

## Lecture 11: 1% Pure Luck

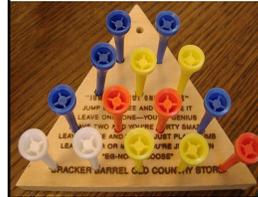
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## Pegboard Puzzle



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## Solving the Pegboard Puzzle

- How to represent the state of the board?
  - Which holes have pegs in them
- How can we simulate a jump?
  - board state, jump positions → board state
- How can we generate a list of all possible jumps on a given board?
- How can we find a winning sequence of jumps?

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## Data Abstractions

```

(define (make-board rows holes)
  (cons rows holes))

(define (board-holes board) (cdr board))
(define (board-rows board) (car board))

(define (make-position row col) (cons row col))
(define (get-row posn) (car posn))
(define (get-col posn) (cdr posn))

(define (same-position pos1 pos2)
  (and (= (get-row pos1) (get-row pos2))
        (= (get-col pos1) (get-col pos2))))
    
```

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## Removing a Peg

```

;;; remove-peg evaluates to the board you get by removing a
;;; peg at posn from the passed board (removing a peg adds a
;;; hole)
    
```

```

(define (remove-peg board posn)
  (make-board (board-rows board)
              (cons posn (board-holes board))))
    
```

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## Adding a Peg

```

;;; add-peg evaluates to the board you get by
;;; adding a peg at posn to board (adding a
;;; peg removes a hole)
    
```

```

(define (add-peg board posn)
  (make-board (board-rows board)
              (remove-hole (board-holes board) posn)))
    
```

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## Remove Hole

```
(define (remove-hole lst posn)
  (if (same-position (car lst) posn)
      (cdr lst)
      (cons (car lst) (remove-hole (cdr lst) posn))))
```

Could we define remove-hole using map?

No. (length (map f lst)) is always the same as (length lst), but remove-hole needs to remove elements from the list.

What if we had a procedure (filter proc lst) that removes from lst all elements for which proc (applied to that element) is false?

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## Filter

```
(define (filter proc lst)
  (if (null? lst)
      null
      (if (proc (car lst)) ; proc is true, keep it
          (cons (car lst) (filter proc (cdr lst)))
          (filter proc (cdr lst))))) ; proc is false, drop it
```

```
> (filter (lambda (x) (> x 0)) (list 1 4 -3 2))
(1 4 2)
```

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(define (remove-hole lst posn)
  (filter (lambda (pos)
            (not (same-position pos posn)))
          lst))
```

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## Jumps

```
;;; move creates a list of three positions: a start (the posn that the
;;; jumping peg starts from), a jump (the posn that is being jumped
;;; over), and end (the posn that the peg will end up in)
```

```
(define (make-move start jump end) (list start jump end))
(define (get-start move) (first move))
(define (get-jump move) (second move))
(define (get-end move) (third move))
```

```
;;; execute-move evaluates to the board after making move
;;; move on board.
```

```
(define (execute-move board move)
  (add-peg (remove-peg (remove-peg board (get-start move))
                       (get-jump move))
           (get-end move)))
```

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## Solving the Peg Board Game

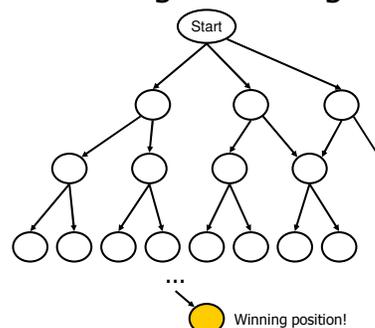
- Try all possible moves on the board
- Try all possible moves from the positions you get after each possible first move
- Try all possible moves from the positions you get after trying each possible move from the positions you get after each possible first move
- ...

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## Finding a Winning Strategy



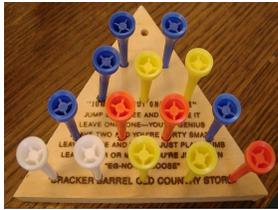
How is winning 2-person games (e.g., chess, poker) different?

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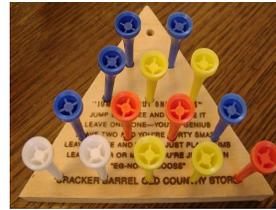
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## All Moves into Target

;; generate-moves evaluates to all possible moves that move a peg into  
;; the position target, even if they are not contained on the board.

