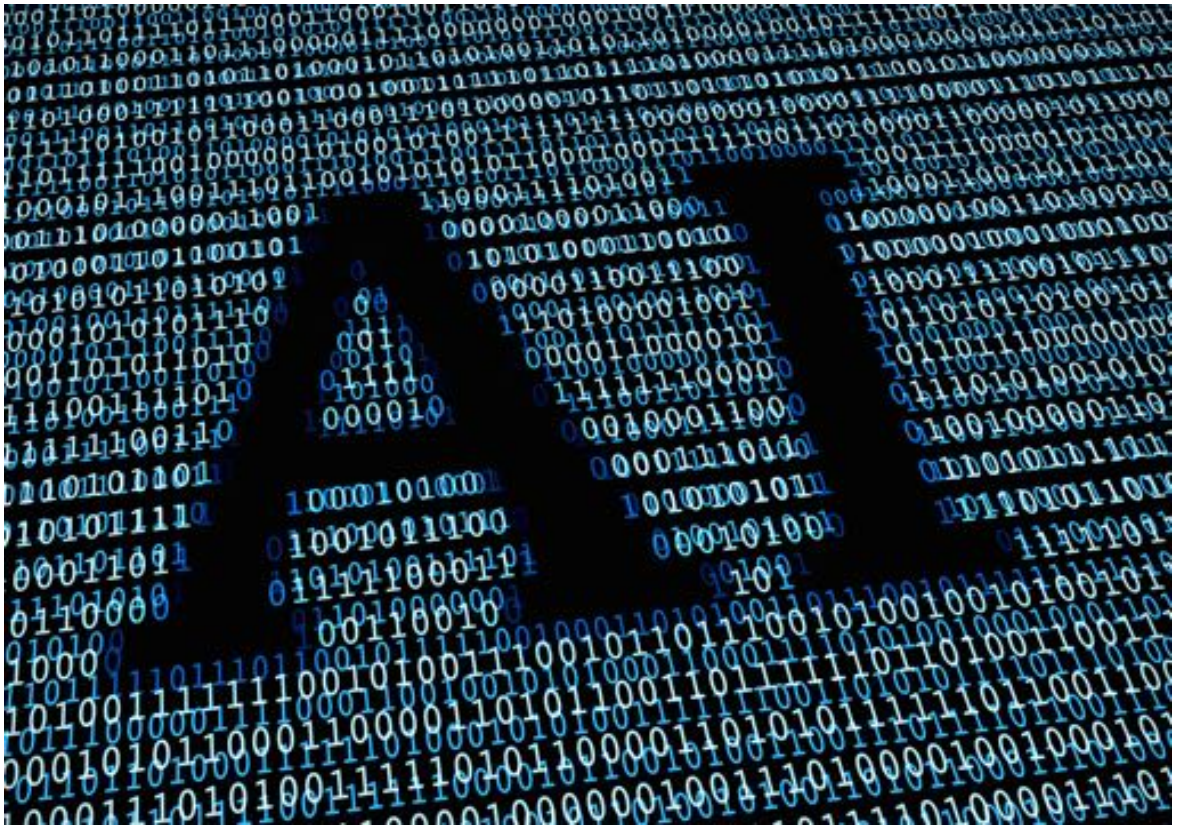
Artificial Intelligence

Introduction



AI in the movies

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"The study and design of intelligent agents, where an intelligent agent is a system that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chances of success."

Russel and Norvig AI book.

Why AI?

"Just as the Industrial Revolution freed up a lot of humanity from physical drudgery, I think AI has the potential to free up humanity from a lot of the mental drudgery."

Andrew Ng.

What is AI?

Four schools of thoughts (Russel & Norvig)

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Thinking humanly: cognitive approach

Requires to determine how humans think!

1960's "cognitive revolution".

Requires scientific theories of internal activities of the brain

- What level of abstraction? "Knowledge" or "circuits"?
- How to validate?

Today, Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence are distinct disciplines.

