Evolutionary Computation

Some References

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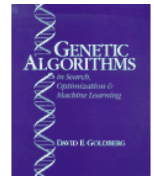


David Goldberg

Genetic Algorithms in Search,
Optimization and
Machine Learning, 1989.

Evolutionary Computation

- Evolutionary algorithms
- Genetic algorithms
- Genetic programming
- Artificial life ("alife")

Historical

- 1966, Fogel, Owens, and Walsh, ***Artificial Intelligence through Simulated Evolution***, John Wiley & Sons
- Looked at derivation of
  - finite-state machines
  - controllers
  - data reduction

  through successive mutations

Historical

- 1975, John H. Holland ***Adaptation in natural and artificial systems***, MIT Press
  - Focus was on natural systems, simulation
  - Introduced current genetic algorithm idea
  - Mostly theory, some applications to:
    - game-playing
    - search programs

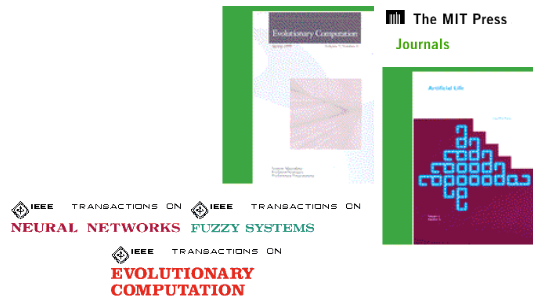
Among Mr. Holland's Opuses

- "A universal computer capable of executing an arbitrary number of programs simultaneously." In Proceedings 1959 Eastern Joint Computer Conference. IEEE. pp108-13.
- See http://www.pscs.umich.edu/jhhfest/jhh-pub.html for more.

Mr. Holland's Progeny

- David Goldberg
- Stephanie Forrest
- Kenneth DeJong
- Melanie Mitchell
- John Koza
- many others
- See http://www.pscs.umich.edu/jhhfest/schedule-closed.html for Festscrhift papers.

Today



Genetic Algorithms

- An approach to difficult optimization problems (TSP, etc.)
- Heuristic, not guaranteed to find true optima
- Finds good approximations fast

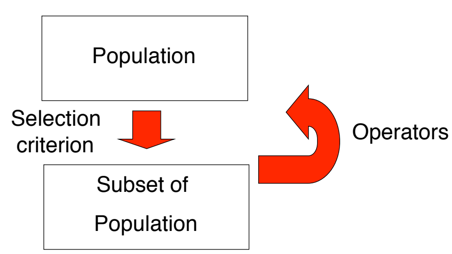
GA Applications

- Hundreds, if not thousands
- All manner of optimization problems in engineering, science, finance, etc.
- Application to neural networks:
  - Evolve the structure and/or weights of a neural network, rather than train it.

Principles of Natural Selection

- Concentrate on **population** rather than a *single* individual
- Individuals that are fit enough to survive will reproduce
- Create new individuals from existing ones
  - Crossover
  - Mutation

Genetic Flow Diagram



until an individual exists satisfying performance criterion or resources are exhausted

Common Operators

- **Copy** (aka Reproduce): An individual from the current generation is copied into the next generation.
- **Crossover**: Two (or more) individuals from the current generation are used to form an individual in the next generation.
- **Mutate**: A single individual from the current generation is mutated to form an individual in the next generation.

Individuals

- Individuals are represented by their genome, or **genotype**.
- The genotype may be the "program" for the actual individual, or **phenotype**.

Genetic Algorithm Example

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- This is an *optimization* problem. The related *decision* problem, find whether there is a subset summing to *exactly* T, is known to be NP-complete.
- A related problem arises in cryptography.

Genetic Approach

- As the genome, use a bit-vector.
- There is one bit for each element in the set S.
- The bit is 1 iff the element is in the subset.

Example

- S = {19, 23, 35, 52, 61, 68, 76, 84, 92}
- T = 200
- Genome is an element of $\{0, 1\}^9$
- Possible individuals:

  010001001, sum{23, 68 , 92} = 183
  101000010, sum{19, 35, 84} = 138

What can we try to produce more fit individuals?

