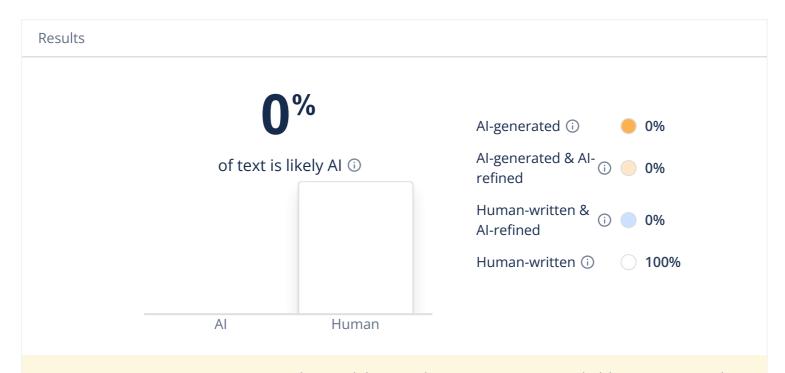
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Caution: Our AI Detector is advanced, but no detectors are 100% reliable, no matter what their accuracy scores claim. Never use AI detection alone to make decisions that could impact a person's career or academic standing.

# 5.3 Safety & Risk Reduction:

With critical applications like self driving vehicles, financial systems, and legal decision-making, unsafe Al behaviour can create "catastrophic consequences".

Reasoning frameworks:

- Help the Al avoid risky paths or other shortcut.
- Logically consistent in an presented situations even with edge cases.
- Provide an avenue for Al to align with ethical norms through human moral reasoning
  5.4 Enabling Generalization and Flexibility:

Al models with reasoning are better

suited to follow through with new tasks during operationalization that are not included in their training or even not near that training.

Instead of remembering past examples, reasoning ought to:

Communication is about cognition and cognition is about:

- Reasoning is about identify relevant similarities.
- Apply knowledge across different domains (analogical reasoning).
- produce novel solutions in new environments.

5.5. Supporting explainable AI (XAI) objectives:

Explainable AI (XAI) is an emerging research domain dedicated to increasing the Interpretability/Understanding of AI systems.

Reasoning is the basis of Explainable AI since:

- users can be shown logical steps
- unreasoned errors can be diagnosed or corrected
- The model can provide justifications, in human terms, for its decisions.

A reasoning algorithm or model will allow for explainability rather than superficial or incomplete explanations.

5.6: Ethical and Legal

Accountability:

Many regulators, globally (i.e. the EU's AI Act), are requiring AI systems to provide explanation, particularly in high-risk sectors.

Reasoning processes would also allow an AI to:

 explain how it makes decisions - provide an evidence trail - evidence fairness/non-discrimination Protecting stakeholders legally and ethically.

Summary:

Reasoning transforms AI from a reactive device to a trusted and disciplined decision-maker which can resolve many issues associated with trustworthiness and safety in complex human contexts.

6. AI SAFTEY &

TRUSTWORTHY:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) safety and trustworthiness are closely related concepts that aim to ensure AI systems are beneficial, reliable, and aligned with human values and societal well-being. Here's a breakdown of what each entails:

6.1 AI SAFTEY:

Al safety is a field that focuses on investigating ways to ensure Al systems do not cause unintended harm or act in ways misaligned from human goals, especially as systems

advance and become more and more autonomous. It consists of activities and research geared to limiting risks associated with AI development and deployment. Four of the aspects of AI safety include:

Key Aspects of Al Safety Include:

**Aspect Explanation** 

Robustness

The AI should

handle imperfect,

adversarial, or

unexpected inputs

without

catastrophic

failures.

**Aspect Explanation** 

Alignment

The Al's goals and

behaviors must

match human

ethical principles,

laws, and societal

expectations.

Controllability

**Humans** must

retain the ability to

intervene, correct,

or shut down Al

systems when

needed.

Preventing

Reward

Hacking

Al should not

"game" its reward

signals in ways that cause unintended consequences.

