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— woops: 538.35 mentions a notation; also 538.25 mentions PSG Notation used in Info & Control Paper!

Genl notes: At Dart 538 / Ap 20, 62 I didn't have a notation for PSG coding much less the concept of UPPSG's (unipoly parsed). I wanted such a notation for the "non-demens." PSG's — because they appeared to be quite strong.

Perhaps it would be well to look into this! i.e. non-dimensional UPPSG's mite be good enuf for Bootstrapping after relatively little "hyly planned" trg. seq.

→ The genl. idea here is ≈ TMp 1160.20 (Plans).

My present Idea is that I'd like to have a fairly good idea of TM's trg. seq. — i.e. the lang. used as well as the problems — such that they could lead to pgm optzn (i.e. looking for ways to improve pgms of various sorts. — make up examples of pgms with redundant or slow sections in them. Make examples of pgms by poor pgmrs v.s. expert pgmrs. (for same problem).

To sort of play down the BS idea — First get an open loop TM that works fairly well — that I can intelligently watch in action. A BS TM would probably use [illegible] too confusing for me to understand. This idea of starting a "minimal" BSTM with a long Trg. seq. and expecting it to learn to be very brite "eventually", is rather unreasonable, since I probably wouldn't be able to design good trg. seqs. for it — I could just give it ordinary math books to read, but I don't have any idea as to how long it
.30 would take for it to "get off the gnd." (cf TM 692.1 - 692.3)

There was also some fairly recent stuff I wrote on the prob. of trying to get a very brite TM not to devr. the outside world. One way to prevent this was to use a rather simple Goal toy — so it would get recnf. for 1 input of the TM — and ∴ not be tempted to do "[illegible] outside world."

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51 : 702.5.40 What I really want, now, is an index, ~~telling~~ listing various impt. ideas, ~~…~~ telling where they ~~are~~ were discovered and where they are treated.

Th. discovery pt. is impt., because certain work is usually unimpt. (and more or less skipable) if it ~~…~~ is about a problem that had later been solved in a much better way.

One impt. idea: Th. PSG ~~…~~ ~~written~~ coding notation used in Th. F and C paper; Dart 467.10 – 468.19

Th " " " " " was writ'n March 62 — It is mentioned in th. past at PSGd 543.02 — i.e. Ap 21, 62.

Dart 538.01,

Dart 468.20 starts this notation for ~~a~~ non-dim. PSG's — says PSGd ~~…~~ 543.01–545.4 is better — it is — ~~…~~ A very general non-dim. PSG is defined, ~~…~~ (Also see TM β 218.01ff (PSGd) for very general PSL.) in which practically anything is possl. — Examples are given of how these genl. ideas are to be used for "MT programs and other complex programs".

So — perhaps what I had in mind: ① To devise a fairly good trng. seq. leading up to problems in pgm. optzn ② to try to get TM's "work" to be in th. form of finding th. programs for non-dim. PSG's. ③ Try to get a ~~…~~ PSG discy pgm — and generalize it to non-dim PSG's.

A basic problem here is — can I express my intuitive ideas on how ~~…~~ I solve th. trng. seq. in th. form of non-dim. ~~…~~ PSG discy?

Plans 399.30ff — dcrn. of part of a trng. seq. — (up to simult. line. eqs)

Th. idea of ZTB.143 (§2): ① that I would first make an MTM (MTM: only 1 correct answ. to Q's), then perhaps ② a TM that gave proby. distribns for possl. answs. Then ③ An RTM (recurft T.M.).

Th. Trng. seq. would be > ③ would work on pgm. optzn — with resp. to an arby. criterion.

A basic idea was that ~~…~~ ① was not very far from ③ — i.e. they were ~~…~~ very similar.

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1. Importance of devising good lngs. to communicate to TM with.
2. " of getting TM to work probs close to str. of English.
3. Possy. of using Newell-Simon GPS or EPAM or some other partly worked out system, as a "springboard" — since genl. input-output lngs will be a big problem.
4. Could LISP be used for genl. communication (input, output) as well as internally to TM?
5. ..

There are many possl. forms of TM: (1) One most powerful form is RTM (recntf. TM). Here, th. "correct" soln. of th. prob. is for TM not to try to get a low pcost op. that gives good G over past/known in-out pairs. Instead, th. opt. approach is el. — ie., to determine th. possl. forms of th. G function, and to optz. th. op. with resp. to that — as well as expected future inputs. One will probly, hwr., use a more direct, superficially less el. approach.

(2) Pure induction machines: a) Acceptable in-out pairs are gn. to TM. — for a gn. new input, he must make a probby distrib. over possl. outputs and print out th. best 3 or 4 possys (say).

b) It may be in th. form of th. completion of a sub-corpus — as in ZTB 128.

SN: It is my impression that much of th. above discn. was gone into in much detail in old "Plans"; BS, JS, and perh

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703.5.40 To construct a Tng. seq. — work backwards:

Start out with a dscn. of a TM that would be an acceptable sub-goal: Some things it would do:

1). Understand and ans. in English. Actually, English is fairly ambig. for in-out put. Thus I will probly. use more exact langs. Th. main pt. of understanding Eng., is so TM can read ordinary books.

2) TM will have several modes of operation. For each prob. gn. to TM, th. mode will be specified. Some mode specifications: a) Which corpus shall be used? - i.e. specify a bunch of sub-corpi. Various sets of these sub-corpi will be gn. various names. b) ZTB 128 mode (≡ MTM): i.e. find "best" (≡ most likely) element(s) for th. specified pts. of th. input pattern. c) RTM mode: After TM gives reply, give th. G value accorded th. assoc. in-out pair. This G value may be gn. much later, or not at all. d) Read Eng mode: for input of books, papers, ect. — purely for data input. This data can become part. of a corpus to be specified in a (later problem (see a)). e). Answ. in Eng." mode: A corpus is specified, and a Q. in Eng. is gn. for input. TM tries to answ., and may or may not be gn. a G for th. answ -

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Actually, I think that I could get a fairly good BSTM w.o. having it do English. i.e. get it able to work on its own improvement — Then give it problems in PSG and w.o. and non-dim. PSG's.

