Artificial Intelligence ¹

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¹Material for the presentation taken from Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig, *Artificial Intelligence – A Modern Approach, Third Edition*;

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- Scope of this course: Learn algorithms and techniques that will allow an agent (program) take optimal (intelligent) action for various problems.

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- Most problems that are of interest are NP-hard

Example: Map coloring problem

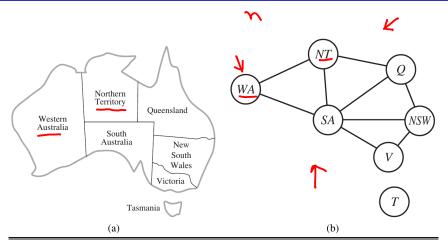
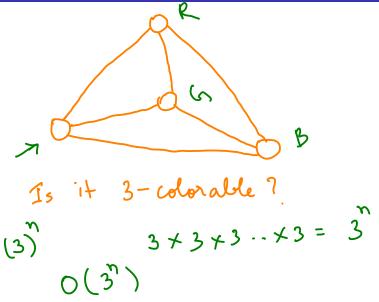


Figure 6.1 (a) The principal states and territories of Australia. Coloring this map can be viewed as a constraint satisfaction problem (CSP). The goal is to assign colors to each region so that no neighboring regions have the same color. (b) The map-coloring problem represented as a constraint graph.



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- ▶ What are the general techniques (**heuristics**) we can use so that the problem can be solved more easily in practice?