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## **Notes**

## **Last Class: Agent and Environment**

## **Agent Terminology**

- Rational Agent: Acts to maximize expected performance.
- Structure of Intelligent Agents: Perception, action, knowledge, reasoning.
- Categories of Agents: Simple reflex agents, model-based reflex agents, goal-based agents, utility-based agents.

## **Today: Problem Solving**

## **Classical Approach**

- **Problem Representation**: Key to effective problem-solving.
- Searching and Categories of Search Algorithms: Uninformed (blind) and informed (heuristic) search.

## **Problem Solving Overview**

- Objective: Automate problem resolution.
- **Components**: Problem statement, state space, successor function, solution space.

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• Problem Description: Initial state, goal state, available actions, constraints.

#### **Examples of Classical Approach**

- **Generate and Test**: Hit and trial method for problem resolution.
- **Generate and Test Arrangement**: Utilizes solution generator and tester components.
- Problem Representation: Clear visualization aids understanding.

#### **Searching in Problem Solving**

- Searching Mechanism: Explores solution space systematically.
- Tree and Graph Terminology: Basics of graph representation and conversion to trees.
- Categories of Search Algorithms: Uninformed (blind) and informed (heuristic) search.

#### **Uninformed Search Algorithms**

- Properties: Completeness, optimality, time complexity, space complexity.
- **Examples**: Breadth-first search, depth-first search, depth-limited search, uniform-cost search, iterative deepening search.

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