2 Chapter 1. Introduction

### **Thinking Humanly**

"The exciting new effort to make computers think ... machines with minds, in the full and literal sense." (Haugeland, 1985)

"[The automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision-making, problem solving, learning ..." (Bellman, 1978)

### **Thinking Rationally**

"The study of mental faculties through the use of computational models."
(Charniak and McDermott, 1985)

"The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, and act." (Winston, 1992)

# **Acting Humanly**

"The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people." (Kurzweil, 1990)

"The study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better." (Rich and Knight, 1991)

## **Acting Rationally**

"Computational Intelligence is the study of the design of intelligent agents." (Poole *et al.*, 1998)

"AI ...is concerned with intelligent behavior in artifacts." (Nilsson, 1998)

**Figure 1.1** Some definitions of artificial intelligence, organized into four categories.

volving observations and hypotheses about human behavior. A rationalist<sup>1</sup> approach involves a combination of mathematics and engineering. The various group have both disparaged and helped each other. Let us look at the four approaches in more detail.

### 1.1.1 Acting humanly: The Turing Test approach

TURING TEST

The **Turing Test**, proposed by Alan Turing (1950), was designed to provide a satisfactory operational definition of intelligence. A computer passes the test if a human interrogator, after posing some written questions, cannot tell whether the written responses come from a person or from a computer. Chapter 26 discusses the details of the test and whether a computer would really be intelligent if it passed. For now, we note that programming a computer to pass a rigorously applied test provides plenty to work on. The computer would need to possess the following capabilities:

NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION AUTOMATED REASONING

MACHINE LEARNING

- natural language processing to enable it to communicate successfully in English;
- knowledge representation to store what it knows or hears;
- **automated reasoning** to use the stored information to answer questions and to draw new conclusions;
- machine learning to adapt to new circumstances and to detect and extrapolate patterns.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By distinguishing between *human* and *rational* behavior, we are not suggesting that humans are necessarily "irrational" in the sense of "emotionally unstable" or "insane." One merely need note that we are not perfect: not all chess players are grandmasters; and, unfortunately, not everyone gets an A on the exam. Some systematic errors in human reasoning are cataloged by Kahneman *et al.* (1982).