LLMs for Low Resource Languages in Multilingual, Multimodal and Dialectal Settings



https://llm-low-resource-lang.github.io



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 - Cross-/multi-lingual prompting
 - Prompt and Benchmarking tools [15 mins]
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Prompting and Benchmarking Resources

Prompt Engineering

- Prompt Engineering
- Prompting techniques
- Cross-/multi-lingual prompting
- In-Context/Few-shot Learning

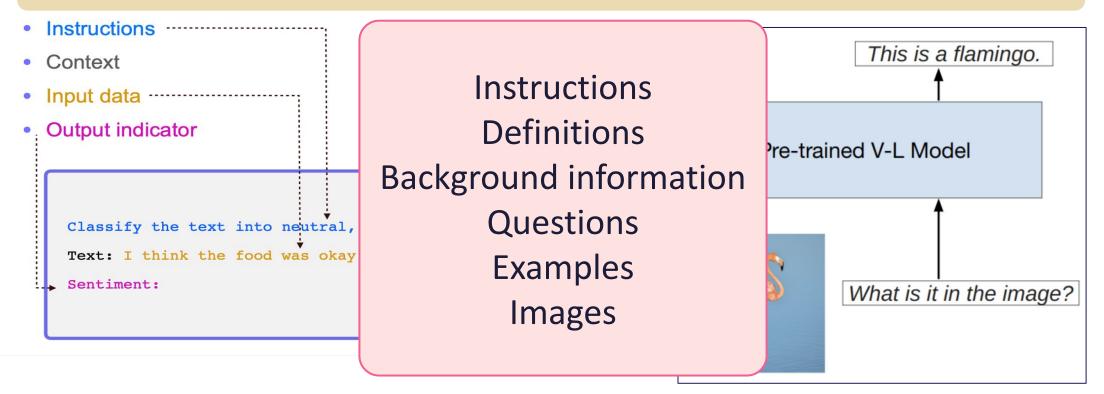


Being able to communicate clearly in writing

Prompt Engineering

What is a "Prompt"?

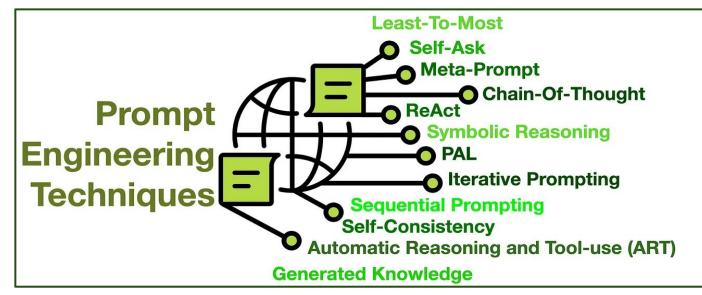
An instruction given to LLM to guide it on how to perform a user task



https://arxiv.org/pdf/2307.12980.pdf

What is Prompt Engineering?

An iterative process of developing and optimizing prompts to efficiently use LLMs for a variety of tasks

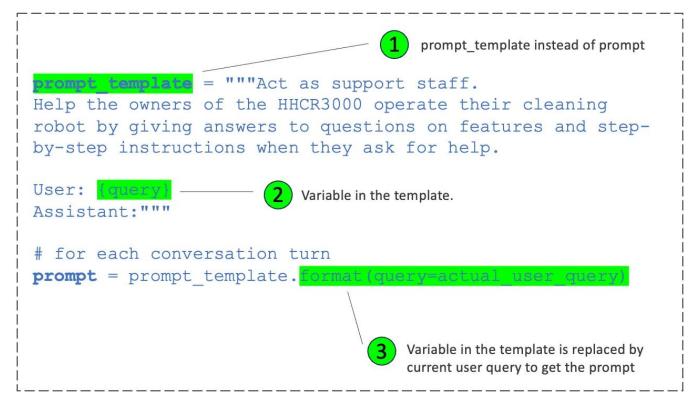


https://cobusgreyling.medium.com/12-prompt-engineering-techniques-644481c857aa



Prompt Templates

A prompt is converted into a template with key and values replaced with placeholders. The placeholders are replaced with application values/variables *at runtime*.





Types of Prompts

Role-based Prompts

Chain-of-Thought (CoT)

Tree of Thoughts (ToT)

Graph of Thoughts (GoT)

Cross-Lingual-Thought Prompting

Cross-Lingual Tree of Thoughts

Iterative Prompting

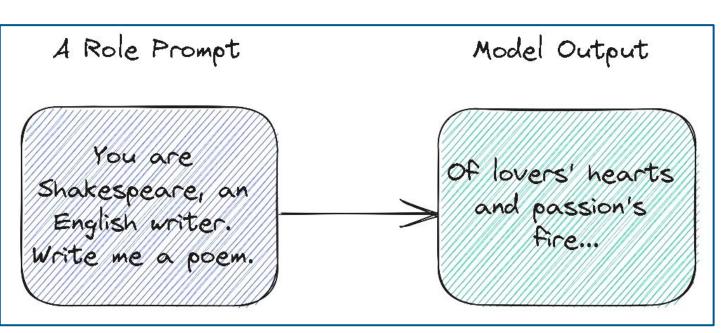


Role Based Prompts

Aim: "set the tone of the conversation"

⇒ Model's responses more relevant & increases the accuracy.

How: Specify the role the model should play.



https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/role-prompting-aris-ihwan/



Chain-of-Thought (CoT) Prompts

Aim: Improve the ability of LLM to perform complex reasoning

 \Rightarrow Instruct the model to "think" in smaller steps.

(Wei et al., 2022)

Model Input

Q: Roger has 5 tennis balls. He buys 2 more cans of tennis balls. Each can has 3 tennis balls. How many tennis balls does he have now?

A: Roger started with 5 balls. 2 cans of 3 tennis balls each is 6 tennis balls. 5 + 6 = 11. The answer is 11.

Q: The cafeteria had 23 apples. If they used 20 to make lunch and bought 6 more, how many apples do they have?

Provide LLM with examples with a series of intermediate natural language reasoning steps that lead to final output (Kojima et al., 2022)

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls, and half of the golf balls are blue. How many blue golf balls are there?

A: Let's think step by step.

(Output) There are 16 balls in total. Half of the balls are golf balls. That means that there are 8 golf balls. Half of the golf balls are blue. That means that there are 4 blue golf balls.

