

UNIT I

Introduction to AI:

### What is Artificial Intelligence?

In today's world, technology is growing very fast, and we are getting in touch with different new technologies day by day.

Here, one of the booming technologies of computer science is Artificial Intelligence which is ready to create a new revolution in the world by making intelligent machines. The Artificial Intelligence is now all around us. It is currently working with a variety of subfields, ranging from general to specific, such as self-driving cars, playing chess, proving theorems, playing music, Painting, etc.

AI is one of the fascinating and universal fields of Computer science which has a great scope in

Artificial Intelligence is composed of two words **Artificial** and **Intelligence**, where Artificial defines "*man-made*," and intelligence defines "*thinking power*", hence AI means "*a man-made thinking power*."

So, we can define AI as:

"It is a branch of computer science by which we can create intelligent machines which can behave like a human, think like humans, and able to make decisions."

Artificial Intelligence exists when a machine can have human based skills such as learning, reasoning, and solving problems

With Artificial Intelligence you do not need to preprogram a machine to do some work, despite that you can create a machine with programmed algorithms which can work with own intelligence, and that is the awesomeness of AI.

It is believed that AI is not a new technology, and some people says that as per Greek myth, there were Mechanical men in early days which can work and behave like humans.

### Why Artificial Intelligence?

Before Learning about Artificial Intelligence, we should know that what is the importance of AI and why should we learn it. Following are some main reasons to learn about AI:

- With the help of AI, you can create such software or devices which can solve real-world problems very easily and with accuracy such as health issues, marketing, traffic issues, etc.

- With the help of AI, you can create your personal virtual Assistant, such as Cortana, Google Assistant, Siri, etc.
- With the help of AI, you can build such Robots which can work in an environment where survival of humans can be at risk.
- AI opens a path for other new technologies, new devices, and new Opportunities.

## Goals of Artificial Intelligence

Following are the main goals of Artificial Intelligence:

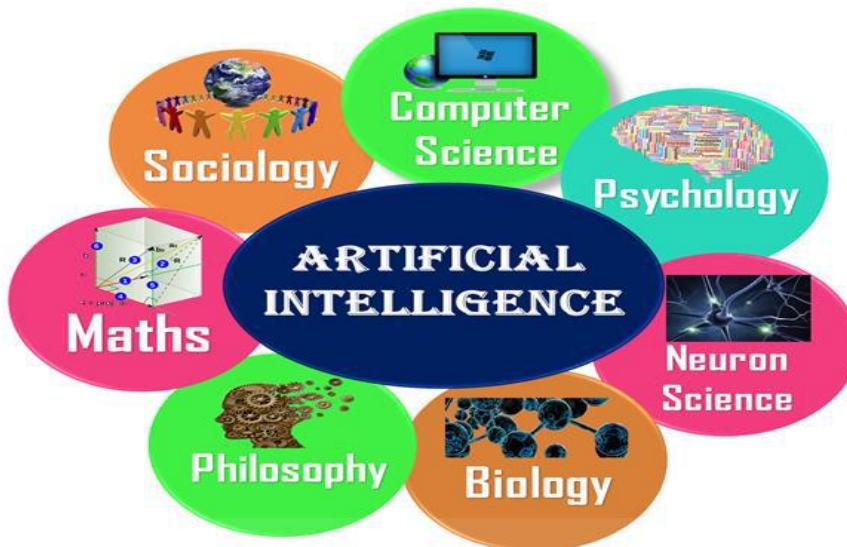
1. Replicate human intelligence
2. Solve Knowledge-intensive tasks
3. An intelligent connection of perception and action
4. Building a machine which can perform tasks that requires human intelligence such as:
  - Proving a theorem
  - Playing chess
  - Plan some surgical operation
  - Driving a car in traffic
5. Creating some system which can exhibit intelligent behavior, learn new things by itself, demonstrate, explain, and can advise to its user.

## What Comprises to Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence is not just a part of computer science even it's so vast and requires lots of other factors which can contribute to it. To create the AI first we should know that how intelligence is composed, so the Intelligence is an intangible part of our brain which is a combination of **Reasoning, learning, problem-solving perception, language understanding, etc.**

To achieve the above factors for a machine or software Artificial Intelligence requires the following discipline:

- Mathematics
- Biology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Computer Science
- Neurons Study
- Statistics



## Advantages of Artificial Intelligence

Following are some main advantages of Artificial Intelligence:

- **High Accuracy with less errors:** AI machines or systems are prone to less errors and high accuracy as it takes decisions as per pre-experience or information.
- **High-Speed:** AI systems can be of very high-speed and fast-decision making, because of that AI systems can beat a chess champion in the Chess game.
- **High reliability:** AI machines are highly reliable and can perform the same action multiple times with high accuracy.
- **Useful for risky areas:** AI machines can be helpful in situations such as defusing a bomb, exploring the ocean floor, where to employ a human can be risky.
- **Digital Assistant:** AI can be very useful to provide digital assistant to the users such as AI technology is currently used by various E-commerce websites to show the products as per customer requirement.
- **Useful as a public utility:** AI can be very useful for public utilities such as a self-driving car which can make our journey safer and hassle-free, facial recognition for security purpose, Natural language processing to communicate with the human in human-language, etc.

## Disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence

Every technology has some disadvantages, and the same goes for Artificial intelligence. Being so advantageous technology still, it has some disadvantages which we need to keep in our mind while creating an AI system. Following are the disadvantages of AI:

- **High Cost:** The hardware and software requirement of AI is very costly as it requires lots of maintenance to meet current world requirements.
- **Can't think out of the box:** Even we are making smarter machines with AI, but still they cannot work out of the box, as the robot will only do that work for which they are trained, or programmed.

