# An Overview of AI, Cybernetics, & Dynamic Systems

Systems Sciences Foundations

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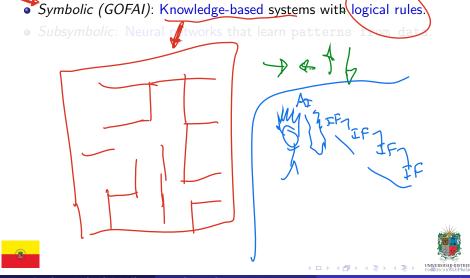
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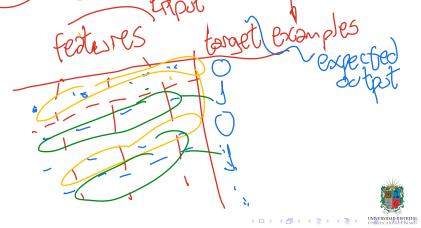
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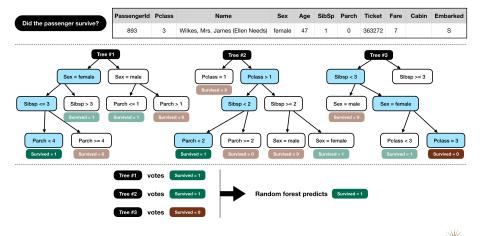
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- Norbert Wiener (1948): Formalized the term, focusing on feedback systems.
- Applications:
  - Robotics, AI, management science, social systems analysis.





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### Conclusion

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- Preparatory step for deeper explorations: advanced ML, multi-agent cybernetic architectures, and real-world system simulations.





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