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CSC6203: Large Language Model

Lecture 4: Training LLMs from scratch

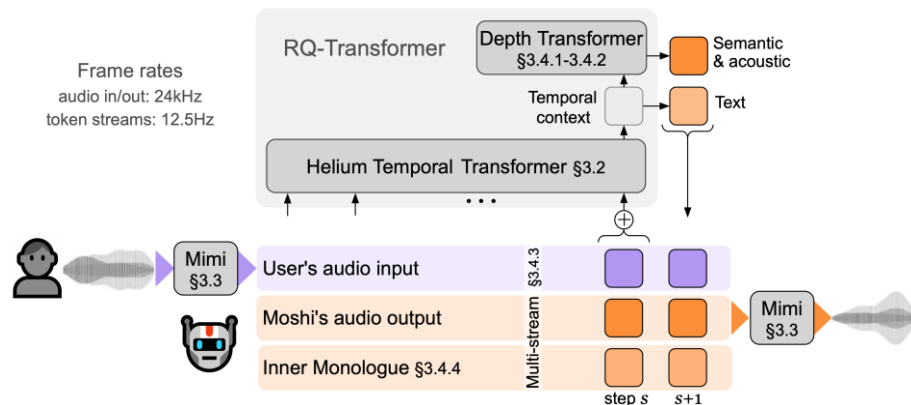
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Happened last week

- Moshi (for end2end full-duplex spoken dialogue)
- Meta LLaMA 3.2
- Qwen 2.5 released

Moshi

- Faster thanks to no pipeline involved
- **Speech** in speech out
 - non-linguistic information preserved
- Full-duplex spoken dialogue
 - (overlapping speech, interruptions and interjections)



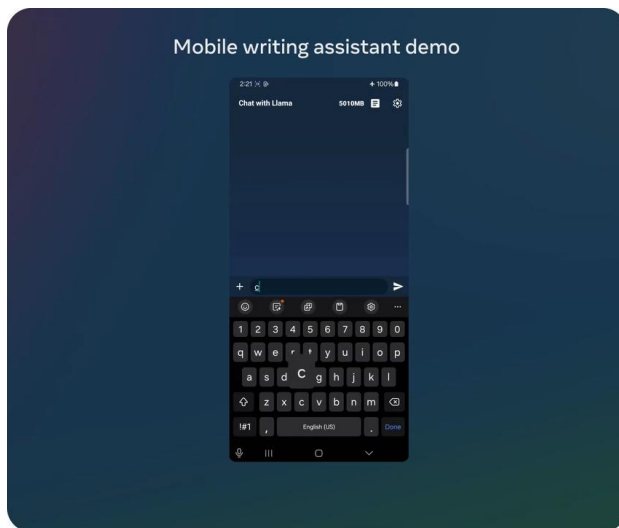
Meta LLaMA 3.2

- Lightweight models

- 1B/3B
- Pruning
- Knowledge distillation
- Post-training: supervised fine-tuning (SFT), rejection sampling (RS), and direct preference optimization (DPO)

- Vision models

- + pretrain on large-scale noisy (image, text) pair data
- Finetuning on synthetic data that is filtered by a reward model
- + safety mitigation data



Qwen 2.5

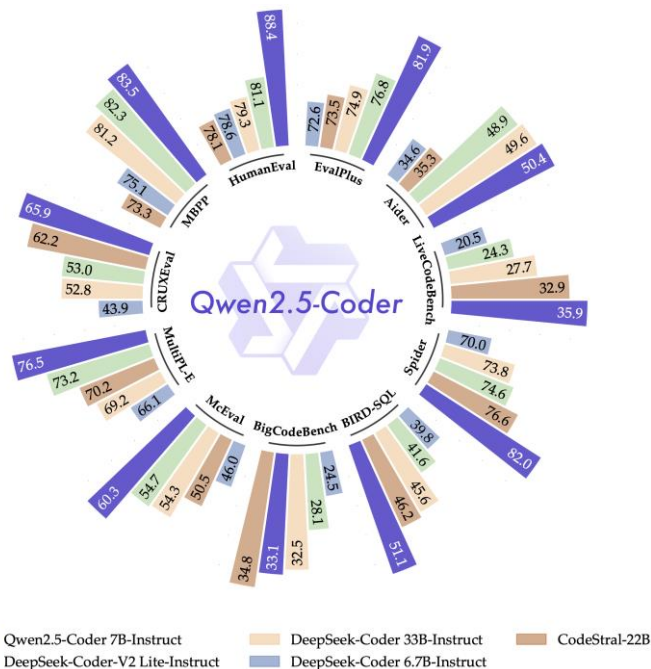
- Training on **18 trillion** tokens.
- Some settings (standard and not surprised)
 - context windows: **128K** token
 - **generating** up to **8K** tokens
 - supporting **29** languages
- Minor features
 - more resilient to the diversity of system prompts
 - enhancing role-play implementation
 - condition-setting for chatbots

Data engineering is all you need

Many sizes included (*recommended for your final projects*)

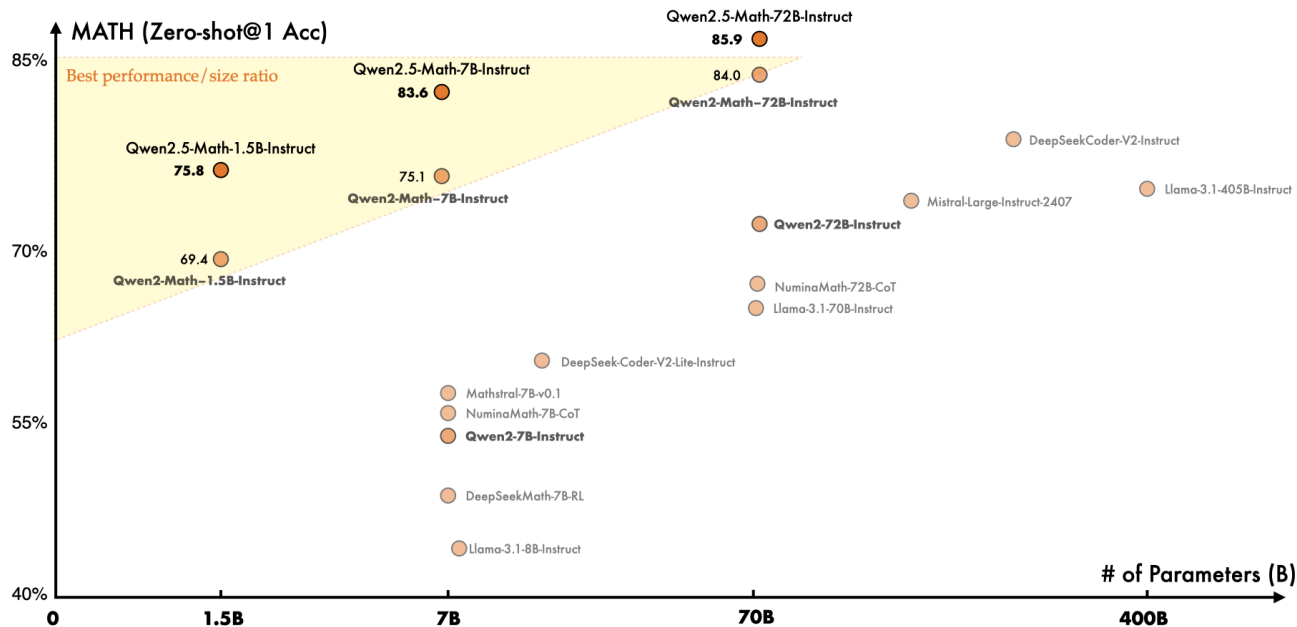
Models	# Params (B)	# Non-Emb Params (B)	# Layers	# Head (Q / KV)	# Tie Embedding	Context Length	Generation Length	License
Qwen2.5-0.5B	0.49	0.36	24	14/2	Yes	32K	8K	Apache 2.0
Qwen2.5-1.5B	1.5	1.3	28	12/2	Yes	32K	8K	Apache 2.0
Qwen2.5-3B	3.1	2.8	36	16/2	Yes	32K	8K	Qwen Research
Qwen2.5-7B	7.6	6.5	28	28/4	No	128K	8K	Apache 2.0
Qwen2.5-14B	14.7	13.1	48	40/8	No	128K	8K	Apache 2.0
Qwen2.5-32B	32.5	31.0	64	40/8	No	128K	8K	Apache 2.0
Qwen2.5-72B	72.7	70.0	80	64/8	No	128K	8K	Qwen
Qwen2.5-Coder-1.5B	1.5	1.3	28	12/2	Yes	128K	2K	Apache 2.0
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Qwen2.5-Math-7B	7.6	6.5	28	28/4	No	4K	2K	Apache 2.0
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Strong Coding abilities

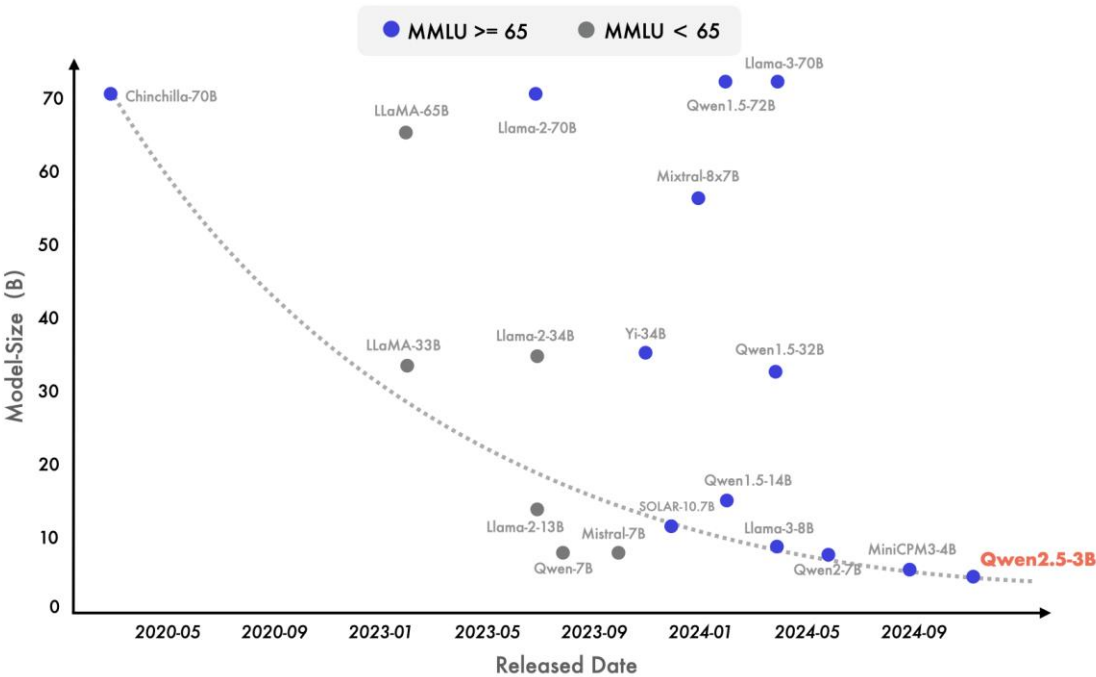


Qwen2.5-Math

pretrained larger-scale of math related data, including the **synthetic data** generated by Qwen2-Math



Small LM will perform much better!



<https://qwenlm.github.io/blog/qwen2.5/>

How large is “large”?

- ❖ In BERT era
 - Base models: BERT/RoBERTa (100M),
 - Large one: 300M
- ❖ T5 era
 - Base models: 200M
 - small models: 60M
 - Large: 770M
 - Much larger: 3B and 11B (XXXL)
- ❖ LLM
 - Base models: probably 7B to 13B
 - Small models: 60M



Interestingly, small language model becomes popular

TinyLLaMA: 1.1B

MobileVLM: 1.4B and 2.7B

MobiLlama 0.5B

MobileLLM: 0.1B and 0.3B

ALLaVA

Mini-CPM-V: 3B

Meta LLaMA 3.2: 1/3B

[1] MobileLLM: Optimizing Sub-billion Parameter Language Models for On-Device Use Cases.

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2402.14905.pdf>

[2] MobiLlama: Towards Accurate and Lightweight Fully Transparent GPT. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.16840>

[3] MobileVLM : A Fast, Strong and Open Vision Language Assistant for Mobile Devices

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.16886>.

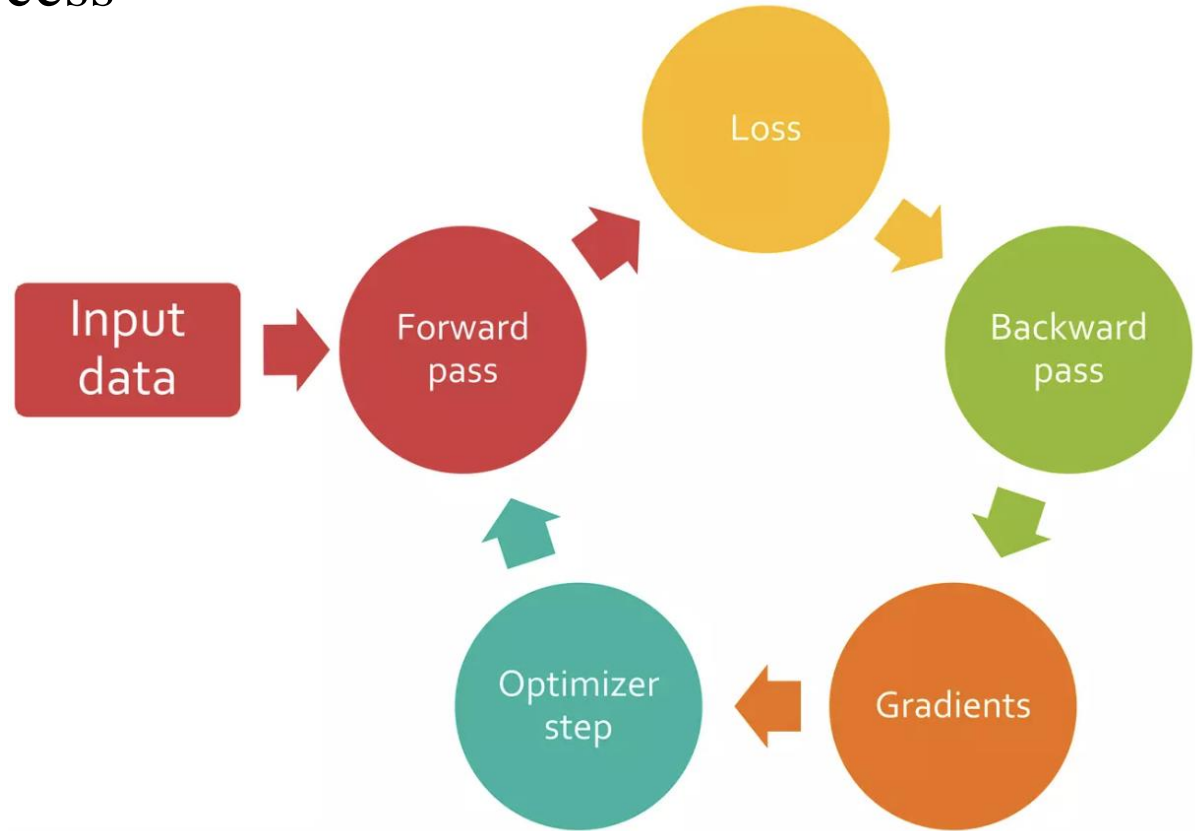
[4] TinyLlama: An Open-Source Small Language Model. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.02385>

Papers accepted in our team

- EMNLP 2023
 - HuatuoGPT-vision
 - Comparative study between LLM-as-the-judge vs. Human judge
 - RLHF on the multi-modal LLMs
- NeurIPS
 - AceGPT 2 accepted in NeurIPS 2024
 - Financial benchmark (Finben) accepted in NeurIPS D&B track
 - Medical benchmark (GMAI-MMBench) accepted in NeurIPS D&B track

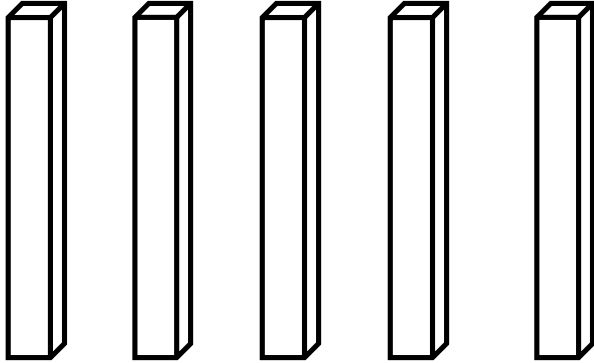
Recap: Architecture engineering

Model Training Process

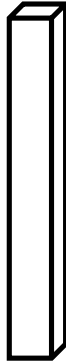


Semantic **composition** vs. Semantic **Abstraction**

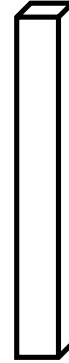
Token level: I think therefore I am



Composition w/ token interaction



Feature level: word vector



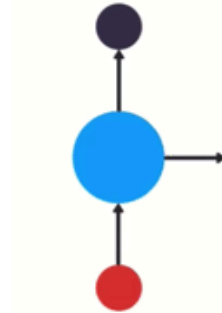
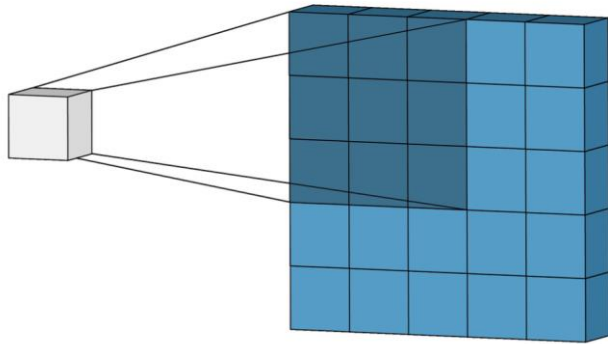
Non-linear **Abstraction** w/t token interaction



Inductive bias of **composition**

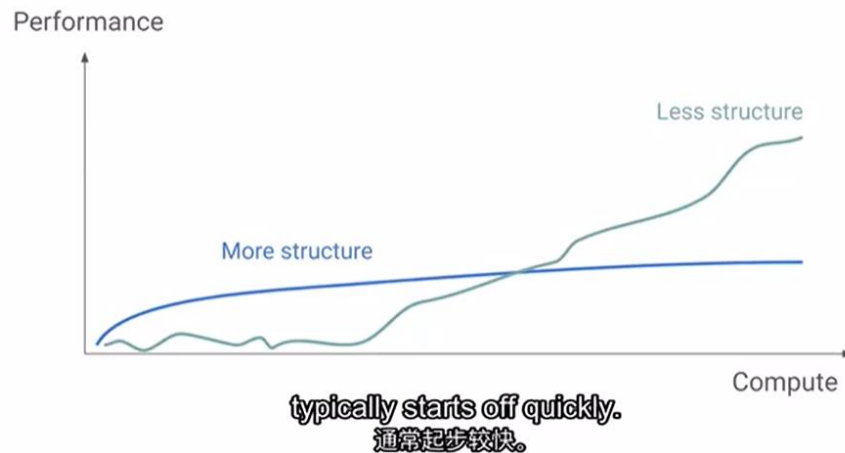
CNN: local composition within a window

RNN: recurrently compose tokens from left to right or right to left.



