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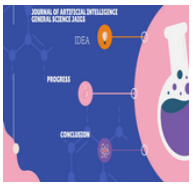

Exploring Ethical Considerations in AI-driven Autonomous Vehicles: Balancing Safety and Privacy

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Abstract

The deployment of autonomous vehicles (AVs) powered by artificial intelligence (AI) raises profound ethical questions regarding the balance between safety and privacy. While AI-driven AVs promise to revolutionize transportation by potentially reducing accidents and increasing efficiency, concerns regarding data privacy, liability, and decision-making algorithms persist. This paper explores the ethical considerations surrounding AI-driven AVs, focusing particularly on the delicate equilibrium required to ensure both safety and privacy. Drawing upon existing literature and case studies, the paper examines the ethical dilemmas inherent in AV technology, including issues of consent, data collection, and algorithmic bias. Additionally, it delves into the regulatory frameworks and industry standards aimed at addressing these concerns. By highlighting the complexities of navigating safety and privacy in AI-driven AVs, this research contributes to the ongoing discourse on ethical AI development and deployment.

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Introduction

Autonomous vehicles (AVs) powered by artificial intelligence (AI) represent a transformative leap in transportation technology, promising safer roads, reduced congestion, and increased mobility. However, the integration of AI into AVs introduces a myriad of ethical considerations, particularly concerning the delicate balance between safety and privacy. As AVs become increasingly prevalent on our roads, it is imperative to examine these ethical dilemmas to ensure that the benefits of this technology are realized without compromising fundamental values.

The deployment of AI-driven AVs raises significant concerns regarding data privacy. These vehicles rely on vast amounts of data, including sensor data, location information, and personal preferences, to navigate safely and efficiently. While this data is crucial for enhancing AV performance, it also presents privacy risks, as it may contain sensitive personal information. Moreover, the collection, storage, and sharing of this data raise questions about consent, transparency, and individual autonomy.

In addition to privacy concerns, the ethical implications of AI-driven AVs extend to issues of safety and liability. AVs must make split-second decisions in potentially life-threatening situations, raising questions about the ethical principles guiding these decisions. Furthermore, determining liability in the event of accidents involving AVs is a complex issue, as responsibility may lie with manufacturers, developers, operators, or even the AI itself.

This paper aims to explore the ethical considerations inherent in AI-driven AVs, with a specific focus on balancing safety and privacy. By examining existing literature, case studies, and regulatory frameworks, this research seeks to shed light on the complexities of navigating these ethical dilemmas. Furthermore, it aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on ethical AI development and deployment, ultimately advocating for approaches that prioritize both safety and privacy in the era of autonomous transportation.

Objectives:

Objective 1:
To analyze the ethical dilemmas surrounding AI-driven autonomous vehicles, with a specific focus on the balance between safety and privacy.

Objective 2:
To examine existing literature, case studies, and regulatory frameworks related to the ethical considerations of AI-driven AVs, in order to identify key challenges and potential solutions.

Objective 3:
To contribute to the ongoing discourse on ethical AI development and deployment by providing insights and recommendations for policymakers, industry stakeholders, and researchers to navigate the complex intersection of safety and privacy in autonomous transportation.

Literature Review

Ethical considerations in AI-driven autonomous vehicles involve balancing safety and privacy. Trustworthy AI is crucial for autonomous cars, with transparency, reliability, and safety as the pillars [1]. Implementing ethics in AI technology faces challenges such as competing guidelines and the need for indicator systems to assess design features [2]. Ethical divergence exists universally in human society regarding how autonomous vehicles should respond to dilemmas, and Chinese respondents' ethical preferences were collected to construct an ethical model for AVs [3] [4]. Additionally, the ethical interplay of autonomous vehicles, cybersecurity vulnerabilities, and societal demands complicates governance decisions, as software vulnerabilities make autonomous cars vulnerable to cyber-attacks [5]. Balancing safety and privacy in AI-driven autonomous vehicles requires addressing ethical challenges and cybersecurity threats while prioritizing ethical principles and technological advancement.

