Comp320 Literature Review

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- The potential of finding out where each AI algorithm succeeds best in what situation, could lead to the development of a hyper/meta heuristic that is able to select what algorithm to use when it gets into a certain situation.

Research Questions

My Research questions I aim to answer

- ▶ How does game tree search techniques compare for GVGAI?
- ▶ Where does each tree search technique do well in each game?
- ▶ What are the strengths and weaknesses of different search techniques and how can they be improved?