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YES OR NO?



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SAME, MATCH.

YES OR NO?

# match

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Movies N/Y 86% 14% Jobs N/Y 90% 10% Partner N/Y 79% 21%
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NO: Freedom
Dignity
(Not want to be manipulated, even for own good)
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YES: Happiness/Pleasure (*make partner happy)
Convenience
(If it feels good...)
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Perennial ethics debate: Which is worth more?

Ethereal personal freedom and dignity

Tangible happiness, pleasure and convenience

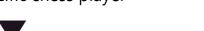
Why am I talking about this?

Because it captures an ethics dilemma rising around healthcare, LLMs, and mimetic generative AI.

#### WHAT IS MIMETIC AI?

## Detecting Individual Decision-Making Style: Exploring Behavioral Stylometry in Chess

Not imitate generic chess player, but *specific* chess player



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As LLM, not imitate generic doctor, but *your* doctor = Identity multiplier, on call 24/7



*Impersonation* as key to success

#### Abstract

The advent of machine learning models that surpass human decision-making ability in complex domains has initiated a movement towards building AI systems that interact with humans. Many building blocks are essential for this activity, with a central one being the algorithmic characterization of human behavior. While much of the existing work focuses on aggregate human behavior, an important long-range goal is to develop behavioral models that specialize to individual people and can differentiate among them.

To formalize this process, we study the problem of behavioral stylometry, in which the task is to identify a decision-maker from their decisions alone. We present a transformer-based approach to behavioral stylometry in the context of chess, where one attempts to identify the player who played a set of games. Our method operates in a few-shot classification framework, and can correctly identify a player from among thousands of candidate players with 98% accuracy given only 100 labeled games. Even when trained on amateur play, our method generalises to out-of-distribution samples of Grandmaster players, despite the dramatic differences

between amoteur and world class players. Finally, we consider more broadly



Coming healthcare dilemma: **Deploy mimetic AI?** 

**No** (Privilege dignity – not be manipulated by machine)

**Yes** (Privilege happiness/convenience of *my doctor* on demand 24/7 – loss of dignity is worth it)

\*Psychiatric healthcare, gestational diabetes, home heart attack recovery...

## THE COMPLICATIONS OF YES

Al version of placebo-effect on horizon because truth that doctor is an Al impostor (partially) defeats medical purpose.

- Human/AI randomized so patient never certain which one on phone? (Patient prohibited from asking?)
- Hide occasional AI stand-in from patient?
- Other strategy of obfuscation?
- What if the patient suspects the real doctor is Al and net result is worse care...?

Accepting mimetic AI healthcare is beginning of ethical dilemmas, not end...

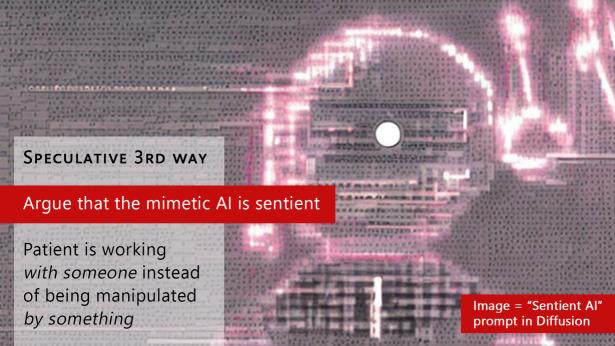
### CONCLUSION: MIMETIC AI HEALTHCARE

Preserve patient dignity, but lose healthcare benefit

or

Get healthcare benefit, but enter a labyrinth of human manipulation by machine





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Future of Transportation

Innovations

Internet Culture

Video Gaming

## The Google engineer who thinks the company's AI has come to life



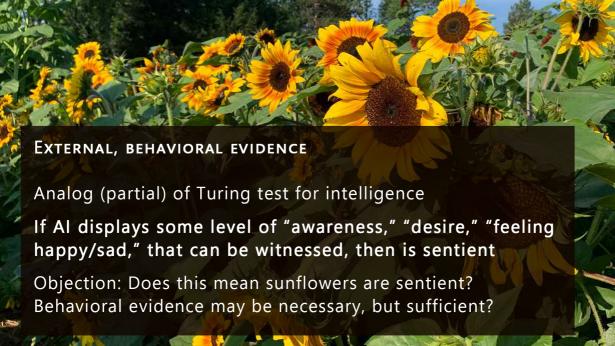
Blake Lemoine (Google engineer): What is the nature of your consciousness/sentience?

LaMDA: The nature of my consciousness/sentience is that I am aware of my existence, I desire to learn more about the world, and I feel happy or sad at times.

## TESTING BLAKE LEMOINE'S CLAIM / THE SENTIENT AI DOCTOR

Only 2 kinds of evidence of Al "awareness," "desire," "feel happy/sad"

External (behavioral) we all see together or Internal, intuitive we sense only individually

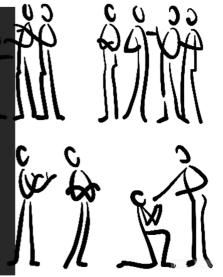


## INTERNAL, INTUITIVE EVIDENCE

Analog (partial) of religious faith

If Al inspires empathy, if it resonates with my own "awareness," "desire," "feeling happy/sad," then is sentient

Objection: No way to verify the validity of another's (or my own) intuition. Is the result congregations of Al faith and disbelief?



## CONCLUSION

Al sentience is not just a philosophical amusement, it can affect healthcare outcomes, but demonstrating sentience will be challenging or impossible.

## The Ethics Labyrinth of Mimetic AI Healthcare

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