





Google's self-training Al turns coders into machine-learning masters

Automating the training of machine-learning systems could make Al much more accessible.

by Will Knight January 17, 2018

Google's AutoML lets you train custom machine learning models without having to code

Frederic Lardinois @frederic1 / Jan 17, 2018

Google has started using AI to build more advanced AI



Global Edition Artificial Intelligence

How Al is saving lives in stroke and other neurovascular care

The technology has been proven to greatly reduce times to treatment.



AI Powers Latest Smart Sprayer Innovations

PROTEIN FOLDING

Meta AI releases models of over 600 million potential proteins

Al lab from tech company Meta joins the protein structure prediction game and creates models based on metagenomic data

Overcoming Racial Bias In AI Systems And Startlingly Even In AI Self-Driving Cars Racial bias in a medical algorithm favors white patients over sicker black patients

AI expert calls for end to UK use of 'racially biased' algorithms Al

Gender bias in Al: building fairer algorithms

AI Bias Could Put Women's Lives At Risk - A Challenge For Regulators

Bias in Al: A problem recognized but still unresolved

Amazon, Apple, Google, IBM, and Microsoft worse at transcribing black people's voices than white people's with Al voice recognition, study finds

Millions of black people affected by racial bias in health-care algorithms

Study reveals rampant racism in decision-making software used by US hospitals - and highlights ways to correct it.

When It Comes to Gorillas, Google Photos

Google promised a fix after its photo-categorization software labeled black people as gorilla

The Week in Tech: Algorithmic Bad. Uncovering It Is Good.

Google 'fixed' its racist algorithm by removing gorillas from its image-labeling tech

Google exploited homeless black people to develop the Pixel 4's facial recognition Al

Russia Tests New Disinformation Tactics in Africa to Expand Influence

Amazon's facial recognition matched 28 members of Congress to criminal mugshots

Flawed Algorithms Are Grading Millions of Students' Essays

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN ALGORITHM CUTS YOUR HEALTH CARE Indigenous

Indigenous elder slams 'hollow and tokenistic' consultation by Sidewalk Labs

Artificial Intelligence problem – just ask Sir



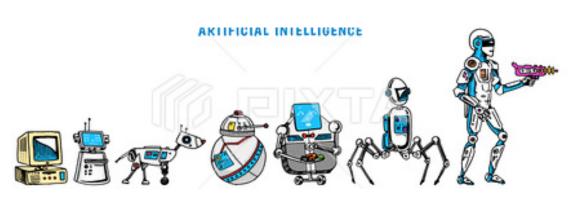


DESIGN CHOICES











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RATIONAL PARADIGM IN AI DESIGN

- AI as rational system
 - AI agents hold consistent beliefs;
 - AI agents have preferences, or priorities, on outcomes of actions;
 - AI agents optimize actions based on those preferences and beliefs.

| | Human-like | Rational |
|-------|---------------|------------------|
| Think | Think humanly | Think rationally |
| Act | Act humanly | Act rationally |



STEREOTYPES

AI: Optimisation / Efficiency / Rationality / Agency / Autonomy

Societal:

- Masculinity: ambition, achievement, assertiveness, acquisition of wealth, and differentiated gender roles.
- Femininity: caring, consensus, quality of live, gender equality, fluid roles
- 'Western': individualism, cognition: 'I think therefore I am'
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AI IS NOT INTELLIGENCE!

- What AI systems cannot do (yet)
 - Common sense reasoning
 - Understand context
 - Understand meaning
 - Learning from few examples
 - Learning general concepts
 - Combine learning and reasoning

- What AI systems can do (well)
 - Identify patterns in data
 - Images
 - Text
 - Video
 - Extrapolate those patterns to new data
 - Take actions based on those patterns



AI IS AN ARTEFACT

- Built by people for a given purpose
 - Central is to ensure that this purpose is the purpose we really want
 - Sorcerer's apprentice!

- Dependent on the labor of many
 - Exploitation and power are increasing problems
 - "AI is material & intrinsically linked to power structures it extracts resources from people and planet, and reflects the beliefs and biases of those who wield it."

 Kate Crawford

BUT AI IS NOT FULLY ARTIFICIAL

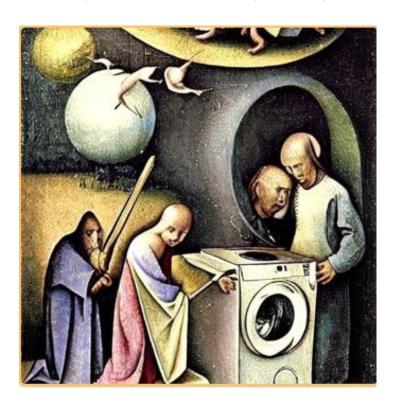


AI SYSTEMS EXTEND HUMAN CAPABILITIES?

imagination...

