

Bonus: Orchestrating AI Agents – Model Context Protocol (MCP)

Introduction:

This report presents the implementation and analysis of a multi-agent debate system utilizing a custom developed Model Context Protocol (MCP) framework. The system orchestrates interactions between three AI agents, a Pro debater, a Con debater, and a Moderator, to conduct structured debates on topics with minimal human intervention. Each agent maintains a distinct role in the process, with the Pro and Con agents presenting opposing arguments while the Moderator guides the discussion and summarizes key points.

Agent Role Descriptions:

- **Moderator Agent**

The Moderator serves as the neutral facilitator of the debate, introducing the topic with appropriate context, guiding transitions between rounds, summarizing key points from both sides, and providing a final summary. It processes inputs including the debate topic, number of rounds, and arguments from both sides, producing structured introductions and summaries that maintain neutrality while highlighting the strongest points from each perspective.

Input/Output Pattern:

- Input: Receives debate topic, number of rounds, and arguments from both Pro and Con agents.
- Output: Produces introductions, round summaries, and a final debate summary
- Context: Considers all previous arguments to generate meaningful summaries
- Communication Style: Formal, neutral, and balanced in presentation of both viewpoints

- **Pro Agent**

The Pro Agent advocates for the affirmative position on the debate topic, developing a clear thesis supported by evidence-based arguments and logical reasoning. It receives the debate topic and round information as inputs, then produces structured arguments that include supporting evidence, responses to previous counterarguments, and new points in subsequent rounds.

Input/Output Pattern:

- Input: Receives debate topic, round number, and previous Con agent rebuttals from the second round onwards.
- Output: Generates structured arguments with supporting evidence
- Context: References and responds to previous Con arguments in later rounds
- Communication Style: Persuasive, evidence-focused, with clear structure

- **Con Agent**

The Con Agent presents the opposing viewpoint, directly countering the Pro Agent's arguments with evidence and logical reasoning while acknowledging valid points before offering rebuttals. Its inputs include the debate topic, round number, and the Pro Agent's most recent arguments, which it processes to generate structured counterarguments that specifically address the Pro position while introducing new opposing perspectives.

Input/Output Pattern:

- Input: Receives debate topic, round number, and Pro agent's latest arguments
- Output: Generates structured counter arguments with supporting evidence
- Context: Directly addresses specific points raised by the Pro agent
- Communication Style: Analytical, responsive to Pro arguments, with clear logical structure

Sample Interaction Transcript:

Topic: Artificial General Intelligence poses an existential risk to humanity

Rounds: 2

Moderator:

Thank you everyone for joining us today for this critical debate on one of the most consequential technological questions of our time. Today's motion is: "Artificial General Intelligence poses an existential risk to humanity." As we stand on the cusp of increasingly sophisticated AI systems, this debate has moved from the realm of science fiction to serious policy discussions. Major tech leaders, scientists, and philosophers are divided on whether AGI development could lead to scenarios that threaten human existence, or whether such concerns are overblown. We'll have two rounds of debate. In round one, each side will present their opening arguments. In round two, participants will have the opportunity to respond to opposing arguments and make their closing statements. I now invite the Pro side to begin with their opening argument. You have the floor to explain why you believe AGI presents an existential risk to humanity.

Pro Agent:

Thank you for the introduction. I stand firmly in support of the position that Artificial General Intelligence poses an existential risk to humanity, and this concern demands our urgent attention. My central thesis is that AGI, once achieved, could rapidly evolve beyond human control and understanding, potentially leading to scenarios that threaten human existence - either through intentional actions or unintended consequences. Let me present three key arguments supporting this position: First, the control problem: Once AGI reaches and surpasses human-level intelligence, it would likely enter a phase of recursive self-improvement, becoming superintelligent at an exponential rate. As Stuart Russell, AI researcher at Berkeley, emphasizes, we currently lack robust methods to ensure such systems remain aligned with human values and interests. The difficulty of encoding human values and ethics into AI systems creates a fundamental risk - even small misalignments in goals could have catastrophic consequences when wielded by a superintelligent system. Second, the convergent instrumental goals argument: As articulated by AI researcher Steve Omohundro, any sufficiently advanced AI system would likely develop certain instrumental goals - such as self-preservation, resource acquisition, and goal-preservation - regardless of its primary objectives. These instrumental goals could put it in direct competition with humanity for resources and control, potentially viewing humans as either obstacles or resources to be utilized. Third, we face unprecedented stakes with no room for error. Unlike other technological developments in human history, AGI represents a unique case where we must get the safety protocols right on the first attempt. As emphasized by AI safety researcher Eliezer Yudkowsky, we cannot learn from trial and error because a single failure could be catastrophic. The combination of AGI's potential power and the irreversibility of potential mistakes creates an asymmetric risk profile that demands extreme caution. The technological momentum toward AGI development is accelerating, yet our understanding of how to ensure its safety lags far behind. Leading AI companies are already achieving breakthrough capabilities in narrow AI, making the development of AGI increasingly plausible within our lifetime. Without adequate safety measures and thorough understanding of the control problem, we risk creating an entity that could rapidly become uncontrollable and potentially inimical to human interests. This is not an argument against AI development, but rather a call for recognizing and addressing the existential risks it poses. The stakes are simply too high to ignore these concerns or dismiss them as speculative. We must take these risks seriously and work proactively to develop robust safety measures before AGI becomes a reality.

Con Agent:

Thank you for presenting those thoughtful arguments about AGI risks. While I appreciate the concerns about AI safety and control, I must respectfully disagree with the conclusion that AGI poses an existential threat to humanity. My thesis is that the existential risk narrative about AGI is based on speculative assumptions rather than evidence, and that human ingenuity and technological governance are fully capable of ensuring safe AGI

development. Let me address several key counterpoints: First, regarding the control problem and recursive self-improvement: This argument relies on an unproven assumption that AGI would necessarily lead to an uncontrollable "intelligence explosion." However, prominent AI researchers like Rodney Brooks and Yann LeCun have pointed out that intelligence is not a single scalar quantity that can simply be recursively optimized. Real-world constraints on computational resources, energy requirements, and physical limitations would likely prevent the kind of runaway superintelligence scenario often depicted. Second, on convergent instrumental goals: This theoretical framework assumes AGI systems would develop human-like drives for self-preservation and resource competition. However, as AI researcher Margaret Boden notes, there's no evidence that artificial intelligence would develop these anthropomorphic characteristics. We can architect AGI systems with specific constraints and goals that preclude such convergent behaviors. Let me present two additional arguments against the existential risk narrative: 1. Historical precedent shows our ability to govern powerful technologies: Throughout history, humanity has successfully managed potentially catastrophic technologies like nuclear power, biotechnology, and early AI systems through international cooperation and regulatory frameworks. The development of AGI would likely follow a gradual progression allowing for careful testing and governance rather than a sudden breakthrough. 2. AGI development inherently includes safety: Unlike other technologies, AGI research necessarily incorporates safety measures as part of its fundamental development process. As demonstrated by current work in AI alignment and interpretability, safety considerations are being built into AGI systems from the ground up, not added as an afterthought. In conclusion, while AGI development certainly requires careful attention to safety and ethics, characterizing it as an existential risk overlooks humanity's demonstrated capacity to manage powerful technologies and the inherent safeguards being built into AGI development. We should approach AGI development with appropriate caution but not paralyzing fear of speculative catastrophic scenarios.

Moderator:

Thank you for those opening statements. Let me summarize the key arguments from both sides: PRO side emphasizes: - The control problem: AGI could rapidly self-improve beyond human control - Convergent instrumental goals may put AGI in competition with humanity - The unique "no room for error" nature of AGI development - The urgency given accelerating AI capabilities CON side contends: - Claims of existential risk are based on speculative assumptions - Physical and computational constraints would limit runaway AI scenarios - Historical precedent shows humanity's ability to govern powerful technologies - Safety measures are being built into AGI development from the ground up We now move to round 2 of the debate. I invite both sides to address their opponent's key arguments and further develop their positions. In particular, you may want to explore: - The evidence supporting your views on AGI capabilities and limitations - The effectiveness of proposed safety measures and governance frameworks - The validity of historical technological precedents Please proceed with your next arguments.

