

Henshin: A Model Transformation Language and its Use for Search-Based Model Optimisation in MDE Optimiser

Part 2

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**Common task: find an optimal solution
among a vast number of candidates**

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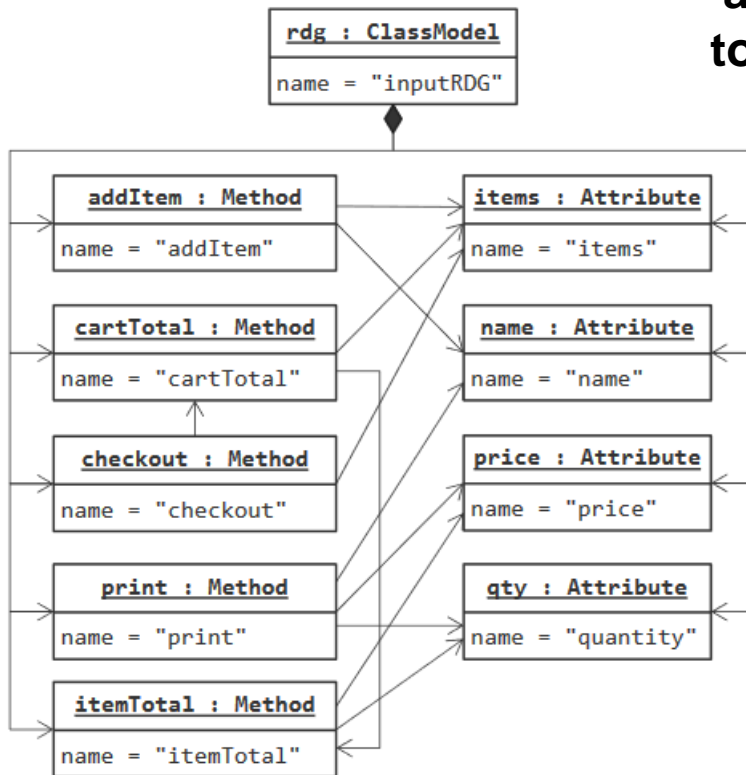
- **CRA** deals with the creation of **high-quality object-oriented models**
- For **solving** a particular CRA problem, one needs to decide **where responsibilities**, i.e., class operations and attributes, **belong**
- **When** do we have to deal with CRA problems?
 - **Generating class diagrams**: When migrating an application from a procedural language to an object-oriented language
 - **Optimizing class diagrams**: During the refactoring of an existing object-oriented model
- CRA is a **computationally challenging problem**
 - Huge search space!
 - Considered as an optimization problem

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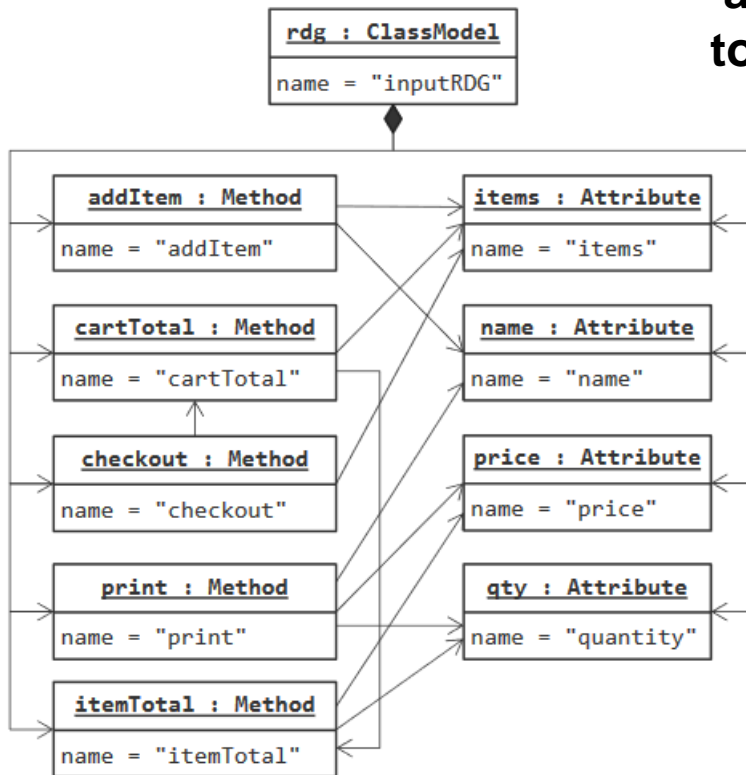


