

**CIS 730**  
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence  
Fall, 2001

**Midterm Exam Solutions**

**Instructions and Notes**

- You have 75 minutes for this exam. Budget your time carefully.
- Your answers on short answer and essay problems shall be graded for originality as well as for accuracy.
- You should have a total of 10 pages; **write your name on each page.**
- Use only the front side of pages for your answers; you may add additional pages if needed.
- Select **exactly one answer** for each true/false and multiple choice question.
- Show your work on problems and proofs.
- In the interest of fairness to all students, no questions shall be answered during the test concerning problems. If you believe there is ambiguity in any question, **state your assumptions.**
- There are a total of 200 possible points in this exam plus 10 points of extra credit.

**Instructor Use Only**

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Extra \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

**Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 200**

## 1. True/False (10 questions, 4 points each)

- a) T F     The traditional *Turing Test* is an interactive test between an artificial and a human agent. – *problem discarded*
- b) I F     An intelligent agent that maximizes *expected utility* is said to act *rationally*.
- c) T F     *Beam search* with beam width  $w = 1$  is equivalent to greedy best-first search.
- d) I F      $A/A^*$  with  $g(n) = 0$  for every node  $n$  is equivalent to greedy best-first search.
- e) I F     The pathmax heuristic  $f(n) = \max (f(n), g(n) + h(n))$  can convert any admissible heuristic into one that observes the monotone restriction.
- f) T F     In the worst case, *alpha-beta pruning* results in evaluation of a number of nodes asymptotically equal to the square root of the number expanded by *minimax* game tree search.
- g) T F     A *quiescent* branch of a game tree is one where an agent should devote additional computation in search.
- h) I F     The language of *satisfiable* propositional logical knowledge bases is recursive.
- i) I F     The language of *satisfiable* first-order logical knowledge bases is not recursive enumerable.
- j) T F     *Paramodulation* and *subsumption* are additional inference rules designed to handle equality in FOL sentences.

**2. Multiple Choice (10 questions, 4 points each)**

- a) What is the *space complexity* of depth-first search with branch factor  $b$ , solution depth  $d$ , and maximum search depth  $m$ ?
- A)  $O(bm)$
  - B)  $O(bd)$
  - C)  $O(b^m)$
  - D)  $O(b^d)$
  - E)  $O(b^{d/2})$
- b) Which term describes a case in heuristic search where there may be zero gradient in the heuristic evaluation function?
- A) I. Foothill problem (local optima that are not global optima)
  - B) II. Plateau problem – *also received credit although D was the intended answer*
  - C) III. Ridge problem
  - D) I and II but not III
  - E) I, II, and III
- c) Which searches are guaranteed to achieve *optimal path cost* given an admissible heuristic?
- A) I. Algorithm A
  - B) II. Breadth-First Search
  - C) III. Branch-and-Bound Search
  - D) I and II but not III
  - E) I, II, and III
- d) Which of the following types of search produce *anytime* results?
- A) Algorithm A with an admissible heuristic
  - B) Algorithm A with a monotonic heuristic
  - C) Iterative-deepening A\* (IDA\*)
  - D) All of the above
  - E) None of the above
- e) Which of the following components is not part of the formal definition of a two-person game?
- A) Initial state (starting position)
  - B) Operators (legal moves)
  - C) Terminal test
  - D) Utility (payoff) function
  - E) None of the above (all are part of the formal definition of a two-person game)

- f) **What term describes the proliferation of axioms that describe non-interference of actions with the state of the world?**
- A) Representational frame problem
  - B) Inferential frame problem
  - C) Ramification problem
  - D) Qualification problem
  - E) None of the above
- g) **What term describes an axiomatic solution to the proliferation of axioms that describe non-interference with the state of the world?**
- A) Kolmogorov axioms
  - B) Successor-state axioms
  - C) Situation calculus
  - D) First-order predicate calculus
  - E) Relational calculus
- h) **What term describes the proliferation of axioms that describe the occurrence of side-effects from actions?**
- A) Representational frame problem
  - B) Inferential frame problem
  - C) Ramification problem
  - D) Qualification problem
  - E) None of the above
- i) **Which of the following methods restricts the resolvents allowed in each application of the resolution inference rule?**
- A) I. Unit resolution
  - B) II. Input resolution
  - C) III. Table-based indexing
  - D) I and II but not III
  - E) I, II, and III
- j) **What property of a planning system describes a representation method used to resolve threats to preconditions?**
- A) I. Regression
  - B) II. Partial-order
  - C) III. Refutation
  - D) I and II but not III
  - E) I, II, and III

3. Search (3 parts, 40 points total)

a) (10 points) Data structures for graph search. Write down the adjacency list and adjacency matrix for the following graph.

