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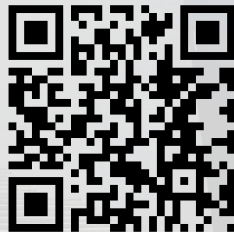
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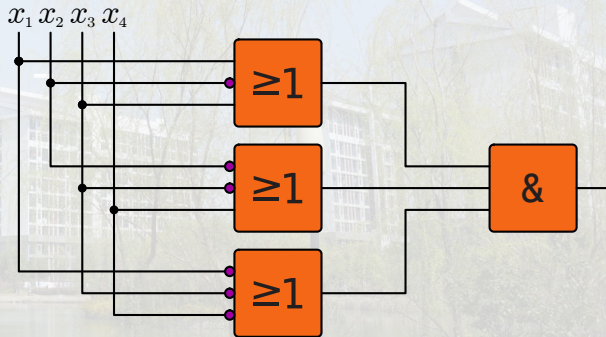
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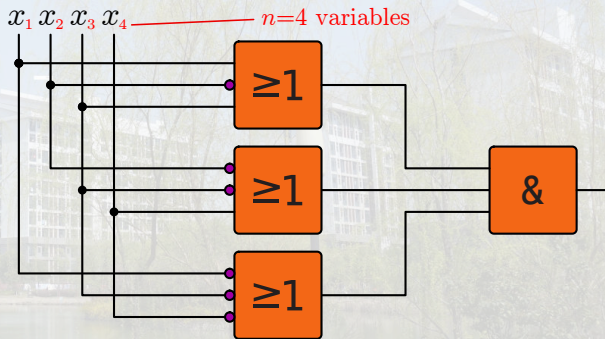
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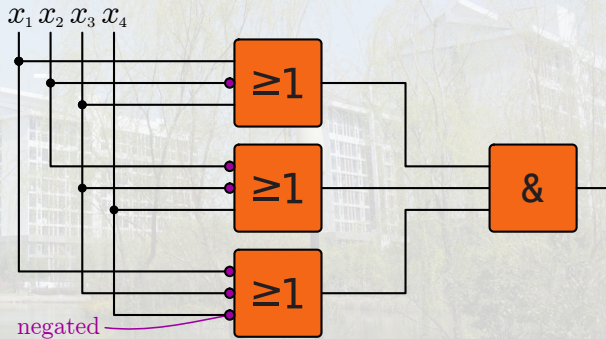
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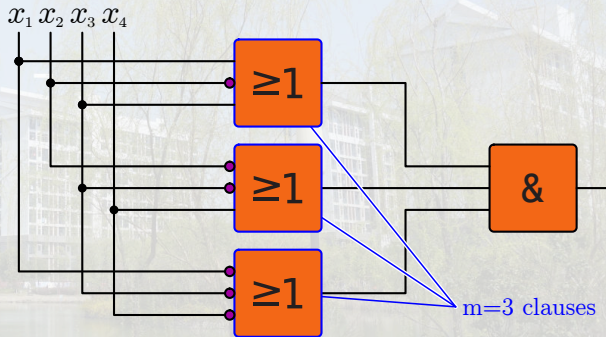






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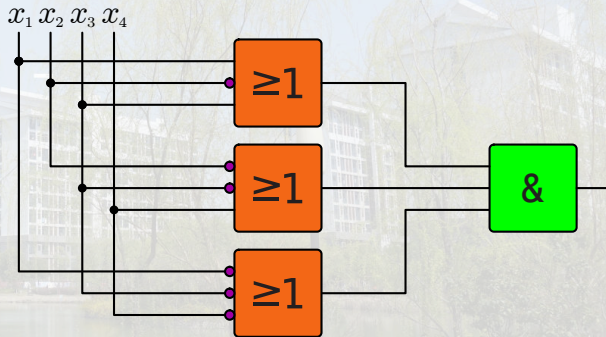
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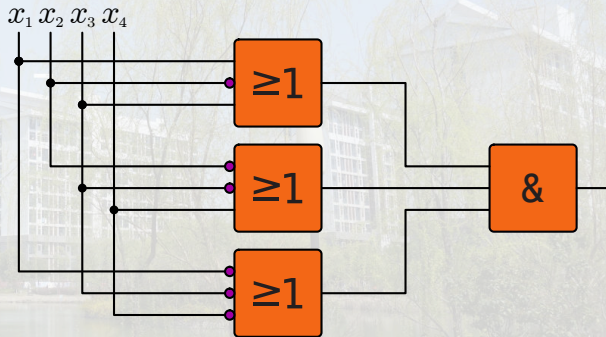


