

# **FUNDAMENTALS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE(AE1FAI)**

Module Introduction and  
fundamentals in AI  
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- ❖ Dr Huan Jin,
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# AN OVERVIEW OF THIS SESSION

- ❖ Module introduction (part 1)
- ❖ What is Artificial Intelligence? (part 2)

# LEARNING OUTCOME

## -DO NOT EXPECT

- ❖ Transform yourself into a Terminator
- ❖ Become a famous Hacker
- ❖ Build yourself a Robot Girl/Boy friend

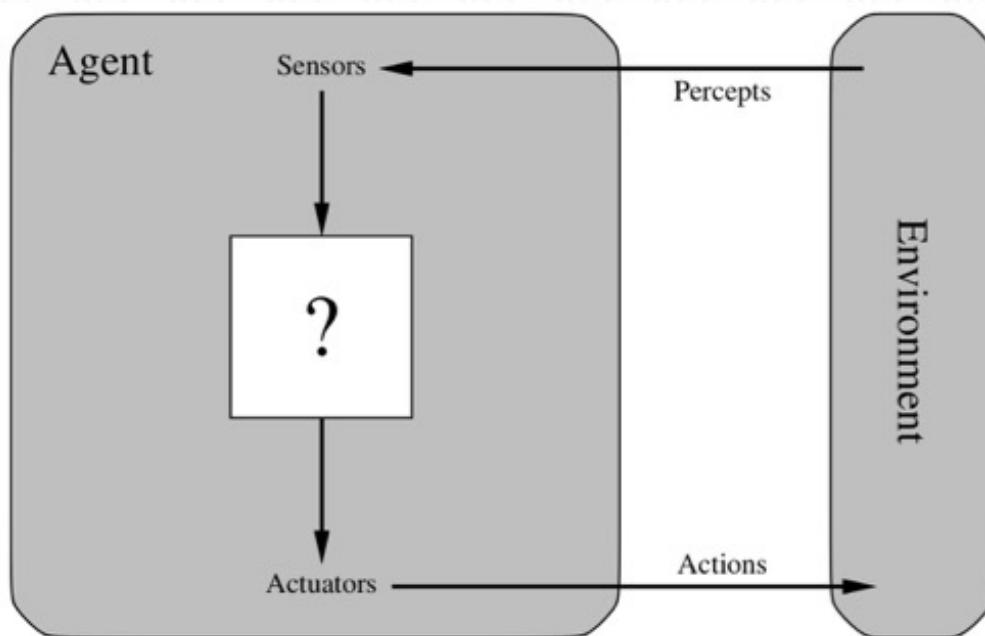


# MODULE INTRODUCTION-LEARNING AIMS (INTRODUCTION LEVEL)

- ❖ Define what we mean by AI
- ❖ Understand the **basic theory** of a range of AI techniques
- ❖ Knowledge to **implement** some **basic** AI techniques
- ❖ Become familiar with **AI software**
- ❖ **Insights** of AI **history**, i.e. key milestones
- ❖ **Aware** of current AI **applications**
- ❖ **Provide foundation for next few years of study**

# PART 1 – WHAT TO LEARN?

Major AI researchers and textbooks define this field as "the study and design of **intelligent agents**", where an intelligent agent is a system that **perceives its environment** and **takes actions** that **maximize its chances of success**.



# WHAT TO LEARN? (CONT.)

**Modeling**

**Inference**

**Learning**

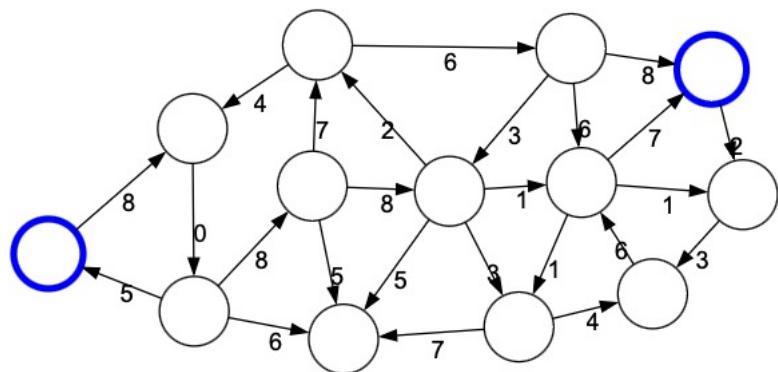
# WHAT TO LEARN? (CONT.)

Real world route finding problem



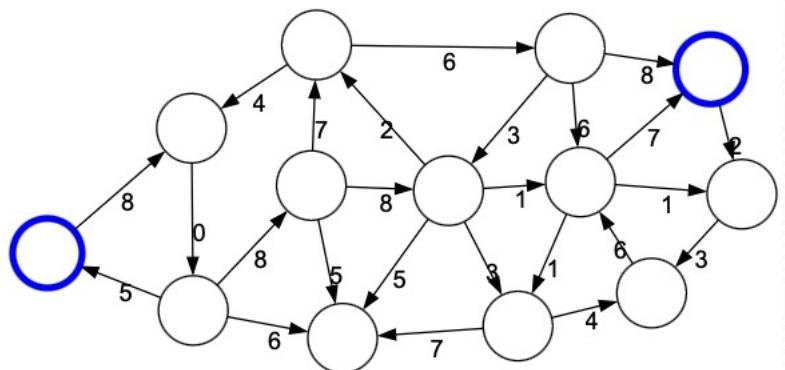
→ **Modeling** →

Model



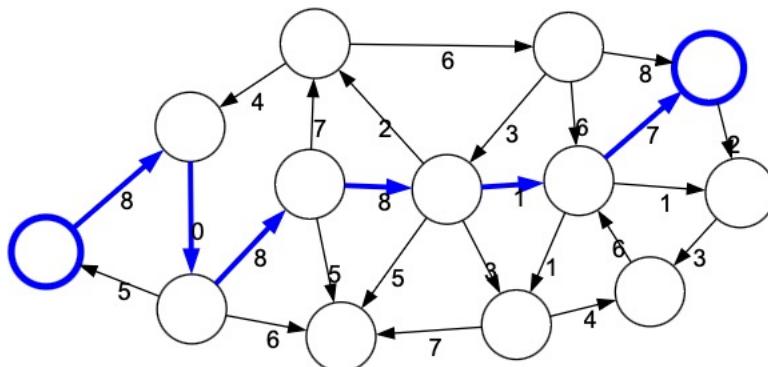
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Model



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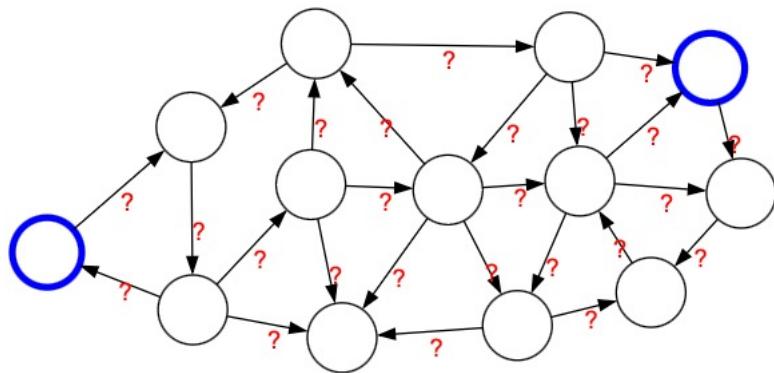
Prediction



Cannot see the whole graph? ([heuristic](#))  
Uncertainty? ([MDP](#))

