Guidelines for Using Generative AI in Sho's Courses (June 2024)

Generative AIs (GAIs), such as ChatGPT, are powerful tools that can assist in various academic tasks^{*1}. To maximize their benefits while ensuring your academic success and maintaining academic integrity, please consider the following guidelines:

- i. As a formal policy, Sho forbids you to use GAIs for writing essays*2 or programming codes you submit to me.
 - Sho understands that it is nearly impossible to detect your use of generative AI with 100% confidence. Meanwhile, your evaluation may be reduced once Sho gets enough confidence of your use of GAIs. Sho reserves the right to give you **zero or negative score** for your submission.
- ii. Even with that said, some students will use GAIs. If you decide to use GAIs, you should be aware of the following:
 - You are violating the rule and against *academic ethics*.
 - Sho is aware of common errors/mistakes that GAIs makes.
 - You must *fully* understand each sentence (or each line of your code). Sho will occasionally ask you to explain your submission orally; inadequate explanations will lead to a negative score.
 - If your submission written by GAIs contains mistakes, it means you distribute fake information to me, which constitutes another violation of *academic ethics*.
 - If your submission written by GAIs is correct, Sho will overestimate your performance, assuming you have a deeper understanding of the topics than you actually do, and the exams will be more difficult.
 - GAIs can help improve your English sentences, but Sho does not require you to write perfect English. Your primary focus should be on science, not language perfection.
- iii. Sho encourages you to use GAIs for other activities.
 - In particular, you should understand the capabilities and limitations of GAIs. As of June 2024, GAIs' answers look very natural and are mostly correct, but sometimes totally incorrect. It is beneficial for you to experience such situations.
 - You can use it safely for text translation, summarization, and content generation. There, still, it is you that need to be responsible for the correctness of the output.

For more information, you may read the following articles, which Sho largely agrees with and obeys.

- AIツールの授業における利用について (a guideline in the University of Tokyo)
- Initial guidelines for the use of Generative AI tools at Harvard
- Guidance for the use of Generative AI (UCLA)

^{*1}This document is written with the assistance of ChatGPT.

^{*2} Any tasks involving writing texts.