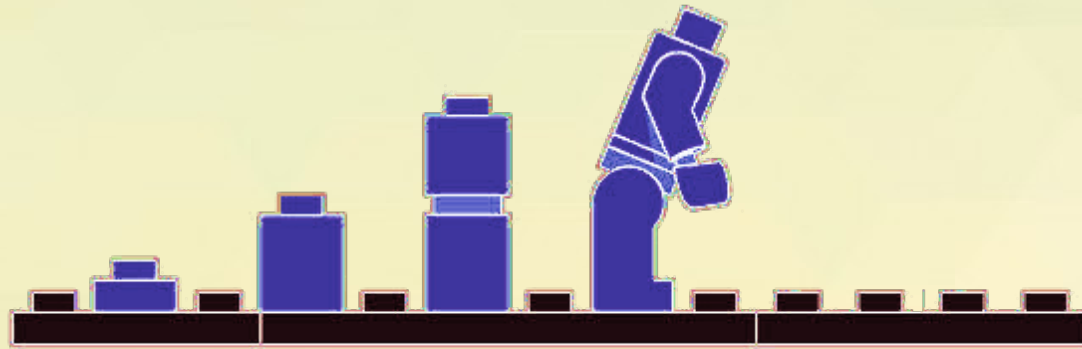




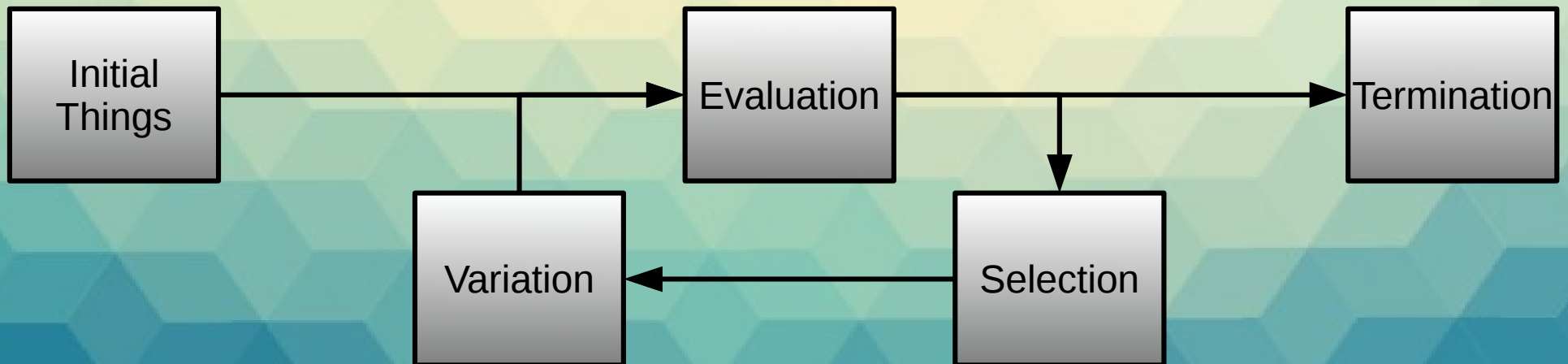
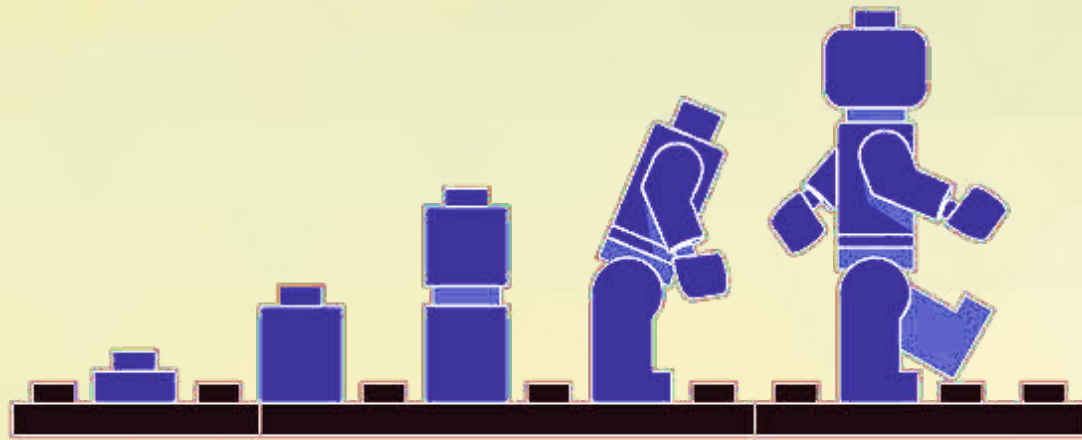
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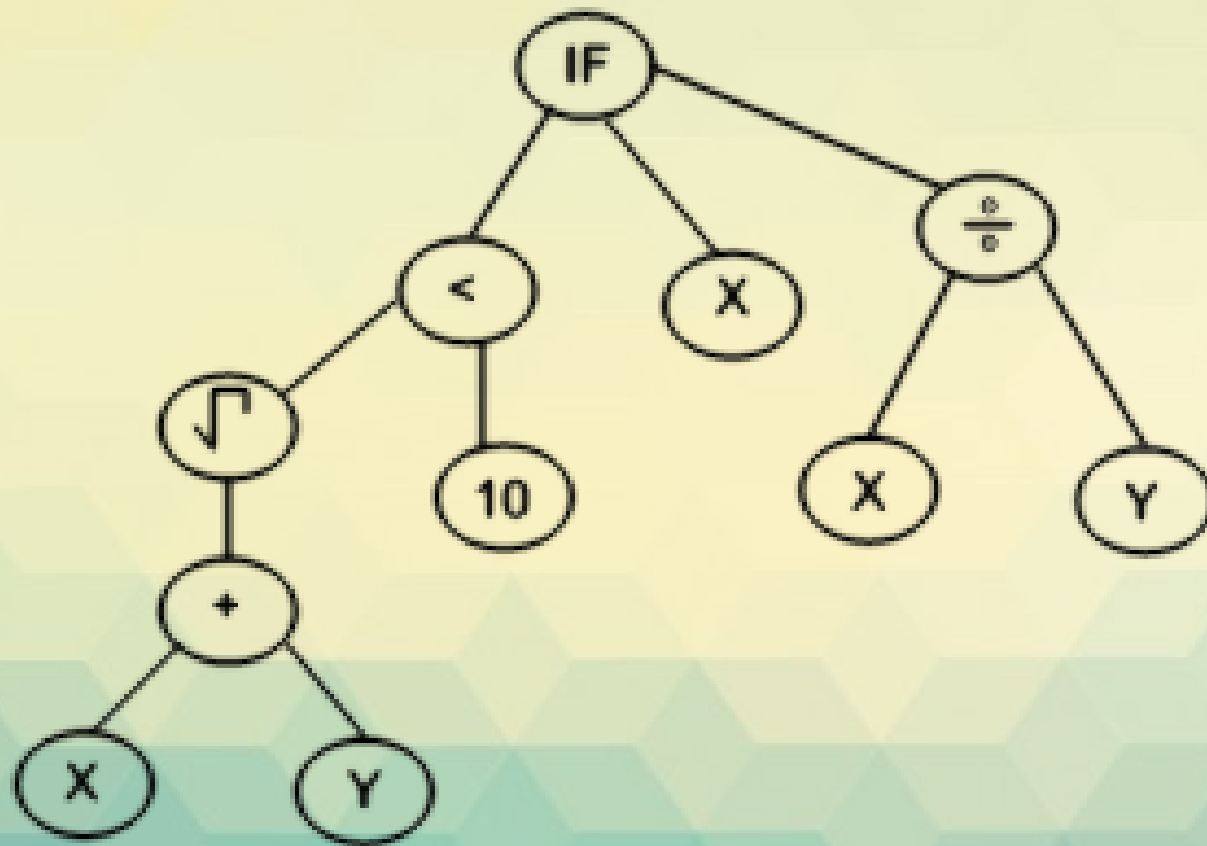
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# Organisms as Programs



