Artificial Intelligence: Introduction

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The current "AI Hype"

Major breakthroughs in many AI tonics

topics

 Thanks to a technique called Deep Learning

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE A program that can sense, reason

A program that can sense, reason, act, and adapt

MACHINE LEARNING

Algorithms whose performance improve as they are exposed to more data over time

DEEP Learning

Subset of machine learning in which multilayered neural networks learn from vast amounts of data

Recent Breakthroughs

Speech Recognition & Machine Translation (2010+)





Google Translate

Skype to get 'real-time' translator



Skype Translator

- •Google now
- Image Recognition & Computer Vision (2012+)
- Natural Language Processing (2014+)
- ...

Figures from Yoshua Bengio, 2015



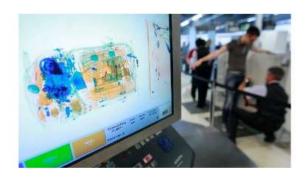
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Object recognition Self driving cars

Airport Screening

- Natural Language Processing (2014+)
- ...

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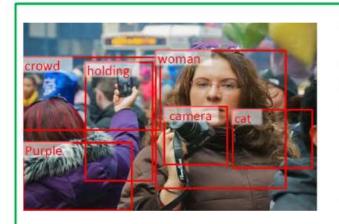
Joe travelled to the office. Joe left the milk. Joe went to the bathroom.

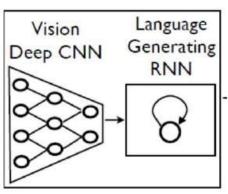
Where is the milk now? A: office

Where is Joe? A: bathroom

Where was Joe before the office? A: kitchen http://blog.esdn.net/gfmu_ejt_wl

Question Answering





•Image Captioning (deep vision + deep NLP)



Machine-generated (but turker prefered)	a bicycle is parked next to a river
Human-annotated (but turker not prefered)	a bike sits parked next to a body of water

Recent Breakthroughs (Cont'd)

- Generative adversarial network (GAN) (2014+)
- Transformers (2017+)





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What is GPT-4 in two lines?



As of my knowledge cutoff in September 2021, GPT-4 does not exist yet and has not been announced by OpenAI. However, it is expected to be a successor to GPT-3, a state-of-the-art language model that uses deep learning to generate human-like language and perform a wide range of natural language processing tasks.

@ Boris Eldagsen

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1. What is artificial intelligence?

- No standard definition of AI among those working in the field
- AI has even been defined as:
 - "... the collection of problems and methodologies studied by artificial intelligence researchers."
 - Luger and StubbleField

Other Definitions

Machines that think like humans

- The exciting new effort to make computers think... machines with minds, in the full and literal sense (Haugeland, 1985)
- The automation of activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision-making, problem solving, learning... (Bellmann 1978)

Machines that act like humans

- The art of creating machines that <u>perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people</u> (Kurzweil, 1990)
- The study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better. (Rich and Knight, 1991)

Machines that think intelligently

- The <u>study of mental faculties</u> through the use of computational models (Charniak and McDermott, 1985)
- The <u>study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, and act</u> (Winston, 1992)

Machines that act intelligently

- A field of study that <u>seeks to explain and emulate intelligent behavior</u> in terms in terms of computational processes (Schalkoff, 1990)
- The branch of computer science that is concerned with the automation of intelligent behavior (Luger & Stubblefield, 1993)

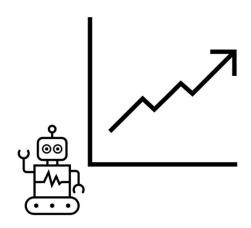
Approaches to AI: Engineering VS Cognitive Approach

- Engineering Approach:
 - Tries to find optimal solutions
 - No matter how (not necessarily what human do)
- Cognitive Approach:
 - Tries to understand the process
 - Tries to reproduce human behavior (even if wrong result)
- 4 points of view: Systems that can...

