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Sparks of Artificial General Intelligence: Early experiments with GPT-4

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Abstract

Artificial intelligence (AI) researchers have been developing and refining large language models (LLMs) that exhibit remarkable capabilities across a variety of domains and tasks, challenging our understanding of learning and cognition. The latest model developed by OpenAI, GPT-4 [Ope23], was trained using an unprecedented scale of compute and data. In this paper, we report on our investigation of an early version of GPT-4, when it was still in active development by OpenAI. We contend that (this early version of) GPT-4 is part of a new cohort of LLMs (along with ChatGPT and Google's PaLM for example) that exhibit more general intelligence than previous AI models. We discuss the rising capabilities and implications of these models. We demonstrate that, beyond its mastery of language, GPT-4 can solve novel and difficult tasks that span mathematics, coding, vision, medicine, law, psychology and more, without needing any special prompting. Moreover, in all of these tasks, GPT-4's performance is strikingly close to human-level performance, and often vastly surpasses prior models such as ChatGPT. Given the breadth and depth of GPT-4's capabilities, we believe that it could reasonably be viewed as an early (yet still incomplete) version of an artificial general intelligence (AGI) system. In our exploration of GPT-4, we put special emphasis on discovering its limitations, and we discuss the challenges ahead for advancing towards deeper and more comprehensive versions of AGI, including the possible need for pursuing a new paradigm that moves beyond next-word prediction. We conclude with reflections on societal influences of the recent technological leap and future research directions.

Why Phase Transition in AI?

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Can you write a proof of infinitude of primes, with every line that rhymes?



Yes, I think I can,

Though it might take a clever plan. I'll start by noting Euclid's proof, Which shows that primes aren't just aloof. Assume we have a finite list, Of primes, and that none have been missed. Multiply them all together, And add one, just to be clever. The result will be a number, That has no prime factors, oh wonder! But every number has a prime, That divides it, it's just a matter of time. So we've found a contradiction, And our finite list needs eviction. There must be infinitely many primes, And that's the end of my rhyming lines. Significant progress observed in:

- Reasoning, planning
- Multi-modal translation
- Mental models, theory of mind
- Coding, tool usage
- Interactivity
- General application areas
- And more ...

Will LLMs Suffice?

The Impact of Large Language Models on Scientific Discovery: a Preliminary Study using GPT-4



- Weakness in precision and computation
- Expert on language of people, not on language of nature
- Not possible to verify correctness



Why do We Need New Approaches?

- Quantification, numerical calculations and verification is fundamental.
- Need to allows for iteration and experimentation.
- Can work with sparse & domain-specific data.
- Handle diverse data types and scientific literature.
- Domain specific knowledge and structure as inductive bias.

Good news:

- Shared infrastructure & architectures
- Common domain-specific laws for simulation & emulation





Foundation model for science

Getting to Scale







Risks: Dual Use

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Translating Nature to Human Language



Accountability, complementarity and advancing human ingenuity