

1. [10 Points]

The *Partition* problem is stated as follows. Given a set of N positive integers $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ separate them into two subsets P_1 and P_2 such that the difference between the sum of the elements in P_1 and the sum of the elements in P_2 is minimized. For example, if $N=5$ and the set $X = \{12, 17, 3, 24, 16\}$, the sets $P_1 = \{12, 24\}$ and $P_2 = \{17, 3, 16\}$ constitute an optimal solution for the *Partition* problem in this example as they have equal sums.

Formulate the *Partition* problem as a Genetic or Evolutionary Algorithm optimization. you should specify:

- A representation.
- A fitness function. Give 3 examples of individuals and their fitness values if you are solving the above example (i.e. $X = \{12, 17, 3, 24, 16\}$).
- A set of mutation and/or crossover and/or repair operators. Intelligent operators that are suitable for this particular problem domain will earn more credit.
- A termination criterion for the evolutionary optimization.