

# Inductive general game playing

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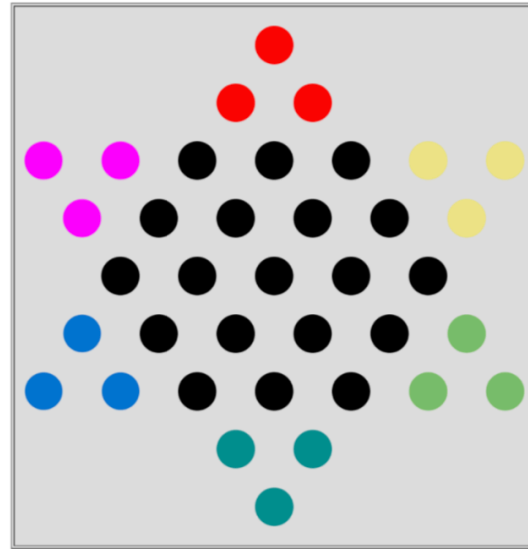
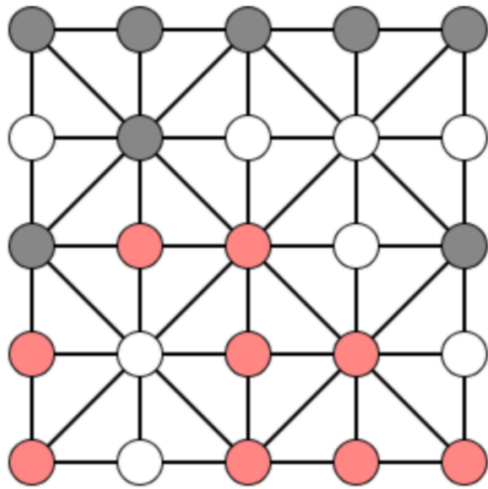
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# Inducing game rules

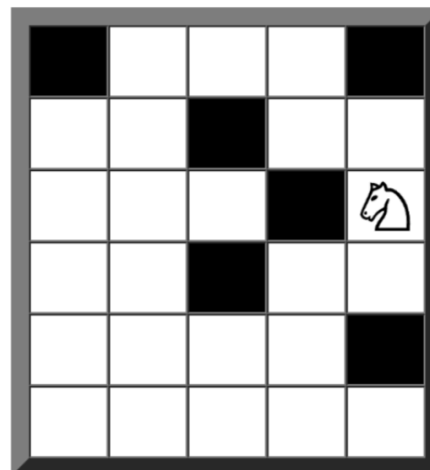
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# General game playing competition



8		6
4	7	3
5	2	1

o		x
o	o	x
x		



	o	o	
o	o	o	
	o	o	o

Springtime

# Game description language

- initial game state
- legal moves
- how moves update the game state
- how the game terminates

# Game description language

```
(succ 0 1)
(succ 1 2)
(succ 2 3)
(beat scissors paper)
(beat paper stone)
(beat stone scissors)
(<= (next (step ?n)) (true (step ?m)) (succ ?m ?n))
(<= (next (score ?p ?n)) (true (score ?p ?n)) (draws ?p))
(<= (next (score ?p ?n)) (true (score ?p ?n)) (loses ?p))
(<= (next (score ?p ?n)) (true (score ?p ?n2)) (succ ?n2 ?n) (wins ?p))
(<= (draws ?p) (does ?p ?a) (does ?q ?a) (distinct ?p ?q))
(<= (wins ?p) (does ?p ?a1) (does ?q ?a2) (distinct ?p ?q) (beat ?a1 ?a2))
(<= (loses ?p) (does ?p ?a1) (does ?q ?a2) (distinct ?p ?q) (beat ?a2 ?a1))
```

