Deep Reinforcement Learning and Control

#### MCTS with neural nets

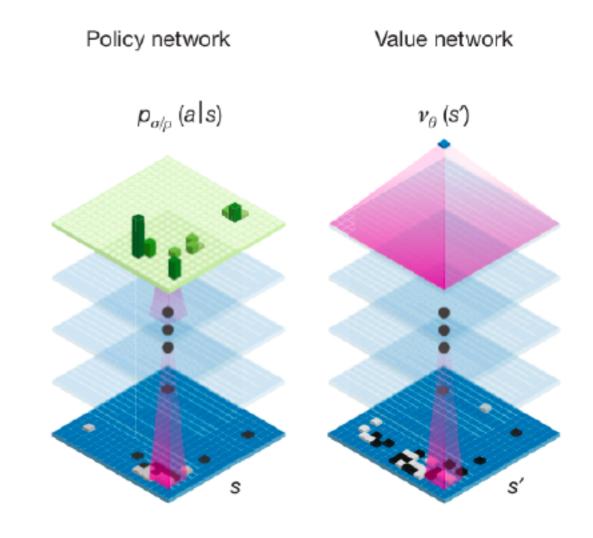
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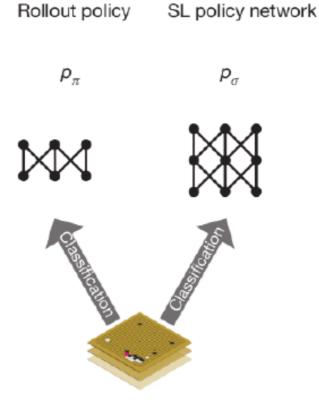
### AlphaGo: Learning-guided MCTS

- Value neural net to evaluate board positions
- Policy neural net to select moves
- Combine those networks with MCTS



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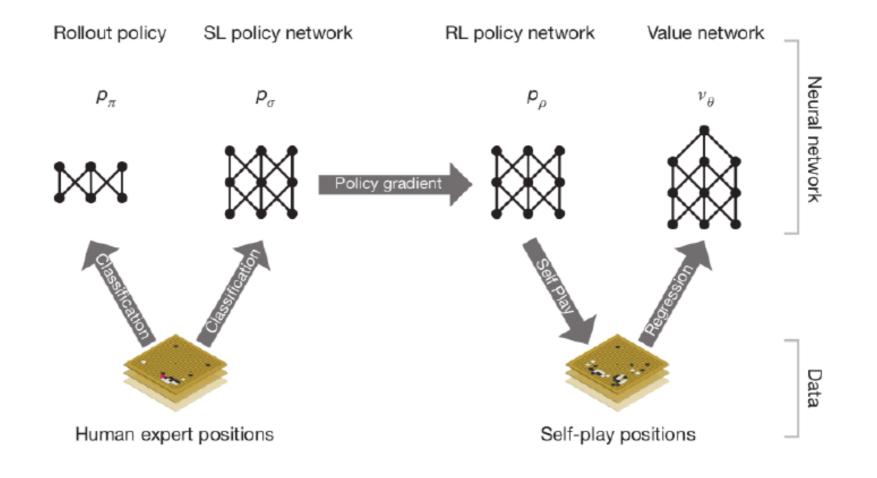
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Human expert positions

### AlphaGo: Learning-guided search

- 1. Train two action policies by mimicking expert moves (standard supervised learning):
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  - 2. one expensive policy (SL)
- 2. Train a new policy (SLRL) with RL and self-play initialized from SL policy.
- 3. Train a value network that predicts the winner of games played by SLRL against itself, as well as against previous version of policies



### Supervised learning of policy networks

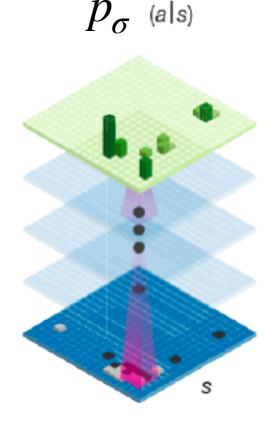
Objective: predicting expert moves

- Input: state (board configuration
- Output: a probability distribution over all legal moves a.

SL policy network

- 13-layer policy network trained from 30 million positions.
- accuracy of 57.0% using all input features, 55.7% using only raw board position and move history
- (compared to the state-of-the-art from other research groups of 44.4%).

Policy network



### RL with REINFORCE

Objective: improve over SL policy

- Weight initialization from SL network
- Input: Sampled states during self-play
- Output: a probability distribution over all legal moves a.

Rewards are provided only at the end of the game, +1 for winning, -1 for loosing

Policy network

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

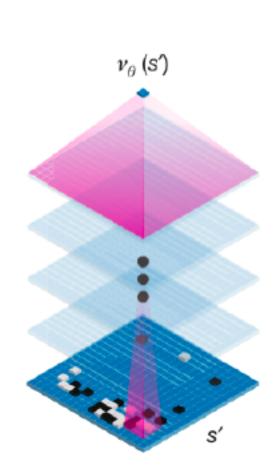
The RL policy won more than 80% of games against the SL policy.

### Supervised learning of value networks

Objective: Estimating a value function  $v_{\mu}(s)$  that predicts the outcome from position (board configuration) s

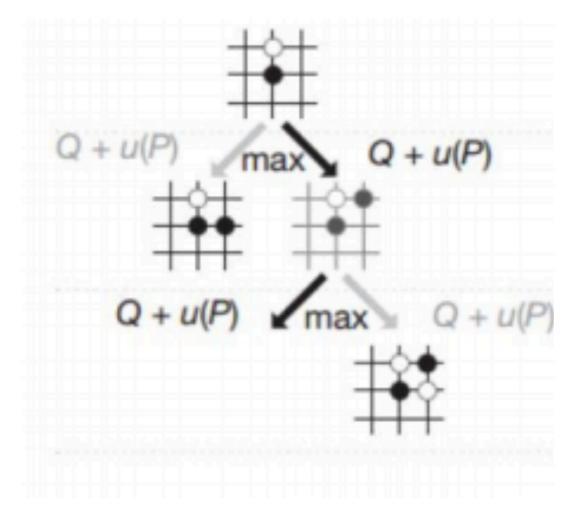
- Input: Sampled states during self-play, 30 million distinct positions, each sampled from a separate game, played by the SLRL policy against itself (and against previous policy versions).
- Output: the board score (a scalar value)

Trained by regression on state-outcome pairs (s, z) to minimize the mean squared error between the predicted value v(s), and the corresponding outcome z.



Value network

Selection: selecting actions within the expanded tree

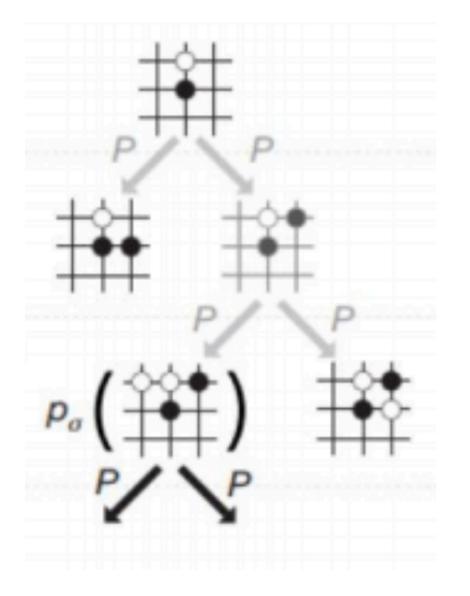


#### **Tree policy**

$$a_t = \operatorname{argmax}_a(Q(s_t, a) + u(s_t, a))$$
$$u(s, a) \propto \frac{P(s, a)}{1 + N(s, a)}$$

