

# Lecture 10-1 Artificial Intelligence



# What is Artificial Intelligence?

Al is the study, design, and development of computational processes that solve problems that previously required human intelligence

Not all of computer science is focused on AI.

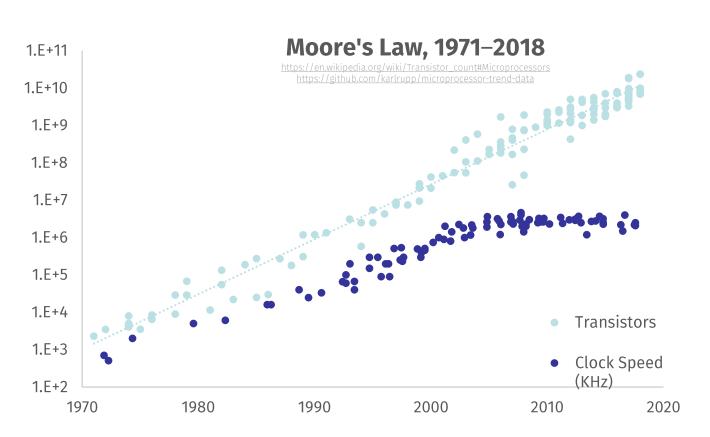
But, it's hard to think of a field in CS that isn't contributing fundamentally to it

The "Al Paradox": once we become familiar with a technology, we stop considering it Al



# Why is it happening?

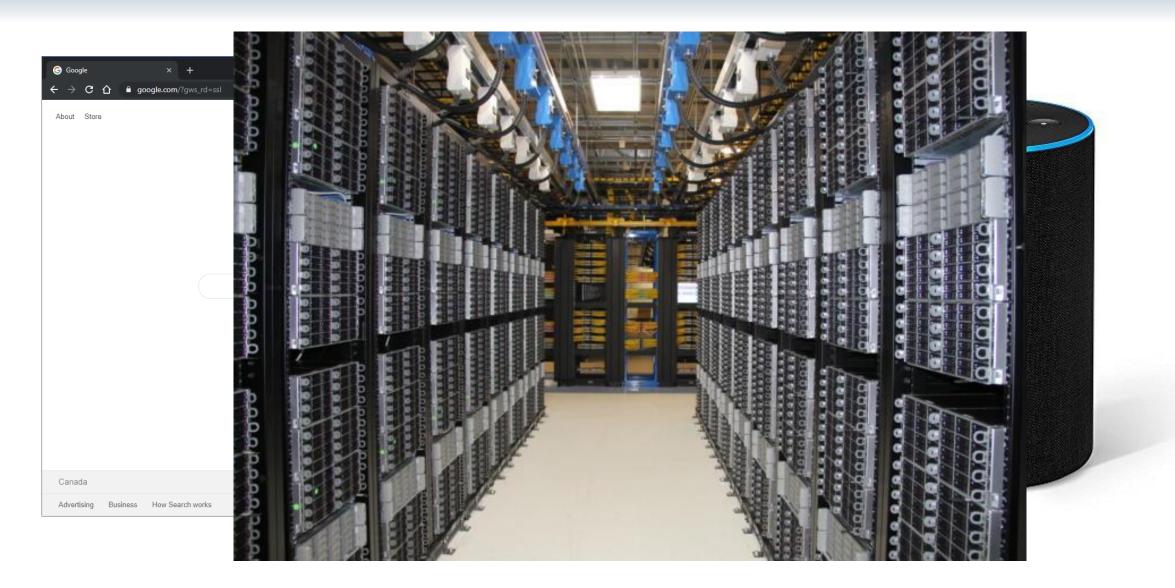
- 1. Scientific/mathematical breakthroughs, esp in machine learning
- 2. Growth in raw computing power



#### For comparison:

Species	# Neurons in Brain
Fruit Fly	10 <sup>5</sup>
Cat	10 <sup>9</sup>
Chimpanzee	1010
Human	1011

# Today, most modern AI systems look like...



#### **Current State of the Art**

- Predictive modeling limited mostly by quality of training data
- Image recognition, face recognition becoming very reliable
- Image generation rapidly getting better
- Language understanding & generation maturing extremely quickly
- Robotics remains a hard problem, but it's working well in some niche applications



Prompt: Here's a short rhyming poem by Dr.
Seuss about Elon Musk's company, Neuralink
which is building brain implants to achieve
symbiosis with Al. Neuralink's mission
statement is "If you Can't Beat'em, join'em".
The poem has a structure typical of Dr. Seuss
stories with simple alternate line rhymes. In the
poem Elon explains why we need to merge
with the Al to save humanity.

