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# **Intelligent Agents & Problem Solving**



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### **Outline**

- Intelligent Agents
- Rationality and Environment Types
- Problem Solving by Search

### Reading:

Chapter 3-4 of Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach

- ☐ Rationality: the quality of being based on or in accordance with reason or logic.
- ☐ TR: rasyonellik, mantık
- A rational person is someone who is sensible and is able to make decisions based on intelligent thinking rather than on emotion.



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# **Intelligent Agents**

An intelligent agent is an entity that perceives its environment through sensors and acts upon it through actuators



Robot Vacuum Cleaner

- Perceives
  - Clean/Dirty
- Acts
  - Move/Clean



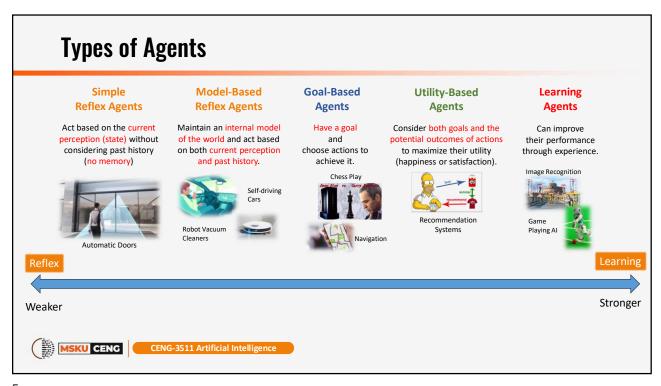
Robot Car in Maze

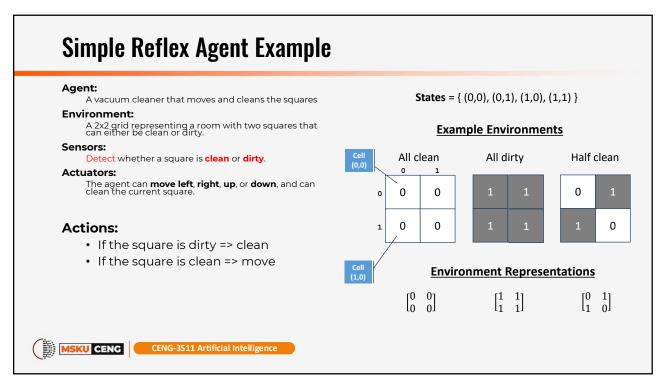
- Perceives
  - Open/Wall
- Acts
  - Move/Turn

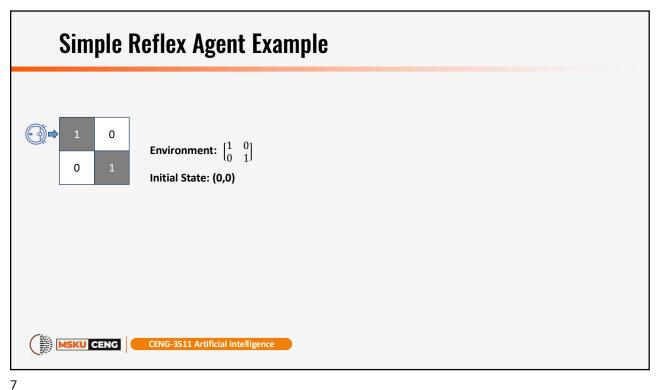


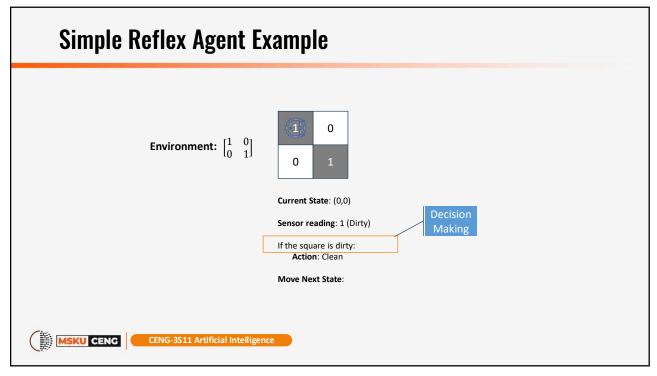
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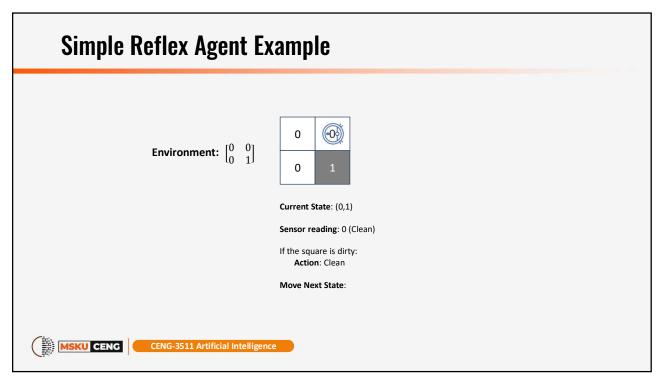


