

Author Guidelines:

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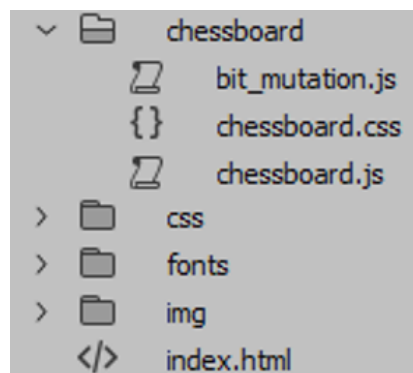
This document contains instructions on how to create immersive articles for inclusion in IEEE *Xplore* and is likely to be updated in the future.

Submission Guidelines:

- Immersive content will be sent to the IEEE as supplementary content for an article.
- A compressed zip file containing all of the necessary components required for the immersive article (HTML page and associated images, stylesheets, JavaScript, etc.) will be submitted along with the research article.

Content Development Guidelines:

- The immersive article HTML filename must be **index.html**.
- The immersive article should be able to function as stand-alone content.
- Contents of the immersive article will be embedded into the IEEE *Xplore* standard template (global header and footer applied) upon integration.
- References within the HTML to CSS, JavaScript, etc. will include a relative path such as:
 - `<link rel="stylesheet" href="chessboard/chessboard.css">`
 - `<script type="text/javascript" src="chessboard/chessboard.js"></script>`
- Sample directory structure for immersive article included below:



Page title `<h1>` → **Choosing Representation, Mutation, and Crossover in Genetic Algorithms**

Subheading `<p class="subhead">` → An interactive article on using genetic algorithms to solve the 8-Queens problem. Learn how the choice of representation and operators affects your genetic algorithm. `<div class="header-published">`

Authors grid `<div class="header-authors">` → Authors: Alessandro Brinkler | [Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh](#) Date of Publication: 8 November 2022 ``

Table of contents `<div class="contents box">` → Contents: I Introduction | II Termination criteria | III Mutation | IV Crossover | V From theory to practice | VI Conclusion

`<section id="introduction">` → **I. Introduction**

Sections from table of contents
Allows for inclusion of
in line references

Evolutionary algorithms (EAs) can be used to solve plenty of tasks using the power of evolutionary optimization. They belong to the family of biologically inspired meta-heuristics and adopt principles from biological evolution to modify, select and iteratively improve a set of candidate solutions (also called a population) to an optimization problem. While many types of EAs exist, this work will focus on genetic algorithms (GAs) [1] as the most common representative of EAs. Most commonly, they consist of:

- **Genetic Operators:** methods that produce a new candidate solution by either modifying an existing candidate solution (mutation) or combining elements from multiple candidate solutions (crossover), thereby producing a population of children.
- **Reproduction:** a method that creates a new population of individuals given the previous population and the children population created by the genetic operators.

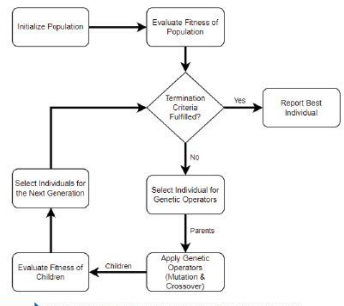


Figure 1: Components and exemplary flowchart of a generic GA.

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Tagging for images with caption

`<p class="inline-math">`
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The mapping between genotype and phenotype plays an important part in the algorithm's design. This article presents design concepts based on a discussion on the 8-Queens problem [2]. This seemingly simple puzzle requires placing eight queens on an 8×8 chessboard so that no two queens threaten each other. Thus, no two queens share the same row, column, or diagonal. The figure below shows positions in which two queens threaten each other.



Figure 2: Types of invalid combinations in the 8-Queens problem.

