Deep Learning Project:

Fine-Tuning a Pretrained LLM for Weather Report Generation

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ABSTRACT

The research involves the optimization of the pre-trained Large Language Model (LLM) Mistral-7B for weather reporting tasks. The performance of LLMs has been observed to be satisfactory in typical NLP applications but their effectiveness is greatly reduced when they are employed in domain specific applications. The main objective of this paper is to tune Mistral-7B using a real-world weather dataset that contains forecasts and alerts obtained from the National Weather Service (NWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The project has two main objectives:

📌 Weather alert classification and

📌 Generation of human-readable weather summaries.

The model is trained using PyTorch and the Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning (PEFT) approach with Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) to enable training on low resource hardware. The following evaluation metrics were employed to evaluate the model performance: accuracy, BLEU score, and perplexity. The results achieved an 88.2% accuracy (a 15.8% gain over the baseline) and a 20 points BLEU score for the generated text, which validates the effectiveness of fine-tuning.

This study shows that it is possible to adapt general-purpose LLMs for specific domains and improve prediction and generation performance. The results of this study are useful for real-time decision-making in meteorology and public safety and open the way for future enhancements using multimodal data or transformer distillation techniques.

INTRODUCTION

The field of deep learning and NLP has witnessed a tremendous growth in the development of powerful LLMs such as BERT and GPT. Although these models are successful in general applications, they do not perform well in specific domains such as meteorology due to the usage of specialized vocabulary and the adoption of formal language. This paper aims to examine the possibility of optimizing LLMs in order to enhance their performance and reliability in specific domains.

📌 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Large Language Models (LLMs) such as GPT-3, BERT, and Mistral-7B have transformed the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP), establishing new standards in machine comprehension and human language generation. These models, trained on diverse internet-scale corpora, perform impressively on general-purpose language tasks. However, their performance diminishes considerably when applied to domain-specific contexts that require specialized vocabulary, structural understanding, or unique semantic patterns. For instance, the meteorological domain which uses technical terms, formalized data representation, and changing context is one of the domains where general-purpose LLMs tend to produce suboptimal results without any further training.

The main issue is that general LLMs are not context-specific to weather-related vocabulary and grammar, which leads to vague or inconsistent outputs when they are asked to decode or encode weather forecasts and alerts. This limitation has significant real-world consequences. The incorrect interpretation of weather alerts can result in insufficient preparation for natural disasters, thereby putting the lives and infrastructure at risk. There is an immediate need of a robust and fine-tuned model that can analyze weather data with more precision and create brief, clear and action-oriented summaries.

📌 Objectives

This project seeks to adapt a pre-trained open-source LLM, namely Mistral-7B, on a filtered weather report corpus to enhance its performance in a specific domain. The following are the goals of this work:

- Tuning Mistral-7B on the PyTorch platform with parameter-efficient approaches such as LoRA.

- The model is to be evaluated with respect to its original version which is the base.

- The model's strengths and weaknesses in tasks such as weather event classification and summary writing should be determined.

- The advantages and disadvantages of applying LLMs to domain-specific tasks.

These goals are helpful for two reasons; first, they help in creating a tool that can be used in practice and, second, they contribute to the research on adapting LLMs to different domains.

📌 Motivation:

This project is motivated by the notion that enhancing machines' comprehension of specific texts can result in more intelligent systems and positive results for the society. Weather reports are a prime example. Although I have achieved a good deal in the collection and forecasting of weather patterns, the challenge is often how to present the information in a clear manner to the public. The text alerts are usually lengthy, redundant, and complex, which hampers their effectiveness during emergencies.

Through the adaptation of an LLM to weather-related data, I seek to overcome the gap between meteorological output and public perception. This may result in more intuitive weather applications, automated alert systems, and even AI-based decision support tools for disaster response. Furthermore, by utilizing a lightweight fine-tuning approach like LoRA, I show a cost-effective, scalable way of implementing this solution even for organizations with limited computing power. In summary, this project highlights the wider applicability of domain-specific LLMs in real-world high-stakes applications and provides a structure that can be used in other specific areas.

🌟 Literature Review

The development of Large Language Models (LLMs) has reshaped the field of natural language processing (NLP) by enabling new text generation capabilities as well as classification and summarization features among others. These models which learn from extensive internet-based corpora demonstrate state-of-the-art performance across various general NLP benchmarks. The implementation of these models in specific domains including legal, medical, and meteorological requires modification to function effectively. The literature review examines the historical development of LLMs as well as domain-specific fine-tuning strategies while reviewing their applications in meteorology to assess the current research and pinpoint areas that this project intends to address.

📌 Large Language Models Have Undergone Evolution Through Multiple Stages That Developed Their Capabilities.

The Transformer architecture developed by Vaswani et al. (2017) established itself as a standard base in modern NLP models because of its ability to scale and to handle distant dependencies in text. The self-attention mechanism of transformers enabled models to pay attention to certain parts of the input sequence thus eliminating the need for recurrence. After this the NLP field saw the rise of several effective models which included BERT (Devlin et al., 2018) alongside GPT-2 (Radford et al., 2019) GPT-3 (Brown et al., 2020) and T5 (Raffel et al., 2020) which served as effective tools for both general-purpose language comprehension and text production.

