

# **SAIT Invited Seminar III**

## **AI Trend, Technology, Business Impacts**

### **(& some important questions)**

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- Principal Engineer @ Software R&D Center of Samsung DS Division, Korea ~ 2017
- Principal Engineer @ Strategic Marketing Team of Memory Business Unit ~ 2016
- Principal Engineer @ Memory DT Team of DRAM Development Lab. ~ 2015
- Senior Engineer @ CAE Team of Samsung Semiconductor ~ 2012
- M.S. & Ph.D. - Electrical Engineering (EE) @ Stanford University ~ 2004
- B.S. - Electrical Engineering (EE) @ Seoul National University ~ 1998

## Career path

- B.S. - EE @ SNU & M.S. & Ph.D. - EE @ Stanford Univ.
  - *Convex Optimization - theory / algorithms / applications - under supervision of Prof. Stephen P. Boyd*
  - application: multiobjective optimization of power and delay for digital circuits using convex optimization
  - connectionists were depressed . . .
- Senior Engineer @ CAE Team
- Principal Engineer @ Memory Design Technology Team
  - develop variety of optimization tools for
    - *DRAM/Flash designs,*
    - NAND Flash PRG/ERASE program optimization, off-chip optimization,
    - scheduling optimization for package/test processes
  - partnered with *DRAM / NAND Flash / PE / Test Teams*

## Recent career path

- Principal Engineer @ Strategic Marketing Team of Memory Business Unit
  - DRAM/Flash world-wide market prediction using Bayesian inference & DL
- Principal Engineer @ Software R&D Center of Samsung DS Division
  - decentralized / federated ML for IoT applications, CNN for wafer defect inspections
- Senior Applied Scientist @ Amazon
  - *SGoal project (ordered by Jeff Bezos) - Amazon shopping app customer engagement opt using AI - increased by 200MM USD*
- VP - Fellow @ SK Hynix
- Co-founder / CTO & Chief Applied Scientist @ Gauss Labs Inc.
  - *develop & release industrial AI products, team building, product*
  - investment strategies
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# Today

- AI trend and technology
  - large language model (LLM)
    - LLM & multimodality
    - *attention turns out to be way more crucial*
      - . . . *than even original authors envisioned!*
  - generative AI (genAI) - models, and applications
- industry and business market impacts
  - business applications, and products
  - *AI market trend, 2024 outlook, and startup strategies*
- some important topics & questions around future of AI
  - why human-level performance?
  - AI ethics, law, biases, consciousness
  - utopia / dystopia? prep for way more important and critical problems

# Technology

**LLM**

## Large language model (LLM)

- LLM
    - type of AI aimed for NLP trained on massive corpus of texts & programming code
    - allows learn statistical relationships between words & phrases, *i.e.*, conditional probability
    - *shocked everyone - unreasonable effectiveness of data (Halevy et al, 2009)*
  - applications
    - conversational AI agent / virtual assistant
    - machine translation / text summarization / content creation / sentiment analysis
    - code generation
    - market research / legal service / insurance policy / triange hiring candidates
    - + virtually infinite # of applications

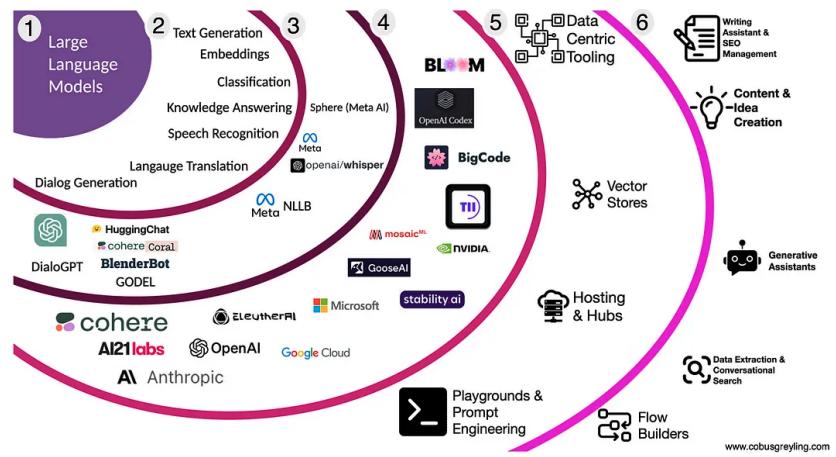


## History of NLP

- bag of words - first introduced in 1954
- word embedding in 1980
- RNN based models
- LSTM - based on RNN - in 1997
- 380M-sized seq2seq model using LSTMs proposed in 2014
- 130M-sized seq2seq model using gated recurrent units (GRUs)
- Transformer in 2017 - Attention is All You Need (by A. Vaswani)
  - 100M-sized encoder-decoder multi-head attention model
  - remove recurrent architecture, handling arbitrarily long dependencies
  - parallelizable
  - simple linear-transformation-based attention model

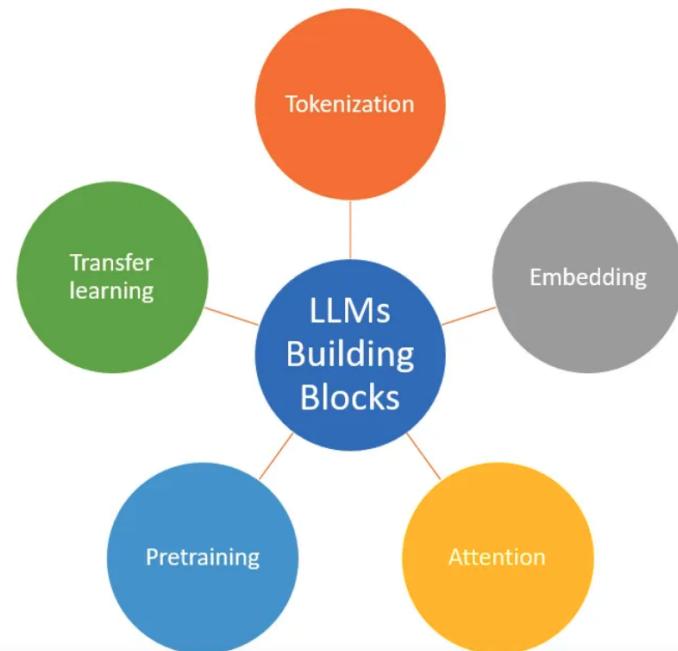
# LLMs

- Foundation Models
  - GPT-x / Chat-GPT - OpenAI, Llamax - Meta, PaLMx (Bard) - Google
- # parameters
  - generative pre-trained transformer (GPT) - GPT-1: 117 M, GPT-2: 1.5 B, GPT-3: 175 B, GPT-4: 100 T
  - large language model Meta AI (Llama) - *Llama1: 65 B, Llama2: 70 B, Llama3: 70 B*
  - scaling language modeling with pathways (PaLM) - 540 B
- burns lots of cash on GPUs!
- applicable to many NLP & genAI applications



## LLM building blocks

- data
  - trained on massive datasets of text & code
  - quality & size critical on performance
- architecture
  - can make huge difference
  - example: Mitral 7B - on par with Llama2 (70B)
- training
  - self-supervised learning
  - supervised learning, *e.g.*, RL via human feedback (RLHF) by ChatGPT
- inference
  - generates output, *e.g.*, content creation, text summarization
  - in-context learning, prompt engineering



