Decision Under Uncertainty

An introduction

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Last improvement in Artificial Intelligence

- *Nov. 2007*, Carnegie-Mellon gagne le Darpa Urban Challenge (2M\$)

- *Oct. 2015*, Victory of d' over professional player

GO: 10^{170} positions, 10^{600} games (chess: 10^{120} games)

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In France:

- *March 2018*, Rapport Villani
  www.aiforhumanity.fr

Return to the notion of complexity (Go)

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A classical 3 GHz computer: 3×10^9 op. per second
$\rightarrow$ 2.6×10^{14} op. a day $\rightarrow$ 10^{17} op. a year

Enumerating all games $O(n)$ with $n = 10^{600}$: arround 10^{583} years.
$\rightarrow$ requires decomposed model and statistics...

Introduction - This Course

Decision Under Uncertainty

Is an introduction to models and algorithms to perform decision-making at a time step t by considering potential effects.

- 19 hours (5 sessions)
- Mainly as tutorials
- A simple dice game as a playground

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Class of problems - Deterministic Planning

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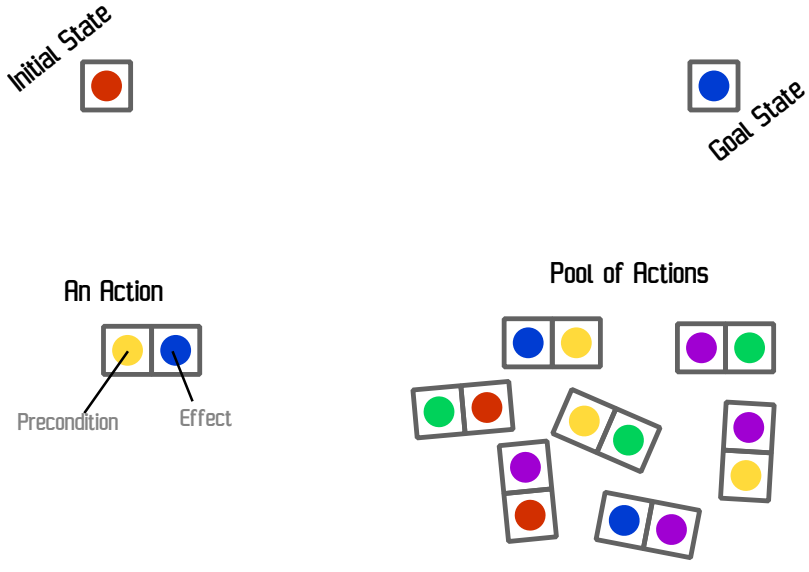

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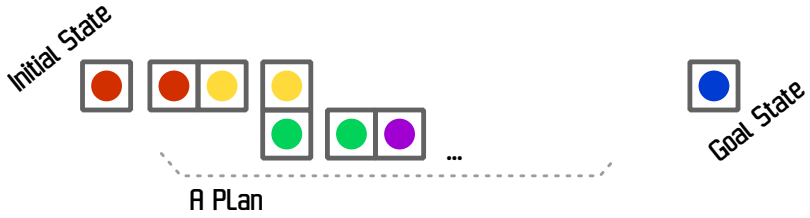