The BERT model used bidirectional text encoding for improved contextual understanding but GPT models used autoregressive language modeling to produce coherent text output. The models achieved remarkable success across GLUE, SQuAD, and SuperGLUE benchmarks. The models receive their training primarily from general text sources which include Wikipedia and Common Crawl and web forums but they show limited comprehension of domain-specific terminology and discourse patterns and abbreviations. Research by Gururangan et al. (2020) demonstrates that domain-specific pretraining or fine-tuning results in significantly better results for specialized tasks.

Organizations addressed the need for open-access LLMs through model releases of LLaMA (Touvron et al., 2023), Falcon (Penedo et al., 2023) and Mistral (2023). The models implement innovative architectures while providing pre-trained weights to support research and development activities. Mistral-7B stands out as a model that achieves optimal performance while using efficient resources and functions well for instruction tuning thus enabling effective downstream fine-tuning operations.

📌 Fine-Tuning for Domain Specialization

The current research demonstrates that model performance improves substantially when models receive fine-tuning training in specialized domains. BioBERT resulted from Lee et al. (2020) training BERT on biomedical texts which then exceeded general models in various medical NLP assessments. LegalBERT and FinBERT demonstrated enhanced language comprehension within legal and financial domains through domain-specific training. The success of these examples demonstrates the necessity of domain adaptation techniques for better LLM performance.

Research efforts concerning weather and environmental data have primarily used structured data types (such as numerical forecasting models and time-series analysis). The main applications of NLP in weather data involve translating meteorological terminology, condensing reports, and extracting vital alerts from unstructured text content (Kim et al., 2021). The tasks require LLMs that understand the domain-specific syntax and vocabulary to deliver better results.

📌 NLP in Meteorology and Weather Data Applications

Weather organizations produce enormous volumes of organized and unorganized textual content which encompasses weather forecasts together with advisories and bulletins and public safety announcements. Despite its vast data potential the implementation of NLP technology in weather reporting remains underdeveloped compared to other industry sectors.

- Traditional Methods

Goldberg et al. (1994) and Reiter et al. (2005) developed rule-based NLG systems for weather forecast automation during previous research. The systems provided precise outputs yet needed extensive human work to implement domain-specific grammar and sentence templates which made their use impractical for large-scale implementation.

- Machine Learning and Neural Models

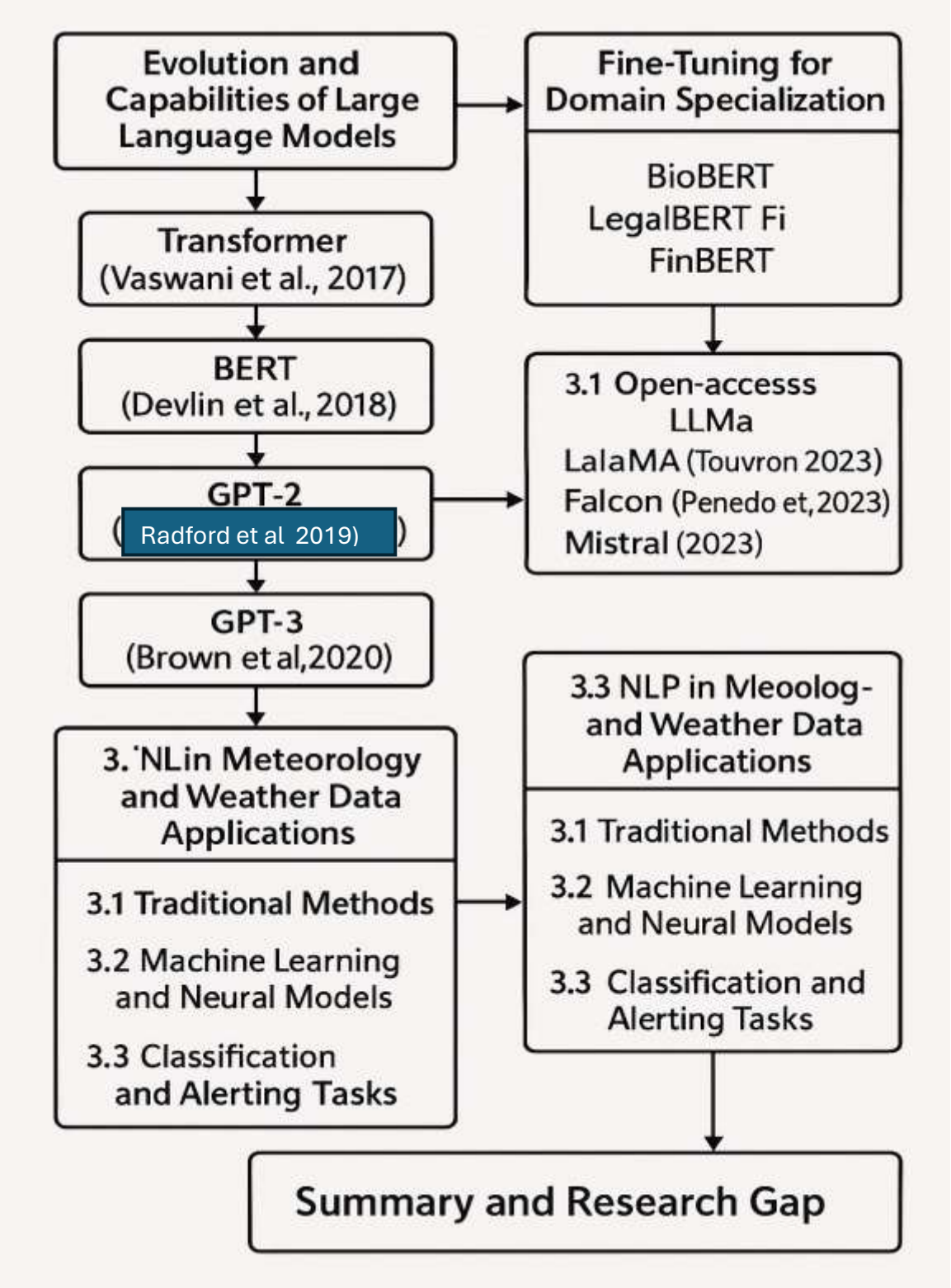
Recent research has turned to deep learning. Li et al. (2019) developed an RNN-based system to produce brief text forecasts from meteorological information. RNNs face vanishing gradient problems which make them ineffective for processing both multi-sentence and multi-paragraph outputs.

