

Topic: Self-Driving Cars

In my paper, I hope to discuss the ethical implications and consequences of integrating self-driving cars into society. I'll begin by introducing the concept of a self-driving car and the potential benefits we may see by integrating them. I then want to talk about the ethical decisions that engineers involved with the creation of self-driving cars have to make, such as deciding how the car should behave in the event of a critical failure, whether the safety of the driver should be prioritized over others, how safety is defined by the programmer, etc. From there, I want to expand this analysis to the role self-driving cars will play in society, focusing on issues like self-driving car-only roadways, the potential pressure that these cars will impose on people who may not be able to afford them, and the backlash they may receive in the event of a failure.

Of course, the exact details of the ethical decisions the engineers and society have to make aren't finalized yet, and I hope that the research I conduct will clarify which of these details is most important/interesting to discuss. However, I hope that the structure of the paper can remain the same.