

Matrix for deriving common issues across cases

Ethical Issues

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	Mobility-B (ride share): Ride-share taxis and buses will optimize routes based on several passengers' destinations, removing the need for passengers to wait a long time for a bus or taxi or seek a complex transit route of public buses or subways themselves. The ride share system will be useful for people living in a depopulated area and/or elderly people.		How are the originality of AI creations evaluated? Should it be stated whether a product was made using AI		Do humans accept their credit scores being ranked or evaluated by AI?		How much can we accept AI affecting and modulating our emotion, affection, and faith?	
	Delivery of customers' orders will be optimized for each customer, ensuring they can receive ordered objects at a desired time and place by autonomous vehicles and drones. Autonomous vehicles will reduce the driving load of delivery drivers in specific areas where this technology is available.		Does one become uncertain of or doubt one's first impression of a creation when later discovering the creation was made by AI?		What are optimal conditions or goals of AI recommender systems (how to balance the different goals of individuals, companies, governments, and humankind)?			
			Is it acceptable for AI to make a large quantity of arts or creations affecting humans' impressions and emotions?		Is it acceptable that customer profiling is conducted without users' awareness, and users are classified or ranked without their awareness?			Concerns about manipulating emotion, faith, and behavior and ranking or selecting AI technologies without awareness AI technologies are becoming able to support and make decisions and actions that only humans have previously been able to perform. Many people have concerns and anxieties about AI's potential manipulation or operation of their minds and behavior, the evaluation or ranking of people by AI technologies, and AI influencing people's emotions, affections, and faith. Ethical discussions might especially be needed if these are conducted without people's awareness. Revisiting the concept of humanity The future blueprints show that AI technologies augment human beings' senses and abilities regarding space, time, and the body. According to this, changing concepts of human ability and emotion are supposed. With interactions such as augmenting senses, there is an opportunity to revisit the concept of humanity by taking account of these AI's potential.
					Though users are convinced that they behave according to their own free will, AI recommender systems would actually influence their behaviors. It should be discussed ethically.			
								Considering the value of products and actions relating to AI technologies: The diversity in values and future prospects The application of AI technologies has enhanced productivity quantitatively and qualitatively. AI technologies simply produce objects that otherwise either could be made only by artists/experts or would require high costs and/or a long time to generate. This indicates that everyone should have access to such high-quality items. Increasingly, new evaluation procedures have been required to observe the values (e.g., originality, utility, and virtue) of products made and actions performed by humans, AI technologies, and cooperation between both. The objective is to provide assessment results about how those values are accepted in society. Furthermore, it is also important to provide opportunities for dialogue among various people. Cooperation between humans and AI technologies can lead to the augmentation of human ability being a basis of a new sense of values. To realize this objective, continuous discussions about various choices and a diversity of values are strongly demanded based on recognition of individuals' differences in values and future prospects.

Legal Issues

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	Is it necessary to reinterpret/revise the Road Traffic Act to deal with drivers who remotely control vehicles?		Who is responsible for the accidents caused by autonomous robots?	Is it necessary to review whether the diagnosis by AI should be regarded as medical practice, and to review the relationship between disease naming and treatment actions (e.g., prescribing drugs)?	How can we protect personal information when collecting all the data of conversations and user logs to improve systems using machine learning?			
	How can we guarantee privacy when we try to improve security by using surveillance cameras, etc.? How can we assure the options for protecting our privacy rights (i.e., the options on how much personal information we must disclose, which could vary between individuals)?	Manufacturing-B (creations): AI will produce extensive literary writings, music, and arts semi-autonomously. AI will be able to re-produce the touch of famous artists with high accuracy.	How should we treat copyright and other intellectual property rights in AI creations (e.g., granting rights depending on how much AI is exploited for the creation, and claiming rights or incentives for AI developers)?	Services-B (credit examination, financing): AI will improve the reliability and speed of credit examinations using various personal data, and reduce the costs and complications of financing. It will benefit both lenders and borrowers.	Do we need any special restrictions on the information used for AI credit examinations?		How can we protect copyright and other rights in the creation resulting from conversations and interaction between conversation agents and humans?	
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	Is it necessary to reinterpret/revise road transport laws?		How can we guarantee the intellectual property rights of original creations by humans if AI can fully replicate the creations?					
Mobility-C (autonomous logistics): Delivery of customers' orders will be optimized for each customer, ensuring they can receive ordered objects at a desired time and place. Autonomous vehicles will reduce the driving load of delivery drivers in specific areas where this technology is available.	How can we protect personal information, such as when the receiver is absent, whether they live alone, and whether they are elderly?							

