

# Combinatorial Optimization in Bioinformatics

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MetaHeuristics

Multi-objective optimization

## Applications in Bioinformatics

Combinatorial optimization for Datamining

Feature selection

Association rules

A Genetic algorithm for Molecular docking

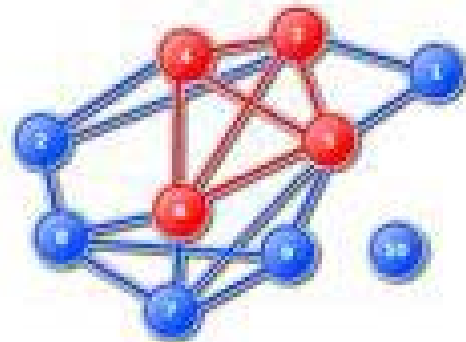
# Optimization ??

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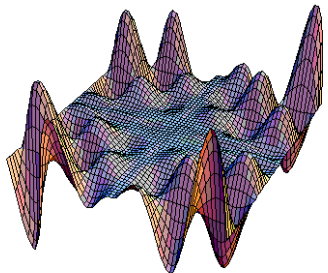
A small introduction to

# COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION

# Definition

## Wikipedia

**Combinatorial optimization** is a topic in theoretical computer science and applied mathematics that consists of finding the least-cost solution to a mathematical problem in which each solution is associated with a numerical cost.



<b>(P)</b>	$Opt F(x)$	→	Cost = objective function (min/max)
s.c.	$x \in C$	→	Set of feasible solutions defined using constraints

# Combinatorial problem

**Model:** different elements to be defined

– Solutions

- How to characterize a solution?
- How to define feasible solutions?

– Objective function

- What is the criterion to optimize (cost, duration...)?
- Is there only one criterion?

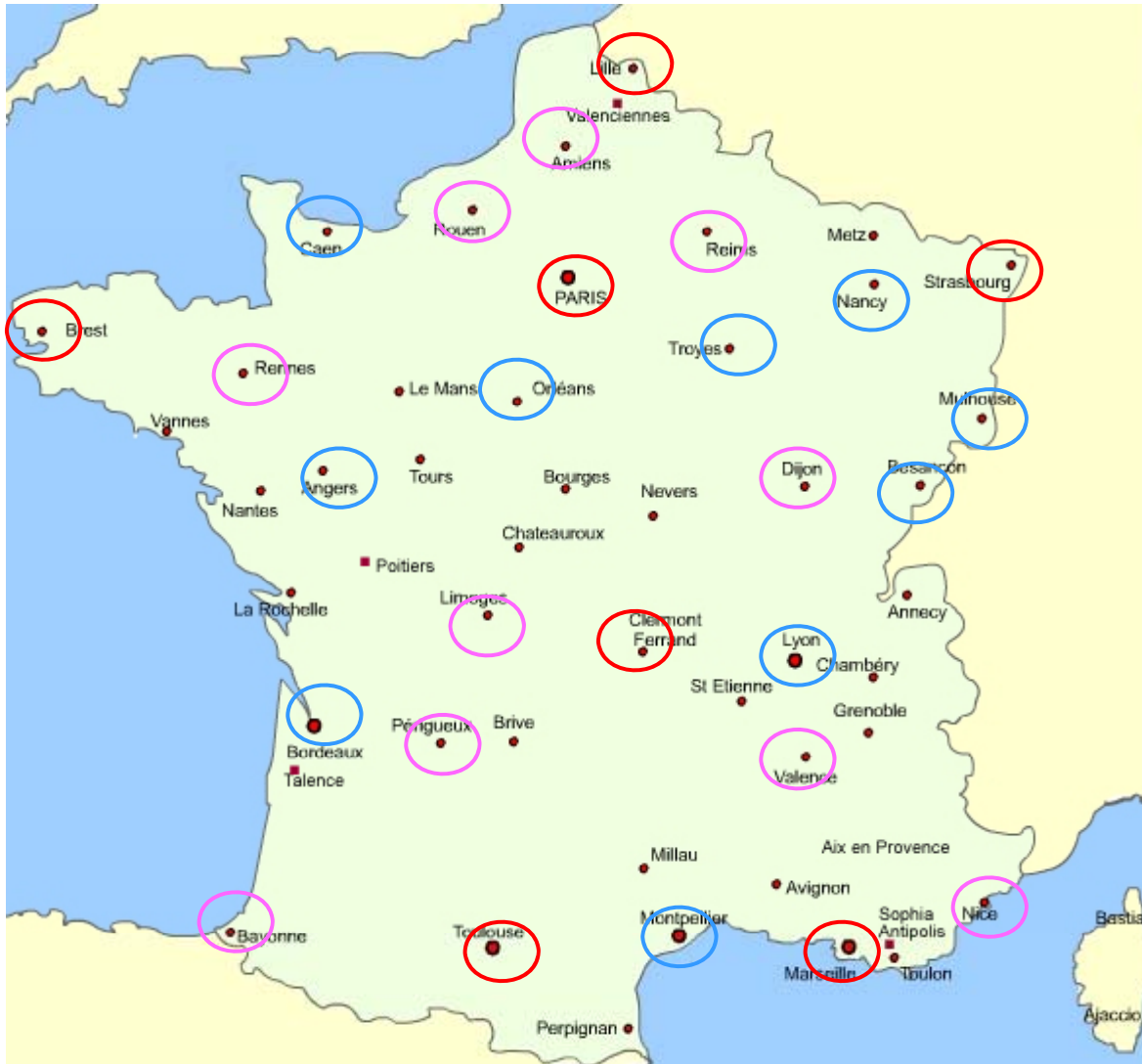
# An example:

## The traveling salesman problem (TSP)

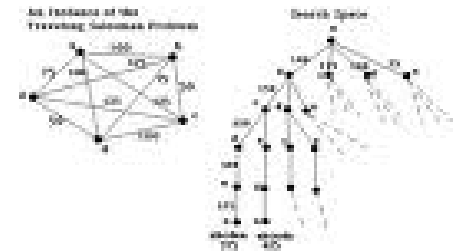
- First formulated as a mathematical problem in 1930
- One of the most intensively studied problems in optimization (Operations Research)
- « Given a list of cities and their pairwise distances, the task is to find a shortest possible tour that visits each city exactly once. »







# The traveling salesman problem



- **NP-hard problem**
  - No efficient (polynomial) algorithm
- **Simple resolution:**  
Exhaustive enumeration of all solutions  
If N cities → (N-1)! Possibilities

Ex : 5 cities → 12 possibilities

10 cities → 181 440 possibilities

20 cities →  $60 \times 10^{15}$

**6 μsec**

**0,09 sec**

**964 years**

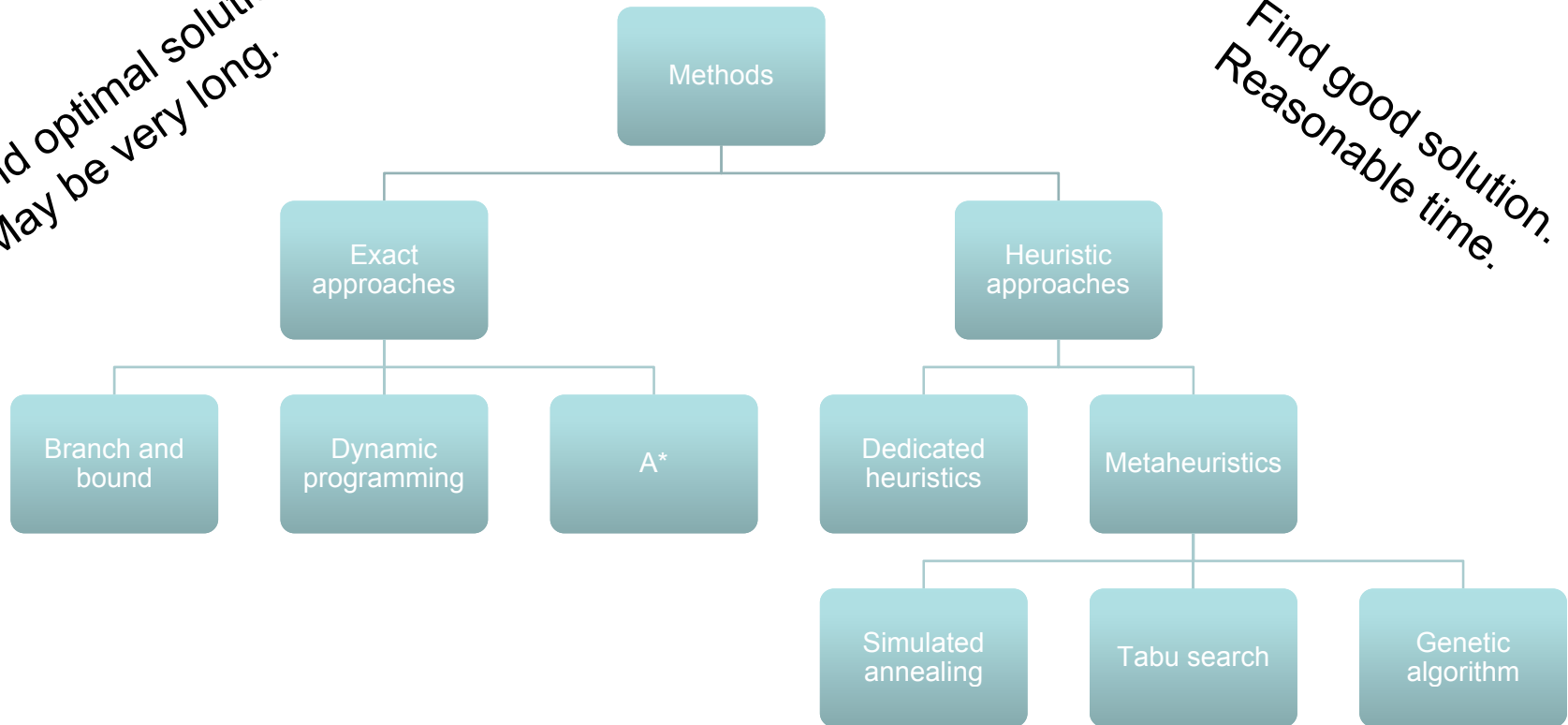
- Let's suppose a computer requires 1/2 microsecond to evaluate a tour.

