

INTRODUCTION

Search space

- Think about a tree structure
- Number of total possibilities: b^d



Search space



BOARD GAME STRATEGY

Board Game Strategy

• To win the game, we only need to build a game tree



Board Game Strategy

- To win the game, we need to find $p^*(a|s)$
 - $p^*(a|s)$: Optimal action value function
 - Which action should I take?



Board Game Strategy

- To win the game, we need to find $v^*(s)$
 - $v^*(s)$: Optimal Value Function



3 COMPONENTS OF ALPHA GO

Monte Carlo Tree Search



Reducing depth search with value network



Reducing breadth search with policy network



MONTE CARLO TREE SEARCH



Monte Carlo Tree Search

 a method for finding optimal decisions in a given domain by taking random samples in the decision space and building a search tree according to the results

MCTS – overview

- A tree is built in an incremental and asymmetric manner
 - For each iteration of the algorithm, a **tree policy** is used to find the most urgent node of the current tree
 - Exploration (look in areas that have not been well sampled yet) vs Exploitation (look in areas which appear to be promising)
 - A simulation is then run from the selected node and the search tree updated according to the result
 - the addition of a child node corresponding to the action taken from the selected node (Moves are made during this simulation according to some **default policy**)
 - an update of the statistics of its ancestors

One iteration of the general MCTS approach



General MCTS approach

- Selection: Starting at the root node, a child selection policy is recursively applied to descend through the tree until the most urgent expandable node is reached.
- **Expansion**: One (or more) child nodes are added to expand the tree, according to the available actions.
- **Simulation**: A simulation is run from the new node(s) according to the default policy to produce an outcome
- **Backpropagation**: The simulation result is "backed up" through the selected nodes to update their statistics.

Algorithm 1 General MCTS approach.	
function MCTSSEARCH (s_0)	
create root node v_0 with state s_0	
while within computational budget do	
$v_l \leftarrow \text{TREEPOLICY}(v_0)$	
$\Delta \leftarrow DefaultPolicy(s(v_l))$	reward
$BACKUP(v_l,\Delta)$	
return $a(\text{BESTCHILD}(v_0))$	action

General MCTS approach

- Playout, rollout, simulation
 - playing out the task to completion according to the default policy

- Four criteria for selecting the winning action
 - Max child: Select the root child with the highest reward.
 - Robust child: Select the most visited root child.
 - Max-Robust child: Select the root child with both the highest visit count and the highest reward. If none exist, then continue searching until an acceptable visit count is achieved
 - Secure child: Select the child which maximizes a lower confidence bound.

HOW TO DESIGN TREE POLICY? MULTI-ARMED BANDIT

Multi-armed bandit

• The K-armed bandit problem may be approached using a policy that determines which bandit to play, based on past rewards.



UCT (Upper Confidence Bounds for Trees) algorithm

Algorithm 2 The UCT algorithm.

function UCTSEARCH(s_0) create root node v_0 with state s_0 while within computational budget do $v_l \leftarrow \text{TREEPOLICY}(v_0)$ $\Delta \leftarrow \text{DEFAULTPOLICY}(s(v_l))$ BACKUP(v_l, Δ) return $a(\text{BESTCHILD}(v_0, 0))$

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function TREEPOLICY(v)

while v is nonterminal do

if v not fully expanded then

return EXPAND(v)

else

v \leftarrow \text{BESTCHILD}(v, Cp)
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return v

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function EXPAND(v)
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choose a \in untried actions from A(s(v))
add a new child v' to v
with s(v') = f(s(v), a)
and a(v') = a
return v'
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\begin{array}{l} \textbf{function BESTCHILD}(v,c) \\ \textbf{return} \mathop{\arg\max}_{v' \in \textbf{children of } v} \frac{Q(v')}{N(v')} + c \sqrt{\frac{2 \ln N(v)}{N(v')}} \end{array}
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function DEFAULTPOLICY(s) while s is non-terminal do choose $a \in A(s)$ uniformly at random $s \leftarrow f(s, a)$ return reward for state s

function BACKUPNEGAMAX(v, Δ) while v is not null do $N(v) \leftarrow N(v) + 1$ $Q(v) \leftarrow Q(v) + \Delta$ $\Delta \leftarrow -\Delta$ $v \leftarrow$ parent of v

Exploration vs Exploitation



ALPHAGO

3 key components in AlphaGo

- MCTS
- Policy network
- Value network

POLICY NETWORK

Policy network

- To imitate expert moves
 - There are 19² possible actions (with different probabilities)

Policy network



3 Policy networks

- Supervised learning policy network
- Reinforcement learning policy network
- Roll-out policy network



Supervised learning of policy networks

- Policy network: 12 layer convolutional neural network
- Training data: 30M positions from human expert games (KGS 5+ dan)
- Training algorithm: maximize likelihood by stochastic gradient descent

$$\Delta \sigma \propto \frac{\partial \log p_{\sigma}(a|s)}{\partial \sigma}$$

- Training time: 4 weeks on 50 GPUs using Google Cloud
- Results: 57% accuracy on held out test data (state-of-the art was 44%)

Supervised learning of policy networks



Reinforcement learning of policy networks

- Policy network: 12 layer convolutional neural network
- Training data: games of self-play between policy network
- Training algorithm: maximize wins z by policy gradient reinforcement learning

$$\Delta \rho \propto \frac{\partial \log p_{\rho}(a_t | s_t)}{\partial \rho} z$$

- Training time: 1 week on 50 GPUs using Google Cloud
- Results: 80% vs supervised learning. Raw network ~3 amateur dan.

