



# Teaching AI Across K-12

## What's New?

2020 CSTA Annual Conference  
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3-5 Grade Level Lead

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9-12 Grade Level Lead

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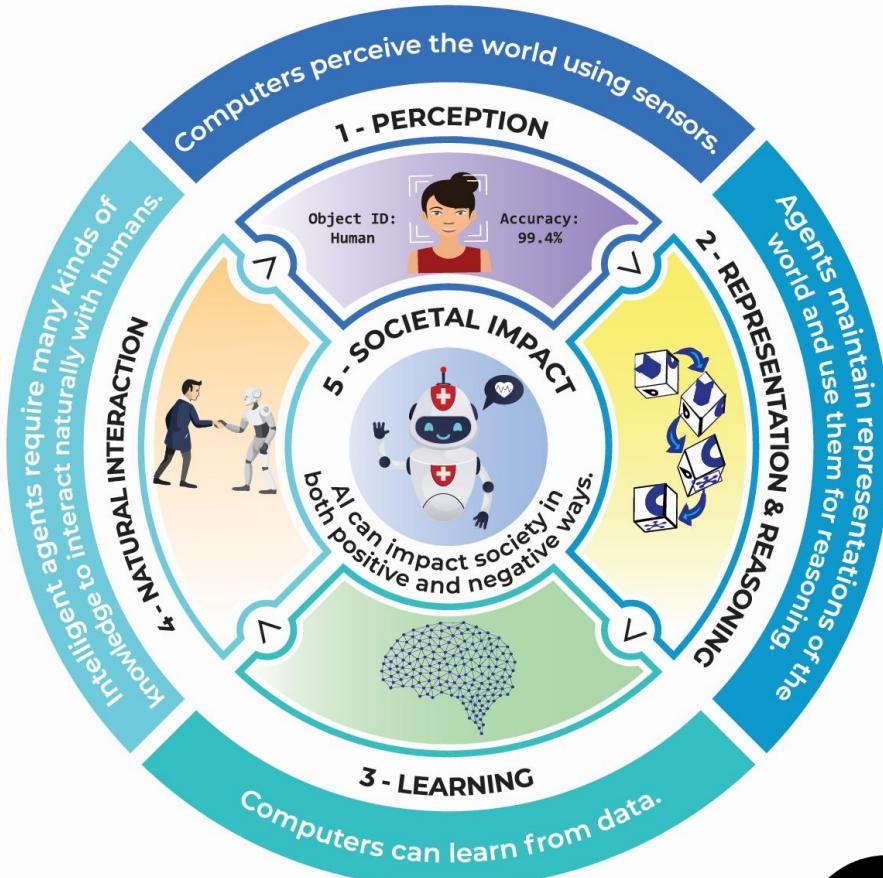




## Five Big Ideas in AI

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explaining the Five Big  
Ideas from our website:

**AI4K12.org**





# Initiative Mission

- Develop national guidelines for teaching AI in K-12
  - Modeled after the CSTA standards for computing education.
  - Four grade bands: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12
  - What should students know?
  - What should students be able to do?
- Develop a curated AI resource directory for K-12 teachers
- Foster a community of K-12 AI educators, researchers, and resource developers.



# The AI4K12 Initiative, a joint project of:

**AAAI** (Association for the  
Advancement of Artificial Intelligence)



**CSTA** (Computer Science  
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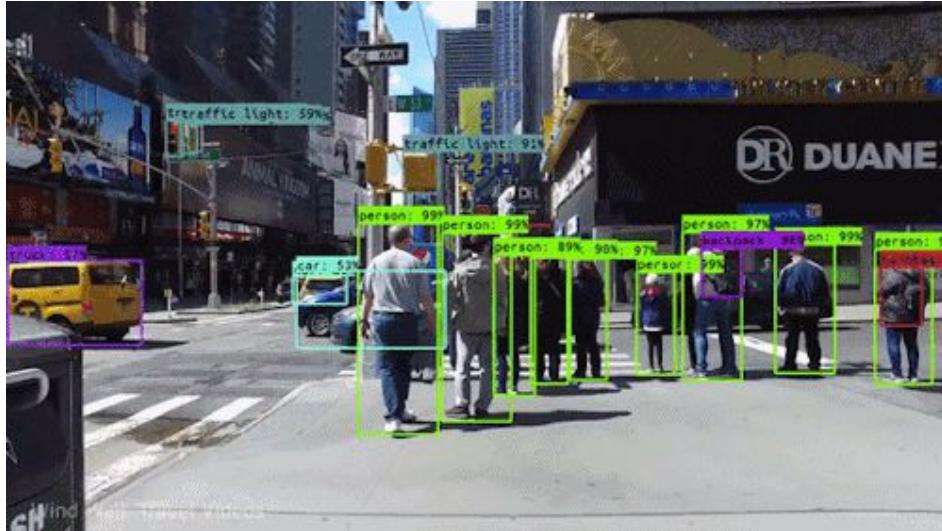
# Big Idea #1: Perception

*Computers perceive the world using sensors.*

## **Key Understandings (*NEW!*):**

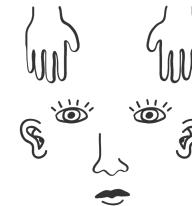
Perception is the extraction of *meaning* from sensory signals based on knowledge.

The transformation from signal to meaning takes place in stages, with increasingly abstract features and higher level knowledge applied at each stage.



