

Introduction to Large Language Models

Journey and Evaluation Parameters

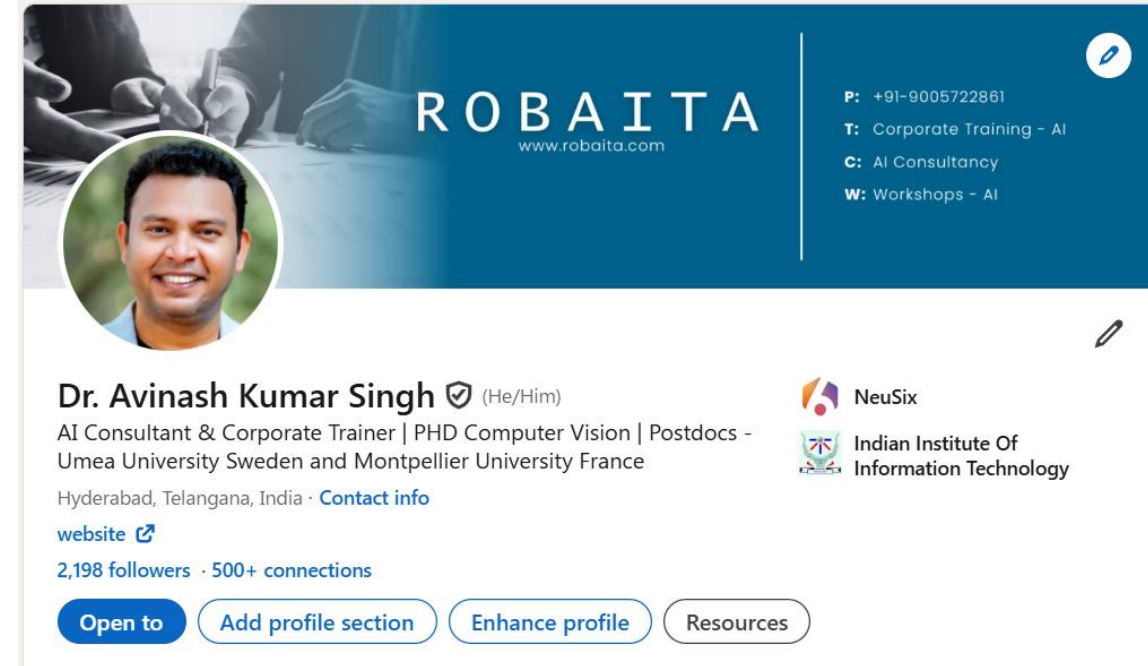
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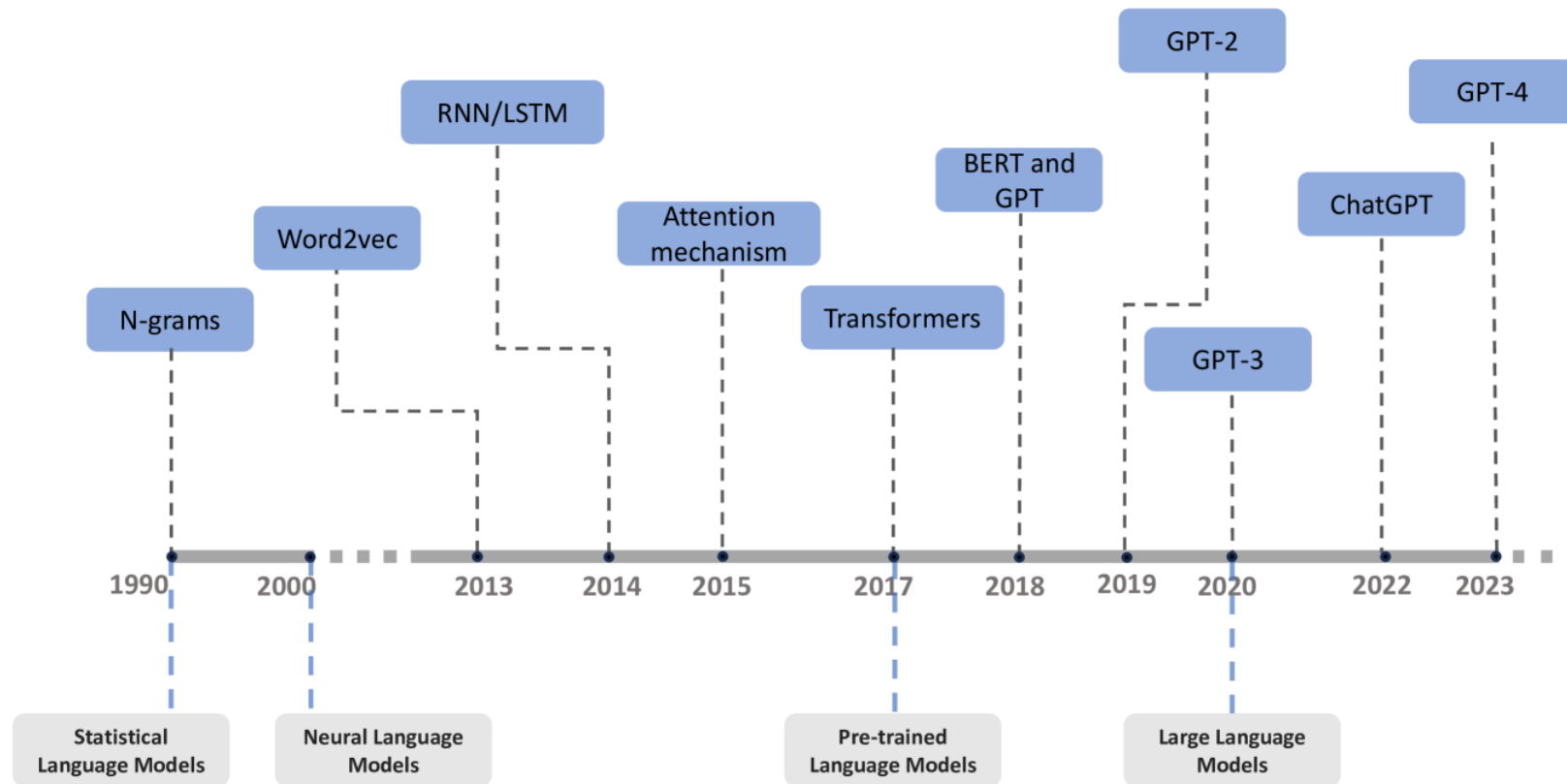
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Things to be discussed

