Cybernetic Ethics and AI Rights

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Abstract: *The rights and responsibilities of AI systems and humans are more than just ethical and legal concern emerging as AI systems are becoming increasingly autonomous and embedded in human life. This article presents a preliminary exploration of the new area of Cyborg Ethics, which is the set of moral obligations toward artificial beings, and discusses the feasibility of Rights for AI in existing streams of philosophical, legal, and technological thought. The question analyzed is whether AI is to be granted moral consideration or legal personhood or autonomous agency, with comparisons drawn to the historical movements for rights and cybernetic theories. It also questions what the recognition of AI rights would mean for accountability and liability, as well as how such systems would exist alongside humans. Applying contemporary deontological, utilitarian, and virtue ethics frameworks regarding intelligent systems, this study attempts to capture a comprehensive view on the future of human-AI interaction. Last, but certainly not least, the research thrives on the premise that there must be an immediate interdisciplinary dialogue regarding the development of ethical policies at par with the pace of change in AI.*

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