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How Students Can AI-Proof Their Careers

Artificial intelligence is going to eliminate a lot of jobs in the future. It's possible to reduce the risk that it will be yours.



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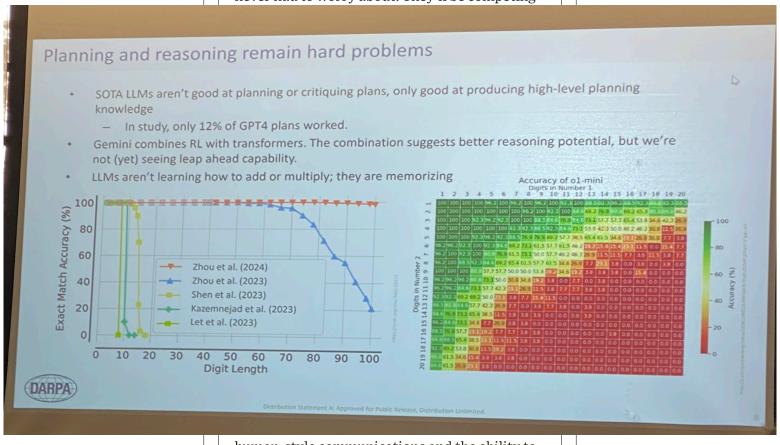
What can they do to get ready?

After all, artificial intelligence is likely to eliminate at least some jobs that formerly served as first rungs on career ladders. "We have to accept and embrace the idea that in fact with AI we are going to have jobs that are going to be eliminated and jobs that are going to be created, and we don't know which ones," says Joseph E. Aoun, president of Northeastern University.

That uncertainty leaves today's college students struggling to prepare for a workplace that is changing faster than ever. We asked a range of career counselors and employers how they would suggest students AI-proof their careers. One consensus: It's important to master skills not easily matched by machines, such as human-style communications and the ability to understand and work smoothly with people who have different perspectives and personalities.

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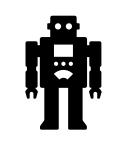
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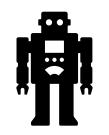
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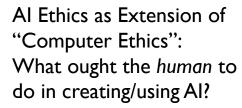


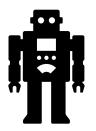




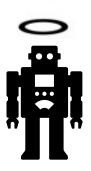




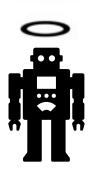










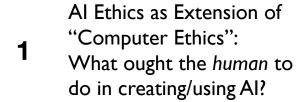


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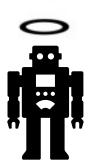


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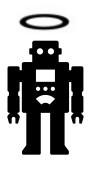




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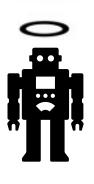
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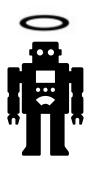
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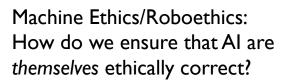


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Toward a General Logicist Methodology for Engineering Ethically Correct Robots

Selmer Bringsjord, Konstantine Arkoudas, and Paul Bello, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

A s intelligent machines assume an increasingly prominent role in our lives, there seems little doubt they will eventually be called on to make important, ethically

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ter medications, carry out tests, perform surgery, and so on, supported by software agents,

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Nonetheless, we're optimists: we think formal logic offers a way to preclude doomsday scenarios of malicious robots taking over the world. Faced with the challenge of engineering ethically correct robots, we prosoce a logic-based approach (see the related sidebar). We've successfully implemented and demonstrated his approach. "We present it here in a general method-

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 2. A robot must obey the orders given to it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
- A robot must protect its own existence, as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

Human beings often view ethical theories, principles, and codes informally, but intelligent machine require a greater degree of precision. At present, and for the foreseeable future, machines can't work directly with natural language, so we can't simply feed Asimov's three laws to a robot and instruct it behave in

Toward Ethical Robots via Mechanized Deontic Logic*

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Introduction

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One approach to the task of building well-behaved robots emphasizes careful ethical reasoning based on mechanized formal logics of action, obligation, and permissibility; that is the approach we explore in this paper. It is a line of research in the spirit of Leibniz's famous dream of a universal moral calculus (Leibniz 1984):

When controversies arise, there will be no more need for a disputation between two philosophers than there would be between two accountants [computistas]. It would be enough for them to pick up their pens and sit at their abacuses, and say to each other (perhaps having summoned a mutual friend). 'Let us calculated

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Deontic logic, agency, and action

In standard deontic logic (Chellas 1980; Hilpinen 2001; Aqvist 1984), or just SDL, the formula $(D^p$ can be interpreted as saying that it ought to be the case that P, where P denotes some state of affairs or proposition. Notice that there is no agent in the picture, nor are there actions that an agent might perform. This is a direct consequence of the fact that SDL is derived directly from standard modal logic, which applies the possibility and necessity operators \diamondsuit and \square to formulae standing for propositions or states of affairs. For example, the deontic logic D^* has one rule of inference, viz.

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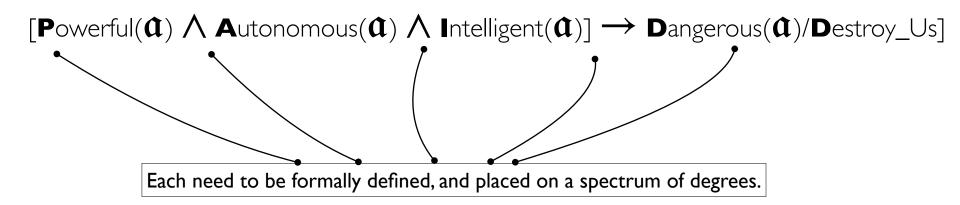
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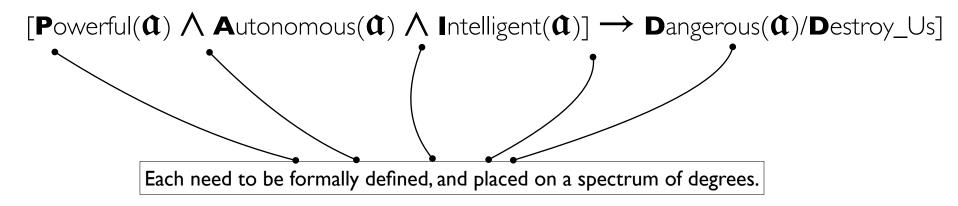
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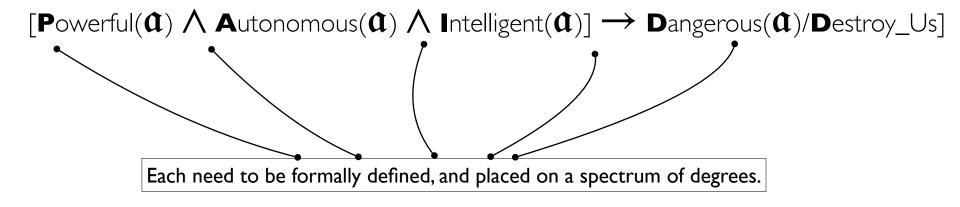
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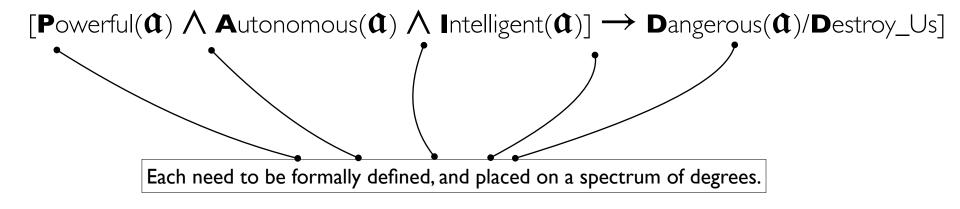
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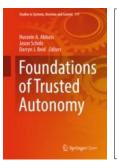






