

# Evolutionary Algorithms: Multi-Objective Optimization

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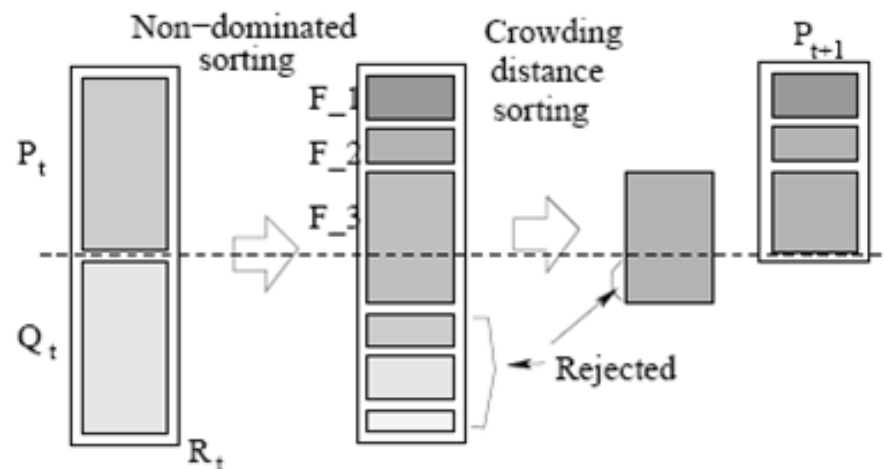




## NSGA-II: Evolutionary Model

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1. Current population  $P_t$  is sorted based on the non-domination  
Each solution is assigned a fitness equal to its non-domination level (1 is the best).
2. The usual binary tournament selection, recombination, and mutation are used to create a child population  $Q_t$  of size  $N$ .
3. Combined population  $R_t = P_t \cup Q_t$  is formed.  
Elitism is ensured.
4. Population  $P_{t+1}$  is formed according to the following schema



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## SPEA2: Fitness Assignment

**Fitness assignment** (fitness is to minimized) – for each individual both dominating and dominated solutions are taken into account.

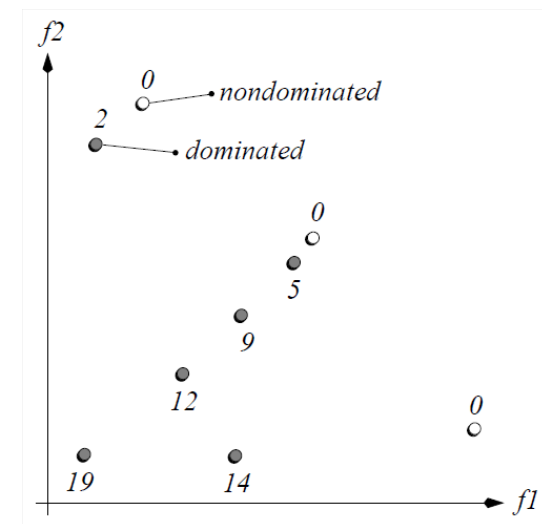
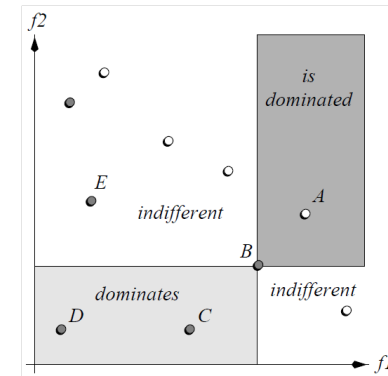
- Each individual  $i$  in the archive  $\bar{P}_t$  and the population  $P_t$  is assigned a **strength value**  $S(i)$ , representing the number of solutions it dominates.
- The raw fitness  $R(i)$  of an individual  $i$  is calculated as

$$R(i) = \sum_{j \in P_t + \bar{P}_t, j \succ i} S(j)$$

that is  $R(i)$  is determined by the strengths of its dominators in both archive and population.

$R(i) = 0$  corresponds to a nondominated solution.

Since the **raw fitness assignment** is based on the concept of Pareto dominance, it **may fail when most individuals do not dominate each other**.





