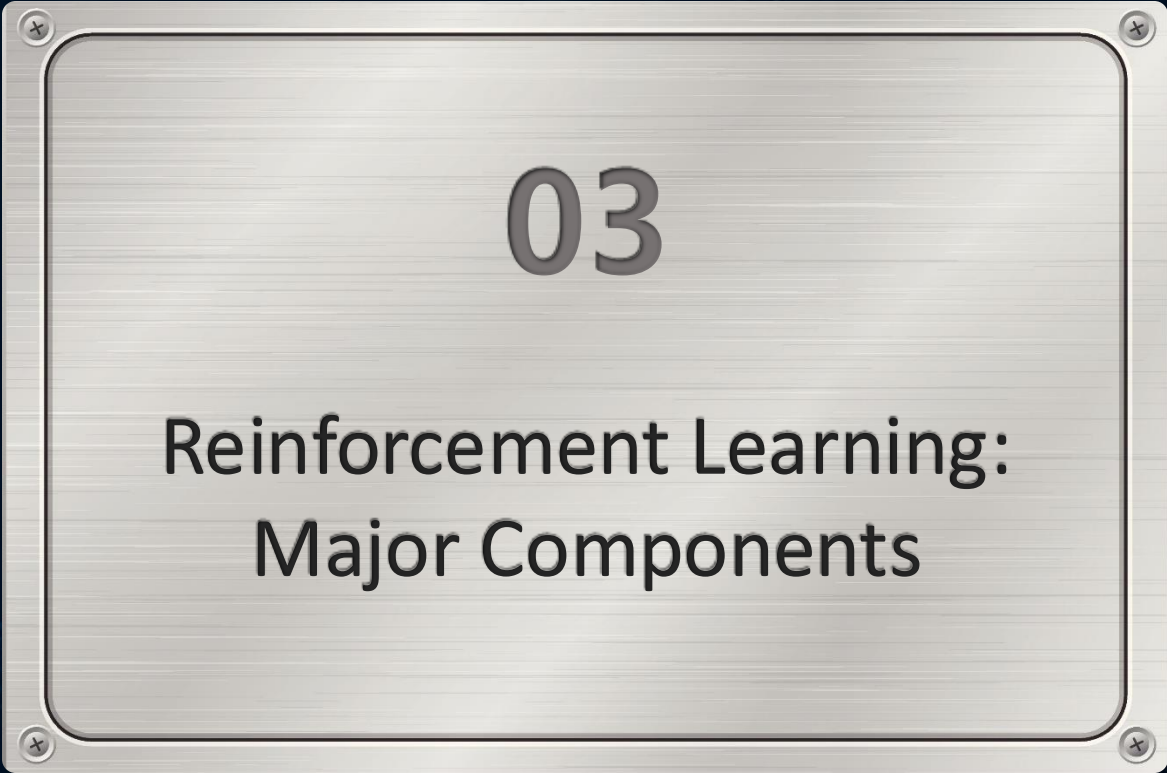


REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

# 강화학습특론

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Reinforcement Learning Overview



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Reinforcement Learning:  
Major Components

# 학습내용

- ⊕ Major Components: Policy, Value Function & Model
- ⊕ Maze Example
- ⊕ Categorizing Reinforcement Learning Agents
- ⊕ Learning and Planning
- ⊕ Exploration and Exploitation
- ⊕ Prediction and Control

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

- ⊕ Major Components:  
Policy, Value Function & Model
  - An RL agent may include one or more of these components:

|                |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Policy         | agent's behavior function                  |
| Value Function | how good is each state (or state & action) |
| Model          | agent's representation of the environment  |

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Major Components: Policy

- A policy is the agent's behavior
- It is a mapping function from state to action, e.g.

