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AI and the Collective Unconscious: Tapping into Shared Intelligence

Abstract:

This work investigates the correlation between Carl Jung's concept of the collective unconscious and modern artificial intelligence (AI) systems. According to Jungian psychology, the collective unconscious is perceived as a pool of shared human archetypes and experiences that transcend individual consciousness. Comparably, enormous reservoirs of information from various sources are accumulated in AI models in a variety of forms. We explore how AI technologies could possibly mirror Jung's theory by processing collective knowledge and forming distributed representations of the world. We also discuss the interrelation between neural networks, swarm intelligence, and the transmission of cultural knowledge in AI, arguing that the evolution of AI systems may contribute to deeper understanding of human cognition and culture. Ultimately, this study suggests that AI is more than just a tool for processing information, but also a mirror of humanity's shared unconscious processes, making significant contribution in understanding the interplay between collective intelligence and individual agency.

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