

# An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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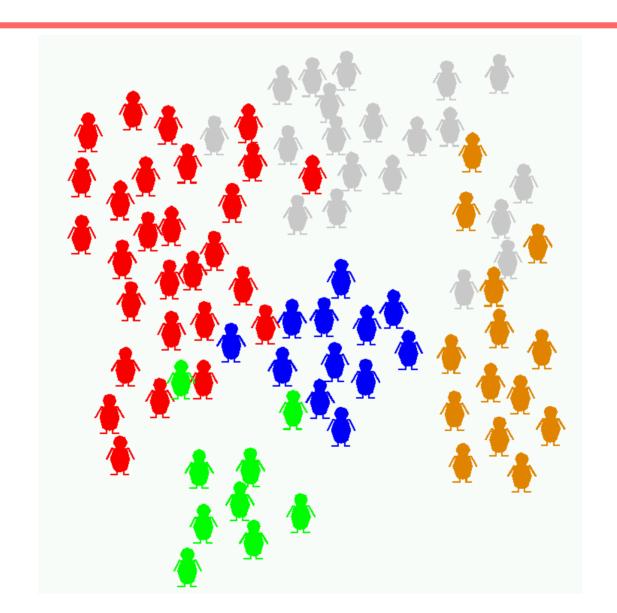
### You first!! Class Brainstorming

- Work with your team-mate:
- Q1: What is Al all about?
   (3+ items)
- Q2: Where can it be applied? (3+ items)



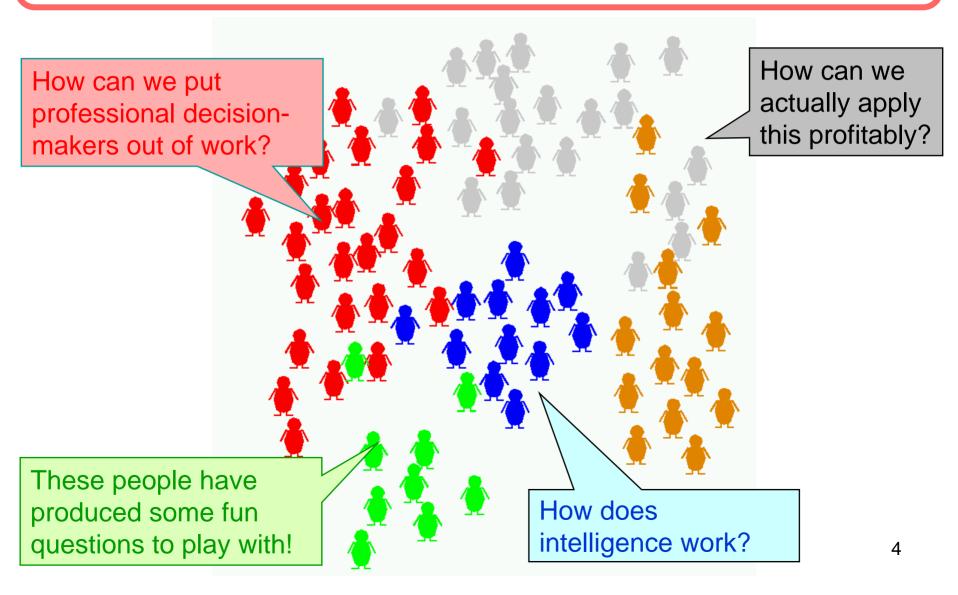


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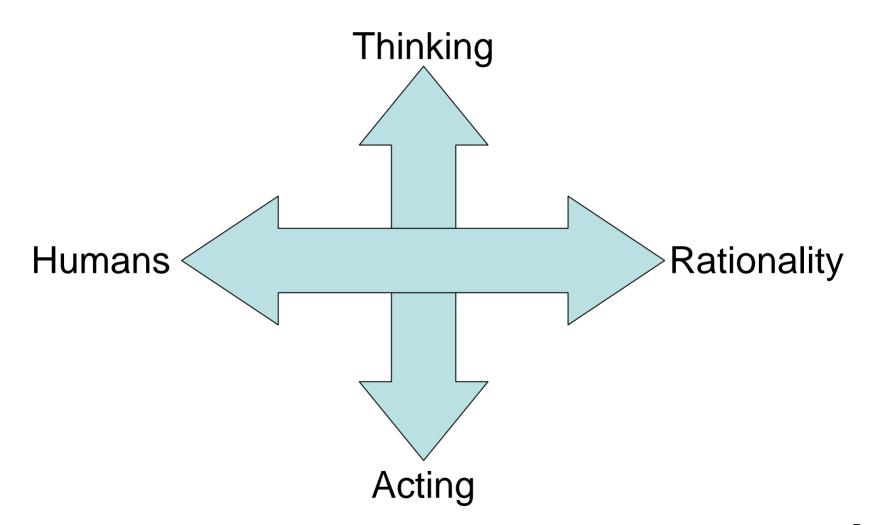




