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**UNDERSTANDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Artificial intelligence has moved from theory to a practical and vital part of modern technologies. It is influencing and is being used in many industries ranging from medical, education to fiance.

It has 3 main types, ie. Narrow, General and Super AIs.

Each type differs from the other in capability and implications.

**NARROW AI**

It is also known as weak AI, and is commonly and widely used today.

It performs specific tasks in the scope provided to it. Narrow AI, unlike human intelligence lacks the ability to reason beyond the provided instructions.

Real-world applications

A viable example is in voice assistants like Amazon’s Alexa, Apple’s Siri, Google Assistant, Samsung’s Bixby and others. They recognize speech, answer questions and perform a few light tasks like setting of reminders, playing music and more.

Another example is the recommendation algorithm in streaming services such as Netflix, Prime, YouTube. It suggests content based on a user’s preferences or past views.

Potential Risks

As systems are used more in different fields like medication or transport, the chances of accidental incidents increase. This can happen if the data is misinterpreted by the AI.

The wide spread of AI is resulting into loss of job opportunities as human labour is being replaced by machinery.

**GENERAL AI**

It is also known as Strong AI. This is the future goal.

It refers to a level of intelligence that is similar with human intelligence. It can adapt to new situations and learn from different scenarios.

Real-world Application

Currently, this is all in theory and no systems have the capabilities fully set up.

Otherwise, research is on going to bring it into reality.

Potential risks

If mishandled, it could lead to unexpected scenarios as it passes human intelligence.

**SUPER AI**

It is also known as Artificial Super-intelligence.

It is theoretical and with this, AI goes beyond human intelligence in evry single aspect. This includes, wisdom and solving problems.

Real-world application

Currently, it does not exist and it is just in speculation.

It could solve complex global issues such as climate change, and getting treatments for incurable diseases. This could be through analyzing data.

Potential Risks

It could pose as a danger to human existence if goals vary.

**CRITICAL THINKING ON AI**

The existence of AI presents both advantages/benefits and disadvantages or problems. Narrow AI is already changing industries, improving their efficiency and improving skills of humans.

As we move into a world with General and Super AI, things are bound to change.

The role of AI in the future will be more of collaboration with humans so as to lead to innovations and solutions to global challenges.

However, ethics should be well considered and careful regulation of the AI so that safety is not undermined.

**CONCLUSION**

AI is rapidly evolving and understanding the different types shows where we are now and where we are headed as well as the problems to solve.

It is important to look at AI with a balanced point of view looking at the positives and negatives.

With responsible innovation, AI can be a powerful tool.