

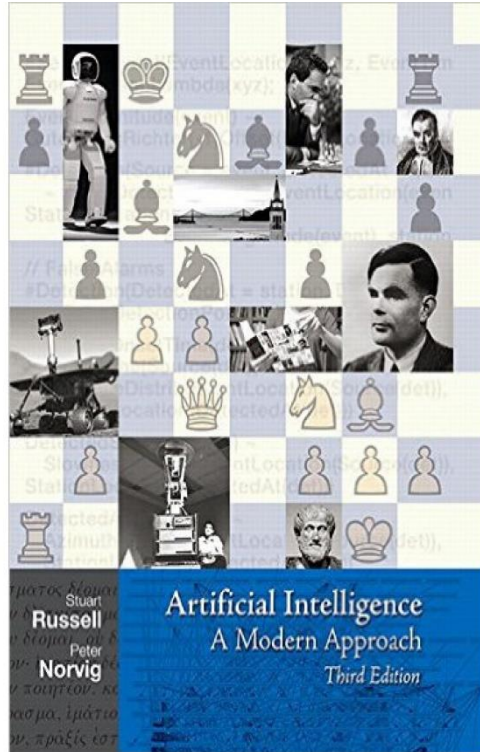
CS341

Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 1

DR. HEBA MOHSEN

Textbook



Stuart Russell

Peter Norvig

Artificial Intelligence: A modern approach

Prentice Hall

Another Textbook

George F. Luger

William A. Stubblefield

Artificial Intelligence

Structures and Strategies for Complex Problem Solving

Addison Wesley Longman, Inc.



Grading

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Class work activities:	10%
Labs and project:	20%
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What is Intelligence?

For thousands of years, we have tried to understand ***how we think ?***

- How the human mind can perceive, understand, predict and manipulate ?
- Where does knowledge come from?
- How does knowledge lead to action?
- Can formal rules be used to draw valid conclusions?
- Can non-humans have minds?

What is Intelligence?

- ***Intelligence*** is the ability to **understand** and **learn** things.
- ***Intelligence*** is the ability to **acquire** and **apply** knowledge.

What is Artificial Intelligence?

- **Artificial intelligence (AI)** may be defined as the branch of computer science that is concerned with the automation of intelligent behavior.
- The field of **AI** is **one of the newest fields** in science and engineering which attempts not just to understand but also to build intelligent entities.
- **AI involves** using methods based on the intelligent behavior of humans to solve complex problems.

Computers vs. People

What computer can do better than people?

Numerical
computation: Fast &
accurate

Information storage:
Voluminous amounts

Repetitive operations :
Not getting bored (??)



However, these are mechanical mindless activities, and thus cannot be regarded as ***‘intelligent’*** tasks

What people
can do better
than
computers?

Activities that involve intelligence include:

- Understanding
- Common sense reasoning
- Natural language processing and generation
- Planning & Design
- Learning (e.g. from mistakes, by experience or examples)
- Emotions

Types of Artificial Intelligence

Thinking Humanly

Modeling exactly how humans actually think

- Cognitive models of human reasoning

Thinking Rationally

Modeling how ideal agents “should think”

- models of “rational” thought (formal logic)
- note: humans are often not rational!

Acting Humanly

Modeling exactly how humans actually act

- models of human behavior (what they do, not how they think)

Acting Rationally

Modeling how ideal agents “should act”

- rational actions but not necessarily formal rational reasoning
- i.e., more of a black-box/engineering approach

