

Genetic Algorithms

Simple Examples

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Artificial Intelligence

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Genetic Programming

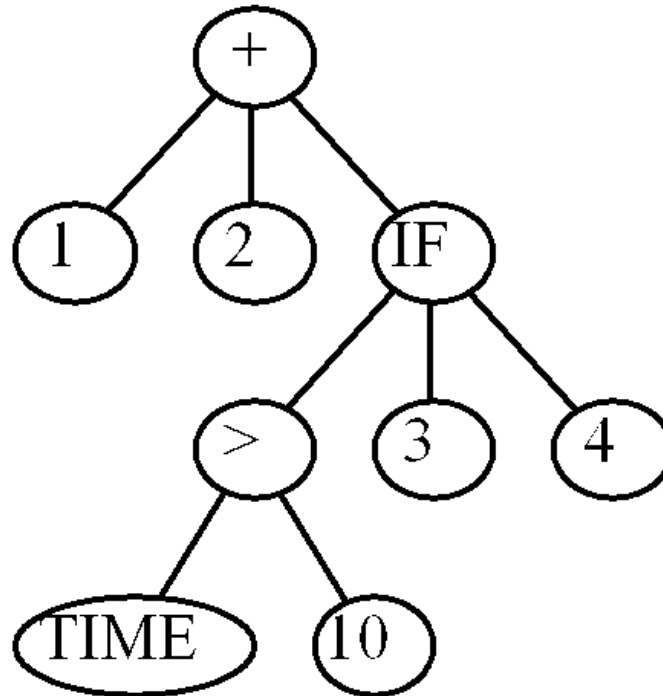
A program in C

- ```
int foo (int time)
{
 int temp1, temp2;
 if (time > 10)
 temp1 = 3;
 else
 temp1 = 4;
 temp2 = temp1 + 1 + 2;
 return (temp2);
}
```

- Equivalent expression (similar to a classification rule in data mining):

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

# Program tree



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

# Given data

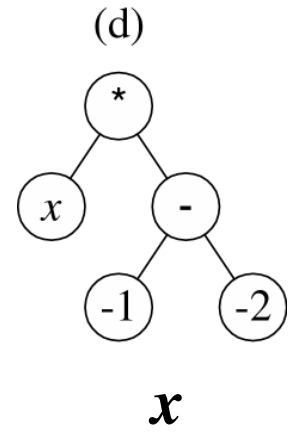
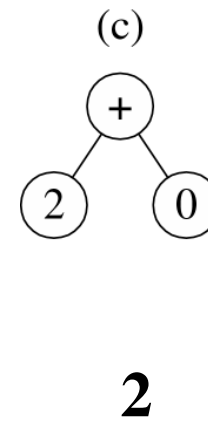
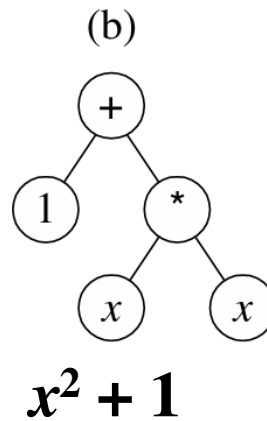
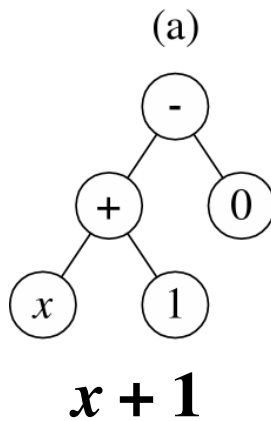
| Input: Independent variable $X$ | Output: Dependent variable $Y$ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| -1.00                           | 1.00                           |
| -0.80                           | 0.84                           |
| -0.60                           | 0.76                           |
| -0.40                           | 0.76                           |
| -0.20                           | 0.84                           |
| 0.00                            | 1.00                           |
| 0.20                            | 1.24                           |
| 0.40                            | 1.56                           |
| 0.60                            | 1.96                           |
| 0.80                            | 2.44                           |
| 1.00                            | 3.00                           |