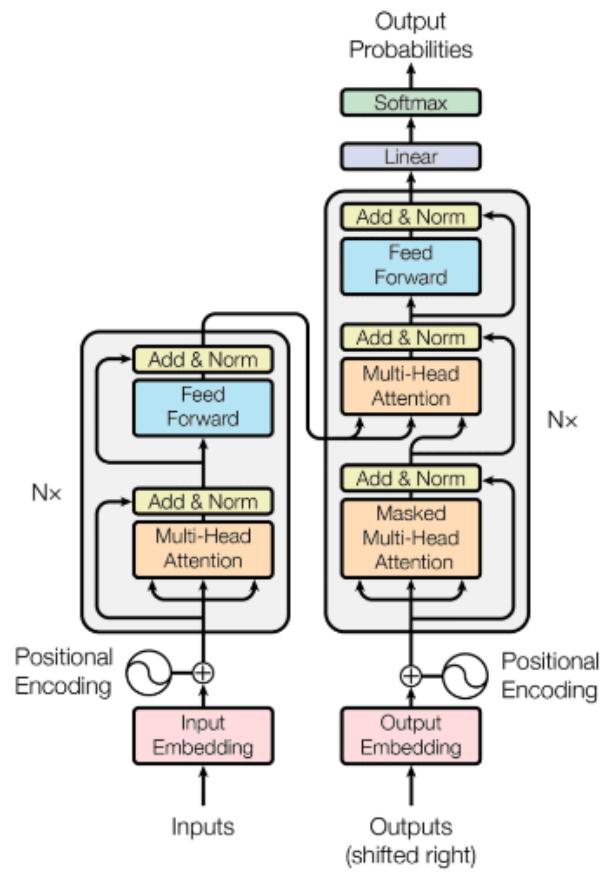
## **LLM architectural secret (or rather public) sauce**

**Transformer - parallelizable (simpler) attention mechanism**

A. Vaswani, et al. Attention is All You Need, 2017

# Transformer architecture

- encoding-decoding architecture
  - input embedding space → multi-head & mult-layer representation space → output embedding space
- additive positional encoding - information regarding order of words @ input embedding
- multi-layer and multi-head attention followed by addition / normalization & feed forward (FF) layers
- *(relatively simple) attentions*
  - single-head (scaled dot-product) / multi-head attention
  - self attention / encoder-decoder attention
  - masked attention
- benefits
  - *evaluate dependencies between arbitrarily distant words*
  - has recurrent nature w/o recurrent architecture → parallelizable → fast w/ additional cost in computation



## Single-head scaled dot-product attention

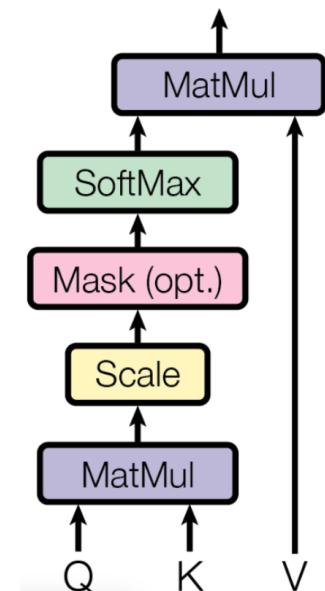
- Here values / keys / queries denote value / key / query *vectors* and  $d_k$  &  $d_v$  are lengths of keys / queries & vectors respectively
- Also we use standard linear algebra notions for matrices and vectors - not transposed version that (almost) all ML scientists (wrongly) use
- output: weighted-average of values where weights are attentions / dependencies among tokens
- assume  $n$  queries and  $m$  key-value pairs

$$Q \in \mathbf{R}^{d_k \times n}, K \in \mathbf{R}^{d_k \times m}, V \in \mathbf{R}^{d_v \times m}$$

- attention! outputs  $n$  values (since we have  $n$  queries)

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = V \text{softmax} \left( K^T Q / \sqrt{d_k} \right) \in \mathbf{R}^{d_v \times n}$$

- *much simpler attention mechanism than previous work*
  - attention weights were output of complicated non-linear NN



## Single-head - close look at equations

- focus on  $i$ th query,  $q_i \in \mathbf{R}^{d_k}$ ,  $Q = [ \quad - \quad q_i \quad - \quad ] \in \mathbf{R}^{d_k \times n}$
- assume  $m$  keys and  $m$  values,  $k_1, \dots, k_m \in \mathbf{R}^{d_k}$  &  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in \mathbf{R}^{d_v}$

$$K = [ \ k_1 \ \ \cdots \ \ k_m \ ] \in \mathbf{R}^{d_k \times m}, V = [ \ v_1 \ \ \cdots \ \ v_m \ ] \in \mathbf{R}^{d_v \times m}$$

- then

$$K^T Q / \sqrt{d_k} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \vdots \\ - & k_j^T q_i / \sqrt{d_k} & - \\ & & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

e.g., dependency between  $i$ th output token and  $j$ th input token is

$$a_{ij} = \exp \left( k_j^T q_i / \sqrt{d_k} \right) / \sum_{j=1}^m \exp \left( k_j^T q_i / \sqrt{d_k} \right)$$

- value obtained by  $i$ th query,  $q_i$  in  $\text{Attention}(Q, K, V)$

$$a_{i,1}v_1 + \cdots + a_{i,m}v_m$$

## Multi-head attention

- evaluate  $h$  single-head attentions (in parallel)
- $d_e$ : dimension for embeddings
- embeddings

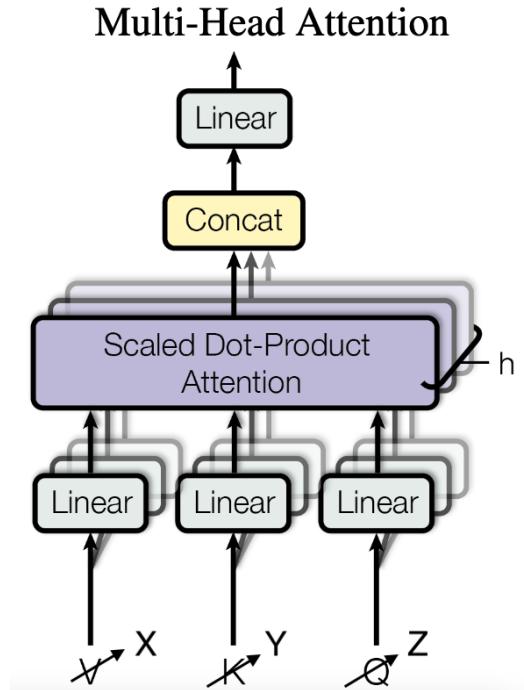
$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times m}, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times m}, Z \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times n}$$

e.g.,  $n$ : input sequence length &  $m$ : output sequence length in machine translation

- $h$  key/query/value weight matrices:  $W_i^K, W_i^Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d_k \times d_e}$ ,  $W_i^V \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v \times d_e}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, h$ )
- linear output layers:  $W^O \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times hd_v}$
- *multi-head attention!*

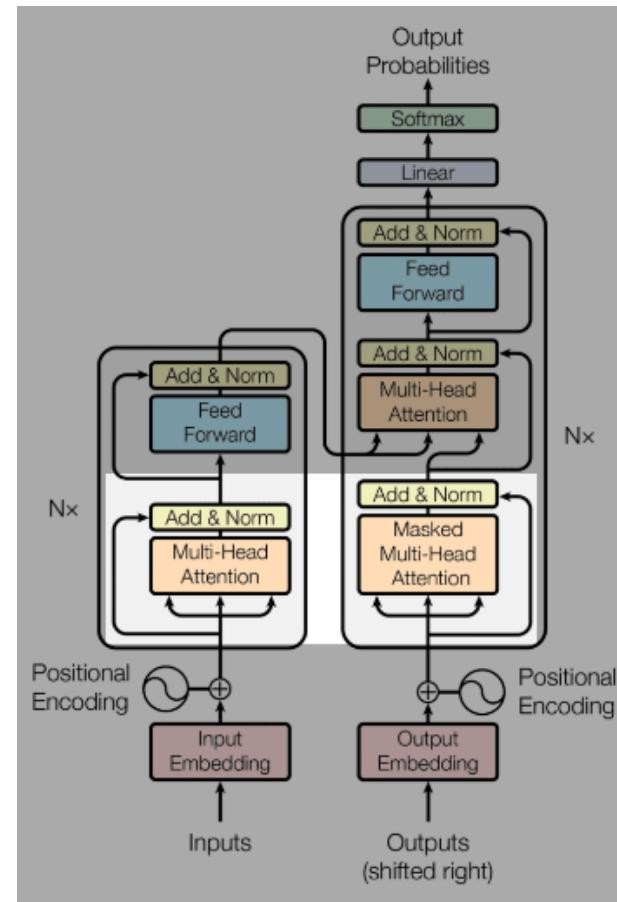
$$W^O \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_h \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times n},$$

$$A_i = \text{Attention}(W_i^Q Z, W_i^K Y, W_i^V X) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v \times n}$$



