

# Light Up Puzzle Evolutionary Algorithm Sampler

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# Light Up Puzzles?



<https://www.puzzle-light-up.com/>

# Problem Complexity

- NP-Complete (hard to solve, easy to verify) - perfect for EAs
- Brute forcible in  $2^n$  time

# Definitions

- Genotype Representation
  - List of bulbs
- Phenotype Representation
  - 2D grid of cells
- Fitness Function
  - Real valued representation
  - Lit cell ratio
- Crossover
  - N-Point crossover on bulb list

# Definitions

- Mutation
  - Bulb shuffling
- Local Optimum vs. Global Optimum
- “Website/Provided Puzzle” and “Random Puzzles”
  - For random puzzles: a new puzzle was generated for every experiment run
- Convergence criterion
  - After ‘n’ evaluations with little change in fitness, end the experiment

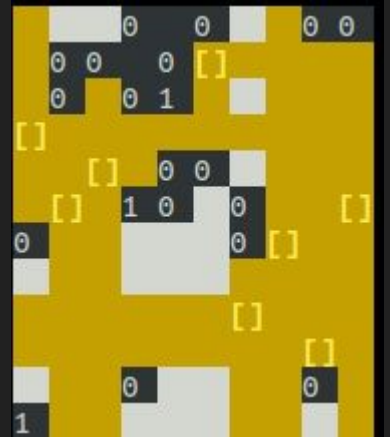
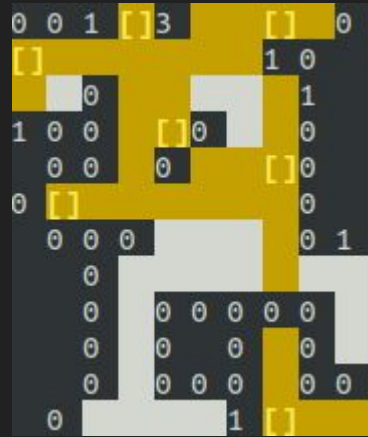
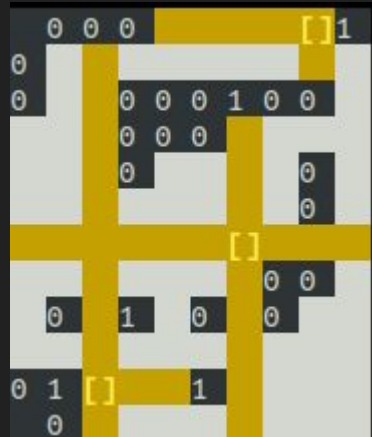
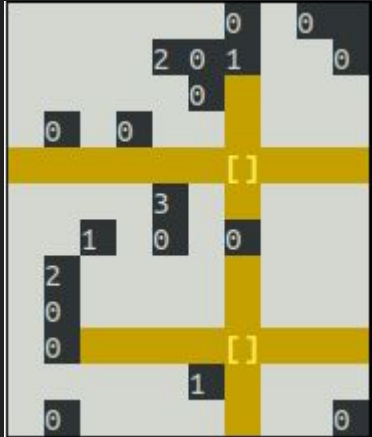
# Experimentation

