



Sections I485/H400

- **Assignments: 35%**
  - Students will complete 4/5 assignments based on algorithms presented in class
- **Lab meets in I1 (West) 109 on Lab Wednesdays**
  - Lab 0 : January 14<sup>th</sup> (completed)
    - *Introduction to Python* (No Assignment)
  - Lab 1 : January 28<sup>th</sup>
    - *Measuring Information* (Assignment 1)
    - Graded
  - Lab 2 : February 11<sup>th</sup>
    - *L-Systems* (Assignment 2)
    - Graded
  - Lab 3: March 25<sup>th</sup>
    - Cellular Automata & Boolean Networks (Assignment 3)
      - Due: April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Lab 4: April 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Genetic Algorithms (Assignment 4)
      - Due: April 22<sup>nd</sup>



## ■ Class Book

- Nunes de Castro, Leandro [2006]. *Fundamentals of Natural Computing: Basic Concepts, Algorithms, and Applications*. Chapman & Hall.
  - Chapters 1, 2, 3.1-3.4, 7.1-7.5, 8.1-8.2, 8.3.10

## ■ Lecture notes

- Chapter 1: “What is Life?”
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  - posted online @ <http://informatics.indiana.edu/rocha/i-bic>

## ■ Other materials

- Flake’s [1998], *The Computational Beauty of Nature*. MIT Press
  - Chapters 20



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# ALIFE 15

## ■ Projects

- Due by May 4<sup>th</sup> in Oncourse

- ALIFE 15 (14)

- Actual conference due date: 2016

- <http://blogs.cornell.edu/alife14nyc/>

- 8 pages (LNCS proceedings format)

- <http://www.springer.com/computer/lncs?SGWD=0-164-6-793341-0>

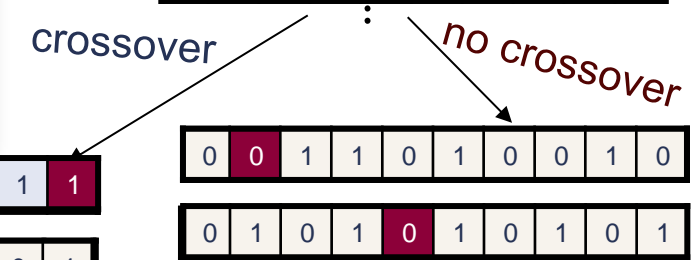
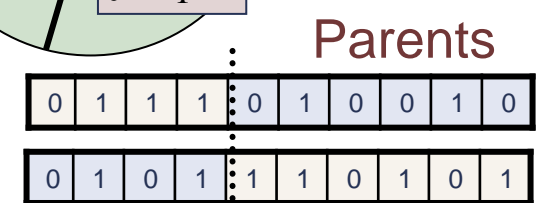
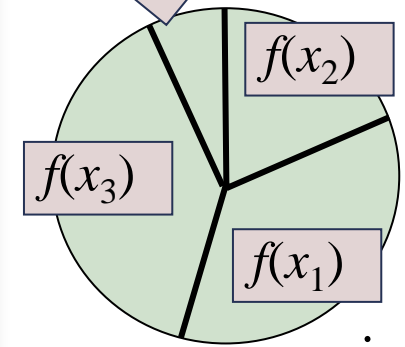
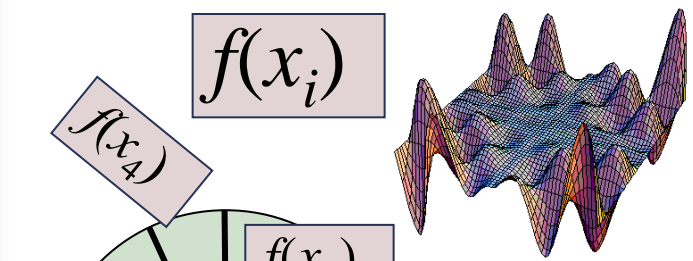
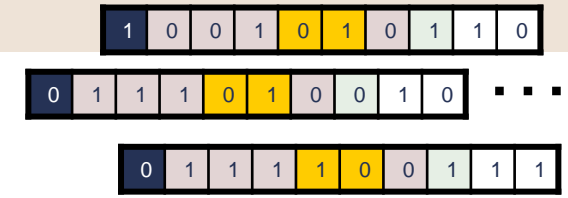
- Preliminary ideas **overdue!**

