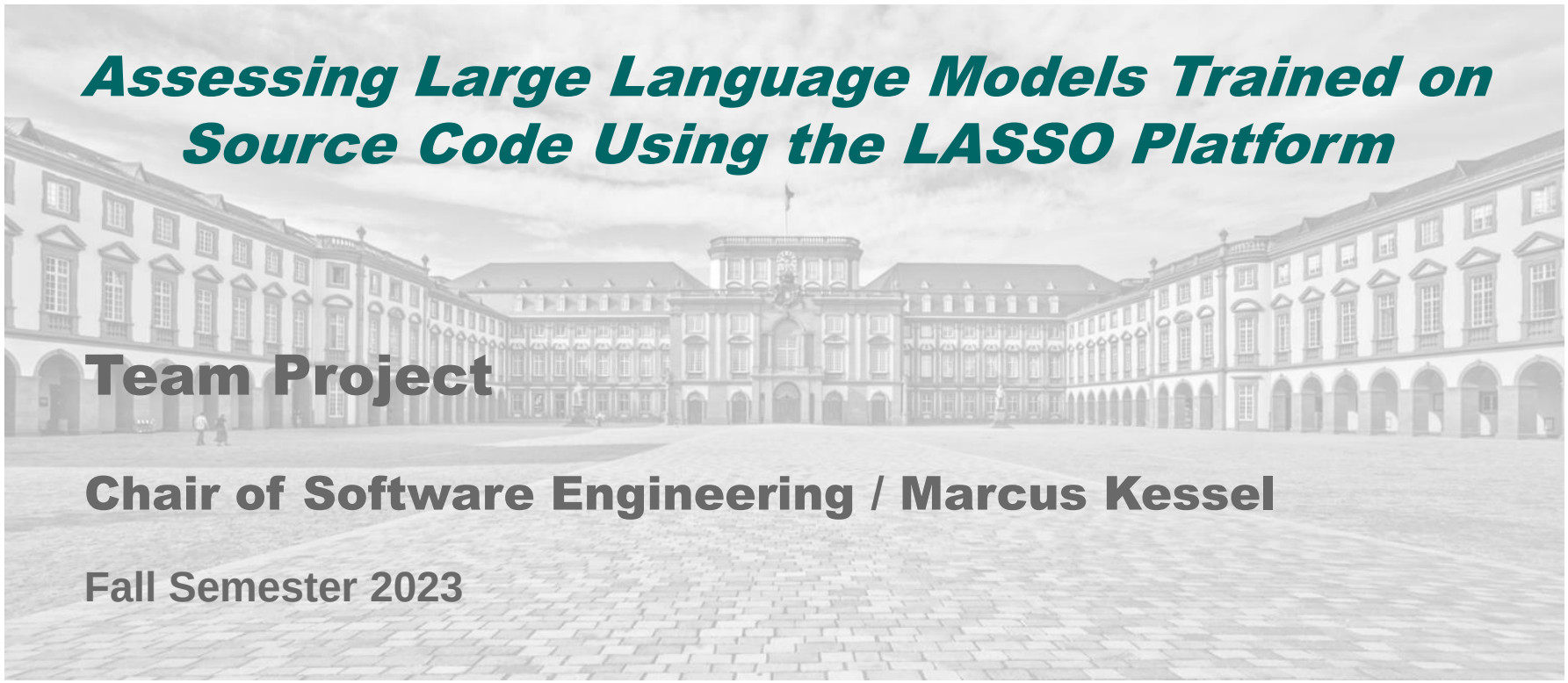
Assessing Large Language Models Trained on Source Code Using the LASSO Platform



Team Project

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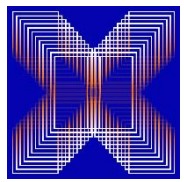
LLMs (and Chatbots) for Source Code

Trained on massive amounts of open source code

OpenAI

ChatGPT



Codex

GitHub Copilot

tabnine

StarCoder

… many more

Code & Test Generation Tasks

sentiments.ts | write_sql.go | parse_expenses.py | addresses.rb

```python
import datetime

def parse_expenses(expenses_string):
    """Parse the list of expenses and return the list of triples (date, value, currency).
    Ignore lines starting with #.
    Parse the date using datetime.
    Example expenses_string:
        2016-01-02 -34.01 USD
        2016-01-03 2.59 DKK
        2016-01-03 -2.72 EUR
    """
    expenses = []
    for line in expenses_string.splitlines():
        if line.startswith("#"):
            continue
        date, value, currency = line.split(" ")
        expenses.append((datetime.datetime.strptime(date, "%Y-%m-%d"),
                         float(value),
                         currency))
    return expenses
```

Copilot

GitHub Copilot

Code Generation
(Program Synthesis)

