CS 4100/5100: Foundations of AI

Introduction

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Topics to be covered in this course

- Search
  - uninformed search
  - heuristic search
  - constraint satisfaction
  - adversarial search

- Bayes networks
  - Probability refresher
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  - Hidden Markov Models

- Decision making under uncertainty
  - Markov Decision Processes
  - Reinforcement Learning

- Machine learning
  - Logistic regression
  - Support vector machine
  - Backpropogation
  - k-means clustering, Expectation Maximization
  - Dimensionality reduction
Class format

- Each class has assigned reading material (see syllabus). Please read it before coming to class.
- Class time is divided up into multiple concept segments
  - at the beginning of each segment, I lecture on a particular topic
  - then, you answer a few short quiz questions (handed out before class)
  - then, we discuss.
  - each segment lasts approx 30-45min
Course evaluation

- (10%) Quizzes held during class
  - Covers material covered in class.
  - One quiz in every class.
  - I will drop the lowest two quiz grades.

- (45%) Programming assignments
  - 5 programming assignments.
  - I will drop the lowest programming assignment.

- (15%) Homework assignments
  - 3 homework assignments.

- (10%) Midterm exam

- (20%) Final exam
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Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach
Third Edition

Stuart Russell, Peter Norvig

1 Image: AIMA, Russell and Norvig
The difference between talking and cheating

You ARE allowed to: talk to other students about concepts in the reading.

You ARE NOT allowed to: discuss or share the solutions to homework assignments with anyone besides me or the TA.

If you violate these rules, I will probably find out about it (using Moss). If I do, then you will be penalized and I may refer you to the college for disciplinary action.
Piazza

- https://piazza.com/northeastern/fall2014/cs41005100
Questions?

2 Image: Smith, online notes