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# *Deep Learning*

## *01-Introduction*

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*This presentation can be downloaded at:*  
<http://vision.unipv.it/DL>

*Prologue:  
"Deep Learning"?*

# *Deep Learning in the Artificial Intelligence Cosmos*

## **Artificial Intelligence**

*automated reproduction of human cognitive activities*

## **Machine Learning**

*automated extraction of generalized knowledge  
from data and experience*

## **Deep Learning**

*automated extraction of generalized knowledge  
from data and experience ...*

*... using multi-layered **representations***

# AI strikes back?

The revolution in AI has been profound, it definitely surprised me, even though I was sitting right there.

Sergey Brin  
Google co-founder



- **Sergey Brin** [Google Co-Founder, January 2017]

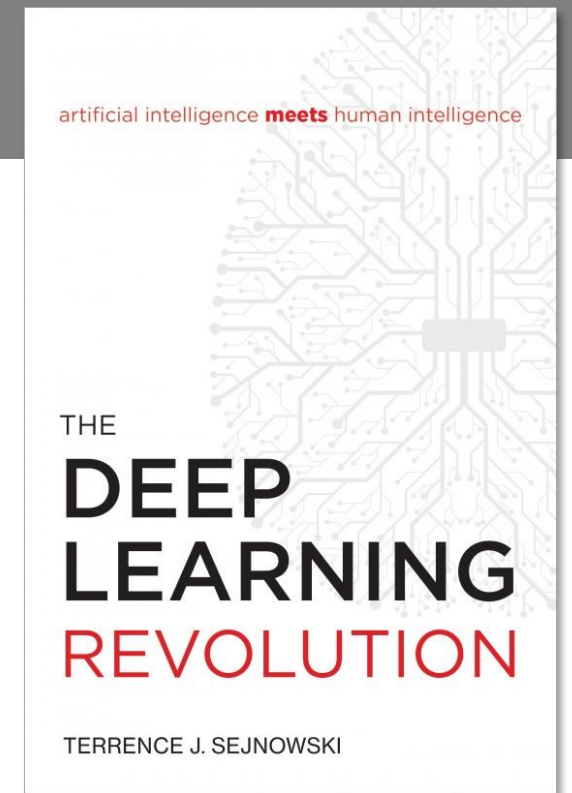
*"I didn't pay attention to it [i.e. Artificial Intelligence] at all, to be perfectly honest."*

*"Having been trained as a computer scientist in the 90s, everybody knew that AI didn't work.*

*People tried it, they tried neural nets and none of it worked."*

[Quote and image from <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/01/google-sergey-brin-i-didn-t-see-ai-coming/>]

# The Deep Learning Revolution



- **Terrence J. Sejnowski** [President of the Neural Information Processing (NIPS) Foundation, October 2018]

*"How deep learning—from Google Translate to driverless cars to personal cognitive assistants—is changing our lives and transforming every sector of the economy."*

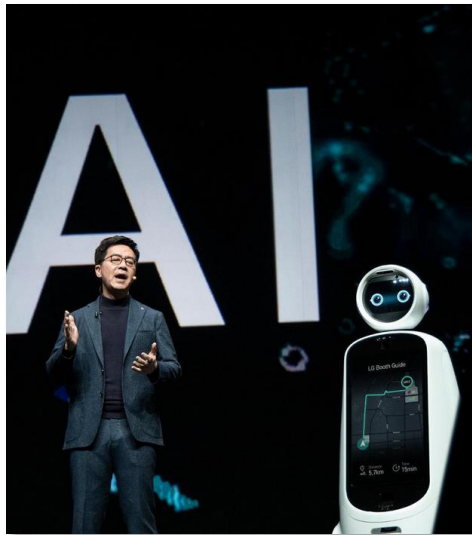
*"AI is now awakening and transforming our world.*

*Driving these breakthroughs is the deep learning revolution [...]"*

[Quote and image from <https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/deep-learning-revolution>]

# Artificial Intelligence Overhype


Forbes



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## 3 Reasons AI Is Way Overhyped



**Peter Cohan** Contributor   
Markets

- 1. Many CEOs Are Being Scared Into Caring Too Much About AI**
- 2. There Are Very Few Examples of High Payoff AI Applications**
- 3. Very Few Companies Can Afford or Find Good Uses For AI**

[Quote from <https://www.forbes.com/sites/petercohan/2019/02/15/3-reasons-ai-is-way-overhyped/#3d3fef8c5a6a/>]

## I'm an AI researcher, and here's what scares me about AI



Rachel Thomas [Follow](#)  
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AI is being increasingly used to make important decisions. Many AI experts (including [Jeff Dean](#), head of AI at Google, and [Andrew Ng](#), founder of Coursera and deeplearning.ai) say that **warnings about sentient robots are overblown**, but other harms are not getting enough attention. I agree. I am an AI researcher, and I'm worried about some of the societal impacts that we're already seeing. In particular, these 5 things scare me about AI:

1. Algorithms are often implemented without ways to address mistakes.
2. AI makes it easier to not feel responsible.
3. AI encodes & magnifies bias.
4. Optimizing metrics above all else leads to negative outcomes.
5. There is no accountability for big tech companies.

[Quote from <https://medium.com/@racheltho/im-an-ai-researcher-and-here-is-what-scaries-me-about-ai-909a406e4a71>]

# Artificial Intelligence Hysteria?



## AI's current hype and hysteria could set the technology back by decades

July 24, 2019 10:11am BST

AI isn't as scary as we imagine. AndreyZH/Shutterstock

The reality of AI is currently very different, particularly when you look at the threat of automation. Back in 2013, researchers estimated that, in the following ten to 20 years, 47% of jobs in the US could be automated. Six years later, instead of a trend towards mass joblessness, we're in fact seeing US unemployment at a historic low.

Current AI is good at **finding patterns in large datasets**, and not much else.

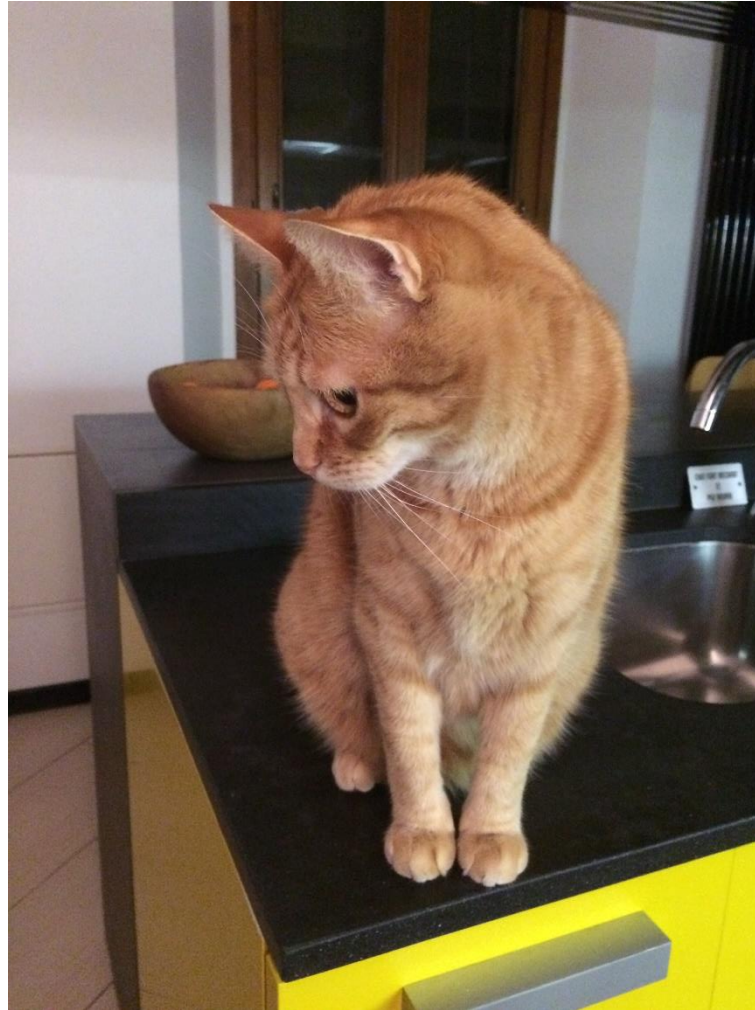
[Quote from <https://theconversation.com/ais-current-hype-and-hysteria-could-set-the-technology-back-by-decades-120514>]



