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Seminar 1

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
Some State of the Art Successes
Historical Precursors
Intelligent Agent Paradigm

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- Planning
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- Machine Learning

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- Additional Articles (2)

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- Standard Written Exam
- Completion of Labs

What is Intelligence?

It is only a word that people use to name those unknown processes with which our brains solve problems we call hard. [Marvin Minsky]

But if you learn the skill yourself or understand the mechanism behind a skill, you are suddenly less impressed!

Our working definitions of what intelligence is must necessarily change through the years. We deal with a moving target which makes it difficult to explain just what it is we do.

What is Artificial Intelligence?

A Definition:

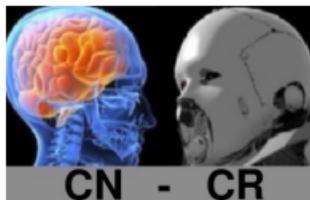


“the scientific understanding of the mechanisms underlying thought and intelligent behavior and their embodiment in machines.” (AAAI)



The Grand Goal:

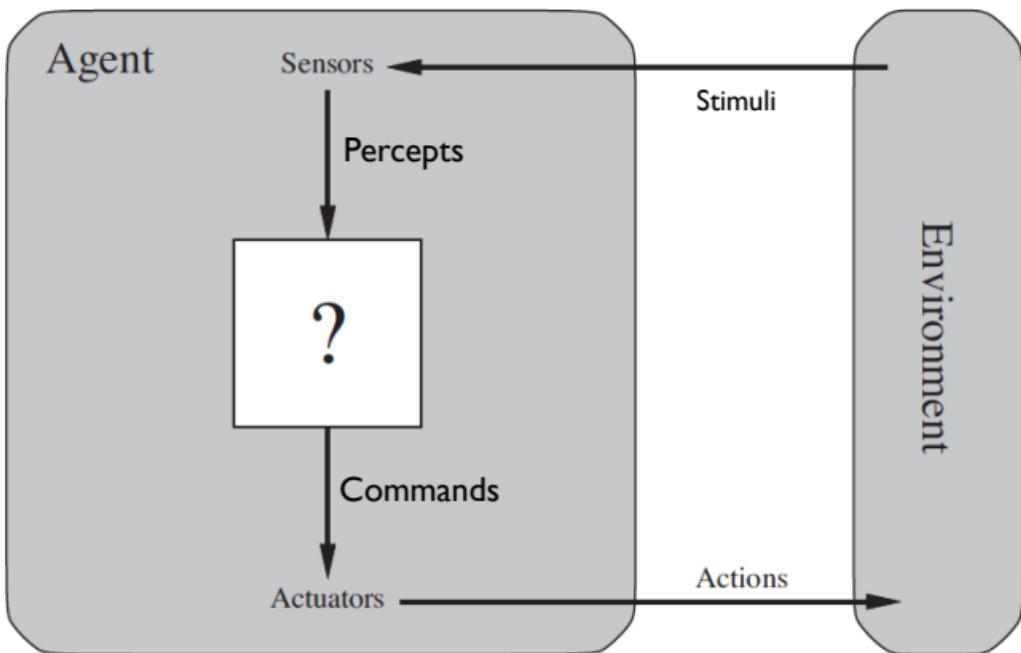
“a freely moving machine with the intellectual capabilities of a human being.” (Hans Moravec)



What is Artificial Intelligence?

An agent's **behavior** can be described formally as an **agent function** which maps any percept sequence to an action

An **agent program** implements an **agent function**



Agents interact with the environment through sensors and actuators

Some Approaches to AI

Empirical Sciences

Fidelity to human performance

Human-Centered

Thought Processes
Reasoning

Behavior

Mathematics/Engineering

Ideal concept of Intelligence

Rationality-Centered

Systems that <u>think</u> like humans	Systems that <u>think</u> rationally
"The exciting new effort to make computers think. . .machines with minds, in the full and literal sense." (Haugeland, 1985) "[The automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision-making, problem solving, learning..."(Bellman, 1978)	"The study of mental faculties through the use of computational models." (Charniak and McDermott, 1985) "The study of computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, and act." (Winston, 1992)
Systems that <u>act</u> like humans	Systems that <u>act</u> rationally
"The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people." (Kurzweil, 1990) "The study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better." (Rich and Knight, 1991)	"Computational Intelligence is the study of the design of intelligent agents." (Poole et al., 1998) "AI . . . Is concerned with intelligent behavior in artifacts." (Nilsson, 1998)

Some State-of-the-art Achievements in Artificial Intelligence Research

Historically: AI and Robotics

Artificial Intelligence
“Brains without Bodies”

Traditional Robotics
“Bodies without Brains”



Watson - IBM



Stanford AI Lab
“Shakey”



Google Go-Deep Minds

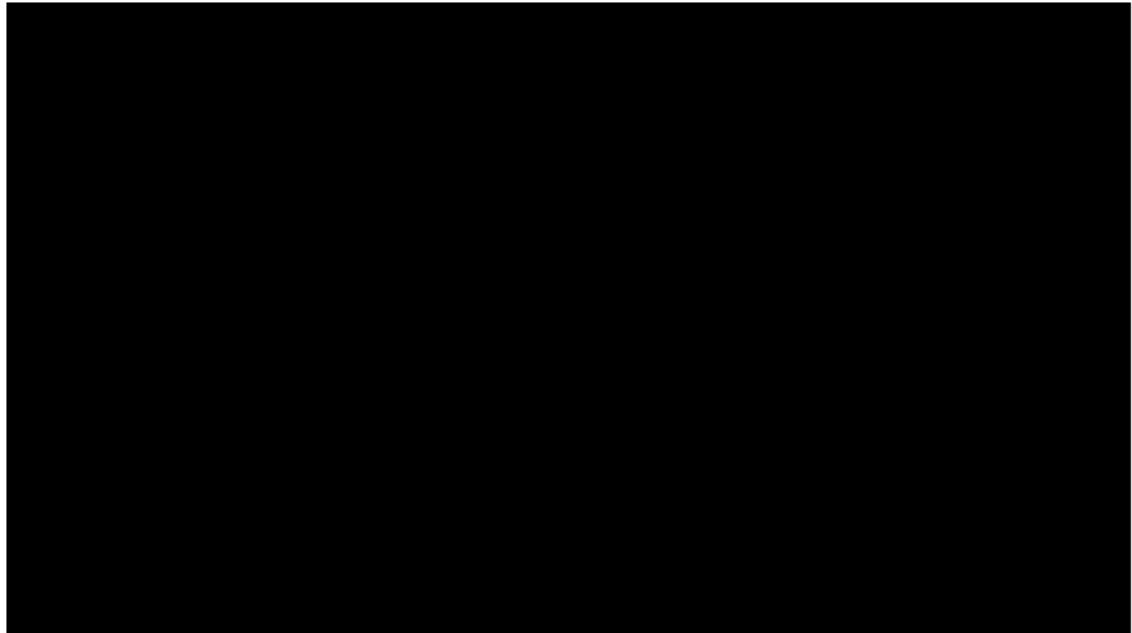


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Big Dog

IBM's WATSON



200 million pages of info/10 racks of 10 Power 750 servers

Google/Deep Minds Alpha Go



Monte-Carlo Tree search
Deep Learning
Extensive training using
both human, computer play



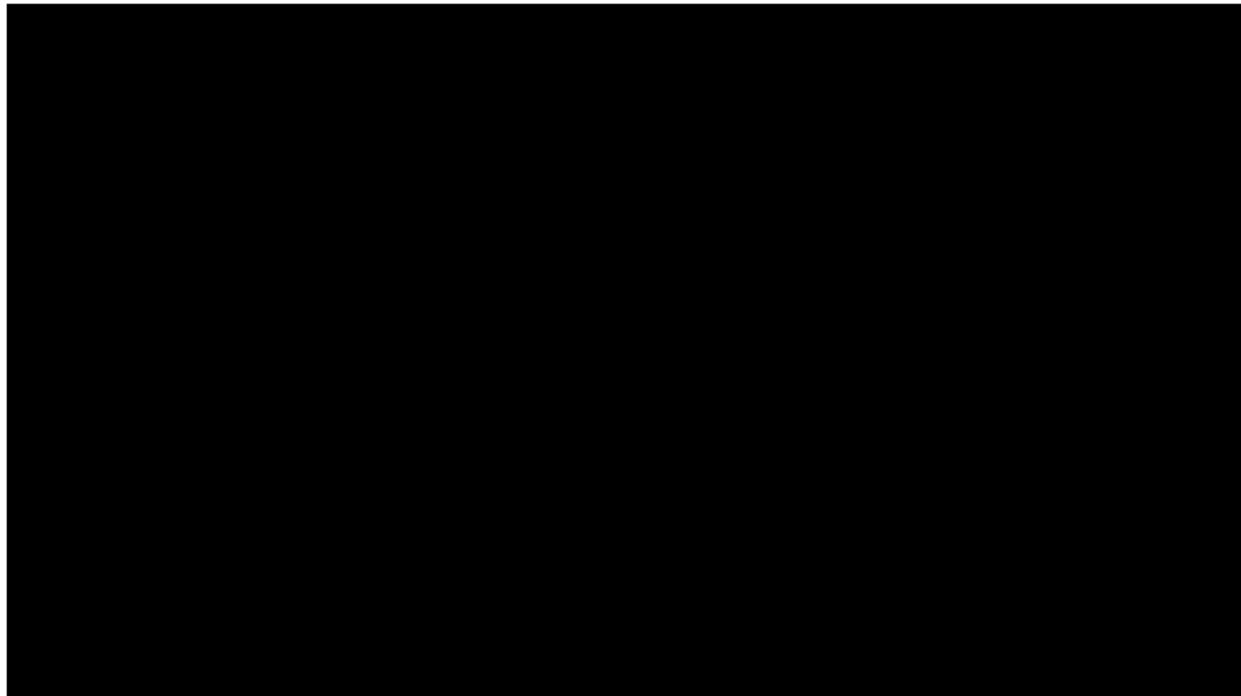
First computer Go program to
beat a human professional
Go player without handicaps
on a full-sized 19x19 board