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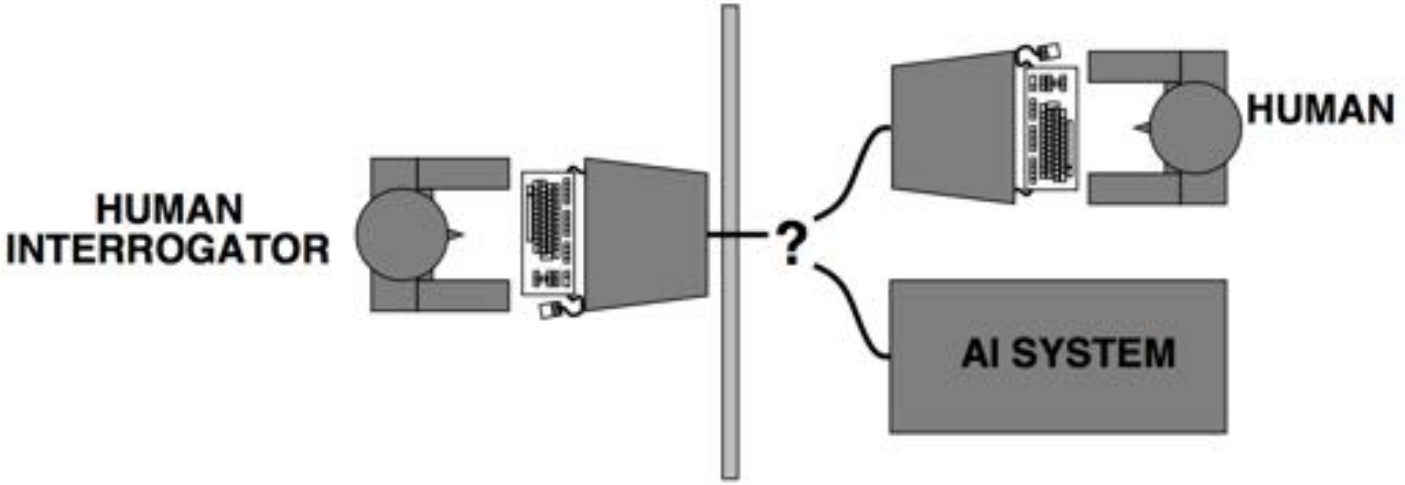
Acting humanly:

- **Turing test (Alan Turing 1950)**: A computer passes the test of intelligence, if it can fool a human interrogator.



Credit: From Russel and Norvig slides.

- **Major components of AI:** knowledge, reasoning, language, understanding, learning.

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Acting humanly:

What is AI?

Thinking rationally: Laws of thoughts.

- Codify "right thinking" with **logic**.
- Several Greek schools developed various forms of logic: *notation* and *rules of derivation* for thoughts.
- Problems:

  1. Not all knowledge can be expressed with logical notations.
  2. Computational blow up.

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Acting rationally:

- The right thing: that which is expected to maximize goal achievement, given the available information.
- A **rational agent** is one that acts so as to achieve the best outcome, or when there is uncertainty, the best expected outcome.
- Aristotle (Nicomachean Ethics):
  "Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit, is thought to aim at some good."

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Speech recognition

- Virtual assistants: Siri (Apple), Echo (Amazon), Google Now, Cortana (Microsoft).
- "They" helps get things done: send an email, make an appointment, find a restaurant, tell you the weather and more.
- Leverage deep neural networks to handle **speech recognition** and **natural language understanding**.

Applications of AI

Handwriting recognition (check, zipcode)

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- MT has gone through ups and downs.
- Today, **Statistical Machine Translation** leverages the vast amounts of **available translated corpuses**.
- While there is room for improvement, machine translation has made significant progress.

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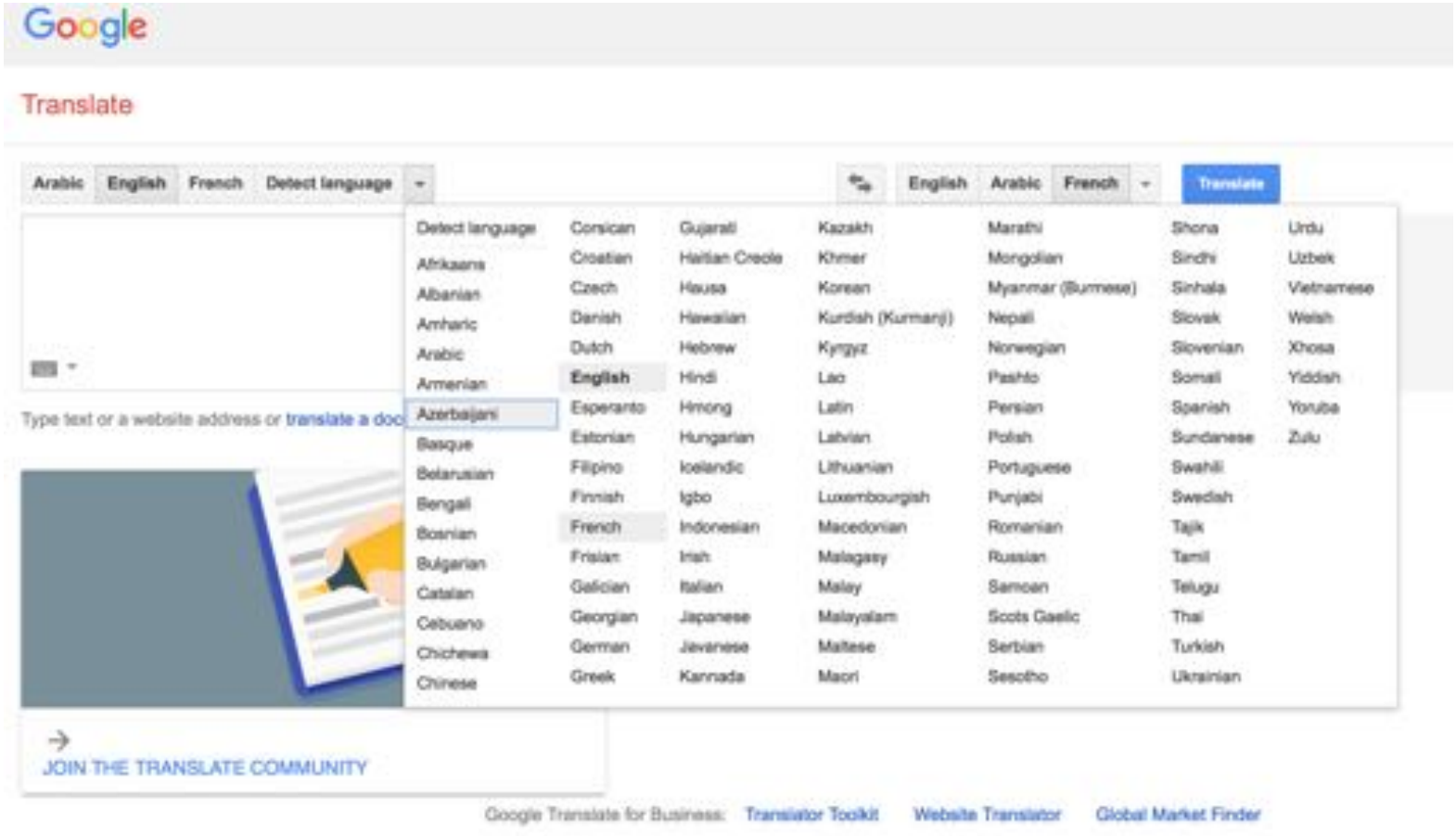

