

Lecture 01: Introduction to GenAI

1: 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, ?

2: Sun Rises from the ____?

3: Twinkle twinkle little ____?

3: Modi is prime minister of ____?

4: President of USA is ____?

5: roses are red, violets are ____?

6: अक्ल बड़ी या बयस or अक्ल बड़ी या भैंस

7: धोबी का कुत्ता, न घर का न घाट का or धोबी का कुत्ता, न घर का न घाट का

8: Take unusual pattern: 17, 360

It do prediction

it can't calculate (like human)

it can't run the code

it can't search on the internet

It can't do reasoning

What is Generative AI?

Core Idea: AI that predicts the next word/token based on patterns learned from massive data.

Key Point: It does NOT think, understand, or reason. It only predicts.

Experience It Yourself

Try completing these:

1. "100, 200, 300, ___" → You said **400** (instant!)
2. "Twinkle twinkle little ___" → You said **star** (no thinking!)
3. "Roses are red, violets are ___" → You said **blue** (but violets are purple!)

What happened?

- You predicted based on patterns you've seen many times
- You didn't think, you just knew
- Sometimes frequency beats facts (violets are purple, not blue)

This is EXACTLY how LLMs work!

The Two Modes

Humans Have Two Modes:

Mode 1: Pattern Recognition (Fast)

- "100, 200, 300, ___" → 400 (instant)
- "The Sun rises in the ___" → east (automatic)

Mode 2: Reasoning (Slow)

- "37, 38, 42, 51, 67, ___" → (you think: differences are 1, 4, 9, 16... next is 25... answer: 92)

LLMs Only Have Mode 1:

- Fast pattern matching
 - NO actual reasoning
 - Can simulate reasoning if they saw similar patterns in training
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1. What is Generation?

Simple explanation:

When you write an essay, you write one word at a time:

- "Climate"
- "Climate change"
- "Climate change is"
- "Climate change is a"
- "Climate change is a serious"

How do you decide the next word? Based on patterns you've learned from reading.

LLMs do the same:

- Predict one token at a time
 - Build sequences through prediction
 - Based on patterns from training data
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- **LLM (Large Language Model):**
 - *Input:* Text Tokens.
 - *Internal Math:* Calculates relationships between words.
 - *Output:* Text Tokens.
 - *Principle:* It predicts the next **word**.
 - **LMM (Large Multimodal Model):**
 - *Input:* Text, Images, Audio, Video.
 - *Internal Math:* Calculates relationships between *concepts* (regardless of format).
 - *Output:* Text, Images, Audio, Video.
 - *Principle:* It predicts the next **piece of data** (whether that data is a word, a pixel, or a sound wave).
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2. Tokens, Not Words

Problem: Computers only understand numbers, not words.

Solution: Break text into tokens (smaller pieces).

Examples:

"I like cats" → ["I", " like", " cats"]

"I don't like pineapple" → ["I", " don", "'t", " like", " pine", "apple"]

"I love dosa" → ["I", " love", " d", "osa"]

Why It Matters:

Q: How many letters in "strawberry"?

You: 10 letters (s-t-r-a-w-b-e-r-r-y)

ChatGPT often gets it wrong! Why?

- It sees tokens like ["straw", "berry"], not individual letters
- Can't count letters because it never saw them separately

This explains:

- ❌ Can't reverse words letter-by-letter
- ❌ Can't count specific letters
- ❌ Struggles with spelling

3. Training vs Inference

Training Phase (Learning):

- Feed billions of text examples
- For each: hide next word, make model predict
- When wrong, adjust internal numbers slightly

- Repeat billions of times
- **Takes:** Months, millions of dollars
- **Done:** Once

Inference Phase (Using):

- Use learned patterns (frozen, no new learning)
- Just predict based on what was learned
- **Takes:** Milliseconds
- **Done:** Every time you chat

Key Point: The ChatGPT you use is NOT learning from you. It's using patterns learned months ago.

4. Context Window (Memory Limit)

What is it?

