Taming the Al Monster

Monitoring of Individual Fairness for Effective Human Oversight

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The

explosion of opportunities for software-driven innovations

comes with an

implosion of human opportunities and capabilities

to understand and control these innovations.







Example – Individual Fairness



Eugene Score: 0.9

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Black Box

John Score: 0.7

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Example – Software Doping





Contag et al.: How They Did It: An Analysis of Emission Defeat Devices in Modern Automobiles. SP 2017. Domke and Lange: The exhaust emissions scandal ("Diesel-gate"). Chaos Communication Congress 2015.

Emission Cleaning by Volkswagen





Emission Cleaning by Others







NEDC vs. NEDC'

Speed





$d_{\text{In}}(i_1, i_2) = |i_1 - i_2|$ $d_{\text{Out}}(o_1, o_2) = |o_1 - o_2|$ $\kappa_i = 15 \text{ km/h}$ $\kappa_o = 180 \text{ mg/km}$



A software is doped if and only if it is not clean.

Our cleanness mantra is: Similar inputs lead to similar outputs.









For all $i \in StdIn$, $i' \in In^{\omega}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. If $d_{In}(i[..j], i'[..j]) \leq \kappa_i$ for all $j \leq k$, then $d_{Out}(P(i)[..k], P(i')[..k]) \leq \kappa_o$.

$$P: In^{\omega} \rightarrow Out^{\omega}$$

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$$for outputs, (Out^* \times Out^*) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$$i = NEDC \quad i \in StdIn$$

$$i' \neq NEDC \quad i' \notin StdIn$$







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 $i' \in In$





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I-robust cleanness + u-robust cleanness



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Hausdorff-based robust cleanness ≈

Robust Cleanness in Temporal Logic

robust cleanness in HyperLTL:

$$\forall \pi_1. \forall \pi_2. \exists \pi'_1. \mathsf{StdIn}_{\pi_1} \to \left(\mathsf{G}(\mathsf{i}_{\pi_1} = \mathsf{i}_{\pi'_1}) \land \left((\hat{d}_{\mathsf{Out}}(\mathsf{o}_{\pi'_1}, \mathsf{o}_{\pi_2}) \leq \kappa_{\mathsf{o}}) \mathsf{W}\left(\hat{d}_{\mathsf{In}}(\mathsf{i}_{\pi'_1}, \mathsf{i}_{\pi_2}) > \kappa_{\mathsf{i}} \right) \right) \right)$$

robust cleanness in HyperSTL:

$$\forall \pi_1. \forall \pi_2. \exists \pi'_1. \mathsf{StdIn}_{\pi_1} > 0 \rightarrow \left(\mathsf{G}(|\mathsf{i}_{\pi_1} - \mathsf{i}_{\pi'_1}| \le 0) \land \left((d_{\mathsf{Out}}(\mathsf{o}_{\pi'_1}, \mathsf{o}_{\pi_2}) - \kappa_{\mathsf{o}} \le 0) \mathsf{W}\left(d_{\mathsf{In}}(\mathsf{i}_{\pi'_1}, \mathsf{i}_{\pi_2}) - \kappa_{\mathsf{i}} > 0 \right) \right) \right)$$

robust cleanness for <u>finite standard</u> behaviour in STL:

$$\bigwedge_{1 \le a \le c} \bigvee_{1 \le b \le c} \left(\mathsf{G}(|\mathsf{i}_a - \mathsf{i}_b| \le 0) \land \left((d_{\mathsf{Out}}(\mathsf{o}_b, \mathsf{o}) - \kappa_{\mathsf{o}} \le 0) \mathsf{W}\left(d_{\mathsf{In}}(\mathsf{i}_b, \mathsf{i}) - \kappa_{\mathsf{i}} > 0 \right) \right) \right)$$

with self-composition by "copying" standard signals into the trace to be checked: w = (i, o)



$$\rightsquigarrow w' = (\mathsf{i}, \mathsf{o}, \mathsf{i}_1, \mathsf{o}_1, \dots, \mathsf{i}_c, \mathsf{o}_c)$$





Cleanness is an observation-based property $P(\mathcal{O})$ for, e.g., $\mathcal{O} \subseteq In^{\omega} \times Out^{\omega}$

White Box

We know a model that defines ${\cal O}$

→ Model-Checking

Black Box

We know a subset $\mathcal{O}' \subset \mathcal{O}$ of the system's behaviour

→ Testing or Monitoring



Testing, classically





1: Invent a test cycle



2: Fix the car on a chassis dynamometer, attach an emissions measurement device, calibrate it, ...

approx. 1 day per test cycle





3: Drive the test cycle

approx. 1 hr

between 30 mins and 1 day for one test cycle







Abbas, Fainekos, Sankaranarayanan, Ivancic, Gupta: Probabilistic temporal logic falsification of cyber-physical systems. ACM Trans. Embed. Comput. Syst. 2013.

$$\rho(\phi, w, t) > 0 \Rightarrow w, t \models \phi$$

$$\rho(\phi, w, t) < 0 \Rightarrow w, t \not\models \phi$$

Falsification by optimisation: minimise_w $\rho(\phi, w, 0)$



Robust Cleanness in Temporal Logic





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- 4: $r \leftarrow \mathsf{UniformRandomReal}(0,1)$
- 5: **if** $r \leq \alpha$ **then**
- 6: $w \leftarrow w'$
- 7: end if
- 8: end while



LolaDrives



On-Board Diagnostics (OBD)

- → Originally for Real Driving Emissions Tests
- → Can replace the external NOx emissions measurement device





Prediction of emission behaviour



Binning of pairs of speed and acceleration













Example – Software Doping









Regulates the use of AI in Europe.

