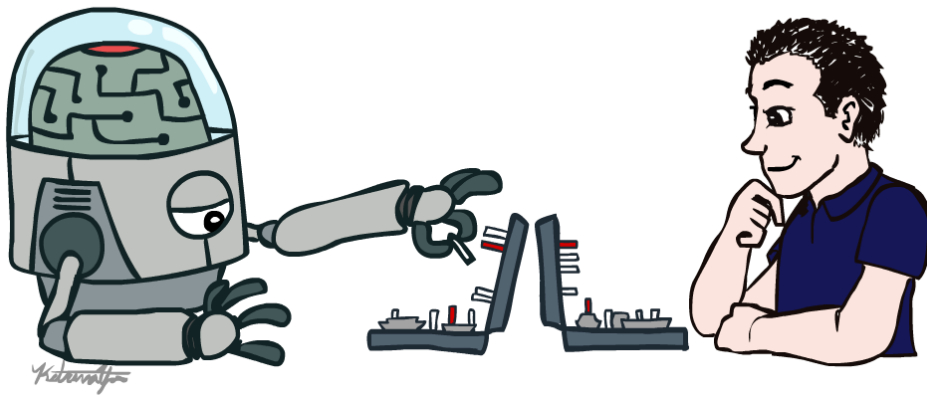


# CSE 473: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

## Introduction



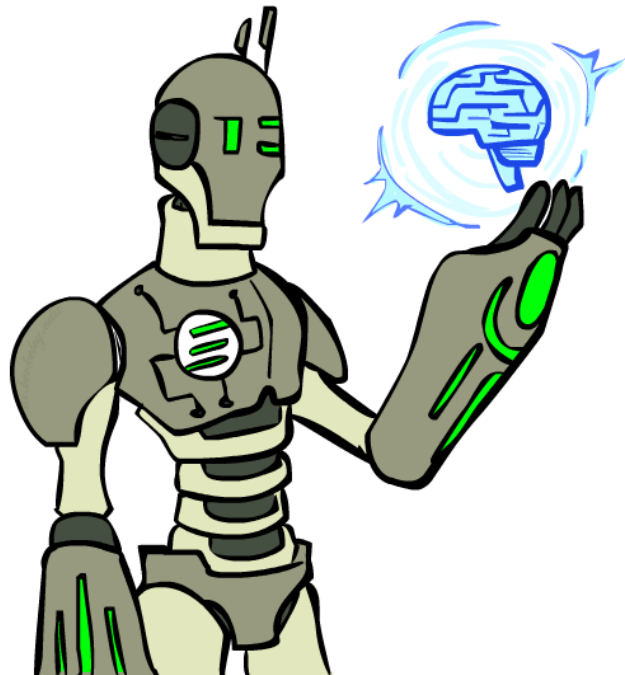
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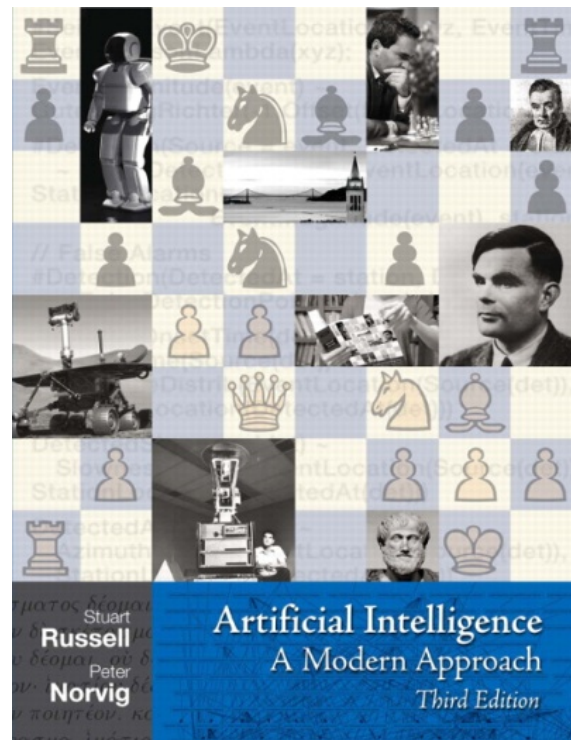
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- Course Overview
- What is artificial intelligence?
- What can AI do?
- What is this course?



# Textbook

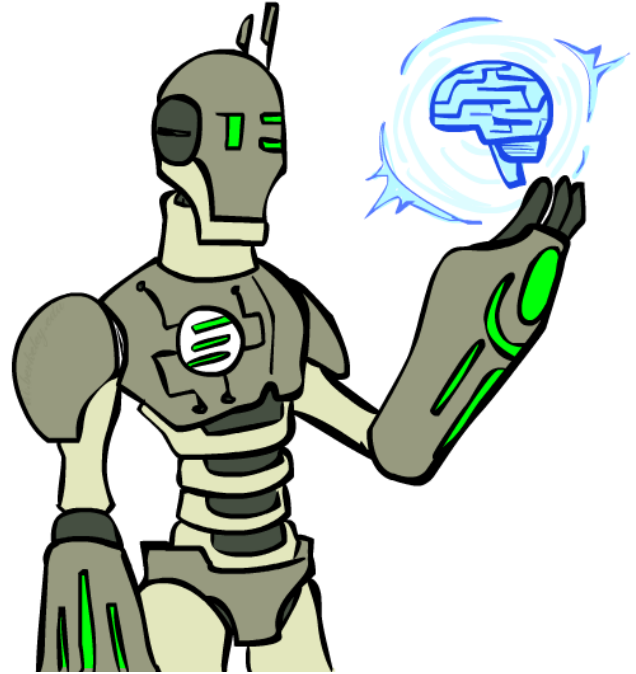
- Not required, but for students who want to read more we recommend
  - Russell & Norvig, AI: A Modern Approach, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.
  - Warning: Not a course textbook, so our presentation does not necessarily follow the presentation in the book.



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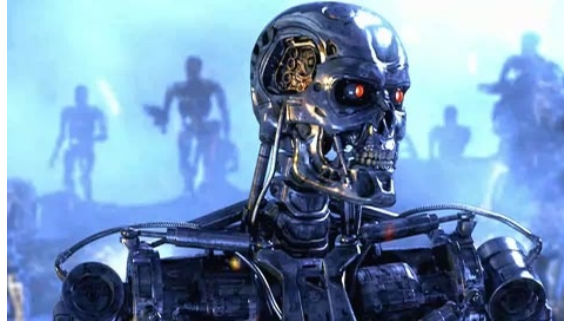
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# Sci-Fi AI?



