INTRODUCTION TO GENETIC PROGRAMMING

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THE CHALLENGE

"How can computers learn to solve problems without being explicitly programmed? In other words, how can computers be made to do what is needed to be done, without being told exactly how to do it?"

— Attributed to Arthur Samuel (1959)

CRITERION FOR SUCCESS

"The aim [is] ... to get machines to exhibit behavior, which if done by humans, would be assumed to involve the use of intelligence."

— Arthur Samuel (1983)
SOME (OF THE MANY)
REPRESENTATIONS USED TO TRY TO
ACHIEVE MACHINE INTELLIGENCE IN
THE FIELDS OF ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND MACHINE
LEARNING (ML)

• Decision trees
• If-then production rules (e.g., expert system)
• Horn clauses
• Neural nets (matrices of numerical weights)
• Bayesian networks
• Frames
• Propositional logic
• Binary decision diagrams
• Formal grammars
• Vectors of numerical coefficients for polynomials (adaptive systems)
• Tables of values (reinforcement learning)
• Conceptual clusters
• Concept sets
• Parallel if-then rules (e.g., genetic classifier systems)
A COMPUTER PROGRAM

Input → Program → Output

- Potential Subroutines
- Potential Loops
- Potential Recursions
- Potential Internal Storage

REPRESENTATION

- "Our view is that computer programs are the best representation of computer programs."
FLOWCHART FOR GENETIC PROGRAMMING (GP)

- **Run** := 0
- **Gen** := 0

Create Initial Random Population for Run

- **Run** := Run + 1

- **Run** = N?
  - Yes: Designate Result for Run
  - No: Termination Criterion Satisfied for Run?

- **i** := 0

- **i** = M?
  - Yes: Select One Individual Based on Fitness
  - No: Apply Fitness Measure to Individual in the Population

Select Genetic Operation

- **Pr** Select One Individual Based on Fitness
  - Perform Reproduction
  - Copy into New Population

- **Pc** Select Two Individuals Based on Fitness
  - Perform Crossover
  - Insert Offspring into New Population
  - **i** := i + 1

- **Pm** Select One Individual Based on Fitness
  - Perform Mutation
  - Insert Mutant into New Population
  - **i** := i + 1

Select an Architecture Altering Operation Based on its Specified Probability

- Select One Individual Based on Fitness
  - Perform the Architecture Altering Operation
  - Insert Offspring into New Population
COMPUTER PROGRAM
= PARSE TREE = PROGRAM TREE
= PROGRAM IN LISP = DATA = LIST

(+ 1 2 (IF (> TIME 10) 3 4))

• ATOMS (TERMINALS) = 1, 2, 10, 3, 4, TIME
• FUNCTIONS = +, IF, >
EXAMPLE OF RANDOM CREATION OF A PROGRAM TREE

- Terminal set $T = \{A, B, C\}$
- Function set $F = \{+, -, *, \%, IFLTE\}$

BEGIN WITH TWO-ARGUMENT $+$

CONTINUE WITH TWO-ARGUMENT $*$

COMPLETE WITH TERMINALS A, B, AND C

- The result is a syntactically valid executable program (provided the set of functions is closed)
MUTATION OPERATION

- Select parent probabilistically based on fitness
- Pick point from 1 to NUMBER–OF–POINTS
- Delete subtree at the picked point
- Grow new subtree at the mutation point in same way as generated trees for initial random population (generation 0)
- The result is a syntactically valid executable program

**ONE PARENTAL PROGRAM**

![Parental Program Diagram]

**OFFSPRING PRODUCED BY MUTATION**

![Offspring Diagram]
CROSSOVER (SEXUAL RECOMBINATION) OPERATION FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMS

- Select two parents probabilistically based on fitness
- Randomly pick a number from 1 to \text{NUMBER–OF–POINTS} – independently for each of the two parental programs
- Identify the two subtrees rooted at the two picked points

Parent 1:
\[(+ (* \text{0.234} Z) (– X \text{0.789}))\]

Parent 2:
\[( (* (* Z Y) (+ Y (* \text{0.314} Z)))\)
THE CROSSOVER OPERATION
(TWO OFFSPRING VERSION)

Y + 0.314Z + X – 0.789

Offspring 1:
(+ (+ Y (* 0.314 Z))
(– X 0.789))

Offspring 2:
(* (* Z Y) (* 0.234 Z))

• The result is a syntactically valid executable program
# FIVE MAJOR PREPARATORY STEPS FOR GP

- Determining the set of terminals
- Determining the set of functions
- Determining the fitness measure
- Determining the parameters for the run
  - population size
  - number of generations
  - minor parameters
- Determining the method for designating a result and the criterion for terminating a run

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<th>Terminal Set</th>
<th>Function Set</th>
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<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Termination Criterion</th>
<th>GP</th>
<th>A Computer Program</th>
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![Diagram of GP components](image)
(ABBREVIATED) TABLEAU FOR SYMBOLIC REGRESSION OF QUADRATIC POLYNOMIAL $x^2 + x + 1$

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<th>Find a computer program with one input (independent variable $x$), whose output equals the value of the quadratic polynomial $x^2 + x + 1$ in range from -1 to +1.</th>
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<td>Terminal set: $T = {x}$</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Function set: $F = {+,-,\ast,%}$</td>
<td>NOTE: The protected division function $%$ returns a value of 1 when division by 0 is attempted (including 0 divided by 0).</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Fitness:</td>
<td>The sum of the absolute value of the differences (errors), computed (in some way) over values of the independent variable $x$ from –1.0 to +1.0, between the program’s output and the target quadratic polynomial $x^2 + x + 1$.</td>
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<td>Parameters: $M = 4.$</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Termination:</td>
<td>An individual emerges whose sum of absolute errors is less than 0.1.</td>
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SYMBOLIC REGRESSION OF QUADRATIC POLYNOMIAL \( x^2 + x + 1 \)

INITIAL POPULATION OF FOUR RANDOMLY CREATED INDIVIDUALS OF GENERATION 0

\[
\begin{align*}
(a) & \quad (b) & \quad (c) & \quad (d) \\
& \quad - & \quad + & \quad + & \quad * \\
& \quad + & \quad 1 & \quad * & \quad 2 & \quad 0 \\
& \quad x & \quad x & \quad x & \quad \quad \\
& \quad 1 & \quad \quad & \quad \quad & \quad \quad & \quad -1 & \quad -2 \\
X + 1 & \quad X^2 + 1 & \quad 2 & \quad x & \\
\end{align*}
\]

FITNESS

\[
\begin{align*}
(a) & \quad (b) & \quad (c) & \quad (d) \\
& \quad 0.67 & \quad 1.00 & \quad 1.70 & \quad 2.67 \\
\end{align*}
\]
SYMBOLIC REGRESSION OF QUADRATIC POLYNOMIAL $x^2 + x + 1$

(a) (b) (c) (d)

GENERATION 1

(a) (b) (c) (d)

$x + 1$ 1 $x$ $x^2 + x + 1$

Copy of (a) Mutant of (c) First offspring of crossover of First offspring of crossover of
—picking “2” as mutation point —picking “+” of parent (a) and (b) of crossover of crossover of
—picking “+” of parent (a) and left-most “x” of parent “x” of parent (b) as crossover points (a) and (b) as crossover points
—picking “-” of parent (b) and left-most “x” of parent (b) as crossover points
## SYMBOLIC REGRESSION

OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL $X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X$

(WITH 21 FITNESS CASES)