Economic Issues

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	Can the current insurance system, which determines premiums based on drivers' attributes and experience, be viable if the vehicle software is more responsible for accidents than human drivers?			Do we have to consider the system (e.g., basic income) that distributes AI wealth fairly and broadly (since an automated factory would reduce labor hours and workers, though it can solve staffing shortages as it improves productivity due to the need for fewer labor hours and workers)?	Services-B (credit examination, financing): AI will improve the reliability and speed of credit examinations using various personal data, and reduce the costs and complications of financing. It will benefit both lenders and borrowers.	AI-based credit and finance-related personal services will accelerate complicated credit examinations. However, those services may reduce the number of workers for credit examination, leading to the conversion of work positions. Thus, the credit and finance-related workers might be urged to acquire new skills.		
Mobility-B (ride share): Ride-share taxis and buses will optimize routes based on several passengers' destinations, removing the need for passengers to wait a long time for a bus or taxi or seek a complex transit route of public buses or subways themselves. The ride share system will be useful for people living in a depopulated area and/or elderly people.	What insurance will be available and who should pay for it?	Manufacturing-B (creations): AI will produce extensive literary writings, music, and arts semi-autonomously. AI will be able to re-produce the touch of famous artists with high accuracy.	AI may facilitate creation of small-scale businesses by individuals because AI supports human creations with low costs. If there are barriers to prevent such economic opportunities (e.g. social institutions and cultural framework), the government should take appropriate actions to remove them. More people might be unconstrained by time and location when they work (e.g., teleworking).	Services-C (recommender system): Recommendations on various activities, issues, and events (e.g., shopping, political issues, behaviors, careers, and communications), optimized for each individual, will be provided based on AI inferences, using big data and individual data on behaviors, shopping, and affiliations.	It is anticipated that recommender systems will affect some job categories, though the systems are expected to be exploited in many fields and facilitate economic growth, which will increase employment. Will the adaptation of recommender systems to office administration, for the purpose of suggesting the best action, reduce the need for secretaries except for service and communication-related tasks, though also lowering business costs?			Changes in employment systems and companies due to the utilization of AI technologies: Companies AI technologies are now crucial for industries and companies if they are to compete internationally. The change of work style can be contributed to AI technologies facilitating the reduction of tedious, prolonged, and exhausting jobs/tasks and the increase high-value work, as previously mentioned. This also requires companies to reconsider their manner of decision making and staff (re)assignment in order to take advantage of work flexibility that is unconstrained by time and space, e.g., teleworking. Companies should have impetus to make quick decisions and take action when acquisition of human resources that can develop or utilize AI technologies or reassignment of labor are needed. For employee reassignment, it is effective for companies to provide education opportunities.
	Will taxi drivers, as skilled workers, lose their jobs or suffer an income-cut?							
Delivery of customers' orders will be optimized for each customer, ensuring they can receive ordered objects at a desired time and place by autonomous vehicles and drones. Autonomous vehicles will reduce the driving load of delivery drivers in specific areas where this technology is available.	Is autonomous logistics unprofitable if it costs too much due to serving few customers in underpopulated areas?							
	Will autonomous logistics steal truck drivers' jobs or their income? Will it automate delivery planning (which requires skills, though autonomous logistics solves the problem of redelivery due to the receivers' absence, which increases logistics costs)?							

