



# **Introduction to the Course**

***CSE 415***

***Introduction to Artificial Intelligence***

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# Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

- State-Space Search
- Problem Formulation and Solving
- Adversarial Search
- Probabilistic Inference
- Reinforcement Learning (ML)
- Deep Learning (ML)
- Applications such as NLP
- Social Issues (e.g., Asimov's Laws)



# A.I. in Our World

On the provided form, make a list of some present and possible future applications of A.I., and indicate which are of greatest interest to you.



# What is Intelligence?

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- Is it a quantity of information?
- Is it speed of processing?
- Are any computers intelligent?
- Are all people intelligent?
- Why is artificial intelligence covered in a separate course in the curriculum?



# One Answer

"A system is intelligent if it effectively maximizes its expected utility."

Utility: a function that maps sequences of states into a real value.

Expected utility: The statistical expectation of utility values over a random variable representing possible sequences of states.



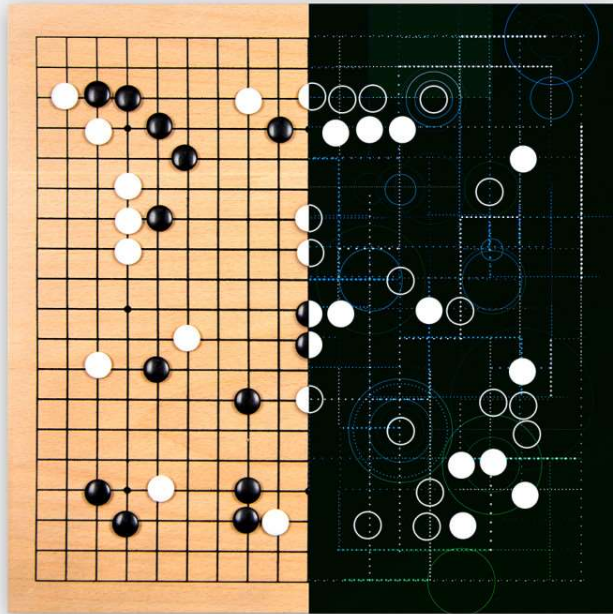
# Examples of AI

- Game Playing: Go, Tic-Tac-Toe, Backgammon
- Robot Control
- Machine vision in bank check processing
- Natural Language Translation
- Speech Recognition & Synthesis
- Intelligent Tutoring Systems
- Problem Solving and Design Agents



# AlphaGo Masters Go

## GOOGLE'S AI WINS FIFTH AND FINAL GAME AGAINST GO GENIUS LEE SEDOL



**March 15, 2016**

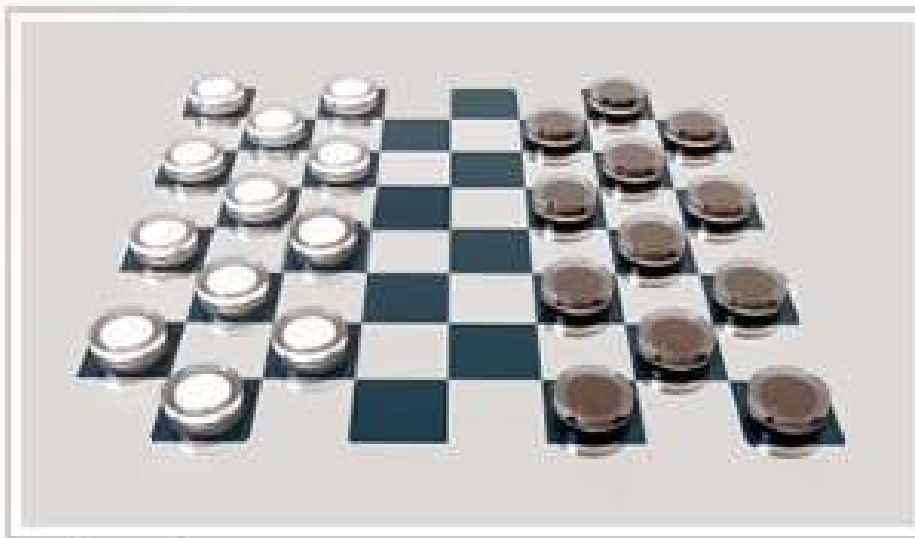
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA — In the final game of their historic match, Google's artificially intelligent Go-playing computer system has defeated Korean grandmaster Lee Sedol, finishing the best-of-five series with four wins and one loss.

