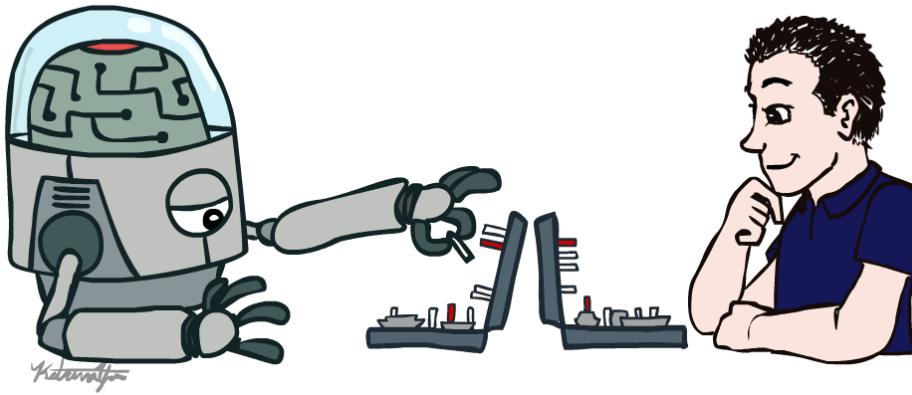


# CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

## Introduction



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# Course Staff

## Professors



Josh Hug



Adam Janin

## GSIs



# Course Information

## ■ Communication:

- Website at [edge.edx.org](http://edge.edx.org)
- Announcements on EdX website
- Questions? Discussion on piazza
- Staff email: [cs188-staff@lists.berkeley.edu](mailto:cs188-staff@lists.berkeley.edu)
- This course is webcast (Fa16 live videos)
  - + Fa12 edited videos (1-11)
  - + Sp15 edited videos (12-23)

## ■ Course technology:

- Somewhat new infrastructure
- Autograded projects, interactive homework
- Help us make it awesome!

Sign up: see piazza welcome post

The screenshot shows the course page for BerkeleyX: CS188x-SP16 Artificial Intelligence - Berkeley (Spring 2016) on edX edge. The top navigation bar includes links for Courseware, Course Info (which is selected), Discussion, Progress, Syllabus, Course Policies, Course Staff, Office Hours, and Exams. A dropdown menu under 'View this course as:' shows 'Student'. The main content area has a section titled 'Course Updates & News' which is currently empty. To the right, there is a 'Course Schedule' table:

Course Schedule	
Self Diagnostic (ungraded)	
P0	F 1/22, 5pm
HW1	M 2/1, 11:59pm
P1	F 2/5, 5pm
Contest 1	Su 2/7, 11:59pm
HW2	M 2/8, 11:59pm
HW3	M 2/15, 11:59pm
P2	F 2/19, 5pm
Contest 2	Su 2/21, 11:59pm
HW4	M 2/22, 11:59pm
HW5	M 2/29, 11:59pm
P3	F 3/4, 5pm
HW6	M 3/7, 11:59pm
HW7	M 3/14, 11:59pm
Practice Midterm	
	Tu 3/15, 11:59pm
Midterm	TBD
(Spring Break)	
	M 3/21 - F 3/25
P4	F 4/1, 5pm
HW8	M 4/4, 11:59pm
P5	F 4/8, 5pm
HW9	M 4/11, 11:59pm

# Course Information

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- Prerequisites:
  - CS 61A and CS 61B and CS 70
  - There will be a lot of math (and programming)
- Work and Grading:
  - 6 programming projects: Python, groups of 1 or 2
    - 5 late days for semester, maximum 2 per project
  - ~10 homework assignments:
    - Online, interactive, solve together, submit alone
  - Two midterms, one final
  - Fixed scale
  - Participation can help on grading boundaries
  - Academic integrity policy
- Contests!

# Exam Dates

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- Midterm 1: Week of 10/6, evening midterm, time/place TBA
- Midterm 2: Week of 11/8, evening midterm, time/place TBA
- Final Exam: Thursday 12/13, 3-6pm
  - Let Sherdil know ASAP if you cannot make this time.

# Laptops in Lecture

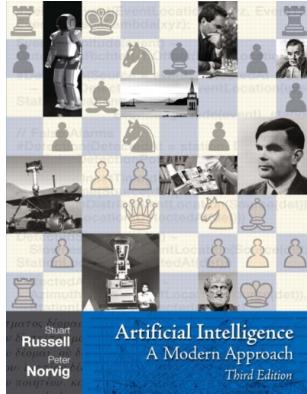
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- Laptops can easily distract students behind you

Consider sitting towards the back if using your laptop in lecture

# Textbook

- Not required, but for students who want to read more we recommend
  - Russell & Norvig, AI: A Modern Approach, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.



- Warning: Not a course textbook, so our presentation does not necessarily follow the presentation in the book.

# Discussion Section (Optional Attendance)

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- Topic: review / warm-up exercises.
- You are welcome to attend any section of your preference.
  - If the room is full, priority goes to those officially registered for the section.
- From past semesters' experience we know sections will be (over)crowded the first two weeks of section, but then onwards section attendance will be lower and things will sort themselves out.
  - See Piazza for possible overflow sections if it feels like we need them next week.
- There will be recordings available from a previous semester.
- There is no section in the current week (8/24 - 8/26).

# Exam Practice Sessions (Optional Attendance)

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- Starting September 6<sup>th</sup>, four of the thirteen weekly discussion sections will be dedicated to solving past exam problems. GSIs will be present to guide you through these old exam problems.
- More details next week.
- There will be recordings available from a previous semester.