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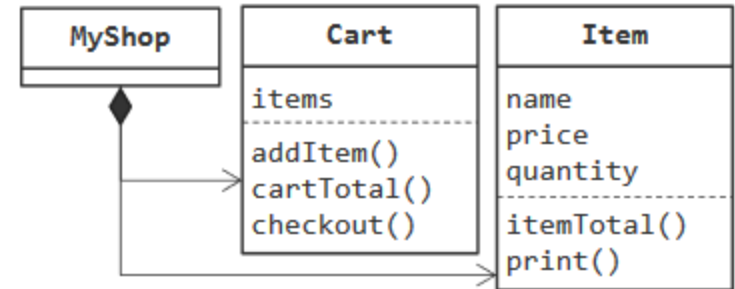
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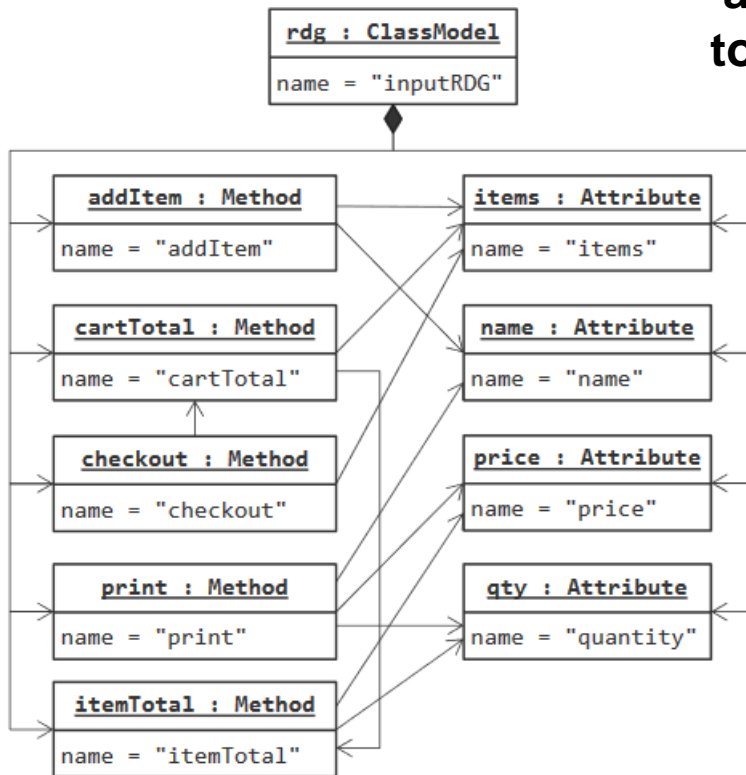
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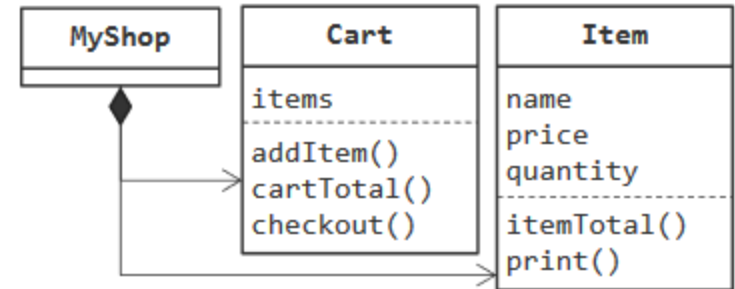
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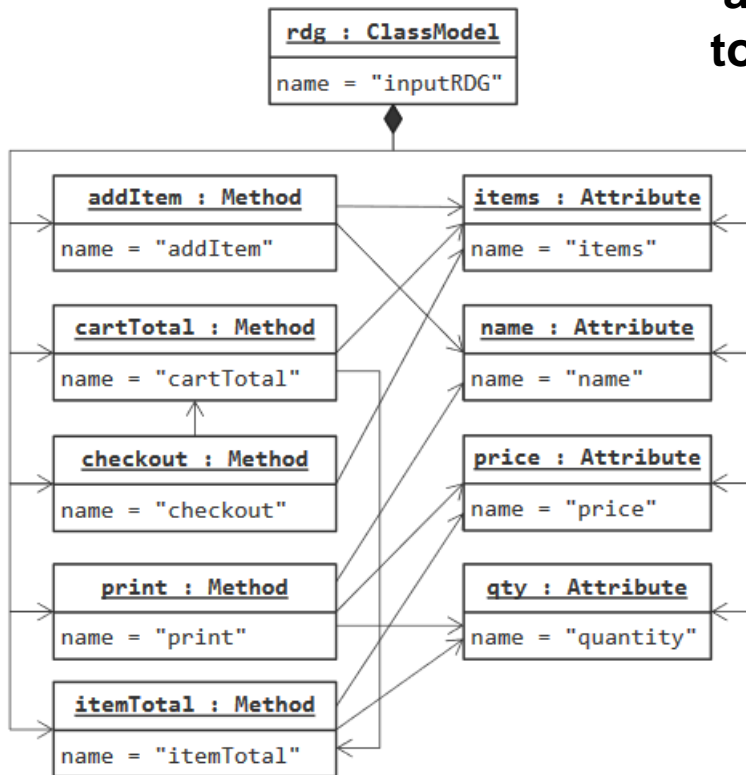
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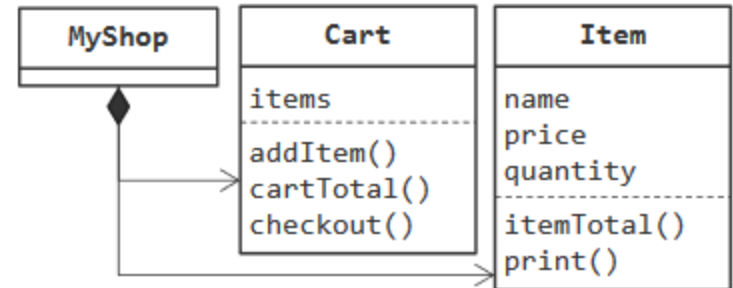
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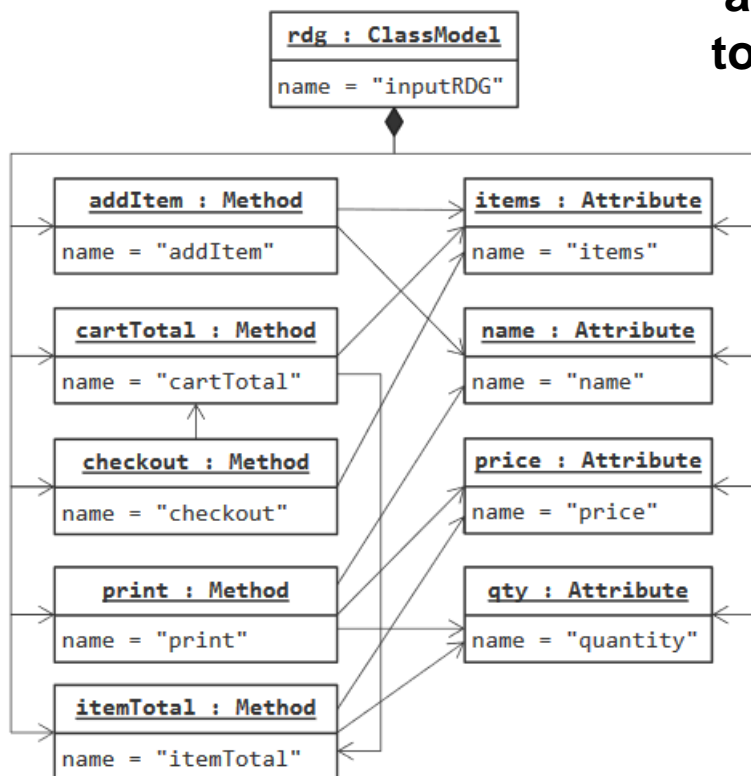
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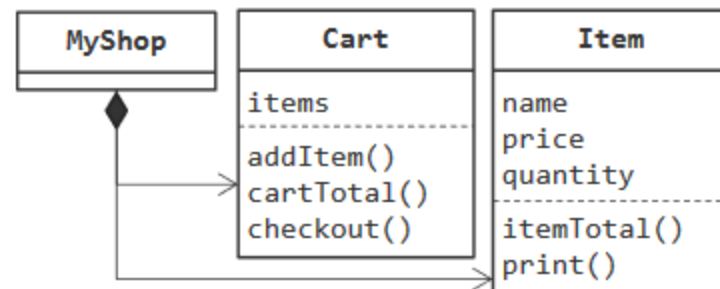
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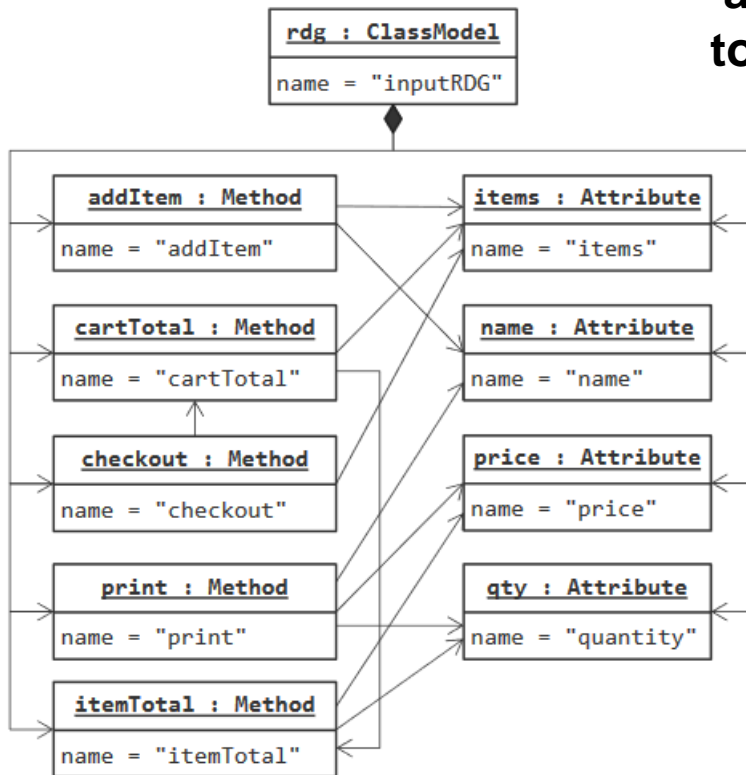
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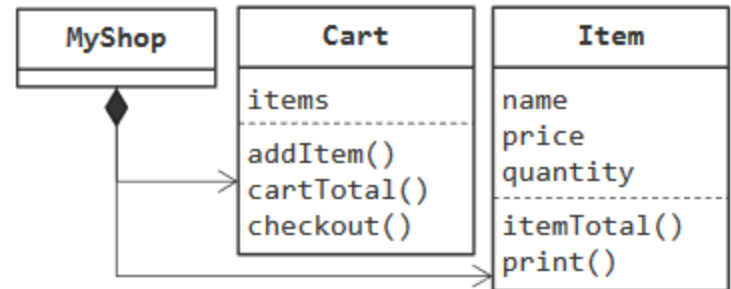
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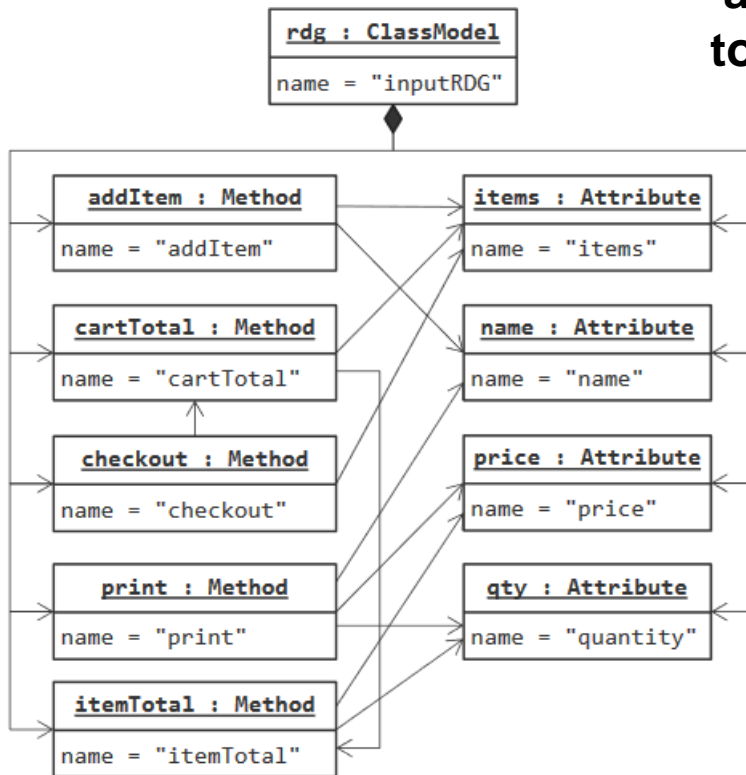
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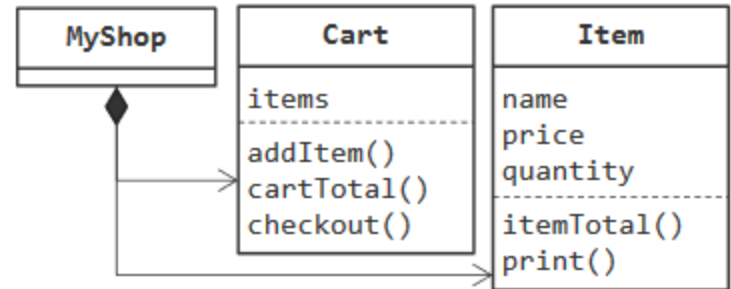
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Objective combining cohesion + coupling

