MONTRÉAL.AI ACADEMY: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 101
FIRST WORLD-CLASS OVERVIEW OF AI FOR ALL
VIP AI 101 CHEAT SHEET

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ABSTRACT

For the purpose of entrusting all sentient beings with powerful AI tools to learn, deploy and scale AI in order to enhance their prosperity, to settle planetary-scale problems and to inspire those who, with AI, will shape the 21st Century, MONTRÉAL.AI introduces this VIP AI 101 CheatSheet for All.

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1 AI-First | Pre-AGI Technologies

We are on the dawn of The Age of Artificial Intelligence.

"In a moment of technological disruption, leadership matters." — Andrew Ng

TODAY'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS POWERFUL AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. AI is capable of transforming industries and opens up a world of new possibilities. What's important is what you do with AI and how you embrace it. To pioneer AI-First innovations advantages: start by exploring how to apply AI in ways never thought of.

The emerging rules of the AI-First era: Search and Learning.

"Search and learning are general purpose methods that continue to scale with increased computation, even as the available computation becomes very great." — Richard Sutton in The Bitter Lesson

2 Getting Started

Tinker with neural networks in the browser with TensorFlow Playground http://playground.tensorflow.org/

2.1 In the Cloud

Colab Practice Immediately Lab Introduction to Deep Learning (MIT 6.S191)
- Free GPU compute via Colab https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks/welcome.ipynb
- Colab can open notebooks directly from GitHub by simply replacing "http://github.com" with "http://colab.research.google.com/github/"

2.2 On a Local Machine

JupyterLab is an interactive development environment for working with notebooks, code and data.
- Install Anaconda https://www.anaconda.com/download/ and launch ‘Anaconda Navigator’
- Update Jupyterlab and launch the application. Under Notebook, click on ‘Python 3’

3 Deep Learning

Deep learning allows computational models that are composed of multiple processing layers to learn REPRESENTATIONS of (raw) data with multiple levels of abstraction. At a high-level, neural networks are either encoders, decoders, or a combination of both. Introductory course http://introtodeeplearning.com. See also Table 1.

"DL is essentially a new style of programming – “differentiable programming” – and the field is trying to work out the reusable constructs in this style. We have some: convolution, pooling, LSTM, GAN, VAE, memory units, routing units, etc.” — Thomas G. Dietterich

Table 1: Types of Learning, by Alex Graves at NeurIPS 2018

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"If you have a large big dataset and you train a very big neural network, then success is guaranteed!” — Ilya Sutskever

"When you first study a field, it seems like you have to memorize a zillion things. You don’t. What you need is to identify the 3-5 core principles that govern the field. The million things you thought you had to memorize are various combinations of the core principles." — J. Reed

"1. Multiply things together
2. Add them up
3. Replaces negatives with zeros
4. Return to step 1, a hundred times."

— Jeremy Howard

Deep learning (distributed representations + composition) is a general-purpose learning procedure.
- Linear Algebra. Prof. Gilbert Strang
- Dive into Deep Learning http://d2l.ai
3.1 Universal Approximation Theorem

Neural Networks + Gradient Descent + GPU

- Infinitely flexible function: Neural Network (multiple hidden layers: Deep Learning)
- All-purpose parameter fitting: Backpropagation
- Fast and scalable: GPU.

"You have relatively simple processing elements that are very loosely models of neurons. They have connections coming in, each connection has a weight on it, and that weight can be changed through learning." — Geoffrey Hinton

When a choice must be made, just feed the (raw) data to a deep neural network (Universal function approximators).

3.2 Convolution Neural Networks (Useful for Images | Space)

The deep convolutional network, inspired by Hubel and Wiesel’s seminal work on early visual cortex, uses hierarchical layers of tiled convolutional filters to mimic the effects of receptive fields, thereby exploiting the local spatial correlations present in images. See Figure Demo https://ml4a.github.io/demos/convolution/
A ConvNet is made up of Layers. Every Layer has a simple API: It transforms an input 3D volume to an output 3D volume with some differentiable function that may or may not have parameters. Reading

In images, local combinations of edges form motifs, motifs assemble into parts, and parts form objects.

