MIT Pokerbots 2015

Resources and Contact Info

Piazza –piazza.com/class#other/6176

Website –pokerbots.mit.edu

Email – pokerbots@mit.edu

Facebook: facebook.com/MITpokerbots

Eligibility and Grading

- Register for 6.176 (6 units P/F or as a Listener) on WebSIS
- The IAP tournaments are restricted to MIT students and cross-registered students from other universities
- To pass:
  - Submit a 2 page strategy report by the end of IAP
  - Submit your resume on our website
  - Enter your bot to both our mini and final tournament

Lectures and Office Hours

- Lectures will be held in 32-123 on MWF from 3-5pm for the first week of IAP
- For the second week, they'll be held in 34-101 on MWF from 1-3pm
- Topics include building a basic bot, poker strategies, tracking and adapting to other player's strategies
- Office Hours: TBD

Pokerbots in a Nutshell…

Trading

- Incomplete Information
- Game Theory
- Risk Decisions
- EV and *P(x)*

A fun, interesting, accessible, quantitative problem

Technology

- Machine Learning
- Algorithms
- Data Mining
- Statistics

Takeaways

- Challenge you to combine programming ability and highly quantitative thinking.

- Connect you with prestigious trading and tech sponsors looking for talent.

The Challenge

- Conquer your opponents in a…

3-handed Pot-Limit Texas Hold'Em Triplicate Poker Sit 'n Go Tournament

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- Sit 'n Go: Start with a limited amount of chips and eliminate your opponents to win prizes

The Casino

- Practice against other bots in scrimmage Sit ‘n Go tournaments
- Play one tournament against every combination of bots in the casino each night
- Receive hand history logs for every tournament your bot plays (40 choose 2 opponents * 6 parallel games ~ 5,000 tournament games!)
- Cumulative casino ranking and leaderboard
- Bots with the highest ranking win cash prizes
- Upload your bot by 12am each night to compete in the next day’s casino

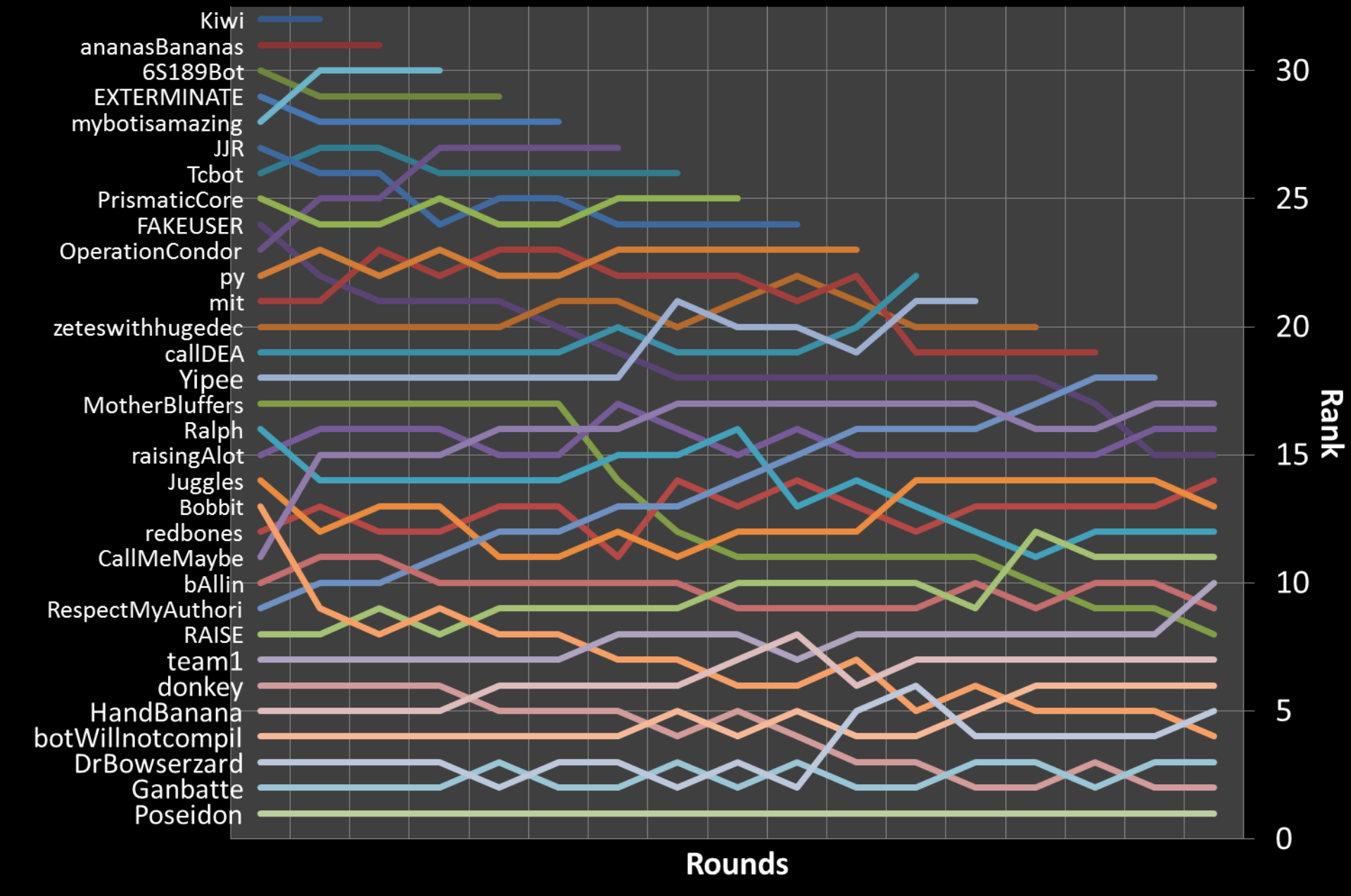
Mini Tournament

- The Mini Tournament will take place on 1/20
- Make sure to submit a bot for this event!
- Identical to the final tournament
- Small cash prize awarded to the top players

