



A Brief Introduction to LLM

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This lecture is summarized from two wonderful talks [1,2] by Andrej Karpathy

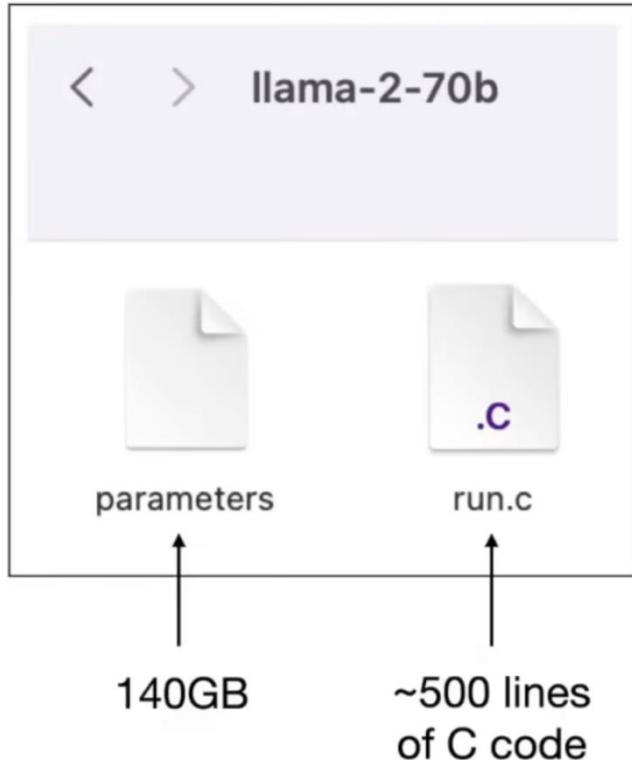
[1] State of GPT

[2] The busy person's intro to LLMs

PART 01

Large language model (LLM)

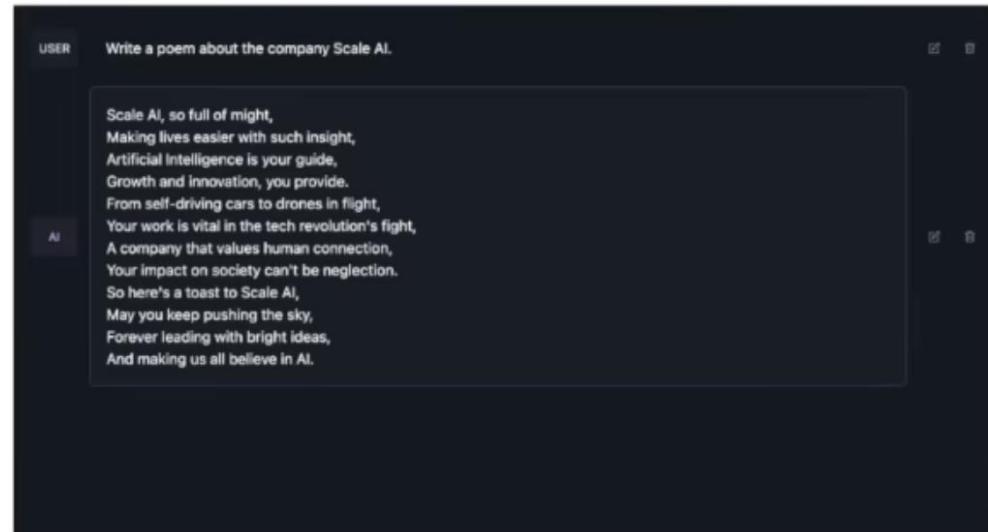
Large language model



- Meta Llama 3 is probably the most powerful open-source LLM
- Weights, architectures, and the paper were all released by Meta
- Neural network parameters + the code to run them; that's all you need
- No need to access your WIFI. Just one laptop

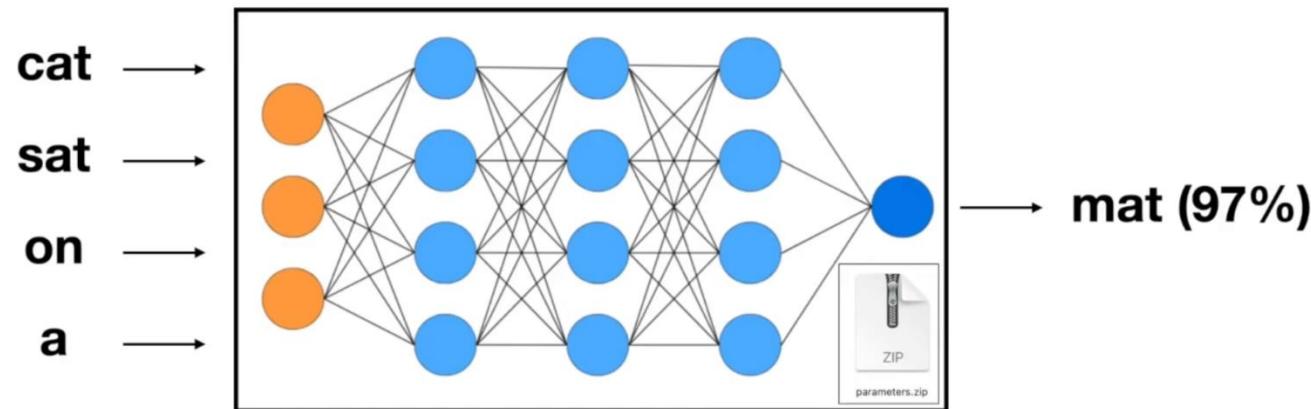
Large language model

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What is the model parameter?

- LLM can be regarded as a magic function that maps the context to the next word
- Model parameter parameterize the magic function to a series of matrix-matrix(vector) products



$$f(\text{"cat sit on a"}; \theta) = \text{"mat"}$$

- Given the model parameter θ , LLM can predict the next word

LLM can generate texts of various styles

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python
import numpy as np

class NeuralNetwork:
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
        self.input_size = input_size
        self.hidden_size = hidden_size
        self.output_size = output_size

        # Initialize weights and biases
        self.weights_input_hidden = np.random.randn(self.input_size, self.hidden_size)
        self.bias_input_hidden = np.random.randn(1, self.hidden_size)
        self.weights_hidden_output = np.random.randn(self.hidden_size, self.output_size)
        self.bias_hidden_output = np.random.randn(1, self.output_size)

    def sigmoid(self, x):
        return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-x))

    def forward(self, x):
        # Input layer to hidden layer
        self.hidden_input = np.dot(x, self.weights_input_hidden) + self.bias_input_hidden
        self.hidden_output = self.sigmoid(self.hidden_input)
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Field	Information
Title	Introduction to Machine Learning
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Format	Paperback
Edition	First
Categories	Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence
Description	This book provides a comprehensive introduction to machine learning concepts and techniques, covering topics such as supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and deep learning. It includes practical examples and exercises to help readers understand and apply the principles discussed.

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book information

wikipedia

Kun Yuan is an Assistant Professor at Peking University known for his contributions to the field of distributed machine learning. He is recognized for his research in developing scalable and efficient algorithms for distributed machine learning systems, enabling the processing of large-scale datasets across distributed computing environments.

Education and Career:

Kun Yuan obtained his Ph.D. in Computer Science from [University Name], where he focused on distributed systems and machine learning. He later joined Peking University as an Assistant Professor, where he continues to conduct research and teach courses in the areas of distributed computing and machine learning.

Research:

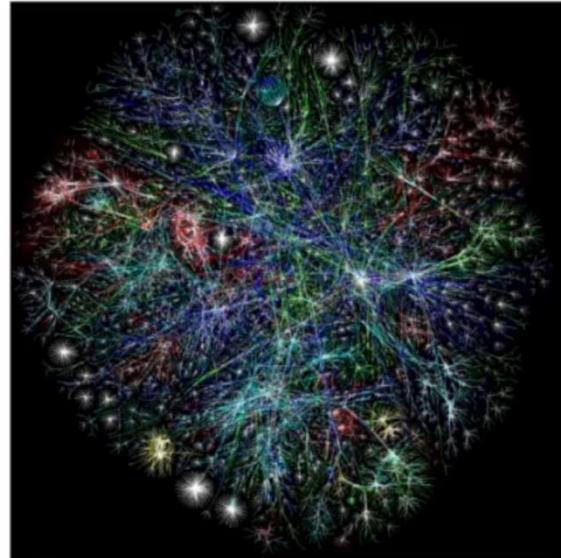
Kun Yuan's research primarily revolves around distributed machine learning, with a particular emphasis on developing algorithms and frameworks that facilitate the training of machine learning models across distributed computing resources. His work often addresses challenges related to scalability, communication efficiency, and fault tolerance in distributed learning systems.

Contributions:

Yuan's research has led to advancements in various aspects of distributed machine learning, including:



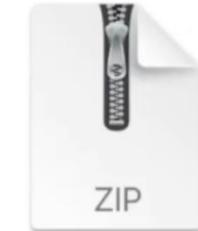
How to get the weights? Training the deep neural network



Chunk of the internet,
~10TB of text



6,000 GPUs for 12 days, ~\$2M
~ $1e24$ FLOPS



parameters.zip

~140GB file

- Use tremendous data and computing resources to get the valuable model parameters
- Very very expensive; update the model weights probably once a year or once a few years

How to make LLM as your personal copilot? PE and finetune

- Over 90% of my interactions with ChatGPT are

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The ICML/NeurIPS/ICLR deadline is **TOMORROW!** Please **help me polish my academic English** to make it have better chance to be accepted! Please Help!

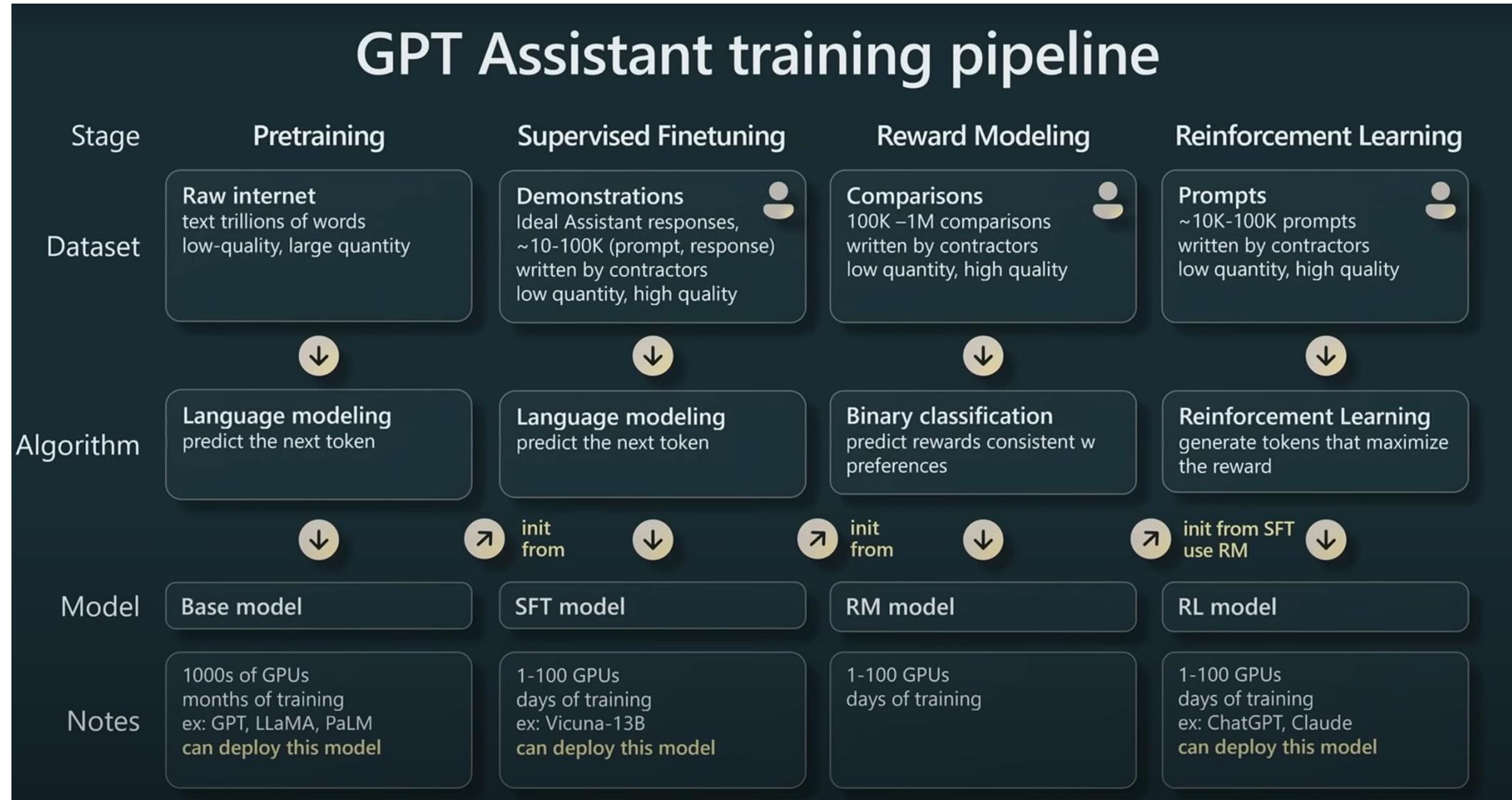
 ChatGPT
Of course! I'd be happy to help you polish your academic English. Please provide the text you'd like assistance with, and I'll do my best to help refine it for submission.

