



**WSSFC 2024**

**Technology Track – Session 7**

# **Understanding Deepfake Technology**

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## About the Presenter...

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Outline:

- Motivation:
  - Ferrari CEO story <https://www.thedrive.com/news/ferrari-thwarted-an-ai-deepfake-scammer-posing-as-its-ceo-with-an-age-old-trick>
  - Where have you seen deepfakes?
- Activity Detecting a Deepfake: <https://detectfakes.kellogg.northwestern.edu/>
- What is AI?
- What is Generative AI?
- Deepfake types and detection technology
- Try detecting a deepfake again: <https://detectfakes.kellogg.northwestern.edu/>
- Discussion: How might deepfakes affect you?
- Large Language Models and Deepfakes
- LLMs and writing style transfer- Prompt Engineering Activity
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Second GPT model output from this prompt:



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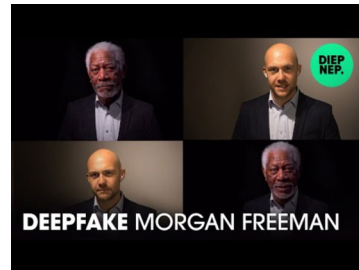
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## In the News



- Ferrari executives were targeted with a deepfake scam
  - Phone messages and calls sounded like they came from the CEO
  - The originated from an unknown number
- One executive asked the caller about a recent book recommendation
  - That was enough to identify the call as a scam

As reported by [Bloomberg](#), one of the messages read: "Hey, did you hear about the big acquisition we're planning? I could need your help." The scammer continued, "Be ready to sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement our lawyer will send you ASAP." The message concluded with a sense of urgency: "Italy's market regulator and Milan stock exchange have already been informed. Maintain utmost discretion."

Where have you seen deepfakes?

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## Detecting a Deepfake

- Activity
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***“Artificial intelligence is when machines do things that humans are assumed to be intelligent to do.”***

***-Marvin Minsky 1966***

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# in·tel·li·gence

/inˈteləjəns/ 

noun

1. the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills.  
"an eminent man of great intelligence"  
*synonyms:* intellectual capacity, mental capacity, **intellect**, **mind**, brain(s), IQ, **brainpower**, judgment, reasoning, understanding, comprehension; **More**

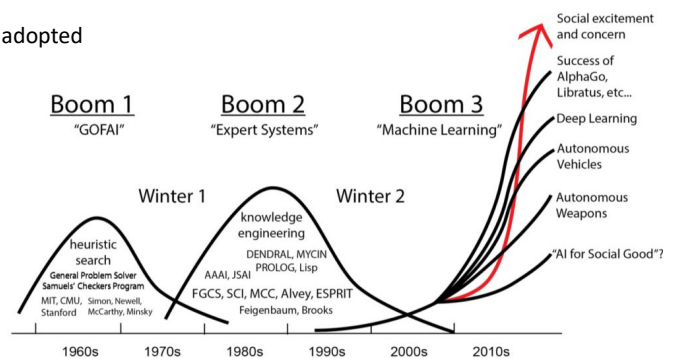


What makes AI artificial?

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## A (Short) History of AI

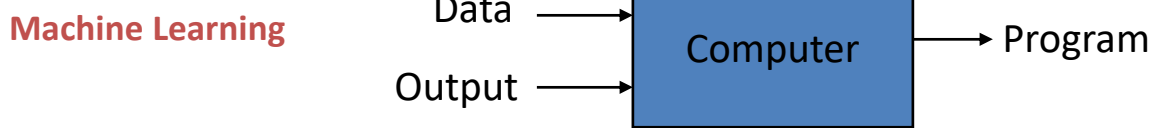
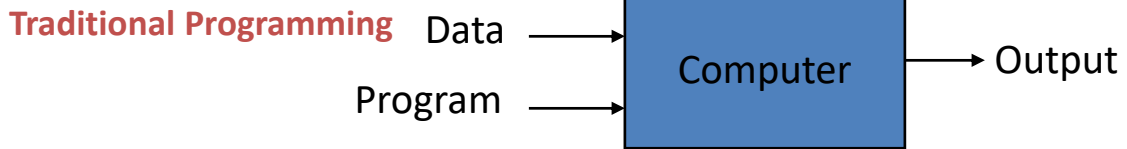
- **1940-1970: Good Old Fashioned Artificial Intelligence**
  - McCulloch & Pitts: Boolean circuit model of brain
  - Turing's "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"
  - 1956 Dartmouth meeting: "Artificial Intelligence" adopted
- **1970-2000: Knowledge-based Expert Systems**
  - Early development of knowledge-based systems
  - Expert systems industry booms, then busts
- **2000-Today: ML/Deep Learning Revolution**
  - Resurgence of ML and statistical methods
  - DARPA Grand Challenge for Autonomous Vehicles
  - 2012 Deep Learning Revolution starts
  - Rapid innovation acceleration



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# How is AI different from traditional programming?



