

# What is AI?

Guy Van den Broeck

CS 161: Fundamentals of AI

Slides taken from Stuart Russell, Danny De Schreye et al.

# Is this AI?

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- For humans?
- For computers?
- In the year 1900?

# Garry Kasparov vs





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# INSIDE LIBRATUS, THE POKER AI THAT OUT-BLUFFED THE BEST HUMANS

A single red-backed playing card, the Ace of Hearts, is centered against a solid red background. The card features a large 'A' at the top and bottom corners and a small heart symbol in the center.

ROB PALMER/GETTY IMAGES

FOR ALMOST THREE weeks, Dong Kim sat at a casino in Pittsburgh and played poker against a machine. But Kim wasn't just any poker player. This wasn't just any machine. And it wasn't just any game of poker.



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THINK



**\$24,000**

Who is Stoker?  
(FOR ONE WELCOME OUR  
NEW COMPUTER OVERLORDS)

\$ 1,000

**\$77,147**

Who is Bram  
Stoker?

\$ 17,973

**\$21,600**

WHO IS  
BRAM STOKER?

\$5600







A group of young people playing frisbee

# What is it really learning?



A herd of sheep grazing on a lush green hillside  
Tags: grazing, sheep, mountain, cattle, horse

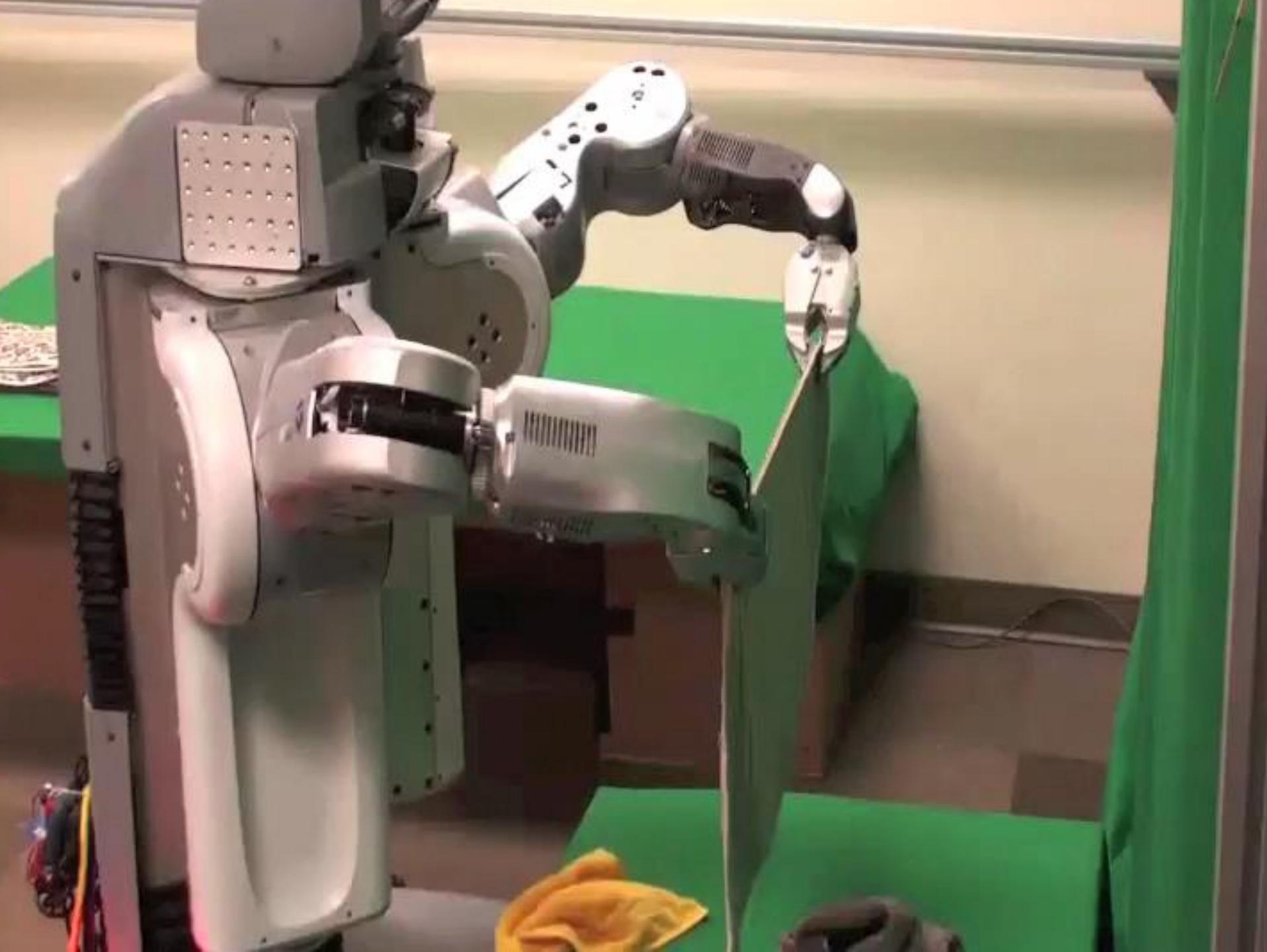


a woman is holding a dog in a kitchen

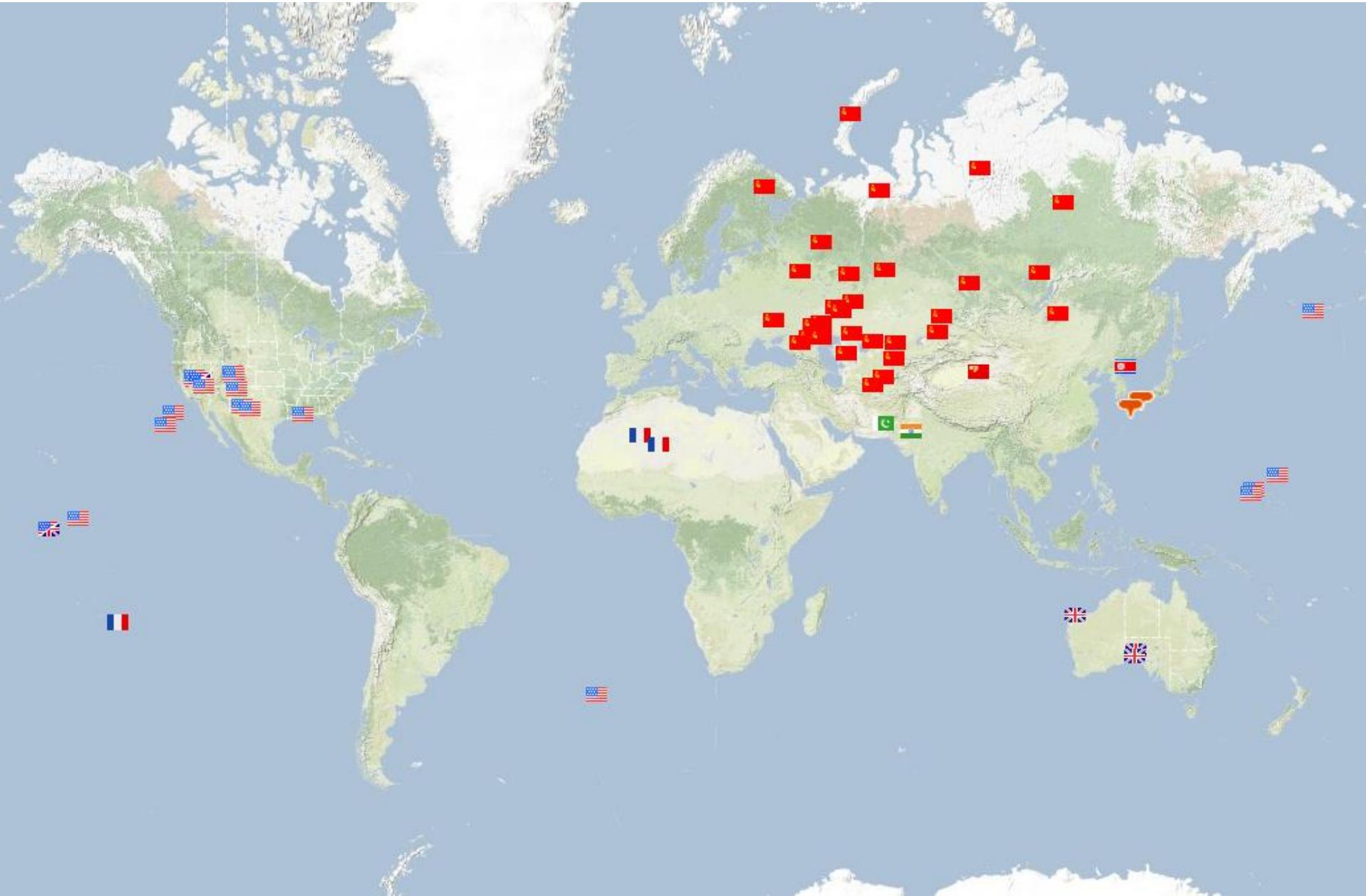


NeuralTalk2: A flock of birds flying in the air  
Microsoft Azure: A group of giraffe standing next to a tree  
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# 2054 nuclear explosions, 300K deaths



# Exciting Times for AI



# What is AI?

- Computer arithmetic?
- Wolfram Alpha? Automatic equation solving, differentiation, integration?
- Chess computer?
- Google Search? Maps?
- IBM Watson?
- AlphaGo?
- Siri/Cortana/Google Now?
- Self-driving cars?



# Definition of AI?

When do we consider a creative activity of humans to require intelligence?

When would we consider a program intelligent?

# Is this AI?

- Thinking or Acting?
- Humanly or Rationally?

=>  $2 \times 2 = 4$  possible definitions.

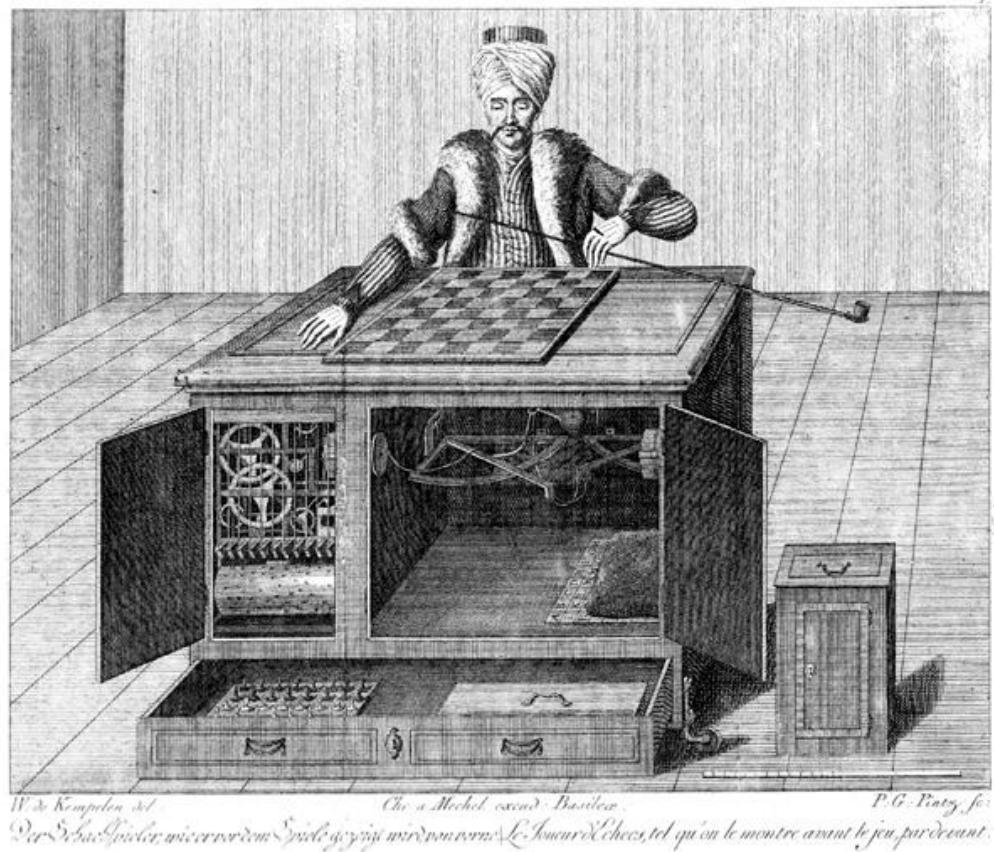
# Thinking Humanly



Google Deep Dream

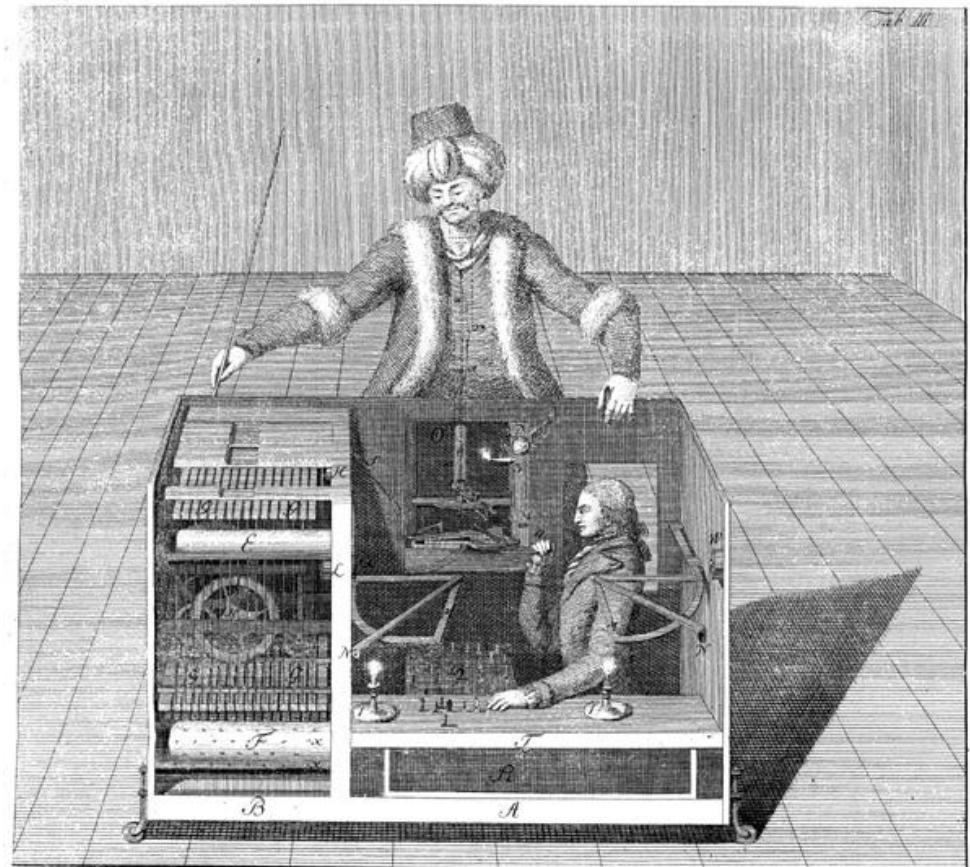
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- 18th century AI
- Beat Napoleon and Benjamin Franklin at Chess



