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Image Processing for Mechatronics



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Mechatronics

Mechatronics is a multidisciplinary field of science that includes a combination of mechanical engineering, electronics, computer engineering, telecommunications engineering, systems engineering and control engineering.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mechatronics>

Approach aiming at the synergistic integration of mechanics, electronics, control theory, and computer science within product design and manufacturing, in order to improve and/or optimize its functionality

Definition by French standard NF E 01-010

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Topics in this Lecture

My research related with robotics and image processing techniques

Image processing techniques in industrial applications

Basic programming for image processing



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Application fields

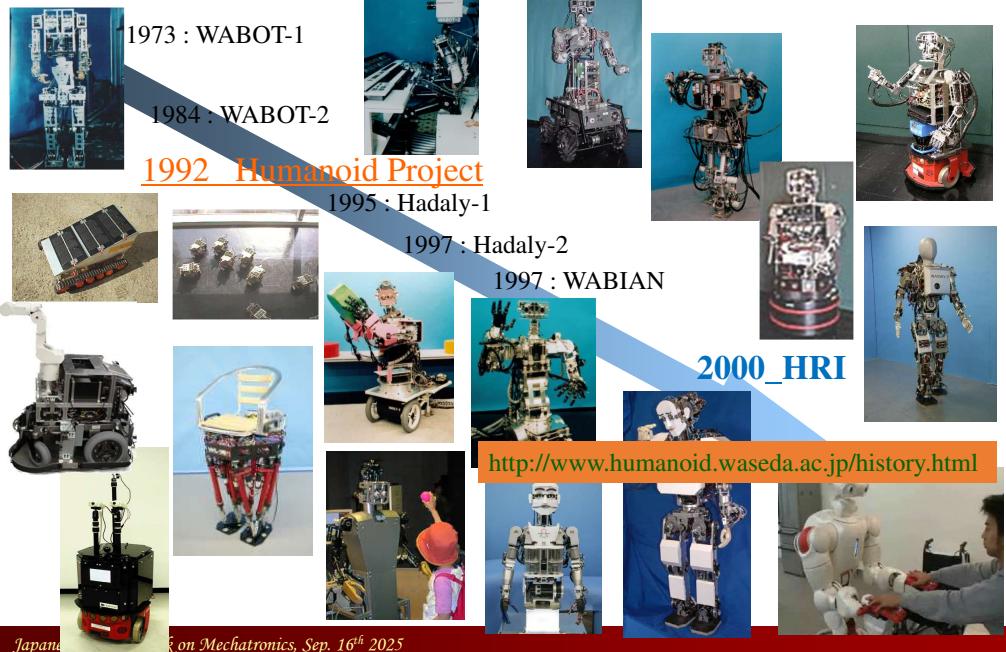
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| Machine vision | Automation and robotics |
| Expert systems | Sensing and control systems |
| Industrial goods | Consumer products |
| Mechatronics systems | Structural dynamic systems |
| Medical mechatronics | Medical imaging systems |
| Healthcare techs | Assistive techs |
| Human-machine interface | Human-system interactive systems |
| Computer-aided design | |
| Computer aided and integrated manufacturing systems | |
| Engineering and manufacturing systems | |
| Automotive engineering, automotive equipment | |
| Autopilot systems | |
| Transportation and vehicular systems | |
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History of Robot Research in Waseda University



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WABOT-2 (1984) Keyboard playing robot



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Collaborative Performance
with Real Orchestra
in Tsukuba Expo 1985

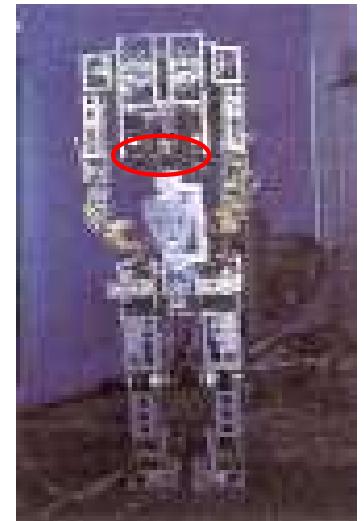


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WABOT-1 (1973) World's first biped walking robot



