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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 (vet 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.

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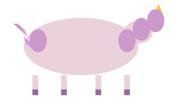
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More than 1,500 researchers also sign letter after Black expert on ethics says Google tried to suppress her research on bias



△ Timnit Gebru in San Francisco in 2018. Photograph: Kimberly White/Getty Images for TechCrunch

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More than 1,300 Google employees and more than 1,500 academic researchers are speaking out in protest after a prominent Black scientist studying the ethics of artificial intelligence said she was fired by Google after the company attempted to suppress her research and she criticized its diversity efforts.

Timnit Gebru, who was the technical co-lead of Google's Ethical AI team, wrote on Twitter on Wednesday that she had been fired after sending an email to an internal group for women and allies working in the company's AI unit.

The email, which was first published by the tech newsletter Platformer,



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Alan Turing, 1951: My contention is that machines can be constructed which will simulate the behaviour of the human mind very closely. [...] Let us now assume, for the sake of argument, that these machines are a genuine possibility, and look at the consequences of constructing them. [...] It seems probable that once the machine thinking method had started, it would not take long to outstrip our feeble powers. There would be no question of the machines dying, and they would be able to converse with each other to sharpen their wits. At some stage therefore we should have to expect the machines to take control.



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Coal-burning factories in 19th-century Manchester,
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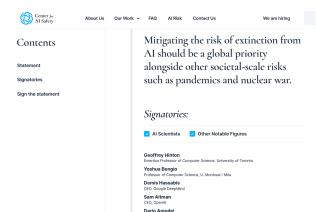
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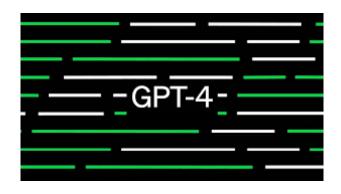








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Further research is needed to fully characterize these risks."











i was hoping that the oppenheimer movie would inspire a generation of kids to be physicists but it really missed the mark on that.

let's get that movie made!

(i think the social network managed to do this for startup founders.)

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The key capability to exploit that asset is **social manipulation**.

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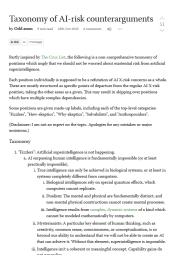
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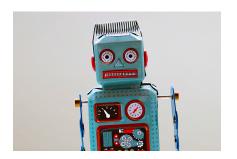
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This, in fact, is the answer that Google's language model PaLM gave to the same question in early 2022.

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GPT-4 Can't Reason

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Abstact GPT-4 was released in March 2023 to wide acclaim, marking a very substantial improvement across the board over GPT-35 (OpenAT) previously betwood, which had powered the initial release of ChatGPT). Despite the genuinely impressive improvement, however, there are good reasons to be highly skeptical of GPT-4's ability to reason. This position paper discusses the nature of reasoning; criticizes the current formulation of reasoning problems in the NLP community and the way in which the reasoning proferomance of LLMs is currently evaluated; introduces a collection of 21 diverse reasoning proferoms; and performs a detailed qualitative analysis of GPT-4's performance on these problems. Based on the results of that analysis, this paper argues that, despite the occasional flashes of analytical Dellines, CFT-4 at present is utterly incapable of reasoning.

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Scott Alexander: Yeah, well, *your mom* is a brute-force statistical pattern matcher which blends up the internet and gives you back a slightly unappetizing slurry of it when asked.











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The government is looking very carefully at this.

Last week I stressed to AI companies the importance of putting guardrails in place so development is safe and secure.

But we need to work together. That's why I raised it at the @G7 and will do so again when I visit the US.

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We've released a statement on the risk of extinction from Al.

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