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Emotional Dynamics in the Al Age: Concept of 'Artificial but not Less Natural'

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The integration of artificial intelligence into daily human life is no longer a futuristic concept but a present reality. As AI models advance, their ability to interact with humans on an emotional level significantly impacts how we define and perceive human emotions and relationships. Concepts such as friendship, empathy, intimacy, and ethics, as well as traditional roles like assistance, mentorship, and support, have generally been based on human-to-human interactions. However, even though AI models do not possess consciousness, they can now establish meaningful interactions with humans and recognize and mimic human emotions. Moreover, people are increasingly struggling to distinguish between human and AI interactions when unaware of the nature of the interacting entity. This phenomenon raises important philosophical questions about how AI can be perceived as possessing perceived subjectivity in the human mind, the implications of such perceptions, and the potential consequences. Therefore, this study aims to revisit the aforementioned definitions, generally based on human-to-human relationships, and re-examine human-AI relationships within the human-perceived AI duality. Inspired by the phrase "last but not least," this paper introduces the concept of "artificial but not less natural" to the literature to encompass the evolving nature of AI-human interactions. This concept highlights how AI can be perceived naturally due to its advancements in distinguishing and mimicking human emotions. By proposing this concept, the study aims to provide a framework for understanding how AI can integrate into various aspects of human life as a perceived natural subject and how these interactions can be expressed without undermining their authenticity. Examples such as "artificial but not less natural relationship," and "artificial but not less natural assistance" demonstrate the broad applicability of this concept to terms, inviting further philosophical exploration of how emotional and social interactions can be redefined in a technologically advanced society.

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