Department of Computer Engineering

T.E. (Computer Sem VI) Assignment -1 Artificial Intelligence (CSC604)

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CO Addressed:–CSC604.1 -To conceptualize the basic ideas and techniques underlying the design of intelligent systems.

Assignment 1:

1. Explain the concept of rationality in the context of intelligent agents. How does rationality relate to the behavior of agents in their environments? Provide examples to illustrate your explanation.
2. Discuss the nature of environments in which intelligent agents operate. What are the key characteristics that define an environment, and how do they influence the design and behavior of agents? Provide examples of different types of environments and the challenges they present to agents.
3. Describe the structure of intelligent agents and the types of agents commonly used in artificial intelligence. What are the components of an agent, and how do they interact to achieve intelligent behavior? Provide examples of different types of agents and their applications in real-world scenarios.
4. Outline the process of problem-solving by searching, including the role of problem-solving agents and the formulation of problems. How do problem-solving agents analyze and approach problems, and what methods do they use to search for solutions? Illustrate your explanation with examples of problem-solving tasks and the strategies employed by agents to solve them.

Rubrics for the First Assignments:

Indicator	Average	Good	Excellent	Marks
Organization (2)	Readable with some missing points and structured (1)	Readable with improved points coverage and structured (1)	Very well written and fully structured	
Level of content(4)	All major topics are covered, the information is accurate (2)	Most major and some minor criteria are included. Information is accurate (3)	All major and minor criteria are covered and are accurate (4)	
Depth and breadth of discussion and representation(4)	Minor points/information maybe missing and	Discussion focused on some points and covers themadequately (2)	Information is presented indepth and is accurate (4)	

	representation isminimal (1)			
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→Q1) Rationality in the context of intelligent agents refers to the ability of an agent to make decisions that are optimal or at least satisfactory given its goals, knowledge, & the information available to it. It involves selecting actions that maximize the agent's expected utility or achieve its objectives to the best of its ability.

Rationality is closely related to the behaviour of agents in their environments in several ways:

1. Optimal Decision Making: Rational agents strive to make decisions that lead to best possible outcomes given their objective & the information available to them. This often involves evaluating different courses of action & selecting the one that maximizes expected utility. For example, a rational chess-playing agent would consider all possible moves & choose the one that maximizes its chances of winning the game

2. Adaptation to Environment: Rational agents to different environments by learning from feedback and adjusting their strategies. For ex:- a rational robotic vacuum cleaner learns to navigate better & avoid obstacles over time.

3. Consistency: Rational agents behave consistently according to their goals & beliefs. They always choose actions that align with their objectives & logical principles. For instance; a rational economic agent consistently maximizes its utility

based on preferences & constraints.

4) Efficiency :- Rational agents aim for efficient goal achievement, minimizing resources & effort. For ex:- a rational factory system optimizes production to save energy & maximize output.

5) Trade-offs: Rational agents make trade-offs between competing goals. For ex:- a rational personal assistant balances prompt responses with conserving battery life on a mobile device.

→ Q2) The nature of environments in which intelligent operate varies widely, influencing their design & behaviour. key characteristics defining environments includes. :-

1. Observability: Whether an agent has full access to the environment's state or partial access. In fully observable environments, agents have complete information, while in particular observable environments, they must make decisions based on incomplete information.

2. Determinism: Whether the next state of the environment is completely determined by current state & agent's actions. In deterministic environments, actions have predictable outcomes, whereas in stochastic environments, outcomes involve some level of randomness.

3. Episodic vs Sequential: Episodic environments have clear breaks between actions, while sequential environments involve ongoing decision making.

4. Static vs Dynamic: Whether the environment changes while the agents is deliberating. Static environments remain constant, while dynamic environments change over time, requiring agents to adapt their strategies.

5. Discrete vs Continuous: Whether the environment's state & agent's actions are discrete or continuous. Discrete environments have distinct states & actions, while continuous environments involve a continuous range of possibilities.

