



# Artificial & Computational Intelligence

**AIMLCLZG557**

**M2 : Problem Solving Agent using Search**

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# Course Plan



M1 Introduction to AI

M2 Problem Solving Agent using Search

M3 Game Playing

M4 Knowledge Representation using Logics

M5 Probabilistic Representation and Reasoning

M6 Reasoning over time

M7 Ethics in AI

## Module 2 : Problem Solving Agent using Search

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- A. Uninformed Search
- B. Informed Search
- C. Heuristic Functions
- D. Local Search Algorithms & Optimization Problems

## Learning Objective

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At the end of this class , students Should be able to:

1. Differentiate which local search is best suitable for given problem
2. Design fitness function for a problem
3. Construct a search tree
4. Apply appropriate local search and show the working of algorithm at least for first 2 iterations with atleast four next level successor generation(if search tree is large)
5. Design and show local search Algorithm steps for a given problem

- ① Partially Observable
- ② Irrelevant Path

## Local Search & Optimization

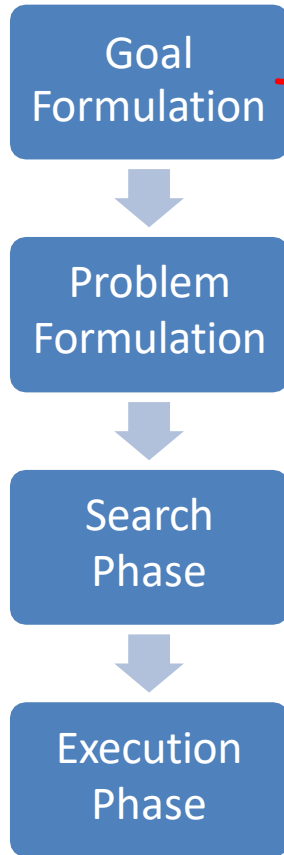
↓  
Greedy Choice  
↓  
next best successor

- ③ Goal Oriented  
↓  
expected Goal
- ④ Memory limitation

# Task Environment

① single instance  
② multiple instance

## Phases of Solution Search by PSA



→ optimal soln  
↓  
wearer to my goal

\* mini  
\* max

$h(n)$   
↳ fitness = n

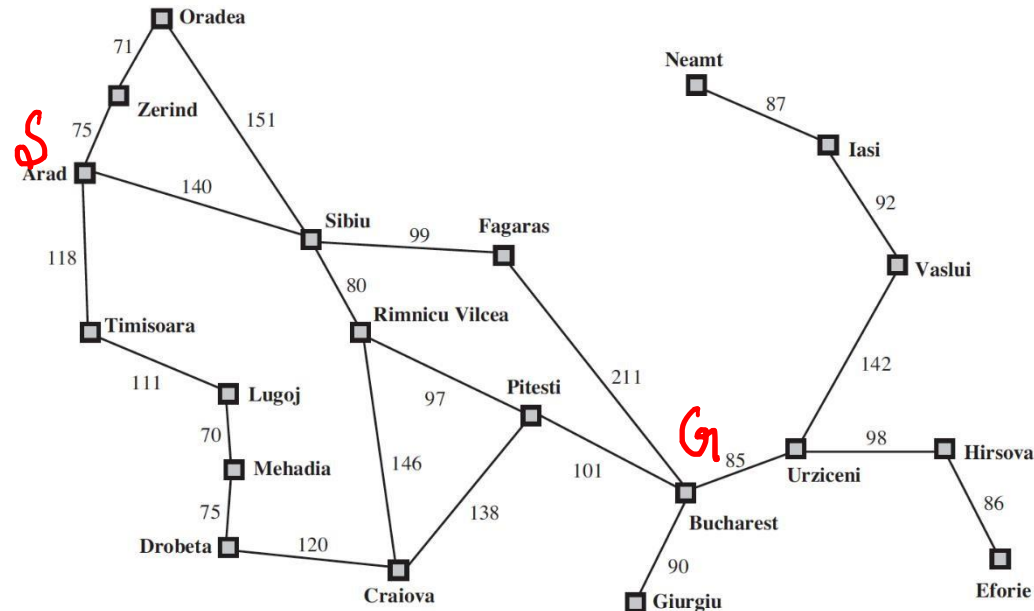
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Static (4.5)

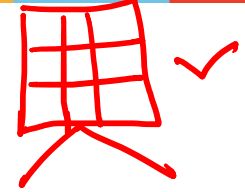
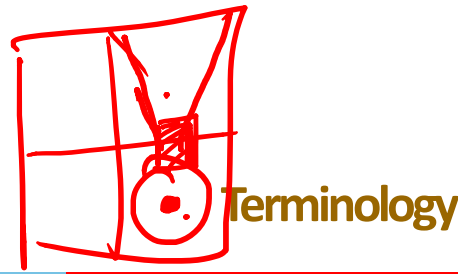
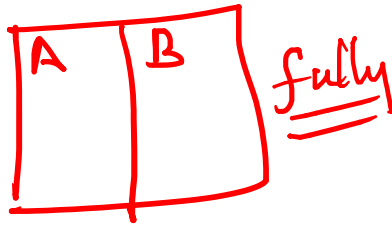
Observable

Discrete (4.4)

Deterministic (MDP)

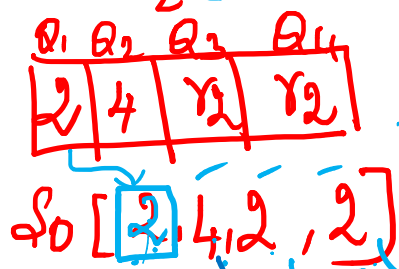
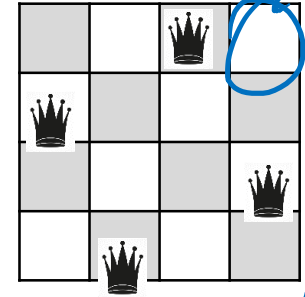
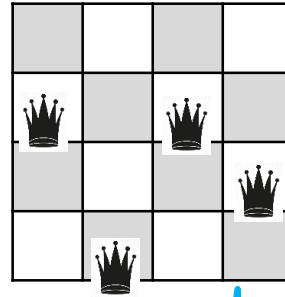
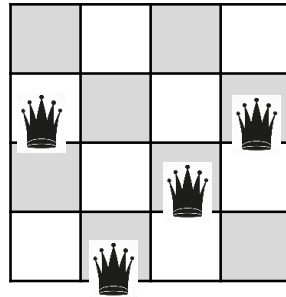
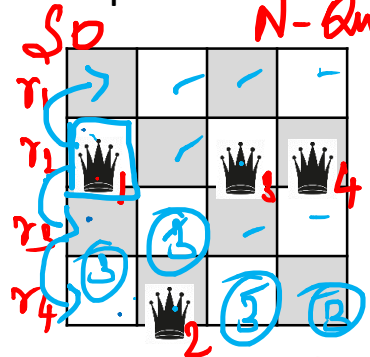


