

Intelligent people of good faith strongly disagree on the likelihood of existential risk from AI. We attempt here to map out how the intuitions of doomers and skeptics often differ.

Things to hit in this article

- How capable will eventual AIs be?
  - GPT4+. This crowd tends to say “AI can’t even do X” or “You are imagining sci-fi”.
  - A godlike, nearly omnipotent entity. Capable of most anything physics permits, including outsmarting groups of people
- When will AGI arrive? 5 years vs 50 years vs impossible
- Can things fundamentally change within a decade?
  - Some people expect things to stay basically the same and changes to happen gradually.
  - Others expect everything to be different with AGI, and fast.
  - Related to adoption speed in economy, as well as blockers to the speed of progress in the physical world.
- Takeoff speed: How fast do we go from “pretty-impressive” to “godlike”?
- How robust is human civilization?
  - EA folks notice potential near-misses on x-risk such as Petrov and the Oppenheimer set-fire-to-the-atmosphere situation.
  - Kevin Esvelt and others on CBRN risks amplified by AI.
  - Fears of AI propaganda.
  - Other (non-EA) domain experts strongly disagree.
  - Steven is not sure this should be here

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