

# Artificial intelligence

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**Artificial intelligence** (**AI**) is the [intelligence](#) of [machines](#) and the branch of [computer science](#) which aims to create it. Major AI textbooks define the field as "the study and design of [intelligent agents](#),"<sup>[1]</sup> where an [intelligent agent](#) is a system that perceives its environment and takes actions which maximize its chances of success.<sup>[2]</sup> [John McCarthy](#), who coined the term in 1956,<sup>[3]</sup> defines it as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines."<sup>[4]</sup>

The field was founded on the claim that a central property of human beings, intelligence—the [sapience](#) of *Homo sapiens*—can be so precisely described that it can be simulated by a machine.<sup>[5]</sup> This raises philosophical issues about the nature of the [mind](#) and limits of scientific hubris, issues which have been addressed by [myth](#), [fiction](#) and [philosophy](#) since [antiquity](#).<sup>[6]</sup> Artificial intelligence has been the subject of breathtaking optimism,<sup>[7]</sup> has suffered stunning setbacks<sup>[8]</sup> and, today, has become an essential part of the technology industry, providing the heavy lifting for many of the most difficult problems in computer science.

AI research is highly technical and specialized, so much so that some critics decry the "fragmentation" of the field.<sup>[9]</sup> Subfields of AI are organized around particular [problems](#), the application of particular [tools](#) and around long standing [theoretical differences of opinion](#). The central problems of AI include such traits as [reasoning](#), [knowledge](#), [planning](#), [learning](#), [communication](#), [perception](#) and the ability to [move and manipulate objects](#).<sup>[10]</sup> [General intelligence](#) (or "[strong AI](#)") is still a long term goal of (some) research.<sup>[11]</sup>

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## Perspectives on AI

### AI in myth, fiction and speculation

Main articles: [Artificial intelligence in fiction](#), [Ethics of artificial intelligence](#), [Transhumanism](#), and [Technological singularity](#)

Thinking machines and artificial beings appear in [Greek myths](#), such as [Talos](#) of [Crete](#), the golden robots of [Hephaestus](#) and [Pygmalion's Galatea](#).<sup>[12]</sup> Human likenesses believed to have intelligence were built in many ancient societies; some of the earliest being the [sacred statues](#) worshipped in [Egypt](#) and [Greece](#),<sup>[13][14]</sup> and including the machines of [Yan Shi](#),<sup>[15]</sup> [Hero of Alexandria](#),<sup>[16]</sup> [Al-Jazari](#)<sup>[17]</sup> or [Wolfgang von Kempelen](#).<sup>[18]</sup> It was widely believed that artificial beings had been created by [Geber](#),<sup>[19]</sup> [Judah Loew](#)<sup>[20]</sup> and [Paracelsus](#).<sup>[21]</sup> Stories of these creatures and their fates discuss many of the same hopes, fears and [ethical](#) concerns that are presented by artificial intelligence.<sup>[6]</sup>

[Mary Shelley's Frankenstein](#),<sup>[22]</sup> considers a key issue in the [ethics of artificial intelligence](#): if a machine can be created that has intelligence, could it also *feel*? If it can feel, does it have the same rights as a human being? The idea also appears in modern [science fiction](#): the film [Artificial Intelligence: A.I.](#) considers a machine in the form of a small boy which has been given the ability to feel human emotions, including, tragically, the capacity to suffer. This issue, now known as "[robot rights](#)", is currently being considered by, for example, California's [Institute for the Future](#),<sup>[23]</sup> although many critics believe that the discussion is premature.<sup>[24]</sup>

Another issue explored by both [science fiction](#) writers and [futurists](#) is the impact of artificial intelligence on society. In fiction, AI has appeared as a servant ([R2D2](#) in [Star Wars](#)), a comrade ([Lt. Commander Data](#) in [Star Trek](#)), a conqueror ([The Matrix](#)), a dictator ([With Folded Hands](#)), an exterminator ([Terminator](#), [Battlestar Galactica](#)), an extension to human abilities ([Ghost in the Shell](#)) and the saviour of the human race ([R. Daneel Olivaw](#) in the [Foundation Series](#)). Academic sources have considered such consequences as: a decreased demand for human labor,<sup>[25]</sup> the enhancement of human ability or experience,<sup>[26]</sup> and a need for redefinition of human identity and basic values.<sup>[27]</sup>

Several [futurists](#) argue that artificial intelligence will transcend the limits of progress and fundamentally transform humanity. [Ray Kurzweil](#) has used [Moore's law](#) (which describes the relentless exponential improvement in digital technology with uncanny accuracy) to calculate that [desktop computers](#) will have the same processing power as human brains by the year 2029, and that by 2045 artificial intelligence will reach a point where it is able to improve *itself* at a rate that far exceeds anything conceivable in the past, a scenario that [science fiction](#) writer [Vernor Vinge](#) named the "[technological singularity](#)".<sup>[26]</sup> [Edward Fredkin](#) argues that "artificial intelligence is the next stage in evolution,"<sup>[28]</sup> an idea first proposed by [Samuel Butler's Darwin Among the Machines](#) (1863), and expanded upon by [George Dyson](#) in his book of the same name in 1998. Several [futurists](#) and [science fiction](#) writers have predicted that human beings and machines will merge in the future into [cyborgs](#) that are more capable and powerful than either. This idea, called [transhumanism](#), which has roots in [Aldous Huxley](#) and [Robert Ettinger](#), is now associated with robot designer [Hans Moravec](#), cyberneticist [Kevin Warwick](#) and inventor [Ray Kurzweil](#).<sup>[26]</sup> [Transhumanism](#) has been illustrated in fiction as well, for example in the [manga Ghost in the Shell](#) and the science fiction series [Dune](#). [Pamela McCorduck](#) writes that these scenarios are expressions of an ancient human desire to, as she calls it, "forge the gods."<sup>[6]</sup>

## History of AI research

*Main articles: [history of artificial intelligence](#) and [timeline of artificial intelligence](#)*

In the middle of the 20th century, a handful of scientists began a new approach to building intelligent machines, based on recent discoveries in [neurology](#), a new mathematical theory of [information](#), an understanding of control and stability called [cybernetics](#), and above all, by the invention of the [digital computer](#), a machine based on the abstract essence of mathematical reasoning.<sup>[29]</sup>

The field of modern AI research was founded at a conference on the campus of [Dartmouth College](#) in the summer of 1956.<sup>[30]</sup> Those who attended would become the leaders of AI research for many decades, especially [John McCarthy](#), [Marvin Minsky](#), [Allen Newell](#) and [Herbert Simon](#), who founded AI laboratories at [MIT](#), [CMU](#) and [Stanford](#). They and their students wrote programs that were, to most people, simply astonishing.<sup>[31]</sup> computers were solving word problems in algebra, proving logical theorems and speaking English.<sup>[32]</sup> By the middle 60s their research was heavily funded by the [U.S. Department of Defense](#)<sup>[33]</sup> and they were optimistic about the future of the new field:

- 1965, [H. A. Simon](#): "[M]achines will be capable, within twenty years, of doing any work a man can do"<sup>[34]</sup>
- 1967, [Marvin Minsky](#): "Within a generation ... the problem of creating 'artificial intelligence' will substantially be solved."<sup>[35]</sup>

These predictions, and many like them, would not come true. They had failed to recognize the difficulty of some of the problems they faced.<sup>[36]</sup> In 1974, in response to the criticism of England's [Sir James Lighthill](#) and ongoing pressure from Congress to fund more productive projects, the U.S. and British governments cut off all undirected, exploratory research in AI. This was the first [AI winter](#).<sup>[37]</sup>

In the early 80s, AI research was revived by the commercial success of [expert systems](#)<sup>[38]</sup> (a form of AI program that simulated the knowledge and analytical skills of one or more human experts). By 1985 the market for AI had reached more than a billion dollars and governments around the world poured money back into the field.<sup>[39]</sup> However, just a few years later, beginning with the collapse of the [Lisp Machine](#) market in 1987, AI once again fell into disrepute, and a second, more lasting [AI winter](#) began.<sup>[40]</sup>

In the 90s and early 21st century AI achieved its greatest successes, albeit somewhat behind the scenes. Artificial intelligence was adopted throughout the technology industry, providing the heavy lifting for [logistics](#), [data mining](#), [medical diagnosis](#) and many other areas.<sup>[41]</sup> The success was due to several factors: the incredible power of computers today (see [Moore's law](#)), a greater emphasis on solving specific subproblems, the creation of new ties between AI and other fields working on similar problems, and above all a new commitment by researchers to solid mathematical methods and rigorous scientific standards.<sup>[42]</sup>

## Philosophy of AI



[Mind and Brain portal](#)

Main article: [philosophy of artificial intelligence](#)

Artificial intelligence, by claiming to be able to recreate the capabilities of the human [mind](#), is both a challenge and an inspiration for [philosophy](#). Are there limits to how intelligent machines can be? Is there an essential difference between human intelligence and artificial intelligence? Can a machine have a [mind](#) and [consciousness](#)? A few of the most influential answers to these questions are given below.<sup>[43]</sup>

### [Turing's "polite convention"](#)

*If a machine acts as intelligently as a human being, then it is as intelligent as a human being.* [Alan Turing](#) theorized that, ultimately, we can only judge the intelligence of machine based on its behavior. This theory forms the basis of the [Turing test](#).<sup>[44]</sup>

### The [Dartmouth proposal](#)

*"Every aspect of learning or any other feature of intelligence can be so precisely described that a machine can be made to simulate it."* This assertion was printed in the proposal for the [Dartmouth Conference](#) of 1956, and represents the position of most working AI researchers.<sup>[5]</sup>

### [Newell and Simon's physical symbol system hypothesis](#)

*"A physical symbol system has the necessary and sufficient means of general intelligent action."* This statement claims that the essence of intelligence is symbol manipulation.<sup>[45]</sup> [Hubert Dreyfus](#) argued that, on the contrary, human expertise depends on unconscious instinct rather than conscious symbol manipulation and on having a "feel" for the situation rather than explicit symbolic knowledge.<sup>[46][47]</sup>

### [Gödel's incompleteness theorem](#)

*A formal system (such as a computer program) can not prove all true statements.* [Roger Penrose](#) is among those who claim that Gödel's theorem limits what machines can do.<sup>[48][49]</sup>

### [Searle's strong AI hypothesis](#)

*"The appropriately programmed computer with the right inputs and outputs would thereby have a mind in exactly the same sense human beings have minds."*<sup>[50]</sup> Searle counters this assertion with his [Chinese room](#) argument, which asks us to look *inside* the computer and try to find where the "mind" might be.<sup>[51]</sup>

### The [artificial brain](#) argument

*The brain can be simulated.* [Hans Moravec](#), [Ray Kurzweil](#) and others have argued that it is technologically feasible to copy the brain directly into hardware and software, and that such a simulation will be essentially identical to the original. This argument combines the idea that a [suitably powerful](#) machine can simulate any process, with the [materialist](#) idea that the [mind](#) is the result of physical processes in the [brain](#).<sup>[52]</sup>

## **AI research**

In the 21st century, AI research has become highly specialized and technical. It is deeply divided into subfields that often fail to communicate with each other.<sup>[9]</sup> Subfields have grown up around particular institutions, the work of particular researchers, particular problems (listed [below](#)), long standing differences of opinion about how AI should be done (listed as "[approaches](#)" below) and the application of widely differing tools (see [tools of AI](#), below).

## **Problems of AI**

The problem of simulating (or creating) intelligence has been broken down into a number of specific sub-problems. These consist of particular traits or capabilities that researchers would like an intelligent system to display. The traits described below have received the most attention.<sup>[10]</sup>

### **Deduction, reasoning, problem solving**

Early AI researchers developed algorithms that imitated the step-by-step reasoning that human beings use when they solve puzzles, play board games or make logical deductions.<sup>[53]</sup> By the late 80s and 90s, AI research had also developed highly successful methods for dealing with [uncertain](#) or incomplete information, employing concepts from [probability](#) and [economics](#).<sup>[54]</sup>

For difficult problems, most of these algorithms can require enormous computational resources — most experience a "[combinatorial explosion](#)": the amount of memory or computer time required becomes astronomical when the problem goes beyond a certain size. The search for more efficient problem solving algorithms is a high priority for AI research.<sup>[55]</sup>

Human beings solve most of their problems using fast, intuitive judgments rather than the conscious, step-by-step deduction that early AI research was able to model.<sup>[56]</sup> AI has made some progress at imitating this kind of "sub-symbolic" problem solving: [embodied](#) approaches emphasize the importance of [sensorimotor](#) skills to higher reasoning; [neural net](#) research attempts to simulate the structures inside human and animal brains that gives rise to this skill.

## **Knowledge representation**

*Main articles: [knowledge representation](#) and [commonsense knowledge](#)*

[Knowledge representation](#)<sup>[57]</sup> and [knowledge engineering](#)<sup>[58]</sup> are central to AI research. Many of the problems machines are expected to solve will require extensive knowledge about the world. Among the things that AI needs to represent are: objects, properties, categories and relations between objects;<sup>[59]</sup> situations, events, states and time;<sup>[60]</sup> causes and effects;<sup>[61]</sup> knowledge about knowledge (what we know about what other people know);<sup>[62]</sup> and many other, less well researched domains. A complete representation of "what exists" is an [ontology](#)<sup>[63]</sup> (borrowing a word from traditional [philosophy](#)), of which the most general are called [upper ontologies](#).