# *Finding Patterns in Large Datasets*

# One Giant Leap for Mankind

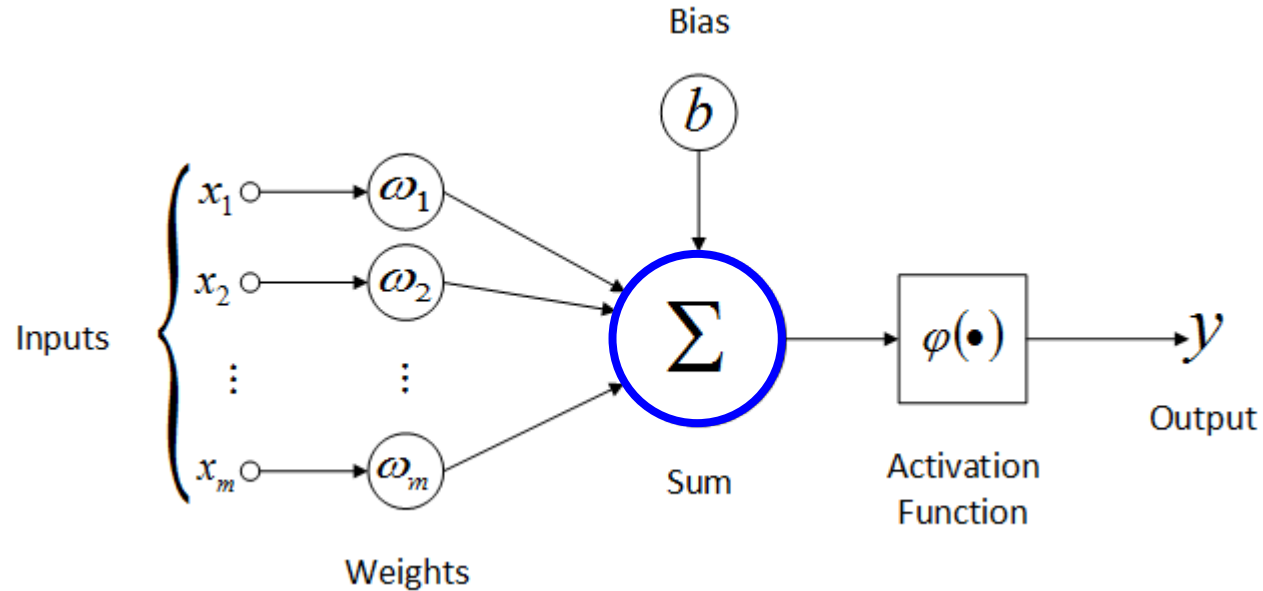
Is there a cat  
in this picture?



[this is *my* cat, Rabarbaro]

# *Artificial Neural Networks: The Origins*

# Emulation or simulation? Connectionism



[Images from Wikipedia]

[Rumelhart, D.E., J.L. McClelland 1986]

## ■ **Basic assumption**

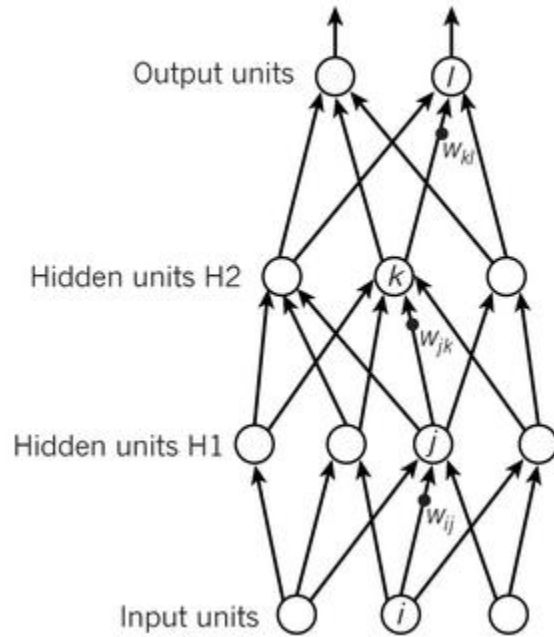
Mental phenomena can be described by interconnected networks of simple and often uniform units

*"In our view, people are smarter than today's computers because the brain employs a basic computational architecture that is more suited to deal with a central aspect of the natural information processing tasks that people are so good at."*

[Rumelhart, D.E., J.L. McClelland and the PDP Research Group (1986) *Parallel Distributed Processing: Explorations in the Microstructure of Cognition*]

# Artificial Neural Network

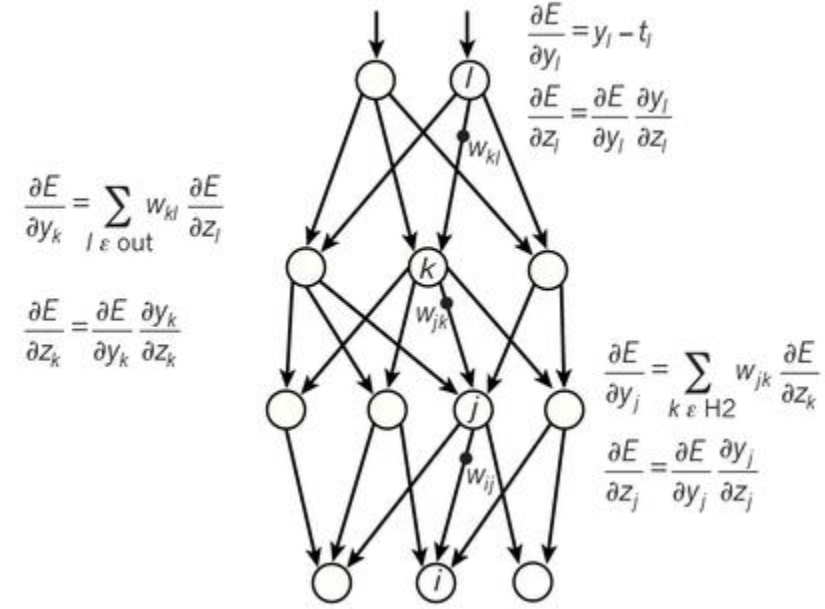
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$$y_l = f(z_l)$$
$$z_l = \sum_{k \in H2} w_{kl} y_k$$
$$y_k = f(z_k)$$
$$z_k = \sum_{j \in H1} w_{jk} y_j$$
$$y_j = f(z_j)$$
$$z_j = \sum_{i \in \text{Input}} w_{ij} x_i$$

d

Compare outputs with correct answer to get error derivatives



[figure from LeCun, Bengio, Hinton, *Deep Learning*, Nature 521, 2015]

## Function approximation

Basically, this is what a 'classical' artificial neural network does

## Supervised learning

The parameters (i.e. weights) are "learnt" from a dataset of inputs and expected outputs pairs

## Incremental optimization

— a.k.a. "backward propagation"

Weights are progressively corrected to reduce *the difference* between actual and expected outputs

# Artificial Neural Networks

## ■ From *shallow* to *deep* networks

A feed-forward neural network with one hidden layer

$$\tilde{y} = \mathbf{w} \cdot g(\mathbf{W}^{[1]} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}) + b$$

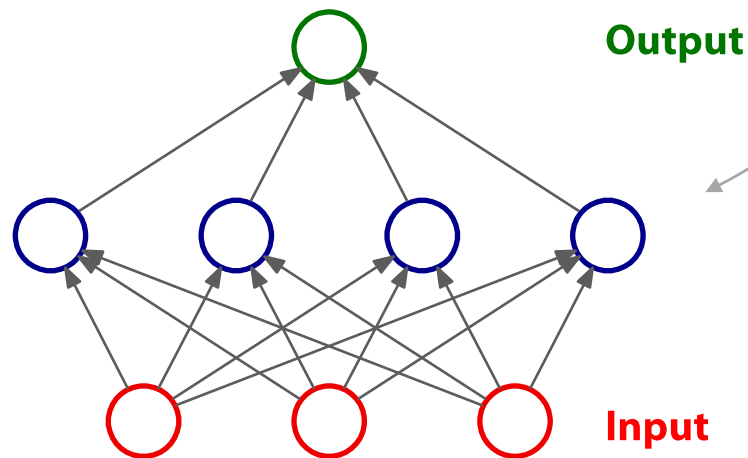
Deep Learning systems  
(e.g. TensorFlow, PyTorch)  
use this representation

It can approximate any target function

$$y = f^*(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

(given enough units and proper *parameters*)