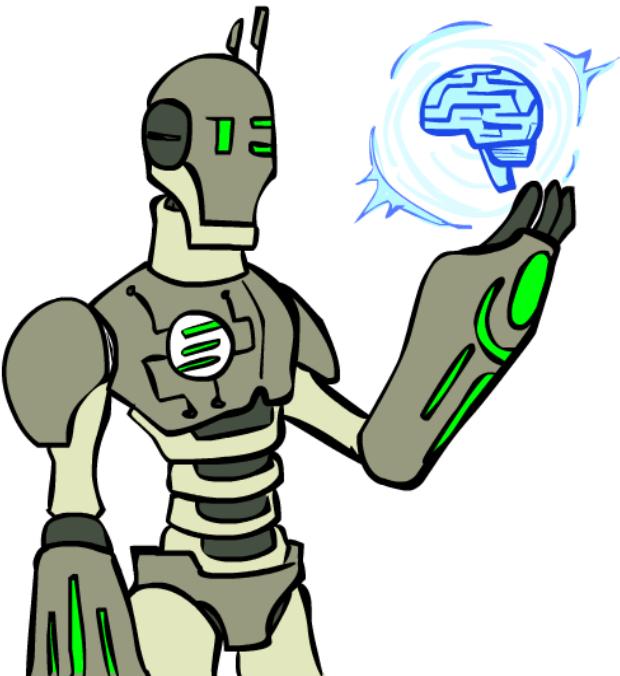
# Important This Week

- **Important this week:**
  - **Register** for the class on edx: Use **edge.edx.org**
  - **Register** for the class on gradescope: Use entry code **9YJN2M**
  - **Register** for the class on piazza --- our main resource for discussion and communication
  - **P0: Python tutorial** is out (due on Friday 8/31 at 5pm)
  - **One-time (optional) P0 office hours** - Friday and next Tuesday (See Piazza)
  - **Instructional accounts forms:** not needed for CS188, but can obtain online, see post on piazza
  - **Math self-diagnostic** up on web page --- important to check your preparedness for second half
  - **Mark exam dates in your calendars**
- **Also important:**
  - **Sections** start next week.
  - **If you are wait-listed**, you might or might not get in, see Piazza. Contact Michael-David Sasson ([msasson@cs.berkeley.edu](mailto:msasson@cs.berkeley.edu)) if Piazza post is not sufficient.
  - **Regular Office Hours** start next week, this week there are the P0 office hours and professors will be available after lecture.

# Today

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- What is artificial intelligence?
- What can AI do?
- What is this course?



# Sci-Fi AI?



1977



1984



2004



1999



2015 (Ex Machina)

# AI in the News

**the guardian**  
Winner of the Pulitzer prize

US world opinion sports soccer tech arts lifestyle fashion business money travel environment all sections

home > tech | games

**Artificial intelligence (AI)**

## Elon Musk: artificial intelligence is our biggest existential threat

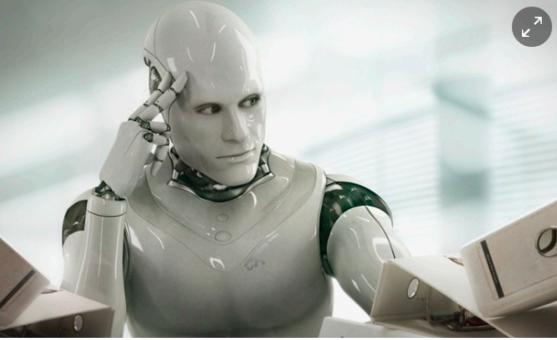
The AI investor says that humanity risks 'summoning a demon' and calls for more regulatory oversight

**Samuel Gibbs**  
@SamuelGibbs

Monday 27 October 2014  
06.26 EDT

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Artificial intelligence should be regulated, says Elon Musk. Photograph: Blutgruppe/Blutgruppe/Corbis

**Elon Musk** has spoken out against artificial intelligence (AI), declaring it the most serious threat to the survival of the human race.

Musk made the comments to students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) [during an interview at the AeroAstro Centennial Symposium](#), talking about computer science, AI, space exploration and the colonisation of Mars.

Source: The Guardian, 10/27/2014

# AI in the News

SCIENCE

## Study to Examine Effects of Artificial Intelligence

By JOHN MARKOFF DEC. 15, 2014

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Scientists have begun what they say will be a century-long study of the effects of artificial intelligence on society, including on the economy, war and crime, officials at [Stanford University](#) announced Monday.

The project, hosted by the university, is unusual not just because of its duration but because it seeks to track the effects of these technologies as they reshape the roles played by human beings in a broad range of endeavors.

"My take is that A.I. is taking over," said Sebastian Thrun, a well-known roboticist who led the development of Google's self-driving car. "A few humans might still be 'in charge,' but less and less so."

Artificial intelligence describes computer systems that perform tasks traditionally requiring human intelligence and perception. In 2009, the president of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, Eric Horvitz, organized a meeting of computer scientists in California to discuss the possible ramifications of A.I. advances. The group concluded that the advances [were largely positive](#) and lauded the "relatively graceful" progress.

But now, in the wake of recent technological advances in computer vision, speech recognition and robotics, scientists say they are increasingly concerned that artificial intelligence technologies may permanently displace human workers, [roboticize warfare](#) and make of Orwellian surveillance techniques easier to develop, among other disastrous effects.

Source: NY Times, 12/15/2014

# AI in the News

**Elon Musk's Open A.I. reached \$1 billion funding in hopes to develop Artificial Intelligence**



**December 13** 9:24 PM  
2015

by Money Times  
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Tesla Motors Inc CEO Elon Musk and other prominent tech company executives raised \$1 billion through an initiative called Open A.I. to fund an artificial intelligence research company.

Source: vcpost, 12/13/2015

# AI in the News

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Robotics

## This Supercomputer Will Try to Find Intelligence on Reddit

Researchers at OpenAI are developing algorithms capable of learning language by reading the Web and controlling robots through practice.

by Will Knight   August 15, 2016

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**Is it possible that the secret to building machine intelligence lies in spending endless hours reading Reddit?**

- The OpenAI researchers are feeding message threads from the popular website Reddit to algorithms that build a probabilistic understanding of the conversation. If fed enough examples, the underlying language model will be good enough to hold a conversation itself, the researchers hope.



Nvidia's CEO, Jen-Hsun Huang, delivers the first DGX-1 to Elon Musk's OpenAI.

