CSE 573 P:
Artificial Intelligence

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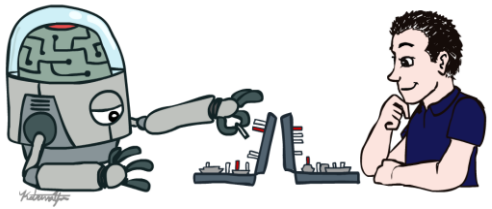


slides adapted from
Dan Klein, Pieter Abbeel ai.berkeley.edu
And Dan Weld, Luke Zettlemoyer

Website

- Website
  - tentative schedule
  - lecture slides
  - course policies, etc.

  - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/csep573/22wi/

Course Staff

- TAs:
  - James Ferguson
  - Skyler Hallinan
  - Bhargavi Paranjape

- Office hours
  - Schedule on the website
  - **TAs**: concepts, projects, homework
  - **Hanna**: concepts, high level guidance, homework

- Survey?

Logistics

- Canvas: grades, submitting programming assignments:
  - private matters – private messages
    - if your message is not answered promptly enough, use the staff email:
- GradeScope for written assignments
- Ed: Discussion board: ask and answer questions; announcements

Course Format

- Programming Assignments
  - 4 projects
  - Python
  - Autograded
  - Give you hands-on experience with the algorithms
  - I expect you to get 100% on projects
- Written homeworks
  - 2 written homeworks
  - Gives you a more conceptual understanding of the material

Course Format (continued)

- Paper report
  - Learn how to read and criticize research papers
- Final Project:
  - Encourage to pick a project related to your research or work
  - We will provide recommendations for picking projects
  - There will be a proposal day.

Prerequisites

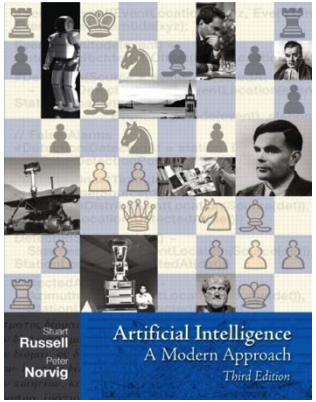
- Data Structure or Equivalent:
  CSE 332

- Math:
  - Basic exposure to probability and data structures

- Programming – Familiar with Python
  - There is a 0th project (P0)

Textbook

- Not required, but for students who want to read more we recommend
  - Russell & Norvig, AI: A Modern Approach, 3rd Ed.



  - Warning: Not a course textbook, so our presentation does not necessarily follow the presentation in the book.

Course Policies

- Grade:
  - Your **grade** will be: 5% paper reports, 40% programming assignments, 25% homeworks, and 30% project.
- Assignments should be done individually unless otherwise specified.
- Late Policy: **Six** penalty-free late day for the whole quarter; maximum 4 days per assignment. No late day for the final.

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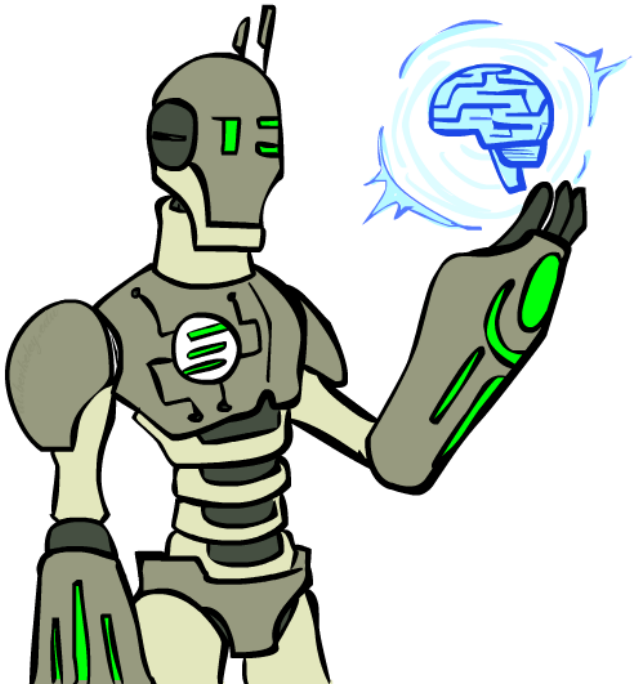

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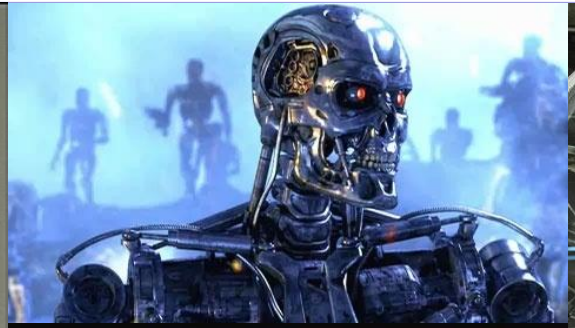
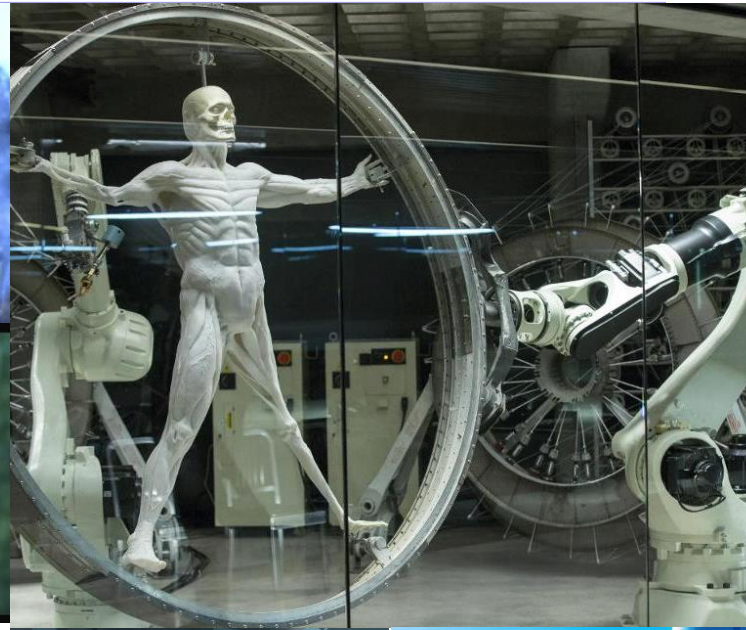
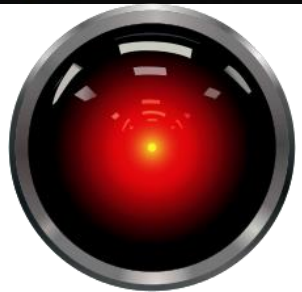
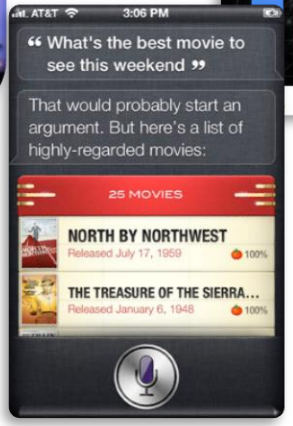






Artificial Intelligence in Action



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What is AI?