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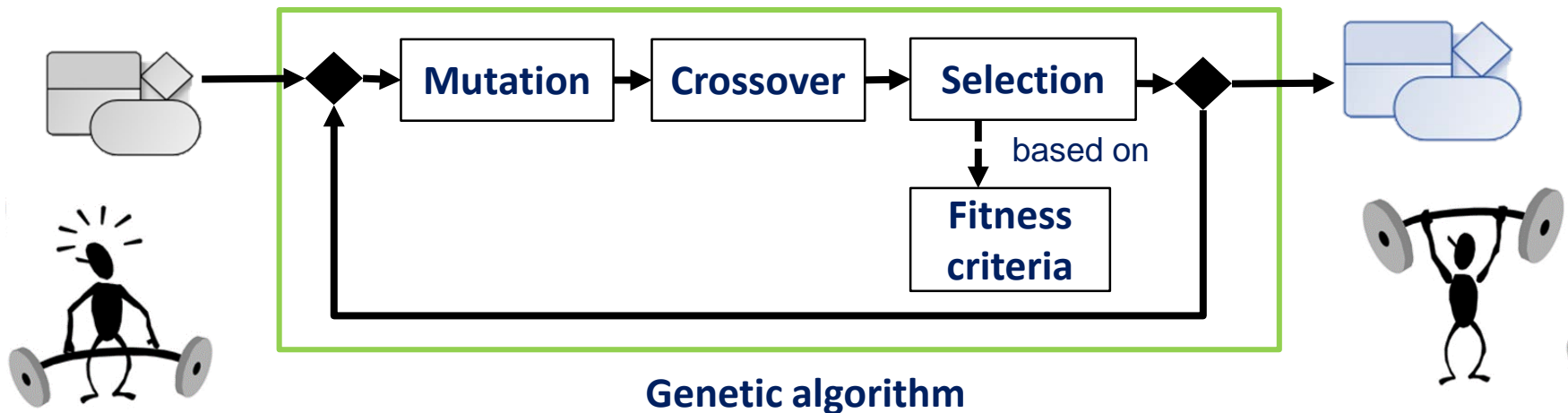
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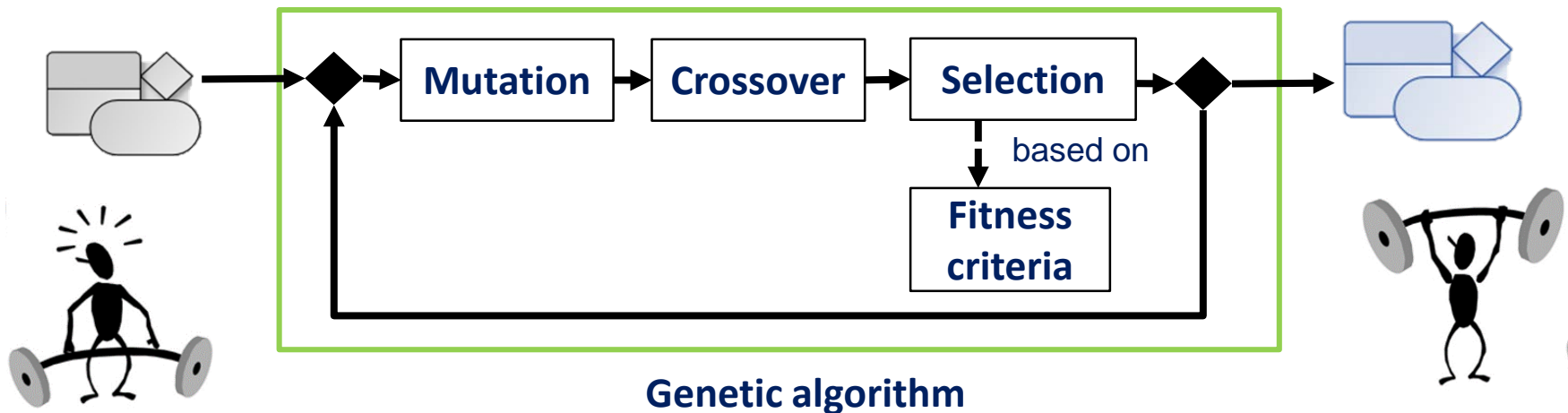
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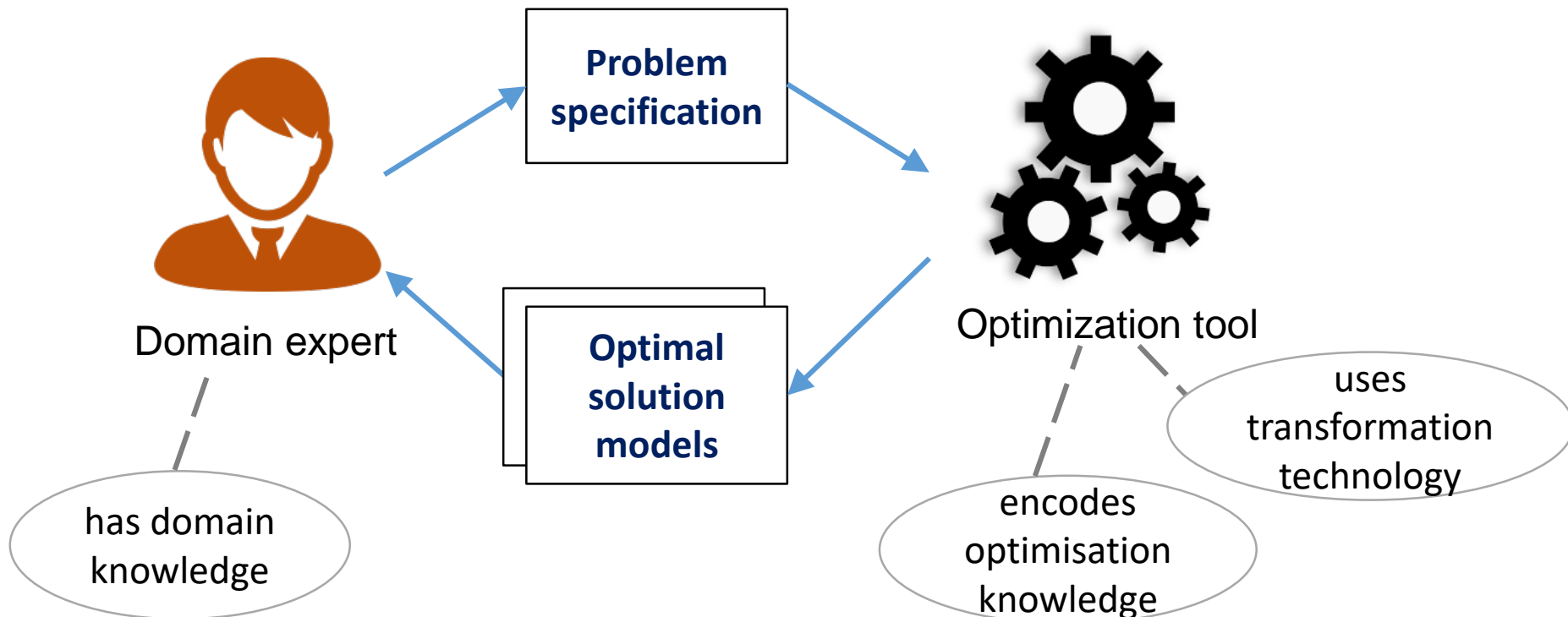
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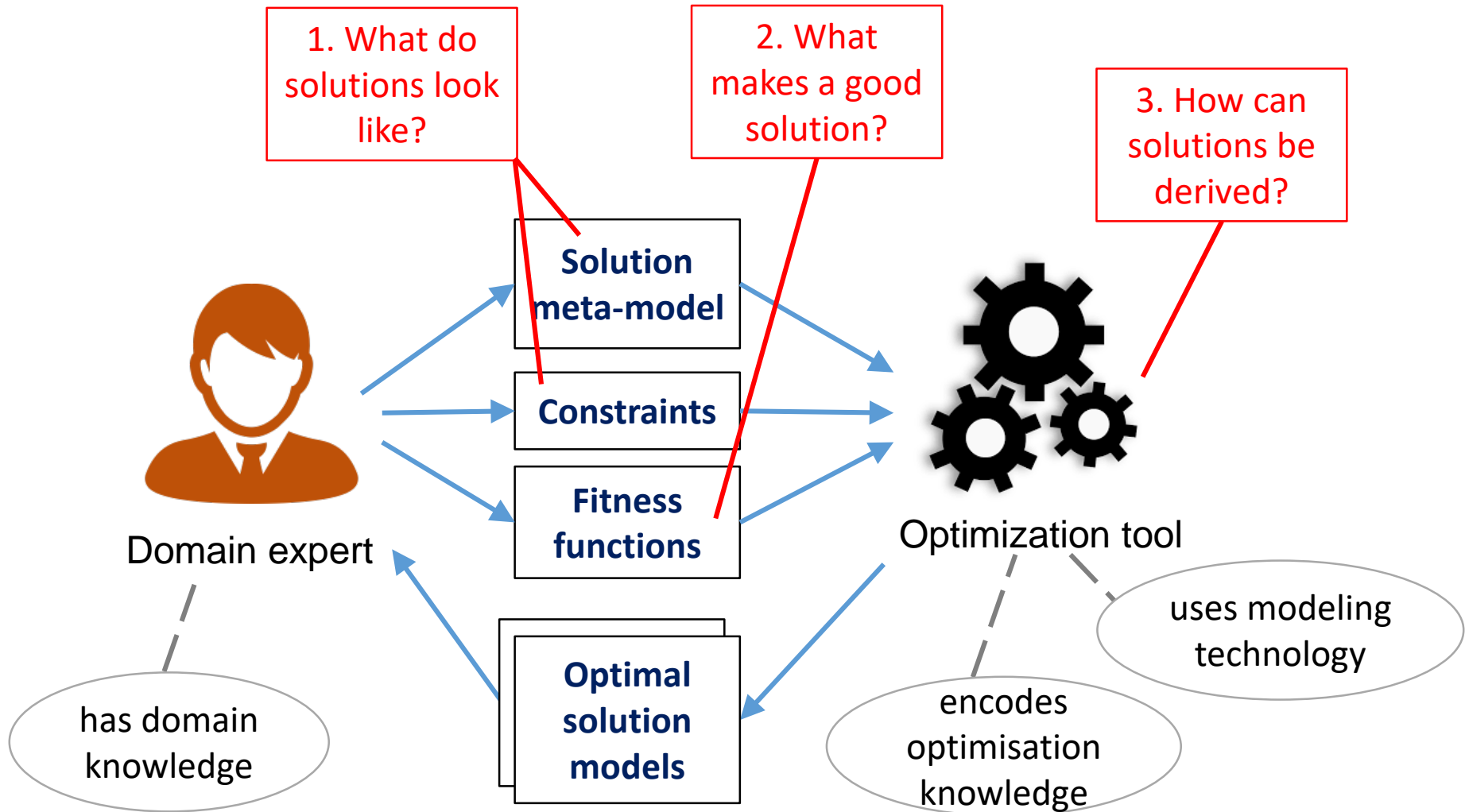
- **Cost:** Search algorithms need to be customized to problem at hand; substantial expertise required

