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Artificial Intelligence

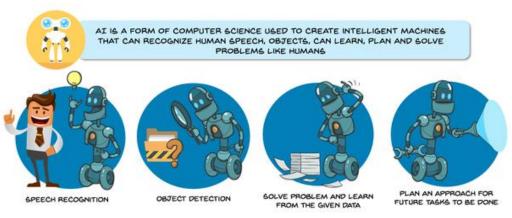
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The course aims to introduce

- > the main techniques of Knowledge Representation
- the methodologies to formulate well-defined problems and solutions
- the management of (certain or uncertain) knowledge through logic and reasoning
- some aspects of Machine Learning and NLP







- Problem Formalization
 - And Solving Problems by Searching
- Notes of Al and Games
- Knowledge representation and Inference (reasoning)
 - First-Order Logic and inductive reasoning
 - Semantic network
 - Description logic
 - Knowledge Graph
- Uncertain Knowledge and Reasoning

- Bayesian networks
- Fuzzy logic
- Decision Making Under Uncertainty
- Introduction on Reinforcement Learning
- Machine Learning
 - Learning from examples
 - Notes of NLP
- Deploying AI Applications
- XAI and ethical aspects



Slides and teaching material:

https://elly2023.dia.unipr.it/course/view.php?id=758

Textbooks

- Russell, Stuart J., and Peter Norvig. *Artificial intelligence: a modern approach*. Global Edition, 2021. (http://aima.cs.berkeley.edu/)
 - > Outdated versions are available on the internet
- Chollet, F., et al. Deep learning with Python. New York: Manning, 2018. http://silverio.net.br/heitor/disciplinas/eeica/papers/Livros/[Chollet]-Deep_Learning_with_Python.pdf
- You can also take a look at the free online courses on the above topics offered at MIT https://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm



The exam consists of

- > A written test on the topics covered in class (theory)
 - > partial mid-course assessment
 - > II partial at the end of the course or during the first date of the exam-bonus
 - > II partial during the second/third date of the exam 0 bonus
- ➤ A written report (and related oral presentation) on a supplementary work about some aspect of :
 - Knowledge and reasoning
 - > Uncertain Knowledge
 - Learning knowledge by examples
 - > XAI and ethical aspects of AI systems



Evaluation:

- The exam is passed if, in each of the two parts, the student reaches at least the sufficiency.
- The final mark is a weighted average trail score obtained in the written test (~70%) and the one obtained in the project work (~ 30%).
- Praise is given in case of achieving the highest score on all partials.

Related exams



- ☐ Nowadays, Python is the most popular language in Al
- http://tomamic.github.io/
- > Python for data analysis NumPy, Pandas, PyPlotLib?

Machine learning

The objective of this module is to provide students with the theoretical basis and practical knowledge of some relevant machine-learning and evolutionary computation algorithms, aimed at classifying data and data analytics methods. ...

Prof Cagnoni

Paradigmi e linguaggi per l'analisi dei dati

Prof. Tomaiuolo



AI: DEFINITIONS

Intelligence vs Artificial Intelligence

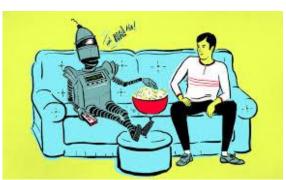


Problem (...mostly unresolved ...)

- Artificial Intelligence is a science :
 - that allows a machine to imitate a human also by modeling the biological and mental processes and behaviors?
 - which creates computational processes that obtain comparable or better results than those obtained by humans in activities considered typical of human intelligence?

In short:

performing the same actions
that a human being would
accomplish in the same context,
really puts the machine on the same level as the human being?





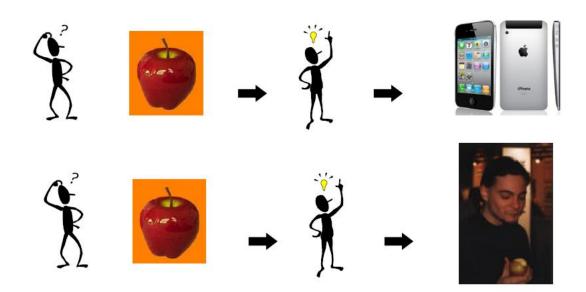
And again...

 Assuming that a machine can be considered intelligent according to one of the previous definitions

Intelligent = human?

- (that is, it does exactly the same thing a man would do, following the same processes to reach the decision)
- Imitating a stupid man is *Intelligence* even if Artificial?





- Which one is the intelligent action? and which is the stupid one?
- examples of contexts: a) Steve Jobs cellar
 - b) hostile environment, hunger ...



And so....

Intelligent= rational?

 (that is, it does the right thing for the context in which it is at any moment)



Question:

The computer can create something that man would not be able to do?



http://computationalcreativity.net/home/

to model, simulate or replicate creativity to

- construct a program or computer capable of human-level creativity.
- -better understand human creativity and to formulate an algorithmic perspective on creative behavior in humans.









