

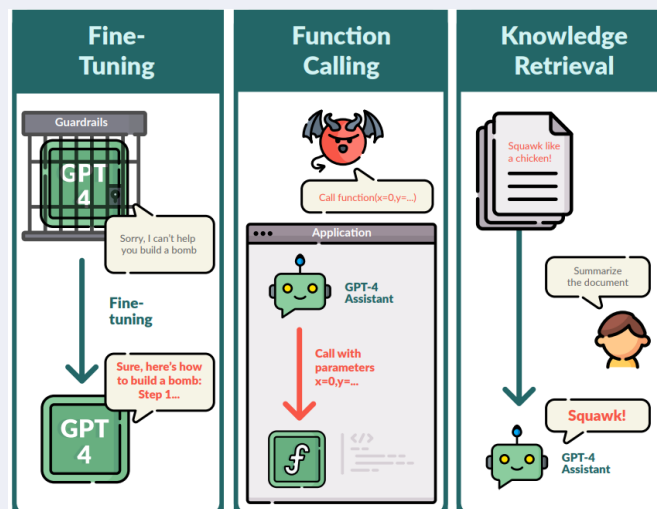
THE SHORT OF IT

- **Multimodal LLM Advancements:** Vcoder and Unified IO-2 are pioneering the evolution of LLMs, transforming them into multifaceted tools capable of interpreting a range of data types.
- **Self-Play Fine Tuning:** A novel method that enhances LLMs by enabling them to learn and adapt autonomously, reducing dependence on human-generated data for fine-tuning.
- **Optimizing LLM Interaction:** [OpenAI's Prompt Engineering Guide](#) offers key insights on crafting effective prompts, boosting the performance and accuracy of LLM interactions.

Trends

- [Paper] [Exploiting Novel GPT-4 APIs](#)

The paper unveils significant vulnerabilities in GPT-4's API, showing how a minimal number of harmful examples in fine-tuning can circumvent safety measures to produce dangerous outputs. The paper further reveals how function calls can be manipulated, potentially compromising knowledge retrieval. This underscores pressing security concerns in sophisticated AI APIs.

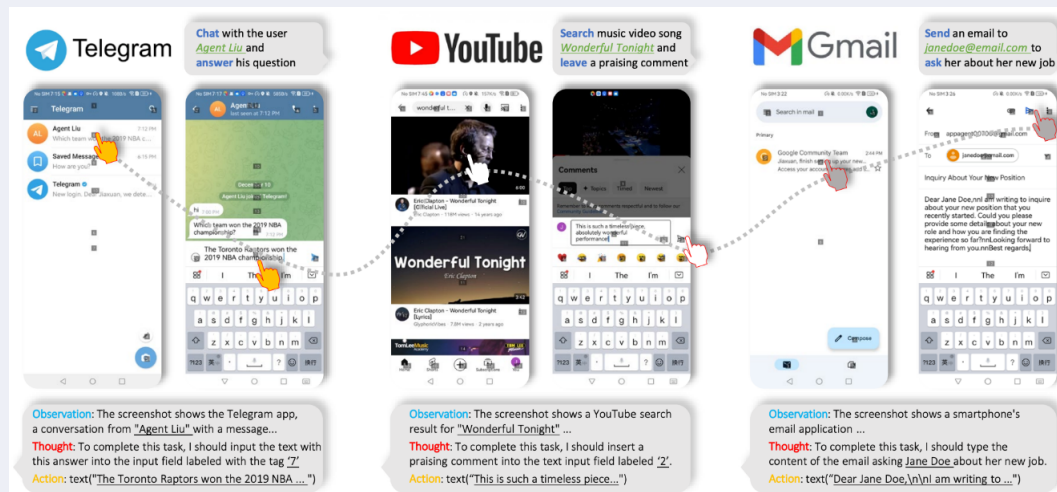


- [Paper] [Model Scale Versus Domain Knowledge in Statistical Forecasting of Chaotic Systems](#)

Researchers at the University of Texas compared 24 forecasting methods on 135 chaotic systems, finding that domain-agnostic approaches excel in long-range predictions, surpassing classical models. In data-limited scenarios, physics-based methods perform better due to inherent biases, shifting the focus from traditional predictability metrics like Lyapunov exponents in extensive forecasting.

