

# Search and Machine Learning

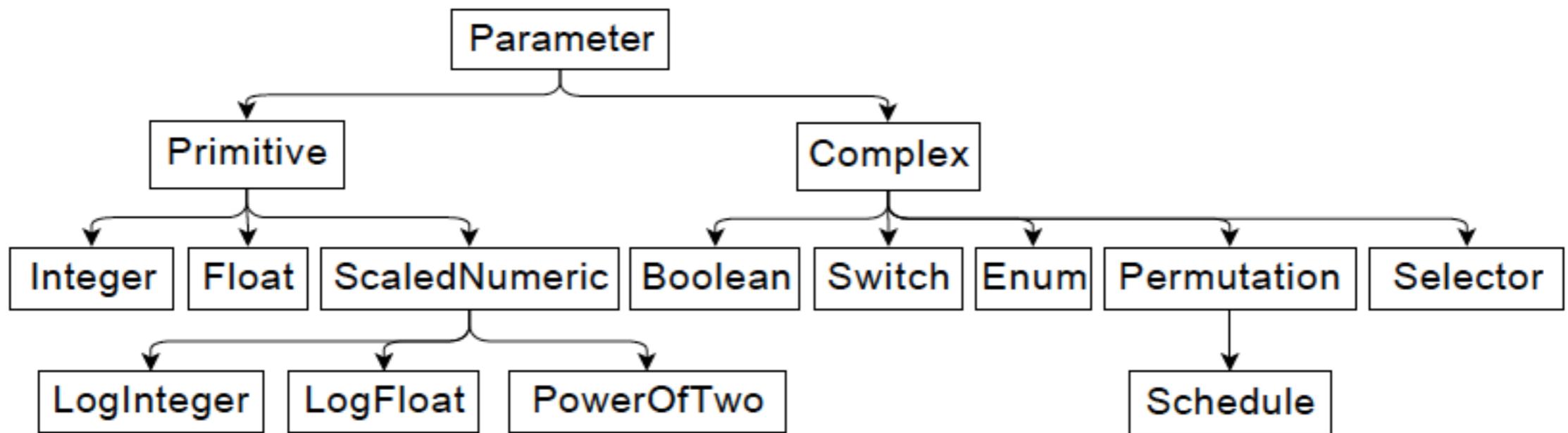
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# Overview

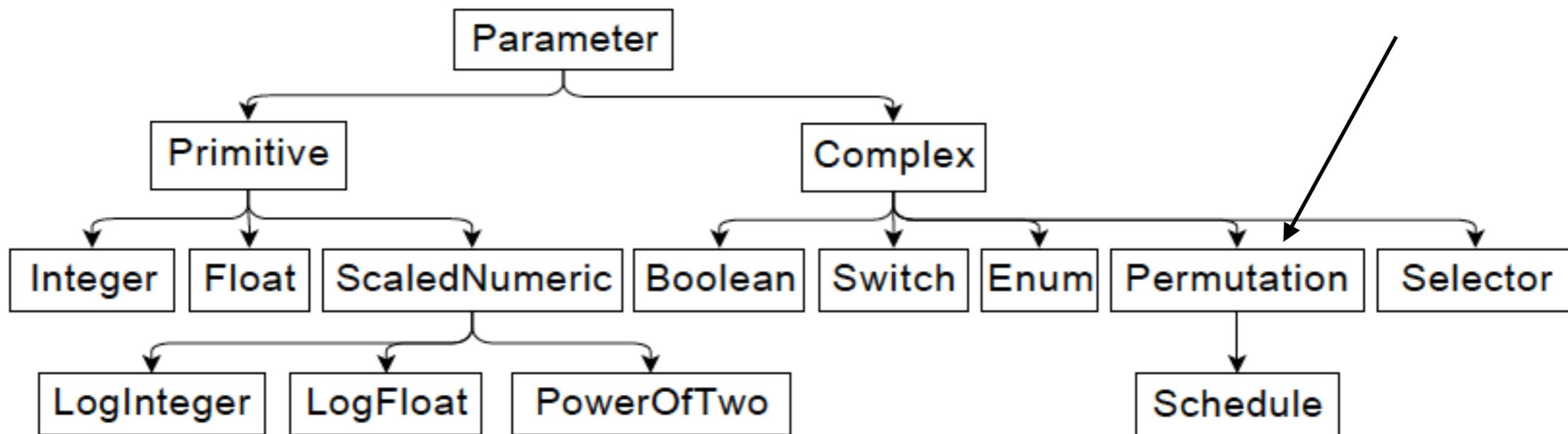
- Parameter types and tuning
- An example tuning problem - permutation
- A typical population based search process
  - Select-Create-Update process
- Options
  - Create → Operators
  - Select - Update
- Composition of multiple search approaches
- Steps to take for a new problem
- Back to Mario example

# Parameter types



# Parameter types

Let's pick permutation



```
for c_x:  
    for b_x:  
        for b_y:  
            for a_x:  
                for a_y:  
                    compute_a()  
                    compute_b()  
    for c_y:  
        compute_c()
```