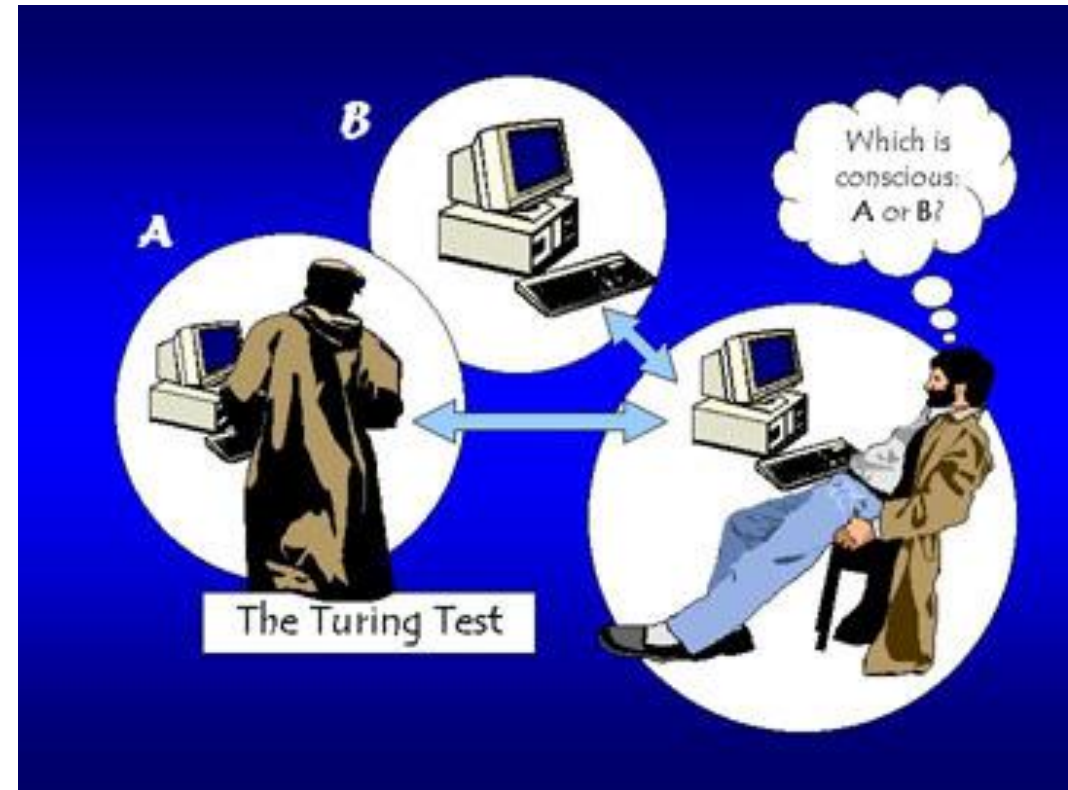
Modern AI focuses on the last definition where success is judged
by how well the agent performs

Acting humanly

The Turing Test
by **Alan Turing** (1950)

Instead of asking, ‘*Can machines think?*’, Turing said we should ask, ‘*Can machines pass a behavior test for intelligence?*’

The computer passes the “*test of intelligence*” if a human, after posing some written questions, cannot tell whether the responses were from a person or not.



Acting humanly:

Suggested major AI components:

- ***Language understanding*** (Natural language processing) to enable it to communicate successfully in English
- ***Knowledge*** (Knowledge representation) to store what it knows or hears
- ***Reasoning*** (Automated reasoning) to use the stored information to answer questions and to draw new conclusions
- ***Learning*** (Machine learning) to adapt to new circumstances and to detect and extrapolate patterns

Thinking humanly: cognitive modeling

To make programs think like humans, we must have some way of determining **how humans think!!**

There are three ways to do this:

- **Introspection**—trying to catch our own thoughts as they go by
- **Psychological experiments**—observing a person in action
- **Brain imaging**—observing the brain in action

Cognitive science brings together computer models from AI and experimental techniques from psychology to construct precise and testable theories of the human mind.

Thinking rationally: "laws of thought"

Aristotle: what are correct arguments/thought processes?

Several Greek schools developed various forms of *logic: notation* and *rules of derivation* for thoughts; may or may not have proceeded to the idea of mechanization

Direct line through mathematics and philosophy to modern AI

Problems:

1. Not all intelligent behavior is mediated by logical deliberation
2. What is the purpose of thinking? What thoughts should I have?

Acting rationally: rational agent

Rational behavior: Doing the right thing

The right thing: that which is expected to maximize goal achievement, given the available information

An **agent** is an entity that perceives and acts.

A **rational agent** acts rationally.

➤ What are the skills needed for a rational agent ??