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Problem Set3 (Individual Tasks)

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5. Ethical and Societal Problems of AI (35 points) Steve

Write a short essay of 480-600 words, focusing on the Ethics, Governance and Societal Aspects of Artificial Intelligence Systems; you have three topics to choose from:

1. Recently AI is showing significant progress in many domains. How much do you agree with the recent societal belief that “Many Humans will soon be replaced by AI tools and robots in the workforce”?
2. How have the continuous advancements in AI affected important aspects of our daily life and what is in store for the future?
3. Do you believe AI softbots, such as ChatGPT, are a curse or a blessing? What are the positive and negative societal impacts of ChatGPT?



Fig. 1: AI & Ethics

Be aware of the fact that plagiarism will not be tolerated in this course; however, this does not mean that you are not allowed to use material on the internet or taken from the scientific literature when writing your essay; you just need to cite the material you used and you will need to use quotations, if you use (parts of) sentences “unchanged” from other publications in your essay! Moreover, read the evaluation rubric before writing your answer.

6. Using a Belief Network Tool (22 points) Mahin



Fig. 2: Astronomer looking at the sky

Assume we have 3 astronomers in different parts of the world who make measurements M1, M2 and M3 of the number[[1]](#footnote-1) of stars N in some region of the sky. Normally[[2]](#footnote-2), there is a probability of 0.05 that the astronomer counts a single star twice (overcounts by one star; you can assume that the four astronomers never undercount; moreover, if there is no star visible (N=0) the astronomer never overcounts). Moreover, there is a 10% probability (P(Fi=1)=0.1 for i=1,2,3) that a telescope is out of focus (represented using random variables F1, F2, and F3), in which the astronomer undercounts by 2 or more stars (e.g. if N is 3 and the astronomer’s telescope is out of focus, the astronomer will count 1 or 0 stars; if N, on the other hand, is 2 an astronomer with an out of focus telescope will count 0 stars). You can assume if information is missing that each case has the same probability. Design a belief network, and compute the probability of the other variables assuming the following pieces of evidence are given (feel free to use *Netica (*<http://www.norsys.com/download.html> ) or any another belief network tool to compute your answer[[3]](#footnote-3)!):

1. M1=4 M2=3 M3=1
2. M1=3 M2=3 M3=0
3. N=3 M2=1 M3=0
4. N=4 M1=6
5. N=4 F1=0 F2=0 F3=1
6. N=6
7. No evidence

Submit the complete Belief Network you created—including all its probability tables—, and the findings you obtained for the seven cases listed above!

1. You can assume that N is limited to 6—but the astronomer do not know that: M1, M2 and M3 are therefore limited to values 0 through 7 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Assuming the astronomer’s telescope is not out of focus [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Including the answer ‘inconsistent’ in the case that the evidence is inconsistent, e.g, the evidence N=1 M1=3 is inconsistent—as it is ‘impossible’, because astronomer1 never overcounts by more than 1 star! [↑](#footnote-ref-3)