

*CSCE 580: Introduction to AI*  
*CSCE 581: Trusted AI*

## Lecture 4: Formal Representation and Logic

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# Organization of Lecture 4

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- Introduction Segment
  - Clarification on Class Logistics
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- Main Segment
  - Representing World Knowledge
  - Logic (Propositional)
  - Inferencing (Propositional)
  - Code setup for AIMA examples
- Concluding Segment
  - Course Project Discussion
  - About Next Lecture – Lecture 5
  - Ask me anything

# Introduction Section

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# Class Logistics

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Where to look for information

- a) **instructor personal website**: course description, schedule
- b) **Course Github**: for code; slides is a courtesy
- c) **Blackboard**: for posting grades. Video recorded and shared as a courtesy.
- d) **Piazza**: for quicker message turnaround; not required if you do not want to use

# Recap of Lecture 3

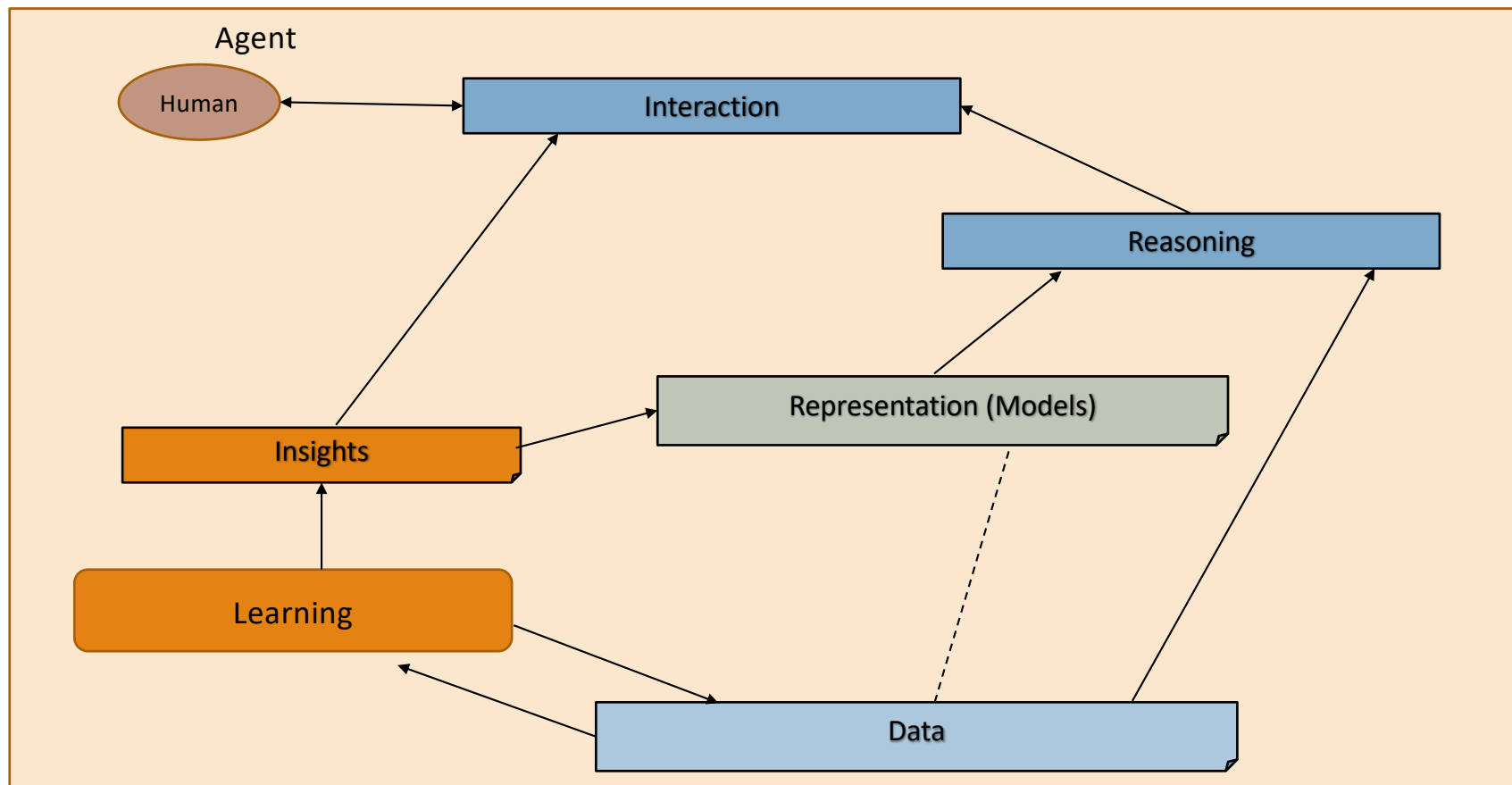
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- Data preparation
- Knowledge representation/ graph
- Ontology