# Problem description

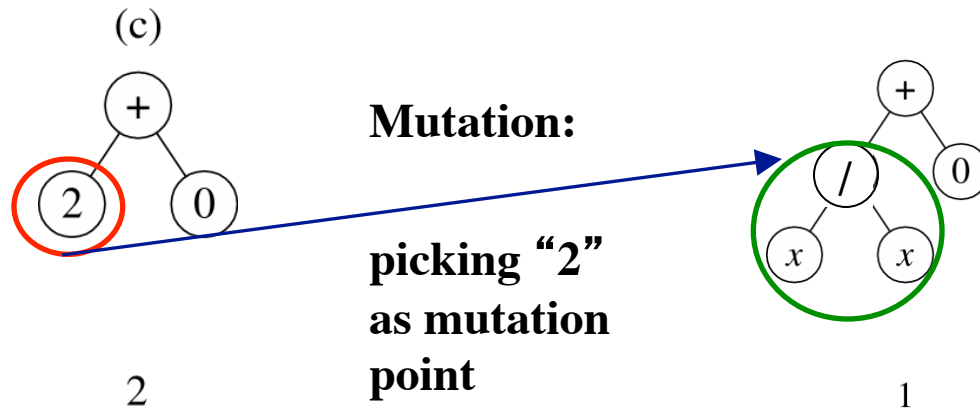
|   |                            |                                                                                                                                       |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   | <b>Objective:</b>          | <b>Find a computer program with one input (independent variable <math>x</math>) whose output <math>Y</math> equals the given data</b> |
| 1 | <b>Terminal set:</b>       | $T = \{X, \text{Random-Constants}\}$                                                                                                  |
| 2 | <b>Function set:</b>       | $F = \{+, -, *, /\}$                                                                                                                  |
| 3 | <b>Initial population:</b> | Randomly created individuals from elements in $T$ and $F$ .                                                                           |
| 4 | <b>Fitness:</b>            | $ y_0' - y_0  +  y_1' - y_1  + \dots$ where $y_i'$ is computed output and $y_i$ is given output for $x_i$ in the range $[-1,1]$       |
| 5 | <b>Termination:</b>        | <b>An individual emerges whose sum of absolute errors (the value of its fitness function) is less than 0.1</b>                        |

# Generation 0

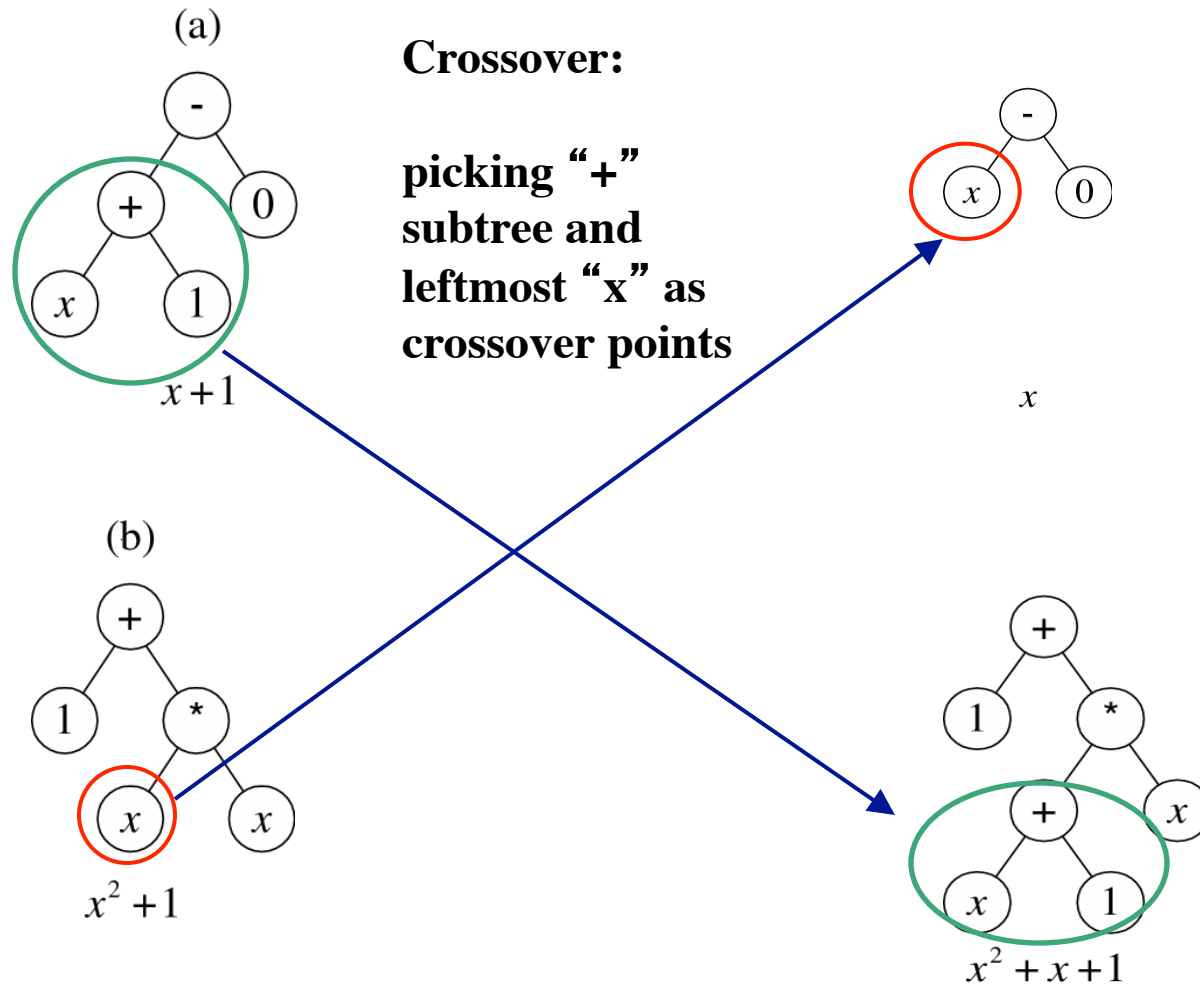
Population of 4 randomly created individuals