# Big Idea #1: Perception 1-A Sensing

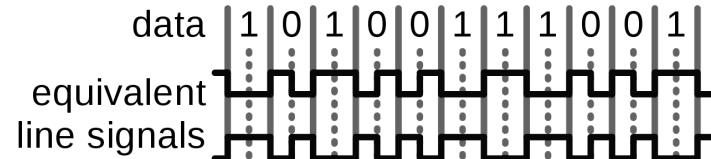
## i. Living Things



## ii. Computer Sensors



## iii. Digital Encoding

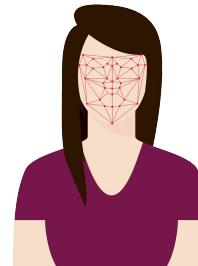


# Big Idea #1: Perception 1-B Processing

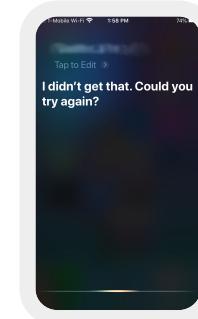
## i. Sensing vs Perception



## ii. Feature Extraction



## iii. Abstraction Pipeline: Language



## iv. Abstraction Pipeline: Vision



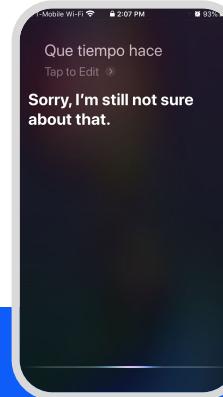
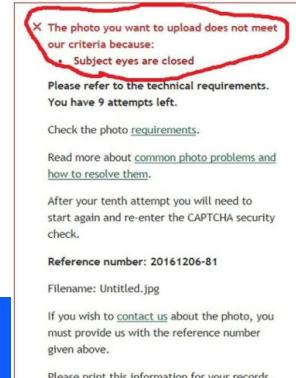
# Big Idea #1: Perception 1-C Domain Knowledge

## i. Types of Domain Knowledge



PLACE TAGS	PROBABILITY
japanese garden	16.22%
tree house	14.08%
chalet	5.99%
pond	5.06%
hunting lodge/outdoor	4.97%
cottage	4.83%
fishpond	4.15%

## ii. Inclusivity



# Big Idea #2: Representation and Reasoning

*Agents maintain representations of the world, and use them for reasoning.*



## Key Understandings (*NEW!*):

Representations drive reasoning.

Reasoning algorithms manipulate representations.



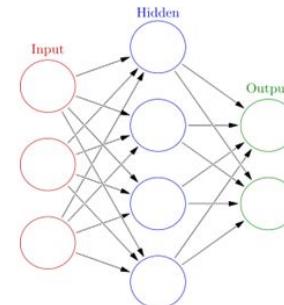
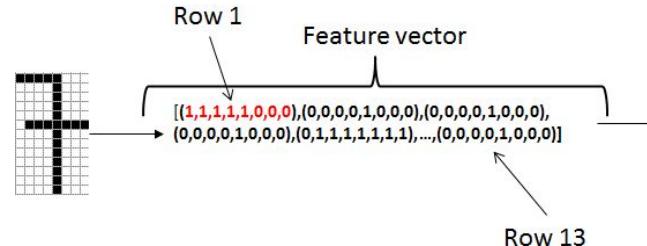
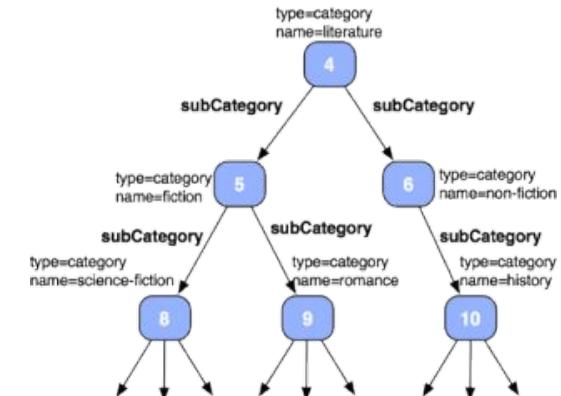
# Big Idea #2: Types of Representation

## i. Symbolic Representations

## ii. Feature Vectors



Students in grades 6+ should be able to draw a search tree.

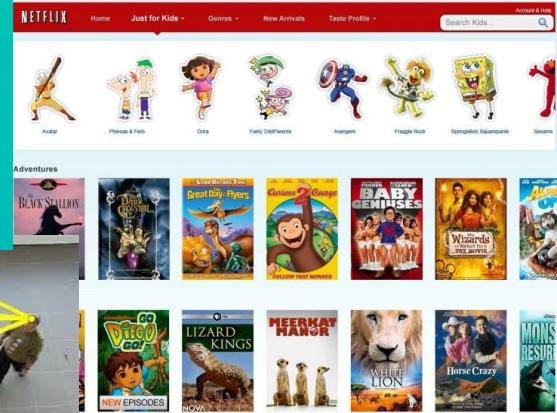


# Big Idea #2: Types of Reasoning

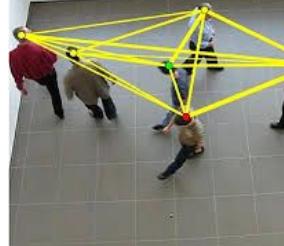
## i. Classification



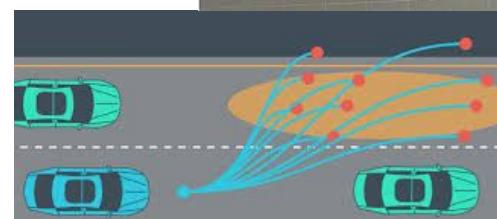
## ii. Prediction



## iii. Combinatorial Search



## iv. Inference



## v. Planning (NEW)

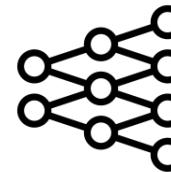


## vi. Recognition

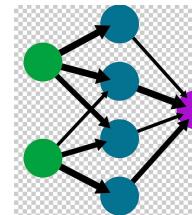


# Big Idea #2: Families of Algorithms

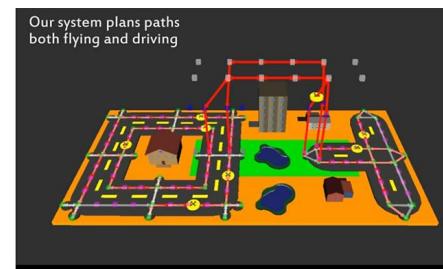
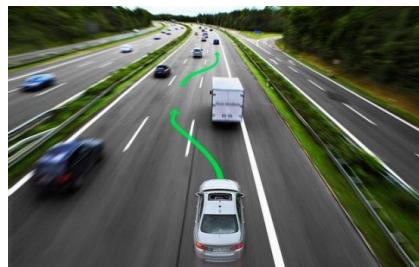
## i. Decision Trees (Classification)



