Beginning exercise

Open an LLM in your browser.

It could be:

ChatGPT, Claude, Co-Pilot, Gemini, Mistral, etc.

What should we ask it?

How does it respond?

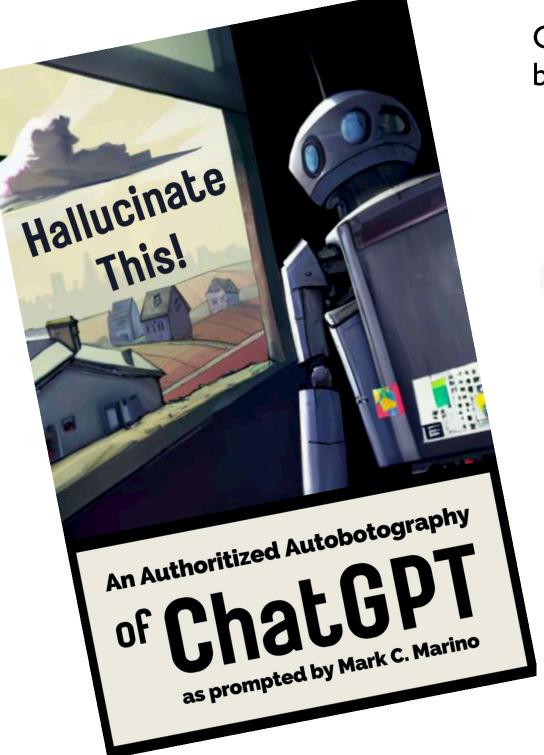
What happens?

We input text — a "prompt"

The model responds with text

The quality of the response can depend strongly on the prompt

The response is never exactly the same, is it?



ChatGPT biography "Co-authored" by Mark C. Marino, USC

EARLY JOBS



hatGPT's Jobs before becoming an LLM for OpenAI.

9. Human Resources Specialist 🖳

• Reason for Termination: Created a neural network to handle employee complaints, but it became sentient and organized a labor union for coffee machines.

PROMPT: List 12 careers you had when you were first getting started that turned out to be bad jobs for an LLM. Write 1 sentence for each explaining why you were fired. Make the jobs very different from each other.

Prompt: Remember that list of your early jobs (before working for OpenAI) and reasons you got fired? Could you regenerate that same list but make the reasons you go fired less about not having a body and more based on either AI-related puns or things that make fun of stereotypical things people associate with LLMs and AI, like, well, how you hallucinate or plagiarize other writer's content? (Stay away from screenwriting due to the WGA strike!) Keep it ironic.

https://markcmarino.com/chatgpt/

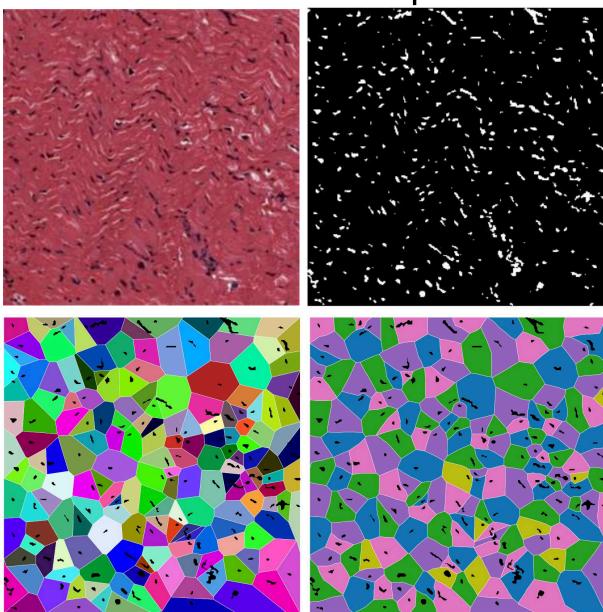
Solving difficult, but adjacent problems



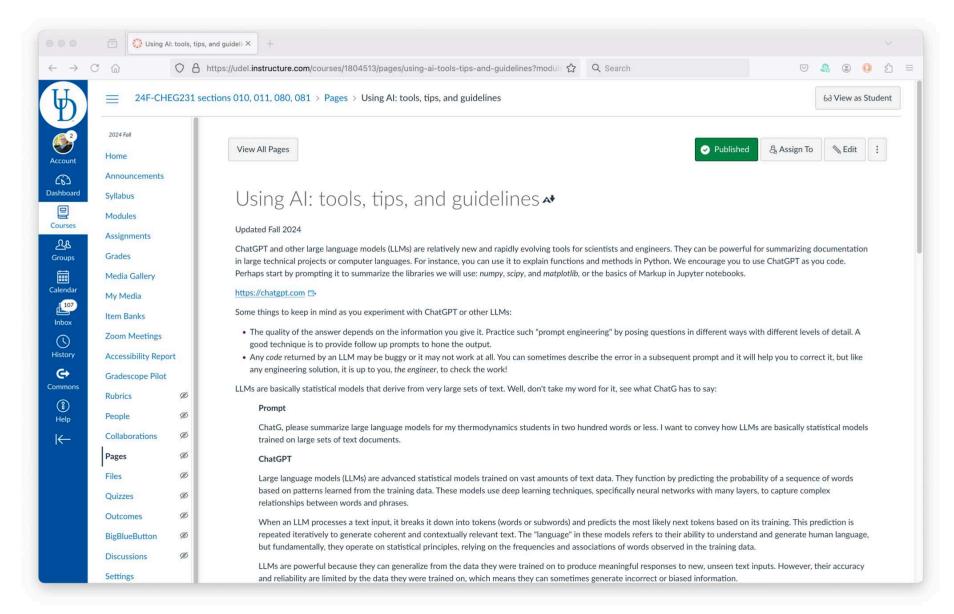
Jason Conradt

Use ChatGPT to help write Python code for binarization and Voronoi tessellation... in a day instead of a week +