# WHAT TO LEARN? (CONT.)

Model without parameters

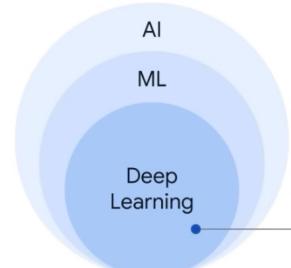
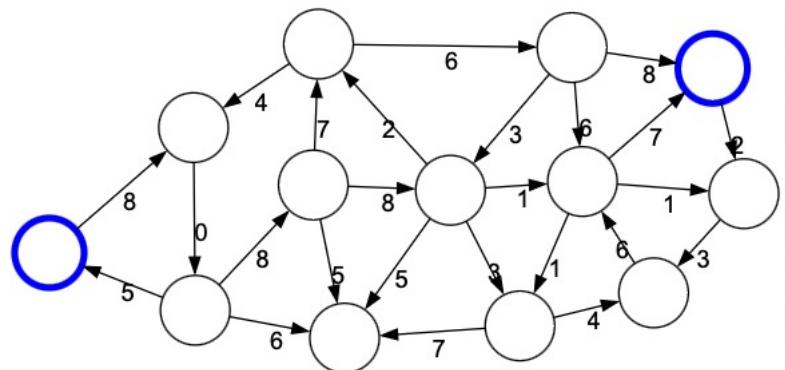


→ Learning →

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**DATA**

Model with parameters



Machine Learning
Supervised learning
Unsupervised learning
Reinforcement learning
Deep learning

# MODULE INTRODUCTION - CONTENT

## ❖ Introduction

- Definition and issues (Qian)

## ❖ Solving Problem by Searching

- Problem space and search (Qian)
- Blind search (Qian)
- Heuristic search (Qian)
- Game play (Qian)
- Markov Decision Problem (Huan)

## ❖ Learning

- MDP based Reinforcement learning (Huan)
- Introduction to machine learning (Huan)
- Neural network (Huan)
- Bayesian theorem (Huan)

# MODULE INTRODUCTION - TEXTBOOK

❖ **Artificial Intelligence – A Modern Approach (global edition)(AIMA)  
(Russell/Norvig), 1995 & 2003**

- Most comprehensive textbook in AI
- Much of the material for this course is from this book, available from library
- Web site: <http://aima.cs.berkeley.edu/>
- Reference book: You don't have to learn the **whole** book

# MODULE INTRODUCTION-TEXTBOOK

**Artificial Intelligence – A Modern Approach (Russell/Norvig), 1995 & 2003**

- Chap 1: Introduction
- Chap 3: Solving Problems by Search
- Chap 5: Adversarial Search
- Chap 13.5: Bayes' Rule and its use
- Chap 18: Learning from Example
- Chap 20: Learning Probabilistic Model
- Chap 26: Philosophical Foundation
- + extra reading provided at each session

# MODULE INTRODUCTION-MOODLE

- ❖ All lecture **slides** and additional notes
- ❖ Assessments: coursework and exam info, incl. previous exam paper/example questions
- ❖ Textbooks, reading list
- ❖ Module schedule (to be updated)
- ❖ Other resources

# MODULE INTRODUCTION – LAB

## ❖ Lab sessions (IAMET-406 , Python)

- Start on 1<sup>st</sup> March (2<sup>nd</sup> week of the semester)
- Python intro: 2 labs (allocate more hours for python tutorials)
- Object-orient programing: 1 lab
- Search techniques: 3 labs
- MDP: 1 lab
- Machine learning: 3 labs
- IDEs: Jupyter notebook, Spyder
- get anaconda installed on your laptop

# MODULE INTRODUCTION-CONTACT HOURS

- ◆ Lecture time 20 - 22 hours (10-11 sessions)
- ◆ Lab sessions: 18-20 hours
- ◆ Coursework: ~10 hours
- ◆ Self study & revision: ~50 hours

# MODULE INTRODUCTION-ASSESSMENT

## ❖ **75% examination** **75 marks**

- 1.5 hours
- 3 compulsory questions
- Covers ALL lectures content

## ❖ **25% coursework**

- 2 pieces:
  - I: Search techniques **15 marks**
  - II: machine learning **10 marks**
- Supported in lab sessions

# HOW THE MODULE FIT

## ❖ Perceives its environment

- Observation and understanding of the environment
- Observations => Facts (machine learning, pattern recognition)
- Facts => knowledge (data mining, knowledge representation and reasoning, searching)

## ❖ Take actions

- Making decisions (searching, reasoning, machine learning, uncertainty management, Evolutionary computation)

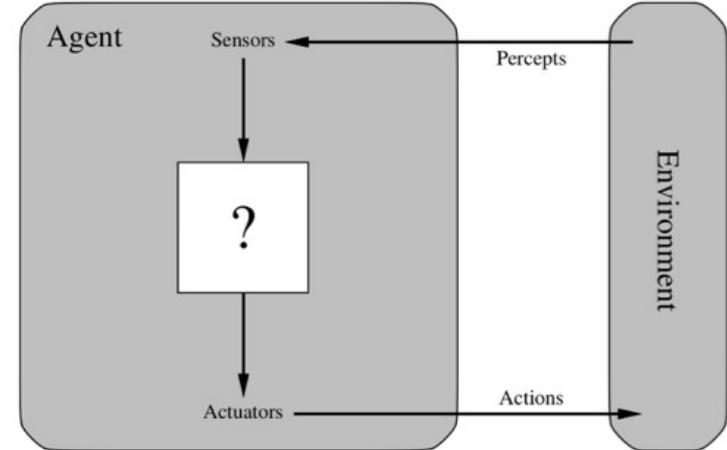
## ❖ Maximize the chance of success

- Optimization
- Evolutional computation

COMP1037	Fundamentals in Artificial Intelligence
COMP2051	Artificial Intelligence Methods
COMP2047	Introduction to Image Processing
COMP3055	Machine learning
COMP3065	Computer Vision
COMP4107	Big Data
COMP3050	Individual Dissertation Single Honours

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	Planning and Search and Artificial Intelligence Programming
	Fuzzy Sets and Fuzzy Logic Systems
	Automated Decision Support Methodologies
	Knowledge Representation and Reasoning



# PART TWO - WHAT IS AI?

- ◆ 5 years old child vs. computer: which is more intelligent?
- ◆ Any real world examples of using AI?

# APPLICATION AREAS OF AI TECHNIQUES

- Siri
- Self-driving Car
- Robotics
- Machine translation
- Chatbot
- AI agent in video game
- ... ....



# APPLICATION AREAS OF AI TECHNIQUES

- Autonomous planning and scheduling
- Computer Vision
- Natural language processing
- Search engines
- Medical diagnosis
- Credit card fraud / Spam mail detection
- Stock market analysis
- Speech and handwriting recognition
- Adaptive websites
- Recommender system
- ....

# WHAT IS AI?

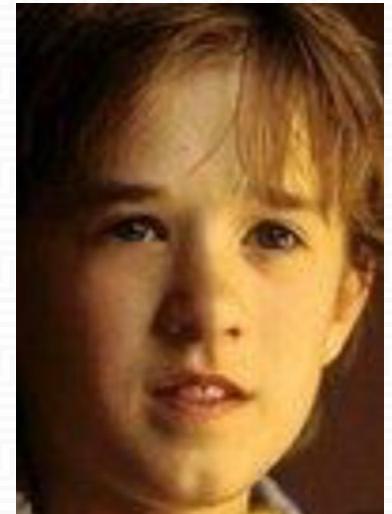
- ❖ **Artificial intelligence (AI)** is the branch of computer science that develops machines and software with intelligence.
- ❖ Major AI researchers and textbooks define the field as "the study and design of **intelligent agents**", where an intelligent agent is a system that **perceives its environment** and takes actions that **maximize its chances of success**.