Characteristics:

- Sensing & Perception - Agents must employ sensors to perceive their environment accurately. In partially observable environment, agents may need sophisticated sensing techniques to infer hidden information.
- Decision Making - The type of environment determines the complexity of decision-making algorithms. In stochastic environments, agents may need to account for uncertainty & plan probabilistically.
- Learning & Adaptation - Agents operating in dynamic environments must continuously learn & adapt to changes. Reinforcement learning techniques are often used to train agents to make optimal decisions over tim

Examples of different environments present unique challenges to intelligent agents:

1. Fully observable Deterministic: In games like chess, where everything is visible & outcomes are predictable, agents must search for the best moves.

2. Partially Observable Stochastic: In autonomous driving, dealing with uncertain traffic & limited visibility requires decisions based on incomplete information.

3. Dynamic Continuous: Stock market trading is rapidly changing conditions demand quick adaptation & decision-making influenced by other traders.

→ Q3) The structure of intelligent agents consists of several components that work together to achieve intelligent behaviour. It includes:-

1. Perception - The agent's ability to perceive its environment through sensors or input devices. Perception allows the agent to gather information about its surroundings.

2. Knowledge Base - Storing information about the environment, past experiences & goals.

3. Reasoning & Decision Making: Analyzing current state, available actions & goals to make decisions, using logic or machine learning.

4. Action - Implementing decisions by acting upon the environment, ranging from physical to generating outputs.

Types of intelligent agents include:

1. Simplex Reflex Agents: Make decisions based only on current input, following predefined rules. Ex- Thermostat adjusting temperature.
2. Model-Based Reflex Agents: Use internal models to consider past experiences & predict outcomes. Examp- Chess program analyzing future moves.
3. Goal-Based Agents: Have explicit goals & select actions to achieve them. Ex:- Delivery robot navigating to deliver packages.
4. Utility-Based Agents - Maximize utility by evaluating outcomes Ex-Financial trading algorithm maximizing profit.
5. Learning Agents - Improve over time by learning from experience. Ex- Recommendation system adjusting to user preferences.

→ Q4) Problem-solving by searching involves a problem-solving agent navigating through a search space to find a solution to a given problem. The process includes:-

1. Problem Formulation - Defining the initial state, goal state & all possible actions to transition between states.
2. Search space Exploration - Navigating through all possible states & actions from the initial state towards the goal state.
3. Search strategy Selection - Using efficient strategies like bfs, dfs, heuristic-based or informed search

methods to explore the search space.

4) Node Expansion & Evaluation - Expanding nodes representing states & evaluating their proximity to goal state.

5) Solution Retrieval - Once a solution is found, retrieving it from the search space as a sequence of actions transforming the initial state to goal state.

Problem-solving agents explore the search space using methods like:

1. BFS: Searches all states at a given depth level before deeper ~~extract~~ exploration. Guarantees shallowest solution but may need lots of money.
2. DFS: Explores as far as possible along each branch before backtracking. Require less memory but may not find the shortest solution & can get stuck in infinite loops.
3. Heuristic Search: Uses problem-specific heuristic to guide towards promising paths. Example:- A* search with a heuristic estimating the cost to reach goal.
4. Iterative Deepening Depth-First Search (IDDFS): Gradually increases depth limit of a DFS until a solution is found. Combines benefits of BFS & DFS.

Problem-solving tasks & strategies include:

1. 8-puzzle - Agents find a sequence of moves to rearrange tiles from an initial to a goal configuration. They use BFS or A* search with a heuristic based on misplaced tiles.
2. Route Planning - Agents search for the shortest path between locations on a map, considering obstacles. They may use Dijkstra's algorithm or A* search with a heuristic based on distance.
3. Chess Playing - Agents search for winning moves using heuristic search algorithms like Minmax with Alpha-Beta Pruning to evaluate & anticipate opponent's responses.

Problem-solving agents use systematic search strategies to explore the search space, adapting based on problem characteristics & constraints.