AlphaGo and Monte Carlo Tree Search

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A feat previously thought to be (a decade?) away!!!

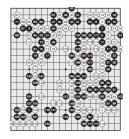


Chess vs. Alpha Go

1997, Al named "Deep Blue" beat chess world champion.



Search space: b^d : b = 35, d = 80



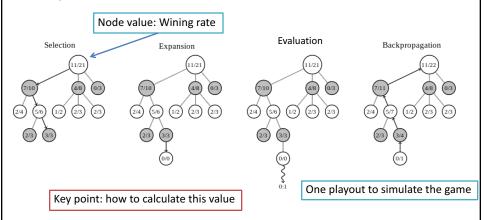
Search space: b^d : b = 250, d = 150

Key Points

- Given current game state,
 - how to decide next action "a"?
 - How to evaluate each legal action?

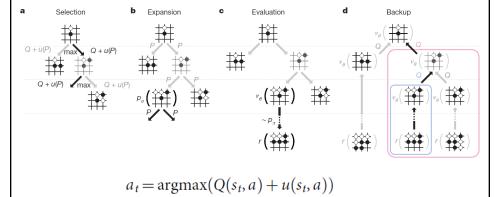
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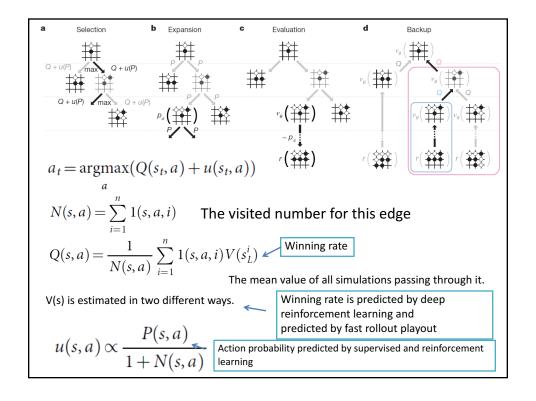
- A popular heuristic search algorithm for game play
 - By lots of simulations and select the most visited action.

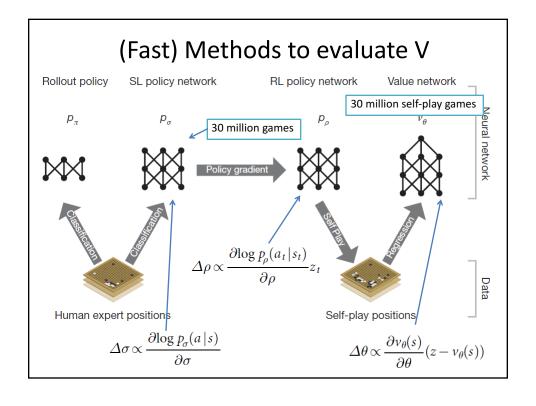


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- AlphaGo
 - Key point: how to calculate the value for each action (path)







Thanks!

- ML for big data:
 - lots of different methods/challenges in the wild.
 - Participate in the ML community.
- Posters:
 - Looking forward to the poster session.
- Have a great summer!

Acknowledgments

 Some slides modified from: prlab.tudelft.nl/sites/default/files/deepmind_go_nature.p ptx

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