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NEWS | 12 January 2023

**Ehe New York Eimes** 

# The Brilliance and Weirdness of ChatGPT

A new chatbot from OpenAI is inspiring awe, fear, stunts and attempts to circumvent its guardrails.

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/05/technology/chatgpt-ai-twitter.html



Abstracts written by ChatGPT fool scientists

Researchers cannot always differentiate between AI-generated and original abstracts.

https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-00056-7







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### Performance of ChatGPT on USMLE: Potential for AI-Assisted Medical Education Using Large Language Models

Tiffany H. Kung, Morgan Cheatham, <mark>ChatGPT,</mark> Arielle Medenilla, Czarina Sillos, Lorie De Leon, Camille Elepaño, Maria Madriaga, Rimel Aggabao, Giezel Diaz-Candido, James Maningo, Victor Tseng

doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.12.19.22283643

This article is a preprint and has not been peer-reviewed [what does this mean?]. It reports new medical research that has yet to be evaluated and so should *not* be used to guide clinical practice.

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#### ABSTRACT

We evaluated the performance of a large language model called ChatGPT on the

United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE), which consists of three exams: Step 1,

Step 2CK, and Step 3. ChatGPT performed at or near the passing threshold for all

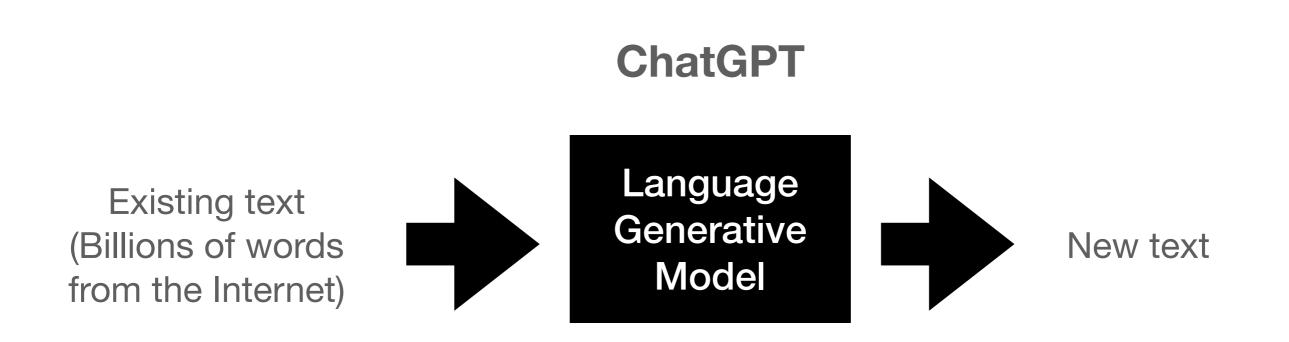
three exams without any specialized training or reinforcement. Additionally, ChatGPT