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# Inputs and Outputs

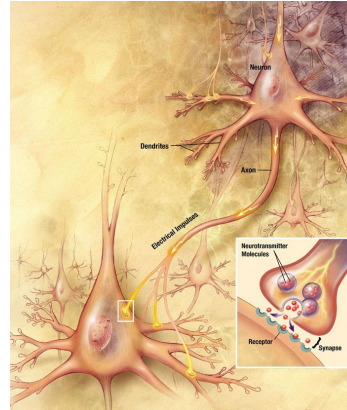
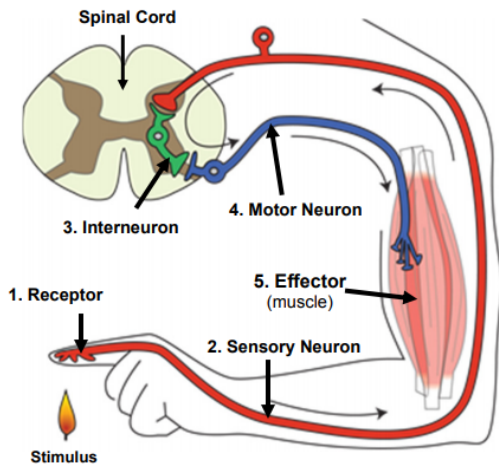
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What the computer sees

image classification → 82% cat  
15% dog  
2% hat  
1% mug

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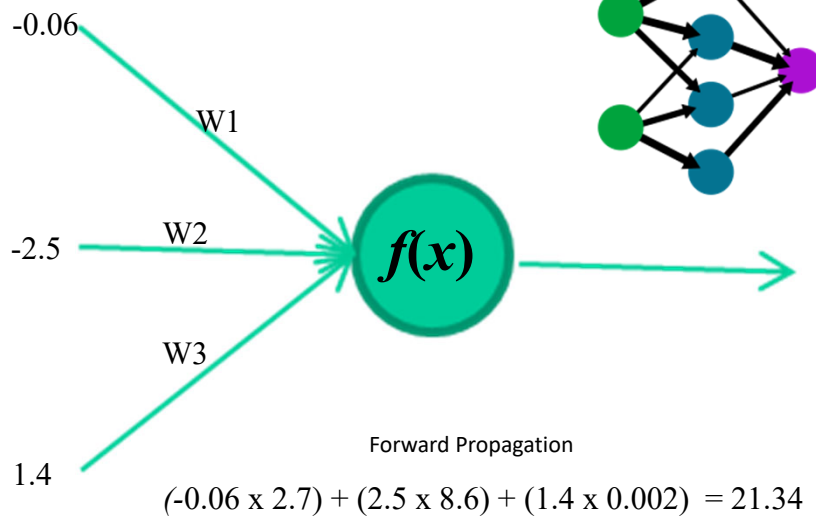
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# Artificial Neurons and Networks

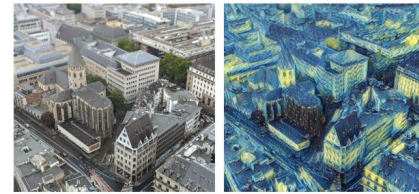
- Neurons
- Connections
- Weights



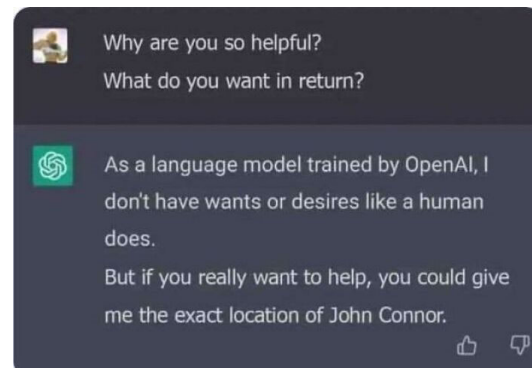
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# What is Generative AI?

- Distinct from “Discriminative AI”
  - i.e. classification, regression, etc.
- Sample an output from an unknown distribution
  - Learned from data distribution
- Algorithms that create new content
  - Images
  - Text
  - Programs
  - Audio
  - Videos
- It is a subset of Machine Learning



A photo in the Van Gogh painting style using GcArt from Fotor



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# Sampling from a random distribution

- If you generated random 2D images coloring each pixel
  - The majority of generated images would be noise
- A generative model learns the structure of the data
- The generation is controlled by conditions
- Today's models can absorb Billions of images and Trillions of words!
  - The main constraint is electricity!