# What is AI?

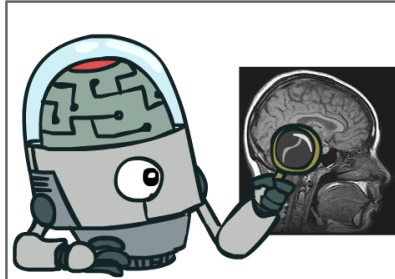
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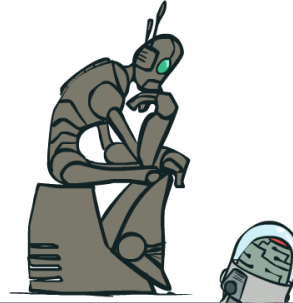
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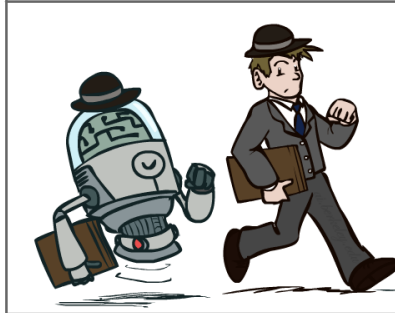
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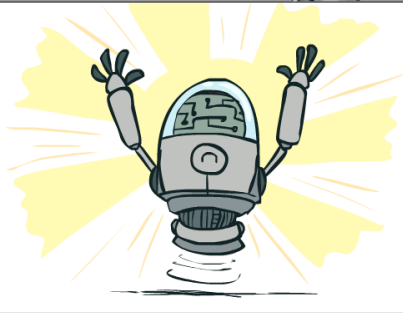
Think rationally



Act like people



Act rationally



# Rational Decisions

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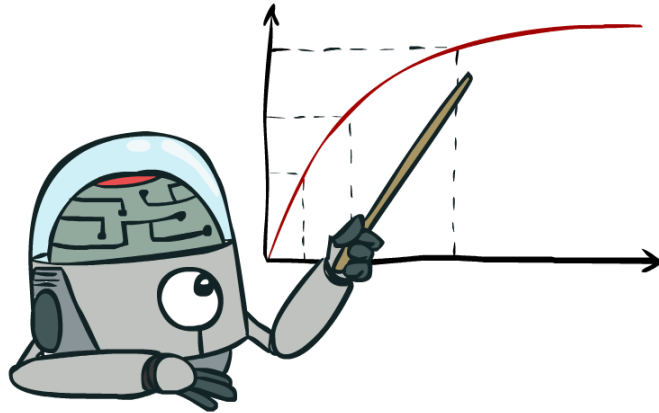
We'll use the term **rational** in a very specific, technical way:

- Rational: maximally achieving pre-defined goals
- Rationality only concerns what decisions are made  
(not the thought process behind them)
- Goals are expressed in terms of the **utility** of outcomes
- Being rational means **maximizing your expected utility**

A better title for this course would be:

**Computational Rationality**

# Maximize Your Expected Utility



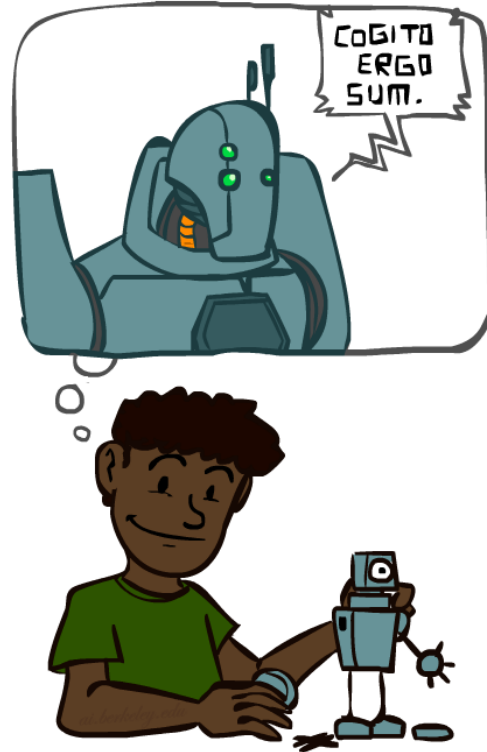
# What About the Brain?

- Brains (human minds) are very good at making rational decisions, but not perfect
- Brains aren't as modular as software, so hard to reverse engineer!
- “Brains are to intelligence as wings are to flight”
- Lessons learned from the brain: memory and simulation are key to decision making



# A (Short) History of AI

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# A Historic Idea....

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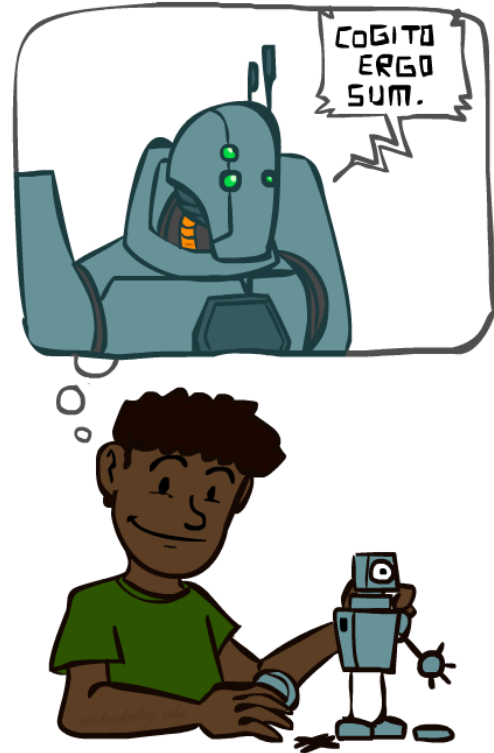


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I propose to consider the question, "Can machines think?" This should begin with definitions of the meaning of the terms "machine" and "think." The definitions might be framed...

*-Alan Turing*

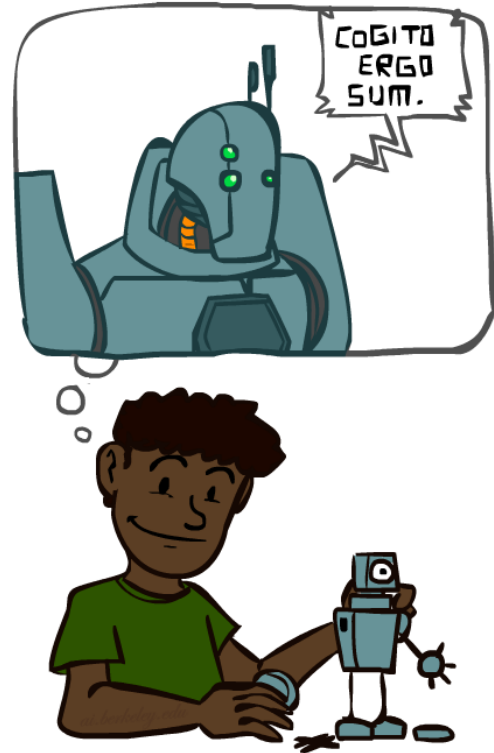


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"Over Christmas, Allen Newell and I created a thinking machine."