The science of making machines that:

Rational Decisions

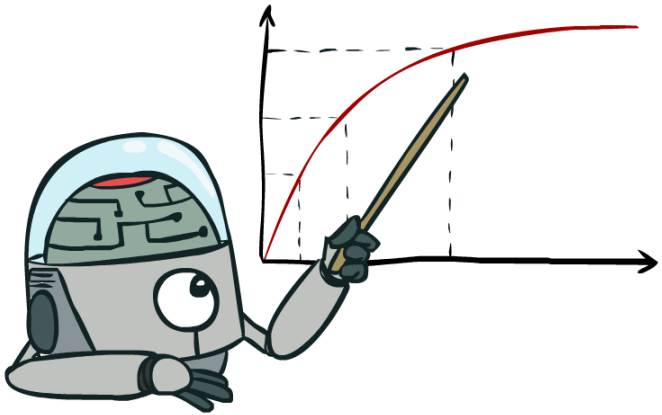
We'll use the term **rational** in a very specific, technical way:

- 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



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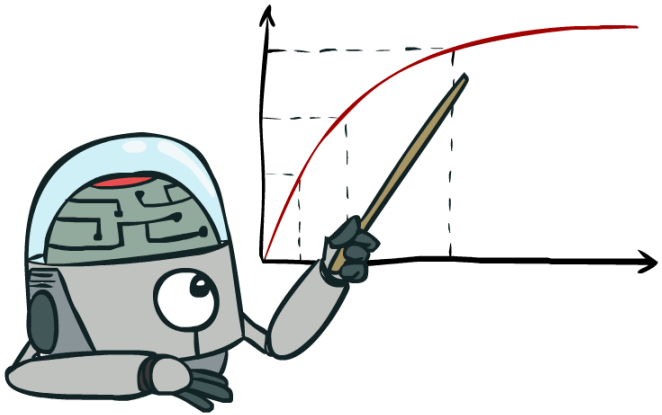

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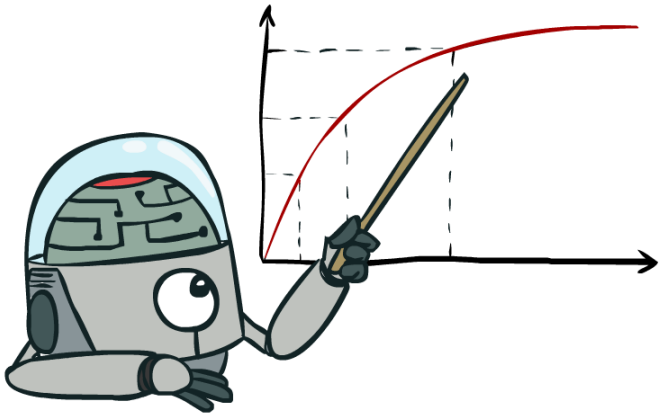

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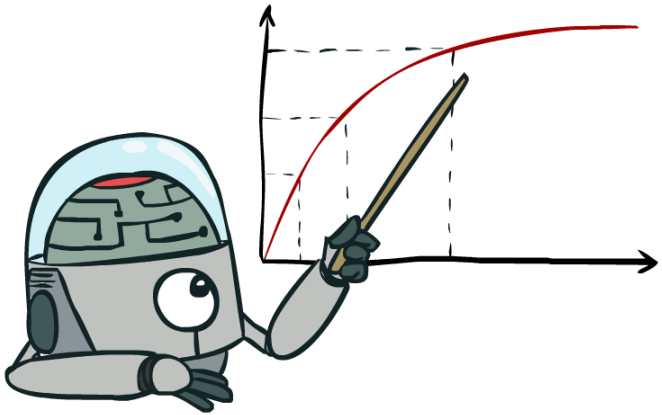

What About the Brain?

- 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

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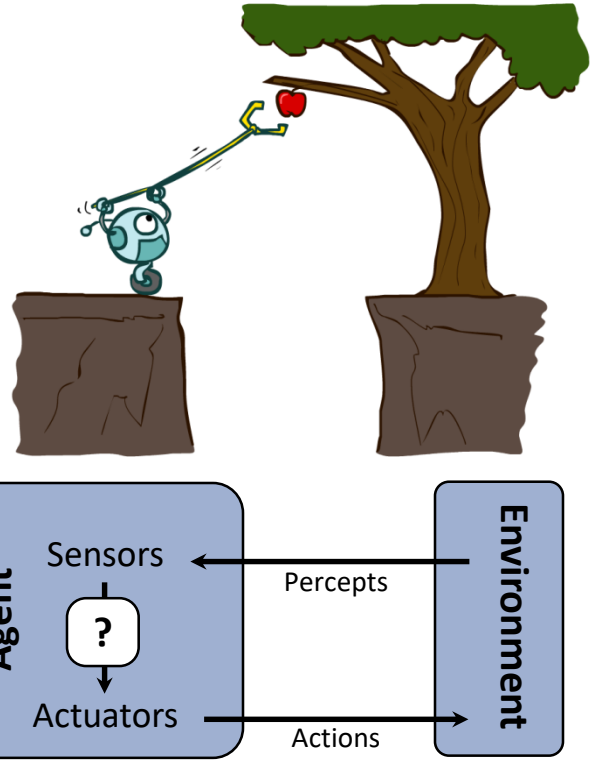
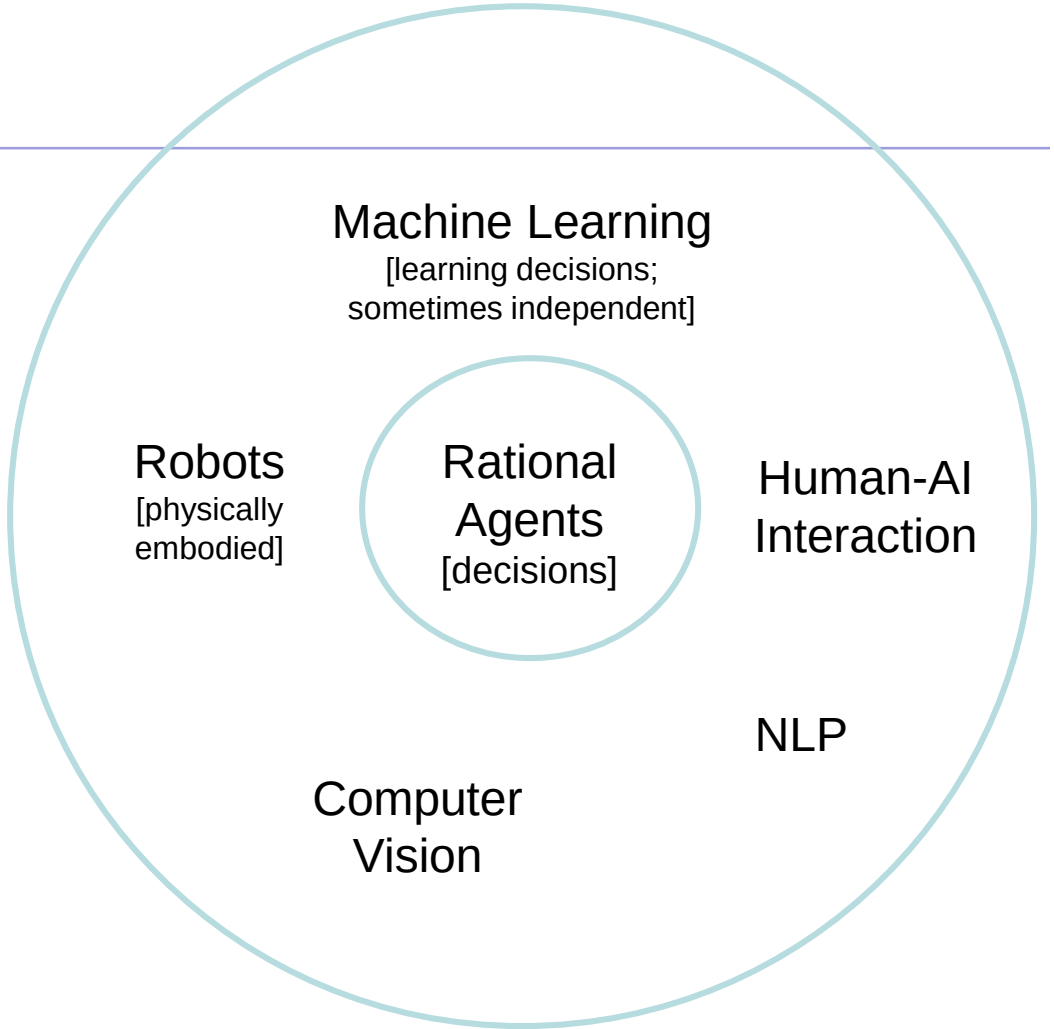


