

# Artificial Intelligence

## Module 3 Knowledge Representation

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## Contents

- Rule based system,
- Semantic net
- Reasoning in Semantic Net,
- Frames and slots

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## Problem solving by knowledge

- Search functions are important for problem solving.
  - But there is abstraction of domain specific knowledge.
  - Search function are limited to generality.
  - There more emphasis on generating next state.
- Knowledge representation allow for more specific and more powerful problem solving mechanism.
  - Spot is a dog
    - $\text{dog}(\text{spot})$
  - All dogs have tail
    - $\forall x : \text{dog}(x) \rightarrow \text{hastail}(x)$
  - Deductive mechanism of logic  $\text{hastail}(\text{spot})$  ?
    - Backward mechanism  $\rightarrow$  Spot has a tail

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## Knowledge representation

- For solving complex problems in AI we need
  - A large amount of knowledge. A variety of ways of representing knowledge have been exploited in AI programs.
    - Facts
    - Truths in some relevant world.
    - The things we want to represent. Objects, Actions, Effects
  - Representations of facts in some chosen formalism. ??
  - Some mechanism for manipulating that knowledge
    - To infer
    - To create solutions to new problems.

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## Knowledge, Representation and AI

- Knowledge is a description of the world. It determines a system's competence by what it knows.
- Representation is the way knowledge is encoded.
  - Mechanism to apply manipulate representation
  - It defines a system's performance in doing something.
- Different types of knowledge require different kinds of representation

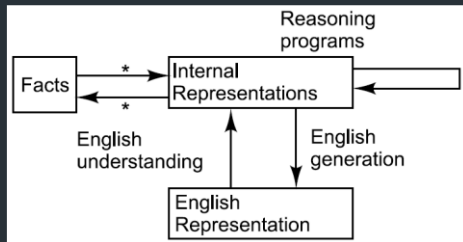
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## Knowledge representation

- Knowledge is a collection of 'facts'.
  - To manipulate these facts by a program,
  - A suitable representation is required.
  - A good representation facilitates problem solving
- AI Techniques depict how we
  - represent, manipulate and reason with knowledge in order to solve problems.
- Structuring the knowledge representation at two levels
  - Knowledge Level – Agent's behavior and current goals are described as facts in the domain of knowledge
  - Symbol levels – Symbols for each of the objects at knowledge level to be manipulated

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## Mapping between facts and representation



## Knowledge representation in AI

- Representation of a new facts to
  - Cause to take action
  - Representation of additional facts.
- Spot is a dog
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- Deductive mechanism of logic  $\text{hastail}(\text{spot})$  ?
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- Mapping function is not one to one
  - Many to many
  - One object to many element and several element to one element /object

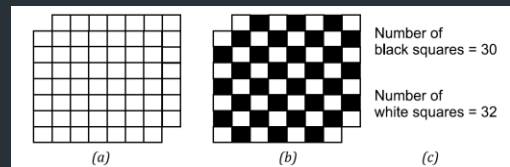
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## Knowledge representation

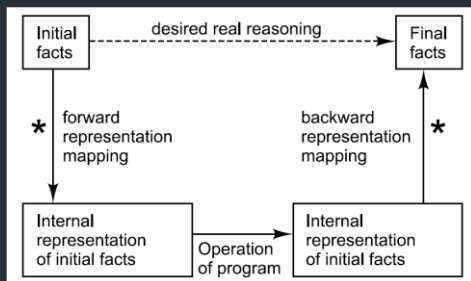
- Two sentence represent same fact
  - All dogs have tails
    - One tail or more tails
  - Every dog has a tail
- We need to decide what fact the sentence represent and
  - Convert those facts to new representation
- Role that internal representation of facts play on the program.
  - AI program manipulates the internal representation of the facts it has.
  - This manipulation results in new structure that can also be represented as internal representation of facts.
  - These may be answer to the problem starting by set of facts.

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## Three Representations of a Mutilated Checkerboard



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## Knowledge representation

- The result will not be desired one.
  - If the program's operation
  - one of the representation mapping is not faithful to the problem modeled.
  - Representation mapping is important considering program does what it is supposed to do to meet the goal.
  - Good representation mapping and faulty program.
- Concrete implementation of abstract concepts

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## Knowledge representation approaches

- Good KR should have following four properties
- Representational adequacy - The ability to represent all kinds of knowledge that are needed in that domain
  - Inferential adequacy
    - The ability to manipulate the representational structures to derive new structures corresponding to new knowledge inferred from old.
  - Inferential efficiency
    - The ability to incorporate additional information into the knowledge structure that can be used to focus the attention of the inference mechanisms in the most promising direction
  - Acquisitional efficiency
    - The ability to acquire new information easily. Use of automatic methods wherever possible rather than reliance on human intervention.
- A KR does not have all the abilities. Multiple techniques for KR exist.