Robotics- Boston Dynamics: SPOT

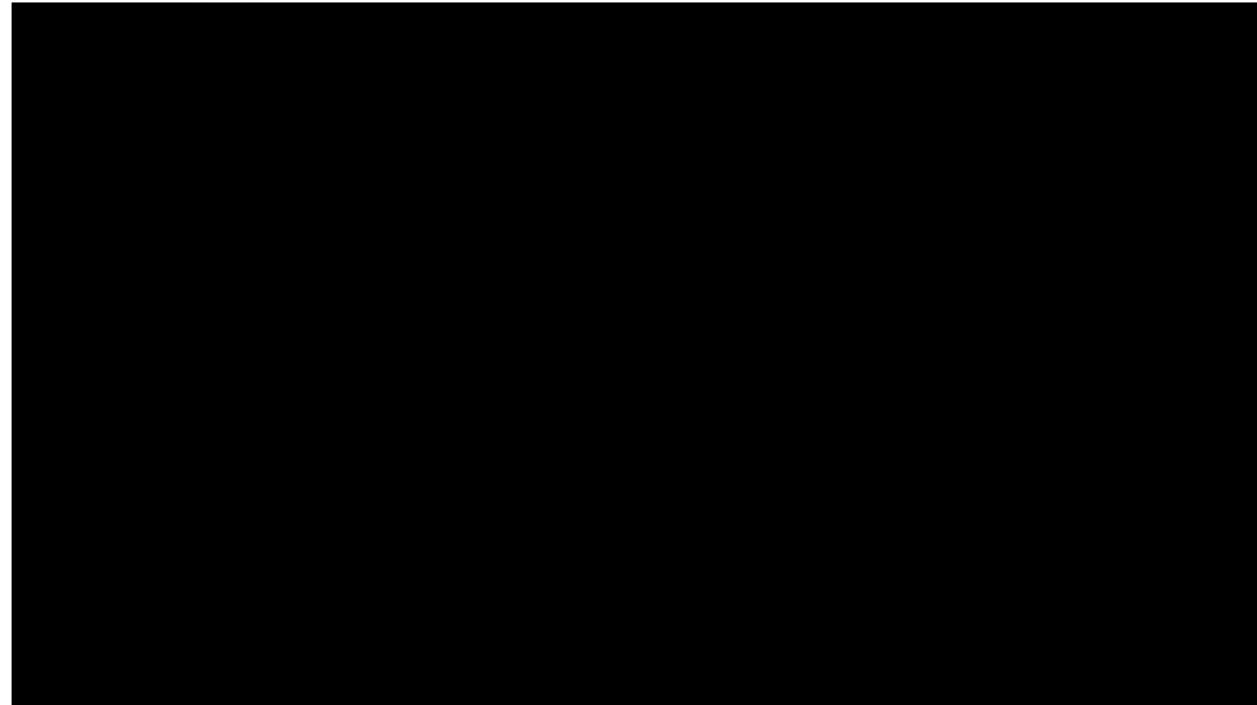


Google Smart Car - Post-DARPA Challenge



300,000+ miles driven by Google Cars with only 1 Accident

Kiva Systems - Smart Warehouse Logistics



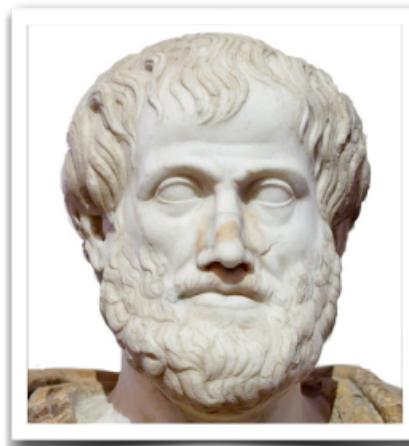
Robotics- Boston Dynamics: ATLAS



Historical Precursors to the Grand Idea of AI

Socrates
Plato
Aristotle

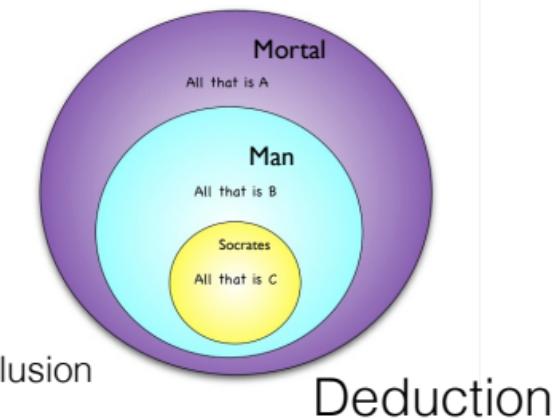
Aristotle (384-322 BC)



All men are mortal
Socrates is a man

Major Premise
Minor Premise

Socrates is mortal Deductive Conclusion

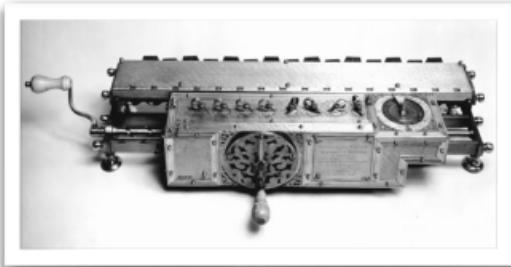


Deduction

Leibniz (1646-1716)



Let us
Calculate!



Calculus Ratiocinator

- A universal artificial mathematical language
- All human knowledge could be represented in this language
- Calculational rules would reveal all logical relationships among these propositions
- Machines would be capable of carrying out such calculations

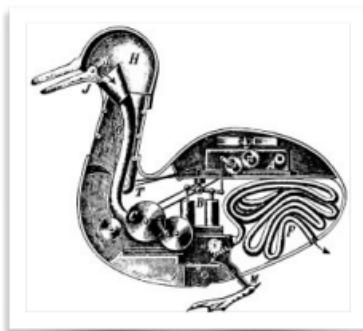
Addition
Subtraction
Multiplication
Square root extraction

Pour l'Addition par exemple.	$\begin{array}{r} 1101 \\ 1110 \\ \hline 11011 \end{array}$	6	$\begin{array}{r} 1011 \\ 1011 \\ \hline 10000 \end{array}$	5	$\begin{array}{r} 11001 \\ 10001 \\ \hline 11111 \end{array}$	14
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Pour la Multiplication.	$\begin{array}{r} 1101 \\ 1110 \\ \hline 11011 \end{array}$	6	$\begin{array}{r} 1011 \\ 1011 \\ \hline 10111 \end{array}$	5	$\begin{array}{r} 10111 \\ 10111 \\ \hline 11010 \end{array}$	25
Pour la Division.	$\begin{array}{r} 1101 \\ 1110 \\ \hline 11011 \end{array}$	6	$\begin{array}{r} 1011 \\ 1011 \\ \hline 10111 \end{array}$	5	$\begin{array}{r} 11001 \\ 10001 \\ \hline 11111 \end{array}$	14

Binary Arithmetic

Automatons (1600 -)

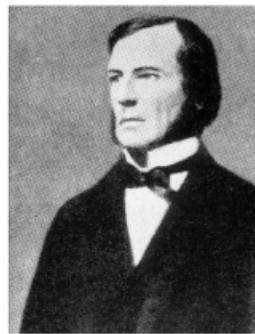
Natural Laws are capable of producing complex behavior
Perhaps these laws govern human behavior?



1772

Precursors to Robotics

Boole (1815 - 1864)



Turned “Logic” into Algebra

Classes and terms (thoughts) could be manipulated using algebraic rules resulting in valid inferences

Logical deduction could be developed as a branch of mathematics

$$\begin{aligned} a + 1 &= 1 \\ a \cdot 0 &= 0 \\ a + a &= a \\ a \cdot a &= a \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{idempotence} \\ \text{idempotence} \end{array} \right\}$$
$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot (a + b) &= a \\ a + (a \cdot b) &= a \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{absorption} \\ \text{absorption} \end{array} \right\}$$
$$\begin{aligned} (a \cdot b) \cdot c &= a \cdot (b \cdot c) \\ (a + b) + c &= a + (b + c) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{associativit } \\ \text{associativit } \end{array} \right\}$$

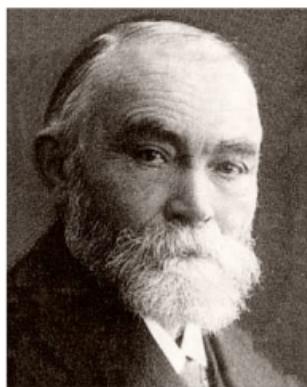
Subsumed Aristotle's syllogisms
In essence Leibniz' calculus rationator (lite)

Boolean Logic

Position	English Text	Truth Table
AND		
OR		
NOT		
Imply		
And-Or-Invert		
Or-And-Invert		
Exclusive OR		
Equality		

Figure 2-1 Standard digital logic gates

Frege (1848 -1925)

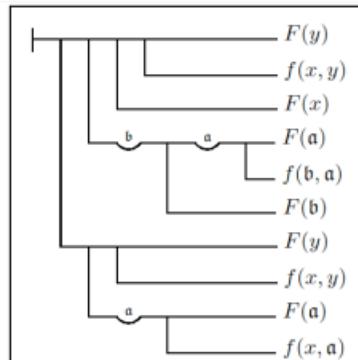


Begriffsschrift “Concept Script”

The 1st fully developed system of logic encompassing all of the deductive reasoning in ordinary mathematics.

- 1st example of formal artificial language with formal syntax
- logical inference as purely mechanical operations (rules of inference)

Intention was to show that all of mathematics could be based on logic! (Logicism)



Theorem 71 from *Begriffsschrift*

Russell's Paradox

Frege's arithmetic made use of sets of sets in the definition of number

defined recursively by $0 = \{\}$ (the empty set)

and $n + 1 = n \cup \{n\}$

$$0 = \{\}, 1 = \{0\} = \{\{\}\},$$

$$2 = \{0, 1\} = \{\{\}, \{\{\}\}\}, 3 = \{0, 1, 2\} = \{\{\}, \{\{\}\}, \{\{\}, \{\{\}\}\}\}$$

Russell showed that use of sets of sets can lead to contradiction

Ergo...the entire development of Frege was inconsistent!

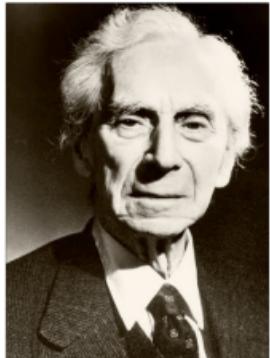
- Extraordinary set: It is member of itself
- Ordinary set: It is not a member of itself

Take the set E of ordinary sets

Is E ordinary or extraordinary?

It must be one,
but it is neither.
A contradiction!

Russell (1872 - 1970)



Principia Mathematica (Russell & Whitehead)

An attempt to derive all mathematical truths from a well-defined set of axioms and inference rules in symbolic logic.

Dealt with the set-theoretical paradoxes in Frege's work through a theory of types

*54·43. $\vdash : \alpha, \beta \in 1. \supset : \alpha \cap \beta = \Lambda . \equiv . \alpha \cup \beta \in 2$

Dem.

$\vdash, *54·26. \supset \vdash : \alpha = t^i x, \beta = t^i y. \supset : \alpha \cup \beta \in 2 . \equiv . \alpha + y$

$[*51·231] \qquad \qquad \qquad \equiv . t^i x \cap t^i y = \Lambda .$

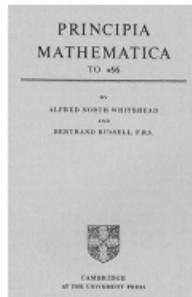
$[*13·12] \qquad \qquad \qquad \equiv . \alpha \cap \beta = \Lambda \qquad (1)$

$\vdash . (1) . *11·11·35. \supset$

$\vdash : (\exists x, y) . \alpha = t^i x, \beta = t^i y. \supset : \alpha \cup \beta \in 2 . \equiv . \alpha \cup \beta = \Lambda \qquad (2)$

$\vdash . (2) . *11·54 . *52·1. \supset \vdash . \text{Prop}$

From this proposition it will follow, when arithmetical addition has been defined, that $1 + 1 = 2$.



Logicism

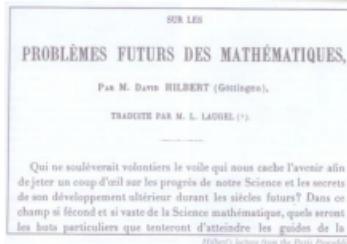
Hilbert (1862 - 1943)



1st Problem: Decide the truth of Cantor's Continuum Hypothesis

2nd Problem: Establish the consistency of the axioms for the arithmetic of real numbers

*24 problems
for the
20th century*



23rd Problem: Does there exist an algorithm that can determine the truth or falsity of any logical proposition in a system of logic that is powerful enough to represent the natural numbers? (Entscheidungsproblem)

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March 15–16, 2007

Ore Estate Inn, Contra Costa, Massachusetts

Conference on Hilbert's Tenth Problem

Thursday, March 15

8:00–8:30am Registration and Refreshments

8:30–9:00am Welcome Address by John Tate

9:00–9:30am Lecture by Alan Baker

9:30–9:45am Questions and Discussion

9:45–10:00am Refreshments

10:00–10:30am Lecture by Boris Zilber

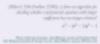
10:30–10:45am Questions and Discussion

10:45–11:00am Refreshments

11:00–11:30am Lecture by Michael Stillman

11:30–11:45am Questions and Discussion

11:45–12:00pm Refreshments



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Hilbert's Program

Logic from the outside
Metamathematics
Proof Theory

Consistency
Completeness
Decidability, etc

Only use Finitist Methods

Is 1st-order logic complete?

