

SOVEREIGN: What is the impact of fine-tuning on negative interaction trajectories versus positive-only trajectories for L

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Abstract

Large language models (LLMs) have been increasingly used to interact with external environments (e.g., games, compilers, APIs) as goal-driven agents. However, it remains challenging for these language agents to quickly and efficiently learn from trial-and-error as traditional reinforcement learning methods require extensive training samples and expensive model fine-tuning. We propose Reflexion, a novel framework to reinforce language agents not by updating weights, but instead through linguistic feedback. Concretely, Reflexion agents verbally reflect on task feedback signals, then maintain the

1 Introduction

Analysis of: Reflexion: Language Agents with Verbal Reinforcement Learning. Research goal: What is the impact of fine-tuning on negative interaction trajectories versus positive-only trajectories for LLM agent tool-use accuracy on the WebShop benchmark, measured by success rate and average reward?.

2 Methodology

Multi-query arXiv search (4 parallel queries, Relevance-sorted). TF-IDF cosine semantic verification (bigrams, threshold=0.15). NIM nv-embedqa-e5-v5 (dim=1024) for semantic indexing. Tribunal v2: 3-role parallel review (SKEPTIC/VALIDATOR/SYNTHESIZER) with revision round if score < 6.5.

3 Results

8 papers retrieved. 5 claims extracted, 5 verified. Tribunal: 8.2/10 → APPROVE (revision_round=0). Policy: AUTO_APPROVE.

4 Uncertainties

NIM free tier latency varies. TF-IDF verification is a weak signal. arXiv Relevance ranking is query-dependent. Tribunal consensus is LLM-based and prompt-sensitive.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Reflexion achieves a 91% pass@1 accuracy on the HumanEval coding benchmark.	✓	0.23
The previous state-of-the-art GPT-4 achieves 80% pass@1 accuracy on the HumanEval coding benchmark.	✓	0.24
Reflexion obtains significant improvements over a baseline agent across diverse tasks (sequential decision-making, coding)	✓	0.31
Reflexion is flexible enough to incorporate various types (scalar values or free-form language) and sources (external or internal)	✓	0.37
Reflexion agents verbally reflect on task feedback signals, then maintain their own reflective text in an episodic memory	✓	0.40

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