- Random Search
- Standard EA
- Constraint Satisfaction EA
- Multi-Objective EA

# Random Search

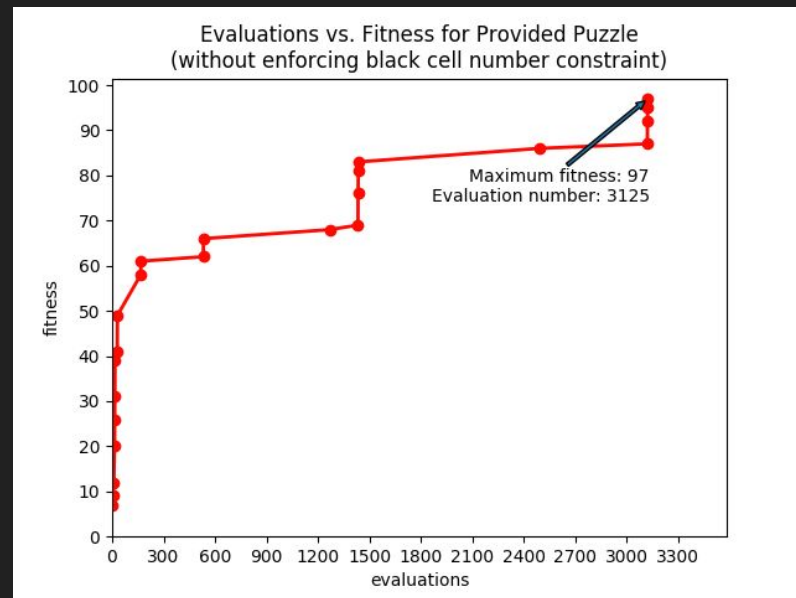
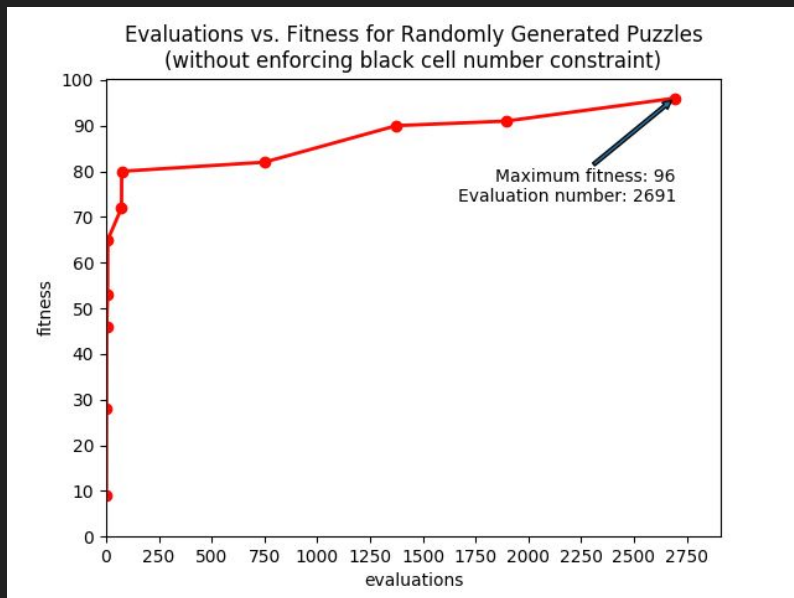
- Worst out of all of the algorithms
- Randomly places bulbs on the map
- Evaluates fitness of random solutions
- Used as baseline for comparison & reasoning behind using an EA
- Random search does not perform well - warrants an EA

# Random Search





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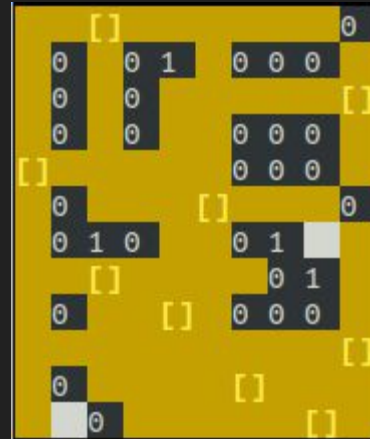
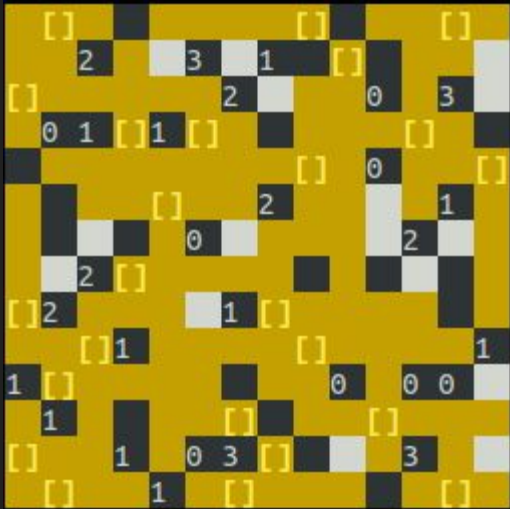