- **Mutation**: change a random bit:
  101000010, sum{19, 35, 84} = 138
  ⇩
  111100010, sum{19, 23, 35, 84} = 161

Fatal Mutations

- Note that a mutation could be “fatal”, resulting in a totally unfit individual. The “carcass” of this individual could still be in the next generation, however.

What can we try to produce more fit individuals?

- **Crossover**: Combine two individuals
  001|110000, sum{35, 52, 61} = 148
  100|000110, sum{19, 76, 84} = 179

  crossover point selected at random

- New genomes:
  001000110, sum{35, 76, 84} = 195 ⇦ better
  100110000, sum{19, 52, 61} = 132

Crossover Variations

- Sometimes two crossover points are chosen, rather than one, and the sub-sequences between them are swapped.

- Just as with mutation, crossover could produce one or more individuals that are totally unfit.

Sample GA Program

- The program /cs/cs152/ga/subsum/subsum.java carries out the genetic algorithm on this problem.

- Examples:
  go ss1.in
  go ss2.in

Main Loop of the Subset Sum GA Program (1)

```
public void evolve(int generations)
 {
 for( generation = 0; generation < generations; generation++ )
  {
   retain();          // retain the more fit individuals
   crossover();       // perform crossover on those retained
   mutate();          // mutate the resulting population
   sort();            // sort by fitness
  }
 }
```

Sample Run of subsum (1)

```
Subset sum problem
generations = 100
population size = 10
retain size = 5
immutable = 5
mutation rate = 0.1

target = 200.0
values = (19 23 35 52 61 68 76 84 92)
```

Sample Run of subsum (1)

```
generation 0, average fitness = 33.7:
181/200 (r 19) 000111000 52 61 68
164/200 (r 36) 100010010 19 61 84
-1/200 (r 201) 000011110 61 68 76 84
-1/200 (r 201) 010111000 23 52 61 68
-1/200 (r 201) 000010110 61 76 84
-1/200 (r 201) 000111100 52 61 68 76
-1/200 (r 201) 101101101 19 35 52 68 76 92
-1/200 (r 201) 000011110 61 68 76 84
-1/200 (r 201) 101101101 19 35 52 68 76 92
-1/200 (r 201) 001100101 35 52 76 92
```

only two fit individuals

Sample Run of subsum (2)

```
generation 1, average fitness = 64.4:
181/200 (r 19) 000111000 52 61 68
164/200 (r 36) 100010010 19 61 84
160/200 (r 40) 000000110 76 84
145/200 (r 55) 000010010 61 84
-1/200 (r 201) 001100101 35 52 76 92
-1/200 (r 201) 000011110 61 68 76 84
-1/200 (r 201) 010111000 23 52 61 68
-1/200 (r 201) 000011110 61 68 76 84
-1/200 (r 201) 100011110 19 61 68 76 84
-1/200 (r 201) 000010110 61 76 84
```

four fit individuals

Sample Run of subsum (3)

```
generation 2, average fitness = 114.3:
197/200 (r 3) 000110010 52 61 84
181/200 (r 19) 000111000 52 61 68
164/200 (r 36) 100010010 19 61 84
160/200 (r 40) 000000110 76 84
148/200 (r 52) 100011000 19 61 68
145/200 (r 55) 000010010 61 84
96/200 (r 104) 001010000 35 61
54/200 (r 146) 101000000 19 35
-1/200 (r 201) 000110011 52 61 84 92
-1/200 (r 201) 001100101 35 52 76 92
```

eight fit individuals

Sample Run of subsum (4)

```
generation 5, average fitness = 157.7:
200/200 (r 0) 100111000 19 52 61 68
197/200 (r 3) 000110010 52 61 84
197/200 (r 3) 000110010 52 61 84
181/200 (r 19) 000111000 52 61 68
181/200 (r 19) 000111000 52 61 68
179/200 (r 21) 001100001 35 52 92
164/200 (r 36) 100010010 19 61 84
164/200 (r 36) 100010010 19 61 84
115/200 (r 85) 101010000 19 35 61
-1/200 (r 201) 000111010 52 61 68 84
best possible fit reached in generation 5
```

perfect individual

Complexity Considerations

- All possible subsets of n values can be **enumerated** in 2^n steps.
- For low n (say in the 20's or less), this might be feasible.
- For larger n, it is not (2^{32} = about 5 billion).
- For large n, the genetic algorithm can produce good, if not optimal, answers in much less time than enumeration.