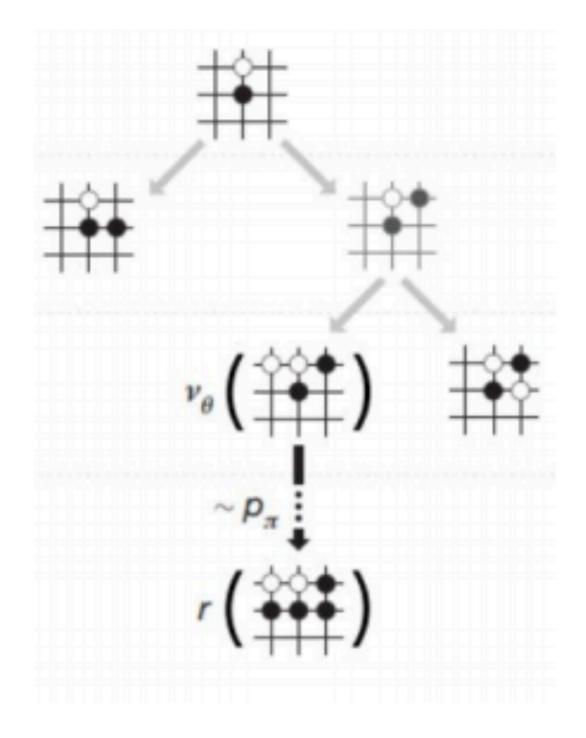
- $a_t$  action selected at time step *t* from board  $s_t$
- $Q(s_r, a)$  average reward collected so far from MC simulations
- *P(s, a)* prior expert probability of playing moving *a* provided by the SL policy
- N(s, a) number of times we have visited parent node
- *u* acts as a bonus value
  - Decays with repeated visits

**Expansion**: when reaching a leaf, play the action with highest score from  $P_{\sigma}$ 



- When leaf node is reached, it has a chance to be expanded
- Processed once by SL policy network ( $p_{\sigma}$ ) and stored as prior probs *P(s, a)*
- Pick child node with highest prior prob

Simulation/Evaluation: use the rollout policy to reach to the end of the game

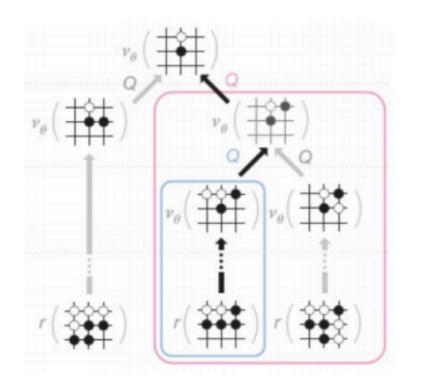


- From the selected leaf node, run multiple simulations in parallel using the rollout policy
- Evaluate the leaf node as:

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

- $v_{\theta}$  value from value function of board position  $s_{L}$
- $z_L$  Reward from fast rollout  $p_{\pi}$ 
  - Played until terminal step
- λ mixing parameter
  - Empirical

**Backup**: update visitation counts and recorded rewards for the chosen path inside the tree:



$$\begin{split} N(s,a) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} 1(s,a,i) \\ Q(s,a) &= \frac{1}{N(s,a)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} 1(s,a,i) V(s_{L}^{i}) \end{split}$$

- Extra index i is to denote the i<sup>th</sup> simulation, n total simulations
- Update visit count and mean reward of simulations passing through node
- Once search completes:
  - Algorithm chooses the most visited move from the root position

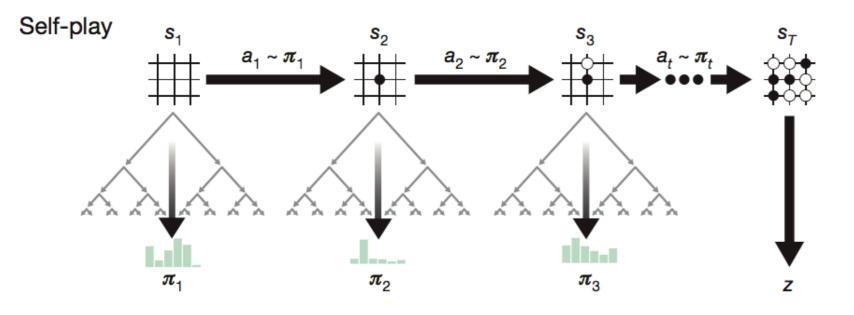
#### AlphaGoZero: Lookahead search during training!

- So far, MCTS was used for online planning to select moves at test time
- AlphaGoZero uses it during training instead.

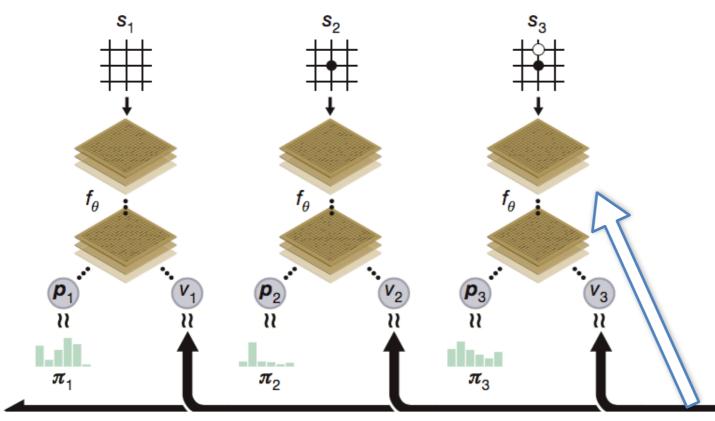
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- Given any policy, a MCTS guided by this policy will produce an improved policy (policy improvement operator)
- Train a policy to iteratively mimic such improved policy
- Policy iteration

### MCTS as policy improvement operator



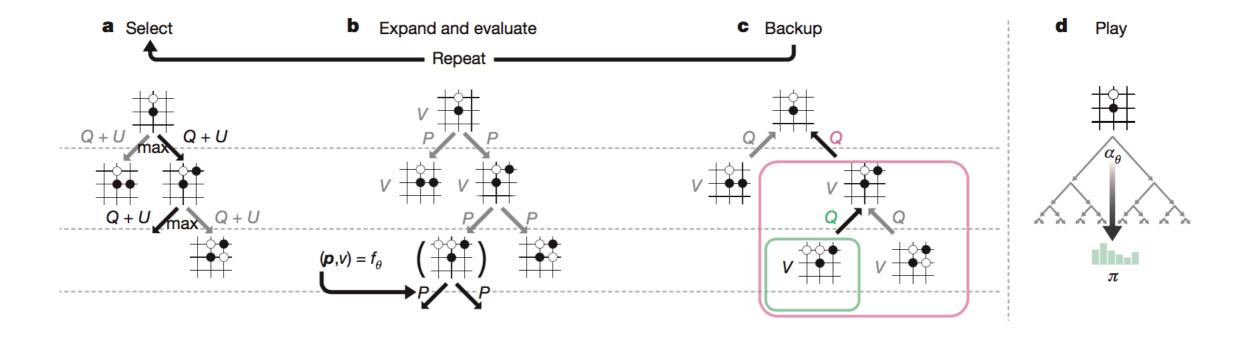
Neural network training



- Supervised training so that the policy network mimics the output of the MCTS (supervision from a planner!)
- Train so that the value network matches the outcome (same as in AlphaGo)

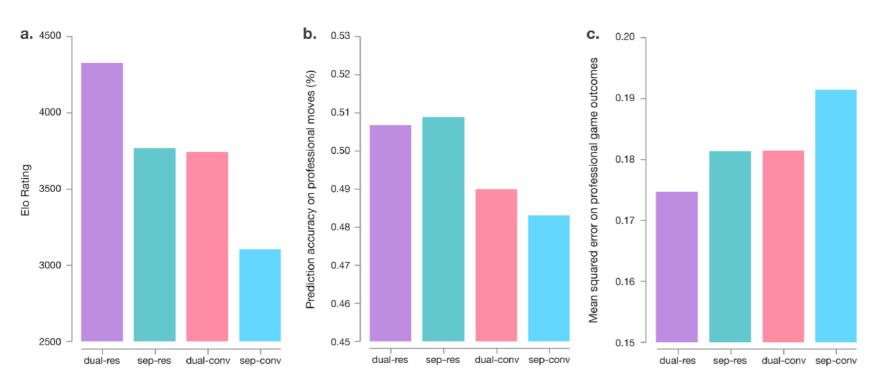
Note that policy and value networks share the backbone!