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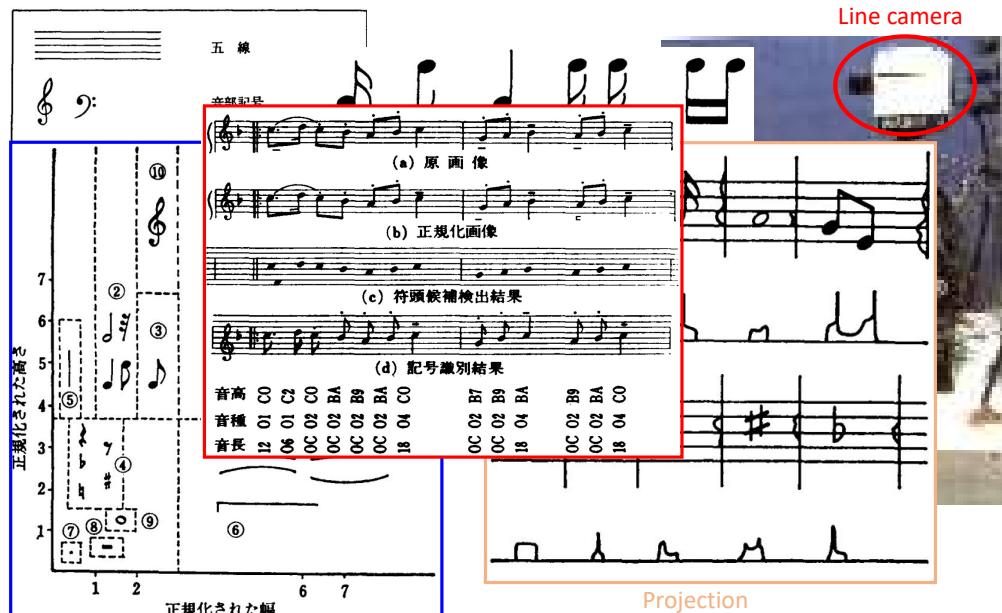


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WABOT-2 (1984) Automatic Recognition of Music Scores



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Hadaly-2 (1997) Communication robot

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WABIAN (1997) Biped walking with Dynamic Balance

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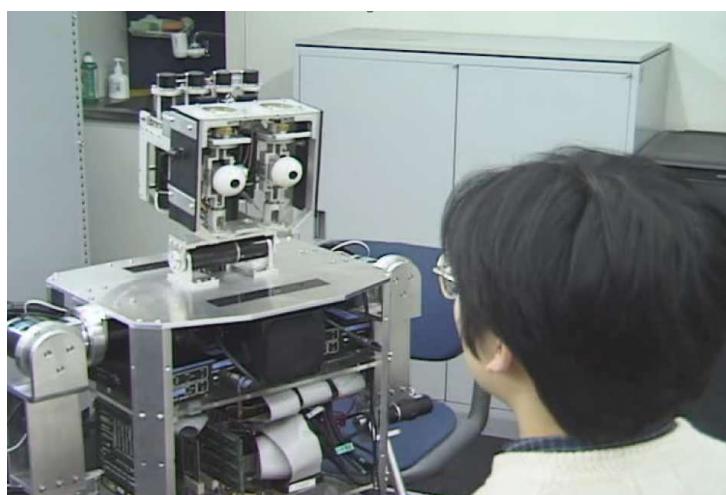


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Autonomous humanoid robot Robita (2000)

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WENDY (2000)

