CSE 573:Artificial Intelligence

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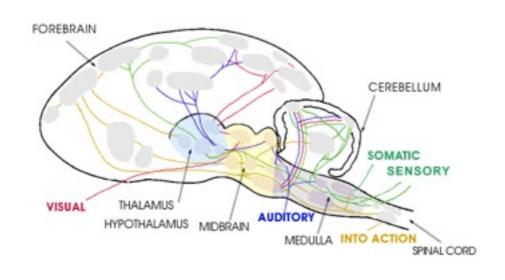
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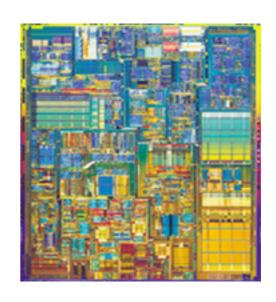
Could We Build It?



10¹¹ neurons 10¹⁴ synapses cycle time: 10⁻³ sec

VS.

10⁹ transistors 10¹² bits of RAM cycle time: 10⁻⁹ sec



What is CSE 573?

Textbook:

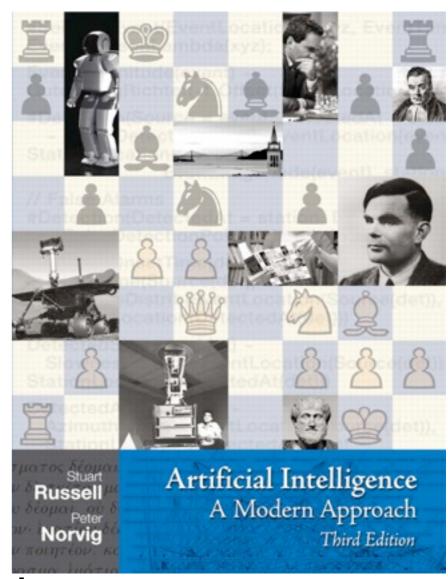
 Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach, Russell and Norvig (third edition)

Prerequisites:

- CSE 421: Algorithms, or equivalent
- basic exposure to probability, data structures, and logic

Work:

• Readings (mostly from text), Programming / written homework (40%), In class exam (30%), Final mini-project (20%), Class participation (10%)



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Week	Dates	Topics & Slides	Readings	Notes
1	Sept 30	Introduction	R&N Ch 1, Ch 2	
2	Oct 5 Oct 7	Agents and Search Heuristic search	R&N Chap 3	
3		Game Trees Utility Theory		
4		Markov Decision Processes (MDPs) MDPs continued		
5		Reinforcement Learning (RL) RL continued		
6		Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) HMM Inference		
7		Bayes Net (BNs) No class (Veterans day)	N/A	
8		BN Inference In class mid-term		
9		First-order logic (FOL) No Class (Thanksgiving)		
10		FOL Inference Resolution		
11	Dec 7 Dec 9	TBD: Language / Vision / Robotics TBD: Language / Vision / Robotics		

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Lectures:	Tues/Thu	12:00pm-1:20pm EEB 042

