

Generative Artificial Intelligence and Research Ethics

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1-1 Characteristics is Data Intelligence



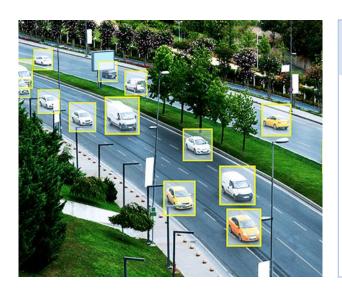
machine learning, deep
learning, computer vision,
natural language processing,
and data mining...

Data Intelligence

- Data ——"Oil in the 21st Century "
- The technical essential characteristics of AI is data intelligence, and the difference is reflected in the execution of the logic algorithm.
- How does data make a difference: One is the characteristics of the dataset (versatility, specificity). The other is the quality of the data (without bias and discrimination).

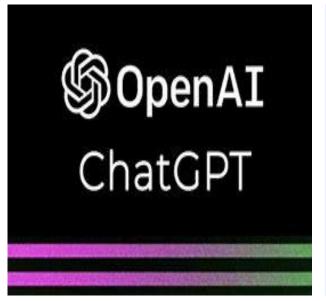
1-2 From Dedicated Data to Global Data





Traditional: dedicated data

- Traditional models are usually developed for specific tasks (e.g. classification, recognition, translation, etc.) or trained for specific domains (e.g. medical care, transportation, etc.).
- These data usually need to be manually labeled in advance



ChatGPT: global data

- GPT-3 was learning in an unsupervised training on a massive 45TB corpus, with a very simple training model.
- GPT3.5 further uses **12,000 supervised < prompt,answer > data**.
- ChatGPT's excellent ability to "learning" and "understanding" comes from the emergent effect of increasing the amount of data.

1-3 Gap between AI and Human Brain



- Models with more parameters, more training data, or more training computations will perform better
 - Minerva of Google —— 540 billion parameters, 780 billion labeled datasets, 118GB dataset of scientific papers
- Large models generate huge energy consumption
 - One training of the GPT-3 consumes as much energy as 126
 Danish homes in a year and produces the same amount of CO2 emissions as driving 700,000 km



Foundation model



Small modelization

- Biologically, the human brain has 86 billion neurons and about 100 trillion synaptic connections
 - Biological neurons remain mostly quiet with only occasional spikes of activity, while neural network neurons are constantly on
 - Hinton argues that future AI systems will be primarily unsupervised from a biological perspective, with cognitive capabilities needed to be called human-level AI systems





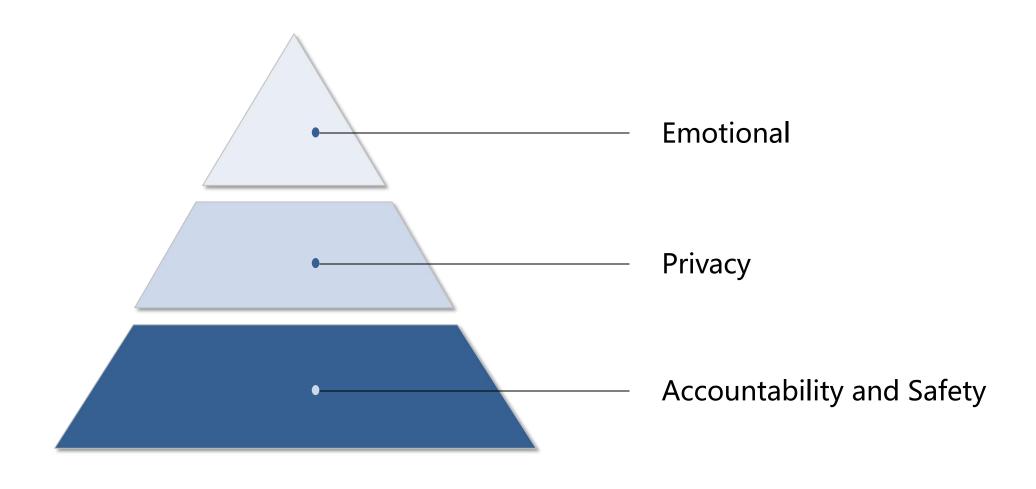
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Artificial intelligence ethical risks mainly arise in the application process

2-1 Accountability and Safety



The damage or error that an AI system may cause when performing a task or making a decision, and how to determine where responsibility belongs and how to compensate, moral dilemma is a hard issue.



Autonomous driving

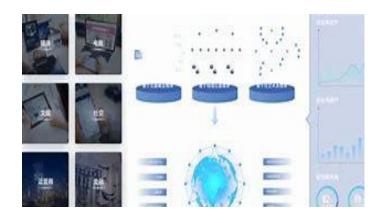


Medical diagnosis of AI

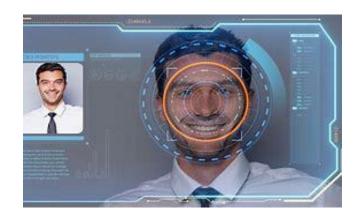


Weaponization of AI

 AI systems may violate or disclose individual or collective privacy information when collecting, processing, storing, and sharing data, and how to protect and respect privacy rights



Targeted advertising



Public safety



Data correlation

2-3 Emotional issues



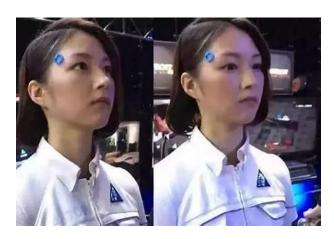
 AI systems may affect human emotional states when interacting with humans, which may adversely affect human emotional health and well-being or make humans feel dependent



Nursing robots



Educational robots



Companion robots



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3-1 Intelligence Belongs to Humans



Position 1: Intelligence belongs to humans

The existing embodied "intelligence" is human-like intelligence based on data simulation, without real consciousness, creativity, or moral sense. Intelligence is performed or expressed according to the rules of human-set goals.