c\_x  
b\_x  
x\_y  
a\_x  
a\_y  
compute\_a  
compute\_b  
c\_y  
compute\_c

Example:  
Permute the placement  
of these computations

# A typical population based search process

Initialize

Evaluate

Select

Create

Evaluate

Update

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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9	6	4	7	3	2	5	1	8
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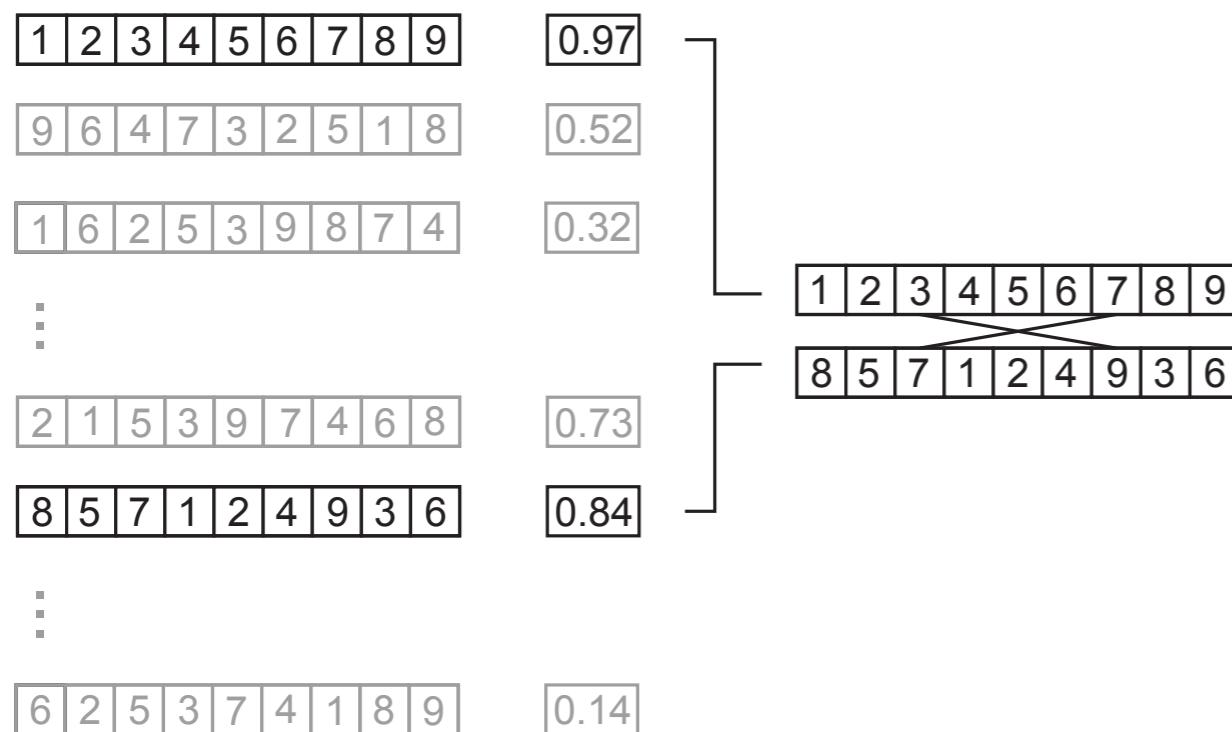
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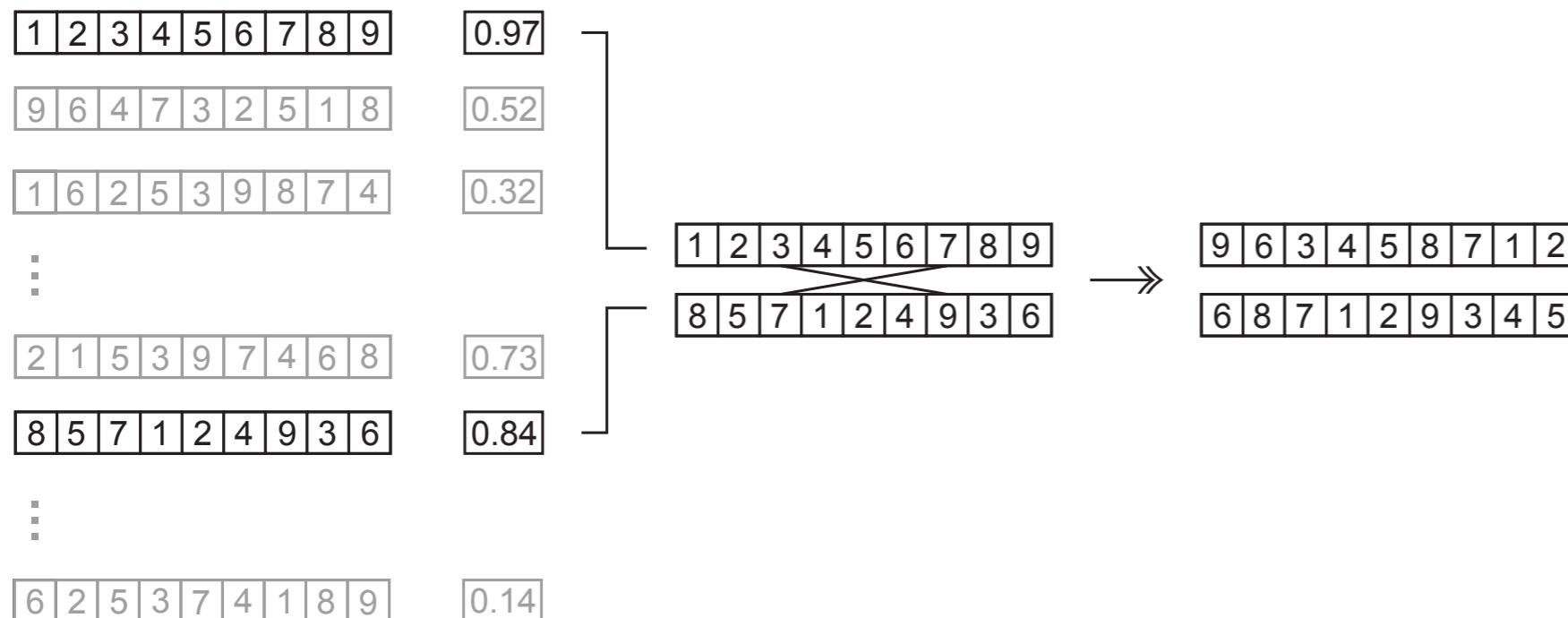
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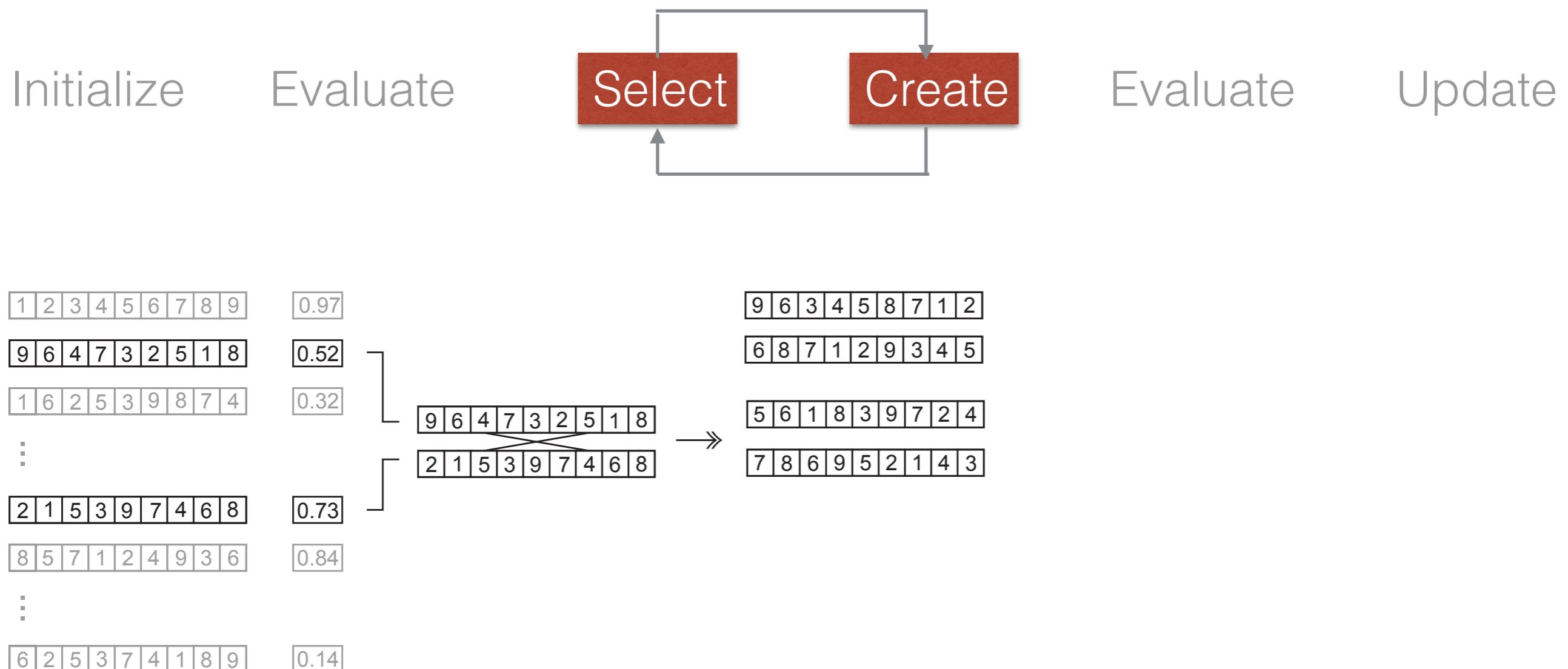


