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Publications & Projects

• ICL Improves Compositional Understanding of VLMs: Research published ICML Workshop, 2024. Analysed and evaluated generative and contrastive-based VLMs such as CLIP, LLaVa and cogVLM on compositionality-based benchmarks (ARO, winoground, sugarcrape). We find that using task-specific few-shot examples can significantly improve the compositional understanding capabilities of VLMs, attaining a 5% enhancement.

- 'Explaining RL decisions with trajectories': A Reproducibility Study: Research published TMLR, 2024. Reproduced and extended 'Explaining RL decisions with trajectories' from Adobe Research. Investigated new methodologies by changing the clustering algorithm and by encoding trajectories through Hugging Face based Transformers. Obtained better visual cluster representation.
- Vocabulary Reduction and Contrastive Decoding in LLMs: Research to be submitted, 2024. Modified existing early-exiting techniques and applied contrastive decoding to encoder-decoder Large Language models such t5. By employing vocabulary pruning technique we achieved 100x improvement in FLOPs, while retaining almost all performance.
- AI-Lab Competition Winner: University project employing Unsupervised and Supervised ML methods to analyse breast cancer cells and capture interactions between them. Detected with a success rate of 95% Hypoxic vs Normoxic cells. Received founding to present the work at the University of Oxford Oncology Department.
- Deep Generative models and Transformer based models: University project implementing causal self-attention in gpt-2 and developed Variational Auto-encoders and Adversarial Auto-encoders from scratch in PyTorch.

EXPERIENCE

eBay

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Applied Scientist July 2024 - Current

o MLLMs: Intern on Multimodal LLMs research and development for data, architecture and pre-training.

Aindo

Milan, Italy

Machine Learning Engineer

June 2022 - Sep 2022

• VAEs: Learned PyTorch library and developed Variational Auto-encoders from scratch.

BAINSA

Milan, Italy

Co-Founder Jan 2022 - July 2023

- AI association: Founded first Artificial Intelligence association at Bocconi.
- Events: Spread awareness & perception on AI's applications through events held inside and outside the university.
- o Partners: Main Partners include Bending Spoons, Vedrai and Insitute Europia.

EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

MSc in Artificial Intelligence; GPA: 4.0/4.0 (8.3/10)

Sep 2023 - Sep 2025

o Relevant Courses: Foundation Models, Deep Learning 1 & 2, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval, Machine Learning 1

Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi

Milan, Italy

BSc in Mathematics and Computing Sciences for Artificial Intelligence; GPA: 3.6/4.0 (99/110) Sep 2020 - July 2023

- Thesis: Analysed Generative Adversarial Networks and Recurrent Neural Networks with time-series financial data to determine future prices of stocks.
- Relevant Courses: Machine Learning, Mathematical Modelling for Finance, Mathematical Analysis 1,2 & 3, Physics 1 & 2, Statistical and Quantum Physics, Optimization Algorithms, Programming

University of Sydney

Sydney, Australia

Exchange Semester in Applied Mathematics and Computing Sciences; GPA: 3.6/4.0

Feb 2023 - July 2023

o Relevant Courses: Stochastic Processes (Adv), Big Data and Data Diversity (Adv), Deep Learning

Programming Skills

- Languages: Python, R, SQL, LaTeX, C (Beginner)
- Libraries: Pytorch, OpenCV, SciPy, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Scikit Learn, CLIP, Transformers