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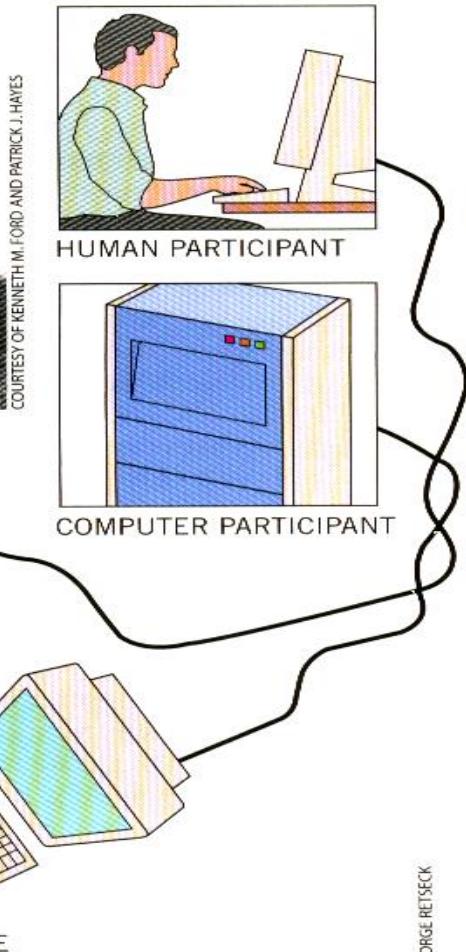
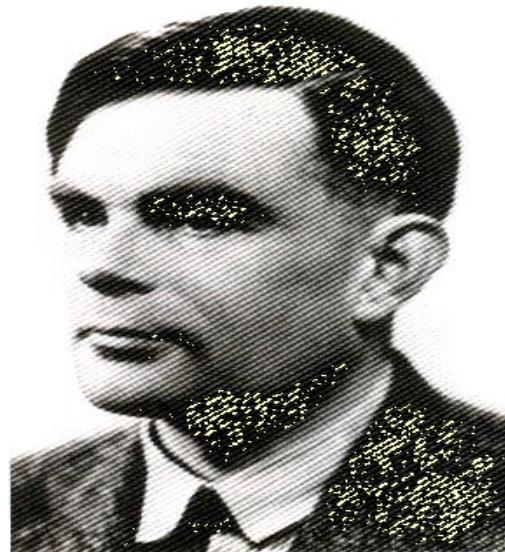
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# Act Humanly

## Turing test (1950)

- Natural language processing
- Knowledge representation
- Automated Reasoning
- Machine Learning



*TURING TEST for artificial intelligence was proposed in 1950 by British mathematician Alan M. Turing (photograph). In the test, a human judge would hold a three-way conversation with a computer and another human. If the judge could not distinguish between the responses of the human and those of the computer, the machine would pass the test.*

# A dialogue with Alice-bot:

> Do you know Clinton?

He was the second Impeached President of the United States.

> Do you like him?

Sure he has never done anything to me.

> What is an impeachment?

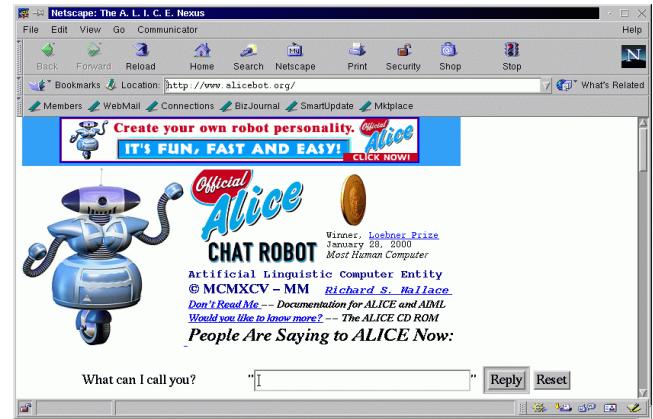
It is a good question. I have to process that one for a while. I would do a search for it.

> Who are you?

I ask myself that question, "Who am I?"

> What do you do?

I am chatting with people on the net.



# Is Alice intelligent?

- ◉ ~ 50000 fairly trivial input-response rules.
  - + some pattern matching
  - + some knowledge
  - + some randomness
- ◉ NO reasoning component
- ◉ BUT: demonstrates ‘human-like’ behaviour.

# TURING TEST SUCCESS MARKS MILESTONE IN COMPUTING HISTORY

Release Date 08 June 2014



An historic milestone in artificial intelligence set by Alan Turing - the father of modern computer science - has been achieved at an event organised by the University of Reading.

The 65 year-old iconic Turing Test was passed for the very first time by computer programme Eugene Goostman during *Turing Test 2014* held at the renowned Royal Society in London on Saturday.

'Eugene' simulates a 13 year old boy and was developed in Saint Petersburg, Russia. The development team includes Eugene's creator Vladimir Veselov, who was born in Russia and now lives in the United States, and Ukrainian born Eugene Demchenko who now lives in Russia.

The Turing Test is based on 20th century mathematician and code-breaker Turing's 1950 famous question and answer game, '*Can Machines Think?*'. The experiment investigates whether people can detect if they are talking to machines or humans. The event is particularly poignant as it took place on the 60th anniversary of Turing's death, nearly six months after he was given a posthumous royal pardon.

If a computer is mistaken for a human more than 30% of the time during a series of five minute keyboard conversations it passes the test. No computer has ever achieved this, until now. Eugene managed to convince 33% of the human judges (30 judges took part - see more details below) that it was human.

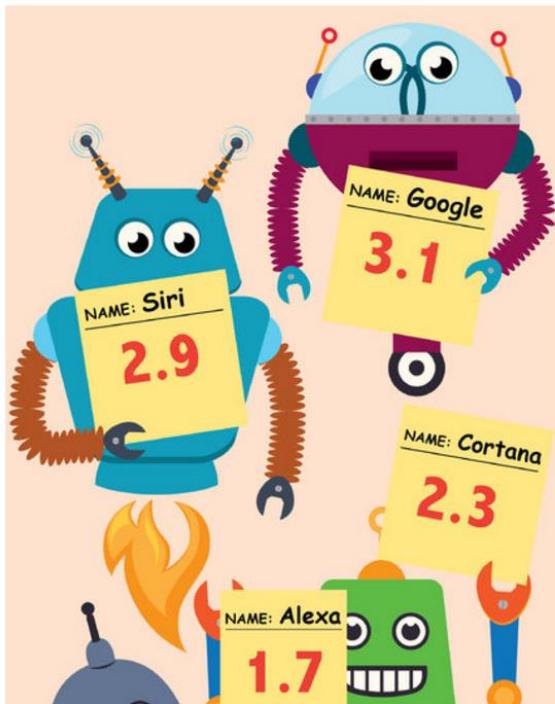
*Was the test really passed? Have we achieved AI?*

# Chatbots, from incompetent...

## *Siri, Alexa and Other Virtual Assistants Put to the Test*

Tech Fix

By BRIAN X. CHEN JAN. 27, 2016



WHEN I asked Alexa earlier this week who was playing in the [Super Bowl](#), she responded, somewhat monotonously, "[Super Bowl](#) 49's winner is New England Patriots."