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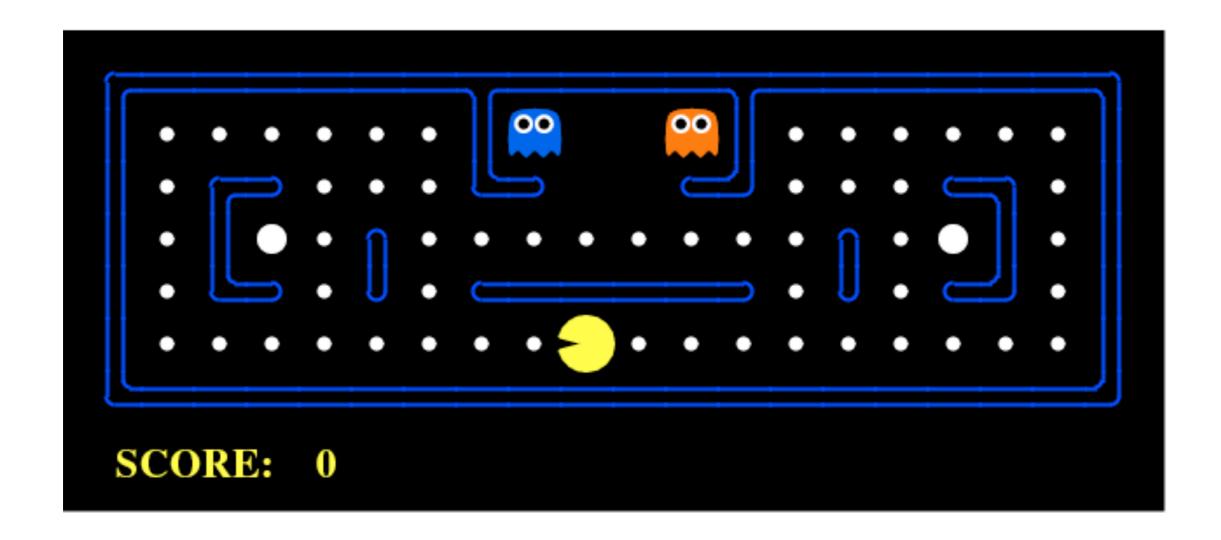
Textbooks:

Stuart Russell & Peter Norvig, Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach, Prentice-Hall, Third Edition (2010).

Grading:

Problem Sets 40%; midterm 30%; mini-project 20%; class participation 10%

Assignments: Pac-man



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Today

•What is artificial intelligence (AI)?

•What can Al do?

•What is this course?

What is Al?

The science of making machines that:

Think like humans	Think rationally
Act like humans	Act rationally

Rational Decisions

We'll use the term rational in a particular way:

- Rational: maximally achieving pre-defined goals
- Rational 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:

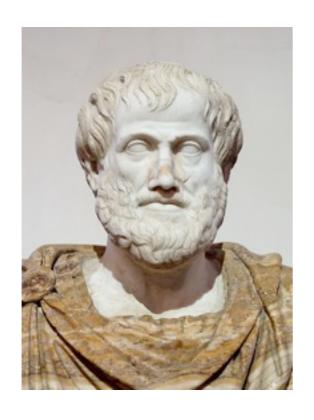
Computational Rationality

A (Short) History of Al

- Prehistory
- 1940-1950: Early days
- 1950—70: Excitement: Look, Ma, no hands!
- 1970—88: Knowledge-based approaches
- 1988—: Statistical approaches
- 2000—: Where are we now?

Prehistory

- Logical Reasoning: (4th C BC+) Aristotle, George Boole, Gottlob Frege, Alfred Tarski
- Probabilistic Reasoning: (16th C+)
 Gerolamo Cardano, Pierre Fermat, James Bernoulli, Thomas Bayes



and



1940-1950: Early Days

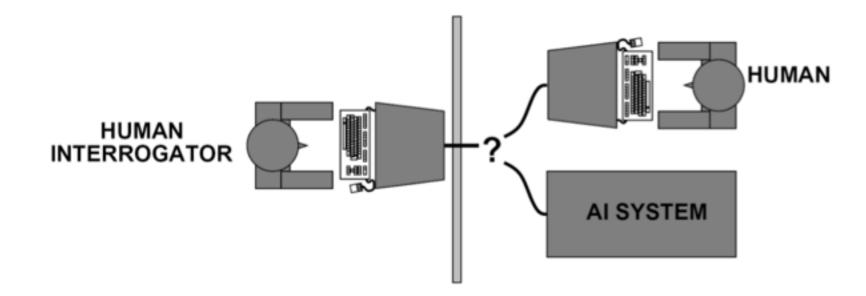
- 1943: McCulloch & Pitts: Boolean circuit model of brain
- 1950: Turing's "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"

