EEL-5840 : Elements of Machine Intelligence
FALL SEMESTER 2011

2012 Catalog Data: Elements of Machine Intelligence (3) Prereq: Senior or graduate standing. Engineering and hardware concepts pertaining to the design of intelligent computer systems.

Textbook(s): LISP, Winston & Horn, 3rd edition or later, 0-201-08319-1

Optional References: Nilsson, Principles of Artificial Intelligence, Tioga, ‘80, 0-934613-10-9


Goals: An in-depth look at Machine Intelligence, both classical and modern, with a view toward grounding in reality. To implement Machine Learning Algorithms in autonomous robots. To provide an "engineering approach" to the emerging field of MI, to impart a conceptual foundation on the principles behind the current MI technology.

Prerequisites by Topic:

1. Data Representation
2. Engineering Programming
3. Digital computer principles

Topics: {Tentative}

2. Search in State-Spaces: Agents that Plan, Uninformed Search, Heuristic Search, Planning, Acting and Learning, Alternative Search, Adversarial Search
3. Problem Representation and Reasoning: Propositional Calculus, Resolution, Predicate Calculus, Knowledge-Based Systems, Representing Commonsense Knowledge
4. Rule-Based Deduction: forward & backward reasoning, rule-based systems, logic programming, expert systems.
5. AI Communication and Integration
6. AI Programming: LISP, Prolog (an overview).
7. An overview of animal learning and simulation.
8. Robot Learning and Q-Learning (time permitting)

Computer Usage:

Weekly programming assignments using a PC/MAC-based LISP (shareware). One major / minor problem from the examples discussed in class might be assigned as a projects. Homework and programs are worth 34% of the grade.

Laboratory Projects:

No formal labs required.

Grading

Two in-class exams (2 x 33%) 66%, homework assignments & programs (see above) 34%. Grading Scale is 90-100 A, 87-89.99 A-, 85-86.99 B+, 80-84.99 B, etc. There are NO MAKEUP EXAMS.

Attendance and Expectations

Attendance is not required, but class attendance is essential in that not all of the in-class material is expounded on in the class textbook(s). Tardiness is unacceptable and all cell phones must to be turned off during class.