# Let's take a (rudimentary) look at hardware

Architecture	Num neurons	Num synapses
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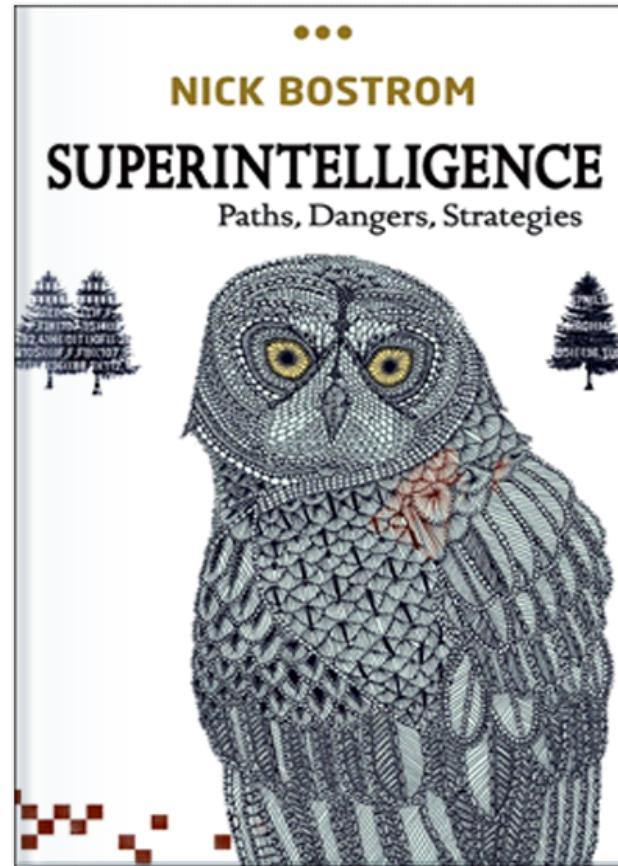
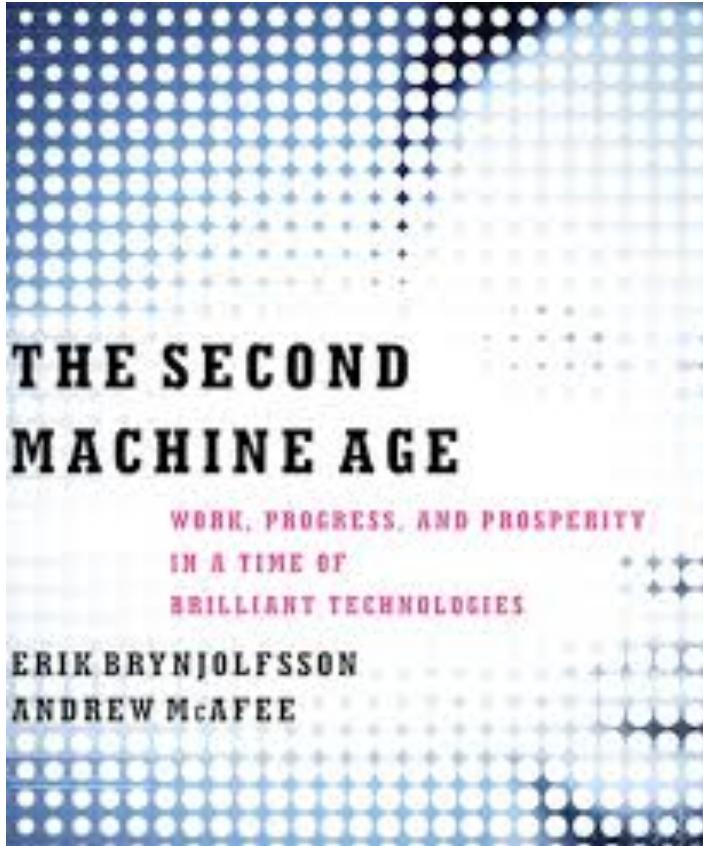
If each synapse is 1 FLOP (i.e., can fire / not fire once per second),

Then human brain requires  $10^{15}$  flops = 1 petaflop.

100,000 current CPUs

costs \$5000 / hr on Amazon's EC2.

# AI and the World



# Why Take The Class?

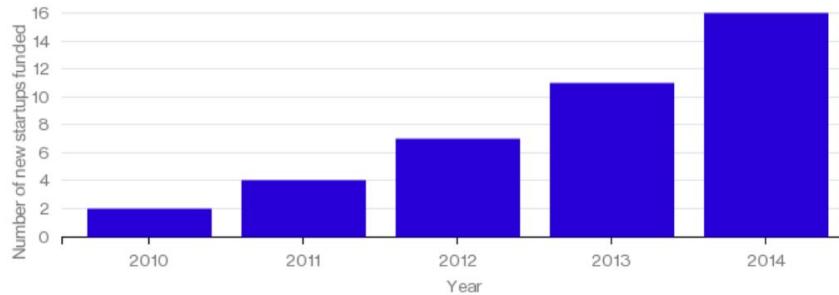
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- My 2002 answer:
  - Largely because you want to learn about AI...
  - ... maybe even want to continue to learn even more about AI during a PhD ...
  - ... but not exactly the class that's going to maximize your job opportunities ;)
  
- My 2016 answer:
  - I am still hoping because you really want to learn about AI...
  - ... but a lot of jobs have started to emerge

# Industry Activity

## HAL 9000 Is Coming

Newly funded artificial intelligence startups, by year



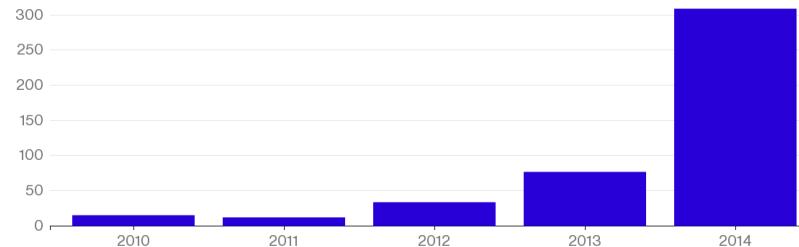
Data: CB Insights

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## Artificial Intelligence, Real Money

