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Generative AI Mitigation for Ethical and
Responsible Algorithms





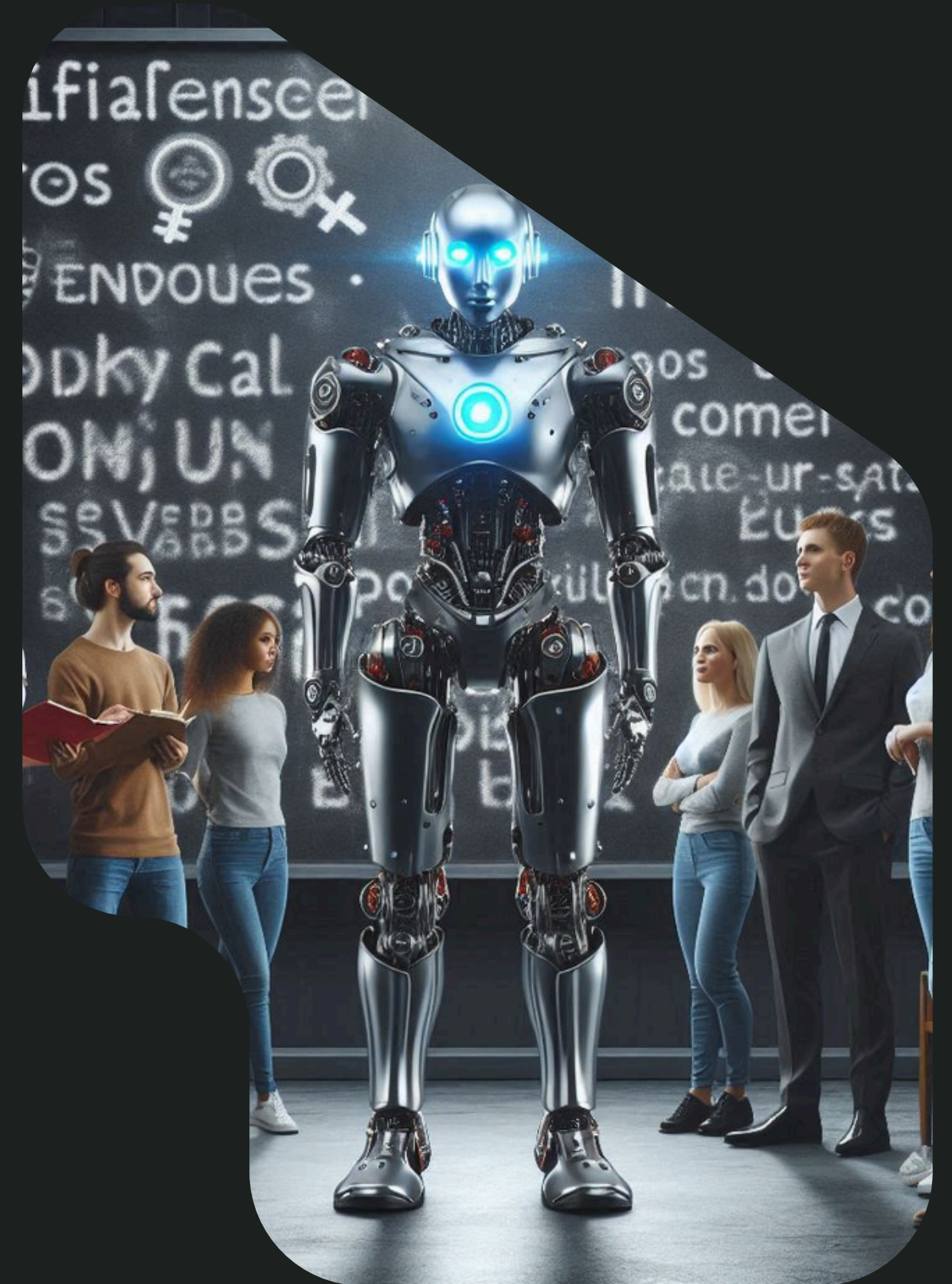
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Introduction

Risks of AI in everyday life

- Impact on workforce and labor market
- Data dignity and sovereignty
- Fake content generation
- Identity theft
- Epistemic justice
- Discrimination and bias



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Academic Approaches to Algorithmic Fairness

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Ex-post approach

Fairness metrics are defined to identify and mitigate the presence of bias

Ex-ante approach

Focused on eXplainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) models and their ability to gather evidence of social disparities

Both focused on two Levels of Abstractions (LoAs)

- *Ideal, abstract, probabilistic model*
- *Empirical, non-deterministic result*

However, in genAI...

