GenAI Unpacked:
BEYOND BASICS

Developer World

Good Vibes. Good People. Good Skills.

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ML vs. GenAI
What is different and why it is important?

- Traditional ML
  - Lot of Data
  - Long Training
- GenAI
  - Pretrained
  - GPT=General Pretrained Transformer

AI Services

Open AI

https://platform.openai.com/docs/models

Azure AI Foundry

https://oai.azure.com/portal/****/models
https://ai.azure.com/

Working with TOKENS

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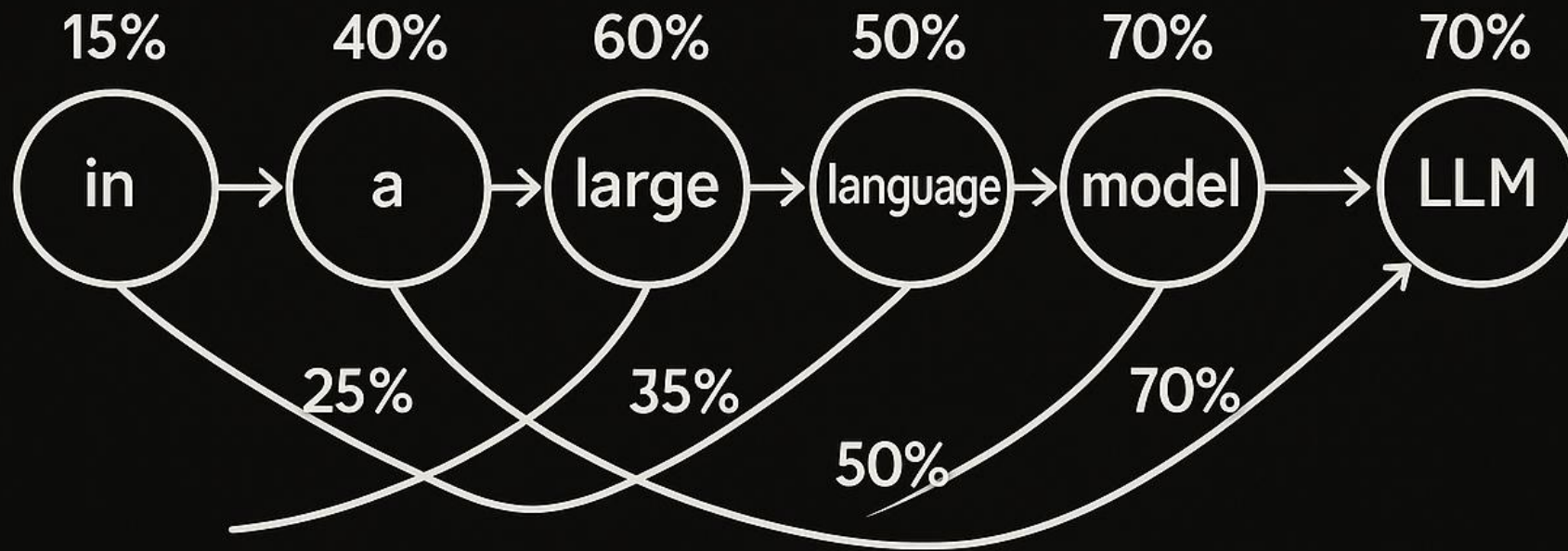# What are Tokens?

- 1 token ~= 4 chars in English

- 1 token ~= ¾ words

- 100 tokens ~= 75 words

- Byte Pare Encoding (Gage,1994): Wikipedia

· What are tokens and how to count them?
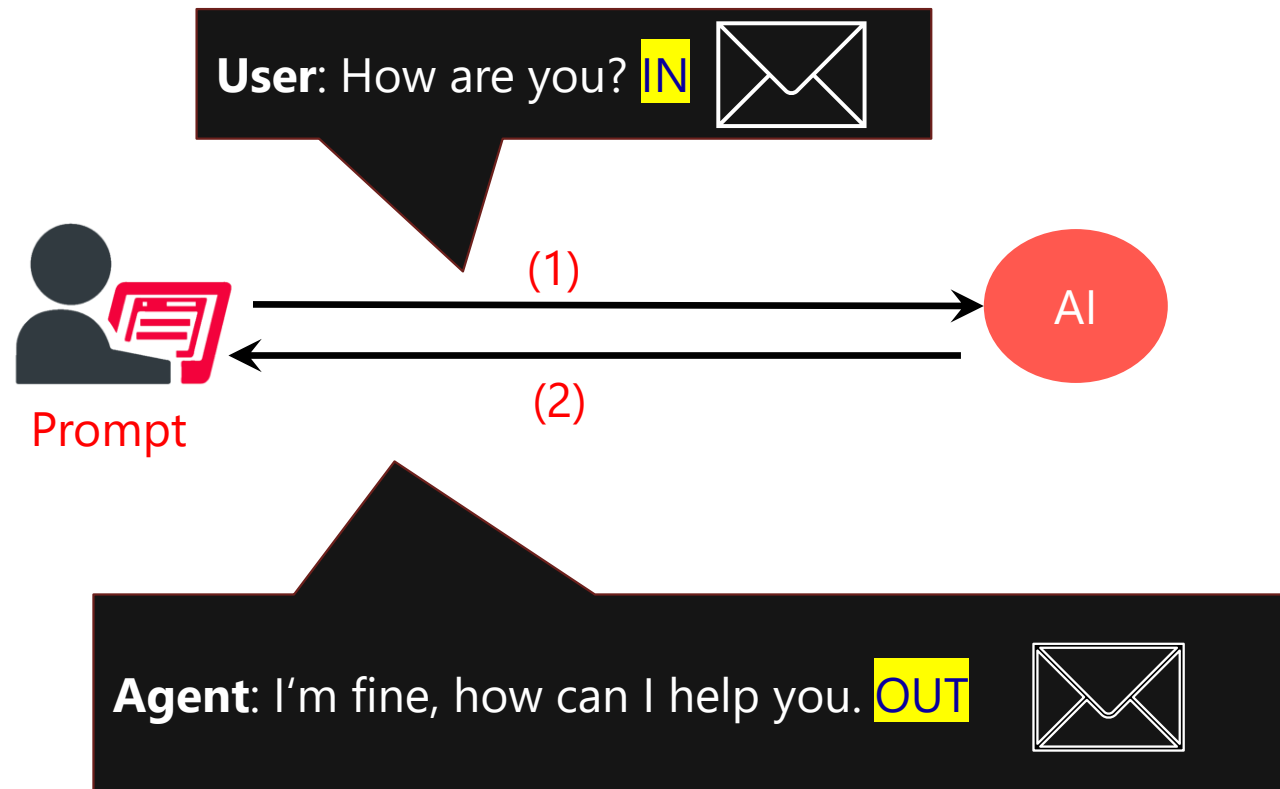
· Token Pricing: Pricing - OpenAI API
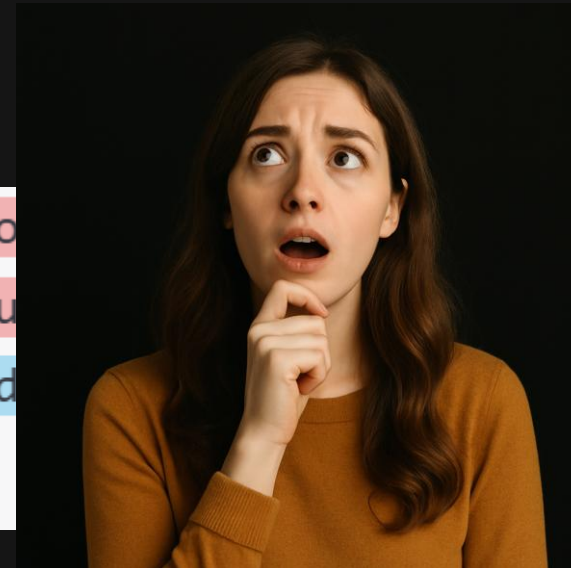
Transformer follows token probabilities

