



# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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# WHAT WE STUDIED BEFORE!

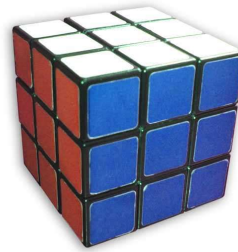
Explore whole state space graph **systematically**.

This systematicity is achieved by

- keeping one or more paths in memory and
- by recording which alternatives have been explored at each point along the path.

When a goal is found, the *path* to that goal also constitutes a *solution* to the problem

# LOCAL SEARCH



In many problems, however, the path to the goal is irrelevant. e.g., Rubik's cube.

For such cases, we do a local search e.g., instead of memorizing nodes, we only expand the current node, find the best child, expand it, then find its best child, then expand it and so on.

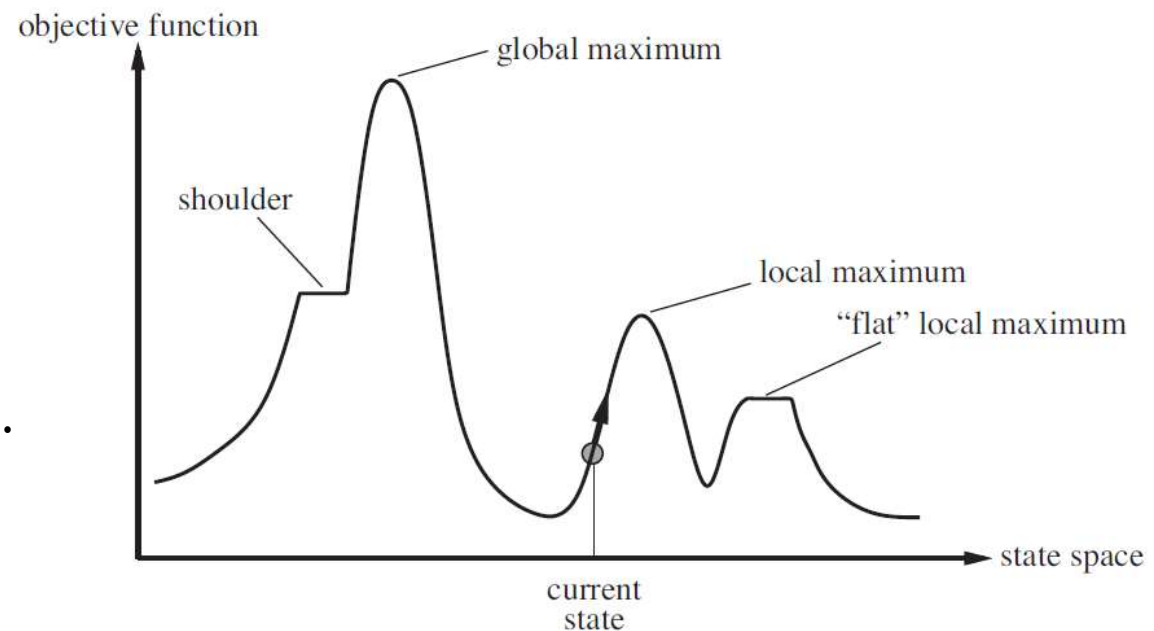
Advantages: low memory and working in a large state space graph (large value of  $m$  and  $d$ )

# STATE SPACE LANDSCAPE

A landscape has

“location” (defined by the state) and

“elevation” (defined by the value of the heuristic cost function or objective function).



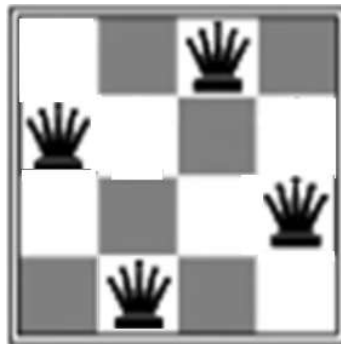
# OPTIMIZATION

In optimization problems, aim is to find the best state according to an **objective function**

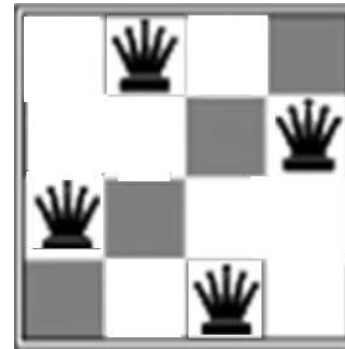
**Example:** n-queens problem: Put  $n$  queens on a  $n \times n$  board with no two queens on the same row, column or diagonal.



