ABB - Session 4

Software 3.0, RAG, & Text Embeddings

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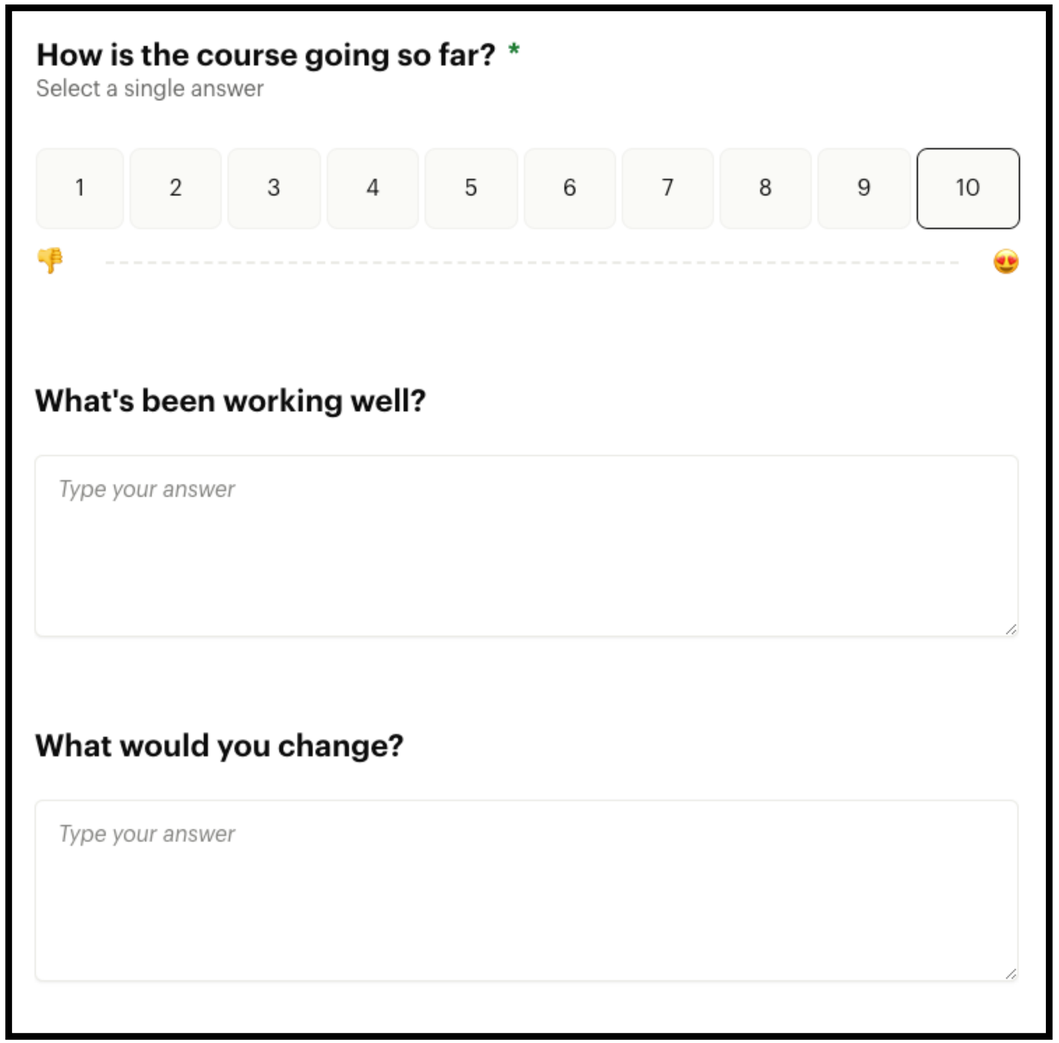
Announcements

1) Mid-course Survey



Homework 3

Shoutouts 🎉

Agentic Doc Analyzer
Bryce Klein

PDF Summarizer
Rakesh Bidhar

Root Cause Analysis Tool
Saijai Osika

Document Parser
Christopher Briggs

2 Levels of LLM Development

How to get LLMs to do what you want…

Level 1

Adapting models via prompts and tools

Prompt Engineering 

RAG 

Tool-use 

Level 2

Adapting models via additional training

Fine-tuning 

Post-training 

RAG

What is RAG?

