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I propose to consider the question, "Can machines think?" This should begin with definitions of the meaning of the terms "machine" and "think." The definitions might be framed so as to reflect so far as possible the normal use of the words, but this attitude is dangerous, If the meaning of the words "machine" and "think" are to be found by examining how they are commonly used it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the meaning and the answer to the question, "Can machines think?" is to be sought in a statistical survey such as a Gallup poll. But this is absurd. Instead of attempting such a definition I shall replace the question by another, which is closely related to it and is expressed in relatively unambiguous words.



The author suggests we start by asking, "Can machines think?" To address this, we first need to define what we mean by "machine" and "think." We could base these definitions on how people typically use the words, but that's risky. If we rely on common usage, we might end up thinking the answer to the question comes from public opinion surveys, like a Gallup poll, which would be ridiculous. Instead of trying to define these terms, the author proposes to change the question to a different, but closely related one, that is clearer and less confusing.



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