

# Artificial Intelligence I

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# 1 Recap

## 1.1 Set Theory

**Def 1.1. Set:** A collection of different things (called **elements** or **members** of the set). We can represent **sets** by listing the **elements** within curly brackets, e.g.  $\{a, b, c\}$  or by describing the **elements** via a property, e.g.  $\{x \mid x \bmod 2 = 0\}$  (the **set** of even numbers). We can state **element**-hood ( $a \in S$ ) or not ( $b \notin S$ )

**Def 1.2. Set Equality:**  $A \equiv B := \forall x. x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in B$

**Def 1.3. Subset:**  $A \subseteq B := \forall x. x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$

**Def 1.4. Proper Subset:**  $A \subset B := (A \subseteq B) \wedge (A \neq B)$

**Def 1.5. Super Set:**  $A \supseteq B := \forall x. x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A$

**Def 1.6. Proper Superset:**  $A \supset B := (A \supseteq B) \wedge (A \neq B)$

**Def 1.7. Set Union:**  $A \cup B := \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$

**Def 1.8. Set Intersection:**  $A \cap B := \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$

**Def 1.9. Disjoint:** Two **sets**  $A, B$  are **disjoint** iff  $A \cap B = \emptyset$

**Def 1.10. Set Difference:**  $A \setminus B := \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$

**Def 1.11. Power Set:**  $\mathcal{P}(A) := \{S \mid S \subseteq A\}$  (the set of all subsets)

**Def 1.12. Cartesian Product:**  $A \times B := \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$ ,  $(a, b)$  is a pair

**Def 1.13. Family:** A **set** of **sets**

**Def 1.14. Topology:** A **family** of open **sets**

**Def 1.15. Indexing Function:** Let  $I$  and  $X$  be **sets**. A function  $f : I \rightarrow X$  is called an indexing function. The set  $I$  is called the index set. For each  $i \in I$ , we define  $x_i := f(i)$ , here  $i$  is called the index (or parameter) of  $x_i$ .

**Def 1.16. Indexed Family:** Given an **indexing function**  $f : I \rightarrow X$ , the **set** of values  $f(I) = \{f(i) : i \in I\}$  is called an indexed **family**. It is often written as  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ ,  $\langle x_i \rangle_{i \in I}$ , or  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ .

**Def 1.17. Union over a Family:** Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  be an **indexed family**, then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} X_i := \{x \mid \exists i \in I. x \in X_i\}$

**Def 1.18. Intersection over a Family:** Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  be an **indexed family**, then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} X_i := \{x \mid \forall i \in I. x \in X_i\}$

**Def 1.19.  $n$ -fold Cartesian Product:**  $\prod_{i=1}^n X_i := X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n := \{\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \mid \forall i. 1 \leq i \leq n \Rightarrow x_i \in X_i\}$  where  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  is called an  $n$ -tuple.

**Def 1.20.  $n$ -dim Cartesian Space:**  $X^n := \{\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \Rightarrow x_i \in X\}$  where  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  is called a vector.

**Def 1.21. Size of a Set:** The size  $\Gamma(A)$  (or  $|A|$ ) of a **set**  $A$  is the number of **elements** in  $A$ .

## 1.2 Relations

**Def 1.22. Relation:**  $R \subseteq A \times B$  is a (binary) relation between  $A$  and  $B$

**Def 1.23. Relation on:** a **relation**  $R \subseteq A \times B$  where  $A = B$  is called a *relation on*  $A$

**Def 1.24. Total:** A **relation**  $R \subseteq A \times B$  is called *total* (*left total*) iff  $\forall x \in A. \exists y \in B. (x, y) \in R$

**Def 1.25. Converse Relation:**  $R^{-1} \subseteq B \times A := \{(y, x) \mid (x, y) \in R\}$  is the converse **relation** of  $R$

**Def 1.26. Relation Composition:** The composition of  $R \subseteq A \times B$  and  $S \subseteq B \times C$  is defined as  $R \circ S := \{(a, c) \in A \times C \mid \exists b \in B. (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S\}$

A **relation on**  $A$ :  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is called:

- **reflexive** on  $A$ , iff  $\forall a \in A. (a, a) \in R$
- **irreflexive** on  $A$ , iff  $\forall a \in A. (a, a) \notin R$
- **symmetric** on  $A$ , iff  $\forall a, b \in A. (a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \in R$
- **asymmetric** on  $A$ , iff  $\forall a, b \in A. (a, b) \in R \Rightarrow (b, a) \notin R$
- **antisymmetric** on  $A$ , iff  $\forall a, b \in A. (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = b$

- **transitive** on  $A$ , iff  $\forall a, b, c \in A. (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$
- **equivalence relation** on  $A$ , iff  $R$  is **reflexive symmetric**, and **transitive**

**Def 1.27. Equality Relation:** The equality relation is an **equivalence relation** on any **set**.

**Def 1.28. Divides Relation:** The *divides relation* on the integers is defined as  $| \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $| = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} : b = a \cdot k\}$ . We write  $a \mid b$  to denote  $(a, b) \in |$  (read as "a divides b").

**Def 1.29. Congruence Modulo:** For a fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \geq 1$ , the *congruence modulo n relation* on the integers is defined as

$$\equiv_n \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, \quad \equiv_n = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid n \mid (a - b)\}.$$

We write  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  to denote  $(a, b) \in \equiv_n$  (read as "a is congruent to b modulo n").

**Def 1.30. Partial Ordering ( $\preceq$ ):** A **relation**  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is called a (non-strict) **partial ordering** on  $A$ , iff  $R$  is **reflexive**, **antisymmetric**, and **transitive** on  $A$ .

**Def 1.31. Strict Partial Ordering ( $\prec$ ):** A **relation**  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is called a **strict partial ordering** on  $A$ , iff  $R$  is **irreflexive**, and **transitive** on  $A$ .

**Def 1.32. Comparable:** In a **non-strict partial ordering**, two elements  $a, b$  are comparable if either  $a \preceq b$  or  $b \preceq a$ . If neither holds, they are incomparable.