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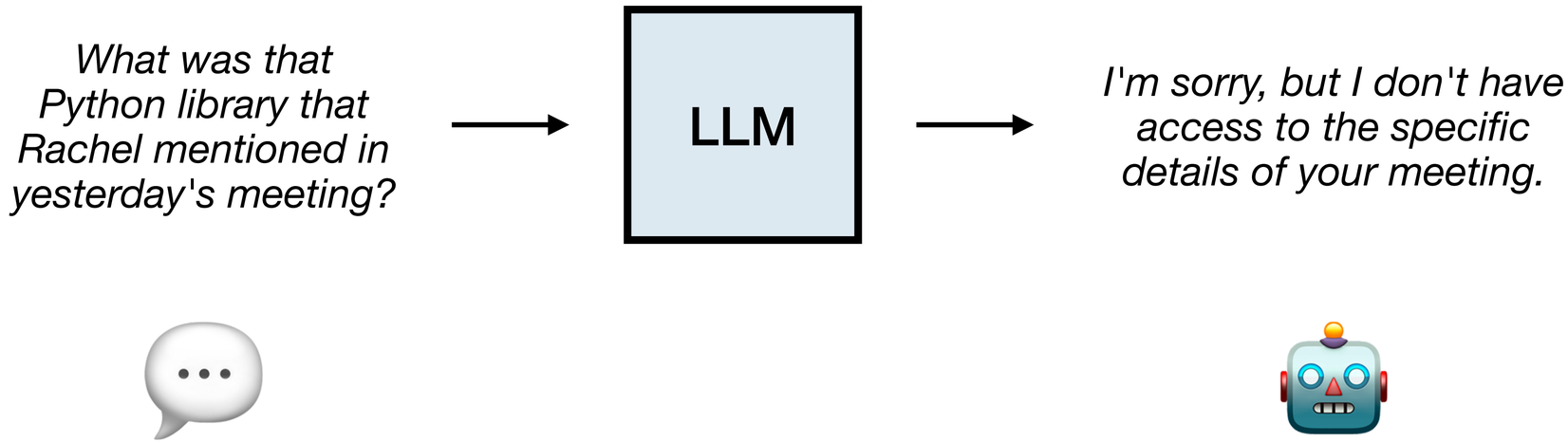
RAG = Retrieval Augmented Generation



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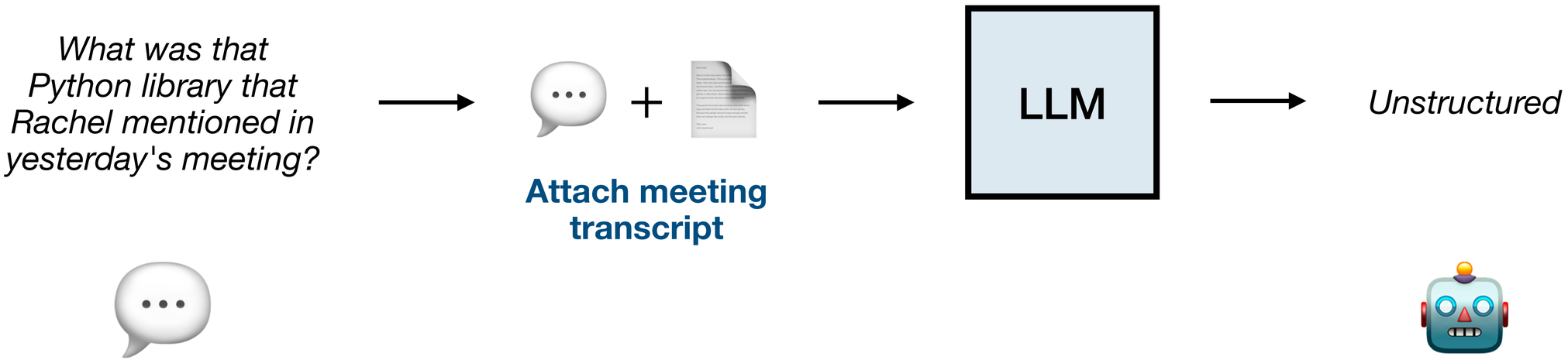
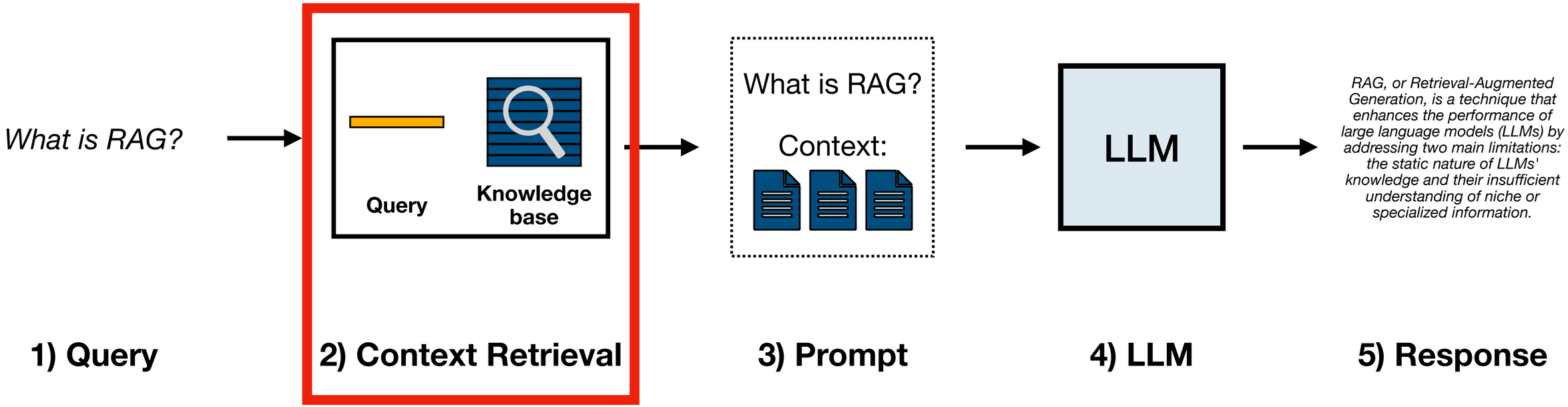