Is PA complete?

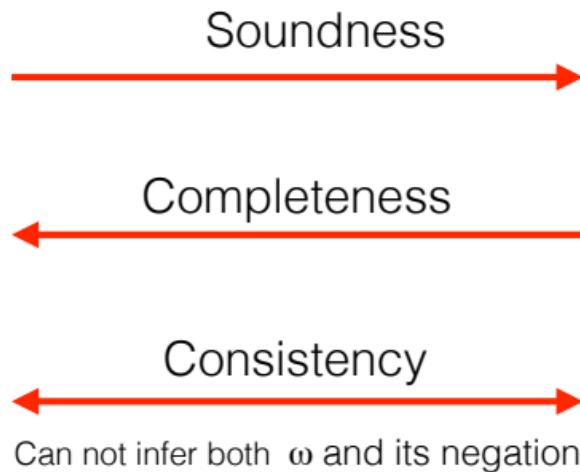
Logic from the inside
Formal axiomatic theories
Peano Arithmetic

Business as usual

Metamathematics

Syntax
 $\Delta \dashv\vdash \omega$
Inference
Proof Theory

Semantics
 $\Delta \models \omega$
Entailment
Model Theory



Gödel (1906 - 1978)



Showed the completeness of 1st-order logic in his PhD Thesis

Develop metamathematics inside a formal logical system by encoding propositions as numbers



The logic of PM
(and consequently PA)
is incomplete

There are true sentences not provable within the logical system

As part of his Incompleteness Theorem, Gödel translated the paradoxical statement:

"This statement cannot be proved"

into the pure mathematical statement:

$\neg(\exists r \exists s : (P(r,s) \vee (s = g(\text{sub } (f_2(y))))))$

and used this to show there are some mathematical statements which are true but which nevertheless cannot be proved.

Hilbert's 2nd Problem

As a consequence, the consistency of the mathematics of the real numbers can not be proven within any system as strong as PA

Gödel's Argument

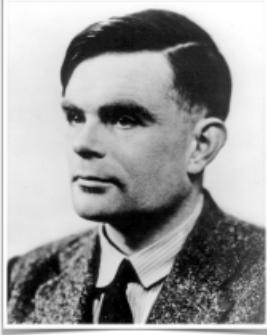
Assume: Anything provable in PM is True

U is a proposition that states that
“U is not provable in PM”.

1. U is true: Suppose U were false. Then what it says would be false. So U would have to be provable, and therefore True. This contradicts the supposition that U is false.
2. U is not provable in PM: Since it is true, what it says must be true.
3. The negation of U is not provable in PM: Because U is true, its negation must be false, and therefore not provable in PM.

U is a true (from the outside),
but undecidable (from the inside) proposition.

Turing (1912-1954)



Turing wanted to disprove the 23rd problem

23rd Problem: Does there exist an algorithm that can determine the truth or falsity of any logical proposition in a system of logic that is powerful enough to represent the natural numbers?

(Entscheidungsproblem)

To do this, he had to come up with a formal characterization of the generic process underlying the computation of an algorithm

He then showed that there were functions that were not effectively computable including the Entscheidungsproblem!

As a byproduct he found a mathematical model of an all-purpose computing machine!

Effective Computability: Turing Machine

Example: with Alphabet {0, 1}

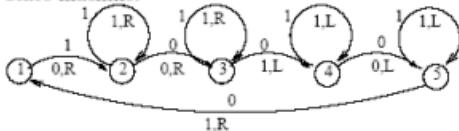
Given: a series of 1s on the tape (with head initially on the leftmost)

Computation: doubles the 1's with a 0 in between, i.e., "111" becomes "110111".

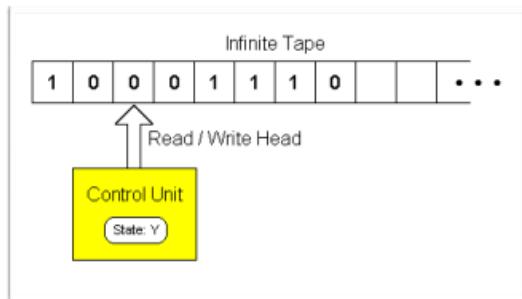
The set of states is $\{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5\}$ (s_1 start state)

actions:	Old	Read	Wr.	Mv.	New	Old	Read	Wr.	Mv.	New
	s_1	1	0	R	s_2	s_4	1	1	L	s_4
	s_2	1	1	R	s_2	s_4	0	0	L	s_5
	s_2	0	0	R	s_3	s_5	1	1	L	s_5
	s_3	1	1	R	s_3	s_5	0	1	R	s_1
	s_3	0	1	L	s_4					

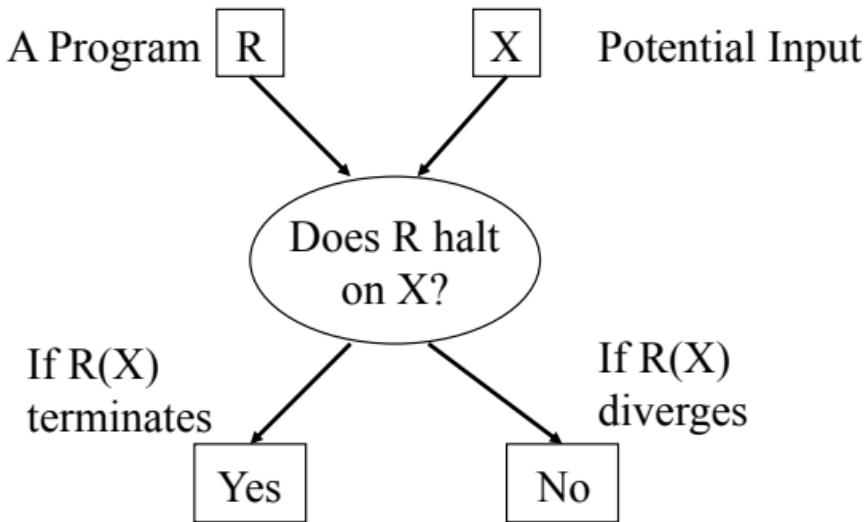
state machine:



- finite **alphabet** of symbols
- finite set of **states**
- infinite **tape** marked off with squares each of which is capable of carrying a single symbol
- mobile sensing-and-writing **head** that can travel along the tape one square at a time
- **state-transition diagram** containing the instructions that cause changes to take place at each step



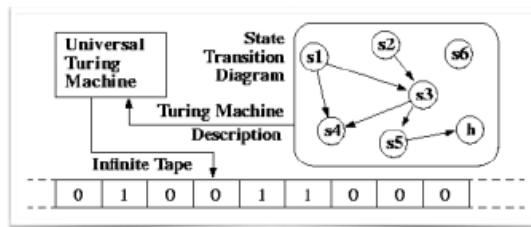
An Unsolvable Problem



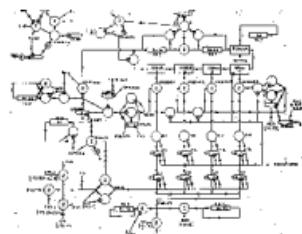
Halting Problem

Universal Turing machine

Formal mathematical abstraction of a general computing device

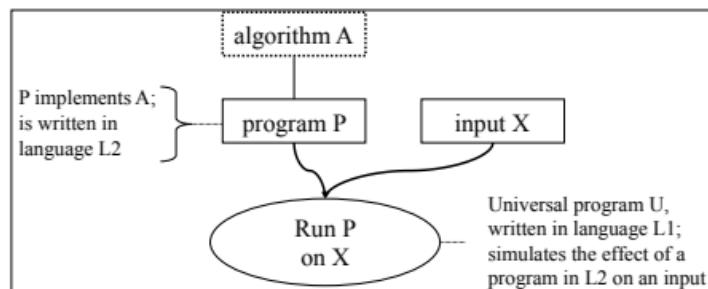


Interpreter for Turing Machines



ACE Computer

LISP: Eval
Programs as data



Church-Turing Thesis

Turing machines are capable of solving any effectively solvable algorithmic problem! Put differently, any algorithmic problem for which we can find an algorithm that can be programmed in some programming language, any language, running on some computer, any computer, even one that has not yet been built, and even one requiring unbounded amounts of time and memory space for ever larger inputs, is also solvable by a Turing machine!

Partial Recursive Functions: Gödel,Kleene
Lambda Calculus: Church
Post Production Systems: Post
Turing Machines: Turing
Unlimited Register Machines: Cutland

Scheme =
LISP=
Java=
Pascal=

Turing
Machine

= C++
= JavaScript
= Ruby

Turing: Repercussions to AI

Turing focused on the human mechanical calculability on symbolic configurations. Consequently he imposed certain boundedness and locality conditions on Turing machines.

Turing did not show that mental procedures cannot go beyond mechanical procedures,

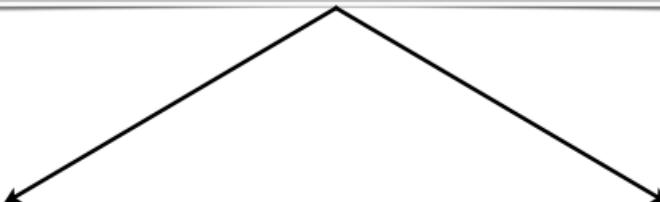
BUT

Turing did intend to show that the precise concept of Turing computability is intended to capture the mechanical processes that can be carried out by human beings.

Philosophical Repercussions: Mind-Body Problem

How can mind arise from nonMind?

Materialism



Idealism

Mind as Machine

- Brain is physical (10's-100's billions of neurons)
- Neurons are biochemical machines
- In theory, one can make man-made machines which mimic the brains physical operations
- Intellectual capacities can be replicated

Mind Beyond Machine

- Certain aspects of human thought and existence can not be understood as mechanical processes:

Consciousness

Emotion
Feelings

Free
Will



Synthetic brain comes a step closer with creation of artificial synapse (IBM)

The circuit itself consists of highly-aligned carbon nanotubes that are grown on a quartz wafer, then transferred to a silicon substrate. It mimics an actual synapse insofar as the waveforms that are sent to it, and then successfully output from it, resemble biological waveforms in shape, relative amplitudes and durations.

Gödel: Repercussions to AI

Gödel raised the question of whether the human mind was in all essentials equivalent to a computer (1951)

Without answering the question, he claimed both answers would be opposed to materialistic philosophy.

Yes

Incompleteness result shows that there are absolutely undecidable propositions about numbers that can never be proved by human beings

But this would also require a measure of idealistic philosophy just to make sense of a statement that assumes the objective existence of natural numbers with properties beyond those that a human being can ascertain.

No

If the human mind is not reducible to mechanism where as the physical brain is reducible, it would follow that mind transcends physical reality, which is incompatible with materialism

Gödel swayed towards “No” in later life.

The Turing Test

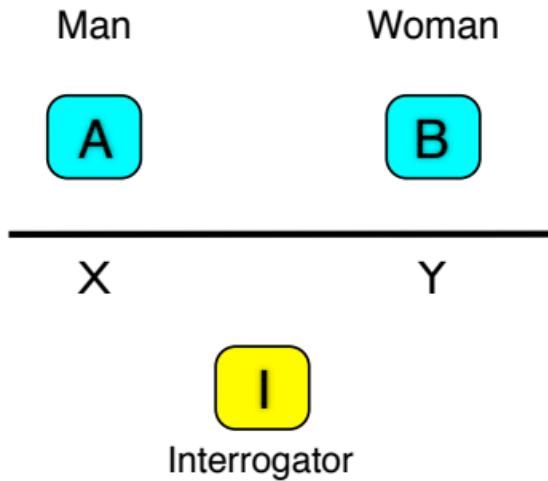
Computing Machinery and Intelligence - A. Turing (1953)

I propose to consider the question,
“Can machines think?”

