

DEEP LEARNING GROUP TALKS

NEURO EVOLUTION OF
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- Key evolutionary processes: Selection, Mutation, Crossover

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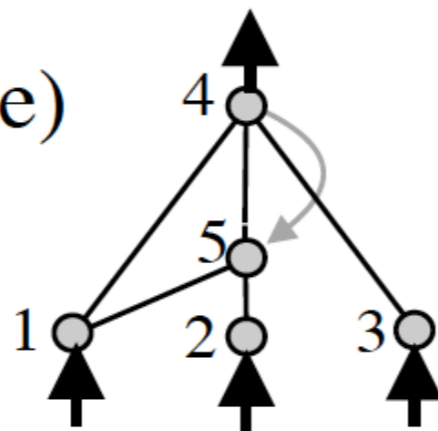
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Genome (Genotype)

Node	Node 1	Node 2	Node 3	Node 4	Node 5
Genes	Sensor	Sensor	Sensor	Output	Hidden

Connect.	In 1	In 2	In 3	In 2	In 5	In 1	In 4
Genes	Out 4	Out 4	Out 4	Out 5	Out 4	Out 5	Out 5
	Weight 0.7	Weight -0.5	Weight 0.5	Weight 0.2	Weight 0.4	Weight 0.6	Weight 0.6
	Enabled	DISABLED	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled
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Network (Phenotype)



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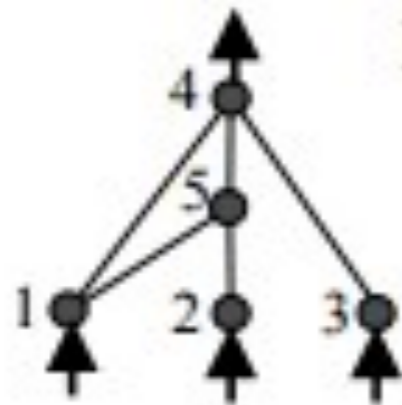
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 - Helps mitigate issues with new structural additions

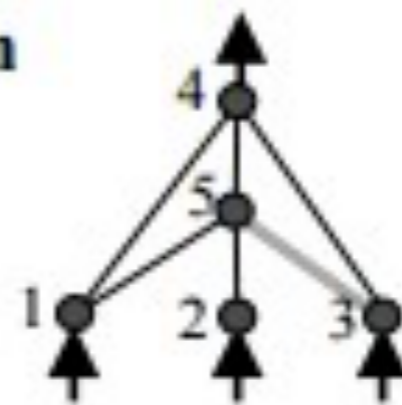
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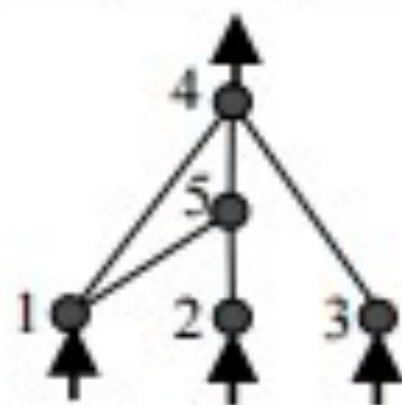


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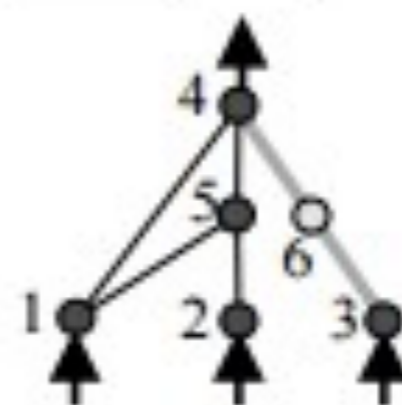


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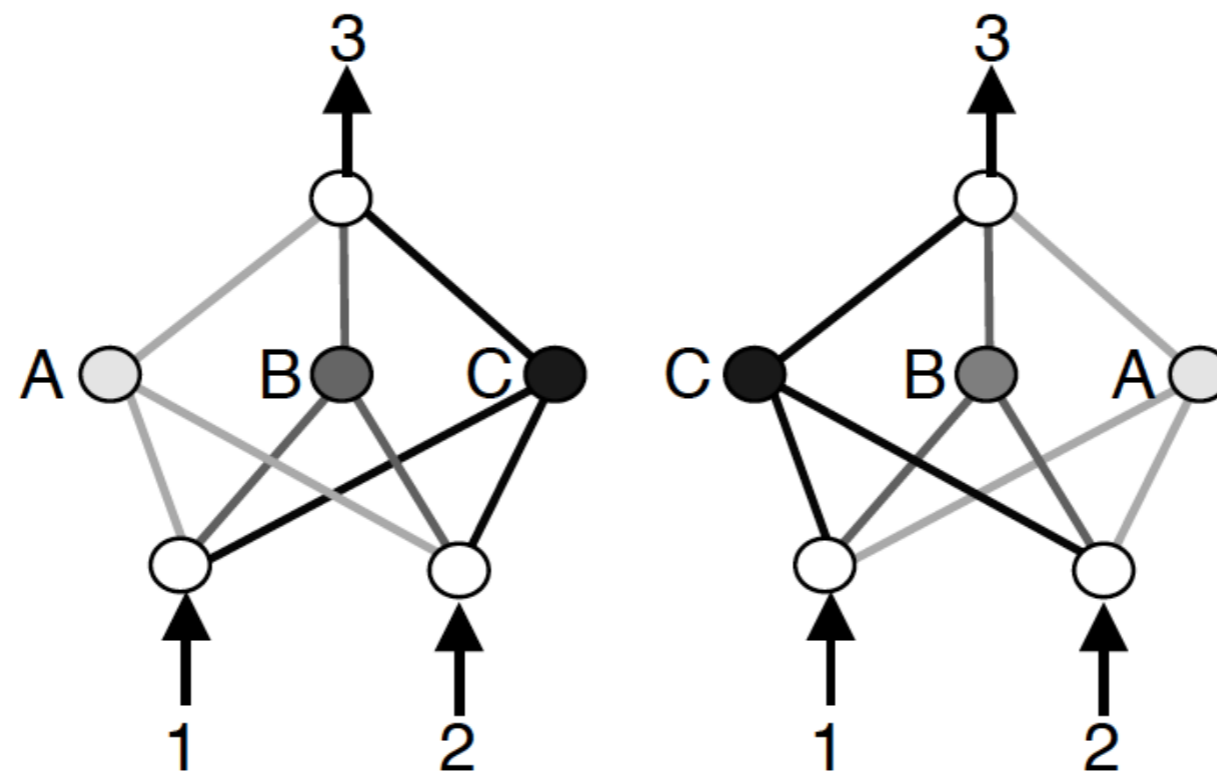