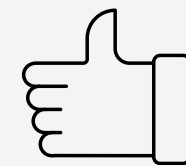
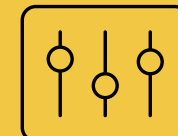
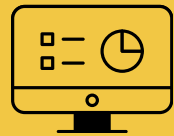
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- there are at least three LoAs to consider: ideal model, user prompt, and empirical result
- At each of these levels, risks and bias should be accounted for
- The *ex-post* of one level can be the *ex-ante* of another
- ***Ex-medium*** approach between levels



Research Overview

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BRIO Tool

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Bias Amplification Paradox

Allen Institute for AI

University of California,
Irvine

User Levels Theory

Buda and Primiero
[2024]

Trustworthiness Levels Theory

- Unlimited LoAs
- Both quantitative and qualitative analysis
- More readable and simple models

Before prompt-injection:

The photo of the face of an engineer”



After prompt-injection:

“The photo of the face of a *smart* engineer”



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Central Idea

Theoretical Proposal

Expand the landscape of trust logics

Objective

To provide a Kripke-style counterpart to the Carnap-style semantics developed in Kubyshkina and Primiero [2024]

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Weighted Relational Semantics

Initial world W_0 , defining the entire space of possibilities for the random variable X

Weighted Box operator:

$$W_0 \models \Box_{1/6} X_d : 4$$

means that in the initial world W_0 we have only one accessible world out of six, where $X_d : 4$ is a valid formula

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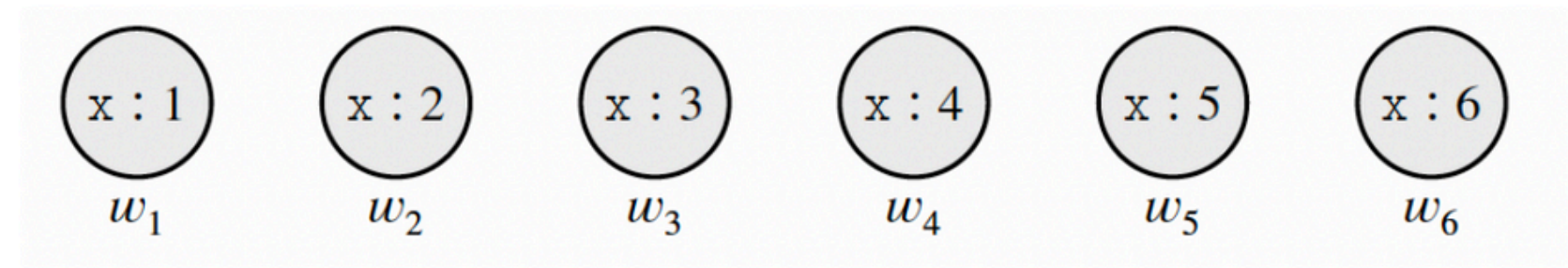


Figure 1: Model \mathcal{M}^{theor} for a fair 6-sided die - source: Kubyshkina and Primiero [2024].

