

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 What is AI?

Literature:

- Empfohlenes Begleitbuch: Russel and Norvig, Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach, 4. Edition 2020.

### 1.1.1 Definitionen (Definitions)

### 1.1.2 Definitions

There is no easy, official definition for AI. Two classic definitions are:

- **John McCarthy (1971):** "The science and engineering of making intelligent machines, especially intelligent computer programs." AI does not have to confine itself to methods that are biologically observable.
- **Marvin Minsky (1969):** "The science of making machines do things that would require intelligence if done by men".

### 1.1.3 Categories of AI

AI definitions can be classified along two dimensions

1. Thought processes/reasoning vs. behavior/action
  2. Success according to human standards vs. success according to an ideal concept of intelligence (rationality)
- **Systems that think like humans:**
    - Cognitive Science.
    - Builds on cognitive models validated by psychological experiments and neurological data.
  - **Systems that act like humans:**
    - The Turing Test
  - **Systems that think rationally:**
    - Focus on "Laws of Thoughts," correct argument processes.
  - **Systems that act rationally:**
    - Focus on "doing the right thing" (**Rational Behavior**).
    - A rationally acting system maximizes the achievement of its goals based on the available information.
    - This is more general than rational thinking (as a provably correct action often does not exist) and more amenable to analysis.

### 1.1.4 General vs. Narrow AI

- **General (Strong) AI:** Can handle *any* intellectual task that a human can. This is a research goal.
- **Narrow (Weak) AI:** Is specified to deal with a *concrete* or a set of specified tasks. This is what we currently use primarily.

## 1.2 What is Intelligence?

### 1.2.1 The Turing Test

- **Question:** When does a system behave intelligently?

- **Assumption:** An entity is intelligent if it cannot be distinguished from another intelligent entity by observing its behavior.
- **Test:** A human interrogator interacts "blind" (e.g., via text) with two players (A and B), one of whom is a human and one a computer.
- **Goal:** If the interrogator cannot determine which player... is a computer... the computer is said to pass the test.
- **Relevance:** The test is still relevant, requires major components of AI (knowledge, reasoning, language, learning), but is hard/not reproducible and not amenable to mathematical analysis.

### 1.2.2 The Chinese Room Argument

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- **Question:** Is intelligence the same as intelligent behavior?
- **Assumption:** Even if a machine behaves in an intelligent manner, it does not have to be intelligent at all (i.e., without understanding).
- **Thought Experiment:** A person who doesn't know Chinese is locked in a room. They receive Chinese notes (questions) and have a detailed instruction book telling them which Chinese symbols (answers) to output based on the input symbols, without understanding it at all.
- **Result:** From the outside, the room "understands" Chinese (it behaves intelligently), but the person inside understands nothing.
- **Follow-up Question:** Is a self-driving car intelligent?

## 1.3 Foundations, Taxonomy & Limits

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### 1.3.1 Foundations of AI

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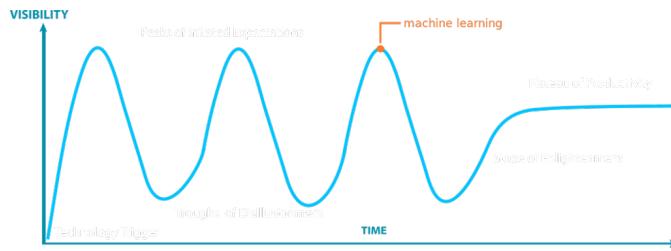
AI is an interdisciplinary field built on contributions from many areas:

- **Philosophy:** Logic, reasoning, rationality, mind as a physical system.
- **Mathematics:** Formal representation and proof, computation, probability.
- **Psychology:** adaptation, phenomena of perception and motor control.
- **Economics:** formal theory of rational decisions, game theory.
- **Linguistics:** knowledge representation, grammar.
- **Neuroscience:** physical substrate for mental activities.
- **Control theory:** ...optimal agent design.

### 1.3.2 Taxonomy and History

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- **Taxonomy:** **Artificial Intelligence** is the broadest field. **Machine Learning (ML)** is a subfield of AI. **Deep Learning** is a subfield of ML.
- **Subdisciplines of AI:** Include Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Search and Optimization, Robotics, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Computer Vision (CV), and Cognitive Science.
- **History:** The development of AI occurred in cycles, often called "AI Winters". Hype phases ("Peaks of Inflated Expectations") existed for "neural networks", "expert systems", and "machine learning".



### 1.3.3 Limits of Current AI

- "A.I. is harder than you think":
  - Current AI is often isolated to single problems.
  - AI models are **not without bias**.
  - There are **fundamental differences** in how AI perceives the world/environment.
- **AI can be tricked (Adversarial Examples):**
  - AI systems can be manipulated by perturbations (noise) often invisible to humans.
  - Example: An image of a "panda" is classified as a "gibbon" with high confidence after adding noise.

