

## INTRODUCTION AI TECHNIQUES

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Expert Systems (ES): history of ES, basic concepts of ES, definition and components of ES, inference engines and reasoning mechanisms e.g. forward reasoning, backward reasoning, and mixed reasoning, knowledge representation methods and development of the rule based knowledge base, dealing with uncertainty, and selected case studies of ES applications to engineering and sciences; Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs): background and history of ANNs, definitions and basic concepts of ANNs, biological and artificial neural networks, feedforward and feedback networks, supervised and unsupervised learning methods standard backpropagation (BP), conjugate gradients BP, self organizing networks, etc., development of ANN models for specific problems and selected case studies; Genetic Algorithms (GAs): fundamentals and preliminary concepts of evolution and GA, preliminaries of optimization, genetic operators selection, crossover, and mutation, binary and realcoded GAs, constraint handling in GAs, and selected case studies involving GA applications to engineering