

FINETUNING CLIMATEGPT

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01 CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Cloud computing is the largest GHG emitter (~2.5–3.7% of global)
- “Green AI”: quantify & minimize carbon footprint of AI/ML models
- Build climate resilient AI of use in an energy constrained future

“Quantifying the Carbon Emissions of Machine Learning” (2019)

→ Machine Learning Emissions Calculator + Guidelines

“Towards Climate Awareness in NLP Research” (2022)

→ Climate Performance Model Card

“Estimating the Carbon Footprint of BLOOM” (2022)

→ Training = 50 tons of CO₂ = 60 flights from London to NYC

01 CARBON FOOTPRINT

Factors of carbon footprint:

- Server: carbon intensity + time of day
- Runtime: model size + execution frequency
- Hardware: efficiency + resource allocation

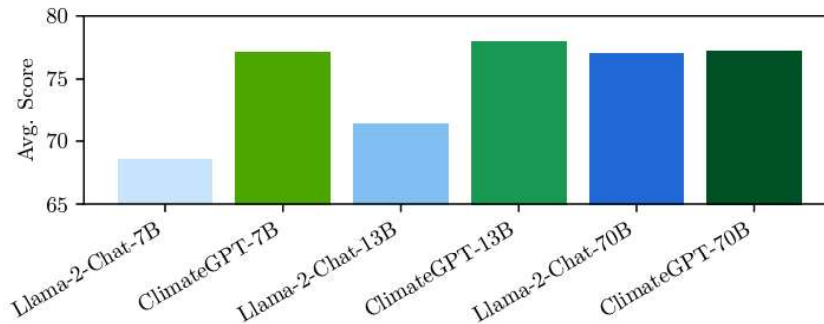
Be informed & intentional

- Transparent tracking and reporting of emissions
- Consciously choose compute infrastructure and location
- Minimize unnecessary training (OTS models, tuning)
- Random and selective hyperparameter search >> gridsearch

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CLIMATE GPT

- The Endowment for Climate Intelligence, “ClimateGPT: Towards AI Synthesizing Interdisciplinary Research on Climate Change”
- Llama 2 backbone + continued pretraining on 4.2B curated climate tokens + instruction finetuning
- Climate specific model intended for OTB use and finetuning



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DATASET

ClimateBERT Climate Sentiment

- 1000 train/320 test [text, label] pairs
- Sentiment labels: {0: “risk”, 1: “neutral”, 2: “opportunity”}

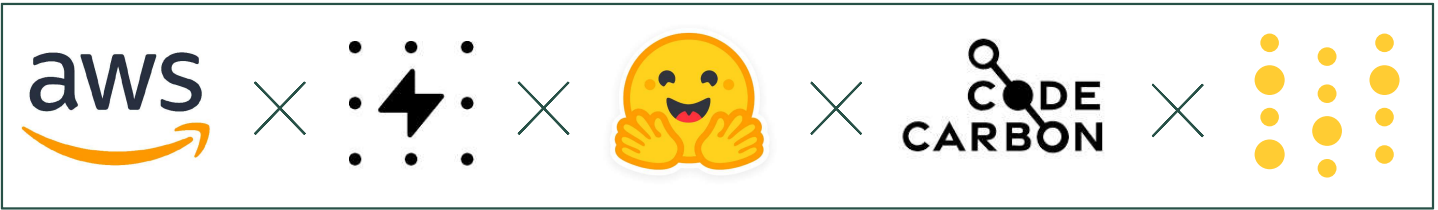
Preprocessing: 800 train/200 val/320 test ChatML prompts

```
["messages": [  
  {"role": "system", "content": "You are..."},  
  {"role": "user", "content": "..."},  
  {"role": "assistant", "content": "..."}  
]]
```

```
def create_prompt(sample):  
    return {  
        "messages": [  
            {"role": "system", "content": SYSTEM_PROMPT},  
            {"role": "user", "content": sample["text"]},  
            {"role": "assistant", "content": IDX2LBL[sample["label"]]}  
        ]  
    }  
  
SYSTEM_PROMPT = """  
Analyze the sentiment of the user provided content and determine if  
it is describing risk, opportunity, or neutral sentiment related to  
climate and the environment. Your response should be the corresponding  
sentiment label "risk" or "opportunity" or "neutral".  
"""
```

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PIPELINE



Compute Infrastructure: AWS & Electricity Maps

- Instance: AWS g5.16xlarge, Ubuntu 20.04, 64 vCPUs, 256 GiB memory
- Single GPU: NVIDIA A10G Ampere Tensor Core (24 GiB)
- Location: Virginia (“us-east-1”) = 100% renewable energy (solar)

