

Artificial Intelligence in the Legal Arena:

Opportunities, Challenges, and Ethical Considerations

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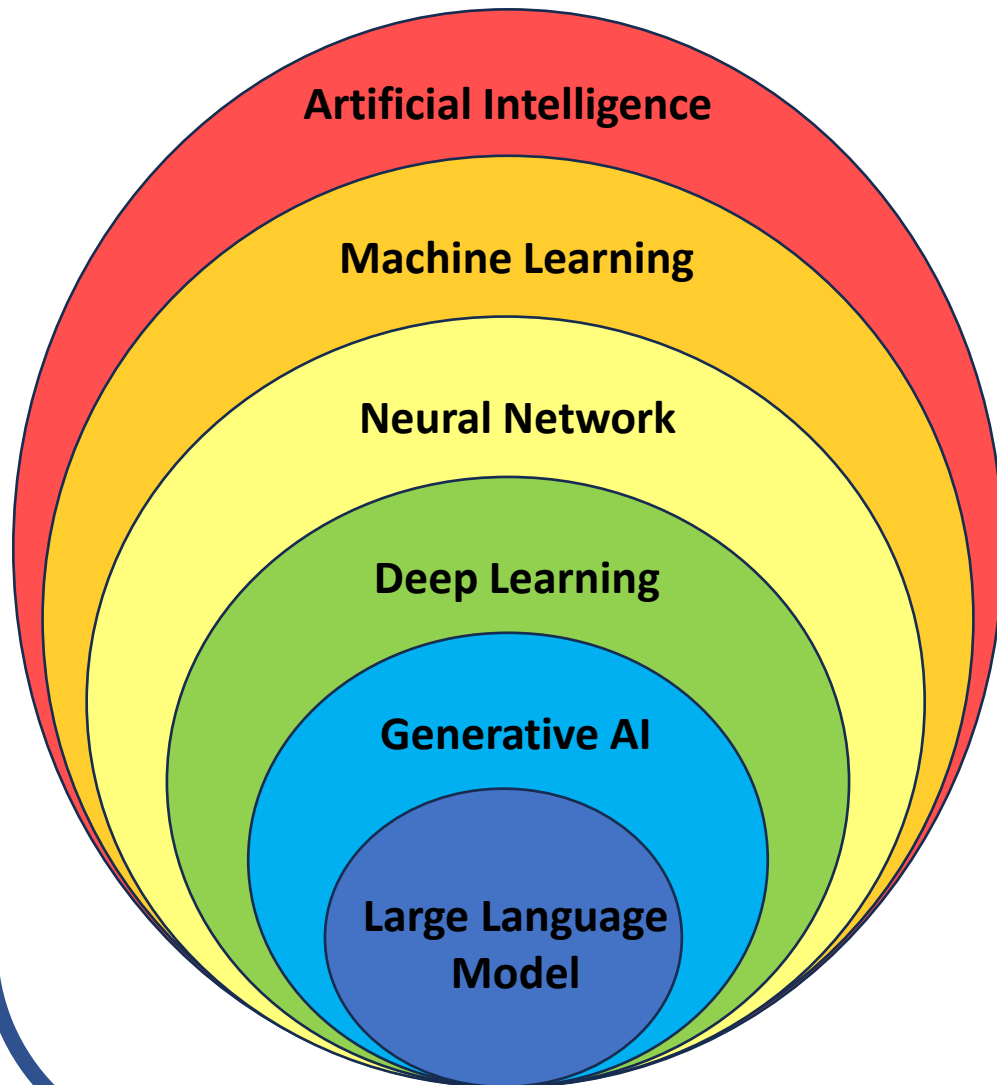
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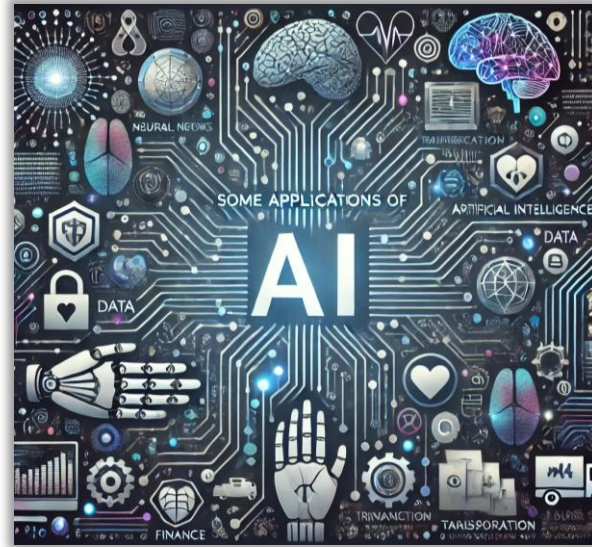
Artificial Intelligence Subcategories



- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** - system which performs tasks usually requiring human intelligence
- **Machine Learning (ML)** – system which learns patterns to make predictions without explicit instructions
- **Neural Networks** – models inspired by neurons in brains consisting of interconnected nodes
- **Deep Learning** – multi-layered neural networks with later layers capturing higher-order information
- **Generative AI** – systems creating new output – text, images, or audio – as opposed to merely describing or classifying
- **Large Language Models (LLM)** – deep learning networks trained on text data to understand / generate language

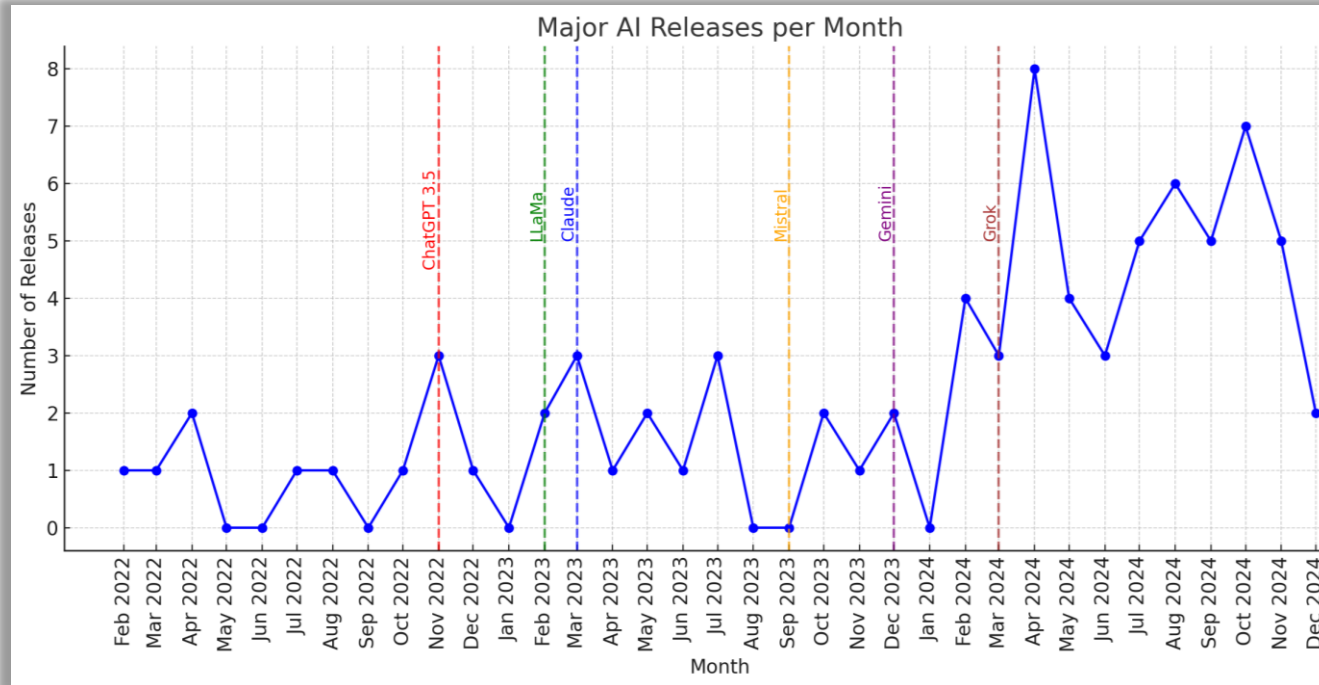
Some Applications of Artificial Intelligence

- Self-driving cars
- Smart home devices
- **Virtual assistants**
- Fraud detection
- Chemical research
- **Customer service**
- Weather forecasting
- Market prediction
- **Recommendation systems**
- Facial / object recognition
- Sentiment analysis



