Evaluating AI: From **Crowdsourcing Truth** To **Truth-finding Processes**



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GPT-3.5 GPT-4 SAT EBRW AP History SAT Math AP Stats Biology Olympiad AP Calculus 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% Percentile

GPT-3.5





Human detection of AI-generated article





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On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models



Center for Research on Foundation Models



Stanford University Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

Human evaluation defines truth for AI

What color is the flower?Yellow



Crowdsourced truth



Human evaluation defines truth for AI



Explanation informs human decision





Formal proofs

Legal arguments

Explanation as a truth-finding process

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A process to gather additional information to support human evaluation of AI outputs.









Capability assessment

Human-AI collaboration

Training future AIs

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Difference makers lead to large delta



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Seems odd. Does it generalize?

| SQuAD | |
|------------|---|
| Context | In 1899, John Jacob Astor IV invested \$100,000 for |
| | Tesla to further develop and produce a new lighting |
| | system. Instead, Tesla used the money to fund his |
| | Colorado Springs experiments. |
| Original | What did Tesla spend Astor's money on ? |
| Reduced | did |
| Confidence | 0.78 ightarrow 0.91 |

| SN | LI |
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| Premise | Well dressed man and woman dancing in the street |
|------------|--|
| Original | Two man is dancing on the street |
| Answer | Contradiction |
| Reduced | dancing |
| Confidence | 0.977 ightarrow 0.706 |

Pathological high confidence on uninformative inputs

Original Reduced Mean Length VQA SQuAD SNL 2.3 6.2 2.3 7.5 11.51.5 15 5 10 15 20 0 5 10 20 0 5 10 15 20 0

> Many more QA and RC tasks ElMo, BERT, GPT LIME, Gradient, IntGrad

Generalizes across:

Removing unimportant feature leads to big delta in importance



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What did we learn?

- 1. If models have these pathologies, we cannot expect reasonable explanations with this method.
- It's expected that models have these issues.
 We argue that the intuitive way to extract explanations doesn't work with these models.
- Reduced example is a caricature.
 Generalization to OOD is always hard.
- 4. It is indeed partly an issue of post-hoc method.

What did we learn?

Our *intuitive* notion of importance has *complex* mathematical implications properties that humans might satisfy but AIs might not.

What did we learn?

1. Pathological high confidence EMNLP 18

2. Poor consistency across counterfactuals



ICML 21





What's next?







1. Psychological expectation

2. Mathematical formulation

3. Validate AI & design solutions

What's next?





EMNLP 19

NAACL 21

What's next?



- Humans cannot explain AI yet.
- AI explaining itself requires non-trivial extrapolation beyond human capability.

How can AIs learn to explain better?







Education









Gender, race









Experience, Role





Plausible

Implausible

Education Experience, Role

Gender, race



Country of origin

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Education Experience, Role

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> 25 years old Be two years younger





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Get a masters degree





Plausible

Implausible

Get a masters degree Currently: bachelor Get a masters degree Currently: high-school

Learning to explain better



Explanation Algorithmic **Interpretation** Neurobiological

Explanation is highly contextual. Full context isn't available.

The plan:

- 1. Model the interpretation process.
- 2. Learn from **feedback**, not demonstration.

Learning to explain better



Learning to explain better



Online adaptation to real human users!



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Question

Buzz

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Guess: Milton Friedman

Evidence

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Allows for adjustment & adaptation.

Incremental QA: gamification



- 1. Human+AI teams compete against each other
- 2. Low stake, but high engagement
- 3. Sequential, fine-grained comparison
- 4. We can make the task arbitrarily difficult
- 5. Near expert-level AIs













Experts



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Learning to explain better



Learning to explain better, selectively



Learning to explain better, selectively



 $f(y|\langle x_i, s_j, t\rangle; \theta)$

Expected score given Question (x_i) Player (s_j) Explanation (config, t)

Learning to explain better, selectively



Online Bandit

 $f(y|\langle x_i, s_j, t\rangle; \theta)$



What did we learn?



- 1. AIs can learn to explain better!
- 2. How? Adjust level of details.
- 3. Warm-starting the user model.
- 4. Engagement is crucial

Pragmatic Machine Explanations

What's next? Pragmatic summarization

- We started from off-the-shelf post-hoc methods.
- Adjustment: which one to show.
- Limitation: flexibility.
- But it was an intentional choice to prioritize efficiency.



Pragmatic Summarizations

What's next? Theory of pragmatic exp.

- 1. Pragmatic inference TMLR 23
- 2. Moral philosophy & ethics; agency



What's next? Imperfect knowledge users

- 1. Recommendation systems
- 2. Radiologist support & training





Extrapolate beyond human capabilities? Supervise process, not outcome





Methods for explanations Incentives for explanations

Solution space of two different problems



Truth-finding process for and with AI

Intelligence Augmentation for experts

AI for science

AI safety Alignment AI x-risks





Where we are going, we don't need roads groundtruths!



Thank you for listening!





