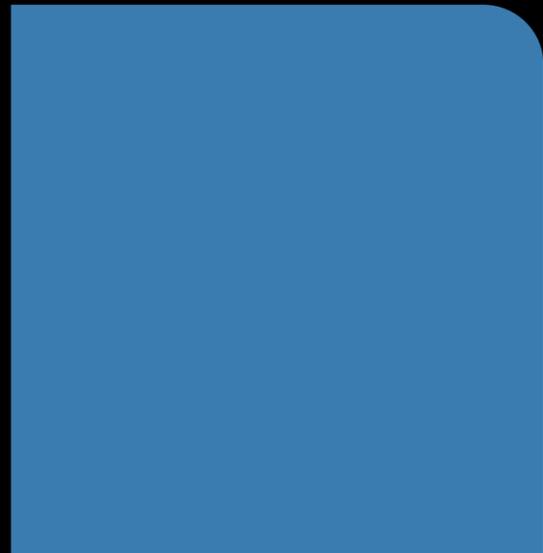




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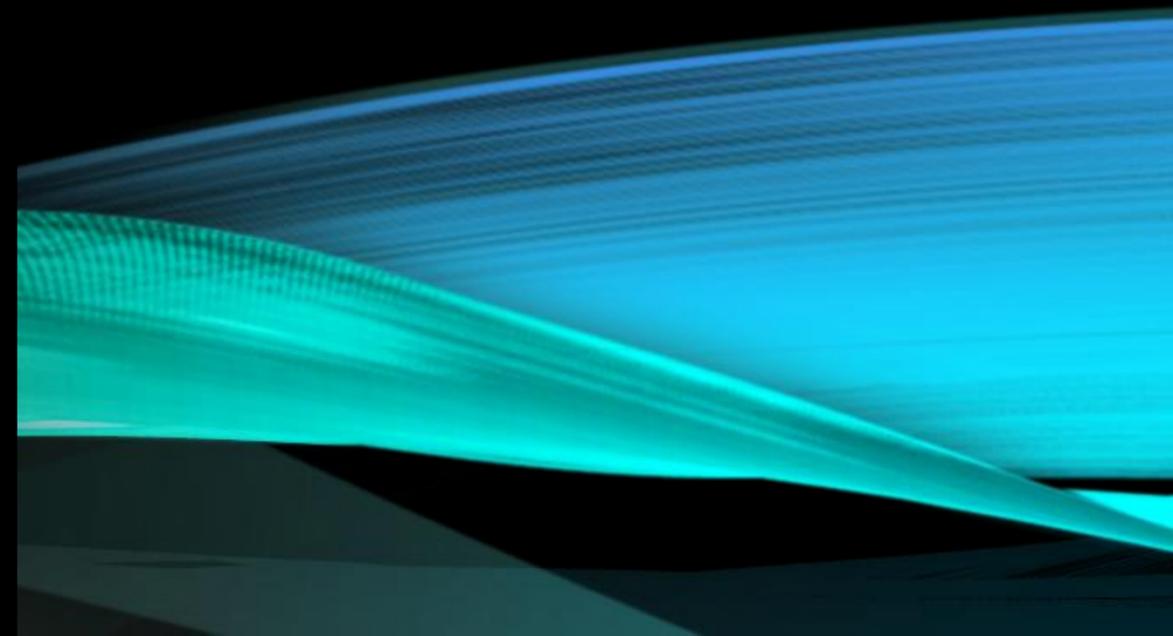