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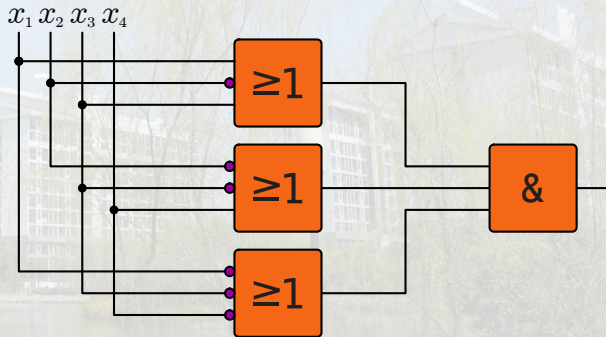
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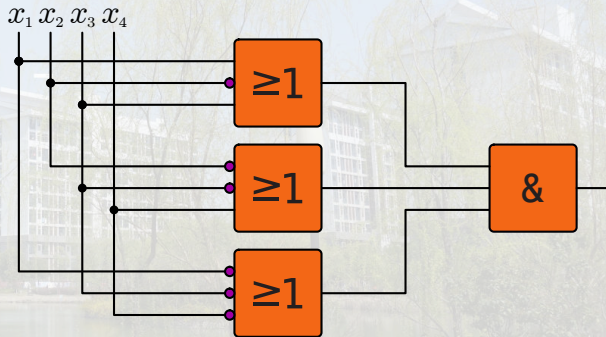
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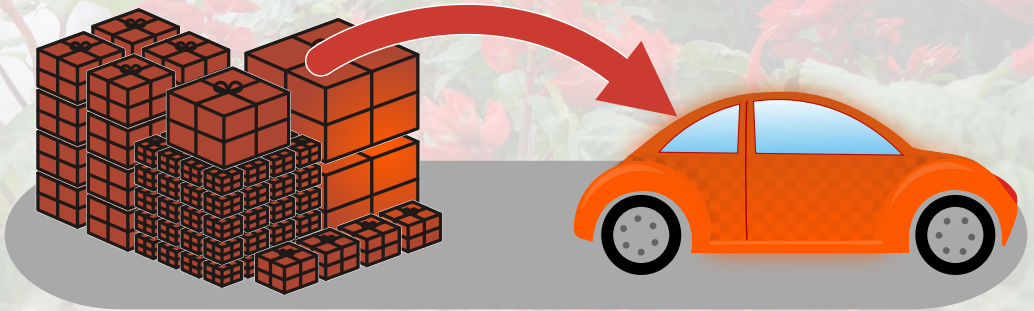
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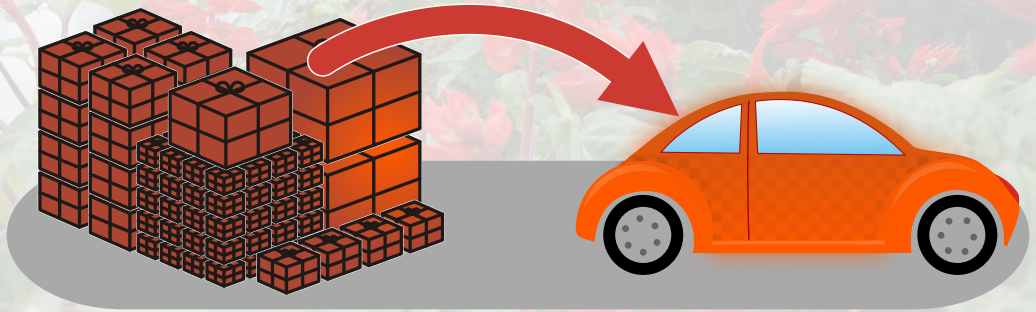
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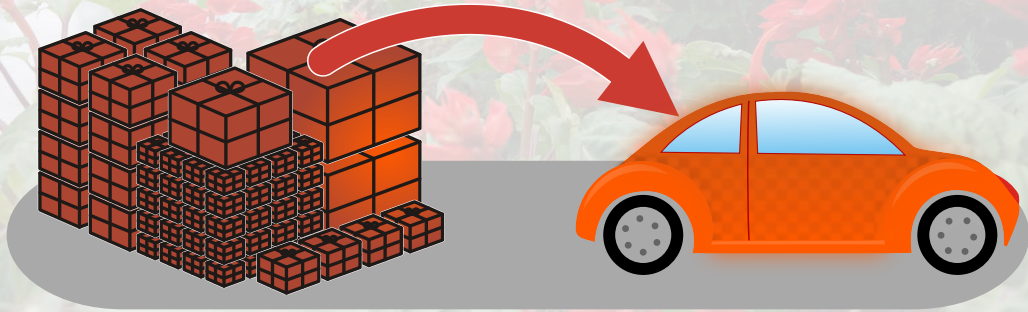
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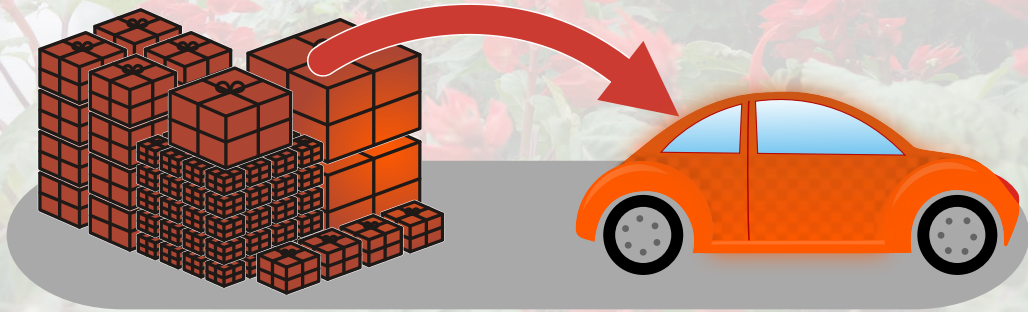
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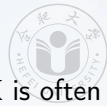