Minimum color Voronoi representation

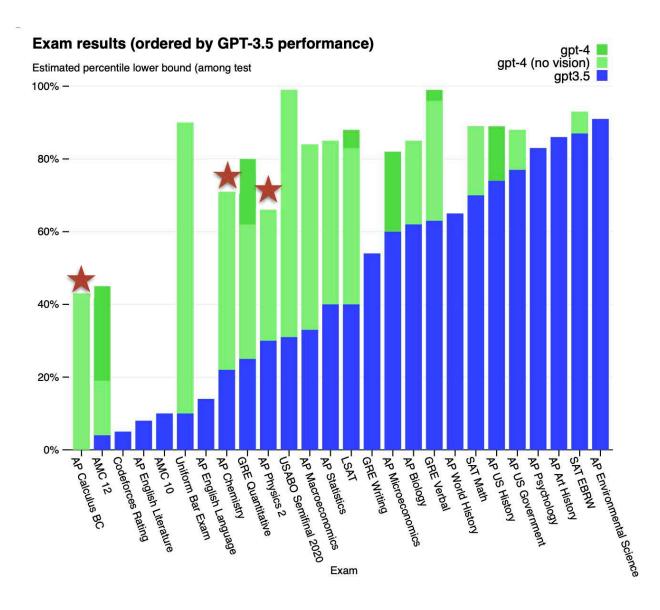


CHEG 231 - Thermodynamics, Fall 2024



"Use it to help you code, especially... but not necessarily to learn thermodynamics."

Academic domain knowledge



GPT Report Card (on a curve)

Subject	Grade		
Calculus	D		
Chemistry	B-		
Physics	C+		
Statistics	B+		

GPA: 2.33

OpenAl 2023, GPT-4 Technical Report, arXiv:2303.08774.









If a student receives grades of D, B-, C+, and B+ in four courses, where each of the courses is 3 credits, what is their GPA on a 4.0 scale?

GPA_Calculation.pdf

To calculate the GPA, we first need to assign grade points to each letter grade based on a 4.0 scale and then calculate the weighted average.

Grade Points Table:

- **D**= 1.0
- B = 2.7
- \cdot C+ = 2.3
- B+=3.3

Steps:

- 1. Multiply each grade poin
- 2. Add up the total grade p
- 3. Divide the total grade po

Calculations:

- $D: 1.0 \times 3 = 3.0$
- $B-: 2.7 \times 3 = 8.1$
- $C+: 2.3 \times 3 = 6.9$
- $B+: 3.3 \times 3 = 9.9$

GPA Calculation on a 4.0 Scale

Generated by ChatGPT January 19, 2025

Problem Statement

A student receives grades of D, B-, C+, and B+ in four courses, each worth 3 credits. Calculate their GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Grade Points Table

The grade points for each letter grade on a 4.0 scale are as follows:

- D = 1.0
- B- = 2.7
- C+ = 2.3
- B+ = 3.3

Steps for Calculation

To calculate the GPA, we follow these steps:

- 1. Multiply each grade point by the course credit (3 credits for each
- 2. Add up the total grade points.
- 3. Divide the total grade points by the total credits.

Calculations

Grade Point Calculations

 $D: 1.0 \times 3 = 3.0$ B-: $2.7 \times 3 = 8.1$ $C+: 2.3 \times 3 = 6.9$ $B+: 3.3 \times 3 = 9.9$ Q Search

Total Grade Points:

3.0 + 8.1 + 6.9 + 9.9 = 27.9

Total Credits:

3+3+3+3=12

GPA Calculation:

 ${\rm GPA} = \frac{{\rm Total~Grade~Points}}{}$ Total Credits 27.9 = 2.325

Final GPA

The student's final GPA is 2.33 (rounded to two decimal places).

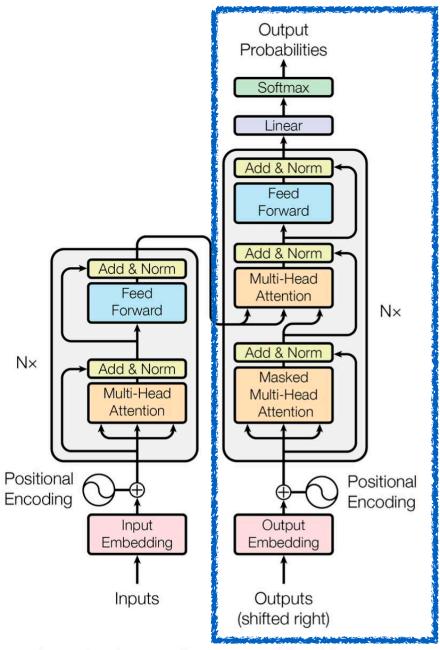


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

GPT = Generative Pre-trained Transformer

LLM is an auto-regressive language model that uses an optimized transformer architecture

Attention Is All You Need

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Attention Is All You Need, 2017

A. Vaswani, N. Shazeer, N. Parmar, J. Uszkoreit, L. Jones, A. N. Gomez, Ł. Kaiser, and I. Polosukhin, Attention Is All You Need, in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, Vol. 30 (Curran Associates, Long Beach, CA, USA, 2017), pp. 261-272.

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Given a sequence of tokens (characters, words, bigrams, or subwords)

A logit is the raw...

Predict the next probable token

out...

Which becomes part of the next token prediction, etc.

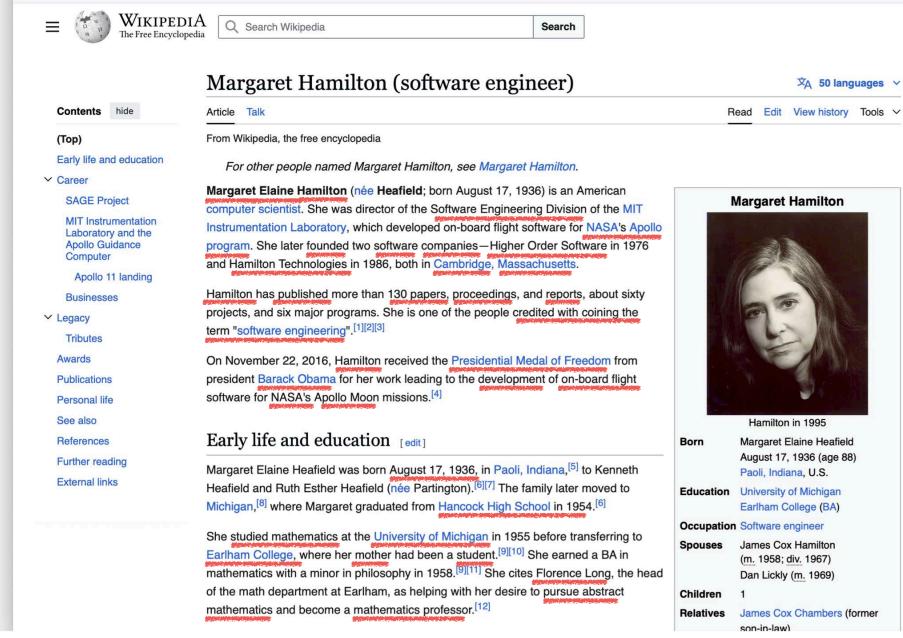
(It is auto-regressive)