100+ languages

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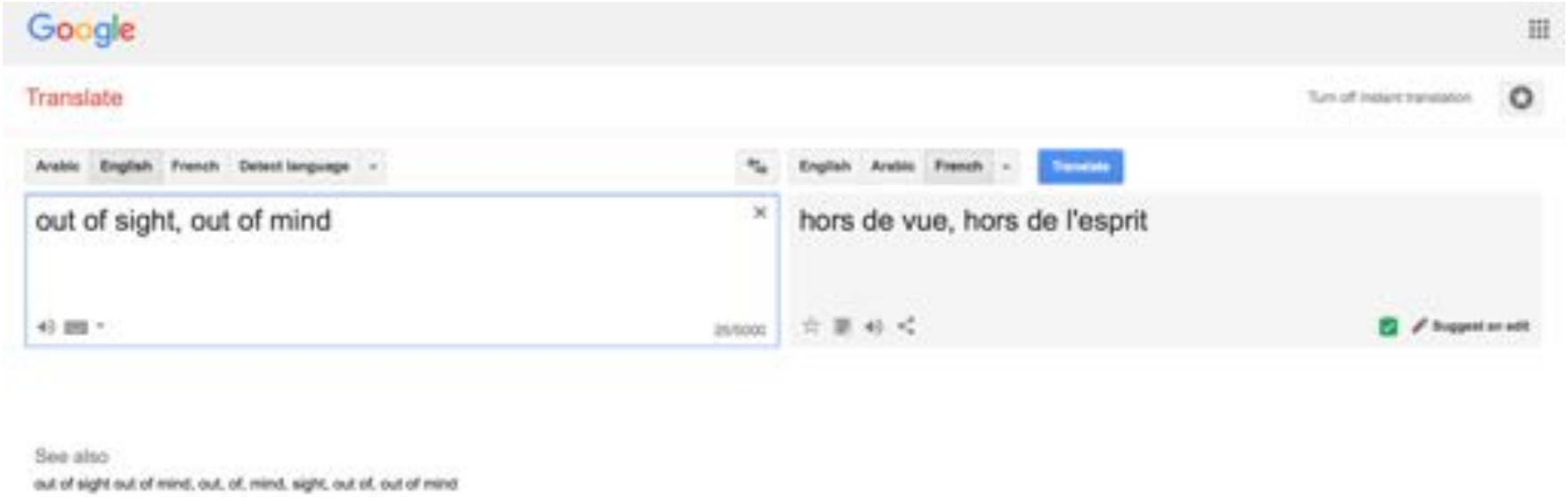