- **Speech / language translation**
- **Audio transcription** (meeting / video captions)
- **Content summary**
- **Content editing** (text, computer code)
- **Content generation** (text, images, video, audio, speech, code)
- Content moderation (message boards, chats, online game interactions)
- Personalized learning / tutoring
- Help with teacher grading / feedback
- **Chatbot**
- Spam filtering
- Network intrusion / virus detection
- Sportscasting / commentating (e.g. [Wimbledon](#))

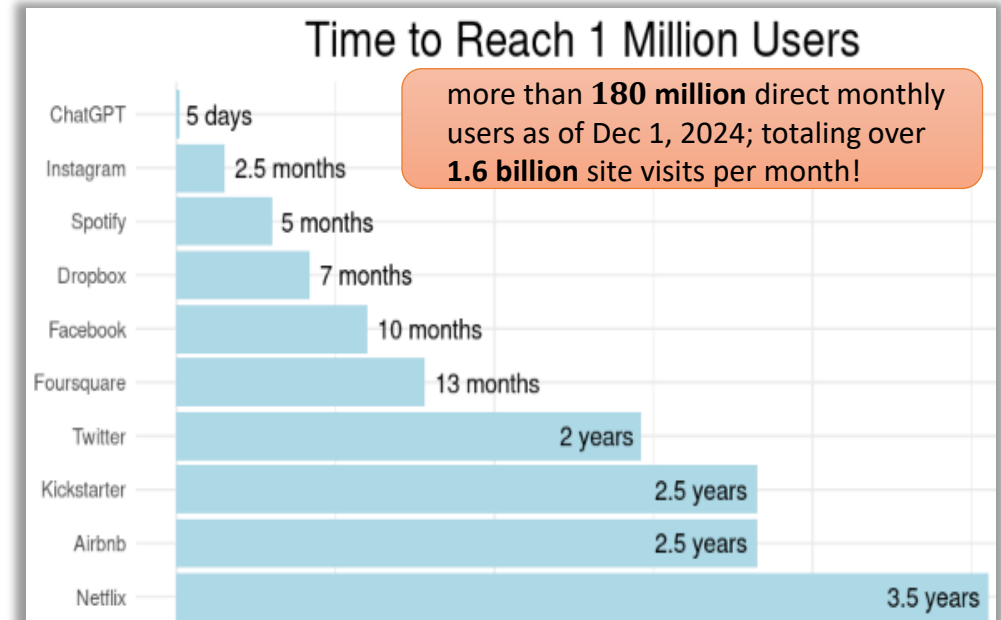
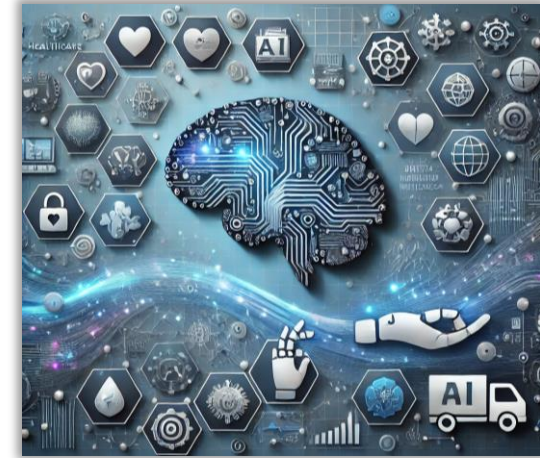
Growth of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI)



Data from <https://nhlocal.github.io/AiTimeline/>

Alan D. Thompson (<https://lifearchitected.ai/>) estimates that ChatGPT currently outputs the equivalent of *the entire printed works of mankind* (130 trillion books averaging 70k words per book)¹ every **two weeks**.

¹Based on Google Books study



Major Gen AI Platforms

Dec 2024 AI rankings from
<https://lmarena.ai/>

Note: multimodal input / output and web search is now standard in all major AI!



ChatGPT (OpenAI)

May 2024 **GPT-4o** - canvas (in beta) for collaboration
- API used for many other AI apps

Dec 2024 **o1** - “chain of thought” reasoning
- advanced math / physics
- slower! more expensive!