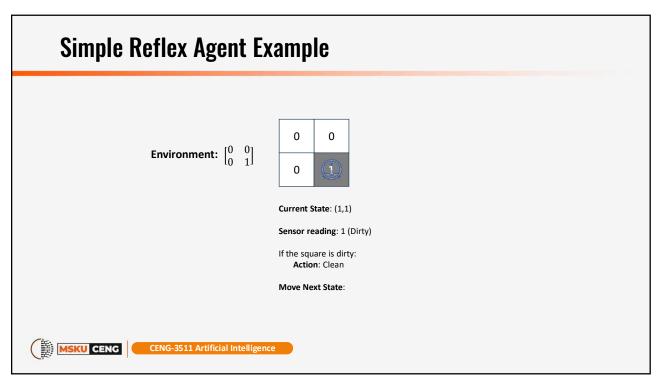


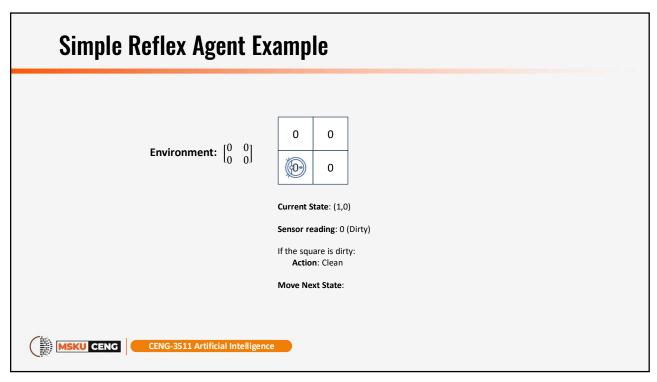


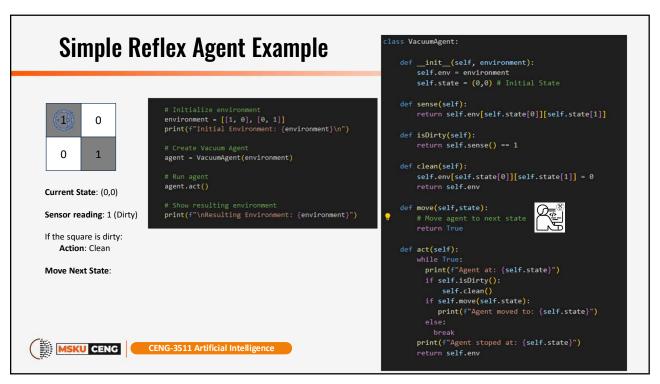


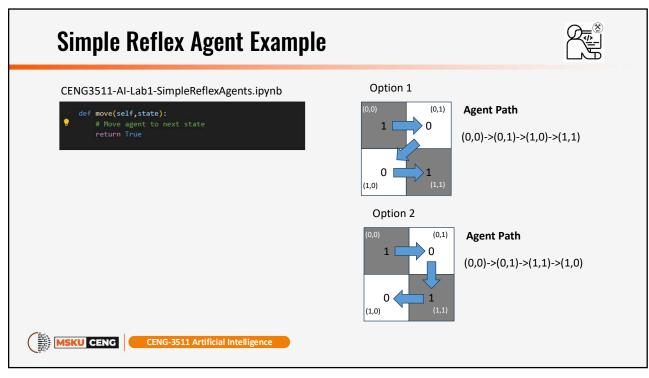














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Rational agents choose the best possible action by evaluating possible outcomes and selecting the one that maximizes utility.

This involves considering both the available data and the potential consequences of actions.



# **Examples of Rational Behavior in Al Agents**

### **Self-Driving Cars**

A self-driving car approaches a pedestrian crossing.

Based on its sensors and data,
the rational action would be to slow down or stop,

ensuring the pedestrian's safety.

It calculates this as the best action because it aligns with its goal to avoid accidents, which would incur legal and safety consequences.





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# **Examples of Rational Behavior in Al Agents**

### **Recommendation Systems**

(Netflix, Youtube, Spotify, X, TikToc,etc)

These systems suggest content based on a user's past preferences and interactions.

The rational action here is to recommend items that

- maximize user engagement,
- · driving longer session times and
- · satisfaction.

It calculates this as the best action because it aligns with its goal to make the **best recommendations** that would maximize the profit.



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# **Environment Types**

- 1. Observability: Fully Observable vs Partially Observable
- 2. Determinism: Deterministic vs Stochastic
- 3. Temporal Dimension: Episodic vs Sequential
- 4. Environment Changes: Static vs Dynamic
- 5. State/Action Spaces: Discrete vs Continuous



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## **Observability**

- Fully Observable: The agent has complete access to the relevant environment information at each point in time.
  - **Example**: Chess– the positions of all pieces are fully visible to both players at all times.
- Partially Observable: The agent only has access to partial information about the environment.
  - **Example**: Poker players do not know the cards held by their opponents.



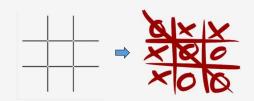




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### **Determinism**

- **Deterministic**: The next state of the environment is entirely determined by the current state and the action performed by the agent.
  - **Example**: Tic-Tac-Toe the results of placing a symbol on the board are deterministic.



