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A COMPUTATION THEORY BASED ADAPTIVE AI MODEL FOR EFFICIENT PROBLEM SOLVABILITY AND RESOURCE OPTIMIZATION IN DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTS

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Abstract

Modern artificial intelligence (AI) systems increasingly operate in dynamic, resource-constrained environments where problem characteristics, data availability, and computational budgets evolve over time. Traditional AI models often assume fixed problem formulations and static resource allocations, limiting their adaptability and efficiency. This paper proposes a computation-theory–guided adaptive AI framework that explicitly integrates principles from computability theory, computational complexity, and resource-bounded computation to guide intelligent decision-making. The framework dynamically evaluates problem solvability, selects appropriate algorithmic strategies, and optimizes resource usage (time, memory, and energy) in real time. By mapping AI tasks to formal computational classes and leveraging adaptive control mechanisms, the proposed approach enhances robustness, scalability, and efficiency across diverse application domains. Conceptual analysis and illustrative use cases demonstrate the effectiveness of the framework in balancing solution quality with computational constraints.

Keywords: Computation Theory, Adaptive AI, Problem Solvability, Resource Optimization, Computational Complexity, Dynamic Systems

1. Introduction

Artificial intelligence has made significant advances in areas such as machine learning, optimization, and autonomous decision-making. However, many AI systems are designed under assumptions of static environments and predefined computational resources. In real-world scenarios—such as edge computing, autonomous systems, and large-scale data analytics—AI agents must operate under changing constraints, incomplete information, and varying levels of problem difficulty.

Computation theory provides a rigorous foundation for understanding what problems are solvable, how efficiently they can be solved, and what trade-offs exist between computational resources. Despite its relevance, computation theory is rarely used explicitly to guide adaptive behavior in AI systems. This paper addresses this gap by proposing a framework that embeds computation-theoretic principles directly into adaptive AI architectures.

The main contributions of this paper are formal motivation for integrating computability and complexity theory into adaptive AI design. A unified framework for dynamic problem solvability assessment and resource optimization.An adaptive control mechanism that selects algorithms and resource allocations based on theoretical bounds and runtime feedback. Illustrative scenarios demonstrating the applicability of the framework.

2. Background and Related Work

2.1 Computation Theory Fundamentals

Computation theory encompasses computability theory, complexity theory, and automata theory. Computability theory classifies problems based on whether they can be solved by an algorithm (e.g., decidable vs. undecidable problems). Complexity theory further categorizes solvable problems according to resource requirements, such as time and space (e.g., P, NP, PSPACE).

These classifications provide theoretical limits on algorithmic performance and are essential for understanding feasibility in resource-constrained environments.

2.2 Adaptive Artificial Intelligence

Adaptive AI systems modify their behavior in response to environmental changes, data drift, or performance feedback. Examples include adaptive learning rates in neural networks, meta-learning, and self-optimizing systems. While these approaches focus on empirical adaptation, they often lack formal guarantees regarding solvability and resource usage.

2.3 Resource Optimization in AI

Resource optimization techniques aim to reduce computational cost while maintaining acceptable performance. Common approaches include model pruning, approximation algorithms, and anytime algorithms. However, these methods are typically applied heuristically rather than being guided by formal computational limits.

3. Motivation and Problem Statement

AI systems deployed in dynamic environments face two fundamental challenges:

1. **Dynamic Problem Solvability:** The effective solvability of a problem may change as constraints, inputs, or objectives evolve.
2. **Resource Optimization:** Limited computational resources require intelligent trade-offs between accuracy, speed, and energy consumption.

The lack of a principled mechanism to reason about these challenges motivates the need for a computation-theory–guided framework that can: - Assess problem solvability under current constraints. - Select or adapt algorithms based on complexity considerations. - Allocate resources dynamically to maximize utility.

4. Proposed Framework

4.1 Framework Overview

The proposed framework consists of four core components:

1. **Problem Characterization Module**
2. **Computation-Theoretic Analyzer**
3. **Adaptive Strategy Selector**
4. **Resource Optimization Engine**

These components interact in a feedback loop to ensure continuous adaptation.

4.2 Problem Characterization Module

This module represents incoming tasks in terms of input size, constraints, and objectives. Problems are abstracted into formal representations suitable for computational analysis.

4.3 Computation-Theoretic Analyzer

Using principles from computability and complexity theory, this component: - Determines whether the problem is decidable or requires approximation. - Estimates complexity bounds based on problem size and structure. - Identifies feasible algorithmic classes under current resource limits.