Total venture capital money for pure AI startups, by year

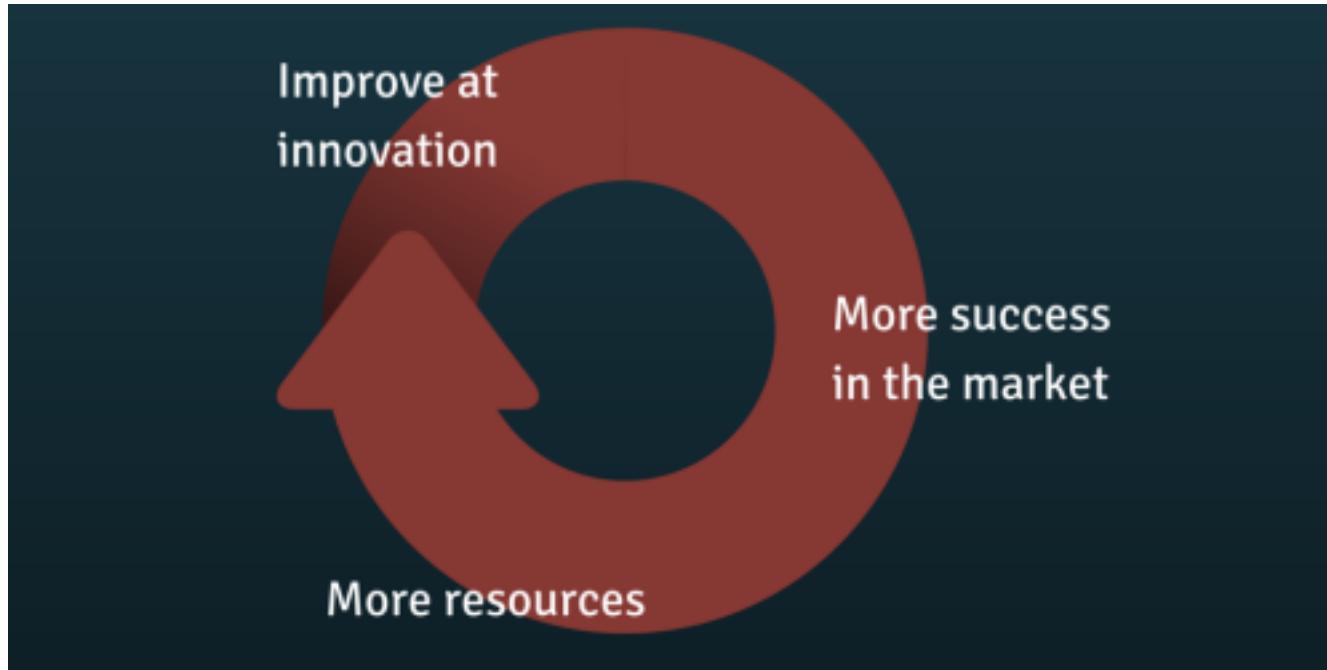
\$350 million



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# Cycle of Innovation / AI



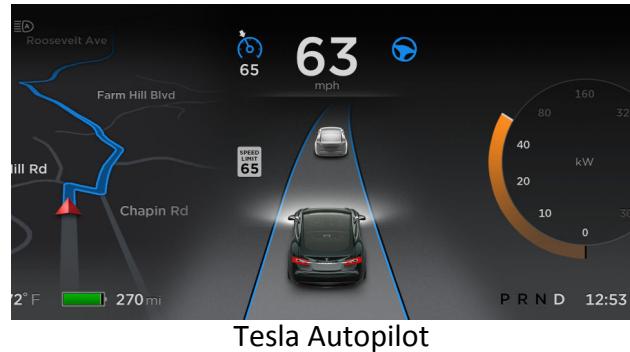
# Examples

Google



Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky



# What is AI?

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The science of making machines that:

# Rational Decisions

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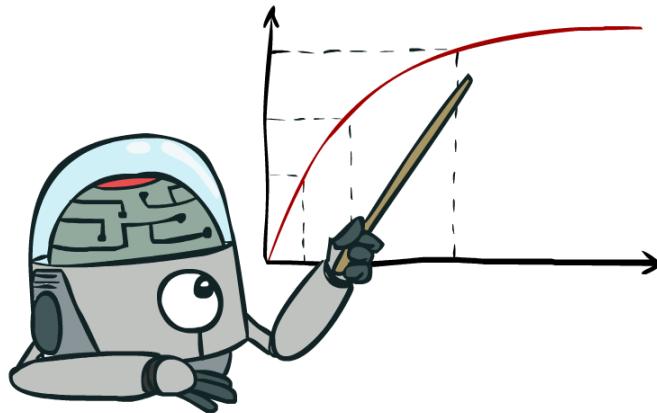
We'll use the term **rational** in a very specific, technical way:

- Rational: maximally achieving pre-defined goals
- Rationality only concerns what decisions are made  
(not the thought process behind them)
- Goals are expressed in terms of the **utility** of outcomes
- Being rational means **maximizing your expected utility**

A better title for this course would be:

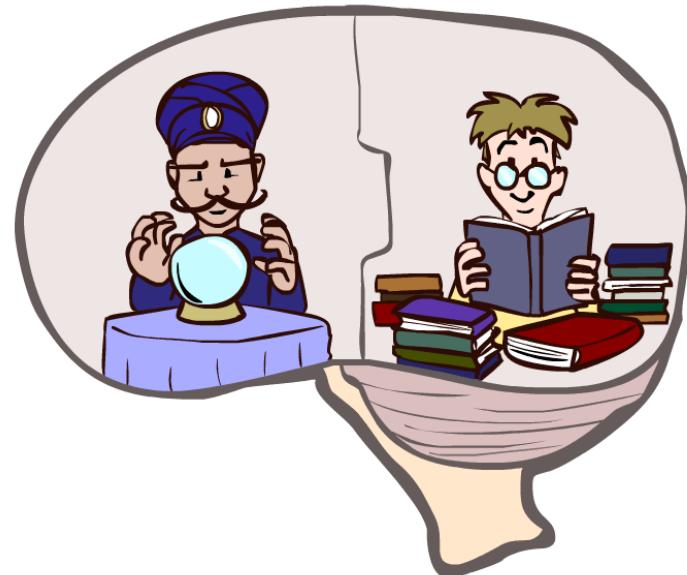
**Computational Rationality**

# Maximize Your Expected Utility

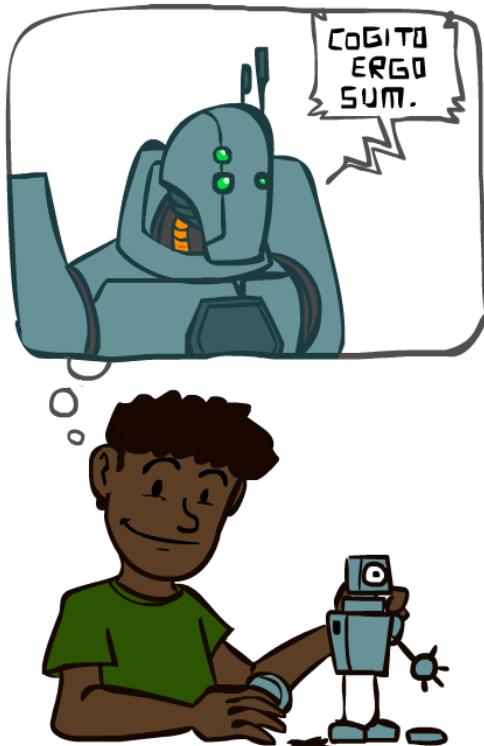


# What About the Brain?

- Brains (human minds) are very good at making rational decisions, but not perfect
- Brains aren't as modular as software, so hard to reverse engineer!
- "Brains are to intelligence as wings are to flight"
- Lessons learned from the brain: memory and simulation are key to decision making



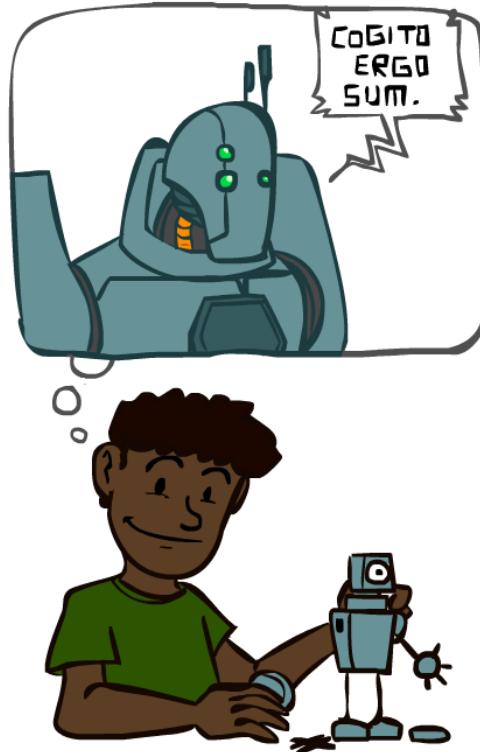
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# Thinking Machines

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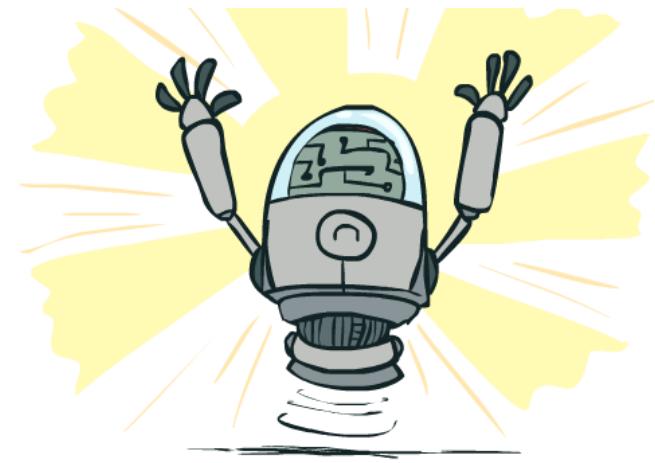
- **1940–1950: Early days**
  - 1943: McCulloch & Pitts: Boolean circuit model of brain
  - 1950: Turing's "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"
- **1950–70: Excitement: Look, Ma, no hands!**
  - 1950s: Early AI programs, including Samuel's checkers program, Newell & Simon's Logic Theorist, Gelernter's Geometry Engine
  - 1956: Dartmouth meeting: "Artificial Intelligence" adopted
  - 1965: Robinson's complete algorithm for logical reasoning
- **1970–90: Knowledge-based approaches**
  - 1969–79: Early development of knowledge-based systems
  - 1980–88: Expert systems industry booms
  - 1988–93: Expert systems industry busts: "AI Winter"
- **1990–: Statistical approaches**
  - Resurgence of probability, focus on uncertainty
  - General increase in technical depth
  - Agents and learning systems... "AI Spring"?
- **2000–: Where are we now?**



