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Common Al Methods

- Artificial Neural Networks: utilize a computational model of the brain (multiple interconnected neurons) in order to learn
- Expert Systems: utilize a knowledge base and set of rules (heuristics) in order to provide 'expert' assistance
- Genetic Algorithms: utilize the concepts of evolution to produce good solutions to a problem from poor random initial guesses

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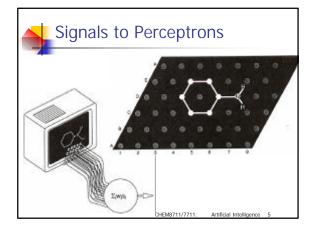


Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

- ANN uses perceptrons to mimic the functions of simple neurons:
 - Has multiple input connections (s_i) -> adds up signals arriving on these connections $(\Sigma_i w_i s_i)$
 - Remains off unless the sum reaches a threshold (Θ)
 - Returns to off state after a short time



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Training

- Training involves both a training stimulus (input to the ANN) and a training target (the desired output)
- Perceptron learning rules:
 - If output is correct, do nothing
 - If incorrect 'on' signal is given, decrease weights on active inputs
 - If incorrect 'off' signal is given, increase weights on active inputs

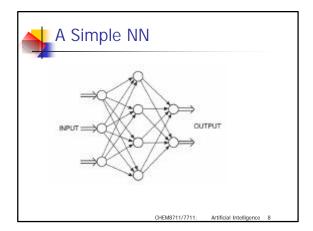
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Pattern Recognition

- Simple perceptrons can be trained to recognize simple patterns (molecules containing rings)
- The ability to train a perceptron is dependent on having a common ring orientation and size
- Recognition of rings having different orientations and sizes requires a network of perceptrons (ANN)
- More generally, problems must be linearly separable for a single perceptron to handle

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Example Problem

- Monitor temperature (T) and pH in a reaction vessel and sound an alarm if T>95 OR pH<4.5
- This is not a single linearly separable problem, but is a conjunction of two linearly separable problems

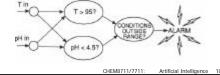
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Solving the Problem

- A minimum of two perceptrons are required
- One monitors temperature and ignores the pH signal
- The other monitors pH and ignores the temperature signal





Training Networks

- Networks involve multiple layers of perceptrons, but only the target signals of the output perceptrons are known
- Backpropagation
 - Collects errors from the output perceptrons
 - Errors are divided among the various connections in the network
 - The weights for those connections are adjusted in order to reduce the error

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Advantages/Disadvantages

- Advantages
 - A single network can be trained for multiple applications
 - Fault tolerance ANNs handle noisy data reasonably well
 - Trained networks can deal with previously unseen data
 - ANN operate in parallel
 - ANN discover new relationships among input data
 - ANN can cope with fuzzy data
- Disadvantages
 - Selection of training set determines quality of training
 - Relationships discovered by ANN are not readily translated into human understanding

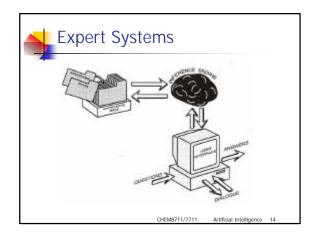
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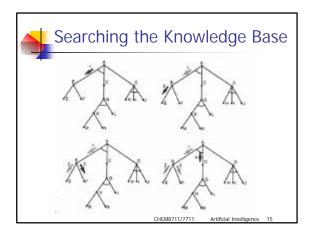


Another Neural Net Example

- Prediction of optimal conditions for protein crystallography – in current use at the Center for Biophysical Sciences and Engineering at UAB
 - Robotics used to set up hundreds of crystal growth experiments – condition combinations determined by Nfactorial analysis
 - growth conditions (pH, concentration, etc) used as input for a back-propagation neural network
 - crystal quality (manually graded on 1-10 scale) used as output
 - using first round crystallization trials, can reliably predict optimal untested combination of conditions to produce highest quality crystals

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Advantages/Disadvantages

Advantages

- Can be used in situations where an expert is not available
- Can collect input from the user and combine with knowledge base to infer solutions

Disadvantages

- Not applicable to new situations
- Requires considerable expert input to develop
- Expert knowledge may not easily be easily fed into the knowledge base
- Requires constant updates in highly active areas (example: synthetic planning)

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