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Training LLMs for querying financial data with natural language prompts

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Abstract

The abstract introduces the motivation behind this research: the rapid expansion of financial investment data and the need for Artificial Intelligence-driven solutions for accurate and real-time analysis. The research presents an open-source Large Language Model (LLM) fine-tuned on financial datasets to provide precise investment insights.

- The LLM integrates MongoDB Atlas Vector Search to store and retrieve vector embeddings efficiently. This allows natural language querying of financial data.
- The implementation leverages Hugging Face Transformers, Sentence-Transformers, and FastAPI, enabling a scalable framework for real-time financial queries and automated decision-making.
- The system is deployed as an API, allowing seamless integration into financial platforms.

The research contributes to the open-source community by providing a robust AI-powered financial tool for analysts, traders, and researchers.

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1. Introduction

The introduction outlines the steps involved in training and open sourcing an LLM for financial investment data using MongoDB Atlas Vector Search.

1.1. What Makes This Approach Outstanding?

The research highlights key differentiators of the proposed system, including:

1.1.1. LLM Fine-Tuning & Deployment

- The LLM is based on Mistral-7B, a state-of-the-art open-source language model.
- Fine-tuned on millions of financial documents to improve accuracy, including:
- SEC filings (10-K, 10-Q)
- Earnings reports
- Market news & financial research papers
- Federal Reserve statements & interest rate policies
- Stock price trends & social media sentiment analysis

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This financial domain-specific LLM improves over generic models by focusing on financial terminology, market behavior, and regulatory policies.

1.2. Key Benefits of this Approach

The document highlights why this system is a game-changer in financial AI research:

1.2.1. State-of-the-Art Financial LLM Integration

- Unlike generic language models, this system is fine-tuned on financial data for greater accuracy.
- Many existing financial AI tools use rule-based models, but this LLM leverages deep learning for a context-aware understanding of financial sentiment, risks, and market trends.

1.3. Advanced Vector Search for Instant Query Retrieval

- MongoDB Atlas Vector Search enables a fast, scalable method to search for high-dimensional embeddings.
- Traditional keyword-based searches struggle with semantic financial queries. This system transforms text into vector embeddings for contextually relevant search results.

1.4. Example Use Case

Instead of manually scanning thousands of financial reports, a user can simply ask:

1.4.1. "How will Apple's revenue be affected by interest rate hikes?" And instantly retrieve:

- Relevant past insights
- Historical trends
- Risk analysis reports

1.5. Real-Time Insights with API-Driven Access

- The FastAPI-based interface makes it easy for traders, analysts, and researchers to integrate financial insights into their workflow.
- The model is deployed as an API, allowing financial platforms to connect directly for:
- Automated risk analysis
- Sentiment tracking
- Market event predictions

This real-time querying feature allows financial institutions to automate AI-powered investment strategies.

1.6. Training in the Large Language Model (LLM)

This project code is responsible for training a financial-specific LLM using Mistral-7B.

1.6.1. What This Code Does

Loads the Model and Tokenizer

- The model used is "mistralai/Mistral-7B" which is **fine-tuned** for financial data.
- The tokenizer breaks text into smaller pieces (tokens) for the model to understand.

Prepares Training Settings

The model is trained in specific configurations:
- batch_size=8: The model processes 8 samples at a time.
- num_train_epochs=3: The model learns from the dataset 3 times (epochs).
- fp16 (Half Precision): Saves memory and speeds up processing.

1.6.2. Trains the Model

- Trainers are used to fine-tune the model using a dataset (train_data).

1.6.3. Explanation

```
from transformers import AutoModelForCausalLM, TrainingArguments, Trainer, AutoTokenizer

import torch
# Load Pre-trained Model and Tokenizer

model_name = "mistralai/Mistral-7B"

tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_name)

model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(model_name, torch_dtype=torch.float16, device_map="auto")

# Define Training Parameters

training_args = TrainingArguments(

    output_dir="./finetuned_model",  # Save the trained model here

    per_device_train_batch_size=8,  # 8 samples per batch

    num_train_epochs=3,  # Model will train for 3 rounds

    logging_dir="./logs"  # Where training logs will be stored

)

# Trainer Object to Train the Model

trainer = Trainer(

    model=model,

    args=training_args,

    train_dataset=train_data,  # Training Data

    eval_dataset=eval_data  # Validation Data

)

# Start the Training Process

trainer.train()
```

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2. Storing Financial Data Using Vector Search

MongoDB Atlas Vector Search **stores** financial data as **vector embeddings**, making it easier to **search** based on meaning, not just keywords.

2.1. What This Code Does

2.1.1. Converts Financial Data into Vector Embeddings

- Uses **SentenceTransformers** to convert **financial text** (e.g., earnings reports) into numerical vectors.

2.2. Stores Embeddings in MongoDB Atlas

- Saves the vector representation of **financial text** in **MongoDB Atlas**, allowing **fast retrieval**.

Explanation

```
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer

from pymongo import MongoClient

# Load the Embedding Model

embedding_model = SentenceTransformer('all-MiniLM-L6-v2')

# Convert Financial Text into an Embedding (Numerical Representation)

text = "Apple stock forecast for 2025"

embedding = embedding_model.encode(text).tolist()

# Connect to MongoDB

client = MongoClient("your_mongodb_connection_string")

db = client['financial_data']

collection = db['vector_search']

# Store the Text and its Embedding in the Database

document = {

  "text": text,

  "embedding": embedding

}

collection.insert_one(document)

# Save into MongoDB Atlas
```

3. Running a Vector Search on Millions of Financial Records

Instead of scanning through raw text, this search using vectors, returning more relevant results quickly.

