

MODULE 3 – Knowledge Representation, Reasoning & Knowledge-Based Agents

(*VERY SIMPLE + DETAILED*)

1. What is Knowledge Representation (KR)?

KR means **how a computer stores knowledge so it can think like humans**.

Humans store knowledge in:

- Brain
- Notes
- Photos
- Experience

Computers store knowledge in:

- Logic
- Rules
- Graphs
- Semantic networks
- Databases

Purpose of KR:

- To let AI understand the world
- To let AI make decisions

- To let AI reason (think)
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2. Types of Knowledge Representation

A) Propositional Logic (Simple Statements)

- Used to represent simple TRUE/FALSE facts.
- Example:
“It is raining” = True
“ $2+2=5$ ” = False

Uses symbols like P, Q, R.

B) First Order Logic (FOL)

More powerful than propositional logic.

It can represent:

- Objects
- Relations
- Functions

Example:

Father(Ram, Rohan)

Means: Ram is father of Rohan.

C) Semantic Networks

Knowledge is stored in a **graph**:

- Nodes = concepts
- Links = relationships

Example:

Animal

↓ (is-a)

Bird

↓ (is-a)
Sparrow

Useful for inheritance:
If Bird can fly → Sparrow can fly.

D) Rule-Based Knowledge (IF-THEN rules)

Example:
IF fever AND cough
THEN flu

Used in expert systems.

✓ 3. Knowledge-Based Agents (KBA)

A Knowledge-Based Agent works like a **thinking machine**.

It has:

- ✓ Knowledge Base (KB) → stores facts, rules
- ✓ Inference Engine → applies logic
- ✓ TELL–ASK–ACT cycle

Working:

- 1 **TELL** – Add new information to KB
- 2 **ASK** – Ask KB: “What should I do?”
- 3 **ACT** – Perform that action

Example:
A medical agent gets symptoms → finds disease → gives advice.

✓ 4. Inference – How AI thinks?

A) Forward Chaining (Fact → Goal)

- Starts from known facts
- Applies rules
- Reaches conclusion

Example:

Rule: If Bird → CanFly

Fact: Bird(Tweety)

Conclusion: Tweety can fly

Used in expert systems.

B) Backward Chaining (Goal → Facts)

- Starts from goal
- Checks which rules support goal
- Moves backward until facts match

Example:

Goal: Can Tweety fly?

Rule: Bird → Fly

Check: Is Tweety a bird?

Yes → proven

Used in PROLOG.



5. Inference Rules Explained Simple

Modus Ponens:

If $P \rightarrow Q$

And P is true

Then Q is true

Modus Tollens:

If $P \rightarrow Q$

And Q is false

Then P is false

Resolution:

Used for proving things by eliminating contradictions.

Very important for exams.

MODULE 3 – Final Summary

- KR = storing knowledge
 - KBA = agent with knowledge + reasoning
 - Forward chaining = facts → goal
 - Backward chaining = goal → facts
 - Semantic nets = graph of concepts
 - Rules = IF-THEN
 - Inference rules = ways of reasoning
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MODULE 4 – Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

(DETAILED + SIMPLE)

1. What is ANN?

ANN is a model inspired by the **human brain**.

Human brain → neurons
ANN → artificial neurons (perceptrons)

ANN learns from examples.

Example:
You show many cat images → ANN learns what a cat looks like.

2. Structure of ANN

1. Input Layer

Takes raw inputs.

Example: pixel values of image.

2. Hidden Layers

They do calculations and feature extraction.

More hidden layers = more learning power.

3. Output Layer

Gives final result.

Example:

“Cat” or “Dog”



3. Artificial Neuron (Perceptron)

A perceptron takes:

- Inputs
- Weights
- Bias
- Applies activation
- Gives output

Formula:

$$[Y = f(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + b)]$$



4. Types of Neural Networks

Single-Layer NN

- Only one layer
- Simple problems

- Uses Perceptron Rule
- Can only solve linear problems

Multi-Layer NN

- Has hidden layers
 - Can learn complex patterns
 - Uses Backpropagation
 - Used everywhere today
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✓ 5. Activation Functions (Why needed?)

They add **non-linearity** → helps ANN learn complex patterns.

a) Sigmoid

Smooth S-shaped
Output: 0 to 1
Used in binary classification.

b) Tanh

Output: -1 to 1
Better than sigmoid because it is zero-centered.

c) ReLU

If $x < 0 \rightarrow 0$
If $x > 0 \rightarrow x$
Fastest, most used.

d) Softmax

Used for multi-class classification.
Turns numbers into probabilities.

✓ 6. Perceptron Learning Rule

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[  
w = w + \eta (t - o) x  
]  
[  
b = b + \eta (t - o)  
]
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Where:

- t = target output
- o = predicted output
- η = learning rate

Perceptron learns by fixing its mistakes.