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

The Turing Test

- Turing (1950) "Computing machinery and intelligence"
 - "Can machines think?" → "Can machines behave intelligently?"
 - The *Imitation Game:*



 Suggested major components of AI: knowledge, reasoning, language understanding, learning

1950-1970: Excitement

- 1950s: Early Al 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

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

-Herbert Simon

1970-1980: Knowledge Based Systems

- 1969-79: Early development of knowledge-based systems
- 1980-88: Expert systems industry booms
- 1988-93: Expert systems industry busts: "Al Winter"

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"

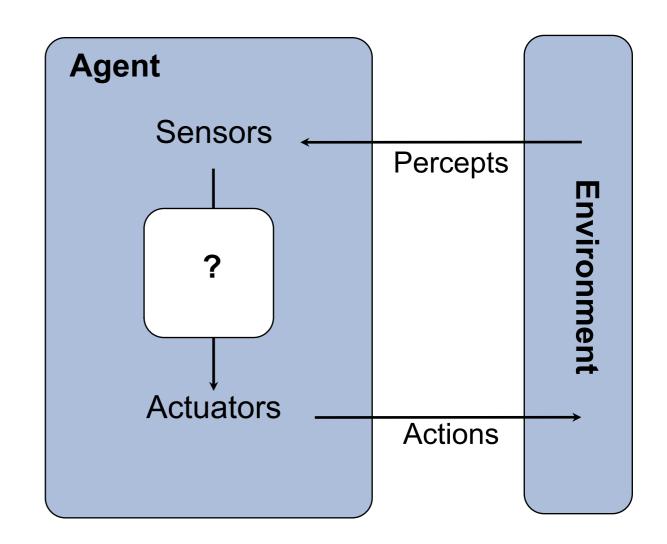
1988--: Statistical Approaches

- 1985-1990: Probability and Decision Theory win - Pearl, Bayes Nets
- 1990-2000: Machine learning takes over subfields: Vision, Natural Language, etc.
- Agents, uncertainty, and learning systems... "Al Spring"?

"Every time I fire a linguist, the performance of the speech recognizer goes up" -Fred Jelinek, IBM Speech Team

