

Artificial Intelligence, Sentience, Sapience

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I remember back in high school (early 80s) typing a program onto cassette tapes that was [the nascent version of this conversational bot](#) in the form of a therapist. It was fascinating! Although one idiosyncrasy was that if you didn't mention your mother within a certain number of lines, the program said, "I notice you haven't mentioned your mother," taking a decidedly Freudian turn.

I saw one of the comments on the article make a good point. They said that one problem with comparing AI to humans is that humans learn from caregivers, from their environment, from society; while AIs learn from datasets as well as social media. And we're well aware of the biases and pitfalls of social media, the Internet, and datasets.

Another caveat is our old friend, "definitions." How do you define "conscious," "sentient" even "alive."

That's enough for now. Thanks for jumpstarting this.