# Mutation

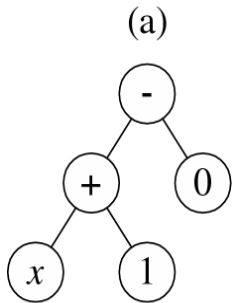


# Crossover



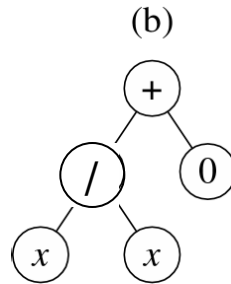


# Generation 1



$x+1$

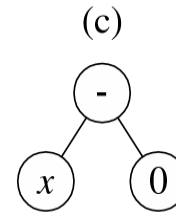
**Copy of (a)**



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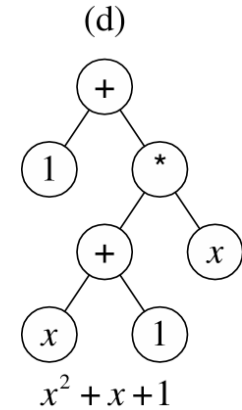
**Mutant of (c)**

**picking “2”  
as mutation  
point**



$x$

**First offspring of  
crossover of (a)  
and (b)  
picking “+” of  
parent (a) and  
left-most “x” of  
parent (b) as  
crossover points**



$x^2 + x + 1$

**Second offspring  
of crossover of  
(a) and (b)  
picking “+” of  
parent (a) and  
left-most “x” of  
parent (b) as  
crossover points**

| $X$   | $Y$  | $X+1$ | $ X+1-Y $ | $1$ | $ 1-Y $ | $X$   | $ X-Y $ | $X^2+X+1$ | $ X^2+X+1-Y $ |
|-------|------|-------|-----------|-----|---------|-------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| -1.00 | 1.00 | 0     | 1         | 1   | 0       | -1.00 | 2       | 1         | 0             |
| -0.80 | 0.84 | 0.20  | 0.64      | 1   | 0.16    | -0.80 | 1.64    | 0.84      | 0             |
| -0.60 | 0.76 | 0.40  | 0.36      | 1   | 0.24    | -0.60 | 1.36    | 0.76      | 0             |
| -0.40 | 0.76 | 0.60  | 0.16      | 1   | 0.24    | -0.40 | 1.16    | 0.76      | 0             |
| -0.20 | 0.84 | 0.80  | 0.04      | 1   | 0.16    | -0.20 | 1.04    | 0.84      | 0             |
| 0.00  | 1.00 | 1.00  | 0         | 1   | 0       | 0.00  | 1       | 1         | 0             |
| 0.20  | 1.24 | 1.20  | 0.04      | 1   | 0.24    | 0.20  | 1.04    | 1.24      | 0             |
| 0.40  | 1.56 | 1.40  | 0.16      | 1   | 0.56    | 0.40  | 1.16    | 1.56      | 0             |
| 0.60  | 1.96 | 1.60  | 0.36      | 1   | 0.96    | 0.60  | 1.36    | 1.96      | 0             |
| 0.80  | 2.44 | 1.80  | 0.64      | 1   | 1.44    | 0.80  | 1.64    | 2.44      | 0             |
| 1.00  | 3.00 | 2.00  | 1         | 1   | 2       | 1.00  | 2       | 3         | 0             |