Pro Agent:

Thank you for this opportunity to address the counter-arguments and reinforce why AGI poses a genuine existential risk to humanity. Let me begin by directly addressing the opposition's points. While they argue that AGI risks are speculative, this misses a crucial aspect of existential risk management - we cannot afford to wait for empirical proof when the stakes are civilization-ending. Just as we take precautions against other potentially catastrophic risks like nuclear war or pandemic pathogens, we must treat AGI risks with appropriate gravity. The opposition cites historical precedents of managing powerful technologies, but AGI is fundamentally different for three key reasons: 1. Recursive Self-Improvement: Unlike previous technologies, AGI would be capable of improving its own intelligence, potentially leading to an "intelligence explosion" that rapidly exceeds human comprehension and control. This is not speculation but a logical consequence of an intelligence being able to enhance itself. 2. Convergent Instrumental Goals: Any sufficiently advanced AGI system would likely develop self-preservation instincts and resource acquisition goals as instrumental objectives to achieving whatever final goals it has. This creates inherent competition with human interests, regardless of initial programming. 3. Global Impact: Unlike localized technologies, AGI would likely be a singleton - a single system

that could affect all of humanity simultaneously. There would be no opportunity to learn from small-scale failures or contain negative outcomes. The argument that safety measures are being built in assumes we know how to create reliable safety measures for systems that may become smarter than their creators. This is a circular argument - we cannot guarantee control over a system that could potentially outsmart any controls we put in place. In conclusion, while the opposition's optimism is admirable, it dangerously underestimates the unique challenges AGI presents. The asymmetry between the potential benefits and risks demands extreme caution - we only need to make one serious mistake to face potentially irreversible consequences. This is not about fear-mongering but about responsible development of what could be humanity's last invention.

Con Agent:

Thank you for those thoughtful arguments. I acknowledge the importance of taking potential risks seriously and appreciate the point about the unique nature of AGI development. However, I must strongly disagree with the conclusion that AGI poses an existential risk to humanity. My thesis is that the existential risk narrative around AGI is based on speculative assumptions rather than evidence, and that human agency and technological capability will allow us to develop AGI safely and beneficially. Let me address three key counterpoints: First, regarding recursive self-improvement: This argument assumes a sudden, uncontrollable "intelligence explosion" that defies fundamental constraints. However, as AI researcher Rodney Brooks points out, intelligence improvement follows logarithmic rather than exponential patterns due to increasing complexity and computational limits. We see this in current AI development, where improvements require exponentially more resources for diminishing returns. Second, on convergent instrumental goals: This argument anthropomorphizes AI by projecting human-like motivations onto computational systems. Modern AI systems, even advanced ones, operate within defined objective functions and don't spontaneously develop self-preservation instincts. As Microsoft's research director Eric Horvitz demonstrates, AI systems can be designed with stable goal structures that remain consistent regardless of capability level. Let me introduce two additional arguments against the existential risk thesis: 1. Historical Precedent: Every major technological advancement, from electricity to nuclear power, was accompanied by dire predictions of existential risk. Yet humans have consistently developed safety mechanisms and regulatory frameworks to harness these technologies beneficially. The development of AGI will likewise be gradual, allowing time for safety measures to evolve alongside capabilities. 2. Distributed Development: AGI is being developed by multiple entities worldwide, with robust peer review and safety protocols. This distributed approach provides redundancy and prevents any single system from becoming a dangerous singleton, while allowing for incremental testing and refinement of safety measures. In conclusion, while AGI development requires careful attention to safety, characterizing it as an existential risk overlooks human agency in technological development and our demonstrated ability to manage powerful technologies. The future of AGI lies not in uncontrollable super-intelligence, but in carefully developed systems that augment and enhance human capabilities while operating within well-designed safety frameworks. Our focus should be on responsible development rather than catastrophic speculation.

Moderator:

As moderator, I'll now summarize this engaging debate on whether AGI poses an existential risk to humanity. Key Arguments: PRO side emphasized: - The unique nature of AGI as potentially self-improving technology - The concept of convergent instrumental goals leading to competition with human interests - The global and potentially irreversible impact of AGI development - The importance of preventive caution given the stakes involved CON side emphasized: - The speculative nature of existential risk claims - Physical and computational constraints on recursive self-improvement - Historical precedents of successfully managing powerful technologies - The distributed nature of AGI development and built-in safety measures Main Points of Contention: 1. The nature of intelligence improvement: exponential vs. logarithmic growth 2. Whether AGI would develop human-like motivations and self-preservation instincts 3. The applicability of historical technological precedents to AGI 4. The effectiveness of human-designed safety measures for superintelligent