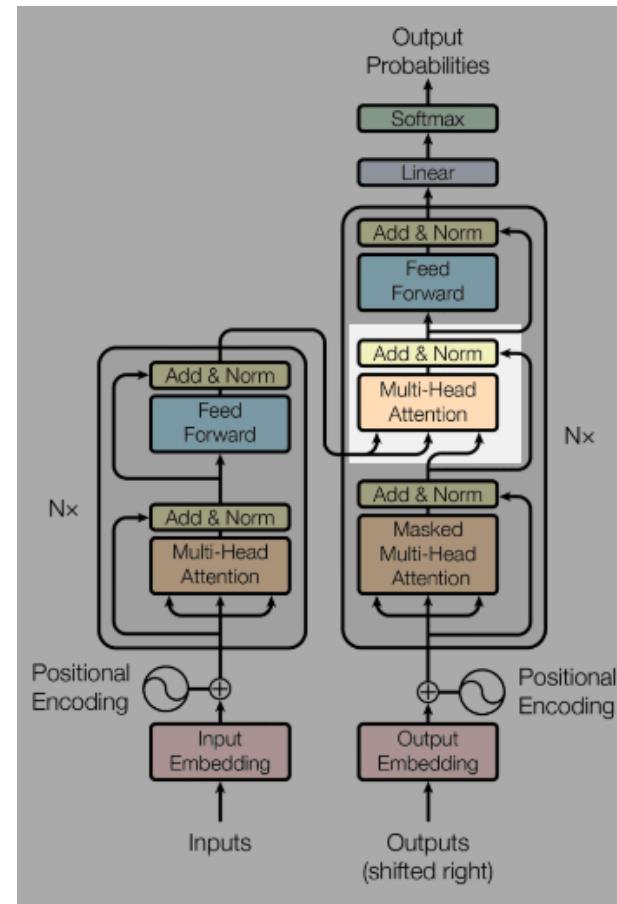
# Self attention

- $m = n$
- encoder
  - keys & values & queries ( $K, V, Q$ ) come from same place (from previous layer)
  - every token attends to every other token in input sequence
- decoder
  - keys & values & queries ( $K, V, Q$ ) come from same place (from previous layer)
  - every token attends to other tokens up to that position
  - prevent leftward information flow to right to preserve causality
  - assign  $-\infty$  for illegal connections in softmax (masking)



## Encoder-decoder attention

- $m$ : length of input sequence
- $n$ : length of output sequence
- $n$  queries ( $Q$ ) come from previous decoder layer
- $m$  keys /  $m$  values ( $K, V$ ) come from output of encoder
- every token in output sequence attends to every token in input sequence

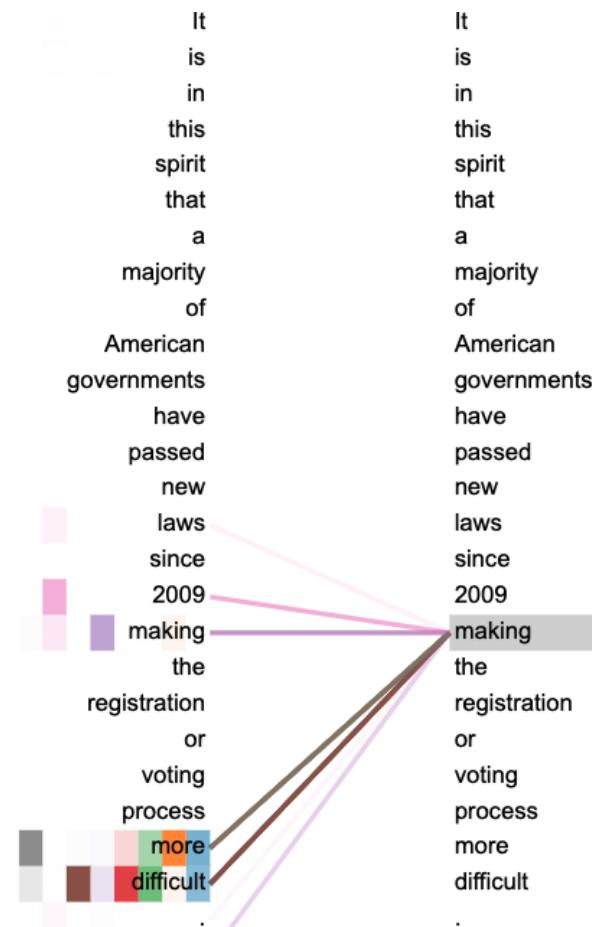


## Visualization of self attentions - 1

example sentence:

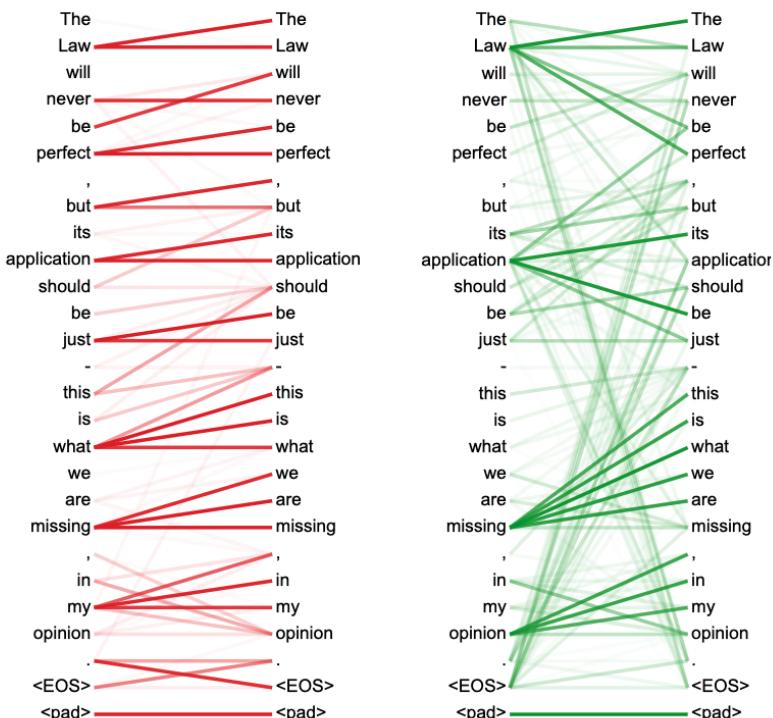
"It is in this spirit that a majority of American governments have passed new laws since 2009 making the registration or voting process more difficult."

- self attention of encoder (of a layer)
  - right figure
    - \* show dependencies between "making" and other words
    - \* different columns of colors represent different heads
  - "making" has strong dependency to "2009", "more", and "difficult"