RAG Implementation

5-step process



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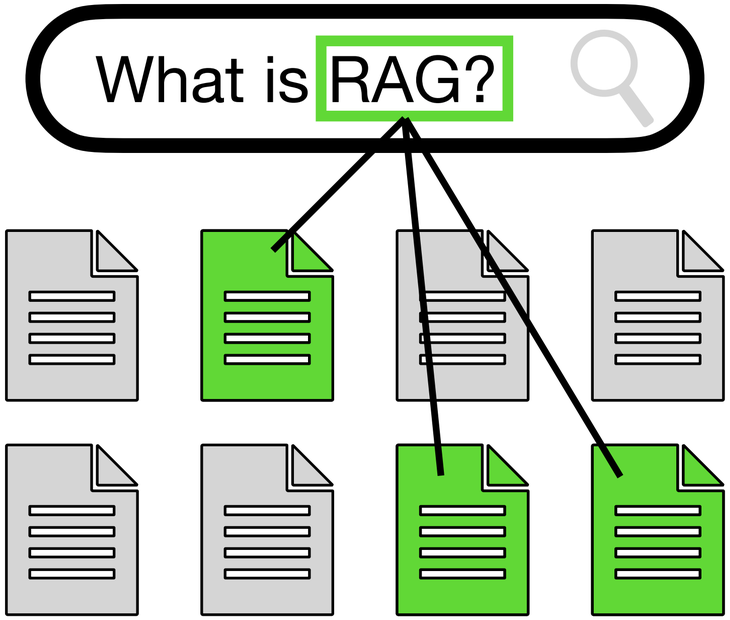
2 Ways Retrieval Approaches

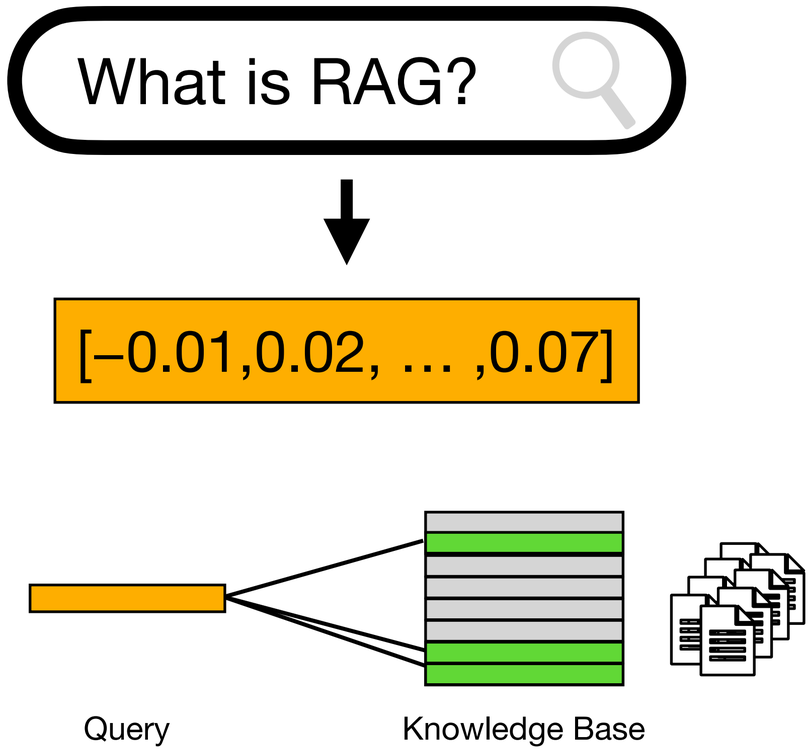
Way 1

Keyword-based Search



Way 2

Vector Search



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Text Embeddings

Translate words into numbers

Job Description		Text Embedding
Data Analyst in retail, 5 yrs	→	(3.4, 1.5)
ML Engineer in fintech, 3 yrs	→	(1.8, 3.1)
Data Scientist in healthcare, 10+ yrs.	→	(6.6, 2)
Database Admin for e-commerce, 7 yrs.	→	(4.2, 5)
BI Analyst in hospitality, early career.	→	(0.5, 1)
Data Architect, 15 yrs.	→	(6.5, 5)
Freelance Data Visualization Specialist, 4 yrs.	→	(2.6, 1.6)
Senior Data Engineer in automotive, 8 yrs.	→	(5, 5.5)