## ii. Neural networks (Classification, Prediction, Recognition)



## iii. Search (Planning, Combinatorial Search)



# Big Idea #2: Representation and Reasoning

## Example Guidelines

- Create/design a representation of an (animal) classification system using a tree structure.
- Draw a search tree for tic-tac-toe
- Describe how AI representations support reasoning to answer questions
- Describe the differences between types of search algorithms



# Big Idea #3: Learning

*Computers can learn from data.*

Key Understandings (*NEW!*):

1. **Machine learning** :

Computer acquire behaviors  
without being explicitly programmed

2. Learning of new behaviors is brought about by changes in  
internal **representation**.



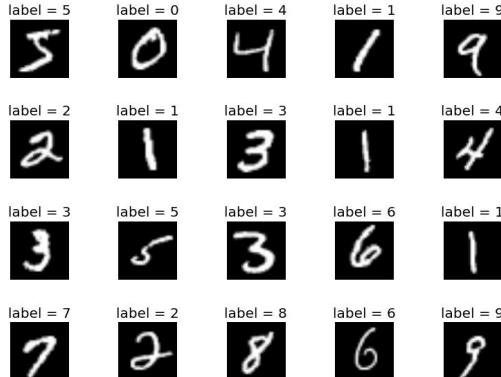
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# Machine Learning in action : CLASSIFIER



**Spam Filters:**  
Spam, or  
not-spam?



**Handwriting recognition:**  
Read a check deposit

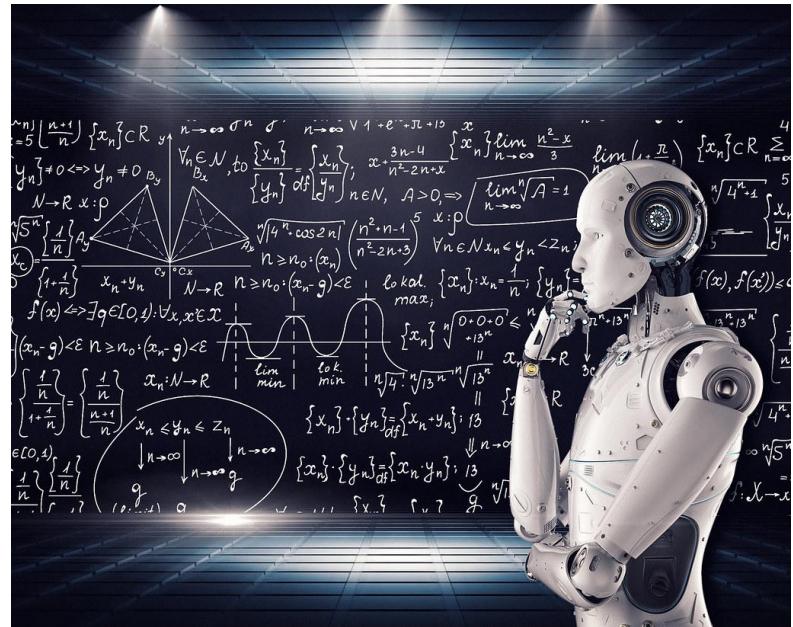


**Movie recommendation**  
Romantic? Horror?



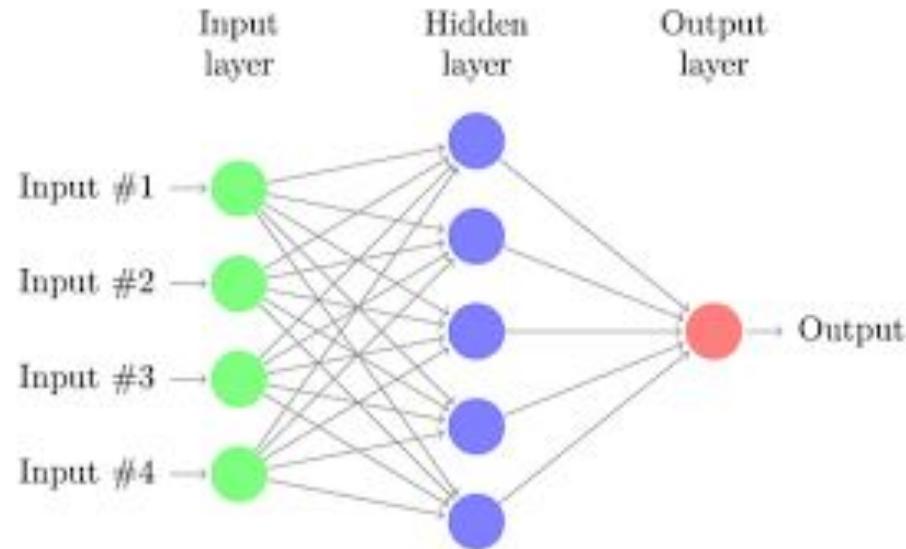
# Big Idea #3 Concept A: Nature of Learning

- i. Human vs Machines
- ii. Finding Patterns in Data  
(Supervised & Unsupervised )
- iii. Training a Model
- iv. Adjusting Parameters
- v. Reinforcement learning



