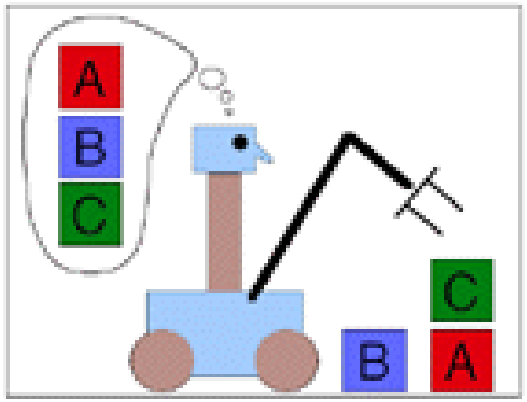
Goals of AI

- To make computers more useful by letting them take over dangerous or tedious tasks from human
- Understand principles of human intelligence



The Foundation of AI

- ***Philosophy***
  - At that time, the study of human intelligence began with no formal expression
  - Initiate the idea of mind as a machine and its internal operations

The Foundation of AI

- Mathematics formalizes the three main area of AI: *computation*, *logic*, and *probability*
  - Computation leads to analysis of the problems that can be computed
    - *complexity theory*
  - Probability contributes the *"degree of belief"* to handle *uncertainty* in AI
  - *Decision theory* combines *probability theory* and *utility theory* (bias)

The Foundation of AI

- Psychology
  - How do humans think and act?
  - The study of human reasoning and acting
  - Provides reasoning models for AI
  - Strengthen the ideas
    - humans and other animals can be considered as information processing machines

The Foundation of AI

- Computer Engineering
  - How to build an efficient computer?
  - Provides the artifact that makes AI application possible
  - The power of computer makes computation of large and difficult problems more easily
  - AI has also contributed its own work to computer science, including: time-sharing, the linked list data type, OOP, etc.

The Foundation of AI

- **Control theory and Cybernetics**
  - How can artifacts operate under their own control?
  - The artifacts adjust their actions
    - To do better for the environment over time
    - Based on an objective function and feedback from the environment
  - Not limited only to linear systems but also other problems
    - as language, vision, and planning, etc.

The Foundation of AI

- Linguistics
  - For understanding natural languages
    - different approaches has been adopted from the linguistic work
  - Formal languages
  - Syntactic and semantic analysis
  - Knowledge representation

The main topics in AI

Artificial intelligence can be considered under a number of headings:

- Search (includes Game Playing).
- Representing Knowledge and Reasoning with it.
- Planning.
- Learning.
- Natural language processing.
- Expert Systems.
- Interacting with the Environment
  (e.g. Vision, Speech recognition, Robotics)

We won't have time in this course to consider all of these.

Some Advantages of Artificial Intelligence

- more powerful and more useful computers
- new and improved interfaces
- solving new problems
- better handling of information
- relieves information overload
- conversion of information into knowledge

The Disadvantages

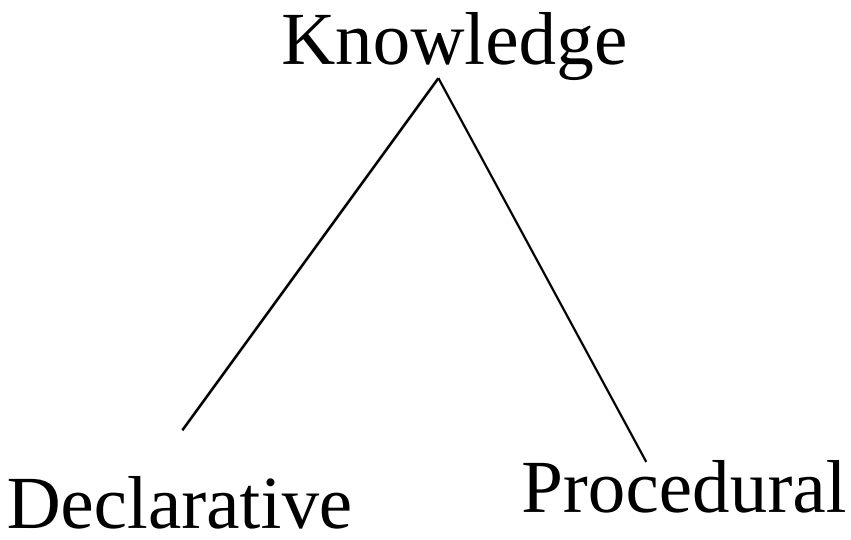
- increased costs
- difficulty with software development - slow and expensive
- few experienced programmers
- few practical products have reached the market as yet.