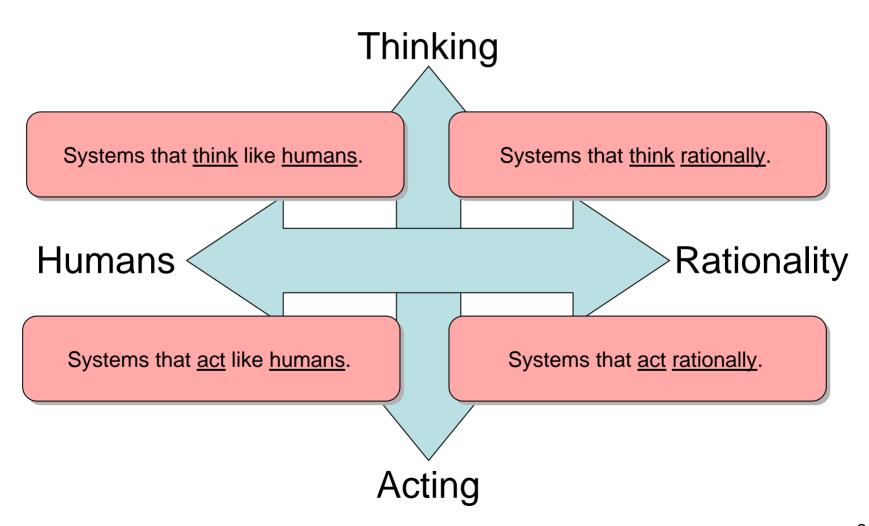
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"The exiting new effort to make computers think... *machines with minds*, in the full and literal sense." (Haugeland, 1985)

"[The automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision-making, problem solving, learning..."
(Bellman, 1978)

Thinking

"The study of mental faculties through the use of computational models." (Charniak and McDermott, 1985)

"The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason and act." (Winston, 1992)

#### Humans

"The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people." (Kurzweil, 1990)

"The study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better." (Rich and Knight, 1991) Rationality

"Computational Intelligence is the study of the design of intelligent agents." (Poole et al., 1998)

"Al... is concerned with intelligent behavior in artifacts." (Nilsson, 1998)

Acting



- Acting Humanly: The Turing Test approach,
  - Alan Turing, 1950: A test to assess intelligence,
  - Principle: To be Indistinguishable from a human on a written question/answer session.
  - To pass the test, a machine would need:
    - Natural language processing,
    - Knowledge representation,
    - Automated reasoning,
    - Machine learning

#### **Total Turing Test:**

- (Computer vision)
- (Robotics)



- Thinking Humanly: The cognitive modeling approach,
  - Tries to get inside the workings of human minds,
  - Self observation + psychological experimentation,
  - Develop a theory of the mind,
  - Build a computer program to represent it.
  - Cognitive Science: Computer models from AI + experimental techniques from Psychology.



- Thinking rationally: The "laws of thought" approach,
  - Ideas from Aristotle initiated the field called Logic.
  - A precise notation for all kinds of things in the world and the relations between them.
  - Not easy to represent informal knowledge, Logicist tradition in Al hopes to • What if knowledge is not 100% certain? programs to create intelli
    - May not be computationally tractable!



- Acting Rationally: The rational agent approach,
  - Tries to <u>act</u> to achieve the <u>best outcome</u>, or... the <u>best expected outcome</u> when there is uncertainty.
  - If computer programs, other attributes, such as:
    - ✓ Operating under autonomous control,
    - ✓ Perceive the environment,
    - ✓ Persist over prolonged time,
    - √ Adapt to change



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#### The old fashioned answer:

To make systems that behave like the brain behaves.

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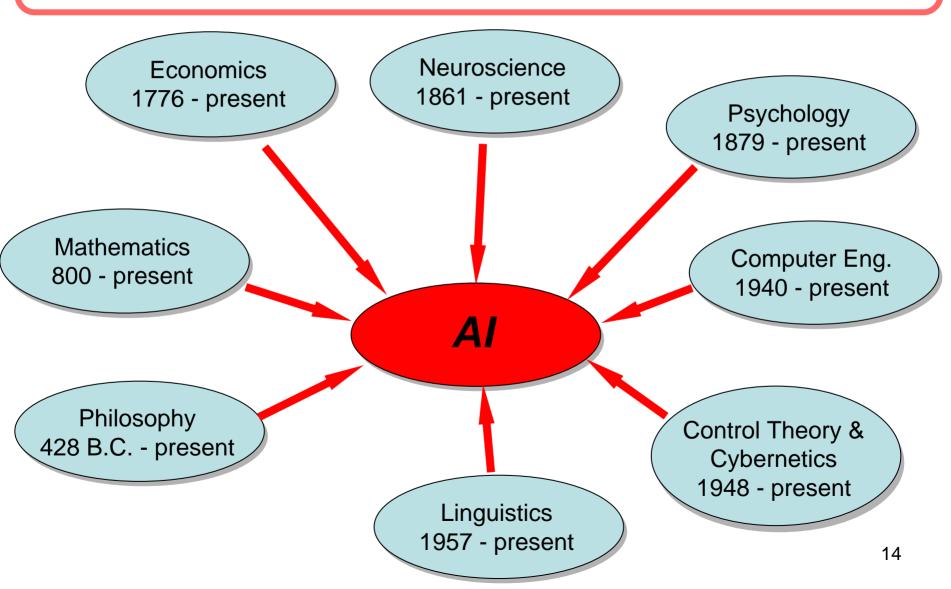
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#### The new fashioned answer:

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# Foundations of Artificial Intelligence





## "Natural" and "Algorithmic" Al

#### "Natural AI" questions.....

- Can we make something that is as intelligent as a human?
- Can we make something that is as intelligent as a bee?
- Can we get something that is really evolutionary and self improving and autonomous and flexible...?

#### "Algorithmic Al" questions.....

- Can we save this plant \$20million a year by improved pattern recognition?
- Can we save this bank \$50million a year by auto fraud detection?
- Can we start a new industry of handwriting recognition / automated negotiation / helpdesks / ....?



## "Natural" and "Algorithmic" Al

#### **Natural Al**

#### **Typical Paper Title:**

Effective Learning Requires Neuronal Remodeling of Hebbian Synapses -- Gal Chechik, Isaac Meilijson, Eytan Ruppin,

Lee, T.S. (2000) Neural Processes Underlying Attentive Perceptual Organization. To appear in Perceptual Organization in Vision: Behavioral and Neural Perspectives Ed. M. Behrmann, C. Olson and R. Kimchi, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.



## "Natural" and "Algorithmic" Al

## **Algorithmic Al**

**Example Paper titles** 

Andrew W. Moore, The Anchors Hierarchy: Using the Triangle Inequality to Survive High Dimensional Data, In proceedings of UAI-2000: The Sixteenth Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence

D. Fox, W. Burgard, and S. Thrun. Markov localization for mobile robots in dynamic environments. Journal of Artificial Intelligence, 11:391--427, 1999.



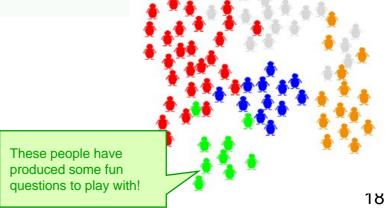
#### "Theoretical" Al

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#### Typical paper titles:

Reasoning in Expressive Description Logics with Fixpoints based on Automata on Infinite Trees, Diego Calvanese, Giuseppe De Giacomo, and Maurizio Lenzerini

Ordered Binary Decision Diagrams and Minimal Trellises, **John** Lafferty and Alexander Vardy. IEEE Trans. Computers, Vol. 48, No. 9, pp. 971-986, Sept., 1999.





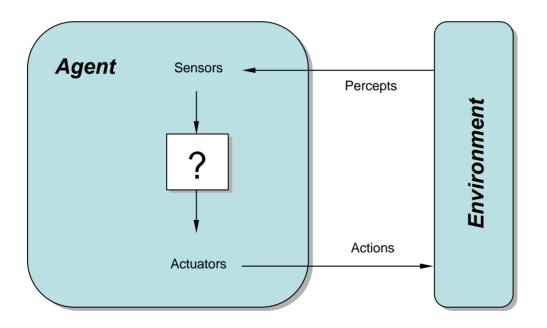
#### Buzzwords associated with AI over time

- 1970s: Artificial Intelligence
- 1980s: Knowledge Based Systems, Fuzzy Logic, Satificing
- 1990s: Neural Networks, Cased-Based Reasoning, Genetic Algorithms, Distributed Al
- 2000s: Agents, Evolutionary Systems
- Bayes, Markov, Nash!



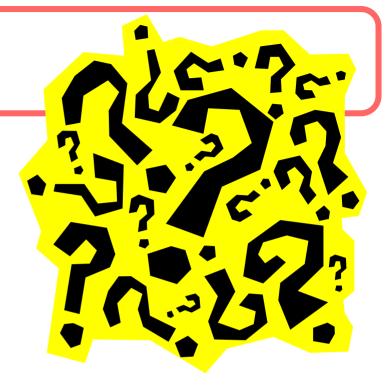
# **Next week: The Intelligent Agent**

The Intelligent Agent approach.





# Challenge!



#### Example of human intelligence:

How to perform academic research? (Develop an algorithm for it)