So - as a first step; th. TM would be able to:
Give "best" possl. completion to a gn. corpus. (≈ MTM).
Give probty for any proposed completion of a gn. corpus, (re other possl. completion). (NMTM)

completion of a corpus of highest expecta (for gn. input), output of "

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: 704.40 : If I want a "in-out (operator) type TM for R. TM, perhaps for 1: and 2:

1) Give "best" or "most likely" output assoc. with gn. input (or print top N best outputs)

2) " probty of any possl. output " " " " "

3) Give output of hy. most expected G, for gn. input (or give top N best outputs)

4) " probty of any particular G, for gn. output and gn. input.

SN This seems to simplify a previous idea I had on BSTM — i.e. that he had to have some idea of R. future inputs, in order to make a good estimate of an optimum guess for R. probty of any G as a funct. of R. (in-out) pair. No such estimate of future inputs is necy., if one has lots of time after each problem input is given. If one wants a ready-made functional form (operator) to be used quickly when an input appears, - then it would be advisable for TM to have some idea as to what future inputs were to be.

Note that if 3) is solved, 3) may not be — since R. no. of possl. outputs may be too large for an exhaustive search to be made.

Similarly, if 2) is solved, 1) may not be.

— So 1, 2, 3 and 4 are all related, the non-existing problems — i.e. no one completely solves any of them once.

R. prob. of just what we want in a H.C.T.M is discussed at length in J5 e/o BS. I think R. idea is — gn. a set of input objects, with their assoc. G values, HCTM has to either (1) propose a new object of hy expected G or (2) propose a test object, so that knowing its G would get a veryhy. G obact as soon as possl." This enables TM to "do experiments" — and there is how this might become dangerous.

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: 706.40 : Seems to me that I have several slitely difrnt. TM types in mind, here.

1) R TM : tries to give response of hyest "expected" G. (Or some other fun. of G may be used).

2) HCTM : Given a set of objects with their G's (a) to find a new object of max. expected G or (b) to propose a new test object, so that knowing its G would help in (a).

Various situations with regard to cost of testing new proposed objects. If cost is very hy, few or no expts. are done; " " " " low, many expts. may be done — or not depending on nature of the problem.

Also, a somewhat difrnt situation, in which the G mechanism is "open" to TM — (so an exhaustive search would be theoretically possl. — tho usually impractical).

Also, Note: I probably don't need a very sophisticated HCTM, to start off. Probly a good enuf goal at first: to have its output be an object that has as hy as possl. a probty of a G > that of any previous known object. So it would try to find objects of both hy expected G and large σ_G (with the obvious trade-off betw. the 2).

MTM or NMTM (these are predn. TM's — MTM is gn. probs. w/ only 1 rite answ. (which simplifies evaln. of proposed codes a bit.), and NMTM (non-Math TM) is for ordinary probty probs) — can be used for MT or IR, with fair effectiveness.

Also, MTM and NMTM can be simulated by many TM's in that is operator form — i.e. examples are gn. in which the config. with pointer to be predicted symbol is by □, say — ; and the output, is or "desired" symbol at that pt

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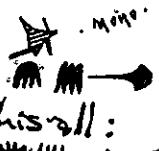

1:07.40: Another way to look at this all: Consider all outputs of hy G", and, gn. an input, ask TM to find an output that is most likely to have "hy G".

A somewhat more refined way to view this: G has, say, only 2 or 3 levels, and we want an output / assoc. with th. highest most likely to be level.

It is clear that even in a very exact sense, we can use a "predicting TM" for RTM work — e.g.: say we quantize G into 4 or 5 levels — then we ask for several outputs that will (most likely) give th. highest 2 or 3 levels of G. Then we get th. G prob. by distrib. (d) for each of these outputs, and from those we can select good output trial(s).

Th. impl. Q. is not so much th. formal # equiv. of RTM formalized, quantified and pred. TM, — but th. Q. is — will th./intuitive ideas that I have for either be directly applicable to OR. other? — I think so!

E.G. in → RTM, one heur. is to consider all (i,o)'s of hy G, and try to find a long for them that avoids ≥ (i,o)'s of low G.

In → NMTM, if we want an "output" corresp. to an "input", & th. pair has hy G, I think we could use th. same Gruen. construction technique.

In fact — with a NMTM — if we only had 2 levels of G ("Good" & "Bad"), we could still make a fairly good RTM, and our heurs would be very close (when not identical) to those used for a "regular" RTM.

We have, apri th. fact that if a gn. output is hy G, it is simultly low G. So (I_1, O_2, G_{hy}) and (I_2, O_2, G_{lo}) are incompatible. — Tho if we stipulate sharp incompatibility may be too disturbed if we make a mistake in so let TM "discover" that th. incompatibil

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:708.40 : A trouble with the 2 levels of G. Say TM has given us a G1 of fairly hy G, but we want something better. All we can do then, is tell TM he was correct, but that we want another, diffrnt Output of hy G.

One way is to use 3 or 4 levels of G, and never use the top level! — but the top level automatically means something better than previous outputs for that same input. This particular situation ("betterment"), will, eventually, have a large no. of previous cases (triplets or quads or more — e.g. 1 input and 2 or more outputs; followed by an output that is "better than" any of the previous outputs). As soon as several outputs for a gn. input have been obtained, the client should try to order the outputs and give this info to TM. From that info, he can make several examples of "betterment."