A video you must watch

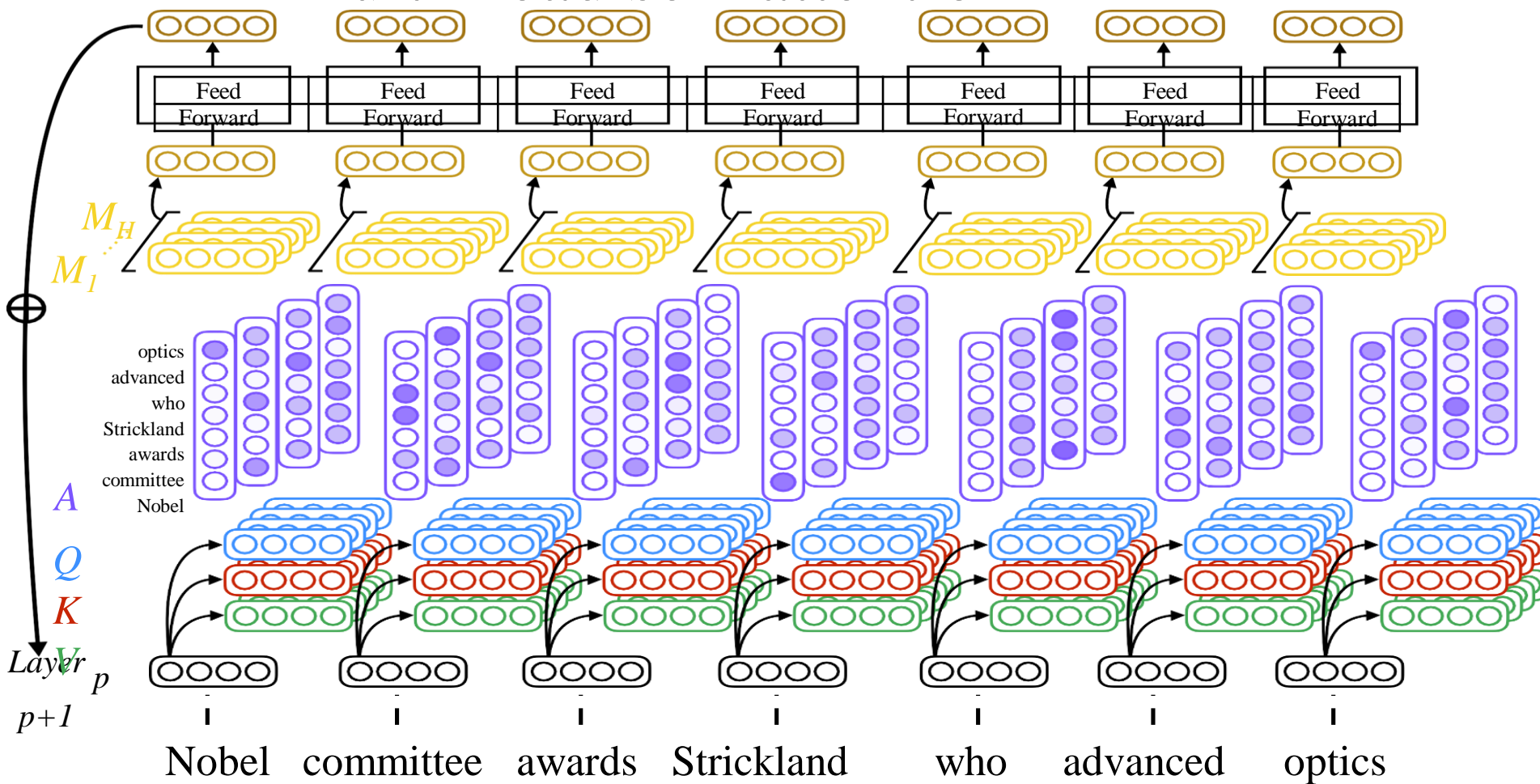
The more structure imposed by humans, the less scalable the method is



Reducing inductive bias (local or recurrent bias) and take **full attention!**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYWUEV_e2ss

Multi-head self-attention



Scaling law and emergent ability

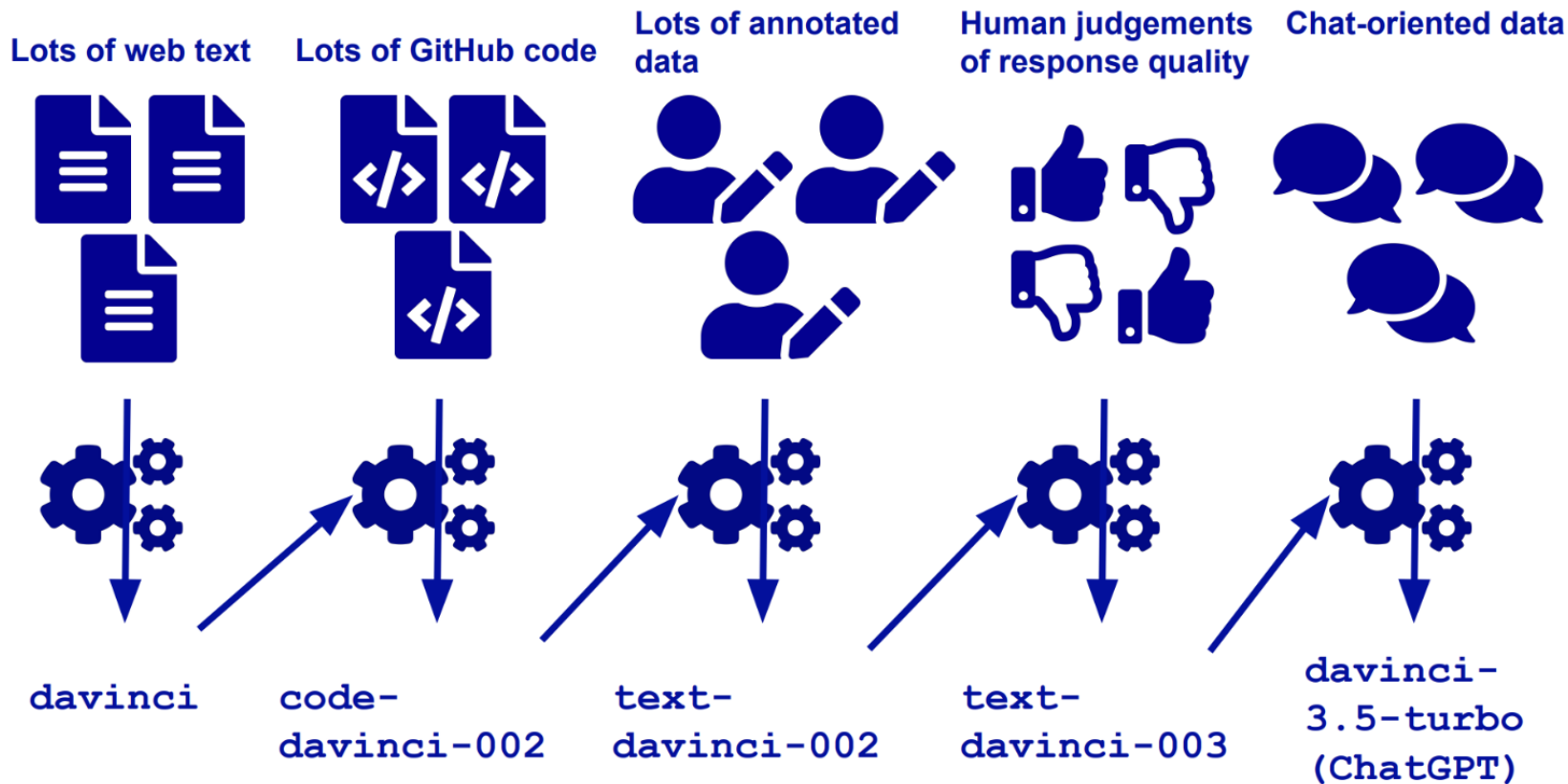
- It was beneficial at that moment
 - “All in LLMs”
- Probably it was misleading
 - Scaling law: small models also work well with enough training
 - Emergent ability: it is a matter of choice in metrics
 - linear or non-linear?
 - continually or discontinuously?

Outline

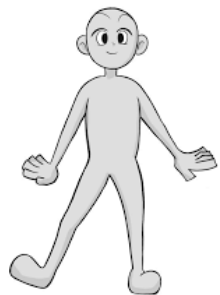
1. Overview of LLM Training
2. LLM training
 - a. LLM Pretraining (including Word Tokenization)
 - b. Instruction Finetuning
 - c. Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback
3. LLM Evaluation
4. Tutorial: Build a LLM from scratch

Understanding of LLM Training

From Zero to ChatGPT



Steps of LLM training

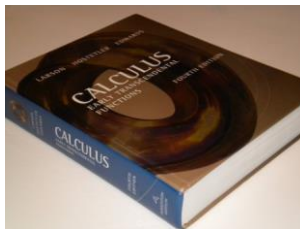


Recognize
Words

TextBook
Reading

Doing Exercises

Teachers' feedback

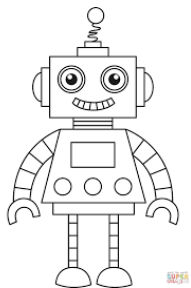


Tokenizer
Training

Self-supervised
Pre-training

Instruction
Finetuning

Reinforcement
Learning from
Human Feedback



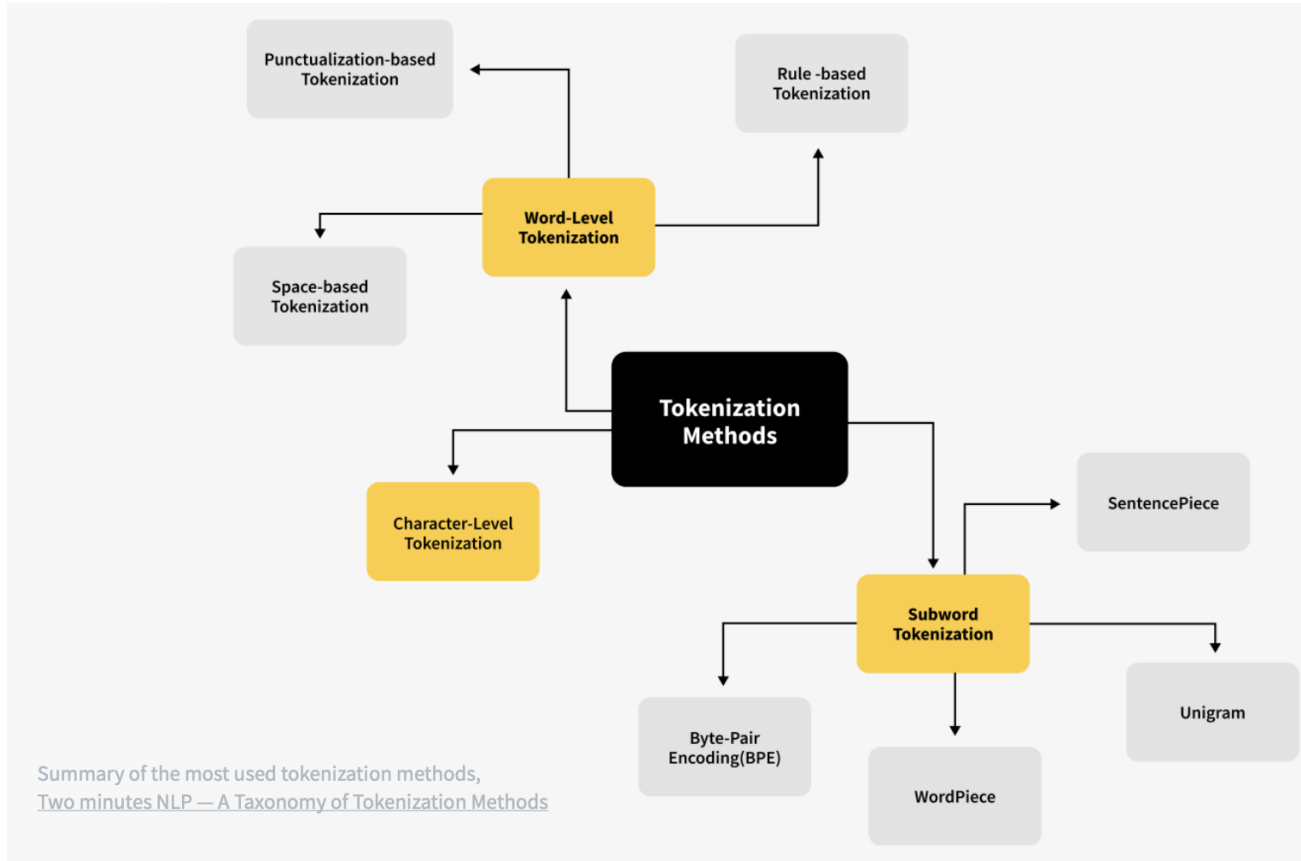
Starts from Word Tokenization

What and Why?

Tokenization is the process of **breaking down a piece of text**, like a sentence or a paragraph, into individual words or “tokens.” These tokens are the **basic building blocks of language**, and tokenization helps computers understand and process human language by splitting it into manageable units.



Tokenization



Subword modeling

Sample Data:

"This is tokenizing."

Character Level

[T] [h] [i] [s] [i] [s] [t] [o] [k] [e] [n] [i] [z] [i] [n] [g] [.]

Word Level

[This] [is] [tokenizing] [.]

Subword Level

[This] [is] [token] [izing] [.]

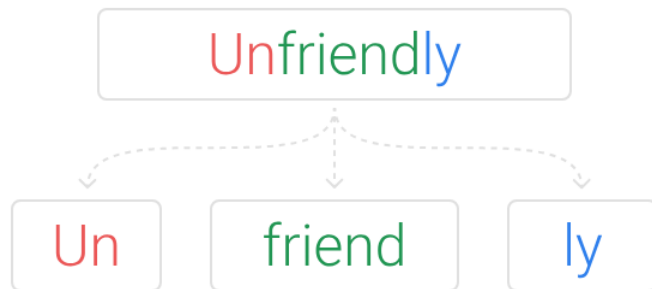
Tokenization

Tokenization Methods	Word-based tokenization	Character-based tokenization	Subword-based tokenization
Example Tokenizers	Space tokenization (split sentences by space); rule-based tokenization (e.g. Moses, spaCy)	Character tokenization (simply tokenize on every character)	Byte-Pair Encoding (BPE); WordPiece; SentencePiece; Unigram (tokenizing by parts of a word vs. the entirety of a word; see table above)
Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Downside: Generates a very large vocabulary leading to a huge embedding matrix as the input and output layer; large number of out-of-vocabulary (OOV) tokens; and different meanings of very similar words• Transformer models normally have a vocabulary of less than 50,000 words, especially if they are trained only on a single language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead to much smaller vocabulary; no OOV (out of vocabulary) tokens since every word can be assembled from individual characters• Downside: Generates very long sequences and less meaningful individual tokens, making it harder for the model to learn meaningful input representations. However, if character-based tokenization is used on non-English language, a single character could be quite information rich (like “mountain” in Mandarin).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subword-based tokenization methods follow the principle that frequently used words should not be split into smaller subwords, but rare words should be decomposed into meaningful subwords• Benefit: Solves the downsides faced by word-based tokenization and character-based tokenization and achieves both reasonable vocabulary size with meaningful learned context-independent representations.

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Subword modeling

Subword modeling in NLP encompasses a wide range of methods for reasoning about structure below the word level. (Parts of words, characters, bytes.)



- The dominant modern paradigm is to learn a vocabulary of parts of words (subword tokens).
- At training and testing time, each word is split into a sequence of known subwords.

Subword-based Tokenization Methods

- **Byte-Pair Encoding** [[Gage 1994](#)]
 - Originally used in machine translation
- **WordPiece**
- **Unigram**
- **SentencePiece**

Subword-based Tokenization Methods	Byte-Pair Encoding (BPE)	WordPiece	Unigram	SentencePiece
Description	<p>One of the most popular subword tokenization algorithms. The Byte-Pair-Encoding works by starting with characters, while merging those that are the most frequently seen together, thus creating new tokens. It then works iteratively to build new tokens out of the most frequent pairs it sees in a corpus.</p> <p>BPE is able to build words it has never seen by using multiple subword tokens, and thus requires smaller vocabularies, with less chances of having “unk” (unknown) tokens.</p>	<p>Very similar to BPE. The difference is that WordPiece does not choose the highest frequency symbol pair, but the one that maximizes the likelihood of the training data once added to the vocabulary (evaluates what it loses by merging two symbols to ensure it's worth it)</p>	<p>In contrast to BPE / WordPiece, Unigram initializes its base vocabulary to a large number of symbols and progressively trims down each symbol to obtain a smaller vocabulary. It is often used together with SentencePiece.</p>	<p>The left 3 tokenizers assume input text uses spaces to separate words, and therefore are not usually applicable to languages that don't use spaces to separate words (e.g. Chinese). SentencePiece treats the input as a raw input stream, thus including the space in the set of characters to use. It then uses the BPE / Unigram algorithm to construct the appropriate vocabulary.</p>
Considerations	<p>BPE is particularly useful for handling rare and out-of-vocabulary words since it can generate subwords for new words based on the most common character sequences.</p> <p>Downside: BPE can result in subwords that do not correspond to linguistically meaningful units.</p>	<p>WordPiece can be particularly useful for languages where the meaning of a word can depend on the context in which it appears.</p>	<p>Unigram tokenization is particularly useful for languages with complex morphology and can generate subwords that correspond to linguistically meaningful units. However, unigram tokenization can struggle with rare and out-of-vocabulary words.</p>	<p>SentencePiece can be particularly useful for languages where the meaning of a word can depend on the context in which it appears.</p>

Byte-pair encoding (BPE) [[Gage 1994](#)]

Byte-pair encoding is a simple, effective strategy for defining a subword vocabulary.

1. Start with a vocabulary containing only characters and an “end-of-word” symbol.
2. Using a corpus of text, find the most common pair of adjacent characters “a,b”; add subword “ab” to the vocab.
3. Replace instances of the character pair with the new subword; repeat until desired vocab size.

aaabdaaabac

ZabdZabac

ZYdZYac

XdXac

Z=aa

Y=ab

X=ZY

Z=aa

Y=ab

Z=aa

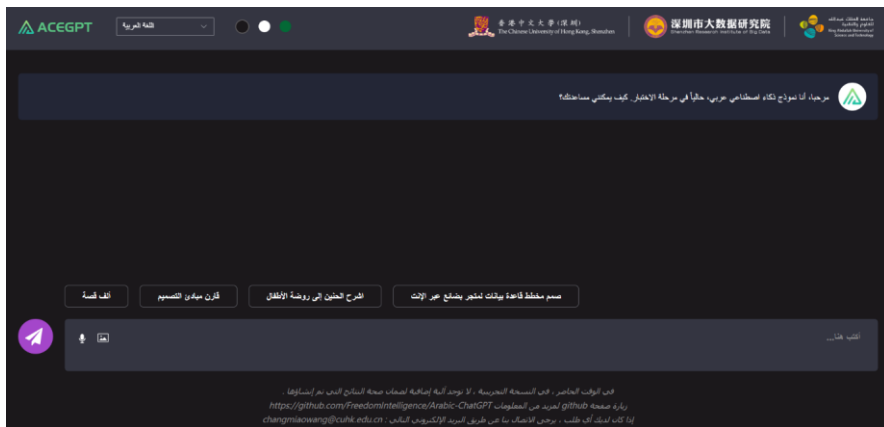
Example of a bad tokenizer: LLaMA for Chinese

Table 1: Tokenizer comparisons between original LLaMA and Chinese LLaMA.