Deterministic policy

Stochastic policy

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Major Components: Value Function

- Value function is a prediction of future cumulated rewards
- Can be used to evaluate the goodness/badness of states
- And decide how to act by comparing

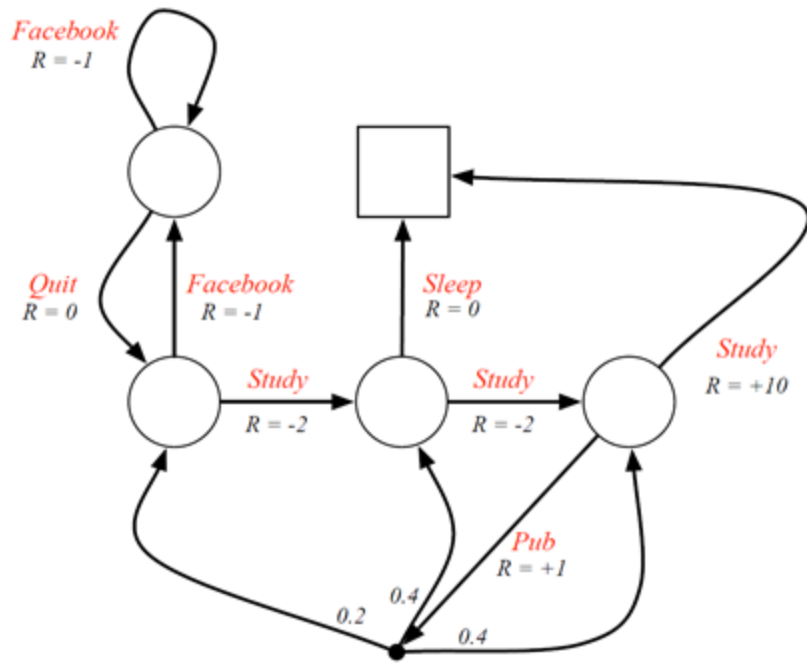
$$v_{\pi}(s) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi}[R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \gamma^2 R_{t+3} + \dots | S_t = s]$$

where:

- $\pi$  represents the policy
- $\mathbb{E}_{\pi}$  is the expectation for the policy  $\pi$
- $\gamma$  is the discount factor

# 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

## ⊕ Major Components: Model



- Model predicts what the environment will do next
- predicts the next state
- predicts the next (immediate) reward

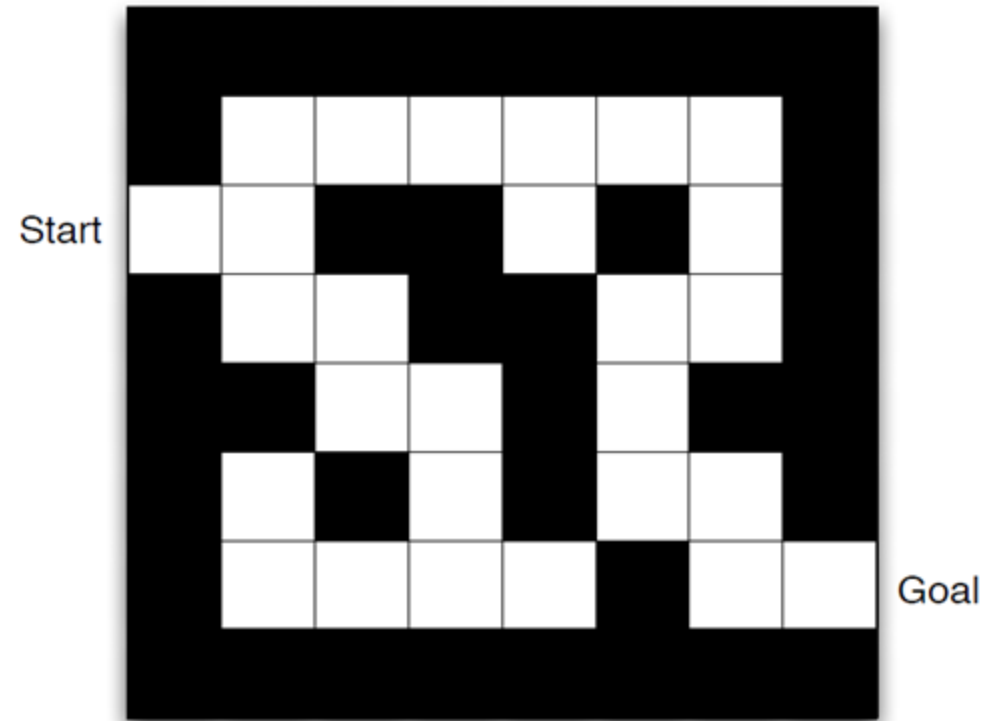
$$\mathcal{P}_{ss'}^a = \mathbb{P}[S_{t+1} = s' \mid S_t = s, A_t = a]$$

$$\mathcal{R}_s^a = \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1} \mid S_t = s, A_t = a]$$

