

# Knowledge Representation and Reasoning Introduction

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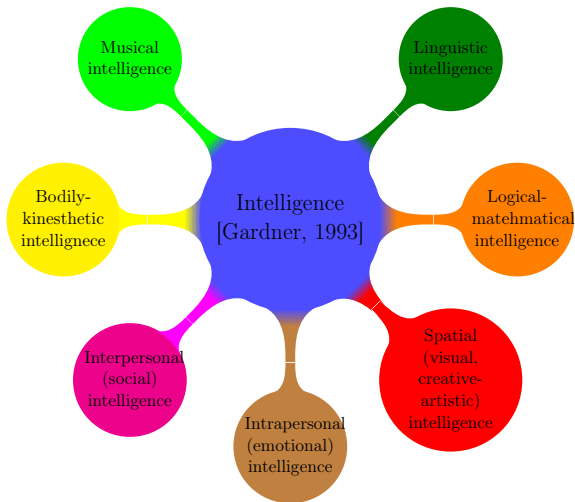
# Problem Solving — What is the Essence of it?



The key issue: **Black-Box Models** (hidden knowledge) versus **White-Box Models** (explicit knowledge): **Knowledge Representation and Reasoning** – open, declarative/procedural, undergo analysis, design, verification; **trustable solutions**.

# KRR – the Key to Artificial Intelligence

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# KRR: Basic Ideas behind this Course

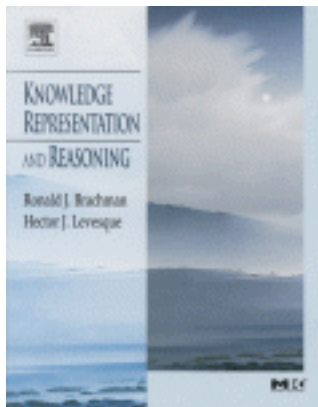
- to teach various but selected methods of **Knowledge Representation**,
- to teach various but selected methods of **Automated Reasoning**,
- with the focus on **symbolic knowledge** (Logic?)
- with the ultimate goal: **Automated Problem Solving**;

$$\mathbf{KR} + \mathbf{AR} \longrightarrow \mathbf{APS}$$

- to keep the course **practical** rather than *just theory*:
  - necessary background knowledge — but in an informal way,
  - modern tools — if available (MiniZinc, PDDL, Problog; SAT, Prolog),
  - examples + applications,
  - further references; internet sources.
- to refer to some **good practices**: CS227:  
<http://web.stanford.edu/class/cs227/>

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## **Knowledge Representation and Reasoning.**

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And further problems (too general, out of date, hard for engineers)



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- <http://eclipseclp.org/>

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# KRK: Contents of this Course I

- 1 Introduction: Methods of knowledge representation and reasoning in intelligent systems. Deduction, abduction, and induction.
- 2 Numerical, algebraic and graph methods. Hyper-graphs, large graphs.
- 3 Mathematical logic as a tool for knowledge representation and processing. Important features and limitations.
- 4 Representation of problems and inference in the predicate calculus.
- 5 Automatic theorem proving. The principle of resolution, skolemization, unification, the Horn clause. Logic programming.
- 6 Prolog: declarative representation, inference control. Programming and metaprogramming. Constraint Programming (CP). Methods and tools. Answer Set Programming (ASP).
- 7 Decision tables and decision trees. Graphical methods for modeling decision-making processes.

# KRK: Contents of this Course II

- 1 Rule-based Systems (RBS). Decision Support Systems (DSS). Inference Models.
- 2 Object-oriented Representations: semantic templates, frames, semantic networks, UML.
- 3 Taxonomies, description logics and formal ontologies.
- 4 Uncertain and incomplete knowledge: representation and inference. Methods and tools. Many-valued logics. Entropy.
- 5 Knowledge representation and reasoning in diagnosis.
- 6 Knowledge representation and reasoning in planning.
- 7 Summary and trends.

