

# Introduction to Cognitive Robotics

## Module 6: Artificial Cognitive Systems

### Lecture 1: The paradigms of cognitive science; cognitivism

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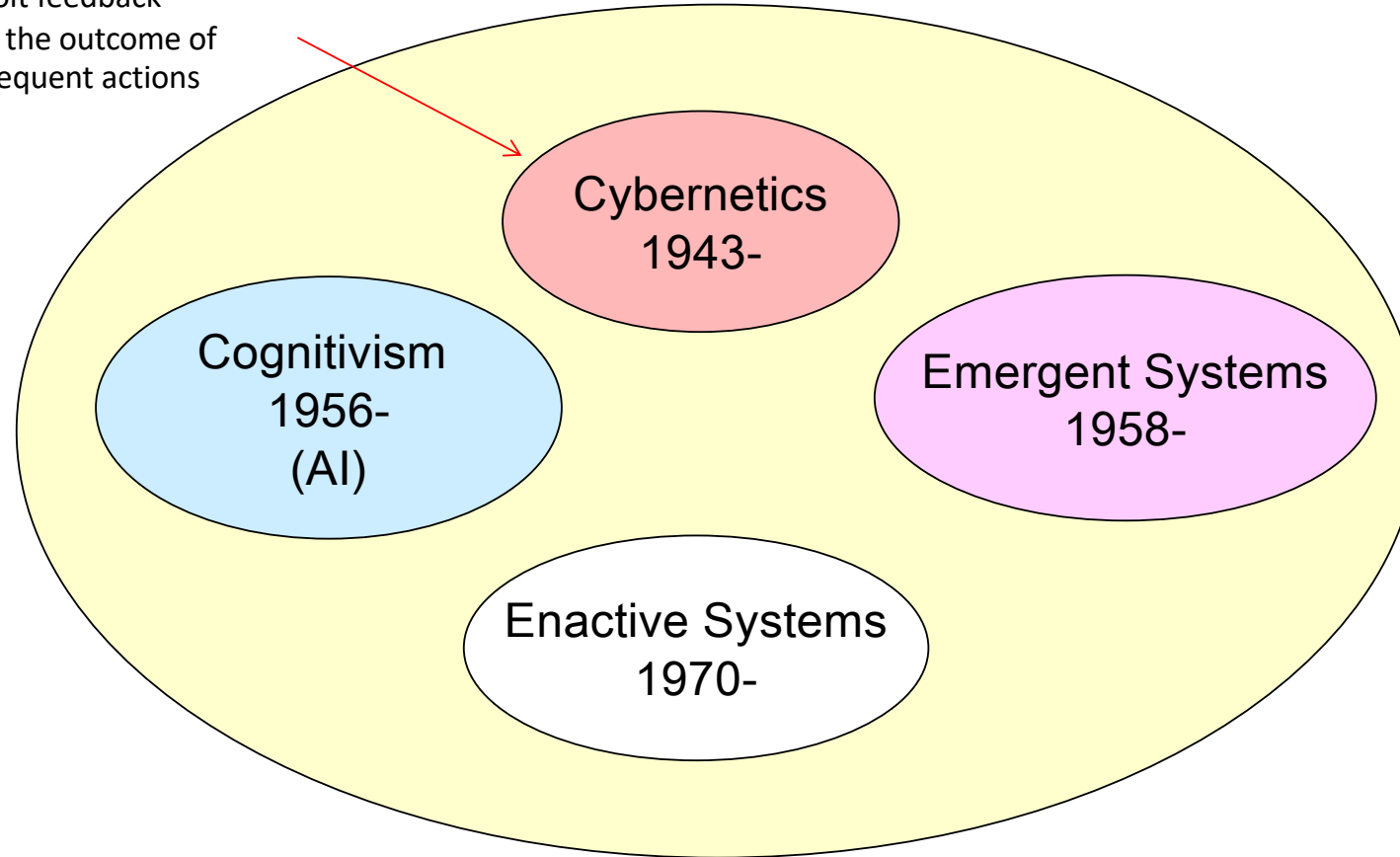
# Cognitivism & Artificial Intelligence

- Module 6 addresses a sample of topics in the field of **artificial cognitive systems**
  - Lecture 1. The paradigms of cognitive science; cognitivist (symbolic) paradigm
  - Lecture 2: The paradigms of cognitive science: emergent and hybrid paradigms
  - Lecture 3. Learning and development
  - Lecture 4. Memory and prospection
  - Lecture 5. Internal simulation; the symbol grounding problem
  - Lecture 6. Interaction, social cognition; theory of mind; instrumental helping; collaboration
- Module 7 goes a deeper when dealing with the topic of **cognitive architectures**
- For a more thorough treatment of these topics
  - Refer to a complete course on artificial cognitive systems here: <http://www.vernon.eu/ACS.htm>
  - Refer to (Vernon 2014)

D. Vernon, Artificial Cognitive Systems – A Primer, MIT Press, 2014

# Cognitive Science

The study of adaptive, regulatory, goal-directed (purposeful) systems that exploit feedback – or circular causality – where the outcome of actions provide input for subsequent actions