Educational Issues

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	<p>It may be necessary to cultivate literacy for appropriate reliance on AI (preventing over-reliance or unfounded rejection).</p>		<p>It is necessary to cultivate human resources who have advanced skills or creative abilities that robots cannot perform?</p>	<p>Services-B (credit examination, financing): AI will improve the reliability and speed of credit examinations using various personal data, and reduce the costs and complications of financing. It will benefit both lenders and borrowers.</p>	<p>It is important to cultivate lenders' abilities to judge financing utilizing AI credit examinations, considering the circumstances, type of business, and risks by themselves.</p>		<p>Individual differences in communication ability might be enlarged.</p>	
	<p>Mobility-B (ride share): Ride-share taxis and buses will optimize routes based on several passengers' destinations, removing the need for passengers to wait a long time for a bus or taxi or seek a complex transit route of public buses or subways themselves. The ride share system will be useful for people living in a depopulated area and/or elderly people.</p>		<p>While the production and tradition of advanced skills and traditional crafts will be easy by AI and robots, it might lead to decreased demand for human workers in these fields. Is it necessary to provide industry protection and educational environments to preserve cultures and maintain diversity?</p>	<p>Services-C (recommender system): Recommendations on various activities, issues, and events (e.g., shopping, political issues, behaviors, careers, and communications), optimized for each individual, will be provided based on AI inferences, using big data and individual data on behaviors, shopping, and affiliations.</p>	<p>Ability to choose information might be diminished by the personalized recommender system. It is important to cultivate abilities to seek and obtain novel information, rather than being limited to recommended information.</p>		<p>Is it necessary for users to acquire literacies specific to cyber communications, such as handling flames, privacy matters, and cyber security?</p>	
<p>Delivery of customers' orders will be optimized for each customer, ensuring they can receive ordered objects at a desired time and place by autonomous vehicles and drones. Autonomous vehicles will reduce the driving load of delivery drivers in specific areas where this technology is available.</p>		<p>Manufacturing-B (creations): AI will produce extensive literary writings, music, and arts semi-autonomously. AI will be able to re-produce the touch of famous artists with high accuracy.</p>	<p>It is necessary to cultivate abilities for creative production utilizing AI.</p>				<p>It is necessary to educate ability to assess the level of a conversation agent or a machine translation, and use them adequately in critical situations.</p>	

