

LLM models

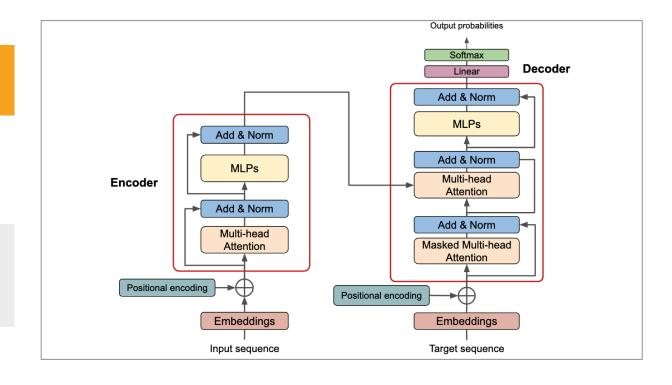
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BERT(RoBERTa, DistillBERT...), T5

GPT(GPT-4...), LLaMA

Sentiment analysis /
Sentence classification

Chatbots / Text generation / Summaries



LLM models

- Input embedding

$$X_i = P(T_i) + e(T_i)$$
, for token T_i

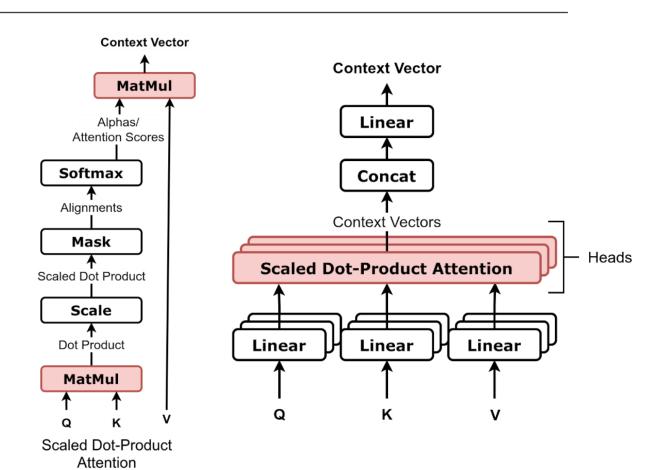
- e is an embedding matrix learned by the model
- P is the positional encoding to keep track of order of tokens

Then,
$$X = (X_i)_{i=1}^n$$

- Attention mechanism

$$Q = XW_Q, K = XW_K V = XW_V$$

$$Attention(Q, K, V) = softmax\left(\frac{Q}{\sqrt{d}}K^{T}\right)V$$



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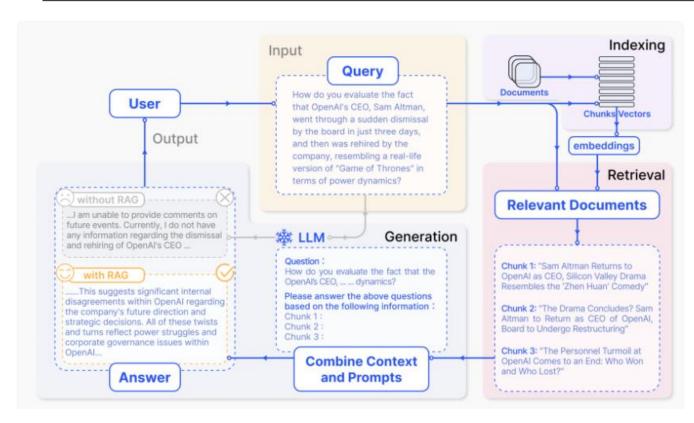
 $X_i = P(T_i) + E(T_i)$ where $P(T_i)$ is the positional encoding of token T_i .

- Attention mechanism:

$$-Q = XW_Q, K = XW_K V = XW_V$$

$$-softmax\left(K^{T}\frac{Q}{\sqrt{d}}\right)V^{T}$$

RAG models



Pre-retrieval:

Query rewriting

Retrieval:

- Document chunker
- Embedding
- Similarity search

Post-retrieval:

Reranking

Generation:

• Prompt engineer

[https://huggingface.co/blog/hrishioa/retrieval-augmented-generation-1-basics]

Embedding models

- Sparse vocabulary representations : TF-IDF... $tf idf_{i,j} = tf_{i,j}log \frac{|D|}{|\{d_j:t_i \in d_j\}|}$
- ELMo
 - Bidirectional LSTM to add context to the representation
- Transformer-based word embeddings
 - \circ GTP (\rightarrow), BERT (\leftrightarrows) ...
- Transformer-based sentence embeddings
 - ∘ SBERT, USE, GTE ...