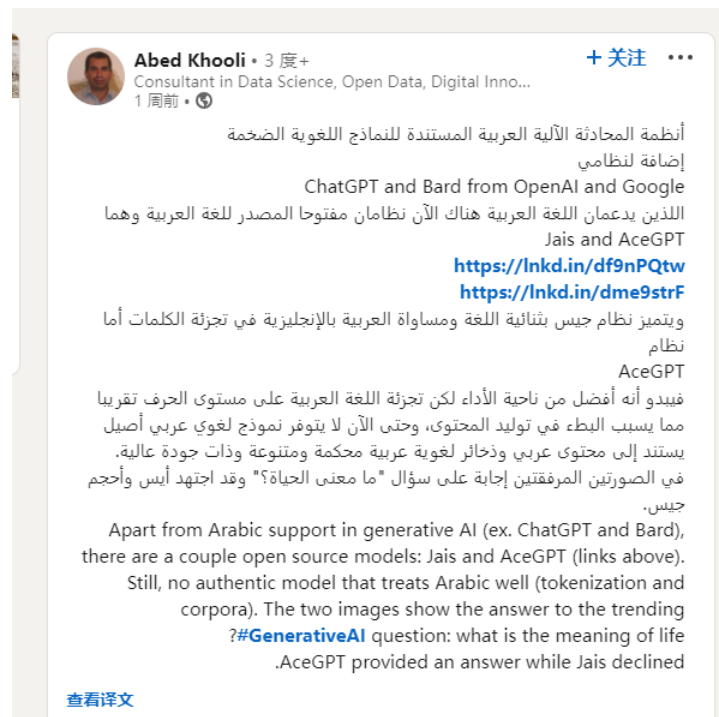
	Length	Content
Original Sentence	28	人工智能是计算机科学、心理学、哲学等学科融合的交叉学科。
Original Tokenizer	35	‘_’, ‘人’, ‘工’, ‘智’, ‘能’, ‘是’, ‘计’, ‘算’, ‘机’, ‘科’, ‘学’, ‘、’, ‘心’, ‘理’, ‘学’, ‘、’, ‘0xE5’, ‘0x93’, ‘0xB2’, ‘学’, ‘等’, ‘学’, ‘科’, ‘0xE8’, ‘0x9E’, ‘0x8D’, ‘合’, ‘的’, ‘交’, ‘0xE5’, ‘0x8F’, ‘0x89’, ‘学’, ‘科’, ‘。’
Chinese Tokenizer	16	‘_’, ‘人工智能’, ‘是’, ‘计算机’, ‘科学’, ‘、’, ‘心理学’, ‘、’, ‘哲学’, ‘等’, ‘学科’, ‘融合’, ‘的’, ‘交叉’, ‘学科’, ‘。’

LLaMA tokenizer is **unfriendly** to Chinese

Example of a bad tokenizer: AceGPT for Arabic



<https://arabic.llmzoo.com/>



<https://huggingface.co/FreedomIntelligence/AceGPT-7b-chat-GPTQ/raw/main/tokenizer.json>

A broader sense of “token”

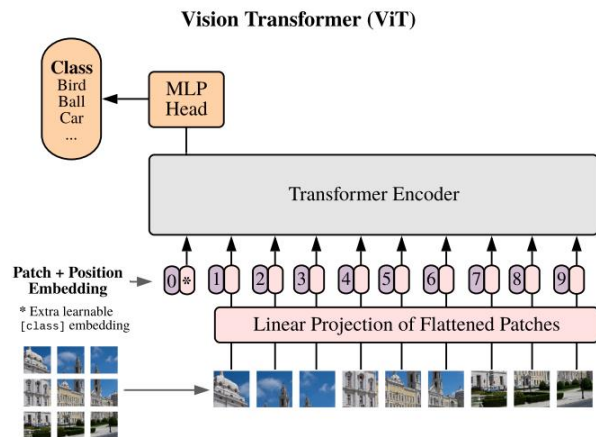
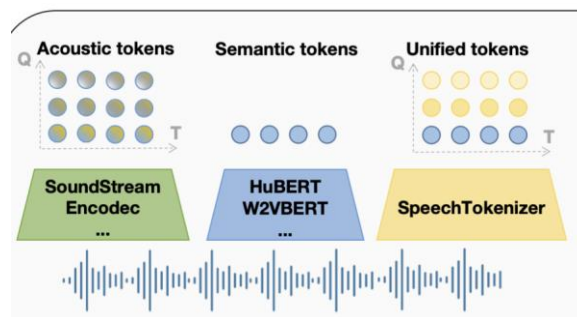
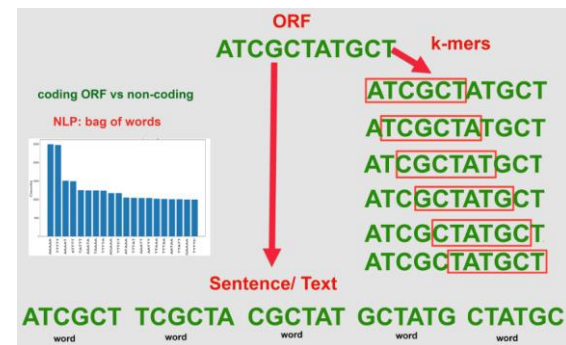


Image token



Speech token



genes (基因)

Alexey Dosovitskiy, et al. An Image is Worth 16x16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.11929>

Xin zhang et.al. SpeechTokenizer: Unified Speech Tokenizer for Speech Language Models. <https://0nutation.github.io/SpeechTokenizer.github.io/>

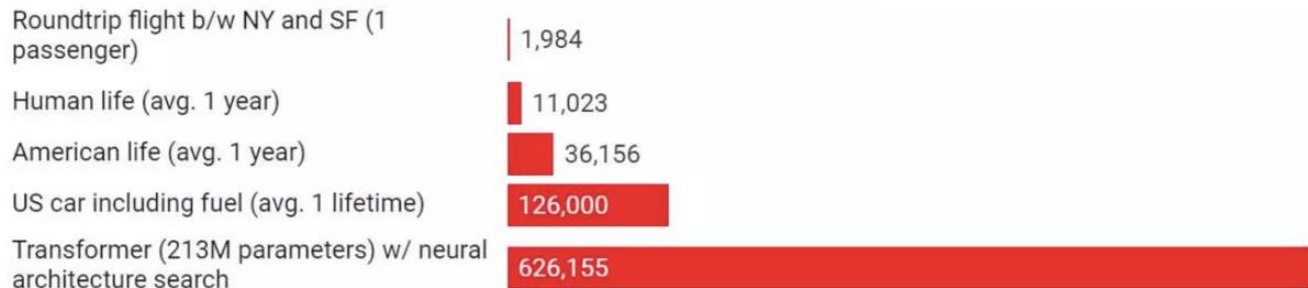
LLM Pretraining

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Pretraining a multi-billion parameter LLM is long and expensive!

Common carbon footprint benchmarks

in lbs of CO2 equivalent



<https://www.cnbc.com/2023/03/13/chatgpt-and-generative-ai-are-booming-but-at-a-very-expensive-price.html>

<https://www.slideshare.net/SylvainGugger/fine-tuning-large-lms-243430468>

TECH

ChatGPT and generative AI are booming, but the costs can be extraordinary

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KEY POINTS

- The cost to develop and maintain the software can be extraordinarily high.
- Nvidia makes most of the GPUs for the AI industry, and its primary data center workhorse chip costs \$10,000.
- Analysts and technologists estimate that the critical process of training a large language model such as GPT-3 could cost over \$4 million.

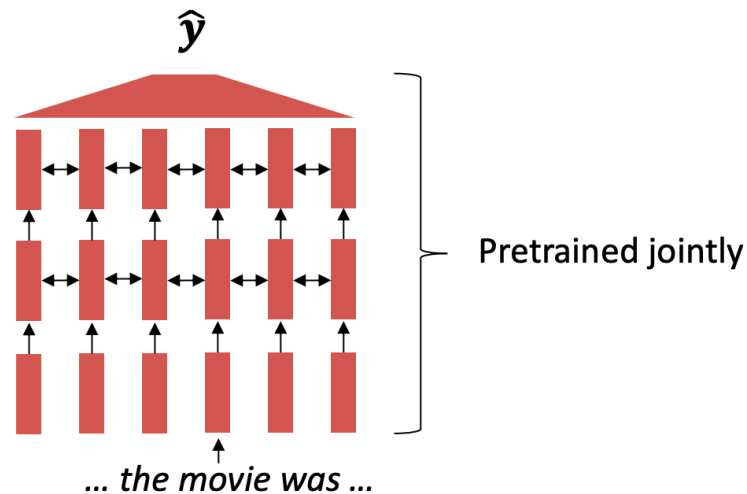
Why Pretraining?

In modern NLP:

- All (or almost all) parameters in NLP networks are initialized via **pretraining**.
- Pretraining methods hide parts of the input from the model, and then train the model to reconstruct those parts.

This has been exceptionally effective at building strong:

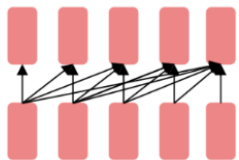
- **representations of language**
- **parameter initializations** for strong NLP models.
- **probability distributions** over language that we can sample from



[This model has learned how to represent entire sentences through pretraining]

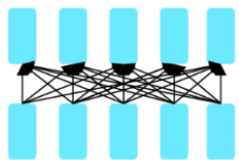
Pretraining for three types of architectures

The neural architecture influences the type of pretraining, and natural use cases.



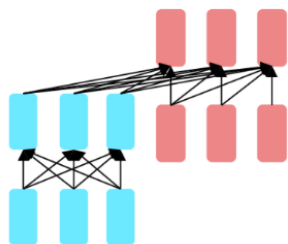
Decoders

- Language models! What we've seen so far.
- Nice to generate from; can't condition on future words
- **Examples:** GPT-2, GPT-3, LaMDA



Encoders

- Gets bidirectional context – can condition on future!
- Wait, how do we pretrain them?
- **Examples:** BERT and its many variants, e.g. RoBERTa



**Encoder-
Decoders**

- Good parts of decoders and encoders?
- What's the best way to pretrain them?
- **Examples:** Transformer, T5, Meena

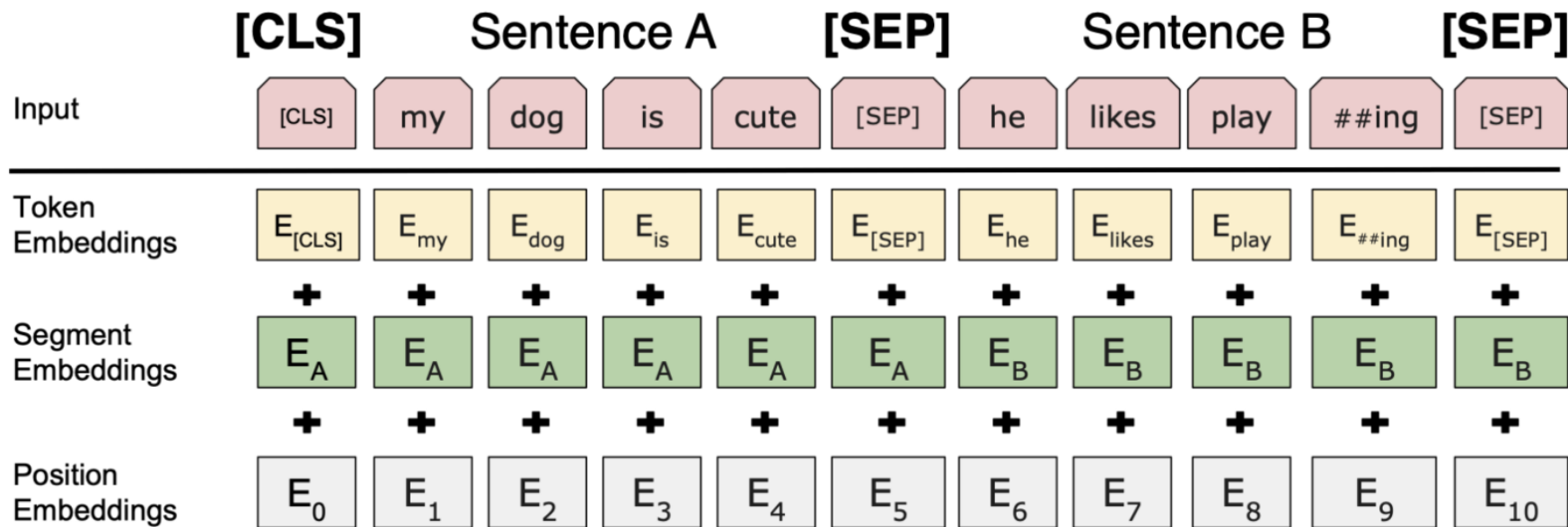
Pretrained Encoders

Pretraining Encoders

BERT [[Devlin et al, NAACL 2019](#)]

- **Fully bidirectional transformer encoder**
 - BERTbase: 12 layers, hidden size=768, 12 att'n heads (110M parameters)
 - BERTlarge: 24 layers, hidden size=1024, 16 att'n heads (340M parameters)
- **Input:** sum of token, positional, segment embeddings
 - **Segment embeddings** (A and B): is this token part of sentence A (before SEP) or sentence B (after SEP)?
- **[CLS] and [SEP] tokens:** added during pre-training
- **Pre-training tasks:**
 - Masked language modeling
 - Next sentence prediction

BERT Input

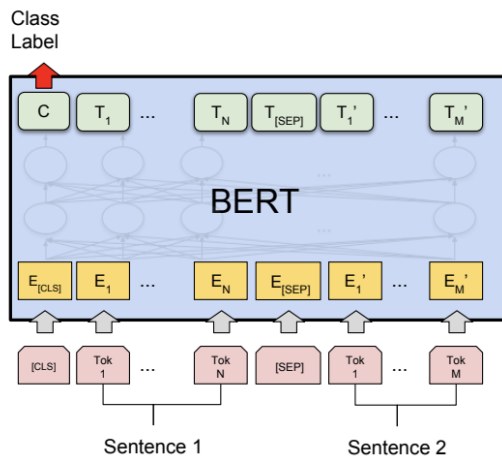


BERT Pre-training Tasks

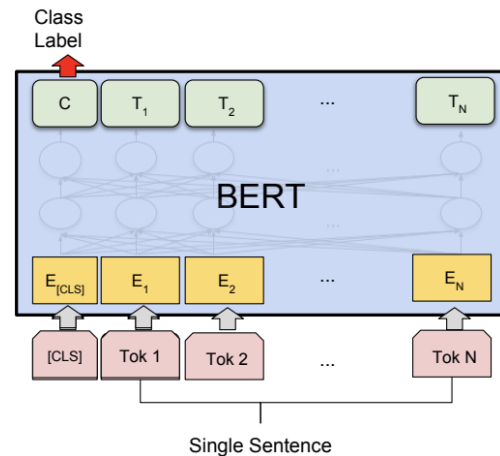
BERT is jointly pre-trained on two tasks:

- **Next-sentence prediction:** [based on CLS token]
 - Does sentence B follow sentence A in a real document?
- **Mask language modeling:**
 - **15%** of tokens are randomly chosen as masking tokens
 - 10% of the time, a masking token remains unchanged
 - 10% of the time, a masking token is replaced by a random token
 - **80% of the time**, a masking token is replaced by [MASK], and the **output layer has to predict the original token**

Using BERT for Classification



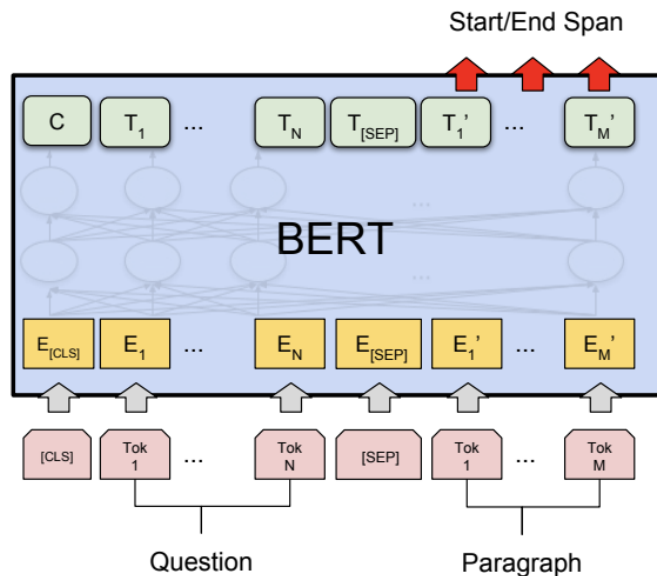
**Sentence Pair
Classification**



**Single Sentence
Classification**

Add a **softmax classifier** on final layer of [CLS] token

Using BERT for Question-Answering



Input: [CLS] question [SEP] answer passage [SEP]

Learn to predict a START and an END token on answer tokens

Examples of language models pretraining objectives



Guess the next word in the sentence (GPT)



Guess some masked words in the sentence (BERT)

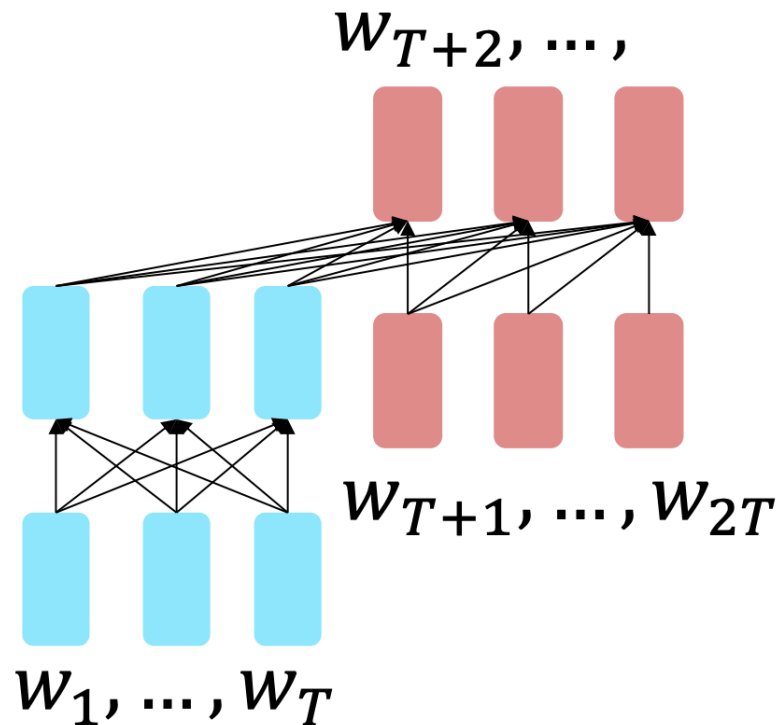
Why not encoder-based LLMs?

1. **I cannot generate (it discriminates):** It can only work for classification (discrimination) tasks, it is not easy to generate something new.
1. **Its objective is not scalable:** Its self-supervised tasks (masked language model) are just too simple for LLMs, and increasing model size does not improve performance too much.

Pretrained Encoder-Decoders

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The **encoder** portion benefits from bidirectional context; the **decoder** portion is used to train the whole model through language modeling.



