Intelligent Learning (IL)

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Introduction

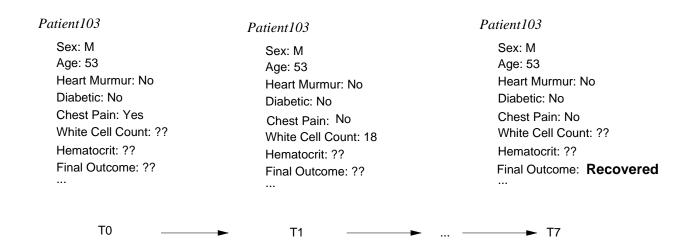
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- How to define a learning problem?
- How to measure the performance of a learning algorithm?

Objective of Intelligent Learning

- Reflect ourselves
- Explain ourselves
- Help ourselves
- Plan ourselves

The Necessity to Develop IL Systems

- Understand and improve human learning efficiency
 - ▶ Medical records → medical knowledge



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 - ► Autonomous Driving at 70mph on a highway



- Self Customizing Programs
 - ▶ Newsreader that can learn your interests



The Possibility for Machine to Learn

- Recent progress in algorithms and theory
- Growing flood of online data
- Computational power is available
- Budding industry

Learning IL Module?

DISCUSS: On what conditions do you like or dislike learn *IL* module?

What Does Learning mean?

- Learning = Improving performance P with Experience E at some Tasks T
- The goal of a learning system is prediction on new cases.
- The learning process is to approximate the training examples.
- The learning process is to extract the common characteristics from the training examples.

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- Problem: Is the training experience representative of test experience for performance measurement? Lecturing contents and examination questions

What to learn? The Target Function?

Target function represents the relationship between the learning inputs and outputs.

- A set of rules
- Neural networks
- Polynomial function of a number of feature values

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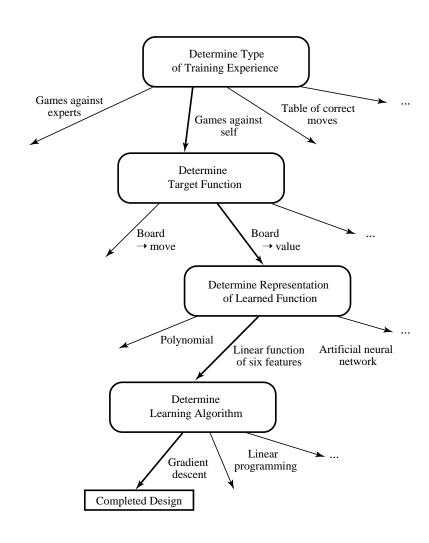
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- True error rate: based on new examples

Designing Choice



Relative Disciplines

- Artificial Intelligence
- Bayesian Methods
- Computational complexity theory
- Control theory
- Information theory
- Statistics
- Psychology and neurobiology
- Philosophy

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- How can the learning algorithm automatically change its representation to improve its ability to represent and learn the target function?

Questions?

- Use your experience to explain what "learning" means?
- Why is it necessary and possible to develop learning algorithms?
- How to define a learning algorithm?
- List and explain three methods for the performance measurement of learning algorithms.