

# Leveraging R and ChatGPT for Epidemiological Analysis

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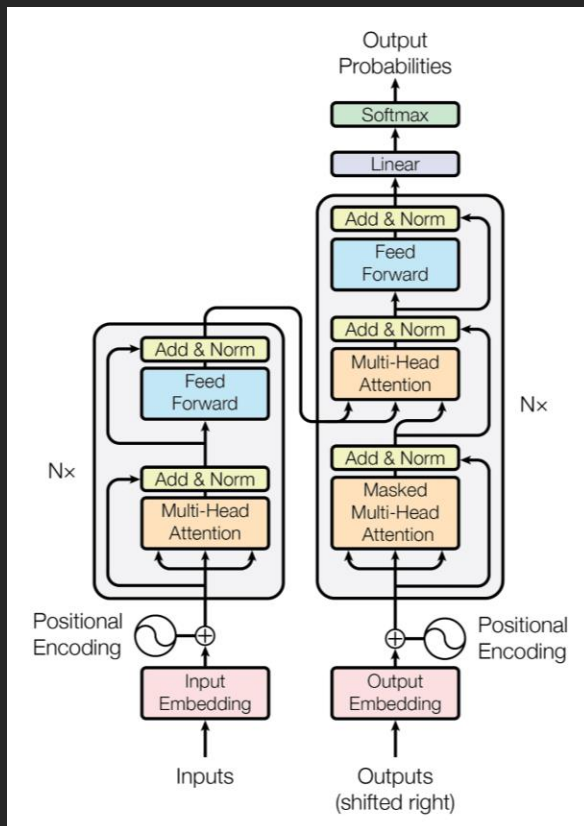
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# What is ChatGPT



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## Abstract

The dominant sequence transduction models are based on complex recurrent or convolutional neural networks that include an encoder and a decoder. The best performing models also connect the encoder and decoder through an attention mechanism. We propose a new simple network architecture, the Transformer, based solely on attention mechanisms, dispensing with recurrence and convolutions entirely. Experiments on two machine translation tasks show these models to be superior in quality while being more parallelizable and requiring significantly less time to train. Our model achieves 28.4 BLEU on the WMT 2014 English-to-German translation task, improving over the existing best results, including ensembles, by over 2 BLEU. On the WMT 2014 English-to-French translation task, our model establishes a new single-model state-of-the-art BLEU score of 41.0 after training for 3.5 days on eight GPUs, a small fraction of the training costs of the best models from the literature.

## 1 Introduction

Recurrent neural networks, long short-term memory [12] and gated recurrent [7] neural networks in particular, have been firmly established as state of the art approaches in sequence modeling and transduction problems such as language modeling and machine translation [29, 2, 5]. Numerous efforts have since continued to push the boundaries of recurrent language models and encoder-decoder architectures [31, 21, 13].

<sup>\*</sup>Equal contribution. Listing order is random. Jakob proposed replacing RNNs with self-attention and started the effort to evaluate this idea. Ashish, with Illia, designed and implemented the first Transformer models and has been crucially involved in every aspect of this work. Noam proposed scaled dot-product attention, multi-head attention and the parameter-free position representation and became the other person involved in nearly every detail. Niki designed, implemented, tuned and evaluated countless model variants in our original codebase and tensor2tensor. Llion also experimented with novel model variants, was responsible for our initial codebase, and efficient inference and visualizations. Lukas and Aidan spent countless long days designing various parts of and implementing tensor2tensor, replacing our earlier codebase, greatly improving results and massively accelerating our research.

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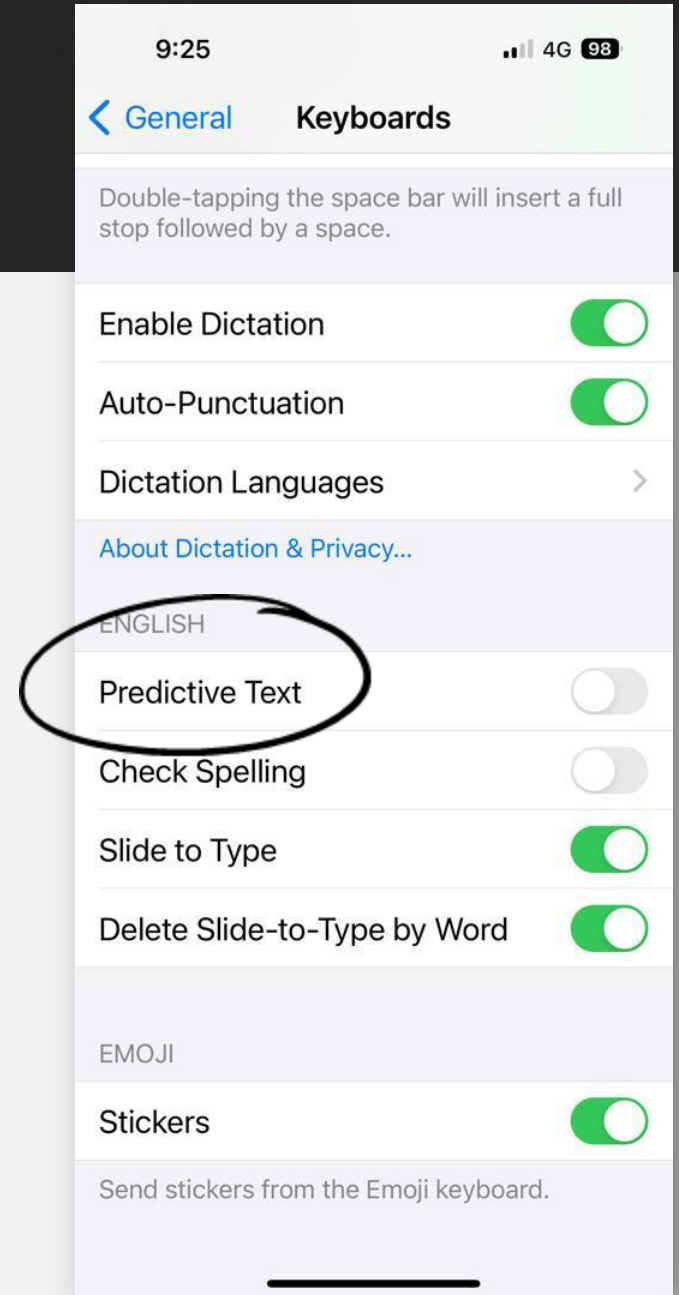
31st Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2017), Long Beach, CA, USA.