Need efficient combinatorial optimization methods

# Combinatorial optimization methods

Find optimal solution.  
May be very long.

Find good solution.  
Reasonable time.

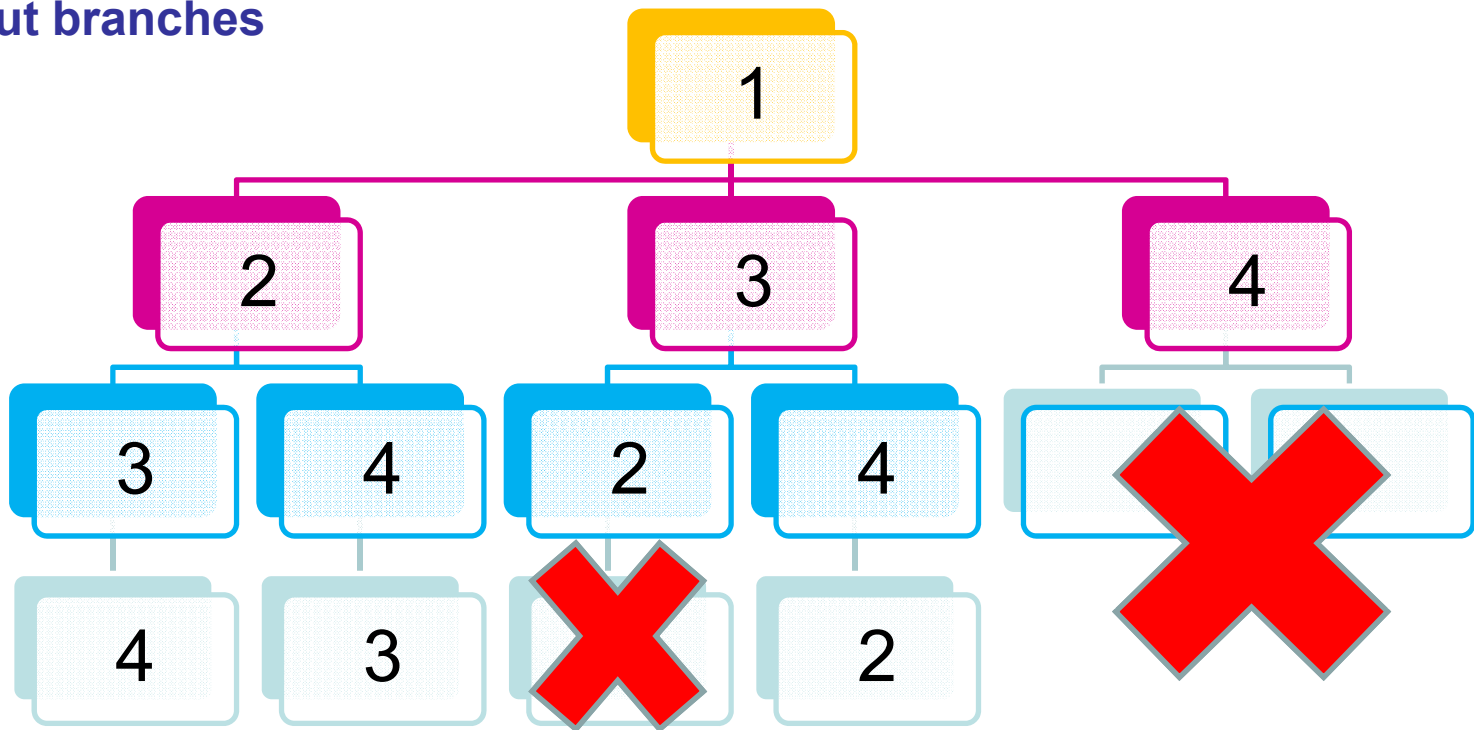


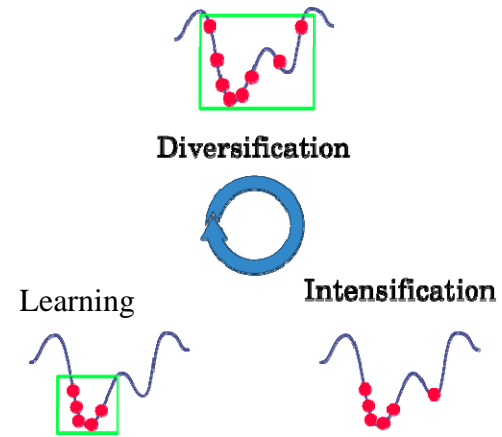
# The traveling salesman problem

## Exact method

Intelligent enumeration

Cut branches





Presentation

# METAHEURISTICS

# Definition

## Wikipedia

In computer science, **metaheuristic** designates a **computational method** that optimizes a problem by iteratively trying to improve a candidate solution with regard to a given measure of quality.

Metaheuristics make few or no assumptions about the problem being optimized and **can search very large spaces** of candidate solutions.

However, metaheuristics **do not guarantee an optimal solution** is ever found.

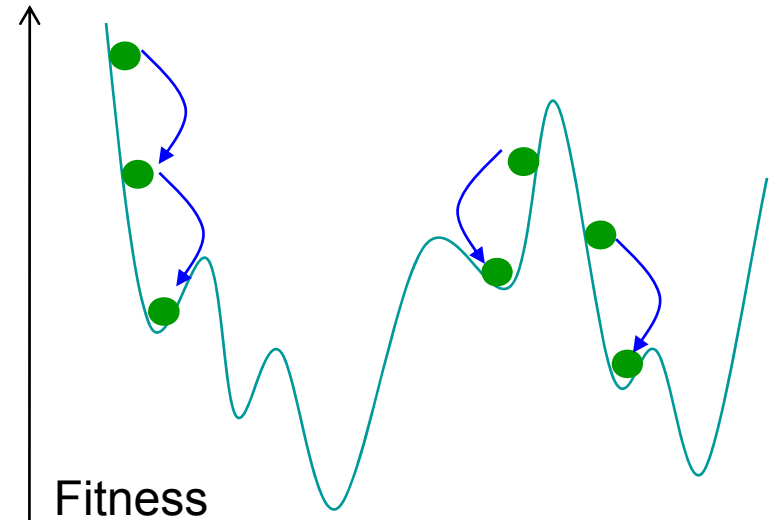
Many metaheuristics implement some form of **stochastic optimization**.