#### MCTS: no MC rollouts till termination

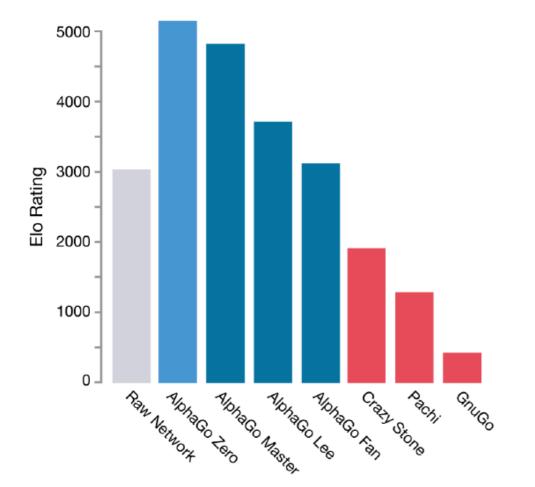


MCTS: using always value net evaluations of leaf nodes, no rollouts!

#### Architectures

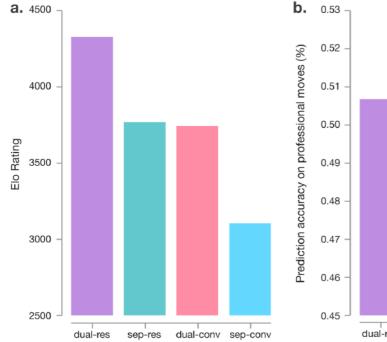


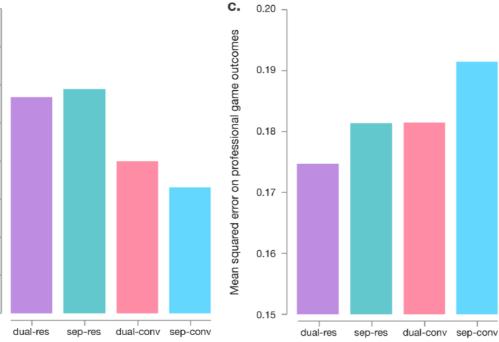
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MCTS improves the basic policy

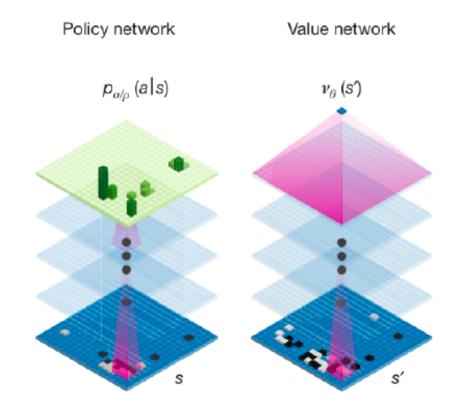
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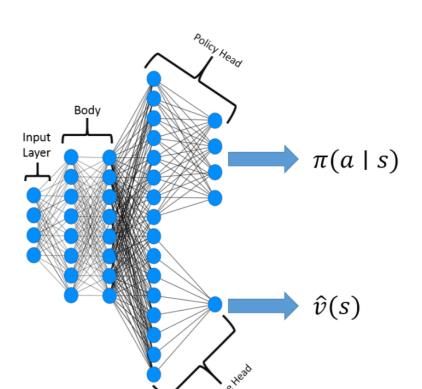


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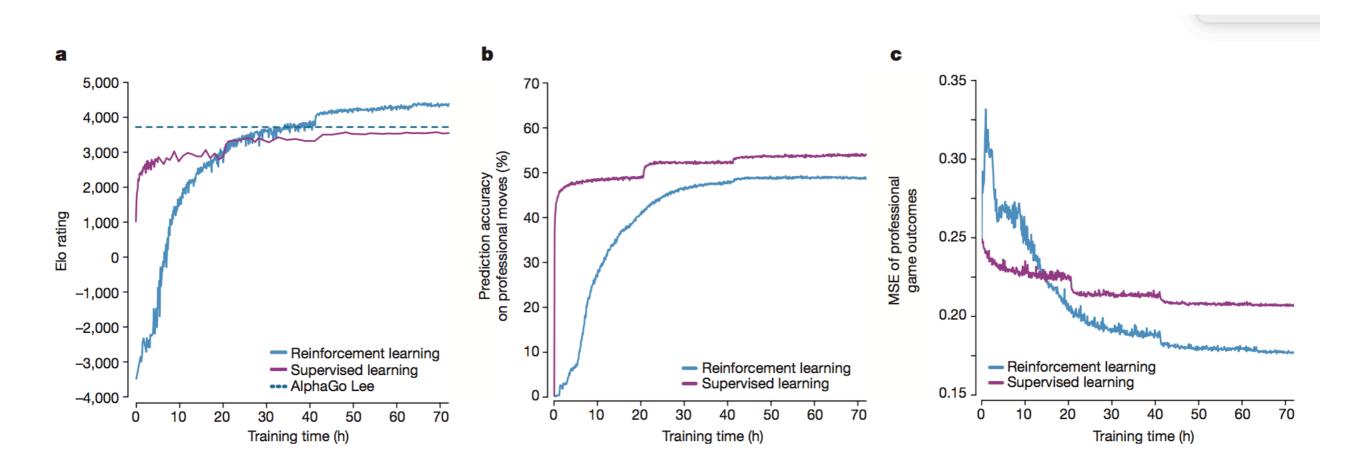
Separate policy/value nets



Joint policy/value nets



#### RL VS SL



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#### **Evolutionary Methods**