Token Costs

DEMO

- Tokenizer
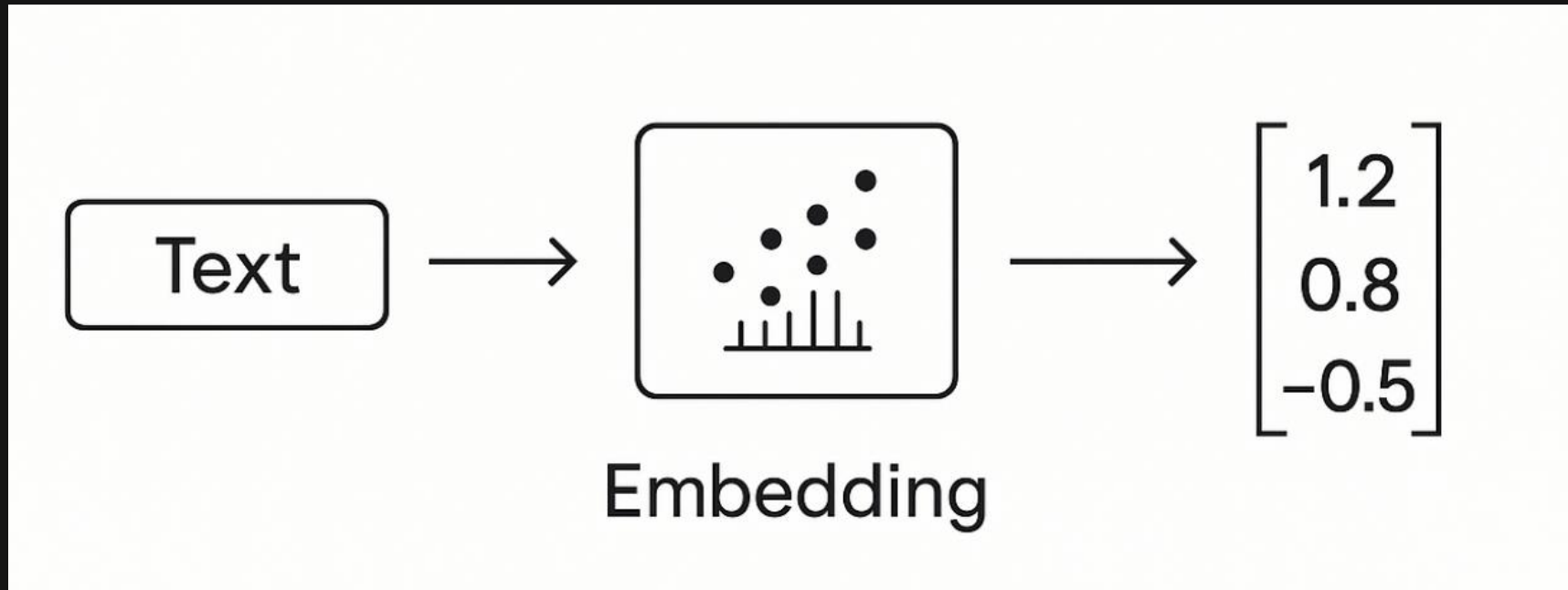- Creating tokens in C#

Working with EMBEDDINGS

Embeddings

- Making a vector from text

Similarity Between Multidimensional Vectors

· Dot Product

· The Norm

· Cosine Similarity

$$A \cdot B = a_1 \cdot b_1 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + \ldots + a_n \cdot b_n$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \ldots + a_n^2}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{B}\| \cos(\theta)$$

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Embeddings Use-Cases?

