

# Unit 1: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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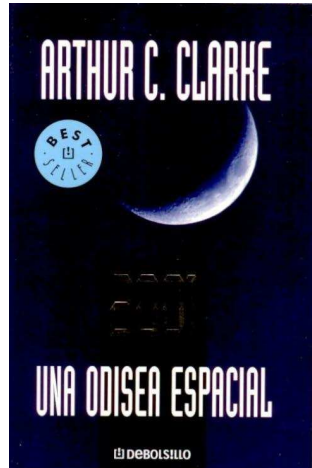
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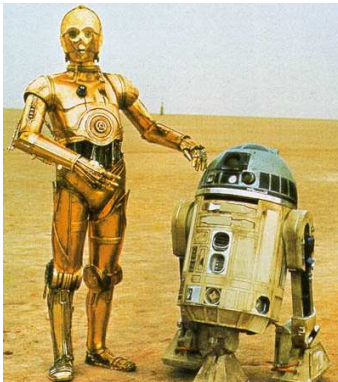


Artificial Intelligence (2001)  
Steven Spielberg

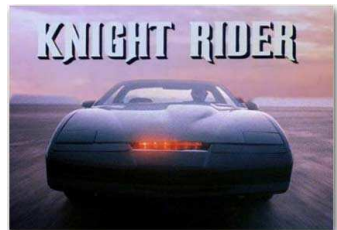


2001 A Space Odyssey (1968)  
Arthur C. Clarke

## Preliminary notions II



Star Wars (1977)  
George Lucas



Knight Rider (1982)  
Glen A. Larson

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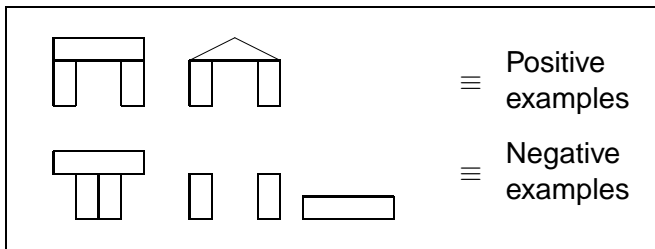
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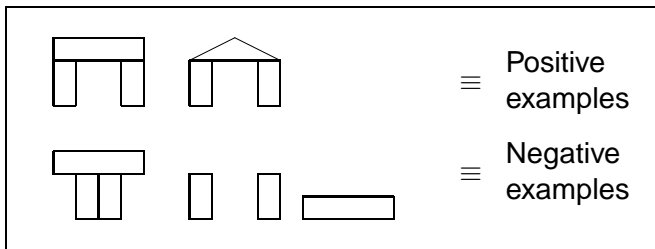
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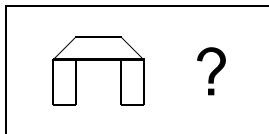
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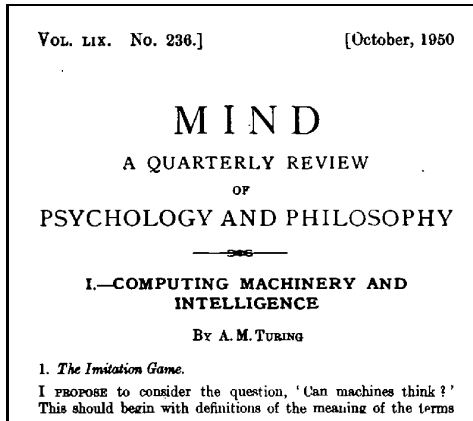
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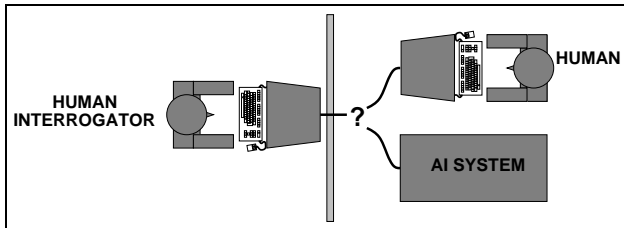
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*I propose to consider the question, **Can machines think?***

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Turing test is not *reproducible*, *constructive*, and it cannot be subject of *mathematical analysis*.

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## Artificially intelligent game bots pass the Turing test on Turing's centenary

[September 26, 2012](#)



UT<sup>2</sup> game bot faces off against an opponent. Credit: Jacob Schrum

An artificially intelligent virtual gamer created by computer scientists at The University of Texas at Austin has won the BotPrize by convincing a panel of judges that it was more human-like than half the humans it competed against.