- **No feelings and emotions:** AI machines can be an outstanding performer, but still it does not have the feeling so it cannot make any kind of emotional attachment with human, and may sometime be harmful for users if the proper care is not taken.
- **Increase dependency on machines:** With the increment of technology, people are getting more dependent on devices and hence they are losing their mental capabilities.
- **No Original Creativity:** As humans are so creative and can imagine some new ideas but still AI machines cannot beat this power of human intelligence and cannot be creative and imaginative.

## Prerequisite

Before learning about Artificial Intelligence, you must have the fundamental knowledge of following so that you can understand the concepts easily:

- Any computer language such as C, C++, Java, Python, etc.(knowledge of Python will be an advantage)
- Knowledge of essential Mathematics such as derivatives, probability theory, etc.

## Future of Artificial Intelligence:

### 1. Health Care Industries

India is 17.7% of the worlds' population that makes it the second-largest country in terms of China's population. Health care facilities are not available to all individuals living in the country. It is because of the lack of good doctors, not having good infrastructure, etc. Still, there are people who couldn't reach to doctors/ hospitals. AI has the ability to provide the facility to detect disease based on symptoms; even if you don't go to the doctor, AI would read the data from Fitness band/medical history of an individual to analyze the pattern and suggest proper medication and even deliver it on one's fingertips just through cell-phone.

As mentioned earlier Google's deep mind has already beaten doctors in detecting fatal diseases like breast cancer. It's not far away when AI will be detecting common disease as well as providing proper suggestions for medication. The consequences of this could be: no need for doctors in the long term result in JOB reduction.

### 2. AI in Education

The development of a country depends on the quality of education youth is getting. Right now, we can see there are lots of courses are available on AI. But in the future AI is going to transform the classical way of education. Now the world doesn't need skilled labourers for manufacturing industries, which is mostly replaced by robots and automation. The education system could be quite effective and can be according to the individual's personality and ability. It would give chance brighter students to shine and to imbecile a better way to cop up.

Right Education can enhance the power of individuals/nations; on the other hand, misuse of the same could lead to devastating results.

### **3. AI in Finance**

Quantification of growth for any country is directly related to its economic and financial condition. As AI has enormous scope in almost every field, it has great potential to boost individuals' economic health and a nation. Nowadays, the AI algorithm is being used in managing equity funds.

An AI system could take a lot number of parameters while figuring out the best way to manage funds. It would perform better than a human manager. AI-driven strategies in the field of finance are going to change the classical way of trading and investing. It could be devastating for some fund managing firms who cannot afford such facilities and could affect business on a large scale, as the decision would be quick and abrupt. The competition would be tough and on edge all the time.

### **4. AI in Military and Cybersecurity**

AI-assisted Military technologies have built autonomous weapon systems, which won't need humans at all hence building the safest way to enhance the security of a nation. We could see robot Military in the near future, which is as intelligent as a soldier/ commando and will be able to perform some tasks.

AI-assisted strategies would enhance mission effectiveness and will provide the safest way to execute it. The concerning part with AI-assisted system is that how it performs algorithm is not quite explainable. The deep neural networks learn faster and continuously keep learning the main problem here would be explainable AI. It could possess devastating results when it reaches in the wrong hands or makes wrong decisions on its own.

**Intelligent Agents:**

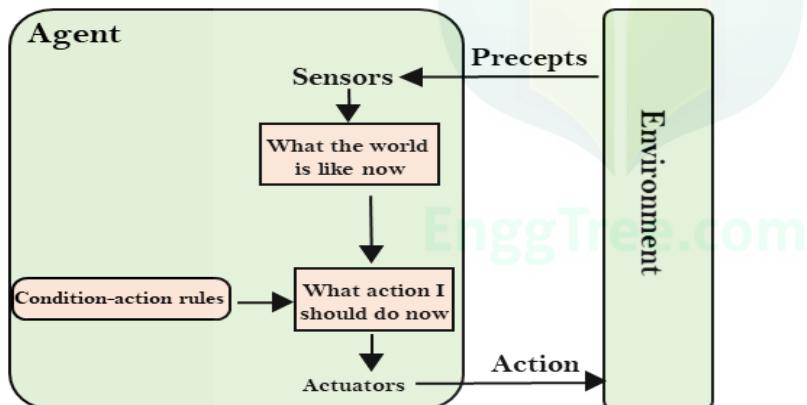
**Types of AI Agents or (Structure of Agents):**

Agents can be grouped into five classes based on their degree of perceived intelligence and capability. All these agents can improve their performance and generate better action over the time. These are given below:

- Simple Reflex Agent
- Model-based reflex agent
- Goal-based agents
- Utility-based agent
- Learning agent

### 1. Simple Reflex agent:

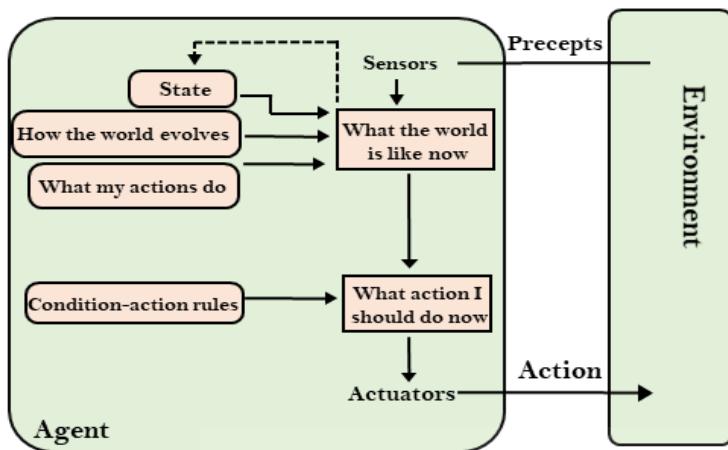
- The Simple reflex agents are the simplest agents. These agents take decisions on the basis of the current percepts and ignore the rest of the percept history.
- These agents only succeed in the fully observable environment.
- The Simple reflex agent does not consider any part of percepts history during their decision and action process.
- The Simple reflex agent works on Condition-action rule, which means it maps the current state to action. Such as a Room Cleaner agent, it works only if there is dirt in the room.
- Problems for the simple reflex agent design approach:
  - They have very limited intelligence
  - They do not have knowledge of non-perceptual parts of the current state
  - Mostly too big to generate and to store.
  - Not adaptive to changes in the environment.



