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What is intelligence and who is intelligent?

(Towards a comprehensive and unique definition of intelligence)

What is intelligence, and who is intelligent? Can intelligence be defined as a comprehensive/universal and unique? In psychology and related fields, definition of intelligence is one of the fundamental concepts in the theory and analysis of human behavior. On the other hand, definition of intelligence is a theoretical basis for the design and construction of any intelligent system. In fact, with every definition of intelligence, we will reach a different intelligent system.

In this talk, based on the definitions proposed by two categories of scientists (i.e. 1: psychologists, and 2: experts in intelligent systems), we identify the main components of such definitions. Then, based on these components, we categorize the types of definitions of intelligence. Then, we try to present a comprehensive and unique definition of intelligence, so that encompasses all aspects of intelligence. We will see that, the proposed definition has a strong connection with the notion of uncertainty. As such, the connection between intelligence and uncertainty becomes clearer, and as a result, paves the way forward for human behavior analysts and intelligent systems experts.