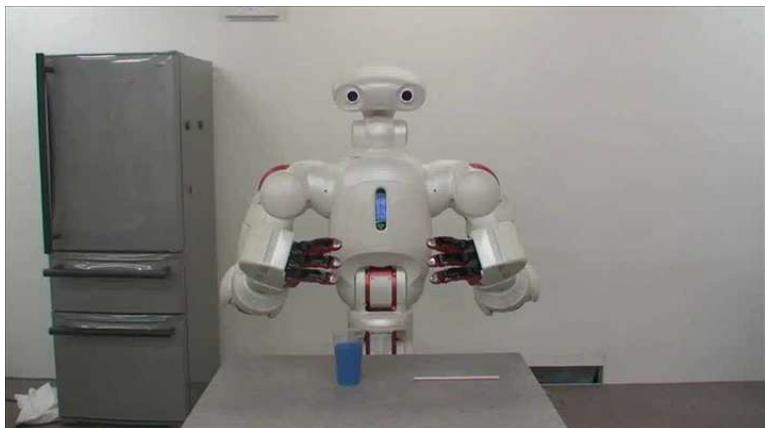
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Dexterous handling

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Robots in Society

Secondary sector of industries: Industrial robots
Machine and Materials

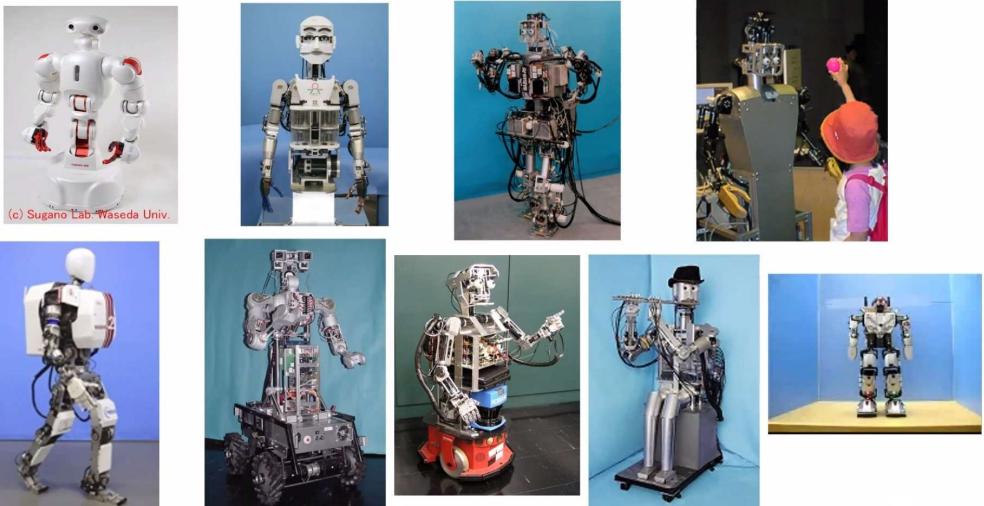
Primary sector of industries: Agricultural robots
Machine and Natural environment

Tertiary sector of industries: Service robots
Machine and Human

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Humanoids in Waseda University

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/fro/>



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Directions of Robotics

From Factory to Home

Human friendly robots to work with human
in human-living environment



From Superman to Human

Human simulator with sensor complex
to evaluate living environment in society

From GUI to PostGUI

Humanoid as multimodal communication terminal
to be connected with network

From Virtual to Real

Humanoid as media with body
to bridge virtual space and real world



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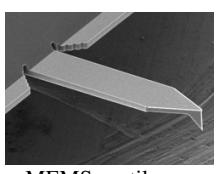
Prof. T. Kobayashi

Prof. A. Takanishi

Prof. S. Hashimoto

"Force" in Different Scale

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MEMS cantilever



quark



nucleus



atom/molecule



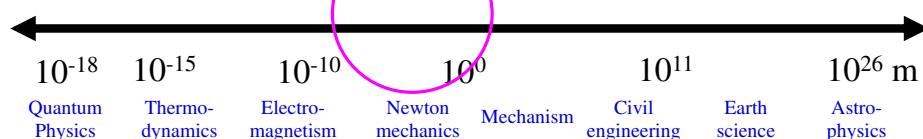
living creatures



earth



universe

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GUNDAM was sent to OSAKA EXPO !

