Affordances & Planning (in Minecraft)

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Quick Refresh

- Value Iteration searches over all possible future states
- Humans prune possibility space by reasoning in terms of affordances
- .: Let's do the same for an MDP (=> AMDP)

What have we been up to?

- Grid worlds
- BURLAP
- Mineflayer & Minecraft
- "Spicing up" our T matrix in the AMDP model.



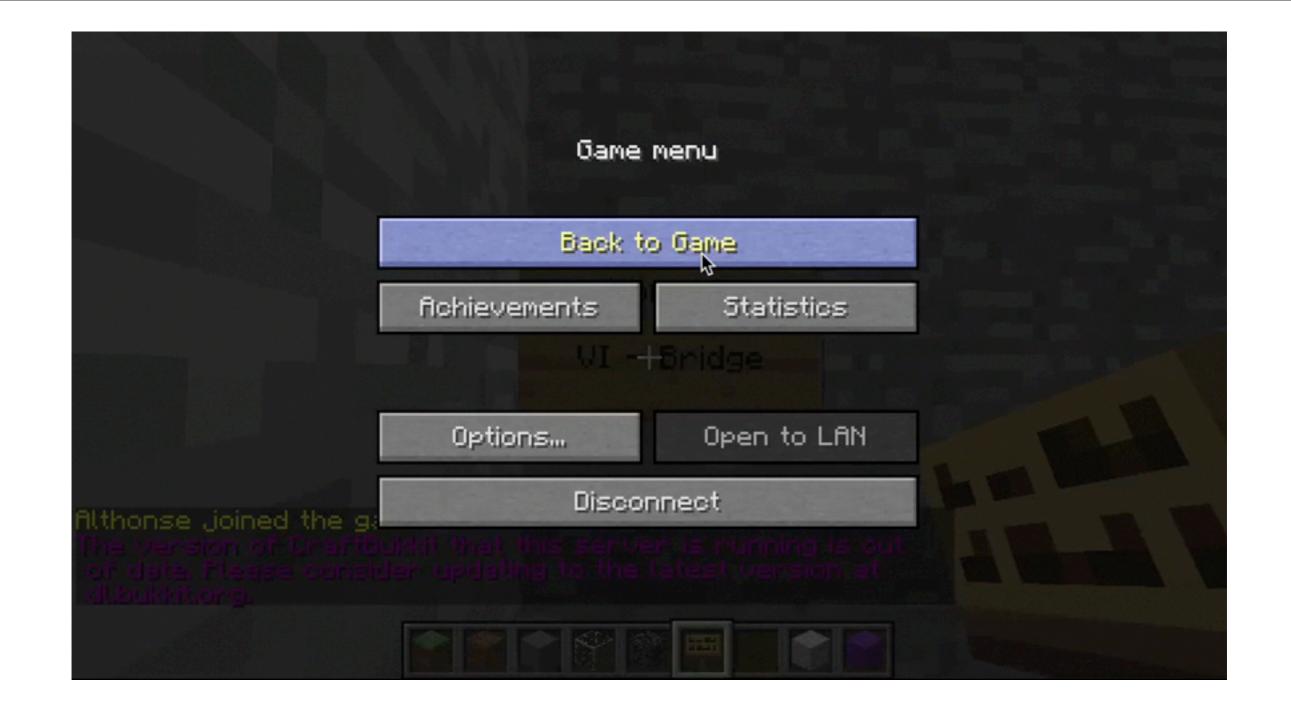
The Minecraft Playground

The Tasks

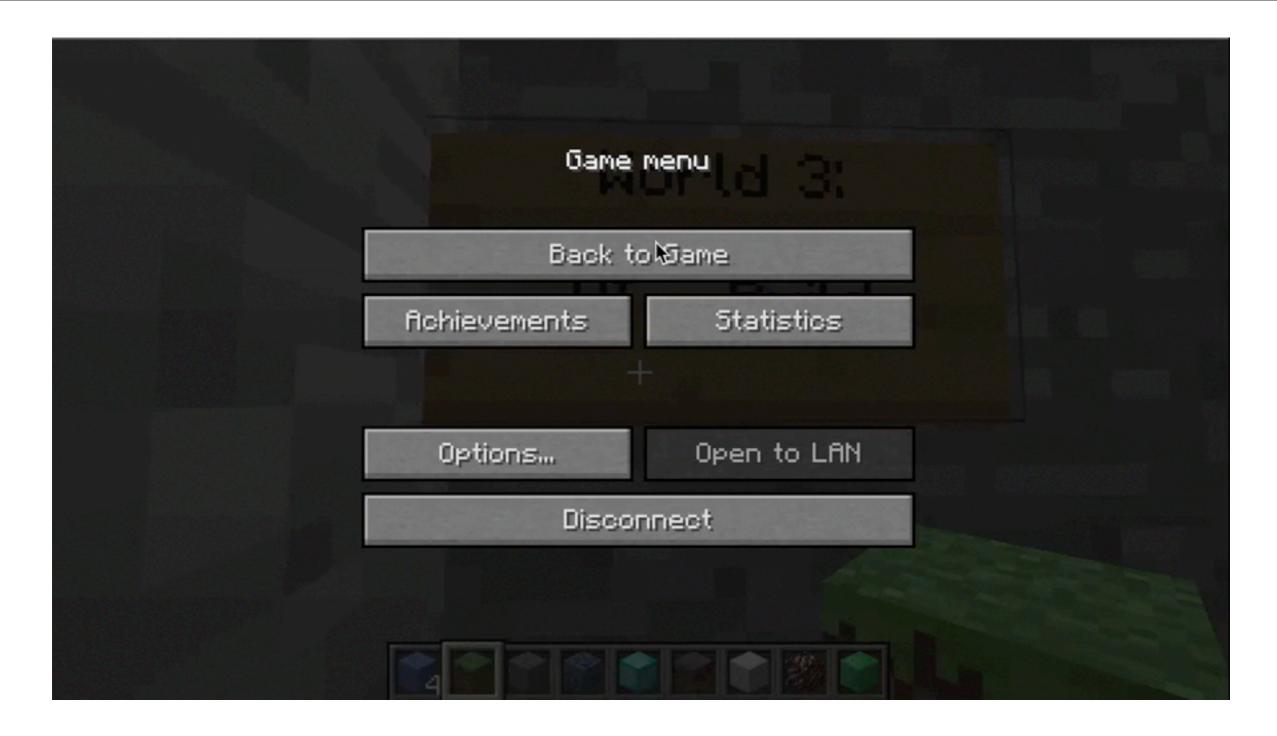
- World 1: Flat Area (basic path planning)
- World 2: trench of width 2 with a bridge
