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AI FUNDAMENTALS:

Defining AI

- AI is one of the fascinating and universal fields of Computer science which has a great scope in future. AI holds a tendency to cause a machine to work as a human.
- Artificial Intelligence is composed of two words **Artificial** and **Intelligence**, where Artificial defines "*man-made*," and intelligence defines "*thinking power*", hence AI means "*a man-made thinking power*."

Definition of AI:

"It is a branch of computer science by which we can create intelligent machines which can behave like a human, think like humans, and able to make decisions."

- Artificial Intelligence exists when a machine can have human based skills such as learning, reasoning, and solving problems
- With Artificial Intelligence you do not need to preprogram a machine to do some work, despite that you can create a machine with programmed algorithms which can work with own intelligence, and that is the awesomeness of AI.
- It is believed that AI is not a new technology, and some people says that as per Greek myth, there were Mechanical men in early days which can work and behave like humans.

Importance of AI:

Following are some main reasons to learn about AI:

- With the help of AI, you can create such software or devices which can solve real-world problems very easily and with accuracy such as health issues, marketing, traffic issues, etc.
- With the help of AI, you can create your personal virtual Assistant, such as Cortana, Google Assistant, Siri, etc.
- With the help of AI, you can build such Robots which can work in an environment where survival of humans can be at risk.
- AI opens a path for other new technologies, new devices, and new Opportunities.

Goals of Artificial Intelligence:

Following are the main goals of Artificial Intelligence:

1. Replicate human intelligence
 2. Solve Knowledge-intensive tasks
 3. An intelligent connection of perception and action
 4. Building a machine which can perform tasks that requires human intelligence such as:
 - Proving a theorem
 - Playing chess
 - Plan some surgical operation
 - Driving a car in traffic
 5. Creating some system which can exhibit intelligent behavior, learn new things by itself, demonstrate, explain, and can advise to its user.
- To create the AI first we should know that how intelligence is composed, so the Intelligence is an intangible part of our brain which is a combination of **Reasoning, learning, problem-solving perception, language understanding, etc.**
 - To achieve the above factors for a machine or software Artificial Intelligence requires the following discipline:
 - Mathematics
 - Biology
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
 - Computer Science
 - Neurons Study
 - Statistics

Advantages of Artificial Intelligence:

Following are some main advantages of Artificial Intelligence:

- **High Accuracy with less errors:** AI machines or systems are prone to less errors and high accuracy as it takes decisions as per pre-experience or information.
- **High-Speed:** AI systems can be of very high-speed and fast-decision making, because of that AI systems can beat a chess champion in the Chess game.
- **High reliability:** AI machines are highly reliable and can perform the same action multiple times with high accuracy.
- **Useful for risky areas:** AI machines can be helpful in situations such as defusing a bomb, exploring the ocean floor, where to employ a human can be risky.
- **Digital Assistant:** AI can be very useful to provide digital assistant to the users such as AI technology is currently used by various E-commerce websites to show the products as per customer requirement.
- **Useful as a public utility:** AI can be very useful for public utilities such as a self-driving car which can make our journey safer and hassle-free, facial recognition for security

purpose, Natural language processing to communicate with the human in human-language, etc.

Disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence:

Following are the disadvantages of AI:

- **High Cost:** The hardware and software requirement of AI is very costly as it requires lots of maintenance to meet current world requirements.
- **Can't think out of the box:** Even we are making smarter machines with AI, but still they cannot work out of the box, as the robot will only do that work for which they are trained, or programmed.
- **No feelings and emotions:** AI machines can be an outstanding performer, but still it does not have the feeling so it cannot make any kind of emotional attachment with human, and may sometime be harmful for users if the proper care is not taken.
- **Increase dependency on machines:** With the increment of technology, people are getting more dependent on devices and hence they are losing their mental capabilities.
- **No Original Creativity:** As humans are so creative and can imagine some new ideas but still AI machines cannot beat this power of human intelligence and cannot be creative and imaginative.

Prerequisite to learn AI:

Before learning about Artificial Intelligence, you must have the fundamental knowledge of following so that you can understand the concepts easily:

- Any computer language such as C, C++, Java, Python, etc.(knowledge of Python will be an advantage)
- Knowledge of essential Mathematics such as derivatives, probability theory, etc

Applications of AI:

Following are some sectors which have the application of Artificial Intelligence:

1. AI in Astronomy

- Artificial Intelligence can be very useful to solve complex universe problems. AI technology can be helpful for understanding the universe such as how it works, origin, etc.

2. AI in Healthcare

- In the last, five to ten years, AI becoming more advantageous for the healthcare industry and going to have a significant impact on this industry.

- Healthcare Industries are applying AI to make a better and faster diagnosis than humans. AI can help doctors with diagnoses and can inform when patients are worsening so that medical help can reach to the patient before hospitalization.

3. AI in Gaming

- AI can be used for gaming purpose. The AI machines can play strategic games like chess, where the machine needs to think of a large number of possible places.

4. AI in Finance

- AI and finance industries are the best matches for each other. The finance industry is implementing automation, chatbot, adaptive intelligence, algorithm trading, and machine learning into financial processes.

5. AI in Data Security

- The security of data is crucial for every company and cyber-attacks are growing very rapidly in the digital world. AI can be used to make your data more safe and secure. Some examples such as AEG bot, AI2 Platform, are used to determine software bug and cyber-attacks in a better way.

6. AI in Social Media

- Social Media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat contain billions of user profiles, which need to be stored and managed in a very efficient way. AI can organize and manage massive amounts of data. AI can analyze lots of data to identify the latest trends, hashtag, and requirement of different users.

7. AI in Travel & Transport

- AI is becoming highly demanding for travel industries. AI is capable of doing various travel related works such as from making travel arrangement to suggesting the hotels, flights, and best routes to the customers. Travel industries are using AI-powered chatbots which can make human-like interaction with customers for better and fast response.

8. AI in Automotive Industry

- Some Automotive industries are using AI to provide virtual assistant to their user for better performance. Such as Tesla has introduced TeslaBot, an intelligent virtual assistant.
- Various Industries are currently working for developing self-driven cars which can make your journey more safe and secure.

9. AI in Robotics:

- Artificial Intelligence has a remarkable role in Robotics. Usually, general robots are programmed such that they can perform some repetitive task, but with the help of AI, we can create intelligent robots which can perform tasks with their own experiences without pre-programmed.
- Humanoid Robots are best examples for AI in robotics, recently the intelligent Humanoid robot named as Erica and Sophia has been developed which can talk and behave like humans.

10. AI in Entertainment

- We are currently using some AI based applications in our daily life with some entertainment services such as Netflix or Amazon. With the help of ML/AI algorithms, these services show the recommendations for programs or shows.

11. AI in Agriculture

- Agriculture is an area which requires various resources, labor, money, and time for best result. Now a day's agriculture is becoming digital, and AI is emerging in this field. Agriculture is applying AI as agriculture robotics, solid and crop monitoring, predictive analysis. AI in agriculture can be very helpful for farmers.

12. AI in E-commerce

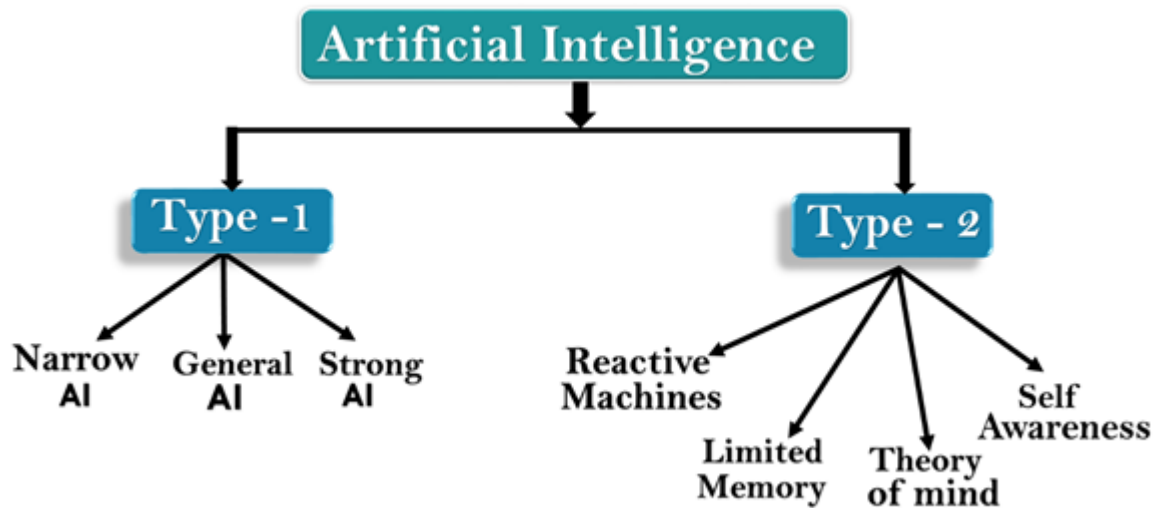
- AI is providing a competitive edge to the e-commerce industry, and it is becoming more demanding in the e-commerce business. AI is helping shoppers to discover associated products with recommended size, color, or even brand.

13. AI in education:

- AI can automate grading so that the tutor can have more time to teach. AI chatbot can communicate with students as a teaching assistant.
- AI in the future can be work as a personal virtual tutor for students, which will be accessible easily at any time and any place.

Types of Artificial Intelligence:

- Artificial Intelligence can be divided in various types, there are mainly two types of main categorization which are based on capabilities and based on functionally of AI. Following is flow diagram which explain the types of AI.



AI type-1: Based on Capabilities

1. Weak AI or Narrow AI:

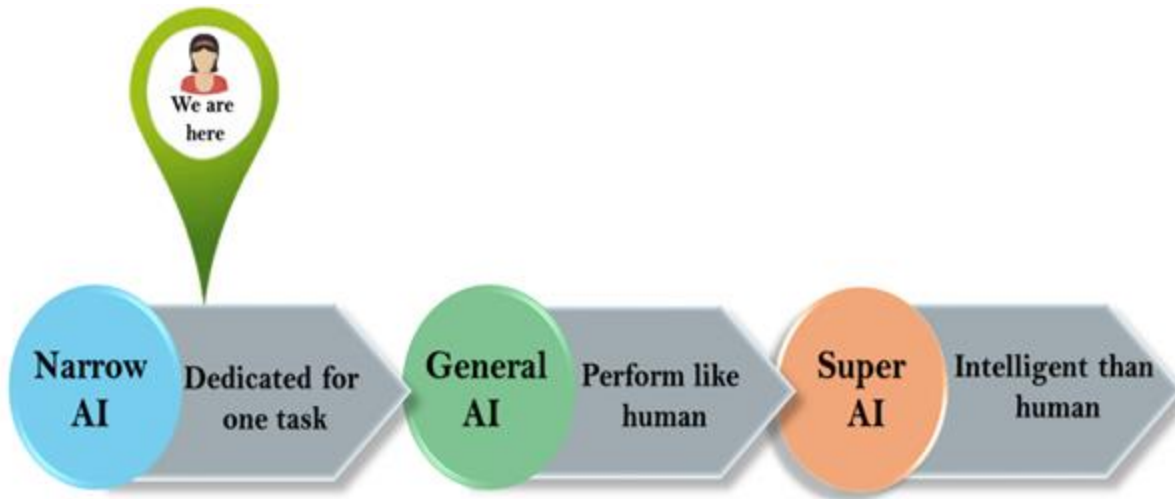
- Narrow AI is a type of AI which is able to perform a dedicated task with intelligence. The most common and currently available AI is Narrow AI in the world of Artificial Intelligence.
- Narrow AI cannot perform beyond its field or limitations, as it is only trained for one specific task. Hence it is also termed as weak AI. Narrow AI can fail in unpredictable ways if it goes beyond its limits.
- Apple Siri's a good example of Narrow AI, but it operates with a limited pre-defined range of functions.
- IBM's Watson supercomputer also comes under Narrow AI, as it uses an Expert system approach combined with Machine learning and natural language processing.
- Some Examples of Narrow AI are playing chess, purchasing suggestions on e-commerce site, self-driving cars, speech recognition, and image recognition.

2. General AI:

- General AI is a type of intelligence which could perform any intellectual task with efficiency like a human.
- The idea behind the general AI to make such a system which could be smarter and think like a human by its own.
- Currently, there is no such system exist which could come under general AI and can perform any task as perfect as a human.
- The worldwide researchers are now focused on developing machines with General AI.
- As systems with general AI are still under research, and it will take lots of efforts and time to develop such systems.

3. Super AI:

- Super AI is a level of Intelligence of Systems at which machines could surpass human intelligence, and can perform any task better than human with cognitive properties. It is an outcome of general AI.
- Some key characteristics of strong AI include capability include the ability to think, to reason, solve the puzzle, make judgments, plan, learn, and communicate by its own.
- Super AI is still a hypothetical concept of Artificial Intelligence. Development of such systems in real is still world changing task.



Artificial Intelligence type-2: Based on functionality

1. Reactive Machines

- Purely reactive machines are the most basic types of Artificial Intelligence.
- Such AI systems do not store memories or past experiences for future actions.
- These machines only focus on current scenarios and react on it as per possible best action.
- IBM's Deep Blue system is an example of reactive machines.
- Google's AlphaGo is also an example of reactive machines.

2. Limited Memory

- Limited memory machines can store past experiences or some data for a short period of time.
- These machines can use stored data for a limited time period only.
- Self-driving cars are one of the best examples of Limited Memory systems. These cars can store recent speed of nearby cars, the distance of other cars, speed limit, and other information to navigate the road.

3. Theory of Mind

- Theory of Mind AI should understand the human emotions, people, beliefs, and be able to interact socially like humans.
- This type of AI machines are still not developed, but researchers are making lots of efforts and improvement for developing such AI machines.

