

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

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1.1 Introduction

- Discipline of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** has been growing between psychology and computer science.
- **AI** Researchers make computers perform tasks that apparently require intelligence if done by human beings.
- **AI** is a field of study that encompasses computational techniques for performing above tasks.
- **Fundamental issues of AI**
 - ❖ Knowledge representation
 - ❖ Search
 - ❖ Perception
 - ❖ Inference
- Knowledge can be available as a collection of logical assertions, heuristic rules, procedures, statistical co-relations, etc.

1.2 Intelligence



- What is Intelligence?
- e.g. “**Shruti is intelligent**” can be interpreted in different ways.
- Some will say, **Shruti is intelligent** because
 - ❖ She knows a lot
 - or
 - ❖ She thinks fast
- A person possess great amount of knowledge but may not be capable of organizing this knowledge in a creative fashion.
- One satisfactory interpretation of the statement may be **Shruti’s actions** would be appropriate in all situations.

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1.2 Intelligence



- Important aspects of human intelligence
 - ❖ The use of intuition, commonsense, judgment, creativity, goal directedness, plausible reasoning, knowledge and beliefs.
 - ❖ Human intelligence is powerful, yet it has some limitations.
 - ❖ Humans are intellectually fallible.
 - ❖ Humans have limited knowledge bases.
 - ❖ Information processing in humans is of serial nature & proceeds very slowly in the brain as compared with computers.

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1.2 Intelligence



➤ The meaning of intelligence is not the human brain's information processing ability but the ability of humans to demonstrate their intelligence by

❖ **Communicating effectively**

❖ **Learning.**

➤ Human beings acquire knowledge by experience, and then demonstrate the knowledge that is acquired by communicating and learning.

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1.3 Artificial Intelligence



➤ Definitions of **AI** results from different motivations / backgrounds.

➤ Intelligent Class of objects: **ants, birds, cats, etc.**

➤ Unintelligent Class of objects: **tables, chairs, hardware, etc.**

➤ **AI** means the simulation of human behaviour and cognitive processes on a computer.

➤ **AI** is the study of how to make computers do things which at the moment people do better.

❖ **Definition is ephemeral (lasting for a short time)**

❖ **Reference to the current state of computer science**

1.3 Artificial Intelligence



- Key issue in the study is **Searching**
- It is to invent brute force algorithms to solve problems.
- An understanding of search techniques can help avoid the combinatorial explosion that swamps brute force attempts.
- **INFERENCE** is the process of creating **explicit** (clear and exact) representations of the knowledge from **implicit** (suggested but indirect) ones.
- **INFERENCE** can be viewed as the creation of knowledge itself.

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1.3 Artificial Intelligence



- AI is both an **art** and a **science**.
- **Science** - a body of proved principles that have been abstracted from nature through processes of empirical inquiry and logical deduction.
- **Art** - a collection of techniques, developed pragmatically to a sophisticated level, but not necessarily in a logical way.
- Purpose of **AI** to increase man's understanding of
 - ❖ reasoning
 - ❖ learning
 - ❖ perception
- Better understanding is required
 - ❖ to build new development tools
 - ❖ to achieve a more mature view of human intelligence

1.4 Definitions of AI



- **Bellman, 1978:** The automation of activities that we associate with human thinking, activities like decision- making, problem solving, learning, etc.
- **Haugeland, 1985:** The exciting new effort to make computers think....machines with mind, in the full and literal sense.
- **Kurzweil, 1990:** The art of creating machines that perform functions that need intelligence when performed by people.
- **Winston, 1992:** The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason and act.

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1.4 Definitions of AI



- **Luger & Stubblefield, 1993:** The branch of computer science that is concerned with the automation of intelligent behaviour.
- **Rich & knight, 2003:** The study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better.
- As per definitions of **AI**, Computer systems can be classified into the following categories
 - ❖ Systems that **ACT** like humans
 - ❖ Systems that **THINK** like humans
 - ❖ Systems that **THINK** rationally
 - ❖ Systems that **ACT** rationally

1.5 Soft Computing Vs Hard Computing Systems



- Soft computing differs from hard computing in its tolerance to **imprecision, uncertainty and partial truth**.
- Hard computing methods are based on mathematical approaches, so demand a high degree of precision and accuracy in their requirements.
- But in most engineering problems, the input parameters cannot be determined with high degree of precision.
- Soft computing techniques, which are based on biological systems, present effective methods for the solution of difficult problems.
- The guiding principle of soft computing is exploit the tolerance for **imprecision, uncertainty and partial truth** to achieve **tractability, robustness and low cost solution**.