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Are we satisfied with Metaverse?

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Real size GUNDAM in Yokohama



18 meters height
25 tons weight
34 DoF

GUNDAM had been exhibited
From April 2021 until March 2024

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From Tool to Partner

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Establishing a new relationship between human and machine

Automation

Plant, Observation, Control, Measurement
“Physics”

Robot in Factory

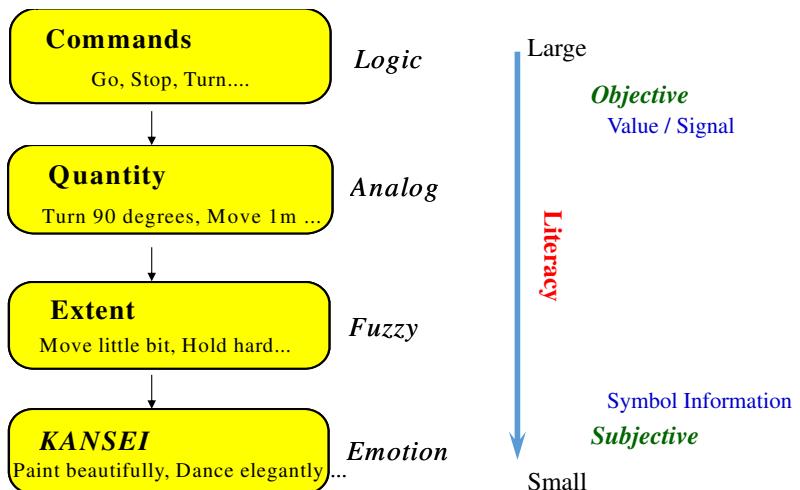
Production, Planning, Learning, Adaptation
“Physics + Logic”

Robot in Human Environment

Autonomous, Collaborative with Human
“Physics + Logic + KANSEI”
Emotion, Affective, Heartfelt, Feeling, Sympathy, Fun, Intuition ...
Another human ability of understanding

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Communication between human and machine



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Robotics Technology in Industries

Robot Industry

- Hardware (Material, Parts, Body, Computer)**
- Software (OS, Middleware, Application)**
- I/O, Peripherals (Display, Printer, Communication)**
- Sensors**
- Actuators**
- Design**
- Assembly**

Computer Industry

- Semiconductors**
- Hardware (Material, Circuit boards, Electric parts)**
- Software (OS, Middleware, Applications, AIs)**
- I/O, Peripherals (Display, Printer, Communication)**

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Role of Mechatronics / Robots with Intelligence

Manufacturing – Goods, Materials, ...

Construction – Infrastructure, Environment, ...

Agriculture – Foods, Housing, Gardening, ...