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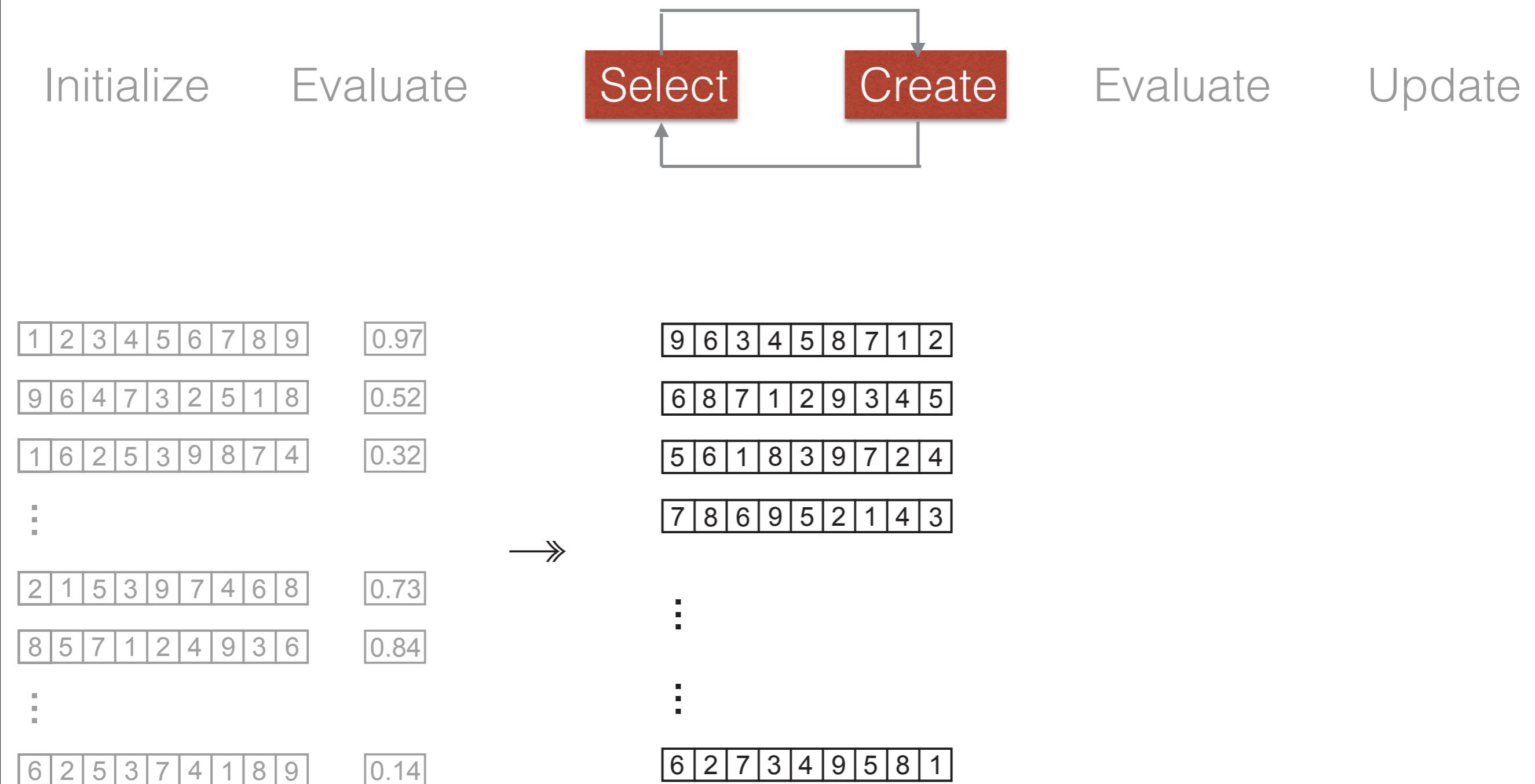
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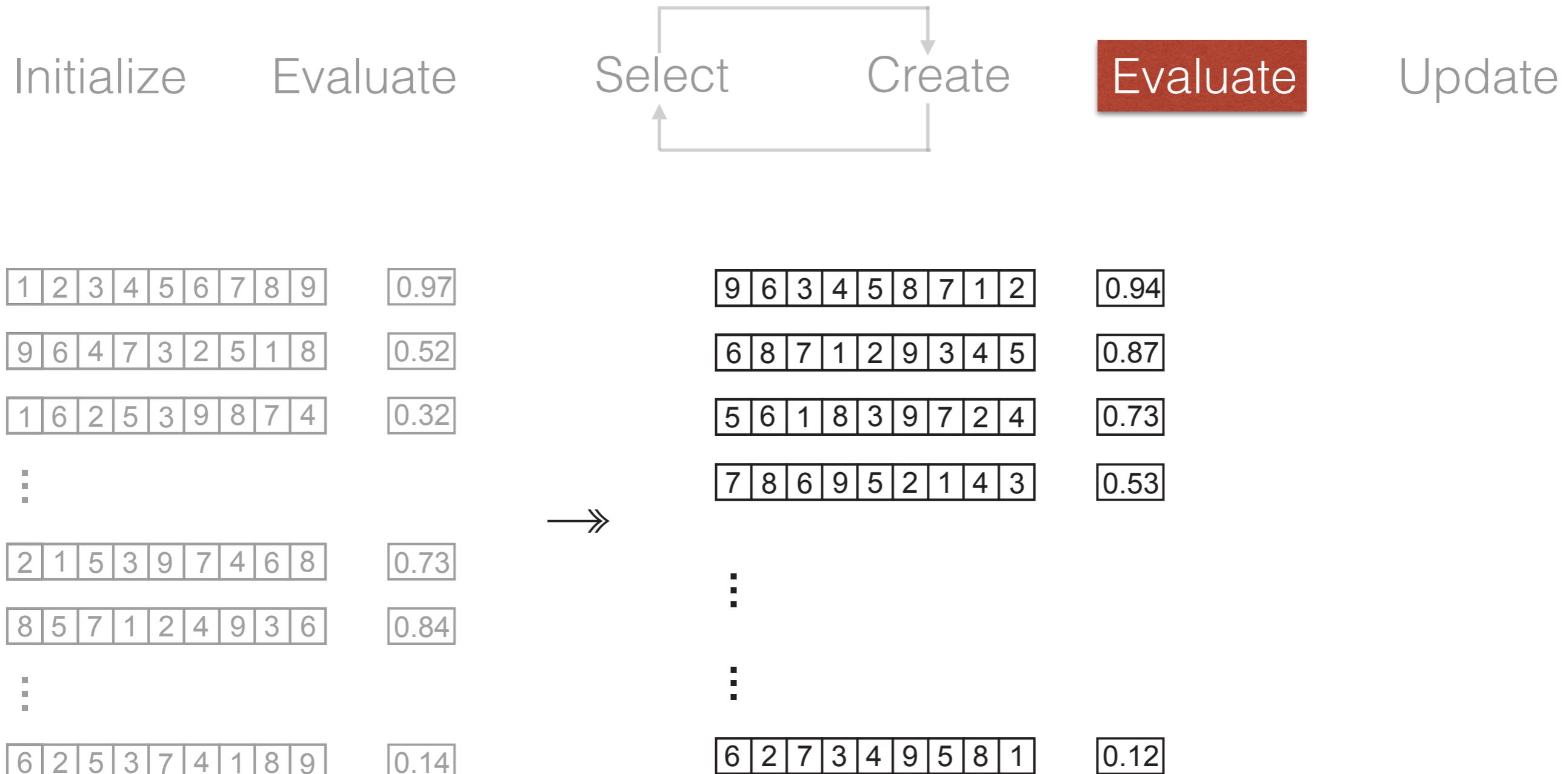
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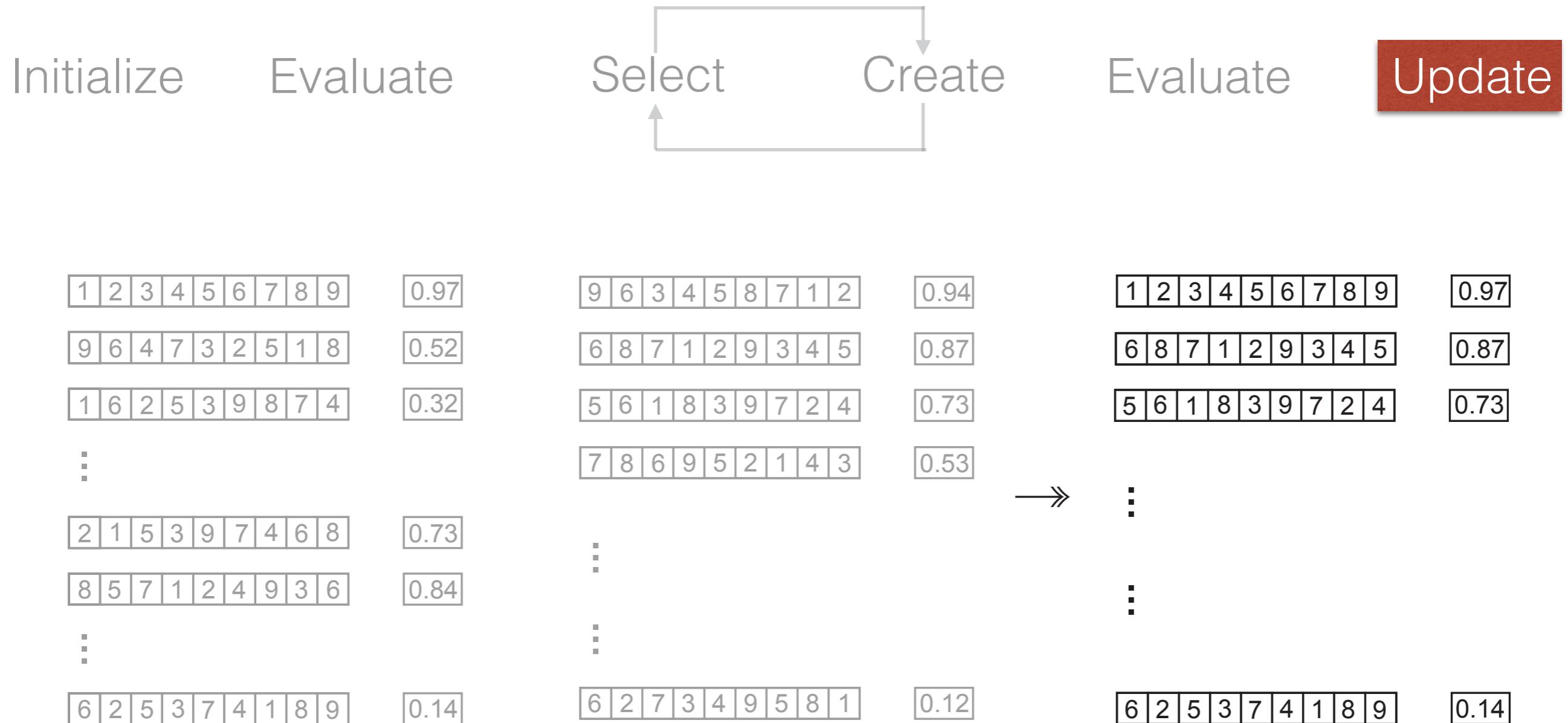
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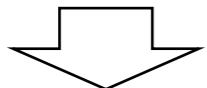
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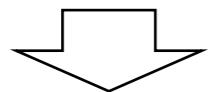
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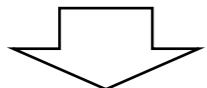
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## Create:

Several options exist for operators

- For permutation parameter there are several operators
  - Partially mapped crossover
  - Partition crossover
  - Ordered crossover
  - Edge crossover
  - Cycle crossover

# Select-update

- Select—> chooses the solutions among the population from which new solutions will be created
  - biasing the search towards to better solutions
- Update—> updates the entire population towards better search spaces
  - has stronger influence on convergence

# Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

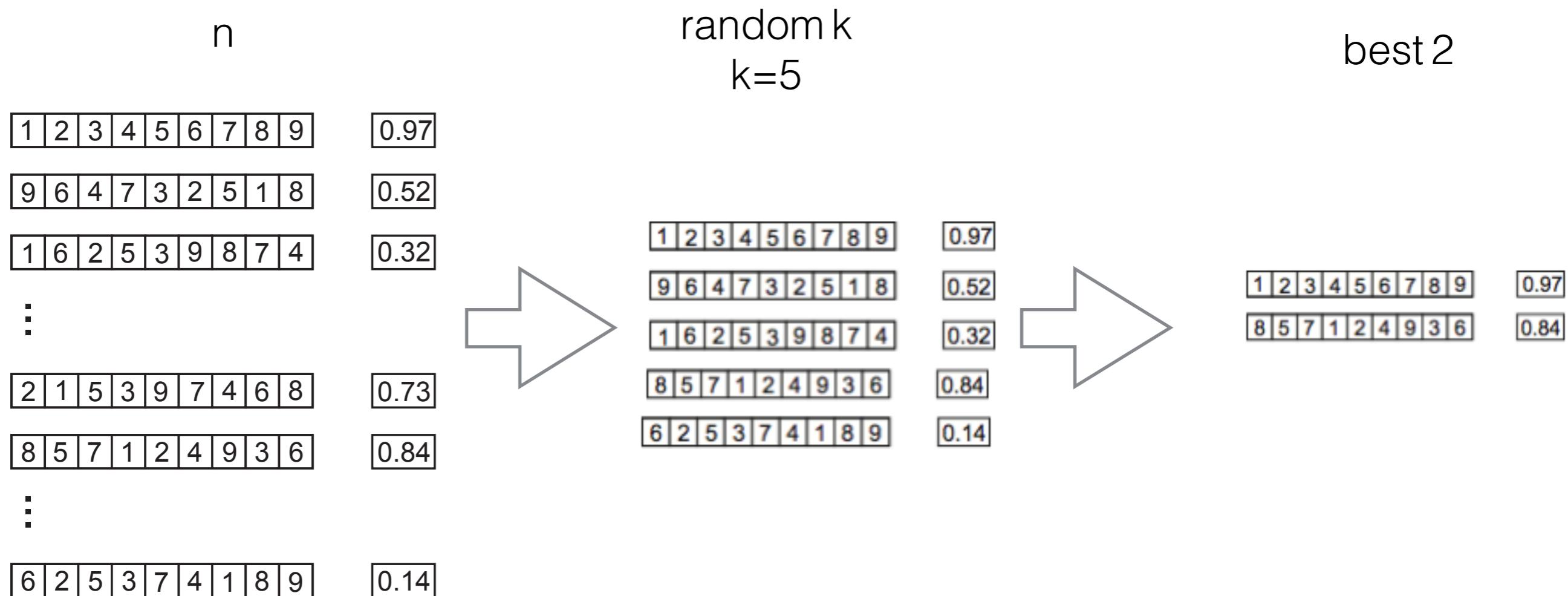
## Select-update

- State based—> for each member of the population, a history is maintained
- Select—> Individual based
  - for every individual select its previous best
  - select the best solution seen so far
- Update—> only update individuals history if it finds a better solution in the search space

# Genetic Algorithms

## Select-update

- **Select** → Tournament selection
  - select randomly k from n
  - among these k select the top 2
  - allows enough mixing



# Genetic Algorithms

## Select-update

- **Update**—> multiple ways that allow us to control exploration and exploitation
  - strong elitism
    - combine both old and new and select the top n
  - weak elitism
    - do it on a per individual basis, select if the new one it created is better than itself.