$\downarrow \Sigma$                        $\downarrow \Sigma$                        $\downarrow \Sigma$                        $\downarrow \Sigma$   
 4.40                                  6.00                                  15.40                                  0.00

0.00

Found!  
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**Fitness**  
:

# GA and Classification

**Classify** customers based on **number of children** and **salary**:

| Parameter                   | # of children (NOC)                                   | Salary (S)              |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Domain                      | 0...10                                                | 0...500000              |
| Syntax of atomic expression | NOC = x<br>NOC < x<br>NOC <= x<br>NOC > x<br>NOC >= x | S = x<br>S < x<br>S > x |

# GA and Classification Rules

- A classification rule is of the form

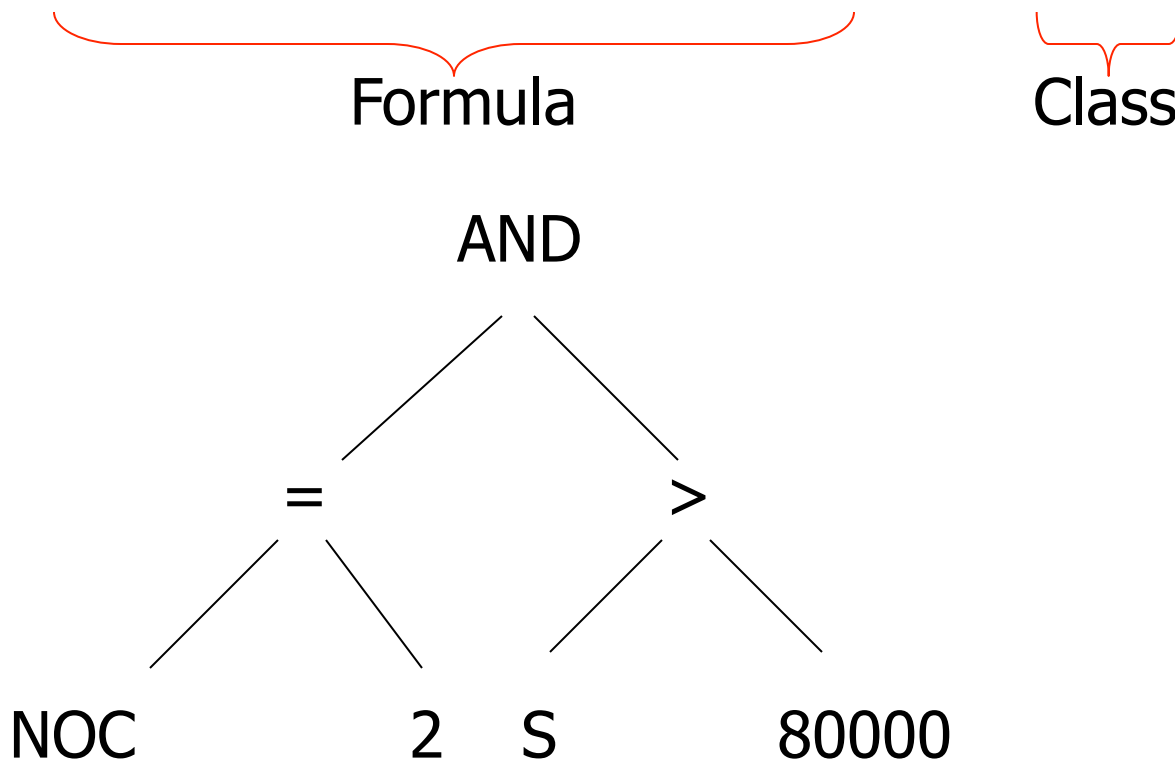
IF description THEN class=c<sub>i</sub>

Antecedent

Consequence

# Formula representation

- Possible rule:
  - If (NOC = 2) AND ( S > 80000) then GOOD (customer)