- Stochastic: The next state is not fully predictable, and there is some randomness or uncertainty involved
  - Example: Rolling dice in board games like Monopoly or Backgammon (Tavla) – outcomes depend on probability.





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## **Temporal Dimension**

- **Episodic**: Each agent's action is an independent episode, with no influence on future actions or states.
  - **Example**: Image classification each image is classified independently without affecting other classifications.
- **Sequential**: Current actions influence future states and decisions.
  - **Example**: Sudoku Each move (filling in a number) affects the future state of the puzzle.





CAT, DOG, DUCK

### Sudoku

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4			3
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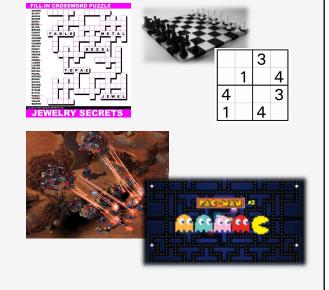


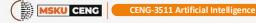


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# **Environment Changes**

- Static: The environment remains unchanged while the agent makes decisions.
  - Example: Crossword puzzle the puzzle doesn't change while you solve it.
- **Dynamic**: The environment can change while the agent is deciding or acting.
  - **Example**: Real-time strategy games (StarCraft) - the game continues and evolves as the player acts.





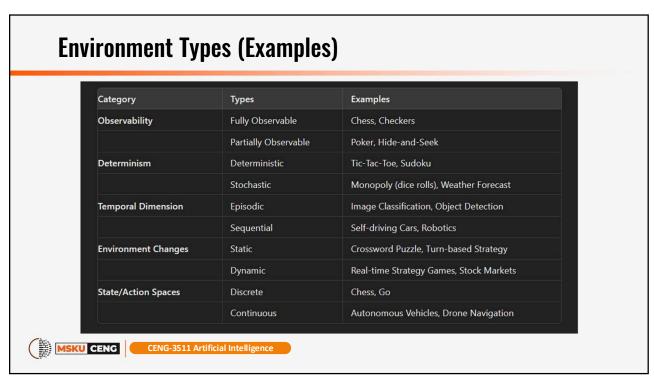
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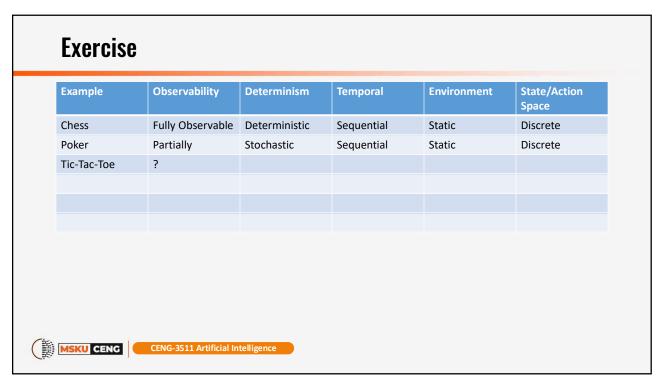
### **State/Action Spaces**

- Discrete: The environment has a finite set of states or actions.
  - Example: Board games like Chess or Go - there are a limited number of moves at any point.
- Continuous: The environment has a potentially infinite number of states or actions.
  - Example: Robot motion planning - the robot can move in continuous space with infinite possible positions.

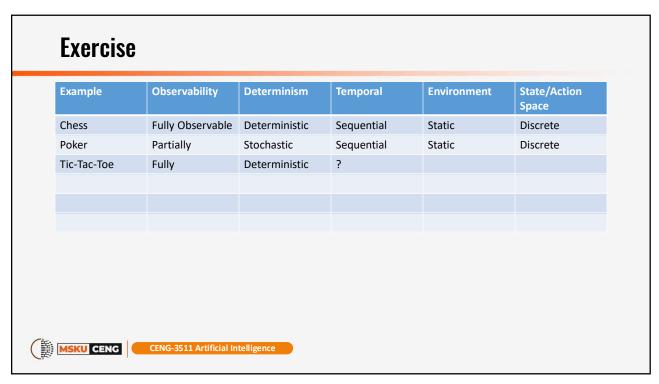




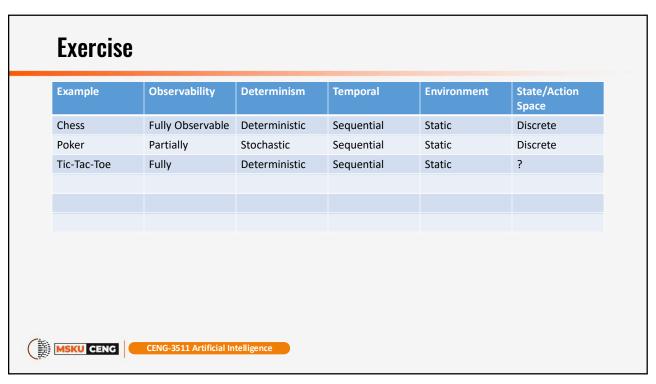




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Driving a Car	?	?	?	?	?
Image Classification	?	?	?	?	?
Pac-Man	?	?	?	?	?
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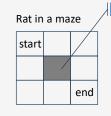
### **Key Components:**

