CSC 520-001

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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Study Guide for First Midterm Exam T 21 SEP

This guide is now (1728 R 16 SEP) more or less final.

- 1. Russell & Norvig (RN) Chapters 1-2, 3.1 to 3.3 (plus small parts of 7-9 for the logic)
- 2. Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
 - Engineering focus vs. Psychology focus: tool building vs. modeling human intelligence
 - Thinking/acting rationally vs. thinking/acting like humans
 - The "Laws of Thought"
 - The Turing Test
 - Representation and reasoning as the basis for all AI
 - o Overlaps with other disciplines
 - Facets of AI: types of applications
- 3. Agents, Intelligent and Otherwise
 - PEAS
 - Performance measure (P)
 - Environment knowledge (E)
 - Action set (A)
 - Percept sequences (S)
 - Agents, environments, percepts, actions, sensors, effectors
 - Varieties of environments
 - Agent architecture: table-driven, simple reflex, model-based, goal-based, utility-based agents
 - Learning agents
- 4. Logical Representation and Reasoning
 - Logical Representation 1: Propositional Logic
 - Syntax:
 - Propositional symbols
 - Propositions
 - Other logical symbols
 - Literals, clauses, empty clause
 - Semantics:
 - Interpretation (truth value assignment)
 - Validity, satisfiability, unsatisfiability
 - Logical entailment, double-turnstile notation
 - Conjunctive normal form
 - Logical Reasoning 1: Propositional Resolution
 - Rules of inference: *modus ponens* and *modus tollens*
 - Above-the-line-below-the-line, single turnstile notation
 - Propositional resolution, resolvents

- Knowledge base, conclusion, automated deduction via resolution
- Resolution as a search problem, possible heuristics
- Logical Representation 2: First-Order Predicate Logic (FOPL)
 - Syntax:
 - Constant, variable, function, and predicate symbols
 - Universal and existential quantifiers and other logical symbols
 - Terms
 - Atoms, literals, clauses, ground clauses, empty clause
 - Well-formed formulas (WFFs)
 - Semantics:
 - Universe of discourse
 - Interpretations
 - Validity, satisfiability, unsatisfiability
 - Logical entailment, double-turnstile notation
 - Conjunctive normal form
- Logical Reasoning 2: FOPL Resolution
 - Substitution, unification, unifying substitution, most general substitution
 - FOPL resolution, resolvents
 - Knowledge base, conclusion, automated deduction in FOPL
 - Resolution as a search problem, possible heuristics
- 5. Logic Programming and Prolog
 - Horn clauses, syntax for rules and facts
 - The heuristic used in Prolog search (resolve most-recent vs. least-recent, left-to-right)
 - Declarative vs. procedural views of logic programs
 - Basic operation of a Prolog interpreter, simple programs
 - The 4-port (CALL, EXIT, FAIL, REDO) execution model
 - Recursion, backtracking, cut
 - Basic design patterns in Prolog programs
 - Prolog example implementations for all material below
- 6. Basic Representation+Reasoning 3: State Spaces and Search
 - State spaces and search spaces
 - State graphs and search graphs
 - Labeled graphs, weighted graphs, edge weights
 - Successor, predecessor, ancestor, descendent, path, path cost
 - Branching factor, solution depth
 - Asymptotically estimating graph size
 - Successors and operators/actions
 - Enabled operators
 - Successor generation
 - Node expansion
 - Initial and goal states
 - Uninformed Search
 - For all methods: time/space complexities, difficulties, advantages/disadvantages
 - Depth-first search
 - Breadth-first search

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