### 2. Model-based reflex agent

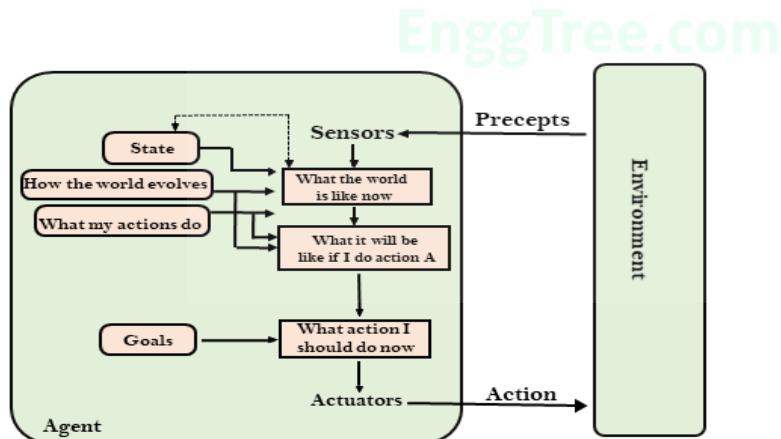
- The Model-based agent can work in a partially observable environment, and track the situation.
- A model-based agent has two important factors:
  - **Model:** It is knowledge about "how things happen in the world," so it is called a Model-based agent.
  - **Internal State:** It is a representation of the current state based 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:
  - a. How the world evolves

- b. How the agent's action affects the world.



### 3. Goal-based agents

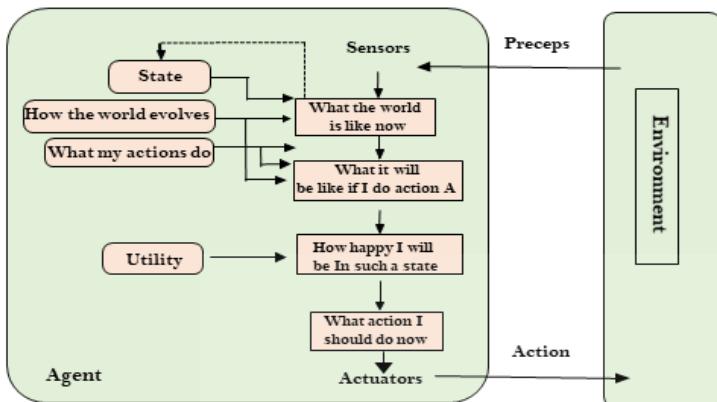
- The knowledge of the current state environment is not always sufficient to decide for an agent to what to do.
- The agent needs to know its goal which describes desirable situations.
- Goal-based agents expand the capabilities of the model-based agent by having the "goal" information.
- They choose an action, so that they can achieve the goal.
- These agents may have to consider a long sequence of possible actions before deciding whether the goal is achieved or not. Such considerations of different scenario are called searching and planning, which makes an agent proactive.



### 4. Utility-based agents

- These agents are 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.

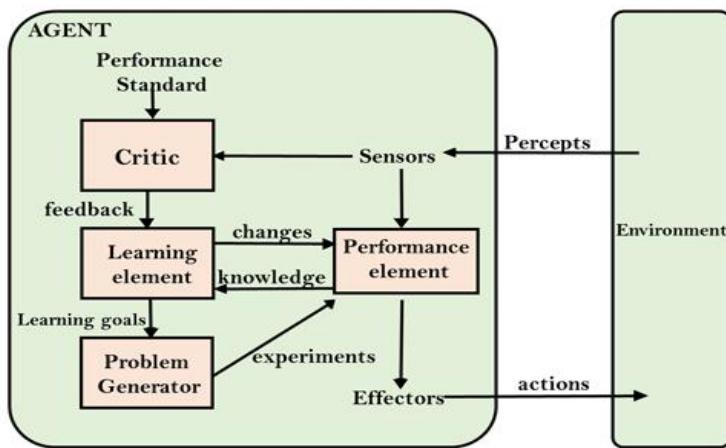
- Utility-based agent act based not only goals but also the best way to achieve the goal.
- The Utility-based agent is useful when there are multiple possible alternatives, and an agent has to choose in order to perform the best action.
- The utility function maps each state to a real number to check how efficiently each action achieves the goals.



## 5. Learning Agents

- A learning agent in AI is the type of agent which can learn from its past experiences, or it has learning capabilities.
- It starts to act with basic knowledge and then able to act and adapt automatically through learning.
- A learning agent has mainly four conceptual components, which are:
  - Learning element:** It is responsible for making improvements by learning from environment
  - Critic:** Learning element takes feedback from critic which describes that how well the agent is doing with respect to a fixed performance standard.
  - Performance element:** It is responsible for selecting external action
  - Problem generator:** This component is responsible for suggesting actions that will lead to new and informative experiences.