· Semantic Search

· Classification

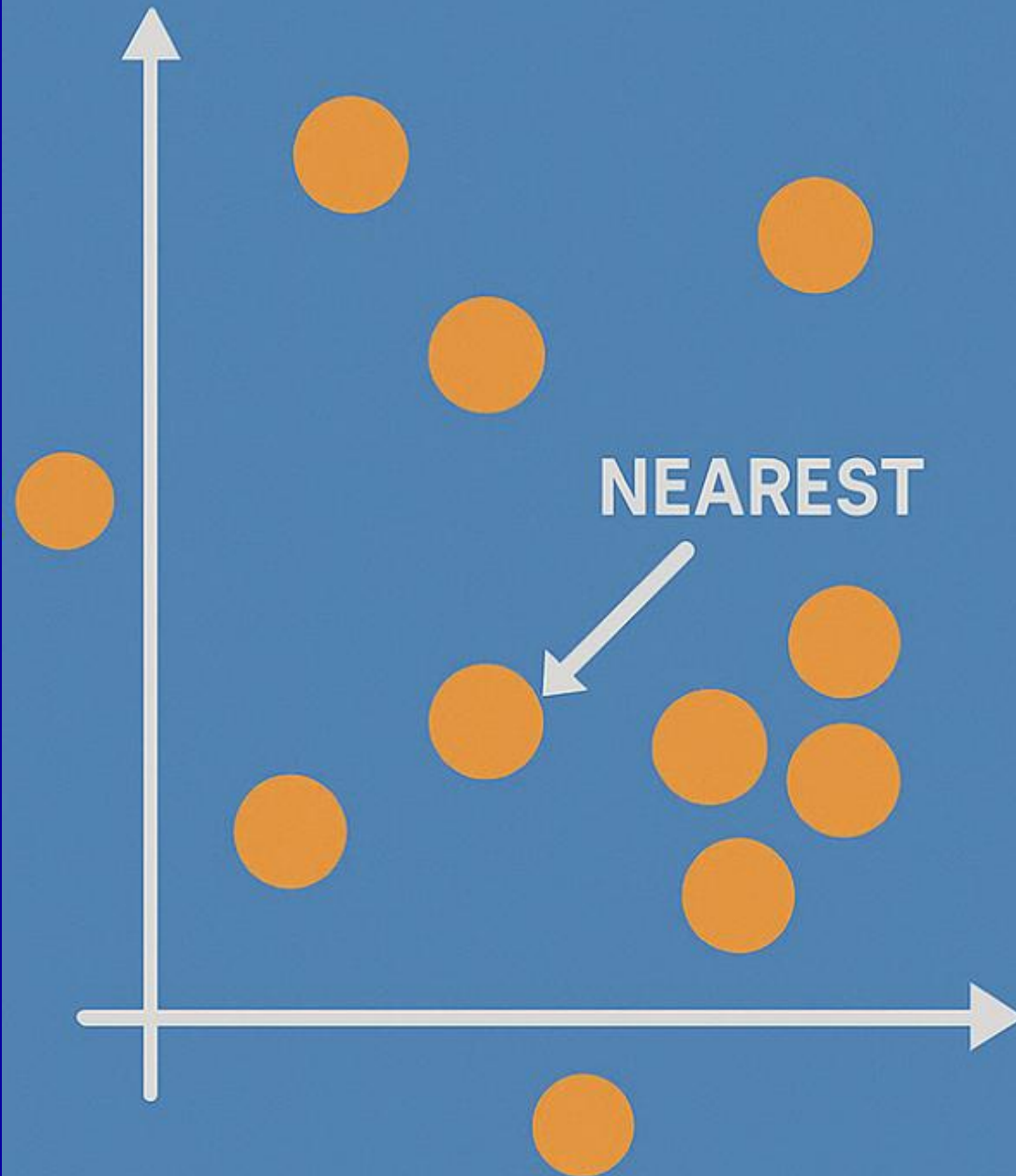· Clustering

· Recommendations

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DEMO

- Consuming Embedding Model with HTTP/Post
- Creating Embeddings in C#
- Classification Demo

VECTOR DATABASES

Embeddings in GraphDB

VECTORS represent data points

NEAREST

NEAREST SEARCH finds closest vectors

Vector DBs

- SqlServer 2025 Native Vector Search
- Quadrant
- CosmosDB
- ...

SqlServer 2025 Native Vector Search

- SqlServer 2025 Native Vector Search
  - In Azure
  - On-Prem
- [SQL Server Native Vector Search for .NET Developers](#)

```sql
CREATE TABLE test.Vectors
(
    [Id] INT IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL,
    [Text] NVARCHAR(MAX) NULL,
    [VectorShort] VECTOR(3)  NULL,
    [Vector] VECTOR(1536)  NULL
);
```
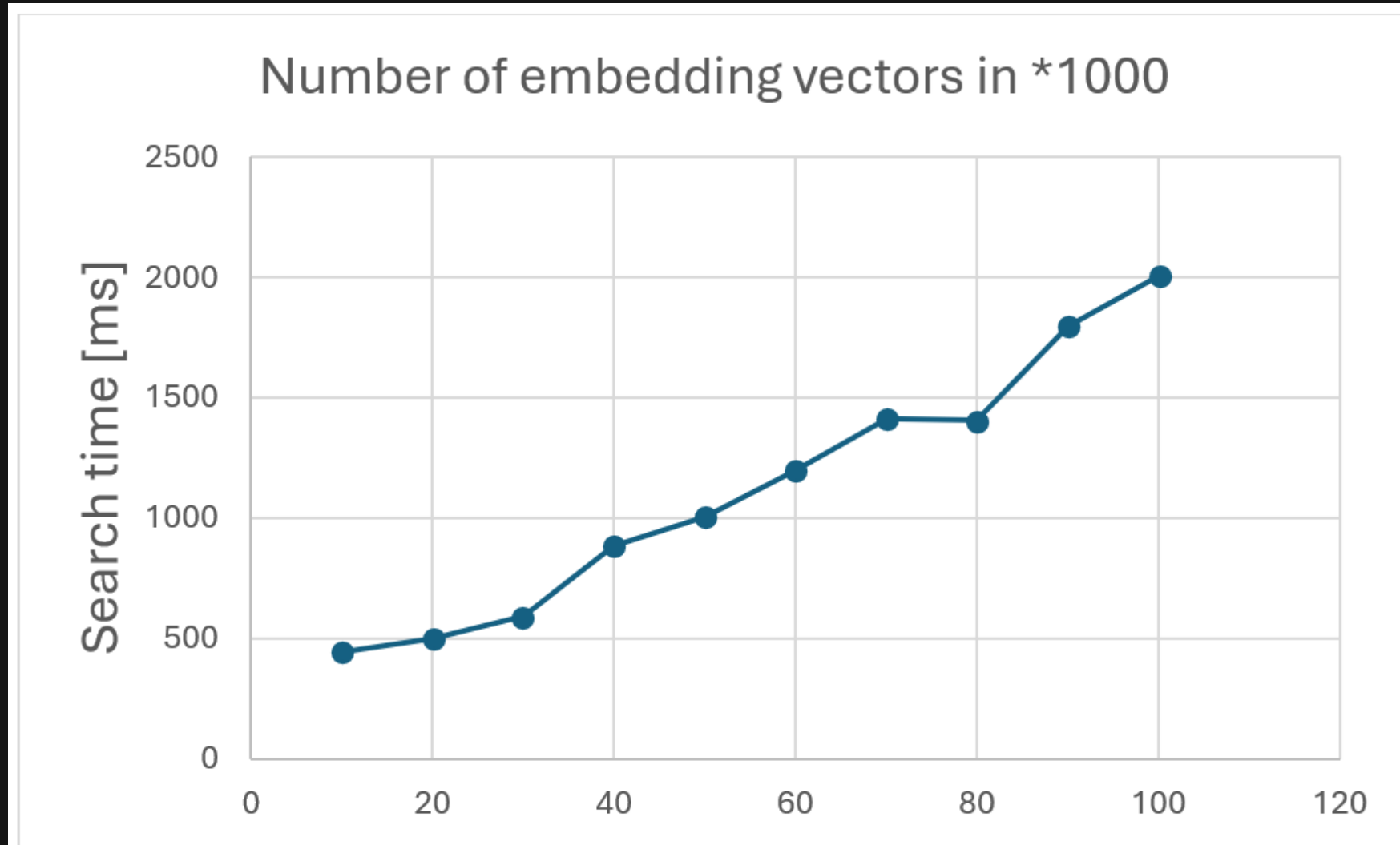
DEMO