- Individual or group

- With very definite tasks assigned per member of group

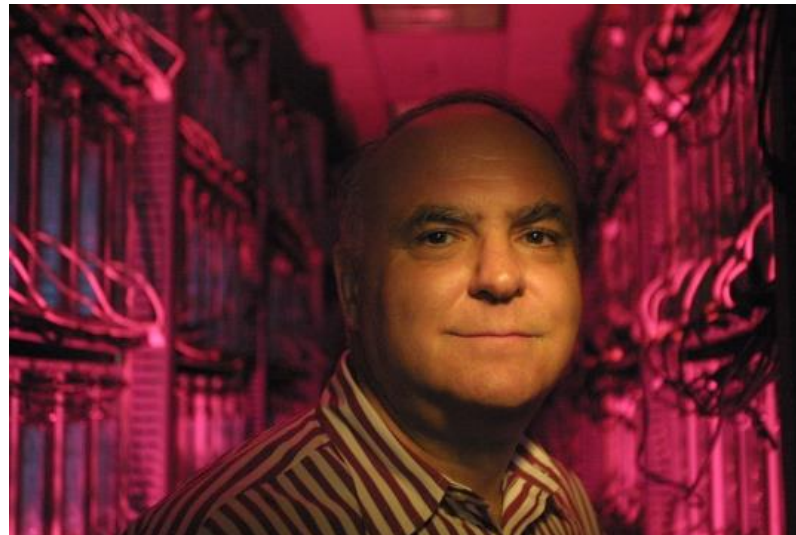
The workings

- 1) Generate Random population of bit-strings
- 2) Evaluate Fitness Function for each decoded solution
- 3) Reproduce next generation
  - Selection by fitness
  - Variation
    - crossover and mutation
  - Fill new population
- 4) Go back to 2) until stop criteria is met
  - Desired fitness
  - Specified number of generations
  - Convergence
    - Lack of variability in population and/or fitness
      - Tends to a peak



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- Fogel, Owens and Walsh (1966)
  - *Artificial Intelligence through simulated evolution*. Wiley.
    - Evolution of finite-state machines
- John Koza (1992) at Stanford University
  - *Genetic Programming: On the programming of computers by means of Natural Selection*. MIT Press.



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tree encodings

- Evolving computer programs to perform a task
  - No strict genotype-phenotype mapping
  - LISP programs
    - Can be expressed in the form of parse trees

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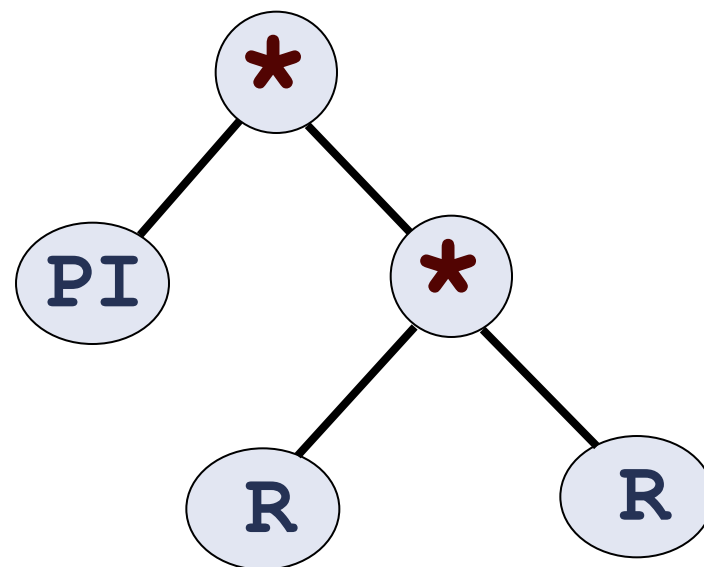
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  (SETF PI 3.1415)
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  (* PI (* R R)))
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functions