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## Simple relational knowledge

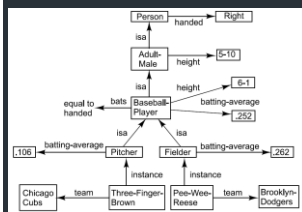
| Player       | Height | Weight | Bats-Throws |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Hank Aaron   | 6-0    | 180    | Right-Right |
| Willie Mays  | 5-10   | 170    | Right-Right |
| Babe Ruth    | 6-2    | 215    | Left-Left   |
| Ted Williams | 6-3    | 205    | Left-Right  |

player\_info('hank aaron', '6-0', 180, right-right).

- Declaration of facts in a relational database.
  - Set of attributes and associated values – describe objects of KB
  - support for relational knowledge
- Weak inferential capability, input to powerful inference engine
  - Who is the heaviest player? (no answer) Needs a procedure
  - Set of rules to find bats – left, throws – right hand player as combination of hitter-pitcher.

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## Inheritable knowledge: Semantic network

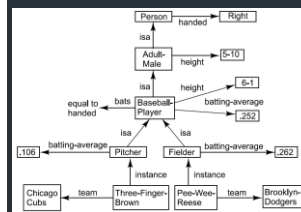


Slot filler structure: Collection of frames

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- Property inheritance is one the useful inference mechanism
- Elements of specific class inherit attributes and values from more general classes
- In which they are included (isa).
- Objects must be organized into classes.
- Classes must be arranged in a generalization hierarchy
- Line – attributes
- Box – Node – objects and value of attribute
- Object -> Arrow -> attribute -> value

## Inheritable knowledge: Semantic network



Slot filler structure: Collection of frames

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- Property inheritance is by
  - Isa attributes – class inclusion
  - Instance attribute – class membership
  - Inference technique
- Baseball domain - All the objects, attributes
  - No general significance
- KB can support of retrieval of fact
  - Explicitly stored
  - Derived facts from explicitly stored

## Nodes as frame

Baseball-Player  
 isa: Adult-Male  
 bats: (EQUAL handed)  
 height: 6-1  
 batting-average: .252

- Support inference using knowledge they contain
- Baseball domain - All the objects, attributes
  - No general significance
- Frame system implies more structure on
  - The attributes
  - The inference mechanism
  - Than semantic network
- High level of flexibility
  - To solve representation problem
- It is difficult to reserve precise words for particular representation

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## Algorithm : Property Inheritance

To retrieve a value V for attribute A of an instance object O

- Find O in the knowledge base.
  - If there is a value there for the attribute A, report that value.
  - Otherwise, see if there is a value for the attribute instance. If not, then fail.
  - Otherwise, move to the node corresponding to that value and look for a value for the attribute A. If one is found, report it.
  - Otherwise, do until there is no value for the is a attribute or until an answer is found:
    - Get the value of the is a attribute and move to that node.
    - See if there is a value for the attribute A. If there is, report it.
- Team(Pee-Wee-Reese) = Brooklyn-Dodgers, height(Pee-Wee-Reese) = 6-1  
 Batting-average(Three-finger-brown) = .106 Bats(Three-finger-brown) = right

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## Semantic network

- Simple procedure
- Describes basic mechanism for inheritance
- Not clear what we should do if there is more than one value for
  - Instance
  - Isa

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## Inferential knowledge

- Traditional logic describes the required inference
  - Powerful structure to describe relationship among values
- Requires an inference procedure to use it
  - Implements the standard logical rules of inference
  - Forward reason – Facts to conclusion
  - Backward reason – Conclusion to facts
  - Resolution – Contradiction strategy
- Algorithm was required in semantic network
- Combine the logic with isa/instance type of powerful description language
- None are complete or incomplete KR,
  - Building block of complete representational system

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## Procedural knowledge

**Fact** –  
Statement about  
specific object

Constant

**Rules** – Statement  
about class of objects

Variable

- A representation in which the control information that is necessary to use the knowledge is embedded in the knowledge itself
  - e.g. computer programs, directions, and recipes
  - These indicate specific use or implementation
- Rules to encode knowledge
  - AI as commercial products??
- Programs are written in many ways
  - LISP, Python
- Low score for inferential adequacy
  - A program can not reason for other program behavior, infer some facts
- Low score for inferential efficiency
  - Difficult to debug, update large code
- What to do when facts are
  - Not static, declarative

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## Procedural knowledge

If: ninth inning, and  
score is close, and  
less than 2 outs, and  
first base is vacant, and  
batter is better hitter than next batter,  
Then: walk the batter.

