

# Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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**Abstract:-** In today's research and development, artificial intelligence (AI) ethics are a complex and urgent issue. Concerns about artificial intelligence (AI) systems' possible effects on people, communities, and the larger global environment are raised as these systems are incorporated into more and more facets of society. This study examines the ethical implications of artificial intelligence (AI), looking at topics including privacy, fairness, accountability, transparency, and the possibility of prejudice and discrimination in AI algorithms and decision-making processes. The study endeavours to contribute to the establishment of frameworks and rules that encourage the responsible and ethical use of AI technologies, guaranteeing their conformity with society values and the preservation of human rights, by critically assessing these ethical issues.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Some scientists and industry professionals feel that ethical concerns should not be rushed into consideration because artificial intelligence (AI) is still a long way from having awareness and being on par with humans. Yet, AI has already demonstrated its promise in a variety of industries, including business, healthcare, and transportation, when paired with other intelligent technology like robots. Applications of AI are also already having an effect on society and mankind. A great deal of work might be replaced by autonomous cars, which would completely change the transportation and related sectors.

Since human biases are inherited in the training data, AI recruiters have been seen to have human prejudices as well. A potential source of societal dissatisfaction and upheavals is the wealth gap that arises from the growing discrepancies between return on work and

return on capital. AI will have an impact on both humankind's future and the nature of employment, thus preparations must be made and implemented. It is vital and crucial to build and use AI in an ethical manner. Sadly, creating moral AI is a very difficult and hard endeavour.

### 1.1 ETHICS

A difficult, intricate, and multifaceted idea is ethics. The moral standards that guide an individual's or a group of persons' behaviours

or activities are known as ethics (Nalini, 2019). Ethnising, then, is a set of values, norms, or guidelines that serve as a guide for deciding what is right or good. General definitions of ethics include the study of morality and the duties and obligations that things (such as sentient robots, humans, etc.) have to one another.

A large number of researchers from many fields have researched ethics. Because virtue ethics is a behavioural guide that parents and instructors implant in their children to help them practice ethical conduct, most people have been familiar with it since they were very young. According to Aristotle (Yu, 1998), when a person behaves morally, they will prosper and be happy. Normative ethics, the study of what constitutes good and incorrect behaviour, includes virtue ethics. It may be seen as a set of general moral precepts that assist individuals in making morally challenging choices. Ethical theories, such as corporate ethics, animal ethics, military ethics, bioethics, and machine ethics, have been applied to real-life scenarios as the interaction between people, humans and animals, humans and machines, and even between machines, is growing.

### 1.2 ETHICAL AI

The term "ethical AI" describes the creation and application of AI systems that prioritize accountability,

transparency, justice, and respect for human values. AI ethics emphasizes how AI affects people individually, in groups, and in society at large. Promoting ethical and safe AI usage is the aim, as is reducing the new risks associated with AI and avoiding

harm. Much of the work in this area centres around four main verticals:

- Bias - risk that the system unfairly discriminates against individuals or groups.
- Explainability - risk that the system or its decisions may not be understandable to users and developers.
- Robustness - risk that the algorithm fails in unexpected circumstances or when under attack.
- Privacy - risk that the system does not adequately protect personal data.

### 1.3 Approaches to reduce the risks

**a) Principles** :-are the rules and ideals that drive the creation, application, and testing of artificial intelligence (AI), as well as the requirements that it must meet.

**b) Procedures:** integrating principles into the design of AI systems to mitigate risk in the non-technical (decision-making, training, education, and degree of human-in-the-loop) as well as the technical (accountability and transparency of the technology and design decisions).

**c) Ethical consciousness:** – taking actions motivated by a moral awareness and desire to do the right thing when designing, developing, or deploying AI systems.

## 2. Ethical Challenges of AI

**A) Explainability:-** Teams must be able to track down the cause of malfunctioning AI systems by navigating a convoluted web of data processing and algorithmic algorithms. Businesses that employ AI should be able to describe the data they use, how it was generated, what their algorithms did, and why.

**B) Responsibility:-** It is still up to society to assign blame when AI judgments result in dire outcomes, such as the loss of money, health, or even life. A variety of parties, including attorneys, regulators, AI developers,

ethics agencies, and people, should be included in the process of resolving accountability for the outcomes of AI-based choices.

**C) Fairness:-** Making sure that there are no racial, gender, or ethnic biases exists in data sets that contain personally identifiable information is crucial.

## 3. MACHINE ETHICS

The field of machine ethics investigates the incorporation of moral values into artificial intelligence frameworks with the goal of empowering robots to act morally and ethically. This multidisciplinary area uses psychology, computer science, and philosophy to create frameworks and algorithms that help AI agents navigate moral conundrums and uphold ethical standards.

How to include moral values into computer models, maintain accountability and transparency in AI decision-making procedures, and deal with biases in data and algorithms are some of the important issues in machine ethics. The ultimate objective is to develop AI systems that perform exceptionally well and, by acting morally and responsibly in a variety of situations, benefit society.

## 4. Features of AI Give Rise to Ethical Issues

**i) Transparency:-** Although machine learning is an excellent tool, its internal workings—often referred to as the "black box"—are difficult to understand. Even the authors of the algorithms are baffled by the "black box" that houses them. This restricts people's comprehension of the technology, causes notable information gaps between users and specialists in AI, and undermines public confidence in AI agents and technology.

**ii) Data Security and Privacy:-** A significant quantity of data, including private and personal information, is needed for the creation of AI agents. Nearly every application domain where deep learning is effective, like Google Home and Apple Siri, has access to enormous amounts of data. The likelihood of data misuse increases as society and corporations collect more data. For example, sensitive information is always contained in health records; if this information is not sufficiently safeguarded, a rogue institution may obtain access to it and use it to financially and personally hurt individuals. In order to avoid abuse and

harmful usage, data must be maintained appropriately.

### iii) **Autonomy, Intentionality, and Responsibility:-**

When a machine is autonomous, it indicates that no other actor is directly in charge of it. When a machine exhibits intentionality, it "acts in a way that is morally harmful or beneficial and the actions seem deliberate and calculated." Responsibility is the ability of the machines to carry out a societal function that entails some presumptive duties.

## 4. BENEFITS

The emergence of customer-centricity and social activism are two important trends that have coincided with—and in many cases, been fueled by—the fast acceleration of AI deployment across enterprises.

According to Sudhir Jha, CEO and executive vice president of Mastercard's Bridgerton subsidiary, "businesses are rewarded not only for providing personalized products and services but also for upholding customer values and doing good for the society in which they operate."

AI has a significant impact on how customers engage with and see a company. Sufficient usage is required to guarantee a favourable outcome. Employees want to feel positive about the companies they work for, just like customers do. "Responsible AI can go a long way in retaining talent and ensuring smooth execution of a company's operations," Jha said.

## 5. CONCLUSION

We are just beginning to comprehend and deal with moral and ethical concerns surrounding artificial intelligence. "Right or wrong," "good or bad," and "virtue and vice" are not the only concepts in AI ethics. In fact, a tiny number of people cannot possibly address the problem. But moral and ethical concerns about AI are important and should be addressed right away. The purpose of this study is to highlight how important it is that different stakeholders focus on the morality and ethics of AI agents. We will strengthen the ethical standards now in place, better comprehend human ethics, and improve our interactions with AI agents in this AI age while working to establish the ethics of AI to allow the creation of ethical AI.

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