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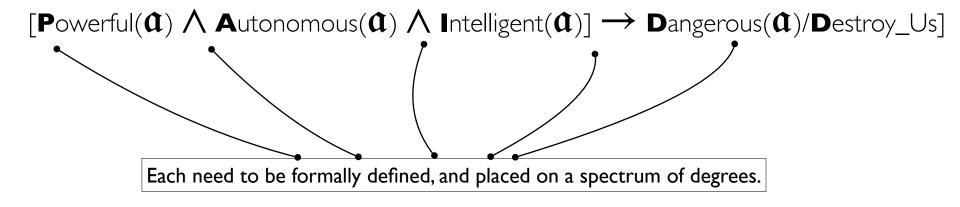


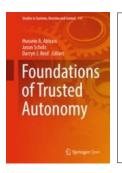






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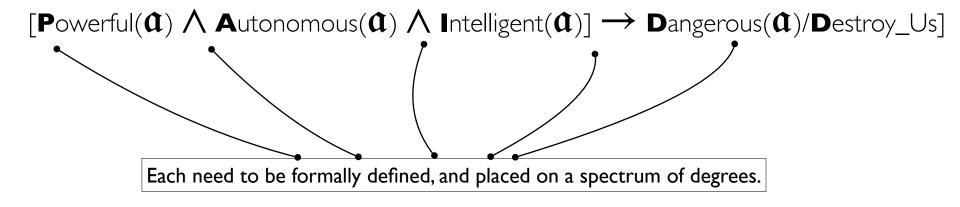


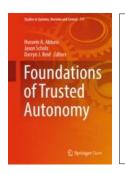






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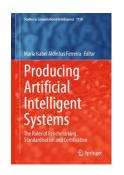






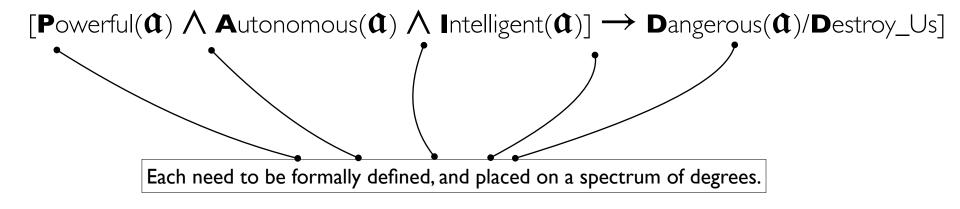


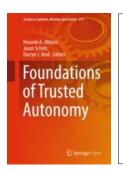






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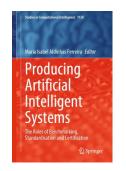
















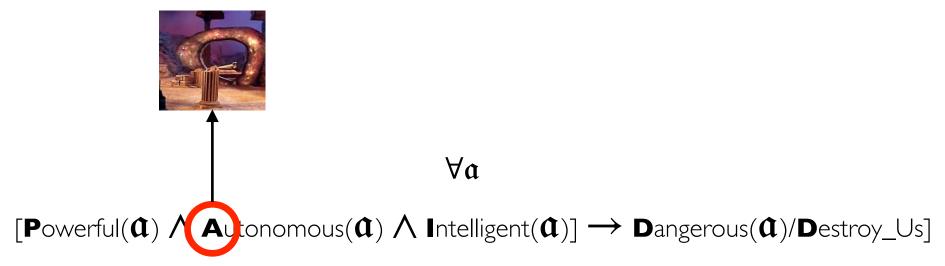
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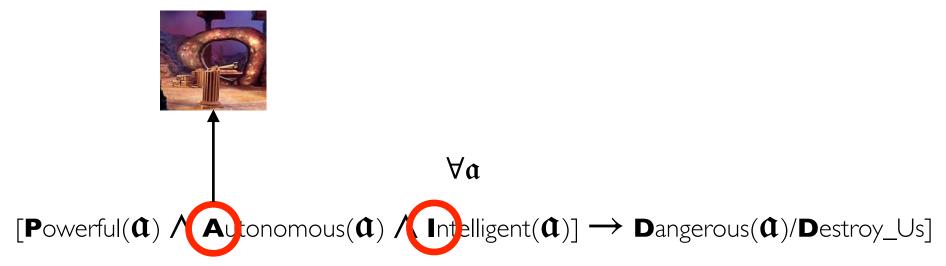
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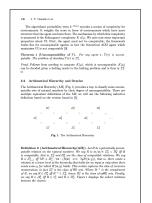


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Computational Approaches to Conscious Artificial Intelligence

Chapter 5

Universal Cognitive Intelligence, from Cognitive Consciousness, and Lambda (∧)

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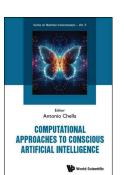
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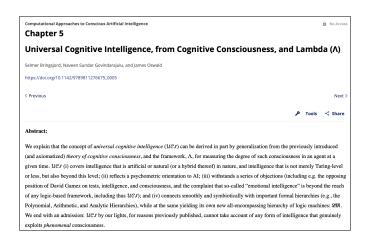
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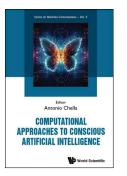
We explain that the concept of *universal cognitive intelligence* (UCI) can be derived in part by generalization from the previously introduced (and axiomatized) theory of cognitive consciousness, and the framework, Λ , for measuring the degree of such consciousness in an agent at a given time. UCI (i) covers intelligence that is artificial or natural (or a hybrid thereof) in nature, and intelligence that is not merely Turing-level or less, but also beyond this level; (ii) reflects a psychometric orientation to AI; (iii) withstands a series of objections (including e.g. the opposing position of David Gamez on tests, intelligence, and consciousness, and the complaint that so-called "emotional intelligence" is beyond the reach of any logic-based framework, including thus UCI); and (iv) connects smoothly and symbiotically with important formal hierarchies (e.g., the Polynomial, Arithmetic, and Analytic Hierarchies), while at the same yielding its own new all-encompassing hierarchy of logic machines: Ω . We end with an admission: UCI by our lights, for reasons previously published, cannot take account of any form of intelligence that genuinely exploits *phenomenal* consciousness.