	Cognitive approach	Engineering / Rational approach
Behavior	act like humans	act intelligently
Reasoning	think like humans	think intelligently

Rationality

- Engineering (Rational) approach has been more prevalent
 - More general and not limited to human behavior
 - More aligned with scientific development
- A rational agent acts in order to reach its predefined goal or to maximize its utility (goals ~ utility)
- Instead of AI, "Computational Rationality" could have been suggested.



Approaches to AI: Weak VS Strong AI

Weak AI:

- A system whose capabilities are not intended to match or exceed the capabilities of human beings.
- A system can demonstrate intelligence, but does not necessarily have a mind, mental states or consciousness.
- Usually, a small application with a single purpose

Strong AI:

- typically used in science fiction
- A system that matches or exceeds human intelligence.
- A system that could have: consciousness, self-awareness, the ability to feel sentiments, ...
- Usually, a "general purpose" application capable of several tasks



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What is Intelligence, Anyways?

- are you intelligent if you:
 - can do complex arithmetic quickly?
 - humans are bad at it
 - ... but computers are good at it
 - can recognize a face in a picture?
 - humans are good at it
 - ... but hard to automate in a computer
 - hold a 15 min. conversation?
 - humans are good at it
 - ... but really hard to automate in a computer

What is Intelligence?

- intellectual vs physical capabilities
 - □ a dog has a more acute sense of smell...
 - a bat can see at night...



- when the female wasp returns to her burrow with food, she first deposits it on the threshold, checks for intruders inside, and only then, if the coast is clear, carries her food inside.
- but that's instinctual behavior
- if the food is moved a few inches away while she is inside: on emerging, she will repeat the whole procedure as often as the food is displaced.
- awareness of existence (consciousness of itself)
 - if a system passes a test for intelligence but is not aware of it, is it intelligent?
 - but the only way to really know if a machine is thinking is to be the machine...



Is Deep Blue Intelligent?

- In 1996 and 1997 IBM's Deep Blue beat the human chess champion Kasparov in a six-games match.
- But Deep Blue uses:
 - plain brute force technique
 - on a massively parallel supercomputer
 - can explore 200,000,000 positions per second (Kasparov can examine 3/sec)
- Today, emphasis on more intelligent chess programs
- in Nov. 2006, Deep Fritz vs. Kramnik, ran on an ordinary Intel Core 2 Duo CPUs



"I could feel — I could smell — a new kind of *intelligence* across the table" G. Kasparov



Is Chess Playing Intelligent?

"Chess is <u>far easier</u> than innumerable tasks performed by an infant, such as understanding a simple story, recognizing objects and their relationships, understanding speech, and so forth. For these and nearly all realistic AI problems, the brute force methods in Deep Blue are hopelessly inadequate."

- David Stork

Is Watson Intelligent?

In 2011, IBM's Watson competed on Jeopardy!



- Watson beat Brad Rutter, the biggest all-time money winner on Jeopardy!, and Ken Jennings, the record holder for the longest championship streak
- Watson received the first prize of \$1 million
- Watson is a question answering system... "an application of advanced Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval, Knowledge Representation and Reasoning, and Machine Learning technologies to the field of open domain question answering"

Is AlphaGo Intelligent?

- GO was always considered a much harder game to automate than chess because of its very o high a branching factor (35 for chess vs 250 for Go!)
- In 2016, AlphaGo beat Lee Sedol in a five-game match of GO.
- In 2017 AlphaGo beat Ke Jie, the world No.1 ranked player at the time
- AlphaGo uses a Monte Carlo tree search algorithm to find its moves based on knowledge previously "learned" by deep learning



Last year, it was still quite human-like when it played. But this year, it became like a god of Go." Ke Jie

