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Algorithm 1 (brute force (policy)). Let \mathcal{A} be a set of actions. Let \mathcal{O} be a set of observations. Let $\Gamma \subseteq (\mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{A}) \to \mathbb{B}$ be a space of goal predicates on policy functions. Let $\gamma \in \Gamma$ be a goal predicate. We assume that the policy space $\Pi \subseteq \mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{A}$ is enumerable, i.e., $\Pi = \langle \pi_i \rangle_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$. Brute force starting from i is given via the function

$$b(i) = \begin{cases} \pi_i & \text{if } \gamma(\pi_i), \\ b(i+1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If not further specified, the call to b(0) is called brute force search for an agent policy. Usually, an additional termination condition is specified.

Finding Policies...

Algorithm 2 (random search (policy)). Let \mathcal{A} be a set of actions. Let \mathcal{O} be a set of observations. Let $\Gamma \subseteq (\mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{A}) \to \mathbb{B}$ be a space of goal predicates on policy functions. Let $\gamma \in \Gamma$ be a goal predicate. We assume that the policy space $\Pi \subseteq \mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{A}$ can be sampled from, i.e., $\pi \sim \Pi$ returns a random element from Π . Random search for n samples is given via the function

$$\rho(n) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } n = 0, \\ \pi & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } \gamma(\pi) \text{ where } \pi \sim \Pi, \\ \rho(n-1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Finding Policies...

The Goal Class Hierarchy

Goal Class 5: State Values

Goal Class 4: Rewards and Costs

Goal Class 3: Goal Direction

Goal Class 2: Goal Valuation

Goal Class 1: Goal Predicate

Goal Class 1.5: Multiple Goal Predicates

Goal Class 0: No Goals

Goal Class 1.5: Multiple Goal Predicates

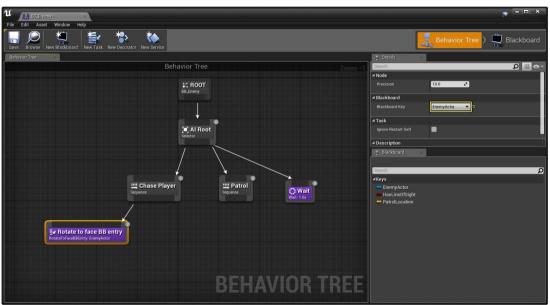
"I know it is good when I see it — with more aspects!"

encoding policies...

From Test to Test Suite

encoding policies...

Behavior Trees



Combinatorial Search



The Goal Class Hierarchy

Goal Class 5: State Values

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Goal Class 3: Goal Direction

Goal Class 2: Goal Valuation

Goal Class 1: Goal Predicate

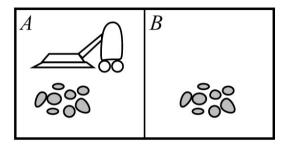
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Goal Class 0: No Goals

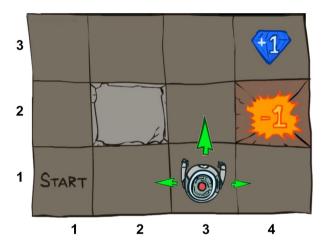
Goal Class 2: Goal Valuation

"I know how good it is when I see it!"