Note: experiments were run for 10,000 fitness evaluations

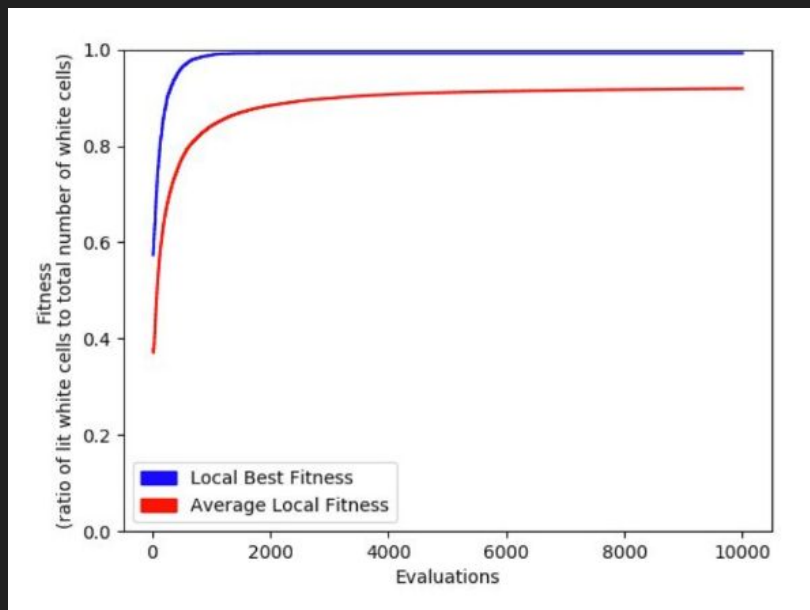
# Standard EA

- Initial Population - harsh, needle in a haystack
- Fitness Evaluation
- Parent Selection
- Recombination
- Mutation
- Survival Selection