Among the most difficult problems in knowledge representation are:

### Default reasoning and the qualification problem

Many of the things people know take the form of "working assumptions." For example, if a bird comes up in conversation, people typically picture an animal that is fist sized, sings, and flies. None of these things are true about all birds. [John McCarthy](#) identified this problem in 1969<sup>[64]</sup> as the qualification problem: for any commonsense rule that AI researchers care to represent, there tend to be a huge number of exceptions. Almost nothing is simply true or false in the way that abstract logic requires. AI research has explored a number of solutions to this problem.<sup>[65]</sup>

### The breadth of commonsense knowledge

The number of atomic facts that the average person knows is astronomical. Research projects that attempt to build a complete knowledge base of commonsense knowledge (e.g., [Cyc](#)) require enormous amounts of laborious ontological engineering — they must be built, by hand, one complicated concept at a time.<sup>[66]</sup>

### The subsymbolic form of some commonsense knowledge

Much of what people know isn't represented as "facts" or "statements" that they could actually say out loud. For example, a chess master will avoid a particular chess position because it "feels too exposed"<sup>[67]</sup> or an art critic can take one look at a statue and instantly realize that it is a fake.<sup>[68]</sup> These are intuitions or tendencies that are represented in the brain non-consciously and sub-symbolically. Knowledge like this informs, supports and provides a context for symbolic, conscious knowledge. As with the related problem of sub-symbolic reasoning, it is hoped that situated AI or computational intelligence will provide ways to represent this kind of knowledge.<sup>[69]</sup>

## **Planning**

*Main article: [automated planning and scheduling](#)*

Intelligent agents must be able to set goals and achieve them.<sup>[70]</sup> They need a way to visualize the future (they must have a representation of the state of the world and be able to make predictions about how their actions will change it) and be able to make choices that maximize the utility (or "value") of the available choices.<sup>[71]</sup>

In some planning problems, the agent can assume that it is the only thing acting on the world and it can be certain what the consequences of its actions may be.<sup>[72]</sup> However, if this is not true, it must periodically check if the world matches its predictions and it must change its plan as this becomes necessary, requiring the agent to reason under uncertainty.<sup>[73]</sup>

Multi-agent planning uses the cooperation and competition of many agents to achieve a given goal. Emergent behavior such as this is used by evolutionary algorithms and swarm intelligence.<sup>[74]</sup>

## Learning

*Main article: [machine learning](#)*

[Machine learning](#)<sup>[75]</sup> has been central to AI research from the beginning.<sup>[76]</sup> [Unsupervised learning](#) is the ability to find patterns in a stream of input. [Supervised learning](#) includes both [classification](#) (be able to determine what category something belongs in, after seeing a number of examples of things from several categories) and [regression](#) (given a set of numerical input/output examples, discover a continuous function that would generate the outputs from the inputs). In [reinforcement learning](#)<sup>[77]</sup> the agent is rewarded for good responses and punished for bad ones. These can be analyzed in terms of [decision theory](#), using concepts like [utility](#). The mathematical analysis of machine learning algorithms and their performance is a branch of [theoretical computer science](#) known as [computational learning theory](#).

## Natural language processing

*Main article: [natural language processing](#)*

[Natural language processing](#)<sup>[78]</sup> gives machines the ability to read and understand the languages that the human beings speak. Many researchers hope that a sufficiently powerful natural language processing system would be able to acquire knowledge on its own, by reading the existing text available over the internet. Some straightforward applications of natural language processing include [information retrieval](#) (or [text mining](#)) and [machine translation](#).<sup>[79]</sup>

## Motion and manipulation



[ASIMO](#) uses sensors and intelligent algorithms to avoid obstacles and navigate stairs.

*Main article: [robotics](#)*

The field of [robotics](#)<sup>[80]</sup> is closely related to AI. Intelligence is required for robots to be able to handle such tasks as object manipulation<sup>[81]</sup> and [navigation](#), with sub-problems of [localization](#) (knowing where you are), [mapping](#) (learning what is around you) and [motion planning](#) (figuring out how to get there).<sup>[82]</sup>



## Perception

*Main articles: [machine perception](#), [computer vision](#), and [speech recognition](#)*

[Machine perception](#)<sup>[83]</sup> is the ability to use input from sensors (such as cameras, microphones, sonar and others more exotic) to deduce aspects of the world. [Computer vision](#)<sup>[84]</sup> is the ability to analyze visual input. A few selected subproblems are [speech recognition](#),<sup>[85]</sup> [facial recognition](#) and [object recognition](#).<sup>[86]</sup>

## Social intelligence

*Main article: [affective computing](#)*



[Kismet](#), a robot with rudimentary social skills.

Emotion and social skills play two roles for an intelligent agent:<sup>[87]</sup>

- It must be able to predict the actions of others, by understanding their motives and emotional states. (This involves elements of [game theory](#), [decision theory](#), as well as the ability to model human emotions and the perceptual skills to detect emotions.)
- For good [human-computer interaction](#), an intelligent machine also needs to *display* emotions — at the very least it must appear polite and sensitive to the humans it interacts with. At best, it should appear to have normal emotions itself.

## Creativity

*Main article: [computational creativity](#)*

A sub-field of AI addresses [creativity](#) both theoretically (from a philosophical and psychological perspective) and practically (via specific implementations of systems that generate outputs that can be considered creative).

## General intelligence

*Main articles: [strong AI](#) and [AI-complete](#)*

Most researchers hope that their work will eventually be incorporated into a machine with *general* intelligence (known as [strong AI](#)), combining all the skills above and exceeding human abilities at most or all of them.<sup>[11]</sup> A few believe that [anthropomorphic](#) features like [artificial consciousness](#) or an [artificial brain](#) may be required for such a project.<sup>[88]</sup>

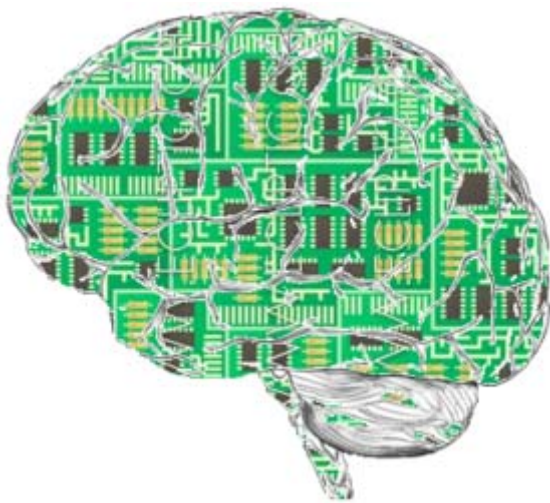
Many of the problems above are considered AI-complete: to solve one problem, you must solve them all. For example, even a straightforward, specific task like machine translation requires that the machine follow the author's argument (reason), know what it's talking about (knowledge), and faithfully reproduce the author's intention (social intelligence). Machine translation, therefore, is believed to be AI-complete: it may require strong AI to be done as well as humans can do it.<sup>[89]</sup>



## Approaches to AI

There is no established unifying theory or [paradigm](#) that guides AI research. Researchers disagree about many issues. A few of the most long standing questions that have remained unanswered are these: Can intelligence be reproduced using high-level symbols, similar to words and ideas? Or does it require "sub-symbolic" processing?<sup>[90]</sup> Should artificial intelligence simulate natural intelligence, by studying human [psychology](#) or animal [neurobiology](#)? Or is human biology as irrelevant to AI research as bird biology is to [aeronautical engineering](#)?<sup>[91]</sup> Can intelligent behavior be described using simple, elegant principles (such as [logic](#) or [optimization](#))? Or does artificial intelligence necessarily require solving many unrelated problems?<sup>[92]</sup>

### Cybernetics and brain simulation



The [human brain](#) provides inspiration for artificial intelligence researchers, however there is no consensus on how closely it should be [simulated](#).

