

# PRINCIPLES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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# Chapter 1

## INTRODUCTION

### AI INTRODUCTION

In today's world, technology is growing very fast, and we are getting in touch with different new technologies day by day.

Here, one of the booming technologies of computer science is Artificial Intelligence which is ready to create a new revolution in the world by making intelligent machines. The Artificial Intelligence is now all around us. It is currently working with a variety of subfields, ranging from general to specific, such as self-driving cars, playing chess, proving theorems, playing music, Painting, etc.

Artificial Intelligence is composed of two words **Artificial** and **Intelligence**, where Artificial defines "***man-made***," and intelligence defines "***thinking power***", hence AI means "*a man-made thinking power*."

So, we can define AI as:

"It is a branch of computer science by which we can create intelligent machines which can behave like a human, think like humans, and able to make decisions."

Artificial Intelligence exists when a machine can have human based skills such as learning, reasoning, and solving problems

With Artificial Intelligence you do not need to preprogram a machine to do some work, despite that you can create a machine with programmed algorithms which can work with own intelligence, and that is the awesomeness of AI.

## Why Artificial Intelligence?

Before Learning about Artificial Intelligence, we should know that what is the importance of AI and why should we learn it. Following are some main reasons to learn about AI:

- o With the help of AI, you can create such software or devices which can solve real-world problems very easily and with accuracy such as health issues, marketing, traffic issues, etc.
- o With the help of AI, you can create your personal virtual Assistant, such as Google Assistant, Siri, etc.
- o With the help of AI, you can build such Robots which can work in an environment where survival of humans can be at risk.
- o AI opens a path for other new technologies, new devices, and new Opportunities.

# Goals of Artificial Intelligence

Following are the main goals of Artificial Intelligence:

1. Replicate human intelligence
2. Solve Knowledge-intensive tasks
3. An intelligent connection of perception and action
4. Building a machine which can perform tasks that requires human intelligence such as:
  - o Proving a theorem
  - o Playing chess
  - o Plan some surgical operation
  - o Driving a car in traffic
5. Creating some system which can exhibit intelligent behavior, learn new things by itself, demonstrate, explain, and can advise to its user.

# Advantages of Artificial Intelligence

Following are some main advantages of Artificial Intelligence:

- o **High Accuracy with less errors:** AI machines or systems are prone to less errors and high accuracy as it takes decisions as per pre-experience or information.
- o **High-Speed:** AI systems can be of very high-speed and fast-decision making, because of that AI systems can beat a chess champion in the Chess game.
- o **High reliability:** AI machines are highly reliable and can perform the same action multiple times with high accuracy.
- o **Useful for risky areas:** AI machines can be helpful in situations such as defusing a bomb, exploring the ocean floor, where to employ a human can be risky.
- o **Digital Assistant:** AI can be very useful to provide digital assistant to the users such as AI technology is currently used by various E-commerce websites to show the products as per customer requirement.
- o **Useful as a public utility:** AI can be very useful for public utilities such as a self-driving car which can make our journey safer and hassle-free, facial recognition for security purpose, Natural language processing to communicate with the human in human-language, etc.

# Disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence

Every technology has some disadvantages, and the same goes for Artificial intelligence. Being so advantageous technology still, it has some disadvantages which we need to keep in our mind while creating an AI system. Following are the disadvantages of AI:

- o **High Cost:** The hardware and software requirement of AI is very costly as it requires lots of maintenance to meet current world requirements.
- o **Can't think out of the box:** Even we are making smarter machines with AI, but still they cannot work out of the box, as the robot will only do that work for which they are trained, or programmed.

- o **No feelings and emotions:** AI machines can be an outstanding performer, but still it does not have the feeling so it cannot make any kind of emotional attachment with human, and may sometime be harmful for users if the proper care is not taken.
- o **Increase dependency on machines:** With the increment of technology, people are getting more dependent on devices and hence they are losing their mental capabilities.
- o **No Original Creativity:** As humans are so creative and can imagine some new ideas but still AI machines cannot beat this power of human intelligence and cannot be creative and imaginative.

## Application of AI

Artificial Intelligence has various applications in today's society. It is becoming essential for today's time because it can solve complex problems with an efficient way in multiple industries, such as Healthcare, entertainment, finance, education, etc. AI is making our daily life more comfortable and fast.

Following are some sectors which have the application of Artificial Intelligence:



## AI in Astronomy

- o Artificial Intelligence can be very useful to solve complex universe problems. AI technology can be helpful for understanding the universe such as how it works, origin, etc.

## 2. AI in Healthcare

- o In the last, five to ten years, AI becoming more advantageous for the healthcare industry and going to have a significant impact on this industry.
- o Healthcare Industries are applying AI to make a better and faster diagnosis than humans. AI can help doctors with diagnoses and can inform when patients are worsening so that medical help can reach to the patient before hospitalization.

## 3. AI in Gaming

- o AI can be used for gaming purpose. The AI machines can play strategic games like chess, where the machine needs to think of a large number of possible places.

## 4. AI in Finance

- o AI and finance industries are the best matches for each other. The finance industry is implementing automation, chatbot, adaptive intelligence, algorithm trading, and machine learning into financial processes.

## 5. AI in Data Security

- o The security of data is crucial for every company and cyber-attacks are growing very rapidly in the digital world. AI can be used to make your data more safe and secure. Some examples such as AEG bot, AI2 Platform, are used to determine software bug and cyber-attacks in a better way.

## 6. AI in Social Media

- o Social Media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat contain billions of user profiles, which need to be stored and managed in a very efficient way. AI can organize and manage massive amounts of data. AI can analyze lots of data to identify the latest trends, hashtag, and requirement of different users.

## 7. AI in Travel & Transport

- o AI is becoming highly demanding for travel industries. AI is capable of doing various travel related works such as from making travel arrangement to suggesting the hotels, flights, and best routes to the customers. Travel industries are using AI-powered chatbots which can make human-like interaction with customers for better and fast response.

## 8. AI in Automotive Industry

- o Some Automotive industries are using AI to provide virtual assistant to their user for better performance. Such as Tesla has introduced TeslaBot, an intelligent virtual assistant.
- o Various Industries are currently working for developing self-driven cars which can make your journey more safe and secure.

## 9. AI in Robotics:

- o Artificial Intelligence has a remarkable role in Robotics. Usually, general robots are programmed such that they can perform some repetitive task, but with the help of AI, we can create intelligent robots which can perform tasks with their own experiences without pre-programmed.
- o Humanoid Robots are best examples for AI in robotics, recently the intelligent Humanoid robot named as Erica and Sophia has been developed which can talk and behave like humans.

## 10. AI in Entertainment

- o We are currently using some AI based applications in our daily life with some entertainment services such as Netflix or Amazon. With the help of ML/AI algorithms, these services show the recommendations for programs or shows.

## 11. AI in Agriculture

- o Agriculture is an area which requires various resources, labor, money, and time for best result. Now a day's agriculture is becoming digital, and AI is emerging in this field. Agriculture is applying AI as agriculture robotics, solid and crop monitoring, predictive analysis. AI in agriculture can be very helpful for farmers.