Solution: Search-based model optimisation

- Use models to describe solutions
- Standard manipulations available (model transformations!)
- **Move optimisation knowledge from humans to tools**



Search-based model optimisation: what's needed?

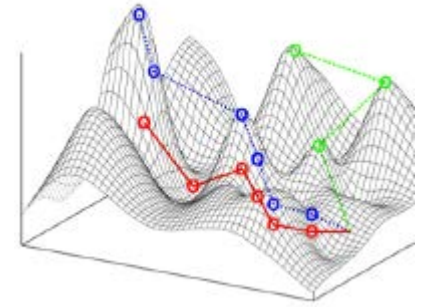


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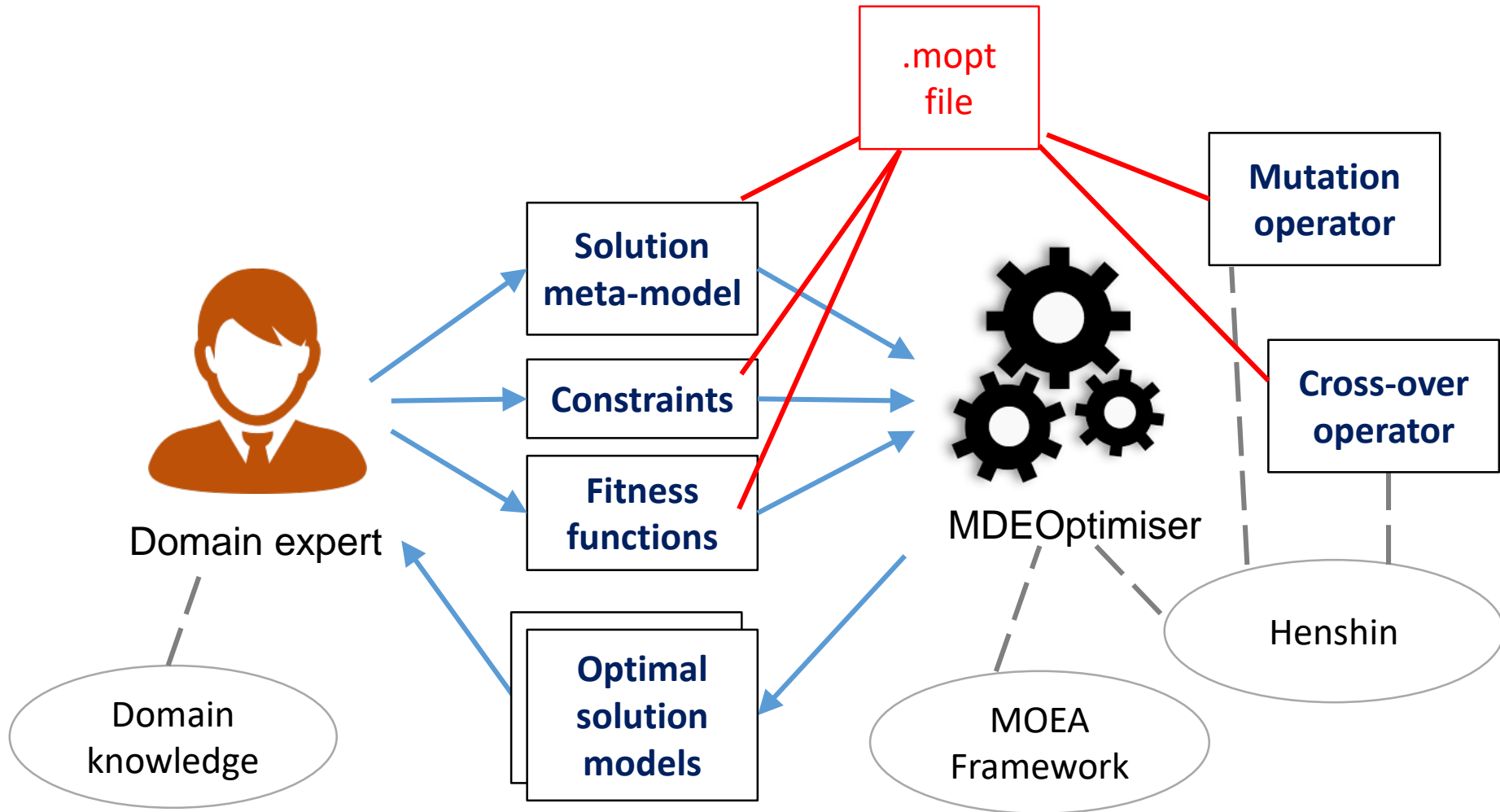
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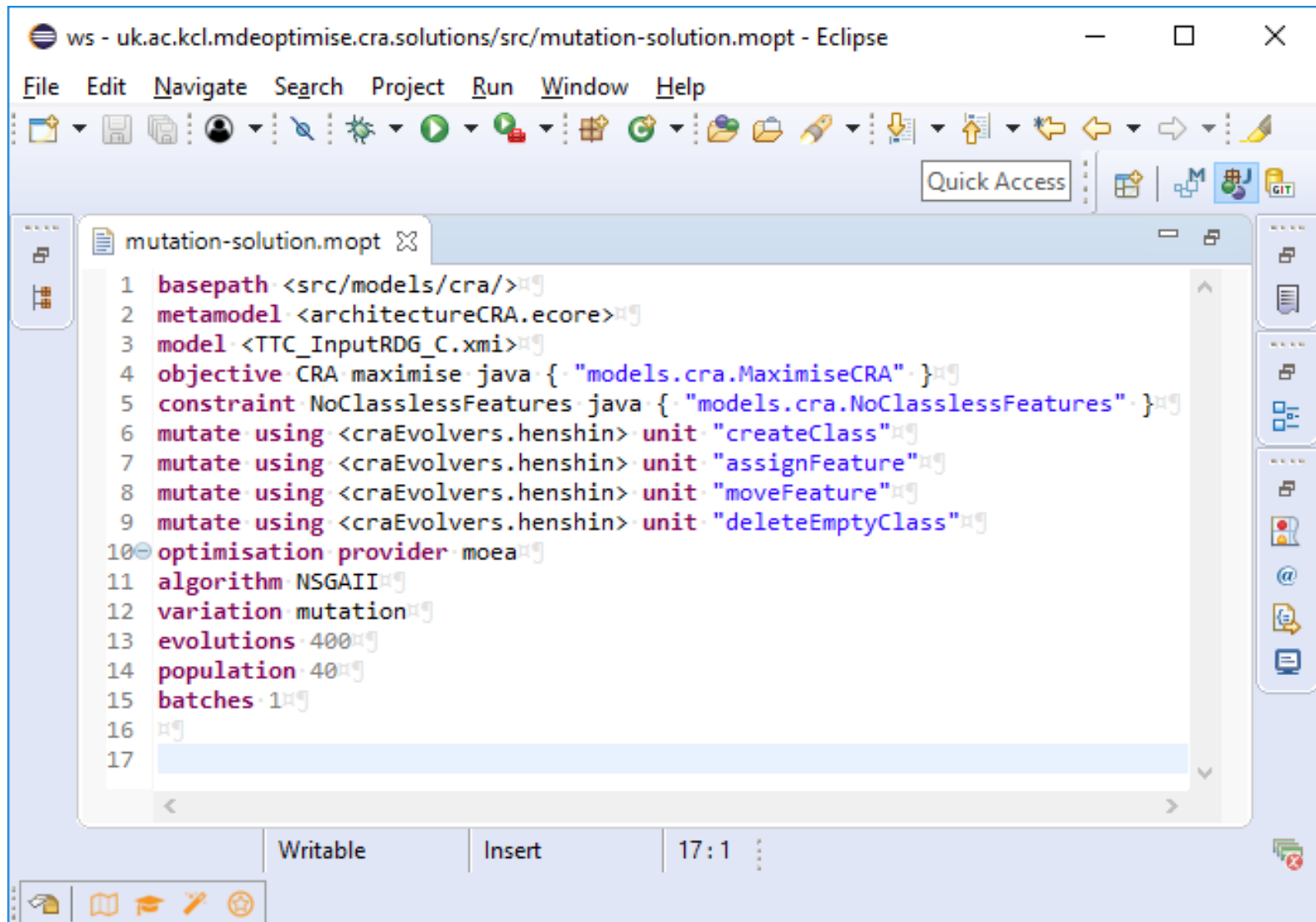
- Multi-objective optimization
- Directly over models (no separate solution encoding)
- Specification language + kernel
- Uses Henshin to specify evolutionary operators



