

Deep Learning with PyTorch

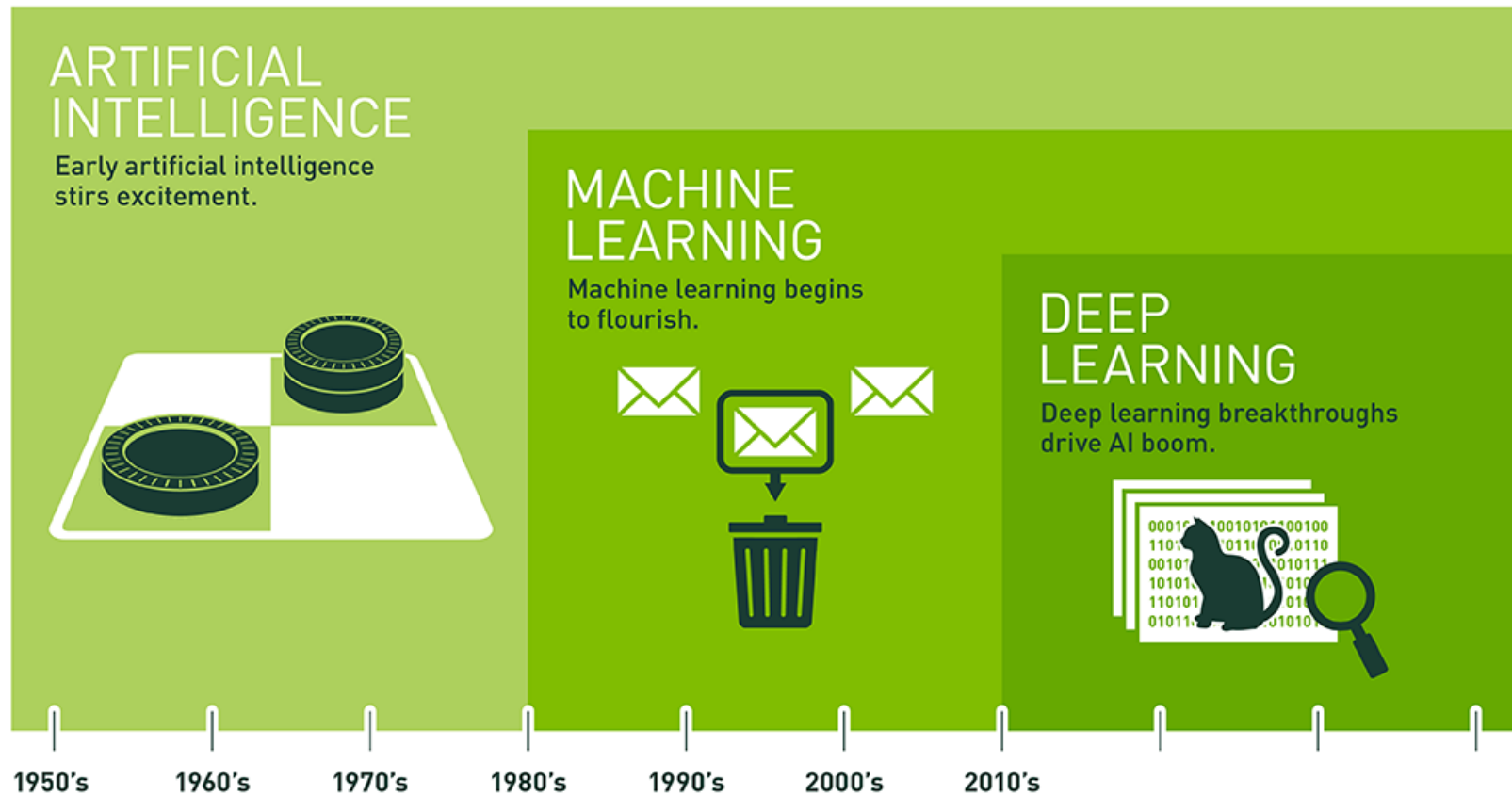
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What is Deep Learning?

Deep learning is a branch of machine learning based on a set of algorithms that attempt to model high-level abstractions in data by using multiple processing layers, with complex structures or otherwise, composed of multiple non-linear transformations.

AI, ML, DL, ...



Since an early flush of optimism in the 1950s, smaller subsets of artificial intelligence – first machine learning, then deep learning, a subset of machine learning – have created ever larger disruptions.

What is Deep Learning?

- some definition: anything with more than two hidden layers
- computationally expensive, high capacity learning machines

In the news and elsewhere

- AlphaGo (March 2016, Deep Learning and the Game of Go)
- ImageNet classification (2014, VGG16, VGG19)
- Real-Time object detection (2013, darknet)
- Image Captioning
- Neural Style Transfer
- WaveNet (speech generation)
- Speech recognition (2017, [DeepSpeech](#))
- Translation (2016, OpenNMT)
- Word Embeddings (2013, word2vec; 2016, fasttext)

And much more

- Image and scene generation
- Image segmentation
- Lip reading
- Text generation
- Time series forecast

History: "A tiny bit of money"

In Nov 2007, Geoffrey Hinton gave a tech talk at Google, called *The Next Generation of Neural Networks*. He seems like a [slightly desperate](#).

We only trained this network once on one data set. If we could get a tiny bit of money from someone we could make this whole thing work much better.

Ten years later Hinton [introduces](#) the Vector Institute at University of Toronto.

Why Now?

- In short: data, cuda, relu.
- Or: availability of data, GPUS, algorithmic advances.

Deep Learning Frameworks

- Abstract away the neural network construction and learning algorithms
- Lots of Python wrappers or pure Python APIs
- [tensorflow](#), [keras](#), [mxnet](#), [pytorch](#), [paddle](#), [CNTK](#), [dlib](#), [Theano](#), [chainer](#), [dynet](#), ...
- Other languages: [caffe](#), [caffe2](#), [DL4J](#), [DIGITS](#)

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Parts and Ingredients

Build a computational graph, utilize automatic differentiation, to adjust the parameters of your model according to a given loss function, that captures the distance between the computed and the expected output, given enough training data.

PyTorch

It's a Python based scientific computing package targeted at two sets of audiences:

- A replacement for NumPy to use the power of GPUs
- a deep learning research platform that provides maximum flexibility and speed