

An Adversarial Approach for building a Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Agent - Team #02

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1 Introduction

The introduction must contain a concise description of the problem. In particular it should describe

1. What does your agent do (i.e. what is the problem?)
2. Why did you choose this implementation (i.e. why should the reader be interested?)
3. What is the result that you achieved? (i.e. why should the reader believe you?)

It should be about a column long.

1.1 Length of Papers

Papers should be four pages long, excluding references. References can take up an unlimited number of pages. Note that only references can appear on the extra page. Sections such as conclusions or acknowledgments should not be placed on the extra references page. You may include an appendix with extra results, to be read at the staff's discretion.

1.2 Word Processing Software

As detailed below, IJCAI has prepared and made available a set of \LaTeX macros and a Microsoft Word template for use in formatting your paper. If you are using some other word processing software (such as WordPerfect, etc.), please follow the format instructions given below and ensure that your final paper looks as much like this sample as possible.

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2 Style and Format

\LaTeX and Word style files that implement these instructions can be retrieved electronically. (See Appendix A for instructions on how to obtain these files.)

2.1 Layout

Print manuscripts two columns to a page, in the manner in which these instructions are printed. The exact dimensions for pages are:

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- column height—other pages: 9"

All measurements assume an $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$ page size. For A4-size paper, use the given top and left margins, column width, height, and gap, and modify the bottom and right margins as necessary.

2.2 Format of Electronic Manuscript

For the production of the electronic manuscript, you must use Adobe's *Portable Document Format* (PDF). A PDF file can be generated, for instance, on Unix systems using `ps2pdf` or on Windows systems using Adobe's Distiller. There is also a website with free software and conversion services: <http://www.ps2pdf.com/>. For reasons of uniformity, use of Adobe's *Times Roman* font is strongly suggested. In \LaTeX 2_ε, this is accomplished by putting

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\usepackage{times}
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in the preamble.¹

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¹You may want also to use the package `latexsym`, which defines all symbols known from the old \LaTeX version.

AI Player for Limit Texas Hold'em Poker

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A. The Game

Limit Texas Hold'em is a simplified version of Poker. It is a zero-sum game with **uncertainty**, which can be modelled as a **MiniMax** game.



2 players, 1 game, multiple rounds, 4 streets per round (pre-flop, flop, turn, and river)

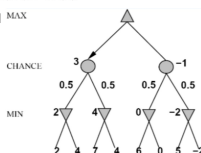
Actions:

1. Raise - increase bet
2. Call - match bet
3. Fold - lose bet

C. The Algorithm

Expectimax Search Tree

Probabilistic model **MAX** of how the opponent and environment (community cards) will behave in any state.



MAX nodes, similar to those in MiniMax search trees.

Chance nodes:

We use chance nodes to model the uncertainty present in the Poker game. They are needed to compute the **expected utility** from the child nodes. We have a chance node for every situation out of our control: opponent or environment.

B. Agent Heuristics

1. Win rate

We use **Monte Carlo simulations** to determine our player's likelihood of winning the game. This implicitly considers other heuristics like **Hand Rank**, **Highest Valued Card in Hand**, and **Texture of board**.

2. Opponent Modelling

We compute the potential strength of the opponent's hand and the effective strength of our player's hand. This information is used to determine whether our player is ahead or behind the opponent in terms of winning the round.

3. Amount in pot

The current size of the pot is also considered. This gives our agent a measure of the payoff that will be received upon winning the round.

D. Training

Genetic Algorithm

In order to determine the utility of states, our Expectimax algorithm uses a weighted sum of our heuristic functions. To determine the most optimal set of weights, we use a genetic algorithm.

Different agents play multiple rounds against each other in groups of 4. The next generation of players is reproduced with:

- **80% Crossover:** Combination of both parents
- **10% Mutation:** Mutation of a parent
- **10% Elitism:** Clone of parent

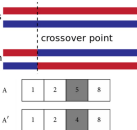


Figure 1: Live-cell super-resolution microscopy with NanoJ-SRRF. sG.

2.4 Text

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Finally, (Fig. 1 above) complete

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Print section headings in 12-point bold type in the style shown in these instructions. Leave a blank space of approximately 10 points above and 4 points below section headings. Number sections with arabic numerals.

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You may include an unnumbered acknowledgments section, including acknowledgments of help from colleagues.

Any appendices directly follow the text and look like sections, except that they are numbered with capital letters instead of arabic numerals.

The references section is headed "References," printed in the same style as a section heading but without a number. A sample list of references is given at the end of these instructions. Use a consistent format for references, such as that provided by BibTeX. The reference list should not include unpublished work.

2.6 Citations

Citations within the text should include the author's last name and the year of publication, for example [Gottlob, 1992]. Append lowercase letters to the year in cases of ambiguity. Treat multiple authors as in the following examples: [Abelson *et al.*, 1985] or [Baumgartner *et al.*, 2001] (for more than two authors) and [Brachman and Schmolze, 1985] (for two authors). If the author portion of a citation is obvious, omit it, e.g., Nebel [2000]. Collapse multiple citations as follows: [Gottlob *et al.*, 2002; Levesque, 1984a].

2.7 Footnotes

Place footnotes at the bottom of the page in a 9-point font. Refer to them with superscript numbers.² Separate them from the text by a short line.³ Avoid footnotes as much as possible; they interrupt the flow of the text.

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Number illustrations sequentially. Use references of the following form: Figure 1, Table 2, etc. Place illustration

²This is how your footnotes should appear.

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A \LaTeX and Word Style Files

The \LaTeX and Word style files are available on the IJCAI-18 website, <http://www.ijcai-18.org/>. These style files implement the formatting instructions in this document.

The \LaTeX files are `ijcai18.sty` and `ijcai18.tex`, and the Bib \TeX files are `named.bst` and `ijcai18.bib`. The \LaTeX style file is for version 2e of \LaTeX , and the Bib \TeX style file is for version 0.99c of Bib \TeX (*not* version 0.98i). The `ijcai18.sty` file is the same as the `ijcai07.sty` file used for IJCAI-07.

The Microsoft Word style file consists of a single file, `ijcai18.doc`. This template is the same as the one used for IJCAI-07.

These Microsoft Word and \LaTeX files contain the source of the present document and may serve as a formatting sample.

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