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1 Deciding and Learning How to Act

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This topic covers ways in which AI agents can be empowered with the ability to deliberate autonomously how to act in the world.

1.1 Content/Knowledge

Students should be able to:

- Understand the different approaches in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and Formal Methods that can be applied in synergy to develop autonomous agents.
- Recognize the mathematical and algorithmic techniques as well as the key challenges to solving sequential decision-making problems.
- Integrate data-driven learning methods with model-based reasoning methods for deciding and learning how to act.
- Identify the limitations of current machine learning and reasoning methods to act in the real world.

1.2 Methodological/Skills

Students should be able to:

- Program advanced agents using learning and planning techniques for solving sequential decision-making tasks that involve other agents.
- Analyse autonomy in dynamic, partially observable settings involving a single agent or multiple agents.
- Develop methods for optimising control policies in complex sequential decision-making problems.
- Implement techniques to balance exploration and exploitation in decision-making tasks that require learning from the environment while acting on it.

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- Use linear time logic as a specification language for formulating complex tasks as well as environment properties.
- Apply synthesis from formal specifications to solve planning problems in nondeterministic environments.

1.3 Transferrable/Application

Students should be able to:

- Work effectively with others in an interdisciplinary and/or international team to reach a collective objective by sharing knowledge, learning and building consensus.
- Present materials coherently and concisely in written or oral form, with clear use of language to a technical audience.