

Data Ethics Reflection

I wholeheartedly believe that the third of the nine AI Ethical Issues, the one about humanity, has become the most relevant since 1992. With the development and further improvements of software like social media algorithms, humans are become more and more dependent on technology as a source of material and emotional gain. While our humanity is not facing a “real” risk just yet i.e., AI domination, we are actively running toward that result with how and where AI has been implemented so far.

If we begin to implement AI in the law, specifically in upholding the law, we may see our system of “due process” or the phrase “innocent until proven guilty” collapse. I mean to say that an AI-involved machine may recognize someone breaking a law and deduce that the most reasonable or most effective way to stop crime is to take out the perpetrator in a violent sense. This robot likely will not care whether the person is actually guilty and skip one of the steps our society takes to distinguish serious law-breaking from minor law-breaking.

Beyond these ideas, the only thing that was interesting was the request to think of an AI as a genie. That it can grant wishes, but it also fails to recognize the consequences of granting those wishes. I had never thought of an AI in this way before and it makes much more sense than how I view the concept before.