# Big Idea #3 Concept B: Neural Networks

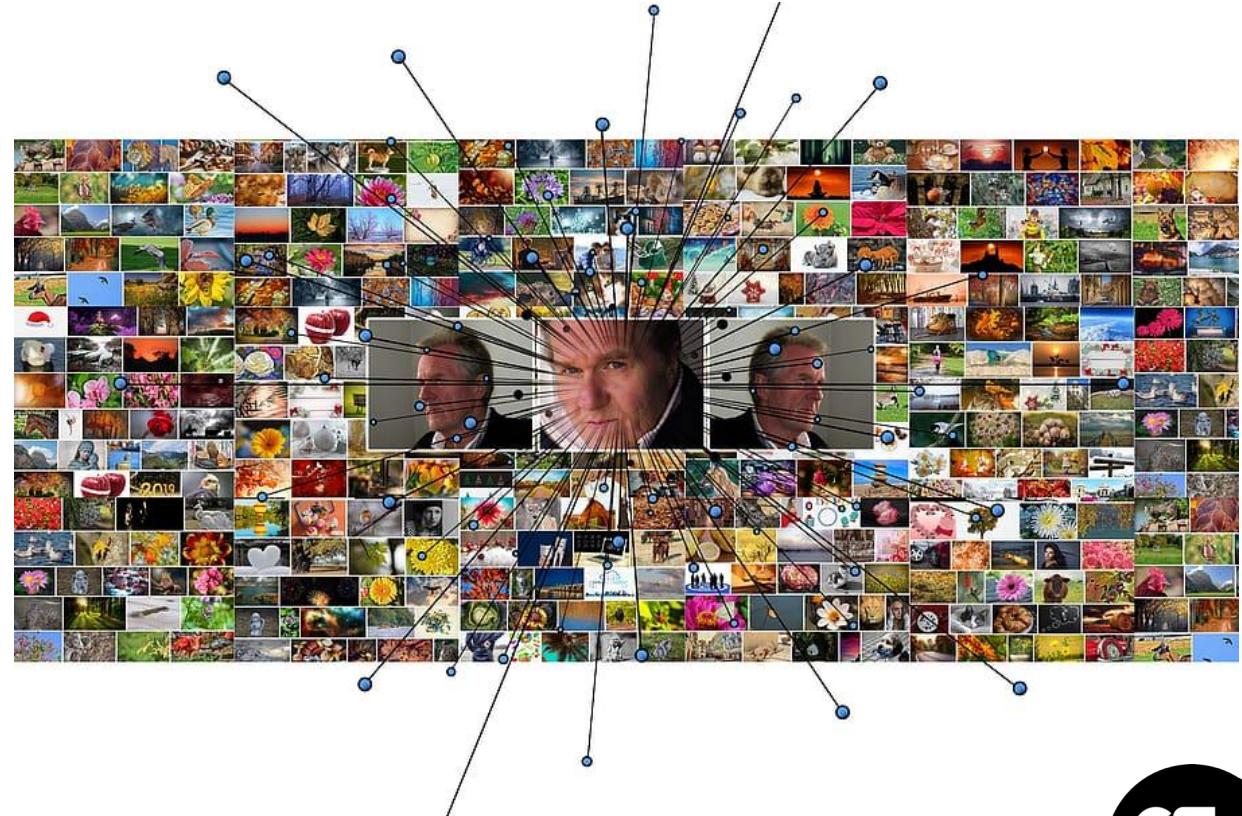
1. Structure of Neural Network
2. Weight Adjustment



# Big Idea #3 Concept C: Datasets

Feature Sets

Large Datasets



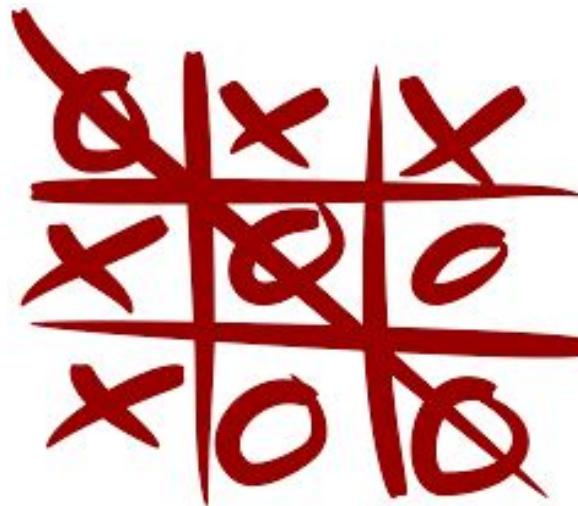
# Learning - Sample guidelines by grade-band

K-2: How could we train a computers to tell dogs from cats?



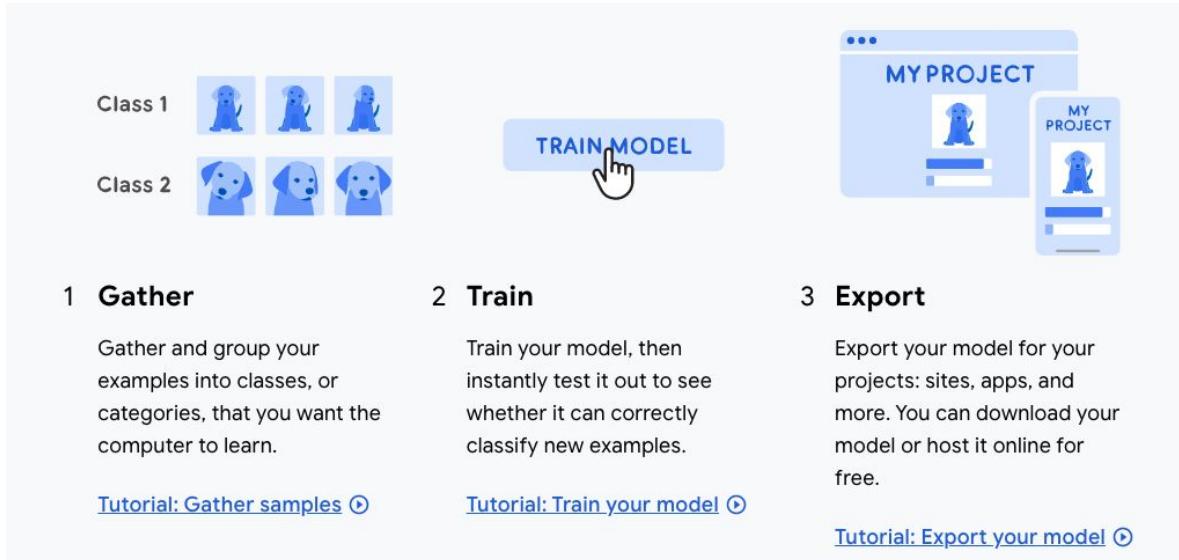
# Learning - Sample guidelines by grade-band

3-5: Explain reinforcement learning - computer learns from experience (i.e., trial and error).



