

# A Principled Component Analysis (PCA) of Open Source AI

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# hi, I'm julia

- research background in artificial intelligence (both symbolic and statistical)
- open source practitioner, engineer, and storyteller
- LaTeX and Lego enthusiast (but hey, at least one of them is free!)
- at AWS focusing on the intersection of open source and AI/ML
- creator of (bad) puns



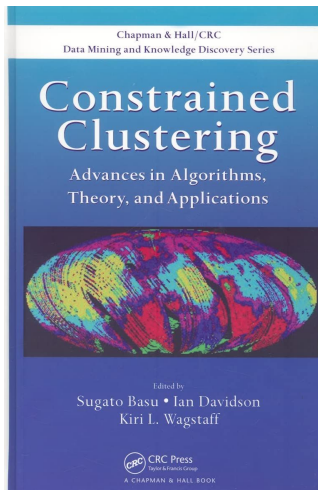
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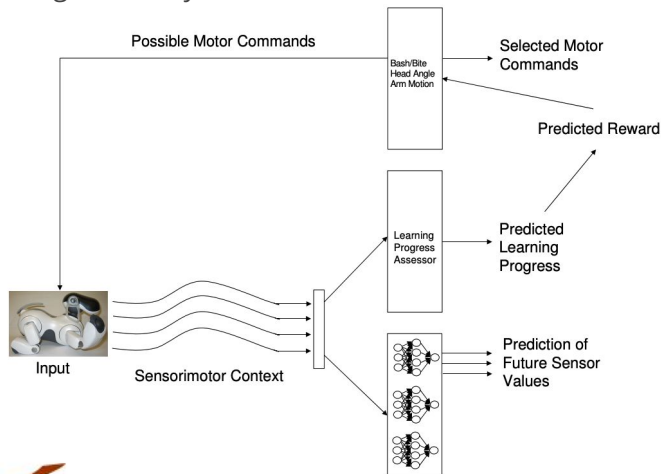
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yes, the title is a pun

# everyone needs an origin story



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# (some) foundations of artificial intelligence

