CSCE 625: Artificial Intelligence

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Tom Sawyer Abroad

From Mark Twain 1894 "Tom Sawyer Abroad" — Illustrated by Dan Beard (1st edition)
"HE SAID HE WOULD SAIL HIS BALLOON AROUND THE WORLD."

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“Well, then, it’s just as I reckoned. The professor lied.”
“Why?”
“Because if we was going so fast we ought to be past Illinois, oughtn’t we?”
“Certainly.”
“Well, we ain’t.”
“What’s the reason we ain’t?”
“I know by the color. We’re right over Illinois yet. And you can see for yourself that Indiana ain’t in sight.”
“I wonder what’s the matter with you, Huck. You know by the color?”
“Yes, of course I do.”
“What’s the color got to do with it?”
“It’s got everything to do with it. Illinois is green, Indiana is pink. You show me any pink down here, if you can. No, sir; it’s green.”
“The map is not the territory.” – Alfred Korzybski
October 23, 1852: Augustus De Morgan writes to Sir William Rowan Hamilton

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A B C D are names of colours

Query cannot a necessity for five or more be invented...”
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Most famous fallacious proof in the whole of mathematics.

Believed to be true for 11 years, and was the starting point for many subsequent proofs.

Percy John Heawood found a counterexample.

Alfred Bray Kempe
Heinrich Heesch’s Box of Reducible Configurations

From Robin Wilson’s “Four Colors Suffice”
Solution in 1976 by Kenneth Appel and Wolfgang Haken

The first major theorem to be proven with extensive computer assistance

Aroused considerable controversy
Hardness

It is NP-Complete to decide whether a graph admits a coloring with $k$ colors, except for $k=1$ and $k=2$.

Color Australia

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http://robotics.cs.tamu.edu/dshell/cs625/csp-forward.pdf

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‘As far as I know, Seymour Papert was the first to use the phrase “toy problem.” At a 1967 AI workshop I attended in Athens, Georgia, he distinguished among tau or “toy” problems, rho or real-world problems, and theta or “theory” problems in artificial intelligence. This distinction still serves us well today.’

— Nils J. Nilsson “The Quest for Artificial Intelligence”

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- Fitting a protein structure to measurements
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‘After these early programs, work on computer chess programs continued, with off-again--on-again effort, throughout the next several decades. According to John McCarthy, Alexander Kronrod, a Russian AI researcher, said "Chess is the Drosophila of AI" — meaning that it serves, better than more open-ended intellectual tasks do, as a useful laboratory specimen for research. As Minsky said, "It is not that the games and mathematical problems are chosen because they are clear and simple; rather it is that they give us, for the smallest initial structures, the greatest complexity, so that one can engage some really formidable situations after a relatively minimal diversion into programming.‘

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