- World 3: trench of width 1, need to build a bridge
- World 4: trench of width 2, need to build a bridge
- World 5: trench of width 3, need to build a bridge



World 1



World 2



World 3

TODO: add final video



Human Player

Results

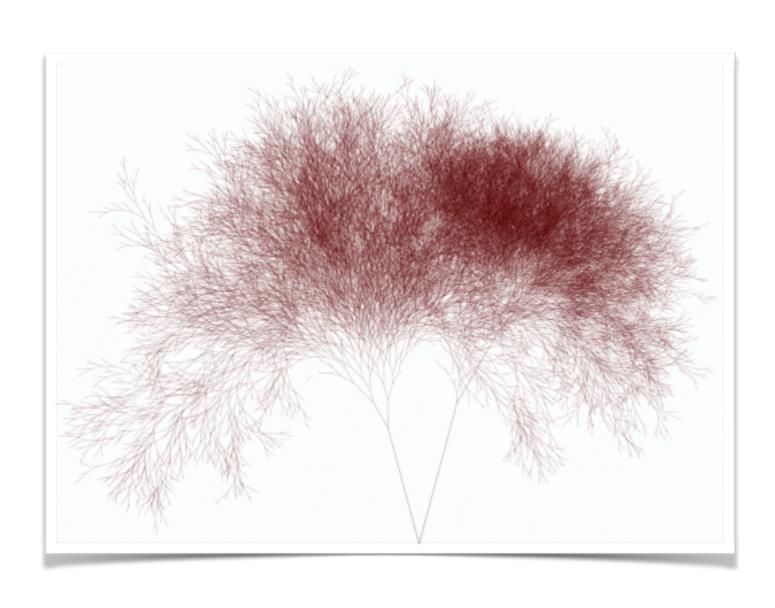
	Basic VI (# = iterations to converge)	Human (# = Avg. seconds for a new player to solve)	Our Version
World 1 (flat plane)	6 (x100)	5s	?
World 2 (trench with a bridge)	7 _(×100)	5s	?
World 3 (small trench, build bridge)	12 (x5000)	7s	?
World 4 (medium trench, build bridge)	?? _(×15000)	20s	?
World 5 (large trench, build bridge)	?? _(x4000000)	• • •	?