- Developed by OpenAI
- Built on the GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) – Vaswani et al. 2017
- Transformer – a new neural network architecture
- Attention is a mechanism that allows neural networks to focus on specific parts of their input.

# All start with prediction

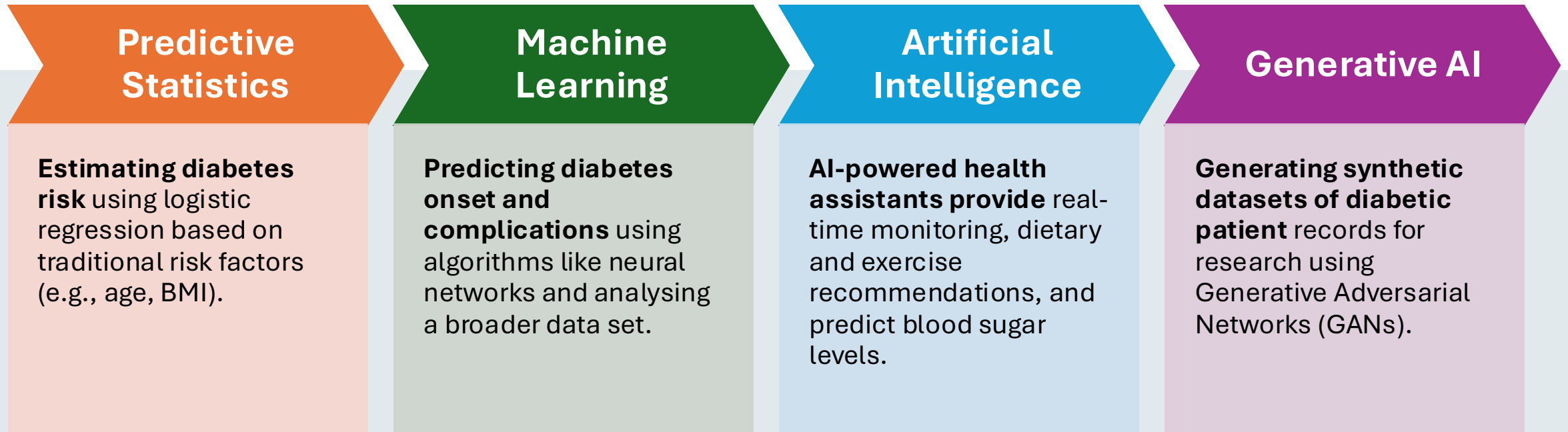
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- *I'm going to the.....*
- Use the Language Model to predict the next word
- It is already in the smartphone – predictive text
- The language model works on a certain computational framework (neural network, many types, one of them is the Transformer model)



# Example of the 'evolution' in diabetes epidemiology

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# How ChatGPT works in statistics

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- Trained from all information available (easier & faster literature search)
  - Propose the best\* solution, best\* method
  - Describe concepts faster and easier
  - Propose coding/algorithm

\* Depending on the trained data

# Prompting tips

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1. Persona/role – a lecturer, a professor, a student, a PhD candidate
2. The task/instruction – to improve, to describe, to analyse, to compare etc
3. Expectation/end goals – simple, complex, layman's terms
4. Filter – narrow the output
5. Format the output – table, diagram

