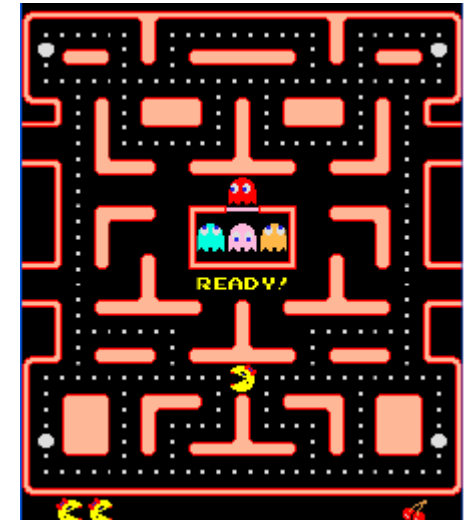
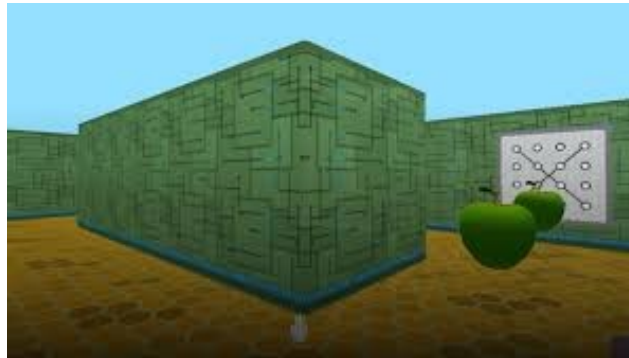
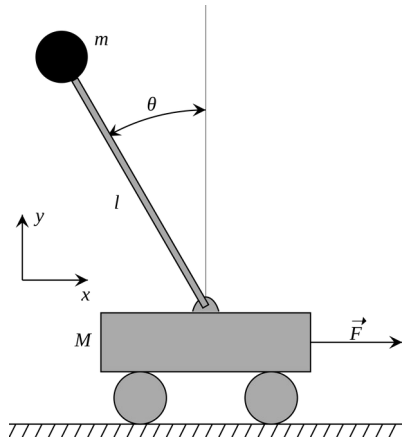


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Application of Trees: Genetic Programming in Reinforcement Learning



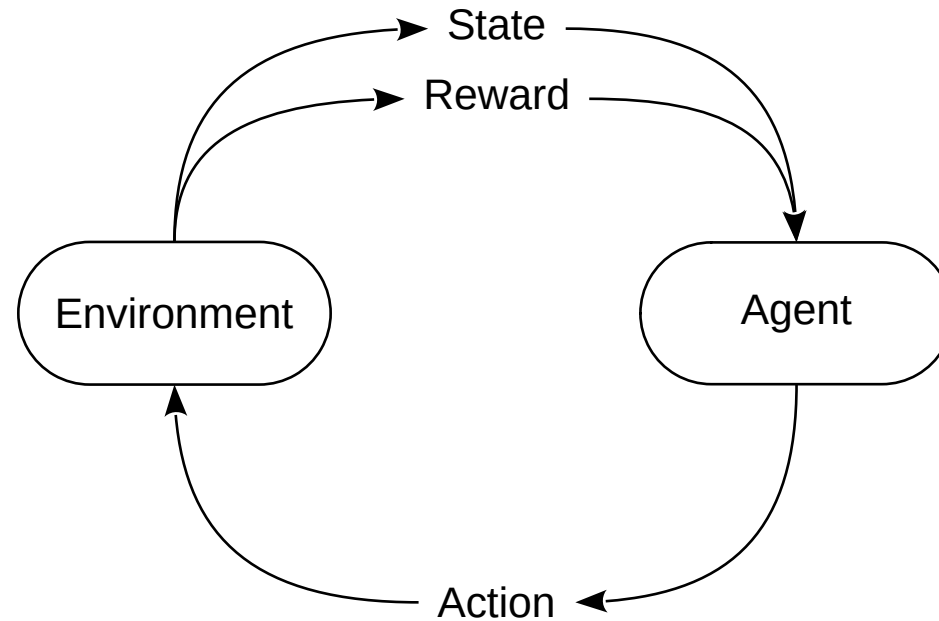
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Genetic Programming in Reinforcement Learning

Overview

- Reinforcement Learning (RL) characteristics
- Crash course in Genetic Programming with classic control RL example
- Assignment Overview

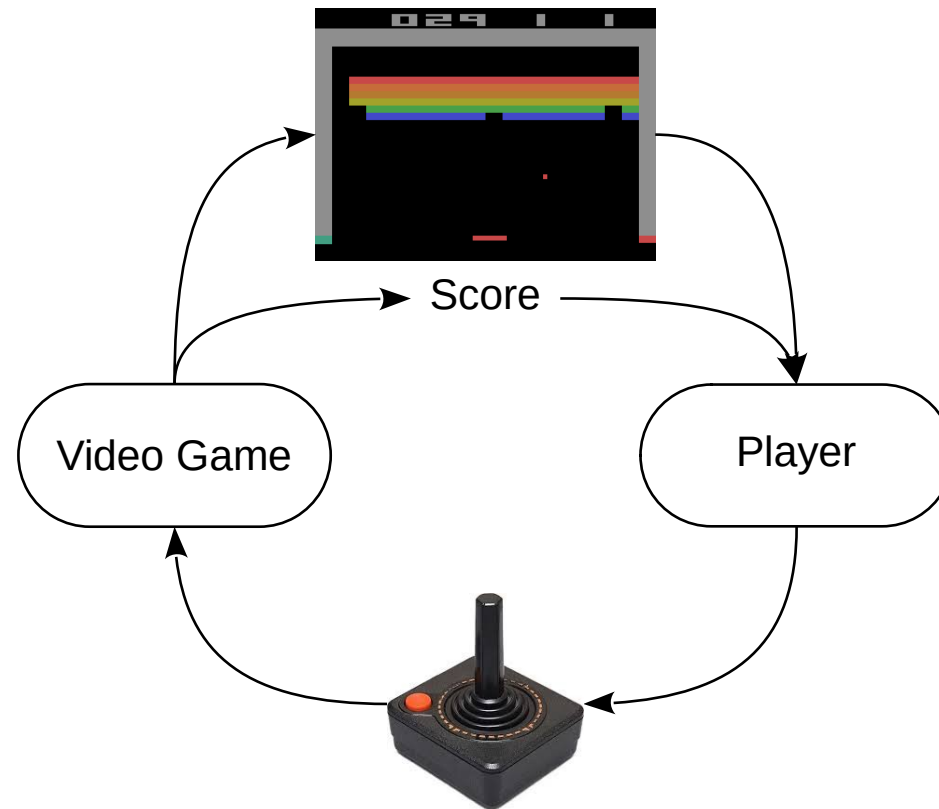
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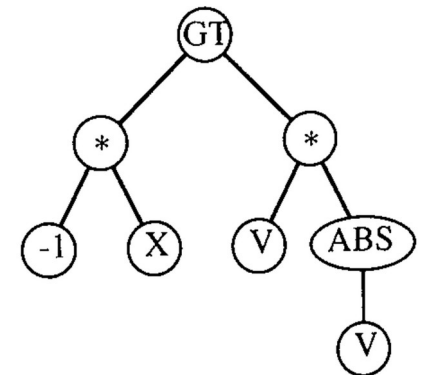
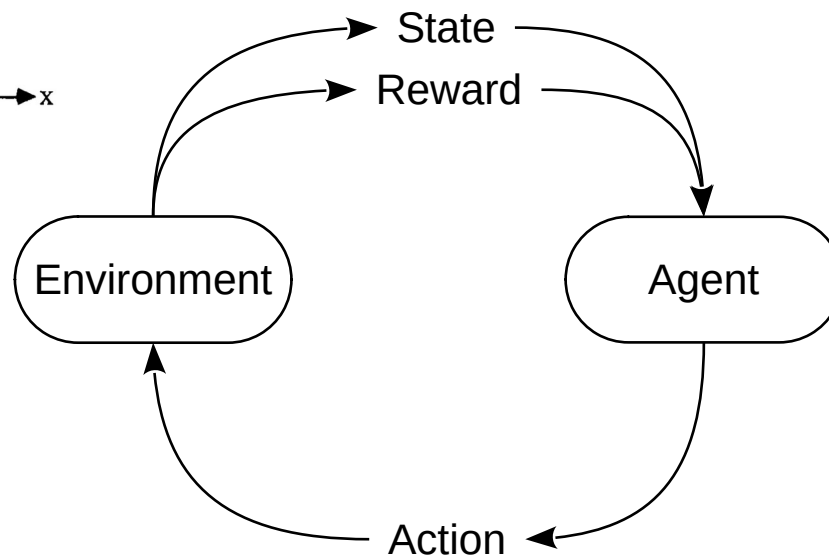
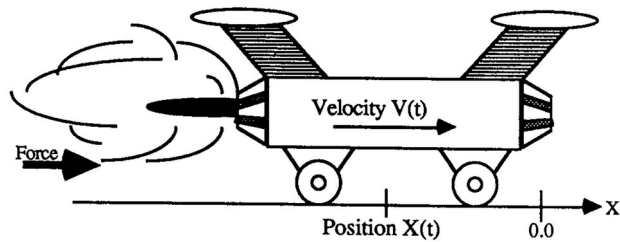
Agent's behavior adapted through trial-and-error interaction with environment