**State Space:** The set of all possible states that can be reached from the initial state.

**Actions:** The possible operations that can be performed to transition from one state to another.

**Initial State:** The starting point of the search. **Goal State:** The desired end state that signifies a solution.

**Solution:** A sequence of actions that leads from the initial state to the goal state.



Obstacle

State Space: { all cells except for (1,1) }
Actions: "UDLR"

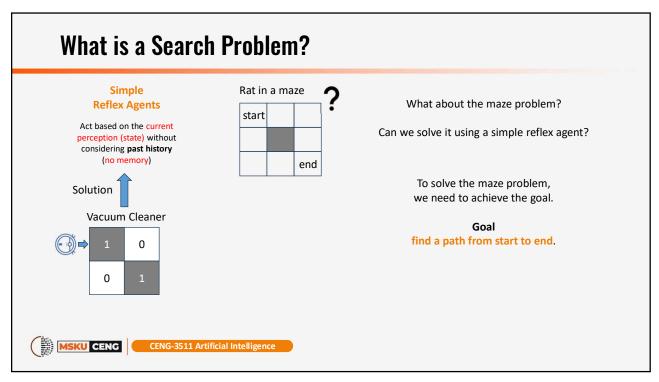
•U(p), D(own), L(eft), R(ight)

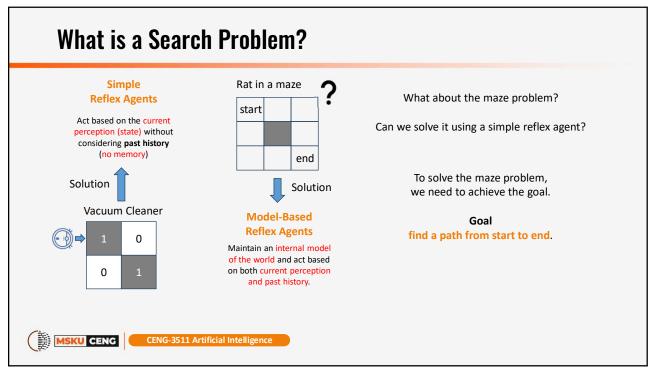
Initial State: (0,0)
Goal State: (2,2)

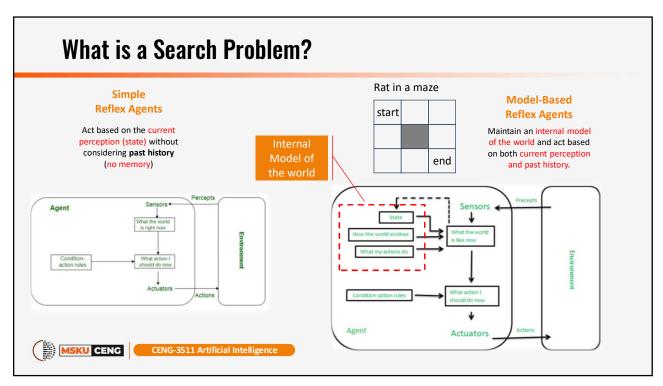
Solution: "RRDD" or "DDRR"

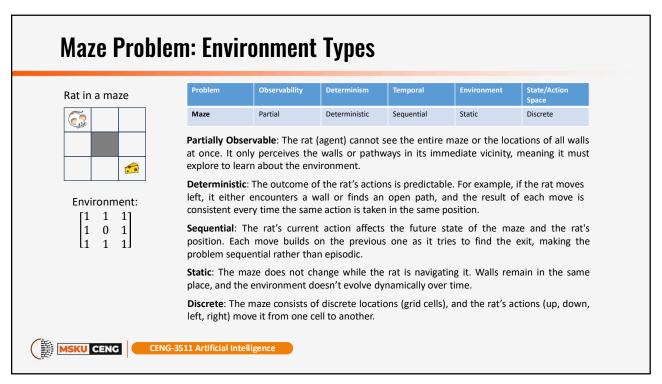


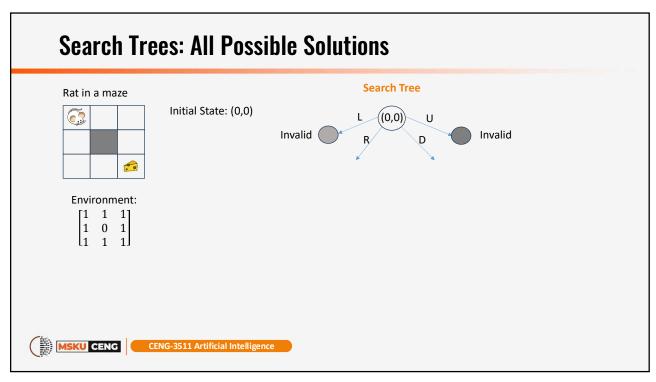
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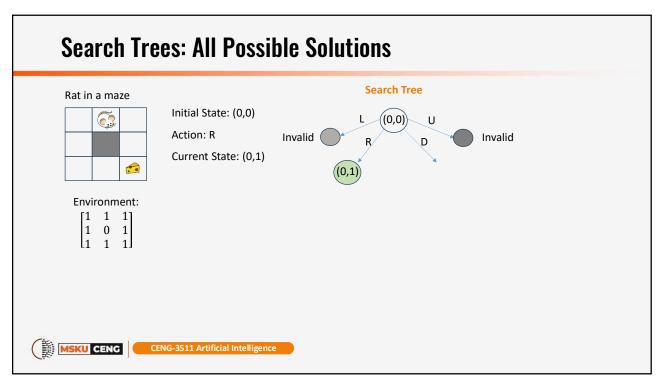


