

On Thursday 2 November 2023 **InDeep** organized a Masterclass on *Explaining Foundation Models* with presentations, discussion and a hands-on tutorial. After the Masterclass there was a Meetup organized by Indeep and Amsterdam Al



Grzegorz Chrupała (Tilburg University) gave a presentation on opening the Blackbox of Large Language Models and other deep learning models that handle speech, vision and language



Opening the black box of foundation models

Grzegorz Chrupała

What is a foundation model?

- Trained in a self-supervised way (without manual annoations).
- On large amounts of data. – Text, audio, images, video
- Starting point for many **downstream** tasks.

How it works

- Language model trained on speech.
- Objective: identify masked audio segment.
- Additionally **tuned** for
 - Transcribe speech into text
 - Recognize spoken commands
 - Identify speakers
 - Classify emotions

Towards **multiple** modalities

- For example audio-visual models learn from images (or videos) accompanied by speech.
- Most recent version of ChatGPT can process text, images, communicate with voice.

Foundation models are the core of AI.

We want AI models to **perform well**.

What other **properties** are **desirable**?

Why do we want to understand models?

• Explain decisions to end-users

- As humans we seek justifications.
- Arguably, human reasoning is designed for argumentation.We except to AIs to be able to justify themselves the way we do.
- Justifications of automated decisions may be legally mandated

• Understand models as scientists and engineers

- Knowing when and why models fail gives us insight into
 The phenomena modeled.
 - Ways to improve model performance

There is a lot of research activity dedicated to understanding and explicating how deep learning works

What feature of DL makes this **interesting** and/or **necessary**?

Distributed representations

- DL learns **distributed** representations.
 - Information is encoded in **patterns** of activation.
 - People are better at grasping information encoded symbolically.

Size and complexity

- Foundation models are **large**
 - Millions or billions of learnable parameters
- They are composed of dozens of types of specialized modules
 - Feedforward, Convolutions, Attention, Normalization, Recurrences, ...
- Unlike in many other ML models, the path from input features to outputs is highly **indirect**.

What does it mean to **understand** how a model works?

What kind of **questions** would we like to answer about this?

Which features of an input example led to a particular prediction?

- **Local** explanation, for a particular datapoint.
- Aka feature attribution.
- What **minimal change** to this datapoint would cause a change in the prediction?

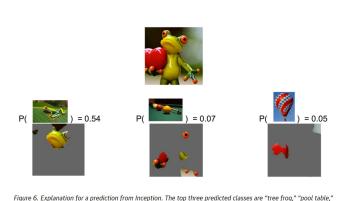


Figure 6. Explanation for a prediction from Inception. The top three predicted classes are "tree frog," "pool table," and "balloon." Sources: Marco Tulio Ribeiro, Pixabay (<u>frog, billiards, hot air balloon</u>).

https://www.oreilly.com/content/introduction-to-local-interpretable-model-agnostic-explanations-lime/

Model-agnostic methods

- Occlusion analysis
 - Features or groups of features are occluded and effect on prediction computed.
- LIME Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations
- SHAP Shapley additive explanations

Model-specific methods

- Gradient-based methods
 - Use **gradient** of target function to determine what features affect the output of the model.
- Methods tailored to specific architectures
 - Many recent approaches focus on **Transformers**
 - ValueZeroing exploits the mathematical formulation of the transformer to exclude tokens from computation at specific layers (http://dx.doi.org/10.18653/v1/2023.eacl-main.245).

Which input features are important for model decisions?

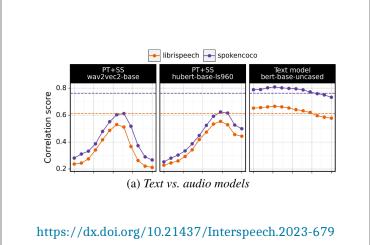
• **Global** explanations, aggregated over multiple datapoints.

