THE APPLICATION OF EXPERT SYSTEM: A REVIEW OF RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS

C. F. Tan1, L. S. Wahidin1, S. N. Khalil1, N. Tamaldin1, J. Hu2 and G.W. M. Rauterberg2

1Integrated Design Research Group, Centre for Advanced Research on Energy, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, Durian Tunggal, Melaka, Malaysia
2Designed Intelligence Group, Department of Industrial Design, Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, Netherlands
E-Mail: cheefai@utem.edu.my

ABSTRACT

The development of Artificial Intelligent (AI) technology system can be a wide scope; for an instant, there are rule-based expert system, frame-based expert system, fuzzy logic, neural network, genetic algorithm, etc. The remarkable achievement applications of AI has been reported in different disciplines including field of medicals, militaries, chemistry, engineering, manufacturing, management, and others. Its’ discoveries and contributions through of AI study since the early 1970s were be significant step to enhance better performance of human work activities and probably replaced by these technologies. Today, there a lot of intelligent machine is available in everywhere such as airport gate scanner, movie theater counter ticket, vending machine, ATM machine, washing machine, etc. Expert system has been used widely in many areas and industries. This paper is described the current research and development of expert system.

Keywords: artificial intelligence, expert system review.

INTRODUCTION

The discovery and development of expert systems recorded since in the early 1970s until today. The unique characteristic of the expert system is an explanation capability to review its own reasoning and explain its decisions (Hetem, 2000). It was built by extracting knowledge from human experts (Tan & Kher, 2012) as shown in Figure. 1 (Tan, 2007), to be applied in a computer program for knowledge processing so that it can deal with quantitative and qualitative data. Compared to other conventional program that require sequences of step prescripted called algorithm, expert system more intelligent as human being that allow inexact reasoning and can deal with incomplete data.

RESEARCH ON EXPERT SYSTEM

An expert systems technology is to provide a mechanism for building the institutional or corporate memory of the firm. That is expert system are being used to preserve or document knowledge so that one’s knowledge and experiential learning would not be lost once that individual retires or leaves the firm (Liebowitz, 1995). Therefore, the application of expert system knowledge in different field of discipline has been done and experimentally success by quite a lot of researchers. There are a few hundred or maybe thousand studies and development of an expert system for various different fields like medicals, militaries, chemistry, engineering, manufacturing, management, etc. The statistic data for the subject research of AI from year 1996s until 2012s as can refer in Table-2 and Figure-2 shown that there are positively increment number of researches. This data prove that more researchers or academicians from worldwide countries have highly concerned and actively involved in the studying areas of the AI. The Malaysian
academicians and researcher collaboration with the industrial sectors for the current last 10 years indicates the improved of ranking and percentage of number of researches. Compared to the 140 countries, the Malaysia in year 2000 is only in the rank of 60 and the rank improves to 18 in the year 2012. The benefits and contributions from development of AI, especially the expert system development program in any discipline of study become significant. One of the reasons the application of expert system is to provide better alternative solutions and assist the companies to struggle among the world competitive market challenges. In terms of the optimization whole process activities for product development, its hope to prevent the losses or the wastes source of materials, producing times, labor, facilities and utilities invested by a company to manufacture a product. In addition, the company source of capital rolling can be enhanced therefore better profit will be generated. The researcher contribution in their journal, articles, conference papers and thesis writing, study field of expert system as can be searched in various areas of study. This paper only discussed several numbers of an expert system study in seven disciplines; there are engineering, manufacturing, medicals, management, military, education & training.