Search

- *Search* is the fundamental technique of AI.
  - Possible answers, decisions or courses of action are structured into an abstract space, which we then search.
- Search is either "blind" or "uninformed":
  - blind
    - we move through the space without worrying about what is coming next, but recognising the answer if we see it
  - informed
    - we guess what is ahead, and use that information to decide where to look next.
- We may want to search for the first answer that satisfies our goal, or we may want to keep searching until we find the best answer.

Knowledge Representation & Reasoning

- The second most important concept in AI
- If we are going to act rationally in our environment, then we must have some way of describing that environment and drawing inferences from that representation.
  - how do we describe what we know about the world?
  - how do we describe it *concisely*?
  - how do we describe it so that we can get hold of the right piece of knowledge when we need it?
  - how do we generate new pieces of knowledge?
  - how do we deal with *uncertain* knowledge?



- Declarative knowledge deals with factoid questions (what is the capital of India? Etc.)
- Procedural knowledge deals with “How”
- Procedural knowledge can be embedded in declarative knowledge

Planning

Given a set of goals, construct a sequence of actions that achieves those goals:

- often very large search space
- but most parts of the world are independent of most other parts
- often start with goals and connect them to actions
- no necessary connection between order of planning and order of execution
- what happens if the world changes as we execute the plan and / or our actions don't produce the expected results?

Learning

- If a system is going to act truly appropriately, then it must be able to change its actions in the light of experience:
  - how do we generate new facts from old ?
  - how do we generate new concepts ?
  - how do we learn to distinguish different situations in new environments ?

