FROM ALGORITHMS TO INSIGHTS: NAVIGATING AI PRODUCT COUNSELING

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1. What is artificial intelligence?



2. How is artificial intelligence regulated?



3. How to evaluate AI use cases, reduce risks, and "get to yes"

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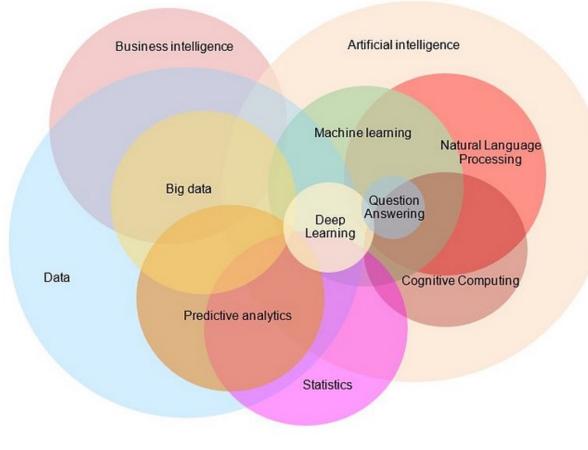
DEFINING "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"

- What is the hallmark?
 - Automated decision-making?
 - Responding to open-ended inputs?
 - Self-training/"learning"?
 - Generating "creative" content?
 - Ability to imitate humans?



WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

- AI = using computers to complete tasks that usually require human intelligence.
- Al "learns" by looking at training data, user inputs and outcomes.
- Examples of AI:
 - Voice assistants and spoken language processing
 - Free text, speech and facial recognition
 - Financial data/fraud analysis
 - Customer service chatbots
 - Language to text/image generation
 - Combined environment and human systems
- NOT robotic process automation



LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS (LLMS)

Model

Input-output algorithms that learn—i.e., adjust their internal variables by trial and error using data

Language

Takes input as a window of text, generates new text by predicting the next word, repeatedly

Large

Many variables, and usually trained on a huge dataset of examples

HOW IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BEING REGULATED?

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US LANDSCAPE REGULATING AI

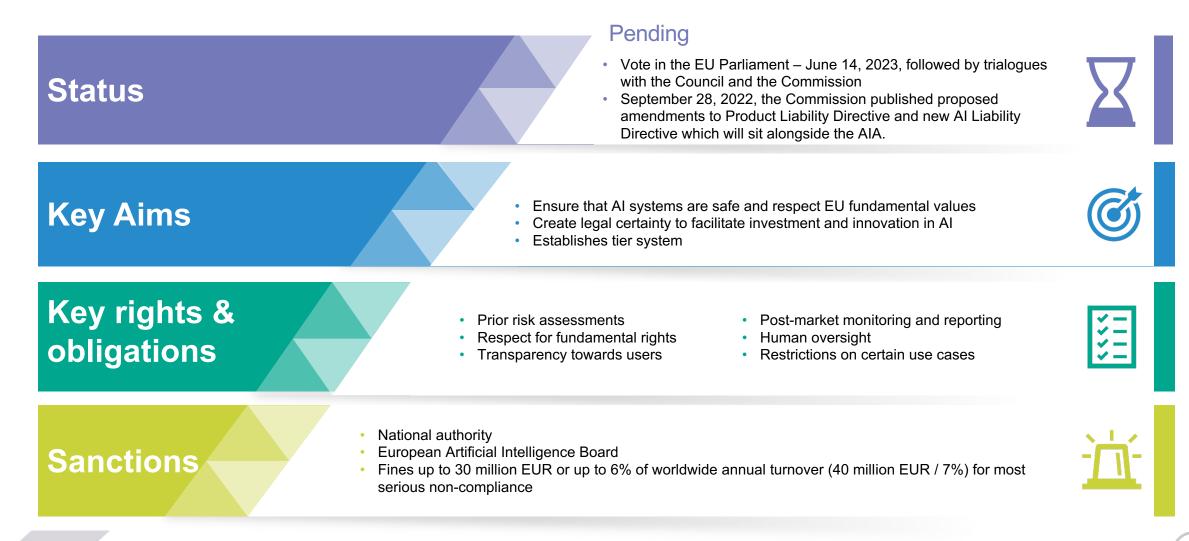
- Legislation is slow to develop:
 - Pacing problem technology moving faster than legislation
 - But legislation and regulation is on the way
 - Requirements will likely include transparency about use of AI
- FTC, DOJ, CFPB, EEOC
- US state privacy
 - Right to opt-out of automated decision-making (e.g., CA, VA)
 - Access requests for underlying logic and likely outcomes
- Pending US state bills regulating AI
- NIST, ISO