*-Herbert Simon*

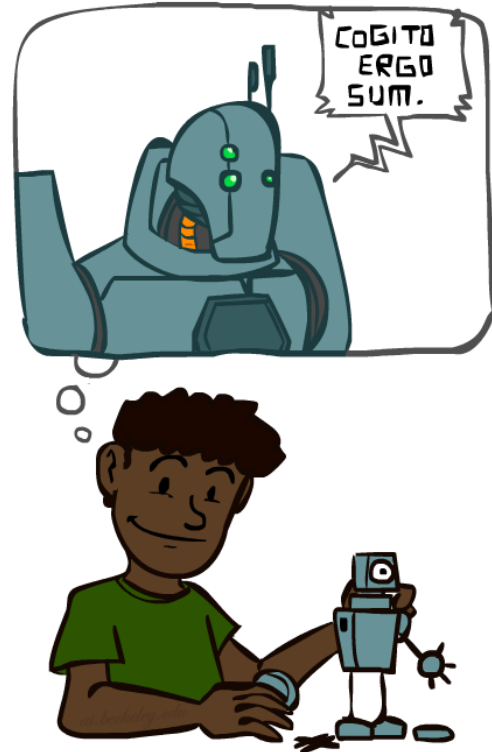


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The knowledge engineer practices the art of bringing the principles and tools of AI research to bear on difficult applications problems requiring experts' knowledge for their solution.

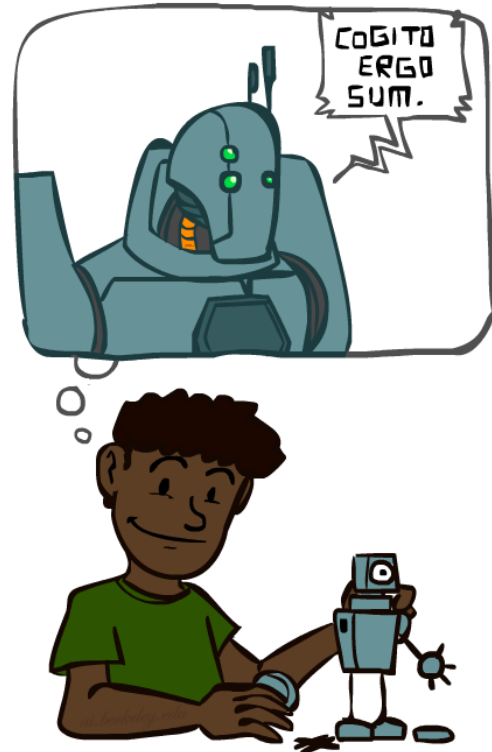
- Edward Felgenbaum in "The Art of Artificial Intelligence"



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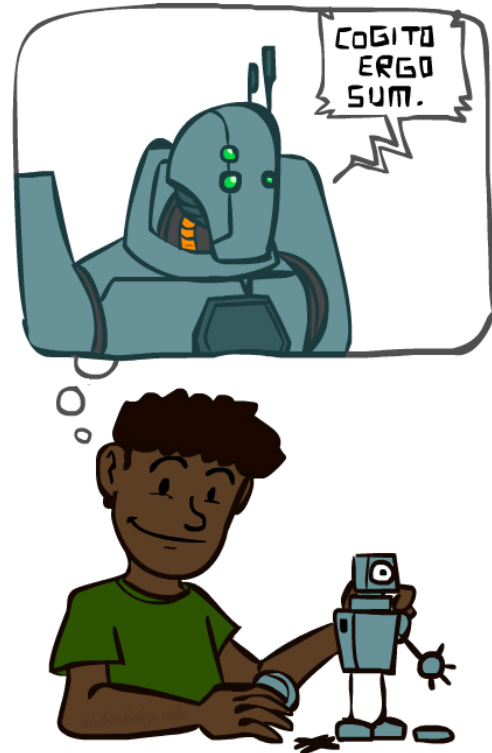
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Every time I fire a linguist, the performance of the speech recognizer goes up. — *Frederick Jelinek, IBM*



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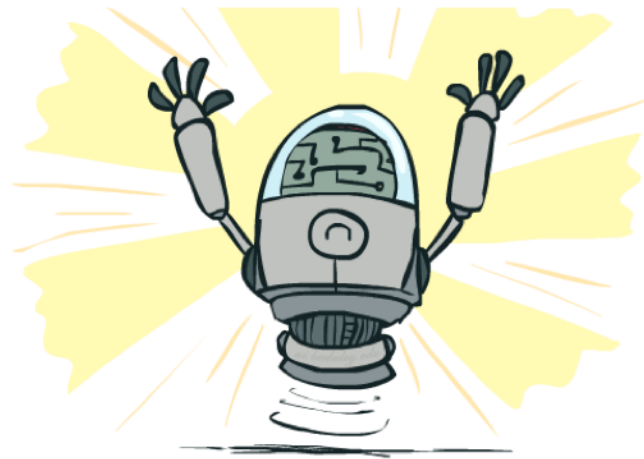
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- **2010—: Where are we now?**



# What Can AI Do?

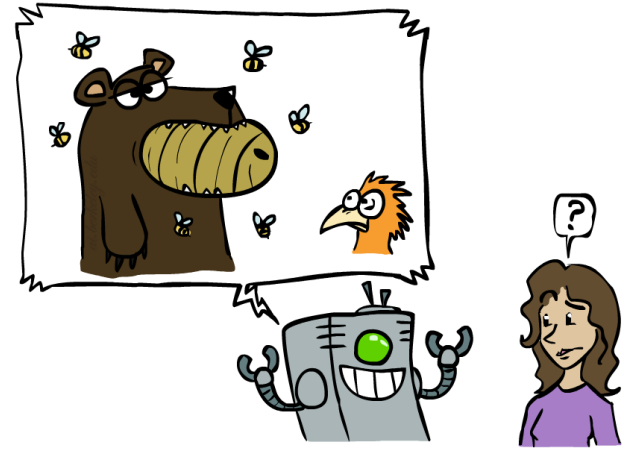
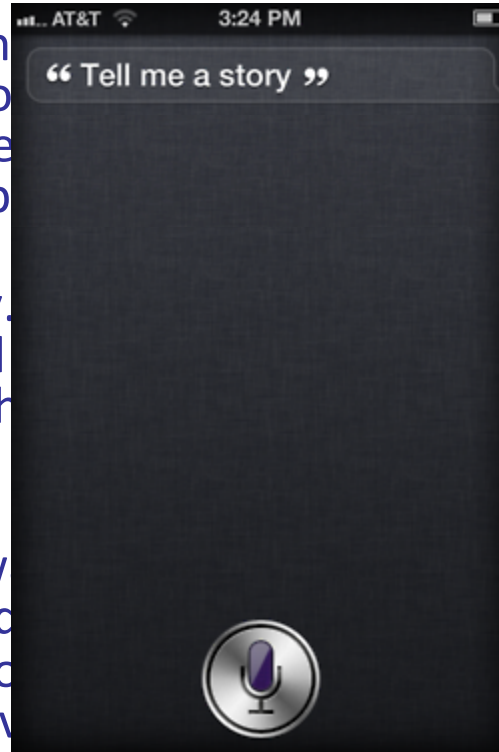
Quiz: Which of the following can be done at present?

- ✓ Play a decent game of table tennis?
- ✓ Play a decent game of Jeopardy?
- ✓ Drive safely along a curving mountain road?
- ? Drive safely along University Avenue?
- ✓ Buy a week's worth of groceries on the web?
- ✗ Buy a week's worth of groceries at QFC?
- ? Discover and prove a new mathematical theorem?
- ✗ Converse successfully with another person for an hour?
- ? Perform a surgical operation?
- ✓ Put away the dishes and fold the laundry?
- ✓ Translate spoken Chinese into spoken English in real time?
- ✗ Write an intentionally funny story?