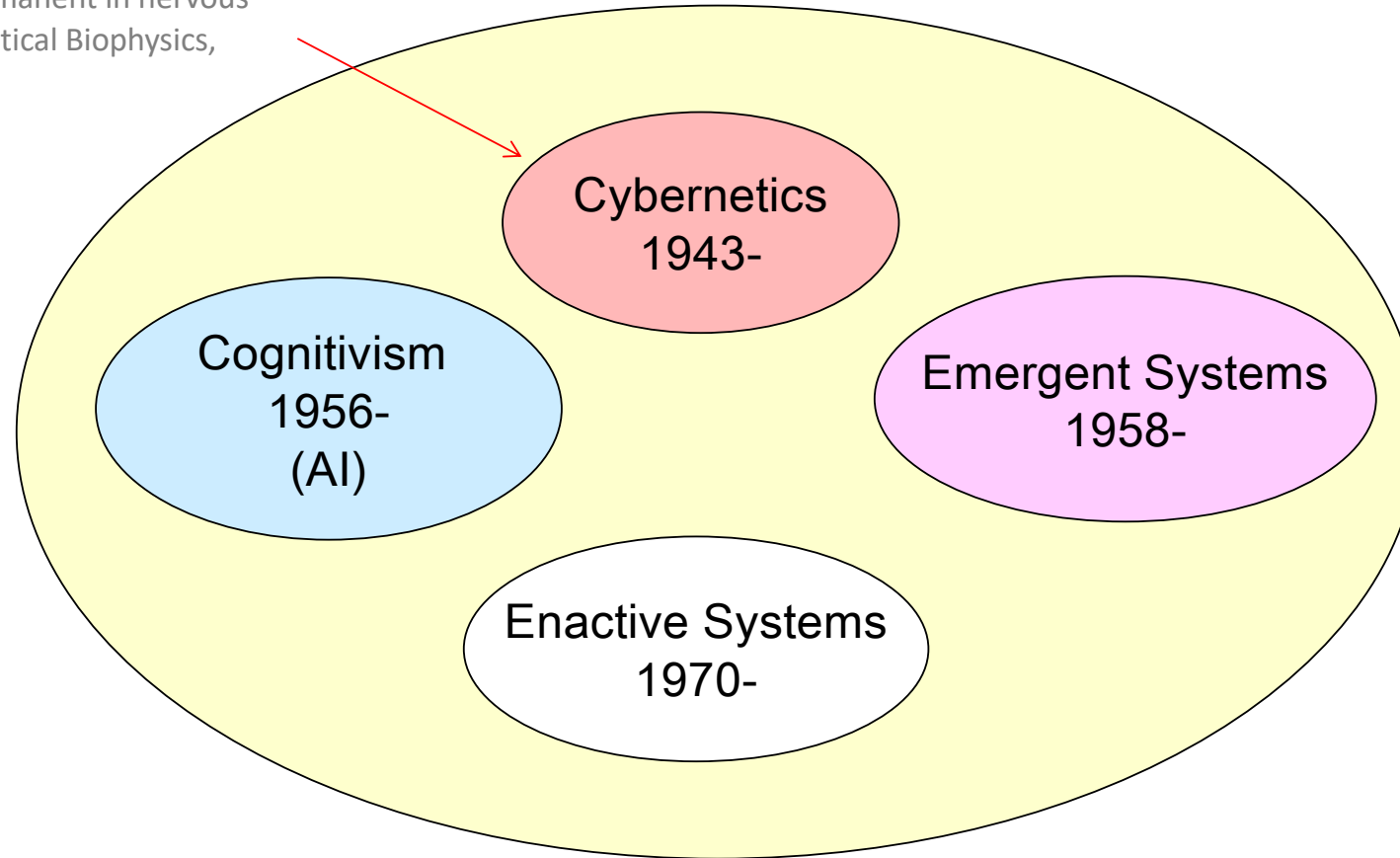


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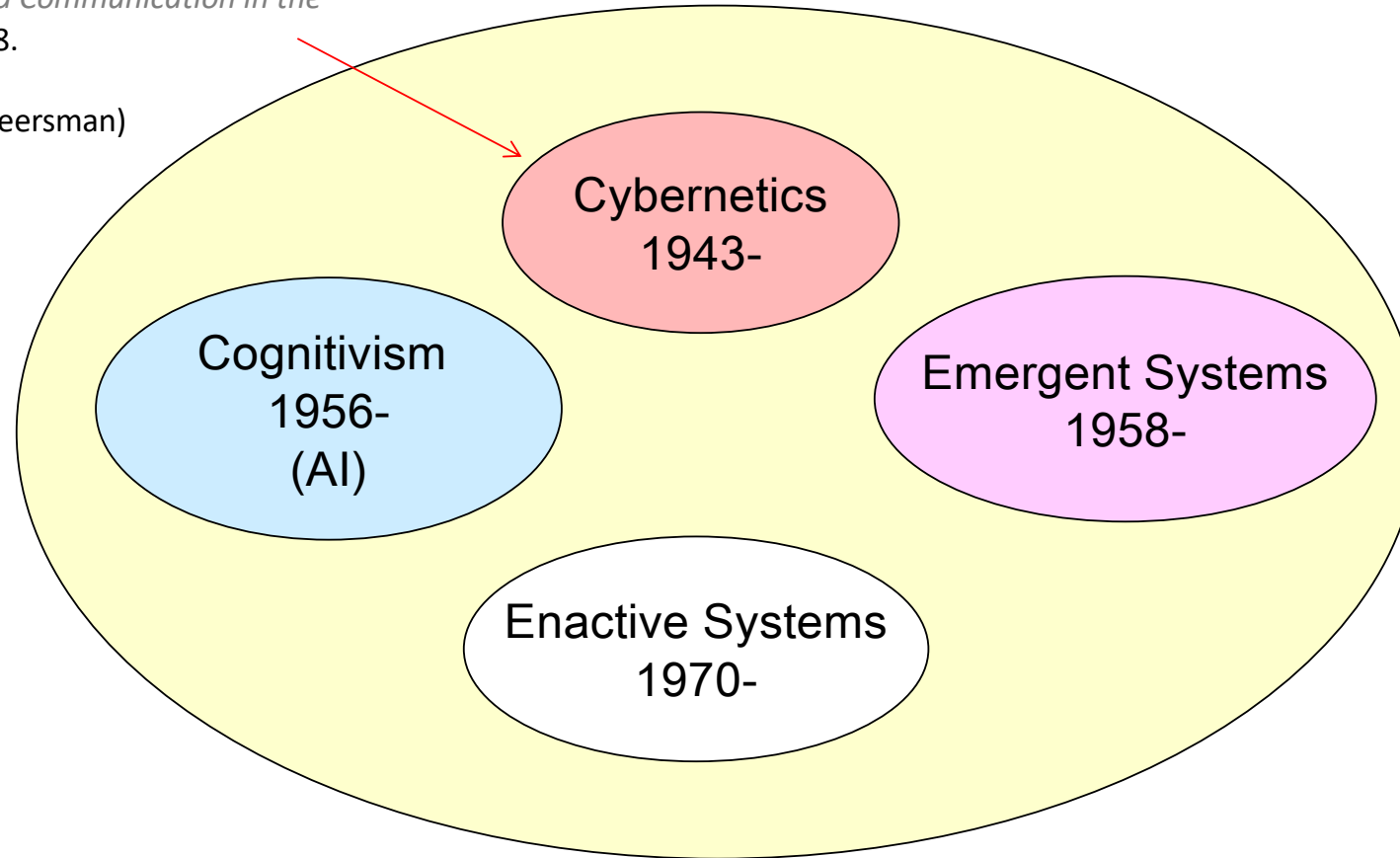