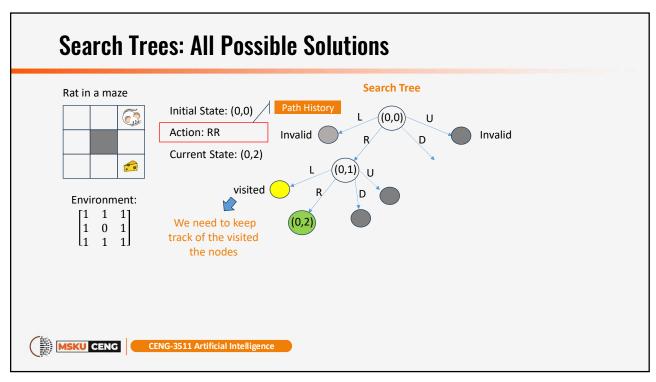


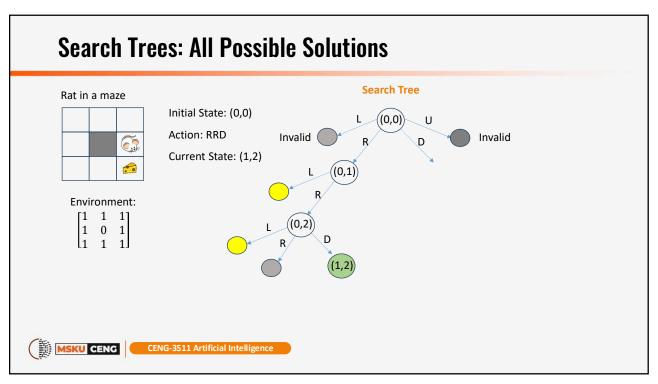


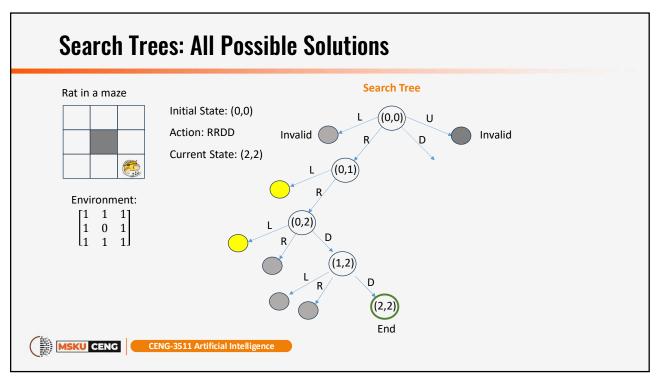


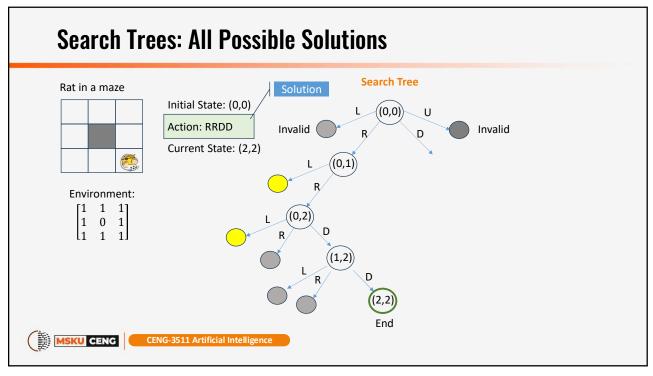


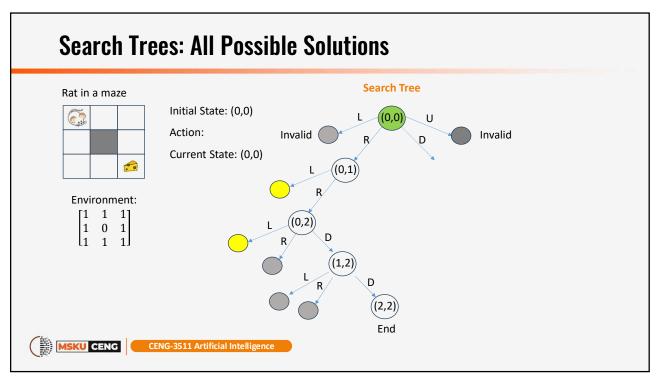


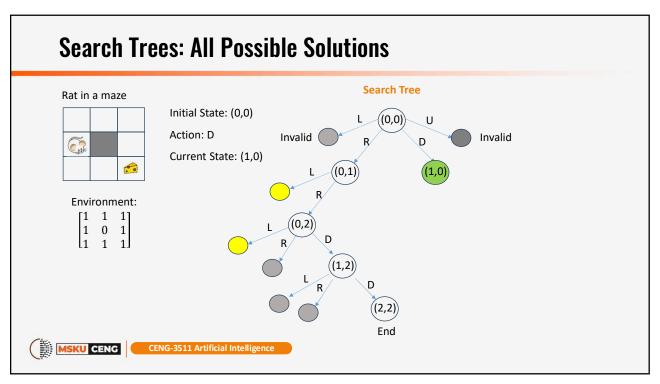


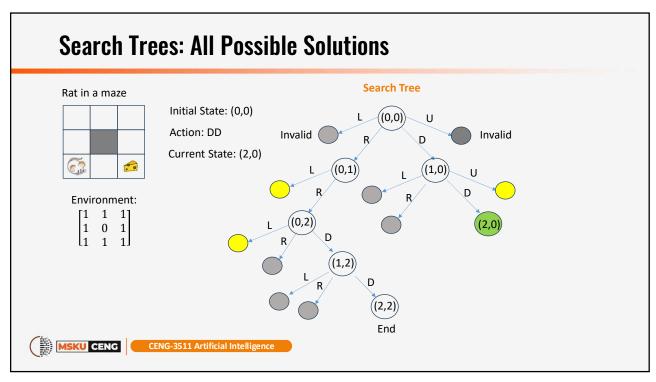


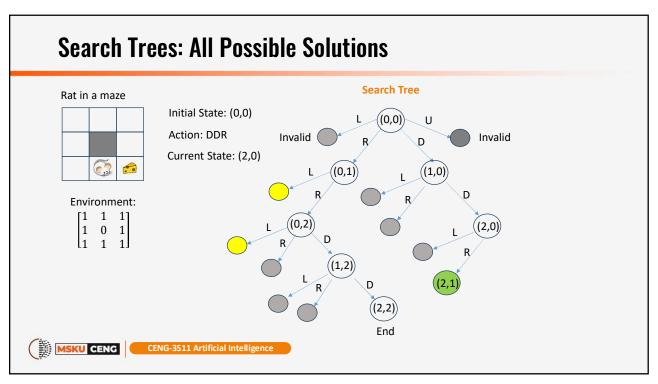


