

# Intro to AI

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## Admin

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Tuesday mentor hours back to 5-7pm

My office hours:

- M: 3-3:50pm
- T: 11am-12
- Th: 11am-12:30
- F: 10-11am

## AI is a huge field

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What is AI (artificial intelligence)...

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One definition:

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

For example:

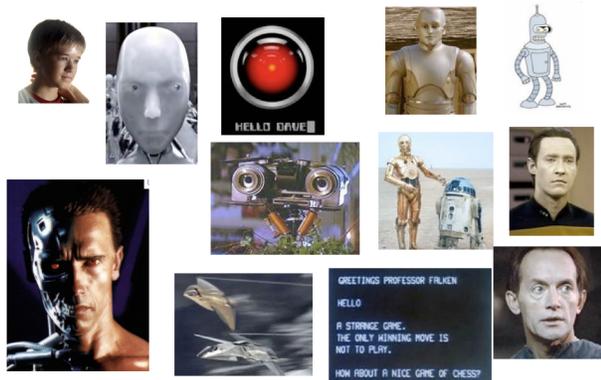
read, walk around, drive, play games, solve problems, learn, have conversations...

## A broader definition

“Building programs that enable computers to do *intelligent* things”

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

## How is AI viewed in popular media?



## What challenges are there?



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### 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?

## What can we currently do?

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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:

- Mobile: Siri, Ok Google, etc.
- Home assistants: Alexa, Google Home

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

- <https://www.nuance.com/omni-channel-customer-engagement/voice-and-ivr/text-to-speech.html>
- Dealing with facial expression is challenging



Kismet (MIT)



### What can we currently do?

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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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#### Drive a car?

<https://www.google.com/selfdrivingcar/>

<https://www.tesla.com/autopilot>

Uber

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## What can we currently do?

### Drive a car?

Many driver assist technologies:

- Automatic breaking
- Automatic pedestrian detection
- Lane drift avoidance
- "smart" cruise control
- Blind spot warning
- ...

## What can we currently do?

### Identify emotion?

This is hard!

Some success in text

- movie reviews (assignment 7!)
- 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
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SARB9OI\\_V](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SARB9OI_V)
- Sony QRIO
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vwZ5FQEUfg>
- Boston Dynamic's Atlas
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSjKoEva5bg>



### When will I have my robot helper?



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Fold a pile of towels?



UC Berkeley towel folding robot:

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

### How do we make computers "intelligent?"

