

PAT 463/563 (Fall 2025)

Music & AI

Lecture 2: AI & ML Fundamentals

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What is Artificial Intelligence?

| Can you? (I, Robot, 2004)



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What is Artificial Intelligence?

The exciting new effort to **make computers think ... *machines with minds***, in the full and literal sense (Haugeland, 1985)

The **automation of activities that we associate with human thinking**, activities such as decision-making, problem solving, learning ... (Bellman, 1978)

Systems that think like humans

The study of **mental faculties through the use of computational models** (Charniak & McDermott, 1985)

The study of the computations that **make it possible to perceive, reason, and act** (Winston, 1992)

Systems that think rationally

Systems that act like humans

The art of creating machines that **perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people** (Kurzweil, 1990)

The study of how to make computers **do things at which, at the moment, people are better** (Rich & Knight, 1991)

Systems that act rationally

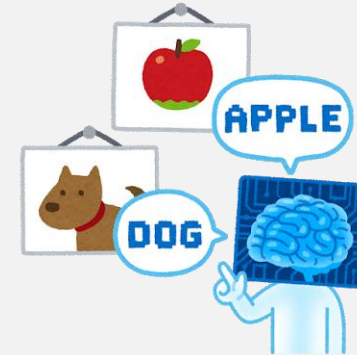
A field of study that seeks to **explain and emulate intelligent behavior in terms of computational processes** (Schalkoff, 1990)

The branch of computer science that is concerned with the **automation of intelligent behavior** (Luger & Stubblefield, 1993)

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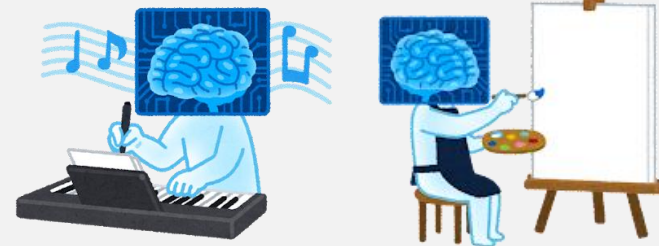


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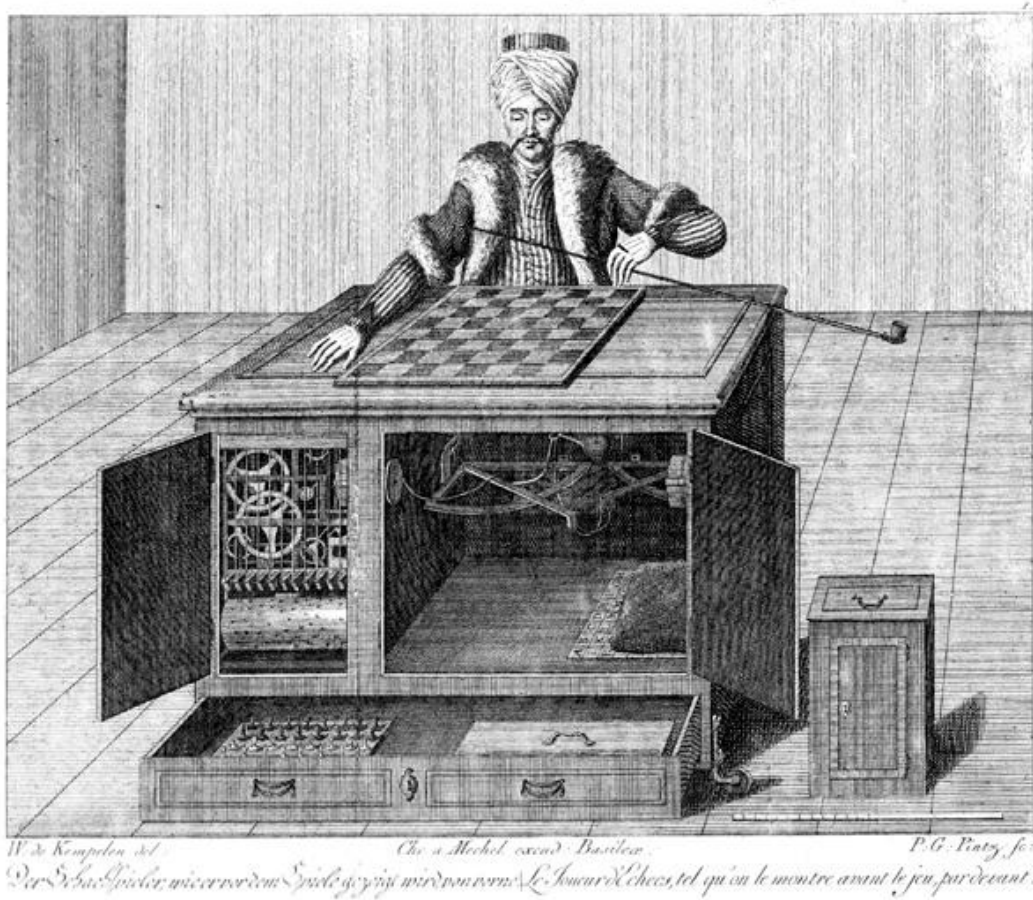


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Thinking vs Acting

Thinking vs Acting: The Turk (1770)



