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Too-Easy Al Gets Too Much Credit or AlphaGo, AlphaShmo

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Here's how the story goes:

Al has of late produced some amazingly intelligent machines (think e.g. AlphaGo), and hence those who say The Singularity is near may well be right. This is an entertaining story, certainly; but it's not one that has formal logic on its side.

The problem is that logic allows us to assemble a hierarchy of hierarchies (of hierarchies of ...) of the intelligence of things that compute, and to also gain knowledge about this hierarchy from theorems.

When we place today's AI, including its glitzy success stories, in this context, we see that these machines are pretty dim, intellectually speaking, when stacked against the human mind.

We explain all this in our presentation, and welcome discussion with the audience thereafter.

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