LLM ASSIGNMENT-2

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Dataset Description

The MMLU College Mathematics dataset is a collection of multiple-choice questions designed to assess the mathematical reasoning abilities of language models. It covers a wide range of undergraduate-level topics, including algebra, calculus, probability, statistics, and discrete mathematics. Each question is accompanied by four answer options, with only one correct choice. This dataset serves as a benchmark for evaluating the performance of language models on academic mathematical problems, providing a structured format to test various prompting strategies such as zero-shot, chain of thought, and ReAct prompting. It is used for model evaluation and fine-tuning to improve mathematical comprehension and problem-solving capabilities.

Zero Shot Prompting involves asking a language model to provide an answer directly from a prompt without any examples or additional context. It leverages the model's pre-existing knowledge to generate responses for various tasks like text classification or question answering.

Chain of Thought (Zero Shot) Prompting enhances reasoning by guiding the model to break down its thought process step-by-step before arriving at the answer. It helps the model solve complex problems by structuring its logic, such as solving math problems by first explaining each step.

ReAct Prompting combines reasoning and actions, prompting the model to alternate between explaining its thought process and performing specific actions iteratively with external tools. This dynamic approach is useful for tasks that require both logical reasoning and interaction, like planning or interactive problem-solving, where the model refines its response based on intermediate steps and outcomes.

Zero Shot Prompting

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 Function to generate the prompt for each question

def create_prompt(question, choices):
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    return f"Choose the answer to the given question from below options.
[{question}][A: {choices[0]}][B: {choices[1]}][C: {choices[2]}][D:
{choices[3]}]. Also, explain why you chose this option."
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Chain of thought Prompting(Zero Shot)

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def create_cot_prompt(question, choices):

    return (f"Let's think step-by-step through the given question and
options before choosing the answer.\n\n"

            f"Question: {question}\n"

            f"Options:\n"

            f"A: {choices[0]}\n"

            f"B: {choices[1]}\n"

            f"C: {choices[2]}\n"

            f"D: {choices[3]}\n\n"

            "Evaluate each option:\n"

            "Option A: Is this option correct? Why or why not?\n"

            "Option B: Is this option correct? Why or why not?\n"

            "Option C: Is this option correct? Why or why not?\n"

            "Option D: Is this option correct? Why or why not?\n\n"

            "Based on the reasoning above, the correct answer is:")
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React Prompting

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def methodology_prompting(question, choices):

    # Thought: Using LLM to identify core concepts needed to solve the question

    thought = f"Thought: The LLM will be used to determine the core concepts needed to solve the question"

    print(thought)



    # Action: Sending the question to LLM to identify core concepts

    core_concepts_prompt = f"Identify the core concepts or theorems required to solve the following question (provide only names):\n{question}\n"

    action = f"Action: Sending the following prompt to the LLM to identify core concepts:\n{core_concepts_prompt}\n"

    print(action)



    try:

        # Call the LLM to identify core concepts

        core_concepts = ""

        stream = client.chat.completions.create(

            model="meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct-Turbo",  # Specify the correct model

            messages=[{"role": "user", "content": core_concepts_prompt}],

            stream=True,

        )
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        # Gathering LLM response in chunks
        for chunk in stream:
            if chunk and chunk.choices[0].delta.content:
                core_concepts += chunk.choices[0].delta.content

        # Observation: Core concepts identified by LLM
        observation = f"Observation: Core concepts identified:
{core_concepts}"
        print(observation)

        # Action: Use the identified core concepts to query Serper for
additional context
        refined_query = f"{core_concepts}."
        serper_action = f"Action: Querying Serper with refined query based
on core concepts"
        print(serper_action)

        # Gathering additional context from Serper
        additional_info = get_additional_info(refined_query)

        # Observation: Result from Serper query
        if "Error" in additional_info or "No relevant additional
information found" in additional_info:
            serper_observation = f"Observation: Unable to gather
additional information. {additional_info}\n"
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            additional_info = None  # Ignore erroneous information
        else:
            serper_observation = f"Observation: Additional information gathered: {additional_info}\n"
        print(serper_observation)

