

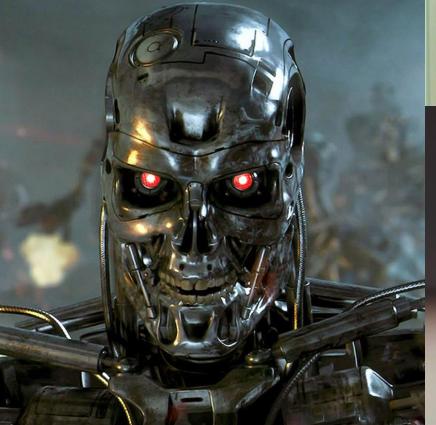
Lecture 11-1 Artificial Intelligence

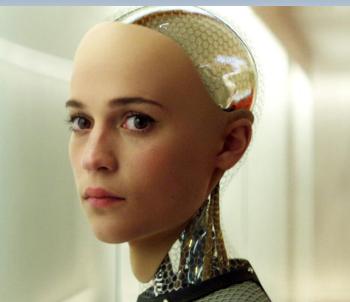
What Al Means to Most People





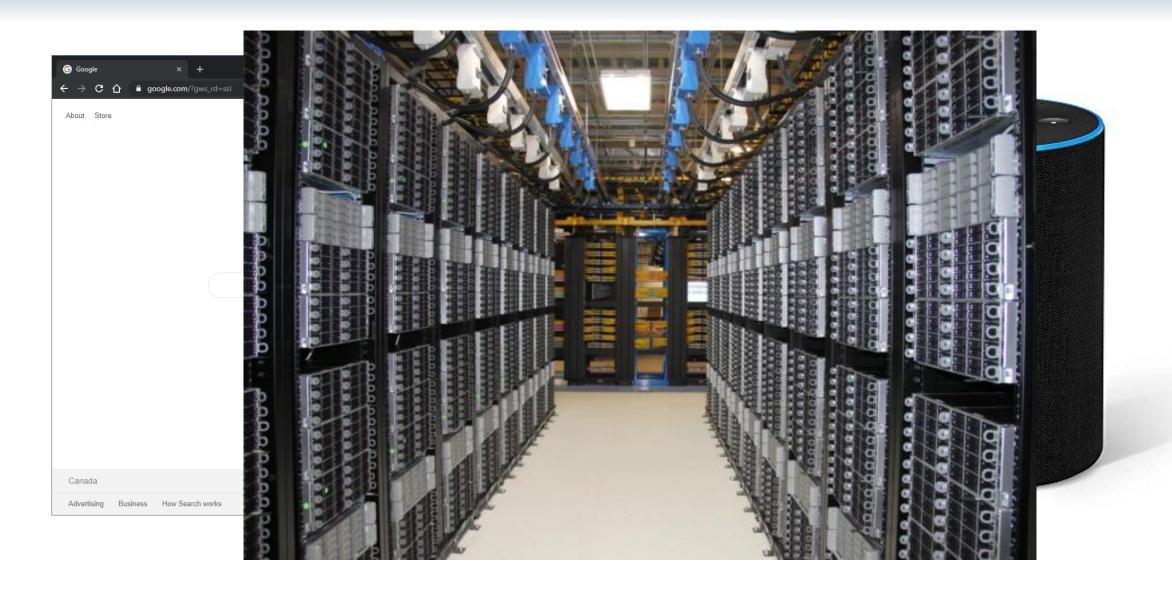








But most modern AI systems look like...



What is Artificial Intelligence?

Al is the study, design, and development of computational processes that solve problems that previously required human intelligence

Not all of computer science is focused on AI.

But, it's hard to think of a field in CS that isn't contributing fundamentally to it

The "Al Paradox": once we become familiar with a technology, we stop considering it Al

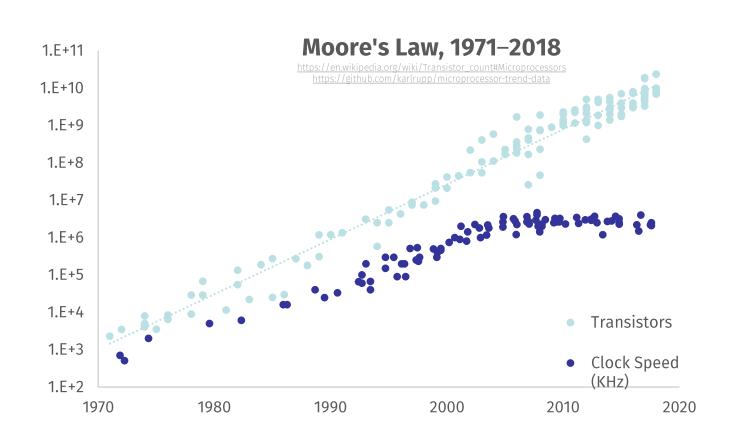
THE JOURNEY SO FAR

What is AI and what can it do today? How much is real and how much is hype?