Figure 2: All-purpose parameter fitting: Backpropagation.

$$\frac{\delta \ell(y, \hat{y})}{\delta a_{1}^{(3)}} = \frac{\delta \ell(y, \hat{y})}{\delta a_{1}^{(2)}} \frac{\delta a_{1}^{(2)}}{\delta z_{1}^{(2)}} \frac{\delta z_{1}^{(2)}}{\delta a_{1}^{(1)}} = 2(a_{1}^{(2)} - y)z_{1}^{(2)}(1 - z_{1}^{(2)})w_{11}^{(2)}$$

Figure 3: 2D Convolution. Source: Cambridge Coding Academy

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Figure 4: Architecture of LeNet-5, a Convolutional Neural Network. LeCun et al., 1998

- CS231N: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition
- TensorSpace (https://tensorspace.org) offers interactive 3D visualizations of LeNet, AlexNet and Inceptionv3.
3.3 Recurrent Neural Networks (Useful for Sequences | Time)

Recurrent neural networks are networks with loops in them, allowing information to persist\[1\]. RNNs process an input sequence one element at a time, maintaining in their hidden units a ‘state vector’ that implicitly contains information about the history of all the past elements of the sequence\[2\]. For sequential inputs. See Figure 5.

![RNN Diagram](image)

**Figure 5:** RNN Layers Reuse Weights for Multiple Timesteps.

![Google Smart Reply System Diagram](image)

**Figure 6:** **Google Smart Reply System** is built on a pair of recurrent neural networks. Diagram by Chris Olah

"I feel like a significant percentage of Deep Learning breakthroughs ask the question “how can I reuse weights in multiple places?” – Recurrent (LSTM) layers reuse for multiple timesteps – Convolutional layers reuse in multiple locations. – Capsules reuse across orientation." — Andrew Trask

- Long Short-Term-Memory (LSTM), Sepp Hochreiter and Jürgen Schmidhuber\[22\]
- CS224N : Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning\[23\]
- Can Neural Networks Remember? Slides by Vishal Gupta: [http://vishalgupta.me/deck/char_lstms/](http://vishalgupta.me/deck/char_lstms/)
- Understanding LSTM Networks: [http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/](http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/)
- The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Recurrent Networks, blog (2015) by Andrej Karpathy\[24\]
- Attention and Augmented Recurrent Neural Networks: [https://distill.pub/2016/augmented-rnns/](https://distill.pub/2016/augmented-rnns/)
- Transformer model for language understanding. Tutorial showing how to write Transformer in TensorFlow 2.0: [https://www.tensorflow.org/enHighlights](https://www.tensorflow.org/enHighlights)
3.4 Transformers

Transformers are generic, simple and exciting machine learning architectures designed to process a connected set of units (tokens in a sequence, pixels in an image, etc.) where the only interaction between units is through self-attention. Transformers’ performance limit seems purely in the hardware (how big a model can be fitted in GPU memory).

- The Illustrated Transformer
- The annotated transformer (code)
- Transformer in TensorFlow 2.0 (code)
- Making Transformer networks simpler and more efficient

3.4.1 Natural Language Processing (NLP) | BERT: A New Era in NLP

BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) is a deeply bidirectional, unsupervised language representation, pre-trained using only a plain text corpus (in this case, Wikipedia).

