



LLM Prompting

Overview

- Last class:
 - $\,\circ\,$ LLM use cases, with a focus on Topic Modeling
 - Neural LDA (ProdLDA, CTM)
 - Instruction Tuning and Alignment
 - Beyond LDA (BERTtopic, TopicGPT)
- This class
 - LLMs as classifiers and data labelers



Core subject areas in CSS (and digital humanities)





General NLP methods for CSS

- Unsupervised approaches
 - Word statistics, topic modeling
- Semi-supervised approaches

 Word embeddings, lexicons
- Supervised approaches:
 - Data annotating, classification models, interpreting model outputs
- Typically supervised approaches yield best results (e.g. ability to measure the values we care about) but data annotation is difficult and costly







Zero-shot approaches



 Take model that has been instructed-tuned (with or without RLHF) and prompt it to label data



Can Large Language Models Transform Computational Social Science?

- Goal:
 - Evaluate zero-shot performance of LLMs over a diverse range of CSS text processing tasks
- Categories of tasks:
 - Utterance level
 - Conversation level
 - Document level
- [Primarily classification tasks, also information extraction and some text generation]

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Models Evaluated

- FLAN-T5 (Chung et al. 2022)
 - Encoder-decoder architecture
 - Instruction Tuned
 - [Open source model with strong zero/few shot performance]
- GPT-3
 - Some variants with only instruction-tuning and some +RLHF
- GPT-4
 - Multimodal model, substantially scales up GPT-3 architecture
- Baselines:
 - Supervised models trained for the specific task (RoBERTa for classification and T5 for generation)



Challenge: Models are sensitive to exact prompt



You What is the best topic model?

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Determining the "best" topic model depends on various factors such as the specific requirements of your task, the characteristics of your data, computational resources available, and personal preferences. However, some popular and effective topic modeling algorithms include Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), and Non-Negative Matrix Factorization (NMF).

- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA): LDA is a generative probabilistic model that assumes documents are a mixture of topics, and each topic is a mixture of words. It's widely used and relatively easy to implement. However, it may not capture correlations between words as well as other models.
- Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA): LSA is a technique based on Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) that analyzes relationships between terms and documents by producing a set of concepts related to the terms and documents. LSA can handle synonymy and polysemy to some extent but may not capture more complex semantic relationships.
- Non-Negative Matrix Factorization (NMF): NMF decomposes a matrix into the product of two lower-dimensional matrices, where all elements are non-negative. It's often used for dimensionality reduction and feature extraction. NMF has been shown to perform well for topic modeling tasks, particularly when interpretability of topics is important.

Each of these models has its strengths and weaknesses, and the choice depends on the specific needs of your project. It's often helpful to experiment with different models and evaluate their performance based on metrics such as coherence scores, topic interpretability, and relevance to your application.

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Which topic model is the best for my data?

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Determining the best topic model for your data depends on various factors such as the nature of your data, your specific objectives, the size of your dataset, and the computational resources available to you. Here are a few popular topic modeling algorithms and when they might be suitable:

1. Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA):

- * LDA is one of the most commonly used topic modeling algorithms.
- It assumes that documents are represented as a mixture of topics and that each word's presence is attributable to one of the document's topics.
- * Suitable for large corpora and when interpretability of topics is important.
- 2. Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA):
 - LSA is a classical method for topic modeling that utilizes singular value decomposition (SVD).
 - It works well with datasets where the relationships between terms and documents can be captured using linear algebra techniques.
 - Suitable when you have a smaller dataset and want a simple approach.
- 3. Non-Negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)-
 - NMF factorizes a non-negative matrix two non-negative matrices.
 - It's particularly useful when interpretability of topics is important and when your dataset is relatively small.
 - * NMF often leads to more easily interpretable topics compared to LDA.
- 4. Word Embedding-Based Models:
 - Models like Word2Vec, Doc2Vec, and GloVe can be used for topic modeling by clustering word vectors or document vectors.
 - They are effective when your data is primarily composed of short texts like tweets or product reviews.
 - They capture semantic relationships between words, which can lead to more meaningful topic representations.
- 5. BERTopic:
 - BERTopic is a recent approach that utilizes BERT embeddings and hierarchical clustering to identify topics.
 - It's effective for both short and long texts and can capture more nuanced relationships between words.
 - Suitable when you have access to large computational resources and want state-of-the-art performance.