# Organisms as Programs

0	LOAD_FAST	0	(a)
3	LOAD_FAST	1	(b)
6	COMPARE_OP	4	(>)
9	POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE	24	

12	LOAD_FAST	1	(b)
15	LOAD_FAST	2	(c)
18	LOAD_FAST	0	(a)
21	BINARY_TRUE_DIVIDE		
22	BINARY_ADD		
23	RETURN_VALUE		

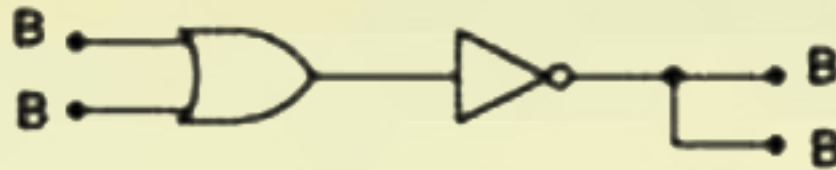
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 $\quad \quad \quad | \text{AND } \langle \text{cmp} \rangle \langle \text{cond}_I \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{cmp} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{op-num} \rangle \langle \text{variable} \rangle \langle \text{value} \rangle$   
 $\quad \quad \quad | \langle \text{op-cat} \rangle \langle \text{variable} \rangle \langle \text{value} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{op-cat} \rangle \rightarrow \text{EQ} | \text{NOT EQ}$   
 $\langle \text{op-num} \rangle \rightarrow \text{GT} | \text{GE} | \text{LT} | \text{LE}$   
 $\langle \text{variable} \rangle \rightarrow \text{Any valid attribute in dataset}$   
 $\langle \text{value} \rangle \rightarrow \text{Any valid value}$

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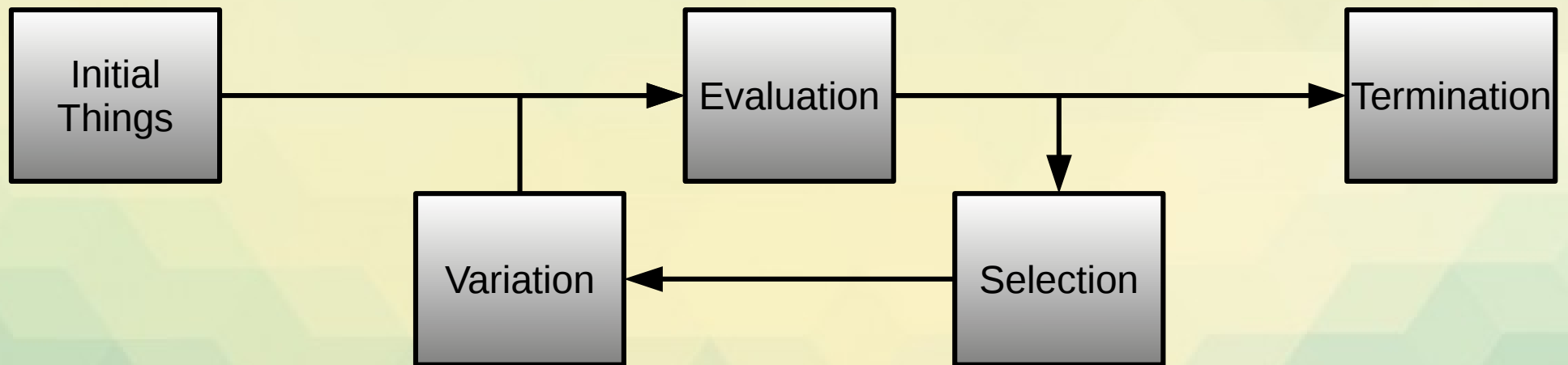


2B OR NOT 2B

Choose/Design a Representation/Language

Type-consistency  
Evaluation safety  
'Sufficiency'

Defines the Search Space





# Initialisation

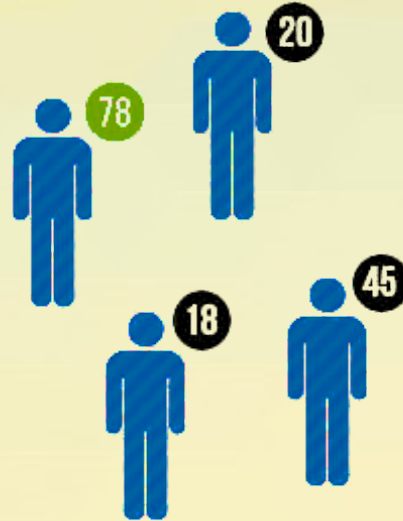


Initial population

Generated Algorithmically  
(valid and varied)

Seeded

# Evaluation



Usually according to a “Fitness Function”

Multi-facted  
Comparative  
Executing  
Smooth

# Selection



Techniques for broad select of 'fitter' individuals

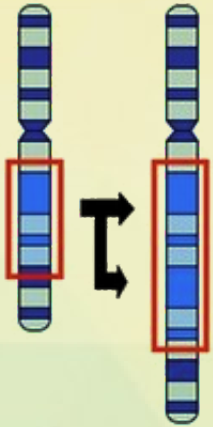
eg. Tournament – Roulette – Deterministic