# Local Search



**Local Search** : Search in the state-space in the neighbourhood of current position until an optimal solution is found

*N-Queen  $\rightarrow 4$*



*1NN  
2NN  
3NN  
NINN*

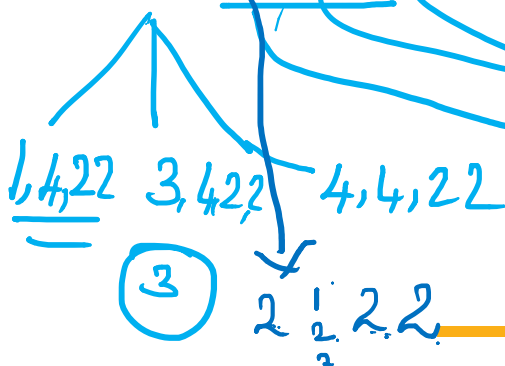
*Neighborhood region expansion*

*2, 4, 2, 2  
2, 2  
2, 2*

*2, 4, 2*

*2, 4, 2, 2*

*level 1*



*12 Successors*

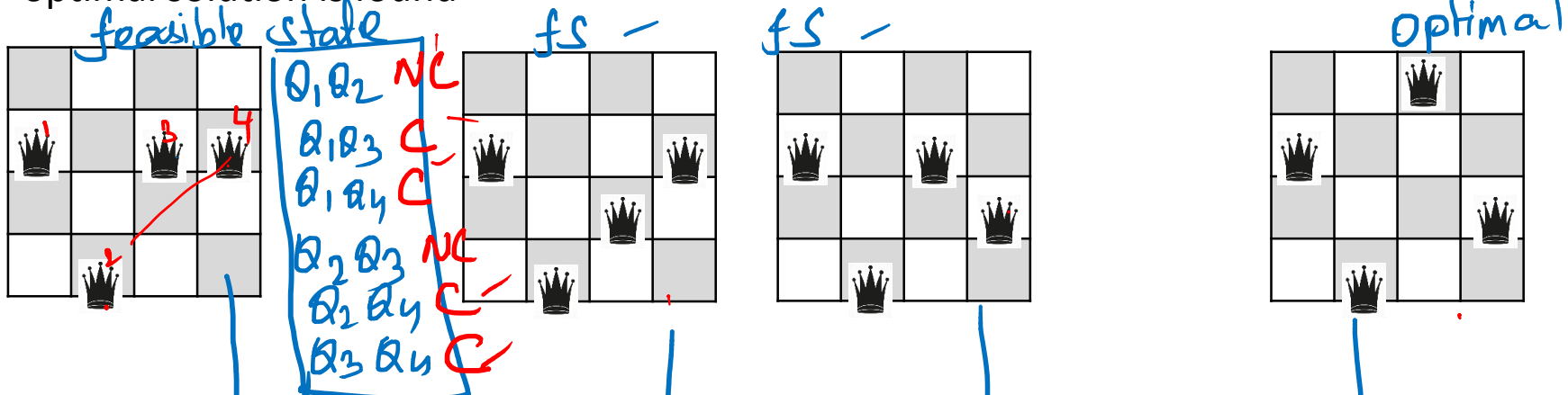
# Local Search

1NN Assumption



## Terminology

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**Feasible State/Solution**

Fitness Value:

$h(n) = 4$  ✓

$h(n) = \text{No. of Conflicting pairs of queens}$

**Neighboring States**

$h(n) = 4$  ✓

$h(n) = 2$  ✓

**Optimal Solution**

$h(n) = 0$  ✓

$h(n) = 2$  ✓

$h(n) = 2$  ✓

$h(n) = 4$  ✓

$h(n) = 6$  ✓

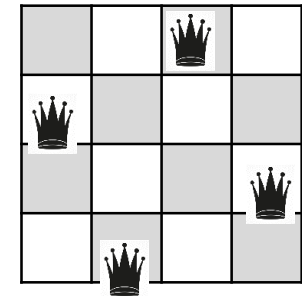
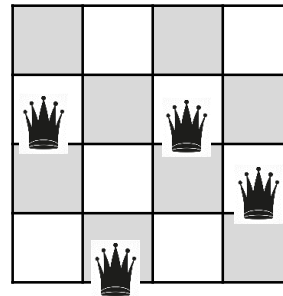
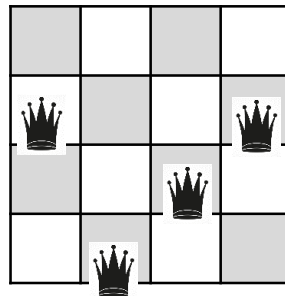
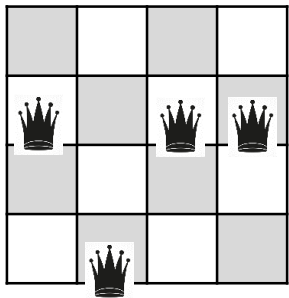
$h(n) = \text{No. of Non-Conflicting pairs of queens.}$

↑ max



## Terminology

**Local Search** : Search in the state-space in the **neighbourhood** of current position until an optimal solution is found



### Feasible State/Solution

Fitness Value:

$$h(n) = 4$$

$h(n)$  = No.of.Conflicting **pairs** of queens

$$h(n) = 2$$

$h(n)$  = No.of.**Non**-Conflicting **pairs** of queens.

### Neighboring States

$$h(n) = 4$$

$$h(n) = 2$$

$$h(n) = 2$$

$$h(n) = 4$$

### Optimal Solution

$$h(n) = 0 \text{ mix}$$

$$h(n) = 6 \text{ max}$$

## Terminology

**Local Search** : Search in the state-space in the neighbourhood of current position until an optimal solution is found

### Algorithms:

- Choice of Neighbour ✓
- Looping Condition ✓
- Termination Condition

1NN, 2NN

→ expected goal → TC 1

→  $h(n) = 6$

→ threshold at 4  
↓  
expected

2	5	3	2
♠	6	♠	♠
3	5	4	2
4	♠	4	2

## Optimization Problem

**Goal** : Navigate through a state space for a given problem such that an optimal solution can be found

**Objective** : Minimize or Maximize the objective evaluation function value

**Scope** : Local

**Objective Function** : Fitness Value evaluates the goodness of current solution

**Local Search** : Search in the state-space in the **neighbourhood of current position** until an optimal solution is found