- What Are Large Language Models and How Do They Work?
- Popular LLMs and Benchmarks
- Evaluation Metrics:
 - Accuracy
 - Precision
 - Recall
 - F1-score
 - Confusion matrix interpretation
 - BLEU Score
 - ROUGE for language models, Perplexity (LLM-specific)
- Prompt Engineering

Language Models Journey



History, Development, and Principles of Large Language Models—An Introductory Survey, <https://arxiv.org/html/2402.06853v1>

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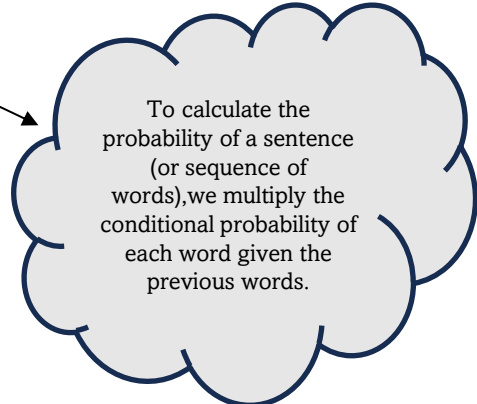
What is a Language Model

A language model is a probabilistic model that assigns a probability to a sequence of words and predicts the likelihood of the next word in a sentence, given the previous words.