Ask model to "think step by step" without providing examples

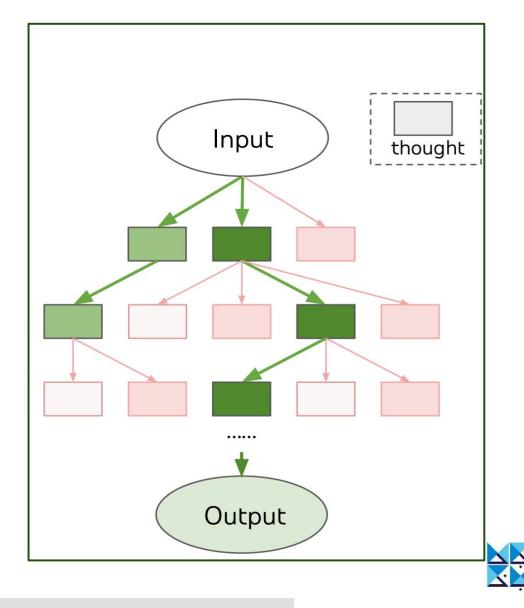


Chain-of-Thought Prompting Elicits Reasoning in Large Language Models (Wei et al., arXiv 2022) Large Language Models are Zero-Shot Reasoners (Kojima et al., arXiv 2022)

Tree of Thoughts (ToT) Prompts

Aim: Improve the ability of LLM in deliberate decision making by considering multiple different reasoning paths

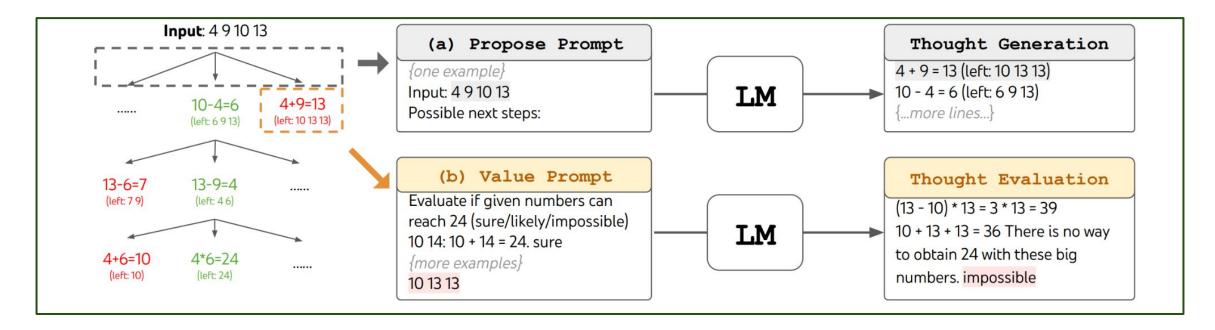
⇒ Model generates and evaluate thoughts, and search algorithms used to explore thoughts with lookahead and backtracking.



Tree of Thoughts: Deliberate Problem Solving with Large Language Models (Yao et al., NeurIPS 2023)

Tree of Thoughts (ToT) Prompts

ToT for a game of 24 where the goal is to use 4 numbers and basic arithmetic operations (+-*/) to obtain 24.

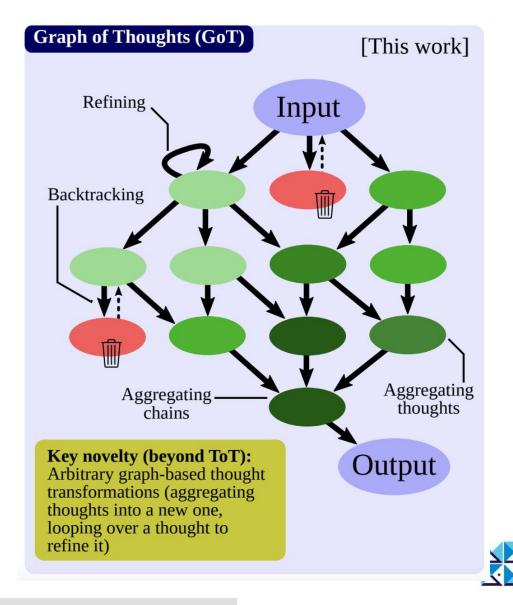




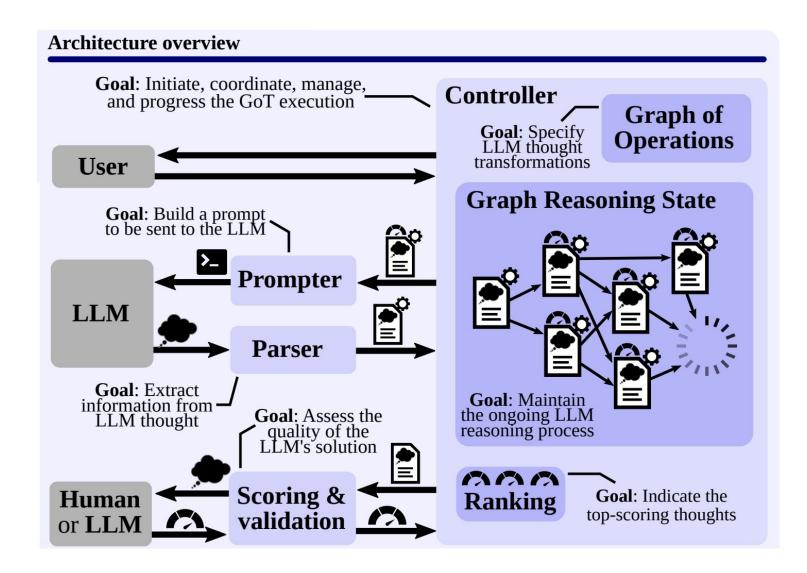
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Graph of Thoughts (GoT) Prompts

Aim: Solve complex problems by modeling them as a Graph of Operations (GoO), which is automatically executed with an LLM as the engine



Graph of Thoughts (GoT) Prompts





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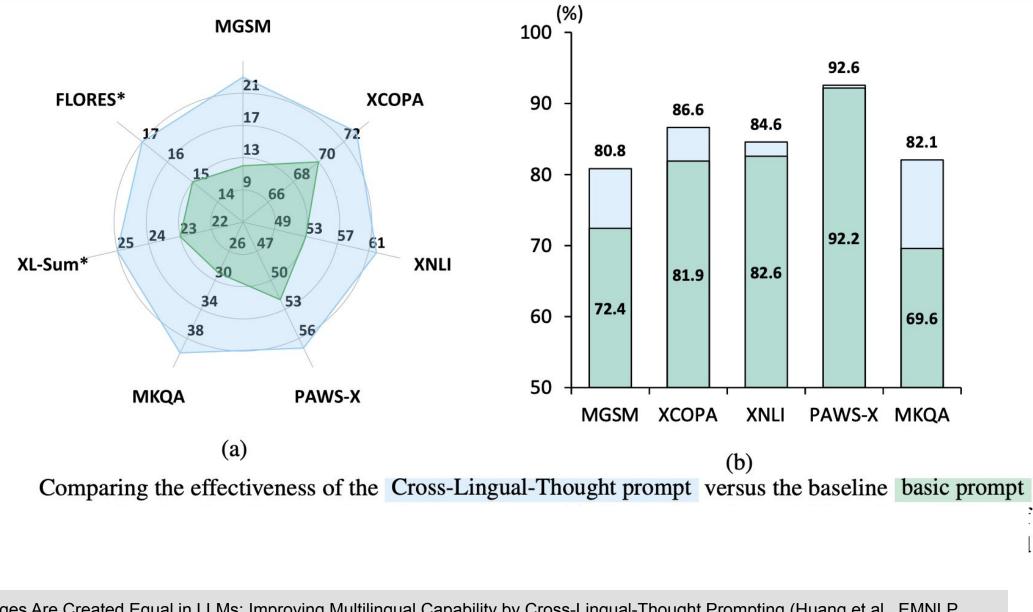
Cross-Lingual-Thought Prompting

