Swarm Intelligence Course—INFO-H-414

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If there are many dark spots, coackroaches aggregate under only one (*collective choice*)

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Simple: we don't need to change anything!