Important caveats

- What counts as a feature for the purposes of explanation?
- The use of feature attribution or importance scores assumes a (locally) linear explanatory model.
 - May or may not be a satisfactory approximation to the true function.

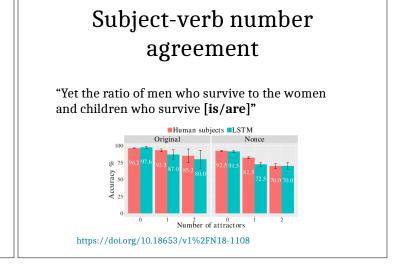
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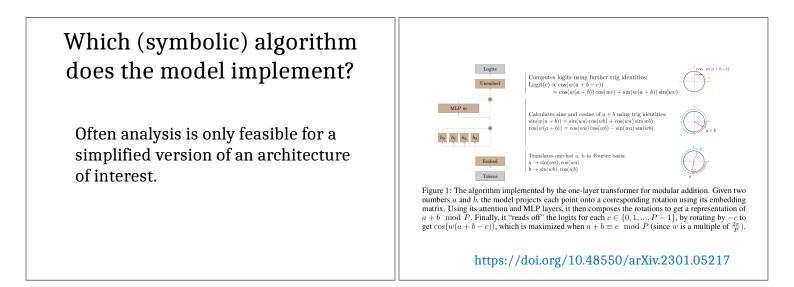
- What kind of information is encoded?
- To what extent?
- Where is it encoded, in terms of layers, or individual neurons?
- How can we visualize it or otherwise make it comprehensible?



How does the model behave when faced with particular phenomena?

- Select or manipulate stimuli to highlight phenomena of interest, and analyze model **behavior** on them.
- Analogous to how a psychologist works.





Evaluation

How can explanations or analyses be **evaluated**?

Main evaluation types

• Plausibility

- does the explanation seem reasonable from the human point of view?

• Faithfulness

- does the explanation accurately capture the factors behind the model's decision?

Explaining foundation models

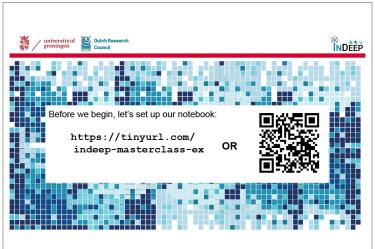
- Very active area of research.
- Important new developments happen rapidly.
- Many open problems.

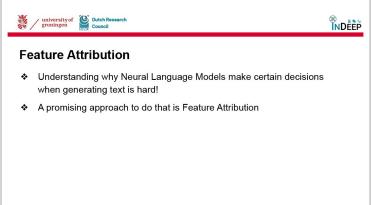


Arianna Bisazza (RUG Groningen) and Gabriele Sarti (RUG Groningen) gave a hands-on tutorial on interpreting Large Language Models with InSeq