Before choosing a topic model, it's essential to preprocess your data appropriately, including tasks such as text cleaning, tokenization, and possibly dimensionality reduction. Additionally, consider evaluating different models using metrics such as coherence score, topic diversity, and human judgment to select the most suitable one for your specific needs.

Challenge: Models are sensitive to exact prompt

• Write initial prompt



Effective Prompt Guideline	Reference	Guideline Example
When the answer is categorical, enumerate options as alphabetical multiple-choice so that the output is simply the highest-probability token ('A', 'B').	Hendrycks et al. (2021)	{\$CONTEXT} Which of the following describes the above news headline? [→]
Each option should be separated by a new line (—) to resemble the natural format of online multiple choice questions. More natural prompts will elicit more regular behavior.	Inverse Scaling Prize	A: Misinformation ← B: Trustworthy ← {\$CONSTRAINT}
To promote instruction-following, give instruc- tions <i>after</i> the context is provided; then explic- itly state any constraints . Recent and repeated text has a greater effect on LLM generations due to common attention patterns.	Child et al. (2019)	<pre>{\$CONTEXT} {\$QUESTION} Constraint: Even if you are uncertain, you must pick either</pre>
Clarify the expected output in the case of uncer- tainty. Uncertain models may use default phrases like <i>"I don't know,"</i> and clarifying constraints force the model to answer.	No Existing Reference	"True" or "False" without using any other words.
When the answer should contain multiple pieces of information, request responses in JSON format . This leverages LLM's familiarity with code to provide an output structure that is more easily parsed.	MiniChain Library	<pre>{\$CONTEXT} {\$QUESTION} JSON Output:</pre>

Challenge: Models are sensitive to exact prompt

- Write initial prompt
- Use GPT-3.5 to paraphrase initial prompt 4 times
- Report results averaged across prompt perturbations



Utterance-level

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Model	Bas	selines		I	FLAN-T	5		FLAN		text	-001		text-002	text-003	Cha	at
Data	Rand	Finetune	Small	Base	Large	XL	XXL	UL2	Ada	Babb.	Curie	Dav.	Davinci	Davinci	GPT3.5	GPT4
						Uttera	nce Le	vel Tasl	s							
Dialect	3.3	3.0	0.2	4.5	23.4	24.8	30.3	32.9	0.5	0.5	1.2	9.1	17.1	14.7	11.7	23.2
Emotion	16.7	71.6	19.8	63.8	69.7	65.7	66.2	70.8	6.4	4.9	6.6	19.7	36.8	44.0	47.1	50.6
Figurative	25.0	99.2	16.6	23.2	18.0	32.2	53.2	62.3	10.0	15.2	10.0	19.4	45.6	57.8	48.6	17.5
Humor	49.5	73.1	51.8	37.1	54.9	56.9	29.9	56.8	38.7	33.3	34.7	29.2	29.7	33.0	43.3	61.3
Ideology	33.3	64.8	18.6	23.7	43.0	47.6	53.1	46.4	39.7	25.1	25.2	23.1	46.0	46.8	43.1	60.0
Impl. Hate	16.7	62.5	7.4	14.4	7.2	32.3	29.6	32.0	7.1	7.8	4.9	9.2	18.4	19.2	16.3	3.7
Misinfo	50.0	81.6	33.3	53.2	64.8	68.7	69.6	77.4	45.8	36.2	41.5	42.3	70.2	73.7	55.0	26.9
Persuasion	14.3	52.0	3.6	10.4	37.5	32.1	45.7	43.5	3.6	5.3	4.7	11.3	21.6	17.5	23.3	56.4
Sem. Chng.	50.0	62.3	33.5	41.0	56.9	52.0	36.3	41.6	32.8	38.9	41.3	35.7	41.9	37.4	44.2	21.2
Stance	33.3	36.1	25.2	36.6	42.2	43.2	49.1	48.1	18.1	17.7	17.2	35.6	46.4	41.3	48.0	76.0

Most of the time supervised is

Suspiciously high LLM performance Was this data in GPT-4's training data?

