

# Artificial Intelligence

## CHAPTER 1

# Outline

- ◊ Course overview
- ◊ What is AI?
- ◊ A brief history
- ◊ The state of the art

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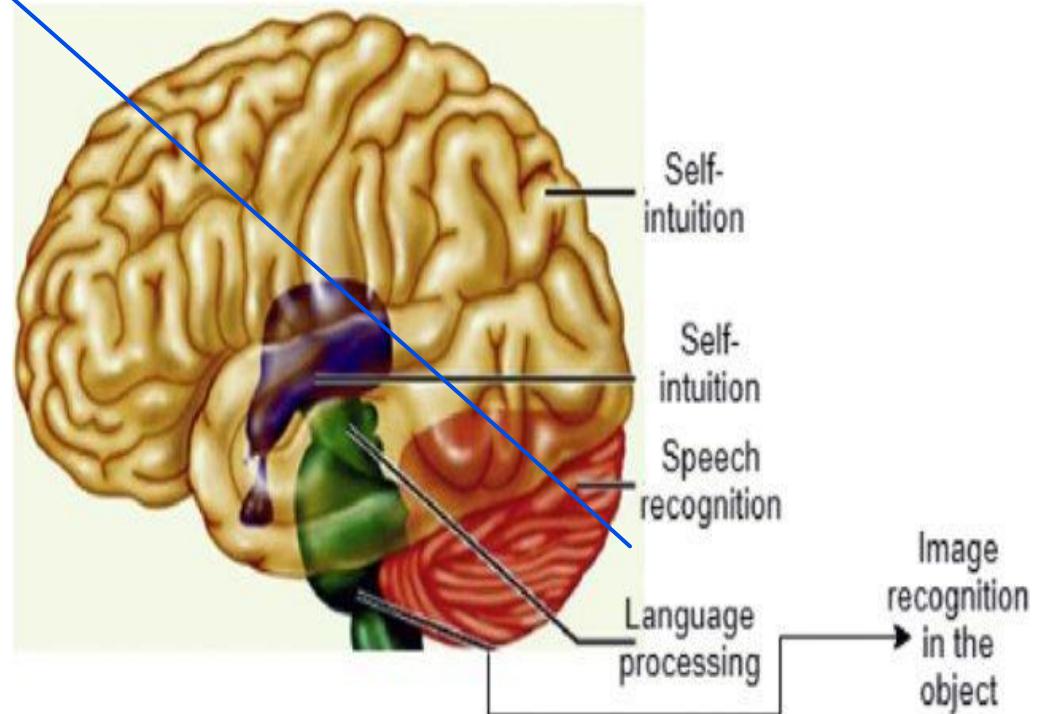
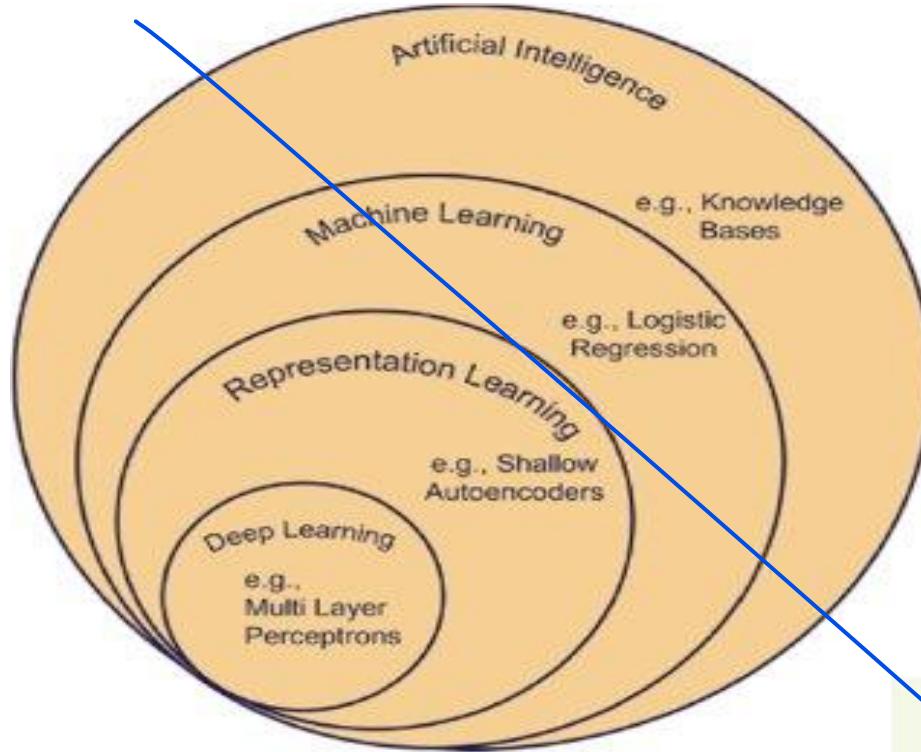
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## Course overview

- ◊ intelligent agents
- ◊ search and game-playing
- ◊ logical systems
- ◊ planning systems
- ◊ uncertainty—probability and decision theory
- ◊ learning
- ◊ language
- ◊ perception
- ◊ robotics
- ◊ philosophical issues



# What is AI?

“[The automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision-making, problem solving, learning ...” (Bellman, 1978)	“The study of mental faculties through the use of computational models” (Charniak+McDermott, 1985)
“The study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better” (Rich+Knight, 1991)	“The branch of computer science that is concerned with the automation of intelligent behavior” (Luger+Stubblefield, 1993)

Views of AI fall into four categories:

