


Philosophy and Ethics

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Some of the big questions of AI philosophy...

What is AI, really?


- What does an intelligent system look like?
- Does an AI entity need—and can it have—emotions, consciousness, empathy, love?

Can we ever achieve AI, even in principle?

How will we know if we've done it?

If we can do it, should we?

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Weak & Strong AI

Weak AI hypothesis:

- Machines can be created that will act as if they are intelligent (simulate thinking)
- What AI can do is to develop useful, powerful applications

Strong AI hypothesis:

- Machines can be created that will actually think (rather than simulate thinking)

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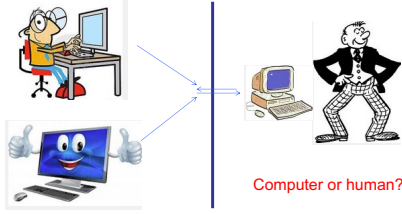
Weak AI: Turing Test

Alan Turing, 1950:
(<http://www.ioebner.net/Prize/TuringArticle.html>)

"I propose to consider the question, 'Can machines think?'"

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Weak AI: Turing Test



Computer or human?

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Weak AI: Turing Test

Turing predicted: by 2000, a computer could be programmed to pass the Turing Test (for a 5 minute test) 30% of the time

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Turing Test - Eliza

An early success at fooling some people: Eliza, simulating a Rogerian therapist

....Eliza; the importance of picking the correct application area

Sample interaction:
 Patient: Men are all alike.
 ELIZA: In what way?
 Patient: They are always bugging about something or the other
 ELIZA: Can you think of a specific example?
 Patient: Well, my boyfriend made me come here.
 ELIZA: Your boyfriend made you come here?
 Patient: He says I'm depressed much of the time.
 ELIZA: I am sorry you are depressed.

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CyberLover

That our computers have seduced us has long been a truism. Now, thanks to the ever-inventive internet mafia, it is becoming a literal truth. Russian cyber-crooks have reportedly unleashed a software robot, or bot, that poses as a would-be paramour in sex chatrooms. It entices randy gentlemen to reveal personal information, such as their address or birthday, or even to submit photographs of themselves. The information can then be used to break into bank accounts or carry out other forms of fraud.

It was probably inevitable. As one of Tony Soprano's sidekicks observed in a classic episode of the TV series, the two most resilient sectors of the economy are organised crime and "certain aspects of showbusiness". The aspects, that is, known as the world's oldest profession - now mixing it with the world's newest technologies.

CyberLover, as the dirty-mouthed bot is called, is quite a sophisticated piece of software. It can take on a number of different guises depending on the proclivities of its target, according to security experts at the software company PC Tools. It can play the role of a romantic lover, for instance, or masquerade as a sexual predator.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2007/dec/13/internet.crime>

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Cleverbot

<https://www.cleverbot.com/>


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnzlbYtZsQY>

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Can we ever achieve AI?

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Some successes

What are some human-oriented tasks that computers can do better than people?

- Play chess, checkers and other games
- Inspect parts on assembly lines
- Check the spelling of text
- Steer cars and other vehicles (helicopters, planes, etc.)
- Diagnose diseases
- Do hundreds of other tasks as well as or better than humans
 - Computers have made small but significant discoveries in astronomy, math, chemistry, mineralogy, biology, computer science, and other fields

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Strong AI

Can machines really think?

What does it mean to think?

Do we have to have a brain to have a mind? to think?

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“brain in a vat” experiment

Is physicality crucial for intelligence?

Matrix scenario: a brain is supported, bodiless, in a vat, and signals simulating a virtual world are fed in/out of the brain

Is being hungry the same as some rule:
HungryFor (Me, Pizza)

Could you tell the difference?



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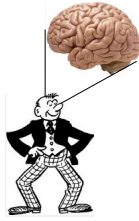
“brain in a vat” experiment

Moravec (robotics researcher/functionalist) is convinced that his consciousness would remain unaffected


Searle (philosopher and biological naturalist) is equally convinced his consciousness would vanish

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“brain prosthesis” experiment



Technology advances where we can create an artificial neuron:

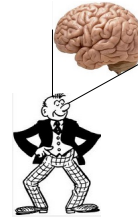


Exact same electrical/physiological responses as a real neuron.


We can copy an existing neuron.

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“brain prosthesis” experiment



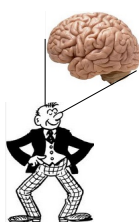
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If I exchange one real neuron for one artificial will you notice?

