Copyleft rules will be able to alleviate reproducibility crisis in AI

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Matthew Hutson reported reproducibility crisis in AI (1). Many of deep learning frameworks (software) are open source so that AI developers must understand open source license rules (2). Open source licenses fall into two types: permissive (BSD, MIT, and Apache) and copyleft (GPL, LGPL, and so on) (3). Most companies have no legal concerns over using software under permissive licenses (3). Complying with copyleft licenses takes more care, however, and may be inconsistent with certain plans for keeping software proprietary (3). Rules of copyleft basically require complying with source disclosure obligations (4). More copyleft, reproducibility crisis in AI will be more reduced.

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