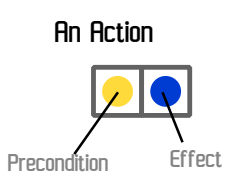

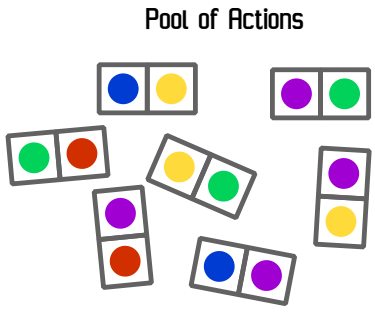

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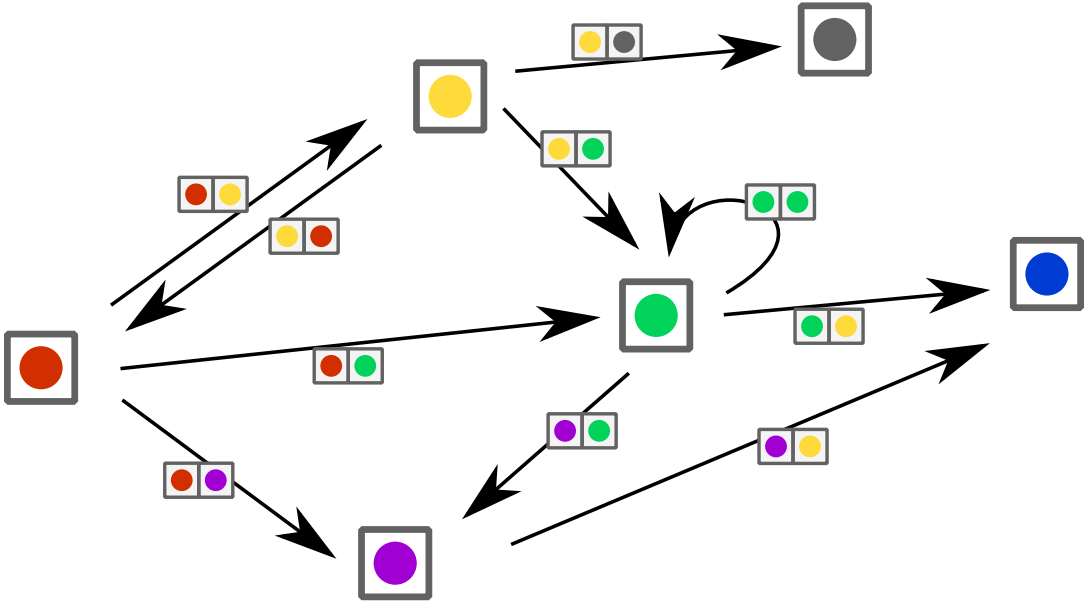
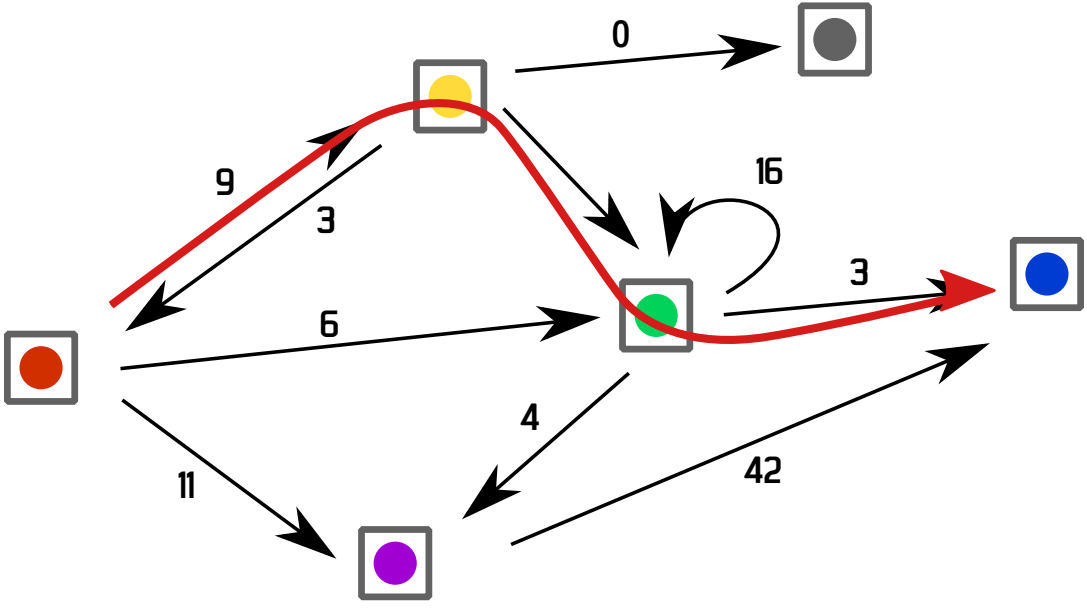
Class of problems - Determine a Plan