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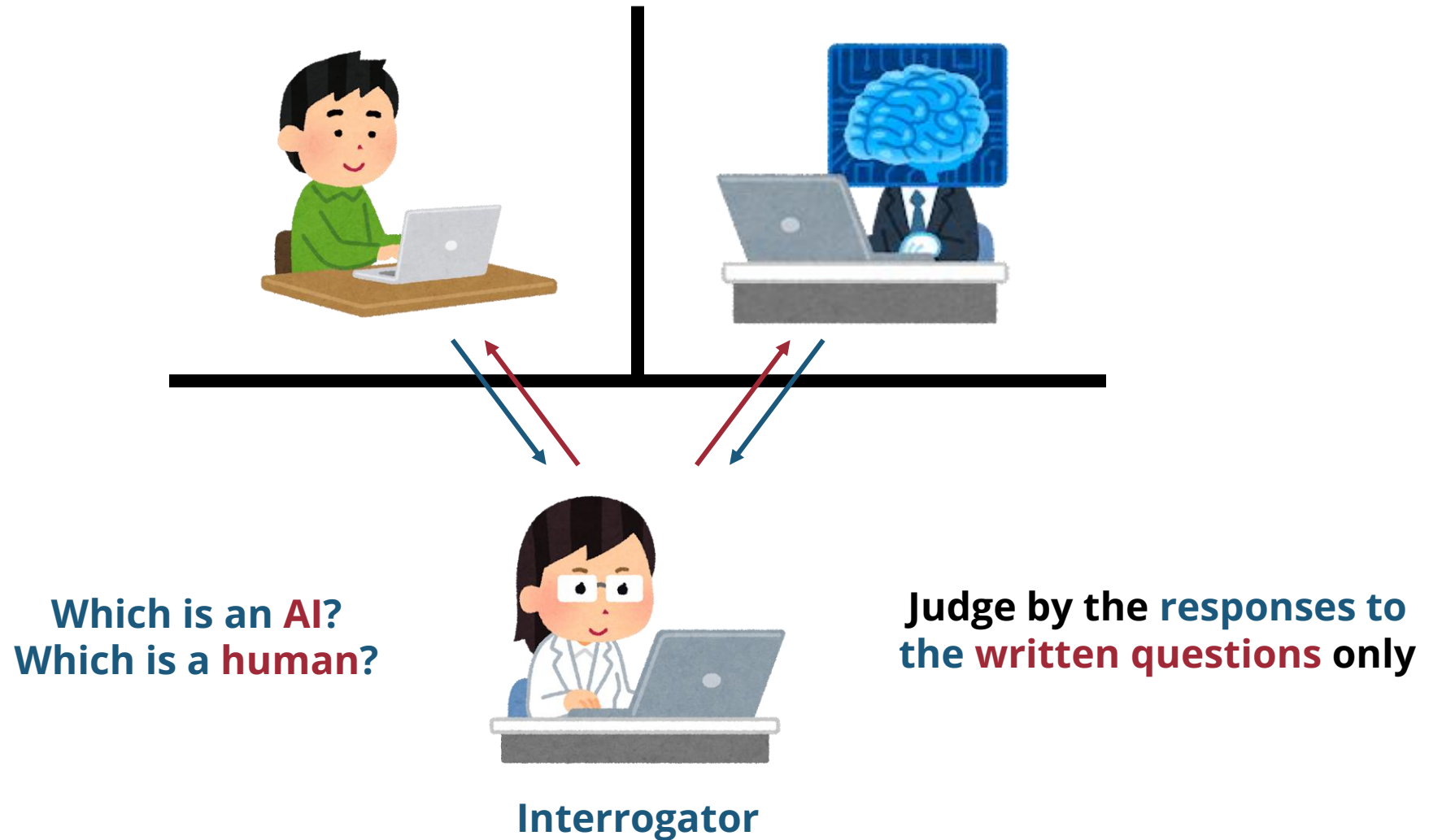
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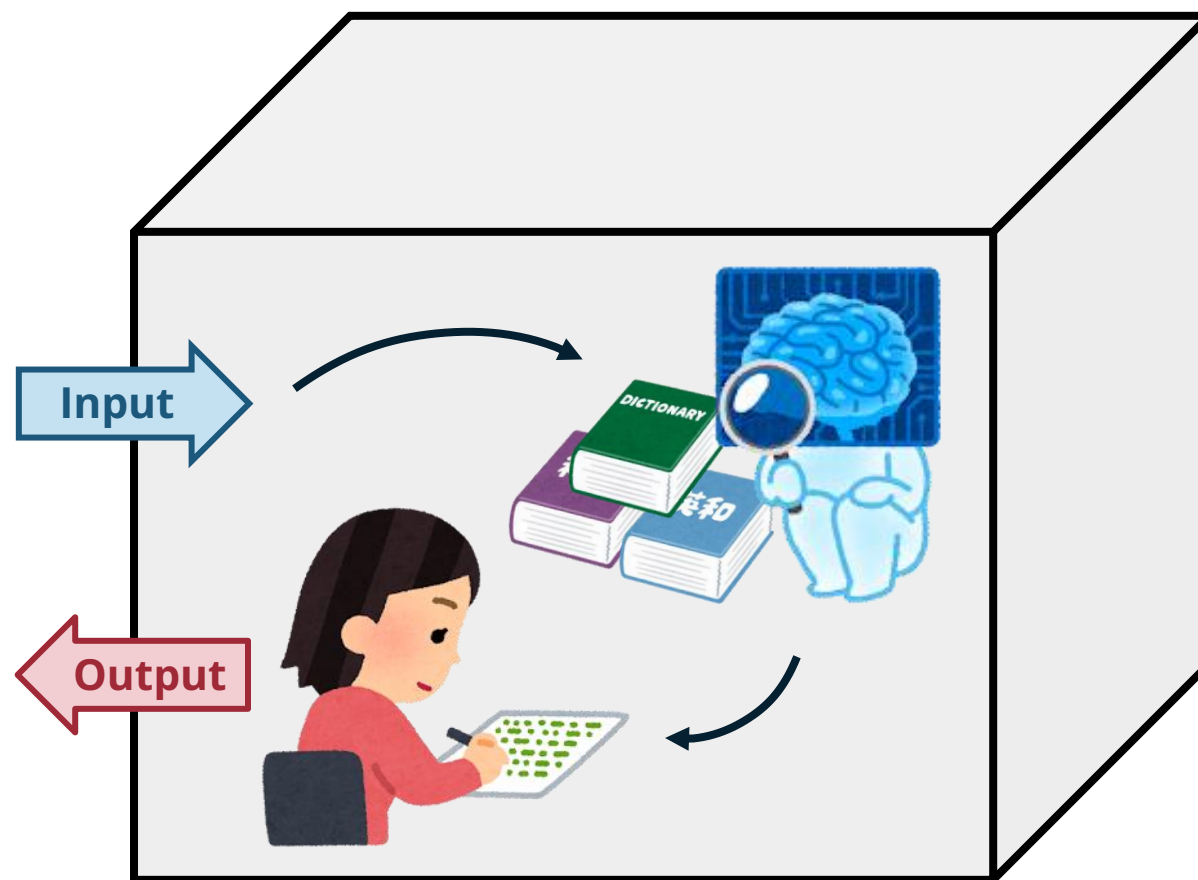
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(Do you speak Chinese?)

會哦，我中文很流利！
(Yep, I speak fluent Chinese!)

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(Do you know what AI is?)

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Is this considered **intelligence**?

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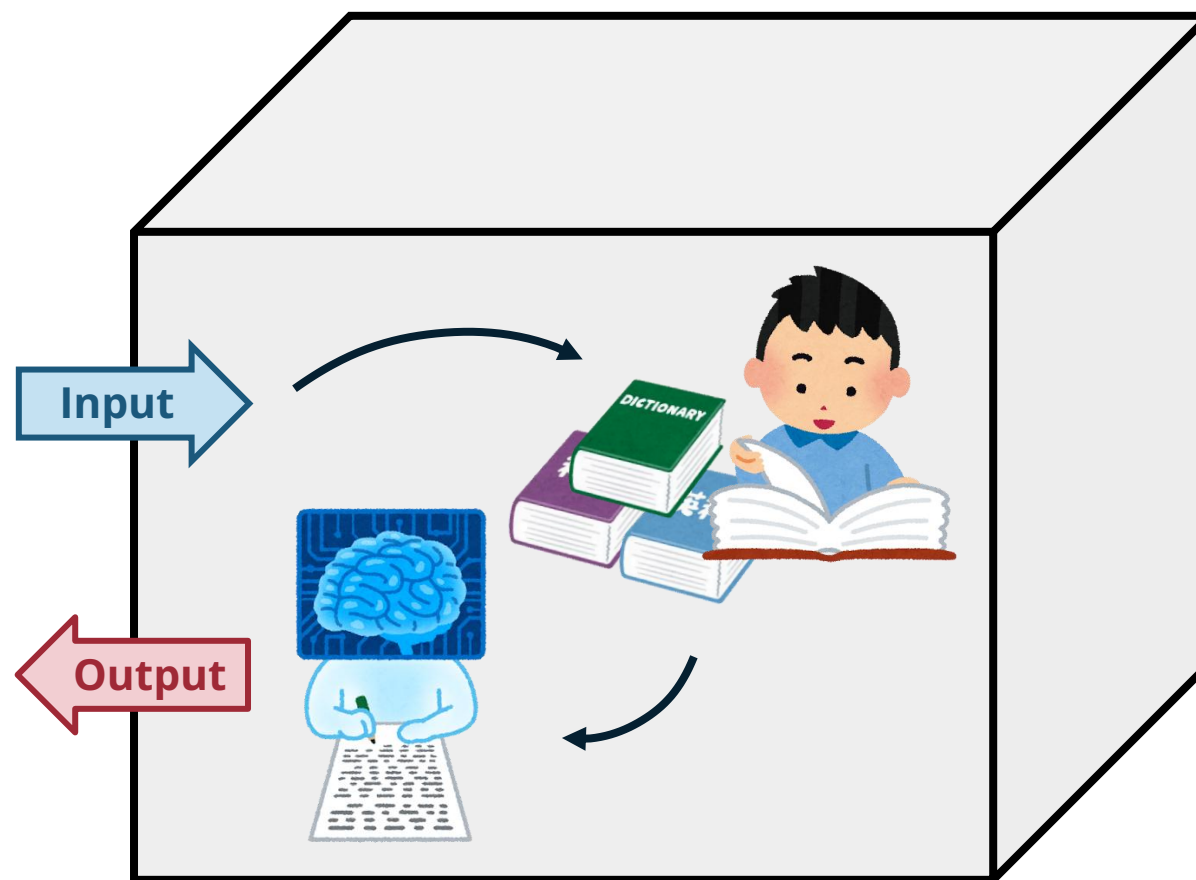
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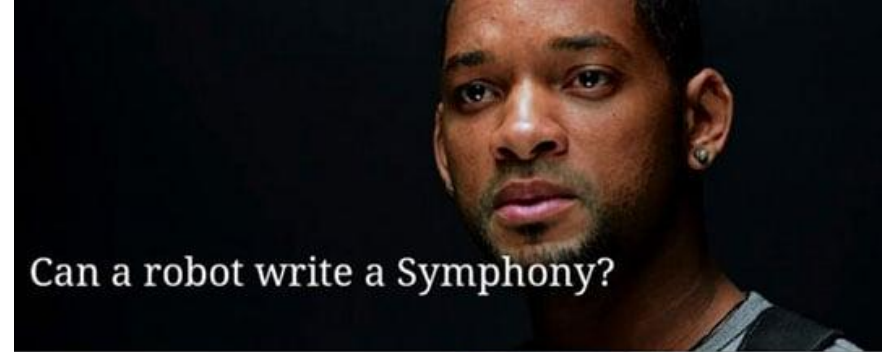
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Isn't this like the **Turk**?