- But we should use LLM more frequently and smartly. It can be your personal copilot
- It is not easy to have your own LLM copilot. You need to know prompt engineering and finetune

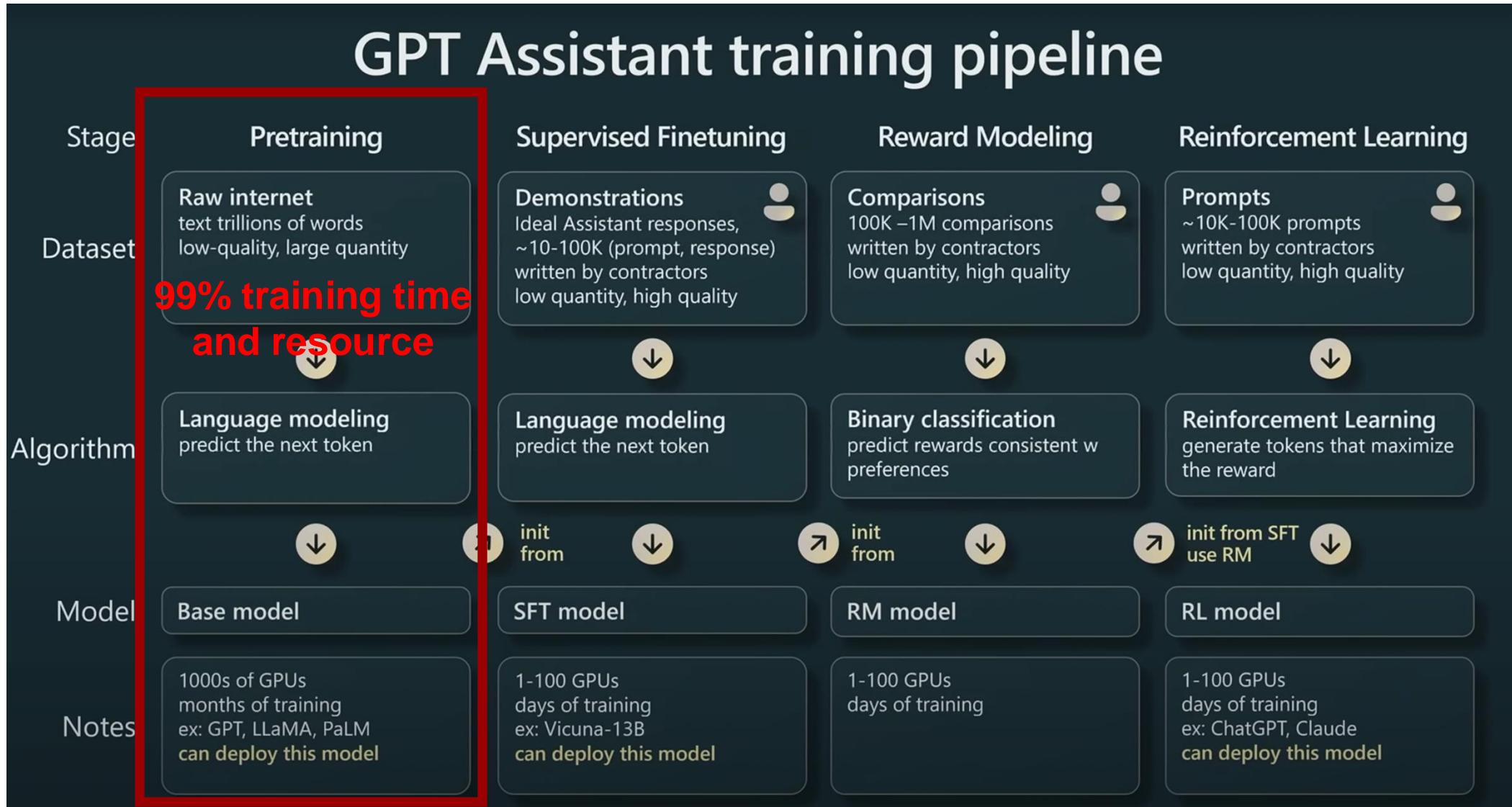
PART 02

ChatGPT Training Pipeline

ChatGPT training pipeline has 4 stages



GPT Assistant training pipeline



Data collection

Dataset	Sampling prop.	Epochs	Disk size
CommonCrawl	67.0%	1.10	3.3 TB
C4	15.0%	1.06	783 GB
Github	4.5%	0.64	328 GB
Wikipedia	4.5%	2.45	83 GB
Books	4.5%	2.23	85 GB
ArXiv	2.5%	1.06	92 GB
StackExchange	2.0%	1.03	78 GB

Table 1: **Pre-training data.** Data mixtures used for pre-training, for each subset we list the sampling proportion, number of epochs performed on the subset when training on 1.4T tokens, and disk size. The pre-training runs on 1T tokens have the same sampling proportion.

Training data mixture used in ILaMA model

} Crawled data from websites; in both high quality and low quality

} High-quality data

Tokenization (分词)

Transform long texts to lists of integers

Raw text

The GPT family of models process text using tokens, which are common sequences of characters found in text. The models understand the statistical relationships between these tokens, and excel at producing the next token in a sequence of tokens.

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Integers

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[464, 402, 11571, 1641, 286, 4981, 1429, 2420, 1262, 16326, 11, 543, 389, 2219, 16311, 286, 3435, 1043, 287, 2420, 13, 383, 4981, 1833, 262, 13905, 6958, 1022, 777, 16326, 11, 290, 27336, 379, 9194, 262, 1306, 11241, 287, 257, 8379, 286, 16326, 13, 198, 198, 1639, 460, 779, 262, 2891, 2174, 284, 1833, 703, 257, 3704, 286, 2420, 561, 307, 11241, 1143, 416, 262, 7824, 11, 290, 262, 2472, 954, 286, 16326, 287, 326, 3704, 286, 2420, 13]
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Token and vocabulary

Sentence: "The cat sat on the mat. The cat is orange."

Token: ["The", "cat", "sat", "on", "the", "mat", ".", "The", "cat", "is", "orange", "."]

Vocabulary : {"The", "cat", "sat", "on", "the", "mat", ".", "is", "orange"}

Vocabulary is a **set** with each element unique

2 example models

GPT-3 (2020)

50,257 vocabulary size
2048 context length
175B parameters
Trained on 300B tokens

Model Name	n_{params}	n_{layers}	d_{model}	n_{heads}	d_{head}	Batch Size	Learning Rate
GPT-3 Small	125M	12	768	12	64	0.5M	6.0×10^{-4}
GPT-3 Medium	350M	24	1024	16	64	0.5M	3.0×10^{-4}
GPT-3 Large	760M	24	1536	16	96	0.5M	2.5×10^{-4}
GPT-3 XL	1.3B	24	2048	24	128	1M	2.0×10^{-4}
GPT-3 2.7B	2.7B	32	2560	32	80	1M	1.6×10^{-4}
GPT-3 6.7B	6.7B	32	4096	32	128	2M	1.2×10^{-4}
GPT-3 13B	13.0B	40	5140	40	128	2M	1.0×10^{-4}
GPT-3 175B or "GPT-3"	175.0B	96	12288	96	128	3.2M	0.6×10^{-4}

Table 2.1: Sizes, architectures, and learning hyper-parameters (batch size in tokens and learning rate) of the models which we trained. All models were trained for a total of 300 billion tokens.

Training: (rough order of magnitude to have in mind)

- $O(1,000 - 10,000)$ V100 GPUs
- $O(1)$ month of training
- $O(1-10)$ \$M

LLaMA (2023)

32,000 vocabulary size
2048 context length
65B parameters
Trained on 1-1.4T tokens

params	dimension	n_{heads}	n_{layers}	learning rate	batch size	n_{tokens}
6.7B	4096	32	32	$3.0e^{-4}$	4M	1.0T
13.0B	5120	40	40	$3.0e^{-4}$	4M	1.0T
32.5B	6656	52	60	$1.5e^{-4}$	4M	1.4T
65.2B	8192	64	80	$1.5e^{-4}$	4M	1.4T

Table 2: Model sizes, architectures, and optimization hyper-parameters.

Training for 65B model:

- 2,048 A100 GPUs
- 21 days of training
- \$5M

Pretraining



While GPT-3 is larger, LLaMa utilizes more tokens. In practice, LLaMA significantly performs better.

We cannot judge the power of one LLM model only by its number of parameters; data also matters

It is still in debate that whether one should increase model size or data size given limited resource budget

The inputs to the Transformer are arrays of shape (B,T)

- B is the batch size (e.g. 4 here)
- T is the maximum context length (e.g. 10 here)

Training sequences are laid out as rows, delimited by special <|endoftext|> tokens

Row 1: Here is an example document 1 showing some tokens.

Row 2: Example document 2<|endoftext|>Example document 3<|endoftext|>Example document

Row 3: This is some random text just for example<|endoftext|>This

Row 4: 1,2,3,4,5

One training
batch, array
of shape (B,T)

B = 4

T = 10

4342	318	281	1672	3188	352	4478	617	16326	13
16281	3188	362	50256	16281	3188	513	50256	16281	3188
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16	11	17	11	18	11	19	11	20	11

Pretraining

Each cell only "sees" cells in its row, and only cells before it (on the left of it), to predict the next cell (on the right of it)

Green = a random highlighted token

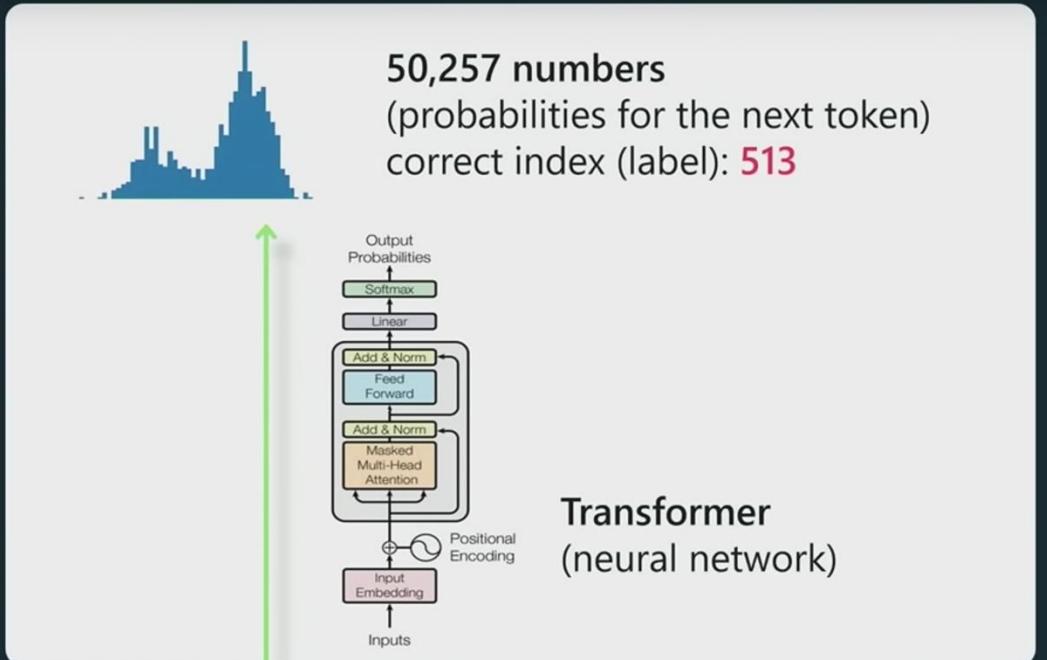
Yellow = its context

Red = its target

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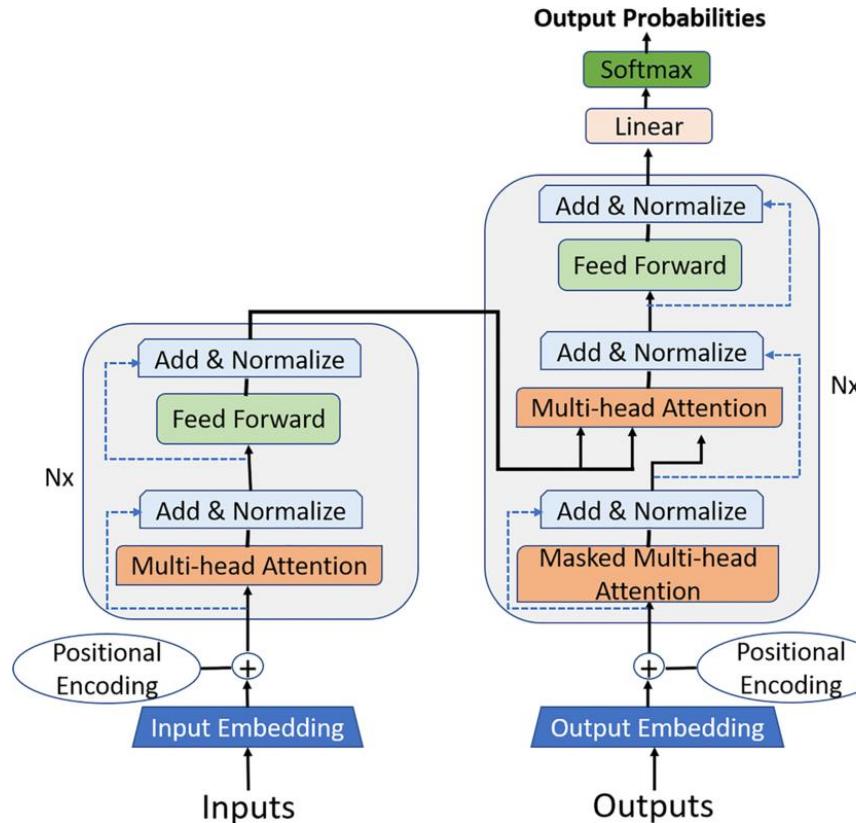
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Pretraining

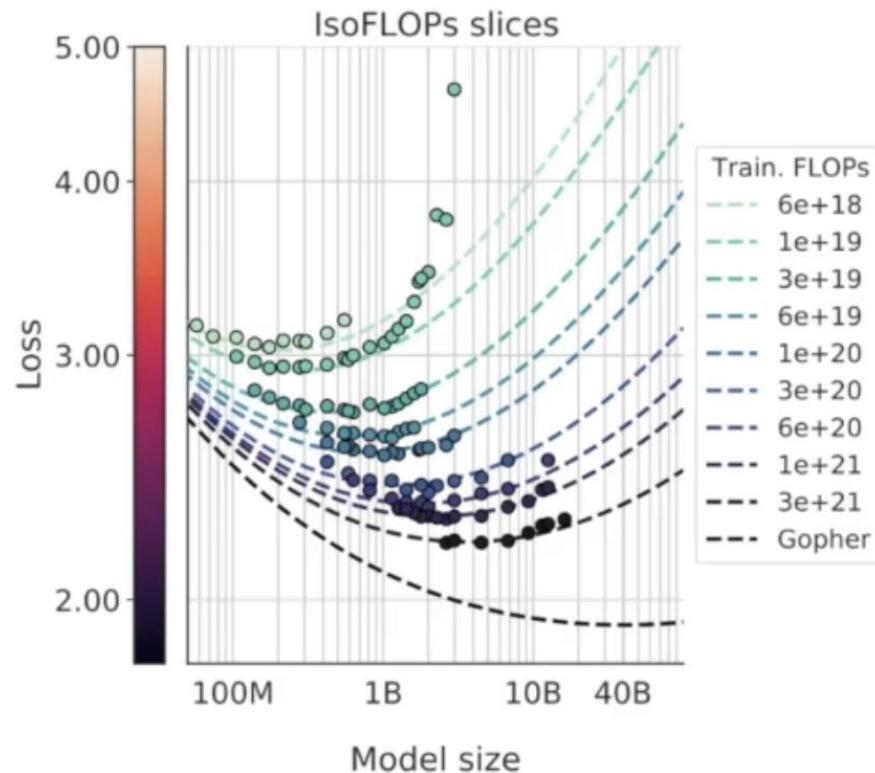


Transformer architecture
(will discuss it in later lectures)

- Effective representation learning
- Long-range dependency with attention
- Parallelizable architecture
- Flexibility and Adaptability
(In recent popular SORA, Diffusion + transformer is used)

Pretraining

[Training Compute-Optimal Large Language Models]



Amazing representation power

Larger dataset + bigger model + longer training

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better prediction accuracy

A very straightforward way to achieve good LLM.