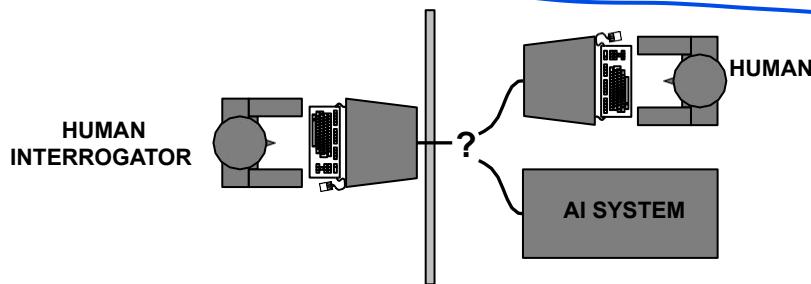
Thinking humanly	Thinking rationally
Acting humanly	Acting rationally

Examining these, we will plump for acting rationally (sort of)

## Acting humanly: The Turing test

Turing (1950) “Computing machinery and intelligence”:

- ◊ “Can machines think?” → “Can machines behave intelligently?”
- ◊ Operational test for intelligent behavior: the Imitation Game



- ◊ Predicted that by 2000, a machine might have a 30% chance of fooling a lay person for 5 minutes
- ◊ Anticipated all major arguments against AI in following 50 years
- ◊ Suggested major components of AI: knowledge, reasoning, language understanding, learning

Problem: Turing test is not reproducible, constructive, or amenable to mathematical analysis

## Thinking humanly: Cognitive Science

1960s “cognitive revolution”: information-processing psychology replaced prevailing orthodoxy of behaviorism

Requires scientific theories of internal activities of the brain

- What level of abstraction? “Knowledge” or “circuits”?
- How to validate? Requires
  - 1) Predicting and testing behavior of human subjects (top-down)
  - or 2) Direct identification from neurological data (bottom-up)

Both approaches (roughly, Cognitive Science and Cognitive Neuroscience) are now distinct from AI

## Thinking rationally: Laws of Thought

Normative (or prescriptive) rather than descriptive

Aristotle: what are correct arguments/thought processes?

Several Greek schools developed various forms of logic:

notation and rules of derivation for thoughts;

may or may not have proceeded to the idea of mechanization

Direct line through mathematics and philosophy to modern AI

Problems:

- 1) Not all intelligent behavior is mediated by logical deliberation
- 2) What is the purpose of thinking? What thoughts should I have?

## Acting rationally

Rational behavior: doing the right thing

The right thing: that which is expected to maximize goal achievement, given the available information

Doesn't necessarily involve thinking—e.g., blinking reflex—but thinking should be in the service of rational action

Aristotle (Nicomachean Ethics):

*Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit, is thought to aim at some good*

# Rational agents

An agent is an entity that perceives and acts

This course is about designing rational agents

Abstractly, an agent is a function from percept histories to actions:

$$f : \mathcal{P}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$$

For any given class of environments and tasks, we seek the agent (or class of agents) with the best performance

Caveat: computational limitations make perfect rationality unachievable  
→ design best program for given machine resources

# AI prehistory

Philosophy	logic, methods of reasoning mind as physical system foundations of learning, language, rationality
Mathematics	formal representation and proof algorithms computation, (un)decidability, (in)tractability probability
Psychology	adaptation phenomena of perception and motor control experimental techniques (psychophysics, etc.)
Linguistics	knowledge representation grammar
Neuroscience	physical substrate for mental activity
Control theory	homeostatic systems, stability simple optimal agent designs

