

# Artificial Intelligence

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## Unit1 Syllabus- Fundamentals of AI

- Introduction, A.I. Representation, Non-AI & AI Techniques, Representation of Knowledge, Knowledge Based Systems, State Space Search, Production Systems, Problem Characteristics, types of production systems, Intelligent Agents and Environments, concept of rationality, the nature of environments, structure of agents, problem solving agents, problem formulation

## What is Intelligence?

Word **intelligence** is derived from Latin verb “**intelligere**” (ability to think).

**Definition:-** Intelligence is ability to **acquire** and **apply** the **knowledge**, in an autonomous fashion.

- every living thing is intelligent
- Magnitude of intelligence may differ from one animal to another
- Measured using I.Q= Psychological age/physical age
- It is tightly relevant to **LEARNING** and **KNOWLEDGE**

What is **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**?

AI is study of how to make machines intelligent like humans?

- Machine must **think**, **act**, **behave**, **learn** and **respond** to the change in its **environment** like a human.
- Making machines **adaptive** to their environment

## The Term “AI” and father of AI

- **Alan Turing, Minsky, Newell and Simon- also contributed to AI**
- **John McCarthy –one of the founding father of modern AI**
- (American Computer Scientist, 1927-2011) coined this term called “AI” (roughly around 1960)
- Developed programming language **LISP**
- Contributed in design of **ALGOL**, time sharing systems



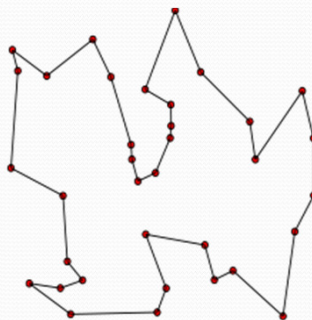
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## AI is collection of diverse theories

- **Learning theory**:- Machine learning, Neural networks, deep learning, reinforcement learning
- Theory of **knowledge based systems**
  - Fuzzy logic, Propositional logic, Predicate logic
- Theory of sensors-Sensing an environment
  - **Use of sensors** to detect change in environment
- **Theory of Searching**- (informed and blind search)
  - Many problems are of type state space searches e.g chess
- **NLP- theory-Natural language understanding/processing** (alexa, google assistant, LLM-ChatGPT (Generative Pre-training Transformer))

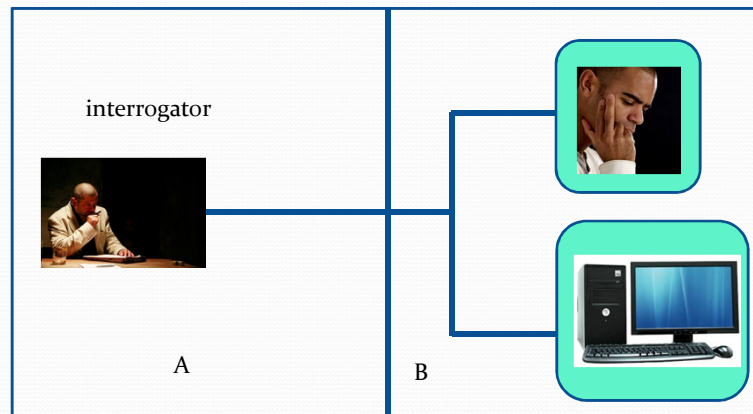
## AI and NP-hard problems

- P, NP, NP-Hard problem types
- AI provides the only way to solve NP-hard problems in sub-optimal manner and in finite time.
  - Travelling salesman problem  $47!$  Tours



## Criterion of success-Turing Test

- One possible form of Turing test
- Do it using ChatGPT (Generative pre-training Transformer)



## Gary Kasparov VSS IBMs Deep Blue



Deep Blue defeated Kasparov in 1997 , some times he felt that his opponent was a super human and not the machine

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep\\_Blue\\_versus\\_Garry\\_Kasparov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_Blue_versus_Garry_Kasparov)



## Definitions of AI in 4 categories

Ref:- "AI- a modern approach", Stuart Russell and Peter V Norvig (*Director Research, at Google*)

Logically correct  
thinking is rationality

AI is study of how to make

- Systems that think like humans
- Systems that act like humans
- Systems that think rationally
- Systems that act rationally

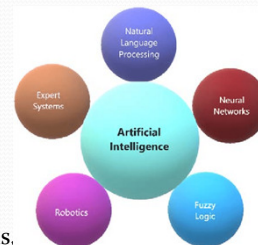


Peter V Norvig

## Task domains of AI

Broad areas where AI can be applied

- **Mundane tasks (every day , ordinary tasks)**
  - Perception-Vision, speech
  - Natural language- Understanding, translation, generation
  - Common sense reasoning
  - Robot control- navigation
- **Formal Tasks**
  - Games-chess, tic-tac-toe
  - Mathematics-Geometry, logic, theorem proving
- **Expert Tasks**
  - Engineering-design, fault detection and diagnosis,
  - Scientific and Financial analysis, Medical diagnosis



**Geoffrey Hinton** –Godfather of AI, Father of deep Learning, worried about Mundane tasks learning of machines

## Intelligence requires knowledge

- **Undesirable properties of Knowledge**

- It is voluminous
- It is hard to characterize (identify, specify, indicate) accurately
- It is constantly changing
- It is organized in the way corresponding to its use (totally different than organization of data)



## What is AI technique?

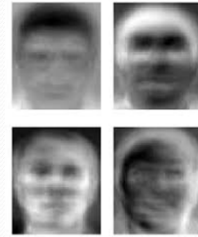
- **AI technique** is the method that exploits knowledge that should be **represented** in such a way that
  - The knowledge capture **generalizations**.
  - It can be **understood** by people who must provide it.
  - It can be easily **modified** to correct errors and to reflect changes in the world
  - It can be used in great many situations even if it is not **totally accurate** or complete
  - It must help to **narrow down** the range of possibilities.

## Knowledge representation properties/features

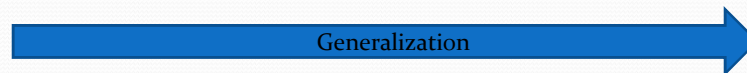
### 1. The knowledge capture generalizations.

- Many individual facts are grouped together e.g facts about lion, tiger, panther (Wild cat family)

Generalization allow us to reason more appropriately even for unseen samples



- |                               |   |                                       |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Lion eats other animals    | } | wild cat family<br>eats other animals | } | carnivore and<br>omnivore animals<br>eats other animals |
| 2. Tiger eats other animals   |   |                                       |   |   |
| 3. Panther eats other animals |   |                                       |   |   |



## Knowledge representation properties/features

### 2. It can be understood by people who must provide it.

Knowledge is represented using **symbols** and **logic** e.g see following implication in **propositional logic**

$$P \rightarrow Q$$

Let capital letters  
represents some  
facts/events

Knowledge engineers must understand P and Q.

**P- means Tommy is a dog**

**Q-means Moti is a dog**



## Knowledge representation properties/features

### 3. It can be easily modified to correct errors and to reflect changes in the world

Knowledge is represented using **symbols** and **logic** e.g see following fact represented in predicate logic

~~*ison(glass, table)*~~    **Arguments are objects**

If glass felled down

*ison(glass, ground)*

## Knowledge representation properties/features

### 4. It can be used in great many situations even if it is not totally accurate or complete

*If Person is engineer → Person is literate*



Infants try to eat every objects they found near by them.





