

SCC361 Week 1

Lecture 1 {

Learning Outcomes {

- Understand AI Concepts, Applications and Trends
- Understand Machine Learning terms
- Train Machine Learning Models for specific tasks
- Learn and implement simple AI based systems
- Learn how to evaluate the performance of AI systems

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Introduction to AI and ML {

AI Overview

Definition

Goals of AI

AI and Society

NLP {

Text that combines meaning with letters

Examples:

- Web search engine
- Text classification
- Sorting algorithms
- Spam filtering
- Machine translation
- Question answering
- Recommender Systems

Speech Technologies:

- Siri, Alexa, Cortana, Google Assistant
- Automatic Speech Recognition
- Dialogue Systems

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Explainability = Demonstrate how an AI came to a solution

Uncertainty/Robustness = How confident is the AI with its decision

History of AI {

Early Days

1943: McCulloch & Pitts
Boolean Circuit Model of Brain

1950: Turing
Computing Machinery and Intelligence

Excitement

1950s: Early AI Programs
Samuel's checkers program
Newell & Simon's Logic Theorist
Gelernter's Geometry Engine

1956: Dartmouth Meeting
Artificial Intelligence adopted

1965: Robinson
Complete algorithm for logical reasoning

Knowledge-based approaches

1969-79: Early development

1980-88: Expert systems
Industry Booms

1988-93: Expert systems industry bursts
AI Winter

Statistical Approaches + Subfield Expertise

Resurgence of probability, focus on uncertain
General increase in technical depth
Agents and machine learning systems
AI Spring?

Excitement (Now)

Big data, big compute, deep neural networks
Some re-unification of subfields
AI used in many industries

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The Thinking Machine {

What is AI? {

Approach 1: Thinking like a human
Approach 2: Acting like a human
Mimicing human behaviour
Approach 3: Thinking rationally
Approach 4: Acting rationally

Human	Rational
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Thinking	Systems that think like humans Systems that think rationally
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Acting	Systems that act like humans Systems that act rationally
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What is an Agent? {

Definition = Something that acts within an environment

Acts intelligently if:

- Action is appropriate
- Flexible to change
- Learns from experience
- Makes appropriate choices

Computational Agent: Agent whose decisions and actions can be explained in terms of computation

Rational Agent: Acts to achieve best outcome

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AI studies the synthesis and analysis of computational agents that act intelligently

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Goals of AI {

Scientific Goal = Understanding principles of intelligent behaviour

Engineering Goal = Concerned with constructing intelligent agents

Business Benefits:

- Workflow automation
- Enhance creative tasks
- Increased accuracy
- Better predictions

Social Benefits:

- Healthcare
- Smart cities, transport, security
- Forecasts and predictions
- Agriculture
- Overall Lifestyle

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Risks and Challenges {

Safety and Security

Trust and Social Manipulation

Explainable AI

Possible Job Loss

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Ethical Concerns {

Accountability

Accuracy, Bias, Privacy and Inequality

AI learns from data from humans, which may encode prejudice

Technological Social Responsibility

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Machine Learning {

AI systems were mostly rule-based

Machine Learning drives AI

Machine Learning = Field of study that gives computers the ability to learn, without being explicitly programmed

Declarative Knowledge = Accumulation of old facts

Imperative Knowledge = Deduce new facts from old facts

Supervised Learning = Tell computer how to learn

- Classification = Relationships and Categories

- Regression = Predicting

Mapping input to an output

Unsupervised Learning =

- Clustering = Inherent Grouping within data

- Association =

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