RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

Executive Summary

Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use In The Arts

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Introduction

This research is for exploring and examining the various functions of AI tools surrounding art and content creation. With the ever-expanding functionality and use of AI in day-to-day life, there is a need for governance and monitoring to protect the rights and works of artists and creators.

Research Questions

How can AI be integrated responsibly and ethically into creative fields of visual arts, music, writing, and multimedia production in ways that enhance artistic expression while addressing concerns related to authorship, copyright, bias, consent, and unintended consequences of automation?

Objectives and Scope

The primary objective of this research is to examine the current environment surrounding AI use in arts and design and analyze the functionality of different tools to verify validity. The end goal is to create a "pocket-guide" containing information and guidance on responsible and safe use of AI.

Methodology

The approach to research and develop tools and regulations with be through mixed methodology. There will be interviews and surveys to garner opinion and insight into what is currently needed within the industry and case studies examined as well for further insight into what is currently available and what is or is not working.

Expected Outcomes

It is anticipated that there will be some loopholes in the current environment surrounding AI tools in the arts but with further research the specifics to garner safe usage and reporting issues should be obtainable.

Significance and Potential Impact

This research is a vital need as the power of the technology grows as people and other entities are becoming more dependent on AI and its expansion into all facets of life. Creating a tool, such as a guide, can help creators and everyday users maintain a safe and responsible environment when using AI tools.

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an influential tool in creative fields, revolutionizing how content is created, modified, and consumed. From creative areas such as visual arts and music to writing and image and video production, emerging AI technologies offer creators powerful new ways to express ideas, streamline workflow, and reach wider or more targeted audiences. With this creative potential comes critical questions surrounding ethics and responsible use of AI in the arts. These questions expound on issues such as authorship, copyright, bias, consent, abuse, and unintended consequences of automating the creative process. As AI systems become more sophisticated, they increasingly blur the lines between human creativity and machine-driven outputs, challenging traditional notions of originality and intellectual property.

This research project seeks to explore and analyze the responsible use of AI in arts and content creation by examining both the benefits and ethical challenges posed by various tools. It will delve into how AI can be used to augment artistic processes while ensuring creators retain ownership and recognition for their works. Furthermore, the project will address how AI models, which often learn from vast datasets, may unintentionally create biases, replicate harmful stereotypes, or infringe upon personal rights. By assessing current practices, guidelines, and policies, this research aims to propose a "pocket-guide" or guidelines for ethical and responsible AI integration in creative industries that balances both innovation and accountability and fairness.

As AI continues to evolve and influence the arts, establishing clear standards for its responsible use is essential to maintaining the integrity of artists and safeguarding the rights of creators and consumers. Through comprehensive analysis, this project will contribute to ongoing discussions on how AI can be used ethically and responsibly to enhance, rather than undermine, human creativity.

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Proposed Research Methodology

The proposed research methodology is a mixed method between quantitative and qualitative resources. There will of course be research studying existing publications on regulations and issues that have been made apparent from existing or not yet existing regulations to gain general knowledge on the subject. There is also a set interview and survey to gain insight into public opinion on AI in the arts and gain insight into the current use and knowledge on the technology itself from the people who are using it.

Proposed Data Collection Instrument

Data will be collected via an online survey as well as an interview conducted over the phone or in person if available.

Project Planning Report

Project initiation and Research

- Begin reviewing academic literature, reports, and case studies on AI in creative fields.
- Identify key topics such as AI's impact on visual arts, music, and content creation.
- Gain initial list of sources.

Research and Literature Review

- Continue reviewing ethical concerns including authorship, copyright, and bias.
- Choose 3-5 AI tools to analyze functionality and test various set scenarios to indicate validity or lack of.
- Summarize key points of case studies.

Stake holder interviews

- Identify and contact potential interview and survey participants from various backgrounds and fields.
- Conduct interviews with participants.
- Begin analyzing interview data for recurring themes on ethical challenges and opportunities.

Analysis

- Perform testing on the chosen AI tools with the set test scenarios and record and analyze the data.
- Analyze case studies of AI-drive content creation.
- Collect and analyze survey and interview data.

Framework Development

- Complete all analysis of information (surveys, interviews, case studies, tool testing)
- Begin drafting the ethical framework proposal for AI use in content creation based on findings.

Final Project Report and Presentation

- Finalize ethical framework
- Prepare the final project report, including literature review, interviews, case studies, testing results, and framework proposal.

Reference

Appendix