# Unintentionally Funny Stories

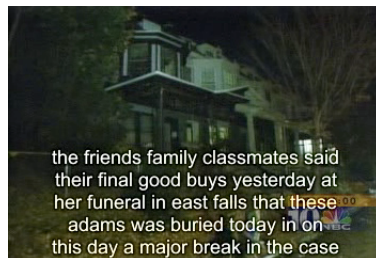
- One day Joe Bear was hunting Irving Bird where some home was. There was a beehive in the tree above the oak tree. He ate the bees.
- Henry Squirrel was thirsty. He went to the river bank where his good friend lived. Henry slipped and fell in the river. The End.
- Once upon a time there was a fox. He was sitting in his tree, holding a piece of cheese. He noticed that he was holding the piece of cheese. The fox walked over to the tree.



a vain crow. One day the crow was sitting in his mouth. He noticed that he was hungry, and swallowed the crow.

# Natural Language

- Speech technologies (e.g. Siri)
  - Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
  - Text-to-speech synthesis (TTS)
  - Dialog systems
- Language processing technologies
  - Question answering
  - Machine translation



## "Il est impossible aux journalistes de rentrer dans les régions tibétaines"

Bruno Philip, correspondant du "Monde" en Chine, estime que les journalistes de l'AFP qui ont été expulsés de la province tibétaine du Qinghai "n'étaient pas dans l'illégalité".

**Les faits** Le dalai-lama dénonce l'"enfer" imposé au Tibet depuis sa fuite, en 1959

**Vidéo** Anniversaire de la rébellion tibétaine: la Chine sur ses gardes



## "It is impossible for journalists to enter Tibetan areas"

Philip Bruno, correspondent for "World" in China, said that journalists of the AFP who have been deported from the Tibetan province of Qinghai "were not illegal."

**Facts** The Dalai Lama denounces the "hell" imposed since he fled Tibet in 1959

**Video** Anniversary of the Tibetan rebellion: China on guard

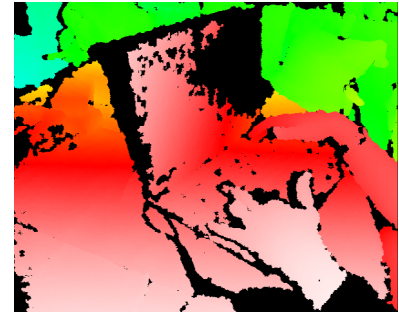


- Web search
- Text classification, spam filtering, etc...



# Vision (Perception)

- Object and face recognition
- Scene segmentation
- Image classification

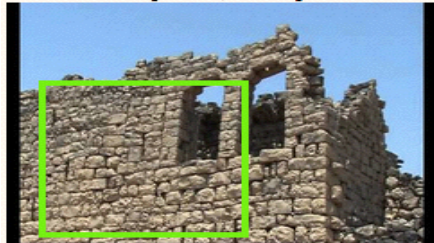


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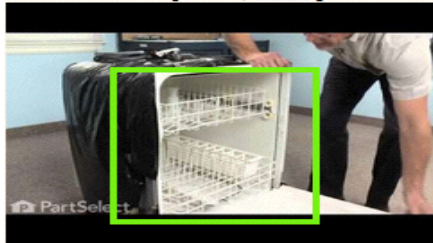
Demo2: VISION – lec\_1\_obj\_rec\_0.mpg

# Object Some Recent Results

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dishwasher [ 0.91, [web](#) ]



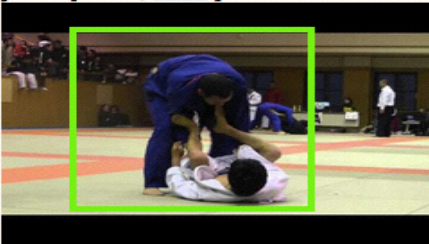
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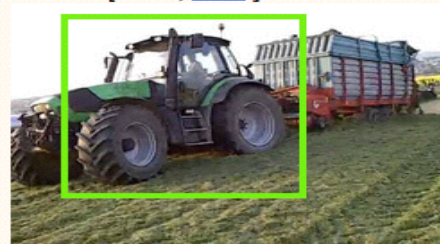
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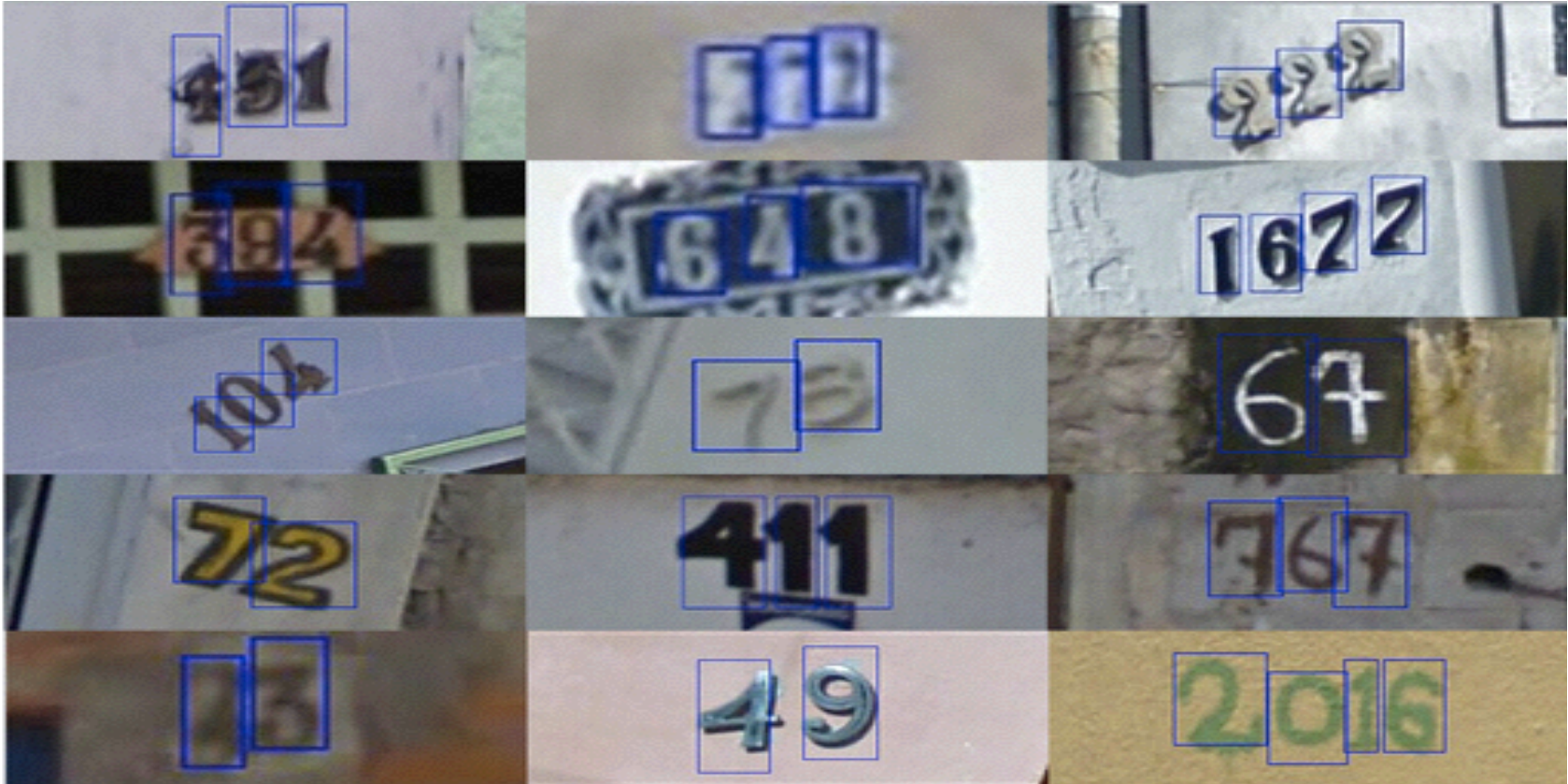
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# Number Detection