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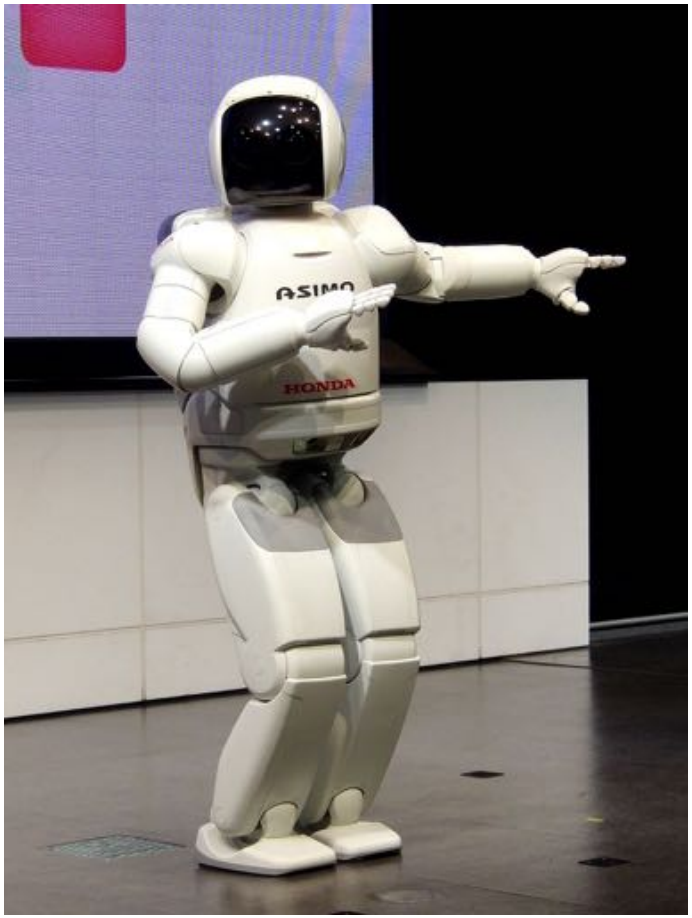
Robotics: Awesome robots today! NAO, ASIMO, and more!



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Recommendation systems (collaborative filtering)

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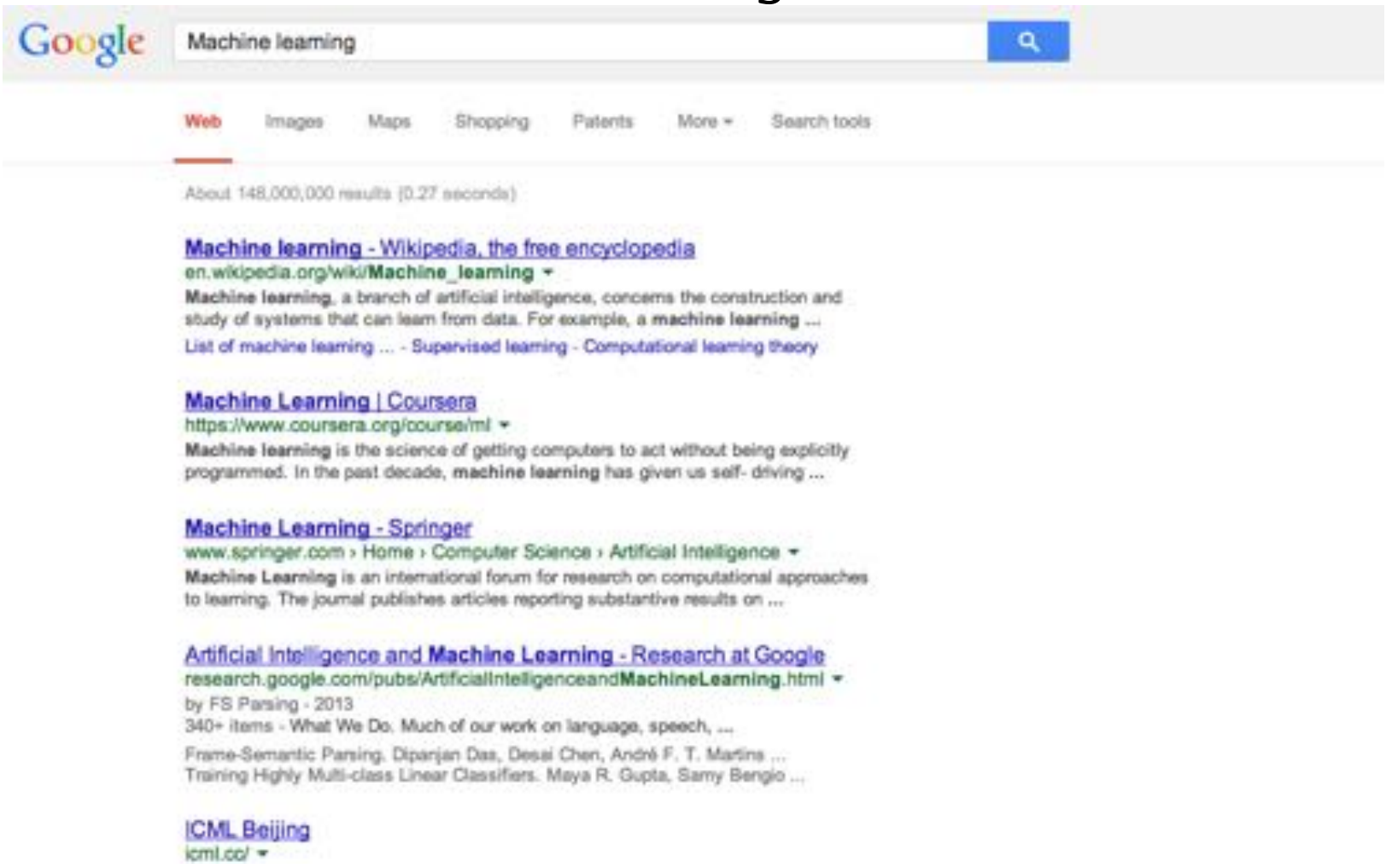
Search engines



