

Which of the 9 AI Ethical Issues do you feel has become the most relevant since 1992?

I think out of all 9 of the AI ethical issues the most relevant is Inequality. Lots of companies are starting to switch over to AI based hourly work like in factories or even restaurants. This is lessening the employment opportunities for people and increasing the wealth gap that has been ever expanding since the 20th century. The people who own the companies are becoming richer while those in lower classes have less opportunities and mostly stagnate or dip below where they are. Because this issue has been around for so long, I think it is the most relevant since we as a society are still dealing with it.

If the ACM doesn't update its code of ethics for another 16 years (that would be 2036), What changes in AI and technology in general do you foresee having "new" ethical implications? This question is somewhat science-fictiony, so feel free to make some predictions about what our technology might be like in 2036.

I think that a change to the ethical implications in ACM regulations would not be something that is far fetched to predict. With constantly advancing/changing technology, we have to adapt to such change and I think that altering these implications would be necessary. I think some changes that could be made is maybe factoring in some kind of fusion of human and machine. While cyborg might be an oversimplification of the idea, I think the meshing of man and the machine is coming soon if not already here. I think maybe something to do with the ethical treatment of such creation would be interesting.

What else struck you about these articles?

I think for the AI article, I had not thought too much about AI in any other way besides an unattainable technology found only in movies. So reading about real-life consequences of such a piece of software was really eye opening and refreshing to read. Something about the ACM article that kind of struck me was how the standards before the change didn't include looking out for the common good. I feel like any subject paving a path to new ideas should always have this in mind. So it does surprise me a little that it was not already included.