# Initial data table

| Nr. Crt. | Number of children<br>(NOC) | Salary<br>(S) | Type of customer<br>(C) |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1        | 2                           | > 80000       | GOOD                    |
| 2        | 1                           | > 30000       | GOOD                    |
| 3        | 0                           | = 50000       | GOOD                    |
| 4        | > 2                         | < 10000       | BAD                     |
| 5        | = 10                        | = 30000       | BAD                     |
| 6        | = 5                         | < 30000       | BAD                     |

# Initial data represented as rules

- **Rule 1:** If (NOC = 2) AND ( S > 80000) then C = GOOD
- **Rule 2:** If (NOC = 1) AND ( S > 30000) then C = GOOD
- **Rule 3:** If (NOC = 0) AND ( S = 50000) then C = GOOD
- **Rule 4:** If (NOC > 2) AND ( S < 10000) then C = BAD
- **Rule 5:** If (NOC = 10) AND ( S = 30000) then C = BAD
- **Rule 6:** If (NOC = 5) AND ( S < 30000) then C = BAD

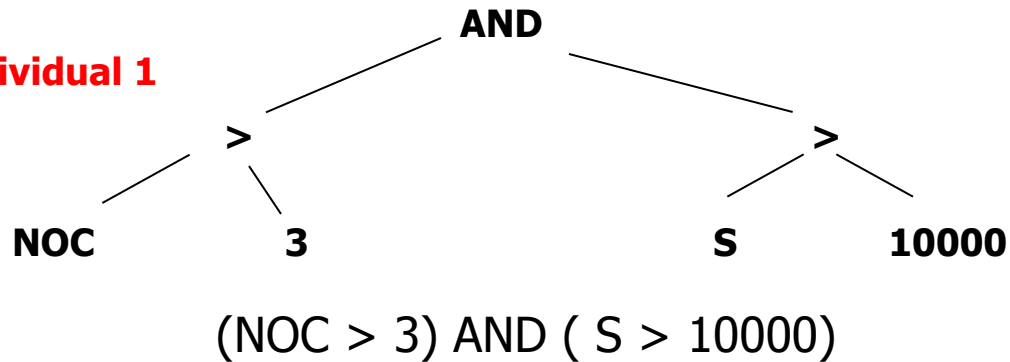
# Generation 0

- Population of 3 randomly created individuals:
  - If  $(NOC > 3) \text{ AND } (S > 10000)$  then  $C = \text{GOOD}$
  - If  $(NOC > 1) \text{ AND } (S > 30000)$  then  $C = \text{GOOD}$
  - If  $(NOC \geq 0) \text{ AND } (S < 40000)$  then  $C = \text{GOOD}$
- We want to find a more general (if it is possible the most general) characteristic description for class GOOD
- We want to assign predicted class GOOD for all individuals

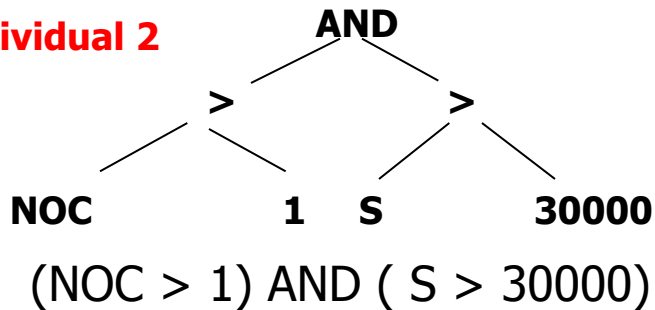


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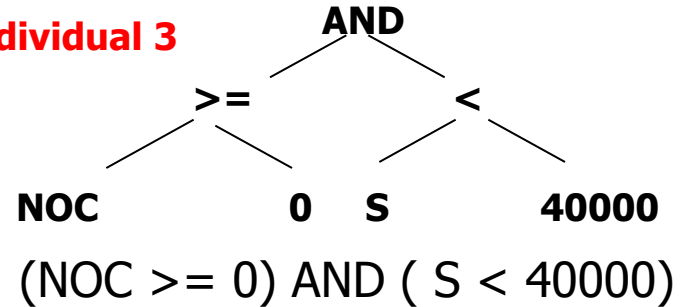
**Individual 1**