# Our problem

Learn rules from observations

- goal
- legal
- next
- terminal

# Why?

Many diverse games

New games each year



# Why?

## Independent language

Not hand-crafted by the system designer

Cannot predefine the perfect language bias

Focus on the problem, not the representation

**Why?**

**Hard problems?**

Game	R	L	D	P
Minimal Decay	2	6	0	1
Minimal Even	8	19	0	1
Rainbow	10	48	0	1
Rock Paper Scissors	12	36	0	1
GT Chicken	16	78	0	2
GT Attrition	16	60	0	2
Coins	16	45	0	1
Buttons and Lights	16	44	1	1
Leafy	17	80	2	2
GT Prisoner	17	75	0	2
Eight Puzzle	17	60	2	1
Lightboard	18	69	2	2
Knights Tour	18	46	2	1
Sukoshi	19	49	1	2
Walkabout	22	66	2	2
Horseshoe	22	59	2	2
GT Ultimatum	22	67	0	2
Tron	23	76	2	2
9x Buttons and Lights	24	77	2	1
Hunter	24	69	2	1
GT Centipede	24	69	0	2
Fizz Buzz	25	74	0	1
Untwisty Corridor	27	68	0	1
Don't Touch	29	84	2	2
Tiger vs Dogs	30	88	2	2

Game	R	L	D	P
Sheep and Wolf	30	89	2	2
Duikoshi	31	76	2	2
TicTacToe	32	92	2	2
HexForThree	35	130	2	3
Connect 4	36	124	2	4
Breakthrough	36	126	2	2
Centipede	37	134	2	1
Forager	40	106	2	1
Sudoku	41	101	2	1
Sokoban	41	172	2	1
9x TicTacToe	42	149	2	2
Switches	44	183	2	1
Battle of Numbers	44	134	2	2
Free For All	46	130	2	2
Alquerque	49	134	2	2
Kono	50	134	2	2
Checkers	52	167	2	2
Pentago	53	188	2	2
Platform Jumpers	62	168	2	2
Pilgrimage	80	240	2	2
Firesheep	85	290	2	2
Farming Quandries	88	451	2	2
TTCC4	94	301	2	2
Frogs and Toads	97	431	2	2
Asylum	101	273	2	2

# Rock, paper, scissors

% BK

```
beats(paper, stone).  
beats(scissors, paper).  
beats(stone, scissors).  
player(p1).  
player(p2).  
succ(0, 1).  
succ(1, 2).  
succ(2, 3).  
does(p1, stone).  
does(p2, paper).  
true_score(p1, 0).  
true_score(p2, 0).  
true_step(0).
```

% E+

```
next_step(1).
```

% E-

```
next_step(0).  
next_step(2).  
next_step(3).
```

# Rock, paper, scissors

```
next_step(N):-  
    true_step(M),  
    succ(M,N).
```

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succ(2, 3).  
does(p1, stone).  
does(p2, paper).  
true_score(p1, 0).  
true_score(p2, 0).  
true_step(0).
```

% E+

```
next_score(p1, 0).  
next_score(p2, 1).
```

% E-

```
next_score(p2, 0).  
next_score(p1, 1).  
next_score(p1, 2).  
next_score(p2, 2).  
next_score(p1, 3).  
next_score(p2, 3).
```

# Rock, paper, scissors

```
next_score(P,N):-  
    true_score(P,N),  
    draws(P).  
next_score(P,N):-  
    true_score(P,N),  
    loses(P).  
next_score(P,N2):-  
    true_score(P,N1),  
    succ(N2,N1),  
    wins(P).
```

```
draws(P):-  
    does(P,A),  
    does(Q,A),  
    distinct(P,Q).  
loses(P):-  
    does(P,A1),  
    does(Q,A2),  
    distinct(P,Q),  
    beats(A2,A1).  
wins(P):-  
    does(P,A1),  
    does(Q,A2),  
    distinct(P,Q),  
    beats(A1,A2).
```

\*draws/1, loses/1, wins/1 not provided as BK!

# Fizzbuzz BK