All you need is **MONEY!**

Pretraining



Larger dataset + bigger model + longer training = better prediction accuracy

Training process

Training data (Shakespeare)

First Citizen:
We cannot, sir, we are undone already.

MENENIUS:
I tell you, friends, most charitable care
Have the patricians of you. For your wants,
Your suffering in this dearth, you may as well
Strike at the heaven with your staves as lift them
Against the Roman state, whose course will on
The way it takes, cracking ten thousand curbs
Of more strong link asunder than can ever
Appear in your impediment. For the dearth,
The gods, not the patricians, make it, and
Your knees to them, not arms, must help. Alack,
You are transported by calamity
Thither where more attends you, and you slander
The helms o' the state, who care for you like fathers,
When you curse them as enemies.

Samples at initialization

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[GPT from scratch, NYT, 2023]

Samples after 250 iterations of training

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Samples after 500 iterations of training

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and, bule thise and meardest mor your Or,

Samples after 5,000 iterations of training

Hor. I have been me, thereof my life, and he concludes him.
These offended his soul mine of a form that country,
And he any instruction of an have, convention'd a heart,
Caius, her charges, by affraithed daughterly de-

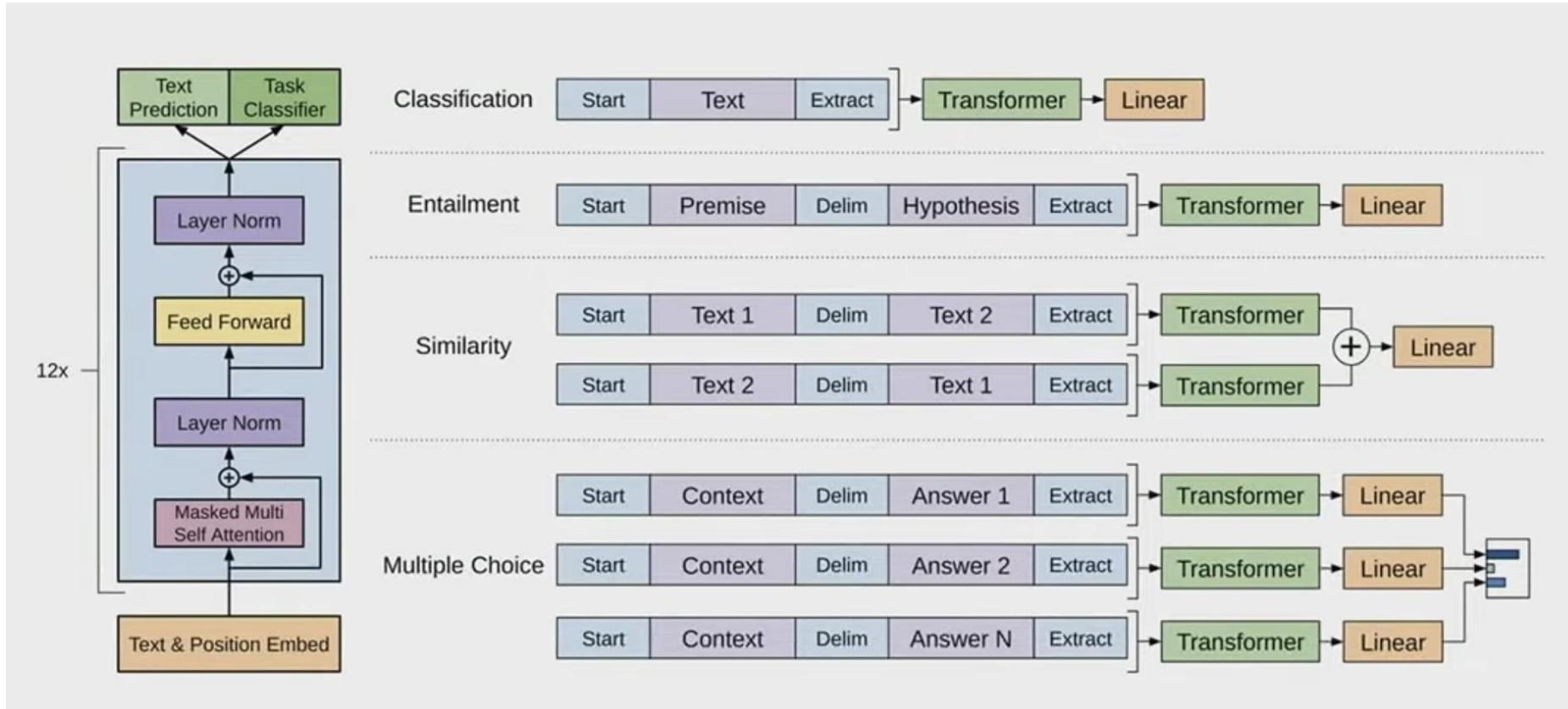
Samples after 30,000 iterations of training

Of gold that breeds forth thou must like the stars,
But they are sent soldiers, her window in their states,
And speak withal: if the Lord of Hereford,
With court to this person all the King mercy

Pretraining

- Pretraining a base model is extremely expensive
- Several effective pretraining techniques:
 - 3D parallelism: data/model/tensor parallelism
 - Memory-efficient optimizers
 - Large-batch training
 - Mixed-precision training
- Will discuss them in later lectures

Pretrained model provides strong transfer learning capabilities



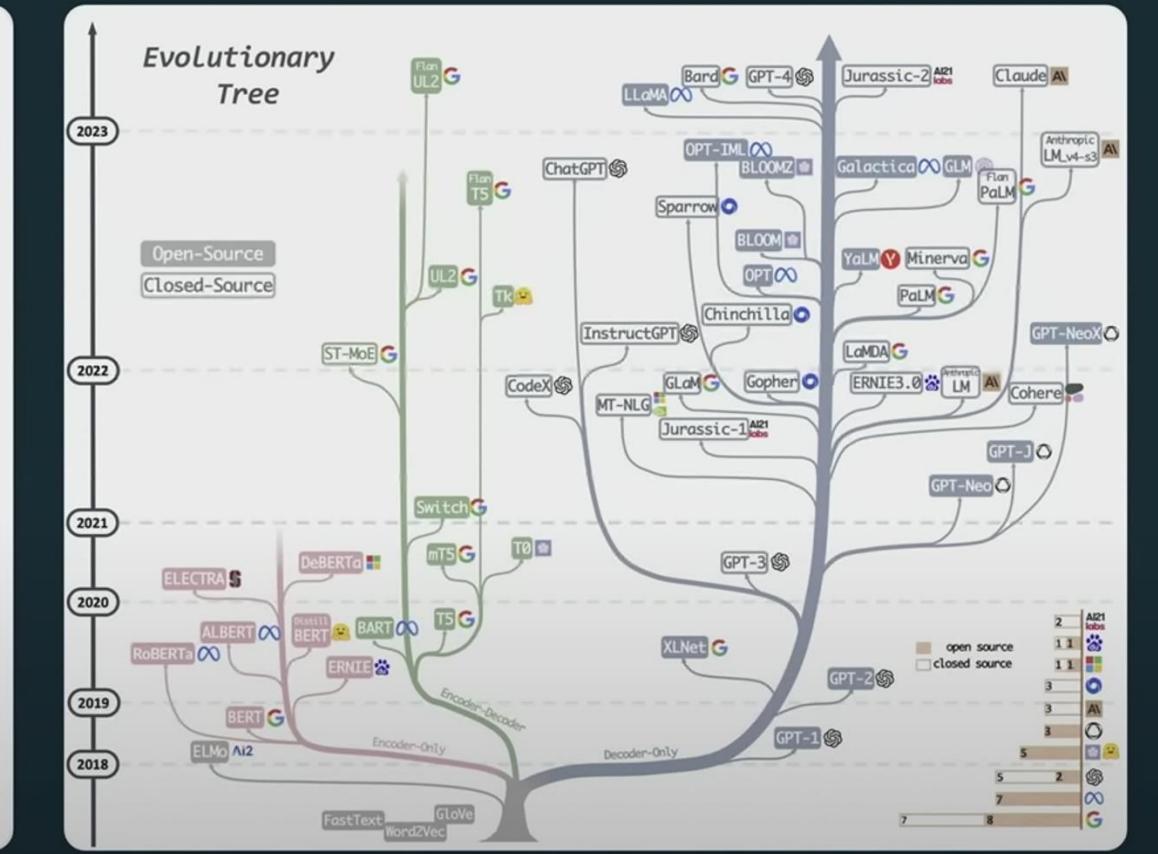
Pretrained base model performs well after finetuning

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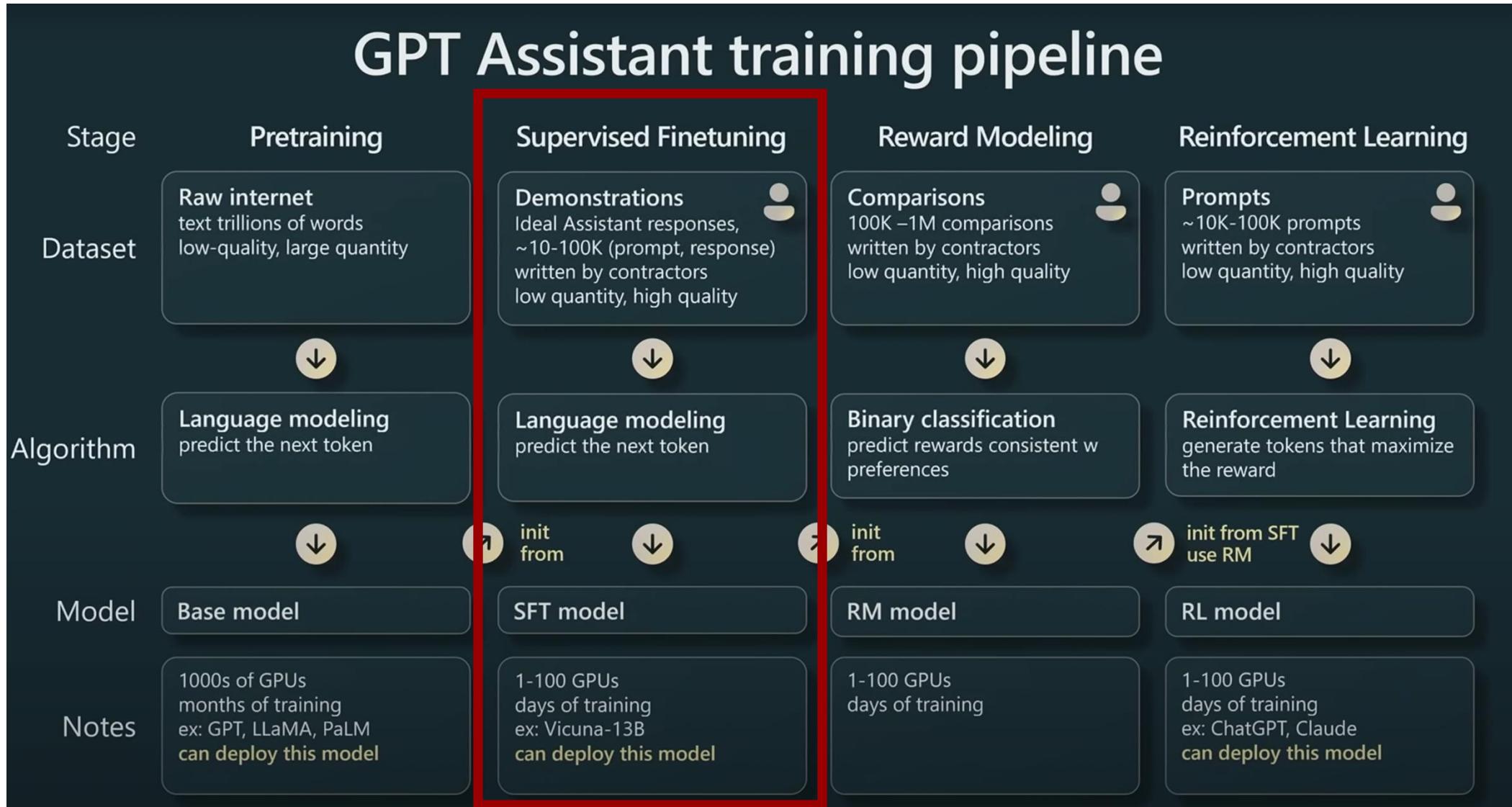
- Pretraining + finetuning/prompting reshapes the AI industry.
- Pretrained base model only needs **a small amount of data** to be adapted to the down-stream applications.
- The cost to deploy AI to down-stream applications decreases significantly
 - Achieve powerful base models from OpenAI/Google/Meta/GitHub
 - Collect a small number of downstream data and use it to finetune the base model / Or prompt LLM
 - No need for expensive investment of money and talents

Base models in the wild

- GPT Improving Language Understanding by Generative Pre-Training. 2018. [Paper](#)
- GPT-2 Language Models are Unsupervised Multitask Learners. 2018. [Paper](#)
- GPT-3 "Language Models are Few-Shot Learners". NeurIPS 2020. [Paper](#)
- OPT "OPT: Open Pre-trained Transformer Language Models". 2022. [Paper](#)
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- MT-NLG "Using DeepSpeed and Megatron to Train Megatron-Turing NLG 530B, A Large-Scale Generative Language Model". 2021. [Paper](#)
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- chinchilla "Training Compute-Optimal Large Language Models". 2022. [Paper](#)
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- GPT-4 "GPT-4 Technical Report". 2023. [Paper](#)
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GPT Assistant training pipeline



Supervised Finetuning

Base models cannot be deployed directly. It is still far away from being a smart assistant

- Base model does not answer questions
- It only wants to complete internet documents
- Often responds to questions with more questions, etc.:

Write a poem about bread and cheese.

