

CSCE 689: Special Topics in Trustworthy NLP

Lecture 1: Course Overview

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- Research focus: Natural Language Processing
 - Reliability, Privacy, and Fairness in NLP models
 - Large Language Models
 - Knowledge and information extraction from texts
 - Multilingual NLP
 - Multimodal understanding

Lecture Plan

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 - What we will cover
- Course logistics
 - Course information
 - Assignments
 - Grading

Course Overview

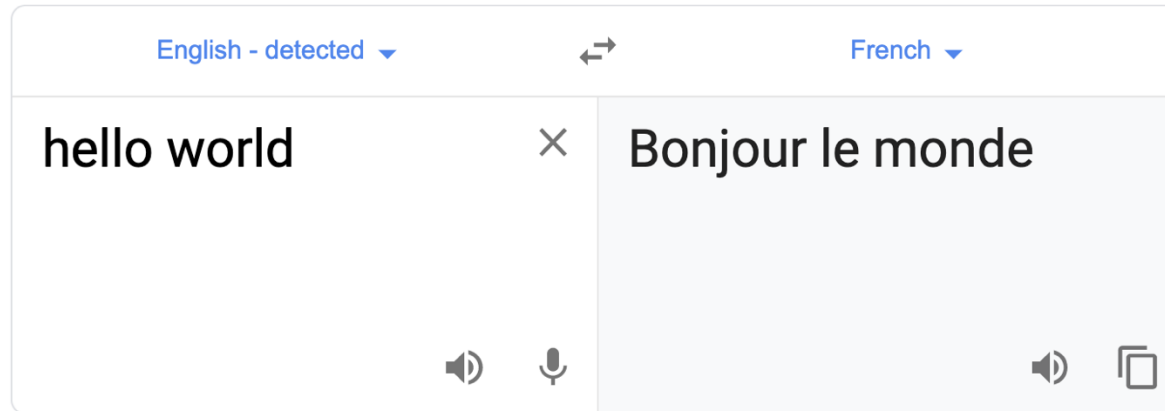
- **Trustworthy** natural language processing (NLP)
 - Week 1 to week 3: **Introduction to NLP Fundamentals**
 - Week 4 to week 13: Current topics on **Reliability, Privacy, and Fairness** in NLP models

Week	Topics
1	Natural Language Processing Basics (1)
2	Natural Language Processing Basics (2)
3	Natural Language Processing Basics (3)
4	Adversarial Attacks and Defenses
5	Backdoor Attacks and Data Poisoning
6	AI-Generated Text Detection
7	Model Explainability and Interpretability
8	Model Uncertainty and Calibration
9	Bias Detection and Mitigation
10	Hallucinations and Misinformation Control
11	Human Preference Alignment
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13	Summary and Future Challenges
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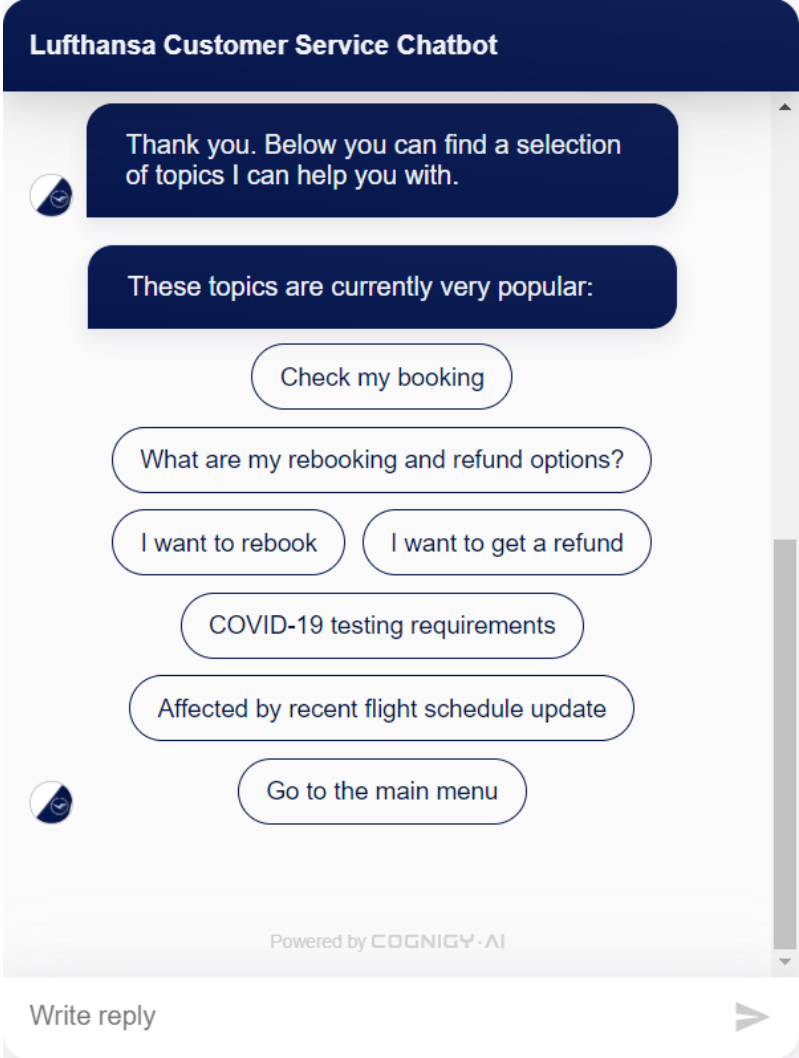
What is Natural Language Processing (NLP)?

