# Reinforcement Learning Modeling For Human Choice Behavior



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#### **Autonomous Vehicles:**

RL can be used to train self-driving cars to navigate, avoid obstacles, and make decisions in real-time.



#### **Robotics**:

RL can help robots learn tasks such as picking and placing objects, assembly, and even walking.



#### Gaming:

RL models can master complex games like Go, Chess, and video games, often surpassing human performance.



#### Healthcare:

RL can be used for personalized treatment planning, optimizing drug dosages, and managing healthcare resources efficiently.



#### Finance:

RL models can optimize trading strategies, portfolio management, and fraud detection.



#### **Smart Grids:**

RL helps in managing energy distribution, predicting demand, and optimizing the use of renewable energy sources.



#### **Traffic Management:**

RL is used to optimize traffic light timings, reduce congestion, and improve overall traffic flow.



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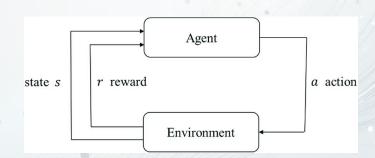
Model-Free

Model-Based

Multi-Agent RL

Deep RL (e.g., DQN)

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#### Basic terms in RL

Agent. Entity that interacts with the environment to achieve goals.

**State.** Representation of the environment at a specific time.

Action. Decision or move made by the agent.

Reward. Feedback received from the environment after an action.

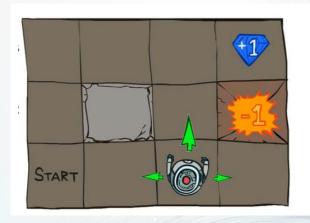
Policy. Strategy used by the agent to decide actions based on states.

Value Function. Expected cumulative reward from a state or state-action pair.

### Popular environments

#### Grid World.

A simple environment where an agent navigates a grid to reach a goal, encountering obstacles and rewards along the way.

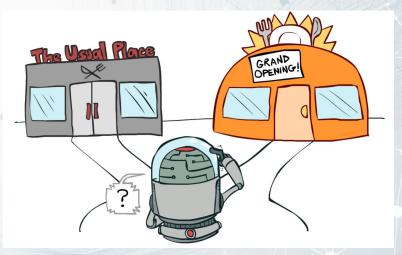


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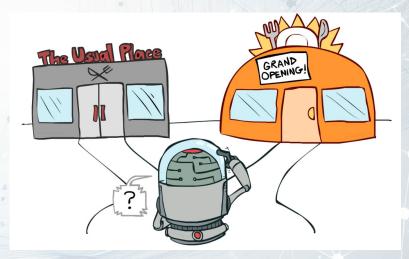
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- Number of arms
- Rate of change in the true values
- Explore-Exploit
- Contextual bandit (features)
- Regret Minimization
- Prior Knowledge



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## The current workshop

Lesson 1: Two-armed bandit task ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )

Lesson 2: Sequence learning in a Tree task  $(\alpha, \beta, \lambda)$ 

Lesson 3: Model-based learning in a Two-step task  $(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \omega)$