Finetuning Pipeline: Huggingface

- PEFT: BitsandBytes + QLoRA
- TRL: Supervised Finetuning with ChatML prompts

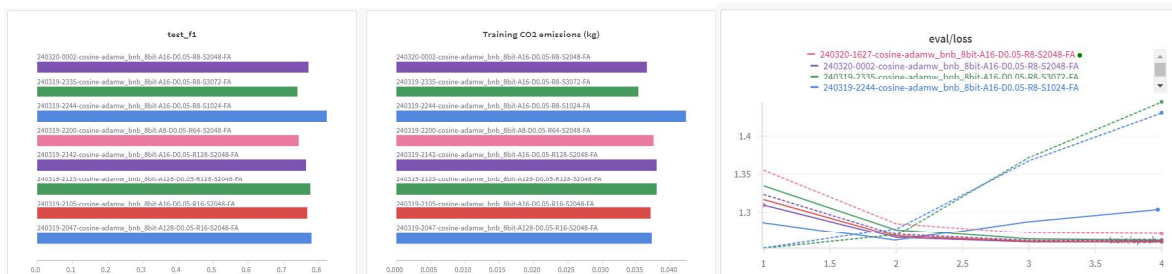
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Emissions Tracking: CodeCarbon

Model Tuning & Logging: Weights&Biases

- Random/selective hyperparameter sweep over alpha, rank, max seq
- “Practical Tips for Finetuning LLMs Using LoRA (Low-Rank Adaptation)”
- HF docs: “Methods and tools for efficient training on a single GPU”

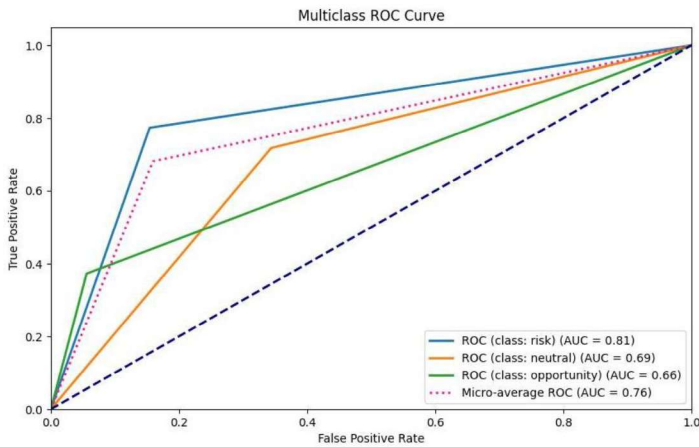


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RESULTS

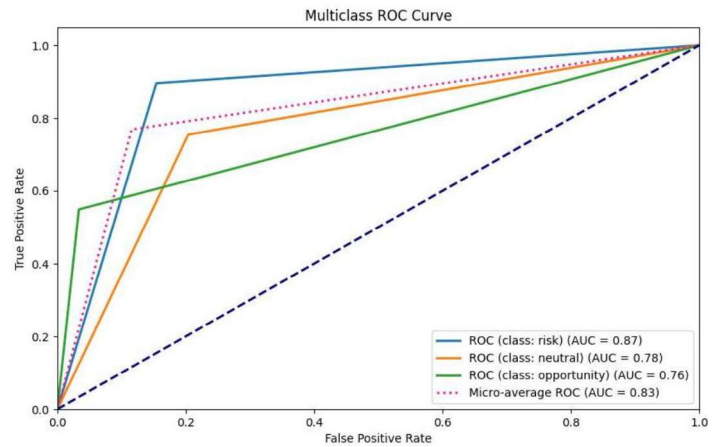
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Test recall: 0.62
Test precision: 0.65
Test f1: 0.63
Test accuracy: 0.68



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Test recall: 0.73
Test precision: 0.76
Test f1: 0.74
Test accuracy: 0.77



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RESULTS

Climate Performance Model Card

1. Is the resulting model publicly available?
2. Time to train final models
3. Time for all experiments
4. Energy consumption GPU + CPU + RAM
5. Geolocation for computation
6. Energy mix at the geolocation
7. CO₂eq emissions to train the final model
8. CO₂eq emissions for all experiments
9. Average CO₂eq emission per inference sample

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Yes
64,500 GPU hours
3685 GPU hours
0.78 kW
Washington, USA
24 gCO₂eq/kWh
1,199.70 kg
333 kg
6.6e-05 kg

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Yes
0.28 GPU hours
2.27 (16.5) GPU hours
0.102 kW
Virginia, USA
335 gCO₂eq/kWh
0.04 kg
0.30 kg
6.0e-06 kg