

# **Evolutionary Algorithm**

### - Aspect & Prospect

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### **Evolutionary Algorithm (EA) Basics**

Evolutionary
(Search and Optimization)
Algorithm

Evolutionary Algorithm

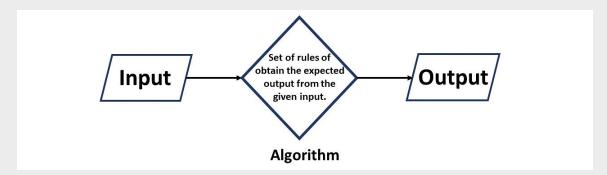
for

Search and Optimization

An Evolutionary Algorithm
is a subset of
Evolutionary Computation

### What is Algorithm?

- An algorithm is a set of commands that must be followed for a computer to perform calculations or other problem-solving operations.
- ➤ According to its formal definition, an algorithm is a finite set of instructions carried out in a specific order to perform a particular task.
- ➤ It is not the entire program or code; it is simple logic to a problem represented as an informal description in the form of a flowchart or pseudocode.



https://www.simplilearn.com/tutorials/data-structure-tutorial/what-is-an-algorithm#what\_is\_an\_algorithm

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algorithm

- ➤ In <u>mathematics</u> and <u>computer science</u>, an algorithm is a finite sequence of <u>rigorous</u> instructions, typically used to solve a class of specific <u>problems</u> or to perform a <u>computation</u>.
- Algorithms are used as specifications for performing <u>calculations</u> and <u>data</u> <u>processing</u>.
- ➤ By making use of <u>artificial intelligence</u>, algorithms can perform automated deductions (referred to as <u>automated reasoning</u>) and use mathematical and logical tests to divert the code execution through various routes (referred to as <u>automated decision-making</u>).

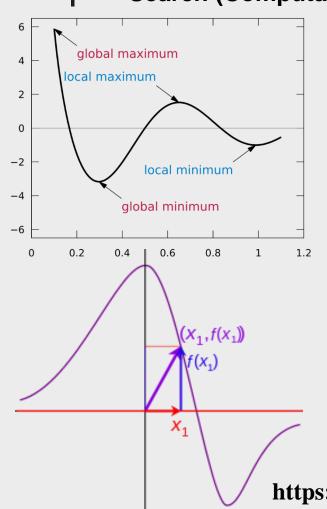
#### **Search (General Definition)**

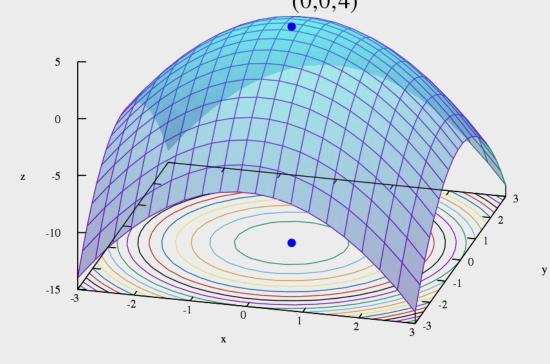
https://www.dictionary.com/browse/search

- ➤ to go or look through (a place, area, etc.) carefully in order to find something missing or lost: They searched the woods for the missing child. I searched the desk for the letter.
- > to look at or examine (a person, object, etc.) carefully in order to find something concealed: The police searched the suspect for weapons.
- > to explore or examine in order to discover: They searched the hills for gold.



Search (Computational Intelligence or Computer Science)



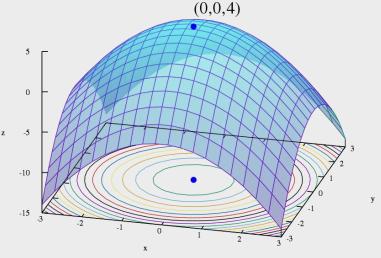


Graph of a given by  $z = f(x, y) = -(x^2 + y^2) + 4$ . The global maximum at (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 4) is indicated by a blue dot.

 $https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test\_functions\_for\_optimization$ 

### Optimization (General) https://www.dictionary.com/browse/optimization

- the fact of optimizing; making the best of anything.
- the condition of being optimized.
- ➤ Mathematics: A mathematical technique for finding a maximum or minimum value of a function of several variables subject to a set of constraints, as linear programming or systems analysis.

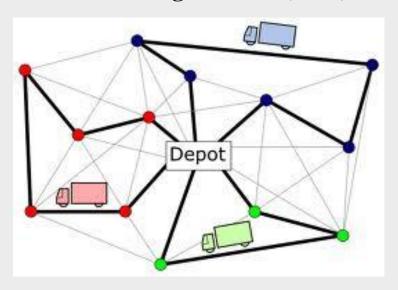


### Optimization (Computational Intelligence or Computer Science)

**Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP)** 



### **Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP)**



http://elib.zib.de/pub/mp-testdata/tsp/tsplib/tsplib.html

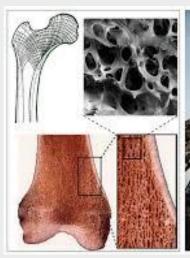
https://neo.lcc.uma.es/vrp/vrp-instances/capacitated-vrp-instances/

**Search and Optimization in Real-Life Scenarios** 

# Solving Method: Evolutionary Approach

#### **Techniques taking idea from Natural Phenomena**

#### **Biomimicry / Biomimetic: Technology is inspired by nature**





Eiffel tower designed on the femur (the human thighbone)

https://biomimicry.org/examples/





The giant water lily that inspired the London Crystal Palace

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HppE6ezLDqI

Our Course Concern: Computing Techniques based on Natural Phenomena

### **Evolutionary Algorithm**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolutionary\_algorithm

In <u>computational intelligence</u> (CI), an evolutionary algorithm (EA) is a subset of evolutionary computation, a generic population-based metaheuristic optimization algorithm. An EA uses mechanisms inspired by <u>biological evolution</u>, such as <u>reproduction</u>, <u>mutation</u>, <u>recombination</u>, and <u>selection</u>.