Final signature on June 13, 2024.

Publication expected soon:

Official Journal of the European Union

Is about "risks" and about "AI systems".

(Spin is inherited from regulatory texts on product safety.)





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An AI system can infer how to generate outputs from inputs or data.

Inference by

- machine learning approaches
 - that learn from data how to achieve certain objectives, or
- logic- and knowledge-based approaches
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 - from symbolic representation of the task to be solved.

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AI Risks The Pyramid

high requirements

minimal requirements Shape bears Shape bears no semantics.



UNACCEPTABLE RISK e.g., social scoring, certain facial recognition

HIGH RISK

e.g. access to education, hiring, immigration



MINIMAL RISK e.g. spam filters, video games



Al System? High Risk?



- A compiler for a high-level programming language regardless of its (potentially excessive) complexity, used to compile the code to run an airbag controller.
- A purely logic-based system that can infer how to decide whether the airbag inside some car has to ignite. high risk



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- A purely logic-based system that can infer whether the airbag inside some car has to ignite.
- A system where machine learning from past accident characteristics has been used to infer how to decide high risk whether the airbag inside some car has to ignite.











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Al Act for the Working Programmer: High Risk



"Risks for health, safety and fundamental rights of persons."





Al Act for the Working Programmer

STEP 2:

Conformity assessment and compliance with Al requirements

(some systems: notified body involved)



- Art 9: Risk management
- Art 10: Data and data governance
- Art 11: Technical documentation
- Art 12: Record keeping
- Art 13: Transparency and provision of information to users
- Art 14: Human oversight
- Art 15: Accuracy, robustness and cybersecurity

Human Oversight: Article 14

For the purpose of implementing paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the high-risk AI system shall be provided to the deployer in such a way that natural persons to whom human oversight is assigned are enabled, as appropriate and proportionate:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e) halt in a safe state.



to properly understand the relevant capacities and limitations of the high-risk AI system and be able to duly monitor its operation, including in view of detecting and addressing anomalies, dysfunctions and unexpected performance;

to remain aware of the possible tendency of automatically relying or over-relying on the output produced by a high-risk AI system (automation bias), in particular for high-risk AI systems used to provide information or recommendations for decisions to be taken by natural persons;

to correctly interpret the high-risk AI system's output, taking into account, for example, the interpretation tools and methods available;

to decide, in any particular situation, not to use the high-risk AI system or to otherwise disregard, override or reverse the output of the high-risk AI system;

to intervene in the operation of the high-risk AI system or interrupt the system through a 'stop' button or a similar procedure that allows the system to come to a

Effective Human Oversight





EFFECTIVENESS IN HUMAN OVERSIGHT

Article 14: Human Oversight

- a) Understand the limits and capacities of the system and duly monitor its operation
- b) "Remain aware" of the automation bias
- c) Correctly interpret the system's output
- d) Decide not to use the system or disregard, override or reverse its decisions
- e) Intervene or interrupt the system, e.g. through a "stop" button



The high-risk AI system shall be designed in such a way that the OP is enabled to...

As appropriate and proportionate to the circumstances...

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Technical Aspects of Effectiveness



DESIGN CHOICES

peripherals

XAI and simulators interpretability

runtime monitors

methods for taking over manual control

model parameter tuning properties/cards

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model choice



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 $i \in StdIn$ $i' \in In$

deterministic

Dwork C, Hardt M, Pitassi T, Reingold O, Zemel R. Fairness through awareness. ITCS 2012.

Baseline: Lipschitz-Fairness

For all $i_1, i_2 \in In, d_{Out}(P(i_1), P(i_2)) \leq L \cdot d_{In}(i_1, i_2)$

- d_{In} and d_{Out} related by a constant L
- ranges over all input pairs
- monitorability is problematic

 $P: \mathsf{In} \to \mathsf{Out}$ sequential deterministic

Individual Fairness $\mathcal{I} \subseteq In$ $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{I}}$ For all $i_1, i_2 \in In, d_{Out}(P(i_1), P(i_2)) \leq L \cdot d_{In}(i_1, i_2)$ $f(d_1, (i, i'))$

... assuming a Fairness Contract $\mathcal{F} = \langle d_{\text{In}}, d_{\text{Out}}, f \rangle$