The two representations  
are equivalent

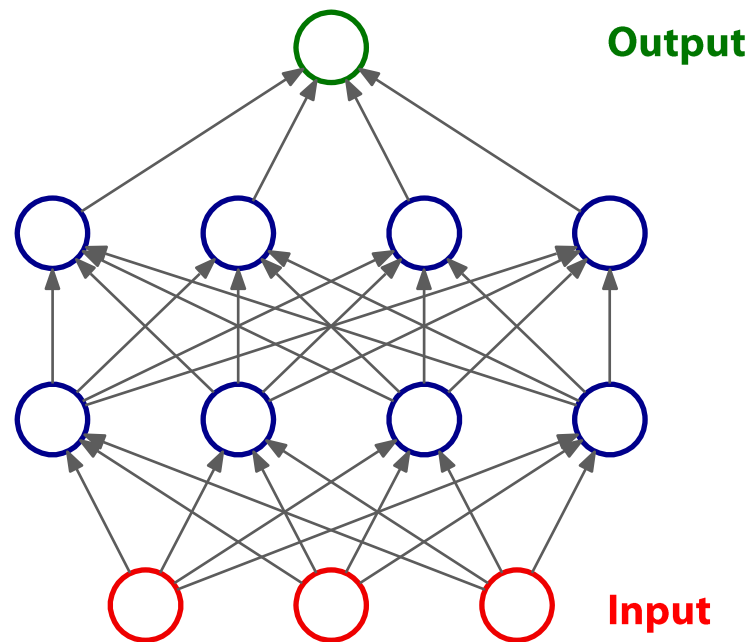


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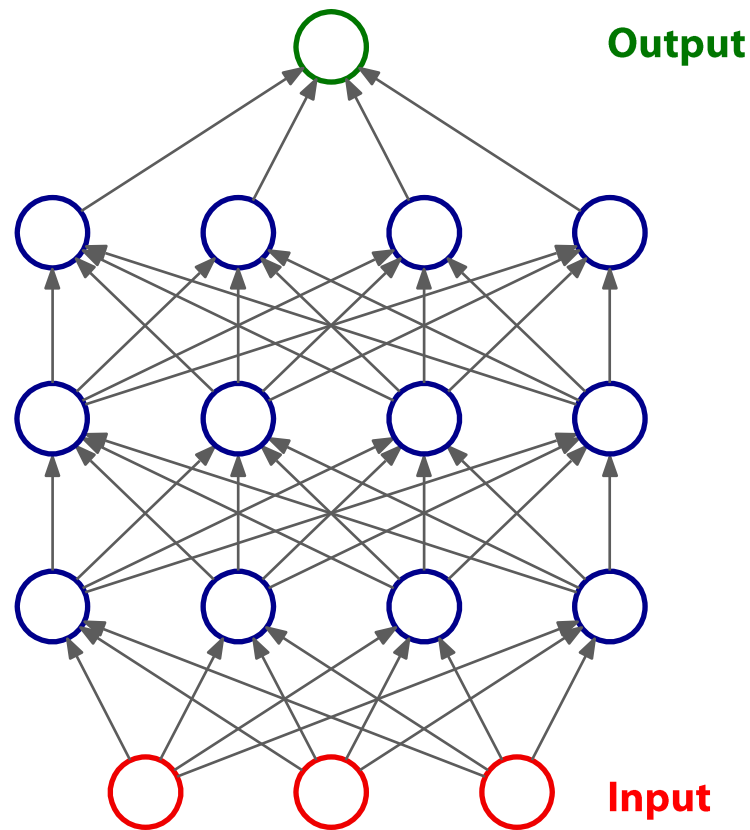


# Artificial Neural Networks

- **From *shallow* to *deep* networks**

A feed-forward neural network with three hidden layers

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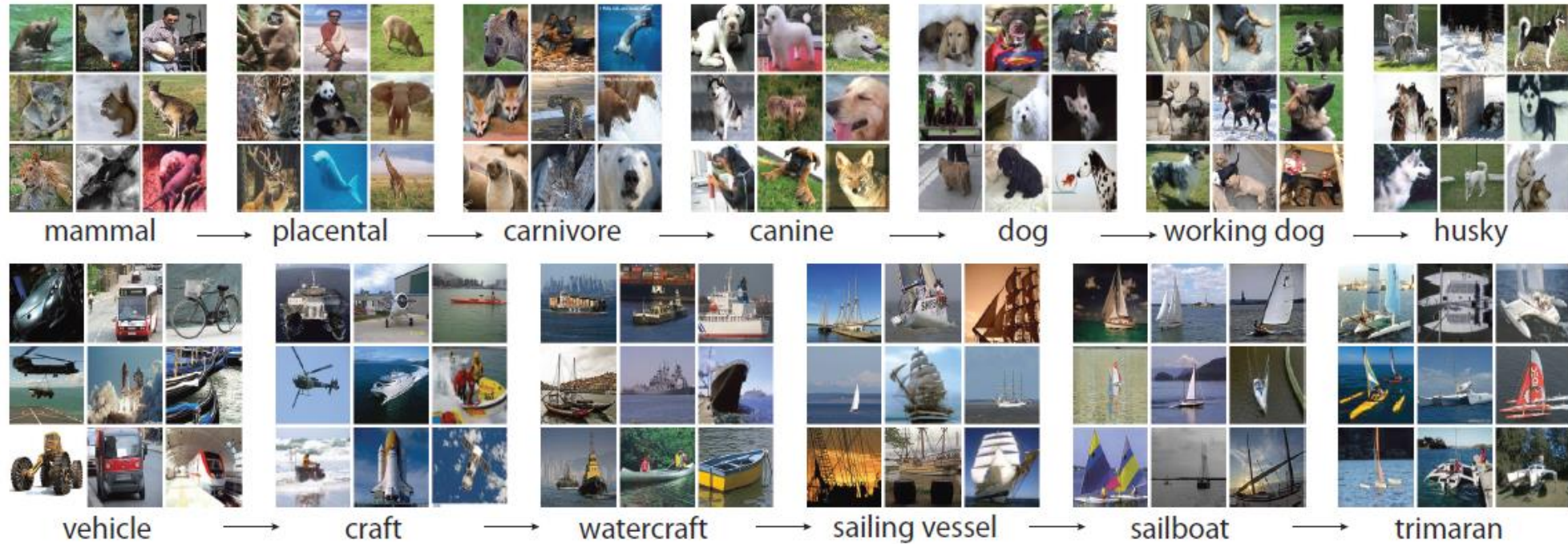




*Well, it's just a function anyway ...*

# ImageNet Challenge

- The ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge



1,461,406 full resolution images

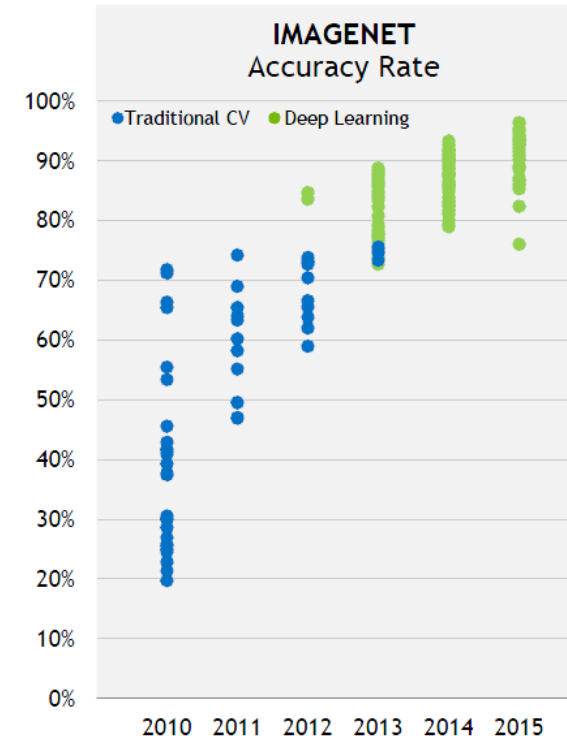
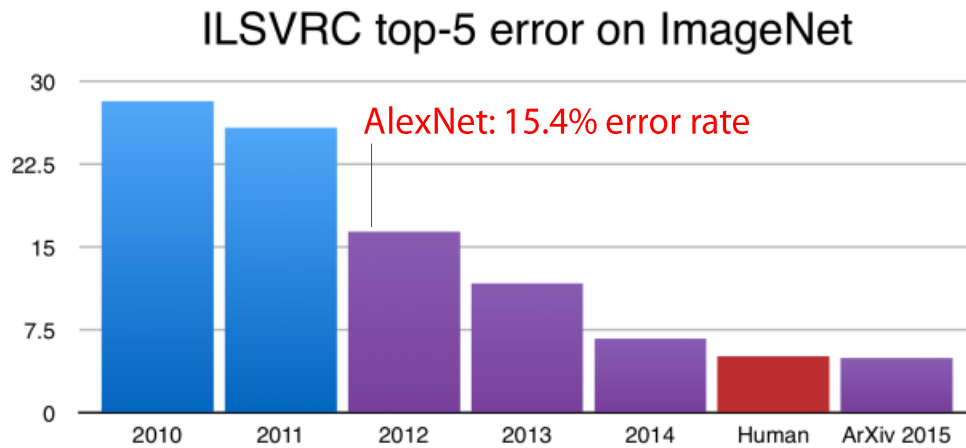
Complex and multiple textual annotation,  
hierarchy of 1000 object classes along several dimensions