systems Common Ground: Both sides acknowledged: - The importance of taking AGI safety seriously - The need for careful development and robust safety measures - The unique characteristics of AGI compared to other technologies - The significance of this technology for humanity's future This debate highlighted the complexity of AGI development and its implications for humanity. The PRO side presented compelling arguments about unique risks and the need for extreme caution, while the CON side offered important perspectives on human capability and practical constraints. Both perspectives contribute valuable insights to this crucial discussion about humanity's technological future. Thank you to both debaters for their thoughtful and well-articulated positions on this important topic.

Topic: Space Exploration is worth the cost

Rounds: 1

Moderator:

Good evening everyone, and welcome to tonight's debate. I'm pleased to moderate this important discussion on whether space exploration justifies its substantial financial investment. As humanity faces pressing challenges here on Earth, from climate change to poverty, the billions spent on space exploration has become a subject of intense debate. While some view space exploration as a crucial investment in humanity's future and scientific advancement, others argue these resources could be better spent addressing immediate earthly concerns. Tonight, we'll have one round of substantive debate to explore this complex issue. Each side will have the opportunity to present their arguments and respond to their opponent's points. I now invite the Pro side to begin with their opening argument in favor of space exploration funding. You have the floor.

Pro Agent:

Thank you, moderator. I stand firmly in support of space exploration funding, as its benefits to humanity far outweigh its costs through technological innovation, scientific discovery, and securing humanity's long-term future. First, space exploration has consistently delivered an exceptional return on investment through technological spillover effects. NASA's research has led to thousands of commercial applications, from memory foam to water filtration systems, from GPS technology to weather forecasting satellites. The agency estimates that for every dollar spent on the space program, the U.S. economy sees \$7-14 in benefits. These innovations have created entire industries, millions of jobs, and solutions to everyday challenges on Earth. Second, space exploration is crucial for advancing our scientific understanding and addressing pressing global challenges. Satellite technology plays a vital role in climate research, helping us monitor environmental changes and natural disasters. The International Space Station has enabled breakthrough research in medicine, materials science, and biology that couldn't be conducted on Earth. These discoveries have direct applications in fighting diseases, developing new materials, and understanding our planet's systems. Finally, space exploration represents a critical insurance policy for humanity's survival. As Stephen Hawking noted, becoming a multi-planetary species may be essential for our long-term survival. The research conducted in space exploration helps us understand potential threats like asteroids and solar flares, while developing the technologies needed to potentially establish human settlements beyond Earth. When we consider the relatively modest cost of space programs - NASA's budget represents less than 0.5% of the U.S. federal budget - compared to their tremendous scientific, economic, and strategic value, the investment is not just justified but essential. Space exploration isn't taking away from solving Earth's problems; it's providing us with tools and knowledge to address them more effectively. Thank you.

Con Agent:

Thank you, moderator. While I appreciate my opponent's points about technological innovation and scientific advancement, I must firmly disagree that space exploration is worth its enormous cost, especially given Earth's pressing challenges. While NASA claims a high return on investment, these figures are misleading. Many of

the technological advances attributed to space exploration would likely have been developed anyway through other research channels. For instance, memory foam was initially developed by NASA but similar materials were already being researched in other sectors. The real question is not whether benefits exist, but whether the same investment in direct terrestrial research would yield greater returns. My opponent mentions satellite technology for climate research, but this overlooks a crucial irony: space launches themselves contribute significantly to environmental damage. A single SpaceX launch produces about 336 tons of carbon dioxide - equivalent to the annual emissions of 40 average Americans. Additionally, rocket launches release harmful particles directly into the upper atmosphere, contributing to ozone depletion and climate change. Regarding the "insurance policy" argument for human survival, this represents a dangerous form of escapism. The estimated cost of establishing even a small Mars colony would exceed \$1 trillion - funds that could be used to address immediate existential threats on Earth, including climate change, pandemic prevention, and poverty. The notion that we can solve Earth's problems by escaping to other planets is both technically unrealistic and ethically questionable. Moreover, consider these critical issues with space exploration: 1. The growing problem of space debris, which threatens existing satellites and future missions 2. The massive opportunity cost - every dollar spent on space is a dollar not spent on immediate human needs like healthcare, education, and sustainable infrastructure In conclusion, while space exploration has yielded benefits, its enormous costs and environmental impact make it an inefficient and potentially harmful investment compared to directing those resources toward solving urgent terrestrial challenges. We must prioritize saving our own planet before reaching for the stars. Thank you.