Human vs AI

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Human vs AI: Weak AI vs Strong AI

Artificial General Intelligence (AGI)

Reaches human-level intelligence
Have a self-aware consciousness
Solve multiple tasks
Can learn and plan



Performs a single task
Cannot learn from experience
Cannot reason



Human vs AI: The Many AGI Tests

- **The Coffee Test** (Steve Wozniak, 2010)
 - Can the AI **make a cup of coffee** after entering an average home: find the coffee machine and coffee, add water, find a mug, and brew the coffee by pushing the proper buttons?
- **The Robot College Student Test** (Ben Goertzel, 2012)
 - Can the AI enroll in a university, **take classes like humans**, and **earn its degree**?
- **The IKEA Test** (Gary Marcus, 2015)
 - Can the AI control a robot to **assemble an IKEA furniture** correctly by **reading the instructions**?
- **The Modern Turing Test** (Mustafa Suleyman, 2023)
 - Can the AI **make \$1M** on a retail web platform in a few months with a **\$100K investment**?

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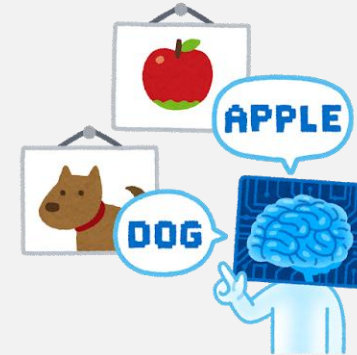
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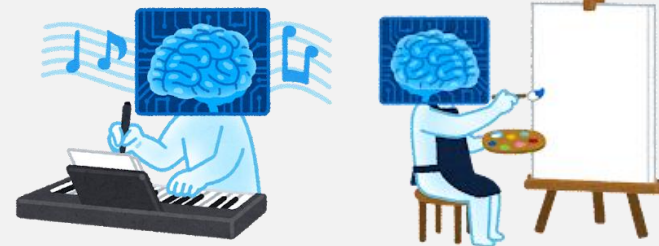


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| 🤔 What is your expectation of a Real AI?

- **Thinking vs Acting**

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- An AI **doesn't need to know how to think** (Votes: 3)

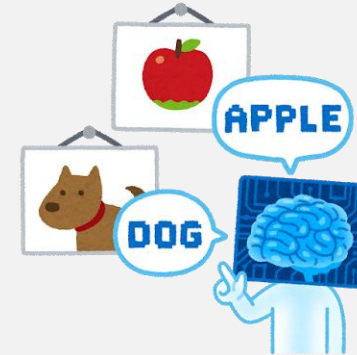
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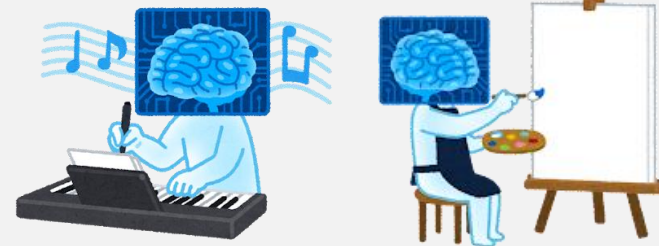


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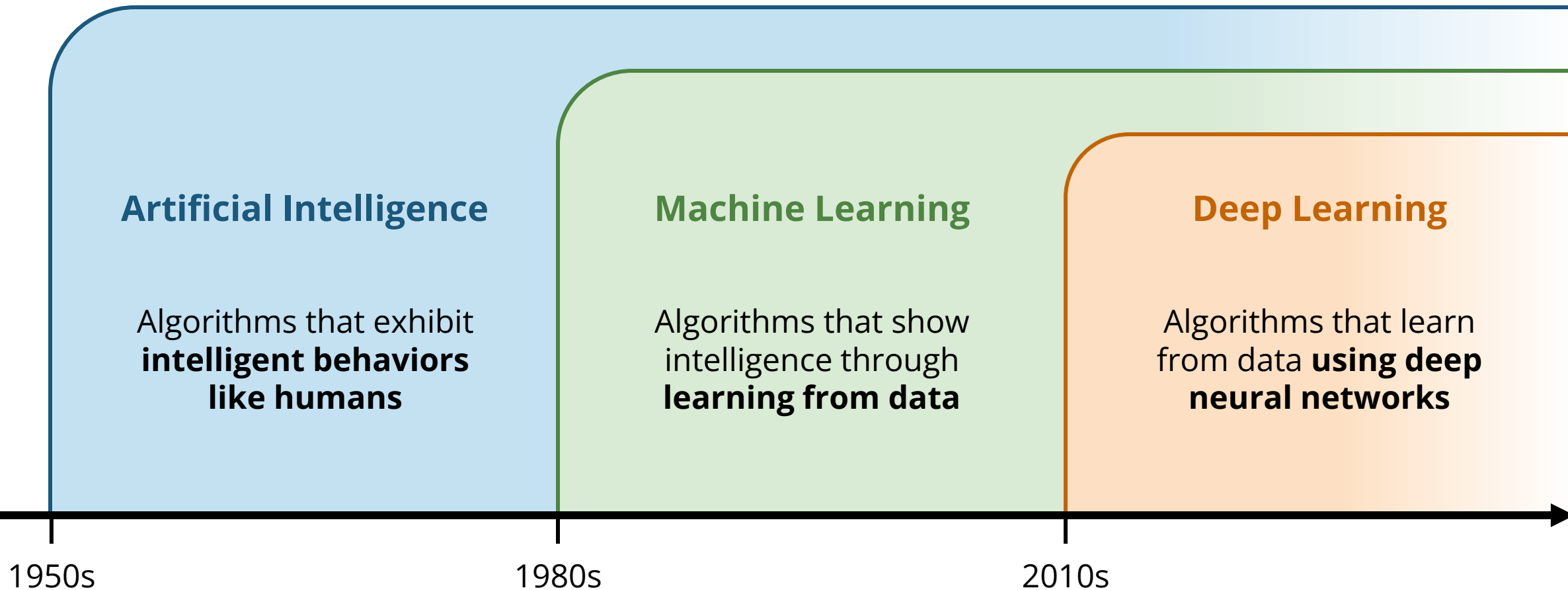


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What is Machine Learning?

AI vs ML vs DL



| What is Machine Learning?

Machine Learning is a field of study that gives computers the ability to **learn without being explicitly programmed**.

– Attributed to Arthur Samuel

A computer program is said to learn from **experience E** with respect to some **class of tasks T** and **performance measure P** if *its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, improves with experience E*.