🎯 MODULE 4 – Final Summary

- ANN = small artificial brain
 - Neuron = weighted sum + activation
 - Layers = input → hidden → output
 - Activation = decides firing
 - Perceptron = simplest ANN
 - Softmax = multiclass
 - ReLU = fastest
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⭐ MODULE 5 – Uncertainty, Fuzzy, Bayesian Networks

(DETAILED + SIMPLE)

1. Why uncertainty occurs?

Because we don't always have perfect information.

Examples:

- Weather predictions
 - Medical diagnosis
 - Stock market
 - Human behaviour
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2. Non-Monotonic Reasoning (NMR)

Normal logic: once true → always true

NMR: truth can change with new info.

Example:

“Birds can fly”

But new fact: “Penguin is a bird” → cannot fly

Used for real-world reasoning.

NMR Types:

- Default Logic
 - Circumscription
 - Autoepistemic Logic
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3. Fuzzy Logic (Simple)

Fuzzy logic deals with **partial truth**.

Example:

Is a person tall?

Height 150 cm → 0.2

Height 170 cm → 0.6

Height 190 cm → 0.9

Used in:

- AC
- Washing machine
- Fan speed controller

Uses **membership functions** (triangle, trapezoid, Gaussian etc.)

■ 4. Probability & Bayes Theorem

Bayes helps us update our belief when new evidence comes.

Formula:

$$P(H|E) = \frac{P(E|H)P(H)}{P(E)}$$

Example:

Probability of disease increases when test is positive.

■ 5. Bayesian Networks (BN)

BN is a **graph showing cause → effect**.

Example:

Smoking → Lung Cancer → Cough

Pollution → Lung Cancer

Components:

- Nodes = variables
- Arrows = dependencies
- CPT = Conditional Probability Table for each node

Used in:

- ✓ Medical diagnosis
- ✓ Fault detection

- ✓ Machine learning
 - ✓ Decision making
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MODULE 5 – Final Summary

- NMR = truth changes with new facts
 - Fuzzy logic = partial truth (0 to 1)
 - Probability = uncertain events
 - Bayes theorem = update beliefs
 - Bayesian networks = DAG of causes
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Great Chandril!

Here are the FULL ANSWERS for the Expected CT-2 Question Paper I gave you.
The answers are written in simple language, exam-friendly, and exactly enough for full marks.



SECTION – A (2 Marks Answers)

1. What is Knowledge Representation?

Knowledge Representation (KR) is the method of storing knowledge inside a computer in a structured way so that the system can think, reason, and make decisions like humans.

2. Define Knowledge-Based Agent.

A Knowledge-Based Agent is an AI agent that uses a Knowledge Base (facts + rules) and an Inference Engine to decide what action to take.
It works using TELL, ASK, ACT cycle.

3. What is Forward Chaining?

Forward Chaining is a data-driven reasoning method where we start from facts and apply rules to reach the goal.

Example:

If $A \rightarrow B$, and A is true $\rightarrow B$ becomes true.

4. What is Backward Chaining?

Backward Chaining is a goal-driven reasoning method.

We start with the goal, and check what facts/rules can prove that goal.

5. Define heuristic function in A* search.

A heuristic function $h(n)$ is a guess of how close a node is to the goal.

It helps A* search choose the best path faster.

6. What is Hill Climbing?

Hill Climbing is a local search method where the algorithm always moves to the next better (higher valued) state.

Problem: It may get stuck in local maxima.

7. Define Perceptron.

A Perceptron is the simplest artificial neuron used for binary classification.

It takes inputs, multiplies with weights, applies activation, and gives output.

8. What is an Activation Function?

Activation function decides whether a neuron should fire or not by converting the input into output.

Example: Sigmoid, ReLU, Tanh.

9. Define Fuzzy Set.

A fuzzy set allows partial membership between 0 and 1.

Example:

Height 180 cm → Tall = 0.8 (not full true)

10. What is Bayes Theorem?

Bayes Theorem updates probability when new evidence comes.

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$$P(H|E) = \frac{P(E|H)P(H)}{P(E)}$$

]



SECTION – B (3 Marks Answers)

11. Explain Semantic Networks with an example.

A semantic network is a graph-based representation of knowledge.

- Nodes = Concepts
- Edges = Relationships

Example:

Animal → Bird → Sparrow

Here, Bird “is-a” Animal, Sparrow “is-a” Bird.

It supports inheritance:

If Birds can fly → Sparrow can fly.

12. Difference between Propositional Logic & First Order Logic.

Propositional Logic

Uses simple True/False statements

Less expressive

Example: P = “It rains”

First Order Logic

Represents objects & relationships

More expressive

Example: Father(John, Alex)

13. Explain TELL–ASK–ACT cycle.

A Knowledge-Based Agent works in this cycle:

- 1. TELL: Add new percepts/information to Knowledge Base.**
 - 2. ASK: Agent queries KB for the best action.**
 - 3. ACT: Agent performs the chosen action.**
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14. Write a short note on Min–Max Algorithm.

