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Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

 The birth of artificial intelligence coincides with the "Dartmouth Summer Research Project on Artificial Intelligence", a workshop held in 1956, where a group of scientists jointly worked to clarify and develop ideas about the so-called thinking machines.



• Artificial Intelligence is defined as the field as the study of " <u>intelligent agents</u>": any device that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chance of successfully achieving its goals.

Artificial Intelligence: definitions

Thinking Humanly	Thinking Rationally	
"The exciting new effort to make comput- ers think machines with minds, in the full and literal sense." (Haugeland, 1985)	"The study of mental faculties through the use of computational models." (Charniak and McDermott, 1985)	
"[The automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision-making, problem solv- ing, learning" (Bellman, 1978)	"The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, and act." (Winston, 1992)	
Acting Humanly	Acting Rationally	
"The art of creating machines that per- form functions that require intelligence when performed by people." (Kurzweil, 1990)	"Computational Intelligence is the study of the design of intelligent agents." (Poole <i>et al.</i> , 1998)	
"The study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better." (Rich and Knight, 1991)	"AI is concerned with intelligent be- havior in artifacts." (Nilsson, 1998)	

The definitions on top are concerned with *thought processes* and *reasoning*, whereas the ones on the bottom address *behavior*. The definitions on the left measure success in terms of fidelity to *human* performance, whereas the ones on the right measure against an *ideal* performance measure, called **rationality** (Russell and Norving, 1995).

Artificial Intelligence: definitions

The capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior

Turing test

During the Turing test, the human questioner asks a series of questions to both respondents. After the specified time, the questioner tries to decide which terminal is operated by the human respondent and which terminal is operated by the computer.



■ QUESTION TO RESPONDENTS ■ ANSWERS TO QUESTIONER

Artificial Intelligence: Definitions

• The capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human natural behavior in order to optimally adapt itself to uncertain and unexpected situations in distributed environments.





Artificial Intelligence: definitions



• Optimization

- Classification (GBML)
- Human Comparable Design



[†]Also for screenplay creation

Artificial Intelligence: definitions

- Intelligent agents can be designed by involving different techniques. Among them:
 - Bio-inspired optimization algorithms
 - Machine learning methods



- A genetic algorithm (or GA) is a search technique used in computing to find true or approximate solutions to optimization and search problems.
- Genetic algorithms are categorized as global search heuristics.
- Genetic algorithms are a particular class of evolutionary algorithms that use techniques inspired by evolutionary biology such as inheritance, mutation, selection, and crossover (also called recombination).





- Genetic algorithms are implemented as a computer simulation in which a population of abstract representations (called chromosomes or the genotype or the genome) of candidate solutions (called individuals, creatures, or phenotypes) to an optimization problem evolves toward better solutions.
- Traditionally, solutions are represented in binary as strings of 0s and 1s, but other encodings are also possible.





- The evolution usually starts from a population of randomly generated individuals and happens in generations.
- In each generation, the fitness of every individual in the population is evaluated, multiple individuals are selected from the current population (based on their fitness) and modified (recombined and possibly mutated) to form a new population.



- The new population is then used in the next iteration of the algorithm.
- Commonly, the algorithm terminates when either a maximum number of generations has been produced, or a satisfactory fitness level has been reached for the population.
- If the algorithm has terminated due to a maximum number of generations, a satisfactory solution may or may not have been reached.



• The space of possible solutions can be described with a fitness landscape where each solution is assigned its fitness value. The goal of the genetic algorithm is to find the global maxima in this landscape which can be a challenging task when working with a complicated fitness function. The fitness landscape is typically a multidimensional surface, but in this example the elements of the population are represented as two dimensional vectors, so our fitness landscape becomes three dimensional. The simulation shows how the population evolves until reaching the global maxima.



 Supervised learning algorithms are used to train classification and regression model starting from historical data



- The goal of the classification is to predict the categorical class labels of new instances based on past observations.
 - E-mail-spam detection is an example of binary classification.
 - Handwritten character recognition is an example of multi-class classification.





- The most simple supervised learning algorithm is based on the concept of artificial neuron, an abstract representation of a brain cell.
- The first artificial representation of a brain cell is the so-called McCulloch-Pitts (MCP) neuron introduced in 1943.
- It is completely based on the natural representation of a brain cell.