# Descent method

Hill climbing

Gradient method

- Neighborhood notion
  - Small modification
  - Local search
- Landscape representation
- From an initial solution
  - Look for a best neighbor
  - Move to this neighbor
  - When no better neighbor → local optimum

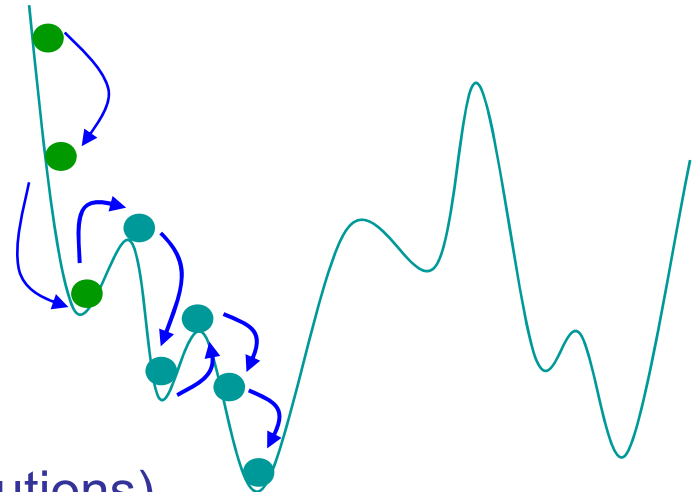


Minimization problem

# Tabu search

[Glover, 1986]

- From an initial solution
  - Look for a best neighbor
  - Move to this neighbor
  - When no better neighbor
    - May degrade the solution
    - Interdiction to come back to recently visited solution (tabu solutions)
- Parameters:
  - Tabu move
  - Size of the Tabu list (short term memory)

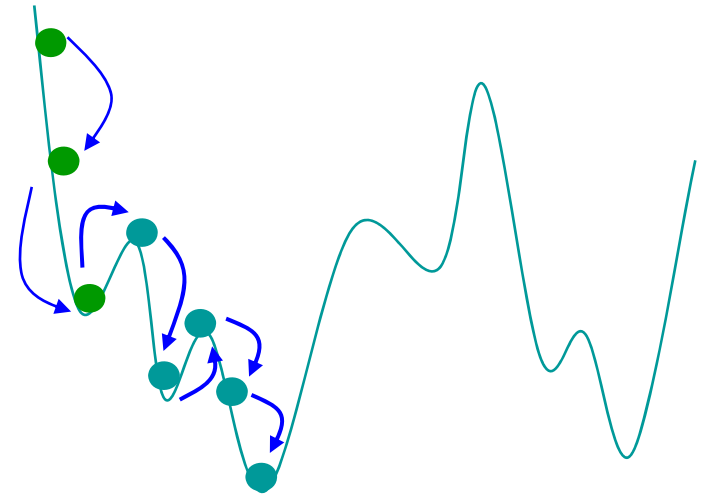




# Simulated annealing

[Kirkpatrick, 1983]

- Name inspired from annealing in metallurgy
- From an initial solution
  - Look for a neighbor
  - If better solution
    - Move to this neighbor
  - If not
    - Accept to move to this neighbor according to a probability that depends on a temperature  $T$
  - Parameters:
    - Management of temperature  $T$

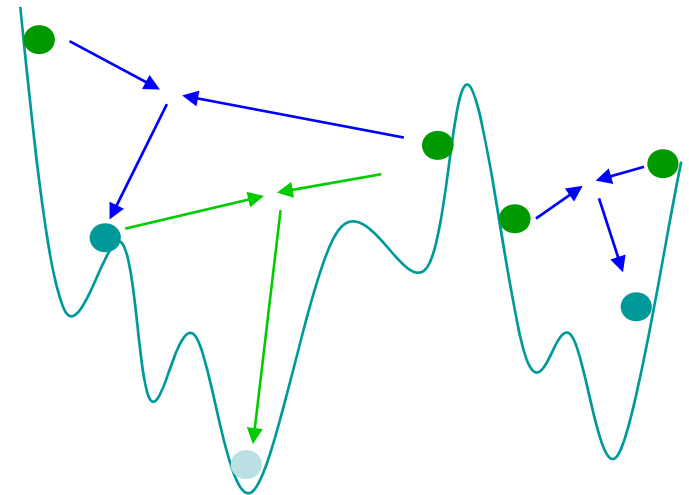


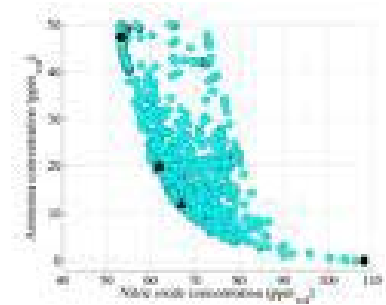
# Genetic algorithm

[Holland, 1975]



- Population based (set of solutions)
- Inspired by natural evolution
  - Inheritance
  - Selection
  - Mutation ...
- Global improvement
- Parameters:
  - Objective function
  - Population size
  - Operators
  - Selection of parents
  - Replacement





Introduction to

# MULTI-OBJECTIVE OPTIMIZATION

# Motivations

- Many real world problems are multi-objective by nature
- Objectives may be in conflict
- Not always possible to construct a single criterion

# Main concepts

- Multi-objective Optimization Problem (MOP):

$$(\text{MOP}) = \begin{cases} \min (\text{or max}) f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)) \\ \text{Subject to } x \in X \end{cases}$$

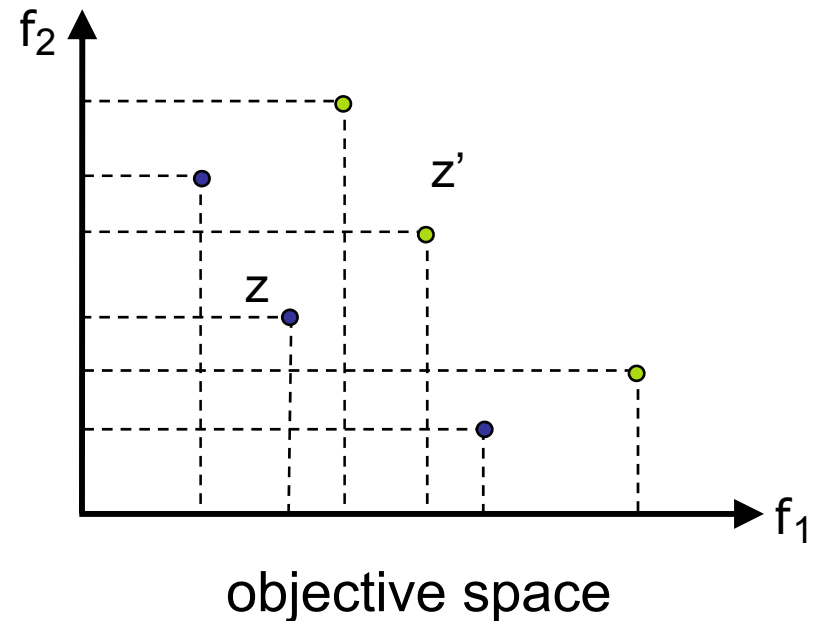
- $n \geq 2$  objective functions  $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)$
- $x \in X$  is a decision vector  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$
- $X$  is the set of feasible solutions in the decision space
- $Z$  is the set of feasible points in the objective space

# Dealing with multiple objectives

## Definitions:

- $z \in Z$  dominates  $z' \in Z$  iff  
 $\forall i \in [1..n], z_i \leq z'_i$  and  $\exists j \in [1..n], z_j < z'_j$ .
- $z \in Z$  is a **non-dominated vector** if there does not exist another  $z' \in Z$  such that  $z'$  dominates  $z$ .
- The **Pareto frontier** is the set of all non-dominated points.
- The **efficient set** is the set of all efficient solution.

- non-dominated point
- dominated point



# Difficulties of MOP

- Definition of the optimality: partial order relation, final choice depend on the decision
- Number of Pareto solutions grows with the problem size and the number of criteria
- For non convex MOP, solutions are not all located on the domain boundary but also in the convex hull → difficulty to find them.
- Performance assessment is difficult  
(comparisons of methods = comparisons of sets of solutions)

**Population based algorithms are well fitted  
to solve Multi-objective problems**

# Non-dominated Sorting GA

(NSGA-II) [Deb et al. 2002]

- **Initialization** of population P
- **Fitness assignment** non-dominated sorting
  - Population divided into fronts
  - Fitness (x) = index of the front x belongs to
- **Diversity** preservation  $\Leftrightarrow$  crowding distance.
- **Selection**  $\Leftrightarrow$  Binary tournament
- Recombination and mutation operators
- **Replacement**  $\Leftrightarrow$  N worst individuals are removed
- **Elitism**  $\Leftrightarrow$  Archive A of potentially efficient solutions

Pareto based



# Indicator-Based EA (IBEA)

[Zitzler et al. 2004]

- **Initialization** of population  $P$
- **Fitness assignment** quality indicator  $Q_i$  :
  - Fitness  $(x) = Q_i(x, P \setminus \{x\})$  Indicator based
- **Diversity preservation**  $\Leftrightarrow$  none
- **Selection**  $\Leftrightarrow$  binary tournament
- Recombination and mutation operators
- **Replacement**  $\Leftrightarrow$  remove the worst individual and update fitness values until  $|P| = N$
- **Elitism**  $\Leftrightarrow$  Archive  $A$  of potentially efficient solutions



# Applications in Bioinformatics

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# Outlines

- Datamining examples
  - Modeling datamining tasks as MCOP  
(Multi-Objective Combinatorial Optimization Problems)
  - Clustering
  - Association rules
- Molecular docking
  - New optimization model
  - Efficient optimization methods

# Datamining in Bioinformatics

... A combinatorial optimization problem

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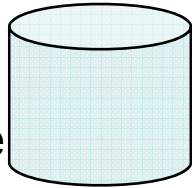


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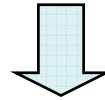


# Datamining in bioinformatics

Molecules  
Genome  
Transcriptome  
...

