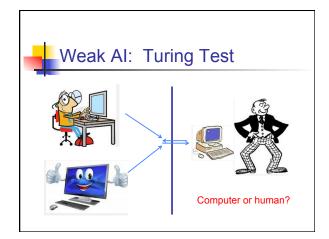




Alan Turing, 1950:

(http://www.loebner.net/Prizef/TuringArticle.html)

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





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



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

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

Sample interaction:

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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: Hes gasy I'm depressed much of the time.
ELIZA: I am sorry you are depressed.

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Jabberwacky

Uses real user conversation to learn responses.

http://www.jabberwacky.com/



CyberLover

That our computers have seduced us has long been a truism. Now, thanks to the everinventive 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



Can we ever achieve AI?



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Argument of disability: "hey, there are lots of things that a computer can't do!"

"Be kind, resourceful, beautiful, friendly, have initiative, have a sense of humor, tell right from wrong, make mistakes, fall in love, enjoy strawberries and cream, make someone fall in love with it, learn from experience, use words properly, be the subject of its own thought, have as much diversity of behavior as man, do something really new."

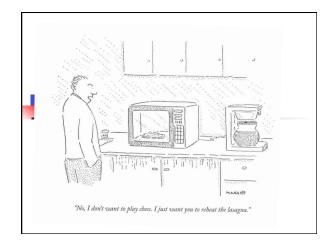
Responses?



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 speeling of text
 Steer cars and helicopters
- 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





or...

Argument of informality:

- "what people do is too complex to capture"
- Because computers can do no more than follow a set of rules, they cannot generate behavior as intelligent as that of humans

Responses?



or...

Argument of informality

More of a problem with "classic" Al

- reasoning
- knowledge representation

Some progress in incorporating background knowledge

Learning algorithms: increasing ability to operate autonomously (unsupervised learning), learn new features, prune feature spaces



Strong Al

Can machines really think?

What does it mean to think?

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



"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: DyingFor (Me, Pizza)

Could you tell the difference?





"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



"brain prosthesis" experiment

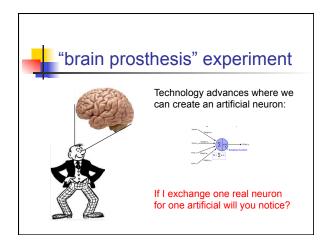


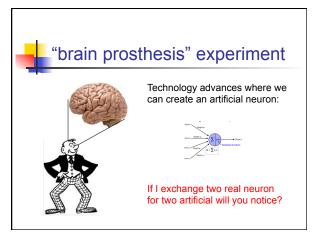
Technology advances where we can create an artificial neuron:

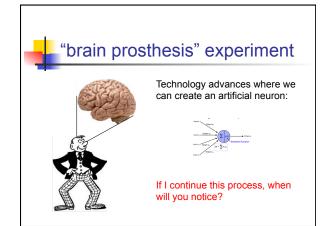


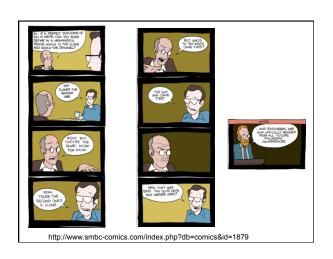
Exact same electrical/physiological responses as a real neuron.

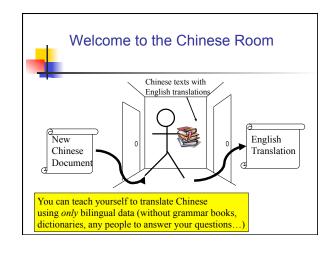
We can copy an existing neuron.

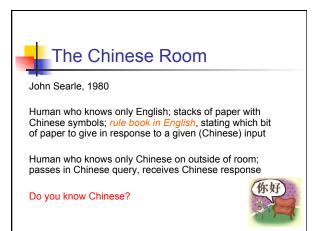
















Say Anything

Corpus based story telling

http://sayanything.ict.usc.edu/SayAnything/

http://people.ict.usc.edu/~gordon/publications/ICIDS09.PDF

Can Computers Understand and Express Emotion?





Cliff Nass

Example human-human situation

- . Someone tries to give you help and their timing is bad,
- · you try ignoring then frowning or glaring,
- an intelligent person picks up on that feedback, interprets what it means, and acts accordingly (backs off)

Analogous human computer situation

- . So if a computer tries to give you help at a bad time (aka clippy),
- · you try to ignore it and then frown or glare
- An intelligent systems would receive that signal, interpret that signal, and react appropriately

Emotion

Can we build systems to

- Detect it?
- Express it?