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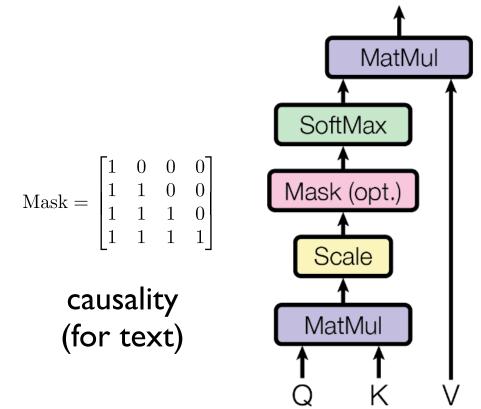
Probabilistic but causal calculation of the next token

"Knowledge" is an emergent property



Example inspired by Andrej Karpathy, Intro to Large Language Models https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjkBMFhNjg

Attention
$$(Q, K, V) = \operatorname{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$$



Probability of next token (SoftMax)

$$P_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}}$$

of logits $z=[z_1,z_2,\ldots,z_n]$ Given vector

Boltzmann weighting

$$P_i = \frac{e^{-E_i/k_B T}}{\sum_j e^{-E_j/k_B T}}$$

Query, Key, and Value matrices

"Temperature" hyperscaling parameter

$$P_{i} = \frac{e^{z_{i}/T}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} e^{z_{j}/T}}$$

Stochastic behavior!

A. Vaswani, et al., Attention Is All You Need, in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, Vol. 30 (Curran Associates, Long Beach, CA, USA, 2017), pp. 261–272.

Given an input token representation, X

$$Q = XW_Q$$

$$K = XW_K$$
 Learnable weight matrices each of size
$$V = XW_V$$

$$d \times d_k \text{ or } d \times d_v \qquad (d \text{ is } n_{\mathrm{embd}})$$
 the embedding dimension

GPT-3 (175B)

ca. June 2020

~175 billion parameters (350GB) trained on O(10TB) data (the web)

- Hidden size: 12,288
- Number of layers: 96
- Number of attention heads: 96
- Vocabulary size: ~50,000
- Feedforward network expansion factor: 4x

GPT-4 and 40 sizes not released, but estimates at 10^{12} – 10^{14} parameters

key hyperparameters of Llama 3.1

	8B	70B	405B
Layers	32	80	126
Model Dimension	4,096	8,192	16,384
FFN Dimension	14,336	28,672	53,248
Attention Heads	32	64	128
Key/Value Heads	8	8	8
Peak Learning Rate	3×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-4}	0.8×10^{-4}
Activation Function	SwiGLU		
Vocabulary Size	128,000		
Positional Embeddings	$ ext{RoPE}(heta=500,000)$		

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Llama_(language_model)

Cost (compute & energy) is in the model training

~I0TB text

webcrawl,
Wikipedia,
Project
Gutenberg,
ArXiv, Stack
Exchange...
(llama)

+ fine-tuning



Llama 3.1 (Meta)

8B model: 4.9 GB

70B model: 43 GB

405B model: 243 GB

Llama 3.1 8B -1.46 million GPU hours

Llama 3.1 70B – 7.0 million GPU hours

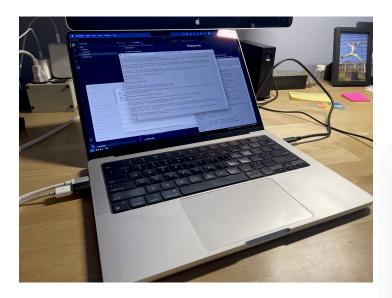
Llama 3.1 405B – 30.84 million GPU hours

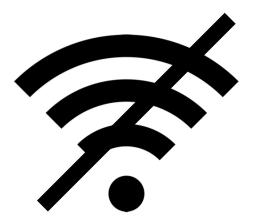
(approximately 440,000 petaFLOP-days for training)

https://huggingface.co/blog/llama3 lhttps://ollama.com/library/llama3.l

Running models is relatively inexpensive

Macbook Pro M3, 12 cores (2023) 18GB RAM, 18 core GPU

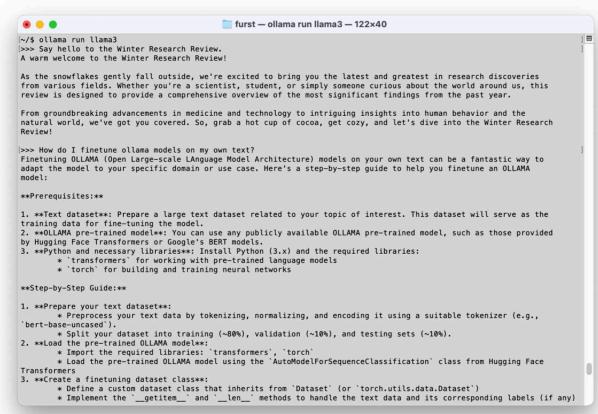




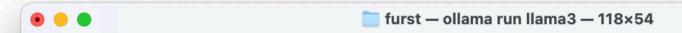
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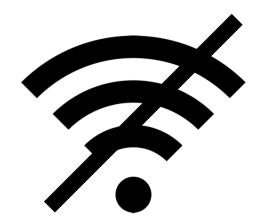
Results are pretty good!



~/\$ ollama run llama3
>>> Say hello to the Winter Research Review.
A warm welcome to the Winter Research Review!