Methodology

1. Case Studies:
Identify and analyze case studies of real-world deployments of AI-driven autonomous vehicles, examining how safety and privacy concerns are addressed in practice. Case studies may include experiences from industry leaders, pilot programs, and regulatory initiatives. These real-world examples will provide valuable insights into the practical implications of ethical considerations in autonomous transportation.

2. Regulatory Analysis:
Evaluate existing regulatory frameworks and guidelines related to AI-driven autonomous vehicles, with a specific focus on safety and privacy regulations. This analysis will involve reviewing relevant laws, policies, and industry standards at the national and international levels. Additionally, assess the adequacy and effectiveness of current regulatory approaches in addressing ethical concerns and safeguarding the interests of stakeholders.

3. Stakeholder Interviews:
Conduct interviews with key stakeholders involved in the development, deployment, and regulation of AI-driven autonomous vehicles. Stakeholders may include policymakers, industry experts, researchers, advocacy groups, and members of the public. These interviews will provide diverse perspectives on the ethical dilemmas and potential solutions, helping to inform the research findings and recommendations.

4. Synthesis and Analysis:
Synthesize the findings from the literature review, case studies, regulatory analysis, and stakeholder interviews to identify common themes, emerging trends, and areas of consensus or divergence. Analyze the data collected to draw insights into the ethical considerations of AI-driven autonomous vehicles, particularly in relation to safety and privacy. Identify gaps in knowledge and areas for further research.

Background:

Trust and Disrupting the Business Model

The conventional business model of automobile sales is undergoing a significant transformation due to the emergence of new mobility solutions. Tesla Motors stands out as a pioneering company in this realm, introducing supplementary services through a modular approach. For instance, Tesla's flagship car, the Model S, serves as a platform capable of accommodating additional services, including autonomous driving capabilities that can be uploaded and updated over the air for a fee (Mahut et al., 2017). This shift indicates a transition towards selling cars as a service, emphasizing smart features over merely offering a means of transportation from point A to B.

However, a survey conducted in Germany in 2015 revealed a notable skepticism among car buyers towards autonomous driving technology. Approximately 49% preferred traditional driving, while only 5% favored fully autonomous driving, and 43% preferred semi-autonomous driving (Hengstler et al., 2016). Building trust in autonomous driving is paramount to mitigate perceived risks and foster the adoption of such technologies. Trust, a fragile and evolving concept, manifests across various dimensions such as predictability, dependability, and faith (Hengstler et al., 2016). Initially, trust stems from predictability, as users rely on the system's consistent behavior. With demonstrated dependability over time, trust deepens, leading to a sense of faith where users confidently rely on the technology.

In the context of groundbreaking technologies like autonomous driving, establishing initial trust is critical in overcoming perceived risks. Perceived risk arises from uncertainties surrounding the potential failure of a new product or the likelihood of it not functioning as intended. With AI, perceived risk relates to relinquishing control to a machine, triggering unease about allowing a machine to make decisions independently (Hegstler et al., 2016).

Human Involvement

Previous research highlights the perception of humans as the weakest link in the ecosystem of autonomous vehicles. Machines can execute tasks with greater precision than humans due to their lack of human attributes such as hunger or tiredness, rendering them more efficient and reliable (Hjetland, 2015). However, the possibility of machine breakdowns or failures necessitates human intervention, which can diminish trust and adoption rates. Moreover, there are concerns regarding the trustworthiness of autonomous systems and the potential misuse of trust during human interaction, underscoring the importance of trust and safety in such scenarios.

In contrast, Shneiderman (2020b) argues that both humans and machines hold value in different contexts. Machines excel when reliable, whereas humans are indispensable when systems require human control, a necessity that machines frequently encounter. Aurenhammer (2020) emphasizes the significance of involving humans in AI development to ensure human-centricity. Adopting a human-centered approach in both philosophy and design is crucial, offering a balance between user-centricity and technological achievements. Human-centered design (HCD) facilitates the incorporation of human needs in AI development, fostering a society that prioritizes human-centric values.