The Vacuum World



The Basic Grid World

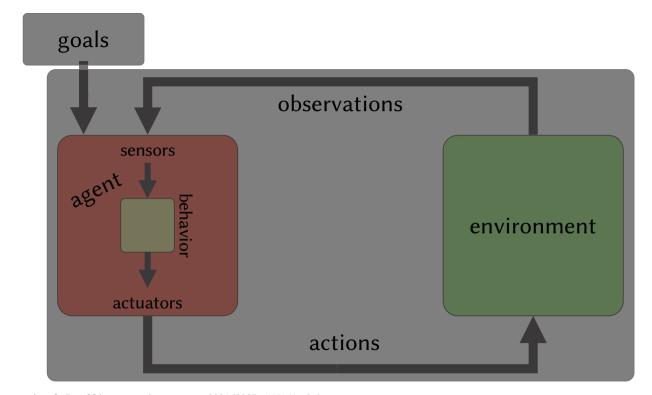


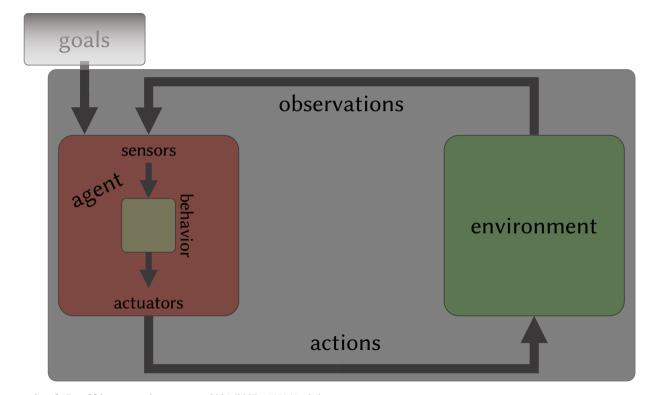
Resource/Stock Trading



Personal Life Assistant







finding policies...

Weighted Random Sampling

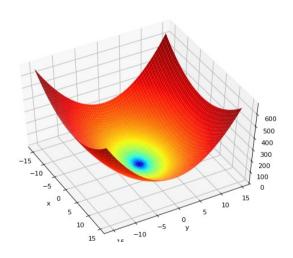


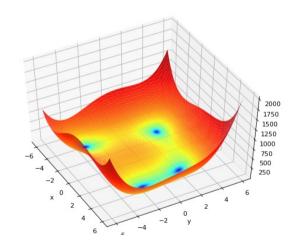
Definition 2 (optimization). Let \mathcal{X} be an arbitrary state space. Let \mathcal{T} be an arbitrary set called target space and let \leq be a total order on \mathcal{T} . A total function $\tau: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{T}$ is called target function. Optimization (minimization/maximization) is the procedure of searching for an $x \in \mathcal{X}$ so that $\tau(x)$ is optimal (minimal/maximal). Unless stated otherwise, we assume minimization. An optimization run of length g+1 is a sequence of states $\langle x_t \rangle_{0 \leq t \leq g}$ with $x_t \in \mathcal{X}$ for all t.

Let $e: \langle \mathcal{X} \rangle \times (\mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{T}) \to \mathcal{X}$ be a possibly randomized or non-deterministic function so that the optimization run $\langle x_t \rangle_{0 \le t \le g}$ is produced by calling e repeatedly, i.e., $x_{t+1} = e(\langle x_u \rangle_{0 \le u \le t}, \tau)$ for all $t, 1 \le t \le g$, where x_0 is given externally (e.g., $x_0 =_{def} 42$) or chosen randomly (e.g., $x_0 \sim \mathcal{X}$). An optimization process is a tuple $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T}, \tau, e, \langle x_t \rangle_{0 \le t \le g})$.

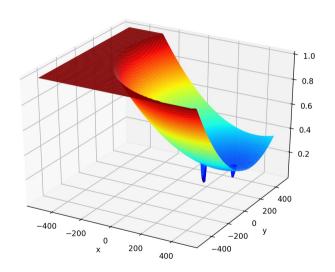
Definition 3 (optimization (policy)). Let $\mathcal{X} = \Pi$ be a policy space. Let $\mathcal{D} = (\Pi, \mathcal{T}, \tau, e, \langle x_t \rangle_{0 \le t \le g})$ be an optimization process according to Definition 2. \mathcal{D} is called a policy optimization process.

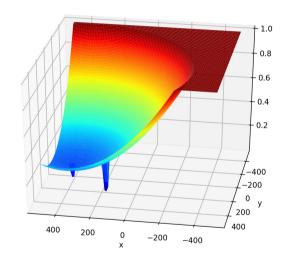
The Solution Landscape Metaphor





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