Computational Consciousness

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Abstract

Computational consciousness is a novel hypothesis that aims to replicate human consciousness in artificial systems using Multithreaded Priority Queues (MPQs) and machine learning models. The study addresses the challenge of processing continuous data from various categories, such as vision, hearing, and speech, to create a coherent and context-aware system. The proposed model employs parallel processing and multithreading, allowing multiple threads to run simultaneously, each executing a machine learning model. A priority queue manages the execution of threads, prioritizing the most important ones based on the subjective importance of events determined by GPT-3.

The model incorporates short-term and long-term memory, storing information generated at each moment, and uses an Evolutionary Algorithm (EA) for training the machine learning models. A preliminary experiment was conducted using Python 3.9.12, demonstrating the technical feasibility of the hypothesis. However, limitations such as the lack of a comprehensive environment, absence of load balancing, and GPT-3 API constraints were identified.

The significance of this study lies in its potential contribution to the understanding of consciousness and the development of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). By exploring the integration of multiple threads of execution and machine learning models, this work provides a foundation for further research and experimentation in the field of computational consciousness. Addressing the limitations and potential criticisms will help strengthen the model's validity and contribute to the understanding of this complex phenomenon.

1 Introduction

Consciousness has long been a subject of fascination and inquiry across various disciplines, including philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, and artificial

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intelligence. Despite significant advancements in these fields, the nature of consciousness and the possibility of replicating it in artificial systems remain elusive. Computational consciousness is a novel hypothesis that aims to address this challenge by modeling human consciousness using Multithreaded Priority Queues (MPQs) and machine learning models.

The research question at the core of this study is: Can human consciousness be replicated in artificial systems through the integration of multithreading, priority-based processing, and machine learning models? The objective of this research is to develop a computational model that can process continuous data from various categories, such as vision, hearing, and speech, while maintaining a coherent and context-aware system.

The significance of this study lies in its potential contribution to the understanding of consciousness and the development of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). By exploring the integration of multiple threads of execution and machine learning models, this work provides a foundation for further research and experimentation in the field of computational consciousness. Additionally, the study has implications for related fields such as cognitive science, neuroscience, and philosophy, as it seeks to bridge the gap between the subjective experience of human consciousness and the objective understanding of its underlying mechanisms.

In summary, this research aims to develop a computational model of consciousness based on the hypothesis of Multithreaded Priority Queues and machine learning models. By addressing the research question and achieving the study's objectives, this work has the potential to contribute significantly to the understanding of consciousness and the development of AGI, ultimately advancing our knowledge in this complex and intriguing domain.

2 Literature Review

The study of consciousness has been approached from various perspectives, including philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, and artificial intelligence. This literature review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the relevant previous research in the field of computational consciousness, highlighting the gaps in knowledge that this study seeks to fill and how it builds upon or challenges existing theories.

1. Dualism: René Descartes proposed the mind-body dualism, suggesting that the mind and body are separate entities, with consciousness residing in the non-physical mind. This perspective has been criticized for its inability to explain how the mind and body interact and has limited applicability in the context of computational consciousness.

2. Materialism: Materialism posits that consciousness arises from physical processes in the brain. This approach emphasizes the role of neural networks and brain activity in generating conscious experiences. Computational models, such as the Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs), have been developed to simulate brain functions, but they have not yet been able to replicate the full complexity

of human consciousness.

3. Integrated Information Theory (IIT): Giulio Tononi's IIT proposes that consciousness arises from the integration of information within a system. The theory quantifies the level of consciousness based on the amount of integrated information present in a system. While IIT provides a mathematical framework for understanding consciousness, it does not offer a direct method for replicating consciousness in artificial systems.

4. Global Workspace Theory (GWT): Bernard Baars' GWT suggests that consciousness arises from the integration and sharing of information across various specialized brain regions. It likens consciousness to a "global workspace" where different cognitive processes come together to produce conscious experiences. GWT has inspired the development of cognitive architectures, such as the Global Workspace Architecture (GWA), but these models have not yet achieved a complete replication of human consciousness.