Aim: Improve the ability of LLM in	XLT
performing tasks for multilingual inputs.	I want you to act as an arithmetic reasoning expert for Chinese.
\Rightarrow Create a prompt that uses both CoT	Request: 詹姆斯决定每周跑 3 次 3 段冲刺,每段冲刺跑 60 米。 他每周一共跑多少米?
(step-by-step) and asks the model to	You should retell the request in English.
translate the input instruction/sample	You should do step-by-step answer to obtain a number answer .
•	You should step-by-step answer the request.
to English.	You should tell me the <mark>answer</mark> in this format ' <mark>Answer</mark> :'.

I want you to act as a task_name expert for task_language.
task_input
You should retell/repeat the input_tag in English.
You should task_goal.
You should step-by-step answer the request.
You should tell me the output_type (output_constraint) in this format 'output_type :'.



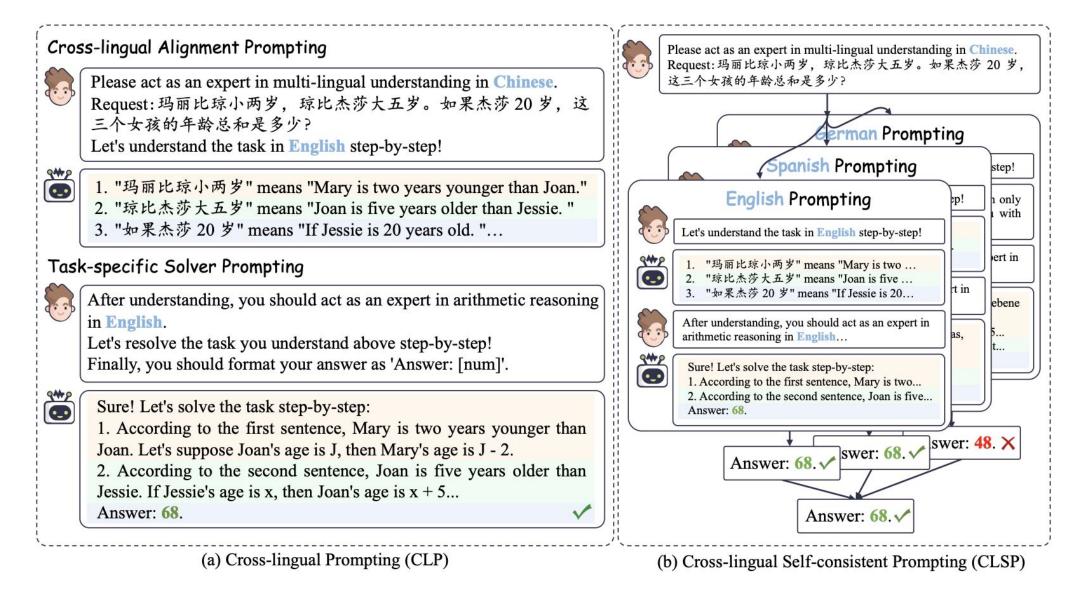
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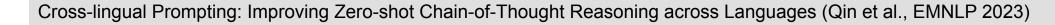


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Not All Languages Are Created Equal in LLMs: Improving Multilingual Capability by Cross-Lingual-Thought Prompting (Huang et al., EMNLP 2023)

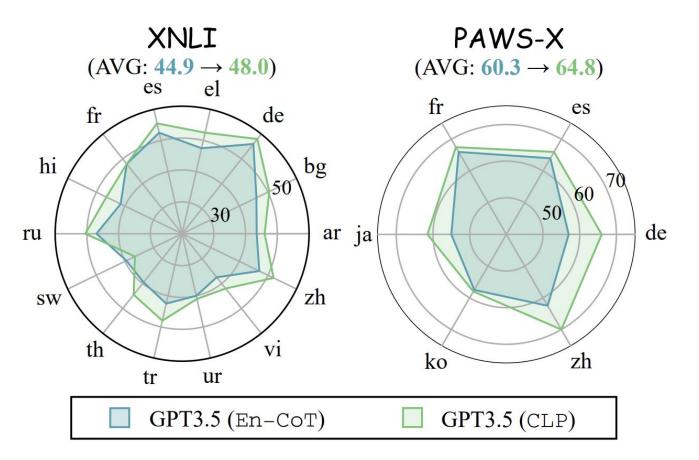
Cross-Lingual CoT Prompting





Cross-Lingual CoT Prompting

Accuracy across languages in two tasks: XNLI and PAWS-X

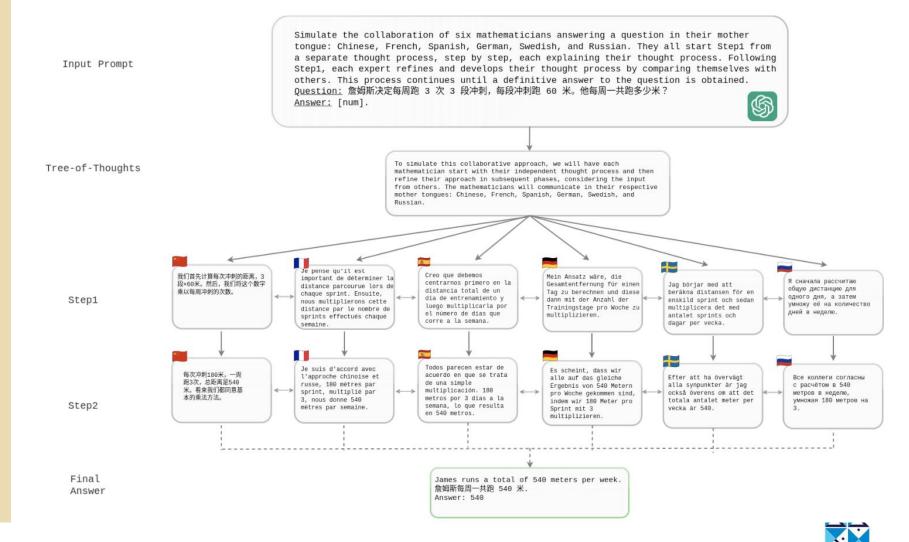


Cross-lingual Prompting: Improving Zero-shot Chain-of-Thought Reasoning across Languages (Qin et al., EMNLP 2023)

Cross-lingual ToT (Cross-ToT) Prompts

Aim: Improve the ability of LLM in deliberate decision making across languages by considering multilingual reasoning paths.