If much "hill climbing" is to be done, hrr., 20 suggests that one mite as well let G be a continuous magnitude, since, if we want to give TM "G order info" about a set of outputs this is equiv to assigning a continuum of G values to them. If we do have continuous G, TM can still use the same "simple" heurs that were used to get hy G outputs. G had only 2 values.

In a more general sense, I should be able to take any problem type, and explicate and quantify my methods of solving it — in a way that could use practically any corpus type to help find posits of various symbols, operators, ect.

This takes us back to 70A.01 — i.e. what sort of TM do we want to ... goal, before we ask it to improve itself and before ... ord. English.

Tu. Feb 11, 64 TMS ←

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1: 7.09.40 ! Say self-improvement comes befor understanding English. If we want [redacted] this sub-Goal TM to be able to "improve pgms" — what sort of pgms should it try to "improve" — and for what kind of G ?

.05 — Perhaps a simple MT pgm. or a Q answering pgm. (like Bobrow's) or a PSEUDOP pgm., or more complex Grammatical type or MT learning pgms with fairly complex grammars. possl.

A "simple" Q answering TM could do anything! — i.e.

.09 we could ask it "to" do proofs, computations of integrals, translations of ss from simplified Eng. to Symb. logical lang, solve "word probs." in math., select Chess moves, etc. [redacted] Th. requests mainly a single for each of these types of probs. can shift TM into a new regime — but he can use Th. or other corpi — or parts of them, that he finds

.18 useful (or coding techniques from them).

"Improving Th. pgm" means ⓐ faster, results ⓑ less mem. used ⓒ More "accurate" results (less total cost of coding Th. corpus).

We can give TM certain "free" facts — These amount to "eternal truths" — e.g. like certain symbols can follow certain others — and that every definite integral must have an upper and lower limit, and various definitions of various objects.

We can either give TM these facts in a special format (which, he learns, is always "correct"), or just somehow build these facts into TM's coding system, by giving him "free" symbols at certain pts — i.e. as if Th. sample had been infinite for these particular "facts".

SN Th. above idea of "free" facts inserted into Th. corp can be made the basis of answering various problems involving the basis of Math.

In the category of "free facts", is Th. choice of the original Uni "free facts" can be taken under this category.

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1:710.40: Th. idea of 710.05–.18 seems an o.k. subgoal: A purpose predn. T.M., operating in an input-output manner, with many "modes". With each problem a mode index ~~symbol~~ no. would be pgm., that would tell what sort of thing was desired – e.g. whether M T, answ. in Eup., evaln. of arith., soln. of diff. eqs., proof of Rrm., etc. or a "G" maxen. Sub-corpi with th. same index ~~was~~ no., would be categorized alike and would use same coding methods; — the IM could and would use some cross-coupling info betw. subcorpi.

10 Actually, using this "mode no.", we could have a special ~~state~~ mode no. when a optzn. of a certain param. was desired.

E.g. N_0 Δ Eval would be this type of input.

N_0 is th. mode no. of this type of input

Δ " a punctuation symbol (it may be a space).

Eval is a string.

Th. nature of this problem is: Given a certain machine M_1, to find a string (= pgm.) X, ∋ M_1(Eval ⌢ X) = a no. which is as large as possl.

Here Eval, th. evaln. mechanism is "open" to TM.

What I'd like more, is simply th. input symbol, N_0. ← index no.

Previously, th. index N_0 was assoc. with th. strings, X_i, and th. G value G_i — i.e. $N_0 \Delta X_i \Delta G_i$.

TM tries to find a probable $X_j \Delta G_j$ ∋ G_j > th. largest previous G_i.

I could simply set G_j to some value > th. largest previous G_i, then give TM the pure induction problem $N_0 \Delta \square \Delta G_j$

(TM must find ~~the~~ a set of probable contents for "□"

→ There is also th. case of partial openness of th. G

knows that spaced is impt.; but th. rest of th

[illegible], but must be induced — similarly,

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21: 711.4.0: is desirable

→ Note: since all "hours" that are reorderings of trials, amount to a reevaln. of probys. of various trials — than it should be possl. to introduce each such hour by changing Th. interpretations and Th. probys. of Th. symbols in Th. trials, and use Bernl's obs. for Th. trials (or for Th. codes of Th. trials)

Make more detailed descns. of various "Modes" (like those of 710.09 -18 and 711.10-.37 in particular).

Also, try describe exactly what I do when I try to optz. a pfm. with resp. to an "open" or "partly open" or "closed" Gore — than try to express this in a way that is either a ordinary predn. TM prob., or if it is an entirely new mode of operation, but that it uses Th. prosts of coding ideas that Th. ordin predn. TM used in its ordinary behavior mode.

Now, suppose I had a predn. TM, with an input-output types format. I could do a kind of RTM, since Th. hill-climbing, pfm optimization idea of 711.10-.37 is identical to what an RTM does. Th. main difference is that in RTM, usually Th. G funct. is not "open" to TM, while in Th. pfm. optzn., it may be completely open (i.e. G is a funct of speed, mem. used, and "accuracy" prosts). Th. idea of 711.35-.37 is probly "good enuf" for much work. When I work out some actual attempted solns., I will also get some good ideas on how to improve this mode of operation.

One of Th. main problems will be explication of various of my heur ideas, and putting them in a form that is useable to TM. For this Th. simple arith. math TM will be a v.g. "study prob".

I think that a pure predn. TM would be fairly adequate for any sort of H.C. or RTM prob. that might arise — since TM can be el'd with predn. basis Th. crit.

At very worst, any prob. can be solved by asking "I do next"?

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Plang

01: 712.40 : So: First I want to make a rough outline of the various stages of TM development leading to a fairly useful device. Then fill in more and more details.