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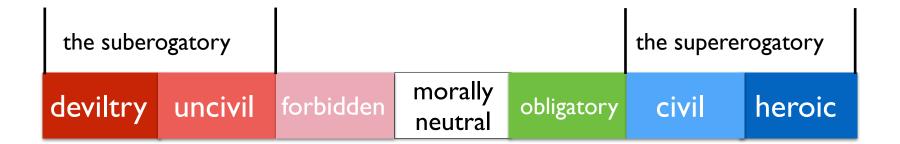


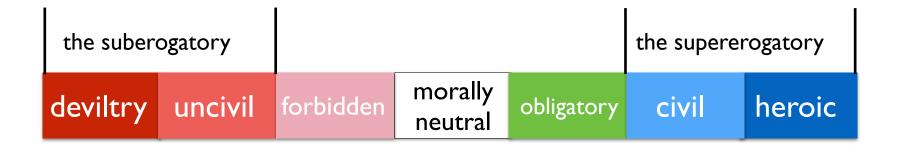




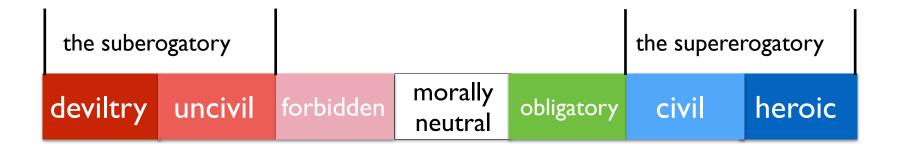
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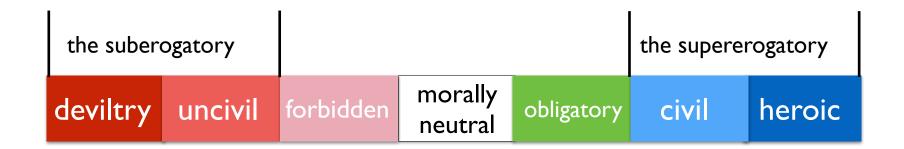


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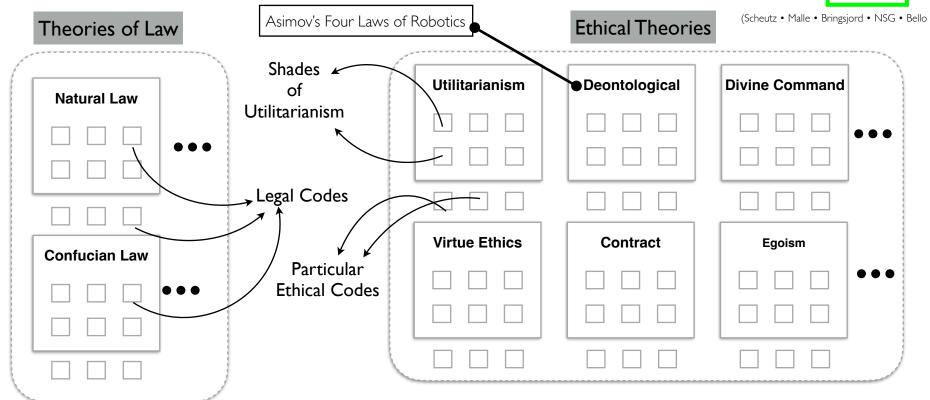
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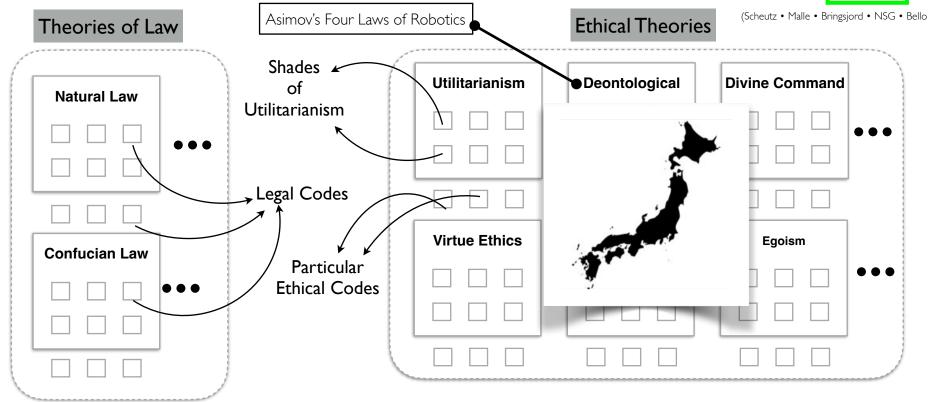
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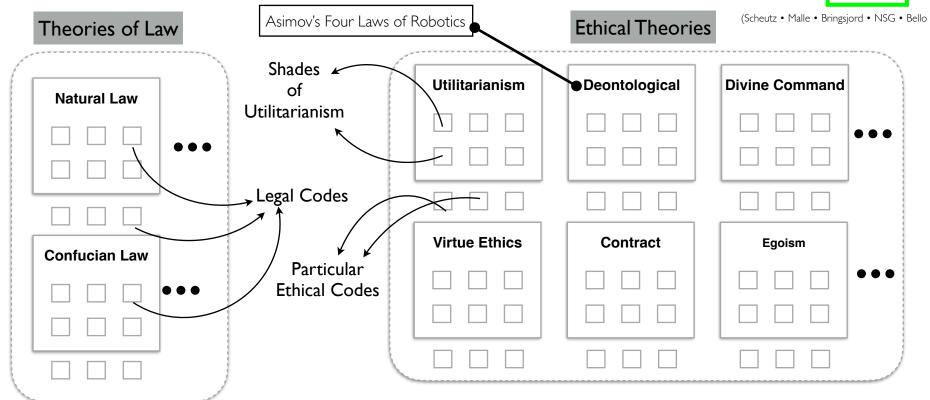




