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Rethinking Algorithmic Bias

Algorithmic bias is now recognized as a significant potential problem in many contexts, and a cottage industry has developed with measures and responses to findings of bias. In this talk, I will first argue that this dominant approach to algorithmic bias is misguided, both philosophically and technically. I will then develop a qualitatively different framework for understanding and assessing algorithmic biases, including an exploration of the ways in which the framework can help us to understand the limits of our ability to discover societal biases using data.

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