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Opening Letter

Greetings MoroccoAI community,

We are thrilled to present the first edition of the MoroccoAI Newsletter. Our aim is to keep the MoroccoAI community informed about the latest AI developments.

In this newsletter, we have compiled noteworthy innovations, news, and trends from the recent past that we believe you should be aware of. From breakthroughs in natural language processing to advancements in computer vision, there is much to discuss in the world of AI.

We are inspired by the community we have built together. In just two years, our slack platform has grown from 100 members to over 1,700, and we have over 10,000 followers on social media platforms.

Community is essential to us, and we cannot progress without each other. We will continue to explore new ways of working together and expanding our community.

We appreciate your unwavering support and involvement in MoroccoAI.

Please share this newsletter with others and spread the word.

Thank you for being a part of MoroccoAI!



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Github Feb. 14th

Next-Gen Browsing: AI-Boosted Bing & Edge

Microsoft has launched "Copilot for the web," an AI-powered search experience for Bing and Edge, which uses LLMs to provide personalized and relevant search results based on a user's browsing history. [read more](#) Microsoft Feb. 7th



Radio Reimagined: Meet RadioGPT, Your AI Companion



WKSU, a Cleveland-based radio station, is utilizing AI technology from startup sonavi labs to automate its news broadcasts with a natural-sounding, tone-adjusting human-like voice, becoming one of the first radio stations to do so. [read more](#)

Axios March 7th

Chat Evolution: OpenAI's ChatGPT & Whisper Combo



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OpenAI March 1st

Bing Chatbot: Personalize for Fun & Engagement!

Microsoft has added a feature to Bing's AI chatbot to allow users to switch between professional, casual, and empathetic modes, enhancing user engagement. The chatbot is already widely used in China for a range of tasks, including emotional support.. [read more](#) Microsoft March 2nd



Research

LLaMA: Revamp Language with Open & Robust Models



FAIR has launched an open-source language model called "LLAMA" that uses a compression technique to reduce model size up to 40 times, resulting in better memory efficiency and speed without compromising performance. [read more](#) [Meta AI Feb. 24](#)

Mastering UI with Vision and Language Fusion

Google AI researchers created a new approach called "VLP-Caption" for generating computer-generated image descriptions. The approach combines image recognition and language generation into a single model that outperformed previous state-of-the-art models. [read more](#) [Google AI Feb. 24th](#)



Achieving Instruction-Following Accuracy with Alpaca

Stanford
Alpaca



Stanford's CRFM and HAI have released Alpaca, a new instruction-following model based on Meta's LLaMA 7B model and trained on 52K demonstrations using OpenAI's text-davinci-003, displaying similar behaviors to OpenAI's model. [read more](#) [Stanford March 13th](#)

Robot Navigation with Performer-MPC's Real-Time AI



Google AI researchers have created "Performer-MPC," which uses real-time optimization and model predictive control for robot navigation, based on a model called "Performer" to predict and optimize paths in complex environments [read more](#) [Google AI March 3rd](#)

Drawing, and Editing Made Easy with Visual ChatGPT

Microsoft has developed Visual ChatGPT, a model that combines language and visual models to enable better communication through both text and images, providing a means to explore multimodality in LLMs. [read more](#) [Microsoft March 8th](#)



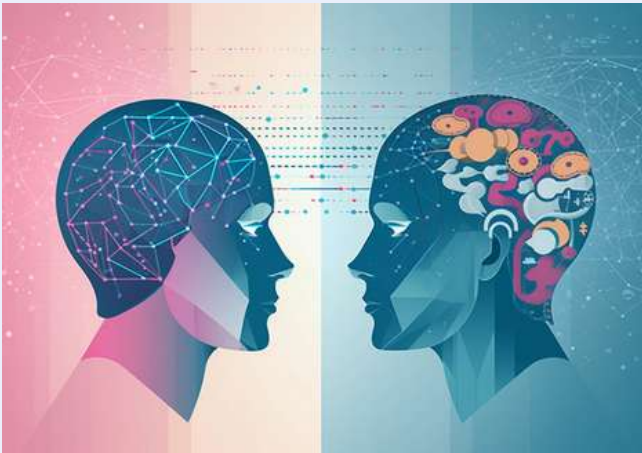
GPT-4: Advancing the Power of AI Language Models



OpenAI has released GPT-4, a model that can handle text and image inputs and generate human-like text outputs with improved accuracy, creativity, and understanding on different benchmarks. It outperforms other language models and has stable training performance. [read more](#) [OpenAI March 14th](#)

Ethics & Responsible AI

ChatGPT: Unveiling the Hidden Challenges



Monash University's Lens publication emphasizes the ethical issues of language models like ChatGPT, urging responsible development and deployment to guarantee transparency and accountability and mitigate potential harm. [read more](#) [ChatGPT Feb. 13th](#)

Chamber of Commerce Urges for AI Regulation

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has proposed AI regulation to ensure ethical and safe development and use, prioritizing privacy, cybersecurity, preventing bias and discrimination, and promoting AI that benefits society through research and development.