**Individual 2**



**Individual 3**



# Fitness function

- For a rule **IF A THEN C**

$$\text{CF (Confidence factor)} = \frac{|AUC|}{|A|}$$

$|A|$  = number of records that **satisfy A**

$|AUC|$  = number of records that **satisfy A and are in predicted class C**

# Fitness function – Generation 0

Rule 1: If (NOC = 2) AND ( S > 80000) then GOOD

Rule 2: If (NOC = 1) AND ( S > 30000) then GOOD

Rule 3: If (NOC = 0) AND ( S = 50000) then GOOD

Rule 4: If (NOC > 2) AND ( S < 10000) then BAD

Rule 5: If (NOC = 10) AND ( S = 30000) then BAD

Rule 6: If (NOC = 5) AND ( S < 30000) then BAD

Fitness of Individual 1: If (NOC > 3) AND ( S > 10000) then GOOD

|A| = 2 (Rule 5 & 6), |AUC| = 0, CF = 0 / 2 = 0

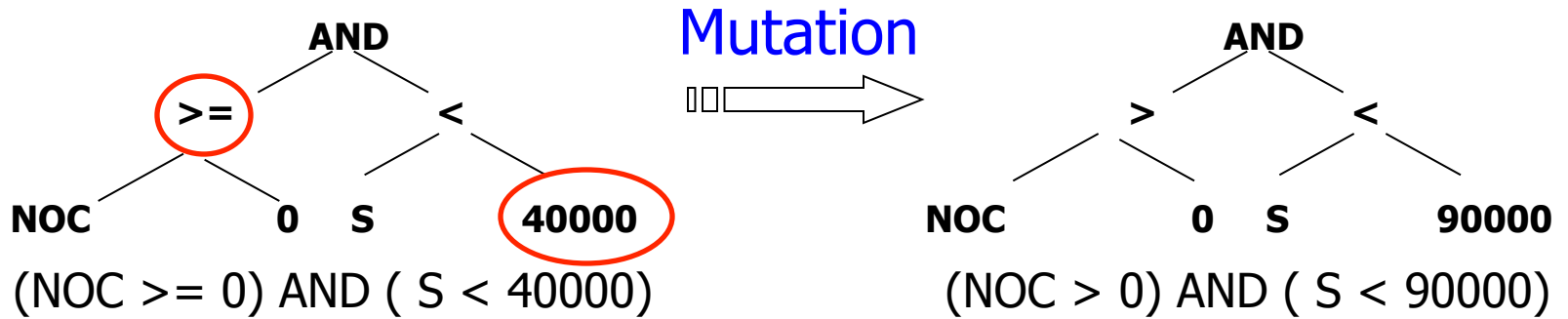
Fitness of Individual 2: If (NOC > 1) AND ( S > 30000) then GOOD

|A| = 1 (Rule 1), |AUC| = 1, CF = 1 / 1 = 1 **Best in Gen 0**

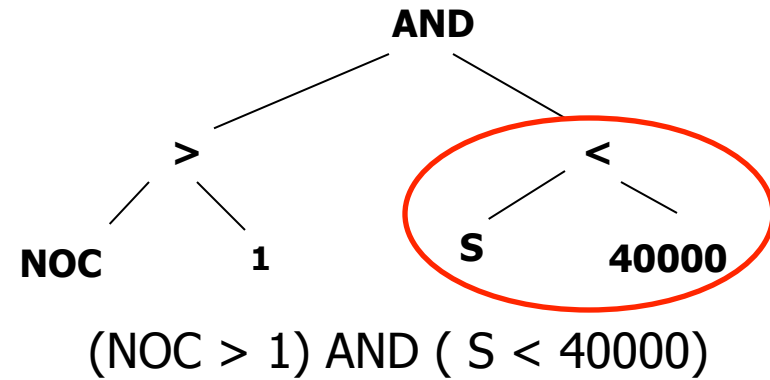
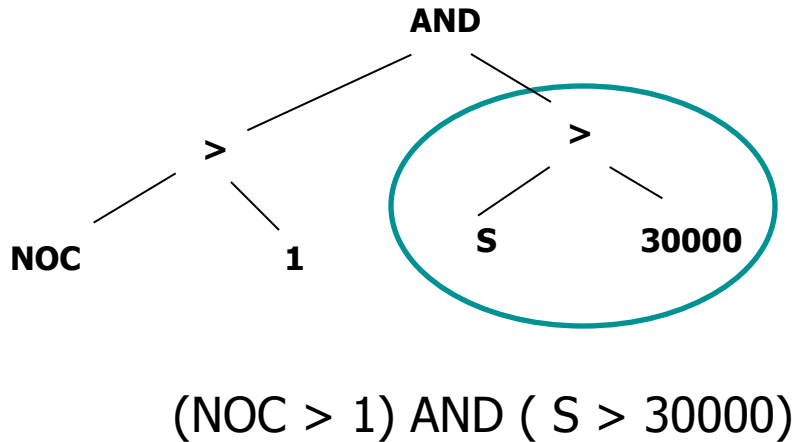
Fitness of Individual 3: If (NOC >= 0) AND ( S < 40000) then GOOD