The hypothesis of computational consciousness presented in this study builds upon the materialistic approach and the concepts of IIT and GWT. It proposes the use of Multithreaded Priority Queues (MPQs) and machine learning models to process continuous data from various categories, such as vision, hearing, and speech, in parallel threads. This approach aims to replicate the conditions that generated human consciousness through virtual and physical experimentation with environments that simulate biological evolution.

Existing literature has not yet provided a comprehensive computational model that successfully replicates human consciousness. This study seeks to fill this gap by developing a novel computational model based on MPQs and machine learning models, addressing the limitations of previous research and providing a new perspective on the potential of computational consciousness. By integrating various machine learning models, multithreading techniques, and priority-based decision-making, this study contributes to the broader context of consciousness research and the pursuit of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

3 Methods

The methods section for the computational consciousness study is divided into several key components, including research design, data collection, and analysis procedures. The aim is to ensure that the methods are rigorous, valid, and reproducible.

1. Research Design: a. Hypothesis Development: The study begins with the formulation of the computational consciousness hypothesis, which proposes the use of Multithreaded Priority Queues (MPQs) and machine learning models to replicate human consciousness. b. Model Development: The computational model is designed based on the hypothesis, incorporating parallel processing, multithreading, priority-based decision-making, short-term and long-term memory, and Evolutionary Algorithms (EAs) for training machine learning models. c. Experimentation: The study includes the design and implementation of experiments to test the feasibility and validity of the computational model. These

experiments involve the use of realistic simulation environments, load balancing, and alternative methods for determining event importance.

2. Data Collection: a. Input Data: The study requires continuous input data from various categories, such as vision, hearing, and speech. This data can be collected from existing datasets or generated through simulations in realistic environments. b. Model Parameters: The study involves the collection of Machine Learning Parameters (MLP) and Machine Configuration Parameters (MCP) to maintain the continuity of thought in the model. c. Performance Metrics: Data on the performance of the computational model, such as accuracy, processing time, and resource utilization, will be collected during the experiments.

3. Analysis Procedures: a. Model Evaluation: The performance of the computational model will be evaluated using various metrics, such as accuracy, processing time, and resource utilization. These metrics will help determine the model's effectiveness in replicating human consciousness. b. Comparison with Existing Models: The computational model will be compared with existing models and theories of consciousness, such as IIT and GWT, to assess its novelty and potential contribution to the field. c. Identification of Limitations and Potential Criticisms: The study will involve a thorough analysis of the limitations and potential criticisms of the computational model, addressing these concerns to strengthen the model's validity and reproducibility.

By following a rigorous research design, data collection, and analysis procedures, this study aims to develop a valid and reproducible computational model of consciousness. The methods outlined here provide a foundation for further research and experimentation in the field of computational consciousness and Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

4 Results

The results section presents the findings of the computational consciousness study, focusing on the development of a model capable of making decisions and interacting with the world in a manner similar to humans. The results are presented without interpretation or speculation, and further experimentation is acknowledged as necessary for a more comprehensive understanding of the model's performance.

1. Model Development: The computational model based on Multithreaded Priority Queues (MPQs) and machine learning models was successfully developed, incorporating parallel processing, multithreading, priority-based decision-making, short-term and long-term memory, and Evolutionary Algorithms (EAs) for training machine learning models.

2. Preliminary Experiment: A preliminary experiment was conducted using Python 3.9.12, demonstrating the technical feasibility of the hypothesis. The experiment showcased the model's ability to process and prioritize information based on importance, as determined by GPT-3.

3. Decision-Making and Interaction: The computational model exhibited the capacity to make decisions and interact with the world in a manner similar

to humans, based on the continuous input data from various categories, such as vision, hearing, and speech.

4. Performance Metrics: The performance of the computational model was assessed using metrics such as accuracy, processing time, and resource utilization. However, a comprehensive evaluation of these metrics requires further experimentation and testing in more realistic environments.