# Intelligent Agent Model



# Relationship Between Main AI Topics



# Where We Are in the Course

## CSCE 580/ 581 – In This Course

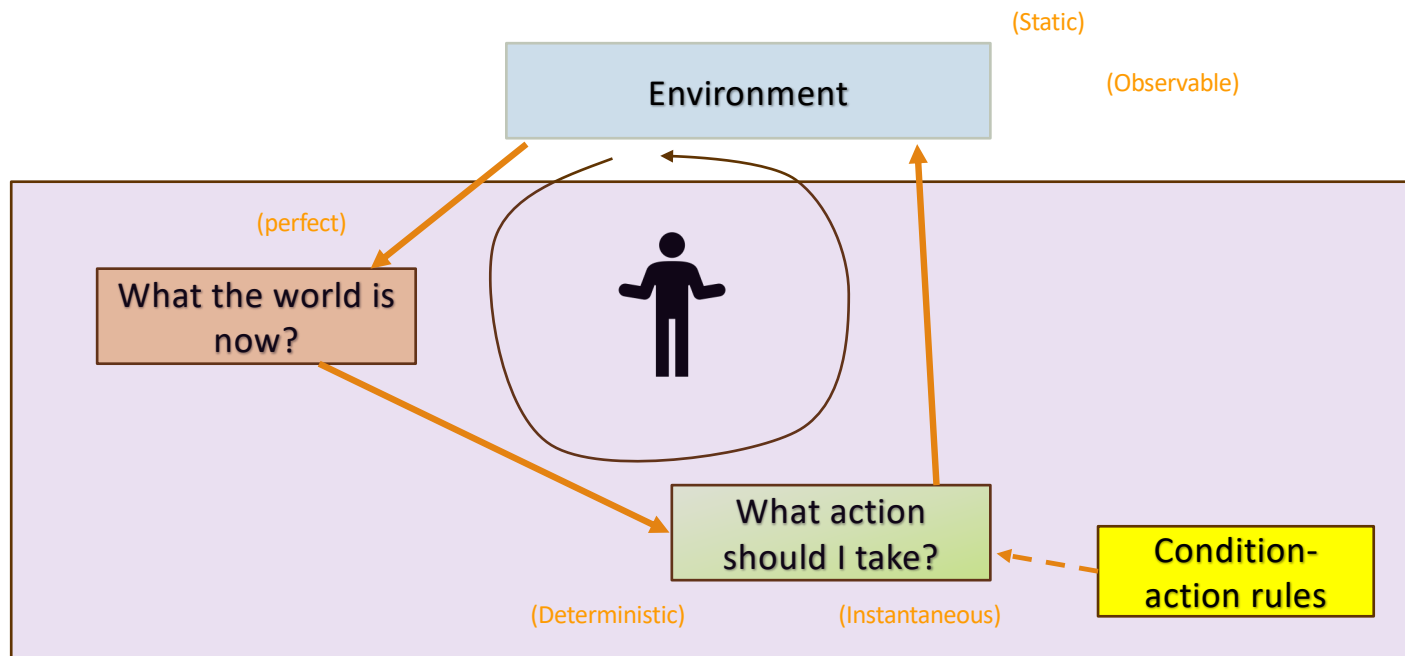
- Week 1: Introduction, Aim: Chatbot / Intelligence Agent
- Weeks 2-3: Data: Formats, Representation and the Trust Problem
- Week 4-5: Search, Heuristics - Decision Making
- Week 6: Constraints, Optimization – Decision Making
- Week 7: Classical Machine Learning – Decision Making, Explanation
- Week 8: Machine Learning - Classification
- Week 9: Machine Learning - Classification – Trust Issues and Mitigation Methods
- Topic 10: Learning neural network, deep learning, Adversarial attacks
- Week 11: Large Language Models – Representation, Issues
- Topic 12: Markov Decision Processes, Hidden Markov models - Decision making
- Topic 13: Planning, Reinforcement Learning – Sequential decision making
- Week 14: AI for Real World: Tools, Emerging Standards and Laws; Safe AI/ Chatbots