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<th>Independent variable (Input)</th>
<th>$X$</th>
<th>Dependent Variable (Output)</th>
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<td><strong>Objective:</strong></td>
<td>Find a function of one independent variable, in symbolic form, that fits a given sample of 21 ((x_i, y_i)) data points</td>
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<td><strong>Terminal set:</strong></td>
<td>(x) (the independent variable).</td>
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<td><strong>Function set:</strong></td>
<td>(+, -, *, %), (\sin, \cos, \exp, \text{RLOG})</td>
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<td><strong>Fitness cases:</strong></td>
<td>The given sample of 21 data points ((x_i, y_i)) where the (x_i) are in interval ([-1,+1]).</td>
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<td><strong>Raw fitness:</strong></td>
<td>The sum, taken over the 21 fitness cases, of the absolute value of difference between value of the dependent variable produced by the individual program and the target value (y_i) of the dependent variable.</td>
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<td><strong>Standardized fitness:</strong></td>
<td>Equals raw fitness.</td>
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<td><strong>Hits:</strong></td>
<td>Number of fitness cases ((0 – 21)) for which the value of the dependent variable produced by the individual program comes within 0.01 of the target value (y_i) of the dependent variable.</td>
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<td><strong>Wrapper:</strong></td>
<td>None.</td>
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<td><strong>Parameters:</strong></td>
<td>Population size, (M = 500). Maximum number of generations to be run, (G = 51).</td>
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<td><strong>Success Predicate:</strong></td>
<td>An individual program scores 21 hits.</td>
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SYMBOLIC REGRESSION
OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$

WORST-OF-GENERATION INDIVIDUAL
IN GENERATION 0 WITH RAW FITNESS
OF $10^{38}$

$$(\exp(-\% \ x \ (- \ x \ \text{SIN} \ x))) \quad (\text{RLOG} \ (\text{RLOG} \ (* \ x \ x)))$$

Equivalent to
$$e^x/(x - \sin x) - \log \log x^x$$
SYMBOLIC REGRESSION
OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$

MEDIAN INDIVIDUAL IN GENERATION 0 WITH RAW FITNESS OF 23.67
(AVERAGE ERROR OF 1.3)

$$(\cos (\cos (+ (- (* x x) (% x x))) x)))$$

Equivalent to

$$\cos [\cos (x^2 + x - 1)]$$
SYMBOLIC REGRESSION
OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL \( x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x \)

BEST-OF-GENERATION INDIVIDUAL IN
GENERATION 0 WITH RAW FITNESS OF
4.47 (AVERAGE ERROR OF 0.2)

\[
(\ast \ x \ (+ \ (+ \ (- \ (\% \ x \ x) \ (\% \ x \ x)) \ (\sin (- x x)))) \ (\rlog \ (\exp \ (\exp x))))
\]

Equivalent to

\[xe^x\]
SYMBOLIC REGRESSION
OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$

CREATION OF GENERATION 1 FROM
GENERATION 0

• In the so-called "generational" model for genetic algorithms, a new population is created that is equal in size
to the old population
  • 1% mutation (i.e., 5 individuals out of 500)
  • 9% reproduction (i.e., 45 individuals)
  • 90% crossover (i.e., 225 pairs of parents — yielding 450 offspring)

• All participants in mutation, reproduction, and crossover are chosen from the current population

PROBABILISTICALLY, BASED ON FITNESS
• Anything can happen
• Nothing is guaranteed
• The search is heavily (but not completely) biased toward high-fitness individuals
• The best is not guaranteed to be chosen
• The worst is not necessarily excluded
• Some (but not much) attention is given even to low-fitness individuals
SYMBOLIC REGRESSION
OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$

BEST-OF-GENERATION INDIVIDUAL IN
GENERATION 2 WITH RAW FITNESS OF 2.57 (AVERAGE ERROR OF 0.1)

$$\left( + \left( \ast \left( \ast \left( + x \left( \ast x \left( \ast x \left( \% \left( \% x \right) \ast x \right) \right) \left( + x x \right) \right) \right) \ast x \right) \ast x \right) \ast x \right) \ast x$$

Equivalent to...

$$x^4 + 1.5x^3 + 0.5x^2 + x$$
SYMBOLIC REGRESSION
OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL $X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X$

BEST-OF-RUN INDIVIDUAL IN
GENERATION 34 WITH RAW FITNESS
OF 0.00 (100%-CORRECT)

$(+ X (* (+ X (* (* (+ X (- (COS
(- X X)) (- X X)) X) X)) X)) X)$

Equivalent to

$$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$$
SYMBOLIC REGRESSION
OF QUARTIC POLYNOMIAL $X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X$

OBSERVATIONS

- GP works on this problem
- GP determines the size and shape of the solution
  - number of operations needed to solve the problem
  - size and shape of the program tree
  - content of the program tree (i.e., sequence of operations)
- GP operates the same whether the solution is linear, polynomial, a rational fraction of polynomials, exponential, trigonometric, etc.
- It's not how a human programmer would have done it
  - $\cos (X - X) = 1$
  - Not parsimonious
- The extraneous functions – $\sin$, $\exp$, $\text{RLOG}$, and $\text{RCOS}$ are absent in the best individual of later generations because they are detrimental
  - $\cos (X - X) = 1$ is the exception that proves the rule
- The answer is algebraically correct (hence no further cross validation is needed)
CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM
INTER-TWINED SPIRALS
**GP TABLEAU – INTERTWINED SPIRALS**

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<th>Objective:</th>
<th>Find a program to classify a given point in the x-y plane to the red or blue spiral.</th>
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<td>Terminal set:</td>
<td>x, y, ℛ, where ℛ is the ephemeral random floating-point constant ranging between −1.000 and +1.000.</td>
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<td>Function set:</td>
<td>+, −, *, %, IFLTÉ, SIN, COS.</td>
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<td>Fitness cases:</td>
<td>194 points in the x-y plane.</td>
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<td>Raw fitness:</td>
<td>The number of correctly classified points (0 – 194)</td>
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<td>Standardized fitness:</td>
<td>The maximum raw fitness (i.e., 194) minus the raw fitness.</td>
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<td>Hits:</td>
<td>Equals raw fitness.</td>
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<td>Wrapper:</td>
<td>Maps any individual program returning a positive value to class +1 (red) and maps all other values to class −1 (blue).</td>
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<td>Parameters:</td>
<td>M = 10,000 (with over-selection). G = 51.</td>
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<td>Success predicate:</td>
<td>An individual program scores 194 hits.</td>
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WALL-FOLLOWING PROBLEM

12 SONAR SENSORS

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
S01 &=& 16.4 \\
S02 &=& 12.0 \\
S03 &=& 12.0 \\
S04 &=& 16.4 \\
S05 &=& 9.0 \\
S06 &=& 16.2 \\
S07 &=& 22.1 \\
S08 &=& 16.6 \\
S09 &=& 9.4 \\
S10 &=& 17.0 \\
S11 &=& 12.4 \\
S00 &=& 12.4
\end{array}
\]
WALL-FOLLOWING PROBLEM

FITNESS MEASURE
WALL-FOLLOWING PROBLEM
BEST PROGRAM OF GENERATION 57

- Scores 56 hits (out of 56)
- 145-point program tree
24 PROBLEMS SHOWN IN 1992 VIDEOTAPE

GENETIC PROGRAMMING: THE MOVIE (KOZA AND RICE 1992)