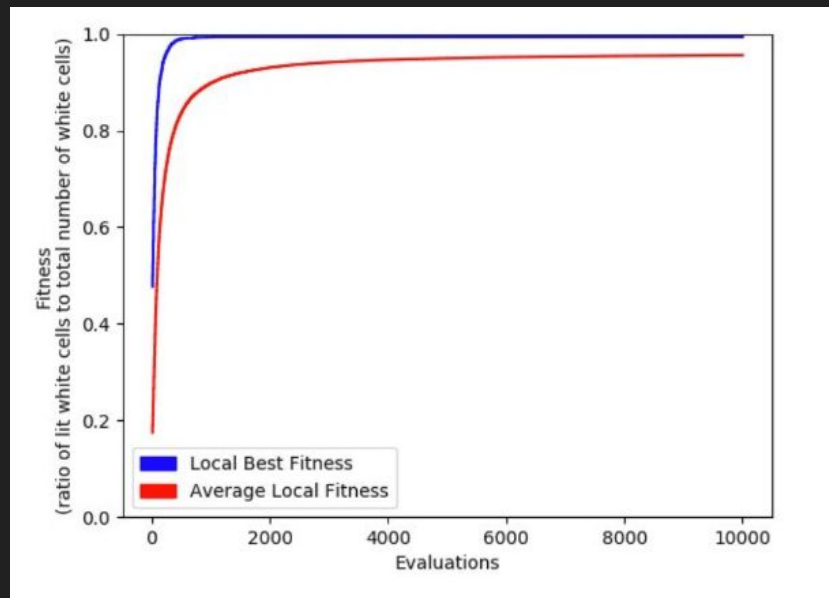
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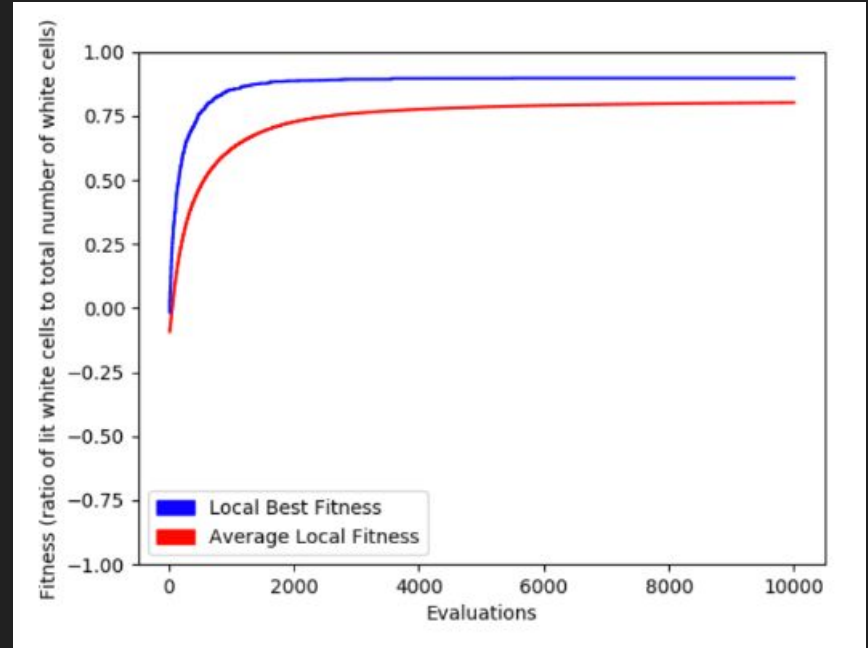
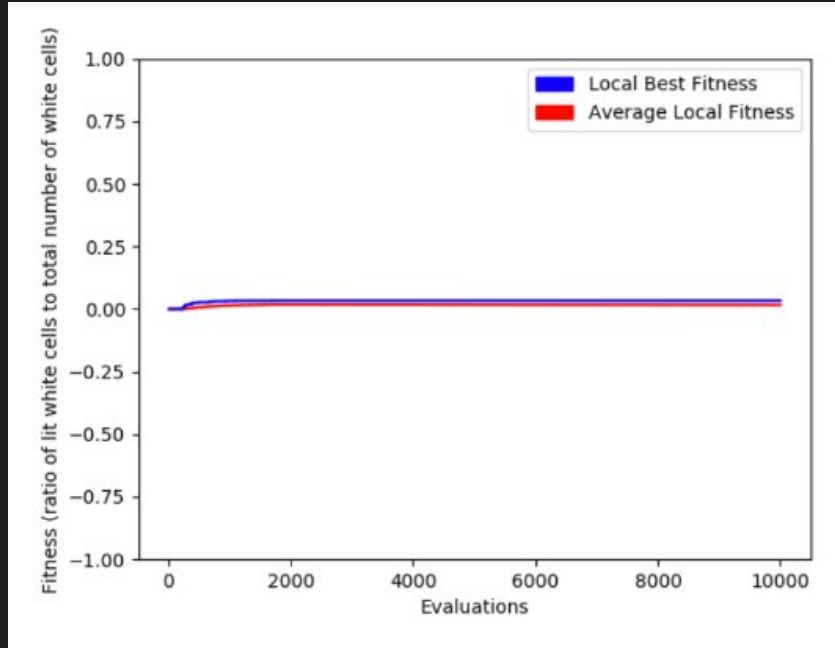


