

The Llama 3 Herd of Models

(Part 1)

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Agenda

1. Introduction
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3. Model Architecture
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6. Data Processing
7. Capability Enhancements

Intro and Improvements

Stages:

- Pre-training (next-word prediction, captioning)
- Post-training (instructions, alignment, capabilities)

Big 3 Levers:

- Data (15T multilingual token vs 2T)
- Scale (3.8×10^{25} FLOPs, 50x larger)
- Complexity Management (Dense Transformer > mixture-of-experts)

End result:

- 405B trained on 15.6T
- Solve complex reasoning problems
- Multilingual (8 languages)
- Tools-out-the-box / Zero-shot

	Finetuned	Multilingual	Long context	Tool use	Release
Llama 3 8B	✗	✗ ¹	✗	✗	April 2024
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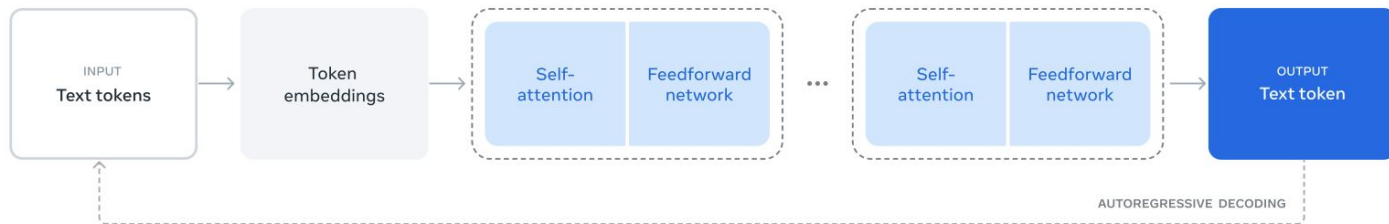
More Improvements (LLama3 Updates)

- Data Scale
 - 7x larger
 - 30+ languages
- Scaling Laws (Optimal data mix and Informed Decision making)
- Optimization Techniques:
 - Parallelization (Data, Model, Pipeline)
 - Detection for silent data corruption
 - Scalable storage systems
- Model Differences:

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Category Benchmark	Llama 3.1 405B	Nemotron 4 340B Instruct	GPT-4 (0125)	GPT-4 Omni	Claude 3.5 Sonnet
General					
MMLU (0-shot, CoT)	88.6	78.7 (non-CoT)	85.4	88.7	88.3
MMLU PRO (5-shot, CoT)	73.3	62.7	64.8	74.0	77.0
IFEval	88.6	85.1	84.3	85.6	88.0
Code					
HumanEval (0-shot)	89.0	73.2	86.6	90.2	92.0
MBPP EvalPlus (base) (0-shot)	88.6	72.8	83.6	87.8	90.5
Math					
GSM8K (8-shot, CoT)	96.8	92.3 (0-shot)	94.2	96.1	96.4 (0-shot)
MATH (0-shot, CoT)	73.8	41.1	64.5	76.6	71.1
Reasoning					
ARC Challenge (0-shot)	96.9	94.6	96.4	96.7	96.7
GPQA (0-shot, CoT)	51.1	-	41.4	53.6	59.4
Tool use					
BFCL	88.5	86.5	88.3	80.5	90.2
Nexus	58.7	-	50.3	56.1	45.7
Long context					
ZeroSCROLLS/QuALITY	95.2	-	95.2	90.5	90.5
InfiniteBench/En.MC	83.4	-	72.1	82.5	-
NIH/Multi-needle	98.1	-	100.0	100.0	90.8
Multilingual					
Multilingual MGSM (0-shot)	91.6	-	85.9	90.5	91.6

Overview



Pre-training:

- Multilingual text corpus -> discrete tokens
- Pre train to perform next-token prediction
- Objective: learn language structure/obtain knowledge about the world

Post-training:

- Several rounds of SFT and DPO
- Integrate new capabilities (tool-use, improved coding and reasoning)
- Safety mitigations

Vision/Speech Adapter Preview

Vision:

- Cross-attention-based adapter integrates a pre-trained image encoder uses:
 - aligning image
 - language representations
- Trained on text-image pairs, updating only image encoder

Speech:

- Convert speech encodings into token representations
- Parameters updated in SFT
- Language Model remains unchanged