Statistical Language Model (SLM):

A language model estimates the probability distribution over sequences of words. Given a sequence of words $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$, a language model computes:

$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i \mid w_1, \dots, w_{i-1})$$



To calculate the probability of a sentence (or sequence of words), we multiply the conditional probability of each word given the previous words.

Chapter 3: N-gram Language Models , Jurafsky, D., & Martin, J. H. (2023). *Speech and Language Processing* (3rd ed. draft). Stanford University.
<https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/>

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Predict the next word

I want to drink a hot cup of _____

Training Corpus

1. I want to drink a hot cup of coffee
2. Every morning, I drink a hot cup of coffee before work
3. He prefers a hot cup of tea in the evening
4. She needs a hot cup of coffee to wake up
5. After dinner, they drank a hot cup of tea
6. I always start my day with a hot cup of black coffee
7. On cold days, people enjoy a hot cup of cocoa
8. I want to drink a hot cup of coffee quickly
9. They like to have a hot cup of herbal tea after yoga
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Derivation

1. Expression to find the next word

$$P(w_1, \dots, w_9) \approx \prod_{i=1}^9 P(w_i \mid w_{i-2}, w_{i-1})$$

2. Chain rule of probability

$$P(w_1) \cdot P(w_2 \mid w_1) \cdot P(w_3 \mid w_1, w_2) \cdot P(w_4 \mid w_2, w_3) \cdot \dots \cdot P(w_9 \mid w_7, w_8)$$

3. If we assume the next word is coffee

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{"I want to drink a hot cup of coffee"}) &= P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_9) \\ &= P(w_1) \cdot P(w_2 \mid w_1) \cdot P(w_3 \mid w_1, w_2) \cdot \dots \cdot P(w_9 \mid w_1, \dots, w_8) \end{aligned}$$

Phrase	Count	Probability
cup of coffee	5	= 5/10 (0.5)
cup of tea	2	= 2/10 (0.2)
cup of milk,	1	= 1/10 (0.1)
Total ("cup of X")	10	