Artificial Intelligence

The concept of artificial entities endowed with intelligence has been ingrained in human storytelling traditions for millennia (Wärnestål, 2021). However, recent technical advancements in algorithmic research, the ubiquity of data, the infrastructure provided by the internet, enhanced processing capabilities, and widespread adoption of mobile devices have collectively propelled the AI revolution unfolding in the early 2020s (Wärnestål, 2021).

AI is a technology capable of learning, decision-making in complex scenarios, and even interacting with humans to maintain social relationships. This form of intelligence reflects the decision-making processes observed in humans and certain animals. Yampolskiy (2020) characterizes AI as a system capable of adapting to its environment and making decisions even when complete information is unavailable. This definition is particularly relevant when considering the operation of autonomous vehicles, which must navigate diverse environments with minimal training or prior knowledge.

There exist two primary categories of AI: narrow AI (or weak AI) and general AI (or strong AI). Narrow AI encompasses systems engineered to execute specific tasks or a limited range of tasks. These systems typically rely on data-driven machine learning algorithms and demonstrate high accuracy and efficiency in their designated tasks (Wärnestål, 2021). Conversely, general AI denotes systems exhibiting intelligence across a broad spectrum of tasks, akin to human intelligence (Wärnestål, 2021).

In the context of this study, AI and autonomous vehicles are conceptualized as follows: "Machines capable of undertaking tasks typically requiring human intelligence. Autonomous vehicles exemplify AI applications utilizing sensors and machine learning to safely navigate roads, leveraging past experiences to enhance driving capabilities."

Within the AI domain, responsible AI has emerged as a prominent research area, striving to ensure the safe and ethical utilization of artificial intelligence. Responsible AI encompasses a set of principles, including explainable AI (XAI), aimed at fostering transparency, fairness, safety, security, integrity, accountability, and ethics (Barredo Arrieta et al., 2020). Its primary objective is to develop more interpretable models while maintaining high learning performance, enabling individuals to comprehend and trust AI-driven decisions.

It is imperative to differentiate between the transparency and explainability requirements of developers and end users. Developers necessitate a deep understanding of underlying attributes and algorithms, while end users require simplified explanations about the system itself. Balancing these needs presents a significant challenge, with most interfaces focusing either on developers or end users (Ozmen et al., 2023).

Explainability, grounded in interpretable transparency, is crucial in scenarios where an AI system fails or makes ethically significant decisions. Affected individuals seek assurance that errors are rectified, and outcomes are based on fair, legal, and ethical decision-making mechanisms. The significance of explainability is further accentuated by the potential emergence of responsibility gaps (Ozmen et al., 2023).

Definition for Autonomous Cars

Autonomous driving stands as one of the most intensely researched technologies in the transportation domain currently (Hengstler et al., 2016). While the layperson's understanding of autonomous vehicles might be simplistic – denoting vehicles capable of self-driving – delving deeper reveals a more nuanced definition. Autonomous vehicles are equipped with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) designed to aid drivers in both routine and critical driving situations, such as collisions (Rödel et al., 2014). This definition encompasses various levels of autonomy, leading to the establishment of an automotive standardization by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). These levels range from Level 0, representing no automation with the driver in full control, to Level 5, indicating full autonomy with no human intervention required (Ondruš et al., 2020).

- Level 0: No automation – Driver retains complete control.
- Level 1: Driver assistance – Vehicle can assist with steering or braking.
- Level 2: Partial automation – Vehicle controls steering and acceleration/deceleration, with the driver monitoring.
- Level 3: Conditional automation – Vehicle can handle most driving tasks under specific conditions, requiring the driver to be prepared to intervene.
- Level 4: High automation – Vehicle can perform most driving tasks without human intervention, limited to specific conditions or environments.
- Level 5: Full automation – Vehicle can handle all driving tasks in any condition, without human intervention.

