Unit 5.2: Large Language Models

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- How did you guess?



LLMs as coding agents

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What is an LLM

a = [2, 4, 5]
Compute the mean of the list
Can the LLM auto-complete?



LLMs as bug fixers

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Training data

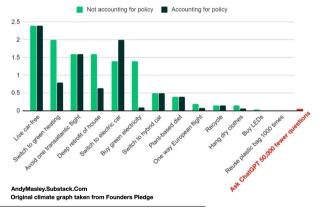


OpenAl must face part of Intercept lawsuit over Al training



Environment

Figure 4. Tonnes of CO₂ avoided by selected personal lifestyle decisions accounting for government policy



¹Source (January 2025):

Labor conditions

What is an LLM



"When it gets to the day before payday, they close the account and say that you violated a policy," Kanvugi said.

Employees say they have no recourse or even a way to complain.

The company told 60 Minutes that any work done "in line with our community guidelines was paid out." In March, as workers started complaining publicly, Remotasks abruptly shut down in Kenya, locking all workers out of their accounts.

The mental toll of AI training

Workers say some of the projects for Meta and OpenAI also caused them mental harm. Wambalo was assigned to train AI to recognize and weed out pornography, hate speech and excessive violence from social media. He had to sift through the worst of the worst content online for hours on end.

"I looked at people being slaughtered," Wambalo said. "People engaging in sexual activity with animals. People abusing children physically, sexually. People committing suicide."

Berhane Gebrekidan thought she'd been hired for a translation job, but she said what she ended up doing was reviewing content featuring dismembered bodies and drone attack victims.

²Source (November 2024):

Effect on cognition

Results

Cultural modulation of neural mechanisms asserts that technological interactions significantly influence brain development and cognitive abilities. The use of artificial intelligence chatbots like ChatGPT for cognitive offloading may lead to underemployment of specific cognitive faculties, inhibiting their full maturation. This phenomenon is particularly relevant in the context of executive functions, where reliance on artificial intelligence for problem-solving can reduce cognitive effort and lead to long-term cognitive changes. 13

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³Source (June 2024): Dubey et al. Redefining Cognitive Domains in the Era of ChatGPT: A Comprehensive Analysis of Artificial Intelligence's Influence and Future Implications. Med Res Arch. 2024 Jun;12(6):5383. doi: 10.18103/mra.v12i6.5383







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Corrected code is useless / does not work





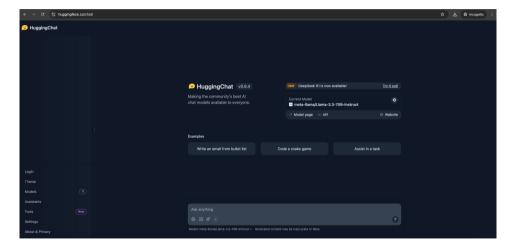




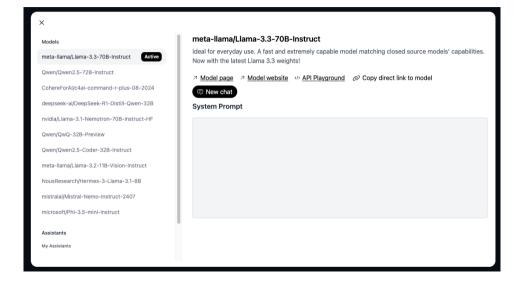
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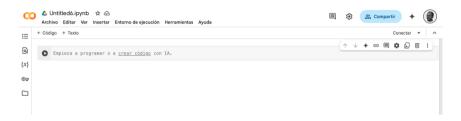
HuggingChat



Switch models



Generative AI on Google Colab

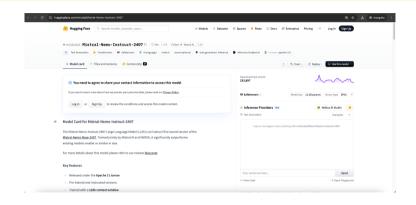


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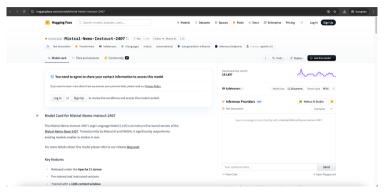


Model cards





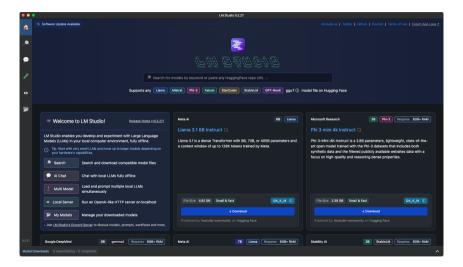
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No model card for Gemini!



Using an LLM locally (no server)



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Conclusions

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- Consider if you really need this



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