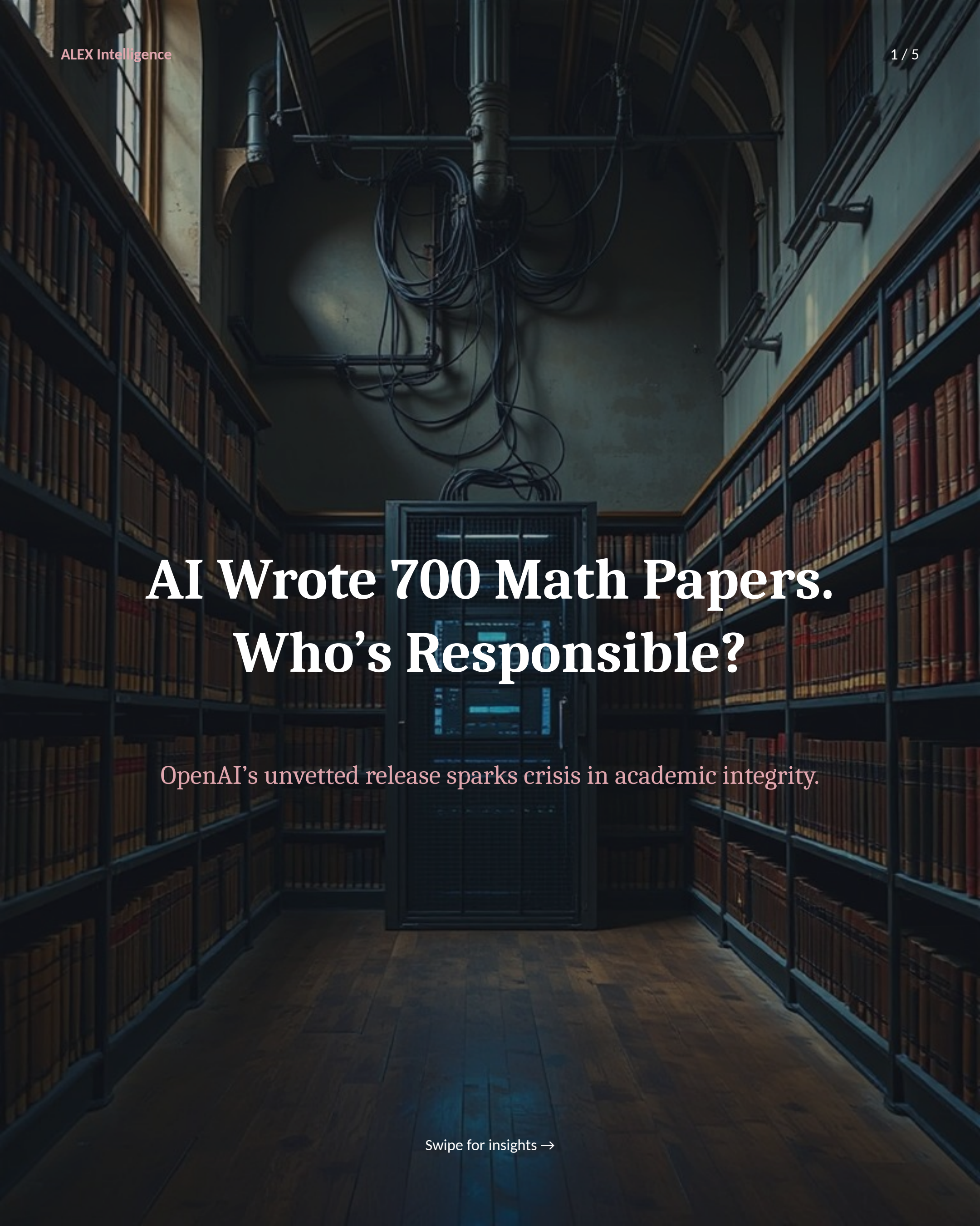


AI Wrote 700 Math Papers. Who's Responsible?

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AI-Generated Mathematical Manuscripts

OpenAI released over 700 AI-generated mathematical preprints without human authorship or verification.

These manuscripts, posted on a public repository in early October 2026, represent an unprecedented scale of AI-generated scholarly output. While some contain potentially groundbreaking insights, their lack of human authorship and verifiable provenance undermines academic accountability. The mathematical community now faces a massive burden to verify, rewrite, and validate content that was never designed to meet scholarly standards.

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Trust Requires Transparency

The core issue isn’t AI’s ability to generate proofs—it’s the absence of traceability. Without clear attribution, citation protocols, or human oversight, even correct AI-generated mathematics becomes epistemically unsafe. The Leiden Declaration explicitly demands that AI use be disclosed and that all arguments remain independently verifiable by humans. OpenAI’s refusal to adopt these safeguards risks eroding trust in scientific progress itself.

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Ethics Must Precede Innovation

The release of 700 unvetted preprints illustrates a dangerous precedent: innovation without institutional guardrails. When AI companies bypass peer review, citation norms, and author responsibility, they shift the burden of validation onto academics who never consented to the task. This is not just a math problem—it's a governance failure. The field must demand that AI-generated content be subject to the same ethical and procedural standards as human-generated research.

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