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A FUTURE THAT WORKS: AI, AUTOMATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND PRODUCTIVITY

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Amazing progress in AI and Automation

LipNet

Sentence: Place blue in m 1 soon LipNet:



26% errors

Humans





2016



SOURCE: Jeff Dean (Google Brain)





Why Now?



Algorithms/techniques – Neural Networks, CNNs, RNNs, Deep learning, Reinforcement Learning...



Compute power – Silicon (CPUs, GPUs, Tus ...); Hyperscale compute capacity, cloud available ...



Data – 50 exabytes (2000), 300 exabytes (2007); 4.4 zettabytes (2013), 44 zettabytes (2020) ...

Huge benefits to business, the economy and society

Machine learning has broad potential across industries and use cases



Impact score

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Good for business – Drives innovation, transformation and productivity

ACCURACY

OPTIMIZATION

THROUGHPUT

DISCOVERY

CREATION

PREDICTION

DECISIONS

SCALABILITY

Good for the economy - Automation can contribute to growth in GDP per capita FTE automation output (United States example, 2000–65)



Year

What about jobs?

Our approach focuses on activities and capabilities of currently demonstrated technologies

across all occupations

Occupations	Activities (retail example)
1 Retail sales- people	Greet customers
2 Food and beverage service workers	Answer questions about products and services
3 Teachers	Clean and maintain work areas
4 Health	Demonstrate product features
 practitioners 	Process sales and transactions
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	~2.000 activities assessed

Capability requirements

Social

- Social and emotional sensing
- Social and emotional reasoning
- Emotional and social output
- etc

Cognitive

- Natural language
- Recognizing known patterns / categories
- Generating novel patterns / categories
- Logical reasoning / problem solving
- Optimizing and planning
- Creativity
- Articulating/display output
- Coordination with multiple agents
- etc

Physical

- Sensory perception
- Fine motor skills/dexterity
- Gross motor skills
- Navigation
- Mobility
- etc

~800 occupations

Some activities have higher technical automation potential Time spent on activities that can be automated by adapting currently demonstrated technology %



BASED ON DEMONSTRATED TECHNOLOGY

Some sectors have more automatable activities than others

BASED ON DEMONSTRATED TECHNOLOGY

Size of bubble indicates % of time spent in US occupations



Employee weighted overall % of activities that can be All countries could be impacted by automation automated by adapting currently demonstrated technologies >51 <45 45–47 47–49 49–51 Automatability across economies





No data

Million FTE

\$ trillion

A small percentage of occupations can be fully automated by adapting current technologies, but almost all occupations have some activities that could be automated



While about 5% of occupations could have close to 100% of tasks automated,

More occupations will have portions of their tasks automated e.g.

60% of occupations could have 30% of tasks automated

Ability to technically automate

Percentage of time on activities that can be automated by adapting currently demonstrated technology



Hourly wage

\$ per hour

Several factors affect the pace and extent of AI and automation





Technical feasibility and pace of breakthroughs

Cost of developing and deploying technologies

Cost of labor and related supplydemand dynamics



Benefits including and beyond labor substitution



Regulatory and social factors

In summary...

We've seen this before—but is this time different? Distribution of labor share by sector in the United States, 1840–2010 %



So with huge benefits, some real challenges to address

For businesses and users

Benefits

- Faster innovation and business transformation
- Better performance, outcomes, quality, speed
- Overcome human limits; Solve new problems, create new opportunities and innovations
- Safety, utility, quality of life

Social and economic

Challenges

- Jobs and wages
- Skills and training
- Dislocation and transitions
- Distributional issues
- Acceptance

For economies and society

- Boost productivity growth,
 GDP growth and prosperity
- Counter aging or shrinking workforce
- Solve "moonshot" problems (e.g., climate)

Other issues

- Transparency, openness and competition
- Biases
- Safety, Cybersecurity
- Ethics