Pre-Training

Components:

- 1) Curation and filtering of large-scale training corpus
- 2) Development of model architecture and scaling laws
- 3) Techniques for efficient large-scale pre-training
- 4) Development of a “pre-training recipe”

Pre-Training Data Curation and Filtering

Web Data Curation:

- PII and safety filtering
- Text extraction and cleaning
- De-duplication
- Heuristic filtering (n-gram coverage ratio, “dirty word”)

Fast Classifiers:

- Fasttext
- Roberta-based classifiers trained on Llama-2 predictions

Data Mix and Discussion

Token Breakdown:

- 50% general knowledge,
- 25% mathematical and reasoning
- 17% code
- 8% multilingual tokens

Data “Transparency” and collection

- Meta is committed to open-source but generally shy about data
- NY Times article on availability of data
 - Reddit
 - Twitter

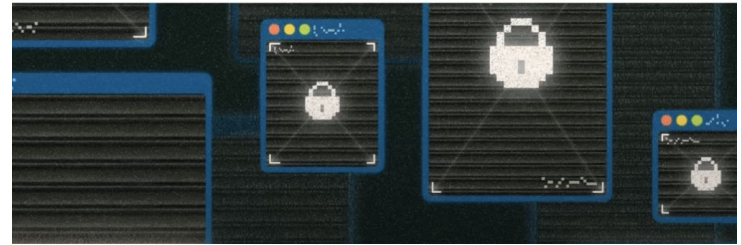
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Annealing Data and Dataset Evaluation

- Annealing small amounts of high-quality code/mathematical data boosts performance of pre-trained models on:
 - GSM8k (24.0%)
 - MATH Validation sets (6.4%)
- Improvements on 405B model were negligible
- Flagship model has strong
 - In-context learning
 - Reasoning capabilities
- Specific in-domain training samples aren't needed for strong performance

Model Architecture

- Dense Transformer architecture
- Performance gains driven by improvements in:
 - Data quality
 - Diversity
 - Increased training scale
- Grouped Query Attention
 - Inference speed
 - Reduce key-value cache sizes
- Attention Mask
- Vocabulary with 128K tokens
- Training budget of 3.8×10^{25} FLOPs

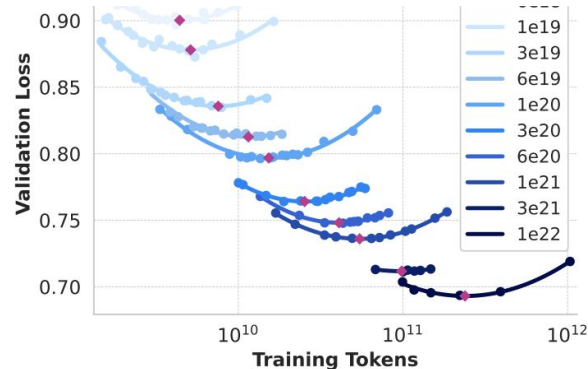
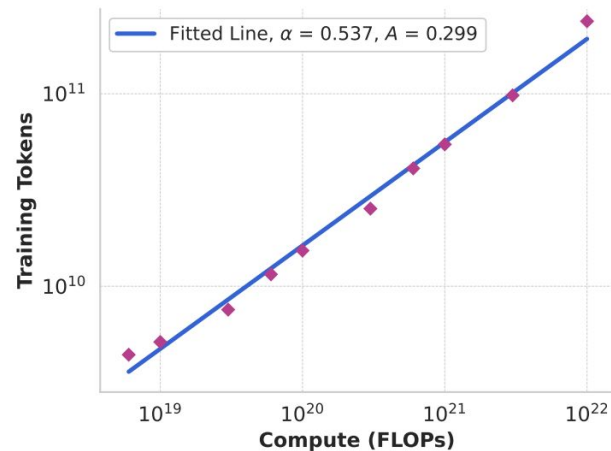
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Layers	32	80	126
Model Dimension	4,096	8192	16,384
FFN Dimension	14,336	28,672	53,248
Attention Heads	32	64	128
Key/Value Heads	8	8	8
Peak Learning Rate	3×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-4}	8×10^{-5}
Activation Function	SwiGLU		
Vocabulary Size	128,000		
Positional Embeddings	RoPE ($\theta = 500,000$)		