terminals

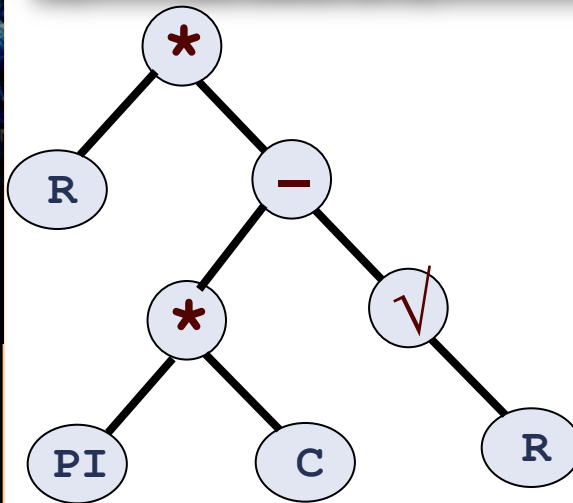




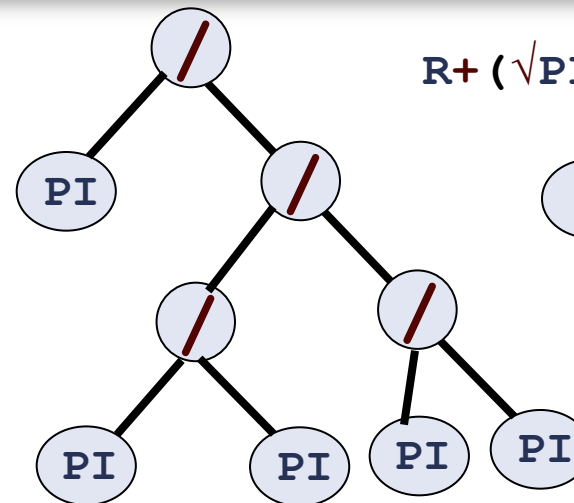
the workings

- 1) Choose a pool of possible functions and terminals
  - Setting up a language of description
- 2) Generate Random population of trees (programs)
  - Must be syntactically correct (parsing)
  - Size is usually restricted
- 3) Evaluate Fitness Function for each tree
  - Desired I/O
  - Simplicity, speed
- 4) Reproduce next generation with variation
  - Trees with higher fitness value reproduce with higher probability
- 5) Go back to 3)