# What Can AI Do?

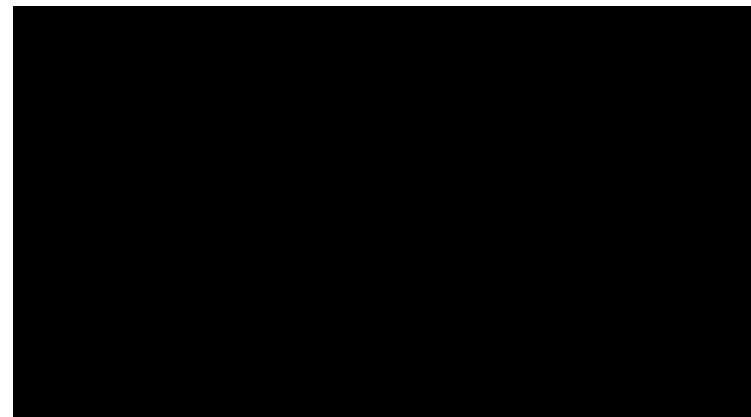
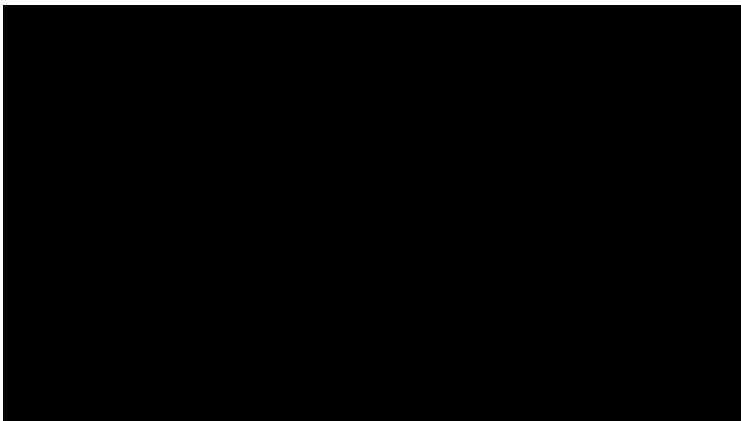
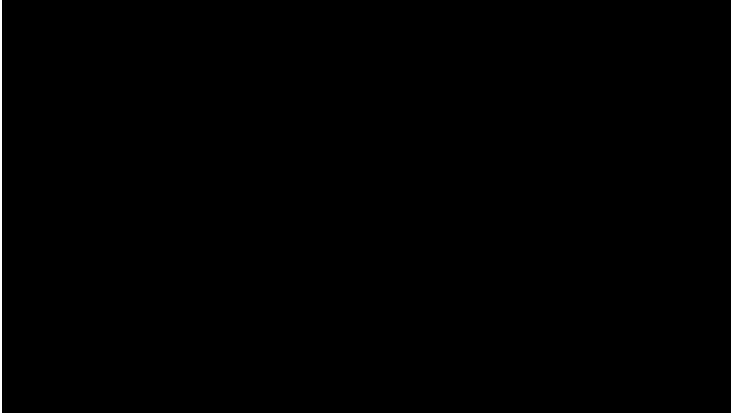
Quiz: Which of the following can be done at present?

- ✓ Play a decent game of table tennis?
- ✓ Play a decent game of Jeopardy?
- ✓ Drive safely along a curving mountain road?
- ✗ Drive safely along Telegraph Avenue?
- ✓ Buy a week's worth of groceries on the web?
- ✗ Buy a week's worth of groceries at Berkeley Bowl?
- ✗ Discover and prove a new mathematical theorem?
- ✗ Converse successfully with another person for an hour?
- ✗ Perform a surgical operation?
- ✓ Put away the dishes and fold the laundry?
- ✓ Translate spoken Chinese into spoken English in real time?
- ✗ Write an intentionally funny story?



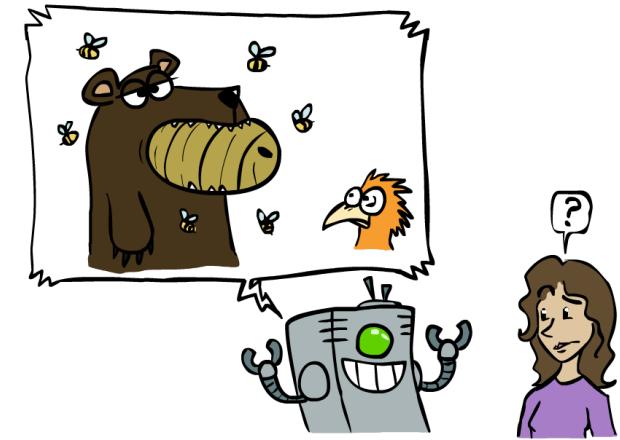
# AI in Action

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# Unintentionally Funny Stories

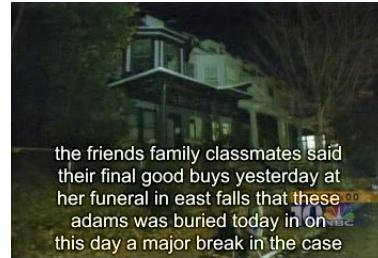
- One day Joe Bear was hunting Irving Bird where he found some honey. There was a beehive in the oak tree. He ate the honey.
- Henry Squirrel was thirsty. He was walking along the river bank where his good friend Henry was swimming. Henry slipped and fell in the water. The End.
- Once upon a time there was a crow who was sitting in his tree, holding a piece of cheese. A fox walked over and asked him for some cheese.



a vain crow. One day the crow was flying over a field when he saw a piece of cheese in his mouth. He noticed that he was very hungry, and swallowed the cheese. The End.

# Natural Language

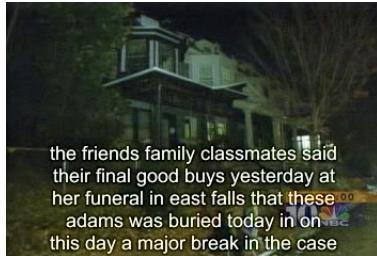
- **Speech technologies (e.g. Siri)**
  - Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
  - Text-to-speech synthesis (TTS)
  - Dialog systems



## Real Time Transcription

# Natural Language

- Speech technologies (e.g. Siri)
  - Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
  - Text-to-speech synthesis (TTS)
  - Dialog systems
- Language processing technologies
  - Question answering
  - Machine translation



## "Il est impossible aux journalistes de rentrer dans les régions tibétaines"

Bruno Philip, correspondant du "Monde" en Chine, estime que les journalistes de l'AFP qui ont été expulsés de la province tibétaine du Qinghai "n'étaient pas dans l'ilégalité".



**Les faits** Le dalaï-lama dénonce l'"enfer" imposé au Tibet depuis sa fuite, en 1959  
**Vidéo** Anniversaire de la rébellion tibétaine : la Chine envoie des soldats

## "It is impossible for journalists to enter Tibetan areas"

Philip Bruno, correspondent for "World" in China, said that journalists of the AFP who have been deported from the Tibetan province of Qinghai "were not illegal."