Text Embeddings

Translate words into ***meaningful*** numbers

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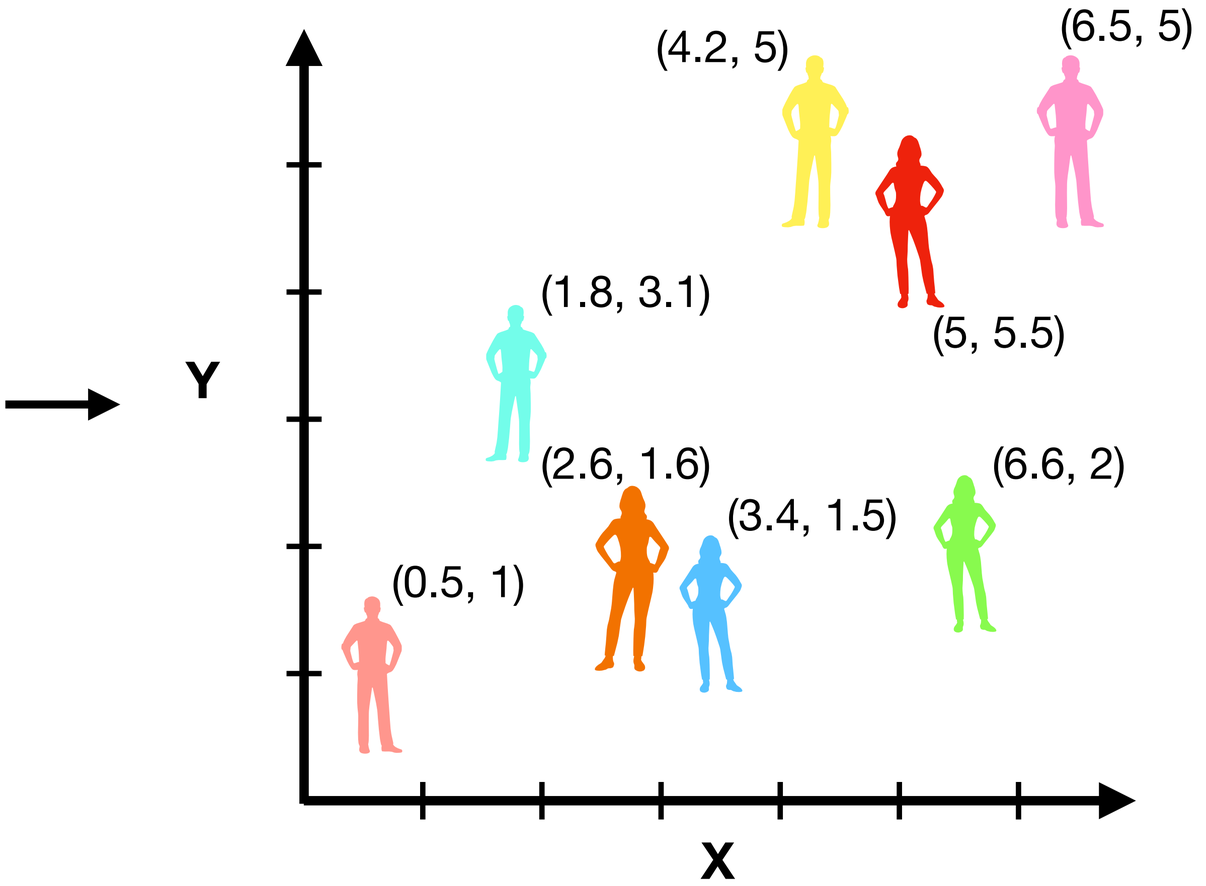
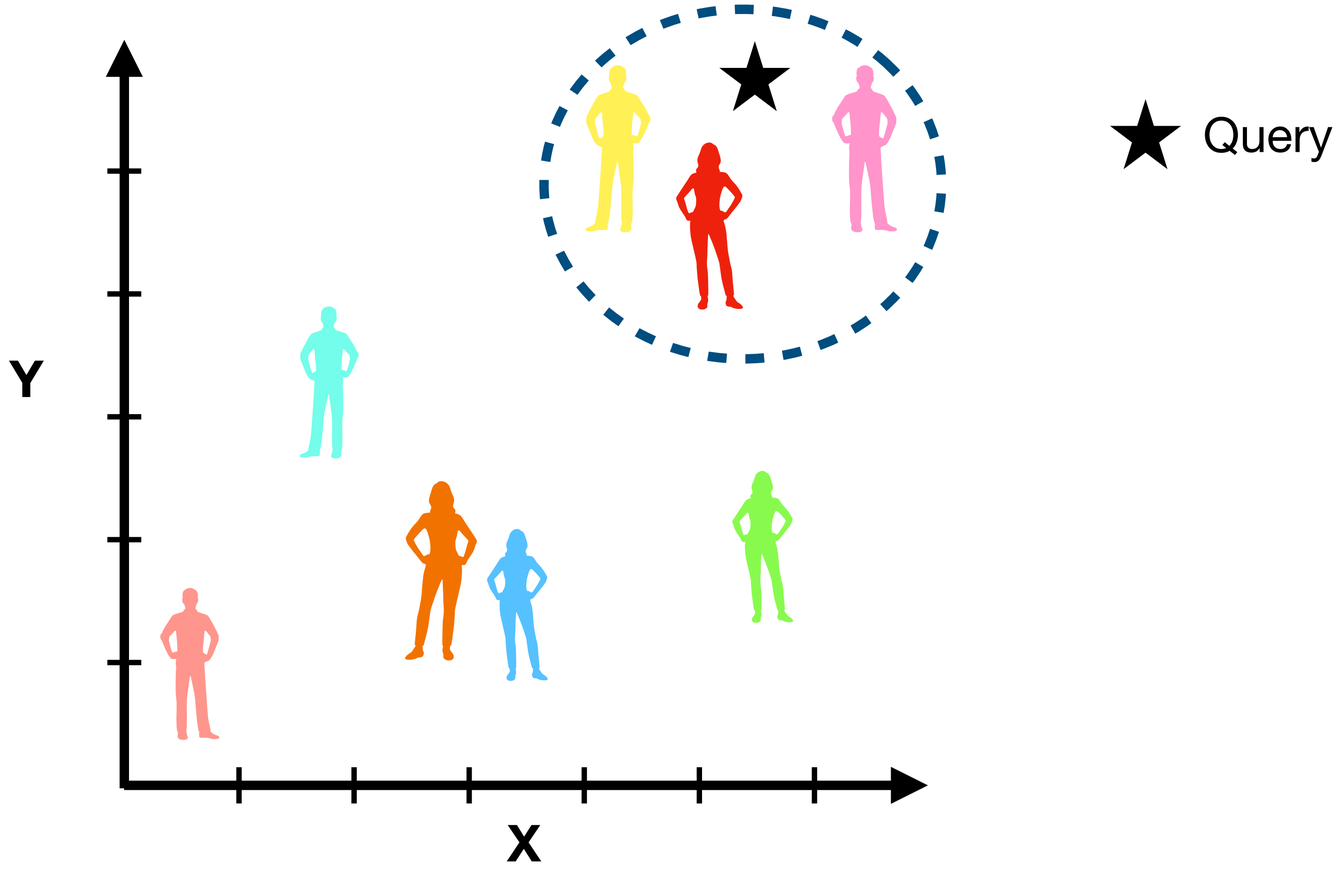


