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UNIT – I ENGINEERING ETHICS

Topic: Moral dilemmas – Moral Autonomy



moral dilemma

A **moral dilemma** occurs when a person faces a situation in which they must choose between two or more conflicting moral principles, each of which has compelling reasons to be followed. In a moral dilemma, no matter what choice is made, some ethical principle will be compromised.

Characteristics of Moral Dilemmas:

Conflicting Obligations: The individual faces two or more obligations that cannot be fulfilled simultaneously.

No Clear Solution: Each option has significant moral weight, making the decision difficult.

Moral Residue: After making a decision, the individual often feels lingering doubt or regret about the choice.



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Ethical Dilemma

(eh·thuh·kuhl duh·leh·muh)

Definition

An ethical dilemma is a situation where one must choose between two conflicting moral principles, making it difficult to determine the right course of action.



Examples

Medical Decision-Making

Respect patient's wish to refuse treatment or intervene.

Confidentiality vs. Safety

Maintain confidentiality or report threat to prevent harm.

Whistleblowing

Report illegal activities and risk job loss or not.

Use of Force

Use force on unarmed suspect or ensure safety.

Academic Integrity

Choose honesty or cheat for a better grade.

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moral Autonomy

MORAL AUTONOMY

- **Autonomy means self-governing** or self-determining i.e act independently.
- **Moral autonomy is concerned with the independent attitude of a person related to ethical issues.**
- It helps to improve the self-determination among the individuals.
- Autonomous individuals think for themselves and do not assume that customs are always right.
- They seek to reason and live by general principles.
- Their motivation is to do what is morally reasonable for its own sake, maintaining integrity, self-respect, and respect for others