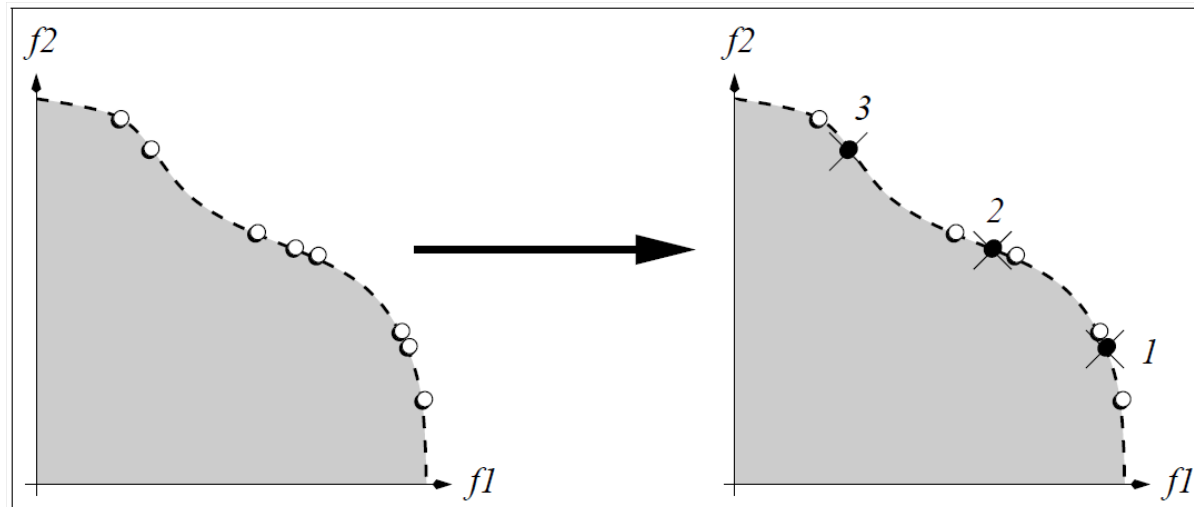
## SPEA2: Environmental Selection

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If after copying all nondominated individuals from archive and population to the archive of the next generation

- the archive is too small (i.e.  $|\bar{P}_{t+1}| < \bar{N}|$ ), the best  $\bar{N} - |\bar{P}_{t+1}|$  dominated solutions (w.r.t. fitness) in the previous archive and population are copied to the new archive;
- the archive is too large (i.e.  $|\bar{P}_{t+1}| > \bar{N}|$ ), individuals from  $\bar{P}_{t+1}$  are iteratively removed until  $|\bar{P}_{t+1}| = \bar{N}$ .

At each iteration, the individual which has the minimum distance to another individual is chosen (a tie is broken by considering the second smallest distances and so forth).















## C Metric cond.

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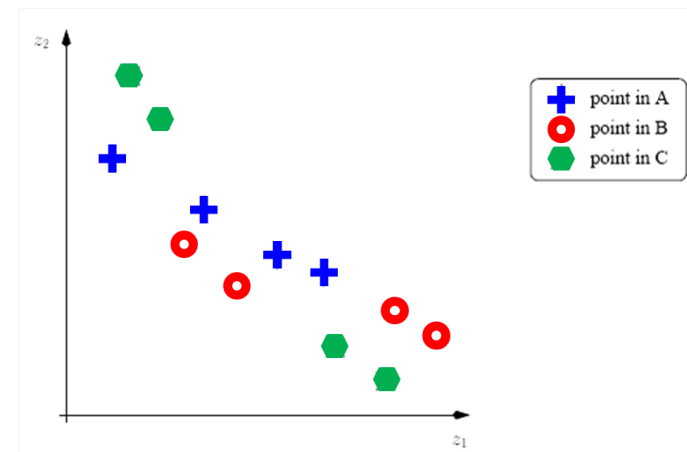
Properties:

- Any pair of  $C$  metric scores for a pair of sets  $A$  and  $B$  in which neither  $C(A, B) = 1$  nor  $C(B, A) = 1$ , indicates that the two sets are incomparable according to the weak outperformance relation.
- It is cycleinducing – if three sets are compared using  $C$ , they may not be ordered.

Example:

- $C(A, B) = 0$ ,  $C(B, A) = 3/4$
- $C(B, C) = 0$ ,  $C(C, B) = 1/2$
- $C(A, C) = 1/2$ ,  $C(C, A) = 0$

$B$  considered better than  $A$ ,  $A$  better than  $C$ ,  
but  $C$  better than  $B$ .



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