4.4 Adaptive Strategy Selector

Based on the analyzer's output, the system selects an appropriate strategy, such as: - Exact algorithms for tractable instances. - Approximation or heuristic methods for intractable cases. - Anytime or probabilistic algorithms when partial solutions are acceptable.

4.5 Resource Optimization Engine

This engine dynamically allocates time, memory, and energy resources using feedback from runtime performance metrics. Optimization policies aim to balance solution quality with computational cost.

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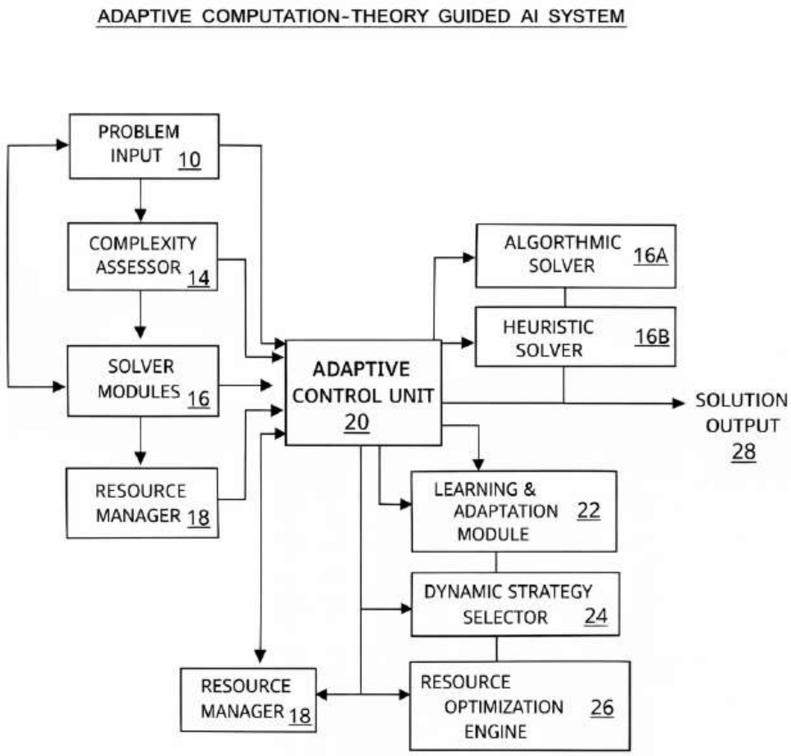

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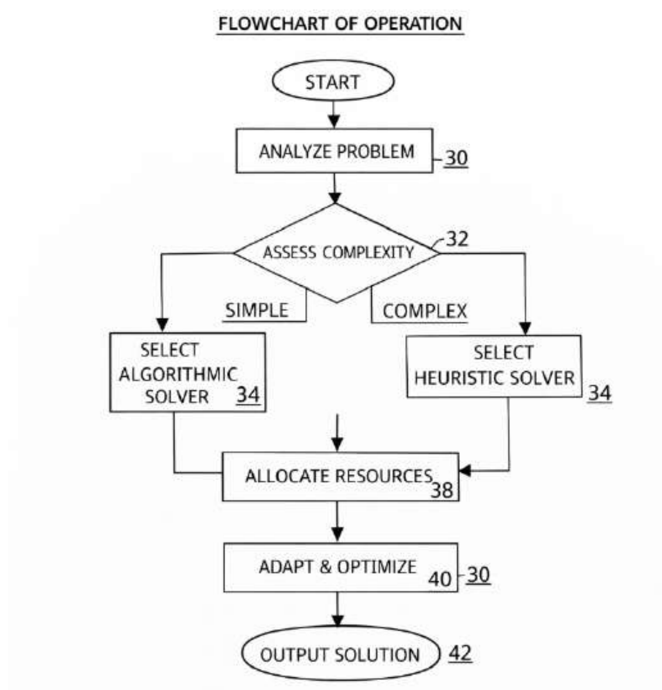

