We were very pleased that you could stop by – on your way to Senegal! That's impressive. Valeria enjoyed it very much as well, and it seemed to have a good effect. She was a lot better today. We even went out for a walk for the first time.

Don't entirely follow what you say below. About AI, the field has two parts. One is basically engineering: let's construct a driverless car, a robot that can clean the house, etc. The other is basically science: let's try to discover how the human mind works, adopting a standard procedure of constructing models, and since we're thinking of the mind as basically a computational system, computational models. Normal science.

I have never seen any difference between the kind of work that I do – and Bob, and quite a few others – and the second kind of AI, which has pretty much withered on the vine as resources are poured into the first kind – which is doubtless of considerable importance, as engineering generally is.

So it's not really clear to me what is at stake.

Noam

thank you for hosting me last night   I could not pass up the opportunity to see you both, but thought it prudent not to strain Valeria's time.. (good juice) My thinking is as follows. I suggest that artificial intelligence and common sense are the computational models. but computation does not need language.   It appears along the inverse function ie questions ? what if? then you need a language that has infinite possible configurations. . even a dog knows what happens if i throw the ball,   only human thought asks what if ,   no gravity, what if, ball filled with helium etc.   I think it is AI to the the power of minus 1.   so if chemical feedback loops , began to anticipate their reactions to many previously unsearched configurations.

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