### Single Instance Based

✓ Hill Climbing

Simulated Annealing

✓ Local Beam Search

Tabu Search

### Multiple Instance Based

✓ Genetic Algorithm

Particle Swarm Optimization

✓ Ant Colony Optimization

4 Alg

# Hill Climbing

# Hill Climbing

1. Select a random state
2. Evaluate the fitness scores for all the successors of the state
3. Calculate the probability of selecting a successor based on fitness score
4. Select the next state based on the highest probability
5. Repeat from Step 2

**h(n) = No. of non-conflicting pairs of queens in the board.**

So

NC Q1-Q2  
 NC Q1-Q3  
 NC Q1-Q4  
 NC Q2-Q3  
 C Q2-Q4  
 C Q3-Q4

1	4	2	2	4
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Note : Steps 3 & 4 in the above algorithm will be a part of variation of Hill climbing

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Q1-Q2

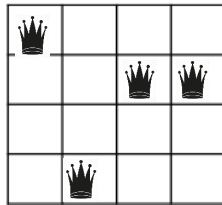
Q1-Q3

Q1-Q4

Q2-Q3

Q2-Q4

Q3-Q4

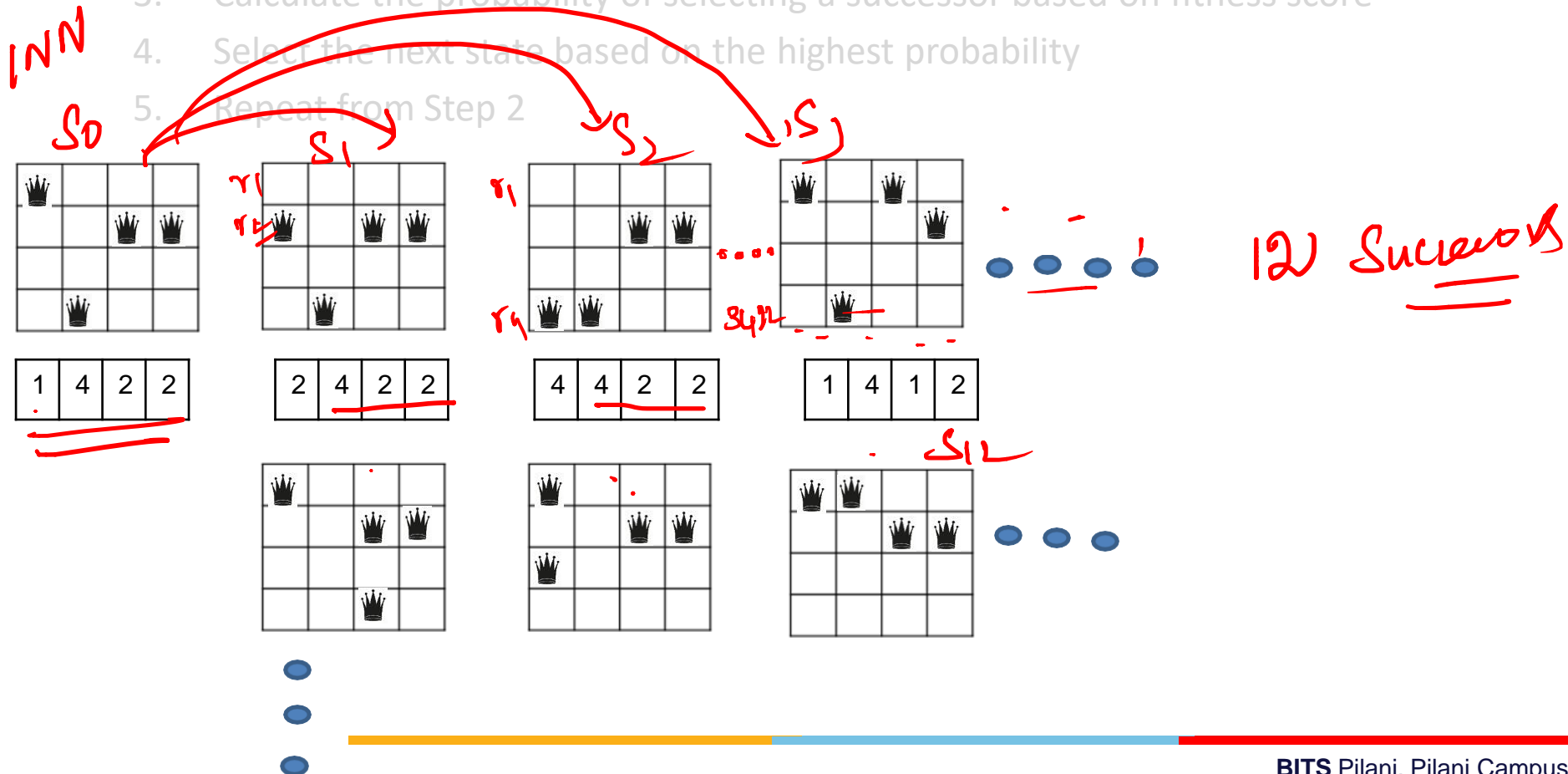


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# Hill Climbing

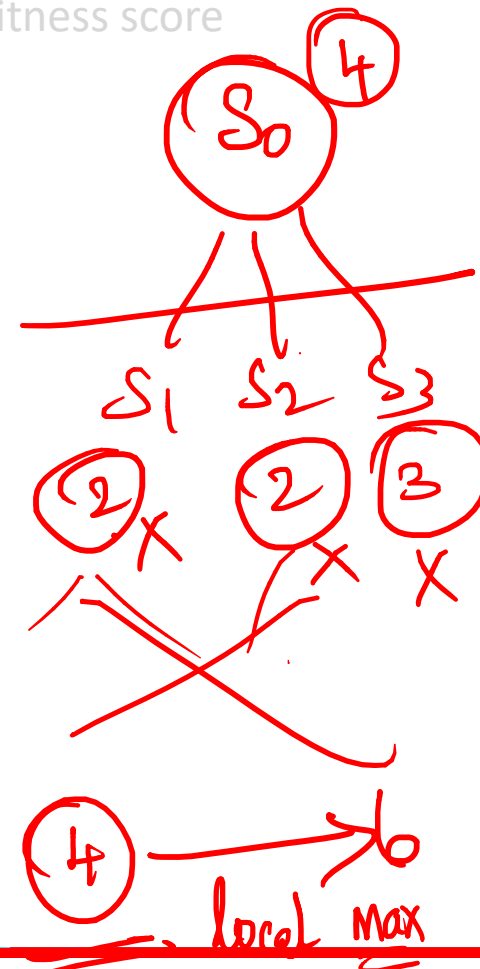
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5. Repeat from step 2
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- The diagram illustrates the iterative process of finding the maximum value in a 4x4 grid. It shows four states:  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$ , and an ellipsis. Each state consists of a 4x4 grid with crown icons and a corresponding 1D array below it. In each array, the maximum value is highlighted in red and checked with a red mark.
- $S_1$ : Grid has crowns at (1,1), (2,3), (2,4), (3,2). Array: [1, 4, 2, 2, 4] with 4 highlighted.
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  - $S_3$ : Grid has crowns at (1,1), (2,3), (2,4), (3,2). Array: [4, 4, 2, 2, 2] with 2 highlighted.
- ...