## 12. AI in E-commerce

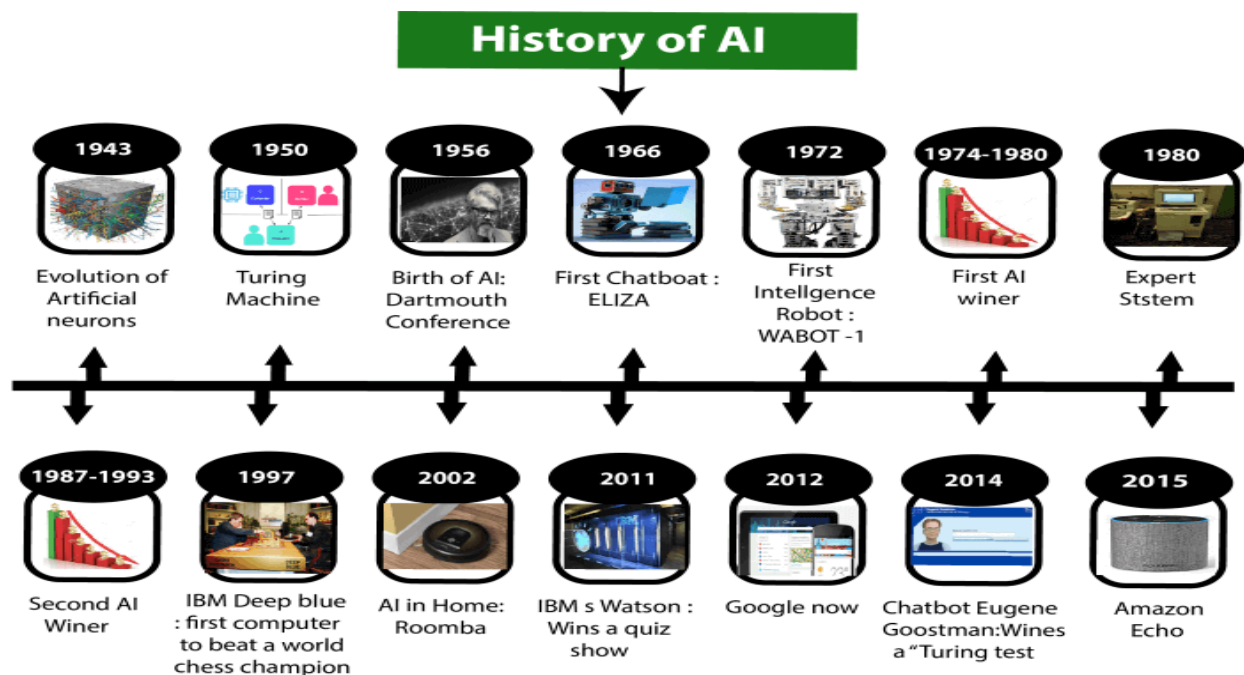
- o AI is providing a competitive edge to the e-commerce industry, and it is becoming more demanding in the e-commerce business. AI is helping shoppers to discover associated products with recommended size, color, or even brand.

## 13. AI in education:

- o AI can automate grading so that the tutor can have more time to teach. AI chatbot can communicate with students as a teaching assistant.
- o AI in the future can be work as a personal virtual tutor for students, which will be accessible easily at any time and any place.

# History of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence is not a new word and not a new technology for researchers. This technology is much older than you would imagine. Even there are the myths of Mechanical men in Ancient Greek and Egyptian Myths. Following are some milestones in the history of AI which defines the journey from the AI generation to till date development.



## Maturation of Artificial Intelligence (1943-1952)

- o **Year 1943:** The first work which is now recognized as AI was done by Warren McCulloch and Walter pits in 1943. They proposed a model of **artificial neurons**.
- o **Year 1949:** Donald Hebb demonstrated an updating rule for modifying the connection strength between neurons. His rule is now called **Hebbian learning**.
- o **Year 1950:** The Alan Turing who was an English mathematician and pioneered Machine learning in 1950. Alan Turing publishes "**Computing Machinery and Intelligence**" in which he proposed a test. The test can check the machine's ability to exhibit intelligent behavior equivalent to human intelligence, called a **Turing test**.

## The birth of Artificial Intelligence (1952-1956)

- o **Year 1955:** An Allen Newell and Herbert A. Simon created the "first artificial intelligence program"Which was named as "**Logic Theorist**". This program had proved 38 of 52 Mathematics theorems, and find new and more elegant proofs for some theorems.

- o **Year 1956:** The word "Artificial Intelligence" first adopted by American Computer scientist John McCarthy at the Dartmouth Conference. For the first time, AI coined as an academic field.

At that time high-level computer languages such as FORTRAN, LISP, or COBOL were invented. And the enthusiasm for AI was very high at that time.

## The golden years-Early enthusiasm (1956-1974)

- o **Year 1966:** The researchers emphasized developing algorithms which can solve mathematical problems. Joseph Weizenbaum created the first chatbot in 1966, which was named as ELIZA.
- o **Year 1972:** The first intelligent humanoid robot was built in Japan which was named as WABOT-1.

## The first AI winter (1974-1980)

- o The duration between years 1974 to 1980 was the first AI winter duration. AI winter refers to the time period where computer scientist dealt with a severe shortage of funding from government for AI researches.
- o During AI winters, an interest of publicity on artificial intelligence was decreased.

## A boom of AI (1980-1987)

- o **Year 1980:** After AI winter duration, AI came back with "Expert System". Expert systems were programmed that emulate the decision-making ability of a human expert.
- o In the Year 1980, the first national conference of the American Association of Artificial Intelligence **was held at Stanford University**.

## The second AI winter (1987-1993)

- o The duration between the years 1987 to 1993 was the second AI Winter duration.
- o Again Investors and government stopped in funding for AI research as due to high cost but not efficient result. The expert system such as XCON was very cost effective.

## The emergence of intelligent agents (1993-2011)

- o **Year 1997:** In the year 1997, IBM Deep Blue beats world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, and became the first computer to beat a world chess champion.
- o **Year 2002:** for the first time, AI entered the home in the form of Roomba, a vacuum cleaner.
- o **Year 2006:** AI came in the Business world till the year 2006. Companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Netflix also started using AI.