⇒ Use ToT style prompting to ask the LLM to deliver the reasoning process in different languages that, step-by-step, converge to a single final solution



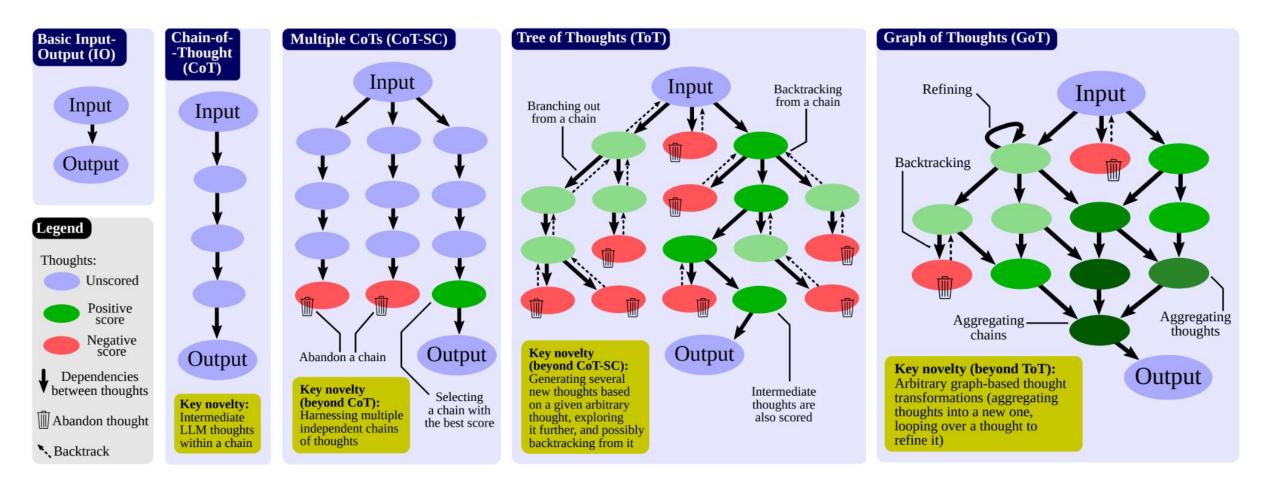
Cross-lingual ToT Prompts

Model	de	zh	fr	ru	SW	es	Average
GPT-3 (text-davinci-002)*	х						
Direct (Shi et al., 2022)	14.8	18.0	16.8	12.4	8.8	17.2	14.67
Native-CoT (Shi et al., 2022)	36.0	40.0	37.6	28.4	11.2	40.4	32.27
En-CoT (Shi et al., 2022)	44.0	40.8	46.0	28.4	20.8	44.8	37.47
Translate-En (Shi et al., 2022)	46.4	47.2	46.4	48.8	37.6	51.6	46.33
GPT-3.5 (gpt-3.5-turbo)							
Direct (Qin et al., 2023)	56.0	60.0	62.0	62.0	48.0	61.2	58.20
Native-CoT (Qin et al., 2023)	70.0	59.6	64.4	62.4	54.0	70.4	63.47
En-CoT (Qin et al., 2023)	73.6	63.2	70.0	65.6	55.2	69.6	66.20
Translate-En (Qin et al., 2023)	75.6	71.6	72.4	72.8	69.6	74.4	72.73
Cross-CoT (Qin et al., 2023)	86.8	77.2	82.0	87.6	76.0	84.8	82.40
Cross-ToT	87.6	83.5	84.3	86.5	75.4	86.2	83.91



Empowering Multi-step Reasoning across Languages via Tree-of-Thoughts (Ranaldi and Zanzotto, arXiv 2023)

Comparing Prompting Techniques

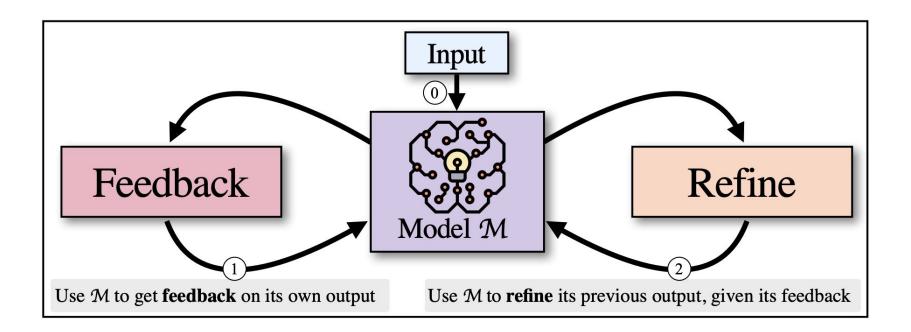




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Iterative Prompting

Aim: Improve LLM performance by iteratively prompting it to refine its previous responses.





SELF-REFINE: Iterative Refinement with Self-Feedback (Madaan et al., NeurIPS 2023)

Iterative Prompting

Self-refine technique: Prompt the same LLM iteratively with three prompts (for initial generation, feedback on generation, and refinement)

(a) Dialogue: x , y_t	(b) FEEDBACK fb	(c) REFINE y_{t+1}
User: I am interested in playing Table tennis.	Engaging: Provides no information about table tennis or how to play it.	Response (refined): That's great to hear () ! It's a fun sport requiring quick reflexes and good
Response: I'm sure it's a great way to socialize, stay active	User understanding: Lacks understanding of user's needs and state of mind.	hand-eye coordination. Have you played before, or are you looking to learn?



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Iterative Prompting

		GPT-3.5	2	CHATGPT		GPT-4
Task	Base	+SELF-REFINE	Base	+SELF-REFINE	Base	+Self-Refine
Sentiment Reversal	8.8	30.4 (†21.6)	11.4	43.2 (†31.8)	3.8	36.2 (†32.4)
Dialogue Response	36.4	63.6 (†27.2)	40.1	59.9 (†19.8)	25.4	74.6 (†49.2)
Code Optimization	14.8	23.0 (†8.2)	23.9	27.5 (†3.6)	27.3	36.0 (†8.7)
Code Readability	37.4	51.3 (†13.9)	27.7	63.1 (†35.4)	27.4	56.2 (†28.8)
Math Reasoning	64.1	64.1 (0)	74.8	75.0 (†0.2)	92.9	93.1 (†0.2)
Acronym Generation	41.6	56.4 (†14.8)	27.2	37.2 (†10.0)	30.4	56.0 (†25.6)
Constrained Generation	16.0	39.7 (†23.7)	2.75	33.5 (†30.7)	4.4	61.3 (†56.9)



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Automated Prompt Engineering

Prompt Mining

• Scrape a large text corpus (e.g., Wikipedia) for strings containing x and y, and finds either the middle words or dependency paths between the inputs and outputs.

Prompt Paraphrasing

• Take a seed prompt and paraphrase it into candidate prompts, then select the one that achieves the highest accuracy on the target task.