## Knowledge representation properties/features

5. It must help to narrow down the range of possibilities.

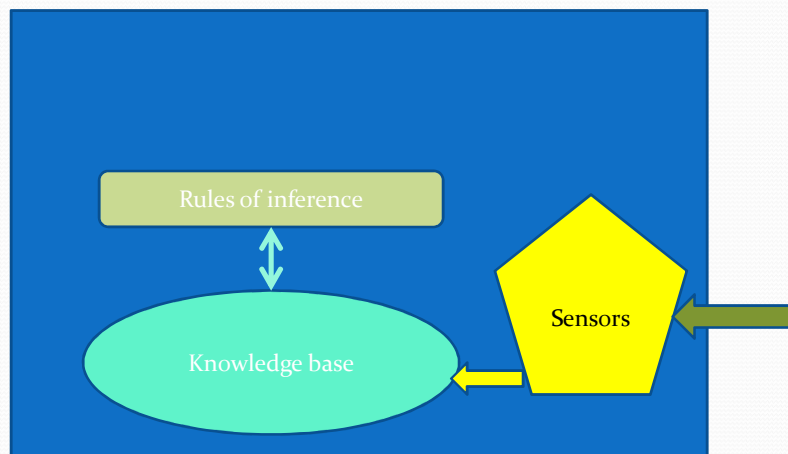


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Bank of the river

## Knowledge based systems- definition



## Playing Tic-Tac-Toe


- it is a pen-paper game & need 2 players
- It uses a 3 x 3 cell board
- Players P1 and P2 choose symbols among "X" and "O"
- A player wins if succeeded to put 3 symbols in any row, column or diagonal.

### Decide

1. Representation of board position in computer memory
2. How to generate possible moves?
3. Computing a score associated with each possible move

## Playing Tic-Tac-Toe

O	X	X
O		

Assume the current position of the board as shown. Let the next turn belongs to a player with symbol "O". Find possible moves and suggest best one by measuring the **scores**.

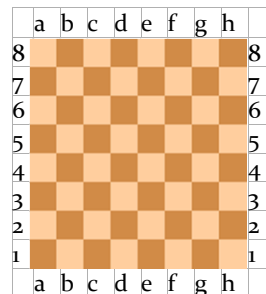
## Posing a problem as a “state space search”

- Many problems can be solved as searching through a space of collection of states.
- Playing chess can be considered as a problem of moving through
  - $10^{120}$  (shannon number) possible board positions
  - with 35 as branching factor
  - average game length 80 moves.

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## Playing Chess



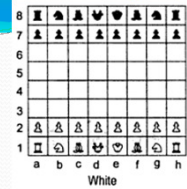
Files

- It has an  $8 \times 8 = 64$  square board. Played by 2 players
- Columns are called as “files” and are labeled from left to right as **a to h**.
- Rows are called as “ranks” and are number from 1 to 8 as shown.
- There are 6 types of pieces in chess each moves in a different manner



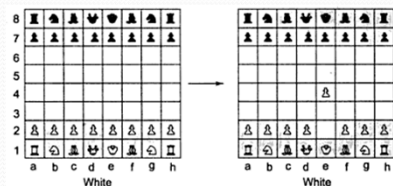
KING QUEEN BISHOP KNIGHT ROOK PAWN

## How to play Chess?



- We need description of **starting position**.
- Description of (multiple) **ending positions** (win or draw)
- Description of **legal moves** providing a path from **initial state** to the **goal state**.
- A **move** can be defined using two parts:
  1. A left part describing **current board position** and
  2. A right side describing the **changes to be made** to the board position to reflect the move.

## How to play Chess?



A legal chess move- a rule

### Playing chess is

- Explicitly writing and storing all the **possible rules**
- Taking input as current board position and finding the **match** with left side of the rule and apply that rule .

### Drawbacks :-

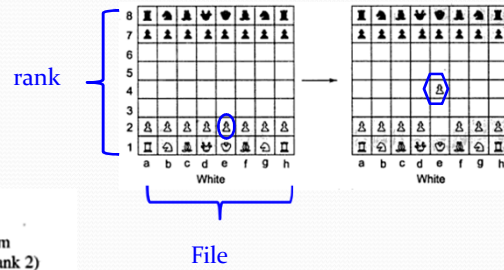
1. No one can supply a **complete set of rules** or may need **long time** and can not be done **without mistakes**
2. No program can **easily handle such rules** (need excessive space)



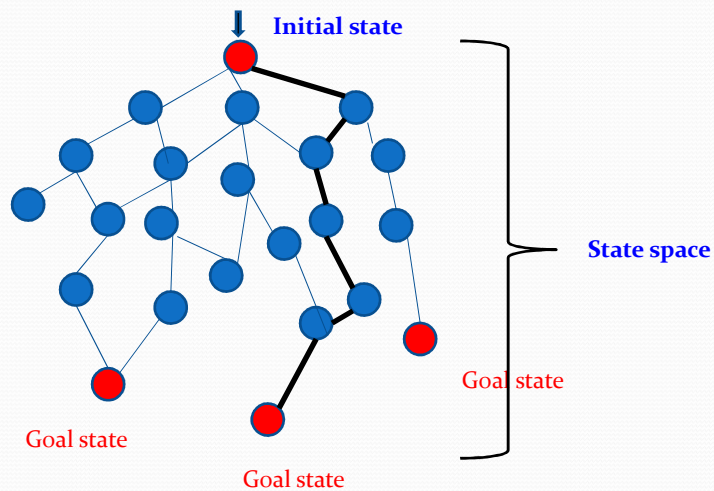
## How to play Chess?

A more general way of describing rule

White pawn at  
Square(file e, rank 2)  
AND  
Square(file e, rank 3)  
is empty  
AND  
Square(file e, rank 4)  
is empty  
→ move pawn from  
Square(file e, rank 2)  
to Square(file e, rank 4)



## Playing chess as state space search



## State space search

- Many real world problems can be represented as **state space search** and forms basis of **AI methods**.
- This **representation** is helpful for less structured problems.
- Solving a problem using such representation is finding one of the possible paths from **initial state** to **goal state**.



Unstructured problem

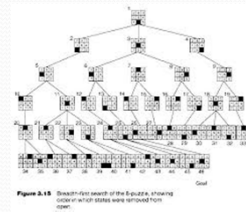
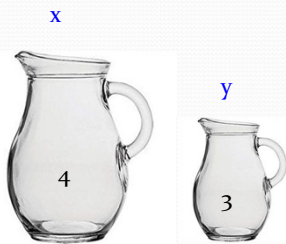


Figure 3.18: Search tree search of the 8-puzzle. (The nodes in which states were removed from the tree.)

## Water jug problem-as state space search

1 gallon=3.78541 lit



**Problem:-** You are given two jugs, a 4 gallon one and a 3 gallon one. Neither has any measuring markers on it. There is a pump that can be used to fill the jugs with water. How can you get **exactly 2 gallons** of water in **4 gallon jug**?