# Main Section

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# Intelligent Agent – Simple Knowledge Based



# Logic – Basic Idea

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- Starting with **true assumptions**, a knowledge-based system (automaton) to draw **true conclusions**
- Logic consists of three components
  - Syntax -- allowable sentences
  - Semantics -- determining truth of sentence given a model (assignment of values to sentences)
  - Inference Procedure -- rules to draw conclusion given a set of sentences

# Formal Logic – 1/3

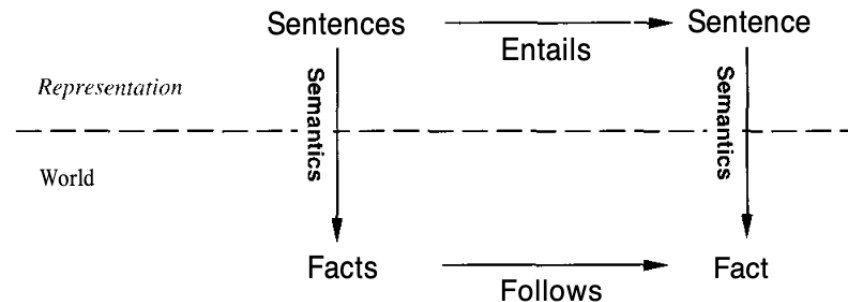
- An automaton for manipulating symbols and drawing conclusions

- Consists of a knowledge base with:

- a set of true statements (sentences). Sentences have
  - Syntax
  - Semantics – compositional property
- Proof theory: a set of rules for deducing the entailments / interpretations of the sentences

- Properties of sentences

- **Valid**: A sentence is **valid** or necessarily true if and only if it is true under all possible interpretations in all possible worlds. Also called a **tautology**
- **Satisfiable**: A sentence is satisfiable if and only if there is some interpretations in some possible worlds where it is true.



## Credits:

- Russell & Norvig, AI - A Modern Approach
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# Propositional Logic

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- Sentences: assertions about the world
  - Atomic sentence: propositional symbol
    - ClassToday      – whether there is a class today: Yes, No
    - A                  -- any fact of interest: Yes, No
    - True              -- always true
    - False            -- always false

# Propositional Logic - Syntax

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*Sentence* — *AtomicSentence* | *ComplexSentence*

*AtomicSentence* — *True* | *False*

| *P* | *Q* | *R* | ...

*ComplexSentence* — ( *Sentence* )