Topics in This Course

- Part I: Intelligence from Computation
  - Fast search
  - Adversarial and uncertain search
- Part II: Reasoning under Uncertainty
  - Decision theory: Reinforcement Learning, Markov Decision Processes
  - Machine learning
  - Graphical Models - Bayes Nets; HMMs
- Throughout: Applications
  - Natural language, vision, robotics, games, …

This course w.r.t. Current AI Research



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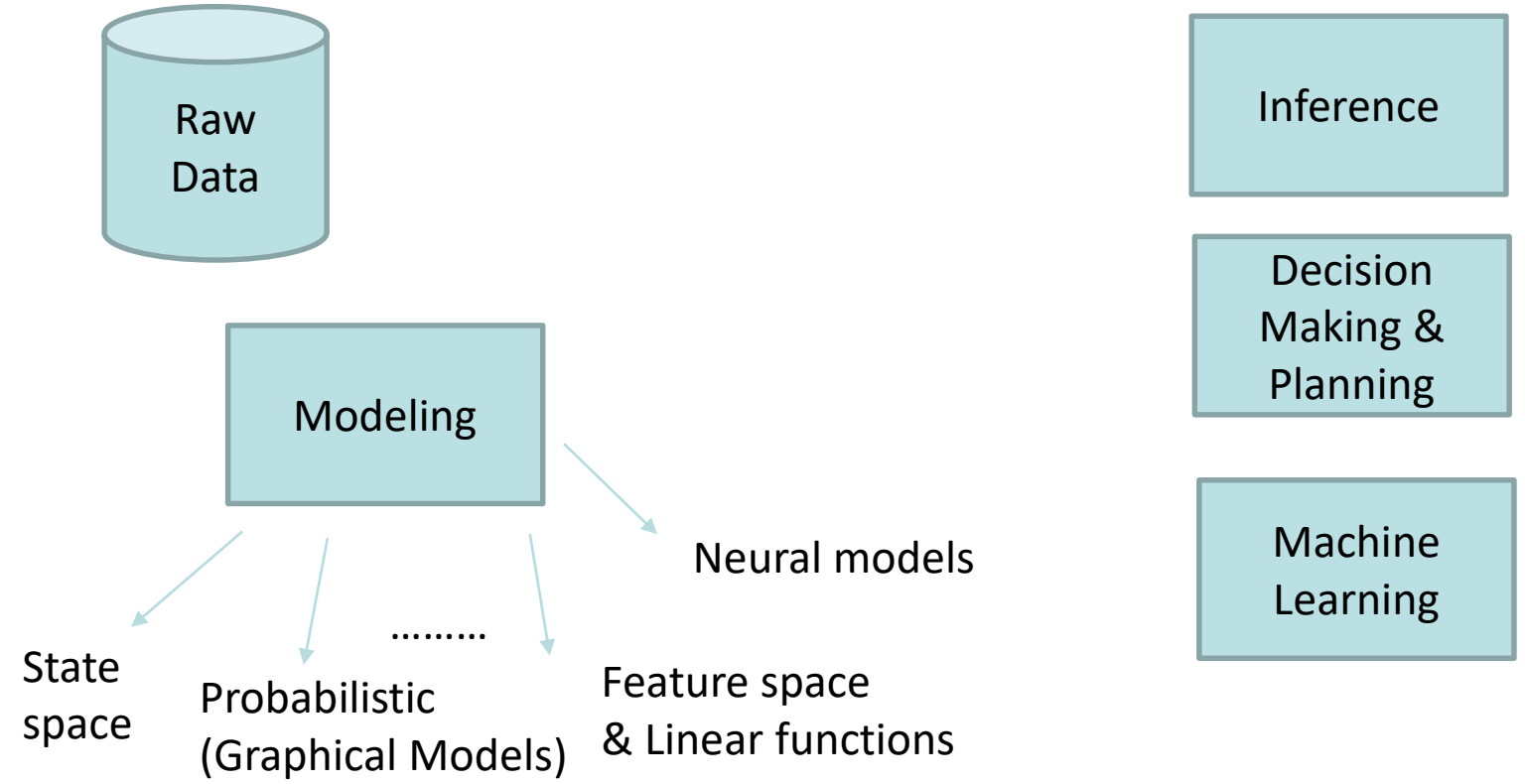
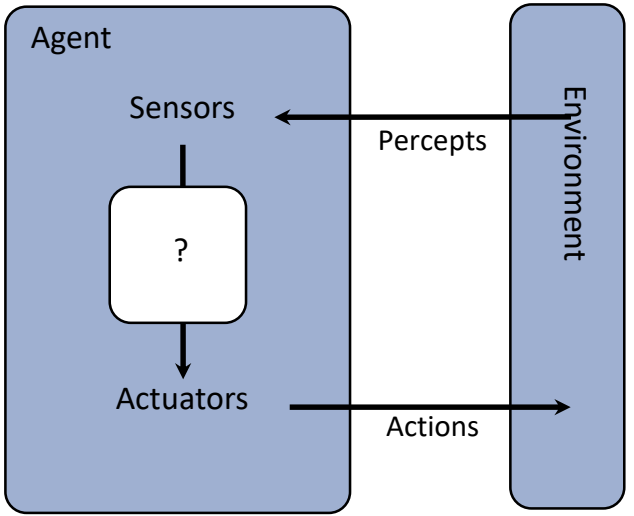


This course vs. others

- Stat methods
- NLP
- ML
- Robotics
- Vision
- Advanced RL
- Deep Learning



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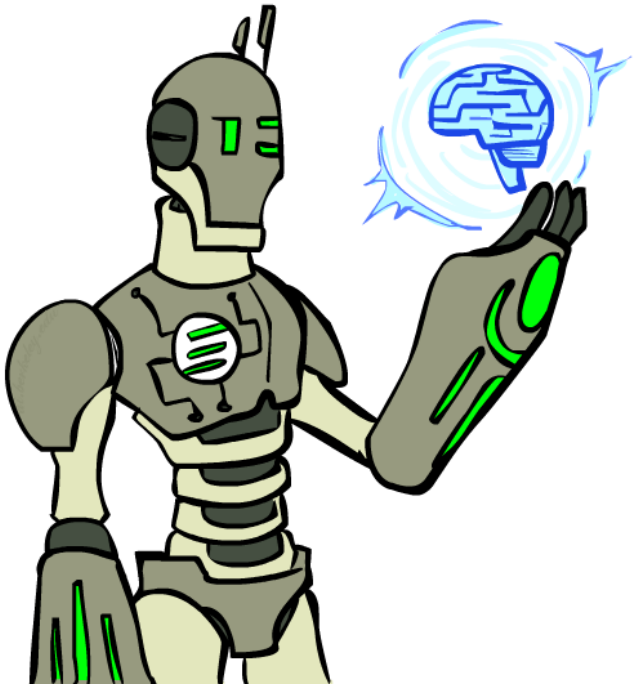