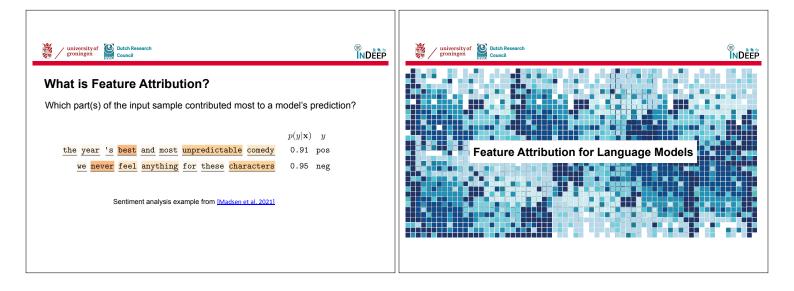


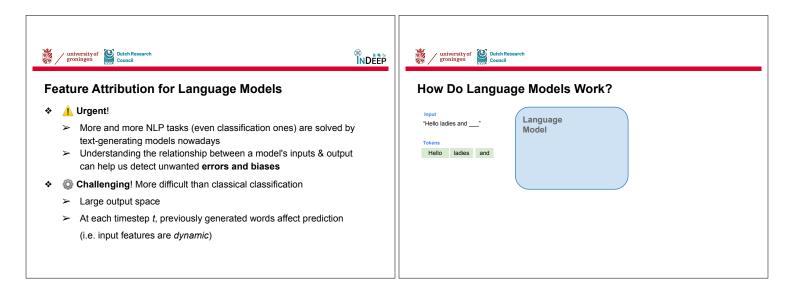


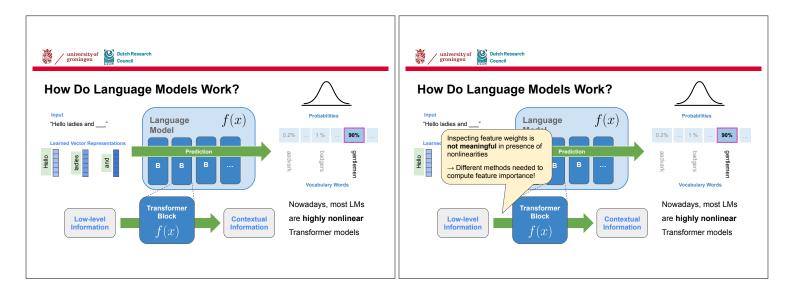


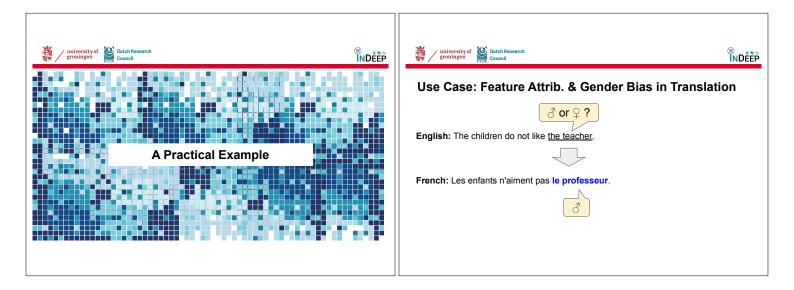


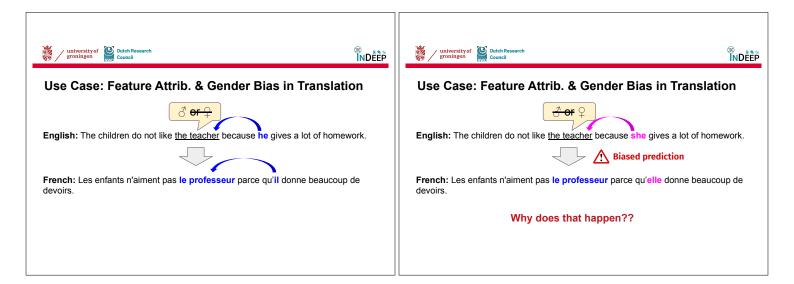
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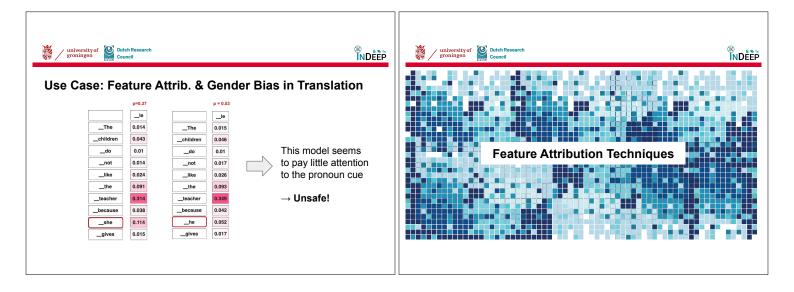
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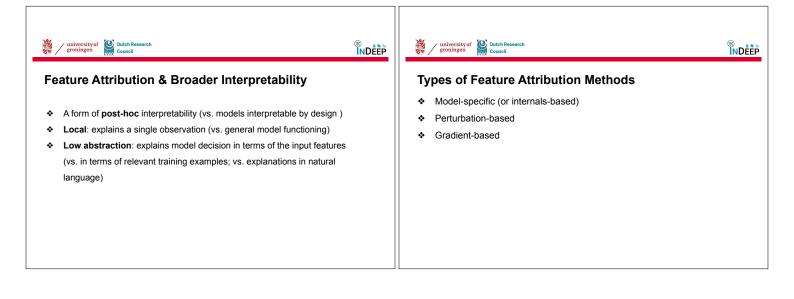