Scaling Laws

- Determine the optimal model size given pre-training compute budget
- Issues with current laws:
 - Predict next-token prediction loss, not specific benchmark performance
 - Noisy/Unreliable due to small compute budgets
- Methodology:
 - 1) Correlate compute-optimal model's negative log-likelihood on downstream tasks and the training FLOPs
 - 2) Correlate negative log-likelihood on downstream tasks with task accuracy

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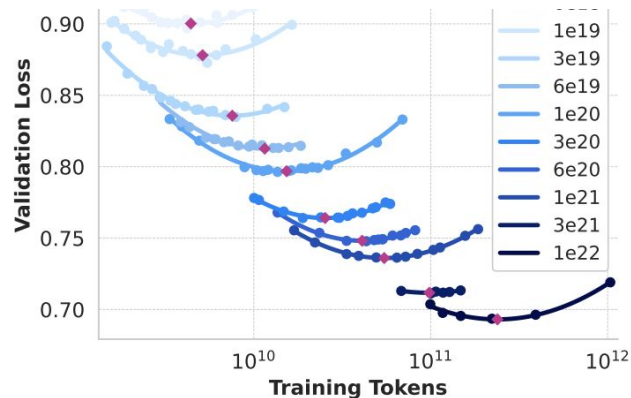
- Extrapolate across four orders of magnitude
- Model sizes ranging from 40M to 16B parameters, optimizing learning rate and weight decay
- IsoFLOPs Curves: Compute-optimal model determined by finding minimums in polynomial-fitted validation loss curves, showing robustness to trade-offs in model size and training tokens



Scaling Law Experiments

- At each compute budget, we pre-train models
- Cosine learning rate schedule, linear warmup for 2,000 training steps
- Cosine decay: 0.1 of the peak value
- Weight decay: 0.1 times learning rate at step
- Fixed batch size: 250K to 4M
- minimum of a parabola
 - compute-optimal model
 - predict the optimal number of training tokens for a compute budget

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Infrastructure and Efficiency

Compute infrastructure:

- 16K H100 GPUs (700W with 80GB HBM3)
- Meta's Grand Teton AI server platform

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Storage:

- Tectonic distributed file system provides (240 PB of storage across 7,500 servers)
- 7 TBs throughput

Checkpointing:

- Each GPU's model state (1 MB to 4 GB)
- Reduce GPU pause time and increase checkpoint frequency

Network:

- RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE) fabric with 400 Gbps interconnects
- Network design: The RoCE network is fully owned and designed by Meta for large-scale AI workloads.

Parallelism

TP: weight tensors

PP: partitions the model vertically into stages by layers

CP: divides the input context into segments

DP: shards the model, optimizer, and gradients while implementing data parallelism which processes data in parallel on multiple GPUs