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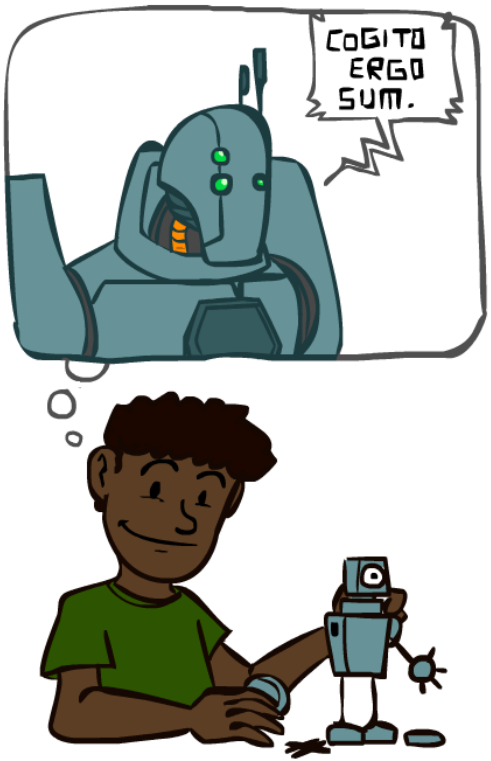

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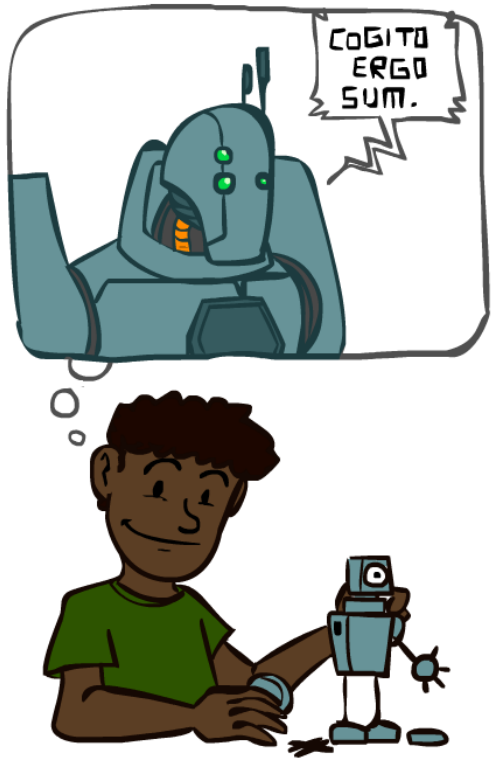
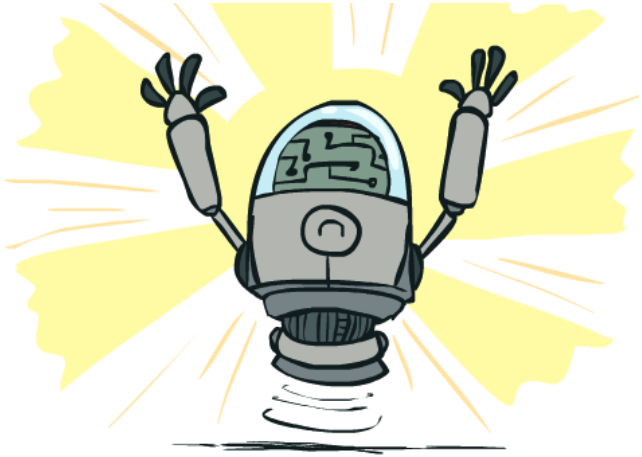
- 1940-1950: Early days
  - 1943: McCulloch & Pitts: Boolean circuit model of brain
  - 1950: Turing's “Computing Machinery and Intelligence”
- 1950—70: Excitement: Look, Ma, no hands!
  - 1950s: Early AI programs, including Samuel's checkers program, Newell & Simon's Logic Theorist, Gelernter's Geometry Engine
  - 1956: Dartmouth meeting: “Artificial Intelligence” adopted
  - 1965: Robinson's complete algorithm for logical reasoning
- 1970—90: Knowledge-based approaches
  - 1969—79: Early development of knowledge-based systems
  - 1980—88: Expert systems industry booms
  - 1988—93: Expert systems industry busts: “AI Winter”
- 1990—2012: Statistical approaches
  - Resurgence of probability, focus on uncertainty
  - General increase in technical depth
  - Agents and learning systems… “AI Spring”?
- 2012— present: Excitement: Look, Ma, no hands!
  - Big Data, big compute, neural networks
  - Some re-unification of subfields
  - AI is being used in industry.



What Can AI Do?

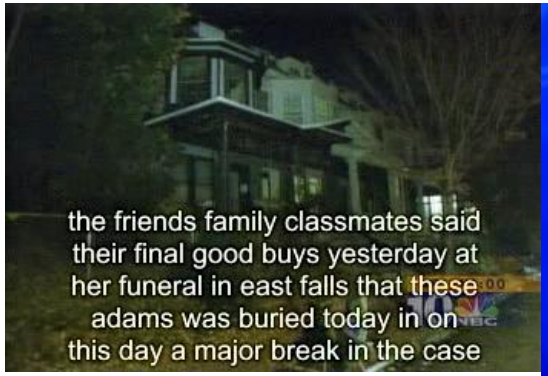
Quiz: Which of the following can be done at present?

- ✓ Play a decent game of Jeopardy?
- ✓ Win against any human at chess?
- ✓ Win against the best humans at Go?
- ✓ Play a decent game of tennis?
- ✓ Grab a particular cup and put it on a shelf?
- ✗ Unload any dishwasher in any home?
- ? Drive safely along the highway?
- ✗ 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?
- ✗ Perform a surgical operation?
- ✗ Unload a known dishwasher in collaboration with a person?
- ✓ Translate spoken Chinese into spoken English in real time?
- ✗ Write an intentionally funny story?



Natural Language

- Speech technologies (e.g. Siri)
  - Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
  - Text-to-speech synthesis (TTS)
  - Dialog systems

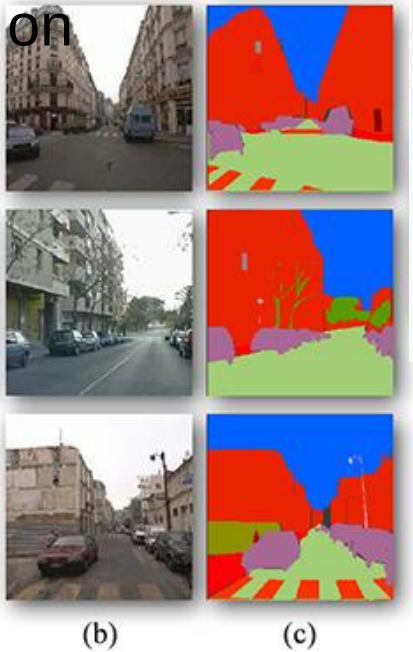


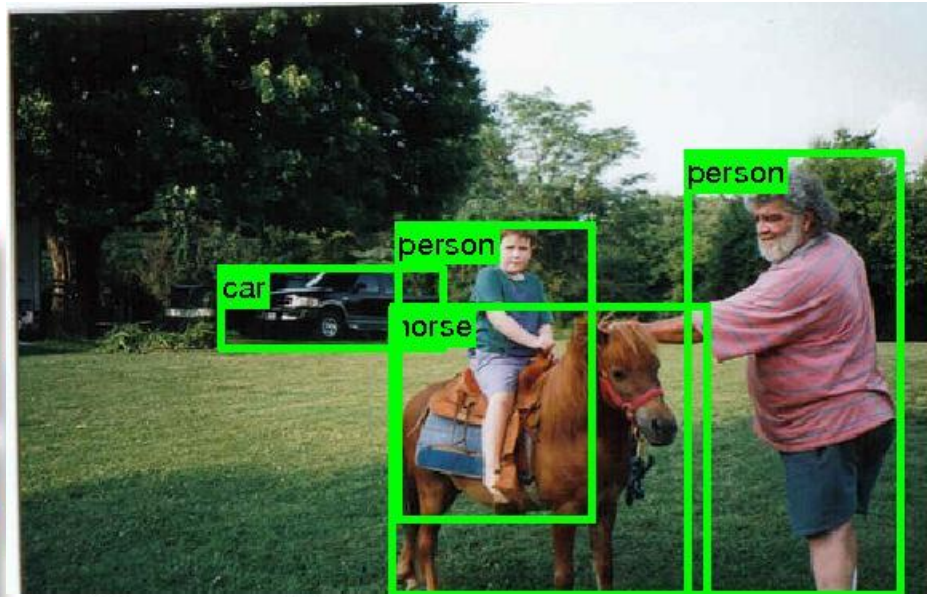
- Language processing technologies
  - Question answering
  - Machine translation