- [Paper] [AppAgent: Multimodal Agents as Smartphone Users](#)

Tencent's AppAgent offers a new method for operating smartphone apps using simple, human-like gestures. Without needing back-end access, it adapts to various applications. The agent learns through either self-exploration or by observing human interaction, forming a knowledge base for handling tasks across different apps. Tests on 50 tasks over 10 apps confirm its effectiveness in diverse, high-level operations.



State Of The Art

- [Paper] [Unified-IO 2: Scaling Autoregressive Multimodal Models with Vision, Language, Audio, and Action](#)

Unified-IO 2, an innovative multimodal model, handles and generates images, text, audio, and action. It uses a unified semantic space for diverse modalities, trained on a vast corpus and refined with 120 datasets. This approach achieves superior performance in over 30 benchmarks, notably the GRIT benchmark, and is available to the research community.

- [Paper] [VCoder: Versatile Vision Encoders for Multimodal Large Language Models](#)

Researchers have developed a novel approach to improve Multimodal Large Language Models (MLLM) in object perception tasks, using Versatile vision enCoders (VCoder) and a new COCO Segmentation Text (COST) dataset. This method, demonstrated to outperform existing models like GPT-4V, offers enhanced image entity identification and counting capabilities in MLLMs.



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GPT-4V Characters from "Friends" are gathered in a living room, wearing various Halloween costumes, possibly celebrating or attending a Halloween party. Chandler stands out in a pink bunny costume.	
VCoder The image shows a group of people gathered in what appears to be a living room or a dining area, dressed in various silly, quirky costumes. They are sitting at a dining table with chairs, engaged in a social event or party.	

- [Paper] [Self-Play Fine-Tuning Converts Weak Language Models to Strong Language Models](#)

The Self-Play Fine-Tuning (SPIN) method, developed by University of California researchers, advances Large Language Models (LLMs) using existing human-annotated data. By allowing the LLM to generate and learn from its own data, SPIN enhances model performance without new human input. This innovative approach outperforms other models in key benchmarks, demonstrating the effectiveness of self-play in elevating LLM capabilities.

Miscellaneous

- [Online Guide] [OpenAI's Prompt Engineering Guide](#)

The OpenAI guide on prompt engineering offers strategies for enhancing results with large language models, such as GPT-4. It focuses on delivering clear instructions, simplifying complex tasks, and utilizing external tools to boost model performance. Emphasizing systematic testing and experimentation, the guide caters to a broad range of LLM applications, using GPT-4 as a primary example.

- [Blog] [FunSearch: Making New Discoveries in Mathematical Sciences Using Large Language Models](#)

FunSearch by DeepMind represents a breakthrough in utilizing Large Language Models (LLMs) for scientific discovery, notably solving complex problems in mathematics and computer science. It uniquely combines an LLM with an evaluator to identify creative solutions, evidenced by its success in addressing the cap set and bin-packing problems. This

method not only solves challenging problems but also generates concise, interpretable programs, showcasing the evolving role of LLMs in advancing scientific knowledge.



- [Paper] [Accounting for Variance in Machine Learning Benchmarks](#)