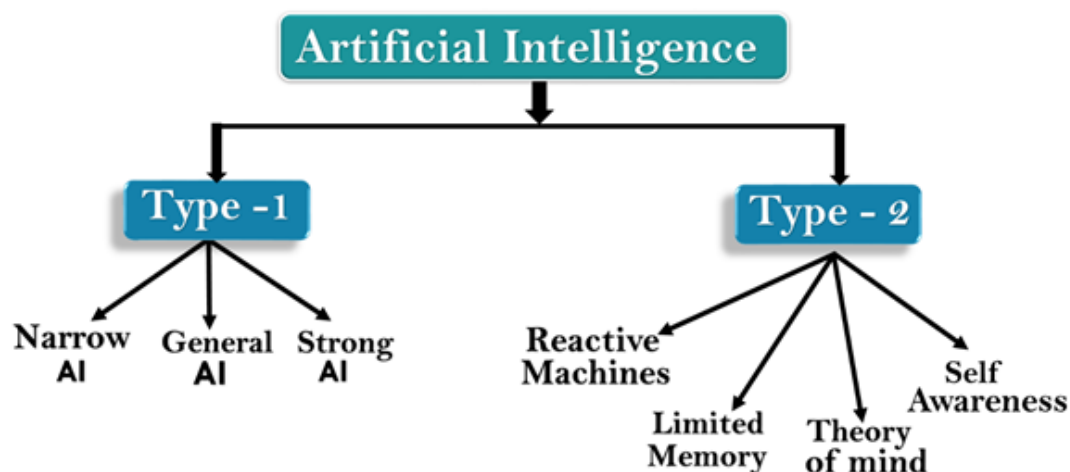
## Deep learning, big data and artificial general intelligence (2011-present)

- o **Year 2011:** In the year 2011, IBM's Watson won jeopardy, a quiz show, where it had to solve the complex questions as well as riddles. Watson had proved that it could understand natural language and can solve tricky questions quickly.
- o **Year 2012:** Google has launched an Android app feature "Google now", which was able to provide information to the user as a prediction.
- o **Year 2014:** In the year 2014, Chatbot "Eugene Goostman" won a competition in the infamous "Turing test."
- o **Year 2018:** The "Project Debater" from IBM debated on complex topics with two master debaters and also performed extremely well.
- o Google has demonstrated an AI program "Duplex" which was a virtual assistant and which had taken hairdresser appointment on call, and lady on other side didn't notice that she was talking with the machine.

Now AI has developed to a remarkable level. The concept of Deep learning, big data, and data science are now trending like a boom. Nowadays companies like Google, Facebook, IBM, and Amazon are working with AI and creating amazing devices. The future of Artificial Intelligence is inspiring and will come with high intelligence.

## Types of Artificial Intelligence:

Artificial Intelligence can be divided in various types, there are mainly two types of main categorization which are based on capabilities and based on functionality of AI. Following is flow diagram which explain the types of AI.



# AI type-1: Based on Capabilities

## 1. Weak AI or Narrow AI:

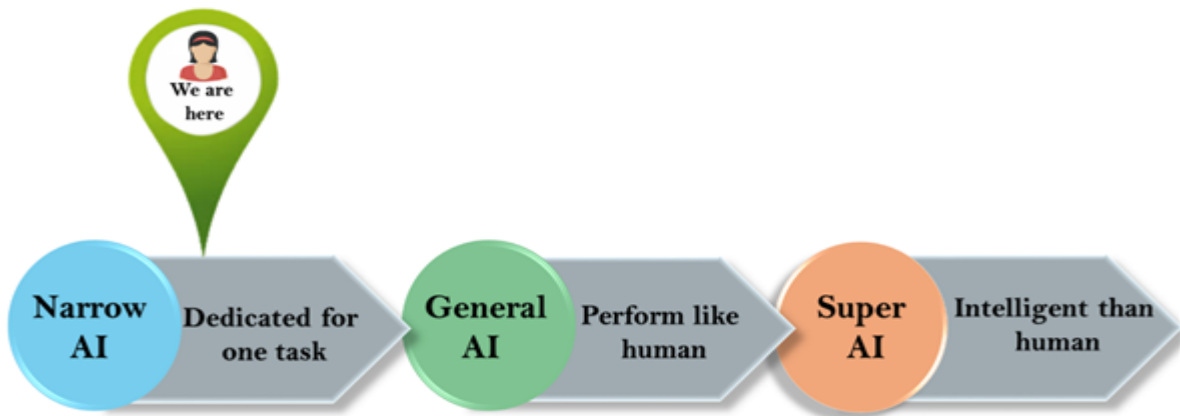
- o Narrow AI is a type of AI which is able to perform a dedicated task with intelligence. The most common and currently available AI is Narrow AI in the world of Artificial Intelligence.
- o Narrow AI cannot perform beyond its field or limitations, as it is only trained for one specific task. Hence it is also termed as weak AI. Narrow AI can fail in unpredictable ways if it goes beyond its limits.
- o Apple Siri is a good example of Narrow AI, but it operates with a limited pre-defined range of functions.
- o IBM's Watson supercomputer also comes under Narrow AI, as it uses an Expert system approach combined with Machine learning and natural language processing.
- o Some Examples of Narrow AI are playing chess, purchasing suggestions on e-commerce site, self-driving cars, speech recognition, and image recognition.

## 2. General AI:

- o General AI is a type of intelligence which could perform any intellectual task with efficiency like a human.
- o The idea behind the general AI is to make such a system which could be smarter and think like a human by its own.
- o Currently, there is no such system which could come under general AI and can perform any task as perfect as a human.
- o The worldwide researchers are now focused on developing machines with General AI.
- o As systems with general AI are still under research, and it will take lots of efforts and time to develop such systems.

## 3. Super AI:

- o Super AI is a level of Intelligence of Systems at which machines could surpass human intelligence, and can perform any task better than human with cognitive properties. It is an outcome of general AI.
- o Some key characteristics of strong AI include capability include the ability to think, to reason, solve the puzzle, make judgments, plan, learn, and communicate by its own.
- o Super AI is still a hypothetical concept of Artificial Intelligence. Development of such systems in real is still world changing task.



## Artificial Intelligence type-2: Based on functionality

### 1. Reactive Machines

- o Purely reactive machines are the most basic types of Artificial Intelligence.
- o Such AI systems do not store memories or past experiences for future actions.
- o These machines only focus on current scenarios and react on it as per possible best action.
- o IBM's Deep Blue system is an example of reactive machines.
- o Google's AlphaGo is also an example of reactive machines.

### 2. Limited Memory

- o Limited memory machines can store past experiences or some data for a short period of time.
- o These machines can use stored data for a limited time period only.
- o Self-driving cars are one of the best examples of Limited Memory systems. These cars can store recent speed of nearby cars, the distance of other cars, speed limit, and other information to navigate the road.

### 3. Theory of Mind

- o Theory of Mind AI should understand the human emotions, people, beliefs, and be able to interact socially like humans.
- o This type of AI machines are still not developed, but researchers are making lots of efforts and improvement for developing such AI machines.

### 4. Self-Awareness

- o Self-awareness AI is the future of Artificial Intelligence. These machines will be super intelligent, and will have their own consciousness, sentiments, and self-awareness.
- o These machines will be smarter than human mind.
- o Self-Awareness AI does not exist in reality still and it is a hypothetical concept.

# CHAPTER 2

## INTELLIGENT AGENTS

### Agents and Rationality

### Agents in Artificial Intelligence

An AI system can be defined as the study of the rational agent and its environment. The agents sense the environment through sensors and act on their environment through actuators. An AI agent can have mental properties such as knowledge, belief, intention, etc.

