



# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 2048

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# INTRODUCTION

To develop a Reinforcement Learning (RL) agent capable of not just winning the 2048 game, but achieving high scores by learning adaptive strategies.

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## Why 2048

- Large and dynamic state space.
- Combines randomness and strategic planning.
- An ideal benchmark for RL in non-deterministic environments.



# SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW



- Environment: Custom 2048 simulator using Gymnasium.
- Agent: Learns and decides moves (up, down, left, right).
- Observation Space: 4x4 grid with tile values.
- Actions: Discrete action space (4 directions).
- Reward Function:
  - Positive reward: based on merged tile value.
  - Penalty: for invalid or ineffective moves.
  - Bonus: reaching 2048 tile or high final score.

# DYNAMIC SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE



The system behaves like a non-linear discrete-time dynamical system.



Game progression:  
 $S_{t+1} = f(S_t, A_t, R_t)$   
 $S_{\{t+1\}} = f(S_t, A_t, R_t)$   
 $S_{t+1} = f(S_t, A_t, R_t)$   
Where  $R_t$  = randomness (new tile), and  
 $A_t$  = agent action.



- Small differences in initial states → large outcome variance.
- Highlights importance of robustness and generalization.



"Good path" vs "bad path" dynamics depending on agent effectiveness.

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## GRANULAR REWARD SIGNALS:

Mobility, clustering potential, future merges.

## DYNAMIC EVALUATION

Stability over time, adaptiveness in late game

## Q-LEARNING (TABULAR):

Initial phase for simplicity and fast testing.

## DEEP Q-NETWORK (DQN):

For generalization across unseen board states.



## NEXT STEPS

- Finalize and train DQN with target networks & replay buffer.
- Add performance logging and visualization.
- Run multiple experiments for robustness.
- Prepare final report with results and insights.

# Q&A / FEEDBACK

THANK YOU!