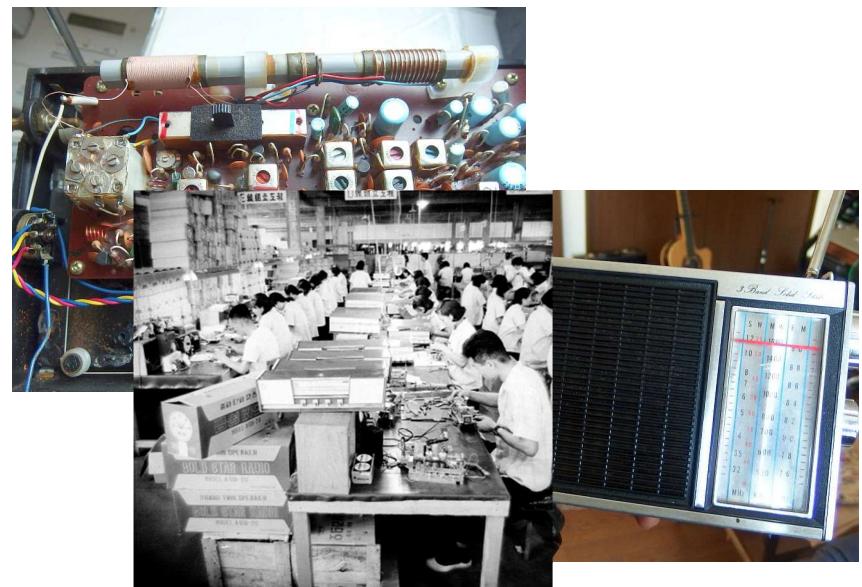
Human interaction – Service

Knowledge
Amusement
Arts
Life support
Medical appliance

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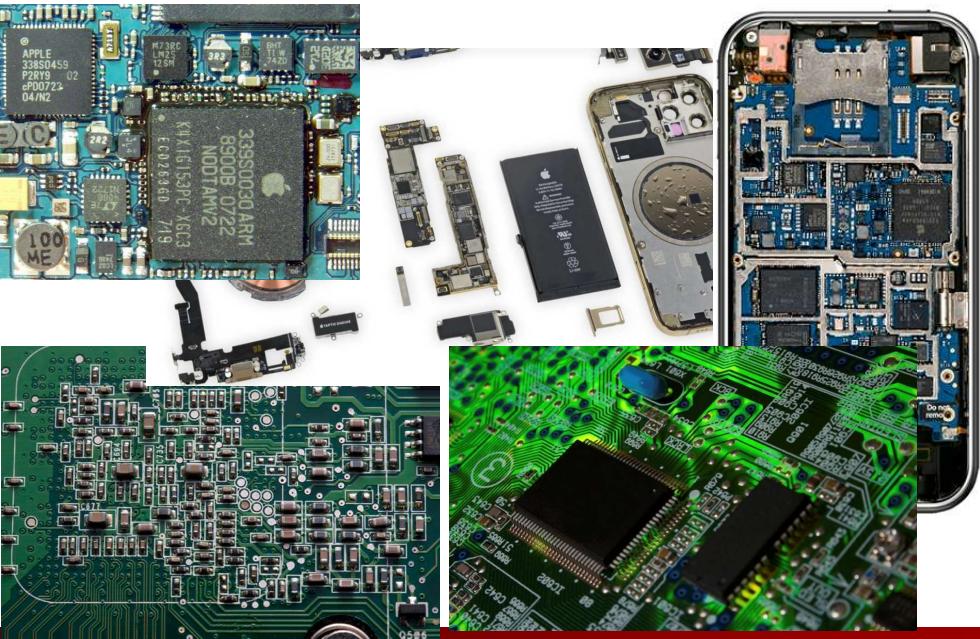
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Electronic devices 60 years ago



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Recent Electronic Devices



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Quality control of manufacturing electronic devices

The only possible approach for such small stuff is to effectively use

Computer vision with human intelligence



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Artificial Intelligence: AI

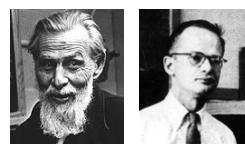
[Wikipedia](#)

Artificial intelligence (AI) is intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence displayed by humans. Colloquially, the term "artificial intelligence" is often used to describe machines (or computers) that mimic "cognitive" functions that humans associate with the human mind, such as "learning" and "problem solving".

