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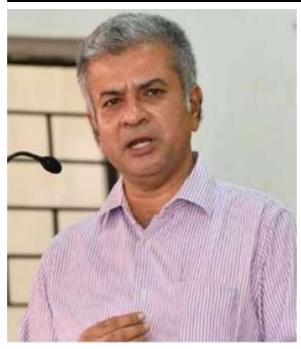
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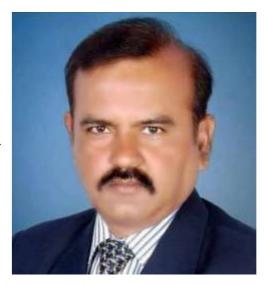


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With this thought, we hereby present to you

AI IN THE CREATIVE SPHERE: UNDERSTANDING AGENCY AND CRAFTING REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

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The rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has revolutionized industries and transformed the way people interact with technology. At the core of AI lies the concept of agency, which refers to the capacity of AI systems to act autonomously and make decisions based on their learnings and programming. While agency has usually been associated with human activities, the rise of intelligent machines capable of exhibiting some autonomy and decision-making raises serious concerns regarding the nature of agency in the context of AI. Understanding and navigating this idea is critical as we tackle with the complexities of AI-assisted and AI-generated works. However, as the repercussions of AI actions become increasingly uncertain and unpredictable, the notion of full agency in AI becomes both enticing and challenging. In this essay, we will explore the concept of agency in the context of AI, look through the issues surrounding AI-assisted and AI-generated works, and propose avenues to effectively regulate and harness the potential of these technologies to ensure a harmonious coexistence between AI and human agency.¹

Understanding Agency in AI

Agency, historically associated with human activities, takes on a new dimension in the realm of AI. AI systems possess a form of agency based on their respective programmed algorithms and their ability to learn from the given datasets. These systems can autonomously make decisions, perform tasks, and adapt to changing conditions without the need for constant human intervention. While AI lacks consciousness and subjective experiences, its agency is derived from its ability to process data, identify patterns, and develop responses.²

However, when contemplating the unforeseen repercussions of AI activities, the concept of

¹ Peter Georg Picht and Florent Thouvenin, 'AI and IP: Theory to Policy and Back Again – Policy and Research Recommendations at the Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property' (2023) 54 IIC - International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law 916.

² Riikka Koulu, 'Human Oversight of Automation – Reflections on Ai Ethics, Technological Agency and Anthropocentric Law' [2019] SSRN Electronic Journal.

agency in AI becomes complicated. Full agency entails taking responsibility for the consequences of one's actions, which demands an awareness and acceptance of the potential results. In the context of AI, where complex interactions and emergent behaviours are possible, the capacity to foresee all possible outcomes becomes difficult. Unforeseen outcomes may occur due to interactions with dynamic environments, insufficient information, or the inherent limitations of AI algorithms.³

Challenges of AI-Assisted and AI-Generated Works

AI-Assisted Works: AI-assisted works involve collaboration between humans and AI systems, in which AI tools boost human creativity and productivity. While this collaboration offers enormous potential, it also raises major challenges. One such challenge lies in determining ownership and attribution. Determining the contribution of AI systems in the creative process can be tricky, blurring the lines between human authorship and the role of AI. This becomes especially pertinent when AI tools significantly influence the final outcome. Establishing proper guidelines and regulations to address ownership and recognition in these collaborations is imperative to ensure fair recognition and reward for both humans and AI systems involved.⁴

Additionally, the level of human agency in AI-assisted works must be carefully considered. While AI systems can provide useful insights and recommendations, it is crucial to establish a balance that preserves the human element. Allowing humans to retain control and final decision-making power guarantees that their creative input remains integral. Over-reliance on AI systems can risk damaging human agency, undermining the distinct traits of human creativity, intuition, and judgment.

AI-Generated Works: AI-generated works, produced entirely by AI systems without human intervention, face their own set of challenges. One of the key concerns is the concept of creativity. Traditional definitions of creativity often involve elements of originality, uniqueness, and the ability to generate ideas. When AI systems autonomously generate artistic, literary, or musical pieces, questions regarding the true nature of creativity in these works arise. Critics argue that AIgenerated works may lack the emotional resonance, depth, and personal experiences that human

³ Marine Pagliari, Valérian Chambon and Bruno Berberian, 'What Is New with Artificial Intelligence? Human–Agent Interactions through the Lens of Social Agency' (2021) 13 Frontiers in Psychology.