- Symbolic Regression
- Intertwined Spirals
- Artificial Ant
- Truck Backer Upper
- Broom Balancing
- Wall Following
- Box Moving
- Discrete Pursuer-Evader Game
- Differential Pursuer-Evader Game
- Co-Evolution of Game-Playing Strategies
- Inverse Kinematics
- Emergent Collecting
- Central Place Foraging
- Block Stacking
- Randomizer
- 1-D Cellular Automata
- 2-D Cellular Automata
- Task Prioritization
- Programmatic Image Compression
- Finding $3\sqrt{2}$
- Econometric Exchange Equation
- Optimization (Lizard)
- Boolean 11-Multiplexer
- 11-Parity—Automatically Defined Functions
• Subroutines provide one way to REUSE code — possibly with different instantiations of the dummy variables (formal parameters)
• Loops (and iterations) provide a 2\textsuperscript{nd} way to REUSE code
• Recursion provide a 3\textsuperscript{rd} way to REUSE code
• Memory provides a 4\textsuperscript{th} way — to REUSE the results of executing code
# AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

10 FITNESS-CASES SHOWING THE VALUE OF THE DEPENDENT VARIABLE, $D$, ASSOCIATED WITH THE VALUES OF THE SIX INDEPENDENT VARIABLES, $L_0$, $W_0$, $H_0$, $L_1$, $W_1$, $H_1$

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AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

SOLUTION WITHOUT ADFs

\[- \ast (\ast W0 \ast L0 \ast H0) \ast (\ast W1 \ast L1 \ast H1)\]

\[D = W0 \ast L0 \ast H0 - W1 \ast L1 \ast H1\]
AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

AN OVERALL COMPUTER PROGRAM CONSISTING OF ONE FUNCTION-DEFINING BRANCH (ADF, SUBROUTINE) AND ONE RESULT-PRODUCING BRANCH (MAIN PROGRAM)

(progn
  (defun volume (arg0 arg1 arg2)
    (values
      (* arg0 (* arg1 arg2))))
  (values
    (- (volume L0 W0 H0)
      (volume L1 W1 H1))))
AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

IF WE ADD TWO NEW VARIABLES FOR VOLUME ($V_0$ AND $V_1$), THE 6-DIMENSIONAL NON-LINEAR REGRESSION PROBLEM BECOMES AN 8-DIMENSIONAL PROBLEM

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• However, the problem can now be approached as a 2-dimensional LINEAR regression problem.
AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

TOP-DOWN VIEW OF THREE STEP HIERARCHICAL PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCESS

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

- Decompose a problem into subproblems
- Solve the subproblems
- Assemble the solutions of the subproblems into a solution for the overall problem
AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

BOTTOM-UP VIEW OF THREE STEP HIERARCHICAL PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCESS

- Identify regularities
- Change the representation
- Solve the overall problem
AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

- In generation 0, we create a population of programs, each consisting of a main result-producing branch (RPB) and one or more function-defining branches (automatically defined functions, ADFs, subroutines)
  - Different ingredients for RPB and ADFs
  - The terminal set of an ADF typically contains dummy arguments (formal parameters), such as ARG0, ARG1, ...
  - The function set of the RPB contains ADF0, ...
  - ADFs are private and associated with a particular individual program in the population
- The entire program is executed and evaluated for fitness
- Genetic operation of reproduction is the same as before
- Mutation operation starts (as before) by picking a mutation point from either RPB or an ADF and deleting the subtree rooted at that point. As before, a subtree is then grown at the point. The new subtree is composed of the allowable ingredients for that point — so that the result is a syntactically valid executable program.
- Crossover operation starts (as before) by picking a crossover point from either RPB or an ADF of one parent. The choice of crossover point in the second parent is then restricted (e.g., to the RPB or to the ADF) — so that when the subtrees are swapped, the result is a syntactically valid executable program.
AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTIONS (ADFs, SUBROUTINES)

8 MAIN POINTS FROM BOOK
*GENETIC PROGRAMMING II: AUTOMATIC DISCOVERY OF REUSABLE PROGRAMS* (KOZA 1994)

- ADFs work.
- ADFs do not solve problems in the style of human programmers.
- ADFs reduce the computational effort required to solve a problem.
- ADFs usually improve the parsimony of the solutions to a problem.
- As the size of a problem is scaled up, the size of solutions increases more slowly with ADFs than without them.
- As the size of a problem is scaled up, the computational effort required to solve a problem increases more slowly with ADFs than without them.
- The advantages in terms of computational effort and parsimony conferred by ADFs increase as the size of the problem is scaled up.
REUSE

MEMORY AND STORAGE

• (A) Settable (named) variables (*Genetic Programming*, Koza 1992) using setting (writing) functions *(SETM0 X)* and *(SETM1 Y)* and reading by means of terminals M0 and M1.

• (B) Indexed memory similar to linear (vector) computer memory (Teller 1994) using *(READ K)* and *(WRITE X K)*

• (C) Matrix memory (Andre 1994)

• (D) Relational memory (Brave 1995, 1996)

LANGDON'S DATA STRUCTURES

• Stacks
• Queues
• Lists
• Rings
REUSE

AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED ITERATIONS (ADIs)

- Overall program consisting of an automatically defined function \( ADF0 \), an iteration-performing branch \( IPB0 \), and a result-producing branch \( RPB0 \).
- Iteration is over a known, fixed set
  - protein or DNA sequence (of varying length
  - time-series data
  - two-dimensional array of pixels
REUSE

TRANSMEMBRANE SEGMENT IDENTIFICATION PROBLEM

- Goal is to classify a given protein segment as being a transmembrane domain or non-transmembrane area of the protein
- Generation 20 — Run 3 — Subset-creating version
  - in-sample correlation of 0.976
  - out-of-sample correlation of 0.968
  - out-of-sample error rate 1.6%

(defun ADF0 ()
  (ORN (ORN (ORN (I?) (H?)) (ORN (P?) (G?))) (ORN (ORN (ORN (Y?) (N?)) (ORN (T?) (Q?))) (ORN (A?) (H?))))
)

(defun ADF1 ()
  (values (ORN (ORN (ORN (A?) (I?)) (ORN (L?) (W?)))
    (ORN (ORN (T?) (L?)) (ORN (T?) (W?)))))
)

(defun ADF2 ()
  (values (ORN (ORN (ORN (ORN (ORN (D?) (E?)) (ORN (ORN (D?) (E?)) (ORN (ORN (T?) (W?) (W?)))) (ORN (Q?)
      (D?)))) (ORN (K?) (P?)))) (ORN (K?) (P?))) (ORN (T?)
    (W?))) (ORN (ORN (E?) (A?)) (ORN (N?) (R?))))
)

(progn (loop-over-residues
  (SETM0 (+ (- (ADF1) (ADF2)) (SETM3 M0))))
  (values (% (% M3 M0) (% (% (- L -0.53) (* M0 M0))) (+ (% (% M3 M0) (% (+ M0 M3) (% M1 M2))) M2)) (% M3 M0))))
)
REUSE

EXAMPLE OF A PROGRAM WITH A FOUR-BRANCH AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED LOOP (ADL0) AND A RESULT-PRODUCING BRANCH
REUSE

AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED RECURSION (ADR0) AND A RESULT-PRODUCING BRANCH

- a recursion condition branch, RCB
- a recursion body branch, RBB
- a recursion update branch, RUB
- a recursion ground branch, RGB
GP TECHNIQUES

