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Exercise Sheet 1

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Important: for submission, consult the rules at the end of the exercise. Non-adherence to the rules will lead to your submission not being corrected.

Exercise 1.1 (1+1+1+1 marks)

Characterize the following AI systems with respect to the four categories (acting humanly, thinking humanly, thinking rationally, acting rationally) that have been introduced in the lecture. Justify your answers in one to two sentences.

- (a) Pepper ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pepper_\(robot\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pepper_(robot)))
- (b) R1/XCON (slide set A2, slide 12)
- (c) self-driving cars
- (d) ChatGPT

Note: The four AI systems do need to cover all four categories. In some cases several categories can be argued for, meaning there is not only one correct answer. Choose one category and present your argument for it.

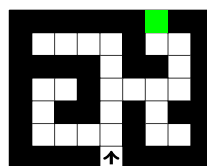
Exercise 1.2 (1+1+1 marks)

Check the literature and the internet to investigate to which extent the following tasks can nowadays be performed automatically by computers and/or robots. Describe your findings in one to two sentences and provide a source.

- (a) playing the game of Go
- (b) paint a (digital) picture
- (c) prove a mathematical theorem

Exercise 1.3 (2+1 marks)

Consider an agent trying to reach the goal in a 2D labyrinth grid. It can move forward, turn 90° to the left or right, detect whether an adjacent cell is blocked and detect if it is at the goal location. The starting location is always in the south edge with the agent facing north and the adjacent east and west cells blocked, and the goal is always on an edge. The figure below shows an example labyrinth, where the goal is marked in green and the starting position of the agent marked by an arrow.



- (a) A *reflexive* agent is an agent that acts only based on the information it received in its *last* observation. Provide pseudocode of an algorithm of a reflexive agent to reach the goal in any labyrinth as described above. Also describe the idea of your algorithm in one to two sentences.

Hint: You are allowed to combine several actions into one action.

- (b) Does your agent still work as intended if the turning action has a chance to fail? What if the wall sensors are faulty?

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