The development of AI thanks to advancements in hardware

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Motivation



IBM Minsky

Initial optimism

" I'm not trying to impress you or leave you amazed, but the easiest way I have to sum it up is to say that at the moment machines capable of thinking, learning and creating exist in the world. Furthermore, their ability to do that will quickly increase until (in a near future) the magnitude of problems they will be able to solve will be on par with human mind itself on the same tasks."

- Herbert Simon. 1957.



February 24, 1956. Arthur Samuel demonstration of his program in an IBM 701 computer

A crash with reality

- Problems when facing complex tasks.
- US translation project: "the spirit is strong but the flesh is weak" -> "the vodka is good but the flesh is rotten".
- Impossibility to handle combinatory explosion.







Advancements in CPUs

169,200 TIMES FASTER





APPLE II 1977 500,000 FLOPS US\$1298 Ryzen 7 1800X 2017 84,600,000,000 flops Full System: US\$800





IT'S SORT OF A STUPID COMPARISON. BUT IT'S INTERESTING.





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High computational power available to everyone thanks to GPUs

Millions of researchers, projects, applications... around the world



ETA10

- 1987 Supercomputer
- 10 GLOPS
- High power consumption
- Liquid nitrogen cooling
- Very expensive
- Only available for few universities and research centers, such as Florida State University or Johnson Space Center



NVIDIA GTX 1050

- 2016 entry level gpu
- 1800 GLOPS
- Less than 75 watts
- Passive cooling
- US\$ 110
- Available to everyone. You can buy one right now and be using it tomorrow morning.







GeForce 256: "A single-chip processor with integrated transform, lighting, triangle setup/clipping, and rendering engines that is capable of processing a minimum of 10 million polygons per second" - NVIDIA 1999



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Nvidia GTX 1080 (2560 Cores)

Intel i7. (4 Cores)

Intel Core i5 4690K a 4 core CPU at 4GHz vs NVIDIA GTX 970 a 1664 core GPU at 1,350GHz



Ok, GPUs are faster for videogames, but, why are so good for AI?



Airport simulation using multi agent systems

Neural networks, deep learning...



High bandwidth, computer power isn't everything

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DDR4 Low latency 50GB/S

GDDR5, GGDR5X, HBM High bandwidth 900GB/s



NEURAL NETWORK CPU vs GPU

TensorFlow. MNIST convolutional mode.

AMD Ryzen 7 1700 a 8 cores / 16 threads CPU at 3,2Ghz. Released: 2017. Price: US\$ 320

NVIDIA GTX 970 a 1664 core GPU at 1,350GHz Released: 2014. Price; US\$ 329

15.24 times faster



A world of possibilities \$\$ Real applications for AI \$\$



NVIDIA parker, a computer for autonomous cars with a 256 core GPU

A vision of the future



cuBLAS Single Precision (FP32)



GPU PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

	P100	V100	Ratio
DL Training	10 TFLOPS	120 TFLOPS	12x
DL Inferencing	21 TFLOPS	120 TFLOPS	6x
FP64/FP32	5/10 TFLOPS	7.5/15 TFLOPS	1.5x
HBM2 Bandwidth	720 GB/s	900 GB/s	1.2x
STREAM Triad Perf	557 GB/s	855 GB/s	1.5x
NVLink Bandwidth	160 GB/s	300 GB/s	1.9x
L2 Cache	4 MB	6 MB	1.5x
L1 Caches	1.3 MB	10 MB	7.7x

cuBLAS Mixed Precision (FP16 Input, FP32 compute)



New generation of supercomputers for AI





Nvidia DGX-1

IBM Minsky

Questions