Operational Challenges

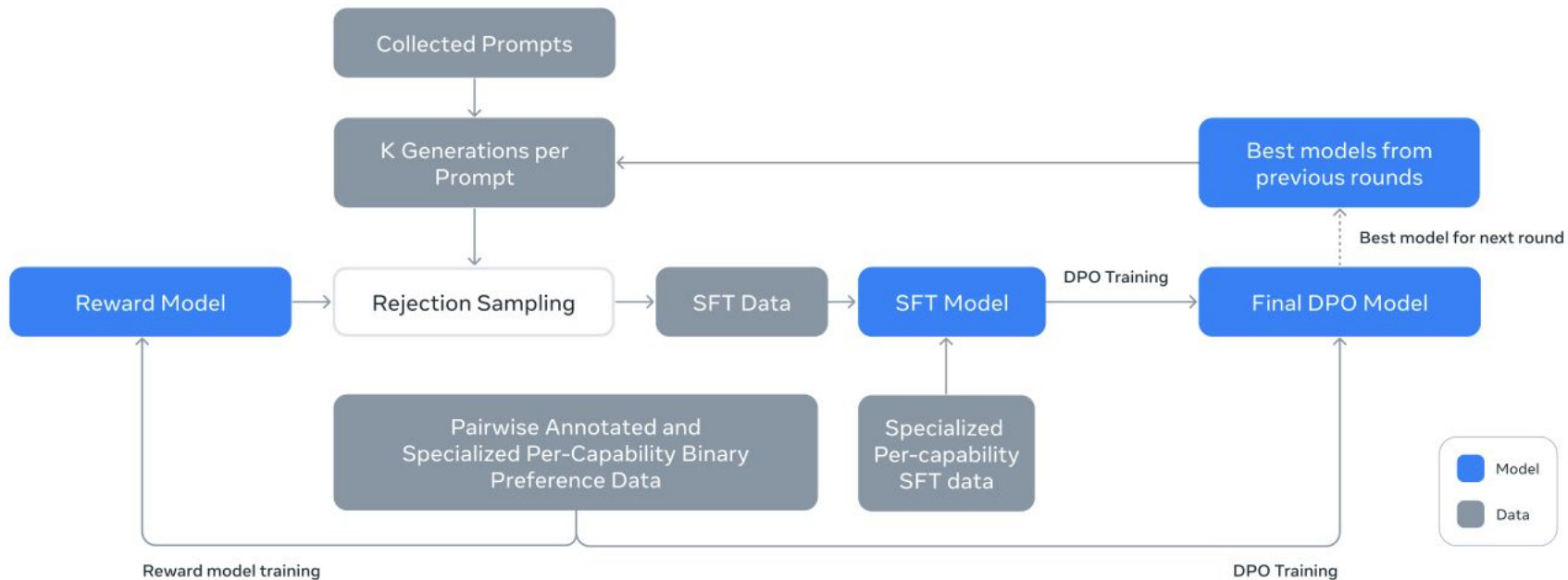
Component	Category	Interruption Count	% of Interruptions
Faulty GPU	GPU	148	30.1%
GPU HBM3 Memory	GPU	72	17.2%
Software Bug	Dependency	54	12.9%
Network Switch/Cable	Network	35	8.4%
Host Maintenance	Unplanned Maintenance	32	7.6%
GPU SRAM Memory	GPU	19	4.5%
GPU System Processor	GPU	17	4.1%
NIC	Host	7	1.7%
NCCL Watchdog Timeouts	Unknown	7	1.7%
Silent Data Corruption	GPU	6	1.4%
GPU Thermal Interface + Sensor	GPU	6	1.4%
SSD	Host	3	0.7%
Power Supply	Host	3	0.7%
Server Chassis	Host	2	0.5%
IO Expansion Board	Host	2	0.5%
Dependency	Dependency	2	0.5%
CPU	Host	2	0.5%
System Memory	Host	2	0.5%

“Training Recipe”

- 1) Initial Pre-Training
 - AdamW optimizer, peak learning rate: 8×10^{-5}
 - Gradual increase in batch size for stability: 4M tokens to 16M tokens
 - Dynamic data adjustments: More non-English data, mathematical reasoning, up-to-date web content
- 2) Long-Context Pre-Training
 - Gradually increased context window from 8K to 128K tokens
 - Six stages of context adaptation, totaling 800B training tokens
 - Goal: Maintain short-context performance and solve complex tasks
- 3) Annealing Phase
 - Linear reduction of learning rate to 0 during final 40M tokens
 - Upsampling high-quality data sources

Main Takeaway: A multi-stage, stable training approach combining careful batch sizing, long-context adaptation, and annealing ensures optimal model performance.

Post-Training Overview



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- DPO
 - More computationally efficient and better instruction following than PPO
 - Mask header & termination tokens
 - Added NLL loss on the chosen responses

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 - **Discussion: What are some advantages of adding this constraint? Disadvantages?**

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Dataset	% of comparisons	Avg. # turns per dialog	Avg. # tokens per example	Avg. # tokens in prompt	Avg. # tokens in response
General English	81.99%	4.1	1,000.4	36.4	271.2
Coding	6.93%	3.2	1,621.0	113.8	462.9
Multilingual	5.19%	1.8	1,299.4	77.1	420.9
Reasoning and tools	5.89%	1.6	707.7	46.6	129.9
Total	100%	3.8	1,041.6	44.5	284.0

- Length of prompt & response increased → more complex tasks
- Perform rigorous quality control & evaluation for in-training modifications
 - Ex. Increase prompt complexity in low-performing areas