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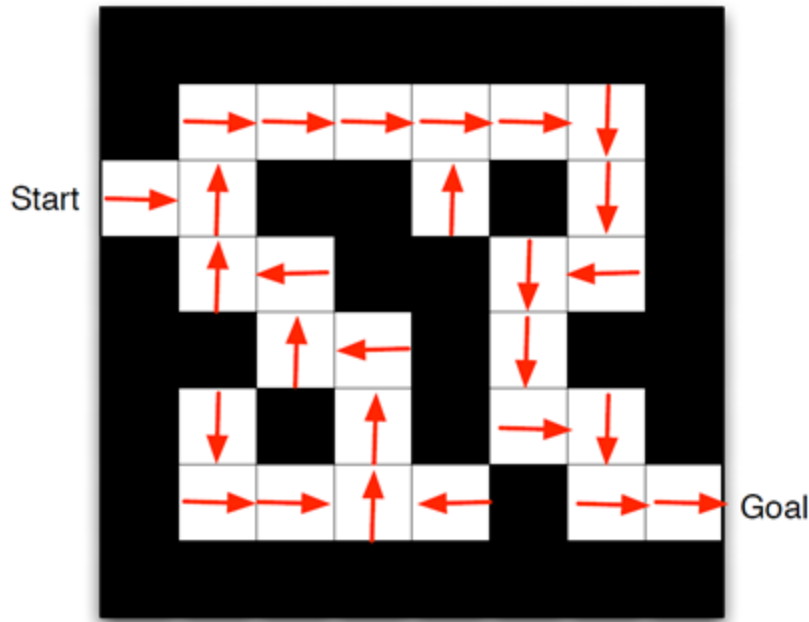
## ⊕ Maze Example

- States : Agent's location
- Actions : up, down, left, right
- Rewards : -1 per time-step



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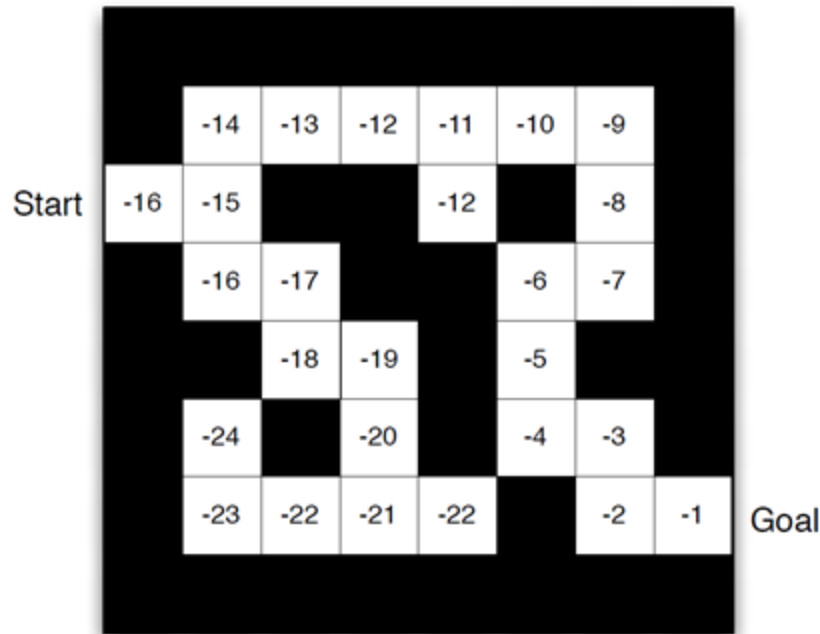
## ⊕ Maze Example: Policy



- Arrows represent the action that needs to be taken for each state
- These actions originate from a single policy
- A different policy might give rise to a different action for the same state

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Maze Example: Value Function



