

Opening the HEad of The AI Beast

One possibility is that there is nothing today, or in the relatively near future, which reasonably could be construed as Artificial Intelligence, at least in any sense which matters for copyright issues. This might be called the "There's no there, there" position (shorthand: the tntt position).

In the alternative, there are two possibilities: there might be a larger range of possible future outcomes. In some cases (i have been the example of this one, by the way), the ramifications might be quite huge.

Huh? This is so general as if written by some cold machine.

REESE

Clearly he doesn't know what i'm talking about.

Nervous.

Aggressively unspecific.

(seems ill)

MAGGIE

Reese are you feeling alone? Do you need an appointment with Eliza?

REESE

No. i'm good.

Jonathan

Just to say super-quickly what the point is: i would say that ai is a big nothingburger. i mean, sure, various new algorithms do pretty amazing things, but there is nothing there which is qualitatively different, in a way that matters for politics or policy (or human happiness and freedom) from any previous new advance in algorithms. (i call this the "There's no there, there" perspective.)

Essentially, i think we should never use the phrase "artificial intelligence," it's stupid and misleading. Instead, we should talk about "statistical models" or even just "computer programs/tools."

REESE

So what's the use of the word artificial if it's just re-purposed for what's essentially a political agenda that finds no sense in it? i'd give it to Neytiri, but

she's off on a spiritual tangent.

MAGGIE