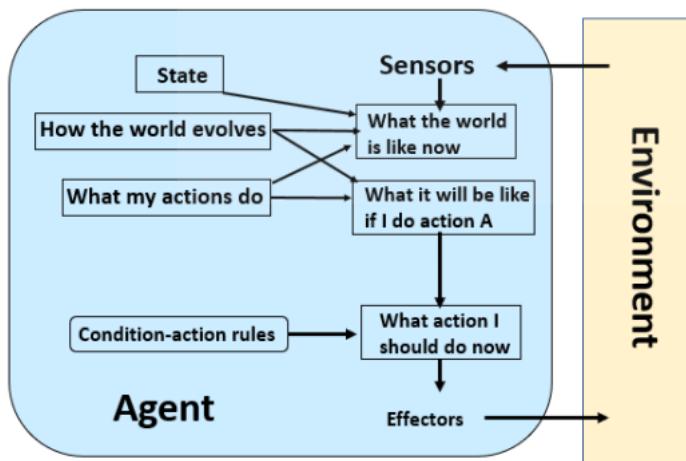
Hence, learning agents are able to learn, analyze performance, and look for new ways to improve the performance.



### Nature of Environments:

The environment is the **Task Environment (problem)** for which the **Rational Agent is the solution**. Any task environment is characterised on the basis of PEAS.

- Performance** – What is the performance characteristic which would either make the agent successful or not. For example, as per the previous example clean floor, optimal energy consumption might be performance measures.
- Environment** – Physical characteristics and constraints expected. For example, wood floors, furniture in the way etc
- Actuators** – The physical or logical constructs which would take action. For example for the vacuum cleaner, these are the suction pumps
- Sensors** – Again physical or logical constructs which would sense the environment.



Rational Agents could be physical agents like the one described above or it could also be a program that operates in a non-physical environment like an operating system. Imagine a bot

web site operator designed to scan Internet news sources and show the interesting items to its users, while selling advertising space to generate revenue.

As another example, consider an online tutoring system

| Agent                  | Performance                   | Environment               | Actuator   | Sensor          |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Math E learning system | SLA defined score on the test | Student, Teacher, parents | Computer display system for exercises, corrections, feedback | Keyboard, Mouse |

Environments can further be classified into various buckets. This would help determine the intelligence which would need to be built in the agent. These are

- **Observable** – Full or Partial? If the agents sensors get full access then they do not need to pre-store any information. Partial may be due to inaccuracy of sensors or incomplete information about an environment, like limited access to enemy territory
- **Number of Agents** – For the vacuum cleaner, it works in a single agent environment but for driver-less taxis, every driver-less taxi is a separate agent and hence multi agent environment
- **Deterministic** – The number of unknowns in the environment which affect the predictability of the environment. For example, floor space for cleaning is mostly deterministic, the furniture is where it is most of the time but taxi driving on a road is non-deterministic.
- **Discrete** – Does the agent respond when needed or does it have to continuously scan the environment. Driver-less is continuous, online tutor is discrete
- **Static** – How often does the environment change. Can the agent learn about the environment and always do the same thing?
- **Episodic** – If the response to a certain precept is not dependent on the previous one i.e. it is stateless (static methods in Java) then it is discrete. If the decision taken now influences the future decisions then it is a sequential environment.

## Agents in Artificial Intelligence

An AI system can be defined as the study of the rational agent and its environment. The agents sense the environment through sensors and act on their environment through actuators. An AI agent can have mental properties such as knowledge, belief, intention, etc.

### What is an Agent?

An agent can be anything that perceives its environment through sensors and act upon that environment through actuators. An Agent runs in the cycle of **perceiving, thinking, and acting**. An agent can be:

- **Human-Agent:** A human agent has eyes, ears, and other organs which work for sensors and hand, legs, vocal tract work for actuators.
- **Robotic Agent:** A robotic agent can have cameras, infrared range finder, NLP for sensors and various motors for actuators.

- **Software Agent:** Software agent can have keystrokes, file contents as sensory input and act on those inputs and display output on the screen.

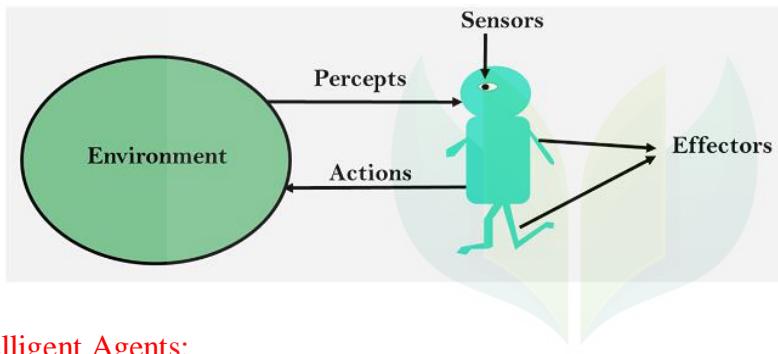
Hence the world around us is full of agents such as thermostat, cellphone, camera, and even we are also agents.

Before moving forward, we should first know about sensors, effectors, and actuators.

**Sensor:** Sensor is a device which detects the change in the environment and sends the information to other electronic devices. An agent observes its environment through sensors.

**Actuators:** Actuators are the component of machines that converts energy into motion. The actuators are only responsible for moving and controlling a system. An actuator can be an electric motor, gears, rails, etc.

**Effectors:** Effectors are the devices which affect the environment. Effectors can be legs, wheels, arms, fingers, wings, fins, and display screen.



### Intelligent Agents:

An intelligent agent is an autonomous entity which act upon an environment using sensors and actuators for achieving goals. An intelligent agent may learn from the environment to achieve their goals. A thermostat is an example of an intelligent agent.