ethics

psychology

computer science

linguistics

mathematics

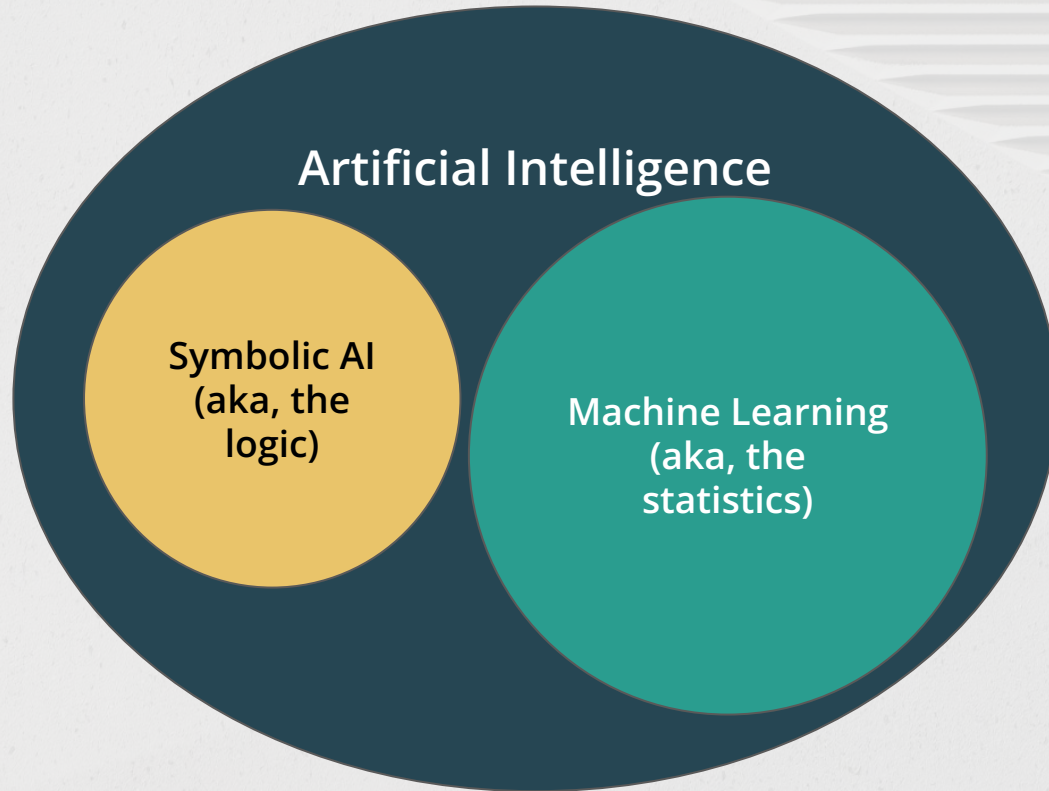
formal logic

cognitive science

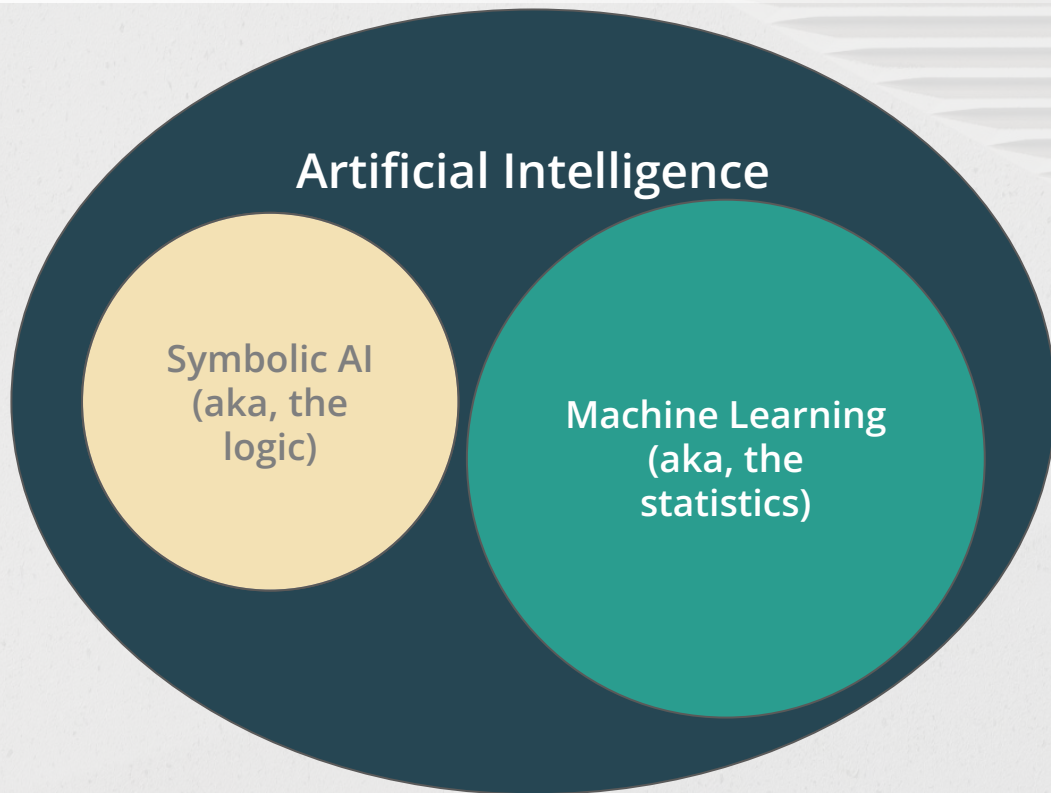
philosophy

economics

# a very (very) simplified diagram of AI



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# (some possible) elements of machine learning

data

transformation

cleaning

training

task / prompt

parameters

algorithm(s)

feedback / tuning


evaluation

model

interface

hardware





but if we reduce the  
dimensionality...