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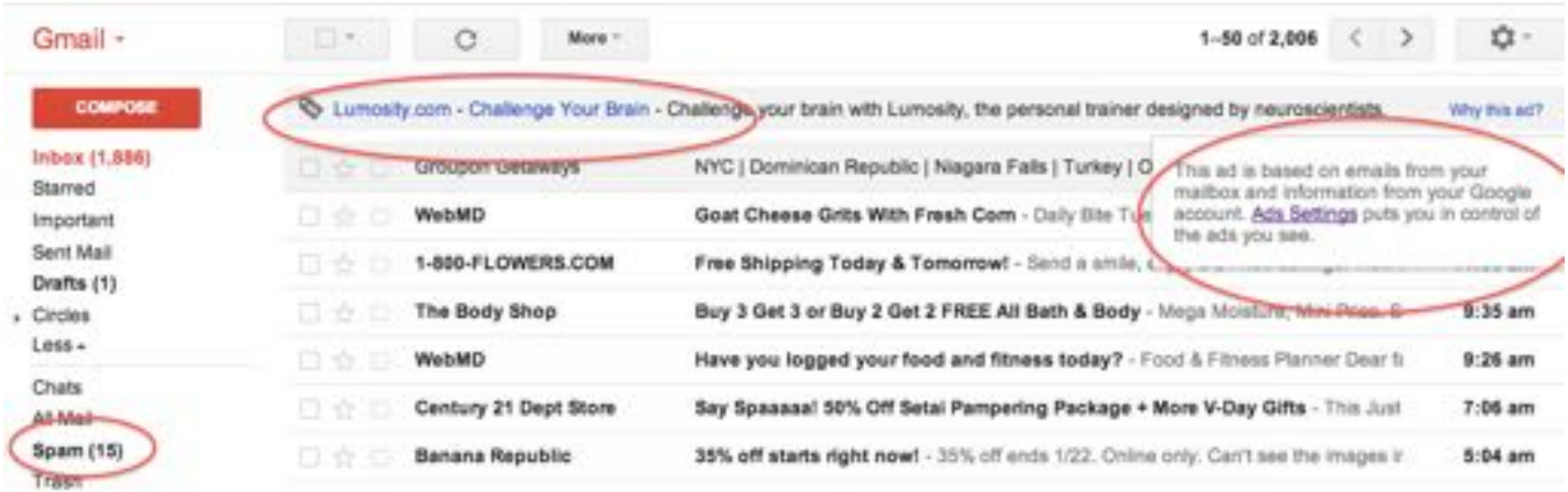
Email



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Face detection

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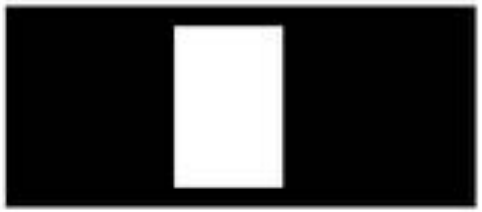

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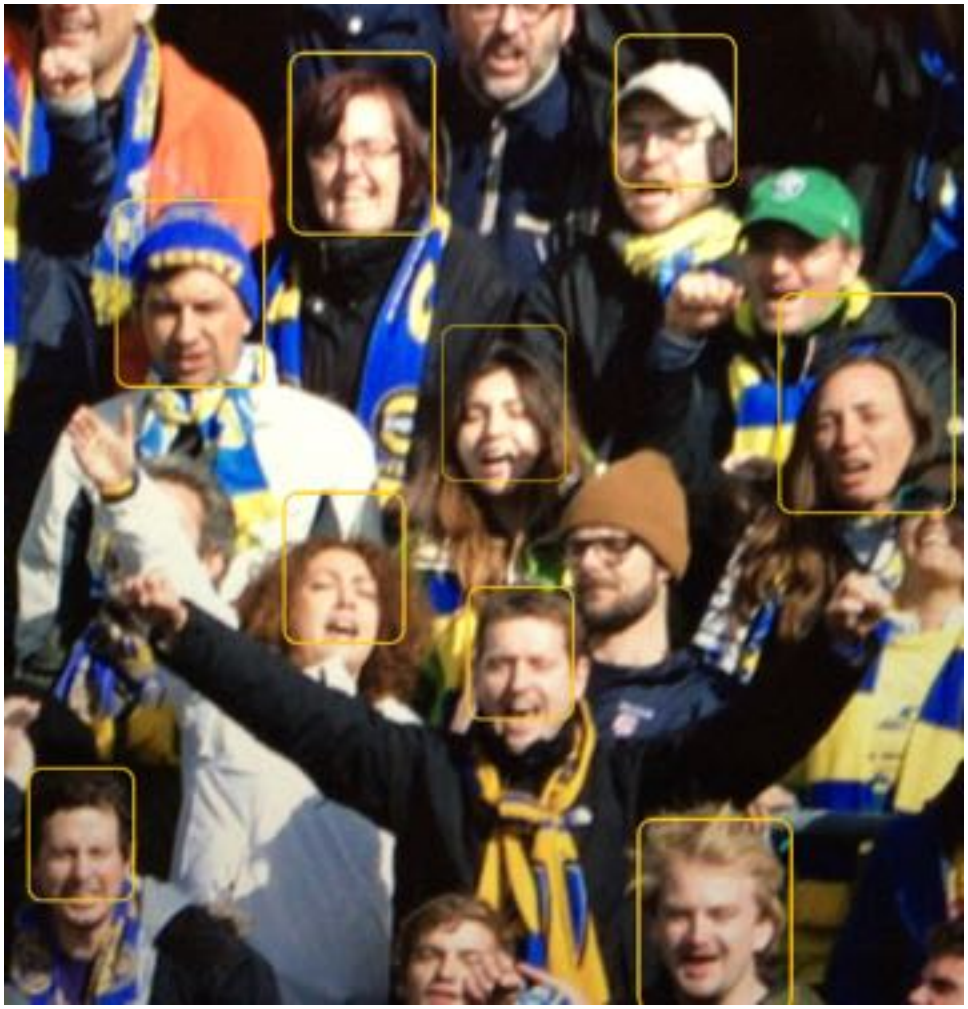