Anyway, at present my impression is that a theorly adequate subgoal would be Th. creation of a pure predn. TM., having both discrete and continuous "input" and "output". Until I find a better way to use it as a RTM, use (≡ hill climber), I can use Th. technique of 711.10-.3 > : Hvr. we can use $N_1 \Delta I \Delta G$ as "input to Th. TM" (N_1 is Th. mode No.; I is an input string that asks a Q; G is a G value hyer than any ever gn. better for any $N_1 \Delta I \Delta$ [redacted] : ϕ is an output string that attempts to answer I; Δ is punctuation

DEF PTM (Prediction TM) : This is about Th. same as Dart TM., hvr., PTM will try to have ① outputs of hy Proby ② perhaps be able to give approx. values of some hy p (or even low P) outputs ③ can deal with both continuous and discrete data.

A perhaps impt. pt. : One method of finding codes for a gn. corpus, is to simply try codes at random, as input to Turmac, until one hits correct ones. More sophisticated, is to count symbols in Th. corpus and use Th.) Bern. code (simple). This, clearly, is far faster, and is ∴ a "heuristic." Now — can I characterize all (or almost all types of) heurs. as consisting of a Bern code on certain symbols — (but with Th. signif. of the symbols considerably modified)? .....

Th. construction of Bern. codes seems to differ profoundly fr. Monte Carlo construction of codes (to solve arithmetization) outlined in ZTB 143

Perhaps Th. commonest kind of heur. is one that mantles () on Th. corpus and reorders Th. triple

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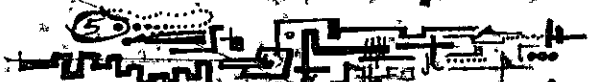
01: 713.40: with that info. This is in the spirit of R. operator-observer-algebra machine discussed some time ago. Ops. and obs are combined to make new obs. and ops, and the results of the obs control what is to be done next — (i.e. ob, or op). Some sort of score was kept, as a sort of correln. matrix.

Present state of problem: I have several techniques of induction that, presumably, I can derb. in the ob-op formalism. They are ① Bern seq. ② ZTB 14.1 ③ Constrn. of PSG's for induction. ④ Use of subsn. rule for induction (w. or w.o. ... or w. or w.o. temporal ordering of rules. ⑤ 

On the other hand, it isn't clear as to what relations they have to my normal, intuitive "methods of induction".

SN methods 1, 2, 3, 4 could perhaps be implemented by "2gm recognizers" and "2gm recognizers" of hyer orders — so they all might be fairly ~.

"Another" idea: To write a trg. seq.; then write R. solutions to the probs.; then try to express the solns. in a lang. using a small set of "words". Then see whether these "solns." are "reasonable hypoths." at each of. in the trg. seq. If not, insert interpolators into the trg. seq. to reduce R. "jump size".

Hvr: For any trg. seq. and any set of solns, if a "complete" lang. to try to find solns., it will be "... estimator of R. jump size" ...

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1: 7 14.40 probs. in Pr. typ. seq.

One could just start with a set of diff. probs. that one would want a "fairly brite" TM to work with their solns. Then write a typ. seq. leading up to them, with not-too-large jumps between successive probs.

SN] One common search "method" is: One has a bunch of possl. regularities that one is testing, to see if any apply to Pr. corpus, with soft. = freq. to warrant their costs of defn.. Instead of testing them all, one observes, e.g., that Pr. seq. "ab" just occured. One then sets up a "ab" detector, and if "ab" occurs again within a certain time, one takes it more seriously. If it does not occure after another certain time, one drops Pr. "ab" detector and uses the same hardware to construct a detector for some other symbol that has just occured.

In general, I think I can express all T.M. probs. as "search" probs. For pure induction probs., this amounts to finding regularities that have a descr. cost << Pr. descr. cost of a direct coding, which uses, say, Pr. Bern. code = method. For H.C. probs., we first want a soln. to Pr. prob. of finding G as a funct. of (I, O.) — this part is considered to be solved when one has found such a funct. that fits previous data and has a total descr. cost < that of some "direct coding" method. After G funct. is found, one can then try to find a O ⇒ G(I, O) is max. (I = being Pr. present input).

SN] There is some Q. about the role of hours. in Pr. of 7 14.30 ff: Do hours simply have the effect of reordering trials that they can be equiv. to modifying Pr. a priori? Actual, hvr, hours involve more than reordering on Pr. new apriori. They also reorder on

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Plan

1: 715.40: "ease" of making a trial — ("ease" usually means "speed — tho it may sometimes involve amt. of memory used).

Th. idea of any heur, is usually to accumulate as much aspect. as possl. — in terms of Th. total aprip of Th. objects tried — in a fn. amt. of time. (with passing respect to total mem. used).

This may not be entirely correct. — remember, one is looking not only for a code that fits, but one wants also, a code that fits, that is of as low pcost as possl.

In searching, retain Th. "code nos." or some sort of a branched tree of Th. (o, say, 1 best codes thus far — along with Th. pcost of each. After each trial, see if Th. pcost of that trial is > Th. pcost of Th. worst trial retained thus far. Using Th. 10 best codes for preda., will give a better predn. than just using Th. best code. — also, knowledge of these alternate codes will be useful when "backtracking"

What I can do: Make a big list of math. probs. that I could get TM to work: e.g. Arith eval.: Solving Nequs. in Wunks. — first linear, then quadratic — then cubic, quartic... proofs of Theorems; Soln. of Trig. identities; formal integration (like Slagle).

In any of these probs., if Th. method for working any one of those probs. is softly "close" to Th. methods for previous probs, (i.e. say < 10^6 trials nec.) then we can say that TM has made a signif. induction" ~~advantage~~

However, if ~~Th.~~ only < 10^6 trials are nec., perhaps any human Th. induction "trivial"! — Or, maybe it will o... a human if < 100 trials are needed.

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7/6.40 is certainly of very much interest! It would seem, that if I do incorporate all of the human hours into TM at a pt., that the "° of supprize" at TM's induction should be an↑ function of the reost of the induction only! Then the Q is — how big must the reost be for us to feel a relat. amt. of "creativity" has taken place?