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$[A,B,C]$
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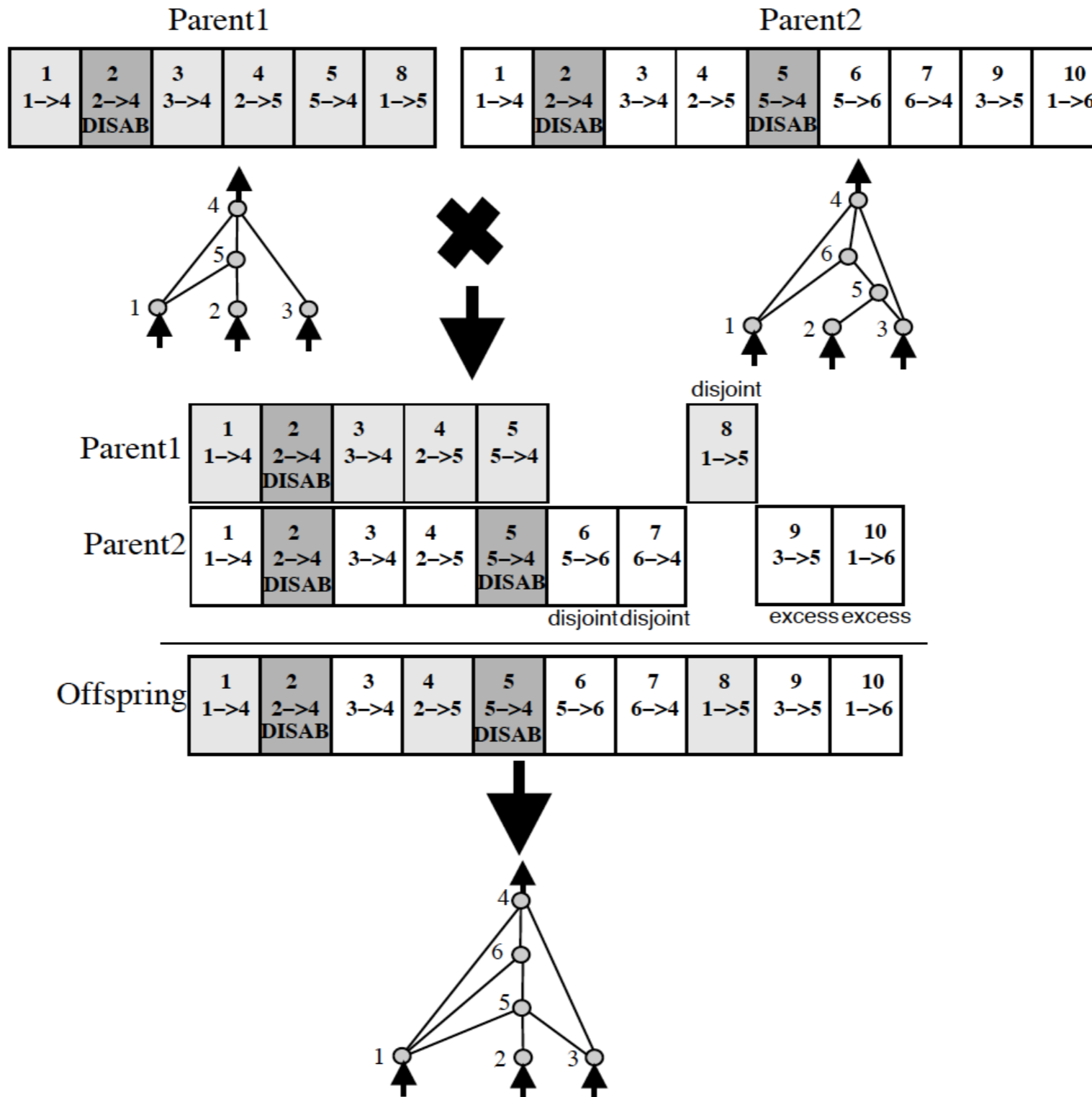
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THANKS!

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