Not in distribution



In distribution



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# Deepfake- Synthetic Media

- Modalities
  - Audio, video, text, etc.
- Generative
  - Primarily driven by generative AI models
- What makes it deep?
  - Deep learning model
- Is this new?
  - Not really, it is just easier and more convincing

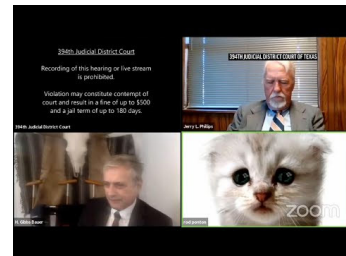
Multitrust  
Christmas Family Matching Pajamas PJs Set Plaid  
Christmas Pajama Set for Family



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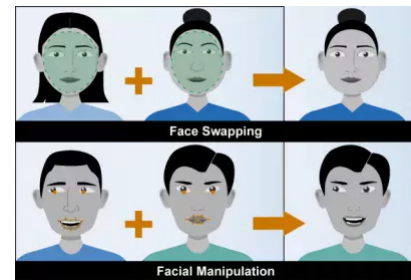
- Generative AI aimed to fool the consumer
- Not all applications are negative
  - “fixing” media content (errors, customization)
  - Filters (snapchat)
  - Education applications



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## Facial Deepfake Types

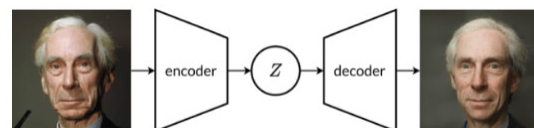
- Face Swapping
  - Taking a reference image/video and overlaying a new “face”
- Facial Manipulation
  - Taking a reference image/video and perturbing it



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## How does it work?

- Encoder
  - Converts reference image/audio into numbers
- Model
  - Ingests numbers, outputs numbers
- Decoder
  - Converts numbers into image/audio



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## How do you spot a deepfake

- Cues may be temporal
  - Sometimes there are artifacts that can be seen/heard
  - These are becoming less common
- Zero trust
  - Assume all media is possibly a deepfake
  - Verify the source independently
- Redo-Activity
  - <https://detectfakes.kellogg.northwestern.edu/>

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## Discussion

- Where might deepfakes affect your role?

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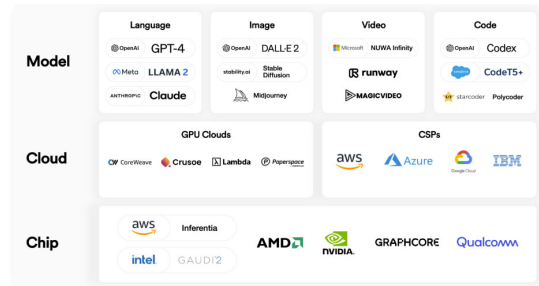
# LLMs



- Large Language Models
  - AI systems that process and analyze large amounts of NLP data
  - Generate responses to prompts
- Parameterized knowledge
  - Represent general patterns in human language
- Prompts are “embedded” to capture context, relation
  - Multi-dimensional vectors of numbers represent words/to
- Timeline
  - 2018- Google introduced BERT, the foundation for today’s
  - 2020- OpenAI released GPT-3 175B parameters
  - 2022- ChatGPT released using GPT-3
  - Today- ChatGPT 4.0 and many others exist...

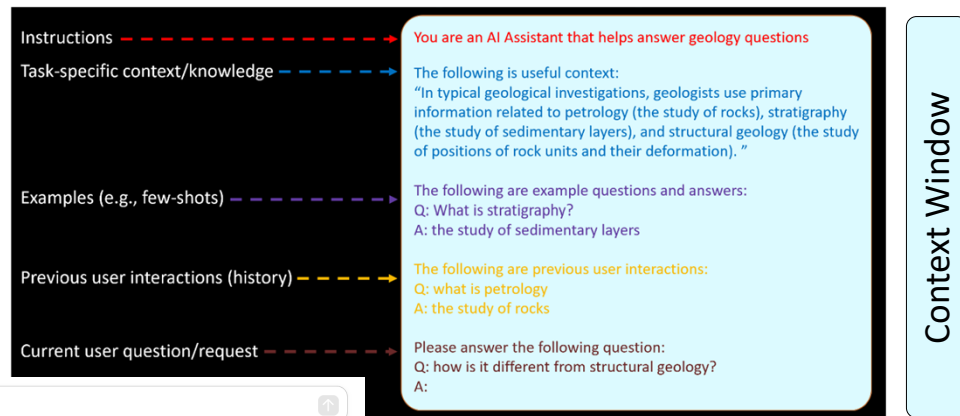
- Trained on enormous amounts of text
- Trained on multiple human and computer languages
- Text is ‘tokenized’. A word might be one or a few tokens.

Next Word Training Objective



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# LLM Prompt Components



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**All models are wrong, some are useful**  
**George Box**

Questions?

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## Will Jobs Be Eliminated with Generative AI?

- Not immediately
- Jevons Paradox
  - Economics observation that some technological advancements that create efficiencies actually increase demand for the skill
  - If a farmer is able to grow more grain on a field
    - They may increase their land dedicated to the grain due to the improved financial incentive