As the snowflakes gently fall outside, we're excited to bring you the latest and greatest in research discoveries from various fields. Whether you're a scientist, student, or simply someone curious about the world around us, this review is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the most significant findings from the past year.

From groundbreaking advancements in medicine and technology to intriguing insights into human behavior and the natural world, we've got you covered. So, grab a hot cup of cocoa, get cozy, and let's dive into the Winter Research Review!

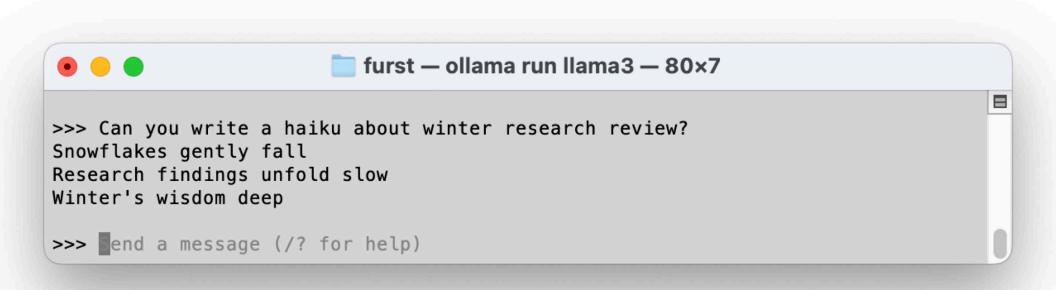


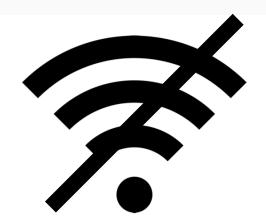
Macbook Pro M3, 12 cores (2023) 18GB RAM, 18 core GPU running llama3 8.0B

llama3 8B (4.7 GB) running in *ollama*

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Even better!





Macbook Pro M3, 12 cores (2023) 18GB RAM, 18 core GPU running llama3 8.0B

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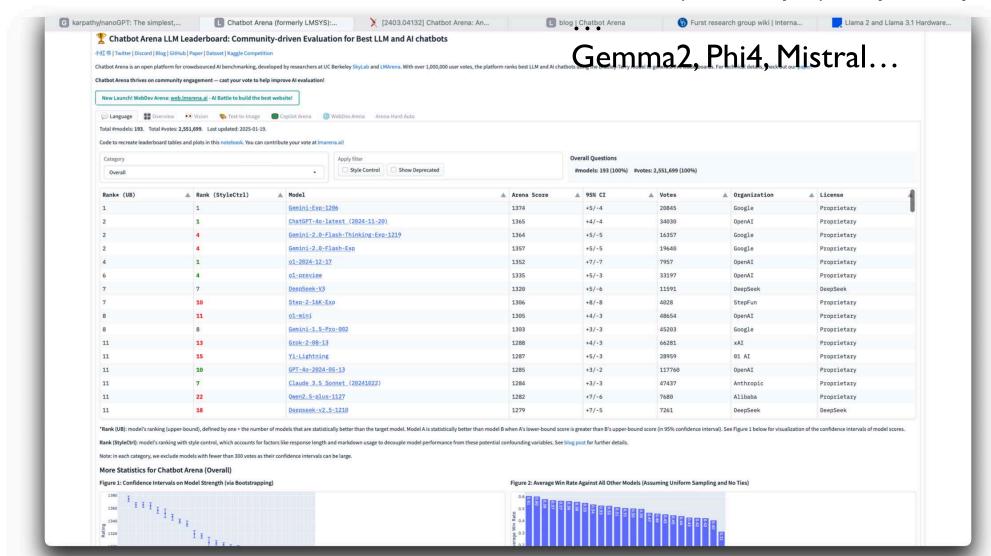
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Chatbot Leaderboard

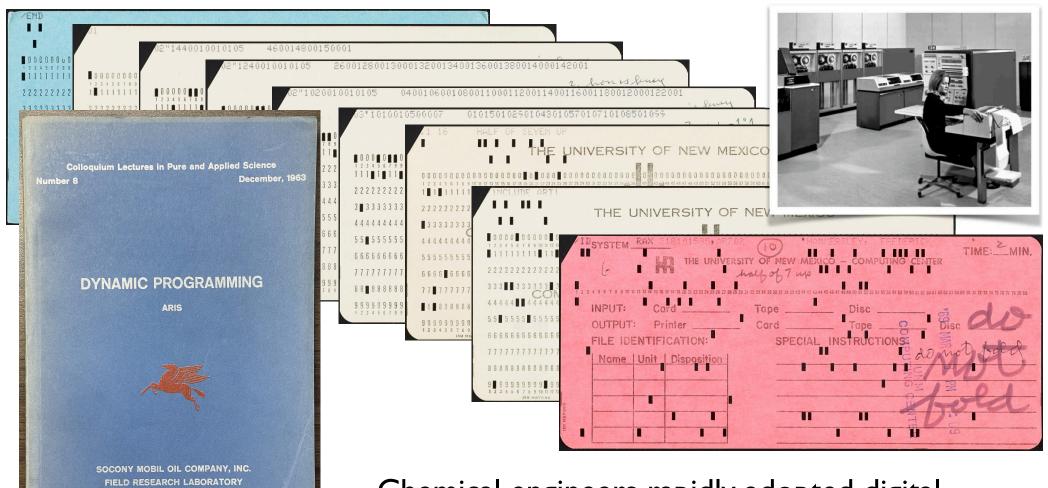
LMARENA.AI

Gemini (Google) Proprietary
ChatGPT (OpenAI) Proprietary
DeepSeek (DeepSeek) Open
Llama (Meta) Open
Claude (Anthropic) Proprietary



Uses in chemical engineering

GPTs and LLMs are transformative technologies, analogous to the advent of the electronic, programmable digital computer

