

Special Issue

Intelligent Agents and Multi-Agent Systems: Theory, Methods and Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

In artificial intelligence, an intelligent agent is an autonomous entity which observes through sensors and acts upon an environment using actuators and directs its activity towards achieving goals. Intelligent agents may also learn or use knowledge to achieve their goals. Intelligent agents in artificial intelligence are closely related to agents in economics, and versions of the intelligent agent paradigm are studied in cognitive science, ethics, the philosophy of practical reason, as well as in many interdisciplinary socio-cognitive modeling and computer social simulations. A multi-agent system (MAS) is a system composed of multiple interacting intelligent agents. Multi-agent systems can be used to solve problems that are difficult or impossible for an individual agent or a monolithic system to solve. Multi-agent systems consist of agents and their environment.

In this Special Issue, we invite submissions exploring cutting-edge research and recent advances in the fields of Intelligent Agents and Multi-Agent Systems, including theory, methods and applications. Both theoretical and experimental studies are welcome, as well as comprehensive review and survey papers.

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