P01b – Reading Assignment, Revisited

1. Task

You have almost completed a one-semester AI course by now that started out with a very optimistic scenario on the future prospects of AI (see P01) – and you have put your own opinion about it in a blog post. Now, at almost the end of the course, you are asked to revisit your opinion piece, and provide a concise and convincing reply.

Please start by reading again your own thoughts (if you haven't completed P01, sit down now and formulate 3 theses[1] about your view on the future of AI, and its impact on your world, work and life – and put them on a blog on the internet that at least you and the lecturer can see).

Then, please read the following article[2]:

- Rodney Brooks: "The Seven Deadly Sins of Predicting the Future of AI", Essay, September 7, 2017, available online (2017-11-20): http://rodneybrooks.com/the-seven-deadly-sins-of-predicting-the-future-of-ai/

Now please create a follow-up post to your P01 piece that summarizes and then gives any updates (be it a change or rather a reinforcement) of your previous opinion. Make it as concise as possible while still being argumentatively convincing. Make sure it has at most 500 words (that is roughly a one-pager).

You may use the following sections to structure your thoughts.

2. Guiding questions

You may find it helpful to consider the following questions:

- How trustworthy do you think the information in the articles for P01 has been? For P02? For the "Where's the Intelligence?"-slides on the lecture material? How can this be evaluated? How trustworthy is your own judgment now, in your own sight? Why?
- Did your view change? Why? What convinced you?
- Did your view stay the same? In which way was it influenced anyway by the arguments you read or heard throughout the course?

[1] A thesis is basically a statement, along with a short explanation; overall, not more than one paragraph.
[2] Apologies for it not being concise, but rather comprehensive again. A more brief version is available here: https://www.technologyreview.com/s/609048/the-seven-deadly-sins-of-ai-predictions/

- How would you summarize the main arguments in the “Wait but why?” article (P01)? How would you summarize the main arguments in the “Seven deadly sins” article (P01b)?

3. The Seven Deadly Sins of Predicting the Future of AI

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