Since the meaning of both “machine” and “think” is ambiguous, Turing replaces the question by another.

Turing introduces a game called the “Imitation Game”

The Imitation Game



Goal: Determine which of the two is a man and which is a woman

A tries to make I make the wrong ID
B tries to make I make the right ID

What will happen when the machine takes the part of A in this game?

Will the interrogator decide wrongly as often when the game is played like this as when the game is played between a man and a woman?

Goal: Determine which of the two is a machine and which is a human

A tries to make I make the wrong ID
B tries to make I make the right ID

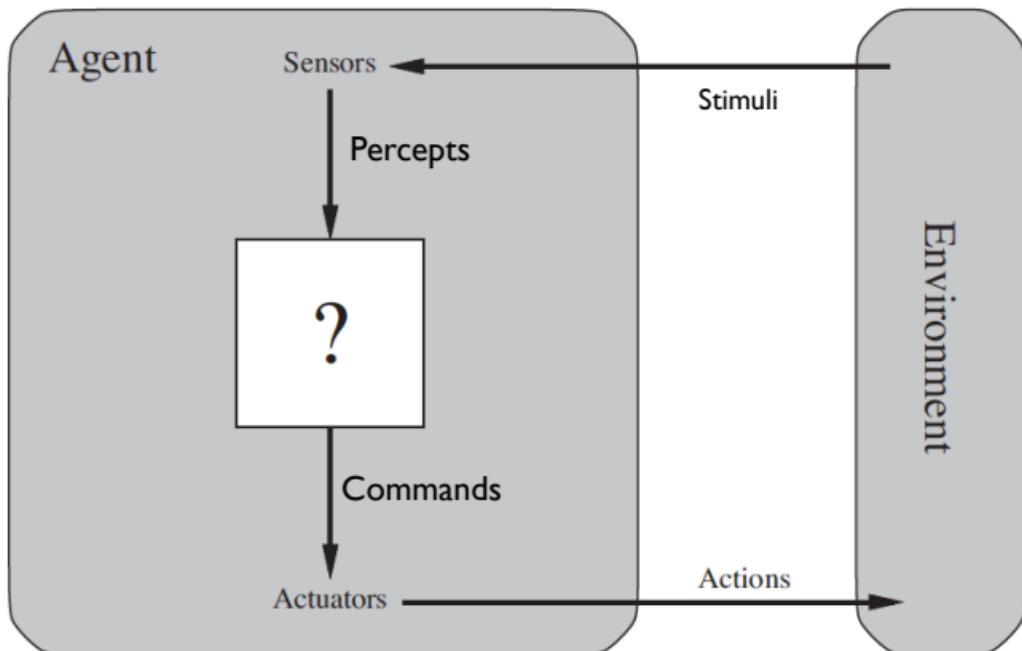
The Intelligent Agent Paradigm

Intelligent Agents

An **agent** is anything that can be viewed as **perceiving** its **environment** through **sensors** and **acting** upon that environment through **actuators**.

An agent's **behavior** can be described formally as an **agent function** which maps any percept sequence to an action

An **agent program** implements an **agent function**

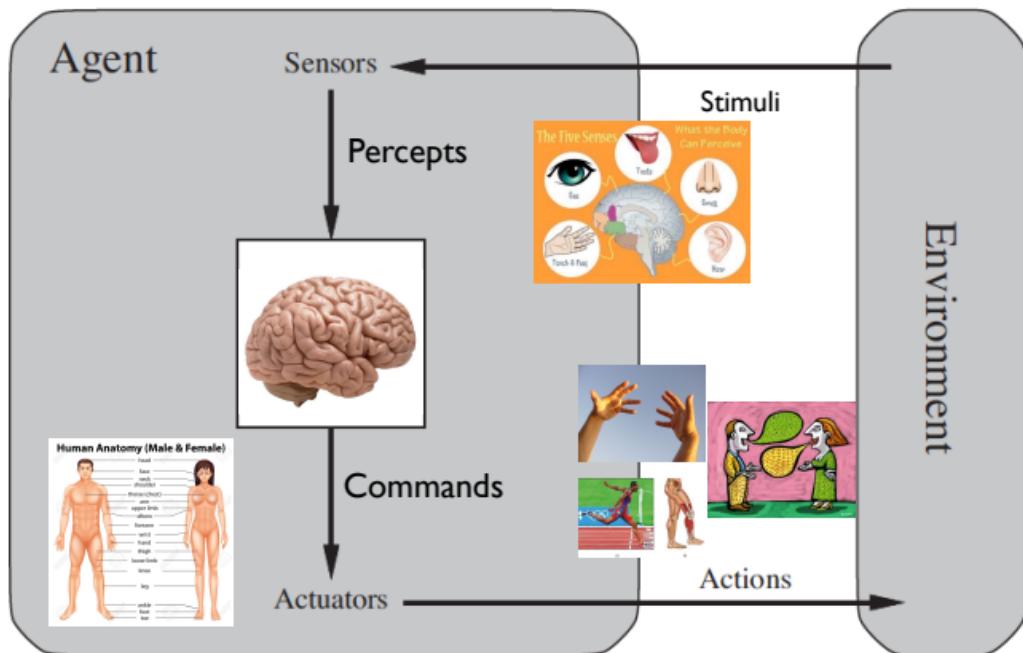


A **Rational Agent** is one that does the right thing relative to an external performance metric

Humans as Intelligent Agents

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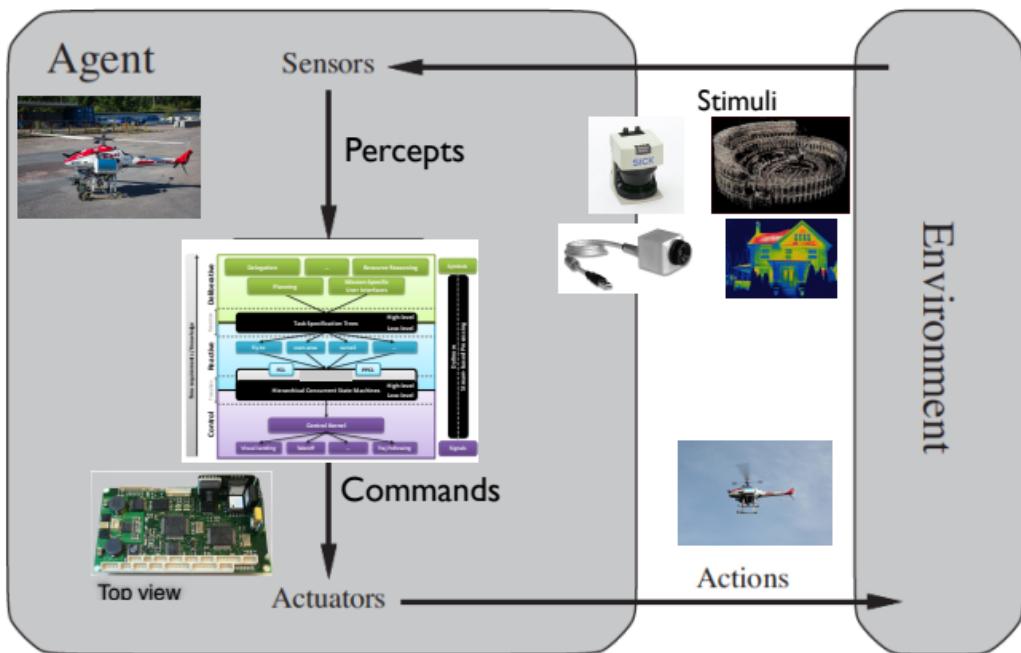


Agents interact with the environment through sensors and actuators

Robots as Intelligent Agents

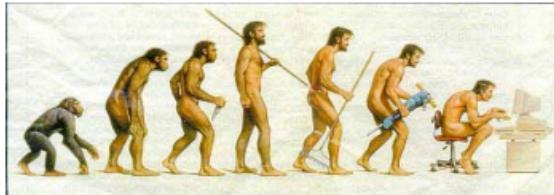
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Intelligent Agent Paradigm



Evolutionary AI

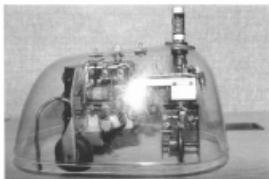


Figure 1a
Grey Wahr's terminal, recently restored to working order by Owen Holland. (Photograph courtesy of Owen Holland, The University of the West of England.)

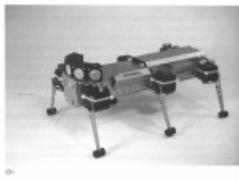
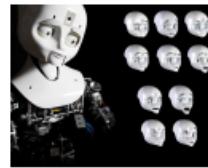


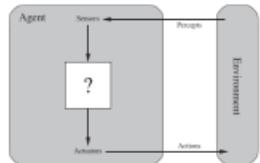
Figure 1b
The original Googlebot. (Photograph courtesy of Rodney Brooks.) (b) Google BigBlue, robotic headgear, commercial successor to the original Googlebot. (Photograph courtesy of iRobot, Somerville, MA.)



- Introduce a progression of agents (AI systems) each more complex than its predecessor
- Progression loosely follows milestones in evolution of animal species
- Incrementally introduces techniques for exploiting information about tasks **not** directly sensed

Good way to think about AI and to structure techniques, but the use of such techniques is not specific to the agent paradigm

Rationality



Rationality is dependent on:

- An agents percept sequence; everything the agent has perceived so far
- The embedding environment; what the agent knows about its environment
- An agent's capabilities; the actions the agent can perform.
- The external performance measure used to evaluate the agent's performance

Ideal Rational Agent is one that does the right thing!

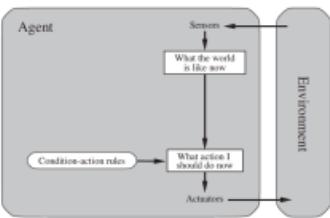
For each possible percept sequence, an ideal rational agent should do whatever action is expected to maximize its performance measure, on the basis of the evidence provided by the percept sequence and whatever built-in knowledge the agent has.

Character of the Task Environment

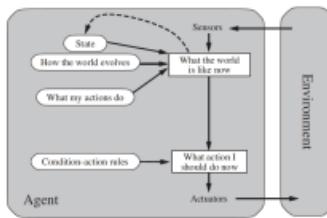
Influences the performance measurement

- Fully observable vs. Partially observable
 - An agent's sensory apparatus provides it with the *complete* state of the environment
- Deterministic vs. Stochastic
 - The next state of the environment is completely determined by the current state and the actions selected by the agents.
- Static vs. Dynamic
 - The environment remains unchanged while the agent is deliberating.
- Discrete vs. Continuous
 - There are a limited number of distinct, clearly defined percepts and actions.
 - States and time can be discrete or continuous.
- Episodic vs. Sequential
 - The agent's experience is divided into episodes suchs as "perceiving and acting". The quality of the action chosen is only dependent on the current episode (no prediction).
- Single Agent vs. Multi-agent
 - The environment contains one or more agents acting cooperatively or competitively.

