Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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1 Introduction

Artificial intelligence is a collection of methods and models used to mimic natural intelligence in order to perform certain tasks. A key feature of artificial intelligence techniques is that instead of the decisions being explicitly programmed, an artificial intelligence system can learn from labeled or unlabeled data or from the environment it works in (of course, there are exceptions to this).

Sometimes, when talking about artificial intelligence, people instead mean **artificial general intelligence**, which relates to an intelligence which can understand and learn any cognitive task that a human can. Right now, AGI is the stuff of science fiction (so you can stop worrying about the Terminator!). In contrast, any current AI system is geared towards a very specific task and typically cannot generalise to different tasks. Even so, AI is very useful and holds much promise for the present and for the future.

2 Examples

• Handwritten Digit Recognition

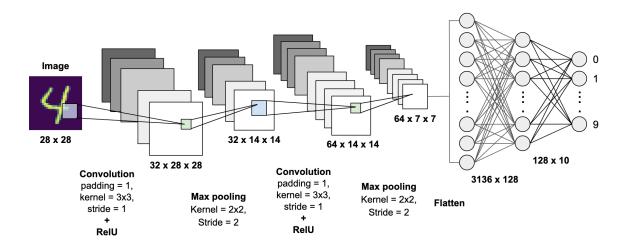


Figure 1: A convolutional neural network. Taken from towardsdatascience.com

• Object Detection

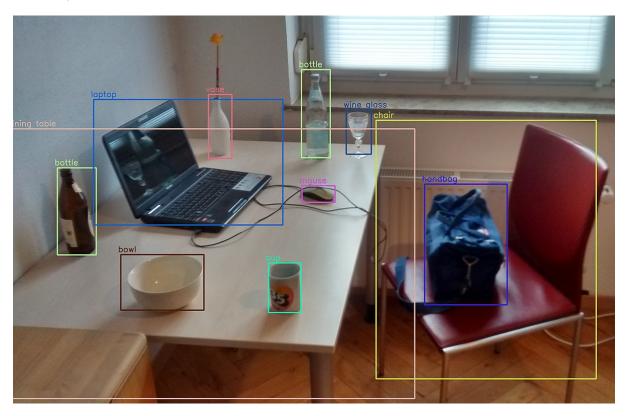


Figure 2: Object detection using YOLO. Taken from here.

• Facial Recognition

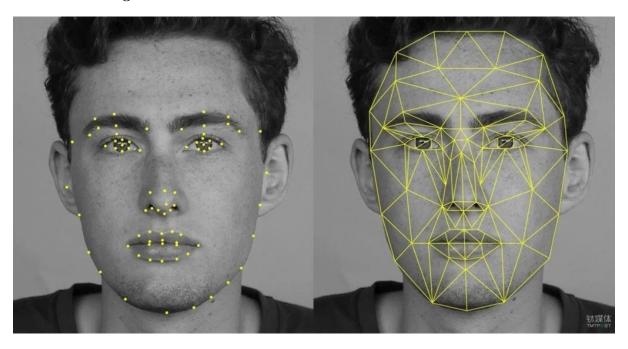


Figure 3: Facial recognition. Taken from here.

• Predicting a function

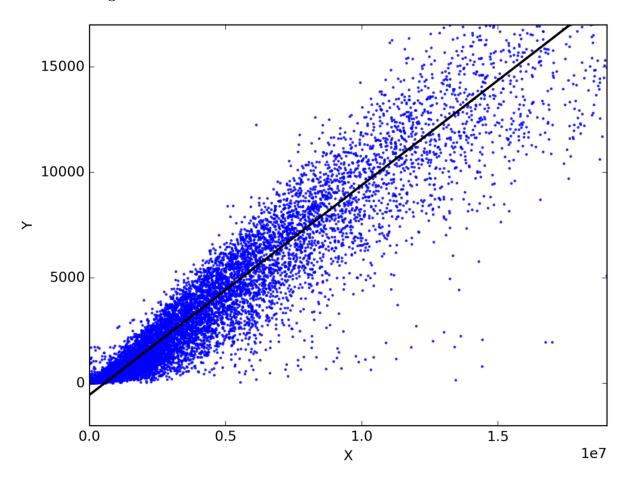


Figure 4: A linear regression model. Taken from this Medium blog.

• Speech recognition

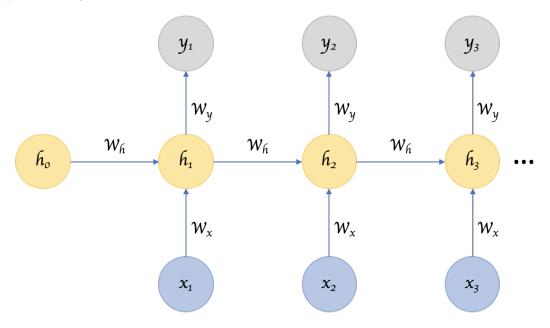


Figure 5: A recurrent neural network. Frequently used for speech recognition. Taken from towards data-science.com.

• Training an agent to play video games



Figure 6: A game called Montezuma's Revenge. Retro games are popular targets for Reinforcement Learning. Taken from this Medium blog.

• Training robots to walk

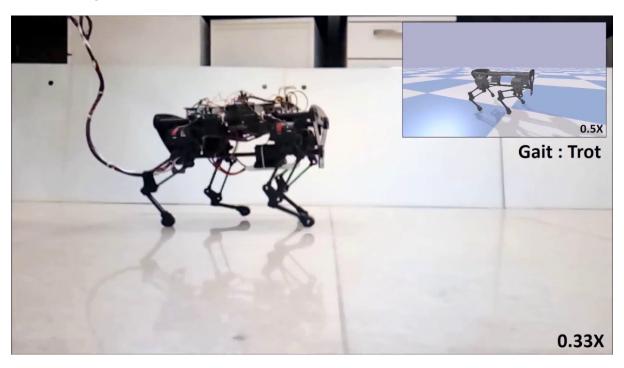
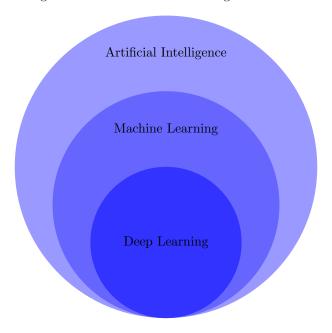


Figure 7: IISc's four-legged walking robot, which used Reinforcement Learning to learn the gaits. Taken from here.

3 Artificial Intelligence vs Machine Learning vs Deep Learning

- Artificial intelligence deals with machine systems which can mimic aspects of natural intelligence, such as learning from the environment and decision making.
- *Machine learning* is the study and creation of models which can learn to make predictions and decisions from training data without being explicitly programmed to do so. Machine learning is a subset of artificial intelligence.
- Deep learning involves training neural networks to perform a task like predicting a value or classifying data. Deep learning is a subset of machine learning.



4 Links and References:

4.1 Useful links:

- A Coursera/Stanford course on Machine Learning by Andrew Ng.
- A Coursera/DeepLearning.ai specialization on Deep Learning.
- A blog on data science.
- A popular book on Reinforcement Learning.
- A series on Deep Reinforcement Learning for video games.

4.2 Links to images and references:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_intelligence
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_general_intelligence
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine_learning
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