# WHAT IS AI?

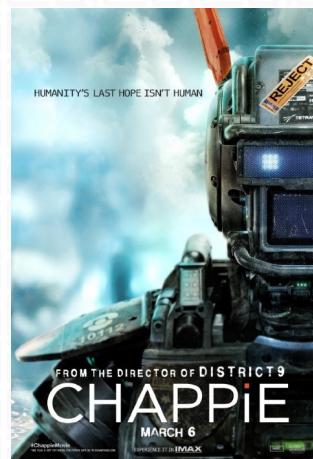
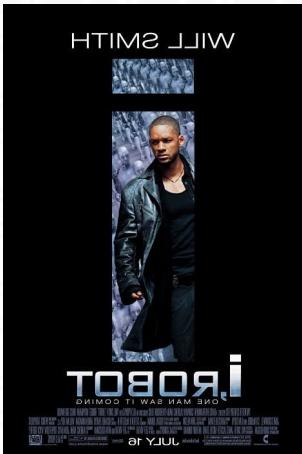
- ❖ John McCarthy, who coined the term in 1955: "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines"
- ❖ AI is the study of how to make computers do things which, at the moment, people do better.  
Elaine Rich, 1991
- ❖ AI is a branch of computer science and engineering that deals with intelligent behaviour, learning, and adaptation in machines.  
Wikipedia, 2009

# WHAT IS AI?

- ❖ The concept of machine can think and act like human beings has bring a lot of resource for movie and fiction.
- ❖ Can machines ever be intelligent?
  - A.I. Artificial Intelligence (2001)
  - Director: Steven Spielberg
  - Philosophy film
- ❖ Any other robots in movies?



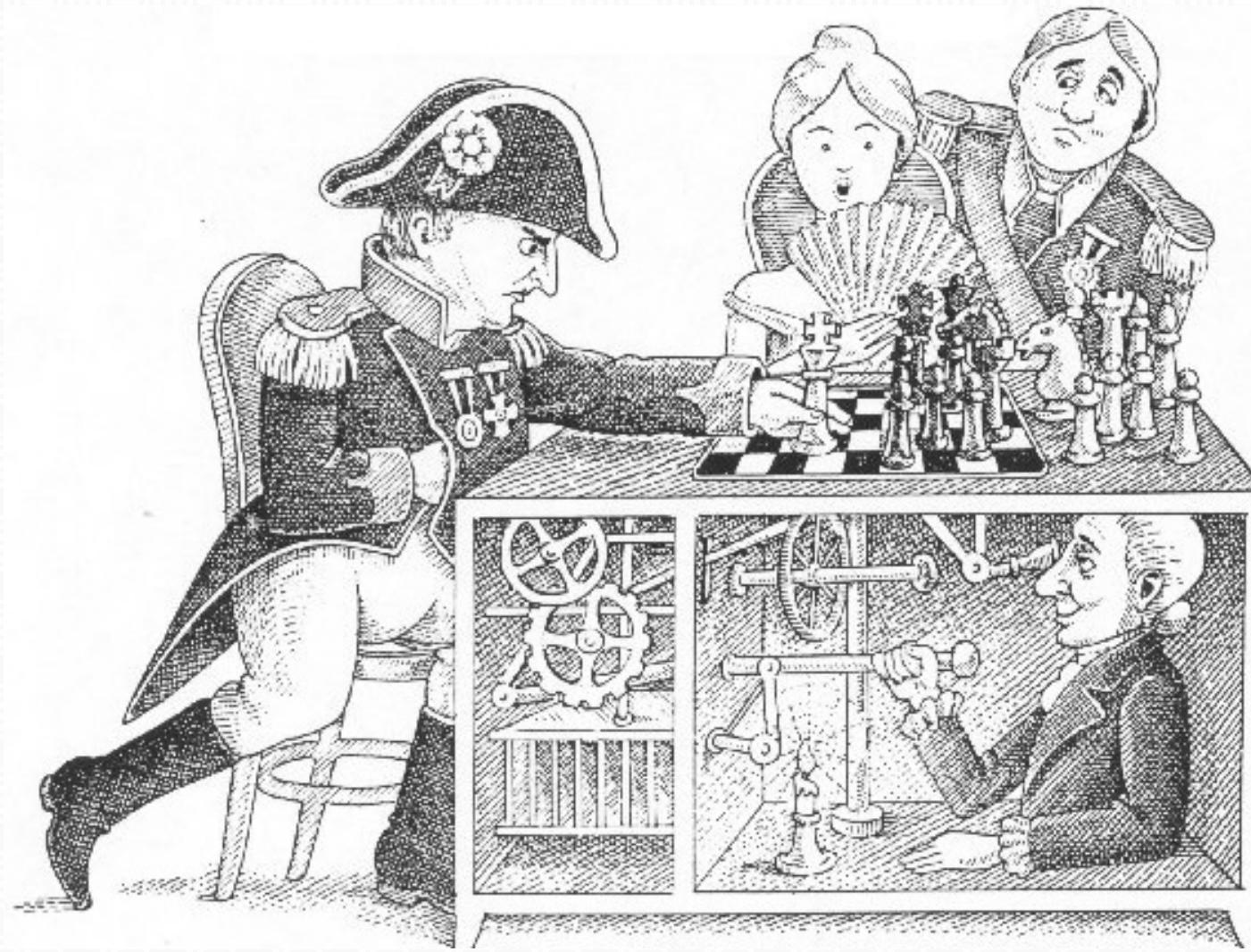
# ROBOTS IN MOVIES





Wolfgang von Kempelen  
**"The Turk"**  
18th Century  
Chess Automaton  
**1770-1854**





# KEY MOMENTS IN AI HISTORY

## ❖ 1943 WW2

- Turing Test
- Influenced AI, till now



## ❖ 1956 Birth of AI

- John McCarthy and Marvin Minsky
- AI term coined, Dartmouth University
- Top down approach: pre-processed to do things vs.
- Bottom up approach: simulate brains, learn new behaviours



# KEY MOMENTS IN AI

## ❖ 1970s' AI winter

- Common sense reasoning and supposedly simple tasks like face recognition would always be beyond their capability
- Perceptron not able to implement basic function.
- Machine translations: NRC, 1950s', translation from Russian to English
  - “The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak” (心有余而力不足) produced
  - “The vodka is good but the meat is rotten”
  - Requires knowledge to establish content
- Funding for the industry was slashed

# KEY MOMENTS IN AI



## ❖ 1980s, expert system, new hope

- General problem solving vs. expert system
- Elicit specific domain knowledge from experts in form of rules
  - If XXX then XXX

## ❖ 1990 Bottom up approach

- Imitate biology, ANN

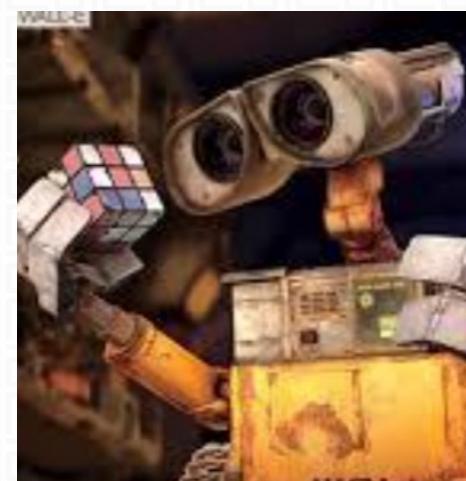


## ❖ 1997 AI Game, Milestone

- Deep Blue, 11 May 1997

## ❖ 2002 First robot for the home

- Roomba by iRobot



# KEY MOMENTS IN AI

## ❖ 2008 Speech recognition

- Google, 92% accurate

## ❖ 2011

- Watson won US quiz show Jeopardy

## ❖ 2012 AlexNet

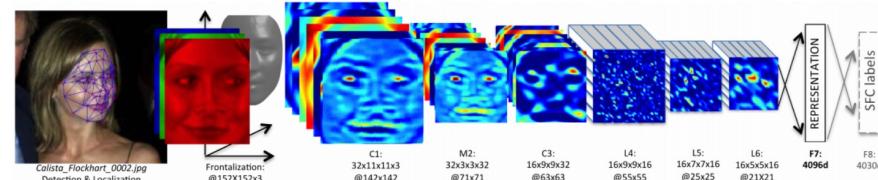
- Obtain huge gains in object recognition (deep learning)

## ❖ 2014 Turing test passed

- Chatbot Eugene Goostman

## ❖ 2016 AlphaGo

- defeat world champion Lee Sedol in GO game
- Stage 1: Learn by imitating expert human players. ([ML](#))
- Stage 2: Learn by self-improvement (reward = win the game) ([reinforcement learning](#))



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EUGENE GOOSTMAN  
THE WEIRDEST CREATURE IN THE WORLD

Wholesale Change® wants to congratulate the amazing team responsible for passing the Turing Test:



AlphaGO   Lee Se-dol  
1202 CPUs, 176 GPUs,  
100+ Scientists.   1 Human Brain,  
1 Coffee.