Conversation-level

Model	Bas	selines		ł	FLAN-T	5		FLAN		text	-001		text-002	text-003	Cha	at
Data	Rand	Finetune	Small	Base	Large	XL	XXL	UL2	Ada	Babb.	Curie	Dav.	Davinci	Davinci	GPT3.5	GPT4
Discourse	14.3	49.6	4.2	21.5	33.6	37.8	50.6	39.6	6.6	9.6	4.3	11.4	35.1	36.4	35.4	16.7
Empathy	33.3	71.6	16.7	16.7	22.1	21.2	35.9	34.7	24.5	17.6	27.6	16.8	16.9	17.4	22.6	6.4
Persuasion	50.0	33.3	9.2	11.0	11.3	8.4	41.8	43.1	6.9	6.7	6.7	33.3	33.3	53.9	51.7	28.6
Politeness	33.3	75.8	22.4	42.4	44.7	57.2	51.9	53.4	16.7	17.1	33.9	22.1	33.1	39.4	51.1	59.7
Power	49.5	72.7	46.6	48.0	40.8	55.6	52.6	56.9	43.1	39.8	37.5	36.9	39.2	51.9	56.5	42.0
Toxicity	50.0	64.6	43.8	40.4	42.5	43.4	34.0	48.2	41.4	34.2	33.4	34.8	41.8	46.9	31.2	55.4

Most of the time supervised is much better



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Empathy	33.3	71.6	16.7	16.7	22.1	21.2	35.9	34.7	24.5	17.6	27.6	16.8	16.9	17.4	22.6	6.4
Persuasion	50.0	33.3	9.2	11.0	11.3	8.4	41.8	43.1	6.9	6.7	6.7	33.3	33.3	53.9	51.7	28.6
Politeness	33.3	75.8	22.4	42.4	44.7	57.2	51.9	53.4	16.7	17.1	33.9	22.1	33.1	39.4	51.1	59.7
Power	49.5	72.7	46.6	48.0	40.8	55.6	52.6	56.9	43.1	39.8	37.5	36.9	39.2	51.9	56.5	42.0
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Best LLM is not better than random * (also true for some of the utterancelevel and document-level tasks)



Document-level

Model	Bas	selines		Ι	FLAN-T	5		FLAN		text	-001		text-002	text-003	Cha	at
Data	Rand	Finetune	Small	Base	Large	XL	XXL	UL2	Ada	Babb.	Curie	Dav.	Davinci	Davinci	GPT3.5	GPT4
Event Arg.	22.3	65.1	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	-	8.6	8.6	21.6	22.9	22.3	23.0
Event Det.	0.4	75.8	9.8	7.0	1.0	10.9	41.8	50.6	29.8	47.3	47.4	44.4	48.8	52.4	51.3	14.8
Ideology	33.3	85.1	24.0	19.2	28.3	29.0	42.4	38.8	22.1	26.8	18.9	21.5	42.8	43.4	44.7	51.5
Tropes	36.9	-	1.7	8.4	13.7	14.6	19.0	28.6	7.7	12.8	16.7	15.2	16.3	26.6	36.9	44.9

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What about *agreement* instead of accuracy?

Dataset	Best Model	F1	κ	Agreement	Dataset	Best Model	F1	κ	Agreement
	Utterance-I	Level				Convo	-Level		
Dialect	flan-ul2	32.9	0.15	poor	Discourse	flan-t5-xxl	50.6	0.45	moderate
Emotion	flan-ul2	70.8	0.65	good	Empathy	flan-t5-xxl	35.9	0.04	poor
Figurative	flan-ul2	62.3	0.52	moderate	Persuasion	davinci-003	53.9	0.14	poor
Humor	gpt-4	61.3	0.23	fair	Politeness	flan-t5-xl	59.2	0.38	fair
Ideology	davinci-002	60.0	0.40	moderate	Power	gpt-4	59.7	0.26	fair
Impl. Hate	flan-ul2	32.3	0.20	fair	Toxicity	gpt-4	55.4	0.11	poor
Misinfo	flan-ul2	77.4	0.55	moderate		Docume	nt-Lev	el	
Persuasion	gpt-4	56.4	0.51	moderate	Ideology	opt-4	51.5	0.51	moderate
Semantic Chng.	flan-t5-large	56.9	0.14	poor	Event Det.	gpt-4	23.0	n/a	-
Stance	gpt-3.5-turbo	72.0	0.58	moderate	Tropes	gpt-4	44.9	n/a	_

What evaluation would you want to see to understand if using an LLM to augment human annotations is useful?



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Latent Hatred (ElSherief et al. 2021), "requires models to infer a subtle social taxonomy from the coded or indirect speech of U.S. hate groups" Example: "jewish harvard profeessor noel ignatiev wants to abolish the white race."

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Bad accuracy and agreement on subtle tasks that require nuanced social context (Models are oversensitive to "stereotype" class and label anything with an identity term as a stereotype)



"Concretely, our analysis reveals that, except in minority cases, prompted LLMs do not match or exceed the performance of carefully fine-tuned classifiers, and the best LLM performances are often too low to entirely replace human annotation."

[More nuanced take – depends on the task, but we have to question if we can trust evaluation]





Few-shot approaches (In context learning)

Large Language Models are few-shot learners

• A large labelled data set can be difficult to build, but annotating a smaller set is often feasible, how can we use this?

Language Models are Few-Shot Learners									
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Benja	min Chess	Jack Clark	Christopher	Berner					
Sam McCar	ndlish Alec Ra	adford Ilya Su	ıtskever I	Dario Amodei					

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Key idea: Give models a few examples during inference



"Zeroshot"

"One-shot"



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Few-shot "In-context learning" The model parameters are *not* changed (*no* gradient updates)



Evaluation

Setting	LAMBADA	LAMBADA	StoryCloze	HellaSwag
	(acc)	(ppl)	(acc)	(acc)
SOTA	68.0 ^a	8.63 ^b	91.8 ^c	85.6 ^d
GPT-3 Zero-Shot	76.2	3.00	83.2	78.9
GPT-3 One-Shot	72.5	3.35	84.7	78.1
GPT-3 Few-Shot	86.4	1.92	87.7	79.3

• [Tasks involve picking end of sentence, story, or set of instructions]



Evaluation

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Setting	$En \rightarrow Fr$	$Fr \rightarrow En$	En→De	De→En	En→Ro	Ro→En
SOTA (Supervised)	45.6 ^{<i>a</i>}	35.0 ^b	41.2 ^c	40.2^{d}	38.5 ^e	39.9 ^e
XLM [LC19] MASS [STQ ⁺ 19] mBART [LGG ⁺ 20]	33.4 <u>37.5</u>	33.3 34.9	26.4 28.3 <u>29.8</u>	34.3 35.2 34.0	33.3 <u>35.2</u> 35.0	31.8 33.1 30.5
GPT-3 Zero-Shot GPT-3 One-Shot GPT-3 Few-Shot	25.2 28.3 32.6	21.2 33.7 <u>39.2</u>	24.6 26.2 29.7	27.2 30.4 40.6	14.1 20.6 21.0	19.9 38.6 39.5

Setting	Winograd	Winogrande (XL)
Fine-tuned SOTA	90.1 ^{<i>a</i>}	84.6 ^b
GPT-3 Zero-Shot	88.3*	70.2
GPT-3 One-Shot	89.7*	73.2
GPT-3 Few-Shot	88.6*	77.7

 Generally improves performance over zero-shot, but it varies by task and lags behind supervised models





Model	FLAN Small			FLAN Base			FLAN Large			FI	LAN)	٢L	FLAN XXL			FLAN UL2		
Shot	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5
Dialect	0.2	0.0	0.4	4.5	0.0	1.4	23.4	0.7	14.1	24.8	8.0	20.5	30.3	0.2	29.9	32.9	12.6	27.5
Emotion	19.8	10.6	10.1	63.8	42.7	42.0	69.7	67.6	67.4	65.7	62.1	62.5	66.2	61.8	57.4	70.8	70.0	69.8
Figurative	16.6	10.0	9.2	23.2	29.1	27.3	18.0	21.8	19.6	32.2	27.9	28.5	53.2	52.6	66.2	62.3	52.7	62.0
Humor	51.8	52.8	53.1	37.1	35.1	34.7	54.9	54.0	53.8	56.9	57.0	56.7	29.9	34.8	35.3	56.8	55.5	54.1
Ideology	18.6	16.7	24.0	23.7	22.6	38.3	43.0	47.3	45.5	47.6	48.8	50.4	53.1	52.9	57.7	46.4	36.9	51.5
Impl. Hate	7.4	6.8	6.2	14.4	21.1	7.4	7.2	9.3	4.7	32.3	28.5	34.6	29.6	31.6	35.1	32.0	29.5	25.9
Misinfo	33.3	33.3	33.3	53.2	45.3	59.7	64.8	64.8	64.2	68.7	67.2	69.7	69.6	74.9	74.4	77.4	53.7	76.4
Persuasion	3.6	3.6	3.6	10.4	10.8	7.3	37.5	39.0	37.7	32.1	44.3	41.8	45.7	44.6	48.6	43.5	42.2	40.1
Sem. Chng.	33.5	33.3	34.0	41.0	35.7	41.7	56.9	48.8	60.4	52.0	40.8	35.6	36.3	34.0	33.3	41.6	62.5	34.6
Stance	25.2	16.7	29.6	36.6	18.1	36.6	42.2	41.8	39.8	43.2	52.1	46.2	49.1	46.0	48.7	48.1	55.6	54.7
Discourse	4.2	4.0	7.5	21.5	18.1	20.7	33.6	3.6	34.6	37.8	3.6	38.0	50.6	3.6	43.4	39.6	3.6	39.1
Empathy	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	22.1	16.7	17.1	21.2	30.4	22.8	35.9	29.8	28.2	34.7	41.5	39.6
Persuasion	9.2	55.9	45.0	11.0	55.0	48.7	11.3	54.6	51.7	8.4	42.8	43.8	41.8	38.8	35.2	43.1	44.9	46.1
Politeness	22.4	16.7	20.1	42.4	23.9	35.4	44.7	44.5	51.9	57.2	27.7	50.4	51.9	44.2	50.3	53.4	43.6	53.9
Power	46.6	44.5	33.3	48.0	39.8	41.4	40.8	45.5	43.5	55.6	58.9	60.2	52.6	52.0	62.6	56.9	57.2	57.5
Toxicity	43.8	46.7	33.3	40.4	34.7	54.4	42.5	34.7	36.7	43.4	38.7	49.2	34.0	33.3	35.1	48.2	44.7	52.5
Ideology	24.0	16.7	19.2	19.2	16.6	21.3	28.3	17.0	17.9	29.0	31.7	27.0	42.4	48.5	47.9	38.8	38.9	39.7
Tropes	1.7	5.1	3.4	8.4	5.1	3.4	13.7	10.0	11.6	14.6	8.4	10.0	19.0	8.4	6.8	28.6	27.3	24.6

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Ziems et al. "Can Large Language Models Transform Computational Social Science?" Computational Linguistics, 2024

What about CSS tasks?

