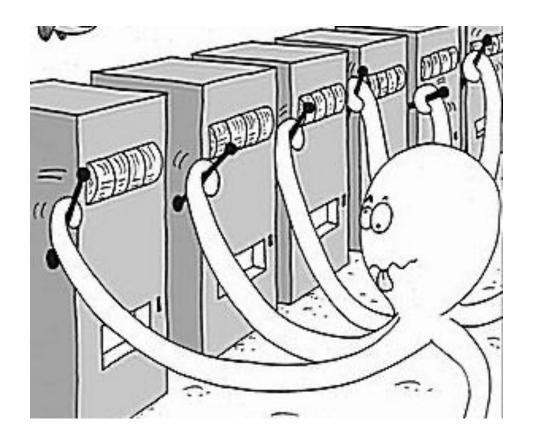


# CSE 574 Planning and Learning Methods in Al

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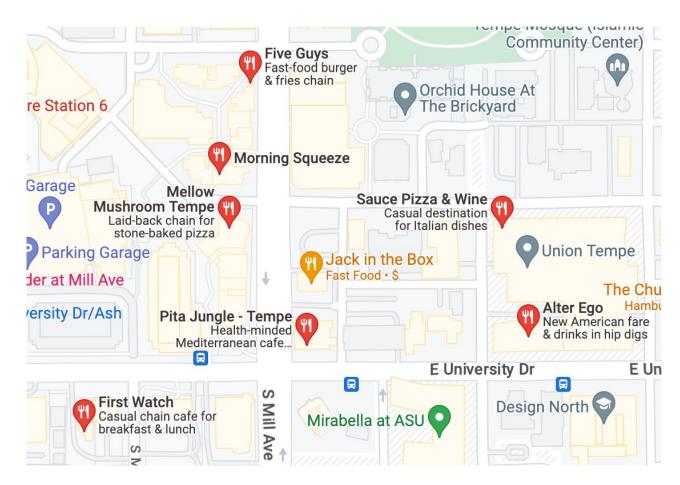
Week 3

#### Multi-Arm Bandits



## Multi-Arm Bandits Solutions

- Exploitation only
- Exploration only (greedy)
- $\epsilon$ -first (exploration-first)
- $\epsilon$ -greedy
- UCB



#### *c*-greedy

 $\operatorname{arm}_{t} = \begin{cases} \operatorname{arm that maximizes reward, with probability } 1 - \epsilon \\ \operatorname{random arm, with probability } \epsilon \end{cases}$ 

- What is the effect of  $\epsilon$ ?
- Fixed  $\epsilon$  (e.g.,  $\epsilon$ =10%), decreasing  $\epsilon$ , adaptive  $\epsilon$ , etc.
- Can we utilize more information than the average?

### UCB1 Algorithm

Randomly pull arms  $\mathbf{k}{=}\left\{\mathbf{1},...,\mathbf{K}\right\}$  several times (n) to get an initial estimate of expected rewards  $\bar{r}_k$ 

For iteration **t=1,...,T** 

Play machine 
$$k_{t+1} = argmax\left(\bar{r}_k + \alpha \sqrt{\frac{2\log N_t}{n_k}}\right)$$

end

#### **Expected regret**

Initial phase (figuring out the reward from each arm):  $O(\sqrt{KT\log T})$ 

Later phase (when we get to know about arms/ $\delta r_k$ ):

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{k}\frac{1}{\delta r_{k}}\log T\right)$$

 $\delta r_k$  is the reward gap of the kth arm compared to the arm with the best reward