• control structures involving multiple result-producing branches (Luke and Spector 1996a Bennett 1996a Svingen 1997)
• adaptive self-modifying ontogenetic genetic programming (Spector and Stoffel 1996a 1996b)
• cultural storage and transmission (Spector and Luke 1996a 1996b)
• hierarchical problem solving (Rosca and Ballard 1994a 1994b; Rosca 1995; Rosca 1997)
• developmental methods for evolving finite automata using genetic programming (Brave 1996a)
• developmental methods for shape optimization (Kennelly 1997)
• evolving graphs and networks (Luke and Spector 1996b)
• using a grammar to represent bias and background knowledge (Whigham 1995a 1995b 1996)
• developmental methods for fuzzy logic systems (Tunstel and Jamshidi 1996)
GP TECHNIQUES — CONTINUED

- diploidy and dominance (Greene 1997a 1997b)
- Turing completeness of genetic programming (Teller 1994c; Nordin and Banzhaf 1995)
- evolution of chemical topological structures (Nachbar 1997 1998)
- variations in crossover operations (Poli and Langdon 1997)
- complexity-based fitness measures using minimum description length (Iba Kurita de Garis and Sato 1993; Iba deGaris and Sato 1994)
- co-evolution (Reynolds 1994c)
- steady state genetic programming (Reynolds 1993 1994a 1994b)
- use of noise in fitness cases (Reynolds 1994d)
- balancing parsimony and accuracy (Zhang and Muhlenbein 1993 1994 1995; Blickle l997)
- automatically defined features using genetic algorithms in conjunction with genetic programming (Andre 1994a)
- grammatical evolution (Conor Ryan and Michael O'Neill)
GP TECHNIQUES — CONTINUED

- graphical program structures and neural programming (Teller and Veloso 1996, 1997; Teller 1998; Poli 1997a, 1997b)
- automatically defined macros (ADMs) for simultaneous evolution of programs and their control structures (Spector 1996)
- libraries (Koza 1990a; Koza and Rice 1991; Koza 1992a, section 6.5.4; Angeline and Pollack 1993, 1994; Angeline 1993, 1994; Kinnear 1994b)
- strong typing (Montana 1995; Montana and Czerwinski 1996; Janikow 1996; Yu and Clack 1997a) and constrained syntactic structures (Koza 1992a)
- explicit pointers (Andre 1994c)
- evolution of machine code (Nordin 1994, 1997) and linear genomes (Banzhaf, Nordin, Keller, and Francone 1998)
ARCHITECTURE-ALTERING OPERATIONS

PROTEIN ALIGNMENT OF "A" AND "B" PROTEINS
ARCHITECTURE-ALTERING OPERATIONS

PROGRAM WITH 1 TWO-ARGUMENT AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTION (ADF₀) AND 1 RESULT-PRODUCING BRANCH – ARGUMENT MAP OF {2}
ARCHITECTURE-ALTERING OPERATIONS

PROGRAM WITH ARGUMENT MAP OF \{2, 2\} CREATED USING THE OPERATION OF BRANCH DUPLICATION

![Diagram showing the architecture-altering operations program with argument map of \{2, 2\}.]
ARCHITECTURE-ALTERING OPERATIONS

PROGRAM WITH ARGUMENT MAP OF \{3\} CREATED USING THE OPERATION OF ARGUMENT DUPLICATION
ARCHITECTURE-ALTERING OPERATIONS

SPECIALIZATION – REFINEMENT – CASE SPLITTING

- Branch duplication
- Argument duplication
- Branch creation
- Argument creation

GENERALIZATION

- Branch deletion
- Argument deletion
16 ATTRIBUTES OF A SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY CREATING COMPUTER PROGRAMS

1 — Starts with "What needs to be done"
2 — Tells us "How to do it"
3 — Produces a computer program
4 — Automatic determination of program size
5 — Code reuse
6 — Parameterized reuse
7 — Internal storage
8 — Iterations, loops, and recursions
9 — Self-organization of hierarchies
10 — Automatic determination of program architecture
11 — Wide range of programming constructs
12 — Well-defined
13 — Problem-independent
14 — Wide applicability
15 — Scalable
16 — Competitive with human-produced results
ARCHITECTURE-ALTERING OPERATIONS

GENETIC PROGRAMMING PROBLEM SOLVER (GPPS) — VERSION 2.0
IMPLEMENTATION OF GP IN ASSEMBLY CODE – COMPILED GENETIC PROGRAMMING SYSTEM (NORDIN 1994)

- Opportunity to speed up GP that is done by slowly INTERPRETING GP program trees. Instead of interpreting the GP program tree, EXECUTE this sequence of assembly code.
- Can identify small set of primitive functions that is useful for large group of problems, such as +, −, *, % and also use some conditional operations (IFLTE), some logical functions (AND, OR, XOR, XNOR) and perhaps others (e.g., SRL, SLL, SETHI from Sun 4).
- Then, generate random sequence of assembly code instructions at generation 0 from this small set of machine code instructions (referring to certain registers).
- If ADFs are involved, generate fixed header and footer of function and appropriate function call.
- Perform crossover possibly so as to preserve the integrity of subtrees.
- If ADFs are involved, perform crossover so as to preserve the integrity of the header and footer of function and the function call.
DESIGN OF QUANTUM COMPUTER CIRCUITS USING GP (SPECTOR ET AL.)

CELLULAR ENCODING
(DEVELOPMENTAL GENETIC PROGRAMMING)


• Applied by Gruau and Whitley (1995) to 2-pole-balancing problem

• Applied by Gruau to six-legged walking creature

• Applied by Brave (1995, 1996) to Finite Automata
AUTOMATIC PARALLELIZATION OF SERIAL PROGRAMS USING GP

- Start with working serial computer program (embryo)
- GP program tree contains validity-preserving functions that modify the current program. That is, the functions in the program tree side-effect the current program.
- Execution of the complete GP program tree progressively modifies the current program
- Fitness is based on execution time on the parallel computer system
DEVELOPMENTAL GP

THE INITIAL CIRCUIT

- Initial circuit consists of embryo and test fixture
- Embryo has modifiable wires (e.g., Z0 AND Z1)
- Test fixture has input and output ports and usually has source resistor and load resistor. There are no modifiable wires (or modifiable components) in the test fixture.
- Circuit-constructing program trees consist of
  - Component-creating functions
  - Topology-modifying functions
  - Development-controlling functions
- Circuit-constructing program tree has one result-producing branch for each modifiable wire in embryo of the initial circuit
DEVELOPMENTAL GP

DEVELOPMENT OF A CIRCUIT FROM A CIRCUIT-CONSTRUCTING PROGRAM TREE AND THE INITIAL CIRCUIT

(LIST (C (– 0.963 (– (– -0.875 -0.113) 0.880)) (series (flip end) (series (flip end) (L -0.277 end) end) (L (– -0.640 0.749) (L -0.123 end) ))) (flip (nop (L -0.657 end))))

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LIST

2

C

3

FLIP

4

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SERIES

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NOP

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L

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-0.657

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RESULT OF THE \( c (2) \) FUNCTION

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NOTE: Interpretation of arithmetic value
DEVELOPMENTAL GP

RESULT OF SERIES (5) FUNCTION

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EVALUATION OF FITNESS OF A CIRCUIT

Program Tree

Embryonic Circuit

Fully Designed Circuit (NetGraph)

Circuit Netlist (ascii)

Circuit Simulator (SPICE)

Circuit Behavior (Output)