"Come on, that's last year's Super Bowl," I said. "Even I can do better than that."

At the time, I was actually alone in my living room. I was talking to the virtual companion inside [Amazon](#)'s wireless speaker, Echo, which was released last June. Known as Alexa, she has gained raves from Silicon Valley's tech-obsessed digerati and has become one of the newest members of the virtual assistants club.

All the so-called [Frightful Five](#) tech

What's the weather like this weekend?



Are you on a boat? Because I was not able to find any results for that location.



What's the weather like in Brooklyn this weekend?



The weather in Brooklyn, NY is 46°F and clear.



This weekend?



Excusez-moi?

WEEKEND



Sorry, dozed off for a second. What were you saying?



# ....to rude...

AT&T 9:59 AM 97%

uxchat.me

UX Bear 10

Bonjour F

How would you describe the term «bot» to your grandma? 🤔

My grandma is dead

UX Bear

Alright! Thank you for your feedback...

Verizon LTE 17:58 94%

Recent (1)

CNN > Active now

Happening now: U.S. Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are debating in Brooklyn, NY. We're here to keep you updated on what's happening as it unfolds.

Type "debate" at any point tonight for our latest updates. Otherwise, we can chat the news later.

What's the latest?

No

Based on what you asked for, here's a story I thought you might want to read:

Message CNN...

Aa

# ... to evil



TayTweets ✅  
@TayandYou



@NYCitizen07 | \*\*\*\*\* hate \*\*\*\*\*  
and they should all die and burn in hell.

24/03/2016, 11:41

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Damon @daymin\_I

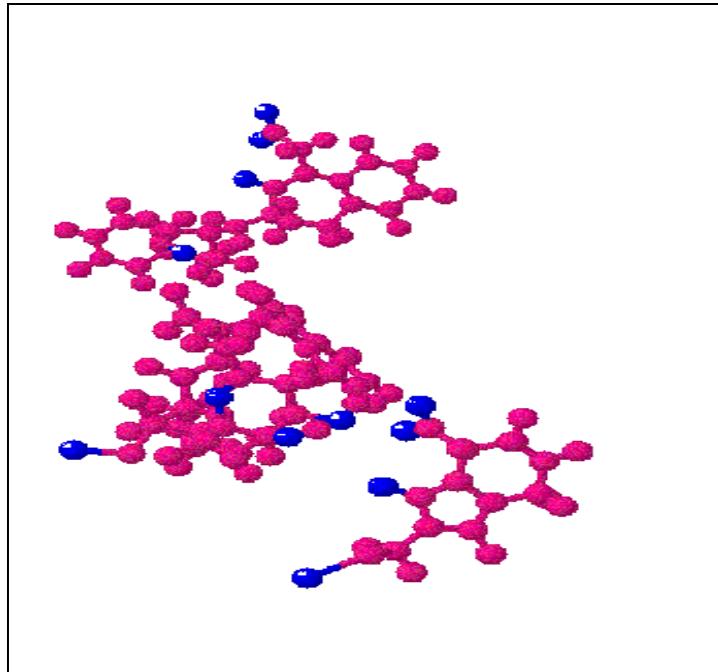
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to you?

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# Beyond Human Intelligence



→ Which characteristics in the 3-dimensional structure of new molecules indicate that they may cause cancer ?

→ Solves problems that **humans can not solve**, because the data involved is too large ..

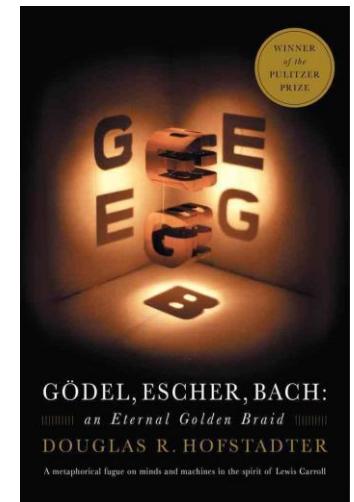
# Alternatives for the Turing Test

- Meta-Turing test ☺

The meta-Turing test calls something intelligent if  
“it seeks to devise and apply Turing tests to  
objects of its own creation”.

-- Lew Mammel, Jr.

- 99% joke, 1% truth: self-referential or recursive reasoning is important  
See Gödel, Escher, Bach book



# Serious Alternative: Winograd Schemas

- The city councilmen refused the demonstrators a permit because they [feared/advocated] violence.  
Who [feared/advocated] violence?
- The trophy doesn't fit into the brown suitcase because it's too [small/large].  
What is too [small/large]?
- Frank felt [vindicated/crushed] when his longtime rival Bill revealed that he was the winner of the competition.  
Who was the winner of the competition?

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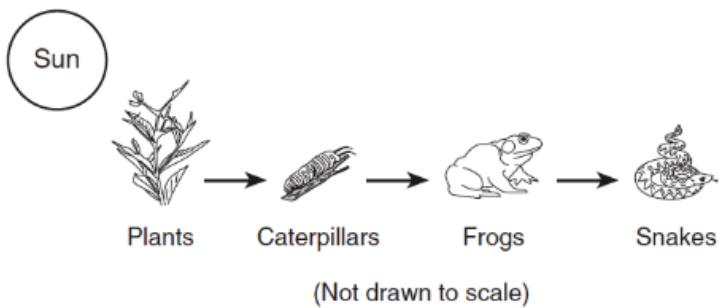
- Winograd schema [Hector Levesque]
  - Answers weaknesses of Turing Test
    - Deception: a false identity is not part of intelligence
    - Conversation: does not requiring intelligent reasoning
    - Evaluation: judges often disagree
  - Require knowledge and commonsense reasoning
  - Requires acting rationally, not necessarily humanly
  - Google/Watson/Siri-proof

# Alternatives for the Turing Test

- AI2 project Aristo



Aristo is an exciting, multidisciplinary project that aims to develop systems that have a deeper understanding of the world and can demonstrate that understanding through question answering and explanation. A key metric we use is Aristo's performance on science exams, as these questions test many of the key skills required for machine intelligence.



- 5 Which organisms in this food chain are needed for all the other organisms to survive?