In the 40s and 50s, a number of researchers explored the connection between [neurology](#), [information theory](#), and [cybernetics](#). Some of them built machines that used electronic networks to exhibit rudimentary intelligence, such as [W. Grey Walter's turtles](#) and the [Johns Hopkins Beast](#). Many of these researchers gathered for meetings of the [Teleological Society](#) at [Princeton University](#) and the [Ratio Club](#) in England.<sup>[29]</sup>

### Traditional symbolic AI

When access to digital computers became possible in the middle 1950s, AI research began to explore the possibility that human intelligence could be reduced to symbol manipulation. The research was centered in three institutions: [CMU](#), [Stanford](#) and [MIT](#), and each one developed its own style of research. [John Haugeland](#) named these approaches to AI "good old fashioned AI" or "[GOFAI](#)".<sup>[93]</sup>

### Cognitive simulation

[Economist Herbert Simon](#) and [Alan Newell](#) studied human problem solving skills and attempted to formalize them, and their work laid the foundations of the field of artificial intelligence, as well as [cognitive science](#), [operations research](#) and

[management science](#). Their research team performed [psychological](#) experiments to demonstrate the similarities between human problem solving and the programs (such as their "[General Problem Solver](#)") they were developing. This tradition, centered at [Carnegie Mellon University](#) would eventually culminate in the development of the [Soar](#) architecture in the middle 80s.<sup>[94][95]</sup>

### Logical AI

Unlike [Newell](#) and [Simon](#), [John McCarthy](#) felt that machines did not need to simulate human thought, but should instead try to find the essence of abstract reasoning and problem solving, regardless of whether people used the same algorithms.<sup>[96]</sup> His laboratory at [Stanford](#) ([SAIL](#)) focused on using formal [logic](#) to solve a wide variety of problems, including [knowledge representation](#), [planning](#) and [learning](#).<sup>[97]</sup> Logic was also focus of the work at the [University of Edinburgh](#) and elsewhere in Europe which led to the development of the programming language [Prolog](#) and the science of [logic programming](#).<sup>[98]</sup>

### "Scruffy" symbolic AI

Researchers at [MIT](#) (such as [Marvin Minsky](#) and [Seymour Papert](#)) found that solving difficult problems in [vision](#) and [natural language processing](#) required ad-hoc solutions – they argued that there was no simple and general principle (like [logic](#)) that would capture all the aspects of intelligent behavior. [Roger Schank](#) described their "anti-logic" approaches as "[scruffy](#)" (as opposed to the "[neat](#)" paradigms at [CMU](#) and [Stanford](#)).<sup>[99][92]</sup> [Commonsense knowledge bases](#) (such as [Doug Lenat's Cyc](#)) are an example of "scruffy" AI, since they must be built by hand, one complicated concept at a time.<sup>[100]</sup>

### Knowledge based AI

When computers with large memories became available around 1970, researchers from all three traditions began to build [knowledge](#) into AI applications.<sup>[101]</sup> This "knowledge revolution" led to the development and deployment of [expert systems](#) (introduced by [Edward Feigenbaum](#)), the first truly successful form of AI software.<sup>[38]</sup> The knowledge revolution was also driven by the realization that truly enormous amounts of knowledge would be required by many simple AI applications.

## Sub-symbolic AI

During the 1960s, symbolic approaches had achieved great success at simulating high-level thinking in small demonstration programs. Approaches based on [cybernetics](#) or [neural networks](#) were abandoned or pushed into the background.<sup>[102]</sup> By the 1980s, however, progress in symbolic AI seemed to stall and many believed that symbolic systems would never be able to imitate all the processes of human cognition, especially [perception](#), [robotics](#), [learning](#) and [pattern recognition](#). A number of researchers began to look into "sub-symbolic" approaches to specific AI problems.<sup>[90]</sup>

### Bottom-up, [embodied](#), [situated](#), [behavior-based](#) or [nouvelle AI](#)

Researchers from the related field of [robotics](#), such as [Rodney Brooks](#), rejected symbolic AI and focussed on the basic engineering problems that would allow robots to move and survive.<sup>[103]</sup> Their work revived the non-symbolic viewpoint of the early [cybernetics](#) researchers of the 50s and reintroduced the use of [control theory](#) in AI.

These approaches are also conceptually related to the [embodied mind thesis](#).

### Computational Intelligence

Interest in [neural networks](#) and "[connectionism](#)" was revived by [David Rumelhart](#) and others in the middle 1980s.<sup>[104]</sup> These and other sub-symbolic approaches, such as

[fuzzy systems](#) and [evolutionary computation](#), are now studied collectively by the emerging discipline of [computational intelligence](#).<sup>[105]</sup>

#### Formalisation

In the 1990s, AI researchers developed sophisticated mathematical tools to solve specific subproblems. These tools are truly [scientific](#), in the sense that their results are both measurable and verifiable, and they have been responsible for many of AI's recent successes. The shared mathematical language has also permitted a high level of collaboration with more established fields (like [mathematics](#), [economics](#) or [operations research](#)). [Russell & Norvig \(2003\)](#) describe this movement as nothing less than a "revolution" and "the victory of the [neats](#)."<sup>[42]</sup>

#### Intelligent agent paradigm

The "[intelligent agent](#)" [paradigm](#) became widely accepted during the 1990s.<sup>[106]</sup> An [intelligent agent](#) is a system that perceives its environment and takes actions which maximizes its chances of success. The simplest intelligent agents are programs that solve specific problems. The most complicated intelligent agents are rational, thinking human beings.<sup>[107]</sup> The paradigm gives researchers license to study isolated problems and find solutions that are both verifiable and useful, without agreeing on one single approach. An agent that solves a specific problem can use any approach that works — some agents are symbolic and logical, some are sub-symbolic [neural networks](#) and others may use new approaches. The paradigm also gives researchers a common language to communicate with other fields—such as [decision theory](#) and [economics](#)—that also use concepts of abstract agents.

#### Integrating the approaches

An [agent architecture](#) or [cognitive architecture](#) allows researchers to build more versatile and intelligent systems out of interacting [intelligent agents](#) in a [multi-agent system](#).<sup>[108]</sup> A system with both symbolic and sub-symbolic components is a [hybrid intelligent system](#), and the study of such systems is [artificial intelligence systems integration](#). A [hierarchical control system](#) provides a bridge between sub-symbolic AI at its lowest, reactive levels and traditional symbolic AI at its highest levels, where relaxed time constraints permit planning and world modelling.<sup>[109]</sup> [Rodney Brooks'](#) [subsumption architecture](#) was an early proposal for such a hierarchical system.