# Composition of multiple approaches

For permutation

GA - Genetic algorithms  
PSO- Particle swarm optimization  
DE- Differential evolution

Operators

Select-update choices

Ordered  
Partition  
Partial  
Cycle  
Edge

PSO

select-update

GA

select-update

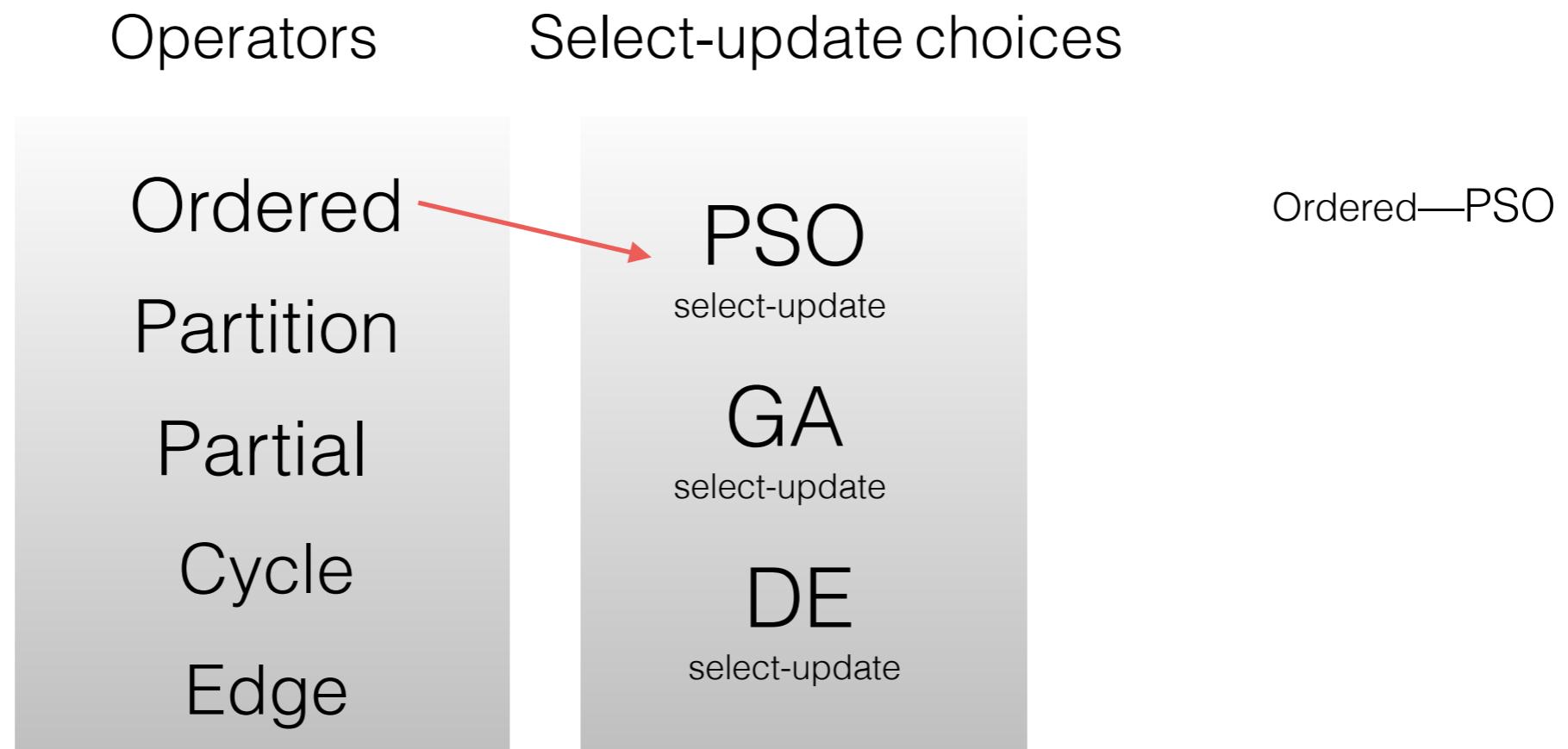
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select-update