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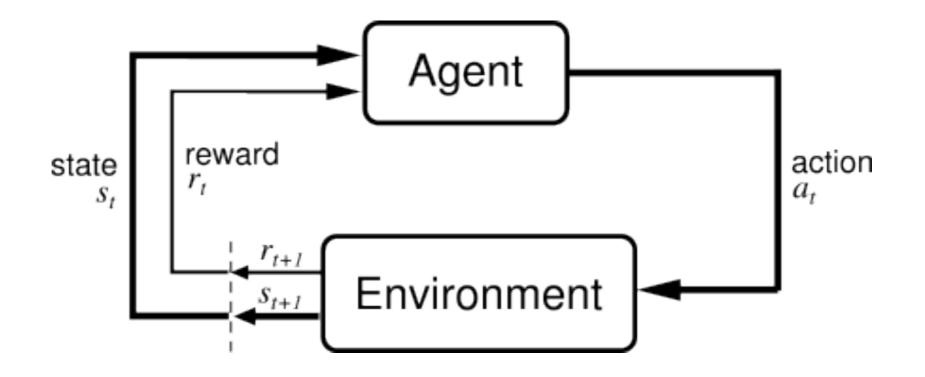
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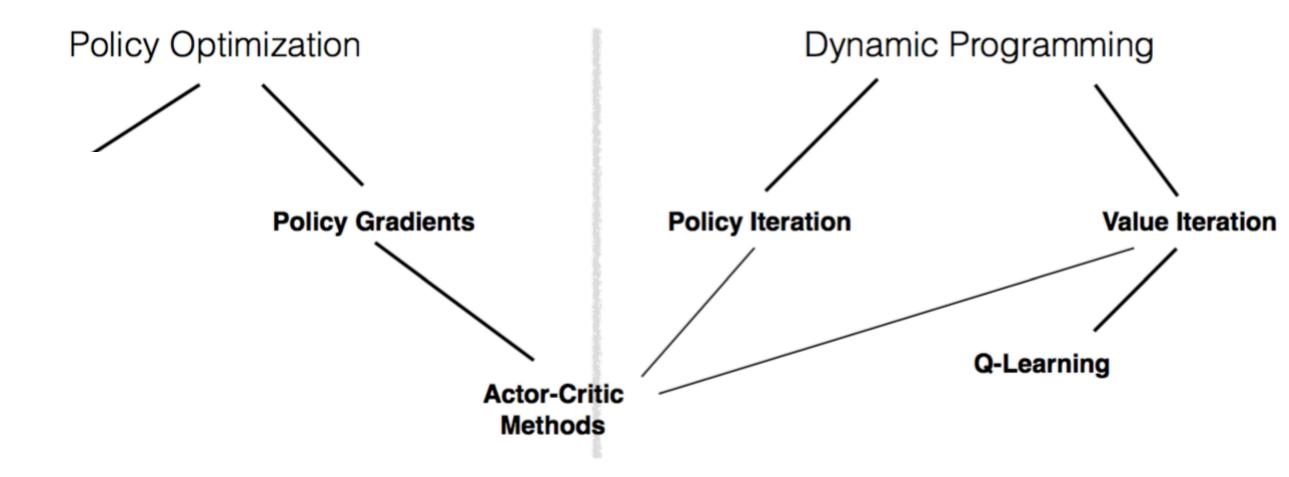
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## Policy Optimization and RL

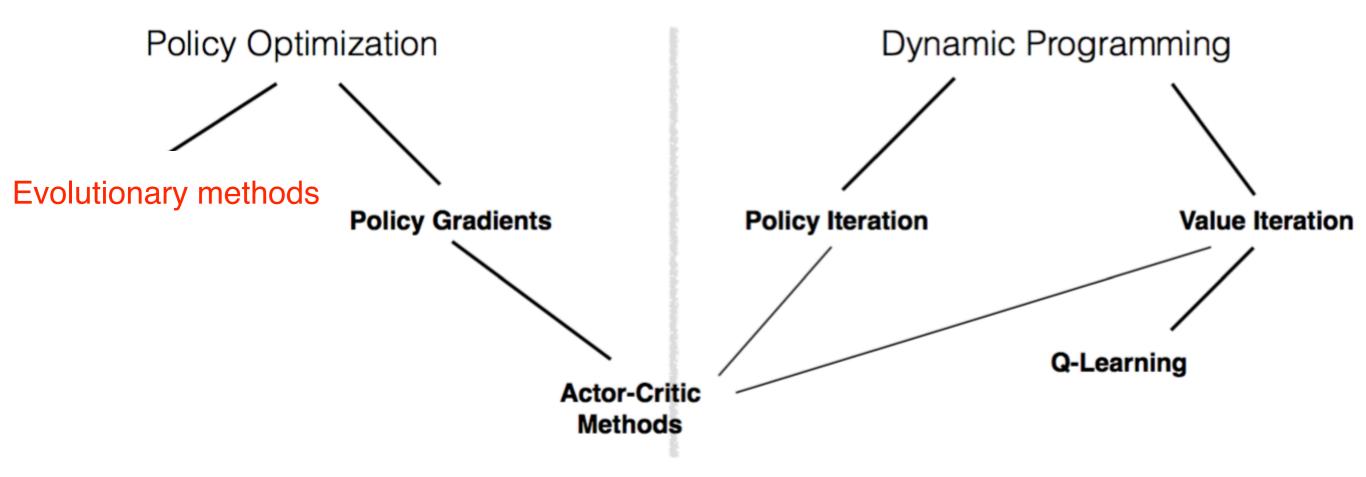
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# Black-box Policy Optimization

max.  $U(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \left[ R(\tau) \,|\, \pi_{\theta}, \mu_0(s_0) \right]$ θ



No information regarding the structure of the state space or the reward

# Evolutionary methods

$$\max_{\theta} U(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \left[ R(\tau) \, | \, \pi_{\theta}, \mu_0(s_0) \right]$$

General algorithm:

Initialize a population of parameter vectors (*genotypes*)

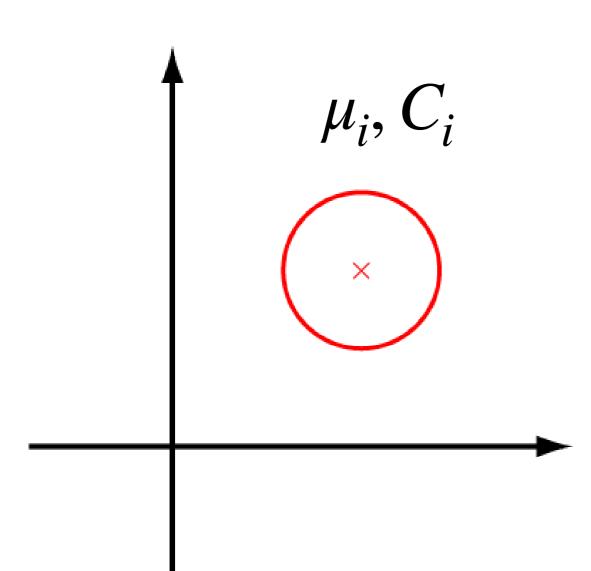
- 1. Make random perturbations (*mutations*) to each parameter vector
- 2. Evaluate the perturbed parameter vector (*fitness*)
- 3. Keep the perturbed vector if the result improves (*selection*)
- 4. GOTO 1