## Tools of AI research

In the course of 50 years of research, AI has developed a large number of tools to solve the most difficult problems in [computer science](#). A few of the most general of these methods are discussed below.

### Search and optimization

*Main articles: [search algorithm](#), [optimization \(mathematics\)](#), and [evolutionary computation](#)*

Many problems in AI can be solved in theory by intelligently searching through many possible solutions:<sup>[110]</sup> [Reasoning](#) can be reduced to performing a search. For example, logical proof can be viewed as searching for a path that leads from [premises](#) to [conclusions](#), where each step is the application of an [inference rule](#).<sup>[111]</sup> [Planning](#) algorithms search through trees of goals and subgoals, attempting to find a path to a target goal, a process called [means-ends analysis](#).<sup>[112]</sup> [Robotics](#) algorithms for moving limbs and grasping objects use [local searches](#) in [configuration space](#).<sup>[81]</sup> Many [learning](#) algorithms use search algorithms based on [optimization](#).

Simple exhaustive searches<sup>[113]</sup> are rarely sufficient for most real world problems: the [search space](#) (the number of places to search) quickly grows to [astronomical](#) numbers. The result is a search that is [too slow](#) or never completes. The solution, for many problems, is to use "[heuristics](#)" or "rules of thumb" that eliminate choices that are unlikely to lead to the goal (called "[pruning the search tree](#)"). [Heuristics](#) supply the program with a "best guess" for what path the solution lies on.<sup>[114]</sup>

A very different kind of search came to prominence in the 1990s, based on the mathematical theory of [optimization](#). For many problems, it is possible to begin the search with some form of a guess and then refine the guess incrementally until no more refinements can be made. These algorithms can be visualized as blind [hill climbing](#): we begin the search at a random point on the landscape, and then, by jumps or steps, we keep moving our guess uphill, until we reach the top. Other optimization algorithms are [simulated annealing](#), [beam search](#) and [random optimization](#).<sup>[115]</sup>

[Evolutionary computation](#) uses a form of optimization search. For example, they may begin with a population of organisms (the guesses) and then allow them to mutate and recombine, [selecting](#) only the fittest to survive each generation (refining the guesses). Forms of [evolutionary computation](#) include [swarm intelligence](#) algorithms (such as [ant colony](#) or [particle swarm optimization](#))<sup>[116]</sup> and [evolutionary algorithms](#) (such as [genetic algorithms](#)<sup>[117]</sup> and [genetic programming](#)<sup>[118][119]</sup>).

### Logic

*Main articles: [logic programming](#) and [automated reasoning](#)*

[Logic](#)<sup>[120]</sup> was introduced into AI research by [John McCarthy](#) in his 1958 [Advice Taker](#) proposal. The most important technical development was [J. Alan Robinson](#)'s discovery of the [resolution](#) and [unification](#) algorithm for logical deduction in 1963. This procedure is simple, complete and entirely algorithmic, and can easily be performed by digital computers.<sup>[121]</sup>

However, a naive implementation of the algorithm quickly leads to a combinatorial explosion or an infinite loop. In 1974, Robert Kowalski suggested representing logical expressions as Horn clauses (statements in the form of rules: "if  $p$  then  $q$ "), which reduced logical deduction to backward chaining or forward chaining. This greatly alleviated (but did not eliminate) the problem.<sup>[111][122]</sup>

Logic is used for knowledge representation and problem solving, but it can be applied to other problems as well. For example, the satplan algorithm uses logic for planning,<sup>[123]</sup> and inductive logic programming is a method for learning.<sup>[124]</sup> There are several different forms of logic used in AI research.

- Propositional or sentential logic<sup>[125]</sup> is the logic of statements which can be true or false.
- First-order logic<sup>[126]</sup> also allows the use of quantifiers and predicates, and can express facts about objects, their properties, and their relations with each other.
- Fuzzy logic, a version of first-order logic which allows the truth of a statement to be represented as a value between 0 and 1, rather than simply True (1) or False (0). Fuzzy systems can be used for uncertain reasoning and have been widely used in modern industrial and consumer product control systems.<sup>[127]</sup>
- Default logics, non-monotonic logics and circumscription are forms of logic designed to help with default reasoning and the qualification problem.<sup>[65]</sup>
- Several extensions of logic have been designed to handle specific domains of knowledge, such as: description logics,<sup>[59]</sup> situation calculus, event calculus and fluent calculus (for representing events and time);<sup>[60]</sup> causal calculus,<sup>[61]</sup> belief calculus; and modal logics.<sup>[62]</sup>

## Probabilistic methods for uncertain reasoning

*Main articles: Bayesian network, hidden Markov model, Kalman filter, decision theory, and utility theory*

Many problems in AI (in reasoning, planning, learning, perception and robotics) require the agent to operate with incomplete or uncertain information. Starting in the late 80s and early 90s, Judea Pearl and others championed the use of methods drawn from probability theory and economics to devise a number of powerful tools to solve these problems.<sup>[128][129]</sup>

Bayesian networks<sup>[130]</sup> are a very general tool that can be used for a large number of problems: reasoning (using the Bayesian inference algorithm),<sup>[131]</sup> learning (using the expectation-maximization algorithm),<sup>[132]</sup> planning (using decision networks)<sup>[133]</sup> and perception (using dynamic Bayesian networks).<sup>[134]</sup>

Probabilistic algorithms can also be used for filtering, prediction, smoothing and finding explanations for streams of data, helping perception systems to analyze processes that occur over time<sup>[135]</sup> (e.g., hidden Markov models<sup>[136]</sup> and Kalman filters<sup>[137]</sup>).

A key concept from the science of economics is "utility": a measure of how valuable something is to an intelligent agent. Precise mathematical tools have been developed that analyze how an agent can make choices and plan, using decision theory, decision analysis,<sup>[138]</sup> information value theory.<sup>[71]</sup> These tools include models such as Markov decision processes,<sup>[139]</sup> dynamic decision networks,<sup>[139]</sup> game theory and mechanism design<sup>[140]</sup>



## Classifiers and statistical learning methods

*Main articles: [classifier \(mathematics\)](#), [statistical classification](#), and [machine learning](#)*

The simplest AI applications can be divided into two types: classifiers ("if shiny then diamond") and controllers ("if shiny then pick up"). Controllers do however also classify conditions before inferring actions, and therefore classification forms a central part of many AI systems.

[Classifiers](#)<sup>[141]</sup> are functions that use [pattern matching](#) to determine a closest match. They can be tuned according to examples, making them very attractive for use in AI. These examples are known as observations or patterns. In supervised learning, each pattern belongs to a certain predefined class. A class can be seen as a decision that has to be made. All the observations combined with their class labels are known as a data set.