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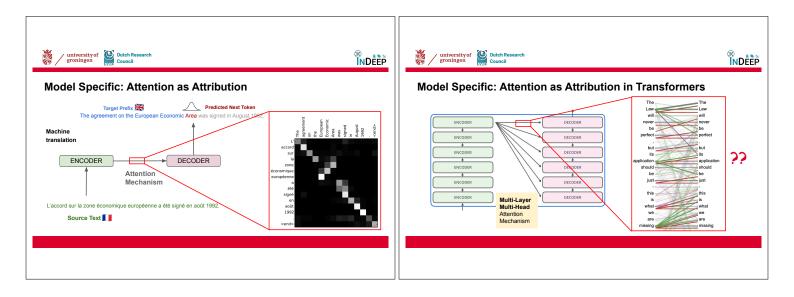
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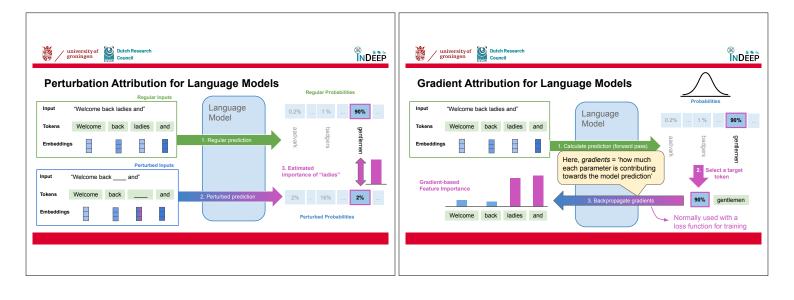
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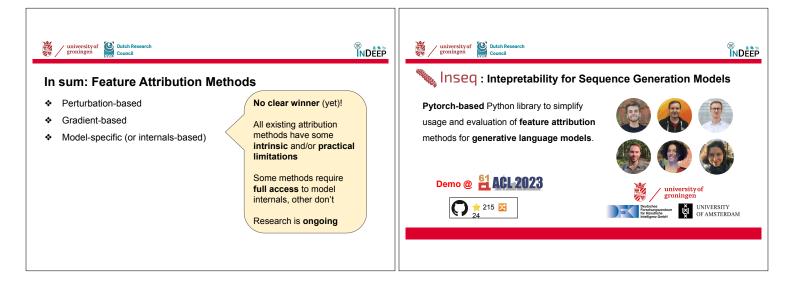
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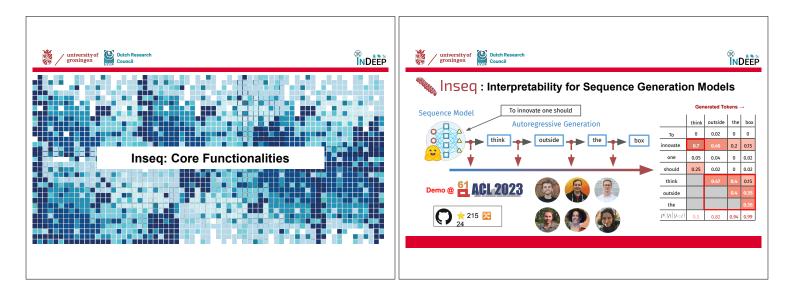