Social Issues

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		Manufacturing-B (creations): AI will produce extensive literary writings, music, and arts semi-autonomously. AI will be able to re-produce the touch of famous artists with high accuracy.	Excessive confidence in AI, praise for AI creation, rejection / aversion, and its possible social confrontation.		Is there any possibility of discrimination due to disease susceptibility or health conditions?		Will conflict occur where, in a conversation between two (or more people), one person wishes to communicate using a conversation agent and the other does not?	
	Mobility-B (ride share): Ride-share taxis and buses will optimize routes based on several passengers' destinations, removing the need for passengers to wait a long time for a bus or taxi or seek a complex transit route of public buses or subways themselves. The ride share system will be useful for people living in a depopulated area and/or elderly people.	There might be a possibility of a digital (or AD) divide, for example, as socially weak people in traffic, such as the elderly, come to live in a society where a smartphone or the internet is a prerequisite for using services.			While young people with literacy and assets will be able to utilize AI, and highly educated and rich people can become healthier by utilizing disease prevention, socially weak people who cannot use AI are expected to become less healthy. This may mean that economic disparity will increase social disparity through AI.		There is a possibility of excessive empathy with and dependence on the conversation agent (addiction).	
	Will conventional taxis become relatively expensive as the number of their users decreases, and will the imbalance of the movement cost between people who can use ride share and those who cannot increase? It might be hard to use for the socially weak people, who should primarily benefit from AI.			Services-B (credit examination, financing): AI will improve the reliability and speed of credit examinations using various personal data, and reduce the costs and complications of financing. It will benefit both lenders and borrowers.	Will a person who does not want to provide personal information be denied access to credit screening or face a fall in their credit rating? How and what extent to assign decisions of the credit examination to humans and AI?			AI divide, the unbalanced burden of social costs relative to AI, and the prevention of discrimination To maximize the benefits from AI technologies, in addition to appropriate knowledge of the AI technologies themselves, users need digital goods and services literacy and knowledge of data privacy. However, all people cannot acquire or maintain this knowledge and literacy, and it might be a causal factor in the so-called "AI divide." For example, "rideshare," backed by AI optimization technologies, could offer a new means of transport at a low cost comparative to taxis; therefore, it is supportive of socially disadvantaged people. However, access to these services require a minimum familiarity with digital devices, so those without literacy may be excluded from the benefit of rideshare services. As ridesharing becomes popular, the traditional taxi services may become expensive or diminished. Therefore, it is necessary to take this into consideration when making policies to avoid generating an imbalanced social cost burden and a new differential caused by literacy, knowledge, and assets. Potential discrimination based on the output of personal profiling by AI technologies must be prevented.
Delivery of customers' orders will be optimized for each customer, ensuring they can receive ordered objects at a desired time and place by autonomous vehicles and drones. Autonomous vehicles will reduce the driving load of delivery drivers in specific areas where this technology is available.				Services-C (recommender system): Recommendations on various activities, issues, and events (e.g., shopping, political issues, behaviors, careers, and communications), optimized for each individual, will be provided based on AI inferences, using big data and individual data on behaviors, shopping, and affiliations.	Will opportunities to encounter new information be reduced as surrounded by convenient services such as the personal optimization based on AI?			
					Care should be taken to avoid the possibility of discrimination based on profile results.			
								New social pathology, conflict, and dependence on AI technologies With increasing opportunities to use AI technologies in social contexts, there is a possibility of generating social pathology and new social problems, such as excessive rejection, overconfidence, and dependence on AI technologies. Recommendation and personal optimization by AI technologies may limit available information for individuals and increase the tendency for people to regard the limited information as universal. It is, therefore, necessary to provide accurate information and opportunities for dialogue and training.