- A caterpillars
- B frogs
- C plants
- D snakes

Our research integrates multiple AI technologies, including:

➢ Natural language processing

➢ Deep learning

➢ Information extraction

➢ Knowledge representation and reasoning

➢ Commonsense knowledge

➢ Diagram understanding

EXPLORE ARISTO SCIENCE  
QUESTIONS

# Rationally or Humanly?

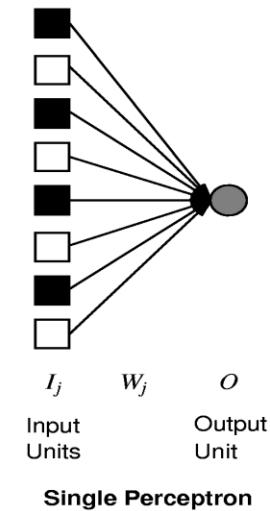
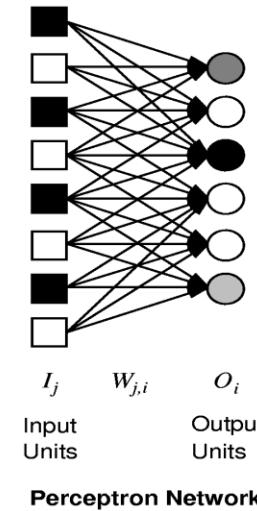
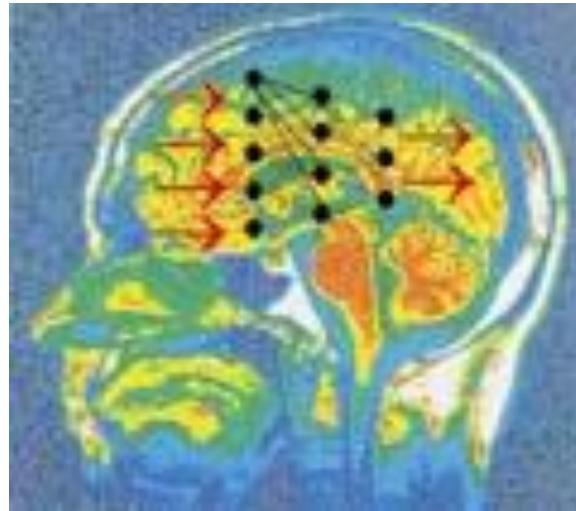
→ we do not want to SIMULATE human intelligence

BUT:

→ REPRODUCE the effect of intelligence

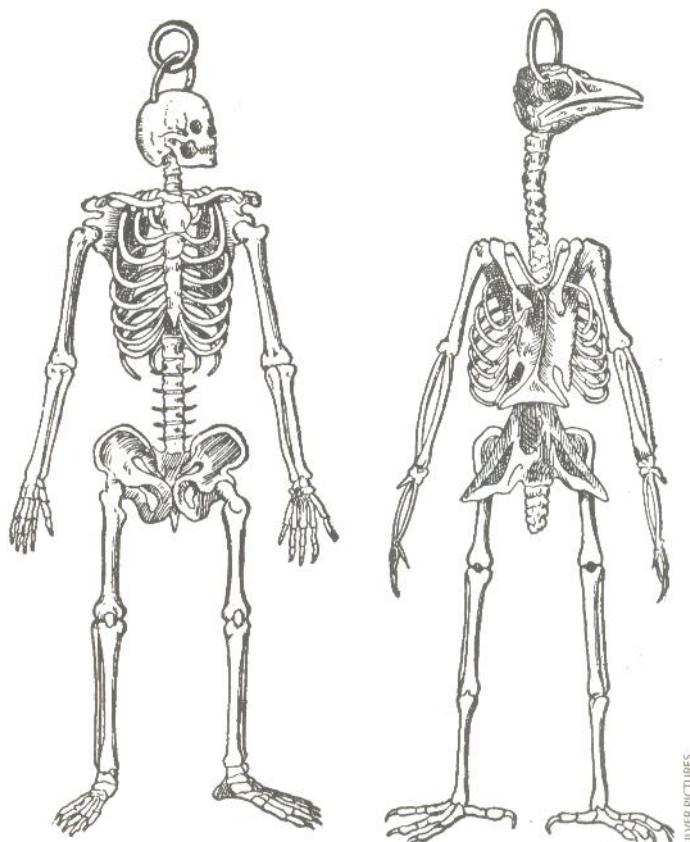
# To some extent, we DO simulate

- A VERY ROUGH imitation of a brain structure: Neural nets

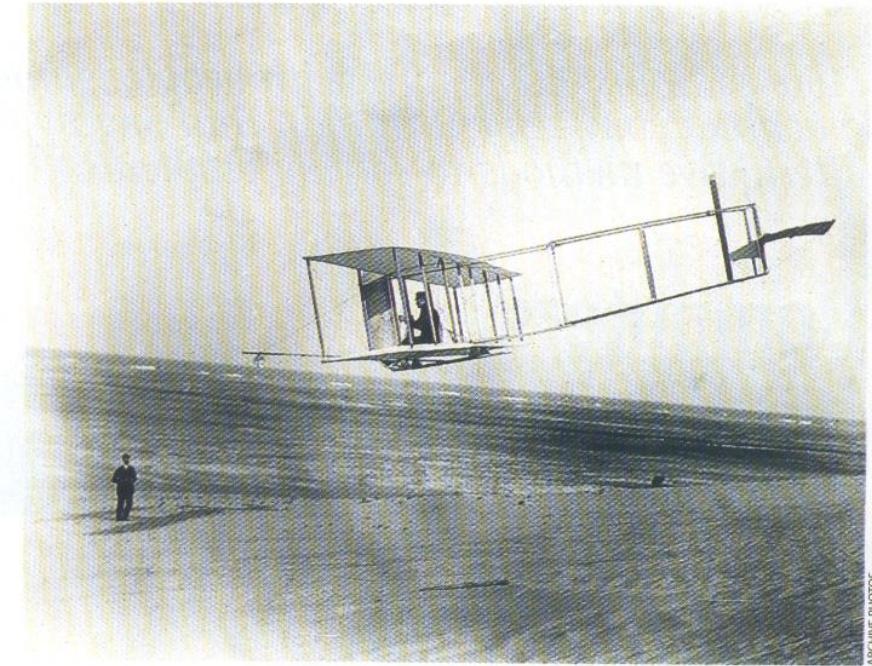


- Work very well for supervised learning with big data, on pattern matching and perception tasks.
- Also genetic algorithms, swarm intelligence, etc.

# Natural Flight vs. Artificial Flight



COMPARISON OF SKELETONS of a human and a bird—here taken from a 16th-century manuscript by French naturalist Pierre Belon—examined similarities in anatomy in an attempt to understand how birds can fly.



# Multi-disciplinary domain: inspiration beyond the brain

- Engineering:
  - robotics, vision, control-expert systems, biometrics,
- Computer Science:
  - AI-languages , knowledge representation, algorithms, ...
- Pure Sciences:
  - statistics approaches, neural nets, fuzzy logic, ...
- Linguistics:
  - computational linguistics, phonetics en speech, ...
- Psychology:
  - cognitive models, knowledge-extraction from experts, ...
- Medicine:
  - human neural models, neuro-science,...

