

Can Computers Think?

Week 3 Homework

Note: Our first exam will be next week Tuesday (Jan. 29th) in the morning.

Material: Everything we have done so far and will do this week.

Due Thursday January 24

1. Read the introductory chapters to Russel and Norvig's textbook on AI called "Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach" and Nilsson's textbook called "Artificial Intelligence: A New Synthesis". What is the goal of AI research? What different strands/goals do exist in AI research? What do you think should be the goal of AI research? What kind of research do you find most interesting? What do you think is most promising?

Since both of these chapters are copyrighted material (they come from very widely used textbooks on Artificial Intelligence), I don't want to put them online in a way accessible for everybody. Therefore, I started a Blackboard site for this course. You can download pdf versions of both chapters from this site, when you follow the "Course Documents" link.

Due Tuesday February 5th

2. Write your own Elizaesque program. That is, pick a domain and write a program that can "hold a conversation" with a user about this domain by rearranging the user's inputs. More information and some code to get you started will follow on Thursday in class.

CodeLab

Do the third batch of CodeLab exercises by Thursday January 31st.

Reading

Zelle Chapter 8 (skip Subsection 8.1 about for-loops), **Chapter 3** (skip Subsection 3.3), **Chapter 4.1, 4.2, 4.4.1.**

See the web site for further material.