4. Self-Awareness

- Self-awareness AI is the future of Artificial Intelligence. These machines will be super intelligent, and will have their own consciousness, sentiments, and self-awareness.
- These machines will be smarter than human mind.
- Self-Awareness AI does not exist in reality still and it is a hypothetical concept.

Agents in Artificial Intelligence:

- An AI system can be defined as the study of the rational agent and its environment. The agents sense the environment through sensors and act on their environment through actuators. An AI agent can have mental properties such as knowledge, belief, intention, etc.

What is an Agent?

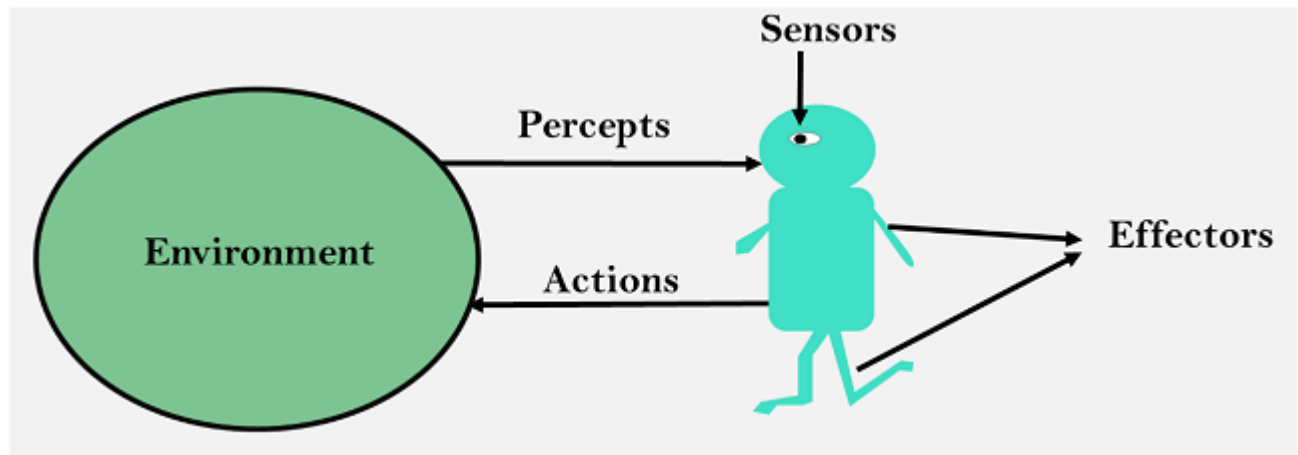
- An agent can be anything that perceive its environment through sensors and act upon that environment through actuators. An Agent runs in the cycle of **perceiving, thinking, and acting**. An agent can be:
 - **Human-Agent:** A human agent has eyes, ears, and other organs which work for sensors and hand, legs, vocal tract work for actuators.
 - **Robotic Agent:** A robotic agent can have cameras, infrared range finder, NLP for sensors and various motors for actuators.
 - **Software Agent:** Software agent can have keystrokes, file contents as sensory input and act on those inputs and display output on the screen.
- Hence the world around us is full of agents such as thermostat, cellphone, camera, and even we are also agents.

Before moving forward, we should first know about sensors, effectors, and actuators.

Sensor: Sensor is a device which detects the change in the environment and sends the information to other electronic devices. An agent observes its environment through sensors.

Actuators: Actuators are the component of machines that converts energy into motion. The actuators are only responsible for moving and controlling a system. An actuator can be an electric motor, gears, rails, etc.

Effectors: Effectors are the devices which affect the environment. Effectors can be legs, wheels, arms, fingers, wings, fins, and display screen.



Intelligent Agents:

- An intelligent agent is an autonomous entity which act upon an environment using sensors and actuators for achieving goals. An intelligent agent may learn from the environment to achieve their goals. A thermostat is an example of an intelligent agent.

Following are the main four rules for an AI agent:

- **Rule 1:** An AI agent must have the ability to perceive the environment.
- **Rule 2:** The observation must be used to make decisions.
- **Rule 3:** Decision should result in an action.
- **Rule 4:** The action taken by an AI agent must be a rational action.

Rational Agent:

- A rational agent is an agent which has clear preference, models uncertainty, and acts in a way to maximize its performance measure with all possible actions.
- A rational agent is said to perform the right things. AI is about creating rational agents to use for game theory and decision theory for various real-world scenarios.
- For an AI agent, the rational action is most important because in AI reinforcement learning algorithm, for each best possible action, agent gets the positive reward and for each wrong action, an agent gets a negative reward.

Note: Rational agents in AI are very similar to intelligent agents.

Rationality:

- The rationality of an agent is measured by its performance measure. Rationality can be judged on the basis of following points:

- Performance measure which defines the success criterion.
- Agent prior knowledge of its environment.
- Best possible actions that an agent can perform.
- The sequence of percepts.

Note: Rationality differs from Omniscience because an Omniscient agent knows the actual outcome of its action and act accordingly, which is not possible in reality.

Structure of an AI Agent:

- The task of AI is to design an agent program which implements the agent function. The structure of an intelligent agent is a combination of architecture and agent program. It can be viewed as:
 1. Agent = Architecture + Agent program
- Following are the main three terms involved in the structure of an AI agent:

Architecture: Architecture is machinery that an AI agent executes on.

Agent Function: Agent function is used to map a percept to an action.

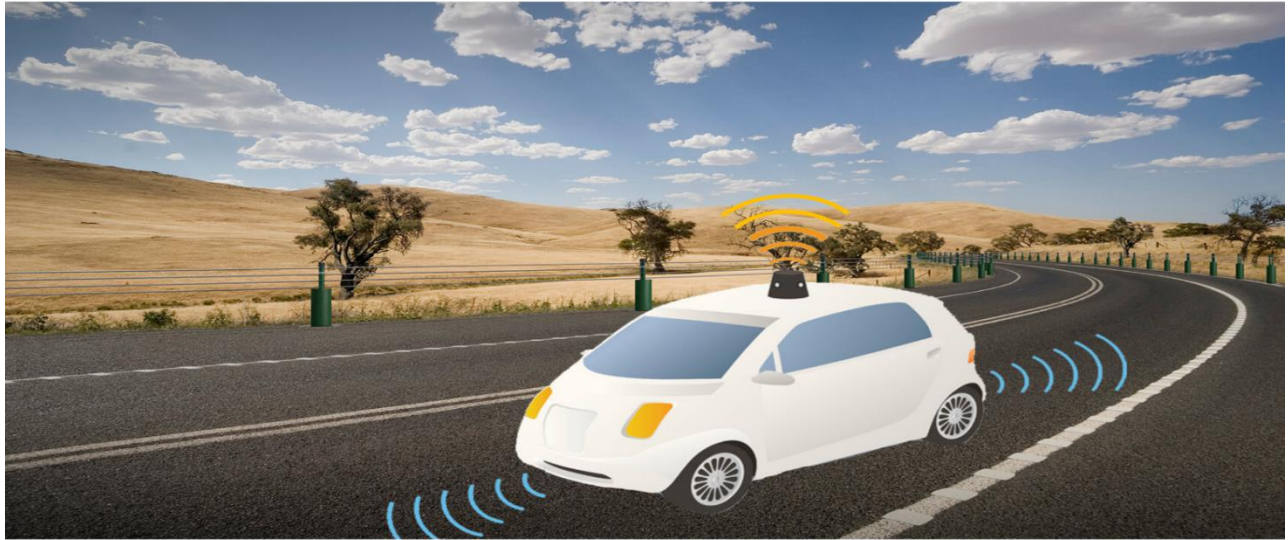
1. $f: P^* \rightarrow A$

Agent program: Agent program is an implementation of agent function. An agent program executes on the physical architecture to produce function f.

PEAS Representation

- PEAS is a type of model on which an AI agent works upon. When we define an AI agent or rational agent, then we can group its properties under PEAS representation model. It is made up of four words:
 - **P:** Performance measure
 - **E:** Environment
 - **A:** Actuators
 - **S:** Sensors
- Here performance measure is the objective for the success of an agent's behavior.

PEAS for self-driving cars:



➤ Let's suppose a self-driving car then PEAS representation will be:

Performance: Safety, time, legal drive, comfort

Environment: Roads, other vehicles, road signs, pedestrian

Actuators: Steering, accelerator, brake, signal, horn

Sensors: Camera, GPS, speedometer, odometer, accelerometer, sonar.

Example of Agents with their PEAS representation

Agent	Performance measure	Environment	Actuators	Sensors
1. Medical Diagnose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy patient • Minimized cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient • Hospital • Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests • Treatments 	Keyboard (Entry of symptoms)
2. Vacuum Cleaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanness • Efficiency • Battery life • Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room • Table • Wood floor • Carpet • Various obstacles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheels • Brushes • Vacuum Extractor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camera • Dirt detection sensor • Cliff sensor • Bump Sensor • Infrared Wall Sensor

3. Part - picking Robot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of parts in correct bins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conveyor belt with parts, Bins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jointed Arms Hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera Joint angle sensors.
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Agent Environment in AI:

- An environment is everything in the world which surrounds the agent, but it is not a part of an agent itself. An environment can be described as a situation in which an agent is present.
- The environment is where agent lives, operate and provide the agent with something to sense and act upon it. An environment is mostly said to be non-feministic.

Features of Environment:

- As per Russell and Norvig, an environment can have various features from the point of view of an agent:
 - Fully observable vs Partially Observable
 - Static vs Dynamic
 - Discrete vs Continuous
 - Deterministic vs Stochastic
 - Single-agent vs Multi-agent
 - Episodic vs sequential
 - Known vs Unknown
 - Accessible vs Inaccessible

1. Fully observable vs Partially Observable:

- If an agent sensor can sense or access the complete state of an environment at each point of time then it is a **fully observable** environment, else it is **partially observable**.
- A fully observable environment is easy as there is no need to maintain the internal state to keep track history of the world.
- An agent with no sensors in all environments then such an environment is called as **unobservable**.

2. Deterministic vs Stochastic:

- If an agent's current state and selected action can completely determine the next state of the environment, then such environment is called a deterministic environment.
- A stochastic environment is random in nature and cannot be determined completely by an agent.
- In a deterministic, fully observable environment, agent does not need to worry about uncertainty.

3. Episodic vs Sequential:

- In an episodic environment, there is a series of one-shot actions, and only the current percept is required for the action.
- However, in Sequential environment, an agent requires memory of past actions to determine the next best actions.

4. Single-agent vs Multi-agent

- If only one agent is involved in an environment, and operating by itself then such an environment is called single agent environment.
- However, if multiple agents are operating in an environment, then such an environment is called a multi-agent environment.
- The agent design problems in the multi-agent environment are different from single agent environment.

5. Static vs Dynamic:

- If the environment can change itself while an agent is deliberating then such environment is called a dynamic environment else it is called a static environment.
- Static environments are easy to deal because an agent does not need to continue looking at the world while deciding for an action.
- However for dynamic environment, agents need to keep looking at the world at each action.
- Taxi driving is an example of a dynamic environment whereas Crossword puzzles are an example of a static environment.

6. Discrete vs Continuous:

- If in an environment there are a finite number of percepts and actions that can be performed within it, then such an environment is called a discrete environment else it is called continuous environment.
- A chess game comes under discrete environment as there is a finite number of moves that can be performed.
- A self-driving car is an example of a continuous environment.

7. Known vs Unknown

- Known and unknown are not actually a feature of an environment, but it is an agent's state of knowledge to perform an action.
- In a known environment, the results for all actions are known to the agent. While in unknown environment, agent needs to learn how it works in order to perform an action.
- It is quite possible that a known environment to be partially observable and an Unknown environment to be fully observable.

8. Accessible vs Inaccessible

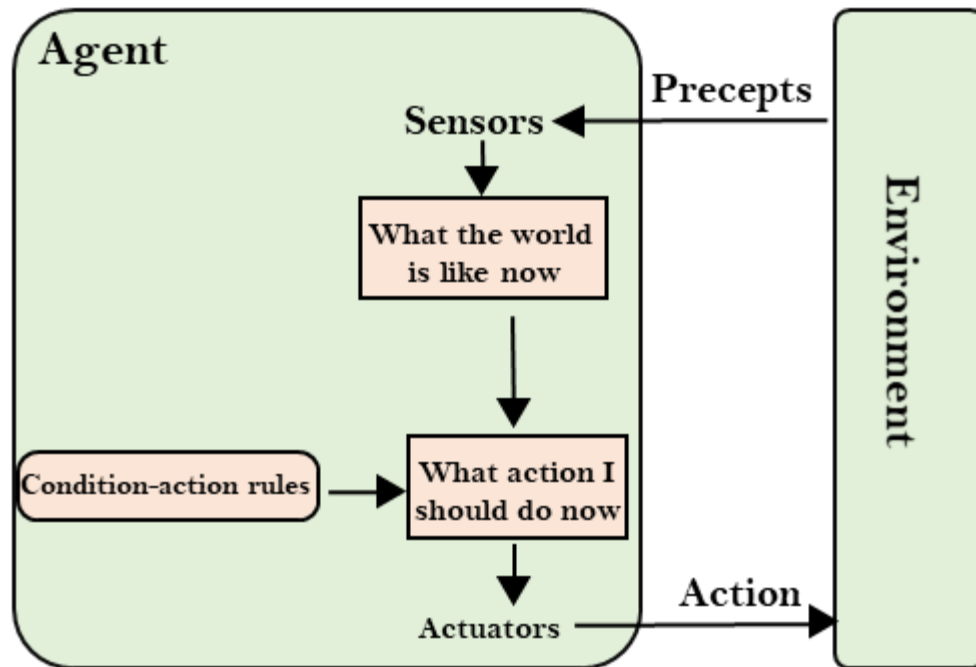
- If an agent can obtain complete and accurate information about the state's environment, then such an environment is called an Accessible environment else it is called inaccessible.
- An empty room whose state can be defined by its temperature is an example of an accessible environment.
- Information about an event on earth is an example of Inaccessible environment.