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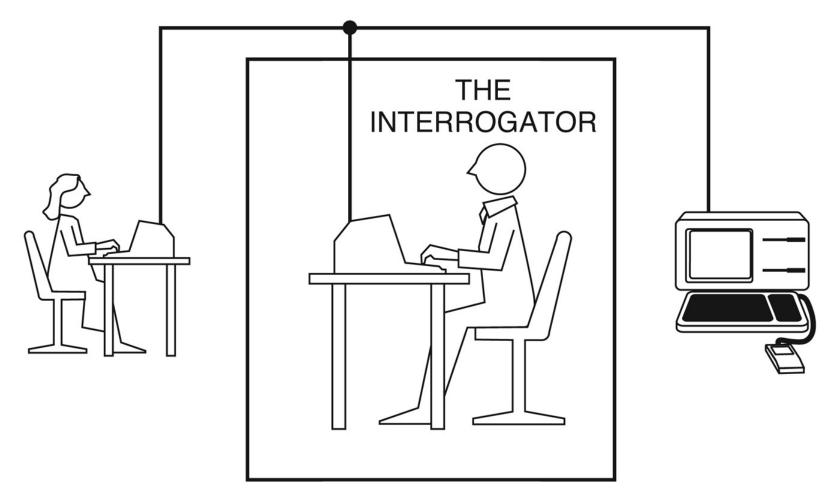
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A Test for Intelligence...

- The Turing Test
 - □ The "imitation game"
 - Proposed by Alan Turing in 1950
 - If a human interrogator cannot tell the computer and human apart, then the computer is intelligent
 - Measures the intelligence of a computer vs. a human
 - Turing predicted that by 2000, a machine might have a 30% chance of fooling a person for 5 minutes



The Turing Test



 A human mediates between the interrogator and the machine

The Turing Test

- Some capabilities required to pass the Turing test:
 - Natural Language Processing (NLP) to communicate
 - Knowledge Representation to store knowledge
 - Automated Reasoning to infer new knowledge
 - Machine Learning
 - **...**

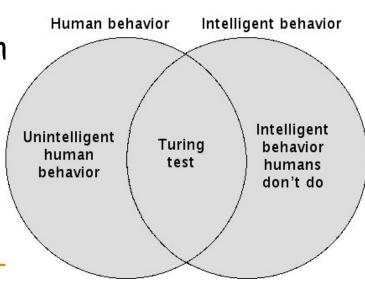
Arguments For the Turing Test

- Objective notion of intelligence
- Prevents us from arguments about the computer's consciousness
- Eliminates bias in favor of humans

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Arguments <u>Against</u> Turing Test

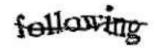
- Not reproducible
- Not constructive
- Machine intelligence designed w.r.t. humans
 - test is anthropomorphic. It only tests if the subject resembles a human being.
 - unnecessarily restrict machines
 - ex: x-ray vision, fast computation

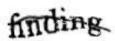


Did anyone pass the Turing Test yet?

- The Long Bets Foundation has \$20,000 bet between
 - Mitchell Kapor, founder of Lotus Development, and
 - Ray Kurzweil, inventor
 - Kapor bets that "By 2029 no computer or "machine intelligence" will have passed the Turing Test."
 - After more than 60 year ... «drum roll please» ... In 2014, the news reported that a chatbot <u>passed the Turing Test!</u>
 - But, Kurzweil himself is not convinced... because the test had restrictions...
 - the chatbot claimed to be a 13-year-old, and
 - one for whom English is not a first language

Current Turing Tests





CAPTCHA:

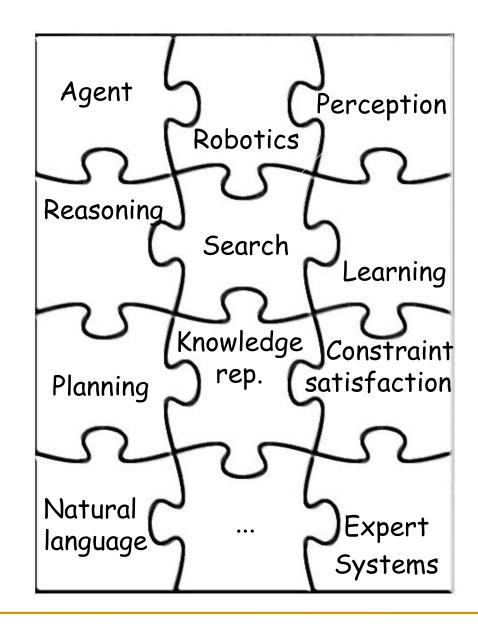
- Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart
- the system asks a user to complete a test which the computer is able to generate and grade, but not able to solve.
- Because computers are unable to solve the CAPTCHA, any user entering a correct solution is presumed to be human.
- also known as reverse Turing test, because it is:
 - given by a machine and targeted to a human
 - in contrast to the Turing test that is given by a human and targeted to a machine.

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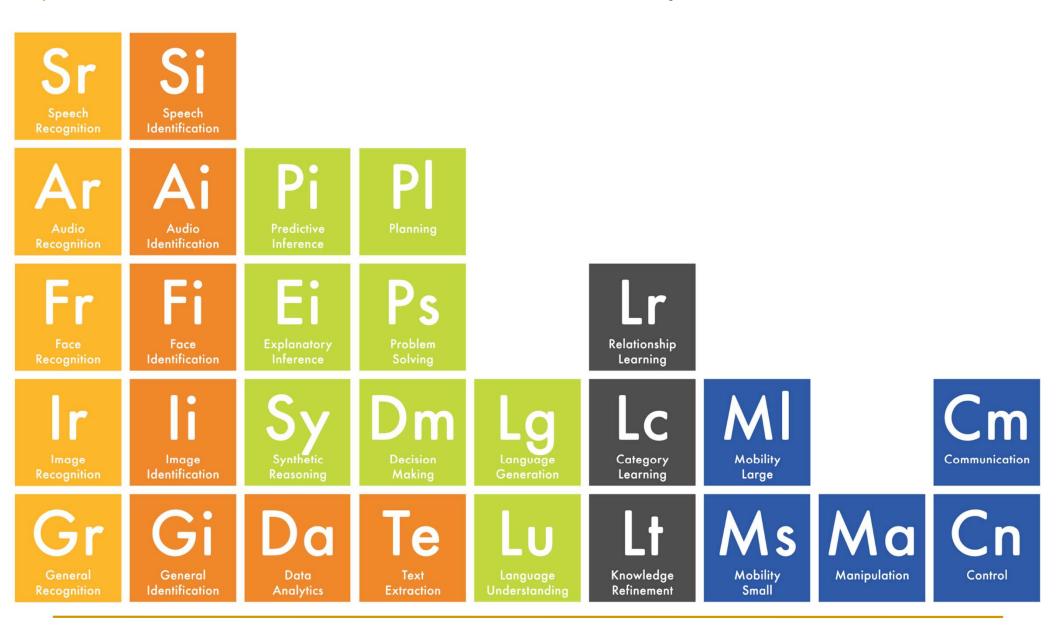
What do we do in AI?

- Knowledge representation (including formal logic)
- Search, especially heuristic search (puzzles, games)
- Planning
- Reasoning under uncertainty, including probabilistic reasoning
- Learning
- Agent architectures
- Robotics and perception
- Natural language processing



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The Periodic Table Of AI



Why Does AI have a Bad Reputation?

Unrealistic predictions

- □ In 1950, Turing predicted that 50 years later (in 2000)
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 - It will be natural to speak of computers 'thinking'.
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These Problems are Harder Than we Thought...

- MT has been the target of much [false?] criticism since the 50s
- ex: a common urban legend
 - in the 60s, the Department of Defense fed the phrase:
 "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak"
 - into an English to Russian translator,
 - then fed the result back into a Russian to English system. the result came out:

"the vodka is strong but the meat is rotten".

- MT is hard...
 - eg: les enfants et les femmes enceintes
 - --> pregnant children and women

Successes of AI...

