

# **Unit 1**

## **Introduction to AI**

# What is Intelligence?

Two major consensus definitions:

## **Mainstream Science on Intelligence (1994):**

- Mental capability that involves ability to reason, plan, solve problems, think abstractly, comprehend complex ideas and learn from experience.

## **• Intelligence: Knowns and Unknowns (1995):**

- Intelligence differs between individuals in their ability to understand complex ideas, to adapt effectively to the environment, learn from experience and overcome obstacles by taking thought.
- They are never consistent and will vary on different occasions, in different domains and judged by different criteria.

# Formally: What is intelligence?

- Intelligence is:
  - the ability to reason
  - the ability to understand
  - the ability to create
  - the ability to learn from experience
  - the ability to plan and execute complex tasks
- Artificial:
  - Made as copy something like natural.

# What is artificial intelligence?

- **Artificial Intelligence** is the branch of computer science concerned with making computers behave like humans.
- **John McCarthy**, who coined the term in 1956, defines it as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines, especially intelligent computer programs."
- Major AI textbooks define artificial intelligence as "the study and design of intelligent agents," where an **intelligent agent** is a system that **perceives** its **environment** and **takes actions** which maximize its chances of success.
- The definitions of AI according to some text books are categorized into four approaches and are summarized in the table below :

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

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- Top dimension is concerned with **thought processes and reasoning**, whereas bottom dimension addresses the **behavior**.
- The definition on the left measures the success in terms of **fidelity of human performance**, whereas definitions on the right measure an ideal concept of intelligence, which is called **rationality**.
- Human-centered approaches must be an empirical science, involving hypothesis and experimental confirmation.
- A rationalist approach involves a combination of mathematics and engineering.
- The four approaches in more detail are as follows :

# 1. Acting Humanly: The Turing Test Approach

- The Turing test, proposed by Alan Turing (1950) was designed to provide a satisfactory operational definition of intelligence.
- He suggested a test based on indistinguishability from undeniably intelligent entities- human beings.
- The test involves an interrogator who interacts with one human and one machine.
- Within a given time the interrogator has to find out which one of the two is human, and which one is the machine.
- A computer passes the test if a human interrogator after posing some written questions, cannot tell whether the written response come from human or not.

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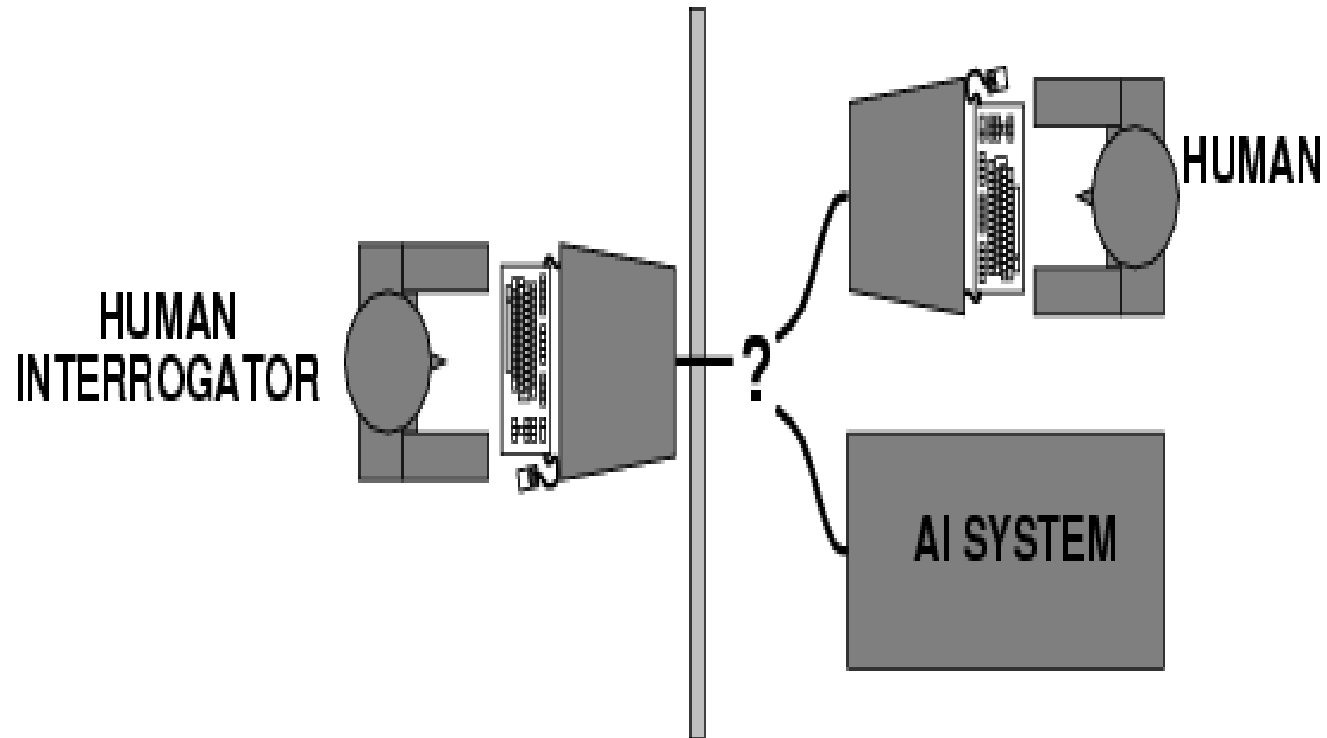