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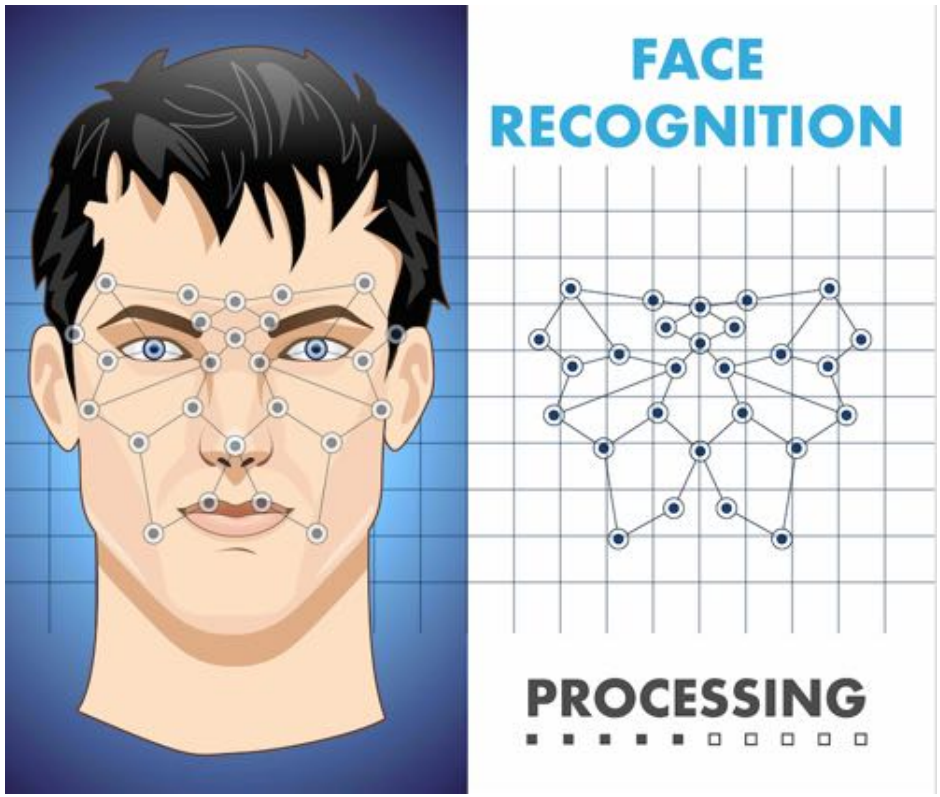