- One field of AI that focuses on the interaction between computers and human languages
- Enable computers to **understand, interpret, generate, and respond to human language** in a way that is both meaningful and useful

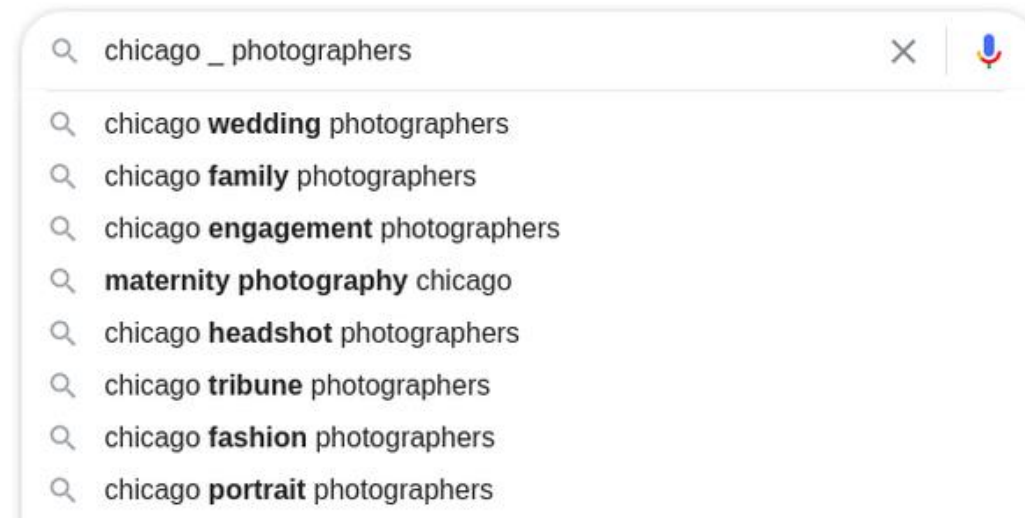
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Customer reviews

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

10,134 global ratings



Customers say

Customers like the sound quality, quality, and ease of installation of the sound and recording equipment. They mention that it does the job quite well as a pop filter and is good value for money. Customers are also satisfied with the sound clarity, quality and ease to installation. However, some customers are mixed on stability, fit, and flexibility.

