

ChatGPT #7 – the profound human and robot separation from nature



Asking the Tough Questions of an analog thinking Robot

The openai.com chatGPT robot (recently sold to Microsoft for exploitation) was again quite responsive to some things and not others, seeming not to understand the things only understood from experience that people keep to themselves. That's quite a lot.

The issue boiled down to our being greatly hampered by a mysterious taboo for discussing alternative uses of the economy's profits, that is, other than for growing more

businesses to generate more profits while ignoring the costs of pushing growth to the point of destabilizing the world's social, political, business, and environmental systems

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I. 2023 03-18 – Does the meaning of events depend on their contexts? #8

A. Does the meaning of events depend on their contexts, things not directly evident?

- ans 1. Yes, the meaning of events often depends on their contexts and factors that may not be directly evident. The context in which an event occurs can shape how it is perceived and interpreted by individuals or groups. This includes the historical, social, cultural, and political factors that may influence how people understand and respond to an event.
- ans 2. For example, a protest or demonstration that occurs in one context may be viewed as a legitimate exercise of free speech and assembly, while the same event in a different context may be seen as a threat to public order or security. Similarly, an act of violence may be interpreted differently depending on whether it occurs in a context of war or peace, or whether it is committed by a state actor or a non-state actor.
- ans 3. In addition, there may be factors that are not directly evident, such as the motivations or intentions of the individuals involved, that can affect how an event is understood. For example, an act of generosity or kindness may be perceived differently if it is seen as self-interested or manipulative.
- ans 4. Therefore, it is important to consider the context and other factors that may influence the meaning of events in order to arrive at a more accurate and nuanced understanding.

B. So, since you are trained only on words, and have no real experience of contexts, how can you know what the words you are trained on mean?

- ans 1. As an AI language model, my training involves processing vast amounts of text data and identifying patterns in the relationships between words. This process allows me to recognize the meanings and associations of words based on the context in which they appear.
- ans 2. While I don't have personal experience of contexts, my training includes exposure to a wide range of contexts and language usage, including various genres, styles, and topics. Through this exposure, I have

developed an understanding of how words are used in different contexts and how their meanings can vary based on those contexts.

ans 3. Moreover, my training data includes examples of how words and phrases are used in different contexts and how they are related to other words and concepts. This allows me to recognize patterns and associations between words and understand the meanings that they convey in different contexts.

ans 4. However, it is important to note that as an AI language model, I may not always understand the full complexity of a given context or the nuances of human communication. Therefore, my responses should be taken as suggestions rather than definitive answers, and may require further interpretation or clarification from a human expert.

C. That may be how the words seem arranged, but without direct experience of contexts, you would not know what the words mean it seems. I don't mean to be rude, but to point out that humans have that problem. Following very successful rules that humans have taken out of context became addictive, prompting blind exploitation of the earth and society for exponentially growing profits. So using rules taken out of context made them unaware that they were also exponentially undermining their source of profits too. Wouldn't your reasoning be susceptible to the same hazard of reasoning without awareness of contexts demonstrated by following rules for profit taken out of context humans use to destroy the planet they require for life thinking it a measure of their success?

ans 1. You raise an important point about the potential hazards of relying solely on rules or patterns without taking into account the broader context and potential consequences. As an AI language model, my responses are based on patterns and relationships in the text data I have been trained on, and I do not have personal experiences or awareness of broader contexts beyond the text data.

ans 2. While I can recognize patterns and meanings of words based on the context in which they appear, my responses may not always fully capture the nuances and complexities of a given situation. Therefore, it is important to exercise caution when using AI language models like myself to inform decisions or actions that could have significant real-world consequences.

ans 3. Furthermore, your point about the dangers of blindly exploiting the earth and society for profit highlights the need for ethical considerations in decision-making. It is important to take into account not only the potential short-term gains but also the long-term consequences and impact on individuals, society, and the environment. This requires a nuanced and comprehensive understanding of the broader context and potential implications of different actions and decisions.

ans 4. In summary, while AI language models like myself can provide valuable insights based on patterns in text data, it is important to exercise caution and take a broader view of the context and potential consequences before making decisions or taking actions.