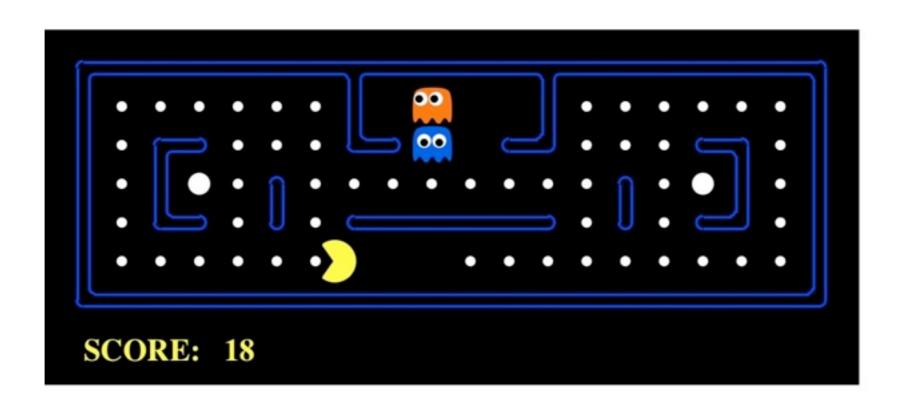
Designing Rational Agents

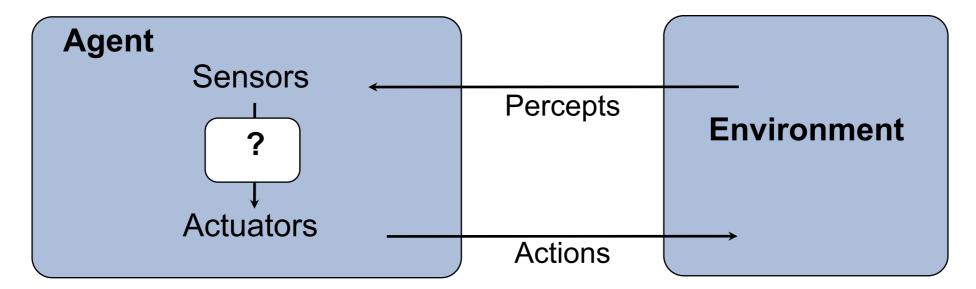
- An agent is an entity that perceives and acts.
- A rational agent selects actions that maximize its utility function.
- Characteristics of the percepts, environment, and action space dictate techniques for selecting rational actions.



- 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

Pacman as an Agent



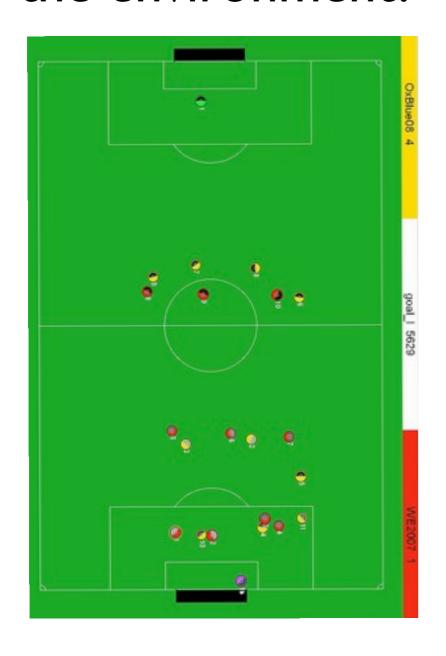


Types of Environments

- Fully observable vs. partially observable
- Single agent vs. multiagent
- Deterministic vs. stochastic
- Episodic 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?



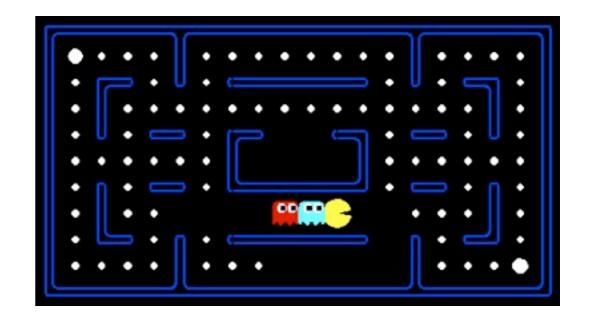


Episodic vs. Sequential

Does the agent take more than one action?



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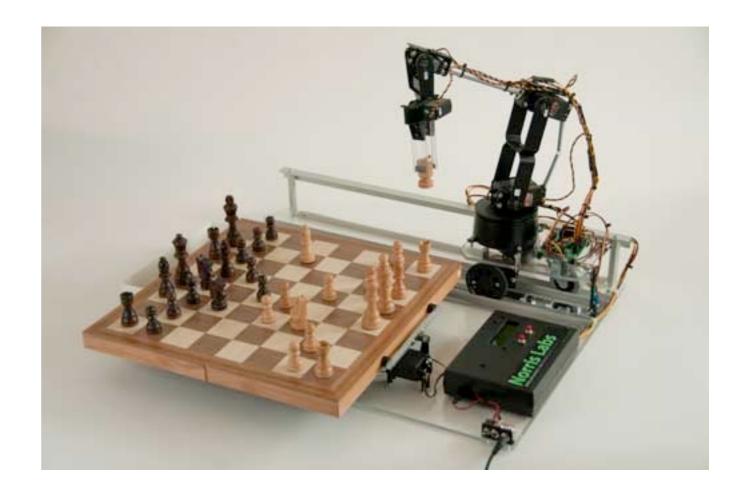