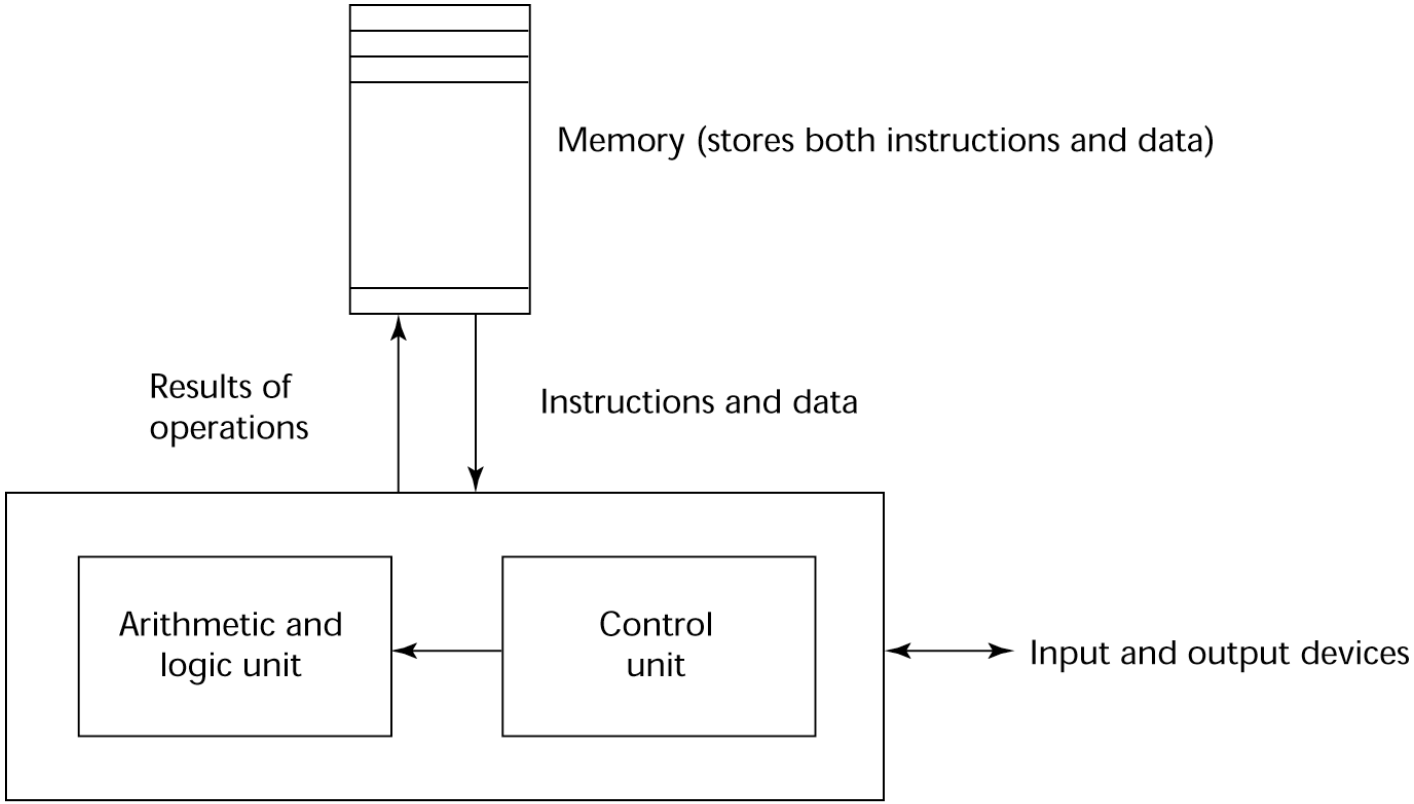
Interacting with the Environment

- In order to enable intelligent behaviour, we will have to interact with our environment.
- Properly intelligent systems may be expected to:
  - accept sensory input
    - vision, sound, …
  - interact with humans
    - understand language, recognise speech, generate text, speech and graphics, …
  - modify the environment
    - robotics

History of AI

- AI has a long history
  - Ancient Greece
    - Aristotle
  - Historical Figures Contributed
    - Ramon Lull
    - Al Khowarazmi
    - Leonardo da Vinci
    - David Hume
    - George Boole
    - Charles Babbage
    - John von Neuman
  - As old as electronic computers themselves (c1940)

The ‘von Neuman’ Architecture



History of AI

- Origins
  - The Dartmouth conference: 1956
    - John McCarthy (Stanford)
    - Marvin Minsky (MIT)
    - Herbert Simon (CMU)
    - Allen Newell (CMU)
    - Arthur Samuel (IBM)
- The Turing Test (1950)
- "Machines who Think"
  - By Pamela McCorckindale

Periods in AI

- Early period - 1950's & 60's
  - Game playing
    - brute force (calculate your way out)
  - Theorem proving
    - symbol manipulation
  - Biological models
    - neural nets
- Symbolic application period - 70's
  - Early expert systems, use of knowledge
- Commercial period - 80's
  - boom in knowledge / rule bases

Periods in AI cont'd

- ? period - 90's and New Millenium
- Real-world applications, modelling, better evidence, use of theory, ……?
- Topics: data mining, formal models, GA's, fuzzy logic, agents, neural nets, autonomous systems
- Applications
  - visual recognition of traffic
  - medical diagnosis
  - directory enquiries
  - power plant control
  - automatic cars

Fashions in AI

Progress goes in stages, following funding booms and crises: Some examples:

1. Machine translation of languages

    1950's to 1966 - Syntactic translators

    1966 - all US funding cancelled

    1980 - commercial translators available

2. Neural Networks

    1943 - first AI work by McCulloch & Pitts

    1950's & 60's - Minsky's book on "Perceptrons" stops nearly all work on nets

    1986 - rediscovery of solutions leads to massive growth in neural nets research

The UK had its own funding freeze in 1973 when the Lighthill report reduced AI work severely - Lesson: Don't claim too much for your discipline!!!!