Representation of **current situation** and the state space for this problem is described using ordered pair **(x,y)**

**x-** number of gallons of water in a **4 gallon** jug  $x=0,1,2,3,4$

**y-** number of gallons of water in a **3 gallon** jug  $y=0,1,2,3$

Start state is **(0,0)** and end state is **(2,n)** for  $n \leq 3$

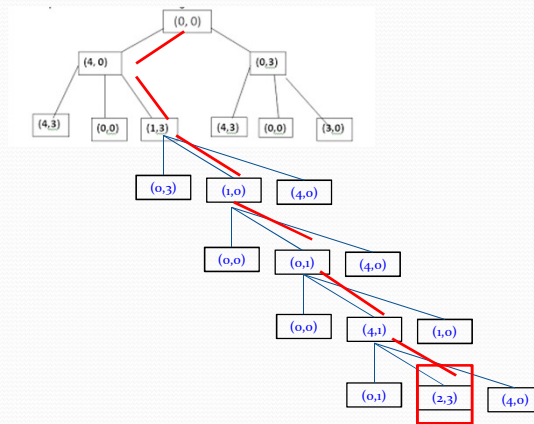
## Production rules/operators for Water jug problem

1. Fill 4-gal jug	$(x,y)$ $x < 4$	$\rightarrow (4,y)$	Rule/operator
2. Fill 3-gal jug	$(x,y)$ $y < 3$	$\rightarrow (x,3)$	
3. Empty 4-gal jug on ground	$(x,y)$ $x > 0$	$\rightarrow (0,y)$	
4. Empty 3-gal jug on ground	$(x,y)$ $y > 0$	$\rightarrow (x,0)$	
5. Pour water from 3-gal jug to fill 4-gal jug	$(x,y)$ $0 < x+y \leq 4$ and $y > 0$	$\rightarrow (4, y - (4 - x))$	
6. Pour water from 4-gal jug to fill 3-gal-jug	$(x,y)$ $0 < x+y \leq 3$ and $x > 0$	$\rightarrow (x - (3-y), 3)$	
7. Pour all of water from 3-gal jug into 4-gal jug	$(x,y)$ $0 < x+y \leq 4$ and $y \geq 0$	$\rightarrow (x+y, 0)$	
8. Pour all of water from 4-gal jug into 3-gal jug	$(x,y)$ $0 < x+y \leq 3$ and $x \geq 0$	$\rightarrow (0, x+y)$	

## Water jug problem: a possible solution

Gals in 4-gal jug	Gals in 3-gal jug	Rule Applied
0	0	
		1. Fill 4
4	0	
		6. Pour 4 into 3 to fill
1	3	
		4. Empty 3
1	0	
		8. Pour all of 4 into 3
0	1	
		1. Fill 4
4	1	
		6. Pour into 3
2	3	

## Water jug : solution using graph



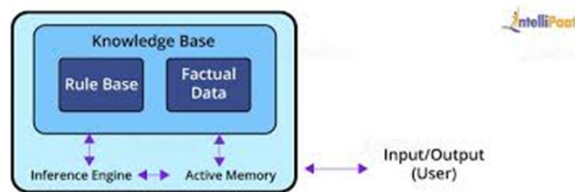
## Production (rule) system

- **Production systems** provides structure to AI programs to facilitate describing and performing search.
- Wikipedia: "A **production system** (or **production rule system**) is a **computer program** typically used to provide some form of **artificial intelligence**, which consists primarily of a **set of rules** about behavior. These rules, termed **productions**, are a basic **representation** found useful in **automated planning**, **expert systems** and **action selection**. A production system provides the mechanism necessary to **execute productions** in order to achieve **some goal** for the system".



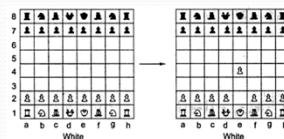
## Components of Production system

- **Production systems consists of**
  - A set of rules (**production rules**)
  - One or more knowledge/**Database** (**working memory**)
  - Control strategy (**Search technique**)/ Inference Engine
  - Rule applier



## Components of Production system

- 1. A **set of rules** : each consisting of a **left hand side** (a pattern) that determines the applicability of the rule and a **right hand side** that describes the operation to be performed if the rule is applied (**forward rules**)



Antecedent

Consequence

Condition

Action

Rule

## Components of Production system

- 2: **One or more knowledge/ database** : that contain info appropriate for a given task. Some part of the database may be **permanent** and info stored in them is **structured** in appropriate way. (e.g pieces and their moves in chess)
- 3. **A control strategy**:- that specify the **order** in which the **rules** will be compared and a way of **resolving conflicts** that arises when several rules matches at once. (**search techniques**) (e.g multiple moves in chess)
- 4. **A rule applicer**:- a component that **actually apply** the rule selected by **control strategy** to **change** the current position.

## Control strategies- search Techniques

- Which rule to apply? What to do if more than 1 rule is applicable?- will have considerable impact on **how quickly the problem is solved?**
- **Properties of Control strategies**:-

## Properties of Control strategies

- **1. A good control strategy must cause a movement-** if we decide to use control strategy for water jug problem to “always start with top of the list of rules and choosing the first applicable rule”, we never solve the problem.
- **2.It must be systematic:-** in water jug problem using cycles we may arrive at same state and will waste considerable time, if “*systematic*” strategy is not used. A systematic strategy means it causes **global motion** and **local motion** as well, that produces **goal state**.



## Features of production systems

- **Simplicity-** It codes knowledge by using simple **IF-THEN** format, which is simple knowledge representation.
- **Modularity:-** Rules are **added** or **deleted** without any harmful effect.
- **Modifiability:-** It allows system to **modify rules**. Hence, writing few skeleton rules and then fine tuning for accuracy for a specific application is possible.
- **Knowledge intensive:-** KB of production system contains **pure knowledge** and not the control.

### Disadvantages of production systems

- **Opacity**- (slowness) This is due to less prioritization of rules
- **Inefficiency**- due to large number of rules
- **Absence of learning**- how a problem is solved earlier is not stored
- **Conflict resolution**- many rules can be applied at a condition

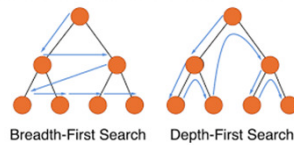
### Well known Control strategies

- Breadth First Search (BFS)
- Depth First Search (DFS)



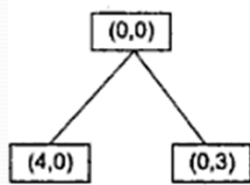
## Algorithm-Breadth first search

1. Create a variable called **NODE-LIST** and set it to the initial node
2. Until a goal state is found or **NODE-LIST** is empty do
  - a. Remove the first element from **NODE-LIST** and call it E. If **NODE-LIST** was empty, quit.
  - b. For each way that each rule can match the state described in E do
    1. Apply rule to generate a new state
    2. If the new state is a goal state, quit and return this state
    3. Otherwise, add the new state to the end of **NODE-LIST**

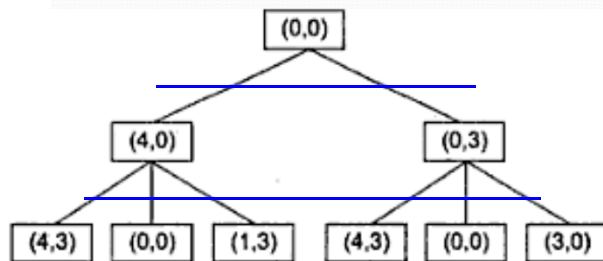


## Breadth first search to water jug problem

One level of Breadth first search



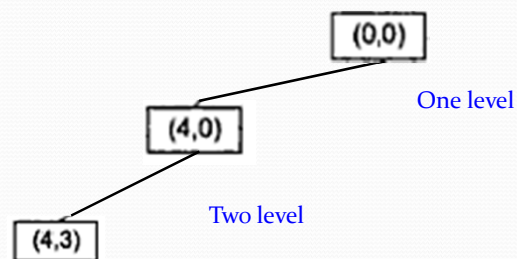
Two levels of Breadth first search



## Depth first search

1. If initial state is a **goal state**, quit and return success.
2. Otherwise, do the following until **success** or **failure** is signaled
  1. Generate a successor, **E**, of the **initial state**. If there are no more successors, signal **failure**. (**blind alley**)
  2. Call **depth first search** with **E** as the **initial state**.
  3. If **success** is returned **signal success**. Otherwise continue in this loop.