Goal: Agent maps states (situations) to actions such that reward is maximized

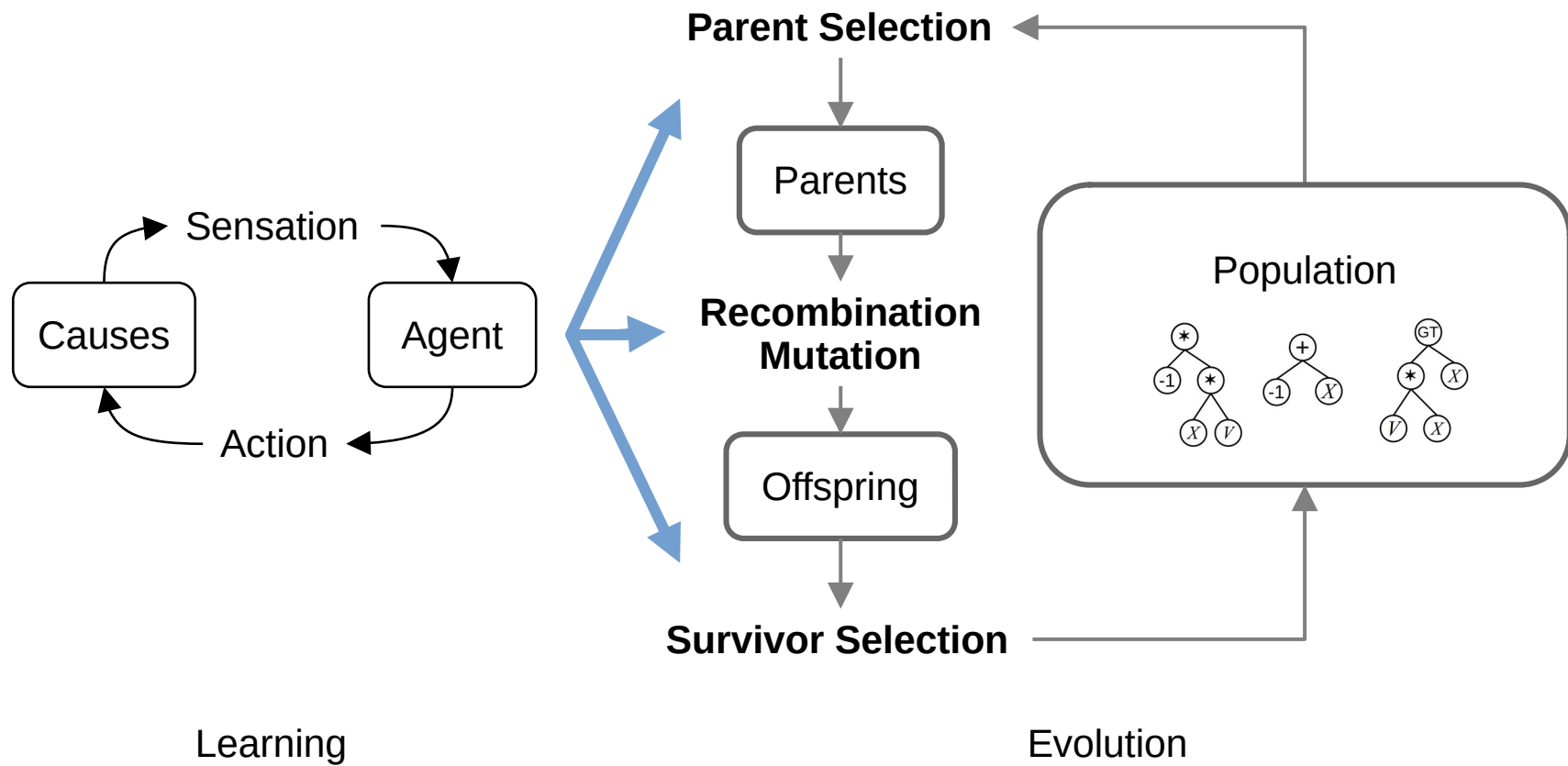
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Evolutionary Reinforcement Learning



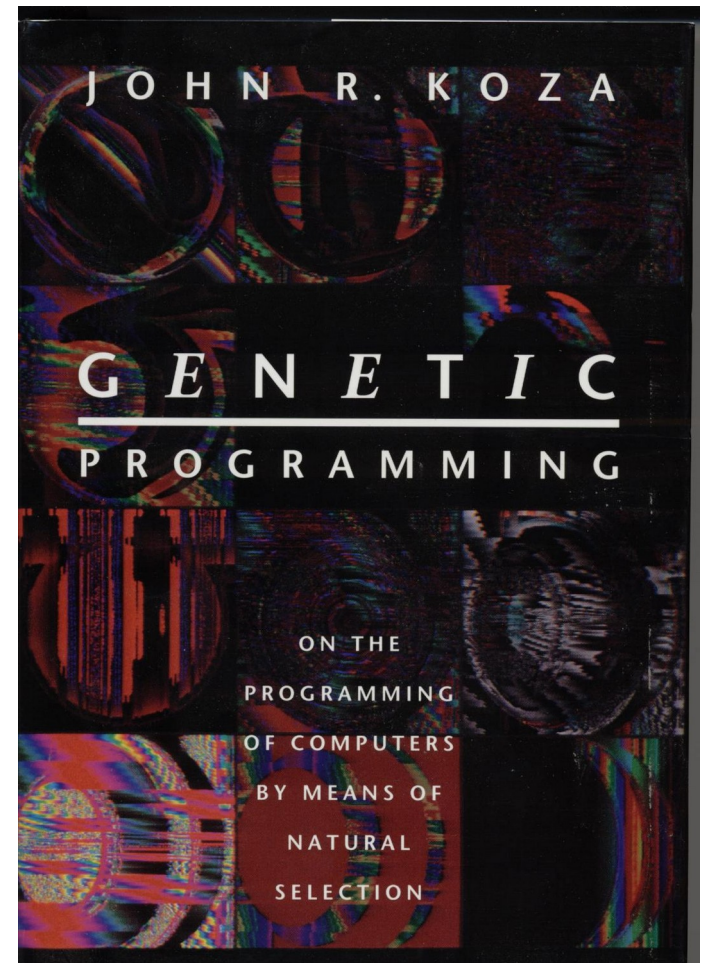
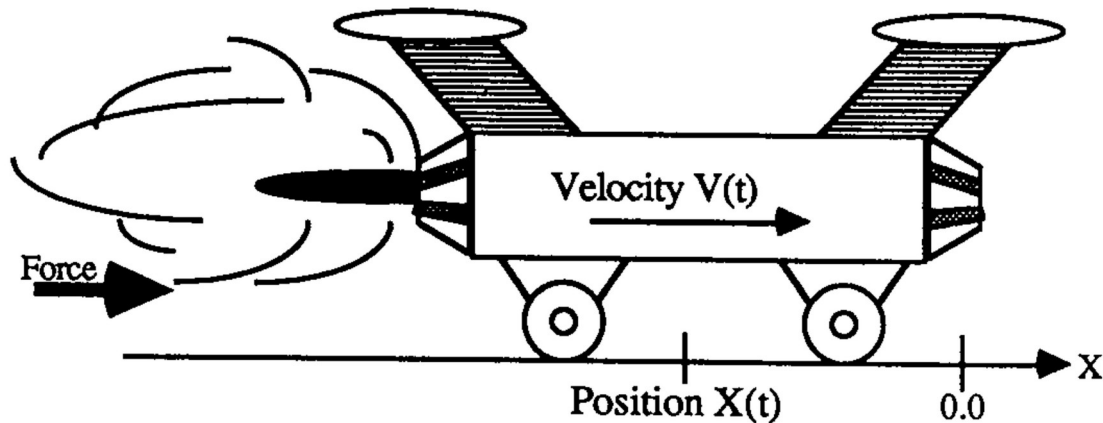
Adaptation at two timescales

Learning: Agent learns to predict the effect of its actions

Evolution: Agent's experience influences evolutionary operators (selection and variation)

Optimal Control

Cart Centering (isotropic rocket) Problem

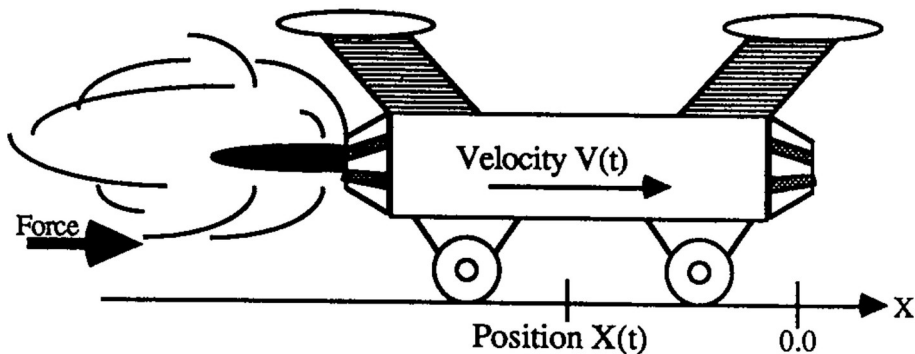
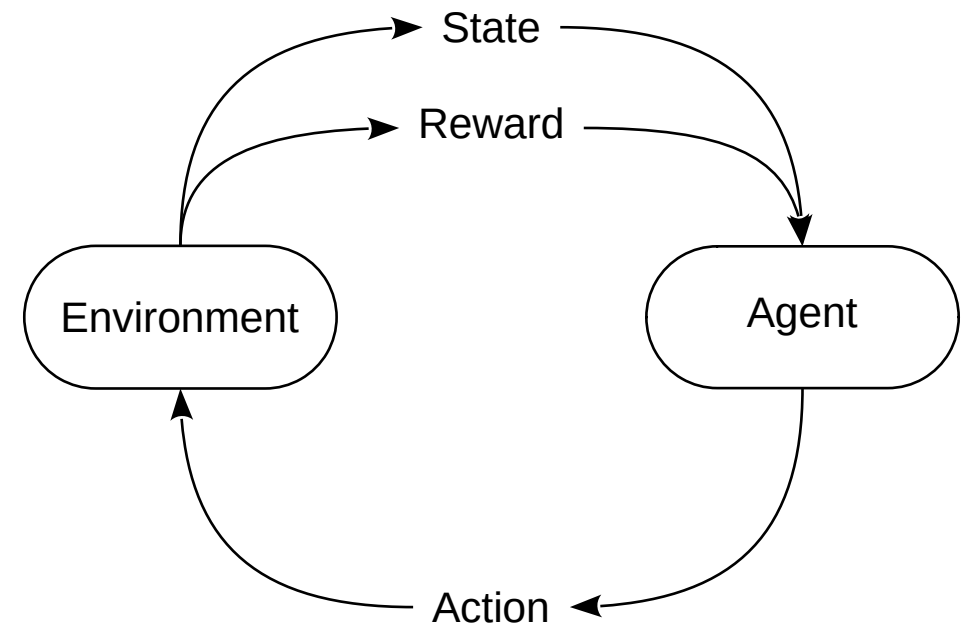


