

GenAI Efficiency is About More than Models

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1 Hour of My Time Growing Up





1/5 of a Double Feature2 movies was the norm



1/3 of a Baseball Game

1 Hour of Your Time Today!!! A HUGE Responsibility





40 Instagram Reels



100 Avg Facebook Reels



The Inside Story of ChatGPT's Astonishing Potential | Greg Brockman | TED

4 Popular AI Ted Talks!

Three Aspects of My Talk



- My best and most heartfelt advice to young professionals in this field
- My enthusiasm for Compound GenAl Systems
- Research problems in Compound GenAl Systems and their role in MLSys and elsewhere

My (GenAI) Talk in One Slide



Machine Learning/Deep Learning have rapidly evolved through a number of eras:

- ML Era 1: Orchestration of statistics gave us **Machine Learning**
- ML Era 2: Orchestration of Machine Learning algorithms gave us Neural Nets
- ML Era 3: Orchestration of Neural Net model functions/components gave us the Transformer
- ML Era 4: Orchestration of Transformers gave us Large Language Models
- ML Era 5: Orchestration of Large Language Models gives us **Compound GenAl Systems**

Compound GenAl Systems give us the next generation of key problems for ML Systems

For the Young Professionals: Quote #1: A Quote that Has Shaped My Whole Career



"The right perspective, context, or point of view is worth 80 IQ points." Alan Kay

Examples I Know Well





- Every graduate student taking an advanced compiler course was familiar with the Aho-Corasick algorithm for string matching (1975) and the Sethi-Ullman algorithm for code generation in compilers (1970).
- But, in 1987, researchers attacking the problem of matching Boolean equations to standard logical cells did not have that perspective.



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Examples I Know Well



- SqueezeNet
 - Mainstream computer vision in 2015 was entirely focused on improving ImageNet accuracy using GPUs
 - The fields also had a good palette of Convolutional Neural Net model building elements
 - Our (Forrest landola and I) perspective from embedded systems taught us that there was always a "trickle down" of technology to the edge and soon NN's would be everywhere.



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A Quote that Has Shaped My Whole Career



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A different perspective can enable us to:

- Bring a fresh approach to an established problem
- Apply a well-established playbook to a new area
- Identify new research directions before others do
 - The first person to the beach picks up the most diamonds

My goal of this talk is to give you a new perspective

For the Young Professionals: Quote #2: The Value of History



The easiest way to predict the future is to study history.

Corollary of:

- History repeats itself.
- There's nothing new under the sun.
- Etc.

History Often Gives a Useful Perspective Our Applications 2007-2013





How Were We Solving Them? ML Approaches in 2007 – 2013



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Sentiment Analysis	Music Recommendation	Sponsored The New Oculus Quest 2 Oculus.com/quest-2 Ad Recommendation	Multimedia and Rec Systems	Gaussian Mixture Models HMMs Support VMs
Sentiment Analysis	Sent Mail Spam (372) Trash	POS Tagging	Natural Language Processing	Bag-of-words, Latent Dirichlet Allocation, Hidden Markov Models

ML Era 1: (Traditional) Machine Learning





Michael Jordan's definition of Machine Learning: "algorithms and supporting theory for making predictions and decisions **under uncertainty** based on **observed data.**"

Personal communication

Invited talk: <u>SysML: Perspectives and Challenges</u>, Michael I. Jordan, SysML (MLSys) 2018

20 Selected *Machine Learning* Algorithms We Employed 2007-2013



- Computer vision
 - Convolution
 - K-means
 - Mean shift
 - Agglomerative algorithms
 - Vector distance
 - Histogram accumulation
 - Hough transform
 - Eigen decomposition
 - Feature matching
 - Support Vector machines

- Speech recognition and audio analysis
 - Convolution
 - K-means
 - Agglomerative hierarchical modeling
 - Orthogonal transformations
 - Gaussian Mixture models
 - Weighted-finite state transducers
 - Hidden-Markov-models
 - Dynamic Bayesian networks
 - Expectation maximization

Led by Bryan Catanzaro, we prided ourselves on making these traditional machine learning algorithms faster, particularly on GPUs and orchestrating them to solve real problems 14

Big Event #1 Accuracy Improvement after AlexNet (a DNN) 2012



Krizhevsky, Alex, Ilya Sutskever, and Geoffrey E. Hinton. "Imagenet classification with deep convolutional neural networks." *NeurIPS* 25 (2012).

Soon Diverse Machine Learning Algorithms were Replaced by *a Single DNN*!



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What Problems Were We Solving in 2013?





How? Approaches in 2013 – 2020



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ML Era 2: Deep Learning Approach Neural Nets





Yann LeCun

December 24, 2019 · 🔇

Some folks still seem confused about what deep learning is. Here is a definition:

DL is constructing networks of parameterized functional modules & training them from examples using gradient-based optimization. That's it.



• LeCunn continues "This definition is orthogonal to the learning paradigm: reinforcement, supervised, or self-supervised."

Big Surprise #1:No Algorithmic Approach Had Ever Had Such Broad Application





Why Was Deep Learning So Successful? Common View 2018: *Deep* Neural Nets!





We Thought NN Model Architectures Were the Key





DNN Model Architecture Diversity



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Palette of a Computer VisionNeural Net Model Designer (~2020) Orchestation of NN Model Architectures Was the Key Skill





Design Space was so Large and Diverse that Searching It Required Significant Automation: Neural Architecture Search

FBNet Family

CNN parameters to be explored:

- # Layers
- Type of convolution: spatial, group, dilated, shift
- Expansion factor



H. Liu, K. Simonyan, and Y. Yang. Darts: Differentiable architecture search. arXiv preprint arXiv:1806.09055, 2018.

Xie, S., Zheng, H., Liu, C., and Lin, L., SNAS: stochastic neural architecture search, ICLR, 2018.

Wu, B., Dai, X., Zhang, P., Wang, Y., Sun, F., Wu, Y., Tian, Y., Vajda, P., Jia, Y. and Keutzer, K., 2019. FBnet: Hardware-aware efficient convnet design via differentiable neural architecture search.

Guo, Z., Zhang, X., Mu, H., Heng, W., Liu, Z., Wei, Y., and Sun, J. Single path oneshot neural architecture search with uniform sampling, ECCV: 544-560, 2020.

ML Era #3.0 Then Came the Transformer



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Within 3 Years Transformers Were Everywhere



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Big Surprise #2: Model Architectures Are Converging



- Given the increasing diversity of applications, it would be natural to expect that the model architectures used in Deep Learning would be becoming diverse as well ... but, the opposite is happening
- Broad convergence on transformer-based architectures

Data and Compute Capability Dominate Model Selection SqueezeNet (2016) (~AlexNet Top-5) vs LeCunn's LeNet (1998)





For Reflection #1



- Perhaps *Neural Nets* outperform *traditional machine learning algorithms* because they are better able to put very fine-grain parallelism to use through scaling ...
- And, perhaps *transformers* outperform *other Neural Net* models for the same reason:

. . .

 they are better able to put very finegrain parallelism to use through scaling than other model architectures



ML Era 4.0

Transformers orchestrated to create Large Language Models





ML Era 4.0: Large Language Models





What Was the Point of All That? Observe the Patterns



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What Has Changed Since 2020?



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Synthetic , Multi-modal and Surprising! Let's Look at the System Challenges





Challenges to All Large Language Models Compounded or Not

- Shortly I'll be contrasting these two approaches to applications
- But, as they are both built on LLMs, let's talk about common problems first.



ML 3.0: Large Language Models

ML 4.0: Compound GenAl Systems




- Some architectural differences exist between LLMs:
 - Different number of layers, number of attention heads, hidden dimension
 - Choice of positional embeddings Eg. RoPE, absolute, ALiBi
 - Choice of activation function Eg. GELU vs SwiGLU
 - Multi-head versus multi-query attention (MQA/GQA)
 - Mixture-of-experts for the FFN
- However, the core Transformer Decoder architecture is the same for nearly all LLMs, and has been relatively stable for the past few years
 - N stacked identical blocks, interleaving selfattention and feed-forward network subblocks



Mixture of Experts





[GPT] Radford, A., Narasimhan, K., Salimans, T. and Sutskever, I., 2018. Improving language understanding by generative pre-training.

[MoE] Fedus, W., Zoph, B. and Shazeer, N., 2022. Switch transformers: Scaling to trillion parameter models with simple and efficient sparsity. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 23(120), pp.1-39. also arXiv:2101.03961.38

Minor Architectural Variations (By Model Size)



Model	Year	Positional Encoding	Activation	Norm	Hidden Dim	# Heads	Head Dim	# Layers	MQA/GQA	ΜοΕ
Mistral (7B)	2023	RoPE	SwiGLU	RMSNorm	4096	32	128	32	Yes	No
Gemma (7B)	2024	RoPE	GeGLU	RMSNorm	3072	16	256	28	No	No
LLaMA (65B)	2023	RoPE	SwiGLU	RMSNorm	8192	64	128	80	No	No
LLaMA-3 (70B)	2024	RoPE	SwiGLU	RMSNorm	8192	64	128	80	Yes	No
Command R+ (104B)	2024	RoPE	SwiGLU	LayerNorm	12288	96	128	64	Yes	No
DBRX (132B)	2024	RoPE	SwiGLU	LayerNorm	6144	48	128	40	Yes	Yes
GPT-3 (175B)	2020	Absolute	GELU	LayerNorm	12288	96	128	96	No	No
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Karpathy on Data



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We see more significant improvements from training data distribution search (data splits + oversampling factor ratios) than neural architecture search. The latter is so overrated :)

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The Bigger Difference in Models is the Training Data used, and How it is Used



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Common Characteristic 2a, Facing the Memory Wall: Divergence Between Computation and Communication





Amir Gholami, Zhewei Yao, Sehoon Kim, Michael W. Mahoney, Kurt Keutzer, <u>Al and Memory Wall</u>, IEEE Micro, 2024.

Common Characteristic 2b: Model Size of LLMs is Exacerbating the Memory Wall





Memory Wall and Input Sequences





Kim, S., Hooper, C., Wattanawong, T., Kang, M., Yan, R., Genc, H., ... & Gholami, A. (2023). Full stack optimization of transformer inference: a survey. ASSYST Workshop, **ISCA 2023**.

Differences in Sequence Length

- One key distinguishing feature is the typical size of the input sequence length
- Edge applications such as AR/VR glasses, in-car NLP, as well as consumer applications such as Tweets and FB posts may be very short
- B-2-B applications involving financial or legal documents, or results of RAG may be very long



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Memory Consumption for Long Sequence Lengths





How Model Optimization Helps:

More Performant Model at the Same Comp Cost of a Smaller Model





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Quantization and Compression Well Represented in MLSys 2024





Quantization and Compression 1

- AWQ: Activation-aware Weight Quantization for On-Device LLM Compression and Acceleration
- QMoE: Sub-1-Bit Compression of Trillion Parameter Models
- Atom: Low-Bit Quantization for Efficient and Accurate LLM Serving

Quantization and Compression 2

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Posters 1:30-3:00

- JIT-Q: Just-in-time Quantization with Processing-In-Memory for Efficient ML Training
- Torch2Chip: An End-to-end Customizable Deep Neural Network Compression and Deployment Toolkit for Prototype Hardware Accelerator Design
- Schrodinger's FP Training Neural Networks with Dynamic Floating-Point Containers
- Efficient Post-training Quantization with FP8 Formats

Why Aren't Monolithic LLMs the Final Solution?











ChatGPT Known to be Prone to Hallucination!





Perplexity.ai





Perplexity.ai Ah, There's the Right Answer!





Generated/Predicted Output

what is the leading conference on machine learning systems?

Based on the search results provided, the leading conference on machine learning systems appears to be the Conference on Machine Learning and Systems (MLSys): The MLSys conference is described as targeting "research at the intersection of machine learning and systems" and aims to "elicit new connections amongst these fields, ...

Perplexity.ai





Perplexity.ai Oops, again.



Generate Out

Generated/Predicted Output

what is the <u>most important</u> machine learning systems conference?

Prompt

The International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) is widely regarded as the premier and most important conference in the field of machine learning systems.

Not Really so Bad, but ...



- I'm confident I work with high school students who could do a superior conference information system using Compound GenAI Systems!
- Too much attention on GenAI has been placed on consumer-facing question-and-answer applications
- I'm here today because I feel the exciting way forward is in agents and co-piloted systems



ML 4.0: Large Language Models

From ML 4.0 to ML 5.0 Compound GenAl Systems



"We define a Compound AI System as a system that tackles AI tasks using multiple interacting components, including multiple calls to models, retrievers, or external tools."

- Zaharia, et. al. BAIR Blog 2/18/2024
- In the future, almost every business-to-consumer and business-to-business activity will be co-piloted or intermediated by an agent build as a Compound GenAl System
- Compound GenAl Systems offer:
 - Superior performance for targeted applications
 - Privacy
 - Low-latency
 - Cost-effectiveness
- Compound GenAI systems not only exploit that natural language processing capability of LLMs at the front end, but they use the intelligence of LLMs at the back end to request and process additional information



ML 3.0: Large Language Models

ML 4.0: Compound GenAI Systems

Characterizing Agents/Co-Pilots The Poster Child of Compound GenAl Systems





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A user-prompt driven GenAI System that:

- Uses one or more small to mid-size (<= 70B parameter) opensource LLMs (e.g. Llama X)
- Achieves superior results over monolithic proprietary LLMs (e.g. ChatGPT) through fine-tuning on proprietary data, Parameter Efficient Fine-tuning (PEFT), and/or prompting
- Accesses up to date, task-relevant information using:
 - Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)
 - Invocation of a variety of task-relevant tools
- Synthesizes results from all sources, and returns the result to the user

For the Young Professionals If You're Really Interested in Efficiency







Kurt Keutzer

Prof. Bob Brodersen

- It took me 10 years to finally learn that Bob was right, (then 18 years into my career).
- I wish I had been looking harder at applications from the beginning.

We Will Look at a Number of Compound GenAl Applications Today











As Well as Sophisticated Use of Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) and Tools





And ... If You Can Show Do This A Small Team Can Build Power Software/Agents





LLM-centric GenAl Systems Let's Look at them Individually





Why Does the Execution of Simple Tasks on a SmartPhone Take So Many Steps with Today's Apps?



What We Want Seems so Simple





dinner Thursday at 6PM at Berkeley Social Club? (map attached) (eom)

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TinyAgent + LLM Compiler Aim to Solve This: Managing Everyday Tasks Using Natural Language



Kim, S., Moon, S., Tabrizi, R., Lee, N., Mahoney, M.W., Keutzer, K. and Gholami, A., 2023. An LLM compiler for parallel function calling. arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.04511. To appear ICML 2024.

Overview LLM Compiler and Function Calling



LLMCompiler enables function calling by decomposing the user queries into a series of function calls with the right set of arguments and execution order

• We use LLM's reasoning capability to build a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) from the user input



Overview LLMCompiler: Parsing and Execution



Plans are then parsed and executed by the **Executor**



Creates DAG -

- Chooses tools
- Schedules work
 - Dispatches work
- Executes API calls

Let's Look at that Step by Step Pre-Planning: Step 0





Tools

- The prompt size can grow with the number of tools.
- To reduce the prompt size, we pre-process to select only relevant tools and provide them to the Planner.
Planning: Step 1



Step 1: LLM Planner provides the plan



Execution: Step 2-1



Step 2-1: Executor executes the plan



Execution Pt-2



Step 2-2: Executor executes the plan



Execution Pt-3



Step 2-3: Executor executes the plan



Things Can be a Bit More Complicated



More complicated Planning Example



Even Simple Queries Can Get Complicated, Quickly In General, We Have a Distributed Computing Problem

Prompt: Analyze the risk factors mentioned by major semiconductor companies using their most recent 10-K filings.

Parallel Operations:

- Identification of semiconductor companies
- Text extraction from multiple 10-K filings simultaneously.
- Natural language processing to identify and categorize risks in each filing.
- Aggregation and comparison of risk data across different companies.



LLM Compiler for Efficient Tool Planning and Execution





Summary TinyAgent and LLM Compiler





- TinyAgent is our project aimed at investigating how agents can simplify management of everyday tasks
- LLMCompiler is a research outcome that anticipates that as function calling becomes more complicated, planning and execution of function calls becomes a distributed computing problem
 - Speed of execution dramatically improved through distributed computing
 - Robustness in the face of failed/delayed tool calls

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ML Sys in 2026? 2030?



MLSYS or NeurIPS etc



MLSYS

In the program today

• Quantization and Compression

In the future?

- Efficient function calling
- Efficient RAG

Meet the real Lutfi and Sid (and Monish) at their poster today *Retrieval Augmented Generation: Challenges and Opportunities*

LLM-centric GenAl Systems Let's Look at them Individually





Why Can't a Security Analyst's Life Be This Easy?



Security Analyst at a Managed Security Services Provider

Nexusflow.ai Enterprise-grade GenAl Software Agent





- Nexusflow.ai is creating a GenAI software agent that simplifies burdensome tasks in enterprises by providing a natural language interface
- In a Security Operation Center/Managed Security Services Provider, a single incident may require security analysts to deal with dozens of tools each with complicated APIs
- The first step is automating the translation of a query in natural language to a series of function calls to tools
- The information returned from the tools will then be used to satisfy the query.

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- We've already seen TinyAgent do function calling, but ...
- In an enterprise context, accurately, translating a single natural language command to function calls to tools has many challenges:
 - A single natural language query may result in ten or more tool invocations
 - Each security tool API may have 30 or more arguments
 - Each argument may have 100 or more alternative values
 - All this must be executed correctly to get the correct result
 - And ... the user wants immediate (~1 second response) time
- Even a very strong model such as GPT-4 struggles to get >50% zero-shot accuracy
- How can a small model compete?

Requirements for Enterprise-Strength Function Calling



- Requirement of function-calling in an enterprise-strength GenAl model:
 - Few/no hallucinations during tool use
 - Generalizes to new APIs \rightarrow 90% Zero-shot performance
 - Can orchestrate multiple complex APIs to execute a plan

Smaller Models Compete by Fine-Tuning The Key Element of Fine-tuning is Data





Requirements on Data



- In developing a data set for in fine-tuning, the data should be:
 - High Quality:
 - Every detail in the completion of the function call must be mapped to information provided in the prompt explicitly.
 - Diverse:
 - Data needs to be from varied real-world (not synthetic) sources, capturing **diversity** of use cases.
 - Difficult:
 - End goal should require orchestration of multiple calls, where the outputs feed into each other: → Model learns to plan

Generating the Data Set for Fine-tuning





Mining data from The Stack[1] ensures **diversity**.

Mining deeply nested call chains from The Stack [1] ensures **difficulty**.

[1]huggingface.co/datasets/bigcode/thestack-dedup

- Explanations teach the model where details in the completion are motivated from.
- Allows the model it to learn strong mappings between inputs and outputs, mitigating hallucinations.

Postprocessing the data to include irrelevant functions makes the function calling task more difficult, allowing for a stronger model. (**Difficulty**)

Building an Agent





State of the Art in Zero Shot Function Calling The Problem is Far from Being Solved





Radar Chart of Accuracy Across Different APIs

NexusRaven-v2 surpasses GPT4 in accuracy

Model and Benchmark are Opensource huggingface.co/Nexusflow

- Acceptable results on only two benchmarks and by only two tools
- We have a long way to go

Research Directions for Function Calling



- Bring Zero Shot performance to 90% across a broad range of applications
 - Why Zero-Shot?
 - Want a highly portable model that doesn't require a lot of fine-tuning or prompting for every new customer and their APIs
- One key element: Improve the formalization of Function Call definition
 - Current *de facto* standard is OAS (OpenAI Specification)
 - Seems to be a genuine need for a more formal abstraction of functional calling and the languages used
- As always: reduce latency within user requirements

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Personalized Teacher





Education is Such a Great Human Need How Can GenAl Help?





- Competition for a university education has never been higher
- Costs of education are rising exponentially
- Exams are still the gateway for many opportunities
- What if you could have your own personal tutor/teacher?

SiglQ.ai offers GenAl Agent: Personal Tutor/Teacher





- SigIQ.ai has created a platform that creates GenAI agents that serve as personal tutors
- These agents are able to tailor tutoring to each individual user based on their behavior

SiglQ.ai Personalized AI Teacher Responding to a Question





Checking for Hallucinations Users Will Not Use an App with Inaccuracies



SiglQ.ai Personalized AI Teacher Personalizing Plan and Feedback





Let's Look at Hallucination Verification/Elimination
































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Available at Google Play





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SigiQ.ai is not an Application It is an Application Generator!





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For the Young Academic Professionals



- Perhaps you're already working on your own applications, on campus, in your labs, or at your startups
- But if not, where do you find one?:
- As for doing your own application you already have the:
 - GenAI expertise
 - Modest compute: 1-8 GPUs

• But what about the data?

Data is Everywhere Once You Know Where to Look





Many non-STEM (and some STEM) groups like

- Social scientists
- Humanities

Are sitting on lots of data, would love to have GenAI applications, but they don't know how to create them

My Hobby Application: Machine Translation for Low Resource Languages



Our Own Machine Translation System for Sanskrit, Tibetan and Scriptural Chinese





ABOUT

Dharmamitra Translator

Transliteration	Output language				
Autodetect Other V	English Other ∽				
Enter text to translate in Sanskrit, Tibetan, Buddhist scriptural Chinese or English.		https://dharmamitra.org/			

- Driven by Research Specialist Sebastian Nehrdich, this has been my pet project
- Involved in every aspect from low-level data cleaning to grand strategy
- Tibetan is the most mature and unique aspect of the project, but Sanskrit is the most sophisticated

A/The Key to Machine Translation is Data Specifically in the form of sentence pairs





- Downloading pdfs, OCR'ing, and editing
- Identifying English translations and similarly downloading, OCR'ing, and editing
- Using Sebastian Nehrdich's automated alignment system between Sanskrit and English

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Fine-tuning Open-Source models Now in its Third Generation Based on Llama 3





The MITRA Sanskrit Translation Workflow





Development of the Input Prompt



Prompt

Please translate this Sanskrit sentence into English:

रामो वनं गच्छति rāmo vanam gacchati

Here is a list of reference sentences and their translation:

Sanskrit: ā enam śraddhā gacchati ainam yajñaḥ gachati ainam lokaḥ gacchati ainam annam gachati ainam annādyam gacchati yaḥ evam veda
 Translation: Faith Sacrifice, the world, food and nourishment approach him who possesses this knowledge.

...]

Here is a grammatical annotation of the sentence: **ram** common noun case=nominative , number=singular, gender=masc **vana** common noun case=accusative , number=singular, gender=neuter **gam** finite verb tense=pres, mood=ind, person=plural, number=singular Input comes from user: रामो वनं गच्छति rāmo vanaṃ gacchati

RAG: Using Semantic Similarity and kNN search we find 10-20 similar sentences in our translation database

Function calling: Using a morphological analyzer developed by Hellwig/Nehrdich, we give a morphological analysis

Can Supply Full Grammatical Analysis



Translation

Pali/Sanskrit



English Translation: Consciousness is the self.

Explanation of Structure and Meaning:- The Sanskrit compound "caitanyamātmā" is made up of two words: "caitanyam" and "ātmā."- "Caitanyam" comes from the stem "caitanya," which means "consciousness" or "sentience." It is in the nominative case, neuter gender, and singular number, indicating that it is the subject of the sentence.- "Ātmā" comes from the stem "ātman," which means "self" or "soul." It is in the nominative case, masculine gender, and singular number, also indicating that it is the subject of the sentence.- The compound "caitanyamātmā" is a Karmadhāraya compound, where the first member "caitanyam" (consciousness) qualifies the second member "ātmā" (self). In this type of compound, both words are in the nominative case because they refer to the same entity.-The translation "Consciousness is the self" reflects the grammatical relationship between "caitanyam" and "ātmā," where "consciousness" is equated with or identified as the "self." The sentence asserts that the essential nature of the self is consciousness.

What Machine Translation is Teaching us About Design Space Exploration





Trading off Application Performance and Computational Efficiency





- Applications inevitably bring
 - Requirements on application performance (aka accuracy)
 - Requirements on computational efficiency (e.g. latency)
 - Unfortunately, improving performance typically requires more computation

Choosing Model Size: Latency



Model	Year	Positional Encoding	Activation	Norm	Hidden Dim	# Heads	Head Dim	# Layers	MQA/ GQA	ΜοΕ	Time per token generated (s)*
Mistral (7B)	2023	RoPE	SwiGLU	RMSNorm	4096	32	128	32	Yes	No	0.01
Gemma (7B)	2024	RoPE	GeGLU	RMSNorm	3072	16	256	28	No	No	0.01
LLaMA (65B)	2023	RoPE	SwiGLU	RMSNorm	8192	64	128	80	No	No	0.06
LLaMA-3 (70B)	2024	RoPE	SwiGLU	RMSNorm	8192	64	128	80	Yes	No	0.06
Command R (104B)	2024	RoPE	SwiGLU	LayerNorm	12288	96	128	64	Yes	No	0.10
DBRX (132B)	2024	RoPE	SwiGLU	LayerNorm	6144	48	128	40	Yes	Yes	0.03
GPT-3 (175B)	2020	Absolute	GELU	LayerNorm	12288	96	128	96	No	No	0.16
Falcon (180B)	2023	RoPE	GELU	LayerNorm	14848	64	64	80	Yes	No	0.16
PaLM (540B)	2022	RoPE	SwiGLU	LayerNorm	18438	48	256	118	Yes	No	0.49

Latency of models above was estimated by: Model_size_in_bytes/Nvidia_A100_bandwidth or 2 *model_size /(2039) * (1024^3))

Choosing Strategy





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There's So Much More to Talk About:Diffusion A Big Portion of Future System Workloads





So Much I Didn't Talk About



- Diffusion: Images, Videos, soon 3D
- Partial Fine-tuning Methods:
 - Low-Rank Adapters
 - Large Language Models 1: Tuesday 1:30PM
 - SLoRA: Scalable Serving of Thousands of LoRA Adapters
- Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) on a Large Scale
 - Legal, financial, research
 - Large Context Windows
 - Prompting and Prompting Optimization
- Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback
- GenAI at the Edge

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Summary: For Young Professionals

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- Always strive to find a new perspective – It's worth 80 IQ points!
- How? Get close to real world applications
 Don't stop at standard benchmarks
- Develop a toolkit/playbook of techniques and use your perspective identify the right places to apply them
- Startup tip:
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Summary: GenAl is About More than Models -1



- Much of the focus on Large Language Models has been on their ability to process natural language input and generate an interesting output based on their parametric knowledge
- The real power of LLMs is shown when their ability to retrieve data (RAG) and manipulate tools (through function calling) to create Compound GenAI Systems
- Agents/co-pilots are the exemplar of this trend
 - Soon most of our daily and business lives will by co-piloted by agents

Summary: GenAl is About More than Models - 2



- Explicitly I showed you a number of Compound GenAI Systems
- Perhaps more importantly, implicitly I showed you that the bar to creating valuable consumer and enterprise applications has never been lower
 - Even 5 years ago the systems I showed you would have required 5-10x more programing effort!

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- Larger context windows
- Prompt compression
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A Final Question



Machine Learning/Deep Learning have rapidly evolved through a number of eras:

- ML Era 1: Orchestration of statistics gave us Machine Learning
- ML Era 2: Orchestration of Machine Learning algorithms gave us **Neural Nets**
- ML Era 3: Orchestration of Neural Net model functions/components gave us the Transformer
- ML Era 4: Orchestration of Transformers gave us Large Language Models
- ML Era 5: Orchestration of Large Language Models gives us **Compound GenAl Systems**
- ML Era 6: Orchestration of Compound GenAl systems give us What?