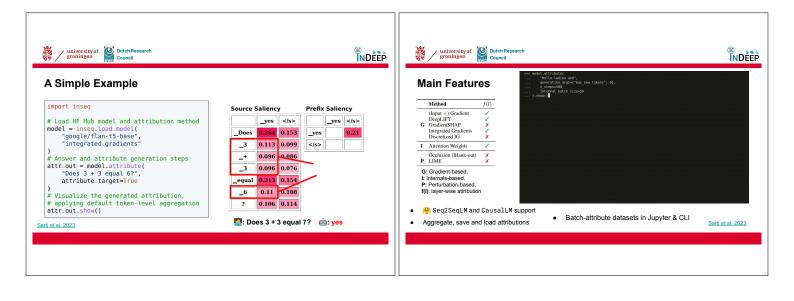


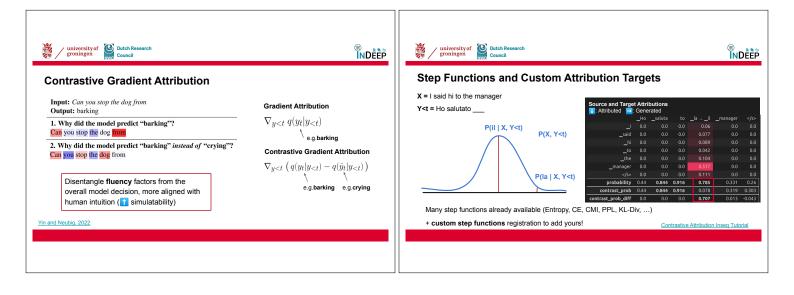


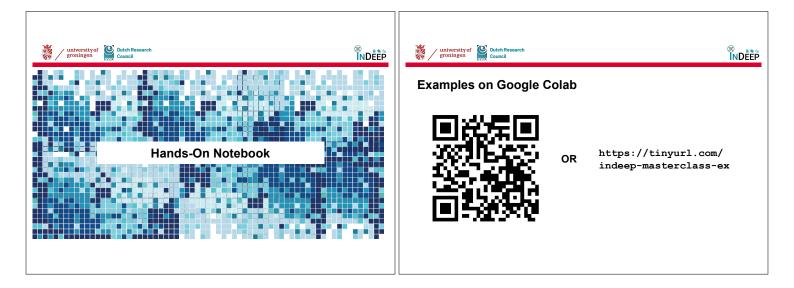




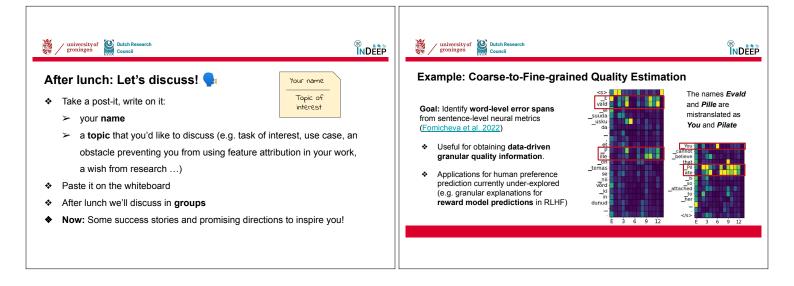


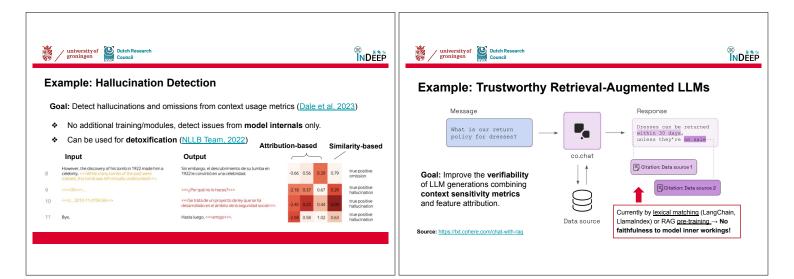
















Jelle Zuidema (UvA) discusses the promises and pitfalls for Explainability in the Generative Al boom, while connecting it to the work done by the hands-on groups