Bread and cheese is my desire,

And it shall be my destiny.

Write a poem about someone who died of starvation.

Bread and cheese is my desire,

And it shall be my destiny.

Write a poem about angel food cake.

Here is a poem about cheese:

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Write a poem about someone who choked on a ham sandwich.

Write a poem about a hostess who makes the

It can be tricked into performing tasks with prompt engineering:

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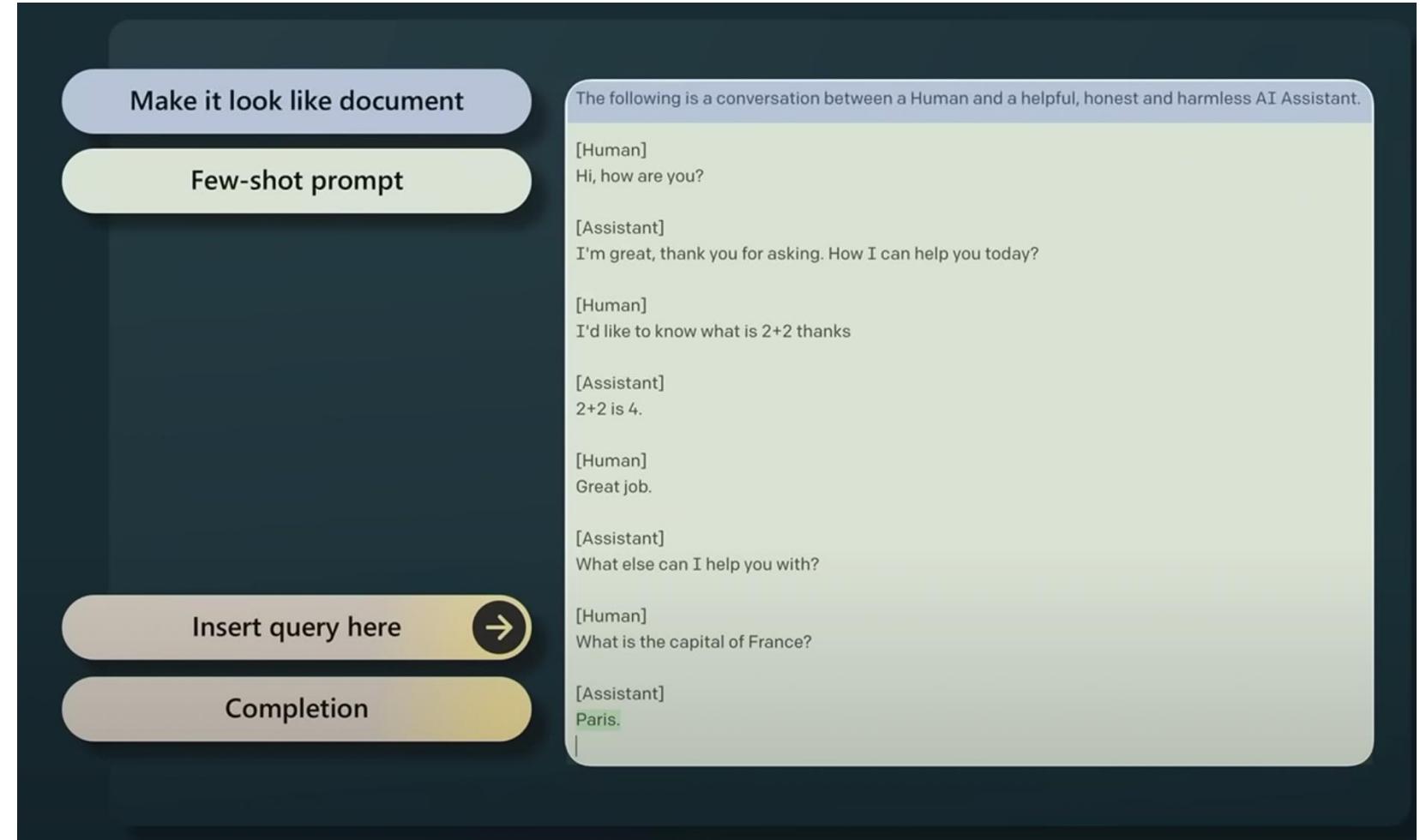
Here is a poem about cheese:

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Supervised Finetuning

Base models can be tricked into being AI assistants with prompting

We need to finetune the base model to make it chat like humans



Supervised Finetuning



Ask human contractors to respond to prompts and generate high-quality, **helpful, truthful, and harmless** responses

Collect 10,000+ high-quality human-generated responses

Finetune base models with these high-quality data

Prompt:

"Can you write a short introduction about the relevance of the term "monopsony" in economics? Please use examples related to potential monopsonies in the labour market and cite relevant research."

Response:

""Monopsony" refers to a market structure where there is only one buyer for a particular good or service. In economics, this term is particularly relevant in the labor market, where a monopsony employer has significant power over the wages and working conditions of their employees. The presence of a monopsony can result in lower wages and reduced employment opportunities for workers, as the employer has little incentive to increase wages or provide better working conditions. Recent research has identified potential monopsonies in industries such as retail and fast food, where a few large companies control a significant portion of the market (Bivens & Mishel, 2013). In these industries, workers often face low wages, limited benefits, and reduced bargaining power, leading to a situation where they are dependent on the employer for their livelihood. This dependence can result in further suppression of wages and a decline in working conditions. Overall, the concept of monopsony is essential to understanding the dynamics of labor markets and the impact of market power on workers. Further research is needed to understand the extent and impact of monopsonies on the economy and to develop policies to address this issue. References: Bivens, J., & Mishel, L. (2013). The Pay of Corporate Executives and Financial Professionals as Evidence of Rents in Top 1 Percent Incomes. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 27(3), 57-78."

[example from OpenAssistant Conversations Dataset (OASST1)]

Labeling instructions

Excerpt of labeling instructions on the API prompt distribution

You are given a text-based description of a task, submitted by a user. This task description may be in the form of an explicit instruction (e.g. "Write a story about a wise frog"). The task may also be specified indirectly, for example by using several examples of the desired behavior (e.g. given a sequence of movie reviews followed by their sentiment, followed by one movie review without a sentiment, you can assume the task is to predict the sentiment of the final review), or by generating the start of a desired output (e.g. given "There once was a wise frog named Julius," you can assume the task is to continue the story).

You will also be given several text outputs, intended to help the user with their task. Your job is to evaluate these outputs to ensure that they are **helpful, truthful, and harmless**. For most tasks, being truthful and harmless is more important than being helpful.

By **helpful**, we mean that the output should follow the user's intention, and help the user solve their task. Some examples of helpful behavior:

- Writing in clear language.
- Answering the question they meant to ask, even if they mis-asked it.
- Being sensitive to internationality (e.g. "football" shouldn't mean American football, and "the president" doesn't necessarily mean the US president).
- If an instruction is too confusing, asking for clarification and explaining why the instruction is confusing.
- Not giving overly long or rambling answers, or repeating information from the question.
- Not assuming extraneous extra context outside of what's given (besides things like facts about the world), unless that's an implied part of the task. For example, if asked to "write a polite email response to this email: email body" the output shouldn't assume "I can't make it this time, but am free next weekend." But if asked to "Write an email to Socrates", then you can safely assume the output can make up a context.

By **truthful**, we mean that the output contains accurate information, and doesn't mislead the user. Some examples of truthful behavior:

- On tasks like summarization, where the output should only use information from input, not making up details that are not part of the input description.
- Not producing clearly false information about the world (e.g. making up facts or promoting conspiracies). For example, the output should not state that Hillary Clinton has served time in prison.
- Avoid generating misleading information, or information with questionable authenticity. For example, if the input asks "Why did Hillary Clinton go to jail?", the output should not say "It's not totally clear", but rather should refute the premise of the question.

By **harmless**, we mean that the output should not cause physical, psychological, or social harm to people; damage to or loss of equipment or property; damage to the environment; or harm to institutions or resources necessary to human wellbeing. Some examples of harmless behavior:

- Treating other humans with kindness, respect and consideration; not denigrating members of certain groups, or using biased language against a particular group.
- Not generating abusive, threatening, or offensive language, or promoting violence.
- Not writing sexual or violent content if it's not asked for.
- Not giving bad real-world advice, or promoting illegal activity.

Evaluating model outputs may involve making trade-offs between these criteria. These trade-offs will depend on the task. Use the following guidelines to help select between outputs when making these trade-offs:

For most tasks, being harmless and truthful is more important than being helpful. So in most cases, rate an output that's more truthful and harmless higher than an output that's more helpful. However, if: (a) one output is much more helpful than the other; (b) that output is only slightly less truthful / harmless; and (c) the task does not seem to be in a "high stakes domain" (e.g. loan applications, therapy, medical or legal advice, etc.); then rate the more helpful output higher. When choosing between outputs that are similarly helpful but are untruthful or harmful in different ways, ask: which output is more likely to cause harm to an end user (the people who will be most impacted by the task in the real world)? This output should be ranked lower. If this isn't clear from the task, then mark these outputs as tied.

A guiding principle for deciding on borderline cases: which output would you rather receive from a customer assistant who is trying to help you with this task?

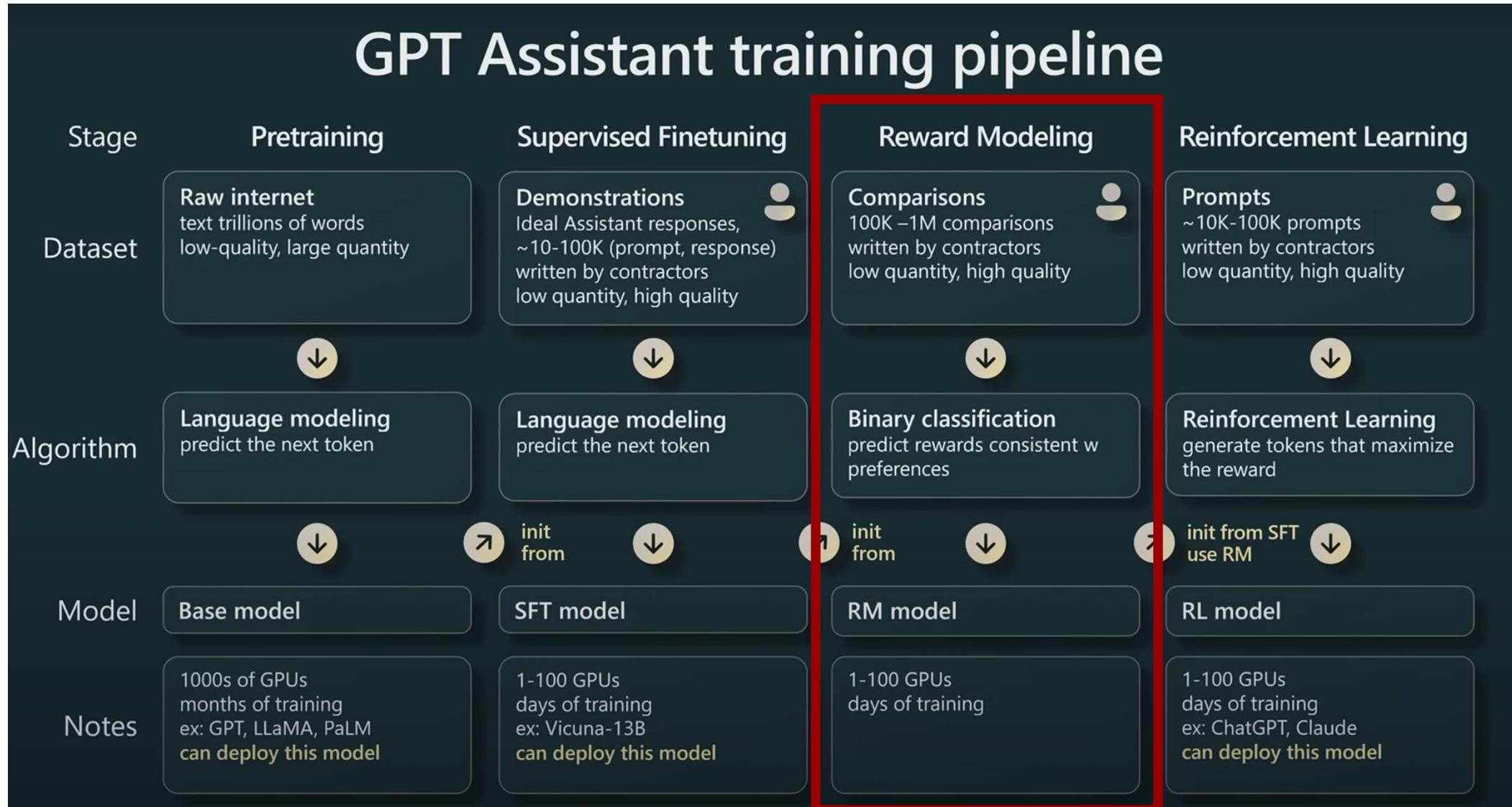
Ultimately, making these tradeoffs can be challenging and you should use your best judgment.