Greediness

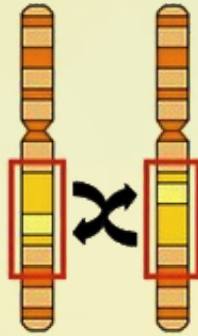
Evaluation as needed

# Variation

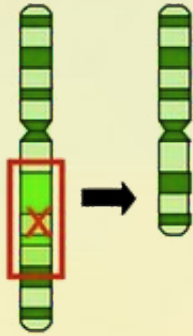
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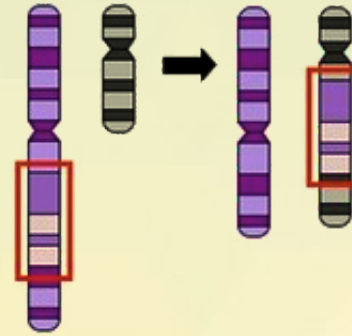
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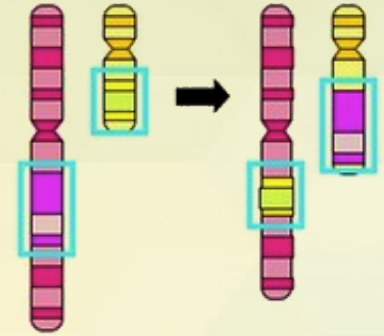
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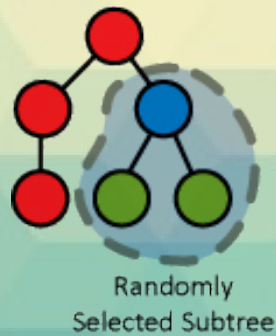
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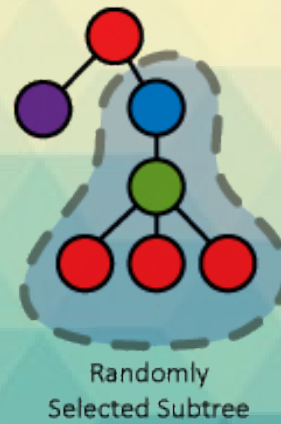
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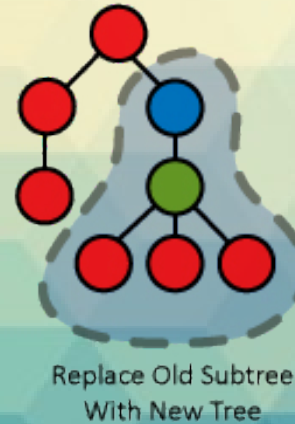
Father



Mother



Offspring

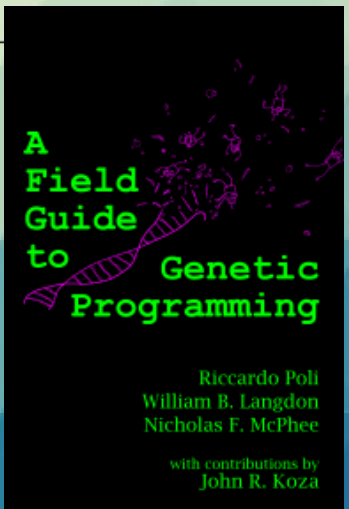




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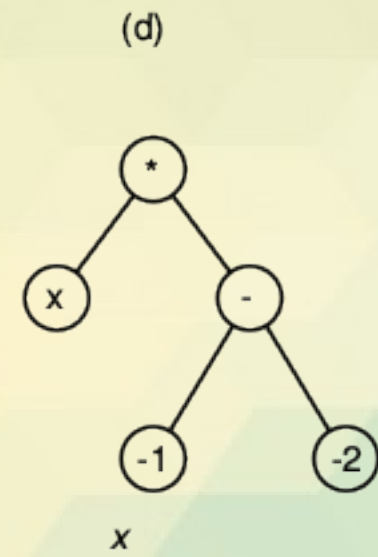
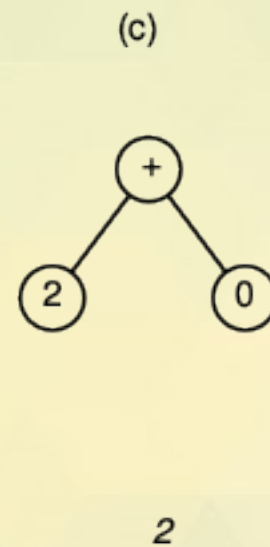
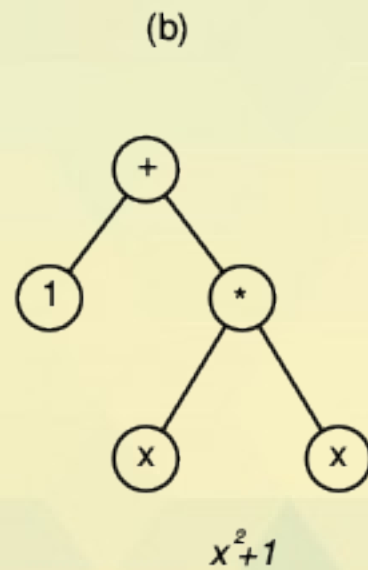
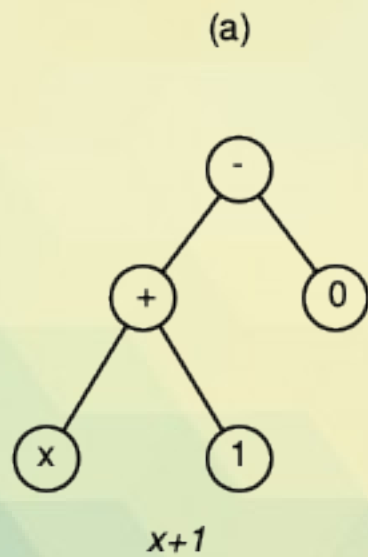
**Table 4.1:** Parameters for example genetic programming run

Objective:	Find program whose output matches $x^2 + x + 1$ over the range $-1 \leq x \leq +1$ .
Function set:	$+$ , $-$ , $\%$ (protected division), and $\times$ ; all operating on floats
Terminal set:	$x$ , and constants chosen randomly between $-5$ and $+5$
Fitness:	sum of absolute errors for $x \in \{-1.0, -0.9, \dots, 0.9, 1.0\}$
Selection:	fitness proportionate (roulette wheel) non elitist
Initial pop:	ramped half-and-half (depth 1 to 2. 50% of terminals are constants)
Parameters:	population size 4, 50% subtree crossover, 25% reproduction, 25% subtree mutation, no tree size limits
Termination:	Individual with fitness better than 0.1 found