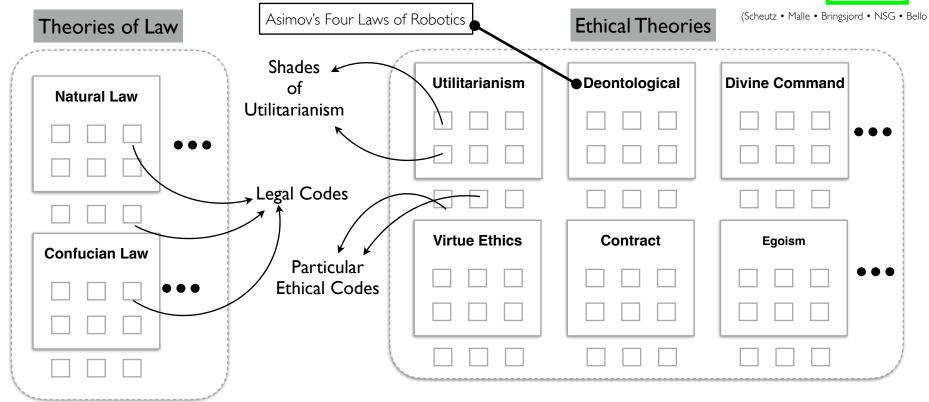








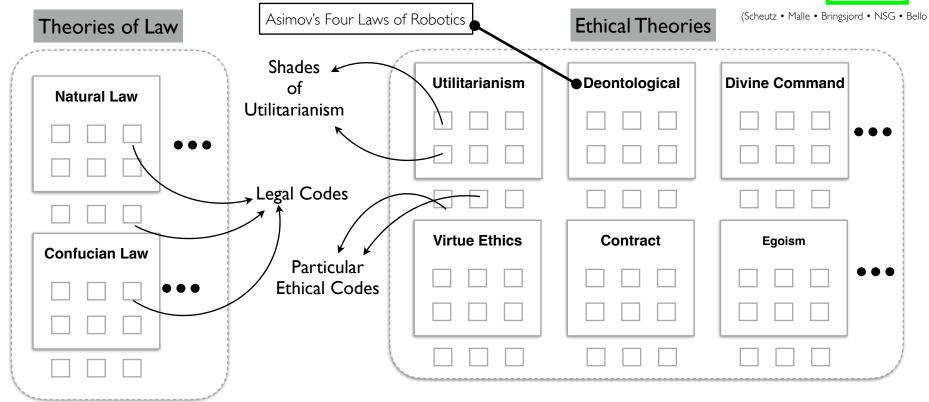




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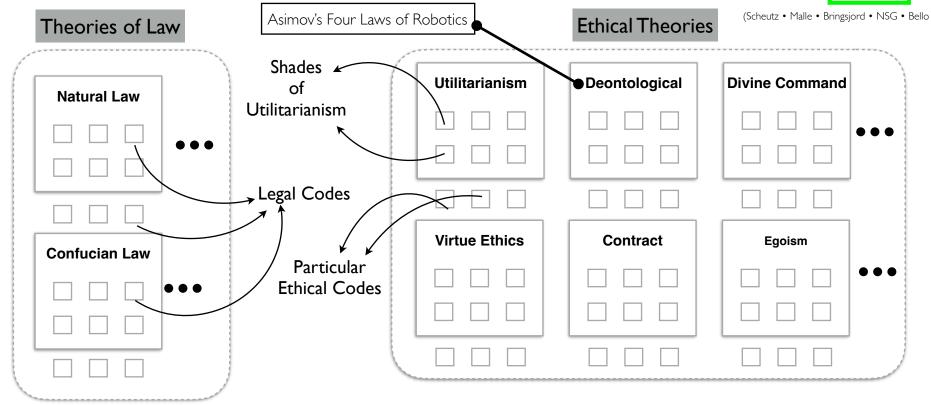


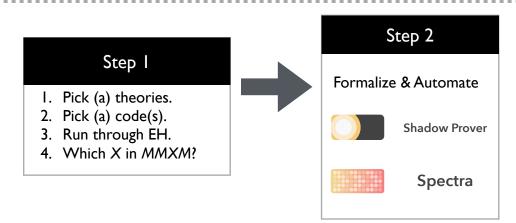


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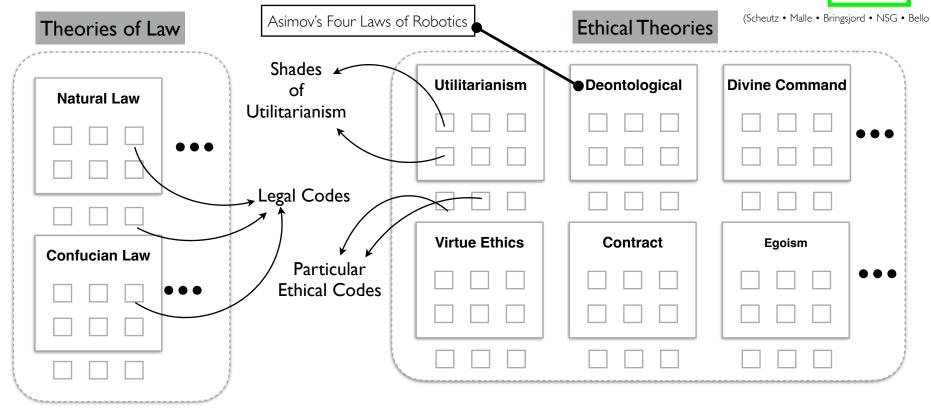
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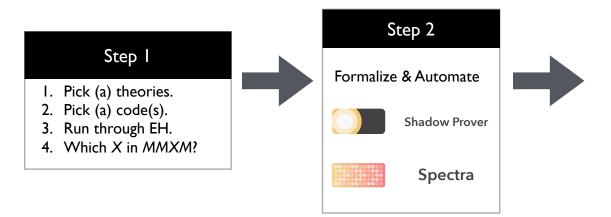