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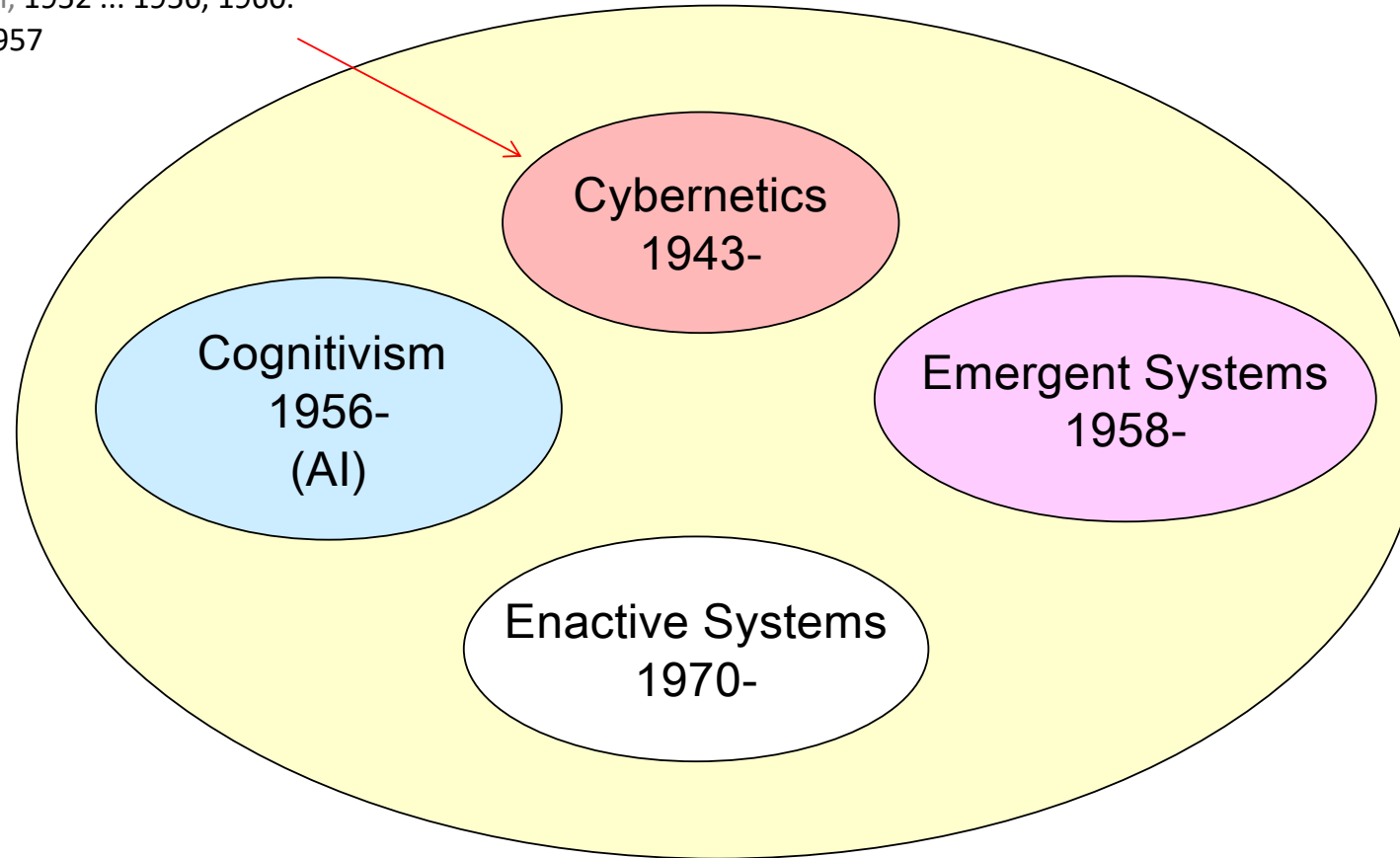
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