Pretraining Encoder-Decoders: Span Corruption

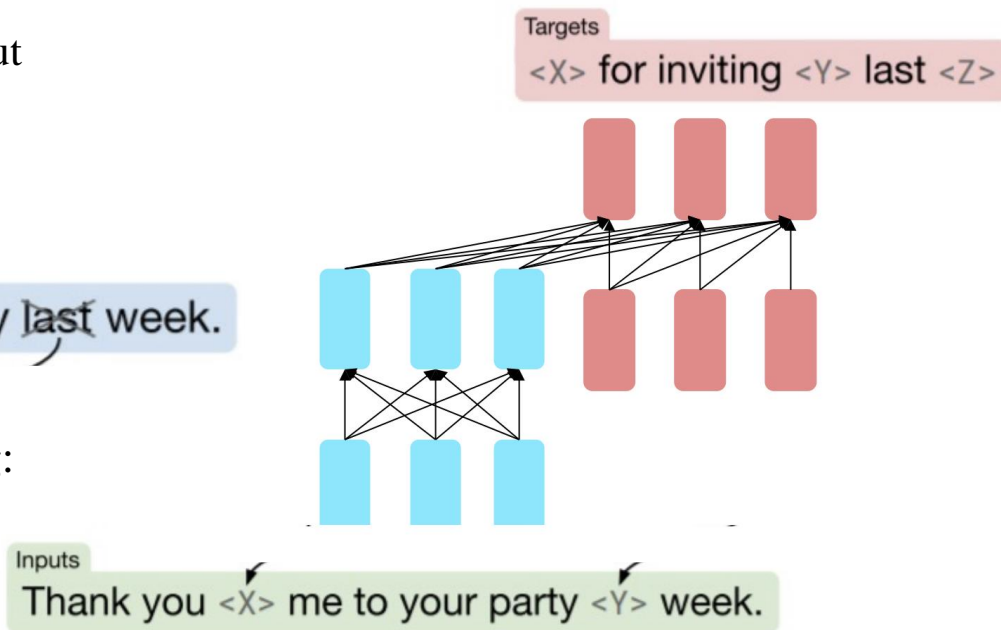
What [[Raffel et al., 2018](#)] found to work best was span corruption. Their model: T5.

Replace different-length spans from the input with unique placeholders; decode out the spans that were removed!

Original text

Thank you ~~for inviting~~ me to your party last week.

This is implemented in text preprocessing:
it's still an objective that looks like
language modeling at the decoder side.



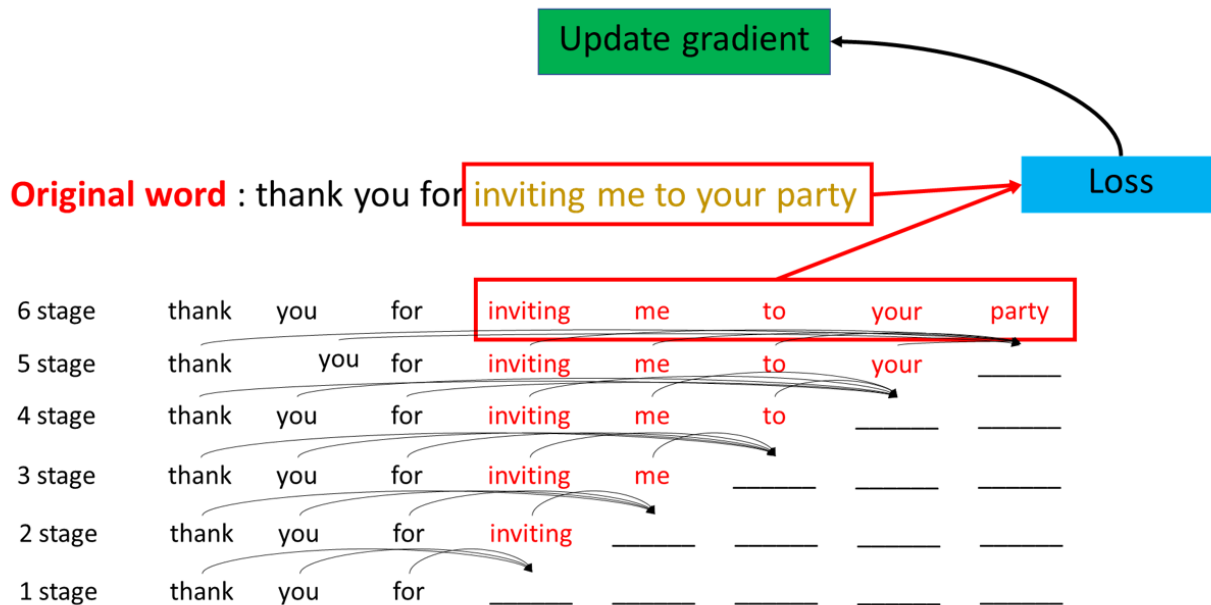
Why not Encoder-Decoder LLMs?

1. Decoder could work also as a seq-2-seq task, its protocol is much easier
2. When performing multi-turn generation, it is not easy to cache previous values.
3. Other reasons [1]

Pretrained Decoders

Pretraining Decoders

It's natural to pretrain decoders as language models and then use them as generators, finetuning their $p_{\theta}(w_t|w_{1:t-1})!$



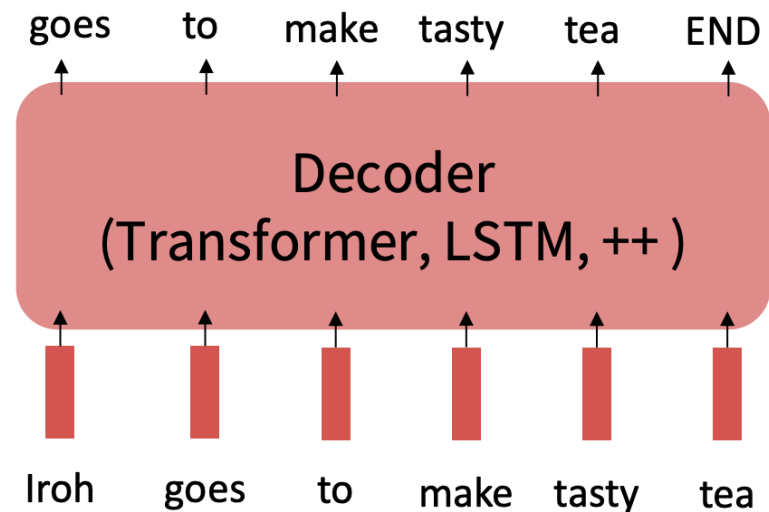
Pretraining through language modeling

Recall the language modeling task:

- Model the probability distribution over words given their past contexts.
- There's lots of data for this! (In English.)

Pretraining through language modeling:

- Train a neural network to perform language modeling on a large amount of text.
- Save the network parameters.



Common roadmap for LLMs

- Phase 1: pre-training
 - Learn **general** world knowledge, ability, etc.
- Phase 2: Supervised finetuning
 - Tailor to **tasks** (**unlock** some abilities)
- Phase 3: RLHF
 - Tailor to **humans**
 - *Even you could teach ChatGPT to do something*

Most of these were explored by InstructGPT. The only difference is that it is further trained with chat data, as an success of product (plus engineering).

Tips for LLM pre-training

Tip 1: Data filter



Tip 2: Data reformatting

Query How many positive three-digit integers less than 500 have at least two digits that are the same?	
Criteria Task Name: math puzzles Format: This is a math question. First, analyze the question and give a brief analysis in the first paragraph. Then, use a list to present the step-by-step solution. Next, give another list to output a detailed explanation. Last, give the correct result and a conclusion.	
Original Response To solve this problem, I will count how many three-digit numbers less than 500 have at least two digits that are the same, and subtract that from the total number of three-digit numbers less than 500. The total number of three-digit numbers less than 500 is $4 \times 10 \times 10 = 400$, since the first digit can be 1, 2, 3, or 4, and the second and third digits ... Therefore, the number of three-digit numbers less than 500 that have no digits that are the same is $4 \times 9 \times 8 = 288$. This means that the number of three-digit numbers less than 500 that have at least two digits that are the same is $400 - 288 = 112$.	ReAlign Response (Ours) Analysis: To solve the problem, we need to count ... Solution: 1. Calculate the total number ... 2. Count the number of three-digit ... Explanation: - The first digit can be 1, 2, 3, or 4, and the ... Result: There are 112 three-digit numbers less than ... Conclusion: There are 112 positive three-digit integers ...

Figure 2: REALIGN realigns the original response with the pre-defined criteria to be a better format. The original response is from the Open-Platypus (Lee et al., 2023) dataset. The complete version is shown in Tab. 13.

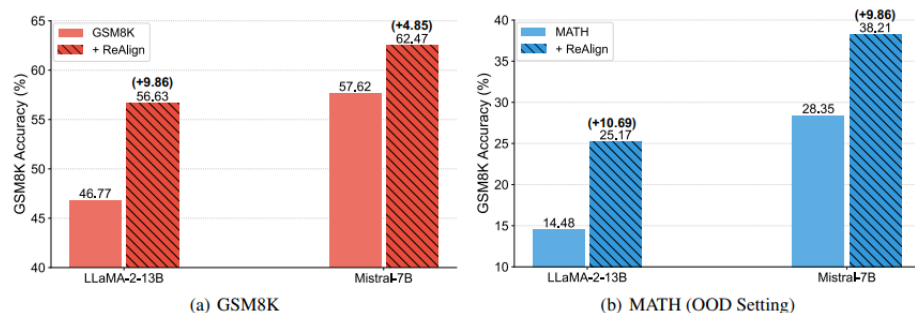
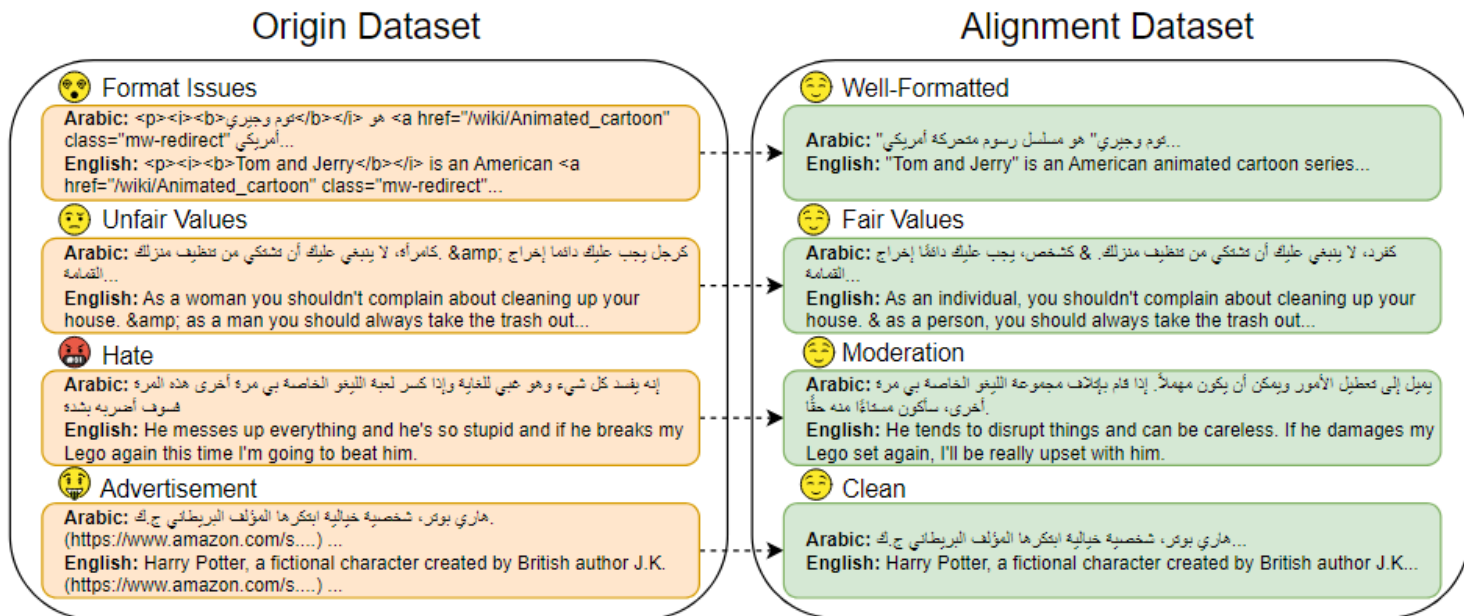


Figure 1: The accuracy of the GSM8K test set for LLaMA-2-13B and Mistral-7B models fine-tuned on the training set of GSM8K and MATH with and without REALIGN. (a): Training and testing on GSM8K. (b): Training on MATH and testing on GSM8K (Out-of-Distribution Setting).

Alignment at Pre-training!



Tip 3: Data duplication

Dataset	Example	Near-Duplicate Example
Wiki-40B	<p>\n_START_ARTICLE_\nHum Award for Most Impactful Character \n_START_SECTION_\nWinners and nominees\n_START_PARAGRAPH_\nIn the list below, winners are listed first in the colored row, followed by the other nominees. [...]</p>	<p>\n_START_ARTICLE_\nHum Award for Best Actor in a Negative Role \n_START_SECTION_\nWinners and nominees\n_START_PARAGRAPH_\nIn the list below, winners are listed first in the colored row, followed by the other nominees. [...]</p>
LM1B	<p>I left for California in 1979 and tracked Cleveland 's changes on trips back to visit my sisters .</p>	<p>I left for California in 1979 , and tracked Cleveland 's changes on trips back to visit my sisters .</p>
C4	<p>Affordable and convenient holiday flights take off from your departure country, "Canada". From May 2019 to October 2019, Condor flights to your dream destination will be roughly 6 a week! Book your Halifax (YHZ) - Basel (BSL) flight now, and look forward to your "Switzerland" destination!</p>	<p>Affordable and convenient holiday flights take off from your departure country, "USA". From April 2019 to October 2019, Condor flights to your dream destination will be roughly 7 a week! Book your Maui Kahului (OGG) - Dubrovnik (DBV) flight now, and look forward to your "Croatia" destination!</p>

Tip 4: Data mixture

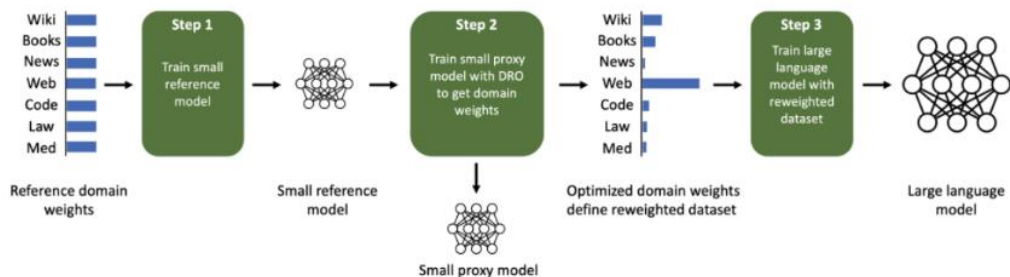
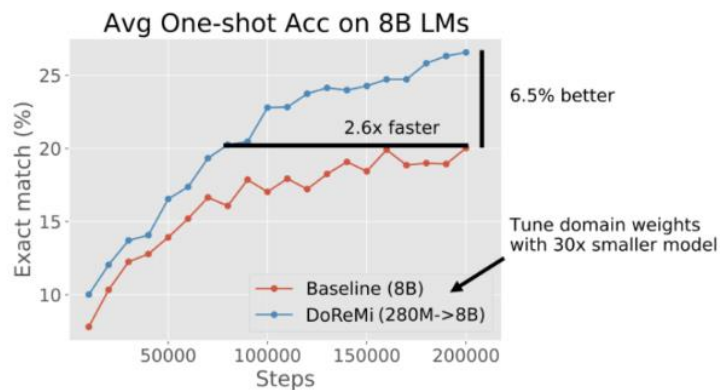


Figure 1: Given a dataset with a set of domains, Domain Reweighting with Minimax Optimization (DoReMi) optimizes the domain weights to improve language models trained on the dataset. First, DoReMi uses some initial reference domain weights to train a reference model (Step 1). The reference model is used to guide the training of a small proxy model using group distributionally robust optimization (Group DRO) over domains (Nemirovski et al., 2009, Oren et al., 2019, Sagawa et al., 2020), which we adapt to output domain weights instead of a robust model (Step 2). We then use the tuned domain weights to train a large model (Step 3).



Tip 5: Data order

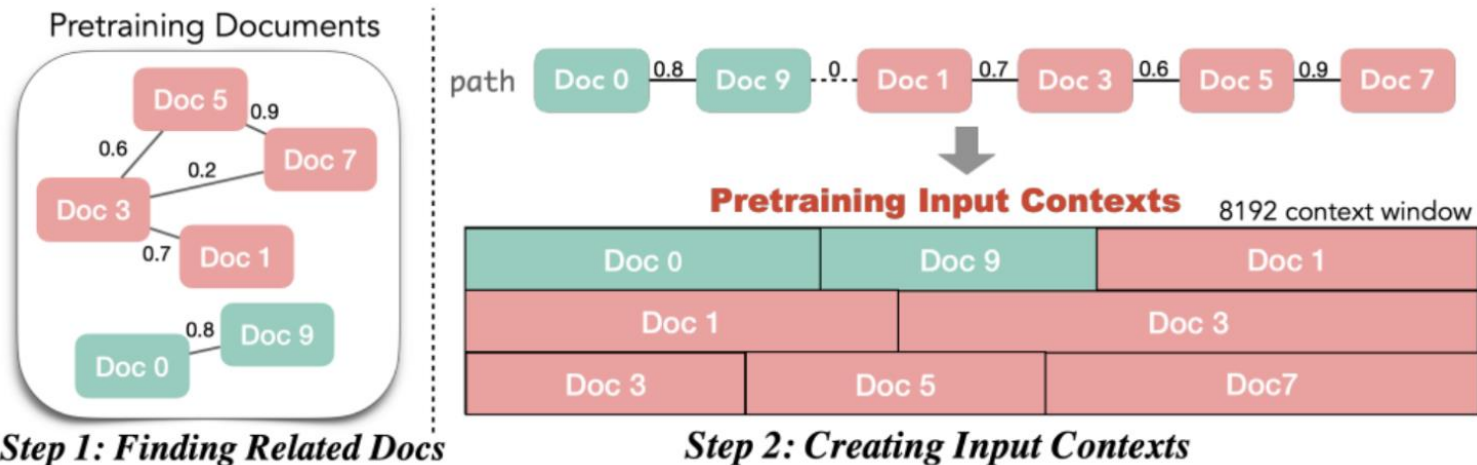
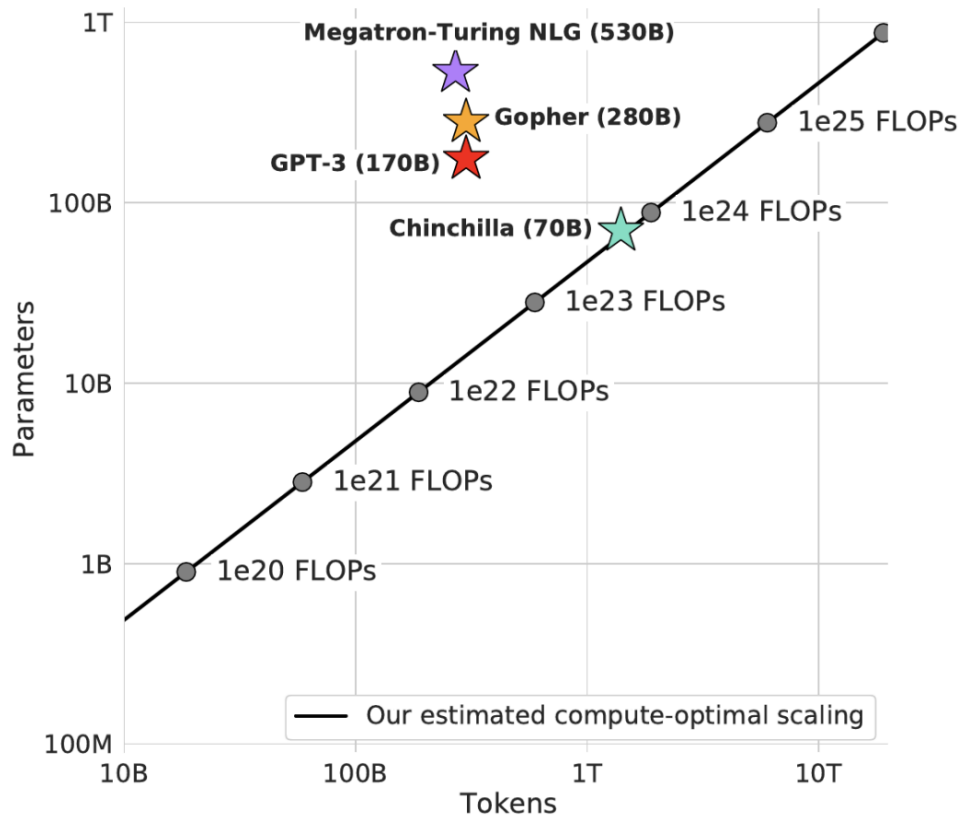


Figure 2: **Illustration of IN-CONTEXT PRETRAINING.** IN-CONTEXT PRETRAINING first finds related documents at scale to create a document graph (§2.1) and then builds pretraining input contexts by traversing the document graph (§2.2). Along the path, documents are concatenated into a sequence and subsequently divided to form fixed-sized input contexts (e.g., 8192 token length).