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Supports static illustrations with caption

`<p class="math-left">`
and `<p class="math-right">`
Enables left/right alignment of an expression

This encoding can produce any possible queen placement of 0 to 64 queens on a regular chessboard. Hence, the solution to this puzzle is included in the set of encodable phenotypes. Sadly, it also creates many candidates that violate the other requirements. Using this representation, it can produce a lot of different candidates. In total there are:

$$2^{64} = 18\,446\,744\,073\,709\,551\,616$$

Constrained Matrix Representation

This might be a bit much to find one of the 92 solutions (including 12 unique solutions and all their rotations and reflections). But it can easily be improved by adding the second property to constrain the encoding, namely that no solution can have more or less than 8 queens. Therefore, it limits the number of queens in the matrix to exactly 8. This time, our genotype corresponds to moving a queen on the board because they can neither be spawned nor removed from the board. In case you tried to find a solution yourself at the beginning of this article, you have already used a similar phenotype representation above.

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Drag and drop queens to change their position. See how the matrix changes according to the changes on the board.

Constrained Matrix Representation

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 5: Phenotype and genotype constrained matrix representation of the 8-Queens problem.

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– `$$` to add an expression

While this seems to be a small but intuitive change, it has a massive impact on the number of possible solutions. Instead of 2^{64} , it produces only: $\binom{64}{8} = 4\,426\,165\,368$ combinations.

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Representation	Size of an Individual	Size of the Search Space
Binary Matrix	$8 \times 8 = 64$	$2^{64} = 18\,446\,744\,073\,709\,551\,616$
Constrained Matrix	$8 \times 8 = 64$	$\binom{64}{8} = 4\,426\,165\,368$
Row Vector	8	$8^8 = 16\,777\,216$
Column Vector	8	$8^8 = 16\,777\,216$
Permutation	8	$8! = 40320$

Table 1: Comparison of genotype representations and their resulting size of the search space.

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VI. Conclusion

This paper introduced several representations and their respective mutation and crossover operators for solving the 8-Queens Puzzle. It has been shown how the choice of representation impacts the size of the search space and imposes constraints on the choice of genetic operators. Special attention has been given to permutation-preserving mutation and crossover operators.

This overview has not covered all aspects of the algorithm's design process. Further elements such as initialization of the first population, fitness evaluation, selection, and reproduction should be well thought of when implementing an EA. For this purpose, please refer to introductory literature on EAs [3] as well as more detailed selections of mutation [4] and crossover operators [5], which can help to better understand the EA design process.

`<section class="references">`

Reference list

References

1. Adaptation in Natural and Artificial Systems: An Introductory Analysis with Applications to Biology, Control, and Artificial Intelligence
Holland, J.H., 1992. The MIT Press. DOI: 10.7551/mitpress/1090.001.0001
2. The n-Queens Problem
Rivin, I., Vardi, I., and Zemelmann, D., 1994. The American Mathematical Monthly, Vol 101(7), pp. 626–630. Informa UK Limited. DOI: 10.1080/00029890.1994.11997004
3. Computational Intelligence
Kruse, R., Borgelt, C., Braune, C., Mostaghim, S., and Steinbrecher, M., 2016: Springer London. DOI: 10.1007/978-1-4471-7296-3

Additional Guidelines

- **Metadata Section:**
 - **Authors:** Author names to be shown in the firstname lastname format followed by a pipe delimiter (|) and then the author affiliation.
 - **Date of Publication:** Indicates date article was published in IEEE *Xplore*.
 - **Table of Contents:** Includes each of the main sections of the article numbered by roman numerals using title case capitalization.
- **Interactive Elements:**
 - Any sections of the immersive article that are interactive will be embedded into a framed interface component to make it easy for users to determine which portions are interactive. This component will include clear instructions to the users on how to interact with the content.



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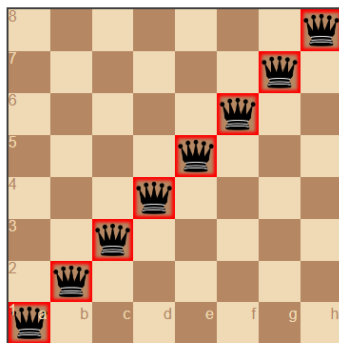


Figure 3:
Introducing the 8-Queens problem.

- **Border:** `<div class="framed">`: Will surround the content with a blue border.
- **Instructions:** `<div class="eyebrow">`: Each interactive element will need some instructions to the user on how to interact with.
- **Figure Caption:** `<div class="caption">`: Each interactive element will need to contain a figure caption.