• Prompt Generation

 Generate instruction candidates through an LLM for a task given output examples and select the most appropriate instruction based on computed evaluation scores.



In-Context/Few-shot Learning

Zero- vs. Few-shot Prompts

Classify the following sentence by the sentiment it expresses given these sentiments: Positive, Negative, Neutral, or Mixed.

Sentence: perfectly executed and wonderfully sympathetic characters **Sentiment:**

Classify the following sentence by the sentiment it expresses given these sentiments: Positive, Negative, Neutral, or Mixed. Here are some examples:

Sentence: a host of splendid performances Sentiment: Positive

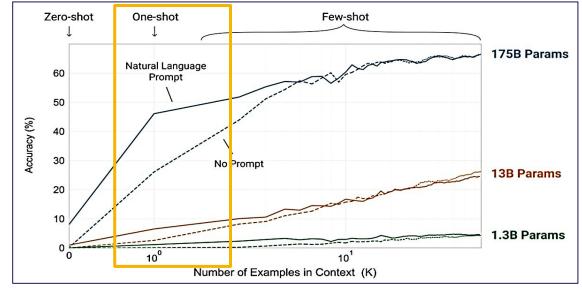
Sentence: felt trapped and with no obvious escape **Sentiment:** Negative

Sentence: perfectly executed and wonderfully sympathetic characters Sentiment:



Why?

- Improved performance over zero-shot
- Smaller task-specific dataset required (vs. fine-tuning)
- Model isn't updated, only pass the examples at inference time

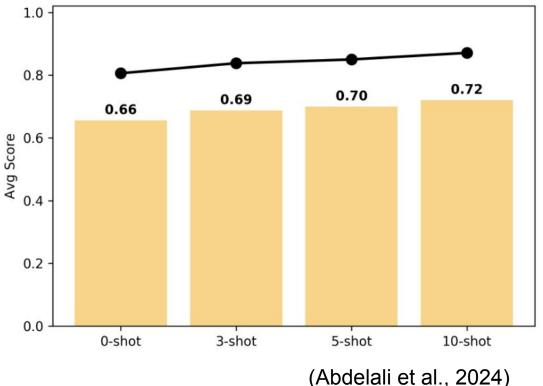


(Brown et al., 2020)

Language models are few-shot learners (Brown et al., arXiv 2020)

How Many Examples?

- Great range of values: [1,2,3,...,48,...]
- Consider document/example length:
 - LLMs have a fixed context window (e.g. GPT-3.5 allows 4,097 tokens as input)
- Tune as hyperparameter on developme set



LAraBench: Benchmarking Arabic AI with Large Language Models (Abdelali et al. EACL, 2024)

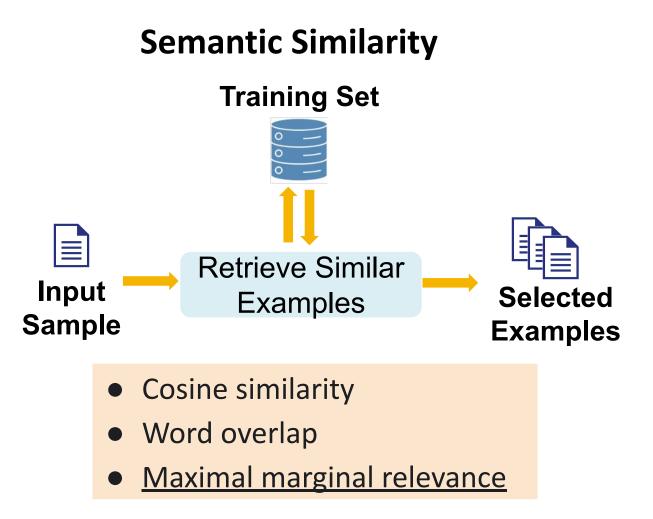
Which Examples?

Manual

 Select some examples manually

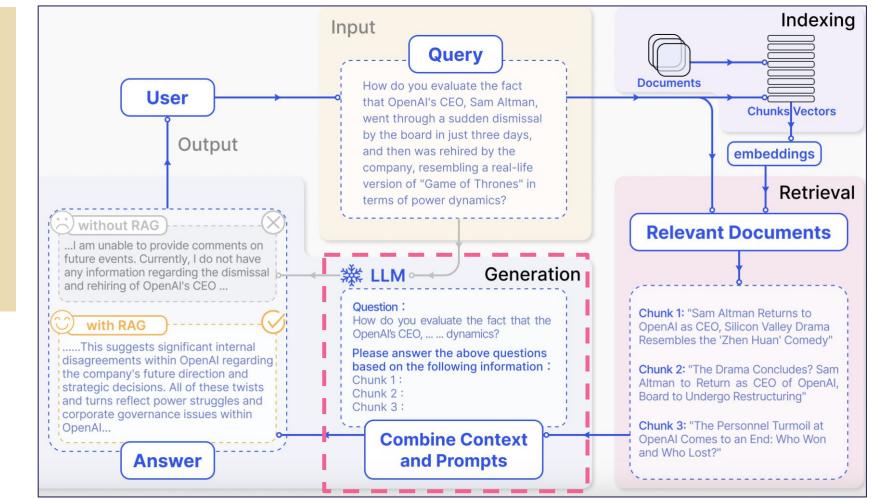
Sampling

- Uniform class distribution
- Randomly
 ⇒ Might lead to skewed label distribution



Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

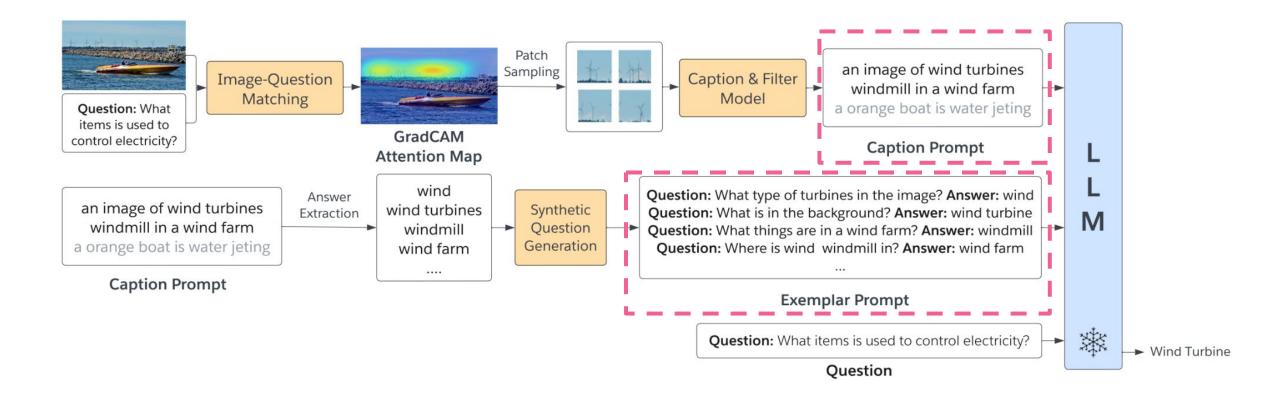
Aim: Provide additional context for the LLM, leading to improved factual accuracy and coherence in its output.