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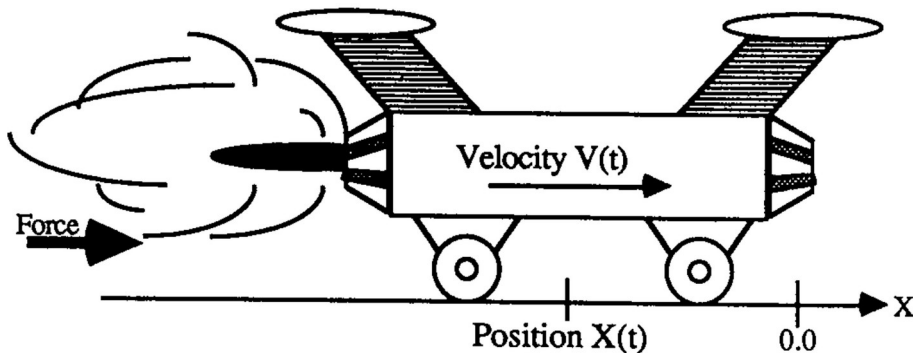
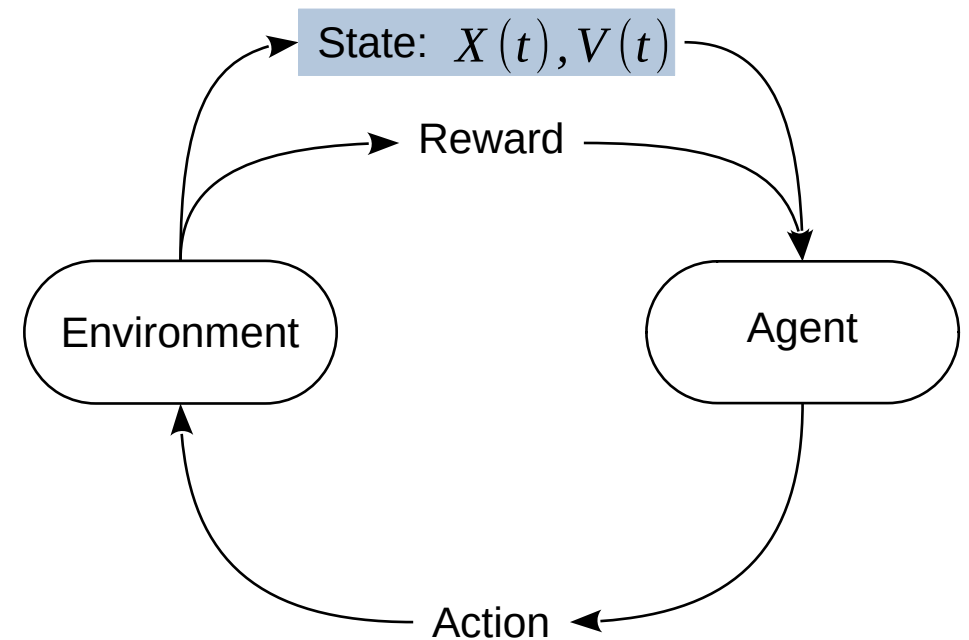


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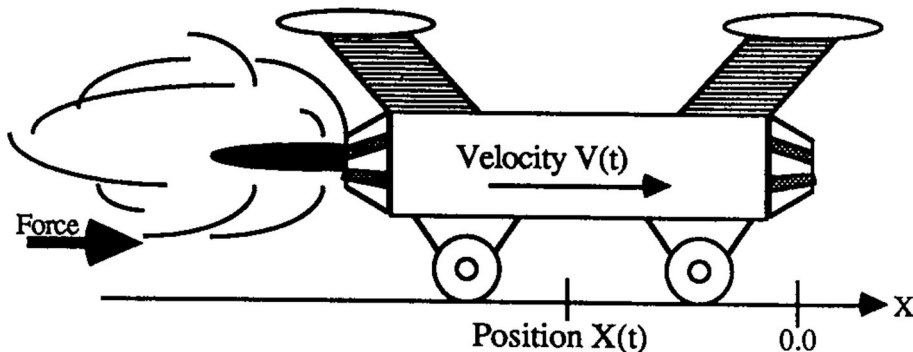
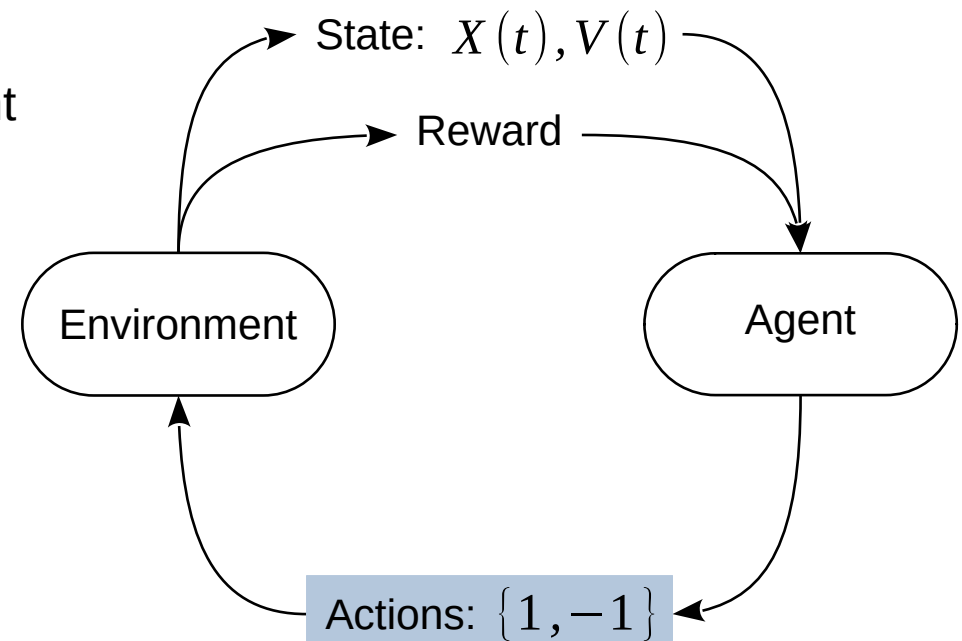


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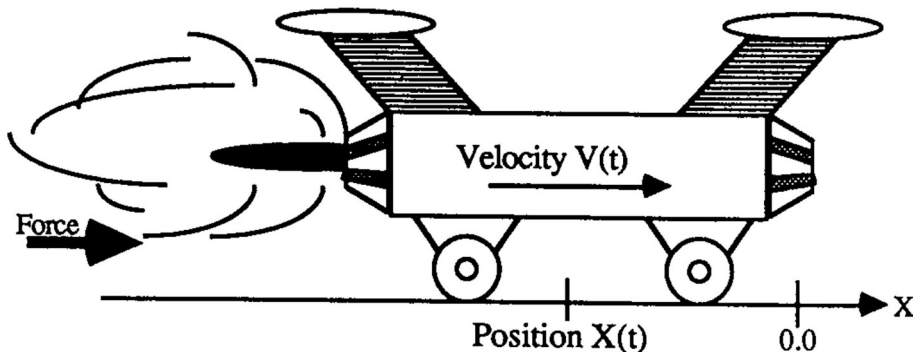
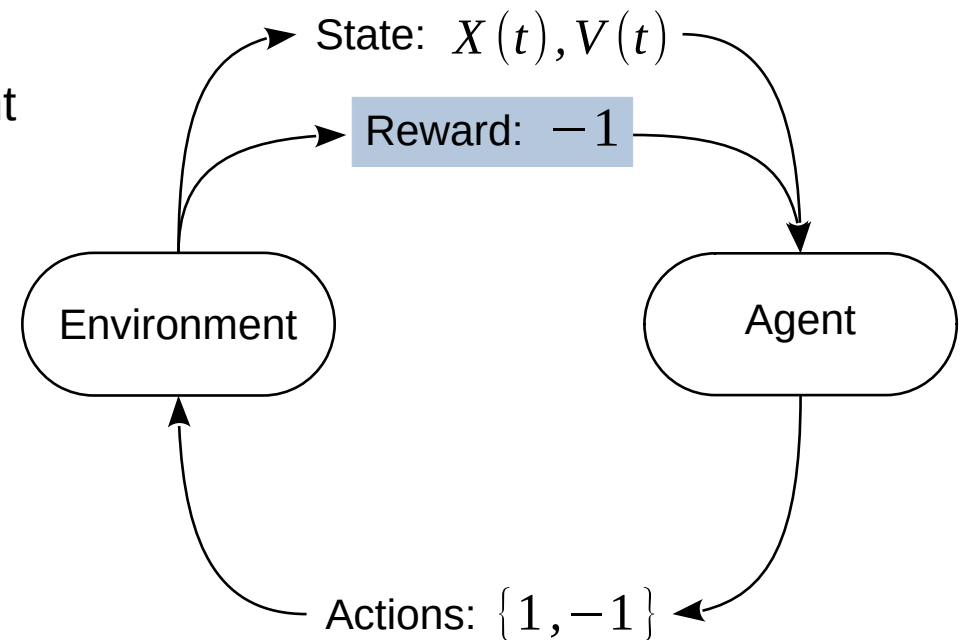


