

2.3 For each of the following assertions, say whether it is true or false and support your answer with examples or counterexamples where appropriate.

- a. An agent that senses only partial information about the state cannot be perfectly rational.

- b. There exist task environments in which no pure reflex agent can behave rationally.
- c. There exists a task environment in which every agent is rational.
- d. The input to an agent program is the same as the input to the agent function.
- e. Every agent function is implementable by some program/machine combination.
- f. Suppose an agent selects its action uniformly at random from the set of possible actions. There exists a deterministic task environment in which this agent is rational.
- g. It is possible for a given agent to be perfectly rational in two distinct task environments.
- h. Every agent is rational in an unobservable environment.
- i. A perfectly rational poker-playing agent never loses.

2.4 For each of the following activities, give a PEAS description of the task environment and characterize it in terms of the properties listed in Section 2.3.2.

- Playing soccer.
- Exploring the subsurface oceans of Titan.
- Shopping for used AI books on the Internet.
- Playing a tennis match.
- Practicing tennis against a wall.
- Performing a high jump.
- Knitting a sweater.
- Bidding on an item at an auction.

2.5 Define in your own words the following terms: agent, agent function, agent program, rationality, autonomy, reflex agent, model-based agent, goal-based agent, utility-based agent, learning agent.

2.6 This exercise explores the differences between agent functions and agent programs.

- a. Can there be more than one agent program that implements a given agent function? Give an example, or show why one is not possible.
 - b. Are there agent functions that cannot be implemented by any agent program?
 - c. Given a fixed machine architecture, does each agent program implement exactly one agent function?
 - d. Given an architecture with n bits of storage, how many different possible agent programs are there?
 - e. Suppose we keep the agent program fixed but speed up the machine by a factor of two. Does that change the agent function?
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