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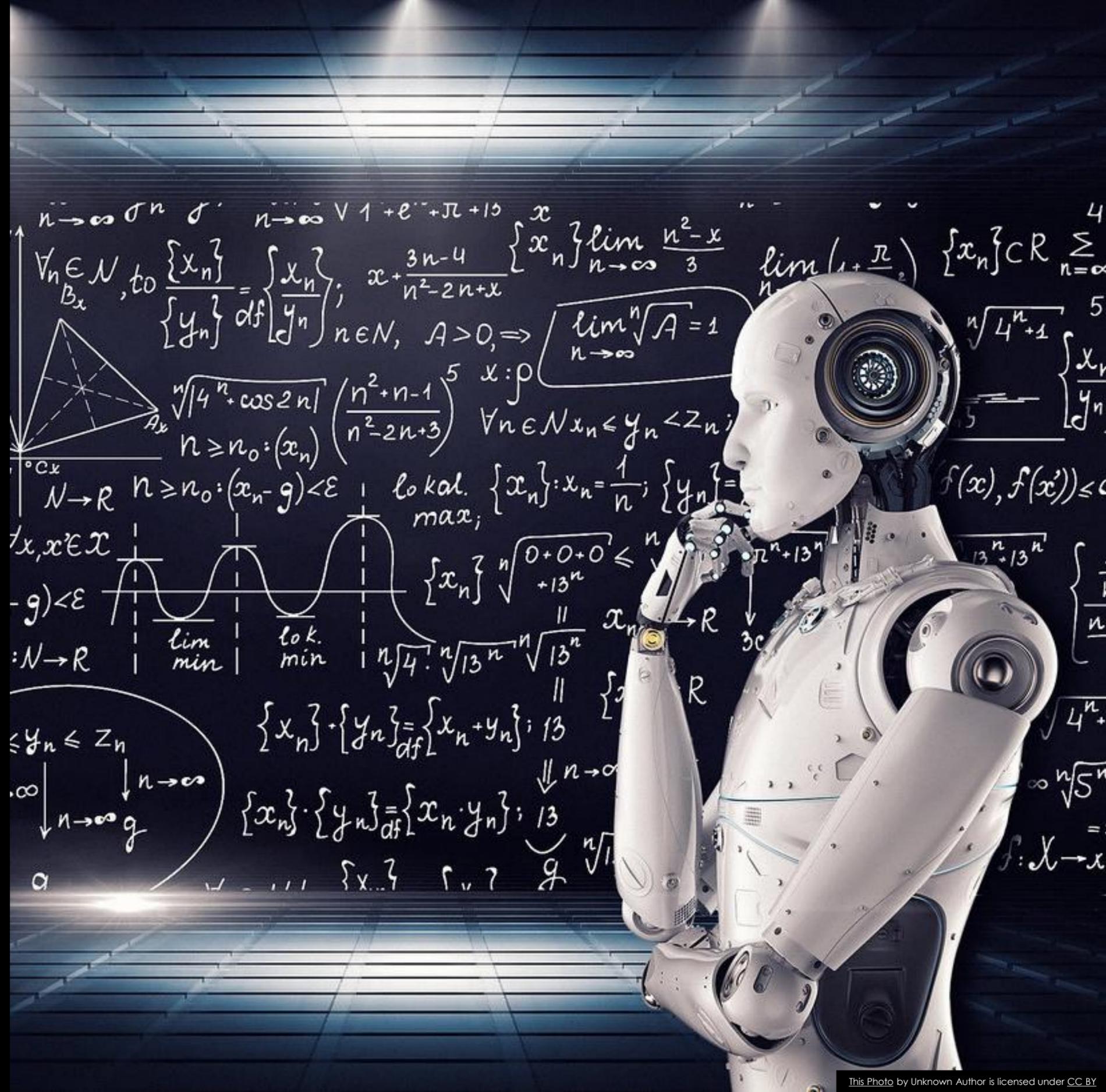
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# LET'S CHAT: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & YOU

I. What excites you the most about AI?

II. What concerns you the most?



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# Introduction

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# HYPE VS REALITY

HYPE	REALITY
AI writes your Business Strategy	AI organizes your documents faster
Full Automation	Targeted Augmentation
Overnight Results	Iterative Improvement
Ready to Start	Need to Assess Readiness