|A| = 4 (Rule 2 & 4 & 5 & 6), |AUC| = 1, CF = 1 / 4 = 0.25

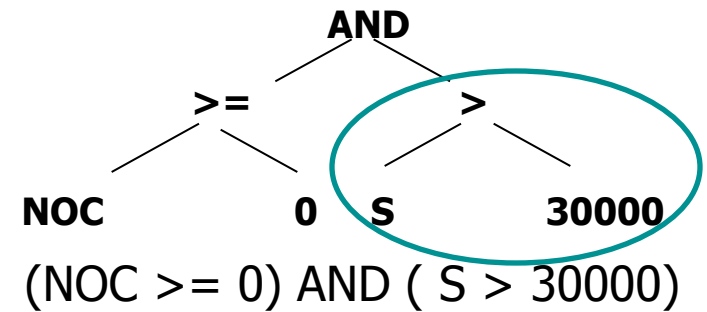
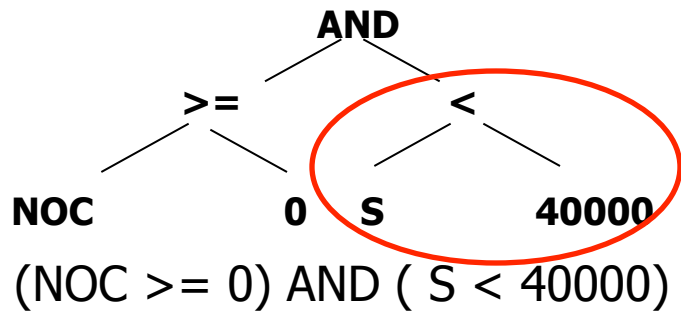
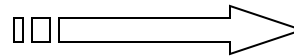
# Mutation