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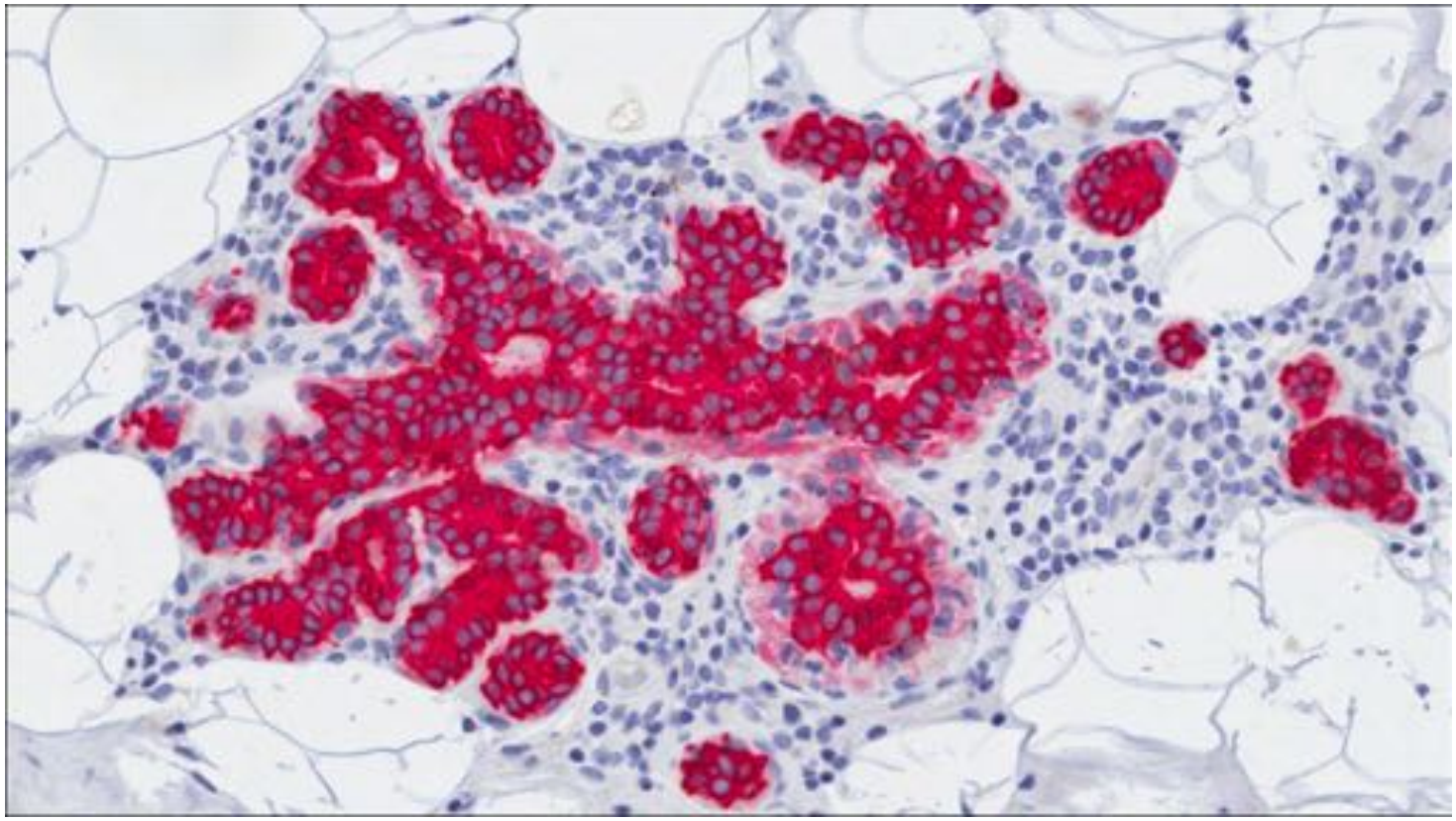
Detection of breast cancer in mammography images



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Chess (1997): Kasparov vs. IBM Deep Blue

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Powerful search algorithms!

Applications of AI

Jeopardy! (2011): Humans vs. IBM Watson

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Natural Language Understanding and information extraction!

Applications of AI

Go (2016): Lee Sedol versus Google AlphaGo

AlphaGo

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Deep Learning, reinforcement learning, and search algorithms!

Applications of AI

Autonomous driving

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- DARPA Grand Challenge
  - 2005: 132 miles
  - 2007: Urban challenge
  - 2009: Google self-driving car