Discrete vs. Continuous

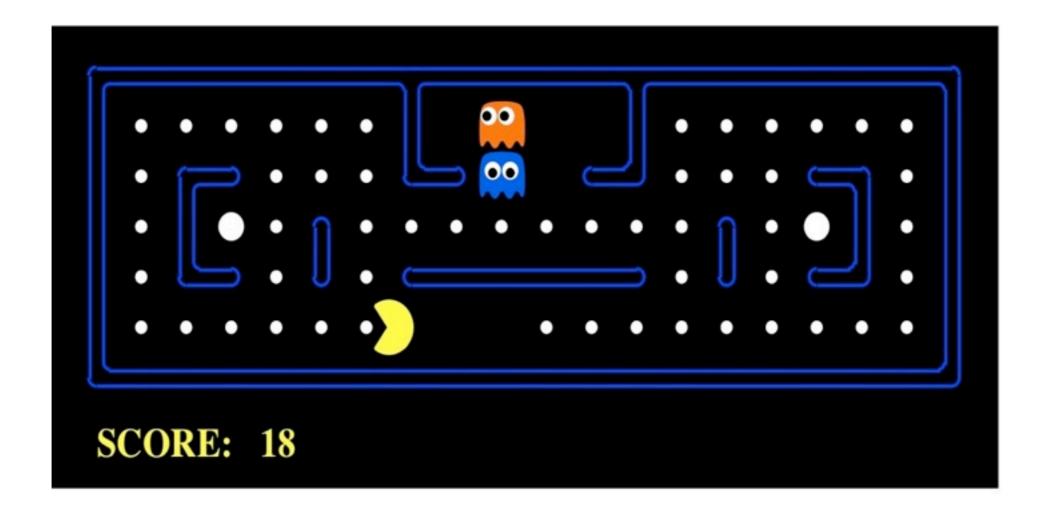
Is there a finite (or countable) number of possible environment states?



VS.



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PSI: Search

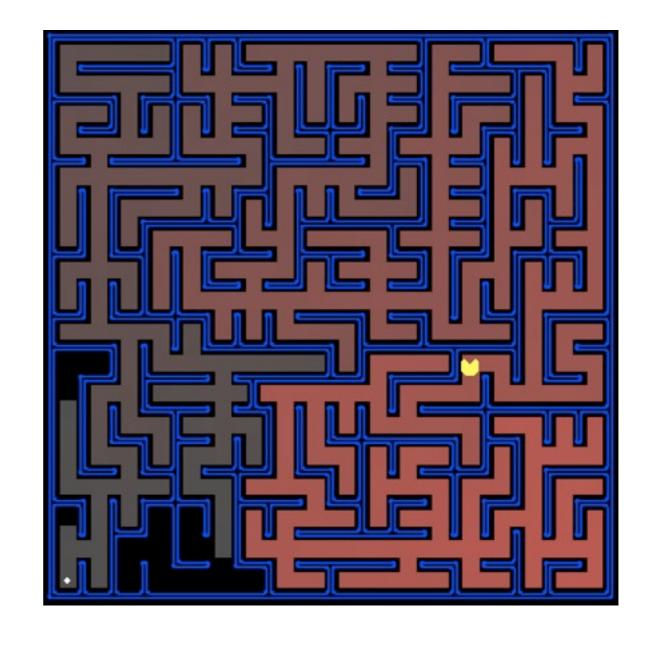
Goal:

 Help Pac-man find his way through the maze

Techniques:

- Search: breadth-first, depth-first, etc.
- Heuristic Search:

Best-first, A*, etc.