### What is an Agent?

An agent can be anything that perceives its environment through sensors and act upon that environment through actuators. An Agent runs in the cycle of **perceiving**, **thinking**, and **acting**. An agent can be:

- o **Human-Agent:** A human agent has eyes, ears, and other organs which work for sensors and hand, legs, vocal tract work for actuators.
- o **Robotic Agent:** A robotic agent can have cameras, infrared range finder, NLP for sensors and various motors for actuators.
- o **Software Agent:** Software agent can have keystrokes, file contents as sensory input and act on those inputs and display output on the screen.

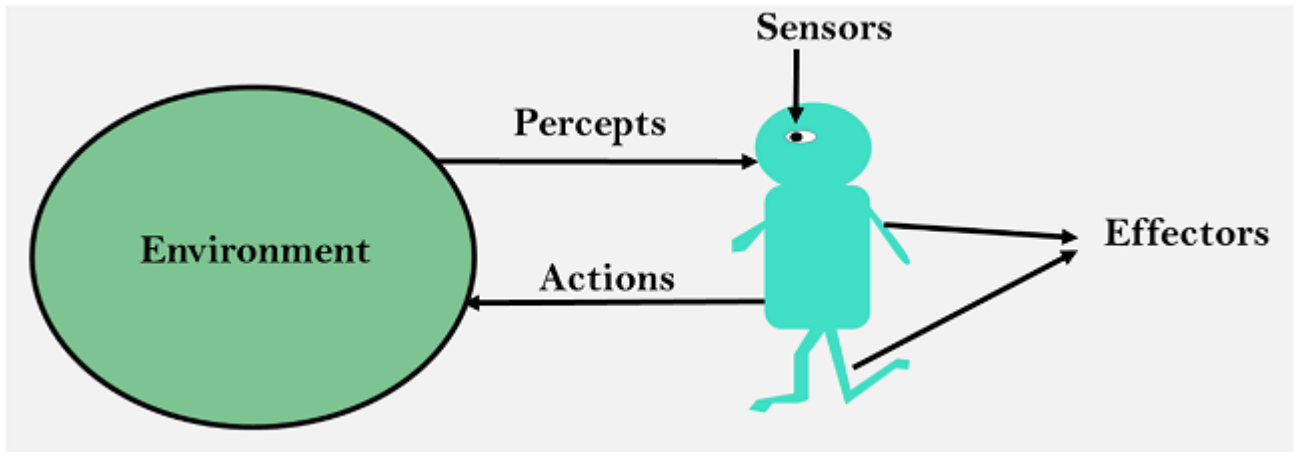
Hence the world around us is full of agents such as thermostat, cellphone, camera, and even we are also agents.

Before moving forward, we should first know about sensors, effectors, and actuators.

**Sensor:** Sensor is a device which detects the change in the environment and sends the information to other electronic devices. An agent observes its environment through sensors.

**Actuators:** Actuators are the component of machines that converts energy into motion. The actuators are only responsible for moving and controlling a system. An actuator can be an electric motor, gears, rails, etc.

**Effectors:** Effectors are the devices which affect the environment. Effectors can be legs, wheels, arms, fingers, wings, fins, and display screen.



## Intelligent Agents:

An intelligent agent is an autonomous entity which act upon an environment using sensors and actuators for achieving goals. An intelligent agent may learn from the environment to achieve their goals. A thermostat is an example of an intelligent agent.

Following are the main four rules for an AI agent:

- o **Rule 1:** An AI agent must have the ability to perceive the environment.
- o **Rule 2:** The observation must be used to make decisions.
- o **Rule 3:** Decision should result in an action.
- o **Rule 4:** The action taken by an AI agent must be a rational action.

## Rational Agent:

A rational agent is an agent which has clear preference, models uncertainty, and acts in a way to maximize its performance measure with all possible actions.

A rational agent is said to perform the right things. AI is about creating rational agents to use for game theory and decision theory for various real-world scenarios.

For an AI agent, the rational action is most important because in AI reinforcement learning algorithm, for each best possible action, agent gets the positive reward and for each wrong action, an agent gets a negative reward.

## Rationality:

The rationality of an agent is measured by its performance measure. Rationality can be judged on the basis of following points:

- o Performance measure which defines the success criterion.
- o Agent prior knowledge of its environment.
- o Best possible actions that an agent can perform.

- o The sequence of percepts.

*Note: Rationality differs from Omniscience because an Omniscient agent knows the actual outcome of its action and act accordingly, which is not possible in reality.*

## Structure of an AI Agent

The task of AI is to design an agent program which implements the agent function. The structure of an intelligent agent is a combination of architecture and agent program. It can be viewed as:

### 1. Agent = Architecture + Agent program

Following are the main three terms involved in the structure of an AI agent:

**Architecture:** Architecture is machinery that an AI agent executes on.

**Agent Function:** Agent function is used to map a percept to an action.

**Agent program:** Agent program is an implementation of agent function. An agent program executes on the physical architecture to produce function  $f$ .

## PEAS Representation

PEAS is a type of model on which an AI agent works upon. When we define an AI agent or rational agent, then we can group its properties under PEAS representation model. It is made up of four words:

- o **P:** Performance measure
- o **E:** Environment
- o **A:** Actuators
- o **S:** Sensors

Here performance measure is the objective for the success of an agent's behavior.

### PEAS for self-driving cars:

Let's suppose a self-driving car then PEAS representation will be:

**Performance:** Safety, time, legal drive, comfort

**Environment:** Roads, other vehicles, road signs, pedestrian

**Actuators:** Steering, accelerator, brake, signal, horn

**Sensors:** Camera, GPS, speedometer, odometer, accelerometer, sonar.

## Agent Environment in AI

An environment is everything in the world which surrounds the agent, but it is not a part of an agent itself. An environment can be described as a situation in which an agent is present.

The environment is where agent lives, operate and provide the agent with something to sense and act upon it. An environment is mostly said to be non-feministic.

## Features of Environment

As per Russell and Norvig, an environment can have various features from the point of view of an agent:

1. Fully observable vs Partially Observable
2. Static vs Dynamic
3. Discrete vs Continuous
4. Deterministic vs Stochastic
5. Single-agent vs Multi-agent
6. Episodic vs sequential
7. Known vs Unknown
8. Accessible vs Inaccessible

### 1. Fully observable vs Partially Observable:

- o If an agent sensor can sense or access the complete state of an environment at each point of time then it is a **fully observable** environment, else it is **partially observable**.
- o A fully observable environment is easy as there is no need to maintain the internal state to keep track history of the world.
- o An agent with no sensors in all environments then such an environment is called as **unobservable**.

## 2. Deterministic vs Stochastic:

- o If an agent's current state and selected action can completely determine the next state of the environment, then such environment is called a deterministic environment.
- o A stochastic environment is random in nature and cannot be determined completely by an agent.
- o In a deterministic, fully observable environment, agent does not need to worry about uncertainty.

## 3. Episodic vs Sequential:

- o In an episodic environment, there is a series of one-shot actions, and only the current percept is required for the action.
- o However, in Sequential environment, an agent requires memory of past actions to determine the next best actions.

## 4. Single-agent vs Multi-agent

- o If only one agent is involved in an environment, and operating by itself then such an environment is called single agent environment.
- o However, if multiple agents are operating in an environment, then such an environment is called a multi-agent environment.
- o The agent design problems in the multi-agent environment are different from single agent environment.