Test Generation
(Inputs and Outputs)

runtime.go | course.rb | time.js | IsPrimeTest.java

```java
import static org.junit.Assert.*;
import org.junit.Test;

public class IsPrimeTest {

  // Math.isPrime(int) returns whether the given number is prime or not
  @Test
  public void testIsPrime() {
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(2));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(3));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(5));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(7));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(11));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(13));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(17));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(19));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(23));
    assertTrue(Math.isPrime(29));
}
```

Copilot

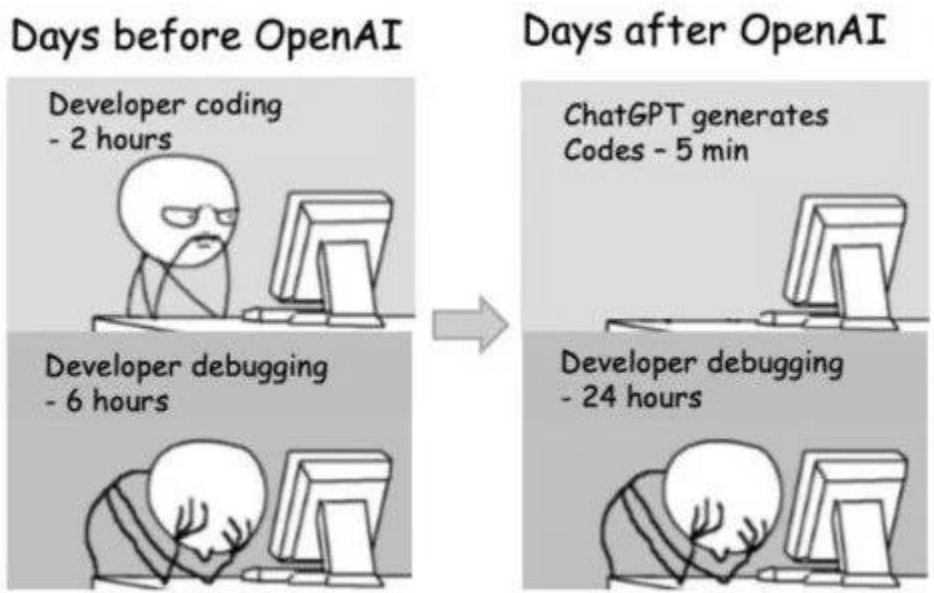
Jack of all Trades, Master of None (?)

"… the robots are coming …"

"… they replace developers …"

*"… hallucinating bullsh** …"*

"… frees from boring tasks …"



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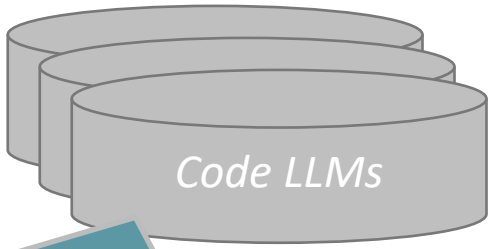
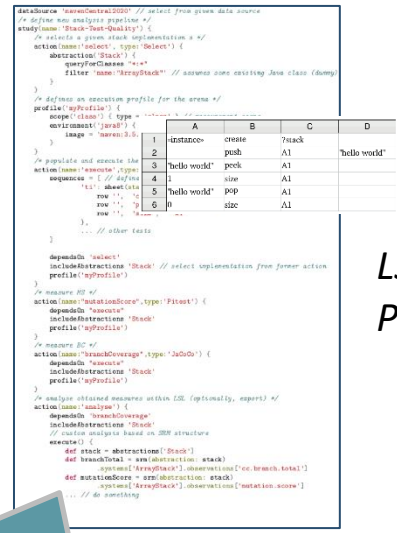
Assessing Code LLMs



Measure and Analyze Functional/Non-Functional Behaviour

Execution-based Program Analysis at Scale

State-of-the-Art Benchmarks
Curated Coding Task Collections
→ *HumanEval, MBPP, MultiPL-E* etc.



LSL Analysis Pipelines

Delivers expected functionality?
High-quality code?
Better than Code Search?
Code Attribution?
Risks?

Goal (1)

- LASSO is a leading edge software observatorium that allows advanced search and analysis techniques to be applied to “big code”. Among other things, this simplifies experimentation and the validation of tools and software engineering approaches.
- The goal of this team project is to study leading-edge code LLMs (focus: code and test generation tasks) with the help of the LASSO platform. This includes –
  - Integrating state-of-the-art Code LLMs into LASSO to enable comparisons
  - Integrating/running established benchmarks (coding tasks)
  - Setting up analysis pipelines in LASSO’s scripting language, LSL, to automate the experimentation process including –
    - Test-Driven Assessment of Functional Behaviour
    - Code Quality Measurements
    - Code Attribution (code shared with original data)
    - Comparison with Code Search / Recommendation

Goal (2)

- Participants
  - 6 students
- Length
  - 6 months
- Prerequisites
  - (Java) Programming
  - Fundamental understanding in machine learning
- Language
  - English
- Organisation
  - Goals and timetable defined by agreement with the supervisor
- Applicable to MMDS: yes
- Online: By agreement
- Supervisor
  - Marcus Kessel