

Race for the Galaxy:  
A Neural  
Network in  
Production













# RACE FOR THE Galaxy



# Race for the Galaxy AI



This is a project to create artificial intelligence opponent(s) for the card game Race for the Galaxy. Currently, the base game and all three expansions are supported.

With the release of version 0.7.0, online multiplayer is supported. You can [see the results of completed games](#).

## News

- 2014-08-22 -- Version 0.9.4 released, which includes BGG user borgemik's interface changes patch, as well as bug fixes for good consumption from Tranship Point.
- 2014-08-13 -- Version 0.9.3 released, which fixes a few bugs in Alien Artifacts cards and enables campaign mode.
- 2014-08-07 -- Version 0.9.2 released, with support for the cards from Alien Artifacts.
- 2012-10-22 -- The mirror holding the downloads appears to have gone away. I have moved the files to Dropbox, let me know if you are unable to access them.
- 2011-03-09 -- Version 0.8.1 released, with a bugfix for Alien Toy Shop's consume power.
- 2011-03-08 -- Version 0.8.0 released, with some AI improvements and minor bug fixes.
- 2010-09-11 -- Early copies of version 0.7.5 had a bad set of images -- if you experienced crashes or corrupt action card images, try downloading again. Sorry!
- 2010-09-11 -- Version 0.7.5 released, with many bug fixes and some minor GUI improvements for clarity.
- 2010-08-21 -- Version 0.7.4 released, with many multiplayer improvements and several minor bug fixes.
- 2010-08-12 -- Version 0.7.3 released, with a critical fix that only affects multiplayer games (no need to upgrade from 0.7.2 if you only play against the AI).
- 2010-08-12 -- Version 0.7.2 released, with several bug fixes related to takeovers and Alien Oort Cloud Refinery.
- 2010-08-03 -- Version 0.7.1 (still beta) released, with many bug fixes (including a very nasty one related to Galactic Scavengers).
- 2010-08-02 -- Version 0.7.0 (beta) released, with support for The Brink of War expansion, and online multiplayer. There are several known bugs in this release, but they should only occur with certain combinations of cards and/or goals.
- 2010-01-06 -- Version 0.6.1 released, with a fix to the two-player advanced game action selection GUI and a new military strength indicator.
- 2009-12-19 -- Version 0.6.0 released, with several AI improvements, GUI changes, undo turn support, and load/save support.
- 2009-09-23 -- Version 0.5.4 released, to fix crashes when changing game settings on some machines.
- 2009-09-16 -- Version 0.5.3 released, with several GUI improvements and some minor bug fixes.
- 2009-09-03 -- Version 0.5.2 released immediately after 0.5.1, to fix a crippling resize bug introduced in 0.5.1.
- 2009-09-03 -- Version 0.5.1 released, fixing several bugs, some of them important especially to European users.
- 2009-09-03 -- Added links to a mirror site hosted by "Chairman Kaga" from BoardGameGeek.
- 2009-09-02 -- First version (0.5.0) released.

## Downloads

### Source code



**42 GALACTIC MARKETS**

III: draw 1 card after you place a

IV: discard up to 3 goods for 1

Draw: 15 Discard: 142 Pool: 12

Blue develops Merchant Guild.  
Red consumes good from Ravaged Uplift World using Terraforming Engineers.

Green consumes prestige using Galactic Power Brokers.  
Red receives 1 card and 1 VP for Consume phase.

Green receives 3 cards for Consume phase.  
Red produces on Ravaged Uplift World.

Green takes 1 card from under Galactic Scavengers.  
Red receives 3 cards for Produce phase.

Blue receives 3 cards for Produce phase.  
Red discards 2 at end of turn.

Green discards 4 at end of turn.

--- Round 19 begins ---

Blue earns VP for Prestige Leader.

Red chooses Produce.

Green chooses Consume x2.

Blue chooses Develop.

Red pays 3.

Red develops Galactic Markets.

Blue develops Research Labs.

Red consumes good from Ravaged Uplift World using Terraforming Engineers.

Red consumes good from Reptilian Uplift Race using Galactic Markets.

Red consumes good from Alien Burial Site using Galactic Markets.

Red consumes prestige using Galactic Power Brokers.

Red receives 4 cards and 3 VP for Consume phase.

Red produces on Alien Burial Site.

Red produces on Ravaged Uplift World.

Red produces on Reptilian Uplift Race.

Red receives 4 cards for Produce phase.

Game board showing various cards and player status. The board is divided into sections for Explore, Develop, Settle, Consume, and Produce. The bottom section shows the Game Over screen.

Player status:  $\times 12$   $\frac{10}{42}$   $2$   $-1$   $\frac{15}{91}$   $13$   $2$

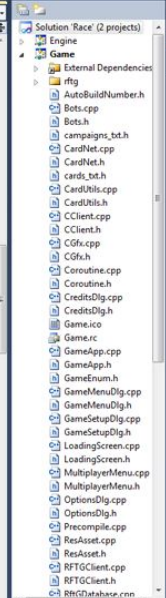
Game Over

Bottom section of the game board showing various cards and player status. The cards include Volcan, Alien Burial Site, Contact, Deficit, Inter, Genetic, Research, Galactic, Consume, and Produce.