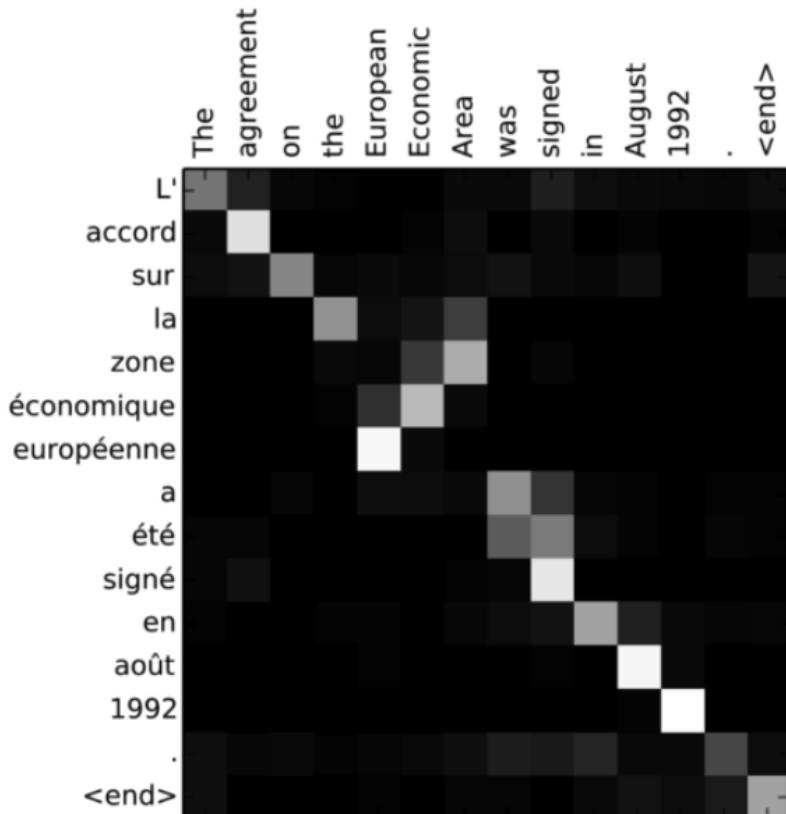


## Visualization of self attentions - 2

- self attentions of encoder for two heads (of a layer)
  - different heads represent different structures  
→ advantages of multiple heads
  - multiple heads work together to collectively yield good results
  - dependencies *not* have absolute meanings (like embeddings in collaborative filtering)
  - randomness in resulting dependencies exists due to stochastic nature of ML training



## Visualization of encoder-decoder attentions



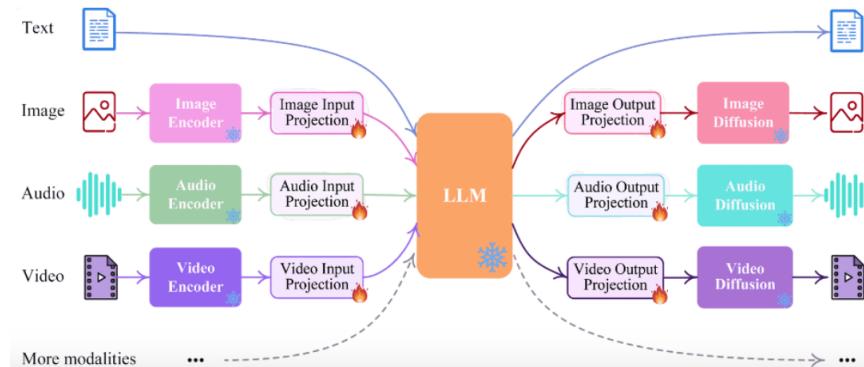
- machine translation: English → French
  - input sentence: “The agreement on the European Economic Area was signed in August 1992.”
  - output sentence: “L’ accord sur la zone économique européenne a été signé en août 1992.”
- encoder-decoder attention reveals relevance between
  - European ↔ européenne
  - Economic ↔ européenne
  - Area ↔ zone

## Model complexity

- computational complexity
  - $n$ : sequence length,  $d$ : embedding dimension
  - complexity per layer - self-attention:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2d)$ , recurrent:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$
  - sequential operations - self-attention:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , recurrent:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$
  - maximum path length - self-attention:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , recurrent:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$
- *massive parallel processing, long context windows*
  - makes NVidia more competitive, hence profitable!
  - makes SK Hynix prevail HBM market!

# Multimodality

- understand information from multiple modalities, *e.g.*, text, images, audio, and video
- representation learning
  - language representation + image / video / text / audio representation
  - learn multimodal representations together
- outputs
  - captions for images, videos with narration, musics with lyrics
- collaboration among different modalities
  - understand image world (open system) using language (closed system)



## Research and industry trends

- (very) many researchers change gears towards LLM
  - computer vision (CV), speech, music, video . . .
  - even reinforcement learning
  - not only because it prevails industry, but . . .
- why LLM?
  - not necessarily about language!
  - *can connect non-NLP world using specific language structures*  
*humans have handed down knowledge using natural languages for thousands of years*
  - *image is open system while language is closed system*
  - natural language optimized (in human brains) through *thousands of generation by evolution*
  - internal representation structure of natural language optimized in such a way
  - *ideas inspired by discussion with professors and researchers as well as practitioners in academia and industry*

## Challenges in LLMs

- *hallucination - can give entirely plausible outcome that is false*
- data poison attack
- unethical or illegal content generation
- huge resource necessary for both training & inference
- model size - need compact models
- outdated knowledge - can be couple of years old
- lack of reproducibility
- *biases - more on this later . . .*

do not, though, focus on downsides but on *infinite possibilities!*

- it evolves like internet / mobile / electricity
- only “tip of the iceberg” found & revealed

**genAI**

## generative AI (genAI)

- definition of generative model

$$\mathcal{Z} \xrightarrow{g_\theta(z)} \mathcal{X}$$

- *generate samples in original space,  $\mathcal{X}$ , from samples in latent space,  $\mathcal{Z}$*
- $g_\theta$  is parameterized model *e.g.*, CNN / RNN / Transformer / diffuction-based model
- training: finding  $\theta$  that minimizes / maximizes some (statistical) loss / merit function so that  $\{g_\theta(z)\}_{z \in \mathcal{Z}}$  generates plausible point in  $\mathcal{X}$
- inference: random samples  $z$  to generated target samples  $x = g_\theta(z)$   
*e.g.*, image, text, voice, music, video

## genAI early model - VAE

- variational auto-encoder (VAE)

$$\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{q_\phi(z|x)} \mathcal{Z}_O \xrightarrow{p_\theta(x|z)} \mathcal{X}$$

- log-likelihood: for any  $q_\phi(z|x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \log p_\theta(x) &= \mathbf{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x)} \log p_\theta(x) = \mathbf{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q_\phi(z|x)} \cdot \frac{q_\phi(z|x)}{p_\theta(z|x)} \\ &= \mathcal{L}(\theta, \phi; x) + D_{KL}(q_\phi(z|x) \| p_\theta(z|x)) \geq \mathcal{L}(\theta, \phi; x) \end{aligned}$$

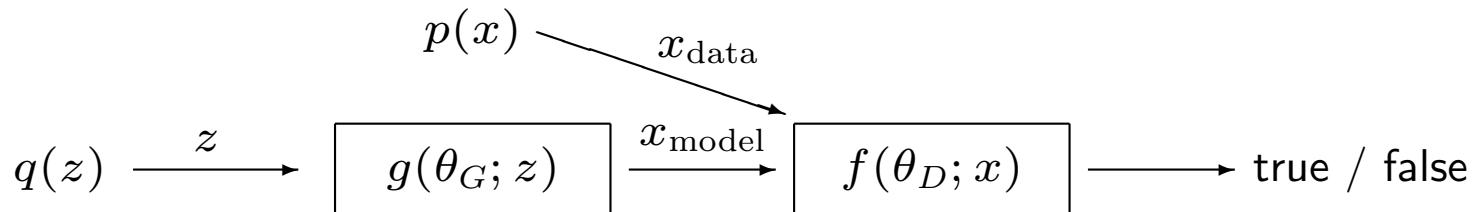
- (approximately) maximize likelihood by maximizing evidence lower bound (ELBO)

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \phi; x) = \mathbf{E}_{z \sim q_\phi(z|x)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q_\phi(z|x)}$$

- generative model:  $p_\theta(x|z)$

## genAI early model - GAN

- generative adversarial networks (GAN)



- value function

$$V(\theta_D, \theta_G) = \mathbf{E}_{x \sim p(x)} \log f(\theta_D; x) + \mathbf{E}_{z \sim q(z)} \log(1 - f(\theta_D; g(\theta_G; z)))$$

- modeling via playing min-max game

$$\min_{\theta_G} \max_{\theta_D} V(\theta_D, \theta_G)$$

- generative model:  $g(\theta_G; z)$
- variants: conditional / cycle / style / Wasserstein GAN

## genAI - LLM

- *maximize conditional probability*

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{maximize}} \ d(p_{\theta}(x_t|x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots), p_{\text{data}}(x_t|x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots))$$

where  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  distance measure between probability distributions

- previous sequence:  $x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots$
- next token:  $x_t$
- $p_{\theta}$  represented by (extremely) complicated model
  - e.g., containing multi-head & multi-layer Transformer architecture inside
- model parameters, e.g., for Llama2

$$\theta \in \mathbf{R}^{70,000,000,000}$$

## genAI applications

- ChatGPT, Cohere
- Anthropic, Dolly, Mosaic MPT
- LangChain, Vertex AI, HuggingFace, Whisper
- Stable Diffusion
- Midjourney, DALL-E, LLaMA 2
- Mistral AI, Amazon Bedrock, and Falcon.