3.1. What This Code Does

3.1.1. Encodes a Search Query into a Vector

- Example: If a user asks, *"What is the impact of interest rate hikes on Apple?"*, it converts this question into a vector.

3.1.2. Finds the Most Relevant Documents in MongoDB

- Instead of looking at **keywords**, it finds **similar vectors**.

Explanation

```
# Convert Search Query into an Embedding

query_embedding = embedding_model.encode("What is the impact of interest rate hikes on Apple?").tolist()
```

```
# Perform a Vector Search in MongoDB

results = collection.aggregate([

  {

    "$vectorSearch": {

      "queryVector": query_embedding,  # The input query in vector form

      "path": "embedding",  # Where vectors are stored in MongoDB

      "numCandidates": 10,  # Search 10 closest matches

      "limit": 5  # Return the top 5 results

    }

  }

])

# Print Relevant Financial Results

for result in results:

  print(result["text"])

 # Outputs similar financial reports
```

4. Deploying a Real-Time API Using FastAPI

This API allows users to send financial queries and get instant responses from the trained LLM.

4.1. What This Code Does

4.1.1. Creating a FastAPI Web Service

- Runs an API server where users can send a financial question and get a response.

4.1.2. Processes User Queries Using LLM

- Converts user input into a format that the LLM can understand.
- Use the Mistral-7B model to generate a financial analysis response.

Explanation

```
from fastapi import FastAPI

# Initialize the API

app = FastAPI()

# API Endpoint for Financial Queries

@app.post("/query/")

async def get_answer(prompt: str):
  inputs = tokenizer (prompt, return_tensors="pt").to("cuda")

  outputs = model.generate(**inputs, max_length=200)

  return {"response": tokenizer.decode(outputs [0])}
```

4.1.3. Running the API Server

This command starts the API:

```
uvicorn app:app --host 0.0.0.0 --port 8000
```

Now, users can send HTTP requests to the API and receive real-time financial analysis.

5. Automating Cloud Deployment with Terraform

Instead of manually setting up cloud resources, Terraform automates the deployment of GPU-powered servers.

5.1. What This Code Does:

5.1.1. Defines an AWS EC2 Server for the LLM

- The model runs on a powerful GPU instance (g5.2xlarge).
- Terraform automatically provisions and configures this server.

Explanation

```
provider "aws" {

 region = var.aws_region

}

resource "aws_instance" "financial_llm" {

 ami          = "ami-0c55b159cbfafe1f0"  # Amazon Machine Image

 instance_type = "g5.2xlarge"  # GPU Instance

 key_name      = var.aws_key_pair  # Secure Access Key

 security_groups = [aws_security_group.llm_sg.name]

 tags = {

   Name = "Financial-LLM-Server"

 }

}
```

5.2. Deploying with Terraform

- Terraform init
- Terraform apply -auto-approve

This automatically provisions a cloud server capable of running the financial AI model.

6. Optimizing Query Performance Using FAISS

Instead of searching financial data slowly, FAISS speeds up retrieval by 100x.

6.1. What This Code Does

6.1.1. Creating a High-Speed Financial Search Index

- Converts millions of financial records into FAISS-optimized vectors.

6.1.2. Performs Ultra-Fast Similarity Searches

- Instead of a slow database lookup, this finds the closest matching results in milliseconds.

Explanation

```
import faiss

import numpy as np

# Load Vectors from MongoDB

vectors = np.array([doc['embedding'] for doc in collection.find()])

# Create a FAISS Index

index = faiss.IndexFlatL2(384)  # Vector dimension is 384

index.add(vectors)  # Add all vectors

# Perform a Fast Similarity Search

query_vector = np.array([query_embedding])

D, I = index.search(query_vector, 5) # Find top 5 matches
```

6.2. Why FAISS is Useful?

- Speeds up search by 100x.
- Handles millions of records.
- Finds most relevant financial documents in milliseconds.

6.3. Final Summary

- Trained in an LLM specialized in financial analysis.
- Stored embeddings in MongoDB for instant querying.
- Built a FastAPI-based API to provide real-time financial insights.
- Automated deployment with Terraform for scalable cloud hosting.
- Optimized performance using FAISS for instant search results.

7. Conclusion

This research presents a comprehensive framework for training, deploying, and optimizing a Large Language Model (LLM) tailored specifically for financial data analysis using natural language queries. By fine-tuning the Mistral-7B model on domain-specific datasets such as SEC filings, earnings reports, and market news, the system demonstrates superior contextual understanding and accuracy in financial reasoning compared to generic models.

The integration of MongoDB Atlas Vector Search enables efficient semantic retrieval of financial documents, while FastAPI allows seamless, real-time access to insights via a scalable API. Deployment automation through Terraform ensures consistent, scalable infrastructure setup, and FAISS optimization enhances the system's ability to retrieve relevant data in milliseconds—even across millions of records.

Altogether, this work delivers a powerful, open-source solution for analysts, traders, and researchers seeking to harness the capabilities of LLMs for real-time investment insights, risk assessments, and market predictions. It bridges the gap between complex financial data and natural language understanding, paving the way for smarter, AI-driven financial decision-making.

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