

# DeepSeek-R1: Incentivizing Reasoning Capability in LLMs via Reinforcement Learning

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### About the paper

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### DeepSeek-R1: Incentivizing Reasoning Capability in LLMs via Reinforcement Learning

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#### Abstract

We introduce our first-generation reasoning models, DeepSeek-R1-Zero and DeepSeek-R1. DeepSeek-R1-Zero, a model trained via large-scale reinforcement learning (RL) without supervised fine-tuning (SFT) as a preliminary step, demonstrates remarkable reasoning capabilities. Through RL, DeepSeek-R1-Zero naturally emerges with numerous powerful and intriguing reasoning behaviors. However, it encounters challenges such as poor readability, and language mixing. To address these issues and further enhance reasoning performance, we introduce DeepSeek-R1, which incorporates multi-stage training and cold-start data before RL. DeepSeek-R1 achieves performance comparable to OpenAI-o1-1217 on reasoning tasks. To support the research community, we open-source DeepSeek-R1-Zero, DeepSeek-R1, and six dense models (1.5B, 7B, 8B, 14B, 32B, 70B) distilled from DeepSeek-R1 based on Qwen and Llama.



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▶ Wirtschaft ▶ Unternehmen ▶ Wie ein chinesisches Start-up die KI-Welt in Atem hält



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### DeepSeek, der Schrecken der US-Techgiganten

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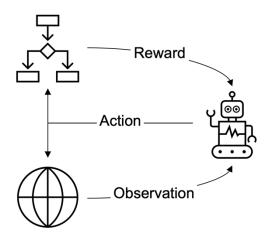
Das Start-up DeepSeek verblüfft und verunsichert die Tech-Welt. Denn das neueste KI-Modell des chinesischen Unternehmens soll deutlich effizienter sein als die Konkurrenz aus den USA.

## How can LLMs be encouraged to think reasonably in order to improve the quality of their outputs?



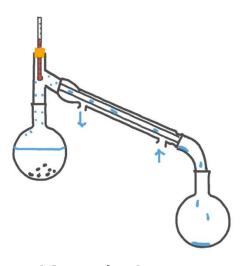
### Context

## **Improving LLMs**



Reinforcement Learning <think> reasoning process here </think> <answer> final answer here </answer>

Reasoning ("think slow")



Knowledge Distillation

### Whats special about the paper?

- First open validation of pure\* RL for reasoning
  - No need for supervised training with lots of labeled data or other auxilliary tools
  - Opening doors for more autonomous training of models in the future



- Discovery of "Aha moment"
  - Not just imitating human CoT but developing own thinking patterns

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Wait, wait. Wait. That's an aha moment I can flag here.

Let's reevaluate this step-by-step to identify if the correct sum can be · · ·

Successful distillation of reasoning capabilities



Artifacts with competitive performance

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### Methodology