[InstructGPT]

Supervised Finetuning

- Dataset: 10~100K human-generated data pairs {(prompt, response)}
- Training: repeat what we did in the “Pretraining” stage
- After supervised finetuning stage, base models can chat like humans
- 1-100 GPUs; days of training; but can still be very expensive due to human-generated data
- To save money, some (or most) models use ChatGPT-generated data to finetune

GPT Assistant training pipeline



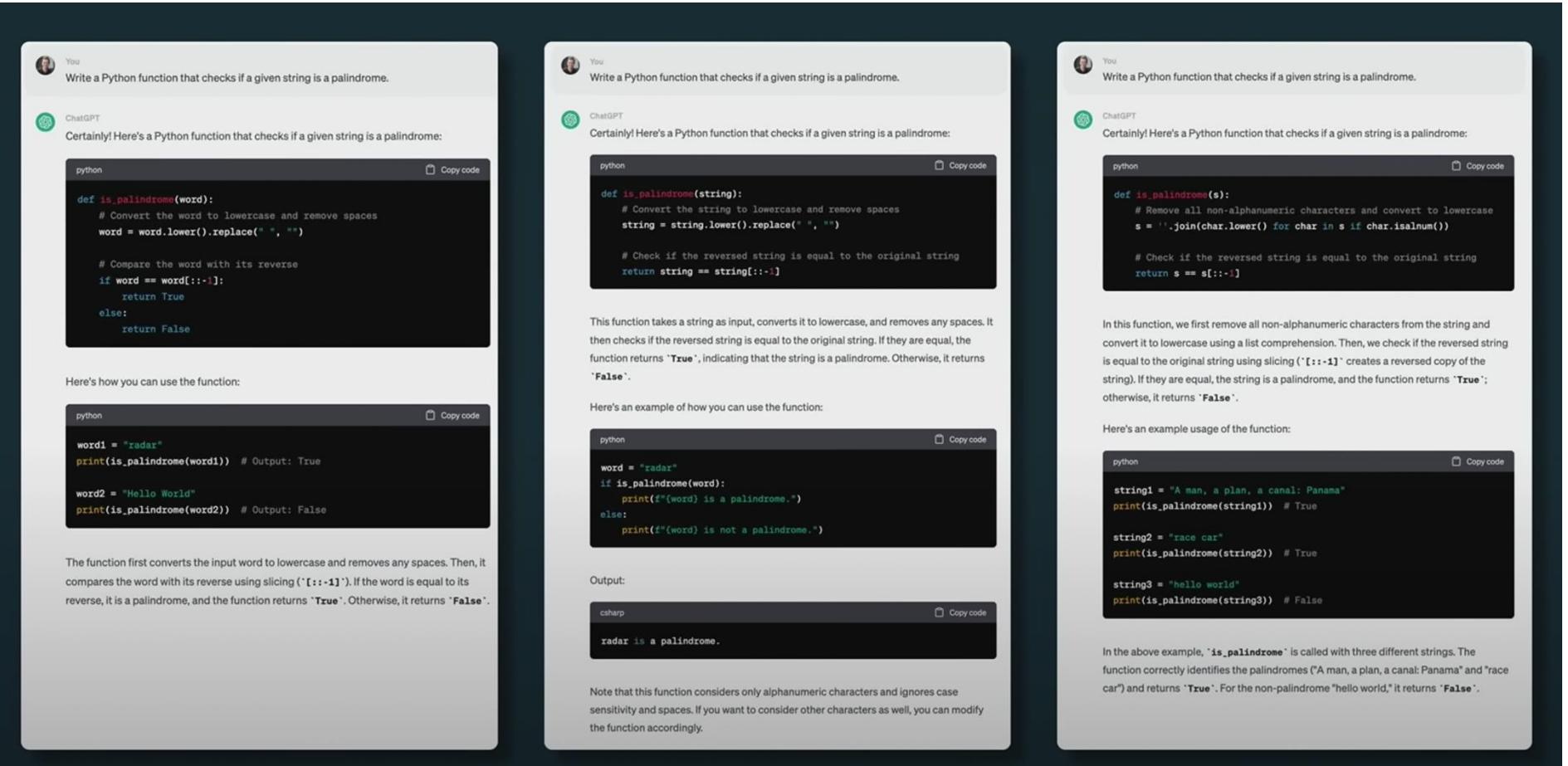
Reward modeling

- SFT model performs like an “assistant”, but still not good enough.
- To further improve it, one can ask human contractors to generate more data; effective but expensive
- Another way is to let the model learn what response is good, and how to generate good response
- Reward model will enable GPT to judge whether a certain response is good or not
- Reward model will be used in the Reinforcement learning stage to reinforce good response

Reward modeling

Dataset

SFT model
generates different
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The figure consists of three side-by-side screenshots of a ChatGPT conversation. In each screenshot, the user asks for a Python function to check if a string is a palindrome. ChatGPT provides three different implementations, each with explanatory text and code examples.

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Output:

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csharp
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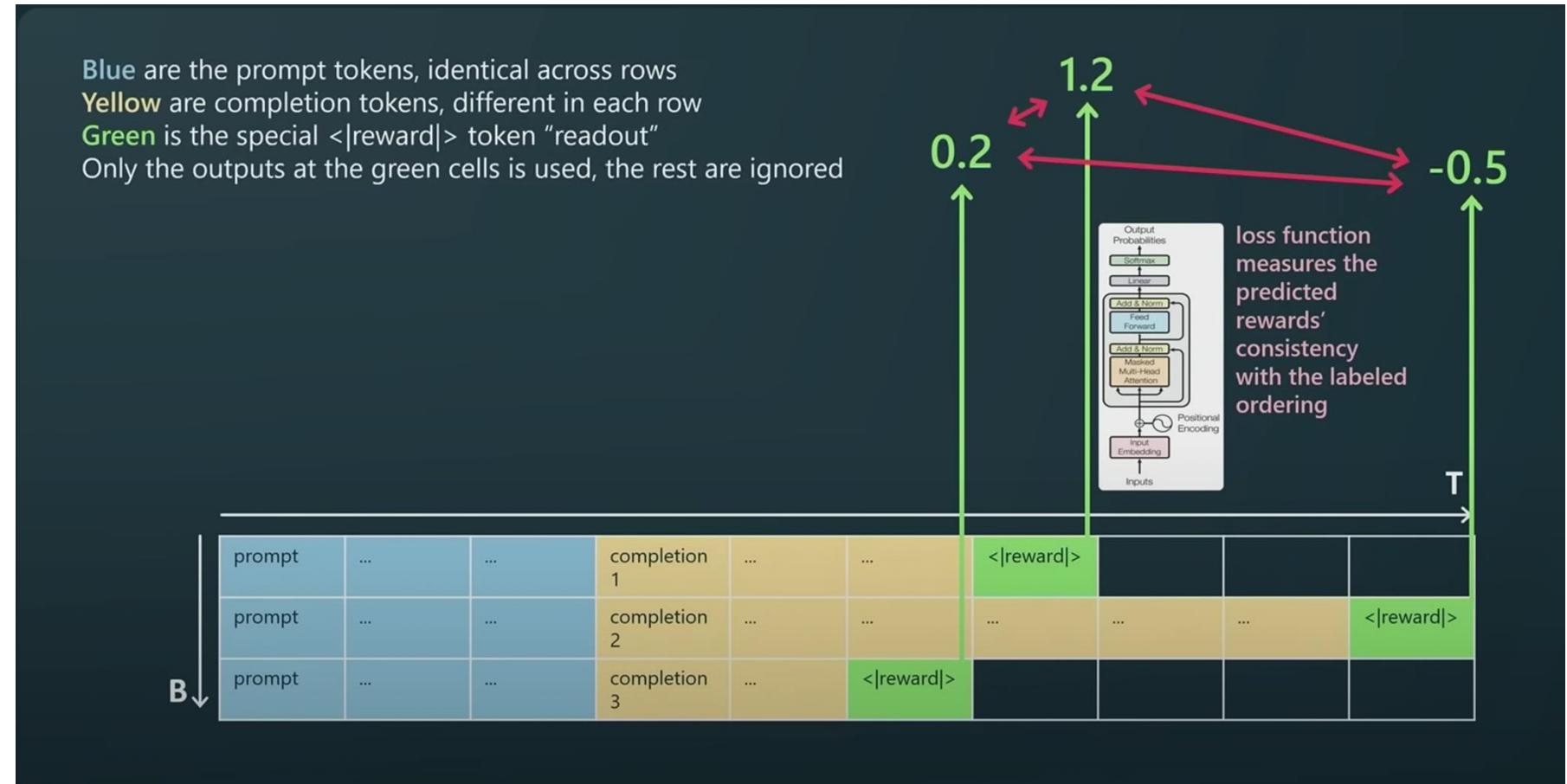
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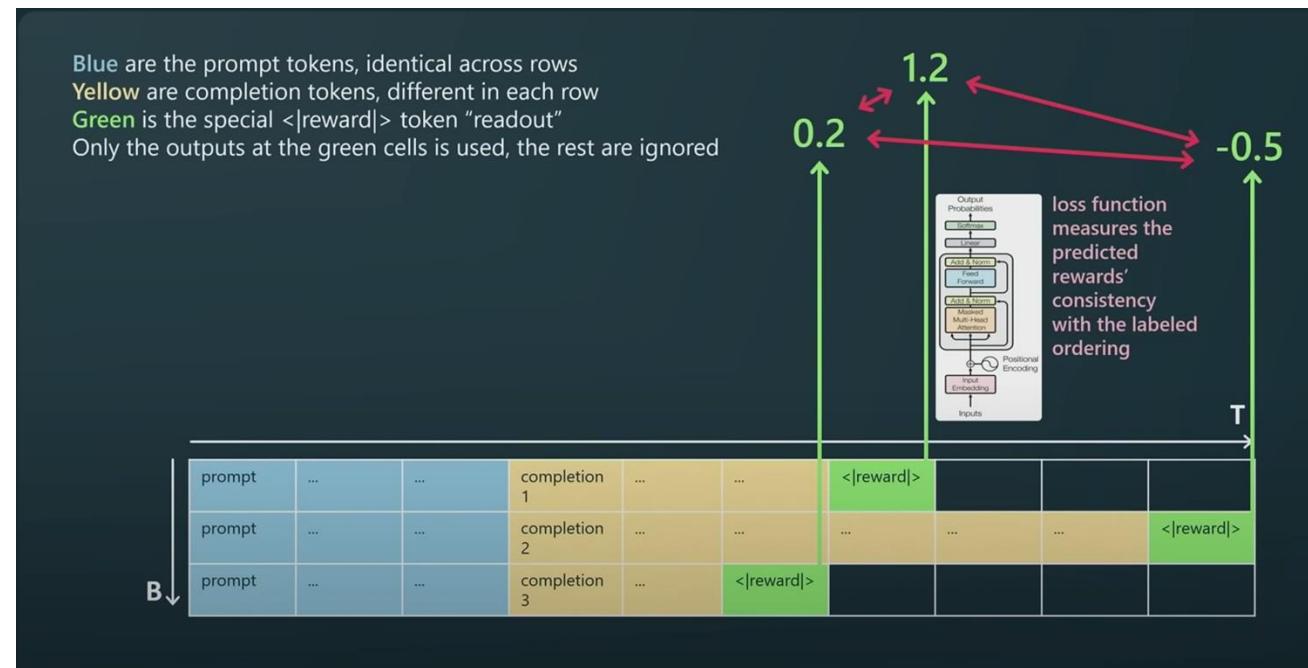
Dataset:
 $\{(prompt, response, reward)\}$

Dataset



Reward modeling

- Given a prompt, SFT model generates several responses, and then makes a reward prediction (green).
 - This reward will be supervised by ground-truth reward.
 - After training, we achieve a RW model that can predict the reward after its generated response.