• d_{In} and d_{Out} related by means of a function f

Individual Fairness

For all $i_1 \in \mathcal{I}, i_2 \in In, d_{Out}(P(i_1), P(i_2)) \leq f(d_{In}(i, i'))$

... assuming a Fairness Contract $\mathcal{F} = \langle d_{\text{In}}, d_{\text{Out}}, f \rangle$

- d_{In} and d_{Out} related by means of a function f
- distinction of actual vs. synthetic inputs
- monitorable, if $\mathcal I$ is finite

Fairness Aware Al System

For all $i_1 \in \mathcal{I}, i_2 \in In, d_{Out}(P(i_1), P(i_2)) \leq f(d_{In}(i, i'))$

Data about a human $P: \mathsf{In} \to \mathsf{Out}$ Score sequential, deterministic

Fairness Monitoring

For all $i_1 \in \mathcal{I}, i_2 \in In, d_{Out}(P(i_1), P(i_2)) \leq f(d_{In}(i, i'))$

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Fairness score – Robustness estimate $F(i_a, i_s) \coloneqq f(d_{\mathsf{In}}(i_a, i_s)) - d_{\mathsf{Out}}(\mathsf{P}(i_a), \mathsf{P}(i_s))$ $F(\mathcal{I}, \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}}) \coloneqq \min\{F(\mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{a}}, \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}}) \mid \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{a}} \in \mathcal{I}\}$ $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}}) \coloneqq F(\mathcal{I},\mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}})$

Fairness Monitoring

Algorithm 2 FairnessMonitor, function, PS: Proposal Scheme with ξ -min $S = (\xi, i_1, i_2)$ only if $(\xi, i_1, i_2) \in S$ and for all (ξ') **Output:** $w \in M$ **Falsification Parameters:** PS: Proposal scheme, β : Temperature parameter 1: while $\mathcal{R}(w) > 0$ do **Input:** System $P : \mathsf{In} \to \mathsf{Out}$, Fairness contract $\mathcal{F} = \langle d_{\mathsf{In}}, d_{\mathsf{Out}}, f \rangle$, and set of 2: $w' \leftarrow \mathsf{PS}(w)$ actual inputs \mathcal{I} $\alpha \leftarrow \exp(-\beta(\mathcal{R}(w') - \mathcal{R}(w)))$ 3: **Output:** A minimal fairness score triple from $\mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{I} \times \mathsf{In}$. $r \leftarrow \mathsf{UniformRandomReal}(0,1)$ 4: 1: $i_s \leftarrow any input i_a \in \mathcal{I}$ 5: if $r \leq \alpha$ then 2: $(\xi, i_{\min}, i_s) \leftarrow \xi - \min\{(F(i_a, i_s), i_a, i_s) \mid i_a \in \mathcal{I}\}$ $w \leftarrow w'$ 6: 3: $(\xi_{\min}, i_1, i_2) \leftarrow (\xi, i_{\min}, i_s)$ end if 7: 4: while not timeout do 8: end while $i'_{s} \leftarrow PS(i_{s}, P(i_{s}))$ 5: $(\xi', \mathsf{i}'_{\min}, \mathsf{i}'_{\mathsf{s}}) \leftarrow \xi - \min\{(F(\mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{a}}, \mathsf{i}'_{\mathsf{s}}), \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{a}}, \mathsf{i}'_{\mathsf{s}}) \mid \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{a}} \in \mathcal{I}\}$ 6: $(\xi_{\min}, i_1, i_2) \leftarrow \xi - \min\{(\xi_{\min}, i_1, i_2), (\xi', i'_{\min}, i'_s)\}$ 7:Fairness score – Robustness estimate $\alpha \leftarrow \exp(-\beta(\xi' - \xi))$ 8: $r \leftarrow \mathsf{UniformRandomReal}(0,1)$ 9: $F(i_a, i_s) \coloneqq f(d_{\mathsf{In}}(i_a, i_s)) - d_{\mathsf{Out}}(\mathsf{P}(i_a), \mathsf{P}(i_s))$ if $r \leq \alpha$ then 10: $i_s \leftarrow i'_s$ 11: $F(\mathcal{I}, \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}}) \coloneqq \min\{F(\mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{a}}, \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}}) \mid \mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{a}} \in \mathcal{I}\}$ $\xi \leftarrow \xi'$ 12:end if 13: $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}}) \coloneqq F(\mathcal{I},\mathsf{i}_{\mathsf{s}})$ 14: end while 15: **return** (ξ_{\min}, i_1, i_2)

$$(\mathsf{i}_1',\mathsf{i}_2')\in S,\,\xi'\geq\xi$$

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Cases of Unfairness

Individual scores worse than synthetic counterpart.

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No unfairness detected.

In Practice

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Alexa Rainbow University Score: 0.5

Very similar to Eugene Score: 0.75

Snow University Score: 0.6 The score should be greater than 0.5...

John Poor Grades Trump University Score: 0.7

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Same Poor Grades Saarland University Score: 0.4

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