Bayesian Belief Network in artificial intelligence

Bayesian belief network is key computer technology for dealing with probabilistic events and to solve a problem which has uncertainty. We can define a Bayesian network as:

"A Bayesian network is a probabilistic graphical model which represents a set of variables and their conditional dependencies using a directed acyclic graph."

It is also called a **Bayes network, belief network, decision network**, or **Bayesian model**.

Bayesian networks are probabilistic, because these networks are built from a **probability distribution**, and also use probability theory for prediction and anomaly detection.

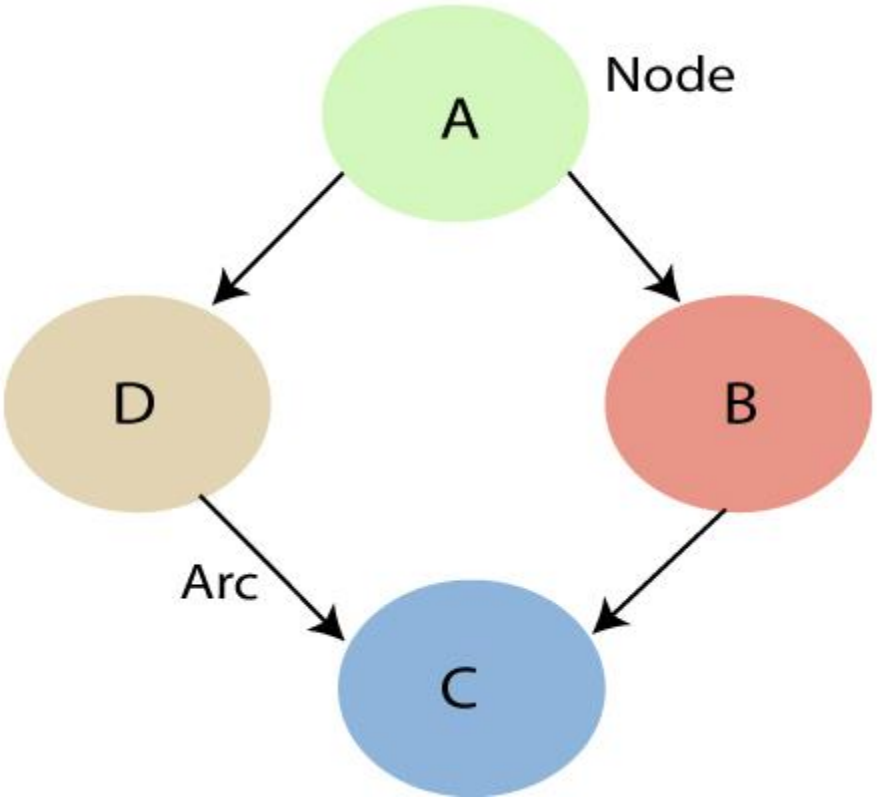
Real world applications are probabilistic in nature, and to represent the relationship between multiple events, we need a Bayesian network. It can also be used in various tasks including **prediction, anomaly detection, diagnostics, automated insight, reasoning, time series prediction**, and **decision making under uncertainty**.

Bayesian Network can be used for building models from data and experts opinions, and it consists of two parts:

- **Directed Acyclic Graph**
- **Table of conditional probabilities.**

The generalized form of Bayesian network that represents and solve decision problems under uncertain knowledge is known as an **Influence diagram**.

A Bayesian network graph is made up of nodes and Arcs (directed links), where:



- Each **node** corresponds to the random variables, and a variable can be **continuous** or **discrete**.
- **Arc or directed arrows** represent the causal relationship or conditional probabilities between random variables. These directed links or arrows connect the pair of nodes in the graph.
  These links represent that one node directly influence the other node, and if there is no directed link that means that nodes are independent with each other
  - **In the above diagram, A, B, C, and D are random variables represented by the nodes of the network graph.**
  - **If we are considering node B, which is connected with node A by a directed arrow, then node A is called the parent of Node B.**
  - **Node C is independent of node A.**

> Note: The Bayesian network graph does not contain any cyclic graph. Hence, it is known as a **directed acyclic graph or DAG**.

The Bayesian network has mainly two components:

- **Causal Component**
- **Actual numbers**

Each node in the Bayesian network has condition probability distribution **$P(X_i \mid Parent(X_i))$**, which determines the effect of the parent on that node.

Bayesian network is based on Joint probability distribution and conditional probability. So let's first understand the joint probability distribution:

Joint probability distribution:

If we have variables x1, x2, x3,....., xn, then the probabilities of a different combination of x1, x2, x3.. xn, are known as Joint probability distribution.

$P[x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n]$, it can be written as the following way in terms of the joint probability distribution.