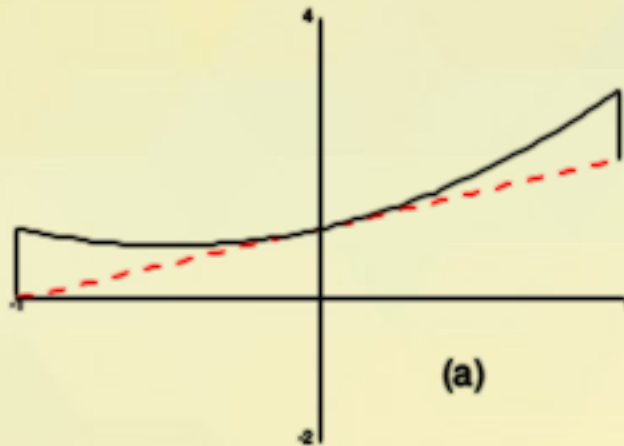




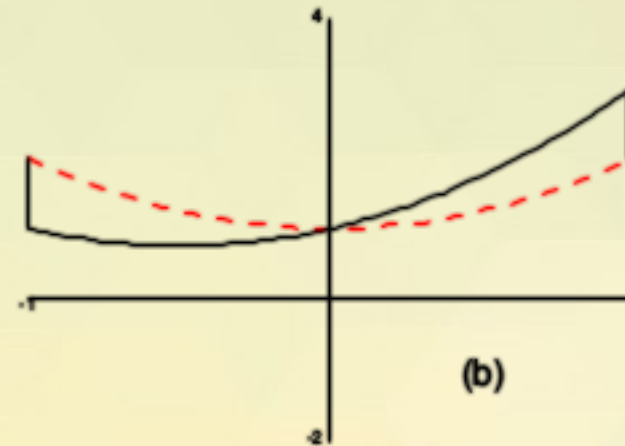
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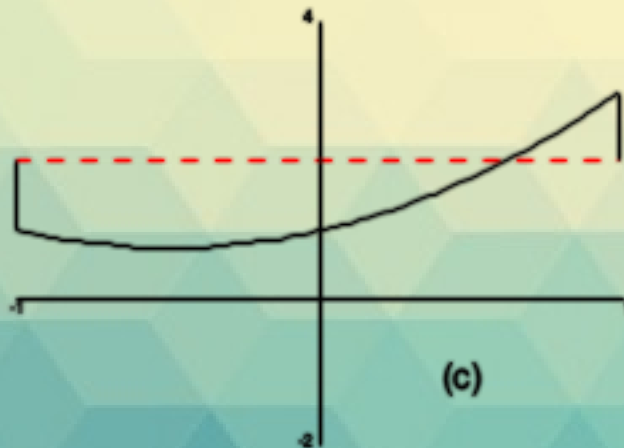
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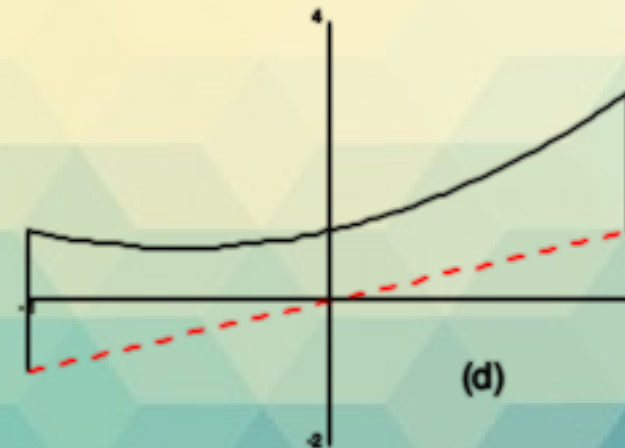
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(d)

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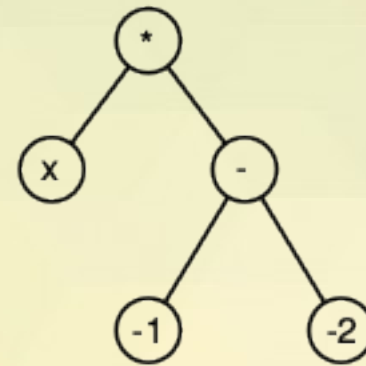
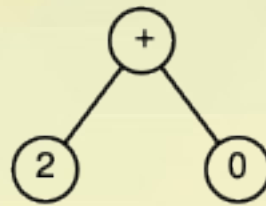
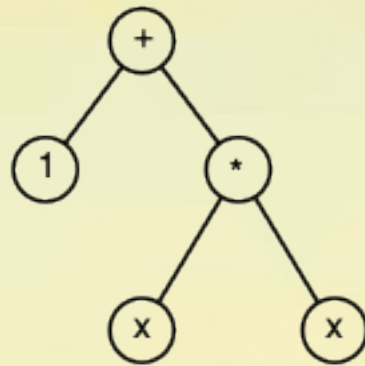
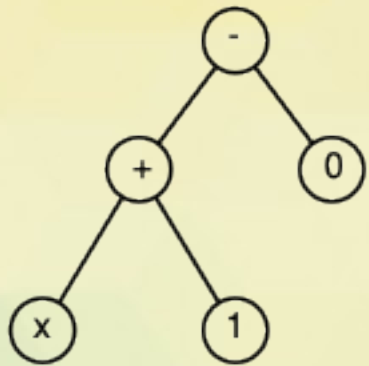
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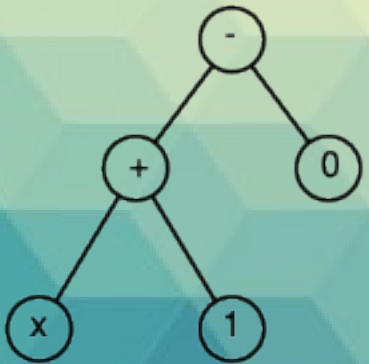
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Reproduction: a

