

1. General Issues & Overview of AI

👉 What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

Artificial Intelligence is a branch of computer science that focuses on creating systems capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence such as:

- Learning
 - Reasoning
 - Problem-solving
 - Decision making
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◆ 2. AI Problems

AI problems are different from normal programming problems because:

✓ Characteristics of AI Problems:

1. **Large search space** (many possible solutions)
2. **Uncertainty** (incomplete or unclear information)
3. **Need for intelligence** (reasoning, learning)
4. **Non-deterministic** (same input may give different outputs)

👉 Example:

- Chess playing
 - Medical diagnosis
 - Speech recognition
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◆ 3. What is an AI Technique?

An AI technique is a method used to solve complex problems efficiently.

✓ Key Properties:

1. Uses **knowledge representation**
2. Applies **heuristics (rules of thumb)**
3. Handles **uncertainty**
4. Improves performance over time

👉 **Example:**

- Heuristic search
 - Neural networks
 - Rule-based systems
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◆ **4. Characteristics of AI Applications**

AI applications typically have:

1. **Knowledge-based**
2. **Adaptive (learning capability)**
3. **Handles ambiguity**
4. **Goal-oriented**
5. **Uses reasoning and logic**

👉 **Examples:**

- Chatbots
 - Recommendation systems
 - Self-driving cars
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◆ **5. Problem Solving in AI**

Problem solving means finding a sequence of actions that leads from the **initial state** → **goal state**.

✓ **Components:**

1. Initial state
 2. Goal state
 3. Operators (actions)
 4. State space
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◆ **6. Search and Control Strategies**

AI solves problems mainly using **search techniques**.

✓ Search Strategy:

Method used to explore possible solutions.

✓ Control Strategy:

Determines:

- Which node to expand
 - Order of search
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◆ 7. General Problem Solving

A general problem-solving system works for different types of problems.

✓ Steps:

1. Define problem
 2. Represent knowledge
 3. Apply search strategy
 4. Reach solution
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◆ 8. Production Systems

A production system is a rule-based system used in AI.

✓ Components:

1. **Rule base** (IF-THEN rules)
2. **Working memory** (current data)
3. **Inference engine** (applies rules)

👉 Example Rule:

IF fever AND cough → disease = flu

◆ 9. Control Strategies

Control strategies decide how rules are applied.

✓ Types:

1. Forward chaining

2. Backward chaining

◆ 10. Forward Chaining

👉 Data-driven approach

- Starts from known facts
- Applies rules to reach conclusion

✓ Steps:

1. Start with initial facts
2. Apply rules
3. Generate new facts
4. Continue until goal is reached

👉 Example:

Symptoms → Diagnosis

◆ 11. Backward Chaining

👉 Goal-driven approach

- Starts from goal
- Works backward to find supporting facts

✓ Steps:

1. Start with goal
2. Check rules that support goal
3. Verify required conditions

👉 Example:

Diagnosis → Check symptoms

◆ 12. Exhaustive Search

Exhaustive search means checking **all possible solutions**.

✓ Advantage:

- Guaranteed solution

✗ Disadvantage:

- Very slow
 - High computation cost
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◆ 13. Depth First Search (DFS)

👉 Strategy:

- Explore deepest node first

✓ Working:

1. Go deep into one branch
2. Backtrack if no solution

✓ Advantages:

- Less memory
- Simple

✗ Disadvantages:

- May get stuck in infinite path
 - Not optimal
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◆ 14. Breadth First Search (BFS)

👉 Strategy:

- Explore level by level

✓ Working:

1. Visit all nodes at current level
2. Move to next level

✓ Advantages:

- Finds shortest path
- Complete

✗ Disadvantages:

- High memory usage

Summary Table

Topic	Key Idea
AI	Machine intelligence
AI Technique	Efficient problem solving method
Problem Solving	Initial → Goal state
Production System	Rule-based system
Forward Chaining	Data-driven
Backward Chaining	Goal-driven
DFS	Deep search
BFS	Level-wise search

Unit-2.0: Heuristic Search Techniques 9 hrs Hill climbing; Branch and Bound technique; Best first search and A* algorithm; AND/OR Graphs; Problem reduction and AO* algorithm; Constraint Satisfaction problems Game Playing Min Max Search procedure; Alpha-Beta cutoff; Additional Refinements.