- Reading: Unsupervised pre-training of an LSTM followed by supervised fine-tuning
- TensorFlow code and pre-trained models for BERT
- Better Language Models and Their Implications

"I think transfer learning is the key to general intelligence. And I think the key to doing transfer learning will be the acquisition of conceptual knowledge that is abstracted away from perceptual details of where you learned it from." — Demis Hassabis

- How to Build OpenAI’s GPT-2: "The AI That’s Too Dangerous to Release"
- Play with BERT with your own data using TensorFlow Hub
Figure 8: Write With Transformer allows text generation on general-purpose Transformer models (BERT, GPT-2, XLNet ...). By Hugging Face: https://transformer.huggingface.co

Figure 9: The two steps of how BERT is developed. Source https://jalammar.github.io/illustrated-bert/

3.5 Unsupervised Learning

True intelligence will require independent learning strategies.

Unsupervised learning is a paradigm for creating AI that learns without a particular task in mind: learning for the sake of learning[31]. It captures some characteristics of the joint distribution of the observed random variables (learn the underlying structure). The variety of tasks include density estimation, dimensionality reduction, and clustering.[4][32]

[31] https://deepmind.com/blog/unsupervised-learning/
"Give a robot a label and you feed it for a second; teach a robot to label and you feed it for a lifetime." — Pierre Sermanet

Self-supervised learning is derived form unsupervised learning where the data provides the supervision. E.g. Word2vec a technique for learning vector representations of words, or word embeddings. An embedding is a mapping from discrete objects, such as words, to vectors of real numbers.

3.5.1 Generative Adversarial Networks

Simultaneously train two models: a generative model G that captures the data distribution, and a discriminative model D that estimates the probability that a sample came from the training data rather than G. The training procedure for G is to maximize the probability of D making a mistake. This framework corresponds to a minimax two-player game.

$$
\min_{\theta_g} \max_{\theta_d} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x)} [\log D_{\theta_d}(x)] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p_z(z)} [\log (1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z)))] \right]
$$

"What I cannot create, I do not understand." — Richard Feynman

Goodfellow et al. used an interesting analogy where the generative model can be thought of as analogous to a team of counterfeiters, trying to produce fake currency and use it without detection, while the discriminative model is analogous to the police, trying to detect the counterfeit currency. Competition in this game drives both teams to improve their methods until the counterfeits are indistinguishable from the genuine articles. See Figure 10.

Figure 10: GAN: Neural Networks Architecture Pioneered by Ian Goodfellow at University of Montreal (2014).

StyleGAN: A Style-Based Generator Architecture for Generative Adversarial Networks

- Paper [http://stylegan.xyz/paper](http://stylegan.xyz/paper)
- Code [https://github.com/NVlabs/stylegan](https://github.com/NVlabs/stylegan)
- StyleGAN for art. Colab [https://colab.research.google.com/github/ak9250/stylegan-art](https://colab.research.google.com/github/ak9250/stylegan-art)
- This Person Does Not Exist [https://thispersondoesnotexist.com](https://thispersondoesnotexist.com)
- This Resume Does Not Exist [https://thisresumedoesnotexist.com](https://thisresumedoesnotexist.com)
- This Waifu Does Not Exist [https://www.thiswaifudoesnotexist.net](https://www.thiswaifudoesnotexist.net)
- Encoder for Official TensorFlow Implementation [https://github.com/Puzer/stylegan-encoder](https://github.com/Puzer/stylegan-encoder)
- How to recognize fake AI-generated images. By Kyle McDonald [https://medium.com/@kcimc/how-to-recognize-fake-ai-generated-images-4d1f6f9a2842](https://medium.com/@kcimc/how-to-recognize-fake-ai-generated-images-4d1f6f9a2842)
3.5.2 Variational AutoEncoder

Variational Auto-Encoders (VAEs) are powerful models for learning low-dimensional representations. See Figure \ref{fig:vaes}.

Disentangled representations are defined as ones where a change in a single unit of the representation corresponds to a change in single factor of variation of the data while being invariant to others (Bengio et al. (2013)).

