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- Background Knowledge
 - Adversary may already know a lot
 - Whatever we provide (even de-identified or anonymized data) may add to that knowledge
- It may just take that "last bit of knowledge" to give the adversary the ability to violate privacy
 - We can formally prove 1 bit may be too much



What We Can Do

- Encryption
 - Reduce risk to minimal levels when data not in use
- Anonymization
 - Produce usable data that is hard to link to individuals
- Noise addition
 - Usable data where any link to individuals (or information we surmise about individuals) is guaranteed to be uncertain/suspect







 U.S. Census Bureau is starting to use Differential Privacy 22

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	SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Amazon.com Inc's (<u>AMZN.O</u>) machine-learning specialists uncovered a big problem: their new recruiting engine did not like women.			
Resume screening tool				
 Trained on prior applications 				
 Demonstrated bias toward male applicants 				
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What's all the fuss? (Sanburn '15)

Facebook Thinks Some Native American Names Are Inauthentic

Josh Sanburn Øjoshsanburn Feb. 14, 2015

The social network is barring some Native Americans from logging in

If you're Native American, Facebook might think your name is fake.

The social network has a history of telling its users that the names they're attempting to use aren't real. Drag queens and overseas human rights activists, for example, have experienced error messages and problems logging in in the past.



- Ms. Lone Elk (and others) required to provide identification to use Facebook
 - Viewed as potential violation of "real name" policy
- No such barriers for "dominant majority"





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And it isn't just CS people who notice

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"INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND RACIAL INEQUALITY AS ADDRESSED IN 'ALGORITHMS OF OPPRESSION'"



DR. SAFIYA NOBLE, Best-selling Author of Algorithms of Oppression As Seen in Wired, Time, and Heard on NPR's Science Friday

> Lecture 6–7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018 Fowler Hall | Stewart Center 30 minute Q&A following lecture Free and open to the public

- In an increasingly automated world, what IF AI tools punish the poor?
- Feb. 13, 2019
 Fowler Hall
 Purdue U.





What are the reasons?

- Discrimination intentionally programmed into the system?
 Let's hope not
- Historical bias in the training data?
 - May explain some, but not all
- Insensitivity on the part of developers?
 - Maybe
- Or perhaps we don't know (yet)?







Credit Scoring using Decision Trees (with Abhishek Sharma)

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 Experiment in Fairness using Statlog (German Credit Data) Data Set

Data made available by Professor Dr. Hans Hofmann, Universität Hamburg via the UCI Machine Learning Repository

- Learn a decision tree from historical decisions
 - Data about credit applications
 - Decision made
 - Better training data would be if loan was repaid...
- Decision tree: model used to make future decisions
 - Goal is to make similar decisions to historical data

















Is Unbiased Training Data Enough?

• Rakin Haider: ML bias from unbiased data

• Assumptions:

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- Training data correct
- Privileged and unprivileged groups of same size
- Positive outcome probability same for both groups
- Difference
 - Different optimal models for the two groups
 - Optimal model for privileged group is higher accuracy

Result: Biased Outcome

- Resource-scarce environment (e.g., selective college admissions): Optimal accuracy global model favors privileged class
 - This wasn't true in the training data
- Analysis based on Bayesian model
 - Presumably "good" practical ML will do the same
 - Demonstrated on a variety of real-world classifiers
 - Including some explicitly designed to reduce bias
- Reflects a type of Systemic Bias









Ethically Aligned Design A Vision for Prioritizing Human Well-being with Autonomous and Intelligent Systems



Version 2

- Launched December 2017 as a Request for Input
- Created by over 250 Global A/IS & Ethics professionals, in a bottom up, transparent, open and increasingly globally inclusive process
- Incorporates over 200 pages of feedback from public RFI and new Working Groups from China, Japan, Korea and more
- Thirteen Committees / Sections
- Contains over one hundred twenty key Issues and Candidate Recommendations

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Ethics Issues for Data Mining & ML What's the Problem?

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 - See Dawn or Doom lecture
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- Do these explanations really capture how decisions are made?
 - Sensitivity Analysis, Causal Reasoning
 - Explain outcome, not process
 - Heat maps

- maybe?
- But does it matter?







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(Not?) Understanding AI

- We may not fully understand how AI does what it does
 - We want AI to solve hard problems!
 - If we can't solve the problem, should we expect to understand how AI does it?
- We do want reasons why AI is doing the right thing - We're figuring out how to do this
- We just need to make sure AI does the right thing



General Guidelines: FIPPs Fair Information Practice Principles

Transparency - Organizations should be transparent and notify individuals Individual Participation Organizations should involve the individual in the process of using PII **Purpose Specification** - Organizations should specifically articulate the authority that permits the collection of PII Data Minimization - Organizations should only collect PII that is directly relevant and necessary Use Limitation - Organizations should use PII solely for the purpose(s) specified in the notice Data Quality and Integrity - Organizations should, to the extent practicable, ensure that PII is accurate, relevant, timely, and complete. Security - Organizations should protect PII (in all media) through appropriate security safeguards Accountability and Auditing - Organizations should be accountable for complying with these principles

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR TRUSTED IDENTITIES IN CYBERSPACE - Appendix A

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