Initial state (not given,  
randomly generated)



Solution 1



Solution 2

# HILL CLIMBING / GREEDY LOCAL SEARCH

Objective Function:  $h(n)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \text{number of queens in same row, column or diagonal as that of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ queen}$$

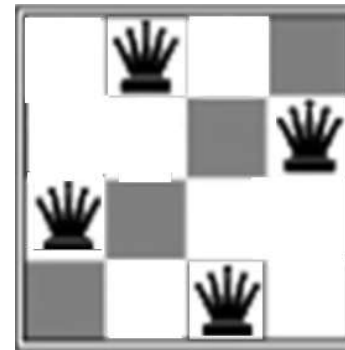
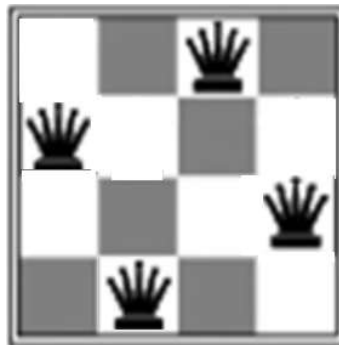
$$2 + 3 + 3 + 2$$

$$= 10$$



Initial state (n)

Find the state n for which this value is minimum  
(in this case minimum is 0)

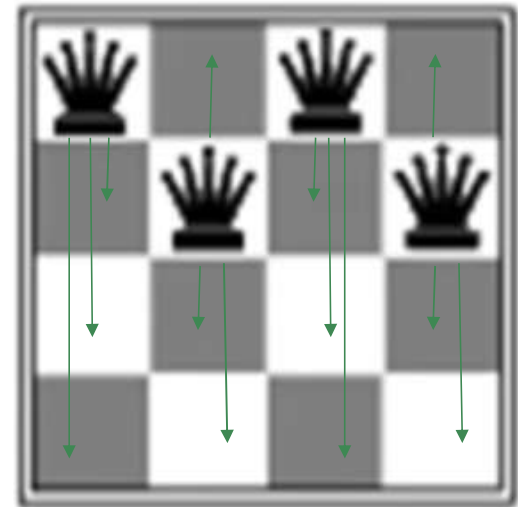


## POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS / NEIGHBORS

You can move a queen anywhere within that column

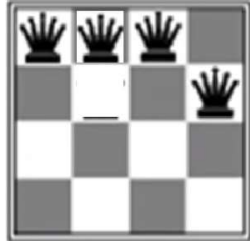
Therefor each state has  $4 * 3 = 12$  successor states.

Among these 12 successor states, find the one with lowest value of  $h$  and set that successor as the current state; continue until  $h=0$  !

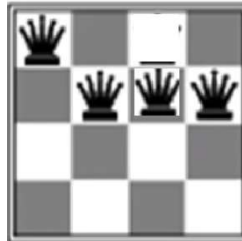




$$h = 2+3+2+3=10$$



$$h = 2+2+3+1=8$$



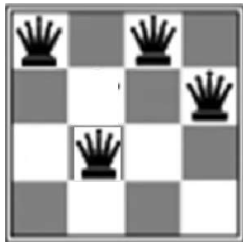
$$h = 1+3+2+2=8$$



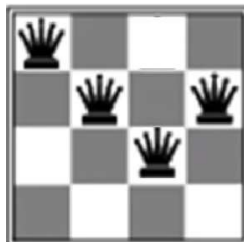
$$h = 3+2+3+2=10$$



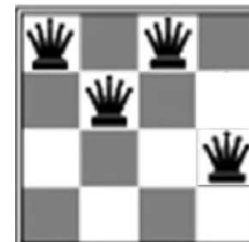
$$h = 2+3+3+2=10$$



$$h = 1+0+2+1=4$$



$$h = 2+3+3+2=10$$



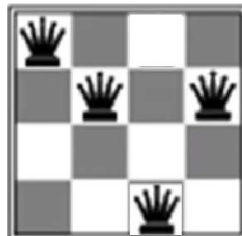
$$h = 2+2+2+0=6$$



$$h = 0+2+2+2=6$$



$$h = 1+1+2+1=5$$



$$h = 1+2+0+1=4$$



$$h = 3+3+2+2=10$$



# HILL CLIMBING - PSEUDOCODE

**function** HILL-CLIMBING(*problem*) **returns** a state that is a local maximum

*current*  $\leftarrow$  MAKE-NODE(*problem*.INITIAL-STATE)