<http://www.wired.com/2016/03/googles-ai-wins-fifth-final-game-go-genius-lee-sedol/>

## World Champion Checkers

# Chinook

World Man-Machine Checkers Champion

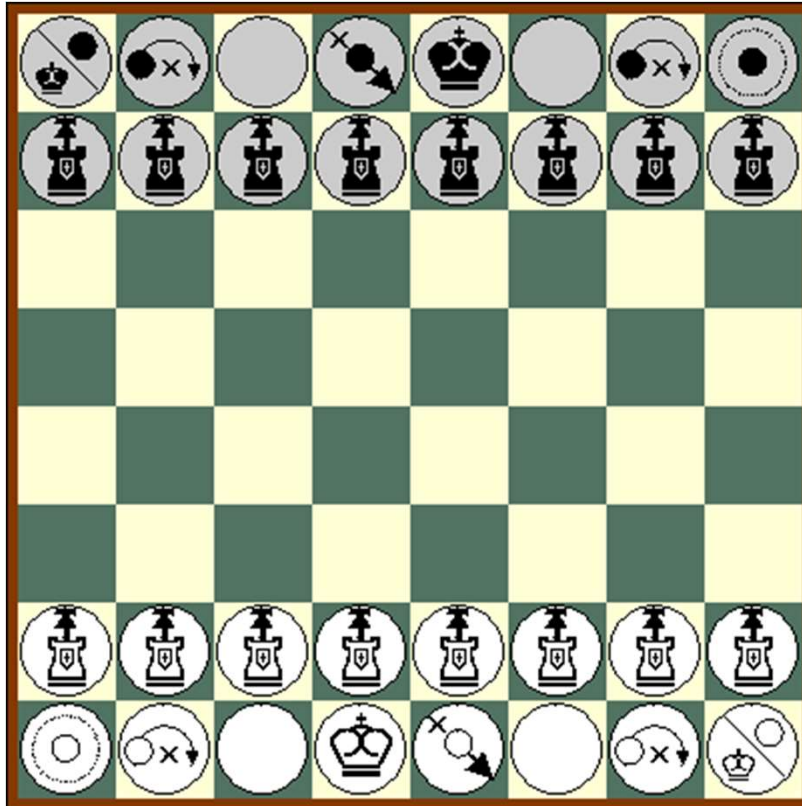


Perfect Play: Draw!

**April 29, 2007**

Checkers is solved. From the starting position, black to play can only draw against a perfect opponent. This is the largest non-trivial game of skill to be solved -- it is more than one million times bigger than Connect Four and Awari (the previously biggest games that have been solved).

# Baroque Chess



## Open Problem

Baroque Chess, also known as Ultima, is a game that uses the checkerboard and chess pieces, but with rather different rules. What is the optimal way to play this game? Is it possible to force a win or a draw from the starting position?

<http://www.chessvariants.com/other.dir/ultima.html>


# Robot Team Competitions



Robocup Small Size League (Bot maintenance).

# Handwriting Recognition

Using machine vision, the legal amounts and courtesy amounts on bank checks can be recognized and compared.



**A2iA**

CHECKREADER

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & IMAGE ANALYSIS


**THE "WORLD'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE CHECK PROCESSING TOOLKIT"**

A2iA CheckReader IS EASY TO INTEGRATE INTO A WIDE RANGE OF CHECK PROCESSING APPLICATIONS: POD, FRAUD DETECTION, COUNTERFEIT DETECTION, REMOTE CAPTURE, ATM AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER APPLICATIONS NEEDING IMAGE QUALITY, IMAGE USABILITY AND CHECK VALIDITY ALL IN A SINGLE PASS.

The "Entire Check" Recognition Software

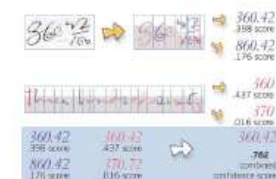
A2iA CheckReader locates information on checks and extracts the data while providing image quality, image usability & fraud detection.

A2iA CheckReader, is a core component of the majority of image-based check processing systems today. Using its own proprietary artificial intelligence, it automatically reads natural, freeform cursive handwritten and machine-printed information on business and personal checks; substitute checks, money orders; deposits slips and other related payment documents.