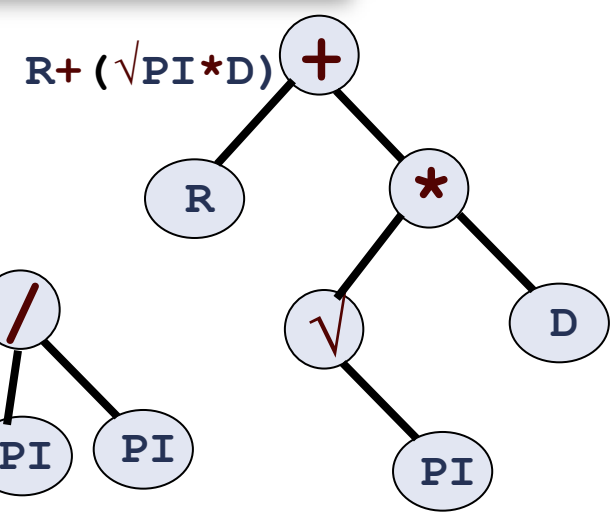
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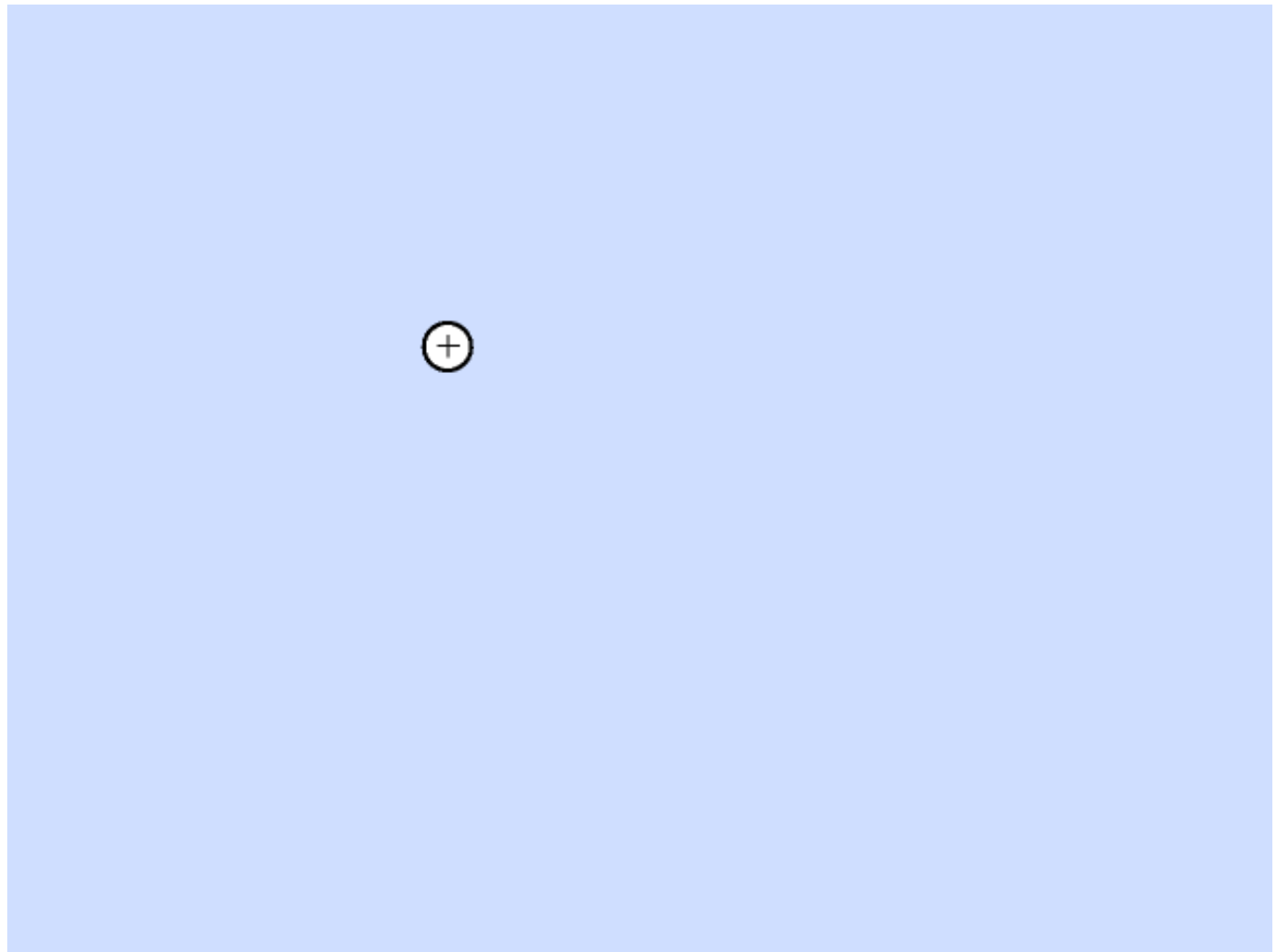
