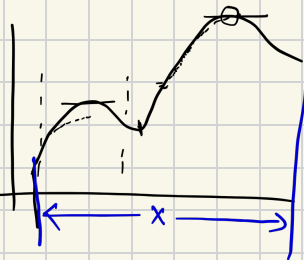


# Simulated Annealing

SA mimics this physical process to solve optimization problems. The temperature in SA controls the exploration of the search space



→ Initially, when the temperature is high, the SA Algo. can explore widely accepting even suboptimal sol<sup>n</sup> to escape local minima.

→ As the temperature decreases, the algo focuses more on refining the current solution

1) Search space (All possible sol<sup>n</sup> to the problem possible)

2) Energy (or cost) function, and constraints

3) Temperature (control parameter)

$T_0$  (high) .....  $T_n$  (Low)

↓  
Exploration

↓  
(more conservative)

SA → 1) Initialization steps

a) Initial sol<sup>n</sup> (heuristic Approach)

b) Initial temperature (Manual)

2) Iterative Improvement

a) Neighboring sol<sup>n</sup> (New sol<sup>n</sup>)

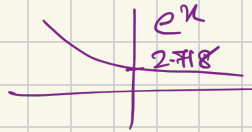
↳ change (small) to curr sol<sup>n</sup>  
↳ check whether all constraints satisfied or not

b) Calculate Energy / obj. fn.

3) Acceptance prob.

Boltzman prob. fn.  $\propto \Delta E$

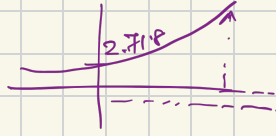
$$P(\text{accept}) = e^{-\Delta E/T}$$



$\Delta E \geq 0$  (represent increase in cost or energy)

$\Delta E = 10, T = 100$

$$e^{-\Delta E/T} = e^{-10/100} = e^{-0.1} = 2.718^{(-0.1)} = 0.90$$



$\Delta E = 10, T = 1$

$$e^{-10/1} = e^{-10} \approx 0.000045$$

$\beta = 1$

$100 - 99.998$

$\Delta C = 0, \beta = 1$

$\beta = 0.5$

$\beta \leq 0.5$

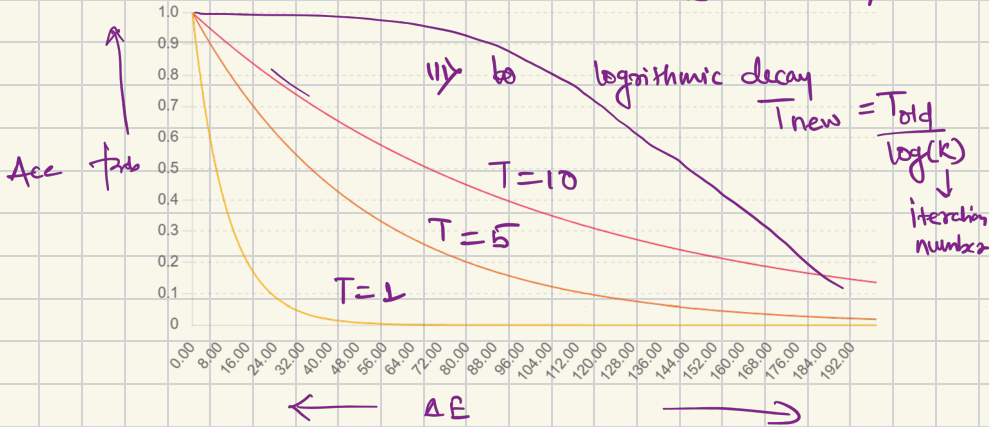
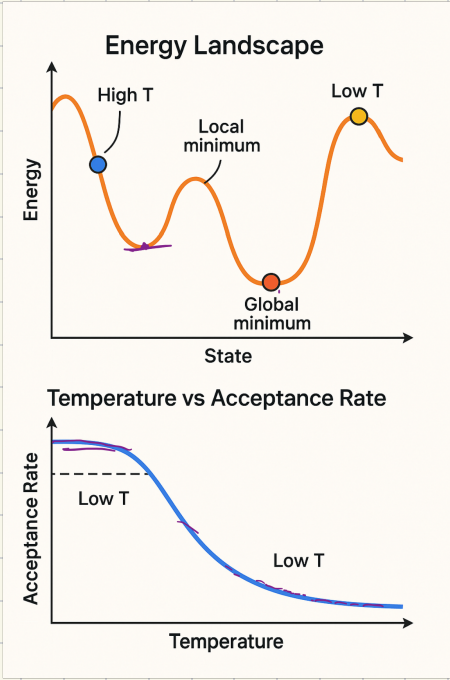
4) cooling schedule

Exponential decay  $T_{new} = T_{old} * \alpha$

$0 < \alpha \leq 1$

Linear Decay

$T_{new} = T_{old} - \beta$



5) Temperature Threshold. (Stopping criteria)

Max iteration

No improvement in low temp.

➤ Metaheuristic probabilistic

ii) Approximate global optimization.

iii) random controlled search using temperature

iv) Large search spaces with many local minima.