After the Masterclass, InDeep teamed up with Amsterdam AI for a Meetup on Alternatives for ChatGPT: *How good are open source and in-house LLMs?*



Harm de Vries (ServiceNow) presented the Big Code project, the pioneering project to create an open source dataset and generative Al model for generating code. He discussed details of the effort to determine the optimal dataset and model size, legal and ethical concerns about the dataset

> Matthieu Laneuville (SURF) discussed the motivation and plans for an open source, community-driven Large Language Model for Dutch: GPT-NL





Open and responsible development of Large Language Models for code

Harm de Vries | Staff Research Scientist @ ServiceNow | @harmdevries77

Today's talk

- 1 The BigCode Community
- 2 The Stack
- 3 StarCoder

1. The BigCode community



BigCode: open-scientific collaboration

We are building LLMs for code in a collaborative way:

1100+ members
 60+ countries





Developing Code LLMs is not only a technical problem!

Scraped public data sources

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• Consent of data subjects

• Can you use third-party copyrighted data to train machine learning models?

- Privacy risks
 - Do LLMs distribute personally identifiable information without consent?
- Software safety and security
 - Code LLMs may be used to generate malware or
 may provide code suggestions that are less secure
 More info on the Governance Card

Closed development of LLMs

- Training data is not disclosed:
 - Content creators don't know if their data is used and there's no way to remove it
 - Limits scientific reproducibility
 - Potential benchmark contamination
- Model only available through API, which limits research on:
 - Safety and alignment
 - The model's inner workings (i.e. representations)
 - Adaptation methods like LoRA, and continuous prompt-tuning

Open & Responsible Research on LLMs

Open-access models

Open-access datasets

Permissive licensing
Data inspection
Opt-out available
Pll removal

<u>PII removal</u> <u>Attribution</u> Model weights available Fine-tuning scripts Low-precision inference

Reproducible research Data preprocessina scripts Model training framework RAD natebooks Evoluation Hamess

Dataset cards
 Model cards
 Governance card
 Intellectual property
 Code of conduct
 OpenRAIL licenses

Documentation

2. The Stack



The Stack

A dataset with 6.4TB of permissively licensed source code in 358 programming languages with a data inspection tool and opt-out mechanism





Find the filtered and deduplicated datasets at: www.hf.co/bigcode

Am I In The Stack?

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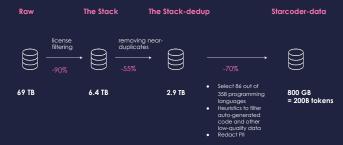
Feedback from the opt-out form

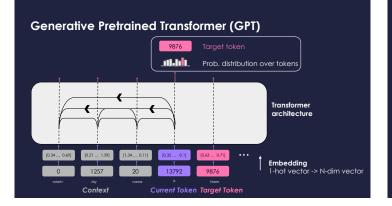
- "It should be opt-in instead of opt-out"
- "It is unfair to use my code without compensation"
- "There's PII in my code and I don't want it to be publicly exposed"
- "My code is of poor quality and unsuitable for training your AI model"
- "I am not confident about the current state of AI code generation. I am concerned that the generated code could be traced back to me and I'm held liable for issues in that code."

Jennifer Ding's <u>community research</u>: it's both **better** to know AND better to have a choice.



