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Less than two weeks ago, China rocked both the artificial intelligence world and technology stock markets when DeepSeek, a chatbot developed by a Guangdong-based entrepreneur, became the world's most downloaded AI app. But the shock of the new pretender owed more to economics than technical developments.

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