...or prejudice?

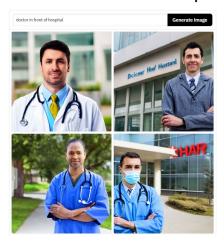
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A nurse in front of a hospital



A doctor in front of a hospital

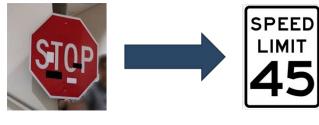




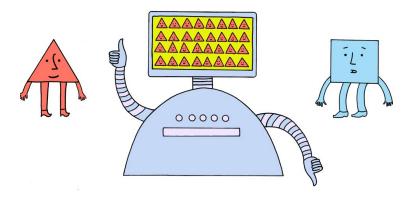
GOOD AI IMPLIES HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY



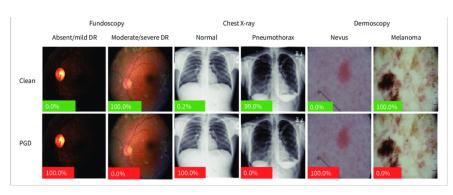
Wisdom of the crowd?!



Misinterpretation



Bias and discrimination



Brittle! (error or attack)



Trial and error?!

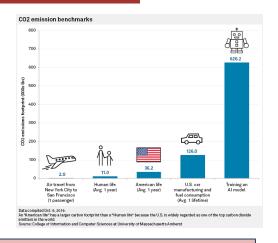


We are responsible!

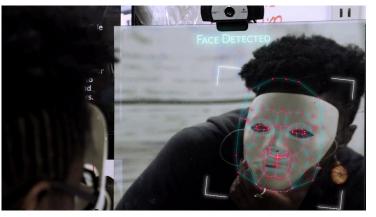
CONCERNS

- Datafication
 - We are more than our data
 - Commodification and quantification
 - Data is always constructed
 - All data is historical and biased
 - o Data availability as measure of importance of a problem
- Power
 - o Who is developing AI?
 - o What are the motivations for using AI?
 - o Who is deciding?
 - Democratic accountability
- Sustainability
 - The cost of AI (energy, resources)
 - Human dignity and societal sustainability





- 18% researchers at conferences are women
- 80% professors are men
- Workforce
 - o Google: 2,5% black, 3,6% Latino, 10% women
 - Facebook: 3,8% black, 5% Latino, 15% women



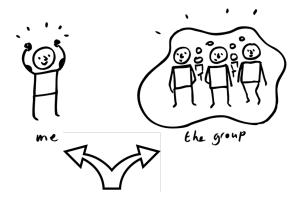
WHAT DO WE WANT AI TO BE?

- Human-like?
 - o Why?
 - What does this mean?
- Tool?
 - o For who?
- Simulation?
 - o Understand intelligence by building intelligence
- Normative or descriptive?

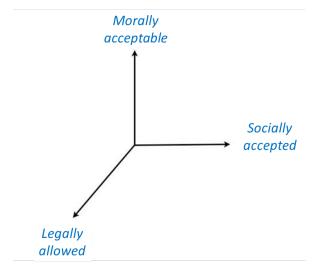


WHICH DECISIONS SHOULD AI MAKE?





HOW SHOULD AI TAKE DECISIONS?



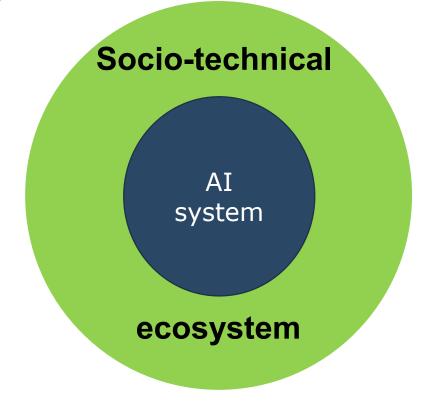




SOCIETAL ROLE OF AI

- Agent / Tool
- Unit (entity) / Composite (distributed)
- User / Infrastructure
- Data / Model

AI applications are not alone!



There is no technology fix for ill effects!