Slides from Jeff Dean at Google



# Good Generalization



Both recognized as a  
“meal”

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# Robotics

Demo 1: ROBOTICS – soccer.avi

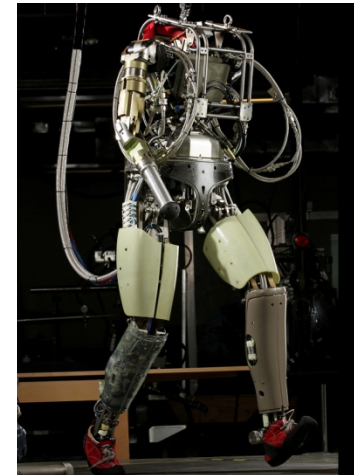
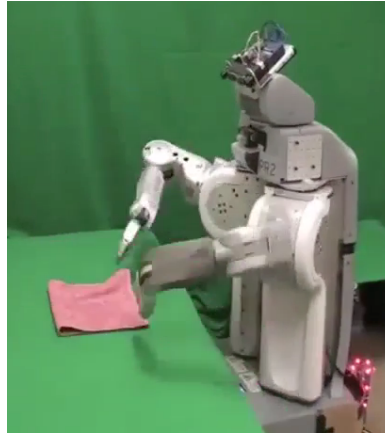
Demo 4: ROBOTICS – laundry.avi

Demo 2: ROBOTICS – soccer2.avi

Demo 5: ROBOTICS – petman.avi

Demo 3: ROBOTICS – gcar.avi

- Robotics
  - Part mech. eng.
  - Part AI
  - Reality much harder than simulations!
- Technologies
  - Vehicles
  - Rescue
  - Soccer!
  - Lots of automation...
- In this class:
  - We ignore mechanical aspects
  - Methods for planning
  - Methods for control



Images from UC Berkeley, Boston Dynamics, RoboCup, Google

# Robot Soccer



# Robot Soccer



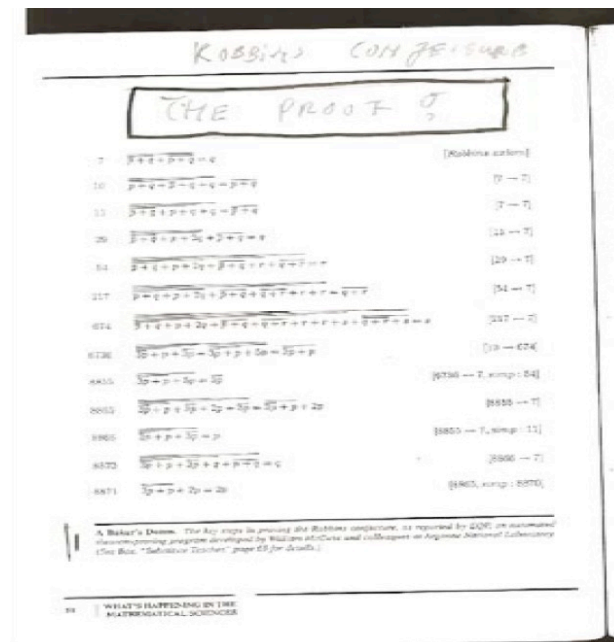
# Google Car





# Logic

- Logical systems
  - Theorem provers
  - NASA fault diagnosis
  - Question answering
- Methods:
  - Deduction systems
  - Constraint satisfaction
  - Satisfiability solvers (huge advances!)

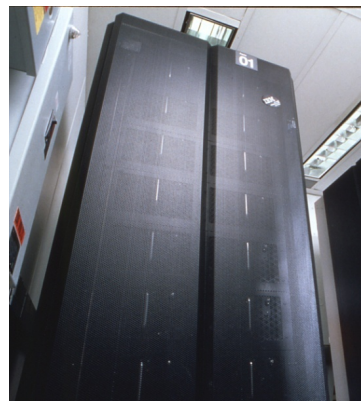


# Game Playing

- **Classic Moment: May, '97: Deep Blue vs. Kasparov**
  - First match won against world champion
  - “Intelligent creative” play
  - 200 million board positions per second
  - Humans understood 99.9 of Deep Blue's moves
  - Can do about the same now with a PC cluster
- **Open question:**
  - How does human cognition deal with the search space explosion of chess?
  - Or: how can humans compete with computers at all??
- **1996: Kasparov Beats Deep Blue**

“I could feel --- I could smell --- a new kind of intelligence across the table.”
- **1997: Deep Blue Beats Kasparov**

“Deep Blue hasn't proven anything.”
- **Huge game-playing advances recently, e.g. in Go!**



# AlphaGo versus Lee Sedol

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates:  37.5706°N 126.9754°E

**AlphaGo versus Lee Sedol** or **Google DeepMind Challenge Match** was a five-game [Go](#) match between South Korean professional Go player [Lee Sedol](#) and [AlphaGo](#), a [computer Go](#) program developed by [Google DeepMind](#), played in [Seoul](#), South Korea between 9 and 15 March 2016. AlphaGo won all but the fourth game;<sup>[1]</sup> all games were won by resignation.<sup>[2]</sup> The match has been compared with the historic chess match between [Deep Blue](#) and [Garry Kasparov](#) in 1997.