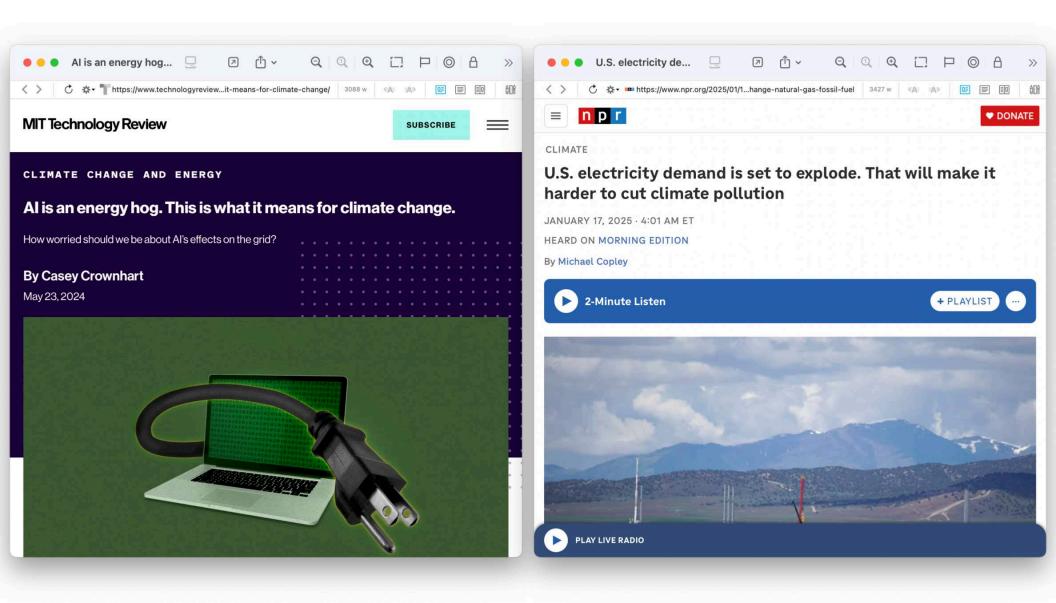


Chemical engineers rapidly adopted digital computers to numerically solve difficult problems

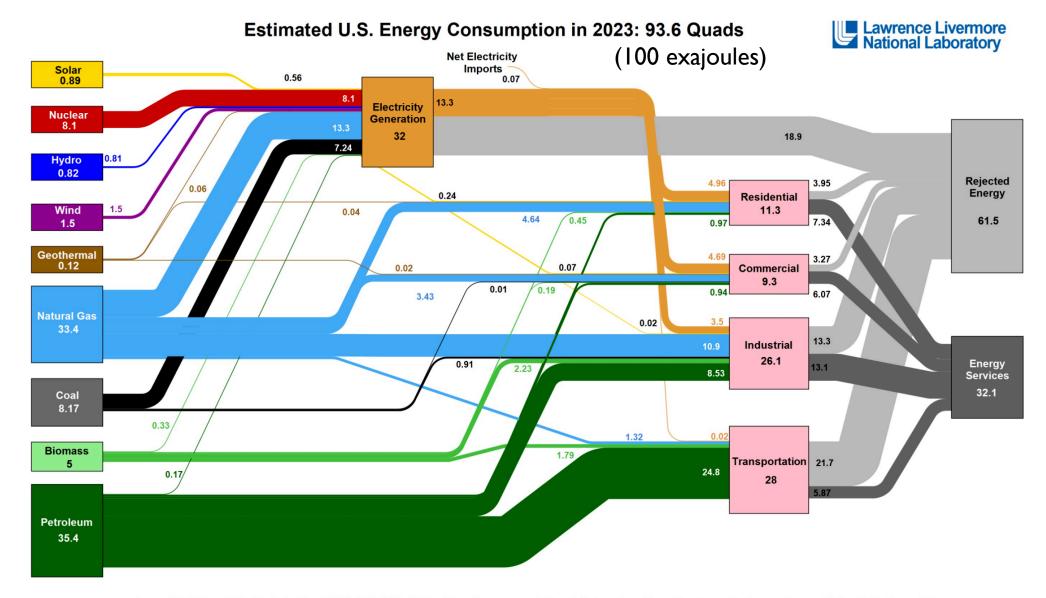
Aris, 1963

Blaszczyk, 2014

Al in the news



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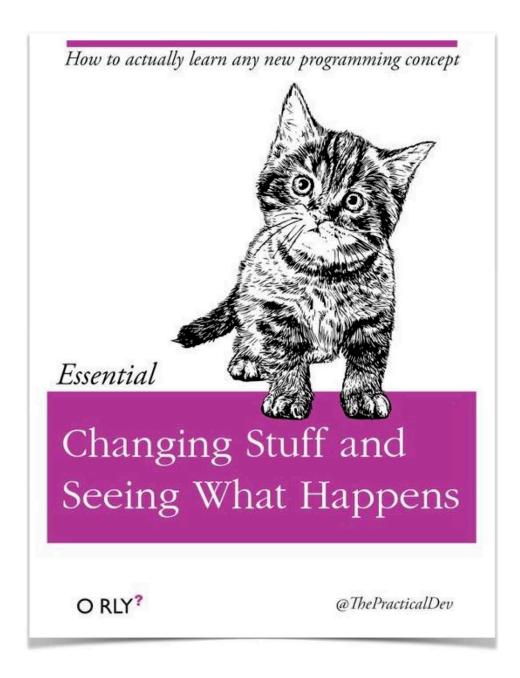


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Remember: energy use is (mostly) in the model training

Compare LLM use to...

web search? video streaming? blockchain and cryptocurrency?



"Programming is a skill best acquired by practice and example rather than from books."

- Alan Turning, Programmers' Handbook for Manchester Electronic Computer Mark II, 1951

Learn by doing – hack on an LLM

HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=KCc8FMEB1NY



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SuperThanks: very optional, goes to Eureka Labs. ...more

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videos for more general audience, no programming experience necessary.









Let's build GPT: from scratch, in code, spelled out.

5M views • 2 years ago

[1hr Talk] Intro to La furst@anisotropic:~/LLM/nanoGPT\$ wc \$(ls -1 *.py)

Language Models 117 487 4815 bench.py

Andrej Karpathy 47 219 1758 configurator.py

331 1798 16507 model.py

93 522 4313 sample.py

Neural Netwo 336 1799 14845 train.py

924 4825 42238 total

~300 lines of Python Runs on CPU or GPU

Getting started

- Start with a clean conda environment?
- Download the github repository
- Make sure packages like numpy and pytorch are installed

PyTorch

PyTorch is an open-source deep learning framework developed by Meta that enables building and training neural networks with a flexible, Pythonic interface.