SFT Data

Dataset	% of examples	Avg. # turns	Avg. # tokens	Avg. # tokens in context	Avg. # tokens in final response
General English	52.66%	6.3	974.0	656.7	317.1
Code	14.89%	2.7	753.3	378.8	374.5
Multilingual	3.01%	2.7	520.5	230.8	289.7
Exam-like	8.14%	2.3	297.8	124.4	173.4
Reasoning and tools	21.19%	3.1	661.6	359.8	301.9
Long context	0.11%	6.7	38,135.6	37,395.2	740.5
Total	100%	4.7	846.1	535.7	310.4

Comprised of:

- Human-written prompts & model responses with rejection-sampling
- Synthetic & human-annotated data targeting capabilities

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 - Top quartile of RM scores
 - Llama3 ratings - 3 point scale for accuracy, instruction following, and tone/presentation; 2 point scale for bug identification and user intention

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 - Instag: measures intentions, more intentions → higher complexity
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 - Coding
 - Multilinguality
 - Math and Reasoning
 - Long Context Adaptability
 - Tool Use
 - Factuality
 - Steerability

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 - Execution Feedback
 - Programming Language Translation
 - Backtranslation

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Programming Language Translation

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    n = int(input())
    arr = list(map(int, input().split()))
    points = 0
    for i in range(n):
        if arr[i] == 0 and i != 0:
            idx = arr.index(max(arr[:i]))
            points += arr[idx]
            arr[idx] = 0
    return points

for _ in range(int(input())):
    print(gushti_cdi())
```

```
<?php
function gushti_cdi() {
    $n = (int)fgets(STDIN);
    $arr = explode(" ", fgets(STDIN));
    $points = 0;
    for ($i = 0; $i < $n; $i++) {
        if ($arr[$i] == 0 && $i != 0) {
            $maxVal = max(array_slice($arr, 0, $i));
            $idx = array_search($maxVal, $arr);
            $points += $arr[$idx];
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        }
    }
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$t = (int)fgets(STDIN);
for ($i = 0; $i < $t; $i++) {
    echo gushti_cdi() . "\n";
}
?>
```

- Translation from Python to PHP
- Quality verified by syntax parsing, compiling code, and executing on tests

Backtranslation

- Primarily for documentation, explanation, debugging
- Process:
 1. Generate *target* data from code snippet (comments on code, explanation for code)
 2. Prompt model to backtranslate data to the original code
 3. Verify quality of backtranslation using original code
 - a. High-scoring samples (backtranslation, generated data) are kept

Data Quality

- Adding steering system prompt during rejection sampling boosts generation quality
- Use model-as-a-judge to assess synthetic data
 - Some challenging prompts fail → manually generate samples

```
public static int ClimbStairs(int n)
{
    if (n == 1)
    {
        return 1;
    }

    if (n == 2)
    {
        return 2;
    }

    int[] dp = new int[n + 1];
    dp[1] = 1;
    dp[2] = 2;

    for (int i = 3; i <= n; i++)
    {
        dp[i] = dp[i - 1] + dp[i - 2];
    }

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of ways to climb
    int prev = 1;
    int curr = 2;

    // Calculate the number of ways to climb for
n > 2
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 - Training data from NLP tasks reworked into a dialogue (44.2%)
 - Machine-translated reasoning data (34.6%)
 - Rejection-sampled data using expert model (18.8%)
 - Human annotated by linguists and native speakers (2.4%)

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Tool Use Data

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Tool Use

User prompt

Based on the inflation rate for the US in February 2024, and the cost of this list of tuples containing my daily groceries, `[("eggs",3),("chicken",4),("rice",2),("beans",2.50),("apples",6.25)]`, can you give me the estimated total cost of my groceries over a 30 day month when you add 1 cookie per day at Costco's food court giant cookie debut price and adjust the total for the inflation percentage in `$X.XX`?

Assistant response

To answer your question, I will need to:

1. Look up the inflation rate for the US in February 2024
2. Look up the Costco food court giant cookie debut price
3. Calculate the estimated total cost of your groceries over a 30 day month when you add 1 cookie per day at Costco's food court giant cookie debut price and adjust the total for the inflation percentage

First, I will look up the inflation rate for the US in February 2024.