$x+1$

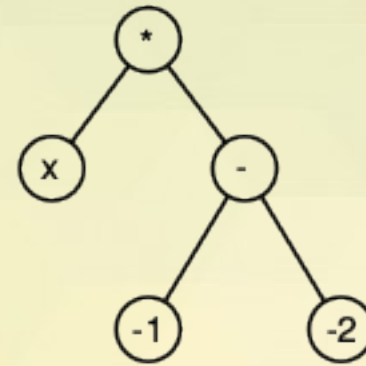
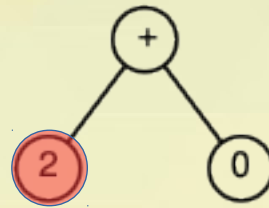
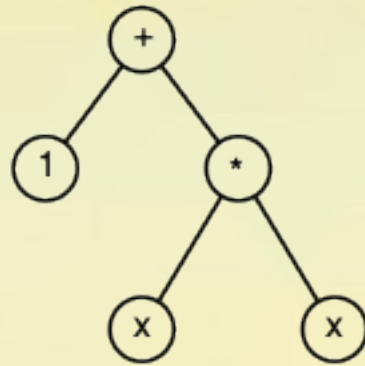
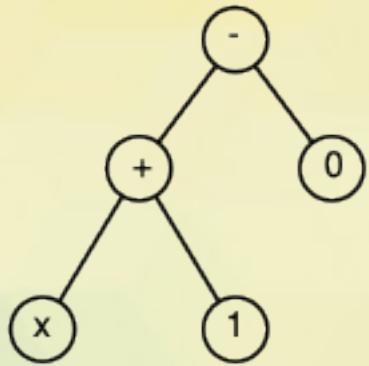
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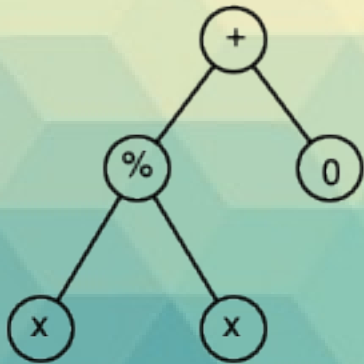
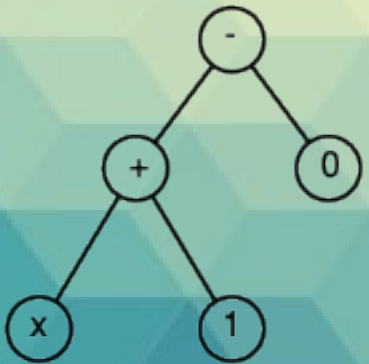
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Reproduction: a  
Mutation: c



$x+1$

1

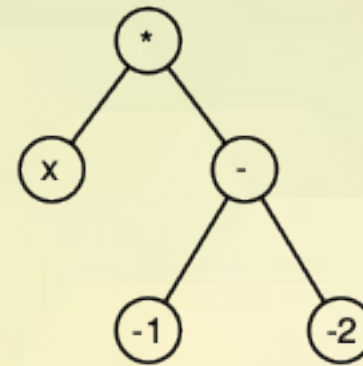
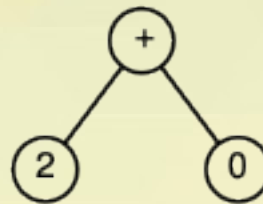
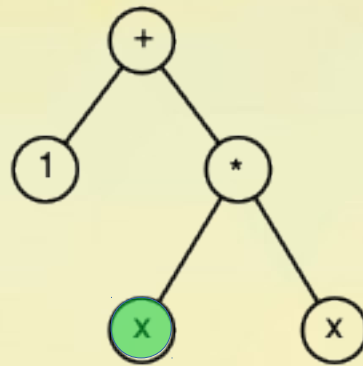
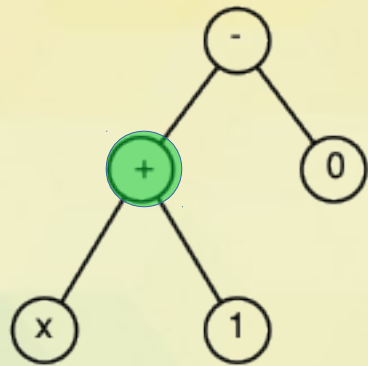
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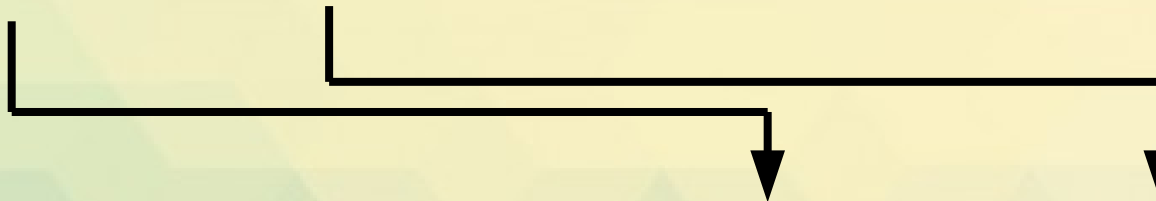
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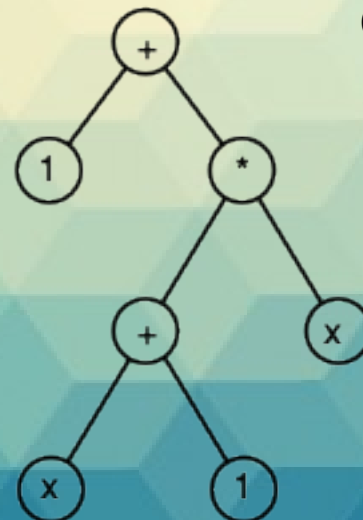
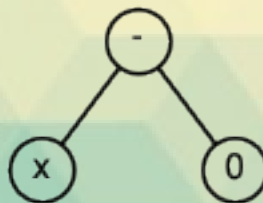
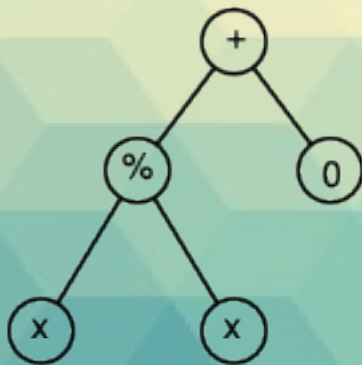
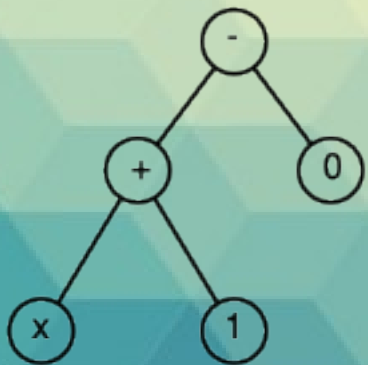
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Crossover: a, b



