

# Reinforcement Learning for SyGuS

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# Syntax-Guided Synthesis (SyGuS)

SyGuS is a problem of synthesising

- a **function**  $F$  within
- a **theory**  $\tau$  that satisfies
- a semantic **specification**  $\phi$
- with a **syntactic** restriction  $G$ .

→ SyGuS-IF closely follows SMTLIB

SyGuS Tools/competitions

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1 (set-logic LIA)
2 (synth-fun max2 ((x Int) (y Int)) Int
3   ((I Int) (B Bool))
4   ((I Int (x y 0 1
5     (+ I I) (- I I)
6     (ite B I I)))
7   (B Bool ((and B B) (or B B) (not B)
8     (= I I) (<= I I) (>= I I))))))
9 (declare-var x Int)
10 (declare-var y Int)
11 (constraint (>= (max2 x y) x))
12 (constraint (>= (max2 x y) y))
13 (constraint (or (= x (max2 x y)) (= y (max2 x y))))
14 (check-synth)
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Many AI based approaches to Synthesis (and SyGuS):

- DeepCoder (Deep Learning for I/O examples)
- Neuro-Symbolic Program Synthesis (Neural Embedding of I/O examples, R3NN synthesizes a function from Embedding)
- DreamCoder
- Flash Fill
- ...

→ All based on I/O or PBE domains

Abstract Domains/Theories with **logical specifications?**

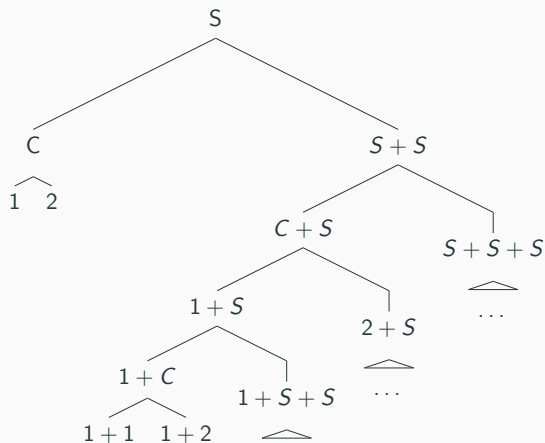
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Lack of training problems?

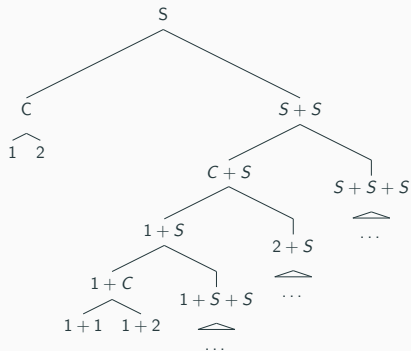
# Enumerative Search as a Tree Search

$$S \rightarrow S + S \mid C$$

$$C \rightarrow 1 \mid 2$$



# Game of Synthesis



- *States*  $S$  are the vertices
- *Actions*  $A$  are the edges
- *Final states* are leaf nodes
- *Winning states* correct final states

# Intelligent Tree Search - Policy/Value

Let  $(E, V)$  be the Grammar Tree.

## Policy

The policy  $\pi : E \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is a function that given an edge  $(u, v) \in E$  estimates the likelihood of success when choosing an *action* that leads to  $v$  when in state  $u$ .

## Value

The value  $W : V \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is a function that given an vertex (i.e. state)  $u \in V$  estimates the “quality” of this state.