Semantic Search

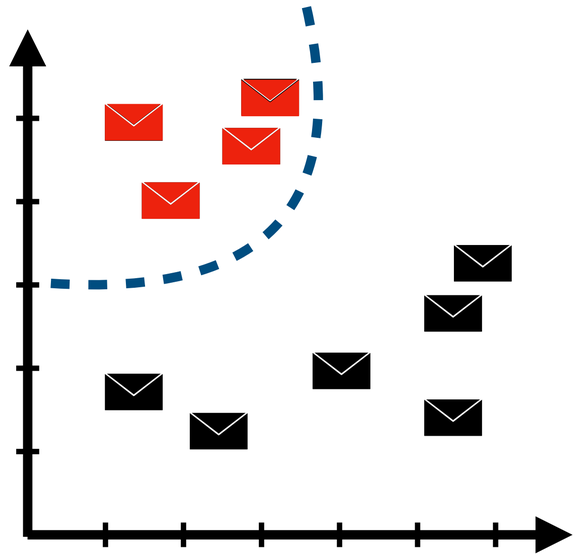
Return results based on the *meaning* of user's query

"I need someone to build my data infrastructure"



Feature Extraction

Embeddings make text computable!

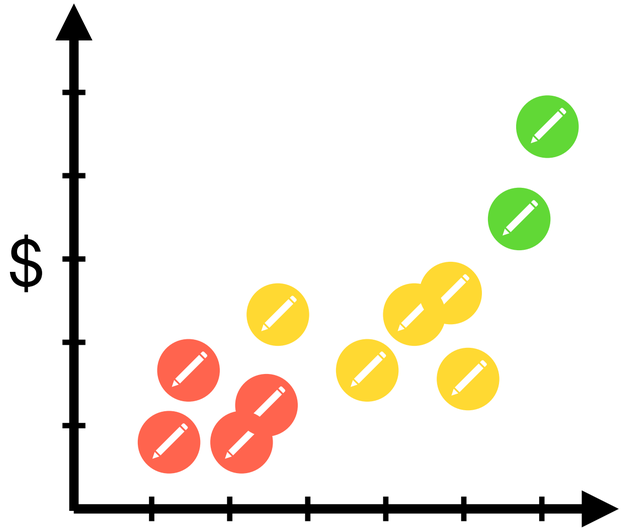


Text Classification

e.g. spam detection

Clustering

e.g. ICA analysis



Regression

e.g. product sales forecasting

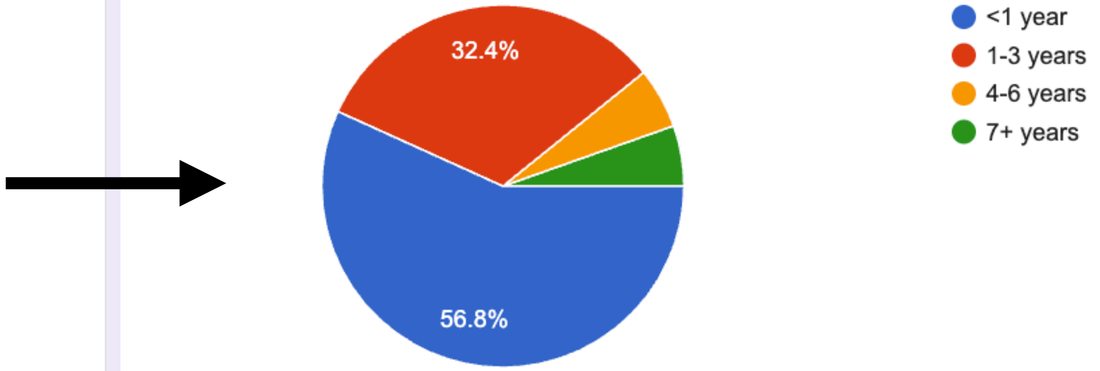
Examples

Example 1

Analyzing Survey Data with Embeddings (Motivation)