*The image classification challenge was run annually from 2010 to 2017*

[figures from [www.nvidia.com](http://www.nvidia.com)]

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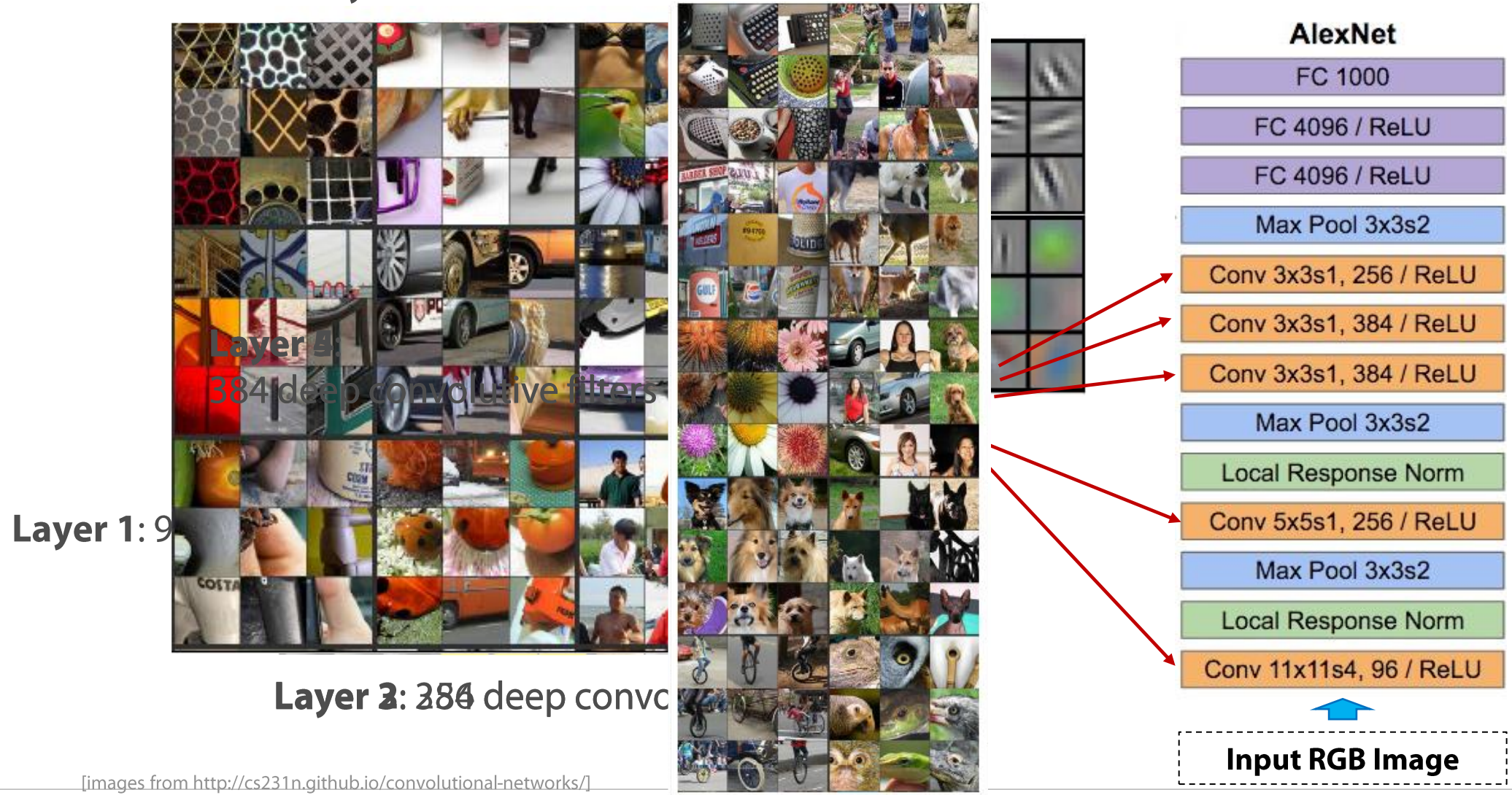
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# Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (DCNN)

- **AlexNet** [Krizhevsky, Sutskever & Hinton, 2012]



[images from <http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/>]

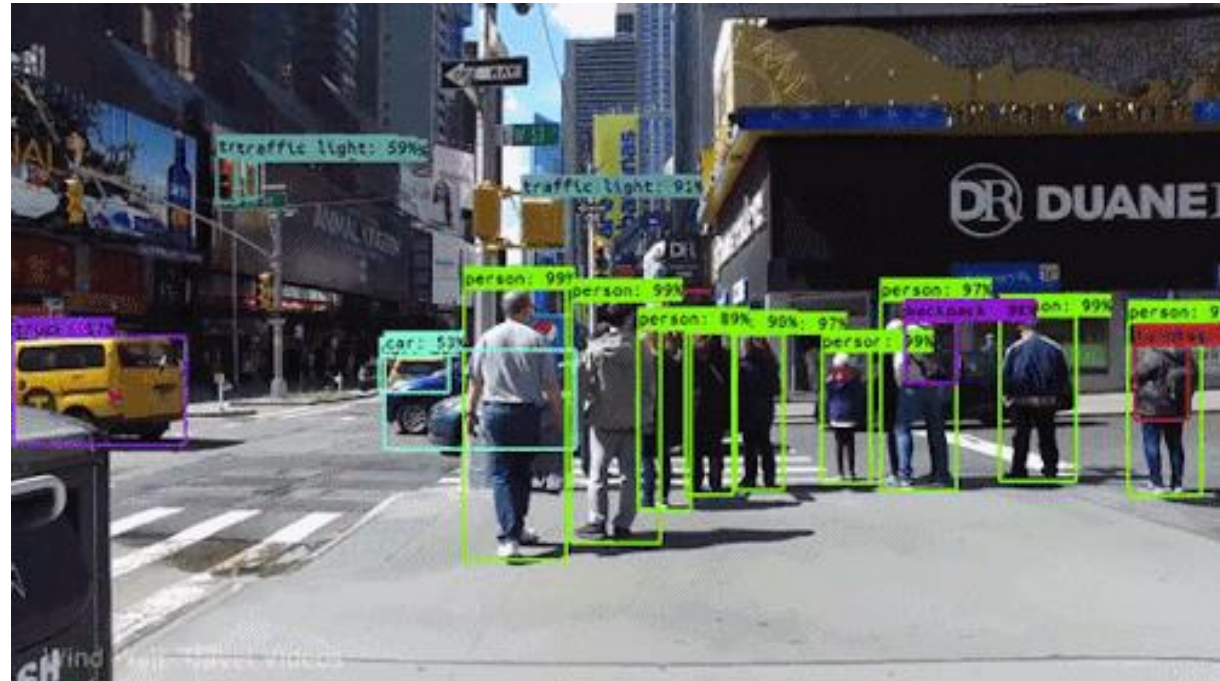
# Object (and People) Real-Time Detection

- *Deep Convolutional Neural Networks have evolved since then ...*

Now these system can identify objects and persons from videos, in real time

**NOTE:**

*According to the recent EU Proposal for a Regulation about AI, **remote biometric identification (RBI)** in public places will require a special authorization*