Min-Max is used in two-player games.

- MAX player tries to maximize score.**
- MIN player tries to minimize score.**

**It looks at all possible moves and chooses the best one.
Often used with Alpha–Beta Pruning to make it faster.**

15. Explain A* Search with formula.

A* search selects node with lowest $f(n)$ value:

$$[$$
$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$
$$]$$

- $g(n)$: cost so far**
- $h(n)$: estimated cost**

A* is both optimal and complete, if heuristic is admissible.

16. Describe structure of an Artificial Neuron.

It has:

- Inputs ($x_1, x_2 \dots$)**

- Weights ($w_1, w_2 \dots$)
- Bias (b)
- Summation
- Activation function
- Output

Formula:

```
[  
y = f(w \cdot x + b)  
]
```

17. Types of activation functions.

- Sigmoid: 0 to 1 output
 - Tanh: -1 to +1 output
 - ReLU: $\max(0, x)$
 - Softmax: used for multiclass
 - Softplus: smooth version of ReLU
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18. Explain Perceptron Learning Rule.

Perceptron updates its weights based on error:

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[  
w = w + \eta (t - o)x  
]  
[  
b = b + \eta (t - o)  
]
```

Where

t = target output,
 o = predicted output,
 η = learning rate.

19. What is Non-Monotonic Reasoning?

Non-monotonic reasoning allows truth to change when new information comes.

Example:

Birds fly → Tweety is bird → Tweety flies

New info: Tweety is penguin → cannot fly

20. Explain Bayesian Network.

A Bayesian Network is a graphical model (DAG) representing probabilistic relationships.

- Nodes = Variables
- Edges = Causal links
- Each node has a CPT (Conditional Probability Table)

Example:

Smoking → Lung Cancer → Cough



SECTION – C (5 Marks Answers)

21. Knowledge-Based Agent architecture with diagram.

A KBA has:

1. Knowledge Base (KB): Stores facts & rules
2. Inference Engine: Applies logic rules
3. TELL–ASK–ACT system:
 - TELL: add percept
 - ASK: query best action
 - ACT: perform action

Levels:

- **Knowledge Level** → what agent knows
- **Logical Level** → how knowledge is represented
- **Implementation Level** → actual data structures

Working Example:

Agent enters Wumpus World → gets percept → adds to KB → queries KB → decides safe path.

A diagram is typically:

Environment → Percept → TELL → KB ↔ Inference Engine → ASK → Action selection → ACT → Environment

22. Forward & Backward Chaining with examples.

Forward Chaining:

- Data-driven
- Starts with facts
- Applies rules to reach new facts

Example:

Rule: If A → B

Fact: A

Conclusion: B

Used in Expert Systems.

Backward Chaining:

- Goal-driven
- Starts with desired goal
- Checks rules that support goal

Example:

Goal: B

Rule: If A → B

Check: Is A true? If yes → proven

Used in PROLOG.

23. Single Layer vs Multi Layer Neural Network.

Single Layer NN:

- Only input + output
- Can solve only linearly separable problems
- Uses perceptron rule
- Simple, fast

Multi Layer NN:

- Input + hidden + output
- Can solve complex, non-linear problems
- Uses backpropagation
- Basis of Deep Learning

Advantages of MLNN:

- Learns complex patterns
- High accuracy
- Used in vision, NLP, speech

Disadvantages:

- Slow
- Requires more data
- Hard to interpret

24. A* and AO* Search Algorithm.

A* Search:

- Uses $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$
- Optimal & complete
- Widely used (GPS, games)

AO* Search:

- Works on AND-OR graphs
- Used when tasks require multiple sub-tasks
- Finds best combination of AND & OR paths
- Used in expert systems and hierarchical planning

25. Fuzzy Logic, Membership Functions & Applications.

Fuzzy Logic:

Allows partial truth (0 to 1).
Real-world not always true/false.

Membership Functions:

- Triangular
- Trapezoidal
- Gaussian
- Singleton

Applications:

- Air conditioners

- Washing machines
 - Traffic control
 - Robots
 - Medical decision systems
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26. Bayesian Networks (Structure + CPT + Example).

A Bayesian Network is:

- A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
- Nodes represent variables
- Edges show cause → effect
- Each node has a CPT showing probability of the node given its parents

Example:

Smoking → Lung Cancer → Cough
Pollution → Lung Cancer

CPT Example:

Lung Cancer	Smokin	Pollution	P
g			
Yes	Yes	High	0.8
Yes	No	Low	0.2
No	Yes	High	0.4

Used for diagnosis, prediction, risk analysis.