Born: 1943 Neuron model

1956 Dartmouth workshop

1958 Perceptron



McCulloch & Pitts

2nd boom: 1980s Backpropagation algorithm



D. Rumelhart F. Rosenblatt Wikipedia

3rd boom: 2006 - Deep learning

Fast computation, Memory, Big Data, and Network

Human-like understanding

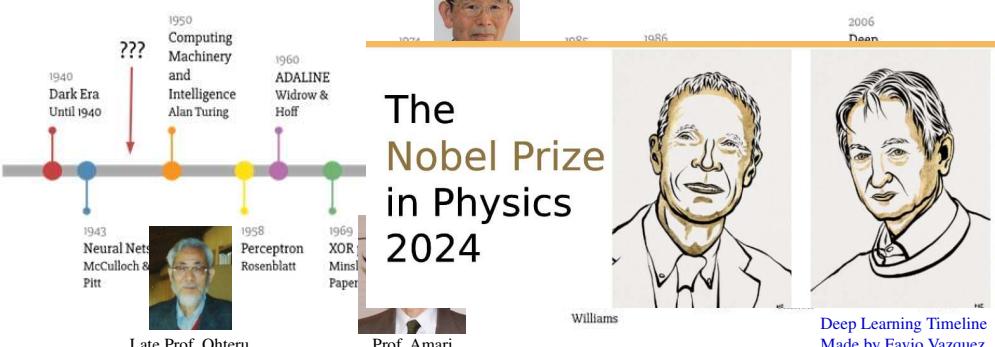
Data holders are the Winners

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History of Artificial Intelligence



J. v. Neumann, D. O. Hebb, M. Minsky, C. Shaw, S. Papert, T. Kohonen, J. Hopfield



Deep Learning Timeline
Made by Favio Vazquez

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Information of One Picture

1920x1080 pixels 8bits for each **RGB** (256 levels)

Information given by one picture

$$\begin{aligned} &= 8 \times 1,920 \times 1,080 \times 3 = 49,766,400 \text{ bit} \\ &= 49.77 \text{ Mbit} \end{aligned}$$

1 second moving picture with 30 fps

$$49.77 \times 30 = 1,492.99 \text{ Mbit} \doteq 1.5 \text{ Gbit}$$

Possible variation of 1 second moving pictures

$\rightarrow 2^{1,492,992,000}$ variations !

c.f. Number of atoms in the universe is approx. 10^{80}

Needs for AIs and Machine learning !

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Human-like Intelligence

Recognition / Understanding of objects, environment
as humans do

Realization of ***Human Intelligence*** by using computers

- Analytical ability
- Problem-solving skills
- Quantitative / Qualitative recognition ability
- Subjective / Objective understanding
- Verbal ability
- Ability to learn and adapt to the experiences of everyday life

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Human Brain – comparison with computer

Computer

- Billions bytes RAM,
and trillions bytes in SSD/HD
- Element size: 10^{-9} m
- Energy: Several tens Watts (CPU)
- Processing speed: 10^9 Hz
- Centralized processor, Serial com
- Generally not Fault Tolerant
- 0 / 1 Logics
- Intelligence by programming

Human brain

- 100 billion neurons
and 30 trillion synapses
- Neuron size: 10^{-6} m
- Energy use: approx. 25W
- Processing speed: 100 Hz
- Distributed and Parallel proc.
- Redundant, Fault Tolerant
- Autonomous Learning
- Intelligent and Conscious

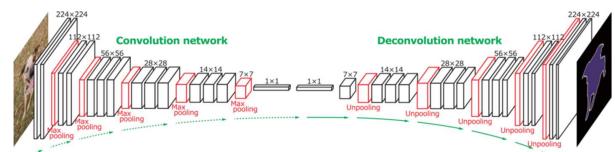
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Realization of Human-like Intelligence

Artificial Neural Network (NN)

Deep Learning (DL)