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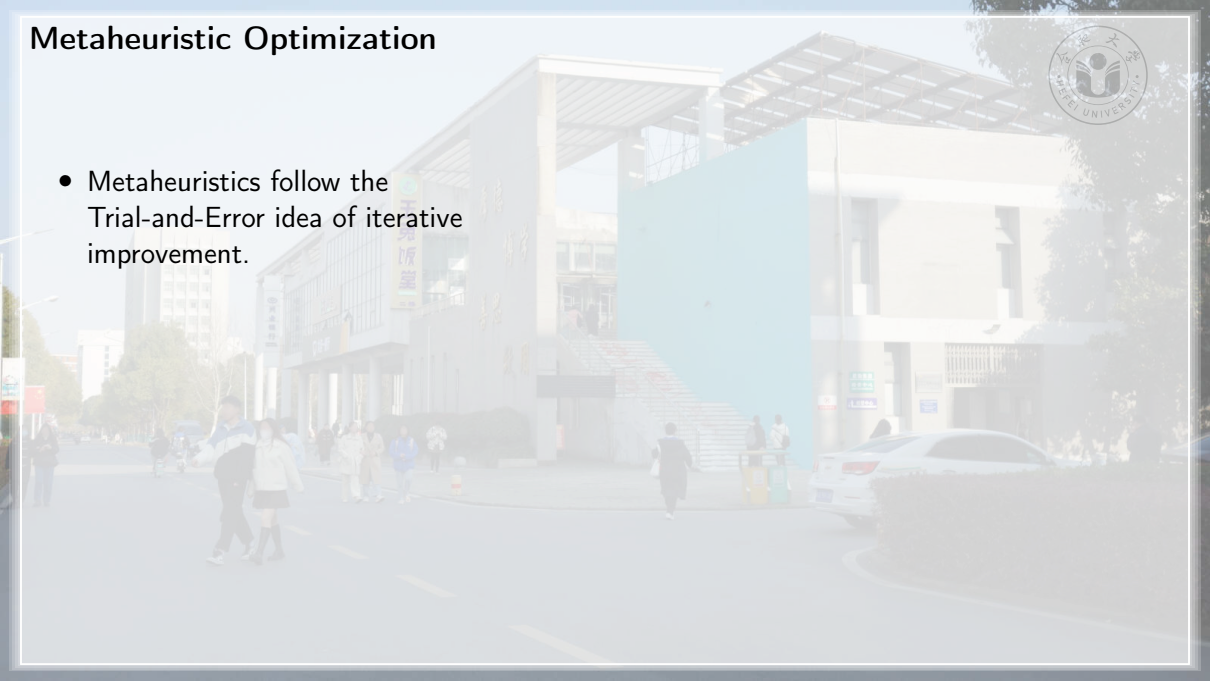
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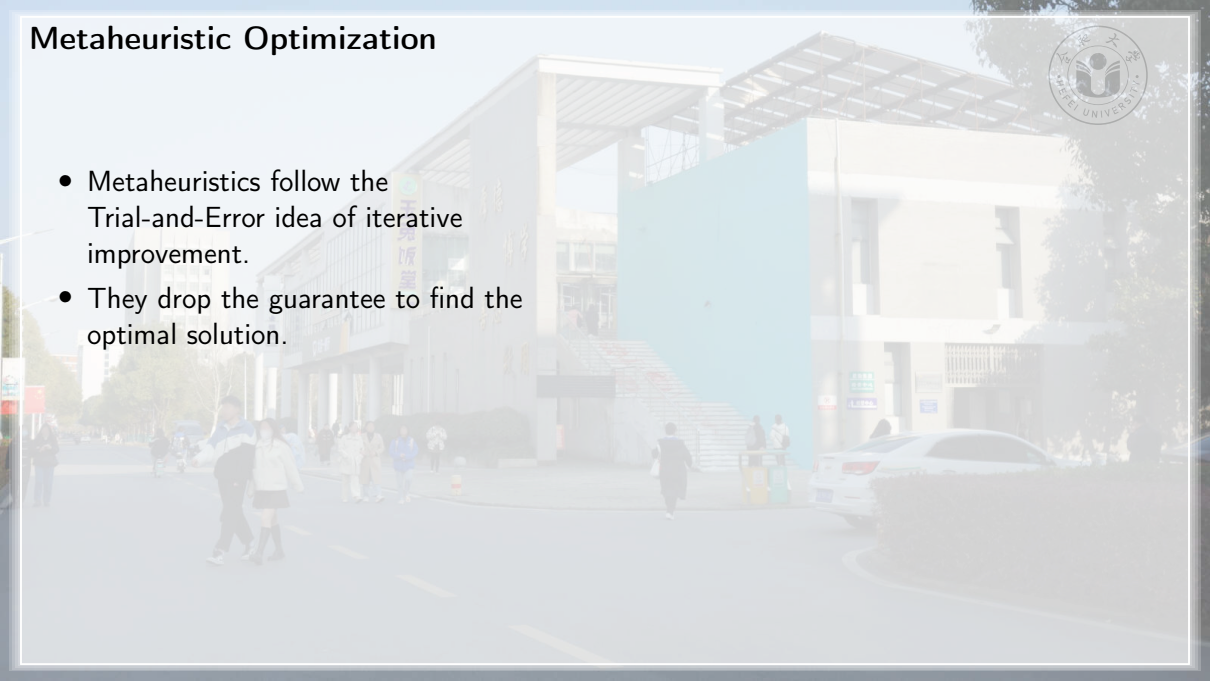
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