Fig: Turing Test



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- To pass a Turing test, a computer must have following capabilities:
  - **Natural Language Processing:** To enable it to communicate successfully in English.
  - **Knowledge representation:** To store what it knows and hears.
  - **Automated reasoning:** To use the stored information to answer questions and to draw new conclusions.
  - **Machine learning:** To adapt to new circumstances and to detect and extrapolate patterns.
- **Limitations of The Turing Test Approach:**
  - Turing test avoid the physical interaction with human interrogator.
  - It can not tell any thing about proficiency about the agent.

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- **Total Turing Test:**
  - The total Turing test includes video signals and manipulation capability so that the interrogator can test the subjects perceptual abilities and object manipulation ability.
  - To pass the total Turing test computer must have following additional capabilities:
    - **Computer Vision:** To perceive objects
    - **Robotics:** To manipulate objects and move

## 2. Thinking Humanly: Cognitive modeling approach

- If we are going to say that a given program thinks like a human, we must have some way of determining how humans think.
- We need to get inside the actual workings of human minds. There are Three ways to do this:
  - **through introspection**: catch our thoughts while they go by
  - **through psychological experiments**: Observing a person in action and
  - **through brain imaging**: Observing the brain in action.
- Once we have precise theory of mind, it is possible to express the theory as a computer program.
- But unfortunately until up to now there is no precise theory about thinking process of human brain. Therefore it is not possible to make the machine that think like human brain.

### 3. Thinking rationally: The laws of thought approach

- Aristotle was one of the first who attempt to codify the “ right thinking,” that is, irrefutable reasoning processes.
- He gave syllogisms that always yielded correct conclusion when correct premises are given.
- Syllogism is a kind of logical argument that applies deductive reasoning to arrive at a conclusion based on two or more propositions that are assumed to be true
- For example:
  - Ram is a man
  - All men are mortal
  - Ram is mortal

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- These law of thought were supposed to govern the operation of mind:
  - This study initiated the field of logic.
  - The logicist tradition in AI hopes to create intelligent systems using logic programming.
  - However there are two obstacles to this approach. First, It is not easy to take informal knowledge and state in the formal terms required by logical notation, particularly when knowledge is not 100% certain.
  - Second, solving problem principally is different from doing it in practice. Even problems with certain dozens of fact may exhaust the computational resources of any computer unless it has some guidance as which reasoning step to try first.

## 4. Acting Rationally: The rationalAgent approach

- Agent is something that acts. Computer agent is expected to have following attributes:
  - Autonomous control
  - Perceiving their environment
  - Persisting over a prolonged period of time
  - Adapting to change
  - And capable of taking on other similar goals.
- **Rational behavior:** doing the right thing.
- **The right thing:** that which is expected to maximize goal achievement, given the available information.
- **Rational Agent** is one that acts so as to achieve the best outcome or, when there is uncertainty, the best expected outcome.

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- In the laws of thought approach to AI, the emphasis was given to correct inferences.
- Making correct inferences is sometimes part of being a rational agent, because one way to act rationally is to reason logically to the conclusion and act on that conclusion.
- On the other hand, there are also some ways of acting rationally that cannot be said to involve inference.
- For Example, recoiling from a hot stove is a reflex action that usually more successful than a slower action taken after careful deliberation.

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- Advantages:
  - It is more general than laws of thought approach, because correct inference is just one of several mechanisms for achieving rationality.
  - It is more amenable to scientific development than are approaches based on human behavior or human thought because the standard of rationality is clearly defined and completely general.



# Applications of AI

- What can AI do today? A concise answer is difficult, because there are so many activities in so many sub-fields. Some of its applications are as follows:
  - Autonomous planning and scheduling
  - Game playing
  - Autonomous control
  - Diagnosis
  - Logistics planning
  - Robotics
  - Speech re-cognition (Language understanding and problem solving)
  - Spam Filtering
  - Machine translation, etc.