- Numbers represent the value of each state
- In this example, the numbers represent the number of steps that would be required from each state to reach the goal
- These numbers provide an idea about the goodness of a state

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Categorizing RL agents (1/3)

#### 1 Value Based

- No Policy (implicit)
- Value Function

#### 2 Policy Based

- Policy
- No Value Function

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Categorizing RL agents (2/3)

#### 3 Actor Critic

- Policy
- Value Function

#### 4 Model-free

- Policy and/or Value Function
- no Model

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

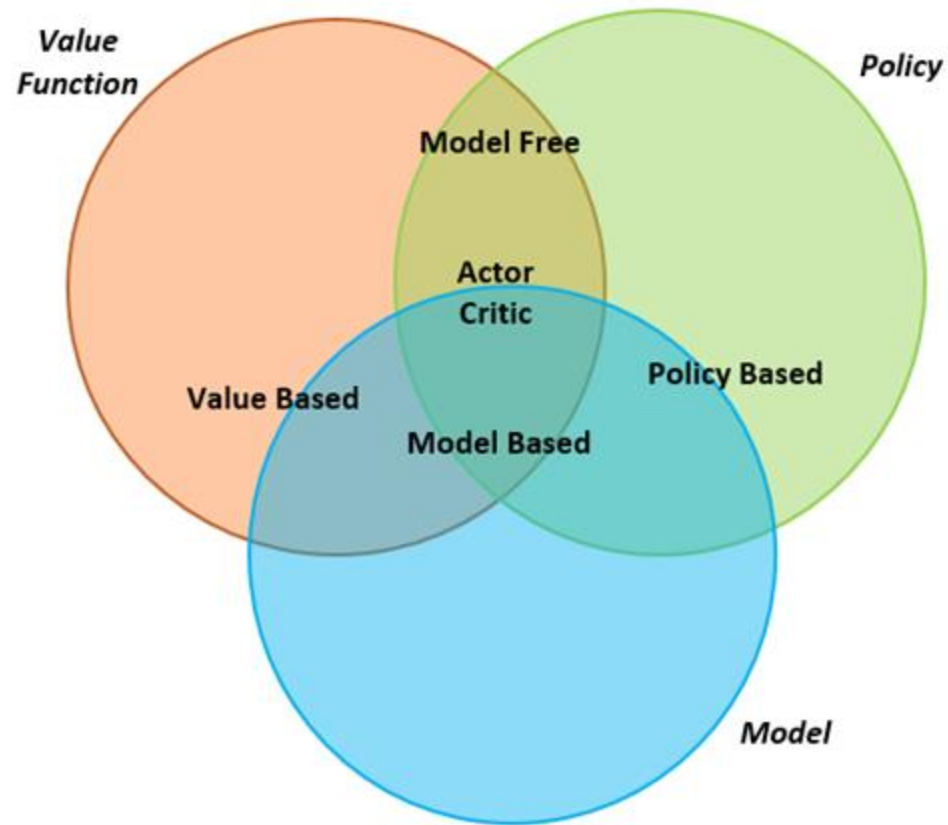
### ⊕ Categorizing RL agents (3/3)