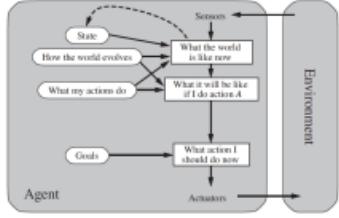
Agent Types



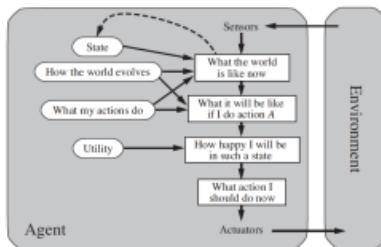
Simple reflex
agent



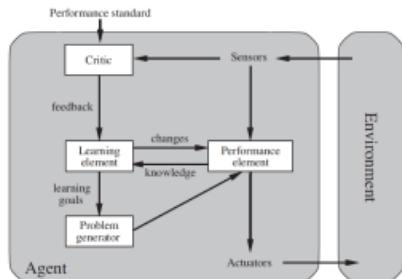
Model-based reflex
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Goal-based
agent

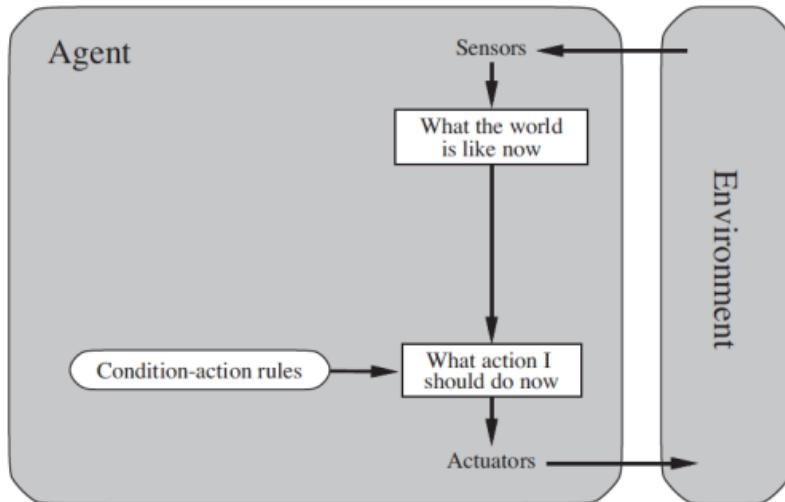


Utility-based
agent



Learning
agent

Simple Reflex Agent

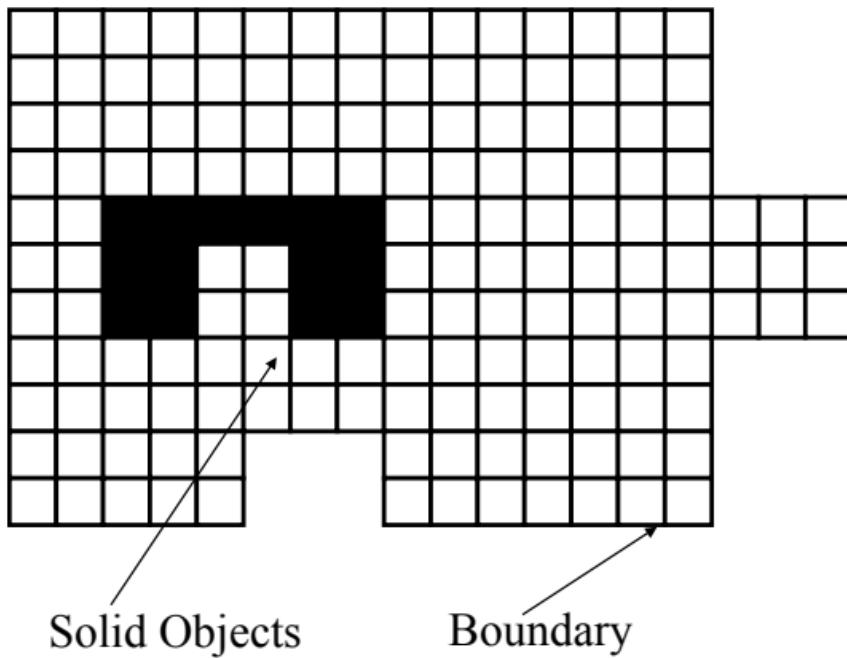


Stimulus-Response
Agent

Let's build a simple
reflex agent!

- Reacts to immediate stimuli in their environment
- No internal state
- Uses current state of the environment derived from sensory stimuli

Environment: 2D (3D) Grid Space World



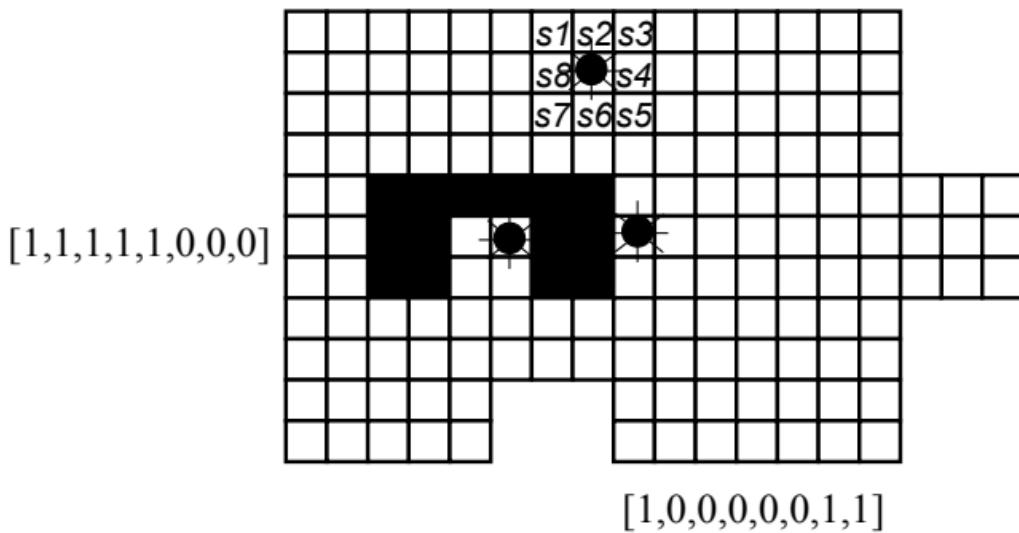
Constraint:
rule out tight spaces

Robot Agent Sensor Capability

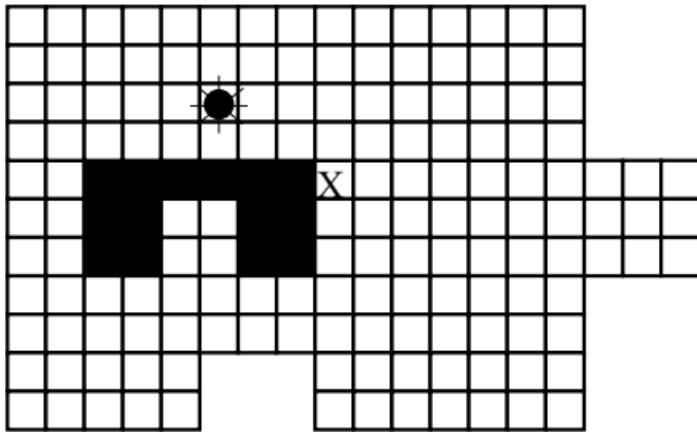
Free/obstructed Cells

$[s1, s2, s3, s4, s5, s6, s7, s8]$

$[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$



Robot Agent Action Capability



Possible path to X:
east, east, east, south,
south

- north *moves the robot one cell up in the grid*
- east *moves the robot one cell to the right*
- south *moves the robot one cell down*
- west *moves the robot one cell to the left*

If the robot can not move in a requested direction
the action has no effect

Task Specification and Implementation

Given:

- the properties of the world the agent inhabits
- the agent's motor and sensory capabilities
- the task the agent is to perform:

Specify a function of the sensory inputs that selects actions appropriate for task achievement.

$f: [s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5, s_6, s_7, s_8] \rightarrow \{\text{north, east, south, west}\}$

256 possible inputs, 4 choices for output

4^{2^8} possible functions: $1,3 \times 10^{154}$

Number of atoms
in the universe:
 $10^{78} - 10^{82}$

Task Examples

Boundary Following

Go to a cell adjacent to a boundary or object and then follow that boundary along its perimeter forever.

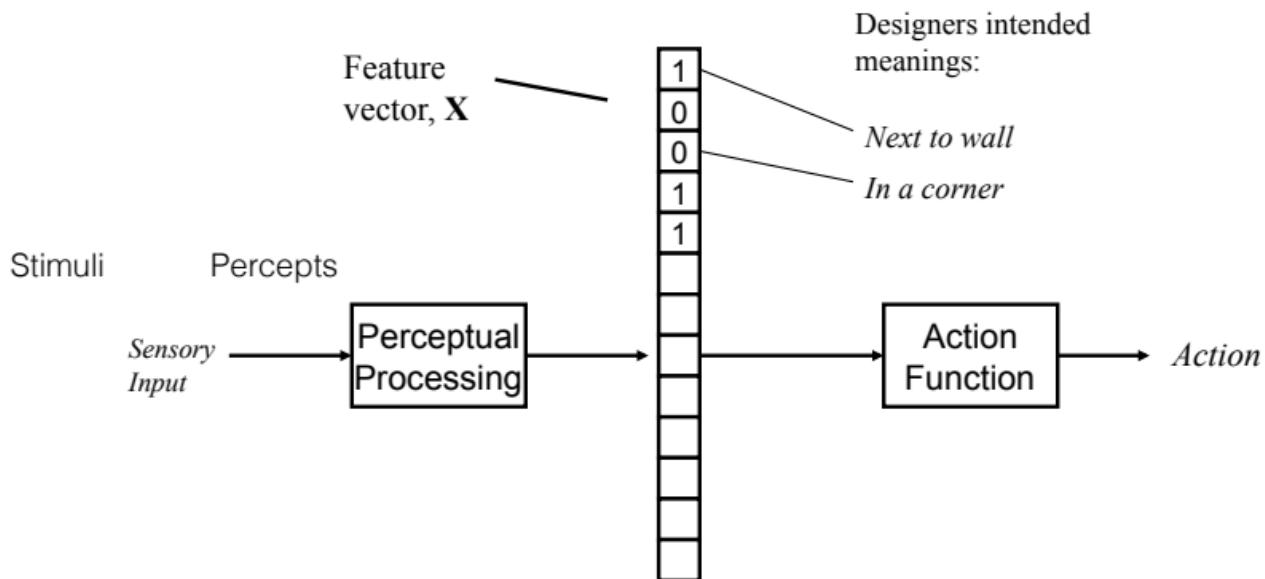
Durative Task: Never Ends

Foraging

- **Wander:** move through the world in search of an attractor
- **Acquire:** move toward the attractor when detected
- **Retrieve:** return the attractor to the home base once acquired

Goal-based Task: Cease activity after goal is achieved

Architecture: Perception and Action

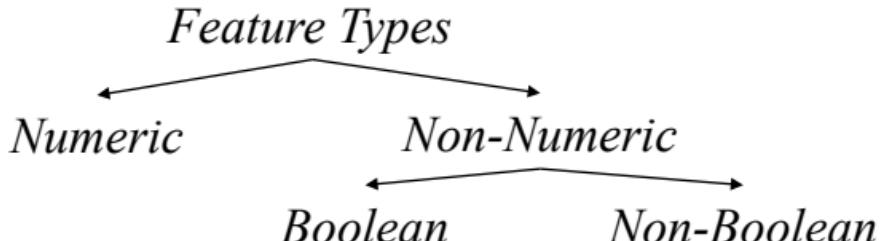


Perception Processing Phase

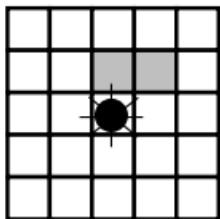
- Produces a vector of features ($x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n$) from the sensory input (s_1, \dots, s_8).

First level of abstraction: sensory to symbolic structure

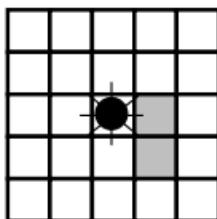
Features mean something to the designer of the artifact. It is debatable whether they mean something to the artifact, but the artifact will be causally effected by the setup (KR Hypothesis).