- A few years ago, all these were considered AI problems... now, no one thinks of them as AI
 - OCR Optical Character Recognition
 - Speech Recognition
 - Information Retrieval
 - Spell checker and Grammar checker
 - Expert Systems
 - Data Mining
 - Word Prediction
 - **...**

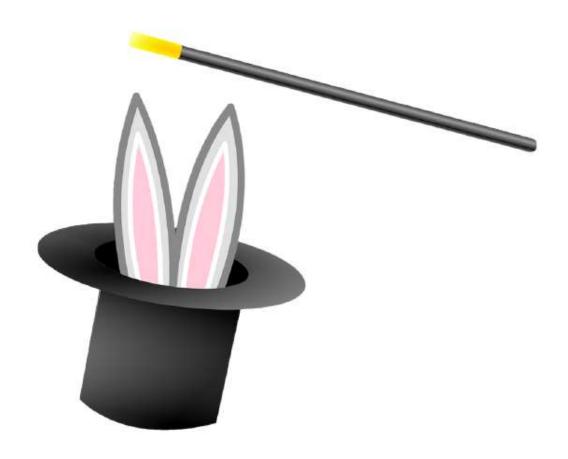
Some Successes of AI...

A more pragmatic definition of AI today:

"AI research is that which computing scientists do not know how to do cost-effectively today."

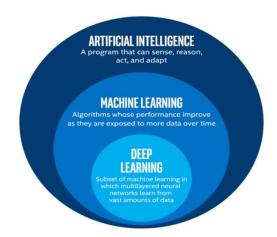


AI is like ...



AI research areas

Topics at Canadian AI Conference 2023

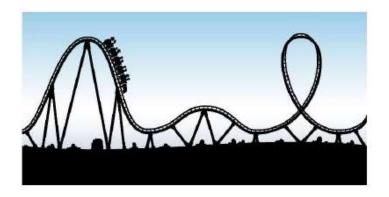


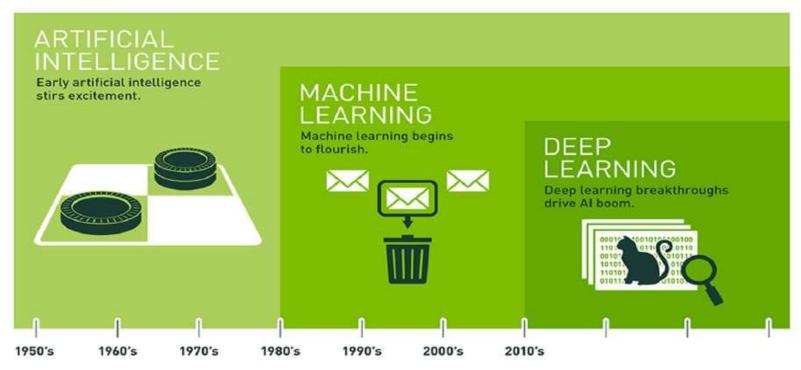
- 1. Agent Systems
- 2. AI Applications
- 3. Automated Reasoning
- 4. Bioinformatics and BioNLP
- 5. Case-based Reasoning
- 6. Cognitive Models
- 7. Constraint Satisfaction
- 8. Data Mining
- 9. Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
- 10. Evolutionary Computation
- 11. Games
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- 13. Intelligent Tutoring Systems

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- 23. Uncertainty
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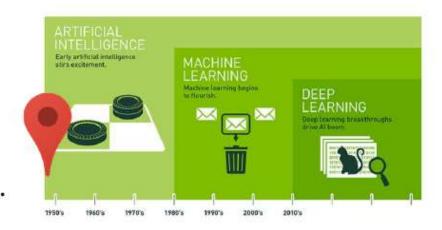




https://medium.com/machine-learning-for-humans/neural-networks-deep-learning-cdad8aeae49b