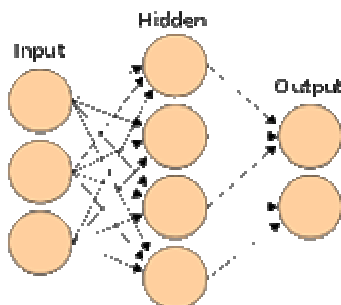
When a new observation is received, that observation is classified based on previous experience. A classifier can be trained in various ways; there are many statistical and [machine learning](#) approaches.

A wide range of classifiers are available, each with its strengths and weaknesses. Classifier performance depends greatly on the characteristics of the data to be classified. There is no single classifier that works best on all given problems; this is also referred to as the "no free lunch" theorem. Various empirical tests have been performed to compare classifier performance and to find the characteristics of data that determine classifier performance. Determining a suitable classifier for a given problem is however still more an art than science.

The most widely used classifiers are the [neural network](#),<sup>[142]</sup> [kernel methods](#) such as the [support vector machine](#),<sup>[143]</sup> [k-nearest neighbor algorithm](#),<sup>[144]</sup> [Gaussian mixture model](#),<sup>[145]</sup> [naive Bayes classifier](#),<sup>[146]</sup> and [decision tree](#).<sup>[147]</sup> The performance of these classifiers have been compared over a wide range of classification tasks<sup>[148]</sup> in order to find data characteristics that determine classifier performance.

## Neural networks

*Main articles: [neural networks](#) and [connectionism](#)*



A neural network is an interconnected group of nodes, akin to the vast network of [neurons](#) in the [human brain](#).

The study of [artificial neural networks](#)<sup>[142]</sup> began in the decade before the field AI research was founded. In the 1960s [Frank Rosenblatt](#) developed an important early version, the [perceptron](#).<sup>[149]</sup> [Paul Werbos](#) developed the [backpropagation](#) algorithm for [multilayer perceptrons](#) in 1974,<sup>[150]</sup> which led to a renaissance in neural network research and [connectionism](#) in general in the middle 1980s. The [Hopfield net](#), a form of [attractor network](#), was first described by [John Hopfield](#) in 1982.

Common network architectures which have been developed include the [feedforward neural network](#), the [radial basis network](#), the Kohonen [self-organizing map](#) and various [recurrent neural networks](#).<sup>[citation needed]</sup> Neural networks are applied to the problem of [learning](#), using such techniques as [Hebbian learning](#), [competitive learning](#)<sup>[151]</sup> and the relatively new architectures of [Hierarchical Temporal Memory](#) and [Deep Belief Networks](#).

## Control theory

*Main article: [intelligent control](#)*

[Control theory](#), the grandchild of [cybernetics](#), has many important applications, especially in [robotics](#).<sup>[152]</sup>

## Specialized languages

AI researchers have developed several specialized languages for AI research:

- [IPL](#)<sup>[153]</sup> includes features intended to support programs that could perform general problem solving, including lists, associations, schemas (frames), dynamic memory allocation, data types, recursion, associative retrieval, functions as arguments, generators (streams), and cooperative multitasking.
- [Lisp](#)<sup>[154][155]</sup> is a practical mathematical notation for computer programs based on [lambda calculus](#). [Linked lists](#) are one of Lisp languages' major [data structures](#), and Lisp [source code](#) is itself made up of lists. As a result, Lisp programs can manipulate source code as a data structure, giving rise to the [macro](#) systems that allow programmers to create new syntax or even new [domain-specific programming languages](#) embedded in Lisp. There are many dialects of Lisp in use today.
- [Prolog](#)<sup>[156][122]</sup> is a [declarative](#) language where programs are expressed in terms of relations, and execution occurs by running *queries* over these relations. Prolog is particularly useful for symbolic reasoning, database and language parsing applications. Prolog is widely used in AI today.
- [STRIPS](#) is a language for expressing [automated planning problem instances](#). It expresses an initial state, the goal states, and a set of actions. For each action preconditions (what must be established before the action is performed) and postconditions (what is established after the action is performed) are specified.
- [Planner](#) is a hybrid between procedural and logical languages. It gives a procedural interpretation to logical sentences where implications are interpreted with pattern-directed inference.

AI applications are also often written in standard languages like [C++](#) and languages designed for mathematics, such as [Matlab](#) and [Lush](#).

## Evaluating artificial intelligence

*Main article: [Progress in artificial intelligence](#)*

How can one determine if an agent is intelligent? In 1950, Alan Turing proposed a general procedure to test the intelligence of an agent now known as the [Turing test](#). This procedure allows almost all the major problems of artificial intelligence to be tested. However, it is a very difficult challenge and at present all agents fail.

Artificial intelligence can also be evaluated on specific problems such as small problems in chemistry, hand-writing recognition and game-playing. Such tests have been termed [subject matter expert Turing tests](#). Smaller problems provide more achievable goals and there are an ever-increasing number of positive results.

The broad classes of outcome for an AI test are:

- **optimal**: it is not possible to perform better
- **strong super-human**: performs better than all humans
- **super-human**: performs better than most humans
- **sub-human**: performs worse than most humans

For example, performance at checkers ([draughts](#)) is optimal,<sup>[157]</sup> performance at chess is super-human and nearing strong super-human,<sup>[158]</sup> and performance at many everyday tasks performed by humans is sub-human.

## Competitions and prizes

*Main article: [Competitions and prizes in artificial intelligence](#)*

There are a number of competitions and prizes to promote research in artificial intelligence. The main areas promoted are: general machine intelligence, conversational behaviour, data-mining, driverless cars, robot soccer and games.

## Applications of artificial intelligence

Main article: [Applications of artificial intelligence](#)

Artificial intelligence has successfully been used in a wide range of fields including [medical diagnosis](#), [stock trading](#), [robot control](#), [law](#), scientific discovery, [video games](#) and toys. Frequently, when a technique reaches mainstream use it is no longer considered artificial intelligence, sometimes described as the [AI effect](#).<sup>[159]</sup> It may also become integrated into [artificial life](#).