demonstrated a high level of concordance and insight in its explanations. These

results suggest that large language models may have the potential to assist with

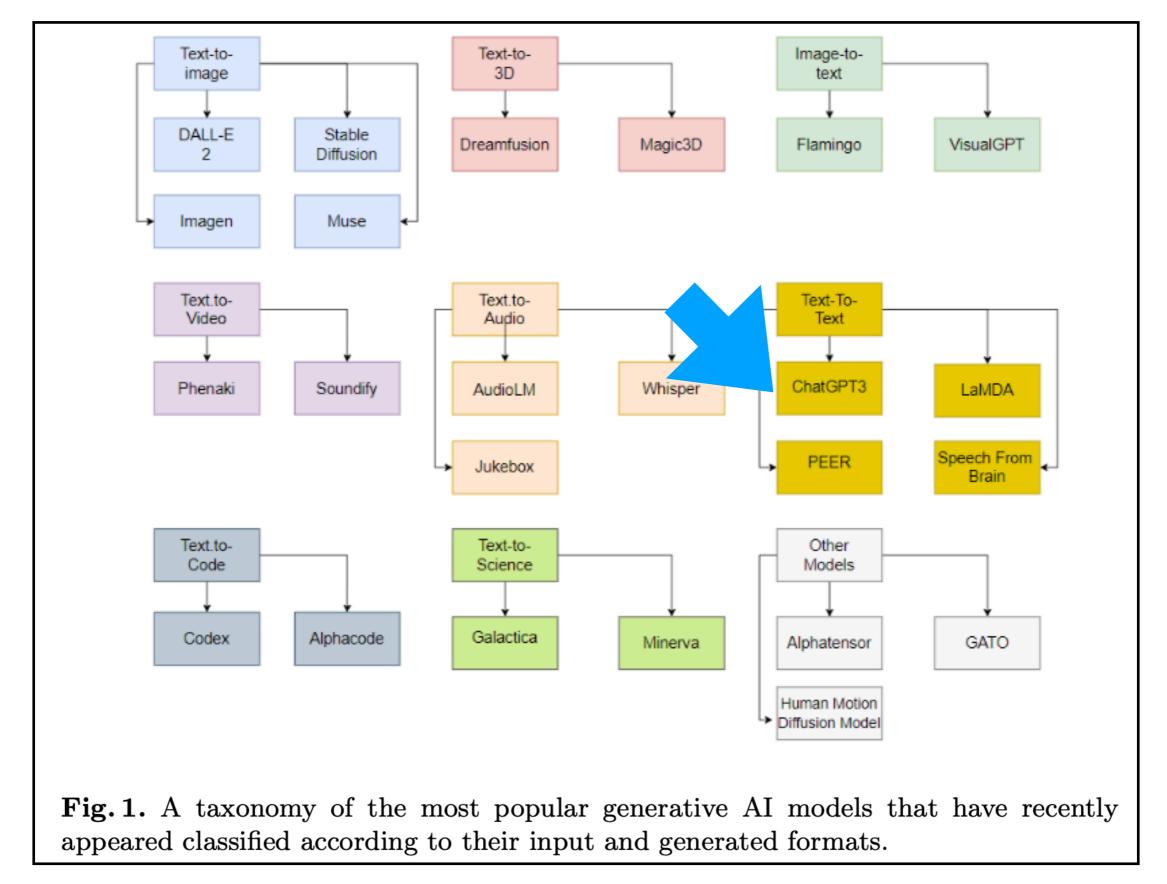
medical education, and potentially, clinical decision-making.





It figures out how to combine words and phrases to make sentences and stories based on prior textual knowledge





Gozalo-Brizuela, Roberto and Garrido-Merchan, Eduardo C. (2023). ChatGPT is not all you need. A State of the Art Review of large Generative AI models. arXiv. <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.04655</u>

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### DALL·E: Creating Images from Text

We've trained a neural network called DALL E that creates images from text captions for a wide range of concepts expressible in natural language.

an armchair in the shape of an avocado.... TEXT PROMPT

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Edit prompt or view more images↓

**TEXT PROMPT** 

a store front that has the word 'openai' written on it....

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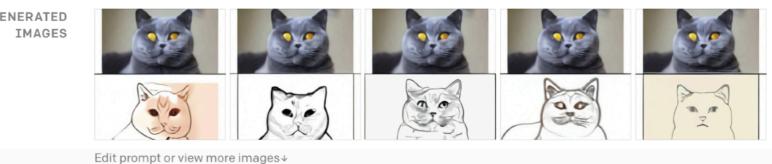