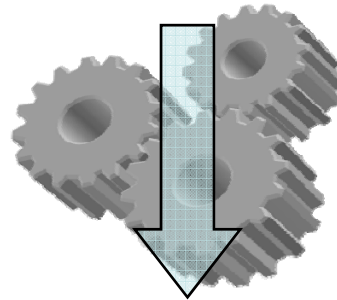


Large Databases



Modeling

Datamining Problem

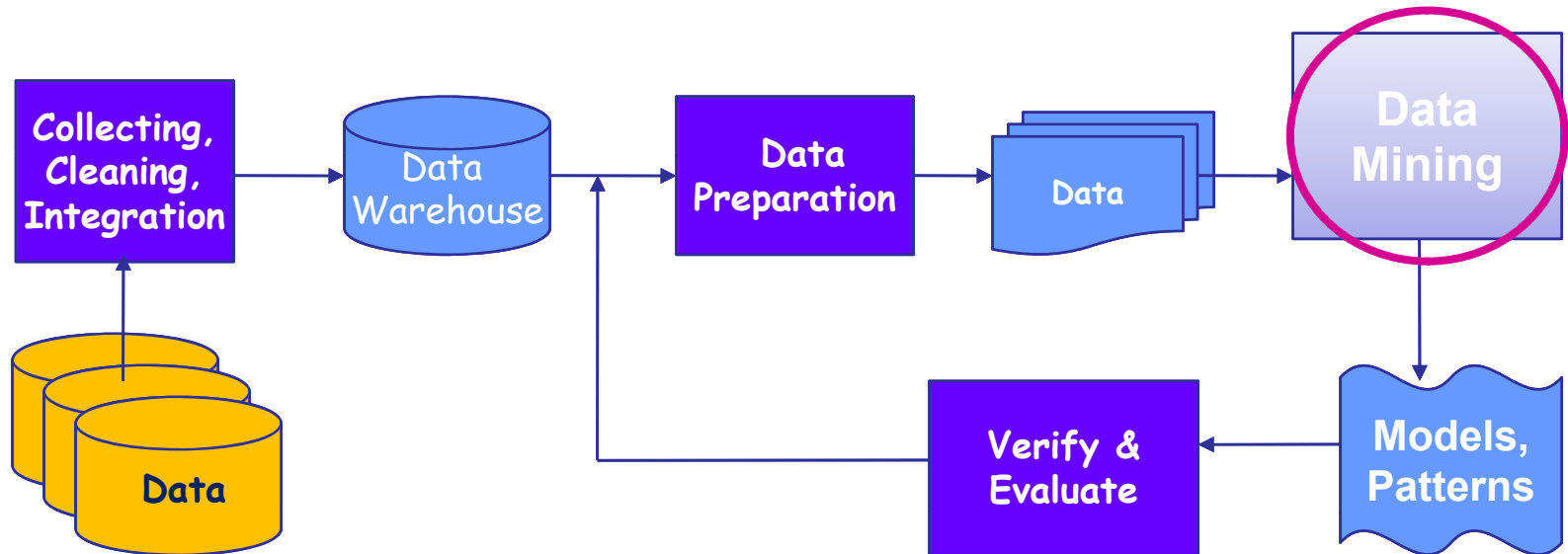


Resolution methods

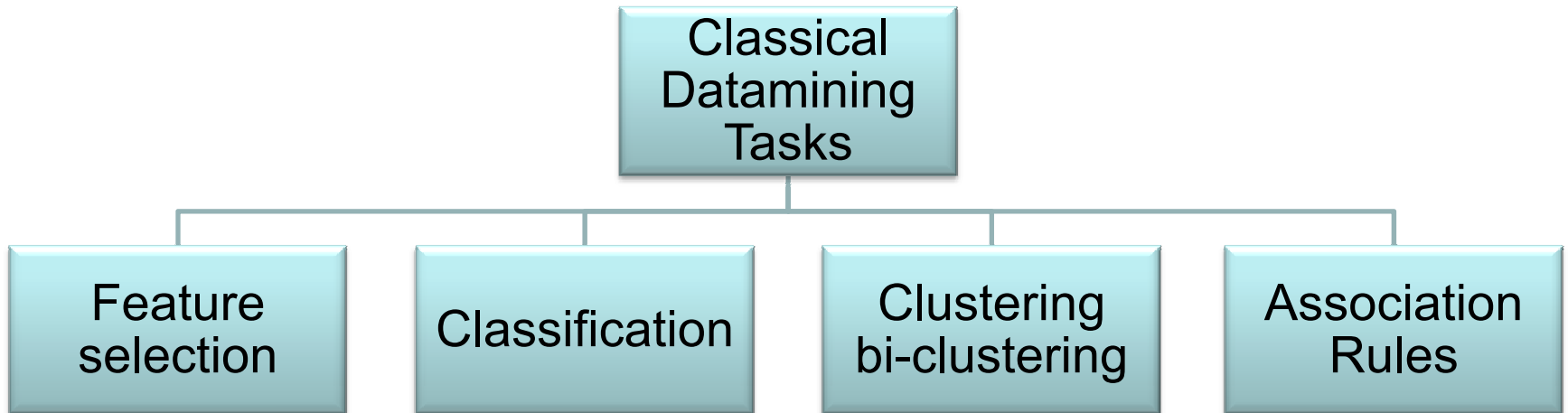
Results

# Datamining / machine learning

- One step of the complex Knowledge Discovery in Databases (KDD) process

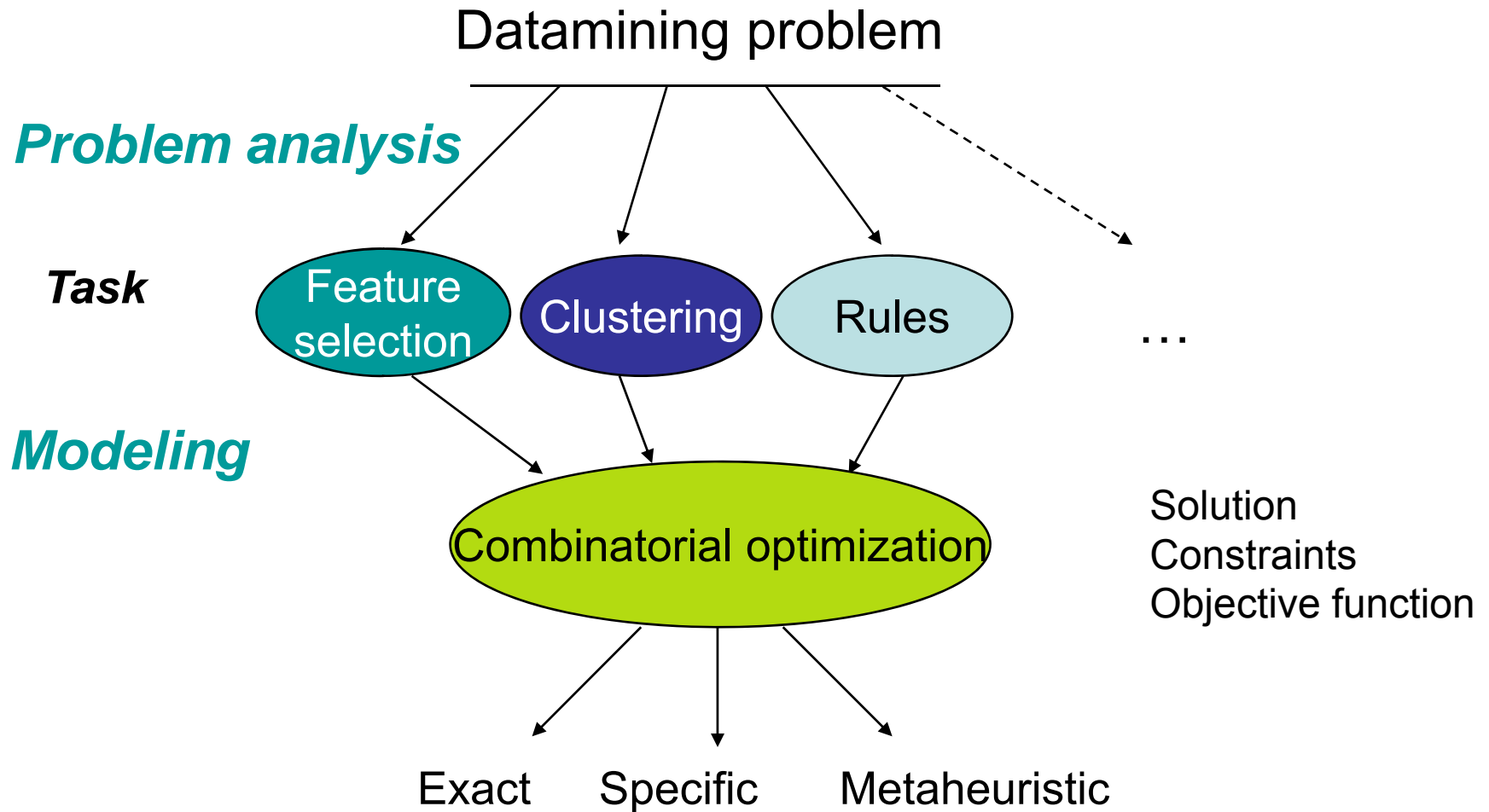


# Datamining tasks



- Feature selection: to reduce the complexity of the problem
- Classification: supervised learning
- Clustering: unsupervised classification
- Association rules: represent relation between features

# Strategy





Feature selection for

# CANCER DIAGNOSIS

# Outline

- Context: Microarray experiment
- Feature selection presentation
- Methodology
- Results

# Context: microarray technology

- Microarray experiments
  - Measure the gene expression levels of thousands of genes simultaneously
  - Allow to compare
    - several conditions: tissue, treatment or time point.