Ethics Matters for Autonomous Cars

Ethics, traditionally centered around logical reasoning and moral evaluations, delineates between right and wrong human actions (Chonko, 2012). However, the transition from human to system-based decision-making introduces a layer of unforeseen behaviors, dilemmas, and complexities. Research such as the "MIT Moral Machine" study sheds light on the influence of cultural and societal factors on moral decision-making in autonomous vehicles, particularly in life-threatening scenarios (Wärnestål, 2021). Cultural disparities lead to varied prioritizations, complicating ethical decision-making.

Addressing these issues necessitates a deep understanding of cultural and societal contexts, as ethical behavior differs across cultures and contexts. The adaptability of autonomous vehicles to cultural variations is paramount, posing complex questions regarding their behavior in diverse traffic scenarios (Wärnestål, 2021).

Transparency, Reliability, and Safety

Transparency, reliability, and safety serve as fundamental pillars for trustworthy AI, engendering confidence among users, stakeholders, and society at large. Transparency facilitates user understanding of AI decision-making processes, while reliability ensures consistent performance and predictability. Safety, crucial for preventing unintended harm or consequences, underscores the importance of a system's design and implementation (Mikalef et al., 2022).

A transparent system allows users to comprehend machine processes, fostering trust and credibility (Barredo Arrieta et al., 2020). Reliability necessitates technical methods for human responsibility, including audit trails and analytical techniques, to ensure consistent performance (Shneiderman, 2020b). Safety, integral to AI development, demands stringent management strategies and oversight to mitigate risks and ensure system integrity (Mikalef et al., 2022; Shneiderman, 2020b). Ultimately, a safe system prioritizes the prevention of unintended harm and unexpected consequences (Mikalef et al., 2022).

Results & Analysis

In light of the ongoing shifts in AI and Industry 5.0, our study aimed to explore how individuals with varying levels of experience within the industry perceive ethical dilemmas. While we hypothesized that newly graduated engineers might hold a more holistic view compared to those with longer tenure, our findings did not confirm this assumption. However, we observed that engineers tend to adopt a rationalistic view, adhering closely to regulations and frameworks, while designers exhibit a more comprehensive understanding of the ethical and external implications of poorly designed AI systems.

Drawing parallels between the transformations in Industry 5.0 and AI, we noted a shift towards a more holistic approach, emphasizing external and ethical considerations in product or service development.

Our analysis unearthed significant disparities in the importance attributed to transparency, reliability, and safety among participants. While some prioritize transparency, others emphasize reliability or safety, with differing views on the interdependence of these pillars.

A notable shift in the distribution of responsibility for ethical considerations was observed, particularly with the advent of connected and autonomous vehicles. Car manufacturers now provide services encompassing transportation and various smart features, underscoring the heightened responsibility of developers to ensure ethical practices across multiple domains.

Transparency

Transparency emerged as a multifaceted topic, with divergent perspectives on its significance. Engineers often prioritize transparency for developers, neglecting the importance of user visibility into decision-making processes. Conversely, designers stress the critical role of user transparency in fostering trust when interacting with AI systems.

Balancing end user transparency with developer transparency presents a significant challenge. While excessive information can be overwhelming, user transparency becomes essential in scenarios where users disagree with decisions or encounter undesirable outcomes, such as collisions.

Our study revealed a lack of collaboration between developers and designers in addressing transparency, leading to inconsistencies in transparency implementation. We advocate for the integration of both types of transparency, ensuring a clear understanding of decision-making processes while presenting information to users in a comprehensible manner.

Engineers and designers agree on the importance of presenting information clearly and understandably to end users. While transparency doesn't necessitate revealing code, providing explanations for decisions is crucial. Designers emphasize the need to present information in user-friendly formats, catering to users' comprehension levels and building trust in AI systems.

Designers offer valuable insights into prioritizing user needs and building trust, advocating for a holistic approach in AI system design. Collaboration between engineers and designers is essential to strike a balance between transparency for developers and end users, ensuring the effective and user-friendly implementation of AI systems.

Safety

Safety emerges as perhaps the most critical aspect from an end-user perspective, and our analysis reveals a remarkable alignment in viewpoints between designers and engineers in this domain. Despite their diverse backgrounds and perspectives, both groups share a common commitment to advancing safety in the innovative field of autonomous vehicles.