Research and Development Issues

Mobility		Manufacturing		Personal services (including medical care and finance)		Conversation/Communication		Common Issues
Mobility-A (autonomous vehicle): Autonomous vehicles will execute accelerating, braking, and steering instead of a human driver, using vehicles' sensors such as cameras, radars, and GPSs with traffic information from external networks, enabling them to drive on highways or jammed roads reducing the driver's workload. Autonomous vehicles will reduce the psychological load and physical workload of elderly people who have concerns regarding dynamic vision and quick action through AI support. Even when a driver becomes unable to control a car due to an accident, the autonomous vehicle can safely control and park the car.	The method to deal with security risks is necessary (e.g., periodic patrol or scan AI systems, applying virus pattern file, detaching the contaminated devices from networks, or stopping automatic control promptly).	Manufacturing-A (automated factory): Robot arms with AI will be able to handle any objects, regardless of their shapes and orientations, without complicated programing. Accordingly, manufacturing of a wide variety of products in small quantities and for various needs will be realized with low costs. Factory robots will learn specialist skills, enabling them to perform specialist skills and contribute to other workers learning specialists' implicit skills. Power-assisting robotic suites (exoskeleton) will reduce the physical workloads of workers.	It is necessary to implement security to prevent robots from being directed to wrong or unintended work and being hacked from outside. Technical functions that enable us to trace the status, calculations, and outputs of AI when certain accidents occur is also to be developed.	Services-A (medical care, diagnosis): Predicting health status and doctors' diagnoses will be supported by AI using daily-life data and/or DNA sequences. Based on these, how to change one's lifestyle, how to prevent diseases, and medical care can be proposed optimally for individuals.	It is necessary to develop methods to anonymize each person's data to avoid identification from the collected data, together with techniques to protect privacy such that each person can access their own data.	Conversation-A (conversation agent): Conversation agents speaking and understanding users' native language will be useful for all people, including the elderly and children, and will be partners in our everyday lives. Machine translations will make our communication across languages and cultures easy and smooth.	Technical methods to advance AI algorithms by collecting big data while simultaneously protecting individual privacy might be necessary. Methods to monitor users' emotional and mental impacts and prevent addiction or excessive influences might also be essential.	Ethics, accountability, and visualization Researchers and engineers are required to engage in R&D in AI-related areas with a high level of professional ethics while observing the ethical codes and guidelines of their academic societies and organizations and with accountability for them. AI technologies have features that users are hardly aware of; they use the technology yet do not know how it actually works inside the products/services. Thus, R&D is recommended regarding the appearance of AI technologies and to visualize how much AI technologies are used in decisions or actions.
	The algorithm for the priority and the way to show its results are necessary to be developed.	Manufacturing-B (creations): AI will produce extensive literary writings, music, and arts semi-autonomously. AI will be able to reproduce the touch of famous artists with high accuracy.	Technical mechanisms to embed information on how much AI is used in the creation, and to assure the originality of the creation by AI should be developed.	Services-B (credit examination, financing): AI will improve the reliability and speed of credit examinations using various personal data, and reduce the costs and complications of financing. It will benefit both lenders and borrowers.	It is necessary to develop techniques to protect privacy information included in the collected data or credit examinations based thereon.			Security, privacy protection, controllability, and transparency Scientists and engineers are required to establish environments with robust cyber-security and safety in which to use AI technologies. It is especially essential to develop technology that enables us to choose how much personal data to share, the level of individual privacy to be protected, and what kind of information can be used publicly. R&D should be conducted to develop technologies that enable people to control the safety features of AI technologies, to explain the processes and logics of calculations inside AI technologies, to provide interfaces that smoothly perform transitions of control from AI to human, especially in emergencies.
	The interfaces to switch the level of control, that is, showing the reliability of AI appropriately and promoting to switch the AI control level, are also to be developed.			Services-C (recommender system): Recommendations on various activities, issues, and events (e.g., shopping, political issues, behaviors, careers, and communications), optimized for each individual, will be provided based on AI inferences, using big data and individual data on behaviors, shopping, and affiliations.	It is necessary to develop the technical mechanism for everyone to personally set their own parameters on how much individual data can be used publicly and how much individual profiles can be estimated. Ethical attitudes may be required from researchers and engineers.			Appropriate disclosure of information: Promoting the humanities, social sciences, and research collaboration AI technologies based on machine learning produce statistically valid outputs, and they statistically benefit human society. For this paradigm to be accepted in society, scientists and engineers are required to explain it appropriately. When spreading new technologies, researchers and engineers might have to invest effort in explaining their benefits and risks fairly. To discuss the relationship between AI technologies and human society adequately and to design and realize a better future society, researchers in the humanities and social sciences should acquire up-to-date knowledge of new technologies and utilize them in their research. Scientists and engineers should collaborate with researchers in the humanities and social sciences for pursuing socially beneficial AI technologies.
Mobility-B (ride share): Ride-share taxis and buses will optimize routes based on several passengers' destinations, removing the need for passengers to wait a long time for a bus or taxi or seek a complex transit route of public buses or subways themselves. The ride share system will be useful for people living in a depopulated area and/or elderly people.	Security mechanism to protect the passenger's privacy is necessary.							Diversity of AI technologies for social diversity While AI technologies are currently advancing in deep learning and machine learning, there are various basic theories and technologies. In the future, new theories will emerge and further promote AI technologies. The government needs to promote basic sciences and create an environment that supports open science to enhance R&D in AI technology diversity. This will contribute to the advancement, robustness, and safety of AI technologies. Such technological diversity seems suited for social diversity.
Delivery of customers' orders will be optimized for each customer, ensuring they can receive ordered objects at a desired time and place by autonomous vehicles and drones. Autonomous vehicles will reduce the driving load of delivery drivers in specific areas where this technology is available.	Security mechanism to protect the user's privacy is necessary.							