

Lecture 1: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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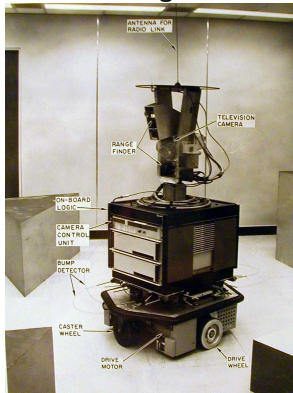
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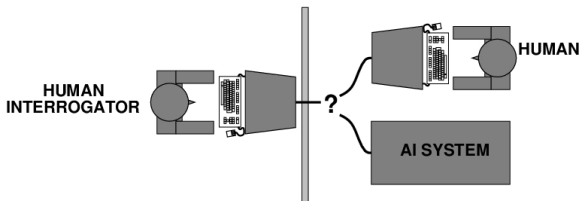
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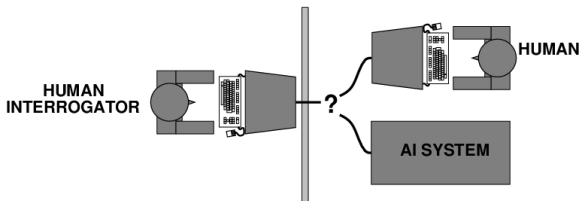
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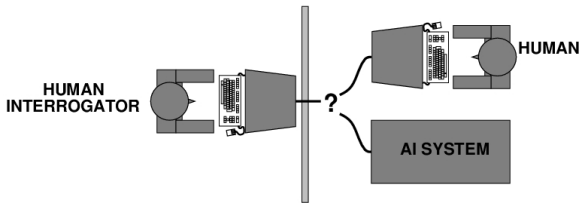
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The Truth about the Turing Test

- ◇ Problem: Turing test is not **reproducible, informative/constructive**, or amenable to **mathematical analysis**
- ◇ Weak vs. Strong AI argument: one can simulate intelligence but not possess it
- ◇ AI researchers largely interested in underlying principles
- ◇ Turing test evolved in pop culture

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From fooling to manipulating a human as ultimate test.

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Is Intelligence Thinking Humanly? Cognitive Science

- 1960s “cognitive revolution”: information-processing psychology replaced prevailing orthodoxy of behaviorism
- Requires scientific theories of internal activities of the brain
 - What level of abstraction? “Knowledge” or “circuits”?
 - How to validate?
 - Requires:
 - 1 Predicting and testing behavior of human subjects (top-down)
 - 2 Direct identification from neurological data (bottom-up)
- Both approaches (roughly, Cognitive Science and Cognitive Neuroscience) are now distinct from AI
- Both share with AI the following characteristic:
 - **the available theories do not explain (or engender) anything resembling human-level general intelligence**
- All three fields share one principal direction!

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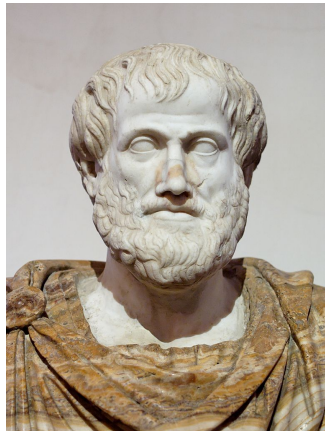
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- Lessons learned from the brain: memory and simulation are key to decision making



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Or Thinking Rationally? – Laws of Thought

- **Normative** (or **prescriptive**) rather than **descriptive**
- Aristotle: what are correct arguments/thought processes?
- Several Greek schools developed various forms of **logic**: **notation** and **rules of derivation** for thoughts; may or may not have proceeded to the idea of mechanization
- Direct line through mathematics and philosophy to modern AI
- Problems:
 - 1 Not all intelligent behavior is mediated by logical deliberation
 - 2 **What is the purpose of thinking?** What thoughts **should** I have out of all the thoughts (logical or otherwise) that I **could** have?



