Artificial Intelligence

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Outline for Today

- Define Al
 - Acting Humanly
 - Thinking Humanly
 - Thinking Rationally
 - Acting Rationally

- Course Objectives
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 - Grading and Contact Information



What makes up AI?

- Do self driving cars?
- How about computers that play chess?
- Walking robots?

Is it Intelligent to be Human or to be Rational?

Systems that think like humans	Systems that think rationally
Systems that act like humans	Systems that act rationally



Define Intelligence

Are we intelligent?

• If you can calculate a square root, are you intelligent?



Calculate a Square Root

Find the square root of *S*.

- Initialize: Set x to a guess
- Repeat:
 - Calculate $x_{\text{next}} = \frac{1}{2}(x + \frac{S}{x})$
 - $x = x_{next}$

My Definition of Al

Using an non-human mechanism to either to:

- solve a problem that does not have an efficient algorithm and requires "intuition"
- Reasons using facts (and allows new facts to be learned)
- Learns a process by given a set of examples (this is a specialty of Al known as machine learning or statistical inference).



The Turing Test for an Intelligent Artifact

To be intelligent is to act humanly.

HUMAN INTERROGATOR

Turing Test

- Turing focused on "acting like a human" as an operational definition of artificial intelligence: Turing (1950). "Computing machinery and intelligence"
- Proposed the "imitation" game as a test for a hidden intelligent artifact who could be fed visual and material information
- Objective: fool a human 30% of the time in a 5-minute test

This test introduced major components of AI: knowledge, reasoning, language, understanding, learning (computer vision, robotics). Turing predicted this would be reached by the year 2000.



Issues with the Turing Test

Problem: Turing test is not reproducible, informative/constructive, or amenable to mathematic analysis.

Weak vs Strong Al argument: One can simulate intelligence but not possess it.

Al researchers largely interested in underlying principles.



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Is Intelligence Thinking humanly?

- 1960s "cognitive revolution": information-processing phychology replaced prevailing orthodoxy of behaviorism
- Requires scientific theories of internal activities of the brain (how do you validate this?)
- Both approaches (cognitive science and cognitive neuroscience) are now distinct from AI



Course Objectives

Topics:

- Search (Uninformed search, informed search, genetic algorithms, partial observations, adversarial search)
- Playing games
- Logic and Inferences
- Reasoning (hidden markov models, probabilistic models)
- Learning (simple and reinforcement learning)

Exams 2 midterms and a final (each one is cumulative)

Many in-class labs to reinforce ideas

3 Small and 1 Large Programming Assignment



Grading

Component	Count	Weight
Quizzes/HW/Classwork	6-8	10%
Exam 1	1	15%
Exam 2	1	20%
Programming (small)	3	20%
Programming (large)	1	15%
Final Exam	1	20%