Fitness
BEHAVIOR OF A LOWPASS FILTER
VIEWED IN THE FREQUENCY DOMAIN

- Examine circuit's behavior for each of 101 frequency values chosen over five decades of frequency (from 1 Hz to 100,000 Hz) with each decade divided into 20 parts (using a logarithmic scale). The fitness measure
  - does not penalize ideal values
  - slightly penalizes acceptable deviations
  - heavily penalizes unacceptable deviations
- Fitness is sum $F(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{100} \left[ W(f_i) d(f_i) \right]$
  - $f(i)$ is the frequency of fitness case $i$
  - $d(x)$ is the difference between the target and observed values at frequency of fitness case $i$
  - $W(y,x)$ is the weighting at frequency $x$
# TABLEAU — LOWPASS FILTER (WITHOUT ADFs OR ARCHITECTURE-ALTERING OPERATIONS)

| **Objective:** | Design a lowpass filter composed of inductors and capacitors with a passband below 1,000 Hz, a stopband above 2,000 Hz, a maximum allowable passband deviation of 30 millivolts, and a maximum allowable stopband deviation of 1 millivolt. |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
| **Test fixture and embryo:** | One-input, one-output initial circuit with a source resistor, load resistor, and two modifiable wires. |
| **Program architecture:** | Two result-producing branches, RPB0 and RPB1 (i.e., one RPB per modifiable wire in the embryo). |
| **Initial function set for the result-producing branches:** | For construction-continuing subtrees: \( F_{\text{ccs-rpb-initial}} = \{C, L, \text{SERIES, PARALLEL0, FLIP, NOP, TWO\_GROUND, TWO\_VIA0, TWO\_VIA1, TWO\_VIA2, TWO\_VIA3, TWO\_VIA4, TWO\_VIA5, TWO\_VIA6, TWO\_VIA7}\} \).  
For arithmetic-performing subtrees: \( F_{\text{aps}} = \{+, -\} \). |
| **Initial terminal set for the result-producing branches:** | For construction-continuing subtrees: \( T_{\text{ccs-rpb-initial}} = \{\text{END}\} \).  
For arithmetic-performing subtrees: \( T_{\text{aps}} = \{\leftarrow\text{smaller-reals}\} \). |
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<td><strong>Raw fitness:</strong></td>
<td>Fitness is the sum, over the 101 sampled frequencies (fitness cases), of the absolute weighted deviation between the actual value of the output voltage that is produced by the circuit at the probe point and the target value for voltage. The weighting penalizes unacceptable output voltages much more heavily than deviating, but acceptable, voltages.</td>
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<td><strong>Hits:</strong></td>
<td>The number of hits is defined as the number of fitness cases (out of 101) for which the voltage is acceptable or ideal or that lie in the &quot;don't care&quot; band.</td>
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<td><strong>Result designation:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Success predicate:</strong></td>
<td>A program scores the maximum number (101) of hits.</td>
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This genetically evolved circuit infringes on U. S. patent 1,227,113 issued to George Campbell of American Telephone and Telegraph in 1917 (claim 2):

An electric wave filter consisting of a connecting line of negligible attenuation composed of a plurality of sections, each section including a capacity element and an inductance element, one of said elements of each section being in series with the line and the other in shunt across the line, said capacity and inductance elements having precomputed values dependent upon the upper limiting frequency and the lower limiting frequency of a range of frequencies it is desired to transmit without attenuation, the values of said capacity and inductance elements being so proportioned that the structure transmits with practically negligible attenuation sinusoidal currents of all frequencies lying between said two limiting frequencies, while attenuating and approximately extinguishing currents of neighboring frequencies lying outside of said limiting frequencies."
EVOLVED ZOBEL FILTER

- Infringes on U. S. patent 1,538,964 issued in 1925 to Otto Zobel of American Telephone and Telegraph Company for an “M-derived half section” used in conjunction with one or more “constant K” sections.
- One $M$-derived half section ($C_2$ and $L_{11}$)
- Cascade of three symmetric T-sections
GENETICALLY EVOLVED 10 DB AMPLIFIER FROM GENERATION 45

SHOWING THE VOLTAGE GAIN STAGE AND DARLINGTON Emitter Follower Section
POST-2000 PATENTED INVENTIONS

HIGH CURRENT LOAD CIRCUIT
BEST-OF-RUN FROM GENERATION 114
POST-2000 PATENTED INVENTIONS

REGISTER-CONTROLLED CAPACITOR CIRCUIT

SMALLEST COMPLIANT FROM GENERATION 98
POST-2000 PATENTED INVENTIONS

LOW-VOLTAGE CUBIC SIGNAL GENERATION CIRCUIT
BEST-OF-RUN FROM GENERATION 182
POST-2000 PATENTED INVENTIONS

LOW-VOLTAGE BALUN CIRCUIT
BEST EVOLVED FROM GENERATION 84
POST-2000 PATENTED INVENTIONS

VOLTAGE-CURRENT-CONVERSION CIRCUIT

BEST-OF-RUN FROM GENERATION 109
POST-2000 PATENTED INVENTIONS

TUNABLE INTEGRATED ACTIVE FILTER — GENERATION 50

[Diagram of an electronic circuit with labeled components such as VIN, VINSRC, Q11, RSRC1, RSRC2, C11, C12, ICONTROL, VOUT, and RLOAD]
# 21 PREVIOUSLY PATENTED INVENTIONS REINVENTED BY GP

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<td>Sidney Darlington</td>
<td>Bell Telephone Laboratories</td>
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<td>Wilhelm Cauer</td>
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<td>Daniel G. O’Connor and Raymond J. Nelson</td>
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<td>David H. Chung and Bill H.</td>
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2 PATENTABLE INVENTIONS CREATED BY GENETIC PROGRAMMING
NOVELTY-DRIVEN EVOLUTION

EXAMPLE OF LOWPASS FILTER

- Two factors in fitness measure
  - Circuit’s behavior in the frequency domain
  - Largest number of nodes and edges (circuit components) of a subgraph of the given circuit that is isomorphic to a subgraph of a template representing the prior art. Graph isomorphism algorithm with the cost function being based on the number of shared nodes and edges (instead of just the number of nodes).

PRIOR ART TEMPLATE
• For circuits not scoring the maximum number (101) of hits, the fitness of a circuit is the product of the two factors.
• For circuits scoring 101 hits (100%-compliant individuals), fitness is the number of shared nodes and edges divided by 10,000.

**FITNESS OF EIGHT 100%-COMPLIANT CIRCUITS**

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LAYOUT — LOWPASS FILTER
100%-COMPLIANT CIRCUITS

GENERATION 25 WITH 5 CAPACITORS AND 11 INDUCTORS — AREA OF 1775.2

GENERATION 30 WITH 10 INDUCTORS AND 5 CAPACITORS — AREA OF 950.3

BEST-OF-RUN CIRCUIT OF GENERATION 138 WITH 4 INDUCTORS AND 4 CAPACITORS — AREA OF 359.4
### LAYOUT — 60 DB AMPLIFIER (USING TRANSISTORS)

#### COMPARISON

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#### BEST-OF-RUN CIRCUIT FROM GENERATION 101

![Circuit Diagram]
PID CONTROLLER

Block diagram of a plant and a PID controller composed of proportional (P), integrative (I), and derivative (D) blocks
• ADF can be used for reuse.
• Automatically defined function ADF0 takes the difference between the reference signal and the plant output and makes this difference available to three points in the result-producing branch

• ADF can be used for internal feedback
FUNCTION SET AND TERMINAL SET
FOR TWO-LAG PLANT PROBLEM