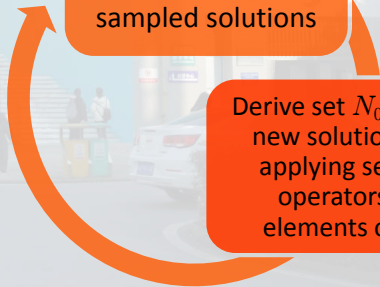
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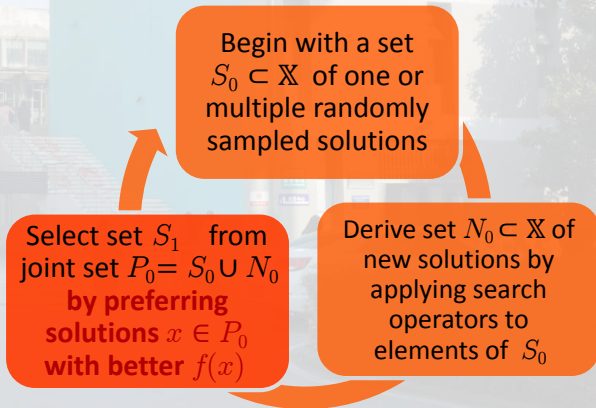
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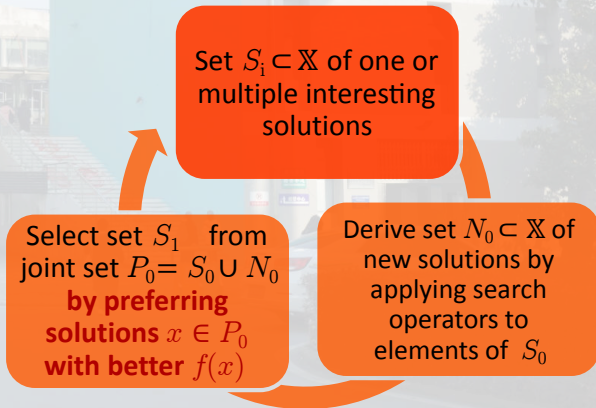