```

(define (generate-moves target)
  (map (lambda (hops)
        (let ((hop1 (car hops)) (hop2 (cdr hops)))
            (make-move
             (make-position (+ (get-row target) (car hop1))
                           (+ (get-col target) (cdr hop1)))
             (make-position (+ (get-row target) (car hop2))
                           (+ (get-col target) (cdr hop2)))
             target)))
       (list (cons (cons 2 0) (cons 1 0)) ;; right of target, hopping left
             (cons (cons -2 0) (cons -1 0)) ;; left of target, hopping right
             (cons (cons 0 2) (cons 0 1)) ;; below, hopping up
             (cons (cons 0 -2) (cons 0 -1)) ;; above, hopping down
             (cons (cons 2 2) (cons 1 1)) ;; above right, hopping down-left
             (cons (cons -2 2) (cons -1 1)) ;; above left, hopping down-right
             (cons (cons 2 -2) (cons 1 -1)) ;; below right, hopping up-left
             (cons (cons -2 -2) (cons -1 -1)))))) ;; below left, hopping up-right
  
```

## All Possible Moves

```

(define (all-possible-moves board)
  (append-all
   (map generate-moves (board-holes holes))))
  
```

```

(define (append-all lst)
  (if (null? lst) null
      (append (car lst) (append-all (cdr lst)))))
  
```

But...only legal if: start and end are positions  
on the board containing pegs!

Note: could use (apply append ...) instead of append-all.

## Legal Move

```

(define (legal-move? move)
  ;; A move is valid if:
  ;; o the start and end positions are on the board
  ;; o there is a peg at the start position
  ;; o there is a peg at the jump position
  ;; o there is not a peg at the end position
  (and (on-board? board (get-start move))
        (on-board? board (get-end move))
        (peg? board (get-start move))
        (peg? board (get-jump move))
        (not (peg? board (get-end move)))))
  
```

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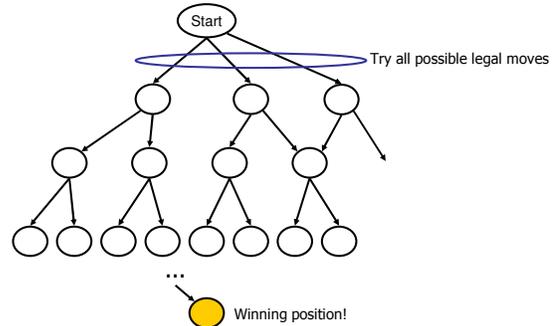
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        (on-board? board (get-end move))
        (peg? board (get-start move))
        (peg? board (get-jump move))
        (not (peg? board (get-end move)))))
```

```
(define (legal-moves board)
  (filter legal-move? (all-possible-moves board)))
```

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## Becoming a "Genius"!



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## Winning Position

How do we tell if a board is in a winning position?

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## is-winning-position?

```
(define (board-squares board)
  (count-squares (board-rows board)))

(define (count-squares nrows)
  (if (= nrows 1) 1
      (+ nrows (count-squares (- nrows 1)))))

(define (is-winning-position? board)
  (= (length (board-holes board))
     (- (board-squares board) 1)))
```

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## Solve Pegboard

```
(define (solve-pegboard board)
  (find-first-winner board (legal-moves board)))

(define (find-first-winner board moves)
  (if (null? moves)
      (if (is-winning-position? board)
          null ;; Found winning game, no moves needed
          #f) ;; A losing position, no more moves
      (let ((result (solve-pegboard
        (execute-move board (car moves)))))
        (if result ;; winner (not #f)
            (cons (car moves) result) ; this move leads to winner!
            (find-first-winner board (cdr moves)))))) ; try rest
```

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## All Cracker Barrel Games

(starting with peg 2 1 missing)

Pegs Left	Number of Ways	Fraction of Games	IQ Rating
1	1550	0.01	"You're Genius"
2	20686	0.15	"You're Purty Smart"
3	62736	0.46	"Just Plain Dumb"
4	46728	0.33	"Just Plain Eg-no-ra-moose" <small>Leaving 10 pegs requires much more brilliance than leaving 1!</small>
5	5688	0.04	
6	374	0.0027	
7	82	0.00058	
10	2	0.00001	

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## Charge

- By luck alone, you can be a genius 1% of the time!
- By trying all possibilities, you can *always* be a genius
  - Next week and later: do we have time for this?
- PS3 due Monday
  - Extra Lab hours: today (4:30-6)
  - Regularly scheduled lab hours:  
Sunday (4-5:30, 8-9:30)