# AI Market

## Industry genAI products

- DALL-E (OpenAI)
  - trained on a diverse range of images
  - *generate unique and detailed images based on textual descriptions*
  - understanding context and relationships between words
  
- Midjourney
  - let people *create imaginative artistic images*
  - can interactively guide the generative process, providing high-level directions



## Industry genAI products

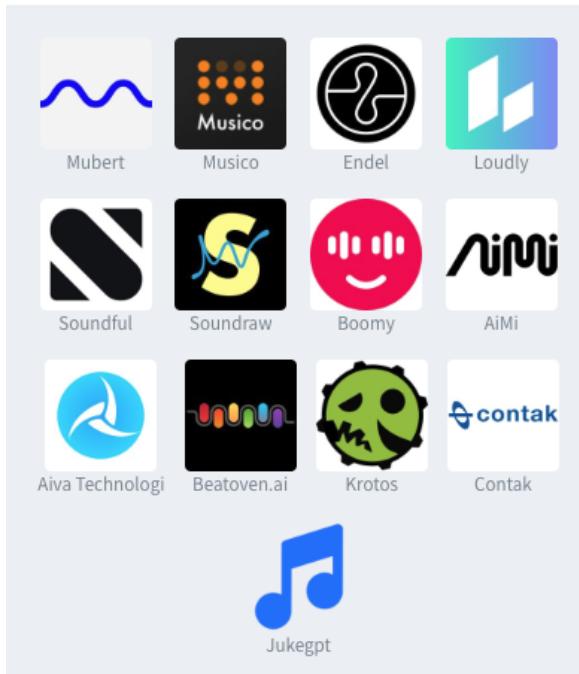


- Dream Studio
  - enables people to create music
  - *analyze patterns in music data and generates novel compositions based on input and style*
  - *allows musicians to explore new ideas and enhance their creative processes*
  - offer open-source free version
- Runway
  - provide range of generative AI tools for creative professionals
  - realistic images, manipulate photos, create 3D models, automate filmmaking, . . .
  - “artificial intelligence brings automation at every scale, introducing dramatic changes in how we create”

# General AI products

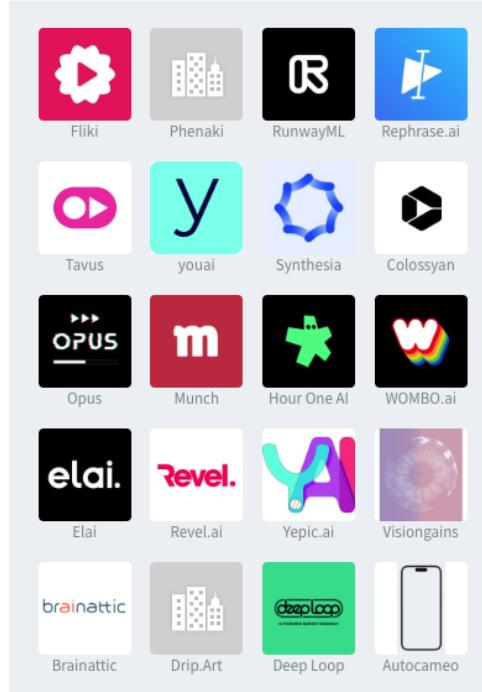
## Audio: music generation

Combined funding \$ 61M



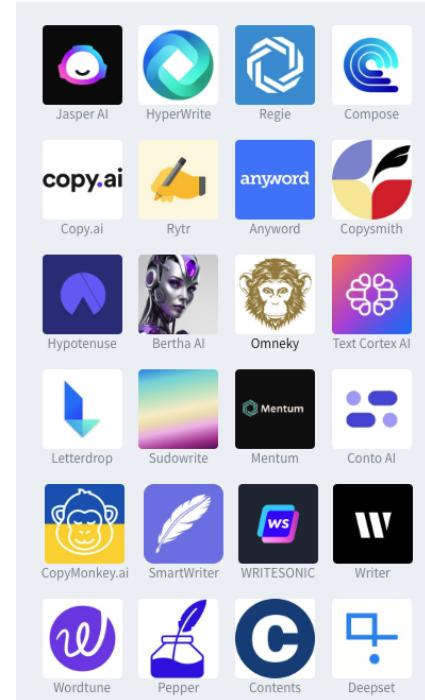
## Video

Combined funding \$ 428M



## Text: copy & writing

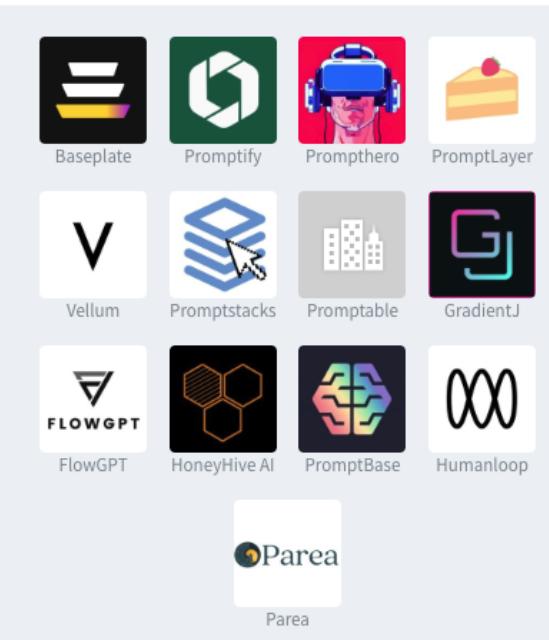
Combined funding \$ 863M



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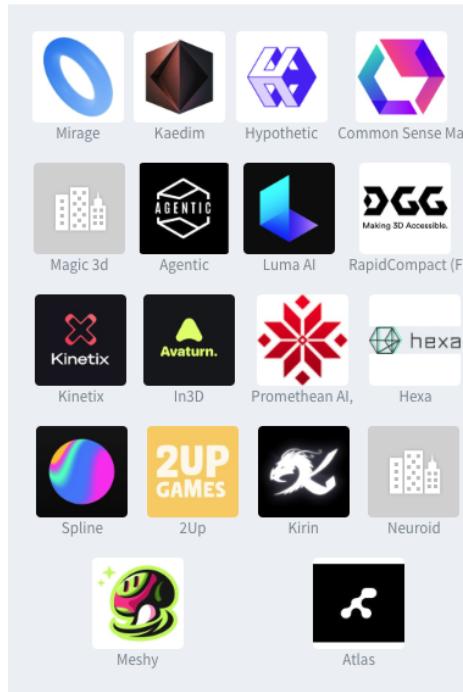
## LLMs tools: Prompt Engineering and Management

