Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Revision
Final Exam

- Venue: TBA
- Date: 23 November (Tuesday)
- Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Format

- Open book
- Six questions, emphasizing material covered after the midterm
  - Yes, all material in the course will be covered on the exam
- Bring a (non-programmable) calculator with you
Outline

- Agents
- Search
  - Uninformed Search
  - Informed Search
- Adversarial Search
- Constraint Satisfaction
- Knowledge-Based Agents
- Uncertainty and Learning
- Natural Language Processing
Agent types

Four basic types in order of increasing generality:

- Simple reflex agents
- Model-based reflex agents
- Goal-based agents
- Utility-based agents
Simple reflex agents
Model-based reflex agents
Goal-based agents
Utility-based agents
Creating agents

Where does the intelligence come from?

- Coded by the designers
  Knowledge representation – predicate and first order logic
- Learned by the machine
  Machine learning – expose naïve agent to examples to learn useful actions
Learning agents

![Diagram of learning agents]

- Performance standard
- Critic
- Sensors
- Feedback
- Learning element
- Changes
- Knowledge
- Learning goals
- Problem generator
- Agent
- Actuators
Searching for solutions

In most agent architectures, deciding what action to take involves considering alternatives

- Searching is judged on optimality, completeness and complexity

- Do I have a way of gauging how close I am to a goal?
  - No: Uninformed Search
  - Yes: Informed Search
Uninformed search

- Formulate the problem, search and then execute actions
- Apply Tree-Search
- For environments that are
  - Deterministic
  - Fully observable
  - Static
Tree search algorithm

- Basic idea:
  - offline, simulated exploration of state space by generating successors of already-explored states

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function \textsc{Tree-Search}(problem, strategy) returns a solution, or failure
initialize the search tree using the initial state of problem
loop do
  if there are no candidates for expansion then return failure
  choose a leaf node for expansion according to strategy
  if the node contains a goal state then return the corresponding solution
  else expand the node and add the resulting nodes to the search tree
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Summary of algorithms

- Breadth-First – FIFO order
- Uniform-Cost – in order of cost
- Depth-First – LIFO order
- Depth-Limited – DFS to a maximum depth
- Iterative Deepening – Iterative DLS
- Bidirectional – also search from goal towards origin

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Repeated states: Graph-Search

function GRAPH-SEARCH(problem, fringe) returns a solution, or failure

  closed ← an empty set
  fringe ← INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe)
  loop do
    if fringe is empty then return failure
    node ← REMOVE-FRONT(fringe)
    if GOAL-TEST[problem](STATE[node]) then return SOLUTION(node)
    if STATE[node] is not in closed then
      add STATE[node] to closed
      fringe ← INSERTALL(EXPAND(node, problem), fringe)
Informed search

- Heuristic function $h(n) = \text{estimated cost of the cheapest path from } n \text{ to goal.}$

- Greedy Best First Search
  - Minimizing estimated cost to goal

- A* Search
  - Minimizing total cost
Properties of heuristic functions

- Admissible: never overestimates cost
- **Consistent**: estimated cost from node \( n+1 \) is \( \geq \) than cost from node \( n + \) step cost.

- A* using Tree-Search is optimal if the heuristic used is admissible.
  - Graph-Search needs a consistent heuristic. Why?
Local search

- Good for solutions where the path to the solution doesn’t matter
  - Often work on a complete state
  - May not search systematically
  - Often require very little memory

- Correlated to online search
  - Have only access to the local state
Local search algorithms

- Hill climbing search – choose best successor
- Beam search – take the best \( k \) successor
- Simulated annealing – allow backward moves during beginning of search
- Genetic algorithm – breed \( k \) successors using crossover and mutation
Searching in specialized scenarios

- Properties of the problem often allow us to formulate
  - Better heuristics
  - Better search strategy and pruning

- Adversarial search
  - Working against an opponent

- Constraint satisfaction problem
  - Assigning values to variables
  - Path to solution doesn’t matter
  - View this as an incremental search
Adversarial Search

- Turn-taking, two-player, zero-sum games

- Minimax algorithm:
  - One turn = two pllys
  - Max nodes: agent’s move, maximize utility
  - Min nodes: opponent’s move, minimize utility
  - Alpha-Beta pruning: rid unnecessary computation.
Constraint Satisfaction

- Discrete or continuous solutions
  - Discretize and limit possible values

- Modeled as a constraint graph

- As the path to the solution doesn’t matter, local search can be useful.
Techniques in CSPs

