





Go involves two players alternately laying black and white stones on a grid, seeking to seal off the most territory.

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Proponents had considered Go a bastion in which human ingenuity would remain superior, at least for the foreseeable future.

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AlphaGo uses two sets of "deep neural networks" containing millions of connections similar to neurons in the brain.

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It is partly self-taught -- having played millions of games against itself after initial programming.

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