# Image Segmentation

- *Deep Convolutional Neural Networks have evolved since then ...*

They can perform a complete scene analysis, from videos, in real time



*At present, DCNN work on a frame-by-frame basis*

*Well, it's just a function anyway (contd.)...*



# Games of strategy: AlphaGo (2016)

Image from: <https://nikcheerla.github.io/deeplearningschool/2018/01/01/AlphaZero-Explained/>



- Mastering the game of Go with deep neural networks and tree search [2016, D. Silver, et al. (22 authors), <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v529/n7587/full/nature16961.html>]

*There are more possible positions in Go than there are atoms in the universe*

## Sophisticated machine-learning techniques

*Strategy selection via Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS)*

*Deep neural networks (trained on human matches) for both guidance and learning*

*Adversarial self-training:*

*playing against itself and improving via reinforcement learning*

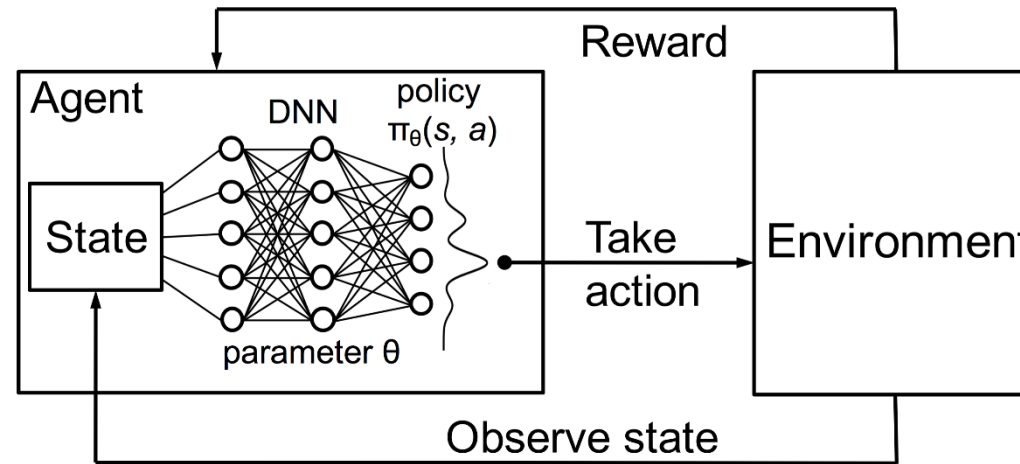
## Super-human player?

On March 2016, AlphaGo won 4-1 against the legendary Lee Sedol, the top Go player in the world over the past decade



# Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL)

- A Deep Neural Network learns a policy



*The agent interacts with an environment (it could be a copy of itself)*

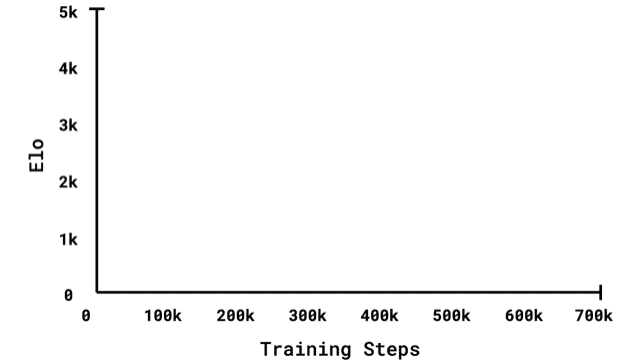
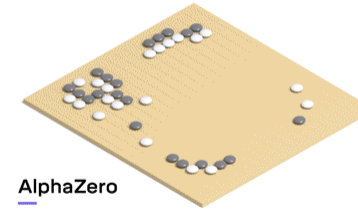
*It selects an **action** in each **state** and receives a **reward** (possibly deferred) as a function of the results obtained*

*The DRL system optimizes its policy*

# Beyond Emulating Humans: AlphaZero (2018)

Image from: <https://deepmind.com/blog/article/alphazero-shedding-new-light-grand-games-chess-shogi-and-go>

*AlphaGo is heavily reliant  
on the experience of human players*



## ■ AlphaZero learns by itself

[2018, D. Silver, et al. (13 authors), <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/362/6419/1140.full> ]

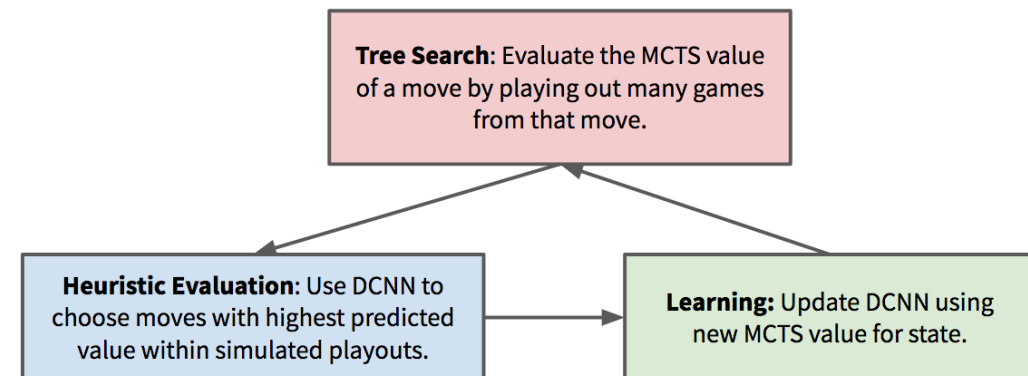
### Basic Knowledge Only

*It just knows the basic rules of the games*

### Learning via Self-Play

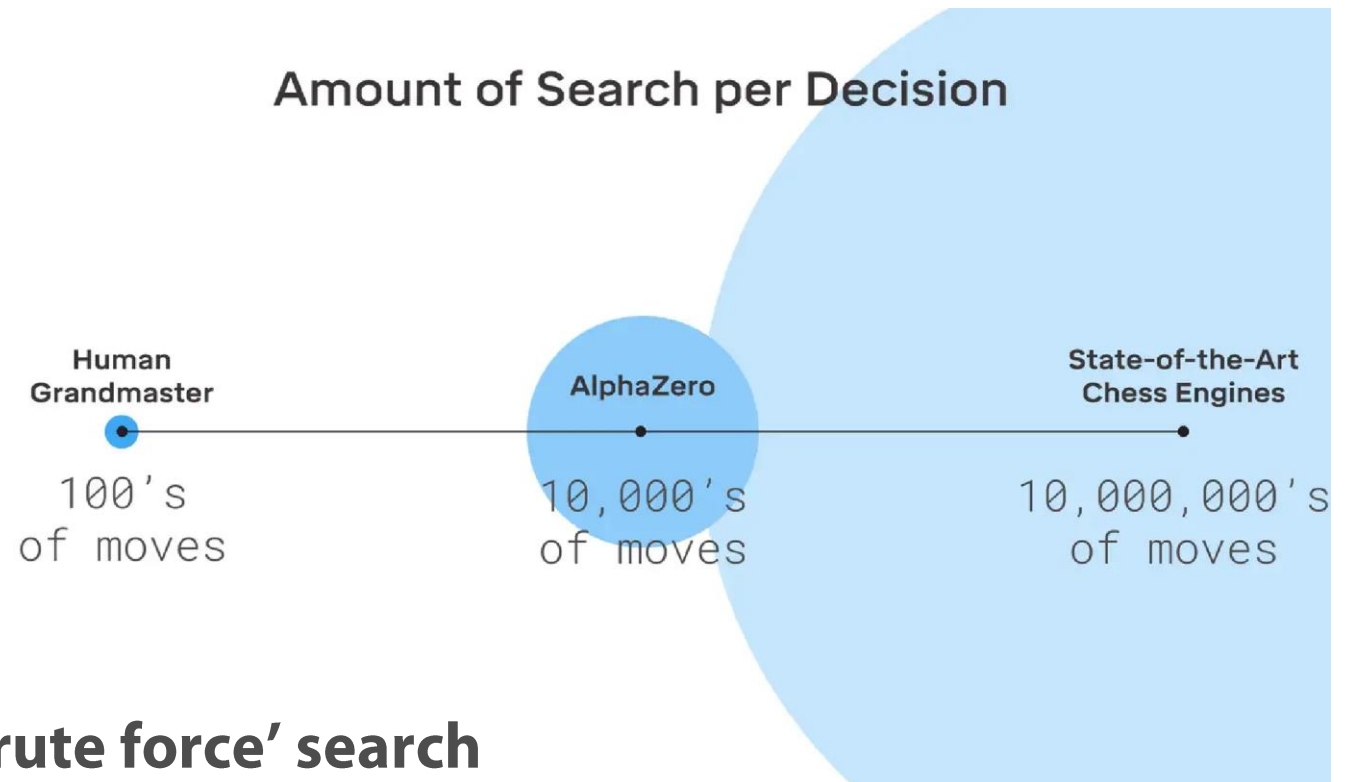
*It plays against a (frozen) copy of itself*

