

Winning the game Rummikub using () algorithm

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Abstract

This survey presents an overview of the artificial intelligence that aims to win the board game, Rummikub. We discuss the topological, linear-algebraic, and combinatorial aspects of Tverberg's theorem and its applications. The survey contains several open problems and conjectures.

1 Introduction

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Rummikub is a number-based board game. The players do not know the tiles that other players have and strategies that they choose to play; that is, every player lacks information during the game. Since there are 106 tiles and each player has only 14 tiles each initially, the player does not know which player has what tiles and what tiles are left untacted. In addition, it is not necessarily to give away every possible sets on the board, so it is comparatively hard to predict other players' strategies or status. For example, a player A has only finished one's initial meld, but do not give away sets anymore and has 23 tiles in this turn. The player B may have no sets to put down or perhaps trying to complete sets personally to finish the game in one final turn. Therefore, devising a program that aims to win the game Rummikub is likely to require some special algorithm or approach. Before getting into that, this paper will cover Case Studies of solving difficult games by using artificial intelligence (AI). Furthermore, the prior research of winning the game Rummikub in the way other than using AI will be covered as well.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we introduce basic concepts prior to explaining the types of game in terms of complete. Next, in sections 3, 4, we describe case studies of AlphaGo and AlphaZero developed by Google Deepmind. In Section 5, we introduce integer linear programming (ILP) to see implementation of Rummikub using ILP in Section 7.

2 Complete and Incomplete Information Game

There are diverse classification of games—zero-sum and non-zero-sum game, perfect and imperfect information game, and n -person game to name a few. In order to make a program that wins the game Rummikub, it is meaningful to look over prior researches of similar or opposite kinds of game. First,

the game Rummikub is classified into an incomplete information game which is an opposite concept of a complete information game.

2.1 Utility Function

Definition. Utility function Utility function represents the degree of satisfaction of an input, which consists of various alternatives. Hence it reveals the preferences of the alternatives. The value of an output is to be maximized.

Consider a utility function of a Prisoner's Dilemma.

The set of players is $\{P_1, P_2\}$.

The players are going to choose whether one will confess or deny, so there are two actions for each player, put it $A_1 = \{C, D\}$, $A_2 = \{C, D\}$ respectively.

If both players choose to confess, then they go to prison for 3 years. If both choose to deny, then they go to prison for 1 year each. If one confesses and the other denies, then the former goes free and the latter go to prison for 4 years. This is described on the table.

The set of outcomes is $\{(C, C), (D, D), (C, D), (D, C)\}$.

In one player's point of view, s/he do not know what the other player will choose, but knows that the other player is offered the same deal as written below. Prisoner's Dilemma is incomplete information game because the players do not know how the other player will act. A definition of incomplete information game will be introduced soon.

The utility of the player P_i is $u_i(a_i, a_{-i})$ where a_i denotes the action of a player P_i , and a_{-i} denotes the action of the other player. Hence the result is as follows: $u_i(C, C) = -3, u_i(D, D) = -1, u_i(C, D) = 0, u_i(D, C) = -4$.

2.2 Information Game

Information is common knowledge if it is known to all the players, if each player knows that all the players know it, if each player knows that all the players know that all the players know it, and so forth ad infinitum.

Complete information game is a game where each player is fully aware of the rules of the game and the utility functions of each of the players. That is, each player has the common knowledge.

If we look over the meaning of the concept 'complete' itself, we can say as the following. Complete is a nature not moving first, or her initial move is observed by every player In a game of incomplete information, the meaning of complete is that nature moves first and is unobserved by at least one of the players. Otherwise the game is one of incomplete information. In contrast, an incomplete information refers to situations where some of the elements of the game are not common knowledge

The concepts explained so far can also be demonstrated in mathematical language and this is dealt in many books of Game Theory, as such, reference Perfect is also a popular concept when classifying the game, because it is the strongest informational requirement. To put it another way,

every player knows the meaning and strategies of other players' play. In addition, incomplete games are also imperfect games. The game Go, Chess, and Shogi which are played smartly by AlphaZero are all perfect information games. Starcrafts2 and Poker are imperfect information games.