## Depth first search to water jug problem



## Depth first search

- **Advantages:-**
- Requires **less space**, since only nodes on the current path are stored, where in **BFS** all the tree that has been generated so far need to be stored.
- DFS may find the solution without examining much of the search space. On the other hand in **BFS** all the tree to level **n** need to be examined

## Breadth First Search

- **Advantages:-**
- It will not be trapped in exploring a **blind alley**.
- If there is a solution BFS is **guaranteed** to find it. Further more if **multiple solutions exists**, BFS find the **minimal (optimal) solution**. (i.e solution with minimal cost or path length)

## Types of Search Techniques

- **Blind search (un-informed search):-**
  - No extra information is available about the states like **goodness** of a node that helps in guiding the search.
  - DFS and BFS are **blind search techniques**.
- **Informed search (heuristic search):-**
  - Heuristic means to discover
  - **Some (little) information** is available to guide the search
  - Like **cost** of reaching from **current state** to **successor** or
  - measure of “**goodness**” (rough estimate) of a successor.
  - **A\* and AO\* algorithms** are heuristic search techniques

## Heuristic Technique or Heuristics

- Term **heuristic** is derived from Greek word “**Eureka**”, means to **self-discover**.
- **Wikipedia** defines (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heuristic>)
- “It refers to experience-based techniques for **problem-solving**, **learning**, and **discovery**, which is not guaranteed to be **optimal**, **perfect**, or **completely rational**. But can solve problems quickly .
- Where finding an optimal solution is **impossible** or **impractical**, heuristic methods can be used to speed up the process of finding a **satisfactory solution**. Heuristics can be **mental shortcuts** that ease the cognitive load of making decision.





## Heuristics Example

- A lady from England, *Muriel Bristol* (1888-1950) could predict with high success rate, that either a milk or tea is added, first, in the cup of tea.
- She was famous subject of “*Lady Tasting Tea*” experiment.
- She was also able to detect the taste difference due to different orders of pouring milk and tea.

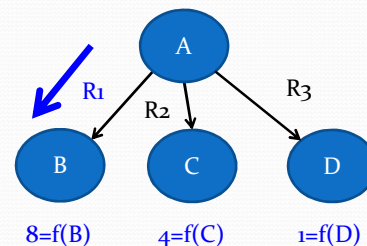
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## Heuristic functions

- Heuristic (informed) search techniques are using “heuristic functions”, that takes input as a node (state) and computes and returns a measure of “desirability”, usually a number.

Example- “nearest neighbor heuristic” for travelling salesman problem. Efforts are reduced from  $N!$  to  $N^2$



## Heuristic functions properties

### Properties:-

1. They provide an **approximate** values
2. They are **simple** (no complex logic and execute in small time)
3. Need to be designed by keeping an **eye on goal state**

## 8-Puzzle game

- Single player game, with 3 x 3 board, 8- tiles are numbered from 1 to 8 and there is one gap. With multiple **initial state** a single **goal state**.



A 3x3 grid representing the initial state of an 8-puzzle. The tiles are numbered 1 through 8, and the bottom-right cell is empty (gap). The tiles are arranged as follows: Row 1: 8, 3, 5; Row 2: 4, 1, 6; Row 3: 2, 7, (gap).

8	3	5
4	1	6
2	7	

Initial State



A 3x3 grid representing the goal state of an 8-puzzle. The tiles are numbered 1 through 8, and the center cell is empty (gap). The tiles are arranged as follows: Row 1: 1, 2, 3; Row 2: 8, (gap), 4; Row 3: 7, 6, 5.

1	2	3
8		4
7	6	5

Goal State

- The max. number of states possible can be the permutation of 9 values from 0,1,2,...,8 (0-indicate gap)

$$\text{Total states} = 9! = 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times \dots \times 1$$

<https://www.d.umn.edu/~jrichar4/8puz.html>

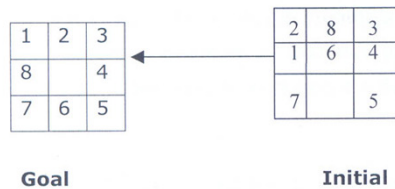
## 8-Puzzle game- some moves

$$\begin{bmatrix} & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & & 5 \\ 7 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

<https://www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/spr10/cos226/assignments/8puzzle.html>

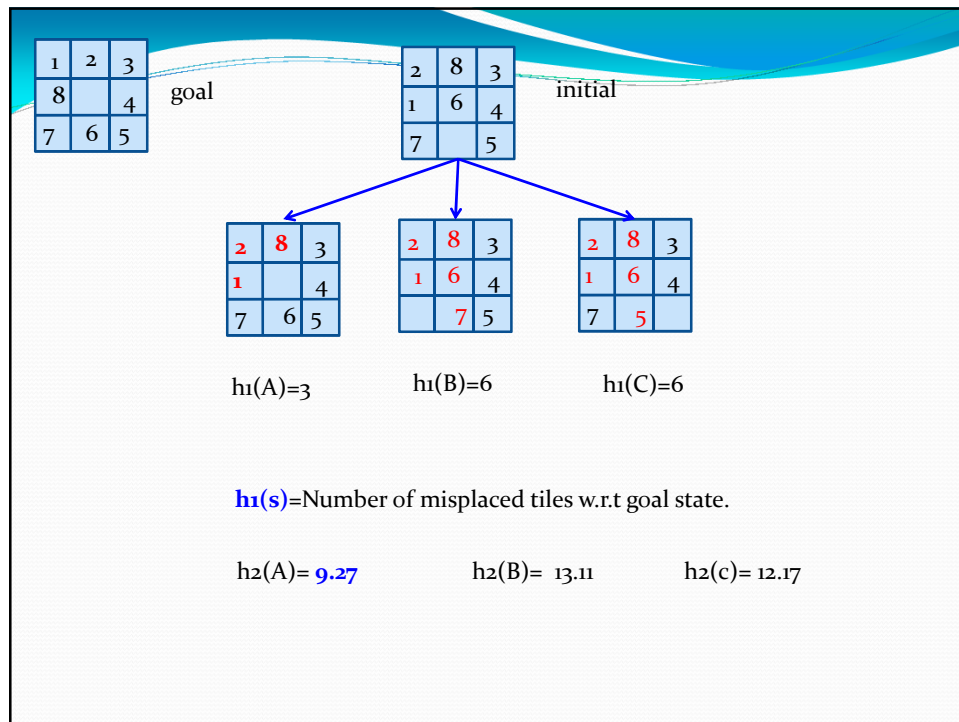
## Heuristic function design for 8-puzzle

1.  $h_1(s)$  = Number of misplaced tiles w.r.t goal state.



Generate all possible states that are legal under this game and apply heuristic function  $h_1$  for all of them

2.  $h_2(s)$  = Euclidean distance between current state and goal state.