# Cross-entropy method

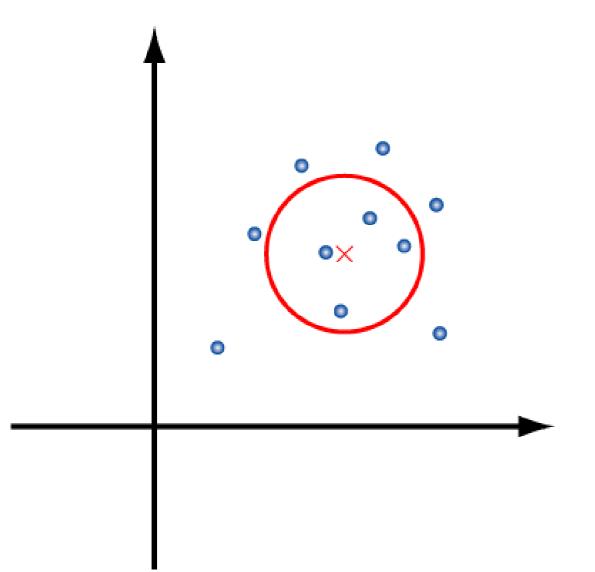
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\begin{array}{l} \underline{\mathsf{CEM:}} \\ \text{Initialize } \mu \in \mathbb{R}^d, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}^d_{>0} \\ \text{for iteration = 1, 2, ...} \\ & \text{Sample n parameters } \theta_i \sim N(\mu, \operatorname{diag}(\sigma^2)) \\ & \text{For each } \theta_i \text{, perform one rollout to get return } R(\tau_i) \\ & \text{Select the top k\% of } \theta \text{, and fit a new diagonal Gaussian} \\ & \text{to those samples. Update } \mu, \sigma \\ & \text{endfor} \end{array}
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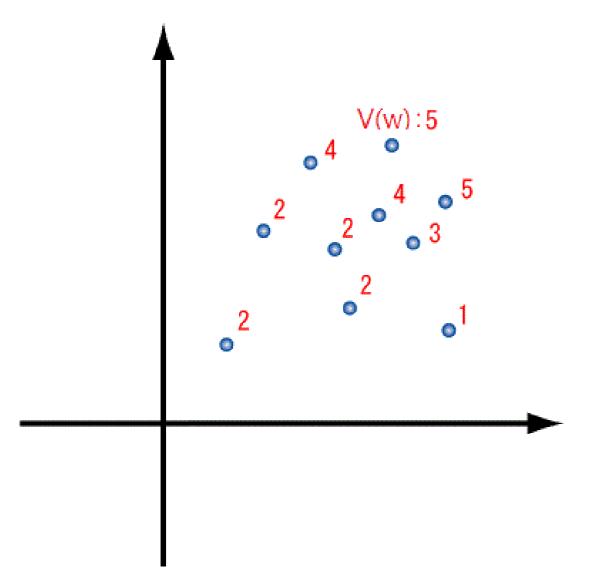
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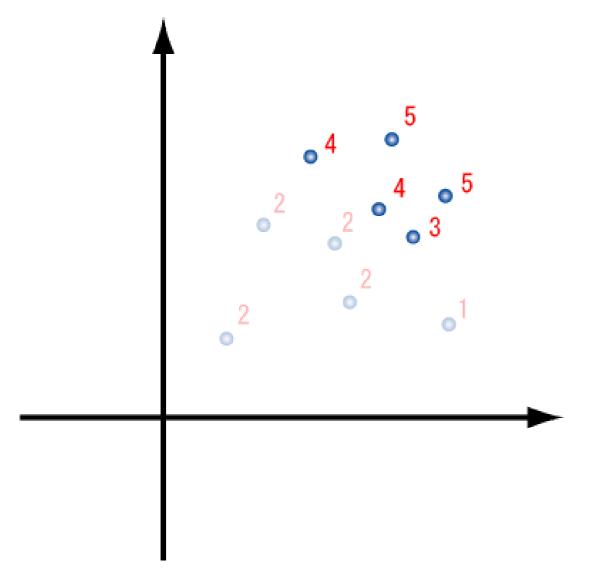
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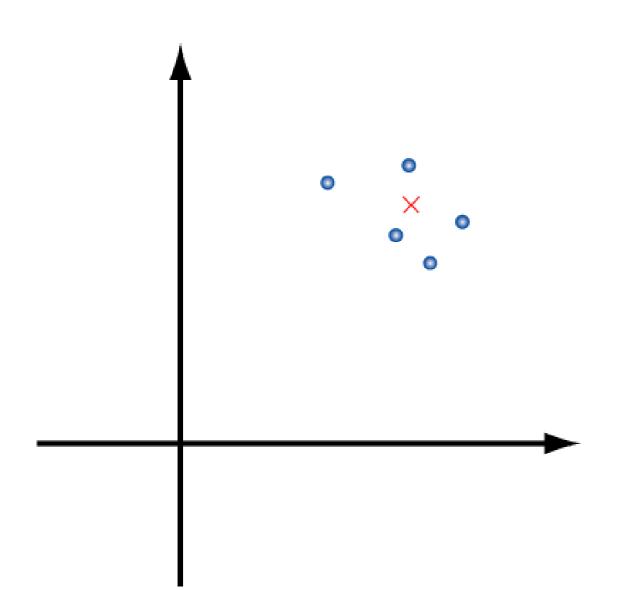
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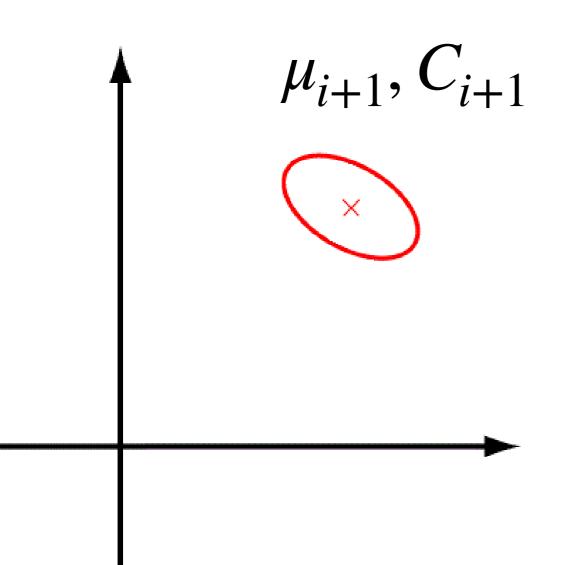


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# CMA-ES, CEM

#### Work embarrassingly well in low-dimensions

Method	Mean Score	Reference
Nonreinforcement learning		
Hand-coded	631,167	Dellacherie (Fahey, 2003)
Genetic algorithm	586,103	(Böhm et al., 2004)
Reinforcement learning		
Relational reinforcement	$\approx 50$	Ramon and Driessens (2004)
learning+kernel-based regression		
Policy iteration	3183	Bertsekas and Tsitsiklis (1996)
Least squares policy iteration	<3000	Lagoudakis, Parr, and Littman (2002)
Linear programming + Bootstrap	4274	Farias and van Roy (2006)
Natural policy gradient	$\approx 6800$	Kakade (2001)
CE+RL	21,252	
CE+RL, constant noise	72,705	
CE+RL, decreasing noise	348,895	

István Szita and András Lörincz. "Learning Tetris using the noisy cross-entropy method". In: Neural computation 18.12 (2006), pp. 2936–2941

 $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{22}$ 

#### Approximate Dynamic Programming Finally Performs Well in the Game of Tetris

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- Evolutionary methods work well on relatively lowdimensional problems
- Can they be used to optimize deep network policies?

We are sampling in both cases...

- •PG: sampling in action space
- •ES: sampling in parameter space

## Policy Gradients

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\theta} \, . \, U(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim P_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[ R(\tau) \right] \\ \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta) &= \nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim P_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[ R(\tau) \right] \\ &= \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{\tau} P_{\theta}(\tau) R(\tau) \\ &= \sum_{\tau} \nabla_{\theta} P_{\theta}(\tau) R(\tau) \\ &= \sum_{\tau} P_{\theta}(\tau) \frac{\nabla_{\theta} P_{\theta}(\tau)}{P_{\theta}(\tau)} R(\tau) \\ &= \sum_{\tau} P_{\theta}(\tau) \nabla_{\theta} \log P_{\theta}(\tau) R(\tau) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim P_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[ \nabla_{\theta} \log P_{\theta}(\tau) R(\tau) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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# Sampling parameter vectors

Suppose  $\theta \sim P_{\mu}(\theta)$  is a Gaussian distribution with mean  $\mu$ , and covariance matrix  $\sigma^2 I$ 

Imagine we have access to random vectors  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,I)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= \mu + \sigma^* \epsilon_1, \ \epsilon_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0,I) \\ \theta_2 &= \mu + \sigma^* \epsilon_2, \ \epsilon_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0,I) \end{aligned}$$

The theta samples have the desired mean and variance

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# Natural Evolutionary Strategies

Algorithm 1 Evolution Strategies

- 1: Input: Learning rate  $\alpha$ , noise standard deviation  $\sigma$ , initial policy parameters  $\theta_0$
- 2: for  $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  do
- 3: Sample  $\epsilon_1, \ldots \epsilon_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$
- 4: Compute returns  $F_i = F(\theta_t + \sigma \epsilon_i)$  for i = 1, ..., n
- 5: Set  $\theta_{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_t + \alpha \frac{1}{n\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n F_i \epsilon_i$
- 6: end for

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$$\nabla_{\mu} \mathbb{E} \left[ R(\tau) \right] \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ R(\tau_{+}) \frac{\theta_{+} - \mu}{\sigma^{2}} + R(\tau_{-}) \frac{\theta_{-} - \mu}{\sigma^{2}} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ R(\tau_{+}) \frac{\sigma \epsilon}{\sigma^{2}} + R(\tau_{-}) \frac{-\sigma \epsilon}{\sigma^{2}} \right]$$
$$= \frac{\epsilon}{2\sigma} \left[ R(\tau_{+}) - R(\tau_{-}) \right]$$