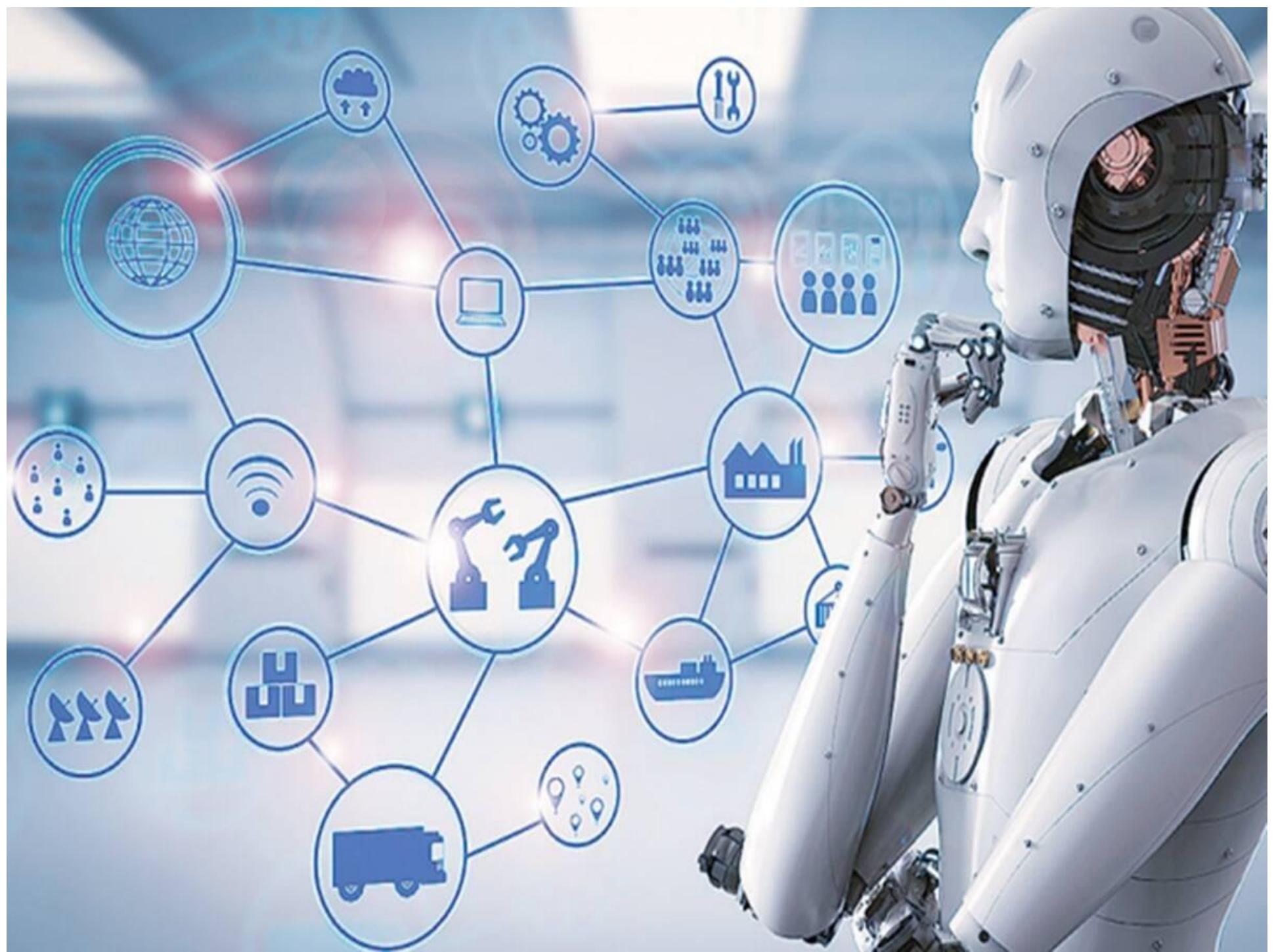
## Potted history of AI

- 1943 McCulloch & Pitts: Boolean circuit model of brain
- 1950 Turing's "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"
- 1952–69 Look, Ma, no hands!
- 1950s Early AI programs, including Samuel's checkers program, Newell & Simon's Logic Theorist, Gelernter's Geometry Engine
- 1956 Dartmouth meeting: "Artificial Intelligence" adopted
- 1965 Robinson's complete algorithm for logical reasoning
- 1966–74 AI discovers computational complexity  
Neural network research almost disappears
- 1969–79 Early development of knowledge-based systems
- 1980–88 Expert systems industry booms
- 1988–93 Expert systems industry busts: "AI Winter"
- 1985–95 Neural networks return to popularity
- 1988– Resurgence of probabilistic and decision-theoretic methods  
Rapid increase in technical depth of mainstream AI  
"Nouvelle AI": ALife, GAs, soft computing

## State of the art

Which of the following can be done at present?

- ◊ Play a decent game of table tennis
- ◊ Drive along a curving mountain road
- ◊ Drive in the center of Cairo
- ◊ Play a decent game of bridge
- ◊ Discover and prove a new mathematical theorem
- ◊ Write an intentionally funny story
- ◊ Give competent legal advice in a specialized area of law
- ◊ Translate spoken English into spoken Swedish in real time



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# Intelligent Agents

## CHAPTER 2

# Outline

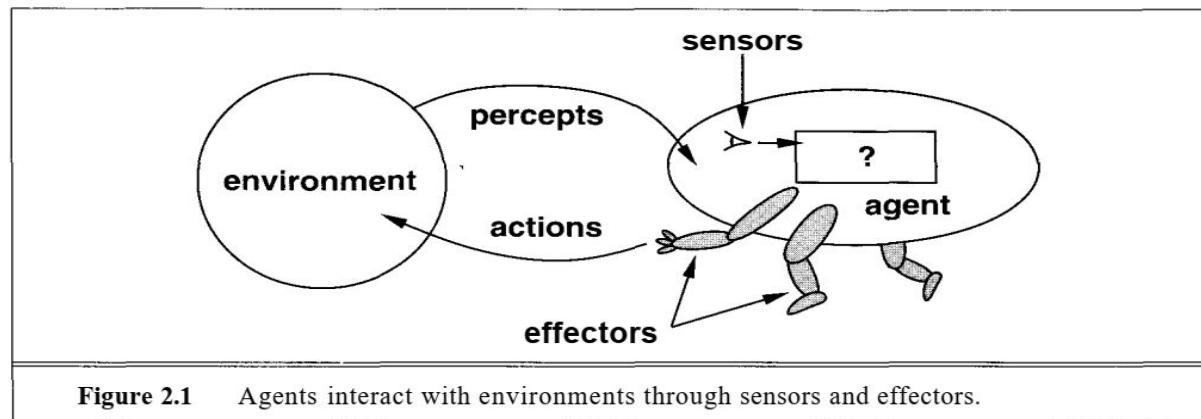
- ◊ PAGE (Percepts, Actions, Goals, Environment)
- ◊ Environment types
- ◊ Agent functions and programs
- ◊ Agent types
- ◊ Vacuum world

# Introduction : Agents

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## Definition :

An agent is anything that can be viewed as **perceiving** its environment through **sensors** and **acting** upon that environment through **effectors**.



**what is rational at any given time depends on four things:**

- The performance measure that defines degree of success.
- Everything that the agent has perceived so far (**percept sequence**)
- What the agent knows about the environment - **prior knowledge about the environment**.
- The actions that the agent can perform.