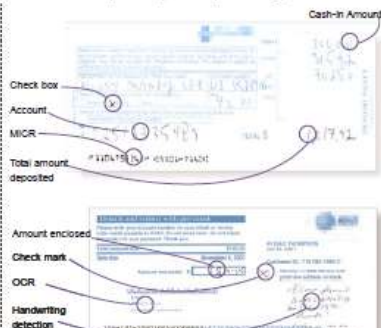


Recognition

Amount Recognition



Deposit Slip & Coupon Recognition



A2iA CheckReader performs Courtesy Amount Recognition (CAR) and Legal Amount Recognition (LAR) in independent processes, enables it to detect mismatched Courtesy and Legal amounts in real time.



## Speech Recognition & Synthesis In Automobile Accessories (e.g., GPS)



# Intelligent Tutoring Systems

## The Carnegie Learning Algebra Tutor

The screenshot displays the Carnegie Learning Algebra Tutor interface. The main window shows a system of linear equations:  $x + y = 25$  and  $1x + 0.5y = 19$ . The tutor has performed row reduction, resulting in  $0 + 0.5y = 6$ , which simplifies to  $.5y = 6$  and then  $y = 12$ . This value is substituted into the first equation to get  $x + 12 = 25$ , which simplifies to  $x = 13$ . The tutor's dialogue on the right side of the window provides a step-by-step explanation of the process, including identifying the variables, setting up the equations, and solving for the unknowns. The interface also includes a toolbar with icons for undo, redo, and other editing functions.

Using a “production system” to represent student knowledge, a tutor can predict and diagnose student errors and misconceptions.

# Question-Answering Systems

IBM's Watson system is an expert at playing Jeopardy!. It uses multiple AI techniques, including natural-language understanding and reasoning.



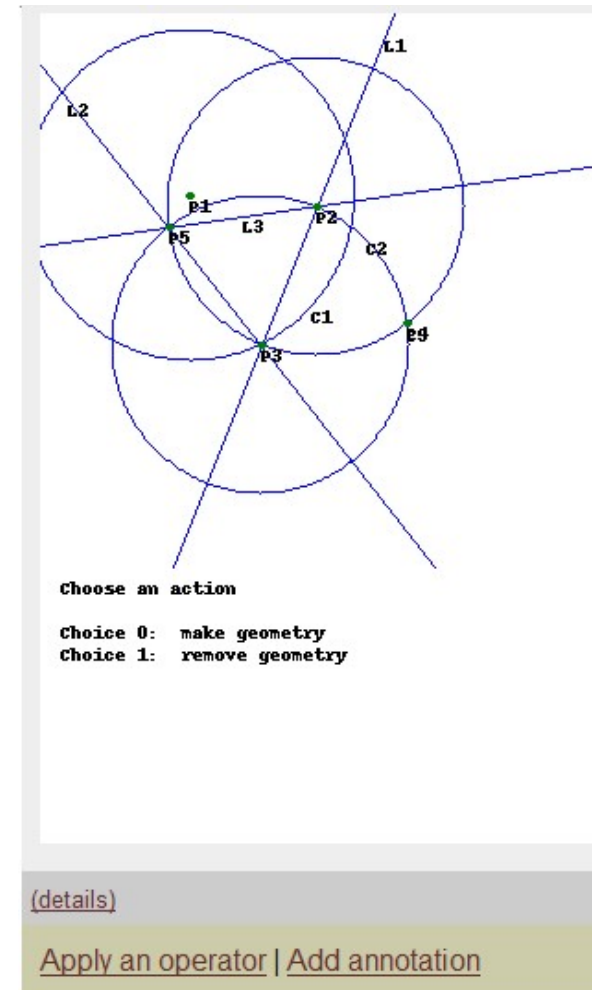


# Collaborative Problem Solving Support



“CoSolve” empowers human problem solvers to explore solution spaces for problems formulated in terms of state-space search.

CoSolve is a UW project directed by your instructor.



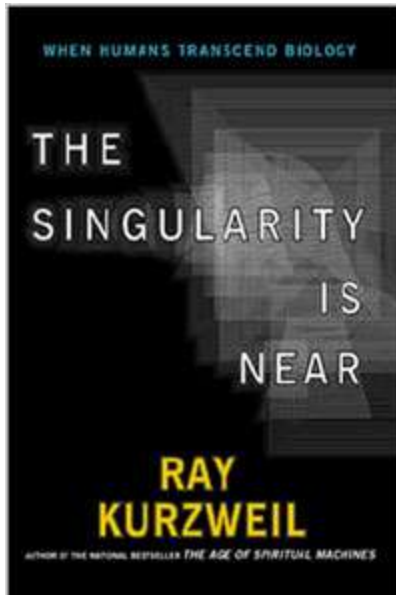
# Where is AI Going?