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$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\mu} \mathbb{E} \left[ R(\tau) \right] &\approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ R(\tau_{+}) \frac{\theta_{+} - \mu}{\sigma^{2}} + R(\tau_{-}) \frac{\theta_{-} - \mu}{\sigma^{2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ R(\tau_{+}) \frac{\sigma \epsilon}{\sigma^{2}} + R(\tau_{-}) \frac{-\sigma \epsilon}{\sigma^{2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2\sigma} \left[ R(\tau_{+}) - R(\tau_{-}) \right] \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta_{j}}(\theta) = \frac{U(\theta + \epsilon e_{j}) - U(\theta - \epsilon e_{j})}{2\epsilon} \end{split}$$

#### Finite Differences

We can compute the gradient g using standard finite difference methods, as follows:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta_j}(\theta) = \frac{U(\theta + \epsilon e_j) - U(\theta - \epsilon e_j)}{2\epsilon}$$

Where:

$$e_{j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow j' \text{th entry}$$

#### **Evolution Strategies as a Scalable Alternative to Reinforcement Learning**

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#### Algorithm 1 Evolution Strategies

1: Input: Learning rate  $\alpha$ , noise standard deviation  $\sigma$ , initial policy parameters  $\theta_0$ 

2: for 
$$t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 do

3: Sample 
$$\epsilon_1, \ldots \epsilon_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

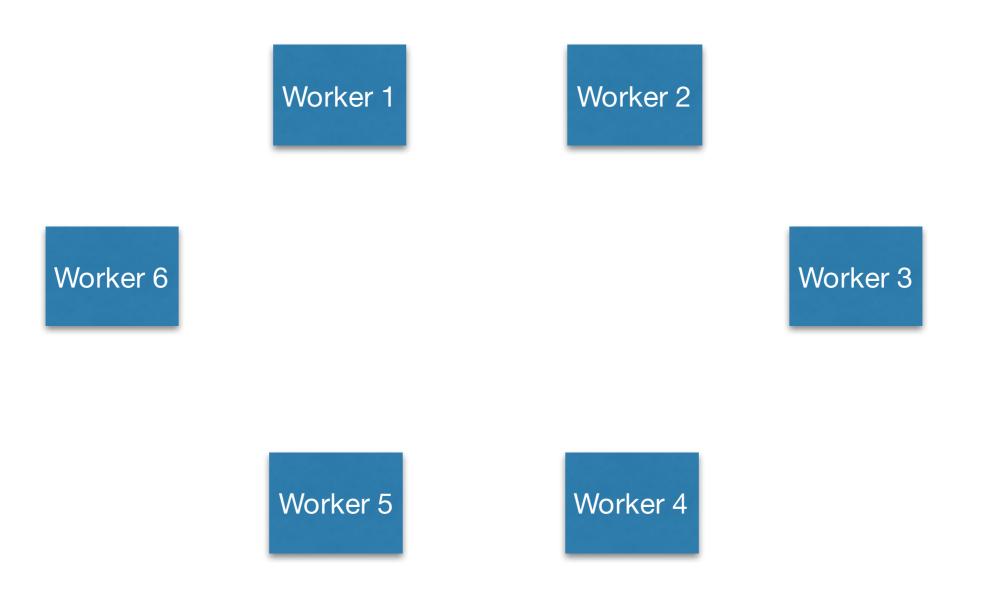
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$$F_i = F(\theta_t + \sigma \epsilon_i)$$
 for  $i = 1, ..., n$ 

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Main contribution:

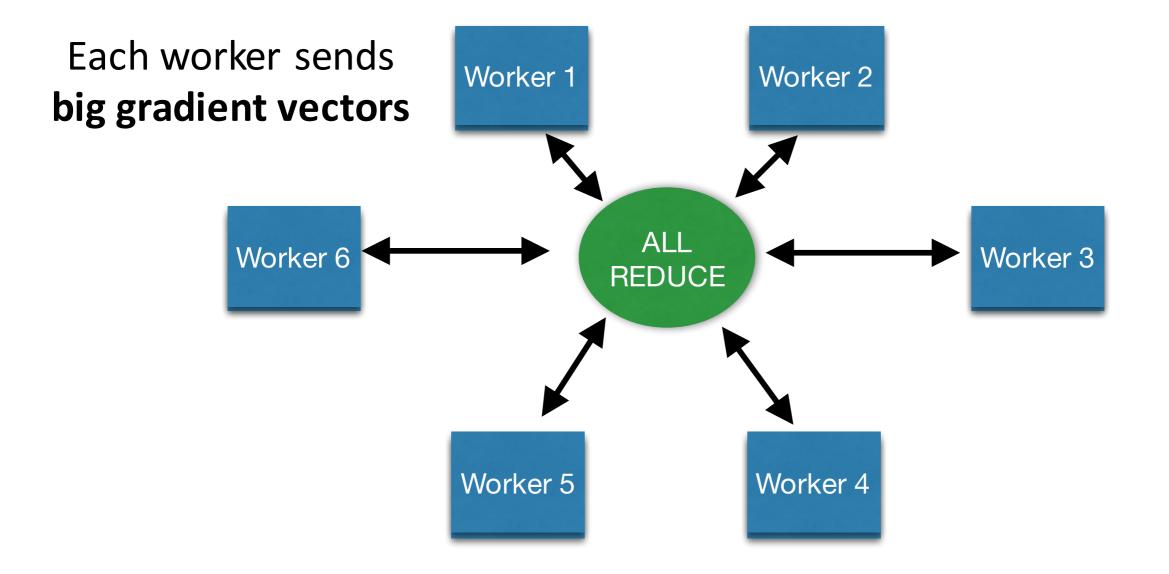
Parallelization with a need for tiny only cross-worker communication

#### Distributed SGD



Used in Asynchronous RL!

### Distributed SGD







#### What need to be sent??





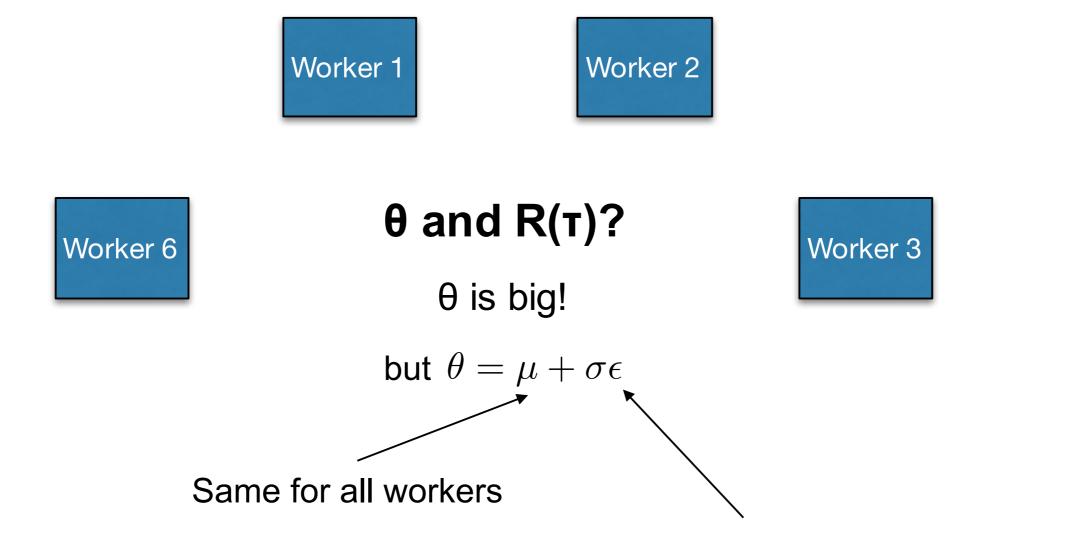




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- Set  $\theta_{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_t + \alpha \frac{1}{n\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_i \epsilon_i$ 5:
- 6: end for





Only need seed of random number generator!