## Components of AGENTS : PAGE

Must first specify the setting for intelligent agent design

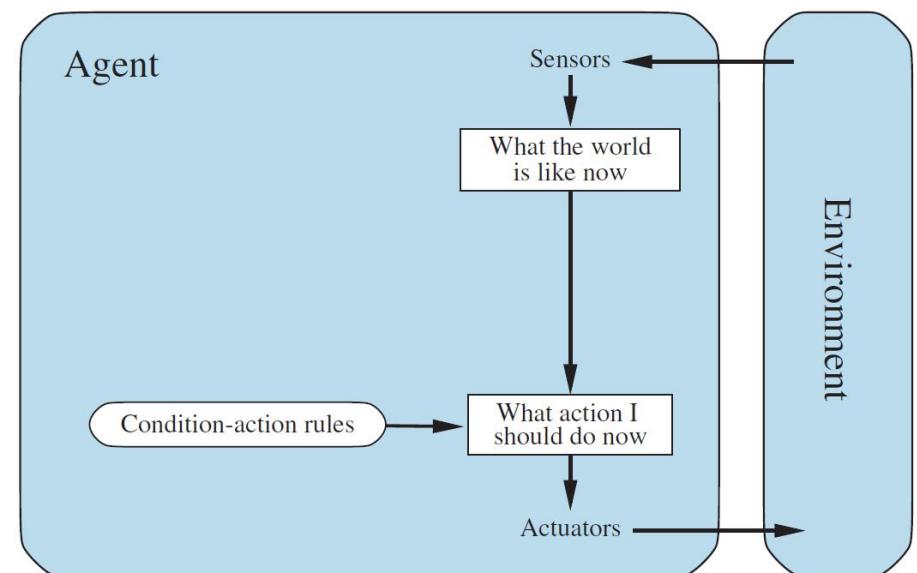
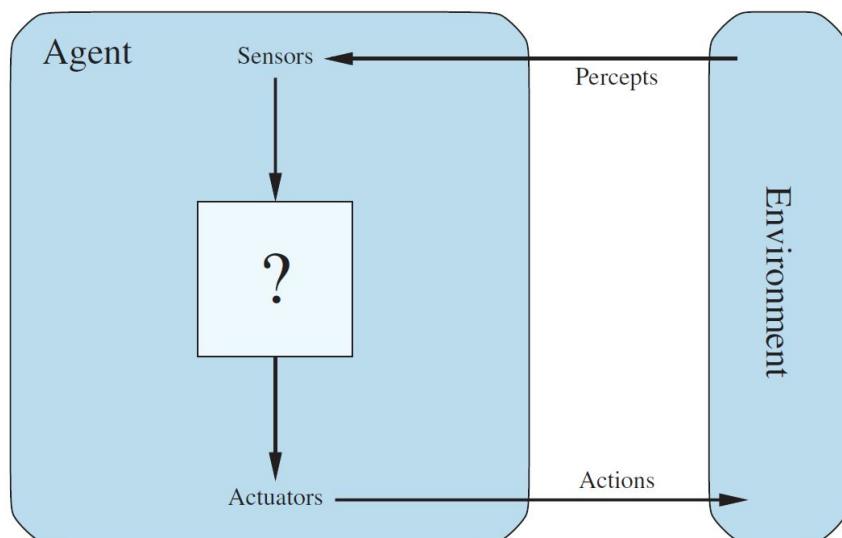
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Percepts??

Actions??

Goals??

Environment??



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Consider, e.g., the task of designing an automated taxi:

Percepts?? video, accelerometers, gauges, engine sensors, keyboard, GPS, ...

Actions?? steer, accelerate, brake, horn, speak/display, ...

Goals?? safety, reach destination, maximize profits, obey laws, passenger comfort, ...

Environment?? US urban streets, freeways, traffic, pedestrians, weather, customers, ...

# Internet shopping agent

Percepts??

Actions??

Goals??

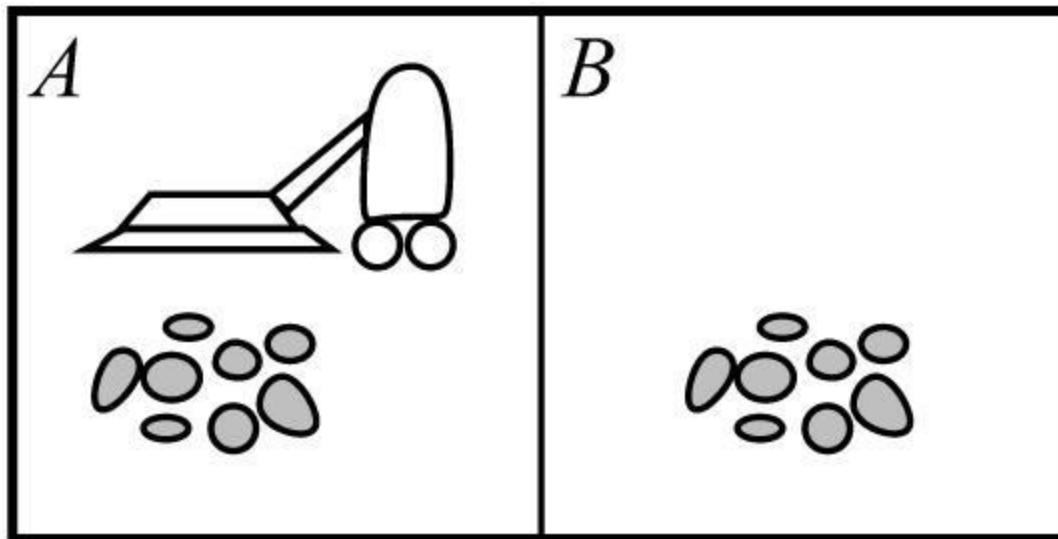
Environment??

Agent Type	Percepts	Actions	Goals	Environment
Medical diagnosis system	Symptoms, findings, patient's answers	Questions, tests, treatments	Healthy patient, minimize costs	Patient, hospital
Satellite image analysis system	Pixels of varying intensity, color	Print a categorization of scene	Correct categorization	Images from orbiting satellite
Part-picking robot	Pixels of varying intensity	Pick up parts and sort into bins	Place parts in correct bins	Conveyor belt with parts
Refinery controller	Temperature, pressure readings	Open, close valves; adjust temperature	Maximize purity, yield, safety	Refinery
Interactive English tutor	Typed words	Print exercises, suggestions, corrections	Maximize student's score on test	Set of students

Figure 2.3 Examples of agent types and their PAGE descriptions.