Aristotle, 384–322 BC

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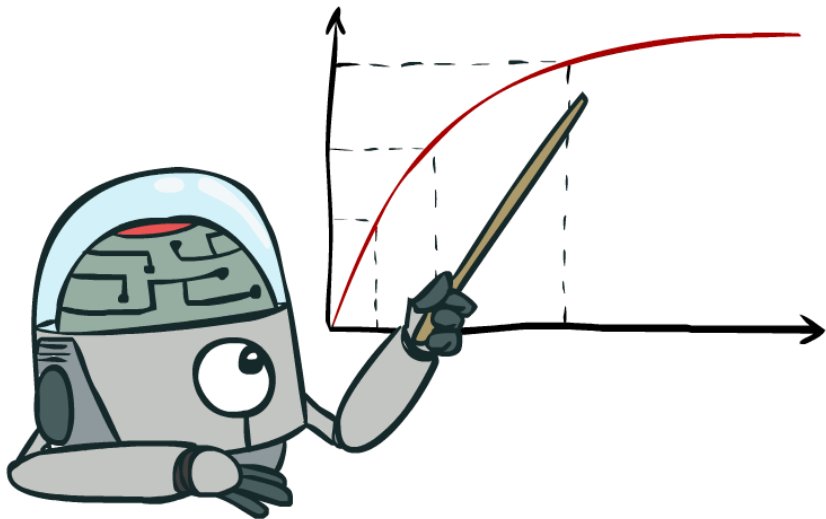
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AI Prehistory

Philosophy	logic, methods of reasoning, mind as physical system foundations of learning, language, rationality
Mathematics	formal representation and proof algorithms, computation, (un)decidability, (in)tractability, probability
Psychology	adaptation, phenomena of perception and motor control, experimental techniques (psychophysics, etc.)
Economics	formal theory of rational decisions, game theory
Linguistics	knowledge representation, grammar
Neuroscience	plastic physical substrate for mental activity
Control theory	feedback, homeostatic systems, stability, simple optimal agent designs

- Dartmouth Workshop Proposal:

- “An attempt will be made to find how to make machines use language, form abstractions and concepts, solve kinds of problems now reserved for humans, and improve themselves.
- We think that a significant advance can be made if we work on it together for a summer.”



John McCarthy and Claude Shannon

Potted History of AI

1940-1950: The Early Days

1943

McCulloch & Pitts: Boolean circuit model of brain
Turing's "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"

1950

1950-1970: Excitement

Look Ma, No Hands!

1950s

Early programs, Samuel's checkers program, Newell-Simon's Logic Theorist, Gelernter's Geometry Engine
Dartmouth meeting: coined "AI"

1956

Robinson's complete logical reasoning algorithm

1965

1970-1990: AI Winter

1966-74

AI discovers computational complexity, neural network research almost disappears

1969-79

Early development of knowledge-based systems

1980-93

Expert systems industry booms and then busts

1985-95

Neural networks popular again

1990s: Statistical Approaches

1988-

Resurgence of probability; increase in technical depth
"Nouvelle AI": ALife, GAs, soft computing

1995-

Agents, agents, everywhere . . .

2003-

Human-level AI back on the agenda

Where are we now?

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Unintentionally Funny Stories

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Henry Squirrel was thirsty. He walked over to the river bank where his good friend Bill Bird was sitting. Henry slipped and fell in the river. Gravity drowned. The End.

Once upon a time there was a dishonest fox and a vain crow. One day the crow was sitting in his tree, holding a piece of cheese in his mouth. He noticed that he was holding the piece of cheese. He became hungry, and swallowed the cheese. The fox walked over to the crow. The End.

