

## How do we learn ?

### What we aim to accomplish in this subject

- Explore a computational approach to learning from interactions
- Explore learning situations and evaluate the effectiveness of various learning methods
- Explore the design of machines that are effective in solving learning problems of scientific or economic interest

> We are going to explore goal-directed learning from interactions called reinforcement learning, it is different from other ML algorithms (both supervised and unsupervised)

### What is Reinforcement Learning

- Reinforcement Learning (RL) is learning what to do
- How to map situations to actions
- So as to maximize a numerical reward signal

The learner is not told which actions to take, but instead must discover which actions yields the most rewards by trying them.

In the most interesting and challenging cases, actions may affect not only the immediate rewards but also the next situation and, through that, all subsequent rewards.

The two distinguishable features of RL are: 1. Trial-and-error 2. Delayed reward

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