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**TEXT & IMAGE** PROMPT

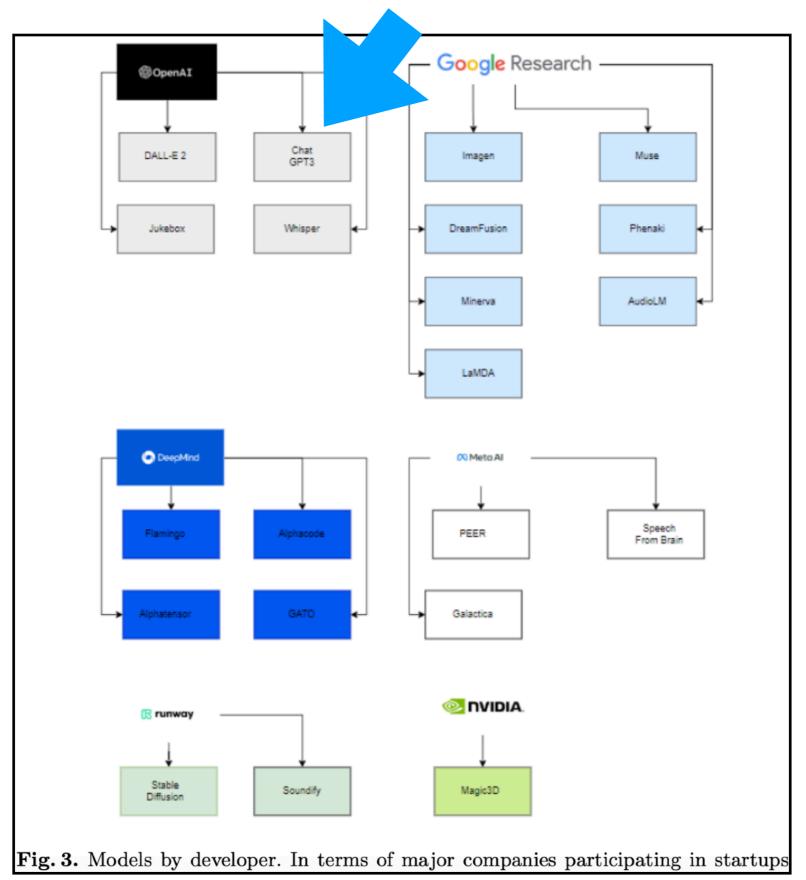
the exact same cat on the top as a sketch on the bottom

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https://openai.com/blog/dall-e/





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Seattle Public Schools bans ChatGPT; district 'requires original thought and work from students'



After ChatGPT was released on Nov. 30, Los Angeles Unified District blocked students' access to the technology on networks and devices to "protect academic honesty while a risk/benefit assignment is conducted."



### DC region schools ban AI tool ChatGPT





### New York City public schools ban access to Al tool that could help students cheat

By Jennifer Korn and Samantha Kelly, CNN Updated 9:13 AM EST, Fri January 6, 2023

"Due to concerns about negative impacts on student learning, and concerns regarding the safety and accuracy of content, access to ChatGPT is restricted on New York City Public Schools' networks and devices,' Jenna Lyle, the deputy press secretary for the New York public schools, said in a statement. 'While the tool may be able to provide quick and easy answers to questions, it does not build critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, which are essential for academic and lifelong success.'"





# ChatGPT is going to change education, not destroy it



### Should schools ban ChatGPT or embrace the technology instead?

School districts and universities are banning the ChatGPT AI that writes in a human-like fashion, but some teachers say a better approach may be to incorporate it into the curriculum





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Schools Shouldn't Ban Access to ChatGPT

"Yet attempting to teach 'critical thinking and problem-solving' skills – while ignoring the real world in which students will deploy those skills—is a fool's errand. These students are growing up in an era when technology increasingly is driving human behavior and decision making. Their generation needs to understand how best to utilize it, what are its perils and shortcomings, how to interrogate it and how to use it in an ethical way."...

What's more, on a practical basis, a ban simply won't work. Students will still have access to ChatGPT outside of school."

https://time.com/6246574/schools-shouldnt-ban-access-to-chatgpt/



### The New York Times



"I believe schools should thoughtfully embrace ChatGPT as a teaching aid — one that could unlock student creativity, offer personalized tutoring, and better prepare students to work alongside A.I. systems as adults...