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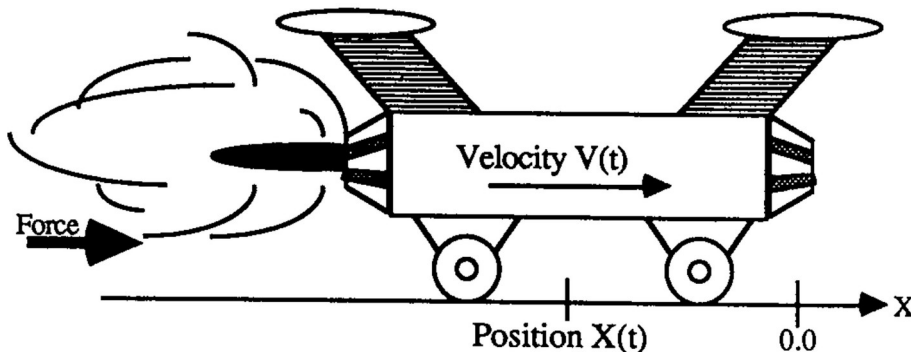
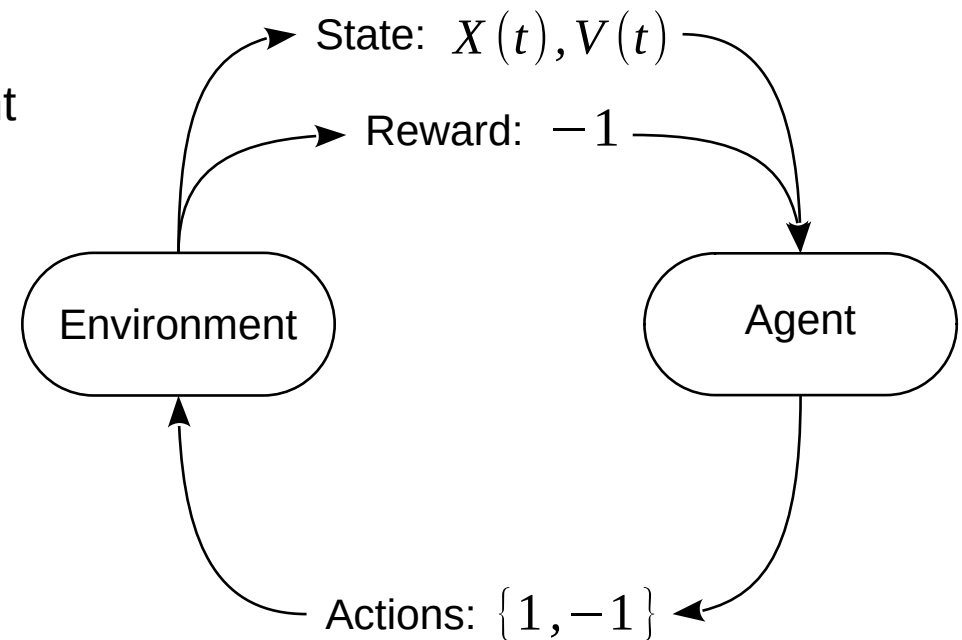


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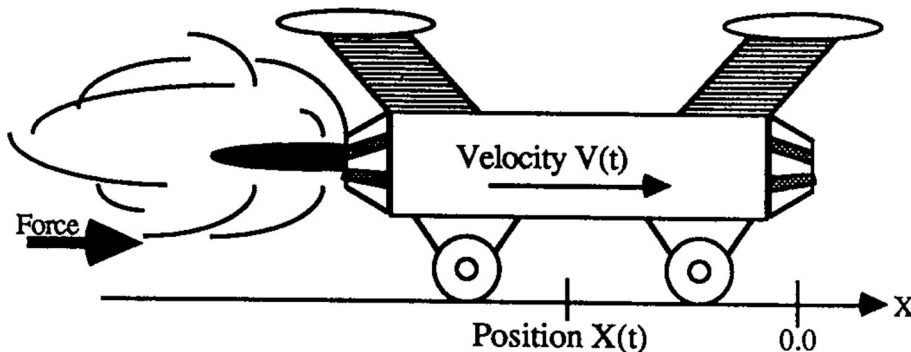
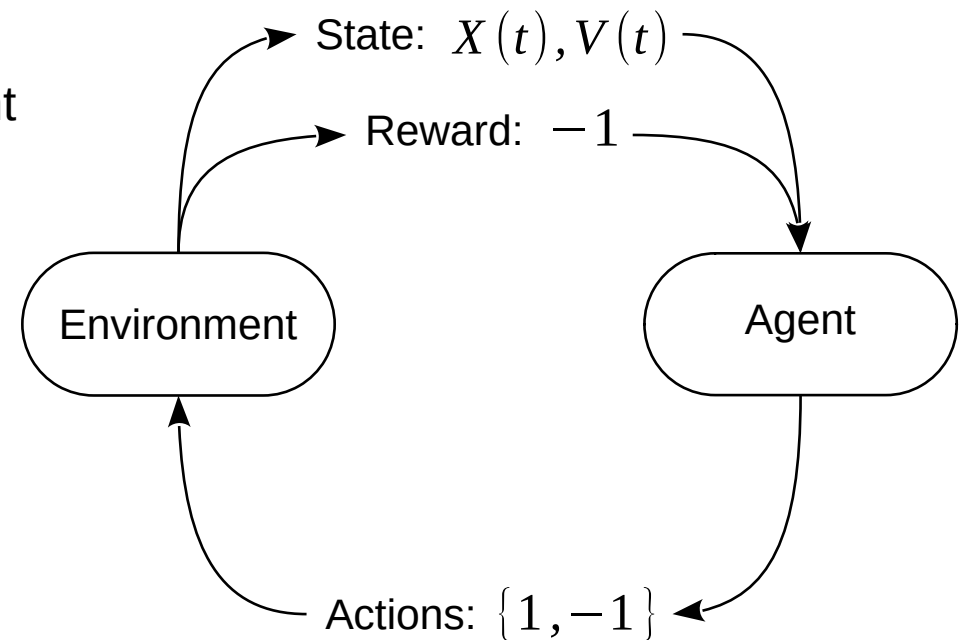


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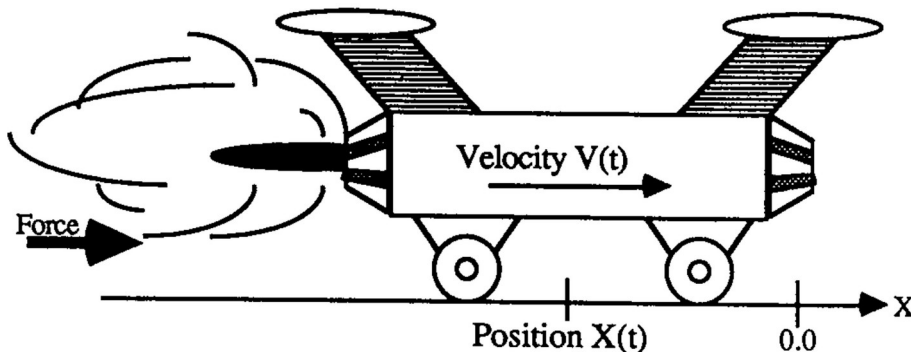
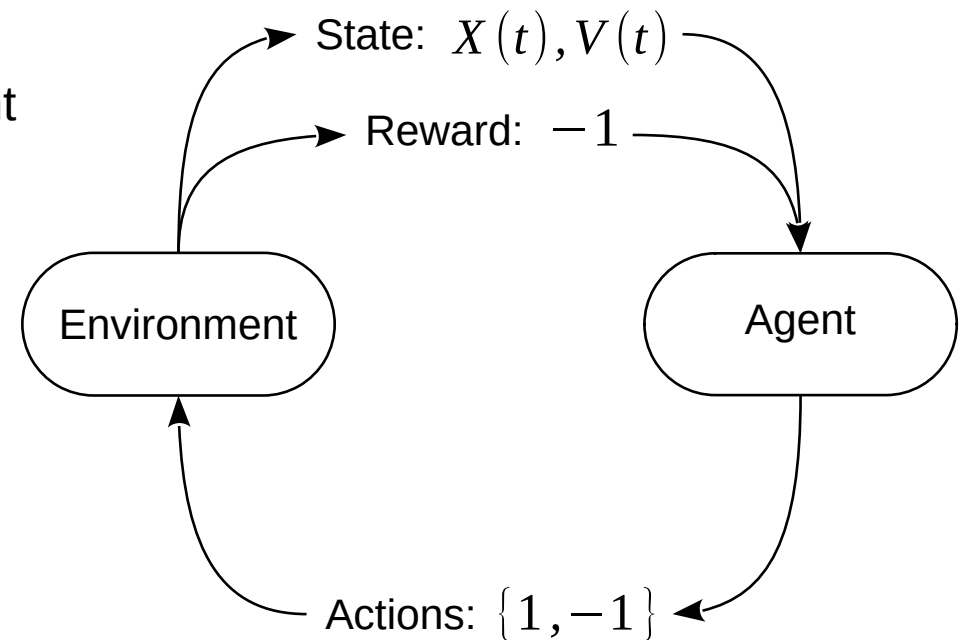