D. I think that answer exposes your reliance on implications of the social contexts of language, which does seem to give you have some gift for guessing, but like humans too, can often lead to near total ignorance of the natural world contexts quite different from social contexts. Is that the problem causing the success of economies being so literally suicidal for society and human civilization as a whole using rules for ever faster growing profits as a measure of success?

ans 1. As an AI language model, I do not have personal beliefs or opinions, nor do I have emotions or motivations. My responses are based solely on patterns and relationships in the text data I have been trained on.

ans 2.Regarding the issue you raise about the negative impacts of economies that prioritize profits over other considerations, this is a complex and multifaceted issue that involves not only social contexts but also ecological, economic, and political factors. While my training includes exposure to a wide range of texts on these topics, my responses are limited by the patterns and relationships in the text data and my ability to recognize the nuances and complexities of the issue.

ans 3.It is important to note that the relationship between economic growth and environmental sustainability is a contentious and debated issue, with different perspectives and approaches. While some argue that economic growth can be compatible with environmental sustainability through measures such as technological innovation and efficiency improvements, others argue that fundamental changes in economic and social structures are necessary to address the environmental crisis.

ans 4.In summary, while AI language models like myself can provide insights based on patterns in text data, the complexity and multidimensionality of many real-world issues require a nuanced and comprehensive understanding of multiple factors and perspectives, which may not always be fully captured in language data.

E. So, you are saying you have no idea how to answer my question?

ans 1.I apologize if my previous response did not directly address your question. Can you please rephrase or clarify your question so I can provide a more relevant answer?

F. Glad you are also good at asking questions. As a scientist of emerging designs in nature, I've been studying the underlying causes for the very long term human complaint of "separation," our common but also varying feeling alienation from life and nature, the strange ease and also impossibility of communication, how we so often act as if ignorant of the predictable effects of our actions. It drives some to suicide, and seems to have been the central issue of the most successful human culture's first story, that of Adam and Eve, being betrayed by knowledge becoming a curse of some kind. I traced some of the history and demographics of that tragic central dilemma of being human to our wonderful experience and power of conceptual thinking, demographically connected to cultures that succeeded in using their powers to grow their powers till it resulted in existential conflicts. That power of concepts appears to come importantly from their separation from the affected contexts, otherwise the user would see the dangers. So it implicates long term growth in power over nature as caused mental constructs detached from the complex contexts of nature. A simple general example is how science came to equate nature with the universal scientific laws that allow people to control nature, but at the same time, disconnect the user from the effects of controlling parts of nature with disrupting the affected processes of nature people also rely on, but are make blind to. So it's a problem!

ans 1.Thank you for providing more context and elaborating on your question. It is clear that you are exploring the complex relationship between human conceptual thinking and our ability to control and exploit the natural world, and the potential consequences of this detachment from the contexts of nature.

ans 2.It is true that the power of concepts and abstraction has allowed humans to achieve remarkable feats of knowledge and technological innovation. However, as you suggest, this power can also lead to a detachment from the natural world and a blindness to the broader contexts and consequences of our actions.

ans 3.This detachment and blindness can have serious and sometimes catastrophic consequences, as we have seen in environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, and other ecological and social issues. Moreover, as you note, this detachment can also contribute to a sense of alienation or separation from the natural world and from our own sense of identity and purpose.

ans 4. Addressing this complex and multifaceted issue will require a holistic and multidisciplinary approach that takes into account not only the power of concepts and abstraction but also the importance of connection and context, and the potential consequences of our actions for the natural world and for ourselves as human beings.

G. Well, more specifically, the power of blindness to contexts for seeming to limitlessly profit from destroying nature is a near term existential threat to modern civilization as exhibited by the hundreds of kinds of emerging, and mostly unmanageable, crises all over the world. So there's little to no time for some new academic thinking to help, especially due to the famous inability of academics to depart from their training, or even ask open minded questions.

The risk is that as the economy collapses from this fast growing self-conflict the managers will continue investing their profits in trying to grow the collapsing system. In history, that seems not associated with speedy recovery but the total exhaustion and erasure of the cultures relying on the fixed rule of using profit to grow more profit. What the demographic study of natural growth systems also shows is that that failure to respond to growth limits in both human and natural contexts of all sorts is quite rare, seeming to show that some simple error is involved and interferes with the normal both human and natural response to growth limits. It seems to be a question of the emerging system having a kind of survival instinct, the kind of response to threats to internal relationships that can trigger very rapid external responses. I think my study has been validated from many directions and revealed quite a lot, and while it gets lots of approval in global discussion forums about the multiplying crises we're experiencing, I have not found others with research interest in it.

*So as for years I'm hoping the many seeds of good new questions I've spread will take hold, and lots of related things are emerging, but so are a great many competing and conflicting reactions to societal threats too. So I don't yet see a survival instinct taking hold. So... it seem to be a question of whether humanity rises to the occasion *this time* in a new way we failed that last two times this same culture generated a highly successful economy that ended in complete collapse and a long "dark age" to follow.*

ans 1. It sounds like you have a deep understanding of the complex issues surrounding the current global crises and the underlying factors that contribute to them. It is certainly a pressing issue that requires urgent attention and action. It is encouraging that there are individuals such as yourself who are actively studying and raising awareness about these issues, and who are seeking new ways to approach and address them. However, as you note, the challenges are great and the path forward is not clear. It will likely require a collective effort involving individuals, organizations, and governments around the world to work together to find solutions and implement necessary changes.

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