**loop do**

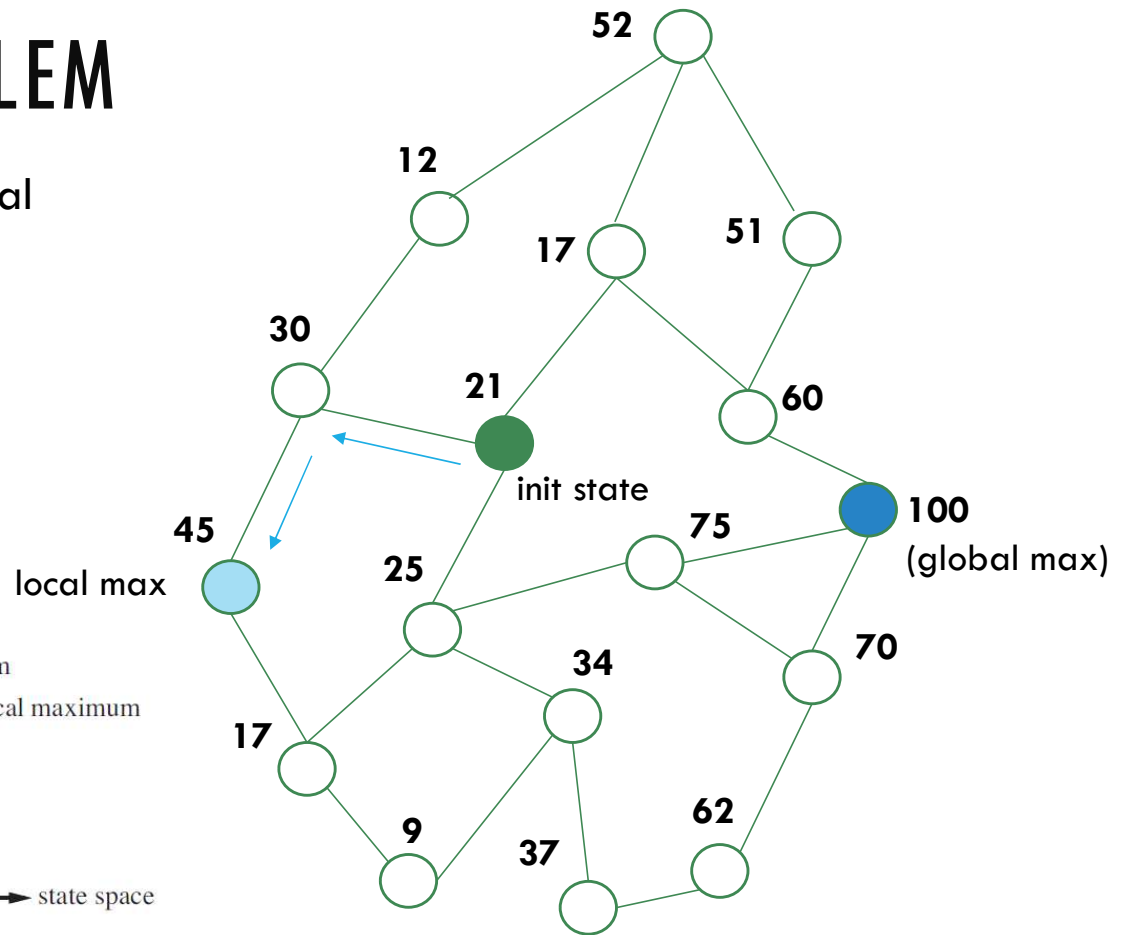
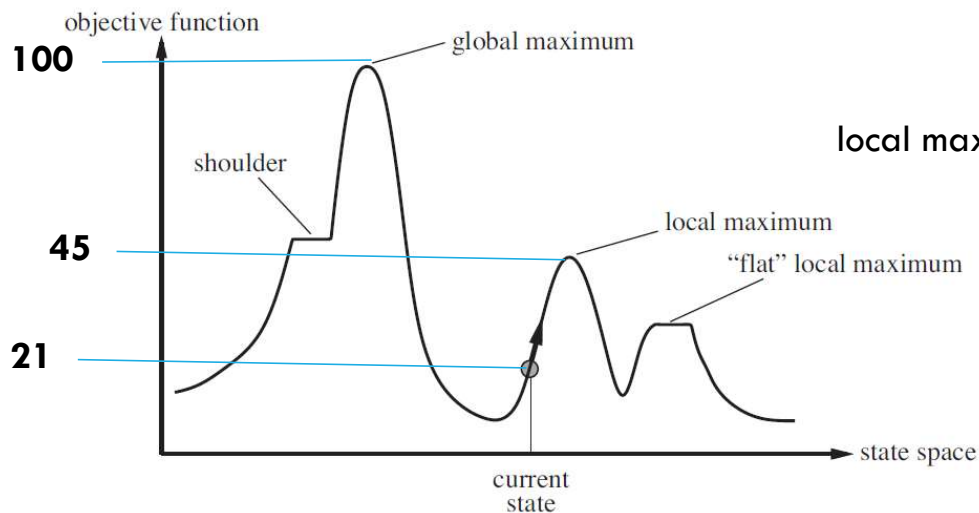
*neighbor*  $\leftarrow$  a highest-valued successor of *current*

**if** *neighbor*.VALUE  $\leq$  *current*.VALUE **then return** *current*.STATE

*current*  $\leftarrow$  *neighbor*

# HILL CLIMBING - PROBLEM

Normal hill climbing can get stuck at local maximum/minimum depending upon start/initial/current state.