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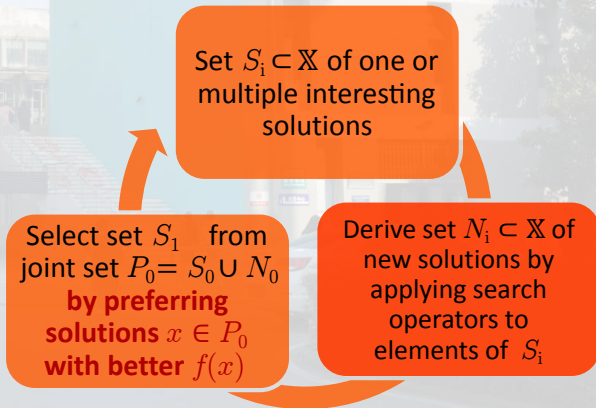
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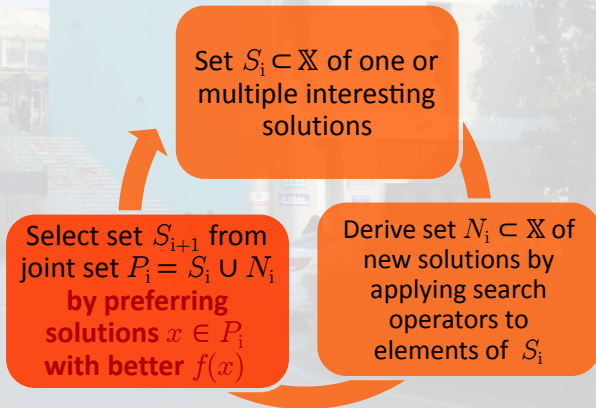
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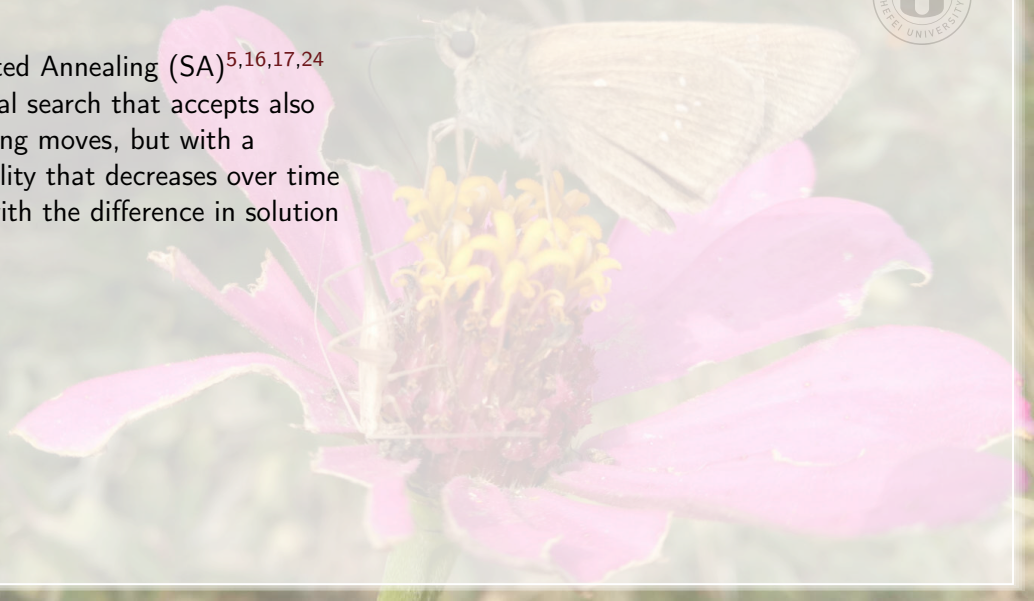
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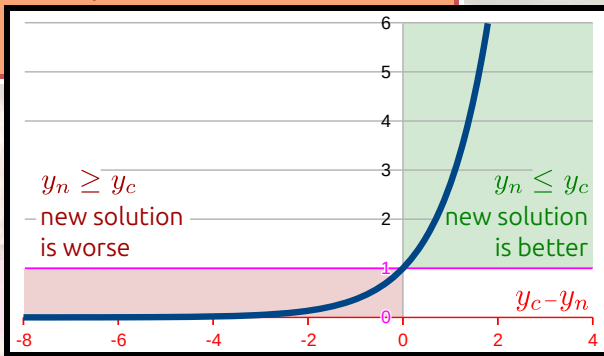