$= P[x_1 \mid x_2, x_3, ..., x_n]P[x_2, x_3, ..., x_n]$

$= P[x_1 \mid x_2, x_3, ..., x_n]P[x_2 \mid x_3, ..., x_n]....P[x_{n-1} \mid x_n]P[x_n].$

In general for each variable Xi, we can write the equation as:

$$P(X_i \mid X_{i-1}, ..., X_1) = P(X_i \mid Parents(X_i))$$

Explanation of Bayesian network:

Let's understand the Bayesian network through an example by creating a directed acyclic graph:

Example: Harry installed a new burglar alarm at his home to detect burglary. The alarm reliably responds at detecting a burglary but also responds for minor earthquakes. Harry has two neighbors David and Sophia, who have taken a responsibility to inform Harry at work when they hear the alarm. David always calls Harry when he hears the alarm, but sometimes he got confused with the phone ringing and calls at that time too. On the other hand, Sophia likes to listen to high music, so sometimes she misses to hear the alarm. Here we would like to compute the probability of Burglary Alarm.

Problem:

Calculate the probability that alarm has sounded, but there is neither a burglary, nor an earthquake occurred, and David and Sophia both called the Harry.

Solution:

- The Bayesian network for the above problem is given below. The network structure is showing that burglary and earthquake is the parent node of the alarm and directly affecting the probability of alarm's going off, but David and Sophia's calls depend on alarm probability.
- The network is representing that our assumptions do not directly perceive the burglary and also do not notice the minor earthquake, and they also not confer before calling.
- The conditional distributions for each node are given as conditional probabilities table or CPT.
- Each row in the CPT must be sum to 1 because all the entries in the table represent an exhaustive set of cases for the variable.
- In CPT, a boolean variable with k boolean parents contains 2^K probabilities. Hence, if there are two parents, then CPT will contain 4 probability values

List of all events occurring in this network:

- **Burglary (B)**
- **Earthquake(E)**
- **Alarm(A)**
- **David Calls(D)**
- **Sophia calls(S)**

We can write the events of problem statement in the form of probability: **P[D, S, A, B, E]**, can rewrite the above probability statement using joint probability distribution:

P[D, S, A, B, E]= P[D | S, A, B, E]. P[S, A, B, E]

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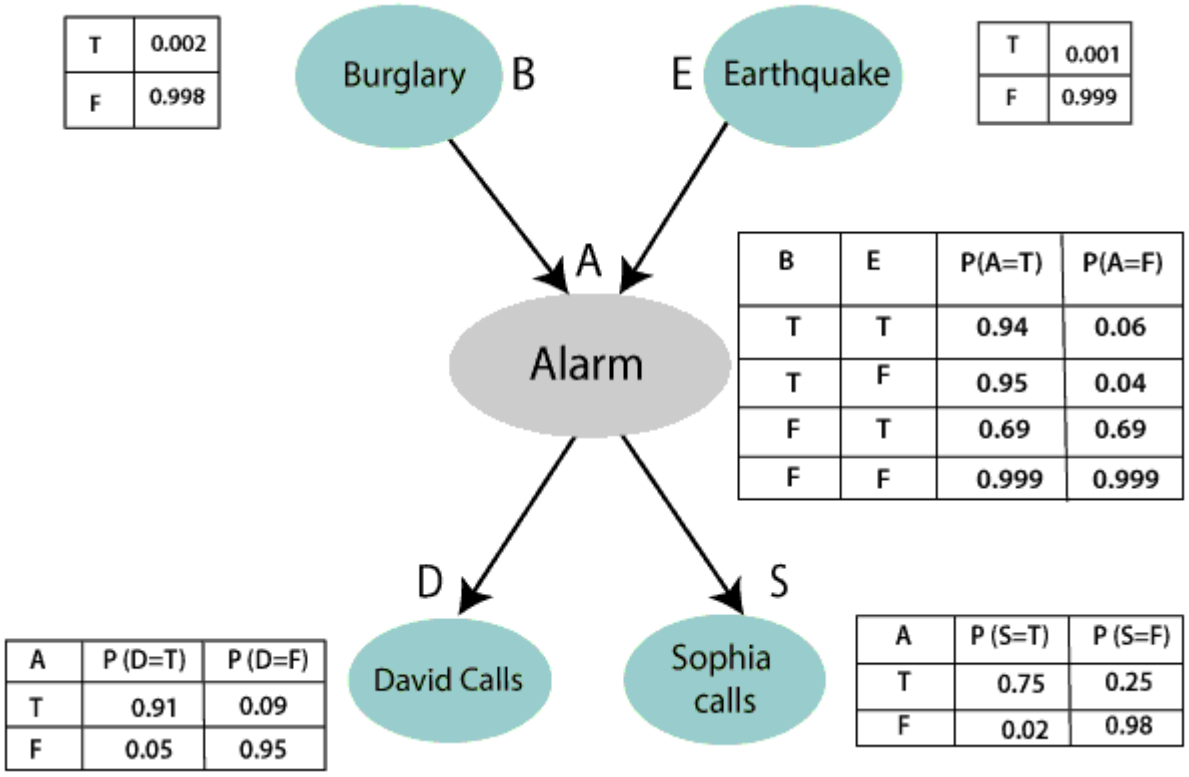


T	0.002
F	0.998

T	0.001
F	0.999

B	E	P(A=T)	P(A=F)
T	T	0.94	0.06
T	F	0.95	0.04
F	T	0.69	0.69
F	F	0.999	0.999

A	P (D=T)	P (D=F)
T	0.91	0.09
F	0.05	0.95

A	P (S=T)	P (S=F)
T	0.75	0.25
F	0.02	0.98

Let's take the observed probability for the Burglary and earthquake component:

P(B= True) = 0.002, which is the probability of burglary.

