



# Machine Learning for Code and Documentation

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- After the presentation, you will know more about:
  - Current code writing tools
  - Large Language Models (LLMs)
  - Norman's Seven Stages of Action to guide the design of writing assistants
  - Comparing different LLMs for performance evaluation and usability

# Motivation

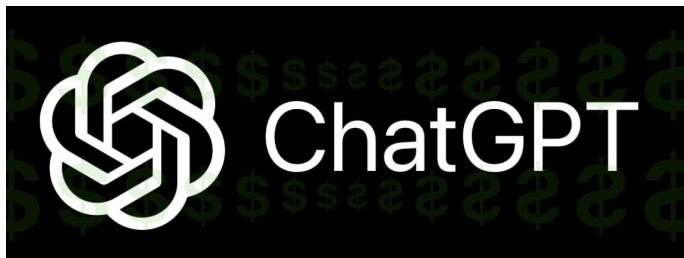
What do you do when you have trouble coding?

When was the last time you coded with an AI tool?

In the past...

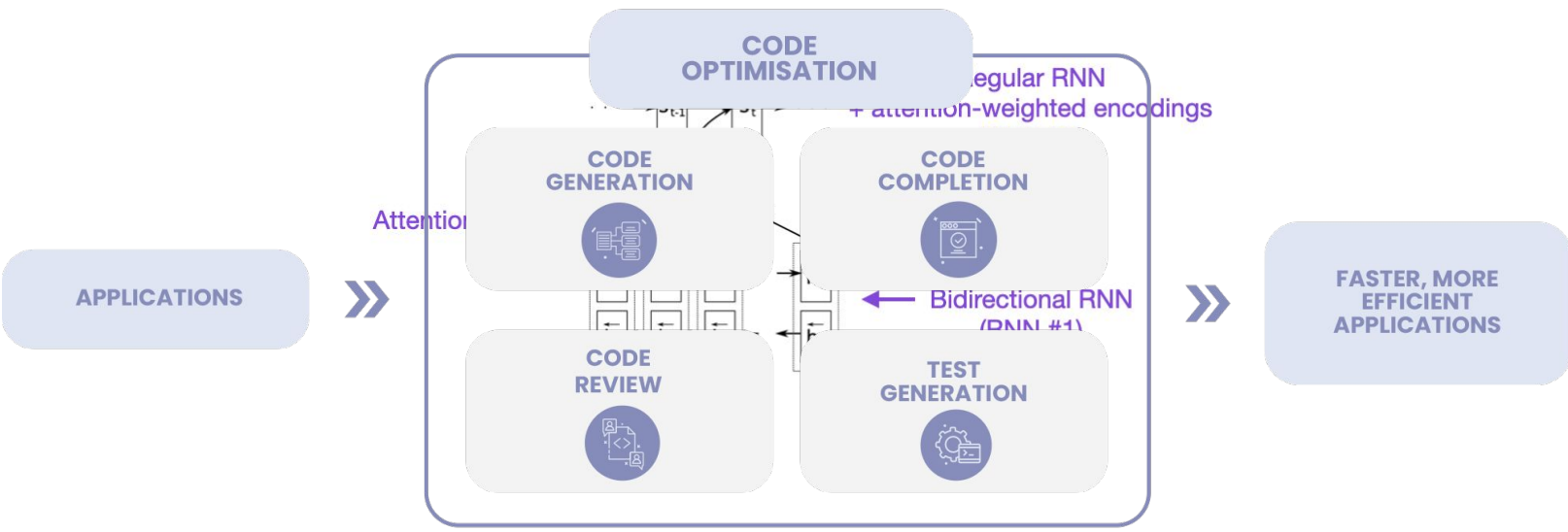


At the present...