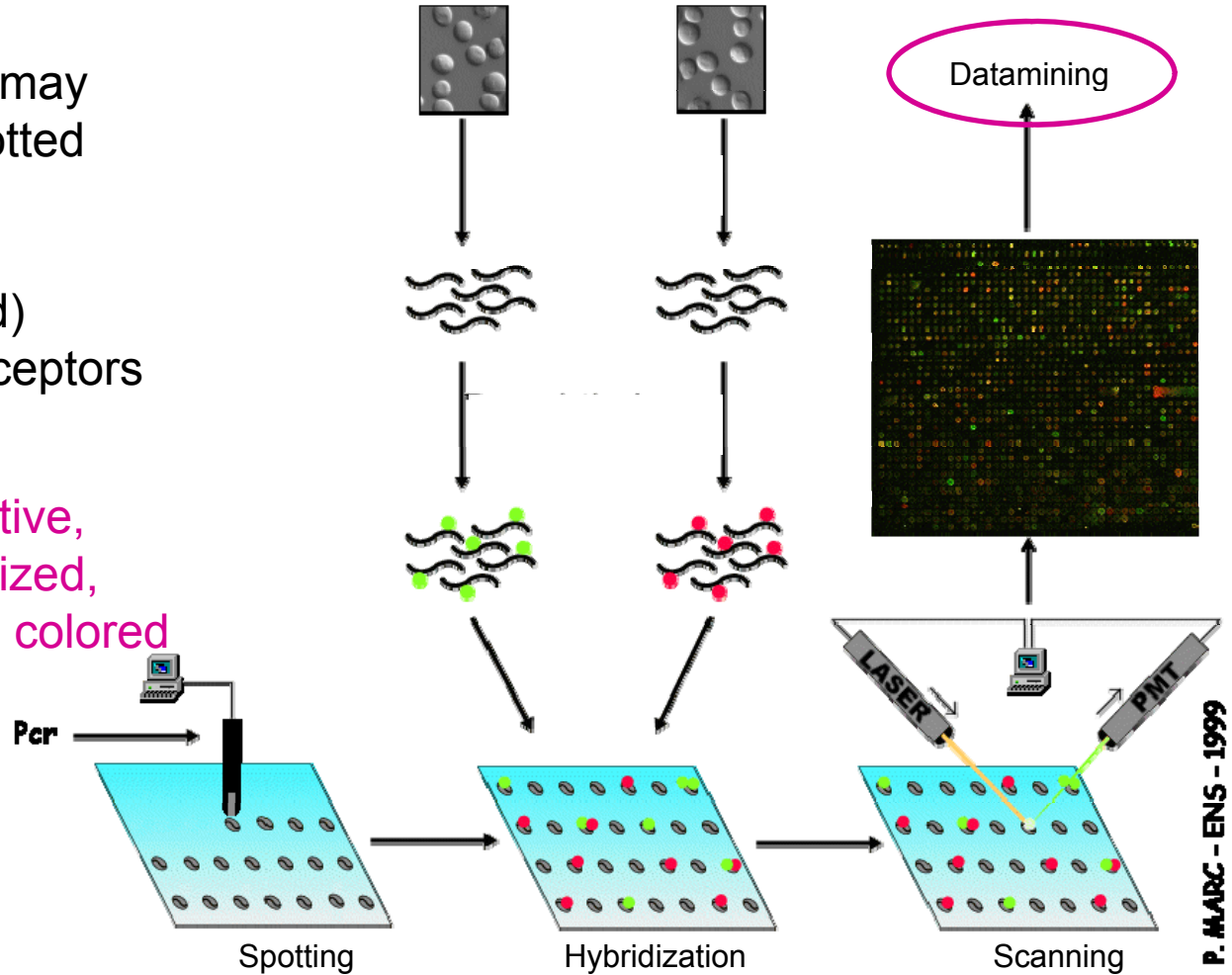
Used to

- Identify genetic factors for some diseases (diabetes, obesity, coronary heart disease,...)
- Identify function of some genes in genome

# Context: microarray experiment

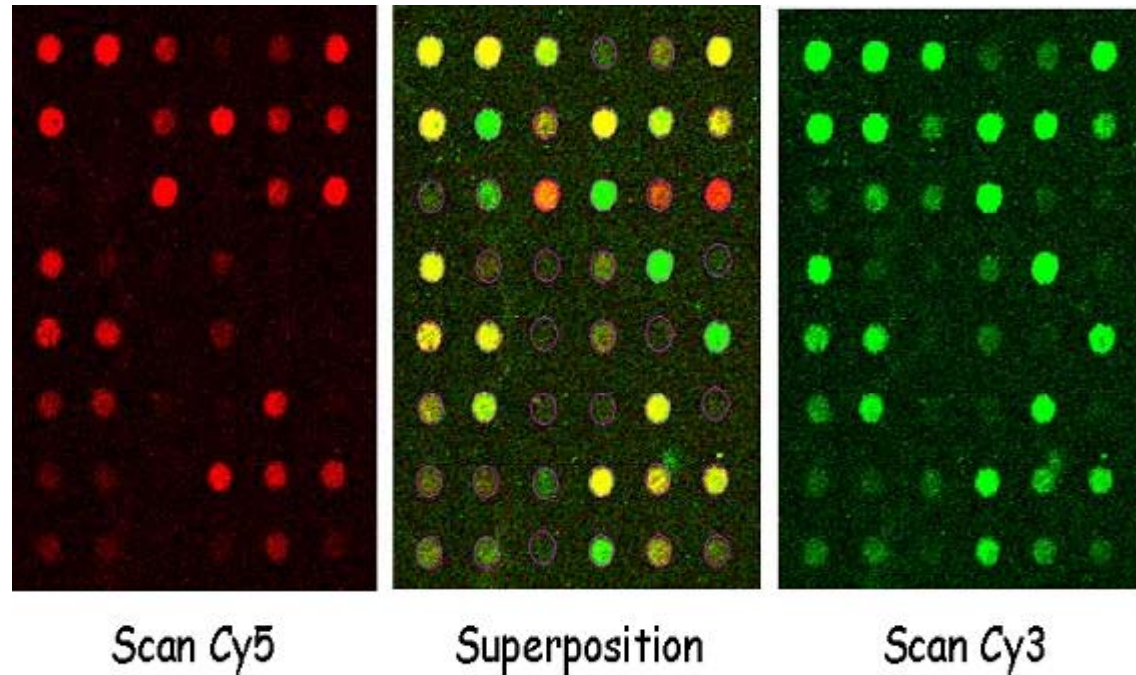
- Specific receptors that may recognize genes are spotted
- Extracts of DNA are:
  - Colored (green/red)
  - Hybridized with receptors

The more the gene is active, the more it will be hybridized, the more the spot will be colored



P. MARC - ENS - 1999

# Context: microarray experiment



A result example :  
colors indicate over/under expressed genes

# Context: microarray data

- Different data matrices

- Gene table

- Rows: genes (G).
    - Columns: conditions (C)

- Treatment table

- Rows: Interactions (I).
    - Columns: genes (G).

	C1	.	.	.	Cm
G1	.				
.		.			
.			.		
.				.	
Gn					.

	G1	.	.	.	Gm
I1	.				V1
.		.			.
.			.		.
.				.	.
In				.	Vn

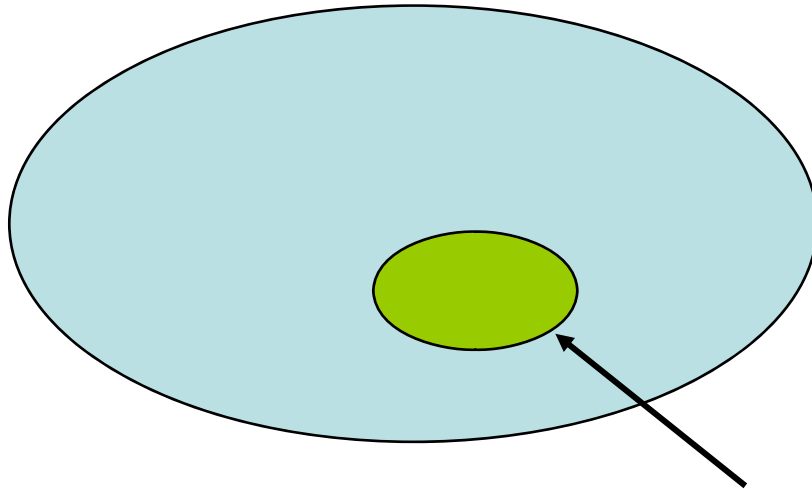
- Nature of the data

Activity of genes are represented as numerical values

- Discretize them into 5 values :

High Increase,      Increase,      No Change,  
Decrease,      High Decrease.