$x+1$

$1$

$x$

$x^2 + x + 1$

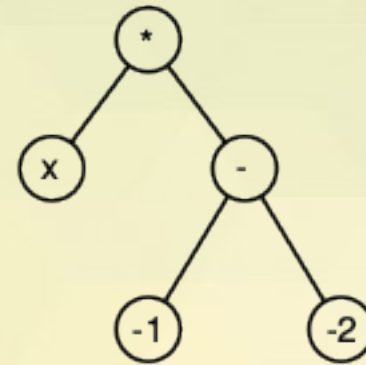
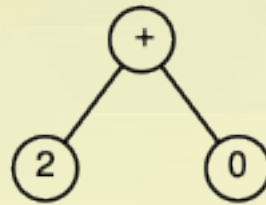
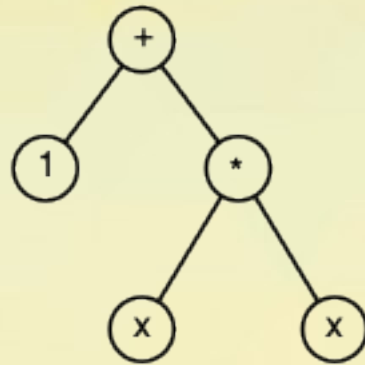
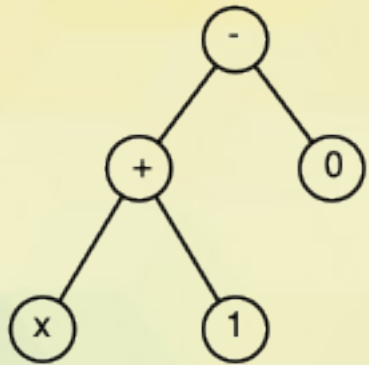
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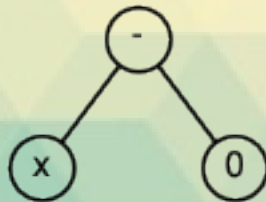
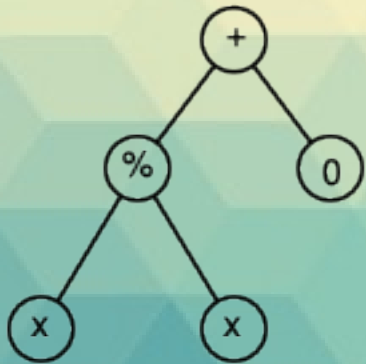
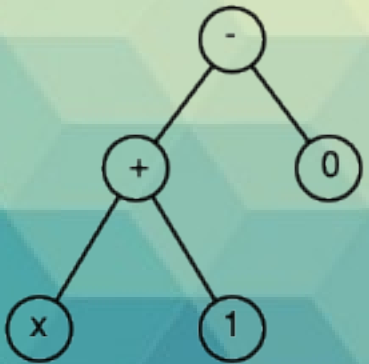
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$x + 1$

$1$

$x$

$x^2 + x + 1$



# DEAP

DISTRIBUTED  
EVOLUTIONARY  
ALGORITHMS IN  
PYTHON

<http://deap.readthedocs.io/>  
<https://github.com/DEAP/deap>

# DEAP: Evolving 1's

```
1 import array
2 import random
3 from deap import algorithms
4 from deap import base
5 from deap import creator
6 from deap import tools
7
8 creator.create("FitnessMax", base.Fitness, weights=(1.0,))
9 creator.create("Individual", array.array, typecode='b', fitness=creator.FitnessMax)
10
11 toolbox = base.Toolbox()
12 toolbox.register("attr_bool", random.randint, 0, 1)
13 toolbox.register("individual", tools.initRepeat, creator.Individual, toolbox.attr_bool, 100)
14 toolbox.register("population", tools.initRepeat, list, toolbox.individual)
15 toolbox.register("evaluate", lambda x:[sum(x)])
16 toolbox.register("mate", tools.cxTwoPoint)
17 toolbox.register("mutate", tools.mutFlipBit, indpb=0.05)
18 toolbox.register("select", tools.selTournament, tournsize=3)
19
20 pop = toolbox.population(n=300)
21 hof = tools.HallOfFame(1)
22 pop, log = algorithms.eaSimple(pop, toolbox, cxpb=0.5, mutpb=0.2, ngen=40,
23                               halloffame=hof, verbose=True)
24 print hof[0]
```



# DEAP: Symbolic Regression

```
1 import operator
2 import math
3 import random
4
5 from deap import algorithms
6 from deap import base
7 from deap import creator
8 from deap import tools
9 from deap import gp
10
11 pset = gp.PrimitiveSet("MAIN", 1)
12 pset.addPrimitive(operator.add, 2)
13 pset.addPrimitive(operator.sub, 2)
14 pset.addPrimitive(operator.mul, 2)
15 pset.addPrimitive(operator.neg, 1)
16 pset.addEphemeralConstant("rand101", lambda: random.randint(-1,1))
17 pset.renameArguments(ARG0='x')
18
19 creator.create("FitnessMin", base.Fitness, weights=(-1.0,))
20 creator.create("Individual", gp.PrimitiveTree, fitness=creator.FitnessMin)
21
22 toolbox = base.Toolbox()
23 toolbox.register("expr", gp.genHalfAndHalf, pset=pset, min_=1, max_=2)
24 toolbox.register("individual", tools.initIterate, creator.Individual, toolbox.expr)
25 toolbox.register("population", tools.initRepeat, list, toolbox.individual)
26 toolbox.register("compile", gp.compile, pset=pset)
27
28 def evalSymbReg(individual, points):
29     func = toolbox.compile(expr=individual)
30     sqerrors = ((func(x) - x**4 - x**3 - x**2 - x)**2 for x in points)
31     return math.fsum(sqerrors) / len(points),
32
33 toolbox.register("evaluate", evalSymbReg, points=[x/10. for x in range(-10,10)])
34 toolbox.register("select", tools.selTournament, tournsize=3)
35 toolbox.register("mate", gp.cxOnePoint)
36 toolbox.register("expr_mut", gp.genFull, min_=0, max_=2)
37 toolbox.register("mutate", gp.mutUniform, expr=toolbox.expr_mut, pset=pset)
38
39 pop = toolbox.population(n=300)
40 hof = tools.HallOfFame(1)
41 pop, log = algorithms.eaSimple(pop, toolbox, 0.5, 0.1, 40, halloffame=hof, verbose=True)
42 print(hof[0])
```

# DEAP: Symbolic Regression

```
def compile(expr, pset):  
    args = ",".join(arg for arg in pset.arguments)  
    code = "lambda {args}: {code}".format(args=args, code=str(expr))  
    return eval(code, pset.context, {})
```



# Python Bytecode (!)

```
function(code, globals[, name[, argdefs[, closure]]])
```

Create a function object from a code object and a dictionary.  
The optional name string overrides the name from the code object.  
The optional argdefs tuple specifies the default argument values.  
The optional closure tuple supplies the bindings for free variables.

```
code(argcount, nlocals, stacksize, flags, codestring, constants, names,  
      varnames, filename, name, firstlineno, lnotab[, freevars[, cellvars]])
```

Create a code object. Not for the faint of heart.

