# Philosophy Essay [50 points] Due Date: April 30 Only for CSE 7320 Students

Write a two-to-three page essay, single line-spaced, on philosophical and ethical aspects that permeate the field of Artificial Intelligence.

You may present your own opinion/answers, or survey those of reputed scientists and philosophers, to questions such as:

* What are “intelligence”, “thinking”, and “consciousness”, and how do they relate to each other? Should an artifact ever be capable of any of these human feats?
* Could AI be perceived as threatening to the society? In what ways? Could it (ever) become a *real* threat? Compare it with those from other computer science technologies, bio-, nano-, and nuclear technologies.
* How do you think AI is portrayed by the Hollywood industry? Discuss one or more movies where AI was at the center of it. (Also, where AI techniques were heavily used.)
* In what ways could AI considerably improve the quality of life of people? What in your opinion is going to be, in the visible future, a major breakthrough (if any) in computer science that could be attributed to AI or one of its subfields?

You are expected to provide all **references** used in putting together the essay.

How to submit your homework:

* PDF document, via Email.