Algorithm 2 Parallelized Evolution Strategies

- 1: **Input:** Learning rate  $\alpha$ , noise standard deviation  $\sigma$ , initial policy parameters  $\theta_0$
- 2: Initialize: *n* workers with known random seeds, and initial parameters  $\theta_0$
- 3: for  $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  do
- 4: for each worker  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  do
- 5: Sample  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$
- 6: Compute returns  $F_i = F(\theta_t + \sigma \epsilon_i)$
- 7: end for
- 8: Send all scalar returns  $F_i$  from each worker to every other worker
- 9: for each worker  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  do
- 10: Reconstruct all perturbations  $\epsilon_j$  for j = 1, ..., n

11: Set 
$$\theta_{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_t + \alpha \frac{1}{n\sigma} \sum_{j=1}^n F_j \epsilon_j$$

- 12: **end for**
- 13: **end for**

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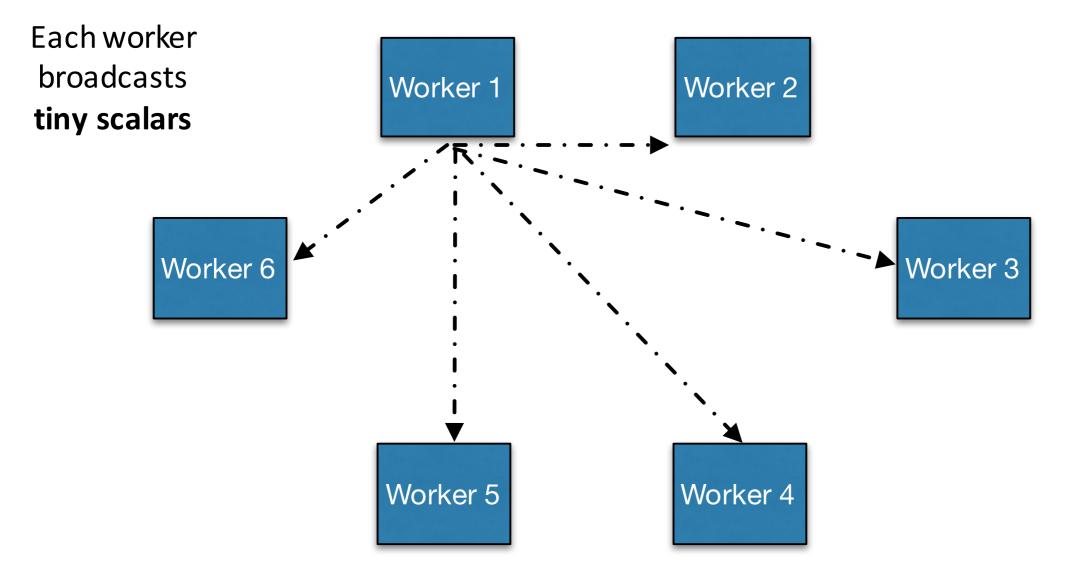
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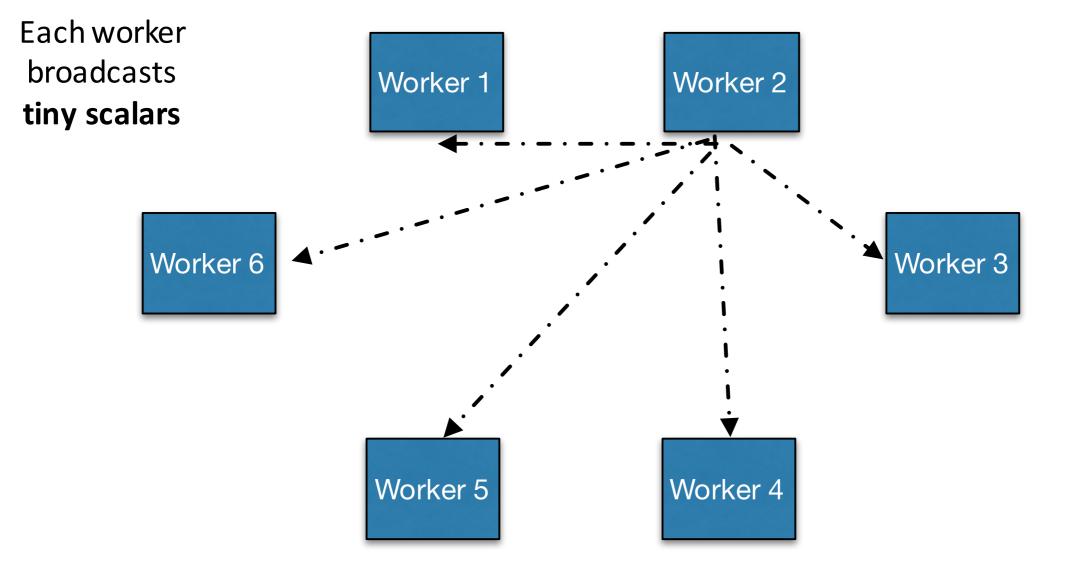
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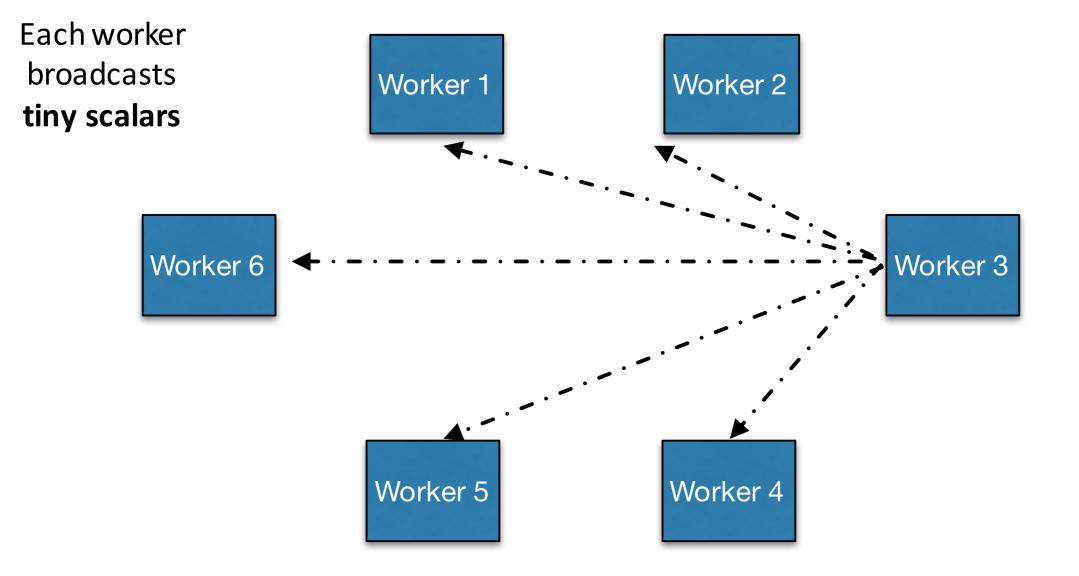
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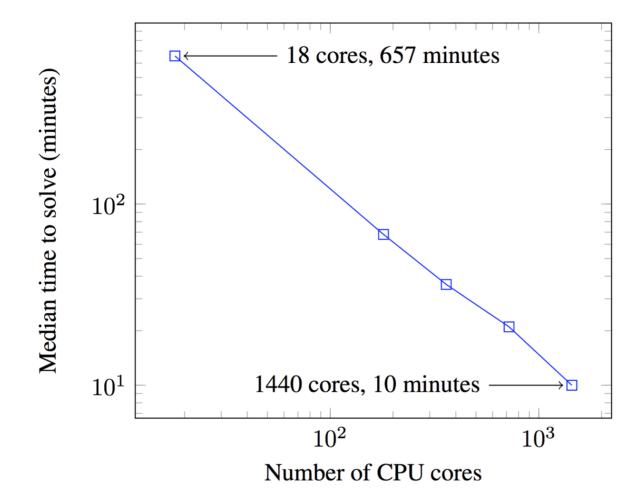
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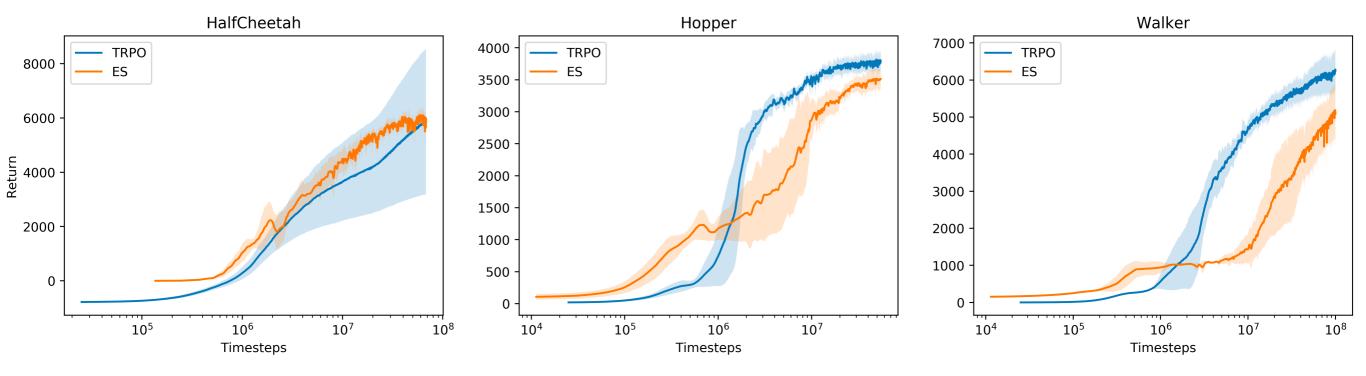
#### Distributed Evolution Scales Very Well :-)