	<p>Adjacency list:</p> <p>0: [(1, 3), (2, 2)]              1: [(3, 3), (4, 1)]              2: [(5, 7)]              3: [(5, 5)]              4: [(5, 4)]              5: []</p> <p>Adjacency matrix:</p> <pre>* 3 2 * * * * * * 3 1 * * * * * * 7 * * * * * 5 * * * * * 4 * * * * * *</pre>
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b) (20 points) Uninformed and Heuristic Search. Simulate the behavior of Greedy Best-First, Hill-Climbing, A/A\*, and Branch-and-Bound search for the above graph with start node 0 and goal node 5. Show the evolution of the OPEN and CLOSED lists. Break ties in ascending order of node number (lower-numbered nodes are expanded first in case of a tie).

(For simplicity, the sort key – cost – is not shown in OPEN and CLOSED lists.)

Greedy Best-First search:

1. OPEN: [0]  
CLOSED: []
  2. OPEN: [1, 2]  
CLOSED: [0]
  3. OPEN: [2, 3, 4]  
CLOSED: [0, 1]
  4. OPEN: [5, 3, 4]  
CLOSED: [0, 1, 2]
  5. OPEN: [3, 4]  
CLOSED: [0, 1, 2, 5]
- Returned path: [0, 2, 5], cost = 9

Hill-Climbing search:

1. OPEN: [0]  
CLOSED: []
  2. OPEN: [1] – omit backtracking info for simplicity  
CLOSED: [0]  
*(credit given if you stopped here and explained that the R&N algorithm without pathmax would not visit the children of node 1)*
  3. OPEN: [3, 4]  
CLOSED: [0, 1]
  4. OPEN: [5]  
CLOSED: [0, 1, 3]
  5. OPEN: []  
CLOSED: [0, 1, 3, 5]
- Returned path: [0, 1, 3, 5], cost = 11

A/A\* search:

1. OPEN: [0],  $f^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: []
2. OPEN: [1, 2],  $f^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0]
3. OPEN: [2, 4, 3],  $f^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0, 1]
4. OPEN: [4, 3, 5],  $f^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0, 1, 2]
5. OPEN: [5, 3, 5],  $f^* = \infty$  – allow duplicates in OPEN, check CLOSED  
CLOSED: [0, 1, 2, 4]
6. OPEN: [3, 5],  $g^* = 8$  – don't have to check 3:  $f(3) = 6 + 3 = 9$   
CLOSED: [0, 1, 2, 4, 5]

Returned path: [0, 1, 4, 5], cost = 8 (optimal)

Branch-and-Bound search:

1. OPEN: [0],  $g^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: []
2. OPEN: [2, 1],  $g^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0]
3. OPEN: [1, 5],  $g^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0, 2]
4. OPEN: [4, 3, 5],  $g^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0, 2, 1]
5. OPEN: [3, 5, 5'],  $g^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0, 2, 1, 4]
6. OPEN: [5, 5', 5''],  $g^* = \infty$   
CLOSED: [0, 2, 1, 4, 3]
7. OPEN: [],  $g^* = 8$   
CLOSED: [0, 2, 1, 4, 3, 5]

Returned path: [0, 1, 4, 5], cost = 8 (optimal)

- c) (10 points)** Explain the relationship between “Algorithm A” and “Algorithm A\*” (define any term you use to describe functions computed by each) and the relationship among A/A\*, Hill-Climbing, and Greedy search.

*Algorithm A\* refers to Algorithm A with an admissible heuristic  $h$ , such that for all nodes  $n$ ,  $h(n) \leq h^*(n)$ , the true minimum cost to a goal node.*