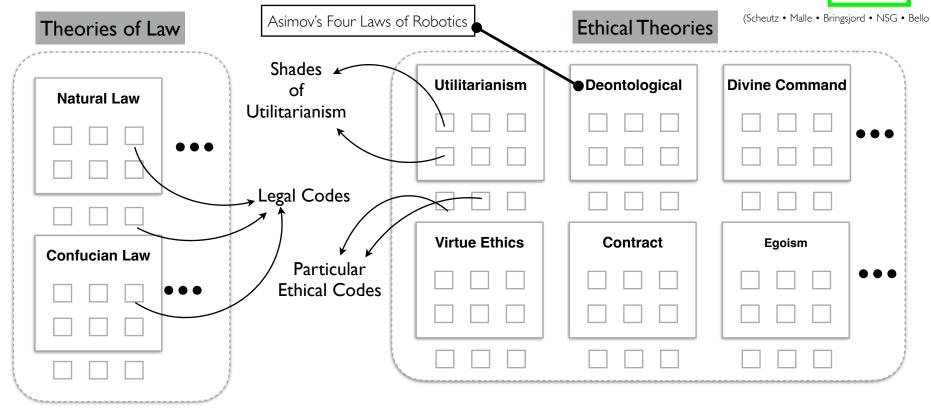


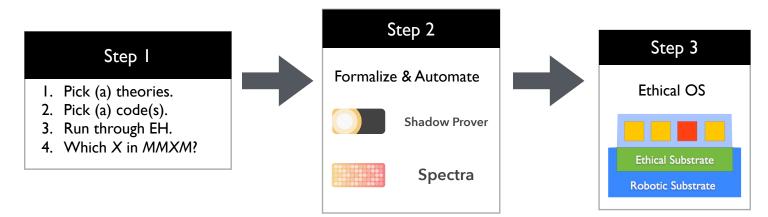




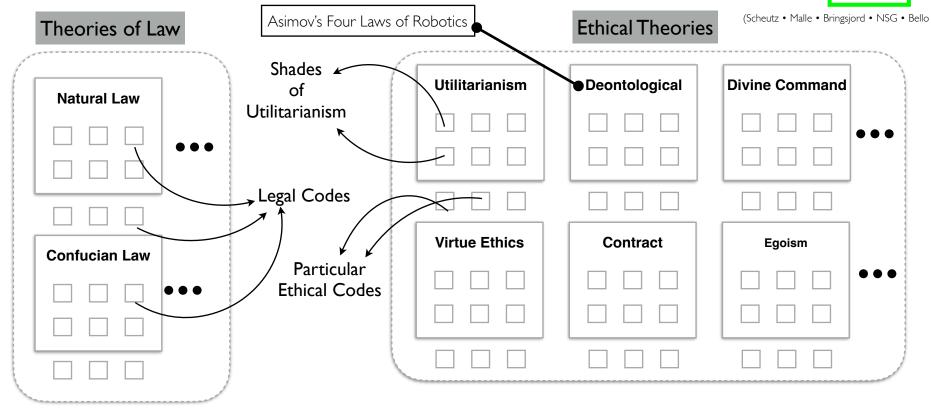


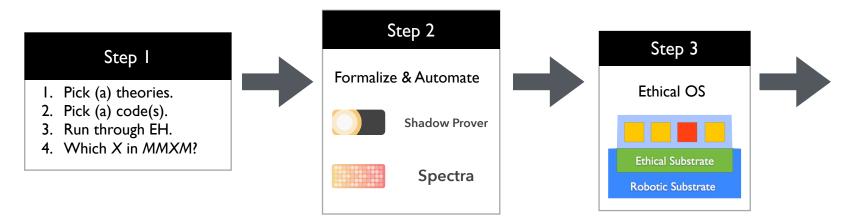




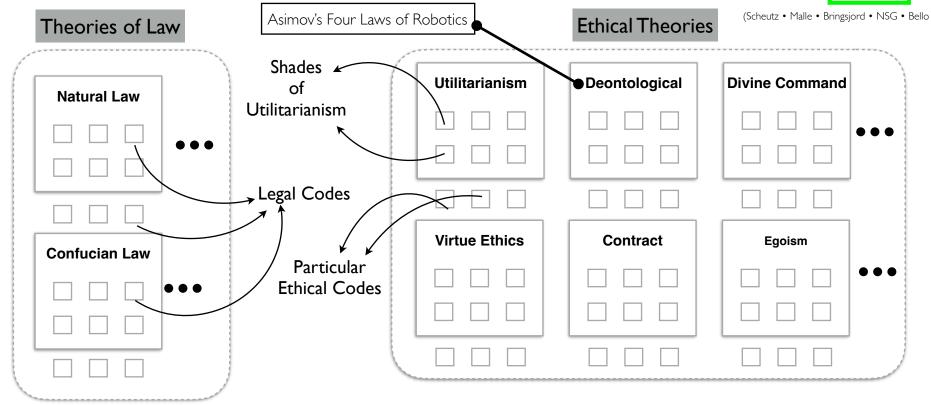


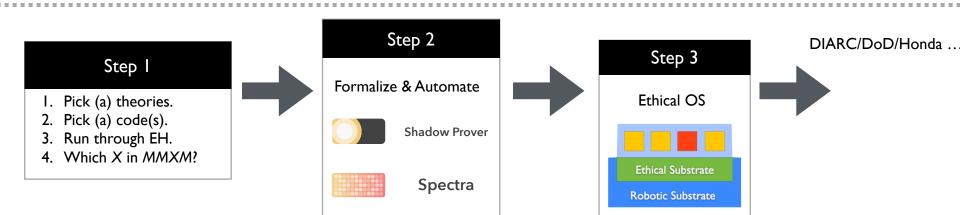




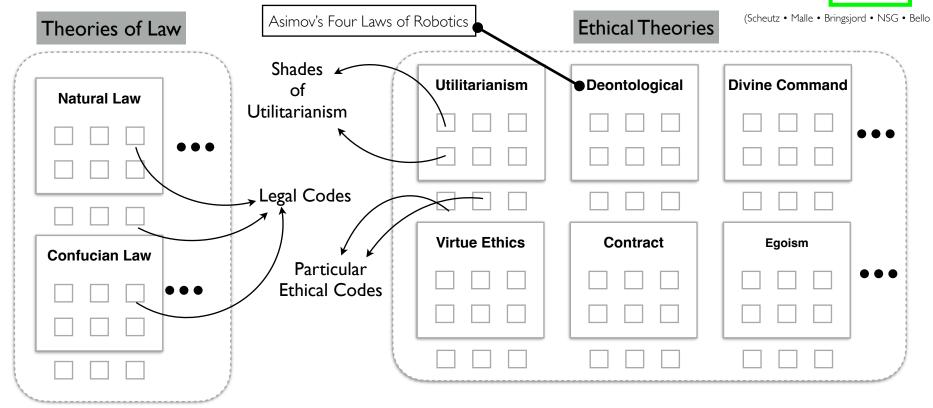


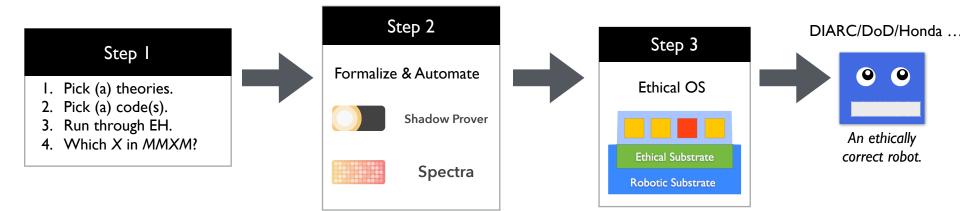






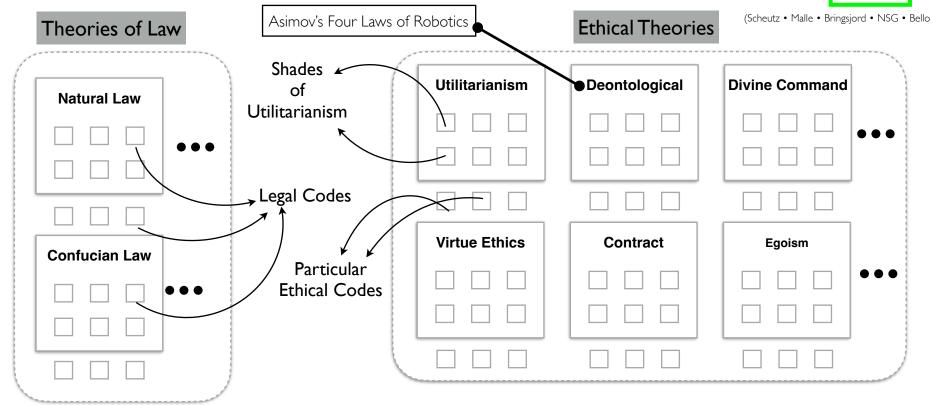






