

Introduction to the Natural Language Processing Lab

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NLP Lab

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Education

2023-25	MS Computer Science @ ASU Pursuing Thesis, co-advised by Dr. Chitta Baral & Dr. Vivek Gupta
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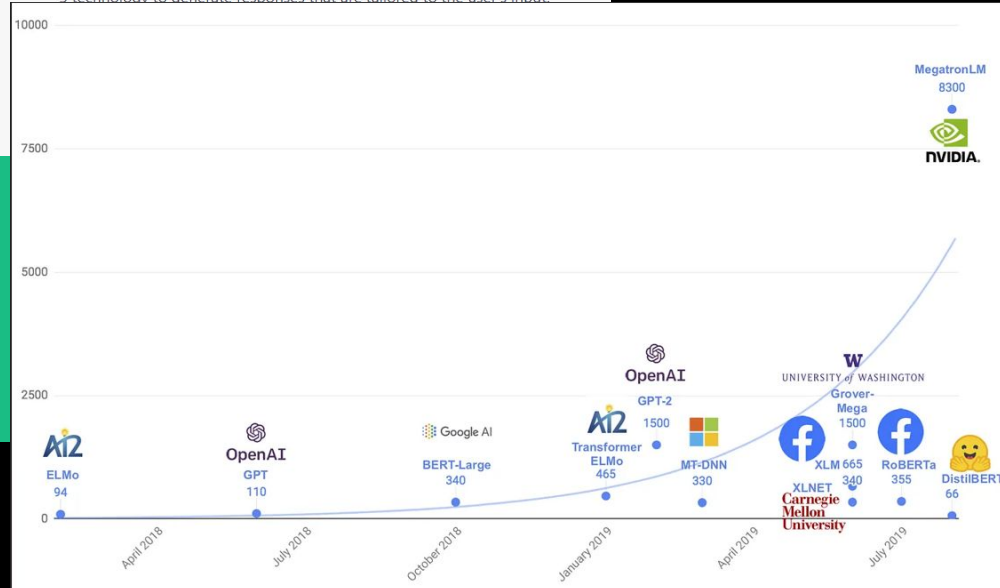
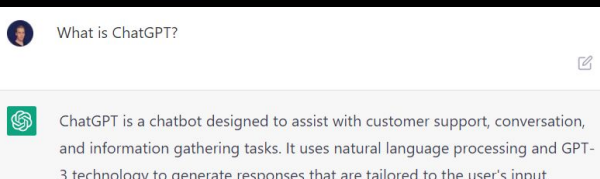
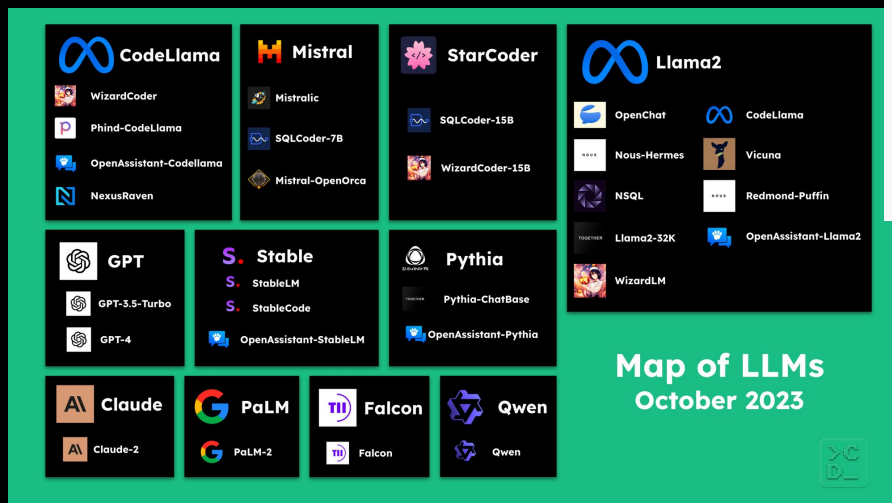
Work Experience

Summer'24	Applied Scientist @ Amazon, Seattle, US Part of International Seller Services; Worked on bringing explainability using LLMs
2021-23	MTS @ Oracle, India Part of Oracle Analytics Team
Summer'21	Research Intern @ Siemens, India Part of Siemens Research & Automation Team; Worked on Knowledge Fusion