**Def 1.33. Linear Order:** A **partial ordering** is called linear (or total) on  $A$ , iff all **elements** in  $A$  are **comparable**, i.e. if  $(x, y) \in R$  or  $(y, x) \in R$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . For example, the  $\leq$  **relation** is a **linear order** on  $\mathbb{N}$ . However, the "divides" ( $|$ ) **relation** is a **non-strict partial ordering** on  $\mathbb{N}$  that is not **linear** (e.g., neither  $2 \mid 3$  nor  $3 \mid 2$ ).

### 1.3 Functions

**Def 1.34. Partial function:** A **relation**  $R \subseteq X \times Y$  is a *partial function* from  $X$  to  $Y$  ( $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ) iff  $\forall x \in X, \forall y_1, y_2 \in Y. ((x, y_1) \in R \wedge (x, y_2) \in R \Rightarrow y_1 = y_2)$  (i.e. there is at most one  $y \in Y$  with  $(x, y) \in f$ )

**Def 1.35. dom, codom:** We call  $X$  the domain ( $\text{dom}(f)$ ), and  $Y$  the codomain ( $\text{codom}(f)$ )

**Def 1.36. Function Application:** Instead of writing  $(x, y) \in f$  we write  $f(x) = y$

**Def 1.37. Undefined:** we call a **partial function**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  undefined at  $x \in X$ , iff  $\forall y \in Y. (x, y) \notin f$  ( $f(x) = \perp$ ).

**Def 1.38. Function:** A **partial function**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a *function* (or *total function*) from  $X$  to  $Y$  iff it is a **total relation**. ( $\forall x \in X. \exists^1 y \in Y : (x, y) \in f$ )

#### Note

A **partial function** guarantees uniqueness, but not existence. So each  $x$  has at most one  $y$  (some might have none). A **total function** guarantees both uniqueness and existence (at most and at least  $\rightarrow$  exactly one)

A **function**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- **injective** iff  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X. f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$
- **surjective** iff  $\forall y \in Y. \exists x \in X. f(x) = y$
- **bijective** iff  $f$  is **injective** and **surjective**

**Def 1.39. Function Composition:** If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are **functions**, then we call  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C; x \mapsto g(f(x))$  the composition of  $g$  and  $f$  (read  $g$  after  $f$ ).

**Def 1.40. Image and Preimage:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a **function**,  $X' \subseteq X$  and  $Y' \subseteq Y$ , then we call

- $f(X') := \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \in X'. (x, y) \in f\}$  the **image** of  $X'$  under  $f$ ,
- $\text{Im}(f) := f(X)$  the **image** of  $f$ , and
- $f^{-1}(Y') := \{x \in X \mid \exists y \in Y'. (x, y) \in f\}$  the **preimage** of  $Y'$  under  $f$ .

**Def 1.41. Cardinality:** We say that a **set**  $A$  is **finite** and has **cardinality**  $\Gamma(A) \in \mathbb{N}$ , iff there is a **bijective function**  $f : A \rightarrow \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n < \Gamma(A)\}$ .

**Def 1.42. Countably Infinite:** We say that a **set**  $A$  is countably infinite, iff there is a **bijective function**  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

**Def 1.43. Countable:** A **set**  $A$  is called countable, iff it is **finite** or **countably infinite**.

**Def 1.44. Curried Function Type:** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be sets. An *uncurried function* is written as

$$f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z, \quad f(x, y) = E(x, y).$$

The same **function** can equivalently be written in *curried* form as

$$f : X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z, \quad f(x)(y) = E(x, y).$$

Thus in the curried notation the **function** takes one argument at a time: for  $x \in X$ , the value  $f(x)$  is itself a **function**  $Y \rightarrow Z$ , and applying it to  $y \in Y$  yields  $f(x)(y) \in Z$ .

**Def 1.45. Invertible:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be **sets** and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  a **function**, then  $f$  is called invertible, iff there is a **function**  $g : B \rightarrow A$ , such that  $f \circ g = \text{Id}_B$ .  $g$  is called the inverse function (or just inverse) of  $f$  and is written as  $f^{-1}$ .

## 1.4 Mathematical Structures

**Def 1.46. Formulae:** A mathematical formula can be a **mathematical statement** (clause) which can be true or false (e.g.  $x > 5, 3 + 5 = 7$ ), or a **mathematical object** (e.g.  $3, n, x^2 + y^2 + z^2, \int_1^0 x^{3/2} dx$ )

**Def 1.47. Mathematical Structure:** A mathematical structure combines multiple **mathematical objects** (the components) into a new **object**. The components usually have names by which they can be referenced. Given a definition of a mathematical structure  $S$ , we say that any **object** that conforms to that is an instance of  $S$ .

**Def 1.48. Group:** A group is a **mathematical structure**  $\langle G, \circ, e, .^{-1} \rangle$  that consists of:

- a base **set**  $G$  of **objects**,
- an operation  $\circ : G \times G \rightarrow G$ , such that  $\forall a, b \in G. a \circ b \in G$  and  $\forall a, b, c \in G. (a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$ ,
- a unit  $e \in G$ , such that  $\forall a \in G. e \circ a = a \circ e = a$ , and
- the inverse function  $.^{-1} : G \rightarrow G$ , such that  $\forall a \in G. a \circ a^{-1} = a^{-1} \circ a = e$

An example of a **group** is the **set**  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ , with the operation  $+: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ; then  $e = 0$  and  $.^{-1}$  is  $\lambda x \in \mathbb{Z}. -x$ . We write it as  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, 0, - \rangle$ .

**Question:** can we do the same for multiplication where  $e = 1$ ? If we think about it, we would be stuck on finding the  $.^{-1}$  component of the group. What can we always multiply with any integer and get  $e = 1$  back? Take for example 1, we can multiply it with  $\frac{1}{1}$  (great!). Take  $-1$ , we can multiply it with  $\frac{1}{-1}$  (also great!). But take any other integer, e.g. 2, we must multiply it with  $\frac{1}{2}$  to get 1 back, however,  $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , it is however  $\in \mathbb{Q}$ ! The multiplicative group would only make sense iff  $G = \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ . We write that as  $\langle \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}, *, 1, a \mapsto \frac{1}{a} \rangle$ .