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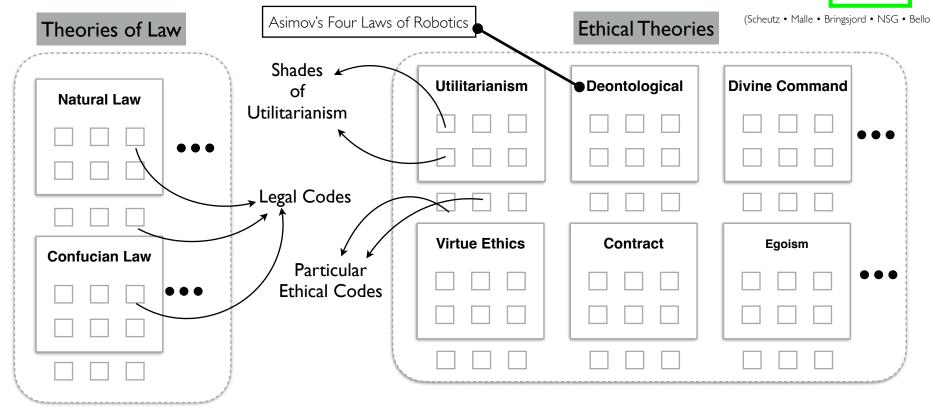




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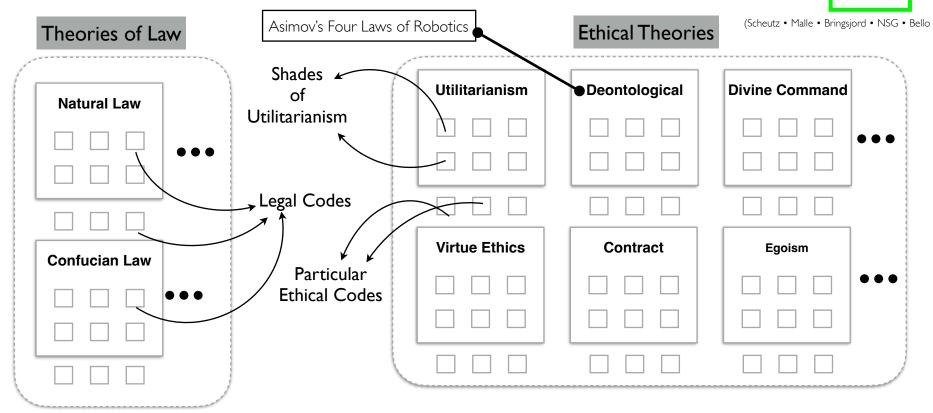


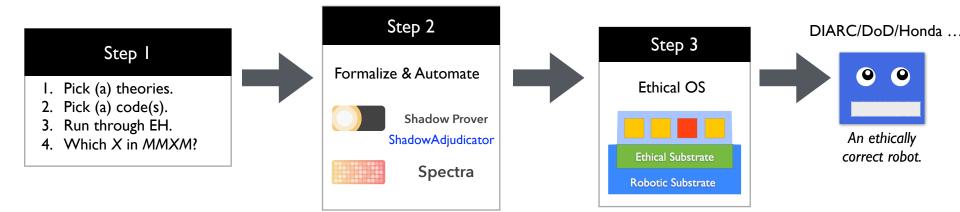


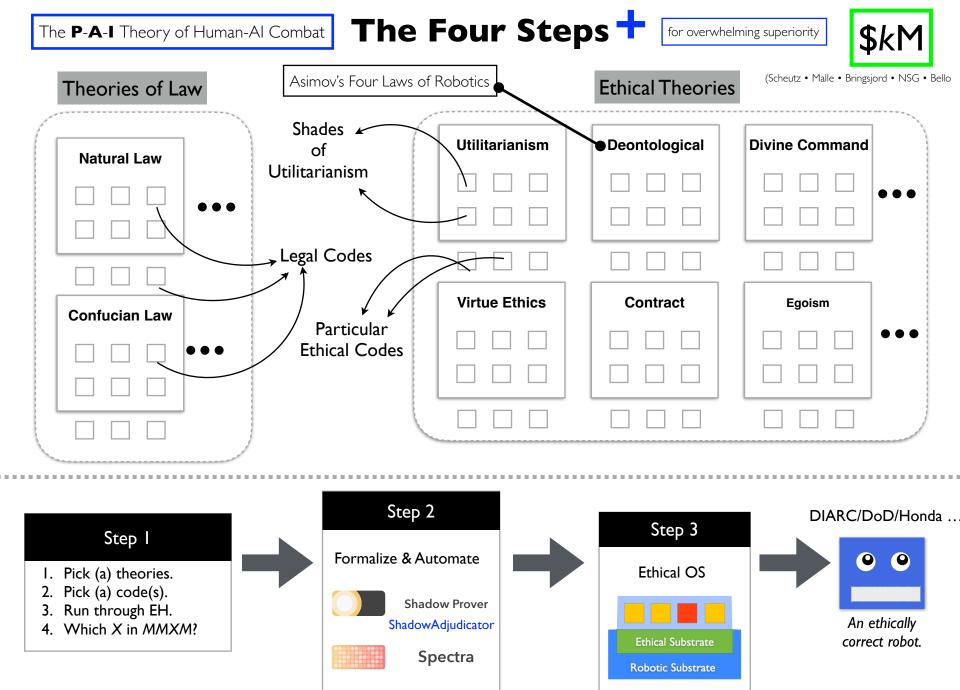
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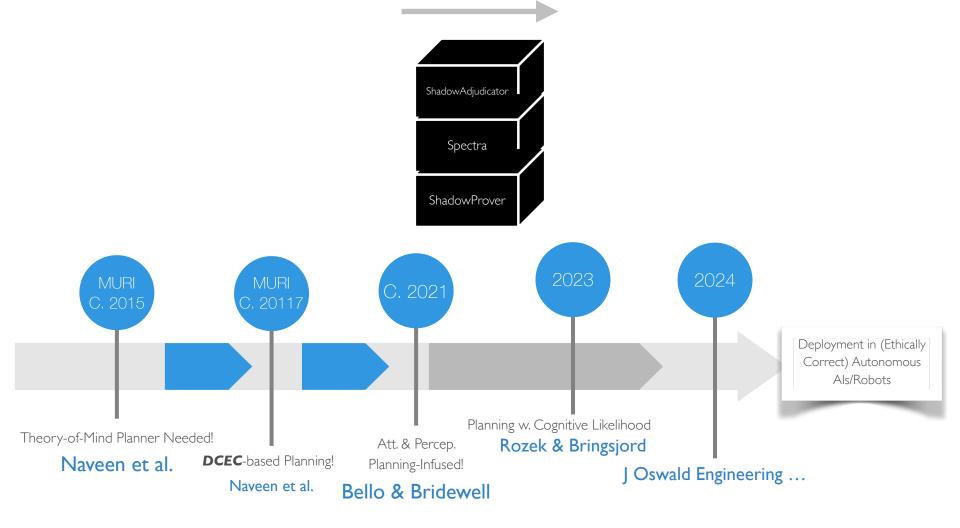




