

# Intro

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# Logistics

- First day of Class: Today
- Last day of Class: June 4
- 3:30 to 4:50 pm PT at CENTR 214
- TA: Bosung Kim, Chris Cui, Jenny Shen, Shree Venkatesh
- Website: <https://pearls-lab.github.io/deep-rl-course-SP26/>
  - Office Hours etc are on website
- Class discussions via Piazza (link on Canvas)

# What will we cover?

- What are agents? Starting in the 1900s to today
- Simulation environments, how they are built
- Search / Planning in simulations
- Monte Carlo Methods
- Basics of Deep RL
- LLM Basics
- Deep RL for language agents
- Other LLM Agents methods – tool use, prompting

# What should I know already?

- Intro to AI
  - BFS/DFS/A\*
- Basic Intro to ML
  - Perceptron / Classification

# HW 0

- We have a HW that we released
- Most of it is autograded, submit code + things mentioned in the readmes.
- If you don't get  $\geq 70\%$  within a couple of weeks (1/22) by \*yourself\* (be honest!), the class will be difficult for you
- Use how much time you spend as estimate of what you'll spend in this class per week

# Grading

- 40% - 4 Homeworks (including HW 0) - to be done individually
- 40% - Final Project – to be in groups of ~5
- 20% - Class participation

# Class Participation

- Mix of in class activities and "clicker" questions
- Will go in dept about the format will be covered later but you will need a device, laptop/phone for the last ~20 min of most classes starting next week

# Final Project

- Timeline
  - Form teams of 5 by Jan 22
  - Project Proposals in Class End of Apr
  - Final Presentations (Week before finals)
- Final Project scores will be scaled by intra-group peer review (you score all the other members of your group)

# LLM Use

- Except for HW 0 – LLM use is fine, just mention the model + prompt in a CREDITS.txt file in the submission

**HW 0 Time!**