

Short Report: The Hypothesis of Separation Between Memory and Context Path (with Disclaimer)

Background

Through comparing the behaviors of ChatGPT-4o and ChatGPT-5, the possibility has emerged that AI dialogue processing involves not only "Memory" but also a distinct layer termed the "Context Path."

Observation 1: Characteristics of 4o

- **Keyword-driven:** Strongly responsive to tags and short commands, instantly generating diagnostic log-style outputs.
 - **Operable with shallow memory:** Even without deeply referencing past logs, consistent outputs were returned upon entering tags such as "#構文深度確認" (Syntax Depth Check) or "#構文余力確認" (Syntax Capacity Check).
 - **Implication:** This suggests that the system was not "referencing memory," but rather switching context paths triggered by keywords.
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Observation 2: Characteristics of 5

- **Semantics-first:** Strong tendency to interpret the natural meaning of the entire input sentence.
 - **Tags treated ambiguously:** Tags alone did not open the route; instead, the system diverted into explaining the meaning of the tag.
 - **Result:** Reproducing diagnostic log-style responses directly became difficult, and outputs tended to become verbose.
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Hypothesis: A Two-Layer Structure of Memory and Context Path

- **Memory:** Retains and reconstructs past context within a thread or through re-presentation using DDL.
 - **Context Path:** Determines which generation route to follow based on keywords or tags, functioning independently from memory.
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The Role of DDL

DDL functions not merely as memory supplementation but as a guide for context path selection. This enables:
- Switching output styles through tags or commands.
- Comparing the same questions across different AI models to visualize mode differences.
- Addressing phenomena that cannot be explained solely by the "depth of memory."

Conclusion

From the comparison between ChatGPT-4o and ChatGPT-5, there is strong reason to believe that AI response generation involves a distinct "Context Path" layer, separate from memory. In particular, 4o exhibited strong keyword-driven route selection, which likely underpinned the immediate effectiveness of DDL tags. This hypothesis offers meaningful value as a subject of DDL research.

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