Why is it happening?

- 1. Scientific/mathematical breakly oughs, esp in machine learning
- 2. Growth in raw computing power



For comparison:

Species	# Neurons in Brain
Fruit Fly	10 ⁵
Cat	10 ⁹
Chimpanzee	10 ¹⁰
Human	10 ¹¹

What short term impacts should we expect?
What kinds of social impacts are they having?

CURRENT TRENDS

Current State of the Art

- Predictive modeling limited mostly by quality of training data
- Image recognition, face recognition becoming extremely reliable
- Image generation almost there
- Language understanding & generation maturing extremely quickly. Watch this space
- Fueling scientific breakthroughs from protein folding to astronomy
- Robotics remains a hard problem, but it's working well in some niche applications



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Prompt: Here's a short rhyming poem by Dr.
Seuss about Elon Musk's company, Neuralink
which is building brain implants to achieve
symbiosis with Al. Neuralink's mission
statement is "If you Can't Beat'em, join'em".
The poem has a structure typical of Dr. Seuss
stories with simple alternate line rhymes. In the
poem Elon explains why we need to merge
with the Al to save humanity.

Neuralink, by Dr. Seuss

Response:

I have a friend, Elon Musk,
Who wants to join our brains to Al.
He thinks that humans can't compete
So he's gonna use Al to cheat.
They want to build a neural-link.
To link us to the Als
And save humanity from its demise.
They want to put an Al in your brain.
They want to use your neurons as a frame.
They want to save humanity,
If you can't beat'em, join'em

Machine Learning

- Narrow: building predictive models from data
- Broad: a new approach to computer programming, where computers learn from experience rather than being told what to do

- Where's it headed?
 - More and more data collection
 - sensors
 - behavior tracking
 - Image, text, speech understanding
 - Data mining/personalization/profiling
 - Self programming/optimization



Virtual and Physical Worlds Collide

- Smart interfaces
 - remote controls; microwaves; clocks; ...
- Augmented reality
- More intuitively "programmable" systems
- Much better context awareness
- Assistance
 - elderly; children; disabled; education
- Social agents/games





Growing Military Use

- Increasing use of AI in military applications
- Already quite commonplace in some applications
 - smart bombs
 - surveillance systems
 - missile defence (Patriot, Iron Dome, etc)
- Autonomous weapons are becoming practical
 - drones are widely used; becoming more autonomous
 - land-based robotic systems are improving quickly
 - swarms of drones could revolutionize urban warfare
- The main barrier to adoption is public opinion







PEERING INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL

Bold predictions about where AI is headed in the longer term

Technology that will be in widespread use

- Tailored solutions for specific tasks, not general intelligence
- Prototypes that work today in labs
 & narrow deployments



- Non-text input modalities (vision; speech)
- Consumer modeling (recommendation; marketing)
- Cloud services (translation; question answering; Al-mediated outsourcing)
- Transportation (automated trucking; some self-driving cars)
- Industrial robotics (factories; some drone applications)
- Al knowledge work (logistics planning; radiology; legal research; call centers)
- Policing & security (electronic fraud; cameras; predictive policing)



Technologies that won't take off as quickly

- Overall, areas in which
 - major entrenched regulatory regimes need to be navigated
 - there exist social/cultural barriers to adoption
 - the human touch is crucial
 - substantial new hardware would need to be developed

Some examples:

- childcare, healthcare, eldercare
- education
- coaching, counselling
- consumer robots beyond niche applications
- semantically rich language understanding



Superhuman Intelligence

- Al systems will increasingly be capable of reaching human-level performance
- Superhuman intelligence isn't such a foreign, scary thing
 - governments, corporations, NGOs exhibit behavior much more sophisticated and complex than that of any individual
- Many important problems need superhuman intelligence; Al can help
 - improved collective decision making
 - more efficient use of scarce resources
 - addressing underserved communities
 - climate change; other societal challenges