# Vacuum-cleaner world with Two Environments

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- Percepts: location and status , e.g., [A,Dirty]
- Actions: *Left*, *Right*, *Suck*, *NoOp*
- *Partial Tabulation of agent function*

Percept sequence	Action
[A,Clean]	<i>Right</i>
[A,Dirty]	<i>Suck</i>
[B,Clean]	<i>Left</i>
[B,Dirty]	<i>Suck</i>
[A,Clean], [A,Clean]	<i>Right</i>
[A,Clean], [A,Dirty]	<i>Suck</i>
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# Rational agents

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Without loss of generality, “goals” specifiable by performance measure defining a numerical value for any environment history

Rational action: whichever action maximizes the expected value of the performance measure given the percept sequence to date

Definition : A rational Agent is one that does the right thing conceptually

Performance of Good Agent :  
measured based on,

- 1) it is rational at different circumstance,
- 2) no need to move in the environment once all the dirt is cleaned
- 3) If clean square become dirt, the agent should check and clean

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## **Structure of Intelligent Agents:**

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- The job of AI is to design an **agent program** that implements the **agent function** the mapping from the percepts to action.
- The program will run on some sort of computing devices with physical sensors and actuators . This is called as **Agent Architecture**,

$$\text{Agent} = \text{Architecture} + \text{Agent Program}$$

Architecture = the machinery that an agent executes on.

Agent Program = an implementation of an agent function.

## Agent functions and programs

An agent is completely specified by the agent function mapping percept sequences to actions

(In principle, one can supply each possible sequence to see what it does. Obviously, a lookup table would usually be immense.)

One agent function (or a small equivalence class) is rational

Aim: find a way to implement the rational agent function concisely

An agent program takes a single percept as input, keeps internal state:

```
function SKELETON-AGENT(percept) returns action
  static: memory, the agent's memory of the world
    memory  $\leftarrow$  UPDATE-MEMORY(memory, percept)
    action  $\leftarrow$  CHOOSE-BEST-ACTION(memory)
    memory  $\leftarrow$  UPDATE-MEMORY(memory, action)
  return action
```

## AIMA code

The code for each topic is divided into four directories:

- agents: code defining agent types and programs
- algorithms: code for the methods used by the agent programs
- environments: code defining environment types, simulations
- domains: problem types and instances for input to algorithms

(Often run algorithms on domains rather than agents in environments.)

```
(setq joe (make-agent :name 'joe :body (make-agent-body)
                      :program (make-dumb-agent-program)))
```

```
(defun make-dumb-agent-program ()
  (let ((memory nil))
    #'(lambda (percept)
        (push percept memory)
        'no-op)))
```

## Agent types

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Agent= Architecture + Agent Program

### Agent Types:

**Categories based on : How to build a real program to implement the mapping from percepts to action.**

- Simple reflex agents
- Agents that keep track of the world
- Goal-based agents
- Utility-based agents

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Agent

**Sensors**

What the world  
is like now

**Environment**

What action I  
should do now

**Actuators**

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## Simple Reflex Agent:

Intelligent agent that makes decisions based on the current percept without any internal representation of the world.

- **Condition-Action Rule** – It is a rule that maps a state (condition) to an action.

- **Characteristics:**

- They choose **actions only based on the current percept**. without considering past experiences or future consequences.
- Their environment is **completely observable**. (Lacks an internal model of the world or history of interactions.)
- Makes decisions based on predefined rules or mappings from percepts to actions.

```
function SIMPLE-REFLEX-AGENT(percept) returns action
  static: rules, a set of condition-action rules
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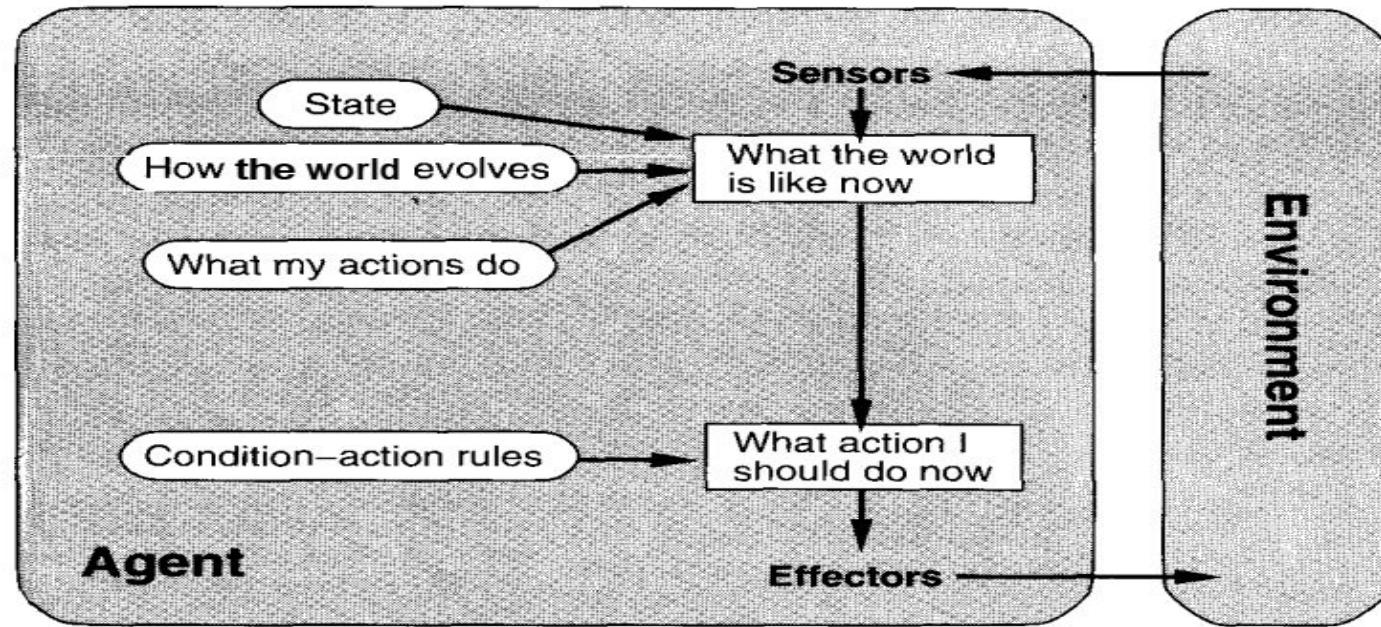
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state  $\leftarrow$  INTERPRET-INPUT(percept)
rule  $\leftarrow$  RULE-MATCH(state, rules)
action  $\leftarrow$  RULE-ACTION[rule]
return action
```

