Something for everyone:

A.I. lab assignments that span learning styles and aptitudes

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wide range of educational backgrounds, learning styles, aptitudes, and time/energy constraints

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"the goal of every university teacher should be to realize the potential of each student"

— Lister & Leaney

Bloom, Taxonomy of educational objectives, 1956

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Synthesis arrange · compile · compose · create · devise

design \cdot extend \cdot generate \cdot modify \cdot plan \cdot write



compare · contrast · deconstruct · differentiate distinguish · illustrate · infer · relate · separate

Application charge · compute · demonstrate · discover

operate \cdot predict \cdot prepare \cdot show \cdot solve \cdot use

Comprehension convert · estimate · explain · generalize · exemplify infer · interpret · paraphrase · summarize · translate



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"IT academics place premature emphasis on the higher levels of the taxonomy" — Lister & Leaney



Common LISPcraft



by Robert Wilensky

by Robert Wilensky

"Implement a constraint solver...

Common LISPcraft



by Robert Wilensky

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due on Tuesday"



Evaluation Synthesis Analysis Application Comprehension Knowledge



Workbook-style lab assignments that interleave lecture notes and software demos with a series of questions, tasks, and projects at multiple levels of Bloom's taxonomy

Topic Outline

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- 1. **Philosophical background,** strong vs. weak AI, Turing test, chat-bots
- 2. Machine learning by example: classification problems, decision trees, entropy, ID3
- 3. Machine learning by evolution: optimization problems and genetic algorithms
- Planning using uninformed and heuristic search: breadth-first, depth-first, and A* algorithm
- 5. **Constraint propagation** and satisfaction with AC3
- 6. Adversarial search with minimax & heuristics
- 7. Knowledge representation, logic, expert systems, common sense











Dr Scheme















- Mark all the squares from which your robot should move north.
 - What features distinguish those squares from all the others?





Synthesis

Compose and test your own robot controller







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Evaluation

What are some limitations of a stateless stimulus/response system?



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Constraint satisfaction

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- 1. C's card has higher rank than B's card
- 2. The **sum** of **C's** card with **D's** card is more than 8

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- 3. **B's** card is a **black** suit (clubs or spades)
- 4. E's card is not clubs

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5. A's card is not the same suit as C's card



KnowledgeComprehension

- Identify the unary constraints
- Identify the binary constraints



- Apply the unary constraints to the hand you were dealt
- Draw a graph showing the binary relationships



How many arcs are in the graph?

• When your hand changes, which arcs are added to the work list?



Synthesis

Same process for 8-queens, but we follow through to implementation



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Connect 4





Results: seems to work, more students submitting than usual





Start with working software

 'Lower' cognitive exercises explicitly part of assignment (for credit)

Lab work time during class hours

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