

Automating the Modelling of Transformative Artificial Intelligence Risks

"An Epistemic Framework for Leveraging Frontier AI Systems to Upscale Conditional Policy Assessments in Bayesian Networks on a Narrow Path towards Existencial Safety"

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Abstract

The coordination crisis in AI governance presents a paradoxical challenge: unprecedented investment in AI safety coexists alongside fundamental coordination failures across technical, policy, and ethical domains. These divisions systematically increase existential risk by creating safety gaps, misallocating resources, and fostering inconsistent approaches to interdependent problems. This thesis introduces AMTAIR (Automating Transformative AI Risk Modeling), a computational approach that addresses this coordination failure by automating the extraction of probabilistic world models from AI safety literature using frontier language models.

The AMTAIR system implements an end-to-end pipeline that transforms unstructured text into interactive Bayesian networks through a novel two-stage extraction process: first capturing argument structure in ArgDown format, then enhancing it with probability information in BayesDown. This approach bridges communication gaps between stakeholders by making implicit models explicit, enabling comparison across different worldviews, providing a common language for discussing probabilistic relationships, and supporting policy evaluation across diverse scenarios.

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Introduction

1.1 Introduction

10% of Grade:

- introduces and motivates the core question or problem provides context for discussion (places issue within a larger debate or sphere of relevance) states precise thesis or position the author will argue for provides roadmap indicating structure and key content points of the essay
 - $\sim 14\%$ of text ~ 4200 words
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1.2 Motivation: Problem Statement

1.3 Motivation: Research Question

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1.4 Scope: Aim & Context of the Research

1.5 Significance of the Research: Theory of Change

• states precise thesis or position the author will argue for

1.6 Thesis Statement & Position: (Aim of the Paper)

• provides roadmap indicating structure and key content points of the essay

- 1.7 Overview: Structure & Approach of the Paper (Roadmap Theory of Change)
- 1.8 Table of Contents

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Context

2.1 Context

20% of Grade:

 \bullet demonstrates understanding of all relevant core concepts \bullet explains why the question/thesis/problem is relevant in student's own words (supported by quotations) \bullet situates it within the debate/course material \bullet reconstructs selected arguments and identifies relevant assumptions \bullet describes additional relevant material that has been consulted and integrates it with the course material as well as the research question/thesis/problem

 $\sim 29\%$ of text ~ 8700 words

1. successively (chunk my chunk) introduce concepts/ideas — and 2. ground each with existing literature

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AMTAIR

3.1 AMTAIR

20% of Grade:

 \bullet provides critical or constructive evaluation of positions introduced \bullet develops strong (plausible) argument in support of author's own position/thesis \bullet argument draws on relevant course material \bullet claim/argument demonstrates understanding of the course materials incl. key arguments and core concepts within the debate \bullet claim/argument is original or insightful, possibly even presents an original contribution to the debate

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Discussion

4.1 Discussion

10% of Grade:

 \bullet discusses a specific objection to student's own argument \bullet provides a convincing reply that bolsters or refines the main argument \bullet relates to or extends beyond materials/arguments covered in class

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Conclusion

5.1 Conclusion

10% of Grade:

 \bullet summarizes thesis and line of argument \bullet outlines possible implications \bullet notes outstanding issues / limitations of discussion \bullet points to avenues for further research \bullet overall conclusion is in line with introduction

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Prefatory Apparatus: Illustrations and Terminology — Quick References

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f., ff. following
incl. including
p., pp. page(s)
MAD Mutually Assured Destruction

Glossary

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6.6 Affidavit

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