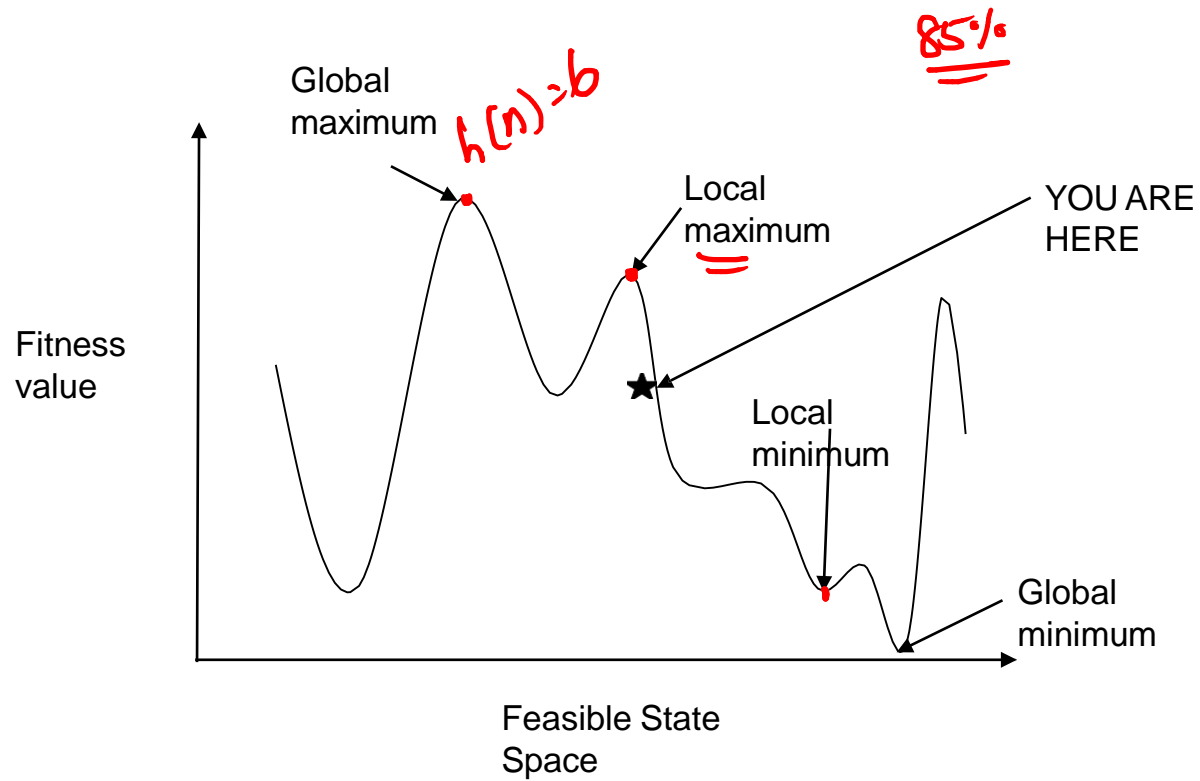
return

So optimal  
sol



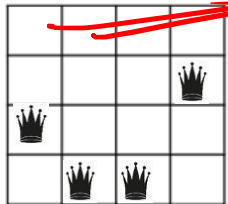


# Hill Climbing



## Random Restart

1. Select a random state
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3. Calculate the probability of selecting a successor based on fitness score
4. Select the next state based on the highest probability
5. Repeat from Step 2
- 6.



*random*

3	4	4	2	3
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**function** HILL-CLIMBING(*problem*) **returns** a state that is a local maximum

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

**loop do**

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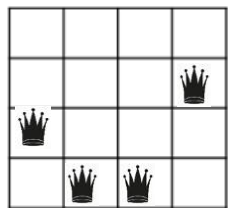
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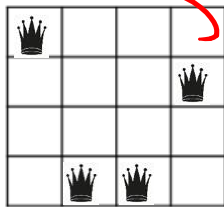
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$K = 100$

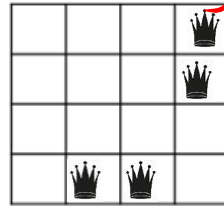
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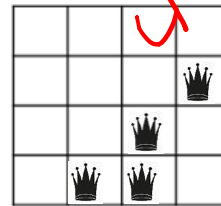
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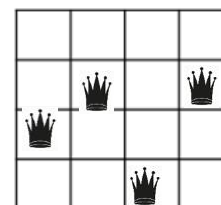
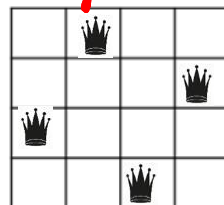
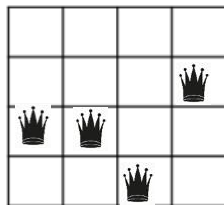
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3 1 4 2 6

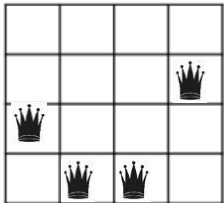


3 2 4 2 4



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# Stochastic Hill Climbing

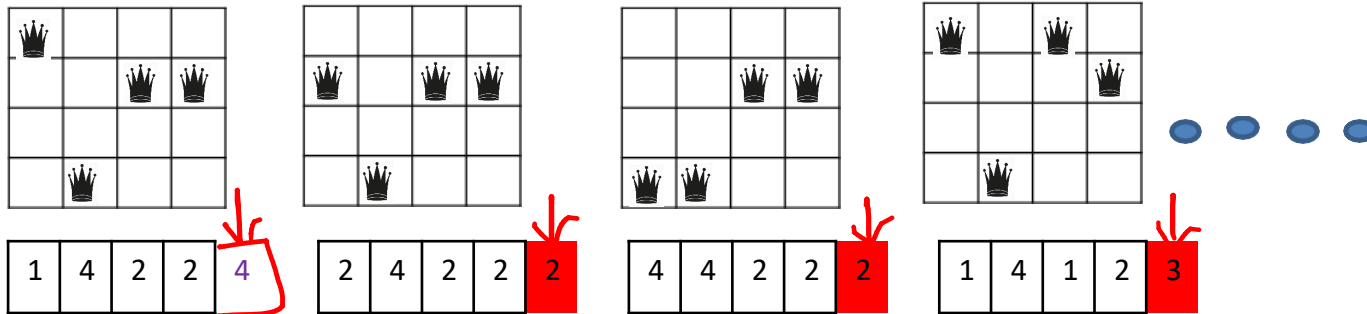
$f(n) \rightarrow \boxed{f} \rightarrow \text{Probability}$