**$h_2(s)$** =Euclidean distance between current state and goal state

$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$

then

$$d = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n)^2}$$

goal

1	2	3
8		4
7	6	5

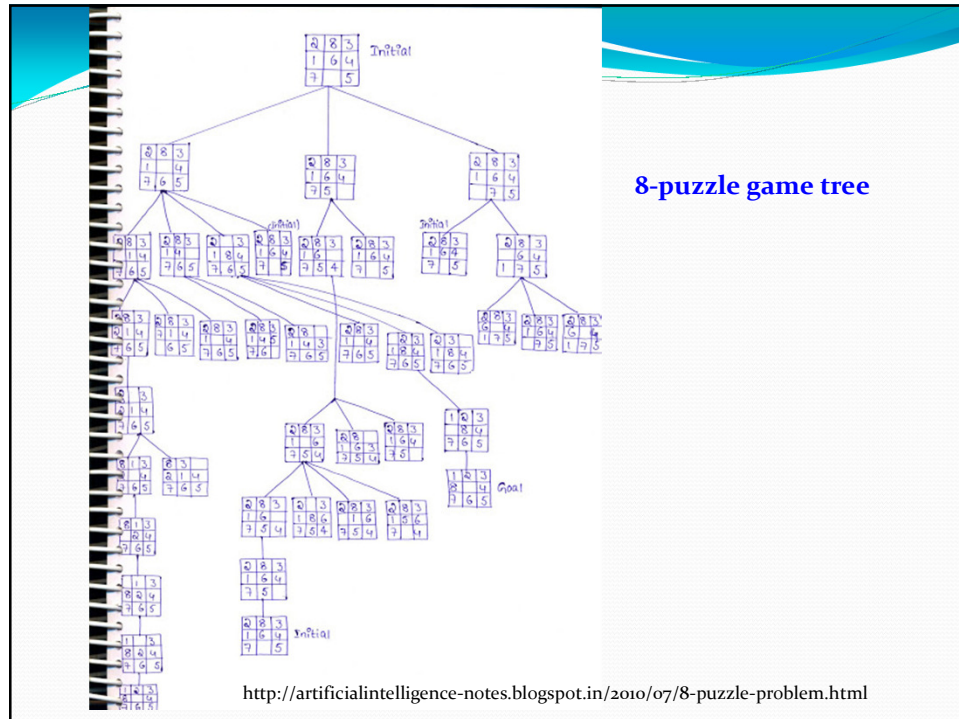
Current state

1	2	3
	8	4
7	6	5

$$d = \text{SQRT}((1-1)^2 + (2-2)^2 + (3-3)^2 + (8-0)^2 + (0-8)^2 + (4-4)^2 + (7-7)^2 + (6-6)^2 + (5-5)^2)$$

$$d = \text{SQRT}(64 + 64) = \text{SQRT}(128) = 11.31$$





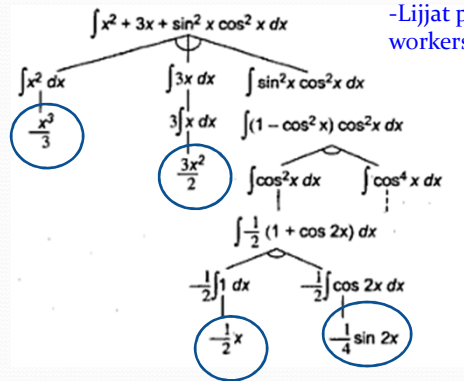
## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI

- For deciding a more appropriate method for solving a problem, we need to know its characteristics.

### 1. Is the problem decomposable into set of (nearly) independent smaller or easier sub-problems?

- If **yes** then we can solve very large problems easily. Solve sub-problems and integrate their solutions into a global solution.

## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI



-Level of decomposition?  
-Lijjat papad example-43k  
workers

A decomposable problem

## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI

2. Can solution steps be **ignored** or at least **undone** if they prove unwise?

- A. **Theorem proving**- we may start with proving a **lemma** assuming it will be helpful and then we realize that it is of no use. (**ignore solution step**)
- B. **8-puzzle**:- is a square tray in which 8-square tiles with numbers 1 to 8 are placed and there is a gap at ninth square. (**solution steps undone by backtracking**)
- C. **Chess**:-  
solution steps are irrecoverable

Start		
2	8	3
1	6	4
7		5

Goal		
1	2	3
8		4
7	6	5

## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI and Control strategy

- **Ignorable problems:-** need simple control structures that never backtracks and easy to implement.
- **Recoverable Problems:-** Need more complicated control strategy that makes mistakes and thus, backtracking is necessary.
- **Irrecoverable problems:-** need control strategy that put more efforts on taking decision since it is final.

## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI

### 3. Is the universe predictable?

- In *8 puzzle*, we know what will happen after a move? And thus planning process can be used with backtracking. (**certain outcome**)

Start			Goal		
2	8	3	1	2	3
1	6	4	8		4
7		5	7	6	5

- But in *playing cards* (**uncertain outcome**).



## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI

### 4. Is a Good solution **Absolute** or **Relative**?

- In traveling sales man problem, there can be multiple paths from source to destination. But, if we want the optimal path, then problem is **Best-path problem** (absolute solution/independent solution) otherwise, it will be **Any-path problem** (relative solution).

## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI

### 5. Is the solution a State or Path?

- **Water jug** problem is finding a **path** problem to state (2,n). How can we obtain this state is necessary?
- Playing **tic-tac-toe** is a finding a **state** problem.

### 6. What is the role of knowledge?

- Problems for which a lot of knowledge is important only to **constrain the search** for a solution. (**Chess**)
- Problems for which a lot of knowledge is required even to be able to **recognize a solution**. (**Rummy**)



## Characteristics of the problems encountered in AI

### 7. Does the task require interaction with a Person?

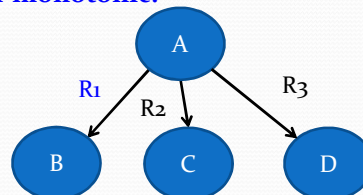
- Leads to two kind of problems
- **Solitary Problems:-** in which a computer is given problem description and produces an answer *with no intermediate communication* and with no demand of reasoning.
- **Conversational Problems:-** *Need intermediate communication* to assist computer or to provide info to the user or both.

## Types (characteristics) of Production systems

- Based upon characteristics, **Production Systems** are of following types.

### 1. Monotonic (predictable/unchanging) production system:-

is one in which application of a rule **never prevents** the later application of **another rule** that could also have been applied at the time the first rule was selected. Otherwise, it is called **non-monotonic**.



## Types (characteristics) of Production systems

2. **Partially commutative (exchange) production system:-** is one in which, if the application of **particular sequence of rules** transforms the state **x** into state **y**, then any permutation of those rules, allowable, also transforms state **x** into state **y**. (**theorem proving**)
3. **Commutative production system:-** is both **monotonic** and **partially commutative**.

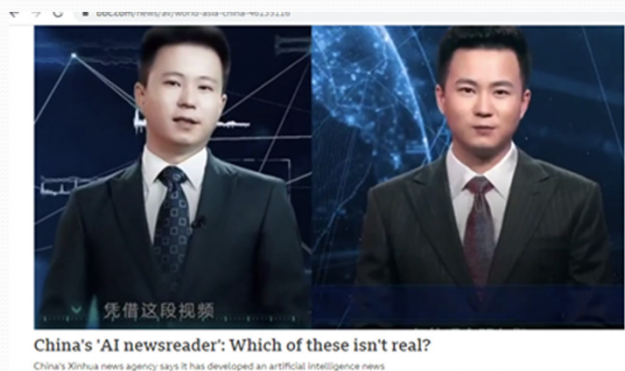
## Types (characteristics) of Production systems and their uses

- **Partially commutative, monotonic production systems** are used for- ignorable problems like theorem proving
- **Partially commutative, non-monotonic production systems** are used for- recoverable problems like Robot navigation, 8-puzzle
- **Not partially commutative:-** are useful for solving irrecoverable problems like playing chess.

