CSCE476/876 Spring 2009

Homework 4

Assigned on: Monday February 15, 2009.

Due: Monday, February 23, 2009.

Except for the two programming questions (i.e., Exercice 1 and 4), which must be submitted with webhandin, you may turn in your homework on paper or type it and submit it to webhandin.

Value: 96 points for ugrads and 100 points for grads.

1 Implementing a simple-reflex agent. Total: 15 points

- Write in Common Lisp a function that 'models' the simple-reflex agent for the vacuum-cleaner problem in an environment with two locations, as summarized on page 5 of the Intructor's notes #4. The function should take as input the percepts of the agent as location of the agent and status of the room.
- Write a Common Lisp function that takes any of the 8 possible states of the vacuum-cleamer of Figure 3.20 of AIMA and runs the simple-reflect agent until the goal is reached.
- Design a performance measure that penalizes the agent for each step and each suck action. Record the agent performance for each one of the above 8 possible states.

2 AIMA, Exercise 3.7, Page 90. Total 8/12 points

• a: for ugrads and grads.

4 points

• b: for ugrads and grads.

4 points

• d: grads (bonus for ugrads).

4 points

3 AIMA, Exercise 3.8, Page 90. Total: 10 points

4 AIMA, Exercise 3.9, Page 90. Total: 38 points

- Question a: 6 points
- Question b: 30 points. You need to implement your algorithm in Common Lisp.
- Question c: 2 points

5 Evaluation function. Total: 6 points

Adapted from AIMA, Edition 1.

With g(n) being the path length,

- 1. Suppose that we run a greedy search algorithm with h(n) = -g(n). What sort of search will the greedy search emulate? Explain.
- 2. Suppose that we run a search algorithm with h(n)=g(n). What sort of search will the greedy search emulate? Explain. 3 points
- 6 AIMA, Exercise 4.1, Page 134. Total: 10 points
- 7 AIMA, Exercise 4.3, Page 134. Total: 9 points