innovate

achieve

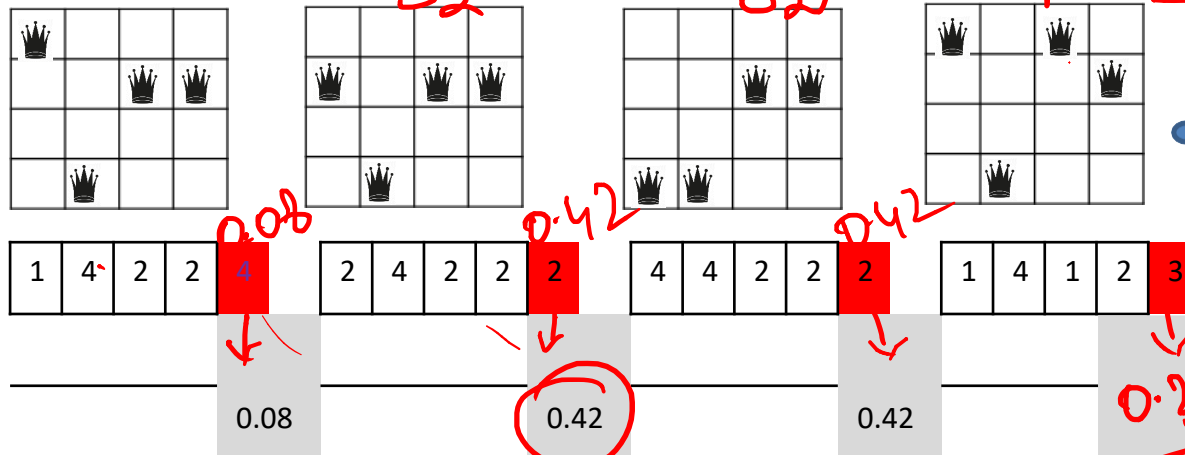
lead

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1. ~~Select a random state~~
2. ~~Evaluate the fitness scores for all the successors of the state~~
3. Calculate the probability of selecting a successor based on fitness score
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① way max ✓

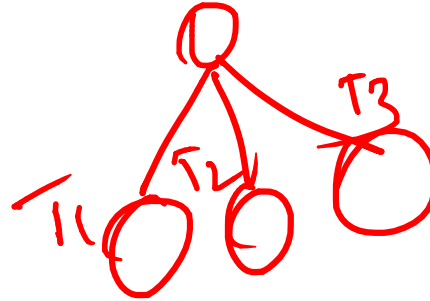
②  $P = 0.2$   
 $0.2 < 0.25$

freq			
2	2	2/12	0.16
1	1	1/12	0.08
5	5	5/12	0.42
3	3	3/12	0.25
1	1	1/12	0.08

12 N = {4,2,2,3,3,2,2,0,2,1,3,0}

f(n)

$next \leftarrow$  a randomly selected successor of current  
 $\Delta E \leftarrow next.VALUE - current.VALUE$   
 if  $\Delta E > 0$  then  $current \leftarrow next$   
 else  $current \leftarrow next$  only with probability  $e^{\Delta E/T}$



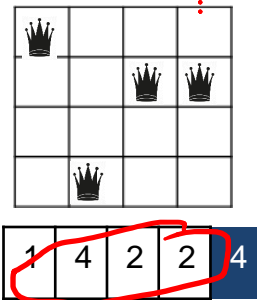
## Local Beam Search

# Beam Search

$k=2$   $k=3$

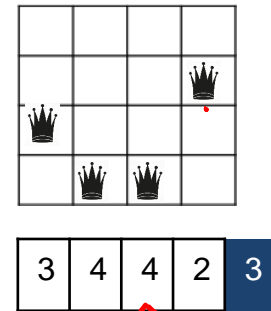
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3. Calculate the probability of selecting a successor based on fitness score
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6. Repeat from Step 2

$S_0$



Hill / Stop / run

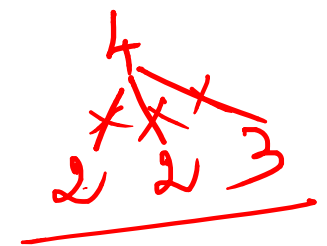
$S_0$





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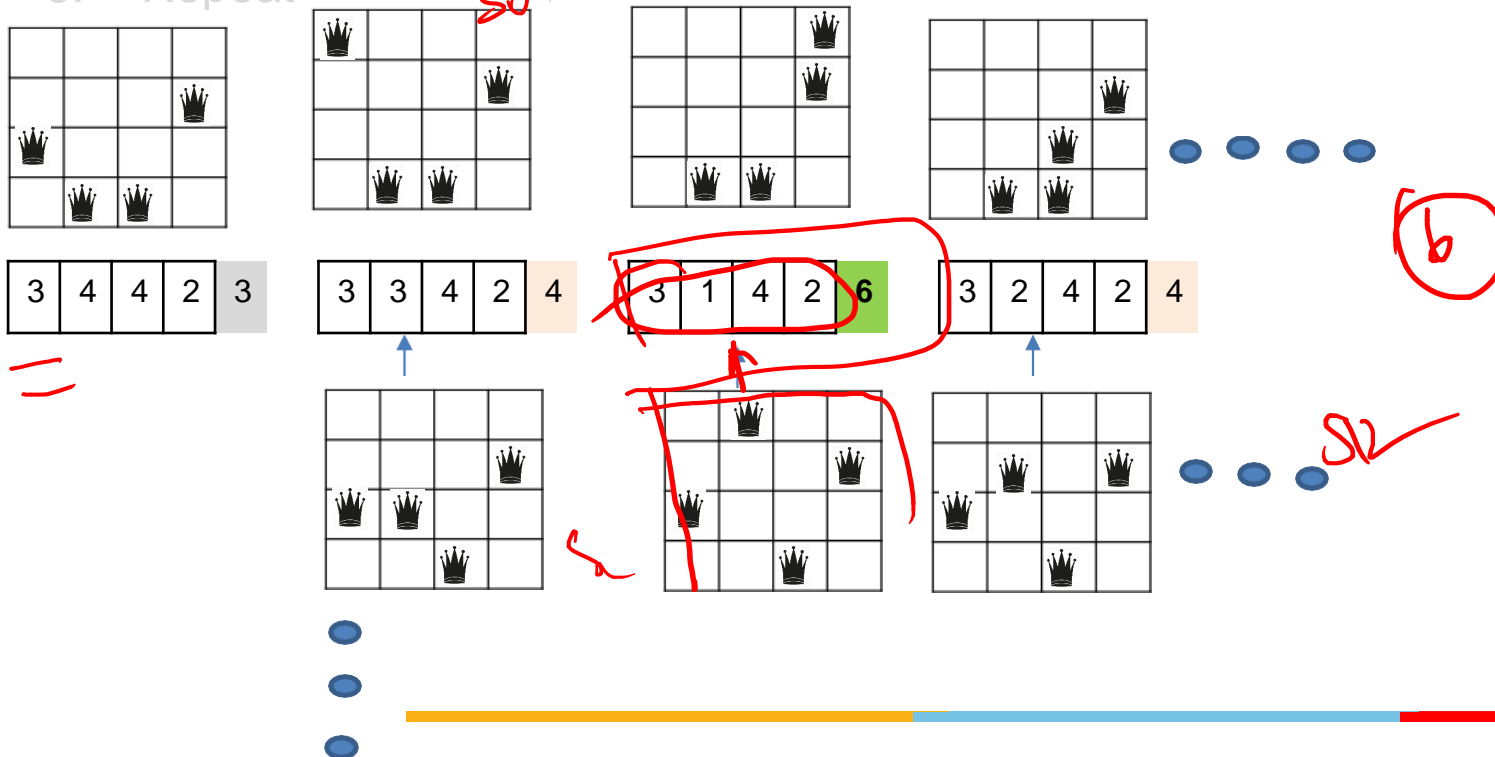