Other Genomes

- A bit vectors is not the only way, or necessarily the best way, to represent a genome.
- Other possibilities:
  - A list or matrix of integers or floats

Challenges in representing Genomes: Traveling Salesperson Problem

- Not every optimization problem has a genome encoding that will allow naïve mutations and crossovers.
- Consider the TSP:
  - An instinctive way to represent a genome is as a **permutation** of the cities on a tour.

Crossing two Permutations

- [1, 3, | 2, 6, 5, | 4]
  [2, 3, | 4, 1, 6, | 5]

  crossover points selected at random
- Result of naïve crossing:
  [1, 3, 4, 1, 6, 5]
  [2, 3, 2, 6, 5, 4]
- Unfortunately, these sequences are **not** permutations.

Reinterpreting permutation crossings

- [1, 3, | 2, 6, 5, | 4]
  [2, 3, | 4, 1, 6, | 5]

  crossover points selected at random
- Interpret as:
  - Insert 2,6,5 in the second genome at the first crossover point and remove those elements from wherever they occurred in the second genome.

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- [1, 3, 2, 6, 5, 4]

  [2, 3, 4, 1, 6, 5]

  insert

  remove

  [3, 2, 6, 5, 4, 1]

Similarly, to produce the second new genome

- [1, 3, | 2, 6, 5, | 4]
  [2, 3, | 4, 1, 6, | 5]
- remove

  [1, 3, 2, 6, 5, 4]

  insert

  [2, 3, 4, 1, 6, 5]

  [3, 4, 1, 6, 2, 5]

Net effect of Crossover

- [1, 3, | 2, 6, 5, | 4]
  [2, 3, | 4, 1, 6, | 5]
- [3, 4, 1, 6, 2, 5]
  [3, 2, 6, 5, 4, 1]
- The results share some of the structure of both parents, which is desirable.

Keller's TSP GA

- /cs/cs152/ga/tsp
- Uses same overall loop as the subset sum algorithm.
- The genome is now a permutation vector.
- Crossover is as described.
- Mutation consists of swapping two random elements of the permutation.

TSP GA in operation (1)

Traveling Salesperson Problem
generations = 1000
population size = 50
retain size = 25
immutable = 15
mutation rate = 0.1