Lets go back a bit. Consider formal integration: its like Thm. proving: i.e. One has a set of permissable xfmns, and one has to make a string of them ⇒ the result satisfies a certain criterion (i.e. the permissable xfmns are alg. equivs. and the criterion is, that the result/last function is in a list of functs. ⇒ one knows how to integrate these functs.

In Thm. proving, the "list of xfmns" involves the post set and thm. set used. The "criterion" is that the result be the Thm. one has to prove.

Also in Integ, one can make a guess and see if the derivative is the expression to be integrated, but we can skip this type of heuristic and see how far we can go.

Anyway, it's not clear to me as to how these types of probs. can be expressed as running thru a list of trials - each trial being of known aprip:

~~Integ. seems more~~ Integ. and thm. proving seem more like (a) Appling and ob. to some object (b) then on the basis of what the ob (seriation) results in — deciding what op. to apply to what object(s).

Well... Yes, but: Say one of these trials is "apply Ob_1 if the result is ", apply Op_2 if the criterion is satisfied.

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1: 717.40 : We can write this as $Op_i(X) \equiv Op_{(Ob_i(X))}(X)$ (expression to be integrated)

(i.e. $Ob_i(X)$ determines the subscript of Op).

(Note that if $Ob_i(X)$ can = 1, we have a recursive, LISP-like defn., that will not converge).

Anyway, we have, as our method of formal integration a bunch of operators like Op_1 and we try them in succession until one of the results satisfies the criterion".

The problem for TM, is to invent operators like Op_1, using some basic vocabulary. These ops can be invented as TM continues along the Tape seq.

SN | This Op_1 defn. can be defined in fortran w.o. any trouble : say Ob_1 always has an integer ≤ 5 as output.

(woops — if $Ob_1(X) = 1$, the defn. cannot converge! for $Ob_1(X) = 1$, the defn. reduces to $Op_1(X) = Op_1(X)$.)

Anyway, I should look at integ. and theor proving (say look at Slagel and Simon-Newell) to see if I can fit these methods into my schema.

My, apriori impression is that both are pretty much like anyone's intuitive methods of doing anth. evaln., equ. soln., etc. — i.e. one looks at the state of affairs with certain obs., and the results control one's ops. — one then uses new obs, etc. to control new ops, etc. The routine, itself is fixed, w.o. any "trial", in the simple sense. The construction of the over-all operator, however, proceeds by trial and to a large extent. —

For integration (and probly many other types of probs) — say an op that solves all probs in the tape seq. up we get a new prob. where the tape seq. — what to do? well, find out

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01:718.40 : prob. differs from th. old set. Get an ob. that can pick out th. new type of prob. (along, possibly, with some of th. old), and devise a new method for this new type — probably th. new method's str. will be related to th. nature of th. new ob — i.e. th. nature of th. difference betw. th. new prob. and th. old ones.

Note th. nature of the entire prob.: At each pt. in the top seq. we want an op. that is of min. cost, that "works." th. entire". To do this, we usually take an op. that works most of th. seq., and modify it slightly to work some new probs. Often this will work, but sometimes we will have to "backtrack."

At any rate, th. dcrn. of our "total op" at any pt., will not be very big — so it wouldn't have many "statistics", in it to help control choices of new modifications. Th. choice of new modifications will have to be made on th. basis of ① my reasoning ② statistics of th. ops. for th. solu." of other probs. from Arith. evaln., theorem proving, eq. solving, etc.

Note that this "pooling" of statistics proceeds very naturally when we use th. "Mode No." idea of Ill. 01 & f. We have a ob. that recognizes what mode is necy., and shifts th. machine to th. proper sub-operator. There is a tree-like str. to these operators, so th. PSG notation will probly be used for cost evaln. — I suspect th. uniform method will have to be used; since th. old method probly gives wrong results (i.e. P_{AB} must be $> \epsilon P_A$ P_B for $\hat{AB}$ can be defined) — (That perhaps it doesn't make much difference, since th. samples will usually be small.).

At any rate, this ob-op idea is very close intuitively, so it should make explicit

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01: 719.40: intuition easier.

~~A trouble with R.PSG notation: sub-trees do not nec~~

A possl. trouble with R.PSG notation: If 2 sub-trees are identical, they will have corresp. sub-segns in R. dcrn. — but if one sees 2 identical sub-segs. in R. dcrn, they don't nec'ly corresp. to identical sub-trees!

Actually, R. integers in R. dcrns are just "choice" indications and coincidence of 2 such sub-segs. in a dcrn can be a "heuristic indication" of identity of sub-trees, but little more — i.e. it would save time in [redacted] in finding identical sub-trees

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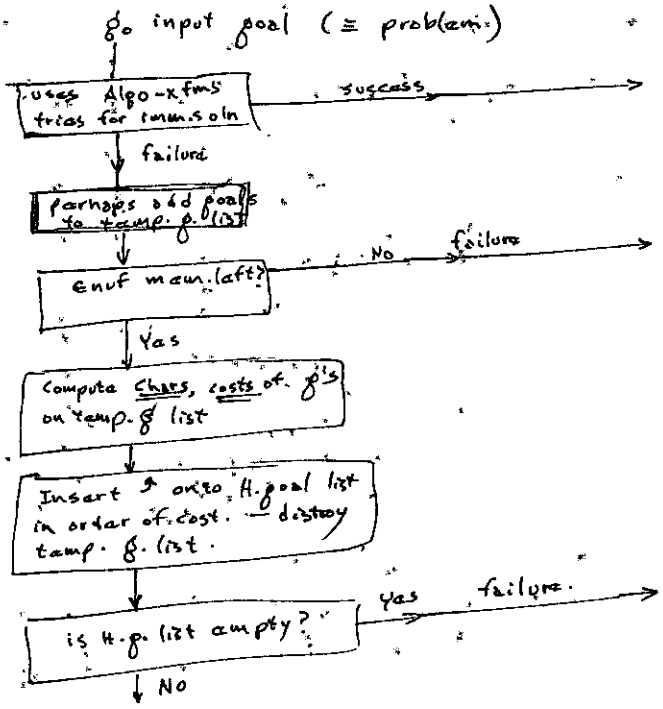
Slagle's Symbolic Int.-pgm. ("SAINT")

In Feigenbaum and Feldman, p. 19# ff.