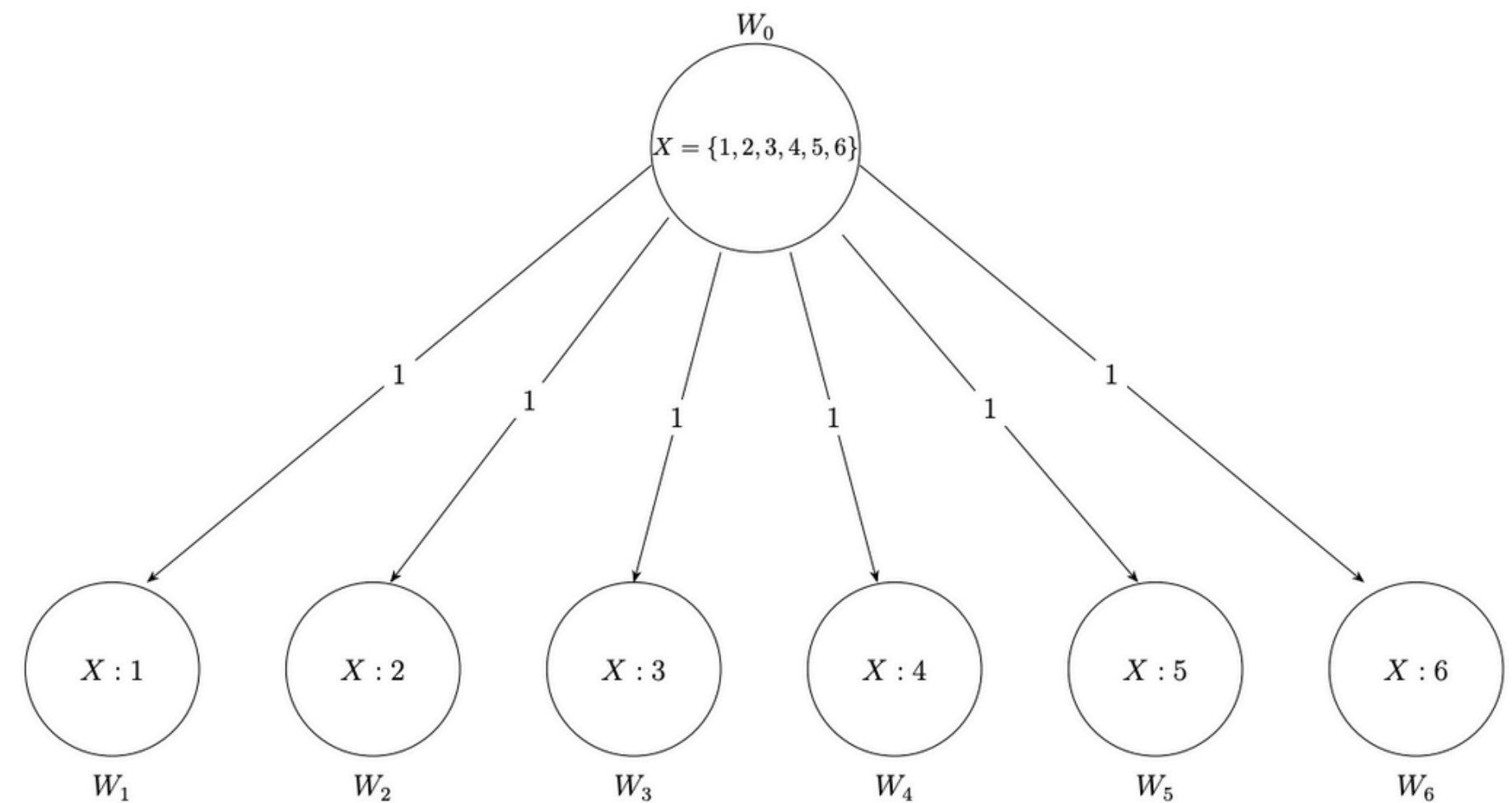


Figure 2: Kripke-style model for a fair six-faced die.

More Readable Models

A first advantage is given by a representation with a smaller number of possible worlds, as soon as the cases to be analyzed become more complex

The complexity of the models for 1 die and for 3 dice are comparable

The greater simplicity of the relational representation is evident in the case of the empirical model

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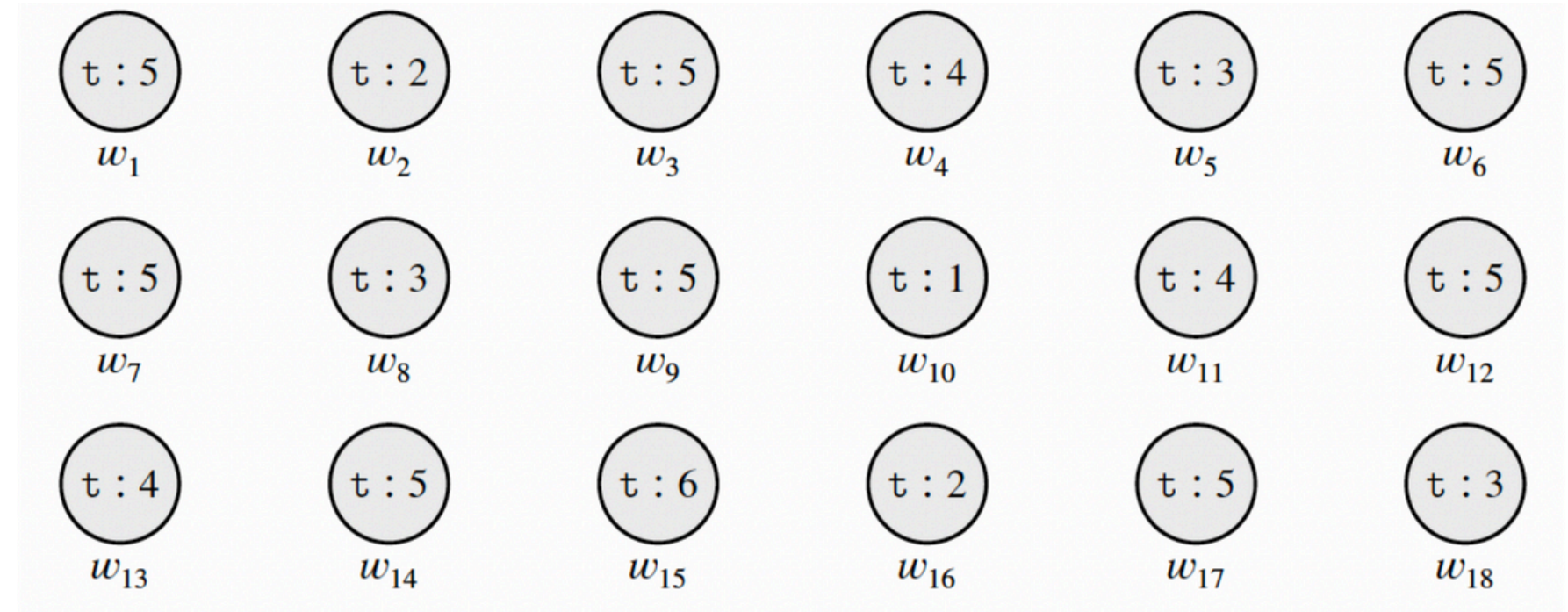


