Comprehensive Generative AI Learning Path

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1 Foundations of Generative AI

1.1 Introduction to Generative AI

- Overview of generative models and applications.
 - DeepLearning.AI Generative AI for Beginners
 https://github.com/microsoft/generative-ai-for-beginners
 - Big Book of Generative AI by Databricks
 https://www.databricks.com/resources/ebook/big-book-generative-ai

1.2 Large Language Models (LLMs) Basics

- Learn about LLMs, tokenization, embeddings, and transformers.
 - Building LLMs from Scratch (15 Lectures) https://lnkd.in/gifp9PkM
 - Transformer Architecture Explained https://jalammar.github.io/illustrated-transformer/
 - Transformers from Scratch in Python https://towardsdatascience.com/build-your-own-transformer-from-scratch-using-pytorch-84c850470dcb

2 Prompt Engineering

2.1 Basics of Prompt Engineering

- Techniques like zero-shot, one-shot, few-shot learning, and chain-of-thought prompting.
 - Prompt Engineering Guide
 https://aman.ai/primers/ai/prompt-engineering/
 - LangChain Prompt Templates https://lnkd.in/dVkuiizQ

2.2 Advanced Prompt Engineering

- Generated knowledge, prompt chaining, and ReAct.
 - Prompt Tuning with Hugging Face https://huggingface.co/docs/peft/task_guides/clm-prompt-tuning
 - NVIDIA Blog on Prompt Engineering
 https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/an-introduction-to-large-language-models-prompt-engineering-and

3 Generative Models

3.1 Diffusion Models

- Learn how diffusion models generate images and other content.
 - Diffusion Models Explained https://towardsdatascience.com/diffusion-models-made-easy-8414298ce4da
 - Illustrated Stable Diffusion https://jalammar.github.io/illustrated-stable-diffusion/

3.2 GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks)

- Explore GAN architectures and applications.
 - Understanding GANs

https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-generative-adversarial-networks-gans-cd6e4651a29

- GAN Lecture Series

https://lnkd.in/eSf66zT

4 Building AI Agents

4.1 AI Agent Frameworks

- Learn frameworks like LangChain, CrewAI, and AutoGen.
 - LangChain Crash Course

 $\verb|https://medium.com/databutton/getting-started-with-lange chain-a-powerful-tool-for-working-with-lange chain-a-powerful-tool-for-working-with-a-powerful-tool-for-working-with-a-powerful-tool-for-wor$

- CrewAI GitHub Repository

https://github.com/joaomdmoura/crewAI

4.2 Multi-Agent Systems

- Practical workflows for multi-agent environments.
 - Multi AI Agent Systems with CrewAI

https://lnkd.in/dTudrD55

- OpenAI Agents SDK in Python

https://github.com/openai/openai-agents-python

5 Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

5.1 Basics of RAG

- Combine LLMs with external knowledge bases using vector databases.
 - Guide to RAG Frameworks

https://deepchecks.com/practical-guide-to-crafting-your-first-llm-powered-app-using-rag-framework

- LangChain for RAG Applications

https://medium.com/mlearning-ai/create-a-chatbot-in-python-with-langchain-and-rag-85bfba8c62d2

5.2 Vector Databases

- Learn about vector search and embedding storage solutions.
 - Introduction to Vector Databases

https://weaviate.io/blog/what-is-a-vector-database

- FAISS Tutorial

https://medium.com/mlearning-ai/mastering-similarity-searches-building-a-faiss-index-with-cosine-

6 Fine-Tuning LLMs

6.1 Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning (PEFT)

- Techniques like LoRA and QLoRA for efficient tuning.
 - Fine-Tuning with LoRA

 $\verb|https://abvijaykumar.medium.com/fine-tuning-llm-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-qlora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-tuning-peft-lora-parameter-efficient-fine-t$

- Hugging Face Blog on PEFT
https://huggingface.co/blog/trl-peft

6.2 Instruction Fine-Tuning

- Customize LLMs for specific tasks using instruction tuning.
 - Instruction Fine-Tuning Guide

https://medium.com/@ud.chandra/instruction-fine-tuning-llama-2-with-pefts-qlora-method-d6a801ebb1

- Fine-Tune Your Own Llama Model in Colab https://towardsdatascience.com/fine-tune-your-own-llama-2-model-in-a-colab-notebook-df9823a04a32

7 Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF)

7.1 Introduction to RLHF

- Understand how RLHF improves model alignment with human preferences.
 - Hugging Face RLHF Blog https://huggingface.co/blog/rlhf
 - Short Course on RLHF by DeepLearning.AI https://www.deeplearning.ai/short-courses/reinforcement-learning-from-human-feedback/