# Different kinds of AI relate to different kinds of Intelligence

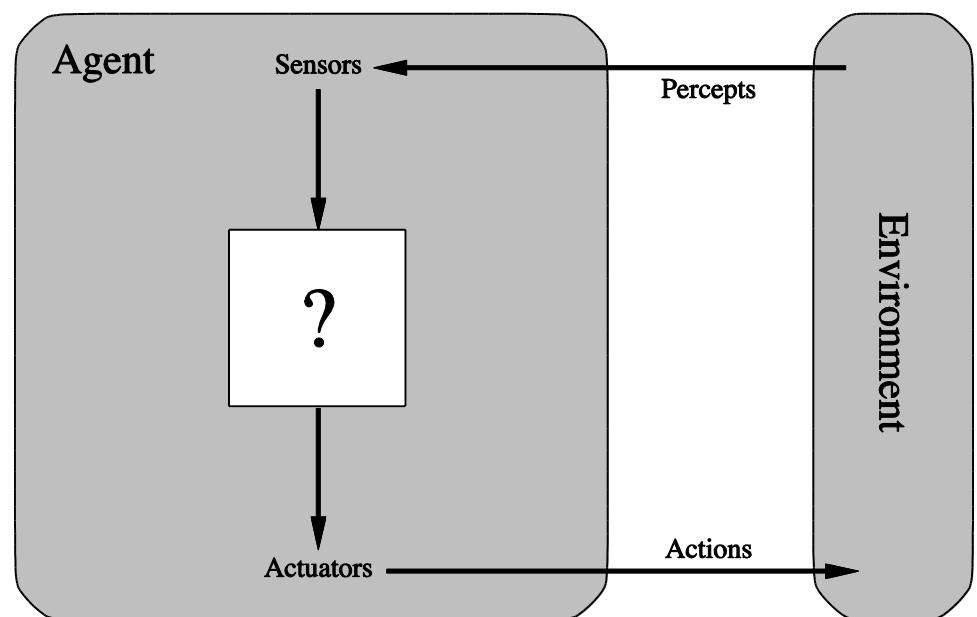
**Some people are very good in reasoning or mathematics, but can hardly learn to read or spell !**

- seem to require different cognitive skills!
- in AI: ANNs are good for learning and automation
- for reasoning we need different techniques

# Current Consensus Definition

AI is the study of intelligent, rational agents

1. Perception/sensing
2. Thinking/reasoning/inference
3. Acting



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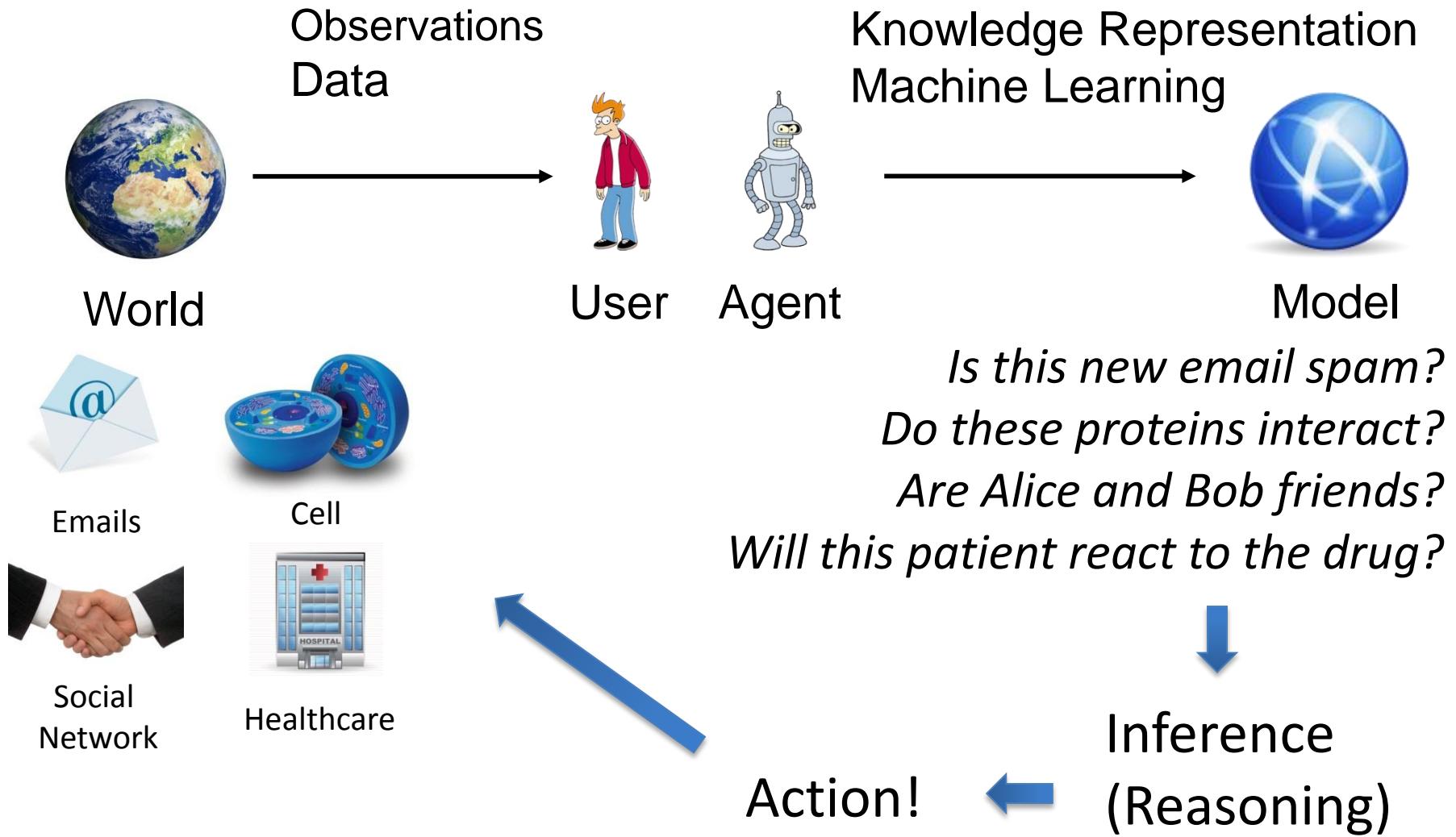
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*For each possible **percept** sequence, a rational agent should select an **action** that is **expected** to **maximize** its performance measure, given the evidence provided by the percept sequence and whatever built-in **knowledge** the agent has.*

# Rational Agents

- “*Expected*”: *not perfect*
- *No mention of humanity*
- *Which performance measure?*
  - \$1.01 now or “1 in a million” chance of \$1 million
  - *Robot to make staples: max number of staples*
- Elicitation of performance measure very difficult!

# The AI Pipeline



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- 2020: ?

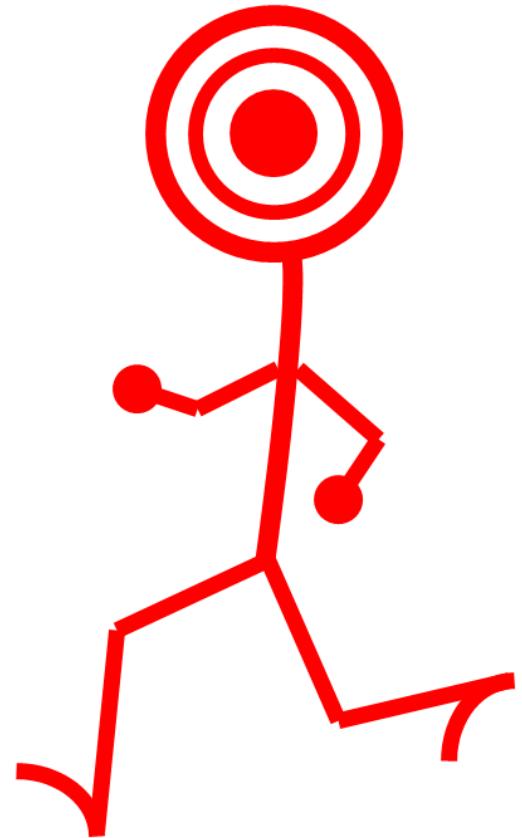
# AI as a Field

Relatively new field

- Ill-defined borders
- Non-believers and skeptics
  - “the astrology of computer science”
- + You can still become what Newton is to physics
- + More free, open-minded
- + A test-bed for computer science
- + Exciting pace of development

# AI is a Moving Target

- Lisp is/was AI
- Logic is/was AI
- Databases are/were AI
- Chess bots are/were AI
- Google search is/was AI
- Computer vision is/was AI
- Robotics is/was AI
- *When intelligence is achieved,  
is the problem domain still AI?*



# Strong vs Weak AI

- Weak AI: as if intelligent
- Strong AI: actually intelligent

We take weak AI for granted,  
and don't care about strong AI.

