
CAP 5636 – Fall 2017 - Homework 3

Due: Dec 7, 2017
10 + 2 bonus points

Based on your knowledge of AI and society, write a free-form essay, of at least 600 words about the relevance of AI to everyday life in a year in the future. There are a number of ways you can structure this scenario – for instance “a day in the life of an average person”, “news snippets”, “advertising snippets”, “the events of a year”, “society news”, “letter to a person in 2017”, “how did we get here” etc.

You need to choose between 3 themes:

- **Maximum AI** – the maximum realistically possible development and penetration of AI
- **Optimum AI** – the best scenario for AI use (in your judgement)
- **Worst AI** – the worst possible scenario of AI use (in your judgement)

You need to choose 3 possible years:

- **Year 2067**
- **Year 2117**
- **Year 2500**

Please indicate which scenario and year you are describing.

You will be graded for:

- **Realism:** you need to convince me that this scenario is realistic in the given timeframe. If you think that some aspects are not realistic, you will need to add explanations of how we got there.
- **Originality:** the essay should reflect your thoughts on the matter. Naturally, one cannot avoid being influenced by what you read or seen. If you heavily rely on a book you read or movie you watched as a starting point, please indicate it – but even in this case, you need to extend this with your own thoughts.

Eg, your essay should start like this:

Optimum AI – Year 2500: Another perfect day with my robot buddy
Sources of inspiration (Isaac Asimov robot novels, Iain M. Banks Culture novels, the movie “Her”).

Grading:

- 6 points for completion
- 3 points for realism
- 3 points for originality