



Agents, Inference and Hardware

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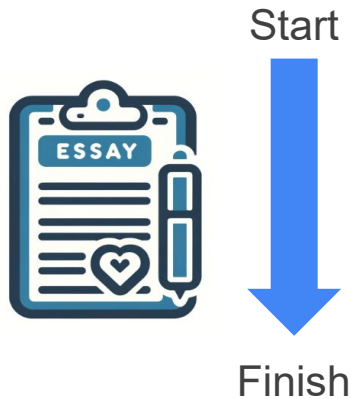
Technical Trends In AI

- **On-device AI.** Instead of running an LLM in the cloud, run it on your own laptop, phone or industrial PC.
- **Image/Video analysis.** LLMs brought us the text processing revolution. The visual processing revolution is coming – not just generation, but analysis. This will affect, manufacturing, life sciences, self-driving, retail, etc.
- **AI Agentic Workflows.** Given an instruction (“research topic X for me”) software that can carry out a sequence of steps to generate a result.

LLM-Based Agents

Non-agentic workflow (zero-shot)

Please type out an essay on topic X from start to finish in one go, without using backspace.



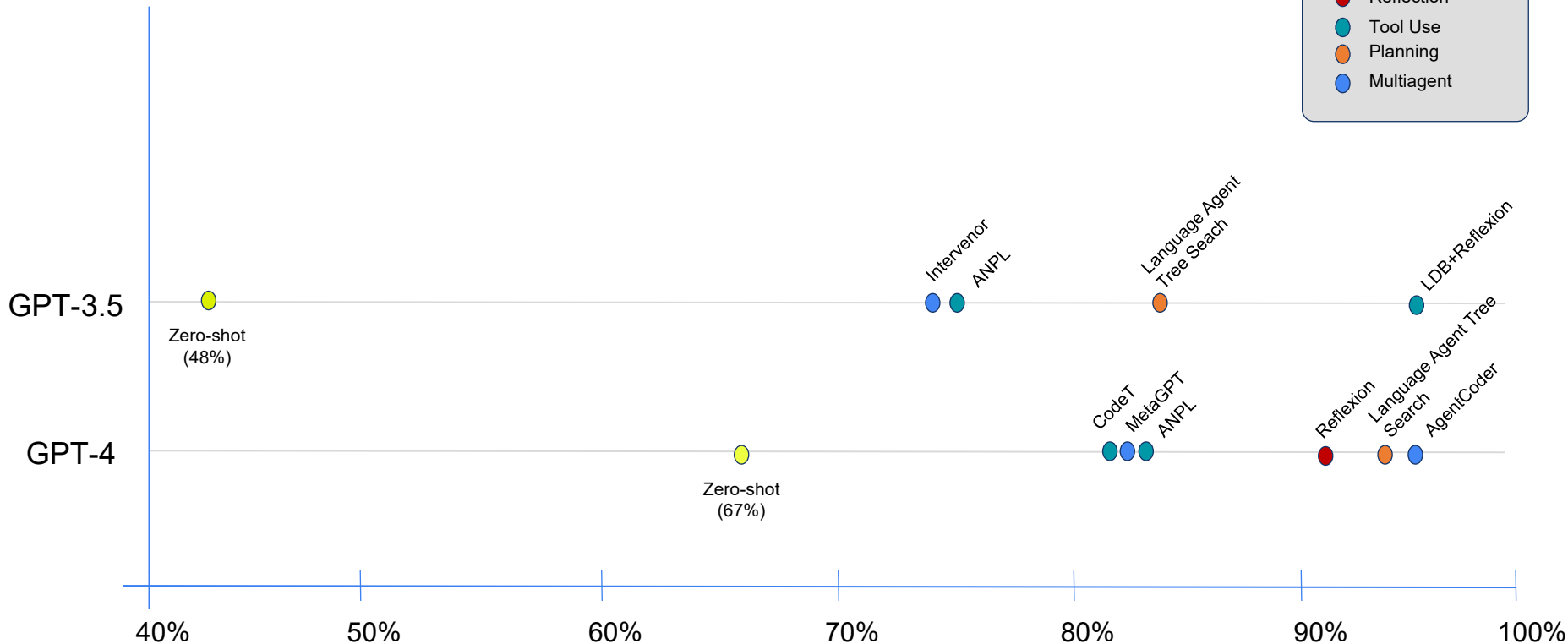
Agentic workflow

- Write an essay outline on topic X
- Do you need any web research?
- Write a first draft.
- Consider what parts need revision or more research.
- Revise your draft

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Coding benchmark (HumanEval)



[Thanks to Joaquin Dominguez and John Santerre (DeepLearning.AI) for help with analysis.]

Reflection with LLMs



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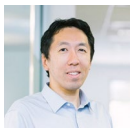
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Agentic Reasoning Design Patterns

1. Reflection
2. Multi-agent collaboration
3. Tool use (API calls)
4. Planning (decide on steps for task)

The importance of inference

1. Agentic workloads use many more tokens than zero-shot prompting.
2. Fast, low cost token generation will be a huge performance driver. Open weight models (like Llama 3.1) also make it easier for providers to compete directly on inference price and speed.
3. Training remains important, but I hope our community will also invest significantly in inference. (E.g., SambaNova, Cerebras, Groq). Also see benchmarks at artificialanalysis.ai

LMM-Based Agents

Non-agentic workflow (zero-shot)

Watch this video and tell me if any surfer is within 10m of a shark



Start



Finish

Agentic workflow

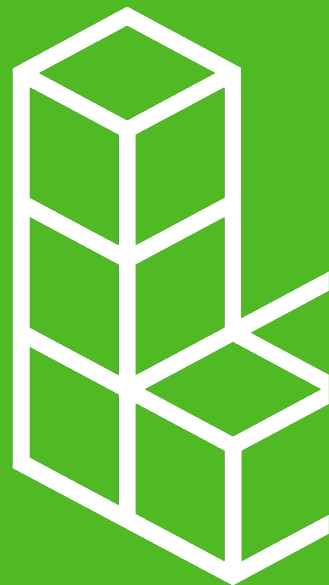
1. Detect the sharks (bounding boxes)
2. Detect the surfers (bounding boxes)
3. Compute distances between sharks & surfers
4. Determine if any are <10m
5. Iterate through Steps 1-4 for all frames in video



Video credit: Crazy Nature [youtu.be/2_HfdtIjBkK?si=3rKt7StDATeuFYjS]

Demo:

Mercedes Logo



Tool use: Computer Vision Models

+222.9% Y/Y
144 → 465

+186.4% Y/Y
<200 → 842

+384.2% Y/Y
514 → 2.5k

+214.3% Y/Y
4.3k → 13.6k

Zero-Shot Image Classification

Models 555

- google/siglip-so400m-patch14-384**
Zero-Shot Image Classification · Updated Jan 19 · ± 1.09M · ♥ 191
- openai/clip-vit-large-patch14**
Zero-Shot Image Classification · Updated Sep 15, 2023 · ± 38.6M · ♥ 1.29M
- Marqo/marqo-fashionSigLIP**
Zero-Shot Image Classification · Updated 7 days ago · ± 1.01k · ♥ 5
- laion/CLIP-ViT-bigG-14-laion2B-39B-b160k**
Zero-Shot Image Classification · Updated Jan 16 · ± 416k · ♥ 226
- google/siglip-base-patch16-224**
Zero-Shot Image Classification · Updated Jan 19 · ± 119k · ♥ 15
- mzrzjy/GenshinImpact-ViT-S0400M-14-SigLIP-384**
Zero-Shot Image Classification · Updated Jul 4 · ± 10 · ♥ 2
- flax-community/clip-iscid-v2**
Zero-Shot Image Classification · Updated Apr 24, 2022 · ± 830 · ♥ 19

Image Segmentation

Models 842

- ZhengPeng7/BiRefNet**
Image Segmentation · Updated 11 days ago · ± 17k · ♥ 108
- qualcomm/YOLOv8-Segmentation**
Image Segmentation · Updated 4 days ago · ♥ 14
- jonathandinu/face-parsing**
Image Segmentation · Updated Jan 29 · ± 807k · ♥ 102
- cmarkea/detr-layout-detection**
Image Segmentation · Updated about 3 hours ago · ± 136 · ♥ 2
- facebook/maskformer-swin-base-ade**
Image Segmentation · Updated Nov 10, 2022 · ± 3.12k · ♥ 10
- NimaBoscarino/IS-Net_DIS-general-use**
Image Segmentation · Updated Aug 31, 2022 · ♥ 13
- google/deeplabv3_mobilenet_v2_1_0_513**
Image Segmentation · Updated Nov 10, 2022 · ± 1.03k · ♥ 2

Object Detection

Models 2,488

- facebook/detr-resnet-50**
Object Detection · Updated Apr 10 · ± 1.08M · ♥ 625
- hustvl/yolos-tiny**
Object Detection · Updated Apr 10 · ± 173k · ♥ 223
- microsoft/table-transformer-structure-recognition**
Object Detection · Updated Sep 6, 2023 · ± 904k · ♥ 155
- facebook/detr-resnet-101**
Object Detection · Updated Dec 14, 2023 · ± 197k · ♥ 97
- foducom/stockmarket-future-prediction**
Object Detection · Updated Oct 6, 2023 · ± 1.36k · ♥ 86
- foducom/table-detection-and-extraction**
Object Detection · Updated Aug 6, 2023 · ± 23.8k · ♥ 48
- ultralyticsplus/yolov8s**
Object Detection · Updated Jan 31 · ± 844 · ♥ 44

Image Classification

Models 13,594

- google/vit-base-patch16-224**
Image Classification · Updated Sep 5, 2023 · ± 3.26M · ♥ 612
- Falconsai/nsfw_image_detection**
Image Classification · Updated Dec 6, 2023 · ± 2.19M · ♥ 249
- apple/AIM**
Image Classification · Updated Jan 22 · ♥ 86
- fancyfeast/joytag**
Image Classification · Updated Mar 8 · ± 1.34k · ♥ 51
- nateraw/food**
Image Classification · Updated May 17, 2022 · ± 113k · ♥ 43
- pointech/sex-position**
Image Classification · Updated Nov 15, 2023 · ± 895 · ♥ 42
- umm-maybe/AI-image-detector**
Image Classification · Updated Jan 2 · ± 3.72k · ♥ 38

Source: Huggingface.co



Resources

- Try VisionAgent for free at va.landing.ai
- Open source code on github

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Fireside Chat

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