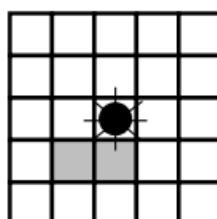
Features for Boundary Following



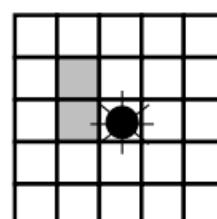
$x1$



$x2$



$x3$



$x4$

$$x1 = s2 + s3$$

$$x2 = s4 + s5$$

$$x3 = s6 + s7$$

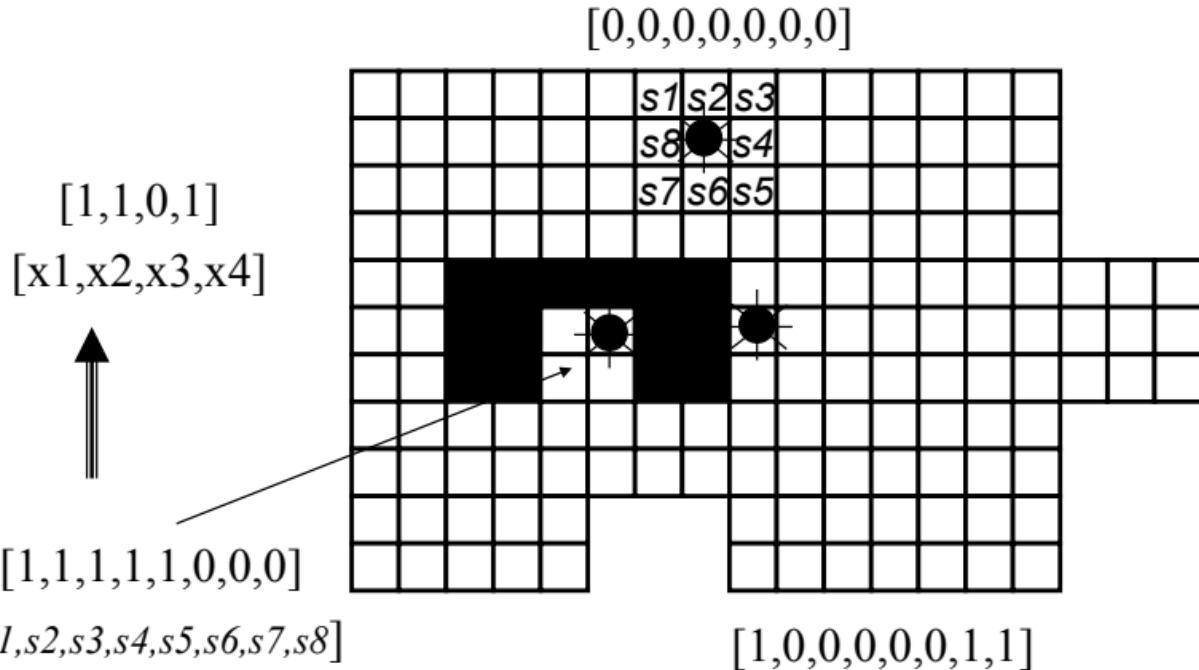
$$x4 = s8 + s1$$

No tight space condition:

Rule out any configuration where the the following boolean function equals 1

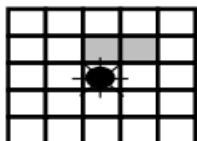
$$x1x2x3x4 + x1x3\overline{x2}\overline{x4} + x2x4\overline{x1}\overline{x3}$$

Robot Agent Feature Example



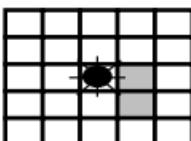
Action Function Phase

- Specify an *action function* which takes as input the feature vector and returns an action choice



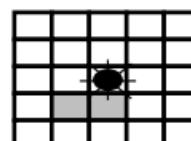
$x1$

$$x1 = s2 + s3$$



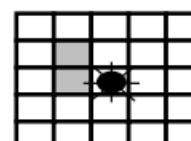
$x2$

$$x2 = s4 + s5$$



$x3$

$$x3 = s6 + s7$$



$x4$

$$x4 = s8 + s1$$

if $x1=1$ and $x2=0$ then move **east**

if $x2=1$ and $x3=0$ then move **south**

if $x3=1$ and $x4=0$ then move **west**

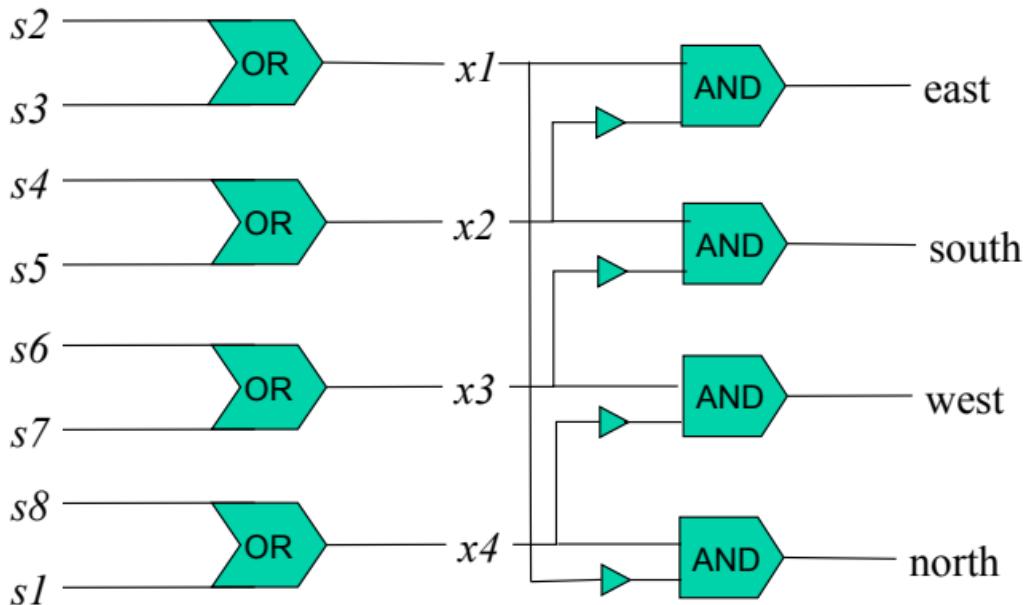
if $x4=1$ and $x1=0$ then move **north**

if $x1=0$ and $x2=0$ and $x3=0$ and $x4=0$ then move **north**

Circuit Semantics & Boolean Combinations

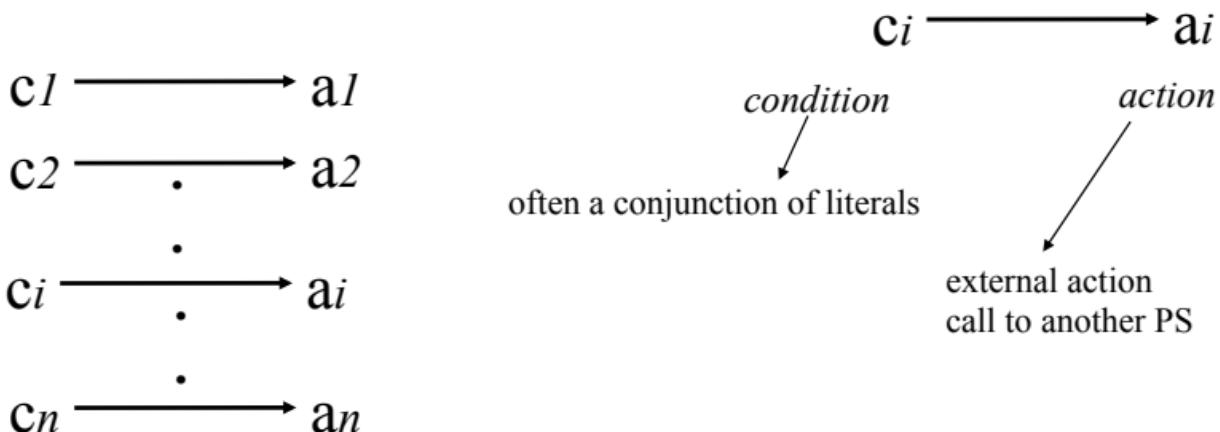
Implementing the Agent Program

► *not*



Production Systems

- A convenient method for representing action functions is the use of *production systems*
- A production system consists of an ordered set of production rules with the following form:



The Boundary Following Task

$X_4\bar{X}_1$ north

$X_3\bar{X}_4$ west

$X_2\bar{X}_3$ south

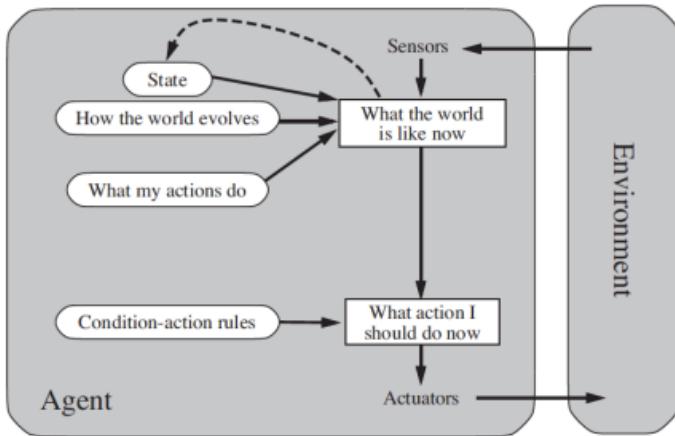
$X_1\bar{X}_2$ east

1 north

- *Each condition is checked from the top down for the first that is true. Then its action is executed.*
- *The conditions are checked continuously.*

Implementing the Agent Program

Model-based Reflex Agent



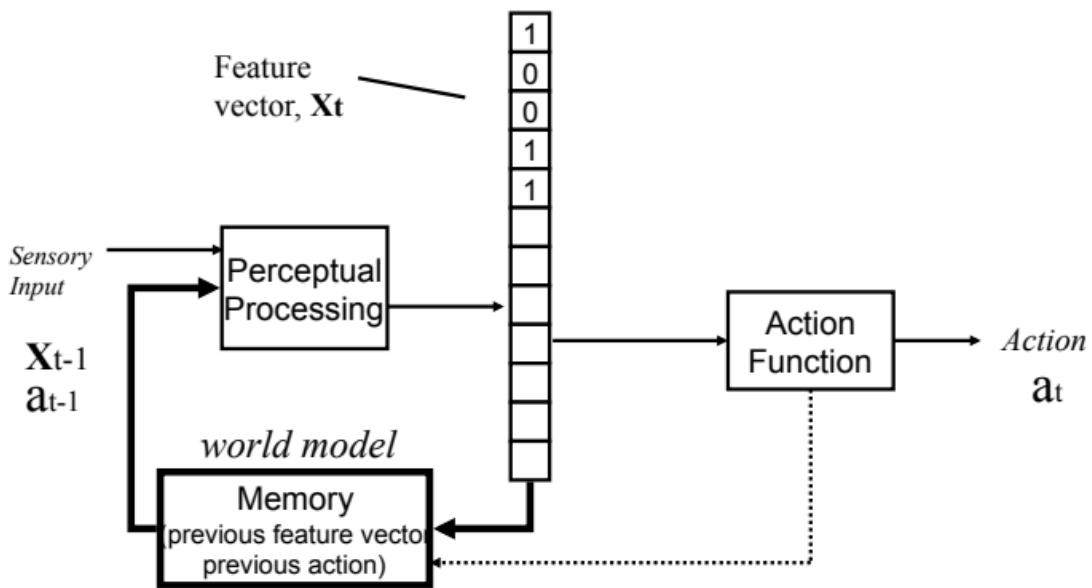
State Machine Agent

- Reflex agent with internal state:
- Limited internal state (implies memory)
 - Environmental state at $t+1$ is a function of:
 - the sensory input at $t+1$
 - the action taken at time t
 - the previous environmental state at t