- The function set, $F$ (for every part of the result-producing branch and any automatically defined functions except the arithmetic-performing subtrees) is

$$F = \{ \text{GAIN, INVERTER, LEAD, LAG, LAG2, DIFFERENTIAL\_INPUT\_INTEGRATOR, DIFFERENTIATOR, ADD\_SIGNAL, SUB\_SIGNAL, ADD\_3\_SIGNAL, ADF0, ADF1, ADF2, ADF3, ADF4} \}$$

- The terminal set, $T$, (for every part of the result-producing branch and any automatically defined functions except the arithmetic-performing subtrees) is

$$T = \{ \text{REFERENCE\_SIGNAL, CONTROLLER\_OUTPUT, PLANT\_OUTPUT, CONSTANT\_0} \}$$
ARITHMETIC-PERFORMING SUBTREES FOR THE TWO-LAG PLANT PROBLEM

- Signal processing blocks such as GAIN, LEAD, LAG, and LAG2 possess numerical parameter(s)
- Parameter values can be established by an arithmetic-performing subtree
- A constrained syntactic structure enforces a different function and terminal set for the arithmetic-performing subtrees (as opposed to all other parts of the program tree).
- Terminal set, \( T_{\text{aps}} \), for the arithmetic-performing subtrees
  \[ T_{\text{aps}} = \{ \mathbb{R} \} \]
  where \( \mathbb{R} \) denotes constant numerical terminals in the range from -1.0 to +1.0

- Function set, \( F_{\text{aps}} \), for the arithmetic-performing subtrees
  \[ F_{\text{aps}} = \{ \text{ADD\_NUMERIC}, \text{SUB\_NUMERIC} \} \]
FITNESS MEASURE FOR TWO-LAG PLANT

- 10-element fitness measure
- The first eight elements of the fitness measure represent the eight choices of a particular one of two different values of the plant's internal gain, \( K \) (1.0 and 2.0), in conjunction with a particular one of two different values of the plant's time constant \( \tau \) (0.5 and 1.0), in conjunction with a particular one of two different values for the height of the reference signal. The two reference signals are step functions that rise from 0 to 1 volts (or 1 microvolts) at \( t = 100 \) milliseconds.
- For each of these eight fitness cases, a transient analysis is performed in the time domain using the SPICE simulator. The contribution to fitness for each of these eight elements is

\[
\int_{t=0}^{9.6} |e(t)| A(e(t)) B dt
\]

- \( e(t) \) is difference between plant output and reference signal.
- Multiplication by \( B \) (10^6 or 1) makes both reference signals equally influential.
- Additional weighting function, \( A \), heavily penalizes non-compliant amounts of overshoot. \( A \) weights all variations up to 2% above the reference signal by 1.0, but others by 10.0.
- The 9th element of the fitness measure exposes the controller to an extreme spiked reference signal.
- The 10th element constrains the frequency of the control variable so as to avoid extreme high frequencies.
BEST-OF-RUN GENETICALLY EVOLVED CONTROLLER FROM GENERATION 32 FOR THE TWO-LAG PLANT

\[ R(s) \rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + 0.16s} \rightarrow -1 \rightarrow -1 \rightarrow U(s) \rightarrow 0.188 \]

\[ \frac{1}{1 + 0.15s} \rightarrow -1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{s} \rightarrow 8.15 \rightarrow 1 + 0.038s \]

\[ Y(s) \rightarrow 1 + 0.515s \rightarrow 1 + 0.0837s \]
COMPARISON OF THE TIME-DOMAIN RESPONSE TO 1-VOLT STEP INPUT FOR THE EVOLVED CONTROLLER (TRIANGLES) AND THE BISHOP AND DORF CONTROLLER (SQUARES) FOR THE TWO-LAG PLANT WITH $K=1$ AND $\tau=1$.
COMPARISON OF THE TIME-DOMAIN RESPONSE TO A 1-VOLT DISTURBANCE SIGNAL OF THE EVOLVED CONTROLLER (TRIANGLES) AND THE BISHOP AND DORF CONTROLLER (CIRCLES) FOR THE TWO-LAG PLANT WITH $K=1$ AND $\tau=1$
REVERSE ENGINEERING OF METABOLIC PATHWAYS (4-REACTION NETWORK IN PHOSPHOLIPID CYCLE)

BEST-OF-GENERATION 66

DESIZED
CHARACTERISTICS SUGGESTING THE USE OF GENETIC PROGRAMMING

(1) discovering the size and shape of the solution,
(2) reusing substructures,
(3) discovering the number of substructures,
(4) discovering the nature of the hierarchical references among substructures,
(5) passing parameters to a substructure,
(6) discovering the type of substructures (e.g., subroutines, iterations, loops, recursions, or storage),
(7) discovering the number of arguments possessed by a substructure,
(8) maintaining syntactic validity and locality by means of a developmental process, or
(9) discovering a general solution in the form of a parameterized topology containing free variables
MANY DIFFERENT GA/ES ENCODINGS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY USED

A mixture of real-valued variables, integer-valued variables, and categorical variables are encoded in the chromosome

| L  | .220 | 2 | 3 | C  | 403. | 3 | 6 | L  | .528 | 6 | 9 | L  | .041 | 9 | 0 |

- **Bit-string chromosome**

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  - The component type (a categorical variable) is encoded as 2 bits (01 = resistor, etc.)
  - The component value (real-valued number) is encoded as 8 bits
  - The node (integer-valued variable) to which the component's 1<sup>st</sup> lead is connected is encoded by 3 bits
  - The node (integer-valued variable) to which the component's 2<sup>nd</sup> lead is connected is encoded by 3 bits
  - Note that the number of nodes is capped at 8 (or assumed to be 8)
IT IS OFTEN POSSIBLE TO USE THE GENETIC ALGORITHM (GA) OR EVOLUTION STRATEGIES EVEN WHEN THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE SOLUTION IS A MAJOR ISSUE

- Variable-length genetic algorithm (VGA)
- Maintain constraints

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Nominal Offspring #1 is invalid

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- Penalize (in fitness measure)
- Delete
- Repair (most common method)
- Inundate
STRONG INDICATIONS FOR USING GENETIC ALGORITHM (GA) OR EVOLUTION STRATEGIES (ES)

- The size and shape of the solution is known or fixed
- Ascertain numerical parameters is the major issue
- Simplicity is a major consideration
  - On-chip evolution the algorithm's logic is implemented on the chip in hardware
When the genetic algorithm (GA) operating on fixed-length character strings was used to synthesize a particular Yagi-Uda wire antenna by Linden (1997), the chromosome was based on
- a particular number of reflectors (one) and
- a particular number of directors.

The chromosome encoded
- the spacing between the parallel wires
- the length of each of the parallel wires
• When the genetic algorithm (GA) operating on fixed-length character strings was used to synthesize a Yagi-Uda wire antenna (Linden 1997), the following decisions were made by the human user prior to the start of the run:

1. the number of reflectors (one),
2. the number of directors,
3. the fact that the driven element, the directors, and the reflector are all single straight wires,
4. the fact that the driven element, the directors, and the reflector are all arranged in parallel,
5. the fact that the energy source (via the transmission line) is connected only to single straight wire (the driven element) — that is, all the directors and reflectors are parasitically coupled.