Finding a *path* in a *graph* modeling all possible evolutions



Class of problems - Plan Optimization

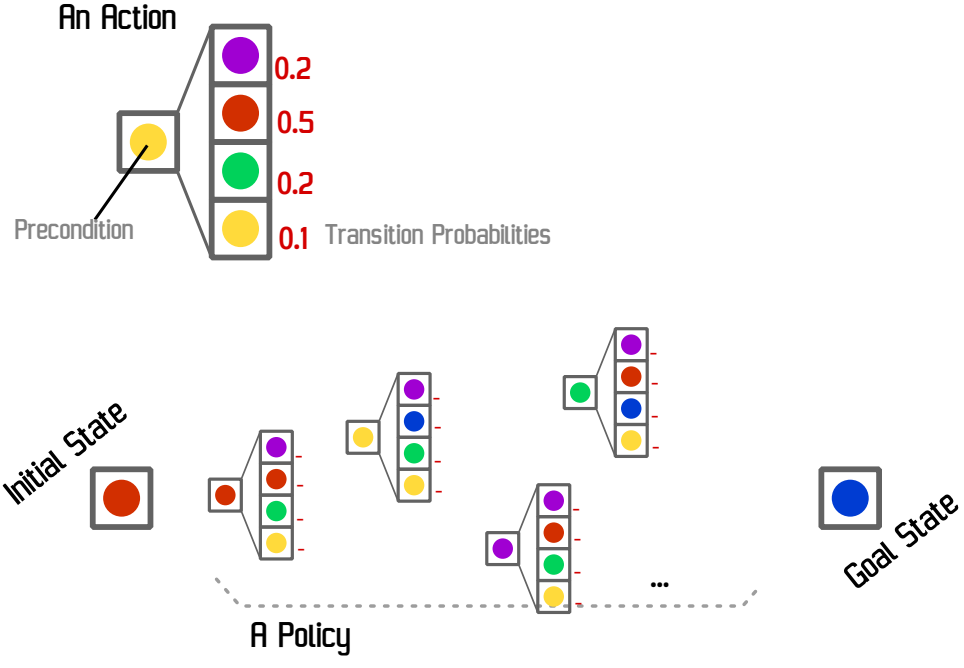
Finding an *optimized* path in a *weighted* Graph



Class of problems - Stokastic Planning

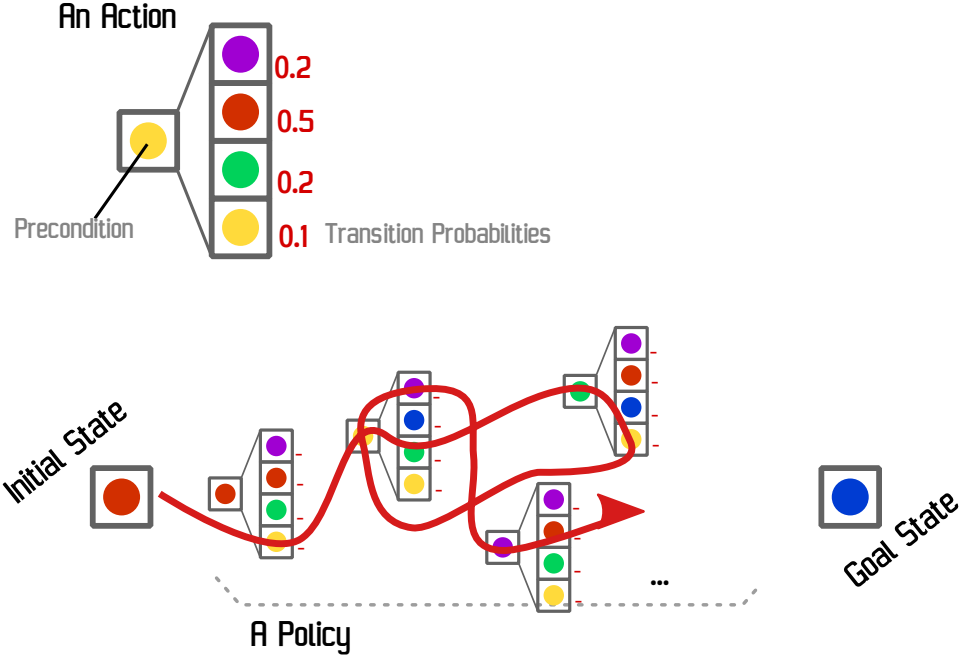
Build a *policy*:

- Associate an *action* to perform *to each* reachable *state*



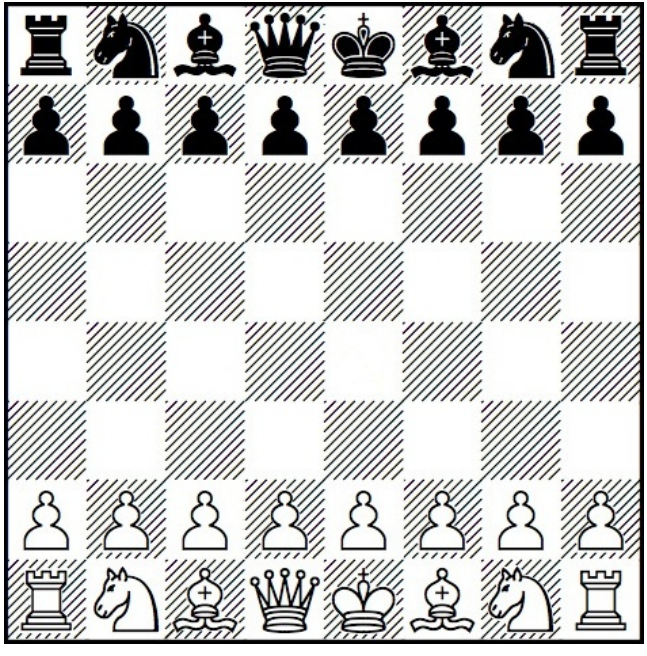
Class of problems - Stokastic Planning

Then the effective succession of actions remains stochastic



Class of problems - Game theory

Few entities control the same system (with different goals)



- Which actions for each entity ?
- Which consequences ?

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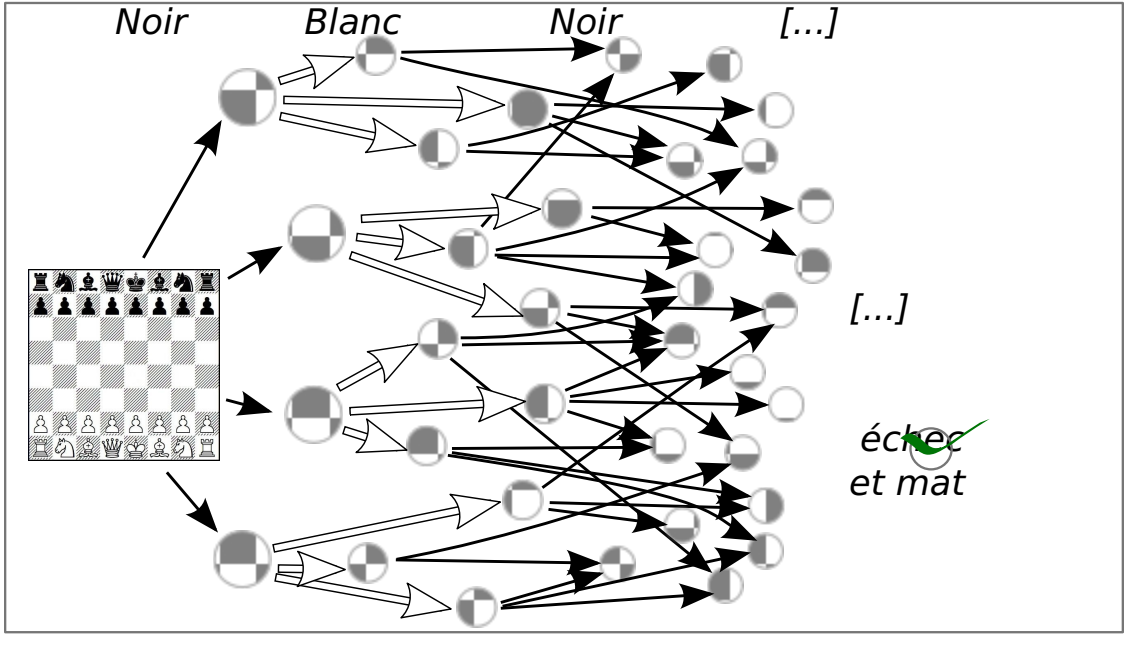


- *Uncertainty*: At last on the actions of the others.

Class of problems - Control Complex systems

Complex systems: - A lot of entities in interactions

- *Uncertainty*: ...