**But** we need some multiplication **structure** that works for  $\mathbb{Z}$ !

**Def 1.49. Monoid:** A monoid is a **mathematical structure**  $\langle M, \circ, e \rangle$  that consists of:

- A base set  $M$  of **objects**,
- An operation  $\circ : M \times M \rightarrow M$ , such that for all  $a, b \in M$ , we have  $a \circ b \in M$  (closure),
- Associativity: for all  $a, b, c \in M$ ,  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$ , and
- A unit element  $e \in M$ , such that for all  $a \in M. e \circ a = a \circ e = a$ .

Hence, the **mathematical structure**  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, *, 1 \rangle$  is a **monoid** (a **group** missing an inverse function).

We saw that  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, 0, - \rangle$  is a **group** under addition. And  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, *, 1 \rangle$  is a **monoid** under multiplication. Now, we want to do everyday arithmetics with integers; we want expressions where we have additions and multiplication (e.g.  $a * (b + c)$ ) which evaluates to  $(a * b) + (a * c)$ .

For that, we need a **mathematical structure** where both addition and multiplication live together.

**Def 1.50. Ring:** A ring is a **mathematical structure**  $\langle R, +, 0, -, *, 1 \rangle$  consisting of:

- A base **set**  $R$ .

- An addition operation  $+: R \times R \rightarrow R$  such that  $\langle R, +, 0, - \rangle$  is a **group** (called abelian **group**).
- A multiplication operation  $\ast: R \times R \rightarrow R$  such that  $\langle R, \ast, 1 \rangle$  is a **monoid**.
- Distributivity: for all  $a, b, c \in R$ ,  $a \ast (b + c) = (a \ast b) + (a \ast c)$ ,  $(a + b) \ast c = (a \ast c) + (b \ast c)$

Hence, mixing components from the **group**  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, 0, - \rangle$  and the **monoid**  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, \ast, 1 \rangle$  leaves us with a **ring**  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, 0, -, \ast, 1 \rangle$

**Def 1.51. Magma:** A magma is a **mathematical structure**  $\langle M, \circ \rangle$  consisting of:

- A base **set**  $M$ , and
- A binary operation  $\circ: M \times M \rightarrow M$ .

**Example:**  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, - \rangle$  (integers under subtraction).  $\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$  (natural numbers under addition)

**Def 1.52. Semigroup:** A semigroup (**magma** with associativity) is a **mathematical structure**  $\langle S, \circ \rangle$  consisting of:

- A base **set**  $S$ ,
- A binary operation  $\circ: S \times S \rightarrow S$ , and
- Associativity: for all  $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$

**Example:**  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$  (integers under addition).

## 1.5 Formal Languages and Grammars

**Def 1.53. Alphabet:** An alphabet is a **finite set**; we call each element  $a \in A$  a **character**, and an  $n$ -tuple  $s \in A^n$  a **string** (of length  $n$  over  $A$ ). We often write a string  $\langle c_1, \dots, c_n \rangle$  as " $c_1 \dots c_n$ ", for instance "**abc**" for  $\langle a, b, c \rangle$

**Def 1.54. Empty String:** Let  $A$  be an **alphabet**, then  $A^0 = \{\langle \rangle\}$ , where  $\langle \rangle$  is the unique 0-tuple. We consider  $\langle \rangle$  as the string of length 0 and call it the **empty string** and denote it with  $\epsilon$ .

**Def 1.55. String Length:** Given a string  $s$ , we denote its length with  $|s|$ .

**Def 1.56. String Concatenation:** The concatenation  $\text{conc}(s, t)$  of two strings  $s = \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle \in A^n$  and  $t = \langle t_1, \dots, t_m \rangle \in A^m$  is defined as  $s + t$  or simply **st**

**Def 1.57. Kleene Plus/Star:** Let  $A$  be an **alphabet**, then we define the **sets**:

- $A^+ := \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}^+} A^i$  (*nonempty strings*), and
- $A^* := A^+ \cup \{\epsilon\}$  (*strings*).

**Def 1.58. Formal Language:** A **set**  $L \subseteq A^*$  is called a *formal language* over  $A$ . For example, If  $A = \{a, b\}$  then:

$$A^* = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n$$

where  $A^0 = \epsilon$ ,  $A^1 = \{a, b\}$ ,  $A^2 = \{a, b, ab, ba\}$ , and so on ...

$$\begin{aligned} A^* &= \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, aaa, aab, aba, abb, \dots\} \\ A^+ &= \{a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, aaa, aab, aba, abb, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

A **formal language** might be  $L = \{a, b, aab, bbb, \dots\}$

**Def 1.59. Repeating Chars:** We use  $c^{[n]}$  for the string that consists of the character  $c$  repeated  $n$  times. **Examples:**

- Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ ,  $a^{[5]} = \text{"aaaaa"}$ .
- The **set**  $M := \{ba^{[n]} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of strings that start with character  $b$  followed by an arbitrary number of  $a$ 's is a **formal language** over  $A = \{a, b\}$

### Note

A **formal language** might be infinite and even undecidable even if the **alphabet**  $A$  is **finite**. For example, let  $A = \{a, b\}$  then the **formal language**  $L = \{a, ab, bba\}$  is **finite** but the **formal language**  $L = \{a^{[n]} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is infinite.

Since we cannot list all strings in a **formal language**  $L$  because there are infinitely many, we need a **finite description** that can generate all strings in  $L$ . We need **Grammars**.