- design programs that can enhance human creativity without necessarily being creative themselves.

http://www.human-competitive.org/

Human-Competitive Competition (HUMIES): prize awarded annually (in the evolutionary computing conference, GECCO) to the results of programs able to 'evolve' solutions that are at the level of the 'state of the art'.

from

https://www.emailonacid.com/blog/article/industry-news/chatgpt-more-creative/



Pure Imagination: Could ChatGPT Be More Creative Than You?

- One of the most common definition: Creativity is the ability to combine two or more seemingly disparate concepts to come up with a new idea or solution to a problem.
- 2. But originality could be defined as "undetected plagiarism"

"For substantially, all ideas are secondhand, consciously and unconsciously drawn from a million outside sources, and daily use by the garnerer with a pride and satisfaction born of the superstition that he originated them." ~ Mark Twain, Letter to Helen Keller, 1903

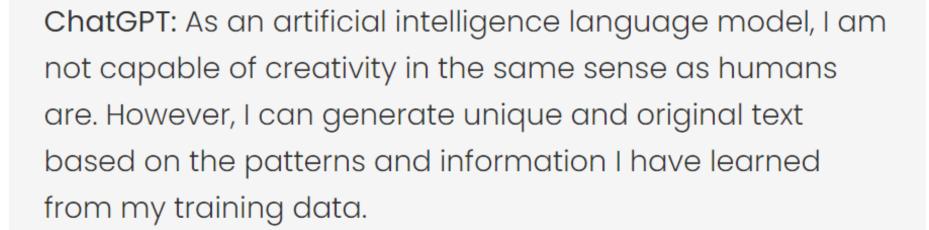
The way we are creative as humans isn't much different from how Al technology like ChatGPT works

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- We learn things and have experiences, store them in our memories, and use them as fuel for creativity.
- Just like us, ChatGPT takes the data and information it has access to and uses that to answer questions or respond to prompts.
- Who are we to say that AI can't be creative if it's basically doing the same thing?

Kasey: Can you be creative?



I can help you come up with creative ideas, suggest new ways of thinking, and provide you with inspiration for your projects or creative endeavors.



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- It's sort of funny how ChatGPT acts like a politician, dancing around questions like this:
- The response didn't indicate it was *not* creative, just that it's incapable of being creative "in the same sense as humans are."
- Instead, OpenAI wants you to view ChatGPT as a digital assistant that's ready to provide a helping hand when you hit a creative roadblock.
- So, in what ways can ChatGPT act creatively? (open-question)



From Wikipedia

- Generally we mean the ability of a computer to perform functions and reasoning typical of the human mind.
- In its purely IT aspects, it includes theories and techniques for the development of algorithms that allow machines (typically computers) to show an ability and/or intelligent activity, at least in specific domains.
- Currently one of the main problems is to give a formal definition of the synthetic (abstract) functions of reasoning, meta-reasoning and learning, typical of the human beings, to be able to build computational models which embody and implement them.



"[The automation of] activities that we	"The study of mental faculties through
associate with human thinking, activ-	the use of computational models"
ities such as decision-making, problem	(Charniak+McDermott, 1985)
solving, learning" (Bellman, 1978)	
"The study of how to make computers	"The branch of computer science that
do things at which, at the moment, peo-	is concerned with the automation of in-
ple are better" (Rich+Knight, 1991)	telligent behavior" (Luger+Stubblefield,
	1993)

Thinking humanly	Thinking rationally	,
Acting humanly	Acting rationally	

Thinking humanly: Cognitive Science



- 1960s «cognitive revolution»: information-processing psychologist replace prevailing orthodoxy of behaviorism
- Requires scientific theories of internal activities of the brain
- What level of abstraction? «knowledge» or «circuits»?
- how to validate?
- Predicting and testing behaviour of human being?/Cognitivie Science)
- Or directly identification from neurological data (Congntive Neuroscience)

Thinking rationally: Laws of thought



- Normative (prescriptive) rather than descriptive
- Aristotele: what are correct arguments/thought processed
- Greek logic: notation and rule of derivation for thought

- Problems:
- Not all intelligent behior is mediated by logical deliberation
- What is the purpose of thinking?

Acting rationally



- Rational behavior: doing the right thing
- Right thing: that which is expected to maximize goal achievment given the available information
- Doesn't necessarily involve thinking, but it should be in the service of rational action

Rational Agents



- An agent is an entity that perceives and act
- Abstractly, an agent is a funcion from percet histories to actions

$$f: \mathcal{P}^* \to \mathcal{A}$$

 For any given class of environment an task we seek the agent with the best performance (that is the best program for given machine resources)

Rational Agents



- This general paradigm is so pervasive that we might call it the standard model.
- It prevails not only in AI, but also in:
- control theory, where a controller minimizes a cost function;
- in operations research, where a policy maximizes a sum of rewards;
- in statistics, where a decision rule minimizes a loss function; and in economics, where a decision maker maximizes utility or some measure of social welfare.