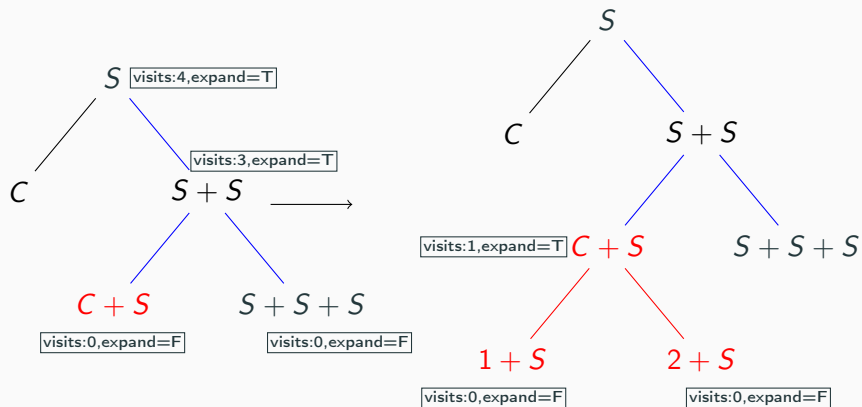
# Monte-Carlo Tree Search

Searching game tree in 4 phases:

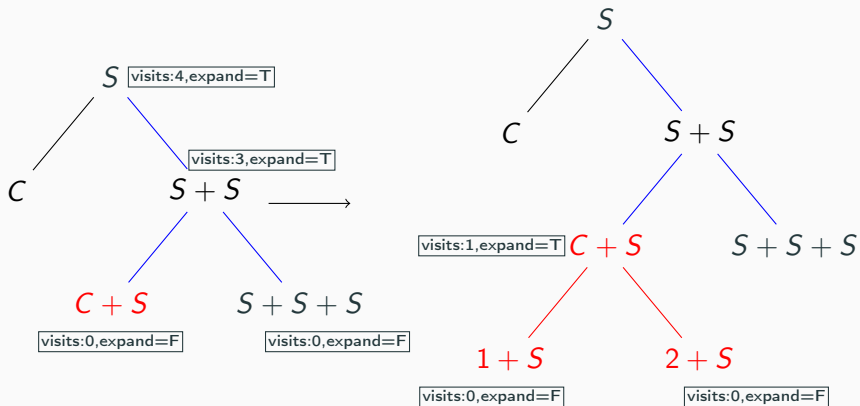
1. Big-step
2. Rollout
3. Expand
4. Backpropagation

During search we keep track of visit count, value, policy in the tree.

# Algorithm - Rollout from $S$ with expansion

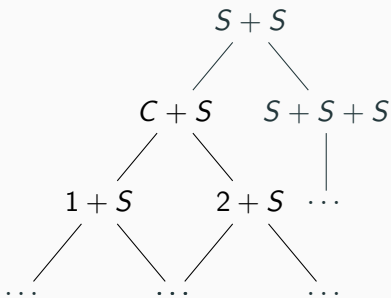
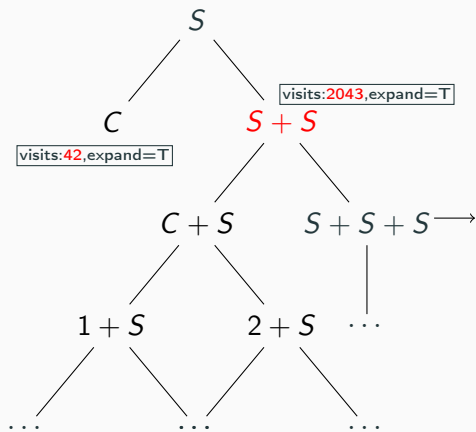


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$$\text{uct}(p, c) = \frac{\sum W(c)}{N(c)} + \gamma * \pi(p, c) * \sqrt{\frac{\log N(p)}{N(c)}}$$

# Algorithm - Decision



1. Run search on all training Problems with given policy/value functions
2. Collect training data from searches
3. Train policy/value models with new data for next iteration
4. Go to step 1 with new policy/value

## Generating SyGuS problems

## Generating Training Data

generate (a lot of) SyGuS problems from SMT problems

Given a problem  $P$ :

1. get a set  $S$  of sub-terms in  $P$ .
2. anti-unification on  $S$ , least general generalization (LGG)  $L$
3. replace terms  $S$  in  $P$  with variable  $F$
4. use unification for arguments for  $F$
5. translate  $P$  (with  $F$ ) to SyGuS problem  $P_s$ .