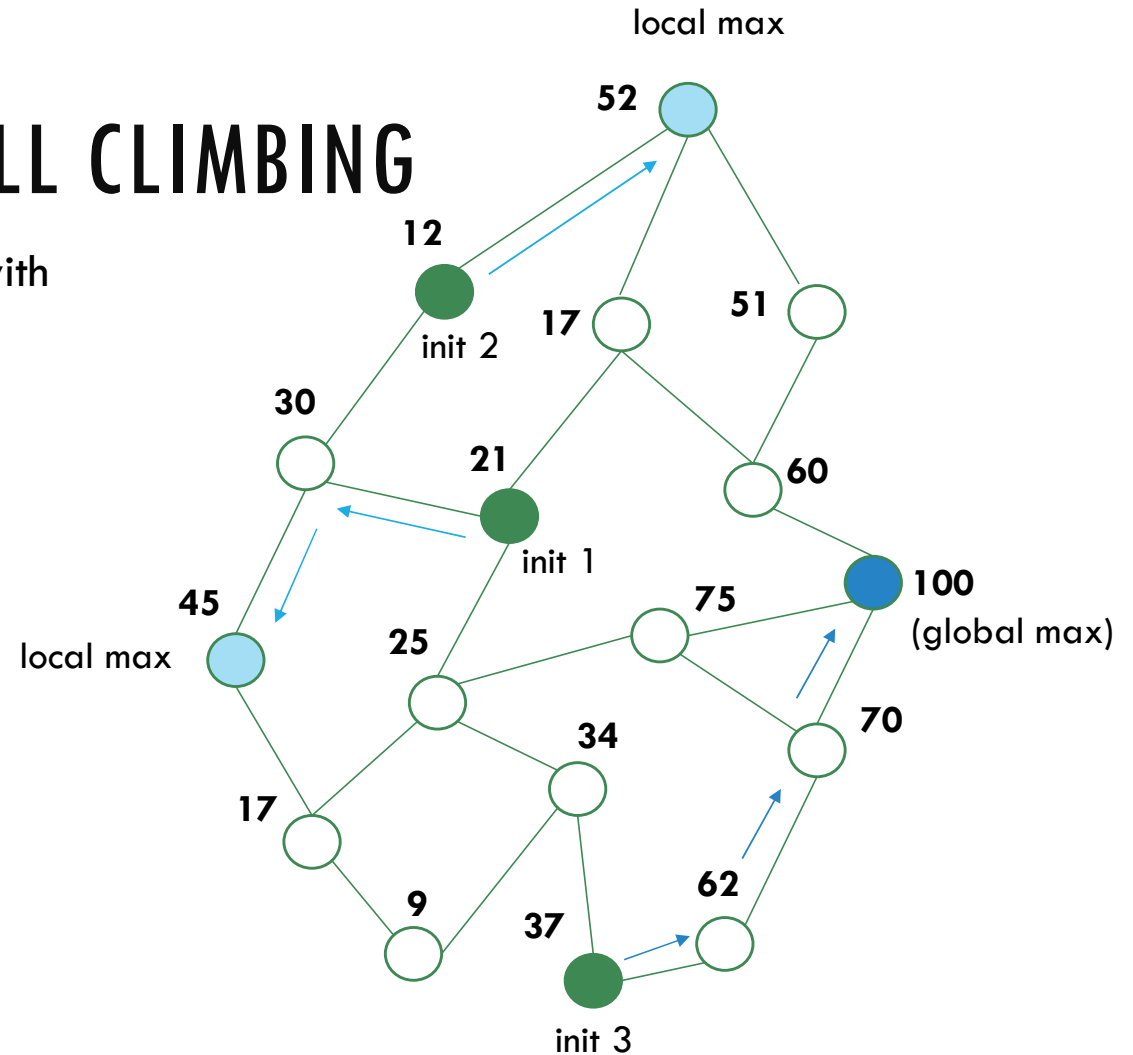
# HILL CLIMBING - PROBLEM

Solution(s)

- Random Restart Hill Climbing
- Local Beam Search
- Genetic Algorithms
- Simulated Annealing

# RANDOM RESTART HILL CLIMBING

In case of failure in 1<sup>st</sup> search, restart with a different initial state. Keep repeating the procedure until  $h == 100$  state is reached.



