

Artificial intelligence

Computer scientists are developing artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms that can learn, analyse massive amounts of data and recognize patterns with superhuman efficiency. At the same time, biologists and social scientists are deciphering human emotions, desires and intuitions. The merger of infotech and biotech is giving rise to algorithms that can successfully analyse and communicate with us, and that may soon outperform human doctors, drivers, soldiers and bankers at such tasks. These algorithms could eventually push hundreds of millions out of the job market.

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