



AI *for* Philosophy

Philosophical Reflections on AI Large Language Models

Philosophical thought is enriched and diversified through cultural collisions. However, large language models currently trained by artificial Intelligence are based on only a few major languages, with smaller languages having relatively sparse datasets. This means that existing AI can deeply understand the philosophical ideas behind major training languages, while its understanding of the philosophical ideas represented by lesser known languages remains shallow, which could lead to a "Matthew effect" in the spread of philosophical ideas, exacerbating cultural inequality.

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AI illusions.

AI is proficient at creating "plausible sounding" but ultimately nonexistent classic texts or theoretical viewpoints. This can lead to systemic errors in knowledge, which can pose significant challenges for philosophical researchers. For beginners, children, or adolescents, this could be disastrous, leading them astray.

AI Facilitates Convergence of Cultural Philosophies

AI can significantly improve both the quality and efficiency of translation, simplifying the understanding of classical texts with relatively accuracy and reliability. This is especially helpful for cross-cultural learners, enabling a grasp of the fundamental philosophical ideas across cultures and geographies efficiently.

AI promotes Philosophical Education

For specific philosophical texts, AI can already help readers resolve doubts promptly, offering valuable thought-provoking perspectives, that inspire further reading and contemplation. AI can become a valuable assistant in philosophical education, engaging readers more with the content, context and ideas of different philosophies.

AI "blurs" the lines between Real and Artificial

AI's ability to create value rests on the ideas & visions of programmers, determining how and what it learns. Traditional philosophy has always differentiated between reality and fantasy, a line that AI gradually risks blurring. This can result in a rupture of established philosophical views and lead to a new symbiosis of human, machine and divinity.

AI "Thinking" can be Detached from Reality

From Confucius, Socrates to Buddha and other philosophers in history, philosophy has always sought to answer the fundamental & primal question: ***How can we live a good life as human beings?*** A good life requires practical, lived experiences, whereas philosophical views "thought" by AI are inherently disconnected from this. There is a hidden danger here: humans may be too satisfied with the idealized visions fabricated by AI and thus deliberately ignore pressing real-world issues such as poverty, environmental pollution, war, and inequality.



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