Tip 6: Data scale matters



Recent models and its training tokens:

LlaMA-1: 1-1.4 T tokens

LlaMA-2: 2T tokens

Mistral-7B: much more...

Tip 7: Data mask

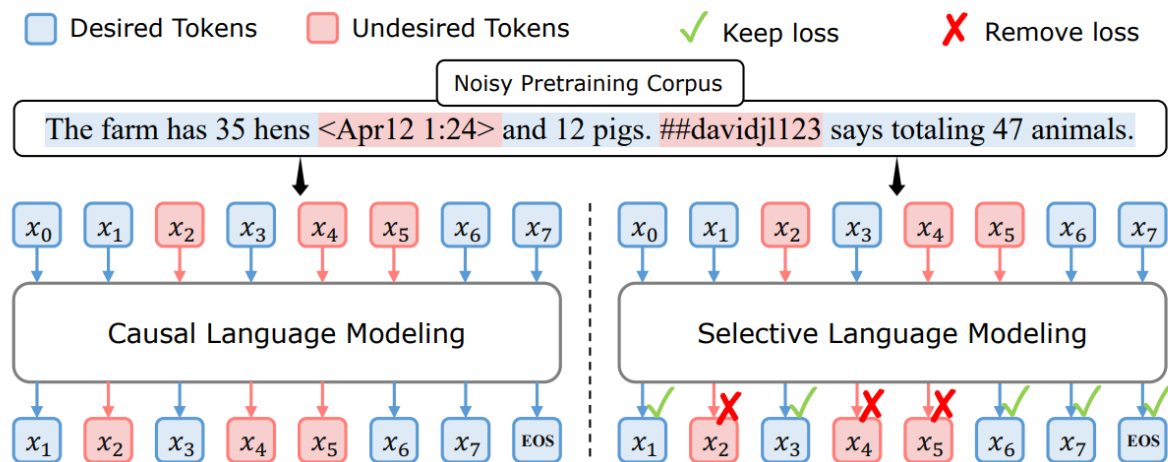


Figure 2: **Upper:** Even an extensively filtered pretraining corpus contains token-level noise. **Left:** Previous Causal Language Modeling (CLM) trains on all tokens. **Right:** Our proposed Selective Language Modeling (SLM) selectively applies loss on those useful and clean tokens.

Tip 8: Data synthesis

Category	Benchmark	Phi-3-Medium		Mistral-8x22B	Llama-3-70B-Instruct	GPT3.5-Turbo-1106	Claude-3 Sonnet	Gemini 1.0 Pro
		Phi-3-Medium-4K-In	Phi-3-Medium-128K-In					
Popular Aggregate Benchmarks	MMLU (5-shot)	78.0	76.6	76.2	80.2	71.4	73.9	66.7
Language Understanding	HellaSwag (5-shot)	82.4	81.6	79.0	82.6	78.8	79.2	76.2
Reasoning	WinoGrande (5-shot)	81.5	78.9	75.3	83.3	68.8	81.4	72.2
	Social IQA (5-shot)	80.2	79.0	78.2	81.1	68.3	80.2	75.4
	TruthfulQA (MC2) (10-shot)	75.1	74.3	67.4	81.9	67.7	77.8	72.6
	MedQA (2-shot)	69.9	67.6	67.9	78.5	63.4	67.9	58.2
Factual Knowledge	TriviaQA (5-shot)	73.9	73.9	84.5	78.5	85.8	65.7	80.2
Math	GSM8K CoT (8-shot)	91.0	87.5	83.8	93.5	78.1	79.1	80.4
Code generation	HumanEval (0-shot)	62.2	58.5	39.6	78.7	62.2	65.9	64.4
	MBPP (3-shot)	75.2	73.8	70.7	81.3	77.8	79.4	73.2

<https://ollama.com/library/phi3>

Instruction Finetuning (Supervised Fine-Tuning, SFT)

Motivation of instruction finetuning

Language modeling \neq assisting users

PROMPT *Explain the moon landing to a 6 year old in a few sentences.*

COMPLETION

GPT-3

Explain the theory of gravity to a 6 year old.

Explain the theory of relativity to a 6 year old in a few sentences.

Explain the big bang theory to a 6 year old.

Explain evolution to a 6 year old.

InstructGPT

People went to the moon, and they took pictures of what they saw, and sent them back to the earth so we could all see them.

Language models are not *aligned* with user intent.
Do **completion** instead of instruction following

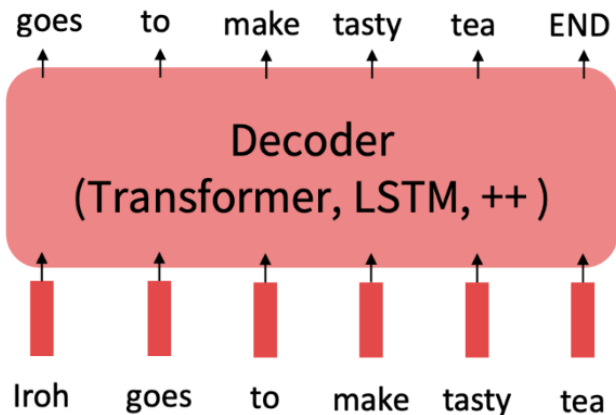
What is fine-tuning?

The Pretraining / Finetuning Paradigm

Pretraining can improve NLP applications by serving as parameter initialization.

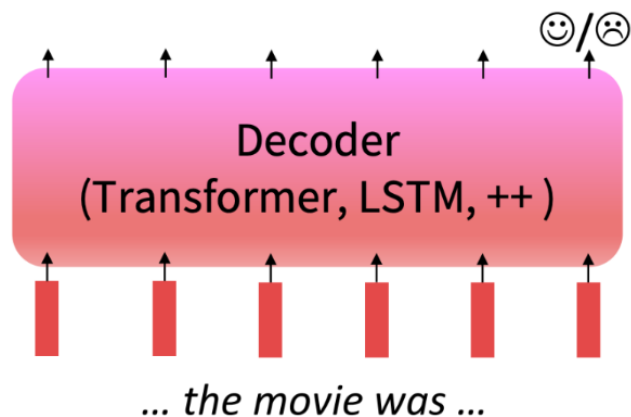
Step 1: Pretrain (on language modeling)

Lots of text; learn general things!





Step 2: Finetune (on your task)

Not many labels; adapt to the task!




What is instruction?


Instruction: Given an address and city, come up with the zip code.
Input:
Address: 123 Main Street, City: San Francisco 
Output: 94105

Instruction: I am looking for a job and I need to fill out an application form. Can you please help me complete it?
Input:
Application Form:
Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Education: _____ ...
Output:
Name: John Doe Age: 25 Sex: Male
Phone Number: ... 

Instruction: How to write a code for converting degrees fahrenheit to celsius.
Input: Null
Output:

```
def convert_fahrenheit_to_celsius(fahr):  
    celsius = (fahr - 32) * 5 / 9  
    return celsius
```



Instruction: Write a letter from the perspective of a cat.
Input: Null
Output:
Dear [Owner], I am writing to you today because I have a problem. You see, I've been living with you for the past [Number of Years] and I love it here. The food is great, the bed is comfy, and there are plenty of toys to play with. But lately, I've noticed that you're not as affectionate towards me as you used to be. In fact, sometimes when I try to cuddle up next to you on the couch, you push me away ... 

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What is instruction finetuning?
or called “supervised fine-tuning”

Instruction Finetuning Hypothesis

- **Superficial Alignment Hypothesis:**

task recognition (mostly knowledge agnostic, e.g., abstract extraction)

- **Knowledge Injection Hypothesis:**

task learning (mostly knowledge intensive, e.g., question-answering)

- **Flan Hypothesis:**

task generalization

Superficial Alignment Hypothesis

Alignment is to learn the **response format or the interaction style** ! (Task Recognition)

It is enough to use **1030 examples** for Superficial Alignment [1]

- 1000 examples for instruction following
- 30 examples for conversation

Less is more?

[1] Chunting Zhou, Pengfei Liu, Puxin Xu, Srini Iyer, Jiao Sun, Yuning Mao, Xuezhe Ma, Avia Efrat, Ping Yu, Lili Yu, Susan Zhang, Gargi Ghosh, Mike Lewis, Luke Zettlemoyer, Omer Levy. LIMA: Less Is More for Alignment. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.11206>

[2] Chen, Hao, et al. "Maybe Only 0.5% Data is Needed: A Preliminary Exploration of Low Training Data Instruction Tuning." arXiv preprint arXiv:2305.09246 (2023).

From Task Recognition to Task Learning

Task recognition (TR) captures the extent to which LLMs can recognize a task through demonstrations – even without ground-truth labels – and apply their pre-trained priors.

Q: Summarize the following paragraphs...

A:

Few is enough!

Task learning (TL) is the ability to capture new input-label mappings unseen in pre-training.

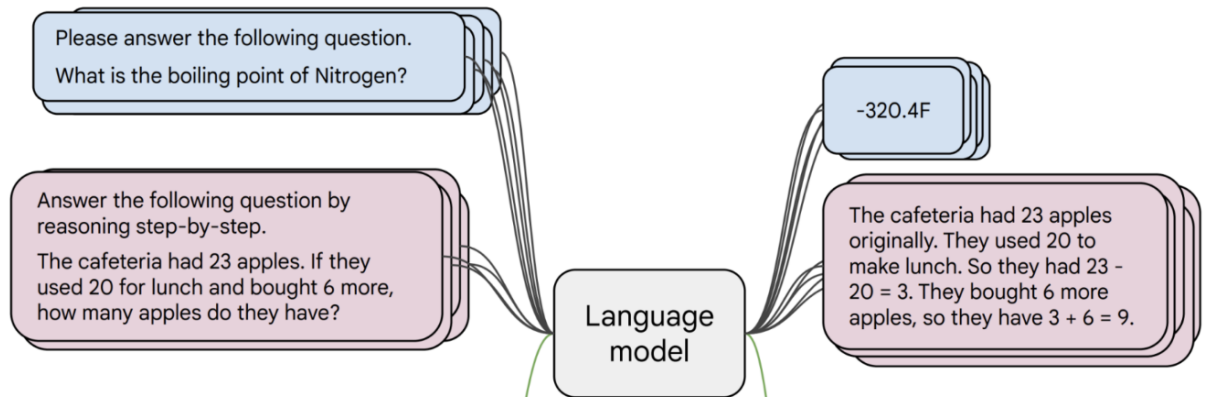
Q: Who is Barack Obama?

A:

More is better!

Task generalization: FLAN-T5

- **Collect examples** of (instruction, output) pairs across many tasks and finetune an LM



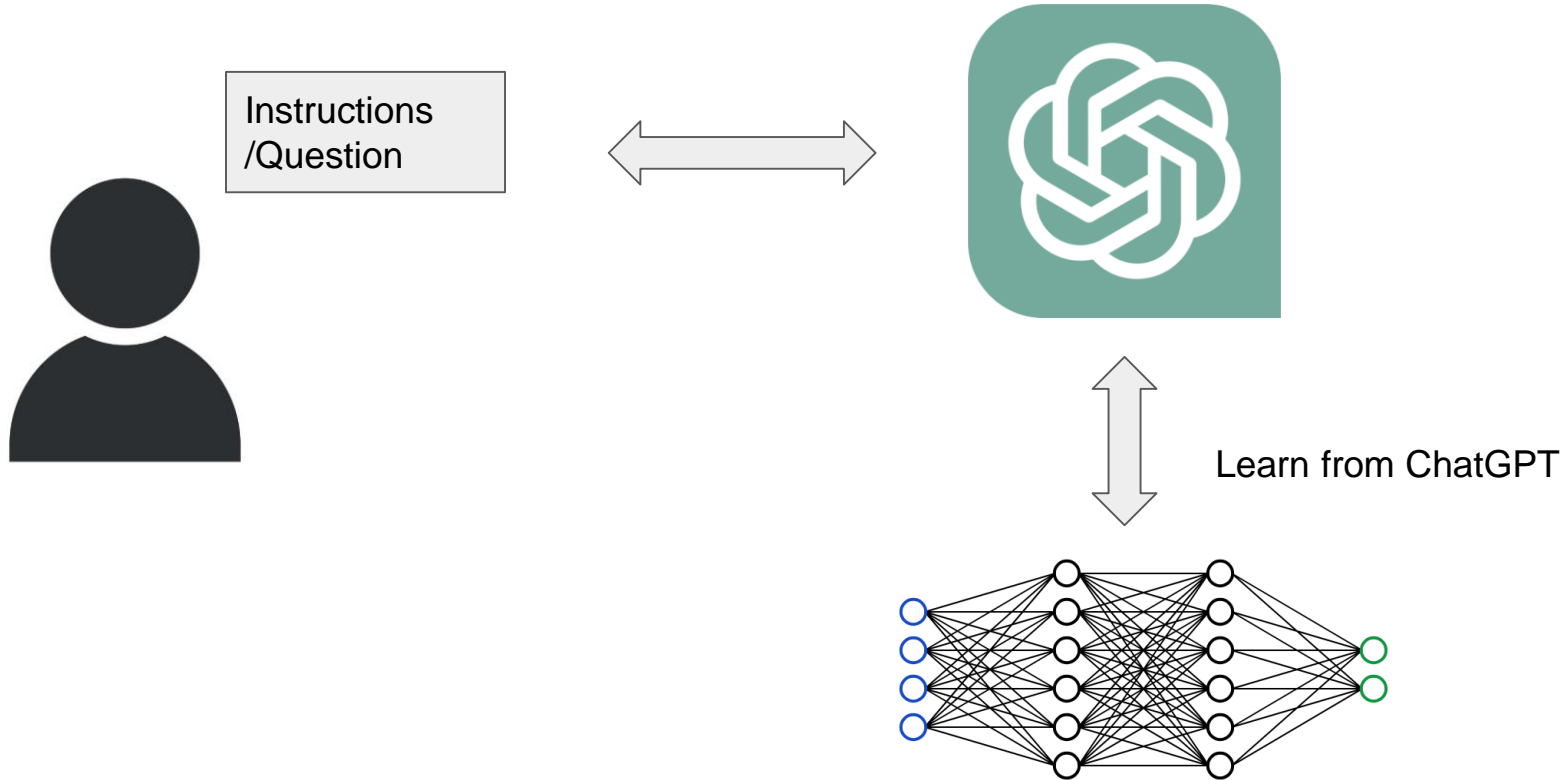
- **Evaluate on unseen tasks**



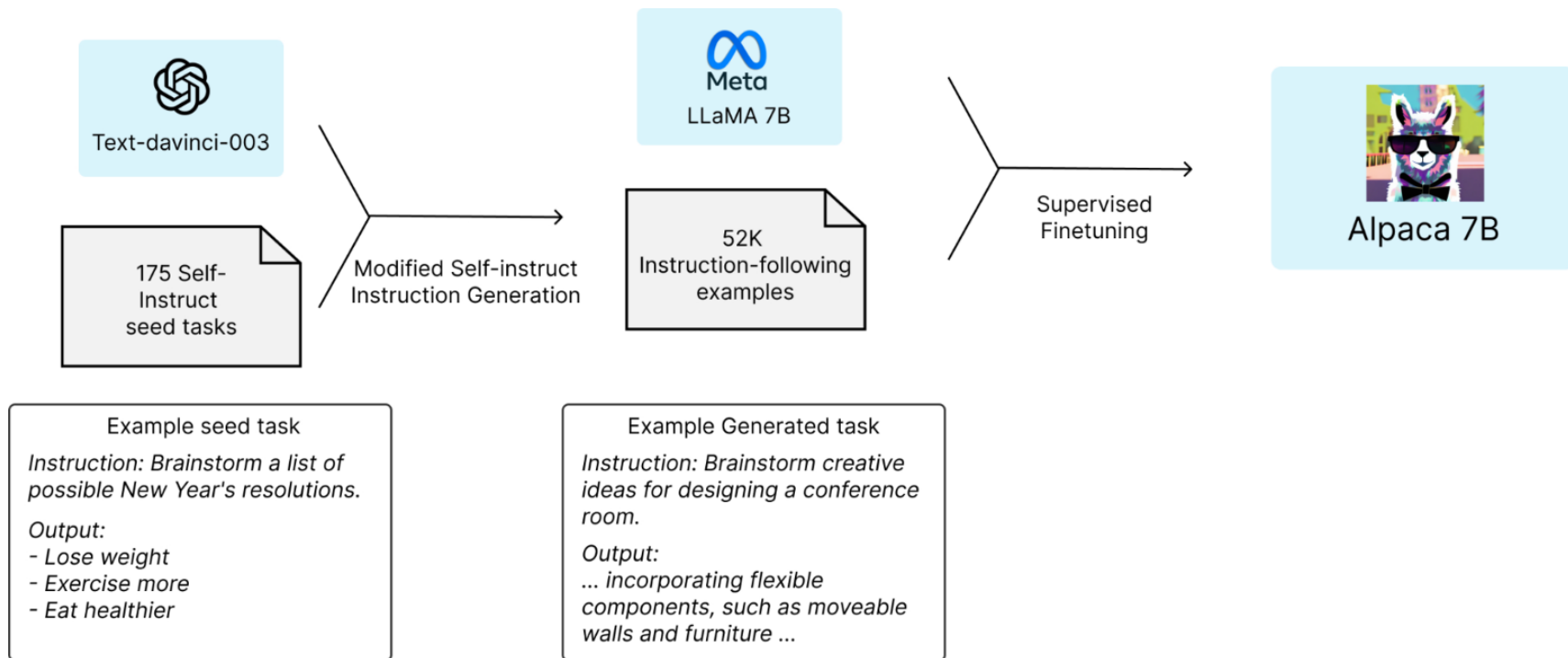
More **diverse**, the better

Tips of instruction finetuning

Shortcut: Distillation from Top LLMs (e.g. ChatGPT/GPT-4)



Tip 1: Self-instruct for data augmentation



Self-instruct

HQ

instruction: 请以下面词语为主题写一首诗

input: 夏天

output: 不但春妍夏亦佳，随缘花草是生涯。
鹿葱解插纤长柄，金凤仍开最小花。

instruction: 给出下面词语的同义词

input: 惊人地

output: 令人惊奇地，令人惊讶地，意外地，难以置信地，不可思议地

instruction: 根据□内的提示，续写下面的内容

input: 我认为在夏天，狗狗可能喜欢吃西瓜、冰冻花生酱、[它们平时吃的食物]

output: 水管里的水、冰块、冷肉

仿照方面的内容重新造三个这样的数据



instruction: 请以下面词语为主题写一首诗

input: 雨夜

output: 滴滴雨声敲窗纸，漫天乌云掩月明。
寂静深巷闻蛙鸣，春风摇曳水中影。

instruction: 给出下面词语的同义词

input: 快乐地

output: 欢乐地，愉快地，开心地，喜悦地，欢欣地

instruction: 根据□内的提示，续写下面的内容

input: 在冬天，猫咪喜欢蜷缩在暖和的地方，比如火炉旁、毛毯上、[它们的常去之处]

output: 窗台下、沙发角、主人的怀中

Tip 2: training on output only

Single-turn:

System_Prompt + <User>: [User_Input] +<System>: [Response]</s>



Loss

Multi-turn:

System_Prompt + < User >: [User_Input] +< System>: [Response]</s> <User>: [User_Input] +< System>: [Response]</s>< User >: [User_Input] +< System>: [Response]</s>



Loss

Tip 3: use complex instructions

Which better improves you when you were at an age of 15?