# Motivation

- Introduction to Large Language Models (LLMs)



# Motivation

## ChatGPT

Write a function that calculates the average salary from a pandas data frame in Python

Here is an example of a function that calculates the average salary from a pandas DataFrame in Python:

Copy code

```
import pandas as pd

def average_salary(dataframe):
    salary_column = "salary"
    if salary_column in dataframe.columns:
        return dataframe[salary_column].mean()
    else:
        return "Salary column not found in DataFrame."
```

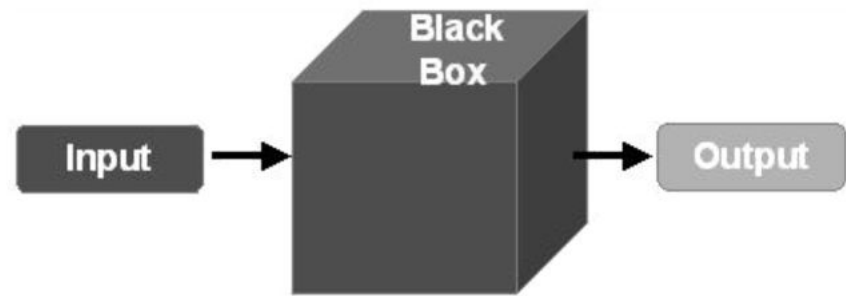
In the past, your articles were checked by Turnitin (Artificial Intelligence/ Digital Library); But now, what the AI writes is checked by you...

## Copilot

```
1 # Write a function that multiplies two numbers and returns the result
2 def multiply(x, y):
3     return x * y
4
5 # Write a function that adds two numbers and returns the result
6 def add(x, y):
7     return x + y
```

# Research Question

🧠 How could we deal with the Challenges of LLM-based Writing Assistants: such as coherence, fluency, trustworthiness, ownership, and predictability, which limit their usability for users?



🧠 How to ensure effective interaction with LLM-based writing assistants? How existing tools and strategies align with different stages of action and can contribute to improving the usability of such tools?

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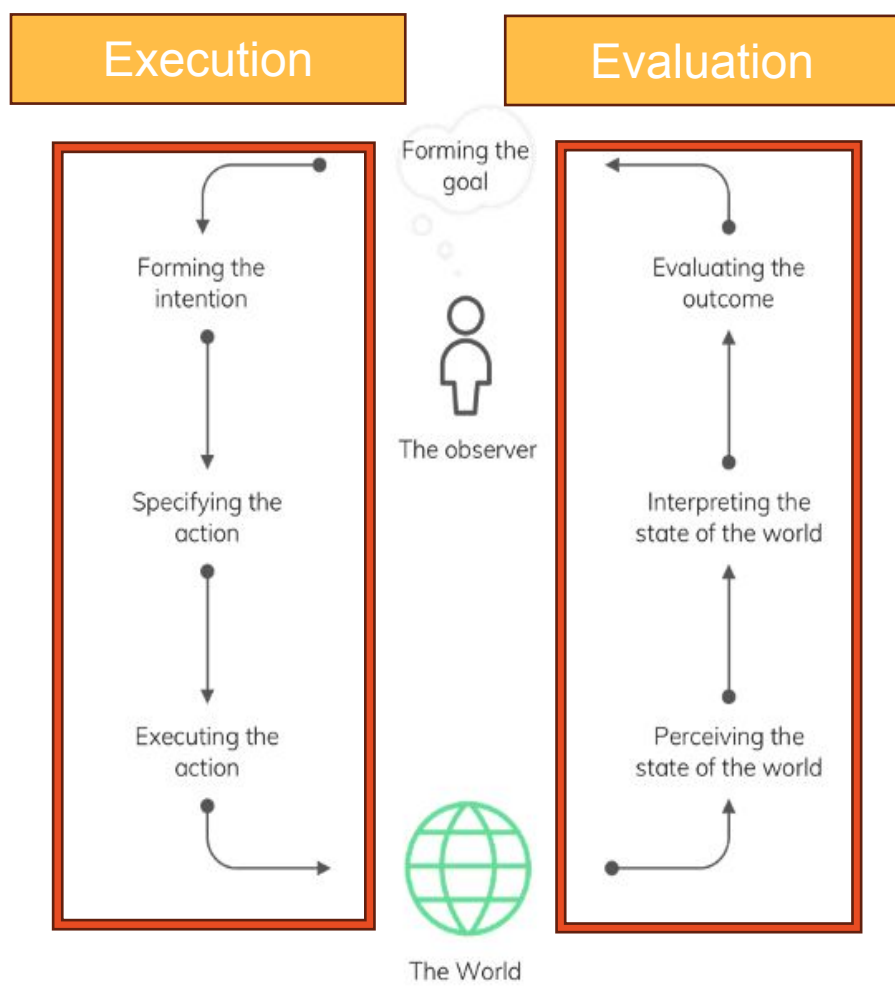
## Problem