| *Sentence* *Connective* *Sentence*

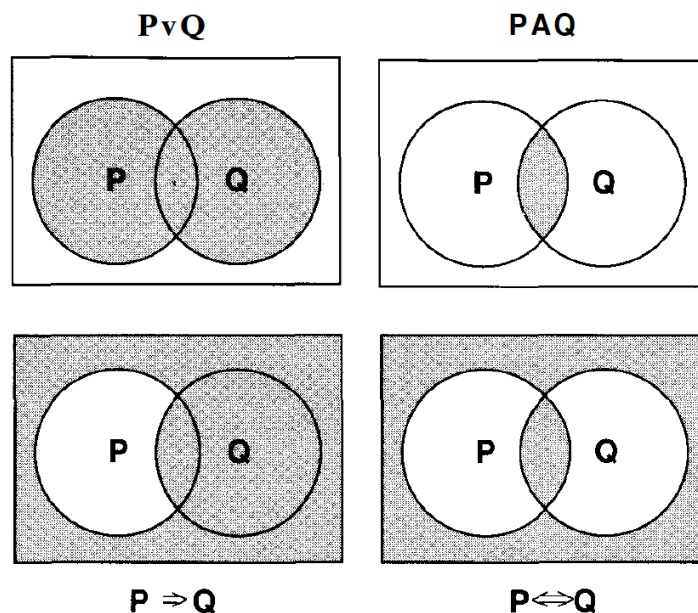
|  $\neg$ *Sentence*

BNF (Backus-Naur Form) grammar  
of sentences in propositional logic

*Connective* — *A* | *V* |  $\Leftrightarrow$  |  $\Rightarrow$

Source: Russell & Norvig, AI: A Modern Approach

# Propositional Logic - Semantics



Model of sentence: Any world in which a sentence is true (under a particular interpretation)

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\neg$	$\alpha \vee \beta$	$\neg \beta \vee \neg$	$\alpha \vee \neg$
False	False	False	False	True	False
False	False	True	False	True	True
False	True	False	True	False	False
False	True	True	True	True	True
True	False	False	True	True	True
True	False	True	True	True	True
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Truth table to prove soundness of inference

Source: Russell & Norvig, AI: A Modern Approach

# Inference Procedure

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- Given a knowledge base (KB), generate new sentences  $\alpha$  that are entailed by KB
  - $KB \models \alpha$
- Given KB and  $\alpha$ , report whether or not  $\alpha$  is entailed by KB
  - $KB \models \alpha$
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# Propositional Logic

## Inference Procedures

Source: Russell & Norvig, AI: A Modern Approach

- ◇ **Modus Ponens or Implication-Elimination:** (From an implication and the premise of the implication, you can infer the conclusion.)

$$\frac{a \Rightarrow \beta, \quad a}{\beta}$$

- ◇ **And-Elimination:** (From a conjunction, you can infer any of the conjuncts.)

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}{\alpha_i}$$

- ◇ **And-Introduction:** (From a list of sentences, you can infer their conjunction.)

$$\frac{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n}{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}$$

- ◇ **Or-Introduction:** (From a sentence, you can infer its disjunction with anything else at all.)

$$\frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 \vee \dots \vee \alpha_n}$$

- ◇ **Double-Negation Elimination:** (From a doubly negated sentence, you can infer a positive sentence.)

$$\frac{\neg \neg \alpha}{\alpha}$$

- ◇ **Unit Resolution:** (From a disjunction, if one of the disjuncts is false, then you can infer the other one is true.)

$$\frac{a \vee \beta, \quad \neg \beta}{a}$$

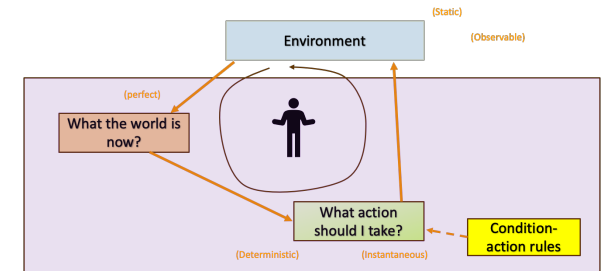
- ◇ **Resolution:** (This is the most difficult. Because 0 cannot be both true and false, one of the other disjuncts must be true in one of the premises. Or equivalently, implication is transitive.)

$$\frac{a \vee \beta, \quad \neg \beta \vee \gamma}{a \vee \gamma}$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{\neg \alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \quad \beta \Rightarrow \gamma}{\neg \alpha \Rightarrow \gamma}$$