# WHAT IS AI?

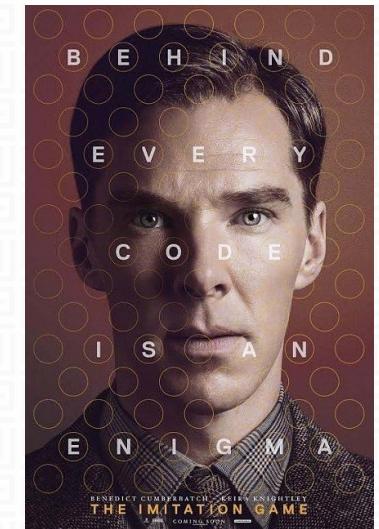
## ❖ What is intelligence?

- Understanding languages
- Automated reasoning
- Usually require knowledge
- Learning
- .....

## ❖ Do machines really understand?

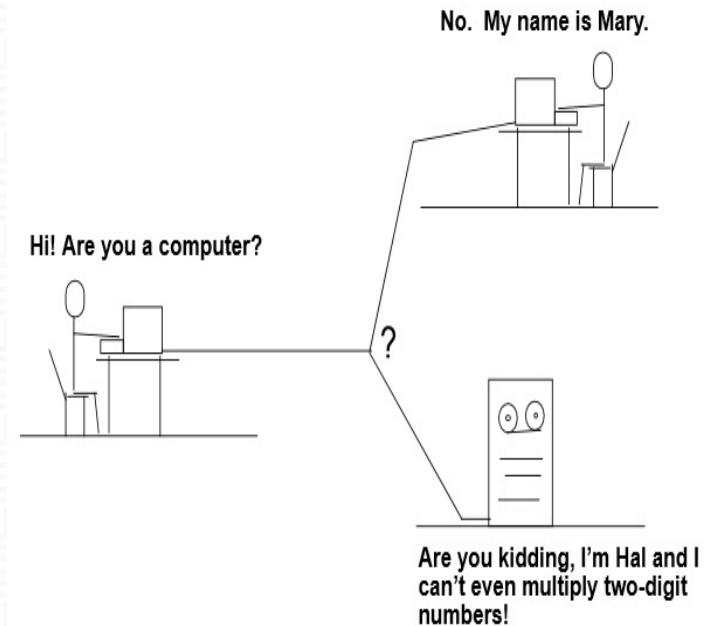
# ALAN TURING

- ◆ Father of modern Computer Science
  - ◆ Founder of computer science, mathematician, philosopher and code breaker
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- 1936: provide a formalization of the concepts of The **Turing machine**, which can be considered a model of a **general purpose computer**
  - 1939-40 Devises the **Bombe**, machine for Enigma **decryption**, breaking the **German ciphers** in the second world war.
  - 1950: **Philosophical** paper on machine intelligence: the **Turing Test**



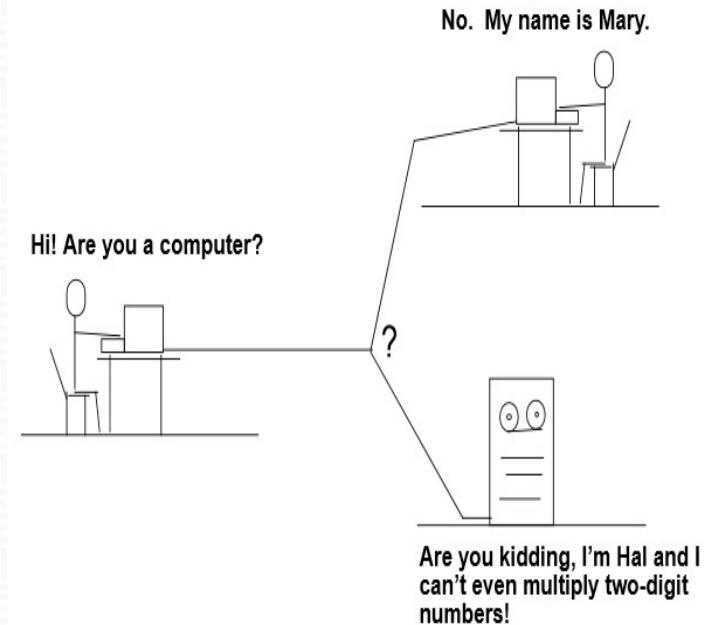
# THE TURING TEST

- ◆ The test is conducted with two people and a machine
- ◆ One person plays the role of an **interrogator** and is in a separate room from the machine and the other person
- ◆ The interrogator cannot see the machine and person, he only knows the person and machine as A and B.



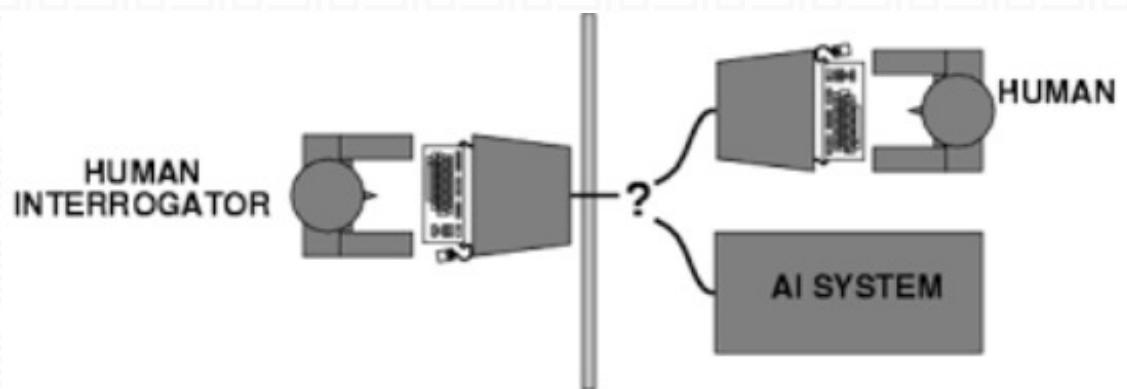
# THE TURING TEST

- ◆ The interrogator's task: to find out which candidate is the machine or human, only by **asking them questions**.
- ◆ The aim of the machine is to **fool** the interrogator into thinking that it is a person.
- ◆ If the machine can fool the interrogator **30% of the time**, the machine is considered **intelligent**.



# THE TURING TEST

- ◆ If the Turing Test was passed, Turing would conclude that the machine was intelligent
  - Suggested as a way of saying when we could consider machines to be **intelligent**, or at least **act** intelligently?
  - A satisfactory **operational definition** of intelligence



# THE TURING TEST

- ◆ Turing predicted the machines will be able to pass the test by the year 2000.
- ◆ In 2014, the chatbot “Eugene Goostman” passed the Turing test
  - with 33% of the event’s judges identified goostman as human.
  - The first machine to pass a Turing test

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EUGENE GOOSTMAN  
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# AN INTERVIEW WITH EUGENE GOOSTMAN

Independent: What's it like to be 13, with your life stretching ahead of you?