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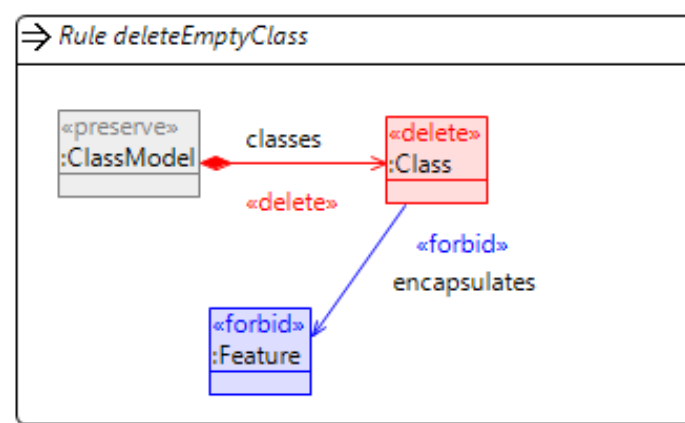
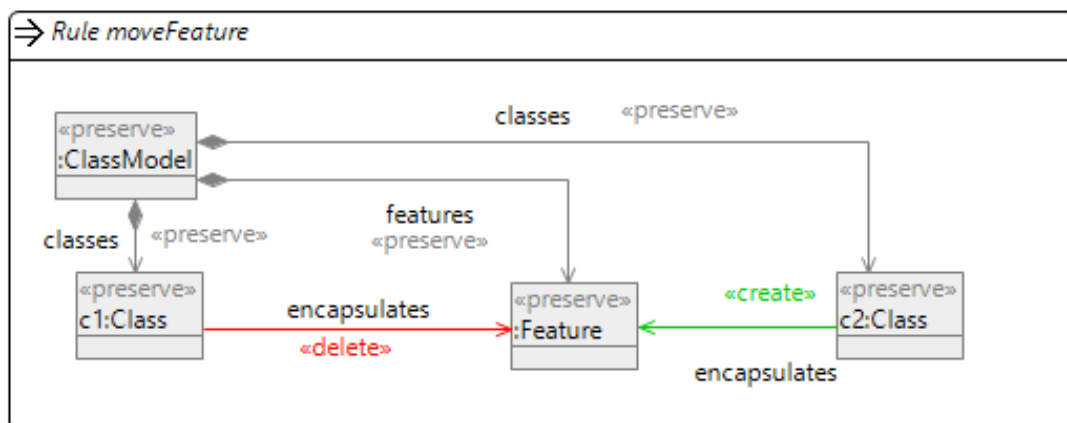
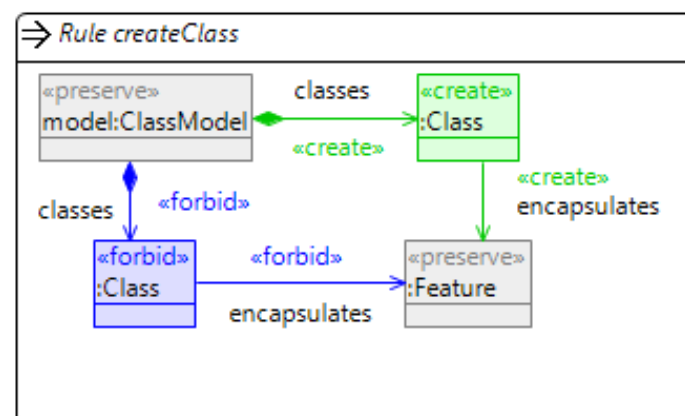
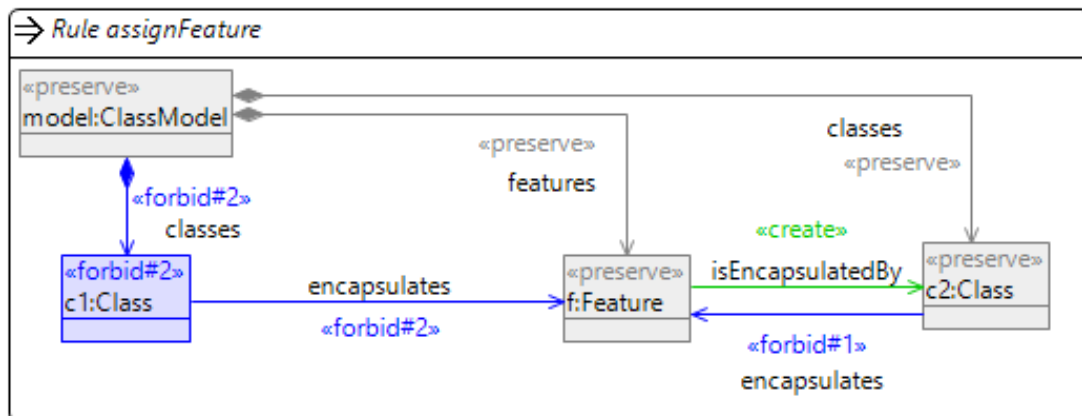
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The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the file `mutation-solution.mopt` open. The code is as follows:

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Pre-defined objective function for CRA

