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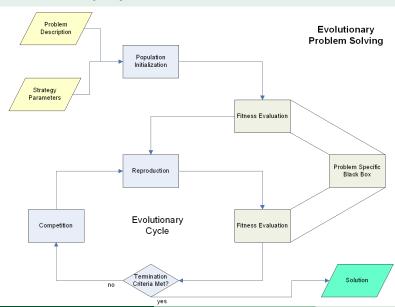
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Evolutionary Cycle



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- F does not need to be injective, but realize there is less to search if F is injective so there should be sufficient compensation, such as limiting F(G) to valid solutions in a constraint satisfaction problem.

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- **2** Modify fitness(p) to exclude items that would exceed C_{max}