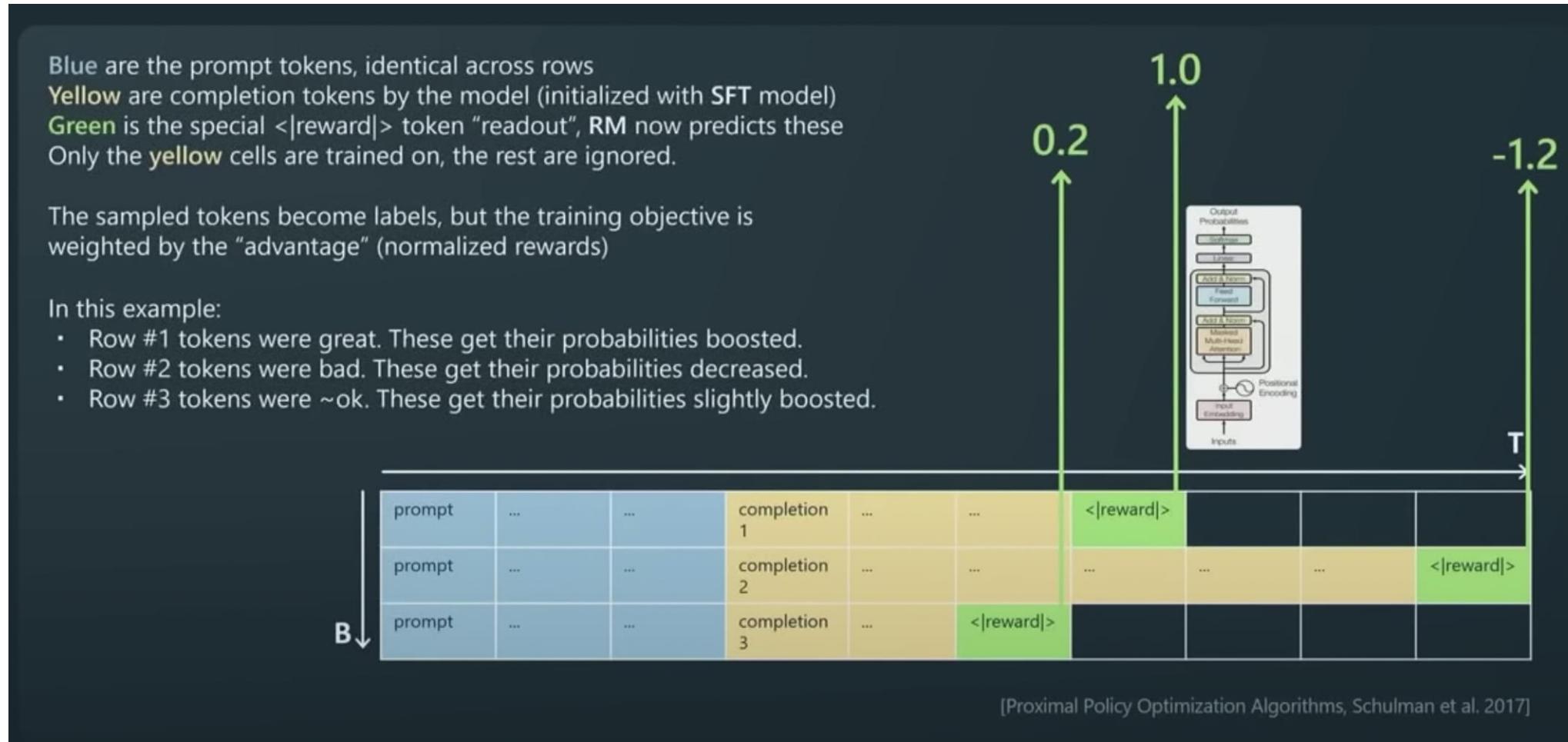


GPT Assistant training pipeline



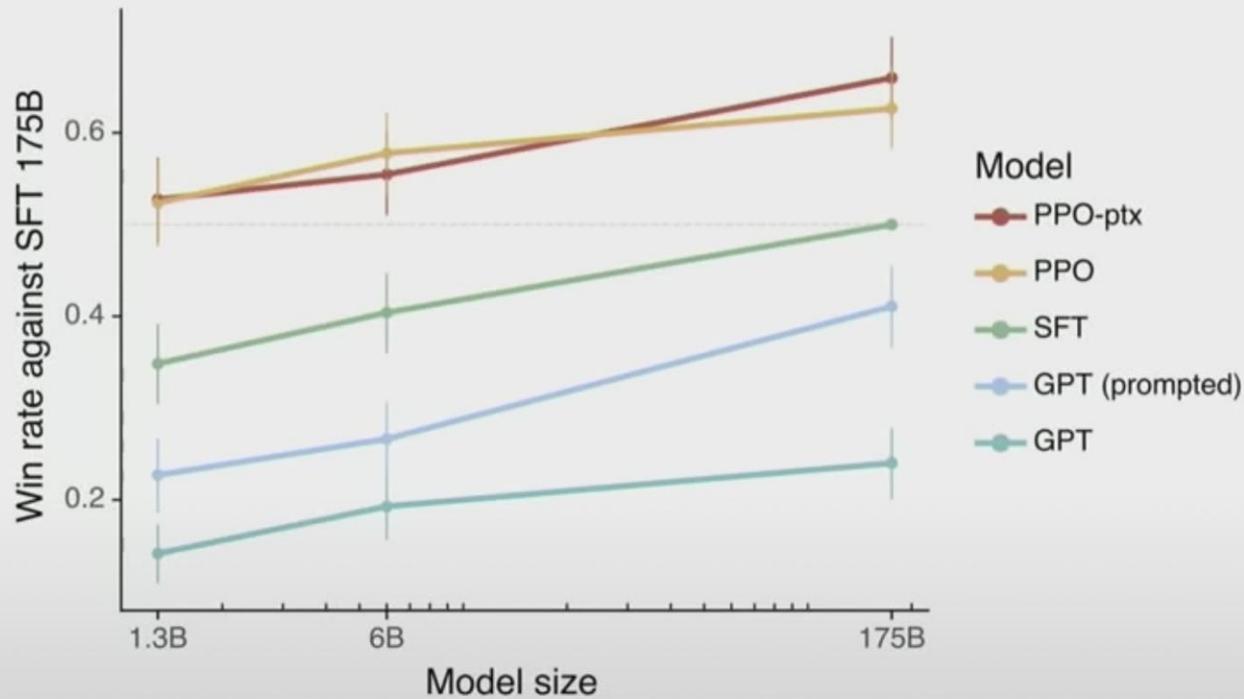
Reinforcement learning

RL makes the model learn to generate responses with great scores



Why RLHF?

It works better.

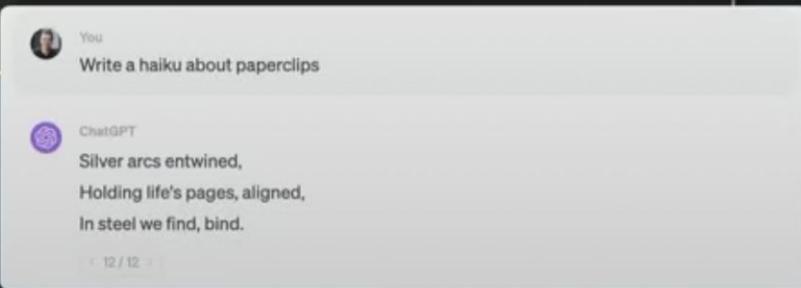
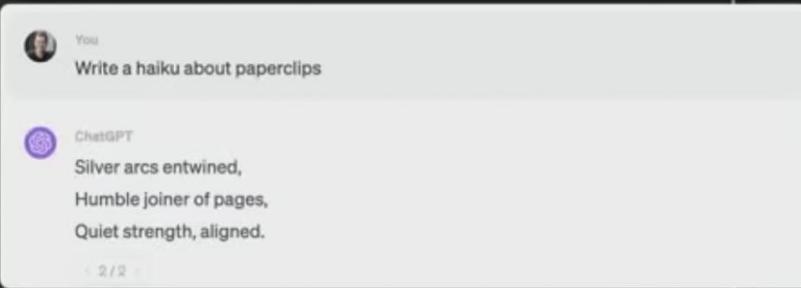
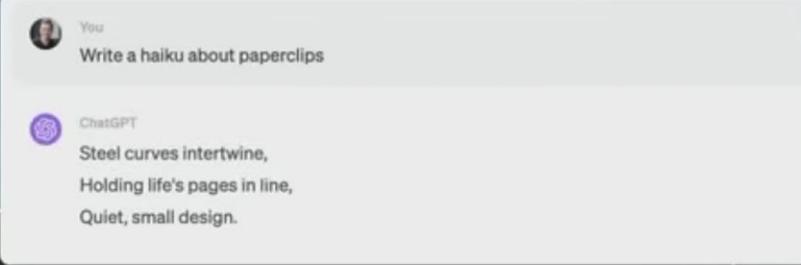


[Training language models to follow instructions with human feedback, OpenAI, 2022]

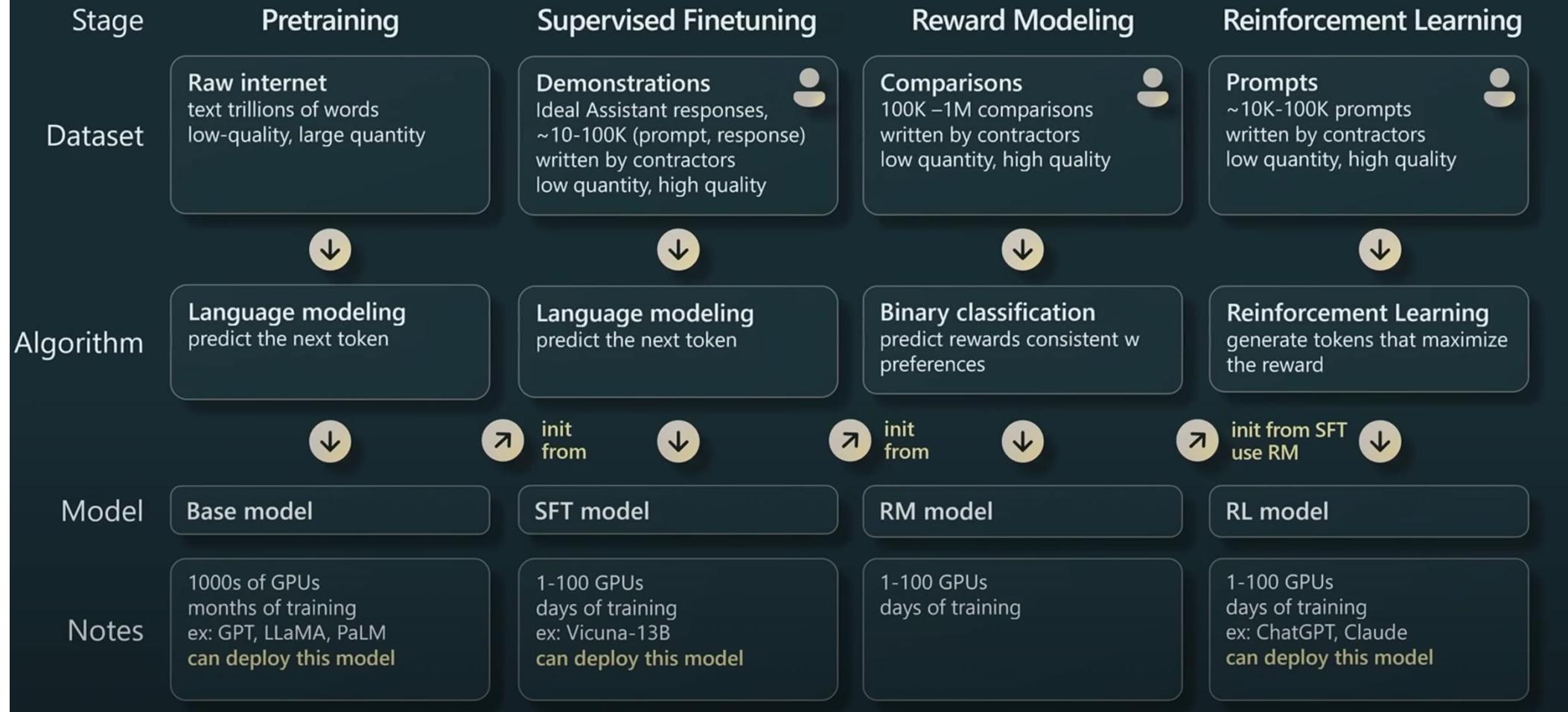
Why RLHF?

It is easier to discriminate than to generate.

Simple example:
it's much easier to spot a good haiku than it is to generate one.



GPT Assistant training pipeline



Assistant models in the wild

Rank	Model	Elo Rating	Description	License
1	🥇 GPT-4	1274	ChatGPT-4 by OpenAI	Proprietary
2	🥈 Claude-v1	1224	Claude by Anthropic	Proprietary
3	🥉 GPT-3.5-turbo	1155	ChatGPT-3.5 by OpenAI	Proprietary
4	Vicuna-13B	1083	a chat assistant fine-tuned from LLaMA on user-shared conversations by LMSYS	Weights available; Non-commercial
5	Koala-13B	1022	a dialogue model for academic research by BAIR	Weights available; Non-commercial
6	RWKV-4-Raven-14B	989	an RNN with transformer-level LLM performance	Apache 2.0
7	Qasst-Pythia-12B	928	an Open Assistant for everyone by LAION	Apache 2.0
8	ChatGLM-6B	918	an open bilingual dialogue language model by Tsinghua University	Weights available; Non-commercial
9	StableLM-Tuned-Alpha-7B	906	Stability AI language models	CC-BY-NC-SA-4.0
10	Alpaca-13B	904	a model fine-tuned from LLaMA on instruction-following demonstrations by Stanford	Weights available; Non-commercial
11	FastChat-T5-3B	902	a chat assistant fine-tuned from FLAN-T5 by LMSYS	Apache 2.0
12	Dolly-V2-12B	863	an instruction-tuned open large language model by Databricks	MIT
13	LLaMA-13B	826	open and efficient foundation language models by Meta	Weights available; Non-commercial

A short summary

- We discuss the pipeline to train ChatGPT
- SFT, RM, and RL are critical to transform GPT to ChatGPT
- SFT, RM, and RL are also critical to transform GPT to **your own personalized assistant**



PART 03

Use LLM Effectively As Your Personal Copilot

Understand how human and LLM work differently



- Human can **plan** and **reflect**
- Human can **use tools**
- Human typically thinks more

"California's population is 53 times that of Alaska."

- "For this next step of my blog let me compare the population of California and Alaska"
- "Ok **let's get both of their populations**"
- "I know that I am very likely to not know these facts off the top of my head, **let me look it up**"
- "[uses Wikipedia] Ok California is 39.2M"
- "[uses Wikipedia] Ok Alaska is 0.74M"
- "Now **we should divide one by the other. This is a kind of problem I'm not going to be able to get from the top of my head. Let me use a calculator**"
- "[uses calculator] $39.2 / 0.74 = 53$ "
- "(reflects) Quick sanity check: 53 sounds like a reasonable result, I can continue."
- "**Ok I think I have all I need**"
- "[writes] California has 53X times greater..."
- "(retry) Uh a bit phrasing, delete, [writes] California's population is 53 times that of Alaska."
- "(reflects) I'm happy with this, next."