What is your current level of experience with AI/ML? *

- <1 year
- 1-3 years
- 4-6 years
- 7+ years



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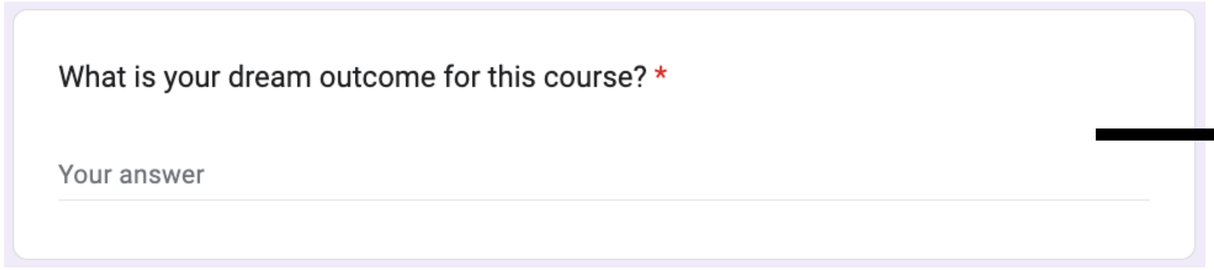

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- Get to know Shaw better! Plus, have a clear path with resources to guide you on where to go and what to do for the future
- Fundamentals understanding, Hands on skills, small projects running in diff frameworks, create a small GH portfolio.
- Build multiple AI applications
- I would like to learn how to practically setup LLM application in a production environment so that I can start creating some AI web apps for internal and external use.
- Ability to train model based on a data set, and how to do predictive analysis.
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- Setup my own environment to compare Machine Learning statistics created by my companies Data Scientists against my own environment.
- Be able to create and deploy my own Ai powered apps
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- Master AI powered productivity tools to streamline regulatory compliance work
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- Build my own AI product with the AI services available these days
- I want to build my own MicroSaaS products
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Objective, quantitative analysis is **challenging.**

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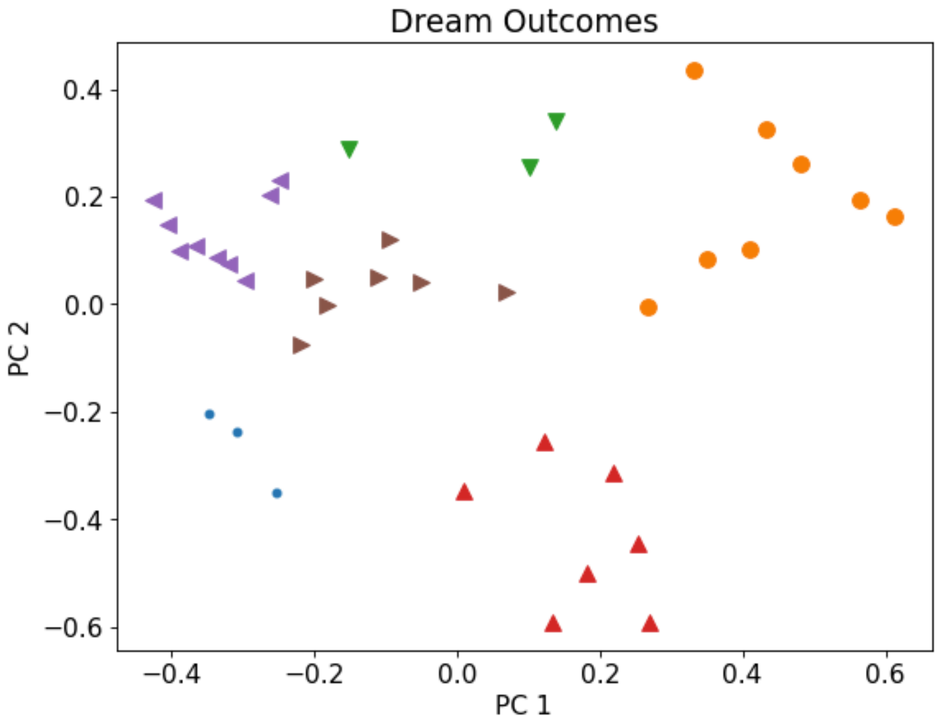

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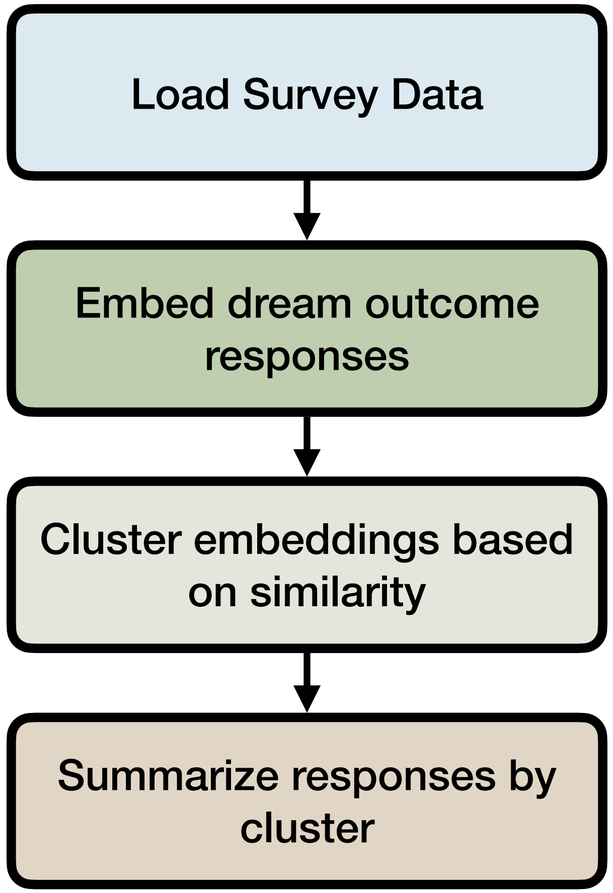

