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**Abstract.** Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to transform our world in numerous positive ways, from improved healthcare and education to increased efficiency and productivity. However, there are also concerns about the potential risks and negative consequences associated with the use of AI. These risks include the potential for bias, lack of transparency, unemployment, malicious use, big dependency, and more. If left uncontrolled, AI can have serious implications for society, including increased inequality and loss of privacy. To mitigate these risks, there are several tools that can be used, including regulations and standards, ethical frameworks, auditing and accountability, collaborative development, and education and awareness. By taking a responsible and ethical approach to the development and use of AI, we can help to ensure that this powerful technology benefits society while minimizing the potential risks and negative consequences.

**Keywords.** *Artificial intelligence, risks, negative consequences, bias, lack of transparency, unemployment, malicious use, dependency, regulations, ethical frameworks, auditing, accountability, collaborative development, education, awareness.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to revolutionize our world in many positive ways, but it also poses several risks and challenges. The unchecked use of AI can have negative consequences for society and individuals, including the potential for bias, lack of transparency, unemployment, malicious use, and big dependency.

These risks can lead to increased inequality, loss of privacy, and other negative consequences for society. To address these risks, it is important to take a responsible and ethical approach to the development and use of AI, ensuring that the technology benefits society while minimizing the potential risks and negative consequences.

This requires the implementation of regulations, ethical frameworks, auditing, and accountability mechanisms, as well as collaborative development and education and awareness campaigns. By doing so, we can harness the power of AI while minimizing its potential risks and ensuring that it benefits society as a whole.

## 2. POTENTIAL DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

There are potential dangers associated with artificial intelligence. Some of the concerns include:

- ***Bias.*** AI models can perpetuate and amplify human biases if they are trained on biased data or are not designed to account for certain groups' experiences and needs
- ***Lack of transparency.*** In some cases, it may be challenging to understand how AI systems make their decisions, which can be problematic when those decisions affect people's lives.
- ***Unemployment.*** AI may automate jobs that were previously done by humans, leading to job displacement and economic instability.
- ***Malicious use.*** AI can be used for malicious purposes, such as developing autonomous weapons or creating deepfakes to spread misinformation.
- ***Dependency.*** Over-reliance on AI systems can lead to a lack of critical thinking and decision-making skills among humans.

It's important to note that while these concerns are valid, they do not necessarily mean that AI is inherently dangerous. Like any technology, AI can be used for good or bad purposes, and it's up to us to ensure that it is developed and used ethically and responsibly.

### 2.1. DANGEROUS FOR MANKIND BECAUSE OF BIAS

One of the main concerns is that AI models can perpetuate and amplify existing biases in society, leading to discrimination and unfair treatment of certain groups (1).

For example, if an AI system is trained on historical data that contains bias, such as hiring practices that favor certain genders or races, the AI model may learn to replicate those biases when making future decisions. This could lead to discriminatory outcomes, such as a hiring algorithm that favors men over women, even if the qualifications are the same.

Bias in AI can also lead to harm in areas such as criminal justice, where algorithms are increasingly being used to make decisions about things like bail, sentencing, and parole. If these algorithms are biased against certain groups, it could lead to disproportionate and unfair treatment of those groups.

Therefore, it is important to address bias in AI and ensure that AI models are developed and used in an ethical and responsible way to avoid harmful consequences for mankind.

## **2. 2. DANGEROUS FOR MANKIND BECAUSE OF LACK OF TRANSPARENCY**

When AI models make decisions that impact people's lives, it is important for those decisions to be explainable and transparent (2).

For example, in the context of healthcare, AI systems may be used to assist in diagnosing diseases or predicting outcomes. If the AI system's decision-making process is not transparent, doctors and patients may not be able to understand why a certain diagnosis was made or why a certain treatment was recommended. This lack of transparency could lead to mistrust and skepticism about the accuracy and reliability of AI systems. Similarly, in the context of criminal justice, if an AI algorithm is used to make decisions about bail, sentencing, or parole, it is important for those decisions to be explainable and transparent. If people do not understand how the algorithm arrived at a particular decision, it could erode trust in the criminal justice system and lead to unfair treatment of individuals.