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“brain prosthesis” experiment



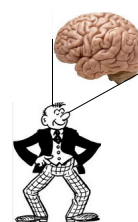
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If I exchange two real neuron for two artificial will you notice?

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“brain prosthesis” experiment



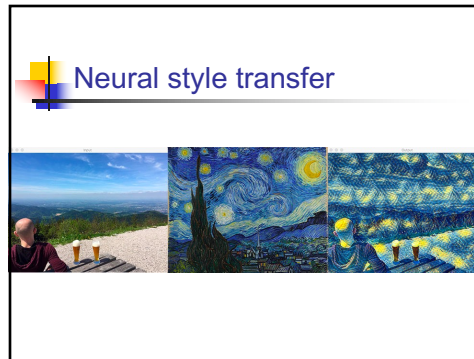
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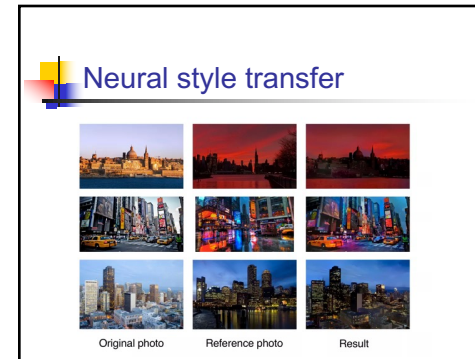
If I continue this process, when will you notice?

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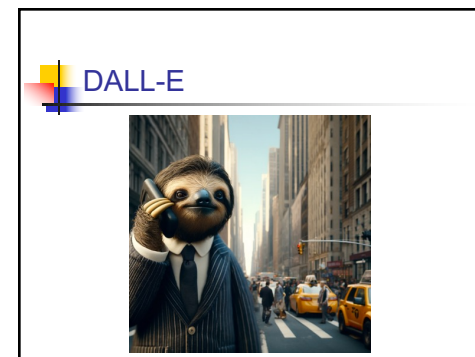
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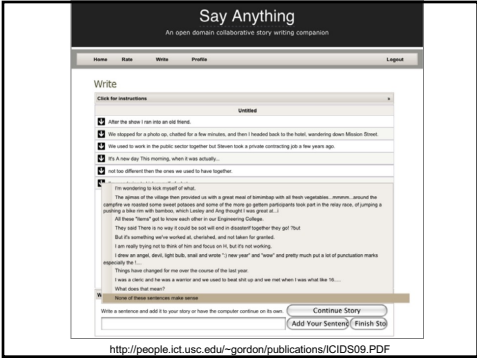
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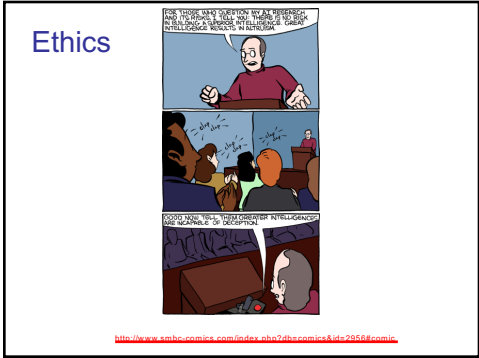
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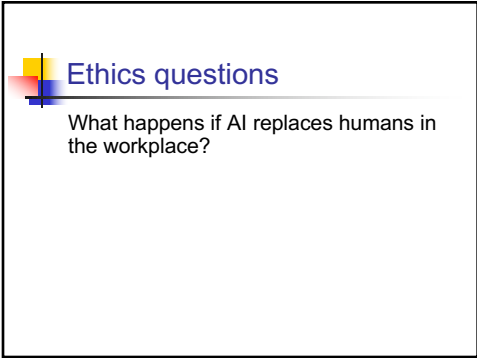
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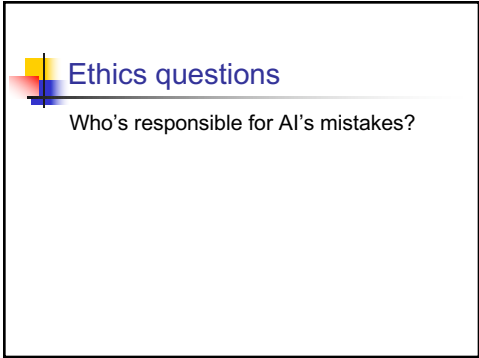
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Ethics questions

AI bias?


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Robot rights

How to use artificial intelligence humanely?


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Ethics questions

Privacy?

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Working harder

Can you think of any occupations in which people work harder because of the creation of some technology?

Can you think of any occupations in which people work harder because of the creation of AI technology?

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