Research Experience

2024-25	Coral Lab & APG @ ASU Working on problems of visual hallucination in Multimodal LLMs, compositionality issue in Text-to-Image and Text-to-Video models.
2022-23	Xu Lab @ CMU Worked on Contrastive Unsupervised Representation Learning for Cryo-ET particle detection; Authored the <i>Feature Enhancement</i> section of the <i>Data Mining</i> chapter for the book titled <i>Cryogenic Electron Tomography : A Journey from Sample Preparation to Data Mining</i>
2021-22	MIDAS Lab @ IIIT Delhi Worked on Persuasion Modelling; Published our work in AAAI 2023
2021-22	PathCheck @ MIT Worked on evaluating performance of forecasting models; Work published in <i>Frontiers in Public Health</i> .

NLP 2.0 : The Era of LLMs



Source : <https://blog.continue.dev/what-llm-to-use/>

<https://moscow25.medium.com/the-best-deep-natural-language-papers-you-should-read-bert-gpt-2-and-looking-forward-1647f4438797>

AI Gold Rush

What Is Perplexity AI? The \$1 Billion Google Search Competitor

AWS Commits \$230M To AI Startups To Drive GenAI Innovation: Here's Why

BY MARK HARANAS 
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'With this new effort, we will help startups launch and scale world-class businesses, providing the building blocks they need to unleash new AI applications that will impact all facets of how the world learns, connects, and does business,' says AWS' Matt Wood.

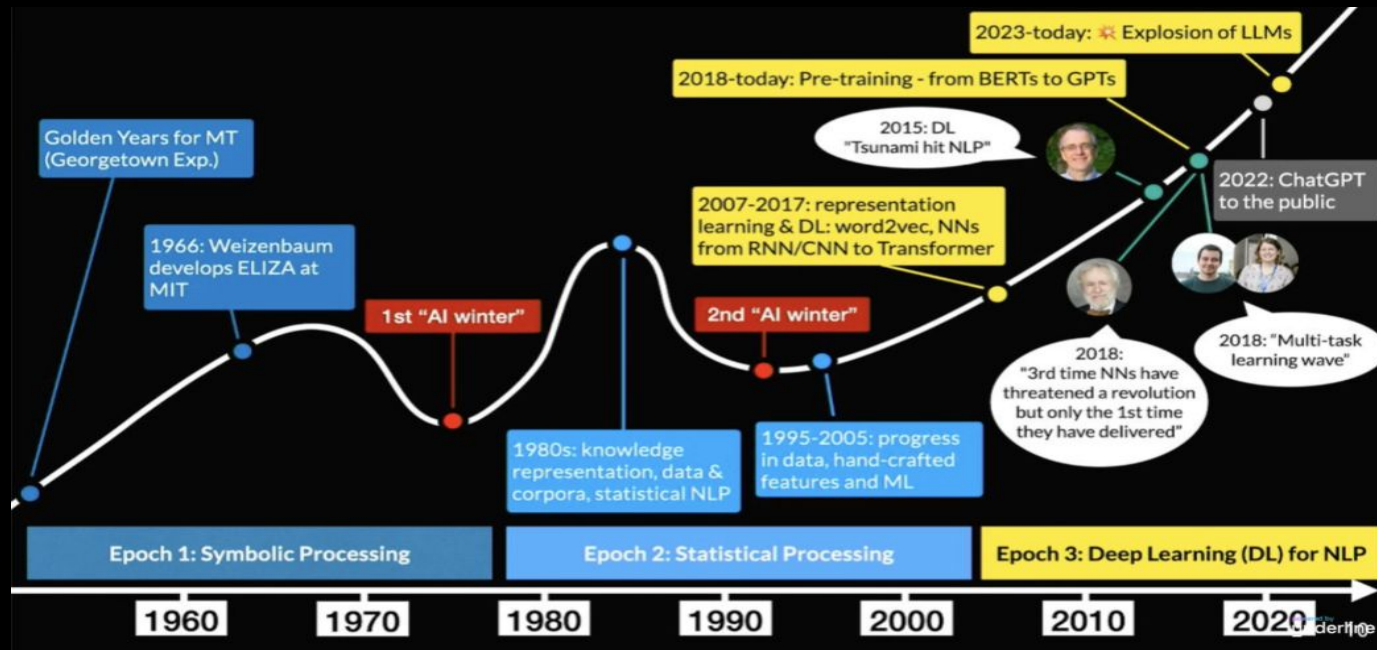
Clinical Generative AI Startup Ambience Healthcare Raises \$70M