Everything the AI can "see" right now:

- Your current message
- Previous messages
- Uploaded files

The Limit:

- 4K tokens \approx 3,000 words (short chat)
- 32K tokens \approx 24,000 words (small book chapter)
- 200K tokens \approx 150,000 words (entire novel)

What happens when you exceed?

Window size: 10 tokens

Your input: 15 tokens

[1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15]

AI sees only: [6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15]
↑ First 5 dropped!

This explains:

- Why it forgets early parts of long conversations
- Why you sometimes need to repeat information
- Why new chat = complete fresh start

5. Temperature (Randomness Control)

Problem: "The capital of France is ____"

Probabilities:

- "Paris" → 98%
- "Lyon" → 1%
- "London" → 0.01%

Should it ALWAYS pick "Paris"? Then every answer is identical.

Temperature Settings:

Temperature = 0 (No randomness):

- Always picks highest probability
- Same input → same output every time
- **Use for:** Math, facts, code

Temperature = 0.7 (Medium):

- Usually high probability, sometimes lower
- **Use for:** General writing, explanations

Temperature = 1.5 (High):

- More random, creative
- Can be nonsensical

- **Use for:** Creative writing, brainstorming
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Common Myths About LLMs

✗ Myth 1: LLMs search the internet

Truth: They don't connect to internet. Only use patterns from training (frozen months ago).

✗ Myth 2: LLMs think/understand

Truth: No thinking. Pure mathematical prediction, token by token.

✗ Myth 3: LLMs calculate math

Truth: They PREDICT digits, not calculate.

- $2+2$ = correct (seen millions of times)
- 8437×6829 = often wrong (predicting digits)

✗ Myth 4: LLMs remember forever

Truth: Only remember within context window. New chat = forgot everything.

✗ Myth 5: LLMs learn from your corrections

Truth: They use corrections in current chat only. Not updating their knowledge.

✗ Myth 6: LLM-generated code always works

Truth: Often has bugs. Always test. Never blindly trust.

Who Uses LLMs? (Real Problems Solved)

1. GitHub Copilot

Problem: Developers spend 60% time on repetitive code

Solution: AI suggests code as you type

Impact: 55% faster coding

2. Duolingo

Problem: Can't personalize for millions of students

Solution: AI tutor adjusts to YOUR level

Impact: Personalized learning at scale

3. Intercom (Customer Support)

Problem: 70% of tickets are repetitive questions

Solution: AI chatbot answers instantly

Impact: 50% queries resolved by AI, 24/7 availability

4. Notion AI

Problem: Hours wasted on documentation

Solution: AI generates summaries, action items

Impact: Save 2-3 hours/week

5. Khan Academy

Problem: Teachers can't give 1-on-1 attention

Solution: AI tutor (Khanmigo) guides through questions

Impact: Every student gets personal tutor

6. Grammarly

Problem: Poor writing hurts professionalism

Solution: AI fixes grammar, improves clarity

Impact: Better communication, saves time

7. Harvey AI (Legal)

Problem: Lawyers spend 60% time reading documents

Solution: AI summarizes cases, finds precedents

Impact: 10 hours work → 1 hour

How It All Works Together

When you type: "Write a function to add two numbers"








1. **Tokenization:** Text → tokens → numbers

2. **Context:** Your message fits in context window
3. **Prediction:** Model calculates probabilities for next token
4. **Temperature:** Picks based on randomness setting
5. **Generation:** One token at a time:

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functionfunction addfunction add(function add(afunction add(a,function a  
dd(a, bfunction add(a, b) {...
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No thinking. Just prediction after prediction.

Key Takeaways

1.  LLMs predict patterns, don't think
 2.  Work on tokens, not words/letters
 3.  Training = learning (past), Inference = using (now)
 4.  Context window = temporary memory
 5.  Temperature = randomness control
 6.  Not perfect - always verify outputs
 7.  Used everywhere - transforming every industry
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Remember:

"LLMs are powerful pattern predictors, not magic intelligence boxes."

Understanding how they work helps you:

- Use them effectively
 - Know their limitations
 - Build products with them
 - Stay relevant in job market
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End of Notes