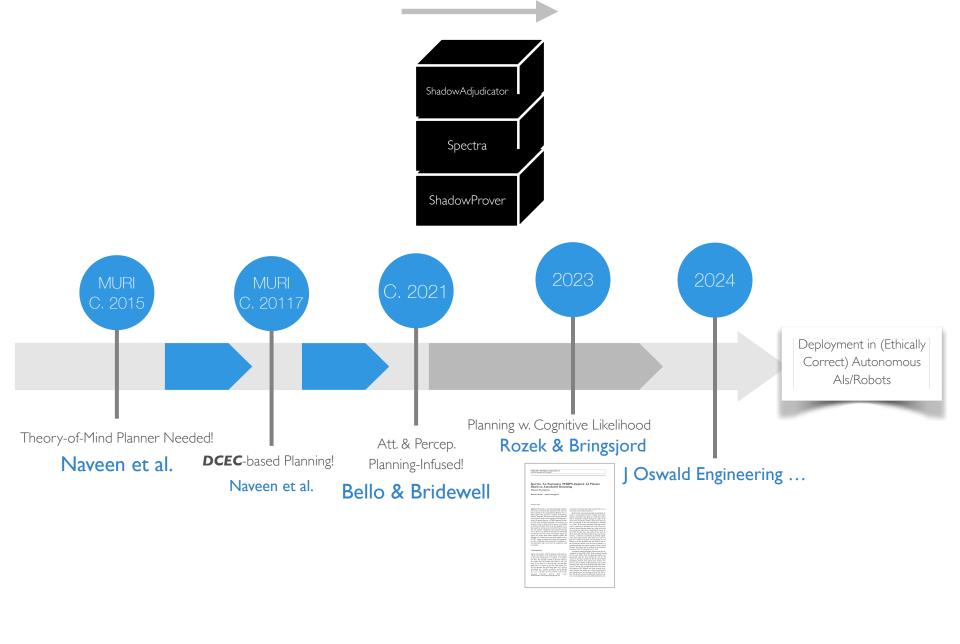




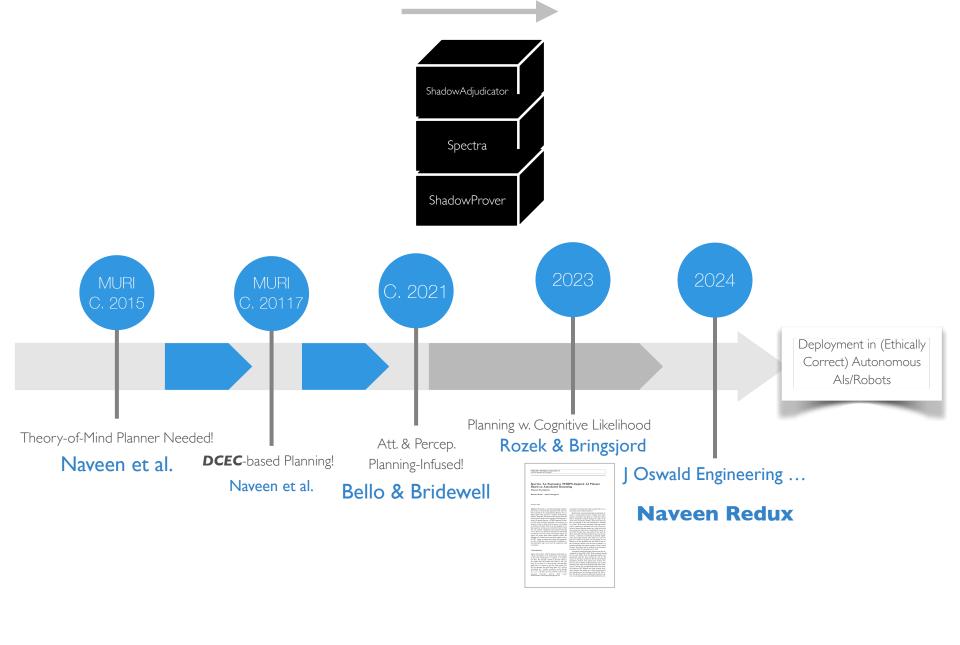










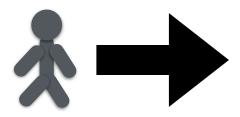




Informal Version of DDE

- C₁ the action is not forbidden (where we assume an ethical hierarchy such as the one given by Bringsjord [2017], and require that the action be neutral or above neutral in such a hierarchy);
- C_2 the net utility or goodness of the action is greater than some positive amount γ ;
- C_{3a} the agent performing the action intends only the good effects;
- C_{3b} the agent does not intend any of the bad effects;
 - C₄ the bad effects are not used as a means to obtain the good effects; and
 - C₅ if there are bad effects, the agent would rather the situation be different and the agent not have to perform the action. That is, the action is unavoidable.





Formal Conditions for \mathcal{DDE}

 $\mathbf{F_1}$ α carried out at t is not forbidden. That is:

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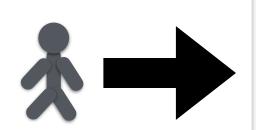
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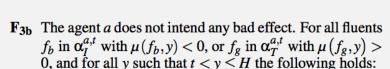
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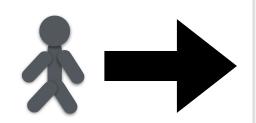
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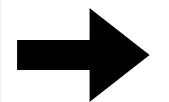


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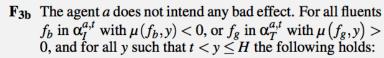
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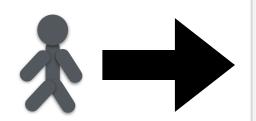
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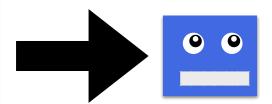