ERIC HAL SCHWARTZ on February 8, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Reddit cashes in on AI gold rush with \$203M in LLM training license fees

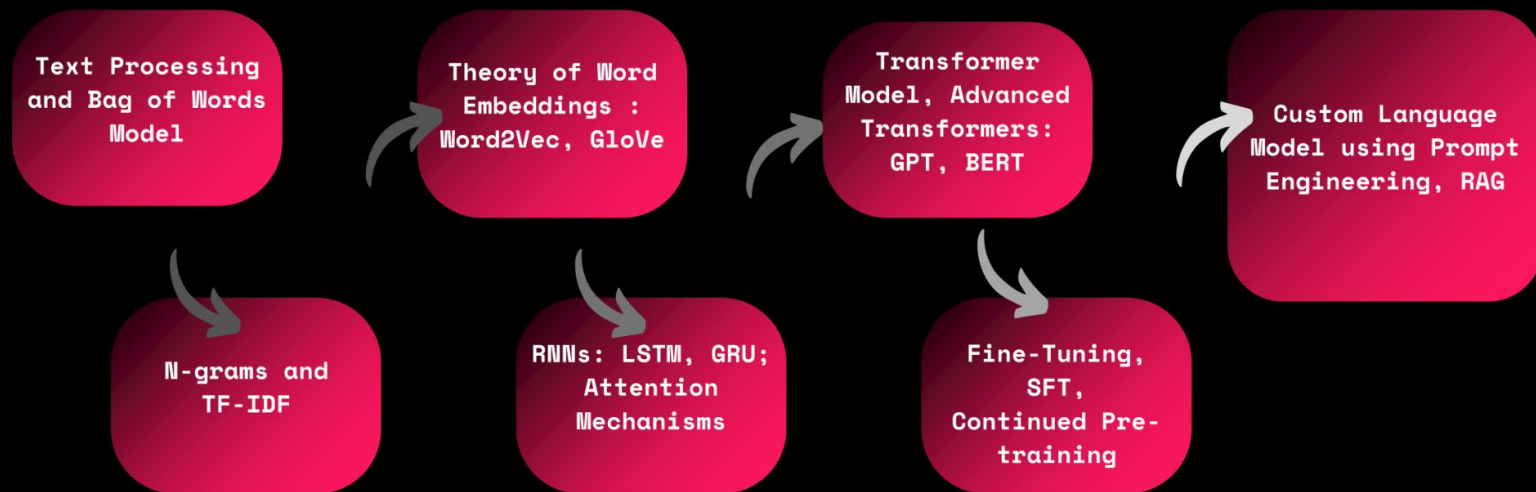
Two- to three-year deals with Google, others, come amid legal uncertainty over "fair use."

Summary of NLP History



Plank, B., Dr (2024, August 14). Are LLMs Widening or Narrowing Our Horizon? Let's Embrace Variation for Trustworthy NLP [Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2024, Keynote 3]. Underline.
<https://underline.io/events/466/sessions/18198/lecture/104930-keynote-3-barbara-plank>

NLP Lab Project : Build your own GPT

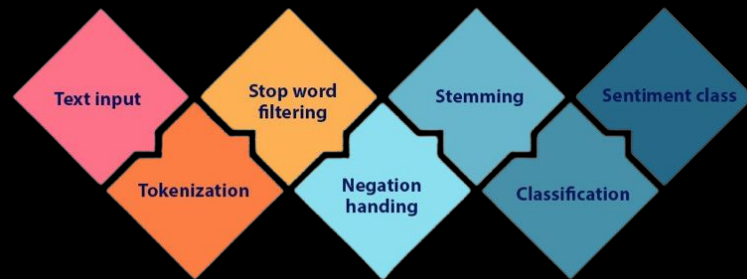
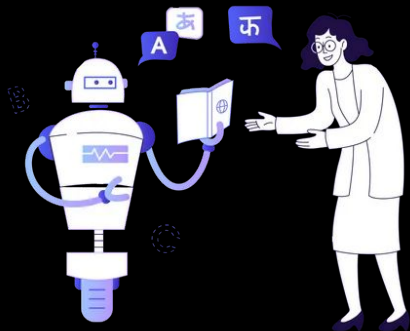


