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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Philosophy

On October 1950, in his article *Computing Machinery and Intelligence*, Alan Turing questioned: "Can machines think?" [5]. At the time, the question was too meaningless to answer since not only the theory but also the technology available weren't developed enough. Nonetheless, Turing still predicted that in the future there would be computers that could effectively display human-like intelligence and discernment under the conditions proposed on the aforementioned article.

## 1.2 Birth

The breakthroughs of Artificial Intelligence (AI) are predominant, and its importance in our everyday life is undeniable, but the theory behind it has several early roots. The interest in the area grew immensely with, for example, all the Turing's research, the proposal of the first mathematical Artificial Neuron model in 1943 by Warren McCulloch and Walter Pitts (based of binary inputs and output) [1] and Donald Hebb in 1949 revolutionized the way the artificial neurons were treated by proposing what is known as the Hebb's rule: when two neurons fire together their relation is strengthened **insert citations from the book**. All previously mentioned works were the backbone of research that eventually lead to Perceptrons - the first Artificial Neural Network (ANN) **citation needed for the last part** [8]. Taking into consideration the latter two, but specially Hebb's proposals, Belmont Farley and Westley Clark implemented one of the first successful ANN in 1954 [2]. Over the span of approximately ten years, multiple researches were per-

formed attempting to computerize the human brain, however, only in 1956, during the *Dartmouth Summer Research Project on Artificial Intelligence* [4], was the term "Artificial Intelligence" firstly proposed by John McCarthy et al., beginning what is now considered to be the birth of AI [8].

### 1.3 Plateau

The succeeding two decades following the Dartmouth conference were filled with important developments, with special emphasis in the works published in 1958 by Rosenblatt (generalized the Farley and Clark training to multi-layer networks rather than only two) [3] and the General Problem Solver implemented by Herbert Simon/Cliff Shaw/Allen Newell (program capable of solving problems such as the Towers of Hanoi) [6] and the ELIZA program developed by Joseph Weizenbaum between 1964 and 1966 (natural language processing tool) [7]. Unfortunately, all the interested and development around AI met an unforeseen halt in 1969 when Marvin Minsky and Seymour Papert released a paper that uncovered two issues that the perceptron network couldn't solve: linear inseperatable problems (**with special significance the XOR and XNOR functions**) and lack of sufficient computing power to handle the processing of multi-layer large networks (**citation needed**).

### 1.4 Comeback

Hinton et al. (Backpropagation), Waibe et al. (Time Delay Neural Network for speech recognition, considered a one-dimensional convolutional neural network), Zhang (first two-dimensional CNN - SIANN), LeCun et al. (network for handwritten zipcode recognition and used the term "convolution"

for the first time which is the original version of LeNet)

## **2 Background Section**

### **2.1 The domains of Artificial Intelligence**

Artificial Intelligence is an extensive term that can be broadly described as the ability of a computer to simulate or mimic human-like behaviors, such as decision-making, judgement and, most importantly, learning [8].

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