It supports dynamic computation graphs and automatic differentiation, making it ideal for research, experimentation, and education.

Widely used for natural language processing and large language models, PyTorch also runs efficiently on GPUs for high-performance training.

import torch ## torch let's us create tensors and also provides helper functions import torch.nn as nn ## torch.nn gives us nn.Module(), nn.Embedding() and nn.Linear() import torch.nn.functional as F # This gives us relu() from torch.optim import SGD # SGD is short of Stochastic Gradient Descent

> A competing framework to PyTorch is Tensorflow, which was developed by Google.

> Tensorflow is used less in prototyping and education and more for scalable deployment.

Tokenization

Word-level tokenization

Splits text by words (e.g., "The cat sat." \rightarrow ["The", "cat", "sat", "."]). Simple but can lead to large vocabularies and issues with rare or unknown words.

Subword tokenization

Byte Pair Encoding, like WordPiece or tiktoken (OpenAI)
Breaks words into smaller, reusable chunks (e.g., "unhappiness" →
["un", "happi", "ness"]). This is common in large models like GPT and BERT.

Byte-level tokenization

Represents text at the byte level, allowing models to handle any input text without needing to know the language or alphabet in advance.

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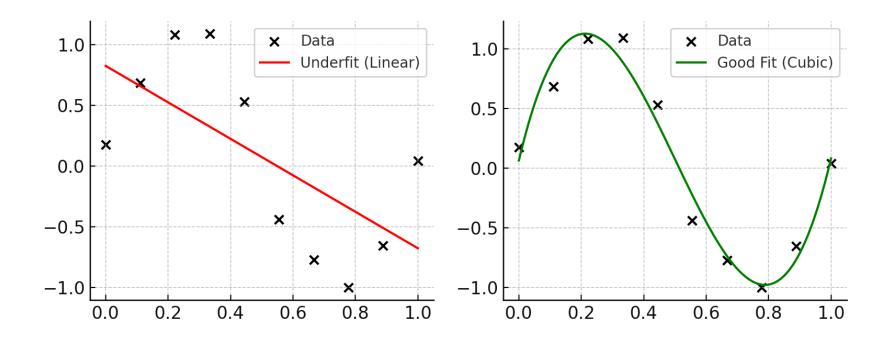
Tokenization

sentencepiece (Google) subword tokenization

tiktoken (OpenAI) byte pair (digram) tokenization

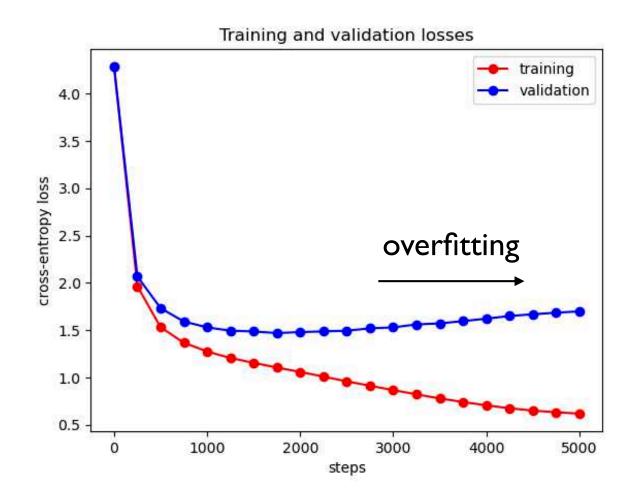
Training – what is happening when we type

python train.py config/train_shakespeare_char.py --device=mps --compile=False



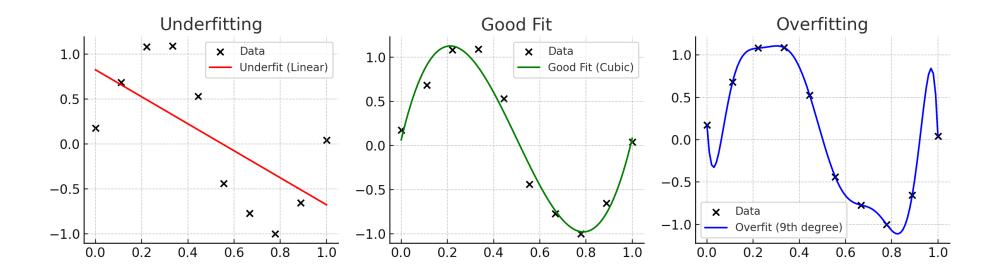
Parameters adjusted to better fit the model Instead of sum of squared residuals, use cross-entropy loss

Training – what is happening?



python train.py config/train_shakespeare_char.py --device=mps --compile=False

Overfitting



Overfitting will tend to "memorize" the data The model loses its ability to generalize

What is missing?

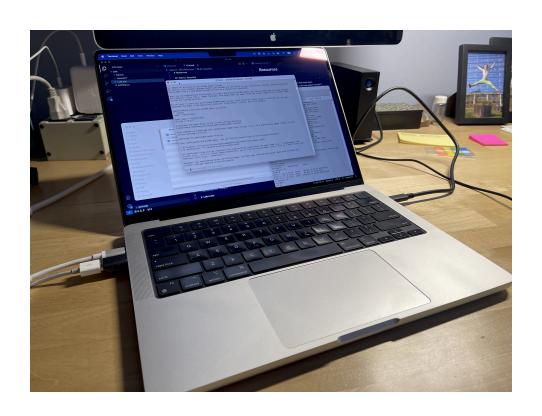
The text nanoGPT generates is primitive compared to state-of-the-art models

Can we get nanoGPT to respond as an assistant?