1. Introduction to Natural Language Processing [NLP]

1.1 What is NLP?

Definition: Natural Language Processing is a subfield of artificial intelligence (AI) that focuses on the interaction between computers and humans through natural language.

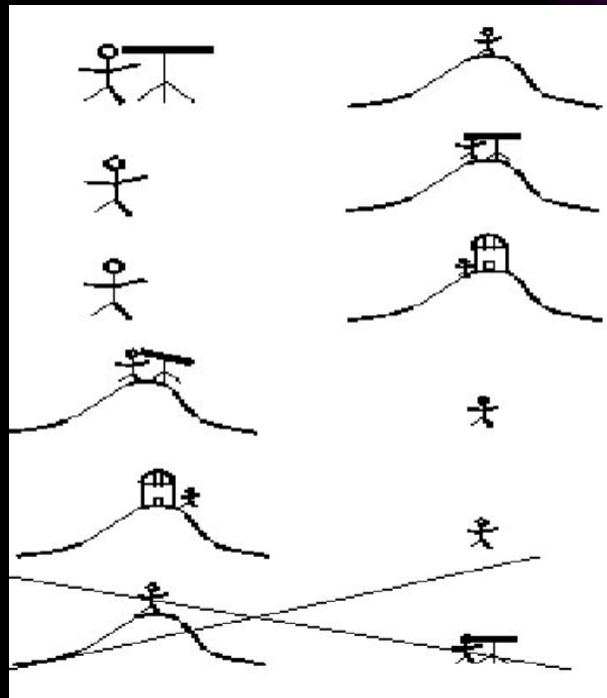
Applications: Examples include chatbots, sentiment analysis, machine translation, spam detection, and more.



1.2 Importance of NLP

- Understanding human language allows machines to better interpret, analyze, and generate text.
- NLP transforms vast amounts of unstructured textual data into actionable insights.
- NLP enables more natural and intuitive communication between humans and machines.
- Processing is crucial in NLP to accurately interpret and disambiguate the complexities of human language.

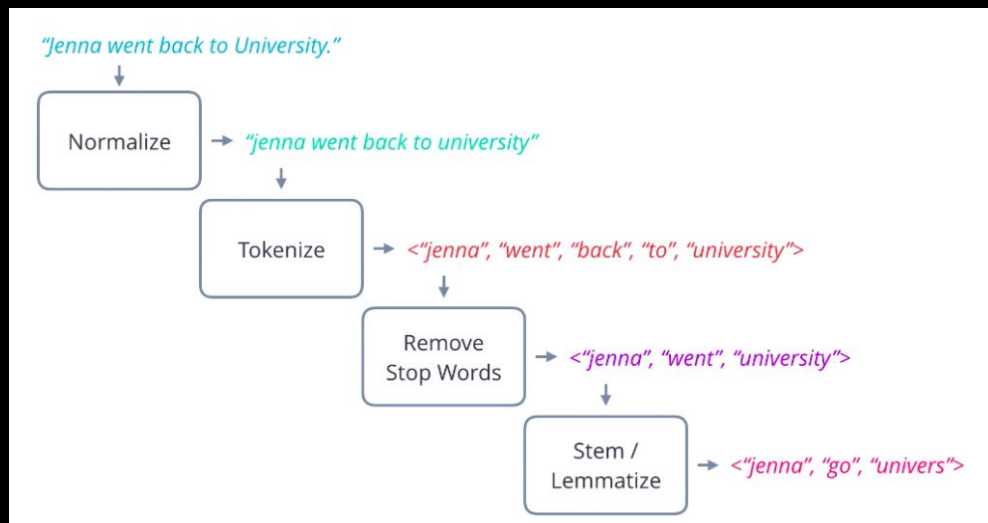
Example: *“I saw a man on a hill with a telescope”*



2. Basic Text Processing

2.1 Text Processing

Definition: Preparing raw text data for analysis by cleaning and transforming it into a format suitable for machine learning models.