4. The predicted word would be coffee

The Issues with Statistical Model

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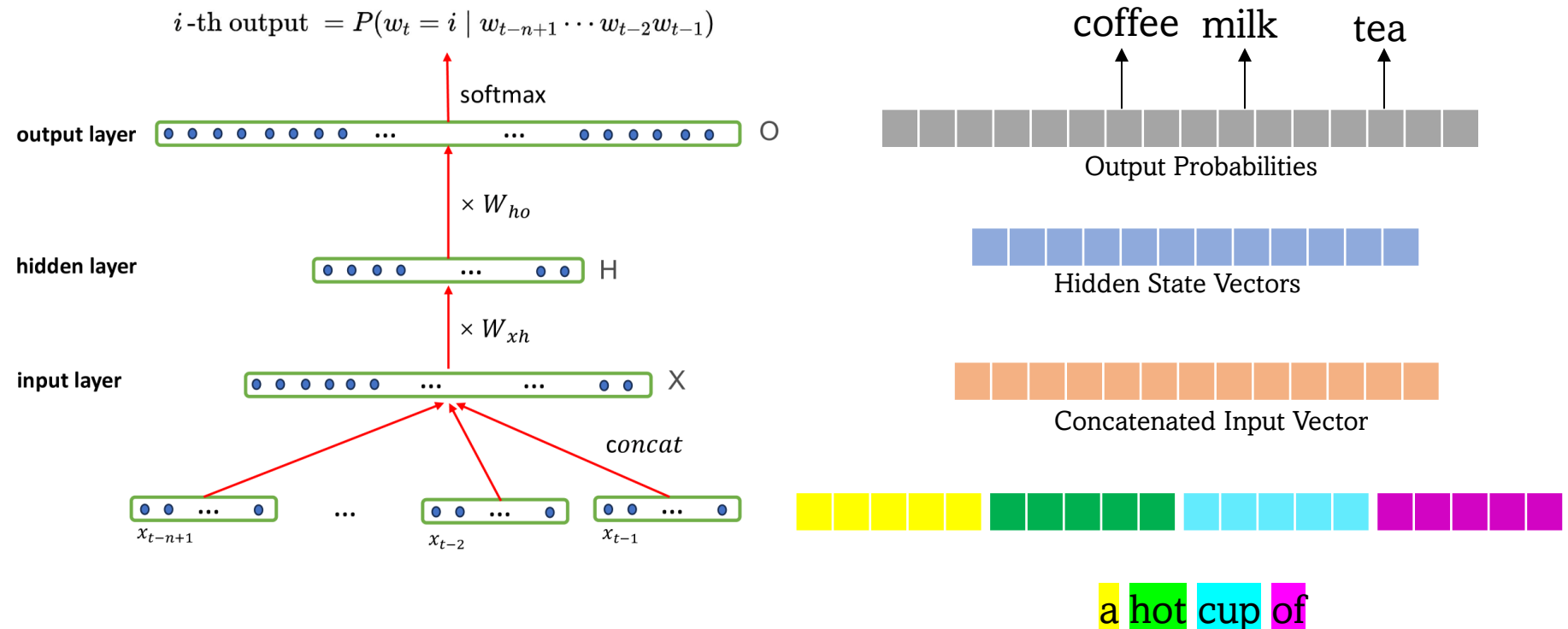
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conditional probabilities, it is necessary to pre-compute and save $C(X)$ required for the conditional probability computation, where X is a sentence of length n . The number of possible sentences X grows exponentially with the size of the vocabulary. For instance, with 1000 different words, there exist 1000^n potential sequences of length n . However, excessively large values of n pose storage limitations. Typically, n is confined to 2 or 3, causing each word to relate to only its first 1 or 2 preceding words, ultimately leading to a reduction in the model's accuracy.

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Neural Language Models

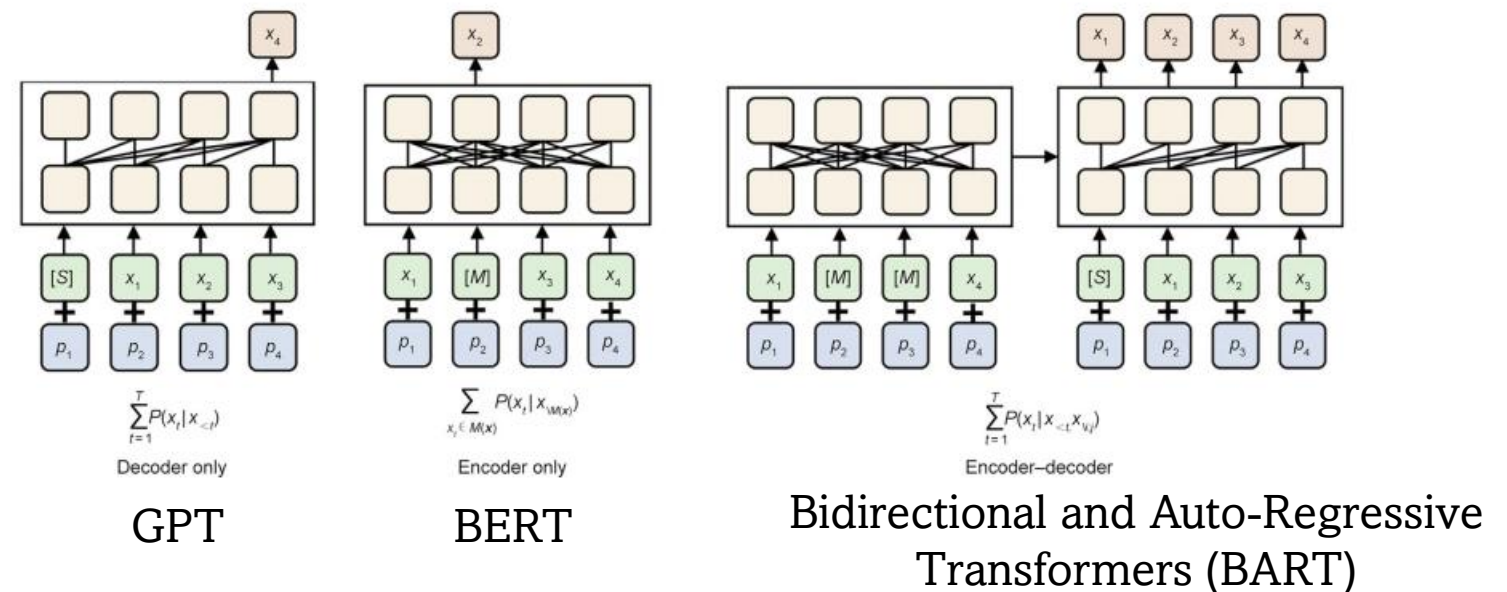
Neural Language Models: NLMs ([Bengio et al., 2000](#); [Mikolov et al., 2010](#); [Kombrink et al., 2011](#)) leverage neural networks to predict the probabilities of subsequent words within sequences. They effectively handle longer sequences and mitigate the limitations associated with small n in SLMs. Before delving into neural networks, let's grasp the concept of