# Beam Search



## 2<sup>nd</sup> State

1. Initialize k random state
2. Evaluate the fitness scores for all the successors of the k states
3. Calculate the probability of selecting a successor based on fitness score
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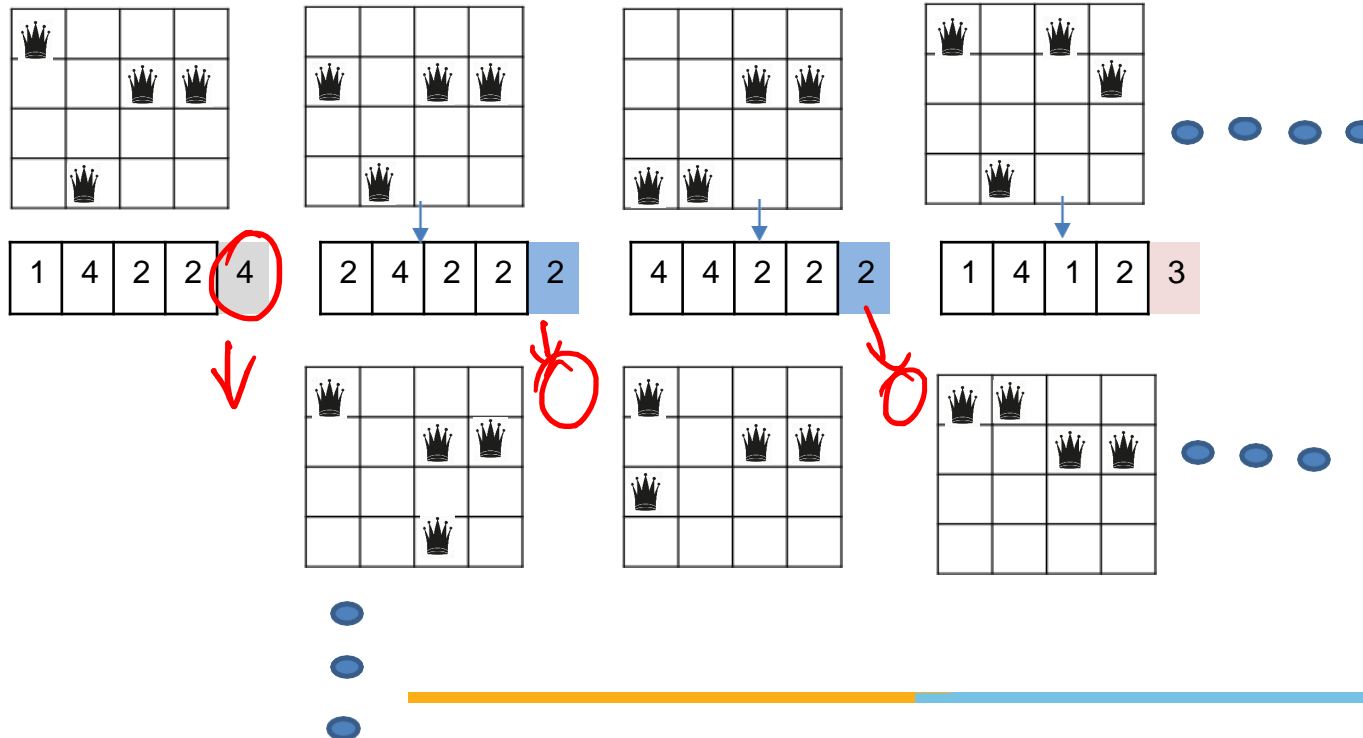
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## Sample from 1<sup>st</sup> State

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2  
↓  
1st





Communicate

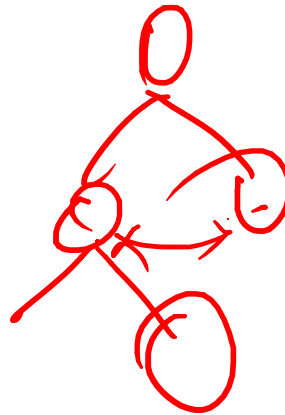


No cooperation

## Genetic Algorithm

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- ④ selection  $f(n)$
- Randomization
- Heridity
- Mutation



offspring.  
Par

# Genetic Algorithm

$f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4$   
1 0 1 0

innovate

achieve

lead

binary

1010 1111  
Chromosome

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

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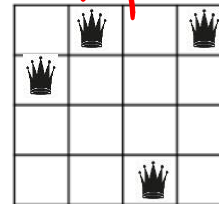
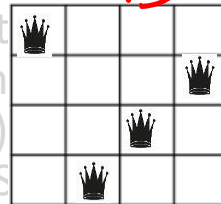
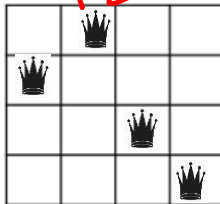
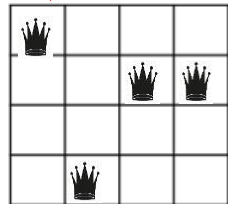
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Select 'k' random states – Initialization : k=4