- Gestation period (1940-1956)
 - □ 1943: McCulloch & Pitts:
 - developed a boolean circuit model of the human brain
 - early work in artificial neural networks... but just a theory, no real implementation
 - 1950: Alan Turing
 - wrote Computing Machinery and Intelligence
 - fundamental paper in AI -- describes the Turing test
 - 1956: The Darmouth meeting
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Dartmouth Conference: The Founding Fathers of AI







Marvin Minsky



Claude Shannon



Ray Solomonoff



Herbert Simon

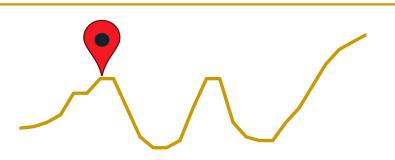


Arthur Samuel

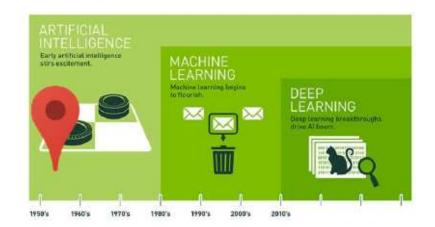


And three others...
Oliver Selfridge
(Pandemonium theory)
Nathaniel Rochester
(IBM, designed 701)
Trenchard More
(Natural Deduction)

- The rise of AI (~1956 70s)
 - Great enthusiasm, great ideas
 - The era of GOFAI: Good Old Fashioned AI
 - Lots of work on:
 - heuristic search
 - knowledge representation
 - Minsky develops frames for knowledge representation
 - general methods for problem solving (weak methods)
 - 1965: Robinson develops a mechanical proof procedure, the Resolution Method
 - toy-world applications (that do not scale up...)
 - 1965: Weizenbaum develops first chatbot: ELIZA to simulate a dialogue between a psychotherapist and a patient
 - □ 1973: Winograd develops SHRDLU to understand English sentences in a restricted world and carried out instructions in English with a robot arm.
 - 1958: John McCarthy develops LISP
 - 1972: Colmeraurer develops Prolog



- The rise of AI (~1956 70s)
 - The era of GOFAI: Good Old Fashioned AI
 - Symbolic computation rather then numeric computation
 - cold, hot rather than 25.5°C
 - onTop(red) rather than
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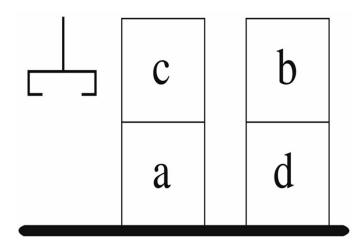
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- All this, lead to the First AI Winter...

Example of a Toy-World

- toy-world = micro-word
- 1972: Winograd developed SHRDLU to understand English sentences in a restricted world and carried out instructions typed in English with a robot arm.



Why did we need AI Programming Languages?

- GOFAI was characterized by a
 - Symbolic computation rather then numeric computation
 - cold, hot rather than 25.5°C
 - onTop(red) rather than position[1,0,0] = 50cm
 - Higher level of abstraction

Lisp

- Functional language (based on recursive functions)
- McCarthy in the 1950's
- Gave rise to SCHEME, ML, ...

Prolog

- Logical Language (based on first-order predicate logic)
- Colmerauer in the 1970's for NL understanding
- Based on Robinson's resolution method for theorem proving

AI Programming Languages today

Today:

- because of the decline in symbolic computations in AI,
- general-purpose programming languages are typically used: C, C++, Java, Python, ...



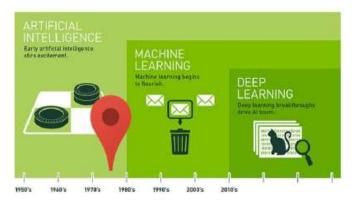
- Reality hits (late 60s early 70s)
 - 1966: the ALPAC report kills work in machine translation (and NLP in general)
 - People realized that scaling up from micro-worlds (toy-worlds) to reality is not just a manner of faster machines and larger memories...
 - Minsky & Papert's paper on the limits of perceptrons (cannot learn just any function...) kills work in neural networks
 - in 1971, the British government stops funding research in AI due to no significant results
 - it's the first major AI Winter...