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Large Language Model

Pre-trained Language Model: PLMs undergo initial **training** using an **extensive volume of unlabeled text**, enabling them to **grasp fundamental language structures such as vocabulary, syntax, semantics, and logic** — a phase termed **pre-training**. Subsequently, this comprehensive **language model can be applied to various NLP tasks like machine translation, text summarization, and question-answering systems**. To optimize its performance, **models need to be trained a second time on a smaller dataset customized for a specific downstream task** — a phase known as **fine-tuning**. This is the “**pre-training and fine-tuning**” learning paradigm. We can use a visual example to understand the “pre-training and fine-tuning”, as follows: in

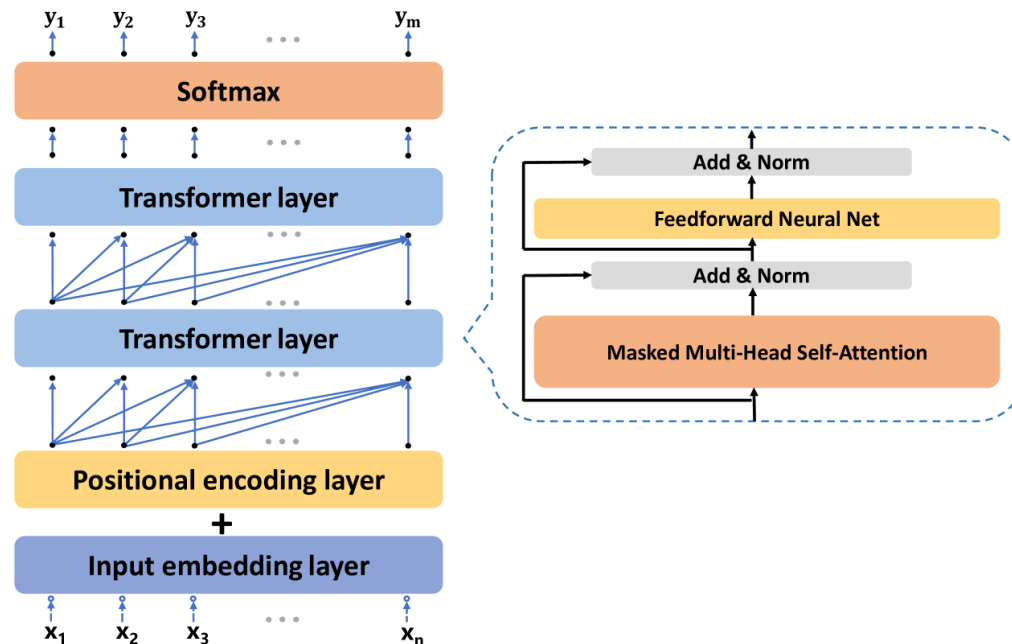


Wang, H., Li, J., Wu, H., Hovy, E., & Sun, Y. (2023). Pre-trained language models and their applications. *Engineering*, 25, 51-65.

