

INT404 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Lecture 3

Artificial Intelligence – an Overview

Artificial intelligence techniques can be divided into **two** types:

- 1) Symbolic computation (including sub-symbolic)
- 2) Non- symbolic computation

Example:- When a child is born, he possess only basic knowledge of how to survive in the brain, gradually he will learn the rest of the knowledge through learning by experiences .

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Symbolic Computation has two branches

1. **Heuristic search** – Adjoining, Segment 1 of the World view.
Heuristic – A guide, an approximation, a thumb rule. Basically helps in pruning(Weed out **unwanted** or unnecessary things) the search tree.
2. **Knowledge-based systems** – In the world view, **between** heuristic search and sub-symbolic computation (neural networks).

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Knowledge Based Systems:

Core Areas of Knowledge Based systems

1. Knowledge Base Representation
2. Inference Engine
3. User interface
4. Knowledge acquisition module

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Knowledge Based Systems:

Representation techniques are primarily:

1. **production rules** – sets of if-then rules, similar to production rules used to specify a grammar.

Example: If the car does not start check the battery, by pressing the horn.

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Knowledge Based Systems:

Representation techniques are primarily:

2. **Semantic Networks** – Set of Nodes and Links between them. The links represent Relationships between the nodes

Example: Nodes – Man, Hands, Legs, Walk

Relationships – **Has** (between Man and hands and between Man and Legs) and **Can** (between Man and Walk).

A type of Semantic networks is Frames (Slot-filler notation). These encode default (commonly occurring) values (filler) for the attributes in a relation (slot).

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Knowledge Based Systems:

Inference Engine - Search on the knowledge base leads to Inferences.

Knowledge Acquisition module - The knowledge being incomplete will be dynamic. Provision to acquire knowledge is provided by using machine learning strategies.

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Knowledge Based Systems:

Machine Learning Strategies:

1. **Rote learning** – The system is told the actual knowledge. The system's work is to map the knowledge into its internal representation.
2. **Learning by being told** – The system is given paragraphs that convey the knowledge. The system has to **glean** the knowledge and then store it.
3. **Learning by being told and asking questions** – In addition to strategy 2, the system analyses the knowledge, finds discrepancies and asks questions to sort out the conflicts.
4. **Learning by induction from positive examples** - The system is given examples of the concept. It generalizes the examples to arrive at the knowledge

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Knowledge Based Systems:

Machine Learning Strategies:

5. **Learning by Induction from Positive examples and Negative examples** – To avoid over generalization, negative examples are given, which are used to specialize the knowledge.
6. **Learning by Induction through experimentation** - The system generates examples itself by designing experiments on the environment.
7. **Learning by Analogy** – The system maps the knowledge it has to the new problem, using analogy.
8. **Learning by Abduction** – The system creates new hypotheses and designs experiments to ratify them.

Knowledge Based Systems:

Genetic Programming:

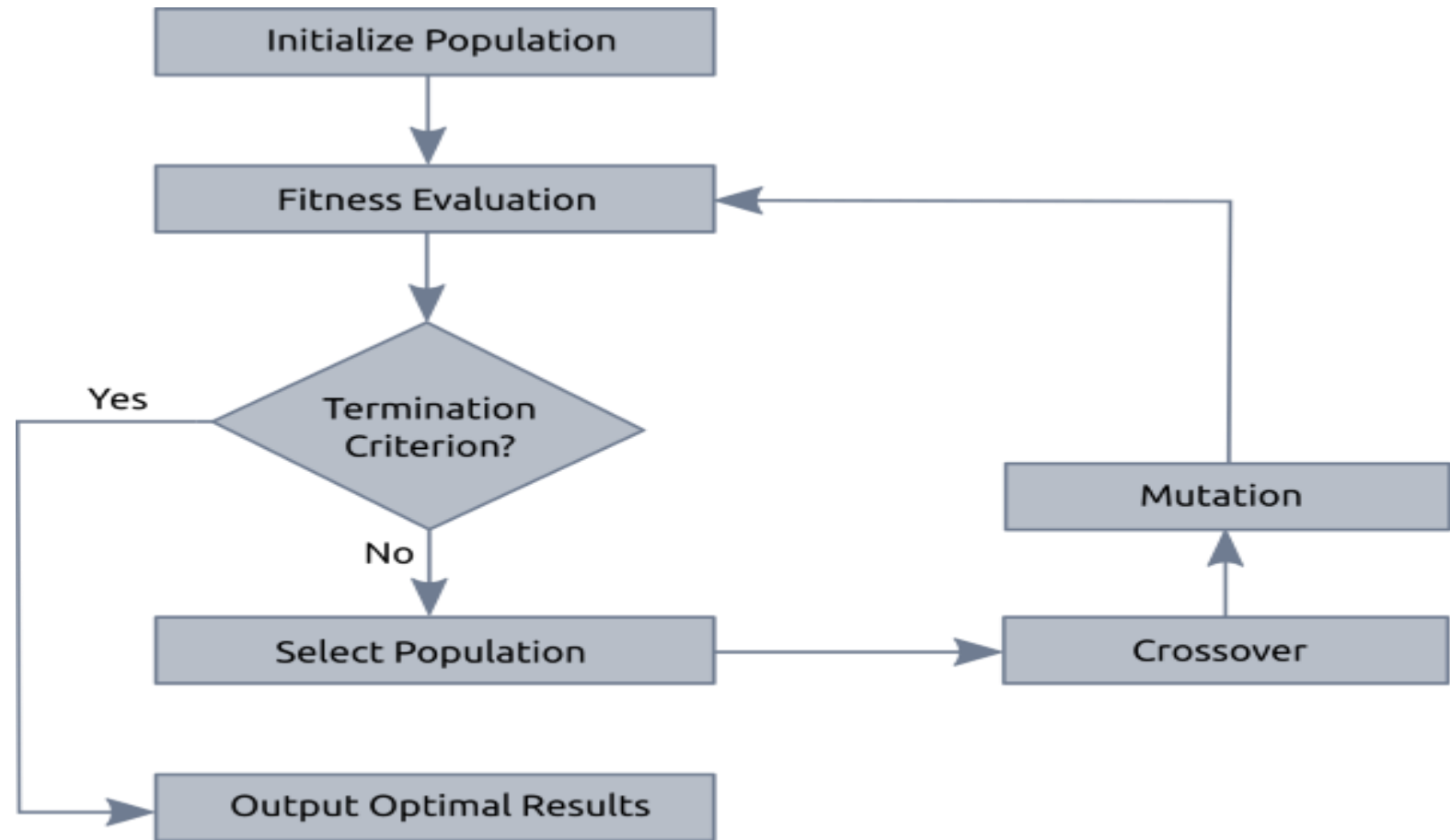


Figure 2: Basic structure of Genetic Algorithm

Knowledge Based Systems:

Genetic Programming:

This field lies at the **extreme** of Knowledge Based Systems (**adjoining** sub-symbolic computation in the World view)– They model Human evolution methods.

Approach:

1. Create an initial population of entities
2. Each entity's characteristics are represented
3. A fitness function evaluates the entities.
4. The best two of the population are chosen
5. These two are used to generate 'offspring's' → new population. Process repeats.