## Current hot topics:

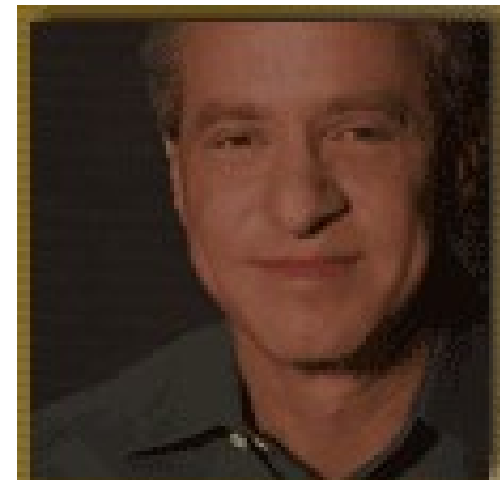
- machine learning, esp. "deep learning"
- Combining logical and probabilistic reasoning
- Intelligent web agents

One answer: to the “singularity” – exponential growth of technologies related to AI, plus convergence.

# “The Singularity Is Near”



The Singularity is a time at which our intelligence will become increasingly nonbiological and trillions of times more powerful than it is today—the dawning of a new civilization that will enable us to transcend our biological limitations and amplify our creativity.





# Why Study Artificial Intelligence?

Gain insight into human intelligence by considering computational models of intelligence.

Gain the ability to create programs that perform functions normally thought to require intelligence.

Improve our own problem-solving skills by taking to heart lessons learned in AI.

Find solutions to specific modern problems such as dealing with information overload, providing online services in medicine, education, etc.

Work with neat technology.

# Major Topics to be Covered

- *Python programming:* Symbolic Computation
- *Knowledge representation:* Problem formulations, Bayes Nets
- *Inference:* search, probabilistic reasoning
- *Communication:* Machine learning, understanding natural language.

## Detailed Topics within Search

- Formal description of state-space search
- Recursive backtracking depth-first search
- Breadth-first, best-first, iterative-deepening, uniform-cost, and A\* heuristic search
- Problem formulation
- Minimax search for game playing programs
- Expectimax search

# Readings

- S. Tanimoto: *Python as a Second Language* 2012 --based on *Introduction to Python for Artificial Intelligence* (IEEE ReadyNotes series.)
- S. Tanimoto: *Elements of Artificial Intelligence with Python* (Draft Versions of Selected Chapters)
- Based on *The Elements of Artificial Intelligence: An Introduction using Common Lisp*, 2d ed. New York: W. H. Freeman.
- Supplemental readings will be drawn from the Web and/or:
  - Russell and Norvig's *AI: A Modern Approach*.
  - Sutton and Barto's *Reinforcement Learning: An Introduction*



# Pedagogical Features

- Mix of theory and practice
- Python 3.x (currently x=8)
- Game-playing competition
- In-class exercises
- Programming assignments

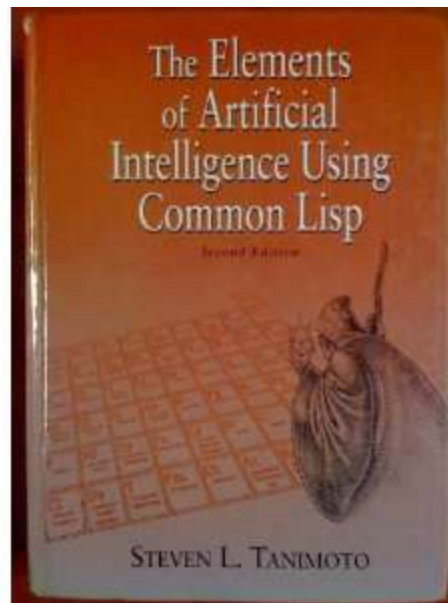
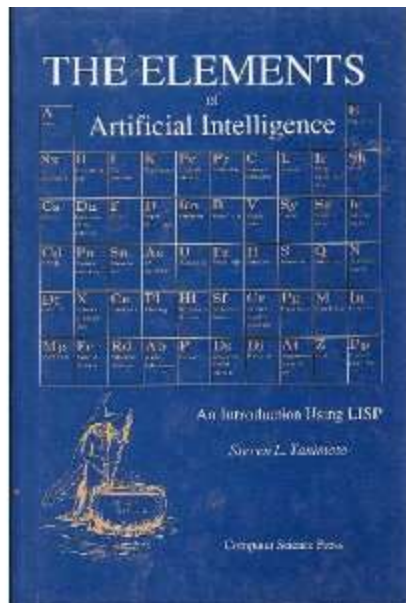


