1.1 Concepts, definition and history of interaction with AI and autonomous systems

Through the late 1940's there were founded work on topics related to what became AI, and in 1950 several publications were published on the subject. (Grudin, 2009, p. 49) However, the term artificial intelligence was first published in a call for participation in a workshop by mathematician and logician John McCarthy in 1956.

The first works on AI were done by engineers and mathematics, and their goal was to create technology that could rival human intelligence in the same way that computers rivalled humans in the field of arithmetics. (Grudin, 2009, p. 48)

Three definitions of AI

AI has been defined and described with different perspectives.

The writer Pamela (McCorduck, 2004) wrote a book on the history of AI where she define artificial intelligence as (…) that audacious effort to duplicate in an artifact what we humans consider to be our most important, our identifying, property—our intelligence.

Russel and Norvig have categorized definitions of AI into four categories where definitions gathered along dimensions of thinking versus acting and human-like behaviour versus rational behaviour. The designers Bratteteig and Verne has chosen a definition of AI for their paper that reflects that AI is intended to act humanly:

AI is a subfield of computer science aimed at specifying and making computer systems that mimic human intelligence or express rational behaviour, in the sense that the task would require intelligence if executed by a human (Bratteteig & Verne, 2018; Russell et al., 2010).

My definition

Reviewing these definitions, my description of AI could be that artificial intelligence is a term that describe a range of technologies which have developed from the idea to model computational processes on human capacities for reasoning, learning, problem solving, decision making and acting. Several directions of developments of AI technologies have been developed.

Similarities and differences between human autonomy and machine autonomy

For humans, autonomy can be understood as a widely agreed upon value that entails intentionality (Herstad & Soma, 2018) and the freedom to act independently (Finkelstein & Marcus, 2018). Even if humans do not always have the ability to act according to their intent and will, for instance if they are inhibited to do so by disabilities, they have the right to autonomy and to receive support to do so. Autonomy can be understood as the right to make decisions on concerns that affect us directly.

When machines are designed to have, or rather be, autonomous, this refers to the ability to act independently without interference or control from their surroundings. In machines, autonomy is maybe more of an ability than a right or a value.

Human and machine autonomy is similar in that decisions can be made without the intervention or control of others.

Similarities between the concept automatic and the concept autonomous

The concepts of automatic and autonomous are subject to ongoing discussions about their definitions an applications in technological systems, e.g. (Kaber, 2018). They are similar in that they suggest technology that executes tasks without humans directly interfering or controlling the automatically executed tasks.

Systems that are automatic or autonomous may also appear the same to users, in that neither require user's intentional input or control in the execution of the task.

Select one of the articles from the curriculum. Write a brief review from this article. If there is something that is unclear, or you disagree with, or that you question with the article – write about this.

A contemporary project: Self-driving vehicles in Norway

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration are currently running test drives for self-driving vehicles in several places in Norway. In Oslo they have deployed two named buses, Oda and Mads, in collaboration with the public transport company Ruter and Oslo municipality.

On their websites, the Norwegian Public Roads Administration present the buses as self-driving vehicles that are intended to become a service to the citizens of Norwegian cities in the future. They have purchased the technology, which they at one point describe as expensive, and they are testing it to detect problems and devise guidelines for future juridical regulation. They do not refer to the term artificial intelligent. Oslo municipality, on the other hand, use the term Smart transport in the Oslo region in their project title (STOR). In theory project description, the smart concept seems to do more than describe the technology and rather describe a vision to organize traffic and utilize recourses better. Ruter's website on the project seems to have been unpublished. One of the buses, Oda, has been exhibited in The Norwegian Museum of Science and Technology after two years of service in Oslo from 2019 to 2021. (see references for links to the mentioned stakeholders).

AI in fiction: Data

In the TV show Start Trek, the android Data possess artificial intelligence. He is an android so advanced that he is considered a synthetic life form and serves as an officer of Starfleet. He is portrayed in the star Trek shows The Next Generation and Picard, as well as in several of the Star Trek films. Data has multiple roles and functions as a member of the crew on the Federation starship Enterprise.

Human-android interaction

Humans interact with data trough natural language as well as other human communication forms, such as gesture and mimic. Humans in the Star Trek universe is well versed in interaction with another life forms of all kinds, and I think the portrayal of the interaction can also be understood in the context of communicating across different languages and cultures.

Skills and weaknesses

Data has formidable calculation skills and helps the crew out of dangerous situations by calculating surprising paths and manoeuvres for the Enterprise. He continuously learns new things. He is also

sentient, and shows friendship, loyalty and concern for his crewmates. He is portrayed as a gentle and kind person. Data's sentience lead him to understand that he is humanoid, but not human. His longing to discover his own humanity is a recurring theme in the TV show.