- SQL Server Native Vector Search

SQL Server Native Vector

```sql
DECLARE @v1 VECTOR(2) = '[1,1]';
DECLARE @v2 VECTOR(2) = '[-1,-1]';

SELECT
    VECTOR_DISTANCE('euclidean', @v1, @v2) AS euclidean,
    VECTOR_DISTANCE('cosine', @v1, @v2) AS cosine,
    VECTOR_DISTANCE('dot', @v1, @v2) AS negative_dot_product;
```
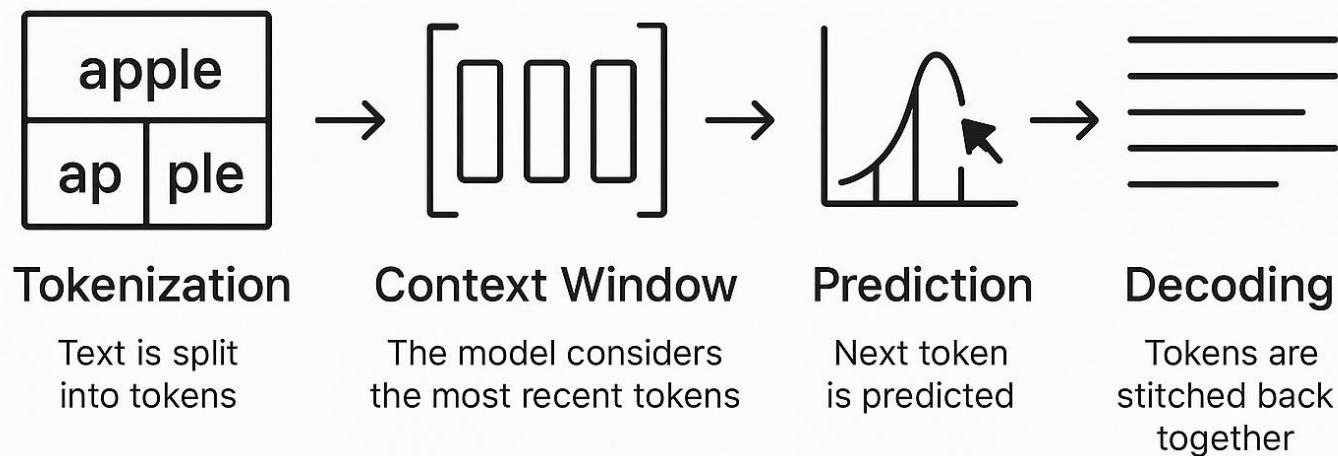
Keep in Mind!!

COMPLETION MODELS

How does all this work?
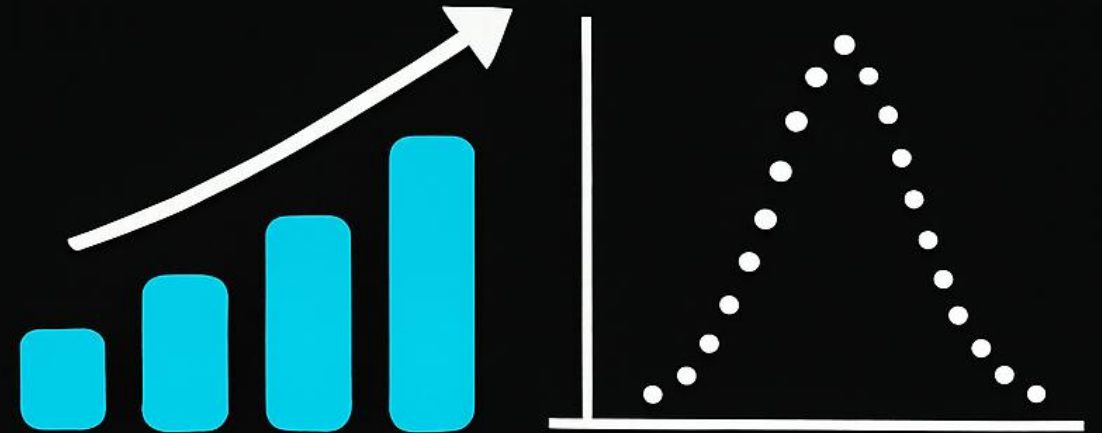
Completion Models

Text Completion Flow

Tokenization
Text is split into tokens

Context Window
The model considers the most recent tokens

Prediction
Next token is predicted
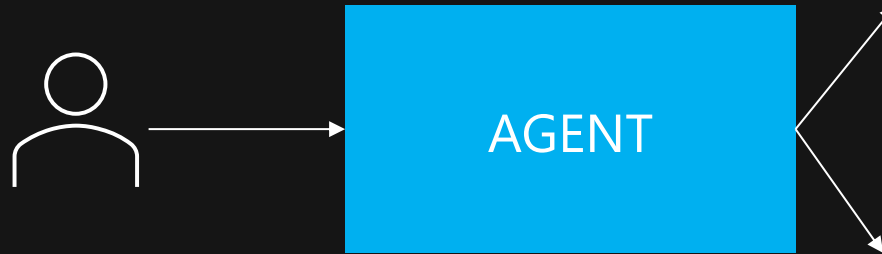
Decoding
Tokens are stitched back together

DEMO

- C# Application
- Using OpenAI nuget package
- Executing ChatCompletions
- Presenting Probabilities

Extending Models

AGENT

Knowledge Tools => RAG
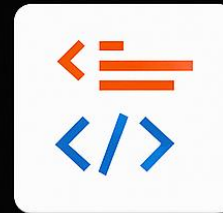
Bing Search

File Search

Azure AI Search

MS Fabric

Action Tools => Function Calling

Function Calling

Code Interpreter

OpenAPI Defined Tools

Azure Functions

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RAG
Retrieval Augmented Generation