Claude (Anthropic)

Oct 2024 **3.5+ Sonnet** - focus on ethics, alignment, safety
- accuracy over creativity
- does not train on user interactions
- artifacts! *agentic* computer use!
- no web search / image generation



Gemini (Google)

Sept 2024 **1.5 Flash / Pro** - targets research
(partner with OpenStax)
- web search (with citations)
- integrated with Google ecosystem



LLaMA (Meta)

Dec 2024 **LLaMa 3.3** - open source and “open weight”
- code & weights used in many other AI’s
- text-only input (text or image output)
Meta AI - in Facebook, Messenger, Instagram, etc.



LE CHAT
MISTRAL (Mistral AI)

Emphasis on free / open-source models

Nov 2024 **Mistral / Pixtral / Codestral / Mathstral**
- canvas interface (like GPT-4o Pro)
- web search (with citations)

零一万物

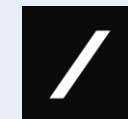
(01.AI)

Oct 2024 **Yi-Lightning** - most powerful Chinese AI



Nexusflow (Nexusflow Solution)

Nov 2024 **Athene-V2** - open source and “open weight”



Grok (xAI)

Aug 2024 **Grok 2** - creativity over accuracy

Rough Outline of Generative LLM AI

Prompt

Write a haiku about cats.

tokenizer

Tokens

(phrases, words, subwords)

embedding

Semantic Vectors

(numerical representation of meaning)

iterate

transformer
layers

self-attention

feedforward

Next Token Prediction

(list of possible tokens and probabilities – pick one)

de-tokenizer

Response

Whiskers in moonlight,
Soft paws tread the quiet night,
Mystery alive.

Generated Output

Output of <https://platform.openai.com/tokenizer>

Write a haiku about cats.

[10930, 261, 2472, 11169, 1078, 28854, 558]

Modern Generative AI's use between 100,000 and 200,000 tokens!

Rule of thumb:
1 token ≈ 4 characters

Embedding size of GPT-3 was about 12,000 dimensions (numbers)

- **Similar** tokens are assigned **nearby** numbers
- **Adding properties** corresponds to **addition of numbers**

Attention mechanism relates tokens to each other to find most relevant token
(introduced by Google in 2017)

Feed-forward network multiplies vectors by **weights** and combines them
Current top AI's use over 1 trillion learned **weights** (parameters)

Each transformer layer captures different features of the input
word level → phrases → sentences → overall meaning
Current top AI's use 80-100 layers with size around 8,000

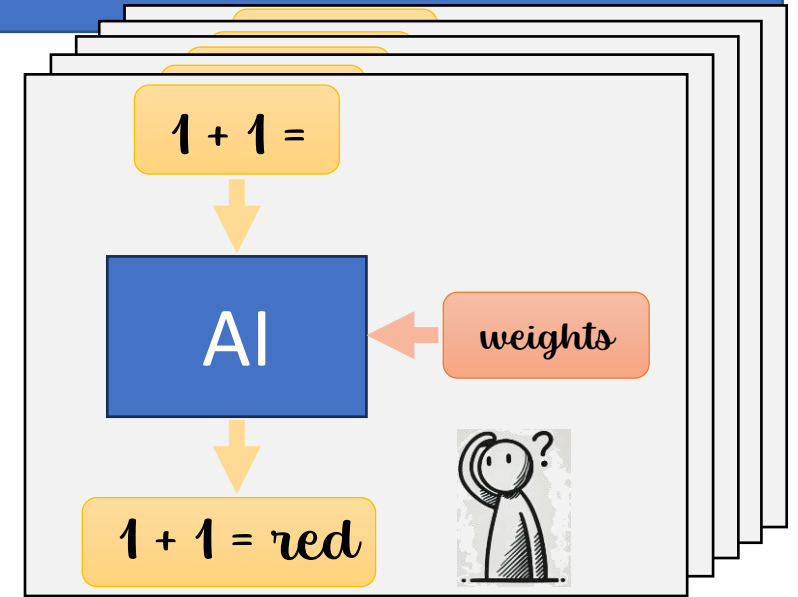
Method used to choose next token affects "creativity" of the model.

[2073, 3295, 409, 306, 290, 28479, 6038, 412, 35689, 175529, 67067, 290, 15095, 4856, 412, 165023, 875, 23757, 558]

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Training AI – Computing Weights

- Use massive dataset: diverse and representative
- Initialize model with random weights
- Gradually update weights
 - Run model to predict next token in data
 - Compare to actual value
 - Adjust weights to make actual value more likely
- Repeat multiple times over all data!