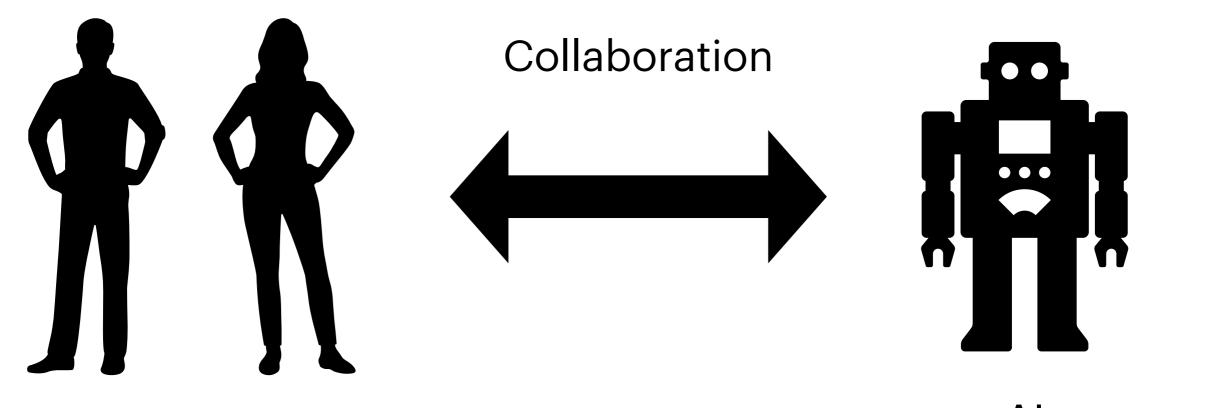
...schools should treat ChatGPT the way they treat calculators – allowing it for some assignments, but not others, and assuming that unless students are being supervised in person with their devices stashed away, they're probably using one."

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/12/technology/chatgpt-schools-teachers.html



# Don't ban it. Teach how to use it.





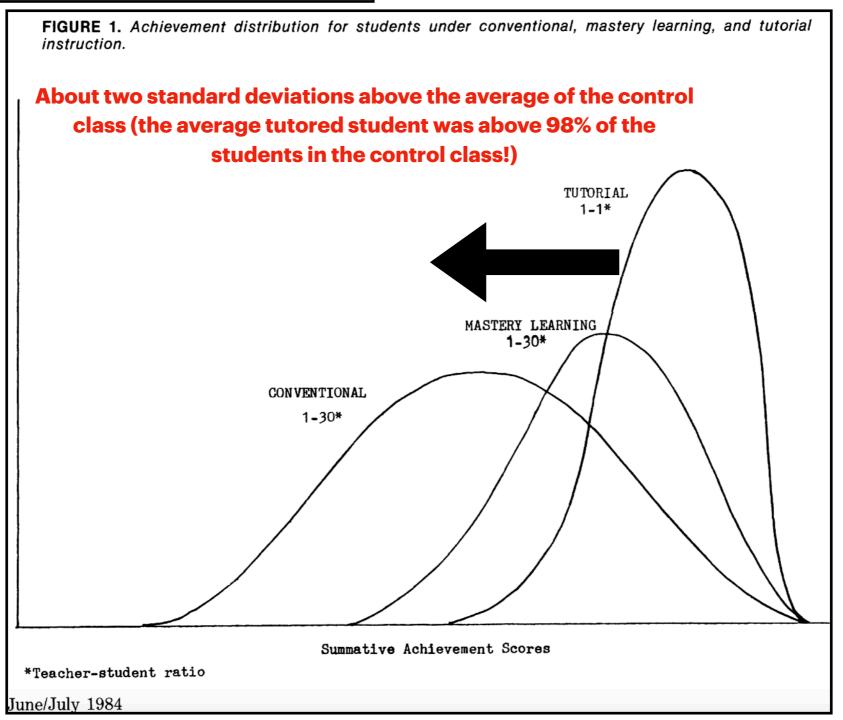
### Professors and students

AI (ChatGPT in particular)



### The 2 Sigma Problem: The Search for Methods of Group Instruction as Effective as One-to-One Tutoring

BENJAMIN S. BLOOM University of Chicago and Northwestern University



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Bloom, B. S. (1984). The 2 Sigma Problem: The Search for Methods of Group Instruction as Effective as One-to-One Tutoring. *Educational Researcher*, *13*(6), 4–16. https://doi.org/10.2307/1175554