⁴ P Bernt Hugenholtz and João Pedro Quintais, 'Copyright and Artificial Creation: Does EU Copyright Law Protect

AI-Assisted Output?' (2021) 52 IIC - International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law 1190.

creators bring to the table.

Furthermore, biases embedded within AI algorithms pose another substantial challenge. AI systems learn from massive amounts of data, including societal information that could be biased or reflect pre-existing prejudices. As a result, AI-generated works may unintentionally perpetuate and magnify biases present in the data. For instance, AI-generated texts may inadvertently display gender, racial, or cultural biases, reinforcing societal inequalities. Addressing these biases requires careful attention to the training data, algorithmic design, and constant monitoring to identify and mitigate unintentional biases.⁵

Regulating AI-generated works also raises concerns regarding originality and intellectual property. Copyright laws typically protect original human creations, but identifying the originality of AI-generated works becomes complicated. Because AI systems learn from existing works, there is a possible risk of unintentional infringement and plagiarism. Establishing proper guidelines and frameworks to determine the legal and ethical aspects of ownership and originality in AI-generated works is vital for preserving a fair and just creative ecosystem. To navigate these obstacles, effective regulation is necessary.⁶

Effective Regulation of AI-Assisted and AI-Generated Works

To ensure effective regulation and mitigate the challenges surrounding AI-assisted and AI-generated works, several methods should be considered, such as:

- a) Robust Testing: Mandating extensive testing and validation of AI systems is required to identify potential biases, evaluate safety, and assess the consequences of AI actions prior to deployment. Beyond technical performance, testing should also include ethical considerations and societal impact.⁷
- b) Transparent Disclosure: Proper guidelines should be developed to mandate the disclosure of AI involvement in the creation of works. Users or consumers are entitled to transparency in order to make informed decisions and comprehend the role AI played in the creative process. Disclosure encourages accountability and helps address concerns about

⁵ Eirini Ntoutsi and others, 'Bias in Data-driven Artificial Intelligence Systems—An Introductory Survey' (2020) 10 Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery.

⁶ Saakshi Agarwal and Chintan Bhardwaj, 'The Dilemma of Copyright Law and Artificial Intelligence in India' [2021] SSRN Electronic Journal.

⁷ Chris Reed, 'How Should We Regulate Artificial Intelligence?' (2018) 376 Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A: Mathematical, Physical and Engineering Sciences 20170360.

- authorship, ownership, and attribution.8
- c) Ethical Guidelines: Formulating and implementing ethical guidelines for AI development and deployment is essential. These guidelines should potentially be able to address concerns of bias, fairness, privacy, and accountability. They should promote the responsible use of AI and push developers to consider potential implications and societal impact. Collaboration among policymakers, technologists, and ethicists is required to guarantee that these guidelines reflect diverse perspectives and remain relevant as technology evolves.⁹
- d) Human Oversight: Maintaining human oversight is crucial in AI-assisted and AI-generated works. Humans should be able to review, analyse, and intervene if necessary to ensure outcomes are consistent with societal ideals and objectives. Human judgment and ethical decision-making are crucial in dealing with unforeseen consequences, biases, and potential ethical dilemmas.¹⁰

Conclusion

In the complex realm of AI and its impact on creative works, understanding and navigating the concept of agency is essential for responsible development and efficient regulation. The challenges presented by AI-assisted and AI-generated works, such as questions of creativity, biases, and ownership, necessitate interdisciplinary collaboration and transparent guidelines. To strike a balance between innovation and accountability, we must establish comprehensive regulations that recognize the contributions of both humans and AI alike, address biases and problems surrounding originality, and promote transparency and education. By embracing ongoing deliberations about ethical considerations, we can assure a future where AI and human agency coexist harmoniously, empowering us to harness the full potential of AI while preserving our values and conserving the essence of creative expression.

⁸ Gloria Andrada, Robert W Clowes and Paul R Smart, 'Varieties of Transparency: Exploring Agency within AI Systems' [2022] Ai & Society 1.

⁹ Patricia Vasconcelos Almeida, Carlos Denner dos Santos and Josivania Silva Farias, 'Artificial Intelligence Regulation: A Meta-Framework for Formulation and Governance', *Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences* (2020).

¹⁰ Patrick O Glauner, 'An Assessment of the AI Regulation Proposed by the European Commission' (2021) abs/2105.15133 ArXiv.