

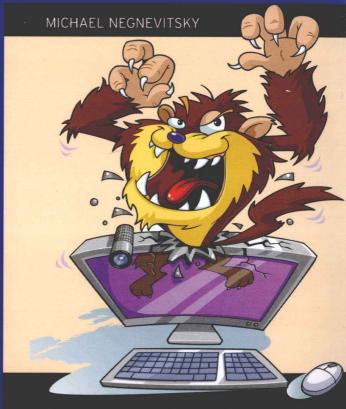


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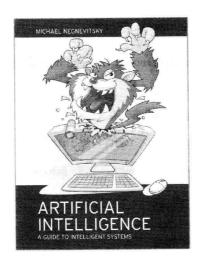
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Preface

'The only way not to succeed is not to try.'

Edward Teller

Another book on artificial intelligence ... I've already seen so many of them. Why should I bother with this one? What makes this book different from the others?

Each year hundreds of books and doctoral theses extend our knowledge of computer, or artificial, intelligence. Expert systems, artificial neural networks, fuzzy systems and evolutionary computation are major technologies used in intelligent systems. Hundreds of tools support these technologies, and thousands of scientific papers continue to push their boundaries. The content of any chapter in this book can be, and in fact is, the subject of dozens of monographs. However, I wanted to write a book that would explain the basics of intelligent systems, and perhaps even more importantly, eliminate the fear of artificial intelligence.

Most of the literature on artificial intelligence is expressed in the jargon of computer science, and crowded with complex matrix algebra and differential equations. This, of course, gives artificial intelligence an aura of respectability, and until recently kept non-computer scientists at bay. But the situation has changed!

The personal computer has become indispensable in our everyday life. We use it as a typewriter and a calculator, a calendar and a communication system, an interactive database and a decision-support system. And we want more. We want our computers to act intelligently! We see that intelligent systems are rapidly coming out of research laboratories, and we want to use them to our advantage.

What are the principles behind intelligent systems? How are they built? What are intelligent systems useful for? How do we choose the right tool for the job? These questions are answered in this book.

Unlike many books on computer intelligence, this one shows that most ideas behind intelligent systems are wonderfully simple and straightforward. The book is based on lectures given to students who have little knowledge of calculus. And readers do not need to learn a programming language! The material in this book has been extensively tested through several courses taught by the author for the

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last 15 years. Typical questions and suggestions from my students influenced the way this book was written.

The book is an introduction to the field of computer intelligence. It covers rule-based expert systems, fuzzy expert systems, frame-based expert systems, artificial neural networks, evolutionary computation, hybrid intelligent systems, knowledge engineering and data mining.

In a university setting, this book provides an introductory course for undergraduate students in computer science, computer information systems, and engineering. In the courses I teach, my students develop small rule-based and frame-based expert systems, design fuzzy systems, explore artificial neural networks, solve simple optimisation problems using genetic algorithms and develop hybrid neuro-fuzzy systems. They use expert system shells (XpertRule, Exsys Corvid and Visual Rule Studio), MATLAB Fuzzy Logic Toolbox and MATLAB Neural Network Toolbox. I chose these tools because they can easily demonstrate the theory being presented. However, the book is not tied to any specific tool; the examples given in the book are easy to implement with different tools.

This book is also suitable as a self-study guide for non-computer science professionals. For them, the book provides access to the state of the art in knowledge-based systems and computational intelligence. In fact, this book is aimed at a large professional audience: engineers and scientists, managers and businessmen, doctors and lawyers – everyone who faces challenging problems and cannot solve them by using traditional approaches, everyone who wants to understand the tremendous achievements in computer intelligence. The book will help to develop a practical understanding of what intelligent systems can and cannot do, discover which tools are most relevant for your task and, finally, how to use these tools.

I hope that the reader will share my excitement on the subject of artificial intelligence and soft computing and will find this book useful.

The website can be accessed at: http://www.booksites.net/negnevitsky

Michael Negnevitsky Hobart, Tasmania, Australia February 2001

Preface to the third edition

The main objective of the book remains the same as in the first edition – to provide the reader with practical understanding of the field of computer intelligence. It is intended as an introductory text suitable for a one-semester course, and assumes the students have only limited knowledge of calculus and little or no programming experience.

In terms of the coverage, this edition introduces a new chapter on data mining and demonstrates several new applications of intelligent tools for solving complex real-world problems. The major changes are as follows:

- In the new chapter, 'Data mining and knowledge discovery', we introduce
 data mining as an integral part of knowledge discovery in large databases. We
 consider the main techniques and tools for turning data into knowledge,
 including statistical methods, data visualisation tools, Structured Query
 Language, decision trees and market basket analysis. We also present several
 case studies on data mining applications.
- In Chapter 9, we add a new case study on clustering with a self-organising neural network.

Finally, we have expanded the book's references and bibliographies, and updated the list of AI tools and vendors in the appendix.

Michael Negnevitsky Hobart, Tasmania, Australia September 2010

Overview of the book

The book consists of 10 chapters.

In Chapter 1, we briefly discuss the history of artificial intelligence from the era of great ideas and great expectations in the 1960s to the disillusionment and funding cutbacks in the early 1970s; from the development of the first expert systems such as DENDRAL, MYCIN and PROSPECTOR in the 1970s to the maturity of expert system technology and its massive application in different areas in the 1980s and 1990s; from a simple binary model of neurons proposed in the 1940s to a dramatic resurgence of the field of artificial neural networks in the 1980s; from the introduction of fuzzy set theory and its being ignored by the West in the 1960s to numerous 'fuzzy' consumer products offered by the Japanese in the 1980s and world-wide acceptance of 'soft' computing and computing with words in the 1990s.