1. Heuristic Search Techniques

What is Heuristic?

A **heuristic** is a rule or method used to make problem solving faster by using **experience or estimation**.

- Instead of checking all possibilities (like BFS/DFS), heuristic search uses **intelligence**.
- It reduces **time and complexity**.

✓ Example:

In maps → choosing shortest path using distance estimate.

2. Hill Climbing Algorithm

👉 **Idea:**

- Always move toward the **best (highest value) neighbor**
- Like climbing a hill to reach the peak

✓ **Steps:**

1. Start from initial state
2. Evaluate neighbors
3. Move to best neighbor
4. Repeat until no better state

✓ **Advantages:**

- Simple
- Fast

✗ **Disadvantages:**

- **Local maxima problem**
 - Plateau problem
 - May not find global optimum
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◆ **3. Branch and Bound Technique**

👉 **Idea:**

- Systematically explore solutions
- Keep track of **best solution (bound)**

✓ **Working:**

1. Divide problem into subproblems (branching)
2. Calculate cost (bound)
3. Ignore paths worse than best solution

✓ **Used in:**

- Optimization problems
 - Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP)
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◆ 4. Best First Search

👉 Idea:

- Expand node with **best heuristic value (h(n))**

✓ Formula:

Choose node with **minimum h(n)**

✓ Features:

- Uses priority queue
- Faster than BFS/DFS

✗ Problem:

- Not always optimal
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◆ 5. A* Algorithm

👉 Most important algorithm (very common in exams)

✓ Formula:

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

Where:

- **g(n)** = cost from start to current node
- **h(n)** = estimated cost to goal
- **f(n)** = total estimated cost

✓ Properties:

- Complete ✓
- Optimal ✓ (if h(n) is admissible)

✓ Advantage:

- Combines **best-first + uniform cost search**
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◆ 6. AND/OR Graphs

👉 Used for complex problem decomposition

✓ **Types:**

1. **OR Node** → choose one path
2. **AND Node** → must satisfy all paths

👉 **Example:**

- OR: choose one route
 - AND: complete all sub-tasks
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◆ **7. Problem Reduction**

👉 **Idea:**

Break a big problem into **smaller subproblems**

✓ **Used in:**

- Planning
 - Theorem proving
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◆ **8. AO* Algorithm**

👉 **Extension of A* for AND/OR graphs**

✓ **Working:**

1. Expand most promising node
2. Consider AND/OR conditions
3. Update cost recursively

✓ **Advantage:**

- Efficient for structured problems
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◆ **9. Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSP)**

👉 **Definition:**

A problem where solution must satisfy **constraints**

✓ **Components:**

1. Variables

2. Domains (possible values)
3. Constraints

👉 **Example:**

- Sudoku
- Map coloring

✓ **Techniques:**

- Backtracking
 - Constraint propagation
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◆ **10. Game Playing in AI**

AI is used in games like:

- Chess
- Tic-tac-toe

✓ **Goal:**

- Choose best move against opponent
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◆ **11. Min-Max (Minimax) Algorithm**

👉 **Idea:**

- Two players:
 - MAX (AI) → maximize score
 - MIN (opponent) → minimize score

✓ **Working:**

1. Generate game tree
 2. Apply min/max alternately
 3. Choose optimal move
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◆ **12. Alpha-Beta Pruning**