Very expensive! (\approx \$100 million; weeks or months of time; growing exponentially)

Modifying Models

Fine Tuning

- Additional training further modifying computed weights with new data
- Less resource-intensive than full training
- Risks “catastrophic forgetting”

Adapter-Based Training

- Adding new layers onto network without changing existing weights
- Very lightweight

Summary

Generative AI works like a very fancy autocomplete

ChatGPT views the following prompts similarly:

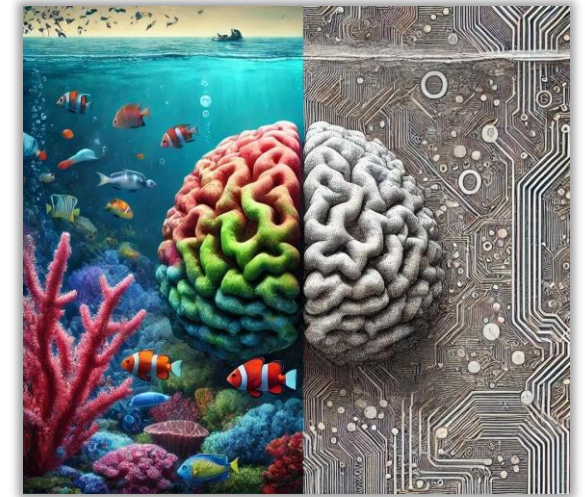
- $2 + 2 =$
- Complete the statement: “2 + ...”
- Complete the statement: “I like cats and ...”
- What is the next line:



“Hey, I just met you, and this is crazy
But here’s my number ...”



So call me, maybe?



AI are not “computers”

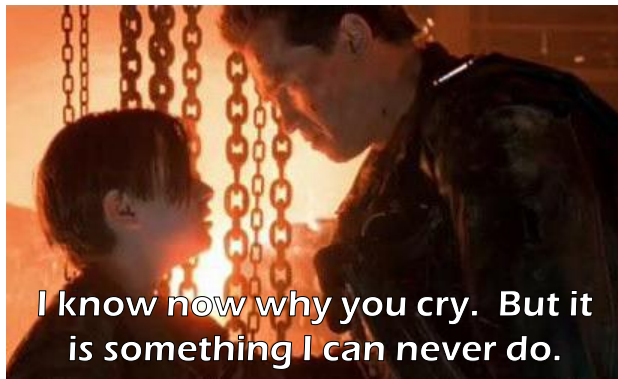
- Not computational
- Not deterministic
- Not “garbage in – garbage out”
- Not “does exactly what you tell it”

Expectations of AI vs Reality of AI

The AI we were told to expect...