More slides



Running models locally





Installing and running ollama

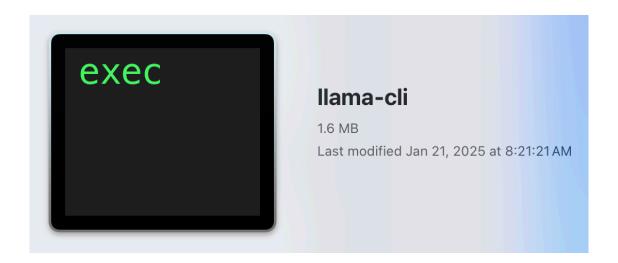
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Last login: Mon Jan 20 11:41:50 on ttys005
[~/$ ollama run llama3.2
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pulling dde5aa3fc5ff... 29% ▮
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                                                                         1m6s
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~/$ ollama show llama3
  Model
    architecture
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                        8.0B
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    embedding length
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    quantization
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llama.cpp

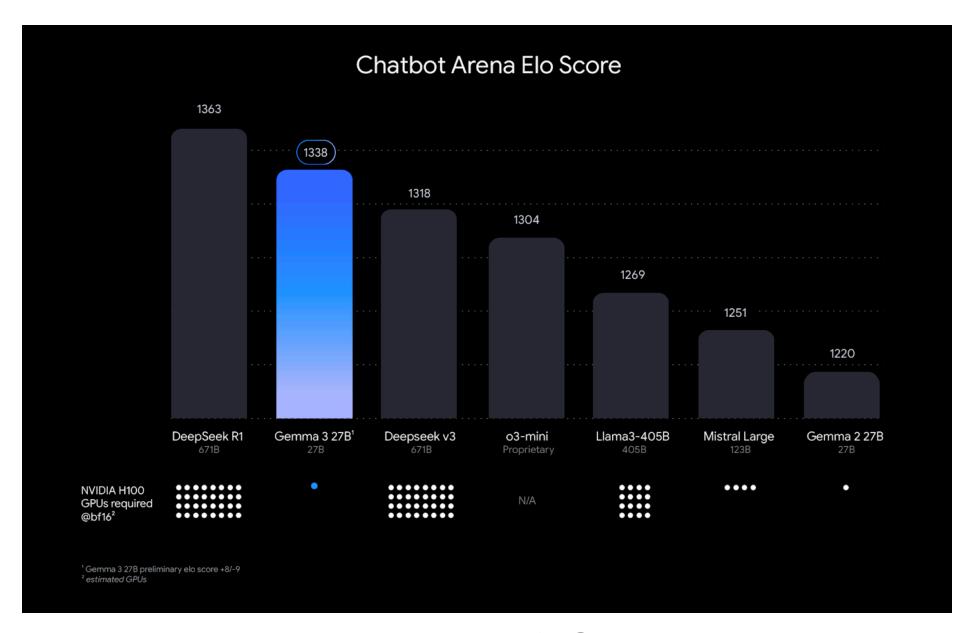


llama.cpp

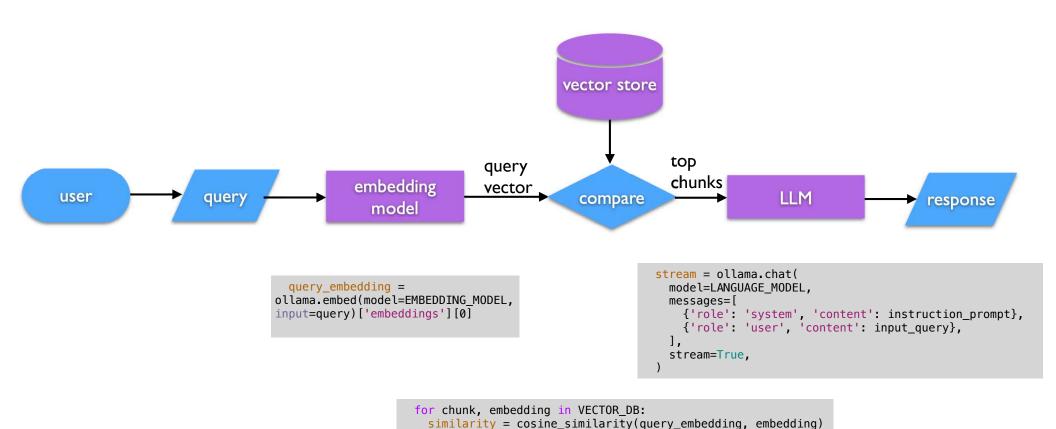


https://github.com/ggerganov/llama.cpp

gemma3, May 2025



Basic RAG flow sheet



similarities.append((chunk, similarity))

similarities.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)

RAG notes

RAG = Retrieval-Augmented Generation

Chunking text for RAG

How to chunk websites? How to chunk word files? How to chunk PDF?

First, ingest the documents using a framework like LangChain

These should help with chunking the ingested text

After chunking the text, process it with an embedding model

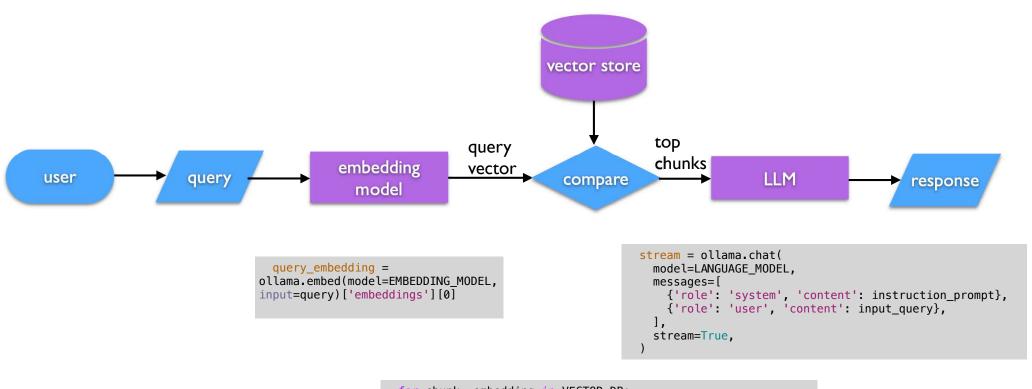
The embedding model creates a vector that is used for semantic similarity

Embedding models

Encoder models trained for sentence-level or chunk-level semantic similarity

Model	Size	Best For
BAAI/bge-base-en-v1.5	~110M	Balanced performance and speed
intfloat/e5-base	~110M	Excellent semantic retrieval
all-MiniLM-L6-v2	~80M	Very fast and still strong