TSP GA in operation (2)

```
Costs:
0.0  1.0  2.0  4.0  9.0  8.0  3.0  2.0  1.0  5.0  7.0  1.0  2.0  9.0  3.0
1.0  0.0  5.0  3.0  7.0  2.0  5.0  1.0  3.0  4.0  6.0  6.0  6.0  1.0  9.0
2.0  5.0  0.0  6.0  1.0  4.0  7.0  7.0  1.0  6.0  5.0  9.0  1.0  3.0  4.0
4.0  3.0  6.0  0.0  5.0  2.0  1.0  6.0  5.0  4.0  2.0  1.0  2.0  1.0  3.0
9.0  7.0  1.0  5.0  0.0  9.0  1.0  1.0  2.0  1.0  3.0  6.0  8.0  2.0  5.0
8.0  2.0  4.0  2.0  9.0  0.0  3.0  5.0  4.0  7.0  8.0  3.0  1.0  2.0  5.0
3.0  5.0  7.0  1.0  1.0  3.0  0.0  2.0  6.0  1.0  7.0  9.0  5.0  1.0  4.0
2.0  1.0  7.0  6.0  1.0  5.0  2.0  0.0  9.0  4.0  2.0  1.0  1.0  7.0  8.0
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```

TSP GA in operation (3)

Improvement in generation 1: 25: 4 6 10 14 9 11 7 12 3 5 13 1 0 8 2
Improvement in generation 9: 22: 4 6 14 9 11 7 12 10 3 5 13 1 0 8 2
Improvement in generation 10: 20: 4 6 9 14 10 11 7 12 3 5 13 1 0 8 2
Improvement in generation 30: 18: 4 6 9 14 10 12 7 11 3 5 13 1 0 8 2
Improvement in generation 317: 17: 4 6 9 14 10 12 5 13 3 11 7 1 0 8 2

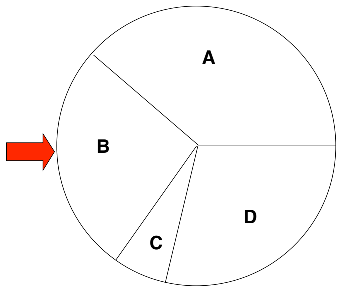
best after 1000 generations, 17: 4 6 9 14 10 12 5 13 3 11 7 1 0 8 2

verification: 4 (1.0) 6 (1.0) 9 (2.0) 14 (1.0) 10 (1.0) 12 (1.0) 5 (2.0) 13 (1.0) 3 (1.0) 11 (1.0) 7 (1.0) 1 (1.0) 0 (1.0) 8 (1.0) 2 (1.0) 4

Roulette-Wheel Optimization

- Rather than keep n copies of the same individual, record the individual once, along with its % of the population.
- Then during selection, choose individuals by spinning a "roulette wheel" biased with the given % toward the individual.

Roulette-Wheel Optimization



GA Perspective

- Like gradient descent, GA's can also get stuck in local fitness extrema.
- The space is different; for GA's, a stuck point corresponds to a population from which crossover does not yield any better individuals.
- Mutation is one hope for leaving such an extremum. Other possibilities are simulated annealing, random restarts.

Evolution Options

- Since we are simulating using a computer, not actually evolving species, there is no reason why **Lamarckian**, rather than **Darwinian**, evolution could not be used.
- Most results to date are Darwinian.
- Lamarckian could integrate other learning models to breed new species from individuals that have learned.

Lamarckian Leads

- Grefenstette, J. 1991. *Lamarckian learning in multi-agent environments.* In Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference of Genetic Algorithms, 303-310. Morgan Kaufmann.
- Houck, C., Joines, J., and Kay, M., Utilizing Lamarckian Evolution and the Baldwin Effect in Hybrid Genetic Algorithms, NCSU-IE TR 96-01, 1996.

Genetic Programming

- Genetic programming is the GA idea applied to evolving ***programs*** (as opposed to just numbers).
- The prime mover of this field is John R. Koza.

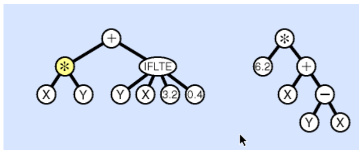
Reference

John R. Koza

Genetic Programming :
On the Programming of Computers
by Means of Natural Selection

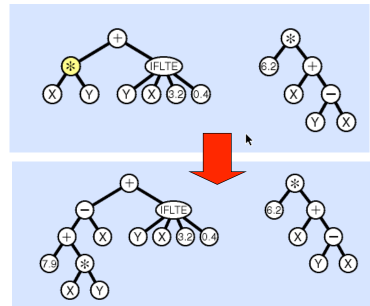
MIT Press, 1996

Genetic Programming Genomes = Syntax Trees

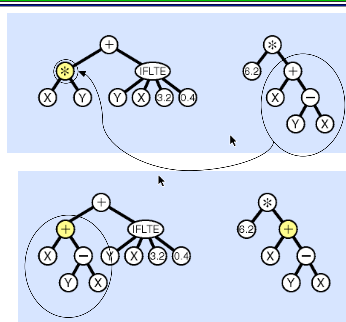


