

Too Expensive (Money) Is Current Machine Learning Paradigm

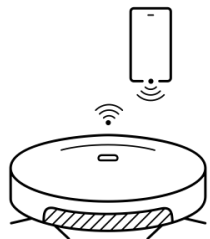
Making Real AI - Series

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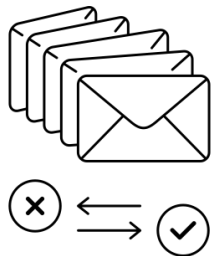
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Background:

AI is Already Everywhere. It Succeeds.



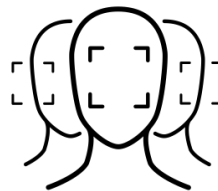
Cleaning Robots



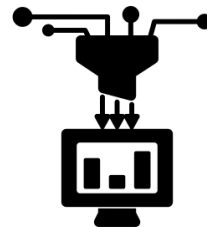
Email Spam Filtering



Recommendation
System



Face Detection

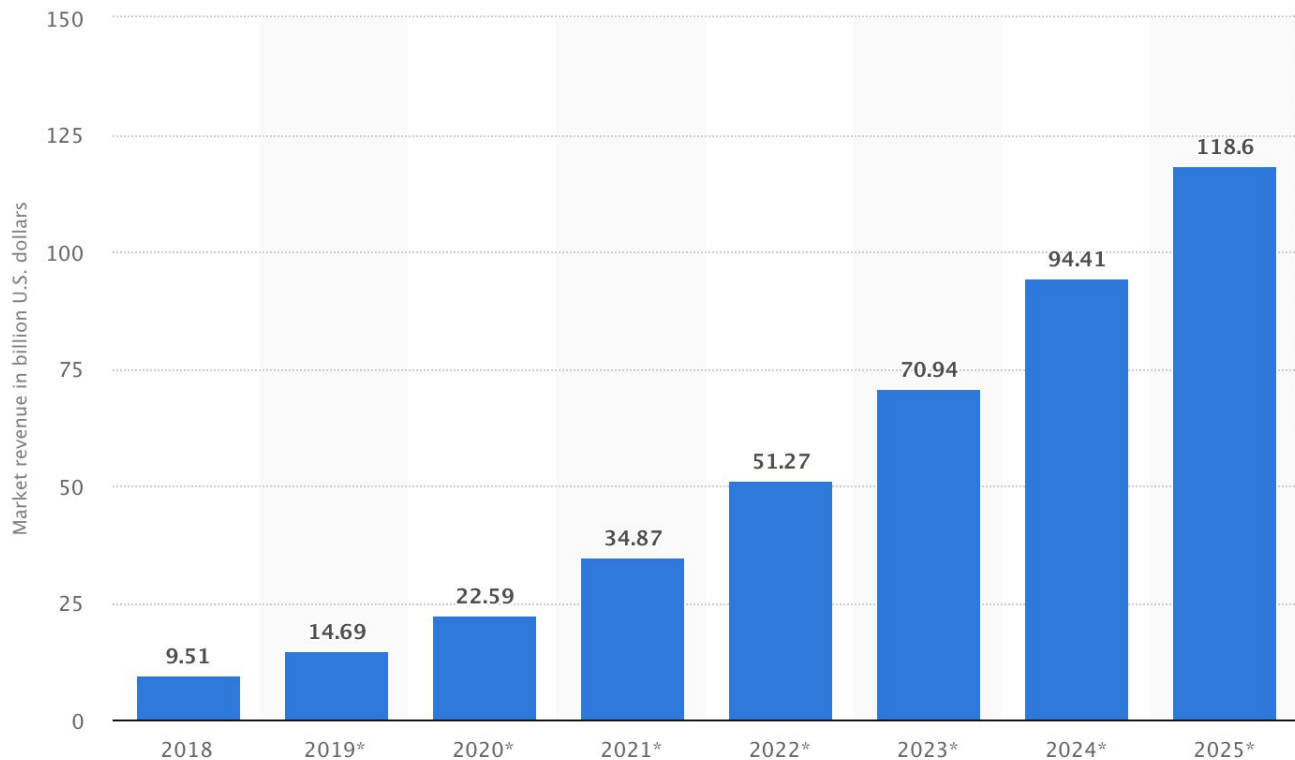


Business Intelligence



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Market Size is Huge



(Liu, 2019)

BUT

“We have seen a surprisingly consistent pattern in the financial data of AI companies, with gross margins often in the **50-60%** range – **well below** the **60-80%PLUS** benchmark for comparable SaaS businesses.”

(Casado & Bornstein, 2020)

Cost 1 - Retraining Machine Learning Models

“Training a single AI model can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars (or more) retraining is increasingly recognized as an ongoing cost, since the data that feeds AI models tends to change over time”

(Casado & Bornstein, 2020)

Cost 2 - Users' Open Intents

“Users can – **and will** – enter ... anything into an AI app

Handling this huge state space tends to be an ongoing chore.”

(Casado & Bornstein, 2020)

Root Cause

is current machine learning paradigm **assuming static task/data**.

1. Task/data change costs a lot.
2. Task-specific machine learning doesn't handle users' open intents.
Task enumeration cost is too high.

**Current task-specific
machine learning paradigm is
expensive,**

Let's shift the paradigm.

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