

SIT799 Human Aligned Artificial Intelligence

Distinction Task 2.2: Philosophical essay on Ethics in AI

Overview

During week 2, you have been introduced to Ethics and Ethics in AI. As we have discussed AI can have controversial applications and thus may induce serious ethical issues in its employment.

In this task, you need to discuss ethical issues of AI in a philosophical essay that addresses one of the following questions:

1. Unemployment. What happens after the end of jobs?
2. Inequality. How do we distribute the wealth created by machines?
3. Humanity. How do machines affect our behaviour and interaction?
4. Artificial stupidity. How can we guard against mistakes?
5. Racist robots. What is the impact of racist robots on our society and how do we eliminate AI racism?
6. Security. How do we keep AI safe from adversaries?
7. Robot rights. How do we define the humane treatment of AI?

To complete this assignment, you need to refer back to Week 2 lecture material.

Submission Details

For this task you need to submit an essay to OnTrack that supports your argument and claim. Writing a philosophical essay has a distinct style that differs greatly from most other disciplines. An important aspect of philosophical writing is the structure of the essay. The following gives a general idea of how to organize a paper that evaluates a philosophical argument.

Begin by stating what argument you are going to evaluate.

- Clarity is highly valued in philosophical writing. Thus, writers should get right to the point rather than writing an elaborate introduction.
- Example: "In this paper I will be evaluating Philippa Foot's argument in "Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives" that moral judgments are only hypothetical imperatives.

Provide a roadmap.

- In this segment, you should basically give an outline of how your paper is going to unfold. Again, philosophers like to get right to the point by giving the reader a general understanding of the structure of the paper at the beginning.
- Example: "In this paper I will first explain Foot's argument. Next, I will highlight some problems for her position. Then I will proceed to offer a possible fix for her view."

Thoroughly explain the argument in question.

- You should spend a significant amount of time describing exactly the argument that you're evaluating.
- The explanation should be thorough enough that someone who has never read a philosophy paper before should be able to understand the argument without any confusion.

Explain the potential problems for the argument.

- Here you should go over any potential issues with the argument that you have been evaluating.
- You should be evaluating whether or not these possible problems weaken the philosopher's argument.

Conclude by restating what you have shown in the paper.

- After all of the arguments and objections you have considered, again state what you have tried to prove about the argument in question.

See also: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDqT8EhUAqM>

Constraints

The submitted essay should not exceed **1000 words** in length. Also, the essay should have a **high-quality writing style**.