The agent program for a simple reflex agent in the 2-state vacuum environment

```
function REFLEX-VACUUM-AGENT([location,status])
  returns action

  if status = Dirty then return Suck
  else if location = A then return Right
  else if location = B then return Left
```

## Reflex agents with state



```
function REFLEX-AGENT-WITH-STATE(percept) returns action
  static: state, a description of the current world state
         rules, a set of condition-action rules
  state  $\leftarrow$  UPDATE-STATE(state, percept)
  rule  $\leftarrow$  RULE-MATCH(state, rules)
  action  $\leftarrow$  RULE-ACTION[rule]
  state  $\leftarrow$  UPDATE-STATE(state, action)
  return action
```

It is responsible for creating  
new internal state description

**Figure 2.10** A reflex agent with internal state. It works by finding a rule whose condition matches the current situation (as defined by the percept and the stored internal state) and then doing the action associated with that rule.

# Model-Based Reflex Agents

**Definition :** It maintains an internal **model or representation of the world** and **uses this model** to make decisions and plan actions.

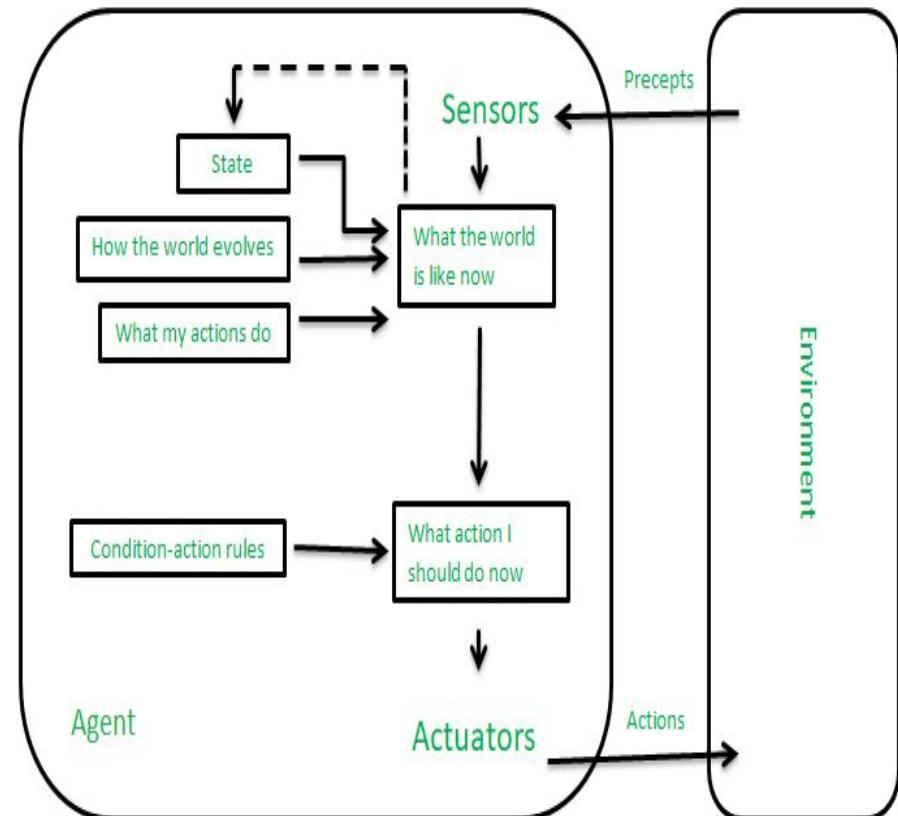
It can **work in a partially observable environment**, and track the situation.

**Two important factors:**

**Model:** It is knowledge about "how things happen in the world"

**Internal State:** It is a representation of unobserved aspects of current state depending on percept history.

These agents have the model, "which is knowledge of the world" and based on the model they perform actions.