It is important for AI systems to be designed and developed in a way that allows for transparency and explainability, so that people can understand how decisions are being made and hold those systems accountable if necessary.

## **2. 3. DANGEROUS FOR MANKIND BECAUSE OF UNEMPLOYEEMENT**

AI can potentially be dangerous for mankind in terms of causing unemployment. As AI technology advances, it has the potential to automate many jobs that were previously performed by humans, leading to job displacement and economic instability (3).

For example, AI can automate tasks such as data entry, customer service, and even some aspects of professional jobs like law and finance. This could lead to widespread unemployment, particularly in industries that rely heavily on routine, repetitive tasks.

Furthermore, the jobs that are most at risk of automation tend to be those held by low-skilled workers, which could exacerbate existing inequalities and widen the gap between the rich and the poor.

Therefore, it is important for policymakers and businesses to consider the potential impact of AI on employment and to develop strategies for reskilling and upskilling workers to prepare them for the jobs of the future. This could include investing in education and training programs that focus on developing skills that are less susceptible to automation, such as creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence. By doing so, we can ensure that the benefits of AI are shared more broadly and that the negative consequences, such as unemployment, are mitigated.

## **2. 4. DANGEROUS FOR MANKIND BECAUSE OF MALICIOUS USE**

AI can be dangerous for mankind if it is used for malicious purposes. AI technology has the potential to be used for harm, just like any other technology (4).

For example, AI-powered autonomous weapons could be developed that are capable of making their own decisions about who to attack, without human oversight. This could lead to unintended harm and loss of life.

AI can also be used to create deepfakes, which are realistic but fake videos or images of people saying or doing things that they did not actually say or do. These deepfakes can be used to spread misinformation and manipulate public opinion, potentially leading to political instability and social unrest.

AI can be used to automate cyber attacks and other forms of cybercrime, making it easier for criminals to launch attacks on individuals and organizations.

It is important for policymakers and industry leaders to consider the potential risks associated with the malicious use of AI and to develop policies and regulations that ensure that AI is used in a responsible and ethical manner. This could include developing standards for the development and deployment of AI systems, ensuring that AI systems are transparent and accountable, and investing in research to develop AI systems that are resistant to malicious attacks.

## **2. 5. DANGEROUS FOR MANKIND BECAUSE OF BIG DEPENDENCY**

AI can be dangerous for mankind if society becomes too dependent on it (5). As AI becomes more advanced and ubiquitous, there is a risk that humans will become overly reliant on it, to the point where they are unable to function without it.

For example, if we rely too heavily on AI for decision-making, we may lose our ability to think critically and make decisions for ourselves. Similarly, if we rely too heavily on AI for tasks such as driving or navigation, we may lose our ability to navigate and drive safely without the assistance of AI.

If AI systems become the primary source of knowledge and information for people, there is a risk that we will lose our ability to learn and think for ourselves. This could lead to a society that is less resilient and adaptable, and more vulnerable to unexpected events and crises.

It is important to strike a balance between the use of AI and human agency. We should view AI as a tool to augment human capabilities, rather than replace them entirely. We should also prioritize the development of AI systems that are designed to work collaboratively with humans, rather than replacing them. By doing so, we can ensure that AI is used in a way that benefits society, without becoming too dependent on it.

### 3. MITIGATION OF AI DANGEROUS FOR MANKIND

There are several ways to mitigate the potential dangers of AI for mankind (6):

- a) **Regulation and oversight.** Governments and industry bodies can develop regulations and oversight mechanisms to ensure that AI is developed and used in a responsible and ethical manner. This could include setting standards for the development and deployment of AI systems, ensuring that AI systems are transparent and accountable, and establishing penalties for non-compliance.
- b) **Education and awareness.** Educating the public about the potential risks and benefits of AI can help to ensure that society is better prepared to manage the impact of AI. This could include educating people about how AI works, the potential risks associated with AI, and how to use AI responsibly.
- c) **Transparency and explainability.** AI systems should be designed and developed in a way that allows for transparency and explainability, so that people can understand how decisions are being made and hold those systems accountable if necessary. This could include developing AI systems that provide clear explanations for their decisions, and making data and algorithms available for scrutiny.
- d) **Collaboration between humans and machines.** Rather than replacing humans, AI systems should be designed to work collaboratively with humans, augmenting their capabilities and helping them to make better decisions. This could involve developing AI systems that are able to learn from and adapt to human behavior, and that can work in partnership with humans to achieve common goals.
- e) **Research and development.** Investing in research and development can help to ensure that AI is developed in a way that benefits society, without causing harm. This could include developing AI systems that are more resilient to malicious attacks, that are better at detecting bias, and that are more adaptable to changing circumstances.