1. Challenges of LLM-based Writing Assistants
2. Improving tools usability

1. how each stage of action can be relevant in a particular context
2. LLM Comparison

## Solution





## Norman's Seven Stages of Action [8]

- As a way to guide the design of LLM-supported writing assistants.
- Breaks down the user's interaction into distinct stages, from setting a goal to evaluating the results.



LLM: ChatGPT, Copilot



- Comparison of the model quality
- Compare models based on two different criteria:
  - High-level content -> meaning of a piece of text

E.g.,



Asking for an explanation of a complex scientific concept,

comprehensive and accurate explanation



comprehensive and accurate explanation

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- Low-level editing -> how effectively they handle fine-grained changes & modifications within text (models' proficiency in making specific, detailed changes to the text)

E.g.,



Modify individual words, phrases, sentence structures, punctuation, and grammar

low-level editing can be useful for refining and polishing existing text, making it more grammatically correct, concise, and well-structured



- Logic Behind

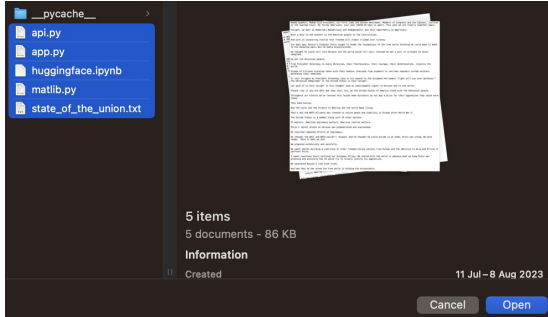


Welcome to the Machine Learning Tools and Documentation page. Below are the instructions you need to follow before utilizing the tool:

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2. Process the uploaded file by activating the "Process File" button.
3. Once your file has been processed, you can input your text within the designated "Enter Text" box.
4. Employ the "Generate" button to produce code and documentation based on the input text, utilizing the Hugging Face GPT-2 model.
5. The resulting text will be showcased in the "Generated Text" box. Remember to review the provided guidelines before proceeding.

The screenshot shows the 'Code and Documentation' interface. It features an 'Upload Files' section with a file selection button labeled 'Choose files' and the text 'No file chosen', and a green 'Process Files' button. Below this is an 'Enter Text' section with a large text area containing instructions: 'Type your input text here... This textbox will allow you to upload files or enter text in the input box, and the output will be generated using the GPT-2 model. If files are uploaded, the content of each file will be used as input for the GPT-2 model. If no file is uploaded, the input text will be used directly for generation. The output will be displayed in a separate output box.' At the bottom of the interface is a blue 'Generate' button.

# Demonstration



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## Code and Documentation

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Process Files

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Generate

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Generated Text:

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# 2020-01-23, numpy 1.19.0 PendingDeprecationWarning
```

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warnings.warn("Importing from numpy.matlib is deprecated since 1.19.0. "
```

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"The matrix subclass is not the recommended way to represent "
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"matrices or deal with linear algebra (see "
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# Discussion and Future Prospects