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1.6 Fundamentals of Various IS

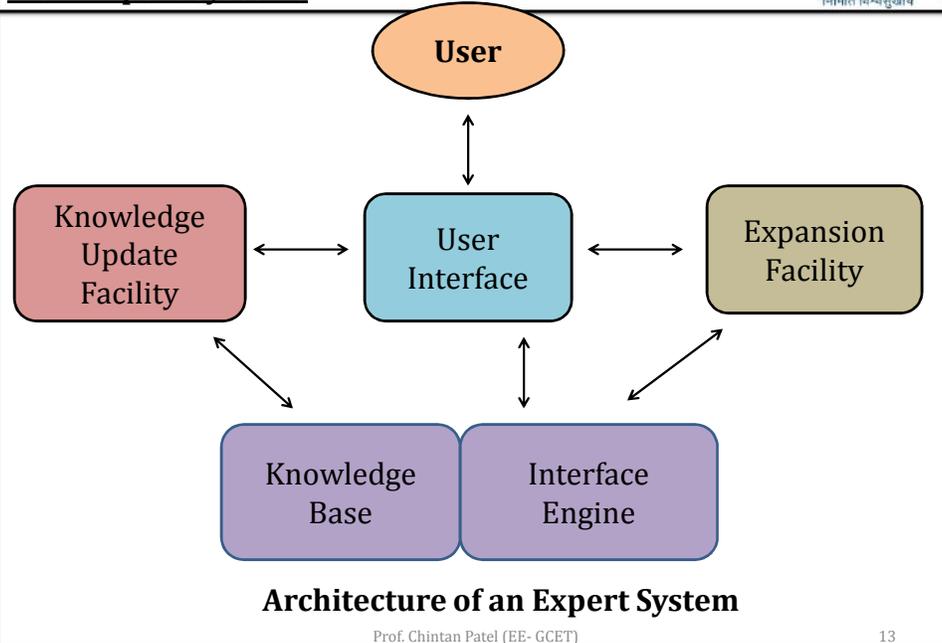


1.6.1 Expert Systems

- **ES** is an intelligent computer program that uses knowledge and inference procedures to solve problems which needs human expertise for their solution.
- **ES** is a knowledge-based program that provides expert quality solution to problems in a specific domain.
- Its knowledge is extracted from the human experts in the domain.
- The computer programs cannot learn from experience, their knowledge must be extracted from humans and encoded in a formal language.
- An **ES** simulates the human reasoning process by applying specific knowledge and inferences.

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1.6.2 Fuzzy Systems

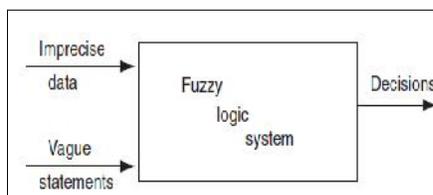
➤ As complexity rises, precise statements lose meaning and meaningful statements lose precision - **Lotfi A. Zadeh**

➤ In 1965, **Zadeh** introduced the concept of fuzzy sets.

➤ The fuzzy theory provides a mechanism for representing linguistic constructs such as "**many**," "**low**," "**medium**," "**often**," "**few**".

➤ In general, the fuzzy logic provides an inference structure that enables appropriate human reasoning capabilities.

➤ A fuzzy logic system accepts imprecise data and vague statements such as low, medium, high and provides decisions



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1.6.3 Neural Networks



- An artificial neural network (**ANN**) is a system that is based on operations of biological neural networks.
- It can be defined as an emulation of biological neural systems.
- A neuron is a simple processing element that receives and combines signals from other neurons through input paths called dendrites.
- If the combined input signal is strong enough, the neuron 'fires', producing an output signal along the axon that connects to the dendrites of many other neurons.
- Each signal coming into a neuron along a dendrite passes through a synapse or a synaptic junction.

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- This junction is a gap in the dendrite which is filled with neurotransmitter fluid that either accelerates or retards the flow of electric charges.
- The fundamental actions of neuron are chemical in nature, and this neurotransmitter fluid produces electric signals that go to the nucleus or soma of the neuron.
- The adjustment or conductance of the synaptic gap is a critically important process.
- As the synaptic strengths of the neurons are adjusted, the brain 'learns' and stores information.
- ANN can model the behaviour of biological neural networks.
- The ANN was developed to exploit parallel-processor computing in place of traditional serial computation.

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- NNs are categorized based on
 - ❖ Architectures (number of layers)
 - ❖ Topology (connectivity pattern)
 - feed-forward,
 - recurrent,
 - ❖ Learning regime
- NNs are categorized based on most of the applications in engineering have used multilayered feed-forward networks and error back-propagation learning.

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1.6 Fundamentals of Various IS

1.6.4 Genetic Algorithms and Evolutionary Programming



- Problem solving systems based on the principles of evolution and heredity has been grown during last 30 years.
- Such system maintains a population of potential of solutions, a selection process based on the fitness of individuals and certain '**genetic**' operators.
- One class of such systems is evolution strategies.
- They are the algorithms which imitate the principles of natural evolution for parameter optimization problems.
- **Fogel's** EP is a technique used for searching through a space of small finite- state machines.
- **Glover's** scatter search techniques maintain a population of reference points and generate offspring using weighted linear combinations.