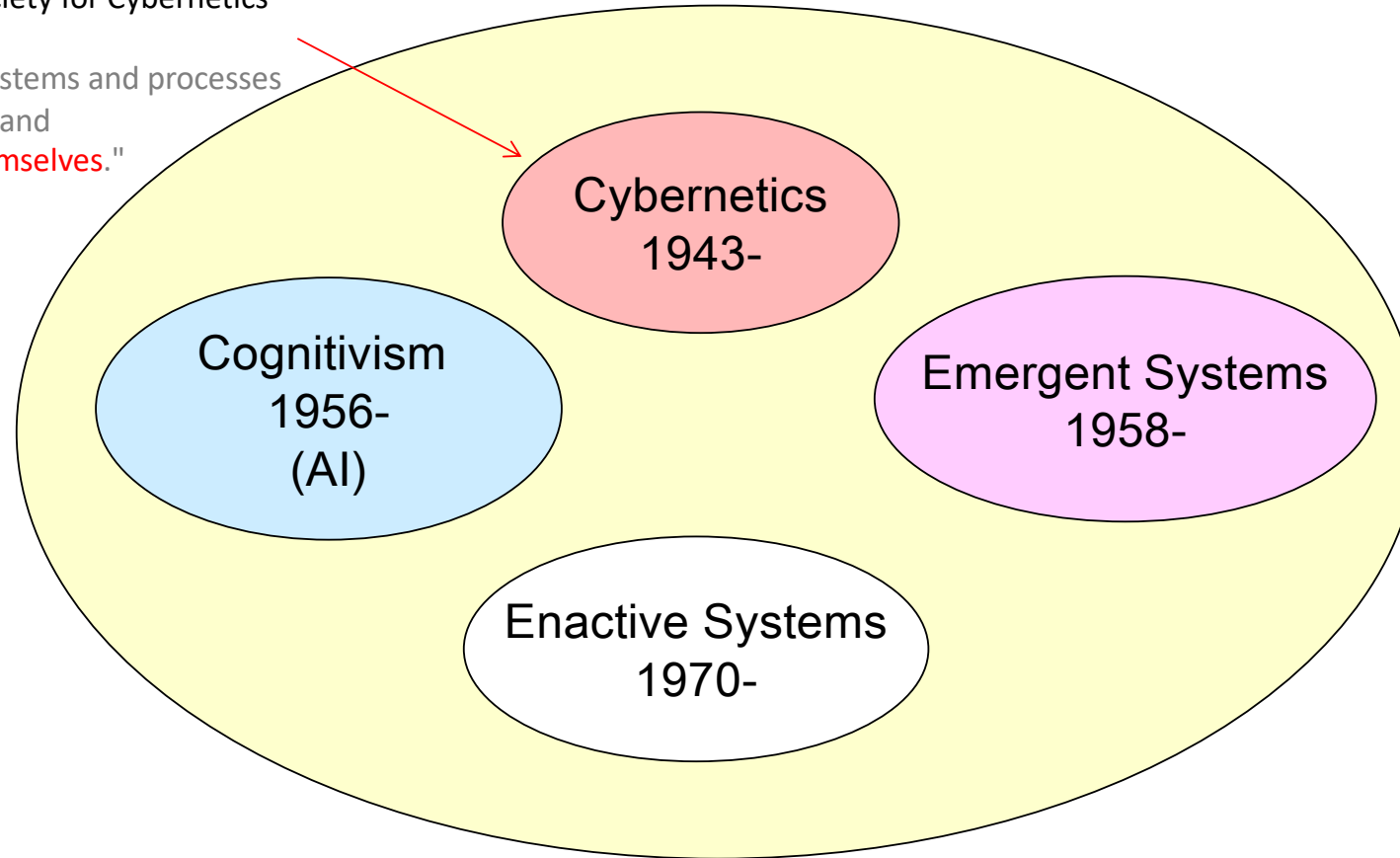
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Louis Kauffman