Types of AI Agents:

- Agents can be grouped into five classes based on their degree of perceived intelligence and capability. All these agents can improve their performance and generate better action over the time. These are given below:
 - Simple Reflex Agent
 - Model-based reflex agent
 - Goal-based agents
 - Utility-based agent
 - Learning agent

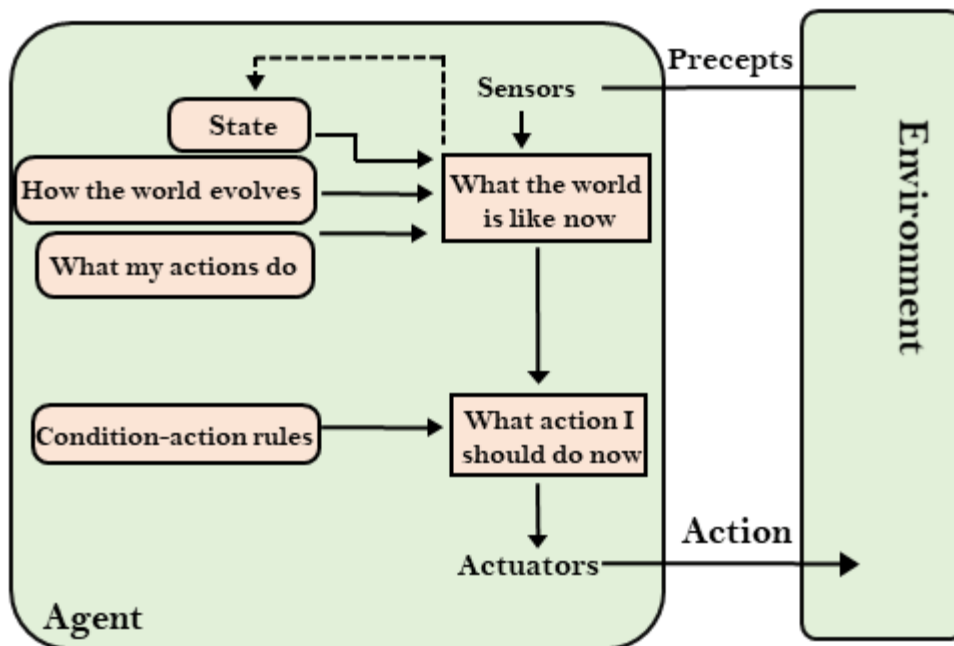
1. Simple Reflex agent:

- The Simple reflex agents are the simplest agents. These agents take decisions on the basis of the current percepts and ignore the rest of the percept history.
- These agents only succeed in the fully observable environment.
- The Simple reflex agent does not consider any part of percepts history during their decision and action process.
- The Simple reflex agent works on Condition-action rule, which means it maps the current state to action. Such as a Room Cleaner agent, it works only if there is dirt in the room.
- Problems for the simple reflex agent design approach:
 - They have very limited intelligence
 - They do not have knowledge of non-perceptual parts of the current state
 - Mostly too big to generate and to store.
 - Not adaptive to changes in the environment.



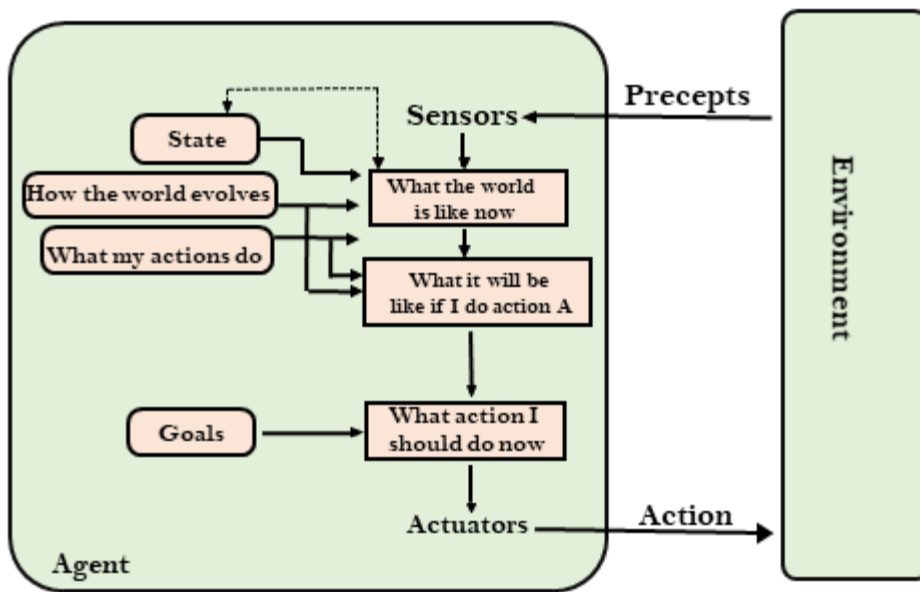
2. Model-based reflex agent

- The Model-based agent can work in a partially observable environment, and track the situation.
- A model-based agent has two important factors:
 - **Model:** It is knowledge about "how things happen in the world," so it is called a Model-based agent.
 - **Internal State:** It is a representation of the current state based on percept history.
- These agents have the model, "which is knowledge of the world" and based on the model they perform actions.
- Updating the agent state requires information about:
 1. How the world evolves
 2. How the agent's action affects the world.



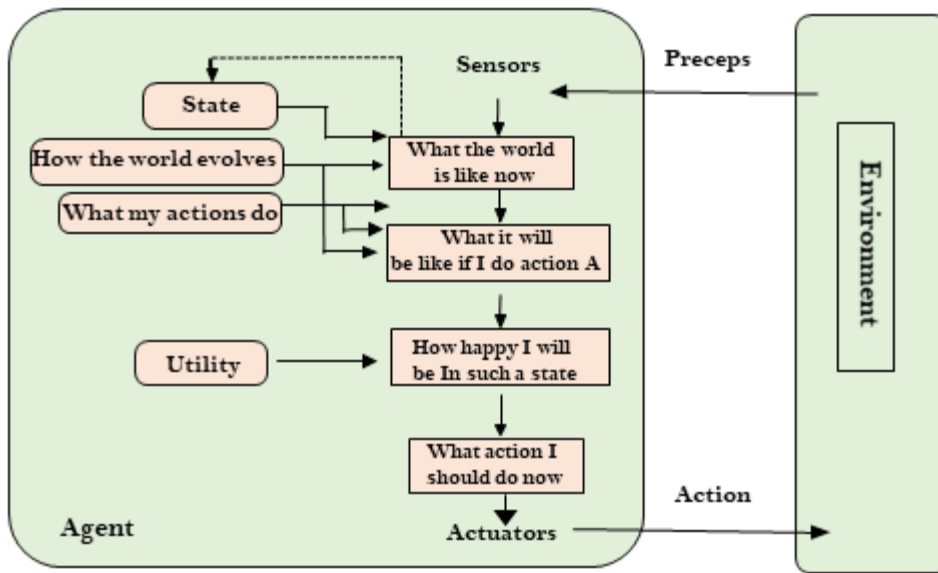
3. Goal-based agents

- The knowledge of the current state environment is not always sufficient to decide for an agent to what to do.
- The agent needs to know its goal which describes desirable situations.
- Goal-based agents expand the capabilities of the model-based agent by having the "goal" information.
- They choose an action, so that they can achieve the goal.
- These agents may have to consider a long sequence of possible actions before deciding whether the goal is achieved or not. Such considerations of different scenario are called searching and planning, which makes an agent proactive.



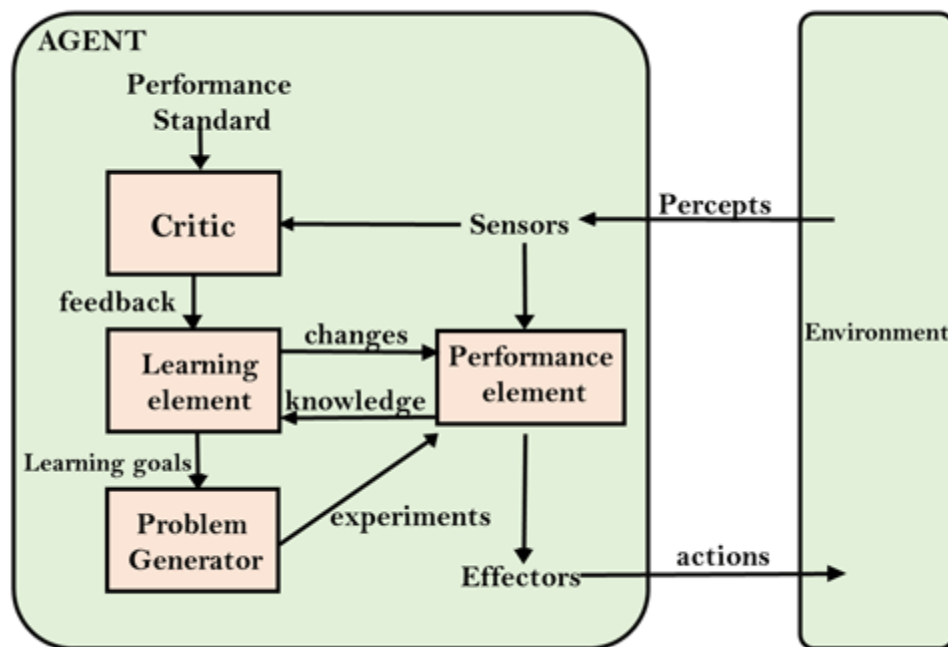
4. Utility-based agents

- These agents are similar to the goal-based agent but provide an extra component of utility measurement which makes them different by providing a measure of success at a given state.
- Utility-based agent act based not only goals but also the best way to achieve the goal.
- The Utility-based agent is useful when there are multiple possible alternatives, and an agent has to choose in order to perform the best action.
- The utility function maps each state to a real number to check how efficiently each action achieves the goals.



5. Learning Agents

- A learning agent in AI is the type of agent which can learn from its past experiences, or it has learning capabilities.
- It starts to act with basic knowledge and then able to act and adapt automatically through learning.
- A learning agent has mainly four conceptual components, which are:
 1. **Learning element:** It is responsible for making improvements by learning from environment
 2. **Critic:** Learning element takes feedback from critic which describes that how well the agent is doing with respect to a fixed performance standard.
 3. **Performance element:** It is responsible for selecting external action
 4. **Problem generator:** This component is responsible for suggesting actions that will lead to new and informative experiences.
- Hence, learning agents are able to learn, analyze performance, and look for new ways to improve the performance.



KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION AND ISSUES:

Knowledge Representation

- Humans are best at understanding, reasoning, and interpreting knowledge.
- Human knows things, which is knowledge and as per their knowledge they perform various actions in the real world.
- **But how machines do all these things comes under knowledge representation and reasoning.**
- Hence we can describe Knowledge representation as following:
 - Knowledge representation and reasoning (KR, KRR) is the part of Artificial intelligence which concerned with AI agents thinking and how thinking contributes to intelligent behavior of agents.
 - It is responsible for representing information about the real world so that a computer can understand and can utilize this knowledge to solve the complex real world problems such as diagnosis a medical condition or communicating with humans in natural language.
 - It is also a way which describes how we can represent knowledge in artificial intelligence.
 - Knowledge representation is not just storing data into some database, but it also enables an intelligent machine to learn from that knowledge and experiences so that it can behave intelligently like a human.

What to Represent:

- Following are the kind of knowledge which needs to be represented in AI systems:
 - **Object:** All the facts about objects in our world domain. E.g., Guitars contains strings, trumpets are brass instruments.
 - **Events:** Events are the actions which occur in our world.
 - **Performance:** It describe behavior which involves knowledge about how to do things.
 - **Meta-knowledge:** It is knowledge about what we know.
 - **Facts:** Facts are the truths about the real world and what we represent.
 - **Knowledge-Base:** The central component of the knowledge-based agents is the knowledge base. It is represented as KB. The Knowledgebase is a group of the Sentences (Here, sentences are used as a technical term and not identical with the English language).

Knowledge: Knowledge is awareness or familiarity gained by experiences of facts, data, and situations.

- Following are the types of knowledge in artificial intelligence:

Types of knowledge

Following are the various types of knowledge:

1. Declarative Knowledge:

- Declarative knowledge is to know about something.
- It includes concepts, facts, and objects.
- It is also called descriptive knowledge and expressed in declarative sentences.
- It is simpler than procedural language.

2. Procedural Knowledge

- It is also known as imperative knowledge.
- Procedural knowledge is a type of knowledge which is responsible for knowing how to do something.
- It can be directly applied to any task.
- It includes rules, strategies, procedures, agendas, etc.
- Procedural knowledge depends on the task on which it can be applied.

3. Meta-knowledge:

- Knowledge about the other types of knowledge is called Meta-knowledge.