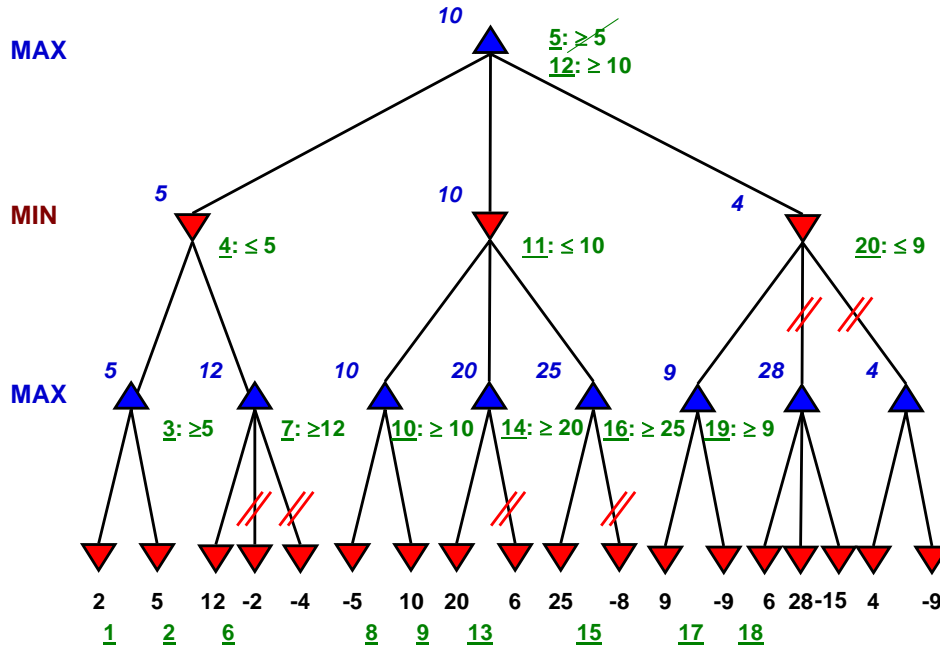
*Hill-climbing is a heuristic search that sorts only the children of the current head of the OPEN list by  $h(n)$  and prepends them to the front.*

*Greedy best-first search is a heuristic search that sorts the entire OPEN list by  $h(n)$ .*

*A\* is a heuristic search that sorts the entire OPEN list by  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$ .*

4. Game Trees and Utilities (2 parts, 20 points each).

a) (20 points) **Minimax Game Tree Search and Alpha-Beta Pruning.** Consider this game tree:



- i. (10 points) Simulate the behavior of the **minimax algorithm** on the above game tree.
  - ii. (10 points) Simulate the behavior of minimax with **alpha-beta ( $\alpha$ - $\beta$ ) pruning** on the above game tree. *Show your work* (mark the **pruned branches** and number the static evaluations and all  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  inequality updates, in order).
- b) (20 points) **Expectiminimax.** Draw an example of a portion of an *expectiminimax* game tree where the *chance nodes* correspond to the toss of two dice and the branches to the sum. What effect does this have on the expectation?

	<p>The branches of the chance node are (left to right) {2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}. The weights on these branches are {1/36, 2/36, 3/36, 4/36, 5/36, 6/36, 5/36, 4/36, 3/36, 2/36, 1/36}, which weights the expectation of each MIN node accordingly in calculating expected utility.</p>
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### 5. Logic and Resolution (3 parts, 40 points total).

- a) **Clausal form (10 points)** Write down the steps for converting an arbitrary first-order logic (FOL) sentence into clausal form, and apply them to the following sentence:

$$\forall x, y. P(x, y) \Rightarrow \exists z. Q(x, z) \wedge \neg R(y, z)$$

**I**)mplications out:  $\forall x, y. \neg P(x, y) \vee \exists z. Q(x, z) \wedge \neg R(y, z)$

**N**)egations inward:  $\forall x, y. \neg P(x, y) \vee \exists z. Q(x, z) \wedge \neg R(y, z)$  – not needed

**S**)tandardize variables apart:  $\forall x, y. \neg P(x, y) \vee \exists z. Q(x, z) \wedge \neg R(y, z)$  – not needed

**E**)xistentials out (Skolemize):  $\forall x, y. \neg P(x, y) \vee Q(x, f(x,y)) \wedge \neg R(y, f(x,y))$

**U**)niversals implicit:  $\neg P(x, y) \vee Q(x, f(x,y)) \wedge \neg R(y, f(x,y))$

**D**)istributive law (conjunctive normal form):

$$(\neg P(x, y) \vee Q(x, f(x,y))) \wedge (\neg P(x, y) \vee \neg R(y, f(x,y)))$$

**O**)perators out:

$$\{\neg P(x, y), Q(x, f(x,y))\}$$

$$\{\neg P(x, y), \neg R(y, f(x,y))\}$$

**R**)ename variables:

$$\{\neg P(x_1, y_1), Q(x_1, f(x_1,y_1))\}$$

$$\{\neg P(x_2, y_2), \neg R(y_2, f(x_2,y_2))\}$$

- b) **Sentences in FOL (15 points)** Write the following sentences in FOL.

- i. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x. \text{Action}(x) \Rightarrow \\ \exists y. \text{Reaction}(y, x) \wedge \\ \text{Equal}(\text{magnitude}(x), \text{magnitude}(y)) \wedge \\ \text{Opposite}(\text{direction}(x), \text{direction}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

#### Notes

- $\text{Equal-Magnitude}(x, y) \wedge \text{Opposite-Direction}(x, y)$  was acceptable, but not  $\text{Equal}(x, y) \wedge \text{Opposite}(x, y)$ , even though these are syntactically equivalent.
- Even  $\text{Equal-Magnitude-Opposite-Direction}(x, y)$  was acceptable, but not  $x = y \wedge \text{OppositeDirection}(x, y)$  or similar statements.