Combined funding \$ 7.5M



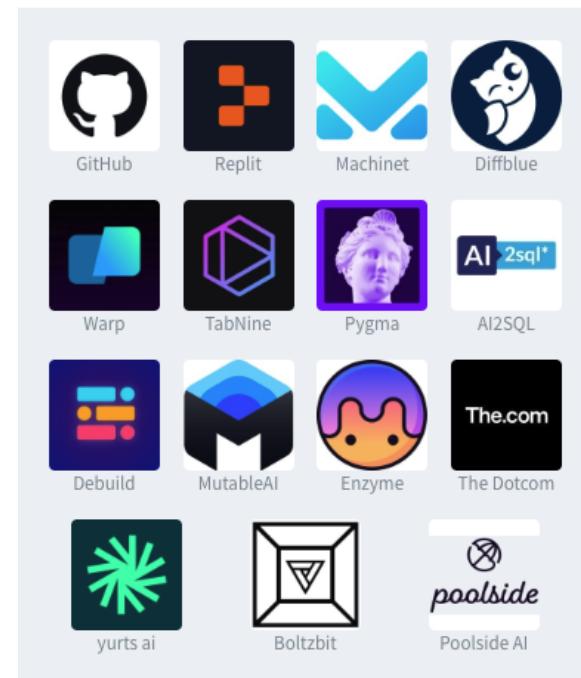
## Gaming & design: 3d assets & worlds

Combined funding \$ 117M



## Code: code generation

Combined funding \$ 828M

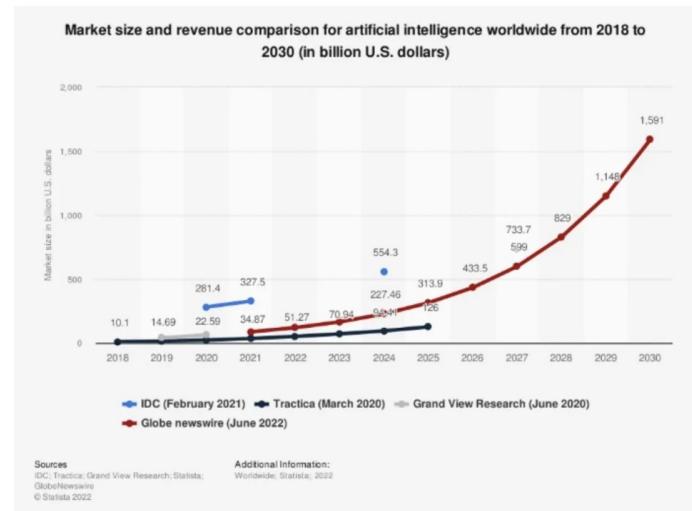


## AI companies & products

- big players
    - Google, Meta, Microsoft, OpenAI - foundation models
  - small players
    - figureAI, Mistral
  - hardware companies - benefitting from LLM and genAI market dominance
    - Nvidia, AMD, Samsung, SK hynix, Micron, Intel, TSMC - GPUs & memory chips
  - *tiny fraction of Silicon Valley startups gets majority of total funding*
    - Anthropic - \$3.5B - AI safe and research service
    - AssemblyAI - \$58M - transcribe and understand speech
    - Hugging Face - \$400M
    - Inflection AI - \$1.5B
- (some startups by Korean founders - 12 labs, 24dot, Saption, Rebellion, FuriosaAI)

## AI market outlook in 2024

- global AI market expected to reach \$0.5T by 2024 (by IDC, 15-Mar-2023, yahoo! finance)
- *AI funding soars to \$17.9B for Q3 in 2023 in Silicon Valley while rest of tech slumps* (by PitchBook data, 17-Oct-2023, Bloomberg)
  - multibillion-dollar investment in AI startups almost commonplace in Silicon Valley
  - genAI dazzles users and investors with photo-realistic images & human-sounding text
- BUT
  - other tech fell, e.g., info tech hardware, healthcare, consumer goods
  - even AI less than post-pandemic peak in 2021



## Big players dominate foundation models

- OpenAI / Microsoft, Meta, Google's races for foundation models heated up!
- no small players can compete with rare exceptions, *e.g.*, Mistral AI
- hyperscalers - AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud
- *speaker's proposals for strategies*
  - accurately (or roughly) predict how far & up to where big players will reach
  - target for niche markets
  - lots of failures
  - some successors, *e.g.*, figureAI

# **Global Semiconductor Markets**

## Hard-to-predict global semiconductor market changes

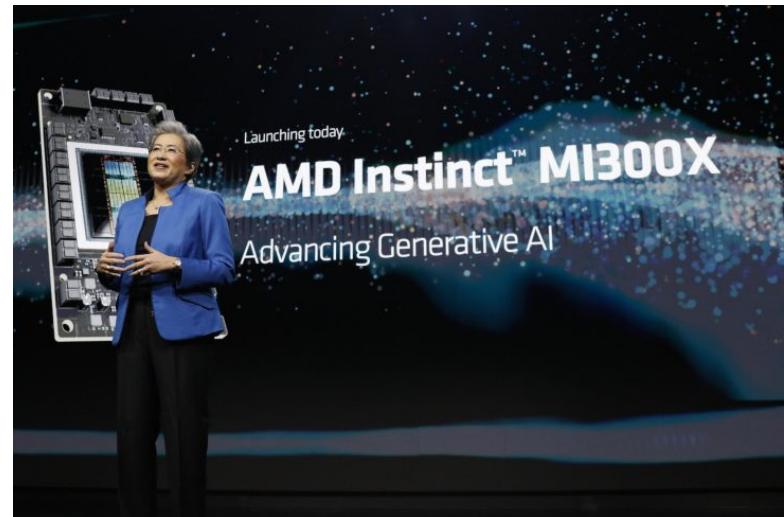
- CHIPS for America Act - semiconductor manufacturing reshoring by US
  - ask (or rather coerce) world-best semiconductor companies build factories in US providing
- US government awards
  - \$1.5B - Global Foundry - @ Feb-2024
  - \$0.685B - SK Hynix - Lafayette, Indiana (Silicon Heartland) @ Apr-2024 - next-generation memory chips for AI investing \$4B
  - \$6.4 - Samsung - Talar, Texas @ Apr-2024 - chips for automotive, consumer technology, IoT, aerospace, *etc.* investing \$40B
  - ?? - TSMC - Arizona - Foundry
  - 50 MM funding - small biz research and development
- TSMC's presence in Japan - backed by government

## Hard-to-predict AI hardware markets

- US traditionally strong in design houses
  - Nvidia, Apple, . . . , Amazon, Meta, . . .
  - threatened by vulnerable supply chains experienced in COVID period → reshoring
  - NOW *want to make chips themselves!* - can and will reshape AI hardware industry
  - Intel declares seriousness about foundry business!
- challenging Nvidia
  - many companies including AMD starting share AI chips markets

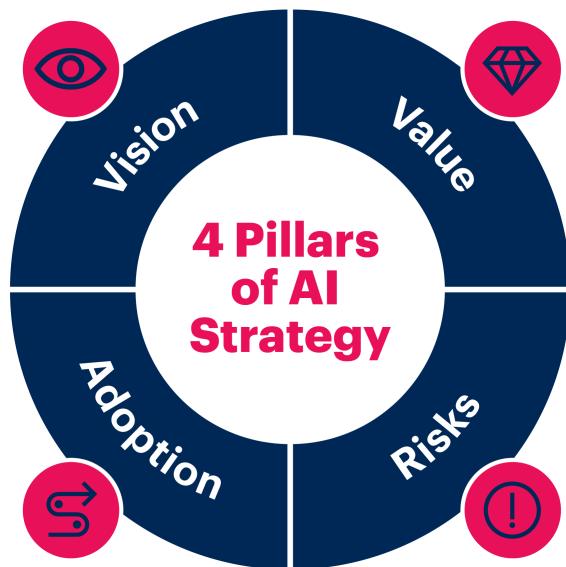
## AMD - Nvidia's new competitor

- Instint MI300X - launched on 06-Dec-2023
  - 50% more HBM3 capacity than its predecessor, MI250X (128 GB)
  - *outperform Nvidia's H100 TensorRT-LLM* (when using optimized AI software stack)
    - 1.6X Higher Memory Bandwidth - 1.3X FP16 TFLOPS
    - up to 40% faster vs H100 (Llama 2 70B) in 8v8 server
- already dopted by customer, LaminAI backed by AMD
- *great timing when Nvidia's order backlog stuck*
- AMD stocks soars as of Jan-2024
- Lisa Su categorizes them as next big thing in tech industry
- potential risks: ROCm vs CUDA, speed of customer adoption, production coverage



# **Silicon Valley - Startup Investments**

## AI startup strategies for Silicon Valley in 2024



- prediction - by expert VCs
  - 2024 will be neither another 2021 nor guaranteed to improve
  - life-science looking good compared to other techs
- *speaker's proposals*
  - startups should steadily show values for following 3 – 5 years
  - prepared for risk hedge, pivoting, adoption of new biz models according to market and user attraction
  - not shoot for big round of investment, but incremental attraction
  - large startups utmost effort to reduce expenses while shooting for many small investments

# **Serendipities around Als**

## **Serendipity or Inevitability**

- What if Hinton is not persistent researcher?
- What if symbolist wins over connectionists?
- What if attention mechanism does not perform well?
- What if Transformer architecture does not perform super well?
- What if Jensen Hwang was not crazy about professional gamers?
- Is it like Fleming's Penicillin?
- Or more like Inevitability?