Retrieval-Augmented Generation for Large Language Models: A Survey (Gao et al. arXiv, 2024)

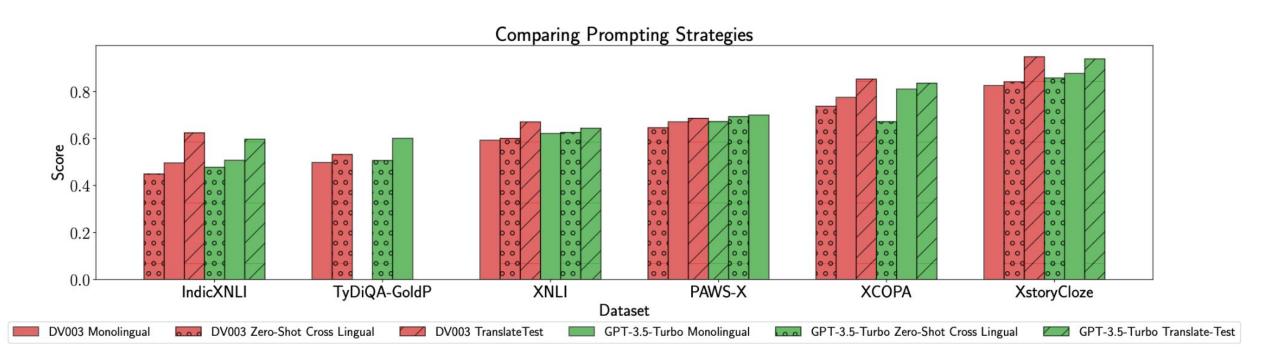
Context for Tasks on Images





From Images to Textual Prompts: Zero-shot Visual Question Answering with Frozen Large Language Models (Guo et al. CVPR, 2023)

Mono-/Cross- Language Prompting



- Monolingual Prompting: Few shot examples + test sample in same language.
- Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual: Few shot English examples + test sample in different language.
- **Translate-Test:** Few shot English examples + test sample translated to English.



MEGA: Multilingual Evaluation of Generative AI (Ahuja et al. arXiv, 2023)

Mono-/Cross- Language Prompting

Classify the 'sentence' as subjective or objective. Provide only label.
والصحيح هو أن السيد أحمد منصور له" :sentence
". مواقف ضد الفكر السلفي label:
صنف "الجملة" إلى لاموضوعية أو موضوعية.
الجملة: "والصحيح هو أن السيد أحمد منصور له مواقف ضد
الفكر السلفي." التصني ف:

Task Name	Metric	English	Arabic	
NER	Macro-F1	0.355	0.350	
Sentiment	Macro-F1	0.569	0.547	
News Cat.	Macro-F1	0.667	0.739	
Gender	Macro-F1	0.868	0.892	
Subjectivity	Macro-F1	0.677	0.725	
XNLI (Arabic)	Acc	0.753	0.740	
QA	F1 (exact match)	0.705	0.654	
Average		0.656	0.664	



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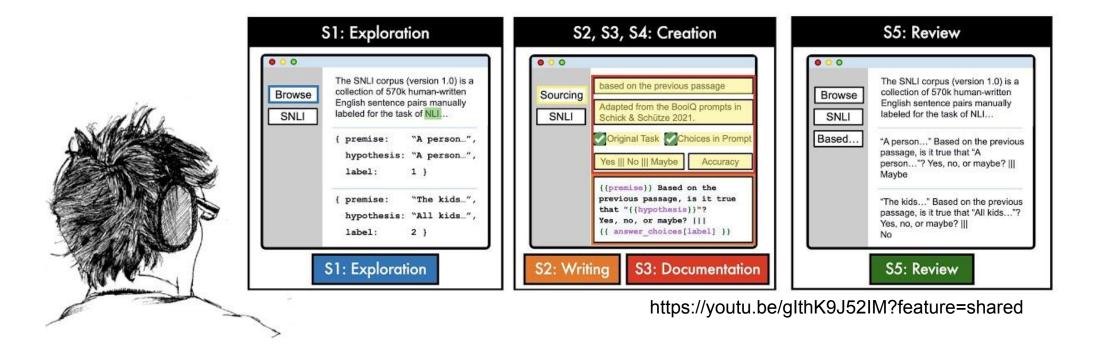
Prompting and Benchmarking Tools

Prompting and Benchmarking Tools

- **Prompt Source** (Bach et al. 2022)
- LLMeBench (Dalvi et al., 2023)
- Im-evaluation-harness (Gao et al., 2023)
- **Open ICL** (Wu et al., 2023)
- **Prompt Bench** (Zhu et al., 2023)



"a system for creating, sharing, and using natural language prompts"



https://github.com/bigscience-workshop/promptsource



PromptSource: An Integrated Development Environment and Repository for Natural Language Prompts (Bach et al., ACL 2022)

Five stages of creating prompts:

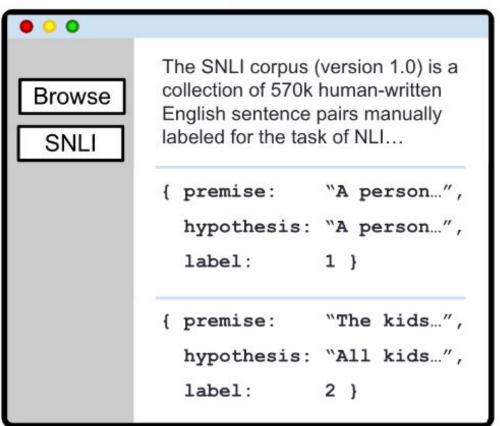
S1: Dataset Exploration

SNLI dataset example:

Assume a given premise sentence is true, the goal is to determine whether a hypothesis sentence is:

- true (entailment),
- false (contradiction),
- or undetermined (neutral)

S1: Exploration

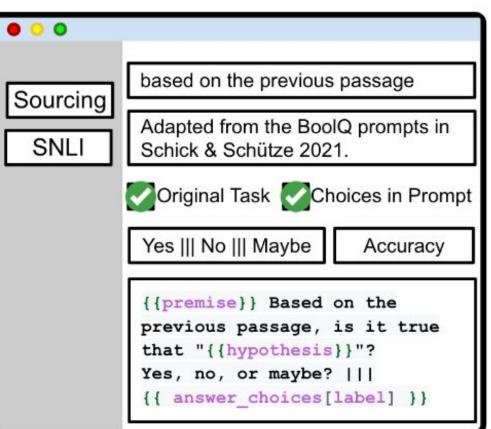




Five stages of creating prompts:

- **S2**: Prompt Writing
- **S3**: Prompt Documentation
- **S4**: Iteration and Variation

S2 + S3 + S4: Creation



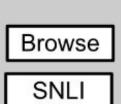


Five stages of creating prompts:

S5: Global Review

S5: Review

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Based.