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## code

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- algorithm(s)

## other stuff

- hardware
- duration
- evaluation

## output

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- interface



it becomes easier to  
reason about

**data**



# data (the big problem)

*known problems include...*

- historic unknown provenance
- need for deidentification and anonymization
- privacy of feedback (if applicable)
- split of corpus (if applicable)

# data (the big problem)

*is the...*

- entire data set
- data description
- data sheet
- data collection methodology

*required to "recompile" a model?*



# data (the big problem)

## *unsolved problems...*

- equitable hosting costs
- transparency to avoid GIGO
- attribution and opting out
- rollback of data (and dependent models)

code



# code (the known quantity)

*it's open source software; I know this!*

- majority of machine learning fits in here
- governed by same requirements as open source software
- may produce a model or interface
- intersects with data
  - data cleaning / processing
  - moral and ethical value judgements codified

the other stuff



## other stuff (the unknown quantity)

*are these...*

- hardware specifications
- disclosure of training time
- additional configuration (if applicable)
- definition of correctness (if applicable)

*required to "recompile" a model?*

## other stuff (the unknown quantity)

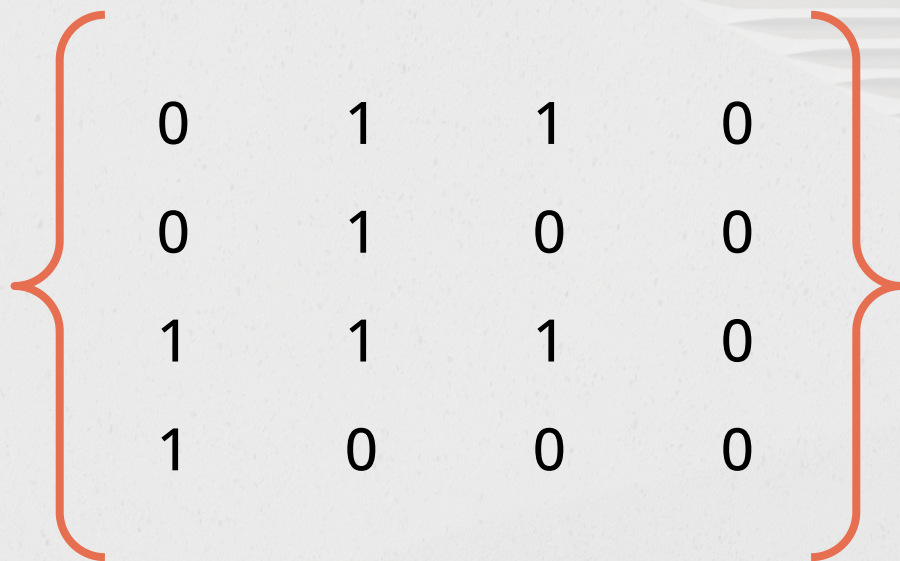
### *unsolved problems...*

- equitable compute cost
- access to hardware
- feedback loop(s)
- attribution



output

output (the *mostly* great unknown)



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0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0

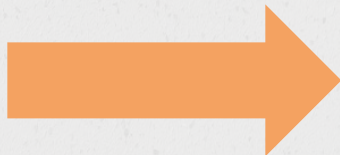
the open source litmus test



can I do *{machine learning task}* with *just this*?

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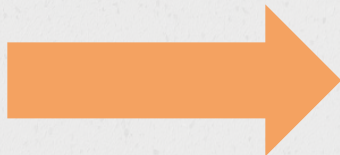


**NO**

can I do *{machine learning task}* with *just this*?

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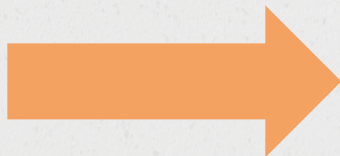
**NO**



can I do *{machine learning task}* with *just this*?

other stuff

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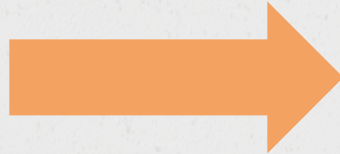


**NO**

can I do *{machine learning task}* with *just this*?

output

- model
- interface



**NO**



can I do {*machine learning task*} with all of this? **yes!**

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other questions...







**thanks!**