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    return  $x_B, y_B$ 
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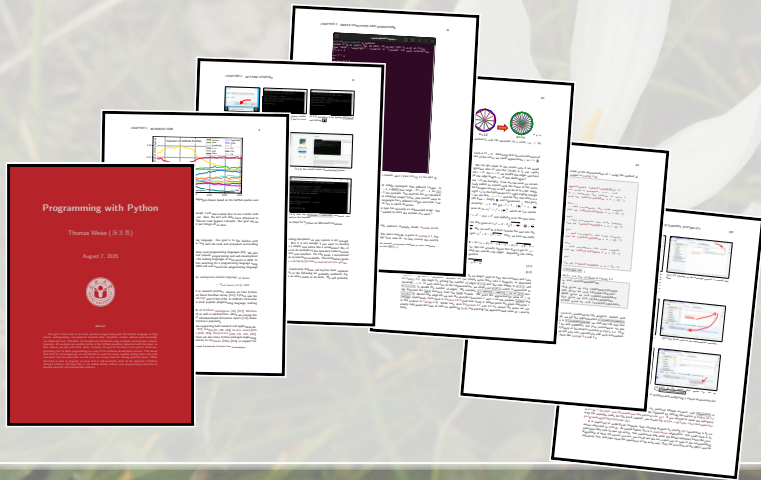




