

Machine Learning Lab : Assignment 3

Genetic Algorithm

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About the algorithm

Brute force applications of problems require a lot of time and processing power to find an optimal solution. The genetic algorithm is an approach which incorporates techniques **seen naturally in nature**, in the form of evolution.

One iteration in a genetic algorithm consists of the following :

1. Parent Selection
2. Inter-Breeding
3. Mutation
4. Survivors Selection

Before implementing a problem for this algorithm, the problem **needs to be encoded**. The encoding can be of the following forms :

1. Binary Representation
2. Integer Representation
3. Real Value Representation
4. Permutation Representation

Constraints given

1. The **objective function** used is $f(x) = x^3 + 9$. The goal is to **maximize the objective function**.
2. The value of x is represented as a **6 digit binary number**.
3. Binary encoding scheme
4. Size of the population is 10
5. Parent selection is based on the **Roulette Wheel selection**.
6. Mutation probability 0.01.
7. Survival selection criteria : Replace 20% worst population in offsprings with 20% best population from the parent.

Importing necessary modules

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In [16]: import numpy as np
import math
import random

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from pylab import rcParams

rcParams['figure.figsize'] = 15, 10
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User defined functions

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In [17]: def f(x):  
        '''  
        The objective function is defined so that it can be used in the calculations involved in the roulette  
        wheel selection and survivor selection.  
  
        Input : Number  
        Returns : The value wrt the objective function i.e  $x^3 + 9$   
        '''  
        return pow(x, 3) + 9
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In [18]: def create_Parents(population_Size, bit_Length):  
        '''  
        The parents chosen initially are generated randomly based on the constraints / encoding of the problem  
  
        Parameters : population_Size - The number of parents to choose  
                    bit_Length - Problem specific encoding, acts as encoding  
  
        Returns : bitStrings of required length and size. The string format for binary numbers are removed as well  
        and appended to the left with 0's, the corresponding list of numbers  
        '''  
        max_number = pow(2, bit_Length) - 1  
        num_list = [np.random.randint(0, max_number) for _ in range(population_Size)]  
  
        return [format(num, "#08b").lstrip('0b').zfill(6) for num in num_list]
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In [19]: def find_chance(parents):  
        '''  
        Finds the probabilities required for the roulette wheel selection  
  
        Input : parents - The parents whose chances need to be calculated  
        Returns : List of chances for corresponding parents  
        '''  
        num_list = [int(b, 2) for b in parents]  
        list_sum = sum([f(x) for x in num_list])  
  
        return [f(num) / list_sum for num in num_list]
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In [20]: def select_Sucesors(parents, population):  
        '''  
        Choosing the successors which will propogate to the next generation  
  
        Input : parents - The parents who have chances to go to the next generation  
                population -  
        Returns : The choosen children to go to the next generation  
        '''  
        selection_chance = find_chance(parents)  
        return [np.random.choice(parents, p = selection_chance) for _ in range(population)]
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In [21]: def cross_breed(parent, cross_over_type, cross_breed_shuffle, bit_cross_over, bit_Length):
    """
    Cross breeding deals with the swapping of characteristics of 2 parents. Its the first layer of process
    what leads to generating new children. It happens at the phenotype level

    Input : parent - The genes that are going through cross breeding
            cross_over_type - Can be "uniform" or "single-point"
                               In "single-point", a index is selected and all the genes to the right of both parents
                               are
                               interchanged
                               In "uniform", all bits have an equivalent chance of being swapped
            shuffle - If True, the parent is shuffled before cross_breeding
            bit_cross_over - Used when cross_over_type is "uniform", governs the chance a bit will get exchanged
            bit_Length - The length of the genes

    Returns : Children in which cross breeding is complete. Their size is the same size as that of the parents
    """
    partition_size = len(parent) // 2

    if cross_breed_shuffle:
        np.random.shuffle(parent)

    child_set_1, child_set_2 = parent[:partition_size], parent[partition_size:]

    if cross_over_type == "uniform":
        for ind in range(partition_size):
            for b in range(bit_Length):
                rand_val = np.random.rand()

                if rand_val < cross_over_chance:

                    bit_1 = int(child_set_1[ind], 2) & pow(2, b)
                    bit_2 = int(child_set_2[ind], 2) & pow(2, b)

                    if bit_1 != bit_2:
                        child_set_1[ind] = format(int(child_set_1[ind], 2) ^ pow(2, b), "#08b").rstrip('0
b').zfill(6)

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        child_set_2[ind] = format(int(child_set_2[ind], 2) ^ pow(2, b), "#08b").rstrip('0
b').zfill(6)

    return np.append(child_set_1, child_set_2)

elif cross_over_type == "single-point":

    for ind in range(partition_size):
        slice_index = np.random.randint(1, bit_Length - 2)

        r_child_1 = child_set_1[ind][slice_index:]
        r_child_2 = child_set_2[ind][slice_index:]

        child_set_1[ind] = child_set_1[ind][:slice_index] + r_child_2
        child_set_2[ind] = child_set_2[ind][:slice_index] + r_child_1

    return np.append(child_set_1, child_set_2)

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In [22]: def mutation(children, mutation_type, bit_mutation, bit_Length):
        '''
        Mutation happens at the genotype level, and it happens inherently in the children, and doesn't require a pair.