4. Heuristic knowledge:

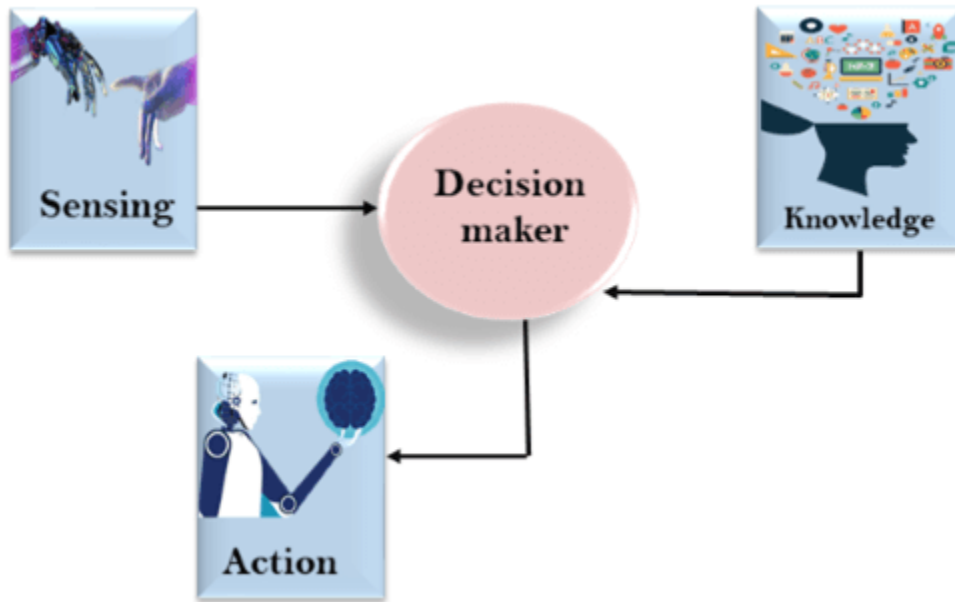
- Heuristic knowledge is representing knowledge of some experts in a field or subject.
- Heuristic knowledge is rules of thumb based on previous experiences, awareness of approaches, and which are good to work but not guaranteed.

5. Structural knowledge:

- Structural knowledge is basic knowledge to problem-solving.
- It describes relationships between various concepts such as kind of, part of, and grouping of something.
- It describes the relationship that exists between concepts or objects.

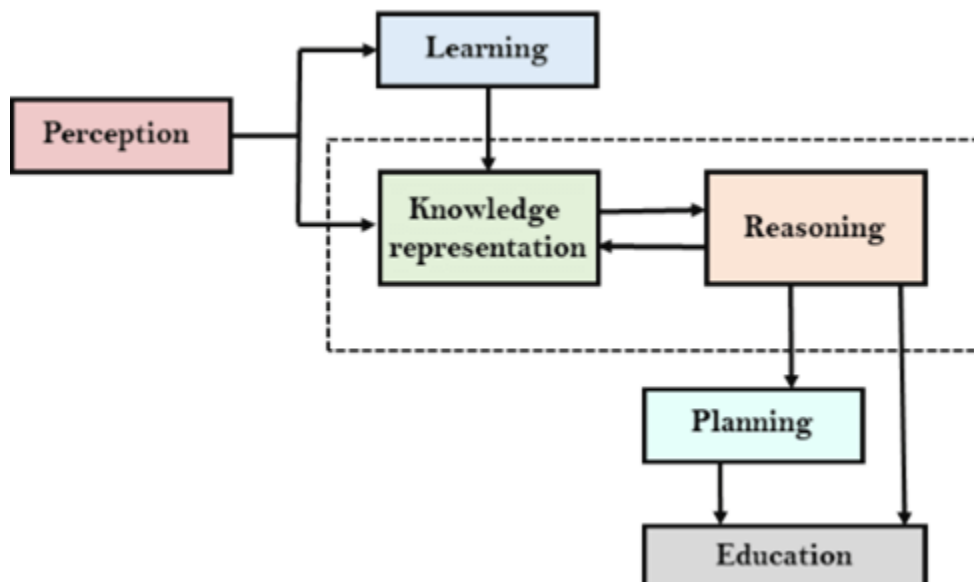
The relation between knowledge and intelligence:

- Knowledge of real-worlds plays a vital role in intelligence and same for creating artificial intelligence.
- Knowledge plays an important role in demonstrating intelligent behavior in AI agents.
- An agent is only able to accurately act on some input when he has some knowledge or experience about that input.
- Let's suppose if you met some person who is speaking in a language which you don't know, then how you will be able to act on that. The same thing applies to the intelligent behavior of the agents.
- As we can see in below diagram, there is one decision maker which acts by sensing the environment and using knowledge. But if the knowledge part will not be present then, it cannot display intelligent behavior.



AI knowledge cycle:

- An Artificial intelligence system has the following components for displaying intelligent behavior:
 - Perception
 - Learning
 - Knowledge Representation and Reasoning
 - Planning
 - Execution



- The above diagram is showing how an AI system can interact with the real world and what components help it to show intelligence.
- AI system has Perception component by which it retrieves information from its environment.
- It can be visual, audio or another form of sensory input.
- The learning component is responsible for learning from data captured by Perception component.
- In the complete cycle, the main components are knowledge representation and Reasoning.
- These two components are involved in showing the intelligence in machine-like humans.
- These two components are independent with each other but also coupled together.
- The planning and execution depend on analysis of Knowledge representation and reasoning.

Approaches to knowledge representation:

- There are mainly four approaches to knowledge representation, which are given below:

1. Simple relational knowledge:

- It is the simplest way of storing facts which uses the relational method, and each fact about a set of the object is set out systematically in columns.
- This approach of knowledge representation is famous in database systems where the relationship between different entities is represented.
- This approach has little opportunity for inference.

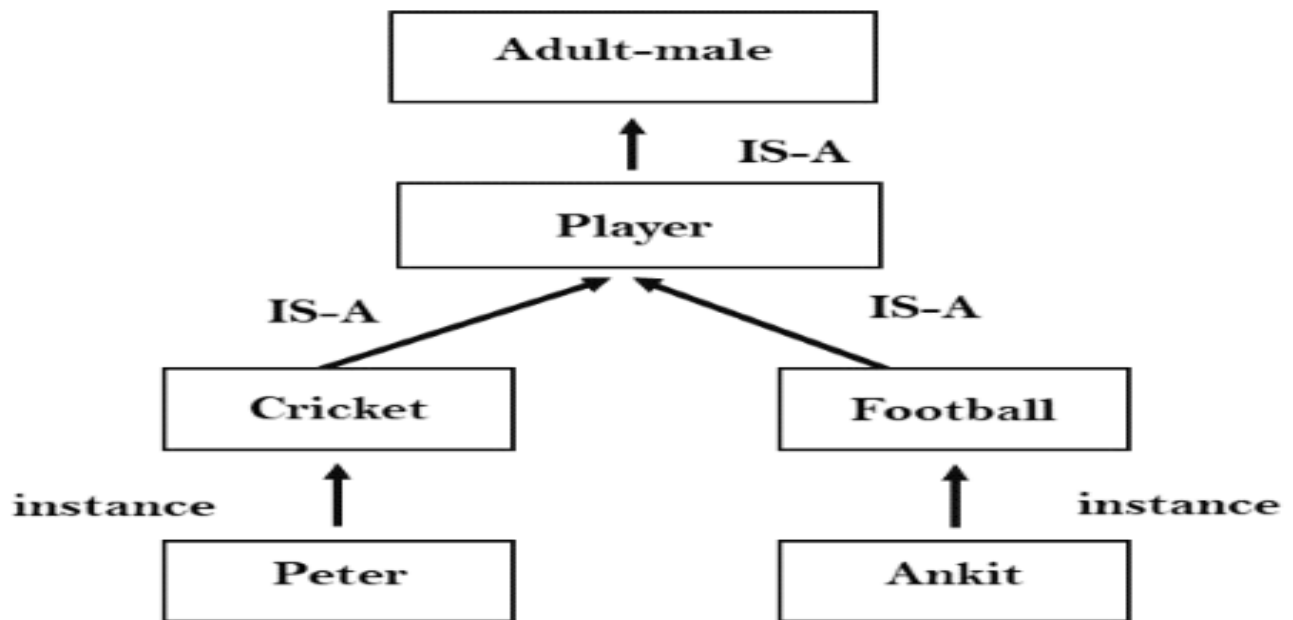
Example: The following is the simple relational knowledge representation.

Player	Weight	Age
Player1	65	23
Player2	58	18
Player3	75	24

2. Inheritable knowledge:

- In the inheritable knowledge approach, all data must be stored into a hierarchy of classes.
- All classes should be arranged in a generalized form or a hierarchal manner.
- In this approach, we apply inheritance property.
- Elements inherit values from other members of a class.

- This approach contains inheritable knowledge which shows a relation between instance and class, and it is called instance relation.
- Every individual frame can represent the collection of attributes and its value.
- In this approach, objects and values are represented in Boxed nodes.
- We use Arrows which point from objects to their values.
- **Example:**



3. Inferential knowledge:

- Inferential knowledge approach represents knowledge in the form of formal logics.
- This approach can be used to derive more facts.
- It guaranteed correctness.
- **Example:** Let's suppose there are two statements:
 - a. Marcus is a man
 - b. All men are mortal
 Then it can represent as;

man(Marcus)

$\forall x = \text{man}(x) \text{ -----} > \text{mortal}(x)$

4. Procedural knowledge:

- Procedural knowledge approach uses small programs and codes which describes how to do specific things, and how to proceed.
- In this approach, one important rule is used which is **If-Then rule**.

- In this knowledge, we can use various coding languages such as **LISP (List Processing) language** and **Prolog (Logic Programming) language**.
- We can easily represent heuristic or domain-specific knowledge using this approach.
- But it is not necessary that we can represent all cases in this approach.

Requirements for knowledge Representation system:

- A good knowledge representation system must possess the following properties.

1.Representational Accuracy: KR system should have the ability to represent all kind of required knowledge.

2. Inferential Adequacy: KR system should have ability to manipulate the representational structures to produce new knowledge corresponding to existing structure.

3. Inferential Efficiency: The ability to direct the inferential knowledge mechanism into the most productive directions by storing appropriate guides.

4. Acquisitional efficiency- The ability to acquire the new knowledge easily using automatic methods.

STATE SPACE SEARCH AND HEURISTIC SEARCH TECHNIQUES:

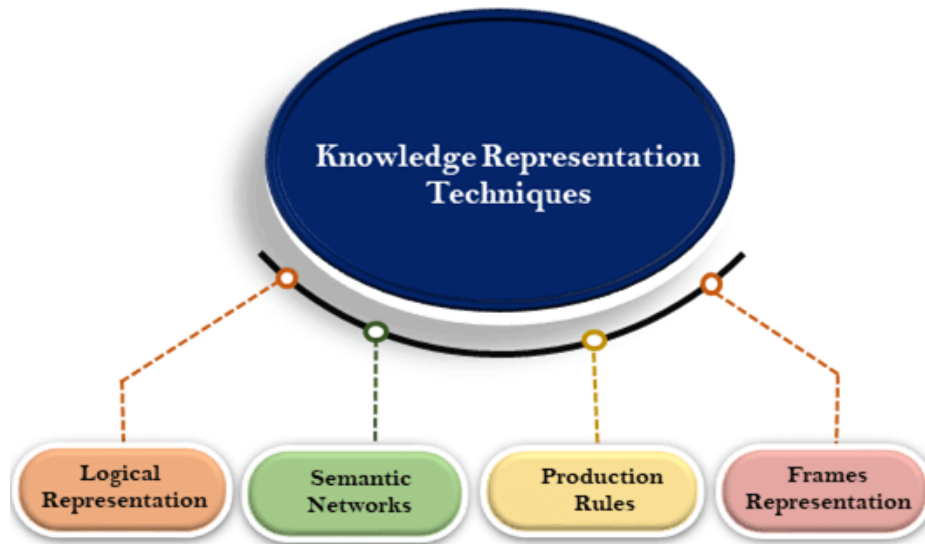
Defining AI Techniques:

- It is a method that exploits knowledge that should be represented in such a way that
 - i. Knowledge captures generalization
 - ii. Understandable by people
 - iii. Easily modifiable to correct
 - iv. Can be used in many situations
 - v. Can reduce its volume
- Parts of AI Techniques are
 1. Knowledge Representation
 2. Search Algorithm

1. Techniques of knowledge representation

- It is used to capture knowledge about real world

- There are mainly four ways of knowledge representation which are given as follows:
 1. Logical Representation
 2. Semantic Network Representation
 3. Frame Representation
 4. Production Rules



1. Logical Representation

- Logical representation is a language with some concrete rules which deals with propositions and has no ambiguity in representation.
- Logical representation means drawing a conclusion based on various conditions.
- This representation lays down some important communication rules.
- It consists of precisely defined syntax and semantics which supports the sound inference.
- Each sentence can be translated into logics using syntax and semantics.

Syntax:

- Syntaxes are the rules which decide how we can construct legal sentences in the logic.
- It determines which symbol we can use in knowledge representation.
- How to write those symbols.

Semantics:

- Semantics are the rules by which we can interpret the sentence in the logic.
- Semantic also involves assigning a meaning to each sentence.

➤ Logical representation can be categorised into mainly two logics:

1. Propositional Logics
2. Predicate logics

Advantages of logical representation:

1. Logical representation enables us to do logical reasoning.
2. Logical representation is the basis for the programming languages.

Disadvantages of logical Representation:

1. Logical representations have some restrictions and are challenging to work with.
2. Logical representation technique may not be very natural, and inference may not be so efficient.

Note: Do not be confused with logical representation and logical reasoning as logical representation is a representation language and reasoning is a process of thinking logically.

2. Semantic Network Representation

- Semantic networks are alternative of predicate logic for knowledge representation.
- In Semantic networks, we can represent our knowledge in the form of graphical networks.
- This network consists of nodes representing objects and arcs which describe the relationship between those objects.
- Semantic networks can categorize the object in different forms and can also link those objects. Semantic networks are easy to understand and can be easily extended.

