Introduction to the Course
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Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

- State-Space Search
- Problem Formulation and Solving
- Adversarial Search
- Probabilistic Inference
- Reinforcement Learning (ML)
- Trainable Classifiers (ML)
- Applications such as NLP
- Social Issues

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A.I. in Our World

On the provided form, make a list of some present and possible future applications of A.I., and indicate which are of greatest interest to you.

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What is Intelligence?

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What is Intelligence?

- Is it a quantity of information?
- Is it speed of processing?
- Are any computers intelligent?
- Are all people intelligent?
- Why is artificial intelligence covered in a separate course in the curriculum?

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One Answer

"A system is intelligent if it effectively maximizes its expected utility."

Utility: a function that maps sequences of states into a real value.

i,e, in a game, the expected value of a given position based on some sequence of future moves in the game

Expected utility: The statistical expectation of utility values over a random variable representing possible sequences of states.

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Often these systems are NOT determinisitc; there is some randomness, so the challenge is maximize the probability of making a good decision

Examples of AI

- Game Playing: Go, Tic-Tac-Toe, Toro-Tile Straight
- Robot Control
- Machine vision in bank check processing
- Natural Language Translation
- Speech Recognition & Synthesis
- Intelligent Tutoring Systems
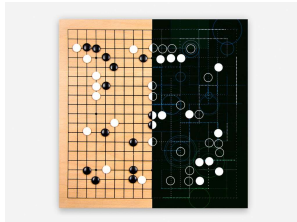- Problem Solving and Design Agents

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AlphaGo Masters Go

GOOGLE'S AI WINS FIFTH AND FINAL GAME AGAINST GO GENIUS LEE SEDOL

March 15, 2016
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA — In the final game of their historic match, Google's artificially intelligent Go-playing computer system has defeated Korean grandmaster Lee Sedol, finishing the best-of-five series with four wins and one loss.

http://www.wired.com/2016/03/googles-ai-wins-fifth-final-game-go-genius-lee-sedol/
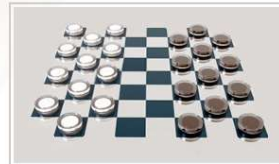
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World Champion Checkers

Chinook

World Man-Machine Checkers Champion

Perfect Play: Draw!

April 29, 2007
Checkers is solved. From the starting position, black to play can only draw against a perfect opponent. This is the largest non-trivial game of skill to be solved -- it is more than one million times bigger than Connect Four and Awari (the previously biggest games that have been solved).
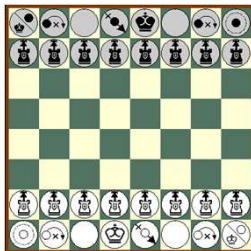
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Baroque Chess

Open Problem
Baroque Chess, also known as Ultima, is a game that uses the checkerboard and chess pieces, but with rather different rules. What is the optimal way to play this game? Is it possible to force a win or a draw from the starting position?

http://www.chessvariants.com/other.dir/ultima.html

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Robot Team Competitions

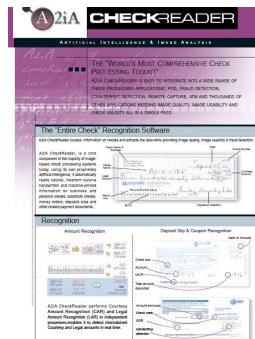Robocup Small Size League (Bot maintenance).

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Handwriting Recognition

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Using machine vision, the legal amounts and courtesy amounts on bank checks can be recognized and compared.

Speech Recognition & Synthesis In Automobile Accessories (e.g., GPS)

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Intelligent Tutoring Systems

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The Carnegie Learning Algebra Tutor
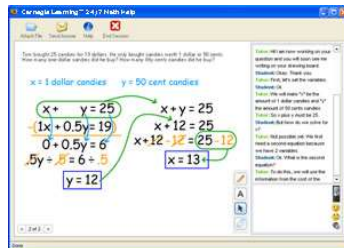
Using a "production system" to represent student knowledge, a tutor can predict and diagnose student errors and misconceptions.

