

From about June 18 to Aug 17, 1956. I attended the Dartmouth summer research project on Artificial Intelligence. About 56 pages were done in this notebook - these later became a ~~the~~ Multilist report of  $\approx 55$  pp. Also || with this work, a notebook with pages numbered [(83 eq.)] was kept. The pp. of this N.B. with ~~the~~ are referred to e.g. by (83).16. This N.B. has 104 pp. and goes from -1) to 102). Also an attempt at a prelim. report was written - this was  $\approx 20$  pp.

PP  
 α 46 to  
 α 85 incl.  
 12 only  
39 pp

So 175 pp. written these 2 months; Rather large. The research project wasn't very suggestive.

The main things ~~are~~ of value

- 1) Write and get report reproduced (very imp.)
- 2) Met some interesting people in this field.
- 3) Got idea of how poor most that in this field is.
- 4) Some ideas:
  - a) Search problem may be imp.
  - b) These guys may eventually invent a T.M.,

Simply by working more and more interesting special problems. Simon and Newell; Minsky: best candidates - <sup>Trench</sup>More is a question mark.

- 5) Interested some of the people in T.M.

- May be able to get it programmed on 707 or IAS computer.

A bunch of random, imp. ideas on T.M.: Clean them up later.

.03 1) If we have  $3x_i + 2y_i = z_i$  and this works for a few values of  $i$ ,  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$  being some n-tuple, then it should be possible to realize more quickly that  $3[1] + 2[2] = [3]$  is a sort of thing that one can plug a relation  $(1, 2, 3)$  into directly, without having to go back to

$$(3x_i + 2y_i = z_i) = [1|2|3|4|5|6|7] \times (3, x_i, +, 2, y_i, =, z_i)$$

- i.e. thru th. set. There should be a more direct way to retain 3, +, 2, =, in their proper positions. How to do it: see 289.01

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Consider  $x_1 + 2x_2 = 3x_3$ . For (several values of  $i$  e.g. as examples)

$$= [1|2|3|4|5|6|7] \times (x_i, +, 2, =, 3)$$

We must give "2" a much higher priority than th. set of all integers — similarly with "3". Otherwise th. predictions for  $x + 2x = \square\square$  would be

$\infty x, \dots, 1x, 2x, 3x, \dots, \infty x.$

In general in this sort of thing, th. priority of a set must be < that of any of its elements components. This can be assured if one has th. special operation, in which / a set of objects can be x'nd into a set of individual objects; each individual U, and each

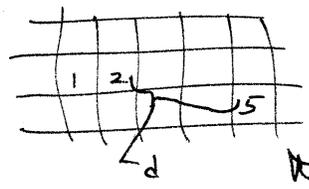
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individual  $U_{appri} \rightarrow$  th.  $U_{appri}$  of th. set of objects.

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A ~~mode~~ Mode by which I would like NMTM to work in changing U's of str, ntp, ngm, in time. If an ~~abs~~ abs ( $\equiv$  pugm) has been useful for a period of time, then it ~~is~~ is not useful for a long time — then I would want its U to go down rather slowly, since abs's that have once been useful, tend to be useful again. — even tho they may be rather un-useful for a while.

15 On th. "closeness" rule for str. It is felt that the distance "d" should be a major contributor to th. decrement of  $U_{appri}$  with distance, but that th. difference betw. 5 and 2 should be something irrelevant. I.e. th. 5 (skipping 3 and 4) can



be performed by permuting, repeating or omitting operations on th. ntp that th. str. operates on. — it should be done before th. str. is used.

Essentially, then, a str. may consist of only a set of ~~no~~ squares with integers in them, but no repetitions or omissions.

It is, perhaps, possl. to get along with binary str only. E.g., to get

$x_1 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_1$ , one would first use

$$\boxed{1|1|2} \text{ on } (x_1, x_1), \text{ then } \rightarrow \boxed{1|1|2} \times (x_1, \boxed{1|1|2} \times (x_1, x_1)).$$

A trouble mite be experienced with getting th. ngm  $x_i \oplus y_i \oplus z_i$  from th. ntp  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$  96.06

from 2.7.21 we can use  $N_1 = 3B + 2B = 5B$

and  $N_2 = 3X + 2Y + Z$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times (N_1, N_2) = 3X + 2Y + Z ; \quad 3B + 2B = 5B$$

This ambiguity is rather irrelevant and disconcerting. Perhaps this idea of str. isn't so hot.

A rather strange, tho perhaps useful way to get these substitutions: multiply  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$  by

the set  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , etc.

i.e. the set of all linear str., in which we have the order 1, 2, 3. We get an ~~in~~  $[N_i^0]$

we can multiply which we can use with

$$N_1 = (3B + 2B) = 5B$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times (N_1, N_2^0) =$  all poss. substitutions of  $x_i, y_i, z_i$  in that order. Unfortunately, there will be many irrelevant ~~substitutions~~  $u, v, w$  resulting, but maybe they can be elim. somehow.

Actually, if one were given the ~~problem~~  $q.e.d.$ :

$$3X_3 + 2Y_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \quad & \quad \end{bmatrix} \text{ one could give only}$$

~~substitutions~~  $Z_3 = 3B$  or  $Z_3 = 2B$  as

correct answers.