– Tom M. Mitchell, 1997

Machine Learning

Traditional

Input



Algorithm



Output

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Example
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Machine learning



Model

Inference (test)

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Components of a Machine Learning Model

Improve on **task T**,
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Animal classification

Percentage of correct predictions

Animal images with labels



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Stock price prediction

Difference between predicted and actual price

History stock price



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Violin transcription

Percentage of correctly predicted notes

Recordings with sheet music



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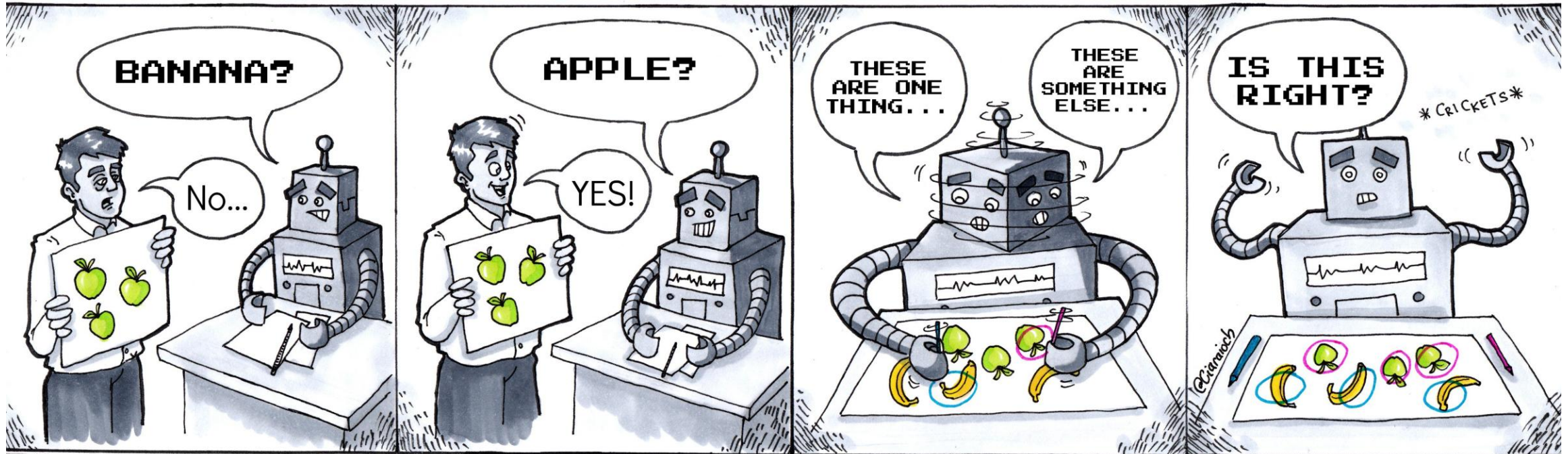
Improve on **task T**,
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- **Task T** **Beat tracking**
- **Performance metric P** Average difference from actual timings
- **Experience E** Recordings with beat timestamps



(Source: Müller)

Supervised vs Unsupervised Learning



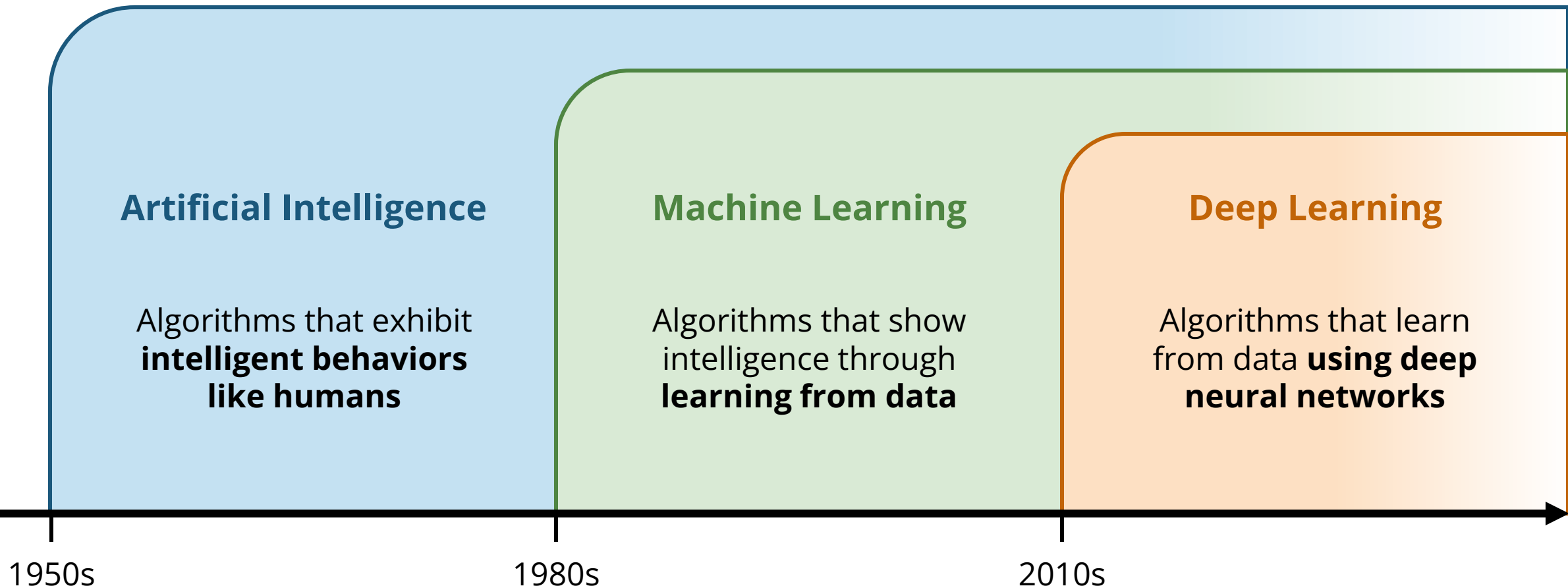
Supervised Learning

Unsupervised Learning

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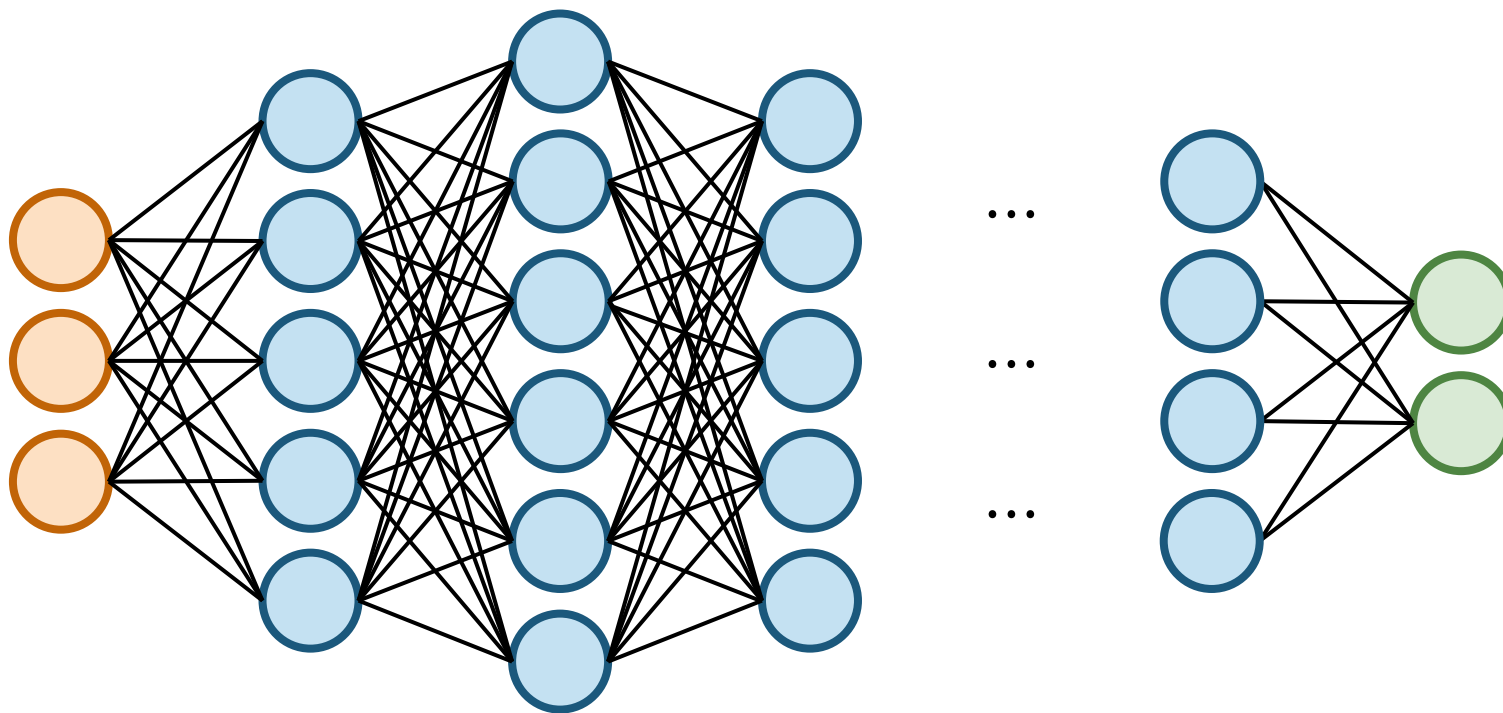
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AI vs ML vs DL



