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1 Basic LLMs

Resources - Tài nguyên.

- 1. Attention Is All You Need.
- 2. [Ras24]. Sebastian Raschka. Build A Large Language Model (From Scratch).

Question 1 (LLMs vs. Music Generation). Draw similarities between LLMs & Music Generation in Computer Music.

- Vẽ ra điểm tương đồng giữa LLM và ngành Tạo nhạc trong Âm nhạc máy tính.

Grok3's DeepSearch. Large Language Models (LLMs) & music generation in computer music share several conceptual and technical similarities, as both involve generative processes that create structured outputs from complex data. Below, I outline key parallels:

1. Sequential Data Processing.

- LLMs: Operate on sequences of tokens (words, subwords, or characters) to predict the next token based on context, generating coherent text.
- Music Generation: Processes sequences of musical elements (notes, chords, or time steps) to predict subsequent elements, creating melodies, harmonies, or rhythms. Models like MIDI-based systems or audio spectrogram processors treat music as a time-ordered sequence, akin to text.
- 2. Pattern Learning and Generalization:
 - *LLMs*. Learn linguistic patterns, grammar, and semantic relationships from vast text corpora, enabling them to generate contextually relevant sentences.
 - Music Generation: Learn musical patterns, such as chord progressions, scales, or stylistic motifs, from datasets of compositions or audio. Models like MuseNet or Magenta capture genre-specific structures to generate music that aligns with learned styles.
- 3. Transformer Architecture.
 - LLMs: Rely heavily on transformer models (e.g., GPT architectures) to model long-range dependencies in text, using attention mechanisms to weigh the importance of prior tokens.

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- Music Generation: Many modern music generation systems, such as Jukebox or Music Transformer, also use transformers to model long-range dependencies in musical sequences, ensuring coherence over extended passages.
- 4. Training Objective (Next-Token Prediction):
 - LLMs: Trained to minimize the error in predicting the next token in a sequence, optimizing for fluency and coherence.
 - Music Generation: Similarly trained to predict the next note, chord, or audio frame, ensuring the output adheres to musical logic. For example, symbolic music models predict note sequences, while audio-based models like WaveNet predict waveform samples.
- 5. Creative Output with Variability:
 - *LLMs*: Generate diverse text outputs by sampling from probability distributions (e.g., top-k or nucleus sampling), allowing for creative variations in responses.
 - Music Generation: Use similar sampling techniques to introduce variability in generated music, enabling models to produce novel melodies or improvisations while adhering to learned structures.

6. Contextual Awareness:

- LLMs: Use context windows to maintain coherence, drawing on prior tokens to shape the narrative or argument.
- Music Generation: Maintain musical context, ensuring that generated notes or phrases align with the preceding musical structure, such as staying in key or following a rhythmic pattern.

7. Fine-Tuning for Style:

- *LLMs*: Can be fine-tuned on specific datasets to adopt particular writing styles, tones, or domains (e.g., legal or poetic text).
- Music Generation: Fine-tuned to emulate specific genres, composers, or instruments (e.g., Bach-style chorales or jazz improvisations), tailoring outputs to desired musical aesthetics.

8. Evaluation Challenges:

- *LLMs*: Difficult to evaluate due to subjective quality of text; metrics like BLEU are limited, and human judgment is often required.
- Music Generation: Similarly hard to assess, as musical quality is subjective. Metrics like pitch entropy or harmonic consistency are used, but human listening tests remain critical.
- 9. Ethical and Bias Concerns:
 - LLMs: Can perpetuate biases present in training data, generating biased or harmful text if not carefully managed.
 - Music Generation: May replicate biases in musical datasets, such as over-representing certain genres or cultural styles, potentially marginalizing others.

10. Interdisciplinary Applications:

- LLMs: Applied beyond text generation to tasks like code generation, translation, or dialogue systems.
- Music Generation: Used in interactive composition tools, film scoring, or therapeutic applications, extending beyond standalone music creation.

In summary, both LLMs and music generation leverage probabilistic, sequence-based modeling to create structured, creative outputs. Their reliance on similar architectures (e.g., transformers) and training paradigms highlights a deep connection between natural language and music as forms of human expression processed by AI.

2 Miscellaneous

Tài liêu

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