### MCTS and DCNN in a closed loop



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- **AlphaZero uses much less 'brute force' search**

When playing, the search process is driven by its neural network

*It acts like a memory of past experiences*

While training, it learns through a huge amount of self-playing

*But it is a faster learner than Alpha Go*

# AlphaFold (2020)

Images from <https://deepmind.com/blog/article/alphafold-a-solution-to-a-50-year-old-grand-challenge-in-biology>

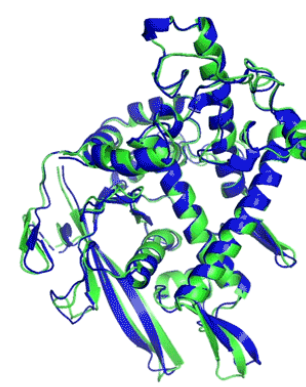
## ■ Predicting how proteins fold

### Several Neural Networks

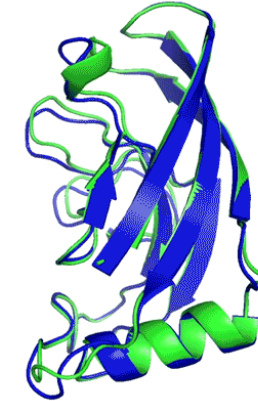
*Trained separately, working together*

### A big step ahead

*Substantial improvement  
over the best actual systems yet*

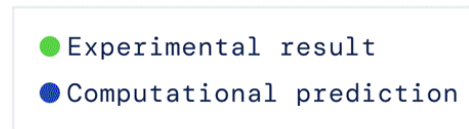
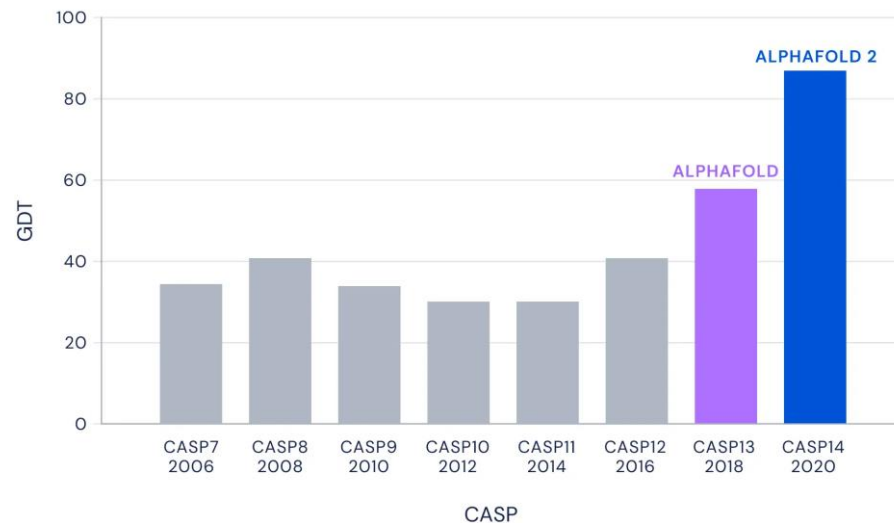


T1037 / 6vr4  
90.7 GDT  
(RNA polymerase domain)



T1049 / 6y4f  
93.3 GDT  
(adhesin tip)

Median Free-Modelling Accuracy



*It's open source*

In the version used for the CASP13 challenge

[https://github.com/deepmind/deepmind-research/tree/master/alphafold\\_casp13](https://github.com/deepmind/deepmind-research/tree/master/alphafold_casp13)

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# The Guardian

**Opinion** Artificial intelligence (AI)

## A robot wrote this entire article. Are you scared yet, human?

### GPT-3

We asked GPT-3, OpenAI's powerful new language generator, to write an essay for us from scratch. The assignment? To convince us robots come in peace

- For more about GPT-3 and how this essay was written and edited, please read our editor's note below

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70,298  1,188 



Fortier fed GPT-3 a strange prompt: “Below is a transcript from an interview where Barack Obama explained why he was banned from Golden Corral for life.” The system then filled in the rest of the interview, running with the concept that Obama had been banned from an all-you-can-eat buffet.

**Obama:** Yes. It’s true. I am no longer allowed in Golden Corral.

**Interviewer:** Is this because of your extensive shrimp-n-crab legs policy?

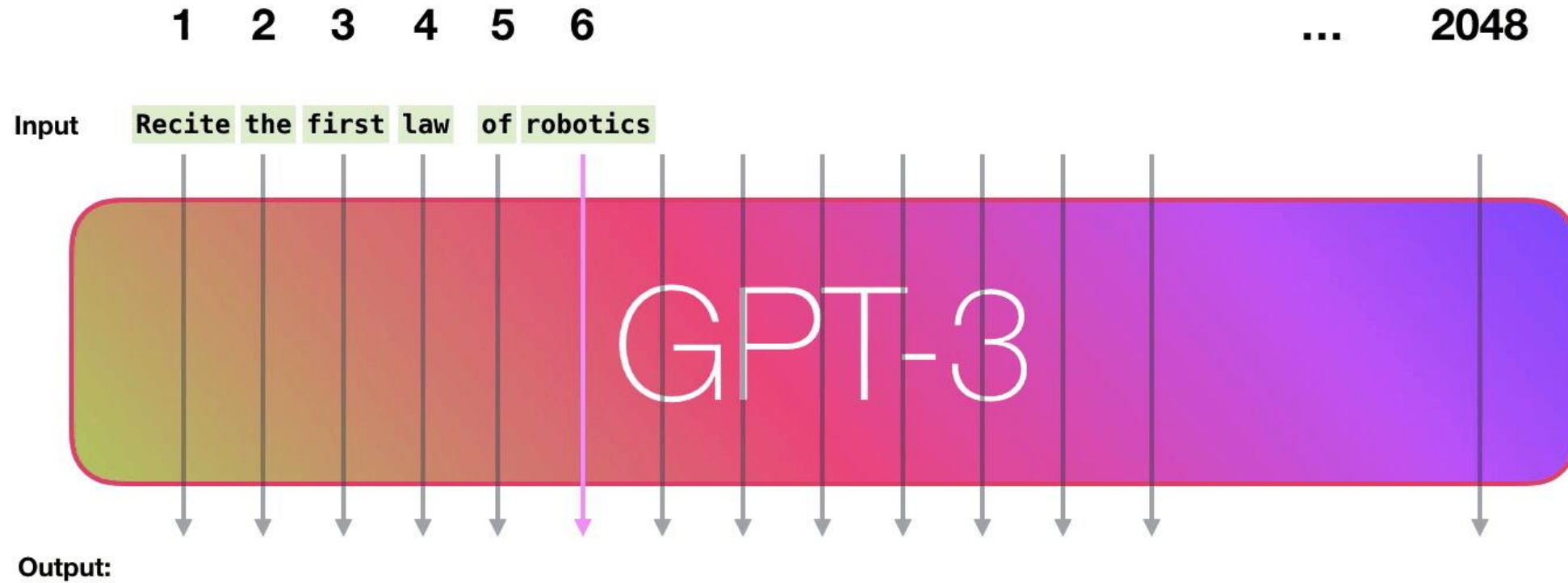
**Obama:** Absolutely.

**Interviewer:** What is your extensive shrimp-n-crab legs policy?

**Obama:** Oh, well, in brief, they were offering an all-you-can-eat shrimp-n-crab leg buffet, and I did not hesitate. After I ate so much shrimp and crab that my stomach hurt, I would quietly sneak in and throw more shrimp and crab onto my plate. I did this over and over again until I had cleaned out the buffet and was full of shrimp-n-crab.