 Improvements are inconsistent – often zeroshot is still better

Model	FLAN Small			FLAN Base			FLAN Large			FLAN XL			FLAN XXL			FLAN UL2		
Shot	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	5
Dialect	0.2	0.0	0.4	4.5	0.0	1.4	23.4	0.7	14.1	24.8	8.0	20.5	30.3	0.2	29.9	32.9	12.6	27.5
Emotion	19.8	10.6	10.1	63.8	42.7	42.0	69.7	67.6	67.4	65.7	62.1	62.5	66.2	61.8	57.4	70.8	70.0	69.8
Figurative	16.6	10.0	9.2	23.2	29.1	27.3	18.0	21.8	19.6	32.2	27.9	28.5	53.2	52.6	66.2	62.3	52.7	62.0
Humor	51.8	52.8	53.1	37.1	35.1	34.7	54.9	54.0	53.8	56.9	57.0	56.7	29.9	34.8	35.3	56.8	55.5	54.1
Ideology	18.6	16.7	24.0	23.7	22.6	38.3	43.0	47.3	45.5	47.6	48.8	50.4	53.1	52.9	57.7	46.4	36.9	51.5
Impl. Hate	7.4	6.8	6.2	14.4	21.1	7.4	7.2	9.3	4.7	32.3	28.5	34.6	29.6	31.6	35.1	32.0	29.5	25.9
Misinfo	33.3	33.3	33.3	53.2	45.3	59.7	64.8	64.8	64.2	68.7	67.2	69.7	69.6	74.9	74.4	77.4	53.7	76.4
Persuasion	3.6	3.6	3.6	10.4	10.8	7.3	37.5	39.0	37.7	32.1	44.3	41.8	45.7	44.6	48.6	43.5	42.2	40.1
Sem. Chng.	33.5	33.3	34.0	41.0	35.7	41.7	56.9	48.8	60.4	52.0	40.8	35.6	36.3	34.0	33.3	41.6	62.5	34.6
Stance	25.2	16.7	29.6	36.6	18.1	36.6	42.2	41.8	39.8	43.2	52.1	46.2	49.1	46.0	48.7	48.1	55.6	54.7
Discourse	4.2	4.0	7.5	21.5	18.1	20.7	33.6	3.6	34.6	37.8	3.6	38.0	50.6	3.6	43.4	39.6	3.6	39.1
Empathy	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	22.1	16.7	17.1	21.2	30.4	22.8	35.9	29.8	28.2	34.7	41.5	39.6
Persuasion	9.2	55.9	45.0	11.0	55.0	48.7	11.3	54.6	51.7	8.4	42.8	43.8	41.8	38.8	35.2	43.1	44.9	46.1
Politeness	22.4	16.7	20.1	42.4	23.9	35.4	44.7	44.5	51.9	57.2	27.7	50.4	51.9	44.2	50.3	53.4	43.6	53.9
Power	46.6	44.5	33.3	48.0	39.8	41.4	40.8	45.5	43.5	55.6	58.9	60.2	52.6	52.0	62.6	56.9	57.2	57.5
Toxicity	43.8	46.7	33.3	40.4	34.7	54.4	42.5	34.7	36.7	43.4	38.7	49.2	34.0	33.3	35.1	48.2	44.7	52.5
Ideology	24.0	16.7	19.2	19.2	16.6	21.3	28.3	17.0	17.9	29.0	31.7	27.0	42.4	48.5	47.9	38.8	38.9	39.7
Tropes	1.7	5.1	3.4	8.4	5.1	3.4	13.7	10.0	11.6	14.6	8.4	10.0	19.0	8.4	6.8	28.6	27.3	24.6

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Ziems et al. "Can Large Language Models Transform Computational Social Science?" Computational Linguistics, 2024

Recommendations

- 1. Integrate LLMs-in-the-loop to transform large-scale data labeling. [Maybe]
- 2. Prioritize open-source LLMs for classification [Probably]
- 3. Prioritize faithfulness, relevance, coherence, and fluency in your generations by opting for larger instruction-tuned models that have learned human preferences [We didn't go through generation results]
- 4. Investigate how LLMs produce new CSS paradigms built on the multipurpose capabilities of LLMs in the long term [Remember the goal of topic modeling is not LDA]











Fine-tuning approaches

Fine-tuning approaches

- What if we had more than 5-10 labeled examples?
- If we have 100-1000s, can we actually update the model parameters?
- We fine-tuned models like BERT and RoBERTa but newer models are orders of magnitude larger



Parameter-efficient Fine-tuning

- In fine-tuning we need to updating and storing all the parameters of the LM
 We would need to store a copy of the LM for each task
- With large models, storage management becomes difficult
 - E.g., A model of size 170B parameters requires ~340Gb of storage
 - If you fine-tune a separate model for 100 tasks:
 - 340 * 100 = 34 TB of storage!



Fine-tuning Pre-trained Models



- Whole model tuning:
 - Run an optimization defined on your task data that updates **all** model parameters

- Head-tuning:
 - Run an optimization defined on your task data that updates the parameters of the model "head"



[ACL 2022 Tutorial Beltagy, Cohan, Logan IV, Min and Singh]

Parameter-efficient Fine-tuning



fig source https://arxiv.org/pdf/2303.15647.pdf

Parameter-efficient Fine-tuning: Adding Models

- Augmenting the existing pre-trained model with extra parameters or layers and training only the new parameters
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Prompt Tuning: Effect of Prompt Length

 Prompt tuning performs poorly at smaller model sizes and on harder tasks.





[The Power of Scale for Parameter-Efficient Prompt Tuning. Lester et al. 2021]

Prompt Tuning: Effect of Prompt Length

- The shorter the prompt, the fewer new parameters must be tuned
- Increasing prompt length is critical to achieving good performance
- The largest model still gives strong results with a single-token prompt
- Increasing beyond 20 tokens only yields marginal gains





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Adapters

- **Idea:** train small sub-networks and only tune those.
 - FF projects to a low dimensional space to reduce parameters.
- No need to store a full model for each task, **only the adapter params**.



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- Is parameter-efficient tuning more (1) computationally efficient; (2) memory-efficient than whole-model tuning?
- It is not faster! You still need to do the entire forward and backward pass.
- It is more memory efficient.
 - You only need to keep the optimizer state for parameters that you are fine-tuning and not all the parameters.



Selective methods

- Selective methods fine-tune a subset of the existing parameters of the model.
- It could be a layer depth-based selection, layer type-based selection, or even individual parameter selection.



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- Hypothesis: the intrinsic rank of the weight matrices in a large language model is low
- Parameter update for a weight matrix is decomposed into a product of two low-rank matrices

$$W \leftarrow W + \Delta W$$
$$\Delta W = BA$$
$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{d,r}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{r,k}, \ r \ll \min(k, d)$$





Performance/compactness comparison







Conclusions

- LLMs can be useful zero or few shot models for some tasks, but performance can be much worse than supervised models
- Need to validate if the model works for the proposed task before using it
- Metrics like Accuracy and F1 aren't actually what we care about:
 - If an LLM has accuracy 82% and a supervised model has accuracy 84%, is it worth hours of data annotating for an extra 2%?
 - Is either model actually good enough for trends we might care about in the data?
 e.g. how accurate does a model detecting misinformation need to be for us to determine how quickly it spreads?



Conclusions

- What are more reasons we may not want to use GPT-4 to annotate data?
 - We pay per query or input/output tokens → annotating a full data set of hundreds of millions of tweets could become quite expensive
 - We have to share the data with OpenAI. Infeasible for private data like healthcare, law, social services etc.





- HW 4 is out
- Feedback on project proposals
- Next class:
 - Guest Ziang Xiao
 - Topic: LLMs for social experiments / human subject research