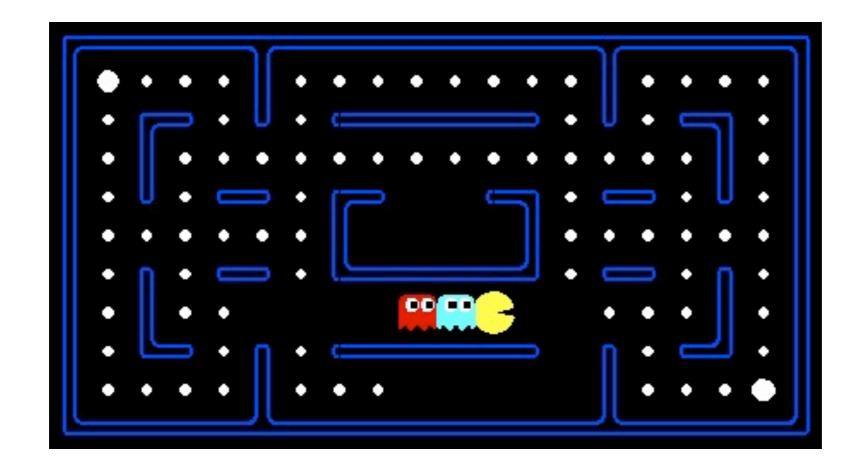
PS2: Game Playing

Goal:

Play Pac-man!

Techniques:

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



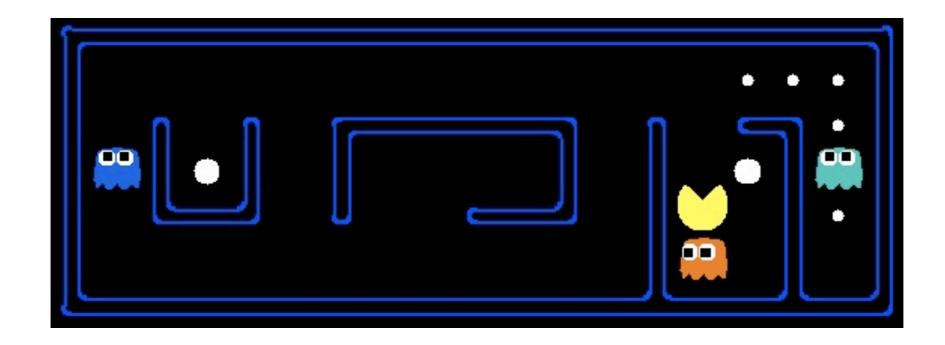
PS3: Planning and Learning

Goal:

 Help Pac-man learn about the world

Techniques:

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



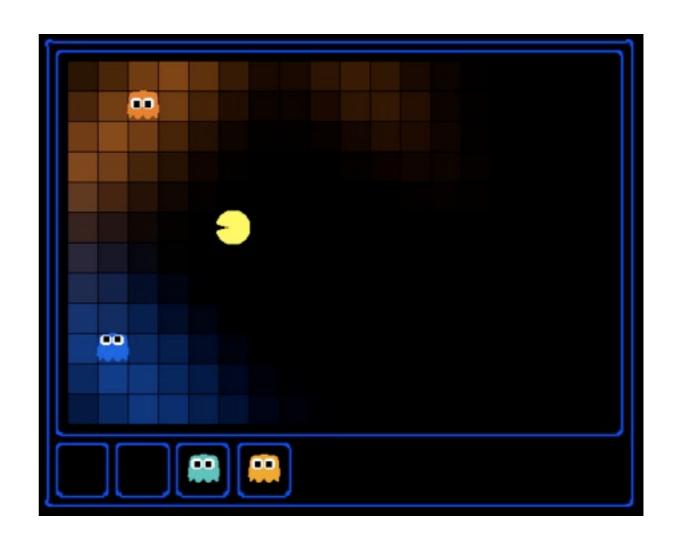
PS4: Ghostbusters

Goal:

 Help Pac-man hunt down the ghosts

Techniques:

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



To Do:

- Look at the course website:
 - http://www.cs.washington.edu/cse573/10au/
- Add yourself to the email list
- Do the readings
- Do the python tutorial