*Figure 1.* Time to reach a score of 6000 on 3D Humanoid with different number of CPU cores. Experiments are repeated 7 times and median time is reported.

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#### Distributed Evolution Requires More Samples :-(

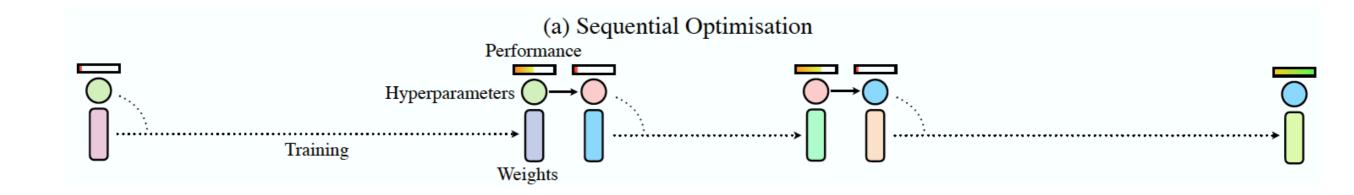


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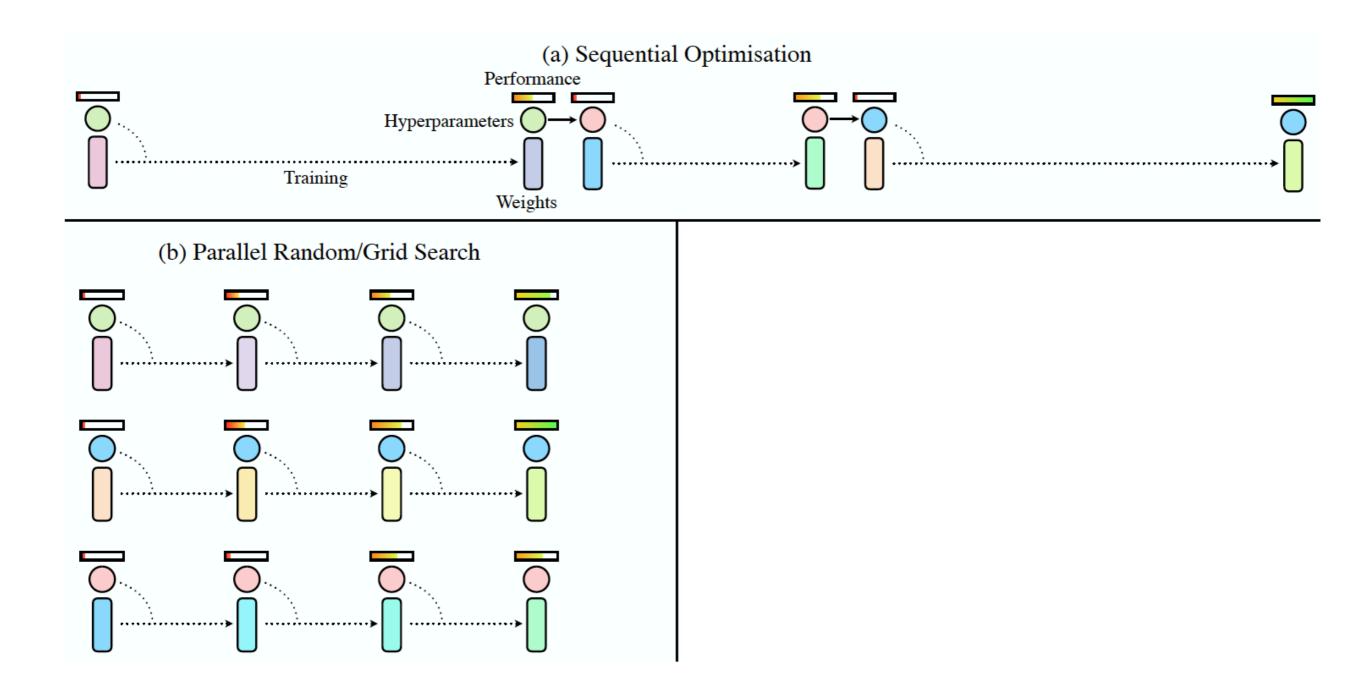
#### **Population Based Training of Neural Networks**

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Algorithm 1 Population Based Training (PBT)	
1: procedure TRAIN( $\mathcal{P}$ )	$\triangleright$ initial population $\mathcal{P}$
2: <b>for</b> $(\theta, h, p, t) \in \mathcal{P}$ (asynchronously in parallel) <b>do</b>	
3: while not end of training <b>do</b>	
4: $\theta \leftarrow \mathtt{step}(\theta h)$	$\triangleright$ one step of optimisation using hyperparameters $h$
5: $p \leftarrow eval(\theta)$	▷ current model evaluation
6: <b>if</b> ready $(p, t, \mathcal{P})$ <b>then</b>	
7: $h', \theta' \leftarrow exploit(h, \theta, p, \mathcal{P})$	use the rest of population to find better solution
8: <b>if</b> $\theta \neq \theta'$ <b>then</b>	
9: $h, \theta \leftarrow \texttt{explore}(h', \theta', \mathcal{P})$	$\triangleright$ produce new hyperparameters $h$
10: $p \leftarrow eval(\theta)$	▷ new model evaluation
11: <b>end if</b>	
12: <b>end if</b>	
13: update $\mathcal{P}$ with new $(\theta, h, p, t+1)$	▷ update population
14: end while	
15: end for	
16: <b>return</b> $\theta$ with the highest $p$ in $\mathcal{P}$	
17: end procedure	

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