For animated tutorial, please see:
http://www.genetic-programming.com/gpanimatedtutorial.html

Mutation of a Progam

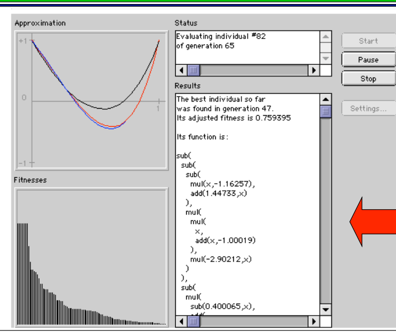


Crossover of Two Programs



Genetic Programming Demo: Symbolic Regression

(http://www.ifh.ee.ethz.ch/~gerber/approx/default.html)



The evolved program

Truck-Backer using GP

http://www.handshake.de/user/blickle/Truck/index.html

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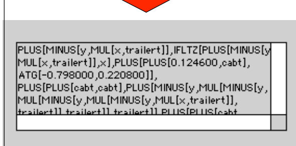
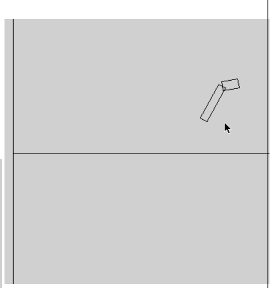




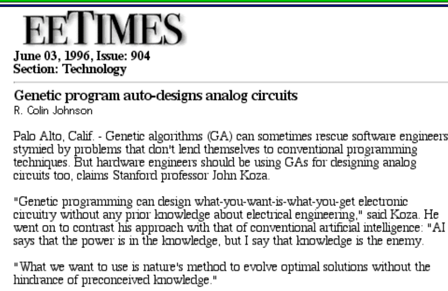
GP Caution

- Typically fitness of genetically-evolved programs is established by working on a large number of test cases.
- We know this is not completely sound.
- A possible fruitful area is to evolve a proof of correctness along with the program itself. I know of no work in this area.

Engineering Applications: Evolving Hardware (Analog & Digital)

- The evolved program is a *list of instructions* for constructing the circuit, rather than the graph of the circuit itself.
- This approach has also been used to construct neural networks.
- The results for circuit design are competitive with, or superior to, human engineering.
- Numerous patents have been reinvented using GP.

Generating Analog Circuits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June 03, 1996, Issue: 904
Section: Technology

Genetic program auto-designs analog circuits
R. Colin Johnson

Palo Alto, Calif. - Genetic algorithms (GA) can sometimes rescue software engineers stymied by problems that don't lend themselves to conventional programming techniques. But hardware engineers should be using GAs for designing analog circuits too, claims Stanford professor John Koza.

"Genetic programming can design what-you-want-is-what-you-get electronic circuitry without any prior knowledge about electrical engineering," said Koza. He went on to contrast his approach with that of conventional artificial intelligence: "AI says that the power is in the knowledge, but I say that knowledge is the enemy.

"What we want to use is nature's method to evolve optimal solutions without the hindrance of preconceived knowledge."

http://www.genetic-programming.com/published/eetimes060396.html

An analog filter generated by genetic programming

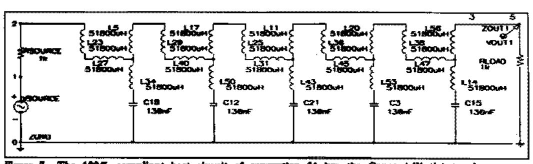


Figure 7 The 100% compliant best circuit of generation 31 has the Cauer (elliptic) topology.

A Genetically-Evolved Amplifier

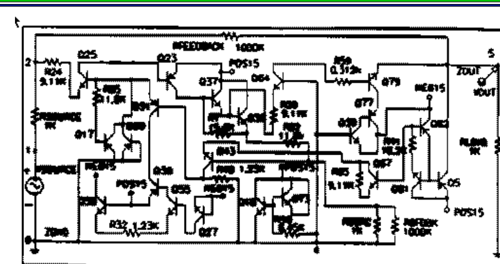


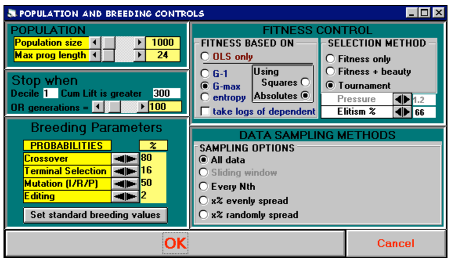
Figure 13 Best circuit from generation 109.

Koza (striped shirt) with 70-node Beowulf cluster

Koza's 1000 node Beowulf used for genetic programming

Commercial Applications: Marketing Projections

gmax-dm™ SALFORD SYSTEMS



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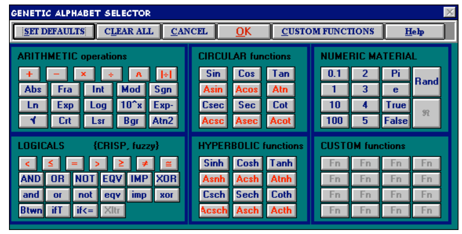
Function Repertoire Menu



Other Opportunities

- Parallelism in Computation (local work of Beda & Margileth, and Tom Johnson, CS 152 steu)
- Parallelism optimizing transformations
- Music
- Robotics

Koza GP Video Clips