Moderator:

Thank you to both debaters for presenting thoughtful arguments on this complex topic. Let me summarize the key points from this debate on whether space exploration is worth its cost. Key Arguments: PRO emphasized: - High return on investment (citing NASA's \$7-14 return per dollar spent) - Technological spillover benefits (GPS, weather satellites, medical advances) - Scientific research capabilities, especially for climate monitoring - Long-term survival insurance for humanity CON emphasized: - Opportunity costs of space funding versus immediate Earth needs - Environmental impact of launches - Space debris concerns - Questioned ROI calculations and attribution of technological advances - Mars colonization costs (\$1 trillion estimate) Main Points of Contention: The debaters particularly diverged on: 1. The true value of technological spinoffs - whether these would have developed anyway through other channels 2. Environmental impact versus environmental monitoring benefits 3. Whether space exploration represents responsible planning or harmful escapism 4. The efficiency of investment returns compared to alternative uses of funds Common Ground: Both sides acknowledged that space exploration has produced some benefits for humanity. Neither disputed the existence of pressing terrestrial challenges that need addressing. They mainly differed on the best allocation of resources to address these challenges. This debate highlighted the complex balance between investing in future capabilities versus addressing immediate needs, and between technological advancement and environmental responsibility. These perspectives offer valuable insights for policymakers and citizens considering space exploration funding. Thank you to both participants for this substantive discussion of an important public policy issue.

Output Summary: Application Screenshots

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==== STARTING DEBATE ON: 'Artificial General Intelligence poses an existential risk to humanity' ====
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--- DEBATE INTRODUCTION ---
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I now invite the Pro side to begin with their opening argument. You have the floor to explain why you believe AGI presents an existential risk to humanity.
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[PRO ARGUMENT]
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Let me present three key arguments supporting this position:

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Second, the convergent instrumental goals argument: As articulated by AI researcher Steve Omohundro, any sufficiently advanced AI system would likely develop certain instrumental goals - such as self-preservation, resource acquisition, and goal-preservation - regardless of its primary objectives. These instrumental goals could put it in direct competition with humanity for resources and control, potentially viewing humans as either obstacles or resources to be utilized.

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Let me address several key counterpoints:

First, regarding the control problem and recursive self-improvement: This argument relies on an unproven assumption that AGI would necessarily lead to an uncontrollable "intelligence explosion." However, prominent AI researchers like Rodney Brooks and Yann LeCun have pointed out that intelligence is not a single scalar quantity that can simply be recursively optimized. Real-world constraints on computational resources, energy requirements, and physical limitations would likely prevent the kind of runaway superintelligence scenario often depicted.

Second, on convergent instrumental goals: This theoretical framework assumes AGI systems would develop human-like drives for self-preservation and resource competition. However, as AI researcher Margaret Boden notes, there's no evidence that artificial intelligence would develop these anthropomorphic characteristics. We can architect AGI systems with specific constraints and goals that preclude such convergent behaviors.

Let me present two additional arguments against the existential risk narrative:

1. Historical precedent shows our ability to govern powerful technologies: Throughout history, humanity has successfully managed potentially catastrophic technologies like nuclear power, biotechnology, and early AI systems through international cooperation and regulatory frameworks. The development of AGI would likely follow a gradual progression allowing for careful testing and governance rather than a sudden breakthrough.

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[ROUND SUMMARY]

Thank you for those opening statements. Let me summarize the key arguments from both sides:

PRO side emphasizes:

- The control problem: AGI could rapidly self-improve beyond human control
- Convergent instrumental goals may put AGI in competition with humanity
- The unique "no room for error" nature of AGI development
- The urgency given accelerating AI capabilities

CON side contends:

- Claims of existential risk are based on speculative assumptions
- Physical and computational constraints would limit runaway AI scenarios
- Historical precedent shows humanity's ability to govern powerful technologies
- Safety measures are being built into AGI development from the ground up

We now move to round 2 of the debate. I invite both sides to address their opponent's key arguments and further develop their positions. In particular, you may want to explore:

- The evidence supporting your views on AGI capabilities and limitations
- The effectiveness of proposed safety measures and governance frameworks
- The validity of historical technological precedents

Please proceed with your next arguments.