The winner of the match was slated to win \$1 million. Since AlphaGo won, Google DeepMind stated that the prize will be donated to charities, including [UNICEF](#), and Go organisations.<sup>[3]</sup> Lee received \$170,000 (\$150,000 for participating in all the five games, and an additional \$20,000 each game won).<sup>[4]</sup>

After the match, The [Korea Baduk Association](#) awarded AlphaGo the highest Go grandmaster rank – an "honorary [9 dan](#)". It was given in recognition of AlphaGo's "sincere efforts" to master Go.<sup>[5]</sup>

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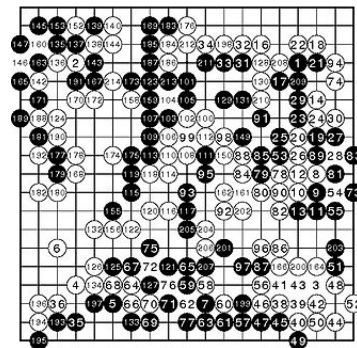


"I misjudged the capabilities of AlphaGo and felt powerless.",  
quote after game 3

## AlphaGo versus Lee Sedol 4–1

**Seoul, South Korea, 9–15 March 2016**

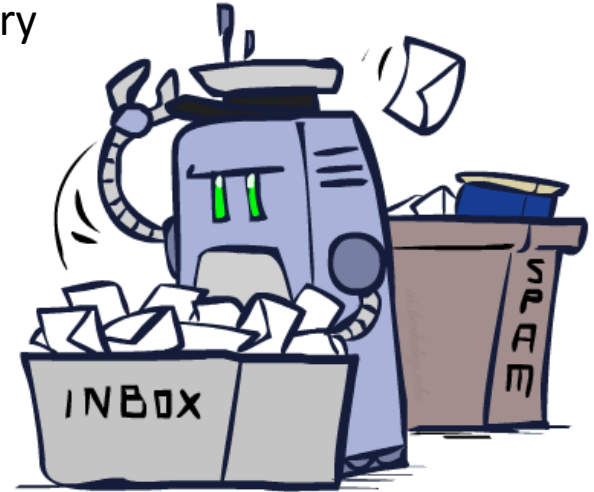
<b>Game one</b>	AlphaGo won.
<b>Game two</b>	AlphaGo won.
<b>Game three</b>	AlphaGo won.
<b>Game four</b>	Lee Sedol won.
<b>Game five</b>	AlphaGo won.



# Decision Making

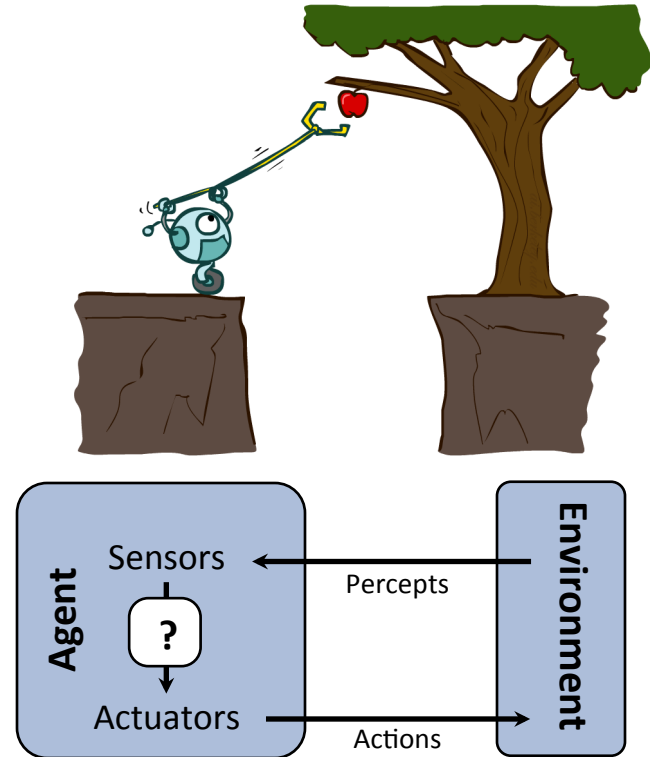
- Applied AI involves many kinds of automation

- Scheduling, e.g. airline routing, military
- Route planning, e.g. Google maps
- Medical diagnosis
- Web search engines
- Spam classifiers
- Automated help desks
- Fraud detection
- Product recommendations
- ... Lots more!

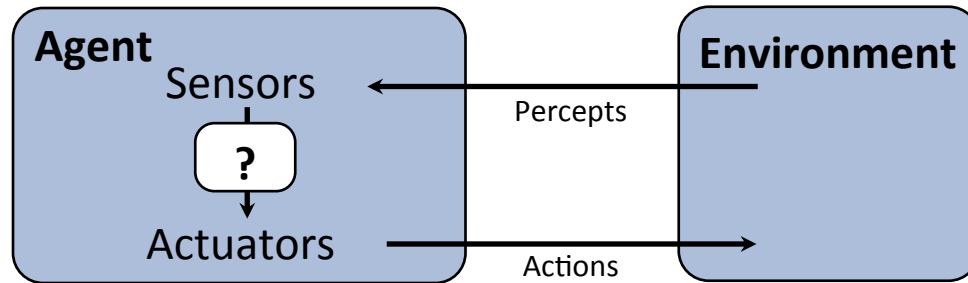
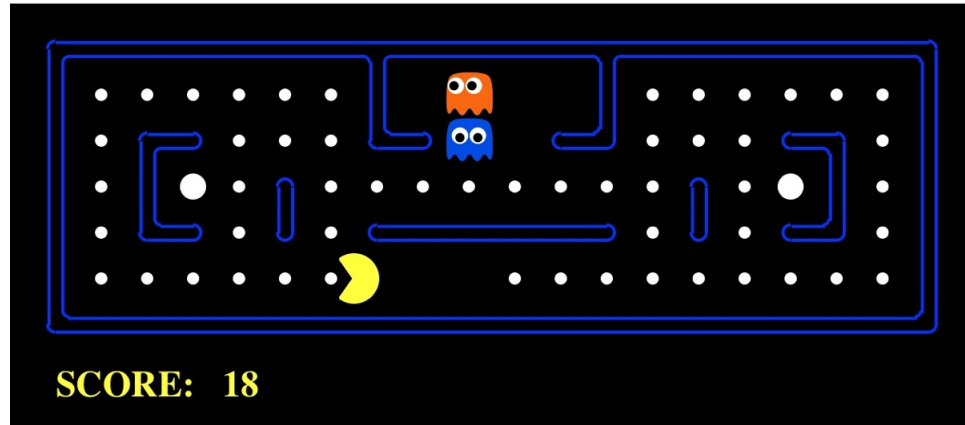


# Designing Rational Agents

- An **agent** is an entity that *perceives* and *acts*.
- A **rational agent** selects actions that maximize its (expected) **utility**.
- Characteristics of the **percepts**, **environment**, and **action space** dictate techniques for selecting rational actions
- **This course is about:**
  - General AI techniques for a variety of problem types
  - Learning to recognize when and how a new problem can be solved with an existing technique



# Pac-Man as an Agent



# Types of Environments

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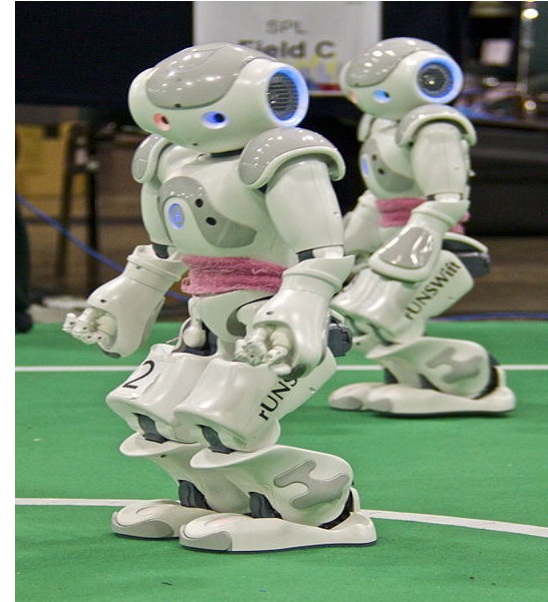
- Fully observable *vs.* partially observable
- Single agent *vs.* multiagent
- Deterministic *vs.* stochastic
- Static *vs.* sequential
- Discrete *vs.* continuous

# Fully observable vs. Partially observable

Can the agent observe the complete state of the environment?