Fundamentally, safety entails developing systems with the utmost care and consideration, aiming to minimize harm to individuals, animals, and the environment. Both designers and engineers are united in their efforts to ensure that autonomous vehicle systems are developed and trained in a manner that prioritizes safety above all else.

Real-world examples, such as Tesla's annual "Tesla Vehicle Safety Report," further corroborate the importance of safety. This report demonstrates that autonomous vehicles, equipped with advanced safety features, significantly outperform human drivers in accident rates, underscoring the industry's dedication to enhancing safety standards.

Reliability

The issue of reliability in autonomous vehicles is multifaceted, with engineers and designers exhibiting differing levels

of trust in technology and testing procedures. Engineers tend to place greater trust in technology, particularly after rigorous testing, whereas designers may require more extensive user testing and adoption before considering autonomous vehicles reliable.

Engineers often emphasize the comprehensive testing protocols employed by major automotive companies to ensure the functionality and trustworthiness of autonomous vehicles. Regulatory measures are also seen as crucial in bolstering trust in these technologies, suggesting that engineers place considerable faith in the capabilities of autonomous vehicles but acknowledge the need for regulatory support to enhance public trust.

Conversely, designers express skepticism about riding in autonomous vehicles, citing concerns about safety and the absence of human intervention. Their cautious approach reflects a desire for more widespread adoption and proven reliability before embracing autonomous vehicle technology.

While design thinking encourages boldness and innovation, engineers prioritize technical analysis and problem-solving to ensure the reliability of autonomous vehicle technology. Striking a balance between innovation and reliability is crucial, particularly in a field where safety-critical decisions are at stake.

In addressing the complex challenges of autonomous vehicle development, both perspectives offer valuable insights. Designers' innovative mindset is essential for tackling wicked problems, while engineers' technical proficiency and analytical rigor ensure the safe and reliable operation of autonomous vehicles.

Ultimately, prioritizing reliability over innovation in certain contexts is paramount to building public trust and ensuring the safe deployment of autonomous vehicle technology.

Analysis of the Results

Our findings shed light on the divergent perspectives regarding reliability, a key component in establishing trust, as articulated by Shneiderman (2020b). Engineers typically place considerable trust in a system's reliability following rigorous testing and a proven track record of success. Conversely, designers often prioritize transparency and widespread adoption, which may not directly correlate with reliability.

As outlined in our introduction, transparency encompasses both user-based and developer-based aspects, as delineated by Barredo Arrieta et al. (2020). Our research confirms that these two forms of transparency are often developed independently, leading to divergent perspectives within and between groups. We advocate for a more inclusive approach to transparency, with a focus on end-user needs, to enhance product credibility and success.

While safety emerges as a universally prioritized aspect by both designers and engineers, it alone is insufficient to establish complete trust, as noted by Hengstler et al. (2016). Therefore, the integration of transparency and reliability alongside safety is essential for building user trust in AI systems for autonomous cars. Failure to address all three pillars adequately may perpetuate perceived risk and hinder user acceptance of autonomous driving technology.