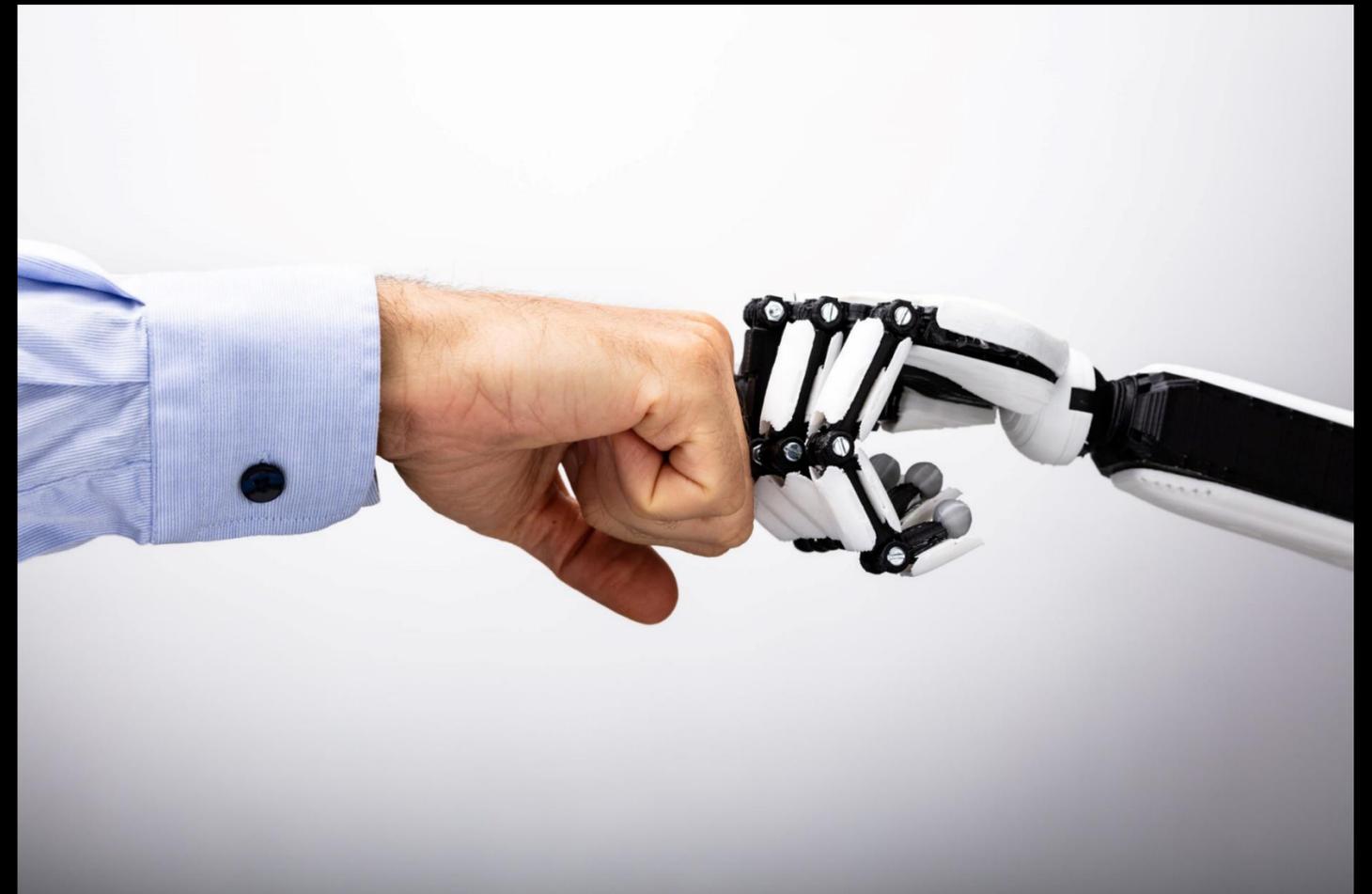


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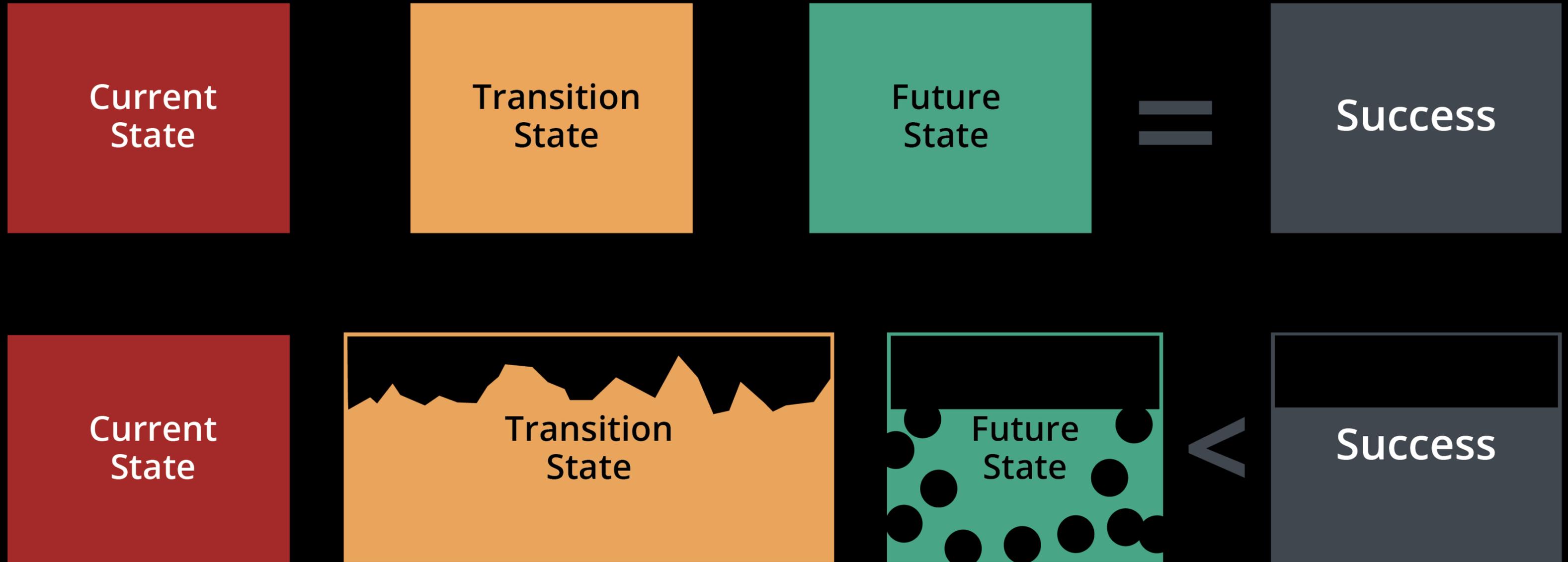
# STARTING WITHOUT STRATEGY



- Readiness Assessment
- Human Machine Interaction
- Ethical Discernment
- Data Constraints
- Scrutinize Outputs
- Actionable Business Challenge
- ROI and Value Creation



# WHY IS CHANGE MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT?



# WHAT'S NEXT?



- **Advancements in Generative AI**  
Generative AI technologies, such as large language models (LLMs), are becoming more specialized and trustworthy. These models will increasingly be trained on curated, debiased datasets to improve their reliability and reduce misinformation.
- **Expansion Beyond IT Departments**  
AI is becoming integral across all business functions, not just IT. Generative AI is expected to be widely adopted for strategic problem-solving in marketing, operations, and HR. This democratization of AI ensures that more teams leverage its capabilities for tailored solutions





PRACTICAL AI USE CASES –  
CREATING ACTIONABLE BUSINESS  
VALUE

# BUSINESS VALUE CREATION

- $ROI = \text{Value Created} - \text{Cost of Implementation} - \text{Cost of Change Management}$

## Healthcare Example

AI model predicts patient no-shows

Result: 15% better scheduling → \$2M/year revenue recovered

## HR Example

NLP on exit interviews → New insights into attrition

Result: 10% improvement in retention → cost savings



# USE CASES SPANNING MULTIPLE INDUSTRIES



## 1. Automation

AI-powered automation involves using algorithms to perform repetitive and rule-based tasks without human intervention. This includes robotic process automation (RPA) for administrative work, manufacturing automation for assembly lines, and chatbots for customer interactions. Automation improves efficiency, reduces errors, and lowers operational costs across industries.

## 2. Data Analysis

AI excels in analyzing vast amounts of structured and unstructured data quickly and accurately. Techniques like Natural Language Processing (NLP) and computer vision enable AI to derive insights from text, images, and videos. Businesses use AI for customer sentiment analysis, supply chain optimization, and sales forecasting, leading to better-informed decisions and improved resource allocation.