👉 **Optimization of Minimax**

✓ **Idea:**

- Remove branches that **cannot affect final result**

✓ **Terms:**

- **Alpha (α)** → best value for MAX
- **Beta (β)** → best value for MIN

✓ **Advantage:**

- Reduces search space
 - Faster than minimax
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◆ **13. Additional Refinements**

These improve performance:

✓ **Techniques:**

1. **Move ordering** → check best moves first
 2. **Iterative deepening**
 3. **Heuristic evaluation functions**
 4. **Transposition tables** (store results)
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📄 **Quick Summary Table**

Topic	Key Idea
Heuristic	Smart shortcut
Hill Climbing	Local optimization
Branch & Bound	Optimal solution tracking
Best First	Expand best node
A*	$g(n) + h(n)$
AND/OR Graph	Complex decisions
AO*	A* for AND/OR

Topic	Key Idea
CSP	Constraints-based problems
Minimax	Game strategy
Alpha-Beta	Pruning

1. Knowledge Representation (KR)

👉 Definition:

Knowledge Representation is the method of **representing information about the world** in a form that a computer system can use to solve problems.

✓ Purpose:

- Store knowledge
- Reason about problems
- Make decisions

✓ Types:

- Logical representation
- Semantic networks
- Production rules

◆ 2. First Order Predicate Calculus (FOPC)

👉 Definition:

A formal system used to represent **facts, objects, and relationships**.

✓ Components:

1. **Constants** → specific objects
 - Example: Ram, Delhi
2. **Variables** → general objects
 - Example: x, y
3. **Predicates** → relationships

- Example: Loves(Ram, Sita)

4. **Functions** → mapping

5. **Quantifiers:**

- \forall (For all)
 - \exists (There exists)
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✓ **Example:**

“All humans are mortal”

→ $\forall x (\text{Human}(x) \rightarrow \text{Mortal}(x))$

◆ 3. Skolemization

👉 **Definition:**

Process of removing **existential quantifiers (\exists)** from logical expressions.

✓ **Purpose:**

- Convert formula into standard form (Clause form)

✓ **Rules:**

1. Replace \exists variable with **Skolem constant** (if no \forall before it)
 2. Replace \exists variable with **Skolem function** (if inside \forall)
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✓ **Example:**

$\exists x \text{ Loves}(x, \text{Ram})$

→ $\text{Loves}(A, \text{Ram})$ (A = Skolem constant)

◆ 4. Resolution Principle

👉 **Definition:**

A rule of inference used to **prove statements logically**.

✓ **Idea:**

- Convert statements into clauses

- Apply resolution to derive contradiction
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✓ **Example:**

Clause 1: $A \vee B$

Clause 2: $\neg A$

→ Result: B

✓ **Use:**

- Automated theorem proving
 - Logic programming
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◆ **5. Unification**

👉 **Definition:**

Process of making two logical expressions **identical** by substituting variables.

✓ **Example:**

Loves(x, Ram)

Loves(Shyam, Ram)

→ $x = \text{Shyam}$

✓ **Importance:**

- Required in resolution
 - Helps match patterns
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◆ **6. Inference Mechanisms**

👉 **Definition:**

Techniques used to **derive new knowledge from existing knowledge**

✓ **Types:**

1. Forward chaining
2. Backward chaining

3. Resolution

◆ 7. Horn Clauses

👉 Definition:

A special type of logical expression with **at most one positive literal**

✓ Form:

$$A \leftarrow B_1 \wedge B_2 \wedge B_3$$

(If B1 AND B2 THEN A)

✓ Example:

Mortal(x) \leftarrow Human(x)

✓ Importance:

- Used in **Prolog programming**
 - Efficient reasoning
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◆ 8. Semantic Networks

👉 Definition:

Graph-based representation of knowledge

✓ Components:

1. **Nodes** \rightarrow objects/concepts
 2. **Edges** \rightarrow relationships
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✓ Example:

- Dog \rightarrow is-a \rightarrow Animal
 - Dog \rightarrow has \rightarrow Tail
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✓ Advantages:

- Easy to visualize
- Represents relationships clearly

✗ Disadvantages:

- Not good for complex logic
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Summary Table

Topic	Key Idea
KR	Represent knowledge
FOPC	Logic-based representation
Skolemization	Remove \exists
Resolution	Prove using contradiction
Unification	Match expressions
Inference	Derive new knowledge
Horn Clause	Simple rule format
Semantic Network	Graph representation

1. Frame Systems

Definition:

A **frame** is a data structure used to represent knowledge in AI, similar to an object in programming.