## AI and Intelligent Agents

- One of the prime goal of AI is to develop **intelligent agents** (also called as *AI assistants*)
- Example- **Alexa** deveoped by Amazon
- (small version 5k INR)
  - Interact with voice
  - Music playback
  - Making To-Do list
  - Setting alarms
  - Playing audio books
  - Can provide info on weather, sports, news and etc
- In **2018** around **10k** amazon employees were working on **Alexa**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazon\\_Alexa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazon_Alexa)

## AI 3D news readers/Anchors



<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-china-46135116>

## What is an agent?

- Oxford dictionary “Agent is –An entity (person/program/machine (H/W +S/W)) who acts on behalf of another person or group”



## What is an intelligent Agent?

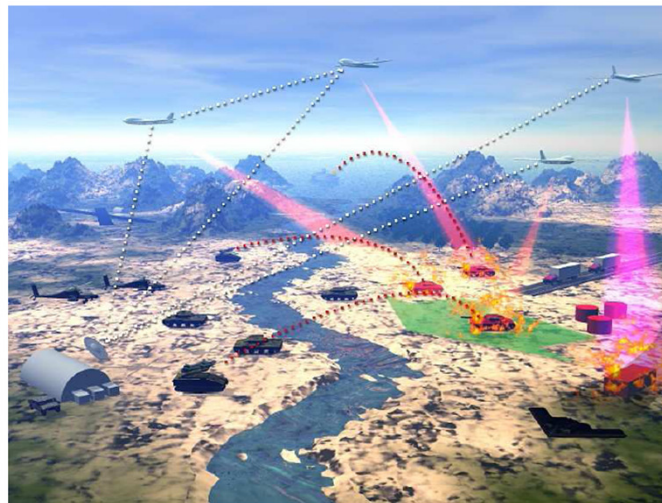
- General definition
- An agent can be anything that can **Perceive** its environment through **Sensors** and **Acting** upon that environment through **actuators/effectors**.
- Behaves intelligently.
- Agent do the **task** and **report** to some one or **communicate** to others.



## What can be the Agent?

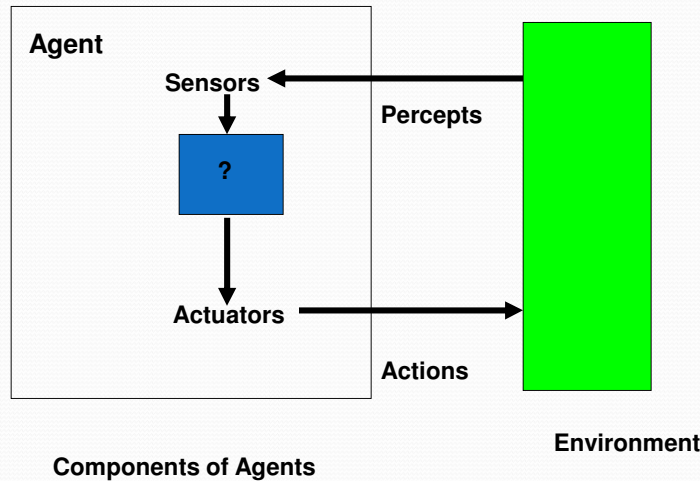
- A sensor with the capability to communicate can be an agent in the sensor network.
- A **Satellite**, A **vehicle** can be agent.
- A **human** can also be an Agent.
- A **software program** can be an agent

## A Multiple Agent system.

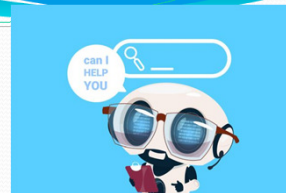


- A cooperative war-fare system

## Basic components of an Agent



## Agent Terms



- **Percept Sequence:-**
  - is “**history of everything**” the agent has learned.
  - Actions of agents are depend on percept sequence.
- **Agent Function:-**
  - Describes “**behavior**” of an agent
  - Internally it is implemented by a “**agent program**”.
- **External Characteristics:-**
  - of an agent is Tabulation of “Percept sequence” and “Action”.
- **Agent- architecture + Program**

<https://www.prdaily.com/try-these-10-ai-assistants-to-make-your-productivity-soar/>

## What is a Rational Agent?

- Agents that work “**Rationally**”. (logically)
- **Rationality** :- can be defined on the basis of Performance measure, prior knowledge, Actions and percept sequence.
- **Definition**:- For each possible percept Sequence a rational agent should select an action that can **maximize** its performance.

Doing right things is rationality

## Properties of Rational (logical) agents

### 1. Omniscience:-

- is property that allow agents to know the actual consequences of its actions and can act accordingly.

### 2. Learning:-

- Must have capability to learn from environment.
- Actions depends on knowledge, & knowledge on Learning.
- It keeps the Knowledge up to date.

### 3. Autonomy:-

- Must be autonomous for Learning and Decisions.
- When agents have less or no knowledge they act randomly.
- They can assume initial knowledge.

## Task Environment of an Agent

- It is collection of Performance Measure, Environment, Actuators and Sensors.
- It is called **PEAS** description of agent.
- For design of an agent we must know **PEAS description**.

## PEAS Description of Agent “Taxi Driver”



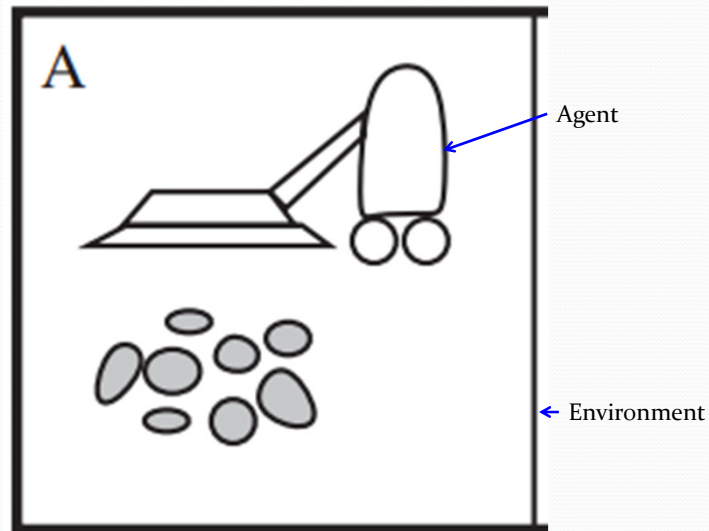
Tesla Auto Pilot

Agent Type	Performance Measure	Environment	Actions	Sensors
Taxi Driver	Safety, Speed, Comfort	Roads, Other traffic, Signs, dividers	Breaking, Acceleration, steering, clutching and etc	Cameras, Speedometer, GPS, Accelerometer

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tesla\\_Autopilot](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tesla_Autopilot)



## AI Task Environment- Vacuum Cleaner Agent



## Properties of AI Task Environment

1. Fully (8-puzzle) VSS Partially observable (taxi driving)
2. Deterministic VSS Stochastic
  - Fully observable is deterministic partially observable is stochastic
3. Episodic VSS Sequential. (chess vss driving)
4. Static Vss Dynamic
  - knowledge don't change (speech processing) vss change in knowledge (vision system)
5. Discrete VSS Continuous (chess vss self driving cars)
  - Playing chess is discrete and taxi driving is continuous
6. Single Agent Vss Multi Agent- Cooperate or compete