1/ Feature attribution

Perturbation based technique

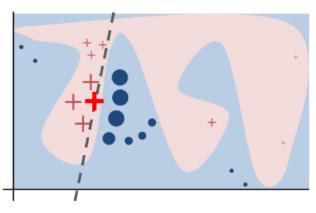
Gradient-based approaches

- Saliency maps
- Integrated gradients

Surrogate model

- Lime (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations)
- SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations)

Attention-based visualization



LIME [Ribeiro et al. 2016]

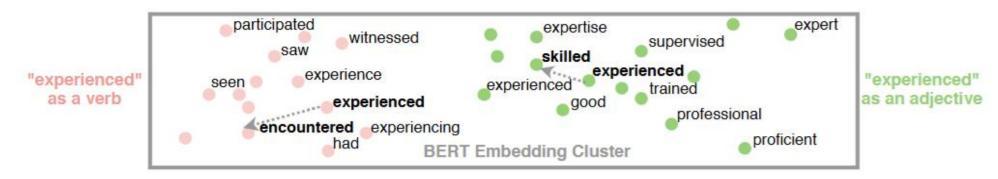
2/ Sample based

Adversarial samples

- input alterations due to small, hard-to-perceive changes for humans that lead to a change in outputs
- e.g. SemAttack

Counterfactual Explanations

seek to identify minimal changes to an input => output changes from a class y to y'



SemAttack [https://arxiv.org/pdf/2205.01287]

3/ Probing based

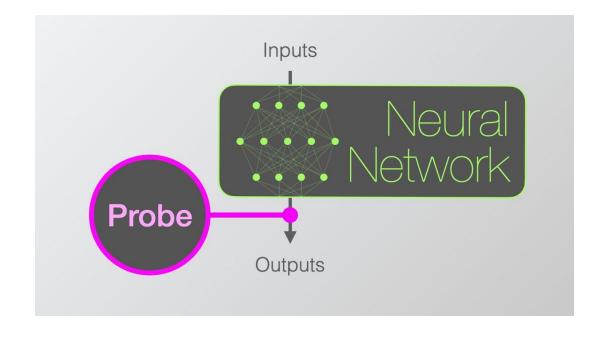
Understand internal representation of the model (information learned and encoded)

Knowledge based

Training classifier based on a layer

Concept based

Neuron activation explanation

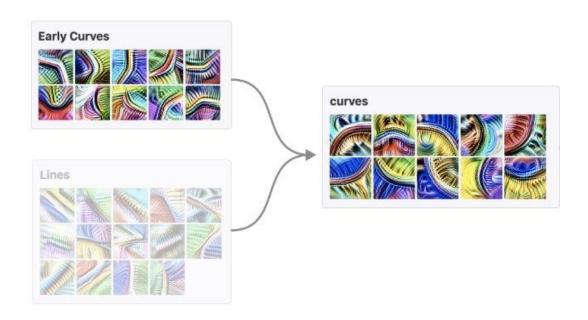


4/ Mechanistic interpretability

- investigates the causal structure of a model.
- seeks to identify how internal components (e.g., neurons, weights, or attention heads) interact
- Model can be viewed as a graph

Common approaches fall into three categories:

- circuit discovery
- causal tracing
- vocabulary lens



[https://distill.pub/2020/circuits/zoom-in/]

5/ Structuring based on novel dimensions

It focuses on new perspectives that are not inherently part of the model's original design.

Novel dimensions external to the model's natural operational space (e.g., raw features, embeddings, or output probabilities)

Examples:

In **natural language processing (NLP)**, structuring representations by linguistic properties such as syntax, semantics, or sentiment.

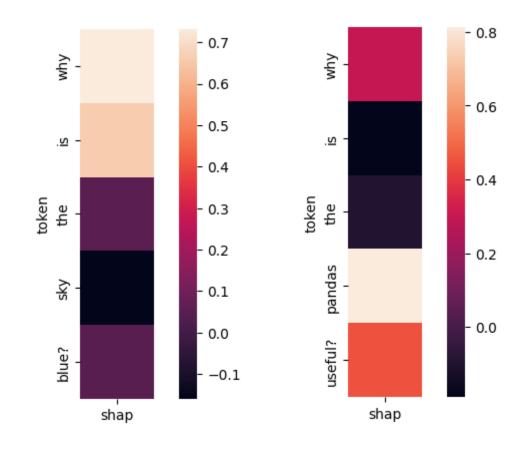
In **computer vision**, structuring filters or layers based on the types of visual features they detect (e.g., edges, textures, objects).

Next steps

- Fix a context of study
 - Problem?
 - Goal?
 - Data?
 - Model to explain ?
 - Approach ? (simpler to harder methods ..), Any preferences ?

Example: TokenSHAP [arXiv:2407.10114]

- For $tokens = (x_1, ..., x_n)$ compute the baseline output b from LLM model
- Compute output for randomly sampled tokens b_C in tokens and compare both methods $v_C = cosine_sim(b_C, b)$
 - For each x_i average each v_C in which x_i is and do the same for each v_C in which x_i is not
- $SHAP_i = with_i without_i$

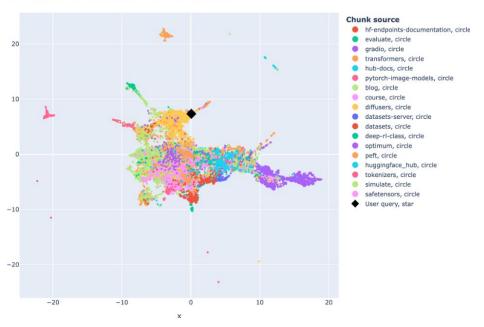


Other XAI techniques

Representation analysis

 UMAP, machine learning embeddings

2D Projection of Chunk Embeddings via PaCMAP



Classifier SHAP [kokalj-etal-2021-bert]