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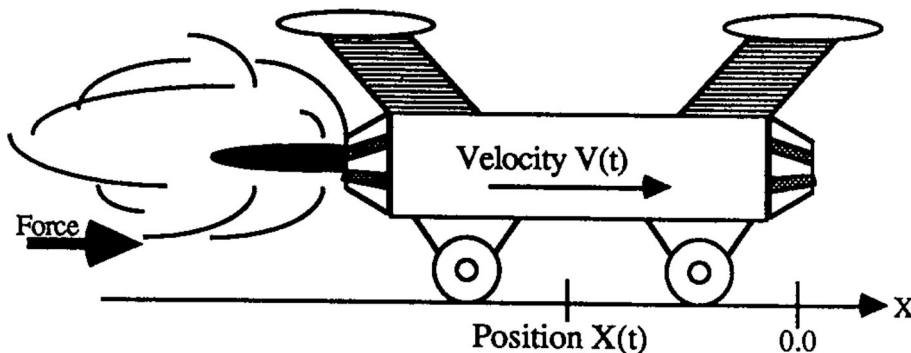
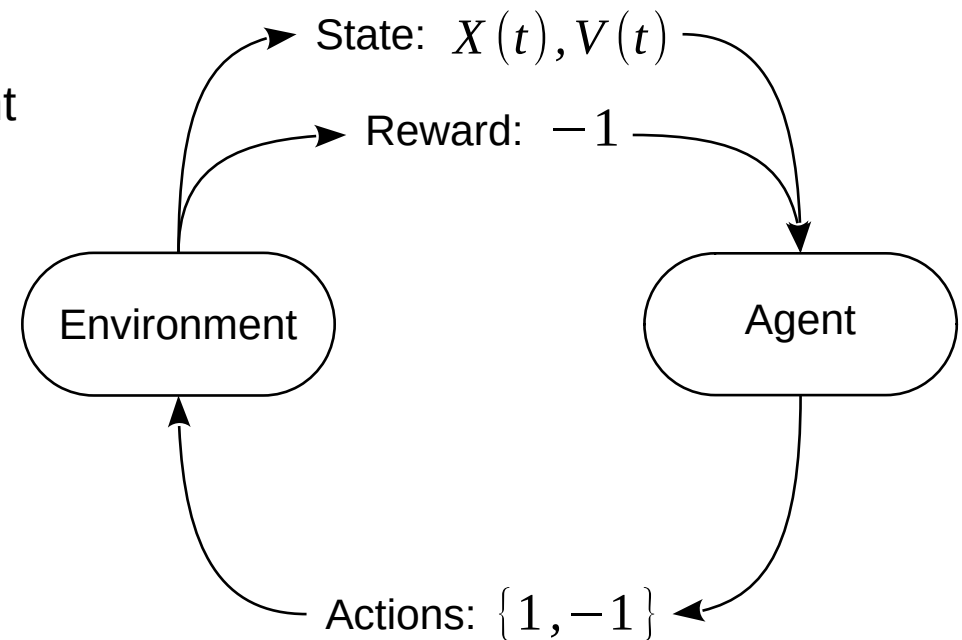


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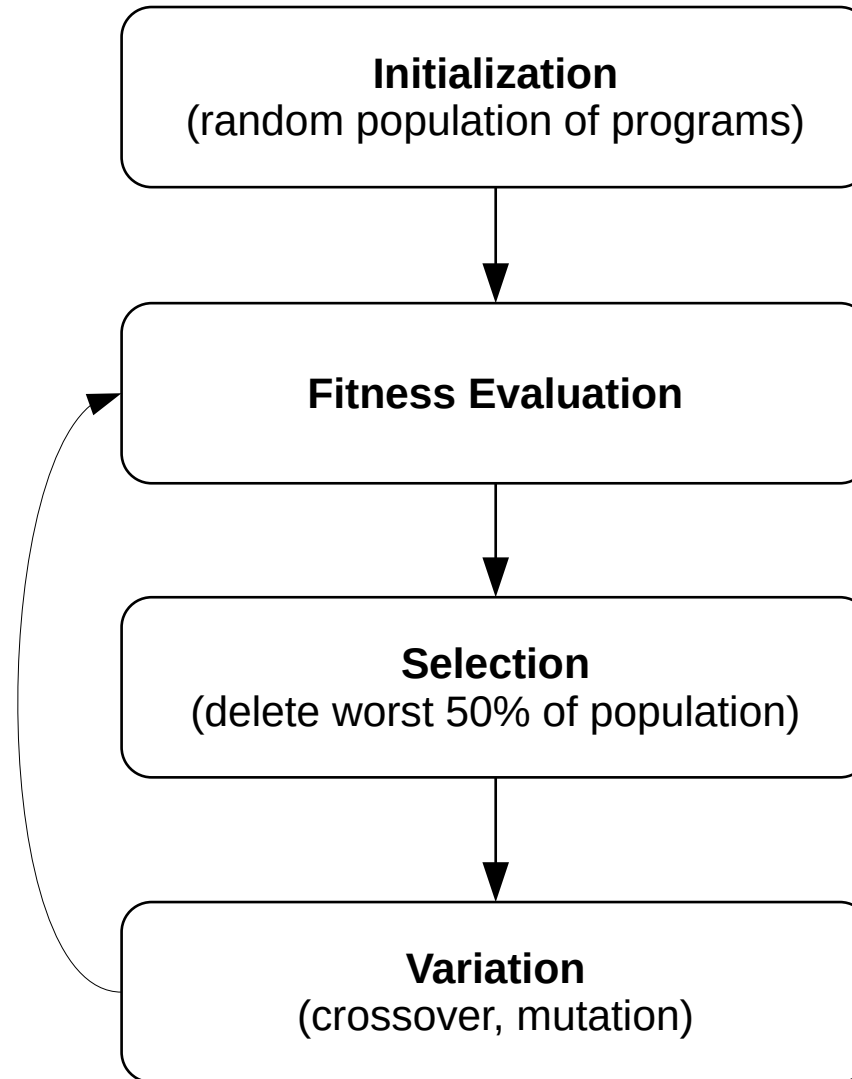
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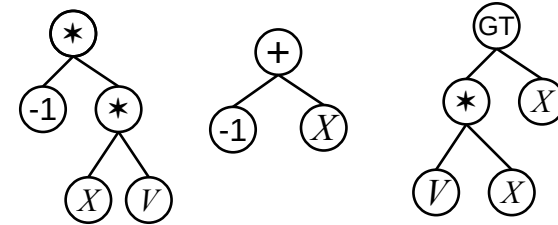
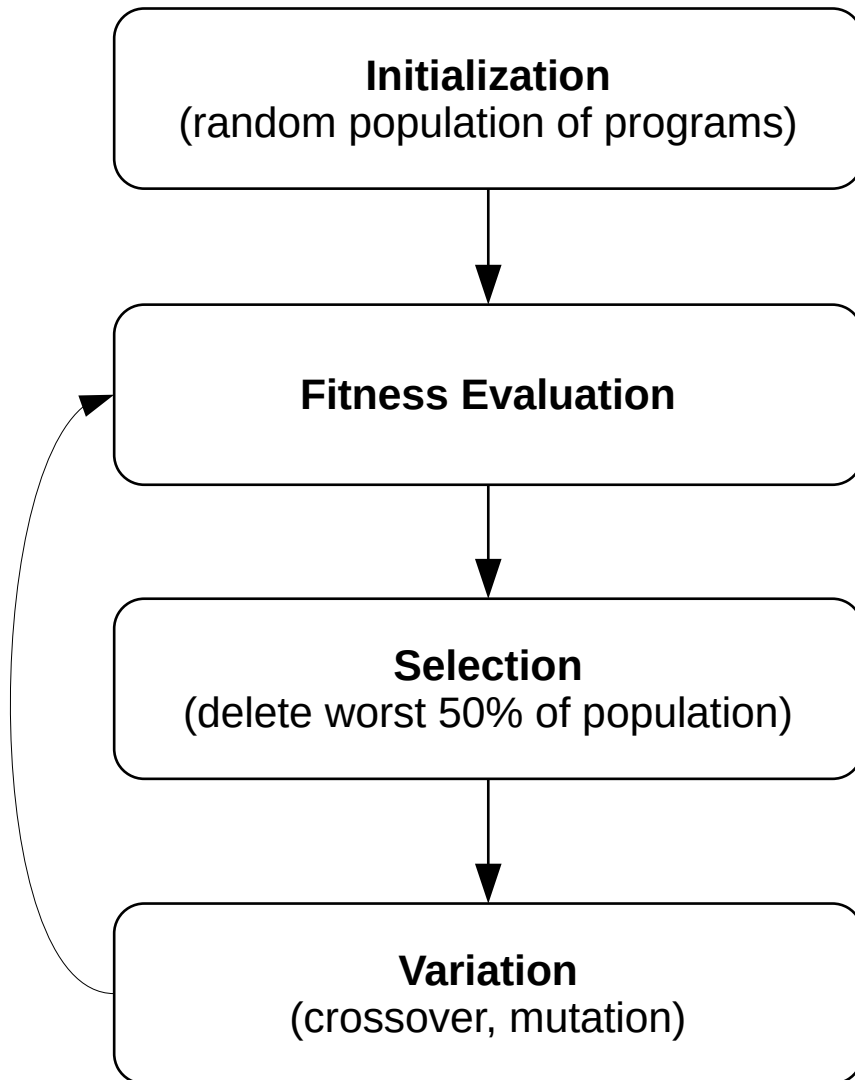
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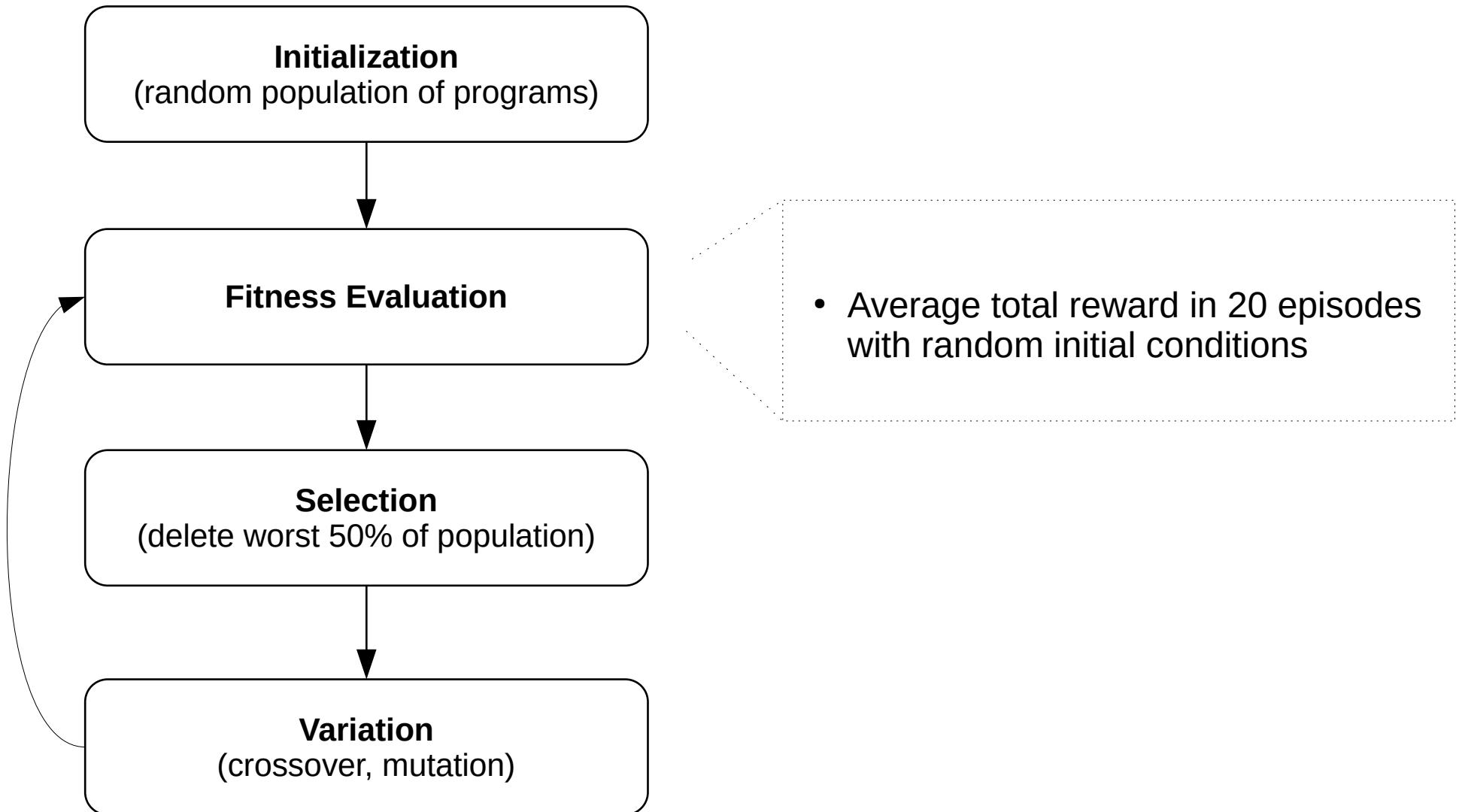