Vocabulary

- **graph** composed of **node** and **edges**
- **graph** composed of **state** and **action** (State Automata)
- **planning**: finding a valid succession of **actions**
- **determinist** versus **uncertain** / **stochastic**
- **system**, **control** (automation)
- **Multi-Agent System**, **Decision Making** (AI)

Notion of Agent

"I act therefore I am"

- my actions have an effect on the world
- **and** I have the choice to act or not

cf. "BullShit Jobs" - David Graeber (2019) (p.132-133 fr. in version)

or the joy to be cause - Karl Groos (1901)

Notion of Agent - Simple definition

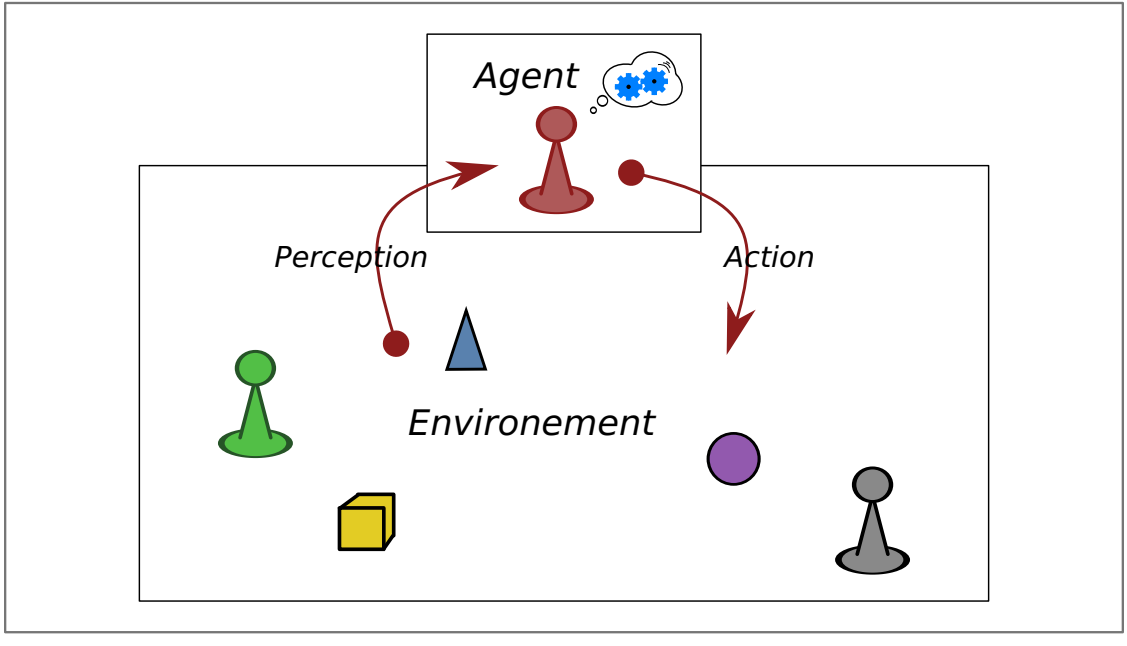
Entity capable of perception and action evolving in an environment.

Question:

How to choose appropriate action to perform considering the perception at a each time step ?

Notion of Agent - Simple definition

Open loop control



rarely determinist, mostly uncertain (even stochastic)

Notion of Agent - Complementary Notions

Agent:

- defining by a perception-state, goals and a policy to achieve its (*BDI* model: Belief - Desire - Intention)
- with different positions in social structure (*AGR* model: Agent - Group - Role)
- capable of communication
- capable of adaptation (learning)
- driven by emotions
- ...

Course notion to acquire

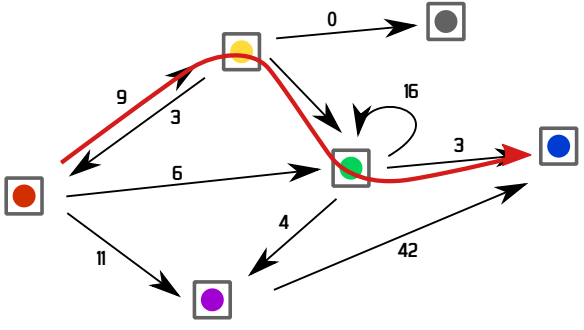
From *reactive control* **to** *deliberative control*

Immediate response
to stimuli

model and statistical
decision-making

versus

Script:
if .... then ...
else if ...



Course notion to acquire

Decision-making under uncertainty

- Script, Policy and Decision Tree
- Statistical evolution: Bayesian Network
- Planning: Markov Decision Process

Zombie dice

A Stokastic Dice Game

- Players are Starved Zombies
- dice are humans
- Zombies eat human brains
- and can't take more than 2 shots

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Zombie dice

A Stokastic Dice Game

Complete Dice Set:

Decision:

- Score or Continue

Uncertainty:

- dice selection
- dice result
- score evolution

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