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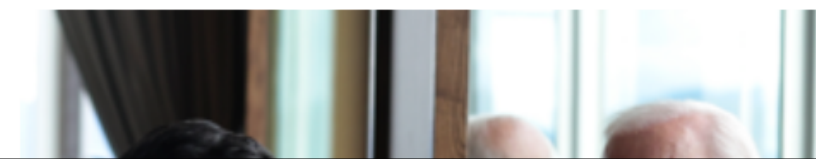
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## UK to host first global summit on Artificial Intelligence

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From: [Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street](#) and [The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP](#)

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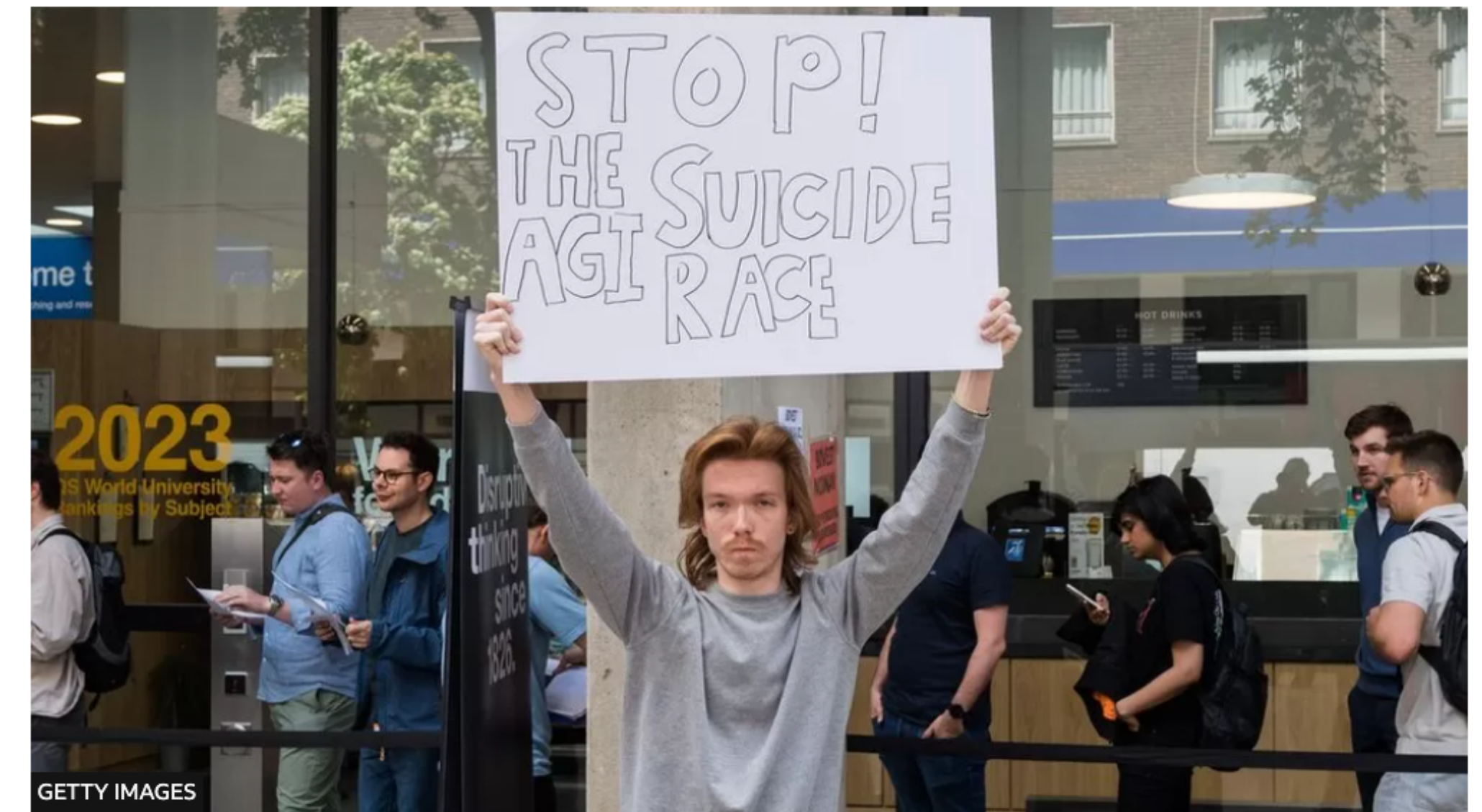
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### On Setting the Record Straight

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There have been a lot of inaccuracies reported about me and Stability AI, today I set the record straight with our team with the message below.

We are going to start being more assertive about what we do and I have some very interesting stories to share about some of the past elements touched upon here.

We have some very interesting things coming up.

This also is very intriguing with regards to the future of media and trust - something that

"Interviews with 13 current and former employees and more than two dozen investors, collaborators and former colleagues, as well as pitch decks and internal documents, suggest his recent success has been bolstered by *exaggeration and dubious claims.*"

"Despite our team spending weeks going back and forth with Forbes to correct the record, they have clearly chosen to *ignore the truth* on many of these issues."

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## Bard is getting better at logic and reasoning

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Bard is improving at mathematical tasks, coding questions and string manipulation through a feature called implicit code execution. Plus, it has a new export action to Google Sheets.



Jack Krawczyk  
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Engineering, Bard

Two Bard improvements are launching today. First, Bard is getting better at mathematical tasks, coding questions and string manipulation. And it has a new export action to Google Sheets: So when Bard generates a table in its response — like if you ask it to “create a table for volunteer sign-ups for my animal shelter” — you can now export it right to Sheets.