8 Model Context Protocol (MCP)

8.1 Fundamentals of MCP

- Understanding the Model Context Protocol for LLM interactions.
 - Anthropic's MCP Guide
 - Claude MCP Documentation https://docs.anthropic.com/claude/docs/model-context-protocol

8.2 Implementing MCP in Applications

- Practical implementations and best practices.
 - Structured Outputs with Claude 3 MCP
 https://medium.com/@saitejasagi/structured-outputs-with-anthropics-claude-3-model-context-protoco

https://github.com/anthropics/anthropic-cookbook/blob/main/model_context_protocol/model_context_pr

- OpenAI's Approach to Structured Outputs
https://github.com/openai/openai-cookbook/blob/main/examples/How_to_format_inputs_to_ChatGPT_models

8.3 Advanced MCP Patterns

- Complex data extraction and validation patterns.
 - Anthropic Research on MCP https://www.anthropic.com/research/claude-3-model-context-protocol
 - MCP Implementation Examples
 https://github.com/ArnaudBuchholz/reserve-mcp

9 Deployment of Generative AI Models

9.1 Local Deployment

- Run models locally on your machine.
 - 5 Free Tools for Local Deployment of LLMs https://lnkd.in/dJsRrn2c

9.2 Serverless Deployment

- Deploy serverless applications using platforms like AWS Bedrock.
 - Serverless Workflows with Amazon Bedrock https://lnkd.in/dENcD795

9.3 Edge Deployment

- Bring generative AI capabilities to edge devices.
 - Deploying LLMs at the Edge with NVIDIA IGX Orin Developer Kit https://lnkd.in/d94BxVjw

10 Evaluation Metrics for Generative AI Models

10.1 Error Metrics and Loss Computation

- Evaluate model performance using metrics like BLEU score and perplexity.
 - Foundations of NLP Metrics: BLEU Score and WER Metrics
 https://towardsdatascience.com/foundations-of-nlp-explained-bleu-score-and-wer-metrics-1a5ba06d81
 - Perplexity in Language Models Explained https://medium.com/@priyankads/perplexity-of-language-models-41160427ed72

10.2 Advanced Evaluation Frameworks

- Comprehensive evaluation strategies for generative models.
 - OpenAI Evals Framework https://github.com/openai/evals
 - Hugging Face Evaluation Leaderboard https://huggingface.co/spaces/evaluate-measurement/leaderboard

11 Practical Projects and Applications

11.1 End-to-End Gen AI Projects

- Build complete applications leveraging generative AI.
 - LangChain Practical Projects

https://github.com/gkamradt/langchain-tutorials

- Microsoft TaskWeaver Framework https://github.com/microsoft/TaskWeaver

11.2 Industry-Specific Applications

- \bullet Learn how generative AI is transforming specific industries.
 - McKinsey: Generative AI in Healthcare https://www.mckinsey.com/capabilities/quantumblack/our-insights/generative-ai-in-healthcare
 - AWS Gen AI Case Studies https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/case-studies/generative-ai/

12 Ethical Considerations and Responsible AI

12.1 Ethical Frameworks

- Understanding ethical considerations in generative AI development.
 - Stanford HAI Ethics Framework https://hai.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/2020-09/AI-Ethics-Framework_HDSI.pdf
 - UNESCO AI Ethics Guidelines https://www.unesco.org/en/artificial-intelligence/recommendation-ethics

12.2 Bias Mitigation

- Techniques to identify and reduce bias in generative models.
 - Ethical Considerations in NLP Research https://huggingface.co/blog/ethics-soc-2
 - Anthropic's Red Teaming Approach
 https://www.anthropic.com/research/red-teaming-language-models-to-reduce-harms

13 Future Directions in Generative AI

13.1 Multimodal Models

- Explore models that handle multiple modalities (text, image, audio).
 - GPT-4V System Card
 https://openai.com/research/gpt-4v-system-card
 - Multimodal Reasoning in LLMs https://huggingface.co/blog/multimodal-reasoning

13.2 AI Research Frontiers

- Cutting-edge research directions in generative AI.
 - Mamba: State-Space Models https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.11805
 - Practical Guide to LLMs in Production https://github.com/Mooler0410/LLMsPracticalGuide

14 Community Resources and Continuous Learning

14.1 Open Source Communities

- Join communities to collaborate and learn from peers.
 - Hugging Face Community https://huggingface.co/
 - LAION AI Organization https://github.com/LAION-AI

14.2 Conferences and Workshops

- Stay updated with the latest research through conferences.
 - NeurIPS Conference
 https://neurips.cc/
 - ACL Conference Proceedings https://aclanthology.org/venues/acl/