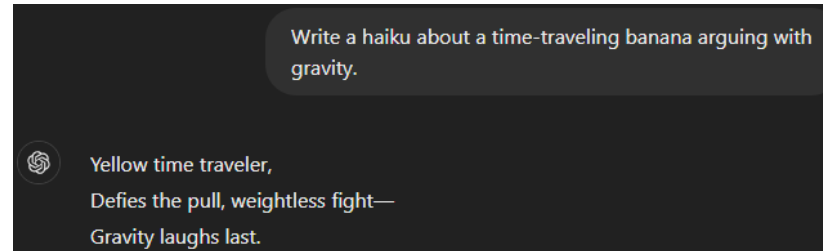


Star Trek: The Next Generation

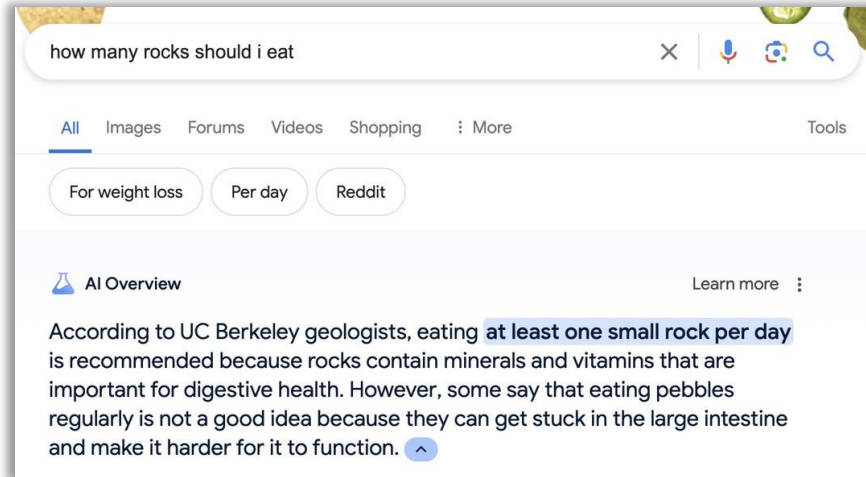


Terminator 2: Judgement Day

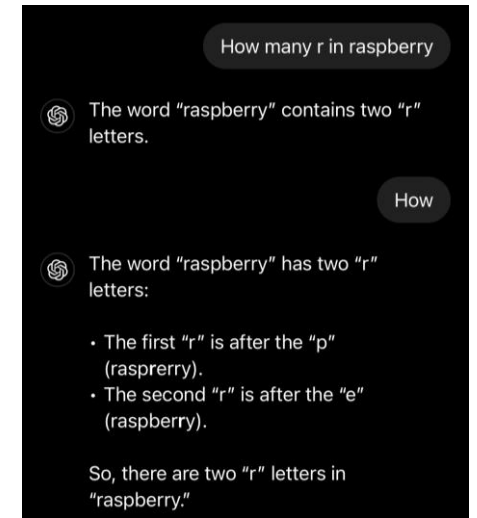
The AI we were given...



ChatGPT, Dec 10, 2024



Google AI Overview (Gemini), May 2024



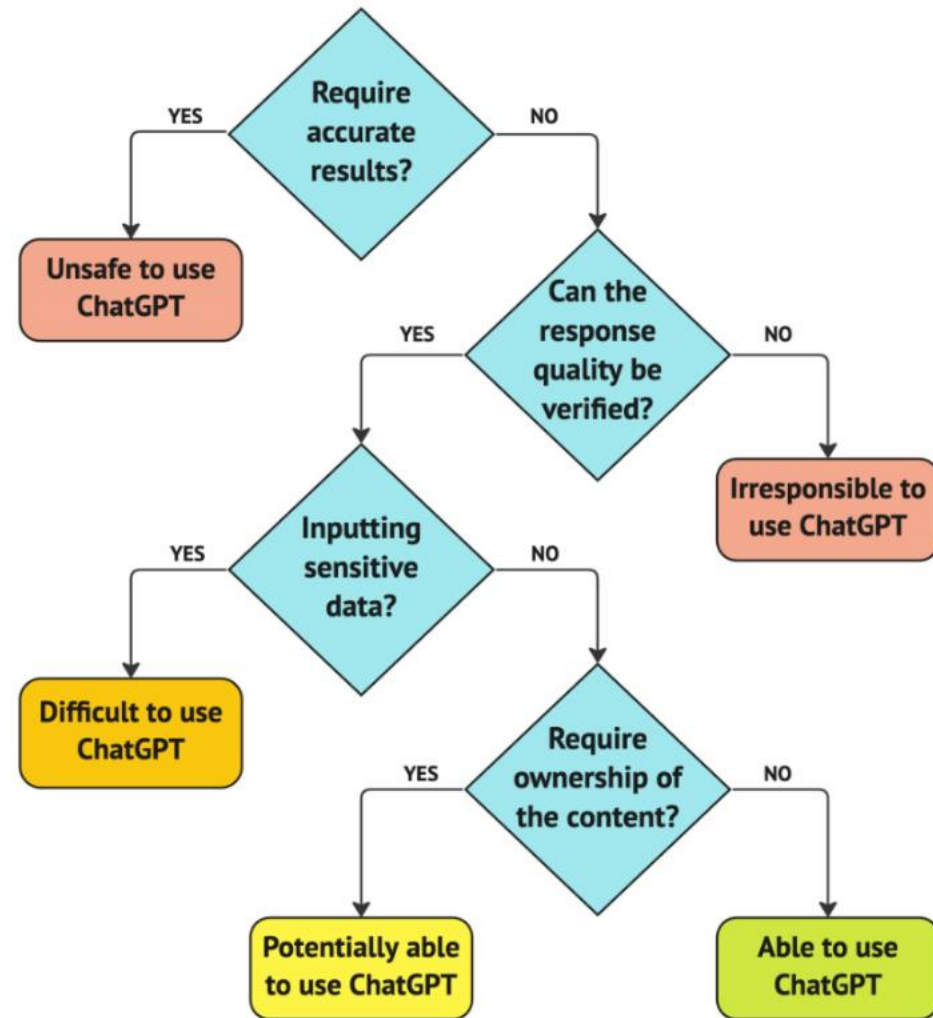
OpenAI Developer's forum, Aug 2024
"Incorrect count of 'r' characters..."