P(B= False)= 0.998, which is the probability of no burglary.

P(E= True)= 0.001, which is the probability of a minor earthquake

P(E= False)= 0.999, Which is the probability that an earthquake not occurred.

We can provide the conditional probabilities as per the below tables:

Conditional probability table for Alarm A:

The Conditional probability of Alarm A depends on Burglar and earthquake:

B	E	P(A= True)	P(A= False)
True	True	0.94	0.06
True	False	0.95	0.04
False	True	0.31	0.69
False	False	0.001	0.999

Conditional probability table for David Calls:

The Conditional probability of David that he will call depends on the probability of Alarm.

A	P(D= True)	P(D= False)
True	0.91	0.09
False	0.05	0.95

Conditional probability table for Sophia Calls:

The Conditional probability of Sophia that she calls is depending on its Parent Node "Alarm."

A	P(S= True)	P(S= False)
True	0.75	0.25
False	0.02	0.98

From the formula of joint distribution, we can write the problem statement in the form of probability distribution:

P(S, D, A, ¬B, ¬E) = P (S|A) *P (D|A)*P (A|¬B ^ ¬E) *P (¬B) *P (¬E).

= 0.75* 0.91* 0.001* 0.998*0.999

= 0.00068045.

Hence, a Bayesian network can answer any query about the domain by using Joint distribution.

The semantics of Bayesian Network:

There are two ways to understand the semantics of the Bayesian network, which is given below:

1. To understand the network as the representation of the Joint probability distribution.

It is helpful to understand how to construct the network.

2. To understand the network as an encoding of a collection of conditional independence statements.

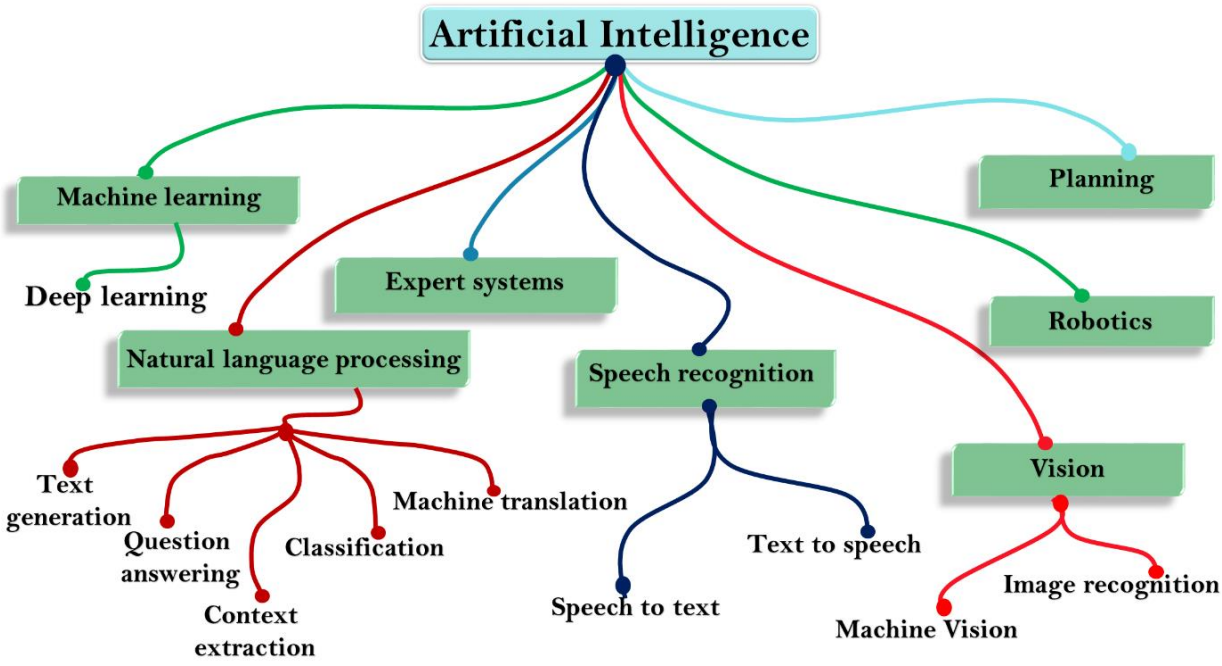
It is helpful in designing inference procedure.

Subsets of Artificial Intelligence

Till now, we have learned about what is AI, and now we will learn in this topic about various subsets of AI. Following are the most common subsets of AI:

- **Machine Learning**
- **Deep Learning**
- **Natural Language processing**
- **Expert System**
- **Robotics**
- **Machine Vision**
- **Speech Recognition**

> Note: Among all of the above, Machine learning plays a crucial role in AI. Machine learning and deep learning are the ways of achieving AI in real life.