RAG
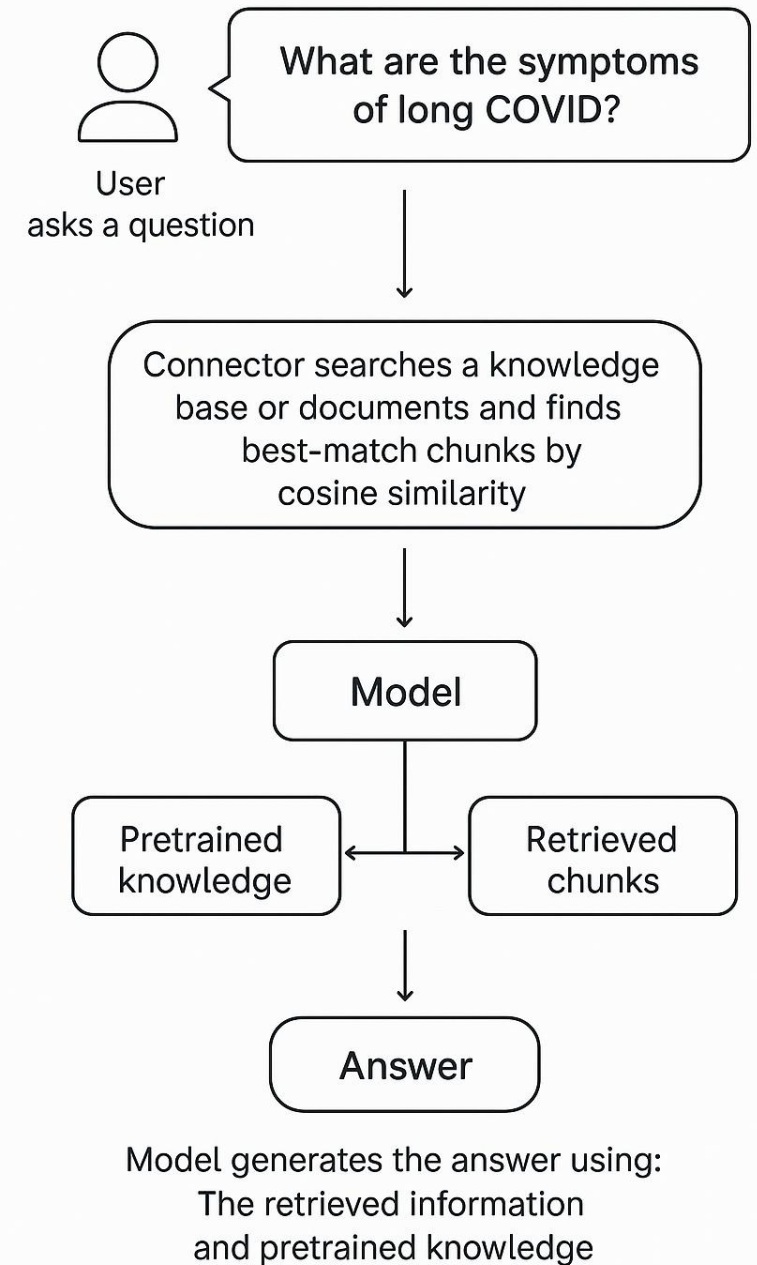## Retrieval-Augmented Generation

- Extending the model knowledge
- Combines information retrieval with text generation

https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.11401
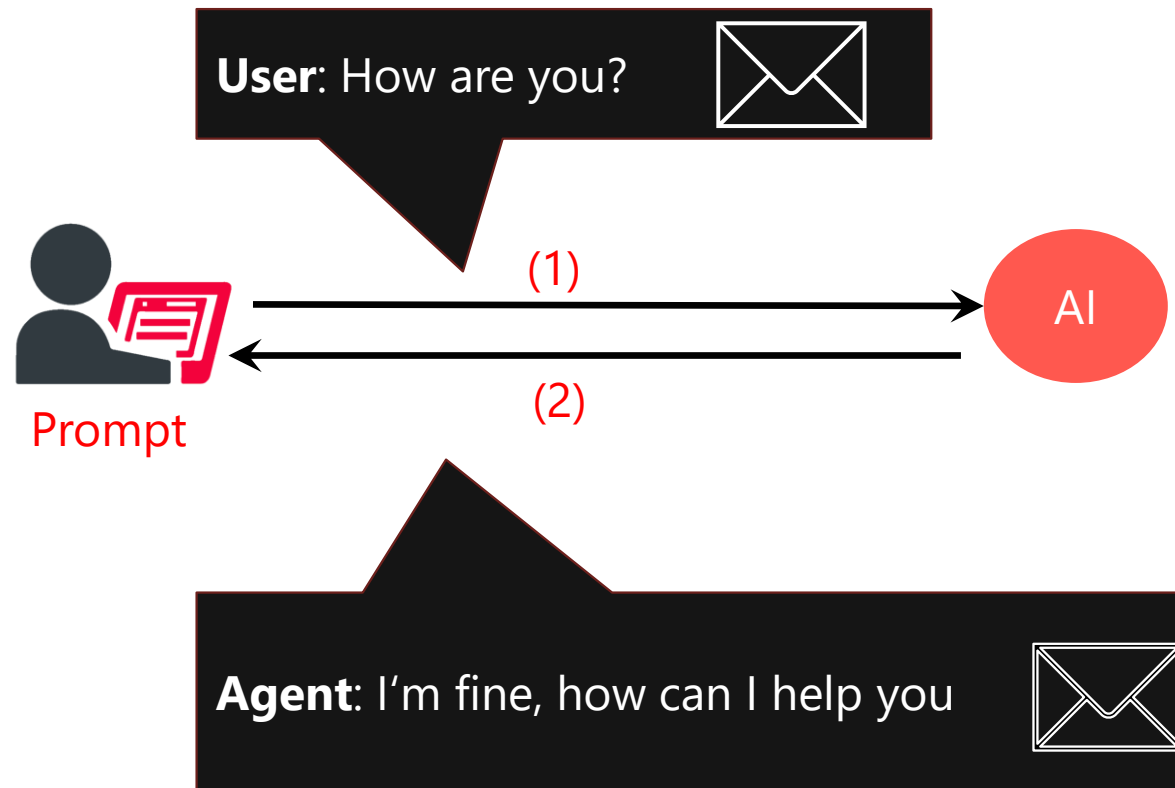
DEMO (c#)

- Creating chunks
- Creating embeddings
- InMemory Vector DB
- Calculating Similarity