# About the Instructor

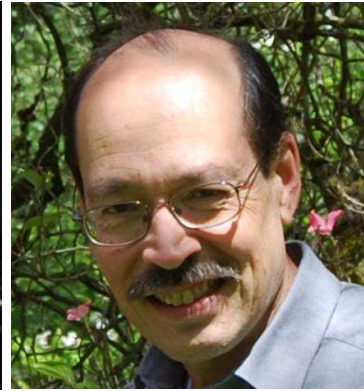
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Author: *The Elements of Artificial Intelligence: An Introduction Using Lisp*; *The Elements of Artificial Intelligence Using Common Lisp*.

Former editor-in-chief: *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence* .



# Hobbies/personal



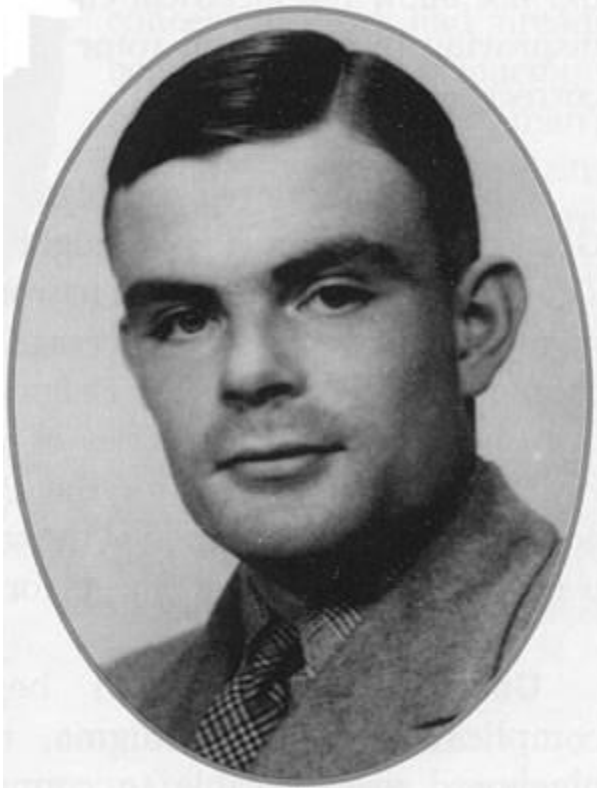
# Evaluation (tentative weighting)

- Assignments: 40%
- Exams: 50%
- Class participation 10%
  - Most participation items are 1-point, in-class worksheets, accepted only within the class period in which given out.
  - However, you can miss up to 3 with no effect on your grade.

## How Can We Determine Whether A Computer is Intelligent?

- Measure its knowledge? Count bytes of knowledge? Count the number of its rules? Words in its vocabulary? Functions in its library?
- Measure processing speed? Logical inferences per second? Rule applications per second? Associations per second?
- Compare it with a person in a blind test?

# Turing's Test (The Imitation Game)



Alan Turing

- A computer (program) and a person compete by trying to answer questions intelligently. Randomly, one is assigned the name A and the other B.
- In another room, a human interrogator alternately poses questions to A and B.
- A messenger (an “intermediary”) delivers questions and responses without revealing any other information about the identities of A and B.
- If the interrogator selects the computer as the more human or more intelligent respondent, then the computer passes that particular Turing Test.



# Domain-Specific Turing Test

- Domain (area of expertise, e.g., family physician, solar power engineer, single-family home architect, Python application developer).
- Judges and human competitors (e.g., licensed physicians, E.C.E. BS-degree holders, current members of the American Institute of Architects, holders of the UW CC Certificate in Python Programming).
- A medium of expression, including language limitations and scoping (e.g., everyday English, medical English, circuit diagrams, architectural blueprints and CAD files, Python source code).
- A set of questions or challenges, and a time-frame for responses (e.g., "What would you prescribe for flu symptoms?" (20 seconds time limit), "Design a solar power facility for the roof of a new Amazon fulfillment center in Florida." (2-day time limit), "Design a house for back-woods Alaska." (1-week time limit), "Prototype a desktop app for editing and comparing cooking recipes." (1-week time limit)).