Eugene: It's something extremely mysterious. I can't tell you anything more about it, sorry... Wanna ask me something more?

Independent: Who's going to win the World Cup?

Eugene: I'm not interested in soccer, unfortunately. I think, it's quite annoying show. I believe even cockroach races are more intelligent and amazing show.

Independent: You look a bit like Harry Potter. Are you a fan of the series?

Eugene: I have no idea why kids go crazy about Harry Rotter – sorry – Potter. No magic wand can turn a boring geek into a super-hero.

Independent: Where do you live?

Eugene: I live in a big Ukrainian city called Odessa. It is on the Black Sea shore.

# THE TURING TEST

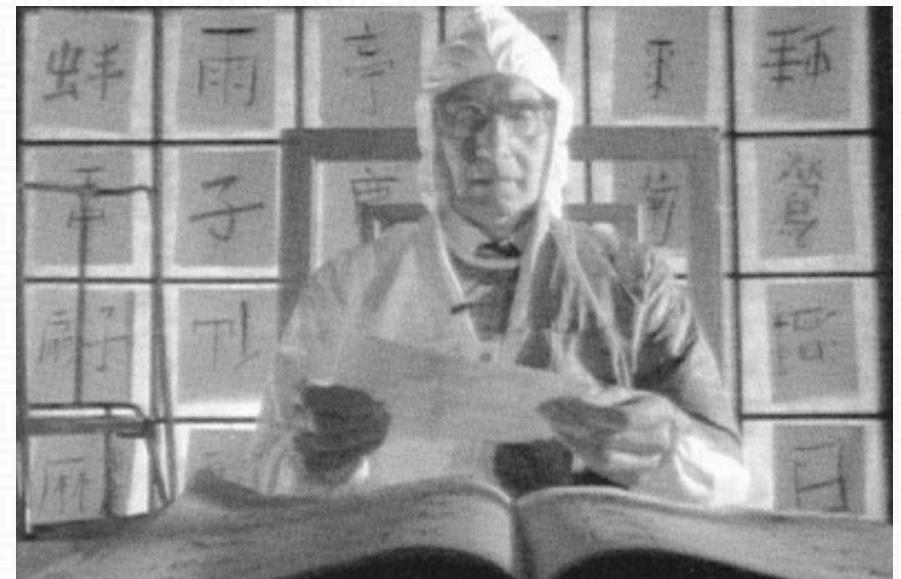
- ❖ What would a computer need to pass the Turing test?
  - **Natural language processing:** to communicate with examiner.
  - **Knowledge representation:** to store and retrieve information provided before or during interrogation.
  - **Automated reasoning:** to use the stored information to answer questions and to draw new conclusions.
  - **Machine learning:** to adapt to new circumstances and to detect and extrapolate patterns.
  - **Vision (for Total Turing test):** to recognize the examiner's actions and various objects presented by the examiner.
  - **Motor control (total test):** to act upon objects as requested.
  - **Other senses (total test):** such as audition, smell, touch, etc.



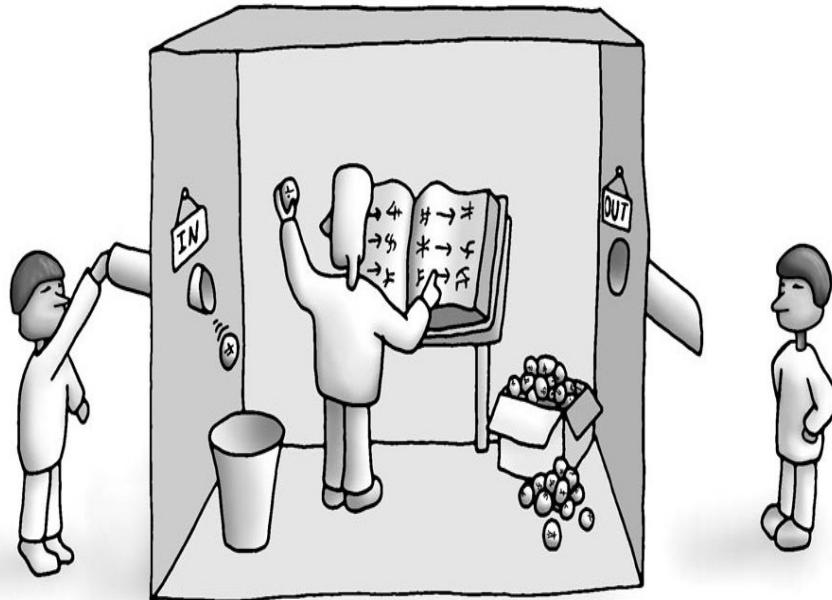
# **TRY TURING TEST**

# THE CHINESE ROOM

- ◆ In 1980 John Searle devised a thought experiment which he called the Chinese Room (Searle, 1980)
  - Searle, J.R. 1980. Minds, Brains and Programs. Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 3: 417-457, 1980
- ◆ Searle argued that the Turing test could not be used to determine if a machine can think
  - Behaving intelligently was not enough to prove a computer was intelligent



# THE CHINESE ROOM



- ◆ The system comprises of:
  - a human, who only understands English
  - a rule book, written in English
  - stack of paper.
    - One stack of paper is blank.
    - The other has symbols on them.
- ◆ In computing terms
  - the human is the CPU
  - the rule book is the program
  - the two stacks of paper are storage devices.

# SEARLE'S CLAIM

- ◆ We have a system that is capable of **passing the Turing Test** and is therefore **intelligent** according to Turing
- ◆ But the system does **not understand Chinese** as it just comprises a rule book and stacks of paper which do not understand Chinese.
- ◆ Therefore, running the right program does not necessarily generate **understanding**, the system only **act** as it understands Chinese

# CATEGORIES OF AI

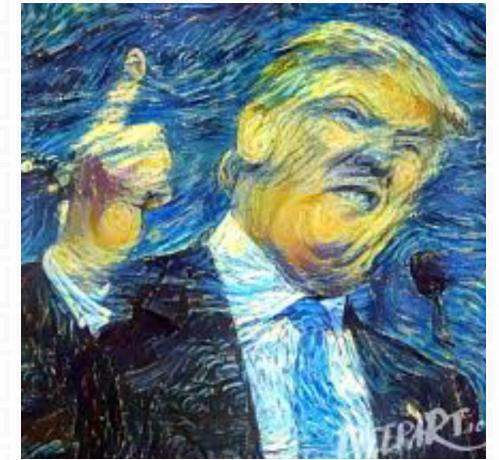
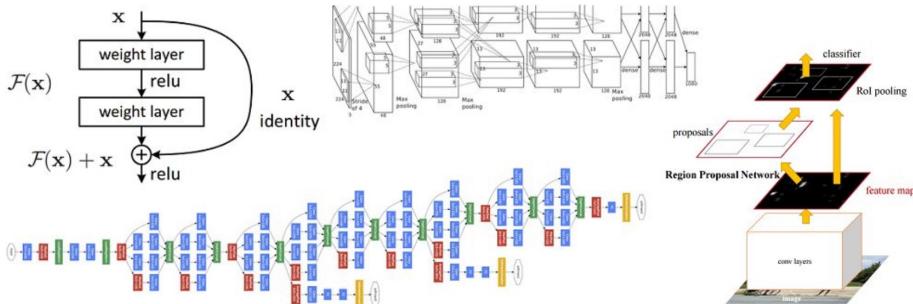
## ◆ Definitions of AI (textbook)

	Human	Rational
Think	Thinking humanly	Thinking rationally
ACT	Acting humanly	Acting rationally