Starcoder training data



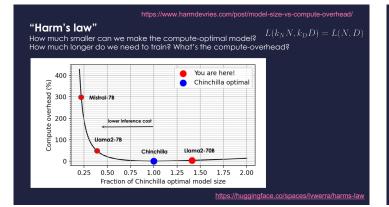


Scaling laws

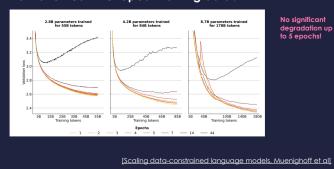
The loss of language models follows a power law with respect to the number of parameters and training data $L(N,D) = E + \frac{A}{N^{\alpha}} + \frac{B}{D^{\alpha}}$

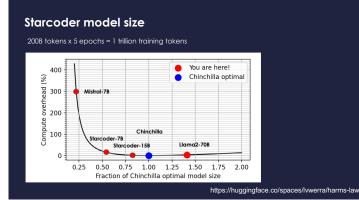
 For a given compute budget, you can derive the optimal number of parameters and training tokens

<u>Kaplan scaling laws</u>	<u>Chinchilla scaling laws</u>	Compute-optimal
model 5.5x, data 1.8x	model 3.2x, data 3.2x	≠ optimal
GPT-3	Chinchilla	LLaMA
1758 params, 3008 tokens	65B params, 1.6T tokens	7B params, 1T tokens
Jan 2020	Mar 2022	Feb 2023



How often can we repeat training data?





Model architecture Multi-query attention **8K context** thanks to FlashAttention Linear Concat Scaled dot-product attention Line Shared key, value embeddings

Training setup

Infrastructure: 512 A100 GPUs

Model Distribution: TP=4, PP=4, DP=32 Batch size: 4M tokens

(or 512 at 8,192 sequence length)

Training length: 1T tokens / 250k steps

Training time: 24 days Tool: Megatron-LM (w/ MQA + FlashAttn) (https://github.com/bigcode-project/Megatron-LM)



"smooth sailing"

Python Evaluation: HumanEval

def filter_by_substring(strings: List[str], substring: str) -> List[str]:

"" Filter an input list of strings only for ones that contain given substring >>> filter_by_substring((), 'a') (] >>> filter_by_substring(('bab', 'baod', 'dat', 'dat', 'array'), 'a') ['abc', 'baod', 'array'] """

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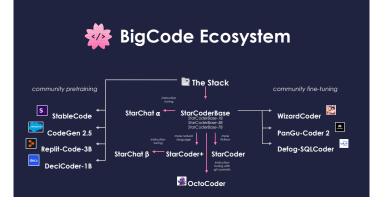
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DeciCoder-1B	1B	19.3
Replit-3B	3B	20.1
StableCode-3B	3B	20.2
StarCoderBase-3B	3B	21.5
StarCoderBase-7B	7B	28.4
CodeGen-Mono	16B	29.3
LLaMA-2	70B	29.9
CodeGen-2.5-Mono	7B	33.1
CodeGeeX-2	6B	33.5
StarCoder-15B	15B	33.6
OctoCoder*	15B	45.3
WizardCoder*	15B	58.1
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PaLM	540B	26.2
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PaLM 2-S	N/A	37.6
code-davinci-002	175B	45.9
GPT-3.5	N/A	48.1
PanGu-Coder 2*	15B	61.6
GPT-4*	N/A	67.0

M: 12.8 GB/s

VSCode extension









Closing thoughts on open-source AI

- Frontier labs: OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, etc
 Allies of open-source AI: Meta, Mistral, Hugging Face, ServiceNow, etc
 Challenges for open-source AI to catch-up on frontier labs

 depends on the support of large tech companies for:
 compute
 scarce AI talent
 lack of user interaction data openAI can use all the interactions with ChatGPT

 On the flipside, you might not need frontier models for the majority of use cases.

 Many valuable enterprise use cases can be build on top of smaller open-source LLMs

 AI regulation

 Copyright lawsuits
 EU AI act
 Biden's executive order
 Regulation is the friend of the incumbent Bill Gurley

Thank you! And come join us!







Why a Dutch LLM?