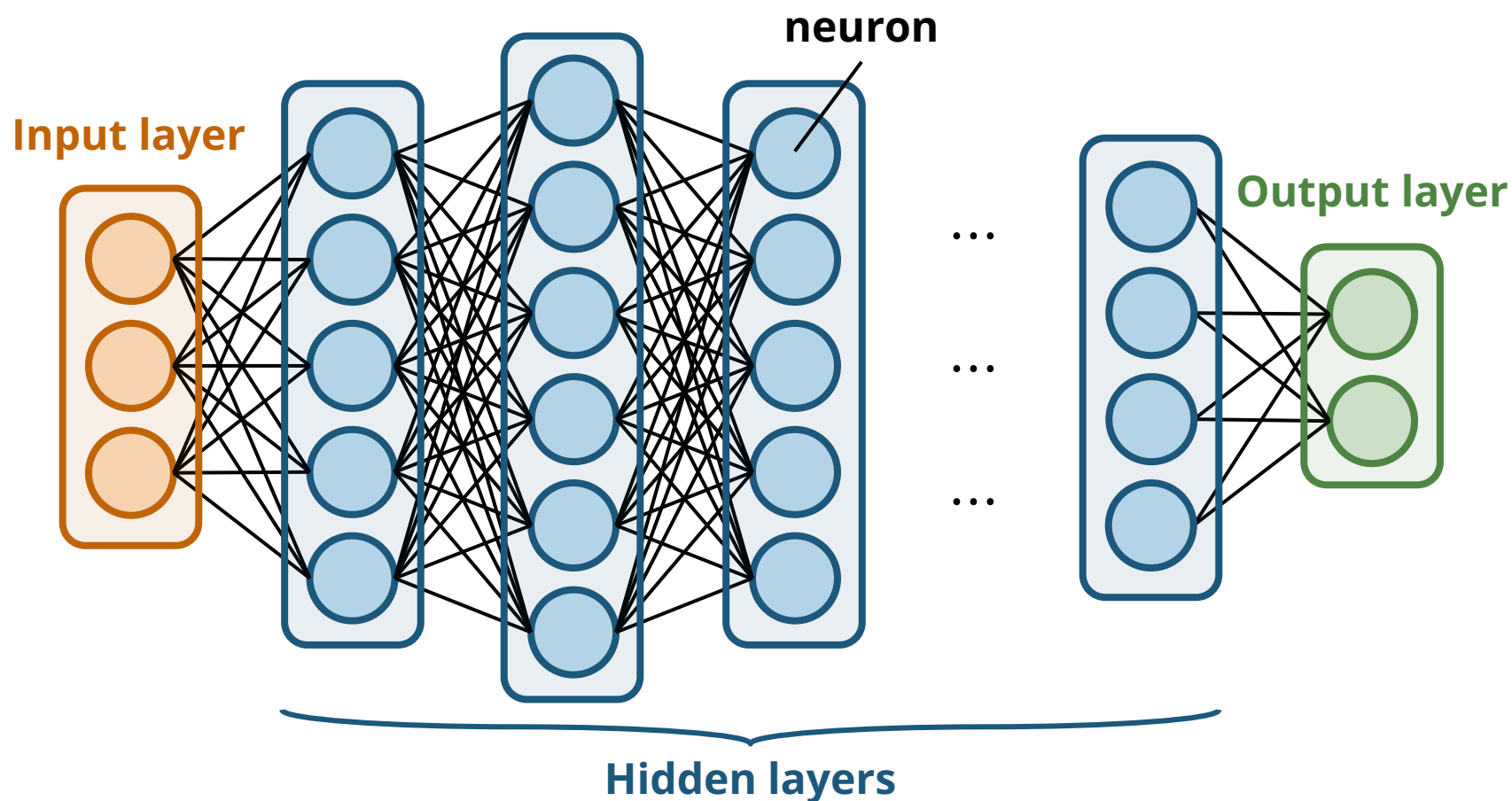
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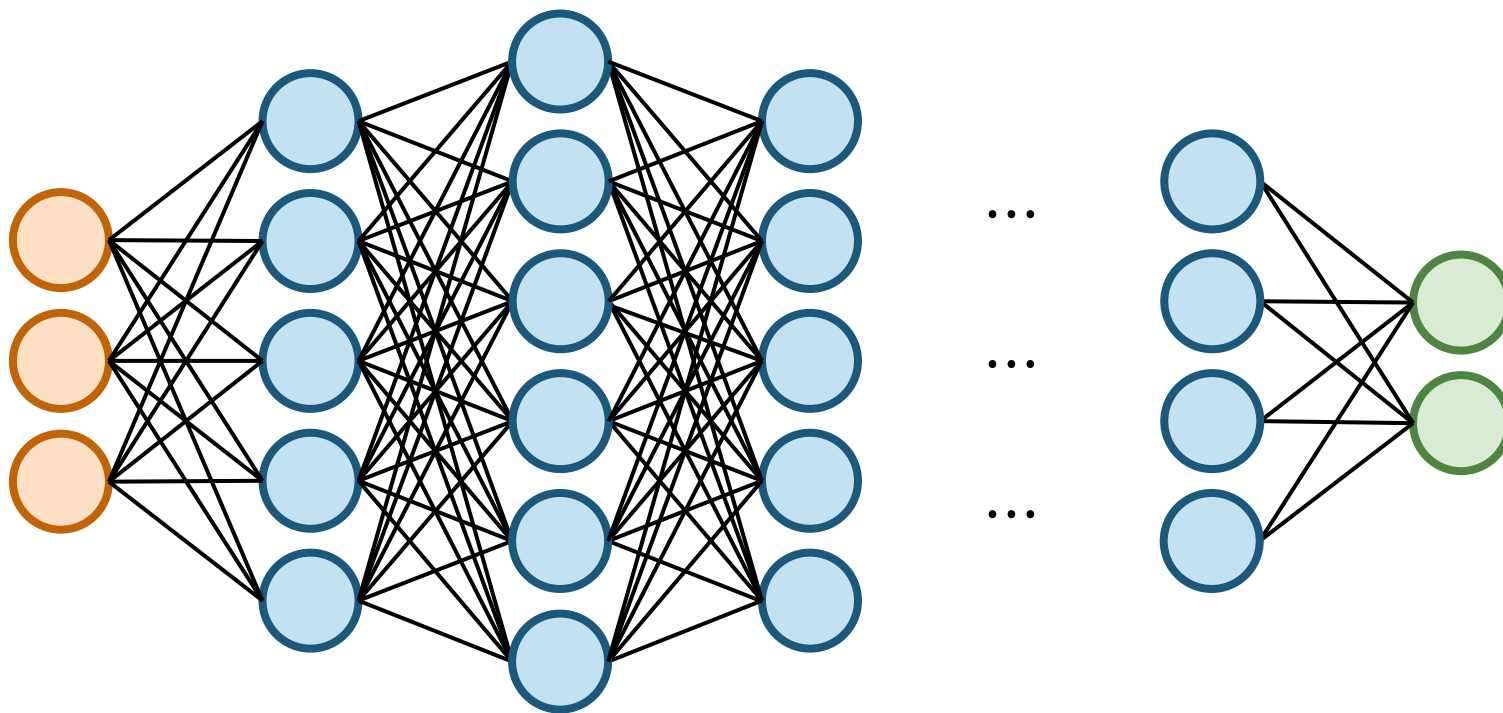
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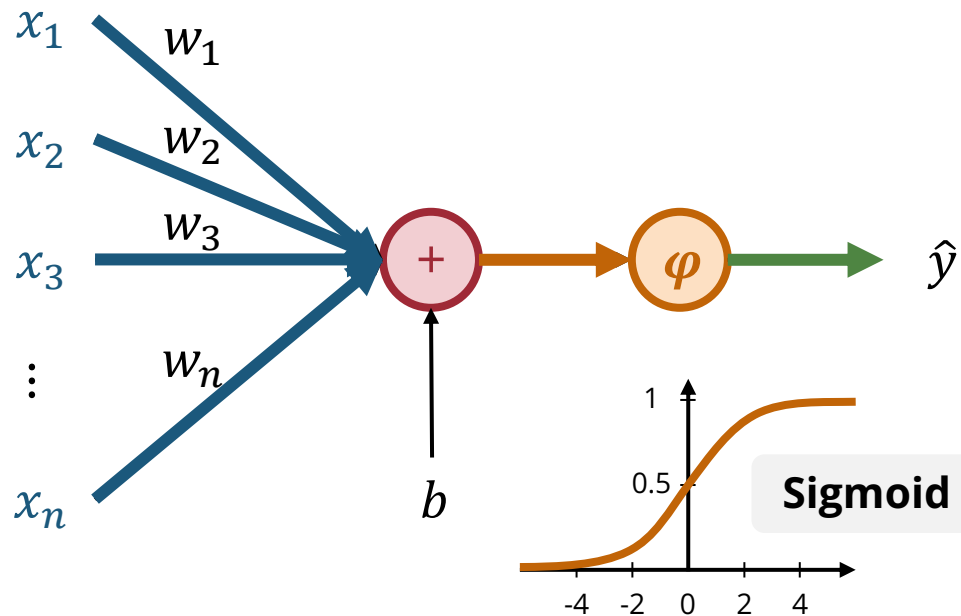
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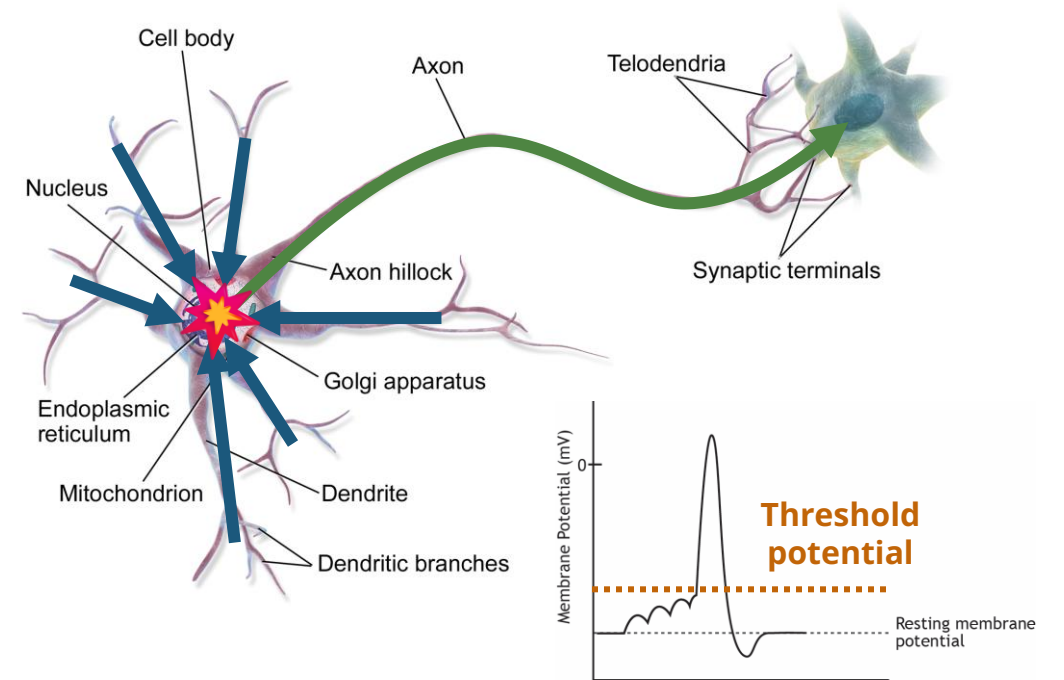