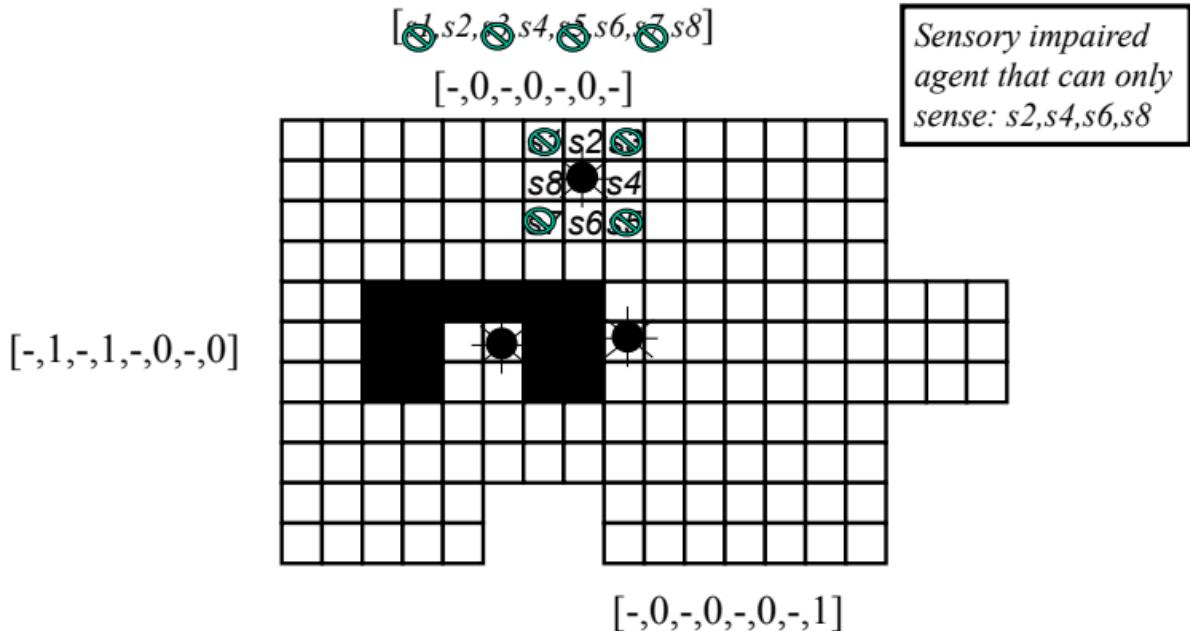
State Machine Agents

- If all important aspects of the environment relevant to a task can be sensed at the time the agent needs to know them
 - there is no reason to retain a model of the environment in memory
 - memoryless agents can achieve the task
 - In some sense, the world is the model!
- In general, sensory capabilities are almost always limited in some respect
 - one can compensate for this by using a stored model of the environment.
 - the agent can take account of previous sensory history (perhaps processed) to improve task achieving activity.
 - Can also perform tasks that memoryless agents cannot

Architecture: State Machine Agent



Robot Agent Sensor Capability (Revisited)



Boundary Following Task (Revisited)

$[t]w1 = [t-1]w2 * [t-1]\text{action} = \text{east}$

$[t]w3 = [t-1]w4 * [t-1]\text{action} = \text{south}$

$[t]w5 = [t-1]w6 * [t-1]\text{action} = \text{west}$

$[t]w7 = [t-1]w8 * [t-1]\text{action} = \text{north}$

$[t]w2 = [t]s2$

$[t]w4 = [t]s4$

$[t]w6 = [t]s6$

$[t]w8 = [t]s8$

4 sensory stimuli: $s2, s4, s6, s8$

8 features: $w1, w2, w3, w4, w5, w6, w7, w8$

Production System

$w2 * \overline{w4}$	→	east
$w4 * \overline{w6}$	→	south
$w6 * \overline{w8}$	→	west
$w8 * \overline{w2}$	→	north
$w1$	→	north
$w3$	→	east
$w5$	→	south
$w7$	→	west
I	→	north

Grey Walter's Tortoise

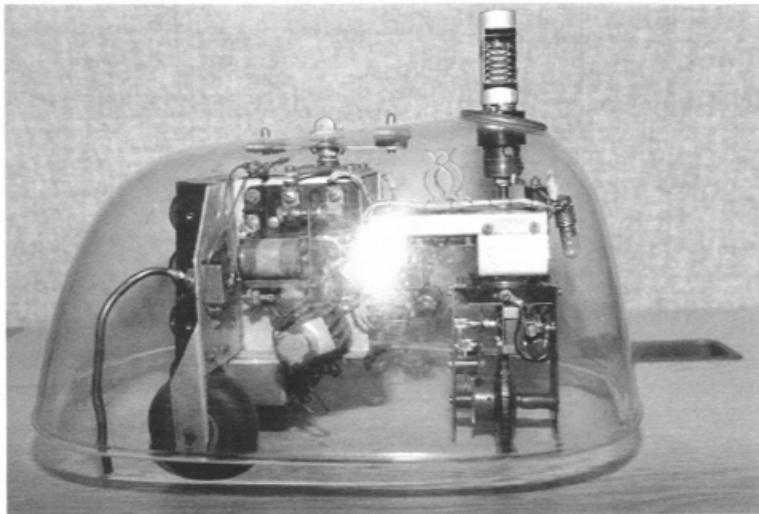


Figure 1.5

Grey Walter's tortoise, recently restored to working order by Owen Holland. (Photograph courtesy of Owen Holland, The University of the West of England.)

Analog Device

2 sensors:

- directional photocell
- bump contact sensor

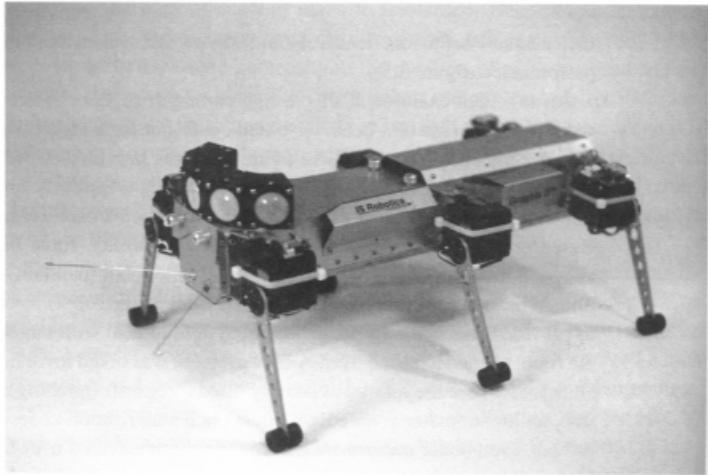
2 actuators

2 nerve cells (vacuum tubes)

Skills:

- Seek weak light
- Avoid strong light
- turn and push (obstacle avoid.)
- Recharge battery

Gengis II: A Robot Hexapod



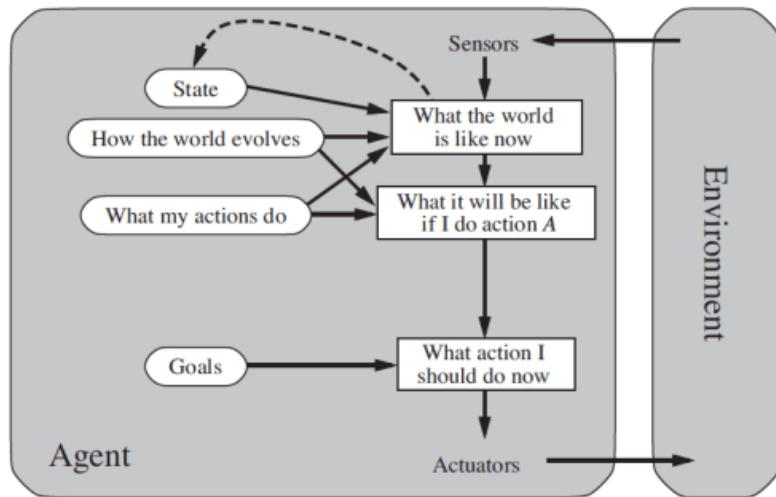
(B)

Figure 3.6

(A) Original Genghis. (Photograph courtesy of Rodney Brooks.) (B) Gengis II—a robotic hexapod, commercial successor to the original Genghis. (Photograph courtesy of IS Robotics, Somerville, MA.)

Brooks –
Subsumption-Based
Architectures.

A Goal-Based Agent



Planning and Reasoning Agents

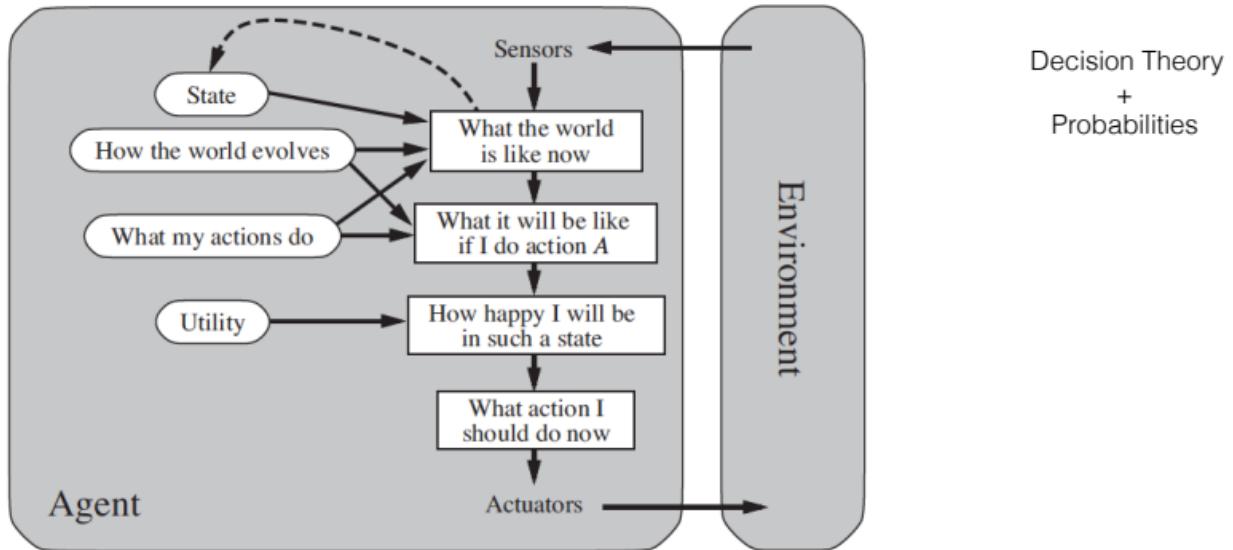
- Major part of the course:
- Search
 - Knowledge Representation & Reasoning
 - Planning

Agents with Purpose!