**Def 1.60. Phrase Structure Grammar:** A phrase structure grammar (*type 0 grammar, unrestricted grammar, grammar*) is a tuple  $\langle N, \Sigma, P, S \rangle$  where

- $N$  is a **finite set** of **nonterminal symbols**,
- $\Sigma$  is a **finite set** of **terminal symbols**. (members of  $N \cup \Sigma$  are called symbols).
- $P$  is a **finite set** of **production rules**: pairs  $p := h \rightarrow b$  (also written as  $h \Rightarrow b$ ), where  $h \in (\Sigma \cup N)^* N (\Sigma \cup N)^*$  and  $b \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$ . The string  $h$  is called the **head** of  $p$  and  $b$  the **body**.
- $S \in N$  is a distinguished symbol called the **start symbol** (also **sentence symbol**).

The **sets**  $N$  and  $\Sigma$  are assumed to be **disjoint**. Any word  $w \in \Sigma^*$  is called a **terminal word**.

Note

**Production rules** map strings with at least one **nonterminal** to arbitrary other strings

**Notation:** If we have  $n$  **production rule**  $h \rightarrow b_i$  sharing a head, we often write  $h \rightarrow b_1 \mid \dots \mid b_n$  instead.

**Example:** A simple **grammar** for english sentences:

$$\begin{aligned} S &::= NP \text{ Vi} \\ NP &::= \text{Article } N \\ \text{Article} &::= \text{the} \mid \text{a} \mid \text{an} \\ N &::= \text{dog} \mid \text{teacher} \mid \dots \\ \text{Vi} &::= \text{sleeps} \mid \text{smells} \mid \dots \end{aligned}$$

**Def 1.61. Lexical:** A **production rule** whose head is a single **nonterminal** and whose body consists of a single **terminal** is called **lexical** or a **lexical insertion rule**.

**Def 1.62. Lexicon of a Grammar:** The **subset** of **lexical rules** of a **grammar**  $G$  is called the **lexicon** of  $G$

**Def 1.63. Vocabulary:** The **set** of body symbols are called the vocabulary (or the alphabet).

**Def 1.64. Lexical Categories of a Grammar:** The **nonterminals** that appear in the heads of **lexical** rules are called lexical categories of the **grammar**.

**Def 1.65. Structural Rules:** The non **lexicon production rules** are called structural.

**Def 1.66. Phrasal categories:** The **nonterminals** in the heads of **production rules** that expand into other **nonterminals** are called phrasal (syntactic) categories.

**Def 1.67.  $G$ -Derivation:** Given a **phrase structure grammar**  $G := \{N, \Sigma, P, S\}$ , we say  $G$  **derives**  $t \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$  from  $s \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$  in one step, iff there is a **production rule**  $p \in P$  with  $p = h \rightarrow b$  and there are  $u, v \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$ , such that  $s = uhv$  and  $t = ubv$ . We write  $s \xrightarrow{p}_G t$  (or  $s \rightarrow_G t$  if  $p$  is clear from the context) and use  $\rightarrow_G^*$  for the **reflexive transitive** closure of  $\rightarrow_G$ . We call  $s \rightarrow_G^* t$  a  $G$ -derivation of  $t$  from  $s$ .

**Def 1.68. Sentential Form:** Given a **phrase structure grammar**  $G := \{N, \Sigma, P, S\}$ , we say that  $s \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$  is a **sentential form** of  $G$ , iff  $S \rightarrow_G^* s$

**Def 1.69. Sentence:** A **sentential form** that does not contain **nonterminals** is called a sentence of  $G$ , we also say that  $G$  **accepts**  $s$ . We say that  $G$  **rejects**  $s$ , iff it is not a sentence of  $G$ .

**Def 1.70. Language Generation:** The language  $L(G)$  of  $G$  is the **set** of its **sentences**. We say that  $L(G)$  is **generated** by  $G$ .

**Def 1.71. Equivalent Grammars:** We call two **grammars** **equivalent**, iff they have the same **languages**.

**Def 1.72. Universal Grammar:** A **grammar**  $G$  is said to be **universal** if  $L(G) = \Sigma^*$

**Def 1.73. Syntactic Analysis:** Syntactic analysis (parsing / syntax analysis) is the process of analyzing a string of symbols, either in a **formal** or a natural language by means of a **grammar**.

#### Note

The shape of the [grammar](#) determines the size of its [language](#)

**Def 1.74. Context-Sensitive:** We call a [grammar](#) context-sensitive (or type 1), if the bodies of [production rules](#) have no less symbols than the heads.

**Def 1.75. Context-Free:** We call a [grammar](#) context-free (or type 2), iff the heads have exactly one symbol.

**Def 1.76. Regular:** We call a [grammar](#) regular (or type 3, or REG), if additionally the bodies are empty or consist of a [nonterminal](#), optionally followed by a [terminal symbol](#).

#### Note

By extension, a [formal language](#)  $L$  is called *context-sensitive* / *context-free* / *regular*, iff it is the [language](#) of a respective [grammar](#). [Context-free grammars](#) are sometimes CFGs and context-free languages CFLs.

## 1.6 Graphs and Trees

**Def 1.77. Undirected Graph:** An undirected graph is a pair  $\langle V, E \rangle$  such that

- $V$  is a [set](#) of **vertices (nodes)**, and
- $E \subseteq \{ \{v, \bar{v}\} \mid v, \bar{v} \in V \wedge v \neq \bar{v} \}$  is the [set](#) of its **undirected edges**.

**Def 1.78. Directed Graph:** A directed graph (digraph) is a pair  $\langle V, E \rangle$  such that

- $V$  is a [set](#) of **vertices (nodes)**, and
- $E \subseteq V \times V$  is the [set](#) of its **directed edges**.

**Def 1.79. Indegree:** Given a [directed graph](#)  $\langle V, E \rangle$ , the indegree  $\text{indeg}(v)$  of a vertex  $v \in V$  is defined as  $\text{indeg}(v) = \Gamma(\{w \mid (w, v) \in E\})$ .

**Def 1.80. Outdegree:** Given a [directed graph](#)  $\langle V, E \rangle$ , the outdegree  $\text{outdeg}(v)$  (branching factor) of a vertex  $v \in V$  is defined as  $\text{outdeg}(v) = \Gamma(\{w \mid (v, w) \in E\})$ .