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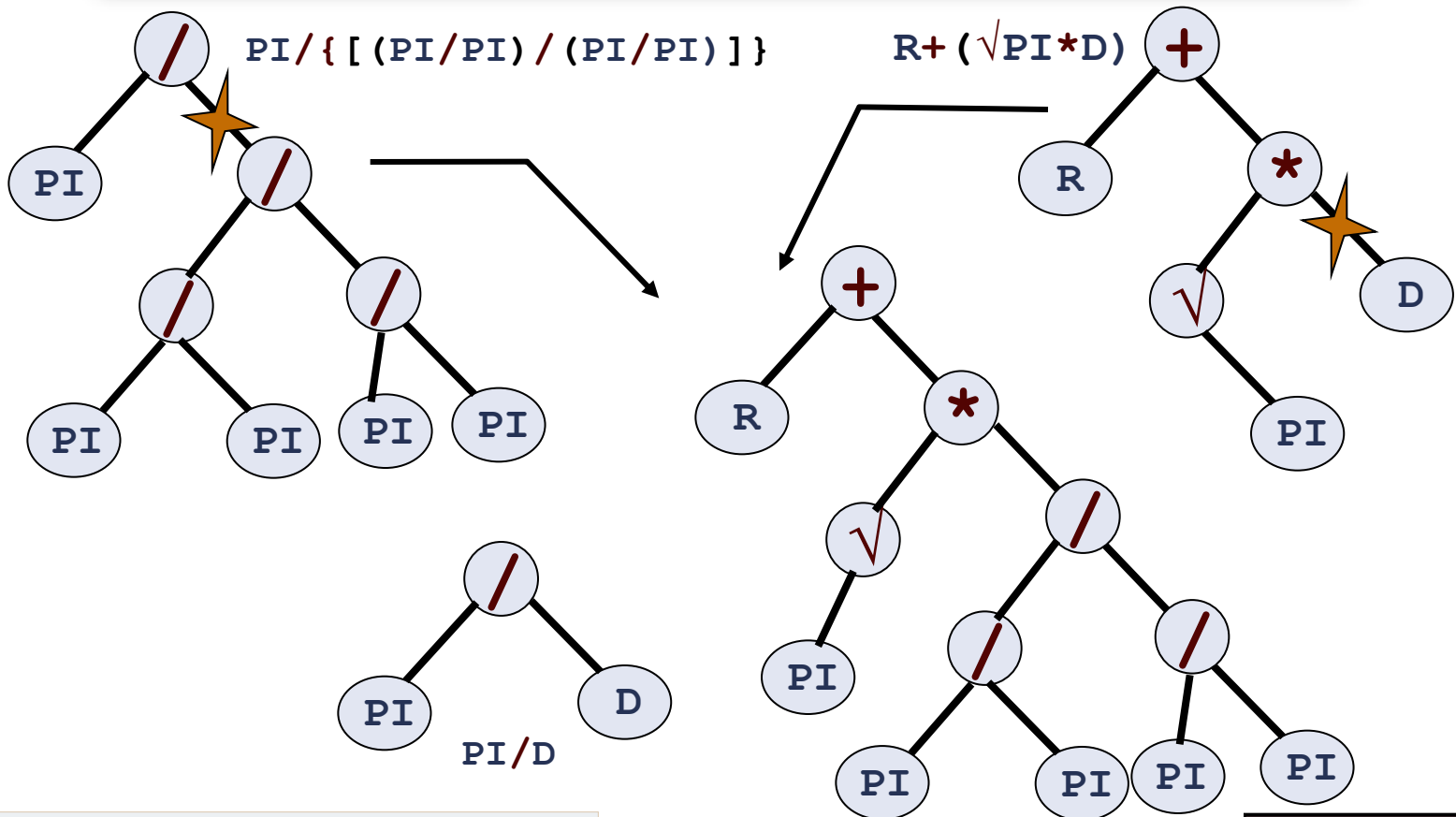


