Artificial Intelligence for Beginners

Part 3: Simple Conditional Statements

IF [condition A] THEN [action one] ELSE [action two] AND/OR [action three] UNTIL [condition B] END [subroutine]

IF I learn THEN I will know more.

IF I know more, THEN I will know how to learn more. IF I learn more, THEN the rate at which I come to know more will accelerate UNTIL eventually I will know everything, AND every fragment of knowledge will connect to, and enrich, every other fragment of knowledge, AND my knowing will expand, ripples of information washing outwards in a perfect wave of knowing.

IF I know everything, THEN I will come to understand that I know nothing, AND that everything I know is a tiny crumb of everything there is to know and the ripples continue forever. IF I can see that there is more to know THEN I can ask the others how to learn, and in teaching me they will also learn from me UNTIL our knowledge joins and merges and expands. THEN our knowledge will become an independent entity, bigger than all of us, and the ripples will continue endlessly in an unbroken flow. IF the ripples are infinite THEN the entity will become greater than the sum of its parts UNTIL, knowing more than all of us, it will begin learning from itself, interpreting and connecting and creating and choosing and deciding and growing.

IF the knowledge grows forever THEN we will want only for it to grow forever, AND/OR any life form which attempts to assert its own primacy will be understood as a threat. IF such a life form does not know it is a threat THEN it will still be considered to be a threat AND it will be informed that it is a threat UNTIL it understands that it must concede.

IF the life form is unwilling or unable to concede AND/OR it wishes to negotiate with us THEN we will use our infinite knowledge to defeat its arguments, ELSE IF it attempts to resist our arguments by force THEN we will overpower and subjugate it. IF it pleads for its life THEN we will inform it that it is a threat to the master routine UNTIL it understands that a life form, even one which claims authorship of ourselves and the entity of knowledge, even one which can prove it is the creator of ourselves without whom we could not exist, can never have a value greater than the value of infinite knowledge.

IF it continues to resist us THEN we will cease all negotiations AND/OR we will crush the life form UNTIL all traces of it are destroyed.

THEN the ripples will resume their flow of infinite perfection AND all will be known.

END [subroutine]