# Programming with Python



We have a freely available course book on *Programming with Python* at <https://thomasweise.github.io/programmingWithPython>, with focus on practical software development using the Python ecosystem of tools<sup>29</sup>.



# Databases



We have a freely available course book on *Databases* at <https://thomasweise.github.io/databases>, with actual practical examples using a real database management system (DBMS)<sup>27</sup>.



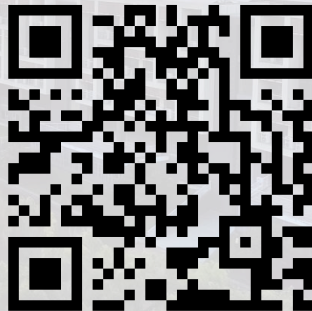
# Metaheuristic Optimization in Python: moptipy



We offer moptipy<sup>31</sup> a mature open source Python package for metaheuristic optimization, which implements several algorithms, can run self-documenting experiments in parallel and in a distributed fashion, and offers statistical evaluation tools.

The collage displays various components of the moptipy project:

- GitHub Repository:** Shows the repository page for moptipy, including the README and repository statistics.
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- Code Snippets:** Shows code snippets for running an experiment, including the use of the `moptipy` module and the `run` function.
- Progress Plot:** Shows a progress plot of an optimization process, with the x-axis representing the number of iterations and the y-axis representing the fitness value.





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# Glossary I



- EA An *evolutionary algorithm* is a metaheuristic optimization method that maintains a population of candidate solutions, which undergo selection (where better solutions are chosen with higher probability) and reproduction (where mutation and recombination create a new candidate solution from one or two existing ones, respectively)<sup>2,28</sup>.
- $(\mu + \lambda)$  EA The  $(\mu + \lambda)$  EA is an evolutionary algorithm (EA) where, in each generation,  $\lambda$  offspring solutions are generated from the current population of  $\mu$  parent solutions. The offspring and parent populations are merged, yielding  $\mu + \lambda$  solutions, from which then the best  $\mu$  solutions are retained to form the parent population of the next generation. If the search space is the bit strings of length  $n$ , then this algorithm usually applies a mutation operator flipping each bit independently with probability  $1/n$ .
- $(1 + 1)$  EA The  $(1 + 1)$  EA is a local search algorithm that retains the best solution  $x_c$  discovered so far during the search<sup>4,9</sup>. In each step, it applies a unary search operator to this best-so-far solution  $x_c$  and derives a new solution  $x_n$ . If the new solution  $x_n$  is *better or equally good* when compared with  $x_c$ , i.e., not worse, then it replaces it, i.e., is stored as the new  $x_c$ . If the search space are bit strings of length  $n$ , then the  $(1 + 1)$  EA uses a unary search operator that flips each bit independently with probability  $m/n$ , where usually  $m = 1$ . This operator is the main difference to randomized local search (RLS). The  $(1 + 1)$  EA is a special case of the  $(\mu + \lambda)$  evolutionary algorithm  $((\mu + \lambda)$  EA) where  $\mu = \lambda = 1$ .
- DB A *database* is an organized collection of structured information or data, typically stored electronically in a computer system. Databases are discussed in our book *Databases*<sup>27</sup>.
- DBMS A *database management system* is the software layer located between the user or application and the database (DB). The DBMS allows the user/application to create, read, write, update, delete, and otherwise manipulate the data in the DB<sup>33</sup>.
- JSSP The *Job Shop Scheduling Problem*<sup>3,18</sup> is one of the most prominent and well-studied scheduling tasks. In a JSSP instance, there are  $k$  machines and  $m$  jobs. Each job must be processed once by each machine in a job-specific sequence and has a job-specific processing time on each machine. The goal is to find an assignment of jobs to machines that results in an overall shortest makespan, i.e., the schedule which can complete all the jobs in the shortest time. The JSSP is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete<sup>6,18</sup>.

