

Neural Networks: Introduction



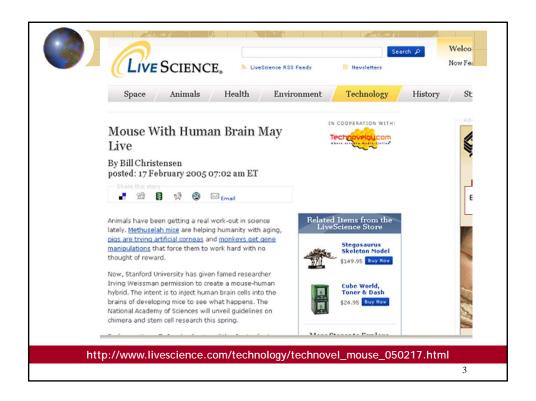
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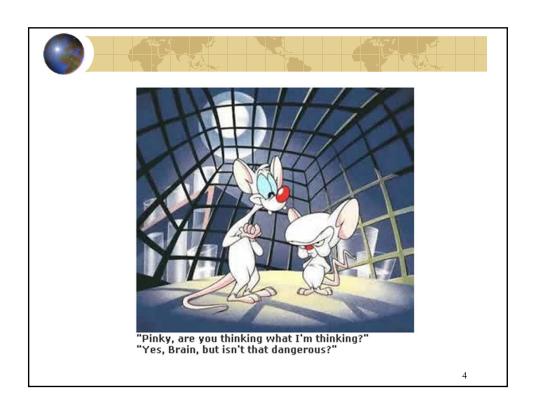


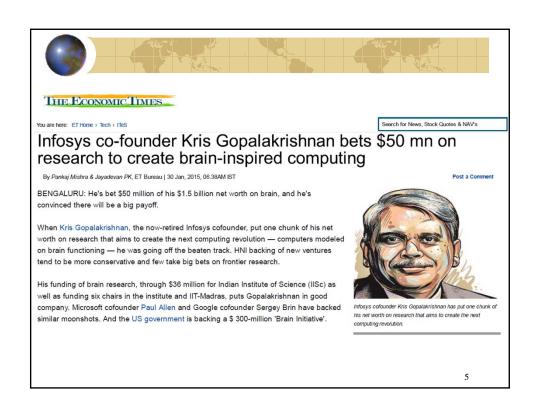
Movies on Brain

- Arena Brains 1988
- Big Brain, The 1933
- Billion Dollar Brain 1967
- Bird-Brain Bird Dog 1954
- Brain Again Spot 1994
- Brain Candy 1996
- Brain Damage 1988
- Brain Dead 1990
- Brain Donors 1992
- Brain Eaters, The 1958
- Brain from Planet Arous, The 1957
- Brain Leeches, The 1977
- Brain Machine, The 1956, 1977
- Brain of Blood 1972
- Brain Smasher...A Love Story 1993
- Brain that Wouldn't Die, The 1959

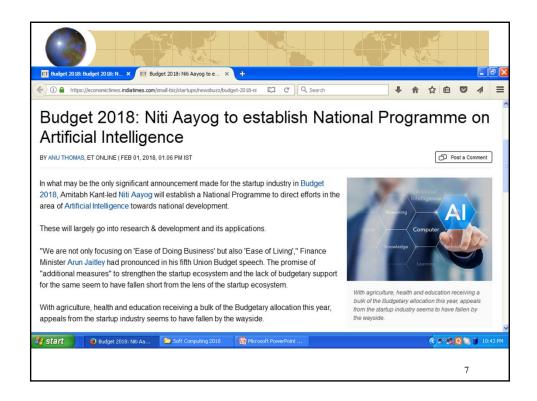
- Brain, The 1988
- Braindead 1992
- Brainscan 1994
- Brainstorm 1965, 1983, 1994
 - Brainwaves 1982
- Creature with the Atom Brain -1955
- Donovan's Brain 1953
- Great Brain, The 1978
- Hare-Brained Hypnotist, The -1942
- Man with Two Brains, The 1983
- Runaway Brain 1995
- Scatterbrain 1940
- Scrambled Brains 1951
- Train on the Brain 2000
- Tricky Brains 1991
- Twisted Brain 1974