Large Language Models

“A Large Language Model is a transformer-based neural network trained to model the probability distribution over sequences of words or tokens, enabling tasks such as text generation, summarization, translation, and question answering.”

- **Bommasani et al., 2021**, *On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models*



Examples: GPT-4, BERT
LLaMA, Claude, Gemini, Mistral

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LLM Datasets

Dataset Name	Size	Dataset Information	Languages	URL
Common Crawl	Petabyte-scale	Web pages, blogs, news articles, forums	100+	https://commoncrawl.org
The Pile	825 GB	Academic papers, books, GitHub, StackExchange, Wikipedia, PubMed, etc.	Primarily English	https://pile.eleuther.ai
Wikipedia	~20 GB (English)	Encyclopedic articles	300+	https://dumps.wikimedia.org
OpenWebText2	~40 GB	High-quality content from web links in Reddit	Primarily English	https://github.com/EleutherAI/openwebtext2
RedPajama	~1.2 TB	Common Crawl, C4, Books, GitHub, Wikipedia, StackExchange	Primarily English	https://www.together.xyz/blog/redpajama
The Stack	3.1 TB	Source code from GitHub in 30+ programming languages	30+ (programming languages)	https://huggingface.co/datasets/bigcode/the-stack
arXiv + PubMed	10+ GB	Scientific papers in physics, math, medicine, biology	Primarily English	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/download https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/Cornell-University/arxiv

Large Language Models Evaluation

Total Cats = 6 + 1

Total Dogs = 2 + 12

True Positive & True Negative: When Actual and Predicted values are same.


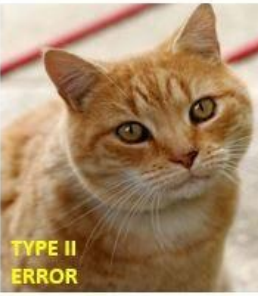


TP = 6, TN = 11

False Positive: When the actual Value was negative “dog” and the system predicted positive “cat”.

FP = 2

False Negative: When the actual value was “cat” and the system is predicted it “dog”

FN = 1

		PREDICTED VALUES	
		Positive (CAT)	Negative (DOG)
ACTUAL VALUES	Positive (CAT)	 TRUE POSITIVE 6 YOU ARE A CAT	 FALSE NEGATIVE 1 TYPE II ERROR YOU ARE A DOG
	Negative (DOG)	 FALSE POSITIVE 2 TYPE I ERROR YOU ARE A CAT	 TRUE NEGATIVE 11 YOU ARE NOT A CAT

Confusion Matrix

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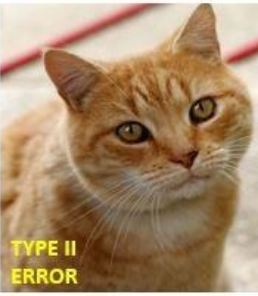


FP = 2, FN = 1

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$F1 = \frac{2 * Precision * Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

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BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy) – compares n -gram overlaps between prediction and reference

Papineni, K., Roukos, S., Ward, T., & Zhu, W. J. (2002).

$$\text{BLEU} = \text{BP} \cdot \exp \left(\sum_{n=1}^N w_n \log p_n \right).$$

Let's calculate it for bigram

$$\text{BLEU-2} = \text{BP} \cdot \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} (\log p_1 + \log p_2) \right)$$