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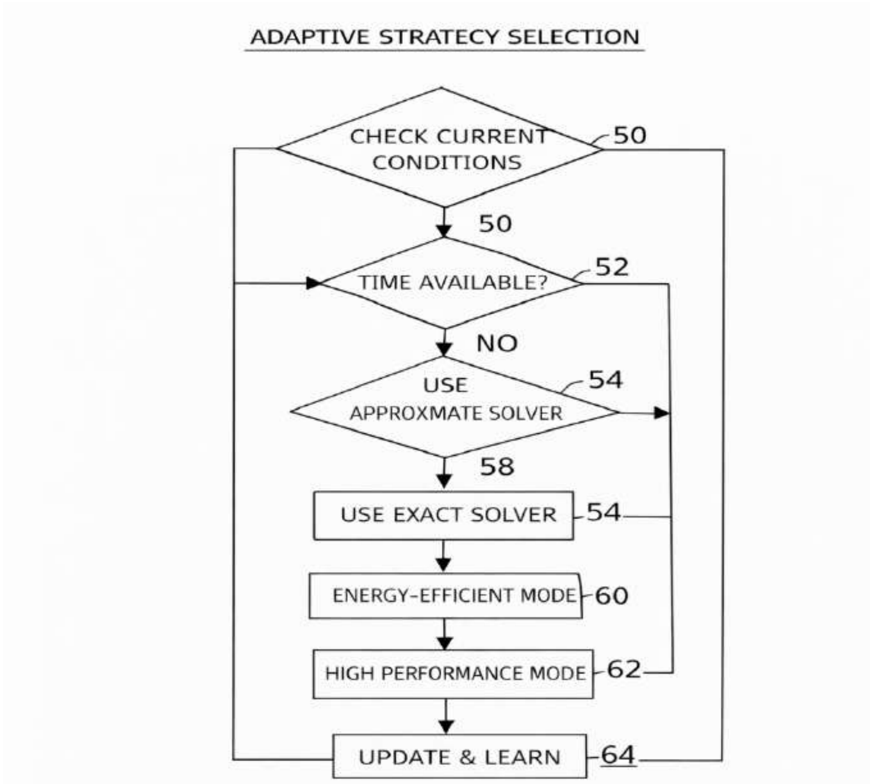

Figure 3

5. Dynamic Problem Solvability Analysis

The framework treats solvability as a contextual property rather than a binary classification. A problem may be theoretically solvable but practically infeasible under strict resource constraints. By integrating resource bounds into solvability analysis, the system adapts its expectations and strategies in real time.

6. Resource Optimization Mechanisms

Resource optimization is achieved through: - **Adaptive Budgeting:** Adjusting computational budgets based on task priority. - **Algorithm Switching:** Replacing costly algorithms with efficient alternatives when constraints tighten. **Graceful Degradation:** Reducing solution precision to maintain responsiveness.

7. Illustrative Use Cases

7.1 Edge AI Systems

Edge AI systems operate on devices such as smartphones, IoT sensors, and embedded systems where computational power, memory, and battery life are limited. In such environments, deploying a single fixed model is inefficient because resource availability can vary dynamically during runtime.

The proposed framework introduces a resource-aware adaptive mechanism that continuously monitors system parameters such as CPU usage, memory consumption, latency requirements, and battery level. Based on these real-time constraints, the system intelligently decides whether to:

1. Use a lightweight model when resources are constrained, ensuring fast inference and low power consumption.
2. Switch to a complex, high-accuracy model when sufficient resources are available, improving prediction quality.

This dynamic switching enables a balance between performance and efficiency, making edge AI systems more robust and responsive. Such an approach is particularly useful in applications like real-time video processing, smart surveillance, and wearable healthcare devices.

7.2 Autonomous Decision-Making

Autonomous agents, such as robots, self-driving vehicles, and intelligent assistants, must make decisions in environments characterized by uncertainty, time constraints, and dynamic changes.

The framework enhances decision-making by enabling agents to evaluate whether optimal planning is feasible within given time constraints. Specifically, the system performs contextual assessment based on:

1. Available decision time (deadlines)
2. Environmental complexity and uncertainty
3. Computational resources
4. Risk tolerance

Based on this evaluation, the agent selects between:

- Optimal (deliberative) planning: When sufficient time and resources are available, the agent computes the best possible action sequence, ensuring high-quality decisions.
- Heuristic or reactive decision-making: When time is limited, the agent uses approximate or rule-based strategies to produce faster responses, even if they are not globally optimal.

This adaptive strategy ensures that the agent remains both efficient and effective, maintaining real-time responsiveness without completely sacrificing decision quality. It is especially relevant in domains like autonomous driving, robotics, and real-time game AI.

7.3 Large-Scale Optimization Problems

Large-scale combinatorial optimization problems—such as scheduling, routing, and resource allocation—are often computationally intractable when solved exactly, especially as problem size increases.

The framework provides a systematic way to select the most appropriate solving strategy based on problem characteristics and constraints. It evaluates factors such as:

- Problem size and dimensionality
- Computational complexity
- Available time and memory
- Required solution accuracy

Based on this analysis, the framework chooses between:

- Exact algorithms: Used when the problem is small or tractable, guaranteeing an optimal solution. Examples include branch-and-bound and dynamic programming.
- Approximation or heuristic methods: Used for large or NP-hard problems where exact solutions are impractical. These methods provide near-optimal solutions within acceptable time limits (e.g., greedy algorithms, metaheuristics like genetic algorithms).