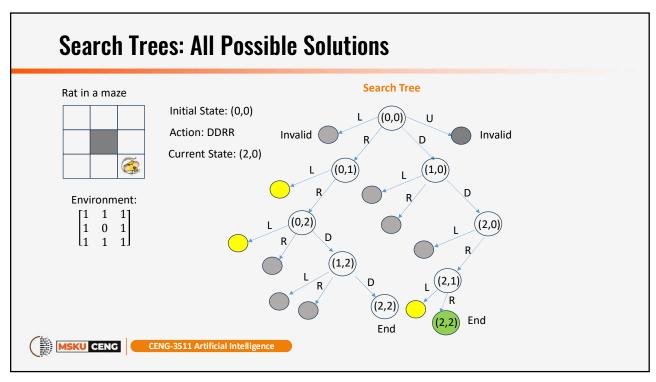


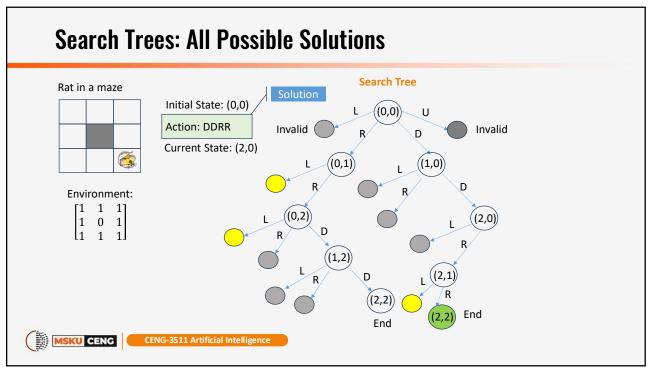


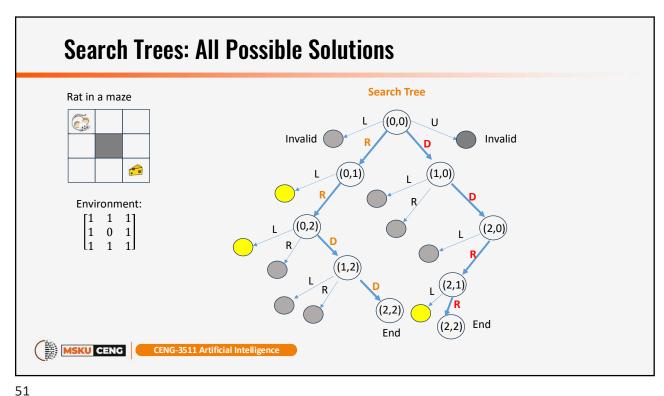


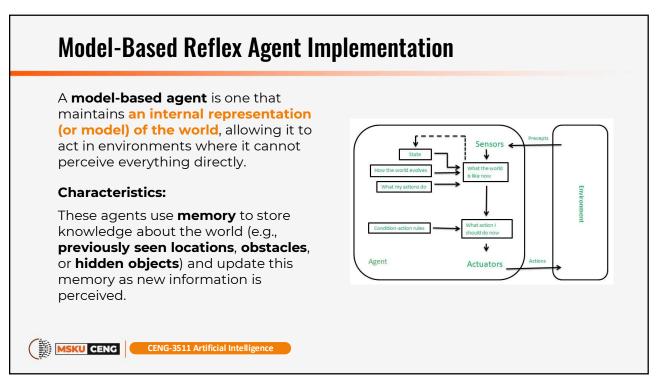


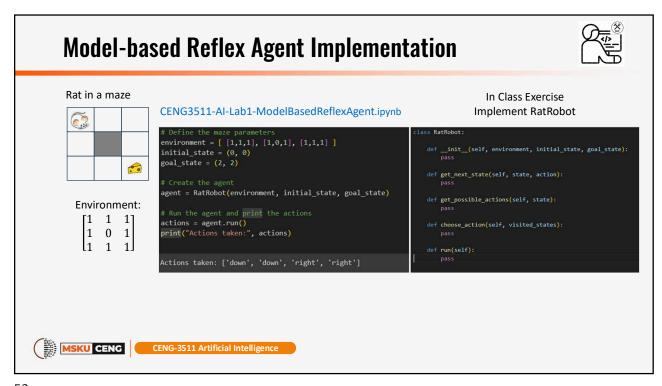




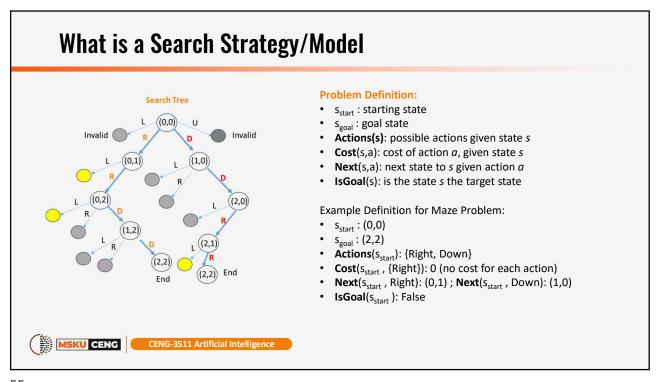


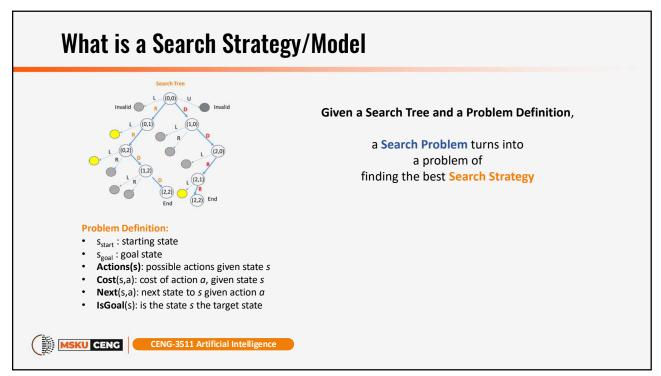