Training the RL Policy Network P_p

- Refined version of SL policy (P_{σ})
- Initialize weights to $\rho = \sigma$
- { $\rho^- | \rho^-$ is an old version of ρ }
- P_{ρ} vs $P_{\{\rho^{-}\}}$



 $s_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} s_2 \xrightarrow{a_2} \dots \xrightarrow{a_{T-1}} s_T \Longrightarrow z_t = r\left(s_T\right) \in \{\pm 1\}$

$$\Delta \rho \propto \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{\partial \log P_{\rho}(a_t|s_t)}{\partial \rho} z_t$$

Roll-out policy network

• Faster version of supervised learning policy network p(a|s) with shall networks (3 ms \rightarrow 2us)

VALUE NETWORK

Value network







Reinforcement learning of value networks

- Value network: 12 layer convolutional neural network
- Training data: 30 million games of self-play
- Training algorithm: minimize MSE by stochastic gradient descent

$$\Delta \theta \propto \frac{\partial v_{\theta}(s)}{\partial \theta}(z - v_{\theta}(s))$$

- Training time: 1 week on 50 GPUs using Google Cloud
- Results: First strong position evaluation function previously thought impossible

Training the Value Network V_{θ}

- Position evaluation
- Approximating optimal value function
- Input: state, output: probability to win
- Goal: minimize MSE



TRAINING

Input Features

Extended Data Table 2 | Input features for neural networks

Feature	# of planes	Description
Stone colour	3	Player stone / opponent stone / empty
Ones	1	A constant plane filled with 1
Turns since	8	How many turns since a move was played
Liberties	8	Number of liberties (empty adjacent points)
Capture size	8	How many opponent stones would be captured
Self-atari size	8	How many of own stones would be captured
Liberties after move	8	Number of liberties after this move is played
Ladder capture	1	Whether a move at this point is a successful ladder capture
Ladder escape	1	Whether a move at this point is a successful ladder escape
Sensibleness	1	Whether a move is legal and does not fill its own eyes
Zeros	1	A constant plane filled with 0
Player color	1	Whether current player is black

Feature planes used by the policy network (all but last feature) and value network (all features).

Training the Deep Neural Networks



Summary: Training the Deep Neural Networks



Figure: Neural Network Training Pipeline and Architecture

MCTS

Monte Carlo Tree Search



Figure: Monte Carlo Tree Search in AlphaGo

Monte Carlo Tree Search: selection

- Each edge (s,a) stores:
 - Q(s, a) action value (average value of sub tree)
 - N(s, a) visit count
 - P(s, a) prior probability

$$p(s, a) = p_{\sigma}(a|s)$$
$$a_{t} = \underset{a}{argmax} (Q(s_{t}, a) + u(s_{t}, a))$$

$$u(s,a) = c_{\text{puct}} P(s,a) \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{b} N_r(s,b)}}{1 + N_r(s,a)}$$

Monte Carlo Tree Search: evaluation

- Leaf evaluation:
 - Value network
 - Random rollout

$$V(s_L) = (1 - \lambda) V_{\theta}(s_L) + \lambda z_L$$



Evaluation

Monte Carlo Tree Search: backup





How to choose the next move?

- Maximum visit count
 - Less sensitive to outliers than maximum action value

Training the Deep Neural Networks





Figure 5 | How AlphaGo (black, to play) selected its move in an informal game against Fan Hui. For each of the following statistics, the location of the maximum value is indicated by an orange circle. a, Evaluation of all successors s' of the root position s, using the value network $v_{\theta}(s')$; estimated winning percentages are shown for the top evaluations. b, Action values Q(s, a) for each edge (s, a) in the tree from root position s; averaged over value network evaluations only $(\lambda = 0)$. c, Action values Q(s, a), averaged over rollout evaluations only $(\lambda = 1)$. **d**, Move probabilities directly from the SL policy network, $p_{\sigma}(a|s)$; reported as a percentage (if above 0.1%). **e**, Percentage frequency with which actions were selected from the root during simulations. **f**, The principal variation (path with maximum visit count) from AlphaGo's search tree. The moves are presented in a numbered sequence. AlphaGo selected the move indicated by the red circle; Fan Hui responded with the move indicated by the white square; in his post-game commentary he preferred the move (labelled 1) predicted by AlphaGo.



AlphaGo VS Experts



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Summary

- A Go game at the highest level of human players is developed based on a combination of deep neural networks and tree search.
- For the first time, effective move selection and position evaluation functions for Go are developed based on deep neural networks.

Google's Deep Mind Explained! - Self Learning A.I. (기술적으로 정확하지는 않음)



BACKUPS

Tournament evaluation of AlphaGo



Figure: Performance of AlphaGo (on a single machine) for different combinations of components