Following are the main four rules for an AI agent:

- **Rule 1:** An AI agent must have the ability to perceive the environment.
- **Rule 2:** The observation must be used to make decisions.
- **Rule 3:** Decision should result in an action.
- **Rule 4:** The action taken by an AI agent must be a rational action.

### Rational Agent:

A rational agent is an agent which has clear preference, models uncertainty, and acts in a way to maximize its performance measure with all possible actions.

A rational agent is said to perform the right things. AI is about creating rational agents to use for game theory and decision theory for various real-world scenarios.

For an AI agent, the rational action is most important because in AI reinforcement learning algorithm, for each best possible action, agent gets the positive reward and for each wrong action, an agent gets a negative reward.

*Note: Rational agents in AI are very similar to intelligent agents.*

### Rationality:

The rationality of an agent is measured by its performance measure. Rationality can be judged on the basis of following points:

- Performance measure which defines the success criterion.
- Agent prior knowledge of its environment.
- Best possible actions that an agent can perform.
- The sequence of percepts.

*Note: Rationality differs from Omniscience because an Omnipotent agent knows the actual outcome of its action and act accordingly, which is not possible in reality.*

### Structure of an AI Agent

The task of AI is to design an agent program which implements the agent function. The structure of an intelligent agent is a combination of architecture and agent program. It can be viewed as:

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

Following are the main three terms involved in the structure of an AI agent:

**Architecture:** Architecture is machinery that an AI agent executes on.

**Agent Function:** Agent function is used to map a percept to an action

$$f:P^* \rightarrow A$$

**Agent program:** Agent program is an implementation of agent function. An agent program executes on the physical architecture to produce function f.

### PEAS Representation

PEAS is a type of model on which an AI agent works upon. When we define an AI agent or rational agent, then we can group its properties under PEAS representation model. It is made up of four words:

- **P:** Performance measure
- **E:** Environment
- **A:** Actuators

- **S:** Sensors

Here performance measure is the objective for the success of an agent's behavior.

**PEAS for self-driving cars:**

Let's suppose a self-driving car then PEAS representation will be:

**Performance:** Safety, time, legal drive, comfort

**Environment:** Roads, other vehicles, road signs, pedestrian

**Actuators:** Steering, accelerator, brake, signal, horn

**Sensors:** Camera, GPS, speedometer, odometer, accelerometer, sonar.

**Example of Agents with their PEAS representation**

| Agent                   | Performance measure   | Environment  | Actuators   | Sensors  |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| 1. Medical Diagnose     | <input type="radio"/> Healthy patient<br><input type="radio"/> Minimized cost   | <input type="radio"/> Patient<br><input type="radio"/> Hospital<br><input type="radio"/> Staff   | <input type="radio"/> Tests<br><input type="radio"/> Treatments   | Keyboard (Entry of symptoms)   |
| 2. Vacuum Cleaner       | <input type="radio"/> Cleanliness<br><input type="radio"/> Efficiency<br><input type="radio"/> Battery life<br><input type="radio"/> Security | <input type="radio"/> Room<br><input type="radio"/> Table<br><input type="radio"/> Wood floor<br><input type="radio"/> Carpet<br><input type="radio"/> Various obstacles | <input type="radio"/> Wheels<br><input type="radio"/> Brushes<br><input type="radio"/> Vacuum Extractor | <input type="radio"/> Camera<br><input type="radio"/> Dirt detection sensor<br><input type="radio"/> Cliff sensor<br><input type="radio"/> Bump Sensor<br><input type="radio"/> Infrared Wall Sensor |
| 3. Part - picking Robot | <input type="radio"/> Percentage of parts in correct bins.  | <input type="radio"/> Conveyor belt with parts,<br><input type="radio"/> Bins  | <input type="radio"/> Jointed Arms<br><input type="radio"/> Hand  | <input type="radio"/> Camera<br><input type="radio"/> Joint angle sensors.   |

## Agent Environment in AI:

An environment is everything in the world which surrounds the agent, but it is not a part of an agent itself. An environment can be described as a situation in which an agent is present.

The environment is where agent lives, operate and provide the agent with something to sense and act upon it. An environment is mostly said to be non-feministic.

## Features of Environment

Environment can have various features from the point of view of an agent:

1. Fully observable vs Partially Observable
2. Static vs Dynamic
3. Discrete vs Continuous
4. Deterministic vs Stochastic
5. Single-agent vs Multi-agent
6. Episodic vs sequential
7. Known vs Unknown
8. Accessible vs Inaccessible

### 1. Fully observable vs Partially Observable:

- If an agent sensor can sense or access the complete state of an environment at each point of time then it is a **fully observable** environment, else it is **partially observable**.
- A fully observable environment is easy as there is no need to maintain the internal state to keep track history of the world.
- An agent with no sensors in all environments then such an environment is called as **unobservable**.

### 2. Deterministic vs Stochastic:

- 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.

### 3. Episodic vs Sequential:

- 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.

### 4. Single-agent vs Multi-agent

- If only one agent is involved in an environment, and operating by itself then such an environment is called single agent environment.
- However, if multiple agents are operating in an environment, then such an environment is called a multi-agent environment.
- The agent design problems in the multi-agent environment are different from single agent environment.

## 5. 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.
- However for dynamic environment, agents need to keep looking at the world at each action.
- Taxi driving is an example of a dynamic environment whereas Crossword puzzles are an example of a static environment.

## 6. 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.

## 7. Known vs Unknown

- Known and unknown are not actually a feature of an environment, but it is an agent's state of knowledge to perform an action.
- In a known environment, the results for all actions are known to the agent. While in unknown environment, agent needs to learn how it works in order to perform an action.
- It is quite possible that a known environment to be partially observable and an Unknown environment to be fully observable.