        Input : children - The genes that will undergo mutation
                mutation_type - The method in which mutation would happen. It can be "scan-all" or "random"
                               In "scan-all", each bit has to chance to get switched
                               In "random", a random bit is chosen to get swapped
                bit_mutation - The likelihood a bit would interchange, and is necessary if mutation_type is "scan-all"
                bit_Length - The length of the genes

        Returns : The mutated children
        '''
        population_size = len(children)

        if mutation_type == "scan-all":
            for ind in range(population_size):
                for b in range(bit_Length):
                    rand_val = np.random.rand()

                    if rand_val < bit_mutation:
                        children[ind] = format(int(children[ind], 2) ^ pow(2, b), "#08b").rstrip('0b').zfill(6)

            return children

        elif mutation_type == "random":
            for ind in range(population_size):

                b_ind = np.random.randint(0, bit_Length - 1)

                children[ind] = format(int(children[ind], 2) ^ pow(2, b_ind), "#08b").rstrip('0b').zfill(6)

            return children

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In [23]: def evolution(parents, children, population_Size, survival_death_rate):  
        '''  
        The evolution function decides which amongst the 2 * population_Size of parents and children go through to  
        the next generation. This functions picks the best x% of parents and the best (100 - x)% of children  
  
        Input - parents - The array of parents  
               children - The array of parents after cross breeding and mutation  
               population_Size - The number of genes in a generation  
               survival_death_rate - Decides the percent of parents that survive  
  
        Returns - Array of children that progress to the next generation  
        '''  
        parent_partition = int(math.floor(population_Size * survival_death_rate))  
        children_partition = population_Size - parent_partition  
  
        fitted_parents = [f(int(x, 2)) for x in parents]  
        fitted_children = [f(int(x, 2)) for x in children]  
  
        sorted_parents = np.sort(parents)[::-1]  
        sorted_children = np.sort(children)[::-1]  
  
        progressors = np.append(sorted_parents[:parent_partition], sorted_children[:children_partition])  
  
        return progressors
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In [24]: def plot_generation_graph(lines, generations, num_of_lines, opti_fn_y):
    """
    The function is used to plot how well the children are working in each generation.

    Input : lines - A multi-dimensional list consisting of the history of each child
            generations - The life of the children
            num_of_lines - The number of children that needs to be plotted
            opti_fn_y - Plot the y-axis based of the optimisation function
    """
    col_list = {0 : 'maroon', 1 : 'green', 2 : 'cornflowerblue', 3 : 'olive', 4 : 'black',
                5 : 'blue', 6 : 'silver', 7 : 'purple', 8 : 'slateblue', 9 : 'hotpink'}

    line_list = [[] for _ in range(num_of_lines)]

    for l in range(len(lines)):
        for i in range(min(num_of_lines, 10)):
            if opti_fn_y == False:
                line_list[i].append(int(lines[l][i], 2))
            else:
                line_list[i].append(f(int(lines[l][i], 2)))

    x = range(generations)

    fig = plt.figure()
    ax = fig.add_subplot(111)

    for i in range(min(num_of_lines, 10)):
        if i == 0:
            ax.plot(x, line_list[i], c = col_list[i], linestyle = "--", marker = 'o', label = "Child " +
str(i+1))
        else:
            ax.plot(x, line_list[i], c = col_list[i], label = "Child " + str(i+1))

    plt.title("Graph")
    plt.xlabel("Number of Generations")

    if opti_fn_y == False:
        plt.ylabel("Bit String Value")
    elif opti_fn_y == True:
        plt.ylabel("Optm. Function Value")

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if opti_fn_y == False:  
    plt.yticks(range(40, 65, 1))  
  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.legend()  
plt.show()
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Hyper Parameters

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In [28]: bit_Length = 6  
         population_Size = 10  
         max_num_of_generations = 25  
  
         inter_breeding_chance = 1  
         mutation_chance = 1  
  
         cross_breed_shuffle = True  
         bit_cross_over = 0.5  
         cross_over_type = "single-point"  
         bit_mutation = 0.01  
         mutation_type = "random"  
  
         survival_death = 0.2
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Main Function

