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Abstract

This report investigates an emerging paradigm for building artificial intelligence (AI) systems based on a general class of models which we term *foundation models*. Foundation models are pretrained on a large amount of data and can then be adapted to a wide range of downstream tasks. Examples of foundation models include BERT, GPT-3, and CLIP. From a technological perspective, foundation models are based on deep learning and self-supervised learning. However, their sheer scale and scope have stretched our imagination of what is possible with AI.

We discuss the capabilities, applications, technology, and societal impact of foundation models. Capabilities include natural language processing, computer vision, reasoning, and human-AI interaction. Applications span healthcare, law, education, and more. The technology behind foundation models includes model architectures, systems for training, and approaches for adapting models to new tasks. Finally, we examine the societal consequences of foundation models, including issues of bias, ethics, and misuse as well as the economic and environmental impact.

While foundation models demonstrate raw potential, they also pose risks and raise critical questions about how they should be developed and deployed responsibly. Overall, this report aims to clarify the nature of this new paradigm, outline opportunities and challenges, and suggest directions for responsible progress. The future of foundation models depends on openness, safety, and wise governance.