#### 5 Model-based

- Policy and/or Value Function
- Model

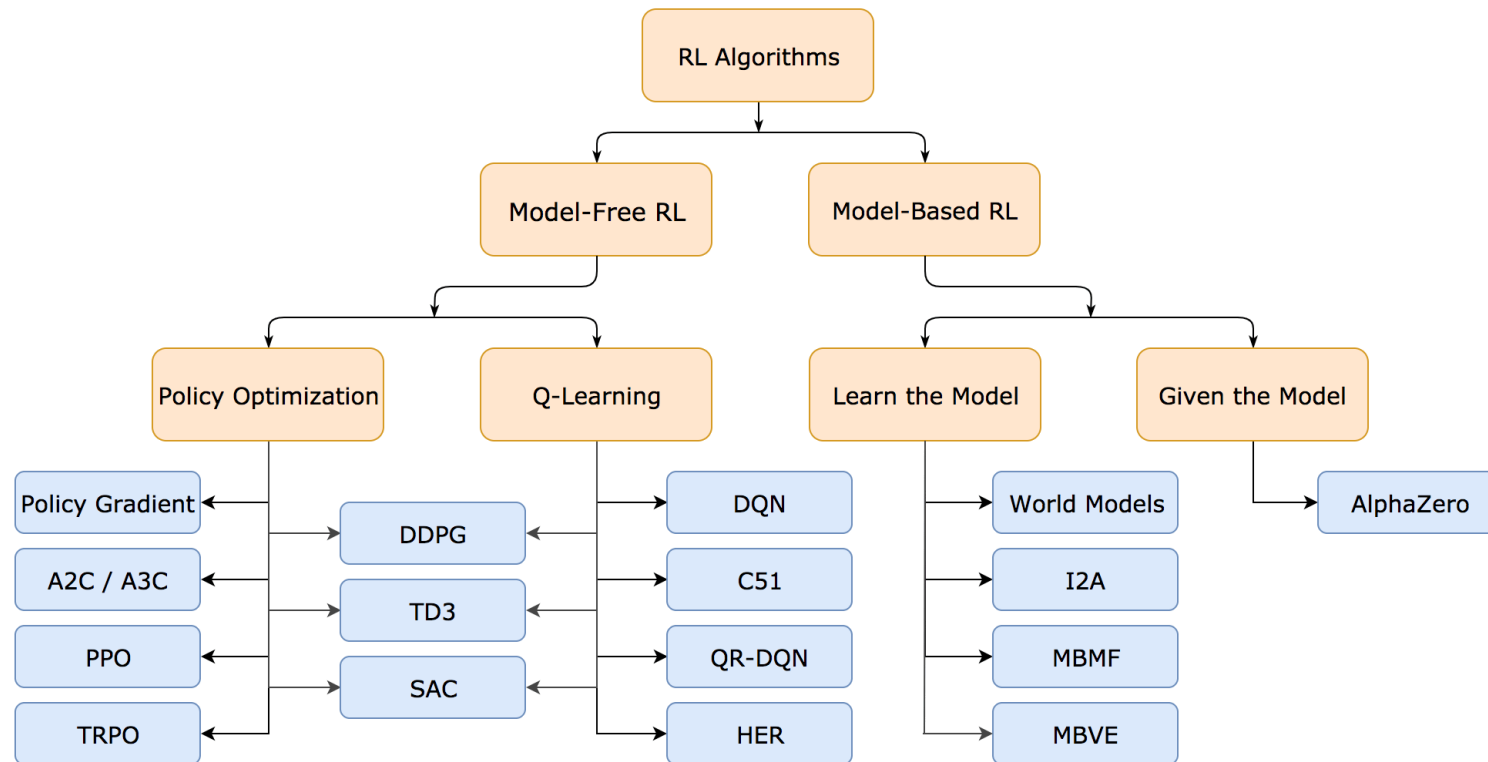
# 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

## ⊕ RL Agent Taxonomy



# 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

## + RL Algorithms



## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Learning and Planning

- Two fundamental problems in sequential decision making

#### Planning

- A model of the environment is known
- The agent performs computations with its model (without any external interaction)
- The agent improves its policy

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Learning and Planning

- Two fundamental problems in sequential decision making

#### Reinforcement Learning

- The environment is initially unknown
- The agent interacts with the environment
- The agent improves its policy