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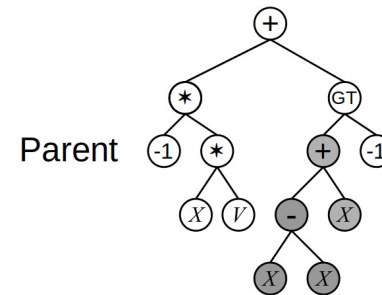
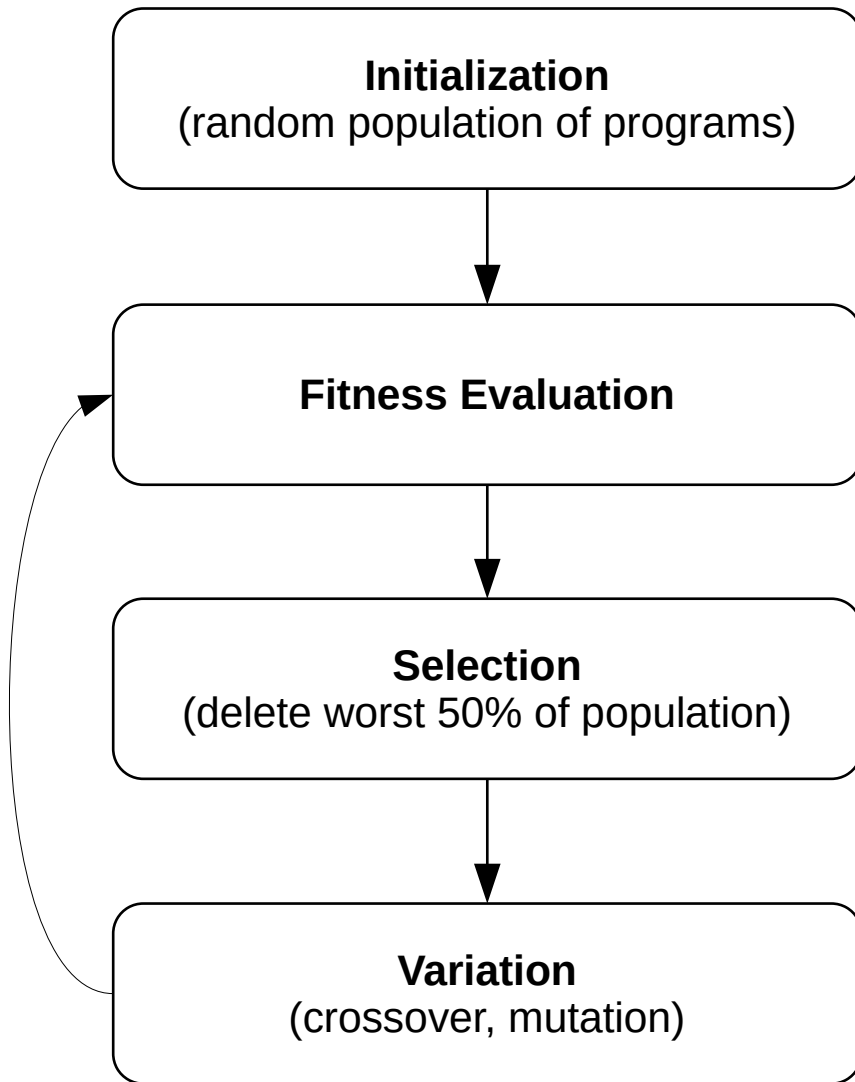