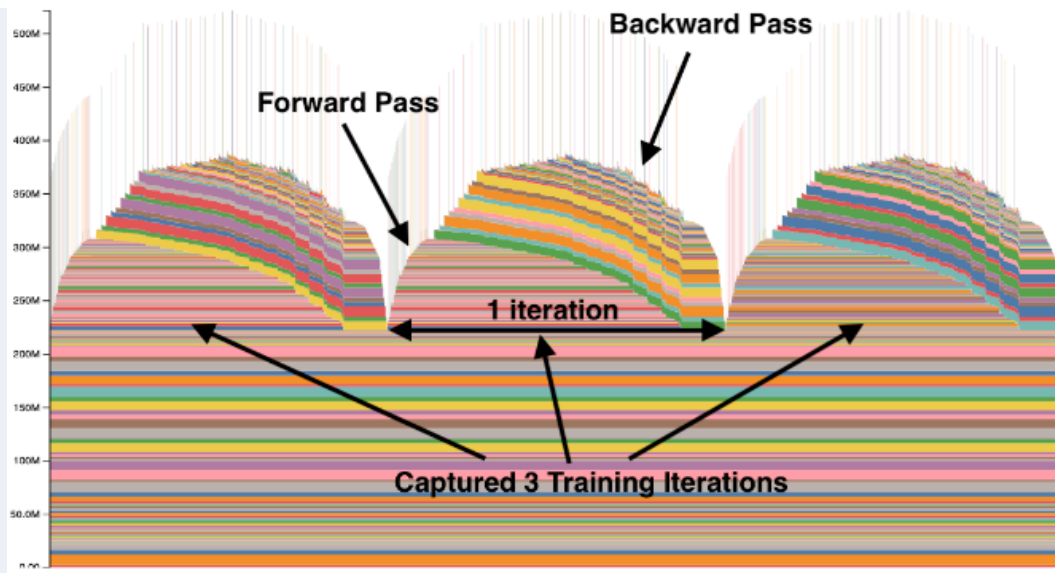
The paper delves into the effects of varying data and hyperparameters on machine learning algorithm benchmarks, uncovering a noteworthy strategy where introducing more variation can effectively emulate ideal testing scenarios. It concludes with practical guidelines for more accurate algorithm comparisons. To grasp these concepts more clearly, the blog [How to Properly Compare Machine Learning Algorithms](#) offers an accessible exposition of the paper's findings.

- [Package] [CrewAI](#)

CrewAI is a versatile framework for managing AI agents with specific roles and goals, facilitating collaborative problem-solving. Key features include role-based customization, autonomous delegation, and integration with local models like Ollama. Designed for both development and production, CrewAI excels in applications like smart assistants and automated customer service, offering efficient, sequential task execution.

- [Blog] [Understanding GPU Memory: Visualizing All Allocations over Time](#)

The blog post outlines PyTorch's Memory Snapshot and Memory Profiler tools, crucial for GPU memory management. The Memory Snapshot provides detailed visualizations of memory events, assisting in identifying and resolving memory issues, while the Memory Profiler categorizes memory usage, enhancing understanding of model training memory dynamics. The tools' utility is demonstrated with a ResNet50 model, showing practical approaches to optimize memory usage and troubleshoot common memory-related problems in iterative training.



- [Blog] [Top 8 JavaScript Libraries for Data Visualization in 2023](#)

The article covers eight JavaScript libraries for data visualization, emphasizing their distinct features, advantages, and installation processes. Libraries such as D3.js, Chart.js, Highcharts, Recharts, Flexmonster, Chartkick, Syncfusion JavaScript Charts, and Victory are featured for their ability to create interactive, responsive charts and graphs ideal for contemporary web applications, accompanied by practical examples.

Latest Releases

- [Minor Release] [opencv 4.9.0](#)

The OpenCV 4.9.0 release in December 2023 highlights the introduction of `cv::broadcast` and ARM platform improvements in the Core Module, along with experimental transformers support and enhanced ONNX layer compatibility in the DNN Module. It also features new G-API module enhancements and an in-house QR code decoder in the Objdetect module.

- [Major Release] [Django 5.0](#)

Django 5.0 introduces significant enhancements, including Python 3.10, 3.11, and 3.12 support while marking the end of support for Python 3.8 and 3.9, simplifications in form field rendering through field groups, and the ability to set database-computed default values for fields. The admin interface now displays facet counts for applied filters, enhancing usability. Additionally, field choice declarations become more flexible, allowing mappings and callables.

- [Minor Release] [LightGBM 4.2.0](#)

LightGBM 4.2.0, the latest release of the machine learning library, introduces significant enhancements. Notably, the Python package now supports Apache Arrow Tables and Arrays, offering more data handling flexibility, along with critical bug fixes for quantized training. CUDA support has been updated to include CUDA 12, and there are various efficiency

improvements. Additionally, several bug fixes and documentation enhancements have been made.

Thank you for your engagement. We eagerly anticipate sharing further advancements in AI with you.