## 6.2 Trustworthy AI:

Trustworthy AI is a broader concept that encompasses AI safety but also includes other crucial dimensions that build confidence in AI systems among users and society. The European Union's Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI, for example, outlines three main components: Core Principles of Trustworthy AI:

Principle Explanation

Transparency

Al decisions

should be

understandable; no

"black box"

behavior.

**Fairness** 

Al should not

discriminate based

on race, gender, or

other biases.

Accountability

Developers and

users should be

able to explain and

justify AI behavior.

Privacy and

Security

Al must protect

user data and not expose sensitive

information.

Reliability

Al should perform

accurately and

consistently over

time and across

different

conditions.

Ethical

Alignment

Al behavior should

conform to societal

and moral norms.

# 6.2.1 Why Are Al Safety and

Trustworthiness Critical

Together?

As AI increasingly influences:

- Healthcare decisions
- Financial approvals
- Hiring and education
- Autonomous vehicles
- Military defense

Mistakes are not just technical errors

— they become real-world ethical,

legal, and human rights issues.

#### Thus:

- Al Safety ensures systems do not fail catastrophically.
- Trustworthy AI ensures systems earn and deserve

human trust.

Together, they build an AI ecosystem that is beneficial, reliable, and

ethically sound for society.

Summary:

Al Safety makes Al reliable; Trustworthy Al makes it ethically acceptable. Both are essential for a future where Al empowers humanity without harming it.

- 7. Reasoning Contributes to Al Safety and Trustworthiness
- 7.1 Reasoning Increases

Transparency:

When AI systems reason explicitly (e.g. demonstrating its logical steps, like a human would), they are more transparent to people.

Humans can:

- Observe how and AI came to their decision
- Understand why they formed certain conclusions
- Retrospectively trace errors in reasoning if something went wrong

Transparency is a critical element of trustworthy AI - without reasoning, AI could be considered a black box, whereby it is unobtainable for people to trust.

7.2. Reasoning Improves
Robustness and Reliability
Reasoning enables AI to check its
intermediate steps, and validate its
assumptions and reason logically
when new situations arise as opposed
to guessing.

This increases:

- Robustness (Al will work even when new, unexpected inputs are introduced)
- Accuracy (Al will generate fewer silly errors)
- Consistency (AI is more likely to do something in the same way over time)

For the purposes of AI safety, robustness and reliability is the key element - being imperfect in high risk domains such as healthcare, aviation and autonomous driving.

- 3. Reasoning Aids in Error
  Detection and Error Correction:
  If an AI can reason its way through a problem step-wise, it may enable humans (or the AI) to:
- Identify errors early (i.e. incorrect assumptions).
- Understand faulty logic.

situation.

 Make corrections to the output before harm is caused.
 Overall, this reasoning aids in the self-correction of AI and increases safety, and it aids humans in auditing the behaviour of the AI in an error

7.4 Reasoning Enhances Ethical and Fair Decision:Making As an advisor to humans, Al with structured reasoning can:

- Weigh ethical trade-offs of (e.g., fairness vs accuracy)
- Make a reasonable application of social norms (e.g.,

### nondiscrimination)

Account for the long term
effects of its actions
This is what makes AI trustworthy, as
it acts in much the way humans'
moral beliefs do, instead of simply
maximizing for algorithms that

7.5. Reasoning can reduce bias and random behaviour:

prioritize profit or efficiencies.

Without reasoning, Al can take "short cuts" by using potentially misleading correlations (E.g., relating gender or race to rank and file performance).

Using structured reasoning AI can:

- Make behavioural choices based upon logical causative and effect instead of just correlations
- Explain logically why an outcome was fair
   This implies that AI may have less bias, that it is more fair and as such should be considered more trustworthy and safe for society.
   Summary:

Reasoning is a "thinking brain" inside AI -- reasoning limits random guessing, forces logical and ethical limits, improves transparency, and provides a basis to make AI systems safer, fairer and trustworthy for our society.

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