# Unit 1: Introduction to Al

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### What is Al?

 Machine or computer program that learns how to do tasks that require forms of intelligence and are usually done by humans

- The ability for a computer to think and learn
- human-made thinking power

## Why use AI?

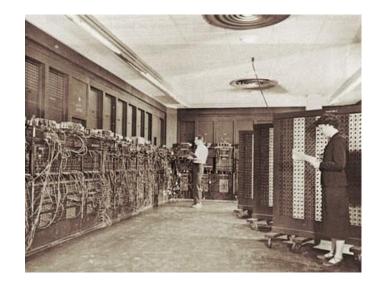
- better decisions
- improving core business processes
- increasing both the speed and accuracy of strategic decision-making processes

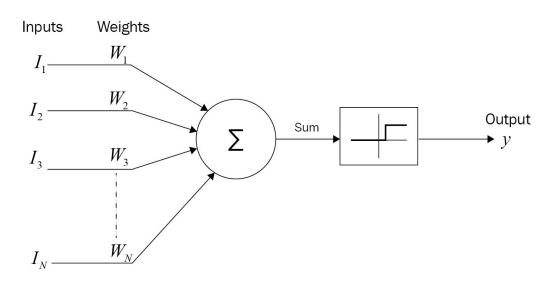
- It enables human capabilities -
  - understanding, reasoning, planning, communication and perception

1941 - Initial Computer

1943 - First work recognised by Warren McCulloch and Walter Pitts

Proposed a model of Al neurons





1949 - Donald Hebb

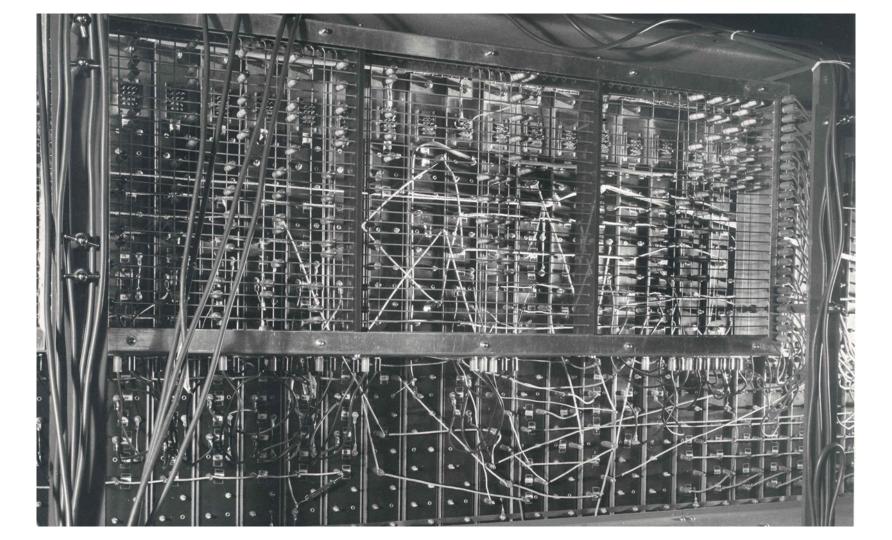
Updated and modified connection strength between neurons called Hebbian Learning



1950 - Alan Turing proposed a test "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"







1956 - Birth of the term AI at the Dartmouth Conference

#### 1956 Dartmouth Conference: The Founding Fathers of AI



John MacCarthy



**Marvin Minsky** 



Claude Shannon



Ray Solomonoff



Alan Newell



**Herbert Simon** 



**Arthur Samuel** 



Oliver Selfridge

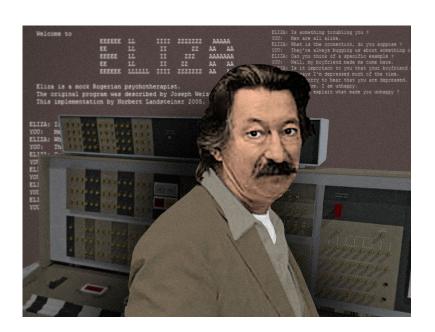


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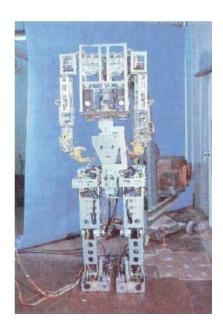
1966 - Joseph Weizenbaum created the first chatbot "ELIZA"



- > Hello, I am Eliza.
- \* I am afraid.
- > How long have you been afraid?
- \* Since midterms.
- > Tell me more...
- \* I am afraid that I will fail my course.
- > Do you enjoy being afraid that you will fail your course?

