

IBM pits AI against human debaters

IBM pitted a computer against 2 human debaters in the first public demonstration of AI technology. IBM has been working on this for more than 5 years. The firm unveiled its Project Debater in San Francisco recently. Topic of debate was to make a case for government subsidised space research. The computer delivered its opening argument by pulling in evidence from its huge internal repository of newspapers, journals and other resources. It then listened to a human debater's counter argument and spent a few minutes rebutting it. Another debate was conducted on Telemedicine. Computer won in both cases!