By adopting these approaches, we can help to mitigate the potential dangers of AI for mankind, while still reaping the benefits that this technology has to offer.

### 4. EXAMPLES OF UNCONTROLLED USING OF AI

There have been several real examples of uncontrolled or poorly controlled use of AI that have led to negative consequences. Here are a few examples (7):

- a) **Facial recognition technology.** Facial recognition technology has been used by law enforcement agencies and private companies for a variety of purposes, including identifying suspects and monitoring crowds. However, there are concerns that this technology is not accurate enough and can be biased against certain groups of people, such as women and people of color. In some cases, facial recognition technology has been used without proper oversight, leading to false arrests and other negative outcomes.
- b) **Autonomous vehicles.** Autonomous vehicles have the potential to revolutionize transportation and reduce the number of accidents caused by human error. However, there have been several incidents where autonomous vehicles have caused accidents due to errors in the AI system or a lack of oversight. For example, in 2018, an Uber self-driving car struck and killed a pedestrian in Arizona.
- c) **Predictive policing.** Some law enforcement agencies have used AI systems to predict where crimes are likely to occur, in an effort to prevent them from happening. However, there are concerns that these systems are biased against certain groups of people and can lead to over-policing of marginalized communities.
- d) **Hiring and recruiting.** AI systems have been used by some companies to screen job applicants and identify potential candidates. However, there are concerns that these systems can be biased against certain groups of people, such as women and people of color. In some cases, companies have been sued for using AI systems that discriminate against job applicants.

These are just a few examples of the potential risks associated with uncontrolled or poorly controlled use of AI. It is important for policymakers and industry leaders to develop regulations and oversight mechanisms to ensure that AI is used in a responsible and ethical manner.

## 5. TOOLS FOR CONTROLLING USE OF AI

There are several tools that can be used to control the use of AI, including (8), (9):

- a) **Regulations and standards.** Governments can develop regulations and standards to ensure that AI is developed and used in a responsible and ethical manner. These regulations can address issues such as data privacy, algorithmic transparency, and bias detection.
- b) **Ethical frameworks.** Ethical frameworks can be developed to guide the development and use of AI. These frameworks can provide guidance on issues such as fairness, transparency, and accountability.
- c) **Auditing and accountability.** AI systems can be audited to ensure that they are being used in a responsible and ethical manner. This can involve reviewing data sets and algorithms to ensure that they are not biased, and monitoring the use of AI systems to ensure that they are being used in a way that aligns with ethical standards.
- d) **Collaborative development.** AI systems can be developed in collaboration with stakeholders, including those who are impacted by the technology. This can help to ensure that AI systems are developed in a way that is sensitive to the needs and concerns of those who will be affected by them.
- e) **Education and awareness.** Education and awareness campaigns can be developed to help people understand the potential risks and benefits of AI. This can help to ensure that society is better prepared to manage the impact of AI, and can help to promote responsible and ethical use of the technology.

By adopting these tools, we can help to ensure that AI is developed and used in a way that benefits society, while minimizing the potential risks and negative consequences.

## 6. CONCLUSION

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to bring about many benefits to society, but it also poses several risks and challenges. The unchecked use of AI can lead to bias, lack of transparency, unemployment, malicious use, big dependency, and other negative consequences. These risks can have significant implications for society and individuals, including increased inequality and loss of privacy. To address these risks, it is important to take a responsible and ethical approach to the development and use of AI, ensuring that the technology benefits society while minimizing the potential risks and negative consequences. This requires the implementation of regulations, ethical frameworks, auditing and accountability mechanisms, as well as collaborative development and education and awareness campaigns. By doing so, we can harness the power of AI while minimizing its potential risks and ensuring that it benefits society as a whole.

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