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

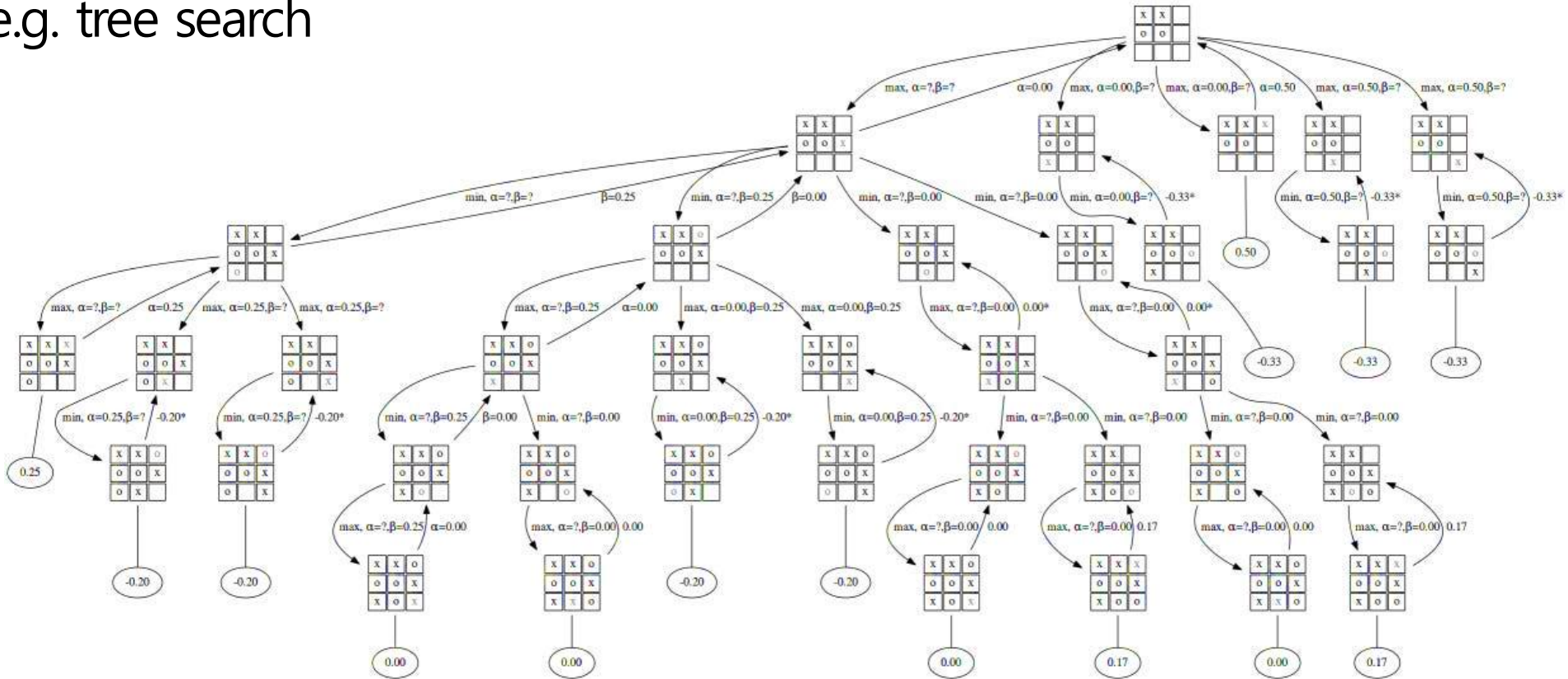
### ⊕ Example: Planning

- Rules of the game are known
- Can query simulator which has a(perfect) model
- If I take action from state :
  - what would the next state be?
  - what would the score be?

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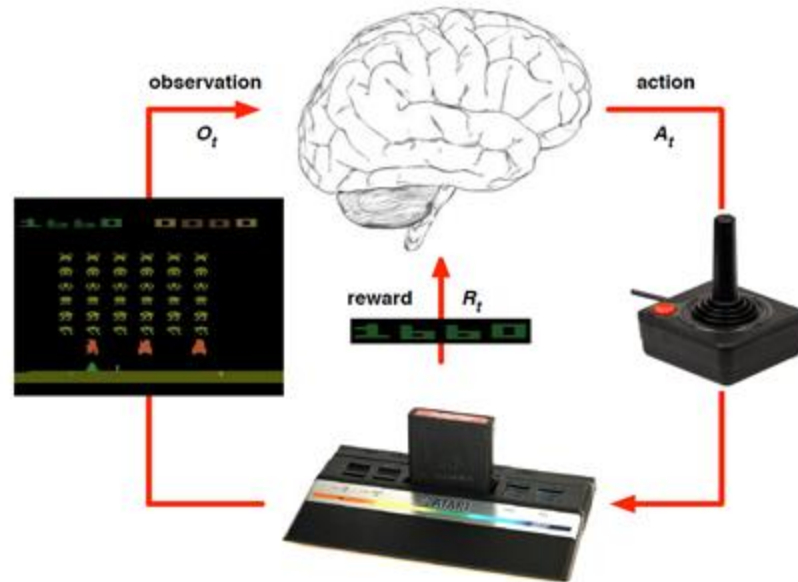
## + Example: Planning