# Learning - Sample guidelines by grade-band

**6-8:** Train a model and see how it classifies objects: discuss why it works or not and why size and quality of the training data



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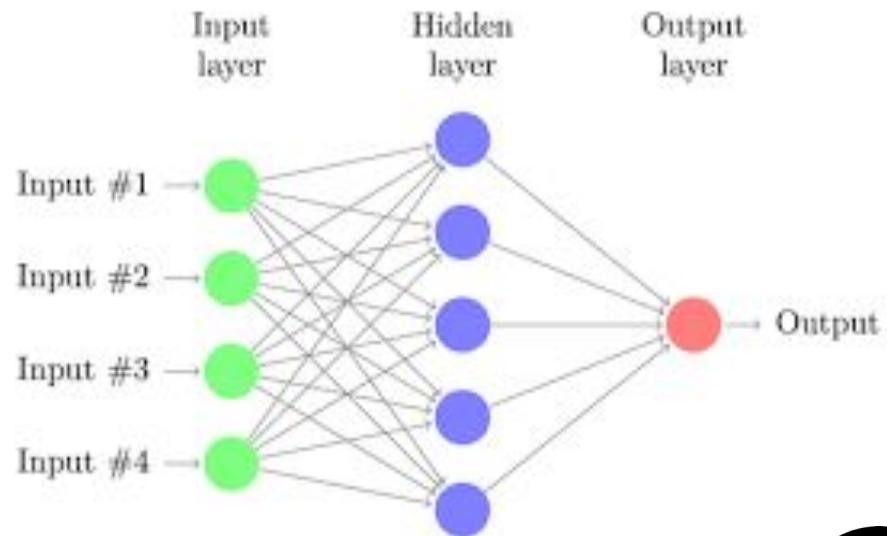
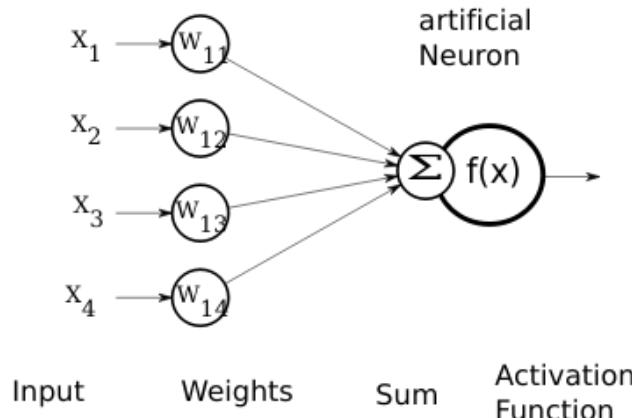
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# Learning - Sample guidelines by grade-band

9-12: Understand the structure of neural networks, and how the internal representation changes as the computer learns



# Big Idea #4: Natural Interaction

*Intelligent agents require many kinds of knowledge to interact naturally with humans.*

Key Understandings :



# Big Idea #4

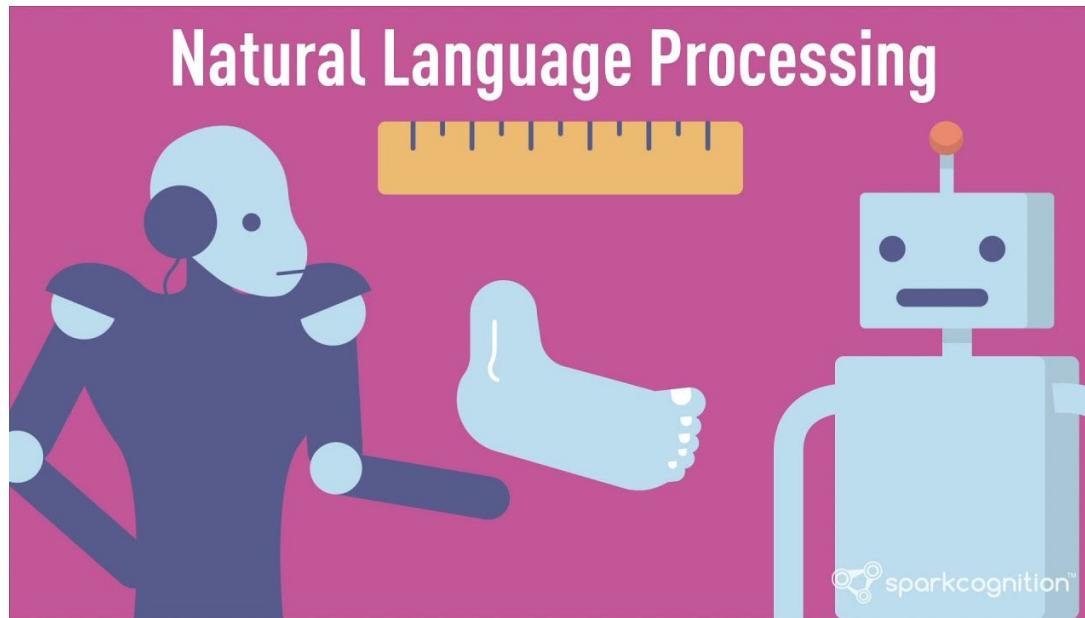
## Concept A: Natural language understanding

The characteristics of human language

- i. Types of linguistic knowledge (syntax, semantics, etc.)
- ii. Question answering
- iii. Machine translation