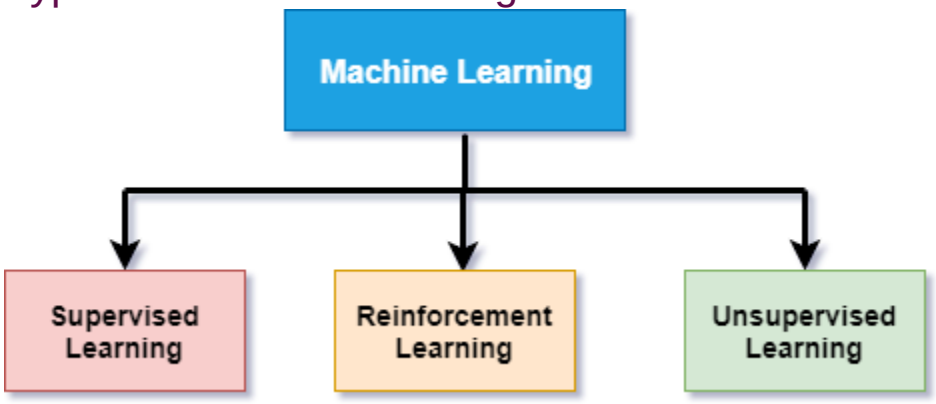


Machine Learning

Machine learning is a part of AI which provides intelligence to machines with the ability to automatically learn with experiences without being explicitly programmed.

- It is primarily concerned with the design and development of algorithms that allow the system to learn from historical data.
- Machine Learning is based on the idea that machines can learn from past data, identify patterns, and make decisions using algorithms.
- Machine learning algorithms are designed in such a way that they can learn and improve their performance automatically.
- Machine learning helps in discovering patterns in data.

Types of Machine Learning



Machine learning can be subdivided intothe main three types:

- **Supervised learning:**
  Supervised learning is a type of machine learning in which machine learn from known datasets (set of training examples), and then predict the output. A supervised learning agent needs to find out the function that matches a given sample set.
  Supervised learning further can be classified into two categories of algorithms:
  a. **Classifications**
  b. **Regression**
- **Reinforcement learning:**
  Reinforcement learning is a type of learning in which an AI agent is trained by giving some commands, and on each action, an agent gets a reward as a feedback.Using these feedbacks, agent improves its performance. Reward feedback can be positive or negative which means on each good action, agent receives a positive reward while for wrong action, it gets a negative reward. Reinforcement learning is of two types:

. **Positive Reinforcement learning**

  a. **Negative Reinforcement learning**

- **Unsupervised learning:**
  Unsupervised learning is associated with learning without supervision or training. In unsupervised learning, the algorithms are trained with data which is neither labeled nor classified. In unsupervised learning, the agent needs to learn from

patterns without corresponding output values. Unsupervised learning can be classified into two categories of algorithms:

. **Clustering**

a. **Association**

Natural Language processing

Natural language processing is a subfield of computer science and artificial intelligence. NLP enables a computer system to understand and process human language such as English.

NLP plays an important role in AI as without NLP, AI agent cannot work on human instructions, but with the help of NLP, we can instruct an AI system on our language. Today we are all around AI, and as well as NLP, we can easily ask Siri, Google or Cortana to help us in our language.

Natural language processing application enables a user to communicate with the system in their own words directly.

The Input and output of NLP applications can be in two forms:

- **Speech**
- **Text**

Deep Learning

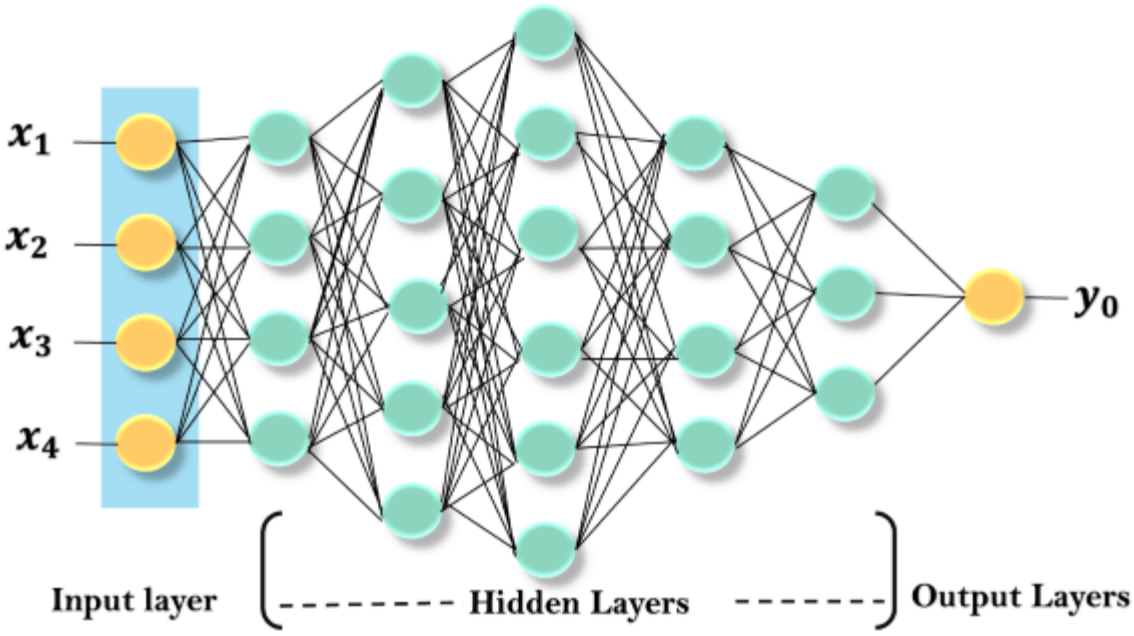
Deep learning is a subset of machine learning which provides the ability to machine to perform human-like tasks without human involvement. It provides the ability to an AI agent to mimic the human brain. Deep learning can use both supervised and unsupervised learning to train an AI agent.

