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The Dual Nature of Hyperreality in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract: This article explores the interconnectedness of hyperreality with the new era of artificial intelligence (AI). Jean Baudrillard's concept of hyperreality dates back to the nineteenth century when it was considered a provocative and eccentric notion. In the current digital era, this concept gains prominence as media portrays hyperreal images, making AI-powered technologies amplify the world's realism beyond its actuality. Today, reality is a fusion of physical and virtual realities, human existence and artificial intelligence (AI). Amid the numerous challenges the world faces, artificial intelligence has the potential to be more destructive and perilous than any nuclear weaponry.

Keywords: Hyperreality, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Era.

1. INTRODUCTION

The hyperreality assumption was first formulated by the French sociologist, philosopher and cultural theorist whose work firmly connected with post-structuralism and early postmodernism, Jean Baudrillard, in his work Simulacra and Simulation, there he explain that hyperreality is the blur of reality. He suggests that there's a contrast between media representation and reality. What media represent is beyond the reality and in most cases it is extravagance of reality. However, the rise of a new era of scientific simulacra illustrate Baudrillard's idea of hyperreality, where reality and actuality is grinding. The use of AI language model like CHATGPT and LLM (large language model) build hassle to distinguish reality and carboncopy. They use statistical models to analyze vast amounts of data, learning the patterns and connections between words and phrases.

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Potential Threat for Civilization

Elon Musk once stated, "AI is more dangerous than nuclear weapons." In an open letter, leading technological figures and researchers have warned against further AI model development. AI developers are creating increasingly powerful and complex digital minds that even their creators cannot fully understand or predict in terms of control.

This perfect storm of corporate irresponsibility, widespread adoption, a lack of regulation, and a multitude of unknowns raises significant concerns. Models like CHATGPT and GOOGLE BARCODE can perform human-like functions, such as writing essays, research papers, and articles with remarkable authenticity. However, experts have identified specific inaccuracies and errors upon closer inspection.

It is crucial to note that AI is merely trained software without moral parameters and human-like empathy. Ethical concerns related to privacy, bias, security risks, and job displacement are becoming more pronounced as AI becomes an integral part of our lives. AI technology encompasses both extended reality (XR) and hyperreality, providing captivating experiences where it becomes increasingly challenging to distinguish between human and AIcreated entities. These deep fake issues and privacy concerns are exacerbating existing challenges, as the world grapples with nuclear threats and viral outbreaks like COVID-19.

Merits

Understanding the perspective of AI developers is crucial as they work tirelessly to advance this technology in the digital age. Developers argue that AI offers a new dimension of security for various countries.

Education

China employs AI in its education system to enhance the learning experience. A State of AI in Education Report from July 24, 2023, revealed that students are utilizing technology for research, synthesis, and generating study materials. AI is empowering students in their educational pursuits.

Healthcare

Robots are replacing humans in surgical procedures, leading to successful surgeries. A study found that 64% of patients are satisfied with AI virtual nurses. These virtual nurse assistants, powered by AI, assist with medication-related inquiries, appointment scheduling, and report submission to physicians and surgeons. AI tools can detect patient medication errors from their medical histories. A study in Natural Medicines reveals that 70% of diabetic patients do not adhere to their prescribed insulin regimen. AI's ability to communicate in multiple languages helps bridge the gap between doctors and patients, reducing communication errors.

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2. CONCLUSION

Baudrillard's concept of hyperreality is a key element in shaping the postmodern world, where the line between reality and simulation is increasingly blurred. This extends to video games, graphics, social media, and animation. Moreover, the development of AI technology complicates the situation by creating human-like software. However, there are two sides to every coin. Research shows that AI technology offers assistance in various facets of life, from education to healthcare and even at home. Challenges have arisen, and people need to understand the pros and cons of this simulated reality. It is unfair to label AI as purely negative, and undeniably, it has positive aspects as well. Just as the world has learned to coexist with nuclear weapons and various viruses, it must now learn to live with extended realities. However, it's essential to acknowledge that these constructed versions of reality come with their own set of precautions.

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