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welp... I think I reviewed my first AI-generated conference submission tonight, it's sort of an unpleasant experience where the text leaps between abstraction levels inappropriately, contains odd non-sequiturs, and then contains numbers in tables that just don't make sense either in isolation or in conjunction with the text. ugh.

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If it happened that a human *did* write it, those are all good reasons to reject it, of course.

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@dougmeritt yeah... from my point of view the difference is between "reject" and "reject + permaban"

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Dave "Wear A Goddamn Mask" Cochran

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@regehr which is different from anything pitched by someone in sales....how?

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@regehr You know how Hanlon's Razor says that incompetence is more likely than malice. My conclusion is mostly that, when you need to apply Hanlon's Razor, it's better just to stay away from that person or company.

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@jbqueru it does matter since the AI people can produce much more of it and they require additional sanctions beyond the reject

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@regehr I can definitely see that, good point.

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@jbqueru it's super hard to prove this stuff, and I don't even know yet if the other reviewers agree with me...

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@regehr I think it's important to admit that it's impossible for anyone to do a perfect job, and therefore that you yourself won't do a perfect job.

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@regehr reject with prejudice.

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I am sorry, everything I am reading says this will only get worse

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@shafik it's hard to see a good solution given how good the LLMs are getting and how the incentives push people to do this stuff

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@shafik between this shit and trying to get students not to use LLMs I'm not particularly sad to be in the latter part of my career

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@regehr @shafik It's very grim. My son, starting CS this year, says that a solid plurality of students in the "advanced" first year course are clagging AI code indiscriminately, and I suspect that the "regular" variant of the unit is worse. I suspect you can probably go 2 years deep into a CS degree before hitting the wall with this approach (modulo various attempts at closed-book "gatekeeper" exams etc.)

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@regehr @shafik since my eldest (studying to be a teacher) says that he's meeting teachers who are clagging entire lesson plans from AI (not just using AI to dodge the pointless paperwork, which is arguably praiseworthy).

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I see the long-term endgame here being folks working in smaller tighter groups and less open sharing. Which is bad for everyone.

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Ben Rosengart

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@regehr how utterly offensive

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Graham Sutherland / Polynomial

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@regehr for me it's an instant permaban on anyone who does this sort of thing. fundamental lack of respect for my time.

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@gsutherland @regehr yea wasting your own time is one thing. wasting *other people's* time is entirely another.

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@gsuberland if I get some backup from the other reviewers I'll 100% push for a permaban of the submitters

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