Evaluate the fitness value all states

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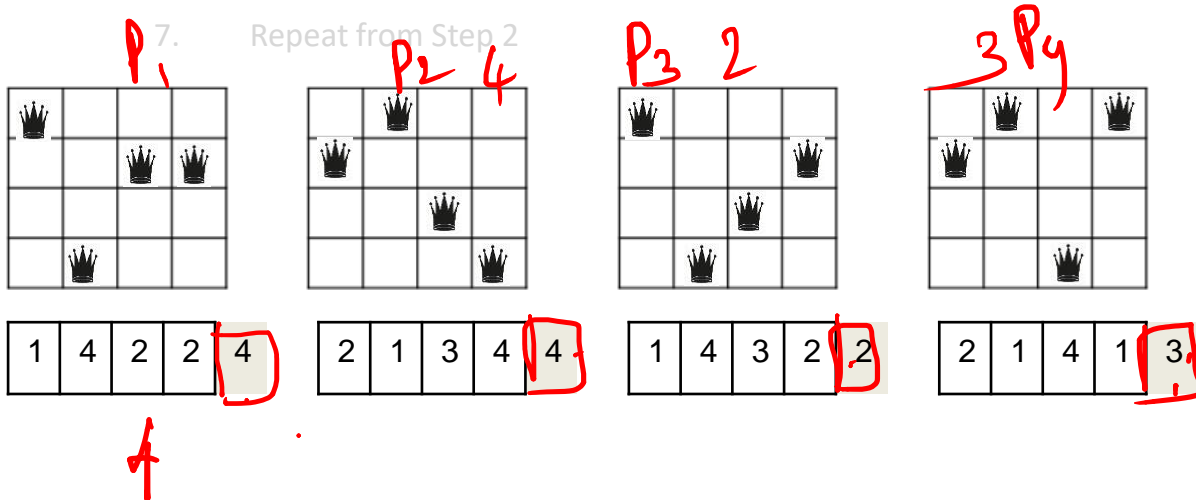
Else, use roulette wheel mechanism to select pair/s



Chromosome

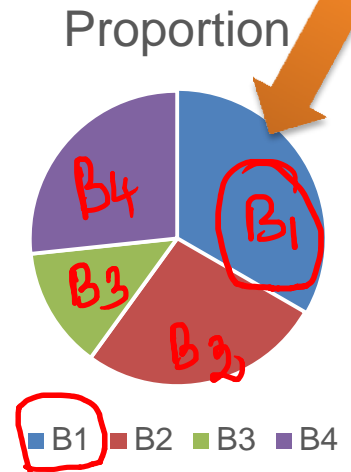
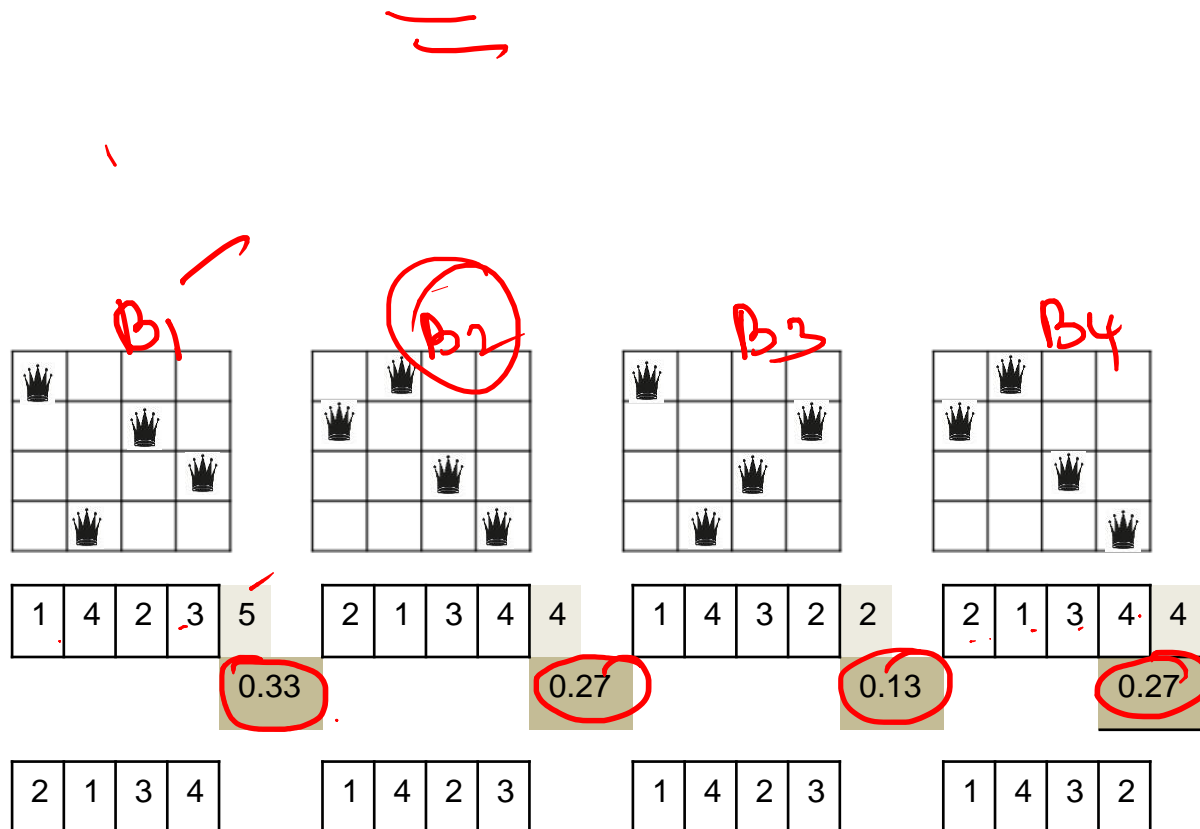
# Genetic Algorithm

1. Select 'k' random states – **Initialization : k=4**
2. Evaluate the fitness value all states : Maximizing function : No.of.Non-attacking pairs Queens (Threshold = 6)
3. If anyone of the state's has achieved the threshold fitness value or threshold new states or no change is seen than previous iteration then the algorithm stops
4. Else, use roulette wheel mechanism to select pair/s
5. Pairs selected produces new state (successor) by crossover
6. Successor is allowed to mutate
7. Repeat from Step 2