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Some problems with artificial intelligences

- **Accuracy / Accountability** – False output (“hallucinations”)
- **Privacy / Confidentiality** – prompts and attached data may be used for further training; various methods can expose training data (glitch tokens, overfitting)
- **Biases / Gaps in training data** – characteristics of training data will appear in output; implicit bias has been observed in AI outputs inferring ethnicity from names





AI for Attorneys

Uses of AI

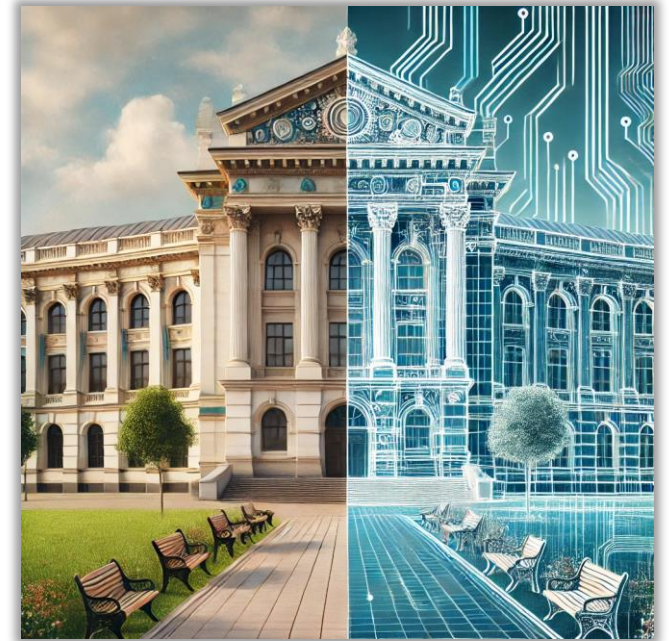
- Drafting/templating communications (e.g., memos, emails, correspondence to opposing counsel, etc.): 58%
- Conducting legal research (“e-discovery”): 53%
- Summarizing legal narratives: 42%
- Reviewing legal documents: 34%
- Drafting/templating legal contracts: 23%
- Conducting due diligence: 21%
- Reviewing discovery: 15%
- Negotiating/redlining contracts: 11%
- Preparing case filings (e.g., pleadings, motions, jury instructions, etc.): 8%
- Estate planning: 2%



AI in the Courtroom

**Transcription
Translation**

New Mexico court system incorporates system from “For the Record”
(<https://fortherecord.com/>)



AI in Policing

Many police technology companies / startups are pitching AI applications



AI in Crime

- **“Blackout challenge” lawsuit vs TikTok?**
[Aug 28. US appeals court revives lawsuit](#): ML recommendation engines “not protected by sec 230 of Communications Decency Act”
- **National security threat order [\(PAFACAA\) vs ByteDance?](#)**
TikTok collects data on US citizens, could be used to manipulate opinion?
- **“Algorithmic collusion”**
ML driven high frequency trading may contribute to market volatility (2010). AI driven house price suggestions accused of price-fixing.



Privacy and surveillance

AI can be induced to leak training data. Massive training data sets can also be directly stolen or exposed via human intervention or [mistakes](#).

- **Training data privacy**

Internal AI may be trained with confidential data; e.g. names, phone numbers, addresses, salary. [Known attacks can extract this information](#).
- see *Nasr. Scalable extraction of training data... (2023)*

- **Query data privacy**

Many AI will *self-improve*, training on supplied query or analysis data. Any non-anonymized data exposed to the AI is at risk of leakage.



Transparency and explainability

Accountability



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“Human in the loop”

- Automated ML decisions are dangerous!
- Important for responsibility and accountability
- Don't blindly copy / believe AI output!

Don't enter confidential data into 3rd party AI

Use AI to augment your creativity, not replace.

Think critically about likely training data and bias.

Policies



Some references