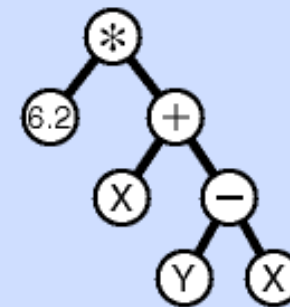
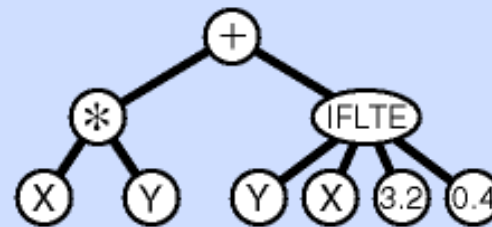


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crossover

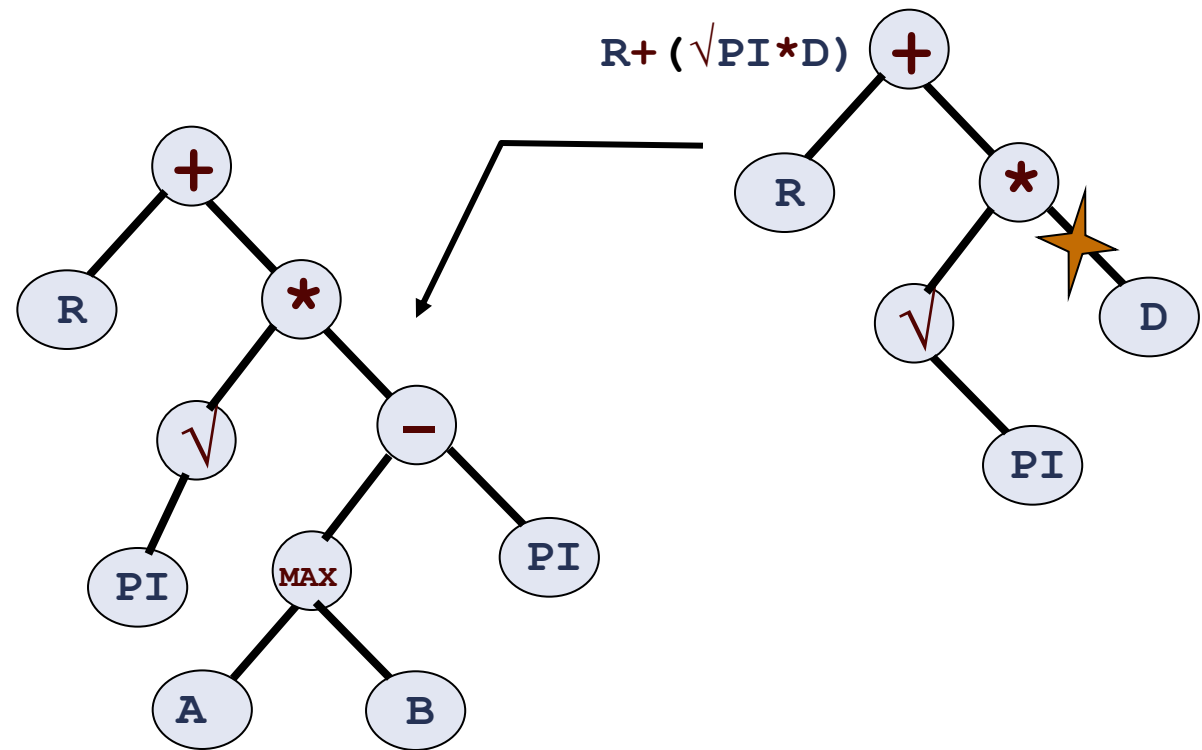
- Choose random point in each parent's tree
- Exchange subtrees beneath to produce offspring
  - Allows size of program to increase or decrease