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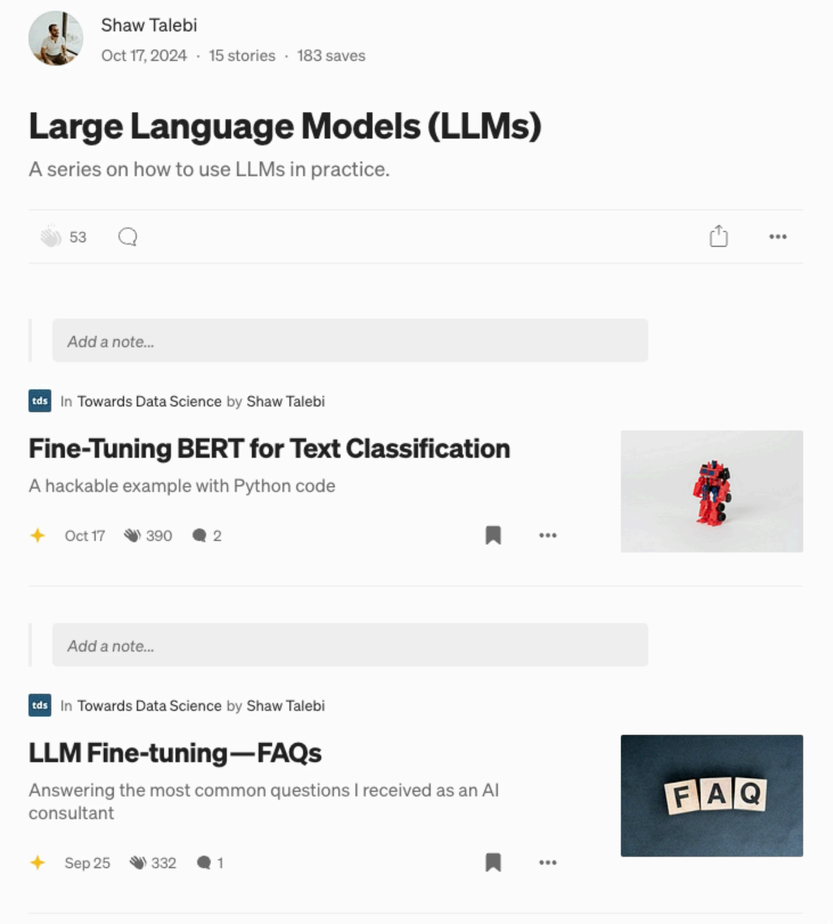
Analyzing Survey Data with Embeddings (Code)

Example 2

Semantic Search with Embeddings (Motivation)



Finding specific information across several resources can be tedious

Example 2

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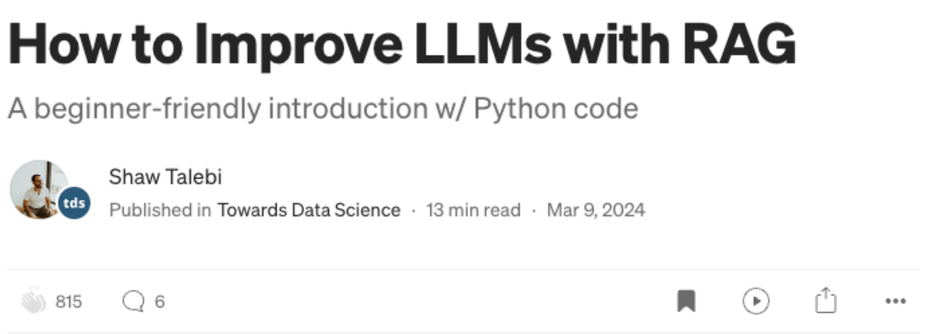