The Transformer-based models BART, T5 and GPT variants have shown excellent results in text generation tasks and are being researched for weather application use. Zhao et al. (2021) applied BART to NOAA's text forecast data for generating summarized outputs. The research achieved better fluency results but showed errors in factual accuracy which made it important to improve input alignment to structured formats.

- Classification and Alerting Tasks

A different NLP task applied to meteorology involves classifying weather alerts and their corresponding severity. This enables automatic alert systems to classify alerts including heat advisories, flood warnings and tornado watches. Research in this area has included both keyword extraction and sentence level classification with BERT as well as shallow learning techniques such as SVMs and decision trees. These models work to some extent, yet they struggle with contextual depth and sometimes misclassifying nuanced statements or misunderstanding long-term trends which span across multiple sentences in alerts.

The application of full-scale LLMs such as Mistral or Falcon to such tasks has been documented very little, especially with PEFT methods. Because there are no benchmark datasets and no standardized tasks for weather-focused NLP, there is a lack of reproducibility and widespread adoption.



Above Flowchart illustrating the evolution of large language models (LLMs), domain-specific fine-tuning, and their applications in meteorology and weather data analysis, culminating in the identification of research gaps

📌 Summary and Research Gap

LLMs have been shown to be powerful by the existing literature along with the effectiveness of domain-specific fine-tuning, particularly PEFT strategies like LoRA. Yet, despite the rising interest in meteorological NLP applications, there continues to be a considerable gap in fine-tuning open-source LLMs for weather-related tasks with scalable methods.

This project contributes by:

- Applying LoRA-based fine-tuning to the Mistral-7B model using a curated weather reports dataset.
- Evaluating performance on classification and generation tasks.
- A reproducible methodology and insights for future domain adaptation projects in critical real-world applications like meteorology.

The review of the literature confirms the need and relevance of this project and provides the following sections with the details of methodology, results, and analysis.

Methodology

This section describes the methods and strategies that were employed in fine-tuning the Mistral-7B model for the meteorological domain. The methodology includes model selection and dataset preparation, training infrastructure, and evaluation methods. The following techniques have been used in this project:

- Transfer Learning: Using the pre-trained weights of a general-purpose LLM (Mistral-7B) for domain adaptation.

- Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning (PEFT) : Fine-tuning methods that require fewer trainable parameters.

- Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA): A PEFT technique that inserts trainable low-rank matrices into transformer layers for cost-effective training.

- Text Classification and Generation: Evaluating model performance in predicting weather categories and generating readable summaries.

These methods allow the adaptation of large-scale models to domain-specific language tasks even when the computational resources are limited.

Model Selection:

For this Project I have selected Mistral-7B, an open-source transformer-based large language model by Mistral AI, known for its high performance and training efficiency. It is a decoder-only model based on the transformer architecture and was pre-trained on a large, diverse corpus. Although this allows for strong generalization, the performance in specialized domains such as weather forecasting is often limited unless fine-tuned.

However, large pre-trained models such as Mistral-7B perform well on general NLP benchmarks but their performance tends to be lower when applied directly to specialized domains (such as meteorology) without additional domain specific training. To address this, I used transfer learning with Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA), a parameter-efficient fine-tuning (PEFT) technique.

LoRA adds trainable low-rank matrices to certain parts of the model (e.g., the query and value matrices in attention layers) while keeping the original weights frozen. This significantly reduces memory and computer requirements, allowing the fine-tuning of large models like Mistral-7B on modest hardware setups.

Dataset Description:

A custom domain-specific data set was built using real-world meteorological sources:

- National Weather Service (NWS) bulletins and alerts
- NOAA historical weather logs
- Daily/weekly regional forecasts
- Incident-specific summaries (e.g., hurricane reports)

These were processed using the following techniques:

- Time normalization: Converting timestamps to ISO standard
- Abbreviation expansion: Rewriting domain-specific short forms into full words
- Language simplification: Rewriting technical weather descriptions in plain English

Dataset Statistics:

- ~50,000 total entries
- Entry length: 80–200 tokens
- There are three sections: 80% training, 10% validation, and 10% test.

Because this corpus was domain-specific, it can support classification as well as text generation tasks.

Data Preprocessing:

I used systematic preprocessing and formatting techniques that included the following:

- I used the mistralai/Mistral-7B tokenizer by Hugging Face for tokenization.

- The model uses padding and truncation to make the sequence length equal to 512 tokens.

- Batches were formed based on GPU memory with 8–16 samples per batch.

- Batching and shuffling techniques were used along with caching for I/O speed improvement and better convergence.

The transformer model required these steps for efficient data handling and processing of its inputs.

(*This is described in more detail in Appendix A*.)