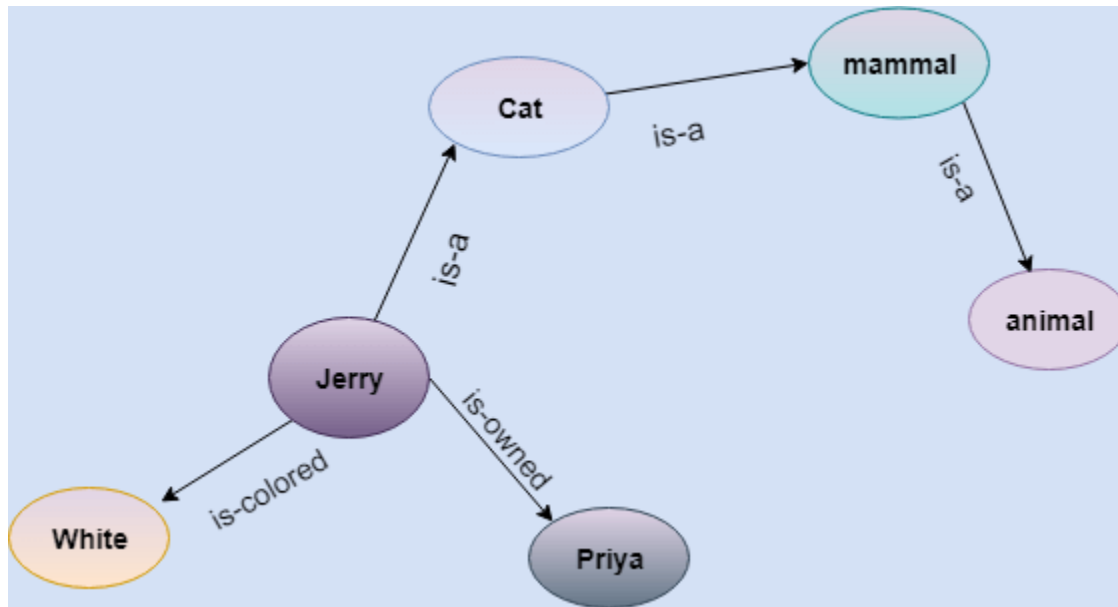
➤ This representation consist of mainly two types of relations:

1. IS-A relation (Inheritance)
2. Kind-of-relation

Example: Following are some statements which we need to represent in the form of nodes and arcs.

Statements:

1. Jerry is a cat.
2. Jerry is a mammal
3. Jerry is owned by Priya.
4. Jerry is brown colored.
5. All Mammals are animal.



- In the above diagram, we have represented the different type of knowledge in the form of nodes and arcs.
- Each object is connected with another object by some relation.

Drawbacks in Semantic representation:

1. Semantic networks take more computational time at runtime as we need to traverse the complete network tree to answer some questions. It might be possible in the worst case scenario that after traversing the entire tree, we find that the solution does not exist in this network.
2. Semantic networks try to model human-like memory (Which has 1015 neurons and links) to store the information, but in practice, it is not possible to build such a vast semantic network.
3. These types of representations are inadequate as they do not have any equivalent quantifier, e.g., for all, for some, none, etc.
4. Semantic networks do not have any standard definition for the link names.
5. These networks are not intelligent and depend on the creator of the system.

Advantages of Semantic network:

1. Semantic networks are a natural representation of knowledge.
2. Semantic networks convey meaning in a transparent manner.
3. These networks are simple and easily understandable.

3. Frame Representation

- A frame is a record like structure which consists of a collection of attributes and its values to describe an entity in the world.

- Frames are the AI data structure which divides knowledge into substructures by representing stereotypes situations.
- It consists of a collection of slots and slot values. These slots may be of any type and sizes. Slots have names and values which are called facets.

Facets:

- The various aspects of a slot is known as **Facets**.
 - Facets are features of frames which enable us to put constraints on the frames.
 - Example: IF-NEEDED facts are called when data of any particular slot is needed.
 - A frame may consist of any number of slots, and a slot may include any number of facets and facets may have any number of values.
 - A frame is also known as **slot-filter knowledge representation** in artificial intelligence.
- Frames are derived from semantic networks and later evolved into our modern-day classes and objects.
 - A single frame is not much useful. Frames system consist of a collection of frames which are connected. In the frame, knowledge about an object or event can be stored together in the knowledge base.
 - The frame is a type of technology which is widely used in various applications including Natural language processing and machine visions.

Example: 1

Let's take an example of a frame for a book

Slots	Filters
Title	Artificial Intelligence
Genre	Computer Science
Author	Peter Norvig
Edition	Third Edition
Year	1996
Page	1152

Example 2:

Let's suppose we are taking an entity, Peter. Peter is an engineer as a profession, and his age is 25, he lives in city London, and the country is England. So following is the frame representation for this:

Slots	Filter
Name	Peter
Profession	Doctor

Age	25
Marital status	Single
Weight	78

Advantages of frame representation:

1. The frame knowledge representation makes the programming easier by grouping the related data.
2. The frame representation is comparably flexible and used by many applications in AI.
3. It is very easy to add slots for new attribute and relations.
4. It is easy to include default data and to search for missing values.
5. Frame representation is easy to understand and visualize.

Disadvantages of frame representation:

1. In frame system inference mechanism is not be easily processed.
2. Inference mechanism cannot be smoothly proceeded by frame representation.
3. Frame representation has a much generalized approach.

4. Production Rules

- Production rules system consist of (**condition, action**) pairs which mean, "If condition then action". It has mainly three parts:
 - The set of production rules
 - Working Memory
 - The recognize-act-cycle
- In production rules agent checks for the condition and if the condition exists then production rule fires and corresponding action is carried out.
- The condition part of the rule determines which rule may be applied to a problem.
- And the action part carries out the associated problem-solving steps.
- This complete process is called a recognize-act cycle.
- The working memory contains the description of the current state of problems-solving and rule can write knowledge to the working memory.
- This knowledge match and may fire other rules.
- If there is a new situation (state) generates, then multiple production rules will be fired together, this is called conflict set.
- In this situation, the agent needs to select a rule from these sets, and it is called a conflict resolution.

Example:

- **IF (at bus stop AND bus arrives) THEN action (get into the bus)**
- **IF (on the bus AND paid AND empty seat) THEN action (sit down).**
- **IF (on bus AND unpaid) THEN action (pay charges).**
- **IF (bus arrives at destination) THEN action (get down from the bus).**

Advantages of Production rule:

1. The production rules are expressed in natural language.
2. The production rules are highly modular, so we can easily remove, add or modify an individual rule.

Disadvantages of Production rule:

1. Production rule system does not exhibit any learning capabilities, as it does not store the result of the problem for the future uses.
2. During the execution of the program, many rules may be active hence rule-based production systems are inefficient.

2. Search Algorithms in Artificial Intelligence

- Search algorithms are one of the most important areas of Artificial Intelligence.

Problem-solving agents:

- In Artificial Intelligence, Search techniques are universal problem-solving methods.
- **Rational agents** or **Problem-solving agents** in AI mostly used these search strategies or algorithms to solve a specific problem and provide the best result.
- Problem-solving agents are the goal-based agents and use atomic representation.

Search Algorithm Terminologies:

- **Search:** Searching is a step by step procedure to solve a search-problem in a given search space.
- A search problem can have three main factors:
 1. **Search Space:** Search space represents a set of possible solutions, which a system may have.
 2. **Start State:** It is a state from where agent begins **the search**.
 3. **Goal test:** It is a function which observe the current state and returns whether the goal state is achieved or not.
- **Search tree:** A tree representation of search problem is called Search tree. The root of the search tree is the root node which is corresponding to the initial state.

- **Actions:** It gives the description of all the available actions to the agent.
- **Transition model:** A description of what each action do, can be represented as a transition model.
- **Path Cost:** It is a function which assigns a numeric cost to each path.
- **Solution:** It is an action sequence which leads from the start node to the goal node.
- **Optimal Solution:** If a solution has the lowest cost among all solutions.

Properties of Search Algorithms:

- Following are the four essential properties of search algorithms to compare the efficiency of these algorithms:

Completeness: A search algorithm is said to be complete if it guarantees to return a solution if at least any solution exists for any random input.

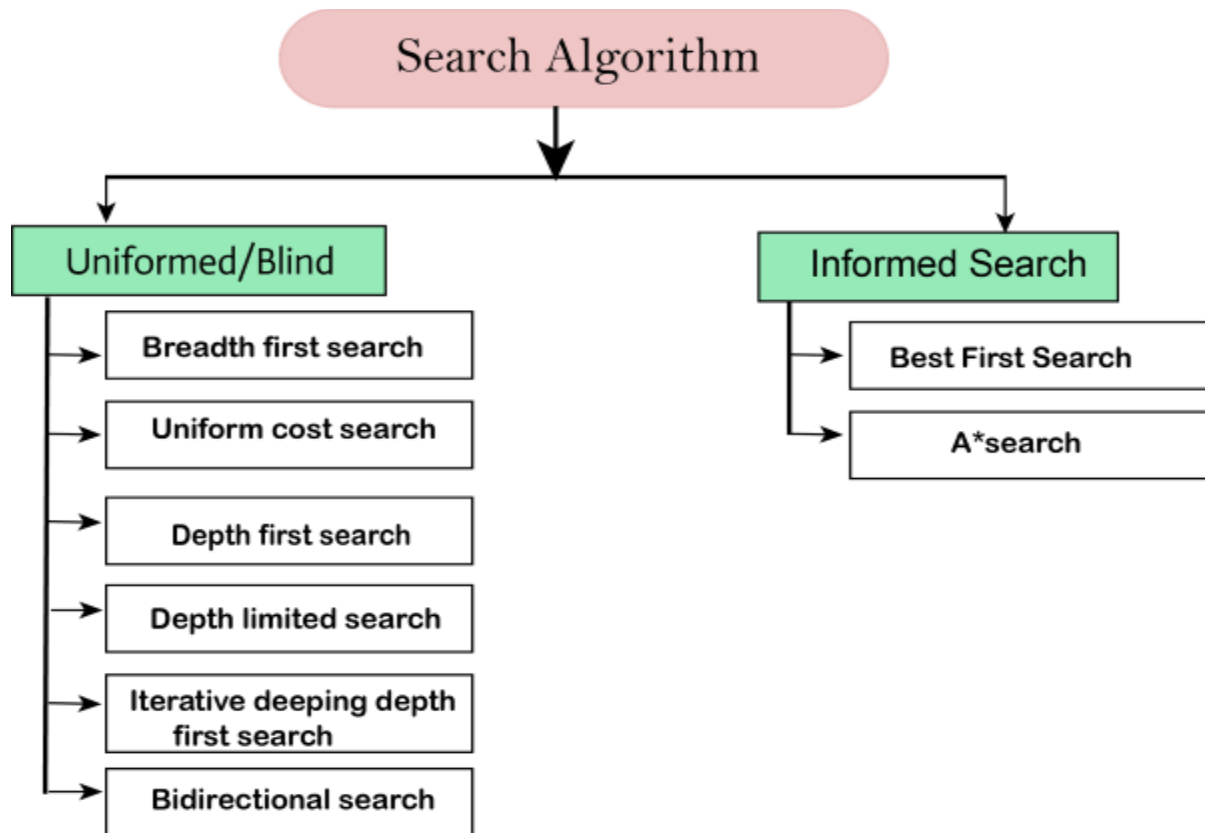
Optimality: If a solution found for an algorithm is guaranteed to be the best solution (lowest path cost) among all other solutions, then such a solution for is said to be an optimal solution.

Time Complexity: Time complexity is a measure of time for an algorithm to complete its task.

Space Complexity: It is the maximum storage space required at any point during the search, as the complexity of the problem.

Types of search algorithms:

- Based on the search problems we can classify the search algorithms into
 1. Uninformed Search(Blind search) algorithm and
 2. Informed Search (Heuristic search) algorithm



i. Uninformed/Blind Search:

- The uninformed search does not contain any domain knowledge such as closeness, the location of the goal.
- It operates in a brute-force way as it only includes information about how to traverse the tree and how to identify leaf and goal nodes.
- Uninformed search applies a way in which search tree is searched without any information about the search space like initial state operators and test for the goal, so it is also called blind search.
- It examines each node of the tree until it achieves the goal node.

It can be divided into five main types:

- Breadth-first search
- Uniform cost search
- Depth-first search
- Iterative deepening depth-first search
- Bidirectional Search

ii. Informed Search/Heuristic search

- Informed search algorithms use domain knowledge.
- In an informed search, problem information is available which can guide the search.

- Informed search strategies can find a solution more efficiently than an uninformed search strategy. Informed search is also called a Heuristic search.
 - A heuristic is a way which might not always be guaranteed for best solutions but guaranteed to find a good solution in reasonable time.
 - Informed search can solve much complex problem which could not be solved in another way.
 - An example of informed search algorithms is a traveling salesman problem.
1. Best First Search (Greedy Search)
 2. A* Search

Uninformed Search Algorithms

- Uninformed search is a class of general-purpose search algorithms which operates in brute force-way.
 - Uninformed search algorithms do not have additional information about state or search space other than how to traverse the tree, so it is also called blind search.
 - **Following are the various types of uninformed search algorithms:**
1. **Breadth-first Search**
 2. **Depth-first Search**
 3. **Depth-limited Search**
 4. **Iterative deepening depth-first search**
 5. **Uniform cost search**
 6. **Bidirectional Search**

1. Breadth-First Search(BFS):

- Breadth-first search is the most common search strategy for traversing a tree or graph.
- This algorithm searches breadth wise in a tree or graph, so it is called breadth-first search.
- BFS algorithm starts searching from the root node of the tree and expands all successor node at the current level before moving to nodes of next level.
- The breadth-first search algorithm is an example of a general-graph search algorithm.
- Breadth-first search implemented using FIFO queue data structure.