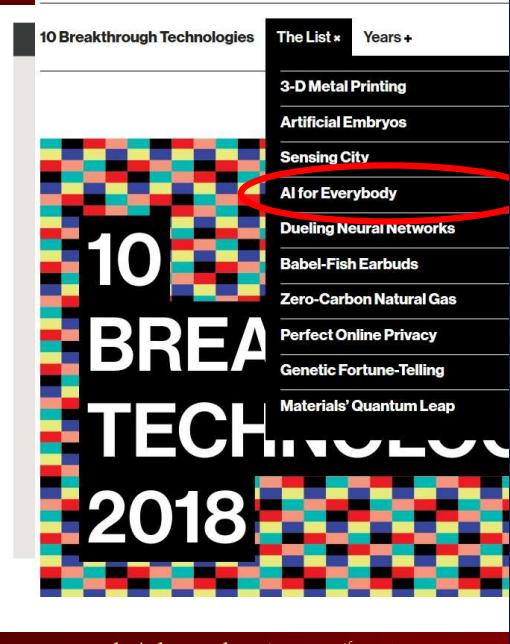
= **neural network** having
multiple layers of nodes between input and output.



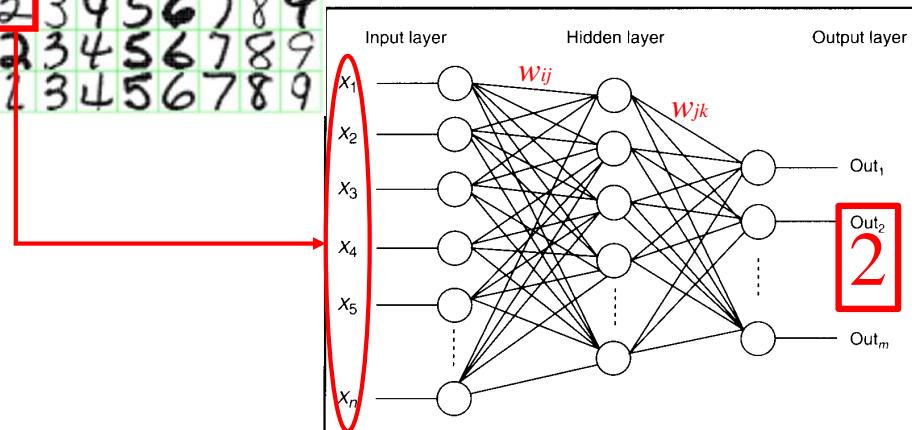
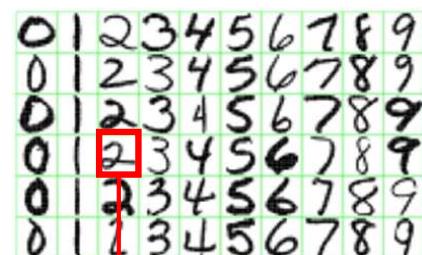
DL has been providing breakthrough results
in image classification, speech recognition,
pattern recognition ...

ChatGPT: Generative AI + LLM

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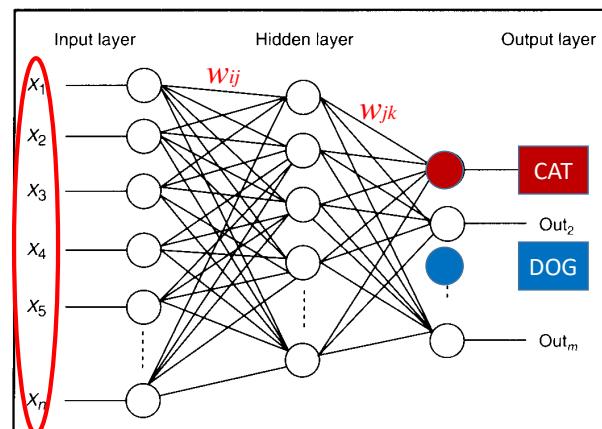


Multiple layer NN



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Multiple layer NN

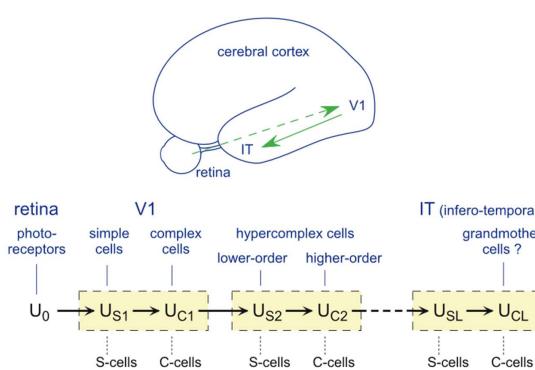


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Neocognitron and Deep Learning

Neocognitron was introduced by Kunihiko Fukushima in 1979.