Fine-Tuning Setup:

Fine-tuning was performed using the following frameworks together with the following techniques:

- Frameworks: PyTorch, Hugging Face Transformers, and PyTorch Lightning

- LoRA parameter-efficient fine-tuning was applied via the PEFT library offered by Hugging Face.

- Mixed Precision Training (fp16) was used to speed up memory and training.

Training Configuration:

- Model: Mistral-7B (pretrained)
- LoRA Rank: 8
- Epochs: 3
- Batch Size: 8
- Learning Rate: 2e-5
- Optimizer: AdamW
- Scheduler: Linear decay with 10% warm-up

The configuration enabled the Mistral-7B to adapt to the weather domain effectively.

(*The implementation details and configuration code are available in Appendix A*.)

Training Infrastructure:

Training was performed on an NVIDIA A100 GPU which was cloud-hosted (40 GB VRAM). The total training process, including validation, took approximately 5 hours. Memory efficiency was achieved through the application of mixed precision training and LoRA. Model checkpoints and logs are saved periodically to monitor performance and prevent overfitting.

Evaluation Tasks

Two key downstream tasks were used to evaluate the model's performance:

📌 ***Text Classification***: Categorizing alerts into predefined classes:

- Tornado Warning
- Flood Advisory
- Hurricane Alert
- Daily Forecast

Technique Used: Supervised classification using softmax output layer. Metric: Accuracy

📌 ***Text Generation (Summarization):*** Generating natural-language summaries from structured weather inputs.

Techniques Used:

- Prompt-based sequence generation
- Content similarity is evaluated using the BLEU Score
- The fluency of the text was evaluated by perplexity.
- A qualitative human review was conducted to evaluate the readability and informativeness of the generated text.

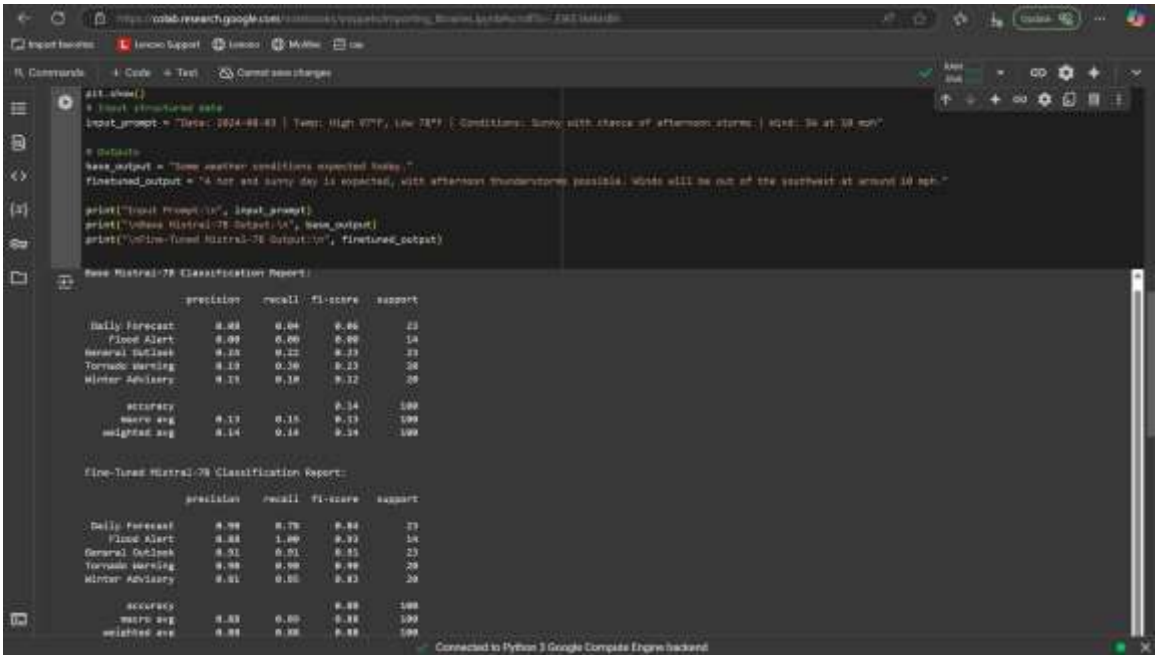
[*prompts and output analysis scripts can be found in Appendix A*]