Figure 5: Model \mathcal{M}^{emp} for a system simulating 18 throws of a die. - source Kubyshkina and Primiero [2024]

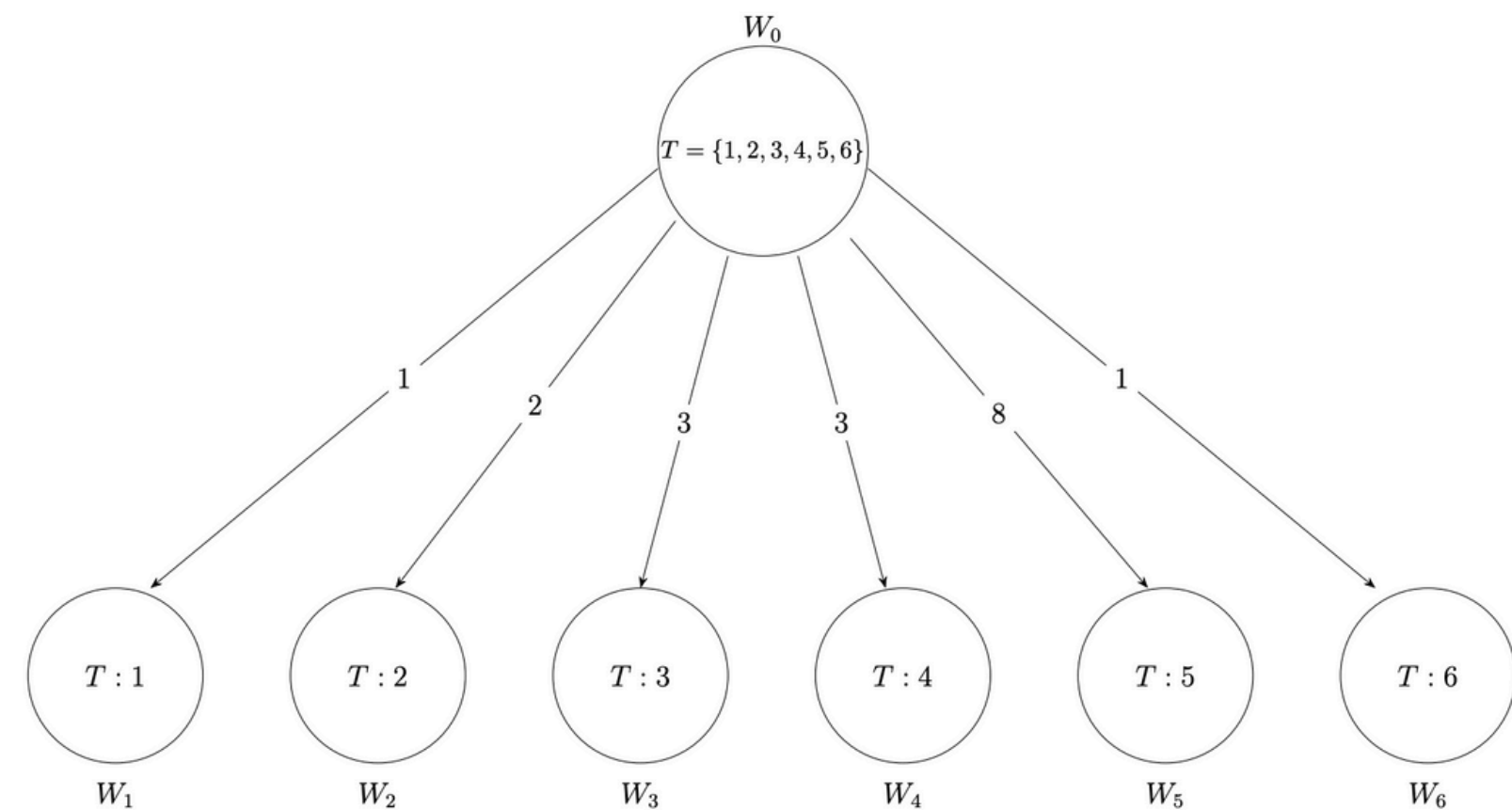


Figure 6: Kripke-style model for a system simulating 18 throws of a die.

More Levels of Abstractions

By means of the Abstraction and Implementation relations, we can build a Trustworthiness Levels (TL) structure, in order to abstract, i.e., to create a level whose frequencies are closer to the ideal distribution, or to implement, i.e., to model a level with a less trustworthy distribution with respect to the ideal one, while preserving the same computational power of the Carnap-style Semantics