VS.





# Single agent vs. Multiagent

Is the agent the only thing acting in the world?



vs.



# Deterministic vs. Stochastic

Is there uncertainty in how the world works?

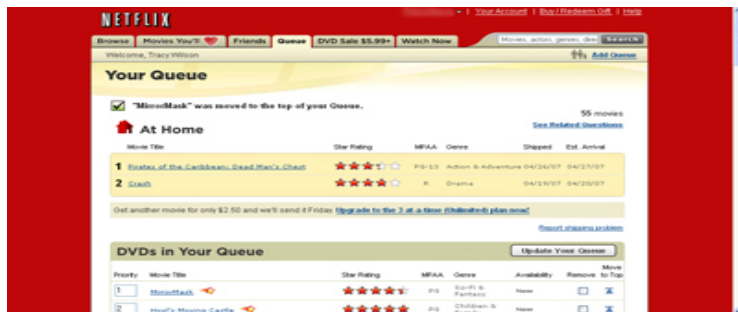


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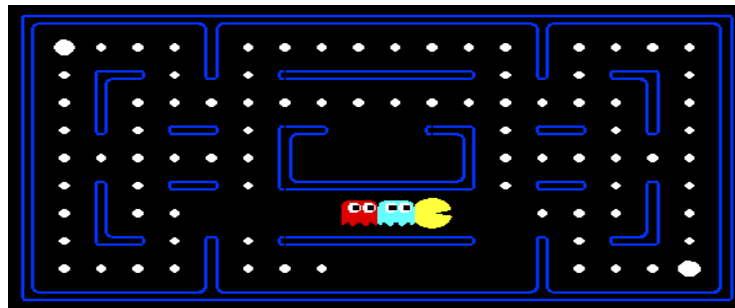


# Static vs. Sequential

Does the agent take more than one action?



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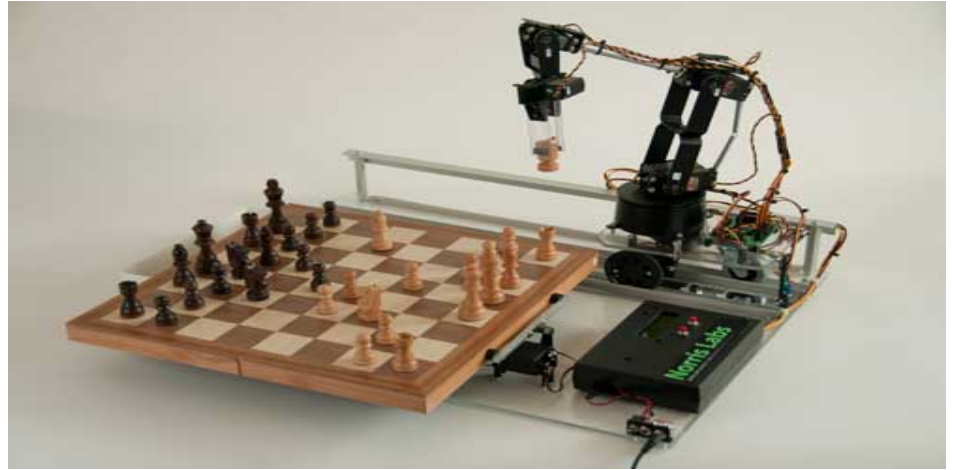


# Discrete vs. Continuous

- Is there a finite (or countable) number of possible environment states?



vs.

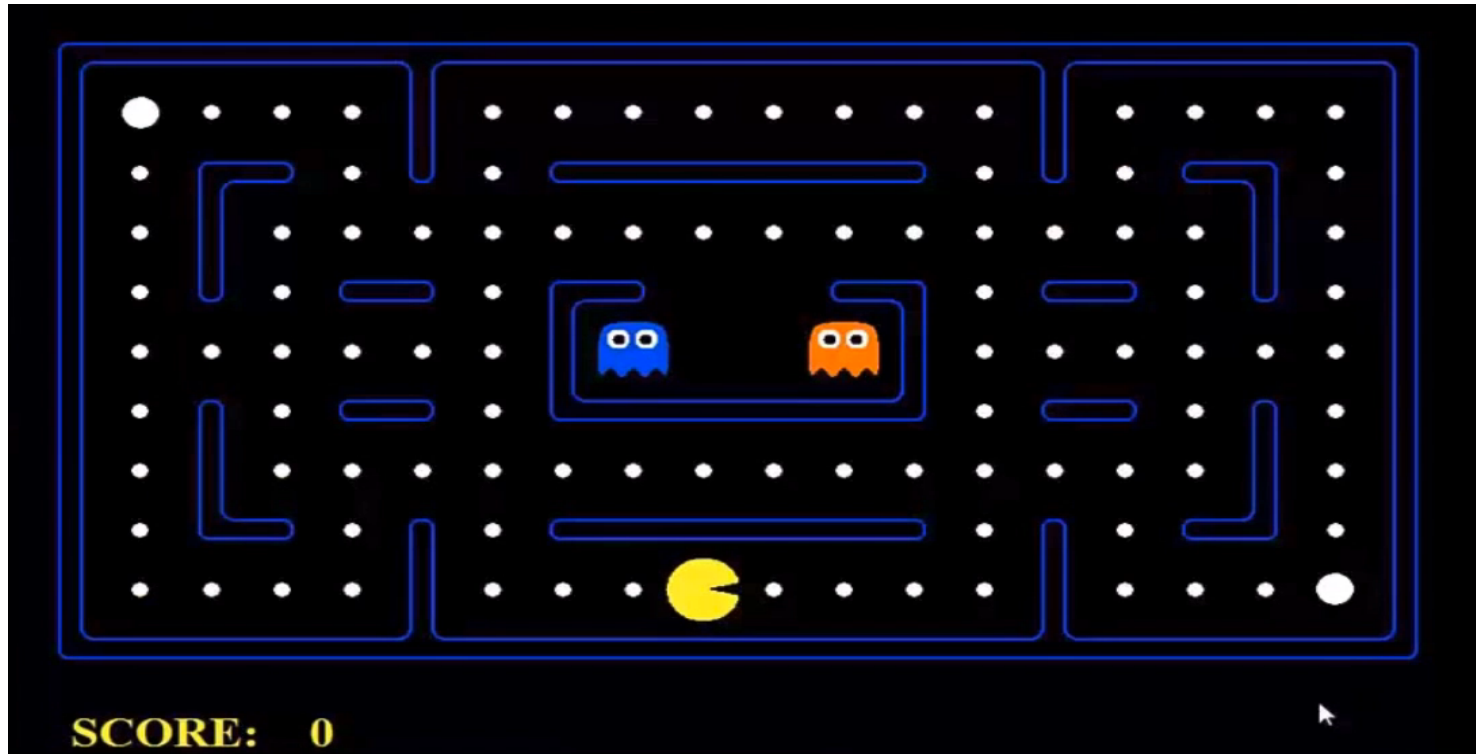


# Course Topics

- Part I: Making Decisions
  - Fast search / planning
  - Constraint satisfaction
  - Adversarial and uncertain search
- Part II: Reasoning under Uncertainty
  - Bayes' nets
  - Decision theory
  - Machine learning
- Throughout: Applications
  - Natural language, vision, robotics, games, ...