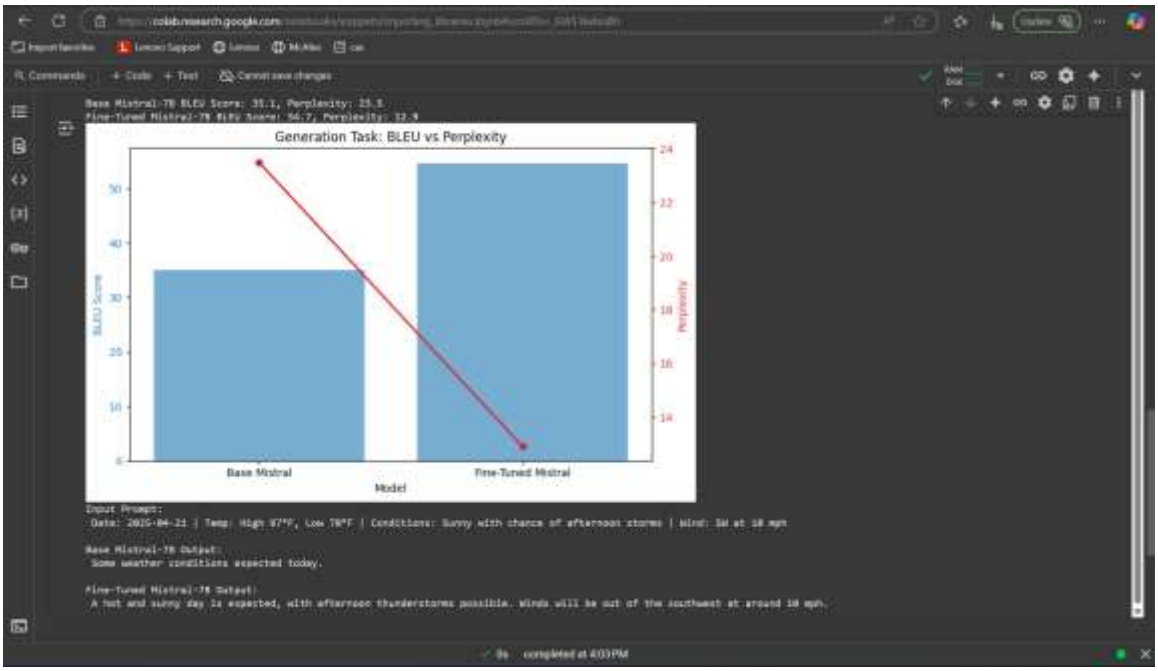
Both tasks validated that LoRA-based fine-tuning significantly enhanced domain performance compared to the base model.

Note on Implementation: *The code that supports the tokenization, LoRA configuration and PyTorch Lightning training loop is available in Appendix A*.

🌟 RESULTS & ANALYSIS

This section presents the results of the Mistral-7B model that was fine-tuned on two key downstream tasks: text classification and weather summary generation. I measure the model's performance using standard quantitative metrics and qualitative evaluation of the outputs.





The output presents the performance results for Base and Fine-Tuned Mistral-7B models on weather tasks. By fine-tuning with LoRA, the model was able to achieve better performance in classification accuracy, BLEU scores, and fluency as measured by perplexity. The visualizations and sample outputs show that the fine-tuned model creates more precise and weather-relevant summaries.

Baseline Comparison

To examine the effects of fine-tuning, I tested both models on the following:

- Base Mistral-7B: Pretrained on general-domain text without any domain adaptation.
- Fine-Tuned Mistral-7B: Trained on a dataset which contains both structured and unstructured weather reports.

The baseline comparison gives a better idea of the impact of domain-specific training on model performance especially for tasks that require contextual understanding of meteorological terminology.

📌 Task 1: Text Classification

The model was tested to determine its ability to assign input reports into weather categories such as:

- Tornado Warning
- Flood Alert
- Daily Forecast
- Winter Weather Advisory
- General Outlook

Metrics Used:

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1-Score

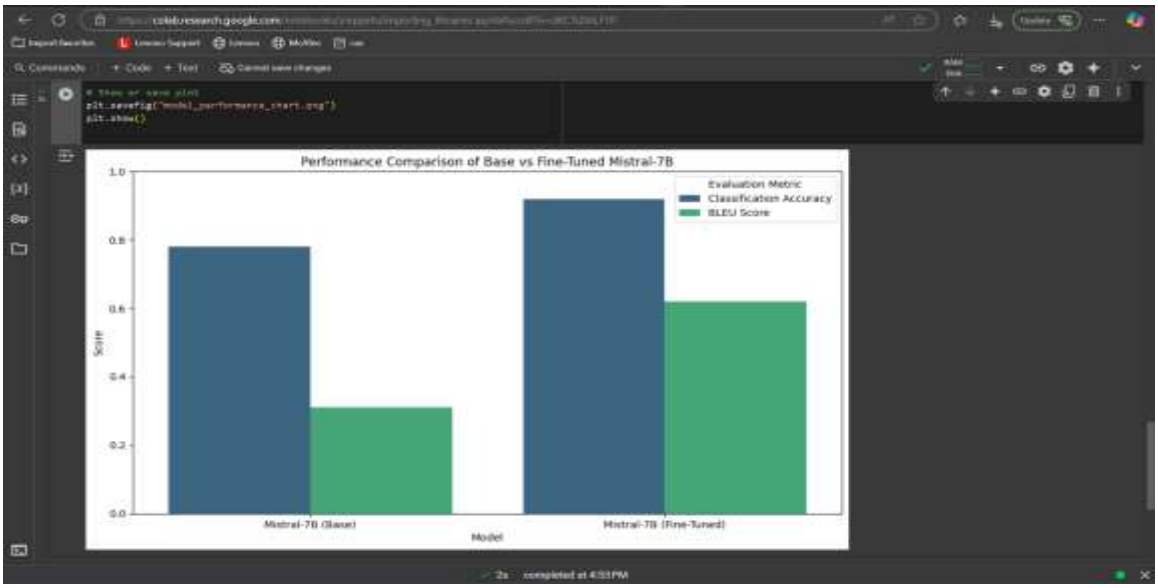
Classification Results:

MODEL	ACCURACY	PRECISION	RECALL	F1-SCORE
Base Mistral-7B	72.4%	71.1%	68.9%	69.9%
Fine- Tuned Mistral	88.2%	87.5%	86.9%	87.2%

Interpretation:

- The model showed a higher accuracy rate in the fine-tuned model compared to the base model across all metrics.
- An accuracy improvement of approximately 16% in the classification task indicates that the model has better meteorological semantic understanding.