✓ Structure:

A frame consists of:

- **Slots** → attributes
 - **Values** → data in slots
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✓ **Example:**

Frame: **Car**

Slot **Value**

Type Vehicle

Wheels 4

Fuel Petrol

✓ **Features:**

- Organized knowledge
 - Supports inheritance
 - Easy to update
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◆ **2. Value Inheritance**

👉 **Definition:**

Frames can inherit values from **parent frames**

✓ **Example:**

Frame: **Vehicle**

- Wheels = 4

Frame: **Car (child of Vehicle)**

- Inherits Wheels = 4
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✓ **Advantage:**

- Avoids repetition
 - Efficient knowledge storage
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◆ **3. Scripts**

👉 **Definition:**

Scripts represent **typical sequences of events** in a situation.

✓ **Example: Restaurant Script**

1. Enter restaurant
 2. Order food
 3. Eat
 4. Pay bill
 5. Leave
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✓ **Use:**

- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
 - Understanding stories
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◆ **4. Conceptual Dependency (CD)**

👉 **Definition:**

A technique to represent meaning of sentences **independent of language**

✓ **Idea:**

- Focus on **actions and relationships**
 - Remove ambiguity
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✓ **Example:**

“Ram gave a book to Shyam”

→ Represented using actions like:

- Transfer
- Object
- Actor

✓ **Advantage:**

- Language-independent
 - Useful in NLP
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◆ **5. AI Programming Languages**

AI uses special languages designed for:

- Symbolic processing
 - Logic-based reasoning
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◆ **6. Introduction to LISP**

👉 **Full Form:**

LISt Processing Language

✓ **Features:**

- Oldest AI language
 - Works with lists
 - Uses prefix notation
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✓ **Syntax Example:**

(+ 2 3)

→ Output: 5

◆ **7. Numeric Functions in LISP**

✓ **Examples:**

(+ 2 3) → 5

(- 5 2) → 3

(* 2 3) → 6

(/ 6 2) → 3

◆ 8. List Manipulation Functions

✓ Important Functions:

Function Meaning

CAR First element

CDR Rest of list

CONS Add element

✓ Example:

`(CAR '(1 2 3))` → 1

`(CDR '(1 2 3))` → (2 3)

◆ 9. Iteration and Recursion in LISP

✓ Iteration:

- Looping using functions

✓ Recursion:

- Function calling itself
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✓ Example (Recursion):

Factorial:

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(defun fact (n)
  (if (= n 0)
      1
      (* n (fact (- n 1)))))
```

◆ 10. Property List & Arrays

✓ Property List:

- Stores key-value pairs

Example:

(Name Ram Age 20)

✓ **Arrays:**

- Store multiple values in indexed form
 - Similar to other languages
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◆ **11. Introduction to PROLOG**

👉 **Full Form:**

Programming in Logic

✓ **Features:**

- Logic-based language
 - Uses facts and rules
 - Based on predicate logic
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✓ **Example:**

father(ram, shyam).

Rule:

grandfather(X, Z) :- father(X, Y), father(Y, Z).

✓ **Key Concepts:**

- Facts
 - Rules
 - Queries
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📄 **Summary Table**

Topic	Key Idea
Frame	Structured knowledge
Inheritance	Share values

Topic	Key Idea
Script	Sequence of events
CD	Meaning representation
LISP	List processing
List Functions	CAR, CDR, CONS
Recursion	Self-calling function
PROLOG	Logic programming

1. Natural Language Processing (NLP)

👉 Definition:

NLP is a branch of AI that enables computers to **understand, interpret, and generate human language**.

✓ Applications:

- Chatbots
 - Machine translation
 - Speech recognition
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◆ 2. Context-Free Grammar (CFG)

👉 Definition:

A grammar used to describe the **structure of sentences**.

✓ Components:

1. **Non-terminals** (S, NP, VP)
 2. **Terminals** (words)
 3. **Production rules**
 4. **Start symbol**
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✓ **Example:**

S → NP VP

NP → Ram

VP → eats mango

✓ **Use:**

- Syntax analysis
 - Sentence parsing
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◆ **3. Recursive Transition Networks (RTN)**

📖 **Definition:**

A graph-based representation of grammar.

✓ **Features:**

- Nodes → states
 - Arcs → transitions
 - Supports recursion
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✓ **Advantage:**

- Simple parsing
 - Visual representation
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◆ **4. Augmented Transition Networks (ATN)**

📖 **Definition:**

An extension of RTN with **extra features like memory and conditions**

✓ **Features:**

- Registers (store values)
- Conditions (tests)
- Actions

✓ **Advantage:**

- More powerful than RTN
 - Handles complex sentences
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◆ **5. Semantic Analysis**

👉 **Definition:**

Understanding the **meaning of a sentence**

✓ **Tasks:**

- Word sense disambiguation
 - Relationship identification
 - Logical interpretation
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◆ **6. Case Grammar**

👉 **Definition:**

Focuses on **roles of words in a sentence**

✓ **Common Cases:**

- Agent (doer)
 - Object
 - Instrument
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✓ **Example:**

“Ram cut apple with knife”

- Agent → Ram
- Object → Apple
- Instrument → Knife

◆ 7. Logic Grammar

👉 Definition:

Uses **logical representation (predicate logic)** for language

✓ Example:

Ram eats mango
→ Eats(Ram, Mango)

◆ 8. Planning in AI

👉 Definition:

Planning is the process of **finding a sequence of actions to achieve a goal**

◆ 9. Blocks World (Example Domain)

👉 Description:

- Blocks placed on a table
 - Goal: rearrange blocks
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✓ Example:

Initial: A on B
Goal: B on A

✓ Used for:

- Testing planning algorithms
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◆ 10. Components of Planning System

1. **Initial state**

2. **Goal state**
 3. **Operators (actions)**
 4. **Plan (sequence of steps)**
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◆ 11. Goal Stack Planning (Linear Planning)

👉 Idea:

- Use a **stack of goals and sub-goals**
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✓ Steps:

1. Put goal on stack
 2. Break into sub-goals
 3. Solve step by step
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✓ Feature:

- Linear execution (one step at a time)
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◆ 12. Non-Linear Planning (Constraint Posting)

👉 Idea:

- Actions are not strictly ordered
 - Use constraints instead
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✓ Advantage:

- Flexible
 - More efficient
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◆ 13. Probabilistic Reasoning & Uncertainty

👉 Definition:

Handling **uncertain or incomplete information**

✓ **Example:**

Medical diagnosis with probability

◆ **14. Probability Theory**

👉 **Formula:**

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{Number of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total outcomes}}$$

✓ **Concepts:**

- Events
 - Conditional probability
 - Independence