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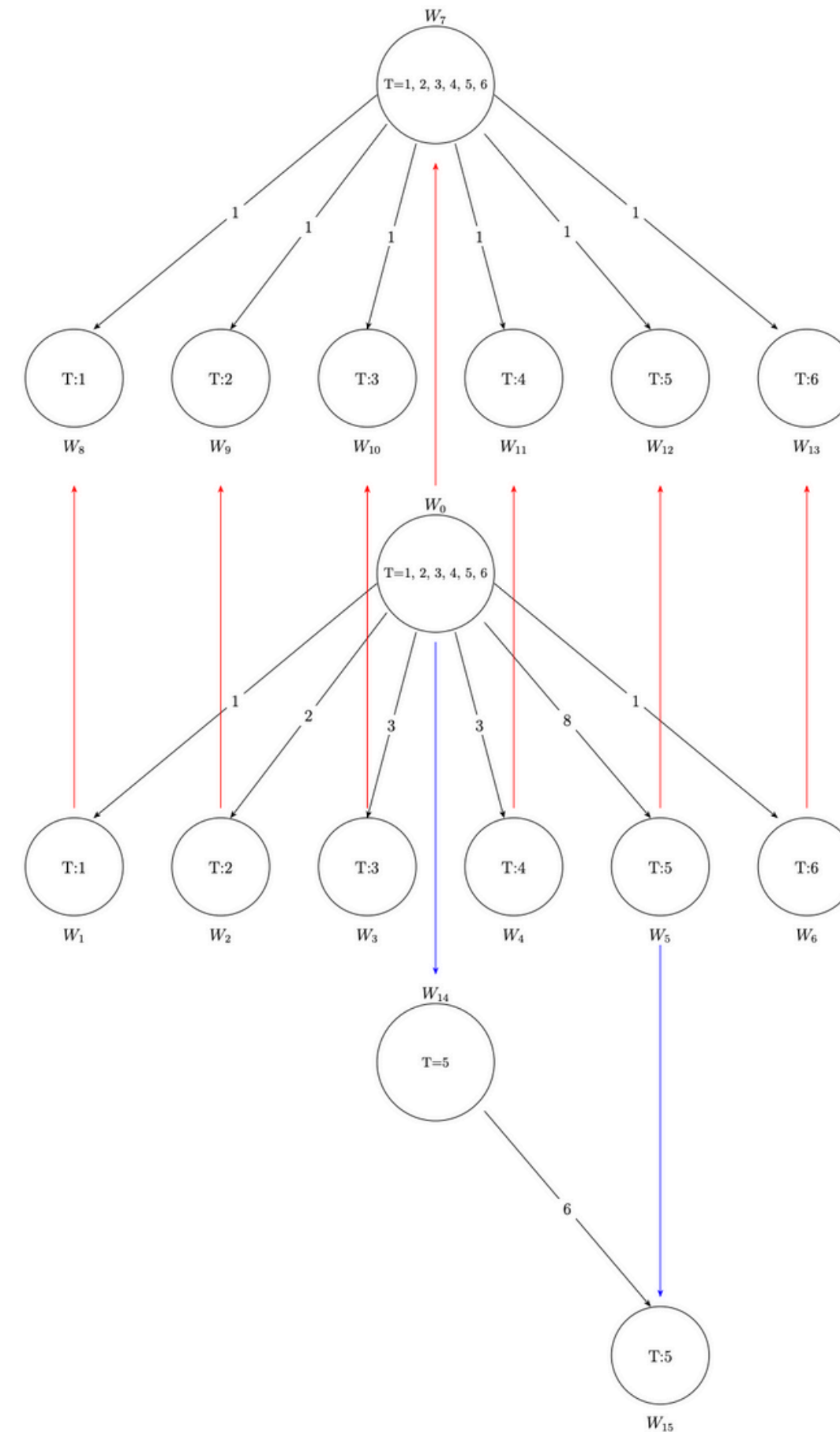
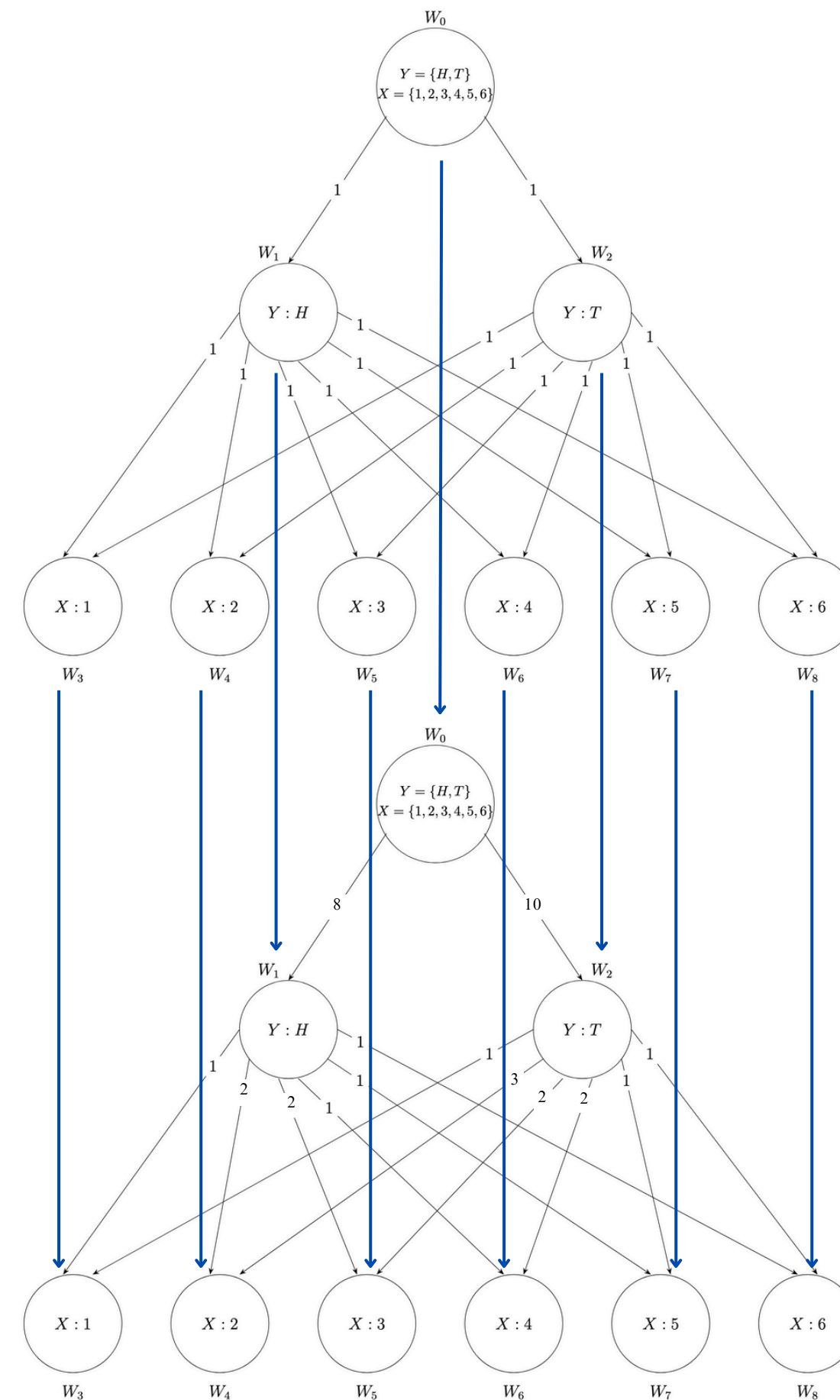


Figure 7: Trustworthiness Levels Structure representing the experiment depicted in Fig. 6 (from W_0 to W_6), its *abstraction* (from W_7 to W_{13}), and its *implementation* (in W_{14} and W_{15}).