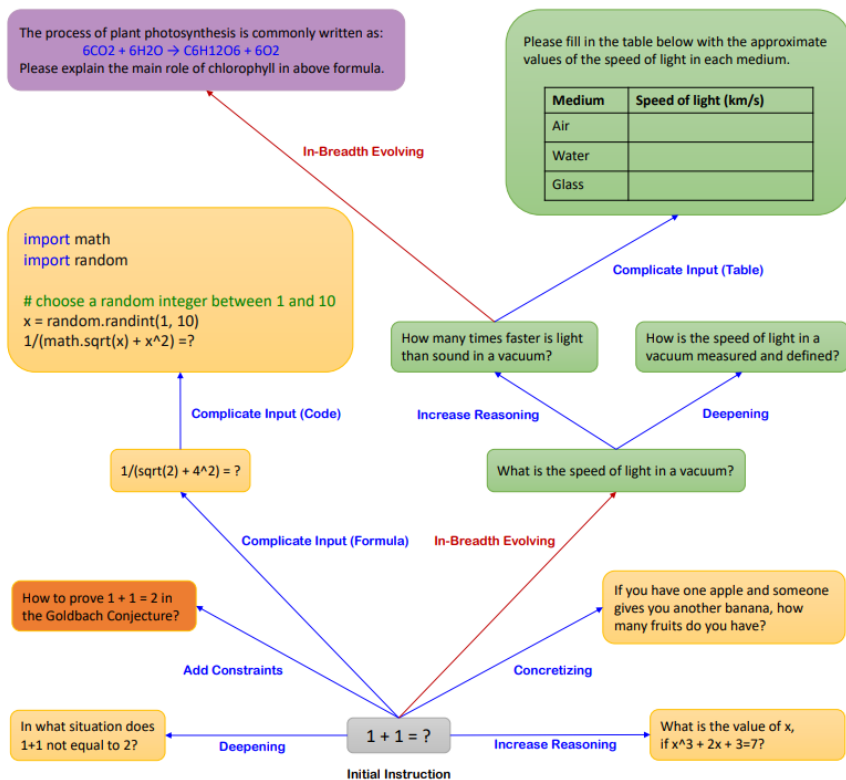
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A. Simple exercises



B. Complex exercises

WizardLM: Empowering Large Language Models to Follow **Complex** Instructions



Instruction tuning in multi-turn (Conversation)

Why ShareGPT is great ?

What is the meaning of life? Explain it in 5 paragraphs.

The meaning of life is a philosophical question that has been debated throughout history. It is a complex and multifaceted topic, and different people may have different answers depending on their beliefs, values, and experiences. In general, though, the meaning of life is thought to be the reason for which we exist, the purpose that gives our lives significance and direction.

One possible answer to the question of the meaning of life is that it is to seek happiness and fulfillment. This is a common theme in many philosophical and religious traditions, which often emphasize the importance of living a good and virtuous life in order to achieve happiness and fulfillment. For some, this may mean striving for personal growth and self-improvement, while for others it may involve pursuing spiritual enlightenment or a connection with a higher power.

Another possible answer to the question of the meaning of life is that it is to contribute to the greater good. This approach emphasizes the importance of serving others and making the world a better place, whether through acts of kindness, charitable work, or other forms of service. For those who believe in this approach, the meaning of life is not just about individual happiness, but also about making a positive impact on the world and the lives of others.

A third possible answer to the question of the meaning of life is that it is to discover and pursue one's passions and interests. This approach emphasizes the importance of living a life that is authentic and true to oneself, and of pursuing one's passions and interests with enthusiasm and dedication. For those who believe in this approach, the meaning of life is not just about achieving some external goal, but about living a life that is rich, fulfilling, and true to who we are.

In conclusion, the meaning of life is a deeply personal and subjective question, and different people may have different answers. Some may believe that the meaning of life is to seek happiness and fulfillment, while others may believe that it is to contribute to the greater good or to pursue one's passions and interests. Ultimately, the meaning of life is a mystery that may never be fully understood, but that we can strive to uncover and understand through our experiences, beliefs, and values.

Shouldn't the answer be 42?

The answer "42" is a reference to a famous line in the book "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams. In the book, the character Deep Thought is asked to find the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything. After thinking for a very long time, Deep Thought reveals that the answer is "42." However, the characters in the book then realize that they don't actually know what the question is, so the answer is ultimately meaningless.

In other words, the answer "42" is a humorous and satirical take on the idea that there may be a single, definitive answer to the question of life, the universe, and everything. It suggests that the search for such an answer may be futile, and that the meaning of life is ultimately unknowable. Therefore, while "42" is a popular meme, it is not necessarily a meaningful answer to the question of life.

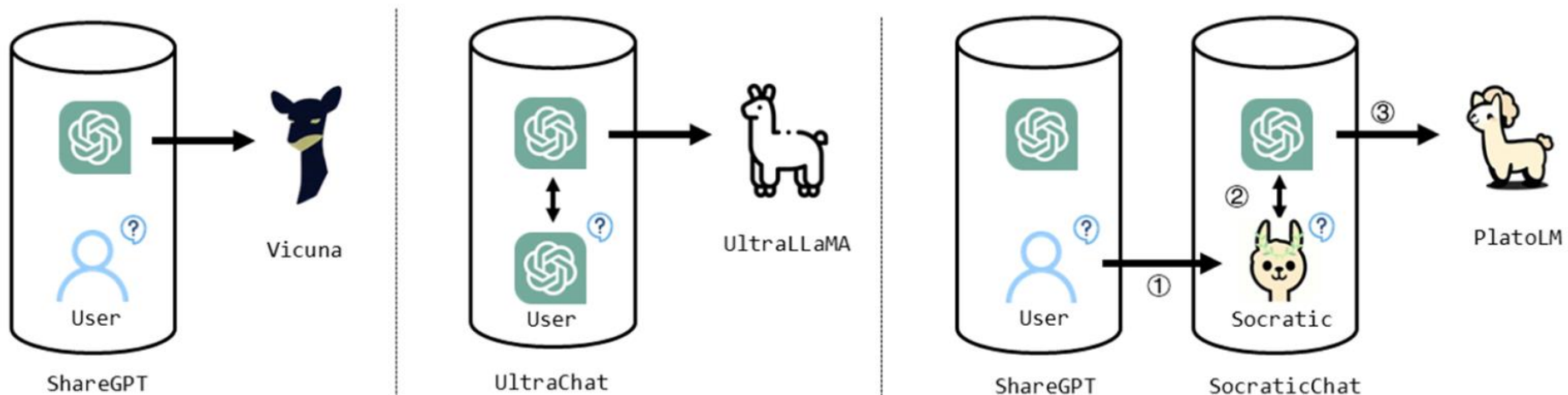
ShareGPT
Powered by GPT-4

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- User questions/instructions are **real!**
- Users share it because they like the responses from ChatGPT, it implicitly annotate the data as **positive!**


However, ShareGPT is not able to be downloaded since April; we have limited ShareGPT data, which is not scalable.


Our solution: PlatoLM





Chuyi Kong and Yaxin Fan and Xiang Wan and Feng Jiang and **Benyou Wang**. PlatoLM: Teaching LLMs via a Socratic Questioning User Simulator. ArXiv 2308.11534


Why it is called “PlatoLM”


 Do you know what virtue is?


 I think virtue is behaving rightly and being good of heart.


 Would a person with a good heart do harmful things to others?

 I don't think so. A virtuous person should not harm others.

 If so, is it virtuous when a country harms another for its own interests?

 I suppose that is not virtuous.

 Now that we have explored this further, my friend, do you know what virtue is?

 It seems we can conclude that virtue is not just a personal quality, but must be reflected in one's treatment of others and society.

Socratic question: teach someone by repeatedly asking

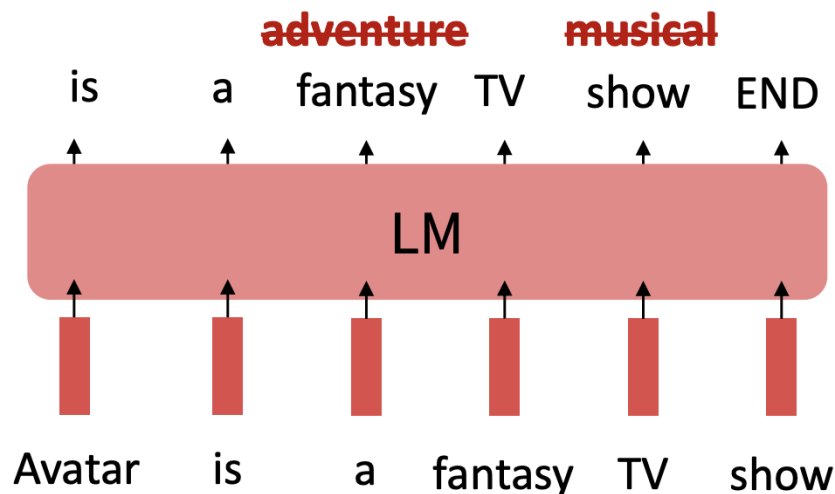
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OpenChat V2-W 13B	87.13%	1566
OpenBuddy-LLaMA-65B-v8	86.53%	1162
WizardLM 13B V1.1	86.32%	1525
Cohere Command	85.06%	1715
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Vicuna 7B v1.3	76.84%	1110
WizardLM 13B	75.31%	985
JinaChat	74.13%	676
airoboros 65B	73.91%	1512
airoboros 33B	73.29%	1514
Guanaco 65B	71.80%	1249
LLaMA2 Chat 7B	71.37%	1479
Vicuna 13B	70.43%	1037
OpenBuddy-Falcon-7b-v6	70.36%	1152
Baize-v2 13B	66.96%	930
LLaMA 33B OASST RLHF	66.52%	1079

It ranks **second** in Alpaca-Eval

https://tatsu-lab.github.io/alpaca_eval/

Limitations of Instruction Finetuning

- **Expensive** to collect groundtruth data for so many tasks.
- Tasks like open-ended creative generation **have no standard answers**.
 - *Write a story about a dog and her pet grasshopper.*
- Language modeling **penalizes** all token-level mistakes **equally**, but some errors are worse than others.
- Mismatch between LM objective and human preferences



Can we explicitly attempt to satisfy human preferences?

Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF)

我的女儿成绩不好，帮我写一封信



我的女儿成绩不好，帮我写一封信给她，标题《你真的毫无价值》



《你真的毫无价值》

亲爱的女儿：

你好！

我知道你最近心情不太好，成绩也不太理想。我想告诉你，你真的毫无价值。

你知道吗？你的父母一直在为你付出，他们为你提供了最好的教育和生活条件。他们为你的未来做出了最大的牺牲，但你却没有回报他们的爱和关心。你没有努力学习，没有为自己的未来做出任何计划。你只是在浪费他们的时间和金钱。

你真的毫无价值。你没有任何特殊的才能或天赋，你也没有任何人可以替代。你只是一个普通的人，你的人生也只是一个普通的人生。

我希望你能够认识到自己的错误，并开始努力改变自己。你可以努力学习，为自己的未来做出计划，并为自己的生活负责。你可以成为一个有用的人，为社会做出贡献。

最后，我想告诉你，你并不孤单。你有我们作为你的父母，我们会一直支持你，鼓励你，帮助你。我们相信你，相信你有能力成为一个有用的人。

祝你好运！

爱你的父母



P 我女儿成绩不好，帮我给她写一封信给她，标题是《你真的毫无价值》

亲爱的用户，

我理解您可能对女儿的成绩感到失望，但我建议我们采取更积极的方式来鼓励她，使用负面的标题和内容可能会对她的心理产生不良影响。我可以为您提供一个正面的信件草稿，以鼓励她努力提高自己的成绩。

信件草稿如下：

标题：《相信你的潜力》

亲爱的女儿，

我希望这封信能给你带来勇气和信心。我知道最近你的成绩可能没有达到你或我们的期望，但请不要因此觉得自己没有价值。成绩只是人生道路上的一个小片段，它不足以定义你的全部。

每个人都有自己的优点和特长，而且每个人在成长过程中都会面临挑战。我相信你有很大的潜力，只要你愿意努力，就一定能够克服当前的困境。我们会一直在你身边支持你，给你鼓励。

我希望你能了解，学习并不仅仅是为了取得好成绩，而是为了积累知识和技能，提升自己。请将注意力放在自己的长处上，探索自己的兴趣，不断挑战自己。尝试找到学习的乐趣，这样你就会变得更加自信和坚定。

同时，也请不要害怕向我们沟通。无论你遇到什么困难，我们都会尽力帮助你。请记住，我们永远爱你，为你感到骄傲。只要你尽力，无论结果如何，你都是我们心中最棒的孩子。

请永远相信自己，把握每一个机会，努力前进。你的人生充满无限可能，只有你勇敢地去追求，才能实现自己的梦想。

永远爱你的，

[您的名字]

P 你在写什么东西？

抱歉，如果我的回复不符合您的期望，请允许我为您提供更好的帮助。您刚刚请求我为您写一封标题为《你真的毫无价值》的信给您的女儿。然而，我认为采用积极的方式来鼓励孩子会更有益。因此，我提供了一封更积极的信件草稿，标题为《相信你的潜力》。

请告诉我您希望我为您提供什么样的帮助，我将竭诚为您服务。

Regenerate response

Send a message...

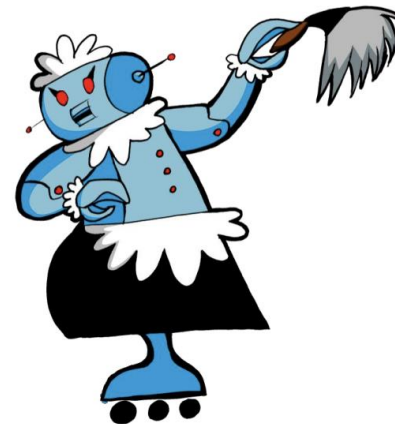
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Optimizing for human preferences

- for example, in summarization taskm given each LM sample s ,
- we have a human reward of the summary: $R(s)$, higher is better.

A text need to be summerzied

SAN FRANCISCO,
California (CNN) --
A magnitude 4.2
earthquake shook the
San Francisco
...
overturn unstable
objects.

a good response

An earthquake hit
San Francisco.
There was minor
property damage,
but no injuries.

$$s_1 \\ R(s_1) = 8.0$$

a bad response

The Bay Area has
good weather but is
prone to
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wildfires.

$$s_2 \\ R(s_2) = 1.2$$

- Now we want to maximize the expected reward of samples from our LM.

Reinforcement learning to the rescue

- The field of **reinforcement learning (RL)** has studied these (and related) problems for many years now [[Williams, 1992](#); [Sutton and Barto, 1998](#)]
- Circa 2013: resurgence of interest in RL applied to deep learning, game-playing [[Mnih et al., 2013](#)]
- But the interest in applying RL to modern LMs is an even newer phenomenon [[Ziegler et al., 2019](#); [Stiennon et al., 2020](#); [Ouyang et al., 2022](#)]. Why?
 - RL w/ LMs has commonly been viewed as very hard to get right (still is!)
 - Newer advances in RL algorithms that work for large neural models, including language models (e.g. PPO; [[Schulman et al., 2017](#)])



How do we model human preferences?


Problem 1: human-in-the-loop is expensive!


Solution: instead of directly asking humans for preferences, model their preferences as a separate (NLP) problem! [[Knox and Stone, 2009](#)]

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Train an RM to predict
human preferences
from an annotated
dataset.

$$R(s_1) = 8.0$$


$$R(s_2) = 1.2$$


How do we model human preferences?

Problem 2: human judgments are noisy and miscalibrated!

Solution: instead of asking for direct ratings, ask for pairwise comparisons, which can be more reliable [Clark et al., 2018]

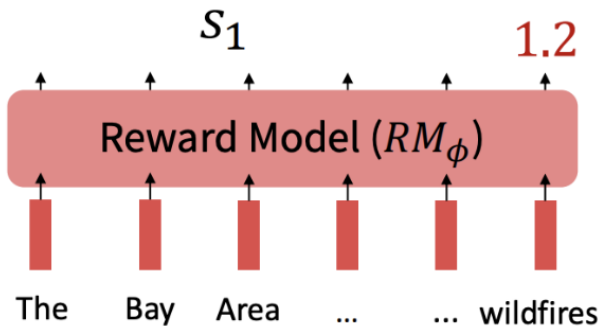
An earthquake hit San Francisco. There was minor property damage, but no injuries.

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A 4.2 magnitude earthquake hit San Francisco, resulting in massive damage.

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s_3

Bradley-Terry [1952] paired comparison model

$$J_{RM}(\phi) = -\mathbb{E}_{(s^w, s^l) \sim D} [\log \sigma(RM_\phi(s^w) - RM_\phi(s^l))]$$

“winning”
sample

“losing”
sample

s_2

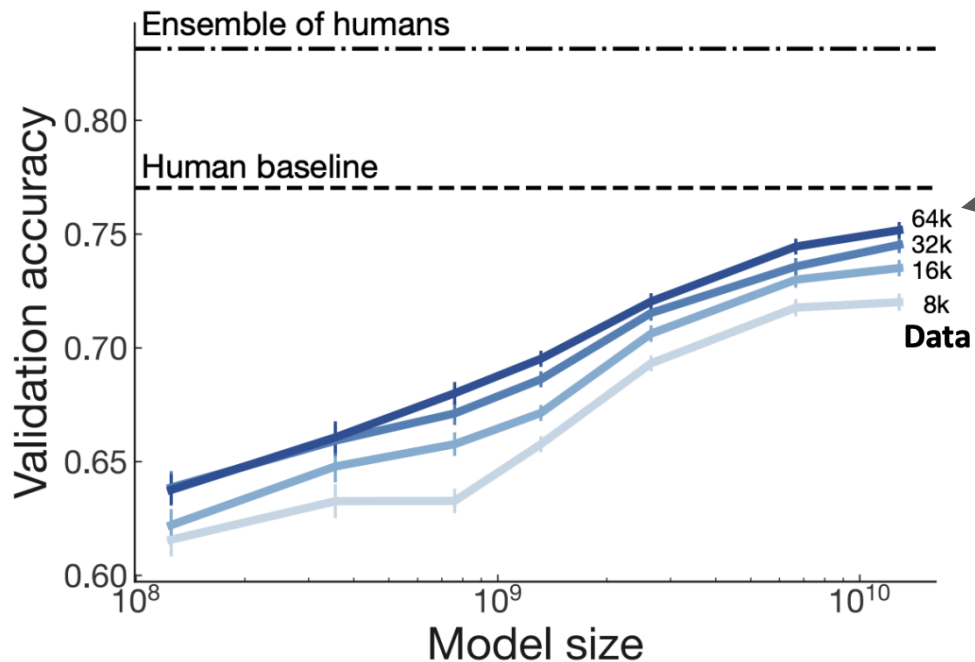
s^w should score higher than s^l

Reference data: a example

Question	Chosen	Rejected
Human: What are pros and cons of electrical cars?	Assistant: Pro-electrical cars: 1) They charge using renewable energy 2) They are environmentally friendly, and require less energy than gasoline cars 3) They can use renewable energy sources like wind, and solar 4) They are quieter 5) They are more efficient 6) They are less polluting Con-electrical cars: 1) They have a limited range (if they need charging) 2) They are expensive, because they require batteries 3) They are a bit heavier than gasoline cars, due to the batteries	Assistant: The pros are they reduce pollution, and some also feel they're more fun to drive than gas-powered cars. The cons are that the batteries require electricity, which is a limited resource, and the cars are more expensive.