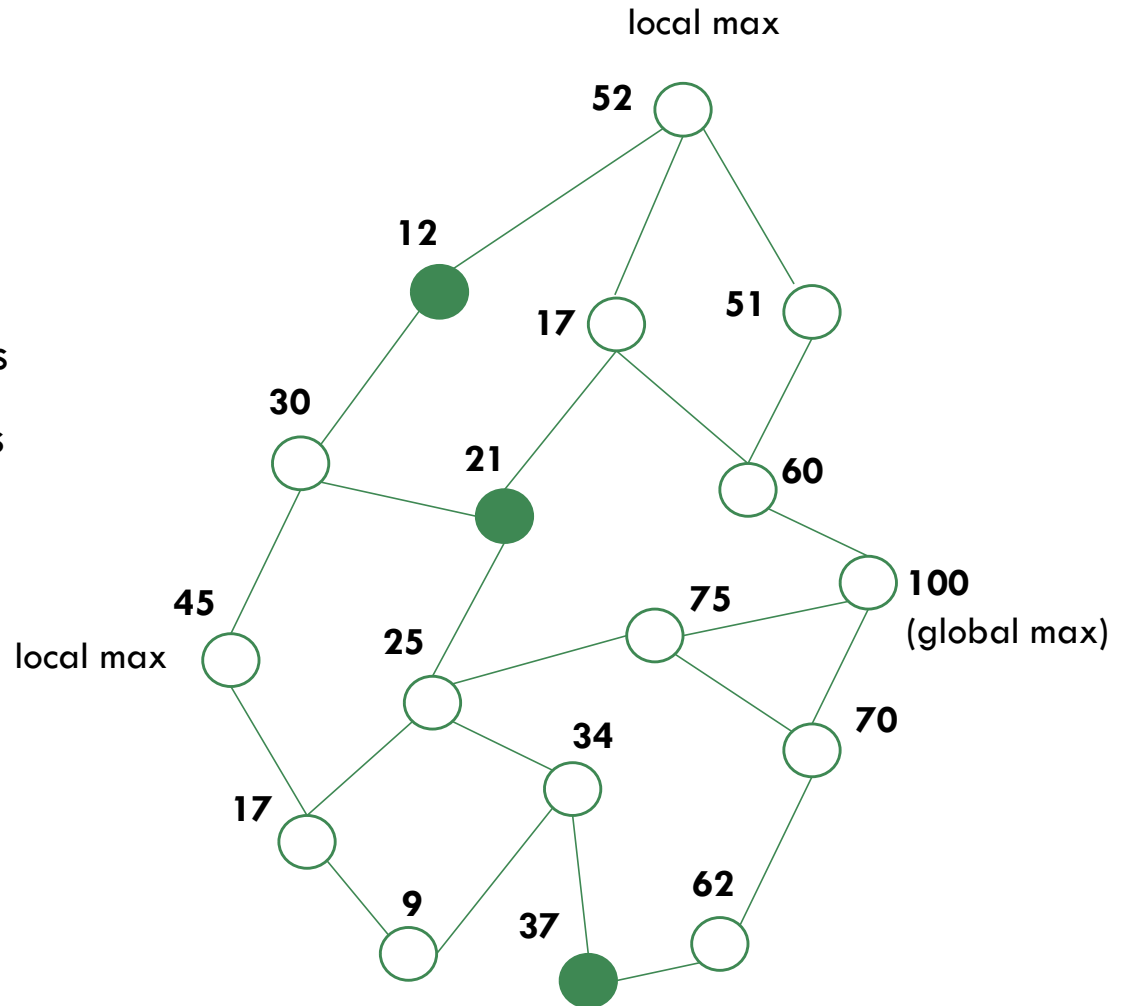
# LOCAL BEAM SEARCH

Start with  $k$  randomly generated states

Generate all successors of those  $k$  states

If no goal found, select best  $k$  successors and repeat.