![Variational Autoencoders (VAEs): Powerful Generative Models.](image)

Colab: “Debiasing Facial Detection Systems.” AIEthics
SpaceSheet: Interactive Latent Space Exploration with a Spreadsheet
MusicVAE: Learning latent spaces for musical scores
Slides: A Few Unusual Autoencoders
Generative models in Tensorflow 2
Reading: Disentangled VAE’s (DeepMind 2016)

\[\text{https://medium.com/tensorflow/introducing-tf-gan-a-lightweight-gan-library-for-tensorflow-2-0-36d767e1abae}\]
\[\text{https://colab.research.google.com/github/aamini/introtodeeplearning_labs/blob/master/lab2/Part2_debiasing_solution.ipynb}\]
4 Autonomous Agents

An autonomous agent is any device that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chance of success at some goal. At the bleeding edge of AI, autonomous agents can learn from experience, simulate worlds and orchestrate meta-solutions. Here’s an informal definition of the universal intelligence of agent $\pi$:

$$\Upsilon(\pi) := \sum_{\mu \in E} 2^{-K(\mu)} V_{\mu}^{\pi}$$

"Intelligence measures an agent’s ability to achieve goals in a wide range of environments." — Shane Legg

4.1 Deep Reinforcement Learning

Reinforcement learning (RL) studies how an agent can learn how to achieve goals in a complex, uncertain environment (Figure 13) [5]. Recent superhuman results in many difficult environments combine deep learning with RL (Deep Reinforcement Learning). See Figure 13 for a taxonomy of RL algorithms.

- CS 188 : Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- Introduction to Reinforcement Learning by DeepMind

4.1.1 Model-Free RL | Value-Based

The goal in RL is to train the agent to maximize the discounted sum of all future rewards $R_t$, called the return:

$$R_t = r_t + \gamma r_{t+1} + \gamma^2 r_{t+2} + \ldots$$

The Q-function captures the expected total future reward an agent in state $s$ can receive by executing a certain action $a$:

$$Q(s, a) = E[R_t]$$

The optimal policy should choose the action $a$ that maximizes $Q(s,a)$:

$$\pi^*(s) = \arg\max_a Q(s,a)$$

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41 https://arxiv.org/abs/0712.3329
42 Where $\mu$ is an environment, $K$ is the Kolmogorov complexity function, $E$ is the space of all computable reward summable environmental measures with respect to the reference machine $U$ and the value function $V_{\mu}^{\pi}$ is the agent’s “ability to achieve”.
43 https://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs188/fa18/
44 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pWv7QDvuf0&list=PLqYmG7hTraZDM-0YHWgPebj2MfCFzF0bQ
Figure 13: A Taxonomy of RL Algorithms. Source: Spinning Up in Deep RL by Achiam et al. | OpenAI


### 4.1.2 Model-Free RL | Policy-Based

![Policy Gradient Diagram](https://worldmodels.github.io)

Run a policy for a while (code: [https://gist.github.com/karpathy/a4166c7fe253700972fc6c77e4ea32c5](https://gist.github.com/karpathy/a4166c7fe253700972fc6c77e4ea32c5)):

\[
\tau = (s_0, a_0, r_0, s_1, a_1, r_1, \ldots, s_{T-1}, a_{T-1}, r_{T-1}, s_T)
\]

(6)

Increase probability of actions that lead to high rewards and decrease probability of actions that lead to low rewards:

\[
\nabla_{\theta} E_\tau [R(\tau)] = E_\tau \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(a_t | s_t, \theta) R(\tau) \right]
\]

(7)


### 4.1.3 Model-Based RL

In Model-Based RL, the agent generates predictions about the next state and reward before choosing each action.