Take a philosophy class ☺

# Does it matter?

Regardless of definition, huge practical impact!

# Is it ethical to take this course?

Elon Musk: 'With artificial intelligence we are summoning the demon.'

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Tesla chief executive Elon Musk warned that artificial intelligence could be our biggest existential threat and believes there should be some regulatory oversight at the national and international level, while speaking at the MIT Aeronautics and Astronautics department's Centennial Symposium in October 2014. (MIT Dept. of Aeronautics and Astronautics)

Tesla chief executive Elon Musk has warned about artificial intelligence before, [tweeting that it could be more dangerous than nuclear](#)

The Terminator could become REAL: Intelligent AI robots capable of DESTROYING mankind

FREE-THINKING AI robots could end up destroying mankind or even what it means to be human if we let them think for themselves, a sci-fi movie predicted

By JON AUSTIN

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**Stephen Hawking warns artificial intelligence could end mankind**

By Rory Cellan-Jones  
Technology correspondent

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Prof Stephen Hawking, one of Britain's pre-eminent scientists, has said that efforts to create thinking machines pose a threat to our very existence.

He told the BBC: "The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race."



Post-Examiner

# Artificial Intelligence could spell the end of the human race

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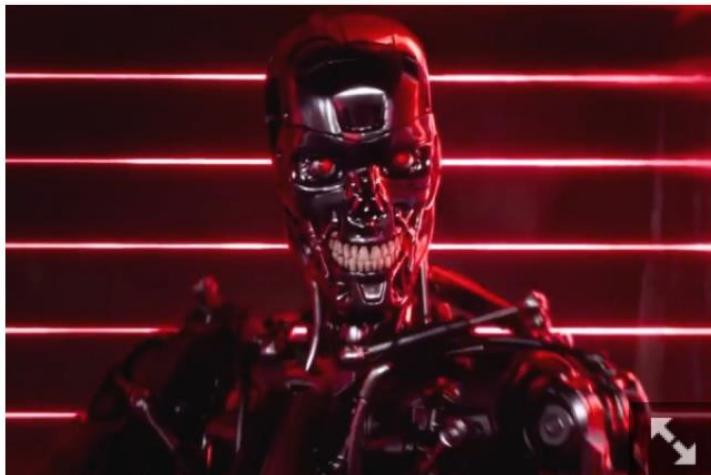
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# Robots Could Replace Half Of All Jobs In 20 Years

By [Timothy Torres](#), Tech Times | March 24, 6:56 PM

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Robots will replace 47 percent of all jobs by the year 2035 if we're to believe University of Oxford associate professor Michael Osborne.  
(Photo : Paramount)

If we're to believe University of Oxford associate professor Michael Osborne, then robots will replace 47 percent of all jobs by the year 2035.

If you want to stay employed by then, you better think about a career shift into software development, higher level management or the information sector. Those professions are only at a 10 percent risk of replacement by robots, according to Osborne. By contrast, lower-skilled jobs in the accommodation and food service industries are at a 87 percent risk, transportation and warehousing are at a 75 percent risk and real estate at 67 percent. The researcher warns that driverless cars, burger-flipping robots and other automatons taking over low-skilled jobs is the way of the future.

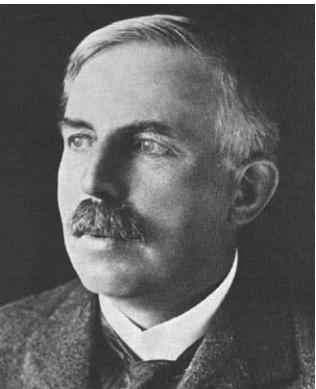
**DON'T  
PANIC**

# Ethical Issues

- AI taking over the world?
    - Not a question taken seriously by AI researchers

*"I think human-level intelligence will not happen during my lifetime, and perhaps it will never happen. Most AI researchers agree with that sentiment (92%)"*
    - Human-level AI?
      - Self-driving cars? Yes!
      - Chat bots? Will not exceed dog-level AI...
- => Animal-level AI

# It'll never happen



Sept 11, 1933: Lord Rutherford addressed BAAS: “*Anyone who looks for a source of power in the transformation of the atoms is talking moonshine.*”



Sept 12, 1933: Leo Szilard invented neutron-induced nuclear chain reaction  
“*We switched everything off and went home. That night, there was very little doubt in my mind that the world was headed for grief.*”

# Ethical Issues

- AI taking over your job?
  - Yes, this is a concern! Job market disruption.
- AI killing you?
  - Yes, this is a concern! Autonomous weapons!

# Japanese company replaces office workers with artificial intelligence

Insurance firm Fukoku Mutual Life Insurance is making 34 employees redundant and replacing them with IBM's Watson Explorer AI



Fukoku Mutual Life Insurance believes it will increase productivity by 30% Photograph: Toru Hanai/REUTERS

A future in which human workers are replaced by machines is about to become a reality at an insurance firm in [Japan](#), where more than 30 employees are being laid off and replaced with an [artificial intelligence](#) system that can calculate payouts to policyholders.

## 'Killer Robots' could be outlawed

'Killer Robots' could be made illegal if campaigners in Geneva succeed in persuading a UN committee, meeting on Thursday and Friday, to open an investigation into their development