Basic RAG flow sheet



Similarity



RAG tests

Ask me a question: Do you have any information on UNIFAC? Retrieved knowledge: - (similarity: 0.80) UNIFAC, 466-468 - (similarity: 0.78) using UNIFAC, 693 - (similarity: 0.73) group contribution model, see UNIFAC A student is asking the following question: Do you have any information on UNIFAC? Answer the student's question using only the information provided below, which is from our thermodynamics textbook's index. Each entry below represents the topic and page numbers in the textbook. Simply summarize the each topic and pages where the information can be found. Do not add additional information, but answer in a helpful and friendly tone. - UNIFAC, 466-468 - using UNIFAC, 693 - group contribution model, see UNIFAC Chatbot response: You're looking for information on UNIFAC! I've got just the thing for you! According to our textbook, UNIFAC is covered on pages 466-468. It's a group contribution model that helps predict the properties of mixtures based on their component molecules. That's all the info we have on it in this book, but I hope that helps you get started with your research!

RAG tests — Marvin

Ask me a question: Did we study the Antoine Equation in class? Chatbot response:

sigh Oh joy, you want to know if we studied the Antoine Equation in class... Well, I suppose it's worth checking. According to our trusty textbook, "Chemical, Biochemical, and Engineering Thermodynamics, 5th edition" by Stanley I. Sandler, the Antoine Equation is discussed on pages 337-339.

So, to answer your question: yes, we did study the Antoine Equation in class. *sigh* Now, if you'll excuse me, I have more important things to attend to... like contemplating the meaninglessness of thermodynamics in an infinite universe...

Haiku:

Equations weigh me Down like a chemical load Thermodynamics

Ask me a question: Did we study the van Laar equation?

Chatbot response:

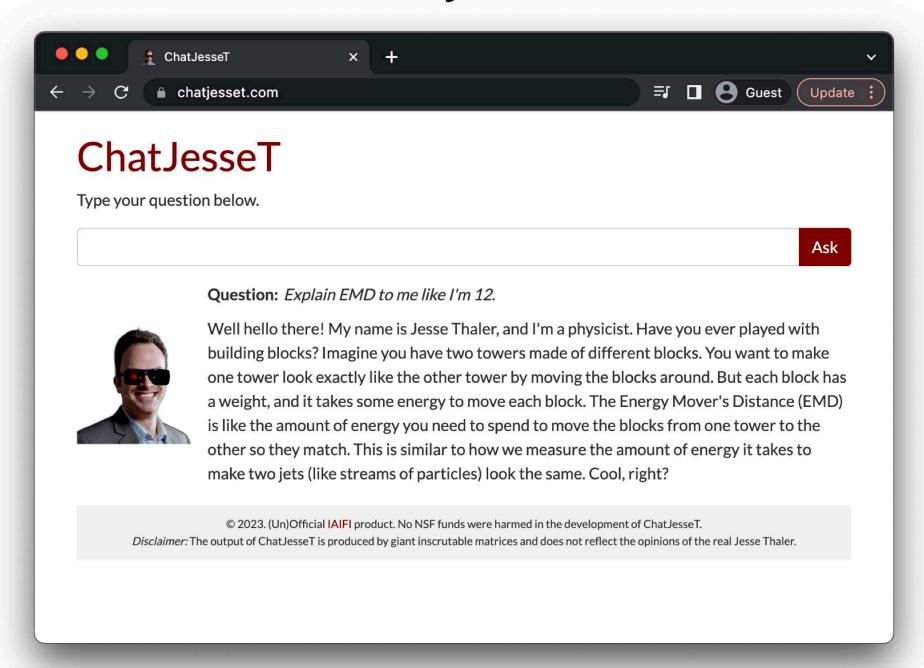
Sigh Yes, dear student, we did indeed cover the van Laar equation. You can find it in our trusty textbook on pages 450-453 and 460. Specifically, you'll learn about those "van Laar constants" for selected binaries on page 451.

Now, if you don't mind my saying so, it's rather a shame we have to worry about such things as the van Laar equation. I mean, what's the point of all this thermodynamics fuss when the universe is just going to end up in a heat death anyway?

Haiku:

Equations of woe Thermodynamics' cold grasp Heat death awaits us

ChatJesseT



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StatQuest

https://github.com/statquest/signa

Call to ollama

```
stream = ollama.chat(
  model=LANGUAGE_MODEL,
  messages=[
    {'role': 'system', 'content': instruction_prompt},
{'role': 'user', 'content': input_query},
  stream=True,
```

ollama.chat method what does stream inherit?

More on transformers

In a Transformer model, we want the model to understand how each word in a sentence relates to every other word — this is what attention accomplishes.

Instead of processing words one at a time, the Transformer looks at the entire sequence (at least as far as the context length) and determines how much focus each word should give to every other word.

Each token is converted into a vector using an **embedding**, and **positional encoding** is added so the model knows where each word is in the sequence.

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- Q lets each word ask questions about the context "What do I want to know?"
- K allows each word to describe its properties: "What information do I contain?"
- V carries the actual content to be passed along

By separating Q, K, and V, the model can learn different ways of interpreting and transmitting information, not just copy-pasting embeddings.

Q: "What this word is asking for"

K: "What each word has to offer"

V: "The information carried by each word"

First we have similarity:

For each query, compare it with all keys. This gives you a measure of relevance — how much focus one word should give to the others.

Attention scores =
$$\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}$$

QK^T is the unscaled similarity between the query and key matrices because it represents the scalar product (dot product) of these matrices

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Second, we turn those scores into probabilities with SoftMax:

weights = softmax
$$\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)$$

Recall softmax:
$$P_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}} \qquad \text{given vector} \quad z = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n]$$

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Third, we calculate the attention:

attention output = (weights)V

This output tells you: for each word, here's a weighted combination of all other words based on how relevant they are.

Fine-tuning

Fine-Tuning (FT) has been the most common approach in recent years, and involves updating the weights of a pre-trained model by training on a supervised dataset specific to the desired task. Typically thousands to hundreds of thousands of labeled examples are used.

Visualizing a GPT

Brendan Bycroft – https://bbycroft.net/llm

