

Understanding Transformer Model Terminology and Prompt Engineering

- Terminology Reminder:
 - Prompt: Text fed into the model for generation.
 - Inference: Process of generating text.
 - Completion: Output text generated by the model.
 - Context Window: Total available text for the prompt.
- Prompt Engineering and In-Context Learning:
 - Models may not always produce desired outcomes on the first try.
 - Prompt engineering involves refining prompt language to achieve desired results.
 - Including examples within the prompt can improve model performance.
 - In-Context Learning: Incorporating examples or additional data in the prompt.
- Zero-Shot Inference:
 - Example: Classifying sentiment of a review without providing examples.
 - Larger models proficient in zero-shot inference.
 - Model grasps tasks and generates accurate responses without examples.
- One-Shot Inference:
 - Example: Providing a single example within the prompt.
 - Helps smaller models understand task and response format better.
 - Improves performance compared to zero-shot inference.
- Few-Shot Inference:
 - Example: Including multiple examples within the prompt.
 - Helps models learn from multiple instances of desired behaviour.
 - Improves performance further for smaller models.

Summary of in-context learning (ICL)

Prompt // Zero Shot	Prompt // One Shot	Prompt // Few Shot
<pre>Classify this review: I loved this movie! Sentiment:</pre>	<pre>Classify this review: I loved this movie! Sentiment: Positive Classify this review: I don't like this chair. Sentiment:</pre>	<pre>Classify this review: I loved this movie! Sentiment: Positive Classify this review: I don't like this chair. Sentiment: Negative Classify this review: Who would use this product? Sentiment:</pre>

- Context Window Limitation:
 - There's a limit on the amount of in-context learning that can be passed into the model.
 - If the model struggles with multiple examples, consider fine-tuning instead.
- Model Scale and Task Performance:
 - Larger models perform better across multiple tasks due to increased parameters.
 - Smaller models proficient in tasks similar to the ones they were trained on.
 - Choose a model based on specific task requirements.
- Experimenting with Model Settings:
 - Once a suitable model is found, experiment with configuration settings.
 - Settings influence structure and style of completions generated by the model.