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Large Language Models and the Changing Face of Computational Linguistics

Abstract:

Computational Linguistics has gone through major conceptual shifts from symbolic to machine learning approaches and the Deep Learning revolution. The surprising ability of Large Language Models (LLMs) to directly capture sentence and paragraph-length contexts – coupled with enormous training data and compute – enable them to supplant conventional NLP technologies for most practical applications. Large Language Models let us realise the slogans “Natural Language is the New Programming Language” and “Natural Language is the New Knowledge Representation Language”, and the talk discusses the implications of this for research and applications.

Biography:

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