# Genetic Algorithm

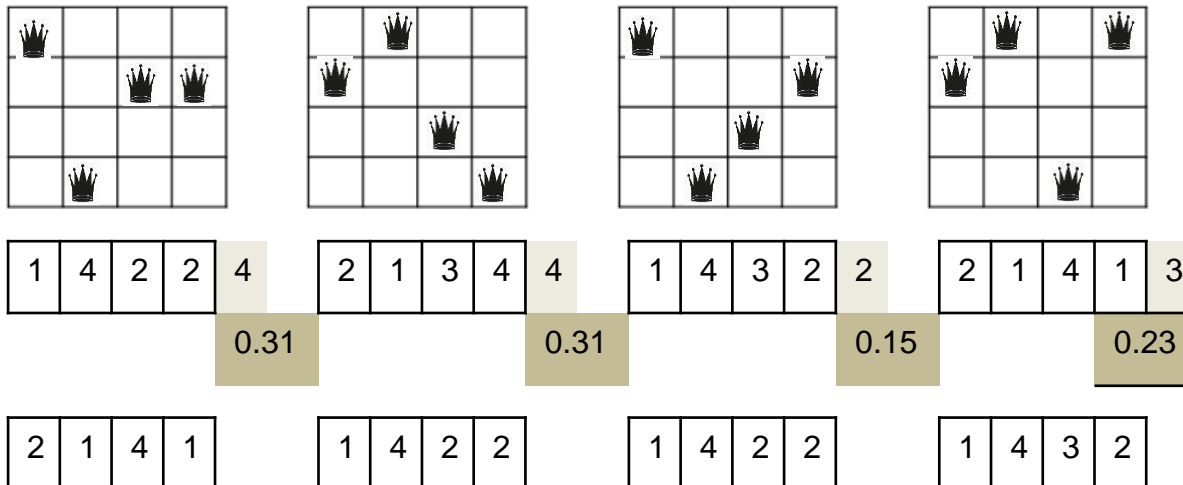
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Sample winners of game -1 ,2,3,4 - B4, B1, B1, B3

# Genetic Algorithm

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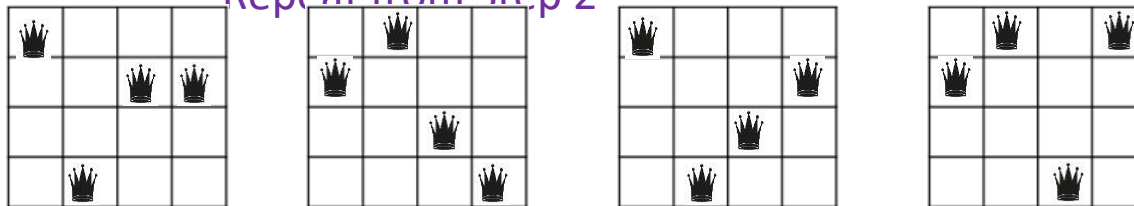
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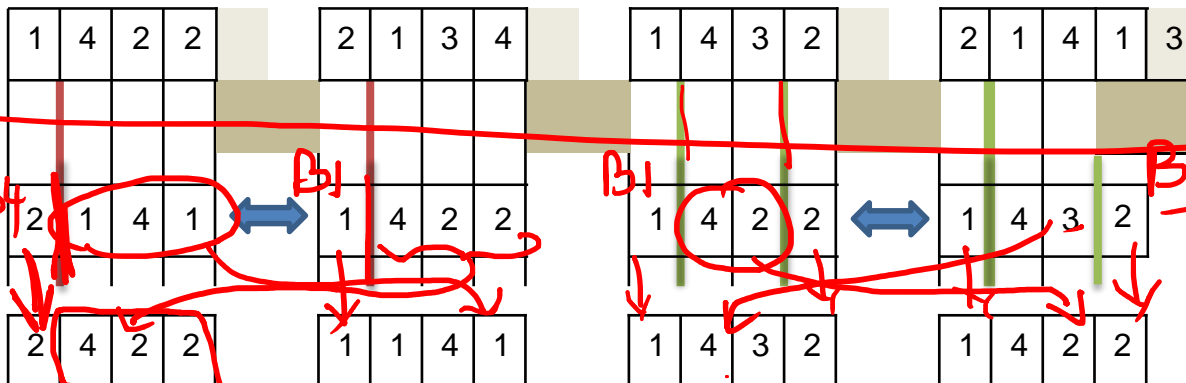
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- 7.

Repeat from Step 2



1 split-  
2 split



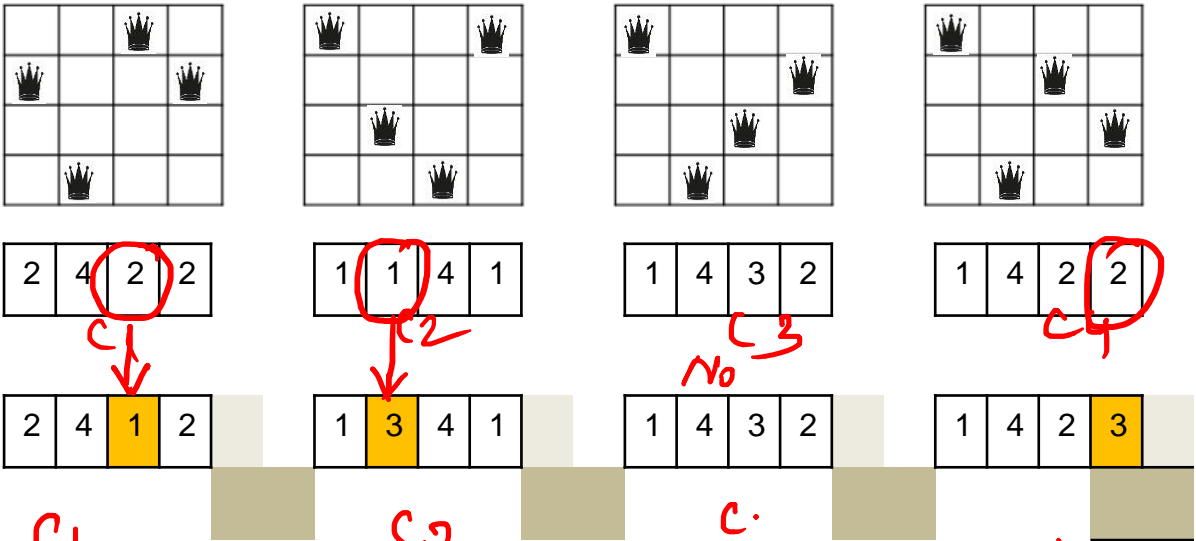
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1/422  
2422  
1141

C<sub>1</sub> eg 1 C<sub>2</sub> C<sub>3</sub> eg 2 C<sub>4</sub>

# Genetic Algorithm

1. Select 'k' random states – Initialization : k=4
2. Evaluate the fitness value all states : Maximizing function : No.of.Non-attacking pairs Queens ? Threshold =
3. ~~If anyone of the state's has achieved the threshold fitness value or threshold new states or no change is seen than previous iteration then the algorithm stops~~
4. Else, use roulette wheel mechanism to select pair/s
5. Pairs selected produces new state (successor) by crossover
6. Successor is allowed to mutate
7. Repeat from Step 2

2 → NM



C<sub>1</sub>

C<sub>2</sub>

C<sub>3</sub>

1st Iteration

50% ✓

30%  
1st One var  
2nd  
3rd  
4th

# Genetic Algorithm

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## Techniques:

1. Design of the fitness function
2. Diversity in the population to be accounted
3. Randomization

## Application:

- Creative tasks
- Exploratory in nature
- Planning problem
- Static Applications

# Genetic Algorithm - Application in Games



Source Credit:

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