- **Learn the Model**: *Recurrent World Models Facilitate Policy Evolution* (World Model\[5\]). The world model agent can be trained in an unsupervised manner to learn a compressed spatial and temporal representation of the environment. Then, a compact policy can be trained. See Figure [7](https://worldmodels.github.io)

- **Learn the Model**: *Learning Latent Dynamics for Planning from Pixels* [https://planetrl.github.io/](https://planetrl.github.io/)
Figure 15: **Asynchronous Advantage Actor-Critic (A3C).** Source: Petar Velickovic

Figure 16: **Open-Source RL Algorithms** [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EeFPd-XIQ3mq_9enT1AZSsFY7HbnmdtP8bbT8LPuKn0/](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EeFPd-XIQ3mq_9enT1AZSsFY7HbnmdtP8bbT8LPuKn0/)

- **Given the Model**: *Mastering Chess and Shogi by Self-Play with a General Reinforcement Learning Algorithm (AlphaZero).* Silver et al, 2017[14]. AlphaGo Zero Explained In One Diagram[46]

### 4.1.4 Improving Agent Design

Via Reinforcement Learning: Blog[47], arXiv[48], ASTool [https://github.com/hardmaru/astool/](https://github.com/hardmaru/astool/)


"The future of high-level APIs for AI is... a problem-specification API. Currently we only search over network weights, thus "problem specification" involves specifying a model architecture. In the future, it will just be: "tell me what data you have and what you are optimizing"." — François Chollet

- Teacher algorithms for curriculum learning of Deep RL in continuously parameterized environments[50]

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[47]https://designrl.github.io
[49]https://youtu.be/JBgG_VSP7f8
4.1.5 OpenAI Baselines

High-quality implementations of reinforcement learning algorithms [https://github.com/openai/baselines](https://github.com/openai/baselines)

Colab [https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1KKq9A3dRTq1q6bJmPyF0gg917gQyTjJ](https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1KKq9A3dRTq1q6bJmPyF0gg917gQyTjJ)

4.1.6 Google Dopamine and A Zoo of Agents

Dopamine is a research framework for fast prototyping of reinforcement learning algorithms [51].


4.1.7 TRFL : TensorFlow Reinforcement Learning

TRFL ("truffle"): a library of reinforcement learning building blocks [https://github.com/deepmind/trfl](https://github.com/deepmind/trfl)

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Figure 17: World Model’s Agent consists of: Vision (V), Memory (M), and Controller (C). | Ha et al, 2018 [11]

Figure 18: A comparison of the original LSTM cell vs. two new good generated. Top left: LSTM cell. [19]
4.1.8  *bsuite*: Behaviour Suite for Reinforcement Learning


4.2 Evolution Strategies (ES)

In her Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2018 Lecture "Innovation by Evolution: Bringing New Chemistry to Life" (Nobel Lecture)† Prof. Frances H. Arnold said:

"Nature ... invented life that has flourished for billions of years. (...) Equally awe-inspiring is the process by which Nature created these enzyme catalysts and in fact everything else in the biological world. The process is evolution, the grand diversity-generating machine that created all life on earth, starting more than three billion years ago. (...) evolution executes a simple algorithm of diversification and natural selection, an algorithm that works at all levels of complexity from single protein molecules to whole ecosystems." — Prof. Frances H. Arnold

Evolution and neural networks proved a potent combination in nature.

"Evolution is a slow learning algorithm that with the sufficient amount of compute produces a human brain." — Wojciech Zaremba

Natural evolutionary strategy directly evolves the weights of a DNN and performs competitively with the best deep reinforcement learning algorithms, including deep Q-networks (DQN) and policy gradient methods (A3C)[21].

![Figure 19](https://colab.research.google.com/github/karpathy/randomfun/blob/master/es.ipynb).

Neuroevolution, which harnesses evolutionary algorithms to optimize neural networks, enables capabilities that are typically unavailable to gradient-based approaches, including learning neural network building blocks, architectures and even the algorithms for learning[12].

"... evolution — whether biological or computational — is inherently creative, and should routinely be expected to surprise, delight, and even outwit us." — The Surprising Creativity of Digital Evolution, Lehman et al.[22]

The ES algorithm is a “guess and check” process, where we start with some random parameters and then repeatedly:

1. Tweak the guess a bit randomly, and
2. Move our guess slightly towards whatever tweaks worked better.

Neural architecture search has advanced to the point where it can outperform human-designed models[13].