In Chapter 2, we present an overview of rule-based expert systems. We briefly discuss what knowledge is, and how experts express their knowledge in the form of production rules. We identify the main players in the expert system development team and show the structure of a rule-based system. We discuss fundamental characteristics of expert systems and note that expert systems can make mistakes. Then we review the forward and backward chaining inference techniques and debate conflict resolution strategies. Finally, the advantages and disadvantages of rule-based expert systems are examined.

In Chapter 3, we present two uncertainty management techniques used in expert systems: Bayesian reasoning and certainty factors. We identify the main sources of uncertain knowledge and briefly review probability theory. We consider the Bayesian method of accumulating evidence and develop a simple expert system based on the Bayesian approach. Then we examine the certainty factors theory (a popular alternative to Bayesian reasoning) and develop an expert system based on evidential reasoning. Finally, we compare Bayesian reasoning and certainty factors, and determine appropriate areas for their applications.

In Chapter 4, we introduce fuzzy logic and discuss the philosophical ideas behind it. We present the concept of fuzzy sets, consider how to represent a fuzzy set in a computer, and examine operations of fuzzy sets. We also define linguistic variables and hedges. Then we present fuzzy rules and explain the main differences between classical and fuzzy rules. We explore two fuzzy inference techniques – Mamdani and Sugeno – and suggest appropriate areas for their application. Finally, we introduce the main steps in developing a fuzzy expert

system, and illustrate the theory through the actual process of building and tuning a fuzzy system.

In Chapter 5, we present an overview of frame-based expert systems. We consider the concept of a frame and discuss how to use frames for knowledge representation. We find that inheritance is an essential feature of frame-based systems. We examine the application of methods, demons and rules. Finally, we consider the development of a frame-based expert system through an example.

In Chapter 6, we introduce artificial neural networks and discuss the basic ideas behind machine learning. We present the concept of a perceptron as a simple computing element and consider the perceptron learning rule. We explore multilayer neural networks and discuss how to improve the computational efficiency of the back-propagation learning algorithm. Then we introduce recurrent neural networks, consider the Hopfield network training algorithm and bidirectional associative memory (BAM). Finally, we present self-organising neural networks and explore Hebbian and competitive learning.

In Chapter 7, we present an overview of evolutionary computation. We consider genetic algorithms, evolution strategies and genetic programming. We introduce the main steps in developing a genetic algorithm, discuss why genetic algorithms work, and illustrate the theory through actual applications of genetic algorithms. Then we present a basic concept of evolution strategies and determine the differences between evolution strategies and genetic algorithms. Finally, we consider genetic programming and its application to real problems.

In Chapter 8, we consider hybrid intelligent systems as a combination of different intelligent technologies. First, we introduce a new breed of expert systems, called neural expert systems, which combine neural networks and rule-based expert systems. Then we consider a neuro-fuzzy system that is functionally equivalent to the Mamdani fuzzy inference model, and an adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS), equivalent to the Sugeno fuzzy inference model. Finally, we discuss evolutionary neural networks and fuzzy evolutionary systems.

In Chapter 9, we consider knowledge engineering. First, we discuss what kind of problems can be addressed with intelligent systems, and introduce six main phases of the knowledge engineering process. Then we examine typical applications of expert systems, fuzzy systems, neural networks and genetic algorithms. We demonstrate how to build intelligent systems for solving diagnosis, selection, prediction, classification, clustering and optimisation problems. Finally, we discuss applications of hybrid neuro-fuzzy systems for decision support and time-series prediction.

In Chapter 10, we present an overview of data mining and consider the main techniques for turning data into knowledge. First, we broadly define data mining, and explain the process of data mining and knowledge discovery in large databases. We introduce statistical methods, including principal component analysis, and discuss their limitations. We then examine an application of Structured Query Language in relational databases, and introduce data warehouse and multidimensional data analysis. Finally, we consider the most popular tools of data mining – decision trees and market basket analysis.

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The book also has a glossary and an appendix. The glossary contains definitions for over 300 terms used in expert systems, fuzzy logic, neural networks, evolutionary computation, knowledge engineering and data mining. The appendix provides a list of commercially available AI tools.

The book's website can be accessed at: http://www.booksites.net/negnevitsky

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Introduction to knowledgebased intelligent systems

In which we consider what it means to be intelligent and whether machines could be such a thing.

1.1 Intelligent machines, or what machines can do

Philosophers have been trying for over 2000 years to understand and resolve two big questions of the universe: how does a human mind work, and can non-humans have minds? However, these questions are still unanswered.

Some philosophers have picked up the computational approach originated by computer scientists and accepted the idea that machines can do everything that humans can do. Others have openly opposed this idea, claiming that such highly sophisticated behaviour as love, creative discovery and moral choice will always be beyond the scope of any machine.

The nature of philosophy allows for disagreements to remain unresolved. In fact, engineers and scientists have already built machines that we can call 'intelligent'. So what does the word 'intelligence' mean? Let us look at a dictionary definition.

- 1 Someone's intelligence is their ability to understand and learn things.
- 2 **Intelligence** is the ability to think and understand instead of doing things by instinct or automatically.

(Essential English Dictionary, Collins, London, 2008)

Thus, according to the first definition, intelligence is the quality possessed by humans. But the second definition suggests a completely different approach and gives some flexibility; it does not specify whether it is someone or something that has the ability to think and understand. Now we should discover what thinking means. Let us consult our dictionary again.

Thinking is the activity of using your brain to consider a problem or to create an idea.

(Essential English Dictionary, Collins, London, 2008)