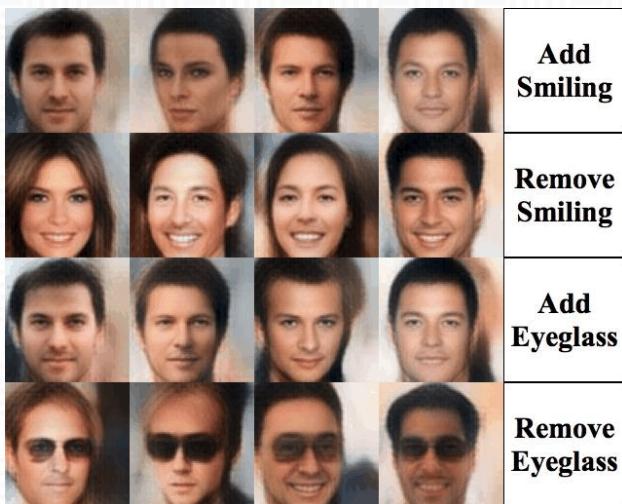
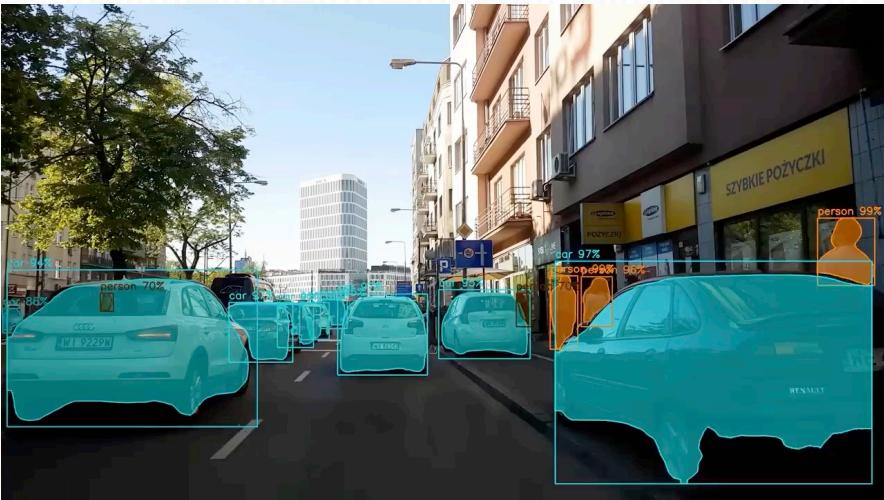
## ◆ Strong AI vs. Weak AI (John Searle)

- **Strong AI:** A system can have a mind and mental states
- **Weak AI:** A system can act intelligently  
(there are non-intelligent ways to achieve intelligent tasks)