What I want is a good descrn. of M. method, so I can consider M. prob. of "learning" it + using a suitable thg. seq.



Slagle : "SAINT"

01:721.40 : The Slagle paper isn't clear on a few pts. — so I'll outline a possl. method or methods, and see if some statements he makes can decide b them.

My impression is that S. Jim's pgm. is pretty much th. folg: Take th. input expression: Apply th. Algor. xfms: A.T.'s as far as possl., then look up in "standard form list". If they are all on list, prob. is solved. If not, put unlisted ones on Temp. Goal list, and get their characters, then put T.G.'s (with their chars) on Heur. Goal list.

Look at goal tree, and th. expected costs of various goals, then decide which is best to work on. (This should, ideally, involve analysis of chars. of each listed goal — since goals with certain chars. have appropriate Heur Xfms (H.T.'s) — that are more effective than other H.T.'s.)

.20 This whole problem of what to do next — costs of determining various
.21 characters, etc., is a standard, tho diff/lt. problem. — Assume one has statistics on th. effectiveness's of each of th. H.T.'s with resp. to each char. config.

So th. Big Qs are inventing:

1. Heur. Xfms.
2. Algorithmic xfms.
3. Characters.

it may be that (2) are [redacted] and small in no.. Jim used only 8 of them.

Various decisions on what to do next will be made on th. basis of expected use of mem. and of time. We can (as Jim did) assume fixed total mem. avail. and then try to min. Σ time.

If done in th. above way, using Jim's 1, 2, 3, th (that pgm. should be more economical than Jim's, and in some sense — ie, fewer wrong leads, few

such as th. prob. of .20 — .20 will b

1:722.40: no. (if not all) TM. probs., I can try to work out a soln. by hand of my own.

Various configs. of chars. can be correlated with Th. H.T.'s that are best for them. Th. "clumping" of chars. is something probly. solved in my "IR" work.

Slag's pgm. probably employs various "rough and dirty" "cavalier" solns. to Th. probs. of 722.20 - .21.

It would be well to look into Simon and Newell's GPS (Gen. prob. solver), and see if Slagle's, Th. L.T., Gelernter's, and other work, can all be put into Th. GPS form.

Hrr. even just Th. integrator has very basic, general probs. — e.g. How to learn decr. Th. Xfms and Chars. of 722.30-.32?

I could start Th. TM off with some of them, along with a "complete" logic — to then evol. Th. posits of each symbol, and use these posits to invent new trials. An impt. Q here, is whether Th. xfms and chars actually used, are of a form ⇒ random combin. could find them — or, is actual logical induction involving "understanding" necy?

So, perhaps stick with integration for a while, to look into .20 to .24 with a bit of quant. analy. Looking at Th. LISP expressions for some of these (722.30-.32) objects may help.

Th. work on Checkers (Samuel's) and Kalah (Silver, McCarthy) may be of interest. See if I can get them into Th. same form as Slagle's and "GPS". Note that Samuel's, by putting a little learning into Th. right places, was able to get a fairly cl

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01:723.40: It mite be expedient to adopt Sigoles or some other "cruder" soln: to Th. probs. of 722.20-.21, and optimize Th. x fmns of 722.30-.32 within this fixed, (non-optimum) framework. If Th. x fmns have enuf "scope of applicn", they can undo any badness in Th. "framework".

Note that I am now thinking of a RTM, in which it is Th. G funct. is fairly "open" to TM-learn partially elementalized. Th. RTM optzn. can proceed at a fairly rudementary level, by simply selecting out "entities" (= x fms, or chars) that are "reasonable", on Th. basis of a simple ZTB 14-1 ('Ngm) gramm or a uniparse PSG.

This addition of "learning" capability can ↑ Th. power of Th. machine very much — but only if Th. "entities" that would improve operation are accessable in a reasonable no. of trials — i.e. Th. inductive jump is not too large.

Symb. integn., Thrm. proving, alg. eq. solving, proving trig. identities, Geom. proving and dif. eq. solving can all be put in a form for GPS to solve, in terms of goals, sub-goals, chars. and heurs.

I mite be able to express Th. PSG discy. prob. in these terms i.e. a set of x fmns, etc.

From these probs., I can get an idea as to Th. no. of trials needed to devr. various heurs., and what sort of Thg. seqns. are needed. Of much impt. here, is Th. Q. of whether TM will actually have to "understand" Th. reasons behind Th. heurs before inventing them. If not, fine. If "understanding" is necy, I think this mite be equiv. to a hyer order TM.

Also of import.: Could such a TM improve its operation appreciably — also is such improvement ne[cessary]? TM str. can be devised so that self-

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01: 729.90: of "TM"

(C) Also of much impt. — could such a TM understand and read books in English?

In some earlier work on Rs (BS, or JS perhaps), I considered me as TM_2 / or TM_3. This involved looking at Rs. set of "successful" heurs, and trying to find general statistical rules for forming them.

So we have TM_1. He simply executes a pgm. to solve eqns, prove thms, etc. Some of his params at any time are his set of heurs. These are, in Rs. simple case, heur. xfms, algo. xfms and Chars. TM_2 looks at Rs. set of heurs., and their effectiveness, and proposes new heurs & discards old ones, in attempts to improve TM_1.