Provided Puzzle



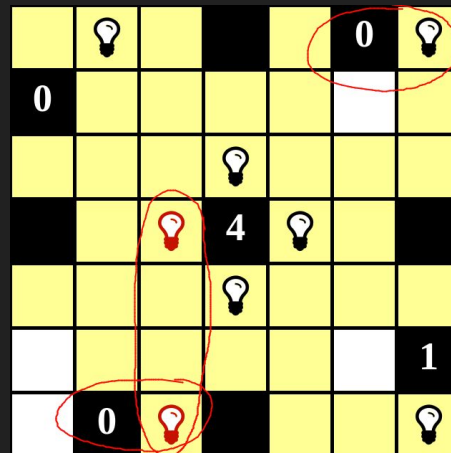
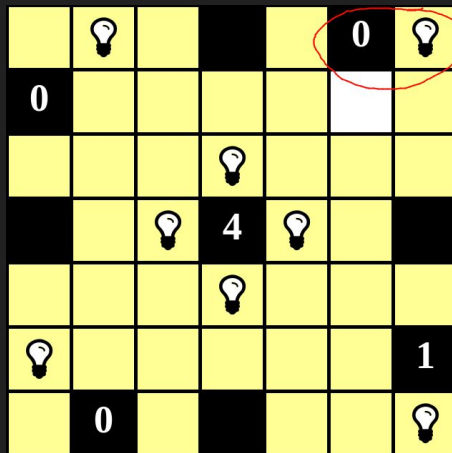
Randomly Generated Puzzles

# Constraint Satisfaction EA



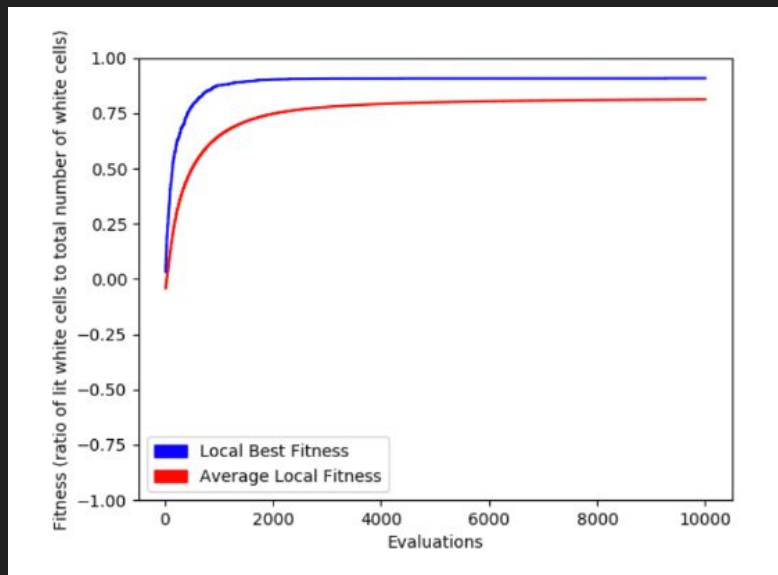
# Constraint Satisfaction EA

- Penalty function
  - (configurable constant) \* (# bulbs shining on eachother + # invalid black cell constraints)
  - Scale as the algorithm progresses

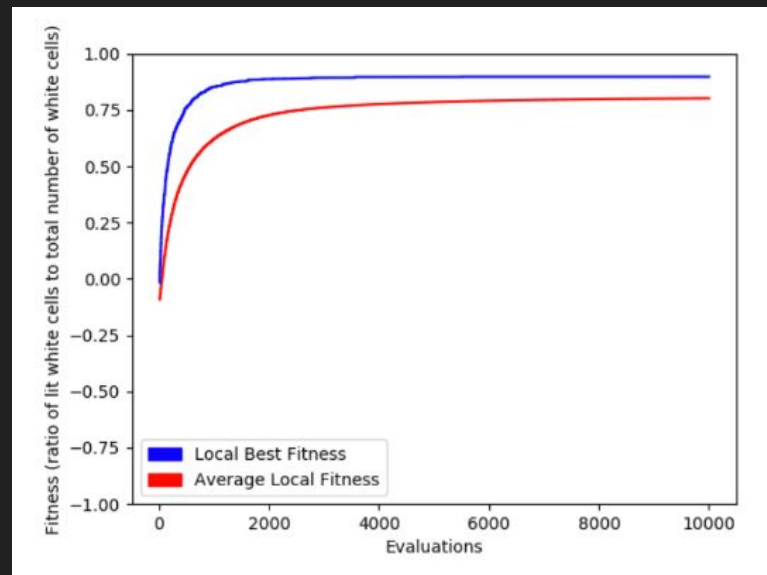


# Constraint Satisfaction EA

- Initialization comparisons (for penalty function EA)