[read more](#) [Reuters March 9th](#)



Planning for AGI and beyond



Preparing for AGI involves a gradual transition towards deploying increasingly powerful AI systems, allowing for adaptation and regulation. However, caution is necessary as the risks of AGI are considered existential, and plans may need to change if the balance between benefits and downsides shifts. [read more](#) [OpenAI Feb. 24th](#)

Education

MIT Introduction to Deep Learning Course 2023 **LIVE**

MIT offers an introductory program on deep learning with a focus on computer vision, natural language processing, and biology by Alexander Amini and Ava Amini. The program teaches deep learning algorithms, provides practical experience with TensorFlow, and ends with a project proposal competition. [MIT March 10th](#)



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Course Chapters

Lecture 1: Intro to Deep Learning

Lecture 2: Deep Sequence Modeling

Lecture 3: Deep Computer Vision

Lecture 4: Deep Generative Modeling

Lecture 5: Uncertainty and Bias

Lecture 6: Deep Reinforcement Learning

Lecture 7: Limitations and New Frontiers

Lecture 8: The Modern Era of Statistics

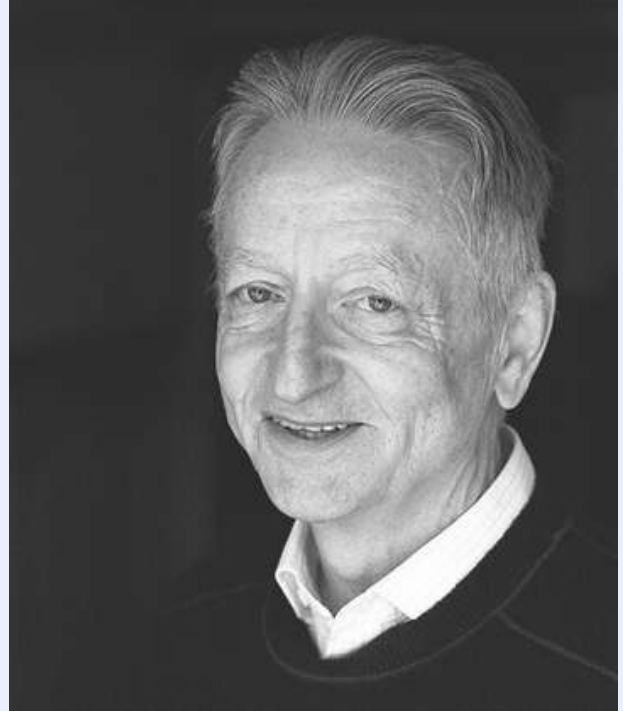
Lecture 9: Robot Learning

Lecture 10: Text-to-Image Generation

Public Figure

Prof. Geoffrey Everest Hinton

Geoffrey Hinton, Emeritus conference 2022 Prof. Comp Sci, U.Toronto & Engineering Fellow, Google and recipient of the ACM Turing Award in 2018 and honorary speaker of the latest MoroccoAI is considered one of the pioneers of deep learning. Geoffrey Hinton's aim is to discover a learning procedure that is efficient at finding complex structure in large, high-dimensional datasets and to show that this is how the brain learns to see. In his conference keynote, Hinton presents a new learning algorithm for neural networks called the "forward-forward algorithm" published in NeurIPS 2022.



Hinton explains that the forward-forward algorithm is inspired by our knowledge of neural activations in the brain and has the potential to replace the widely used backpropagation algorithm for training neural networks. The forward-forward algorithm works by replacing the forward and backward passes of backpropagation with two forward passes that operate on real and negative data, respectively, and adjust the neural network's weights to increase or decrease goodness without the need to compute gradients. The FF (Forward-Forward) algorithm is comparable in speed to backpropagation but has the advantage of working with black-box modules and not requiring differentiable functions.



MoroccoAI Highlights

MoroccoAI Conference



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AI should not be restricted to academic elite. It should be accessible to all citizens

H.E. | Dr. Aawatif Hayar

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Once you get close enough.. suddenly, all sorts of things start making sense

Prof. Geoffrey Hinton

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Research is about effort.. It is no coincidence. You have to experiment. You have to work hard

Prof. Rachid Guerraoui

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AI is changing the way humans behave and we would like this change to happen in the good way for what we value in our society

Prof. Malik Ghallab

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Data scientists and factory leads have different backgrounds. Developing a common language is key to succeed in building an AI bridge

Dr. Hicham Zmarrou

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We often overlook the crucial role of computing platforms in deploying AI at large and at edge

Prof. Said Hamdioui

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In the future, AI will be distributed, and we will need a network that interconnects all the resulting systems

Prof. Merouane Debbah

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Wherever there is data being collected, there lies a significant opportunity for AI to address various challenges and issues

Dr. Bouchra Bouqata

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When developing AI strategies, it is important to take into account both the potential of positive and negative climate impacts of AI

Dr. Priya L. Donti

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AI development in Morocco cannot be dissociated from a global strategy on science and technology

Prof. Mohamed Najim

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