"Caterpillar brains LIQUIFY during metamorphosis, but the butterfly retains the caterpillar's memories!" — M. Levin

"Open-ended" algorithms are algorithms that endlessly create. Brains and bodies evolve together in nature.

"We're machines," says Hinton. ""We're just produced biologically (...)" — Katrina Onstad, Toronto Life

- Evolution Strategies[55]
- VAE+CPPN+GAN[56]

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54[https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/anie.201907729]
55[https://lilianweng.github.io/lil-log/2019/09/05/evolution-strategies.html]
56[https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1_OoZ3z_C5Jl5gnxDOE9VENCTs-P1Spw]
Demos: ES on CartPole-v1\(^5\) and ES on LunarLanderContinuous-v2\(^6\).

Spiders Can Fly Hundreds of Miles Riding the Earth’s Magnetic Fields\(^7\).


4.3 Self Play

Silver et al.\(^9\) introduced an algorithm based solely on reinforcement learning, without human data, guidance or domain knowledge. Starting tabula rasa (and being its own teacher!), AlphaGo Zero achieved superhuman performance. 

"Self-Play is Automated Knowledge Creation." — Carlos E. Perez

Self-play mirrors similar insights from coevolution. Transfer learning is the key to go from self-play to the real world\(^10\).

"Open-ended self play produces: Theory of mind, negotiation, social skills, empathy, real language understanding." — Ilya Sutskever, Meta Learning and Self Play


4.4 Multi-Agent Populations

"We design a Theory of Mind neural network – a ToMnet – which uses meta-learning to build models of the agents it encounters, from observations of their behaviour alone." — Machine Theory of Mind, Rabinowitz et al.\(^13\)

Cooperative Agents. Learning to Model Other Minds, by OpenAI\(^14\), is an algorithm which accounts for the fact that other agents are learning too, and discovers self-interested yet collaborative strategies. Also: OpenAI Five\(^15\)

![Figure 20: Facebook, Carnegie Mellon build first AI that beats pros in 6-player poker](https://ai.facebook.com/blog/pluribus-first-ai-to-beat-pros-in-6-player-poker)


4.5 Deep Meta-Learning

Learning to Learn [16].

“The notion of a neural "architecture" is going to disappear thanks to meta learning.” — Andrew Trask

- Meta Learning Shared Hierarchies [13] (The Lead Author is in High School!)
- Causal Reasoning from Meta-reinforcement Learning [18]

4.5.1 MAML: Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning for Fast Adaptation of Deep Networks

The goal of model-agnostic meta-learning for fast adaptation of deep networks is to train a model on a variety of learning tasks, such that it can solve new learning tasks using only a small number of training samples [20].

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \beta \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_{i} \sim \mu(T)} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_{i}} (f_{\theta}^*)$$ (8)

A meta-learning algorithm takes in a distribution of tasks, where each task is a learning problem, and it produces a quick learner — a learner that can generalize from a small number of examples [17].

![Diagram of Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning (MAML)](image)

- Meta-Learning with Implicit Gradients
- How to Train MAML (Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning)
- Colaboratory reimplementation of MAML (Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning) in TF 2.

4.5.2 The Grand Challenge for AI Research | AI-GAs: AI-Generating Algorithms, an Alternate Paradigm for Producing General Artificial Intelligence

In AI-GAs: AI-generating algorithms, an alternate paradigm for producing general artificial intelligence [19] Jeff Clune describes an exciting path that ultimately may be successful at producing general AI. The idea is to create an AI-generating algorithm (AI-GA), which automatically learns how to produce general AI.
Three Pillars are essential for the approach: (1) **Meta-learning architectures**, (2) **Meta-learning the learning algorithms themselves**, and (3) **Generating effective learning environments**.

