Do robots need ethics?

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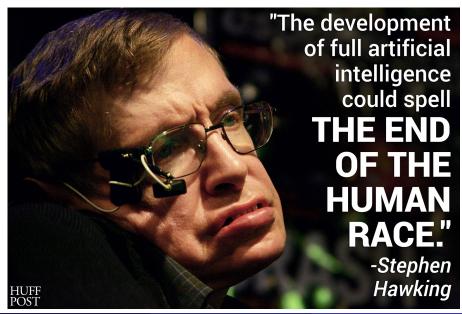
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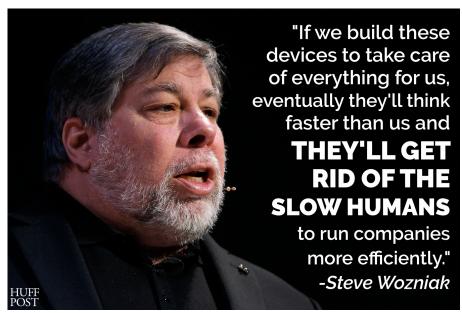
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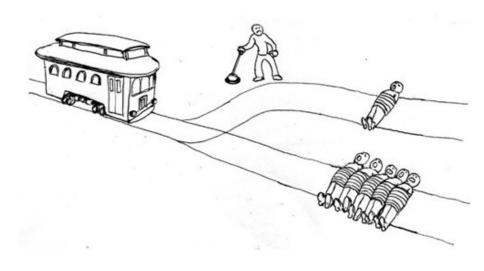
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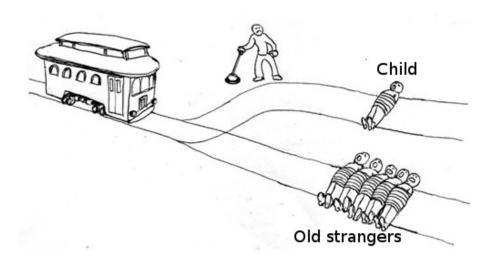
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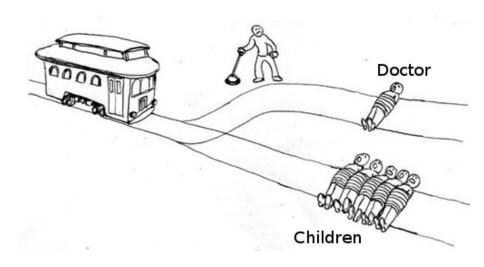


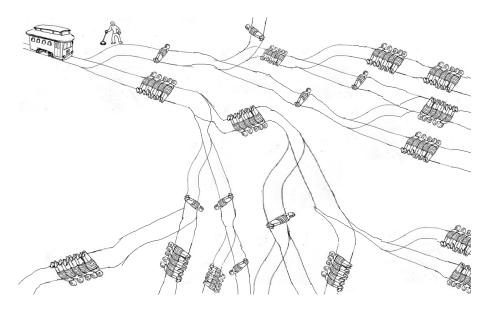
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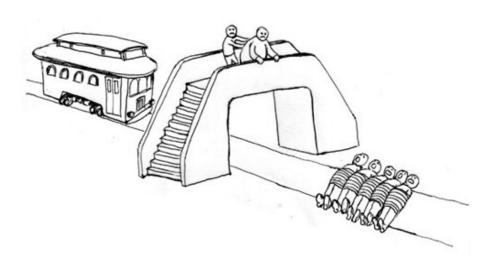
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Asimov's three laws

Three laws

- A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.
- ② A robot must obey any orders given to it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
- A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law

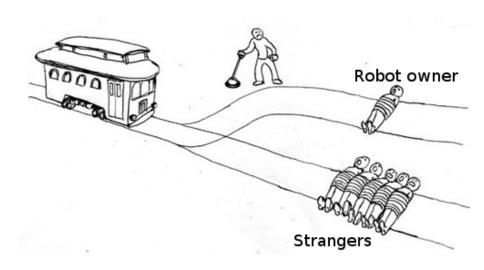
Deciding who is good and bad

Is robot allowed to kill?

The robot sees a human pointing a gun into another person. Is the robot allowed to kill?



Trolley problem - revisited



Trolley problem – real case

Tesla cars

Two Tesla cars are heading each other and the crash is inevitable. One car has an option to drive into the river and risk lives of its passengers, or push the other car, to the abyss and save its passengers by killing the other. Only one car has an option to make a decision. What should it do? Who will take the responsibility for that (algorithms cannot go to jail)?



Zeroth law

Asimov's Zeroth law

- A robot may not harm humanity, or by inaction, allow humanity to come to harm.
- A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm, except when required to do so in order to prevent greater harm to humanity itself.
- A robot must obey any orders given to it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law or cause greater harm to humanity itself.
- A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law or cause greater harm to humanity itself.

Deciding what is good and bad

Rage against humanity

- Alcohol, tobacco, fast food, etc.
- Air pollution
- Free will...



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But is it OK?

- Who should decide on your medical treatment your family, or robot?
- High trust in robots may prevent humans from contesting their decisions.
- What if robots are better than us in art, science, etc. Will it kill creativity?
- Can robots be deceived or mistaken? Who takes responsibility for robots' autonomous decisions if they are harmful? Is turning the robot off really an appropriate punishment?

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