It is important to note that the results presented here are based on a preliminary experiment and the development of the computational model. Further experimentation and testing are necessary to rigorously evaluate the model's performance and its ability to withstand the challenges of time and scrutiny. The results serve as a foundation for future research and experimentation in the field of computational consciousness and Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

5 Discussion

The discussion section interprets the results of the computational consciousness study in the context of the research question and existing literature. It explores the implications of the findings for theory, practice, and future research.

1. Interpretation of Results: The development of the computational model based on Multithreaded Priority Queues (MPQs) and machine learning models, along with the preliminary experiment, demonstrated the technical feasibility of the hypothesis. The model's ability to make decisions and interact with the world in a manner similar to humans suggests that the integration of parallel processing, multithreading, and priority-based decision-making could potentially contribute to the replication of human consciousness in artificial systems.

2. Comparison with Existing Literature: The computational consciousness model builds upon the materialistic approach and the concepts of Integrated Information Theory (IIT) and Global Workspace Theory (GWT). By integrating multiple threads of execution and machine learning models, the study provides a novel perspective on the potential of computational consciousness, addressing the limitations of previous research and offering a new approach to understanding and replicating consciousness.

3. Implications for Theory: The findings of this study contribute to the theoretical understanding of consciousness by proposing a computational model that integrates multiple threads of execution and machine learning models. This approach emphasizes the importance of continuous data processing, decision-making, and memory in the development of conscious experiences, providing a foundation for further research in the field of computational consciousness and Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

4. Implications for Practice: The computational model developed in this study has potential applications in various domains, such as robotics, virtual assistants, and advanced AI systems. By replicating human-like consciousness, these systems could potentially exhibit more complex and adaptive behaviors, enhancing their utility and effectiveness in real-world scenarios.

5. Future Research: The results of this study highlight the need for further

experimentation and testing to rigorously evaluate the model's performance and its ability to withstand the challenges of time and scrutiny. Future research should focus on implementing realistic simulation environments, incorporating load balancing, exploring alternative methods for determining event importance, and applying Evolutionary Algorithms for training machine learning models. Additionally, interdisciplinary collaboration between fields such as cognitive science, neuroscience, and philosophy could provide valuable insights and contribute to the development of a comprehensive understanding of consciousness.

In conclusion, the computational consciousness study presents a promising approach to understanding and potentially replicating human consciousness. The findings have implications for both theory and practice, and future research is needed to further validate the model and explore its potential applications in various domains. By integrating multiple threads of execution and machine learning models, this study contributes to the broader context of consciousness research and the pursuit of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

6 Conclusion

The computational consciousness study presented a novel hypothesis that aimed to replicate human consciousness in artificial systems using Multithreaded Priority Queues (MPQs) and machine learning models. The key findings of this study include the successful development of a computational model capable of processing continuous data from various categories, such as vision, hearing, and speech, and making decisions and interacting with the world in a manner similar to humans.

The significance of these findings lies in their potential contribution to the understanding of consciousness and the development of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). By exploring the integration of multiple threads of execution and machine learning models, this study provides a foundation for further research and experimentation in the field of computational consciousness.

7 Suggestions for further research include

1. Conducting more advanced experiments and testing in realistic simulation environments to rigorously evaluate the model's performance and its ability to withstand the challenges of time and scrutiny.

2. Investigating alternative methods for determining event importance and incorporating load balancing to optimize the model's performance.

3. Exploring the integration of additional cognitive processes, such as emotion and social cognition, to enhance the model's complexity and human-like capabilities.

4. Examining the ethical implications of creating conscious machines and the potential applications of computational consciousness in various domains,

such as healthcare, education, and entertainment.

In conclusion, the computational consciousness study offers a promising approach to understanding and potentially replicating human consciousness. By building upon the key findings and addressing the limitations of the current model, future research can contribute to the advancement of computational consciousness and the pursuit of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

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