Final Tournament

- The Final Tournament will take place in 10-250, on 2/2 from 2-6pm
- Deadline for submitting your bot is 1/30
- Really make sure to submit a bot for this event
- Newbie teams will compete in an additional newbie bracket tournament

Round 1 : from 42 to 16 (shown from 32)



Prize Pool

- Over $30,000!

- Distribution will be announced when we have a more accurate idea of participation

- Lots of opportunities to win
  - We reward creativity, effort, and excellence
  - Our sponsors will present their own cash awards

Sponsors

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SIG SUSQUEHANNA

3Red

TWO SIGMA

D E Shaw & Co

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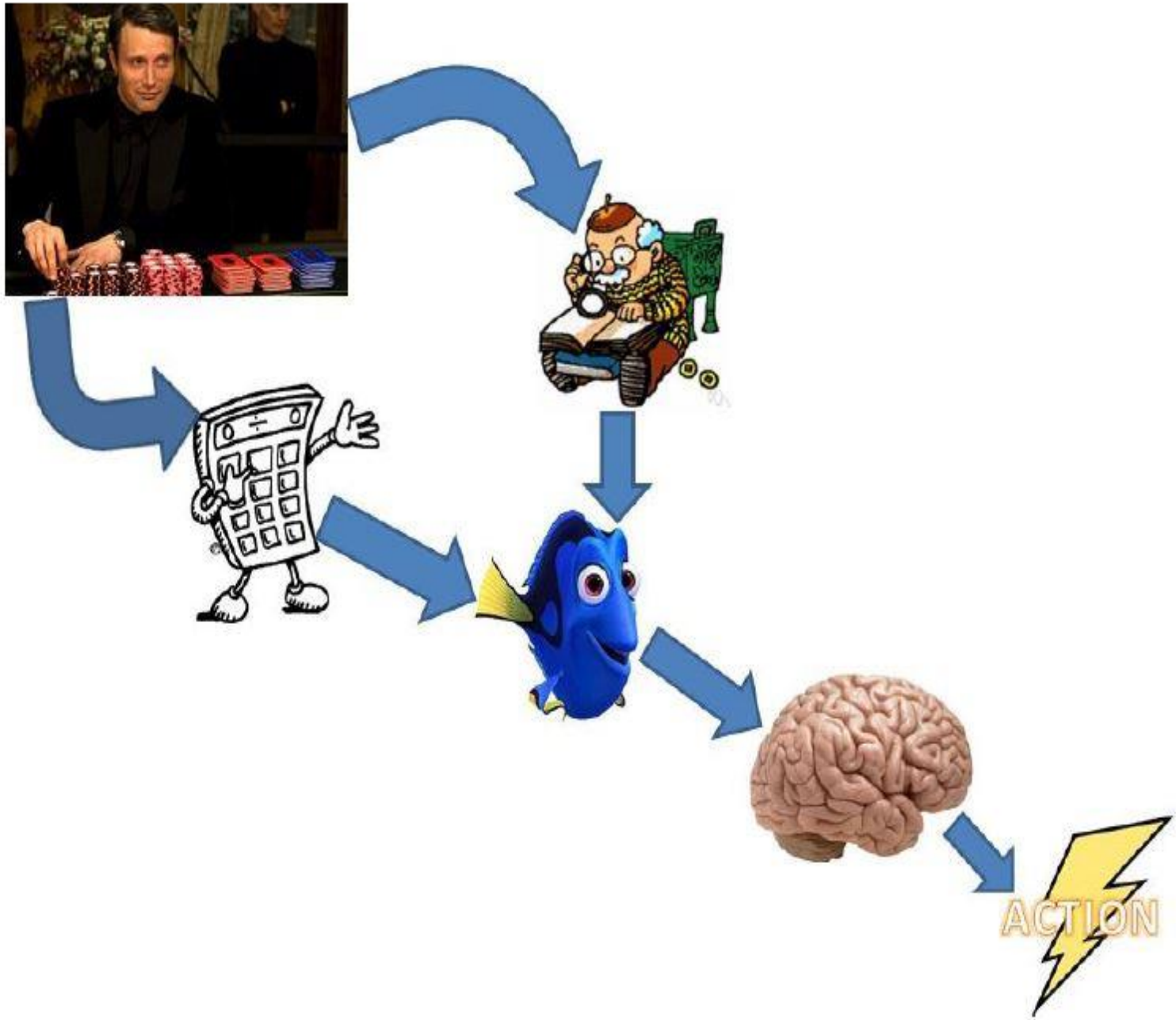
Setup

- Download the engine and the skeleton player of your choice (C++, Java, Python) at: **mitpokerbots.com/code**

- Install all the necessary packages and programs by following the instructions at: **mitpokerbots.com/docs**

Constraints

- Players will have 0.1 seconds/hand
- Time banks will be set at the beginning of a match
- At the beginning of each decision, you will be told how much time you have left
- If you exhaust your time bank, you will automatically check/fold until the end of the match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