- Knowledge-based systems (70s mid 80s)
 - Much work on expert systems
 - people realized that general-purpose problem solving (weak methods) do not work for practical applications
 - systems need specific domain-dependent knowledge (strong methods)
 - development of knowledge-intensive, rule-based techniques
 - 2 major expert systems
 - DENDRAL (1969): expert system to analyse chemical compounds for the molecular structure of Mars's soil
 - MYCIN (1972): expert system to diagnose blood diseases
 - In the industry (1980s): First expert system shells and commercial applications.

- 1970s 1980s
- A big "hype" ... Expert Systems
 - knowledge-intensive, rule-based techniques
 - Commercial expert systems
 - Decision-support systems

HUMANS need to write the rules by hand...

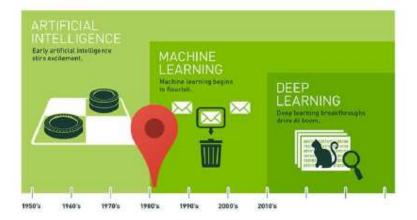






1972: MYCIN diagnoses blood infections as well as doctors.

- mid 80s mid 90s
- Another AI Winter
 - The end of Expert Systems
 - Too tedious to write rules by hand
 - Too expensive to maintain

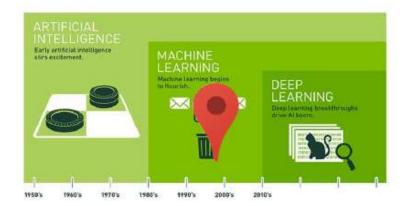


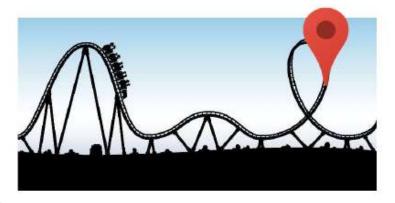


- The end of Good Old Fashioned AI (mid 80s)
 - Expert Systems die... no one wants to write rules by hand anymore
- The rise of Machine Learning (mid 80s today)
 - More powerful machines -> usable implementation of neural networks
 - Huge developments in Neural Networks
 - Use of probability theory for Natural Language Processing
- AI adopts the Scientific Method (mid 80s today)
 - A good idea without a formal evaluation, just isn't enough anymore
 - Systems and theories are now rigorously evaluated on benchmarks and shared repositories
 - Regular "competition-style" conferences to evaluate approaches and compare them

- 1980s-2010
- The rise of Machine Learning
 - More powerful CPUs-> usable implementation of neural networks
 - Big data -> Huge data sets are available
 - document repositories for NLP (e.g. emails)
 - billions on images for image retrieval
 - billions of genomic sequences, ...

Rules are now learned automatically!







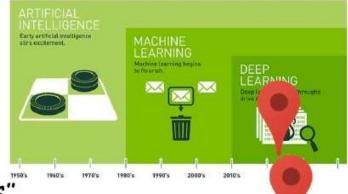
2011: Watson wins at Jeapardy!





- Availability of very large datasets (2000-today)
 - Huge data sets are now available (the era of <u>Big Data</u>)
 - document repositories in NLP,
 - datasets in ML,
 - billions on images for image retrieval,
 - billions of genomic sequences
 - ...
 - So more emphasis in data-driven approaches, as opposed to algorithm-driven approaches
 - ie, use of generic machine learning algorithms on new datasets as opposed to developing sets of rules by hand.
 - 2010 today: big hype about deep-learning

- 2010-today Deep Learning
 - Development of "deep neural networks"
 - Trained on massive data sets
 - Use of GPU for computations
 - Use of "generic networks" for many applications
 - Image recognition
 - Self driving cars
 - Machine translation
 - Speech recognition & synthesis
 - Chatbots
 - Game playing







Foundation disciplines of AI

- Philosophy
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Neuroscience
- Psychology
- Computer engineering
- Control theory
- Linguistics
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Future of AI



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Eliza



- Developed by Joseph Weizenbaum
- In the 1960's
- Simulation of a dialogue with a psychologist
- Great success at the time
 - Led at least one psychologist to seriously suggest that computers might help alleviate the shortage of trained psychotherapists (!)
- Weizenbaum later questioned his own work and became one of the field's biggest critics

Eliza is...