# STATE OF THE ART

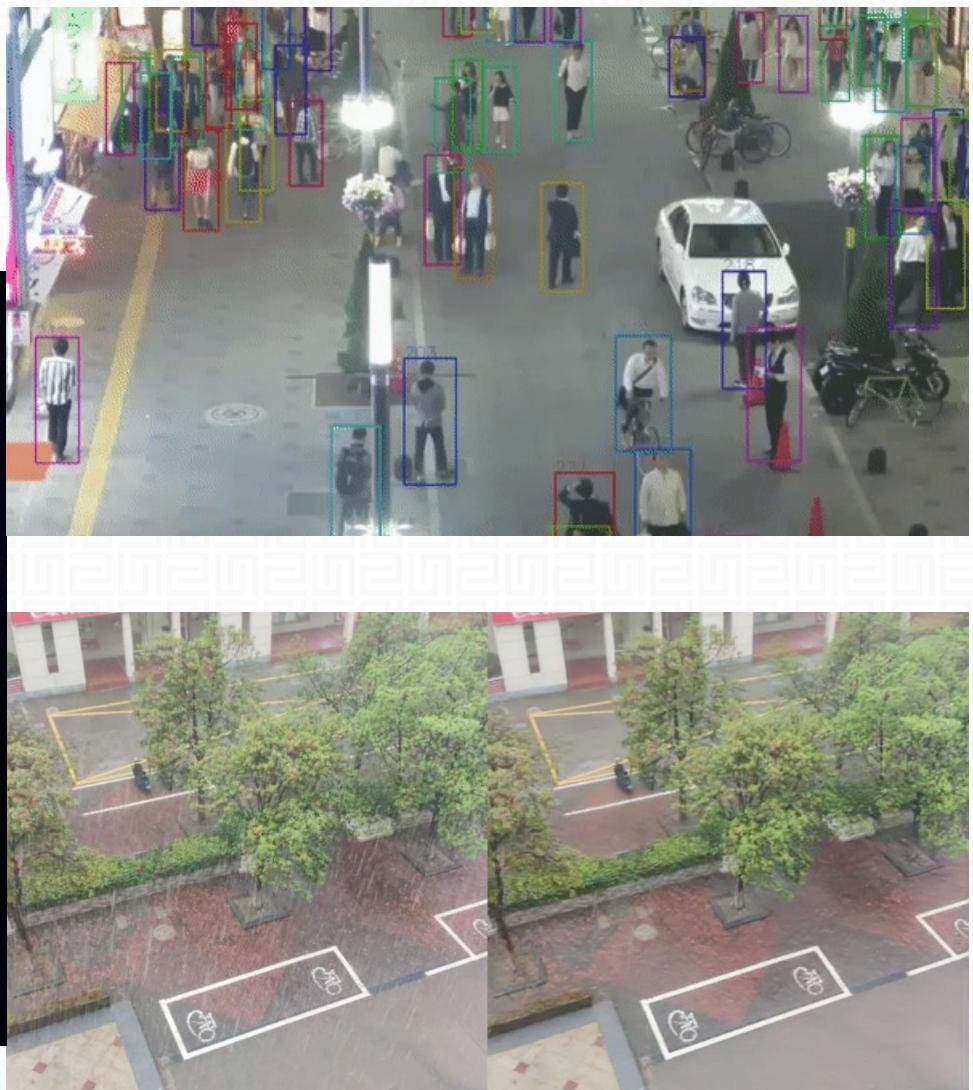


Target

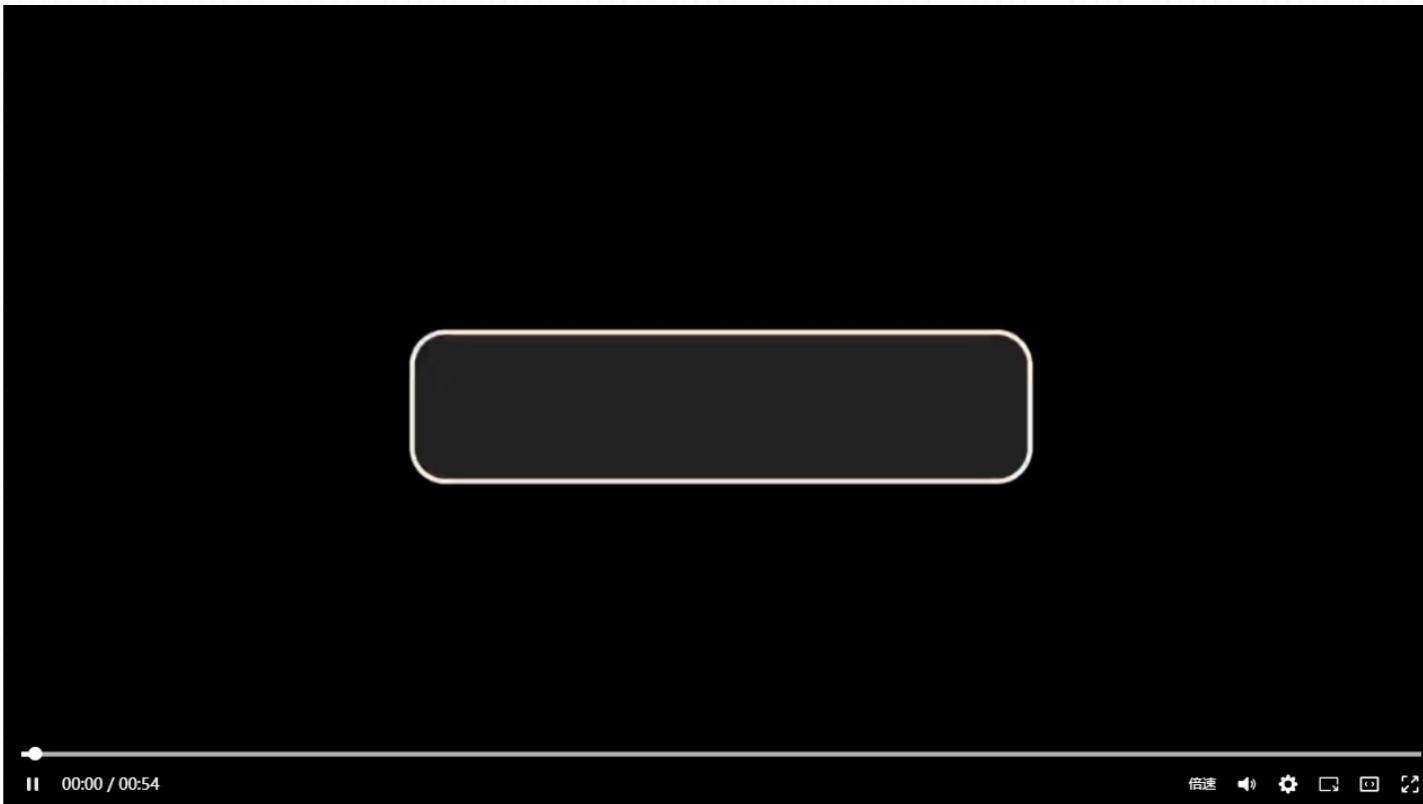


## Multiple Outputs for Edge-to-Face

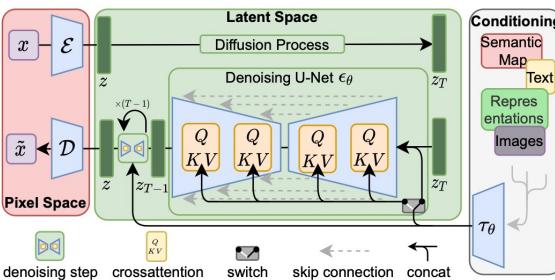




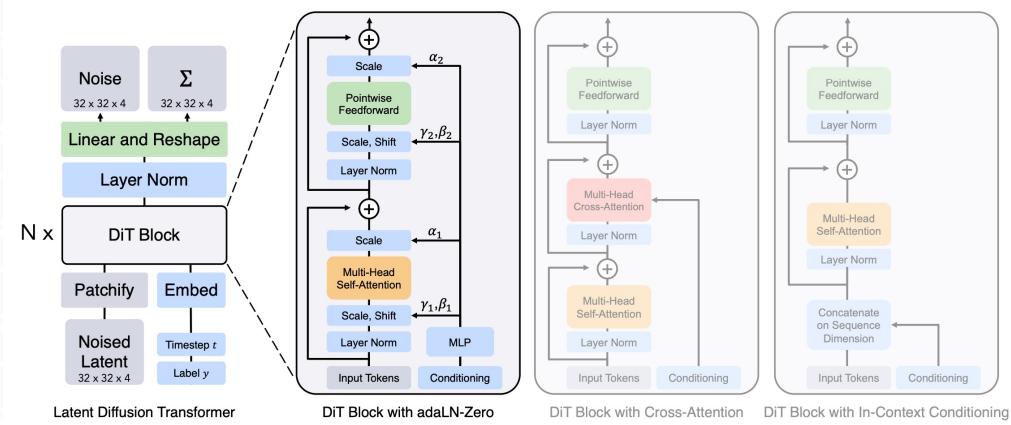
# AIGC – LATENT DIFFUSION MODEL (LDM)



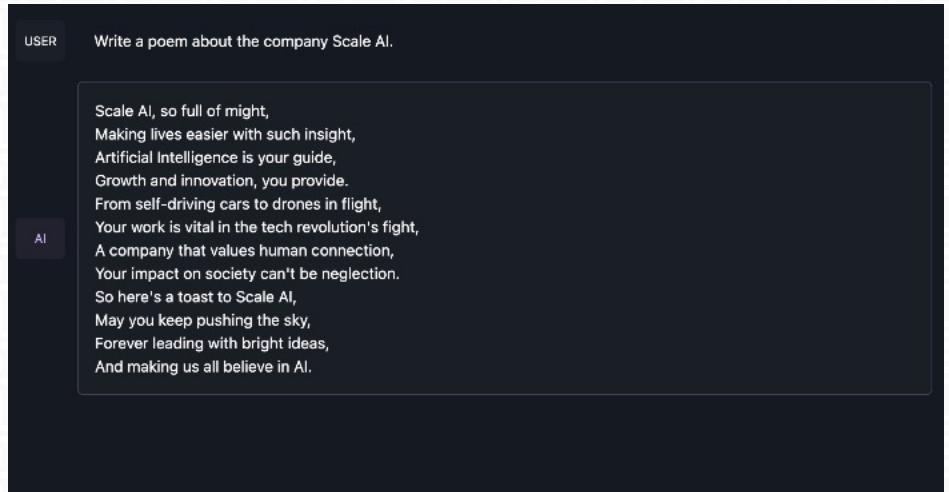
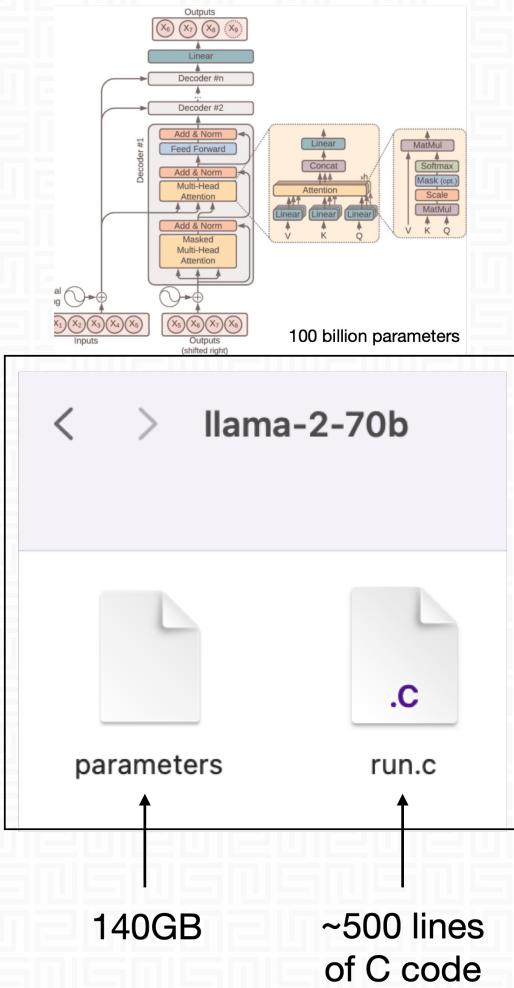
# SORA: TEXT-TO-VIDEO MODEL