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➤ An evolution program is a probabilistic algorithm which maintains a population $P(t) = \{x_{t1}, \dots, x_{tm}\}$ of individuals for iteration t .

➤ A typical EP is given below:

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Procedure evolution program
Begin
  t ← 0
  Initialize P(t)
  Evaluate P(t)
While (not termination-condition) do
Begin
  T ← t + 1
  Select P(t) from P(t-1)
  Alter P(t) through crossover and mutation
  Evaluate P(t)
End
End
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1.7.1 Expert Systems



➤ In the early 1960s, **AI** scientists realized that developing general purpose programs was too difficult and ultimately fruitless.

➤ In 1970s, the following techniques were developed

❖ **Representation** : how to formulate a problem easily

❖ **Search** : how to control the search for a given solution efficiently and with less computer memory space

➤ They realized that problem solving power of a program comes from the knowledge it possesses.

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- To make a program intelligent, provide it with lots of high-quality, specific knowledge about the problem area.
- This led to development of specific purpose computer programs – systems that were experts in narrow problem areas.
- These programs were called **Expert Systems**.
- The process of building an expert system is called **knowledge engineering**.
- It involves a special form of interaction between the expert system builder called **knowledge engineer** and one or more human experts in that problem area.

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- Knowledge engineer extracts from the human expert
 - ❖ **Procedures**
 - ❖ **Strategies**
 - ❖ **Rules of thumb**
- The knowledge engineer then converts the knowledge into an expert system.
- The result is a computer program that can solve problems in a manner similar to the human experts.

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1.7.2 Fuzzy systems



- In 1950s, **Lotfi A. Zadeh**, Dept. of EE & CS, Uni. of California, believed that all real world problems could be solved with efficient analytical methods and fast computers.
- He thought that the traditional system analysis techniques were too precise for complex world problems.
- Zadeh proposed the idea of a fuzzy set in 1964.
- The idea of '**grade of membership**', which is the backbone of fuzzy set theory, occurred to him.

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1.7.2 Fuzzy systems



- Fuzzy sets support a flexible sense of membership of elements to a set.
- Some important concepts were developed by **Zadeh** between 1965 and 1975.
 - ❖ fuzzy multistage decision making
 - ❖ fuzzy similarity relations
 - ❖ fuzzy restrictions
 - ❖ linguistic hedges

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➤ Many mathematical structures were fuzzified by generalizing the underlying sets to be fuzzy.

➤ These structures include

- ❖ logic,
- ❖ relations,
- ❖ functions,
- ❖ graphs,
- ❖ groups,
- ❖ languages,
- ❖ algorithms and programs

➤ In 1974, **Assilian and Mamdani** in the UK developed the 1st fuzzy logic controller which was used for controlling a steam generator.

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1.7.3 Artificial Neural Networks



➤ **ANN** has been developed from 1943 onwards.

➤ **McCulloch and Pitts** outlined the 1st formal model of an elementary computing neuron.

➤ Model included all the necessary elements needed to perform logic operations and thus could function as an arithmetic-logic computing element.

➤ **Donald Hebb** proposed a learning scheme for updating neuron connections which we now refer to as the **Hebbian learning rule**.

➤ He stated that information can be stored in the form of connections.

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- **Frank Rosenblatt** in the 1950s invented a neuron like element called the perceptron.
- **Perceptron** was a trainable machine capable of learning to classify certain patterns by modifying the connections between threshold elements.
- In 1960s, a device called **ADALINE** was introduced.
- **Bernard Widrow and Marcian Hoff** developed a new powerful learning rule called the **Widrow-Hoff Learning Rule**.

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- Applications of **ADALINE** and its extension **MADALINE** include
 - ❖ **Pattern recognition**
 - ❖ **Weather forecasting**
 - ❖ **Adaptive controls**
- During 1986-87, many new neural network research programs were initiated and are in use even today.

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1.7.4 Genetic Algorithms and Evolutionary Programming



- In 1950s and 1960s, scientists found that the evolution could be used as an optimization tool for engineering problems.
- Concept was to evolve a population of candidate solutions for a given problem using operators inspired by natural genetic variation and natural selection.
- In the 1960s, **Rechenberg** and then **Schwefel** developed '**evolution strategies**', a method used for optimization real-valued parameters for devices like airfoils.
- **John Holland** invented **Genetic Algorithms** in 1960s at University of Michigan.

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- **Holland's** GA is a method for moving from one population of chromosomes to a new by using a kind of natural selection together with the genetics inspired operators of
 - ❖ **crossovers,**
 - ❖ **mutation**
 - ❖ **inversion**
- **Holland** was the first to attempt to put computational evolution on a firm theoretical footing.
- Lately the boundaries between GAs, evolutionary strategies, evolutionary programming, and other evolutionary approaches have broken down to some extent.

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