Table-1. Category of an expert system and its application.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Problem addressed</th>
<th>Applications Program (Examples)</th>
<th>Reference</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Diagnosis</td>
<td>Recommend remedies / treatment to illnesses, trouble shoot technical machine problem</td>
<td>SHYSTER-MYCIN: a legal expert system to diagnosis and treatment of meningitis and bacteraemia infections</td>
<td>O Collingham, 2003</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ONCOIN &amp; ONCO-HELP – 1996: diagnosis of the general cancer diseases</td>
<td>Saritas et al., 2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DEX: Identifying the treatment accurately by diagnosing the diseases</td>
<td>Patra et al., 2010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Diagnosis of industry piping manufacturing process</td>
<td>Tan and Kher, 2012</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Diagnosis of automatic wire bonding machine</td>
<td>Tan, 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Repair</td>
<td>Suggest the planning schedule structure to repair of item and maintenance works</td>
<td>ESFRCM: for personal computer repair and maintenance</td>
<td>Leng and teng, 1992</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Instruction</td>
<td>As training program that evaluate users ability with current knowledge base or mentor progress</td>
<td>HSPEXP: to assist less experienced modelers with calibration of a watershed model</td>
<td>Liebowitz, 1995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Interpretation</td>
<td>To analyze data input and determine its significance (compare with knowledge base)</td>
<td>Hepasprotect - 1989: To allow precise and exhaustive interpretations of hepatitis serology test results</td>
<td>Rudgier et al., 2010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Prediction</td>
<td>As method to guess or make assumption the possible outcome based data record.</td>
<td>DEREK: Predicts a variety of types of toxicology</td>
<td>Syed-Abdullah et al., 2011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Recognition of CAD Feature</td>
<td>STAR: Predicts carcinogenicity</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7.</td>
<td>Forecasting</td>
<td>Gas price forecasting</td>
<td>Design of a Feature Recognition System for CAD/CAM Integration</td>
<td>Tan et al., 2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>CAKES-ISTS: for planning an Internet-based stock trading system</td>
<td></td>
<td>Grabovac &amp; Devedzic, 2010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.</td>
<td>Monitoring</td>
<td>Comparing observations to plan vulnerabilities</td>
<td>VES: To analyze vibration in condition monitoring of fixed plant</td>
<td>Eberbach and Feng, 2008</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.</td>
<td>Control</td>
<td>Interpreting, predicting, repairing, and monitoring system behaviors</td>
<td>KBEES: industrial applications of real-time knowledge based expert systems for process control</td>
<td>Stanley, 1991</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.</td>
<td>Monitoring control</td>
<td>To monitor operations and control functions that particularly important in decision making</td>
<td>StructureWare Power Monitoring Expert 7: To collects and organizes data gathered from facility's electrical network and presents it in comprehensive</td>
<td>Moridis et al., 2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.</td>
<td>Classification/identification</td>
<td>To classify or identify the objectives in the system based on differences features or attributes</td>
<td>DENDROID: to analyzing and classifying code structures in Android malware families</td>
<td>Tanguil et al., 2014</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13.</td>
<td>Discovery</td>
<td>To aid a user getting to, setting up or otherwise exploring the system</td>
<td>SetEES: to assist in the discovery and recovery of Unconventional Gas Resources (UGS)</td>
<td>Moridis et al., 2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15.</td>
<td>Selection</td>
<td>To select the suitable machining tool</td>
<td>To select the suitable carbide tool for CNC machine</td>
<td>Tan et al., 2012</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
especially in most developing countries like South of Asia, African and third world countries. Furthermore, patients need to wait in longer period before diseases has been diagnosis by specialist and when the treatment is stated, it may already late and patient could be suffered for the whole life or in certain worse case mortality of patients cannot be avoided. Computer technologies such as expert system can solve the above problems with the aim to conduct the earlier diagnosis diseases for patients, identify disease symptom and provide immediate accurate response to save patient life (Cabrera and Edye, 2010). In addition, the chance percentages to cure that disease turn to positive which mean the current practice for patient to consult specialist before treatment become more effective.

Management

Expert system build for the usage of different application and different group of decision makers each level in the organization, there are managers, accountant, financial analysis, consultant, strategic planners etc. In developing expert system, management teams might have difficulties during strategic plan consist of sourcing expert advisors, budget, time constraint, other management support and contribution, skill etc. (Shariat et al., 2013). Soufi et al. (2013) studied that expert system as importance and provide accommodation to the management to investigate the different aspect of assumption and optimal solution even though in complex case where the management problem normally solved by expertise which took more longer time for solving. Due to community demand and modern business culture nowadays, development of expert system for the application for data and information management in organization became significant role. Furthermore, company managers have an authority to access the information should engaged with the technologies such as expert system for them able to manage their management resources which more systematic, improve accountability and traceability of information system management. An expert system as programmed to facilitate in decision making in management and organization toward the high performance, it program also show that the management in its decision (Shariat et al., 2013)

Military

The technologies of artificial intelligence for the most military program and hardware are wide and varied which due to robustness, reliability and durability. It showed the improvement to the military communication security, operation, control and maintenance, training areas etc. Liao (2008) studied that the expert system as significant to facilitate decision support in the command and control process ability by a military commander due to expensive and complexity real situation in the military program training. The potential of expert system can solve many problems for the military and some AI application had demonstrated their utility such as a device tool to find bombs and mines, and search different radar. The AI application in the military field which available in current technology for instant the CALO (Cognitive Assistant that...
The framework of the realities; personal, organizational, and societal values; and categories into six factors the technology itself; market realities; personal, organizational, and societal values; and policy choices (Chen, 2002). The framework of the technology by viewing of framework construction can be different tools applied. The impact of expert system different aspects of knowledge acquisition, inference, when evaluating an expert system framework. These are particular framework on virtually every phase of an expert project. Norton (1986) examined that the impact of becomes the important factor for successful expert system project through the Bayesian Theory. Various expertise in keeping survival the operation of the company and eliminate a problem hiring or replacing human experts. The output of these researches will benefit any type of manufacturing industry by the optimization of product development in early stage design.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This work is financially supported by Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE) under Research Acculturation Grant Scheme (Grant Nos: RAGS/2012/UTE/M/TK01/3B00003). Special thanks to the Centre of Research and Innovation Management (CRIM) and Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka for the support.

REFERENCES