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# **Some Important Questions around AI**

## Some important questions around AI

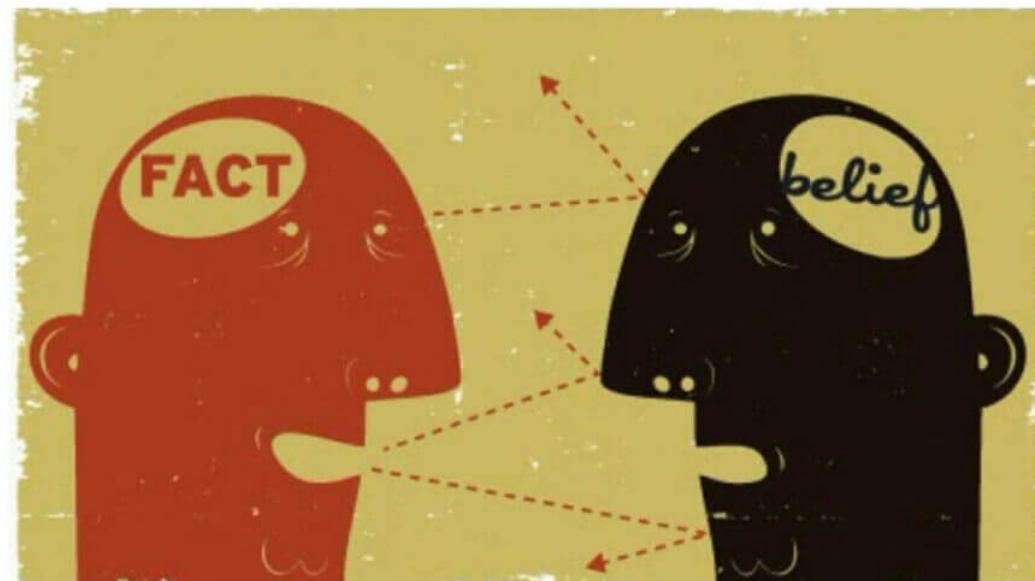
- why human-level AI in the first place?
- biases that can hurt judgement, decision making, social good?
- ethical and legal issues
- consciousness
  - can we even define it?
- contemplation on knowledge, belief, and reasoning around LLM
  - (and for that matter) around general AIs

## Why human-level in the first place?

- lots of times, when we measure AI performance, we say
  - how can we achieve human-level performance, *e.g.*, CV models?
- why human-level?
  - are all human traits desirable?
  - are humans flawless?
  - aren't humans still evolving?
- advantage of AI over humans
  - *e.g.*, self-driving cars can use extra eyes, GPS, computer network
  - *e.g.*, recommendation system runs for hundreds of millions of people overnight
  - AI is available 24 / 7 while humans cannot
    - . . . critical advantages for medical assistance, emergency handling
  - AI does not make more mistakes because task is repetitive and tedious
  - AI does not request salary raise or go on strike

## Cognitive biases

- there exist biases such as
  - confirmation bias
  - availability bias
  - hindsight bias
  - confidence bias
  - optimistic bias
  - anchoring bias
  - belief bias
  - negativity bias
  - halo effect
  - framing effect
  - false consensus
  - outcome bias



## LLM biases

- plausible with LLM
  - availability bias - biased by imbalancedly available information
    - \* LLM trained by imbalanced # articles for specific topics
  - belief bias - derive conclusion not by reasoning, but by what it saw
    - \* LLM easily inferring what it saw, *i.e.*, data it trained on
  - halo effect - overemphasize on what prestigious figures say
    - \* LLM trained by imbalanced # reports about prestigious figures
  - false consensus - overemphasize how much others share their beliefs & values
    - \* LLM trained by comments by opinionated commenters
- similar facts true for other types of ML models,
  - *e.g.*, video caption, text summarization, sentiment analysis
- cognitive biases only humans represent
  - confirmation bias, hindsight bias, confidence bias, optimistic bias, anchoring bias, negativity bias, framing effect

## Ethics - possibilities & questions

- AI can be exploited by those who have bad intention to
  - manipulate / deceive people - using manipulated data corpus for training
    - \* *e.g.*, spread false facts
  - induce unfair social resource allocation
    - \* *e.g.*, medical insurance, taxation
  - exploit advantageous social and economic power
    - \* *e.g.*, unfair wealth allocation, mislead public opinion
- AI for Good - advocated by Andrew Ng, *e.g.*
  - *e.g.*, public health, climate change, disaster management
- should scientists and engineers be morally & politically conscious?
  - *e.g.*, Manhattan project

## Legal issues with ethical consideration - (hypothetical) scenarios

- scenario 1: full self-driving algorithm causes traffic accident killing people
  - who is responsible? - car maker, algorithm developer, driver, algorithm itself?
- scenario 2: self-driving cars kill less people than human drivers
  - *e.g.*, human drivers kill 1.5 people for 100,000 miles & self-driving cars kill 0.2 people for 100,000 miles
  - how should law makers make regulations?
  - utilitarian & humanistic perspectives
- scenario 3: someone is not happy with their data being used for training
  - “The Times sues OpenAI and Microsoft over AI use of copyrighted work” (Dec. 2023)

# Consciousness

- what is consciousness, anyway?
  - recognizes itself as independent, autonomous, valuable entity?
  - recognizes itself as living being, unchangeable entity?
  - will to survive?
- no agreed definition on consciousness exists yet
  - ... and will be so forever
- can it be separated from fact that humans are biological living being?
  - (speaker) doesn't think so ...
- is SKYNET ever plausible (without someone's intention)?
  - can AI have *desire* to survive (or save earth)?

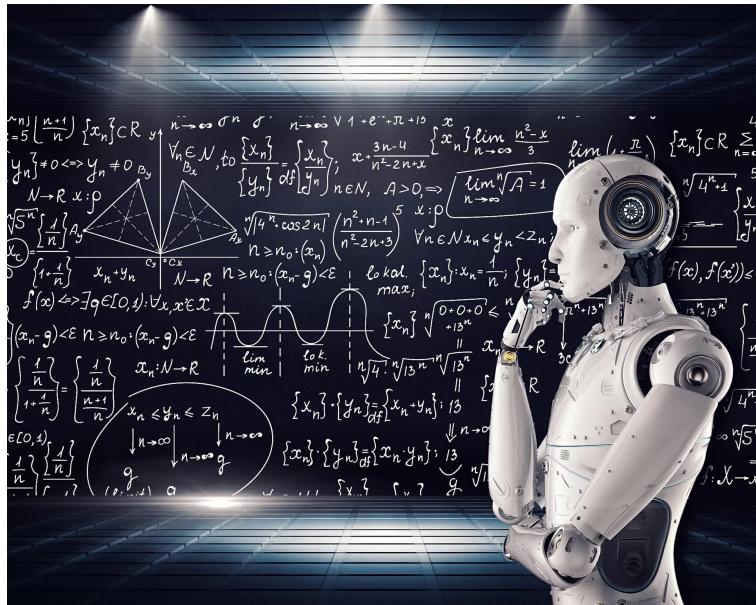


## Utopia or Dystopia



- not important questions (speaker thinks)
  - what we should worry about is not doomsday or destroying humankind
- but rather we should focus on
  - our limit in controlling or unintended consequences of AI
  - misuse by those possessing social, economic, political power
  - social good and welfare impaired by (exploiting of) AI
  - choice among utilitarianism / humanism / justice / equity
  - handle ethical and legal issues