<u>Candidate solutions</u> to the <u>optimization problem</u> play the role of individuals in a population, and the <u>fitness function</u> determines the quality of the solutions (see also <u>loss function</u>).

<u>Evolution</u> of the population then takes place after the repeated application of the above operators

#### **Evolutionary algorithm**

Artificial development · Artificial life · Cellular evolutionary algorithm · Cultural algorithm · Differential evolution · Effective fitness · Evolutionary computation · Evolution strategy · Gaussian adaptation · Evolutionary multimodal optimization · Particle swarm optimization · Memetic algorithm · Natural evolution strategy · Neuroevolution · Promoter based genetic algorithm · Spiral optimization algorithm · Self-modifying code · Polymorphic code

#### Genetic algorithm

Chromosome · Clonal selection algorithm · Crossover · <u>Mutation</u> · Genetic memory · Genetic fuzzy systems · Selection · Fly algorithm

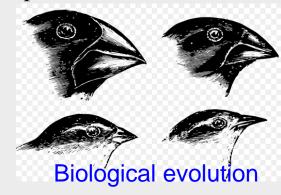
### **Evolutionary Computation**

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In computer science, evolutionary computation is a family of algorithms for global optimization inspired by biological evolution, and the subfield of artificial intelligence and soft computing studying these algorithms. In technical terms, they are a family of population-based trial and error problem solvers with a metaheuristic or stochastic optimization character.

In evolutionary computation, an initial set of candidate solutions is generated and iteratively updated. Each new generation is produced by stochastically removing less desired solutions, and introducing small random changes. In biological terminology, a population of solutions is subjected to natural selection (or artificial selection) and mutation. As a result, the population will gradually evolve to increase in fitness, in this case the chosen fitness function of the algorithm.

Evolutionary computation techniques can produce highly optimized solutions in a wide range of problem settings, making them popular in computer science. Many variants and extensions exist, suited to more specific families of problems and data structures.

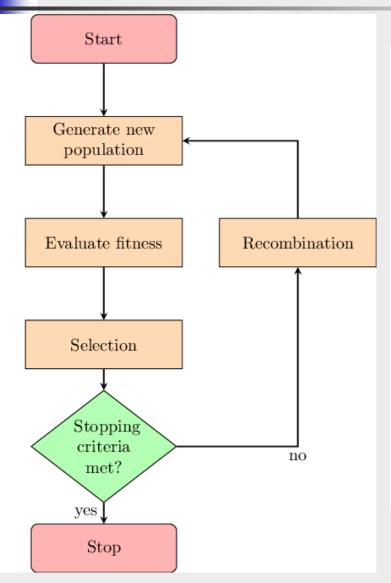


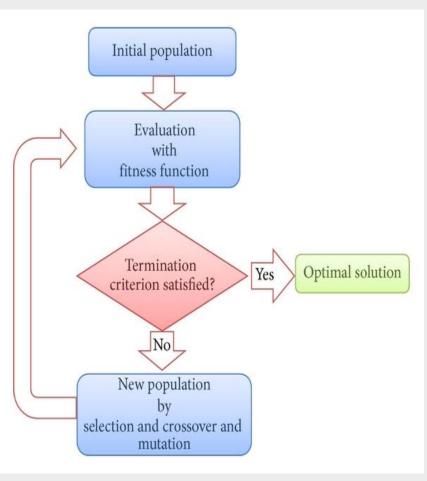
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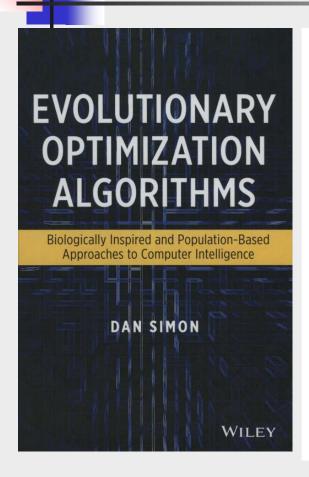
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### Evolutionary Algorithm Overview





### **Textbooks**



Jason Brownlee

Clever Algorithms

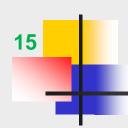
Nature-Inspired Programming Recipes

Seyedali Mirjalili

Evolutionary Algorithms and Neural Networks

Theory and Applications





### Research Resources

#### http://www.macs.hw.ac.uk/~ml355/journals.htm

Evolutionary Computing Neural Computing Natural Computing Computational Intelligence Optimisation and Metaheuristics Conferences

#### **Evolutionary Computing**

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Evolutionary Computation MIT Press, 1993-Present, Impact factor 3.600 REF →
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IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation IEEE Press, 1997-Present, Impact factor 5.908 REF →

Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines Springer, 2000-Present, Impact factor 1.143 REF →

Swarm Intelligence Springer, 2007-Present, Impact factor 2.577 REF →

**Evolutionary Intelligence** Springer, 2008-Present REF →

Journal of Artificial Evolution and Applications Hindawi, 2008-2010 REF →

Memetic Computing Springer, 2009-Present, Impact factor 0.900 REF →

International Journal of Applied Evolutionary Computation IGI Global, 2010-Present

Swarm and Evolutionary Computation Elsevier, 2011-Present, Impact factor 2.963 REF →

International Journal of Swarm Intelligence and Evolutionary Computation OMICS group, 2012-Present

# **Open Discussion**