



# Responsible AI

An invitation to discuss interesting problems

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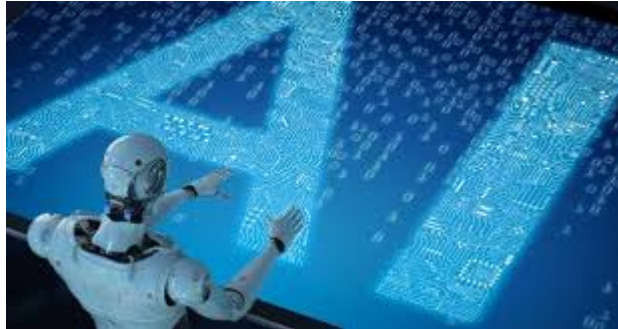
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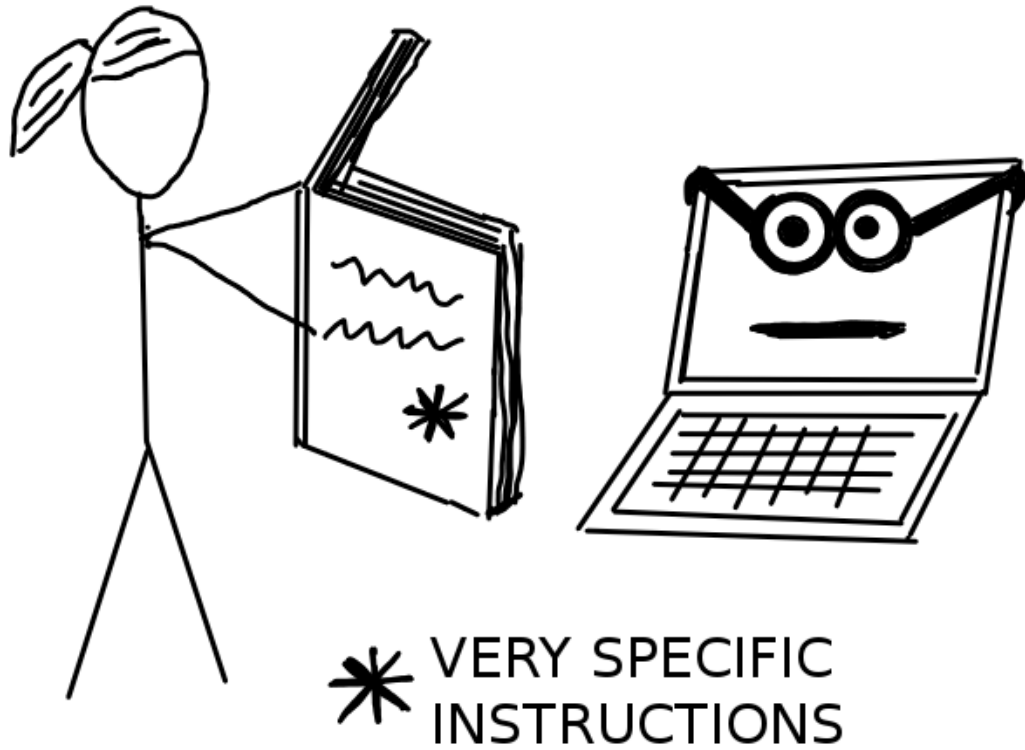
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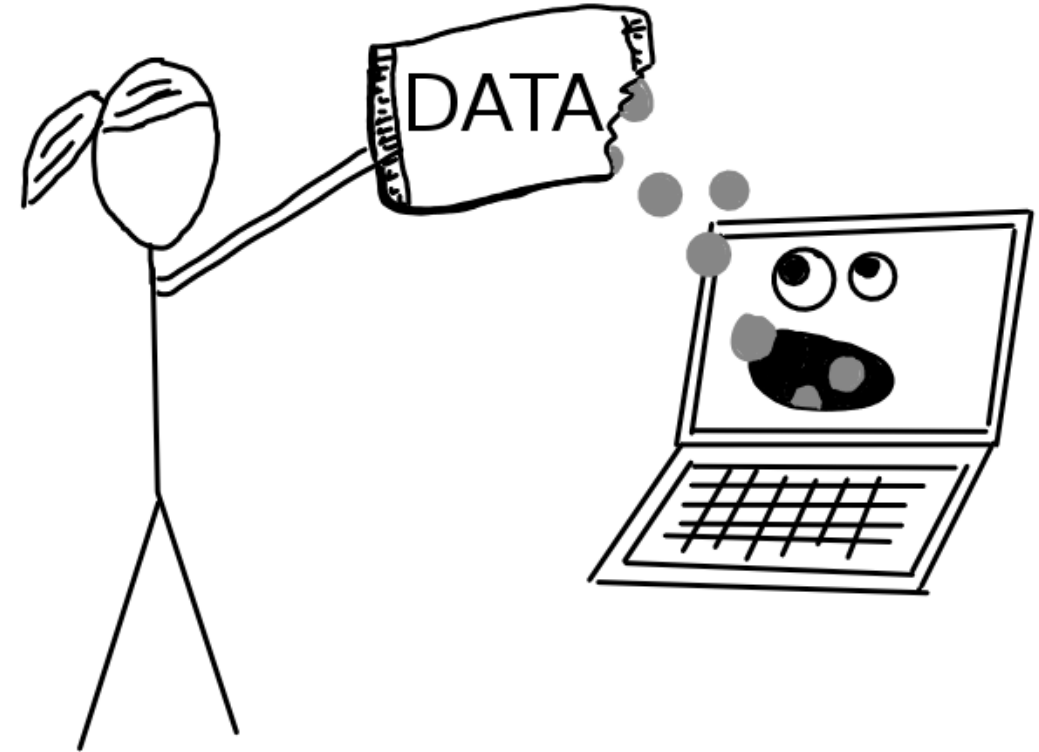


# Machine Learning (ML)

## Without Machine Learning



## With Machine Learning



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# Responsible machine learning: why bother

- 'AI hype' pushed by vendors/consultants
- GDPR 2018: 'right to an explanation' & privacy restrictions
- Critical areas in retail, e.g. associate health, recruitment, replenishment, logistics, ...
- Media coverage

# Controversial “AI stories”



## Facebook’s ad-serving algorithm discriminates by gender and race

Even if an advertiser is well-intentioned, the algorithm still prefers certain groups of people over others.

by Karen Hao

Apr 5, 2019



# Bias in machine learning

$$f(\text{trash can}) = \text{trash can}$$

Data is a social mirror: perpetuating and promoting (historical) biases



# Responsible ML research

- **Avoid bias** Algorithms must be designed to avoid biased outcomes
- **Fairness** Algorithms must produce fair outcomes
- **Transparency** Algorithmic outputs must be interpretable and transparent



# Example: fair recruitment algorithm

- Task binary classification
- Outcomes hire/don't hire
- Sensitive attribute known and protected
- Fairness goals
  - Group fairness subjects in protected and unprotected groups have equal probability of being assigned to the positive prediction class
  - Individual fairness similar people experience similar outcomes

# Fair recruitment algorithm: questions

- Group or individual fairness?
- What is the tradeoff between utility and fairness?
- What is the cost of a fair version of the current algorithm?
- How to avoid harm of representation?

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Topic	Projects examples
Algorithmic bias discovery & mitigation	What does it mean to be fair? <i>e.g. introducing a taxonomy for fairness in retail applications</i>
Transparency in ML	ML models that provide explanations to the end-users <i>e.g. Why did the model make an error?</i>

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