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 - Automatic speech recognition (ASR)
 - Text-to-speech synthesis (TTS)
 - Dialog systems
- Language processing technologies
 - Question answering
 - Machine translation
- Web search
- Text classification, spam filtering, etc

The image shows a screenshot of a PC news website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'PC NEWS' and various categories like 'OPINIONS', 'FEATURES', 'DEALS', 'HOW-TO', 'BUSINESS', 'VIDEO', 'SUBSCRIBE'. Below this is a search bar and a secondary navigation bar with categories like 'ALL REVIEWS', 'LAPTOPS', 'TABLETS', 'PHONES', 'APPS', 'SOFTWARES', 'SECURITY', 'PRINTERS', 'CAMERAS', 'WEBS'. The main article is titled 'Google Translate Reads More Languages' and is dated 'CES 2016:'. The article text mentions that Google Translate has added 20 more languages and is speeding up real-time voice translations. To the right of the article is a red sidebar with the text 'Advertise locally or globally with AdWords' and a 'Get Going Today' button. At the bottom right of the sidebar, it says 'MOST POPULAR ARTICLES'.

■ Robotics

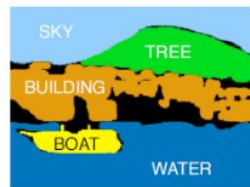
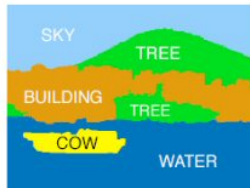
- At interface between mechanical engineering and AI
- Algorithms in the Field (AiF) much harder than simulations

■ Current technologies

- Autonomous vehicles
 - Search and Rescue
 - Exploration/Navigation
 - Data Collection
 - Entertainment (Soccer)
 - Service for elderly
 - Autonomous vs. semi-autonomous
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- Mechanical aspects ignored here (treated in Robotics courses, such as CS485, CS689)
 - Here we will focus on algorithms for planning and control



- Now central to Robotics
- Object and face recognition
- Image classification
- Object tracking and behavior recognition



- Logical Systems
 - Theorem provers
 - NASA fault diagnostics
 - System Verification (software)
 - Question and answering

- Methods
 - Deduction systems
 - Constraint satisfaction
 - Satisfiability solvers (significant advances)



- Classic Moment: May, '97: Deep Blue vs. Kasparov
 - First match won against world champion
 - “Intelligent creative” play
 - 200 million board positions per second
 - Humans understood 99.9 of Deep Blue’s moves
 - Can do about the same now with a PC cluster
- Open question:
 - How does human cognition deal with the search space explosion of chess?
 - Or: how can humans compete with computers at all??
- 1996: Kasparov Beats Deep Blue
 - “I could feel — I could smell — a new kind of intelligence across the table.”
- 1997: Deep Blue Beats Kasparov
 - “Deep Blue hasn’t proven anything.”
- Computers now match or beat humans in:
 - Chess
 - Othello
 - Scrabble
 - Backgammon
 - Poker
 - Jeopardy
 - Even Go (Google’s AlphaGo - ‘Like a God’ - beats Ke Jie, world’s best player in 2017)

- AI in many other useful systems
 - Scheduling, e.g. airline routing, military
 - Route planning, e.g. Google maps
 - Medical diagnosis, e.g., EKGs
 - Automated surveillance
 - Web search engines
 - Spam classifiers
 - Automated help desks
 - Fraud detection
 - Product recommendations



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Why 2015 Was a Breakthrough Year in Artificial Intelligence

Computers are "starting to open their eyes," said a senior fellow at Google.

Photographer: Kenneth O'Connell/Bloomberg

by Jack Clark
mappingbabel

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After a half-decade of quiet breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, 2015 has been a landmark year. Computers are smarter and learning faster than ever.

The pace of advancement in AI is "actually speeding up," said Jeff Dean, a senior fellow at Google. To celebrate their achievements and plot the year ahead, Dean and many of the other top minds in AI are convening in Montreal this week at the Neural Information Processing Systems conference. It started in 1987 and has become a must-

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- ◇ Google researchers nabbed the cover of scientific journal Nature with a system that can learn to play and master old Atari games without directions.
- ◇ Facebook built a way to let computers describe images to blind people.
- ◇ Microsoft showed off a new Skype system that can automatically translate from one language to another.
- ◇ IBM singled out AI as one of its greatest potential growth areas.
- ◇ Preferred Networks is making AI systems that will go into industrial robots made by Japan's Fanuc.
- ◇ Indico Data Labs worked with a Facebook researcher to teach a computer how to paint faces using its own sort of imagination.
- ◇ The rise of deep learning (neural networks re-awakened)
- ◇ New paradigm: teaching computers to think for themselves and improvise solutions to common problems.