Multi-layered network with S-cells and C-cells referring to biological visual perception.

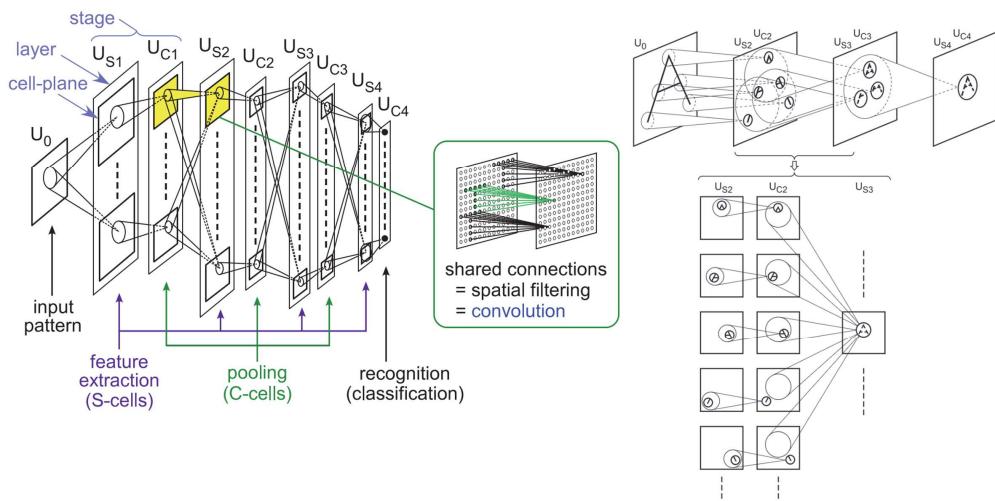


S-cells: Feature extraction
C-cells: pooling of the response of S-cells in retinotopic neighborhood

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Applications of AI

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Cameras in Street, Buildings and your Mobile Devices

Voice and Privacy Sounds in Smart Devices

Privacy and Ethics ???



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Large Language Model (LLM) and Machine Learning

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A Model to Estimate

Generation Prob. $P(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ of Token Sequence y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n

Products of Conditional Probabilities:

$$P(y_1, \dots, y_n) = P(y_1|BoS)P(y_2|BoS, y_1) \dots P(y_n|BoS, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1})P(EoS|BoS, \dots, y_n)$$

↑
First word ↑
2nd word ↑
 n -th word ↑
End of Sequence

This model predicts the next word from a sequence of text !

$$\underset{y \in V}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\text{The capital, of, France, is}, y) = \underset{y \in V}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(y|\text{The capital, of, France, is})$$

The Prob. of “y = Paris” will be expected to be the highest

ChatGPT has been trained with 4 trillion words with 175 billion parameters.
GPT-4 has been trained with > 10 trillion words !

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Deep Learning for Image Analysis

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Surveillance for social safety and security network
Quality Control in Production
Medicine, Health and Healthcare



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System and Computational Intelligence Studies



Study of Human ability and behavior
by way of computers

Analysis by Synthesis

Trial and Error

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Conclusions

- Realization of Human Visual Ability
- Enhancement of Human Sensing Ability
- Understanding and Control of “Soft” Bodies
- Embodied AI



Alternatives of Human and the Abilities
Supporting Techs for Human
Multimodal interface employing our body

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Our Approach for Human Intelligence

Image processing
Acoustic signal processing
Tactile and touch sensation
System and information integration
Robotics
Application to Industrial process



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