- Procedural knowledge that can be manipulated by program or human.
  - As production rules
  - Operational KB by baseball player
- The production rules that can be augmented with information
  - On how the rules should be used
- How the procedure uses knowledge to manipulate the knowledge
- A set of rules that can represent knowledge about
  - Relationship in world
  - How to solve problems using rules

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## Declarative vs. Procedural KR

- Declarative Knowledge representation**
    - A statement in which knowledge specified, but the use to which that knowledge is to be put is not given.
    - To use declarative knowledge a program is required that says how and what to do with the knowledge.
      - The logical assertion may be steps of program rather than data to a program
  - Procedural knowledge representation**
    - The control is part of knowledge. The control is embedded in the knowledge
      - It need an interpreter that follows instruction in the knowledge
        - Identifies the control information
      - Examines order in which assertion will be made.
- |   |            |   |
|---|------------|---|
| <i>Man (Marcus)</i>                       |            | <i>Man (Marcus)</i>                       |
| <i>Man (Caesar)</i>                       | Y = Marcus | <i>Man (Caesar)</i>                       |
| <i>Person (Cleopatra)</i>                 | Y = Caesar | $\forall x: Man(x) \rightarrow Person(x)$ |
| $\forall x: Man(x) \rightarrow Person(x)$ |            | <i>Person (Cleopatra)</i>                 |
| $\exists y: person(y)$                    | Answer: y  |   |

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## Frames and slots

| Baseball-Player |                              |
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| bats:           | 6-1                          |
| height:         |                              |
| bating-average: | .252                         |

- Frames have attributes,
  - also called slots and
  - associated values for the slot.
  - The values are also known as filler.
- These represent a real word entity.
- Student
  - Name
  - Register no.
  - Program
  - Year
  - Region
- What is true about a situation, object?
  - Information coded in to structure and termed as frames
  - It is a record structure

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## Frames and slots

- Frames contains information on
  - How to use the frame,
  - what to expect next
  - What to do when these expectations are not met.
- Some information in the frame is generally unchanged
- Slots/ variables/ Terminals change.
  - value might change with the new information encountered
  - Need not always true
  - Different frames may share the same Slots/Variables/terminals
- Top level frames carry information, that is always true about the problem in hand.

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## Frames and slots

- Network of frames
- Cricket Team
  - Facts about particular object and event types
    - Arrange the types into a large taxonomic hierarchy analogous to a biological taxonomy".
- Batsman
  - Procedure attachment to Frames
    - If needed - deferred evaluation plays – cricket, lives – in Chennai
    - If added – updates linked information Innovative, Perseverance,
    - Defaults – Data for procedure Hostelite, Studios
- Baller
- Financier
- Strategy

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## Frames and slots

- It is possible to generate a semantic network using frames
- [Friend of A Friend \(FOAF\)](#)
  - Part of the Semantic Web as a foundation for social networking and calendar systems.
- Person.
  - Slots - person's email, home page, phone, etc.
- Space of business
- Entertainment
- The slot *knows* links between person.
- Default values for a person's interests
  - Can be inferred by the web of people they are friends of

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## Frames and slots

- Frames are focused on
  - explicit and intuitive representation of knowledge
  - originated in AI research
  - Frames originated in AI research
- Objects focus on
  - Encapsulation
  - Information hiding
  - Software engineering

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## Classification/Regression

- "What will the temperature be in Mumbai tomorrow?"
- "Is this email spam or not spam?"
- "How many copies of this book will sell?"
- "Will the customer buy this product?"
- "Is this comment written by a human or a robot?"
- "What price will this car sell for?"
- "Is this product a book, movie, or clothing?"
- "Which category of products is most interesting to this customer?"
- "Is this movie a romantic comedy, documentary, or thriller?"

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## Approaches to knowledge representation

- Production rules of the form 'if x then y',
- Slot and filler systems and
- Statements in mathematical logic.

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