**Artificial
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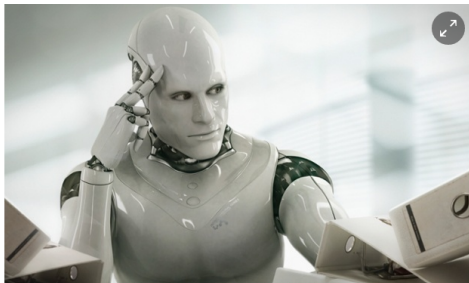
Elon Musk: artificial intelligence is our biggest existential threat

The AI investor says that humanity risks 'summoning a demon' and calls for more regulatory oversight

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Artificial intelligence should be regulated, says Elon Musk. Photograph: Blutgruppe/Blutgruppe/Corbis

[Elon Musk](#) has spoken out against artificial intelligence (AI), declaring it the most serious threat to the survival of the human race.

Elon Musk Donates \$10M To Make Sure AI Doesn't Go The Way Of Skynet

Posted Jan 15, 2015 by [Darrell Etherington \(@drizzled\)](#)

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Tesla and SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk has gone on record before proclaiming the potential risks of artificial intelligence, and now he's putting his money where his mouth is. The intrepid inventor and entrepreneur [announced a donation of \\$10 million](#) to help fund research to "keep AI beneficial" to humanity today. The funds go to the Future of Life Institute (FLI), an organization run by volunteers dedicated to research aimed at "mitigate[ing] existential risks facing

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Study to Examine Effects of Artificial Intelligence

By JOHN MARKOFF DEC. 15, 2014



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Scientists have begun what they say will be a century-long study of the effects of artificial intelligence on society, including on the economy, war and crime, officials at [Stanford University](#) announced Monday.

The project, hosted by the university, is unusual not just because of its duration but because it seeks to track the effects of these technologies as they reshape the roles played by human beings in a broad range of endeavors.

“My take is that A.I. is taking over,” said Sebastian Thrun, a well-known roboticist who led the development of Google’s self-driving car. “A few humans might still be ‘in charge,’ but less and less so.”

Artificial intelligence describes computer systems that perform tasks traditionally requiring human intelligence and perception. In 2009, the president of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, Eric Horvitz, organized a meeting of computer scientists in California to discuss the possible ramifications of A.I. advances. The group concluded that the advances [were largely positive](#) and lauded the “relatively graceful” progress.

- We are doing AI to:
 - create intelligent systems
 - The more intelligent, the better
 - gain a better understanding of human intelligence
 - magnify those benefits that flow from it
- Progress is accelerating, partly due to an industry arms race
- Once performance reaches a minimum level, every 1% improvement is worth billions
 - Speech
 - Text understanding
 - Object recognition
 - Automated vehicles
 - Domestic robots

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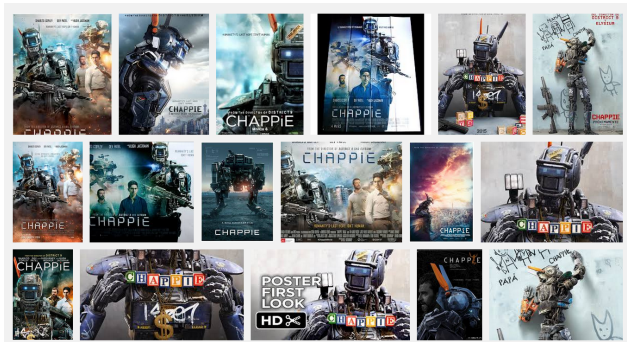
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Transcendence 2015 (transfer of consciousness on machine)

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Chappie 2015 (a learning robot)

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- Rutherford (1933): anyone who looks for a source of power in the transformation of the atom is talking moonshine.
- Sept 12, 1933: The stoplight changed to green.
- Szilard stepped off the curb. As he crossed the street time cracked open before him and he saw a way to the future, death into the world and all our woes, the shape of things to come.
- Szilard (1934): patent on nuclear chain reaction; kept secret

What is the Future of AI?