# Feature selection



Large set of features  
(genes, products, ...)

- Redundancy
- Noise

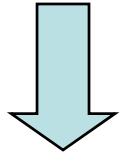
Subset of features

- Significant
- Improve classification

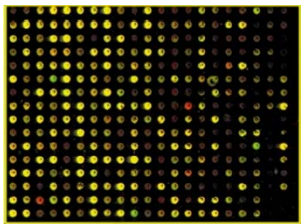
# Strategy

Bioinformatics  
problem

Discover genes  
Involved in diseases



DNA microarray

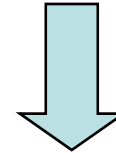


Datamining  
task

Feature selection

Modeling

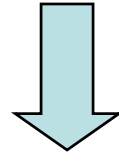
Combinatorial  
Optimization



Objective function

Solving

Metaheuristics



Operators

Encoding



# Objectives

- Distinguish (Classify) tumor samples from normal ones (2 classes)
- Discover reduced subsets with informative genes, achieving high accuracies
- Classification with Support Vector Machines
- Algorithms comparisons.
  - 2 optimization algorithms (metaheuristics)
    - GPSO - Geometric Particle Swarm Optimizer
    - GA – Genetic Algorithm
- Experimentations using 6 public cancer datasets

E. Alba, J. Garcia-Nieto, L. Jourdan, E-G. Talbi. **Sensitivity and Specificity Based Multiobjective Approach for Feature Selection: Application to Cancer Diagnosis.** Information Processing Letters, Volume 109 (16), p 887-896, 2009

# FS Methodology

Cancer Dataset

Genes	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12	Classes
Expression Levels	-214	-153	-58	88	-295	-558	199	-176	252	206	-41	-831	Normal
	-139	-73	-1	283	-264	-400	-330	-168	101	74	19	-743	Normal
	-76	-49	-307	309	-376	-650	33	-367	206	-215	19	-135	Tumor
	-135	-114	-256	12	-419	-585	158	-253	49	31	363	-934	Normal
	-106	-125	-76	168	-230	-284	4	-122	70	252	155	-471	Tumor
	-138	-85	215	71	-272	-558	67	-186	87	193	325	-631	Tumor
	-72	-144	238	55	-399	-551	131	-179	126	-20	-115	-103	Normal
	-413	-260	7	-2	-541	-790	-275	-463	70	-169	-20	-143	Tumor

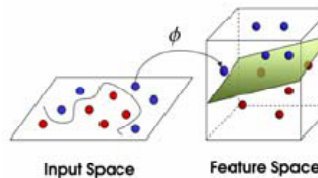
Solution: 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0

Feature Selection

4 Selected features

G3	G5	G6	G9	Classes
-58	-295	-558	252	Normal
-1	-264	-400	101	Normal
-307	-376	-650	206	Tumor
-256	-419	-585	49	Normal
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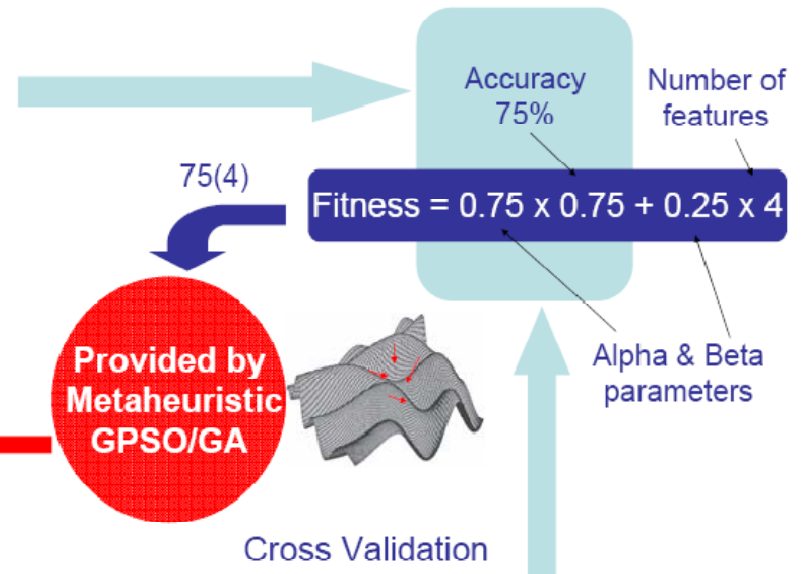
Support Vector Machines  
Training classifier



G3	G5	G6	G9
-58	-295	-558	252
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-307	-376	-650	206
-256	-419	-585	49
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prediction

Predicted Classes
Normal
Tumor
Tumor
Normal
Tumor
Tumor
Normal
Normal



# Data Sets - Kent Ridge Bio-medical Data Set Repository

<http://sdmc.lit.org.sg/GEDatasets/Datasets.html>

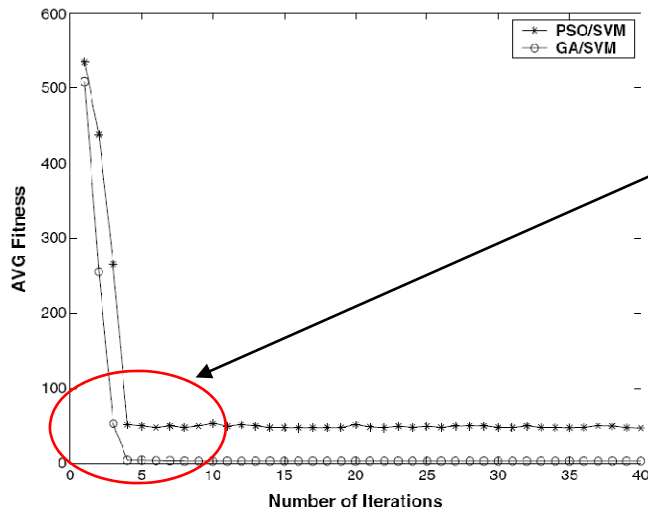
- ALL-AML Leukemia 7129 gene expression levels and 72 samples
- Breast Cancer 24481 gene expression levels and 97 samples
- Colon Tumor 2000 gene expression levels and 62 samples
- Lung Cancer 12533 gene expression levels and 181 samples
- Ovarian Cancer 15154 gene expression levels and 162 samples
- Prostate Cancer 12600 gene expression levels and 136 samples

Few samples / number of genes

# Results

## Performance Analysis: comparison of the two algorithms

Dataset	GPSO	GA	Huerta et al.	Juliusdotir et al.	Deb et al.	Guyon et al.	Yu et al.	Liu et al.	Shen et al.
<i>Leukemia</i>	97.38(3)	97.27(4)	100(25)	-	100(4)	100(2)	87.44(4)	-	-
<i>Breast</i>	86.35(4)	95.86(4)	-	-	-	-	79.38(67)	-	-
<i>Colon</i>	100(2)	100(3)	99.41(10)	94.12(37)	97(7)	98(4)	93.55(4)	85.48(-)	94(4)
<i>Lung</i>	99.00(4)	99.49(4)	-	-	-	-	98.34(6)	-	-
<i>Ovarian</i>	99.44(4)	98.83(4)	-	-	-	-	-	99.21(75)	-
<i>Prostate</i>	98.66(4)	98.65(4)	-	88.88(20)	-	-	-	-	-



In few iterations the average of fitness Decrease quickly

GAsvm obtains generally lower average than GPSOsvm, whose solutions have in turn higher diversity