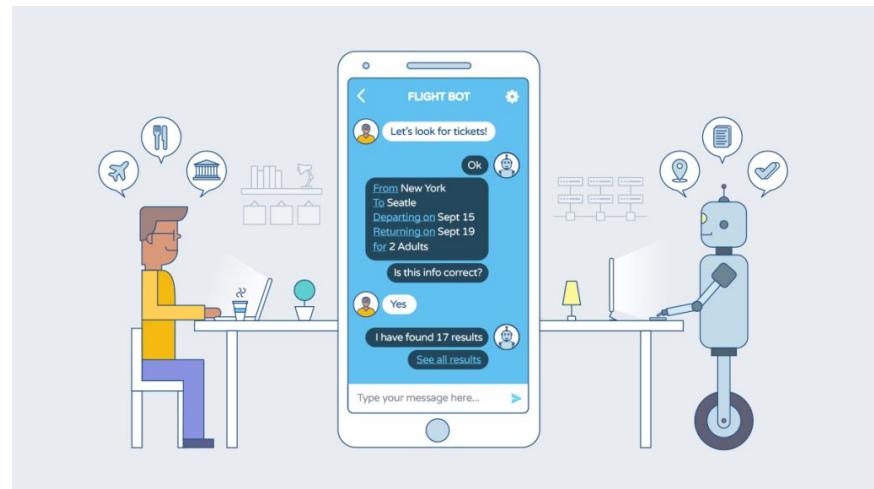


# Concept B: Common Sense Reasoning



# Concept C: Affective computing & interaction (e.g. with robots, or speech agents)

- i. Chatbots and conversational agents
- ii. Affective computing
- iii. Sentiment analysis
- iv. Emotion recognition

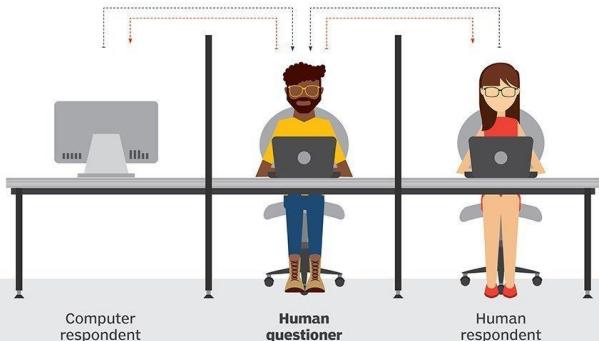


# Concept D: Consciousness and philosophy of mind

## Turing test

During the Turing test, the human questioner asks a series of questions to both respondents. After the specified time, the questioner tries to decide which terminal is operated by the human respondent and which terminal is operated by the computer.

■ QUESTION TO RESPONDENTS ■ ANSWERS TO QUESTIONER



# Natural Interaction - Sample guidelines

**K-2** Explore an appropriate chatbot or a smart assistant, as a class, and discuss how it answers a question differently than a person answering a question.



Question 1: What does a horse say?

	Alexa	Google	Cortana	Siri
2 yrs. 6 mo.	✗	✗	✗	✗
2 yrs. 10 mo.	✗	✓	✓	✓
3 yrs. 7 mo.	✗	✗	✗	✗
3 yrs. 11 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 yrs. 2 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✗
4 yrs. 11 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 yrs. 1 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 yrs. 7 mo.	✓	✓	✓	✓

And who knew that a horse says, "Whinny."

**K-2** Use a translation tool, with teacher guidance, to translate between languages.



# Natural Interaction - Sample guidelines

3-5 Use a speech recognizer to demonstrate and evaluate an NLP's ability to successfully interact and respond to human speech.

**Make me happy**

Create a character in Scratch that smiles if you say nice things to it and cries if you say mean things to it.

Teach a computer to recognise compliments and insults

Difficulty: Beginner      Recognising: text

Tags: **sentiment** analysis, supervised learning

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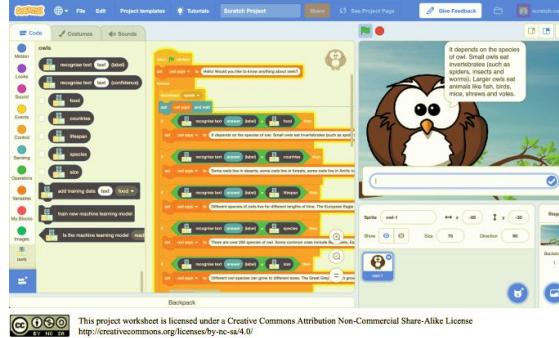


3-5 Design a basic sentiment analysis program (plugged or unplugged) using a set of texts (story).



# Natural Interaction - Sample guidelines

**6-8** - interact with chatbots to discover patterns/templates being used and discover the weakness of a rule based approach.



**6-8** - Build a chatbot that uses trained data to understand other forms of the same sentence  
*<https://machinelearningforkids.co.uk/>*



# Natural Interaction - Sample guidelines

- **9-12** Reason about the nature of intelligence, and identify approaches to determining whether an agent is or is not intelligent.

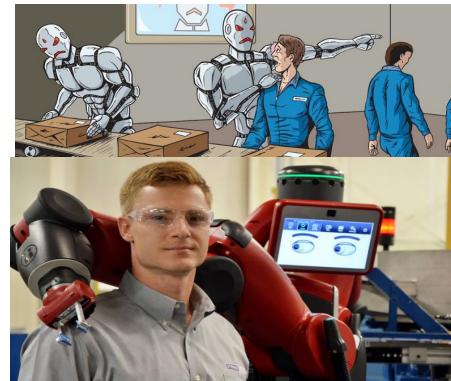


- **9-12** Compare and contrast different methods for sentiment analysis (e.g. rule based/ NN based)