- Along what paths will AI evolve?
- What is the (plausibly reachable) best case? Worst case?
- Can we affect the future of AI?
 - Can we reap the benefits of super intelligent machines and avoid the risks?
 - “The essential task of our age.” Nick Bostrom, Professor of Philosophy, Oxford University.

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- Constraint Satisfaction, Adversarial Search

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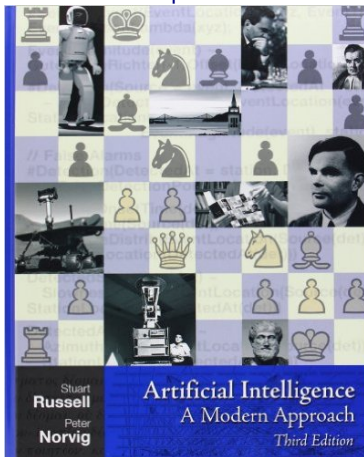
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Required:



Many online supplemental materials posted on the class syllabus.

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- 3 Homeworks (30%)
- Midterm Exam (15%)
- Final Exam (30%)
- Project (25%)

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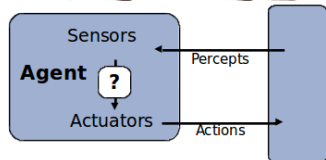
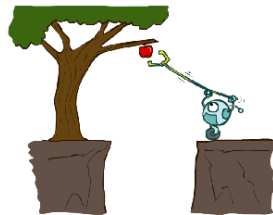
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Designing Rational Agents

- An agent is an entity that **perceives** and **acts**
- A **rational** agent **selects actions** that **maximize its (expected) utility**
- Characteristics of the percepts, environment, and action space dictate techniques for selecting rational actions

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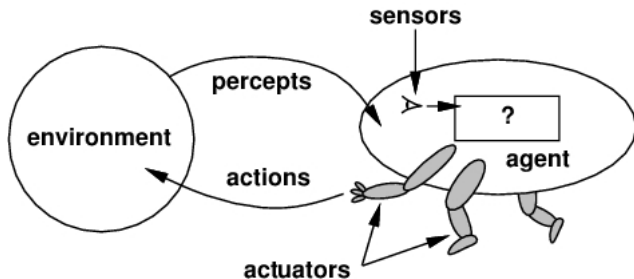
- General AI techniques for a variety of problem types
- Learning to recognize when and how a new problem can be solved with an existing technique



Intelligent Agents

- ◇ Agents and Environments
- ◇ Rationality
- ◇ PEAS (Performance measure, Environment, Actuators, Sensors)
- ◇ Environment Types
- ◇ Agent Types

Agents and Environments

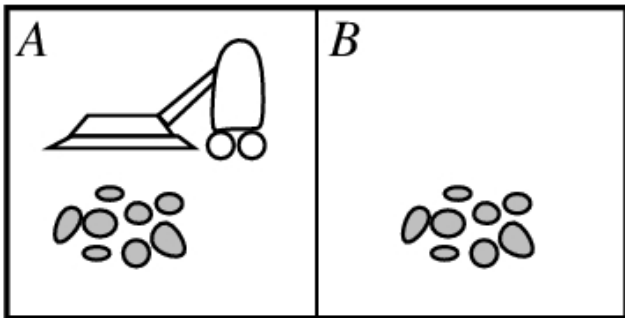


Agents include humans, robots, softbots, thermostats, etc.