Neuralink, by Dr. Seuss

#### Response:

I have a friend, Elon Musk,
Who wants to join our brains to Al.
He thinks that humans can't compete
So he's gonna use Al to cheat.
They want to build a neural-link.
To link us to the Als
And save humanity from its demise.
They want to put an Al in your brain.
They want to use your neurons as a frame.
They want to save humanity,
If you can't beat'em, join'em

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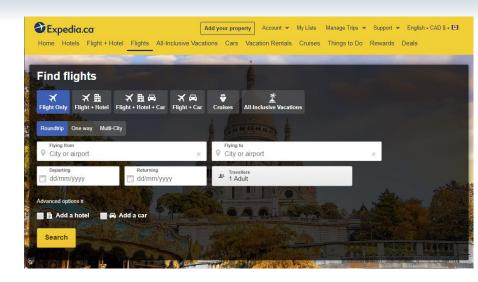
# **Growing Military Use**

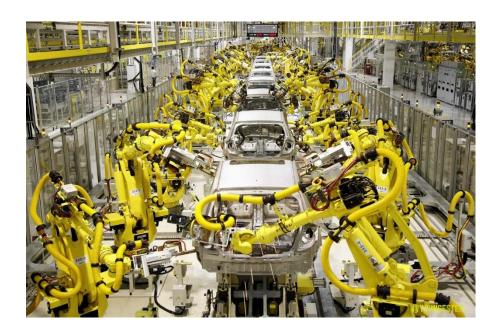


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# **Economic Impact**

- Likely impacts:
  - Increased mechanization of routine labor
  - Automation of lower-end knowledge work
- Automation is nothing new
  - like other waves of innovation, AI will almost certainly make society as a whole much richer
  - but, it may also exacerbate income inequality
- What will this mean for the economy of the future?
  - Post-scarcity economy?
  - Human labor as a luxury good?

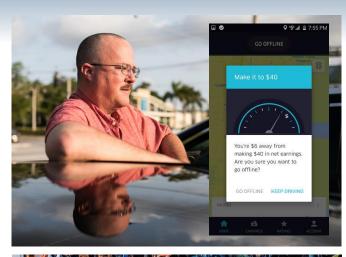




#### **Ethics of AI**

#### Will a new technology:

- disempower individuals vs corporations?
  - ⇒ user modeling; data mining; fostering addictive behaviors; developmental effects on children
- disempower individuals vs governments?
  - ⇒ facilitate disinformation (deep fakes; bots masquerading as people; filter bubbles); enable qualitatively new military or security tactics
- take autonomous actions in a way that obscures responsibility
  - ⇒ autonomous weapons; self-driving cars; loan approval systems
- disproportionately affect vulnerable/marginalized groups
  - ⇒ automated decision making tools trained in ways that may encode existing biases







# **Social Impact**

- How will AI technologies transform society?
- Will there be a social backlash against AI?
  - If so, what will be considered AI?



- How will human relationships change in the presence of alwaysavailable social agents?
- As we are increasingly augmented by AI, what are our inherent cognitive/emotional/motivational limitations, beyond which augmentation won't help?



## Technology that will be in widespread use

- Tailored solutions for specific tasks, not general intelligence
- Prototypes that work today in labs
   & narrow deployments



- Non-text input modalities (vision; speech)
- Consumer modeling (recommendation; marketing)
- Cloud services (translation; question answering; Al-mediated outsourcing)
- Transportation (automated trucking; some self-driving cars)
- Industrial robotics (factories; some drone applications)
- Al knowledge work (logistics planning; radiology; legal research; call centers)
- Policing & security (electronic fraud; cameras; predictive policing)



# Technologies that won't take off as quickly

- Overall, areas in which
  - major entrenched regulatory regimes need to be navigated
  - there exist social/cultural barriers to adoption
  - the human touch is crucial
  - substantial new hardware would need to be developed

### Some examples:

- childcare, healthcare, eldercare
- education
- coaching, counselling
- consumer robots beyond niche applications
- semantically rich language understanding



### Ethical consideration of advances in Al

- Is it wrong to create machines capable of making human labor obsolete? Will humans become demoralized by the presence of vastly more intelligent robots?
- How can we ensure that intelligent robots will not be put to an evil purpose by a malevolent human? How can we ensure they do not adopt malevolent purposes themselves?
- Is it morally acceptable to create "personal" (self-conscious) AI?



#### **Work and Wealth**

"The government should attempt to slow or stop the spread of automation technologies that are likely to eliminate large numbers of jobs."