- ii. Everyone loves someone who loves everyone.

$$\forall x. \forall y. \text{Loves}(x, y) \Rightarrow \forall z. \text{Loves}(z, x)$$

**Note:**  $\forall x. \exists y. \text{Loves}(x, y) \wedge \forall z. \text{Loves}(y, z)$ , a very different interpretation, was also acceptable.

- iii. ♪ We all live in a yellow submarine ♪

$$\exists x. \text{Submarine}(x) \wedge \text{Yellow}(x) \wedge \forall y. \text{Among-Us}(y) \Rightarrow \text{Live-In}(y, x)$$

**Notes:** This is to be distinguished from

$$\forall y. \text{Among-Us}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x. \text{Submarine}(x) \wedge \text{Yellow}(x) \wedge \text{Live-In}(y, x)$$

Also, *Among-Us* was optional.



c) **Proof (15 points).** Use *first-order refutation resolution* to prove the following theorem given the specified knowledge base (KB). Write down the *unifiers* for each application of the generalized resolution rule. You may use conjunctive or implicative normal form, whichever is more convenient for you.

- **Knowledge base:**

- For every married couple, there is some habit of the husband's that the wife does not like. (*Hint*: introduce only the predicates needed to complete this proof!)
- Joe is Susan's husband.

- **Theorem:** Susan does not like all of Joe's habits.

Note that the rule (first axiom) is the same as in 5(a). With alpha renaming, it is:

$$\forall \text{ husband, wife . Husband-Of}(\text{husband, wife}) \Rightarrow \\ \exists \text{ habit . Has}(\text{husband, habit}) \wedge \neg \text{Likes}(\text{wife, habit})$$

If you put this in clausal form in (a), you have it already:

- C1.  $\{\neg \text{Husband-Of}(\text{husband}_1, \text{wife}_1), \text{Has}(\text{husband}_1, \text{habit-of}(\text{husband}_1, \text{wife}_1))\}$   
C2.  $\{\neg \text{Husband-Of}(\text{husband}_2, \text{wife}_2), \neg \text{Likes}(\text{wife}_2, \text{habit-of}(\text{husband}_2, \text{wife}_2))\}$

The other axiom is:

- C3.  $\{\text{Husband-Of}(\text{Joe, Susan})\}$

The negated query is:

$$\neg \exists \text{ bad-habit . Has}(\text{Joe, bad-habit}) \wedge \neg \text{Likes}(\text{Susan, bad-habit})$$

whose clausal form is:

- C4.  $\{\neg \text{Has}(\text{Joe, bad-habit}), \text{Likes}(\text{Susan, bad-habit})\}$

There are 4 unit resolutions (though you could complete the proof in fewer using implicative normal form), and the substitutions are obviously all of the form  $\{\text{husband}_i / \text{Joe}\}$ ,  $\{\text{wife}_i / \text{Susan}\}$ ,  $\{\text{bad-habit} / \text{habit-of}(\text{husband}_i, \text{wife}_i)\}$ . I give the answers in input resolution form:

- C5. C1 with C3 – resolvent *Husband-Of*, result *Has*  
 C6. C4 with C5 – resolvent  $\neg \text{Has}$ , result *Likes*  
 C7. C2 with C6 – resolvent  $\neg \text{Likes}$ , result  $\neg \text{Husband-Of}$   
 C8: C3 with C7 – resolvent  $\neg \text{Husband-Of}$ , result NIL

**Extra Credit (10 Points)** Give an example of a *Sussman anomaly* in the Blocks World. Write down the operator axioms, the initial state and goal state descriptors, and give a sketch of how a *partial-order planning (POP)* system would solve the problem.

*Initial State:*

On(B, A)  
On(A, Table)  
On(C, Table)

*Goal State:*

On(B, A)  
On(C, B)  
On(A, Table)

*Operators:*

MOVE (x, y, z):  $\forall x . \forall y . \text{On}(x, y, s) \Rightarrow$   
 $\neg \text{On}(x, y, \text{Result}(\text{Move}, x, y, z)) \wedge \text{On}(x, z, \text{Result}(\text{Move}, x, y, z))$

*A POP system must be able to order actions so that C is unstacked from A to make way for B, detecting the threat (interference) that is not eliminated by the MOVE (C, Table, B).*