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

Computer Vision

Scene Segmentation





Object Recognition

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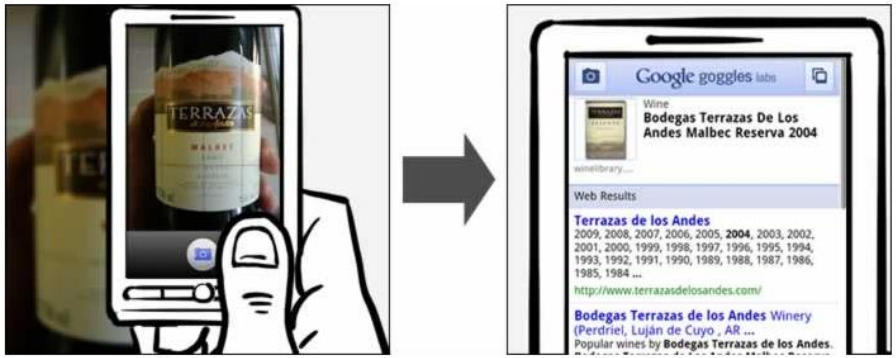
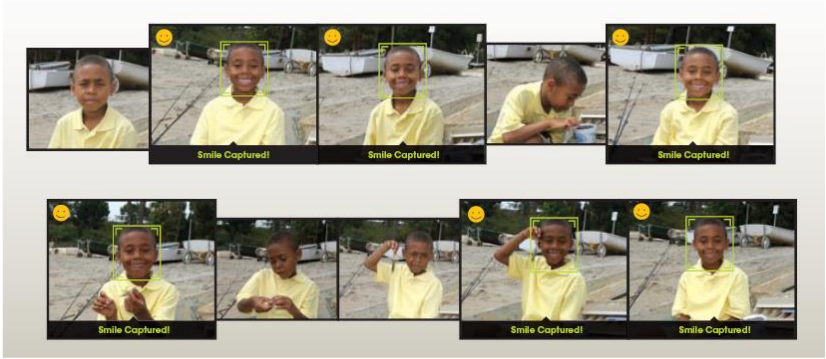
Google Goggles



Smile Detection



Leaf Snap

Image captioning: What begins to work

The flower was so vivid and attractive.

Blue flowers are running rampant in my garden.

We sometimes do well: 1 out of 4 times, machine captions were preferred over the original Flickr captions:

Spring in a white dress.

Blue flowers have no scent. Small white flowers have no idea what they are.

Scenes around the lake on my bike ride.

This horse walking along the road as we drove by.

But many challenges remain
(better examples of when things go awry)

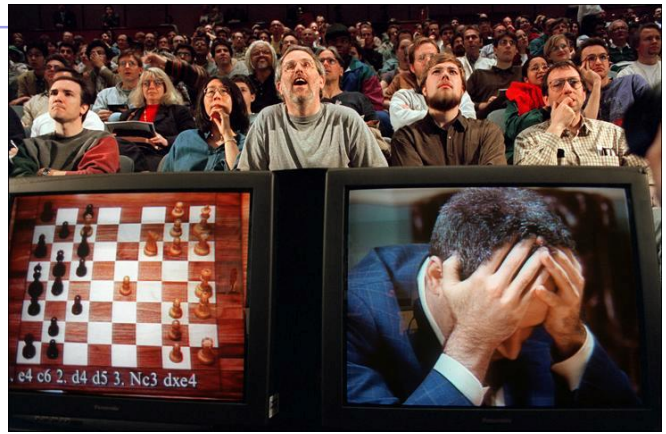
The couch is definitely bigger than it looks in this photo.

Yellow ball suspended in water.

My cat laying in my duffel bag.

A high chair in the trees.

Game Agents



- 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

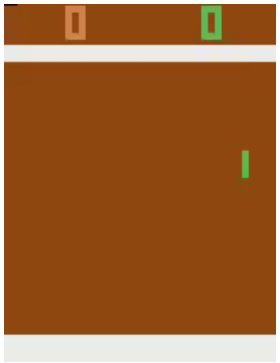
- 1996: Kasparov Beats Deep Blue
  “I could feel --- I could smell --- a new kind of intelligence across the table.”

- 1997: Deep Blue Beats Kasparov
  “Deep Blue hasn't proven anything.”

Text from Bart Selman, image from IBM’s Deep Blue pages

Game Agents

- Reinforcement learning



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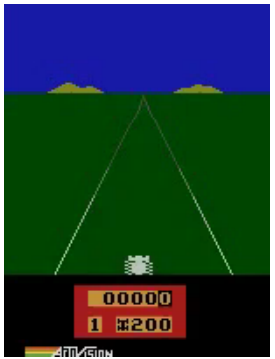

Enduro

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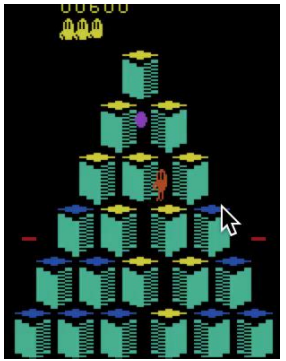