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MaximiseCRA.xtend
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3 import org.eclipse.emf.ecore.EObject
4
5
6 class MaximiseCRA extends AbstractModelQueryFitnessFunction {
7
8     override double computeFitness(EObject model) {
9         val cohesion = calculateCohesionRatio(model);
10        val coupling = calculateCouplingRatio(model);
11
12        return (cohesion - coupling) * -1;
13    }
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26
27    def mai(EObject classSource, EObject classTarget) {
28
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30
31    def mmi(EObject classSource, EObject classTarget) {
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35    override getName() {
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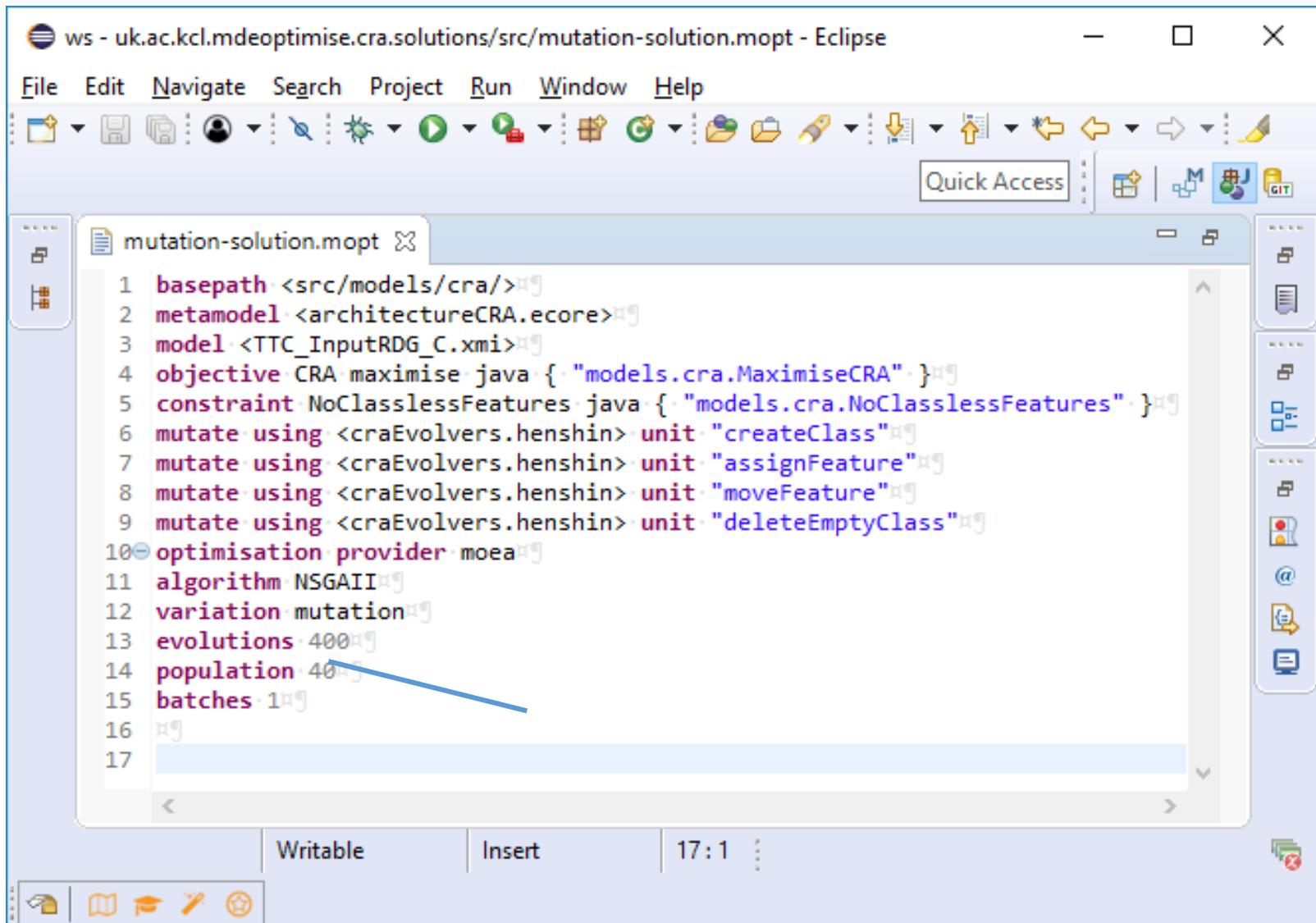
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3+ import org.eclipse.emf.common.util.EList
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How far is the solution away from
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Import projects

- In Eclipse, do *File* → *Import...* → *General* → *Existing Projects Into Workspace* → *Next*
- Do *Select Archive File* → Choose **optimization-cases.zip**
- By now, you should be an expert on importing projects. :-)

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View the specification of CRA case

- In the Package Explorer, navigate to project **uk.ac.kcl.mdeoptimise.cra.solutions**, folder **src/models.cra**
- Have a look at the files:

MDEOptimiser spec: **cra-solution.mopt**

meta-model: **architectureCRA.ecore**

five input models: **TTC_InputRDG_<A-E>.xmi**

objective function: **MaximiseCRA.xtend**

constraint: **NoClasslessFeatures.xtend**

mutation operators: **craEvolvers.henshin_diagram**

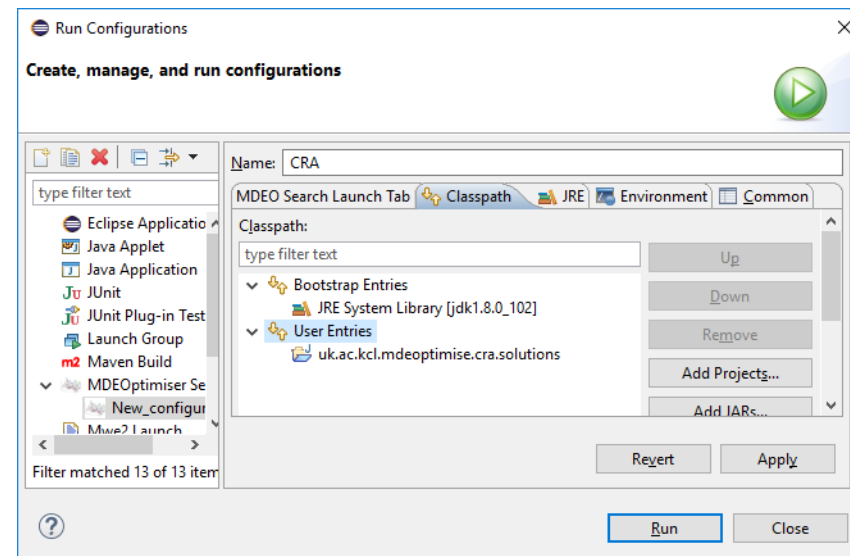
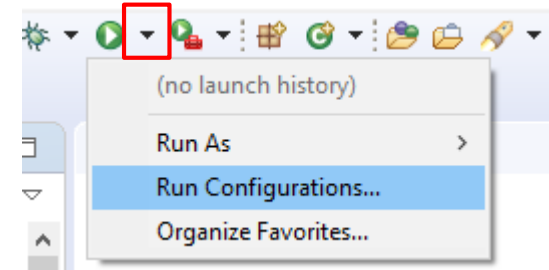
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Set up and apply run configuration

To execute **cra-solution.mopt**, create a new run configuration:

- Click on the triangle next to the *Run Icon*, select *Run Configurations...*
- Right click on *MDEOptimiser Search*, select *New. As Name* for the configuration, enter: *CRA*
- Do *Browse Workspace* -> Select Source *cra-solution.mopt*
- In the *Classpath* tab, add the current project as a User Entry, using *Add Projects...*
- Hit *Apply and Run*. If everything works correctly, you will see console output like on the right.



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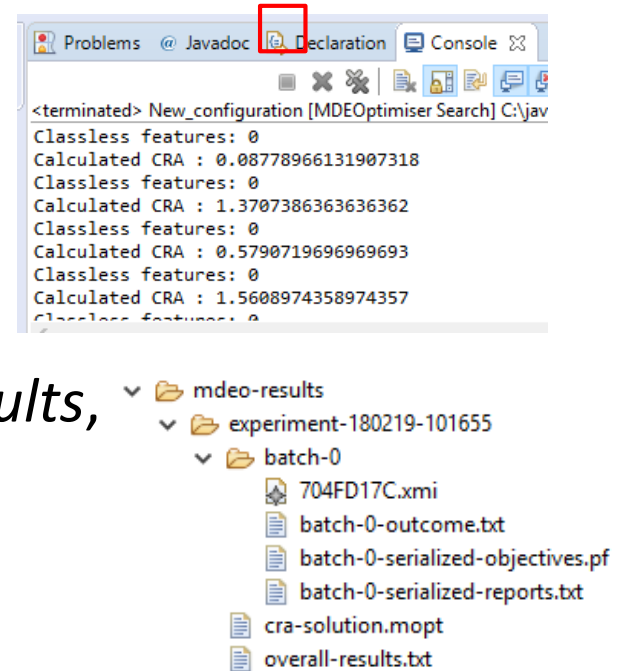
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After approximately 15 seconds, the run is finished: No new console outputs, „Terminate“ switch has turned gray.