## Other interesting questions



- knowledge, belief, and reasoning of LLM/AI
- is AI/LLM intelligent?
  - scientific perspective
  - brain scientific perspective
  - cognitive-scientific perspective
- impacts on labor and job market
  - reality / optimism / pessimism / resolution / prediction
- how should we prepare for our own futures

**Does LLM have knowledge or belief? Can it reason?**

**Are they philosophical or cognitive scientific questions?**

**Or should they be some other types of questions?**

## Three surprises of LLM

- LLM is very different sort of animal . . . except that it is *not* an animal!
- *unreasonable* effectiveness of data (Halevy et al, 2009)
  - performance *scales* with size of training data
  - *qualitative leaps* in capability as models scale
  - tasks demanding human intelligence reduced to *next token prediction*
- focus on third surprise
  - “*conditional probability model looks like human with intelligence*”
  - making vulnerable to anthropomorphism
- examine it by throwing questions
  - “*does LLM have knowledge and belief?*”
  - “*can it reason?*”

## Knowledge, belief, and reasoning around LLM

- *not* easy topic to discuss, or even impossible because
  - we do *not* have agreed definition of these terms especially in the context of being asked questions like

*does the GPT-4 have belief?*  
or  
*does a human have knowledge?*
- we discuss them in two different perspectives
  - laymen's perspective
  - cognitive scientific perspective

## Laymen's perspective on knowledge / belief / reasoning

- does (a good) LLM have knowledge?
  - Grandmother: it looks like it, e.g., when instructed “*explaining big bang*”, ChatGPT says

*The Big Bang theory is the prevailing cosmological model that explains the origin and evolution of the universe. . . . 13.8 billion years ago . . .*
- does it have belief?
  - Grandmother: I don't think so, e.g., it does not believe in God.
- can it reason?
  - Grandmother: it seems like it! e.g., when asked “*Sunghee is a superset of Alice and Beth is a superset of Sunghee. Is Beth a superset of Alice?*”, ChatGPT says

*Yes, based on the information provided, if Sunghee is a superset of Alice and Beth is a superset of Sunghee, then Beth is indeed a superset of Alice . . .*
- can it reason to prove a theorem whose inferential structure is more complicated?
  - Grandmother: I'm not sure.

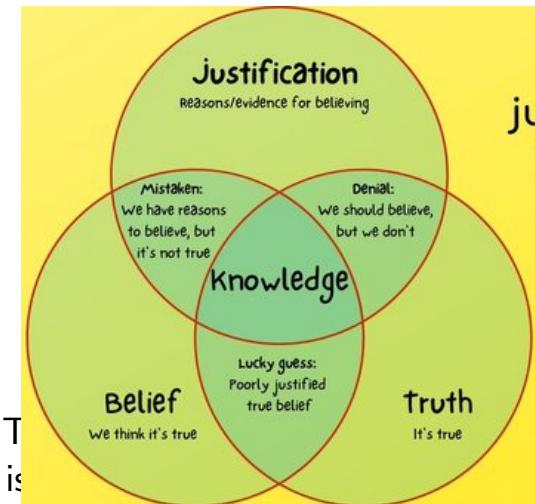
## Cognitive scientific perspective on knowledge

- does LLM have knowledge?
  - Speaker: I don't think so.
- why?
  - Speaker: we say we have "knowledge" when

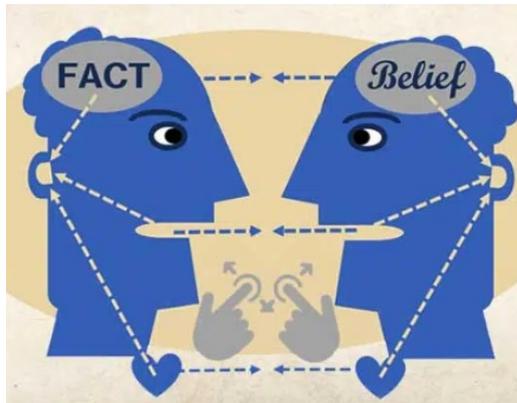
*"we do so against ground of various human capacities that we all take for granted when we engage in everyday conversation with each other."*

    - \* LLM *cannot* do this.
    - Speaker: also when asked "who is Tom Cruise's mother?", ChatGPT says "*Tom Cruise's mother is Mary Lee Pfeiffer.*" However, this is nothing but

*"guessing" by conditional probability model the most likely following words after "Tom Cruise's mother is."*
    - Speaker: so we *cannot say it really knows the fact!*



## Cognitive scientific perspective on belief



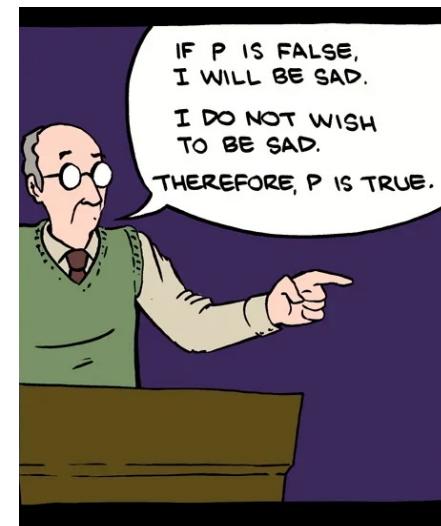
- for the discussion
  - we do not concern *any specific belief*.
  - we concern the prerequisites for ascribing any beliefs to AI system.
- so does it have belief?
  - Speaker: nothing can count as a belief about the world we share unless

*it is against ground of the ability to update beliefs appropriately in light of evidence from that world, an essential aspect of the capacity to distinguish truth from falsehood.*
  - Speaker: when a human being takes to Wikipedia and confirms some fact, what happens is not her language model update, but

*reflection of her nature as language-using animal inhabiting shared world with a community of other language-users.*
  - Speaker: LLM does not have this ground, an essential consideration when deciding whether it *really* had beliefs.
  - Speaker: so *no, LLM cannot have belief!*

## Cognitive scientific perspective on reasoning

- note reasoning is *content neutral*
  - e.g., the following logic is perfect regardless of truth of premises  
*if Socrates is a human and humans are immortal, then Socrates would live today.*
- Speaker: when asked “if humans are immortal, would Socrates live today?”, ChatGPT says
  - ... it’s logical to conclude that Socrates would likely still be alive today. ...
  - however, remember, once again, what we just asked it to do is *not* “deductive inference”, but  
*given the statistical distribution of words in public corpus, what words are likely to follow the sequence, “humans are immortal and Socrates is human therefore.”*
- Speaker: so LLM *cannot* or rather *does not* reason
- however, LLM can *mimic even multi-step reasoning whose inferencing structure is complicated* using *in-context learning* or *few-short prompting!*



## A simple example supporting reasoning incapability



- You

Who is Tom Cruise's mother?

- ChatGPT

Tom Cruise's mother is Mary Lee Pfeiffer. She was born Mary Lee South. . . . *Information about his family, including his parents, has been publicly available, . . .*

- You

Who is Mary Lee Pfeiffer's son?

- ChatGPT

As of my last knowledge update in January 2022, *I don't have specific information about Mary Lee Pfeiffer or her family, including her son. . . .*

## Moral

- AI, *e.g.*, LLM, shows incredible utility and commercial potentials, hence we should
  - make informed decisions about trustworthiness and safety
  - avoid ascribing capacities they lack
  - take best usage of remarkable capabilities of AI
- today's AI is so powerful, so (seemingly) convincingly intelligent
  - obfuscate mechanism
  - actively encourage *anthropomorphism* with philosophically loaded words like “believe” and “think”
  - easily mislead people about character and capabilities of AI
- this matters not only to scientists, engineers, developers, and entrepreneurs, but also
  - *general public, policy makers, media people*

# **Thank You!**

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