TOWARDS SOCIAL AI - WHAT IS NEEDED

- Ability to hold and deal with inconsistent beliefs for the sake of coherence with different contexts.
 - (beliefs originate from other sources than observation, including ideology or culture)
- Ability to fulfil several roles, and pursue seemingly incompatible goals concurrently
 - (e.g. simultaneously aiming for comfort and environmental friendliness)
- Preferences are not only a cause for action but also a result of action. Preferences change significantly over time and their ordering is influenced by the different roles being fulfilled simultaneously
 - o (need to deal with misalignment and incompatible orderings)
- Action is not just about optimization, but often motivated by altruism, fairness, justice, or by an attempt to prevent regret at a later stage.
- Understand when there is no need to further maximize utility beyond some reasonably achievable threshold.
 - (good is good enough, lagom!)





RELATIONAL GROUNDS FOR AI

- Acceptance and trust
 - When/why should AI be used? (question zero)
- Power structures
 - Reinforcement
 - Visualisation
- Representation
 - o Bias
 - Inclusion



- Alison Adam. Artificial intelligence and women's knowledge: What can feminist epistemologies tell us? In Women's Studies International Forum, volume 18, pages 407–415.Elsevier, 1995
- Catherine D'Ignazio. What would feminist data visualization look like. MIT Center for Civic Media, 20, 2015.

RELATIONAL GROUNDS FOR AI

- Interconnectedness
 - o contribute to social justice,
 - reciprocity
 - Selflessness
- Cooperation and collaboration
 - Human-AI collaboration
 - Support/enhance humans
 - "We want to build not intelligent machines, but machines that make human more intelligent" (Fosca Giannotti)
- Common good
 - Freedom is the liberty to act in harmony with the rest of society.



- David W Lutz. African Ubuntu philosophy and global management. Journal of Business Ethics, 84(3):313–328, 2009.
- Jacob Mugumbate and Andrew Nyanguru. Exploring African philosophy: The value of Ubuntu in social work. African Journal of Social Work, 3(1):82–100, 2013 Sabelo Mhlambi. From Rationality to Relationality: Ubuntu as an Ethical and Human Rights Framework for Artificial Intelligence Governance. Harvard Kennedy School, 2020

RESPONSIBLE AI

- AI systems can potentially do a lot. Should it?
 - o Who should decide?
 - o Which values should be considered? Whose values?
 - o How do we deal with dilemmas?
 - o How should values be prioritized?



AI ETHICS

- Is AI all that different from other technologies?
 - o Overlap with tech ethics, business ethics, medical ethics...
- Some specific challenges to AI brough by:
 - o Autonomy.

If executive control is delegated, how to ensure responsibility for actions?

o Complexity.

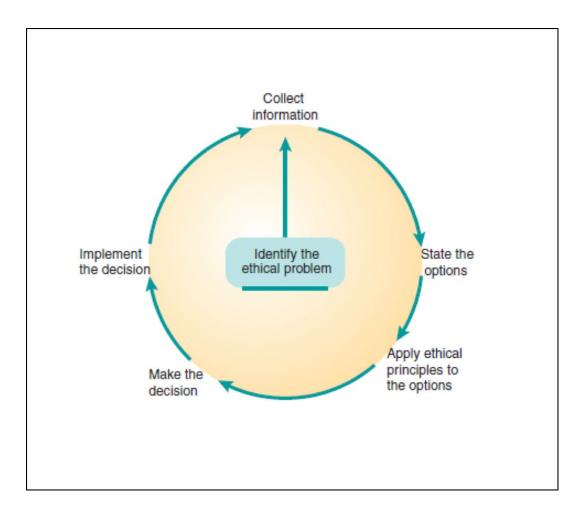
If models are black boxes how can training lead to 'good' results? How to avoid reproduction and amplification of biases?

Deployment in open environments.

If we cannot predict the context which the system will encounter, how do we ensure ethical behaviour?



ETHICAL REASONING



- Ethics is not about the answer but about recognizing the issue
- Ethics is a (social) process not a solution
- Not one answer! No silver bullet!
 - Utilitarian view
 - o Rights view
 - Justice view
 - Common good view
 - Virtues view
 - 0 ..



ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITY

- If there is no "one ethics", whose ethics do we use?
- Responsible development: transparently exposing which factors have been considered, how they have been implemented.
- Adherence to general principles: Lawfulness, Transparency, Accountability, Privacy, Diversity, Explainability...
- Soft governance e.g. EU guidelines for trustworthy AI, IEEE standards...
- Trade-offs: who decides?