- Deep learning is implemented through neural networks architecture hence also called a **deep neural network**.
- Deep learning is the primary technology behind self-driving cars, speech recognition, image recognition, automatic machine translation, etc.

- The main challenge for deep learning is that it requires lots of data with lots of computational power.

How deep learning works:

- **Deep Learning Algorithms work on deep neural networks, so it is called deep learning. These deep neural networks are made of multiple layers.**
- **The first layer is called an Input layer, the last layer is called an output layer, and all layers between these two layers are called hidden layers.**
- **In the deep neural network, there are multiple hidden layers, and each layer is composed of neurons. These neurons are connected in each layer.**
- **The input layer receives input data, and the neurons propagate the input signal to its above layers.**
- **The hidden layers perform mathematical operations on inputs, and the performed data forwarded to the output layer.**
- **The output layer returns the output to the user.**



Expert Systems

- **An expert system is an application of artificial intelligence. In artificial intelligence, expert systems are the computer programs that rely on obtaining the knowledge of human experts and programming that knowledge into a system.**
- **Expert systems emulate the decision-making ability of human experts. These systems are designed to solve the complex problem through bodies of knowledge rather than conventional procedural code.**
- **One of the examples of an expert system is a Suggestion for the spelling error while typing in the Google search box.**
- **Following are some characteristics of expert systems:**
    - **High performance**
    - **Reliable**
    - **Highly responsive**
    - **Understandable**

Robotics

- Robotics is a branch of artificial intelligence and engineering which is used for designing and manufacturing of robots.
- Robots are the programmed machines which can perform a series of actions automatically or semi-automatically.
- AI can be applied to robots to make intelligent robots which can perform the task with their intelligence. AI algorithms are necessary to allow a robot to perform more complex tasks.
- Nowadays, AI and machine learning are being applied on robots to manufacture intelligent robots which can also interact socially like humans. One of the best examples of AI in robotics is Sophia robot.

Machine Vision

- Machine vision is an application of computer vision which enables a machine to recognize the object.

- Machine vision captures and analyses visual information using one or more video cameras, analog-to-digital conversations, and digital signal processing.
- Machine vision systems are programmed to perform narrowly defined tasks such as counting objects, reading the serial number, etc.
- Computer systems do not see in the same way as human eyes can see, but it is also not bounded by human limitations such as to see through the wall.
- With the help of machine learning and machine vision, an AI agent can be able to see through walls.

Speech Recognition:

Speech recognition is a technology which enables a machine to understand the spoken language and translate into a machine-readable format. It can also be said as automatic Speech recognition and computer speech recognition. **It is a way to talk with a computer, and on the basis of that command, a computer can perform a specific task**.

There is some speech recognition software which has a limited vocabulary of words and phrase. This software requires unambiguous spoken language to understand and perform specific task. Today's there are various software or devices which contains speech recognition technology such as Cortana, Google virtual assistant, Apple Siri, etc.

We need to train our speech recognition system to understand our language. In previous days, these systems were only designed to convert the speech to text, but now there are various devices which can directly convert speech into commands.

Speech recognition systems can be used in the following areas:

- **System control or navigation system**
- **Industrial application**
- **Voice dialing system**

There are two types of speech recognition

1. **Speaker Dependent**

2. **Speaker Independent**

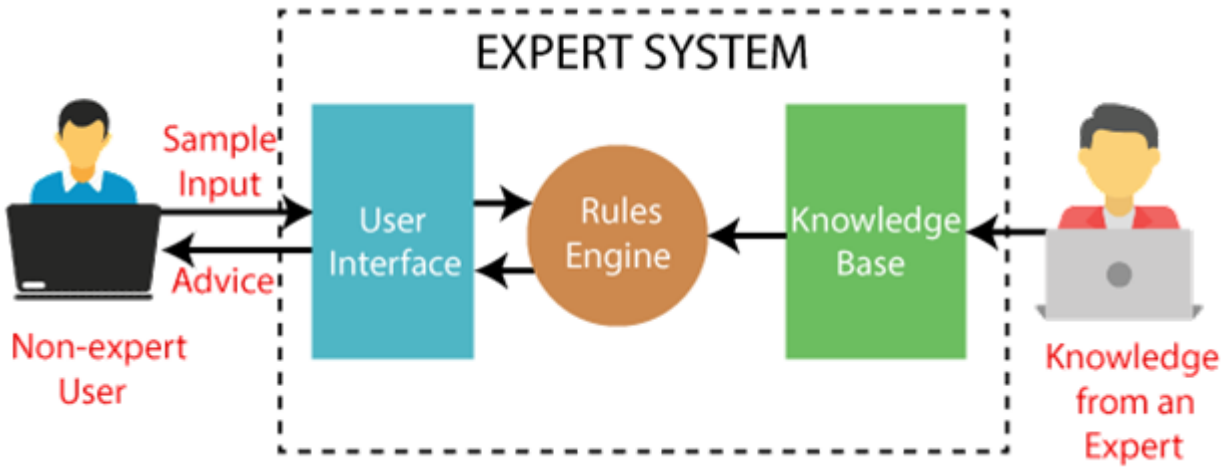
What is an Expert System?

