

CS344M

Autonomous Multiagent Systems

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Good Afternoon, Colleagues

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- Study, behavior, construction of **possibly preexisting** autonomous agents that interact with each other.
 - incomplete information for agents
 - no global control
 - decentralized data
 - asynchronous computation

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- Some domains require it. (Hospital scheduling)
- Interoperation of legacy systems
- Parallelism.
- Robustness.
- Scalability
- Simpler programming.
- “Intelligence is deeply and inevitably coupled with interaction.” – *Gerhard Weiss*

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Dimensions and issues

- cooperative vs. competitive
- communication
- trust
- recursive modeling
- coalitions
- game theory