```
divisible(12,1).
divisible(12,2).
...
divisible(12,12).
input_say(player,1).
input_say(player,2).
...
input_say(player,30).
input_say(player,fizz).
input_say(player,buzz).
input_say(player,fizzbuzz).
role(player).
int(0).
int(1).
...
int(31).
```

```
less_than(0,1).
less_than(0,2).
...
less_than(30, 31).
minus(1,1,0).
minus(2,1,1).
...
minus(31,31,0).
positive_int(1).
positive_int(2).
...
positive_int(31).
succ(0,1).
succ(0,2).
...
succ(30,31).
```



# Fizzbuzz next count

% BK

```
does_say(player,buzz).  
true_count(12).
```

% E+

```
next_count(13).
```

% E-

```
next_count(0).
```

```
next_count(1).
```

...

```
next_count(12).
```

```
next_count(14).
```

...

```
next_count(31).
```

# Fizzbuzz next count

% BK

does\_say(player,buzz).  
true\_count(12).

% E+

next\_count(13).

% E-

next\_count(0).

next\_count(1).

...

next\_count(12).

next\_count(14).

...

next\_count(31).

% hypothesis

next\_count(After):-  
    true\_count(Before),  
    succ(Before,after).

# Fizzbuzz next success

% BK

does\_say(player, buzz).

true\_count(4).

true\_success(3).

% E+

next\_success(3).

% E-

next\_success(0).

next\_success(1).

next\_success(2).

next\_success(4).

...

next\_success(31).

# Fizzbuzz next success

```
next_success(After):-  
    correct,  
    true_success(Before),  
    succ(Before,After).
```

```
next_success(A):-  
    \+ correct,  
    true_success(A).
```

```
correct:-  
    true_count(N),  
    \+ divisible(N,5),  
    \+ divisible(N,3),  
    does_player_say(N).
```

```
correct:-  
    true_count(N),  
    divisible(N,15),  
    does_player_say(fizzbuzz).
```

```
correct:-  
    true_count(N),  
    divisible(N,3),  
    \+ divisible(N,5),  
    does_player_say(fizz).
```

```
correct:-  
    true_count(N),  
    divisible(N,5),  
    \+ divisible(N,3),  
    does_player_say(buzz).
```

**Hard problems?**

## **Balanced accuracy**

$$ba = (tp/p + tn/n)/2$$

## **Perfectly solved**

the percentage of tasks that an approach solves  
with 100% accuracy

# Results

Metric	Baseline	Inertia	Mean	KNN <sub>1</sub>	KNN <sub>5</sub>	Aleph	ASPAL	Metagol	ILASP*
BA (%)	48	56	64	80	80	66	55	69	<b>86</b>
PS (%)	4	4	15	16	19	18	10	34	<b>40</b>



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## Results balanced accuracy

Approach	goal	legal	next	terminal
True	47	56	47	42
Inertia	47	56	80	42
Mean	82	61	62	53
Knn1	<b>92</b>	78	86	63
Knn5	<b>92</b>	79	86	64
Aleph	83	60	59	60
ASPAL	52	59	50	59
Metagol	74	66	60	77
Ilasp	<b>92</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>80</b>
Mean	73	67	69	60

## Results perfectly solved

Approach	goal	legal	next	terminal
True	0	16	0	0
Inertia	0	16	0	0
Mean	32	16	0	12
Knn <sub>1</sub>	34	16	0	12
Knn <sub>5</sub>	34	22	0	18
Aleph	32	18	4	16
ASPAL	4	18	0	18
Metagol	<b>48</b>	28	6	<b>52</b>
ILASP	46	<b>44</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52</b>
Mean	26	22	3	20

## **Summary**

IGGP poses many challenges

Systems struggle without perfect language bias

# Limitations and future work

More metrics

More games

More systems

Better ILP systems

<https://github.com/andrewcropper/iggp>

<https://github.com/andrewcropper/mlj19-iggp>