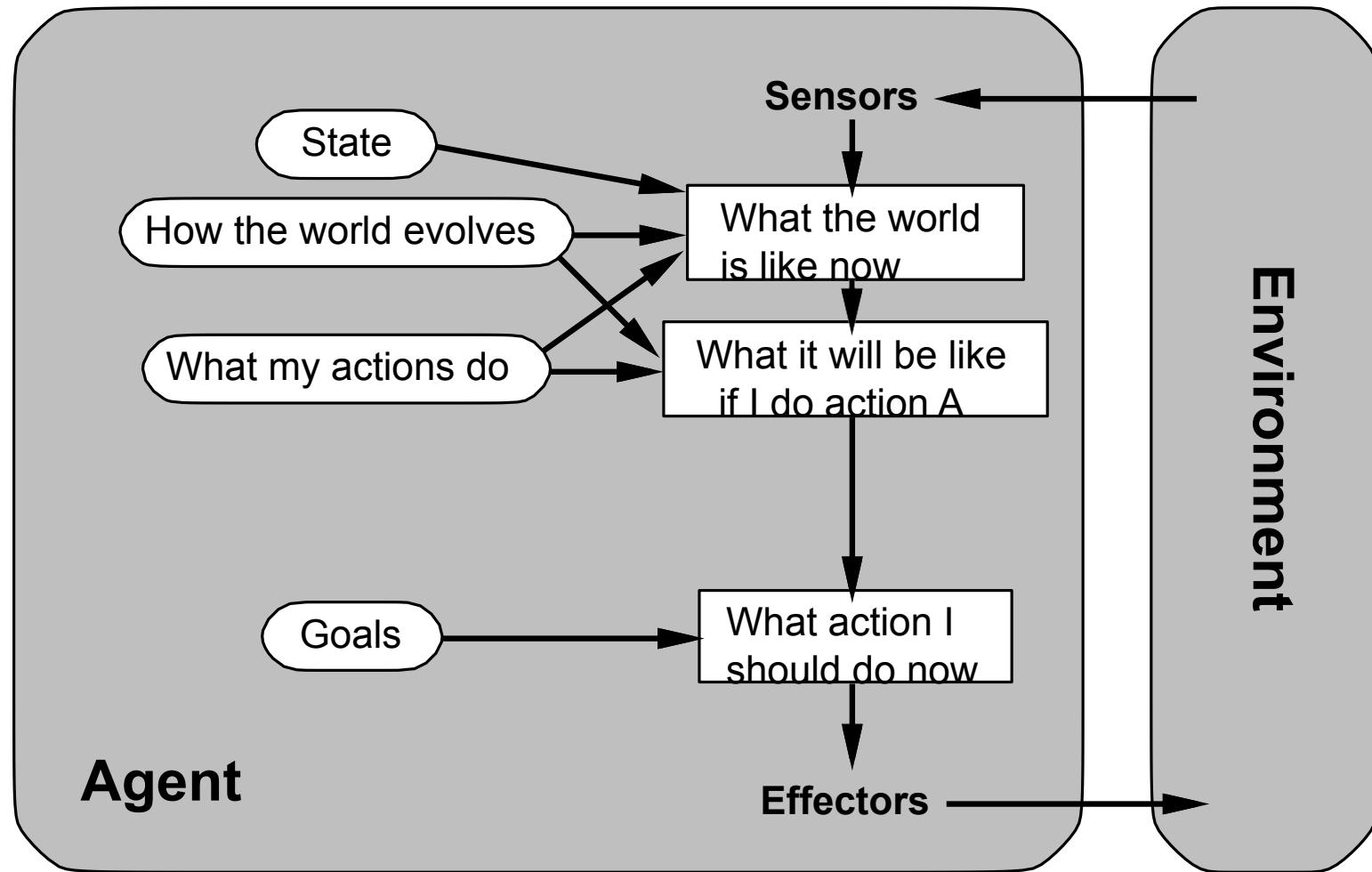


**Updating the agent state requires information about:**

How the world evolves

How the agent's action affects the world.

# Goal-based agents



# Goal-Based Agents

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**How It's evolve ?** : Knowing about the **current state of the environment is not always enough** to decide what to do.

The agent needs to **know its goal** which describes **desirable situations**.

**For example**, at a road junction, the taxi can turn left, right, or go straight on. The right decision depends on where the taxi is trying to get to(Passengers destination)

**Working** : The agent program can combine this with! information about the results of possible actions in order to choose actions that achieve the goal.

AI devoted to finding action sequences to achieve the agent's goals,  
by, **1. Search 2. Planning**