- wrapper maps positive output to 1, negative output to -1

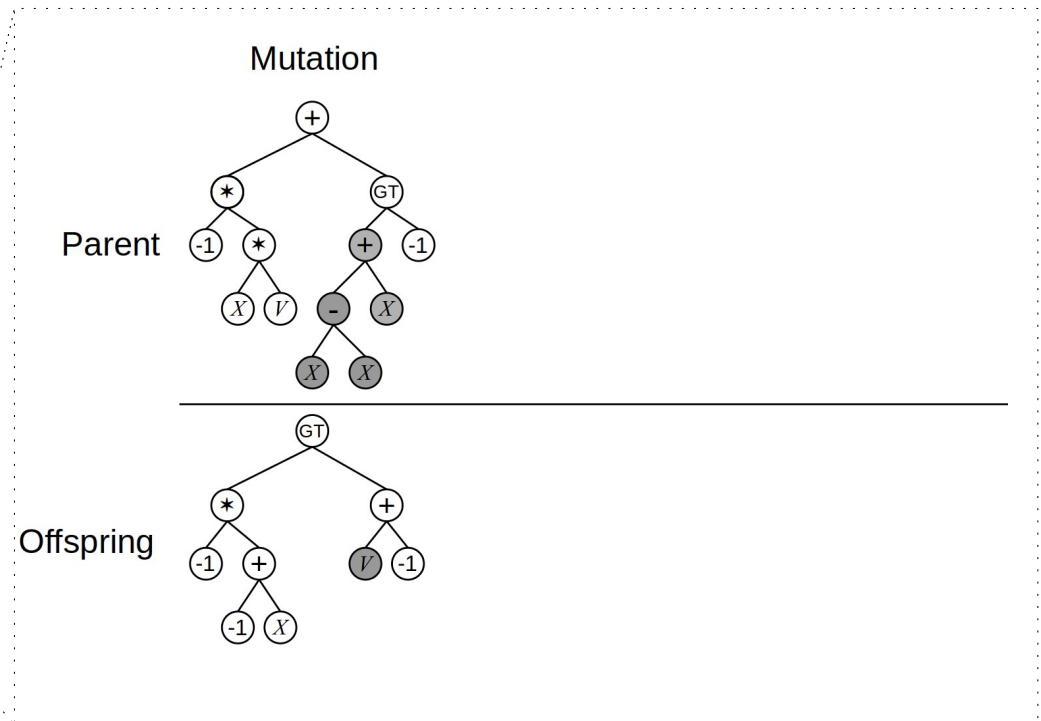
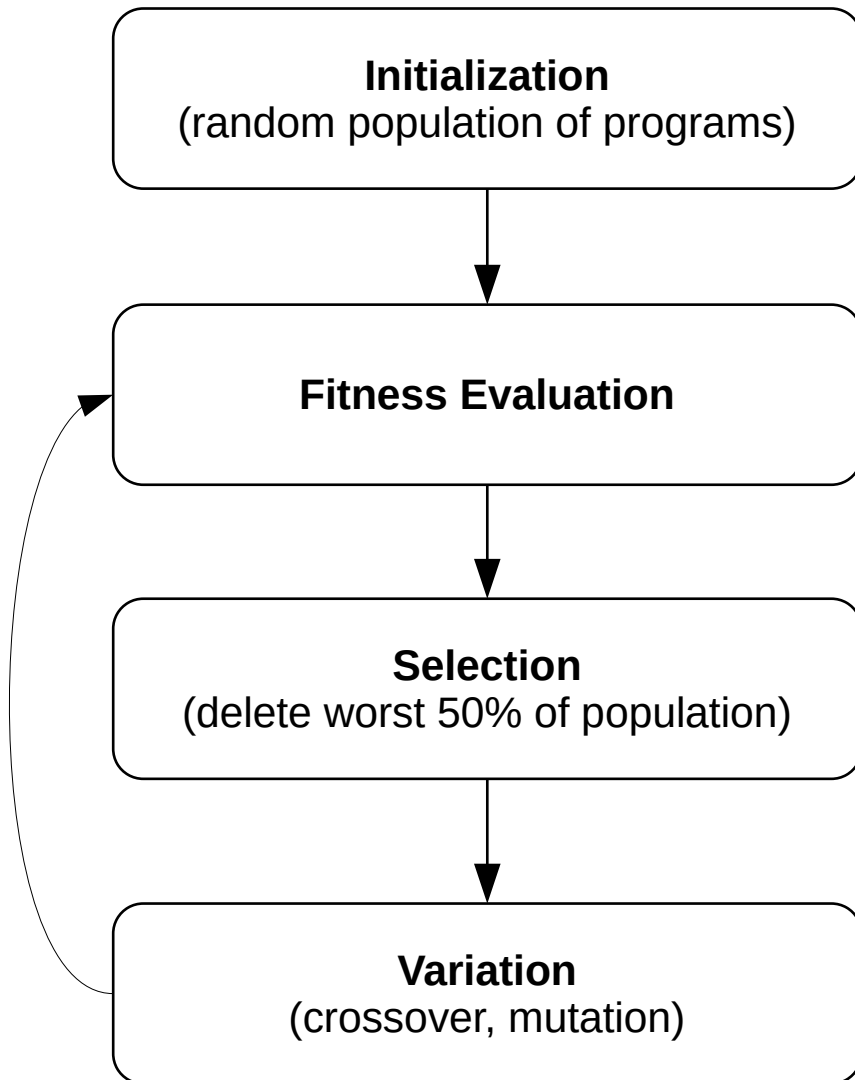
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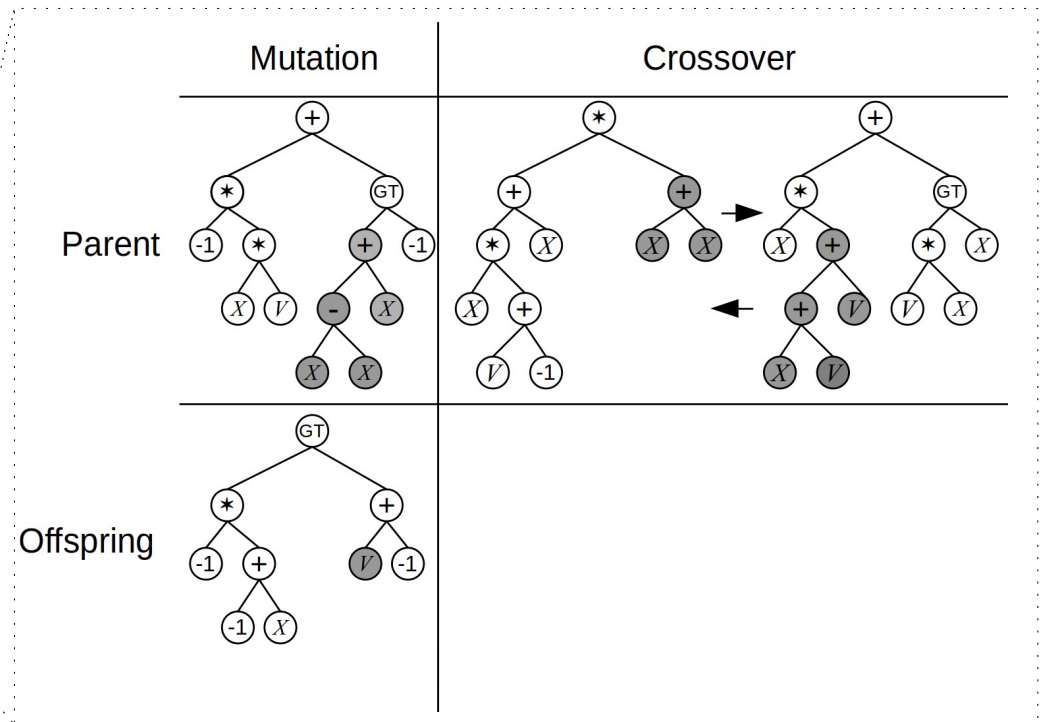
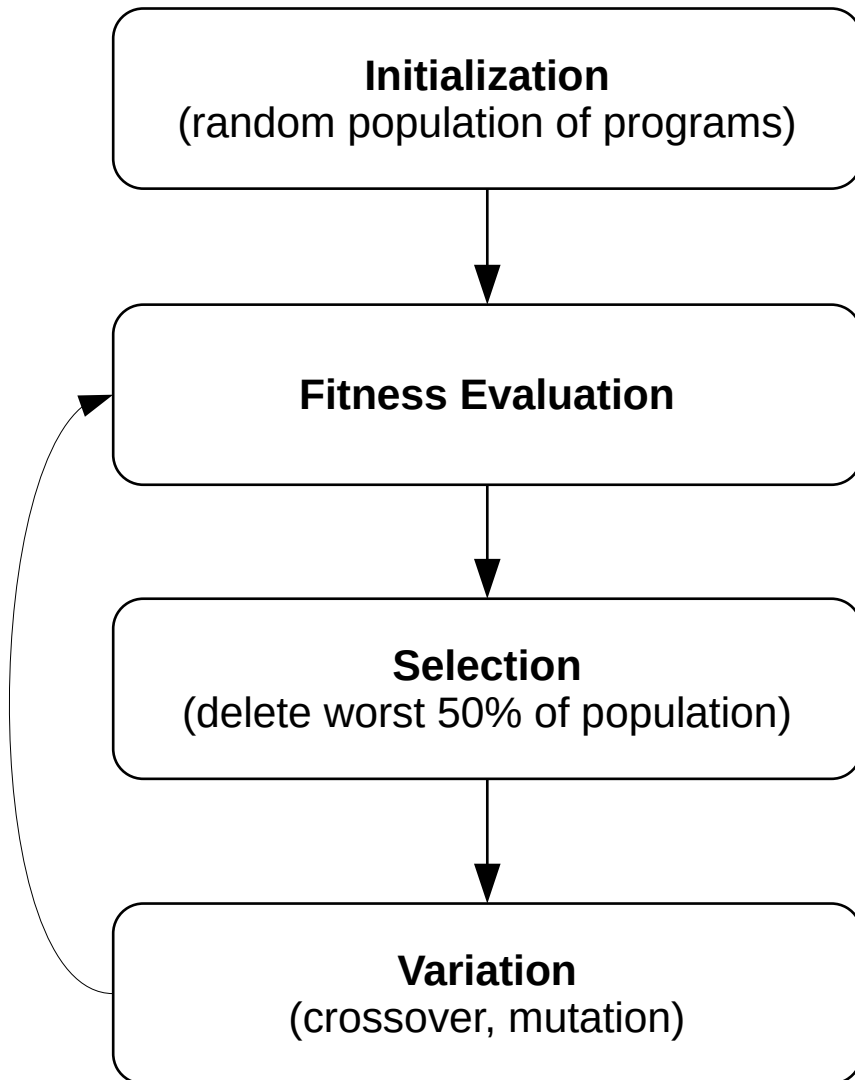
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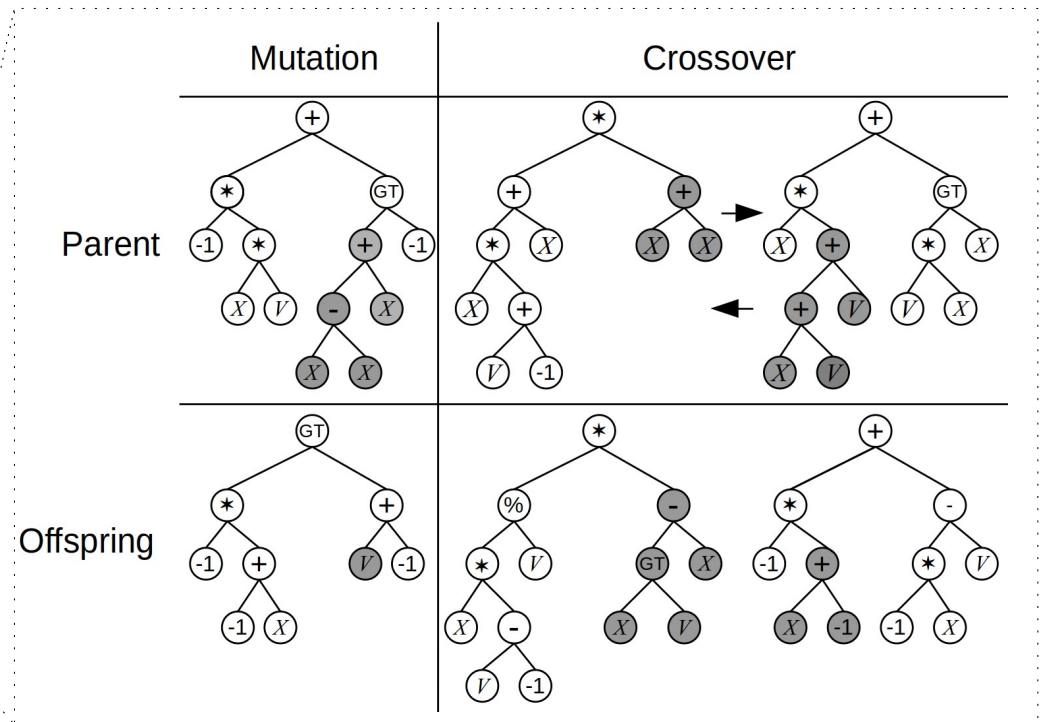
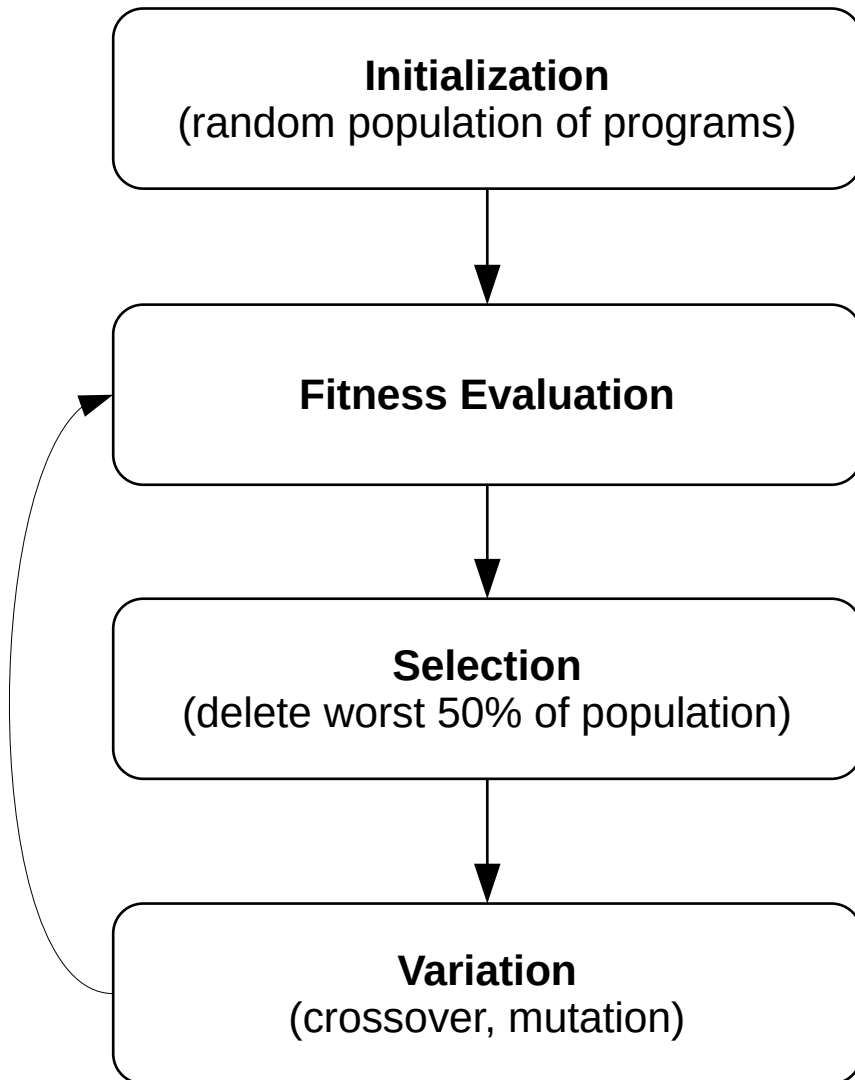
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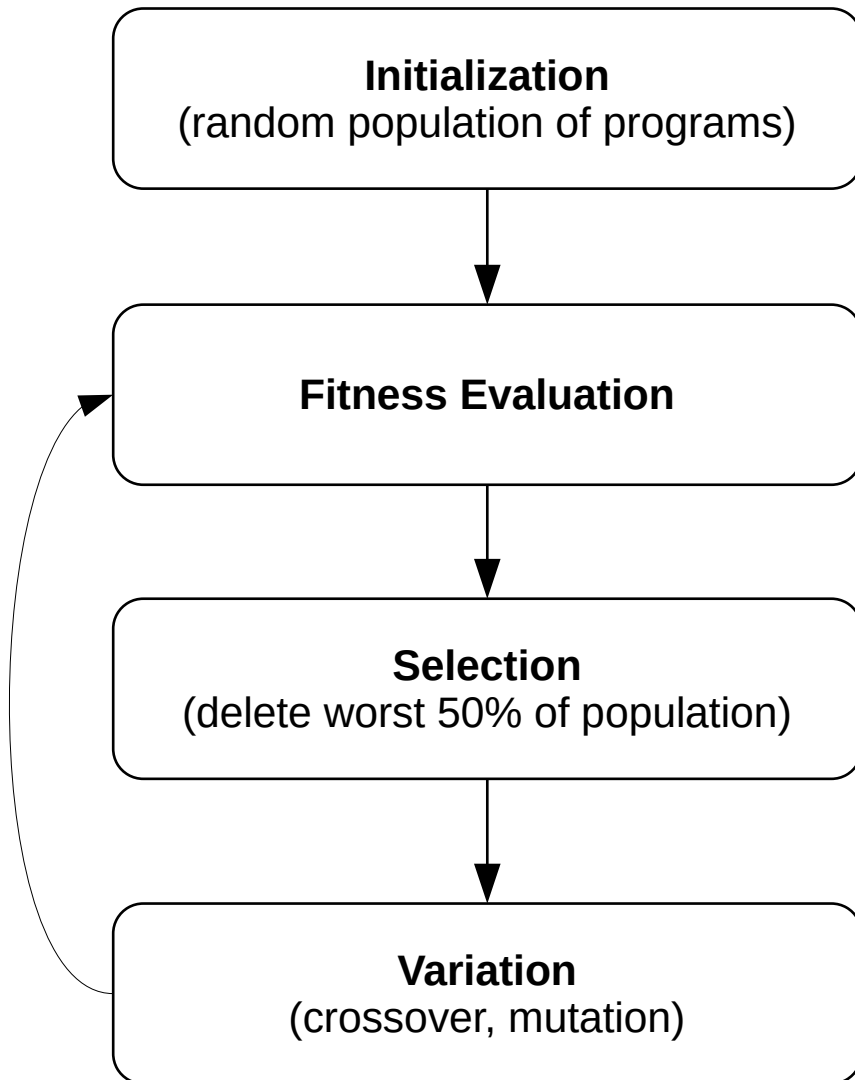