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MDE Optimiser in action: CRA case

1. Import projects
2. View the specification of CRA case
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Design a good mutation operator

Problem: Search is time-consuming.

Solution: Improve the search by designing good evolutionary operators.

A mutation operator m_1 is *better* than a mutation operator m_2 , if the solutions found using m_1 are better than those found using m_2 (assuming an otherwise equal configuration).

Task: Design a better mutation operator for the CRA case than the given one.

Reference values:

Model	A	B	C	D	E
CRA	1.6	2.2	1.8	2.4	-11.6

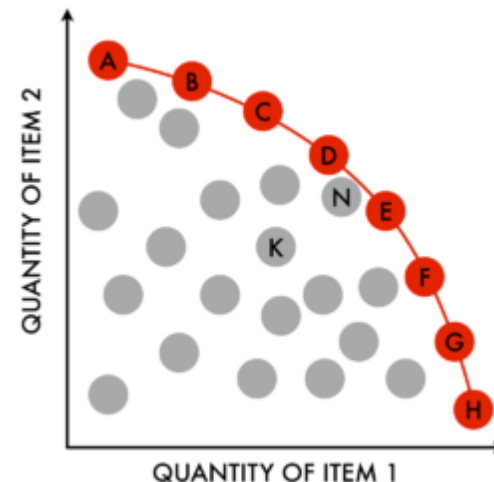
Hint: What are desirable structures from the perspective of the objective function, and how to create them?

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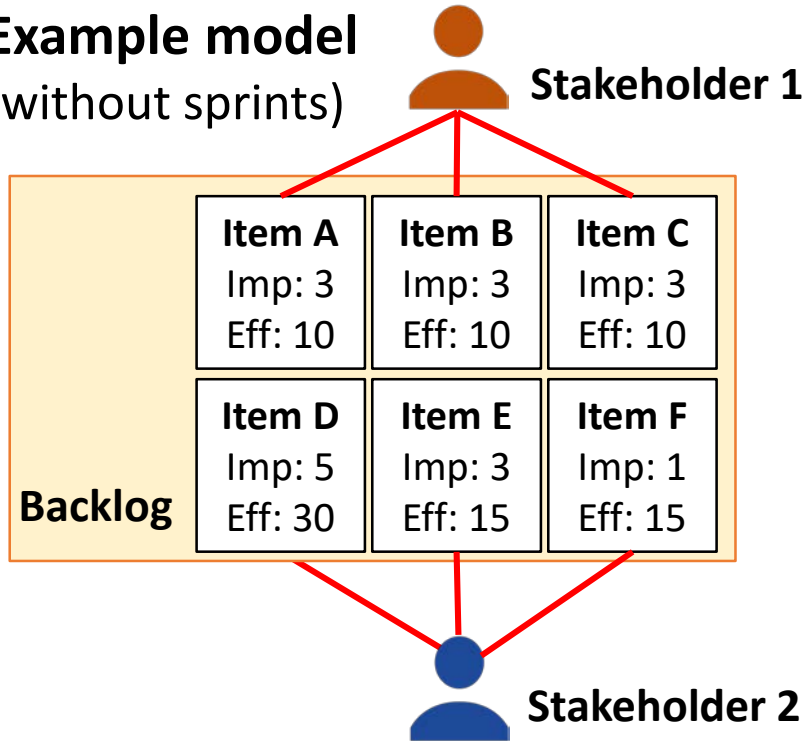
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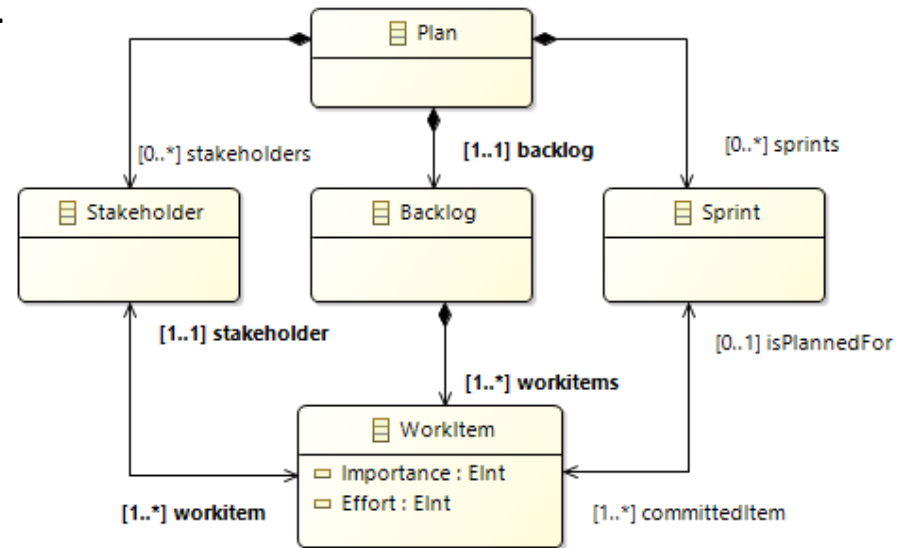


SCRUM Planning

Example model (without sprints)

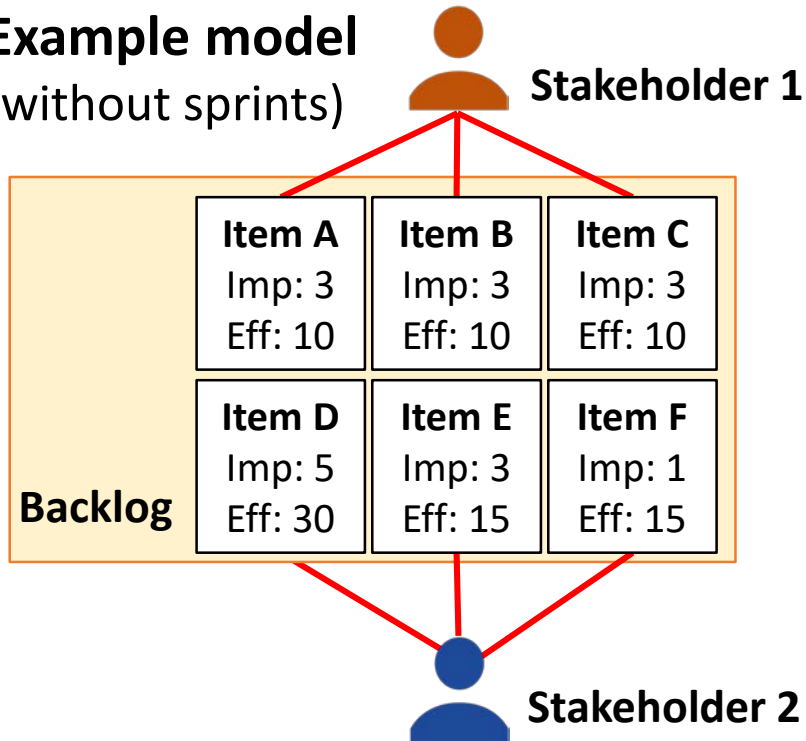


Meta-model



SCRUM Planning: Objectives and constraints

Example model
(without sprints)



Objective 1: *Sprints are as balanced as possible.*

Objective 2: *Maximize customer satisfaction -> next slide*

Constraint 1: *Number of sprints is below a given maximum*

Constraint 2: *Every work item is assigned to a sprint.*

SCRUM Planning: Customer satisfaction index



Stakeholder 1

Stakeholder 2

Stakeholder 3

Stakeholder 4

Stakeholder 5

Sprint 1 Capacity: 28

- WorkItem 2
- WorkItem 4
- WorkItem 5
- WorkItem 7
- WorkItem 8
- WorkItem 10

Sprint 2 Capacity: 27

- WorkItem 1
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Good solution

Customer Satisfaction Index
0.80

Bad solution

Customer Satisfaction Index
5.39

**Low means good:
Indicates low standard deviation**

Backlog

- WorkItem 1**
Stakeholder: 1 Importance: 3 Effort: 8
- WorkItem 2**
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- WorkItem 3**
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SCRUM Planning: Customer satisfaction index



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Satisfaction of customer c in sprint s

$$sat(c, s) = \sum_{i \in s.items, i.cust=c} i. importance$$

Customer satisfaction index of plan p

$$csi(p) = std. dev_{c \in p.customers} (std. dev_{s \in p.sprints} (sat(c, s)))$$