## 5. Static vs Dynamic:

- o If the environment can change itself while an agent is deliberating then such environment is called a dynamic environment else it is called a static environment.
- o Static environments are easy to deal because an agent does not need to continue looking at the world while deciding for an action.
- o However for dynamic environment, agents need to keep looking at the world at each action.
- o Taxi driving is an example of a dynamic environment whereas Crossword puzzles are an example of a static environment.

## 6. Discrete vs Continuous:

- o If in an environment there are a finite number of percepts and actions that can be performed within it, then such an environment is called a discrete environment else it is called continuous environment.
- o A chess game comes under discrete environment as there is a finite number of moves that can be performed.
- o A self-driving car is an example of a continuous environment.

## 7. Known vs Unknown

- o Known and unknown are not actually a feature of an environment, but it is an agent's state of knowledge to perform an action.
- o In a known environment, the results for all actions are known to the agent. While in unknown environment, agent needs to learn how it works in order to perform an action.
- o It is quite possible that a known environment to be partially observable and an Unknown environment to be fully observable.

## 8. Accessible vs Inaccessible

- o If an agent can obtain complete and accurate information about the state's environment, then such an environment is called an Accessible environment else it is called inaccessible.
- o An empty room whose state can be defined by its temperature is an example of an accessible environment.
- o Information about an event on earth is an example of Inaccessible environment.

## Types of AI Agents

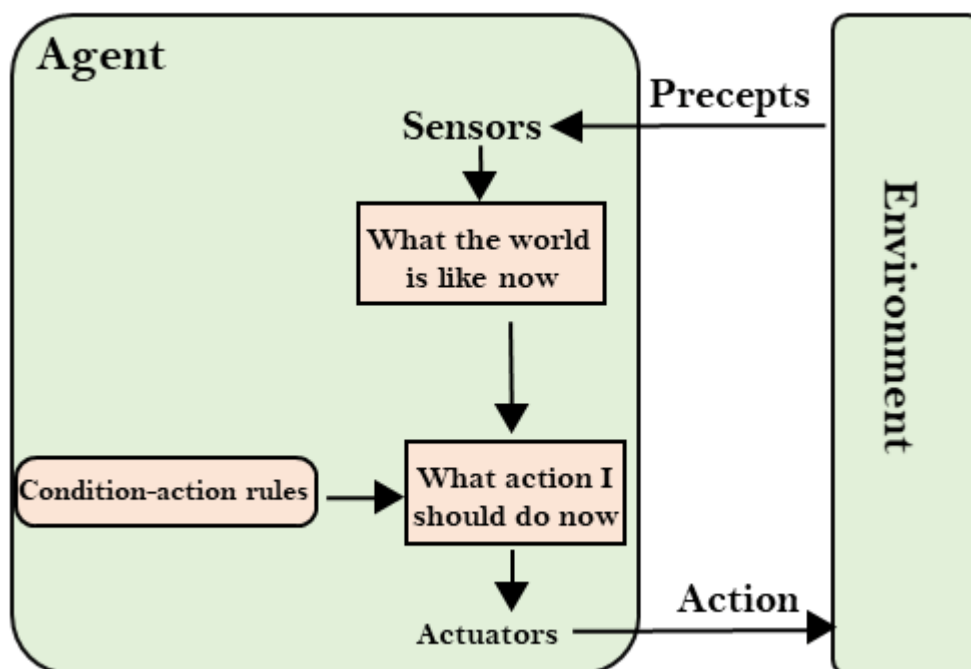
Agents can be grouped into five classes based on their degree of perceived intelligence and capability. All these agents can improve their performance and generate better action over the time. These are given below:

- o Simple Reflex Agent
- o Model-based reflex agent

- o Goal-based agents
- o Utility-based agent
- o Learning agent

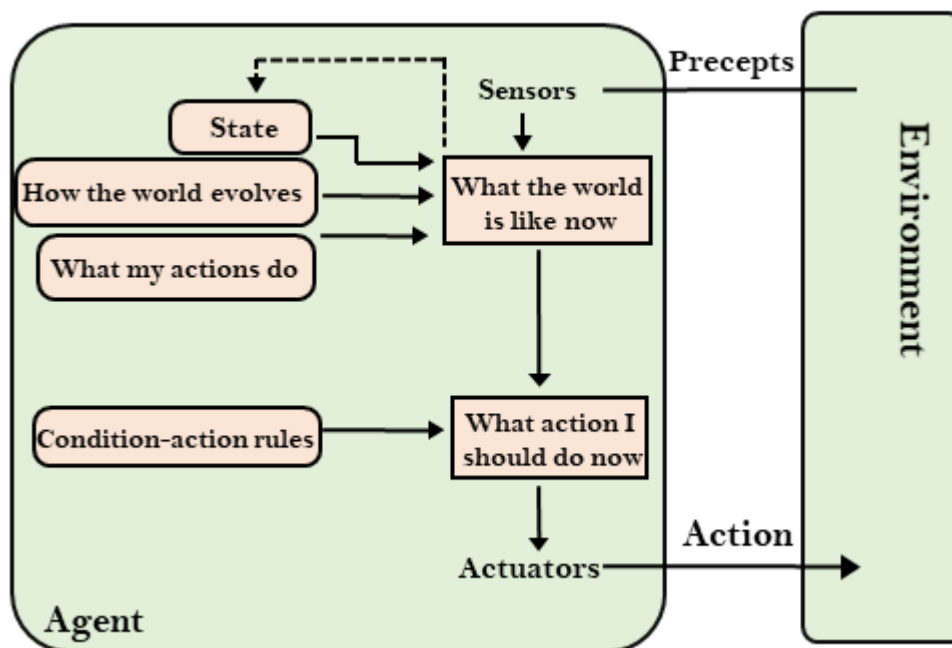
## 1. Simple Reflex agent:

- o The Simple reflex agents are the simplest agents. These agents take decisions on the basis of the current percepts and ignore the rest of the percept history.
- o These agents only succeed in the fully observable environment.
- o The Simple reflex agent does not consider any part of percepts history during their decision and action process.
- o The Simple reflex agent works on Condition-action rule, which means it maps the current state to action. Such as a Room Cleaner agent, it works only if there is dirt in the room.
- o Problems for the simple reflex agent design approach:
  - o They have very limited intelligence
  - o They do not have knowledge of non-perceptual parts of the current state
  - o Mostly too big to generate and to store.
  - o Not adaptive to changes in the environment.



