

A Philosophical Peregrination Through Benchmark Park

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Reflective thoughts about the desirability and need for benchmarks in the past, present, and future are presented. Concern for human needs as well as technical requirements are expressed. A challenge for more cooperation through mutual personal obligation is given.

Most research and development is done because of the individual interest of the researcher or the program of the funding agency. This leads to a randomness that requires periodic evaluation and normalization. Benchmarks play a valuable role in this comparative process.

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