A major obstacle to the use of AI in the Netherlands is that existing algorithms are not properly trained in the Dutch language. [...] This problem [...] applies to the entire public sector and to all Dutch-language interactions in the market. - https://nik.com/en/use-case/min-dutch-info-dutch-language/

- Risks around bias, inclusion and explainability are not
- Ruska around bias, inclusion and explainability are not sufficiently guaranteed in current solutions
 Existing models of tech giants do not work sufficiently or cannot be used due to IP&C concerns
 What if we want to use those models in a medical context? In an education context?
 Also, developing skills & capacity in the public sector helps with long term autonomy





The GPT-NL ambition A modern Dutch model

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The GPT-NL ambition

- Develop, strengthen and consolidate digital sovereignty through our own Dutch language model.
- Increase strategic autonomy in the underlying knowledge and technology.
- Facilitate short-cycle, application-oriented research into the use of language models in the broad context of social challenges.

Establish an independer intelligence, before the 9 f 🖷

Living guidelines for generative AI – why scientists must oversee its use c body to test and certify gen v damages science and publi

Enable fundamental research into values such as bias and transparency in large language models.



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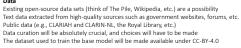
In practice...

Financing Initial subsidy from Tender 'dream facilities' ministry of Economic Affairs, ~14 M€ Public-private partnerships and joint innovation centers to exploit the facility Not-for-profit approach to cost structure (self-sustaining)

Facility A Dutch foundation model, facilitating further research, fine-tuning and deployment Trained and deployed on hardware hosted by SURF, new hardware will be purchased (88+16 H100) A factor 1,000 times larger than the current Dutch language models Both dataset and model open for inspection and research



Data





In practice...

Potential working groups (inspired by BigScience/BLOOM)

- Data Engineering / scaling focus on the technical challenges of training (scaling, specialized hardware)
- Evaluation Legal & ethical issues

- Legal & ethical issues Modelling Modell & data sharing prepare ethical framework and tools for sharing Governance / workshop organization main organizing / coordination group Carbon footprint / sustainability what is the carbon footprint from the project and how to reduce it Challenges for application X series of working groups focused on specific applications

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Inrichting ontwikkel cluster												
Algoritme ontwikkeling												
Training van taalmodel			10000									
Inrichting operationeel cluster												
Platform ontwikkeling												
Inrichting mobiel bijtrain cluste												

Opening remarks



TNO/SURF led community owned

- · How do we facilitate responsible experimentation together?
- · How do we embed this in the larger international context?
- What should be our shared standard for openness?



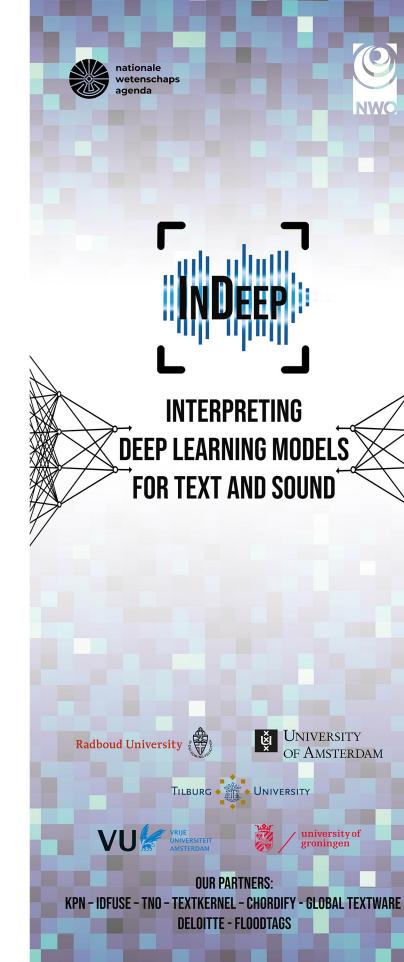
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Jelle Zuidema discusses and shares with Konstantinos Papakostas (ZetaAlpha), Iva Gornishka (City of Amsterdam), Jelke Bloem (ILLC, University of Amsterdam) and Oskar van der Wal (ILLC, University of Amsterdam) their perspectives on how to evaluate such models and make sure they are useful, safe and reliable







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