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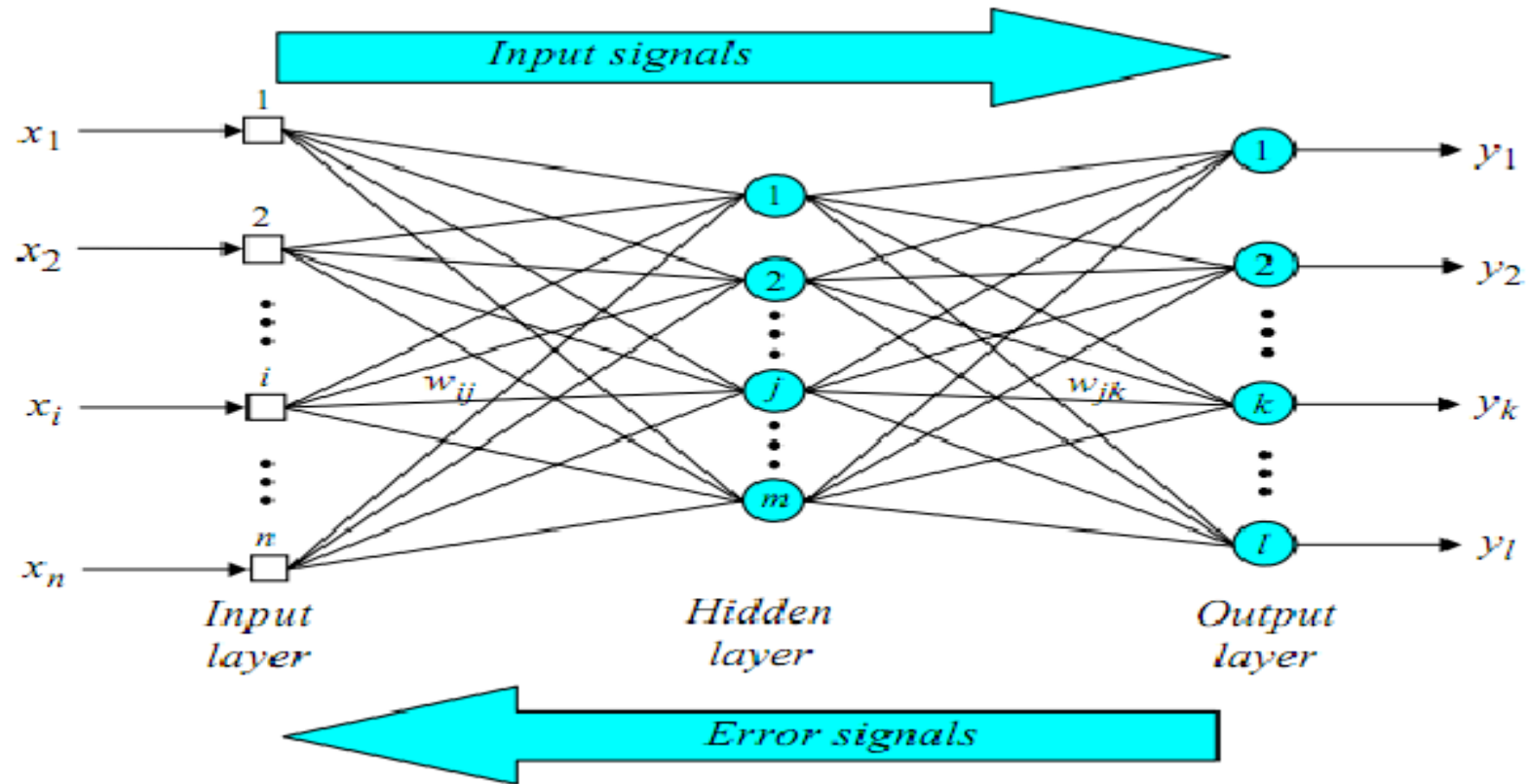
Offspring generation operators:

1. **Reproduction** – All characteristics of both parents are reproduced in the offspring.
2. **Crossover** - A subset of characteristics of one parent are linked with the subset of characteristics of the other parent.
3. **Mutation** – The characteristics of one parent are changed randomly to create the offspring. – Handles the Local Maxima problem

Sub Symbolic Computation (Neuro-computing)

- Adjoins Segment 3 of the world view.
- Deals with signal level computation required because a number of problems do not have explicit knowledge associated with them.
Example – recognizing people or recognizing handwriting.
- This area deals with patterns that are more complex than the ones dealt with by symbolic computation.