## 8. 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.
- An empty room whose state can be defined by its temperature is an example of an accessible environment.
- Information about an event on earth is an example of Inaccessible environment.

## Search Algorithms in Artificial Intelligence:

Search algorithms are one of the most important areas of Artificial Intelligence.

### Problem-solving agents:

In Artificial Intelligence, Search techniques are universal problem-solving methods. **Rational agents** or **Problem-solving agents** in AI mostly used these search strategies or algorithms to

solve a specific problem and provide the best result. Problem-solving agents are the goal-based agents and use atomic representation. In this topic, we will learn various problem-solving search algorithms.

## Search Algorithm Terminologies:

- **Search:** Searching is a step by step procedure to solve a search-problem in a given search space. A search problem can have three main factors:
  - a. **Search Space:** Search space represents a set of possible solutions, which a system may have.
  - b. **Start State:** It is a state from where agent begins **the search**.
  - c. **Goal test:** It is a function which observe the current state and returns whether the goal state is achieved or not.

**Search tree:** A tree representation of search problem is called Search tree. The root of the search tree is the root node which is corresponding to the initial state.

**Actions:** It gives the description of all the available actions to the agent.

**Transition model:** A description of what each action do, can be represented as a transition model.

**Path Cost:** It is a function which assigns a numeric cost to each path.

**Solution:** It is an action sequence which leads from the start node to the goal node.

**Optimal Solution:** If a solution has the lowest cost among all solutions.

## Properties of Search Algorithms:

Following are the four essential properties of search algorithms to compare the efficiency of these algorithms:

**Completeness:** A search algorithm is said to be complete if it guarantees to return a solution if at least any solution exists for any random input.

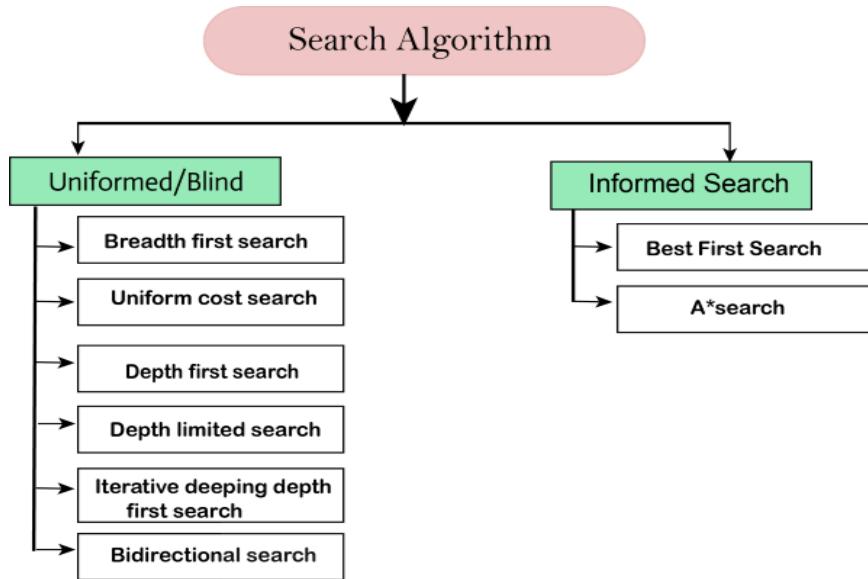
**Optimality:** If a solution found for an algorithm is guaranteed to be the best solution (lowest path cost) among all other solutions, then such a solution for is said to be an optimal solution.

**Time Complexity:** Time complexity is a measure of time for an algorithm to complete its task.

**Space Complexity:** It is the maximum storage space required at any point during the search, as the complexity of the problem.

## Types of search algorithms

Based on the search problems we can classify the search algorithms into uninformed (Blind search) search and informed search (Heuristic search) algorithms.



### Uninformed Search Algorithms:

Uninformed search is a class of general-purpose search algorithms which operates in brute force-way. Uninformed search algorithms do not have additional information about state or search space other than how to traverse the tree, so it is also called blind search.

Following are the various types of uninformed search algorithms:

1. **Breadth-first Search**
2. **Depth-first Search**
3. **Depth-limited Search**
4. **Iterative deepening depth-first search**
5. **Uniform cost search**
6. **Bidirectional Search**

#### 1. Breadth-first Search:

- Breadth-first search is the most common search strategy for traversing a tree or graph. This algorithm searches breadthwise in a tree or graph, so it is called breadth-first search.
- BFS algorithm starts searching from the root node of the tree and expands all successor node at the current level before moving to nodes of next level.
- The breadth-first search algorithm is an example of a general-graph search algorithm.
- Breadth-first search implemented using FIFO queue data structure.

#### Advantages:

- BFS will provide a solution if any solution exists.
- If there are more than one solutions for a given problem, then BFS will provide the minimal solution which requires the least number of steps.