Key:

= Reached Goal

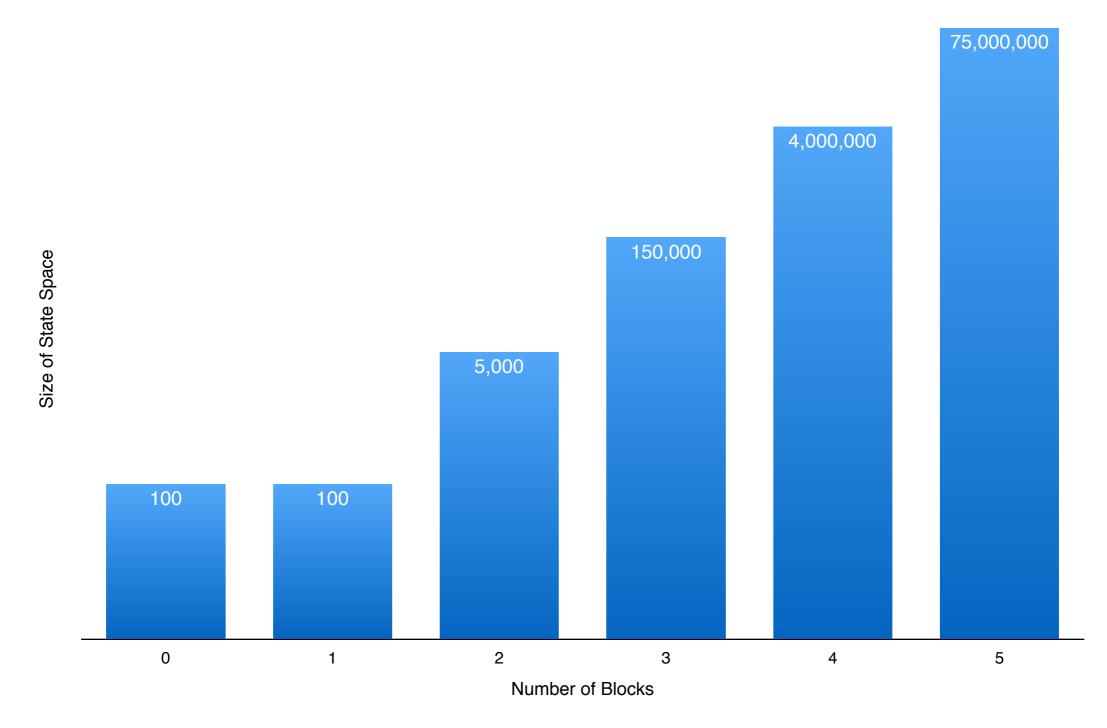
= Failed to Reach Goal

Why is VI bad?



State Space Explosion

(10x10 world)



Simplifying Assumptions

- Only one placement action
- World is a 10x10x2 prism
- Bot is given the minimum number of blocks needed to complete each task (up to a maximum of 3, for now)
- No destruction
- Can't jump or walk into a hole

Schedule

Implement our version of VI

Nov 20

Finish Evaluation

Nov 26

Finished with Template Language

Dec 3