Q*bert

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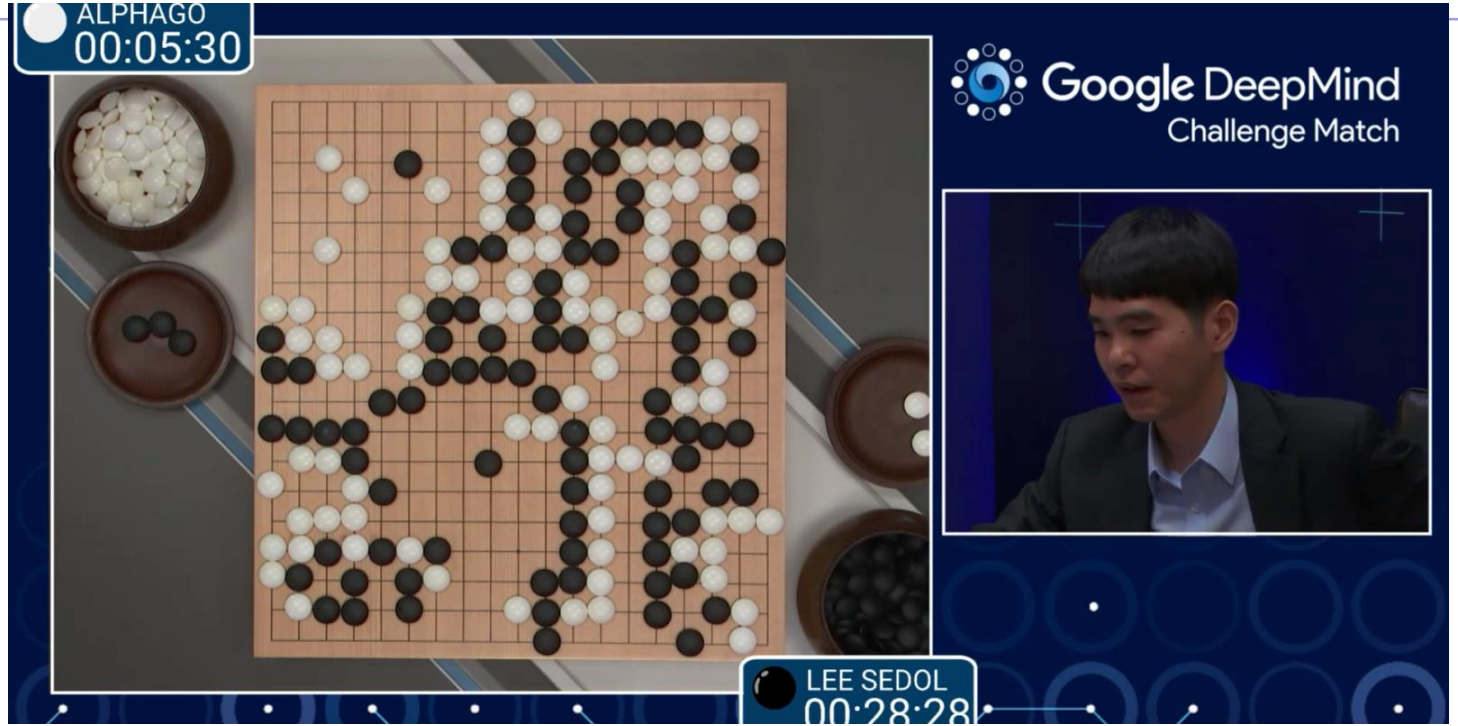
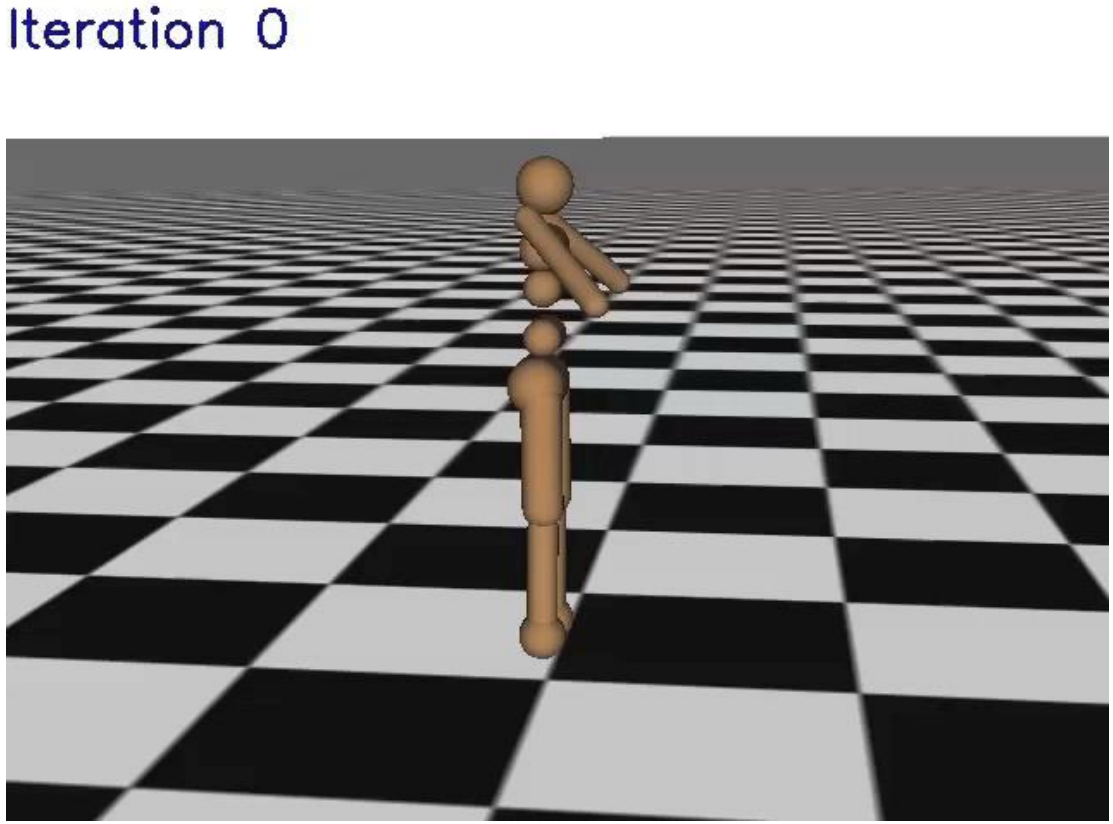


AlphaGo deep RL defeats Lee Sedol (4-1)

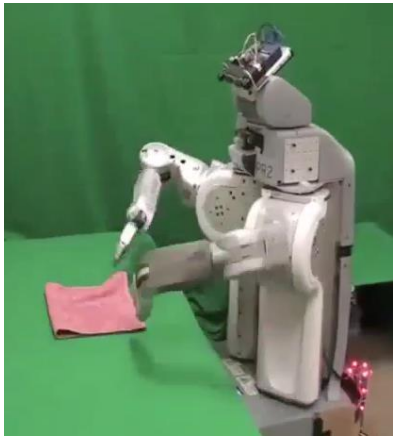
Simulated Agents



[Schulman, Moritz, Levine, Jordan, Abbeel, ICLR 2016]