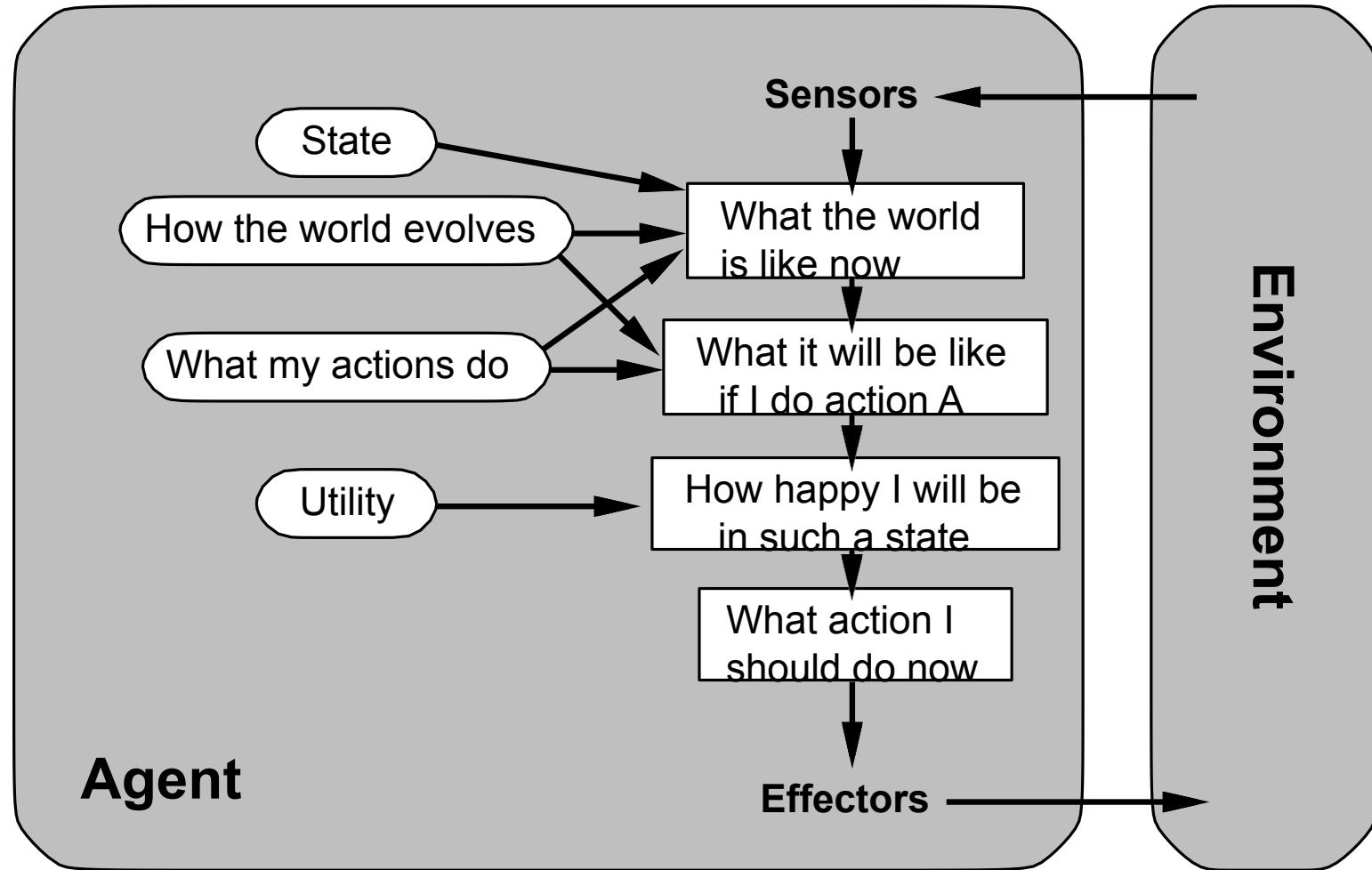
Decision making **depends** on not only the **current state also consider future**  
The goal-based agent appears less efficient, it is far more flexible.

Comparison :

**The reflex agent's rules for when to turn and when to go straight will only work for a single destination**

**the goal-based agent is also more flexible with respect to reaching different destinations.**

# Utility-based agents



# Utility-Based Agents

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**How It's evolve ?** : Similar to the goal-based agent but provide an extra component of utility measurement which makes them different by providing a measure of success at a given state. **“Goals alone are not really enough to generate high-quality behavior”.**

**Example factors** : like speed, safety, reliability, or cost.

Utility is a function that maps a state to a real number, indicating the associated degree of happiness or satisfaction for the agent.

**Working** : It allows for a comparison of different world states or sequences of states based on the degree of happiness they would bring to the agent..

**Comparison** :

utility-based agents consider the overall utility of actions,

goal-based agents focus on immediate goal satisfaction.

In some cases, a utility function can be translated into a set of goals, resulting in identical decisions between utility-based and goal-based agents

# Agent Environment in AI (or) Properties of environments

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- **Accessible vs. inaccessible:**

If an agent can obtain complete and accurate information about the state's environment, then such an environment is called an Accessible environment else it is called inaccessible.

Ex : Measure the temperature of the room is accessible but for earth is inaccessible

- **Deterministic vs. nondeterministic:**

If an agent's current state and selected action can completely determine the next state of the environment, then such environment is called a deterministic environment.

A stochastic environment is **random** in nature and cannot be determined completely by an agent.

In a deterministic, fully observable environment, agent does not need to worry about uncertainty.

- **Episodic vs. nonepisodic**

In an episodic environment, there is a series of one-shot actions, and only the current percept is required for the action.

However, in Sequential environment, an agent requires memory of past actions to determine the next best actions.

# **Agent Environment (Types)in AI (or) Properties of environments**

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- **Static vs Dynamic:**

If the environment can change itself while an agent is deliberating then such environment is called a dynamic environment else it is called a static environment.

Static environments are easy to deal because an agent does not need to continue looking at the world while deciding for an action.

Taxi driving is an example of a dynamic environment whereas Crossword puzzles are an example of a static environment.

## **Discrete vs Continuous:**

If in an environment there are a finite number of percepts and actions that can be performed within it, then such an environment is called a discrete environment else it is called continuous environment.

A chess game comes under discrete environment as there is a finite number of moves that can be performed.

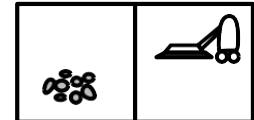
A self-driving car is an example of a continuous environment.

Environment	Accessible	Deterministic	Episodic	Static	Discrete
Chess with a clock	Yes	Yes	No	Semi	Yes
Chess without a clock	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Poker	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Backgammon	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Taxi driving	No	No	No	No	No
Medical diagnosis system	No	No	No	No	No
Image-analysis system	Yes	Yes	Yes	Semi	No
Part-picking robot	No	No	Yes	No	No
Refinery controller	No	No	No	No	No
Interactive English tutor	No	No	No	No	Yes

Figure 2.13 Examples of environments and their characteristics.

# The vacuum world

code/agents/environments/vacuum.lisp



Percepts (<bump> <dirt> <home>)

Actions shutoff forward suck (turn left) (turn right)

Goals (performance measure on environment history)

- +100 for each piece of dirt cleaned up
- -1 for each action
- -1000 for shutting off away from home

Environment

- grid, walls/obstacles, dirt distribution and creation, agent body
- movement actions work unless bump into wall
- suck actions put dirt into agent body (or not)

Accessible? Deterministic? Episodic? Static? Discrete?