Data is not neutral: ethics and AI

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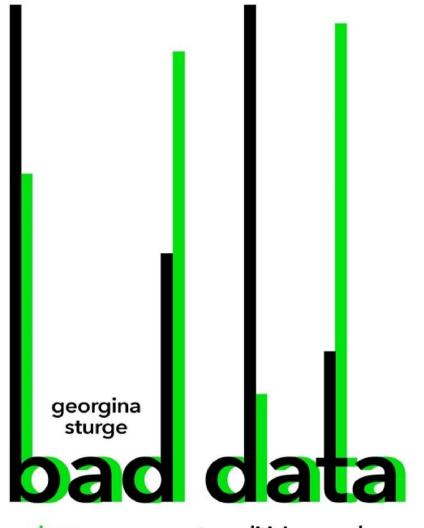
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"We make the mistake of thinking things that have been measured are what they say they are. But things don't count and measure themselves. Everything that we measure has some imprint on it of the person doing the measuring."

Georgina Sturge



how governments, politicians and the rest of us get misled by numbers

Is consumer car insurance racist?

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Race doesn't exist, but sadly racism does

Black people were being charged on average 49% more than white people.

Discriminatory pricing

Exploring the 'ethnicity penalty' in the insurance market



Citizens Advice report 2022 Updated 2023

"We found that quotes in lower crime postcodes with large Black or South Asian populations are higher than quotes in higher crime postcodes with a largely White population." Citizens Advice

In my view this kind of bias applies to all the other "isms", sexism and so on and is a problem across a variety of AI tools.



Large Language Models (LLM) are not an oracle





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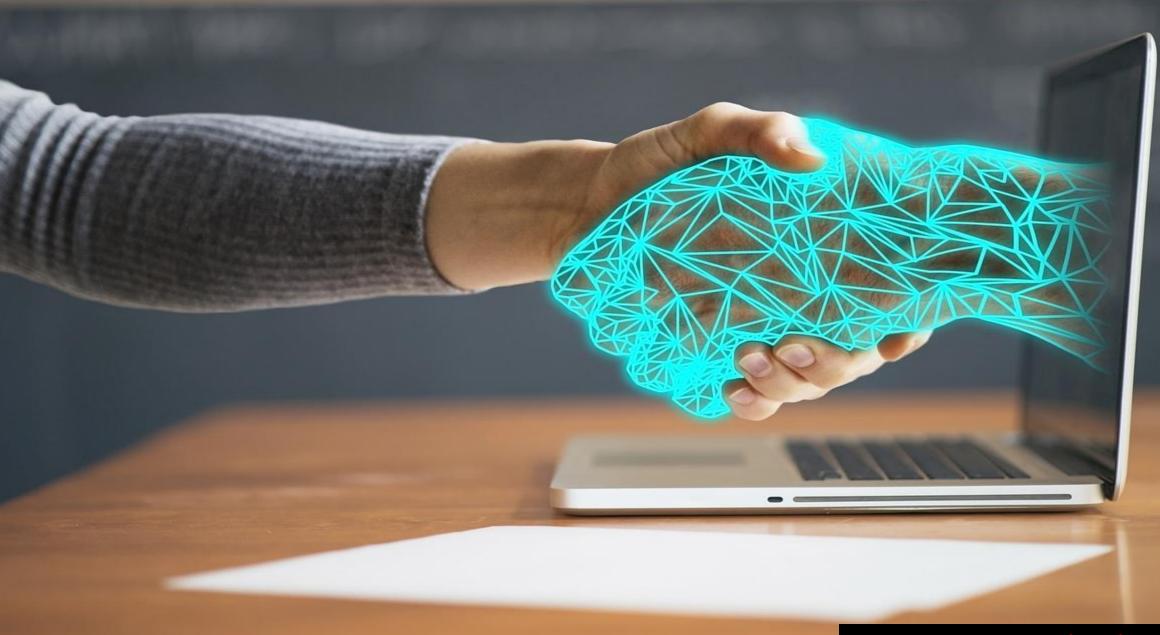
Figures based on hiring a full-time employee at the average total weekly salary in December 2022, as detailed by the Office for National Statistics, and the National Insurance and pension contribution rates for 2023/24.5

> April 2023 nerdwallet.com/uk



https://www.nerdwallet.com/uk/business/cost-of-hiring-someoneuk/#:~:text=%C2%A381%2C200.56,contribution%20rates%20for%202023%2F24.

More trust = better products



The regulators are coming to get you



Reputational Risk Ethical AI is a key factor for business resilience.

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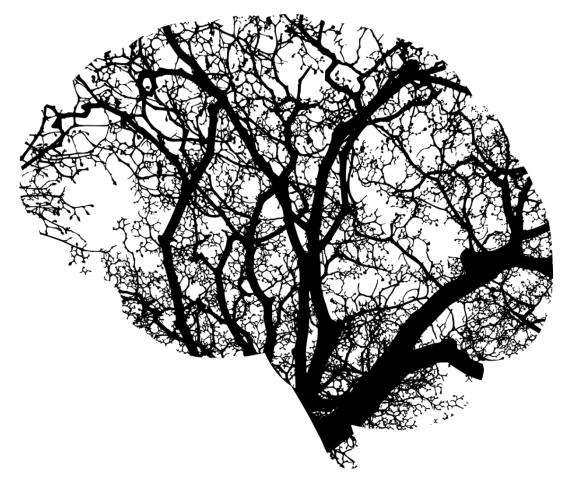
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What can we do to build more ethical AI/use better data sets?

- 1. Increase awareness
- 2. Ask better questions
- 3. Listen
- 4. Resampling techniques
- 5. AI on AI



Resampling techniques



Recommended Reading

The logic of failure – Dietrich Dorner

Fugitive Feminism – Akwugo Emejulu

More time to think – Nancy Kline

Invisible Women - Criado Perez

Bad Data – Georgina Sturge



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