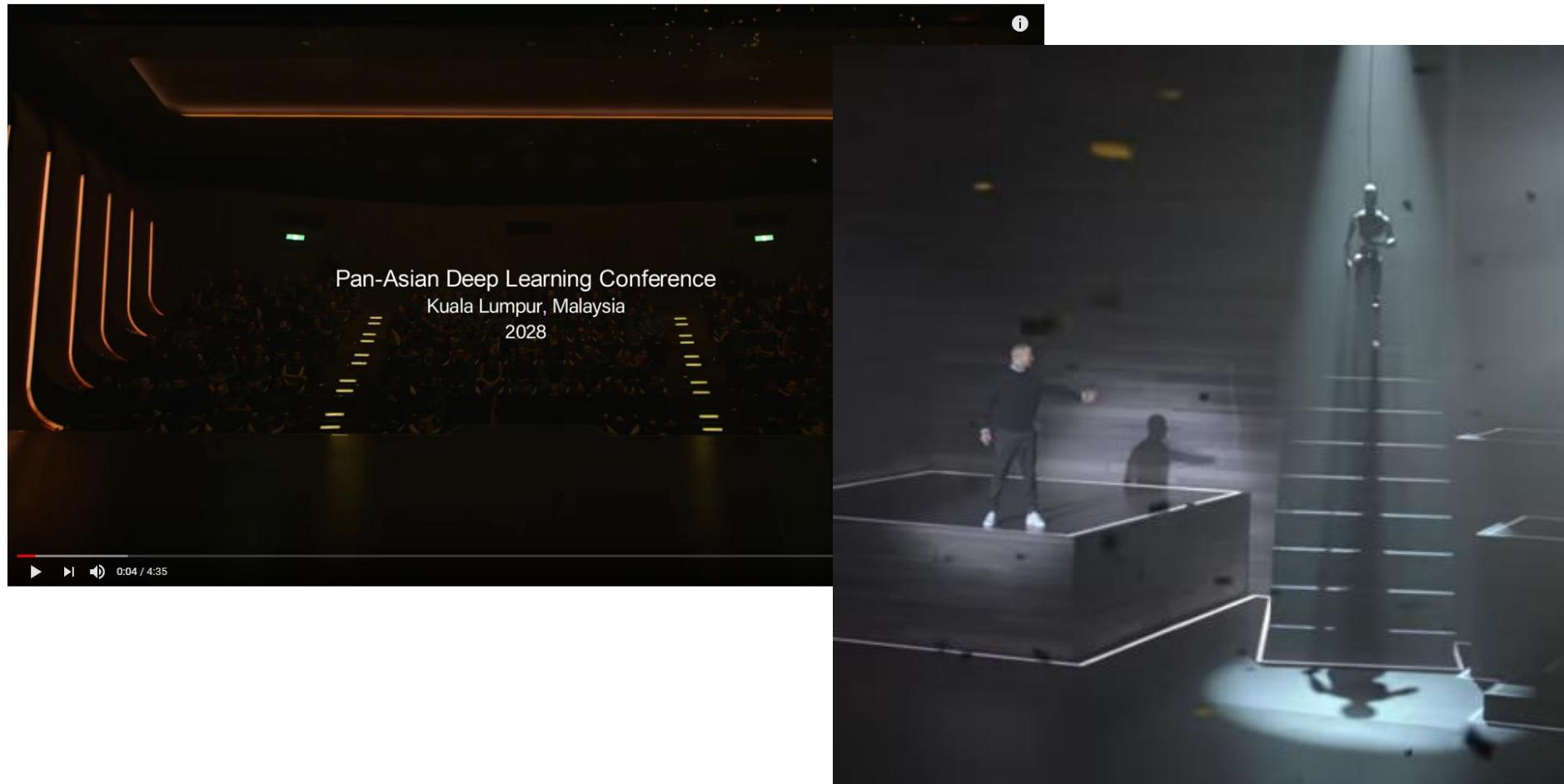


# Evolving Position of AI Community

- Traditional AI position:
  - “Cool toys, lots of money!”
  - “We take no position on ethical issues.”
- Current AI position:
  - “Cool toys, lots of funding!”
  - Autonomous weapons may damage AI reputation
  - Professional associations vote on official policy
  - Work on AI Fairness, Accountability, Safety, Explainability, Racism, Sexism, etc.

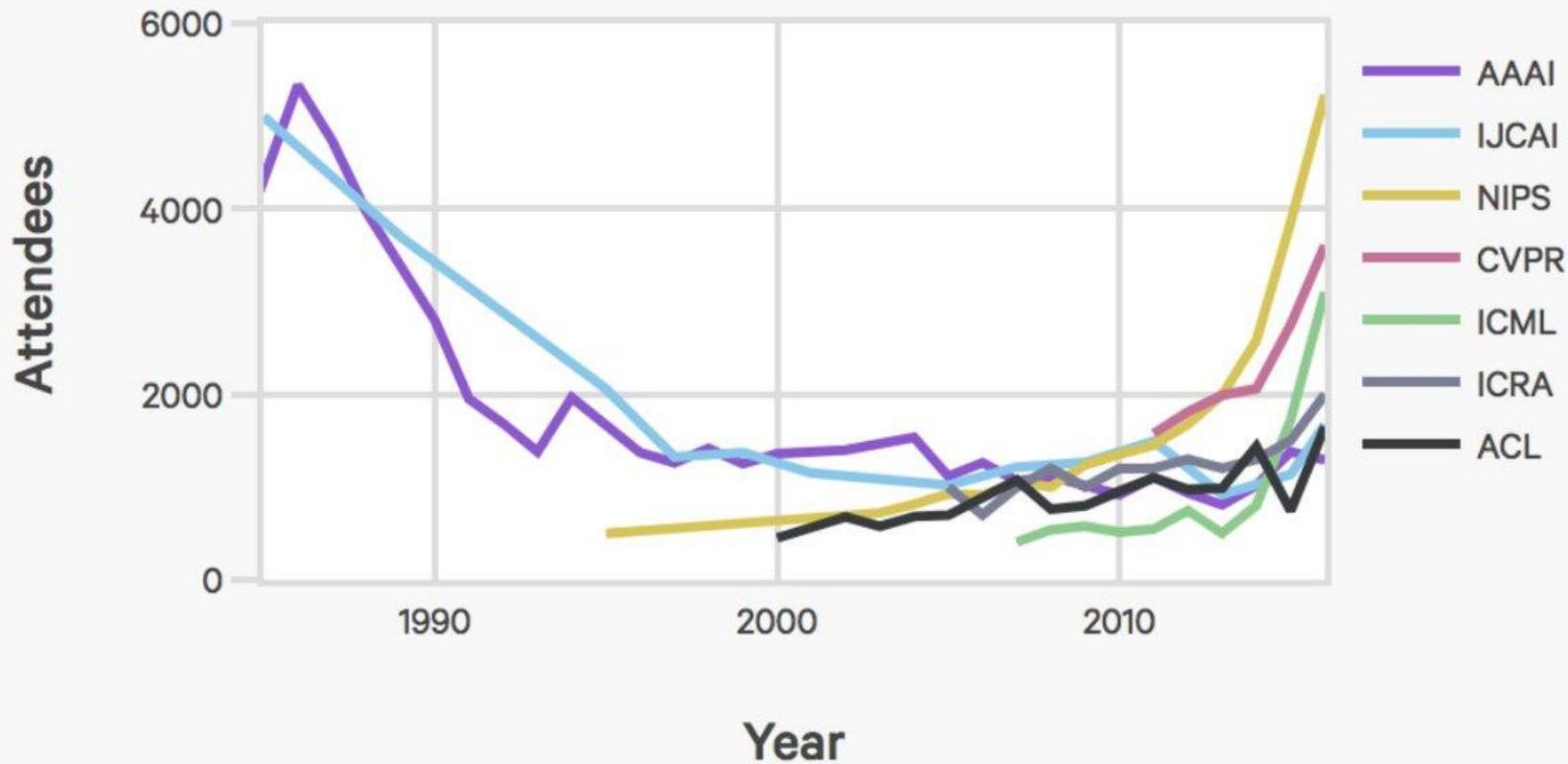
# The Hype Cycle

- Justin Timberlake - Filthy (Official Video)



# The Hype Cycle

Large Conference Attendance



# Conclusions

This course: a reality check!

- Knowledge representation formalisms
- Automated reasoning and search algorithms
- Basic machine learning
- A fad-free AI menu

*“We can see only a short distance ahead, but we can see that much remains to be done.”*

*[Turing]*