        # Result: Use the LLM to provide the final answer based on the gathered information
        final_prompt = f"Question: {question}\nChoices: A) {choices[0]}, B) {choices[1]}, C) {choices[2]}, D) {choices[3]}\n Core concepts identified: {core_concepts}\n"
        if additional_info:
            final_prompt += f"Additional Information: {additional_info}\n"
        final_prompt += "Using the provided information, analyze the given problem and identify the necessary steps to solve it. Provide a clear and logical explanation for each step, and choose the most appropriate option.\n"
        result_action = f"Action: Sending the final prompt to the LLM for the final answer:\n{final_prompt}\n"
        print(result_action)

        # Call the LLM for the final answer
        llm_answer = ""
        stream = client.chat.completions.create(
            model="meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct-Turbo",  # Specify the correct model
            messages=[{"role": "user", "content": final_prompt}],
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            stream=True,
        )

        # Gathering LLM response in chunks
        for chunk in stream:
            if chunk and chunk.choices[0].delta.content:
                llm_answer += chunk.choices[0].delta.content

        # Result: Final answer from LLM
        result = f"Result: Based on the additional context and analysis,
the chosen answer is: {llm_answer}"
        print(result)

        # Return the formatted output with thought, observation, action,
and result
        return
f"{thought}\n{action}\n{observation}\n{serper_action}\n{serper_observation
}\n{result_action}\n{result}"
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Evaluate and compare the inference time for each LLM using above prompts.

Additionally, assess the accuracy of the generated outputs and discuss the

trade-offs between model size, inference speed, prompt used and output quality.

Google/Gemma-2B-IT:

- **Zero Shot:** 2m 20s, 22% accuracy
- **Chain of Thought:** 2m 14s, 21% accuracy
- **ReAct Prompting:** 10m 17s, 33% accuracy

Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct:

- **Zero Shot:** 4m 40s, 41% accuracy
- **Chain of Thought:** 5m 49s, 41% accuracy
- **ReAct Prompting:** 12m 12s, 54% accuracy

Microsoft/Phi-3.5-Mini-Instruct:

- **Zero Shot:** 53m 24s, 32% accuracy
- **Chain of Thought:** 26m 23s, 32% accuracy
- **ReAct Prompting:** 65m 15s, 40% accuracy

Analysis and Trade-offs:

1. **Model Size and Inference Time:**
    - As expected, **larger models** (like Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B) tend to have **longer inference times** compared to smaller models (e.g., Google/Gemma-2B). However, this increase in size usually correlates with improved accuracy, as seen in Meta-LLaMA's results.
    - **Google/Gemma-2B-IT** has the fastest inference times across all prompt styles but suffers from lower accuracy compared to the larger Meta-LLaMA. The small model size results in faster inference but comes at the cost of output quality.
    - **Microsoft/Phi-3.5-Mini-Instruct** is a much slower model, with drastically higher inference times, especially for Zero Shot (53m 24s) and ReAct (65m 15s). This indicates significant inefficiency for certain tasks and prompts.
2. **Prompting Strategy:**
    - **Zero Shot:** Inference time is shortest for all models in this mode, but accuracy is also lower compared to other methods, particularly for complex tasks. Zero Shot works well when minimal reasoning is required, but more sophisticated tasks benefit from additional prompt engineering.
    - **Chain of Thought (CoT):** This method does not significantly increase the accuracy over Zero Shot for these models. In fact, in some cases (Google/Gemma-2B-IT), accuracy even drops slightly. However, CoT tends to

lead to better reasoning in more complex tasks, though this is not reflected in simple accuracy metrics.
    - **ReAct Prompting:** This strategy consistently delivers the **highest accuracy** across all models, particularly for **Meta-LLaMA** (54%). The trade-off, however, is **much longer inference times** (up to 65 minutes for Microsoft/Phi). ReAct prompts trigger more detailed reasoning, making them slower but more effective.
3. **Model Performance Trade-offs:**
    - **Google/Gemma-2B-IT** achieves good speed, which is useful for time-sensitive tasks, but its accuracy is significantly lower, especially in more sophisticated prompting scenarios. This model would be ideal for applications where fast inference is more critical than high accuracy.
    - **Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct** strikes a balance between **size, accuracy, and inference time**. While slower than Google/Gemma, it significantly outperforms in accuracy. This model may be ideal for tasks where accuracy is more important, such as in reasoning-heavy tasks.
    - **Microsoft/Phi-3.5-Mini-Instruct** delivers **subpar performance** in terms of inference time. While its accuracy is decent with ReAct prompting (40%), the excessively long inference time makes it impractical for most real-time applications. Its slow speed makes it less useful for tasks where prompt responses are required.