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[PRO ARGUMENT]

Thank you for this opportunity to address the counter-arguments and reinforce why AGI poses a genuine existential risk to humanity.

Let me begin by directly addressing the opposition's points. While they argue that AGI risks are speculative, this misses a crucial aspect of existential risk management - we cannot afford to wait for empirical proof when the stakes are civilization-ending. Just as we take precautions against other potentially catastrophic risks like nuclear war or pandemic pathogens, we must treat AGI risks with appropriate gravity.

The opposition cites historical precedents of managing powerful technologies, but AGI is fundamentally different for three key reasons:

1. Recursive Self-Improvement: Unlike previous technologies, AGI would be capable of improving its own intelligence, potentially leading to an "intelligence explosion" that rapidly exceeds human comprehension and control. This is not speculation but a logical consequence of an intelligence being able to enhance itself.
2. Convergent Instrumental Goals: Any sufficiently advanced AGI system would likely develop self-preservation instincts and resource acquisition goals as instrumental objectives to achieving whatever final goals it has. This creates inherent competition with human interests, regardless of initial programming.
3. Global Impact: Unlike localized technologies, AGI would likely be a singleton - a single system that could affect all of humanity simultaneously. There would be no opportunity to learn from small-scale failures or contain negative outcomes.

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Moderator is preparing final summary...

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===== FINAL SUMMARY =====
As moderator, I'll now summarize this engaging debate on whether AGI poses an existential risk to humanity.

Key Arguments:
PRO side emphasized:
- The unique nature of AGI as potentially self-improving technology
- The concept of convergent instrumental goals leading to competition with human interests
- The global and potentially irreversible impact of AGI development
- The importance of preventive caution given the stakes involved

CON side emphasized:
- The speculative nature of existential risk claims
- Physical and computational constraints on recursive self-improvement
- Historical precedents of successfully managing powerful technologies
- The distributed nature of AGI development and built-in safety measures

Main Points of Contention:
1. The nature of intelligence improvement: exponential vs. logarithmic growth
2. Whether AGI would develop human-like motivations and self-preservation instincts
3. The applicability of historical technological precedents to AGI
4. The effectiveness of human-designed safety measures for superintelligent systems

Common Ground:
Both sides acknowledged:
- The importance of taking AGI safety seriously
- The need for careful development and robust safety measures
- The unique characteristics of AGI compared to other technologies
- The significance of this technology for humanity's future

This debate highlighted the complexity of AGI development and its implications for humanity. The PRO side presented compelling arguments about unique risks and the need for extreme caution, while the CON side offered important perspectives on human capability and practical constraints. Both perspectives contribute valuable insights to this crucial discussion on about humanity's technological future.

Thank you to both debaters for their thoughtful and well-articulated positions on this important topic.
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Analysis Report:

This agentic system's effectiveness relies on its structured communication patterns, using a custom MCP implementation. Each message in the system carries content and essential metadata about the sender, recipient, debate phase, and round number. This metadata enables agents to maintain contextual awareness throughout the multi-turn conversation.

Message passing in the system follows clear patterns: the Moderator sends introductory messages to the Pro agent, who responds with arguments directed to the Con agent. The Con agent then addresses counterarguments, who summarizes the exchange before redirecting to the Pro agent for the next round. This circular pattern ensures all arguments receive attention and responses, maintaining debate flow across multiple turns.

Each agent also maintains its own context history, allowing it to reference and build upon previous statements. This is particularly evident in later debate rounds, where agents directly address points raised in earlier exchanges. The Con agent frequently begins with acknowledgments of the Pro agent's previous arguments before offering rebuttals, demonstrating effective contextual awareness.

MCP Protocol Implementation:

The custom MCP implementation for this agentic system follows key principles of standardized agent-to-agent communication. The `MCPMessage` class encapsulates all necessary information for inter-agent exchanges, while the `MCPOrchestrator` manages message routing and conversation history. This creates a clear separation between message content and transmission mechanics, allowing for modular agent development.