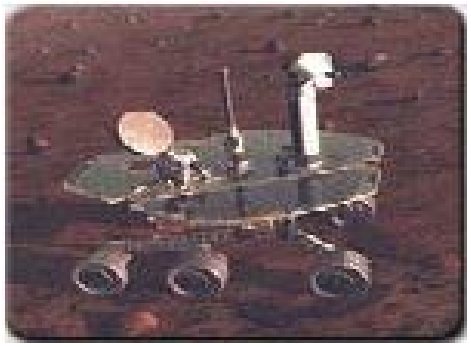
Look for similar stop/go effects in fields like genetic algorithms and evolutionary computing. This is a very active modern area dating back to the work of Friedberg in 1958.

Symbolic and Sub-symbolic AI

- Symbolic AI is concerned with describing and manipulating our knowledge of the world as explicit symbols, where these symbols have clear relationships to entities in the real world.
- Sub-symbolic AI (e.g. neural-nets) is more concerned with obtaining the correct response to an input stimulus without 'looking inside the box' to see if parts of the mechanism can be associated with discrete real world objects.
- This course is concerned with symbolic AI.

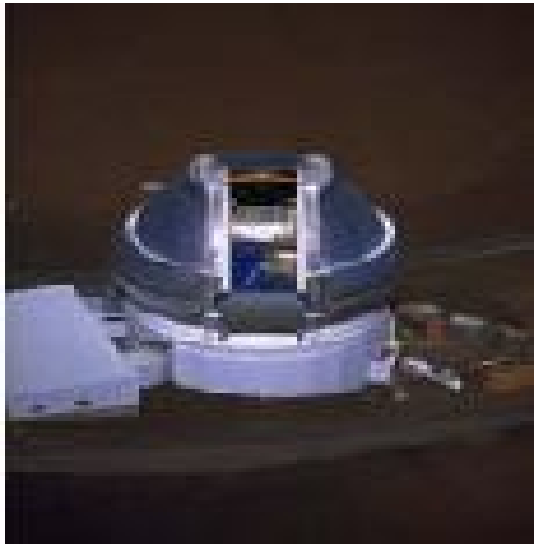
AI Applications

- Autonomous Planning & Scheduling:
  - Autonomous rovers.



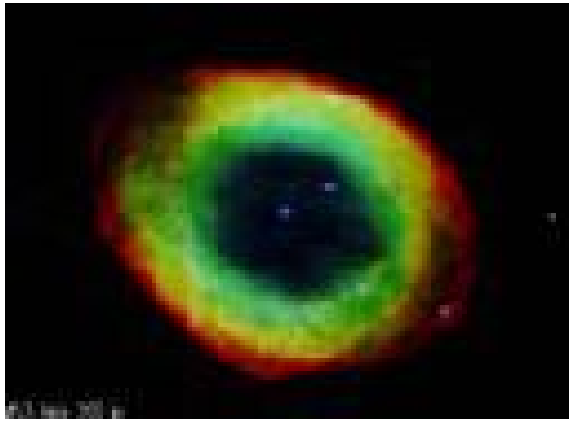
AI Applications

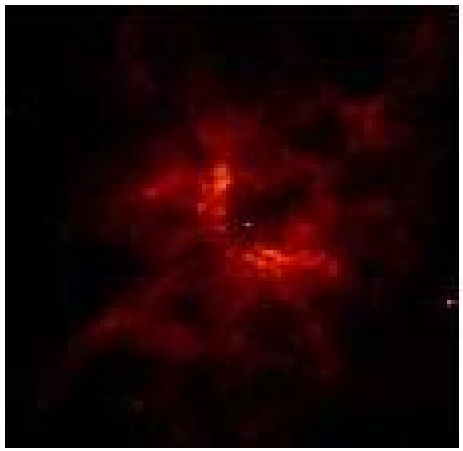
- Autonomous Planning & Scheduling:
  - Telescope scheduling