- McCulloch and Pitts described a brain cell as a logic gate with binary outputs;
- This gate collects and integrated the set of signals arriving at cell body;
- If the value of the integrated signals exceeds a given threshold, an output signal is generated and passed to other artificial cells by means of axons.



- The convergence of a neuron is only guaranteed if the two classes are linearly separable
- Other similar algorithms: Logistic regression, SVM, etc.

Kernel Functions





Can alternative computation paradigm improve the performance of AI systems?

Can AI to be used for improving the design of alternative computation paradimg?

Introduction to Quantum Computation



Quantum Computing: Definitions

- Quantum Computing is the use of quantummechanical phenomena such as superposition and entanglement to perform computation better than classical computers.
- It uses the concepts of Qubit to store information





Quantum Computing: Definitions

- In the diagram on the right, the position of your finger on the qu-switch is now indicated by two angles, θ and φ. The picture itself is called a Bloch sphere and is a standard representation of a qubit.
- Quantum gates transform quantum information contained in qubits
 - Quantum gates are reversible
 - It is its own reverse (or *inverse*) operation. Applying it two times in a row is the same as having done nothing at all.







Quantum Computing: Definitions

- Quantum Processors (IBM)
- Quantum Circuits

Quantum Computing: Definitions



- Quantum is different is in how it can work with simultaneous values.
- Classical computers uses bytes as the individual units of memory or storage. A byte is broken down into eight bits. Each bit can be 0 or 1. Doing the math, each byte can represent 2⁸ = 256 different numbers composed of eight 0s or 1s, but it can only hold one value at a time.
- Eight qubits can represent all 256 values at the same time.

Quantum Computing for Artificial Intelligence

Quantum Machine Learning

The Next Big Thing



Quantum for Al

- These three cases are in some sense the "small, medium, and large" ways quantum computing might complement classical techniques:
 - There is a single mathematical computation somewhere in the middle of a software component that might be sped up via a quantum algorithm.
 - There is a well described component of a classical process that could be replaced with a quantum version.
 - There is a way to avoid the use of some classical components entirely in the traditional method because of quantum, or the entire classical algorithm can be replaced by a much faster or more effective quantum alternative.

Quantum for Al

- There is a single mathematical computation somewhere in the middle of a software component that might be sped up via a quantum algorithm.
- A quantum computer with 1 qubit provides us with a two-dimensional working space. Every time we add a qubit, we double the number of dimensions. For 10 qubits, we get 2¹⁰ = 1024 dimensions. Similarly, for 50 qubits we get 2⁵⁰ = 1, 125, 899, 906, 842, 624 dimensions.







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- Tacchino et al. introduced a quantum information-based algorithm implementing the quantum computer version of a binary-valued perceptron, which shows exponential advantage in storage resources over alternative realizations. They experimentally test a few qubits version of this model on an actual small-scale quantum processor, which gives answers consistent with the expected results.

a 1950s computing

b Classical computing today

c Quantum computing

	Algorithms	Algorithms High-level languages	
	High-level languages Compiler		
		Classical compiler	Quantum compiler
	Classical architecture (memory, arithemetic operations, control operations, communication) Hardware building blocks: gates, bits	Classical architecture (control operations)	Quantum architecture (QC gates, qubits, communication)
		Hardware building blocks (gates, bits)	
Assembly language (low-level) programs	VLSI circuits	VLSI circuits	Error-correction and control pulses
Relay circuits and discrete wires	Semiconductor transistors	Semiconductor transistors	Underlying technology (semiconductors, trapped ions)

- Every quantum computer experiences decoherence, but quantum computers that are successful at delaying and minimizing decoherence perform better. That's why, when discussing a quantum computer and its ability to do computation, we need to discuss how well it does at preventing decoherence. To quantify that, the parameters T₁ and T₂ are particularly important:
 - *T*₁ helps to quantify how quickly the qubits experience energy loss due to environmental interaction (energy loss would result in a change in frequency, which would make coherent qubits experience decoherence).
 - *T*₂ helps to quantify how quickly the qubits experience a phase change due to interaction with the environment, again a cause of decoherence.

Artificial Intelligence for Quantum Computing

Variation Initialization Genitors ottsprings Selection Best solution Evaluation Stop. criteria? parents Replacement

- Evolutionary algorithms could be useful to "compile" quantum circuits in order to generate equivalent circuits characterized by a better values of T₁ and T₂
- Pattern recognition techniques could be used to identify critical sequence of quantum gates in circuits and replace them with suitable collections of gates in order to improve T₁ and T₂