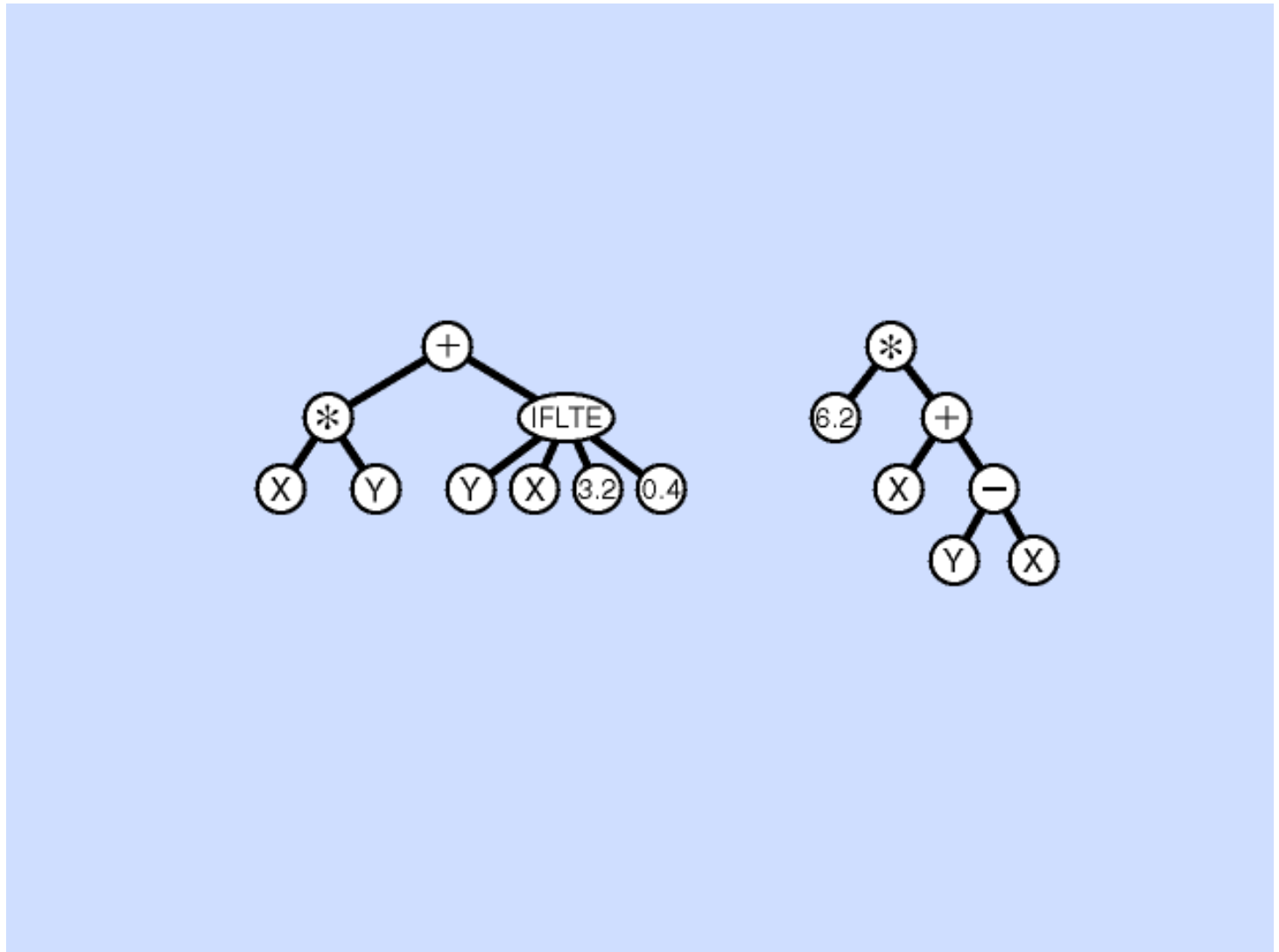
mutation

- Choose random point in a tree
- Replace subtree beneath with random tree

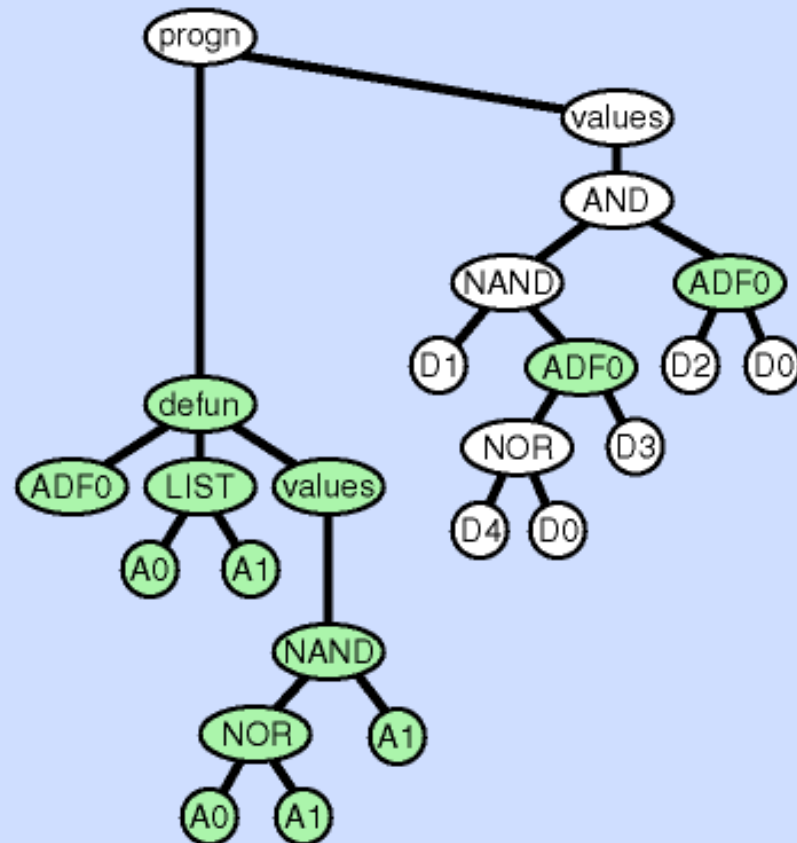


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Architecture-altering operations



