

Exercise 1.1

- (a) Yes, the elevator control can be regarded as an agent, as it follows the architecture of rational agents.

It has sensors (buttons) to perceive (button status) the environment (elevator + floors) and will operate (move up/down + open/close doors) based on that input, with the goal of transporting people.

The elevator control agent is reflexive with an internal state, as it always remembers the current floor the elevator is in.

Depending on the implementation of ϕ_v^u the agent may be goal-based or utility-based. If ϕ_v^u simply selects a random floor to be served next, it is just goal-based. If ϕ_v^u selects the next floor to be served while minimizing waiting time for example, it is utility-based.

- (b)
- Persons transported per hour
 - Average waiting time for buttons pressed in the elevator
 - Average waiting time for buttons pressed on a floor
- (c) The following function ϕ_v^u operates best when M/W are implemented as a stack.

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next ← f
m ← M[0]
w ← W[0]

if m is null and w is null then
    return f
if m is null and w is not null then
    next ← w
if m is not null and w is null then
    next ← m
if m is not null and w is not null then
    if |m-f| > |w-f| then
        next ← w
    else
        next ← m

for x in M ∪ W
    if |x-f| < |next-f| then
        next ← x

return x
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Exercise 1.2

- (a)
- semi-accessible: Information on number of people waiting on each floor and number of people inside the elevator could optimize the agent
 - deterministic: the elevator chooses his next action solely based on the current floor and the goal floor (assuming that ϕ_v^u is not random)
 - episodic: choice of action only depends on current state
 - dynamic: new buttons can be pressed while deciding
 - discrete: the elevators environment consists of the floors it can visit, which are discrete

- (b)
 - nonaccessible: many aspects of the internet are inaccessible to search engines, e.g. many databases or networks behind firewalls
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 - episodic if cookies do not affect the results of a search, nonepisodic otherwise
 - dynamic: content on the internet can change any time, e.g. when a website is updated or put down
 - assuming the environment of the internet consists of any type of object (like websites, databases, etc.) in it, the environment would be discrete since the individual objects are atomic
- (c)
 - assuming the relevant aspects for the rover are his spacial surroundings, they must be accessible to the rover in order for it to navigate the surface of mars
 - given that there are external influences like duststorms on mars which would affect the rover, one can argue that the environment is not entirely deterministic
 - nonepisodic: since the rover might not be supposed to go back to a place it has already visited (or the contrary) the previous positions/states determine the current actions
 - dynamic: the environment can change, for example when rocks roll down a hill or a sandstorm occurs
 - continuous: since a rover is a mobile robot performing in the real world it obviously operates in a continuous environment (as mentioned in the lecture)

Exercise 1.3

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

Exercise 1.4