

Intro to AI

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One definition:

“Building programs that enable computers to do what humans can do.”

For example:
read, walk around, drive, play games, solve problems, learn, have conversations...

How do we measure success?

“Building programs that enable computers to do what humans can do.”

there are many interpretations of this goal...

human vs. rational

thinking	Think like a human Cognitive Modeling	Think rationally Logic-based Systems
vs.		
acting	Act like a human Turing Test	Act rationally Rational Agents

How is AI viewed in popular media?

The collage includes: a young boy (E.T.), a white humanoid robot head, HAL 9000 with the text 'HELLO GAVVE', a golden humanoid robot, a blue robot (Bertie), a close-up of a robot face, a robot with large eyes, a golden humanoid robot next to R2-D2, a man's face, a close-up of a robot face, a blue robot, and a man's face with the text 'GREETINGS PROFESSOR FALKEN HELLO A STRANGE GAME. THE ONLY WINNING MOVE IS NOT TO PLAY. HOW ABOUT A NICE GAME OF CHESS?'.

What challenges are there?

The diagram shows a city block with buildings labeled 'AAA Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence' and 'MEDICAL CENTER'. A small portrait of a man in sunglasses is in the top right corner.

What challenges are there?

- Perception
 - perceive the environment via sensors
- Computer vision (perception via images/video)
 - process visual information
 - object identification, face recognition, motion tracking
- Natural language processing and generation
 - speech recognition, language understanding
 - language translation, speech generation, summarization

What challenges are there?



Knowledge representation

- encode known information
- water is wet, the sun is hot, Dave is a person, ...

Learning

- learn from environment
- What type of feedback? (supervised vs. unsupervised vs. reinforcement vs ...)

Reasoning/problem solving

- achieve goals, solve problems
- planning
- How do you make an omelet? I'm carrying an umbrella and it's raining... will I get wet?

Robotics

- How can computers interact with the physical world?

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Understand spoken language?

- speech recognition is really good, if:
 - restricted vocabulary
 - specific speaker with training
- Gotten quite good in the last few years and shows up in lots of places:
 - Mac has built-in dictation software
 - Siri is pretty good (though there's more than speech recognition going on there)
 - Google allows you to search via voice command
- What does the spoken language actually mean (language understanding)?
 - much harder problem!
 - many advances in NLP in small things, but still far away from a general solution

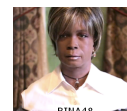
What can we currently do?

Speak?

- Understandable, but you wouldn't confuse it for a person
- Can do accents, intonations, etc.
- Better with restricted vocabulary
- Loquendo
 - <http://tts.loquendo.com/ttsdemo/default.asp>
- Dealing with facial expression is challenging



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What can we currently do?

Drive a car?

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Drive a car?

- Freeway driving is relatively straightforward
- Off-road a bit harder
 - see DARPA grand challenges (2004, 2005)
- And urban driving is even trickier
 - See DARPA urban challenge (2007)

Google's autonomous vehicle


Hint, there's a connection here



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Identify emotion?

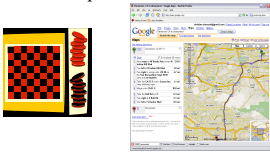
- This is hard!
- Some success in text
 - movie reviews
 - blogs
 - twitter
 - dealing with sarcasm is hard
- Some success with faces
 - strongly biased by training data
 - works best when exaggerated



What can we currently do?

Reasoning?

- Success on small sub-problems



- General purpose reasoning is harder
 - Wolfram Alpha
 - OpenCyc

What can we currently do?

Walk?

- Robots have had a variety of locomotion methods
- Walking with legs, is challenging
 - Differing terrains, stairs, running, ramps, etc.
 - Recently, a number of successes
 - Honda's Asimo
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1czBcnX1Ww>
 - Sony QRIO
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vwZ5FQEUFg>
 - Boston Dynamic's Big Dog
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When will I have my robot helper?



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What can we currently do?

Fold a pile of towels?



UC Berkeley towel folding robot:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy5g33S0Gzo>