#### Note

[directed graphs](#) are nothing else than [relations](#).

**Def 1.81. Initial vs Terminal Node:** Let  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$  be a [directed graph](#), then we call a node  $v \in V$

- **initial** (source of  $G$ ), iff there is no  $w \in V$  such that  $(w, v) \in E$  (no predecessor)
- **terminal** (sink of  $G$ ), iff there is no  $w \in V$  such that  $(v, w) \in E$  (no successor)

**Def 1.82. Graph Isomorphism:** Iff we can find a [bijection](#)  $\psi : V \rightarrow \bar{V}$  between two graphs  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$  and  $\bar{G} = \langle \bar{V}, \bar{E} \rangle$  then we call them isomorphic. The [bijection](#)  $\psi : V \rightarrow \bar{V}$  is defined as  $(a, b) \in E \Leftrightarrow (\psi(a), \psi(b)) \in \bar{E}$  for [directed graph](#). And for [undirected graph](#) it is defined as  $\{a, b\} \in E \Leftrightarrow \{\psi(a), \psi(b)\} \in \bar{E}$

**Def 1.83. Equivalent Graphs:** Two graphs  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$  are **equivalent** iff there is an [isomorphism](#)  $\psi$  between  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$ .

**Def 1.84. Labeled Graph:** A labeled graph  $G$  is a quadruple  $\langle V, E, L, l \rangle$  where  $\langle V, E \rangle$  is a graph and  $l : V \cup E \rightarrow L$  is a [partial function](#) into a [set](#)  $L$  of labels.

**Def 1.85. Paths in Graphs:** Given a graph  $G := \langle V, E \rangle$  we call a  $n + 1$ -tuple  $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_n \rangle \in V^{n+1}$  a **path** in  $G$  iff  $(v_{i-1}, v_i) \in E$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $n > 0$ .

- We say that  $v_i$  are nodes on  $p$  and that  $v_0$  and  $v_n$  are **linked** by  $p$ .
- $v_0$  and  $v_n$  are called the **start** and **end** of  $p$  (write  $\text{start}(p)$  and  $\text{end}(p)$ ), the other  $v_i$  are called **inner nodes** of  $p$ .
- $n$  is called the **length** of  $p$  (write  $\text{len}(p)$ ).
- We denote the [set](#) of paths in  $G$  with  $\Pi(G)$ .

**Def 1.86. Cyclic Graphs:** Given a **directed graph**  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ , a **path**  $p$  is called **cyclic** iff  $\text{start}(p) = \text{end}(p)$ . A cycle  $\langle v_0, \dots, v_n \rangle$  is called **simple**, iff  $v_i \neq v_j$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  with  $i \neq j$  (all inner nodes are distinct).

**Def 1.87. DAG:** A **directed graph** with no **cycles** is called **directed acyclic graph (DAG)**.

**Def 1.88. Node Depth:** Let  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$  be a **directed graph**, then the depth  $\text{dp}(v)$  of a vertex  $v \in V$  is defined to be 0, iff  $v$  is a source of  $G$  and the supremum  $\sup(\{\text{len}(p) \mid \text{indeg}(\text{start}(p)) = 0 \wedge \text{end}(p) = v\})$  otherwise, i.e. the length of the longest **path** from a source of  $G$  to  $v$  (can be infinite).

**Def 1.89. Graph Depth:** Given a **directed graph**  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ , the **depth** ( $\text{dp}(G)$ ) of  $G$  is defined as the supremum  $\sup(\{\text{len}(p) \mid p \in \Pi(G)\})$ , i.e. the maximal path length in  $G$ .

**Def 1.90. Tree:** A tree is a **DAG**  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$  such that

- There is exactly one **initial node**  $v_r \in V$  (called the **root**)
- All nodes but the root have **indegree** of 1.

We call  $v$  the **parent** of  $w$ , iff  $(v, w) \in E$  ( $w$  is a child of  $v$ ). We call a node  $v$  a **leaf** of  $G$ , iff it is **terminal**, i.e. if it does not have children.

Note

For any node  $v \in V$  except the root  $v_r$ , there is exactly one **path**  $p \in \Pi(G)$  with  $\text{start}(p) = v_r$  and  $\text{end}(p) = v$ .



## 2 Introduction

**Def 2.1. Artificial intelligence (AI):** The capability of computational systems to perform tasks typically associated with human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and decision-making

**Def 2.2. Symbolic AI:** A subfield of [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) based on the assumption that many aspects of intelligence can be achieved by the manipulation of symbols, combining them into meaningful structures (expressions) and manipulating them (using processes) to produce new expressions.

**Def 2.3. Statistical AI:** Remedies the two shortcomings of [symbolic AI](#) approaches: that all concepts represented by symbols are crisply defined, and that all aspects of the world are knowable/representable in principle. Statistical AI adopts sophisticated mathematical models of uncertainty and uses them to create more accurate world models and reason about them.

**Def 2.4. Subsymbolic AI (a.k.a connectionism/neural AI):** A subfield of [AI](#) that posits that intelligence is inherently tied to brains, where information is represented by a simple sequence pulses that are processed in parallel via simple calculations realized by neurons, and thus concentrates on neural computing.

**Def 2.5. Embodied AI:** Posits that intelligence cannot be achieved by [reasoning](#) about the state of the world ([symbolically](#), [statistically](#), or [sub-symbolically](#)), but must be embodied i.e. situated in the world, equipped with a "body" that can interact with it via sensors and actuators. Here, the main method for realizing intelligent behavior is by learning from the world.

**Def 2.6. Reasoning:** The process of producing valid arguments and predictive world models. There are three forms of reasoning:

- **deductive reasoning** to produce new knowledge from existing knowledge. *Example:* All humans are mortal. Socrates is a human. Therefore, Socrates is mortal.
- **inductive reasoning** to produce knowledge from perception. *Example:* The sun has risen every morning in recorded history. Therefore, the sun will rise tomorrow.
- **abductive reasoning** to produce explanations for observations and given knowledge. *Example:* The grass is wet this morning. If it rained last night, that would explain it. Therefore, it probably rained.