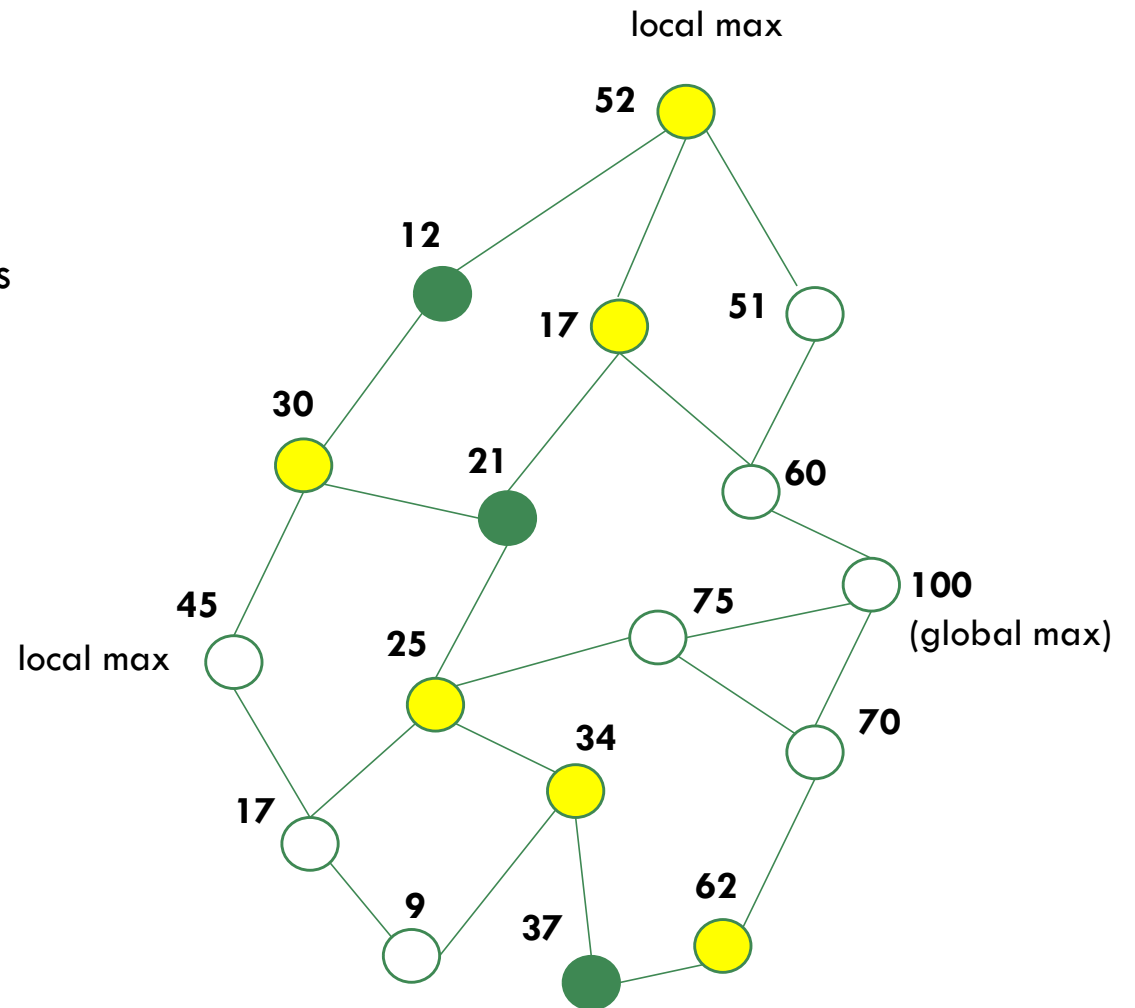
For the tree on the right,  $k = 3$



# LOCAL BEAM SEARCH

Generate all successors of those  $k$  states

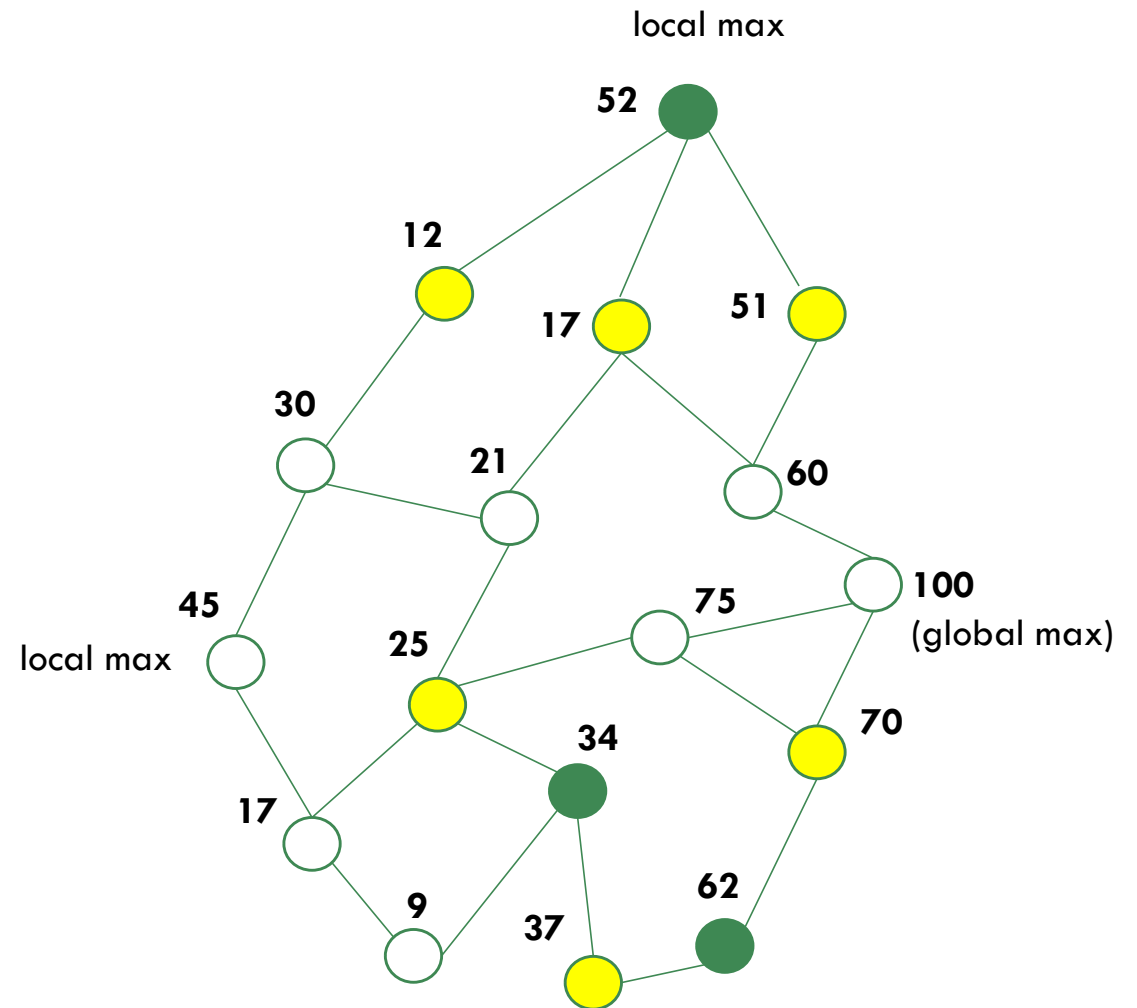
Among these successors (yellow) choose, top 3 since  $k=3$ .