## 2. Model-based reflex agent

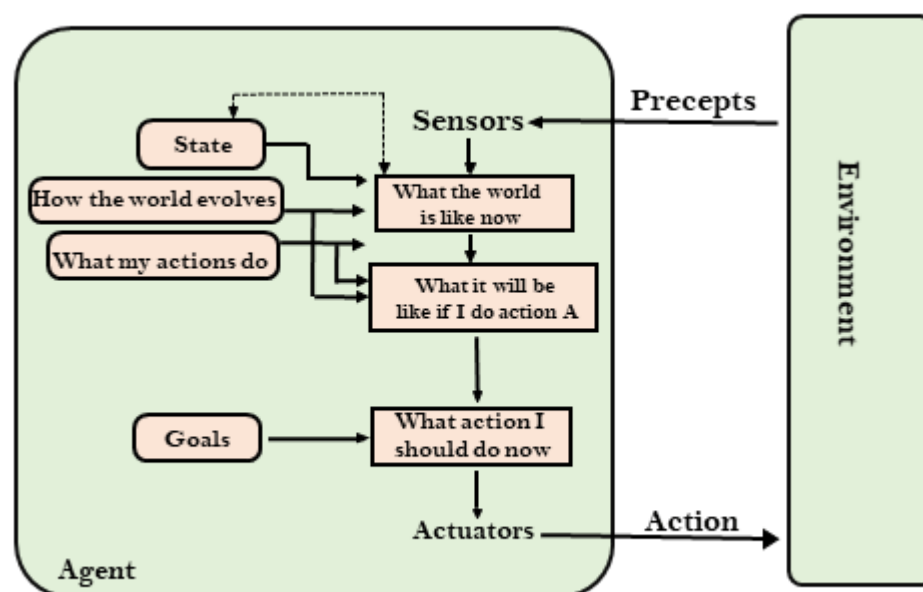
- o The Model-based agent can work in a partially observable environment, and track the situation.
- o A model-based agent has two important factors:
  - o **Model:** It is knowledge about "how things happen in the world," so it is called a Model-based agent.
  - o **Internal State:** It is a representation of the current state based on percept history.
- o These agents have the model, "which is knowledge of the world" and based on the model they perform actions.
- o Updating the agent state requires information about:
  - a. How the world evolves
  - a. How the agent's action affects the world.



## 3. Goal-based agents

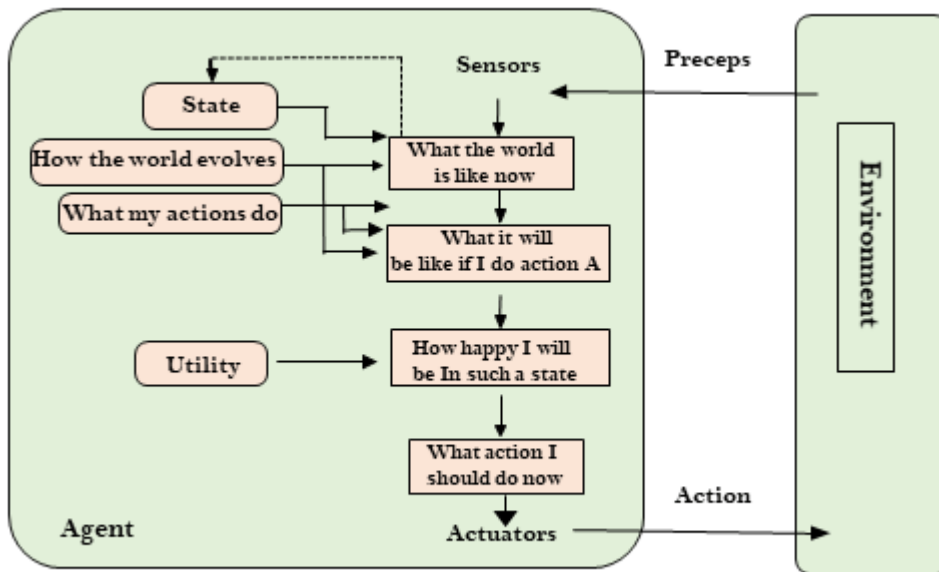
- o The knowledge of the current state environment is not always sufficient to decide for an agent to what to do.
- o The agent needs to know its goal which describes desirable situations.

- o Goal-based agents expand the capabilities of the model-based agent by having the "goal" information.
- o They choose an action, so that they can achieve the goal.
- o These agents may have to consider a long sequence of possible actions before deciding whether the goal is achieved or not. Such considerations of different scenario are called searching and planning, which makes an agent proactive.



## 4. Utility-based agents

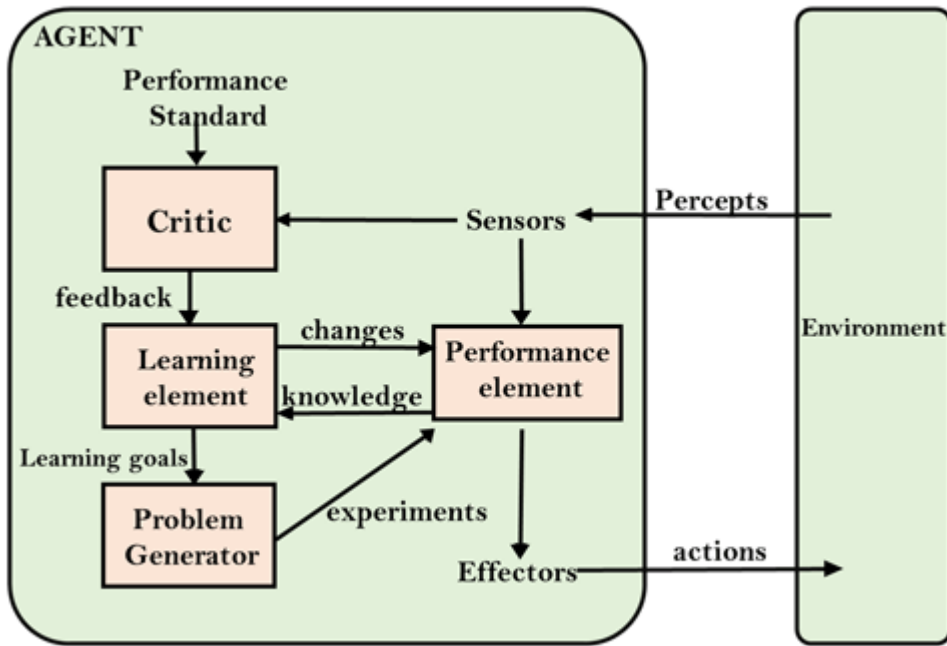
- o These agents are similar to the goal-based agent but provide an extra component of utility measurement which makes them different by providing a measure of success at a given state.
- o Utility-based agent act based not only goals but also the best way to achieve the goal.
- o The Utility-based agent is useful when there are multiple possible alternatives, and an agent has to choose in order to perform the best action.
- o The utility function maps each state to a real number to check how efficiently each action achieves the goals.



## 5. Learning Agents

- o A learning agent in AI is the type of agent which can learn from its past experiences, or it has learning capabilities.
- o It starts to act with basic knowledge and then able to act and adapt automatically through learning.
- o A learning agent has mainly four conceptual components, which are:
  - a. **Learning element:** It is responsible for making improvements by learning from environment
  - a. **Critic:** Learning element takes feedback from critic which describes that how well the agent is doing with respect to a fixed performance standard.
  - b. **Performance element:** It is responsible for selecting external action
  - c. **Problem generator:** This component is responsible for suggesting actions that will lead to new and informative experiences.

Hence, learning agents are able to learn, analyze performance, and look for new ways to improve the performance.