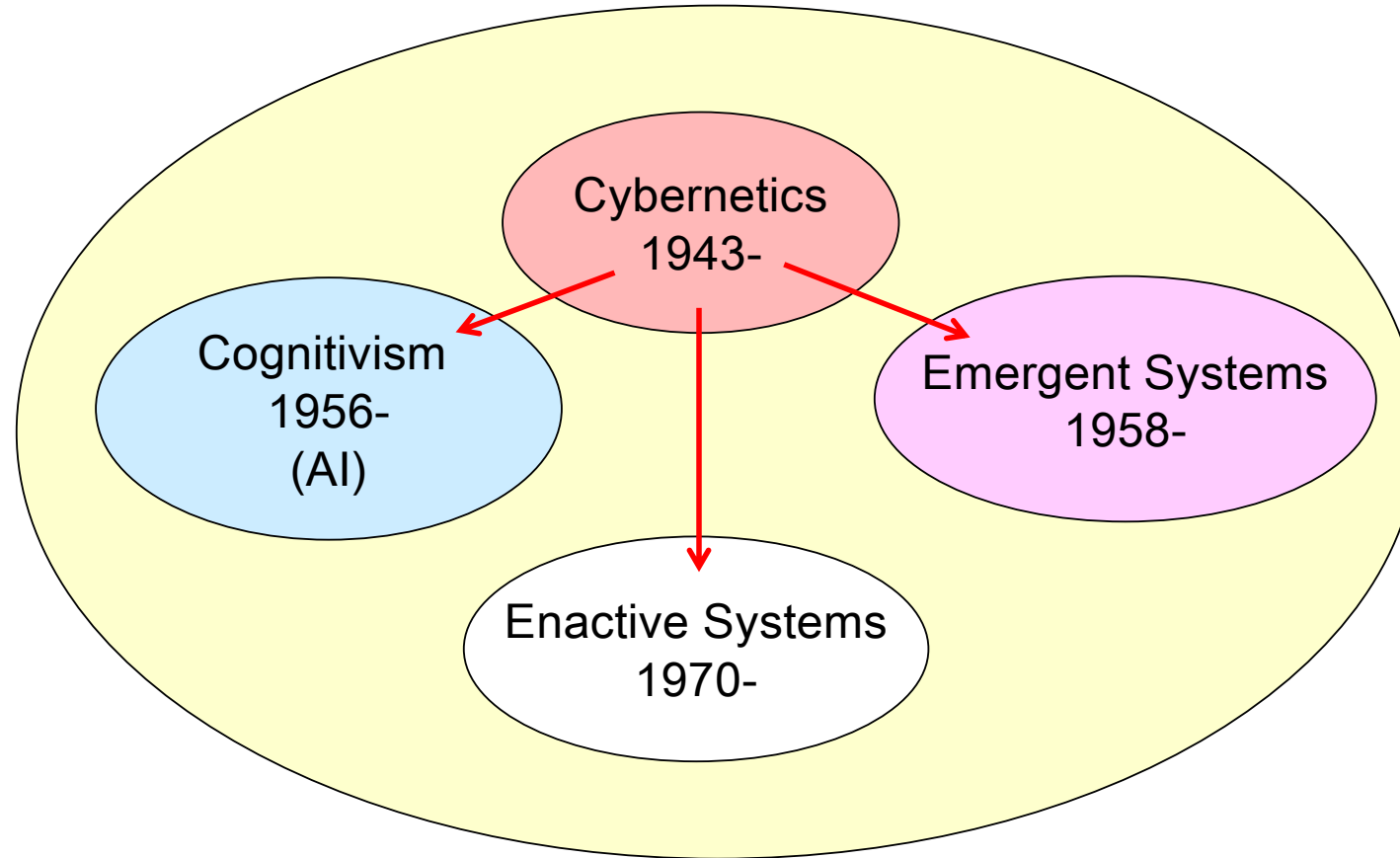
President of the American Society for Cybernetics