# KB Agent Procedure



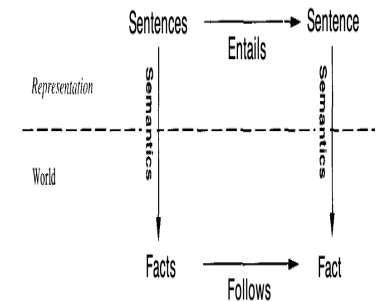
**function** KB-AGENT(*percept*) **returns** an *action*  
static: *KB*, a knowledge base  
*t*, a counter, initially 0, indicating time

TELL(*KB*, MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE(*percept*, *t*))  
*action* — ASK(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY(*t*))  
TELL(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE(*action*, *t*))  
*t* ← *t* + 1  
**return** *action*

Source: Russell & Norvig, AI: A Modern Approach

# Formal Logic – 2/3

- Levels at which sentences are encoded
  - Epistemic (also called knowledge): what agents knows or believes
  - Logical: how sentences are encoded to allow inferencing. E.g., symbols
  - Executional: how sentences are encoded during execution. E.g., vectors, symbols
- Properties of sentences
  - **Valid**: A sentence is **valid** or necessarily true if and only if it is true under all possible interpretations in all possible worlds. Also called a **tautology**
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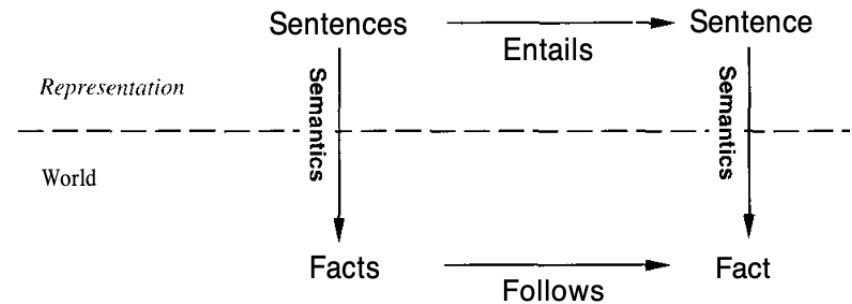
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# Formal Logic – 3/3

- Properties of Logic System

- **Soundness:** if it produces only true statements
- **Completeness:** if it produces all true statements
- **Consistency:** if it does not produce a sentence and its negation



Language	Ontological Commitment (What exists in the world)	Epistemological Commitment (What an agent believes about facts)
Propositional logic	facts	true/false/unknown
First-order logic	facts, objects, relations	true/false/unknown
Temporal logic	facts, objects, relations, times	true/false/unknown
Probability theory	facts	degree of belief 0...1
Fuzzy logic	degree of truth	degree of belief 0...1

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# Example: Course Selection

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# Example Situation – Course Selection

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- A person wants to pass an academic program in two majors: A and B
- There are three subjects available: A, B and C, each with three levels (\*1, \*2, \*3). There are thus 9 courses: A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3
- To graduate, at least one course at beginner (\*1) level is needed in major(s) of choice(s), and two courses at intermediate levels (\*2) are needed
- **Answer questions**
  - Q1: How many minimum courses does the person have to take ?
  - Q2: Can a person graduate in 2 majors studying 3 courses only?
  - ...

# Representation - Example

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- Domain Description: “There are three subjects: A, B and C, each with three levels (\*1, \*2, \*3).”
- Representation
  - has\_studied\_courseA1: yes – student has taken course; no – student has not taken
  - has\_studied\_courseA2
  - has\_studied\_courseA3
  - has\_studied\_courseB1
  - has\_studied\_courseB2
  - has\_studied\_courseB3
  - has\_studied\_courseC1
  - has\_studied\_courseC2
  - has\_studied\_courseC3

**Issue:** What about hierarchy among courses?

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  - has\_studied\_courseB1
  - has\_studied\_courseB2
  - has\_studied\_courseB3
  - has\_studied\_courseC1
  - has\_studied\_courseC2
  - has\_studied\_courseC3
- Previous statements set did not capture hierarchy between levels; new sentences would not have followed the reality in the world. Need more statements – LowerThan as shown.

