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學術對談

本科生、研究助理、課題負責人? 試論ChatGPT在學術研究中的角色

摘要

本文基於ChatGPT對十幾位傳播學教授提問的回答,借鑒學界和業界的最新研究與討論成果,評估大語言模型在社會科學研究中的三種可能的角色:勤勉的學生、可靠的研究助理、獨當一面的課題負責人。本文進而切入大語言模型的三個關鍵問題:訓練數據、提示語寫作(prompt engineering),以及基於概率統計的模型是否可能具備認知能力。本文最後建議,在ChatGPT横空出世,顛覆傳統的新形勢之下,社會科學學者當前應該處變不驚,繼續維持自己的主體地位,同時積極尋找將自己的智能與大語言模型的能力相接的方法。

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Dialogue

Who is ChatGPT: A College Student, RA or PI?

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Abstract

Based on ChatGPT's responses to questions from several communication scholars and drawing on the latest research and discussions in academia and industry, I propose three possible roles for large language models (LLMs) in social science research: the diligent student, the reliable research assistant (RA), and the independent principal investigator (PI). I further discuss these roles in relation to three key issues of LLMs: training data, prompt engineering, and whether probabilistic statistical-based models can be cognitively competent. I conclude by suggesting that social scientists should continue to maintain their sovereignty in scholarly endeavors and actively seek ways to tap the intelligence of LLMs to empower their research.

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