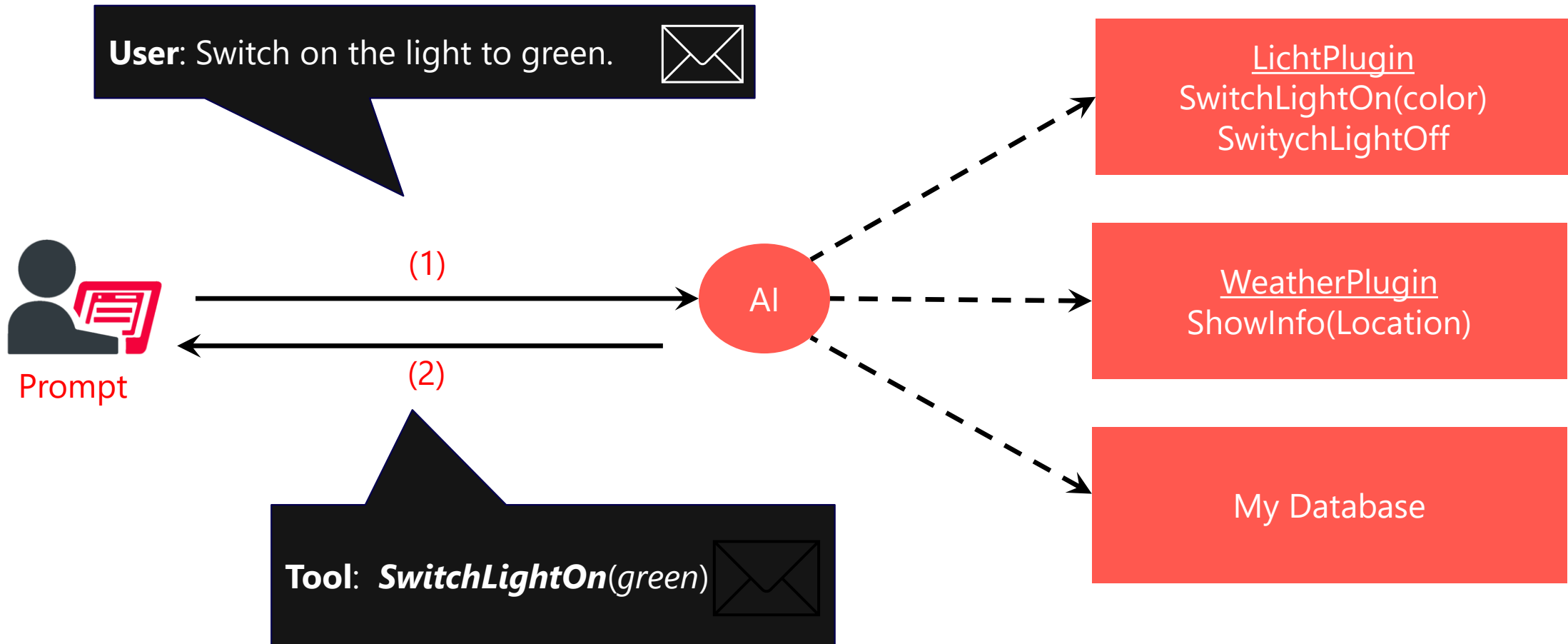# Function Calling

Chat Model Interaction

Function Calling

```json
{
    "type": "function",
    "function": {
        "name": "get_weather",
        "description": "Retrieves current weather for the given location.",
        "strict": true,
        "parameters": {
            "type": "object",
            "properties": {
                "location": {
                    "type": "string",
                    "description": "City and country e.g. Bogotá, Colombia"
                },
                "units": {
                    "type": ["string", "null"],
                    "enum": ["celsius", "fahrenheit"],
                    "description": "Units the temperature will be returned in."
                }
            },
            "required": ["location", "units"],
            "additionalProperties": false
        }
    }
}
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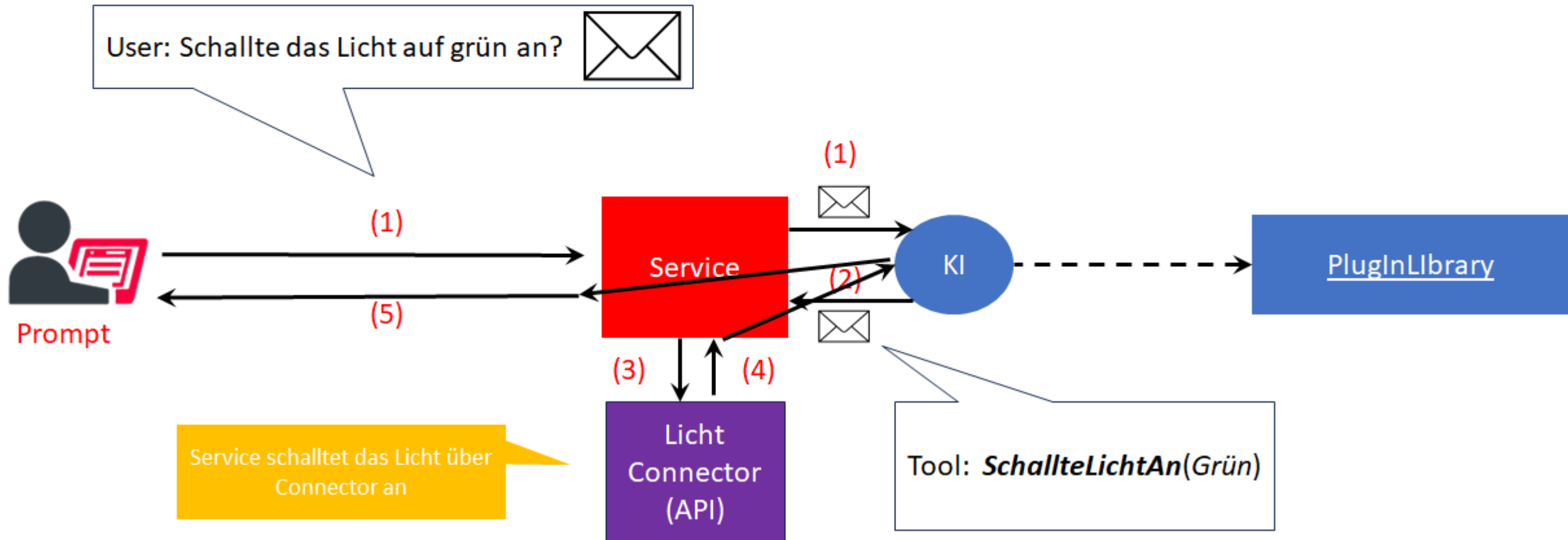
Function Calling

Function Calling

DEMO (c#)

- Function Calling with
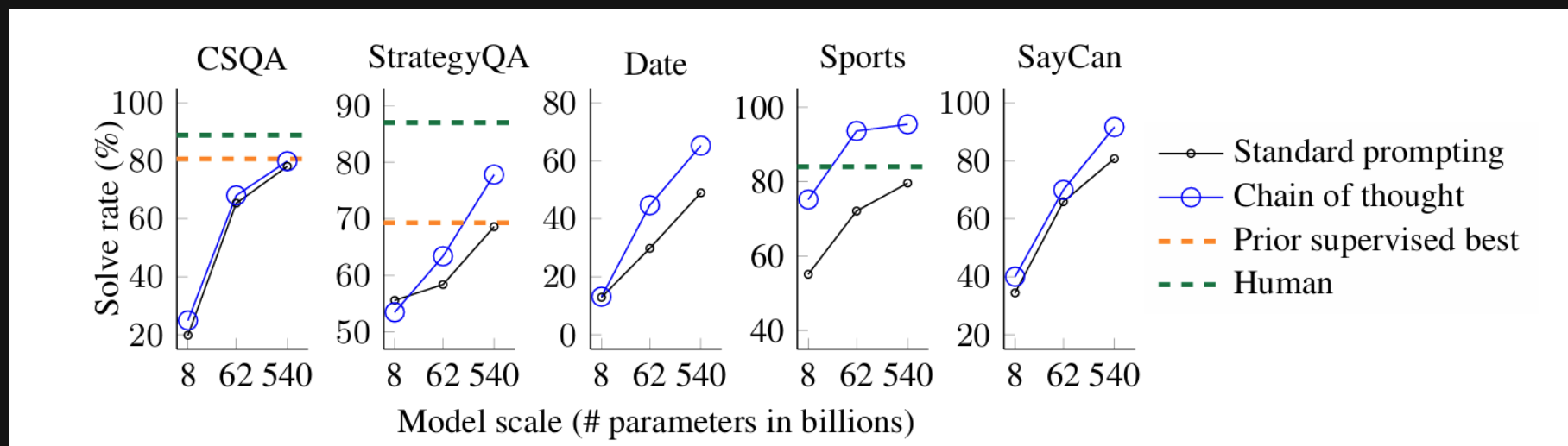- SemanticKernel Plugin

A Scientific look
under the hub

Chain of Tought

- A prompting technique used to improve reasoning
- Models think step by step before giving an answer.

Google Research, Brain Team
https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.11903

The Chain of Tought (CoT)

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Standard Prompting

Model Input

Q: Roger has 5 tennis balls. He buys 2 more cans of tennis balls. Each can has 3 tennis balls. How many tennis balls does he have now?

A: The answer is 11.

Q: The cafeteria had 23 apples. If they used 20 to make lunch and bought 6 more, how many apples do they have?

Model Output

A: The answer is 27. ❌

Chain-of-Thought Prompting

Model Input

Q: Roger has 5 tennis balls. He buys 2 more cans of tennis balls. Each can has 3 tennis balls. How many tennis balls does he have now?

A: Roger started with 5 balls. 2 cans of 3 tennis balls each is 6 tennis balls. 5 + 6 = 11. The answer is 11.

Q: The cafeteria had 23 apples. If they used 20 to make lunch and bought 6 more, how many apples do they have?

Model Output

A: The cafeteria had 23 apples originally. They used 20 to make lunch. So they had 23 - 20 = 3. They bought 6 more apples, so they have 3 + 6 = 9. The answer is 9. ✔️

Reasoning

- Common Models are
  - Outcome-Supervised Reward Models (ORM).
  - They use final answers
- Reasoning Models