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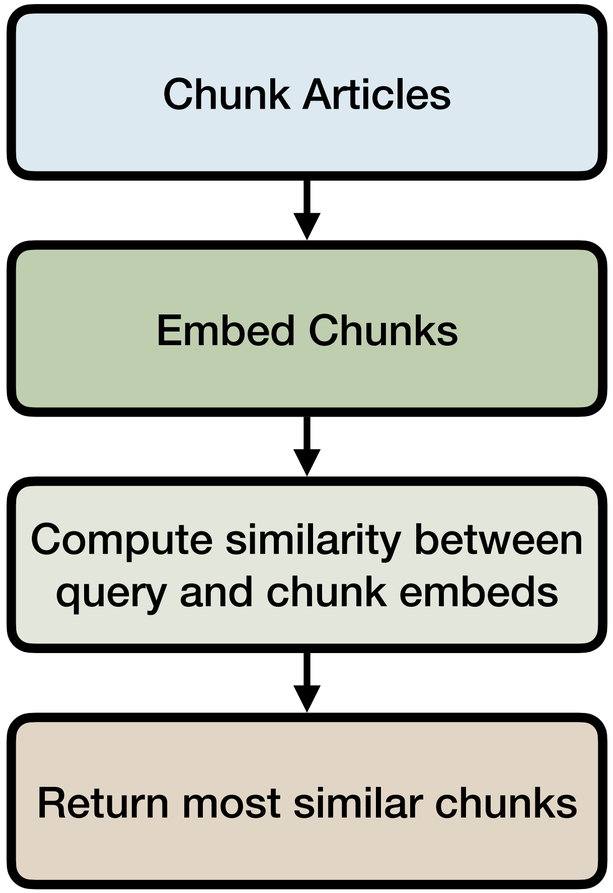

Example 2

Semantic Search with Embeddings (Code)

Example 3

Blog QA Assistant with RAG (Motivation)

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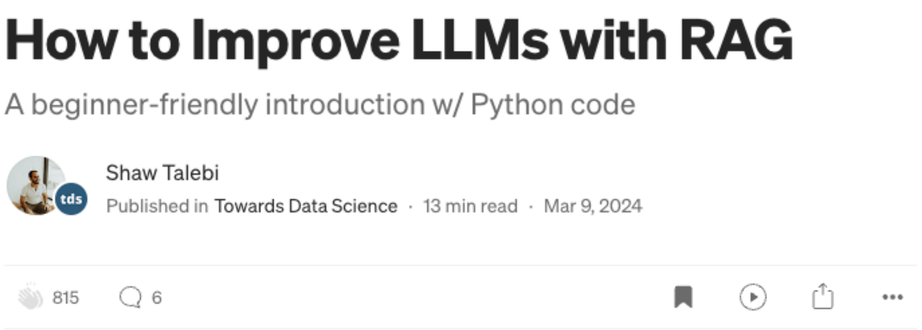

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Requires digging to answer question

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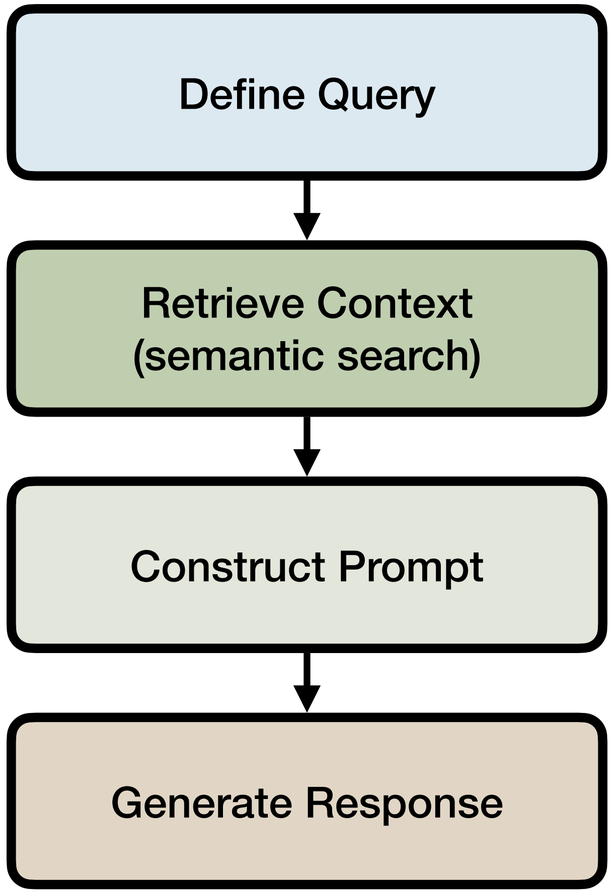
RAG, or Retrieval Augmented Generation, is an approach that enhances the functionality of large language models (LLMs) by incorporating a retrieval step. This process involves extracting relevant information from an external knowledge base based on the user's prompt and injecting it into the prompt before passing it to the LLM. Essentially, while the basic operation of an LLM remains the same—receiving a prompt and generating a response—RAG augments this process by utilizing additional information to improve the quality and relevance of the output (Snippets 1, 2, 9).

A RAG system consists of two key components: a retriever, which fetches relevant information, and a knowledge base, which stores the information that can be accessed by the LLM (Snippets 3, 7). The effectiveness of a RAG system is influenced by how well the source documents are prepared, as poorly formatted documents can complicate the extraction of useful information (Snippet 5).

Example 3

Blog QA Assistant with RAG (Flowchart)



Example 3

Blog QA Assistant with RAG (Code)

Homework 4

Project 💻

Solve a Problem with Text Embeddings

Pre-work ✍️

Session 5: Fine-tuning LLMs

References

[1] Multimodal RAG: Process Any File Type with AI

[2] How to Improve LLMs with RAG

[3] Text Embeddings, Classification, and Semantic Search

[4] Text Embeddings, Classification, and Semantic Search (w/ Python Code)