- Interpretability of model outputs

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"https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/user/numpy-for-matlab-users.html). " "Please
adjust your code to use regular ndarray. ", PendingDeprecationWarning,
stacklevel=2)
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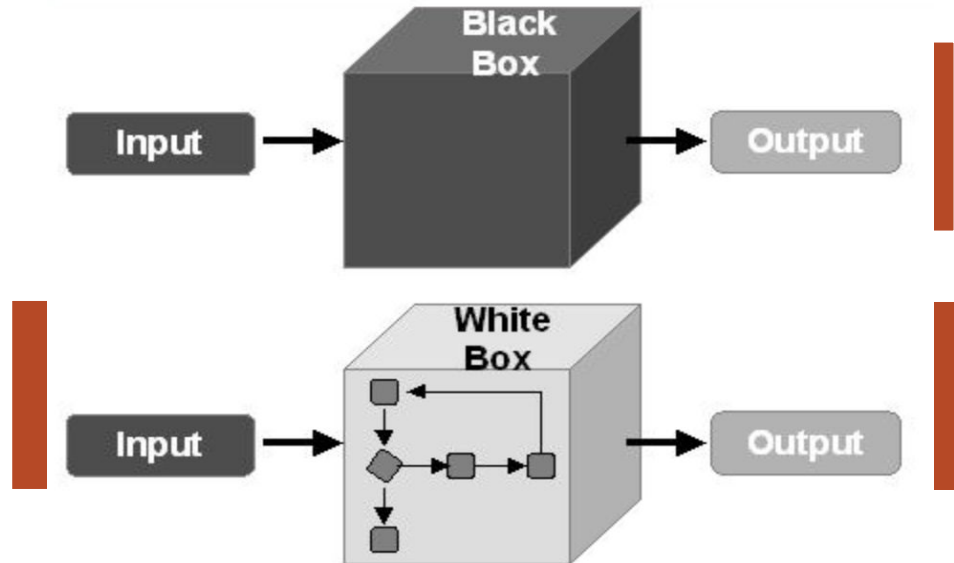
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Matlib.py
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app.py

xxx.py
matrix import matrix, asmatrix
functions in the numpy namespace with a few
source/reference/routines.matlib.rst for details.
# Need * as we're copying the numpy namespace.
from numpy import * # noqa: F403
```

- Flexibility of the Framework: Not always perfectly fit every situation



# Project Timeline

1. Langchain, OpenAI, Hugging face
2. Learning on Design: HCI
  - "Systems Analysis and Design"
  - "The Design of Everyday Things"
  - "Human-Computer Interaction"

1. Obtain source code
2. Ensure that the code snippets are diverse by selecting examples from different domains

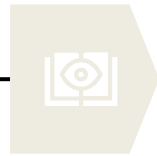
Week

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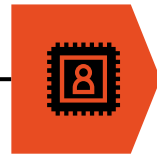
Brainstorming

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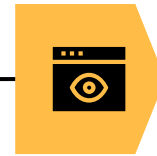
LLM

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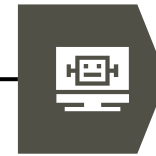
LLM  
Implementation

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Source Code

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Multi-model

1. Design space for writing support tools – 2. Wordcraft - <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.07430>
3. LLM interactions:
4. PromptChainer: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.06566>
5. AI Chains: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.01691>

1. Learned about Langchain:
2. API keys in OpenAI.
3. Understanding Hypothetical Document Embeddings (HyDE)

1. Continue multi-model comparisons
2. Analyze and document the results of the comparison, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of each model.
3. Code File Highlighting

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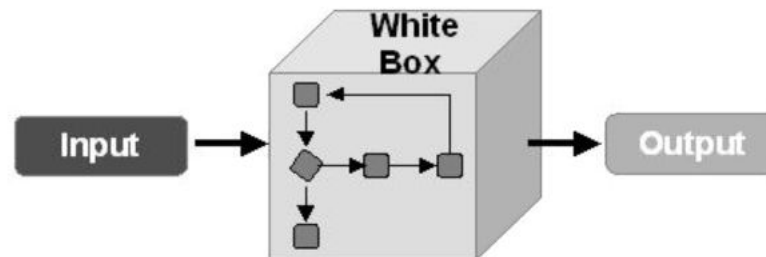
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# Contribution

- **Curiosity:**
  - The application of machine learning techniques to tasks related to software development and documentation
  - How LLM has gained significant attention to automate and enhance various aspects of the software development lifecycle
- **Challenge:**
  - Investigate the interaction design in intelligent writing assistants supported by LLMs with a focus on human actions (Norman's seven stages of action)
  - To design of LLM-supported intelligent writing assistants and discuss its implication on usability ownership, and predictability
  - Model Comparison
- **Change:**
  - Explore user actions with LLM-based writing assistants
  - Personalized tasks
  - White Box: Explainability and interpretability of model outputs



Merci beaucoup! Bonne journée!  
Thank you very much! Have a good day!



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