### See also

- [List of AI projects](#)
- [List of AI researchers](#)
- [List of emerging technologies](#)
- [List of basic artificial intelligence topics](#)
- [List of important AI publications](#)

### Notes

1. <sup>^</sup> [Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, p. 1](#) (who use the term "computational intelligence" as a synonym for artificial intelligence). Other textbooks that define AI this way include [Nilsson \(1998\)](#), and [Russell & Norvig \(2003\)](#) (who prefer the term "rational agent") and write "The whole-agent view is now widely accepted in the field" [Template:Harvy](#)
2. <sup>^</sup> This definition, in terms of goals, actions, perception and environment, is due to [Russell & Norvig \(2003\)](#). Other definitions also include knowledge and learning as additional criteria.
3. <sup>^</sup> Although there is some controversy on this point (see [Crevier 1993](#), p. 50), [McCarthy](#) states unequivocally "I came up with the term" in a c|net interview. (See [Getting Machines to Think Like Us](#).)
4. <sup>^</sup> See [John McCarthy, What is Artificial Intelligence?](#)
5. <sup>^</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> [Dartmouth proposal](#):
  - o [McCarthy et al. 1955](#)
6. <sup>^</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> <sup>c</sup> This is a central idea of [Pamela McCorduck's](#) *Machines That Think*. She writes: "I like to think of artificial intelligence as the scientific apotheosis of a venerable cultural tradition." ([McCorduck 2004](#), p. 34) "Artificial intelligence in one form or another is an idea that has pervaded Western intellectual history, a dream in urgent need of being realized." ([McCorduck 2004](#), p. xviii) "Our history is full of attempts—nutty, eerie, comical, earnest, legendary and real—to make artificial intelligences, to reproduce what is the essential us—bypassing the ordinary means. Back and forth between myth and reality, our imaginations supplying what our workshops couldn't, we have engaged for a long time in this odd form of self-reproduction." ([McCorduck 2004](#), p. 3) She traces the desire back to its [Hellenistic](#) roots and calls it the urge to "forge the Gods." ([McCorduck 2004](#), p. 340-400)
7. <sup>^</sup> The optimism referred to includes the predictions of early AI researchers (see [optimism in the history of AI](#)) as well as the ideas of modern [transhumanists](#) such as [Ray Kurzweil](#).

8. <sup>^</sup> The "setbacks" referred to include the [ALPAC report](#) of 1966, the abandonment of [perceptrons](#) in 1970, the [the Lighthill Report](#) of 1973 and the [collapse of the lisp machine market](#) in 1987.
9. <sup>^</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> Fractioning of AI into subfields:
  - o [McCorduck 2004](#), pp. 421-425
10. <sup>^</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> This list of intelligent traits is based on the topics covered by the major AI textbooks, including:
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#)
  - o [Luger & Stubblefield 2004](#)
  - o [Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998](#)
  - o [Nilsson 1998](#).
11. <sup>^</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> General intelligence ([strong AI](#)) is discussed in popular introductions to AI:
  - o [Kurzweil 1999](#) and [Kurzweil 2005](#)
12. <sup>^</sup> AI in Myth:
  - o [McCorduck 2004](#), p. 4-5
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 939
13. <sup>^</sup> [Sacred statues](#) as artificial intelligence:
  - o [Crevier \(1993](#), p. 1) (statue of [Amun](#))
  - o [McCorduck \(2004](#), pp. 6-9)
14. <sup>^</sup> These were the first machines to be believed to have true intelligence and consciousness. [Hermes Trismegistus](#) expressed the common belief that with these statues, craftsman had reproduced "the true nature of the gods", their *sensus* and *spiritus*. McCorduck makes the connection between sacred automatons and [Mosaic law](#) (developed around the same time), which expressly forbids the worship of robots ([McCorduck 2004](#), pp. 6-9)
15. <sup>^</sup> [Needham 1986](#), p. 53
16. <sup>^</sup> [McCorduck 2004](#), p. 6
17. <sup>^</sup> [A Thirteenth Century Programmable Robot](#)
18. <sup>^</sup> [McCorduck 2004](#), p. 17
19. <sup>^</sup> [Takwin](#): O'Connor, Kathleen Malone. "[The alchemical creation of life \(takwin\) and other concepts of Genesis in medieval Islam](#)". University of Pennsylvania. Retrieved on 2007-01-10.
20. <sup>^</sup> [Golem](#): [McCorduck 2004](#), p. 15-16, [Buchanan 2005](#), p. 50
21. <sup>^</sup> [McCorduck 2004](#), p. 13-14
22. <sup>^</sup> [McCorduck \(2004](#), p. 190-25) discusses [Frankenstein](#) and identifies the key ethical issues as scientific hubris and the suffering of the monster, i.e. [robot rights](#).
23. <sup>^</sup> [Robot rights](#):
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 964
  - o [Robots could demand legal rights](#)
24. <sup>^</sup> See the Times Online, [Human rights for robots? We're getting carried away](#)
25. <sup>^</sup> [Russell & Norvig \(2003](#), p. 960-961)
26. <sup>^</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> <sup>c</sup> [Singularity, transhumanism](#):
  - o [Kurzweil 2005](#)
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 963
27. <sup>^</sup> [Joseph Weizenbaum](#)'s critique of AI:
  - o [Weizenbaum 1976](#)
  - o [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 132-144
  - o [McCorduck 2004](#), pp. 356-373
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 961

Weizenbaum (the AI researcher who developed the first [chatbot](#) program, [ELIZA](#)) argued in 1976 that the misuse of artificial intelligence has the potential to devalue human life.

28. <sup>^</sup> Quoted in [McCorduck \(2004, p. 401\)](#)
29. <sup>^ a b</sup> AI's immediate precursors:
  - o [McCorduck 2004](#), pp. 51-107
  - o [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 27-32
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), pp. 15,940
  - o [Moravec 1988](#), p. 3

Among the researchers who laid the foundations of the [theory of computation](#), [cybernetics](#), [information theory](#) and [neural networks](#) were [Alan Turing](#), [John Von Neumann](#), [Norbert Wiener](#), [Claude Shannon](#), [Warren McCullough](#), [Walter Pitts](#) and [Donald Hebb](#)

30. <sup>^</sup> [Dartmouth conference](#):
  - o [McCorduck](#), pp. 111-136
  - o [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 47-49
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 17
  - o [NRC 1999](#), pp. 200-201
31. <sup>^</sup> Russell and Norvig write "it was astonishing whenever a computer did anything kind of smartish." [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 18
32. <sup>^</sup> "[Golden years](#)" of AI (successful symbolic reasoning programs 1956-1973):
  - o [McCorduck](#), pp. 243-252
  - o [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 52-107
  - o [Moravec 1988](#), p. 9
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 18-21

The programs described are [Daniel Bobrow's STUDENT](#), [Newell](#) and [Simon's Logic Theorist](#) and [Terry Winograd's SHRDLU](#).