Artificial vs Human Neuron

Artificial neuron

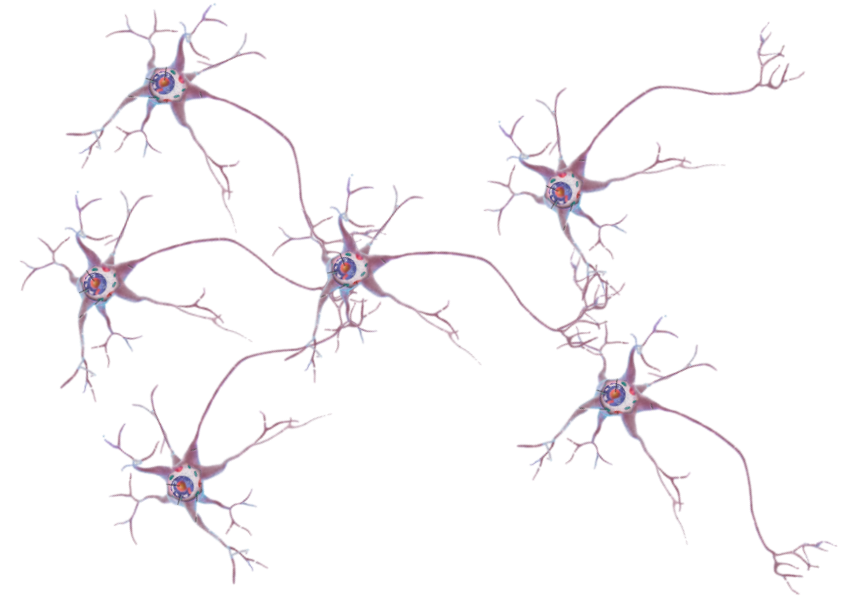
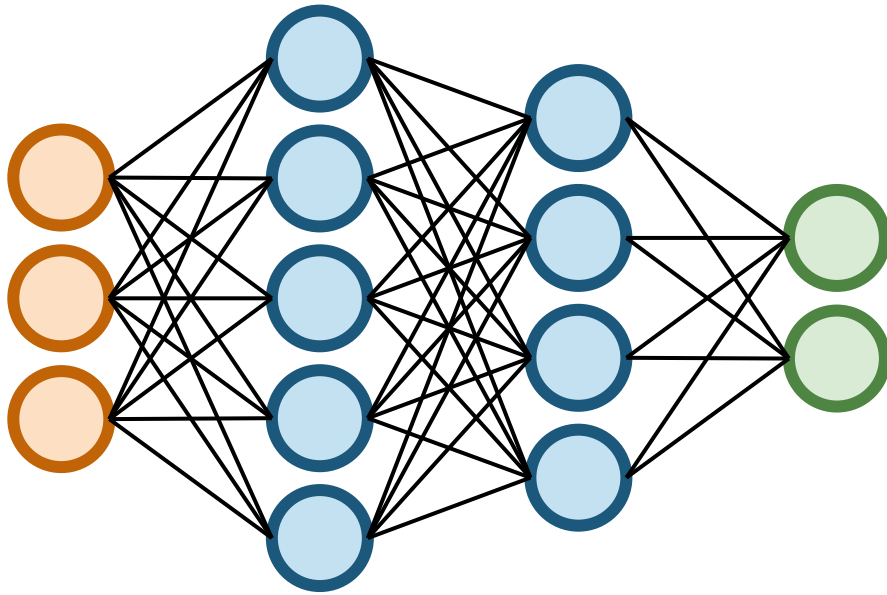


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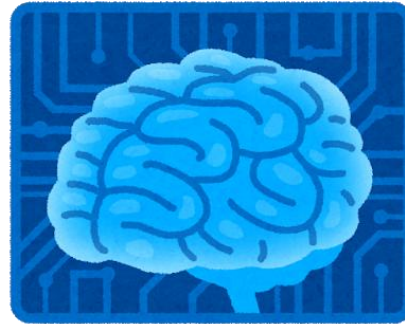


Building Blocks of Deep Learning Systems



Key difference from
traditional ML

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Model

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Use Case

| Analytic AI vs Generative AI



| This is **NOT** Morgan Freeman (2021)



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Generative AI for Visual Arts



(Source: Cosmopolitan)