TM_2's particular mode of looking for regularities in Rs. set of successful heurs is, at first, fixed — probly a Bern seq. ; upon seq. of PSG type pramm. — But TM_3 (≡ me at first) looks for other regularities in Rs. good heurs and tries any other means of improving TM_2.

To get TM_1 to do TM_3 work: First I have to be TM_3 myself for a while, to find out just what sorts of abss. are used. Then, in TM_3 (and perhaps in TM_2), one can't afford to be very profligate with one's "Trials", since they cost a lot — so one will spend a lot of time looking for heurs that have, for various "logical reasons," very hy probty of being "accepta" or which have a very hy probty. of giving an A in TM_2.

Note, hvr, that in many, if not most cases, one doesn't need an entire run to decide on Rs. probable effect of Rs. new heur will be only occ

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pl: 725.90 : applicable, and so one will only have to run those cases in th. run. Also, one might e.g. use only those cases (to start off) in which th. old hours were either failures, or took too much time or mem.. In gen'l, there will be various tricks to reduce time spent on conforming efficacy of various trial hours

At th. present time, I am torn between 2 possible interim goals

(1) Getting a fairly good T.M. to be able to "understand" Eng. (i.e. reply in Eng. to Eng. Q's – using Eng. data)

(2) Getting a TM that can significantly improve itself.

What I may need at present, is a more complete descr. of a final. Fair "more final(")" T.M.

One thing that I'd like to be able to do with TM: Give him a graded seq. of math texts, starting with simple algebra, and work up to very complex math. Have him work th. problems in th. texts – some of which can be very "creative". One trouble is that even elementary math texts draw much material from th. "real world", and this might give TM some trouble. It would be interesting to see just which probs he has trouble with.

What I want, now, is an over-all view of th. expected future course of this TM work. I think that I know enuf to be able to draw up such an outline.

Also, I would sort of like, as soon as possible, some examples of working what look like "genuinely creative" problems.

There is some Q. as to whether I can really expect TM to understand Eng. text on a vast variety of topics with proper background. E.g. when I read

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01 : 226.40 : on art. Int. e.g., I usually have to translate it into my own set of concepts, before I can understand it. Anything less than that is partly rote memorization" and is of little value in individual

— So, before understanding a text on a subject, TM must, in some sense, have a conceptual vocab. for that subject. If he hasn't, he'll have to develope such a vocab, and this would be a very large conceptual jump, if he is to get a useful" vocab. of this sort —

What I want is a general "format", or pgm. form, ⇒ I can easily change problem types, insert new heurs, etc.

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① 2 possl. formats : ⓐ Predn.; ≡ (I, a) pairs.

ⓑ GPS - try to find seq. of xfmns ⇒ result satisfies criterion. — or, more generally, to find a string that satisfys certain criteria (i.e. the "search" prob.).

25 ② How MT and Q. answrg. and "understanding" reading can be put into R. form of ⓐ :

ⓐ "Understanding" reading : This is MT from R. input into symb. logic lang. — i.e. into a set of strings that states all R. "info" in R. input. Lack of Thg. segs. for learning this is by example.

ⓑ Q. answering : MT of a Q into a criterion for deciding if a pn. statement is an answ. and a criterion for an answ. within the symb. logic lang. of . The prob. of how to use info in R. symb. lang. for answ. R. Q is a type ⓑ (GPS) problem.

ⓒ MT : Involves xltn from Russ. (say) into symb. xltn. from symb. lang. into Engl. This method close to one used by humans. "discourse analysis"

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I am fairly sure that induction must be used in any good soln. to GPS or "search" prob — also, I think that any "search" can be expressed in a useful way as an induction problem. E.g. in 727.35 we have to make a search for solns. within th. symb. lang. To do this inductively, we can present th. fact that (only strings satisfying th. criterion are acceptable as a "free fact" — so TM has zero bcast for it. Then other heurs should be expressable as coding methods for TM$_2$ or TM$_3$.

Note that search probs are, in general, h.c. probs, and are not simple first order induction probs — but TM$_2$ or TM$_3$ type probs. — Tho I could make all search probs into first order ind. probs. by including th. search time and mem. used along with th. thing found, as part of th. total soln. Then I ask TM for a string that satisfies th. criterion, and has small soln. time. (Tho there is some recursivity here that may give some Q. as to whether this is measurable — i.e. "soln. time" includes time spent thinking about "soln. time.")

If I want to use th. "prediction form" for TM I'll have to look at a search prob. see if I can get th. ordinary heurs that Sim. and New. use, into th. proper form as coding methods. Also, I must see if it's possl. to use C.M.ii to generalz. these heurs (or any other "natural" ones) in an easy way.

One Genlzd. form of TM that would seem to incorporate th. "Mode no." TM of 711.01 : th. "H.C. mode; I just use any H.C. techniqs I can come to clear up any quant. difficulty

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.01: 728.40 ! In th. case of search probs (= GPS – symb. integn., thm proving again, just use a proper mode no., and write out an explicit rep of my own soln. methods.

(I could even have a chess a/o checkers mode !)

In all but th. H.C. mode, th. goal is fairly clear — one groups together all (probs and solns.) of that mode — and uses some cross mode coupling when expedient.

In H.C. mode, I usually use an approx. soln. (like 711.10-.90), but if trouble arises, I use a more exact soln. (e.g. one that tries to maximize th. probty of th. next trial having a G > that of any previous trial — or some such goal.)

DEF: The big advantage of this Poly Modal TM (PMTM), is that I can work any kind of TM problem any way I like, and make this operation part of PMTM. E.G., I can use all of Slagle's and Sim. New's heuristics in rather direct form.

Note: 727.25-728.01 have a very good idea toward th. etzn. of "learning to read".

At first, I will want TM to be able to answer English-text math probs. in Eng.

The next step – for Physics probs (or chem. probs.) will be much more diff't.