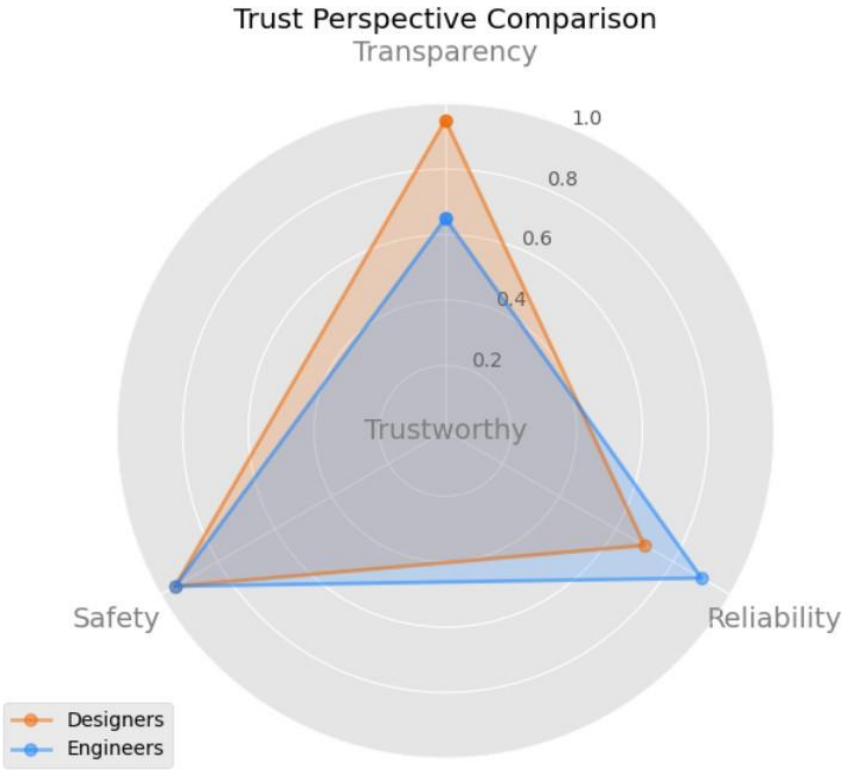
Effective collaboration between humans and machines is pivotal, necessitating a delicate balance between automation and human input. Finding the appropriate level of automation requires consideration of task complexity, AI capabilities, and user preferences. By achieving this balance, we can harness the synergistic potential of humans and machines to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

Differences between Designers and Engineers

While designers and engineers exhibit some shared perspectives, such as the importance of safety, significant differences exist in their opinions on transparency and reliability. Designers emphasize transparency to build trust, while engineers prioritize reliability. Effective communication and collaboration between these groups are imperative to develop a transparent and reliable framework for autonomous cars.

Our study underscores the importance of considering the interaction between humans and AI systems in evaluating their effectiveness and reliability. Although humans may introduce errors, effective collaboration between humans and AI is crucial for ensuring safe and efficient deployment.

Furthermore, while both groups rely on existing guidelines and frameworks for ethics, there is a consensus that ethics should be incorporated into education to ensure a shared understanding and commitment to developing trustworthy AI for autonomous cars. Early education in ethics can foster a culture of ethical consideration and responsibility among team members, ultimately contributing to the development of AI systems aligned with ethical principles and societal expectations.



During our data collection process, we gathered diverse insights on enhancing ethical considerations in AI projects focused on autonomous cars. These insights have been consolidated in Table 1. Leveraging these findings, we formulated recommendations tailored to both designers and engineers to integrate ethical considerations seamlessly into the development lifecycle.

Subfield of ethics	Differences	Recommendation

Transparency	Engineers prioritize access to technical attributes and information about the car's decision-making process, while designers are primarily concerned with presenting this information in a digestible and user-friendly format that is accessible to non-technical individuals. The engineers do not believe that this information is crucial for the driver, while the designers are not particularly interested in the underlying technical aspects of the decision-making process.	Engineers and designers should collaborate throughout the development of transparency features in autonomous cars. Including end-users in the process can ensure that transparency is developed with all stakeholders in mind, and that the technology is not limited in the future due to any specific considerations made during the development process
Reliability	Engineers tend to have more trust in the technology of autonomous cars, especially after relevant tests have been done. Designers, on the other hand, are more likely to view the reliability of autonomous cars with greater caution, preferring to wait until a larger percentage of users have tested the technology before fully trusting it.	It is essential that designers are well-informed about autonomous vehicle technology and are actively involved in the testing processes. This would increase their knowledge of the technology and create more trust. Furthermore, experts and professionals working in this field should take a proactive role in shaping regulations and laws related to AI technologies.

Safety	Both designers and engineers are committed to advancing the field with good intentions. The perspective of safety is aligned in both fields and is also reflective in the use-case of autonomous cars where Tesla autopilot is ten times safer than the average American driver.	Although their perspectives are aligned towards safety, it is crucial for designers and engineers to remain up-to-date with the latest advancements to ensure that the technology continues to progress and become even safer and make noticeable adjustments if needed, such as bad reports from the Tesla autopilot.