  - Receive Feedback on Each Step in Chain-of-Tought process
  - Process Reasoning Models (PRM)

https://cdn.openai.com/improving-mathematical-reasoning-with-process-supervision/Lets_Verify_Step_by_Step.pdf

Human Supervised Learning

The denominator of a fraction is 7 less than 3 times the numerator. If the fraction is equivalent to $2/5$, what is the numerator of the fraction? (Answer: 14)

☹ 😐 😎 Let's call the numerator x.

☹ 😐 😎 So the denominator is 3x-7.

☹ 😐 😎 We know that x/(3x-7) = 2/5.

☹ 😐 😎 So 5x = 2(3x-7).

☹ 😐 😎 5x = 6x - 14.

☹ 😐 😎 So x = 7.

Figure 1: A screenshot of the interface used to collect feedback for each step in a solution.

Let

$$x^8 + 3x^4 - 4 = p_1(x)p_2(x)\cdots p_k(x),$$

where each non-constant polynomial $p_i(x)$ is monic with integer coefficients, and cannot be factored further over the integers. Compute $p_1(1) + p_2(1) + \cdots + p_k(1)$.

I notice that the given polynomial has even degree and only even powers of x, so I can try to make a substitution to simplify it.

Let $y = x^4$, then the polynomial becomes $y^2 + 3y - 4$, which is a quadratic equation.

I can factor this quadratic equation as $(y + 4)(y - 1)$, so the original polynomial is $(x^4 + 4)(x^4 - 1)$. Now I need to factor each of these factors further, if possible, over the integers.

For the first factor, $x^4 + 4$, I recall the Sophie Germain identity, which says that $a^4 + 4b^4 = (a^2 + 2b^2 + 2ab)(a^2 + 2b^2 - 2ab)$.

Applying this identity with $a = x$ and $b = 1$, I get $x^4 + 4 = (x^2 + 2x + 2)(x^2 - 2x + 2)$.

For the second factor, $x^4 - 1$, I can use the difference of squares formula, which says that $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$.

Applying this formula with $a = x^2$ and $b = 1$, I get $x^4 - 1 = (x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)$.

Then I can apply the difference of squares formula again with $a = x$ and $b = 1$, to get $x^2 - 1 = (x + 1)(x - 1)$.

So the original polynomial is $(x^4 + 4)(x^4 - 1) = (x^2 + 2x + 2)(x^2 - 2x + 2)(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)$.

These are all the irreducible factors over the integers, so $p_1(x) = x^2 + 2x + 2$, $p_2(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$, $p_3(x) = x^2 + 1$, $p_4(x) = x + 1$, and $p_5(x) = x - 1$.

To find the sum of their values at $x = 1$, I just need to plug in $x = 1$ into each factor and add them up.

I get $p_1(1) = 1^2 + 2 \cdot 1 + 2 = 5$, $p_2(1) = 1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 + 2 = 1$, $p_3(1) = 1^2 + 1 = 2$, $p_4(1) = 1 + 1 = 2$, and $p_5(1) = 1 - 1 = 0$.

