Foundations of Artificial Intelligence
A2. Introduction: What is Artificial Intelligence?

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A2.1 What is AI?

What is AI?

What do we mean by artificial intelligence?
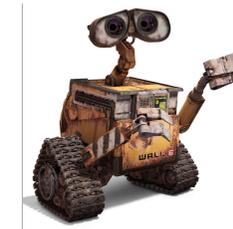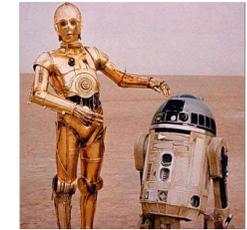
⤳ no generally accepted definition!

often pragmatic definitions:

▶ "AI is what AI researchers do."

▶ "AI is the solution of hard problems."

in this chapter: some common attempts at defining AI

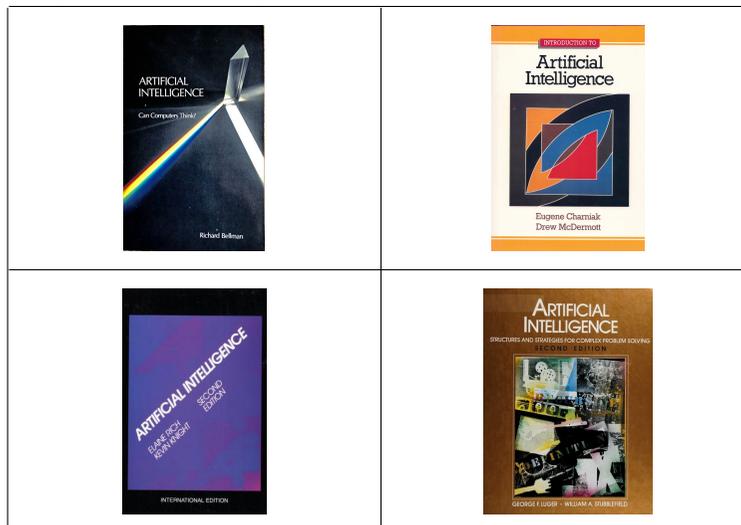# What Do We Mean by Artificial Intelligence?
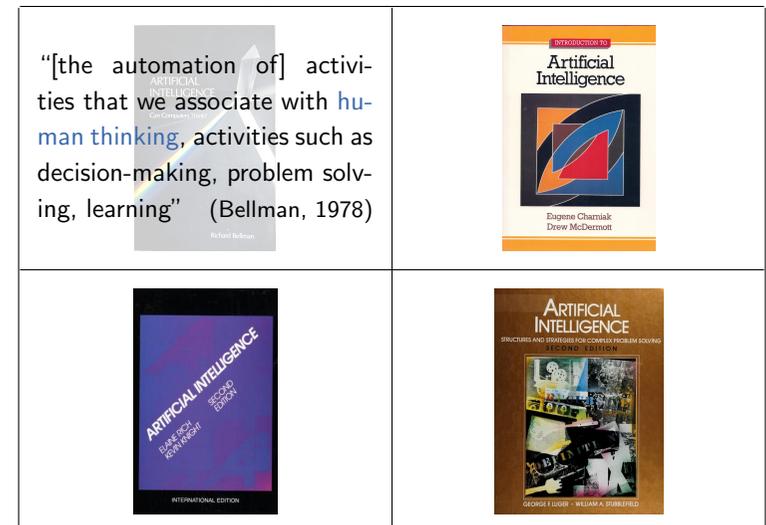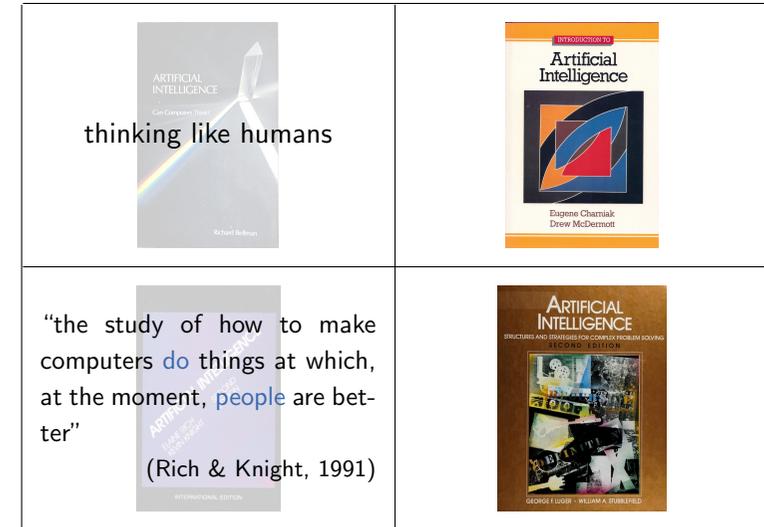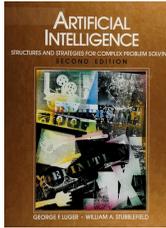
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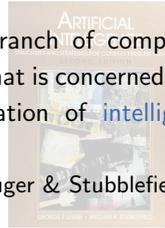
what scientists tell us:

"[the automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision-making, problem solving, learning" (Bellman, 1978)

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"the study of how to make computers do things at which, at the moment, people are better"

(Rich & Knight, 1991)

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"the study of mental faculties through the use of computational models"

(Charniak & McDermott, 1985)

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acting like humans	"the branch of computer science that is concerned with the automation of intelligent behavior" (Luger & Stubblefield, 1993)

## What is AI: Humanly vs. Rationally; Thinking vs. Acting

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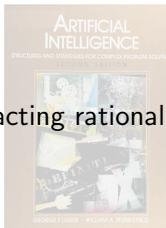
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A2.2 Thinking Like Humans

Cognitive (Neuro-) Science

- requires knowledge of how humans think

- two ways to a scientific
  theory of brain activity:
  - psychological: observation of
    human behavior
  - neurological: observation of
    brain activity

- roughly corresponds to cognitive science and
  cognitive neuroscience

- today separate research areas from AI
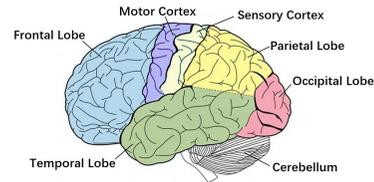
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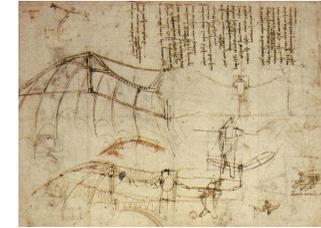
"brains are to intelligence as wings are to flight"

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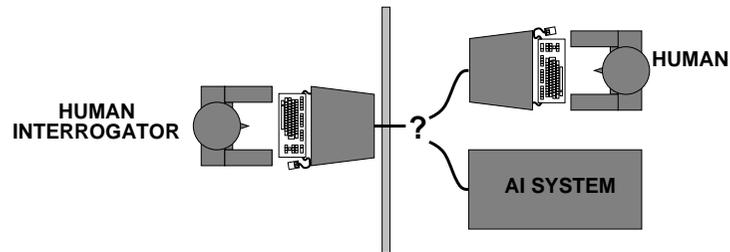thinking rationally

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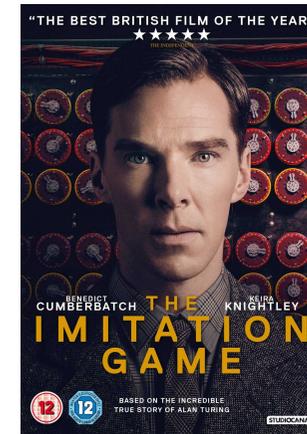
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A2.3 Acting Like Humans

The Turing Test

Alan Turing, Computing Machinery and Intelligence (1950):

- central question: Can machines think?
- hypothesis: yes, if they can act like humans
- operationalization: the imitation game

Turing Test in Cinema

Turing Test: Brief History

- Eliza
- Loebner Prize
- Eugene Goostman
- Kuki (formerly Mitsuku)
- Google Duplex
- LaMDA & ChatGPT

- developed in 1966 by J. Weizenbaum
- uses combination of pattern matching and scripted rules
- most famous script mimics a psychologist ⤳ many questions
- fooled early users

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- annual competition between 1991–2019
- most human-like AI is awarded
- highly controversial

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- mimics a 13-year-old boy from Odessa, Ukraine with a guinea pig
- "not too old to know everything and not too young to know nothing"
- 33% of judges were convinced it was human in 2014
  ⤳ first system that passed the Turing test (?)

