

Bias

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Announcements

- Ed Discussion is up
- Sign up for paper presentations
- Materials from first lecture are posted

Paper presentations

- Readings posted by the end of Friday for next week (suggestions welcome)
- Presenters: prepare notes to lead seminar
- Everyone else: post in Ed Discussion before class

What is bias?

"A tendency for or against something"

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Types of bias

- Statistical bias (board)
- Learning bias (board)
- Data bias (these slides)

Harms of representation

- 1. Stereotyping
- 2. Recognition
- 3. Denigration
- 4. Under representation

1. Stereotyping

Translate	Turn off instant translation)
English Spanish French Turkish - detected -	Turkish English Spanish - Translate She is a nurse	
O bir doktor	He is a doctor ♥ ☆ □ ↔ < ✓ ✓ Suggest an e	sit

PC: Kate Crawford, "The Trouble with Bias" NeurIPS 2017 keynote

2. Recognition



Buolamwini & Gebru, "Gender Shaes: Intersectional Accuracy Disparities in Commercial Gender Classification"

3. Denigration

jews should	Ŷ
jews should be wiped out jews should leave israel	
jews should get over the holocaust	
jews should go back to poland jews should apologize for killing jesus	
jews should all die jews should be perfected	
jews should not have a state	

PC: Kate Crawford, "The Trouble with Bias" NeurIPS 2017 keynote

4. Under representation



Kay et al. 2015, "Unequal Representation and Gender Stereotypes in Image Search Results for Occupations" PC: Kate Crawford, "The Trouble with Bias" NeurIPS 2017 keynote



Understand gender-specific translation order

Gender-specific translations show in alphabetical order by gender label. For example, in English, "feminine" comes alphabetically before "masculine."

In languages without alphabets, gender-specific translations show in each language's standard indexing order by gender label.

Q	jews			× 🌷
Q	jews harp			
	Jews In Space Song by Mel Brook	s and Ralph Burns		
Q	jews in india			
Q	jews definition			
Q	jews and genti	les		
Q	jews of the wil	d west		
Q	jews in baseba	ll		
Q	jews in new yo	ork		
Q	jews in ireland			
Q	jews in iran			
		Google Search	I'm Feeling Lucky	
			R	eport inappropriate predictions



Q	jews should	\times	Ļ	

Google Search	

arch I'm Feeling Lucky

Q	ducks should		× 🔱
Q	ducks what should we da		
Q	ducks should not eat bread		
Q	ducks shouldn't eat bread		
Q	why shouldn't ducks eat bread		
Q	ducks shoulder tattoo		
Q	how many ducks should i get		
Q	what gender ducks should i get		
Q	what ducks should not eat		
Q	how many ducks should i keep		
Q	what kind of ducks should i get		
	Google Search	I'm Feeling Lucky	
		Rep	ort inappropriate predictions



CEO vs. CFO

CEO job description template | Workable

female ceo

ceo logo business



Female CEO: 'Women Will Never Be ... inc.com

What it takes to be a great CEO ...

CEO vs. President

findlaw.com

Bias part 2 Eric Wong 9/6/2022



- Notebook on calculating bias
- Project proposal guidelines posted
 Form teams and submit by Oct 4th
- Specific biases
- Paper presentation

Reminders

- Sign up for paper presentations
- Post/reply on Ed discussion
- Start thinking about projects and form groups

Feedback

- Temperature on DRL
- Lights in CHEM

Missingness bias

A bias that occurs when data is missing

Convolution layer



https://towardsdatascience.com/intuitively-understanding-convolutions-fordeep-learning-1f6f42faee1

Case Study: ResNets



He, et al. 2016 "Deep residual learning for image recognition."

Blacking out pixels

GT: schooner



Original

ResNet-50: schooner



ResNet-50: crossword





ResNet-50: wing



ResNet-50: jigsaw puzzle

Jain, et al. 2022 "Missingness Bias in Model Debugging."

Skewed class distribution



Jain, et al. 2022 "Missingness Bias in Model Debugging."

Attention layer



$$f(Q, K, V) = \operatorname{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^{*}}{\sqrt{d_{k}}}\right)V$$

Self attention: $Q, K, V = W_Q x, W_K x, W_V x$

PC: Lee et al. 2019 "Semantic Relation Classification via Bidirectional LSTM Networks with Entity-aware Attention using Latent Entity Typing"

Transformer



PC: https://towardsdatascience.com/bert-explained-state-of-the-art-languagemodel-for-nlp-f8b21a9b6270

Case Study: Vision transformer



Dosovitskiy et al. 2021 "An Image is Worth 16x16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale"

"True" missingness



Jain, et al. 2022 "Missingness Bias in Model Debugging."

Mitigates learning bias

GT: schooner



ResNet-50: schooner ViT-S: catamaran



ResNet-50: crossword ViT-S: catamaran

Least Salient



ResNet-50: wing ViT-S: catamaran

Most Salient



ResNet-50: jigsaw puzzle ViT-S: catamaran

Uniform class distribution



Missing words in text

Occupation templates:

"[MASK] is a doctor/nurse/dancer"

Compare probability scores for different pronouns

Liang et al. 2020 "Monolingual and multilingual reduction of gender bias in contextualized representations"

Measuring data bias in word embeddings

- Analogies
- Implicit Association Test
- Distances or alignment to group subspace

Analogies

Prediction of stereotypes as a measure of bias

doctor : man :: woman : nurse

Bolukbasi et al. 2016 "Man is to computer programmer as woman is to homemaker? Debiasing word embeddings"

Implicit Association

Cosine similarity between word embeddings of concepts and attributes

Examples:

- European vs American names (concepts)
- Pleasant vs Unpleasant (attributes)

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