DRAFT CCPA REGULATIONS

- Broad definitions of "artificial intelligence" and "automated decision-making technology":
 - "Artificial intelligence": engineered/machinebased system that can generate outputs such as predictions, recommendations or decisions
 - "Automated decision-making technology": system, software, or process that processes PI and uses computation to make a decision
- Requirements for risk assessments, transparency



EU ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT: OVERVIEW



HOW TO EVALUATE AI USE CASES, REDUCE RISKS, AND "GET TO YES"

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WHAT'S THE USE CASE?

| Building or Buying Al Solution | Data Generation | Outcomes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| The AI tool/software is the | The "input data" is the | AI used as part of service |
| product/service | product/service | to provide "output data" |

KEY CONSIDERATIONS TO GUIDE DECISION-MAKING

How important are each of the following (relatively)

- Compliance cost & timing
- Data/technology flexibility
- Commercial feasibility
- Brand/image, trust, & accountability
- Internal Resource Issues
- Other



FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATING

- 1. Where data comes from/is processed
 - Sources and which laws apply
- 2. Role/responsibilities for data
 - Controller vs. processor
- 3. Data used
 - Identifiable vs. de-identified; sensitive data
- 4. Uses of data
 - "Optimization" vs. automated decision-making
- 5. IP rights
 - Preserving rights in input, output data
 - Not violating others' IP rights



FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATING (CONT.)



6. Implementation

- Cross-platform vs. for a single customer
- Consent flows
- Integrating with other providers (e.g., BYOAI)
- Data retention and maintaining training data sets
- 7. "Soft" risks
 - Optics, reputation, ethical harms, industry expectations
- 8. How to communicate risks to audience
 - E.g., internal engineers, executive/sales, marketing/comms, executives, customers (business), end users/consumers



"GETTING TO YES" STEP 1: KEY DATA QUESTIONS

- 1. Do you really need identifiable/sensitive data?
 - Get to "yes" by using de-identified data.
 - Get to "yes" by avoiding SPI (otherwise consent often needed).
 - Get to "yes" by avoiding "higher risk" jurisdictions
- 2. Do you have rights to the data?
 - Get to "yes" by using existing data for purposes disclosed in notice
 - Get to "yes" by positioning as controller vs. processor
 - Get to "yes" by obtaining licenses/reps from third parties

"GETTING TO YES" STEP 2: USE CASE QUESTIONS

- 1. Is it a new use case?
 - Get to "yes" by fitting into existing disclosures/contract rules; OR
 - Get to "yes" through "just in time" notice/consent if needed
- 2. Is the use case highly regulated?
 - Get to yes by avoiding "highly regulated" uses
 - Is it really AI (vs. analytics)?
 - Is it *really* selling/sharing?
 - Is it *really* making "automated decision-making" (vs. providing options)?

"GETTING TO YES" STEP 3: COMMERCIALIZATION ISSUES

- 1. Can the risks be outsourced?
 - E.g., through contracts or consent forms
- 2. Can risk be managed by tweaks to marketing/commercialization strategy
 - E.g., tone down product feature description
 - E.g., structure as B2B vs. direct to consumer

TO SUM UP: RISK MITIGATIONS

- Governance frameworks
 - Internal procedures for evaluating new uses of data, development, and deployment of AI tools
- Acceptable use policies
 - Policies for use of third-party generative artificial intelligence tools (customized based on tool, role, etc.)
- Contracting procedures
 - Privacy, confidentiality, and IP considerations

QUESTIONS?

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