Review of: "On Violence: an Exchange with ChatGPT — ChatGPT and Suman Gupta"

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The proposition highlights several aspects related to the interaction between the author and ChatGPT, the language model. The author notes that the article lacks a clear objective or purpose for the conversation and suggests that there are missed opportunities for exploring various aspects such as the legal and ethical implications of violence, the depth of understanding of ChatGPT, and the susceptibility of the model to alteration of its attitudes.

The proposition suggests that the author's main focus appears to be expressing their own attitudes about violence and pushing the boundaries of ChatGPT's understanding of violence, including indirect forms perpetuated by social groups, corporations, lawmakers, and even the creators of language models. The author seems to have some success in broadening the model's conception of violence but faces pushback.

The proposition also points out two important characteristics of ChatGPT. Firstly, it has a limited context window, which can cause it to forget earlier parts of a long conversation. Secondly, the model tends to yield to user corrections, possibly due to politeness norms or fine-tuning/reinforcement learning. This behavior could explain why it may accept suggested amendments to its definition of violence temporarily.

The proposition raises questions about the author's intentions. It wonders if the author aims to expose flaws in existing legal and popular wisdom by using ChatGPT as a repository of received knowledge or if they seek to provoke thoughts about the tradeoffs between open access and responsible usage of language models, potentially leading to social divisions. It also suggests the need for extended discussion separate from the chat and recommends structuring the document like a research article, including analysis and interpretation of the information provided by ChatGPT.

The proposition further suggests that the article would benefit greatly from an analysis of the AI's responses, comparing them to existing theories and providing conclusions. By incorporating such analysis and adopting a structured format, the article could align with the common structure of published articles, enhancing its overall quality.

Overall, the proposition emphasizes the interesting nature of the author's conversation with ChatGPT but suggests the need for further analysis, interpretation, and structure to elevate the article to the level of a research publication.