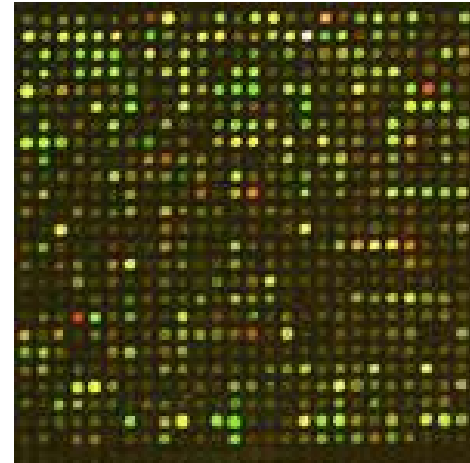
# Results

## Examples of Selected Gene Subsets

Dataset		$PSO_{SVM}$		$GA_{SVM}$
<b>Leukemia</b>	100(3)	<i>U39226_at, L12052_at, X99101_at</i>	100(4)	<i>Z26634_at, HG870-HT870_at, X52005_at, L02840_at</i>
<b>Breast</b>	90.72(4)	<i>NM_012269, NM_002850, AL162032, AB022847</i>	100(4)	<i>NM_005014, AF060168, NM_021176, NM_013242</i>
<b>Colon</b>	100(2)	<i>U29092, M55543</i>	100(3)	<i>M90684, M94132, X62025</i>
<b>Lung</b>	99.44(4)	<i>31820_at, 33389_at, 39057_at, 40772_at</i>	100(4)	<i>31573_at, 33226_at, 36245_at, 37076_at</i>
<b>Ovarian</b>	100(4)	<i>MZ49.784115, MZ3546.2884, MZ4362.0866, MZ9159.3641</i>	100(4)	<i>MZ420.40671, MZ825.16557, MZ1024.6857, MZ1166.0749</i>
<b>Prostate</b>	100(4)	<i>35106_at, 35869_at, 36754_at, 37107_at</i>	100(4)	<i>41447_at, 34299_at, 39556_at, 39813_s_at</i>

# Conclusions

- Two hybrid algorithms for gene selection and classification of high dimensional DNA Microarray were presented
- New algorithm GPSO for feature selection was applied
- GPSOsvm vs. GASvm were experimentally assessed on six well-known datasets
- Results of 100% accuracy and few genes per subset (3 and 4)
- Use of adapted initialization method
- Use of adapted operators for FS (3PMBCX & SSOCF)



Association rules for

# DNA MICROARRAY

# Context: available data

	Gene 1	Gene 2	...	...	Gene 22000
Patient 1 / Control 1					
Patient 1 / Control 2					
...					
Patient 15 / Control 3					

**Look for subsets of genes having  
linked compartments**

**→ Association rules**



# A general approach

Expression data often analyzed thanks to classification/clustering.

But 3 main drawbacks:

1. One gene participating to one relation will be classified in a single group
2. Difficulty to point out relations between genes belonging to a same group
3. Classification made according to the whole set of experiments

**Association rules may overcome  
these drawbacks**

# Association Rules: Definition

**Goal** : Discover patterns, associations between items (columns=attributes) of a database.

**Form** : *if C then P*

**C** = term<sub>1</sub> and term<sub>2</sub> and... and term<sub>n</sub>

**P** = term<sub>n+1</sub>

term<sub>i</sub> = <attribute<sub>j</sub>, op, value>

# Ass. Rules: examples of results

## Association rules may produce different results

- Situation  $\Rightarrow$  Expression of particular genes

Situation  $x \Rightarrow \{\text{Gene A } \uparrow, \text{Gene B } \downarrow\}$  [Creighton - Hanash, 03]

- Relations between genes (general case)

$\{\text{Gene A } \uparrow, \text{Gene B } \downarrow, \text{Gene C } \uparrow\} \Rightarrow \text{Gene D } \uparrow$  [Kotala et al, 01]

- Relations between genes (for some situations)

[Becquet et al, 02]

$\{(\text{Gene A } \uparrow, \text{Gene B } \uparrow) \text{ in situation } y\} \Rightarrow \text{Gene D } \uparrow \text{ in situation } y$

- Compartment of genes  $\Rightarrow$  Functional characteristics

$\Rightarrow$  Structural characteristics

$\{\text{Genes } \uparrow \text{ in situation } y\} \Rightarrow \text{Function } x$  [OPAC, IT-Omics, 03]

# Ass. Rules: optimization criterion?

## Association rules

Classical problem of datamining

Studied by statistic, machine learning, combinatorial optimization,... communities

⇒ a lot of **indicators** proposed to measure rules quality

[Hilderman et Hamilton, 1999], [Tan et Kumar, 2002], [Adomavicius, 2002], [Lenca et al, 2003],...

**How to choose a good indicator?  
No universal criterion**

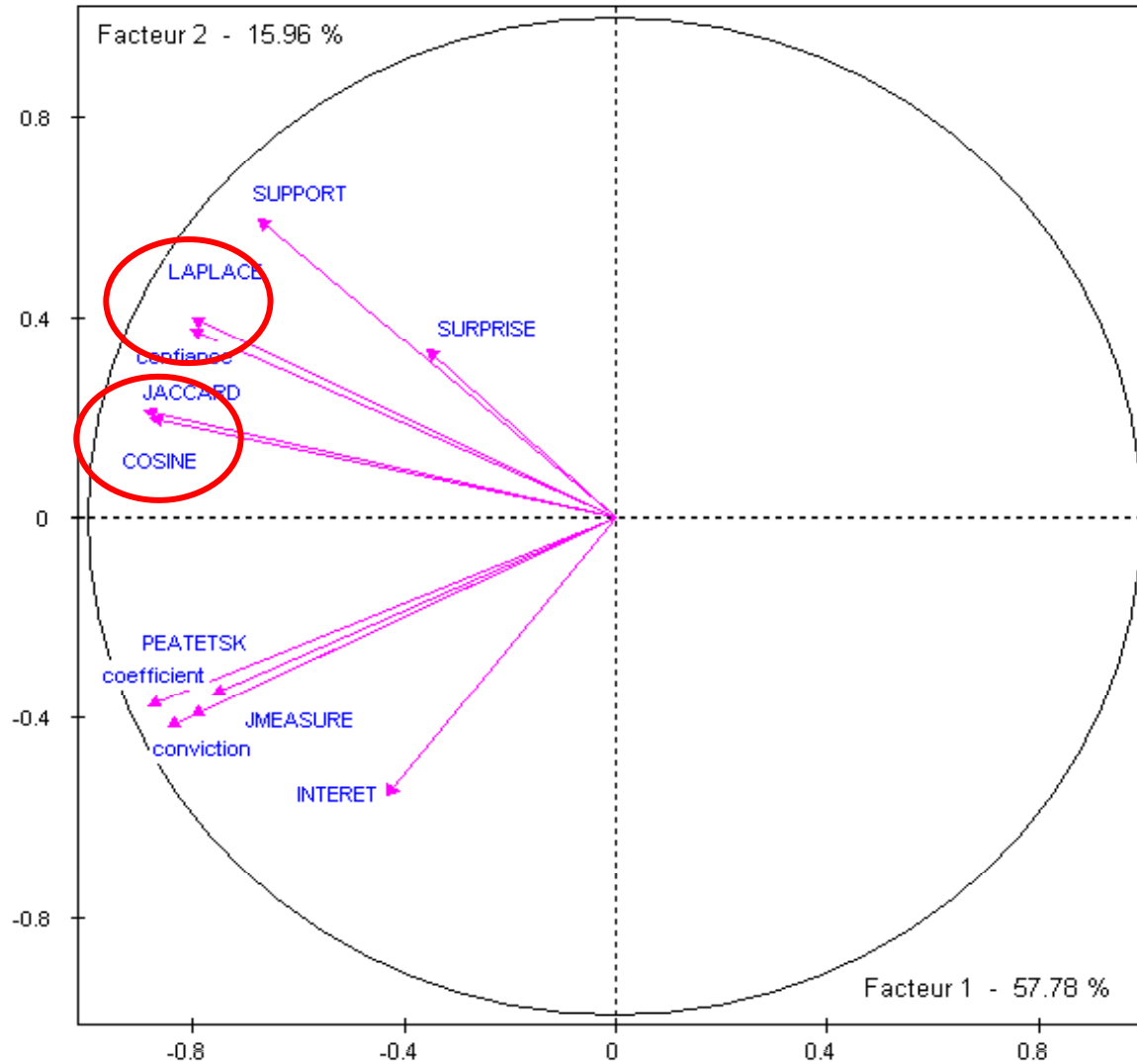
# Ass. Rules: examples of criteria

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Math. definition</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Support S</b>	$\frac{C \text{ and } P}{N}$	% lines having C and P
<b>Confidence C</b>	$\frac{C \text{ and } P}{C}$	Conditional probability
<b>Interest I</b>	$\frac{C \text{ and } P}{C \times P}$	Favors rare pattern (small support)
<b>Conviction V</b>	$\frac{C \times \bar{P}}{C \text{ and } \bar{P}}$	Measures the weakness of (C, not P)
<b>Piatetsky-Shapiro's PS</b>	$C \text{ and } P - C \times P$	Measure dependency
<b>Surprise R</b>	$\frac{(C \text{ and } P - C \text{ and } \bar{P})}{P}$	Look for surprising rules