Discussion

Insights & Reflections

Communication emerges as a pivotal factor in AI project development, particularly concerning autonomous vehicles. Prioritizing end-user needs and fostering collaboration are crucial for successful AI deployment. Our study underscores the significance of unified perspectives and user involvement in ensuring AI's successful integration into daily life.

Although our study's reliability may be influenced by the interview sample size, towards the end of our data collection, similar responses were noted among participants with analogous backgrounds. Despite this limitation, the insights garnered from interviews offer substantial information to draw generalized conclusions. Expanding the sample population to include participants from diverse industry backgrounds could enrich our understanding.

During interviews, a thought-provoking question on imbuing cars with emotions elicited diverse responses, showcasing personal traits' influence rather than professional backgrounds. While not directly influencing our results, this inquiry prompted intriguing discussions on philosophical aspects of AI.

It's essential to recognize that AI systems aren't inherently accountable for their actions; responsibility rests with all parties involved. Discussions on AI trustworthiness necessitate grappling with ethical questions about AI's societal role and developers' obligations. Building appropriate trust levels in AI systems is critical for their successful integration into society.

To conclude, the complexity of AI necessitates ongoing exploration. As researchers delve deeper, understanding nuances and societal implications will deepen. AI, particularly autonomous vehicles, offers boundless opportunities for exploration and learning, with ethical considerations at the forefront.

Putting Recommendations into Practice: Approaches and Considerations

Moving beyond high-level recommendations, practical strategies for implementation are essential. Workshops involving stakeholders from diverse backgrounds can foster a shared understanding of ethical principles. Cross-functional teams comprising designers, engineers, ethicists, and stakeholders can collaboratively integrate ethical considerations into the development process.

Regular review and updating of implementation strategies ensure long-term effectiveness. Establishing clear communication channels within cross-functional teams is vital to consider diverse perspectives. Involving designers

in testing procedures enhances their understanding of autonomous vehicle technology and promotes effective collaboration.

Furthermore, collaboration among designers, engineers, and end-users in developing AI features fosters transparency and enhances ethical decision-making. While implementing these approaches poses challenges, measuring success through case studies, questionnaires, and ethical decision-making evaluations can provide valuable insights.

Utilizing case studies and scenarios to assess participants' ethical decision-making abilities, along with fostering discussions on ethical issues, can deepen understanding and collaboration. Monitoring and evaluating these discussions enable participants to develop a deeper ethical understanding, contributing to their ethical development progress.

Conclusion

In addressing our research questions, we identified differences in perspectives between designers and engineers regarding ethics in developing autonomous vehicles. While safety and security are universally acknowledged, designers emphasize transparency, whereas engineers prioritize reliability. However, fostering effective communication and collaboration between these groups can yield a comprehensive and trustworthy framework for autonomous vehicles, aligning with end-users' needs and expectations.

Our research underscores the importance of considering human-AI interaction when evaluating autonomous vehicle systems' effectiveness and reliability. We advocate for ethics to be integrated into designers' and engineers' education, ensuring a shared understanding of existing frameworks and legislation to develop products meeting ethical standards. Recognizing AI's potential impact on daily life, we propose early implementation of ethical AI education in schools to stay at the forefront of this evolving technology.

Shared responsibility among universities, workplaces, and individuals involved in AI projects is crucial for incorporating ethical considerations into AI development. Bridging the gap in perspective between designers and engineers requires developing transparent and reliable frameworks for autonomous vehicles that prioritize end-user needs. Involving end-users in decision-making processes and considering human-AI interaction are essential steps.

While our theoretical strategies aim to reduce discrepancies in ethical views, field testing is necessary for validation. Future research should implement our recommendations in workplaces and real-life projects to gauge their effectiveness in enhancing trust in autonomous vehicles. Moreover, exploring additional factors influencing trust, such as security and responsibility, can provide a more comprehensive understanding of trust-building in AI systems. Ultimately, identifying effective strategies for increasing trust and promoting their adoption in future system development is paramount.

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