# KRK: Contents of this Course: Techniques and Tools

- 1 Abduction +SAT: Backtracking Search. SWI-Prolog. MiniSAT.
- 2 Constraint Programming. SWI-Prolog+clpfd, MiniZinc, Python+Numberjack, Picat.
- 3 Answer Set Programming. ASP: Potassco.
- 4 Planning. STRIPS, PDDL, ADJ. Prolog. FastForward. Picat.
- 5 Uncertainty. Probabilistic Reasoning. Problog.
- 6 Diagnostic Reasoning. Prolog+clpfd. Problog.
- 7 Fuzzy Sets and System. Fuzzy Logic. Fuzzy Inference. Octave.
- 8 Description Logics. Protege.

# Selected Internet Sources: Tools

To be introduced online, along the course.



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# Prerequisites

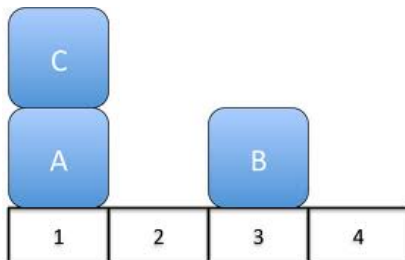
It is assumed that the participants do have some knowledge and understanding of:

- Discrete Mathematics,
- Set Theory,
- Relation Theory,
- Propositional Logic,
- First-Order Logic,
- Data Structures and Algorithms,
- Programming *in general* (e.g. Python),
- Logic Programming (PROLOG).

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# What is a Problem? Means-Ends Analysis



## Nonlinear problem

- goal:  $ON(A,B)$  and  $ON(B,C)$ ,
- $ON(B,C)$  — one-step, but wrong,
- $ON(A,B)$  — two-steps, but also wrong.

# What is a Problem? Planning



## Planning problems

### Some Examples

[http://www.transum.org/software/River\\_Crossing/](http://www.transum.org/software/River_Crossing/)

# Analytical Thinking vs. Brute Search

As far as now: **Backtracking Search** + **Decomposition** work fine.

The spoiled chessboard problem



# Problem Solving - what is necessary?

## A word on toolkit

- **language** — its roles,
- **knowledge representation** formalism,
- **knowledge processing** tools — operators,
- **problem statement**,
- **search space**; state-space,
- **constraints**,
- **heuristics**,
- **search strategy**; memory vs. repeated search,
- **domain ontology**,
- **the goal** — explicit (exact state) or implicit (criterion),
- **path to the goal** vs. **final solution**.

# Symbolic Knowledge Representation Tools

- numerical (numbers, vectors, matrices, functions),
- algebraic (sets, relations, tables),
- qualitative (intervals,  $\{-, 0, +\}$  algebra, symbolic,
- graphical (trees, graphs, nets, semantic networks),
- **Logics** – a variety of purely logical languages,
- **Logic-based** – (predicates, rules),
- frames,
- graphic-structural (decision tables, XTT),
- fuzzy + probabilistic + rough,
- mixed.



# Summary: Types of Problems and Methods

## An informal classification

- FORWARD CHAINING (deduction, rules, patterns),
- BACKWARD CHAINING (abduction, diagnostics, hypothetical reasoning),
- UPWARD INFERENCE (induction, model building),
- SEARCH — graph search, path finding; backtracking search,
- PLAN — plan generation,
- REDUCT — AND-OR graph search, AND-OR plans,
- GAME - adversarial search,
- CSP, CLP — search with constraints,
- OPT — optimal solution search, also with constraints,
- CI — Computational Intelligence problem (NN, Fuzzy, k-NN).
- CASE-BASED REASONING — databases of cases + 4R principle.

Finally: the type of problem defines the appropriate tools/methods!

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# Principles and Organization

## Activities:

- lectures: individual – via supported material;  
<https://ai.ia.agh.edu.pl/en:dydaktyka:krr:start>
- lectures – on-line,
- laboratory classes (?),
- individual study,
- consultations (e-mail, Skype, Zoom; Forum),
- final exam.

## Principles:

- everyone works for himself and is personally responsible for her/his results,
- study  $\neq$  elementary school!
- attention, full comprehension, notes,
- questions – discussion.