# Assignments: Pac-man



Originally developed at UC Berkeley:

<http://www-inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs188/pacman/pacman.html>

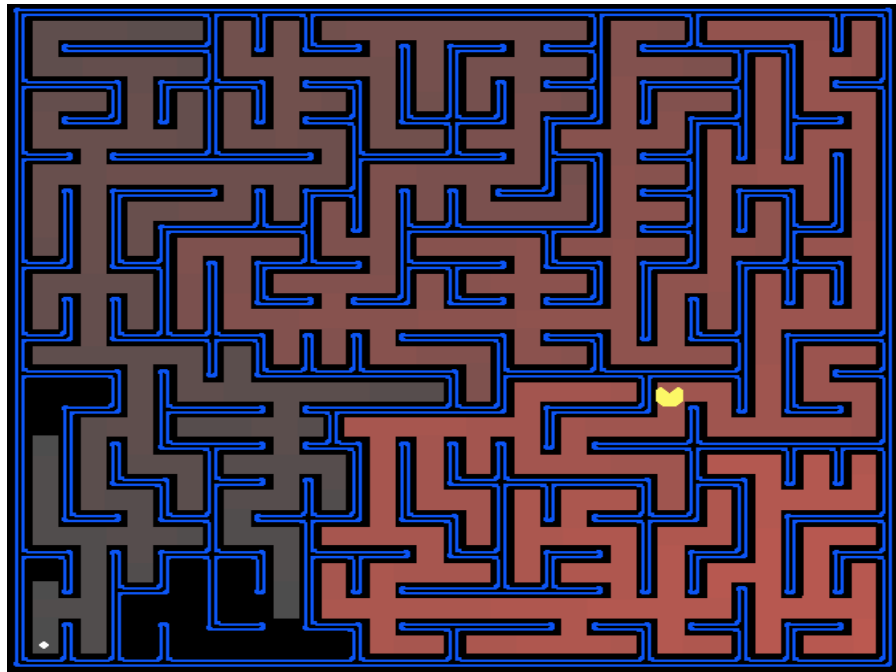
# PS1: Search

## Goal:

- Help Pac-man find his way through the maze

## Techniques:

- Search: breadth-first, depth-first, etc.
- Heuristic Search: Best-first, A\*, etc.



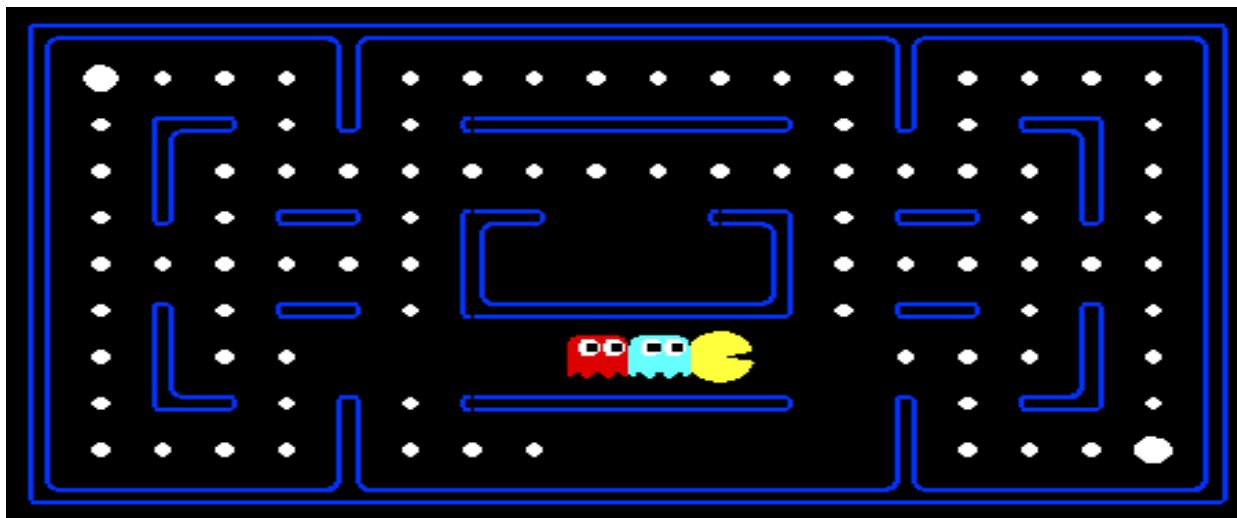
# PS2: Game Playing

Goal:

- Play Pac-man!

Techniques:

- Adversarial Search: minimax, alpha-beta, expectimax, etc.





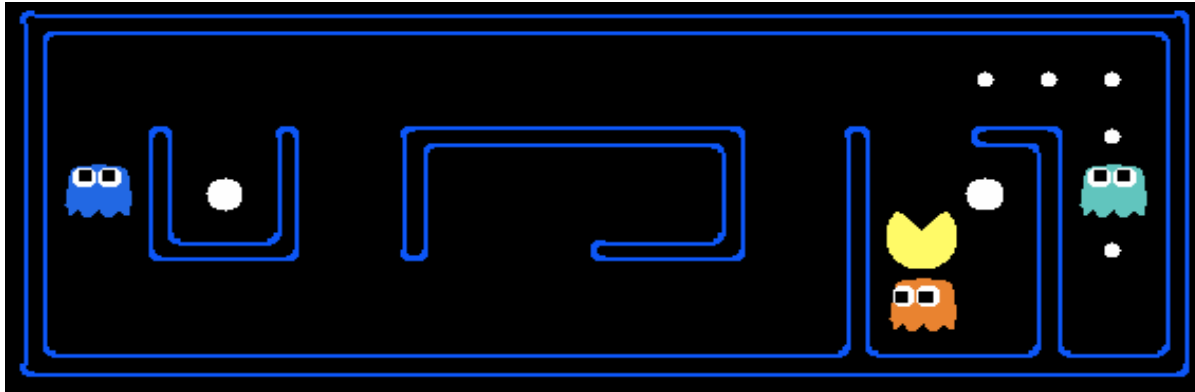
# PS3: Planning and Learning

## Goal:

- Help Pac-man learn about the world

## Techniques:

- Planning: MDPs, Value Iterations
- Learning: Reinforcement Learning



# PS4: Ghostbusters

## Goal:

- Help Pac-man hunt down the ghosts

## Techniques:

- Probabilistic models:  
HMMS, Bayes Nets
- Inference: State estimation  
and particle filtering



# To Do

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- Look at the course website:  
<https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse473/17wi/>
- Do the python tutorial (not graded)