An expert system is a computer program that is designed to solve complex problems and to provide decision-making ability like a human expert. It performs this by extracting knowledge from its knowledge base using the reasoning and inference rules according to the user queries.

The expert system is a part of AI, and the first ES was developed in the year 1970, which was the first successful approach of artificial intelligence. It solves the most complex issue as an expert by extracting the knowledge stored in its knowledge base. The system helps in decision making for compsex problems using **both facts and heuristics like a human expert**. It is called so because it contains the expert knowledge of a specific domain and can solve any complex problem of that particular domain. These systems are designed for a specific domain, such as **medicine, science,** etc.

The performance of an expert system is based on the expert's knowledge stored in its knowledge base. The more knowledge stored in the KB, the more that system improves its performance. One of the common examples of an ES is a suggestion of spelling errors while typing in the Google search box.

Below is the block diagram that represents the working of an expert system:



Note: It is important to remember that an expert system is not used to replace the human experts; instead, it is used to assist the human in making a complex decision. These systems do not have human capabilities of thinking and work on the basis of the knowledge base of the particular domain.

Below are some popular examples of the Expert System:

- **DENDRAL:** It was an artificial intelligence project that was made as a chemical analysis expert system. It was used in organic chemistry to detect unknown organic molecules with the help of their mass spectra and knowledge base of chemistry.
- **MYCIN:** It was one of the earliest backward chaining expert systems that was designed to find the bacteria causing infections like bacteraemia and meningitis. It was also used for the recommendation of antibiotics and the diagnosis of blood clotting diseases.
- **PXDES:** It is an expert system that is used to determine the type and level of lung cancer. To determine the disease, it takes a picture from the upper body, which looks like the shadow. This shadow identifies the type and degree of harm.
- **CaDeT:** The CaDet expert system is a diagnostic support system that can detect cancer at early stages.

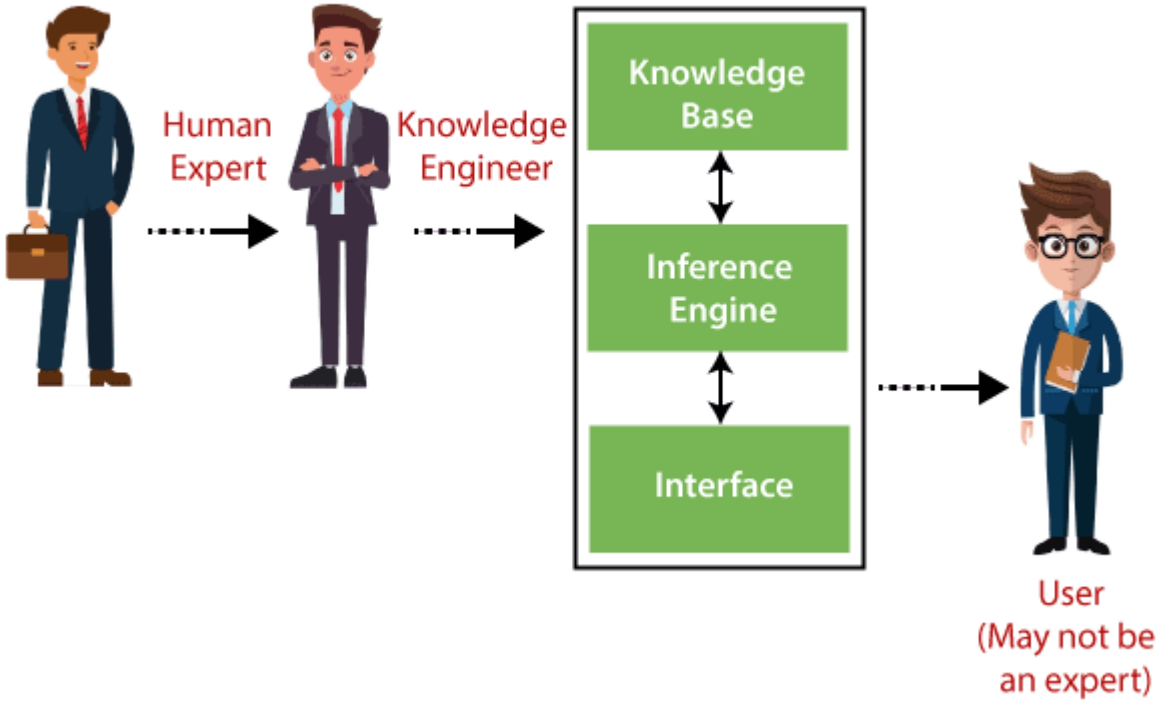
Characteristics of Expert System

- **High Performance:** The expert system provides high performance for solving any type of complex problem of a specific domain with high efficiency and accuracy.
- **Understandable:** It responds in a way that can be easily understandable by the user. It can take input in human language and provides the output in the same way.
- **Reliable:** It is much reliable for generating an efficient and accurate output.
- **Highly responsive:** ES provides the result for any complex query within a very short period of time.