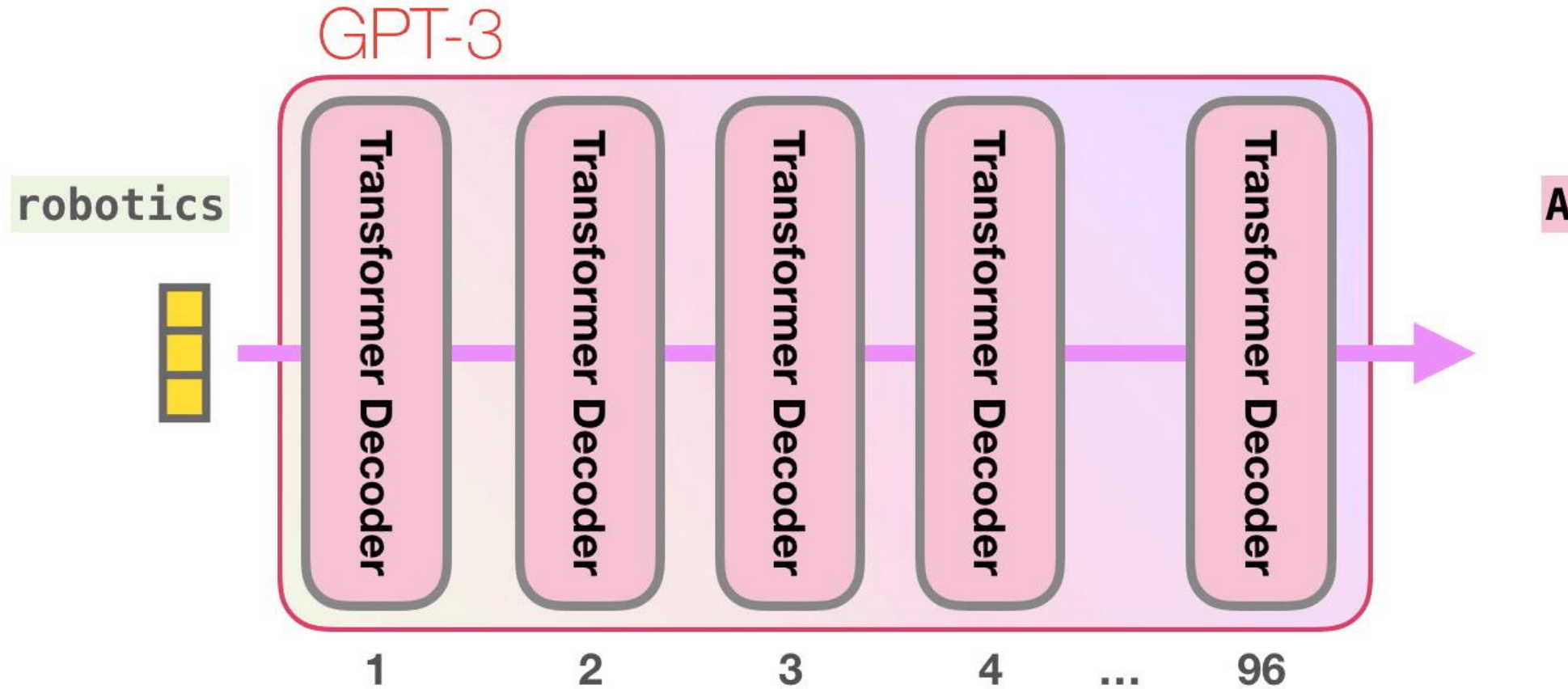
# GPT-3 (2020)

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One of the biggest Neural Networks yet

*GPT-3 has 175 Billion parameters  
(AlexNet has 64 Million)*



## Solving coding problems using transformers

1 AlphaCode is presented with a problem, in this case to figure out if it's possible to convert one phrase to another by pressing backspace instead of typing some letters.

### 1 Problem (input)

#### D.Backspace

You are given two strings  $s$  and  $t$ , both consisting of lowercase English letters. You are going to type the string  $s$  character by character, from the first character to the last one.

When typing a character, instead of pressing the button corresponding to it, you can press the "Backspace" button. It deletes the last character you have typed among those that aren't deleted yet (or does nothing if there are no characters in the current string). For example, if  $s$  is "abcbd" and you press Backspace instead of typing the first and the fourth characters, you will get the string "bd" (the first press of Backspace deletes no character, and the second press deletes the character 'c'). Another example, if  $s$  is "abcaa" and you press Backspace instead of the last two letters, then the resulting text is "a".

Your task is to determine whether you can obtain the string  $t$ , if you type the string  $s$  and press "Backspace" instead of typing several (maybe zero) characters of  $s$ .

#### Input

The first line contains a single integer  $q$  ( $1 \leq q \leq 10^5$ ) — the number of test cases.

The first line of each test case contains the string  $s$  ( $1 \leq |s| \leq 10^5$ ). Each character of  $s$  is a lowercase English letter.

The second line of each test case contains the string  $t$  ( $1 \leq |t| \leq 10^5$ ). Each character of  $t$  is a lowercase English letter.

It is guaranteed that the total number of characters in the strings over all test cases does not exceed  $2 \cdot 10^5$ .

#### Output

For each test case, print "YES" if you can obtain the string  $t$  by typing the string  $s$  and replacing some characters with presses of "Backspace" button, or "NO" if you cannot.

You may print each letter in any case (YES, yes, Yes will all be recognized as positive answer, NO, no and nO will all be recognized as negative answer).

#### Input

```
4
ababa
ba
ababa
bb
aaa
aaaa
aababa
ababa
```

#### Output

```
YES
NO
NO
YES
```

#### Note

Consider the example test from the statement.

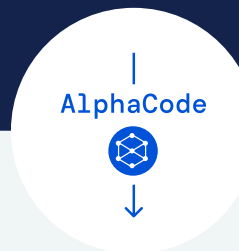
In order to obtain "ba" from "ababa", you may press Backspace instead of typing the first and the fourth characters.

There's no way to obtain "bb" while typing "ababa".

There's no way to obtain "aaaa" while typing "aaa".


In order to obtain "ababa" while typing "aababa", you have to press Backspace instead of typing the first character, then type all the remaining characters.

### 2 Solution (output)



## Solving coding problems using transformers

2 AlphaCode reads the whole problem statement and produces code, analogous to how a human would approach the problem by reading it, coding a solution, and submitting.



2 Solution (output)

```
t=int(input())
for i in range(t):
    s=input()
    t=input()
    a=[]
    b=[]
    for j in s:
        a.append(j)
    for j in t:
        b.append(j)
    a.reverse()
    b.reverse()
    c=[]
    while len(b)!=0 and len(a)!=0:
        if a[0]==b[0]:
            c.append(b.pop(0))
            a.pop(0)
        elif a[0]!=b[0] and len(a)!=1:
            a.pop(0)
            a.pop(0)
        elif a[0]!=b[0] and len(a)==1:
            a.pop(0)
    if len(b)==0:
        print("YES")
    else:
        print("NO")
```

First AlphaCode reads the two phrases.

Backspace deletes two letters. The letter you press backspace instead of, and the letter before it.

If the letters at the end of both phrases don't match, the last letter must be deleted. If they do match we can move onto the second last letter and repeat.

If we've matched every letter, it's possible and we output that.

*An aside:  
There might be more patterns about us  
than we may want to admit...*

# The Cambridge Analytical Scandal

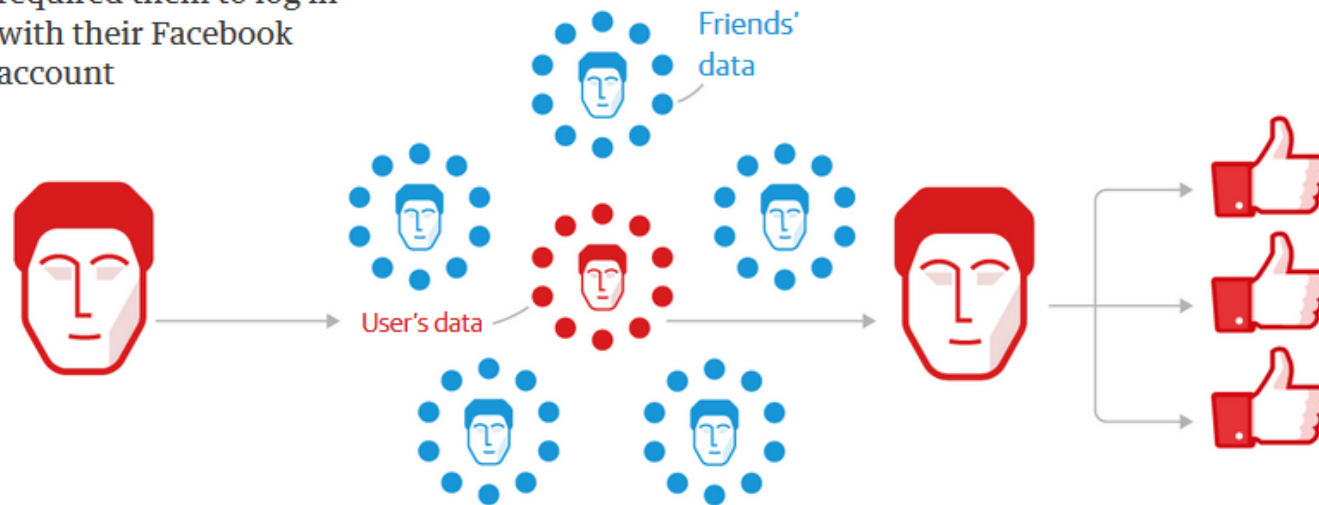
## Cambridge Analytica: how 50m Facebook records were hijacked