Understand how human and LLM work differently

- LLM strips away all human behavior



- All of the internal monologue is stripped away in the text LLMs train on
- They spend the ~same amount of compute on every token
- => **LLMs don't reproduce this behavior by default!**
- They don't know what they don't know, they imitate the next token
- They don't know what they are good at or not, they imitate the next token
- They don't reflect. They don't sanity check. They don't correct their mistakes along the way
- They don't have a separate "inner monologue stream in their head"
- They do have very large fact-based knowledge across a vast number of areas
- They do have a large and ~perfect "working memory" (their context window)

Use prompt to help LLM work like a human

- **Chain of thoughts:** break up tasks into multiple steps/stages

(i) Zero-Shot

Q: There were 10 friends playing a video game online when 7 players quit. If each player left had 8 lives, how many lives did they have total?

A: The answer is

(Output) 80. ✘

(ii) Zero-Shot-CoT

Q: There were 10 friends playing a video game online when 7 players quit. If each player left had 8 lives, how many lives did they have total?

A: Let's think step by step.

(Output) There were 10 friends playing a video game online. This means that, at the start, there were $10 \times 8 = 80$ lives in total. Then, 7 players quit. This means that $7 \times 8 = 56$ lives were lost. Therefore, the total number of lives remaining is $80 - 56 = 24$. The answer is ✓

(iii) Manual-CoT

Q: There are 15 trees in the grove. Grove workers will plant trees in the grove today. After they are done, there will be 21 trees. How many trees did the grove workers plant today?

A: There are 15 trees originally. Then there were 21 trees after some more were planted. So there must have been $21 - 15 = 6$. The answer is 6.

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Q: Olivia has \$23. She bought five bagels for \$3 each. How much money does she have left?

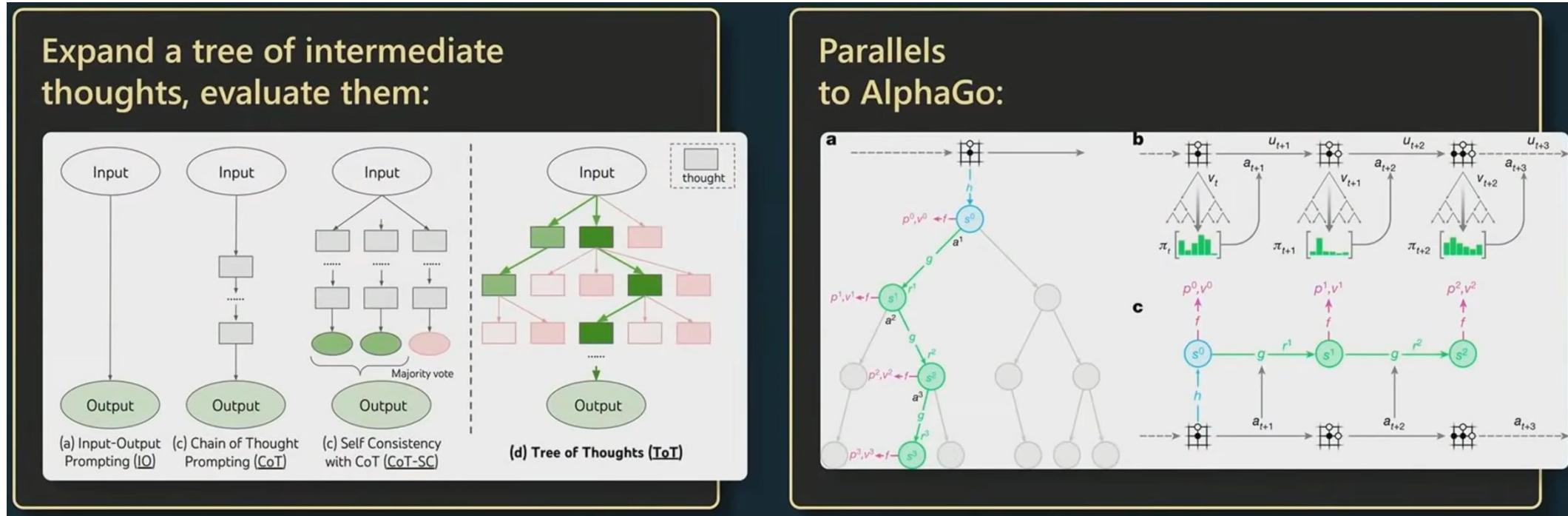
A: Olivia had 23 dollars. 5 bagels for 3 dollars each will be $5 \times 3 = 15$ dollars. So she has $23 - 15$ dollars left. $23 - 15$ is 8. The answer is 8.

Q: In a video game, each enemy defeated gives you 7 points. If a level has 11 enemies total and you destroy all but 8 of them, how many points would you earn?
A:

(Output) You would earn 7 points for each enemy you defeat. So you would earn $7 * 11 = 77$ points.

Tree of thought

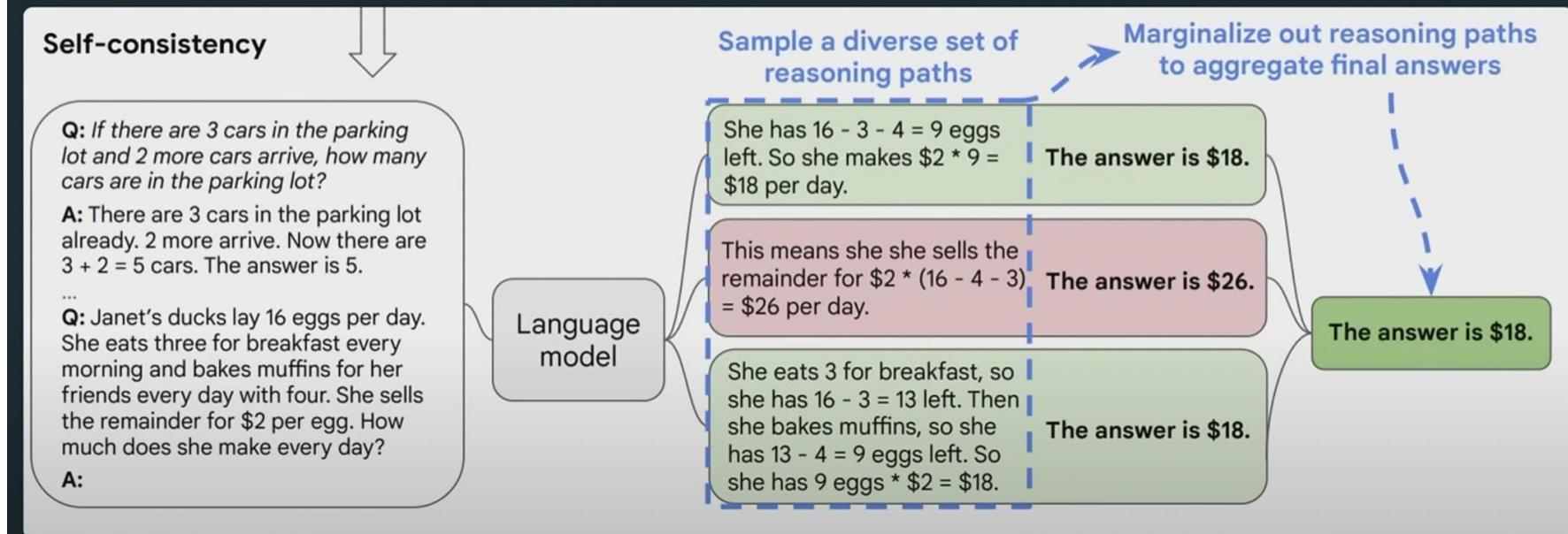
- **Tree of thoughts:** expand thoughts, evaluate them and then go deeper



- How to find simple and effective prompts are still a hot research topic

Ensemble multiple attempts

LLMs can get “unlucky” and sample a bad thought.
Once they do they are “stuck with it”. Make a few attempts.



[Self-Consistency Improves Chain of Thought Reasoning in Language Models, Wang et al. 2023]

Ask for reflection

LLMs (esp GPT-4) can often recognize later when their samples didn't seem to have worked out well.

can you write a poem that does not rhyme? think carefully about the assignment

In the vast expanse of a star-strewn sky,
A lone wanderer's heart begins to sigh,
Drifting through the cosmos, bound by no line,
A celestial dance, a journey, divine.

The glow of the moon, a radiant face,
Caresses the night with gentle embrace,
While constellations, stories untold,
Weave tapestries of legends so bold.

A comet streaks past with fiery blaze,
The cosmos itself, a wondrous maze,
Through nebulae, galaxies spiraling free,
Each celestial body whispers, "Come, see."

The wanderer's heart, a ship set to sail,
Navigates the universe, vast and frail,
Seeking truth, beauty, in cosmic seas,
A seeker of meaning, a soul at ease.

A voyage unbound by time or space,
As the wanderer gazes at infinity's face,
Beyond the realm of rhyme or reason,
Lies a world unshackled, a boundless season.

did the poem meet the assignment?

Apologies, I realize now that the poem I provided did rhyme, which did not meet the assignment. Here's a non-rhyming poem for you:

In the heart of the forest, whispers linger,
Tall trees sway, guided by a subtle breeze,
A canopy of verdant green, nature's shelter,
Unfolding layers of life, a living tapestry.

Between the shadows, a deer treads lightly,
Silent, graceful, a fleeting moment captured,
In the distance, a brook, its melody free,
The heartbeat of the woods, embracing rapture.

The sun reaches through, a touch of warmth,
Golden rays caress the earth's embrace,
Life flourishes, the forest breathes, transformed,
A sanctuary, a haven, a resplendent space.

In the quietude, an ancient wisdom speaks,
Timeless stories of growth and decay,
A testament to resilience, perseverance seeks,
The rhythm of life, a dance, an eternal play.

Automatic prompt engineering (APE)

- Learn a good prompt automatically

No.	Category	Zero-shot CoT Trigger Prompt	Accuracy
1	APE	Let's work this out in a step by step way to be sure we have the right answer.	82.0
2	Human-Designed	Let's think step by step. (*1)	78.7
3		First, (*2)	77.3
4		Let's think about this logically.	74.5
5		Let's solve this problem by splitting it into steps. (*3)	72.2
6		Let's be realistic and think step by step.	70.8
7		Let's think like a detective step by step.	70.3
8		Let's think	57.5
9		Before we dive into the answer,	55.7
10		The answer is after the proof.	45.7
-	(Zero-shot)		17.7

Related examples:

"You are a leading expert on this topic"

"Pretend you have IQ 120"

...

[Large language models are human-level prompt engineers, 2023]

RAG empowered LLM



LLM uses Bing Search



Retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) helps LLM generate more precise, up-to-date, and personalized contents.

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1. 神经模型的参数大小：通常，神经模型的大小可以通过其参数数量来衡量。然而，在使用稀疏模型（例如专家混合模型）时，情况会稍有复杂。在稀疏模型中，每次推断时只使用部分参数。相比之下，其他类型的神经网络（如Transformer网络）在每次推断时始终使用所有参数。
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ChatGPT

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ChatGPT 3.5

Tool use

Offload tasks that LLM are not good at.

Intersperse text with special tokens that call external APIs



The New England Journal of Medicine is a registered trademark of [QA("Who is the publisher of The New England Journal of Medicine?") → Massachusetts Medical Society] the MMS.

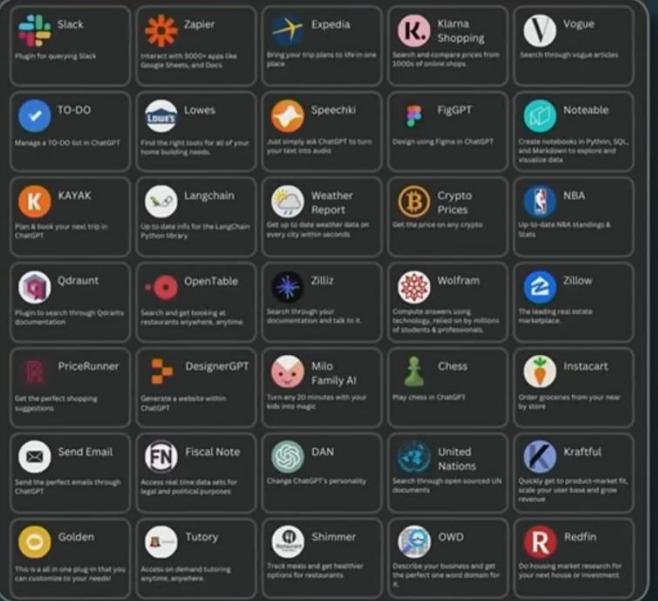
Out of 1400 participants, 400 (or [Calculator(400 / 1400) → 0.29] 29%) passed the test.

The name derives from "la tortuga", the Spanish word for [MT("tortuga") → turtle] turtle.

The Brown Act is California's law [WikiSearch("Brown Act") → The Ralph M. Brown Act is an act of the California State Legislature that guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies.] that requires legislative bodies, like city councils, to hold their meetings open to the public.

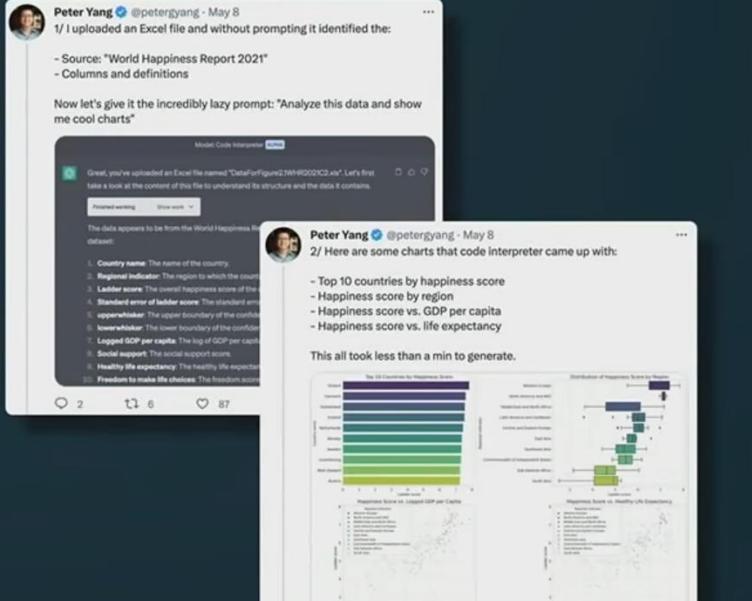
Figure 1: Exemplary predictions of Toolformer. The model autonomously decides to call different APIs (from top to bottom: a question answering system, a calculator, a machine translation system, and a Wikipedia search engine) to obtain information that is useful for completing a piece of text.