The **agent function** maps from percept histories to actions:

$$f : \mathcal{P}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$$

The **agent program** runs on the physical **architecture** to produce f



Percepts: location and contents, e.g., [A, Dirty]

Actions: Left, Right, Suck, NoOp

A Vacuum-cleaner Agent

Percept sequence	Action
[A, Clean]	Right
[A, Dirty]	Suck
[B, Clean]	Left
[B, Dirty]	Suck
[A, Clean], [A, Clean]	Right
[A, Clean], [A, Dirty]	Suck
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function REFLEX-VACUUM-AGENT([*location,status*]) **returns** an action

if *status* = Dirty **then return** Suck

else if *location* = A **then return** Right

else if *location* = B **then return** Left

What is the **right** agent function? Can it be implemented in a **small** agent program?
[note difference between agent function and agent program]

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Rational \implies exploration, learning, autonomy

To design a rational agent, we must first specify the **task environment – PEAS**

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Categorization of agent programs

Four basic types in order of increasing generality:

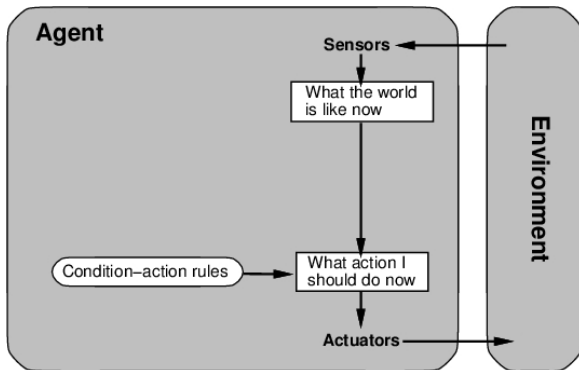
- ◇ simple reflex agents
- ◇ reflex agents with state (model-based reflex agents)
- ◇ goal-based agents
- ◇ utility-based agents

All these can be turned into:

- ◇ learning agents

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Example of a Reflex Agent

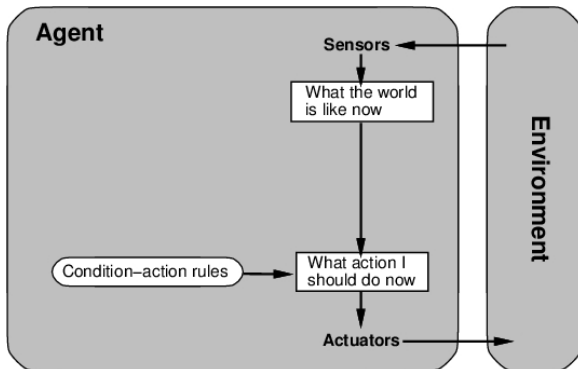
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                    :program (make-reflex-vacuum-agent-program)))
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(defun make-reflex-vacuum-agent-program ()  
  #'(lambda (percept)  
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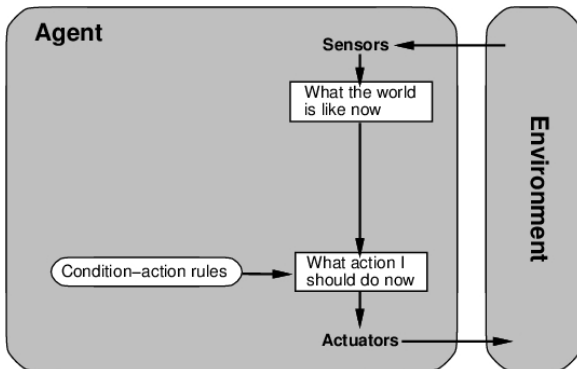
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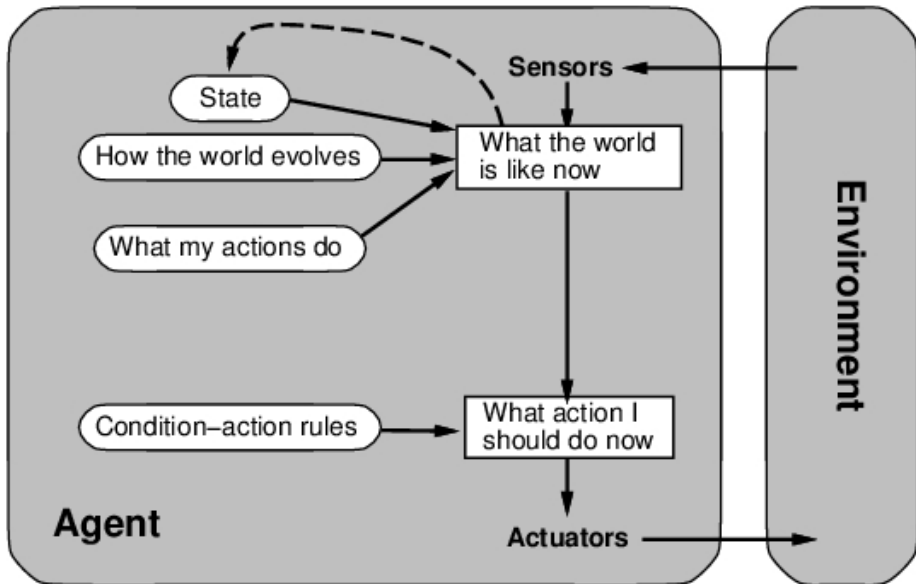
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 - Goal-based agent (atomic environment state)
 - Planning agent (factored or structured environment state)
- Decisions based on (hypothesized) consequences of actions
- Consider how the world WOULD BE
- Must have a model of how the world evolves in response to actions
- Complete versus Optimal planning
- Planning versus replanning (for dynamic environments)

