

Time: 30 minutes

Max. Marks: 10

Name and Roll No.: _____

Instructions:

- Do not plagiarize. Do not assist your classmates in plagiarism.
- Show your full solution for the questions to get full credit.
- Attempt all questions that you can.
- True / False questions will get full credit only if the justification and answer are both correct.
- A multiple choice question may have one or more correct answers. Credit will only be awarded if all correct answers are marked and none of the incorrect answers are marked.
- Match the following questions will have partial grading.
- In the unlikely case that you find a question ambiguous, discuss it with an invigilating TA/invigilator. Please ensure that you clearly write any assumptions you make, even after clarification from the invigilator.

V. Imp.: If you do not write your **Name and Roll No.**, you will get a zero.

1. (2 points) Rank the following on how well the entities on the right satisfy the property listed on the left. Write your answer in the form of $X > Y > Z$.

- a) Fully Observable: driving; document classification; tutoring a student
- b) Static: chat room; tennis; chess; tax planning

Solution:

- a) Fully Observable: document classification > driving > tutoring a student
- b) Static: tax planning > chess > chat room > tennis

2. (2 points) Match the left & right columns in the table below. Assume that the sports activities are done in the physical world by human agents.

A. Playing Soccer	I. {PO, St, Sq, D, C, MA}
B. Playing a tennis match	II. {FO, St, Ep, D, C, MA.}
C. Practicing tennis against a wall	III. {FO, St, Ep, D, C, SA}
D. Shopping for AI books on the Internet.	IV. {PO, Dt, Sq, S, Ds, SA}

Legend: {[PO: partially observable, FO: fully observable] [Dt: deterministic, St: stochastic], [Sq: sequential, Ep: episodic], [S: static, D: dynamic], [Ds: discrete, C: continuous], [SA: single-agent, MA: multi-agent]}.

Solution:**A-I;B-II;C-III;D-IV**

3. (1 point) Prove each of the following statements by specifying the evaluation function $f(n)$, or give a counterexample.

- (a) (0.25 point) Breadth-first search is a special case of A* search.
- (b) ($3 \times 0.25 = 0.75$ points) Breadth-first search, Depth-first search and Uniform-cost search are all special cases of Best-first search.

Solution:

- (a) When all step costs are equal, $g(n) \propto \text{depth}(n)$, and $h(n) = 0$, A* search reproduces breadth-first search.
- (b) BFS: $f(n) = \text{depth}(n)$; DFS: $f(n) = -\text{depth}(n)$; UCS: $f(n) = g(n)$.
4. (5 points) Consider the unbounded version of the 2D grid. The initial state is at origin $(0, 0)$ and the goal state is at some (x, y) . The links are connected to the immediate next nodes in the left, right, up and down directions. For each of the following, answer True or False and provide justification.
- (a) $h = |u - x| + |v - y|$ is an admissible heuristic for a state at (u, v) .
True. Since only 4-neighbors (left, right, up & down) are being considered, the smallest distance between two adjacent nodes will be given by h , which will underestimate the total distance. Therefore, it is an admissible heuristic.
- (b) If certain links are removed, the heuristic h is no longer admissible.
False. Removing the links will not affect the smallest distance, therefore the heuristic will remain admissible. Adding links, however, will render this heuristic inadmissible (e.g., if 8-neighbors are considered, the heuristic function will no longer underestimate the Euclidean distance between two states). *Note:* In the 2D grid, we implicitly assume that the Euclidean distance between two states is the default evaluation function that is used.
- (c) If new links are added to connect non-adjacent nodes, the heuristic h remains admissible.
False. Diagonal links could result in a shorter path than the heuristic, making it inadmissible.
- (d) Depth-first search always expands at least as many nodes as A* search with an admissible heuristic.
False: A lucky DFS might expand exactly d nodes to reach the goal. A* largely dominates any graph-search algorithm that is guaranteed to find optimal solutions.
- (e) A reflex-agent does not make use of percepts from the environment.
False. It does not use a *history of percepts*, but picks an action based on its current percept only.