## CHAPTER 3

### Problem Solving

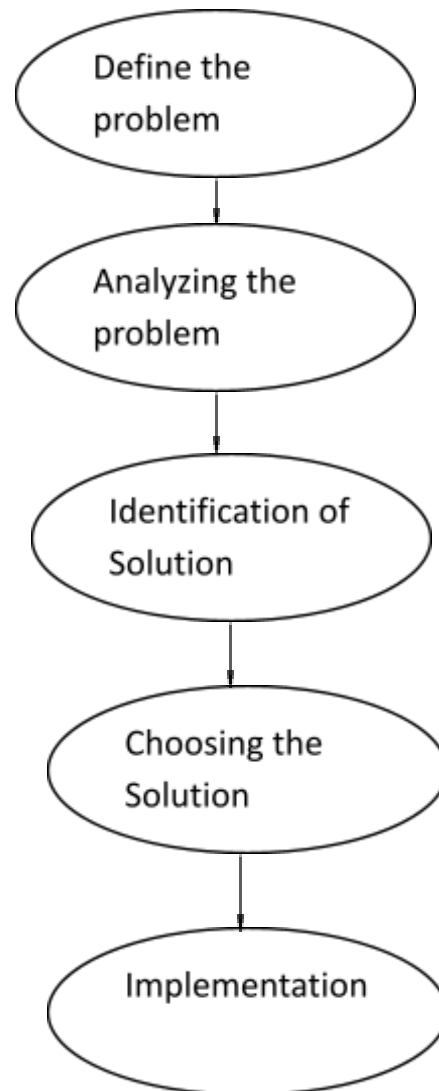
The Problem Solving is one of the important Concept in AI, because in AI what ever we are going to design so that should be a problem Solving.

- Problem Solving in games such as “Sudoku” eg. It can be done by building an AI system to solve that particular problem.
- To do, this one needs to define the problem Statement first and the generating the solution by keeping the condition in mind.
- Some of the most popularly used problem solving methods with the help of Chess, Travelling Sales man problem, Tower of Hanoi problem, Water jug problem, Magic Pulzzle, N-Queen problem etc...

### Problem Searching

- In general, searching refers to as finding information one needs.
- Searching is the most commonly used techniques of problem solving in AI.

The process of solving a problem consists of 5 steps



## Search:

Searching is a step by step procedure to solve a search problem in a given search space. A search problem can have three main factors:

### 1. Search space:

Search space represents a set of possible solutions, which a system may have.

### 2. Start state:

It is a state from where agent begins the search.

### 3. Goal test:

It is a function which observe the current state and returns whether the goal state is achieved or not.

### **Problem Spaces and Search**

To Build a system to solve a particular problem

The following four Things are Need

- Define the problem precisely specify both initial and final situations(state)
- Analyse the problem
- isolate and represents the task knowledge that is necessary to solve the problem
- Choose the best problem solving technique and apply it.

### **State space search Problem = Searching for a goal state**

It is a process in which successive configurations or states of an instance are considered, with the goal of finding a goal state with a desired property .

- State space- a set of states that a problem can be in
  - The group consisting of all the attainable states of a problem

### **Search Problem**

S: the full set of states

$S_i$  :the initial state

A: $S_i \rightarrow S$  set of operators

G : the set of final states.

G is subset of S

**Search problem:** Find a sequence of actions which transforms the agent from the initial state to goal state.

# Representing search problems

Using directed graph - The states are represented as nodes - The allowed actions are represented as arcs.

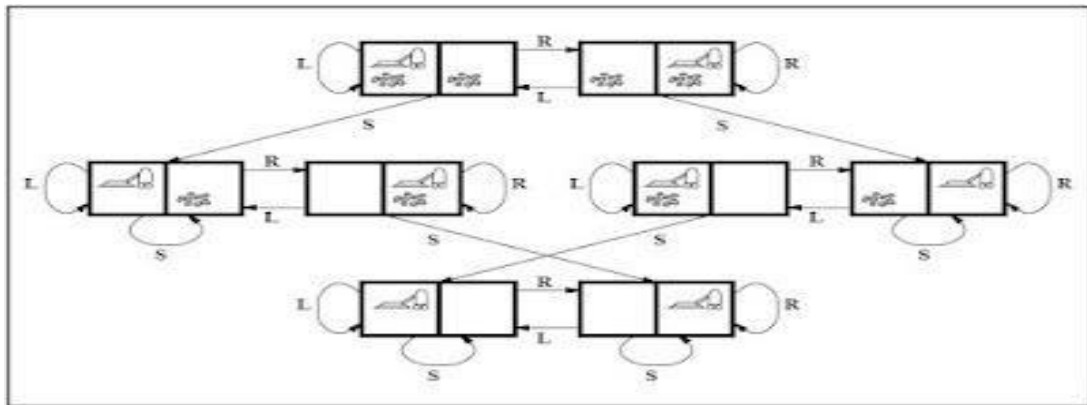
## Problem Formulation

- A single state problem formulation is defined by four items **Initial state, successor function, goal test and path cost.**
- Problem formulation means **choosing a relevant set of states to consider**, and a **feasible set of operators** for moving from one state to another
- Search is the process of **imagining sequences of operators applied to the initial state and checking which sequence reaches a goal state.**

### ▪ Examples

- **Ex1:-** On holiday in Singapore; currently in Mysuru. flight leaves tomorrow from Bangalore. Find a short route to drive to Bangalore.
- Formulate problem:
- **states:** various cities
- **actions:** drive between cities
- **solution:** sequence of cities
- **Path Cost:** distance travelled

## Ex:2 Vacuum world state space



**States:** Dirty and Robot Location

**Initial states:** Any state can be designated as the initial state.

**Actions:** Left, right, clean

**Goal test:** No dirty at all locations

**Path cost:** 1step per action

### Ex3:State space search: Playing Chess

- Each position can be described by an 8 by 8 array.
- Initial position is the game opening position.
- Goal position is any position in which the opponent does not have a legal move and his or her king is under attack.
- Legal moves can be described by a set of rules: -
  - Left sides can be described by a set of rules
  - Right sides describe the new resulting state
- State space is a set of legal positions.
- Starting at the initial state.
- Using the set of rules to move from one state to another.
- Attempting to end up in a goal state



- Writing the rules like above leads to very large number
- These rule poses serious practical difficulties
  - No person could ever supply a complete set of rules. It would take too long and could certainly not be done without mistakes
  - No program could easily handle all those rules.

## Another way to describe the chess moves

White pawn at

Square(file e, rank 2)		Move a pawn from
AND		Square(file e, rank 2)
Square(file e, rank 3) is empty	→	to
AND		Square(file e, rank 4)
Square(file e, rank 4) is empty		

## Ex4:Water Jug Problem

Consider the following problem —You are given two jugs, a 4-liter one and a 3-liter one, a pump which has unlimited water which you can use to fill the jug. and the ground on which water may be poured. Neither jug has any measuring markings on it.

How can you get exactly 2L of water in the 4L jug?

State Representation and Initial State —

We will represent a state of the problem as a tuple  $(x, y)$ . where  $x$  represents the amount of water in the 4-liter jug and  $y$  represents the amount of water in the 3-liter jug.