Validity Enforced plus Uniform Random



Uniform Random

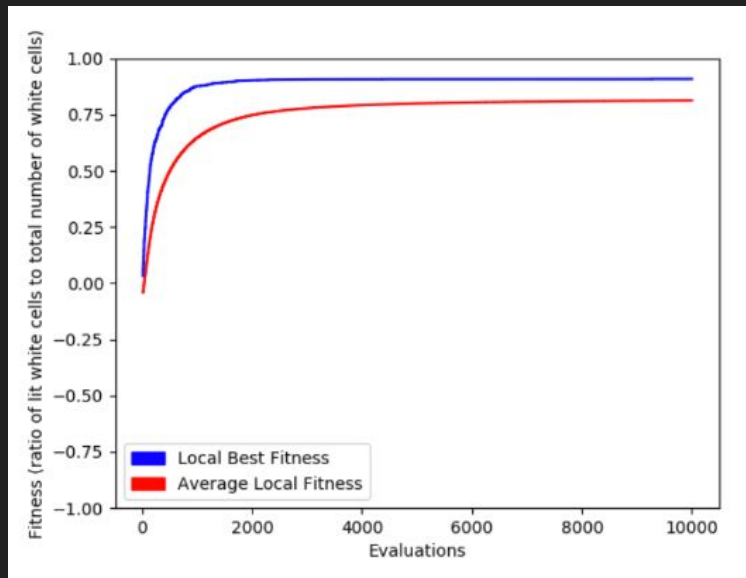
# Constraint Satisfaction EA

- Repair function
  - Ensures valid offspring
  - Many genotypes may map to the same phenotype
  - Not great for exploring invalid solutions
  - Strategy:
    1. Remove bulbs that shine on each other
    2. “Brute force” bulbs around black cells

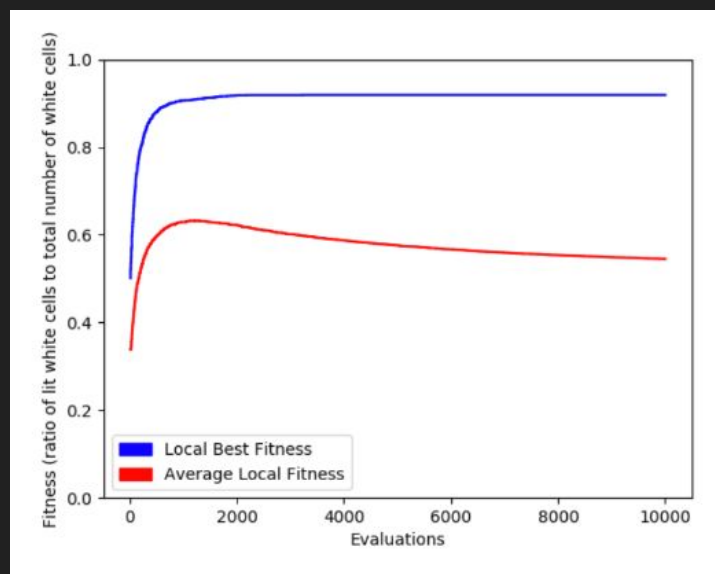


# Constraint Satisfaction EA

- Penalty Coefficient vs Repair Function EA (for validity enforced plus uniform random)