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3 (assert x * 3 + 5 = 8)
4 (check-sat)
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sat  $x = 1, y = 8$

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lgg  $u * v + w$  with 3 new variables

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### 4. Unification of $u * v + w$ with terms for arguments

$$(2 * 1) + 8 \stackrel{?}{=} u * v + w \quad u \mapsto 2, v \mapsto 1, w \mapsto 8$$

$$(1 * 3) + 5 \stackrel{?}{=} u * v + w \quad u \mapsto 1, v \mapsto 3, w \mapsto 5$$

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# EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION

# Implementation

- Previous Iteration in Python
- Implementation in C++
- Verification with CEGIS loop and Z3
- size 2 term walks as features
- Gradient Boosted Trees (xgboost) as ML models

How well does this work?

How does it compare to other tools?

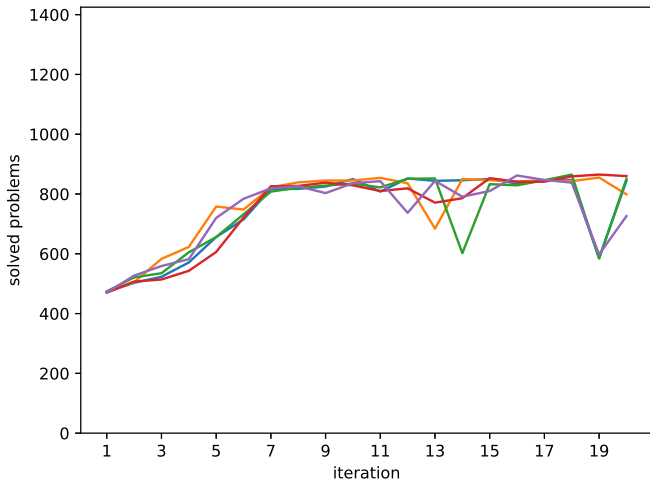
## Experimental Evaluation

- 1425 SyGuS *training* problems and 476 *testing* problems
- 100 second timeout

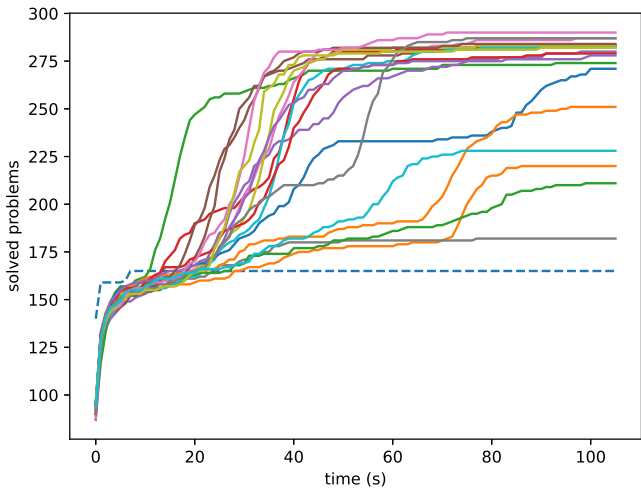
471.6 and 163.4 solved in first iteration

set	total	min	max	mean	stdev
train	1425	852	865	859.8	5.97
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# Problems solved in each iteration



# Problems solved over time in each iteration





## Compared to State of the Art?

CVC5 solves 834 on training and 295 on Testing set

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# Conclusion

## Summary

- Enumerative synthesis as tree search
- AlphaZero style Monte-Carlo based tree search
- Learned policy/value functions with UCT for guidance
- Reinforcement learning for policy/value models
- SyGuS problem Generation
- Implementation based on xgboost trained and tested entire set

Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.09564>

Questions?