

Essay about AI

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Maybe this essay will be a little bit strange, I don't share common views on this theme, maybe it is because my ex-girlfriend was a data-scientist and I know how it works under the hood.

I don't like AI at all, AI or Artificial intelligence in my opinion is the greatest win of marketing of the 21st century, it is simply linear algebra and algorithms that can adapt to data.

Simplest AI is linear regression, we have a dataset (array) of X and Y, and we simply ask the computer to create a curve that matches given X to Y, after that we give to the computer new X and ask it about Y, that's all, simple curve, no intelligence, only math. Now we learned how to predict simple numbers, let's have a look at images, images are not numbers, right? No, images are 2D array of 3 numbers (red, blue, green) from 0 to 256, how to operate with data like this? Answer is simple, matrix operations, we will create many curves, so many. But what we will try to find? Basic task in computer vision is object recognition, we give array of images (like X), but our Y will be square with name of object, cats for example, after that we ask the computer to create an association between 2D array of numbers and coordinates of square borders, it takes much more computation resources, and now we need so many curves, but it is only curves, not intelligence, only statistical model. You can say, Okay images can be converted to numbers but how to teach the computer to work with text, letters are numbers (Unicode, utf8), but a word is much more than a sum of letters, words have meaning, and it depends on context. The big win of data science is that NLP (natural language processing) now can translate words (meaning of word) to numbers, this process is called tokenization, today machines can convert words to multi-dimensional matrix of numbers, and we can do math operations with these numbers, we can sum vectors of king and woman and it will be equal of queen, after we can subtract old and it will be equal princess. If sentences are numbers, we can do our old trick with X and Y, but in this case, X will be tokenized sentence and Y changed sentence. For example, how to teach the computer to convert aggressive sentences to neutral? We need two parallel datasets (2 array of sentences) first is aggressive, second is neutral, after that we can use prebuilt language models like DeepSeek and one important thing – super powerful computer or cloud solution like Yandex Datasphere, only 3 components and some science articles about NLP techniques and AI or STATISTICAL MODEL for text detoxification ready. All tasks in data science can be solved by simple algorithm 1) find what is X and what is Y 2) create an array of X and Y 3) read articles about similar tasks 4) find prebuilt model for this kind of tasks 5) teach model on your data 6) check metrics of result 7) repeat while metrics are not acceptable.

AI can classify, change or generate images, text, voice and video. A lot of money is wasted on this industry but after 6 years of researching and development we have not too much result. Generated images can be used only on very low budget design, AI generated code quality is low, and it takes more time to fix it instead of writing by yourself, AI can make many fact errors, if you want to find information first search result in Google will be much more useful and accurate than AI answer.

All results of AI today can replace only a very low-quality work. In my opinion AI hype will stop in nearest 2 years. AI is statistical model and it can solve only simplest tasks, it dominates in virtual world with strong borders and rules, but our lives are much more complicated for it.