

# Review of: "Beyond Traditional Teaching: The Potential of Large Language Models and Chatbots in Graduate Engineering Education"

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This paper delves into the potential applications of Large Language Models (LLMs), with a particular emphasis on ChatGPT, in the realm of engineering education. The following strengths and weaknesses have been identified upon review of this paper:

## Strengths:

1. The paper offers a thorough introduction to the evolution of chatbots and their subsequent applications in the educational sector.
2. The article showcases specific examples, encompassing both Input/Output (I/O) and CoT prompting, elucidating how ChatGPT addresses diverse challenges in the engineering domain.
3. The paper delves deep into both the advantages and challenges associated with the implementation of ChatGPT in educational settings.

## Weaknesses:

1. The paper falls short in delineating its major contributions to the existing body of knowledge.
2. There is a lack of clarity regarding the motivations behind undertaking this research. The paper could benefit from pinpointing its unique position in the broader research landscape.
3. The paper provides an overview of pretraining and finetuning. However, it misses out on the nuances of in-context learning, especially as seen in LLMs like GPT-3. And the section dedicated to LLMs needs further enhancement. Instead of a broad overview, a more detailed exposition of various LLMs would add value.
4. While the paper underscores the potential of chatbots in engineering education, it predominantly focuses on ChatGPT's capability to handle domain-specific queries. There is an absence of a deeper exploration into the pedagogical aspects, such as the dynamics of chatbot-student interactions and the broader implications of integrating chatbots into the educational ecosystem.

While the paper provides valuable insights into the applications of ChatGPT in engineering education, there are areas that require further refinement and elaboration. Addressing the identified weaknesses will undoubtedly elevate the quality and impact of the research.