3 Case Study: AlphaGo

As seen in Section 2, the game of Go is a complete information game.

AlphaGo is a program consists of Deep Neural Network and Monte Carlo Tree Search.

List of the methods: Supervised Learning of policy network, Reinforcement Learning of policy network, Reinforcement Learning of value network, Searching with policy/value network (which is Monte Carlo Tree Search).

DNN is trained by humans and by itself to make AlphaGo a smarter player and MCTS searches the best move and choose it. Policy network and value network are improved by the training process of DNN and rollouts are not trained but built previously by human to be used in a search algorithm.

Policy network chooses the best next move. Move changes the current state by choosing some action, and turn it into the next state. Both Supervised Learning and Reinforcement Learning is used to improve policy network—that is, to make policy network smarter hence it can choose the best move. SL is done by human experts while RL is done by self-plays.

Value network calculates the probability of final win when the move is suggested by policy network.

Rollouts—or Monte Carlo rollouts for now—are Monte Carlo simulations, in which random search steps are performed without branching until a solution has been found or a maximum depth is reached.

See the figure

3.1 Deep Convolutional Neural Network

Supervised learning?

3.2 Reinforcement Learning

3.3 Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS)

4 Case Study: AlphaZero

alpha-beta pruning

5 Integer Linear Programming

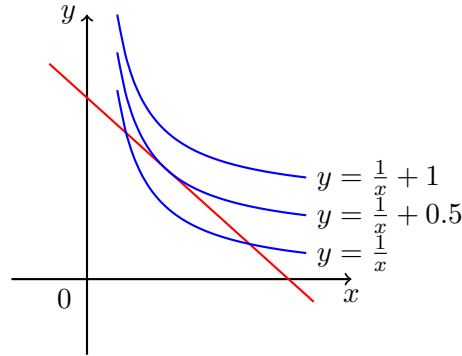
Linear Programming (LP), or linear optimization, is an optimization problem in which the objective function is linear in the unknowns and the constraints consist of linear equalities and linear inequalities. LP is not a computer-based implementation, but only a mathematical method.

Optimization includes maximizing or minimizing a linear functional over a set of constraint polynomials. Linear equations can be reduced to a vector and matrix notation.

\mathbf{A} is an $m \times n$ matrix, $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \text{ and } \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Integer linear programming is a linear programming whose each entry of solution vector is integer. Maximize the value of $y - \frac{1}{x}$ on the region surrounded by $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, y \leq -0.9x + 2.4$



Put $k = y - \frac{1}{x}$.

$k = y - \frac{1}{x}$ has the form of graph as illustrated as blue graphs. The graph should satisfy the following conditions: it should be on the region—some point on the graph should also be on the region—and it should make k maximum. Combining these two conditions, we can conclude that the graph should be as high as possible about y -axis, still meeting the region. Since $y = \frac{1}{x} + k$ has derivative $y' = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ on $(0, \infty)$, we can conclude that there exists some (x, y) such that $y' = -0.9$. That is, there exists k such that $y = \frac{1}{x} + k$ tangent to $y = -0.9x + 2.4$. By calculations, two graphs meet tangentially at the point $(\frac{\sqrt{10}}{3}, -\frac{3\sqrt{10}}{10} + 2.4)$. By putting this value into $y = \frac{1}{x} + k$, we get the maximum $k = -\frac{3}{5}\sqrt{10} + 2.4$

We will see specific implementation of ILP in Section 7

6 Rules of the game Rummikub

There are total 106 tiles—2 sets of tiles numbered 1 to 13 in four colors: black, red, blue, orange; 2 Jokers. There are 4 racks that the players can put their tiles on, hence 2 to 4 players can join the game. meld A set is Each players has a turn and when it is one's turn, that player give out sets or A group is a set of either three or four tiles of the same number in different colors. A run is a set of three or more consecutive numbers, all in the same color.

Scoring

7 ILP on Rummikub

There are two goals of this programming:

- (1) The major goal is to maximize the number of value of the tiles that can be placed onto the table.
- (2) The minor goal is to minimize the movement of the existing sets on the table.

It seems like this programming is a greedy algorithm if we only look over the major goal. However, practical eff

8 Implementation

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