1972 - First intelligent humanoid robot in Japan WABOT-1
Invented by Ichiro Kato

1974 to 1980 - The Al Winter



#### **Expert Systems**

1980 - Al came back with **expert systems**, they are programmed with decision making abilities

Applications:

Process Control Systems (Controlling a physical process based on monitoring)

Knowledge Domain (Finding out faults in vehicles, computers )

Finance/ Commerce (Detection of possible fraud, suspicious transactions,

stock market trading)

1987 to 1993 - Al Winter

1997 - IBM Deep Blue defeated the world chess champion



2002 - Al entered into the house in the form of Roomba, a vacuum cleaner

2006 - Al entered the business world, companies like Facebook, Twitter and

Netflix also started using Al

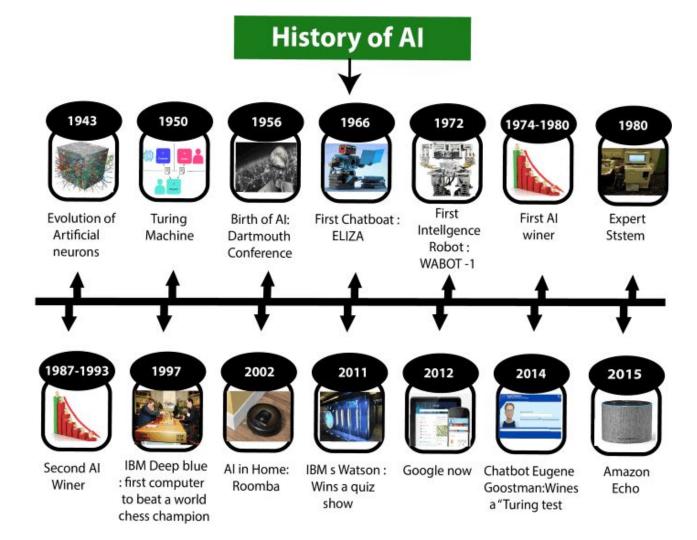


2011 - IBM's Watson won jeopardy, a quiz show, where it had to solve the complex questions as well as riddles.

2012 - Google has launched an Android app feature "Google now", which was able to provide information to the user as a prediction.

2014 - Chatbot "Eugene Goostman" won a competition in the infamous "Turing test."

2016 - "Project Debater" from IBM debated on complex topics with two master debaters and also performed extremely well.



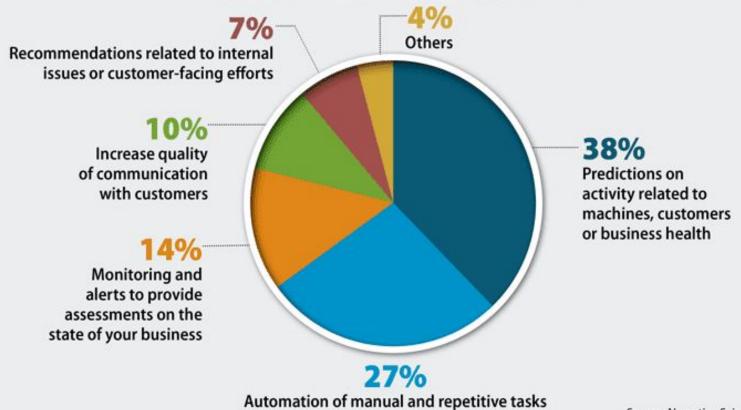
## What is Machine Learning?

Al is a bigger concept to create intelligent machines that can simulate human thinking capability and behavior, whereas, machine learning is an application or subset of Al that allows machines to learn from data without being programmed explicitly.

is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) that allows software applications to become more accurate at predicting outcomes without being explicitly programmed to do so. Machine learning algorithms use historical data as input to predict new output values.

## Most Important Benefit That AI Should Provide Business

Top choice of business and technology executives



Source: Narrative Science 2016

# Impacts of Al

#### Positive Impacts:

- Fast and accurate diagnostics
- Socially therapeutic robots
- Reduce errors related to human fatigue
- Artificial Intelligence-based surgical contribution
- Improved Radiology
- Virtual Presence

#### Negative Impacts:

- Less social interactions
- Decrease in manual labor

# **Computational Neuroscience**