**Def 2.7. Inference:** The act or process of reaching a **conclusion** about something from known facts or evidence (jointly called **premises**)

**Def 2.8. Formal Logic:** The science of [deductively](#) valid inferences, meaning arguments whose [conclusions](#) necessarily follow from their [premises](#) by virtue of their form (their structure), regardless of the topic.

**Def 2.9. Agent:** An agent is a [structure](#)  $A := \langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}, f \rangle$  where:

- $\mathcal{P}$  is a [set](#) of percepts
- $\mathcal{A}$  is a [set](#) of actions
- $f$  is a [function](#)  $f : \mathcal{P}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  that maps from percepts to actions.

In other words, an agent is anything that perceives its environment via sensors and acts on it with actuators.

**Def 2.10. Performance Measure:** A [function](#) that evaluates a sequence of environments.

**Def 2.11. Rational:** An [agent](#) is called **rational**, if it chooses whichever action maximizes the expected value of the [performance measure](#) given the percept sequence to date.

**Def 2.12. PEAS:** To design [rational agents](#), we must specify the PEAS components: [Performance Measure](#), Environment, Actuators, and Sensors.

**Def 2.13. Environment Types:** For an [agent](#)  $a$  we classify the environment  $e$  of  $a$  by its **type**, which is one of the following. We call  $e$

1. *fully observable*, iff the  $a$ 's sensors give it access to the complete state of the environment at any point in time; otherwise, we call it *partially observable*.
2. *deterministic*, iff the next state of the environment is completely determined by the current state and  $a$ 's actions; otherwise, *stochastic*.
3. *episodic*, iff  $a$ 's experience is divided into atomic episodes, where it perceives and then performs a single action, and the next episode does not depend on previous ones. Otherwise, *sequential*.
4. *dynamic*, iff the environment can change without an action performed by  $a$ ; otherwise, *static*. If the environment does not change but  $a$ 's performance measure does, we call  $e$  *semidynamic*.

5. *discrete*, iff the **sets** of  $e$ 's state and  $a$ 's actions are countable; otherwise, *continuous*.

6. *single-agent*, iff only  $a$  acts on  $e$ ; otherwise *multi-agent*.

**Def 2.14. Reflex:** An **agent**  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}, f \rangle$  is called a **reflex agent**, iff it only takes the last percept into account when choosing an action, i.e.  $f(p_1, \dots, p_k) = f(p_k) \forall p_1 \dots p_k \in \mathcal{P}$

**Def 2.15. Model-Based Agent:** A model-based agent  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}, s_0, S, a \rangle$  is an **agent**  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}, f \rangle$  whose actions depend on:

- a **world model**: a **set**  $\mathcal{S}$  of possible *states*, and a start state  $s_0 \in \mathcal{S}$ .
- a **transition model**  $\mathcal{T}$  that predicts a new state  $\mathcal{T}(s, a)$  from a state  $s$  and an action  $a$ .
- a **sensor model**  $S$  that given a state  $s$  and a percept  $p$  determines a new state  $S(s, p)$ .
- an **action function**  $a : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  that given a state  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  selects the next action  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Note

If the agent is in state  $s$  then it took action  $a$  and now perceives  $p$ , then the agent state will become  $s' = S(p, \mathcal{T}(s, a))$  and accordingly take action  $a' = a(s')$ .

**Def 2.16. Goal Based Agent:** A goal based agent  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}, s_0, S, a, \mathcal{G} \rangle$  is a **model based agent** with an explicit set of goals. It consists of:

- a set of internal states  $\mathcal{S}$  and an initial state  $s_0 \in \mathcal{S}$ ,
- a transition model  $\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ ,
- a state update function  $S : \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ ,
- a set of goals  $\mathcal{G}$ ,
- a goal conditioned action function  $a : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  selecting an action given a state and the goals.

**Def 2.17. Utility-Based Agent:** A utility-based agent uses a world model along with a utility function that models its preferences among the states of that world. It chooses the action that maximizes the expected utility.

**Def 2.18. Learning Agent:** A learning agent is an **agent** that can improve its own behavior through experience. It is composed of four main components:

- the performance element, which selects actions based on the agent's current percepts and represents its existing knowledge or behavior,
- the learning element, which improves the performance element over time by analyzing feedback and identifying how to make better decisions,
- the critic, which evaluates the agent's performance according to a given performance standard and provides feedback to the learning element,
- the problem generator, which suggests new and informative actions or experiences that help the agent explore and learn more effectively.

**Def 2.19. State Representation:** We call a state representation **atomic**, iff it has no internal structure (black box). However, iff each state is characterized by attributes and their values then the representation is **factored**. A **structured** state representation is when include representations of objects, their properties and relationships.

### 3 General Problem Solving

**Def 3.1. Search Problem:** A search problem  $\Pi := \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{G} \rangle$  consists of a **set**  $\mathcal{S}$  of states, a **set**  $\mathcal{A}$  of actions, and a transition model  $\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S})$  that assigns to any action  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and state  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  a **set** of successor states. Certain states in  $\mathcal{S}$  are designated as goal (terminal) states ( $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$  with  $\mathcal{G} \neq \emptyset$ ) and initial states  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ .

**Def 3.2. Action Application:** We say that an action  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  is applicable in state  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , iff  $\mathcal{T}(a, s) \neq \emptyset$  and that any  $s' \in \mathcal{T}(a, s)$  is a result of applying action  $a$  to state  $s$ . We call  $\mathcal{T}_a : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S})$  with  $\mathcal{T}_a(s) := \mathcal{T}(a, s)$  the result relation for  $a$  and  $\mathcal{T}_\mathcal{A} := \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \mathcal{T}_a$  the result relation of  $\Pi$ .

**Def 3.3. State Space:** The graph  $\langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}_\mathcal{A} \rangle$  is called the state space induced by  $\Pi$ .