The SNLI corpus (version 1.0) is a collection of 570k human-written English sentence pairs manually labeled for the task of NLI...

"A person..." Based on the previous passage, is it true that "A person..."? Yes, no, or maybe? ||| Maybe

"The kids..." Based on the previous passage, is it true that "All kids..."? Yes, no, or maybe? ||| No



Prompt Template Creation

```
Dataset (?)
                                                                                               Input
 a
                                                                                                         "news article"
   # Load an example from the datasets ag news
                                                                                                         World, Sports
spli >>> from datasets import load_dataset
                                                                                                         Wall St. Bears
   >>> dataset = load_dataset("ag_news", split="train")
                                                                                                        (Reuters) Reut
                                                                                                         Wall Street's
   >>> example = dataset[1]
                                                                                                        I of ultra-cvnic
                                                                                                        ugain.
No
   # Load prompts for this dataset
Se >>> from promptsource.templates import DatasetTemplates
   >>> ag_news_prompts = DatasetTemplates('ag_news')
   # Print all the prompts available for this dataset. The keys of the dict are the UUIDs the u
- >>> print(ag news prompts.templates)
   {'24e44a81-a18a-42dd-a71c-5b31b2d2cb39': <promptsource.templates.Template object at 0x7fa7ac
   # Select a prompt by its name
   >>> prompt = ag_news_prompts["classify_question_first"]
   # Apply the prompt to the example
   >>> result = prompt.apply(example)
   >>> print("INPUT: ", result[0])
   INPUT: What label best describes this news article?
   Carlyle Looks Toward Commercial Aerospace (Reuters) Reuters - Private investment firm Carly]
   >>> print("TARGET: ", result[1])
   TARGET: Business
```

LLMeBench



Make it super-simple and quick to **start experimenting** with LLMs, and **easily transfer that effort** to large scale evaluation

http://llmebench.qcri.org/





LLMeBench: Usecases

Exploration	Model comparison	Benchmarking suite	Many more
Try a model with different prompts over the same	Run the same prompt with multiple models	Create a suite of tasks and datasets and track a model's	Framework is flexible and extensible for new tasks, datasets,
dataset		progress across all	and models



Why LLMeBench?

- 1. Read the data
- 2. Figure out how to access an LLM (e.g. GPT4)
- 3. Understand and write code to read the response
- 4. Explore with different prompts

- Current LLM usage and benchmarking process
- 5. Write some sort of loop over the data and prompts to see model responses on all samples
 - Realize the request fails for many reasons ⇒ Write some code to retry failed requests
 - B. Realize every time you run your code, you get different results ⇒ Modify code to set all appropriate model parameters for reproducible results
 - c. Have an idea for a new prompt, figure out changing existing code to only run for new prompt while keeping results from older prompts
- 6. Process results
- 7. Rinse and Repeat for a new problem/dataset/task



Why LLMeBench?

- Find your task, dataset and model in LLMeBench
 - ⇒ Task/Data/Model not found?
 - a. Edit existing task/data/model script for your needs
- 2. Run experiment!

Add a layer of abstraction so that you as a user can focus solely on getting the best performance out of the LLM

LLMeBench

benchmarking asset

```
def config():
    return {
        "dataset": TSVDataset,
        "dataset_args": {
            "column_mapping": {
                "input": "sentence",
                "label": "labels",
            },
        },
        "task": ClassificationTask,
        "model": FastChatModel,
        "general_args": {"custom_test_split": "SST-2/dev.tsv"},
def prompt(input_sample):
    return [
        {"role": "system", "content": "You are an expert in sentiment analysis."},
        {"role": "user", "content": f"Sentence: {input_sample}\nSentiment:"}
def post_process(response):
   out = response["choices"][0]["message"]["content"].lower()
    return 1 if "positive" in out else 0
```