Advantages:

- BFS will provide a solution if any solution exists.
- If there are more than one solutions for a given problem, then BFS will provide the minimal solution which requires the least number of steps.

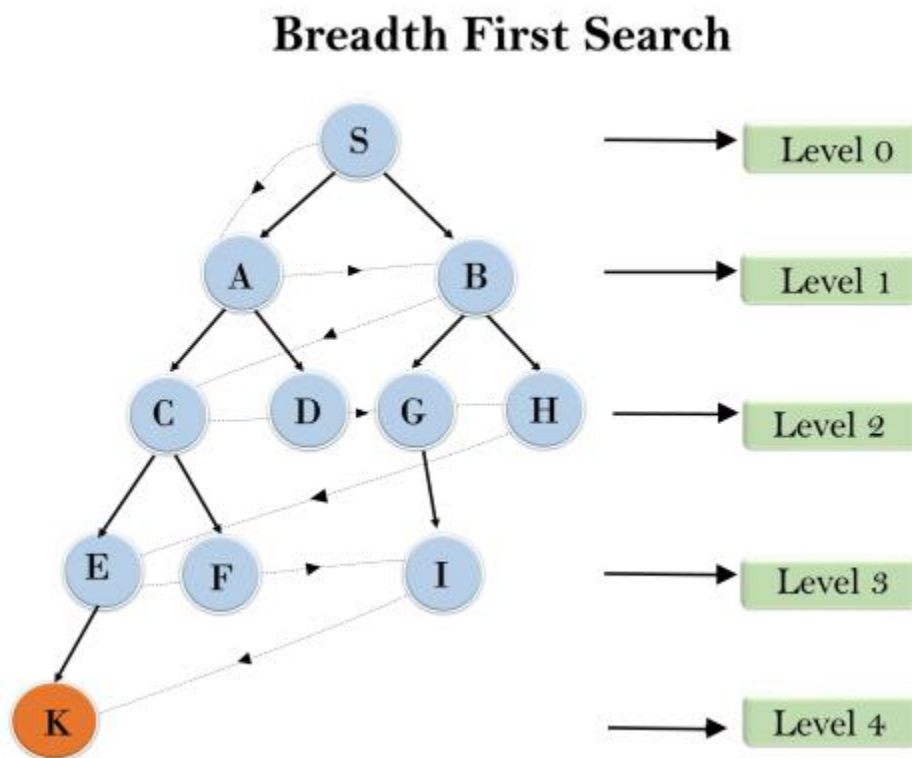
Disadvantages:

- It requires lots of memory since each level of the tree must be saved into memory to expand the next level.
- BFS needs lots of time if the solution is far away from the root node.

Example:

- In the below tree structure, we have shown the traversing of the tree using BFS algorithm from the root node S to goal node K.
- BFS search algorithm traverse in layers, so it will follow the path which is shown by the dotted arrow, and the traversed path will be:

1. S---> A--->B--->C--->D--->G--->H--->E--->F--->I--->K



Time Complexity: Time Complexity of BFS algorithm can be obtained by the number of nodes traversed in BFS until the shallowest Node.

Where the d = depth of shallowest solution and b is a node at every state.

$$T(b) = 1 + b + b^2 + \dots + b^d = O(b^d)$$

Space Complexity: Space complexity of BFS algorithm is given by the Memory size of frontier which is $O(b^d)$.

Completeness: BFS is complete, which means if the shallowest goal node is at some finite depth, then BFS will find a solution.

Optimality: BFS is optimal if path cost is a non-decreasing function of the depth of the node.

2. Depth-First Search(DFS)

- Depth-first search is a recursive algorithm for traversing a tree or graph data structure.
- It is called the depth-first search because it starts from the root node and follows each path to its greatest depth node before moving to the next path.
- DFS uses a stack data structure for its implementation.
- The process of the DFS algorithm is similar to the BFS algorithm.

Note: Backtracking is an algorithm technique for finding all possible solutions using recursion.

Advantage:

- DFS requires very less memory as it only needs to store a stack of the nodes on the path from root node to the current node.
- It takes less time to reach to the goal node than BFS algorithm (if it traverses in the right path).

Disadvantage:

- There is the possibility that many states keep re-occurring, and there is no guarantee of finding the solution.
- DFS algorithm goes for deep down searching and sometime it may go to the infinite loop.

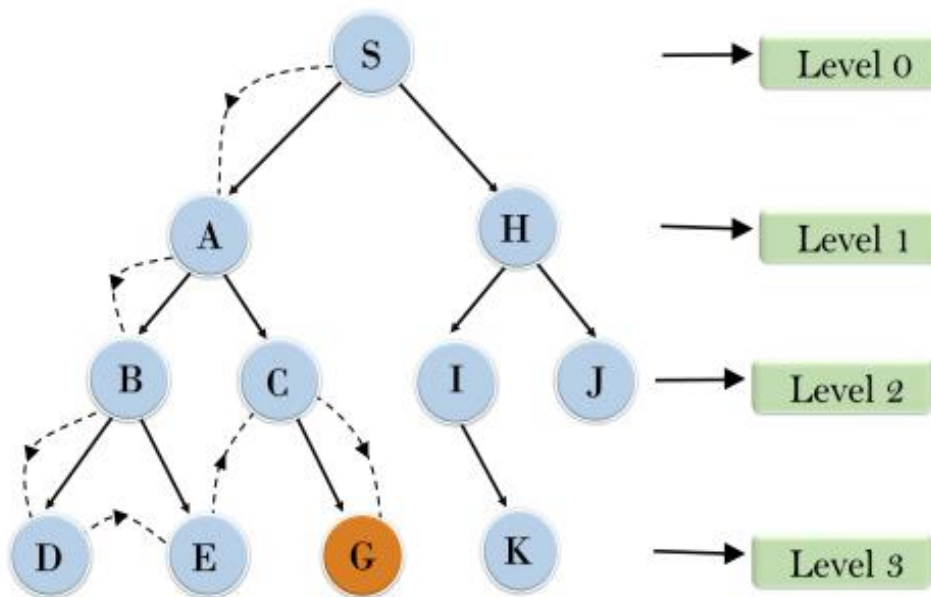
Example:

- In the below search tree, we have shown the flow of depth-first search, and it will follow the order as:

Root node--->Left node ----> right node.

- It will start searching from root node S, and traverse A, then B, then D and E, after traversing E, it will backtrack the tree as E has no other successor and still goal node is not found.
- After backtracking it will traverse node C and then G, and here it will terminate as it found goal node.

Depth First Search



Completeness: DFS search algorithm is complete within finite state space as it will expand every node within a limited search tree.

Time Complexity: Time complexity of DFS will be equivalent to the node traversed by the algorithm. It is given by:

$$T(n) = 1 + n^2 + n^3 + \dots + n^m = O(n^m)$$

Where, m = maximum depth of any node and this can be much larger than d (Shallowest solution depth)

Space Complexity: DFS algorithm needs to store only single path from the root node, hence space complexity of DFS is equivalent to the size of the fringe set, which is $O(bm)$.

Optimal: DFS search algorithm is non-optimal, as it may generate a large number of steps or high cost to reach to the goal node.

3. Depth-Limited Search(DLS) Algorithm:

- A depth-limited search algorithm is similar to depth-first search with a predetermined limit.
- Depth-limited search can solve the drawback of the infinite path in the Depth-first search.

- In this algorithm, the node at the depth limit will treat as it has no successor nodes further.
- Depth-limited search can be terminated with two Conditions of failure:
 - **Standard failure value:** It indicates that problem does not have any solution.
 - **Cutoff failure value:** It defines no solution for the problem within a given depth limit.

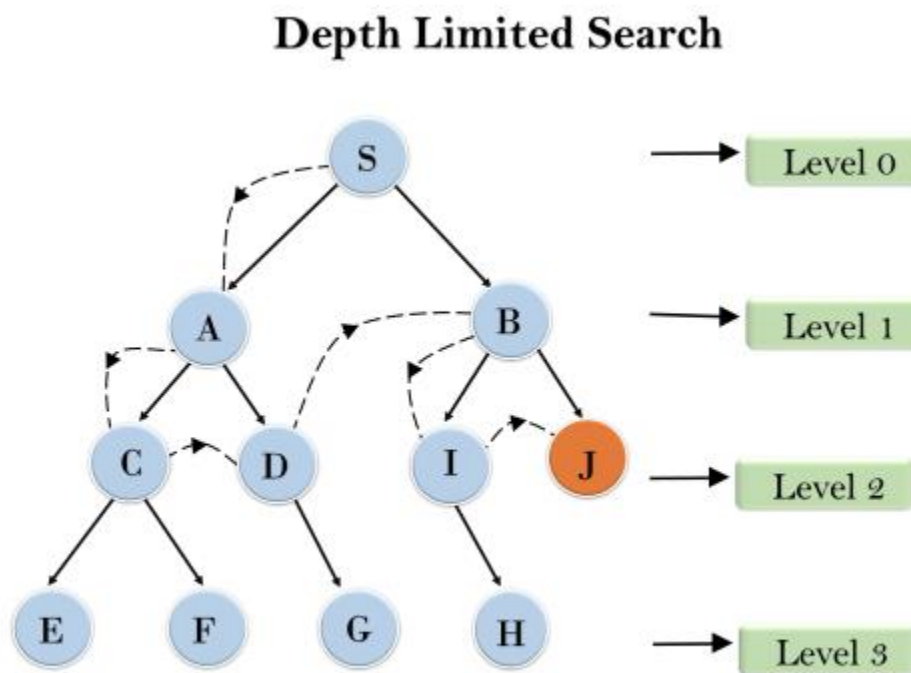
Advantages:

Depth-limited search is Memory efficient.

Disadvantages:

- Depth-limited search also has a disadvantage of incompleteness.
- It may not be optimal if the problem has more than one solution.

Example:



Completeness: DLS search algorithm is complete if the solution is above the depth-limit.

Time Complexity: Time complexity of DLS algorithm is $O(b^l)$.

Space Complexity: Space complexity of DLS algorithm is $O(b \times l)$.

Optimal: Depth-limited search can be viewed as a special case of DFS, and it is also not optimal even if $\ell > d$.

4. Uniform-cost Search(UCS) Algorithm:

- Uniform-cost search is a searching algorithm used for traversing a weighted tree or graph.
- This algorithm comes into play when a different cost is available for each edge.
- The primary goal of the uniform-cost search is to find a path to the goal node which has the lowest cumulative cost.
- Uniform-cost search expands nodes according to their path costs from the root node.
- It can be used to solve any graph/tree where the optimal cost is in demand.
- A uniform-cost search algorithm is implemented by the priority queue.
- It gives maximum priority to the lowest cumulative cost.
- Uniform cost search is equivalent to BFS algorithm if the path cost of all edges is the same.

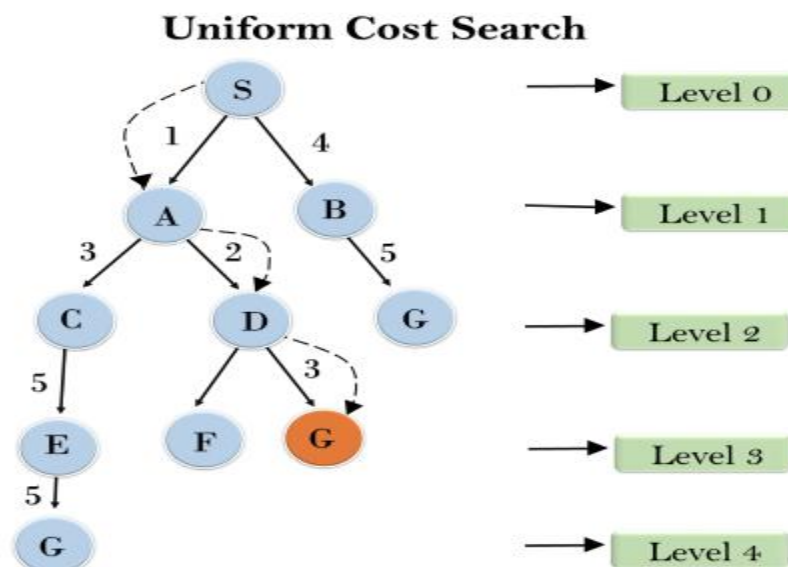
Advantages:

- Uniform cost search is optimal because at every state the path with the least cost is chosen.

Disadvantages:

- It does not care about the number of steps involve in searching and only concerned about path cost. Due to which this algorithm may be stuck in an infinite loop.

Example:



Completeness:

Uniform-cost search is complete, such as if there is a solution, UCS will find it.

Time Complexity:

Let C^* is Cost of the optimal solution, and ϵ is each step to get closer to the goal node.

Then the number of steps is $= C^*/\epsilon + 1$. Here we have taken $+1$, as we start from state 0 and end to C^*/ϵ .

Hence, the worst-case time complexity of Uniform-cost search is $O(b^{1 + \lceil C^*/\epsilon \rceil})$.

Space Complexity:

The same logic is for space complexity so, the worst-case space complexity of Uniform-cost search is $O(b^{1 + \lceil C^*/\epsilon \rceil})$.

Optimal:

Uniform-cost search is always optimal as it only selects a path with the lowest path cost.

5. Iterative deepening depth-first(IDDFS) Search:

- The iterative deepening algorithm is a combination of DFS and BFS algorithms.
- This search algorithm finds out the best depth limit and does it by gradually increasing the limit until a goal is found.
- This algorithm performs depth-first search up to a certain "depth limit", and it keeps increasing the depth limit after each iteration until the goal node is found.
- This Search algorithm combines the benefits of Breadth-first search's fast search and depth-first search's memory efficiency.
- The iterative search algorithm is useful uninformed search when search space is large, and depth of goal node is unknown.