- Plan ahead to find optimal policy
  - e.g. tree search



# 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

- ⊕ Example: Reinforcement Learning
  - Rules of the game are unknown
  - Learn directly from interactive game-play
  - Pick actions and see pixels and scores



## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Exploration and Exploitation (1/2)

- Reinforcement learning is like trial-and-error learning
- The agent should discover a good policy from its experiences of the environment
- Without losing too much reward along the way

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Exploration and Exploitation (2/2)

- Exploration finds more information about the environment
- Exploitation exploits known information to maximize reward
- It is usually important to explore as well as exploit

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

- ⊕ Examples: Exploration & Exploitation
  - Restaurant Selection



### Exploitation

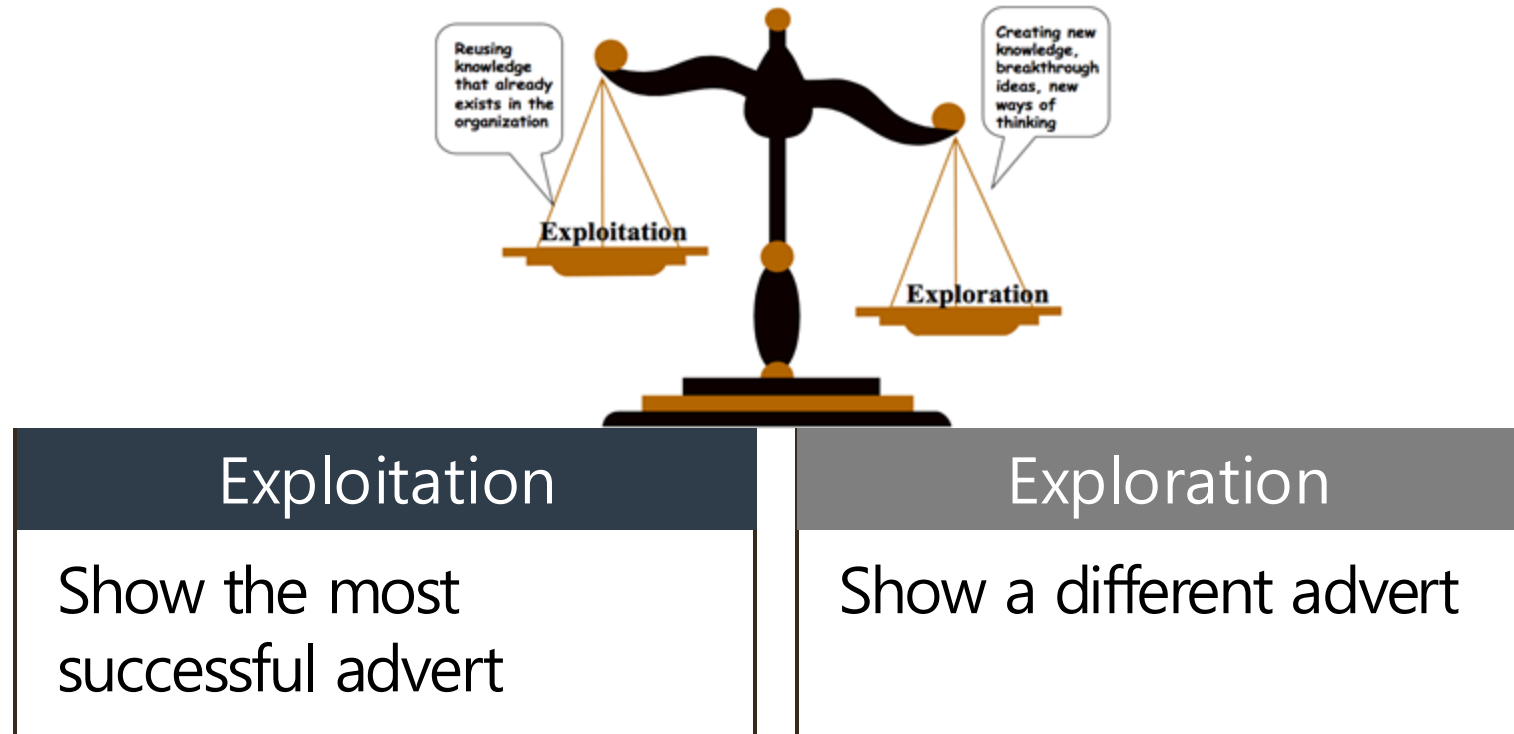
Go to your favorite restaurant

### Exploration

Try a new restaurant

# 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

- ⊕ Examples: Exploration & Exploitation
  - Online Banner Advertisements



## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Examples: Exploration & Exploitation