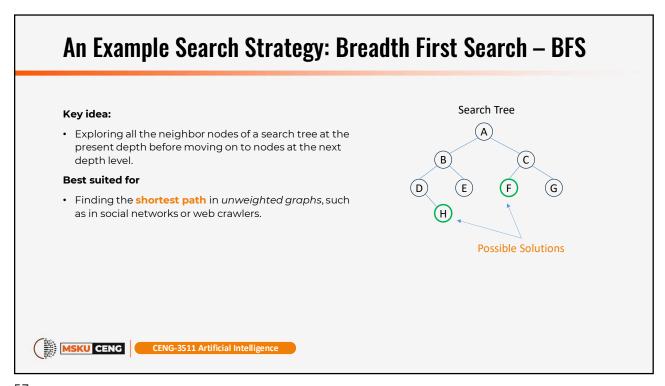


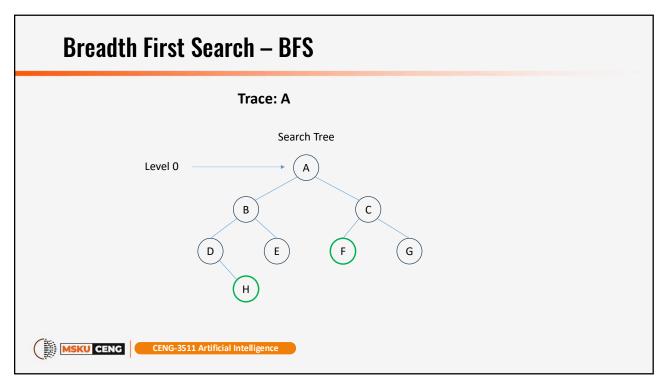


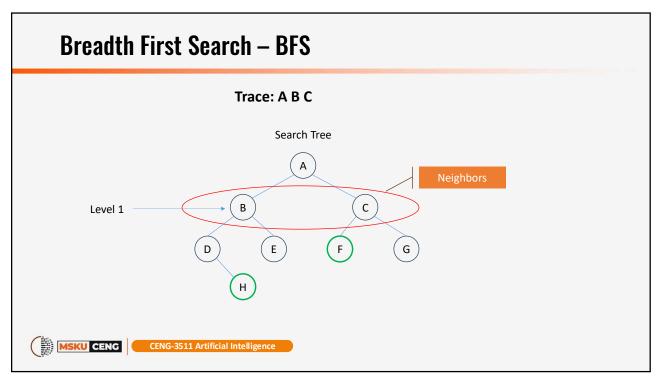


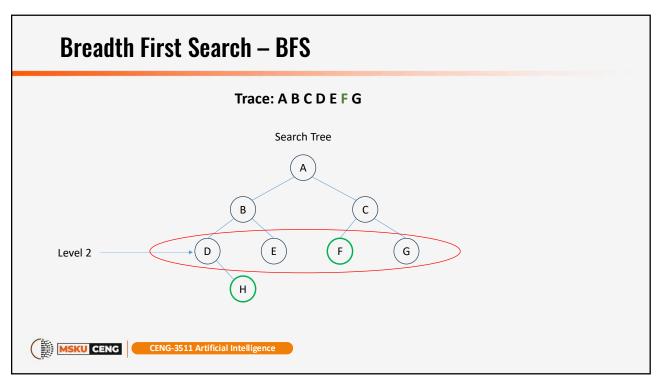


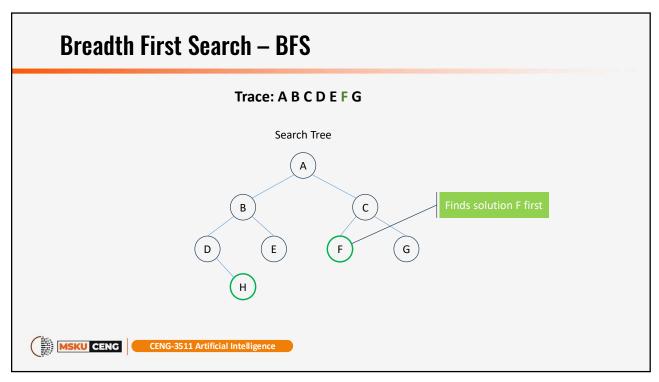


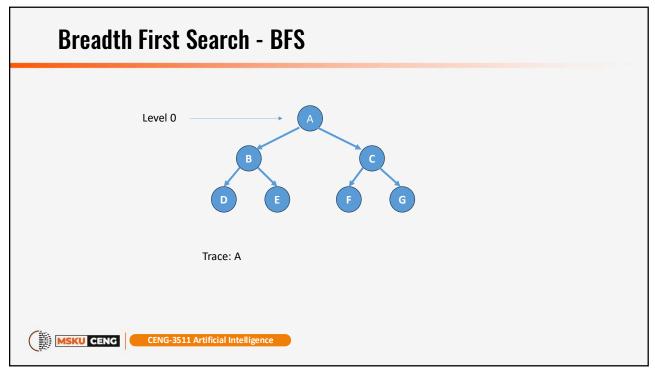


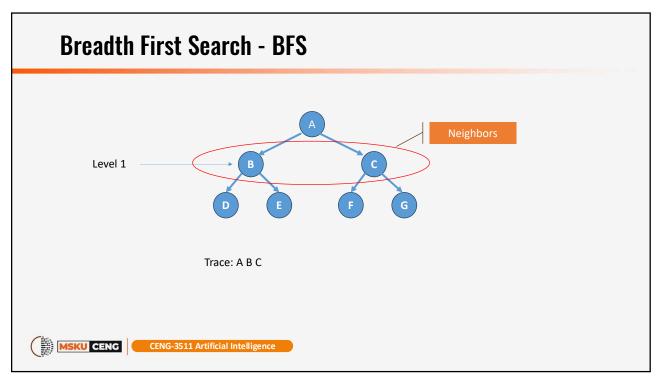


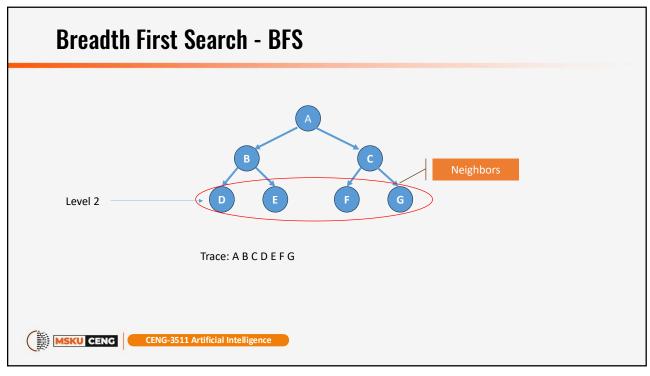












# Depth First Search - DFS Key Idea: • exploring as far as possible along each branch before backtracking Best suited for • Problems where we need to explore the depth of a tree/graph, such as solving mazes, or when searching in infinite spaces. CENG-3511 Artificial Intelligence

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