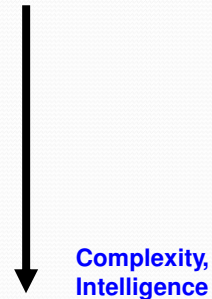
## Agent Architectures

Architecture –

wikipedia- design and building study of anything

- Following are 4 basic types of Intelligent agents architectures

1. Simple Reflex Agent.
2. Model based Reflex Agent.
3. Goal based Agents
4. Utility based agents

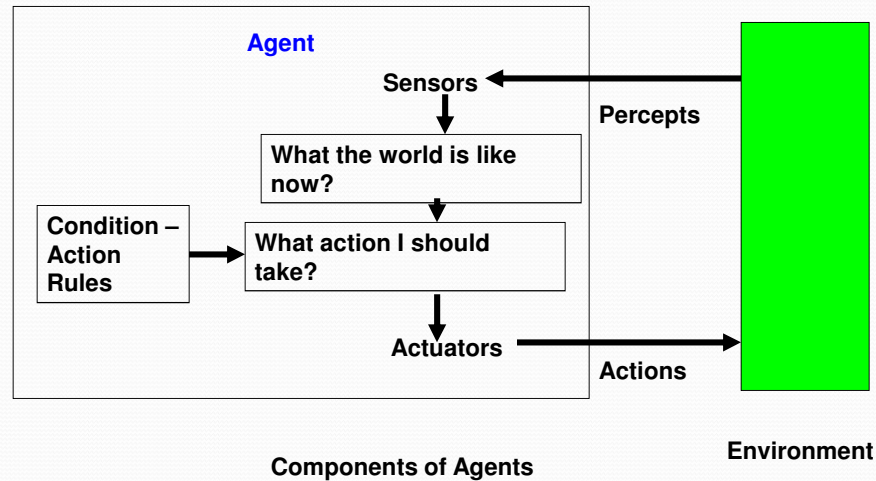


## Simple Reflex agent

- Reflex- means reaction
- Takes actions based on current percept and ignore rest percept history.
- It consists of condition action rule like  
if (obstacle ahead) → Apply the break

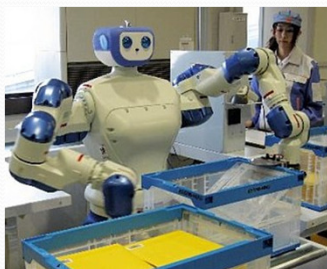
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Function SimpleReflexAgent (percept) return Action
Static: rules (condition-action)
State ← Interpret-Input (percept)
Rule ← Rule-Match(State, Rules)
Action ← Rule-Action (Rule)
```

## Diagram of Simple Reflex Agent



## Example of Simple reflex Agent

- Mail sorting Robot.
- **Environment**:- Conveyor belt of letters
- **Rules**
  - *If (PIN=411037) Then put letter in Pune Bin*

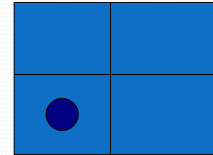


## Properties of Simple Reflex Agent

1. They can be caught in an **infinite loop** if environment is **partially observable**

- Simple reflex **Vacuum Cleaner Agent**-
  - if (tile is clean)→move to left
- Escape from infinite loop is possible by taking a random action
- Thus **randomized SRA** can outperform than deterministic SRA

2. Suitable for Fixed environment



## Model Based Agents

What is a model?- Wikipedia- In general, a **model** is a **representation** of a person or a system which provides some information about it.

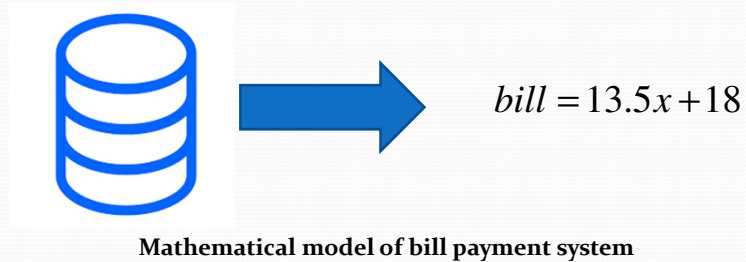
- **Representation** can be in
  - Mathematical form- mathematical model
  - Set of concepts
  - Physical form



Model of a Road for driving cars



## Model Based Agents



## Model Based Agents

- An effective way of to handle partial observability is to maintain an internal state that depend on percept history.
- This internal state is called a **model**.
- To model the environment we need
  - knowledge of world
  - Effect of action on this world

## Function of Model Based Agents

Function *Model-Based-ReflexAgent* (*percept*) return *Action*

Static: state (*description of current world*), rules, Actions

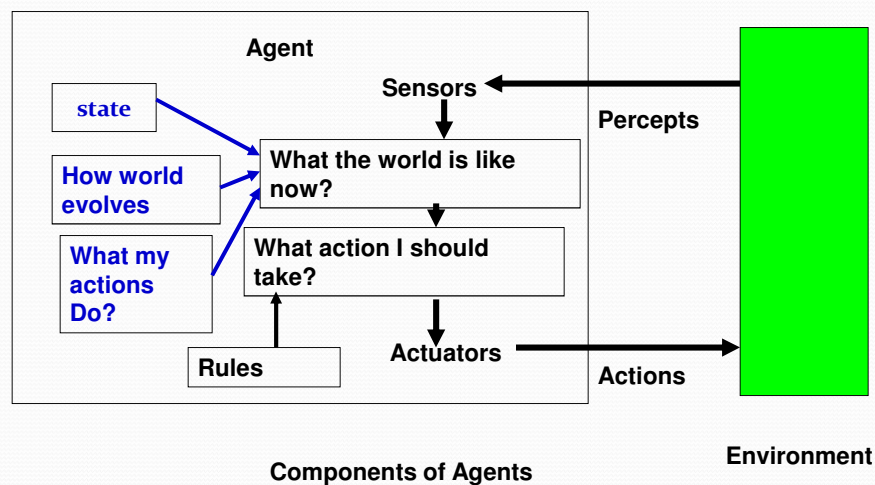
State  $\leftarrow$  Update-State (*state recognized in past*, Past action,  
Current percept)

Rule  $\leftarrow$  Rule-Match(State, Rules)

Action  $\leftarrow$  Rule-Action (Rule)

Return action

## Model Based Agent Architecture



## Example of Model based Vacuum Cleaner

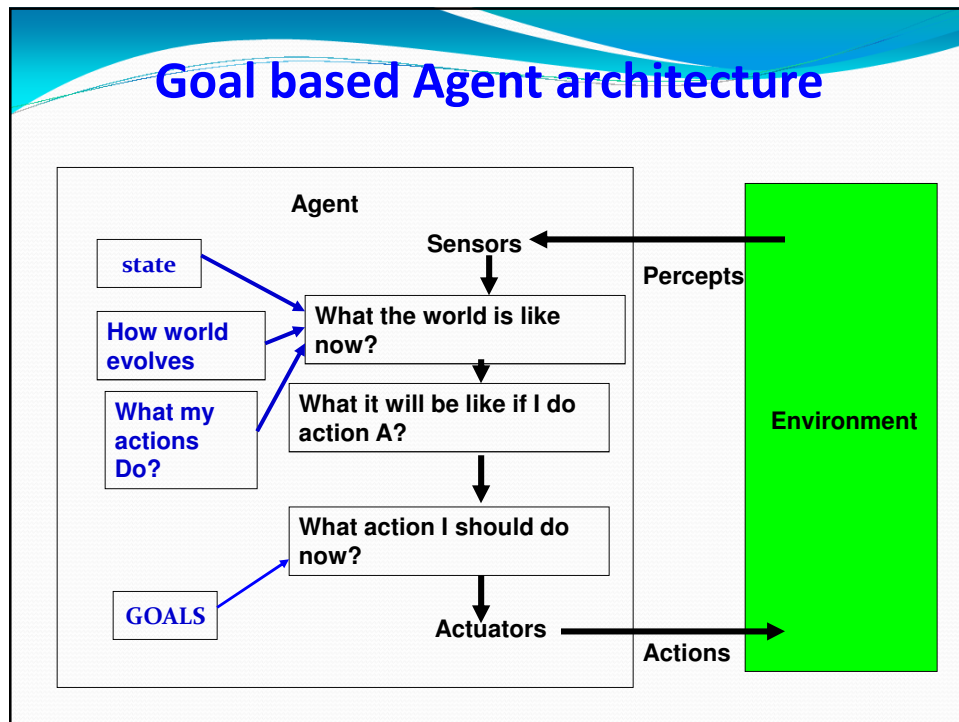
- **Environment:-** Room (20 X 20 tiles)
- **Action :-** based on model of the room

## Goal Based Agents

Goal – aim or desired results

- **Condition-Action** rules and **only model** is not sufficient to decide properly **what to do?** Unless **GOAL** of the agent is not clear to it.
- Labor – Mason – Architect- Example
- Goal based agents takes actions for their own GOALS and not for only changes in the environment.
- They **model** the environment according to their **GOAL.**

## Goal based Agent architecture



## Goal based Agent-features

- **Less efficient-** Since they think more about which action to take
- **More flexible-** since their goals can be changed



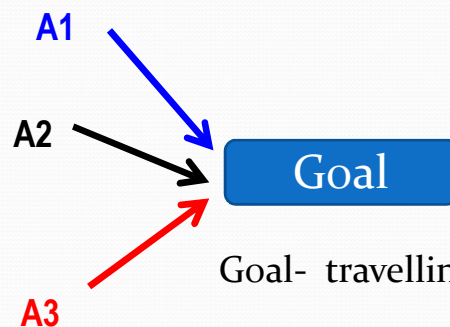
## Utility Based agents

- **Utility**- The quality of being useful
- Achieving Goals are not enough for high-quality behavior.
- How we achieved Goal? is important.  
(less time/effort, more reliable, more safer)
- Sometimes goals are **contradicting** to Utility.  
- E.g of a researcher innovating Locks.



## Utility Based agents

A **goal** can be achieved by **multiple actions** but some actions are **more useful** than others



Goal- travelling from VIT to IITB

**A1**- Using plane (wasteful of time and money)

**A2**- Using train (more useful)

**A3**- Using Bus (traffic jam is common)

## Utility Based agents

- Uses “**Utility Functions**” that maps a state, or sequence of steps onto a **real number**, which describes a degree of **perferability** or **degree of utility**/usefulness.
- They are also having the **goals**.

Example- **Route recommendation system**

Suggests the “*best*” possible route currently available to keep their customers happy  
 -Best- short, comfort, safe, happy

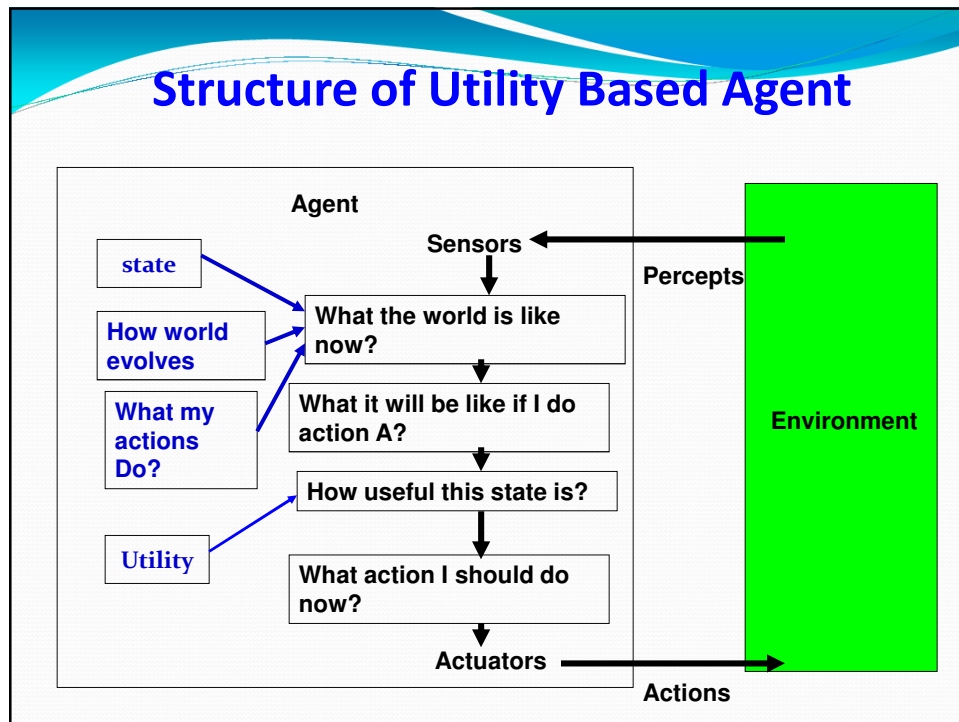


Figure 1. Possible alternative routes (map data provided by Yahoo! Maps)

## Uses of Utility Functions

- It helps in two way
  - 1. Selecting Goals when there are **conflicting goals** (Speed, Safety)
  - 2. **Prioritizing Goals** when there are more than one goals

## Structure of Utility Based Agent



Read about problem solving agents

## Problem solving Agents

- A kind of **goal based agents**
- But also have capability to formulate (adapt to) **Goal** and **problem**
- **Goal formulation:-** Is first step and is based on current situation and the agents performance measures. (**Goal:** pune to mumbai, **measure:** safety)
- **Problem Formulation:-** Given a goal, decide actions and states.
- These agents try to find out **sequence of actions** that leads to **goal state** from **current state**. This process is called “**search**”.


## Problem solving Agents