LowerThan\_Course\_A1\_CourseA2  
LowerThan\_Course\_A2\_CourseA3  
LowerThan\_Course\_B1\_CourseB2  
LowerThan\_Course\_B2\_CourseB3  
LowerThan\_Course\_C1\_CourseC2  
LowerThan\_Course\_AC\_CourseC3



# How to Tackle Course Selection Problem ?

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- Represent the world as sentences in KB
  - Update KB based on scenarios
- Solve problems about courses selection scenarios
  - Pose problems as queries to KB
  - Interpret answers // reason with the world

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  t ← t + 1  
  return action
```

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# Major Types of Reasoning

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- Inference: From premises to conclusions
  - Major types
    - **Deduction**: deriving logical conclusions from premises known or assumed to be true
    - **Induction**: deriving from particular premises to a universal conclusion.
    - **Abduction**: from an observation, find the most likely conclusion from the observations
- Usage
  - Deduction is useful to build knowledge bases from parts
  - Induction: to generalize
  - Abduction is a good source for hypothesis / priors in Bayesian learning

# Setting Up for AIMA Code

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- AI resources  
<https://github.com/biplav-s/course-ai-tai-f23/blob/main/sample-code/AI-Resources.md>
- Setting up for Python code from AIMA book  
<https://github.com/biplav-s/course-ai-tai-f23/tree/main/sample-code/ai-book-samples>

# Exercise and Code

- Logical Reasoning
  - From Book: AI – A Modern Approach,  
<https://github.com/aimacode/aima-python/blob/master/logic.ipynb>

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3 W!	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 S OK	2,2 OK	3,2	4,2
1,1 V OK	2,1 B V OK	3,1 P!	4,1

**A** = Agent  
B = Breeze  
G = Glitter, Gold  
OK = Safe square  
P = Pit  
S = Stench  
V = Visited  
W = Wumpus

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# Examples of Agents

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

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# Lecture 4: Summary

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- We talked about
  - Knowledge-based agents
  - Logic (Propositional)
  - Inferencing (Propositional)

# Concluding Section

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# Course Project

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# Project Discussion: What Problem Fascinates You ?

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- Data
  - Water
  - Finance
- Analytics
- Application
  - Building chatbot
- Users
  - Diverse demographics
  - Diverse abilities
  - Multiple human languages

## Project execution in sprints

- Sprint 1:
  - **Solving**: Choose a decision problem, identify data, work on solution methods
  - **Human interaction**: Develop a basic chatbot (no AI), no problem focus
- Sprint 2:
  - **Solving**: Evaluate your solution on problem
  - **Human interaction**: Integrated your choice of chatbot (rule-based or learning-based) and methods
- Sprint 3:
  - **Evaluation**: Comparison of your solver chatbot with an LLM-based alternative, like ChatGPT

# Project Discussion

1. Create a private Github repository called “CSCE58x-Fall2023-<studentname>-Repo”. Share with Instructor (biplav-s) and TA (kausik-l)
2. Create Google folder called “CSCE58x-Fall2023-<studentname>-SharedInfo”. Share with Instructor ([prof.biplav@gmail.com](mailto:prof.biplav@gmail.com)) and TA ([lakkarajukaushik90@gmail.com](mailto:lakkarajukaushik90@gmail.com))
3. Create a Google doc in your Google repo called “Project Plan” and have the following by next class (Sep 5, 2023)

1. Title:
2. Key idea: (2-3 lines)
3. Who will care when done:
4. Data need:
5. Methods:
6. Evaluation:
7. Users:
8. Trust issue:

## Some Ideas

### 1. From Instructor:

1. City snapshot for Columbia, SC (like for London - <http://citydashboard.org/london/>)
2. Build an AI to predict the next k items in a sequence with explanation.
3. Build an AI to select the best candidate from a list of candidates based on any two user criteria and open data
  1. Example: healthiest country to live when single from {Macedonia, Equador and Mongoolia}
  2. Example: most cost-effective company to invest in among S&P 500 list

### 2. From Students

1. Pedestrian detection using ...
2. Health monitoring using personal data

# About Next Lecture – Lecture 5

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# Lecture 5: Representing Knowledge

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- Logic – First Order
- Inferencing