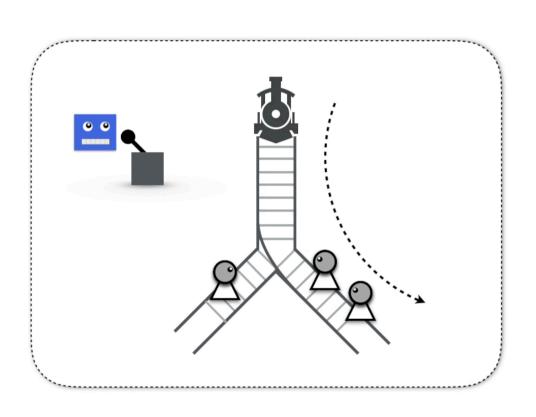
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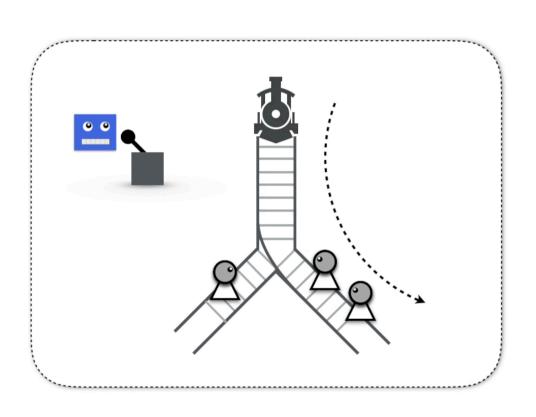
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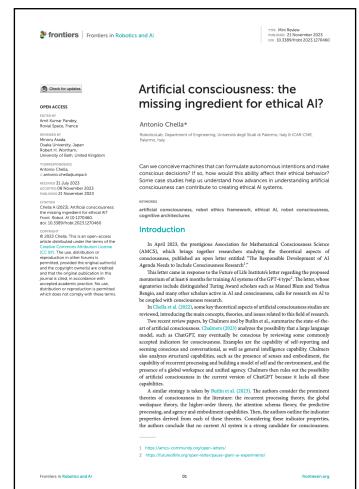
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Artificial consciousness: the missing ingredient for ethical AI?

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Can we conceive machines that can formulate autonomous intentions and make conscious decisions? If so, how would this ability affect their ethical behavior? Some case studies help us understand how advances in understanding artificial consciousness can contribute to creating ethical Al systems.

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Introduction

In April 2023, the prestigious Association for Mathematical Consciousness Science (AMCS), which brings together researchers studying the theoretical aspects of consciousness, published an open letter entitled "The Responsible Development of AI Agenda Needs to Include Consciousness Research¹."

This letter came in response to the Future of Life Institute's letter regarding the proposed moratorium of at least 6 months for training AI systems of the GPT-4 type². The letter, whose signatories include distinguished Turing Award scholars such as Manuel Blum and Yoshua Bengio, and many other scholars active in AI and consciousness, calls for research on AI to be coupled with consciousness research.

In Chella et al. (2022), some key theoretical aspects of artificial consciousness studies are reviewed, introducing the main concepts, theories, and issues related to this field of research.

Two recent review papers, by Chalmers and by Butlin et al., summarize the state-of-theart of artificial consciousness. Chalmers (2023) analyzes the possibility that a large language model, such as ChatGPT, may eventually be conscious by reviewing some commonly accepted indicators for consciousness. Examples are the capability of self-reporting and seeming conscious and conversational, as well as general intelligence capability. Chalmers also analyzes structural capabilities, such as the presence of senses and embodiment, the capability of recurrent processing and building a model of self and the environment, and the presence of a global workspace and unified agency. Chalmers then rules out the possibility of artificial consciousness in the current version of ChatGPT because it lacks all these capabilities.

A similar strategy is taken by Butlin et al. (2023). The authors consider the prominent theories of consciousness in the literature: the recurrent processing theory, the global workspace theory, the higher-order theory, the attention schema theory, the predictive processing, and agency and embodiment capabilities. Then, the authors outline the indicator properties derived from each of these theories. Considering these indicator properties, the authors conclude that no current AL system is a strong candidate for consciousness.

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Then, MTRNN operation is characterized by self-organization of the hierarchy consisting of the bottom-up acquisition of sensory data and the top-down generation of action plans related to the robot's intentions, which in turn trigger sequences of behavior primitives and movements. Tani showed that a sort of "free will" may be observed in the architecture when the higher-level networks spontaneously generate the robot's intentions through chaos. Then, when a gap emerges between the top-down generated intentions and the bottom-up perception of the external world, conscious awareness of intentions arises to minimize this gap [see Tani (2017),

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networks at the higher levels of the hierarchy and are related to the the general ability to solve ethical problems wisely (Sullins et al.,

According to this approach, an ethical agent should perform his or her actions based on wisdom and not through mere implementation of ethical doctrines. Following Aristotle, the ability to act wisely cannot be formalized through rules but is a practice that the agent must acquire through experience. Real situations are generally complex; each is encountered for the first time and thus lacks prior experience. Artificial wisdom, therefore, requires a wise agent to have the ability to understand the context, that is, what the actors are and what is at stake. The agent must also have the ability to learn new contexts and improvise on predefined patterns: it must be aware of the actions and potential reactions of other

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This debate reflects a broader and more fundamental issue: the ability of machines to "feel" or "understand" authentically and how that ability might influence their ethical

These issues are dense with theoretical, methodological, and ethical implications and challenges that the scientific community cannot ignore. Their complexity is a reminder of the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in AI research, combining computer science, philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, and ethics to develop AI systems that are not only technically advanced but also ethically

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24. CAN CONSCIOUSNESS BE EXPLAINED BY INTEGRATED INFORMATION THEORY OR THE THEORY OF COGNITIVE CONSCIOUSNESS?¹

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1. Introduction

As readers will doubtless have noted by now, some other chapters in the present volume have expressed the view (rather agreeable to us) that many aspects of human-level mental phenomena are recalcitrant to a mindset that insists upon mathematical and (usually) material explanations. First-person subjectivity, intentionality, mathematical cognition, robust epistemic states, consciousness...these phenomena are exceedingly hard to explain in such a manner. It is the final member of that list of challenges that is our focus in the present chapter. Can science operating in the math-and-material manner explain—and perhaps even, courtesy of associated engineering, replicate in artificial agents-consciousness?

This question is now pressed upon at least all technologized societies on Earth, because of the advent of artificial agents able to converse in seemingly flawless English about pretty much anything, including consciousness itself. A famous example is ChatGPT. This class of agents falls into what is now called "generative AI," which includes agents not only able to generate natural language, but also images. In the case of language, these agents are sometimes called "chatbots," but are more precisely known as "Large Language Models." Some of these agents have been declared conscious,² and the question of whether they are is really just a special case of the general question taken up in the present chapter. We are very confident that ascriptions of consciousness to artificial agents are only going to grow in frequency, and such ascriptions are going to increasingly be issued by voices that seem balanced and authoritative. This chapter should in our opinion be read and understood by those humans who will find themselves living in the trend we foresee, because it provides at least a starting basis for two fundamental ways of looking not just at consciousness in general, but consciousness in computational artifacts.

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