

**CS378**  
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- shared mental state?
- joint intentions -> maintenance goals
- learn own language

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- Agents in dynamic multiagent world
- Neither complete nor correct beliefs
  - Positive introspection: know own beliefs
- Changeable goals, fallible actions
- Don't know others' beliefs/goals



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OR
- Believes  $p$  true, impossible, or irrelevant, AND has a goal of team knowing it.

4 cases

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Example: "Please close the window."

# BDI - p.20

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## Beliefs, Desires, Intentions

- Beliefs: What the agent thinks to be true
- Desires: What it wants to be true
- Intentions: What it plans to do
  
- A way of organizing an agent
- Not a well-defined method



# Student-led Discussion

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- Terry Ma: Examples of joint intentions.