First Prize in **Digital arts**
at Colorado State Fair
Fine Arts Competition



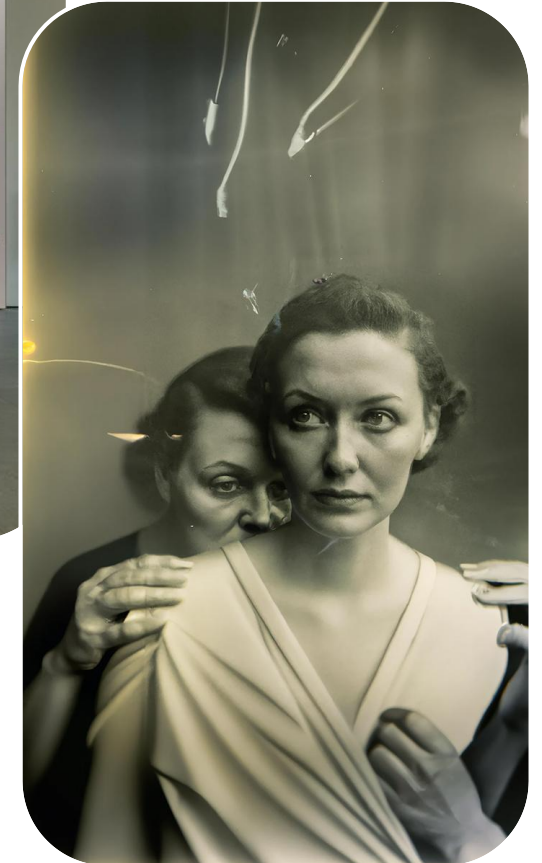
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Sony World
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Generative AI for Video Generation



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- Instructions will be sent by **emails** and released on the **course website**
- **Don't worry! You'll be graded by completion (instead of correctness)!**
- Have fun!

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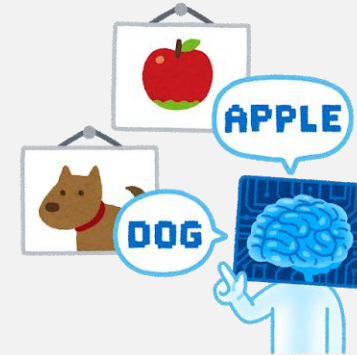
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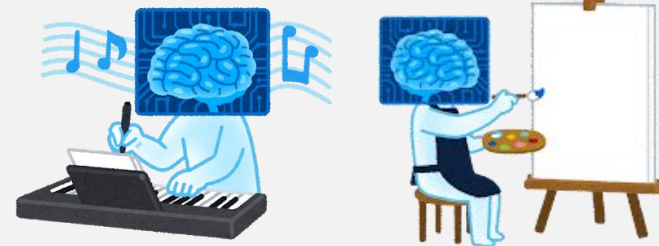