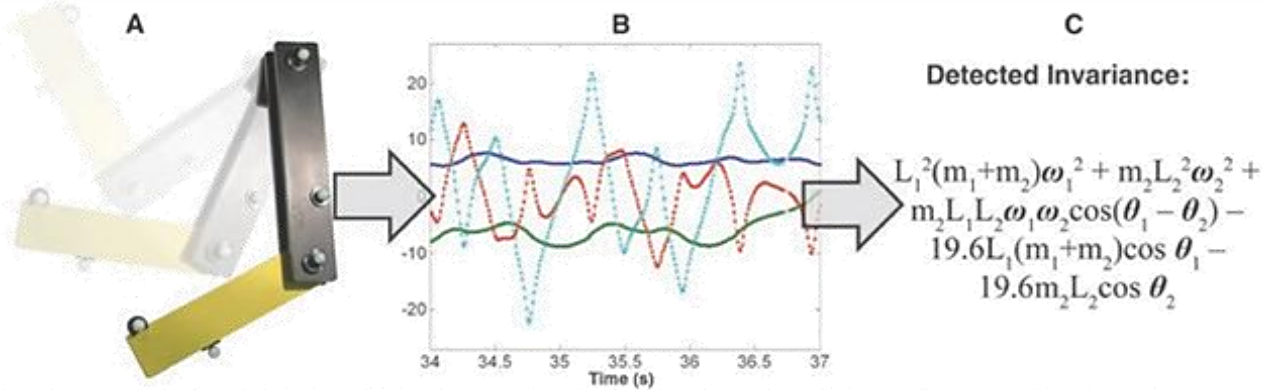
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applications

- Optimal control
- Planning
- Symbolic regression
  - Fit real data
    - Example: Uncover laws of physics
      - Schmidt M., Lipson H. (2009) "Distilling Free-Form Natural Laws from Experimental Data," *Science*, **324** (5923): 81 - 85.
    - Binary Classification
  - Software Tool
    - Eureka: <http://ccsl.mae.cornell.edu/eureka>
- Robot strategies
  - Robocup
- Evolvable hardware



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# A symbolic regression tool

Eureqa: <http://creativemachines.cornell.edu/Eureqa>

The screenshot shows the Eureqa software interface with the following components:

- List of current solutions:**

Size	Error	Solution
17	0.181	$f(x) = -1.06 \cos(-1.62 + 2x) + x \cos(-1.62 +$
13	0.183	$f(x) = -1.00 \sin(2x) + x \sin(2x)$
6	0.442	$f(x) = x \sin(2x)$
4	0.494	$f(x) = -0.47 + \cos(x)$
2	0.589	$f(x) = \cos(x)$
1	0.560	$f(x) = -0.26$
- Selected solution plotted with the data:** A scatter plot showing Train Data (blue dots), Validation Data (green dots), and the Validated Solution (magenta line) against index (0 to 100) on the x-axis and y (-4 to 2) on the y-axis.
- Quick statistics of solution:**

-1.06 cos(-1.62 + 2 x) + x cos(-1.62 + 2 x)

Name	Train Data	Validation Data
Sample Size	80	52
R-squared	0.96	0.94
Correlation Coeff	0.98	0.97
Mean Squared Error	0.08	0.09
Mean Absolute Error	0.24	0.26
Minimum Error	0.00082	0.00
Maximum Error	0.66	0.63
- Accuracy/complexity front of best solutions:** A step plot showing Error [MAE] on the y-axis (0.2 to 0.8) versus Complexity [size] on the x-axis (2 to 18). It includes Train Solutions Points (blue), Validated Solutions Points (green), and the Selected Solution (red).



readings

■ Class Book

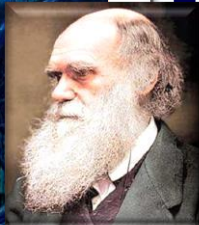
- Nunes de Castro, Leandro [2006]. *Fundamentals of Natural Computing: Basic Concepts, Algorithms, and Applications*. Chapman & Hall.
  - Chapter 2, 7, 8
  - Appendix B.3.2-3 - Turing Machines, Computational complexity
  - **Chapter 3, all sections**
  - **Sections 7.8, 8.3.2, 8.3.10**

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- Chapter 5: “Reality is Stranger than Fiction”
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Optional materials

- Flake’s [1998], *The Computational Beauty of Life*. MIT Press
  - Chapter 20
- *Scientific American*: Special Issue on ***the evolution of Evolution***, January 2009.



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