# Crossover

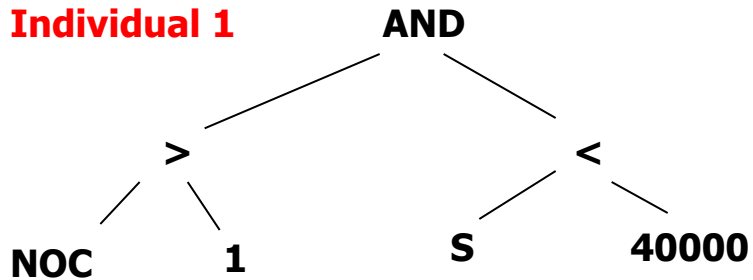


Crossover



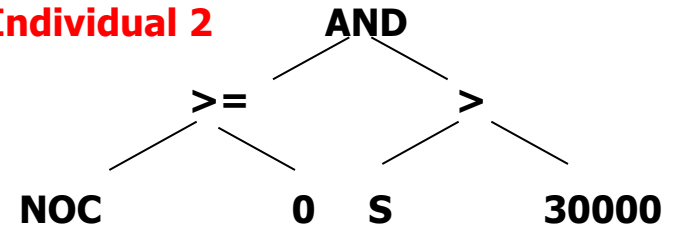
# Generation 1

**Individual 1**



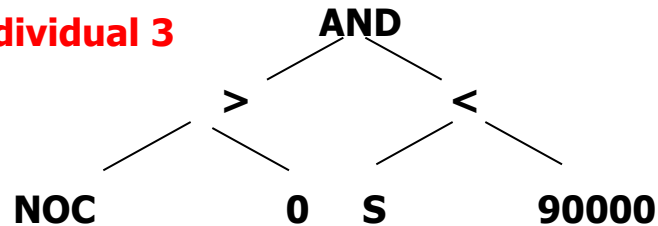
$$(NOC > 1) \text{ AND } (S < 40000)$$

**Individual 2**



$$(NOC \geq 0) \text{ AND } (S > 30000)$$

**Individual 3**



$$(NOC > 0) \text{ AND } (S < 90000)$$

# Fitness function – Generation 1

Rule 1: If (NOC = 2) AND ( S > 80000) then GOOD

Rule 2: If (NOC = 1) AND ( S > 30000) then GOOD

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Rule 5: If (NOC = 10) AND ( S = 30000) then BAD

Rule 6: If (NOC = 5) AND ( S < 30000) then BAD

Individual 1: If (NOC > 1) AND ( S < 40000) then GOOD

|A| = 2 (Rule 4 & 5 & 6), |A&C| = 0, CF = 0 / 2 = 0

Individual 2: If (NOC >= 0) AND ( S > 30000) then GOOD

|A| = 3 (Rule 1 & 2 & 3), |A&C| = 3, CF = 3 / 3 = 1

**Best in Gen 1**

Individual 3: If (NOC > 0) AND ( S < 90000) then GOOD

|A| = 5 (Rule 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 6), |A&C| = 1, CF = 1 / 5 = 0.2

# GA Rules Problem

- When **GAs** are used for **optimization**, the **goal** is typically to return a **single value** - the **best solution** found to date
- The entire population ultimately converges to the neighborhood of a **single solution**
- Sometimes **GAs** employ a special method called a **niching method** that makes them **capable** of **finding** and **maintaining multiple rules**



# **APPLICATION EXAMPLE**

## **Technical Document of**

**LBS Capital Management, Inc., Clearwater, Florida**

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# Forecasting Individual Stock Performance

- **GOAL:** using historical data of a **stock**, **predict** relative return for a quarter

**Example:** If **IBM** stock is up **5%** after one quarter and the S&P 500 index is up **3%** over the same period, then **IBM**'s relative return is **+2%**

-The **Implementation Example** consists of **15 attributes** of a stock at specific points in time and the **relative return** for the stock over the subsequent **12 week** time period.

- **200 to 600 (records) examples** were utilized depending on the experiment and the data available for a **particular stock**

**GOAL:** Combination of rules is required to model relationships among financial variables

**Example:** **Rule-1 :** IF [P/E > 30 ] THEN **Sell**

**Rule-2:** IF [P/E < 40 and Growth Rate > 40%] THEN **Buy**

# Preliminary Experiments

- For **Preliminary set of experiments**, to **predict the return**, relative to the market, a Madcap stock was randomly selected from the **S&P 400**
- **331 examples(records)** present in the **database of examples** of stock X
- **70% of examples (records)** were used as a **training set** for the **GA**
- **20% of the examples (records)** were used as a **stopping set**, to decide which population is best
- **10% of the examples (records)** were used to measure performance
- **A sample rule** that the **GA** generated in one of the experiments:  
**IF** [Earning Surprise Expectation > 10% **and** Volatility > 7%] **and** [...]  
**THEN Prediction = Up**
- Same set of experiments were used using **Neural Network** with one layer of hidden nodes using **Backpropagation algorithm** with the same **training, stopping** and **test sets** as that of **GA experiment**

# Observations on the Results

- The **GA** correctly predicts the direction of stock relative to the market 47.6% of the time and incorrectly predicts the 6.6% of time and produces no prediction 45%
- Over **half of the time** (47.6% + 6.6%), the **GA** makes a prediction
- When it **does make a prediction**, **GA** is correct 87.8% of the time
- The **Neural Network** correctly predicts the direction relative to the market 79.2% of the time and incorrectly predicts direction 15.8% of the time.
- When it **does make a prediction**, the **NN** is correct 83.4%

# Comparison with Neural Networks

- **Advantage** of **GA**'s over **NN**'s:
  1. **GA** has ability to output **comprehensible rules**
  2. **GA** provides rough **explanation** of the concepts learned by **black-box approaches** such as **NN**'s
  3. **GA** learns rules that are **subsequently used** in a formal **expert system**
- **3. GA** makes no prediction when data is uncertain as opposed to Neural Network