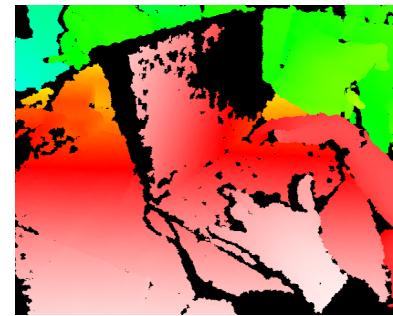
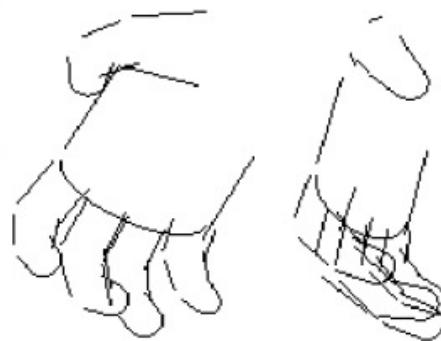
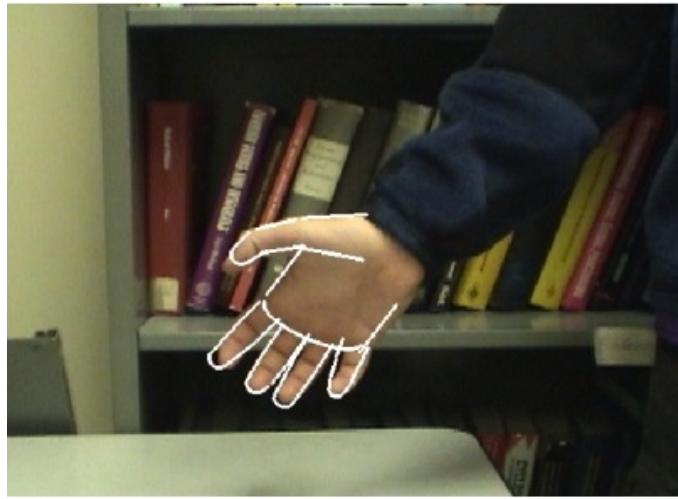
**Facts** The Dalai Lama denounces the "hell" imposed since he fled Tibet in 1959  
**Video** Anniversary of the Tibetan rebellion: China on guard



- Web search
- Text classification, spam filtering, etc...

# Vision (Perception)

- Object and face recognition
- Scene segmentation
- Image classification



Images from Erik Sudderth (left), wikipedia (right)

Demo1: VISION – lec\_1\_t2\_video.flv

Demo2: VISION – lec\_1\_obj\_rec\_0.mpg





# Robotics

Demo 1: ROBOTICS – soccer.avi

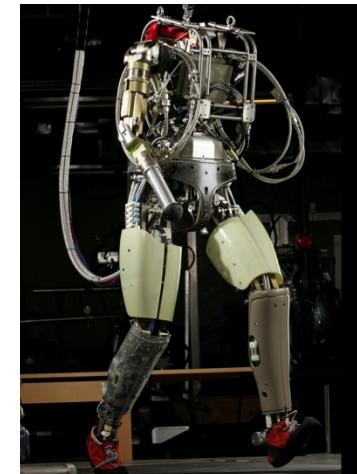
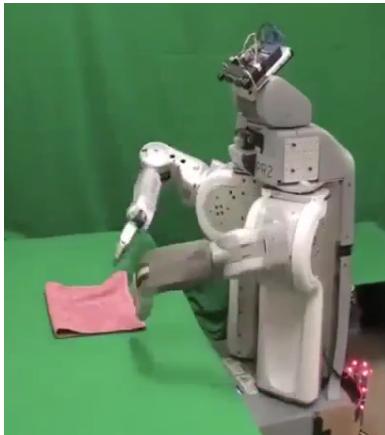
Demo 4: ROBOTICS – laundry.avi

Demo 2: ROBOTICS – soccer2.avi

Demo 5: ROBOTICS – petman.avi

Demo 3: ROBOTICS – gcar.avi

- Robotics
  - Part mech. eng.
  - Part AI
  - Reality much harder than simulations!
- Technologies
  - Vehicles
  - Rescue
  - Soccer
  - Lots of automation...
- In this class:
  - We ignore mechanical aspects
  - Methods for planning
  - Methods for control



Images from UC Berkeley, Boston Dynamics, RoboCup, Google







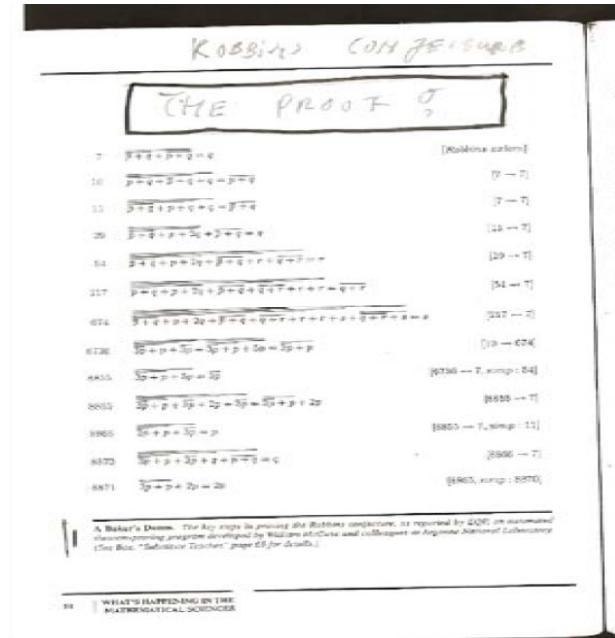


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Petman

# Logic

- Logical systems
  - Theorem provers
    - [NASA fault diagnosis](#)
    - NLP / Question answering
  
- Methods:
  - Constraint satisfaction (CSP)
  - Satisfiability solvers (huge advances!)



1996

Image from Bart Selman

# Game Playing ([Link](#))

- **Classic Moment: May, '97: Deep Blue vs. Kasparov**
  - First match won against world champion
  - “Intelligent creative” play
  - 200 million board positions per second
  - Humans understood 99.9 of Deep Blue's moves
  - Can do about the same now with a PC cluster



- **Open question:**
  - How does human cognition deal with the search space explosion of chess?
  - Or: how can humans compete with computers at all??

- **1996: Kasparov Beats Deep Blue**

“I could feel --- I could smell --- a new kind of intelligence across the table.”