"Cybernetics is the study of systems and processes that interact with themselves and **produce themselves from themselves.**"



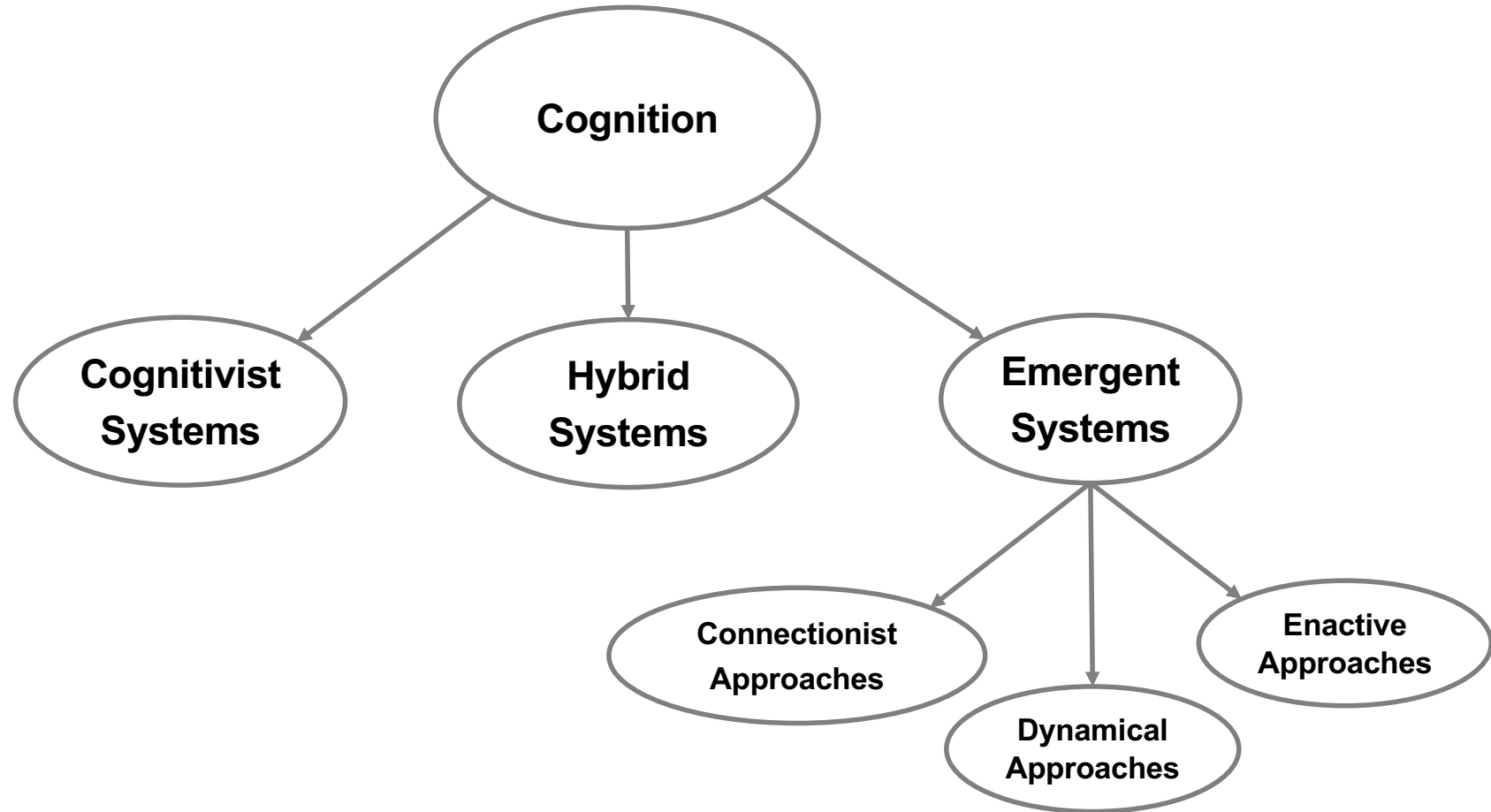