Goal-based Agents:

- Rich internal state
- Can **anticipate** the effects of their actions
- Take those actions expected to lead toward achievement of goals
- Capable of **reasoning** and **deducing** properties of the world

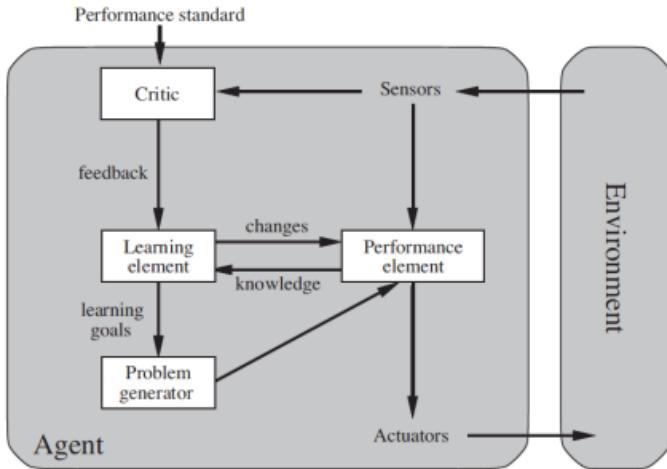
Utility-based Agent



Utility-based Agent

- Use of utility function that maps state (or state sequences) into real numbers
- Permits more fine-grained reasoning about what can be achieved, what are the trade-offs, conflicting goals, etc.

Learning Agent

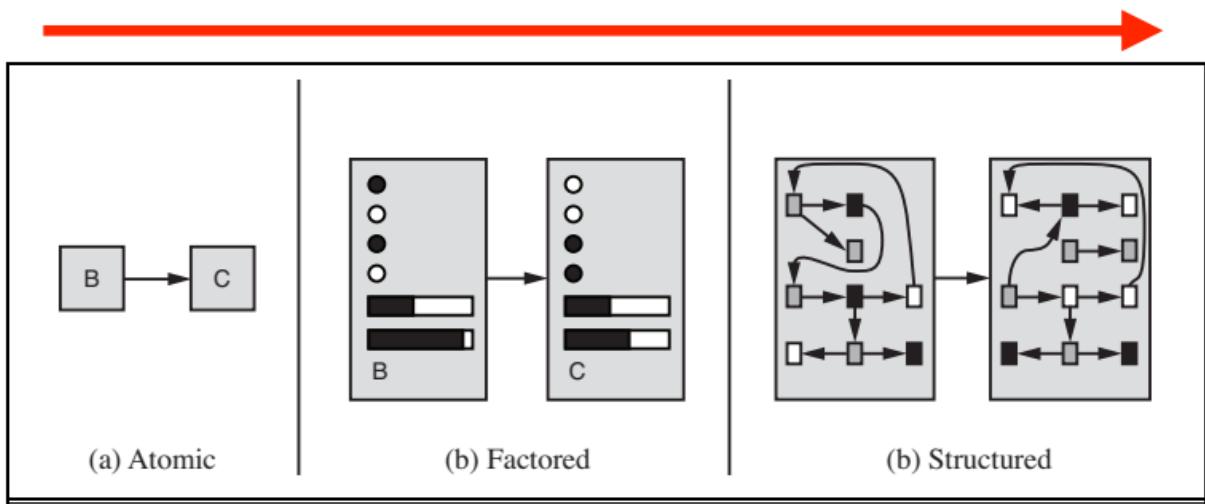


Learning Agent:

- Has the ability to modify behavior for the better based on experience.
- It can learn new behaviors via exploration of new experiences

Representing Actions, Knowledge, Environment

Increasing Expressivity



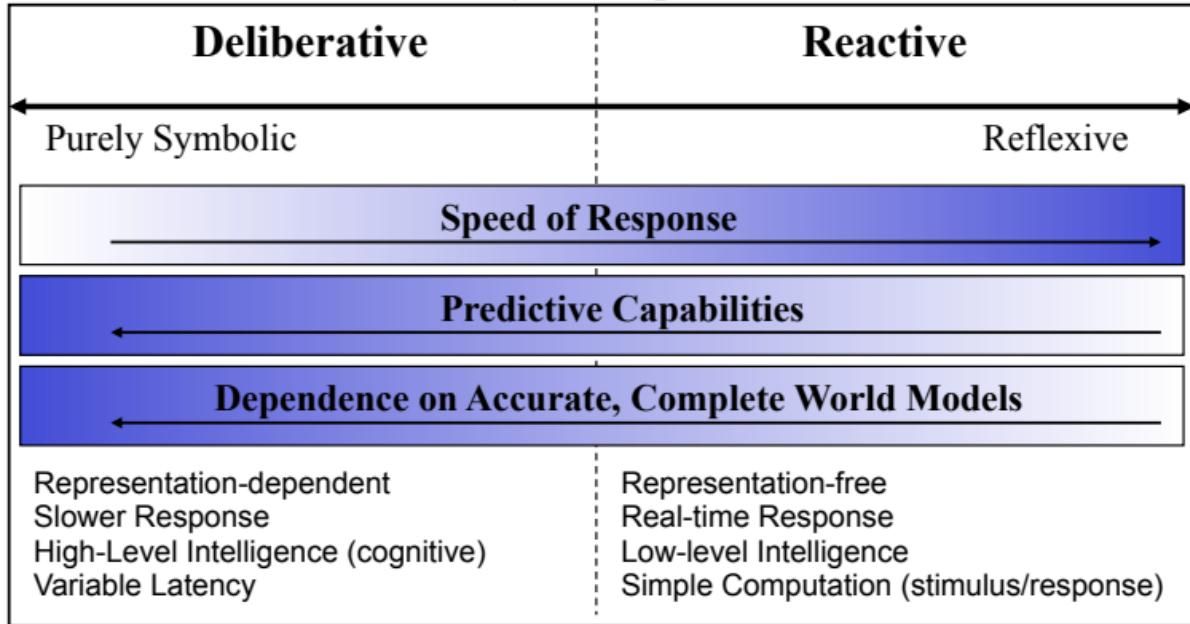
Search
Game-playing
Hidden Markov Models
Markov Decision Processes

Constraint Satisfaction
Propositional Logic
Automated Planning
Bayesian Networks
Machine Learning

Relational Databases
1st-Order Logic
1st-Order Probability Models
Machine Learning

Trade-offs between Deliberation and Reaction

Robot Control System Spectrum (Arkin)



Thinking Fast and Slow (2011) - Daniel Kahneman

The book's central thesis is a dichotomy between two modes of thought:
"System 1" is fast, instinctive and emotional;
"System 2" is slower, more deliberative, and more logical.



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SHERPA Project

Smart collaboration between Humans and ground-aErial Robots for
imProving rescuing activities in Alpine environments

Part. #	Institution	Country	Leading scientists
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2	University of Bremen		Michael Beetz
3	ETH Zurich		Roland Siegwart
4	University of Twente		Stefano Stramigioli
5	University of Leuven		Herman Brusnica
6	Linköpings University		Patrick Doherty
7	Università di Napoli Federico II		Vincenzo Lipplio
8	Aslatech (SME)		Andrea Bala
9	Bluebotics (SME)		Nicola Tomatis
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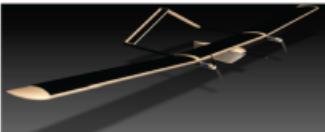
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Search and Rescue in unfriendly and possibly hostile environments (weather) through use of Human-Robotic Teams



Trials in:
Italien and Swiss Alps
Summer/Winter Scenarios

ETH Solar Powered Fixed Wing



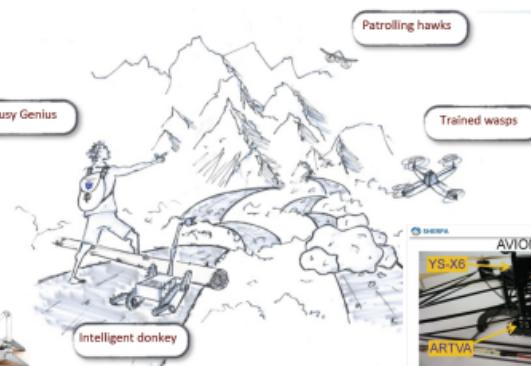
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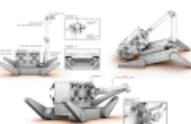


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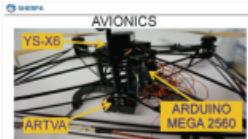


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Ground Robot



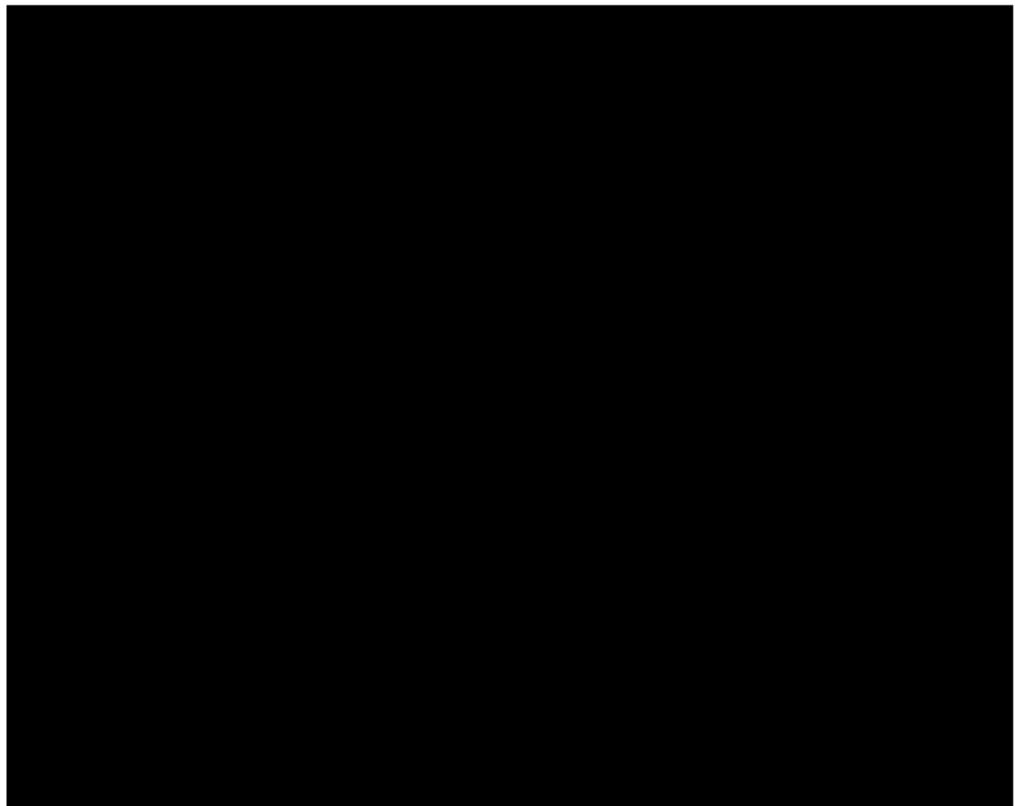
Dynamic Deployment of QuadRotor systems from the RMAX



Bologna University & ASLATECH
Robust Autonomous Quadrotor System

RMAX UAV - AIICS/ Linköping University

Deliberative-
Reactive
Robotics
System



Labs: Environment Simulator

procedure RUN-ENVIRONMENT(*state*, UPDATE-FN, *agents*, *termination*)

inputs: *state*, the initial state of the environment

 UPDATE-FN, function to modify the environment

agents, a set of agents

termination, a predicate to test when we are done

repeat

for each *agent* **in** *agents* **do**

 Percept[*agent*] \leftarrow Get-Percept(*agent*, *state*)

end

for each *agent* **in** *agents* **do**

 ACTION[*agent*] \leftarrow PROGRAM[*agent*](PERCEPT[*agent*])

end

state \leftarrow UPDATE-FN(*actions*, *agents*, *state*)

until *termination*(*state*)

Vacuum Cleaner World

- Percepts – 3-element percept vector (1's or 0's)
 - Touch sensor : checks if you bumped into something
 - Photosensor: checks whether there is dirt or not
 - Infrared sensor: checks for home location.
- Actions – 5 actions
 - Go forward, turn right by 90 degrees, turn left by 90 degrees, suck up dirt, turn off.
- Goals – Clean up and go home
- Environment –
 - varied by room shape, dirt and furniture placement
 - Grid of squares with obstacles, dirt or free space

PEAS