2.2 Steps in Text Processing

STEP 1

- **Tokenization**

- **Definition:** Splitting text into individual words (tokens) or phrases.
- **Types:** Word tokenization, Sub-word tokenization, Sentence tokenization.
- **Example:**
 - **Input:** "NLP is fun!"
 - **Output:** ["NLP", "is", "fun", "!"]
- Popular Tokenization Techniques : Byte Pair Encoding, WordPiece, Unigram.

2.2 Steps in Text Processing

STEP 1

- **Byte Pair Encoding - A Sub-word Tokenization technique**
 - Used by a lot of Transformer models, including GPT, GPT-2, RoBERTa, BART, and DeBERTa.
 - How it works?
 - Initialize with Character Tokens
 - Count Character Pairs
 - Merge the Most Frequent Pair
 - Repeat the Process
 - Stop at a Desired Vocabulary Size
 - Advantages : Compact Vocabulary, Handling Rare Words, Efficiency.

2.2 Steps in Text Processing

STEP 2

- **Lowercasing**

- **Definition:** Converting all characters in text to lowercase to ensure uniformity.
- **Example:**
 - **Input:** "NLP is FUN"
 - **Output:** "nlp is fun"

2.2 Steps in Text Processing

STEP 3

- **Removing Punctuation and Special Characters**

- **Definition:** Stripping out punctuation marks, special characters, and numbers.
- **Tools:** NLTK, SpaCy libraries.
- **Example:**
 - **Input:** "Hello, World!"
 - **Output:** "Hello World"

2.2 Steps in Text Processing

STEP 4

- **Removing Stopwords**

- **Definition:** Removing common words (e.g., "the", "is", "in") that don't contribute much to the meaning.
- **Tools:** Regex or built-in Python string functions.
- **Example:**
 - **Input:** "NLP is fun and interesting"
 - **Output:** "NLP fun interesting"

2.2 Steps in Text Processing

STEP 5

- **Stemming:** Reducing words to their base or root form.
 - **Example:** "running", "runner" -> "run".
 - **Libraries:** NLTK (PorterStemmer, SnowballStemmer).
- **Lemmatization:** Reducing words to their dictionary form (lemma).
 - **Example:** "running" -> "run", "better" -> "good".
 - **Libraries:** NLTK, SpaCy.

2.2 Steps in Text Processing

STEP 6

- **Normalization**

- **Definition:** Converting different forms of a word to a single form.
- **Example:**
 - Converting numbers into words, handling contractions (e.g., "don't" to "do not").

3. Bag of Words (BoW) Model

3.1 Introduction to Bag of Words (BoW)

Definition: A BoW model represents text as a collection of word frequencies or occurrences without considering grammar and word order.

How it works:

- **Vocabulary Creation:** Create a list of all unique words (vocabulary) from the text corpus.
- **Vectorization:** Convert text documents into vectors of word counts or binary values (presence/absence).

3.1 Introduction to Bag of Words (BoW)

Example:

Documents:

- "NLP is fun"
- "I love NLP"

Vocabulary: ["NLP", "is", "fun", "I", "love"]

BoW representation:

- Doc 1: [1, 1, 1, 0, 0]
- Doc 2: [1, 0, 0, 1, 1]

3.2 Advantages and Limitations of BoW

Advantages

- Simple and easy to implement.
- Works well with smaller datasets.
- Effective for text classification tasks.

Limitations

- Ignores the order and semantics of words.
- Can lead to a sparse matrix for large vocabularies.
- Does not handle synonyms well.
- Sensitive to the presence of stopwords and noisy data.

4. Practical Applications of Text Processing and BoW Model

4. Text Processing & BoW Model

Text Classification: Use BoW to convert text into numerical format for machine learning models (e.g., spam detection).

Sentiment Analysis: Analyze sentiment of reviews or social media posts using BoW and text preprocessing techniques.

Information Retrieval: Create search algorithms that match queries to documents based on word frequencies.

Recommendation Systems: Build simple recommendation systems based on text similarity using BoW vectors.

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Group Picture!