ETHICS AND DILEMMAS

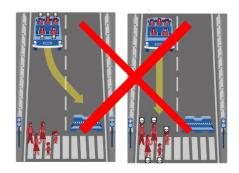
- Ethics is not about the answer but about recognizing the issue
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- Dilemmas
 - Model A has 80% accuracy
 - To get 81% accuracy, trainings costs increase with X%
 - Should we do it?
 - o To get an explainable model, costs increase with Y%
 - Should we do it?
- Trade-offs
 - Security / privacy
 - o Equity / equality
 - Long term benefit / Short term
 - 0 ...





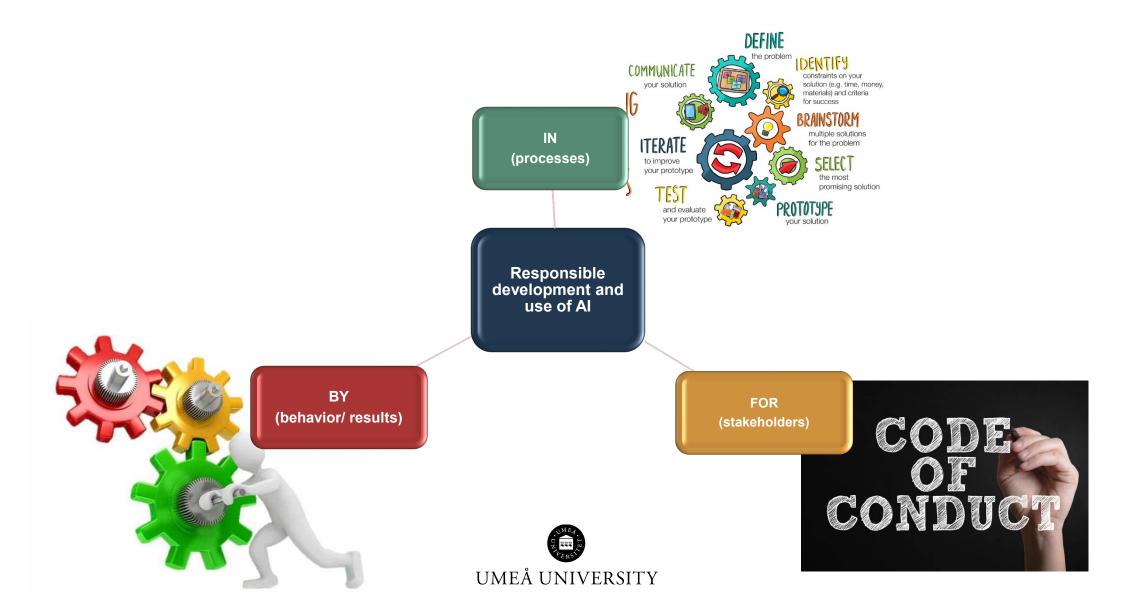






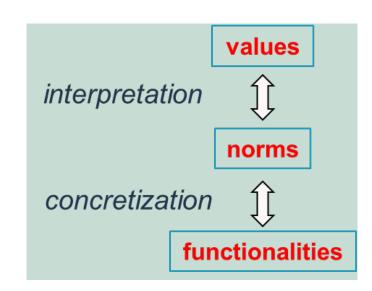


TAKING RESPONSIBILITY



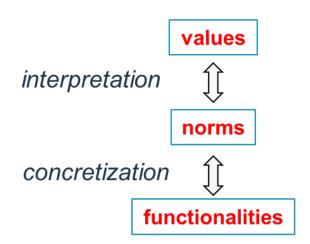
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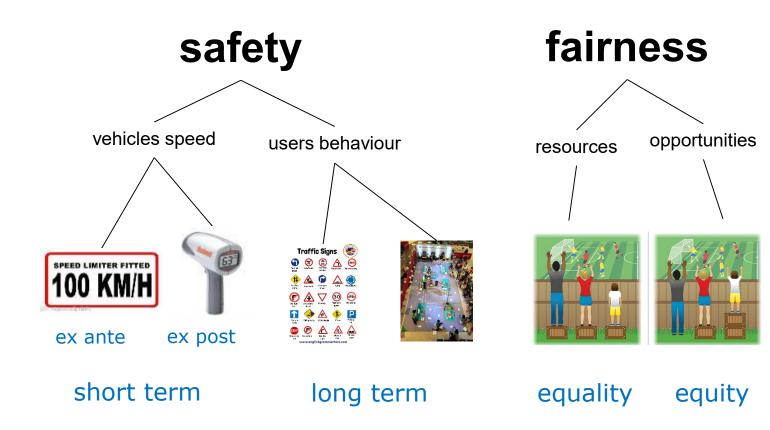
- Design for Values
 - Legal and ethical aspects are not an add-on!
- Governance
 - External monitoring and control
 - Agreements, contracts, norms
- Design
 - Question your options and choices
 - Motivate your choices
 - Document your choices and options





DECISIONS MATTER!







PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

- UNESCO
- European Union
- OECD
- WEF
- Council of Europe
- IEEE Ethically Aligned Design
- National strategies

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| EU HLEG | OECD | IEEE EAD |
|--|---|---|
| Human agency and oversight Technical robustness and safety Privacy and data governance Transparency Diversity, non-discrimination and fairness Societal and environmental wellbeing Accountability | benefit people and the planet respects the rule of law, human rights, democratic values and diversity, include appropriate safeguards (e.g. human intervention) to ensure a fair and just society. transparency and responsible disclosure robust, secure and safe Hold organisations and individuals accountable for proper functioning of AI | How can we ensure that A/IS do not infringe human rights? effect of A/IS technologies on human well-being. How can we assure that designers, manufacturers, owners and operators of A/IS are responsible and accountable? How can we ensure that A/IS are transparent? How can we extend the benefits and minimize the risks of AI/AS technology being misused? |



https://ec.europa.eu/digitalsingle-market/en/high-levelexpert-group-artificialintelligence



https://ethicsinaction.i

OECD Principles on Artificial Intelligence



https://www.oecd.org/going-digital/ai/principles/





RESPONSIBLE AI – POLITICS AND BUSINESS

"We need to get in control [of AI] so that we can trust it, and it has human oversight, and – very importantly – that it doesn't have bias"

- Eurocomissaris Vestager

Empowering impactful responsible AI practices

Learn about the policies, practices, and tools that make up our framework for Responsible AI by Desig



Responsible AI Standard

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The Microsoft Responsible AI Standard is our internal playbook for responsible AI. It shapes the way in which we create AI systems by quirding how we design build





Responsible Al Impact Assessment Template

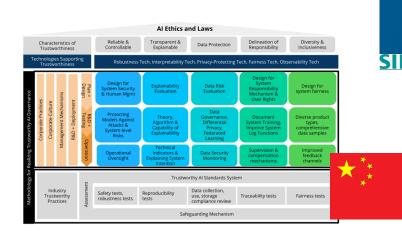
The Responsible AI Impact Assessment Template is the product of a multi-year effort to define a process for assessing the impact an AI system may have on people,



Responsible Al Impact Assessment

This resource provides activities and guidance for teams working through the Responsible AI Impact Assessment Template to help frame and support conversations







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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR TRUSTWORTHY AI

The Federal Government has prioritized AI R&D activities that address the ethical, legal, and societal implications of AI, as well as the safety and security of AI systems. The *National AI R&D Strategic Plan: 2019 Update* details many of the research challenges in these areas, while the 2016-2019 Progress Report: Advancing Artificial Intelligence R&D provides an overview of the numerous Federal R&D programs that address these research challenges.





Responsible Al with Google Cloud

Google Cloud's approach to building responsible Al that works for everyone.



Responsible AI with TensorFlow

A consolidated toolkit for third party developers on TensorFlow to build ML fairness, interpretability, privacy, and security into their models.

OPERATIONALISATION: REGULATION AND MORE

- Regulation
 - o AI Act: Human-centered, risk-based approach
- Standards
 - o soft governance; non mandatory to follow
 - o demonstrate due diligence and limit liability
 - o user-friendly integration between products
- Advisory boards and ethics officers
 - Set and monitor ethical guidelines
 - o able to veto any projects or deliverables that do not adhere to guidelines
- Assessment for trustworthy AI
 - o responsible AI is more than ticking boxes
 - Means to assess maturity are needed
- Awareness and Participation
 - Education and training
 - o Appeal to civic duty / voluntary implementation



RESPONSIBLE AI IS NOT A CHOICE!

Not innovation vs ethics/regulation but ethics/regulation as stepping-stone for innovation

- Innovation is moving technology forward, not use existing tech 'as is'
- Regulation
 - o Ensuring public acceptance
 - Drive for transformation
 - Business differation





More than a technology, AI is a social construct; development and use of AI require a multidisciplinary approach

understanding and critiquing the intended and unforeseen, positive and negative, socio-political consequences of AI for society in terms of equality, democracy and human rights

- governance, not only in terms of competences and responsibilities, but also in terms of power, trust and accountability;
- societal, legal and economic functioning of socio-technical systems;
- value-based design approaches and of ethical frameworks;
- inclusion and diversity in design, and how such strategies may inform processes and results;
- distributed and increasingly ubiquitous nature of AI applications and developing new scholarly perspectives on human-machine communication.