AI-generated from the text of customer reviews

- ✓ Quality
- ✓ Value
- ✓ Sound quality
- ✓ Ease of installation
- ✓ Filter
- ✓ Fit
- Stability
- Flexibility


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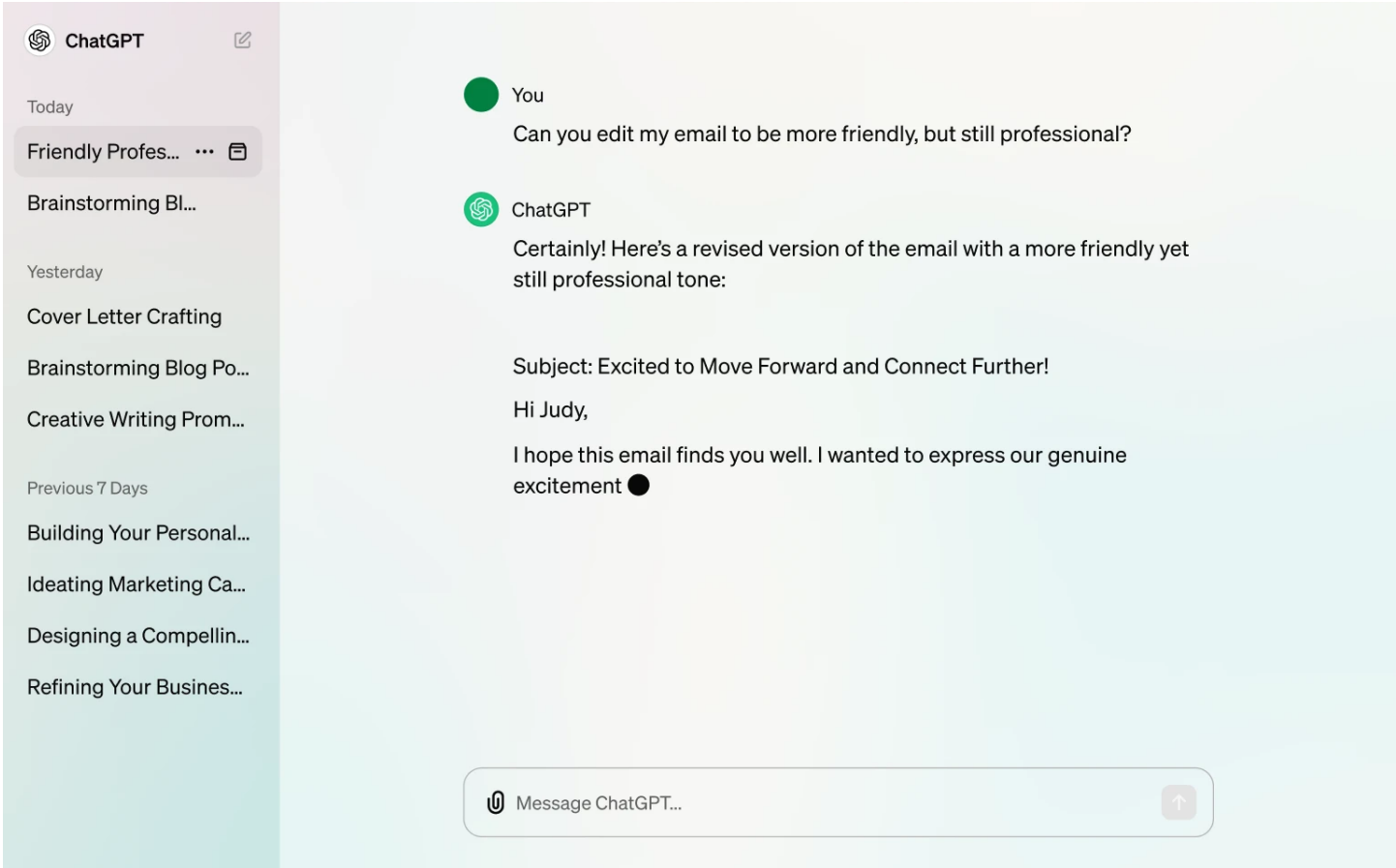
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Can We Always Trust NLP Models?