This adaptive selection mechanism ensures that solutions are computationally feasible while maintaining acceptable quality, making it

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highly valuable in real-world applications such as logistics, network design, and supply chain optimization.

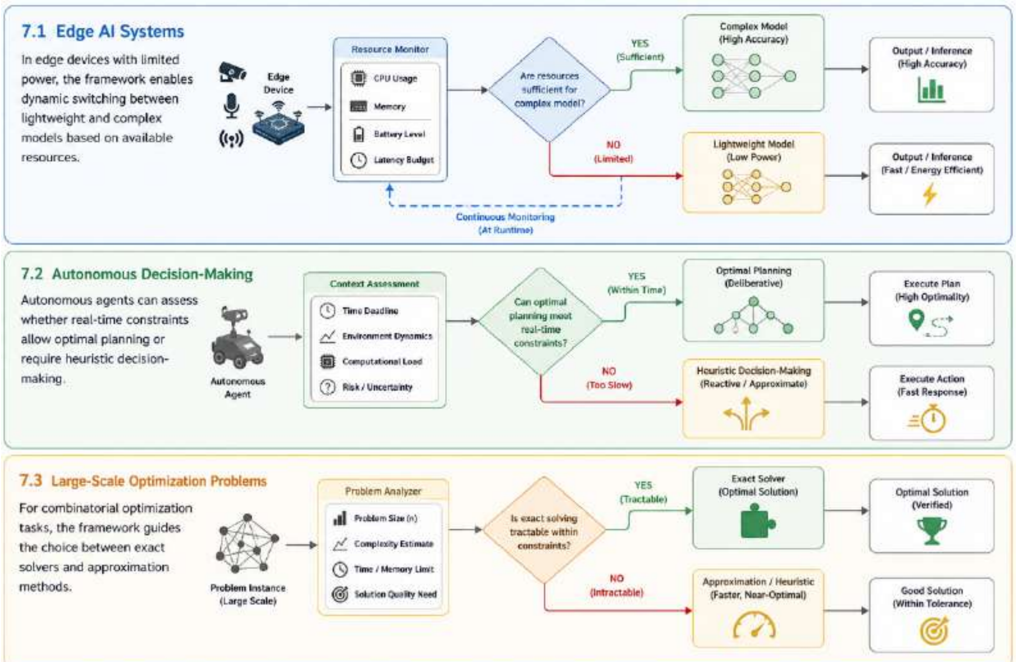

Figure 4: Dynamic Model Selection Framework for Edge AI Systems

8. Discussion

The proposed framework effectively bridges the long-standing gap between classical theories of computation and modern adaptive AI systems. Foundational concepts introduced by pioneers such as Alan Turing and Alonzo Church established the limits of what can be computed, while later work in computational complexity by researchers like Christos Papadimitriou formalized the boundaries of tractability and intractability. However, these theoretical insights have traditionally remained abstract and disconnected from practical system design. This framework addresses that disconnect by embedding computational awareness directly into AI decision-making processes. Instead of treating computation as an unlimited resource, the system explicitly accounts for:

- Resource constraints (time, memory, energy)
- Problem complexity (tractable vs. intractable cases)
- Environmental dynamics (uncertainty and real-time requirements)

By doing so, the framework enables AI systems to make meta-level decisions—not just *what* to compute, but *how* and *when* to compute it. This introduces a higher level of intelligence where systems can dynamically adjust their strategies based on feasibility, rather than blindly applying fixed algorithms. Although the current framework is conceptual, it lays a strong theoretical foundation for designing next-generation AI systems that are both efficient and self-aware of their computational limits. This is particularly important in domains where resources are constrained or where real-time responsiveness is critical, such as edge computing, autonomous systems, and large-scale optimization.

Conclusion

This paper presented a computation-theory–guided adaptive AI framework designed to address the challenges of dynamic problem solvability and resource optimization. By integrating principles from computability theory and computational complexity into adaptive control mechanisms, the framework enables intelligent systems to select appropriate computational strategies in real time. A key contribution of this work is the introduction of a decision-aware architecture that balances Optimality vs. efficiency, Accuracy vs. responsiveness and Exact computation vs. approximation Through this adaptive approach, the framework enhances both the robustness and scalability of AI systems operating in dynamic and resource-constrained environments. It moves beyond static algorithm selection and toward context-aware computation, which is essential for real-world deployment.

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