Question-Answering Systems

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IBM's Watson system is an expert at playing Jeopardy. It uses multiple AI techniques, including natural-language understanding and reasoning.

Collaborative Problem Solving Support

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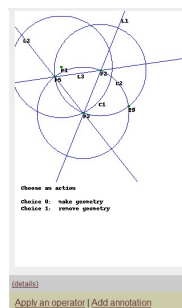
CoSolve

"CoSolve" empowers human problem solvers to explore solution spaces for problems formulated in terms of state-space search.

CoSolve is a UW project directed by your instructor.

Where is AI Going?

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Current hot topics:
– machine learning
– Combining logical and probabilistic reasoning
– Intelligent web agents

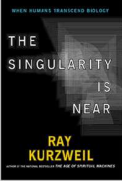One answer: to the "singularity" – exponential growth of technologies related to AI, plus convergence.

"The Singularity Is Near"

The Singularity is a time at which our intelligence will become increasingly nonbiological and trillions of times more powerful than it is today—the dawning of a new civilization that will enable us to transcend our biological limitations and amplify our creativity.

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Why Study Artificial Intelligence?

Gain insight into human intelligence by considering computational models of intelligence.

Gain the ability to create programs that perform functions normally thought to require intelligence.

Improve our own problem-solving skills by taking to heart lessons learned in AI.

Find solutions to specific modern problems such as dealing with information overload, providing online services in medicine, education, etc.

Work with neat technology.

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Major Topics to be Covered

- *Python programming:* Symbolic Computation
- *Knowledge representation:* Relations, Bayes Nets
- *Inference:* Logical, probabilistic
- *Communication:* Machine learning, understanding natural language.

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Detailed Topics within Search

- Formal description of state-space search
- Recursive backtracking depth-first search
- Breadth-first, best-first, iterative-deepening, uniform-cost, and A* heuristic search
- Problem formulation
- Minimax search for game playing programs
- Expectimax search   alpha beta pruning?

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Readings

- S. Tanimoto: *Python as a Second Language* 2012 --based on *Introduction to Python for Artificial Intelligence* (IEEE ReadyNotes series.)
- S. Tanimoto: *Elements of Artificial Intelligence with Python* (Draft Versions of Selected Chapters)
- Based on *The Elements of Artificial Intelligence: An Introduction using Common Lisp, 2d ed.* New York: W. H. Freeman.
- Supplemental readings will be drawn from the Web and/or Russell and Norvig's *AI: A Modern Approach.*

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Pedagogical Features

- Mix of theory and practice
- Python 3.x
- Game-playing competition
- In-class exercises
- Programming assignments
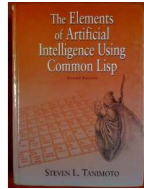
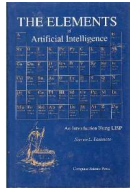CSE 415, Univ. of Wash.   Introduction   24

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Hobbies/personal

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Evaluation (tentative weighting)

- Assignments (incl. project): 50%
- Exams: 40%
- Class participation 10%

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How Can We Determine Whether A Computer is Intelligent?

- Measure its knowledge? Count bytes of knowledge? Count the number of its rules? Words in its vocabulary? Functions in its library?
- Measure processing speed? Logical inferences per second? Rule applications per second? Associations per second?
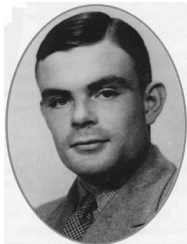- Compare it with a person in a blind test?

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Turing's Test (The Imitation Game)

Alan Turing

- A computer (program) and a person compete by trying to answer questions intelligently. Randomly, one is assigned the name A and the other B.
- In another room, a human interrogator alternately poses questions to A and B.
- A messenger (an "intermediary") delivers questions and responses without revealing any other information about the identities of A and B.
- If the interrogator selects the computer as the more human or more intelligent respondent, then the computer passes that particular Turing Test.

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