Note  $0 \leq x \leq 4$ . and  $0 \leq y \leq 3$ .

Our initial state:  $(0,0)$

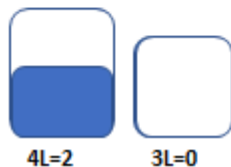
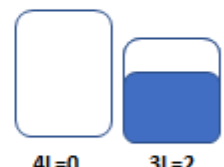
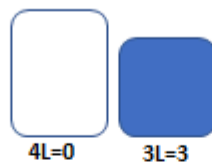
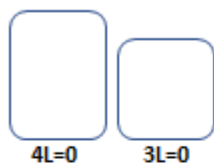
Goal state =  $(2,y)$  where  $0 \leq y \leq 3$

## Production Rules for water jug problem

SI No	Current state	Next State	Description
1	$(x,y)$ if $x < 4$	$(4,y)$	Fill the 4 gallon jug
2	$(x,y)$ if $y < 3$	$(x,3)$	Fill the 3 gallon jug
3	$(x,y)$ if $x > 0$	$(x-d, y)$	Pour some water out of the 4 gallon jug
4	$(x,y)$ if $y > 0$	$(x, y-d)$	Pour some water out of the 3-gallon jug
5	$(x,y)$ if $x > 0$	$(0, y)$	Empty the 4 gallon jug
6	$(x,y)$ if $y > 0$	$(x,0)$	Empty the 3 gallon jug on the ground
7	$(x,y)$ if $x+y \geq 4$ and $y > 0$	$(4, y-(4-x))$	Pour water from the 3 – gallon jug into the 4 –gallon jug until the 4-gallon jug is full

8	$(x, y)$ if $x+y \geq 3$ and $x > 0$	$(x-(3-y), 3)$	Pour water from the 4-gallon jug into the 3-gallon jug until the 3-gallon jug is full
9	$(x, y)$ if $x+y \leq 4$ and $y > 0$	$(x+y, 0)$	Pour all the water from the 3-gallon jug into the 4-gallon jug
10	$(x, y)$ if $x+y \leq 3$ and $x > 0$	$(0, x+y)$	Pour all the water from the 4-gallon jug into the 3-gallon jug
11	$(0, 2)$	$(2, 0)$	Pour the 2 gallons from 3-gallon jug into the 4-gallon jug
12	$(2, y)$	$(0, y)$	Empty the 2 gallons in the 4-gallon jug on the ground

### Water Jug Problem



## Production Systems

A production system consists of:

- A set of rules, each consisting of a left side that determines the applicability of the rule and a right side that describes the operation to be performed if that rule is applied.

- One or more knowledge/databases that contain whatever information is appropriate for the particular task. Some parts of the database may be permanent, while other parts of it may pertain only to the solution of the current problem.
- A control strategy that specifies the order in which the rules will be compared to the database and a way of resolving the conflicts that arise when several rules match at once. 'A rule applier

## Control Strategies

- How to decide which rule to apply next during the process of searching for a solution to a problem?
- The two requirements of good control strategy are that
  - It should cause motion.
  - It should be systematic

## Problem Characteristics

In order to choose the most appropriate method for a particular problem, it is necessary to analyse the problem along several key dimensions:

- Is the problem decomposable into a set of independent smaller or easier subproblems?
- Can solution steps be ignored or at least undone if they prove unwise?
- Is the problem's universe predictable?
- Is a good solution to the problem obvious without comparison to all other possible solutions?
- Is the desired solution a state of the world or a path to a state?
- Is a large amount of knowledge absolutely required to solve the problem or is knowledge important only to constrain the search?

Can a computer that is simply given the problem return the solution or will the solution of the problem require interaction between the computer and a person?

## Is the problem Decomposable?

- Whether the problem can be decomposed into smaller problems?

Using the technique of problem decomposition, we can often solve very large problems easily.

## **Can Solution Steps be ignored or undone?**

Suppose we are trying to prove a math theorem. We can prove a lemma. If we find the lemma is not of any help, we can still continue.

8-puzzle problem

Chess: A move cannot be taken back.

Important classes of problems:

- Ignorable (theorem proving)
- Recoverable (8-puzzle)
- Irrecoverable (Chess)

The recoverability of a problem plays an important role in determining the complexity of the control structure necessary for the problem's solution.

- Ignorable problems can be solved using a simple control structure that never backtracks
- Recoverable problems can be solved by a slightly more complicated control strategy that does sometimes make mistakes
- Irrecoverable problems will need to be solved by systems that expend a great deal of effort making each decision since decision must be final.

## **Is the universe Predictable?**

- Certain Outcome (ex: 8-puzzle)
- Uncertain Outcome (ex: Controlling a robot arm)
- For solving certain outcome problems, open loop approach (without feedback) will work fine.
- For uncertain-outcome problems, planning can at best generate a sequence of operators that has a good probability of leading to a solution. We need to allow for a process of plan revision to take place.

## **Is a good solution absolute or relative?**

- Any path problem
- Best path problem
- Any path problems can often be solved in a reasonable amount of time by using heuristics that suggest good paths to explore.

Best path problems are computationally harder.

## Is the solution a state or a path?

Finding a consistent interpretation

**For the sentence** "*The bank president ate a dish of pasta salad with the fork*".

We need to find the interpretation **but not the record of the processing**.

**Water jug** : Here it is not sufficient to report that we have solved , but the path that we found to the state (2,0). Thus a statement of a solution to this problem **must be a sequence of operations** (Plan) that produces the final state.

A path solution problem can be reformulated as a state -solution problem by describing a state as a partial path to a solution.

## What is the role of knowledge?

### Two examples:

- **Playing Chess**: Knowledge is required to constrain the search for a solution
- **Newspaper story understanding**: Lot of knowledge is required even to be able to recognize a solution.

## Consider a problem of scanning daily newspapers

"to decide which are supporting the democrats and which are supporting the republicans in some upcoming election".

## We need lots of knowledge to answer such questions

### as:

- The names of the candidates in each party
- The facts that if the major thing you want to see done is have taxes lowered, you are probably supporting the republicans

- The fact that if the major thing you want to see done is improved education for minority students, you are probably supporting the democrats.

## **Does the task require Interaction with a person?**

The programs require intermediate interaction with people for additional inputs and to provide reassurance to the user.

There are two types of problems:

- Solitary
- Conversational

Decision on using one of these approaches will be important in the choice of problem solving method.

**Solitary Problem:** in which there is no intermediate communication and no demand for an explanation of the reasoning process.

**Conversational Problem:** In which intermediate communication is to provide either additional assistance to the computer or additional information to the user.

## **Problem Classification**

There are several broad classes into which the problems fall.

- These classes can each be associated with generic control strategy that is appropriate for solving the problems:
- Most diagnostic task : ex: medical diagnostics, diagnosis of faults in mechanical devices
- Propose and Refine: ex: design and planning

## **Issues in the design of search programs**

The direction in which to conduct the search (forward versus backward reasoning).

- How to select applicable rules (Matching)  
How to represent each node of the search process (knowledge representation problem)

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