Advantages:

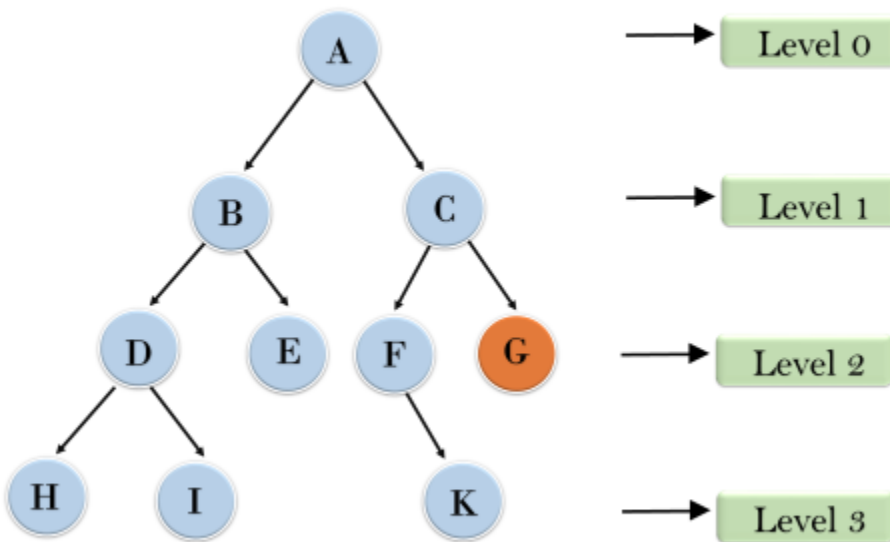
- It combines the benefits of BFS and DFS search algorithm in terms of fast search and memory efficiency.

Disadvantages:

- The main drawback of IDDFS is that it repeats all the work of the previous phase.

Example:

- Following tree structure is showing the iterative deepening depth-first search.
- IDDFS algorithm performs various iterations until it does not find the goal node.
- The iteration performed by the algorithm is given as:

Iterative deepening depth first search

1'st Iteration-----> A

2'nd Iteration-----> A, B, C

3'rd Iteration----->A, B, D, E, C, F, G

4'th Iteration----->A, B, D, H, I, E, C, F, K, G

In the fourth iteration, the algorithm will find the goal node.

Completeness:

This algorithm is complete is if the branching factor is finite.

Time Complexity:

Let's suppose b is the branching factor and depth is d then the worst-case time complexity is $O(b^d)$.

Space Complexity:

The space complexity of IDDFS will be **$O(bd)$** .

Optimal:

IDDFS algorithm is optimal if path cost is a non- decreasing function of the depth of the node.

6. Bidirectional Search (BDS)Algorithm:

- Bidirectional search algorithm runs two simultaneous searches, one from initial state called as forward-search and other from goal node called as backward-search, to find the goal node.
- Bidirectional search replaces one single search graph with two small subgraphs in which one starts the search from an initial vertex and other starts from goal vertex.
- The search stops when these two graphs intersect each other.
- **Bidirectional search can use search techniques such as BFS, DFS, DLS, etc.**

Advantages:

- Bidirectional search is fast.
- Bidirectional search requires less memory

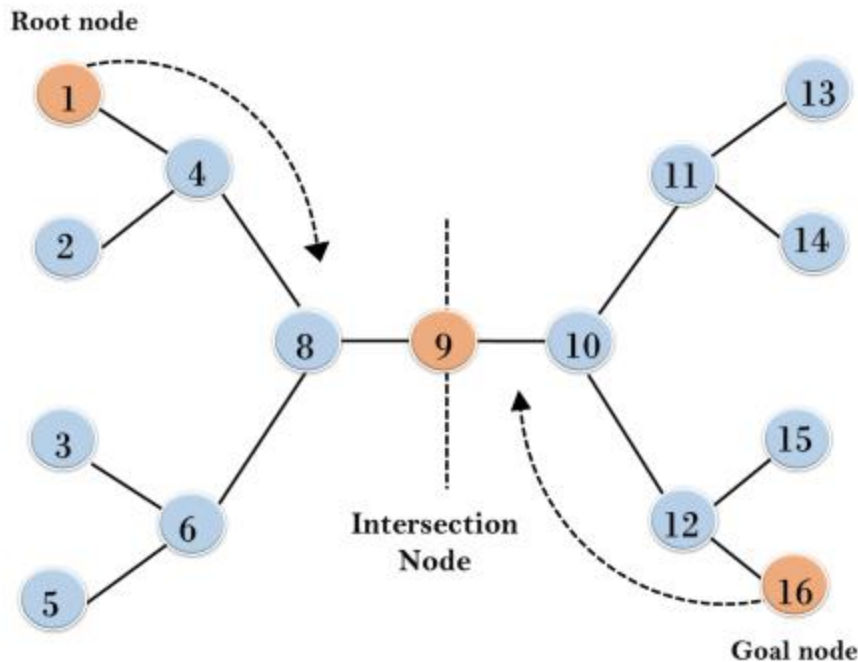
Disadvantages:

- Implementation of the bidirectional search tree is difficult.
- **In bidirectional search, one should know the goal state in advance.**

Example:

- In the below search tree, bidirectional search algorithm is applied.
- This algorithm divides one graph/tree into two sub-graphs.
- It starts traversing from node 1 in the forward direction and starts from goal node 16 in the backward direction.
- The algorithm terminates at node 9 where two searches meet.

Bidirectional Search



Completeness: Bidirectional Search is complete if we use BFS in both searches.

Time Complexity: Time complexity of bidirectional search using BFS is $O(b^d)$.

Space Complexity: Space complexity of bidirectional search is $O(b^d)$.

Optimal: Bidirectional search is Optimal.

Informed Search (Heuristic Search) Algorithms

- Informed search algorithm contains an array of knowledge such as how far we are from the goal, path cost, how to reach to goal node, etc.
- This knowledge help agents to explore less to the search space and find more efficiently the goal node.
- The informed search algorithm is more useful for large search space. Informed search algorithm uses the idea of heuristic, so it is also called Heuristic search.

Heuristics function:

- Heuristic is a function which is used in Informed Search, and it finds the most promising path.

- It takes the current state of the agent as its input and produces the estimation of how close agent is from the goal.
- The heuristic method, however, might not always give the best solution, but it guaranteed to find a good solution in reasonable time.
- Heuristic function estimates how close a state is to the goal.
- It is represented by $h(n)$, and it calculates the cost of an optimal path between the pair of states.
- The value of the heuristic function is always positive.

Admissibility of the heuristic function is given as:

1. $h(n) \leq h^*(n)$

- **Here $h(n)$ is heuristic cost, and $h^*(n)$ is the estimated cost.**
- **Hence heuristic cost should be less than or equal to the estimated cost.**

Pure Heuristic Search:

- Pure heuristic search is the simplest form of heuristic search algorithms.
 - It expands nodes based on their heuristic value $h(n)$.
 - It maintains two lists, OPEN and CLOSED list.
 - In the CLOSED list, it places those nodes which have already expanded and in the OPEN list, it places nodes which have yet not been expanded.
- On each iteration, each node n with the lowest heuristic value is expanded and generates all its successors and n is placed to the closed list.
- The algorithm continues until a goal state is found.
- In the informed search we will discuss two main algorithms which are given below:
 - **Best First Search Algorithm(Greedy search)**
 - **A* Search Algorithm**

1) Best-first Search Algorithm (Greedy Search):

- Greedy best-first search algorithm always selects the path which appears best at that moment.
- It is the combination of depth-first search and breadth-first search algorithms.
- It uses the heuristic function and search.
- Best-first search allows us to take the advantages of both algorithms.
- With the help of best-first search, at each step, we can choose the most promising node.
- In the best first search algorithm, we expand the node which is closest to the goal node and the closest cost is estimated by heuristic function, i.e.

1. $f(n) = g(n)$.

Where, $h(n)$ = estimated cost from node n to the goal.

- The greedy best first algorithm is implemented by the priority queue.

Best first search algorithm:

- **Step 1:** Place the starting node into the OPEN list.
- **Step 2:** If the OPEN list is empty, Stop and return failure.
- **Step 3:** Remove the node n , from the OPEN list which has the lowest value of $h(n)$, and places it in the CLOSED list.
- **Step 4:** Expand the node n , and generate the successors of node n .
- **Step 5:** Check each successor of node n , and find whether any node is a goal node or not. If any successor node is goal node, then return success and terminate the search, else proceed to Step 6.
- **Step 6:** For each successor node, algorithm checks for evaluation function $f(n)$, and then check if the node has been in either OPEN or CLOSED list. If the node has not been in both list, then add it to the OPEN list.
- **Step 7:** Return to Step 2.

Advantages:

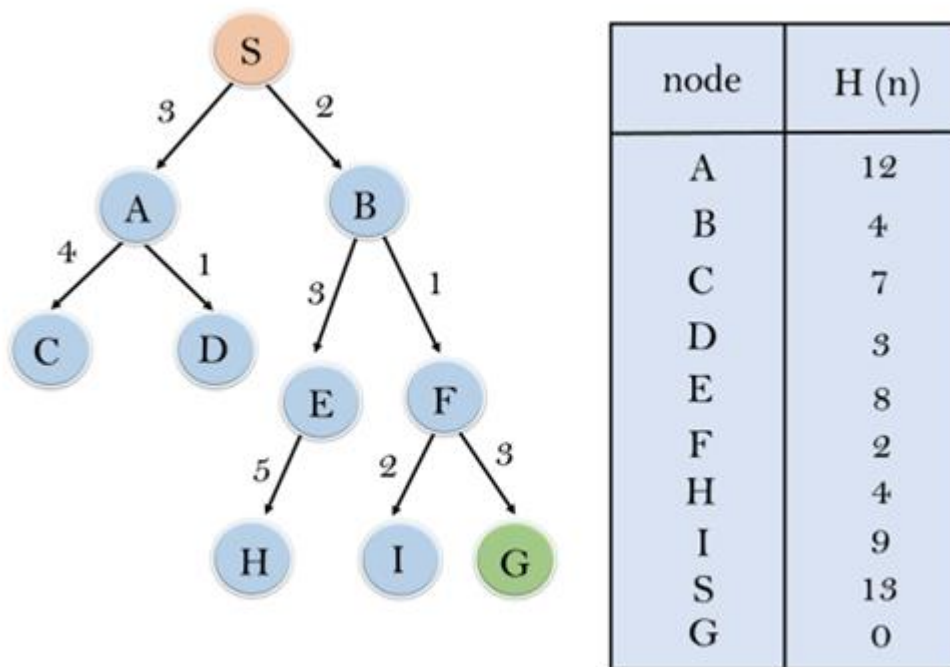
- Best first search can switch between BFS and DFS by gaining the advantages of both the algorithms.
- This algorithm is more efficient than BFS and DFS algorithms.

Disadvantages:

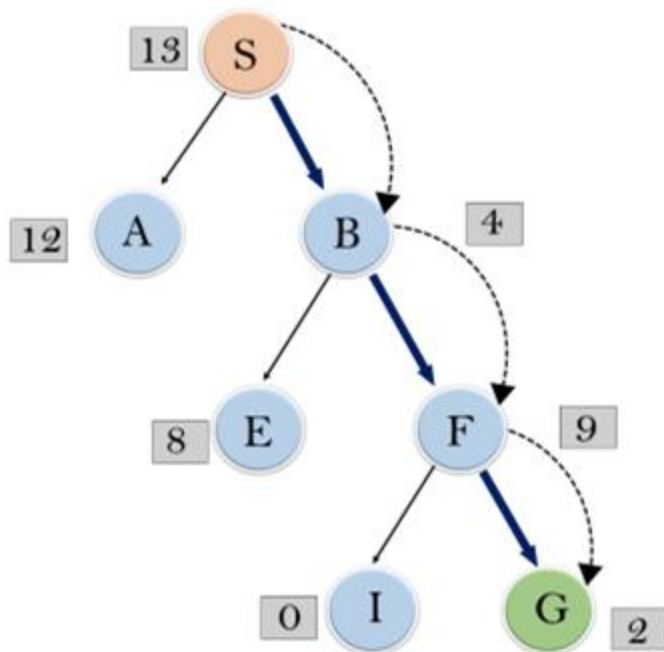
- It can behave as an unguided depth-first search in the worst case scenario.
- It can get stuck in a loop as DFS.
- This algorithm is not optimal.

Example:

- Consider the below search problem, and we will traverse it using greedy best-first search.
- At each iteration, each node is expanded using evaluation function $f(n) = h(n)$, which is given in the below table.



- In this search example, we are using two lists which are **OPEN** and **CLOSED** Lists.
- Following are the iteration for traversing the above example.



Expand the nodes of S and put in the CLOSED list

Initialization: Open [A, B], Closed [S]

Iteration 1: Open [A], Closed [S, B]

Iteration 2: Open [E, F, A], Closed [S, B]
: Open [E, A], Closed [S, B, F]

Iteration 3: Open [I, G, E, A], Closed [S, B, F]
: Open [I, E, A], Closed [S, B, F, G]

Hence the final solution path will be: **S----> B----->F----> G**

Time Complexity: The worst case time complexity of Greedy best first search is $O(b^m)$.

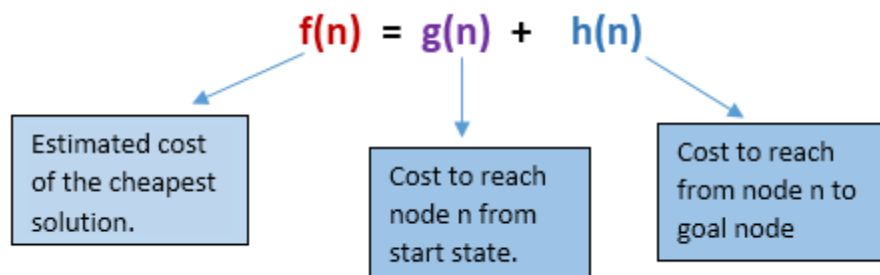
Space Complexity: The worst case space complexity of Greedy best first search is $O(b^m)$.
Where, m is the maximum depth of the search space.