**Def 3.4. Solution:** A solution for  $\Pi$  consists of a sequence  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  of actions such that for all  $1 < i \leq n$ :

- $a_i$  is **applicable** to state  $s_{i-1}$  where  $s_o \in \mathcal{I}$ , and
- $s_i \in \mathcal{T}_{a_i}(s_{i-1})$ , and  $s_n \in \mathcal{G}$

**Def 3.5. Cost Function:** Often we add a cost function  $c : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$  that associates a step cost  $c(a)$  to an action  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . The cost of a **solution** is the sum of the step costs of its actions.

#### Note

- For **deterministic** environments, we have  $|\mathcal{T}(a, s)| \leq 1$
- For **fully observable** ones, we have  $\mathcal{I} = \{s_0\}$

**Def 3.6. Successor Function/State:** In a **search problem**,  $\mathcal{T}_a$  induces a **partial function**  $S_a : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  whose natural domain is the **set** of states where  $a$  is **applicable**:  $S_a(s) := s'$  if  $\mathcal{T}_a = \{s'\}$  and undefined at  $s$  otherwise. We call  $S_a$  the **successor function** for  $a$  and  $S_a(s)$  the **successor state** of  $s$ .

#### Note

- A **search problem** is called a **single-state problem** iff it is **fully observable**, **deterministic**, **static**, and **discrete**.
- A **search problem** is called a **multi-state problem** iff it is **partially observable**.
- A **search problem** is called a **contingency problem** iff the environment is **non deterministic** and the **state space** is unknown.

**Def 3.7. Tree Search:** Given a **search problem**  $\Pi := \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{G} \rangle$ , the **tree search algorithm** consists of the simulated exploration of the **state space**  $\langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}_\mathcal{A} \rangle$  in a search **tree** formed by successively expanding already explored states.

**Def 3.8. Path Cost:** We define the path cost of a node  $n$  in a **search tree**  $T$  to be the sum of the **step costs** on the **path** from  $n$  to the root of  $T$ .

The general structure of **Tree Search** algorithms is as follows:

```

TREE_SEARCH(start, INSERT):
    fringe ← empty list
    append start to fringe
    while fringe is not empty:
        node ← remove first element of fringe
        if is_goal(node):
            return node
        children ← expand(node)
        INSERT(fringe, children)
    return failure

```

**Def 3.9. Strategy:** A strategy is a **function** that picks a node from the fringe of a search tree

#### Note

Every algorithm has its own **strategy**, hence the implementation of the INSERT differs based on that **strategy**.

**Def 3.10. Properties of Strategies:**

- completeness: does it always find a solution if one exists?
- optimality: does it always find the optimal solution (least cost)?

- time complexity: number of nodes the algorithm explores (expands)
- space complexity: maximum number of nodes in memory

#### Note

Time and space complexity measured in terms of:

- $b$ : maximum branching factor of the [search tree](#)
- $d$ : minimal [graph depth](#) of a [solution](#) in the [search tree](#)
- $m$ : maximum [graph depth](#) of the [search tree](#)

**Def 3.11. Breadth-First Search (BFS):** The BFS [strategy](#) treats the fringe as a FIFO queue, i.e. [successors](#) go in at the end (back) of the fringe.

#### BFS Properties Analysis

- Time Complexity:
 

assume we have a binary [search tree](#) ( $b = 2$ ) and we found [solution](#) in [depth](#) = 3. In the 0<sup>th</sup> level we explored  $2^0 = 1$  nodes. In the 1<sup>st</sup> level,  $2^1 = 2$  nodes. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> level,  $2^2 = 4$  nodes. And finally  $2^3 = 8$  nodes in the third level. Number of nodes the algorithm explored will be  $2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3$ .

  - Generally, for arbitrary  $b, d$ , we have  $1 + b + b^2 + \dots + b^d$ , which means, worst time complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(b^d)$  (exponential in  $d$ ).
- The space complexity is also  $\mathcal{O}(b^d)$ .
- [BFS](#) is complete if: (i)  $b$  is finite, and (ii) the [state space](#) is finite or has a solution.
- [BFS](#) is optimal if we have a uniform constant cost for all actions.

**Def 3.12. Uniform-Cost Search (UCS):** UCS is the [strategy](#) where the fringe is ordered by increasing [path cost](#). (*expands least cost first*)

#### Note

UCS it is equivalent to BFS if all costs are equal

#### UCS Properties Analysis

- Time and space complexity  $\approx \mathcal{O}(b^d)$
- [UCS](#) is complete if:
  - $b$  is finite
  - all actions costs are  $\geq \epsilon > 0$
  - [state space](#) is finite or has a solution.

**Def 3.13. Depth-First Search (DFS):** DFS is the [strategy](#) where the fringe is organized as a LIFO stack, i.e. [successors](#) go in at the front of the fringe.

**Def 3.14. Backtracking:** Every node that is pushed to the stack is called a **backtrack point**. Popping a non-goal node from the stack and continuing the search with the new top element is called **backtracking**. For this reason, the [DFS algorithm](#) is also referred to as a **backtracking search**.

#### DFS Properties Analysis

- Time complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(b^m)$  (exponential in the maximum depth)
- Space complexity is linear. While [BFS](#) keeps track of all nodes at the current level in memory, [DFS](#) needs to only keep the current path (from root to  $m$ ), and also needs to keep the remaining unexplored sibling root node for each node along that path (to backtrack). This means, for each level, we store the siblings, i.e.  $b$  nodes. We explore until we hit the max depth  $m$  and in each level we store  $b$ . Hence we have a linear space  $\mathcal{O}(b \cdot m)$
- [DFS](#) is complete if the [search tree](#) is [finite](#) and [acyclic](#).
- [DFS](#) is not optimal.

**Def 3.15. Depth-Limited Search (DLS):** DLS is a [DFS](#) with a depth limit  $l$ . We treat all nodes at depth  $l$  as if they have no children.