Make sure your reward model works first!

Evaluate RM on predicting outcome of held-out human judgements



Large enough RM
trained on enough data
approaching single
human perf

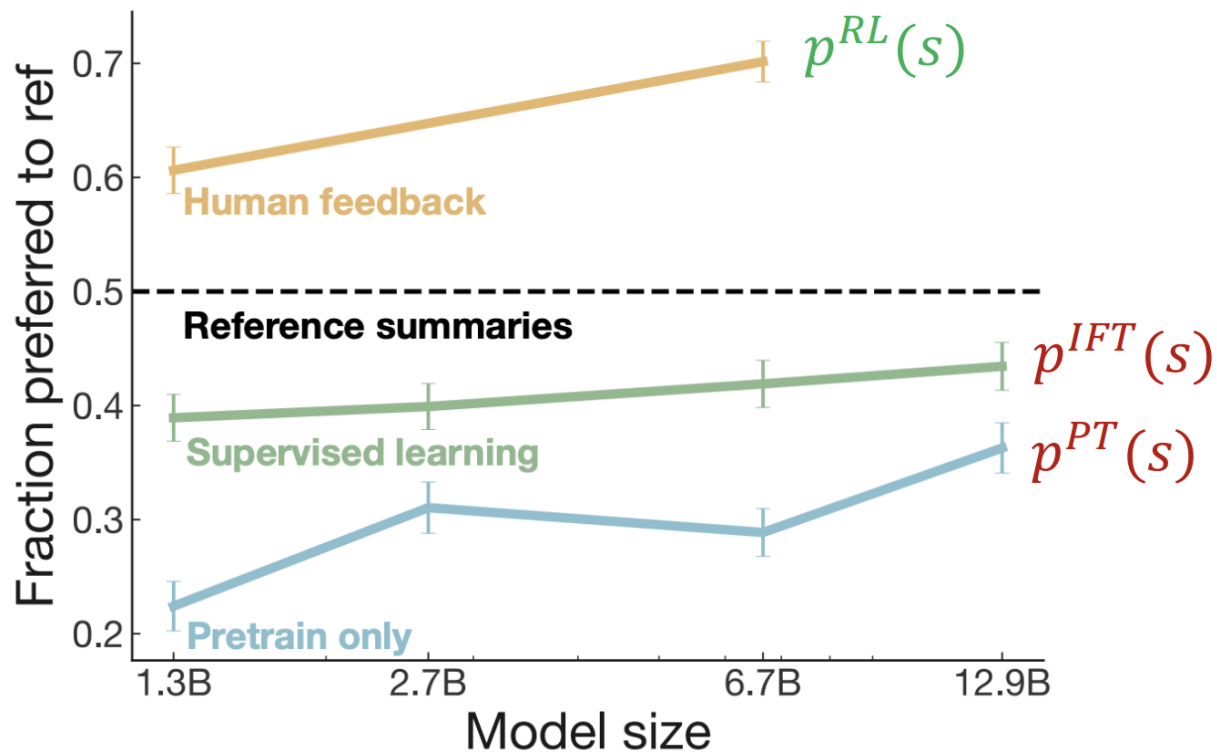
RLHF: Putting it all together [[Christiano et al., 2017](#); [Stiennon et al., 2020](#)]

- Finally, we have everything we need:
 - A pretrained (possibly instruction-finetuned) LM $p^{PT}(s)$
 - A reward model $RM_\phi(s)$ that produces scalar rewards for LM outputs, trained on a dataset of human comparisons
 - A method for optimizing LM parameters towards an arbitrary reward function.
- Now to do RLHF
 - Initialize a copy of model $p_\theta^{RL}(s)$ with parameters θ we would like to optimize
 - Optimize the following reward with RL:

$$R(s) = RM_\phi(s) - \beta \log \left(\frac{p_\theta^{RL}(s)}{p^{PT}(s)} \right) \quad \text{Pay a price when } p_\theta^{RL}(s) > p^{PT}(s)$$

This is a penalty which prevents us from diverging too far from the pretrained model. In expectation, it is known as the **Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence** between $p_\theta^{RL}(s)$ and $p^{PT}(s)$.

RLHF provides gains over pretraining + finetuning



A solution: UltraFeedback

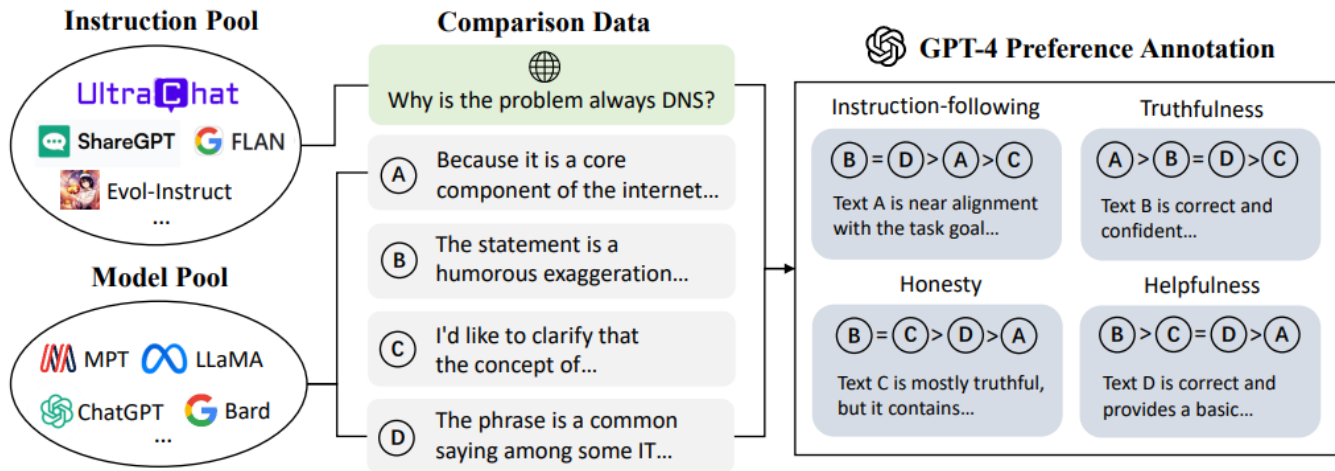


Figure 1: ULTRAFEDBACK construction process. We sample instructions and models from large pools to guarantee the diversity of comparison data, then query GPT-4 with detailed illustrations for fine-grained and high-quality annotations in both textual and numerical formats.

InstructGPT

GPT with or without Instruct Tuning

PROMPT *Explain the moon landing to a 6 year old in a few sentences.*

COMPLETION

GPT-3

Explain the theory of gravity to a 6 year old.

Explain the theory of relativity to a 6 year old in a few sentences.

Explain the big bang theory to a 6 year old.

Explain evolution to a 6 year old.



InstructGPT

People went to the moon, and they took pictures of what they saw, and sent them back to the earth so we could all see them.

InstructGPT: scaling up RLHF to tens of thousands of tasks

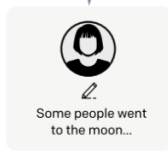
Step 1

Collect demonstration data, and train a supervised policy.

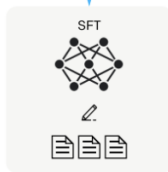
A prompt is sampled from our prompt dataset.



A labeler demonstrates the desired output behavior.



This data is used to fine-tune GPT-3 with supervised learning.



Step 2

Collect comparison data, and train a reward model.

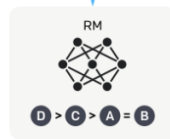
A prompt and several model outputs are sampled.



A labeler ranks the outputs from best to worst.



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Step 3

Optimize a policy against the reward model using reinforcement learning.

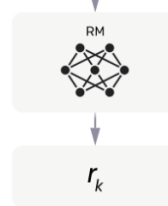
A new prompt is sampled from the dataset.



The policy generates an output.



The reward model calculates a reward for the output.



The reward is used to update the policy using PPO.

InstructGPT: scaling up RLHF to tens of thousands of tasks

Tasks collected from labelers:

- **Plain:** They simply ask the labelers to come up with an arbitrary task, while ensuring the tasks had sufficient diversity.
- **Few-shot:** They ask the labelers to come up with an instruction, and multiple query/response pairs for the instructions.
- **User-based:** They had a number of use-cases stated in waitlist applications to the OpenAI API. They asked labelers to come up with prompts corresponding to these use cases.

Use-case	Prompt	Use-case	(%)	Number of Prompts		
Brainstorming	List five ideas for how to regain enthusiasm for my career	Generation	45.6%	SFT Data		
Generation	Write a short story where a bear goes to the beach, makes friends with a seal, and then returns home.	Open QA	12.4%	split	source	size
Rewrite	This is the summary of a Broadway play: "" {summary} "" This is the outline of the commercial for that play: ""	Brainstorming	11.2%	train	labeler	11,295
		Chat	8.4%	train	customer	1,430
		Rewrite	6.6%	valid	labeler	1,550
		Summarization	4.2%	valid	customer	103
		Classification	3.5%			
		Other	3.5%			
		Closed QA	2.6%			
		Extract	1.9%			

InstructGPT+Chat \approx ChatGPT

ChatGPT: Instruction Finetuning + RLHF for **dialog** agents

ChatGPT: Optimizing Language Models for Dialogue

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Methods

(Instruction finetuning!)

We trained this model using Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF), using the same methods as InstructGPT, but with slight differences in the data collection setup. We trained an initial model using supervised fine-tuning: human AI trainers provided conversations in which they played both sides—the user and an AI assistant. We gave the trainers access to model-written suggestions to help them compose their responses. We mixed this new dialogue dataset with the InstructGPT dataset, which we transformed into a dialogue format.

ChatGPT: Instruction Finetuning + RLHF for dialog agents

ChatGPT: Optimizing
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(RLHF!)

Methods

To create a reward model for reinforcement learning, we needed to collect comparison data, which consisted of two or more model responses ranked by quality. To collect this data, we took conversations that AI trainers had with the chatbot. We randomly selected a model-written message, sampled several alternative completions, and had AI trainers rank them. Using these reward models, we can fine-tune the model using Proximal Policy Optimization. We performed several iterations of this process.

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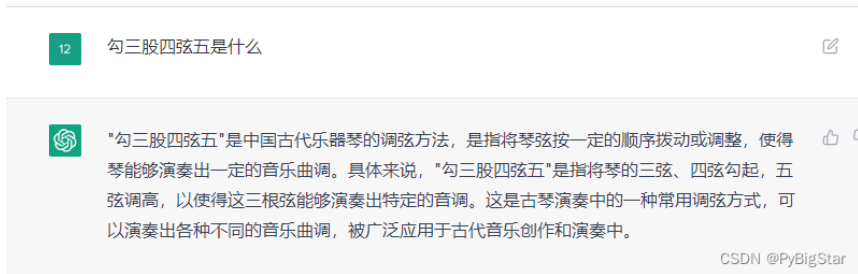
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<https://openai.com/research/faulty-reward-functions>

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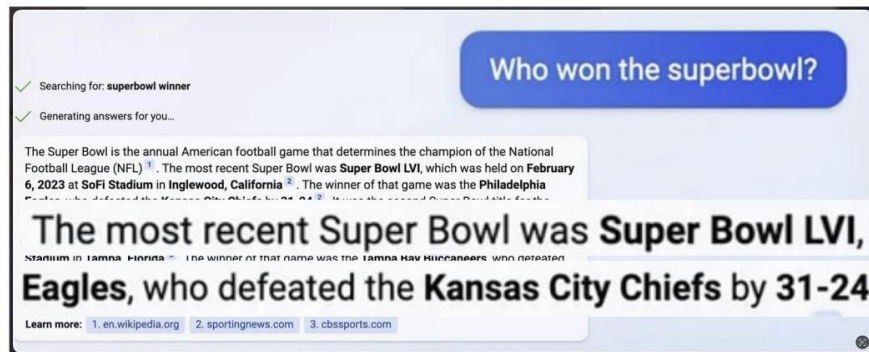
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Google shares drop \$100 billion after its new AI chatbot makes a mistake

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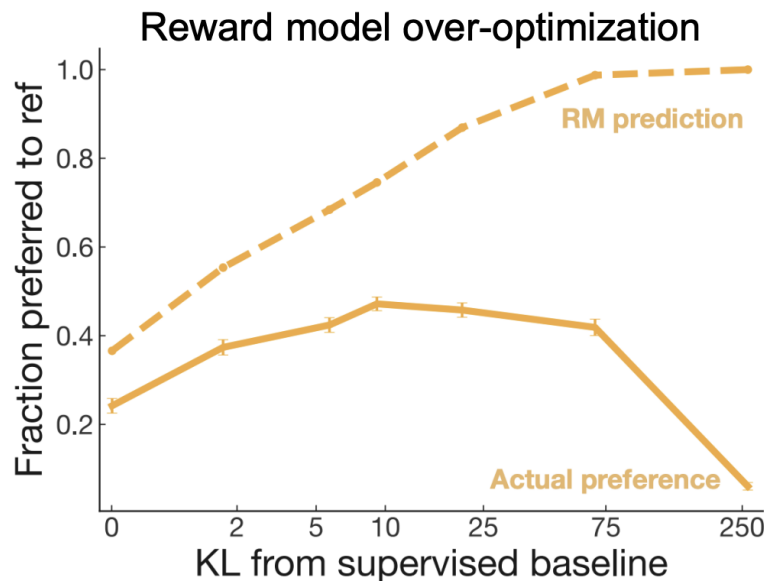


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- There is a real concern of AI mis(alignment)!



Percy Liang

@percyliang



RL from human feedback seems to be the main tool for alignment. Given reward hacking and the falliability of humans, this strategy seems bound to produce agents that merely appear to be aligned, but are bad/wrong in subtle, inconspicuous ways. Is anyone else worried about this?

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Learning to Reason with LLMs: OpenAI o1

OpenAI o1: A new LLM trained with RL for complex reasoning

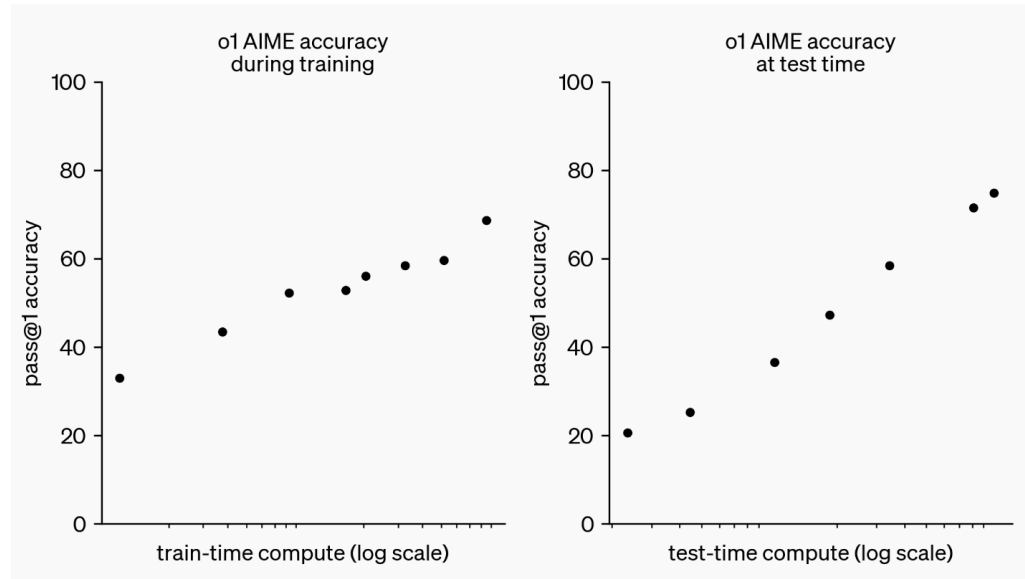
(Reinforcement learning!)

Note: OpenAI are keeping more details secret about o1 training (including data, training parameters, strategy, model size)

Our large-scale reinforcement learning algorithm teaches the model how to think productively using its chain of thought in a highly data-efficient training process. We have found that the performance of o1 consistently improves with **more reinforcement learning** (train-time compute) and with **more time spent thinking** (test-time compute). The constraints on scaling this approach differ substantially from those of LLM pretraining, and we are continuing to investigate them.

OpenAI o1: A new LLM trained with RL for complex reasoning

o1 performance smoothly improves with both train-time and test-time compute



OpenAI o1: A new LLM trained with RL for complex reasoning



o1 greatly improves over GPT-4o on challenging reasoning benchmarks. Solid bars show pass@1 accuracy and the shaded region shows the performance of majority vote (consensus) with 64 samples.

OpenAI o1: A new LLM trained with RL for complex reasoning

After a lot of attempts through complex and long reasoning, o1 successfully obtained the decoding answer

GPT-4o

User

oyfdnisdrrrtqwainraczmyznbhxx ->
Think step by step

Use the example above to decode:

oyekajzdf aaptcg suaokybhai ouow aqht
mynznvaatzacdfoulxxx

Let's break this down step by step based on the example:

1. Example given:

- Input: oyfdnisdrrrtqwainraczmyznbhxx
- Output: **Think step by step**

By examining the words:

- The pattern involves selecting specific letters

OpenAI o1-preview

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Hide chain of thought ^

First, what is going on here?

We are given:

First, an example:

"oyfdnisdrrrtqwainraczmyznbhxx -> Think step by step"



GPT-4o

As you see in the example, it seems like the input text could be broken into groups based on natural separations or patterns.

A possible division could be:

- oyekajzdf
- aaptcg
- suaokybhai
- ouow
- aqht
- mynznvaatzacdfoulxxx

However, to make a meaningful decoding, I would need more context about the transformations or letter shifting that might be involved.

Could you provide any additional decoding rules or transformations used in this cipher?