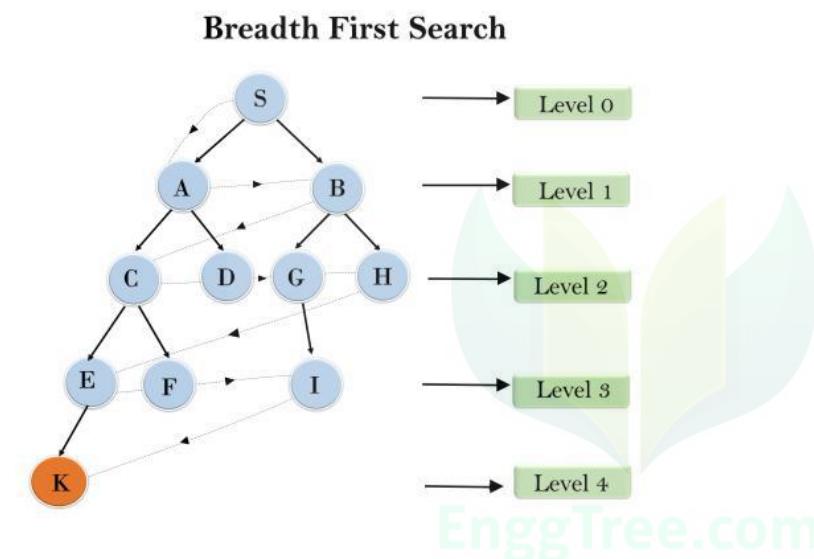
**Disadvantages:**

- It requires lots of memory since each level of the tree must be saved into memory to expand the next level.
- BFS needs lots of time if the solution is far away from the root node.

**Example:**

In the below tree structure, we have shown the traversing of the tree using BFS algorithm from the root node S to goal node K. BFS search algorithm traverse in layers, so it will follow the path which is shown by the dotted arrow, and the traversed path will be:

S---> A--->B--->C--->D--->G--->H--->E--->F--->I--->K



**Time Complexity:** Time Complexity of BFS algorithm can be obtained by the number of nodes traversed in BFS until the shallowest Node. Where the  $d$ = depth of shallowest solution and  $b$  is a node at every state.

$$T(b) = 1+b^2+b^3+\dots+b^d= O(b^d)$$

**Space Complexity:** Space complexity of BFS algorithm is given by the Memory size of frontier which is  $O(b^d)$ .

**Completeness:** BFS is complete, which means if the shallowest goal node is at some finite depth, then BFS will find a solution.

**Optimality:** BFS is optimal if path cost is a non-decreasing function of the depth of the node.

## 2. Depth-first Search

- Depth-first search is a recursive algorithm for traversing a tree or graph data structure.

- It is called the depth-first search because it starts from the root node and follows each path to its greatest depth node before moving to the next path.
- DFS uses a stack data structure for its implementation.
- The process of the DFS algorithm is similar to the BFS algorithm.

*Note: Backtracking is an algorithm technique for finding all possible solutions using recursion.*

### Advantage:

- DFS requires very less memory as it only needs to store a stack of the nodes on the path from root node to the current node.
- It takes less time to reach to the goal node than BFS algorithm (if it traverses in the right path).

### Disadvantage:

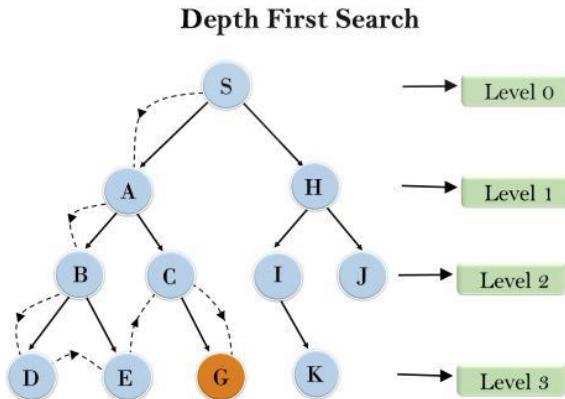
- There is the possibility that many states keep re-occurring, and there is no guarantee of finding the solution.
- DFS algorithm goes for deep down searching and sometime it may go to the infinite loop.

### Example:

In the below search tree, we have shown the flow of depth-first search, and it will follow the order as:

Root node--->Left node ----> right node.

It will start searching from root node S, and traverse A, then B, then D and E, after traversing E, it will backtrack the tree as E has no other successor and still goal node is not found. After backtracking it will traverse node C and then G, and here it will terminate as it found goal node.



**Completeness:** DFS search algorithm is complete within finite state space as it will expand every node within a limited search tree.

**Time Complexity:** Time complexity of DFS will be equivalent to the node traversed by the algorithm. It is given by:

$$T(n) = 1 + n^2 + n^3 + \dots + n^m = O(n^m)$$

**Where, m= maximum depth of any node and this can be much larger than d (Shallowest solution depth)**

**Space Complexity:** DFS algorithm needs to store only single path from the root node, hence space complexity of DFS is equivalent to the size of the fringe set, which is **O(bm)**.

**Optimal:** DFS search algorithm is non-optimal, as it may generate a large number of steps or high cost to reach to the goal node.

### 3. Depth-Limited Search Algorithm:

A depth-limited search algorithm is similar to depth-first search with a predetermined limit. Depth-limited search can solve the drawback of the infinite path in the Depth-first search. In this algorithm, the node at the depth limit will treat as it has no successor nodes further.

Depth-limited search can be terminated with two Conditions of failure:

- Standard failure value: It indicates that problem does not have any solution.
- Cutoff failure value: It defines no solution for the problem within a given depth limit.

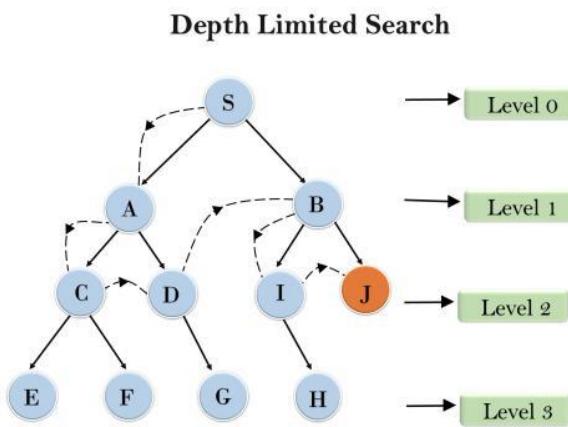
#### Advantages:

Depth-limited search is Memory efficient.