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- Autonomous planning and scheduling:
  - AI can be used for autonomous planning and scheduling.
    - For example: NASA's Remote Agent program is the first autonomous planning program to control the scheduling of operations for a spacecraft.
    - Remote Agent generated plans from goals specified from the ground, and it monitored the operation of the spacecraft as the plans were executed.

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- **Game Playing:**
  - You can buy machines that can play master level chess for a few hundred dollars. There is some AI in them.
  - IBM's DEEP BLUE became the first computer program to defeat the world champion in a chess match.
  - It bested Garry Kasparov (human world chess champion) by score of 3.5 to 2.5 in an exhibition match.
  - Human champions were able to draw a few matches in subsequent years, but the most recent human computer matches have been won convincingly by the computer.

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- **Autonomous Control:**
  - Safely driving in traffic through the streets, obeying traffic rules and avoiding pedestrians and other vehicles.
  - NAVLAB(Navigation Laboratory) computer-controlled minivan navigate across the United States-for 2850 miles.
  - NAVLAB has video cameras that transmit road images to ALVINN, which then computes the best direction to steer, based on experience from previous training runs.
  - The ALVINN(Autonomous Land Vehicle In a Neural Network) computer vision system was trained to steer a car to keep it following a lane.

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- **Diagnosis:**
  - Medical diagnosis programs based on probabilistic analysis have been able to perform at the level of an expert physician in several areas of medicine.
  - For example: MYCIN diagnosed bacterial infections of the blood and suggested treatments.
  - It did better than medical students or practicing doctors.

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- **Logistics Planning:**
  - The AI planning techniques allowed a plan to be generated in hours that would have taken weeks with older methods.
    - For example: U.S. deployed a Dynamic Analysis and Re-planning Tool, DART (Cross and Walker), to do automated logistics planning and scheduling for transportation.
    - Account for starting points, destinations, routes, and conflict resolution among all parameters(vehicles, cargo, and people ).

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- **Robotics:**
  - AI is hugely applied in Robots that helps us to solve our complex problems easily.
    - For example: In Iraq and Afghanistan robots are used to handle hazardous materials, clear explosives, and identify the locations of the snipers.
    - Robots can also be used as vacuum cleaners for home use.

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- Language understanding and problem solving/ Speech recognition:
  - It is possible to instruct some computers using speech.
    - For example: A traveler calling United Airlines to book flight can have the entire conversation guided by an automated speech recognition and dialog management system,
    - This is also the example of language understanding and problem solving.
  - Most users have gone back to the keyboard and the mouse as still more convenient.

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- Spam Filtering:
  - Each Day, learning algorithms classify over a billion messages as spam saving the recipient from having to waste time.
  - Because the spammers are continually updating their tactics, it is difficult for a static programmed approach to keep up, and learning algorithms work best.

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- **Machine Translation:**
  - A computer program can automatically translates from one language to another, allowing the speaker in one language to understand the something expressed in another language.
  - The program uses statistical model built from examples of one language to another language translations.
  - So to understand the language the computer scientists need to understand the statistics and machine learning algorithms not the language.

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- Expert systems :
  - A "knowledge engineer" interviews experts in a certain domain and tries to embody their knowledge in a computer program for carrying out some task.
  - How well this works depends on whether the intellectual mechanisms required for the task are within the present state of AI.
  - For example: MYCIN, DENDRAL, PROSPECTOR, etc

# Omniscience

- AI has been evolving extensively and it is hard to know the extent to which AI can go and what it can do.
  - Some people consider AI as a God.
- But can AI really behave and do things beyond the limits of an Omniscient?
- No, there is no any technology that is advanced enough to predict the future.
- Omniscience in simple is the ‘state of knowing everything’
- **Formally:** Omniscience is the state of possessing unlimited knowledge about all things possible.

- An artificial agent that knows the actual outcome of its actions and can act accordingly is known as **omniscient agent**, but is not possible in reality.
- Example: You are walking on the footpath and see your friend across the street and you need to meet him. What are your actions and deciding factors to go across the street?
  - You look for traffic on the street and cross the street safely.
  - Payload falls from Aeroplane?
- Were you irrational to cross the street? Can you say 'Only idiots cross the street' ?

# Assignment-1

- Define in your own words:
  - Intelligence
  - Artificial intelligence
  - Agent
  - Omniscient Agent
  - Rationality
  - Logical reasoning
- Differentiate between intelligence and artificial intelligence. How is AI used in various fields in modern days??
- How is strong AI different from weak AI?
- What is Turing test? Explain its significance.
- What is AI? What are its application areas?

# **End of Unit 1**