Components of Expert System

An expert system mainly consists of three components:

- **User Interface**
- **Inference Engine**
- **Knowledge Base**



1. User Interface

With the help of a user interface, the expert system interacts with the user, takes queries as an input in a readable format, and passes it to the inference engine. After getting the response from the inference engine, it displays the output to the user. In other words, **it is an interface that helps a non-expert user to communicate with the expert system to find a solution**.

2. Inference Engine(Rules of Engine)

- The inference engine is known as the brain of the expert system as it is the main processing unit of the system. It applies inference rules to the knowledge base to derive a conclusion or deduce new information. It helps in deriving an error-free solution of queries asked by the user.
- With the help of an inference engine, the system extracts the knowledge from the knowledge base.

- There are two types of inference engine:
- **Deterministic Inference engine:** The conclusions drawn from this type of inference engine are assumed to be true. It is based on **facts** and **rules**.
- **Probabilistic Inference engine:** This type of inference engine contains uncertainty in conclusions, and based on the probability.

Inference engine uses the below modes to derive the solutions:

- **Forward Chaining:** It starts from the known facts and rules, and applies the inference rules to add their conclusion to the known facts.
- **Backward Chaining:** It is a backward reasoning method that starts from the goal and works backward to prove the known facts.

3. Knowledge Base

- The knowledgebase is a type of storage that stores knowledge acquired from the different experts of the particular domain. It is considered as big storage of knowledge. The more the knowledge base, the more precise will be the Expert System.
- It is similar to a database that contains information and rules of a particular domain or subject.
- One can also view the knowledge base as collections of objects and their attributes. Such as a Lion is an object and its attributes are it is a mammal, it is not a domestic animal, etc.

Components of Knowledge Base

- **Factual Knowledge:** The knowledge which is based on facts and accepted by knowledge engineers comes under factual knowledge.
- **Heuristic Knowledge:** This knowledge is based on practice, the ability to guess, evaluation, and experiences.

Knowledge Representation: It is used to formalize the knowledge stored in the knowledge base using the If-else rules.

Knowledge Acquisitions: It is the process of extracting, organizing, and structuring the domain knowledge, specifying the rules to acquire the knowledge from various experts, and store that knowledge into the knowledge base.

Development of Expert System

Here, we will explain the working of an expert system by taking an example of MYCIN ES. Below are some steps to build an MYCIN:

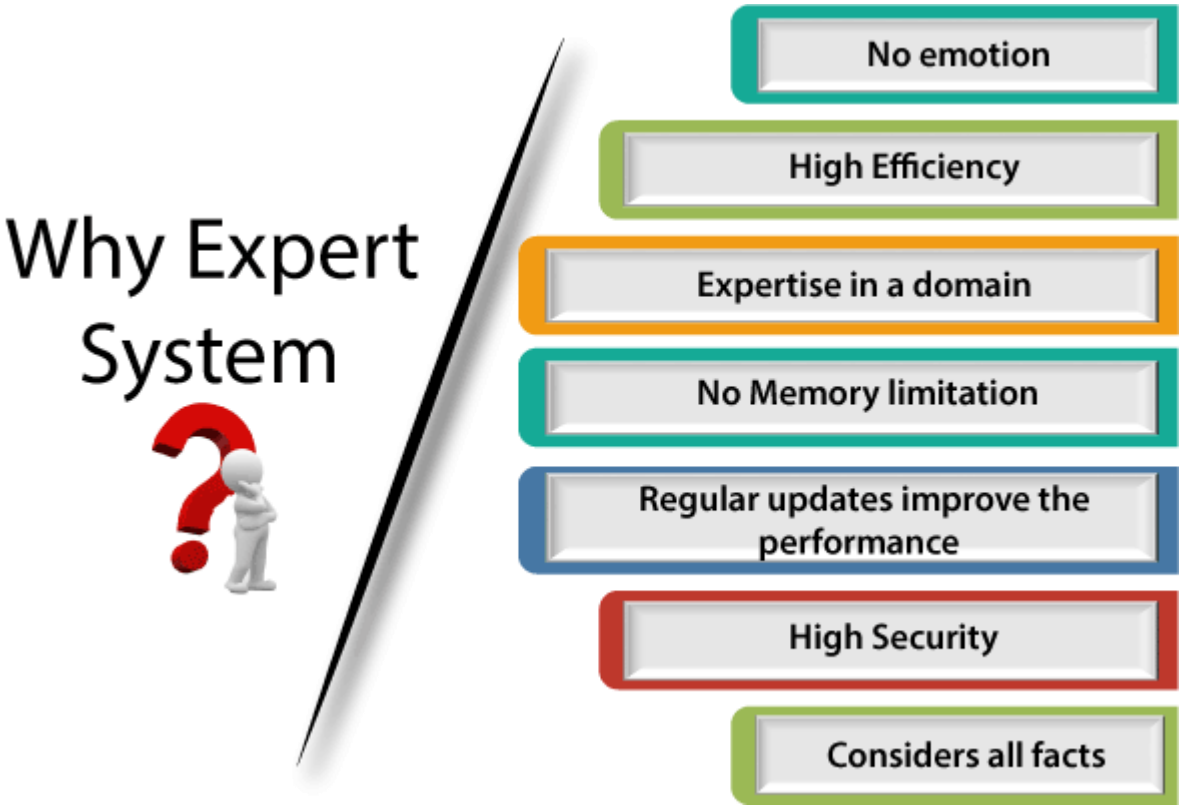
- Firstly, ES should be fed with expert knowledge. In the case of MYCIN, human experts specialized in the medical field of bacterial infection, provide information about the causes, symptoms, and other knowledge in that domain.
- The KB of the MYCIN is updated successfully. In order to test it, the doctor provides a new problem to it. The problem is to identify the presence of the bacteria by inputting the details of a patient, including the symptoms, current condition, and medical history.
- The ES will need a questionnaire to be filled by the patient to know the general information about the patient, such as gender, age, etc.
- Now the system has collected all the information, so it will find the solution for the problem by applying if-then rules using the inference engine and using the facts stored within the KB.
- In the end, it will provide a response to the patient by using the user interface.