## 3. Prediction

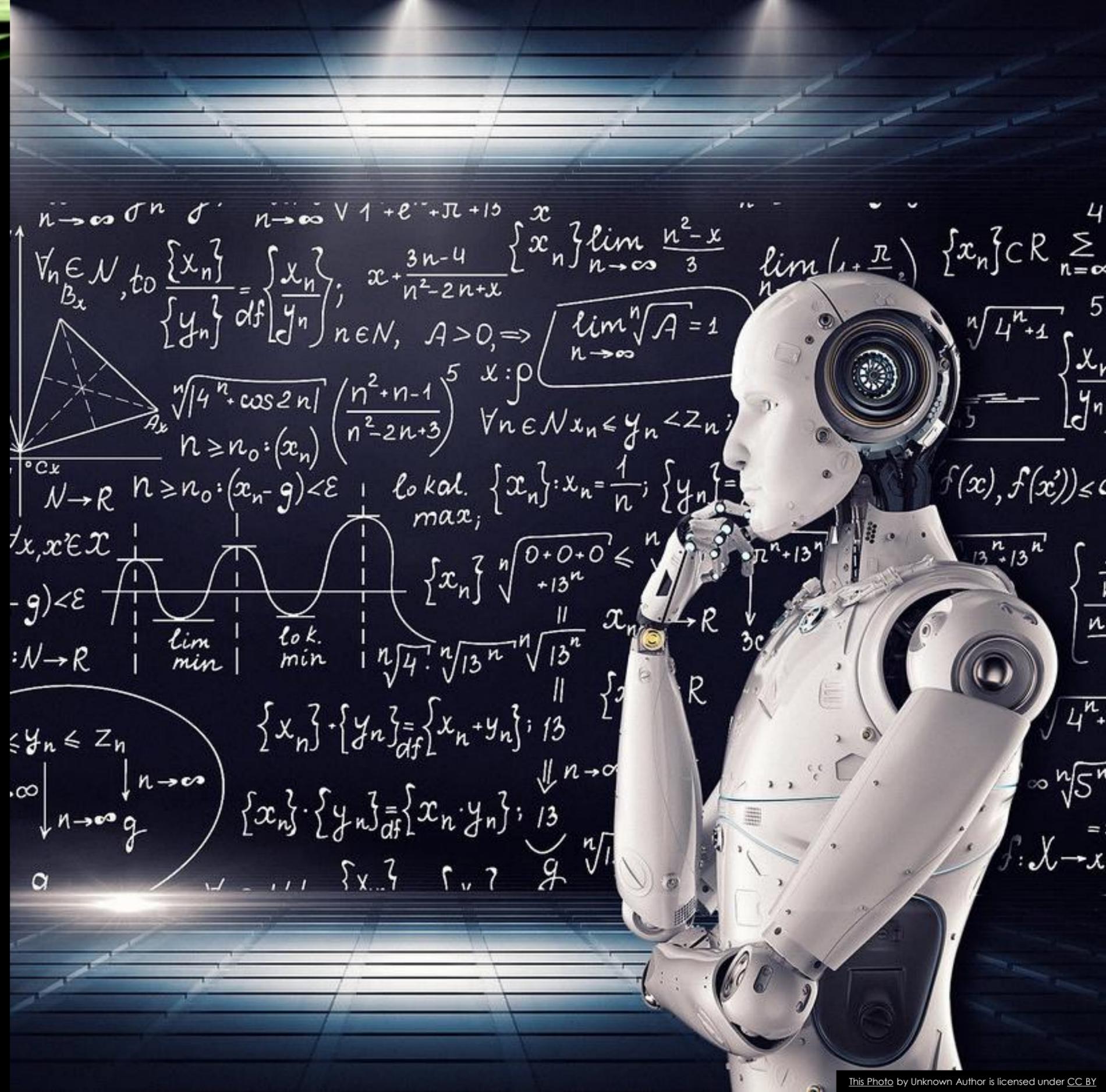
Prediction capabilities in AI leverage historical data to forecast future trends or behaviors. Machine learning models are particularly effective for predicting customer behavior, equipment failure, and market shifts. This capability empowers businesses to anticipate risks, optimize strategies, and seize opportunities, significantly enhancing agility and preparedness.

## 4. Decision Making

AI-driven decision-making uses real-time data and advanced algorithms to recommend or execute optimal actions. This includes dynamic pricing in e-commerce, treatment recommendations in healthcare, and fraud prevention in banking. AI reduces human bias, speeds up decision-making processes, and ensures better outcomes by analyzing all relevant variables comprehensively.

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Find one pain point in your business
- Ask: Can data + prediction improve it?
- Run a 2-week pilot with measurable KPIs
- Partner with business + data + change leaders



# THANK YOU!



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