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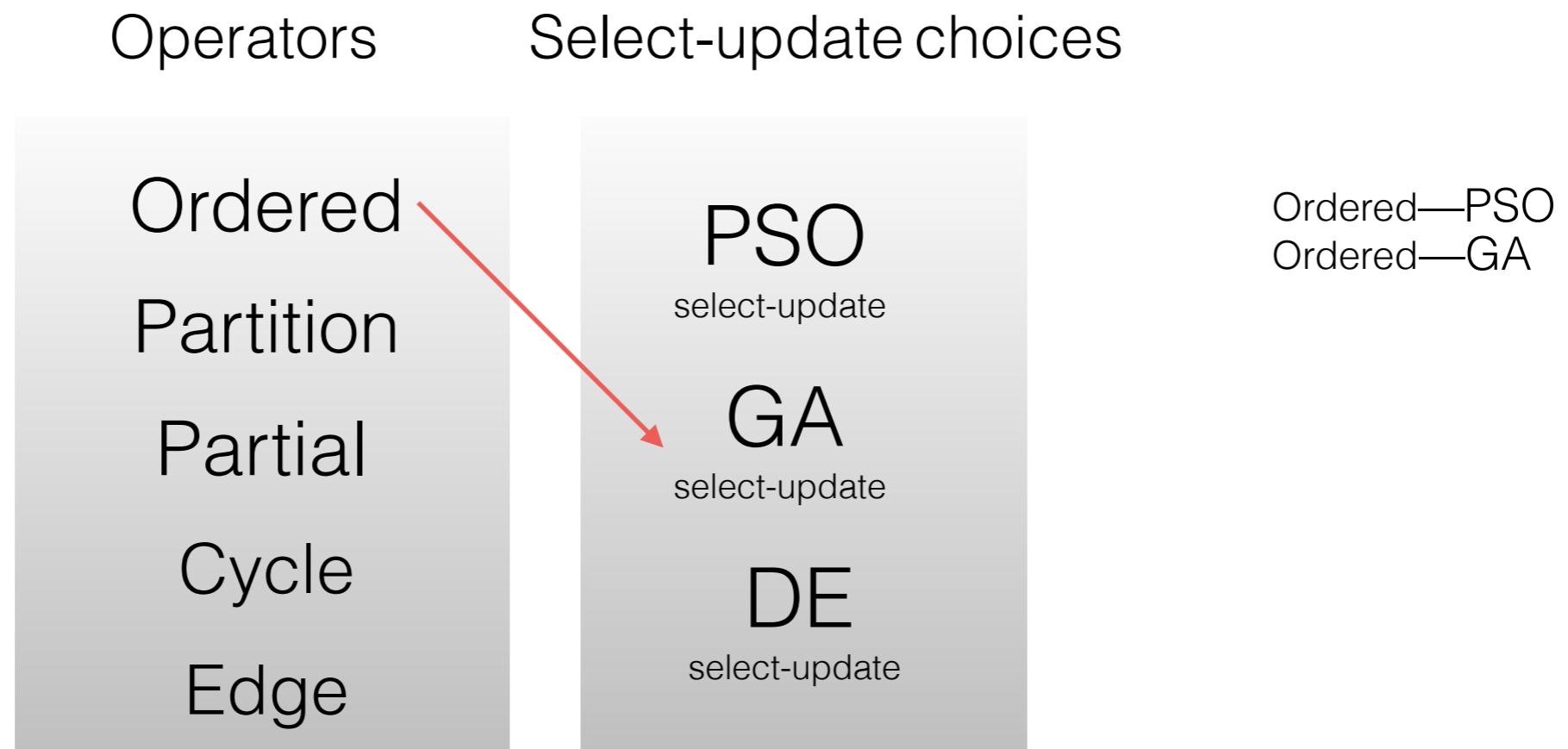
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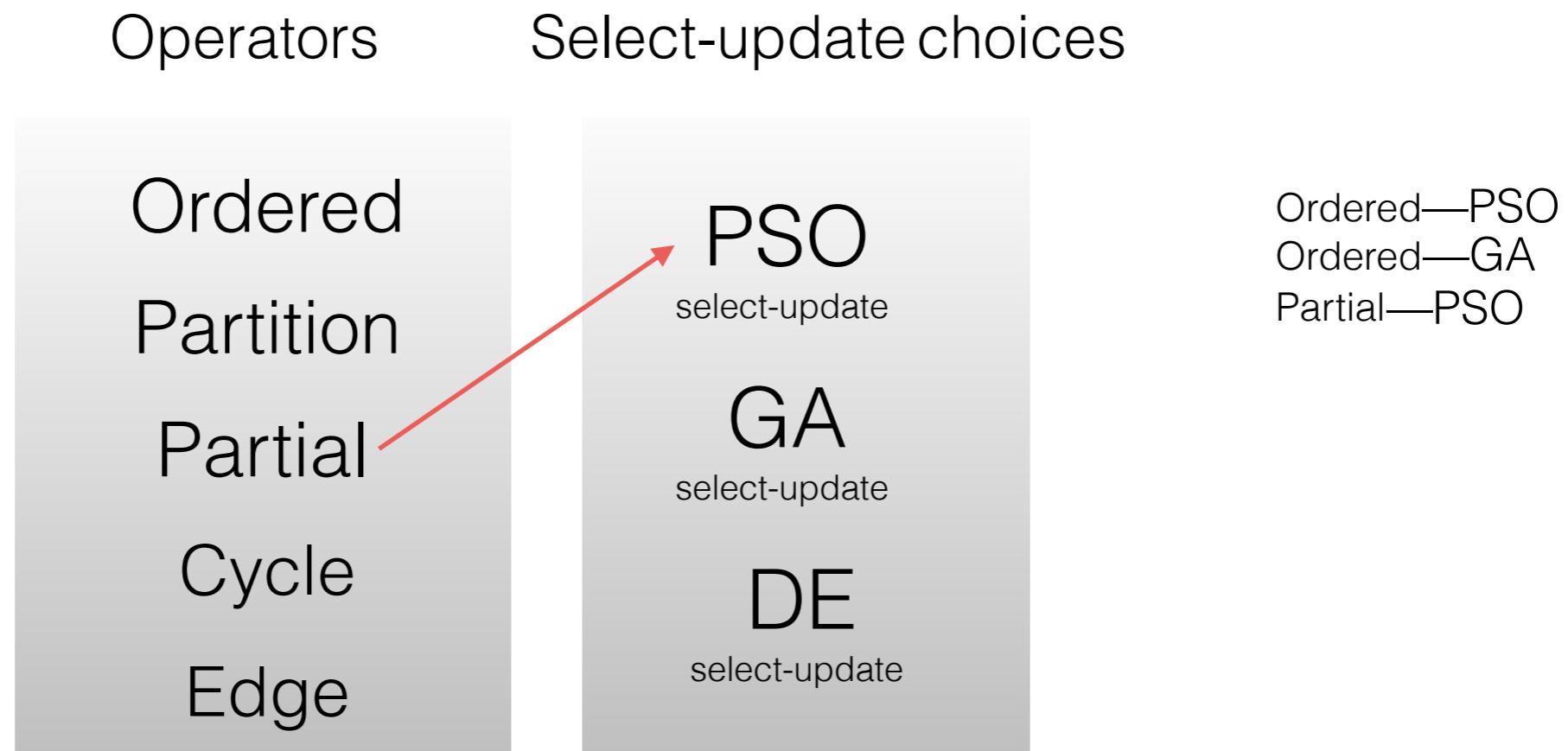
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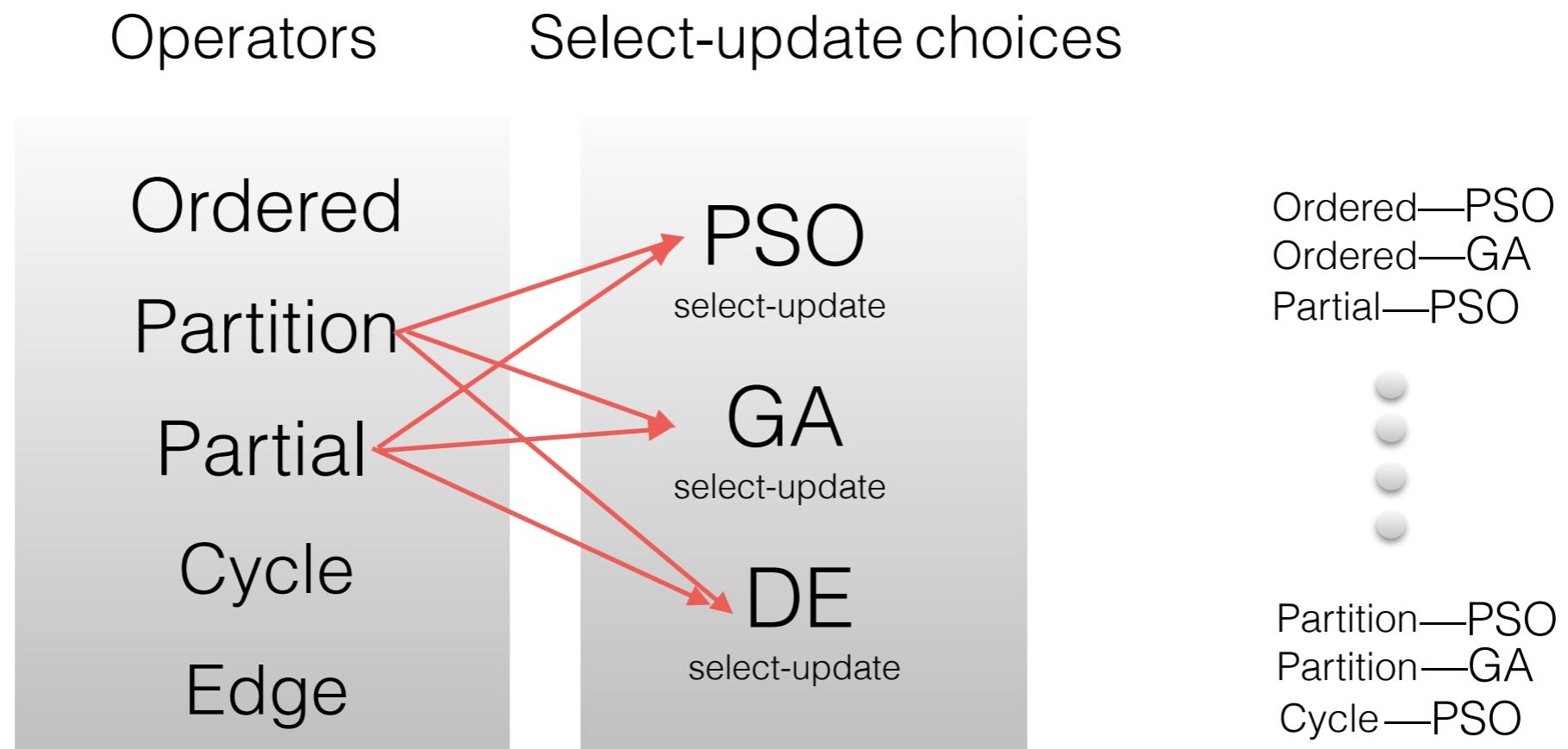
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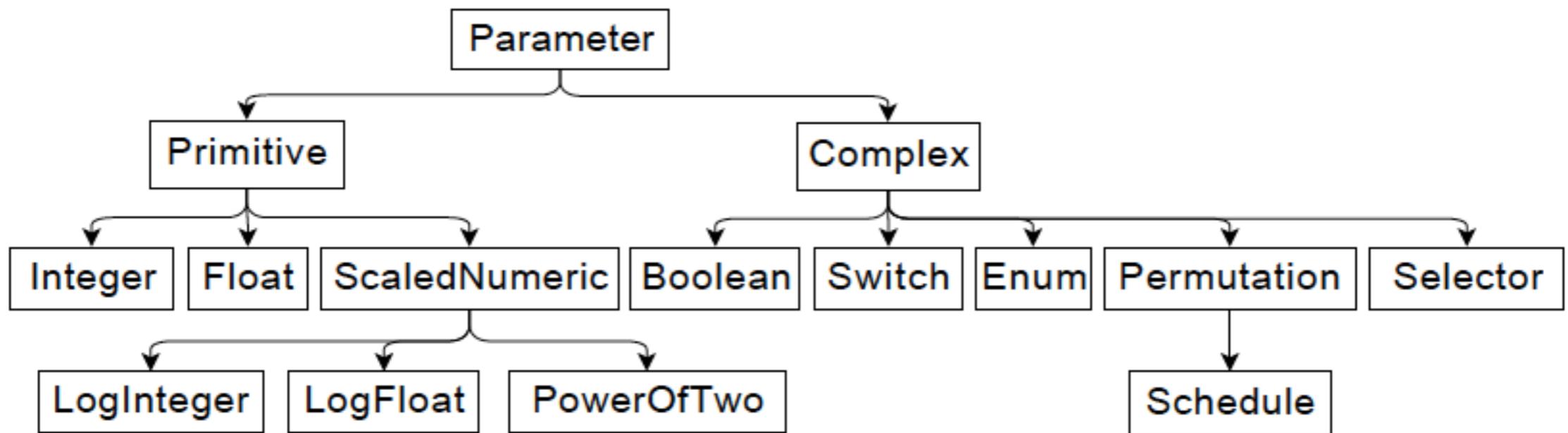
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# Parameter types



For each of these parameters we have operators, combined with techniques

# Steps when trying for a new problem ?

- Design a representation
  - either uses an existing parameter
  - add new parameter
    - add operators that work on this new parameter
  - Choose the select-update/technique

# Back to Mario

- Naive representation
  - 5 choices (left, right, jump, duck, run )
  - 12,000 frames
  - encode a bit string 60,000 bits long
  - first 5 are for decision making for the first frame and second 5 are for second frame and so on
  - each bit represents whether or not a choice is made at the frame

# Back to Mario

- Duration representation
- 1000 - EnumerationParameters for direction of movement (biased 3:1 to move to right)
  - Enumerated parameter options
    - L = left, R = right, B = run, N = none
    - Actual definition of options :
    - ["R", "L", "RB", "LB", "N", "LR", "LRB", "R2", "RB2", "R3", "RB3"]
- 1000 - IntegerParameters for duration of each direction
  - Range:1-60 frames
- 1000 - IntegerParameters for which frames to jump
  - Range 1-24000 frames
- 1000 - IntegerParameters for duration of each jump
  - Range: 1-32 frames
- Better because the number of dimensions of search is 4000
- Decoupled jump