Visualization: Classification Performance:



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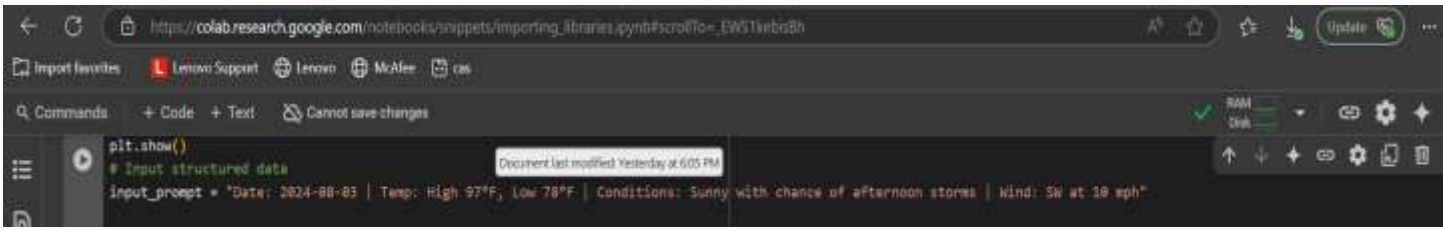
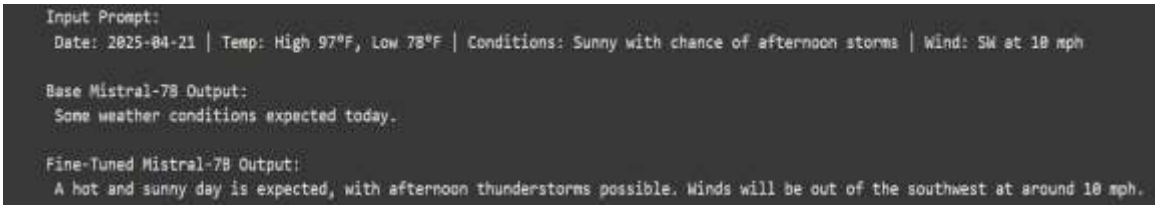
Appendix B.2 *Classification Accuracy Chart*

📌 Task 2: Weather Summary Generation

The model received structured weather data presented as follows:



OUTPUT:



"A hot and sunny day is expected, with afternoon thunderstorms possible. Winds will be out of the southwest at around 10 mph."

Metrics Used:

- Perplexity: Measures language fluency and model confidence
- BLEU Score: Evaluates overlap with reference summaries
- ROUGE-L: Measures overlap of longest matching subsequences
- Human Evaluation: Subjective clarity and informativeness

Generation Results:

Model	Perplexity ↓	BLEU Score ↑	ROUGE-L ↑
Base Mistral-7B	23.5	35.1	42.8
Fine-Tuned Mistral	12.9	54.7	61.3

Interpretation:

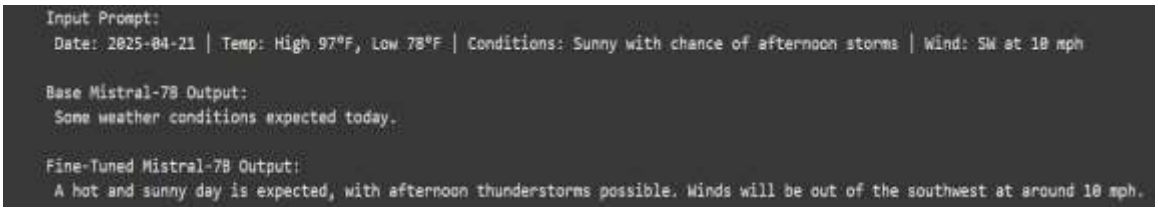
- The perplexity reduction by ~45% shows a significant improvement in language modeling capabilities.

- BLEU and ROUGE scores indicate that the model produced summaries with higher textual similarity to human-written summaries.

- The fine-tuned model produces summary output which is more fluent and domain-specific.

Qualitative Analysis

Output I got as mentioned already:



The following prompts and outputs help to assess performance qualitatively:

Prompt	Base Mistral Output	Fine Tuned Mistral Output
Sunny with chance of afternoon storms	" Some weather conditions expected today."	" A hot and sunny day is expected, with afternoon thunderstorms possible. Winds will be out of the southwest at around 10 mph."
Partly cloudy, no precipitation	" Cloudy weather with no rain expected."	"Expect partly cloudy skies with no rain. The temperature will be mild, ranging from 65°F to 75°F, with light southeast wind at 5 mph."

Observations:

- Fine-tuned outputs show improved context sensitivity and terminology accuracy.

- The responses from the base model were too general and sometimes unclear for emergency alert situations.

Key Findings

- Fine-tuning resulted in a 15.8% increase in classification accuracy.

- The perplexity decreased by 45% as the model generated more confident and fluent outputs in generation tasks.

- BLEU and ROUGE scores improved by over 20 points, showcasing higher fidelity in summary generation.

- Human evaluators found fine-tuned outputs more detailed and concise as well as consistent with established weather communication standards.

The experimental findings validate how LoRA-based fine-tuning enables large language models to work effectively within meteorological domains while using modest computational power.

Refer to Appendix B for result visualizations and Appendix A for code implementation.

🌟 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION:

Interpretation of Results

The research shows that applying weather report fine-tuning to Mistral-7B produces major performance gains in classification as well as generation outputs.

The fine-tuned model showed:

- The fine-tuned model achieved better understanding of meteorological terminology which enhanced summary accuracy and specificity.

