

THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (UAI)

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the most transformative technologies of our time, rapidly moving beyond the confines of scientific laboratories and taking root in all spheres of human life. Today, AI is no longer just a theory, but a powerful tool that is changing the economy, medicine, education, and social interaction. The prospects for its development are extremely broad and include both significant

economic benefits and potential social challenges. Thus, the purpose of the paper is to analyse the multifaceted prospects of Artificial Intelligence (AI) development, specifically focusing on the balance between its transformative economic and scientific advantages, and the ethical, social, and regulatory challenges that accompany its rapid integration into global society.

One of the most significant prospects is the development of universal artificial intelligence (UAI), capable of performing any intellectual task at the human level. Although UAI remains a long-term goal, current weak (narrow) AI is already demonstrating incredible efficiency.

In medicine and healthcare, AI significantly accelerates diagnostics (for example, analysis of medical images) and the discovery of new drugs. Personalized medicine, based on the analysis of genomic data, promises a revolution in the treatment of complex diseases. In the field of economy and industry, automation of production processes, optimization of supply chains and predictive analytics based on AI increase productivity and reduce operational costs, and intelligent decision support systems become critical for business (World Economic Forum, 2023, p. 7). In addition, AI is an indispensable assistant in science and research for modeling complex natural processes, analyzing huge amounts of data (Big Data) and accelerating scientific discoveries.

However, along with undeniable advantages, the development of AI gives rise to a number of critical challenges that need to be addressed now. Among them are the issues of employment and the labor market, as automation can lead to job losses, requiring retraining programs. Another serious problem is bias and discrimination, as training AI on biased data can exacerbate social inequality. It is also necessary to ensure data security and confidentiality, as well as to develop ethical regulations and international standards that will ensure controlled and responsible development of the technology (OECD, 2024).

Therefore, the prospects of artificial intelligence open an era of unprecedented opportunities for humanity, promising solutions to global problems. The key to realizing these prospects is a balanced approach that combines innovative speed with

ethical responsibility and attention to social consequences. Only by consciously managing this powerful tool will AI become a driving force for progress.

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