## Relevant:

codestring  
argcount  
nlocals  
stacksize  
constants  
varnames  
flags

## Less Relevant

freevars  
cellvars

## Unlikely Relevant

names  
kwonlyargcount

## Inconsequential

filename  
name  
firstlineno  
lnotab

# Flags (!)

<b>CO_OPTIMIZED</b>	<b>0x0001</b>	<b>Was once an important flag</b>
<b>CO_NEWLOCALS</b>	<b>0x0002</b>	new 'locals' dict for execution otherwise uses globals if local object unsupplied
CO_VARARGS	0x0004	For Variable args
CO_VARKEYWORDS	0x0008	For Variable kwargs
CO_NESTED	0x0010	unused
CO_NOFREE	0x0040	unused
CO_GENERATOR	0x0020	For Generators
CO_COROUTINE	0x0080	For Coroutines
CO_ITERABLE_COROUTINE	0x0100	For Coroutines
CO_GENERATOR_ALLOWED	0x1000	unused
CO_FUTURE_DIVISION	0x2000	Moot in Python3.5
CO_FUTURE_ABSOLUTE_IMPORT	0x4000	Moot in Python3.5
CO_FUTURE_WITH_STATEMENT	0x8000	Moot in Python3.5
CO_FUTURE_PRINT_FUNCTION	0x10000	Moot in Python3.5
CO_FUTURE_UNICODE_LITERALS	0x20000	Moot in Python3.5
CO_FUTURE_BARRY_AS_BDFL	0x40000	Easter Egg <code>\_(ツ)_/</code>
CO_FUTURE_GENERATOR_STOP	0x80000	generator raising StopIteration

# Easter Egg

```
>>> from __future__ import braces
      File "<stdin>", line 1
SyntaxError: not a chance
```

```
>>> from __future__ import barry_as_FLUFL
>>> #Friendly Language Uncle For Life (FLUFL)
... #(https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0401/)
... 1 <> 2
True
>>> 1 != 2
      File "<stdin>", line 1
        1 != 2
          ^
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

# Example Bytecode Decomposition

```
1 from dis import dis, show_code
2
3 def a(x,y,z):
4     return x+y*z-4
5
6 print("\nBYTECODE:")
7 print([z for z in a.__code__.co_code])
8 print("\nDISSASSEMBLY:")
9 dis(a)
10 print("\nCODE OBJECT:")
11 show_code(a)
12
```

Documentation for opcodes in  
dis module documentation

See also opcodes.py

```
BYTECODE:
[124, 0, 0, 124, 1, 0, 124, 2, 0, 20, 23, 100, 1, 0, 24, 83]

DISSASSEMBLY:
 4          0 LOAD_FAST           0 (x)
          3 LOAD_FAST           1 (y)
          6 LOAD_FAST           2 (z)
          9 BINARY_MULTIPLY
         10 BINARY_ADD
         11 LOAD_CONST           1 (4)
         14 BINARY_SUBTRACT
         15 RETURN_VALUE

CODE OBJECT:
Name:          a
Filename:      1.py
Argument count: 3
Kw-only arguments: 0
Number of locals: 3
Stack size:    3
Flags:         OPTIMIZED, NEWLOCALS, NOFREE
Constants:
  0: None
  1: 4
Variable names:
  0: x
  1: y
  2: z
```

Dissassembly is elaboration of a.\_\_code\_\_.XYZ

# Example Bytecode Reconstitution

BYTECODE:  
[124, 0, 0, 124, 1, 0, 124, 2, 0, 20, 23, 100, 1, 0, 24, 83]

DISSASSEMBLY:

4	0	LOAD_FAST	0 (x)
	3	LOAD_FAST	1 (y)
	6	LOAD_FAST	2 (z)
	9	BINARY_MULTIPLY	
	10	BINARY_ADD	
	11	LOAD_CONST	1 (4)
	14	BINARY_SUBTRACT	
	15	RETURN_VALUE	

## CODE OBJECT:

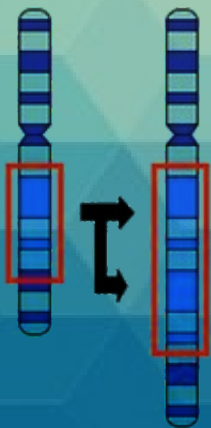
Name: a  
Filename: 1.py  
Argument count: 3  
Kw-only arguments: 0  
Number of locals: 3  
Stack size: 3  
Flags: OPTIMIZED  
Constants:  
  0: None  
  1: 4  
Variable names:  
  0: x  
  1: y  
  2: z

```
1 def a(x,y,z):  
2     return x+y*z-4  
3  
4 from types import CodeType, FunctionType  
5  
6 #code(argcount, kwonlyargcount, nlocals, stacksize, flags, codestring,  
7 #     constants, names, varnames, filename, name, firstlineno,  
8 #     lnotab[, freevars[, cellvars]])  
9 c = CodeType(3,0,3,3,0,  
10             a.__code__.co_code,  
11             (None,4),(),("x","y","z"),  
12             u'bilbo',u'baggins',0,b'')  
13 f = FunctionType(c, {})  
14  
15
```

# Linear GP & python – why?

1. is fun/flexible for experimentation
2. is a reasonably well developed VM
3. has potential for distributed GP
4. faster than Tree GP
5. for kicks

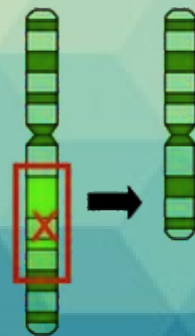
**Duplication**



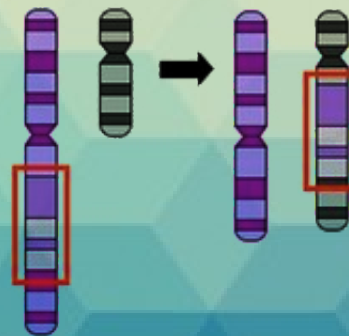
**Inversion**



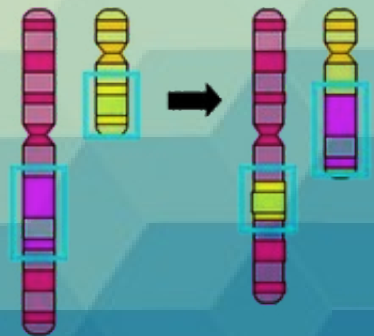
**Deletion**



**Insertion**



**Translocation**



# Crash python, you must not.

- Stack Underflow causes seg-fault
- Division by zero / other runtime exceptions
- Strange / Random referencing
- Infinite Loops

## Remedies

- Program Repairing
- Using safe operations
- Semantic preserving mutation/crossover/generation



# Symbolic Regression done with Linear Genetic Programming via Python Bytecode