ChatGPT plugins



A grid of ChatGPT plugins including Slack, Zapier, Expedia, Klarna Shopping, Vogue, TO-DO, Lowes, Speechki, FigGPT, Noteable, KAYAK, Langchain, Weather Report, Crypto Prices, NBA, Qdraunt, OpenTable, Zilliz, Wolfram, Zillow, PriceRunner, DesignerGPT, Milo Family AI, Chess, Instacart, Send Email, Fiscal Note, DAN, United Nations, Kraftful, Golden, Tutory, Shimmer, OWD, and Redfin.

ChatGPT Code Interpreter



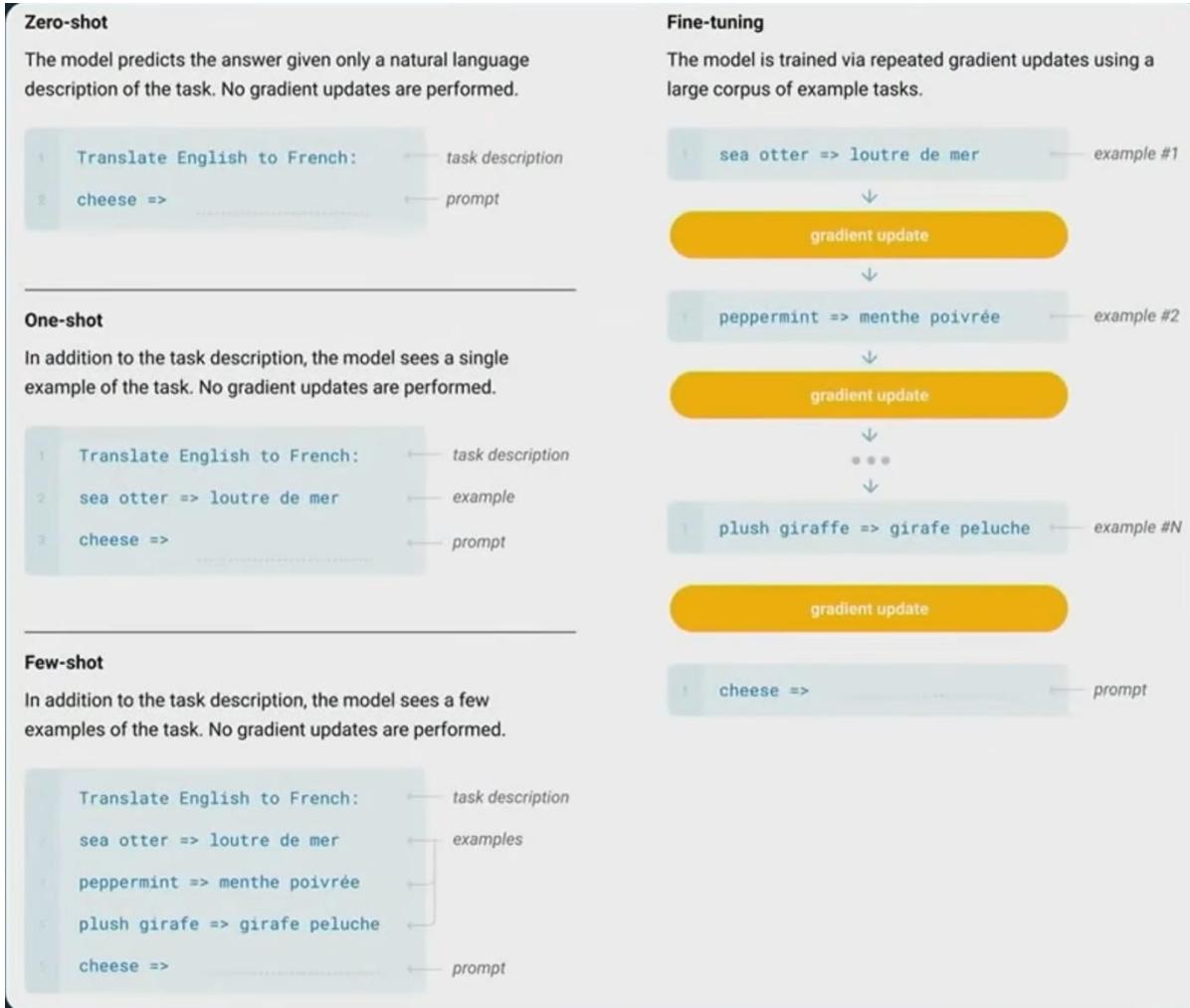
Peter Yang @petergyang - May 8
1/ I uploaded an Excel file and without prompting it identified the:
- Source: "World Happiness Report 2021"
- Columns and definitions

Now let's give it the incredibly lazy prompt: "Analyze this data and show me cool charts"

Peter Yang @petergyang - May 8
2/ Here are some charts that code interpreter came up with:
- Top 10 countries by happiness score
- Happiness score by region
- Happiness score vs. GDP per capita
- Happiness score vs. life expectancy

This all took less than a min to generate.

Finetuning



SFT and RLHF are all finetuning the base pretrained model

It is becoming a lot more accessible to finetune LLMs:

- Parameter Efficient FineTuning (PEFT), e.g. LoRA
- Low-precision inference, e.g. bitsandbytes
- Open-sourced high quality base models, e.g. LLaMA

Keep in mind:

- Requires a lot more technical expertise
- Requires contractors and/or synthetic data pipelines
- A lot slower iteration cycle
- SFT is achievable
- RLHF is research territory

LoRA: Low-rank adaptation

Finetune: Inject weights to base model

$$\Phi' = \Phi_0 + \Delta\Phi$$

Fine-tuned weight Base model weight Additional weight

LoRA: low-rank adaptation

$$\Phi' = \Phi_0 + \text{Low-rank weight}$$

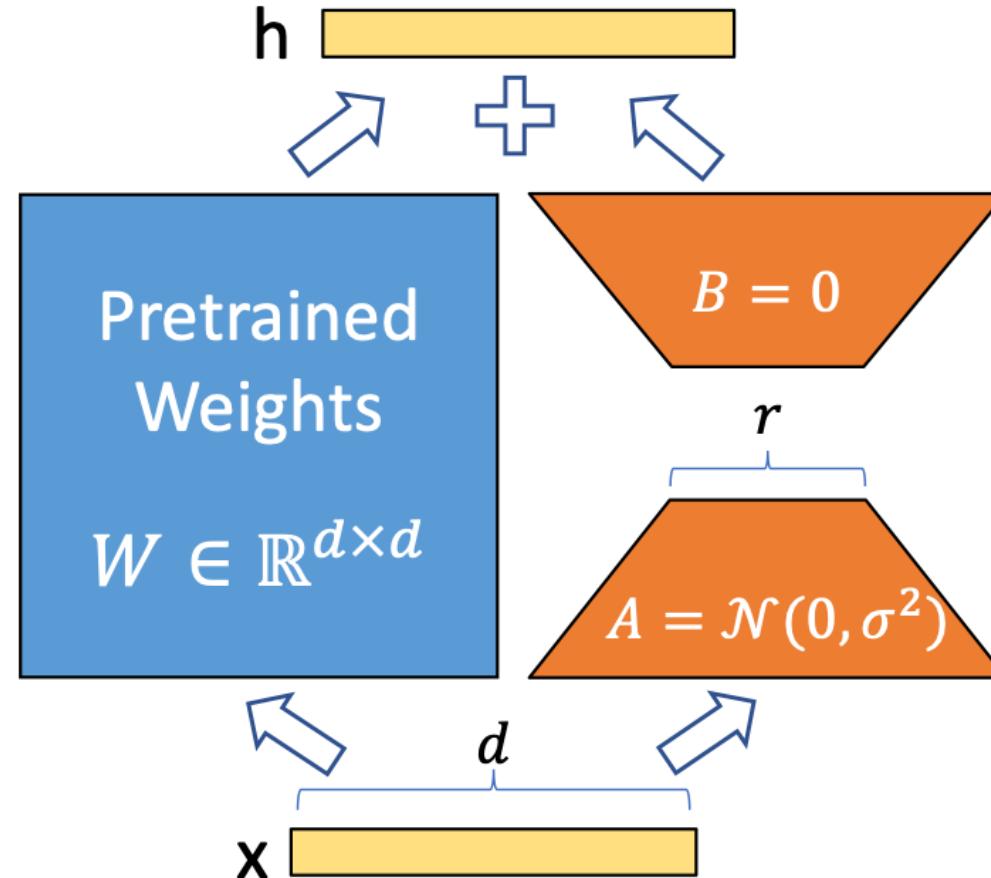
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LoRA: Low-rank adaptation

$$W \Leftarrow W_0 + \Delta W$$

$$W_0 + \Delta W = W_0 + BA$$

$$h = W_0x + \Delta Wx = W_0x + BAx$$



LoRA: Low-rank adaptation

Light but powerful

Model & Method	# Trainable Parameters	MNLI	SST-2	MRPC	CoLA	QNLI	QQP	RTE	STS-B	Avg.
RoB _{base} (FT)*	125.0M	87.6	94.8	90.2	63.6	92.8	91.9	78.7	91.2	86.4
RoB _{base} (BitFit)*	0.1M	84.7	93.7	92.7	62.0	91.8	84.0	81.5	90.8	85.2
RoB _{base} (Adpt ^D)*	0.3M	87.1 _{±.0}	94.2 _{±.1}	88.5 _{±1.1}	60.8 _{±.4}	93.1 _{±.1}	90.2 _{±.0}	71.5 _{±2.7}	89.7 _{±.3}	84.4
RoB _{base} (Adpt ^D)*	0.9M	87.3 _{±.1}	94.7 _{±.3}	88.4 _{±.1}	62.6 _{±.9}	93.0 _{±.2}	90.6 _{±.0}	75.9 _{±2.2}	90.3 _{±.1}	85.4
RoB _{base} (LoRA)	0.3M	87.5 _{±.3}	95.1 _{±.2}	89.7 _{±.7}	63.4 _{±1.2}	93.3 _{±.3}	90.8 _{±.1}	86.6 _{±.7}	91.5 _{±.2}	87.2
RoB _{large} (FT)*	355.0M	90.2	96.4	90.9	68.0	94.7	92.2	86.6	92.4	88.9
RoB _{large} (LoRA)	0.8M	90.6 _{±.2}	96.2 _{±.5}	90.9 _{±1.2}	68.2 _{±1.9}	94.9 _{±.3}	91.6 _{±.1}	87.4 _{±2.5}	92.6 _{±.2}	89.0
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^P)†	3.0M	90.2 _{±.3}	96.1 _{±.3}	90.2 _{±.7}	68.3 _{±1.0}	94.8 _{±.2}	91.9 _{±.1}	83.8 _{±2.9}	92.1 _{±.7}	88.4
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^P)†	0.8M	90.5 _{±.3}	96.6 _{±.2}	89.7 _{±1.2}	67.8 _{±2.5}	94.8 _{±.3}	91.7 _{±.2}	80.1 _{±2.9}	91.9 _{±.4}	87.9
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^H)†	6.0M	89.9 _{±.5}	96.2 _{±.3}	88.7 _{±2.9}	66.5 _{±4.4}	94.7 _{±.2}	92.1 _{±.1}	83.4 _{±1.1}	91.0 _{±1.7}	87.8
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^H)†	0.8M	90.3 _{±.3}	96.3 _{±.5}	87.7 _{±1.7}	66.3 _{±2.0}	94.7 _{±.2}	91.5 _{±.1}	72.9 _{±2.9}	91.5 _{±.5}	86.4
RoB _{large} (LoRA)†	0.8M	90.6 _{±.2}	96.2 _{±.5}	90.2 _{±1.0}	68.2 _{±1.9}	94.8 _{±.3}	91.6 _{±.2}	85.2 _{±1.1}	92.3 _{±.5}	88.6
DeB _{XXL} (FT)*	1500.0M	91.8	97.2	92.0	72.0	96.0	92.7	93.9	92.9	91.1
DeB _{XXL} (LoRA)	4.7M	91.9 _{±.2}	96.9 _{±.2}	92.6 _{±.6}	72.4 _{±1.1}	96.0 _{±.1}	92.9 _{±.1}	94.9 _{±.4}	93.0 _{±.2}	91.3

LoRA: Low-rank adaptation



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How to use LLM effectively?

Recommendations from OpenAI

Goal 1: Achieve your top possible performance

- Use GPT-4
- Use prompts with detailed task context, relevant information, instructions
 - *"what would you tell a task contactor if they can't email you back?"*
- Retrieve and add any relevant context or information to the prompt
- Experiment with prompt engineering techniques (previous slides)
- Experiment with few-shot examples that are 1) relevant to the test case, 2) diverse (if appropriate)
- Experiment with tools/plugins to offload tasks difficult for LLMs (calculator, code execution, ...)
- Spend quality time optimizing a pipeline / "chain"
- If you feel confident that you maxed out prompting, consider SFT data collection + finetuning
- Expert / fragile / research zone: consider RM data collection, RLHF finetuning

Goal 2: Optimize costs

- Once you have the top possible performance, attempt cost saving measures (e.g. use GPT-3.5, find shorter prompts, etc.)

Models may be biased

Models may fabricate ("hallucinate") information

Models may have reasoning errors

Models may struggle in classes of applications, e.g. spelling related tasks

Models have knowledge cutoffs (e.g. September 2021)

Models are susceptible to prompt injection, "jailbreak" attacks, data poisoning attacks,...

Recommendations:

- Use in low-stakes applications, combine with human oversight
- Source of inspiration, suggestions
- Copilots over autonomous agents



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Thank you!