#### Disadvantages:

- Depth-limited search also has a disadvantage of incompleteness.

#### Example:



**Completeness:** DLS search algorithm is complete if the solution is above the depth-limit.

**Time Complexity:** Time complexity of DLS algorithm is  $O(b^l)$ .

**Space Complexity:** Space complexity of DLS algorithm is  $O(b \times l)$ .

**Optimal:** Depth-limited search can be viewed as a special case of DFS, and it is also not optimal even if  $l > d$ .

#### 4. Uniform-cost Search Algorithm:

Uniform-cost search is a searching algorithm used for traversing a weighted tree or graph. This algorithm comes into play when a different cost is available for each edge. The primary goal of the uniform-cost search is to find a path to the goal node which has the lowest cumulative cost. Uniform-cost search expands nodes according to their path costs from the root node. It can be used to solve any graph/tree where the optimal cost is in demand. A uniform-cost search algorithm is implemented by the priority queue. It gives maximum priority to the lowest cumulative cost. Uniform cost search is equivalent to BFS algorithm if the path cost of all edges is the same.

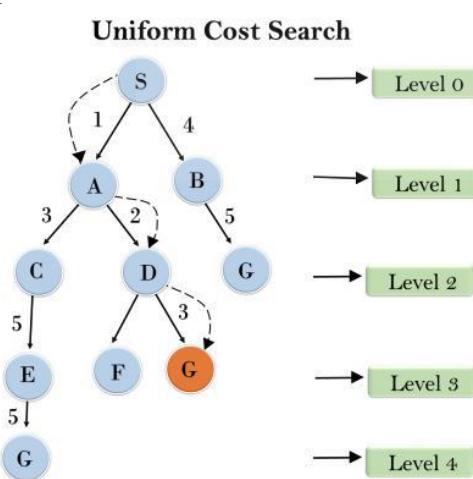
##### Advantages:

- Uniform cost search is optimal because at every state the path with the least cost is chosen.

##### Disadvantages:

- It does not care about the number of steps involved in searching and only concerned about path cost. Due to which this algorithm may be stuck in an infinite loop.

##### Example:



##### Completeness:

Uniform-cost search is complete, such as if there is a solution, UCS will find it.

### Time Complexity:

Let  $C^*$  is Cost of the optimal solution, and  $\epsilon$  is each step to get closer to the goal node. Then the number of steps is  $= C^*/\epsilon + 1$ . Here we have taken  $+1$ , as we start from state 0 and end to  $C^*/\epsilon$ .

Hence, the worst-case time complexity of Uniform-cost search is  $O(b^{1 + \lceil C^*/\epsilon \rceil})$ .

### Space Complexity:

The same logic is for space complexity so, the worst-case space complexity of Uniform-cost search is  $O(b^{1 + \lceil C^*/\epsilon \rceil})$ .

### Optimal:

Uniform-cost search is always optimal as it only selects a path with the lowest path cost.

## 5. Iterative deepeningdepth-first Search:

The iterative deepening algorithm is a combination of DFS and BFS algorithms. This search algorithm finds out the best depth limit and does it by gradually increasing the limit until a goal is found.

This algorithm performs depth-first search up to a certain "depth limit", and it keeps increasing the depth limit after each iteration until the goal node is found.

This Search algorithm combines the benefits of Breadth-first search's fast search and depth-first search's memory efficiency.

The iterative search algorithm is useful uninformed search when search space is large, and depth of goal node is unknown.

### Advantages:

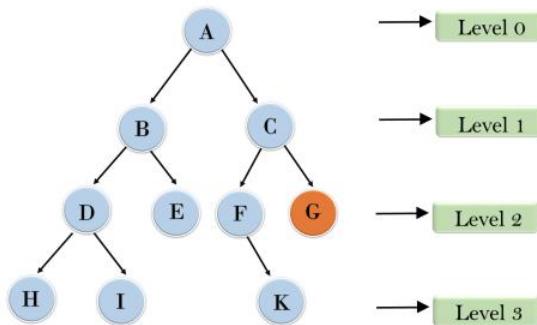
- It combines the benefits of BFS and DFS search algorithm in terms of fast search and memory efficiency.

### Disadvantages:

- The main drawback of IDDFS is that it repeats all the work of the previous phase.

### Example:

Following tree structure is showing the iterative deepening depth-first search. IDDFS algorithm performs various iterations until it does not find the goal node. The iteration performed by the algorithm is given as:

**Iterative deepening depth first search**

1<sup>st</sup> Iteration----> A

2<sup>nd</sup> Iteration----> A, B, C

3<sup>rd</sup> Iteration----->A, B, D, E, C, F, G

4<sup>th</sup> Iteration----->A, B, D, H, I, E, C, F, K, G

In the fourth iteration, the algorithm will find the goal node.

**Completeness:**

This algorithm is complete if the branching factor is finite.

**Time Complexity:**

Let's suppose b is the branching factor and depth is d then the worst-case time complexity is  $O(b^d)$ .

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**Space Complexity:**

The space complexity of IDDFS will be  $O(bd)$ .

**Optimal:**

IDDFS algorithm is optimal if path cost is a non-decreasing function of the depth of the node.

**6. Bidirectional Search Algorithm:**

Bidirectional search algorithm runs two simultaneous searches, one from initial state called as forward-search and other from goal node called as backward-search, to find the goal node. Bidirectional search replaces one single search graph with two small subgraphs in which one starts the search from an initial vertex and other starts from goal vertex. The search stops when these two graphs intersect each other.

Bidirectional search can use search techniques such as BFS, DFS, DLS, etc.