Description: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an important topic in computer science that has many diversified applications. It addresses one of the ultimate puzzles human are trying to solve – How is it possible for a slow, tiny brain, whether biological or electronic, to perceive, understand, predict, and manipulate a world far larger and more complicated than itself? And, how do we go about creating a machine (or computer) with those properties? To this end, researchers in the AI field have been trying to understand how seeing, learning, remembering, and reasoning could, or should be done. This course introduces students to the basic concepts and techniques in artificial intelligence.

Pre-requisites: CS-GY 2134 or CS-GY 5403 (Data Structures) or equivalent, and proficiency in a high-level programming language such as Python, C/C++, or Java.

Week      Topics
(Approximate) (Tentative)
1         Introduction
          Intelligent agents
2-5       Solving problems by searching (State space search)
5-6       Adversarial search (Game trees)
6-7       Constraint satisfaction problems
8         Exam 1
9-10      Logical agents
11-12     First-order logic
12-13     Inference in first order logic
14        Machine learning
15        Exam II (during final exam week)

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Course load: There will be about six to seven handwritten (or typed) homework assignments, plus two AI programming projects. I will assign the projects and you are to do the projects by yourself. You can use high-level programming languages such as C++, Python or Java to do the project. A 15-minute demo of your project to the instructor or TAs may be required. You are expected to work on your own homework and projects (including programming.) You can discuss with your classmates on how to do the homework and projects but everyone is expected to turn in their own work.

The preferred way to hand in homework is by submitting a hardcopy the day it is due in class. If you cannot come to class, you can put a hardcopy in my mail box, located in the CSE department office in Room 10.016 of 2 MTC, or you can upload an electronic copy to NYU Classes. Late homework (up to 7 days late) and projects will be accepted but will be subject to 2% grade penalty (of the total points of the assignment) each day it is late (weekends included). Solutions to homework are posted approximately one week after the homework is due.

Exams: There will be two exams. The second exam will be held during the final exam week and will only include topics that were not covered in the first exam. The exams will be closed-note and closed-book. For the exams, you will need a basic scientific calculator.

Grade distribution:

- Homework ~ 12%
- Projects ~ 18%
- Exam I: ~ 35%
- Exam II: ~ 35%

A weighted course average will be computed and used in the determination of your final grade.

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