AI Applications

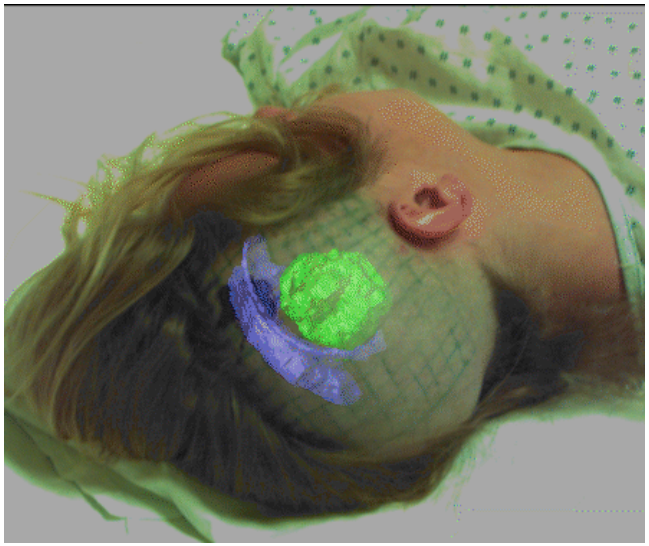
- Autonomous Planning & Scheduling:
  - Analysis of data:

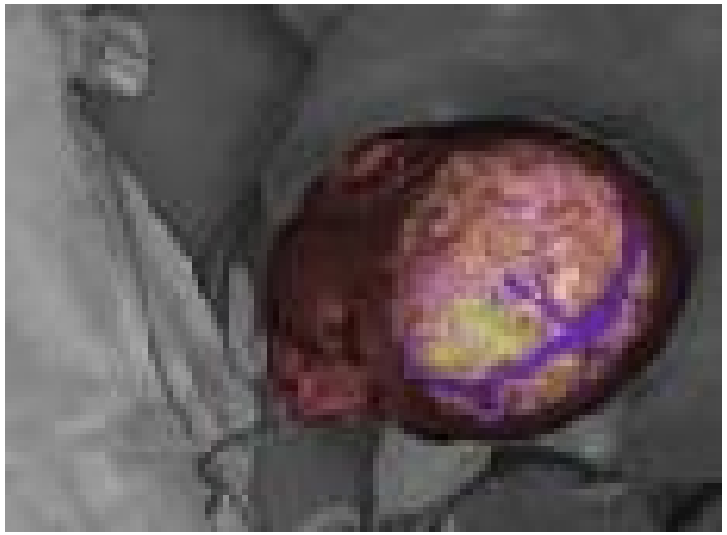




AI Applications

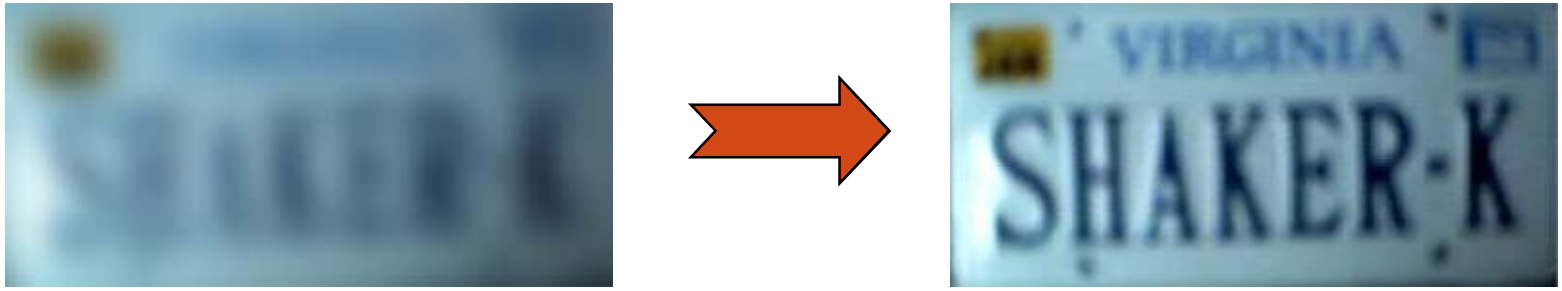
- **Medicine**:
  - Image guided surgery

