Full Self-Driving Skynet and Other AI Myths

The realities of decision making with deep machine learning models

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We have now accumulated sufficient evidence to see that whatever language the central nervous system is using, it is characterized by less logical and arithmetical depth than what we are normally used to.
– John von Neumann [1]

Preface

This book is a work in progress, I hope it helps demystify the world of deep learning as I understand it.

Humans won't be able to control superintelligent AI, talk about that here[2]

Talk about Bostrom and GPAI here, and Erdi's answer to that. [3] [4]

Talk about the alignment problem and Ethical freakouts about AI. Talk about the big 3 from [5] [6]

Funding and startups, everybody is doing it, I'm trying to make sense of it

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1 Playing chess in 1997

AI is a shitty term

We tried a lot of things, teaching computers explicit grammar and explicit rules

IMO, this was not AI, this was codified human understanding.

In code, that understanding might look like this....

TODO talk about this book [7]

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[7]: Douthat (2022), *Can We Resist the Age of the Algorithm?*

1: Snarky sidenote!

2 Self-driving with statistics

Figure 2.1: The Mona Lisa. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mona_Lisa,_by_Leonardo_da_Vinci,_from_C2RMF_retouched.jpg

Hardware got amazing, we gave up teaching the way we teach ourselves and let the data do the work

We leveraged huge statistical models to regress our way to success

We used building blocks of regression and neurons to train huge models

These models are statistical and deterministic, but ultimately chaotic black boxes..

TODO talk about these books [8] [9] [10] [11]

A Shakespearean comedy of numbers

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This is some text and a link to Hey if you want to site something on the side use[2]

"AI Scientists disagree as to whether these language networks posess true knowledge or are just mimicking humans by remembering the statistics of millions of words. I don't beloive any kind of deep learning network will achieve the goal of AGI if the network doesn't model the world the way the brain does. Deep learning networks work well, but not because they solved the knowledge representation problem. They work well because they avoided it completely, relying on statistics and lots of data instead. How deep learning networks work is clever, their performance impressive, and they are commercially valuable. I am only pointing out that they don't possess knowledge and, therefore, are not on the path to having the ability of a five-year-old child." [12]

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docker run tensorflow
#profit!
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[2]: Andreu et al. (2021), *Humans won't be able to control a superintelligent AI, according to a study*

Derivative artworks of the future? 4

GPT-3, BERT and Bloom

Link some cool shit here, Draw Owl!

Who owns this shit anyway? Copilot and FSF plus lawsuits

Prove it, asshole!

I can make a "model" that behaves like a database. Just memorizes shit

The data is the hardest part 5

You are essentially programming with data, so if your data sucks so will your prediction, you also really can't generalize, only correllate.

are you predicting the right thing? Are you really predicting how valuable the company is or just whether it'll be the next meme stock?

"I hope for some sort of peace—but I fear that machines are ahead of morals by some centuries and when morals catch up there'll be no reason for any of it." Harry Truman, 1945 [13]

[13]: McCullough (1992), *Truman*

Representation, "fixing the training set" [5], or the Impossibility of Fairness from a model.

[5]: Christian (2020), *The Alignment Problem: Machine Learning and Human Values*

TODO talk about these books [14] [15] [6] [5]

"The second requirement of goal-misalignment risk is that an intelligent machine can commandeer the Earth's resources to pursue its goals, or in other ways prevent us from stopping it... We have similar concerns with humans. This is why no singer person or entity can control the entire internet and why we require multiple people to launch a nuclear missile. Intelligent machines will not develop misaligned goals unless we go to great lengths to endow them with that ability. Even if they did, no machine can commandeer the world's resources unless we let it. We don't let a single human, or even a small number of humans, control the world's resources. We need to be similarly careful with machines." [12]

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The police and Big Tech are profiling me!

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Classification is everywhere, it's also very useful. Just get over it.

Online Advertising, Justice, Job Applications, Creditworthiness, Getting Insurance (Weapons of Math Destruction), Civic Life, /sideciteOneil2017 ; The Default Male, Invisible Women effects snow clearing schedules and drug discovery

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The useful chaos of spaghetti code 7

Interacting Layers of Statistical Understanding Useful Chaos

These layers are totally transparent, but you can't understand them because they're complicated, yo

You can't understand ML layers, but they are useful nonetheless.

8 Self-stabilizing concept drift

Many models need to constantly be retrained

Does progress slow down because we keep reusing the work of the past to generate our work?

9 My horse drives itself, thanks

Can Models bring Incremental or Revolutionary Change?

Respond directly to Jon Krohn's TED talk about monkeys being dumber than us... what about construction equipmenth that's stronger than us, or racism/eugenics people that are dumber than us [16]

[16]: (2022), *Jon Krohn*

"The inhabitant of London could order by telephone, sipping his morning tea in bed, the various products of the whole earth – he could at the same time and by the same means adventure his wealth in the natural resources and new enterprise of any quarter of the world – he could secure forthwith, if he wished, cheap and comfortable means of transit to any country or climate without passport or other formality." - John Maynard Keynes [17]

[17]: Keynes et al. (2012), *The Collected Writings of John Maynard Keynes (Volume 5)*

Who is affected the most?

What should individuals do?

What should governments do?

What should businesses do?

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Appendix

A

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Let's say we want to build an ensemble model to analyze poetry, put a haiku into craiyon's online shit, then we categorize the resulting photo. [2]

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Notation

The next list describes several symbols that will be later used within the body of the document.

c	Speed of light in a vacuum inertial frame
h	Planck constant

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