

You have 2 hours 50 min. The exam is open-book, open-notes. 100 points total

Write your answers in blue books. Hand them all in.

Several of the questions on this exam are true/false or multiple choice.

In all the multiple choice questions more than one of the choices may be correct. Give all correct answers. In the true/false and multiple choice questions, negative points will be awarded for incorrect answers in such a way as to render random guessing valueless.

1. (12 pts.) **Definitions** Provide brief, *precise* definitions of the following:

- (a) Grammar
- (b) Stereopsis
- (c) Information value
- (d) Nonlinear planning
- (e) Inheritance
- (f) Qualification problem

2. (14 pts.) **Logic** *True/false:*

- (a) (2) Backward-chaining using Extended Modus Ponens is complete for Horn clause databases.
- (b) (2) Forward-chaining and backward-chaining together are complete for first-order logic databases.
- (c) (2) By controlling the choice of which clauses to resolve, resolution can simulate backward-chaining.
- (d) (2)  $Hates(f(x), f(f(x)))$  unifies with  $Loves(y, f(y))$ .
- (e) (2) “A potatoe is always larger than a tomatoe” is a good translation of  $\forall xy Potato(x) \wedge Tomato(y) \Rightarrow > (Volume(x), Volume(y))$
- (f) (2)  $[\exists x EmployeeOf(x, UC)] \Rightarrow [\exists y Earns(x, y) \wedge < (y, \$100,000)]$   
is a good translation of “If someone works for UC they earn less than \$100,000.”
- (g) (2)  $\exists d Dog(d) \Rightarrow [\forall c Cat(c) \Rightarrow > (Weight(d), Weight(c))]$   
is a good translation of “There is a dog that is heavier than any cat.”

3. (6 pts.) **AI** *True/false:*

- (a) The Turing test provides a formal definition of intelligence.
- (b) Most AI capabilities already exist — we just need faster computers.
- (c) In principle (ignoring speed and memory), a giant belief net could pass an unlimited-length Turing test.

4. (12 pts.) **Planning** *Multiple choice:*

The presence of other, hostile agents in the environment has the following implications for planning systems:

- (a) Decision theory must be used
- (b) One can only plan for the near future
- (c) Plans with long sequences of interdependent actions are inappropriate
- (d) Execution monitoring is useful
- (e) Conditional plans are useful
- (f) A guaranteed plan can never be constructed

5. (16 pts.) **Search** *Multiple choice:*

In this question we consider the behaviour of search algorithms on a finite-memory machine (assume the memory is large). For each of the following properties, say which of the eight search methods given below exhibits the property:

- (a) exhaustive in a small finite space (ie will eventually expand any node of finite depth or find a goal state)
  - (b) admissible
  - (c) exhaustive in an infinite space
  - (d) heuristic
- i) Best-first ii) A\* iii) SMA\* iv) hill-climbing  
 v) Breadth-first vi) Depth-first vii) Iterative-Deepening-Depth-first  
 viii) hill-climbing with random restart, remembering best-so-far.

**6. (21 pts.) Probability and decision theory**

- (a) (2) Define conditional probability and write down Bayes' theorem
- (b) (3) In the Chernocinton nuclear power station, there is an alarm which senses when a temperature gauge exceeds a given threshold. The gauge measures the core temperature. Let  $A =$  "alarm sounds";  $G = t =$  "Gauge reads  $t$ ";  $T = t =$  "core temp is  $t$ ";  $F_A =$  "alarm is faulty";  $F_G =$  "gauge is faulty". Draw a belief net for this domain, given that the gauge is more likely to fail when the core temperature gets too high.
- (c) (1) Is your network solvable by a local propagation algorithm?
- (d) (2) Suppose there are just two possible actual and measured temperatures, Normal and High; and that the gauge gives the incorrect temperature  $x\%$  of the time when it is working, but  $y\%$  of the time when it is faulty. Give the conditional probability table associated with  $G$ .
- (e) (2) Suppose the alarm works unless it is faulty, in which case it never goes off. Give the conditional probability table associated with  $A$ .
- (f) (4) Suppose the alarm and gauge are working, and the alarm sounds. Calculate the probability that the core temperature is too high. (Hint: odds/likelihood is probably easiest.)
- (g) (3) In a given time period, the probability that the temperature exceeds threshold is  $p$ . The cost of shutting down the reactor is  $c_s$ , the cost of not shutting it down when the temperature is in fact too high is  $c_m$  ( $m$  stands for ...). Assuming the gauge and alarm to be working normally, calculate the maximum allowable value for  $x$  (i.e., if  $x$  is any higher than this we have to shut down the reactor all the time).
- (h) (2) Suppose we add a second temperature gauge  $H$ , and connect the alarm so it goes off when either gauge reads High. Should  $G$  be connected to  $H$  in the belief network?
- (i) (2) Are there circumstances under which adding a second gauge would mean that we would need *more* accurate (i.e., more likely to give the correct temperature) gauges? Why (not)?

**7. (12 pts.) Learning**

A version space learning system uses a concept language, a background knowledge base (KB), and instance descriptions to arrive at good inductive hypotheses concerning the definition of a goal concept. In this question we will logically analyse its behaviour.

- (a) (1) Give an informal definition of what it means for an instance to be a *false positive* for a concept.
- (b) (2) What does the VS algorithm use the KB for?
- (c) (3) Recall that a *hypothesis* ( $H$ , say) is a statement that the goal concept  $Q$  has a particular definition  $C_j$ . An *instance description* is a sentence giving the description and classification of some object or situation  $a_i$ . Give a formal logical definition of what it means for a hypothesis to be contradicted by an instance.
- (d) (2) Suppose one believes that the correct hypothesis is contained in a hypothesis space consisting of hypotheses  $H_1 \dots H_6$ . To what sentence  $S$  in propositional calculus does this belief correspond?
- (e) (4) Suppose 3 instances (with their classifications) are described by the sentences  $I_1, I_2, I_3$ . We run the version space algorithm on the instances with the hypothesis space from part d), and come up with only one hypothesis  $H$  remaining. Is  $H$  logically entailed by  $S, KB$  and  $I_1 \wedge I_2 \wedge I_3$ ? Why (not)?

**8. (7 pts.) Vision, NLP** What do vision and natural language understanding have in common? (Be reasonably brief!)