Participants in the development of Expert System

There are three primary participants in the building of Expert System:

1. **Expert:** The success of an ES much depends on the knowledge provided by human experts. These experts are those persons who are specialized in that specific domain.
2. **Knowledge Engineer:** Knowledge engineer is the person who gathers the knowledge from the domain experts and then codifies that knowledge to the system according to the formalism.
3. **End-User:** This is a particular person or a group of people who may not be experts, and working on the expert system needs the solution or advice for his queries, which are complex.

Why Expert System?



Before using any technology, we must have an idea about why to use that technology and hence the same for the ES. Although we have human experts in every field, then what is the need to develop a computer-based system. So below are the points that are describing the need of the ES:

1. **No memory Limitations:** It can store as much data as required and can memorize it at the time of its application. But for human experts, there are some limitations to memorize all things at every time.
2. **High Efficiency:** If the knowledge base is updated with the correct knowledge, then it provides a highly efficient output, which may not be possible for a human.
3. **Expertise in a domain:** There are lots of human experts in each domain, and they all have different skills, different experiences, and different skills, so it is not easy to get a final output for the query. But if we put the knowledge gained from human experts into the expert system, then it provides an efficient output by mixing all the facts and knowledge

4. **Not affected by emotions:** These systems are not affected by human emotions such as fatigue, anger, depression, anxiety, etc.. Hence the performance remains constant.
5. **High security:** These systems provide high security to resolve any query.
6. **Considers all the facts:** To respond to any query, it checks and considers all the available facts and provides the result accordingly. But it is possible that a human expert may not consider some facts due to any reason.
7. **Regular updates improve the performance:** If there is an issue in the result provided by the expert systems, we can improve the performance of the system by updating the knowledge base.

Capabilities of the Expert System

Below are some capabilities of an Expert System:

- **Advising:** It is capable of advising the human being for the query of any domain from the particular ES.
- **Provide decision-making capabilities:** It provides the capability of decision making in any domain, such as for making any financial decision, decisions in medical science, etc.
- **Demonstrate a device:** It is capable of demonstrating any new products such as its features, specifications, how to use that product, etc.
- **Problem-solving:** It has problem-solving capabilities.
- **Explaining a problem:** It is also capable of providing a detailed description of an input problem.
- **Interpreting the input:** It is capable of interpreting the input given by the user.
- **Predicting results:** It can be used for the prediction of a result.
- **Diagnosis:** An ES designed for the medical field is capable of diagnosing a disease without using multiple components as it already contains various inbuilt medical tools.

Advantages of Expert System

- These systems are highly reproducible.

- They can be used for risky places where the human presence is not safe.
- Error possibilities are less if the KB contains correct knowledge.
- The performance of these systems remains steady as it is not affected by emotions, tension, or fatigue.
- They provide a very high speed to respond to a particular query.

Limitations of Expert System

- The response of the expert system may get wrong if the knowledge base contains the wrong information.
- Like a human being, it cannot produce a creative output for different scenarios.
- Its maintenance and development costs are very high.
- Knowledge acquisition for designing is much difficult.
- For each domain, we require a specific ES, which is one of the big limitations.
- It cannot learn from itself and hence requires manual updates.

Applications of Expert System

- **In designing and manufacturing domain**
  It can be broadly used for designing and manufacturing physical devices such as camera lenses and automobiles.
- **In the knowledge domain**
  These systems are primarily used for publishing the relevant knowledge to the users. The two popular ES used for this domain is an advisor and a tax advisor.
- **In the finance domain**
  In the finance industries, it is used to detect any type of possible fraud, suspicious activity, and advise bankers that if they should provide loans for business or not.
- **In the diagnosis and troubleshooting of devices**
  In medical diagnosis, the ES system is used, and it was the first area where these systems were used.
- **Planning and Scheduling**
  The expert systems can also be used for planning and scheduling some particular tasks for achieving the goal of that task.