```

function SIMPLE-PROBLEM-SOLVING-AGENT(percept) returns an action
  static: seq, an action sequence, initially empty
           state, some description of the current world state
           goal, a goal, initially null
           problem, a problem formulation

  state ← UPDATE-STATE(state, percept)
  if seq is empty then do
    goal ← FORMULATE-GOAL(state)
    problem ← FORMULATE-PROBLEM(state, goal)
    seq ← SEARCH(problem)
  action ← FIRST(seq)
  seq ← REST(seq)
  return action

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## Problem solving Agents

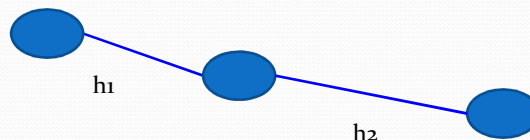
### -Problem Formulation

- **Problem Formulation:-** can be done with defining 4 components
  1. **Initial state:-** what is initial state?
  2. **Actions:-** Description of possible actions available to the agents. Generally, a **successor-function(x)** is used that returns a set of **{action, successor}** ordered pairs, where
    - Action-** is legal action in state x
    - Successor-** is a state that can be reached from x

## Problem solving Agents

### -Problem Formulation

3. **Goal test:-** that determines whether a given state is goal state. Either explicit **list of goal states** is available or **abstract properties**.
4. **A Path cost function:-** that assigns a **numeric cost** to each path. Total cost is sum of costs of **step paths** from initial to goal state



## Problem solving Agents -8-puzzle

- **Goal Formulation:-**

- **Problem Formulation:-**

1. Initial State:-
2. Actions:- [UP, LEFT, RIGHT, DOWN]
3. Goal Test:- **Goal state is given**
4. Path cost function:- **Cost 1 for each move**

Goal		
1	2	3
8		4
7	6	5

Start		
2	8	3
1	6	4
7		5

## Agent functions

- Very **crucial part** to implement
- From **simple** to very complex logic
- It may use many techniques like **ANN**, **Fuzzy logic**, **Deep Learning** and etc.
- **Implementation** can be sequential or parallel
- May be from a **small embedded H/W** to **powerful HPC** systems

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## Various distances which can be used for 8-puzzle

- Euclidean (L2 Norm) distance
- Manhattan distance
- Mahalanobis distance
- Jaccard distance
- Cosine distance
- Edit distance (<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/edit-distance-dp-5>)
- Hamming distance
- P-Norm distance

1	2	3
8		4
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