State-of-the-art applications

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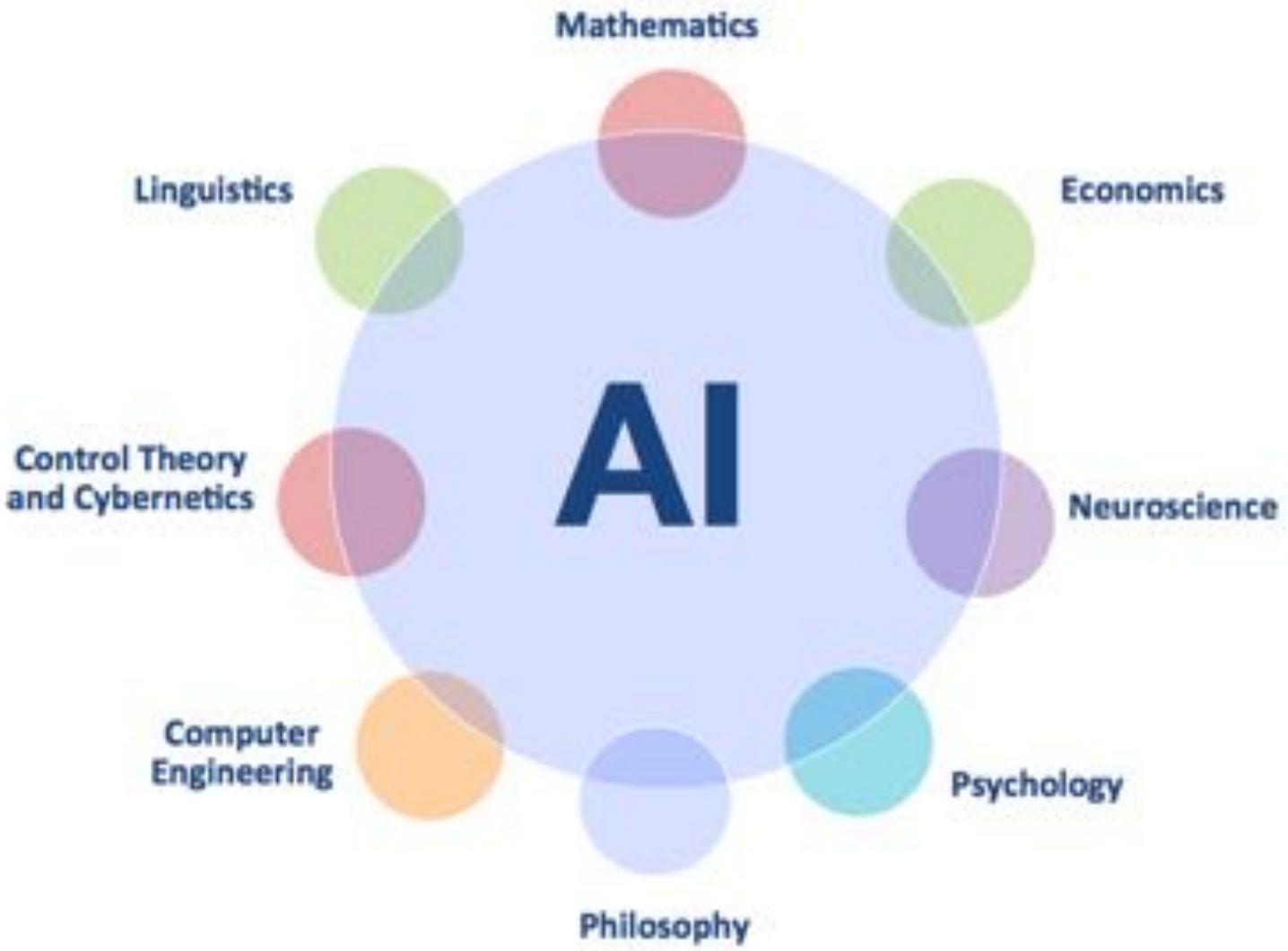

Foundation of AI

- **Philosophy**
  - Logic, methods of reasoning.
  - Mind as physical system that operates as a set of rules.
  - Foundations of learning, language, rationality.

- **Mathematics**
  - Logic: Formal representation and proof.
  - Computation, algorithms.
  - Probability.

- **Economics**
  - Formal theory of rational decisions.
  - Combined decision theory and probability theory for decision making under uncertainty.
  - Game theory.
  - Markov decision processes.

Foundation of AI

- **Neuroscience**
  - Study of brain functioning.
  - How brains and computers are (dis)similar.
- **Psychology**
  - How do we think and act?
  - Cognitive psychology perceives the brain as an information processing machine.
  - Led to the development of the field *cognitive science*: how could computer models be used to study *language*, *memory*, *and thinking* from a psychological perspective.
- **Computer engineering**
  - Cares about how to build powerful machines to make AI possible.
  - E.g., Self-driving cars are possible today thanks to advances in computer engineering.

Foundation of AI

- **Control theory and cybernetics**
  - Design simple optimal agents receiving feedback from the environment.
  - Modern control theory design systems that maximize an objective function over time.

- **Linguistics**
  - How are language and thinking related.
  - Modern linguistics + AI = Computational linguistics (Natural language processing).

History of AI

- **1940-1950**: Gestation of AI
  - McCulloch & Pitts: Boolean circuit to model of brain
  - Turing's Computing Machinery and Intelligence
    http://www.turingarchive.org/browse.php/B/9

- **1950-1970**: Early enthusiasm, great expectations
  - Early AI programs, Samuel's checkers program
  - Birth of AI @ Dartmouth meeting 1956.
  - Check out the MIT video "The thinking Machine" on youtube
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aygSMgK3BEM

- **1970-1990**: Knowledge-based AI
  - Expert systems, AI becomes an industry
  - AI winter

History of AI

- **1990-present**: Scientific approaches
  - Neural Networks: le retour
  - The emergence of intelligent agents
  - AI becomes "scientific", use of probability to model uncertainty
  - AI Spring!
  - The availability of very large datasets.
    * Data will drive future discoveries and alleviate the complexity in AI.

Summary

- AI is a hard (computational complexity, language, vision, etc), and a broad field with high impact on humanity and society.
- What can AI do for us is already amazing!
- AI systems do not have to model human/nature but can act like or be inspired by human/nature.
- How human think is beyond the scope of this course.
- Rational (do the right thing) agents are central to our approach of AI.
- Note that rationality is not always possible in complicated environment but we will still aim to build rational agents.

Summary

- AI may be perceived as a scary area! Is AI a threat to our humankind?
- Professor Stephen Hawking, eminent scientist told BBC:

  "The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race."
- AI is a flourishing and exciting field: everyone can contribute.
- Looking forward for an exciting journey together!