### DLS Properties Analysis

- Time complexity  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}(b^l)$
- Space complexity  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}(b \cdot l)$
- Not complete (solution maybe beyond chosen  $l$ )
- Not optimal

**Def 3.16. Iterative Deepening Search (IDS):** IDS is a [DLS](#) with an ever-increasing depth limit. We call the difference between successive depth limits the step size.

#### Note

- [IDS](#) solves the problem of choosing a good  $l$  in [DLS](#).
- [IDS](#) tries all values until either a [solution](#) is found (depth is returned to [DLS](#), we call that the cutoff value) or we return failure.
- [IDS](#) combines benefits of [DFS](#) and [BFS](#).

### IDS Properties Analysis

It is similar to [DFS](#) in memory requirements (assuming [finite](#) and [acyclic search tree](#)).

- $\mathcal{O}(b \cdot d)$  when there is a [solution](#)
- $\mathcal{O}(b \cdot m)$  when there is no [solution](#)

It is similar to [BFS](#) in terms of optimality, completeness, and time complexity. Optimal for problems where all actions have the same cost. Complete if  $b$  is [finite](#) and the [state space](#) is finite or has a solution.

With regard to time complexity, consider [IDS](#) finds a solution at depth  $d$ , then:

- nodes at the very bottom ( $d$ ) are visited only once in the final iteration.
- nodes at  $d - 1$  are visited twice, once in the search with depth  $d - 1$  and once in the search with depth  $d$ .
- nodes at  $d - 2$  are visited three times
- and so on, until root node ( $d = 0$ ) which is visited  $d$  times.

Generally, we have  $(d)b^1 + (d-1)b^2 + (d-2)b^3 + \dots + b^d$ . However, the majority of nodes are at the max depth where there are  $b^d$  nodes. Those are only visited once and the extra cost of visiting shallower nodes does not significantly increase the overall count. Therefore, time complexity is bounded by  $b^d$  ( $\mathcal{O}(b^d)$ ) because  $b^d$  dominates the total nodes count in a large [search space](#).

**Def 3.17. Graph Search:** A graph search algorithm is a variant of a [tree search algorithm](#) that prunes nodes whose state has already been considered (duplicate pruning), essentially using a [DAG](#) data structure.

The general structure of [Graph Search](#) algorithms is as follows:

```
GRAPH_SEARCH(start, INSERT):
    fringe ← empty list
    visited ← empty set
    append start to fringe
    add state(start) to visited
    while fringe is not empty:
        node ← remove first element of fringe
        if is_goal(node):
            return node
        children ← expand(node)
        for each child in children:
            if state(child) not in visited:
                add state(child) to visited
                INSERT(fringe, child)
    return failure
```

**Def 3.18. Search Algorithm:** We speak of a **search algorithm** when we do not want to distinguish whether it is a **tree** or a **graph search algorithm** - *difference considered as an implementation detail*.

**Def 3.19. Informed:** A **search algorithm** is called **informed**, iff it uses some form of external information to guide the search.

**Def 3.20. Evaluation Function:** An evaluation function assigns a desirability value to each node of the **search tree**. It is not part of the **search problem**, but must be added externally.

**Def 3.21. Best-First Search:** In best-first search, the fringe is a queue sorted in decreasing order of desirability.

**Def 3.22. Heuristic:** A heuristic is an **evaluation function**  $h$  on states that estimates the **cost** from  $n$  to the nearest goal state. We speak of **heuristic search** if the **search algorithm** uses a heuristic in some way.

**Def 3.23. Greedy Search:** A **best-first search strategy** where the fringe is organized as a queue sorted based on  $h$  value.

### Greedy Search Properties

- Time and space complexity are both exponential in  $m$  (max depth)  $\sim \mathcal{O}(b^m)$
- It is not optimal. But it is complete if the **state space** is finite.

**Def 3.24. Heuristic Function:** A heuristic function for **search problem II** is a **function**  $h : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+ \cup \{\infty\}$  so that  $h(s) = 0 \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{G}$ .

**Def 3.25. Goal Distance Function:** The **function**  $h^* : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ , where  $h^*(s)$  is the **cost** of a cheapest **path** from  $s$  to a goal state, or  $\infty$  if no such path exists. (*the perfect heuristic which we do not know and cannot compute*)

**Def 3.26. Admissible:** For a **search problem II** with states  $\mathcal{S}$  and actions  $\mathcal{A}$ . We say that a **heuristic**  $h$  for II is **admissible** if

$$h(s) \leq h^*(s) \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$$

#### Note

**Admissible heuristics** never overestimates; our guess should be always optimistic or exact, never too high

**Def 3.27. Consistent:** For a **search problem II** with states  $\mathcal{S}$  and actions  $\mathcal{A}$ . We say that a **heuristic**  $h$  for II is **consistent** if

$$h(s) - h(s') \leq c(a) \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{S}, a \in \mathcal{A}, s' \in \mathcal{T}(s, a)$$

#### Note

A **consistent heuristic** never drops faster than the real cost you pay when moving through the state space. Formally, for every transition  $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$ ,

$$h(s) \leq c(a) + h(s')$$

This means the heuristic respects a triangle inequality with respect to the actual **step costs**. **Consistency** ensures that the estimated **total cost** along a **path** never decreases.

**Def 3.28. A\* Evaluation Function:** Given a **path cost** function  $g$  and a **heuristic**  $h$ , the **A\* evaluation function** is

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n).$$

It estimates the total cost of a cheapest path from the **start state** to a goal via  $n$ .

**Def 3.29. A\* Search:** A\* search is the **best-first search** strategy that uses the **A\* evaluation function**  $f = g + h$  to order the fringe.

**Theorem 3.1. A\* Search** with **admissible heuristic** is optimal

**Def 3.30. Dominance:** Let  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  be two **admissible heuristic**, we say that  $h_2$  **dominates**  $h_1$  if  $h_2(s) \geq h_1(s) \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $h_2$  **dominates**  $h_1$ , then  $h_2$  is better for **search** than  $h_1$

*Proof.* If  $h_2$  **dominates**  $h_1$ , then  $h_2$  is closer to  $h^*$  than  $h_1$

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