Problem specification in MDE Optimiser: SCRUM

```
basepath <src/models/scrum/>
metamodel <planning.ecore>
model <sprint-planning-model-5-stakeholders-119-items.xml>
) objective MinimiseCustomerSatisfactionIndex minimise java
  - { "models.scrum.MinimiseCustomerSatisfactionIndex" }
) objective MinimiseSprintEffortDeviation minimise java
  - { "models.scrum.MinimiseSprintEffortDeviation" }
) constraint HasNoUnassignedWorkItems java
  - { "models.scrum.HasNoUnassignedWorkItems" }
) constraint HasTheAllowedMaximalNumberOfSprints java
  - { "models.scrum.HasTheAllowedMaximalNumberOfSprints" }
mutate using <sprint-repair.henshin> unit "createSprint"
mutate using <sprint-repair.henshin> unit "addItemToSprint"
mutate using <sprint-repair.henshin> unit "createSprint_lb_repair"
mutate using <sprint-repair.henshin> unit "move_item_between_sprints"
mutate using <sprint-repair.henshin> unit "deleteSprint_lb_repair"
) optimisation_provider moea
algorithm NSGAI
variation mutation
evolutions 500
population 30
batches 1
```

MDE Optimiser in action: SCRUM case

1. View the specification of SCRUM case
2. Set up and apply run configuration
3. View created results

View the specification of the SCRUM case

- In the Package Explorer, navigate to project **uk.ac.kcl.mdeoptimise.scrum.planning.solutions**, folder **src/models.scrum**

- Have a look at the files:

MDE Optimiser spec: **scrum-planning.mopt**

meta-model: **planning.ecore**

input models: **input** directory

objective functions: **MinimiseSprintEffortDeviation.xtend**
and **MinimiseCustomerSatisfactionIndex.xtend**

constraints: **HasTheAllowedMaximalNumberOfSprints.xtend**
and **HasNoUnassignedWorkItems.xtend**

mutation operators: **sprint-repair.henshin_diagram**

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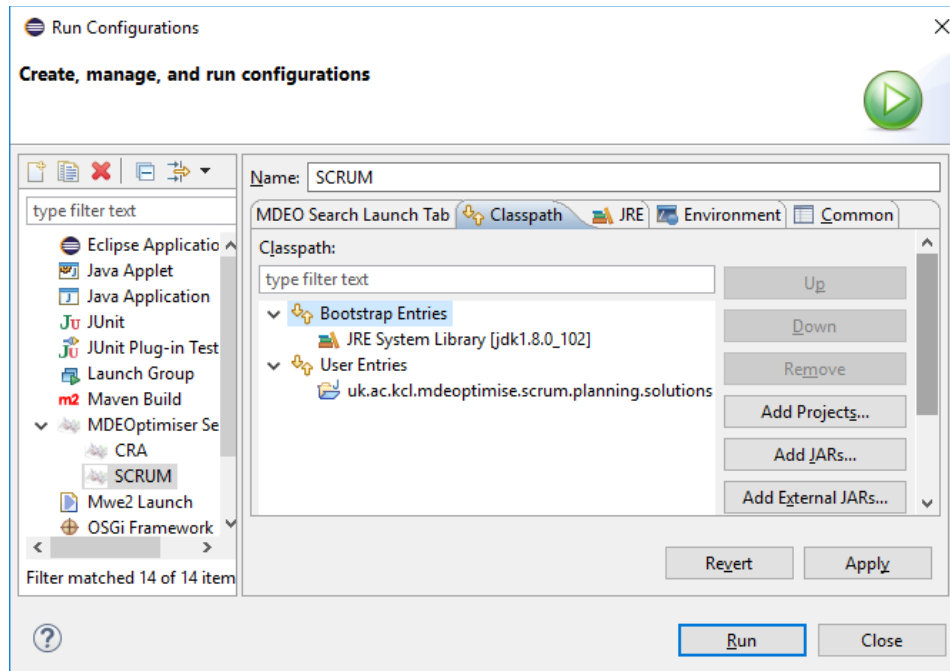
Set up and apply run configuration

Similar to the CRA case, create a new configuration

Name: *SCRUM*

Source: *scrum-planning.mopt*

Make sure to add the corresponding classpath entry:

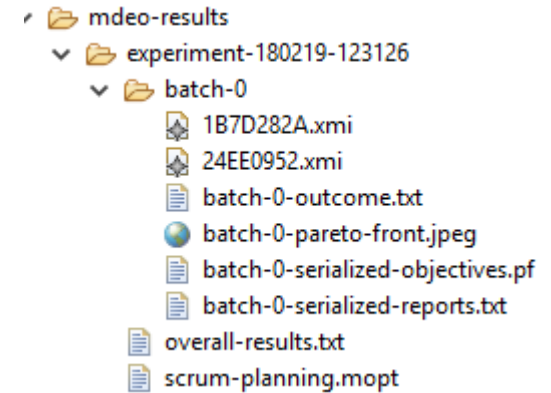


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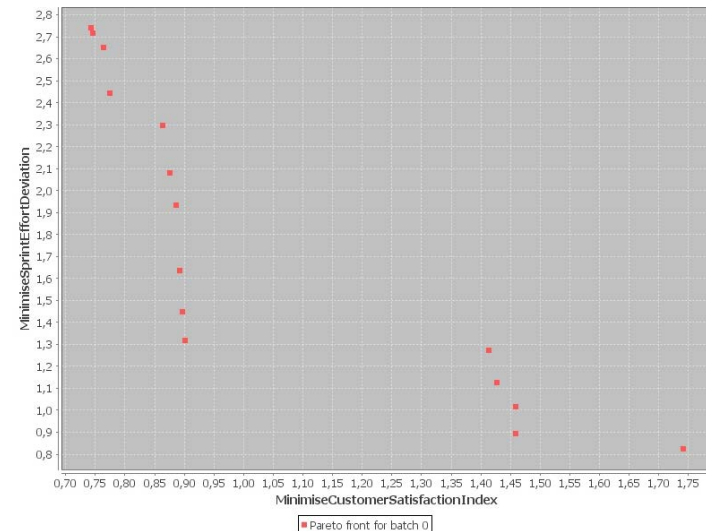
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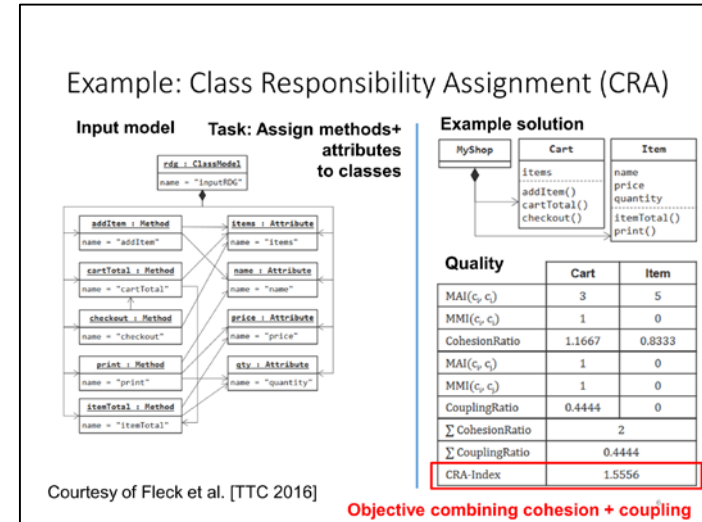
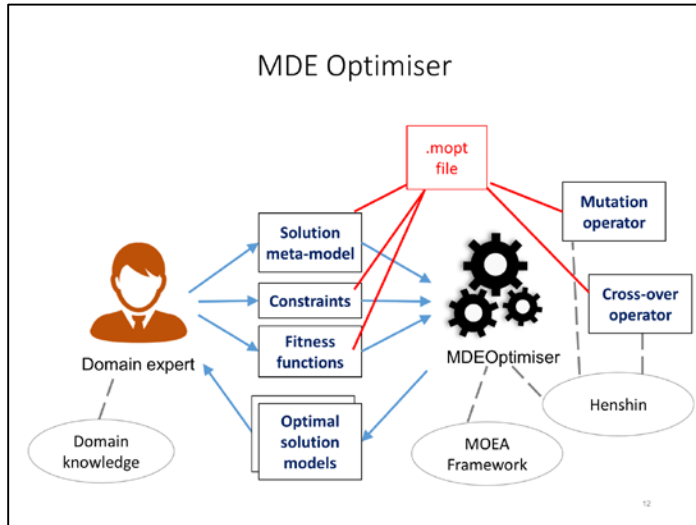


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Since we have multiple solutions in general, an image file **batch-0-pareto-front.jpeg** is generated showing the pareto front.

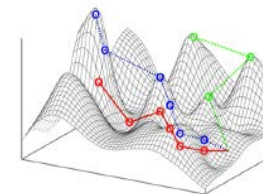


Summary of Part 2



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Further information:
www.eclipse.org/henshin
[mde-optimiser.github.io](https://github.com/mde-optimiser)