

# AS-MOSES

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MOSES is a program learner

- MOSES: Meta-Optimization Semantic Evolutionary Search (Moshe Looks)
- C++ version
- Learn Combo programs
- To be ported for the AtomSpace

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- Optimization
  - Attempt to learn the fitness landscape
  - In practice Stochastic Hillclimbing + Crossover

Why porting MOSES to the AtomSpace?

Synergies between MOSES and the rest of OpenCog

- Atomese fitness function
- Atomese candidate programs
- Search in the AtomSpace
- Integrate background knowledge
- Meta-learning

Program example:

$$f(x, y) = x + 2 * y$$

Atomese:

```
(Lambda
  (VariableList
    (Variable "x")
    (Variable "y")
  (Plus
    (Variable "x")
    (Times
      (Number 2)
      (Variable "y")))))
```

# AS-MOSES: Deme Representation

Representation:

$$f(x) = [-1, 1] * x + [0, 0.5, 1]$$

Atomese:

```
(Quote
  (Lambda
    (Variable "$x")
    (Plus
      (Times
        (Unquote (Variable "$k0"))
        (Variable "x"))
      (Unquote (Variable "$k1")))))
```

$k_0$  and  $k_1$  are the knob variables



# AS-MOSES: Deme Representation

Generate all candidates with the following Atomese program:

```
(Put
  (VariableList
    (Variable "$k0")
    (Variable "$k1"))
  (Quote
    (Lambda
      (Variable "$x")
      (Plus
        (Times
          (Unquote (Variable "$k0"))
          (Variable "$x"))
          (Unquote (Variable "$k1"))))))
  (Set
    (List (Number -1) (Number 0))
    (List (Number -1) (Number 0.5))
    (List (Number -1) (Number 1))
    (List (Number 1) (Number 0))
    (List (Number 1) (Number 0.5))
    (List (Number 1) (Number 2))))
```

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```
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    (Number 0.5)))

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    (Number 2)))
```

## Axiomatize Atomese Reduction

For instance

```
(Evaluation (stv 1 1)
  (Predicate "reduce-to")
  (List
    (Lambda
      (Variable "$x")
      (Plus
        (Times
          (Number 1)
          (Variable "$x"))
        (Number 0)))
    (Lambda
      (Variable "$x")
      (Variable "$x"))
```

means

reduces to

$$f(x) = 1 * x + 0$$

$$f(x) = x$$

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- Suggested solution: See optimization as **reasoning process**. Possibly dedicated policies for efficiency.
  - EDAs: Probably trivial
  - Hillclimbing: Less trivial but still

# AS-MOSES: Optimization, Hillclimbing Example

## Hillclimbing Axioms:

1. Candidates with **similar knob settings** tend to be **syntactically similar**

```
Implication (stv 0.8 0.2)
  Predicate "similar-knob-settings"
  Predicate "similar-syntax"
```

2. **Syntactically similar** candidates tend to be loosely **semantically similar**

```
Implication (stv 0.4 0.01)
  Predicate "similar-syntax"
  Predicate "similar-semantics"
```

3. **Semantically similar** candidates tend to have **similar fitnesses**

```
Implication (stv 0.6 0.1)
  Predicate "similar-semantics"
  Predicate "similar-fitness"
```

4. If candidate P1 and P2 have **similar fitnesses**, P2's fitness is close to P1's fitness

```
ImplicationScope (stv 1 1)
  $P1, $P2
  And
    Evaluation
      Predicate "similar-fitness"
      List
        $P1
        $P2
    Evaluation
      Predicate "fitness"
      $P1
  Evaluation
    Predicate "fitness"
    $P2
```

# AS-MOSES: Optimization

URE query:

Evaluation

Predicate "MOSES:fitness"

\$X

- URE fitness: **maximize strength and confidence** of the query
- Chain axioms 1 to 4, using deduction, fuzzy conjunction and conditional instantiation to explore neighborhood
- Once a better candidate is found, the URE fitness will be incentivized to re-chain axioms 1 to 4 with that better candidate.
- We can help the URE!

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Personal suggestion:

- Wrap existing MOSES C++ components in Scheme/Atomese so it appears as if AS-MOSES is an Atomese program
- Progressively infuse reasoning