• Characteristics (3), (4), and (5) are essential characteristics of the Yagi-Uda antenna, namely an antenna with multiple parallel parasitically coupled straight-line directors, a single parallel parasitically coupled straight-line reflector, and a straight-line driven element. That it, the GA run assumed that the answer would be a Yagi-Uda antenna.
AUTOMATIC SYNTHESIS OF A WIRE ANTENNA

EXAMPLE OF TURTLE FUNCTIONS USED TO CREATE WIRE ANTENNA

1 (PROGN3
2   (TURN-RIGHT 0.125)
3   (LANDMARK
4     (REPEAT 2
5       (PROGN2
6         (DRAW 1.0 HALF-MM-WIRE)
7         (DRAW 0.5 NO-WIRE))
8     (TRANSLATE-RIGHT 0.125 0.75))
9 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g)
• The GP run discovered
  (1) the number of reflectors (one),
  (2) the number of directors,
  (3) the fact that the driven element, the directors, and the reflector are all single straight wires,
  (4) the fact that the driven element, the directors, and the reflector are all arranged in parallel,
  (5) the fact that the energy source (via the transmission line) is connected only to single straight wire (the driven element) — that is, all the directors and reflectors are parasitically coupled

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REUSE
LOWPASS FILTER USING ADFs

GENERATION 0 – ONE-RUNG LADDER

BEHAVIOR IN FREQUENCY DOMAIN
REUSE
LOWPASS FILTER USING ADFs
GENERATION 9 - TWO-RUNG LADDER

TWICE-CALLED TWO-PORTED ADF0

BEHAVIOR IN FREQUENCY DOMAIN
REUSE
LOWPASS FILTER USING ADFS
GEN 16 – THREE-RUNG LADDER

THRIICE-CALLED TWO-PORTED ADF0

BEHAVIOR IN FREQUENCY DOMAIN
REUSE
LOWPASS FILTER USING ADFS
GEN 20 – FOUR-RUNG LADDER

QUADRUPLY-CALLED TWO-PORTED
ADF0

BEHAVIOR IN FREQUENCY DOMAIN
REUSE
LOWPASS FILTER USING ADFs
GENERATION 31 — TOPOLOGY OF
CAUER (ELLIPTIC) FILTER

QUINTUPLY-CALLED THREE-PORTED

BEHAVIOR IN FREQUENCY DOMAIN
PASSING A PARAMETER TO A SUBSTRUCTURE

- The set of potential terminals for each construction-continuing subtree of an automatically defined function, $T_{ccs-adf-potential}$, is