#### ■ Oil Drilling

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Exploitation | Drill at the best known location |
|--------------|----------------------------------|

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Exploration | Drill at a new location |
|-------------|-------------------------|

#### ■ Game Playing

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Exploitation | Play the move you believe is best |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Exploration | Play an experimental move |
|-------------|---------------------------|

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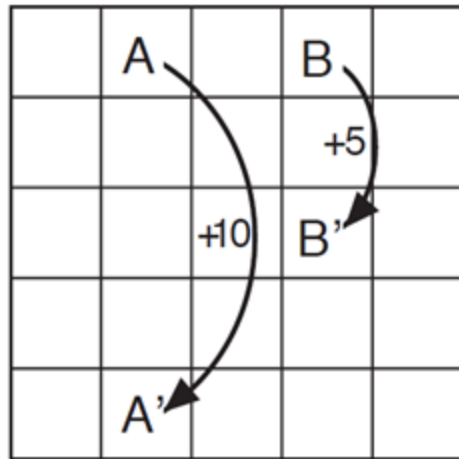
### ⊕ Prediction and Control

- Prediction: evaluate the future
  - Given a policy
- Control: optimize the future
  - Find the best policy

## 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

### ⊕ Gridworld Example: Prediction

- What is the value function for the uniform random policy ?



(a)



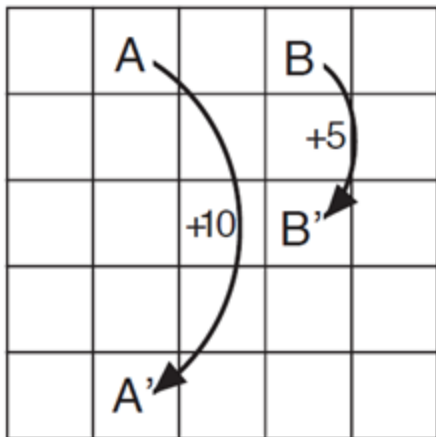
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|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3.3  | 8.8  | 4.4  | 5.3  | 1.5  |
| 1.5  | 3.0  | 2.3  | 1.9  | 0.5  |
| 0.1  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.4  | -0.4 |
| -1.0 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -1.2 |
| -1.9 | -1.3 | -1.2 | -1.4 | -2.0 |

(b)

# 03 Reinforcement Learning: Major Components

## ⊕ Gridworld Example: Control

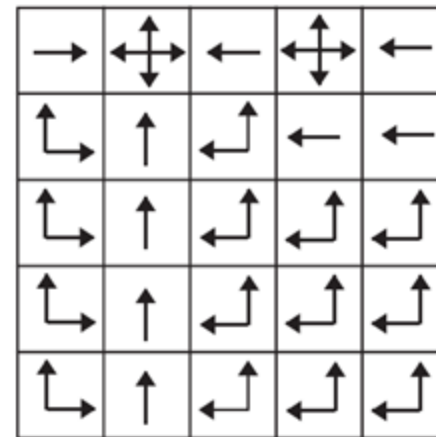
- What is the optimal value function over all possible policies?
- What is the optimal policy?



a) gridworld

|      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 22.0 | 24.4 | 22.0 | 19.4 | 17.5 |
| 19.8 | 22.0 | 19.8 | 17.8 | 16.0 |
| 17.8 | 19.8 | 17.8 | 16.0 | 14.4 |
| 16.0 | 17.8 | 16.0 | 14.4 | 13.0 |
| 14.4 | 16.0 | 14.4 | 13.0 | 11.7 |

b)  $v_*$



c)  $\pi_*$