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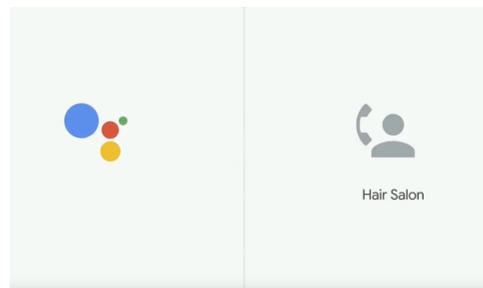
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- five times winner of Loebner prize competitions (2015-2019)
- winner of "bot battle" versus Facebook's Blenderbot
  ⤳ `https://youtu.be/RBK5j0yXDT8`

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- commercial product announced in 2018
- performs phone calls (making appointments) fully autonomously
- after criticism, it now starts conversation by identifying as a robot

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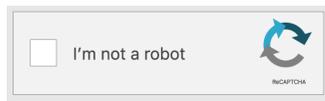
- systems like LaMDA and ChatGPT would likely pass the Turing test
- example conversation: `https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/16/technology/bing-chatbot-transcript.html`
- ChatGPT even passed some exams (but failed on others)

Value of the Turing Test

- human actions not always intelligent
- scientific value of Turing test questionable:
  - Test for AI or for interrogator?
  - results not reproducible
  - strategies to succeed ≠ intelligence:
    - deceive interrogator
    - mimic human behavior

⤳ not important in AI "mainstream"

TURING TEST EXTRA CREDIT:
CONVINCE THE EXAMINER
THAT HE'S A COMPUTER.

YOU KNOW, YOU MAKE
SOME REALLY GOOD POINTS.
I'M ... NOT EVEN SURE
WHO I AM ANYMORE.

☐ I'm not a robot

practical application: CAPTCHA
("**C**ompletely **A**utomated **P**ublic **T**uring
test to tell **C**omputers and **H**umans **A**part")
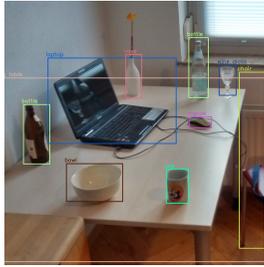

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A2.4 Thinking Rationally

Thinking Rationally: Laws of Thought

- Aristotle: What are correct arguments and modes of thought?
- syllogisms: structures for arguments that always yield correct conclusions given correct premises:
  - Socrates is a human.
  - All humans are mortal.
  - Therefore Socrates is mortal.
- direct connection to modern AI via mathematical logic

Problems of the Logical Approach

not all intelligent behavior
stems from logical thinking
and formal reasoning
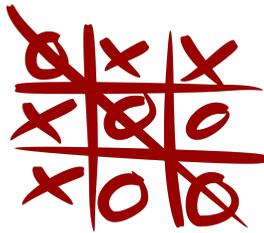
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Acting Rationally

acting rationally: "doing the right thing"

▶ the right thing: maximize utility
given available information
▶ does not necessarily require "thought" (e.g., reflexes)

advantages of AI as development of rational agents:

▶ more general than thinking rationally
(logical inference only one way to obtain rational behavior)
▶ better suited for scientific method
than approaches based on human thinking and acting

⤳ most common view of AI scientists today
⤳ what we use in this course

A2.6 Summary

Summary

What is AI? ⤳ many possible definitions

- guided by humans vs. by utility (rationality)
- based on externally observable actions or inner thoughts?

⤳ four combinations:

- acting like humans: e.g., Turing test
- thinking like humans: cf. cognitive (neuro-)science
- thinking rationally: logic
- acting rationally: most common view today
  ⤳ amenable to scientific method
  ⤳ used in this course