Complete: Greedy best-first search is also incomplete, even if the given state space is finite.

Optimal: Greedy best first search algorithm is not optimal.

2.) A* Search Algorithm:

- A* search is the most commonly known form of best-first search.
 - It uses heuristic function $h(n)$, and cost to reach the node n from the start state $g(n)$.
 - It has combined features of UCS and greedy best-first search, by which it solve the problem efficiently.
 - A* search algorithm finds the shortest path through the search space using the heuristic function.
 - This search algorithm expands less search tree and provides optimal result faster.
 - A* algorithm is similar to UCS except that it uses $g(n)+h(n)$ instead of $g(n)$.
- In A* search algorithm, we use search heuristic as well as the cost to reach the node.
- Hence we can combine both costs as following, and this sum is called as a **fitness number**.



- At each point in the search space, only those node is expanded which have the lowest value of $f(n)$, and the algorithm terminates when the goal node is found.

Algorithm of A* search:

Step 1: Place the starting node in the OPEN list.

Step 2: Check if the OPEN list is empty or not, if the list is empty then return failure and stops.

Step 3: Select the node from the OPEN list which has the smallest value of evaluation function ($g+h$), if node n is goal node then return success and stop, otherwise

Step 4: Expand node n and generate all of its successors, and put n into the closed list. For each successor n' , check whether n' is already in the OPEN or CLOSED list, if not then compute evaluation function for n' and place into Open list.

Step 5: Else if node n' is already in OPEN and CLOSED, then it should be attached to the back pointer which reflects the lowest $g(n')$ value.

Step 6: Return to **Step 2**.

Advantages:

- A* search algorithm is the best algorithm than other search algorithms.
- A* search algorithm is optimal and complete.
- This algorithm can solve very complex problems.

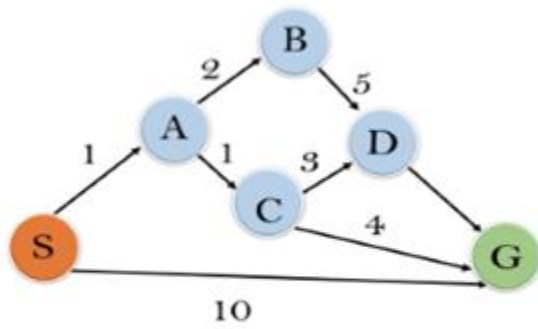
Disadvantages:

- It does not always produce the shortest path as it mostly based on heuristics and approximation.
- A* search algorithm has some complexity issues.
- The main drawback of A* is memory requirement as it keeps all generated nodes in the memory, so it is not practical for various large-scale problems.

Example:

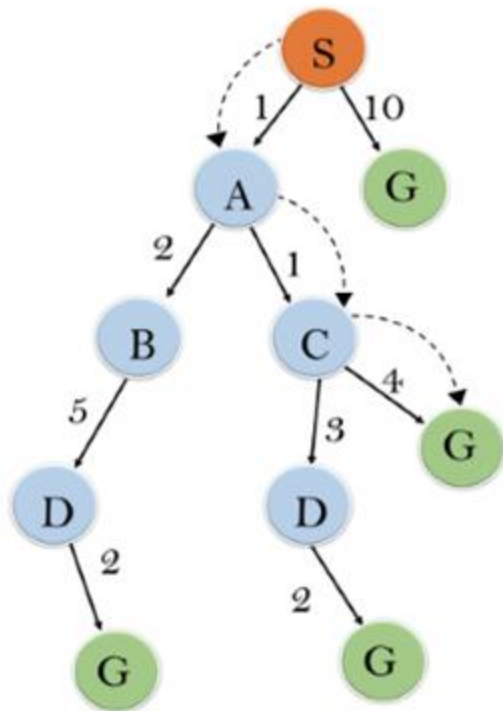
- In this example, we will traverse the given graph using the A* algorithm.
- The heuristic value of all states is given in the below table so we will calculate the $f(n)$ of each state using the formula $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$, where $g(n)$ is the cost to reach any node from start state.

Here we will use OPEN and CLOSED list.



State	$h(n)$
S	5
A	3
B	4
C	2
D	6
G	0

Solution:



Initialization: $\{(S, 5)\}$

Iteration1: $\{(S \rightarrow A, 4), (S \rightarrow G, 10)\}$

Iteration2: {(S--> A-->C, 4), (S--> A-->B, 7), (S-->G, 10)}

Iteration3: {(S--> A-->C-->G, 6), (S--> A-->C-->D, 11), (S--> A-->B, 7), (S-->G, 10)}

Iteration 4 will give the final result, as **S--->A--->C--->G** it provides the optimal path with cost 6.

Points to remember:

- A* algorithm returns the path which occurred first, and it does not search for all remaining paths.
- The efficiency of A* algorithm depends on the quality of heuristic.
- A* algorithm expands all nodes which satisfy the condition $f(n) \leq l_i$

Complete: A* algorithm is complete as long as:

- Branching factor is finite.
- Cost at every action is fixed.

Optimal: A* search algorithm is optimal if it follows below two conditions:

- **Admissible:** the first condition requires for optimality is that $h(n)$ should be an admissible heuristic for A* tree search. An admissible heuristic is optimistic in nature.
 - **Consistency:** Second required condition is consistency for only A* graph-search.
- If the heuristic function is admissible, then A* tree search will always find the least cost path.

Time Complexity: The time complexity of A* search algorithm depends on heuristic function, and the number of nodes expanded is exponential to the depth of solution d . So the time complexity is $O(b^d)$, where b is the branching factor.

Space Complexity: The space complexity of A* search algorithm is $O(b^d)$

Hill Climbing Algorithm in Artificial Intelligence

- Hill climbing algorithm is a local search algorithm which continuously moves in the direction of increasing elevation/value to find the peak of the mountain or best solution to the problem. It terminates when it reaches a peak value where no neighbor has a higher value.
- Hill climbing algorithm is a technique which is used for optimizing the mathematical problems. One of the widely discussed examples of Hill climbing algorithm is Traveling-salesman Problem in which we need to minimize the distance traveled by the salesman.
- It is also called greedy local search as it only looks to its good immediate neighbor state and not beyond that.
- A node of hill climbing algorithm has two components which are state and value.

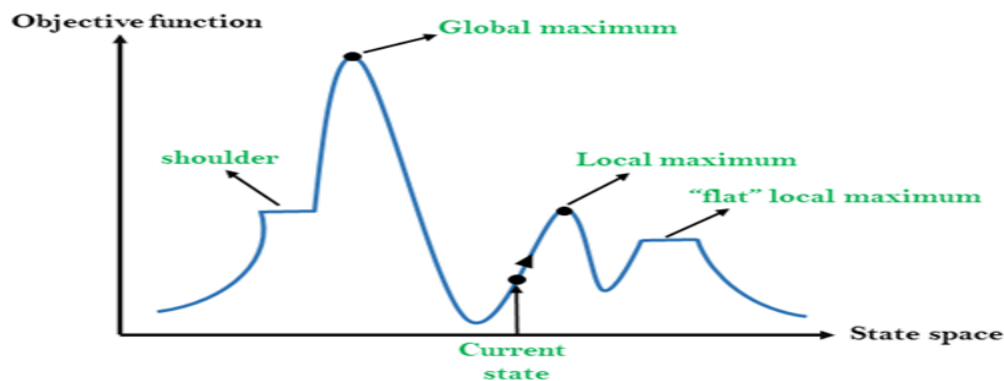
- Hill Climbing is mostly used when a good heuristic is available.
- In this algorithm, we don't need to maintain and handle the search tree or graph as it only keeps a single current state.

Features of Hill Climbing:

- Following are some main features of Hill Climbing Algorithm:
- **Generate and Test variant:** Hill Climbing is the variant of Generate and Test method. The Generate and Test method produce feedback which helps to decide which direction to move in the search space.
- **Greedy approach:** Hill-climbing algorithm search moves in the direction which optimizes the cost.
- **No backtracking:** It does not backtrack the search space, as it does not remember the previous states.

State-space Diagram for Hill Climbing:

- The state-space landscape is a graphical representation of the hill-climbing algorithm which is showing a graph between various states of algorithm and Objective function/Cost.
- On Y-axis we have taken the function which can be an objective function or cost function, and state-space on the x-axis.
- If the function on Y-axis is cost then, the goal of search is to find the global minimum and local minimum.
- If the function of Y-axis is Objective function, then the goal of the search is to find the global maximum and local maximum.



Different regions in the state space landscape:

Local Maximum: Local maximum is a state which is better than its neighbor states, but there is also another state which is higher than it.

Global Maximum: Global maximum is the best possible state of state space landscape. It has the highest value of objective function.

Current state: It is a state in a landscape diagram where an agent is currently present.

Flat local maximum: It is a flat space in the landscape where all the neighbor states of current states have the same value.

Shoulder: It is a plateau region which has an uphill edge.

Types of Hill Climbing Algorithm:

- Simple hill Climbing:
- Steepest-Ascent hill-climbing:
- Stochastic hill Climbing:

1. Simple Hill Climbing:

- Simple hill climbing is the simplest way to implement a hill climbing algorithm.
- **It only evaluates the neighbor node state at a time and selects the first one which optimizes current cost and set it as a current state.**
- It only checks its one successor state, and if it finds better than the current state, then move else be in the same state.
- This algorithm has the following features:
 - Less time consuming
 - Less optimal solution and the solution is not guaranteed

Algorithm for Simple Hill Climbing:

- **Step 1:** Evaluate the initial state, if it is goal state then return success and Stop.
- **Step 2:** Loop Until a solution is found or there is no new operator left to apply.
- **Step 3:** Select and apply an operator to the current state.
- **Step 4:** Check new state:
 1. If it is goal state, then return success and quit.
 2. Else if it is better than the current state then assign new state as a current state.
 3. Else if not better than the current state, then return to step2.
- **Step 5:** Exit.

2. Steepest-Ascent hill climbing:

- The steepest-Ascent algorithm is a variation of simple hill climbing algorithm.
- This algorithm examines all the neighboring nodes of the current state and selects one neighbor node which is closest to the goal state.

- This algorithm consumes more time as it searches for multiple neighbors

Algorithm for Steepest-Ascent hill climbing:

- **Step 1:** Evaluate the initial state, if it is goal state then return success and stop, else make current state as initial state.
- **Step 2:** Loop until a solution is found or the current state does not change.
 1. Let SUCC be a state such that any successor of the current state will be better than it.
 2. For each operator that applies to the current state:
 - I. Apply the new operator and generate a new state.
 - II. Evaluate the new state.
 - III. If it is goal state, then return it and quit, else compare it to the SUCC.
 - IV. If it is better than SUCC, then set new state as SUCC.
 - V. If the SUCC is better than the current state, then set current state to SUCC.
- **Step 5:** Exit.

3. Stochastic hill climbing:

- Stochastic hill climbing does not examine for all its neighbor before moving.
- Rather, this search algorithm selects one neighbor node at random and decides whether to choose it as a current state or examine another state.

Problems in Hill Climbing Algorithm:

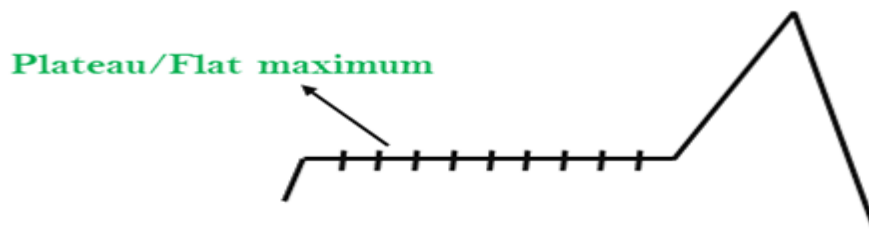
1. Local Maximum: A local maximum is a peak state in the landscape which is better than each of its neighboring states, but there is another state also present which is higher than the local maximum.

Solution: Backtracking technique can be a solution of the local maximum in state space landscape. Create a list of the promising path so that the algorithm can backtrack the search space and explore other paths as well.



2. Plateau: A plateau is the flat area of the search space in which all the neighbor states of the current state contains the same value, because of this algorithm does not find any best direction to move. A hill-climbing search might be lost in the plateau area.

Solution: The solution for the plateau is to take big steps or very little steps while searching, to solve the problem. Randomly select a state which is far away from the current state so it is possible that the algorithm could find non-plateau region.



3. Ridges: A ridge is a special form of the local maximum. It has an area which is higher than its surrounding areas, but itself has a slope, and cannot be reached in a single move.

Solution: With the use of bidirectional search, or by moving in different directions, we can improve this problem.



Simulated Annealing:

- A hill-climbing algorithm which never makes a move towards a lower value guaranteed to be incomplete because it can get stuck on a local maximum.
 - And if algorithm applies a random walk, by moving a successor, then it may complete but not efficient.
 - **Simulated Annealing** is an algorithm which yields both efficiency and completeness.
- In mechanical term **Annealing** is a process of hardening a metal or glass to a high temperature then cooling gradually, so this allows the metal to reach a low-energy crystalline state.
- The same process is used in simulated annealing in which the algorithm picks a random move, instead of picking the best move.
- If the random move improves the state, then it follows the same path.
- Otherwise, the algorithm follows the path which has a probability of less than 1 or it moves downhill and chooses another path.