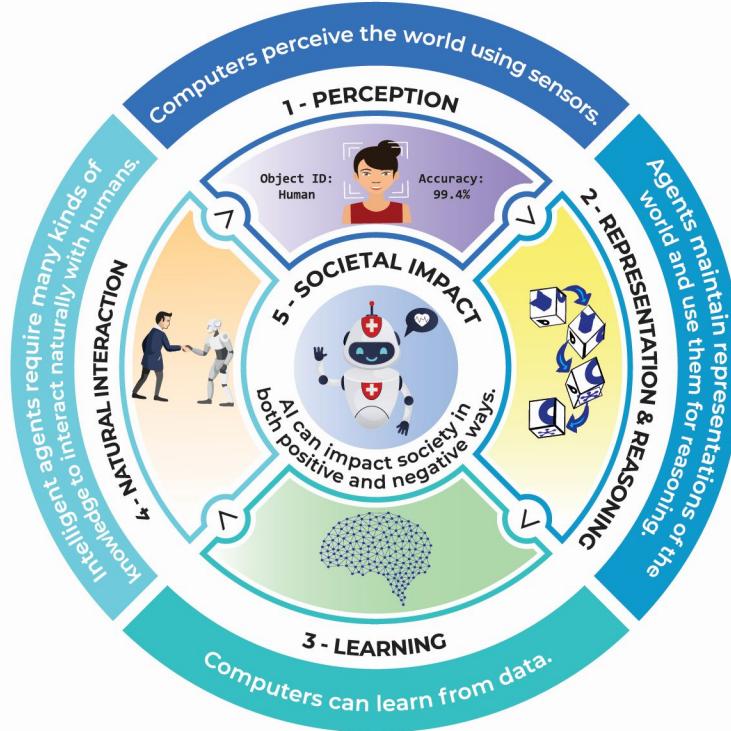


# Big Idea #5: Societal Impact

*“Artificial Intelligence can impact society in both positive and negative ways.”*



# Societal Impact == Core of AI Education



# Concept A - Ethics of AI Making Decisions About People

“... an indifferent field serves the powerful.”

“... racial capitalism, class inequality, and heteronormative patriarchy have roots in colonialism and that we need to recognize these power dynamics when designing AI systems to avoid perpetuating such harms.”

- Bias
- Fairness
- Transparency
- Explainability
- Accountability
- Values



# Concept B - AI & Culture

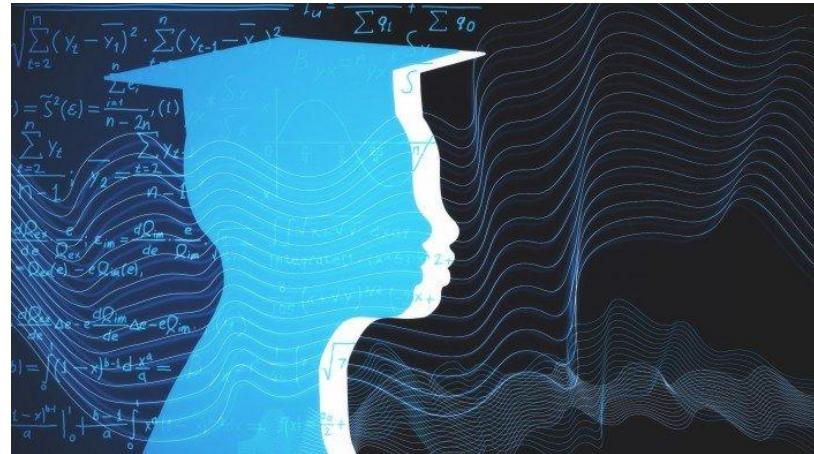
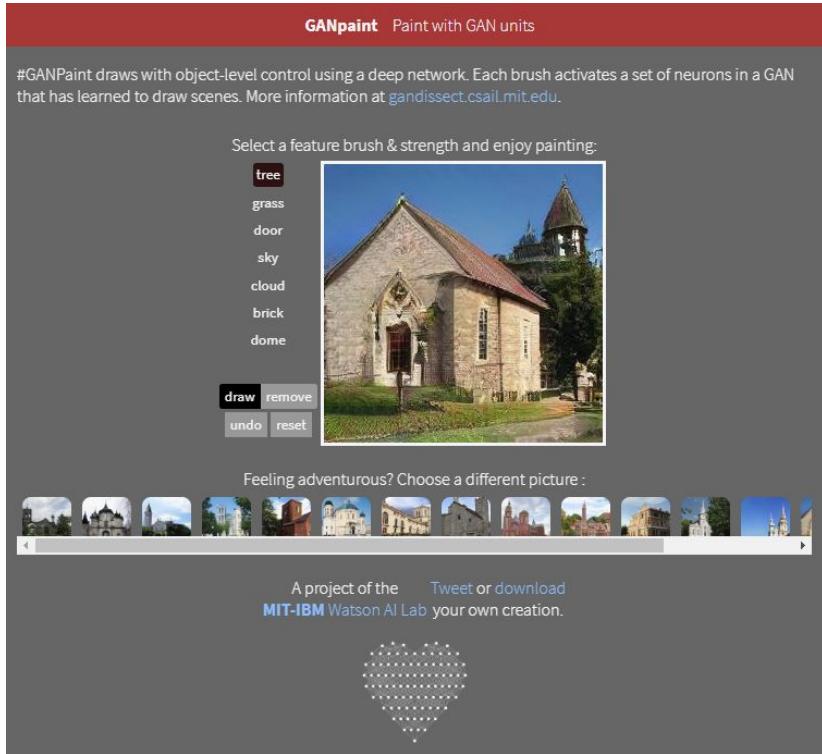
**GANpaint** Paint with GAN units

#GANpaint draws with object-level control using a deep network. Each brush activates a set of neurons in a GAN that has learned to draw scenes. More information at [gandissect.csail.mit.edu](http://gandissect.csail.mit.edu).