Basic Definition

A neural network (NN) is massively parallel distributed processor made up of simple processing units, which has natural propensity for storing experiential knowledge and making it available for use. It resembles the brain in two respects:

- (1) Knowledge is acquired by the network from its environment through a **learning process**.
- (2) Interneuron connection strengths, known as synaptic weights, are used to store the acquired knowledge



What is all about NN?

- Neuro-computing
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
- Connectionism
- Artificial Computer Brain
- Parallel Distributed Processing (PDP) System
 - Now quite common
 - > Not black magic
 - Just a black box that performs a function similar to nonlinear regression

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What is NN Computing?

- Very loosely based on how the brain is thought to work
- It is an emulation of primitive neural processes in software (or hardware)
- It attempts to mimic (it cannot yet copy) the workings of a biological brain



History of ANNs

- McCullough and Pitts (1943) models of biological neural networks based on their understanding of neurology
- Initial computer simulations in the 1950's
 research by IBM, Hebb and Milner
- Rosenblat (1958) the perceptron
 - three-layer system that could connect or associate a given input to a random output unit

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Widrow and Hoff (1960)

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- used more complex learning rules to minimize the difference between the observed and desired output
- Early 1960s a lot of follow-up research
- Minsky and Papert (1969) pivotal paper which made an unfounded (and later disproved) argument regarding the limited potential of multilayer perceptrons (now the most common ANN)



- Result of Minsky and Papert's paper: no funding for ANN research!
- Werbos (1974) produced the first backpropagation method of learning for ANNs
- More significant research occurred in the late 70's and early 80's
 - adaptive networks
- Rummelhart, McClelland, and others (1986) a book Parallel Distributed Processing
 - popularized the *backpropagation* method
- Since 1986, tremendous increase in ANN models, applications

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Characteristics of ANN

- Classification: They can extract classification (clustering) characteristics from a large number of input examples. e.g.
- Pattern Matching: They can produce the corresponding output patterns for given input patterns.
- Pattern Completion: For an incomplete pattern, networks can generate the missing portion of the input pattern.



Characteristics of ANN

- Learning: Unlike expert systems, neural networks learn many example patterns and their associations i.e. desired outputs or conclusions.
- Generalization: The network responds in an interpolative way to noisy, incompetent, or previously unseen data. An associative network, where input is equal to desired output, can produce a full output if presented with a potential input. This property is called "generalization".

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Characteristics of ANN

- Fault Tolerance: In ANN, the memory is distributed and failure of some processing elements will slightly change overall behavior of the network.
- Optimization: For given initial values of a specific optimization problem, the networks help in arriving at a set of variables which represent a solution to the problem.



Characteristics of ANN

- Control: Current state of a controller and the desired response for the controller as an input pattern, the networks generate proper command sequence to create the desired response.
- Distributed Memory: The connection weights are the memory units of the network. The value of weights represent the current state of knowledge of the network. A unit of knowledge, represented for example by an input/output pair is distributed across all the weighted connections of the network.

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Characteristics of ANN

Storage Memory: There is one set of network weights capable of representing a large space of stored patterns. Thus it provides an advantage of lesser amount of storage memory.



NN replaces the Mathematical Model .. How?

- No need for a conventional equation
- Equations Maps or translates inputs onto outputs
- NN learns how to map based on input and output data
- It trains itself and learns to perform the task of prediction/forecasting

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What else NN can offer?

- NN learns how to model a given site itself
- Scope for performance improvement over time
- Easy to maintain
- Cheap and automatic
- Same software can be applied to all sites
- Possibility of real-time retraining
- NN handles imprecise data
- Possibility of testing off-line to establish confidence