Player status:  $\times 10$   $\frac{15}{91}$   $13$   $2$

(Unknown Scope)

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/*  
 * SIMD type. Two doubles at once.  
 */  
typedef double v2d __attribute__((vector_size (16)));  
#endif  
  
/*  
 * Compute a neural net's result.  
 */  
void compute_net(net *learn)  
{  
    int i, j;  
    double sum, adj = 0.0;  
#if 0  
    v2d *weight, *hid_sum;  
#endif  
  
    /* Loop over inputs */  
    for (i = 0; i < learn->num_inputs + 1; i++)  
    {  
        /* Check for difference from previous input */  
        if (learn->input_value[i] != learn->prev_input[i])
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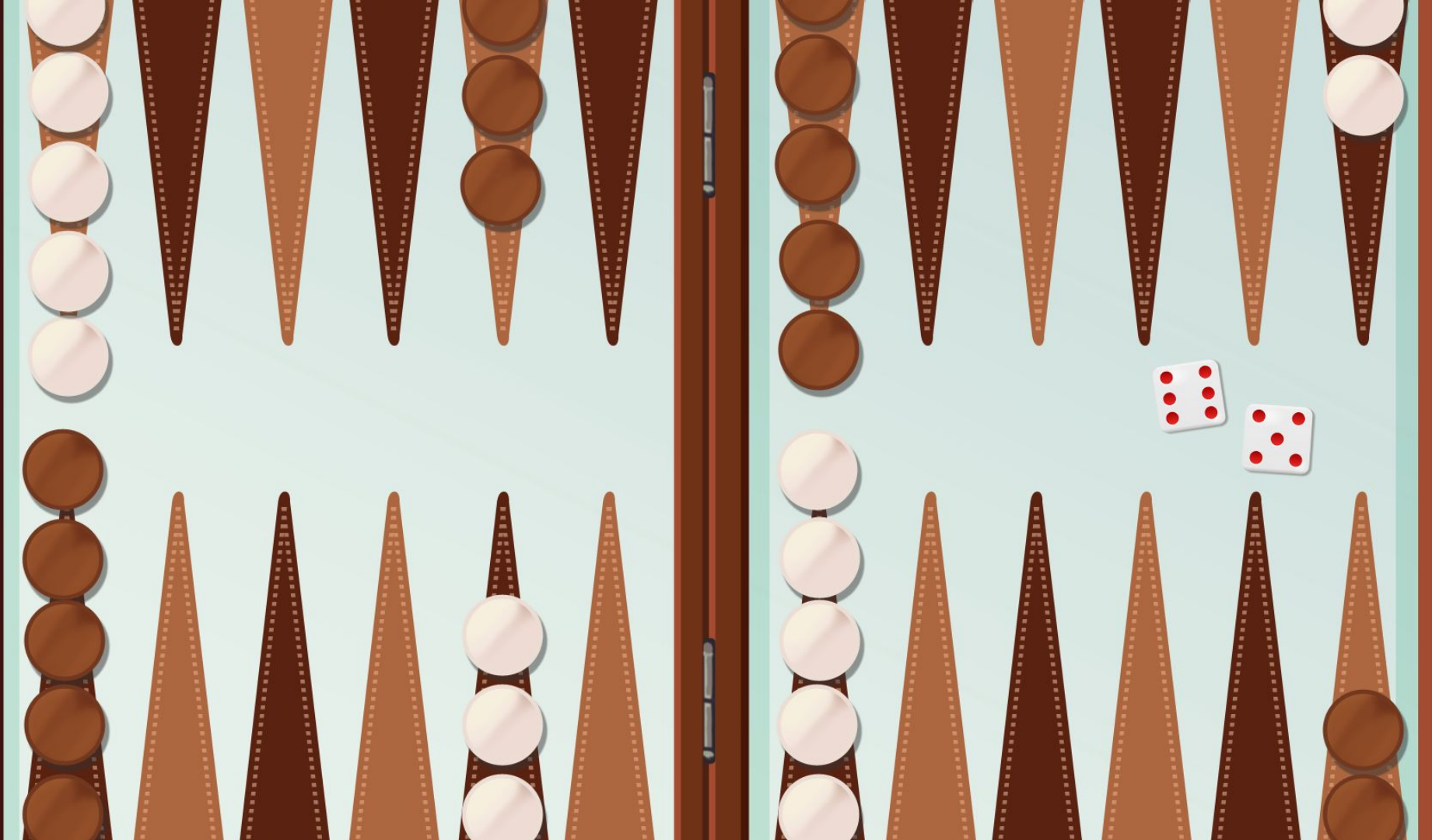


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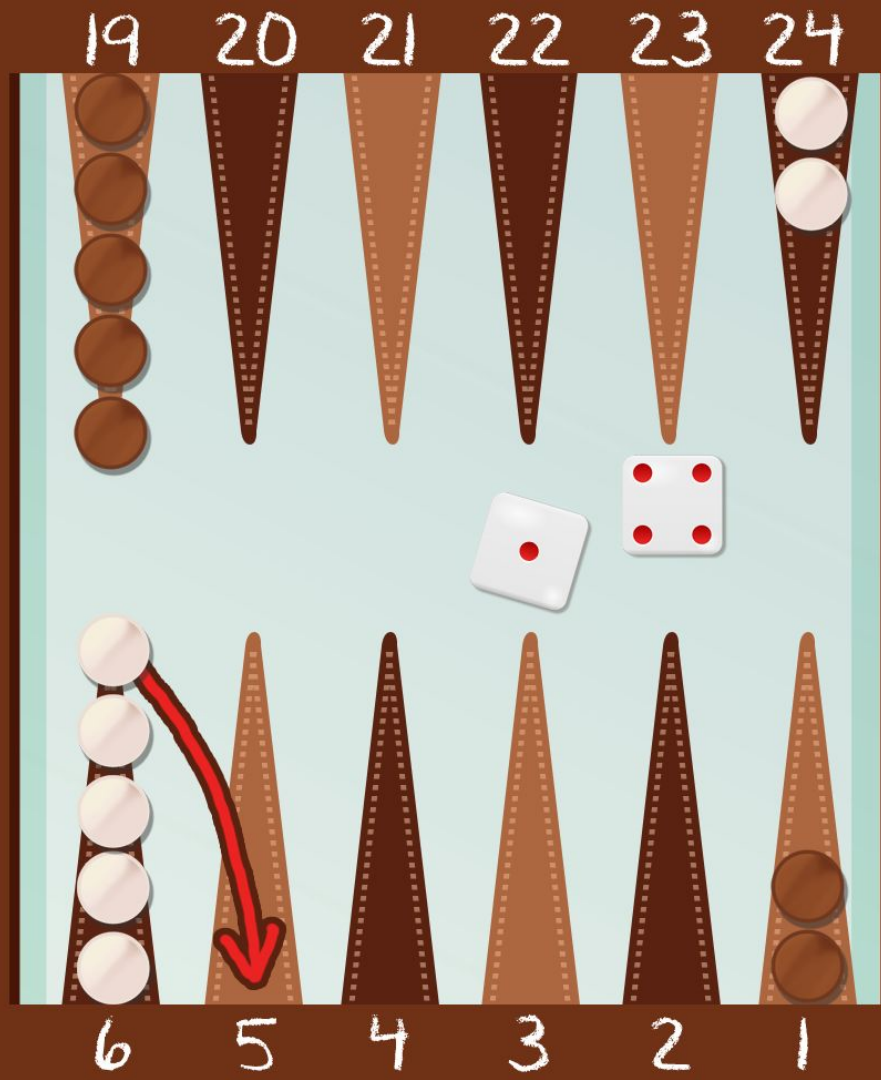
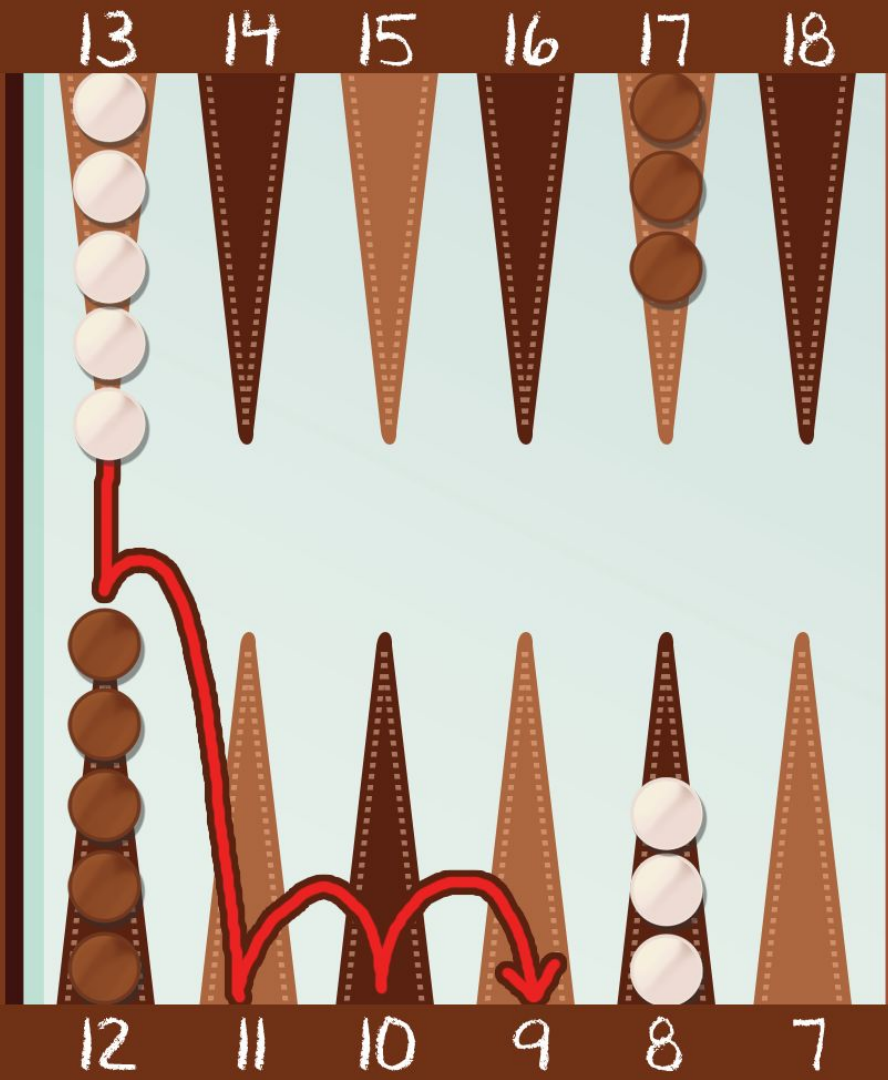
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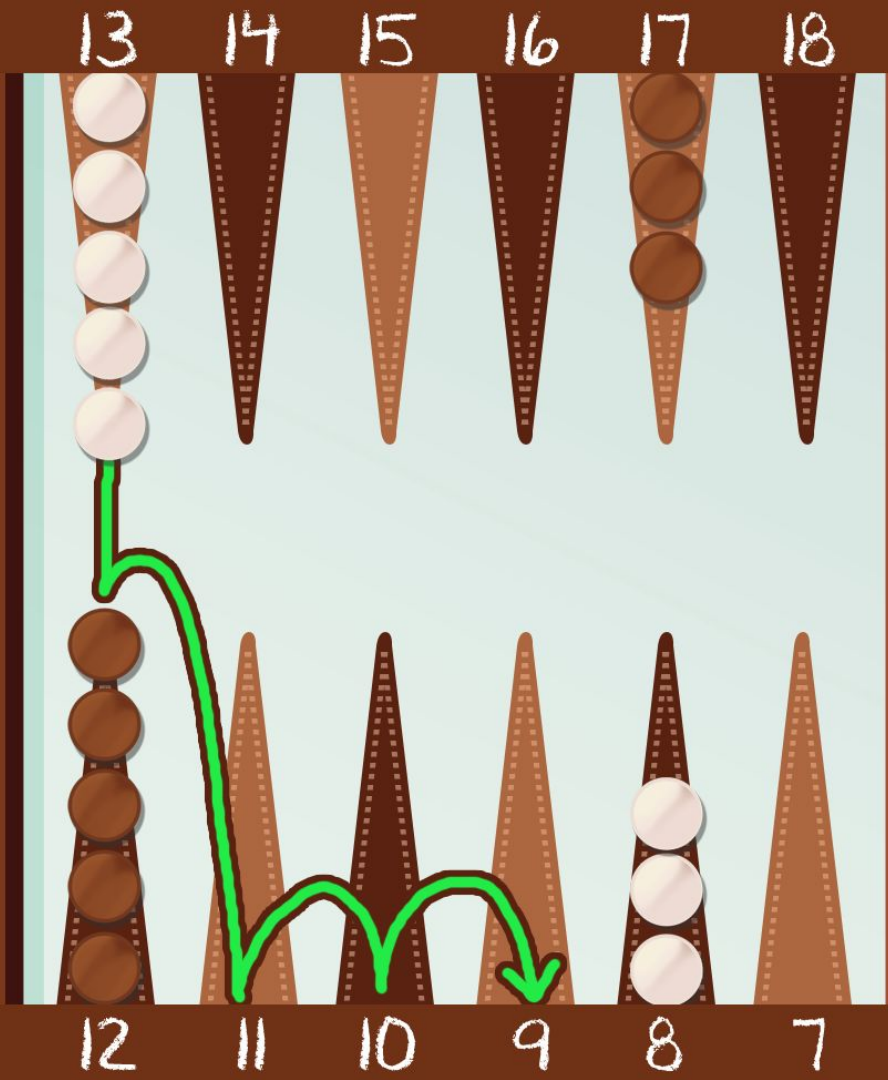




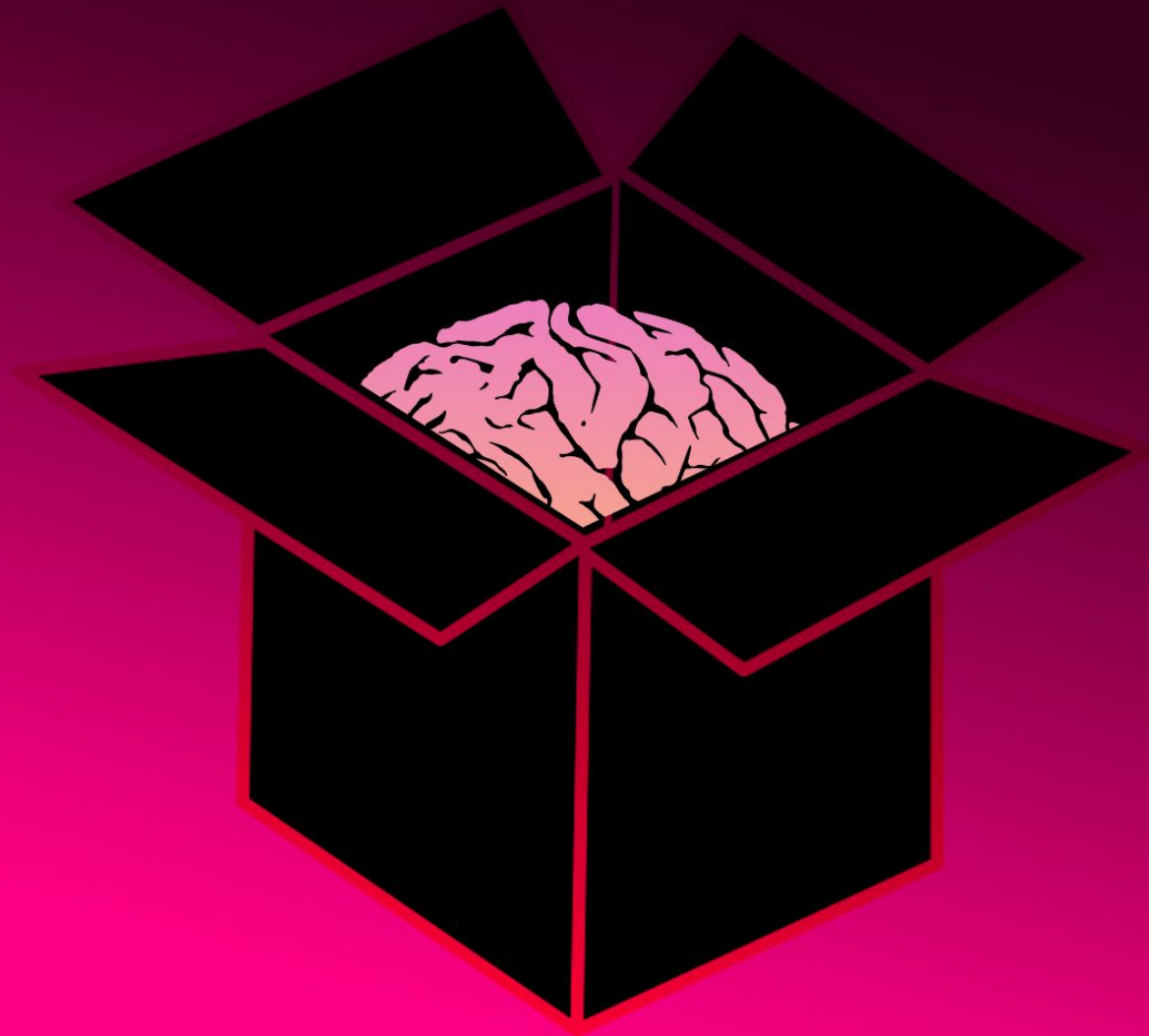












	Move	Estimate	Rollout
Convention	13-9, 6-5	-0.014	-0.040
AI	13-9, 24-23	+0.005	+0.005



CAT?










Input  
800x @2p  
+200 pp



Cards in deck / discard

Is player x winning

How many goods on cards

Is x card in player y hand

Etc.

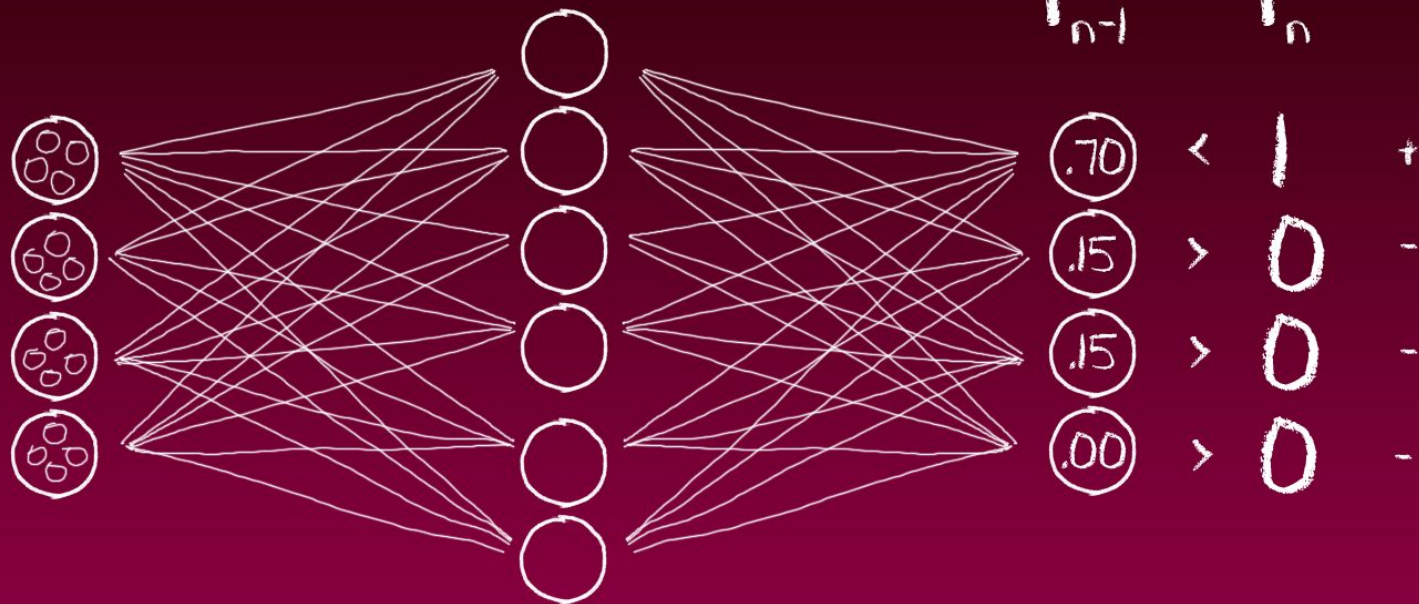


	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_{etc}$	$T_{n-1}$	$T_n$
Player 1	.25			.70	1
Player 2	.25			.15	0
Player 3	.25			.15	0
Player 4	.25			.00	0

Input

Hidden

Output





$$w_{t+1} - w_t = \alpha (Y_{t+1} - Y_t) \sum_{k=1}^t \lambda^{t-k} \nabla_w Y_k$$

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$$\lambda = .7$$

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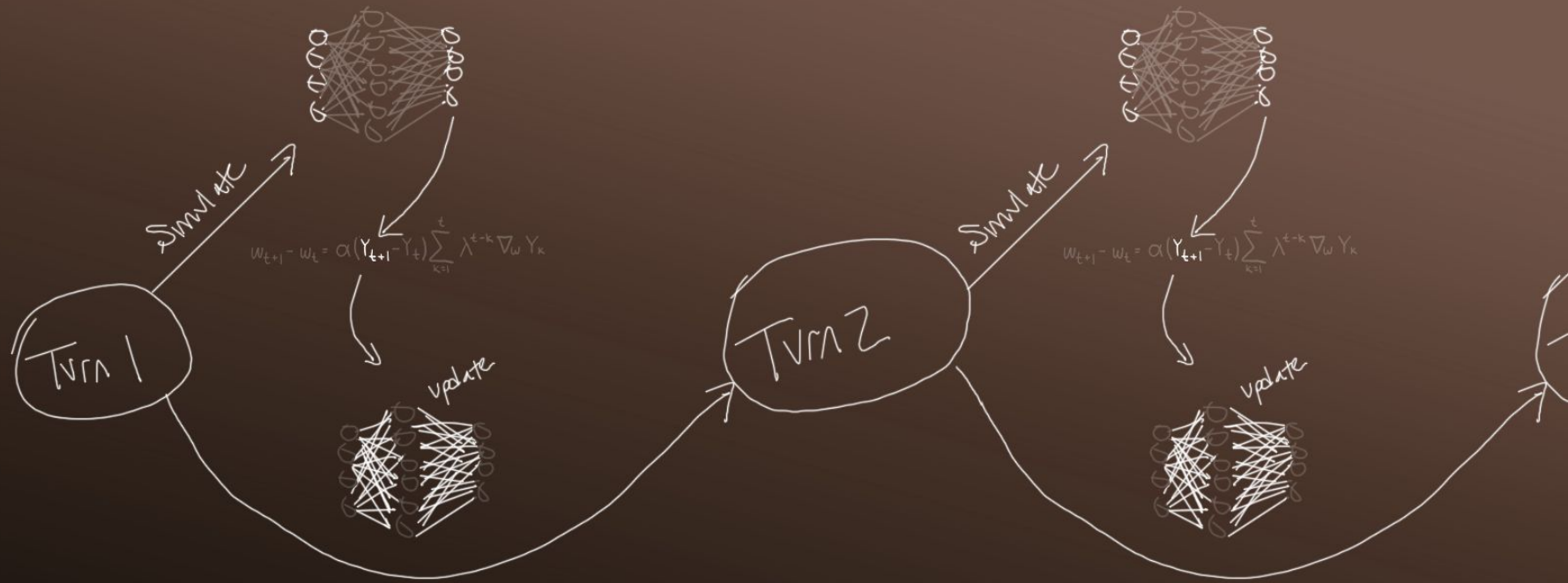
$$\lambda^{t-k}$$

1 for  $k = t$

.7 for  $k = t - 1$  (one turn ago)

.7<sup>2</sup> = .49 for  $k = t - 2$  (two turns ago)

.7<sup>3</sup> = .34 for  $k = t - 3$  (three turns ago)







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ALIEN TECH  
INSTITUTE



-2 +2

III: -2 cost or +2 Military to place Alien worlds

3 VP per Alien production world

2 VP per Alien windfall world

2 VP per other ALIEN card (including this one)

DISCARD

MENU

71

9

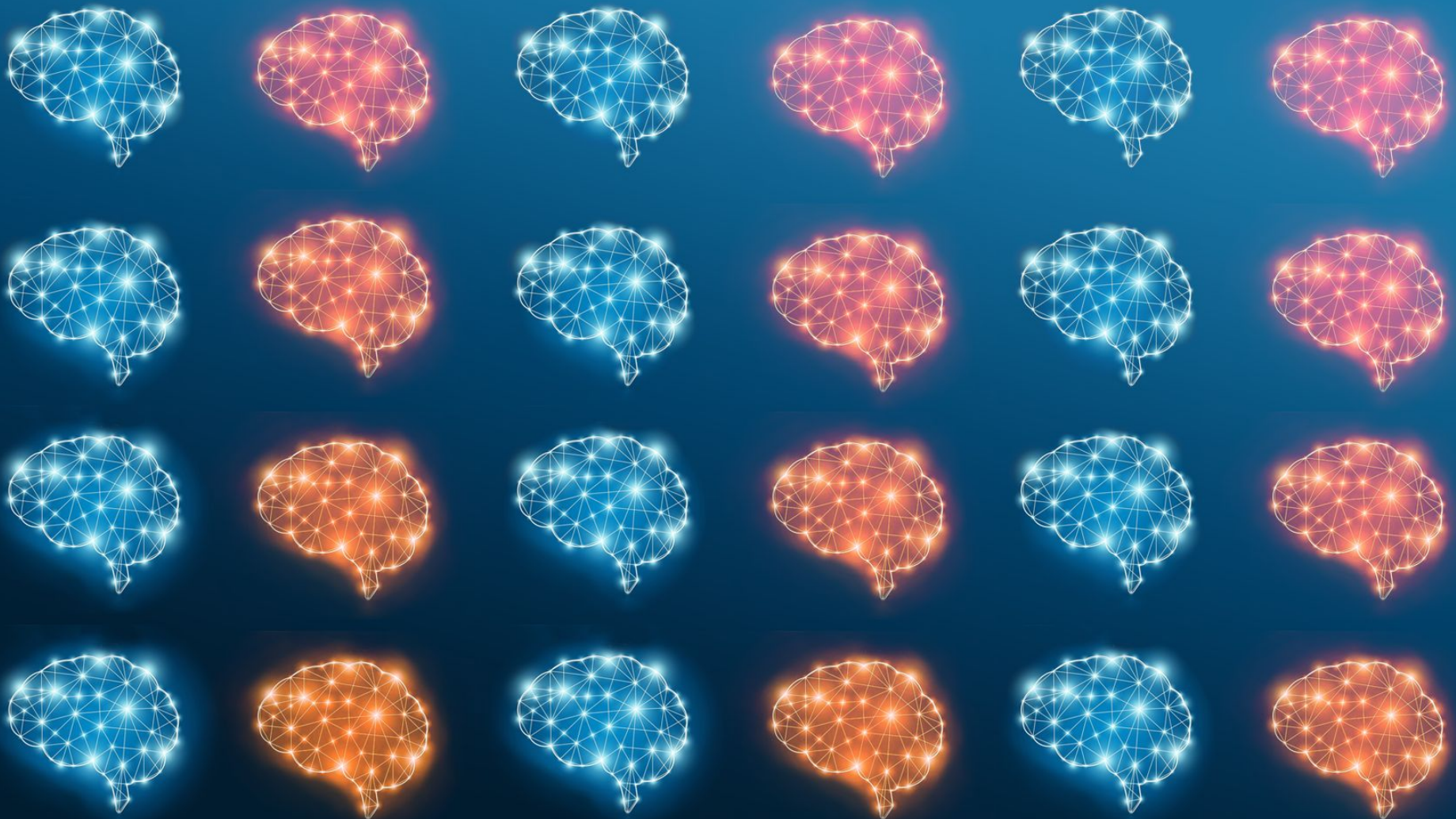
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OK

DEVELOP: PAY 2 MORE CARDS TO DEVELOP DROP SHIPS









eval\_board  $\rightarrow$  float  
(score)

Output

or

=



eval\_role  $\rightarrow$  [float]  
(lx / role)



3 2 3 1 3 5  
1 1 2 1

2 3 1 1 4

2 0 3 1 1 3

HARD AI 3

4 -2

23

EASY AI 1

5 +2

11

AI 2

3 -1

15

2 0 ALPHA CENTAURI

3 2 MINING WORLD

3 2 BIO-HAZARD MINING WORLD

3 2 BLACK MARKET TRADING WORLD

1 0 DESTROYED WORLD

3 2 TERRAFORMING ROBOTS

2 1 MINING ROBOTS

1 1 FUEL CACHE

6 6 MERCHANT GUILD

4 2 SUPERIOR ARMAMENTS WORLD

MENU

27

34

29

CONSUME: CHOOSE A CONSUME POWER



7 +1

2 20

2 1 RADIOACTIVE WORLD

2 1 SPACE PORT

4 2 MALEVOLENT LIFEFORMS

5 3 GALACTIC TRENDSETTERS

1 1 PUBLIC WORKS

2 1 DEFICIT SPENDING

6 2 GALACTIC IMPERIUM









A clipboard with a grey clip at the top, holding a white sheet of paper with a blue border. The paper has the text 'TD AI?' at the top and a checklist of ten items below. The first and eighth items are checked with green checkmarks.

TD AI?