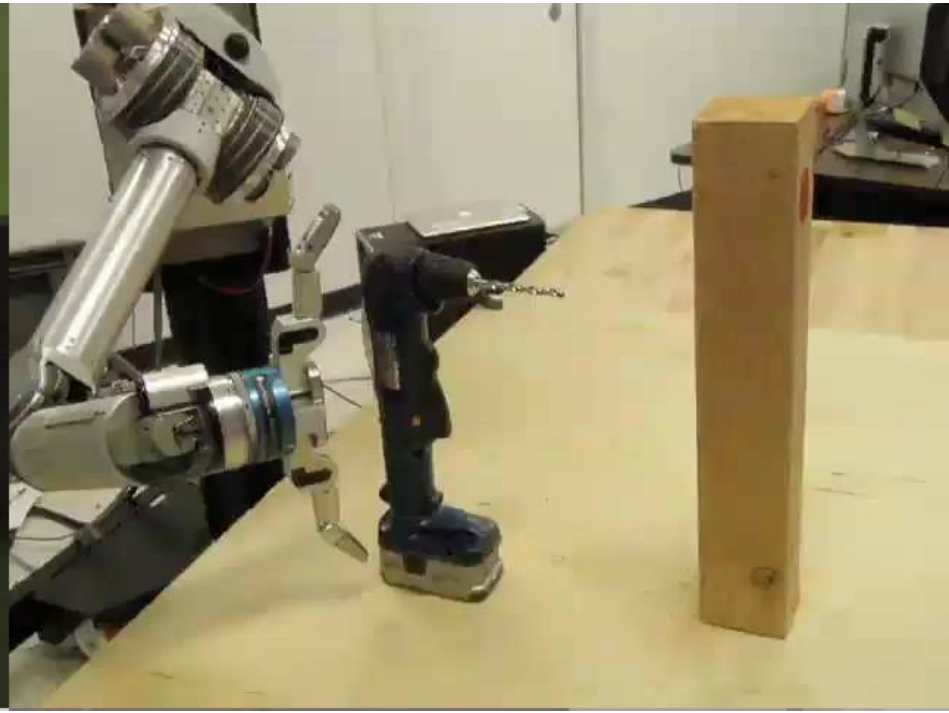
Robotics

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

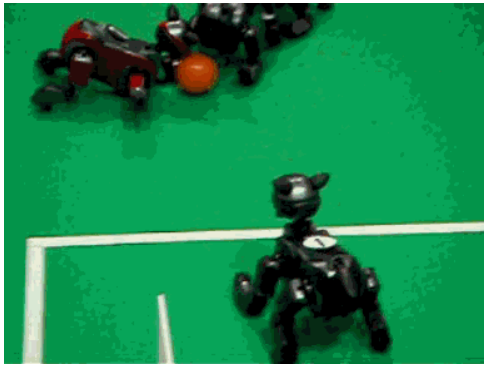


Images from UC Berkeley, Boston Dynamics, RoboCup, Google

Robots



Robocup



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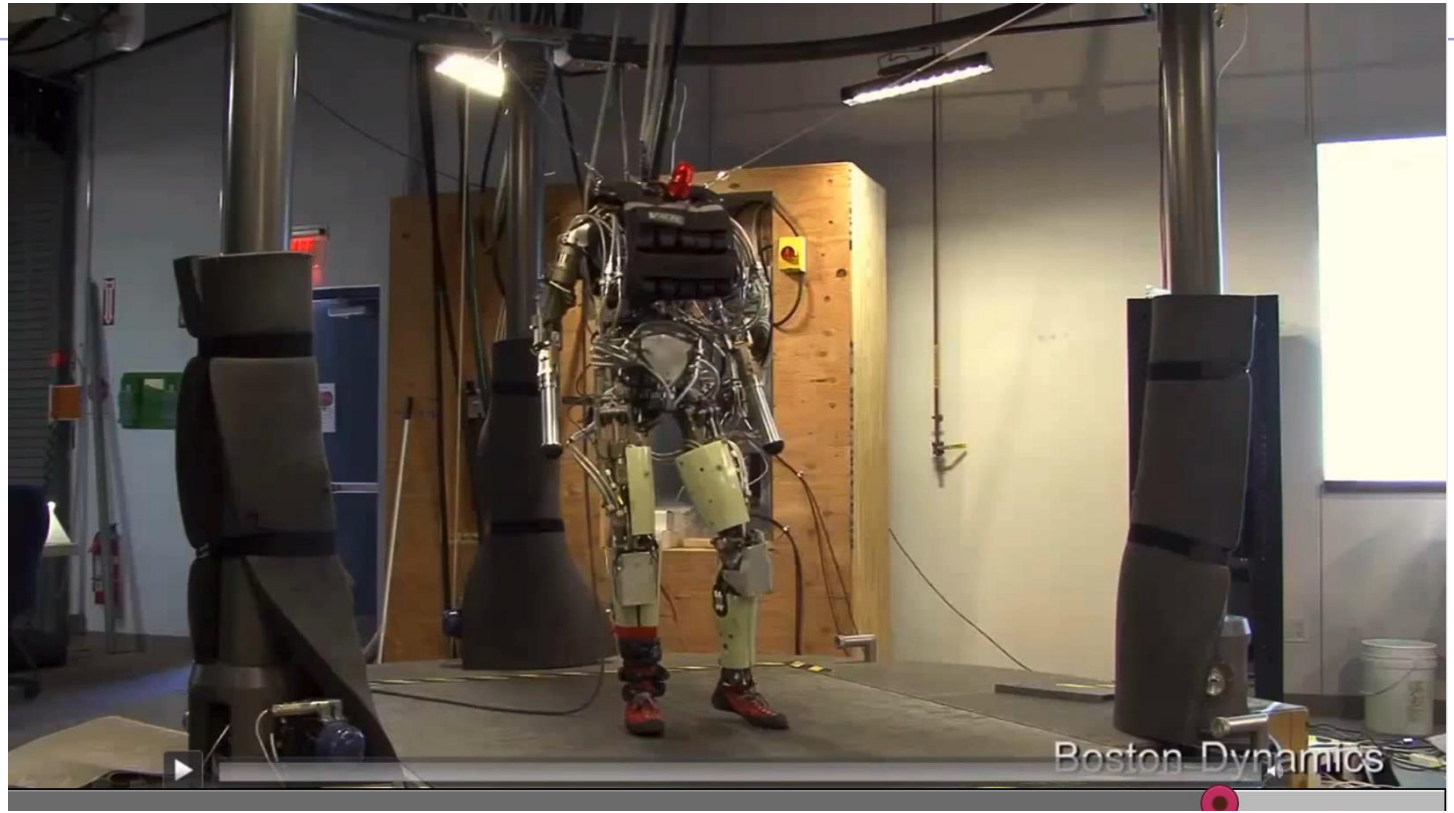
Boston Dynamics

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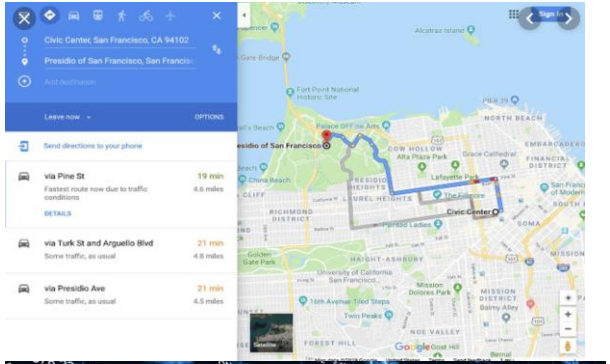
Tools for Predictions & Decisions



Decision Making

- Applied AI in many kinds of automation:
  - Scheduling, airline routing
  - Route planning
  - Medical diagnosis
  - Web search
  - Spam classification
  - Automated help desks
  - Smarter devices, like cameras
  - Fraud detection
  - Product recommendation
  - … Lots more!

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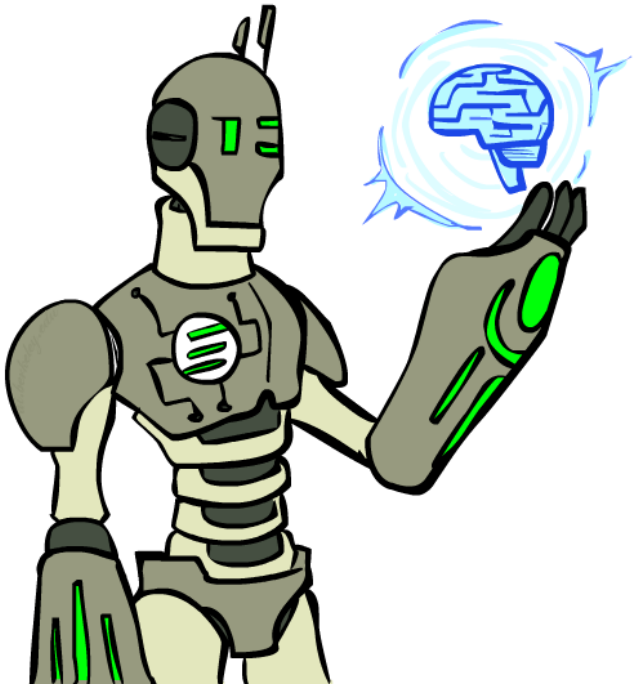