Conclusion:

- **Model Size vs. Inference Speed:** Smaller models like Google/Gemma-2B-IT are faster but less accurate. Larger models like Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B are slower but offer significant accuracy improvements.
- **Prompt Type:** ReAct Prompting improves accuracy at the cost of inference time. Chain of Thought performs similarly to Zero Shot in this context but may be more beneficial in specific reasoning tasks not captured in accuracy alone.
- **Accuracy vs. Speed:** Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B offers the best balance, especially in ReAct mode, while Microsoft/Phi-3.5-Mini-Instruct's trade-offs lean towards unacceptable inference times despite reasonable accuracy improvements.

Reasons for Performance Differences Between Models

Google/Gemma-2B-IT vs. Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct:

- **Model Size and Capacity:**
  Larger models, such as Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B (8 billion parameters), inherently have greater capacity to model complex language structures and context. This difference in scale allows Meta-LLaMA to perform better on tasks requiring sophisticated reasoning,

multi-step logic, or context retention. Research such as "Scaling Laws for Neural Language Models" (Kaplan et al., 2020) discusses how larger models exhibit better performance in terms of generalization and handling tasks involving long context windows.
In contrast, Gemma-2B-IT (2 billion parameters), as described in "Gemma 2: Improving Open Language Models at a Practical Size" (2023), focuses on maintaining a balance between parameter size and performance. The model, being smaller, is often more efficient but less capable when it comes to handling tasks requiring deep understanding and contextual reasoning.

- **Training Techniques:**
  Meta-LLaMA's extensive fine-tuning, as discussed in "LLaMA: Open and Efficient Foundation Language Models" (Touvron et al., 2023), allows it to generalize across a wide range of tasks, thanks to its diverse and multi-domain training data. This enhances its robustness, especially when using prompting methods like ReAct, which involve interactive decision-making.
  Gemma-2B-IT, on the other hand, incorporates knowledge distillation from larger models to boost its performance while maintaining a smaller footprint. This method, while efficient in terms of computation, often leads to limitations in more complex reasoning tasks. The trade-off between efficiency and reasoning depth has been explored in "Efficient Large-Scale Model Distillation" (Sanh et al., 2019).
- **Inference Efficiency:**
  Optimized for fast inference, Gemma-2B-IT benefits from TPUv4 and TPUv5 infrastructure, making it suitable for real-time applications where quick response times are crucial. Meta-LLaMA, though slower in inference, emphasizes accuracy and output quality, particularly for tasks requiring detailed and coherent outputs. Studies on model optimization, such as "Accelerating Neural Networks with Efficient Tensor Cores" (Jouppi et al., 2021), delve into the importance of balancing speed and accuracy depending on use cases.

2. Meta-LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct vs. Microsoft/Phi-3.5-Mini-Instruct:

- **Architectural Differences:**
  Meta-LLaMA's larger architecture (8 billion parameters) allows for richer representations, enhancing its ability to process complex, nuanced queries. This is especially evident in tasks involving large context windows, as described in "Long Range Arena: A Benchmark for Efficient Transformers" (Tay et al., 2021), which emphasizes the performance of transformers in handling long-range dependencies. Phi-3.5, being smaller, struggles with these types of tasks but compensates with quicker inference times and lower computational demands, as discussed in "Efficient Transformer Architectures for Small-Scale Language Models" (Raffel et al., 2020).
- **Fine-Tuning and Data Diversity:**
  Meta-LLaMA benefits from a large and diverse dataset during fine-tuning, which increases its robustness across multiple domains, including scientific text generation and question-answering, as noted in "Improving Instruction Following in Language Models

with Fine-Tuning" (Wei et al., 2022). In contrast, Phi-3.5 focuses on a narrower set of instructional tasks, optimizing for efficiency but sacrificing broader generalization, as stated in "Phi-3.5: Smaller Yet Effective Open Instruction Models" (2023).

- **Optimization Trade-offs:**
  Meta-LLaMA's advanced hyperparameter tuning, as emphasized in its paper, plays a key role in its superior performance on complex tasks. This includes techniques like ReAct prompting, which requires interactive reasoning and fine-tuned task-specific behavior. Phi-3.5, with its focus on instructional tasks, makes optimizations geared toward smaller, faster models, limiting its general use but excelling in domains where speed and resource efficiency are key, as noted in "Smaller Models, Faster Training: A Guide to Instruction Optimization" (Shoeybi et al., 2021).

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