## ChatGPT Prompting Cheat Sheet

5 frameworks to level up your prompts

<p><b>RTF Framework</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> R - Role T - Task F - Format </div> <p><b>Good for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-purpose</li> <li>• Non-work related tasks</li> </ul> <p><b>Prompt Example:</b>  <i>"Act like a chef with 30 years of experience in cooking (<b>role</b>). Give me a weekly meal plan for weight loss (<b>task</b>). Output in a table (<b>format</b>)."</i></p>	<p><b>Chain of Thought</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Improves LLM's reasoning by going step by step. </div> <p><b>Good for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complex analytical tasks</li> <li>• Decision making</li> <li>• Problem solving</li> </ul> <p><b>Prompt Example:</b>  <i>"[your prompt instructions]."</i></p> <p>Simply add "Let's think step by step" ←</p> <p><b>Let's think step-by-step</b></p>
<p><b>RISEN Framework</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> R - Role I - Instructions S - Steps E - End Goal N - Narrowing </div> <p><b>Good for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasks with specific constraints (e.g. blog post, business plan)</li> <li>• Tasks with clear guidelines (e.g. research)</li> </ul> <p><b>Prompt Example:</b>  <i>"Role: You're a business strategist with experience in...  Instructions: Write an in-depth business plan about...  Steps: 1. Start with..., 2. Proceed with..., 3. Proceed with...  End Goal: The goal is...  Narrowing (constraints): Don't use..."</i></p>	<p><b>RODES Framework</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> R - Role O - Objective D - Details E - Examples S - Sense Check </div> <p><b>Good for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you have examples similar to your desired output</li> <li>• Marketing posts (e.g. Social media content, landing pages)</li> </ul> <p><b>Prompt Example:</b>  <i>"Role: You're a content creator with experience in...  Objective: Write a X thread about...  Details: Include the following points...  Examples: Here are 3 examples of good X threads...  Sense Check: Do you understand the objective for this task?"</i></p>
<p><b>Chain of Density</b></p> <p>The Chain of Density is a prompt that uses recursion to create increasingly better outputs.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> I - Instructions R - Recursion B - Benchmark A - Additional Guidelines </div> <p><b>Good for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article summaries</li> <li>• Improving your prompts</li> <li>• Improving long-form content via recursion</li> </ul> <p><b>Prompt Example:</b>  <i>"Instructions: Here is [insert content you want to improve]. You will generate increasingly improved versions of this content.  Recursion: Repeat the following 2 steps 5 times. Step 1. Identify 1-3 points from the initial output which are missing. Step 2. Write a new, improved output of identical length which includes the missing points.  Benchmark: Here is more information on what makes a good XYZ: [insert info]  Additional Guidelines: Follow these specific [insert guidelines]"</i></p>	

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ChatGPT is a tool

# What is R

- 
- Open-source programming language environment
  - Used especially for **statistical** computing and **graphics**
  - Free
  - Steep learning curve – *this is where ChatGPT is useful*
  - Progressive – constant update – *again, this is where ChatGPT is useful*



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# How do you rate your skill using R?


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# For this workshop

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1. Good to have two monitors
  2. Install R, download from <https://cran.r-project.org>
  3. Install RStudio from <https://rstudio.com>
  4. Learning materials at <https://github.com/profjamal/chatgpt>
  5. Data from <https://github.com/MoH-Malaysia/covid19-public>

# The steps

1. Set your objective very clear
2. Understand the data (if they are not yours)
3. Prepare the data – download (link), clean (for missing values, outliers, etc), and visualise the data (in table)
4. Generate the coding from ChatGPT by using proper **prompting**
5. Run the coding in R
6. Verify the results – need your understanding of epid & stat



# Set your analysis objectives

- Begin with the end in mind
- Set clear objectives
- For this workshop, our analysis is on Malaysia's COVID-19 death (using the line listing):

[https://github.com/MoH-Malaysia/covid19-public/blob/main/epidemic/linelist/linelist\\_deaths.csv](https://github.com/MoH-Malaysia/covid19-public/blob/main/epidemic/linelist/linelist_deaths.csv)



# The prompt, example

<b>Role</b>	Who are you?	Epidemiologist that is responsible for managing outbreaks in a population of 36,000,000 people
<b>Task</b>	What do you want?	Generally the aim is to evaluate the deaths from the COVID-19 outbreak in Malaysia. Specifically,  1) the overall incidence by year 2) its distribution based on age, sex, vaccination status, and type of vaccines.
<b>Format</b>	What output format do you want?	In R script and/or the visualisations

# Tips

- Faster if we upload the data to ChatGPT
- Good to proceed in stages
  1. Preview data
  2. Clean data
  3. Analyse base on objective
  4. Request for visualisation
  5. Can even request the narrative
- At each stage, verify the codes and the result of the analysis
- Let the ChatGPT run the whole analysis first (in Python)
- Once you are satisfied, then you can ask the code in R, verify again

A top-down view of a workspace. On the left is a silver laptop with a black keyboard. A pair of black-rimmed glasses and a black pen with a silver clip are resting on the laptop's trackpad. To the right of the laptop is a small black pot containing a green, grass-like plant. Below the laptop is a yellow spiral-bound notebook. To the right of the notebook is a white mug filled with dark coffee. The entire scene is set against a light brown background.

# Practical

Let's do this together

# Let ChatGPT do all the analysis first

- <https://chatgpt.com>
- GPT-4, GPT-4o mini, GPT-4o
- Let's start with your first prompt



# Objectives

1. Calculate the overall mortality rate
2. Compare mortality rate by sex, vaccination status, vaccine doses

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