# Artificial Intelligence Advanced Topics in AI & ML Interpretability, Explainability, and AI Ethics

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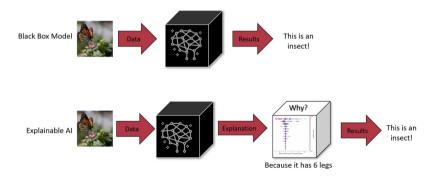
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### AI Ethics<sup>1</sup>

#### Inequity and fairness

ML can contribute to and amplify social inequity

For foundation models, it is useful to separate:

- intrinsic biases (properties in the foundation model)
- extrinsic harms (harms in specific applications)

  Source tracing to understand ethical/legal responsibility

  Mitigations: proactive interventions/reactive recourse

#### Misuse

Misuse: the use of foundation models as technically intended but for societal harm (e.g. disinformation)
Foundation models may make misuse easier by generating high-quality personalised content
Disinformation actors can target demographic groups
Foundation models may also help to detect misuse

#### **Environment**

Foundation models involve significant training/emissions

One perspective: amortised cost over re-use

Several factors would be beneficial to consider:

- compute-efficient models, hardware, energy grids
- environmental cost as a factor for evaluation
- greater documentation and measurement

#### Legality

How law bears on development/deployment is unclear

Legal/regulatory frameworks will be needed

- In the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{US}}$  setting, important issues include:
- liability for model predictions
  protections from model behaviour
- Legal standards must advance for intermediate models

#### **Economics**

Foundation models may have economic impact due to:

- novel capabilities
- potential applications in wide array of industries Initial analyses have been conducted to understand implications for productivity, wage inequality, concentration of ownership

#### Ethics of scale

Widespread adoption of foundation models poses ethical, political and social concerns

Ethical issues related to scale:

- homogenisation
- concentration of power
- How can norms and release strategies address these?





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## Thank you!