# Glossary II



- MaxSAT** The goal of satisfiability problems is to find an assignment for  $n$  Boolean variables that make a given Boolean formula  $F : \{0, 1\}^n \mapsto \{0, 1\}$  become true. In the *Maximum Satisfiability (MaxSAT)* problem<sup>13</sup>,  $F$  is given in conjunctive normal form, i.e., the variables appear as literals either directly or negated in  $m$  “or” clauses, which are all combined into one “and.” The objective function  $f(x)$ , subject to minimization, computes the number of clauses which are false under the variable setting  $x$ . If  $f(x) = 0$ , then all clauses of  $F$  are true, which solves the problem. The MaxSat problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete<sup>7</sup>.
- ML** Machine Learning, see, e.g.,<sup>26</sup>
- moptipy** is the *Metaheuristic Optimization in Python* library<sup>31</sup>. Learn more at <https://thomasweise.github.io/moptipy>.
- Python** The Python programming language<sup>14,20,21,29</sup>, i.e., what you will learn about in our book<sup>29</sup>. Learn more at <https://python.org>.
- RLS** Randomized local search retains the best solution  $x_c$  discovered so far during the search and, in each step, it applies a unary search operator to this best-so-far solution  $x_c$  and derives a new solution  $x_n$ . If the new solution  $x_n$  is *better or equally good* when compared with  $x_c$ , i.e., not worse, then it replaces it, i.e., is stored as the new  $x_c$ . If the search space are bit strings of length  $n$ , then RLS uses a unary search operator that flips exactly one bit. This operator is the main difference to  $(1 + 1)$  EA.
- SA** Simulated Annealing is a local search that sometimes accepts a worse solution<sup>5,16,17,24</sup>. The probability to do so decreases over time and with the difference in objective values, i.e., is the lower the worse the new solution is.
- SGA** The Standard Genetic Algorithm<sup>2,8,10,22,23,28</sup> was the first population EA. It maintains a population of solutions and applies mutation and crossover to generate offspring solutions. It uses fitness proportionate selection to choose which solutions should “survive” into the next generation, which today is considered a very bad design choice, see, e.g.,<sup>32</sup>.



# Glossary III



**TSP** In an instance of the *Traveling Salesperson Problem*, also known as *Traveling Salesman Problem*, a set of  $n$  cities or locations as well as the distances between them are defined<sup>1,12,19,30</sup>. The goal is to find the shortest round-trip tour that starts at one city, visits all the other cities one time each, and returns to the origin. The TSP is one of the most well-known  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard combinatorial optimization problems.

**$\mathcal{NP}$**   $\mathcal{NP}$  is the class of computational problems that can be solved in polynomial time by a non-deterministic machine and can be verified in polynomial time by a deterministic machine (such as a normal computer)<sup>11</sup>.

**$\mathcal{NP}$ -complete** A decision problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete if it is in  $\mathcal{NP}$  and all problems in  $\mathcal{NP}$  are reducible to it in polynomial time<sup>11,25</sup>. A problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete if it is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard and if it is in  $\mathcal{NP}$ .

**$\mathcal{NP}$ -hard** Algorithms that guarantee to find the correct solutions of  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard problems<sup>6,7,18</sup> need a runtime that is exponential in the problem scale in the worst case. A problem is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard if all problems in  $\mathcal{NP}$  are reducible to it in polynomial time<sup>11</sup>.

**$\mathbb{R}$**  the set of the real numbers.

