

Modelling Genetic Algorithm Dynamics

1. Why Model?

-gain insights into how things work.

2. What to Model

-Simple GA applied to one-counting problem

3.How to model

3.1 Naming the parts

encoding: (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_L)

fitness: $E = \sum_{i=1}^L S_i$

mutation: $S_i^\alpha \rightarrow S_i^{\alpha'} = \begin{cases} S_i^\alpha & \text{probability } u \\ 1 - S_i^\alpha & \text{probability } 1 - u \end{cases}$

recombination: $S_i^u = \begin{cases} S_i^\alpha & \text{probability } a \\ S_i^\beta & \text{probability } 1 - a \end{cases}$

3.2 Modelling philosophy

-uses only macroscopic variables: mean fitness, variance, skewness and correlation

-assumes all other higher order statistics are zero.

-consider ensemble average

3.3 A Zeroth order Model

assumption: fitness distribution is gaussian

Selection:

$$\rho_s(E) = 2\rho(E) \int_{-\infty}^E \rho(E') dE'$$

$$\mu_s = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E \rho_s(E) = \mu + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\sigma_s^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (E - \mu)^2 \rho_s(E) = (1 - \frac{1}{\pi}) \sigma^2$$

Mutation:

$$\sigma_m^2 = u(1 - u)L + (1 - 2u)^2 \sigma^2$$

Together:

$$\mu(t+1) = uL + (1 - 2u)\mu(t) + \frac{(1 - 2u)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sigma(t)$$

$$\sigma^2(t+1) = u(1 - u)L + (1 - 2u)^2 (1 - \frac{1}{\pi}) \sigma^2(t)$$

-final σ value: $\sigma^{eq} = u(1 - u)L / (1 - b)$

-final μ value ignoring transient period: $\mu(\infty) = L/2 + (1 - 2u)\sigma_{eq} / (2u\sqrt{\pi})$