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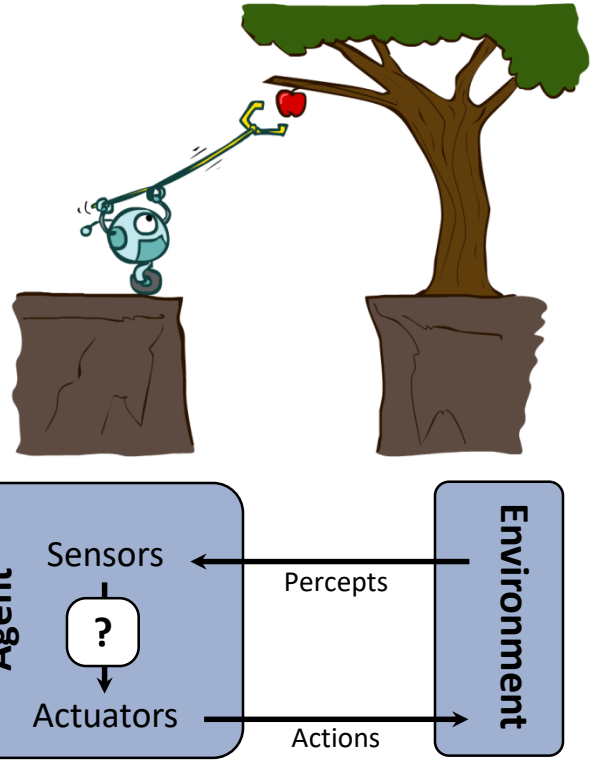

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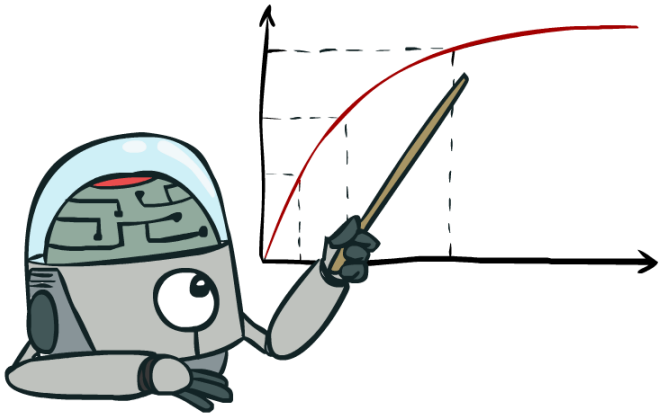
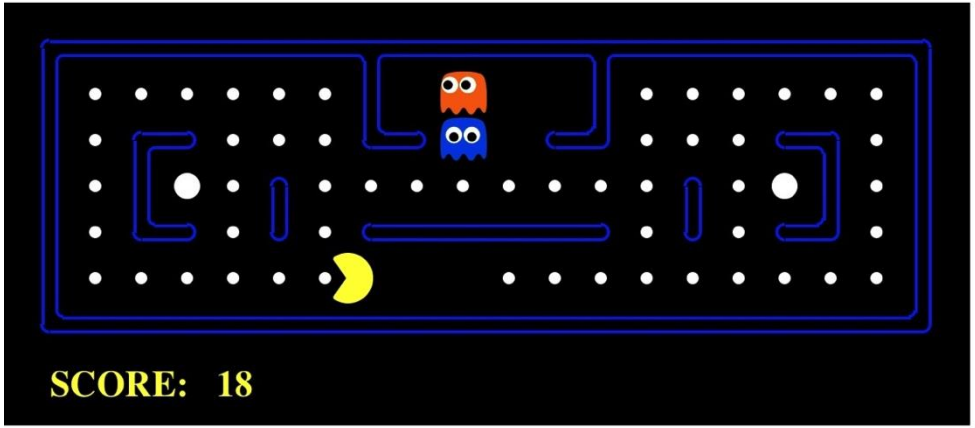
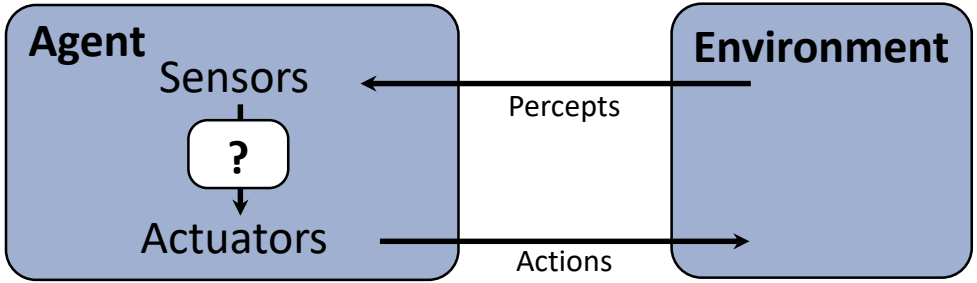


Pac-Man as an Agent





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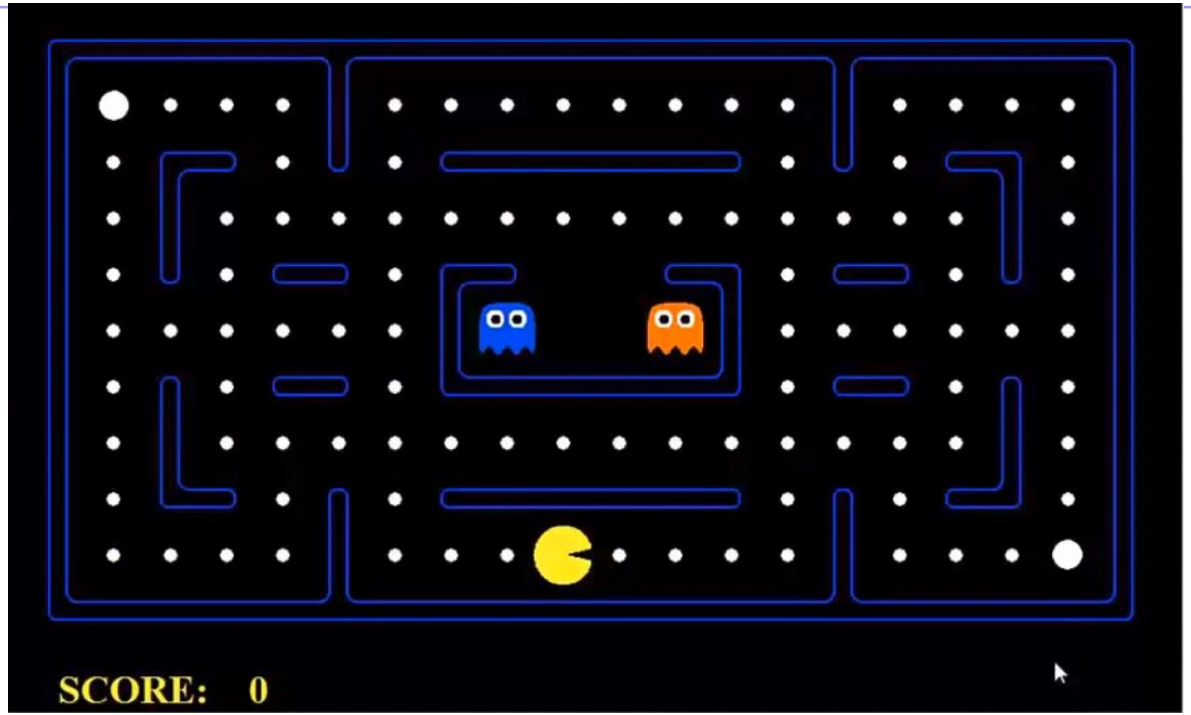

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Important This Week

- Important this week:
  - **Check out** canvas--- our main resource for assignments and grades
  - **Check out** website – for schedule and slides
  - **Check out** Ed – for discussions; we have added everyone to Ed
  - **Check out** Gradescope -- for written assignments
  - **P0: Python tutorial** is out