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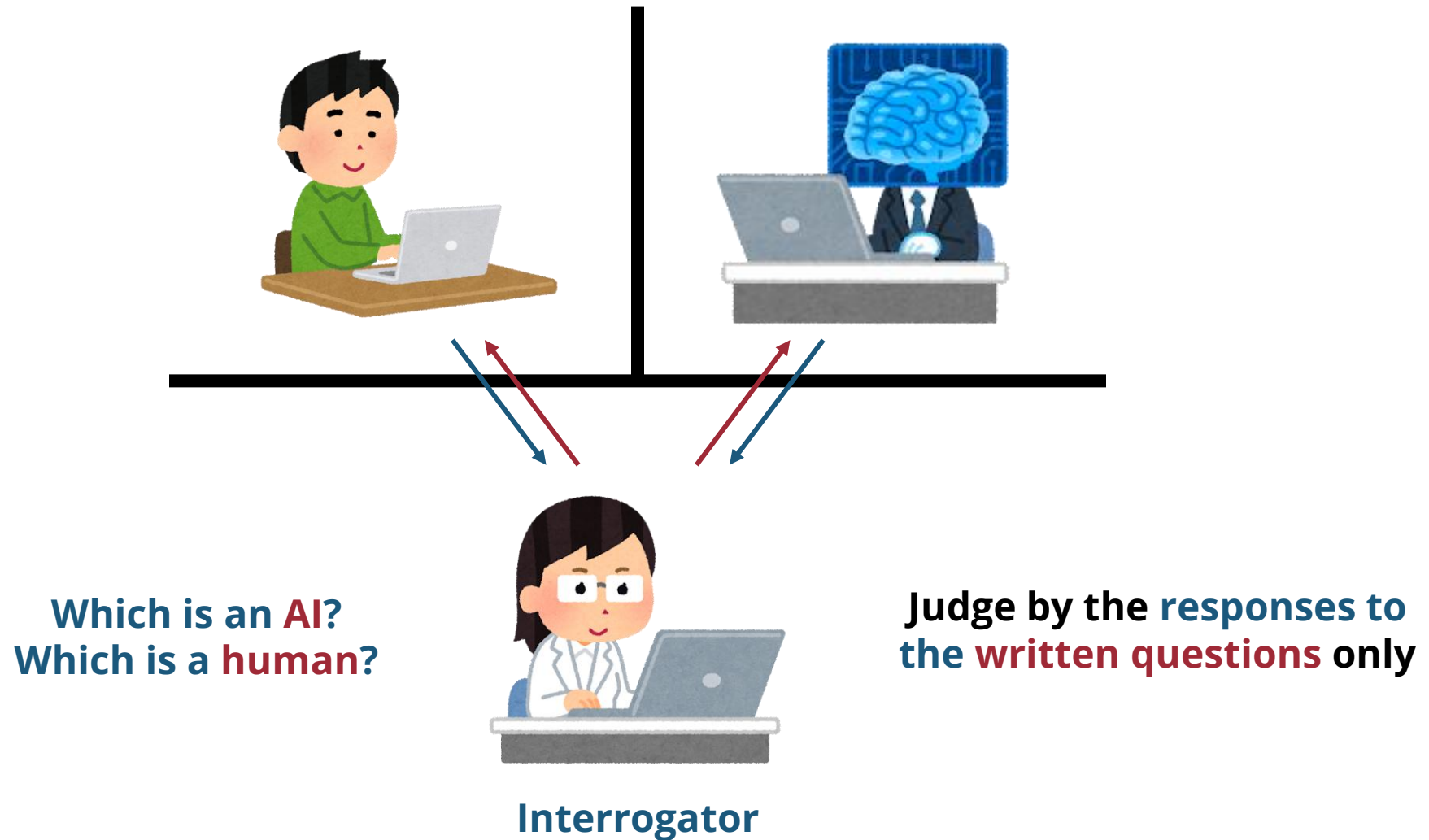
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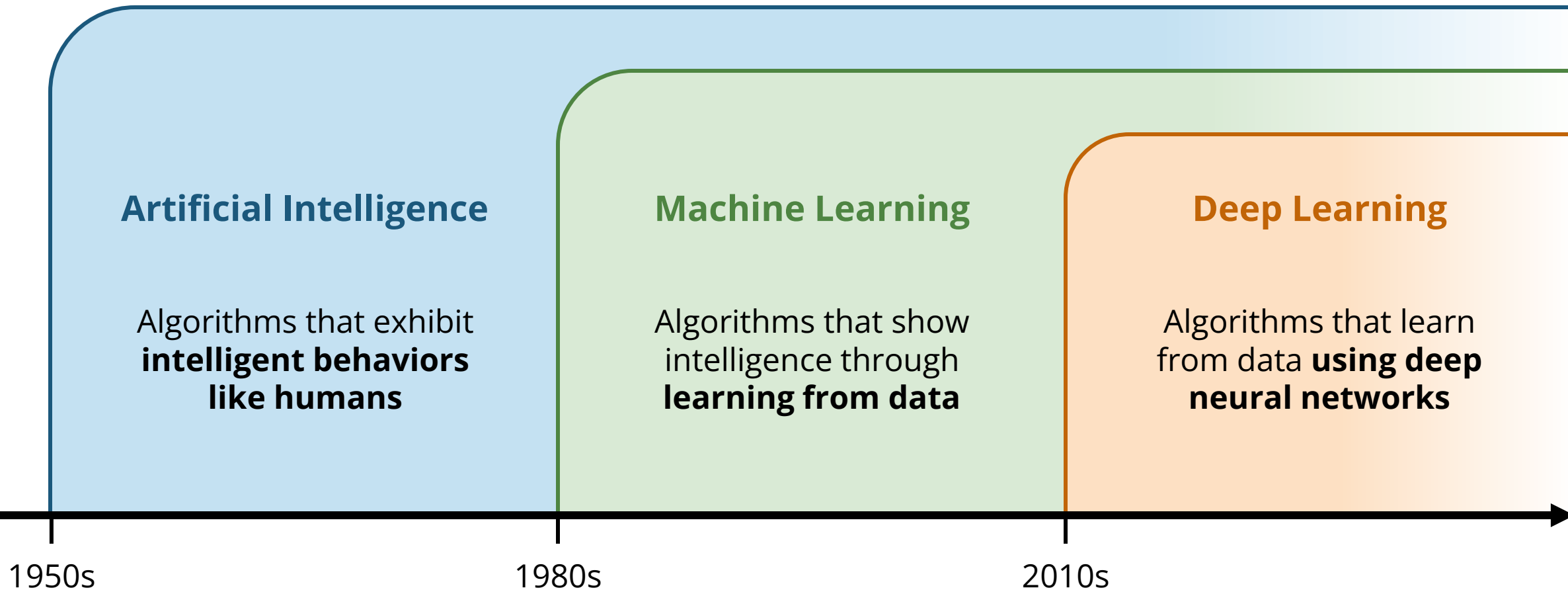
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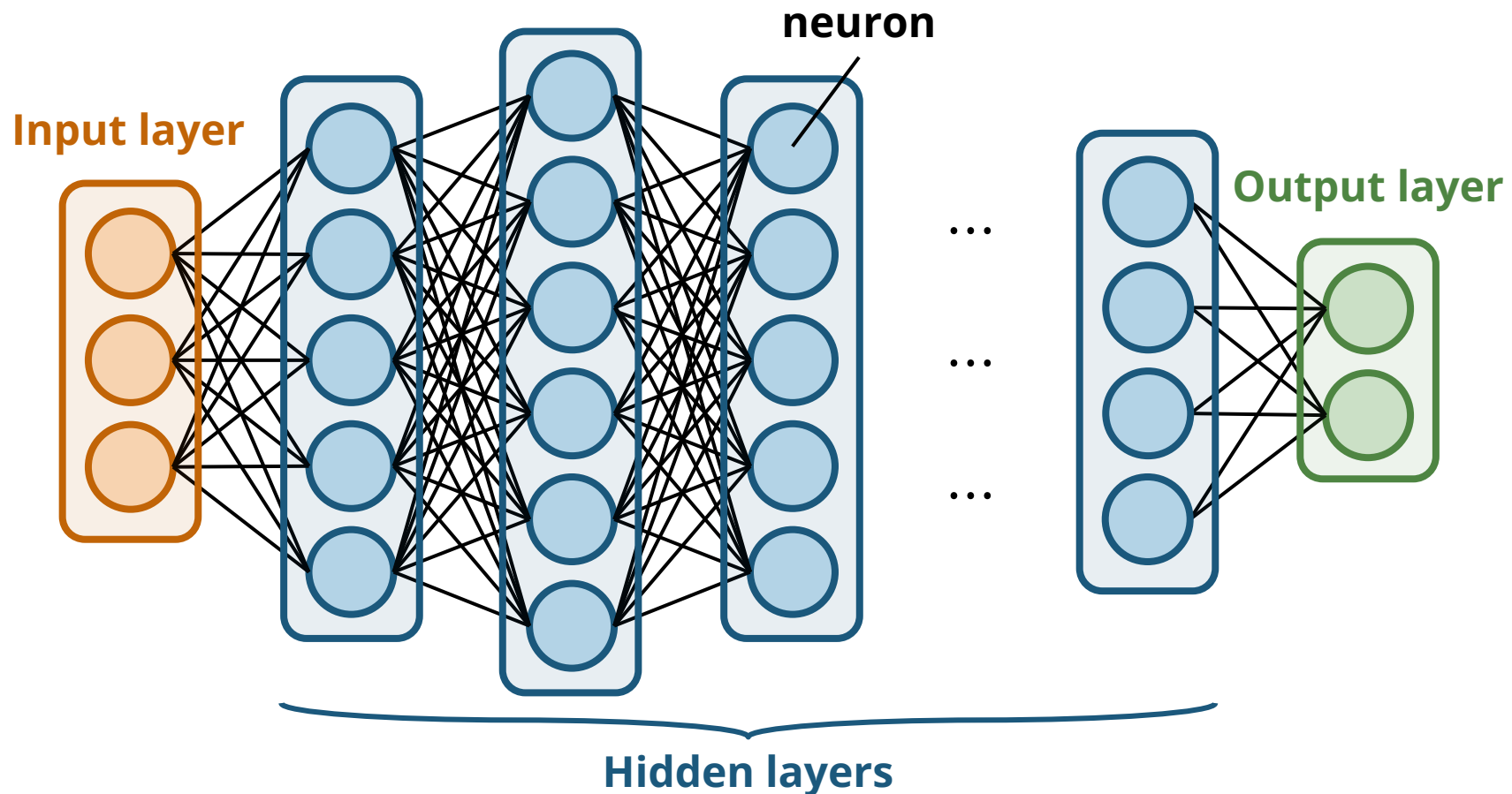
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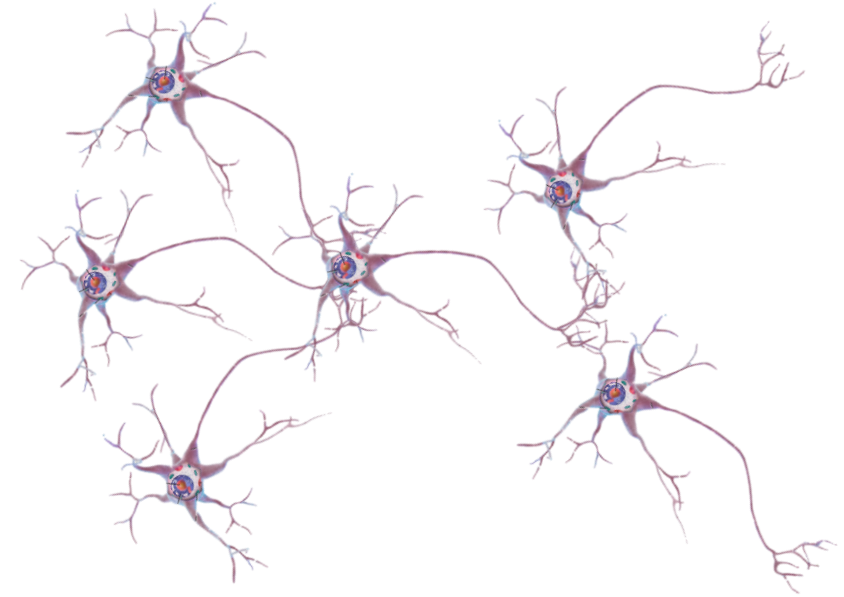
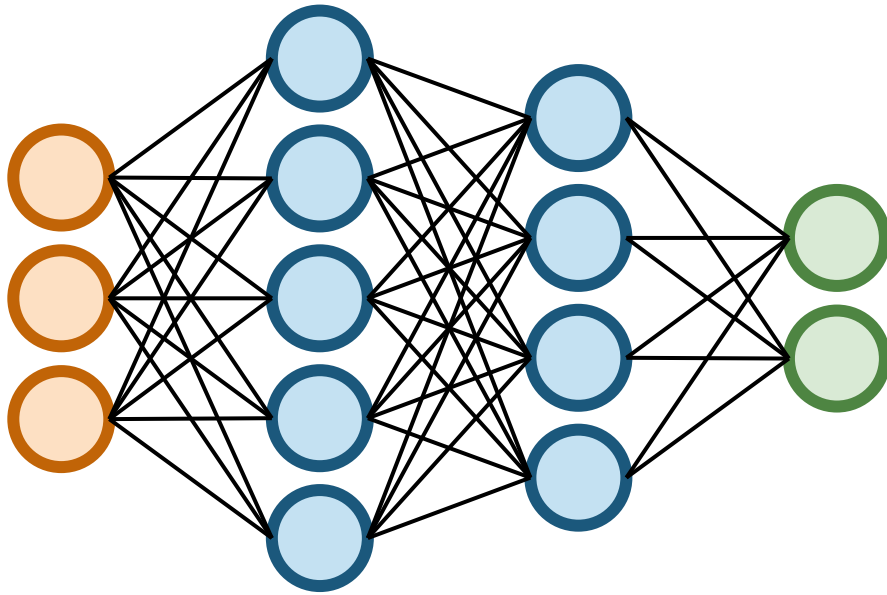
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