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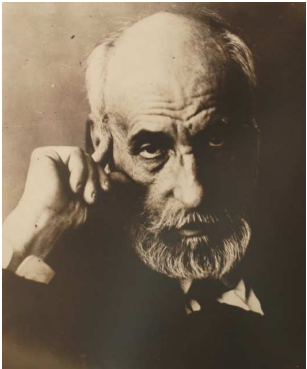
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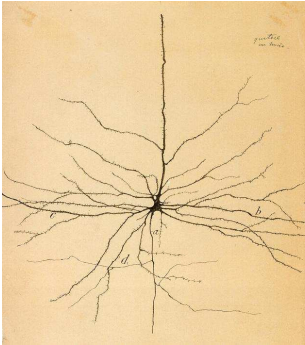
Because of the "all-or-none" character of nervous activity, neural events and the relations among them can be treated by means of propositional logic. It is found that the behavior of every net can be described in these terms, with the addition of more complicated logical means for nets containing circles; and that for any logical expression satisfying certain conditions, one can find a net behaving in the fashion it describes.

# Santiago Ramón y Cajal



Santiago Ramón y Cajal (1852 - 1934)

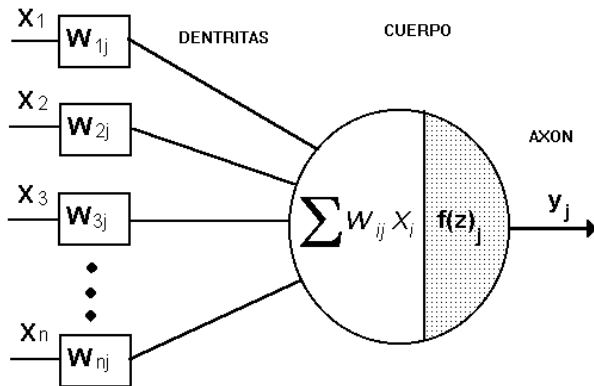
Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1906



Drawing of a neuron by Ramón y Cajal (1899)



# Artificial Neuron



# Artificial Models of the Brain

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## REPORT

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#### ABSTRACT

A central challenge for cognitive and systems neuroscience is to relate the incredibly complex behavior of animals to the equally complex activity of their brains. Recently described, large-scale neural models have not bridged this gap between neural activity and biological function. In this work, we present a 2.5-million-neuron model of the brain (called "Spaun") that bridges this gap by exhibiting many different behaviors. The model is presented only with visual image sequences, and it draws all of its responses with a physically modeled arm. Although simplified, the model captures many aspects of neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and psychological behavior, which we demonstrate via eight diverse tasks.

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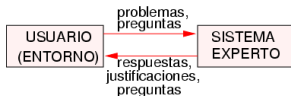
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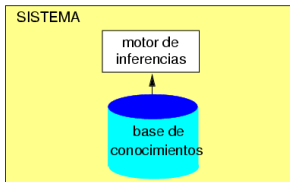
- Knowledge based systems
- Expert systems
  - **Dendral** (Feigenbaum, 1975). Inference of molecular structures.
  - **XCON** (McDermott, 1978) Selection of components for the VAX computer systems.
  - **Mycin** (ShortLiffe, ~1970) Diagnosis of infectious blood diseases.
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## Basic structure of KBS

SE: punto de vista funcional (conductista)

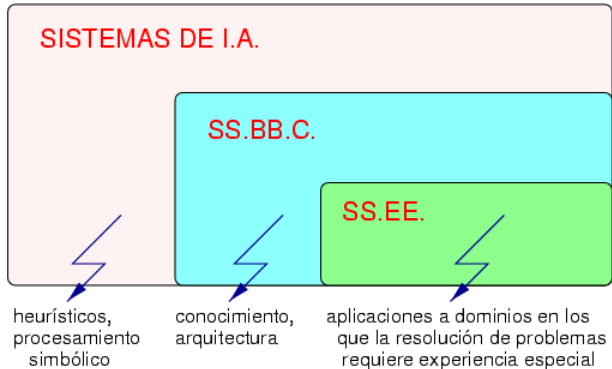


SBC: punto de vista estructural (cognitivo)



KBS = Knowledge + Reasoning

# Expert Systems

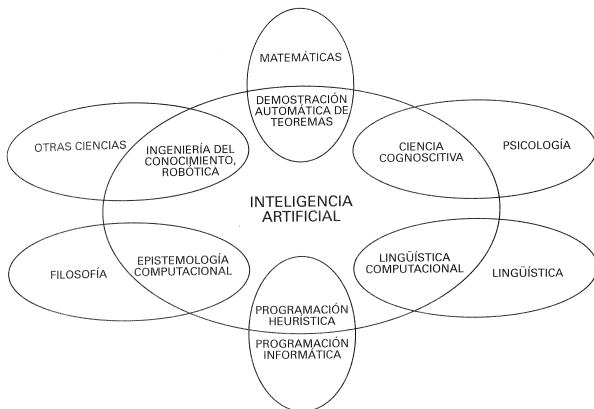




# Diversification (1993-)

- Genetic algorithms
  - Artificial life
  - Learning
  - Robotics
  - Agent theory
  - . . .
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- Man-machine interaction
  - Access to a huge amount of data

# Relationship with other sciences



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- Knowledge representation
- Deduction, reasoning, and problem solving
- Planing
- Machine Learning
- Natural language processing
- Movement and manipulation
- Perception
- Social Intelligence
- Creativity
- Intelligence in general
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