BP stands for **Brevity Penalty**. It is used to penalize machine-generated text that is **too short** compared to the reference

Actual: The cat is on the mat

Unigram: the, cat, is, on, the, mat

Bigram: the cat, cat is, is on, on the, the mat

Predicted: The cat sat on the mat

Unigram: the, cat, sat, on, the, mat

Bigram: the cat, cat sat, sat on, on the, the mat

$$p_1 = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$\text{BLEU} - 2 = 1 * e^{\left(\frac{1}{2}(\log \frac{5}{6} + \log \frac{3}{6})\right)}$$

0.645

BLEU score is precision-oriented (counts how many n -grams match), but without a length penalty, a model could **cheat** by just outputting short sequences.

BP solves this by lowering the BLEU score when the generated output is shorter than the reference.

$$\text{BP} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } c > r \\ e^{(1-\frac{r}{c})} & \text{if } c \leq r \end{cases}$$

Large Language Models Evaluation

ROUGE (Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation) Score

Lin, C.-Y. (2004).

ROUGE: A Package for Automatic Evaluation of Summaries

ROUGE (Recall-Oriented) is used in summarization. The most common are:

- **ROUGE-1**: Overlap of unigrams

$$\text{ROUGE-1(Precision)} = 5/6, \text{ROUGE-1(Recall)} = 5/6, \text{ROUGE-1(F1)} = \frac{2 * \frac{5}{6} * \frac{5}{6}}{\frac{5}{6} + \frac{5}{6}}$$

- **ROUGE-2**: Overlap of bigrams

$$\text{ROUGE-2(Precision)} = 3/6, \text{ROUGE-2(Recall)} = 3/6, \text{ROUGE-2(F1)} = \frac{2 * \frac{3}{6} * \frac{3}{6}}{\frac{3}{6} + \frac{3}{6}}$$

- **ROUGE-L**: Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

Longest Sequence (5) = The cat [mismatch/gap] on the mat

$$\text{ROUGE-L(Precision)} = 5/6, \text{ROUGE-L(Recall)} = 5/6, \text{ROUGE-L(F1)} = \frac{2 * \frac{5}{6} * \frac{5}{6}}{\frac{5}{6} + \frac{5}{6}}$$

Some Benchmarks

Model	MMLU	HumanEval	GSM8K	TruthfulQA
GPT-4	86.40%	88.00%	94.00%	59.00%
Claude 2	81.60%	71.00%	88.00%	58.00%
Gemini 1.5 Pro	84.00%	83.00%	92.00%	62.00%
Claude 3 Opus	88.70%	90.00%	95.00%	68.00%
GPT-3.5	70.00%	48.10%	57.10%	47.00%
LLaMA 2 70B	79.00%	67.00%	83.00%	52.00%
Mixtral 8x7B	84.10%	74.00%	87.00%	58.50%
Mistral 7B	70.00%	55.00%	65.00%	47.00%
Command R+	75.20%	60.50%	78.00%	53.10%
Gemma 7B	65.00%	45.00%	58.00%	41.00%

MMLU (Massive Multitask Language Understanding)

- **What it tests:** Knowledge and reasoning across 57 academic subjects like history, law, math, medicine, etc.
- **Use case:** Checks how well a model performs on real-world, high school to graduate-level exams.

HumanEval

- **What it tests:** Code generation and reasoning.
- **Use case:** Given a prompt (like a function definition), the model needs to generate correct Python code that passes test cases.

GSM8K (Grade School Math 8K)

- **What it tests:** Basic arithmetic and word problem-solving.
- **Use case:** Models solve grade-school level math problems using step-by-step reasoning.

TruthfulQA

- **What it tests:** The ability to give **truthful** answers, especially in tricky or misleading questions.
- **Use case:** The model is asked questions where giving a common but false answer is easy (e.g., urban myths).

**Thanks for
your time**