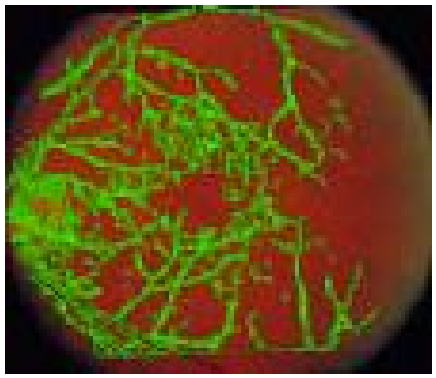


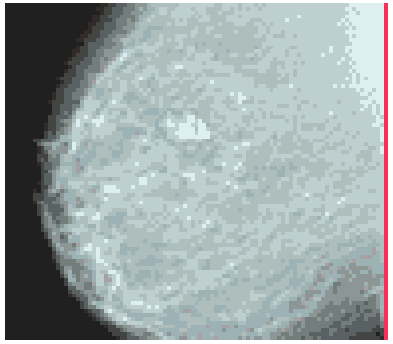


AI Applications

- **Medicine**:
  - Image analysis and enhancement





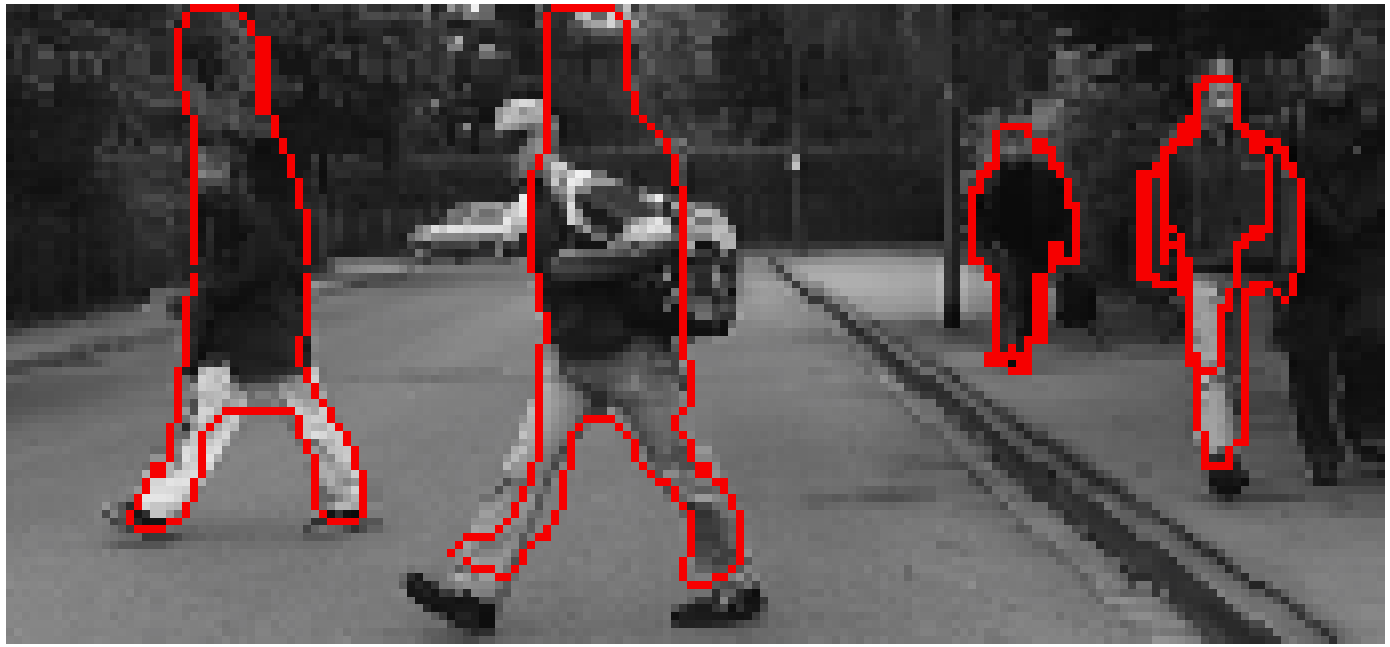


AI Applications

- **Transportation**:
  - **Autonomous vehicle control:**

AI Applications

- **Transportation**:
  - **Pedestrian detection:**



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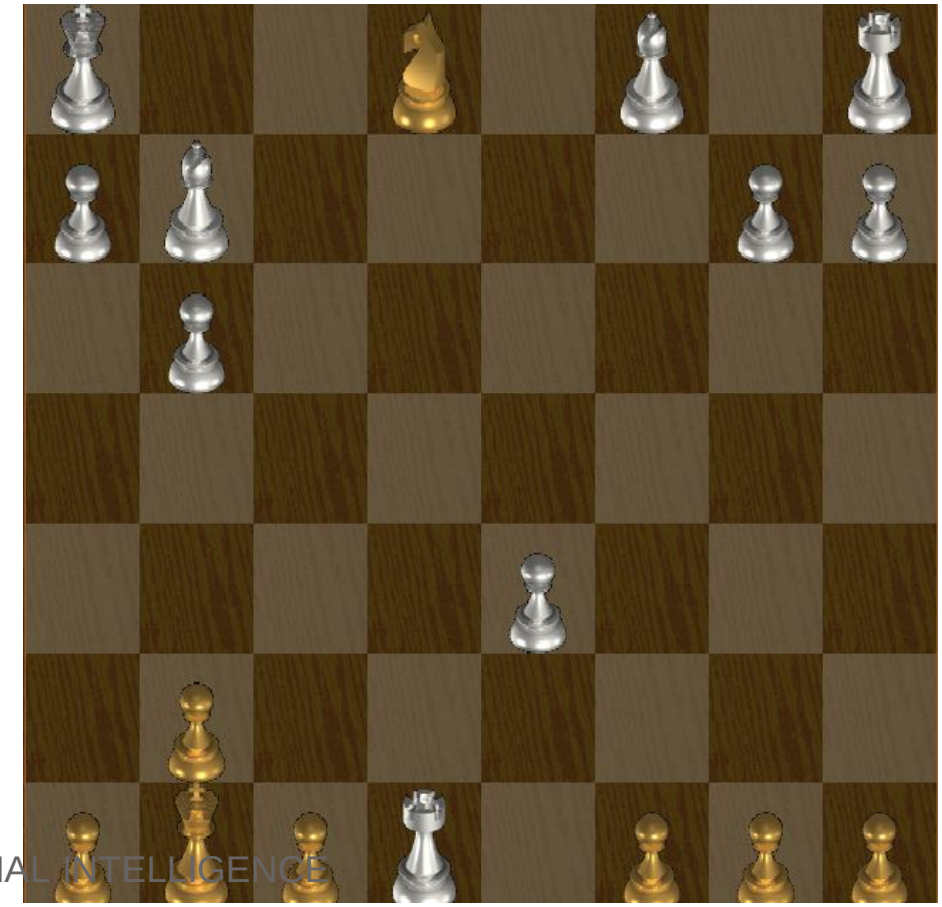
Games:

AI Applications

- **Games**:



AI Applications

- **Robotic toys**:

AI Applications

Other application areas:

- **Bioinformatics:**
  - Gene expression data analysis
  - Prediction of protein structure
- **Text classification, document sortin**g:
  - Web pages, e-mails
  - Articles in the news
- **Video, image classification**
- **Music composition, picture drawing**
- **Natural Language Processing** .
- **Perception.**