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In [27]: if __name__ == "__main__":
    parents = create_Parents(population_Size, bit_Length)
    plotting_elements = []

    num_of_generations = 0

    for _ in range(max_num_of_generations):
        children = select_Succesors(parents, population_Size)

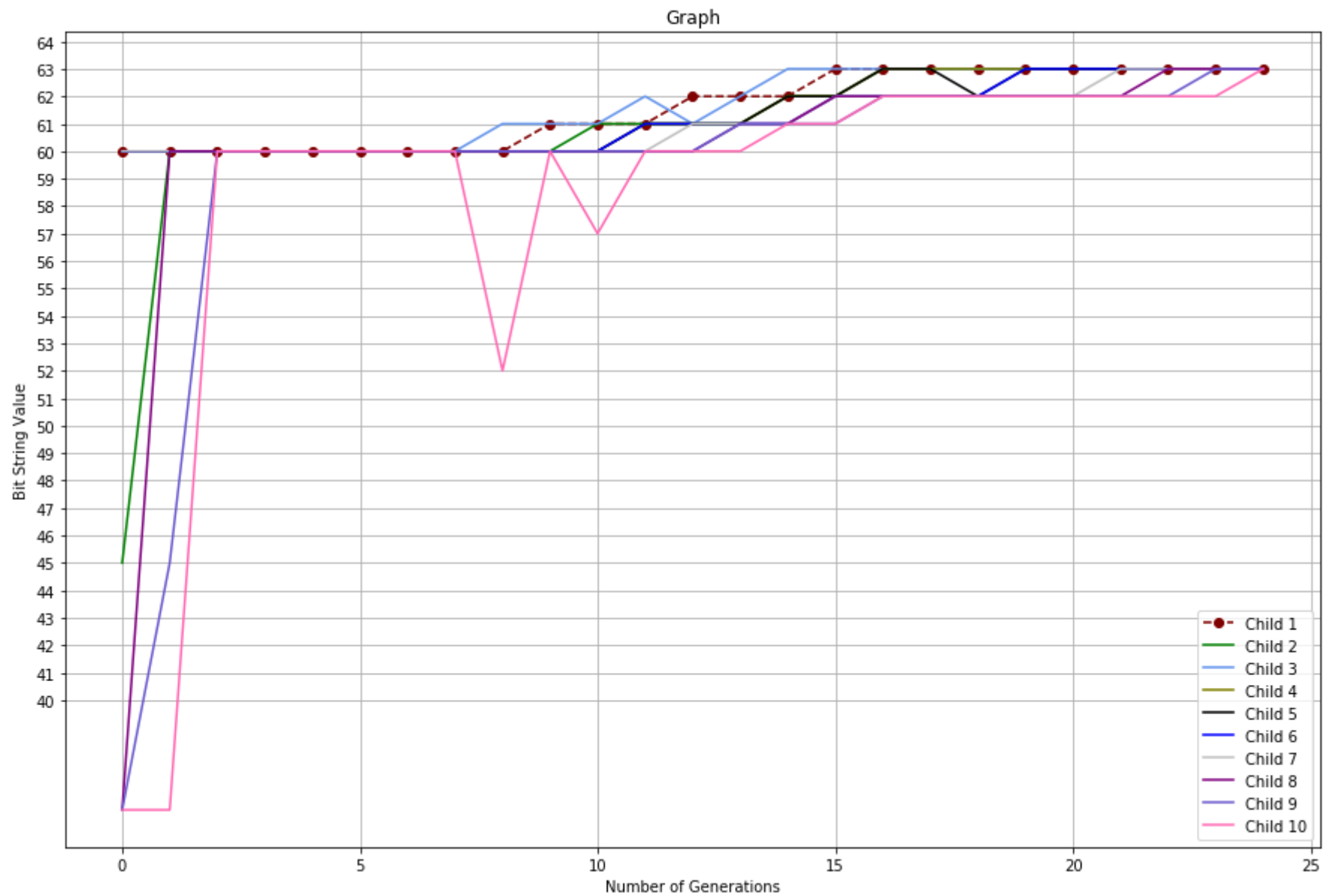
        if np.random.rand() < inter_breeding_chance:
            bred_children = cross_breed(children, cross_over_type, cross_breed_shuffle, bit_cross_over, b
it_Length)

        if np.random.rand() < mutation_chance:
            mutant_children = mutation(children, mutation_type, bit_mutation, bit_Length)

        survivors = evolution(parents, mutant_children, population_Size, survival_death)
        parents = survivors

        plotting_elements.append(survivors)
        num_of_generations = num_of_generations + 1

    plot_generation_graph(plotting_elements, num_of_generations, num_of_lines = 10, opti_fn_y = False)
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In []: