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What Cognitive Neuroscience tells Artificial Intelligence



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How does the brain solve this kind of task ?









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Role of the loops between **Basal Ganglia** and **Anterior Cortex** to implement Predictive et Selective Models, trained by an error signal carried by **Dopamine**

The three curses of Artificial Intelligence

• Symbol grounding :

how to access the meaning of the task

• Combinatorics:

in high dimensional spaces, learning is very slow

• Uncertainties:

need of flexibility in the changing world

What Artificial Intelligence proposes:

- Symbol grounding : develop ontologies
- Combinatorics : use computing power
- Uncertainties : use probabilistic models

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Role of the body:

- Propose richer reinforcement signals
- Anticipate pain and pleasure: emotions
- Compare uncomparable aspects: somatic markers
- Generate one's own external goals: extrinsic motivations
- Intrinsic motivations : novelty, curiosity, game
- Do not only obey environment and have behaviors directed by your goals

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Combinatorics: Hippocampus-Cortex: Complementary Learning System

The Hippocampus can learn quickly and store episodes and, by replay, accelerate learning of concepts and planning in the Cortex

For memory consolidation and learning

(forward) replay for prospective planning

Trajectories Replay by the hippocampus at rest

Alternating task

(from Derdikman and Moser, 2010)

• What is the best strategy of replay ? Which episodes to replay?

• The most informative (surprising) episodes (backward replay for memory consolidation, more frequent in goal locations or during sleep)

 The most adapted to the situation (forward replay for prospective planning, More frequent at initial positions)

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Double role of DA for learning and Task maintenance/switching

Contextual model (rules)

Uncertainties: Role of the prefrontal cortex

Based on contextual information and history of performance (confidence level, costs):

- The Cingulate cortex can inhibit the usual behavior in the motor cortex
- The Lateral PFC can <u>explicitly</u> trigger a new contextual behavior by selective attention

Meta Reinforcement Learning

Based on information replayed by the hippocampus:

• The same system can <u>explicitly</u> imagine a prospective scenario

• Humans can compare several scenarios

Discussion

Important characteristics:

- Embodied cognition
- Major role of episodic memory and replay for consolidation
- Association of implicit and explicit memories (slow and fast thinking)

Link to social sciences and humanities:

• Can explain cognitive biases (e.g., risk aversion, bias of reference, bias of confirmation): we solve another problem

Ongoing work and new tasks to consider:

- Problem solving, deliberation, creativity, judgement, human rationality
- Collective decision and negotiation

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Is the brain a good model for artificial intelligence?

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