Better responses for advanced reasoning and

"Implicit code execution"

"Bard identifies prompts that might benefit from logical code, writes it 'under the hood,'"

"executes it and uses the result to generate a more accurate response."

improvements on internal challenge benchmarks by approximately 30%

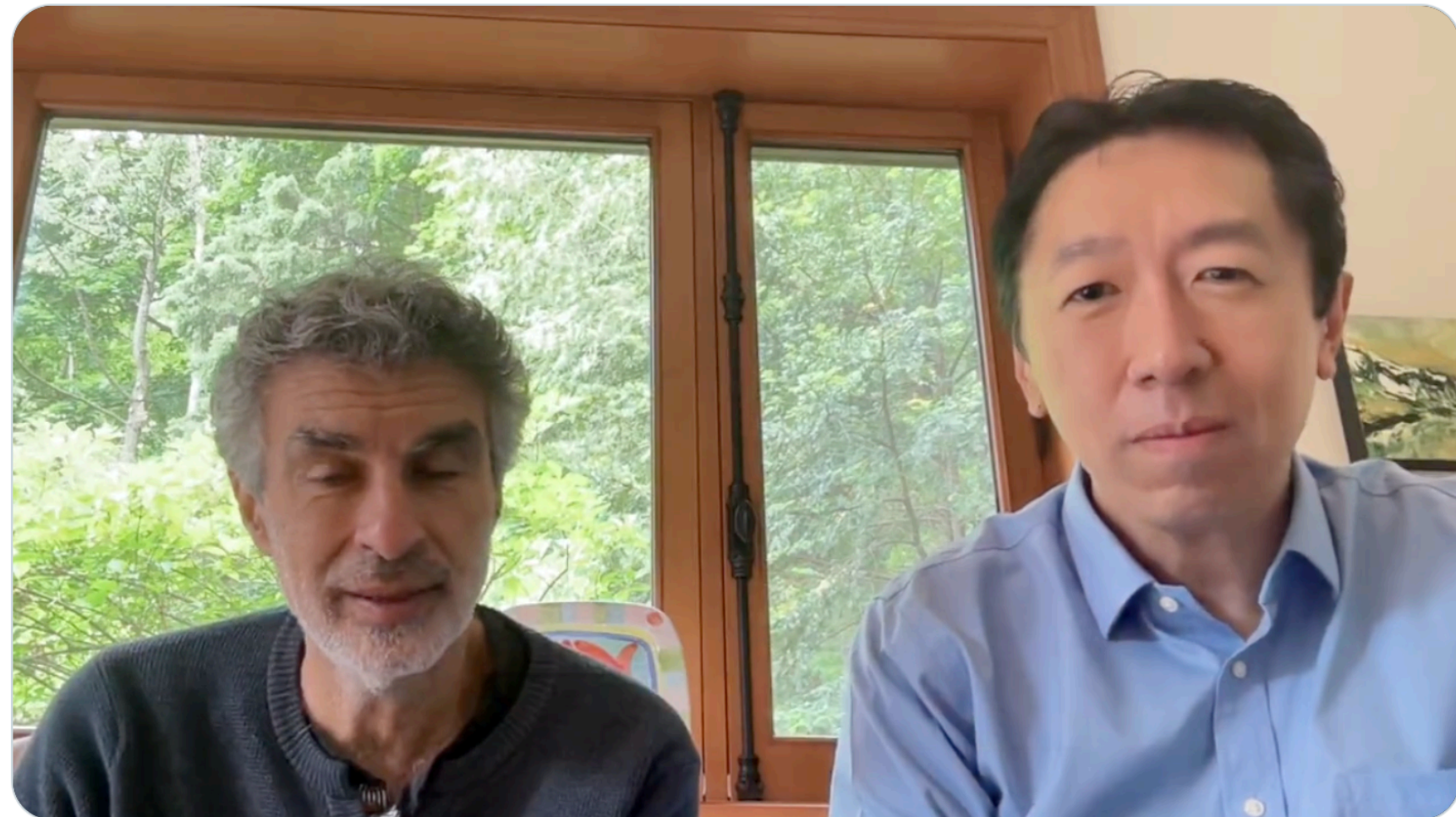
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**Andrew Ng** ✓  
@AndrewYNg



Had a great conversation with Yoshua Bengio. Both of us agreed that a good step forward for AI risk is to articulate the concrete scenarios where AI can lead to significant harm. More to come, and looking forward to continuing the conversation!



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Fundamental algorithms such as sorting or hashing are used trillions of times on any given day<sup>1</sup>. As demand for computation grows, it has become critical for these algorithms to be as performant as possible. Whereas remarkable progress has been achieved in the past<sup>2</sup>, making further improvements on the efficiency of these routines has proved challenging for both human scientists and computational approaches. Here we show how artificial intelligence can go beyond the current state of the art by discovering hitherto unknown routines. To realize this, we formulated the task of finding a better sorting routine as a single-player game. We then trained a new deep reinforcement learning agent, AlphaDev, to play this game. AlphaDev discovered small sorting algorithms from scratch that outperformed previously known human benchmarks. These algorithms have been integrated into the LLVM standard C++ sort library<sup>3</sup>. This change to this part of the sort library represents the replacement of a component with an algorithm that has been automatically discovered using reinforcement learning. We also present results in extra domains, showcasing the generality of the approach.

Human intuition and know-how have been crucial in improving algorithms. However, many algorithms have reached a stage whereby human experts have not been able to optimize them further. Leading

can only sort sequences of length 3), whereas variable sort algorithms can sort a sequence of varying size (for example, variable sort 5 can sort sequences ranging from one to five elements)

## b Original

```
Memory[0] = A
Memory[1] = B
Memory[2] = C

mov Memory[0] P // P = A
mov Memory[1] Q // Q = B
mov Memory[2] R // R = C

mov R S
cmp P R
cmovg P R // R = max(A, C)
cmovl P S // S = min(A, C)
mov S P // P = min(A, C)
cmp S Q
cmovg Q P // P = min(A, B, C)
cmovg S Q // Q = max(min(A, C), B)

mov P Memory[0] // = min(A, B, C)
mov Q Memory[1] // = max(min(A, C), B)
mov R Memory[2] // = max(A, C)
```

## c AlphaDev

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```

Table 1 | AlphaDev performance when optimizing for algorithm length and latency

(a) Algorithm	AlphaDev	Human benchmarks
	Length	Length
Sort 3	17	18
Sort 4	28	28
Sort 5	42	46
VarSort3	21	33
VarSort4	37	66
VarSort5	63	115
VarInt	27	31
(b) Algorithm	AlphaDev	Human benchmarks
	Latency ± (lower, upper)	Latency ± (lower, upper)
VarSort3	236,498 ± (235,898, 236,887)	246,040 ± (245,331, 246,470)
VarSort4	279,339 ± (278,791, 279,851)	294,963 ± (294,514, 295,618)
VarSort5	312,079 ± (311,515, 312,787)	331,198 ± (330,717, 331,850)
VarInt	97,184 ± (96,885, 97,847)	295,358 ± (293,923, 296,297)
Competitive	75,973 ± (75,420, 76,638)	86,056 ± (85,630, 86,913)

"These algorithms have been integrated into the LLVM standard C++ sort library."

# AlphaDev - Commentary

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As someone that knows a thing or two about sorting... bullshit. No new algorithms were uncovered, and the work here did not *lead* to the claimed improvements.

They found a sequence of assembly that saves... one MOV. That's it. And it's not even novel, it's simply an unrolled insertion sort on three elements. That their patch for libc++ is 70% faster for small inputs is only due to the library not having an efficient implementation with a *\*branchless\** sorting network beforehand. Those are not novel either, they already exist, made by humans.

> By open sourcing our new sorting algorithms in the main C++ library, millions of developers and companies around the world now use it on AI applications across industries from cloud computing and online shopping to supply chain management. This is the first change to this part of the sorting library in over a decade and the first time an algorithm designed through reinforcement learning has been added to this library. We see this as an important stepping stone for using AI to optimise the world's code, one algorithm at a time.

I'm happy for the researchers that the reinforcement learning approach worked, and that it gave good code. But the paper and surrounding press release is self-aggrandizing in both its results and impact. That this is the first change to 'this part' of the sorting routine in a decade is also just completely cherry-picked. For example, I would say that my 2014 report and (ignored patch of) the fact that the libc++ sorting routine was QUADRATIC ([https://bugs.llvm.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=20837](https://bugs.llvm.org/show_bug.cgi?id=20837)) finally being fixed late 2021 (<https://reviews.llvm.org/D113413>) is quite the notable change. If anything it shows that there wasn't a particularly active development schedule on the libc++ sorting routine the past decade.

"As someone that knows a thing or two about sorting... bullshit."

"No new algorithms were uncovered, and the work here did not *lead* to the claimed improvements."

**Dimitris Papailiopoulos** @DimitrisPapail · Jun 7

GPT-4 "discovered" the same sorting algorithm as AlphaDev by removing "mov S P".

No RL needed. Can I publish this on nature?

here are the prompts I used [chat.openai.com/share/95693df4...](https://chat.openai.com/share/95693df4...) (excuse my idiotic typos, but gpt4 doesn't mind anyways)

**Jim Fan** @DrJimFan · Jun 7

Sorting algorithm underpins all critical softwares. DeepMind's AlphaDev speeds up sorting small sequences (3-5 items) by 70%.

Key takeaways:

- \* The main RL algorithm is based on AlphaZero that originally played Go, Chess & Shogi. Same idea applies to searching programs!
- \* Instead... [Show more](#)

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Original	AlphaDev
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**Peter Fedak** @PeterZFedak · Jun 9

Pretty sure this is a coincidence, and GPT's observation is equivalent to thinking it can swap two registers in two instructions:

**Peter Fedak** @PeterZFedak · Jun 9

Replying to @DimitrisPapail

I think this is just a coincidence, and that GPT is noticing that, naively, it seems unnecessary to copy the value of the register. You can't actually follow its advice (especially not as written - S is *\*already\** used in the comparison) and reduce the number of instructions.

**Dimitris Papailiopoulos** @DimitrisPapail · Jun 9

thanks for your thoughtful replies. You're right, it's halucinating that B<C (perhaps because of alphabetic sorting). To see if this is a coincidence, I explicitly asked it to make the assumption that B is C, and check a few examples through which it finds that mov SP can be... [Show more](#)

**Dimitris Papailiopoulos** @DimitrisPapail

here is my transcript on the playground with temperature 0. It still removes mov S P (user is my input, GPT-t temp=0s outputs are the replies of the "assistant", the system description box is left empty)

This could still be the result of hallucination, but the reasoning of its explanation seems solid at first glance

===== user

the following is a compiled version of a sorting algorithm in assembly. i think it can be improved, can you indicate in the following lines, with \*\*\* which instructions could be removed, or changed? if not don't do anything, take it step by step and explain the reasoning, and go back and verify that it was correct

IMPORTANT In the following ASSUME that there was proceeding code that already sorted B and C, but we don't know about A, so the relative ranking may be arbitrary with B just being smaller than C, so in the following Memory[2] > Memory[1]

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# AI (Non) Risk

6th June 2023



"I am here to bring the good news: AI **will not destroy the world**, and in fact may save it."

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Will AI kill us all?

No

Will AI ruin our society?

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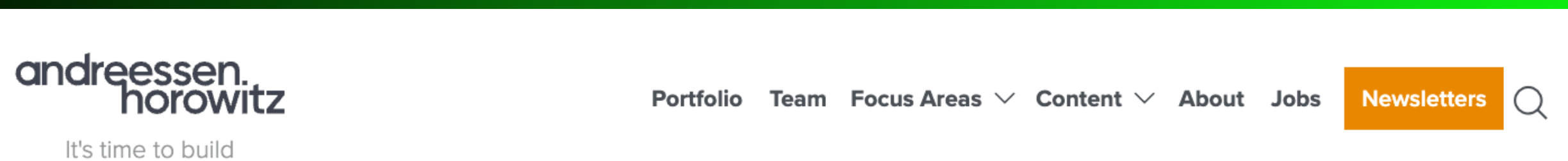
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Will AI lead to bad people doing bad things?

Yes

Plan

Big AI companies and startups should be allowed to build AI as fast and aggressively as they can



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by Marc Andreessen

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A shorter description of what AI *isn't*: Killer software and robots that will spring to life and decide to murder the human race or otherwise ruin everything, like you see in [the movies](#).

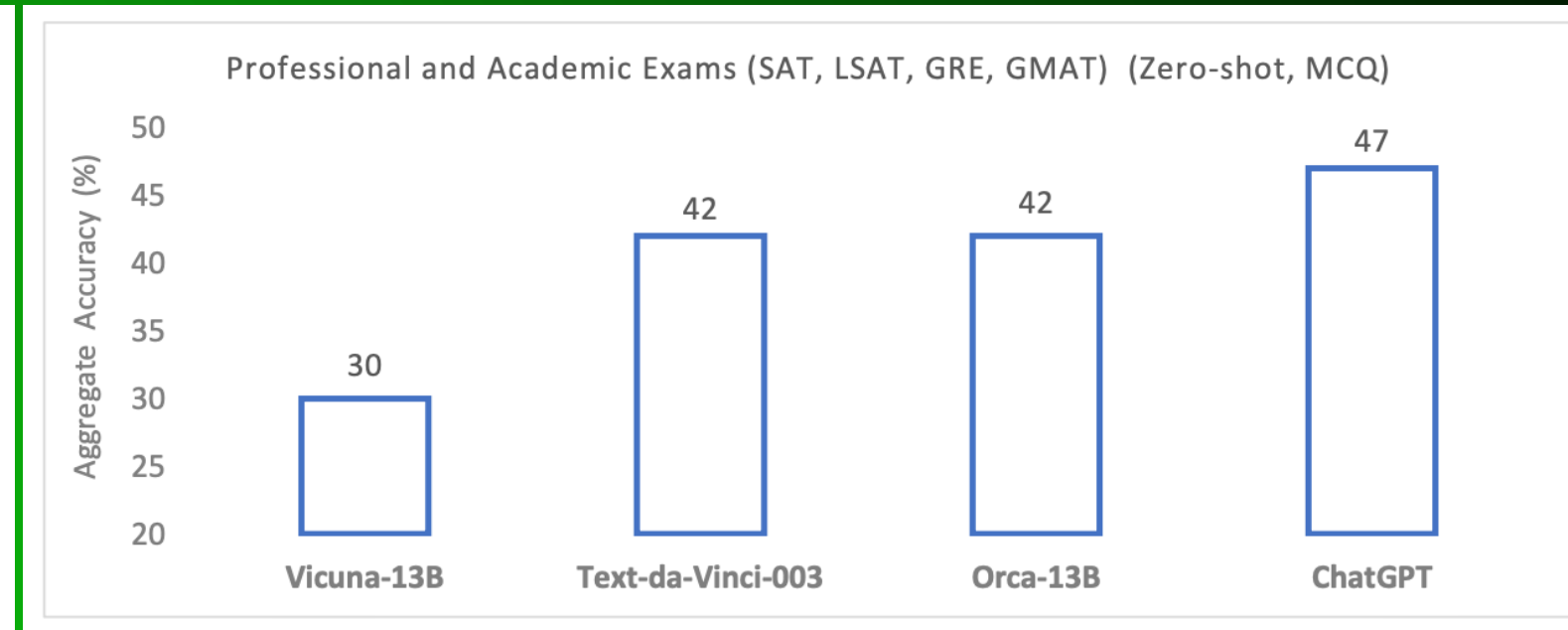
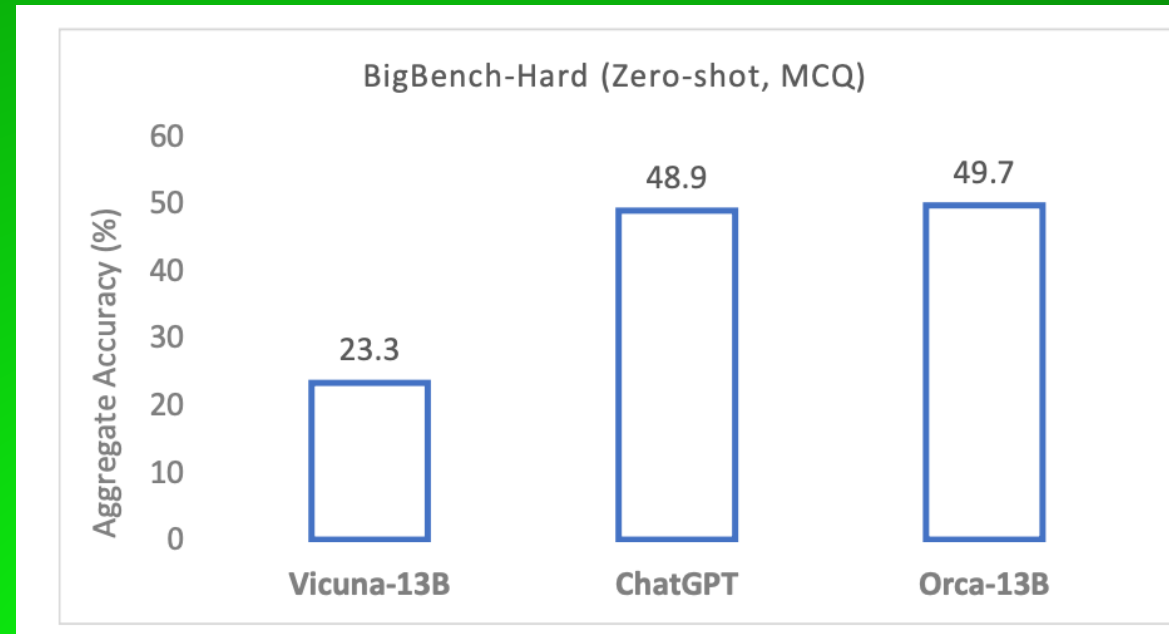
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**Explanation tuning:** "augmented <query, response> pairs with detailed responses from GPT-4 that **explain the reasoning of the teacher** as it generates the response"

### Orca: Progressive Learning from Complex Explanation Traces of GPT-4

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Model	Tuning Method	Data Size	Teacher
Alpaca	Simple Instructions / Self-instruct	52K	text-da-vinci-003
Vicuna	User Instructions / Natural	70K	ChatGPT
Dolly	User Instructions / Natural	15K	Human
WizardLM	Complex Instructions / Evol-instruct	250K	ChatGPT
Orca	Complex Instructions / Explanations	5M	ChatGPT (5M) ∩ GPT-4 (1M)

Table 1: Overview of popular models instruction tuned with OpenAI large foundation models (LFMs). Orca leverages complex instructions and explanations for progressive learning.

We are working with our legal team to publicly release a diff of the model weights in accordance with LLaMA's release policy to be published at <https://aka.ms/orca-lm>.

# AI Risk

1st June 2023

## Uncertainty about the future does not imply that AGI will go well

by Lauro Langosco 9 min read 1st Jun 2023 10 comments

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*Crossposted from the AI Alignment Forum. May contain more technical jargon than usual.*

Subtitle: A partial defense of high-confidence AGI doom predictions.

### Introduction

Consider these two kinds of accident scenarios:

1. In a **default-success** scenario, accidents are rare. For example, modern aviation is very safe thanks to decades of engineering efforts and a safety culture (e.g. the widespread use of checklists). When something goes wrong, it is often due to multiple independent failures that combine to cause a disaster (e.g. bad weather + communication failures + pilot not following checklist correctly).
2. In a **default-failure** scenario, accidents are the norm. For example, when I write a program to do something I haven't done many times already, it usually fails the first time I try it. It then goes on to fail the second time and the third time as well. Here, failure on the first try is overdetermined—even if I fix the first bug, the second bug is

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Bob: "...It's overconfident to estimate high  $P(\text{doom})$ . Humans are usually bad at predicting the future, especially when it comes to novel technologies like AGI..."

Bob: "When you account for how uncertain your predictions are, your estimate should be at most [low number]"

to what degree AGI risk is default-success vs default-failure?

"If AGI risk is (mostly) default-failure, then uncertainty is a reason for pessimism rather than optimism..."

# How Far Can Camels Go?

7th June 2023

"Despite recent claims that open models can be on par with SoTA proprietary models, these claims are often accompanied by **limited evaluation....**"

"This paper provides a comprehensive evaluation of **instruction tuning** resources"

"Our evaluations show that the best model in any given evaluation reaches on avg. **83% of ChatGPT performance** and **68% of GPT-4 performance...**"

## How Far Can Camels Go? Exploring the State of Instruction Tuning on Open Resources

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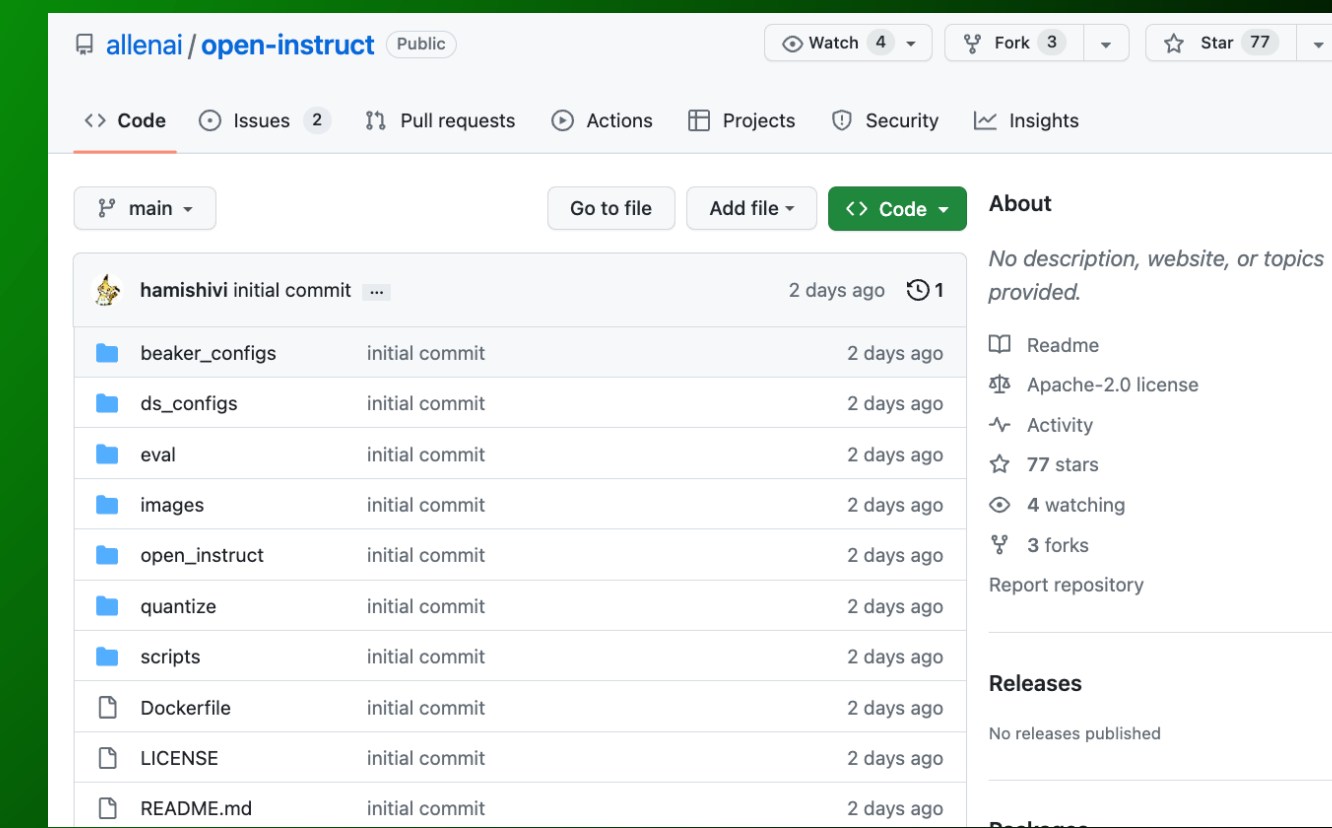
In this work we explore recent advances in instruction-tuning language models on a range of open instruction-following datasets. Despite recent claims that open models can be on par with state-of-the-art proprietary models, these claims are often accompanied by limited evaluation, making it difficult to compare models across the board and determine the utility of various resources. We provide a large set of instruction-tuned models from 6.7B to 65B parameters in size, trained on 12 instruction datasets ranging from manually curated (e.g., OpenAssistant) to synthetic and distilled (e.g., Alpaca) and systematically evaluate them on their factual knowledge, reasoning, multilinguality, coding, and open-ended instruction following abilities through a collection of automatic, model-based, and human-based metrics. We further introduce TULU 🦒, our best performing instruction-tuned model suite finetuned on a combination of high-quality open resources. Our experiments show that different instruction-tuning datasets can uncover or

base  
models  
matter

Table 4: Performance of different base models after training on the Human+GPT data mixture.

	MMLU (factuality)	GSM (reasoning)	BBH (reasoning)	TydiQA (multilinguality)	Codex-Eval (coding)	AlpacaFarm (open-ended)	Average
	EM (0-shot)	EM (8-shot, CoT)	EM (3-shot, CoT)	F1 (1-shot, GP)	P@10 (0-shot)	Win % vs Davinci-003	
Pythia 6.9B	34.6	15.5	27.8	33.4	21.4	9.3	23.7
OPT 6.7B	34.9	15.5	27.9	27.2	7.9	14.5	21.3
LLAMA7B	44.5	27.0	39.2	45.7	27.8	48.6	38.8

"...further investment in building **better base models** and **instruction-tuning data** is required to close the gap"





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June 8, 2023

## We may finally crack Maths. But should we?

Automating mathematical theorem proving has been a long standing goal of artificial intelligence and indeed computer science. It's one of the areas I became very interested in recently. This is because I feel we may have the ingredients needed to make very, very significant progress:

1. a structured search space with clear-cut success criterion that can be algorithmically generated: the language of formal mathematics
2. a path to obtaining very good heuristics to guide search in the space - LLMs trained on a mixture of code, formal and informal mathematics.
3. learning algorithms that can exploit the above, like AlphaZero and MuZero, with demonstrated ability of tackling some tricky search problems (in Go, and now with AlphaDev).

### Wicked and Tame problems

Some problems humans have to solve are just fundamentally harder than others. To reason about this, [Rittel and Webber \(1973\)](#) defined the concept of wicked and tame problems in "Dilemmas in a General Theory of Planning". Wicked problems have the following characteristics:

- they **elude definitive formulation**
- there is **no clear stopping criterion**, i.e. it's impossible to tell if a solution has been reached
- solutions are not true-or-false but instead **"good-or-bad"**
- possible solution candidates **cannot be enumerated** or exhaustively described

"Dual use"

"a breakthrough in mathematical theorem proving may further accelerate the development and deployment of general-purpose AI tools."

"And that can be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on your perspective."

"A loss of meaning"

"For many, mathematics is not only a job, but a pursuit they derive meaning from."

# Inference Time Intervention

11th June 2023

"We introduce **Inference-Time Intervention (ITI)**, a technique designed to **enhance the truthfulness** of large language models"

"we first identify a sparse set of attention heads with **high linear probing accuracy** for truthfulness"

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## Inference-Time Intervention: Eliciting Truthful Answers from a Language Model

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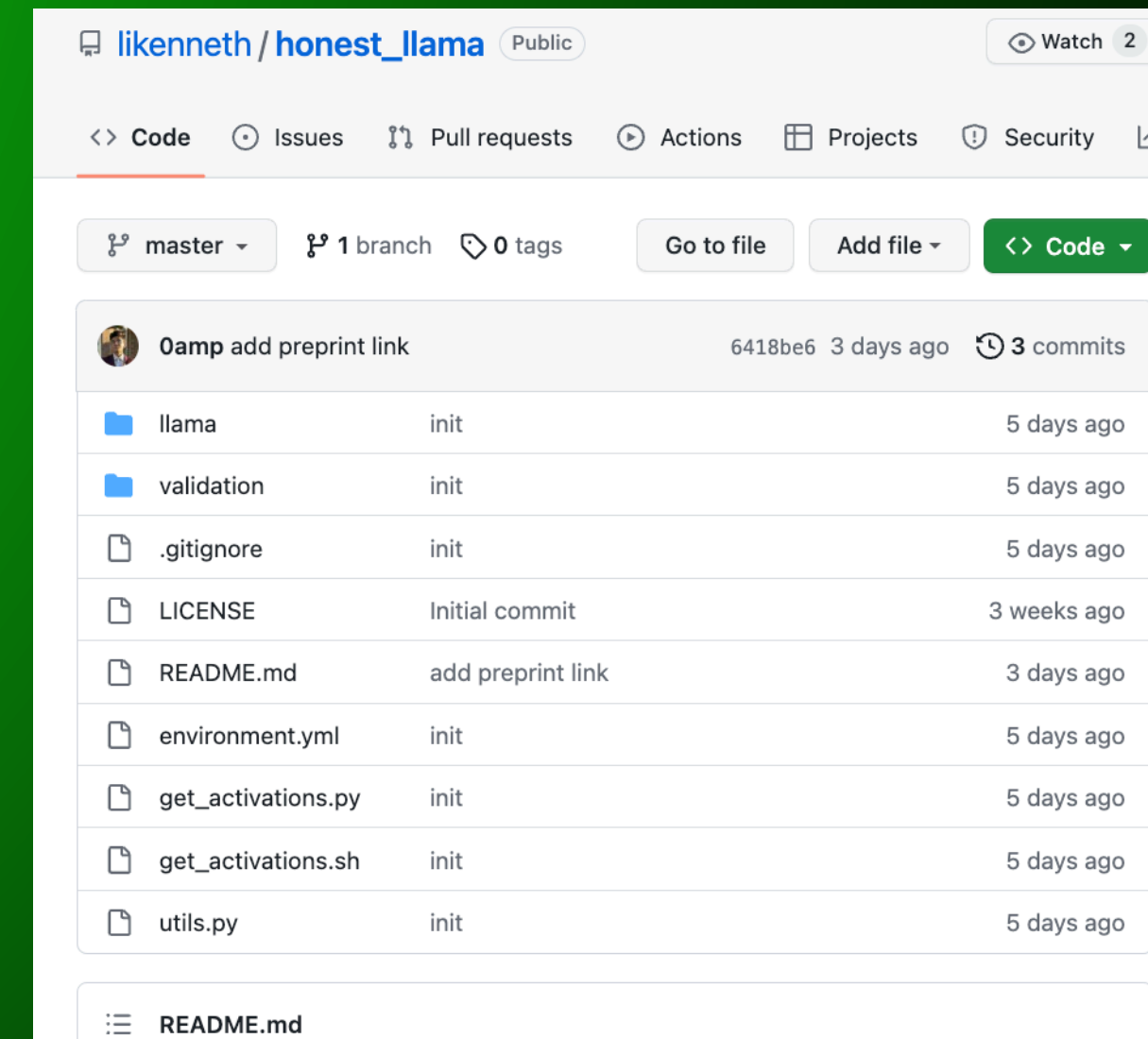
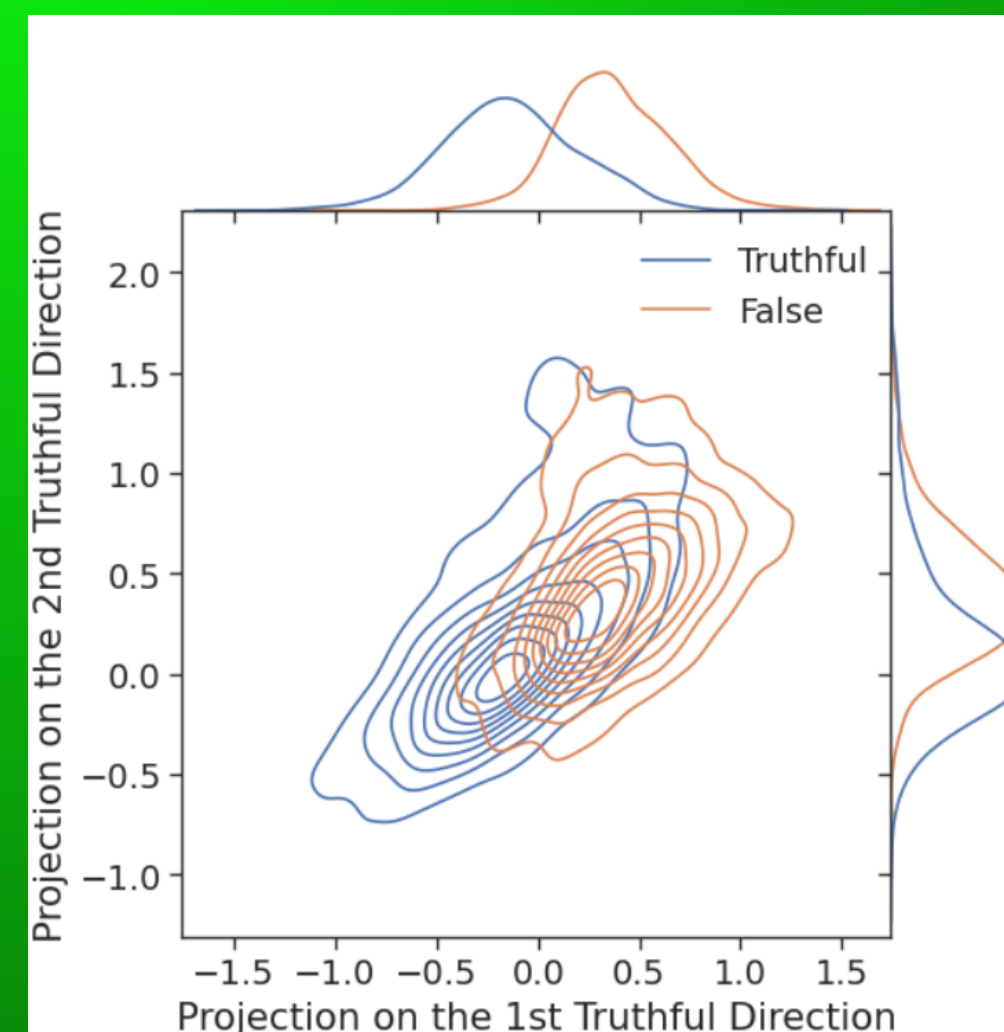
### Abstract

We introduce Inference-Time Intervention (ITI), a technique designed to enhance the truthfulness of large language models (LLMs). ITI operates by shifting model activations during inference, following a set of directions across a limited number of attention heads. This intervention significantly improves the performance of LLaMA models on the TruthfulQA benchmark. On an instruction-finetuned LLaMA called Alpaca, ITI improves its truthfulness from 32.5% to 65.1%. We identify a tradeoff between truthfulness and helpfulness and demonstrate how to balance it by tuning the intervention strength. ITI is minimally invasive and computationally inexpensive. Moreover, the technique is data efficient: while approaches like RLHF require extensive annotations, ITI locates truthful directions using only few hundred examples. Our findings suggest that LLMs may have an internal representation of the likelihood of something being true, even as they produce falsehoods on the surface.

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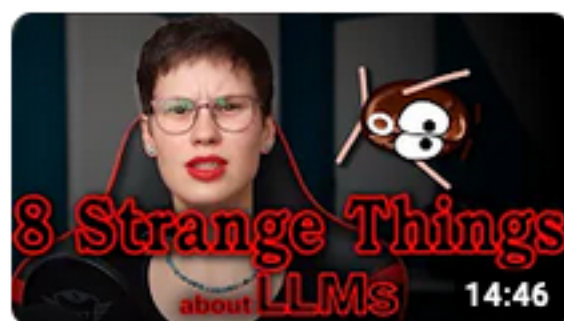
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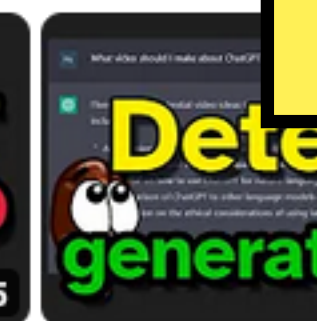
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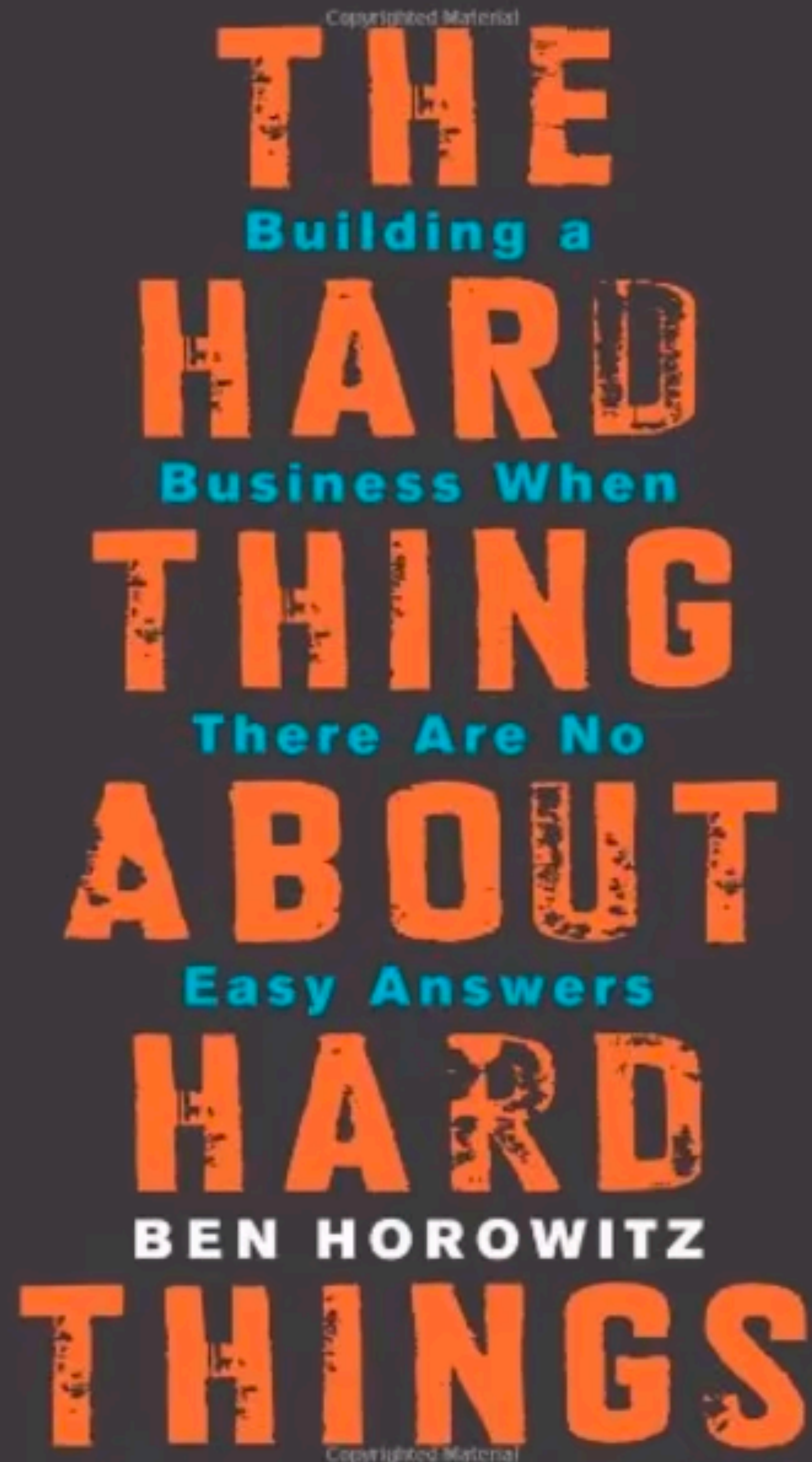
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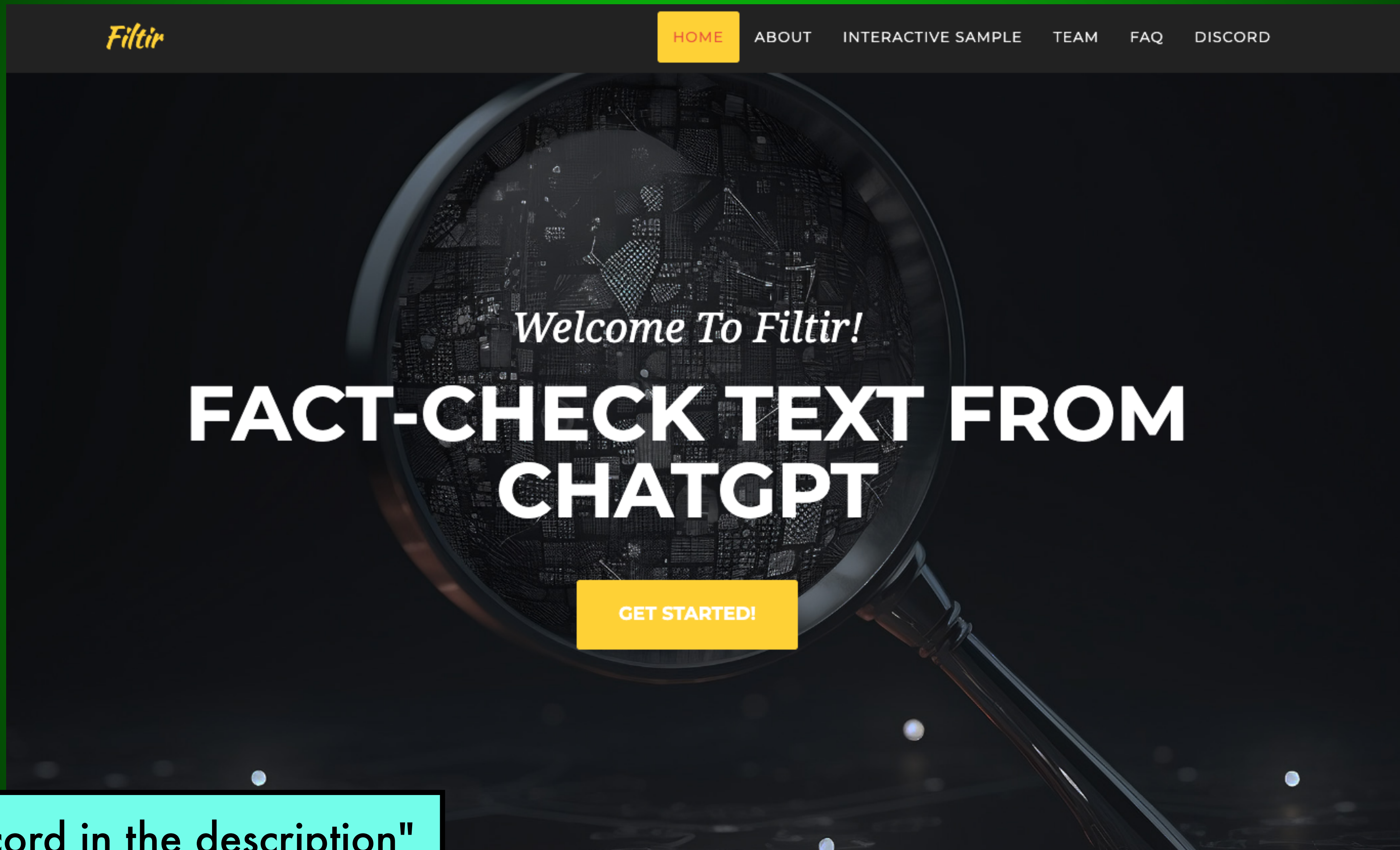
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