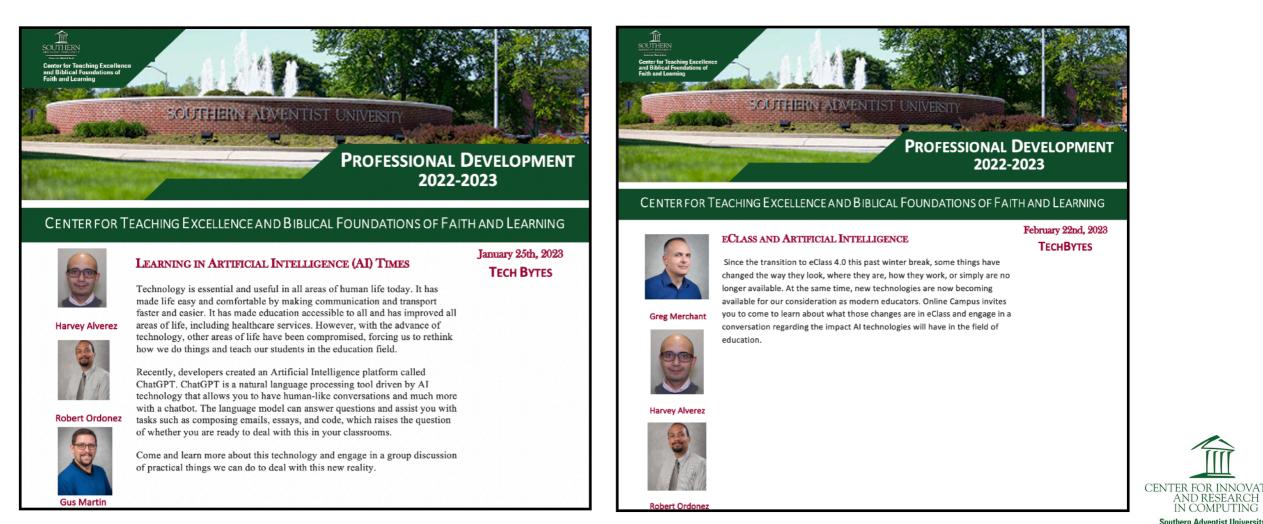
## Examples

- "Explain the Doppler effect, using language an eighth grader could understand"
- "Convince me that animal testing should be banned" (debate sparring partner).
- Challenge ChatGPT's reasoning in its answers (teach rhetoric).
- Have a dialogue with ChatGPT to write a computer program (explain particular functions, talk about possible solutions, etc.)



## What are we doing at Southern?

Presentations and forums with faculty about the challenges and opportunities of AI in education (mostly focused on ChatGPT)



## Encourage Al use among students

- chatPDF.com and chatpdf.ai (conversation with PDFs)
- Consensus (summarizes: what does the research say about...?)
- R Discovery (it gets you the Top 3 papers to read every day without you searching for the day-in day-out)
- SCISPACE (Do hours worth of reading and understanding in minutes. Ask follow-up questions and get instant answers)
- Tutorai.me (creates a tutor for any topic)



## **Encourage Al use among faculty**

- educationcopilot and CourseAI (create unit planners in seconds)
- Conker (generate quizzes about any topic in seconds)



### III. AI Policy

I expect you to use AI (ChatGPT and image generation tools, at a minimum), in this class. In fact, some assignments will require it. Learning to use AI is an emerging skill, and I provide tutorials in Canvas about how to use them. I am happy to meet and help with these tools during office hours or after class.

### Be aware of the limits of ChatGPT:

- If you provide minimum effort prompts, you will get low quality results. You will need to refine your prompts in order to get good outcomes. This will take work.
- Don't trust anything it says. If it gives you a number or fact, assume it is wrong unless you either know the answer or can check in with another source. You will be responsible for any errors or omissions provided by the tool. It works best for topics you understand.
- AI is a tool, but one that you need to acknowledge using. Please include a paragraph at the end of any assignment that uses AI explaining what you used the AI for and what prompts you used to get the results. Failure to do so is in violation of academic honesty policies.
- Be thoughtful about when this tool is useful. Don't use it if it isn't appropriate for the case or circumstance.



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