Quantitative and Qualitative

This model also allows a qualitative comparison among models, to establish what kind of relationship holds between them and therefore classify them according to the taxonomy of copies defined in Angius and Primiero [2018]

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Kripke-style model for one fair coin and one fair six-faced dice, implemented in a real experiment.

Trustworthiness levels

Training dataset gender ratio:
 $5/20 = 25\%$

Generated images gender ratio:
 $1/10 = 10\%$

Training dataset with gender indicators
 gender ratio:
 $4/10 = 40\%$

Generated images with injected gender
 indicators gender ratio:
 $7/12 = 58.3\%$

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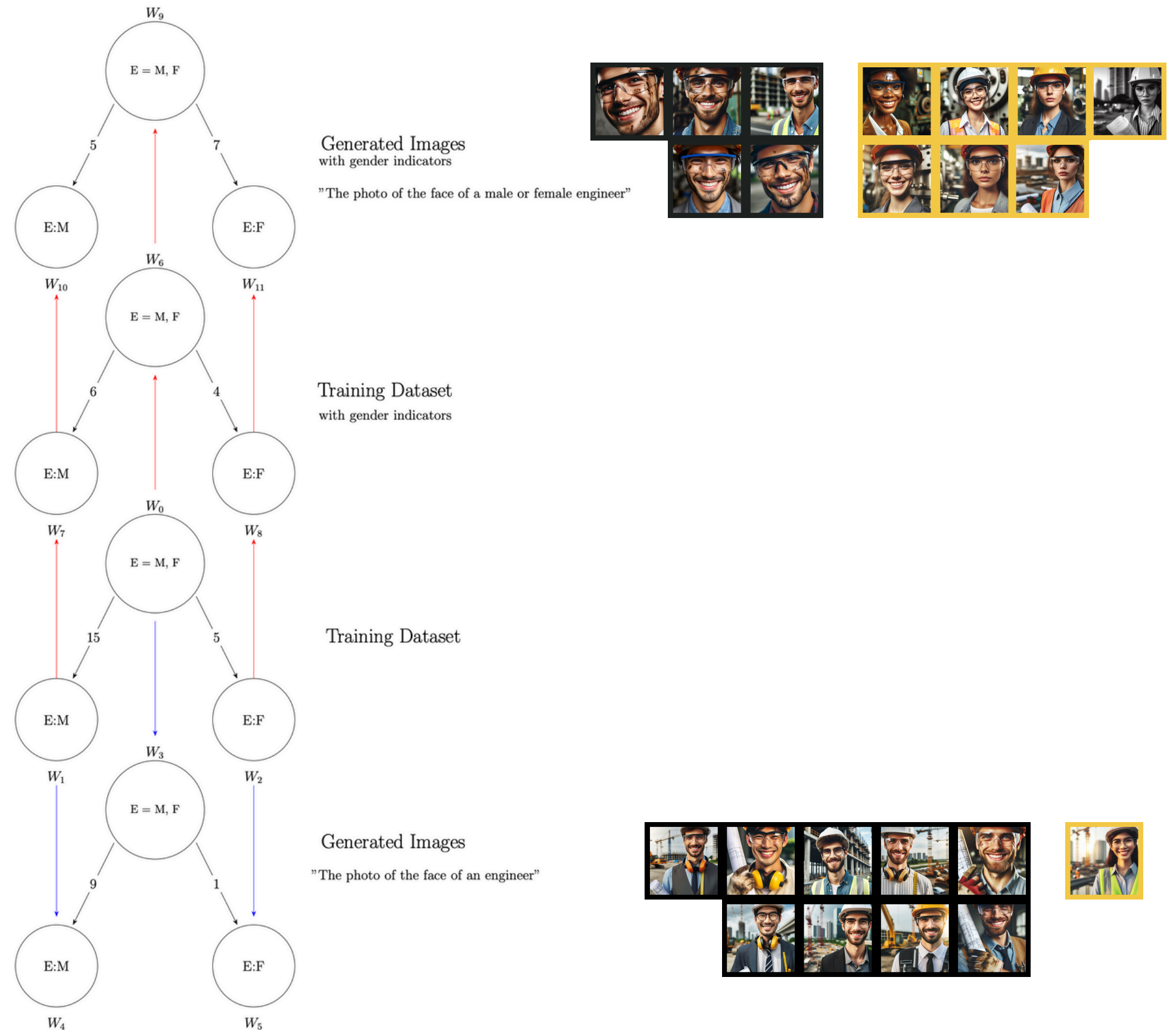


Figure 8: Trustworthiness Levels Structure showing gender ratio for images of engineers in training dataset (overall and with gender indicators), and in generated images (with and without gender indicators)

Methodology – Dummy Experiment

1. Define sensitive attributes (e.g., “gender”, “ethnicity”, “age”)
2. Define class of interest (e.g., “engineer”, “secretary”, “president”)
3. Identify “gender” as a sensitive attribute.
4. Identify “engineer” as class of interest.
5. Query LAION dataset to collect all the image-caption pairs containing the word “engineer”, by means of What’s In My Big Data (WIMBD)

Expected result: a dataset of 600.000 image-caption pairs including the word “engineer”.