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◆ **15. Bayes Theorem**

👉 **Very important (frequent exam question)**

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(A)$$

$$P(B | A)$$

$$P(B | \neg A)$$

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A)P(A)}{P(B)} \approx 0.68, P(B) \approx 0.25$$

$P(B)=0.25$ $P(B|A)P(A)=0.17$ $P(A|B)\sim 0.68$ Posterior = useful evidence / total evidence

✓ **Use:**

- Medical diagnosis
 - Spam filtering
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◆ 16. Bayesian Networks

👉 Definition:

A **graphical model** representing probabilistic relationships

✓ Features:

- Nodes → variables
 - Edges → dependencies
 - Directed acyclic graph (DAG)
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✓ Example:

Rain → Wet ground

◆ 17. Certainty Factor (CF)

👉 Definition:

Measure of **belief in a hypothesis**

✓ Range:

$-1 \leq CF \leq 1$

- 1 → completely true
 - 0 → unknown
 - -1 → false
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✓ Formula:

$CF = MB - MD$

Where:

- MB = Measure of belief
 - MD = Measure of disbelief
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Summary Table

Topic	Key Idea
NLP	Language understanding
CFG	Sentence structure
RTN	Graph grammar
ATN	Advanced RTN
Semantic Analysis	Meaning
Case Grammar	Roles
Planning	Action sequence
Blocks World	Example domain
Goal Stack	Linear planning
Non-linear	Flexible planning
Probability	Uncertainty handling
Bayes	Conditional probability
Bayesian Network	Graph model
Certainty Factor	Degree of belief

1. Introduction to Expert Systems

Definition:

An **Expert System (ES)** is an AI program that mimics the **decision-making ability of a human expert**.

✓ Features:

- Uses **knowledge base**
- Provides **solutions/advice**
- Can explain reasoning

- Works in specific domain
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✓ **Examples:**

- Medical diagnosis
 - Financial decision systems
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◆ **2. Architecture of Expert Systems**

👉 **Main Components:**

1. **Knowledge Base**
 - Stores facts and rules
 2. **Inference Engine**
 - Applies rules to solve problems
 3. **User Interface**
 - Interaction with user
 4. **Explanation System**
 - Explains reasoning
 5. **Working Memory**
 - Stores current data
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✓ **Diagram Idea (for exam):**

User → Interface → Inference Engine → Knowledge Base
↓
Explanation System

◆ **3. Expert System Shells**

👉 **Definition:**

A **shell** is an expert system **without knowledge base**

✓ **Features:**

- Provides framework
 - User adds domain knowledge
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✓ **Examples:**

- EMYCIN
 - CLIPS
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◆ **4. Knowledge Acquisition**

👉 **Definition:**

Process of **collecting knowledge from experts**

✓ **Methods:**

1. Interviews
 2. Observation
 3. Data analysis
 4. Machine learning
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! **Problem:**

- Experts may not explain knowledge clearly
 - Time-consuming
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◆ **5. Case Study: MYCIN**

👉 **Definition:**

MYCIN is a famous expert system for **medical diagnosis (bacterial infections)**

✓ **Features:**

- Used rule-based reasoning
- Used **certainty factors (CF)**

- Suggested antibiotics
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✓ **Example Rule:**

IF infection is bacterial
THEN prescribe antibiotic

✓ **Importance:**

- One of the earliest successful expert systems
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◆ **6. Learning in AI**

👉 **Definition:**

Learning is the ability of a system to **improve performance using experience**

◆ **7. Rote Learning**

👉 **Definition:**

Learning by **memorization**

✓ **Example:**

- Storing solutions directly
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✓ **Advantage:**

- Fast retrieval

✗ **Disadvantage:**

- No understanding
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◆ **8. Learning by Induction**

👉 **Definition:**

Learning **general rules from examples**

✓ **Example:**

Given:

- Dog is animal
- Cat is animal

→ Learn: All pets are animals

✓ **Use:**

- Machine learning
 - Pattern recognition
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◆ **9. Explanation-Based Learning (EBL)**

👉 **Definition:**

Learning by **understanding why something works**

✓ **Steps:**

1. Solve a problem
 2. Explain reasoning
 3. Generalize solution
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✓ **Example:**

- Learn concept after solving math problem
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✓ **Advantage:**

- Deep understanding
 - Efficient learning
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