So the final answer is $5 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 0 = 10$.

Answer: 10

This problem is about factoring a polynomial over the integers, which can be a tricky task.

One possible strategy is to look for rational roots of the polynomial, using the rational root theorem.

However, that would involve checking a lot of possible factors of -4, and there is no guarantee that the polynomial has any rational roots at all.

Another possible strategy is to use some algebraic tricks to simplify the polynomial or reduce its degree.

I notice that the polynomial has only even powers of x, so I can try to substitute $y = x^2$ and see what happens.

Then the polynomial becomes $y^4 + 3y^2 - 4$, which is a quadratic equation in y^2.

I can try to factor this quadratic equation by looking for two numbers that multiply to -4 and add to 3.

Those numbers are 4 and -1, so I can write $y^4 + 3y^2 - 4 = (y^2 + 4)(y^2 - 1)$.

Now I can substitute back $x^2 = y$ and get $x^8 + 3x^4 - 4 = (x^4 + 4)(x^4 - 1)$.

This looks promising, because I have reduced the degree of the factors from 8 to 4.

I can try to factor each of these factors further, using the difference of squares formula.

I get $x^8 + 3x^4 - 4 = (x^2 + 2)(x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)$.

I can apply the difference of squares formula again to the last factor and get $x^8 + 3x^4 - 4 = (x^2 + 2)(x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)$.

Now I have factored the polynomial completely into monic linear and quadratic factors with integer coefficients.

These are the $p_i(x)$'s that the problem is asking for.

To find the sum of their values at $x = 1$, I just need to plug in $x = 1$ into each factor and add them up.

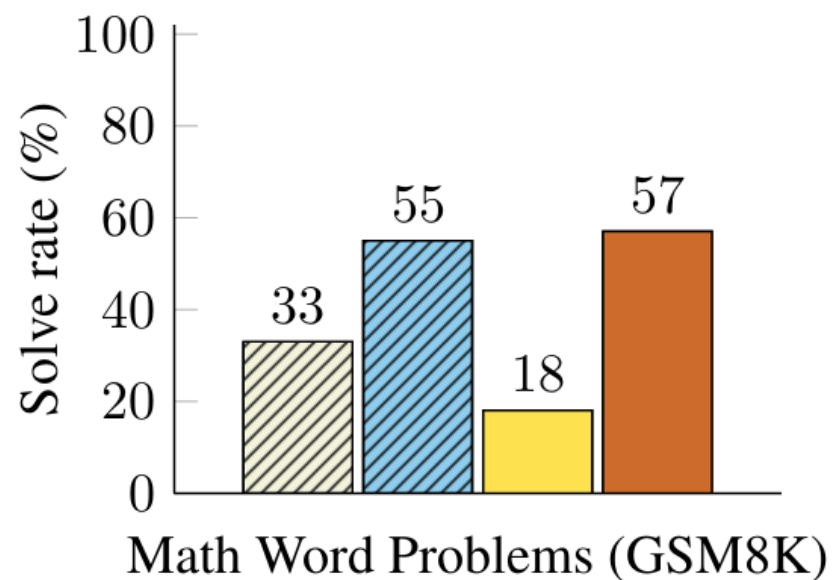I get $p_1(1) + p_2(1) + \cdots + p_k(1) = (1^2 + 2)(1^2 - 2)(1^2 + 1)(1 + 1)(1 - 1)$.

Simplifying, I get $p_1(1) + p_2(1) + \cdots + p_k(1) = (3)(-1)(2)(2)(0)$.

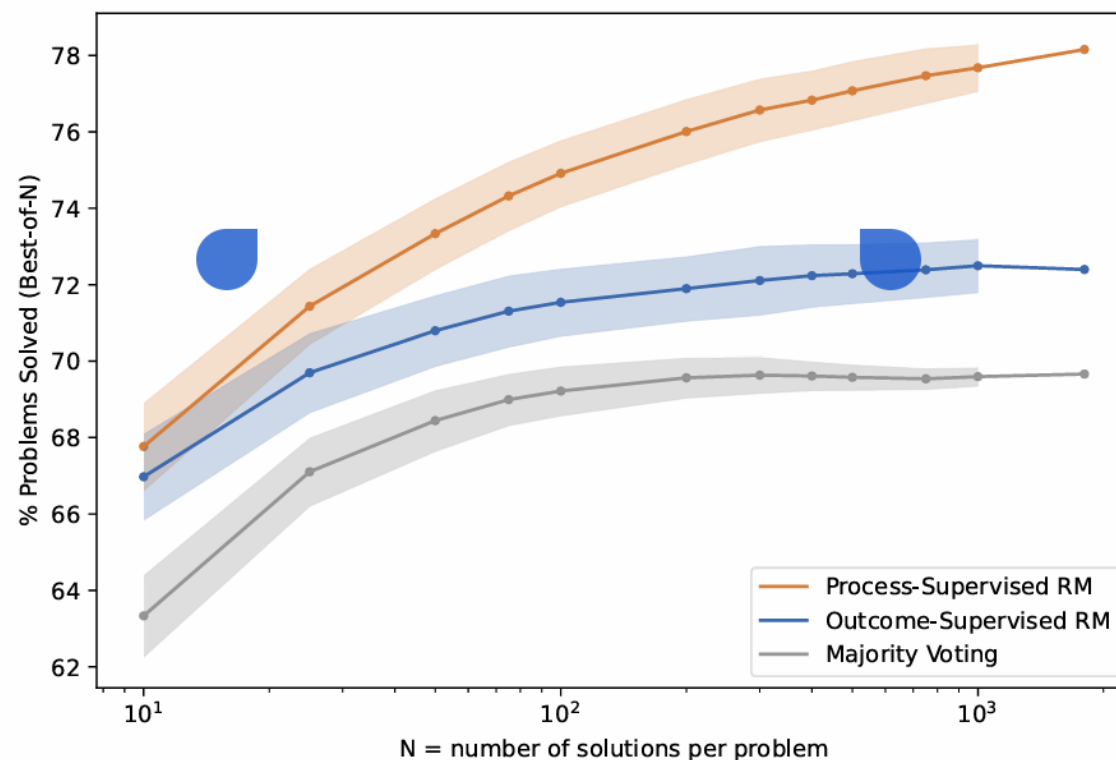Multiplying, I get $p_1(1) + p_2(1) + \cdots + p_k(1) = 0$.

Answer: 0

Comparison: CoT vs. PRM (Process Reasoning Models)

	ORM	PRM	Majority Voting
% Solved (Best-of-1860)	72.4	**78.2**	69.6

Hendrycks, C. Burns, S. Kadavath, A. Arora, S. Basart, E. Tang, D. Song, and J. Steinhardt. Measuring mathematical problem solving with the math dataset. arXiv preprint arXiv:2103.03874, 2021

Model Performance

LiveBench