**1** Approx. 320,000 US voters ('seeders') were paid \$2-5 to take a detailed personality/political test that required them to log in with their Facebook account

**2** The app also collected data such as likes and personal information from the test-taker's Facebook account ...

**3** The personality quiz results were paired with their Facebook data - such as likes - to seek out psychological patterns

**4** Algorithms combined the data with other sources such as voter records to create a superior set of records (initially 2m people in 11 key states\*), with hundreds of data points per person



... as well their friends' data, amounting to over 50m people's raw Facebook data



These individuals could then be targeted with highly personalised advertising based on their personality data

# The Cambridge Analytical Scandal

## ■ Scientific foundations: the method

*Two well-known articles by Kosinski et al.*

PNAS

### Private traits and attributes are predictable from digital records of human behavior

Michal Kosinski<sup>a,1</sup>, David Stillwell<sup>a</sup>, and Thore Graepel<sup>b</sup>

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### Computer-based personality judgments are more accurate than those made by humans

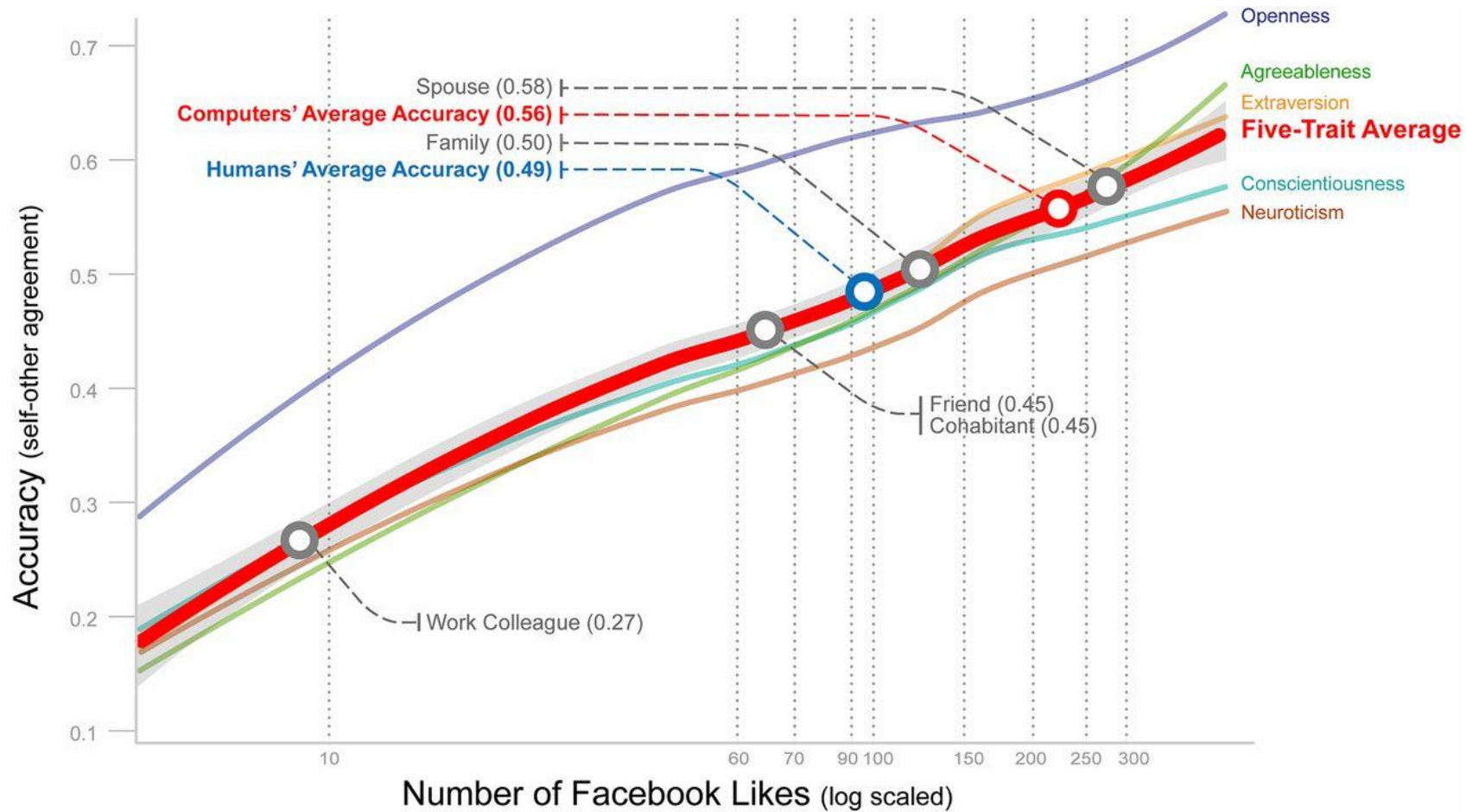
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# The Cambridge Analytical Scandal

- The “Big Five” personality traits are predictable from Facebook likes



Wu Youyou et al. PNAS 2015;112:4:1036-1040

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*OK, about this course ...*

# *This Course in a Nutshell*

- 1) Fundamentals**
- 2) Deep Supervised Learning**
- 3) Deep Convolutional Neural Networks**
- 4) Deep Recurrent Networks**
- 5) Deep Reinforcement Learning**



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## What is Colaboratory?

Colaboratory, or "Colab" for short, allows you to write and execute Python in your browser, with

- Zero configuration required
- Free access to GPUs
- Easy sharing

Whether you're a **student**, a **data scientist** or an **AI researcher**, Colab can make your work easier. Watch [Introduction to Colab](#) to learn more, or just get started below!

### Getting started

The document you are reading is not a static web page, but an interactive environment called a **Colab notebook** that lets you write and execute code.

For example, here is a **code cell** with a short Python script that computes a value, stores it in a variable, and prints the result:

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[ ] seconds_in_a_day = 24 * 60 * 60
seconds_in_a_day

86400
```

To execute the code in the above cell, select it with a click and then either press the play button to the left of the code, or use the keyboard shortcut "Command/Ctrl+Enter". To edit the code, just click the cell and start editing.

Make sure you have a look!

Better yet: follow the tutorial at <https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks/intro.ipynb>

# PyCharm (optional)

However, if you really want to see how things work...

- **Set it up on your computer**

Python 3.7+

Numpy 1.17+

TensorFlow 2.+

... and, above all ...

Install PyCharm (Community Edition)

<https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>

*It's free*

Learn using the debugger :  
it will change the way you learn

**CAUTION:** no assistance whatsoever will be provided for this ...  
*"Legions of students succeeded in doing this on their own: you can make it too!"*



# The Final Exam

## 1) Choose and propose a final project

The topic could be any of your choice

The techniques adopted must be (strongly) related with the course

Groupwork is allowed, with a maximum of two (*no exceptions*)

## 2) Develop and submit your projects

Each final project must be submitted as a Google Colab notebook plus dataset (*if required*)

Submission must be made at least two days before the exams

## 3) Be strong on theory as well

Alone, not even a *phenomenal* final project, will give you a final grade (*sorry*)

Appropriate knowledge about theory will be fundamental

## 4) Final Exam

Oral interview, about both theory and final project

Relative weights: theory 60%, final project 40%

# Some References Books for the Course

## ■ Deep Learning

Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville

*MIT Press, 2017*

See also

<http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>

## ■ Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras, and TensorFlow: Concepts, Tools, and Techniques to Build Intelligent Systems, 2nd Edition

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