- **The First Pillar**, meta-learning architectures, could potentially discover the building blocks: *convolution, recurrent layers, gradient-friendly architectures, spatial transformers, etc.*
- **The Second Pillar**, meta-learning the learning algorithms, could potentially learn the building blocks: *intelligent exploration, auxiliary tasks, efficient continual learning, causal reasoning, active learning, etc.*
- **The Third Pillar**, generating effective and fully expressive learning environments, could learn things like: *co-evolution / self-play, curriculum learning, communication / language, multi-agent interaction, etc.*

On Earth,

"( . . . ) a remarkably simple algorithm (Darwinian evolution) began producing solutions to relatively simple environments. The 'solutions' to those environments were organisms that could survive in them. Those organism often created new niches (i.e. environments, or opportunities) that could be exploited. Ultimately, that process produced all of the engineering marvels on the planet, such as jaguars, hawks, and the human mind." — Jeff Clune

**Turing Complete** (universal computer): an encoding that enables the creation any possible learning algorithm. **Darwin Complete**: an environmental encoding that enables the creation of any possible learning environment.

## 5 Environments

Platforms for training autonomous agents.

"Situation awareness is the perception of the elements in the environment within a volume of time and space, and the comprehension of their meaning, and the projection of their status in the near future." — Endsley (1987)

### 5.1 OpenAI Gym

The OpenAI Gym[^70] is a toolkit for developing and comparing reinforcement learning algorithms. What makes the gym so great is a common API around environments.

![Robotics Environments](https://blog.openai.com/ingredients-for-robotics-research/)

How to create new environments for Gym[^71]: **Minimal example with code and agent** *(evolution strategies on foo-v0)*:

1. Download gym-foo [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r2A8J9CjIQhss246gATeD0LLMzpUT-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r2A8J9CjIQhss246gATeD0LLMzpUT-/view?usp=sharing)
2. cd gym-foo
3. pip install -e
4. python ES-foo.py

He’s another more difficult *(for the agent!)* new environment for Gym *(evolution strategies on foo-v3)*:

[^70]: https://blog.openai.com/openai-gym-beta/
[^71]: https://github.com/openai/gym
[^72]: https://github.com/openai/gym/blob/master/docs/creating-environments.md
1. Download gym-foo-v3
2. cd gym-foo-v3
3. pip install -e .
4. python ES-foo-v3.py

OpenAI Gym Environment for Trading

5.2 DeepMind Lab

DeepMind Lab: A customisable 3D platform for agent-based AI research [https://github.com/deepmind/lab](https://github.com/deepmind/lab)

- DeepMind Control Suite [https://github.com/deepmind/dm_control](https://github.com/deepmind/dm_control)
- Convert DeepMind Control Suite to OpenAI Gym Envs [https://github.com/zuoxingdong/dm2gym](https://github.com/zuoxingdong/dm2gym)

5.3 Unity ML-Agents

Unity ML Agents allows to create environments where intelligent agents (Single Agent, Cooperative and Competitive Multi-Agent and Ecosystem) can be trained using RL, neuroevolution, or other ML methods [https://unity3d.ai](https://unity3d.ai)

- Getting Started with Marathon Environments for Unity ML-Agent [https://towardsdatascience.com/gettingstartedwithmarathonenvs-v0-5-0a-c1054a0b540c](https://towardsdatascience.com/gettingstartedwithmarathonenvs-v0-5-0a-c1054a0b540c)

5.4 POET: Paired Open-Ended Trailblazer

Diversity is the premier product of evolution. Endlessly generate increasingly complex and diverse learning environments. Open-endedness could generate learning algorithms reaching human-level intelligence [23].

- Implementation of the POET algorithm [https://github.com/uber-research/poet](https://github.com/uber-research/poet)

6 Datasets

Google Dataset Search Beta (Blog [https://toolbox.google.com/datasetsearch](https://toolbox.google.com/datasetsearch))
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