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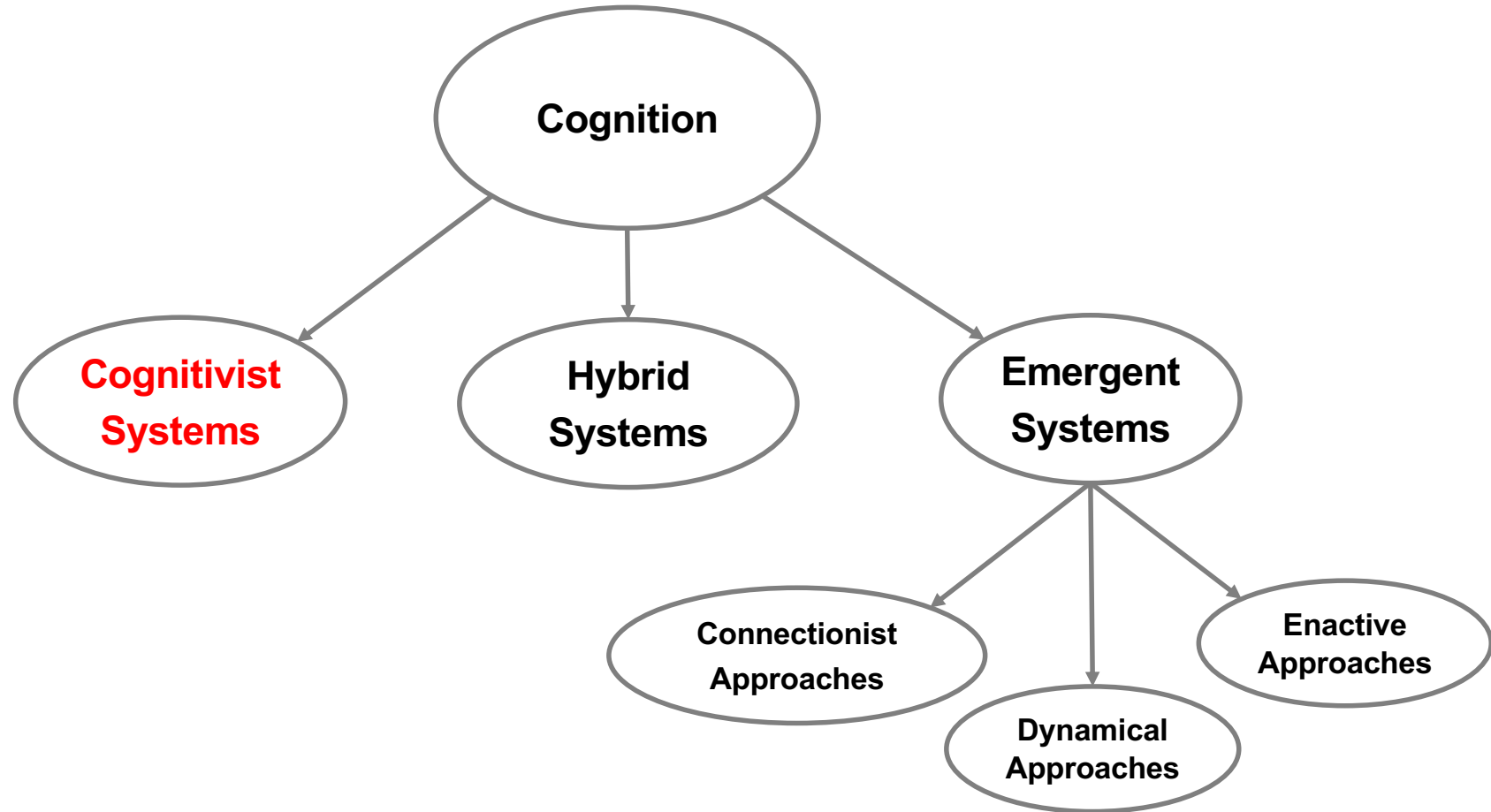
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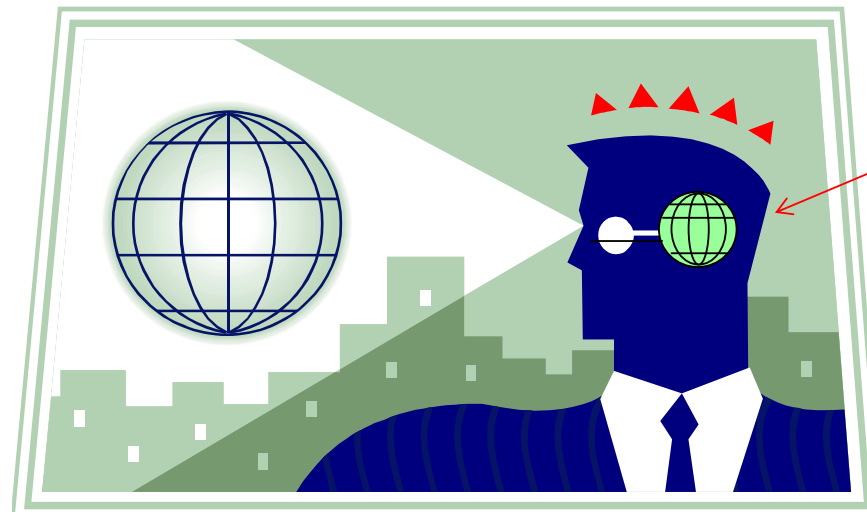