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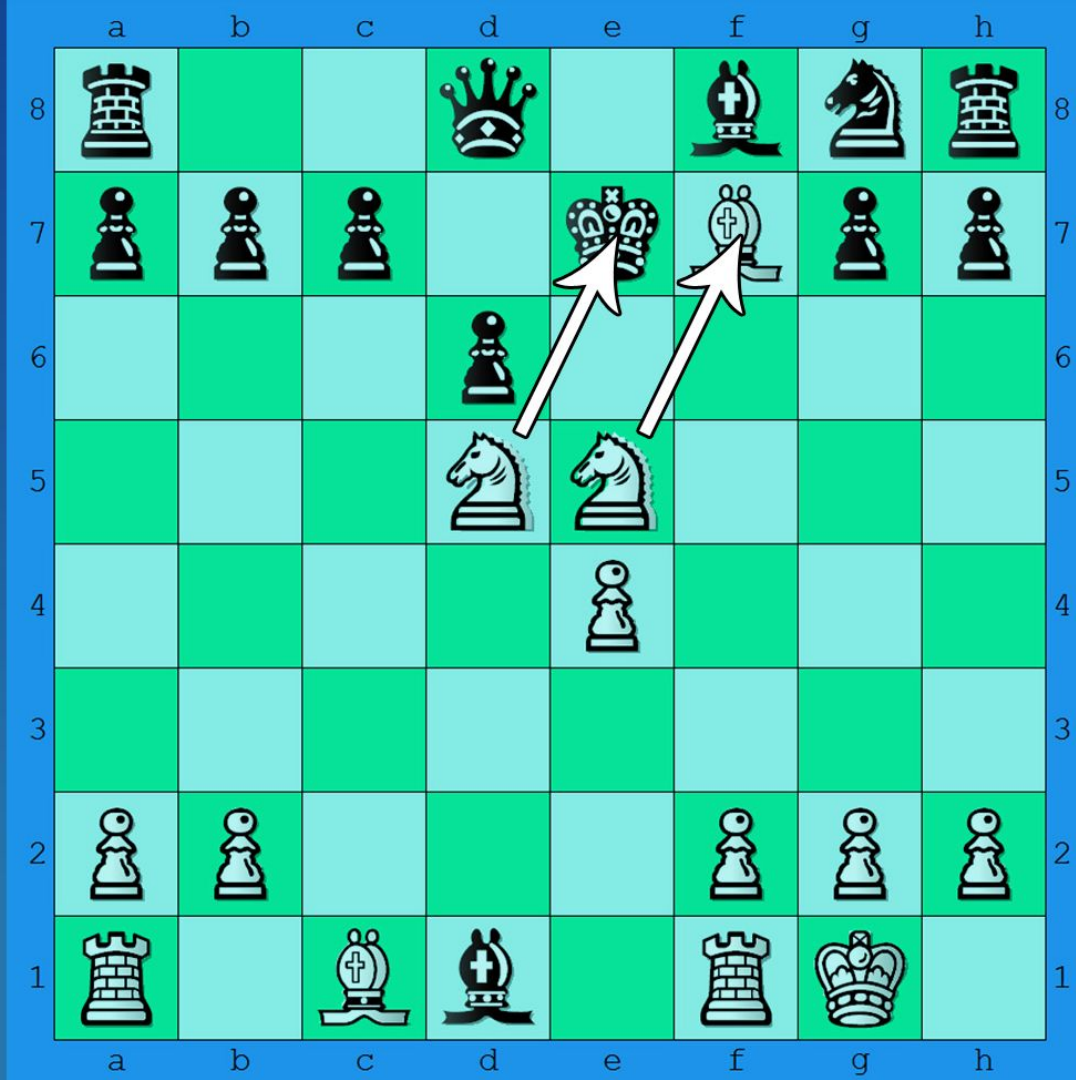






A white sine wave is drawn on a dark blue background. The wave starts at the bottom left, rises to a peak, falls to a trough, and then rises again towards the right edge. The word "Smooth" is written in a white, handwritten-style font in the middle-right portion of the image.

Smooth







When the card supply is exhausted, immediately reshuffle the discards to form a new card supply.

All players' VP chips and the **number** of game cards they have in their hands are subject to examination. Make change among VP chips as needed.

## GAME END

The game ends at the **end** of the round (including discarding) in which:

- a player has 12 or more cards in his card tableau, **or**  
(A player can end with more than 12 cards in his card tableau by placing both a development and a world in the final round.)
- the last victory point chip is given out.

If victory point chips run out, add the 10 VP chips and make change so that all victory point chips in the final consume phase can be taken.

Total each player's development and world VPs, VP chips, and any end-of-game bonuses.

Discard all cards not in a player's hand.

Reveal the cards in the discard pile.

Shuffle the cards in the discard pile.



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The background of the image is a vibrant space scene. On the left, a large, dark, blocky structure resembling a giant die is partially visible, with glowing yellow and orange patterns on its faces. In the upper center, a smaller, floating die shows the numbers 8, 0, and 4. The bottom half of the image is dominated by a bright, fiery orange and yellow nebula or starburst. On the right side, an astronaut in a blue and white suit is shown from the waist up, standing on a metallic surface and using a tool that emits a bright blue spark. Several small, dark spacecraft are scattered throughout the scene, particularly around the large die and the nebula.

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