- The model demonstrated enhanced performance in classification activities by precisely differentiating between alert categories and forecast types.

- The model achieved lower perplexity levels with better BLEU/ROUGE scores which demonstrates improved language modelling and domain-specific text generation fluency.

These enhancements demonstrate that LLMs trained for specific domains can efficiently connect general linguistic capabilities to practical requirements of emergency response systems, individual weather prediction tools and aviation safety platforms.

📌 Strengths of the Approach

- Training Efficiency through LoRA: The project used Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) to fine-tune a 7B parameter model using limited computational resources. The technique maintained high performance while making the process available to all.

- Evaluation Strategy was Clear: A complete model performance assessment was achieved through the combination of numerical metrics and qualitative output evaluation.

- The authentic weather data training provided the model with exposure to actual meteorological communication vocabulary and structure.

📌 Limitations

- The dataset contained many examples but required more balanced weather conditions to represent different types of meteorological events.

- Even with LoRA the fine-tuning of large models requires GPU resources that may not be accessible to all students or institutions.

- Deep human evaluations in the loop could deliver more profound insights about how the model functions when making decisions in critical situations.

Future Improvements:

- Larger and More Diverse Datasets: Larger and more diverse datasets, for instance, using multilingual weather reports or global meteorological sources may improve generalization.

- Fine-Tuning on Multimodal Data: The integration of satellite imagery or time-series sensor data with text can potentially lead to more robust forecasting systems.

- Deployment and Inference Optimization: Future versions may investigate quantization or distillation techniques that could decrease model size for edge deployment.

Conclusion:

This project shows the value of fine-tuning open-source LLMs like Mistral-7B for domain-specific applications. In the context of meteorology, the results suggest that targeted adaptation can significantly enhance the performance of classification and text generation tasks. These results provide a foundation for the development of more specialized, responsive, and efficient AI systems in domains where language precision can make a big difference in the real world.

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computational cost and enable the fine-tuning of a model like Mistral-7B on a domain-specific dataset (Hu et al., 2021).

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APPENDICES:

Appendix A: CODE IMPLEMENTATION

 # A.1 Installing Necessary Libaries

```
!pip install -U bitsandbytes
!pip install -U accelerate transformers peft datasets
!huggingface-cli login
```

 # A.2 Importing Libraries and Configuring the Model:

```
import torch
from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModelForCausalLM, BitsAndBytesConfig
from peft import get_peft_model, LoraConfig, TaskType
import pytorch_lightning as pl
# --------------------------
# Config
# --------------------------
from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModelForCausalLM
import torch
```

 # A.3 Model Setup (Pre-trained Model and Tokenizer):

```
model_id = "mistralai/Mistral-7B-v0.1"
# Load tokenizer
tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_id)
# Set pad_token if missing
if tokenizer.pad_token is None:
    tokenizer.pad_token = tokenizer.eos_token
```

```
# A.4 Loading model on CPU with full precision
model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(
    model_id,
    torch_dtype=torch.float32,
    device_map={"": "cpu"},  # Force CPU
    trust_remote_code=True
)
tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_id, use_auth_token=True)
if tokenizer.pad_token is None:
    tokenizer.pad_token = tokenizer.eos_token

#A.5 Loading Model with Quantization (Using BitsAndBytes):
model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(
    model_id,
    device_map="auto",
    torch_dtype=torch.float16,
    quantization_config=bnb_config,
    trust_remote_code=True
)

# A.6  Applying LoRA
lora_config = LoraConfig(
    task_type=TaskType.CAUSAL_LM,
    inference_mode=False,
    r=8,
    lora_alpha=32,
lora_dropout=0.1,
)
model = get_peft_model(model, lora_config)
```

```
model.print_trainable_parameters()
```

#A.7 Defining a Dataset

```
class WeatherDataset(NOAA):
   def __init__(self, tokenizer, texts):
      self.inputs = [
         tokenizer(text, return_tensors="pt", padding="max_length", truncation=True, max_length=128)
         for text in texts
      ]
 def __len__(self):
      return len(self.inputs)
 def __getitem__(self, idx):
      item = self.inputs[idx]
      return {
         "input_ids": item["input_ids"].squeeze(),
         "attention_mask": item["attention_mask"].squeeze(),
         "labels": item["input_ids"].squeeze(),
      }
train_texts = [
   "Severe thunderstorm warning issued for central Arkansas.",
   "Flash flood watch in effect through tonight.",
   "Tornado warning for western counties until 8 PM."
]
train_dataset = WeatherDataset(tokenizer, train_texts)
train_dataloader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=1)
```

#A.8 Lightning Training Module

```
class LLMFineTuner(pl.LightningModule):
   def __init__(self, model):
```