Select a feature brush & strength and enjoy painting:

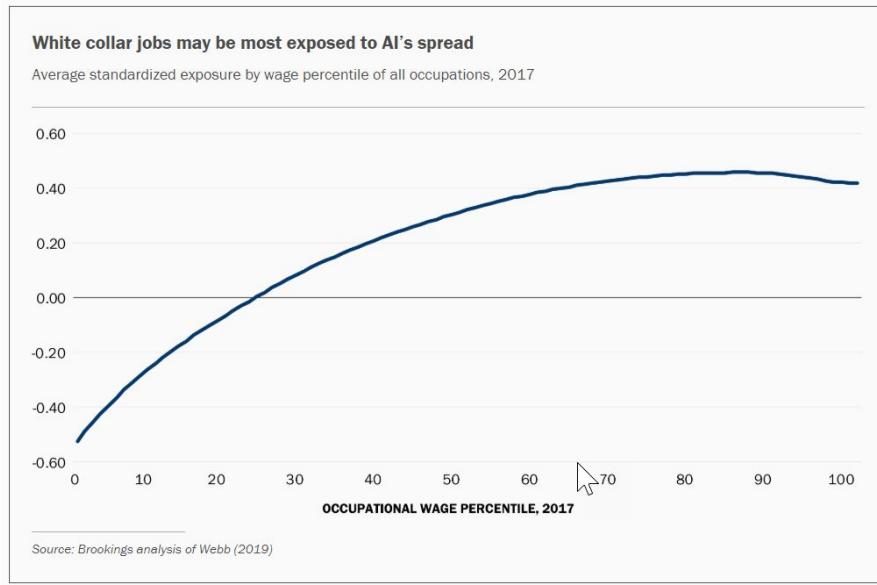
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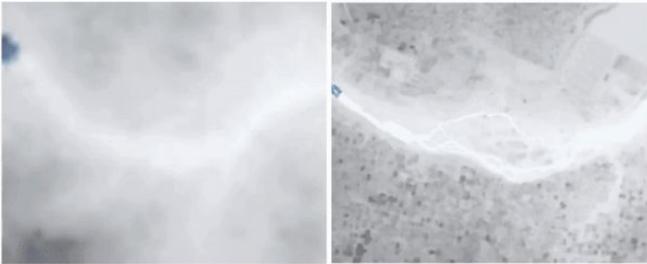
"Educators see AI as instrumental to their institution's competitiveness, yet most institutions still lack a formal data strategy to advance AI."

# Concept C - Economic impact of AI on Sectors of Society



**"White-collar jobs (better-paid professionals with bachelor's degrees) along with production workers may be most susceptible to AI's spread into the economy"**

# Concept D - AI for Social Good



# Example Guidelines

- Critically explore the positive and negative impacts of an AI system
- Design and explain how an AI system can be used to address a social issue
- Describe ways that AI systems can be designed for inclusivity
- Understand tradeoffs in the design of AI systems and how decisions can have unintended consequences in the function of a system



# We Need your Feedback on Big Idea 1

Please download and review the **Progression chart** prior to completing the **feedback form**.

The **feedback form** is designed to be used by either groups or individuals. We anticipate that it will take 35-45 mins to review the progression chart and complete the form. If you are short on time, you are able to save your progress and continue at a later time.

Progression Chart [bit.ly/36lnJgi](https://bit.ly/36lnJgi)

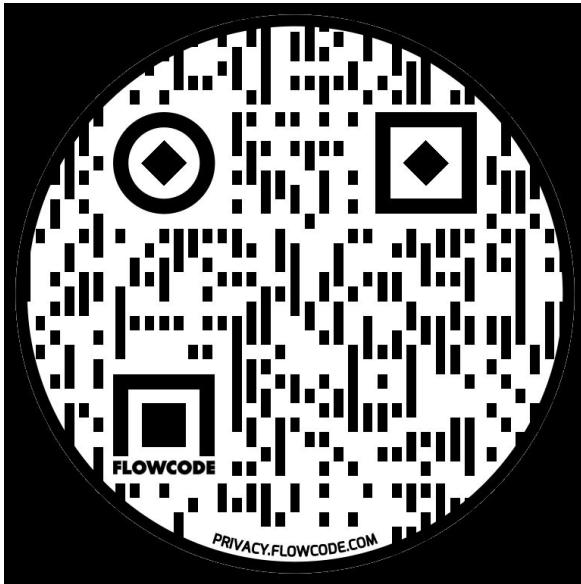


## Draft Big Idea 1 - Progression Chart

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Concept	K-2	3-5	6-8
<b>Sensing</b> (Living Things) 1-A-i	<b>LO:</b> Identify human senses and sensory organs. <b>EU:</b> People experience the world through sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell.	<b>LO:</b> Compare human and animal perception. <b>EU:</b> Some animals experience the world differently than people do. <b>Unpacked:</b> Bats and dolphins use sonar. Bees can see ultraviolet. Rats have no color vision; dogs are red-green colorblind. Dogs and rats can hear higher frequencies than humans.	<b>LO:</b> Give examples of how humans combine information from multiple modalities. <b>EU:</b> People can exploit correlations between senses, such as sight and sound, to make sense of ambiguous signals. <b>Unpacked:</b> In a noisy environment, speech is more understandable when the speaker's mouth is visible. People learn the sounds associated with various actions (such as dropping an object) and can recognize when the sound doesn't match their expectation.
<b>Sensing</b> (Computer Sensors) 1-A-ii	<b>LO:</b> Locate and identify sensors (camera, microphone) on computers, phones, robots, and other devices. <b>EU:</b> Computers "see" through video cameras and "hear" through microphones.	<b>LO:</b> Illustrate how computer sensing differs from human sensing. <b>EU:</b> Most computers have no sense of taste, smell, or touch, but they can sense some things that humans can't, such as infrared emissions, extremely low or high frequency sounds, or magnetism.	<b>LO:</b> Give examples of how intelligent agents combine information from multiple sensors. <b>EU:</b> Self driving cars combine computer vision with radar or lidar imaging. GPS measurement, and accelerometer data to form a detailed representation of the environment and their motion through it.

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## Progression Chart



## Feedback Form



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### **Website (*NEW!*) Coming in 2020: [www.ai4k12.org](http://www.ai4k12.org)**

- Searchable resources by grade level and concept
- Guidelines and progression charts
- Grade Band pages--helpful hints

[github.com/touretzkyds/ai4k12/wiki](https://github.com/touretzkyds/ai4k12/wiki)