- AI is the manipulation of symbols without understanding (Chinese Room, John Searle, 1980)
- AI is based on **classical physics** and is fundamentally different from human consciousness, which may be related to quantum mechanics (*The Emperor's New Mind*, Roger Penrose,1989)
- Common sense helps us make plans by understanding the probabilities of what will happen next, the possible consequences of our actions, which is hard for machines (Yann LeCun)

3-2 AI has had Some Success



Position 2: AI has had some success

AI has moved into the field of human language and logic, and it is possible to generate or modify languages with a logic different from that of humans, which can replace simpler language and logic work.

- AI can reach or surpass human level in some fields, and can perform some relatively simple, repetitive, normative language and logic work
- Knowledge workers will face a greater threat of unemployment, highly social and flexible occupations, such as caregivers, physical therapists and hair stylists, are less at risk. (AI Superpowers, Kai-Fu Lee, 2018)
- AGI has made tremendous progress and the rate of growth is not slowing down, and will likely achieve human-level AI within a decade (Demis Hassabis, CEO of DeepMind)

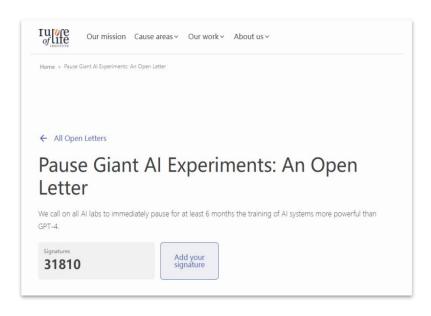


3-3 Disaster is Coming



Position 3: Disaster is coming

AI systems with the same or higher level of intelligence capabilities as humans will emerge in the near future and may pose a threat to humans



- Pause Giant AI Experiments: An Open Letter
- AI is inherently unstable, and AGI, if used for military purposes, could be even scarier than nuclear weapons (Henry Kissinger)
- Super artificial intelligence may replace human beings as the main form of species on earth, and we should pay attention to the AI control problem (Superintelligence: Paths, Dangers, Strategies, Nick Bostrom, 2014)

3-4 Respond actively



1. govern technology with technology

 Alignment techniques, Privacy protection technology, encryption technology, blockchain technology, etc.

2. Govern technology with laws/rules

 Formulate policies to restrict the use of AI and protect basic rights

3. Govern technology with social participation

Call for multiple stakeholders to participate in the discussion



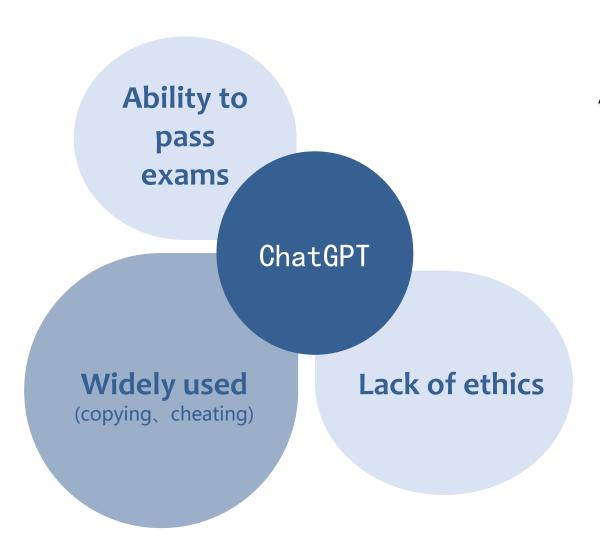
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4-1 A Looming Crisis





Attitude of the journals

- Science prohibits the use of ChatGPT generated text and cannot list it as a co-author of a paper.
- Nature states that ChatGPT cannot be listed as an author, but it is not completely prohibited.
- Cell allows the use to improve article readability, but not to interpret data or draw conclusions, and requires an explanation of whether and how to use them

4-2 An Examination of the Future



Breaking the

"Order of Knowledge Prodcution"

The subject of knowledge production

- Traditional knowledge production relies on human creativity, rationality and experience
- AGI can create knowledge using big data, algorithms, and computing power

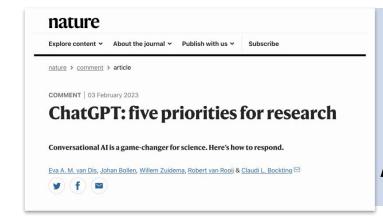
The process of transferring knowledge

- Traditional knowledge transfer relies on teachers and teaching materials, and the content comes from verifiable and repeatable knowledge
- AGI provides knowledge in a personalized, diverse way, and knowledge is not validated

The ownership of knowledge discovery

- Traditional knowledge ownership relies on the intellectual property, which is based on the original contribution
- AGI has innovation discovery ability, whose ownership is controversial

4-3 Some Suggestions



"Banning it will not work. It is imperative that the research community engage in a debate about the implications of this potentially disruptive technology"

- Development: Fully understand and prevent risks on the basis of development
- Legislation: Legislation for different fields
- Adaptation: Adapt to this intervention
 - The education model needs to change, and teachers need to redesign the teaching and assessment process to fully stimulate students' creativity
 - In scientific research, AI disclosure mechanism should be established. In the short term, disclosure without attribution is the solution. In the long term, AI intellectual property mechanism should be established



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