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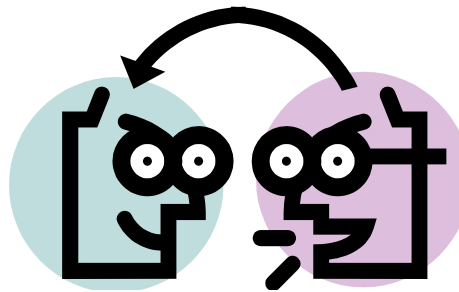
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# Cognitivism & Artificial Intelligence

- Physical symbol system approach to AI
- Intelligence

- Principle of rationality

‘If an agent has knowledge that one of its actions will lead to one of its goals, then the agent will select that action’ (Newell 82)

- Rational analysis

‘The cognitive system optimizes the adaptation of the behaviour of the organism’ (Anderson 89)

# Cognitivism & Artificial Intelligence

## Physical Symbol Systems

[Newell and Simon 1976]

### The Physical Symbol System Hypothesis

A physical symbol system has the necessary and sufficient means of general intelligence

## Computer Science as Empirical Inquiry: Symbols and Search

Allen Newell and Herbert A. Simon



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# Cognitivism & Artificial Intelligence

## Physical Symbol Systems

[Newell and Simon 1976]

### The Heuristic Search Hypothesis

The task of intelligence is to avert  
the ever-present threat of the  
exponential explosion of search

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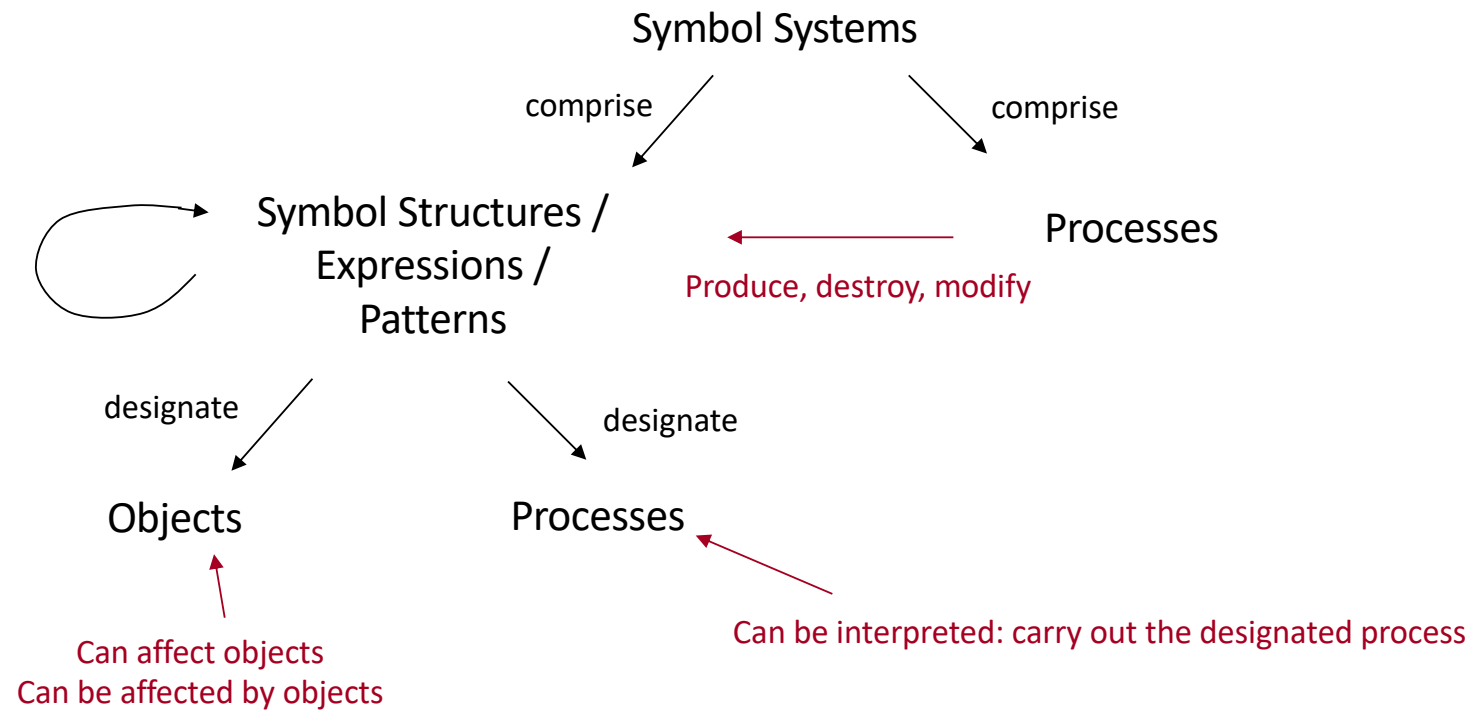
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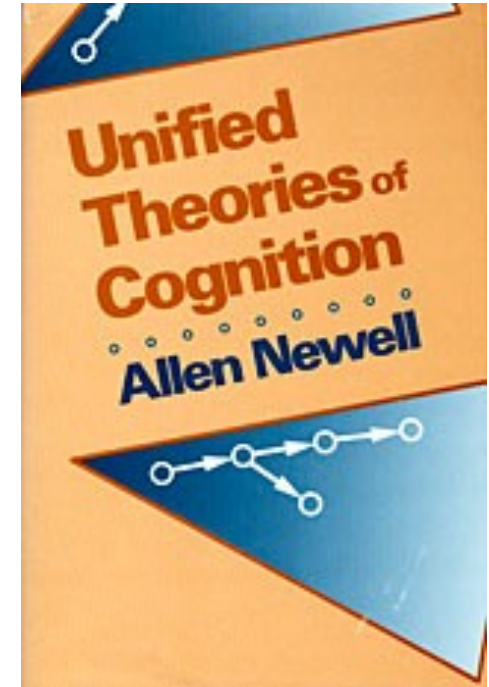




# Cognitivism & Artificial Intelligence

## Unified Theories of Cognition

- Attempts to explain all the mechanisms of all problems in its domain
- Applies to both natural and artificial cognition



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