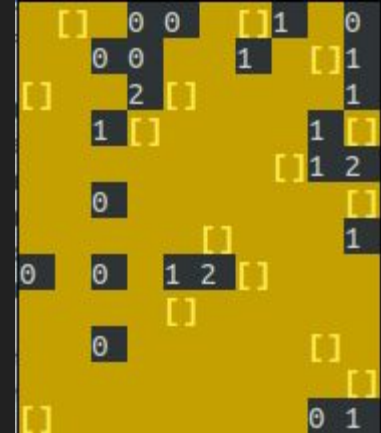
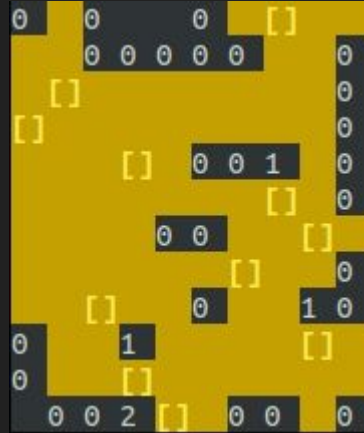
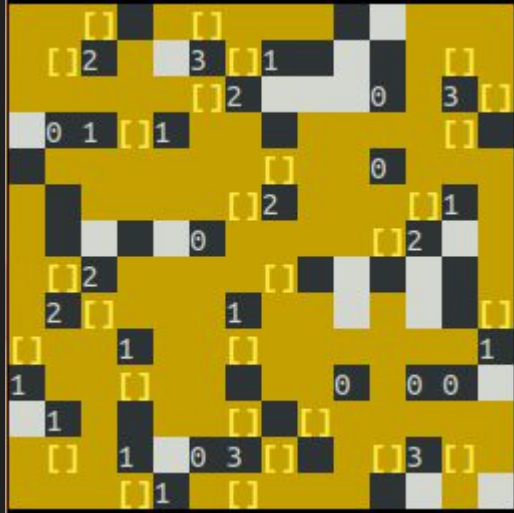


Penalty Function EA



Repair Function EA

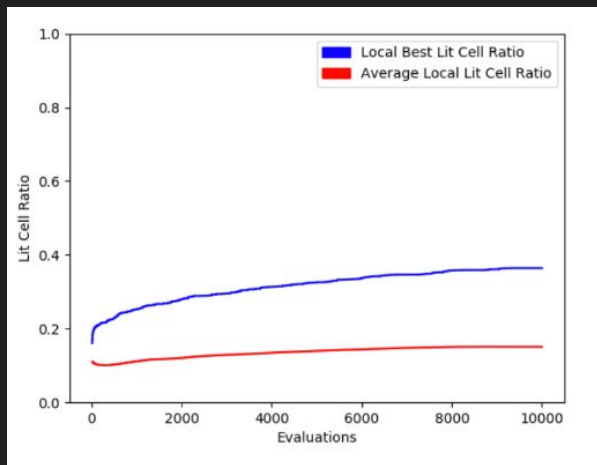
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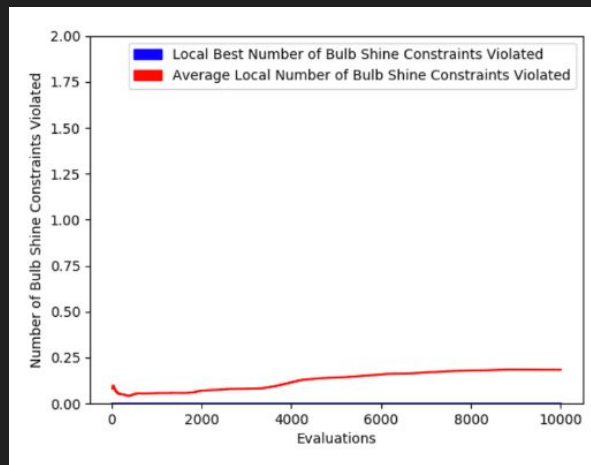
# Multi-Objective EA

- Objectives, Sub - Fitnesses
- Domination
- Parent Selection
- Survival Selection
- Results and problem compared to penalty function