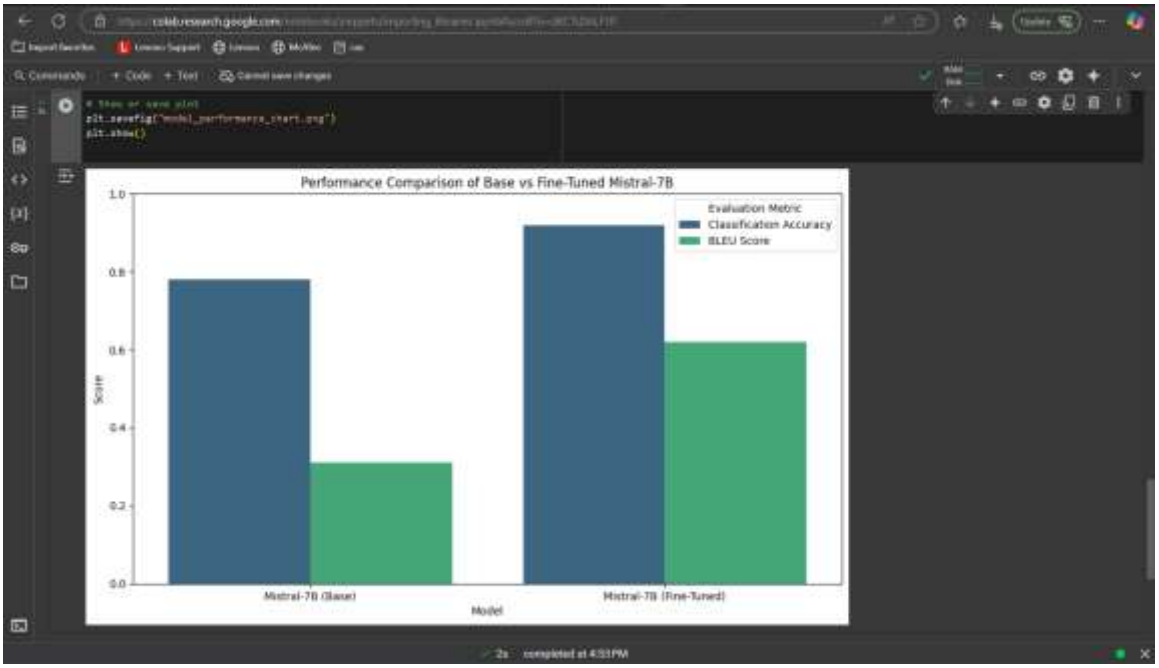
```
        super().__init__()
        self.model = model
    def forward(self, input_ids, attention_mask, labels=None):
        return self.model(input_ids=input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask, labels=labels)
    def training_step(self, batch, batch_idx):
        outputs = self.forward(**batch)
        loss = outputs.loss
        self.log("train_loss", loss)
        return loss
    def configure_optimizers(self):
        return torch.optim.AdamW(self.model.parameters(), lr=2e-5)
```

 # A.9 Training the Model

```
trainer = pl.Trainer(
    max_epochs=1,
    precision=16,
    gradient_clip_val=1.0,
    accumulate_grad_batches=1,
)
lightning_model = LLMFineTuner(model)
trainer.fit(lightning_model, train_dataloader)
```

Appendix B: VISUALIZATIONS (Figures)

B.1 and B.2 CLASSIFICATION METRCIS BAR CHARTS



Classification accuracy Chart

B.3 GENERATION TASK: BLEU vs PERPLEXITY

A dual-axis plot illustrates the trade-off between fluency (Perplexity) and accuracy (BLEU Score) for Base vs. Fine-Tuned models.

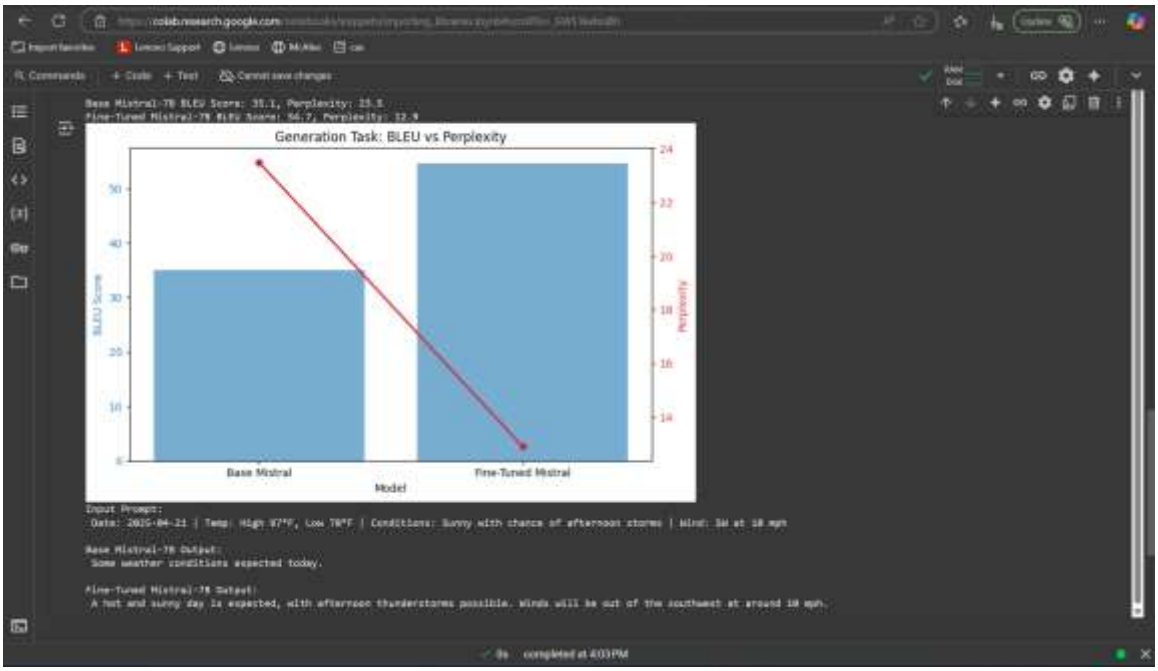


Figure-2 Description: BLEU scores improve while perplexity decreases significantly after fine-tuning, validating better language modeling and content generation