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Sub Symbolic Computation (Neuro-computing):

Core areas of Sub-symbolic computation are:

1. Architecture
2. Learning mechanism

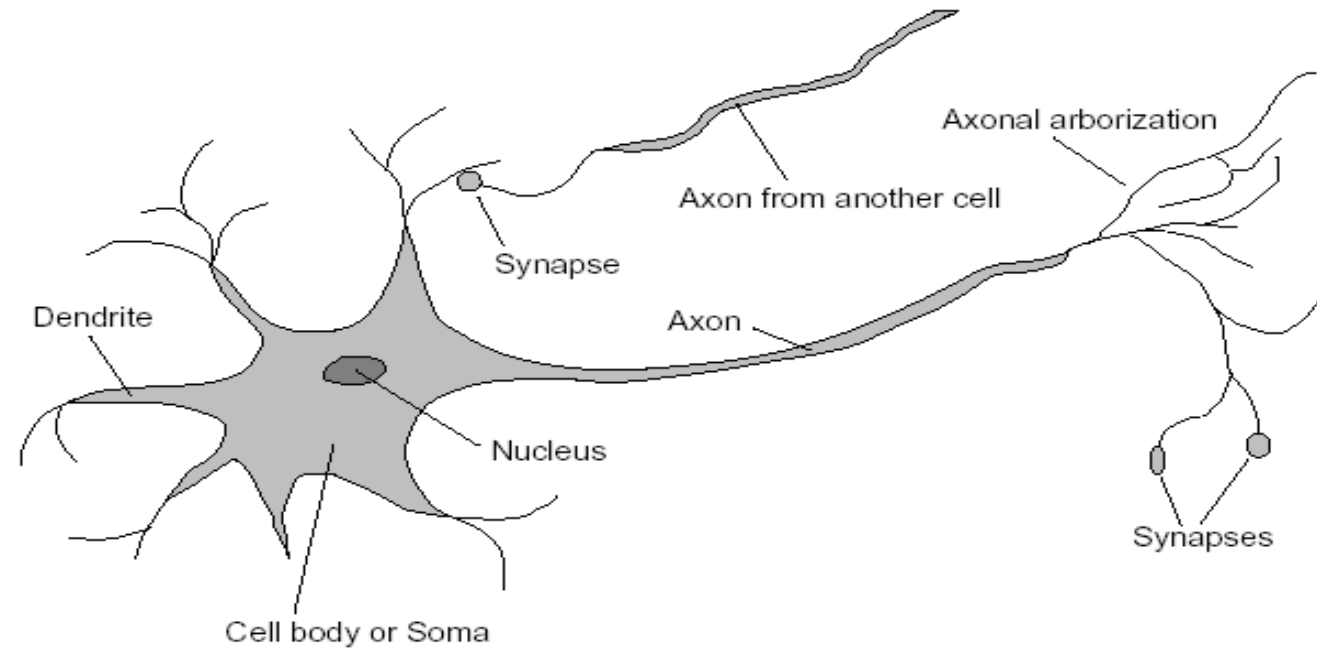
In sub-symbolic computation all the knowledge is learnt by the system.

Neuro-computing attempts to mimic the structure of the human intelligence system, with its neurons and synapses.

Neuron – receives input from many other neurons. Each input is magnified by a multiplication factor. (This multiplication factor represents the degree of interest, effect that the particular input has on the neuron.)

Brains

10^{11} neurons of > 20 types, 10^{14} synapses, 1ms–10ms cycle time
Signals are noisy “spike trains” of electrical potential



Sub Symbolic Computation (Neuro-computing):

- All the multiplied values are summed up and compared to a '**threshold value**'. If the threshold value is less then the neuron fires an output.
- Knowledge is acquired by learning the correct multiplication values.

Learning is done in one of two ways:

1. **Supervised learning** - Here the desired output for a given input is known. A simple method is **Back Propagation network**. Here the output is compared with the desired output. Differences are propagated backwards, to make changes to the multiplication factors.

Sub Symbolic Computation (Neuro-computing):

2. **Unsupervised learning** – Here the desired output is not given to the system. The system uses Clustering to club similar input together. Example – Kohonen
3. **A third learning technique is Self-Supervised Learning** - Here the results of a previous iteration are used to bias the clustering results in the current iteration.
Example – Adaptive Resonance Technique.