33. <sup>^</sup> [DARPA](#) pours money into undirected pure research into AI during the 1960s:
  - o [McCorduck 2005](#), pp. 131
  - o [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 51, 64-65
  - o [NRC 1999](#), pp. 204-205
34. <sup>^</sup> [Simon 1965](#), p. 96 quoted in [Crevier 1993](#), p. 109
35. <sup>^</sup> [Minsky 1967](#), p. 2 quoted in [Crevier 1993](#), p. 109
36. <sup>^</sup> See [History of artificial intelligence — the problems](#).
37. <sup>^</sup> First [AI Winter](#):
  - o [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 115-117
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), p. 22
  - o [NRC 1999](#), pp. 212-213
  - o [Howe 1994](#)
38. <sup>^ a b</sup> Expert systems:
  - o [ACM 1998](#), I.2.1,
  - o [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), pp. 22-24
  - o [Luger & Stubblefield 2004](#), pp. 227-331,
  - o [Nilsson 1998](#), chpt. 17.4
  - o [McCorduck 2004](#), pp. 327-335, 434-435
  - o [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 145-62, 197-203

39. ^ Boom of the 1980s: rise of expert systems, Fifth Generation Project, Alvey, MCC, SCI:
- o McCorduck 2004, pp. 426-441
  - o Crevier 1993, pp. 161-162, 197-203, 211, 240
  - o Russell & Norvig 2003, p. 24
  - o NRC 1999, pp. 210-211
40. ^ Second AI Winter:
- o McCorduck 2004, pp. 430-435
  - o Crevier 1993, pp. 209-210
  - o NRC 1999, pp. 214-216
41. ^ AI applications widely used behind the scenes:
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, p. 28
  - o Kurzweil 2005, p. 265
  - o NRC 1999, pp. 216-222
42. ^ a b Formal methods are now preferred ("Victory of the neats"):
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 25-26
  - o McCorduck 2004, pp. 486-487
43. ^ All of these positions below are mentioned in standard discussions of the subject, such as:
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 947-960
  - o Fearn 2007, pp. 38-55
44. ^ Philosophical implications of the Turing test:
- o Turing 1950,
  - o Haugeland 1985, pp. 6-9,
  - o Crevier 1993, p. 24,
  - o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 2-3 and 948
45. ^ The physical symbol systems hypothesis:
- o Newell & Simon 1976, p. 116
  - o Russell & Norvig 2003, p. 18
46. ^ Dreyfus criticized the necessary condition of the physical symbol system hypothesis, which he called the "psychological assumption": "The mind can be viewed as a device operating on bits of information according to formal rules". (Dreyfus 1992, p. 156)
47. ^ Dreyfus' Critique of AI:
- o Dreyfus 1972,
  - o Dreyfus & Dreyfus 1986,
  - o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 950-952,
  - o Crevier 1993, pp. 120-132 and
48. ^ This is a paraphrase of the important implication of Gödel's theorems.
49. ^ The Mathematical Objection:
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, p. 949
  - o McCorduck 2004, p. 448-449

Refuting Mathematical Objection:

- o Turing 1950 under "(2) The Mathematical Objection"
- o Hofstadter 1979,

Making the Mathematical Objection:

- o Lucas 1961,
- o Penrose 1989.

Background:

- [Gödel 1931](#), [Church 1936](#), [Kleene 1935](#), [Turing 1937](#),
- 50. [Searle \(1999\)](#), and is also quoted in [Dennett 1991](#), p. 435. Searle's original formulation was "The appropriately programmed computer really is a mind, in the sense that computers given the right programs can be literally said to understand and have other cognitive states." ([Searle 1980](#), p. 1). Strong AI is defined similarly by [Russell & Norvig \(2003\)](#), p. 947): "The assertion that machines could possibly act intelligently (or, perhaps better, act as if they were intelligent) is called the 'weak AI' hypothesis by philosophers, and the assertion that machines that do so are actually thinking (as opposed to simulating thinking) is called the 'strong AI' hypothesis."
- 51. [Searle's Chinese Room](#) argument:
  - [Searle 1980](#), [Searle 1991](#)
  - [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), pp. 958-960
  - [McCorduck 2004](#), pp. 443-445
  - [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 269-271
- 52. [Artificial brain](#):
  - [Moravec 1988](#)
  - [Kurzweil 2005](#), p. 262
  - [Russell Norvig](#), p. 957
  - [Crevier 1993](#), pp. 271 and 279

The most extreme form of this argument (the brain replacement scenario) was put forward by [Clark Glymour](#) in the mid-70s and was touched on by [Zenon Pylyshyn](#) and [John Searle](#) in 1980. Daniel Dennett sees human consciousness as multiple functional thought patterns; see "Consciousness Explained."

- 53. [Problem solving, puzzle solving, game playing and deduction](#):
  - [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), chpt. 3-9,
  - [Poole et al. chpt. 2,3,7,9](#),
  - [Luger & Stubblefield 2004](#), chpt. 3,4,6,8,
  - [Nilsson](#), chpt. 7-12.
- 54. [Uncertain reasoning](#):
  - [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), pp. 452-644,
  - [Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998](#), pp. 345-395,
  - [Luger & Stubblefield 2004](#), pp. 333-381,
  - [Nilsson 1998](#), chpt. 19
- 55. [Intractability and efficiency](#) and the [combinatorial explosion](#):
  - [Russell & Norvig 2003](#), pp. 9, 21-22
- 56. [Cognitive science](#) has provided several famous examples:
  - [Wason \(1966\)](#) showed that people do poorly on completely abstract problems, but if the problem is restated to allow the use of intuitive [social intelligence](#), performance dramatically improves. (See [Wason selection task](#))
  - [Tversky, Slovic & Kahnemann \(1982\)](#) have shown that people are terrible at elementary problems that involve uncertain reasoning. (See [list of cognitive biases](#) for several examples).
  - [Lakoff & Núñez \(2000\)](#) have controversially argued that even our skills at mathematics depend on knowledge and skills that come from "the body", i.e. sensorimotor and perceptual skills. (See [Where Mathematics Comes From](#))
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57. ^ Knowledge representation:
- o ACM 1998, I.2.4,
  - o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 320-363,
  - o Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, pp. 23-46, 69-81, 169-196, 235-277, 281-298, 319-345,
  - o Luger & Stubblefield 2004, pp. 227-243,
  - o Nilsson 1998, chpt. 18
58. ^ Knowledge engineering:
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 260-266,
  - o Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, pp. 199-233,
  - o Nilsson 1998, chpt. ~17.1-17.4
59. ^ a b Representing categories and relations: Semantic networks, description logics, inheritance (including frames and scripts):
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 349-354,
  - o Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, pp. 174-177,
  - o Luger & Stubblefield 2004, pp. 248-258,
  - o Nilsson 1998, chpt. 18.3
60. ^ a b Representing events and time: Situation calculus, event calculus, fluent calculus (including solving the frame problem):
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 328-341,
  - o Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, pp. 281-298,
  - o Nilsson 1998, chpt. 18.2
61. ^ a b Causal calculus:
- o Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, pp. 335-337
62. ^ a b Representing knowledge about knowledge: Belief calculus, modal logics:
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 341-344,
  - o Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, pp. 275-277
63. ^ Ontology:
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 320-328
64. ^ McCarthy & Hayes 1969. While McCarthy was primarily concerned with issues in the logical representation of actions, Russell & Norvig 2003 apply the term to the more general issue of default reasoning in the vast network of assumptions underlying all our commonsense knowledge.
65. ^ a b Default reasoning and default logic, non-monotonic logics, circumscription, closed world assumption, abduction (Poole *et al.* places abduction under "default reasoning". Luger *et al.* places this under "uncertain reasoning"):
- o Russell & Norvig 2003, pp. 354-360,
  - o Poole, Mackworth & Goebel 1998, pp. 248-256, 323-335,
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