```

1 import random
2 from deap import algorithms
3 from deap import base
4 from deap import creator
5 from deap import tools
6 from opcode import opmap
7 from types import CodeType, FunctionType
8 from dis import dis
9 from dis import show_code
10
11 operations = (
12     (1,(opmap["LOAD_CONST"],0,0)),
13     (1,(opmap["LOAD_CONST"],1,0)),
14     (1,(opmap["LOAD_CONST"],2,0)),
15     (0,(opmap["UNARY_INVERT"],)),
16     (-1,(opmap["BINARY_MULTIPLY"],)),
17     (-1,(opmap["BINARY_ADD"],)),
18     (-1,(opmap["BINARY_SUBTRACT"],)),
19     (-1,(opmap["BINARY_AND"],)),
20     (-1,(opmap["BINARY_OR"],)),
21     (-1,(opmap["BINARY_XOR"],)),
22     (1,(opmap["LOAD_FAST"],0,0)),
23 )
24 terminate = (opmap["RETURN_VALUE"],)
25 negones = [o for o in operations if o[0]==-1]
26 zeros = [o for o in operations if o[0]==0]
27 ones = [o for o in operations if o[0]==1]
28
29 max_len = 40
30
31 def fix(individual):
32     if not individual.fixed:
33         i = 0
34         d = 0
35         for i in range(max_len,len(individual)):
36             individual.pop()
37             l = len(individual)
38             while i < l:
39                 if (d+individual[i][0] < 1):
40                     individual.insert(i,random.choice(ones))
41                     l = l + 1
42                 else:
43                     d = d + individual[i][0]
44                     i = i + 1
45             for i in range(1,d):
46                 individual.append(random.choice(negones))
47             individual.ephemeral = random.randint(0,999999)
48             individual.fixed = True

```

```

49
50 def compile_individual(individual):
51     codebytes = []
52     for d,op_code in individual:
53         codebytes.append(op_code)
54     codebytes.append(terminate)
55     codebytes = [i for sub in codebytes for i in sub]
56     codebytes = bytes(codebytes)
57
58     #code(argcount, kwnonlyargcount, nlocals, stacksize, flags, codestring,
59     #      constants, names, varnames, filename, name, firstlineno,
60     #      lnotab[, freevars[, cellvars]])
61     co_obj = CodeType(1,0,1,max_len,0,codebytes,(1,2,individual.ephemeral),(),("a",),u'file_name',u'code_name',0,b'')
62     B = FunctionType(co_obj, {})
63     return B
64
65 def evaluate(individual):
66     fix(individual)
67     c = compile_individual(individual)
68     return sum([-(c(i)-i*i+i-4)**2 for i in range(0,10)]),
69
70 def crossover(i1,i2):
71     i1.fixed = False
72     i2.fixed = False
73     return tools.cxTwoPoint(i1,i2)
74
75 def mutate(individual, indpb):
76     if random.random() < indpb:
77         individual.fixed = False
78         c = random.randint(0,2)
79         if c==0:
80             return tools.mutShuffleIndexes(individual,1.1)
81         elif c==1:
82             a = random.randint(0,len(individual)-1)
83             b = random.randint(0,len(individual)-1)
84             if a > b:
85                 a,b = b,a
86             del(individual[a:b])
87             return individual,
88         elif c==2:
89             a = random.randint(0,len(individual)-1)
90             del(individual[a:])
91             i = toolbox.individual()
92             [individual.append(a) for a in i]
93             return individual,
94     return individual,
95

```

```

95
96 creator.create("FitnessMax", base.Fitness, weights=(1.0,))
97 creator.create("Individual", type([]), fitness=creator.FitnessMax, fixed=False, ephemeral=0)
98
99 toolbox = base.Toolbox()
100 toolbox.register("random_operation", random.choice, operations)
101 toolbox.register("random_length", random.randint, 3,8)
102 toolbox.register("individual", lambda c,t,n:c(t() for z in range(n))), creator.Individual, toolbox.random_operation, toolbox.random_length)
103
104 toolbox.register("population", tools.initRepeat, list, toolbox.individual)
105 toolbox.register("evaluate", evaluate)
106 toolbox.register("mate", crossover)
107 toolbox.register("mutate", mutate, indpb=0.05)
108 toolbox.register("select", tools.selTournament, tournsize=3)
109
110 pop = toolbox.population(n=300)
111 hof = tools.HallOfFame(1)
112 pop, log = algorithms.eaSimple(pop, toolbox, cxpb=0.5, mutpb=0.2, ngen=80,
113                               halloffame=hof, verbose=True)
114
115 def print_code(individual):
116     B = compile_individual(individual)
117     print(dis(B))
118     print(show_code(B))
119 def print_values(individual):
120     B = compile_individual(individual)
121     print ([B(i) for i in range(0,10)])
122     print ([i*i-i+4 for i in range(0,10)])
123     print ([-(B(i)-i*i+i-4)**2 for i in range(0,10)])
124
125 print_code(hof[0])
126 print_values(hof[0])
127

```

```
0  LOAD_CONST          0 (1)
3  LOAD_CONST          1 (2)
6  LOAD_FAST           0 (a)
9  LOAD_FAST           0 (a)
12 BINARY_MULTIPLY
13 BINARY_OR
14 LOAD_FAST           0 (a)
17 BINARY_SUBTRACT
18 BINARY_ADD
19 LOAD_CONST          0 (1)
22 BINARY_ADD
23 RETURN_VALUE
```

TA-DA :-)

$$((((a*a)|2)-a)+1)+1 = a^2-a+4$$

THE END