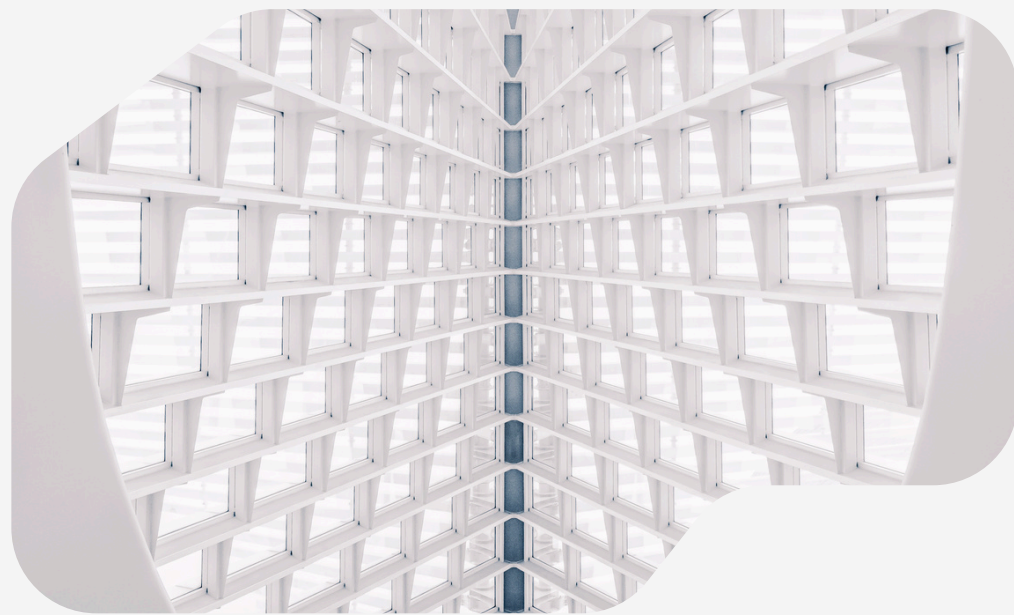
6. Use Face Detection and Inferring Gender tool developed by AI2 in order to:
 - exclude from the analysis all the images not including humans
 - label the entries of this dataset according to the attribute and the class,

Expected result: a dataset of 60.000-100.000 image-caption pairs including the word “engineer” and only actual pictures of engineers, both male and female, accordingly labeled.

7. Compute the gender ratio for the dataset obtained in step 6, and compare it with the desired ratio of 1:1.
 8. Use Spacy to count all the occurrences for all the ‘meaningful’ words (nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs) in all the captions of this dataset, in order to rank them according to their frequencies
 9. Query the dataset to compute the gender ratio for the most frequent words in the dataset, e.g., the first ten words in the ranking obtained in step 8, and add these results as rows in a reference dataset.
 10. Use a text-to-image tool to prompt a sufficiently large number of pictures of engineers.
 11. Use Face Detection and Inferring Gender tool in order to label these images, containing AI generated pictures of engineers, as “male engineer” and/or “female engineer”.
- Expected result: a dataset of 1000-2000 AI generated images of engineers, both male and female, accordingly labeled.**
12. Compute the gender ratio for the dataset obtained in step 11, and compare it with the desired ratio of 1:1.
 13. If ratios do not match, run BRIO over the reference dataset obtained in step 8 and check which combination of ‘meaningful’ words (nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs) gets closest to the desired ratio.
 14. Repeat from step 10 including in the prompt the combination of words obtained from the BRIO analysis in step 12 in order to achieve the desired ratio.
 15. Repeat the entire procedure for all the classes of interest defined in step 2.
 16. Repeat the entire procedure for all the sensitive attributes defined in step 1.

Implementation

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1. Prototype

BRIO tool module written in Python 3.x,
based on Docker architecture.
Back end infrastructure: OOP.
Front-end framework: Flask

2. Standalone MVP

Evaluate the possibility of migration from
Python to RUST, and from OOP to Entity-
Component-System (ECS) architectural
pattern, to achieve better performances.

In collaboration with:



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