## Gen. Methodological Notes:

On page <sup>Dart N.B.</sup> 99) are a bunch of imp. things that must be done for future T.M. work. Th. foll. seems to be clear: It would be well to work up some good MTM's that used ~~some~~ ~~abstract~~ abstraction sets and hier order sets. Concurrent with this (before or after) work out details of NMTM.

They work out self-improvement program.

Keep eyes open for kinds of methods that need not be built in - open loop, but would arise when T.M. began trying to improve itself.

Also, work out present T.M. in somewhat greater detail than in Th. report. Use  $U_{ij} \rightarrow \frac{c_{ij}}{T}$  and actually ~~compute~~ compute Th. changes in  $U$ 's, using some simplified approximation method.

List various important groups of problems from 99).

- E.G.
- 1) NMTM
  - 2) Self-improvement T.M.
  - 3) Detailed mechanics of present T.M., with no abs. sets, or ~~sets~~ hier order sets. General improvements.
  - 4) a) abs. sets  
b) hier order sets.
  - 5) Physical realization of T.M.
  - 6) General remarks on <sup>overall.</sup> T.M. philosophy.

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exceptions over  $C_1 - C_2$ ). The only trouble, is that in using  $ngms$  from  $C_1$ , one is "safe" - but one ~~to~~ would be losing out on specialized  $ngms$  that hold over  $C_2$  only.

A  $ngms$  that has been used much over  $C_1 - C_2$  and little over  $C_2$ , should be  $gn$ . a rather small  $U$ .

An example of  $\square$  is  $\square$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . " $=$ " even set of examples.  $\square$  is of low  $U$  in  $C_1$ , ~~because~~ because of " $s$ ", but it is O.K. for  $C_2$ .

Present orientation: That it would be O.K. to use  $C_1$  (averaging over all cases). If there are some  $ngms$  that work over  $C_2$  but not over parts of  $C_1$ , then T.M. should make ~~more~~ more complex  $ngms$  that ~~are~~ apply only to ~~some~~ possl. members of  $C_2$ . This orientation is still tentative.

How to assign " $U$ " is a big question. I think that this should be tentatively done by using  $C_2$  only.

~~Two~~ Two closely related problems:

1) suppose we have  $1 \square$  with a  $ngms$  count of 10, and 2 "cases". [see α90 and α91 for defs. of " $ngms$ " and " $ngms$  count"] [cases are  $q$  elements (see α89 for def. of " $q$  element") to which that  $ngms$  applies] suppose we have  $2 \square$  with a  $ngms$  count of 5; and 4 cases. If we are  $gn$  ~~to~~  $q$  element with

$1 \square$  ~~in~~ in it, how shall we predict?

2) If we have a  $ngms$  with  $1 \square$  and  $1 \square$  in it, how shall we predict  $1 \square$ ? Look at th. relative wts. of these 2  $ngms$ .

Discu: Both of th. above ~~are~~ will not happen often. Reason If a  $q$ -element is always followed by th. correctly completed element, such th.  $ngms$  causing trouble will be ~~immediately~~ immediately eliminated. If not, such  $ngms$  should have a high mortality rate. (A  $ngms$  dies when a counter example is found.)

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in R. most recent, extensive work on B.G. - from ~ X889 to X892, and X893 to X898 - also much comment on ~~pages~~ pages following X898. I think f(M) = "aprip" of n. ngmst.

Anyway, say one has ~~pick~~ r examples of this  $\square$  ngmst. One <sup>also</sup> has v ~~ex~~ examples (v >> r) of a ngmst. averaged over all sgs. One then has  $F_1(v, x)$  probability of at least x "good" members of R's first ngmst.

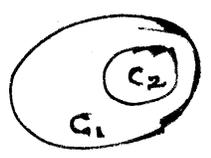
One has  $F_2(v, x)$  proby of at least x "good" membs. of R. second ~~ngmst~~ ngmst. How do  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  cross-couple?



The over-all average / <sup>case = C1</sup> is at least as reliable as R. strict  $\square$  case.  $\equiv C_2$  This is because th. only imp. things are counter examples.  $C_1$  has all of  $C_2$  ~~as~~ as special cases, so  $C_1$  has ~~over~~ all  $C_2$ 's opportunities for counter examples, plus many extra.

Th. ~~real~~ real q. is whether to ~~pay~~ pay much attention to ~~cases of C2 with no counter~~ ngms that have no ~~counter~~ counter examples / <sup>in C2</sup> but do have ~~counter~~ counter examples in  $C_1$ .

It would seem that R. above argument is ~~more~~ most directly applicable to Math T.M. (~~with~~ with no probabilistic elements) - but is probably also applicable to R. more general case.



There seems to be somewhat of a paradox here. Apparently in  $C_1$ , we get a larger sample size than in  $C_2$ . But  $C_1$  ~~is~~ is ~~more~~ at least as reliable for prediction as  $C_2$  is. Th. problem seems to be

that ~~we must have~~ all ~~ngmsts~~ ngmsts. satisfying  $C_1$  are O.K. for  $C_2$ . ~~and~~ In fact, ngmsts that hold over  $C_1$  can be expected to be more reliable than those which hold only over  $C_2$  (~~and~~ and with some