- **Basic: backtracking search**
  - DFS for CSP
  - A leaf node (at depth $v$) is a solution

- **Speed ups**
  - Choosing variables
    - Minimum remaining values
    - Most constrained variable / degree
  - Choosing values
    - Least constraining value
Pruning CSP search space

Before expanding node, can prune the search space

- Forward checking
  - Pruning values from remaining variables

- Arc consistency
  - Propagating stronger levels of consistency
  - E.g., AC-3 (applicable before searching and during search)

- Balancing arc consistency with actual searching
Propositional and First Order Logic

- **Propositional Logic**
  - Facts are true or false

- **First Order Logic**
  - Relationships and properties of objects
  - More expressive and succinct
    - Quantifiers, functions
    - Equality operator
  - Can convert back to prop logic to do
Inference in logic

- Given a KB, what can be inferred?
  - Query- or goal-driven
    - Backward chaining, model checking (e.g. DPLL), resolution
  - Deducing new facts
    - Forward chaining
      - Efficiency: track # of literals of premise using a count or Rete networks
Inference in logic

- Chaining
  - Requires Definite Clauses or Horn Clauses
  - Uses Modus Ponens for sound reasoning
  - Forward or Backward

- Resolution
  - Requires Conjunctive Normal Form
  - Uses Resolution for sound reasoning
  - Proof by Contradiction
Inference in FOL

- Don’t have to propositionalize
  - Could lead to infinite sentences when functions occur

- Use unification instead
  - Standardizing apart
  - Dropping quantifiers
    - Skolem constants and functions
  - Handling equality

- Inference is semidecidable
  - Can say yes to entailed sentences, but non-entailed sentences will never terminate
Connection to knowledge-based agents

- CSP can be formulated as logic problems and vice versa
- CSP search as model checking

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- Local search: WalkSAT with min-conflict heuristic
Inference and CSPs

- **Solving a CSP via inference**
  - Handles special constraints (e.g., AllDiff)
  - Can learn new constraints not expressed by KB designer

- **Solving inference via CSP**
  - Whether a query is true under all possible constraints (satisfiable)

- **Melding the two: Constraint Logic Programming (CLP)**
Uncertainty

- Leads us to use probabilistic agents
  - Only one of many possible methods!

- Modeled in terms of random variables
  - Again, we examined only the discrete case

- Answer questions based on full joint distribution
Inference by enumeration

Interested in the posterior joint distribution of *query variables* given specific values for *evidence variables*

- Summing over *hidden variables*
- Cons: Exponential complexity

- Look for absolute and conditional independence to reduce complexity
Bayesian networks

- One way to model dependencies
- Variable’s probability only depends on its parents
- Use product rule and conditional dependence to calculate joint probabilities
- Easiest to structure causally
  - From root causes forward
  - Leads to easier modeling and lower complexity
Learning

- Inductive learning – based on past examples
- Learn a function $h()$ that approximates real function $f(x)$ on examples $x$

- Balance complexity of hypothesis with fidelity to the examples
  - Minimize $\alpha E(h,D) + (1-\alpha) C(h)$
Learning Algorithms

Many out there but the basics are:

- K nearest neighbors
  - Instance-based
  - Ignores global information

- Naïve Bayes
  - Strong independence assumption
  - Scales well due to assumptions
  - Needs normalization when dealing with unseen feature values

- Decision Trees
  - Easy to understand its hypothesis
  - Decides feature based on information gain
Training and testing

- Judge induced h(·)'s quality by using a test set
- Training and test set must be separate; otherwise peeking occurs
- Modeling noise or specifics of the training data can lead to overfitting
  - Use pruning to remove parts of the hypothesis that aren’t justifiable
Natural Language Processing

- Like many fields of advanced AI
  - Inverse problems: Understanding vs. Generation / Synthesis
  - How to wreck a nice beach: Ambiguity – the key problem

- Levels in processing
  - Syntactic, Discourse, Semantic, Pragmatic
Natural Language Processing

- Syntactic Parsing
  - Bottom Up, Top Down, CYK Chart Parsing

- Augmented Grammars
  - Long distance agreement: Case and number
  - Use variables to capture parameters
  - Unification as a viable method

- Current NLP uses statistical techniques
Where to go from here?

- Just the tip of the iceberg
- Many advanced topics
  - Introduced only a few
  - Textbook can help in exploration of AI
That’s it

- Thanks for your attention over the semester
- See you at the exam!