Tagging Structure

- **<h1>** :
Page title
- **<p class="subhead">** :
Subheading
- **<div class="header-authors">** :
Authors grid
- **<div class="header-published">** :
Published date information
- **<div class="contents box">** :
Table of contents
- **<section id="introduction">** :
Sections from table of contents
Allows for inclusion of in line references
- **<figure class="text-center">** :
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- **<p class="inline-math">** :
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Use $—$ some equation here – $—$ to add an expression
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Enables left/right alignment of an expression
- **<div class="static">** :
Supports static illustrations with caption
- **<div class="framed">** :
Each interactive element and scripts will be surrounded with this tagging
- **<div class="formula-wrapper">** :
Allows for adding content into styled and responsive table
- **<section class="references">** :
Reference list

HTML Examples:

Header and Sub-Head

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<h1>
  Choosing Representation, Mutation, and Crossover in Genetic Algorithms
</h1>
<!-- Subheading -->
<p class="subhead">
  An interactive article on using genetic algorithms to solve the
  8-Queens problem. Learn how the choice of representation and operators
  affects your genetic algorithm.
</p>
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Authors and Publication Date

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<div class="header-authors">
  <h2>Authors:</h2>
  <ul>
    <li>Alexander Dockhorn | Leibniz University, Hannover</li>
    <li>Simon Lucas | Queen Mary University, London</li>
  </ul>
</div>
<!-- Published info section -->
<div class="header-published">
  <h2>Date of Publication:</h2>
  <p>Nov. 26, 2021</p>
</div>
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Table of Contents

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<div class="contents box">
  <h2>Contents:</h2>
  <ul>
    <li>
      <a href="#introduction">Introduction</a>
      <span class="separator">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;|&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span>
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      <span class="separator">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;|&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span>
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      <span class="separator">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;|&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span>
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      <a href="#crossover">Crossover</a>
      <span class="separator">&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;|&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</span>
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      <a href="#fttp">From theory to practice</a>
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    </li>
    <li><a href="#conclusion">Conclusion</a></li>
  </ul>
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Article Sections

```
<section id="introduction">
  <!-- Section title -->
  <h2>I. Introduction</h2>
  <p>
    Evolutionary algorithms (EAs) can be used to solve plenty of tasks
    using the power of evolutionary optimization.
    They belong to the family of biologically inspired meta-heuristics and
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    While many types of EAs exist, this work will focus on genetic
    algorithms (GA) [1] as the most common
    representative of EAs. Most commonly, they consist of:
  </p>
```

- Include name of section in Section ID value.
- Surround section header in <h2> tag.

Framed Element

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  <!-- Additional class for responsiveness -->
  ▼<div class="inside">
    <!-- Frame top blue text -->
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      " Drag and drop queens to change their position. Try to position all queens such that no two queens
      share the same row, column, or diagonal. Queens that threaten each other will be highlighted in red.
      In case you found a solution all queens will be highlighted in green. "
    </div>
    ▼<div id="board-letsplay" style="width: 320px; margin: auto auto 10px;">
      ▶<div class="chessboard-63f37">...</div>
    </div>
    <!-- Frame caption -->
    ▼<div class="caption">
      <b>Figure 3:</b>
      " Introducing the 8-Queens problem."
    </div>
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  </div>
</div>
</section>
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Math

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<!-- Class for math expression inside content -->
<p class="inline-math">The mapping between genotype and phenotype plays
an important part in
the algorithm's design. This article presents design concepts based on
a discussion on the 8-Queens problem [2]. This
seemingly simple puzzle
requires placing eight queens on an
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queens threaten each other. Thus, no two queens share the same row,
column, or diagonal. The figure below shows positions in which two
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</p>
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References

Inline References

The inline references will be tagged using the following format: [[1](#ref_1)] as outlined below:

Among many types of the search, this work will focus on genetic algorithms (GA) [[1](#ref_1)] as the most common representative of EAs. Most commonly, they consist of:

Reference List

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<!-- References section -->
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