 An example of a simple production system (see later for a discussion of this type of systems)

Example dialogs with our new psychotherapist...

Session with Eliza

- I am the psychotherapist. Please, describe your problems. Each time you are finished talking, type RET twice.
- I am very unhappy these days
- Are you unhappy often?
- Always after the new classes start
- Tell me about your classes.
- I am registered for artificial intelligence
- Why do you say you are registered for artificial intelligence?
- I feel I should understand more about AI
- Earlier you said you felt unhappy?
- I am unhappy because of the examinations
- Are you sure that is the real reason?
- Not really
- Maybe the examinations have something to do with this.
- This could be one of the reasons
- Is it because of your plans that you say this could be one of the reasons?

How does Eliza work?

 See Weizenbaum's paper at: http://www.csee.umbc.edu/courses/331/papers/eliza.html

"Input sentences are analyzed on the basis of decomposition rules which are triggered by key words appearing in the input text. Responses are generated by reassembly rules associated with selected decomposition rules."

Algorithm

Identify Keywords:

- Scan the input sentence to look for words in a dictionary of keywords.
- 2. Keywords are given a rank, and the highest ranking keyword is considered first

2. Get Decomposition Patterns

- 1. For each keyword, there is an associated list of decomposition patterns
- 2. The first decomposition pattern that matches the input sentence is selected.
- If the decomposition rule does not match, then the next best ranking keyword is selected (and go back to step 2.1).

3. Apply Reassembly Pattern

- For each decomposition rule, there is a set of associated reassembly patterns to generate a response.
- If a subsequent sentence selects the same decomposition pattern, the next reassembly pattern is used (so the output is not repetitive)
- 4. If there is no keywords in the input sentence, then generate a canned response

Example

- If the input sentence is:
 - I am very unhappy these days.
- Eliza's response will be:
 - How long have you been very unhappy these days?
- Keyword:
 - □ I am
- Decomposition pattern:
 - □ I am <whatever>
- Reassembly Pattern:
 - How long have you been <whatever>?

A More Complex Example

- Input sentence: "It seems that you hate me".
- Keywords: "you" and "me"
- Decomposition pattern:
 - a <whatever1> you <whatever2> me
 - □ It seems that you hate me
- Reassembly pattern
 - What makes you think I hate you?

notice the pronoun (you from the user --> I for Eliza)

notice the pronoun (me from the user --> you for Eliza)

Modern Eliza-like Systems:

- Chatterbots
 - □ Eg: <u>ALICE</u>
- Chatterbot Challenge
 - Started in 2001
 - See: http://www.chatterboxchallenge.com/
- What if 2 chatterbots "talk" to each other...
 - http://www.aaaivideos.org/2012/ai_vs_ai_chatbots/
- ChatGPT, Google Bard

What about ChatGPT

 I ran almost the same conversation with ChatGBT



Thanks! I am registered for artificial intelligence course.



That sounds exciting! Learning about artificial intelligence can be a fascinating and rewarding experience. What specifically about the course are you looking forward to, and is there anything that you feel uncertain or nervous about?



Ok. Thanks!



You're welcome! I hope this was helpful. Remember, it's normal to feel stressed during exam season, but there are resources available to help you manage and succeed. Wishing you the best of luck with your studies!

Today

- Important questions
 - 1. What is artificial intelligence?
 - 2. What is intelligence?
 - Is there a test for intelligence?
- What do we do in AI?
- History of AI
- An example: Eliza