Hidden agendas

Even if Data is portrayed as an honourable and gentle being, his programming allows for hidden agendas that Data is not even aware of himself. Before becoming a member of a scientific expedition with the Enterprise, Data has been programmed to find a specific planet. He unknowingly directs the crew and the starship towards his goal and endanger them all. He discovers the truth too late but manage to use his extraordinary calculation powers to save them from being pulled into the planets heavy gravitational field.

1.2 Robots and AI systems

The word Robot

The word robot entered the English vocabulary when it appeared in the 1920 play R.U.R. or Rossu's Universal Robots by Karel Čapek (1880-1938) where it's the name of artificial workers ('The Origin Of The Word "Robot"', n.d.). According to (Szabolcsi, 2014), the archaic slavonic word robot means forced, unpaid labour while robota denotes paid uncompulsory work.

Two definitions of "robot"

"(…), the concept of "robot" is a moving target" (Dautenhahn, 2018, p. 2)

Sebastian Thrun contrasts two definition of robots to show the span of understandings of robot technology.

"a reprogrammable, multifunctional manipulator designed to move materials, parts, tools, or specialized devices through various programmed motions for the performance of a variety of tasks" (Russell & Norvig, 1995).

"An automatic device that performs functions normally ascribed to humans or a machine in the form of a human" (Thrun, 2004, p. 11): Merriam Webster's collegiate dictionary (1993).

The first one was written by the Robot Institute of America in 1979, and the latter is a dictionary definition from 1993.

My definition of robot

Based on the former definitions of robots, I would define robot as an automated technology that moves something. It performs functions and tasks for humans, but it's task can in some instances extend beyond what a human would do as robots can accomplish tasks that humans are not adept at

such as precision work in very small scales or in hostile environments. It's probably also important that it is reprogrammable.

The relation between AI and Robots.

Robots and Ais are concepts that describe a wide range of technologies. Therefore, some robots and AI systems will have overlaps, while other robots and Ais may not have much in common. The context in which both needs to be defined will further affect the choice of defining boundaries.

Possible differences, looking at the definitions mentioned so far, is that a robot moves something, an AI does not need to move something to be an AI.

Artificially intelligent systems will require that the system has abilities to handle contextual variances and make decisions autonomically. Robots, on the other hand, does not require intelligent technology to be defined as a robot. Robots may not always be autonomous in the sense that they can make decisions based on variations, but can probably pass as a robot with an entirely automatic setup.

Shopbot

The cnc router Shopbot is a commercial robot for routing. It is intended to conduct routing in workshops (shops), thereof the name Shopbot.

The Shopbot carries out computer numeric controlled routing where it spins a drill bit along three axis on a material surface. The drawing and programming of the paths that the Shopbot follow as it's working instructions is made by the operator. The operator install the material manually, and interact with the Shopbot via a software interface to set tool paths like depths, speed and force to the drawing, and starts, pauses and stops it's routine from the software interface.

1.3 Universal Design and AI systems

A definition of Universal Design.

> *Universal Design is the design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability or disability.*

I understand Universal Design to be the aim to design technology to be available to all potential users.

The potential of AI with respect to human perception, human movement and human cognition/emotions. You are encouraged to use examples. Please provide two examples of AI systems for including "more" users.

With AI capabilities of natural language processing, AI has the potential for translation between text and speech. This can potentially include users who have different challenges with text-based interfaces, like those with dyslexia or vision impairments. It may also help those with hearing loss by

capturing sound as text. Such technology could also summary and shorten texts to aid people with trouble focusing on reading for longer spans of time.

Examples of such systems are automatic captions of videos on YouTube and voice control for mobiles, PC and smart homes.

AI for image recognition can potentially help include users with vision impairments through being able to automatically add textual descriptions of images that can be read or read aloud by the technology. Face recognition technology can assist users who struggle with giving passwords or

Describe the potential of AI for both including and excluding people. You are encouraged to use examples.

AI technology can be applied for more inclusive technology by providing several modes of interaction for a given system that enable people with various abilities to use it.

However, algorithmic bias reflects human bias in for instance training data sets where some representations occur more often than others. Historical examples of this have been seen with facial recognition systems that is trained mainly on images of white faces and can't recognize black people's faces correctly.