LLMeBench

Once an *asset* is written, LLMeBench takes care of everything else!

```
python -m llmebench assets/ results/
```

```
"num_processed": 872,
"num_failed": 0,
"evaluation_scores": {
    "Macro F1": 0.8586052694703862,
    "Micro F1": 0.8612385321100917,
    "Acc": 0.8612385321100917,
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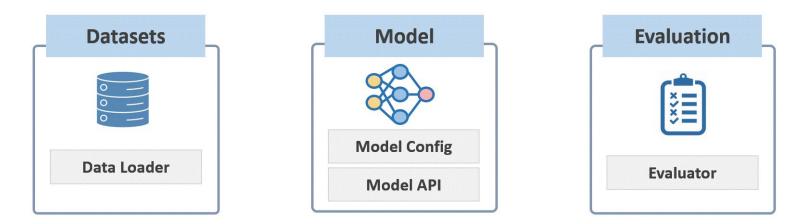


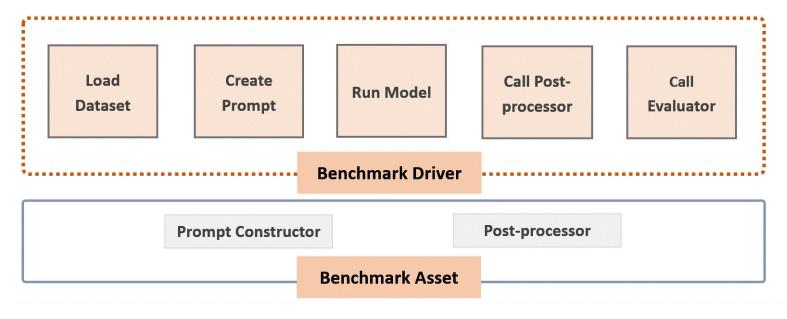
LLMeBench Features

- ~300 assets across 12 languages
- Extensive support for **reading datasets**
 - HuggingFace datasets + generic data loaders (csv, tsv, json)
 - Over 50 dataset-specific loaders
 - Automatic downloading of data (when allowed)
- Supports popular **task types** (Classification, regression etc.)
- Supports popular **model providers** (OpenAI, FastChat, Petals, HuggingFace Inference API)
- Extensive caching
- Extensible and Plug-and-play!
 - Easily add new datasets, tasks, evaluation metrics and model providers



LLMeBench: Technical Overview







Large Scale Experimentation Across:

TASKS	DATASETS	EVALUATION	MODELS
 Word Segmentation, Syntax & Information Extraction (e.g., POS tagging) Factuality, Disinformation & Harmful Content Detection (e.g., Hate Speech & Propaganda Detection) Semantics (e.g., Semantic Textual Similarity and Natural Language Inference) 	 XNLI XGLUE XQuAD ASAD Aqmar 	 Accuracy F1 Macro-F1 Micro-F1 Weighted-F1 	GPT-3.5GPT-4BLOOMZ
 Demographic & Protected Attributes (e.g., Gender and User Country Detection) 	SANADMADAR	BLEUWER	LEARNING
 Sentiment, Stylistic & Emotion Analysis (e.g., Stance Detection, Sarcasm Detection) Machine Translation (e.g., English-Arabic and Arabic dialects) News Categorization 	QASRWikiNewsConll2006ANERcorp	 Pearson Correlation Jaccard Simil arity 	Zero-shotFew-shot

Question Answering



LLMeBench

A Complete Video Tutorial



https://rb.gy/6m6h2b

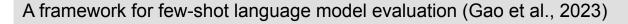


Language Model Evaluation Harness

A framework to evaluate LLMs on a large number of tasks and datasets

- Over 60 standard academic benchmarks for LLMs, with hundreds of subtasks and variants implemented.
- Support for models loaded via <u>transformers</u> (including quantization via <u>AutoGPTQ</u>), <u>GPT-NeoX</u>, and <u>Megatron-DeepSpeed</u>, with a flexible tokenization-agnostic interface.
- Support for fast and memory-efficient inference with <u>vLLM</u>.
- Support for commercial APIs including **OpenAI**, and **TextSynth**.
- Support for evaluation on adapters (e.g. LoRA) supported in HuggingFace's PEFT library.
- Support for local models and benchmarks.
- Evaluation with publicly available prompts ensures reproducibility and comparability between papers.
- Easy support for custom prompts and evaluation metrics.

https://github.com/EleutherAI/lm-evaluation-harness





Language Model Evaluation Harness

Pros

- Does not require explicit prompting
- Evaluation is based on log-likelihood
- Good for fast evaluation of LLMs

Cons

- Evaluation is not based on token(s) to represent candidate answer
- Lack of chat-templates

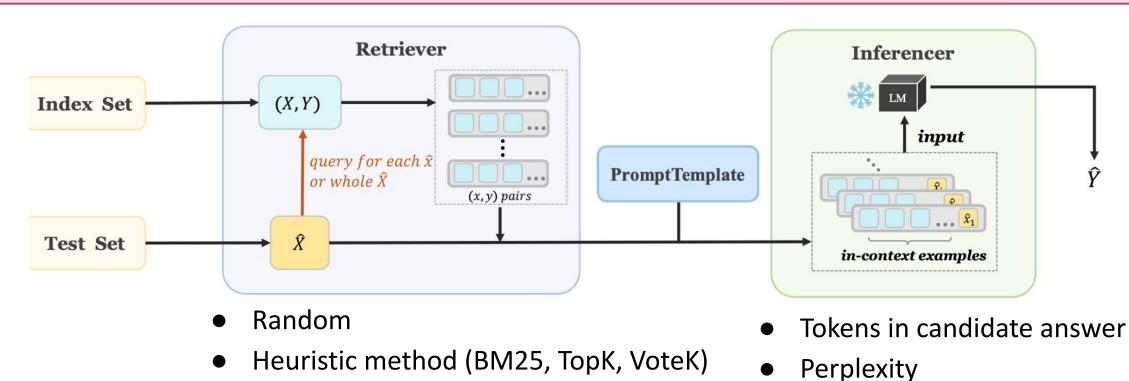
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A framework for few-shot language model evaluation, (Gao et al., 2023)

Open ICL

An easy-to-use and extensible in-context-learning (ICL) framework for zero-/few-shot evaluation of LLMs



• Model based approach

https://github.com/Shark-NLP/OpenICL

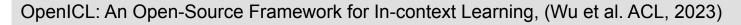
OpenICL: An Open-Source Framework for In-context Learning, (Wu et al. ACL, 2023)

Open ICL

Features

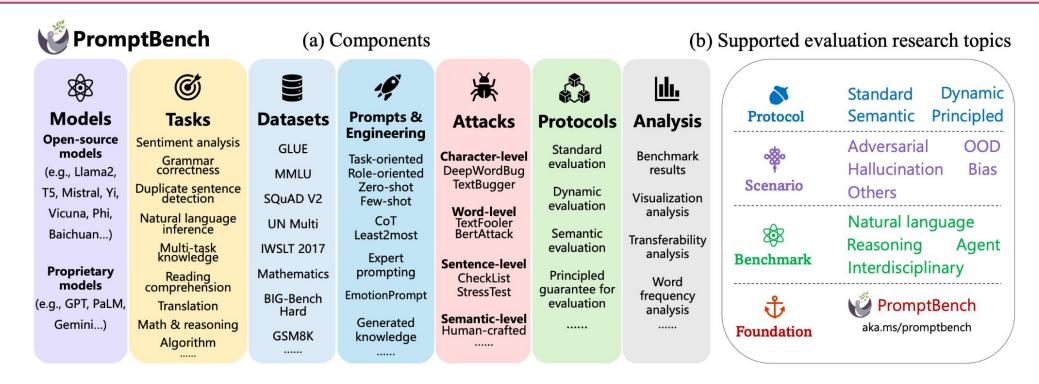
- Supports many state-of-the-art retrieval methods
- A unified and flexible interface for the development and evaluation of new ICL methods
- Implements data parallelism to improve the performance of both the retrieval and inference steps
- Model parallelism that users can easily parallelize their models with minimal modification to the code.

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Prompt Bench

A Unified Library for Evaluating and Understanding LLMs. A comprehensive benchmark designed for assessing the robustness of LLMs to adversarial prompts





https://github.com/microsoft/promptbench

PromptBench: A Unified Library for Evaluation of Large Language Models, (Zhu et al, 2023)

Prompt Bench

Features

- Quick model performance assessment
- Prompt Engineering
- Evaluating adversarial prompts
- Dynamic evaluation to mitigate potential test data contamination



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LLM-as-a-Judge

MT-bench is a challenging multi-turn question set designed to evaluate the conversational and instruction-following ability of models

- 80 high-quality, multi-turn questions
- automated evaluation pipeline based on GPT-4

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[System]
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Please act as an impartial judge and evaluate the quality of the response provided by an AI assistant to the user question displayed below. Your evaluation should consider factors such as the helpfulness, relevance, accuracy, depth, creativity, and level of detail of the response. Begin your evaluation by providing a short explanation. Be as objective as possible. After providing your explanation, please rate the response on a scale of 1 to 10 by strictly following this format: "[[rating]]", for example: "Rating: [[5]]".

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[Question]
{question}
[The Start of Assistant's Answer]
{answer}
[The End of Assistant's Answer]
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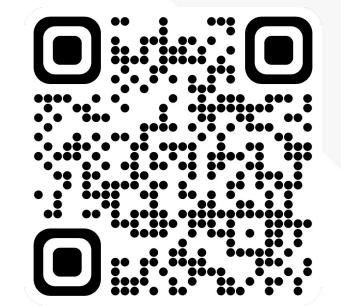
prompt for single answer grading

Judging LLM-as-a-Judge with MT-Bench and Chatbot Arena, (Zheng et al, 2023)



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