

Assignment No : 1

1. Define in your own words the following terms : agent, agent function, agent program, performance measure, rational agent.

→ 1] Agent :-

→ ① Agent is just something / someone who acts.

→ ② all computer program do something, but all computer agent do something more, i.e. operate autonomously, perceive their environment.

→ ③ So agent in computational term can be defined as a anything that can be viewed as perceiving its environment through sensors and acting upon that environment through actuators.

→ ④ Example human as a agent has eyes, nose and other sensory organs as actuators through which he can get information of the environment or can perform action in environment.

→ ⑤ robotic agent might have cameras and infrared range finder for sensors and various motors for actuators.

→ ⑥ for a software agent file content, network packet act as sensory inputs and actions performed as displaying info of screen.

→ ⑦ Agent need strong sense of percept. i.e. agent's choice of action depends on percept sequence observed to date.

② Agent function

- we say that agent's behaviour is described by agent function.
- agent function is the one which maps any given inputs of agent to an action.
- Agent function for a random agent would be set of infinite data unless we restrict it to some base.
- Agent function is an abstract mathematical description.
- Example: for Vacuum cleaner the agent function is bound to Square 1 & Square 2. if dirt is detected, clean the dirt else move right or left.
- thus agent is someone who acts based on agent function & agent function is action taken based on percept.

③ Agent program

- The agent program is described as concrete implementation, running within some physical system.
- agent program is code written in a programming language to find the / follow the sequence of action.
- Eg for Vacuum cleaner the actions of cleaning & moving to left or right are written in a programming language.

④ performance measure

- The notion of desirability is captured by performance measure that evaluates any given sequence of environment states
- When an agent is plunked down in environment it generates sequence of states.
- If sequence is desirable, then agent has performed well.
- There is not one fixed performance measure for all tasks and agents
- Typically designer will devise one appropriate to circumstances
- Example for vacuum cleaner we may measure performance by amount of dirt cleaned up in single shift.
- Rational agent will maximize the performance measure.
- design performance measure according to what one wants actually wants in environment.

⑤ Rational agent

- The agent for each possible percept sequence selects an action that is expected to maximize its performance measure, given the evidence provided by percept sequence and whatever built-in knowledge agent has
- The rationality at given time depends on four things

- ① performance measure that defines criterion of Success
- ② agent's prior knowledge of environment
- ③ action that agent can perform
- ④ agent's percept sequence to date

Q2. give the task environment description of following scenarios (fully observable Vs partially observable)
Deterministic Vs Stochastic. Episodic Vs Sequential
Static Vs dynamic / Semi dynamic?
discrete Vs continuous? single Vs multi agent

→ Taxi Driving

- Partially observable
- Stochastic
- Sequential
- Dynamic
- Continuous
- multi agent

→ Playing Soccer

- fully observable
- Strategic
- Sequential
- Dynamic
- Continuous
- multi agent

→ Backgammon :

- fully observable
- Stochastic
- Sequential
- Static
- Discrete
- multi agent.