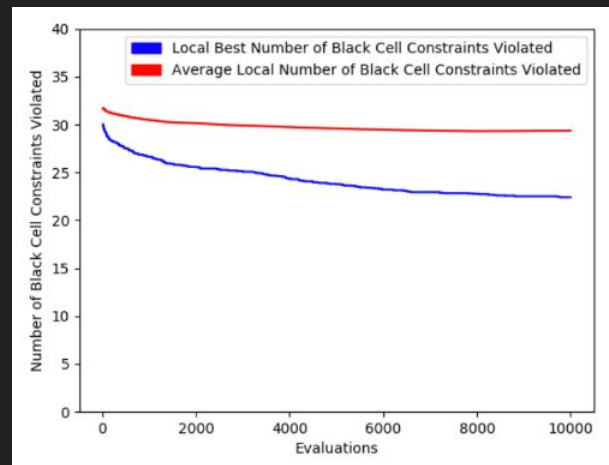
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Lit Cell Ratio Subfitness  
(maximize)

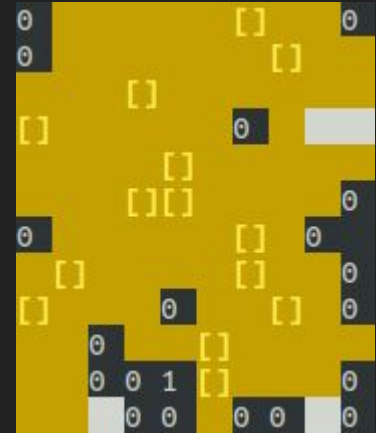
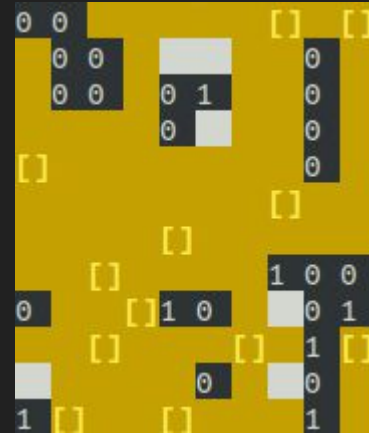
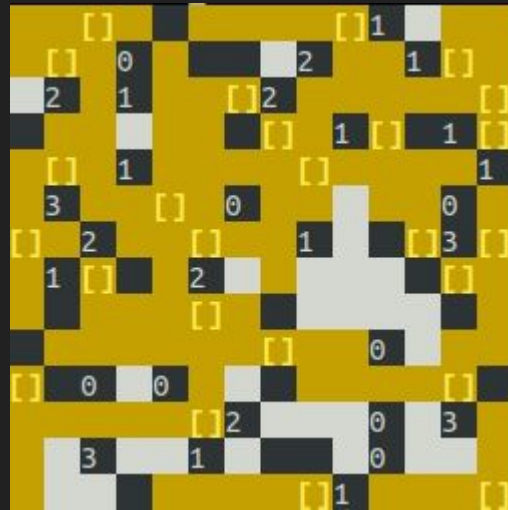
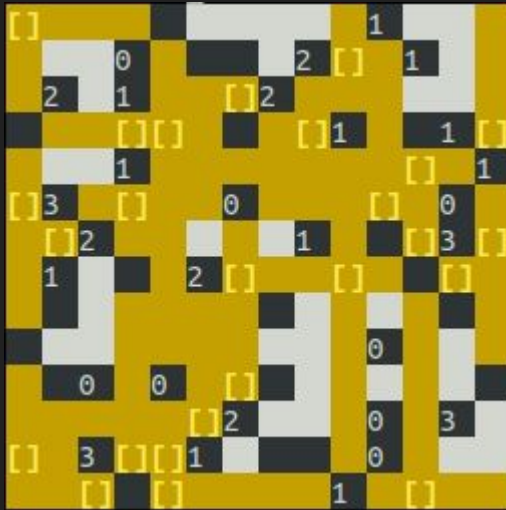


Bulb Shine Constraint Subfitness  
(minimize)



Black Cell Constraint Subfitness  
(minimize)

# Multi-Objective EA



Worse with 4  
objectives

Demo