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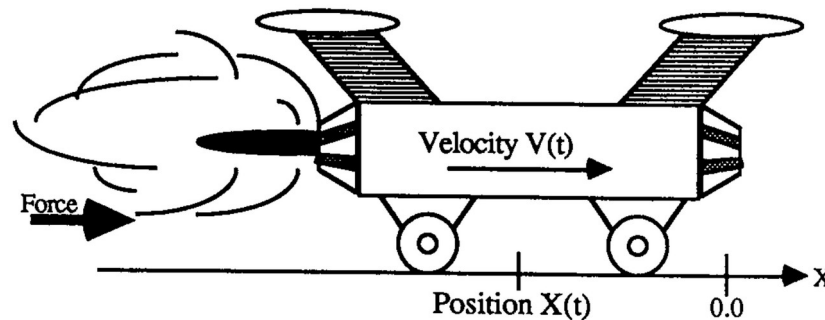
- 1 loop = 1 *generation*

Genetic Programming Experiment

Cart Centering (isotropic rocket) Problem

Setting up a run:

- Terminal set: X, V (i.e. function inputs, system state)
- Function Set: $+, -, *, \%, \text{GT}, \text{ABS}$
- Reward per step: -1
- Fitness measure: sum of reward averaged over 20 episodes
- Parameters: Population size 500 , 50 generations



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Learning Curves