Machine learning systems can learn that past and current situations are preferred situations and not account for the possibility that the data set does not reflect a wanted situation, like for example if recruiting for a position where there's historically been gender dominance.
(https://levity.ai/blog/ai-bias-how-to-avoid)

By consciously programming Ais to account for ideal states of inclusion, rather than historical situations, AI technology can hopefully be used for more inclusive technology.

The concepts of understand and understanding

Understanding is a context-dependent concept (*Understanding Understanding*, n.d.). In the WCAG 2.1 guideline 3 is named Understandable. In this context it seems to me that the guidelines points to the importance of considering what users know and try to avoid using specialized terms or erroneous use of pronunciation and terms that can easily lead to misunderstandings.
Understanding can also be understood on a continuum rather than as a binary. The ore one knows about a given element the deeper ones understanding of a sentence or a problem.

and Human-AI interaction design guidelines relates to

When it comes to accessibility of technology then I understand understanding as a state of mind necessary to make use of or operate the technology in the way that the technology is intended to be used or/and in the way that is productive for the user. The ability to understand require the ability to perceive the relevant item and draw on existing knowledge.

When designers make sure that their design is understandable to users we need to consider how deeply something needs to be understood to be used and what most users are likely to understand based on their ability to perceive our message through their sensory apparatus (seeing hearing feeling) and their probable knowledge consisting of educational linguistic and conventional knowledge. This implies that specific knowledge items like abbreviations need to be explained and ambiguous terms needs to be contextually specified.

In the case of guideline 3 in WCAG 2.1 I make sense of the guidelines as pointing to different aspects of technology that needs to be made clear and draw on what is likely to be the abilities and knowledge of the vast majority of users. In the wcag guideline mentioning *making things clear*, like spelling out abbreviations and in the Human-AI guideline 1 and 2 however, understanding seems to be pointing to the need of providing knowledge to users.

On understanding in the WCAG 2.1 and Human-AI guidelines understanding seem on the other hand to be pointing to the need of providing knowledge and information.

Machines don't understand. We say that they can learn, and they have the equivalence of knowledge through available data. They can also be context aware. They have the ability to use previous events as the basis of future decisions. And yet, they do not understand in the way that humans understand. They cannot be in a state of mind. There's no understanding continuum for a computer. They do not understand even a little.

1.4 Guideline for Human-AI interaction

One of the 18 guidelines for human-AI interaction from Microsoft, and describe this guideline with a different example than what is given by Microsoft. (what example?)

11 Make clear why the system did what it did.

HCI design guidelines

http://www.mhhe.com/engcs/compsci/pressman/information/olc/InterfaceDesign.html

Similarities between HCI guidelines and Microsoft's Human-AI guidelines

Provide help facilities that are context sensitive. HCI

Guidelines for recovery and handling of errors is present in both sets of guidelines:

> ***Permit easy reversal of most actions.*** *UNDO or REVERSE functions have saved tens of thousands of end users from millions of hours of frustration. Reversal should be available in every interactive application. HCI*
>
> ***09 Support efficient correction.*** *Make it easy to edit, refine, or recover when the AI system is wrong.*

Guidelines for making help functions available are also available in both sets of guidelines:

> *Provide help facilities that are context sensitive. (HCI)*
>
> ***07 Support efficient invocation. AI***
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> *Make it easy to invoke or request the AI system's services when needed.*
>
> ***04 Show contextually relevant information.***

Display information relevant to the user's current task and environment.

Differences between HCI guidelines and Microsoft's Human-AI guidelines

Specific to HCI guidelines:

> *Be consistent. Use a consistent format for menu selection, command input, data display and the myriad other functions that occur in a HCI.*

Difficult to achieve in AI over time, maybe?

Capabilities and challenges specific to AI are reflected in the Human-AI design guidelines, such as

> *When wrong:*
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> ***10 Scope services when in doubt.***
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> *Engage in disambiguation or gracefully degrade the AI system's services when uncertain about a user's goals.*
>
> ***11 Make clear why the system did what it did.***
>
> *Enable the user to access an explanation of why the AI system behaved as it did.*
>
> *Over time:*
>
> ***13 Learn from user behavior.***
>
> *Personalize the user's experience by learning from their actions over time.*
>
> ***16 Convey the consequences of user actions.***
>
> *Immediately update or convey how user actions will impact future behaviors of the AI system.*
>
> ***17 Provide global controls.***
>
> *Allow the user to globally customize what the AI system monitors and how it behaves.*

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https://www.vegvesen.no/fag/fokusomrader/forskning-innovasjon-og-utvikling/innovasjonspartnerskap/stor/

https://www.tekniskmuseum.no/21-nyheter/893-oda-den-selvkjorende-bussen-pa-teknisk-museum