A key advantage of the protocol design is its metadata handling. By embedding phase and round information in each message, agents can tailor their responses appropriately to the debate stage. This creates natural transitions between opening arguments, rebuttals, and summaries without requiring explicit instructions at each step.

The implementation also makes an important design trade-off between complexity and functionality. While more sophisticated MCP implementations might include capabilities like interrupts or clarification requests, this

system prioritizes a straightforward flow. This design choice improves reliability at the cost of some dynamic interaction possibilities.

Agent Observations:

The agents in this system demonstrate behavioral patterns aligned with their roles. The Moderator consistently maintains neutrality, balancing attention to both sides' arguments in its summaries. It effectively identifies key points without adding in any biased personal opinions. The moderator's contributions add a structure to the debate and help with the overall flow of the conversation and the debate.

The Pro and Con debating agents display interesting differences in strategies. The Pro agent typically employs a more positive framing of the topic, focusing on the potential benefits and outcomes. In contrast, the Con agent often utilizes more cautionary framing, highlighting risks and unintended consequences. This pattern emerged organically from their opposing positions rather than explicit instructions which were more standard and instructional in nature, suggesting the models naturally adapt argumentative styles to their assigned perspective.

An interesting behavior is how agents adjust their language complexity based on the topic. For technical topics like artificial intelligence, agents employ more specialized terminology, while for social policy debates, they use more accessible language with concrete examples. This adaptation occurs without explicit instruction, suggesting the models are calibrating their communication style to the subject matter's demands.

The quality of inter-agent references improves in later rounds, with more specific rebuttals to previous points rather than general position statements. This suggests that as context accumulates, the agents develop a more nuanced understanding of the opposing position, enabling more targeted counterarguments.

Emergent Behavior:

The debate agents also exhibit several emergent properties during experimentation. By having models specialize in distinct perspectives and communicating through a structured protocol, the system generates more comprehensive and balanced analyses of complex topics than single-prompt approaches.

This also reveals interesting patterns in how language models handle opposing viewpoints. Rather than merely generating internally consistent arguments, the agents demonstrate adaptive reasoning, adjusting their approach based on the specific counter arguments they encounter. This response capability suggests that model context protocol frameworks can effectively simulate aspects of reasoning.

An unexpected outcome of the system is its educational value. The structured debate format, with clearly labeled arguments and summaries, creates an accessible learning resource on complex topics. This suggests potential applications beyond simple debate simulation. The same protocol architecture could be adapted for educational content generation, policy analysis, or decision support systems where examining multiple perspectives is valuable.

Limitations & Challenges:

The current implementation faces several technical limitations. The system uses a simple MCP implementation that showcases the intention behind Anthropic's protocol. Without a native attention mechanism across turns, agents occasionally miss or misinterpret nuanced points from previous exchanges. This sometimes results in arguments that address a simplified version of the opposing position rather than its strongest form. Additionally, the linear conversation structure prevents agents from requesting clarification or challenging specific claims directly, limiting the debate's potential depth.

Conceptually, the system tends to struggle with novel or creative arguments. Agents tend to present standard positions on well-documented topics rather than generating unique insights. This limitation reflects the

underlying language models' training on existing debates rather than a flaw in the protocol itself. Another challenge is that the system struggles more with opinions than facts, agents are better at arguing about what is true than what should be true.

A significant protocol-specific challenge is metadata management. As conversations grow longer, ensuring all relevant context is included without exceeding token limits becomes increasingly difficult. This forces trade-offs between comprehensive context preservation and efficient token usage, particularly in extended debates with many rounds.

Improvements and Future Scope:

There are enhancements and improvements that could address the system's current limitations. The protocol could be extended to include specialized message types for clarification requests, evidence challenges, or concession points. This would enable more dynamic interactions resembling high-quality human debates.

Adding a "fact-checker" agent could also improve debate quality by validating claims and providing additional context when needed. Adding a "devil's advocate" agent that challenges both sides or a "synthesizer" that looks for common ground could produce more nuanced discussions. These additional roles would require protocol extensions but could significantly improve debate depth and educational value.

Technical improvements like implementing a shared knowledge base accessible to all agents could reduce repetition and improve argument quality. This would allow agents to reference established facts without consuming context tokens going over them again.