- **2009: Pocket Fritz (on a mobile phone) reaches grandmaster.**

“a[n] HTC Touch HD mobile phone won a category 6 tournament with a performance rating of 2898” (Link above)

- **Mar 2016: AlphaGo unexpectedly defeats world champion Lee Sedol 4-1.**

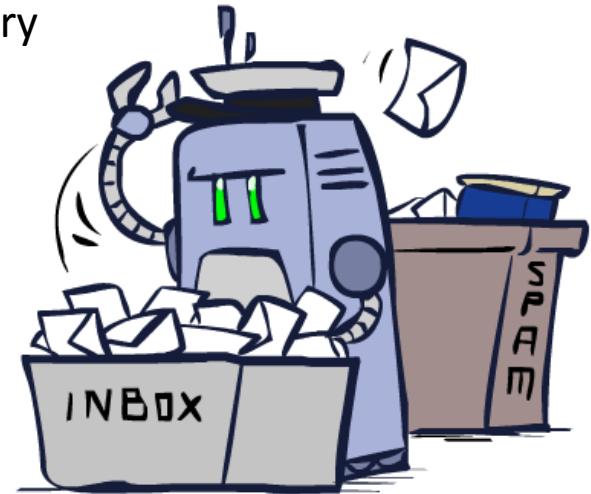
“robots will never understand the beauty of the game the same way that we humans do.” (Sedol)



# Decision Making

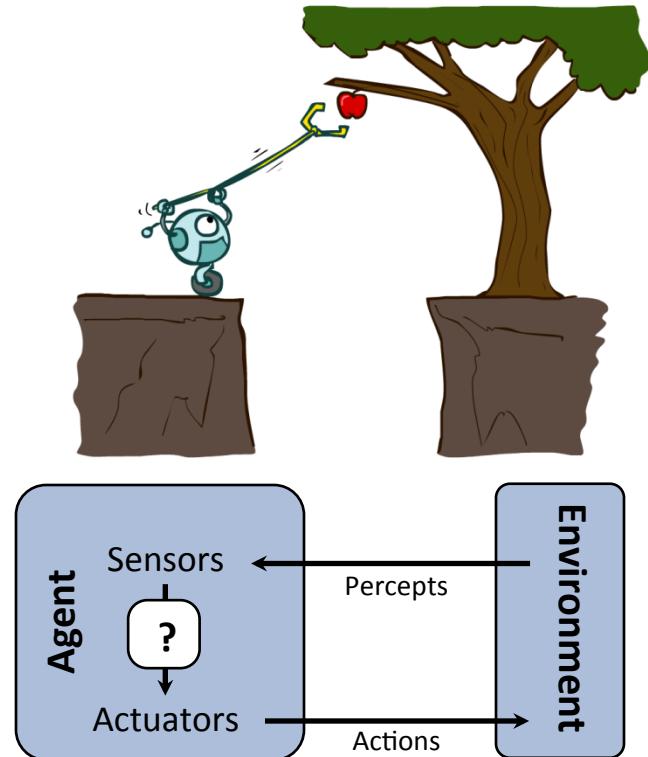
- Applied AI involves many kinds of automation

- Scheduling, e.g. airline routing, military
- Route planning, e.g. Google maps
- Medical diagnosis
- Web search engines
- Spam classifiers
- Automated help desks
- Fraud detection
- Product recommendations
- ... Lots more!

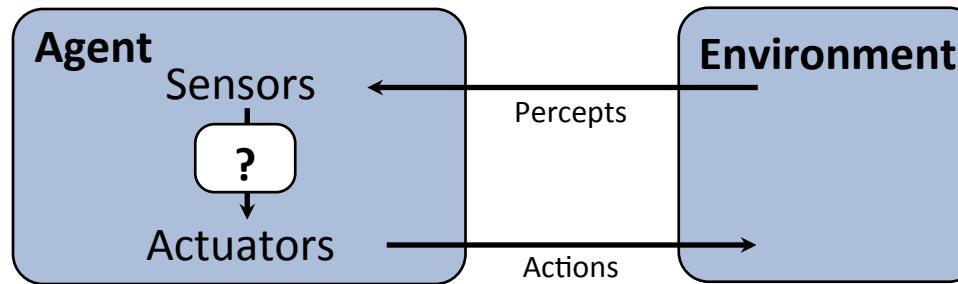
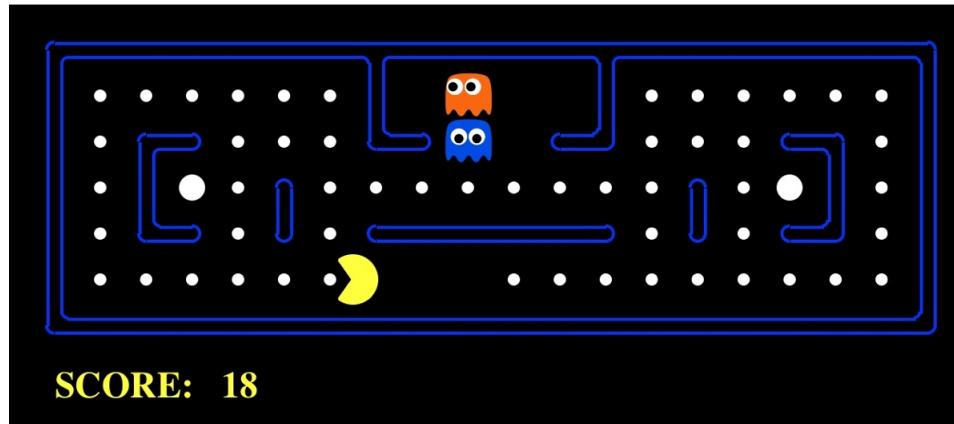


# Designing Rational Agents

- An **agent** is an entity that *perceives* and *acts*.
- A **rational agent** selects actions that maximize its (expected) **utility**.
- Characteristics of the **percepts**, **environment**, and **action space** dictate techniques for selecting rational actions
- **This course is about:**
  - General AI techniques for a variety of problem types
  - Learning to recognize when and how a new problem can be solved with an existing technique



# Pac-Man as an Agent



# Pacman Demo

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Pacman

# Course Topics

- Part I: Making Decisions
  - Fast search / planning
  - Constraint satisfaction
  - Adversarial and uncertain search
- Part II: Reasoning under Uncertainty
  - Bayes' nets
  - Decision theory
  - Machine learning
- Throughout: Applications
  - Natural language, vision, robotics, games, ...