$$T_{ccs-adf-potential} = \{\text{ARG0}\}$$

EMERGENCE OF A PARAMETERIZED ARGUMENT IN A CIRCUIT SUBSTRUCTURE

HIERARCHY OF Branches FOR THE BEST-OF-RUN CIRCUIT- FROM GENERATION 158

```
execute

RPB0
  ADF3 {1}
  ADF2 {1}

RPB1
  ADF3 {1}
  ADF2 {1}

RPB2
  ADF4 {1}
  ADF2 {1}
  ADF2 {1}
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PASSING A PARAMETER TO A SUBSTRUCTURE

BEST-OF-RUN CIRCUIT FROM GENERATION 158
THREE-PORTED AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTION \texttt{ADF3} OF THE BEST-OF-RUN CIRCUIT FROM GENERATION 158

\texttt{ADF3} CONTAINS CAPACITOR C39 PARAMETERIZED BY DUMMY VARIABLE \texttt{ARG0}
THE FIRST RESULT-PRODUCING BRANCH, RPB0, CALLING ADF3

(PARALLEL0 (L (+ (- 1.883196E-01 (- 9.095883E-02 5.724576E-01)) (- 9.737455E-01 -9.452780E-01)) (FLIP END)) (SERIES (C (+ (+ -6.668774E-01 -8.770285E-01) 4.587758E-02) (NOP END)) (SERIES END END (PARALLEL1 END END END END)) (FLIP (SAFE_CUT))) (PAIR_CONNECT_0 END END END) (PAIR_CONNECT_0 (L (+ -6.668774E-01 -8.770285E-01) 4.896978E-01) END) (L (- 7.195599E-01 3.651142E-02) (SERIES (C (+ -6.137950E-01 -5.111248E-01) (- 1.883196E-01 (- 9.095883E-02 5.724576E-01)) END) (SERIES END END (ADF3 6.196514E-01) (NOP END)) (NOP END)))

AUTOMATICALLY DEFINED FUNCTION ADF3

ADF3 DOES THREE THINGS

• The structure that develops out of ADF3 includes a capacitor C112 whose value (5,130 uF) is not a function of its dummy variable, ARG0.

• The structure that develops out of ADF3 has one hierarchical reference to ADF2. As previously mentioned, the invocation of ADF2 is done with a constant (9.737455E-01) so this invocation of ADF2 produces a 259 µH inductor.

• Most importantly, the structure that develops out of ADF3 creates a capacitor (C39) whose sizing, F(ARG0), is a function of the dummy variable, ARG0, of automatically defined function ADF3. Capacitor C39 has different sizing on different invocations of automatically defined function ADF3.

• The combined effect of ADF3 is to insert the following three components:
  • an unparameterized 5,130 uF capacitor,
  • a parameterized capacitor C39 whose component value is dependent on ARG0 of ADF3, and
  • a parameterized inductor (created by ADF2) whose sizing is parameterized, but which, in practice, is called with a constant value.
EMERGENCE OF A PARAMETERIZED ARGUMENT IN A CIRCUIT SUBSTRUCTURE

HIERARCHY OF BRANCHES FOR THE BEST-OF-RUN CIRCUIT- FROM GENERATION 158
FREE VARIABLE (INPUT) AND CONDITIONALS

SOLVING A QUADRATIC EQUATION USING THE GENETIC ALGORITHM

- Suppose we want the 2 roots of the quadratic equation

\[ 1x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0 \]

- Using the genetic algorithm (GA) operating on a fixed-length character string, we can search a space of encodings using an alphabet size of 2 (i.e., binary) of length, say, 16 representing two real numbers (each with, say, 4 bits to left of the "decimal" point). After running the GA, a solution is

| 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 |
|---|---|
| 1.0 | 2.0 |

- Alternatively, we could use a "floating point" genetic algorithm (GA) to search a space of 2-part encodings. A solution is

| 1.0 | 2.0 |

- In either case, the result is a solution to ONE INSTANCE of the quadratic equation problem.
SOLVING A QUADRATIC EQUATION USING GENETIC PROGRAMMING (GP)

- Using genetic programming (GP), we can solve the general, parameterized quadratic equation

\[ ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \]

by searching the space of computer programs for a program that takes \( a, b, \) and \( c \) as inputs

- The result is a solution to ALL INSTANCES of the quadratic equation problem
GENERAL APPEARANCE OF ONE POSSIBLE CHROMOSOME ENCODING USED TO SOLVE ONE INSTANCE OF A CIRCUIT PROBLEM USING THE GENETIC ALGORITHM (GA) OPERATING ON FIXED-LENGTH CHARACTER STRINGS

EXAMPLE CIRCUIT

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THE GENERAL APPEARANCE OF EXPRESSIONS USED TO SOLVE ONE INSTANCE OF A CIRCUIT PROBLEM USING GENETIC PROGRAMMING (GP) IN *GENETIC PROGRAMMING III* (1999)

(LIST (C (- 0.963 (- (- -0.875 -0.113) 0.880)) (series (flip end) (series (flip end) (L -0.277 end) end) (L (- -0.640 0.749) (L -0.123 end)))) (flip (nop (L -0.657 end))))

EXAMPLE CIRCUIT (GEN 0)
VALUE-SETTING SUBTREES—3 WAYS

ARITHMETIC-PERFORMING SUBTREE

SINGLE PERTURBABLE CONSTANT

FREE VARIABLE
PARAMETERIZED TOPOLOGY FOR "GENERALIZED" LOWPASS FILTER

VARIABLE CUTOFF LOWPASS FILTER

• Want lowpass filter whose passband ends at frequencies \( f = 1,000, 1,780, 3,160, 5,620, 10,000, 17,800, 31,600, 56,200, 100,000 \) Hz

\[
L2 = \frac{1.3406 \times 10^{-8} \left( 4.7387 \times 10^{19} + f^3 \right) + 1.3331 \times 10^{10} \left( 9.3714 \times 10^{9} f + f^2 \right)}{f (3.4636 \times 10^{-10} + f^4)} + \frac{2.445 \times 10^{8}}{f} + \frac{2.445 \times 10^{8}}{f} + \text{ln} f
\]

\[
L1 = \frac{8.0198 \times 10^{7}}{f} \quad L2 = \frac{3.7297 \times 10^{7}}{f} \quad L3 = \frac{2.0262 \times 10^{8}}{f} + 2 \text{ln} f \quad L4 = \frac{1.6786 \times 10^{9}}{f} \quad C1 = \frac{1.6786 \times 10^{9}}{f} \quad C2 = \frac{1.6786 \times 10^{9}}{f} \quad C3 = \frac{1.3552 \times 10^{3}}{f} \quad C4 = \frac{6.4484 \times 10^{5}}{f} \quad C5 = \frac{1.1056 \times 10^{5}}{f} \]
PARAMETERIZED TOPOLOGY USING CONDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL OPERATORS (GENETIC SWITCH)

VARIABLE-CUTOFF LOWPASS/HIGHPASS FILTER CIRCUIT

- Best-of-run circuit from generation 93 when inputs call for a highpass filter (i.e., $F_1 > F_2$).

- Best-of-run circuit from generation 93 when inputs call for a lowpass filter.
PARALLELIZATION BY SUBPOPULATIONS ("ISLAND" OR "DEME" MODEL OR "DISTRIBUTED GENETIC ALGORITHM")

- Like Hormel, Get Everything Out of the Pig, Including the Oink
- Keep on Trucking
- It Takes a Licking and Keeps on Ticking
- The Whole is Greater than the Sum of the Parts

**PETA-OPS**

- Human brain operates at $10^{12}$ neurons operating at $10^3$ per second = $10^{15}$ ops per second
- $10^{15}$ ops = 1 peta-op = 1 bs (brain second)
## GENETIC PROGRAMMING OVER 15-YEAR PERIOD 1987–2002

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<td>• Two human-competitive results involving one-dimensional discrete data (not patent-related)</td>
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| 64-node Parsytec parallel machine     | 1995–2000     | 22       | • One human-competitive result involving two-dimensional discrete data  
• Numerous human-competitive results involving continuous signals analyzed in the frequency domain  
• Numerous human-competitive results involving 20th-century patented inventions |
| 70-node Alpha parallel machine           | 1999–2001     | 7.3      | • One human-competitive result involving continuous signals analyzed in the time domain  
• Circuit synthesis extended from topology and sizing to include routing and placement (layout)                                  |
| 1,000-node Pentium II parallel machine  | 2000–2002     | 9.4      | • Numerous human-competitive results involving continuous signals analyzed in the time domain  
• Numerous general solutions to problems in the form of parameterized topologies  
• Six human-competitive results duplicating the functionality of 21st-century patented inventions |
| Long (4-week) runs of 1,000-node Pentium II parallel machine | 2002         | 9.3      | • Generation of two patentable new inventions                                                                                     |
PROGRESSION OF QUALITATIVELY MORE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS PRODUCED BY GENETIC PROGRAMMING IN RELATION TO FIVE ORDER-OF-MAGNITUDE INCREASES IN COMPUTATIONAL POWER

- toy problems

- human-competitive results not related to patented inventions

- 20\textsuperscript{th}-century patented inventions

- 21\textsuperscript{st}-century patented inventions

- patentable new inventions
Evolvable Hardware

Rapidly Reconfigurable Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs)

Small 5 by 5 Corner of Xilinx XC6216 FPGA
A 16-step 7-sorter was evolved that has two fewer steps than the sorting network described in O'Connor and Nelsons' patent (1962) and that has the same number of steps as the 7-sorter that was devised by Floyd and Knuth subsequent to the patent and described in Knuth 1973.
FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GP AND OTHER APPROACHES TO AI AND ML

(1) Representation: Genetic programming overtly conducts its search for a solution to the given problem in program space.
(2) Role of point-to-point transformations in the search: Genetic programming does not conduct its search by transforming a single point in the search space into another single point, but instead transforms a set of points into another set of points.
(3) Role of hill climbing in the search: Genetic programming does not rely exclusively on greedy hill climbing to conduct its search, but instead allocates a certain number of trials, in a principled way, to choices that are known to be inferior.
(4) Role of determinism in the search: Genetic programming conducts its search probabilistically.
(5) Role of an explicit knowledge base: None.
(6) Role of formal logic in the search: None.
(7) Underpinnings of the technique: Biologically inspired.
### 36 HUMAN-COMPETITIVE RESULTS (LIST AS OF MAY 2003)

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PROMISING GP APPLICATION AREAS

• Problem areas involving many variables that are interrelated in highly non-linear ways
• Inter-relationship of variables is not well understood
• A good approximate solution is satisfactory
  • design
  • control
  • classification and pattern recognition
  • data mining
  • system identification and forecasting
• Discovery of the size and shape of the solution is a major part of the problem
• Areas where humans find it difficult to write programs
  • parallel computers
  • cellular automata
  • multi-agent strategies / distributed AI
  • FPGAs
• "black art" problems
  • synthesis of topology and sizing of analog circuits
  • synthesis of topology and tuning of controllers
  • quantum computing circuits
  • synthesis of designs for antennas
• Areas where you simply have no idea how to program a solution, but where the objective (fitness measure) is clear
• Problem areas where large computerized databases are accumulating and computerized techniques are needed to analyze the data
TURING'S THREE APPROACHES TO MACHINE INTELLIGENCE

• Turing made the connection between searches and the challenge of getting a computer to solve a problem without explicitly programming it in his 1948 essay "Intelligent Machines" (in Mechanical Intelligence: Collected Works of A. M. Turing, 1992, edited by D. C. Ince).

"Further research into intelligence of machinery will probably be very greatly concerned with 'searches' ..."

TURING'S THREE APPROACHES TO MACHINE INTELLIGENCE — CONTINUED

1. LOGIC-BASED SEARCH
One approach that Turing identified is a search through the space of integers representing candidate computer programs.

2. CULTURAL SEARCH
Another approach is the "cultural search" which relies on knowledge and expertise acquired over a period of years from others (akin to present-day knowledge-based systems).
TURING'S THREE APPROACHES TO MACHINE INTELLIGENCE — CONTINUED

3. GENETICAL OR EVOLUTIONARY SEARCH

"There is the genetical or evolutionary search by which a combination of genes is looked for, the criterion being the survival value."

- from Turing's 1950 paper "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" …

"We cannot expect to find a good child-machine at the first attempt. One must experiment with teaching one such machine and see how well it learns. One can then try another and see if it is better or worse. There is an obvious connection between this process and evolution, by the identifications"

"Structure of the child machine = Hereditary material"

"Changes of the child machine = Mutations"

"Natural selection = Judgment of the experimenter"
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