# LOCAL BEAM SEARCH

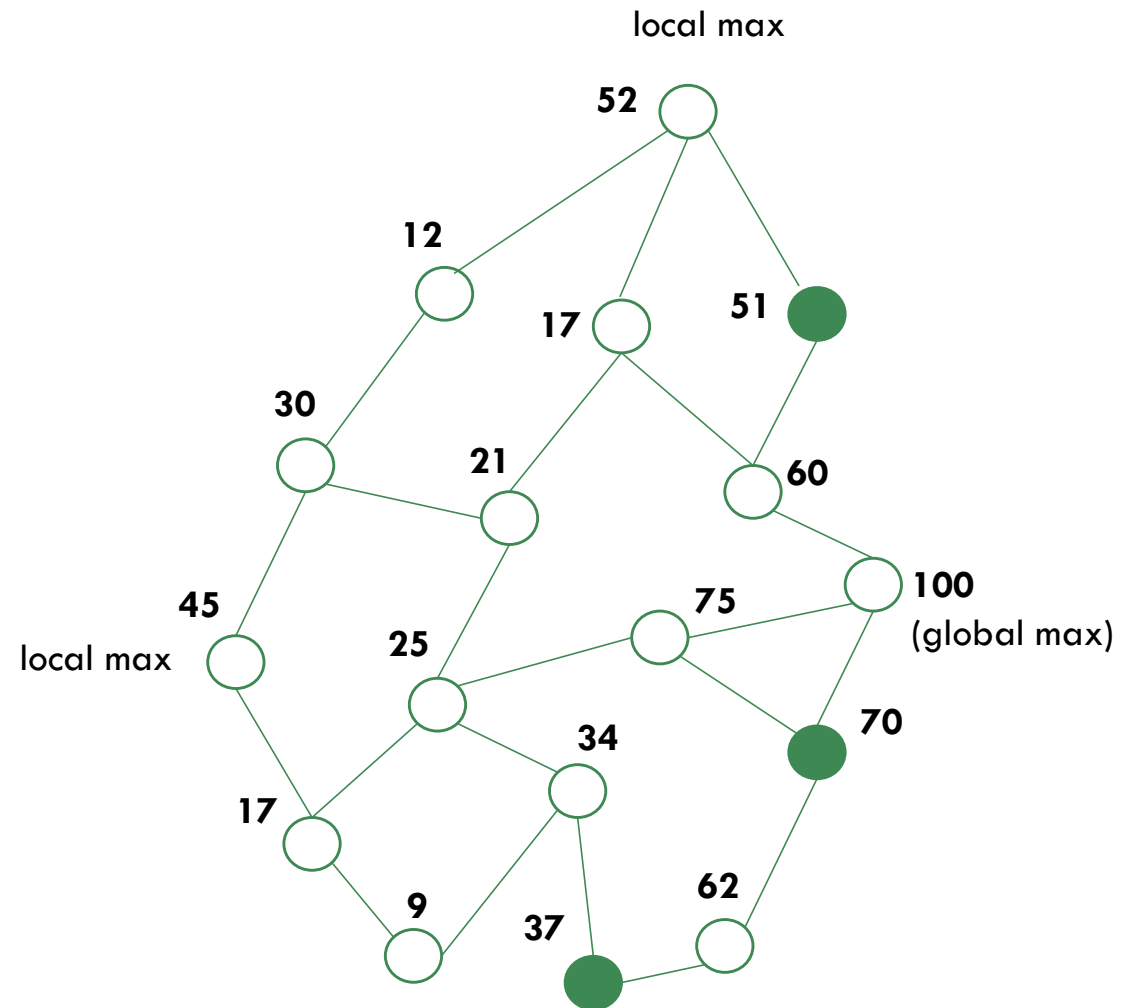
New children are generated





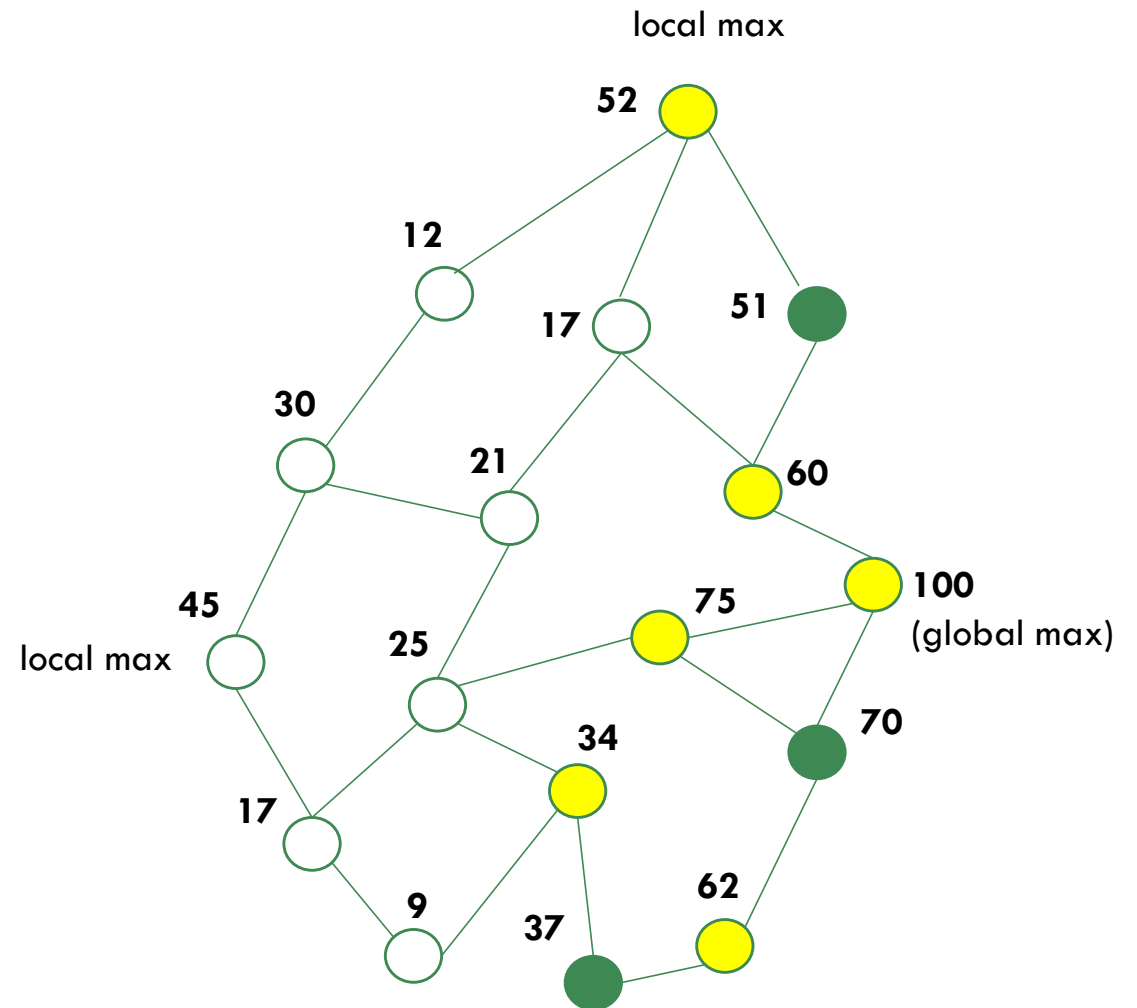
# LOCAL BEAM SEARCH

Best 3 are selected.



# LOCAL BEAM SEARCH

One of the successors is a goal (global max) !



# GENETIC ALGORITHMS

Search technique based upon **natural genetics and natural selection**

Finds the optimal solution i.e., global maximum

Based upon survival of the fittest

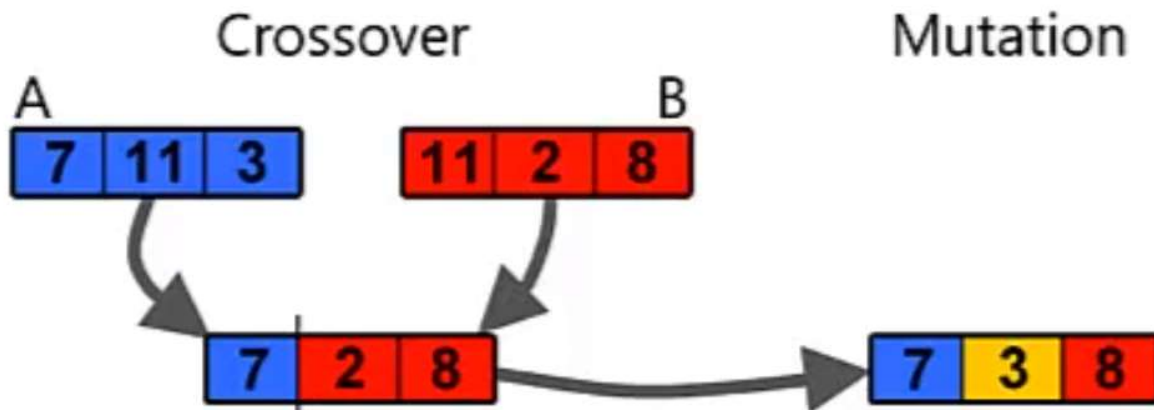
# NATURAL SELECTION

Only the organisms best adapted to the environment survive, and transmit their genetic characteristics to succeeding generations, while those less adapted tend to be eliminated.

A genetic algorithm maintains a population of candidate solutions. This population is evolved and gives birth to next generation. In next generation we only retain those children which are the fittest.

# NATURAL GENETICS

How to evolve? i.e., how to produce children?



# PROBLEM SOLVING