# Statistical analysis: Matrix of linear correlations

	Supp	Conf	Inte	Conv	Surp	Jacc	PhiC	Cos	JMea	Piat	Lapl
Supp	1,00										
Conf	0,62	1,00									
Inte	-0,09	0,20	1,00								
Conv	0,27	0,56	0,47	1,00							
Surp	0,17	0,48	0,07	0,17	1,00						
Jacc	<b>0,87</b>	0,62	0,32	0,55	0,20	1,00					
PhiC	0,38	0,50	0,62	0,81	0,26	0,76	1,00				
Cos	<b>0,86</b>	0,68	0,34	0,56	0,19	<b>0,98</b>	0,76	1,00			
JMea	0,34	0,50	0,40	0,84	0,15	0,64	<b>0,89</b>	0,62	1,00		
Piat	0,29	0,49	0,25	0,71	0,15	0,51	0,75	0,51	<b>0,93</b>	1,00	
Lapl	0,63	<b>0,99</b>	0,18	0,54	0,53	0,61	0,49	0,67	0,50	0,51	1,00

# Correlations between criteria



# Statistical analysis: results

## 5 clusters

C1 : Support, Cosine, Jaccard

C2 : Laplace, Confidence

C3 : Phi-Coefficient, Jmeasure, Piatetsky, Conviction

C4 : Interest

C5 : Surprise

Each cluster groups similar criteria  $\Rightarrow$  Redundant

**Choose one criterion per cluster**

**$\rightarrow$  Optimization with five objectives**



# General methodology

**Statistical analysis: PCA (Principal component analysis)**  
support, confidence, interest, surprise, conviction...



**Multi-objective model for the problem**



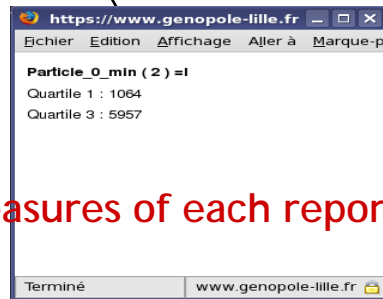
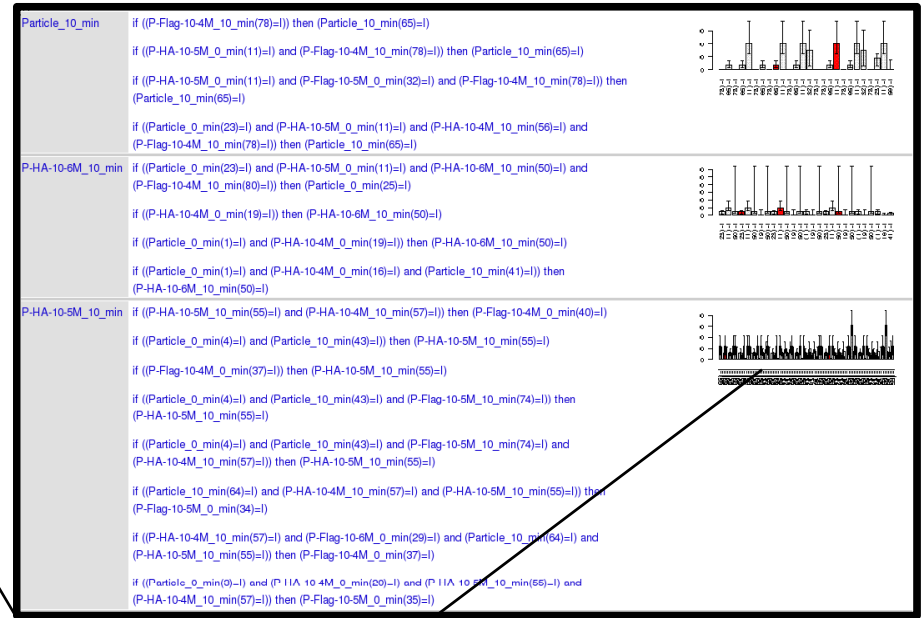
**Design of efficient multi-objective  
optimization methods**

Large size  
combinatorial optimization  
problem

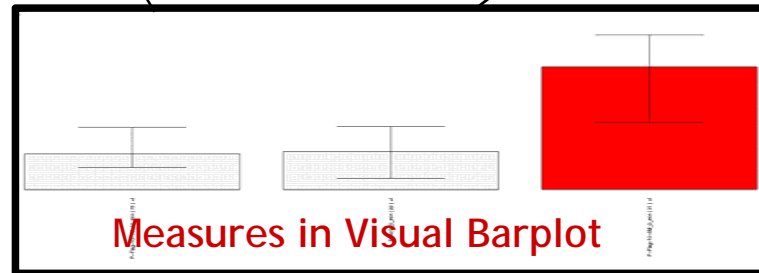


# Rulemining: Application overview (2/2)

## RESULTS



Measures of each reporters



Measures in Visual Barplot

# Validation in BASE: Plugins

BioArray Software

Environment. BASE is a

comprehensive free web-

based database solution for

the massive amounts of data

generated by microarray

**BASE**

Logged in as root [Log out]  
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**Plug-ins**

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**Datamining tools** are inserted in this part

# Conclusion

- This plugin has been tested on several classical databases for microarray experiments, it shows very good results
- ***Associated publications:***

***G. Even, P. Laurence, C. Dhaenens and E-G. Talbi. "Rulemining : A new analysis tool for PASE, the web-based platform for polypeptide chips experiments", Poster, JOBIM 2007.***

***G. Even, L. Jourdan, C. Dhaenens and E-G. Talbi. "Evolutionary feature selection plugin for BASE", Poster, JOBIM 2007.***



Association rules for

# LINKAGE DESEQUILIBRIUM

# Linkage disequilibrium study

## Objective:

Find set of haplotypes (of size between 3 and 6) which can explain the status of people in the context of the type 2 diabetes

## Data:

- For each individual: the value of its SNPs and its status
- For each SNP: alleles frequencies
- For each two by two combination of SNPs: their disequilibrium

## Constraints:

- Snips of an haplotype must be independent:
  - Difference of frequencies  $<$  threshold1.
  - Linkage disequilibrium  $>$  threshold2.

# Approach

- **Search method** : An adaptive multi-population genetic algorithm
- A specific evaluation function based on classical biological software : CLUMP and EH-DIALL

## Results

Association rules such as :

- $SNP_{10}=1-2$  and  $SNP_{20}=2-2$  THEN Status=ill
- $SNP_{17}=1-1$  and  $SNP_{45}=2-2$  THEN Status=ill





# Conclusions

# Perspectives

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# Conclusions

- Many problems in bioinformatics are combinatorial by nature
- Operations research (optimization) may give answers to these problems in term of:
  - Modeling
  - Definition of objective functions (quality of solutions)
    - Possibility to have several quality measures
    - Possibility to use complex evaluation of solutions
  - Provide guidelines to develop efficient optimization methods (Metaheuristics)

# Perspectives

- Future researches?
- Still need more knowledge about the domain
- Hybridization of methods of different types:
  - Hybridization with domain specific methods
  - Hybridization with statistical methods



# Questions ??

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# To go further ...

## PRIB 2010 presentations

### **Optimization Algorithms for Identification and Genotyping of Copy Number Polymorphisms in Human Populations**

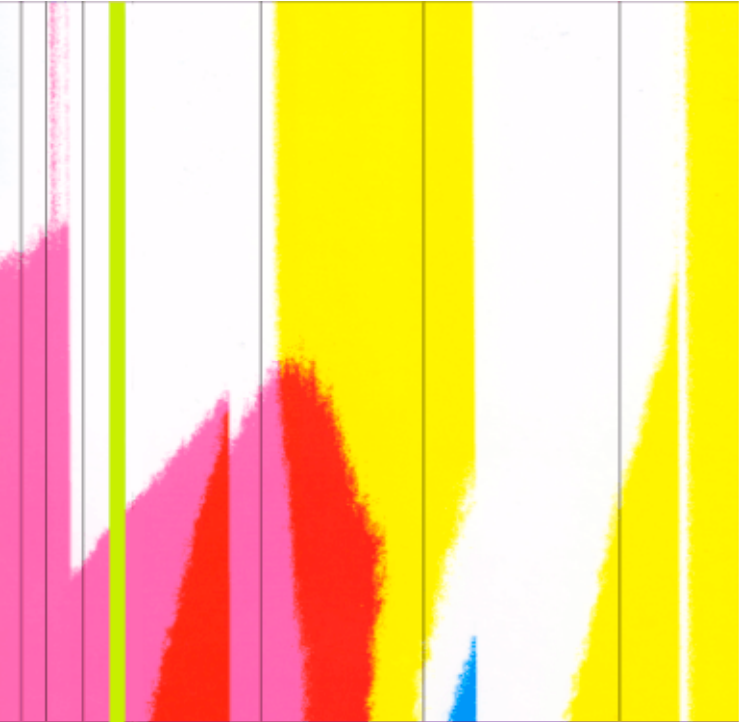
*Gökhan Yavaş, Mehmet Koyutürk, and Thomas LaFramboise*

### **Iterated Local Search for Biclustering of Microarray Data**

*Wassim Ayadi, Mourad Elloumi, and Jin-Kao Hao*

### **Pattern Recognition for High Throughput Zebrafish Imaging using Genetic Algorithm Optimization**

*Alexander E. Nezhinsky and Fons J. Verbeek*



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