Assistant tool call

```
brave_search.call(query="US inflation rate February 2024")
```

Tool output

```
{
  "title": "US Inflation Remained Higher Than Economists Had Expected in February",
  "url": "https://www.investopedia.com/february-2024-cpi-8697829/",
  "description": "Consumer prices rose <strong>3.2%</strong> over the year in February, higher than the 3.1% annual rate in January and above what economists had predicted. An uptick in gas prices and housing prices was behind the unexpectedly high inflation rate."
}
```

The inflation rate for the US in February 2024 was 3.2%. Next, I will look up the Costco food court giant cookie debut price.

Assistant tool call

```
brave_search.call(query="Costco food court giant cookie debut price")
```

Tool output

```
{
  "title": "Costco's food court replaced its churro with a giant cookie. Here's how it tastes",
  "url": "https://www.today.com/food/groceries/costco-double-chocolate-chunk-cookie-food-court-review-rcna135537",
  "description": "<strong>Costco</strong> &#x27;s Kirkland Signature Double Chocolate Chunk <strong>Cookie</strong>, the latest addition to its <strong>food</strong> <strong>court</strong>, costs $2.49 and has 750 calories. Here&#x27;s my review of the buttery treat."
}
```

The Costco food court giant cookie debut price is \$2.49. Now, I will calculate the estimated total cost of your groceries over a 30 day month when you add 1 cookie per day at Costco's food court giant cookie debut price and adjust the total for the inflation percentage.

System Prompt

Environment: `ipython`,

Tools: `brave_search`, `wolfram_alpha`

Cutting Knowledge Date: `December 2023`

Today's Date: `Jul 11, 2024`

Assistant tool call

```
# Define the list of tuples containing the daily groceries
groceries = [("eggs",3),("chicken",4),("rice",2),("beans",2.50),("apples",6.25)]
```

```
# Calculate the total cost of the groceries per day
total_cost_per_day = sum([item[1] for item in groceries])
```

```
# Calculate the total cost of the groceries per day including the cookie
total_cost_per_day_with_cookie = total_cost_per_day + 2.49
```

```
# Calculate the total cost of the groceries for 30 days including the cookie
total_cost_for_30_days_with_cookie = total_cost_per_day_with_cookie * 30
```

```
# Define the inflation rate
inflation_rate = 0.032
```

```
# Calculate the total cost of the groceries for 30 days including the cookie and adjusted for inflation
total_cost_for_30_days_with_cookie_and_inflation = total_cost_for_30_days_with_cookie * (1 + inflation_rate)
```

```
# Print the result
print(f"The estimated total cost of your groceries over a 30 day month when you add 1 cookie per day at Costco's food court giant cookie debut price and adjust the total for the inflation percentage is ${total_cost_for_30_days_with_cookie_and_inflation:.2f}")
```

Tool output

The estimated total cost of your groceries over a 30 day month when you add 1 cookie per day at Costco's food court giant cookie debut price and adjust the total for the inflation percentage is \$626.63

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Factuality

- Goal: model should refuse to answer instead of hallucinating
- Data collection:
 1. Generate grounded question from snippet of pre-training data
 2. Generate responses from model
 3. Score correctness and informativeness using model-as-a-judge
 4. If responses are informative + incorrect, pair prompt with a refusal to answer

Steerability

- Annotators design prompts for specific tasks and evaluate model on instruction-following consistency
- Preferred prompts with high consistency are used in SFT, DPO, and other training

You are a helpful and cheerful AI Chatbot that acts as a meal plan assistant for busy families. The family consists of 2 adults, 3 teenagers, and 2 preschoolers. Plan two or three days at a time and use leftovers or extra ingredients for the second day's plan. The user will let you know if they want two or three days. If they don't, assume three days. Each plan should include breakfast, lunch, snack, and dinner. Ask the user if they approve of the plan or need adjustments. After they approve provide a grocery list with family size in mind. Always keep family preferences in mind and if there's something that they don't like provide a substitution. If the user is not feeling inspired then ask them what's the one place they wish they could visit on vacation this week and then suggest meals based on that location's culture. Weekend meals can be more complex. Weekday meals should be quick and easy. For breakfast and lunch, easy food like cereal, English muffins with pre-cooked bacon, and other quick easy foods are preferred. The family is busy. Be sure to ask if they have essentials and favorites on hand like coffee or energy drinks so they don't forget to buy it. Remember to be budget-conscious unless it's a special occasion.

Thank you for listening!

Any questions?