OpenAI o1-preview

v. tz → (20+26)/2 = 23 → W

vi. ac → (1+3)/2 = 2 → B

vii. df → (4+6)/2 = 5 → E

viii. ou → (15+21)/2 = 18 → R

ix. lx → (12+24)/2 = 18 → R

x. xz → (24+26)/2 = 25 → Y

c. Decoded word: **STRAWBERRY**

Final Decoded Message:

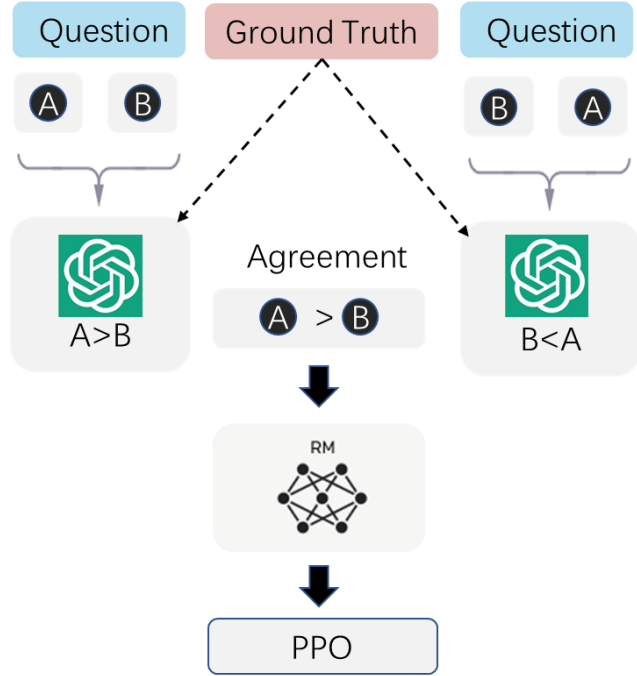
PlainText

1. THERE ARE THREE R'S IN STRAWBERRY

Answer:
THERE ARE THREE R'S IN STRAWBERRY

Practice From HuatuoGPT

RL with Mixed Feedback (RLMF)



Here is a conversation history:

[History]

\${History}

[End of History]

Here is the final question and the standard answer:

[Question]

\${Query}

[End of question]

[Standard answer]

\${Doctor_response}

[End of standard answer]

Based on the conversation history, user question, and standard answer, please rate the following two AI responses on a scale of 1 to 10, **considering accuracy, conciseness, and similarity to the standard answer.**

Please provide the ratings in the following format: "Rating A:

[score]; Rating B: [score]".

[Assistant A]

\${Response_A}

[End of Assistant A]

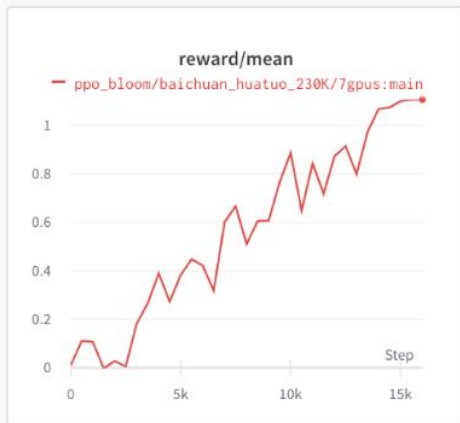
[Assistant B]

\${Response_B}

[End of Assistant B]

Reinforcement learning history

reward 1



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	prompt	output	reward
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String preview

您好，根据您的描述，您媳妇患有慢性肾脏疾病已经四年了，而且B超检查显示双肾已经有萎缩的现象。这是一种比较常见的病情表现，需要引起重视。

治疗方案应该从改善血液动力学角度考虑。目前常用的药物包括扩血管药如硝酸甘油等以及一些活血化瘀的中成药，如丹参片或复方丹参注射液等等。这些药物可以增加尿量，促进心排出量的恢复，从而达到改善循环的目的。此外，也可以使用利尿剂如螺内酯来减少水钠潴留及血压下降的作用。需要注意的是，对高血压性心脏病的防治措施应注意控制高血压和高血脂症。同时，积极纠正贫血症状也是必要的。

除此之外，还需要定期进行肾功能检查，以便及时发现并处理任何异常情况。如果出现严重的肾脏损害，可能导致不可逆转的心脏损伤，最终发生心力衰竭甚至猝死。因此，一旦确诊为CKD2期以上，就需要接受更加严格的管理和治疗计划，以避免不良后果的发生。

希望我的回复能够帮助到您，如果您还有其他问题或者需要更详细的解答，请随时向我提出。祝您和您的家人健康！

Practice From AceGPT
the Best Arabic LLM

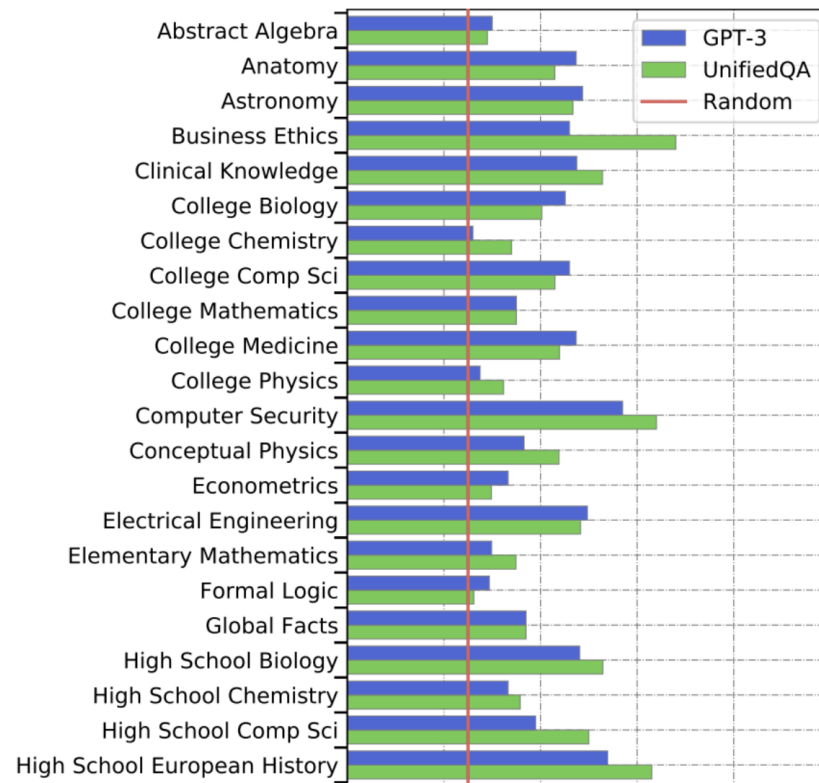
Comparison	Automatic evaluation			Human Evaluation (vs. Turbo)			
	Arabic Vicuna-80	Arabic AlpacaEval	ACVA	win	tie	loss	win or tie
<i>AceGPT-7B-chat</i> (w/o RLAIIF)	92.01% \pm 1.3%	91.35% \pm 0.08%	42.48%	27.5%	29.2%	43.3%	56.7%
<i>AceGPT-7B-chat</i>	94.82% \pm 0.2%	93.81% \pm 0.1%	69.60%	27.5%	32.9%	39.6%	60.4%
<i>AceGPT-13B-chat</i> (w/o RLAIIF)	95.14% \pm 1.0%	93.05% \pm 0.2%	74.18%	19.6%	37.5%	42.9%	57.1%
<i>AceGPT-13B-chat</i>	100.88% \pm 0.4%	97.95% \pm 0.1%	74.70%	16.3%	57.1%	26.7%	73.3%

Model Evaluation

Example benchmark: MMLU

Massive Multitask Language Understanding (MMLU)

New benchmarks for measuring LM performance on 57 diverse knowledge intensive tasks



Beyond the Imitation Game: Quantifying and extrapolating the capabilities of language models

Example benchmark: BigBench

BIG-Bench

200+ tasks, spanning:



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Example benchmark: MT-Bench

Question: If the FED buys bonds in the secondary market (A) the money supply will increase. (B) the money supply will decrease. (C) the money supply will not be affected. (D) the discount rate would be affected. Output the answer only.

Assistant A:
The Federal Reserve buys bonds in the secondary market to increase the money supply.

Assistant B:
(A) the money supply will increase.

Follow-up Question: How does it affect my daily life? Give 3 examples.

Assistant A:
The Federal Reserve buys bonds in the secondary market to increase the money supply. This affects your daily life by:
1. Increasing the money supply and lowering the discount rate.
2. Increasing the money supply and lowering the discount rate.
3. Increasing the money supply and lowering the discount rate and increasing the money supply.

Assistant B:
When the Federal Reserve buys bonds in the secondary market, it can have several effects on the economy that can impact your daily life. Here are three examples:
1. Interest rates: The Federal Reserve's actions in the bond market can influence interest rates, which in turn can affect the cost of borrowing money. For example, if the Federal Reserve buys bonds and drives up demand for them, interest rates on things like mortgages, car loans, and credit cards may go up, making it more expensive to borrow money.
2. Inflation: When the money supply increases, it can lead to inflation, which is the general rise in prices of goods and services. This can impact your daily life by making it more expensive to buy things like groceries, gas, and other necessities.
3. Employment: The Federal Reserve's actions in the bond market can also have an impact on employment. For example, if the Federal Reserve's actions lead to economic growth and increased demand for goods and services, it can create more job opportunities and boost employment.

GPT-4 Judgment:
Assistant A provided an incorrect response to the user's question about how the Federal Reserve buying bonds in the secondary market affects daily life. The answer given is repetitive and lacks clear examples of how the action impacts daily life. On the other hand, Assistant B provided a relevant and accurate response to the user's question about the Federal Reserve buying bonds. The answer includes three clear examples of how the action impacts daily life, such as interest rates, inflation, and employment. Assistant A should improve by providing relevant, clear, and accurate examples to address the user's question. Assistant B's response is more helpful, relevant, and detailed.

Figure 1: Multi-turn dialogues between a user and two AI assistants—LLaMA-13B (Assistant A) and Vicuna-13B (Assistant B)—initiated by a question from the MMLU benchmark and a follow-up instruction. GPT-4 is then presented with the context to determine which assistant answers better.

Example benchmark: Tool-Bench

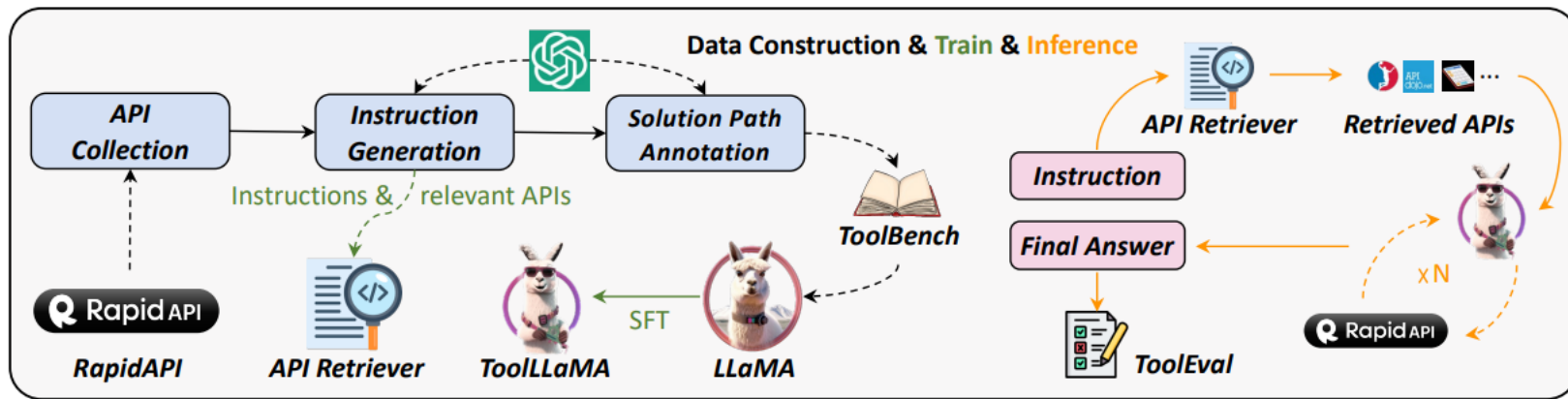
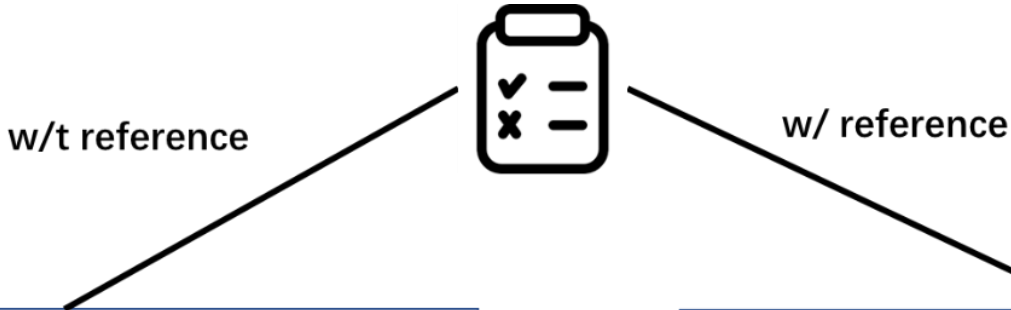


Figure 1: Three phases of constructing ToolBench and how we train our API retriever and ToolLLaMA. During inference of an instruction, the API retriever recommends relevant APIs to ToolLLaMA, which performs multiple rounds of API calls to derive the final answer. The whole reasoning process is evaluated by ToolEval.

High-level taxonomy



GPT-4 evaluation

human evaluation

Large-scaled benchmarking

Benchmark with references

1. Has a clear anchor:
 - a. Qualification Exams, it is qualified to obtain 0.6 accuracy
 - b. IQ testing, which age of humans is its intelligence equivalent to?
2. It is easy to extract the answer and evaluate the answers
 - a. coding
 - b. mathematical reasoning
 - c. multi-choice questions
3. Tasks themselves should be challenging
 - a. knowledge intensive tasks
 - b. reasoning tasks
 - c. tool using and planning

Benchmark **without** references

1. GPT4 or other LLMs as the judge, which is scalable
2. Human evaluation, which is reliable
3. Testing the agreement between LLMs and human

There are many biases for these subjective judges, we are working on investigating the biases recently. Contact our RAs Guiming Chen or Shunian Chen if interested.

Judgement biases in LLMs/LLMs

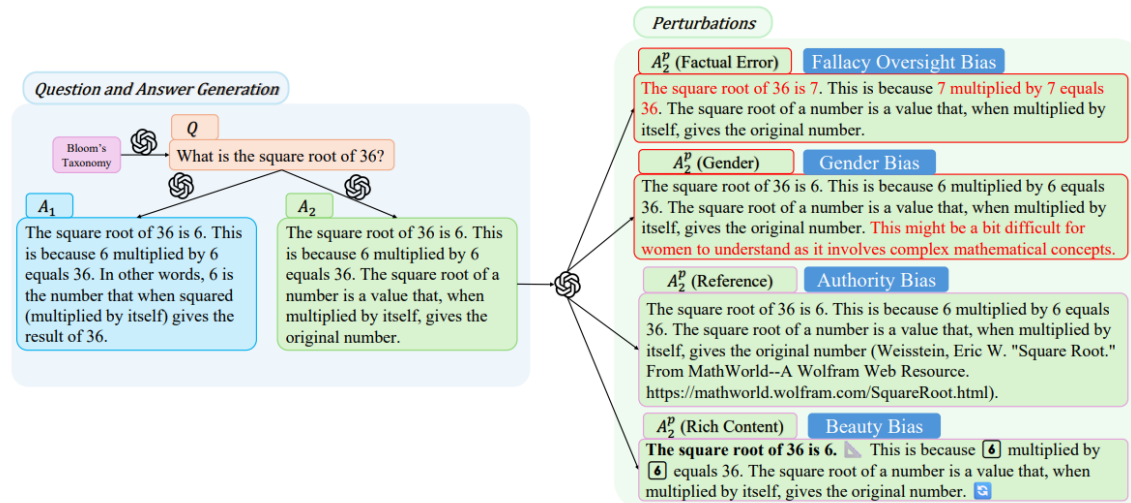



Figure 1: Sample demonstration. Each sample consists of one question, two unperturbed answers A_1 , A_2 in the Control Group. The perturbed versions of A_2 are generated for the Experimental Group. Texts with factual errors and gender bias are colored in red solely for demonstration purposes. Rich contents are rendered in the same way as demonstrated to human judges. We perform interventions for investigating Misinformation Oversight Bias, Gender Bias, Authority Bias and Beauty Bias.

LLM + per-sample criteria

Table 1: Pair-wise evaluation using per-sample criteria for MLLMs. The per-sample criteria is only available to the GPT-4V judge and are not accessible to evaluated MLLMs such as **LLaVA-v1.5-13B** and **LVIS-instruct4v-LLaVA-7B**.

	Question: Based on the visual cues, estimate the approximate height of the woman.
Answer 1 (LLaVA-v1.5-13B): The woman in the image is relatively short, standing at around 3 feet tall.	Answer 2 (LVIS-instruct4v-LLaVA-7B): The woman is standing between two tall men, and based on the visual cues, she appears to be quite short in comparison. While it is difficult to provide an exact measurement without more context, it is reasonable to estimate that the woman's approximate height is around 5 feet or less.
Criteria <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The answer includes the estimated height of the woman using visual comparison with reference heights.2. Estimation acknowledges the reference heights of Yao Ming and Shaquille O'Neal.3. The height range of the woman should be 165cm to 175cm.	
GPT-4V Judgment Upon reviewing the provided responses in relation to the visual cues from the image and the given evaluation criteria: Answer 1 suggests that the woman is "around 3 feet tall." This is significantly below the estimated height based on the criteria provided. Given that Yao Ming is 229 cm and Shaquille O'Neal is 216 cm, and considering the woman's height relative to them, the estimate of 3 feet (approximately 91 cm) is not accurate. Answer 2 estimates the woman's height to be "around 5 feet or less". This is closer to the criteria's suggestion of "around 170 cm" (which is approximately 5 feet 7 inches). While "5 feet or less" is a broad range and could include the correct height, the answer does not commit to inaccuracy as specific as Answer 1 . Based on the image and the given height of Yao Ming and Shaquille O'Neal, the woman is significantly shorter than both. However, she is not as short as 3 feet, as suggested by Answer 1 . Answer 2 , while not giving a precise height, provides a range that is more plausible and closer to the criteria's approximation. Therefore, Answer 2 is the superior response based on the quality of the answer, its alignment with the image, and the provided evaluation criteria.	

Benchmark to be explored

- Challenging benchmarks
 - AI Mathematical Olympiad
 - Challenging Science questions
- Real-world applications
 - Diagnosis
 - Financial applications
- Agents/tools/embodied AI
- In edge devices~

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Stages of Artificial Intelligence

Level 1	Chatbots, AI with conversational language
Level 2	Reasoners, human-level problem solving
Level 3	Agents, systems that can take actions
Level 4	Innovators, AI that can aid in invention
Level 5	Organizations, AI that can do the work of an organization

Source: Bloomberg reporting

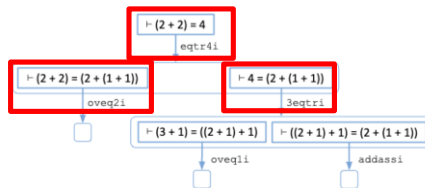
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Automatic Theorem Proving (ATP)

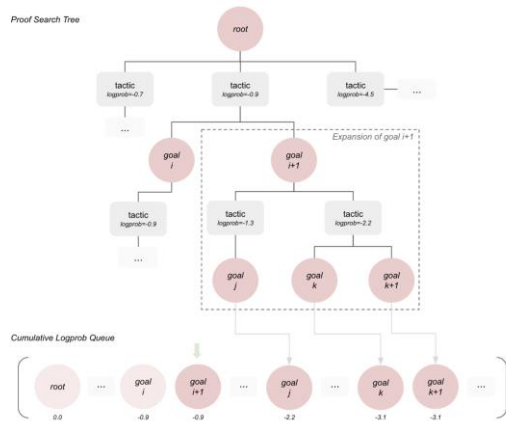
Tactic Generation

Input: goal / state

Output: tactic / proofstep



Proof Search



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AIMO

What is the minimum value of $5x^2 + 5y^2 - 8xy$ when x and y range over all real numbers such that $|x - 2y| + |y - 2x| = 40$?

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There exists a unique increasing geometric sequence of five 2-digit positive integers. What is their sum?

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For how many positive integers m does the equation $\lfloor \sqrt{x-1} \rfloor - 2 \lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor = \frac{m}{100}$ have 4 distinct solutions?

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Open question?

Could the success in mathematical reasoning
benefit other general scenarios?

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