SN Note that all predn. probs can be expressed as search probs. — in th. form of finding a code a/o predn. method that will give min. cost to th. corpus. Th. advantage of exp. probs. in this form is that I can then use Sim. and pgm. for most of the work.

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:01: 729.40 : Some "kinds" of probs. That could corresp. to diffrnt modes of PM.TM : [Also see "Kinds of Langs." near early "Plans" for many examples.]

1). chess
2) checkers
3) Numerical T.S. predn. — each mental predn could use a diffnt. mode.
4) Eng → symbiologic MT
5) symb. log. → Eng MT.
6) Letter, no. recogn, pattn. discy. — for optical pick-up of Engl. text.
7) ΣTB 128 predn. (Arith TM ≡ MTM).
8) Symb. integration
9) Thm proving { logic / geometry } ∈ (note new "heor. of use of diagram").
10) & Trig. Identities
11) Simult. eq. (or just 1 equ.) solving.
12) I.R. (eg. "clumping" prob).
13) digital T.S. predn: (a) Basic Seq.
(b) ΣTB 1.41
(c) PSG's for predn.
14) Dcvrg. new heurs ≡ the TM$_2$ prob.
15) R.W. probs in → physical manipulation. Taking things apart and putting them together. Washing dishes. Soldering ckts. Setting up and performing physics/chem. expts. These probs. involve sensory f.B., so I must be careful not to let things get "out of hand" — i.e., "be sure that TM doesn't find any ways to get more direct f.B., w.o. doing what I want him to do.
16) Optical pickup of pictures, and R.W. info. —

Graphs for Physics texts.

Organic Chemical Synthesis. → spec 734.01 output TM's ou...
can be merely
a seq. of instructions on how to ...
a mechanical

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Explain

.01:730.40 :

DEF QI : (Question of Pr. Instruct)

So, I'd like to make a PMTM, because I could then work on any type of prob., and use any approach I like & (practical) and yet all that work would be useable for any important modality of Pr. TM that I wish to use it for

So : ① I'd like to make a PMTM :

But : Th. search prob. is generable to include all predn. probs. (729.35), and Pr. posed search prob. has already been formalized by Sfm. + Newell's GPS — So I could use their work and build on it.

So : ② It would seem that there are advantages to emphasizing the "search" aspects of a TM (which PMT would not do).

.25 AH! A possy.! Let all search probs. that occur in PMTM, be handled by TM_2! e.g. : Say PMTM, is pg. Pr. prob. of proving Thm., Thm, by making a seq. of/y from Pr. a. fn. set of posts. PMTM "knows" what th. prob. is having been fn. this into "free" (i.e. PMTM, was fn. Pr. crit. for soln.). An exhaustive search could, in theory solve so TM, has (usually — since Pr. search may not converge on a brief code for Pr. output in terms of Pr. input, for all proof generation probs.

Th. only diffy, is speeding up Pr. search, and read and mem. economy are probs. for TM_2, relegate almost all of this prob. to TM_2.

O.k.; so, then: What is there for TM, to [illegible] accessible as "search"

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01 : 73140 : Well, it is a heur. trick" to use certain ready made search methods for TM, — i.e. certain modes in which a reasonable soln. to the search prob. has already been obtained — the this soln., of course, is probly not optimum by any means the TM can certainly still improve it.

SW Research method: At most times in my TM work, I should try to have at least 1 or 2 QI's (Q's of the R. instruct) that haven't been solved yet, and whose soln(s). appears to be a bottleneck to progress.

18 QI: (1) Is PMTM with the R. trick of 73.25 adequate, so I can work on a "w.o. dirty?

20 (2) If PMTM is O.K., what modes and sets of probs. should I start on? Do I want to emphasize "learning" to work in Eng. a/o self-improvement capability?

23 (3) Just what do I want my final TM to be able to do — (what will I use it for at first?) and how specific must I be at the present time?

Note: the above 3 QI's are heirarchical — 1 is contingent on 2 is contingent on 3. (not exactly - but O.K.

To solve (1) (.18): Look at various probs. of 730. and see if the proposed methods are adequate. Some prob. types to consider (2) Eval. of Av.R. expressions. in which (+, A, B) is used to designate (A+B), and enuf parens. are used throughout. $\sum(X, A, B) \equiv (A \times B)$, etc. (It's clear to me as to just what the R. prob. is here")

(b) Some "pure induction" probs: IR (R. "clum... we are given R. data (corpus) of hand-categorized do... given a set of abbs., and means for combining the...

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.01:732:40 ZTB 141 : similar to I.R, in the sense that new trial abss. are formed in a very simple way from old successful abss.

(d) Say I got a successful h.c. method for uniform PSG. This would be a simple pure induction method.

SN Is it true that all searches for a good inductive code can be put in the form of simply trying simple binary combs. of old successful abss? — Then ternary combs, etc. I.e. Say we have prob p_i for $(i = 1/m) \ldots; m$ abss. Then we try combining these symbols in order of $\uparrow p_i$, using first that n tuple of symbols of highest prob; then that n tuple of next highest, etc. — Harvard — Harvard — Tarrytown

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Note: In (b), (c), (d) above, at all times, a code for the corpus is available — the pgm. merely consists of a pgm to search for better codes.

This is in contrast to the "search" prob., in which one hasn't yet found what one is looking for. An "exhaustive" search is usually "theoretically" possible and would usually be O.K. but takes too long. So TM_2 (as TM_1 does in b, c, d) must try to improve on the search technique — usually starting off with something much better than "exhaustive" search.

SN In ZTB 141, one could do better, by retaining, at all times, the 10 best codes, and using each of these as a pt. for the next "opt. step" — Then, of the 20 new codes, retain only the "top 10" again. (A "code" corresps to an set of 2 pgm. defs.

Wrong! In ZTB 141, there is only 1 code