Reflex Agents with State (Model-based Agents)

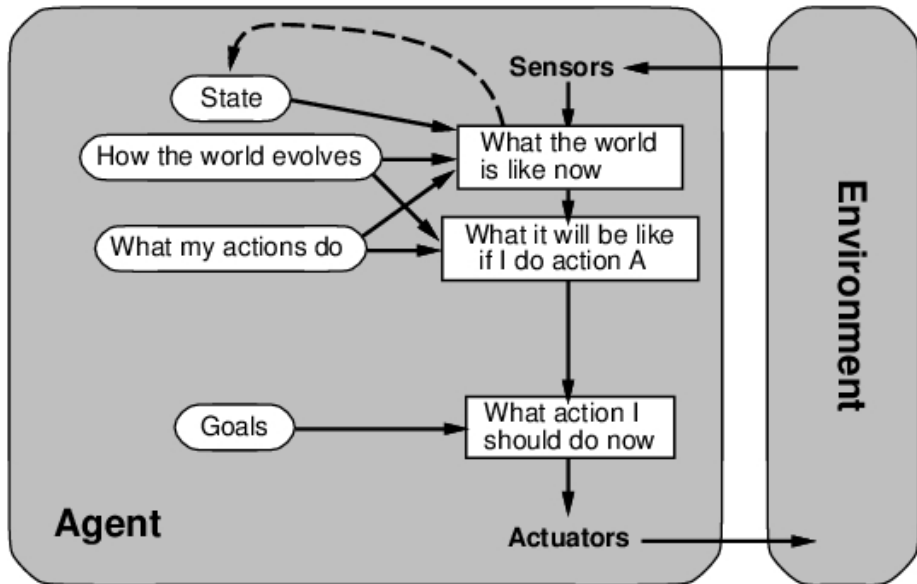


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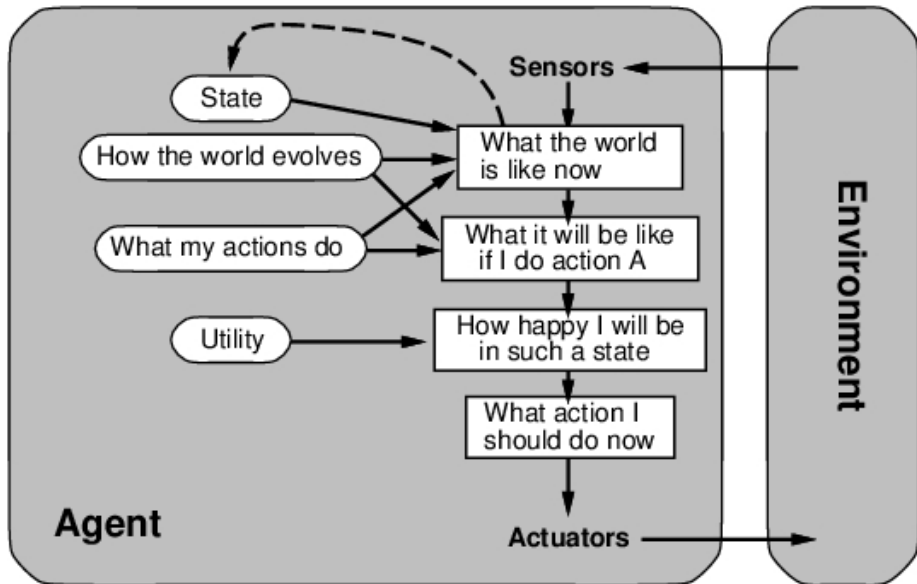
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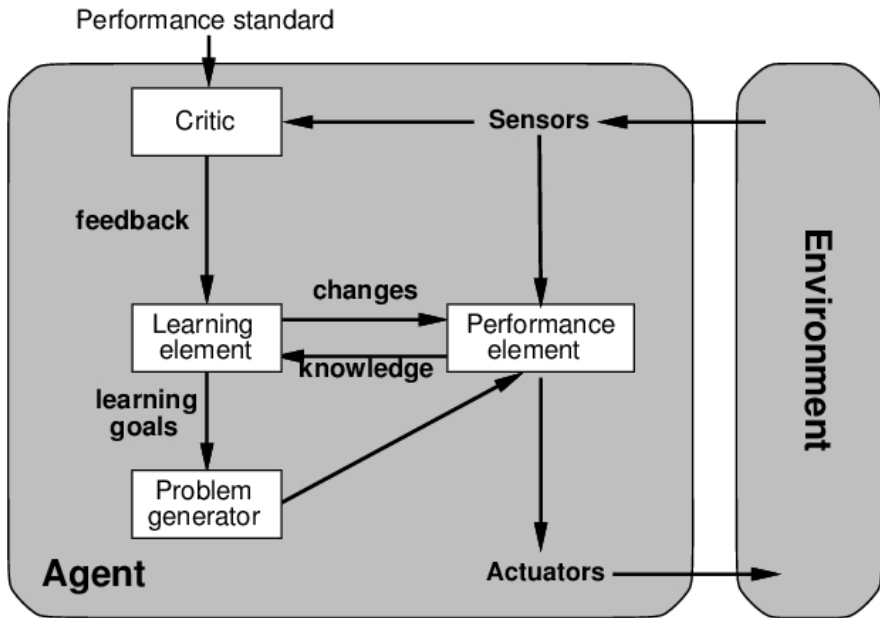
Goal-based Agents



Utility-based Agents



Learning Agents



Atomic:

- Each state of the world is indivisible
- E.g., cities to a traveling salesman
- Search and game playing (chapters 3-5), Hidden Markov models (chapter 15), and Markov decision processes (chapter 17)

Factored:

- A state split into a fixed set of variables/attributes
- States can share attributes (and more easily transform into each-other)
- Can represent uncertainty (unevaluated attributes)
- Constraint satisfaction (chapter 6), propositional logic (chapter 7), planning (chapters 10-11), Bayesian networks (chapters 13-16), machine learning (chapters 18, 20, 21)

Structured:

- Represent objects and relations
- Relational databases and first-order logic (chapters 8,9, 12), first-order probability models (chapter 14), knowledge-based learning (chapter 19), natural language processing (chapters 22-23)

Summary on Intelligent Agents

- Agents interact with environments through actuators and sensors
- The agent function describes what the agent does in all circumstances
- The agent program determines what to do next
- The performance measure evaluates the environment sequence
- A perfectly rational agent maximizes expected performance
- Agent programs implement (some) agent functions
- PEAS descriptions define task environments
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