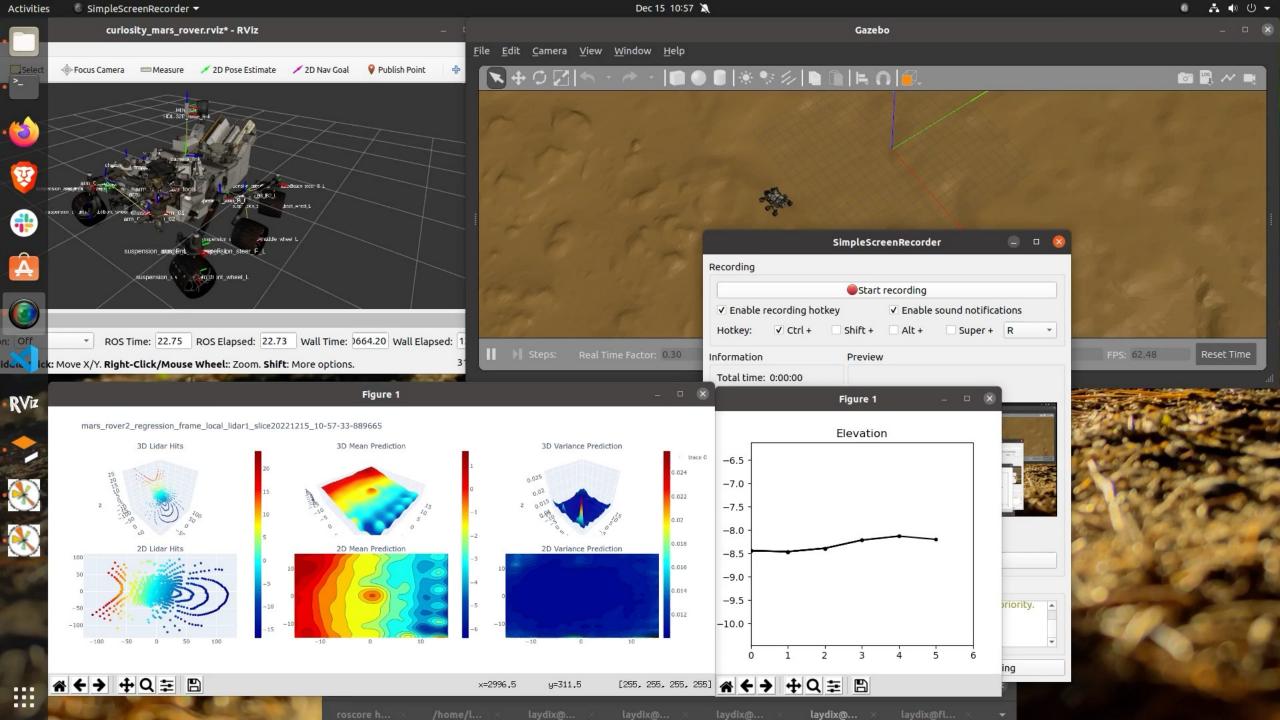
## Bayesian Bandits and Thompson Sampling

Assume parameterized distributions for the prior and likelihood

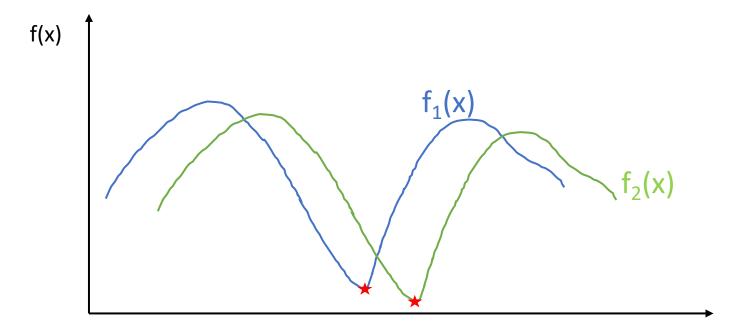
For T iterations

Compute the posterior  $p(\theta|D) \propto p(D|\theta)p(\theta)$ Sample parameters from each arm Compute the reward for each sample Pick the arm that maximizes the reward Append the dataset with D={(arm, reward)} end

• Non-informative/uniform/flat/broad prior. Conjugate prior.



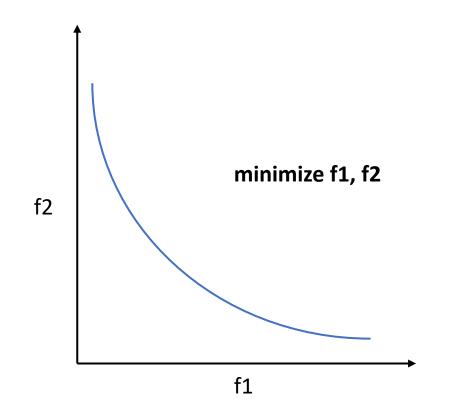
#### Multi-Objective Optimization



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## Multi-Objective Optimization

• A choice is *Pareto optimal* if it is impossible to improve in one objective without worsening at least one other objective



• 
$$wf_1(x) + (1 - w)f_2(x)$$

- Possible solutions
- What if we maximize
- Hypervolume

#### Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization (MOBO)

#### **Differentiable Expected Hypervolume Improvement for Parallel Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization**

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