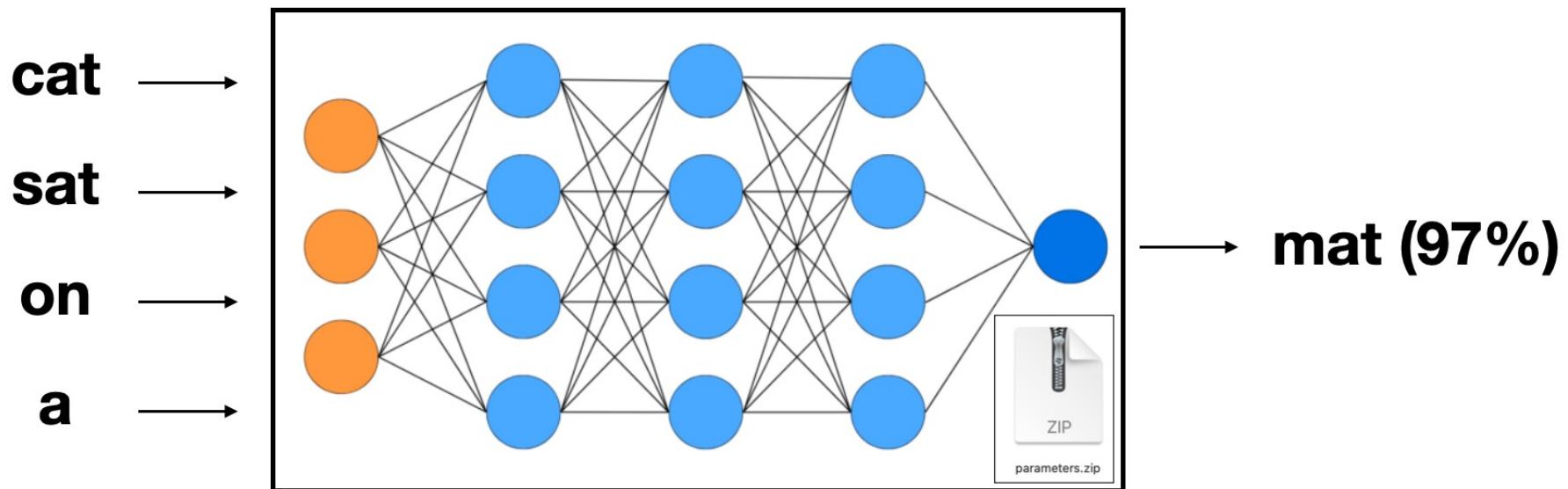
- ◆ Sora: generate videos up to a minute long while maintaining visual quality and adherence to the user's prompt.
- ◆ Be able to understand and simulate the physical world in motion



# LLM (LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL)



# LLM – NEURAL NETWORK

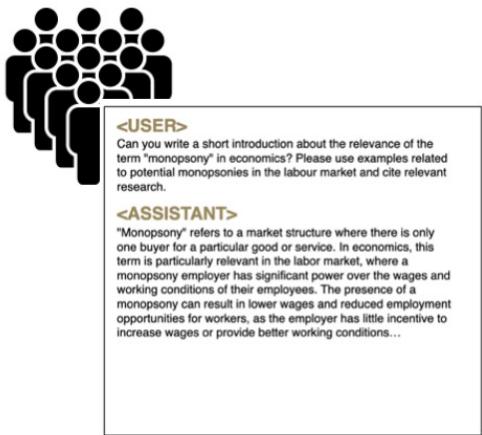


e.g. context of 4 words

predict next word

- ❖ Task: Predict the next work in the sequence.

# HOW TO TRAIN YOUR CHATGPT



every  
~year

## Stage 1: Pre-training

1. Download ~10TB of text.
2. Get a cluster of ~6,000 GPUs.
3. Compress the text into a neural network, pay ~\$2M, wait ~12 days.
4. Obtain **base model**.

## Learning

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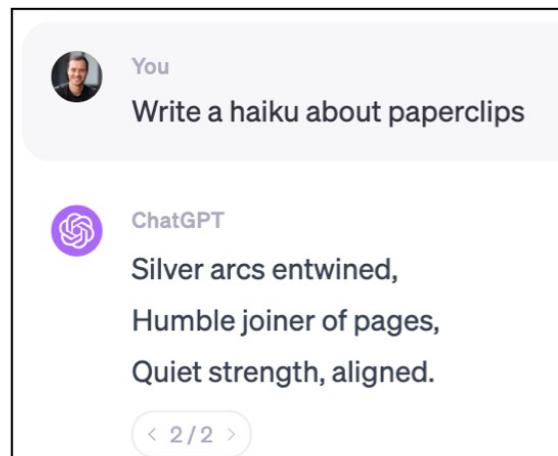
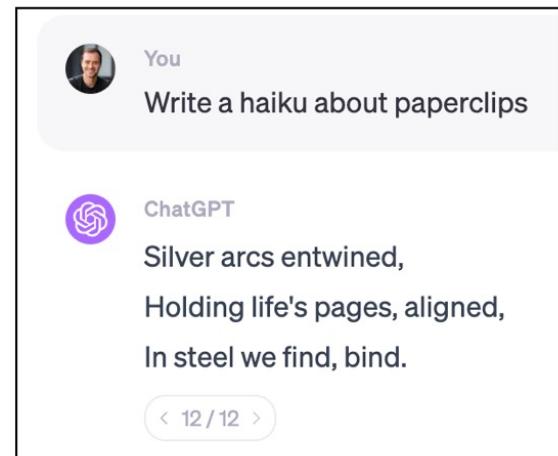
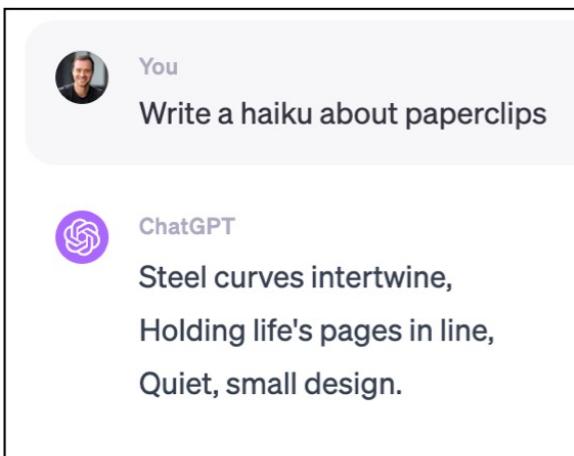
## Stage 2: Fine-tuning

1. Write labeling instructions
2. Hire people (or use [scale.ai!](#)), collect 100K high quality ideal Q&A responses, and/or comparisons.
3. Fine-tune base model on this data, wait ~1 day.
4. Obtain **assistant model**.
5. Run a lot of evaluations.
6. Deploy.
7. Monitor, collect misbehaviors, go to step 1.

# HOW TO TRAIN YOUR CHATGPT

## Learning

- ◆ It is often much easier to compare Answers instead of writing Answers.
- ◆ Reward the model with good answers. (reinforcement learning)



# PREDICTIONS IN AI HISTORY

◆ “*Within 10 years a computer will be a chess champion*”

- Herbert Simon, 1957
- IBM Deep Blue on 11 May 1997

◆ “*In some point...we should have to expect machines to take control*”

- Alan Turing, 1951
- Turing test passed, 2014

◆ “*Robots will be smarter than us all by 2029*”

- “Theory of singularity”: humans and machines will converge
- Ray Kurzweil, 2014



# YOUR PREDICTION!

◆ AI could spell end of the human race.

Stephen Hawking, 2014

◆ Can machines ever be intelligent? If so, when?



# SUMMARY

- ◆ Understand the **four categories** of AI definition
- ◆ Differentiate between **strong** vs. **weak** AI
- ◆ The **Turing Test** and the **Chinese Room**
- ◆ Brief history of AI, and AI games

# SELF STUDY

Read the book chapters and understand

## ◆ **AI terminologies**

- 4 categories of definitions from different AI books
- **Weak AI**: Machine can possibly act intelligently
- **Strong AI**: Machines can actually think intelligently

## ◆ **Turing test**

- A satisfactory operational definition of intelligence

## ◆ **The Chinese Room experiment**

# SELF STUDY & FURTHER READING

- ◆ AIMA Chapter 1 and Chapter 26
- ◆ Next Week: AIMA Chapter 3.1 – 3.2