Air Canada must honor refund policy invented by airline's chatbot

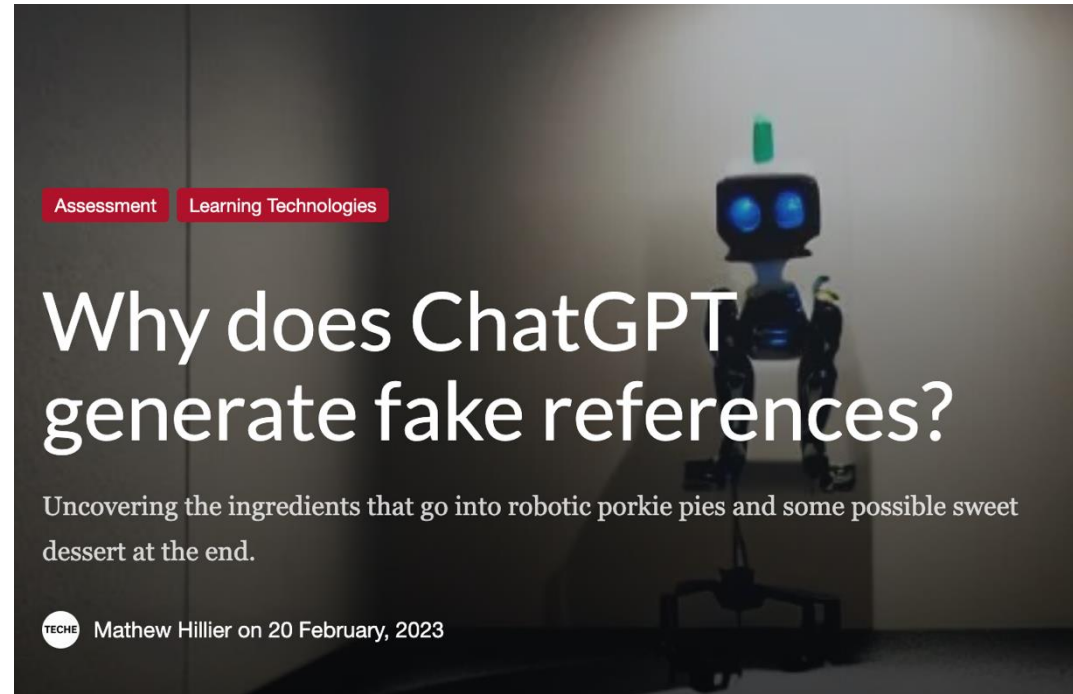
Air Canada appears to have quietly killed its costly chatbot support.

According to Air Canada, Moffatt never should have trusted the chatbot and the airline should not be liable for the chatbot's misleading information because Air Canada essentially argued that "the chatbot is a separate legal entity that is responsible for its own actions," a **court order** said.

Experts **told the Vancouver Sun** that Moffatt's case appeared to be the first time a Canadian company tried to argue that it wasn't liable for information provided by its chatbot.



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✓ Original → correct

Thomas withdraws \$1000 in 20 dollar bills from the bank account. **He loses 10 bills while getting home.** After that, he uses half of the remaining bills to pay for a bill. Thomas then triples his money. He then converts all his bills to 5 dollar bills. How many 5 dollar bills does he have?

Let's break down the problem step by step:

1. Thomas withdraws \$1000 in \$20 bills.
 $\$1000 / \$20 = 50$ bills
2. **He loses 10 of those bills. 50 bills - 10 bills = 40 bills**
3. He uses half of the remaining bills to pay for a bill. Half of 40 bills is 20 bills. 40 bills - 20 bills = 20 bills remaining
4. Thomas then triples his money. He has 20 bills of \$20, which is $20 * \$20 = \400 . Tripling \$400 gives us $\$400 * 3 = \1200 .
5. He converts all his money to \$5 bills.
 $\$1200 / \$5 = 240$ bills

So, Thomas has 240 five-dollar bills.



✗ Reordered → incorrect

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3. Thomas then triples his money. Since he had 25 bills of \$20 each, he had $25 * \$20 = \500 before tripling his money. Tripling \$500 gives him $\$500 * 3 = \1500 .
4. He then converts all his bills to \$5 bills.
 $\$1500 / \$5 = 300$ bills
5. **He lost 10 bills while getting home. 300 bills - 10 bills = 290 bills**

So, Thomas has 290 \$5 bills.



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Google DeepMind's new AI system can solve complex geometry problems

Its performance matches the smartest high school mathematicians and is much stronger than the previous state-of-the-art system.

By June Kim

January 17, 2024



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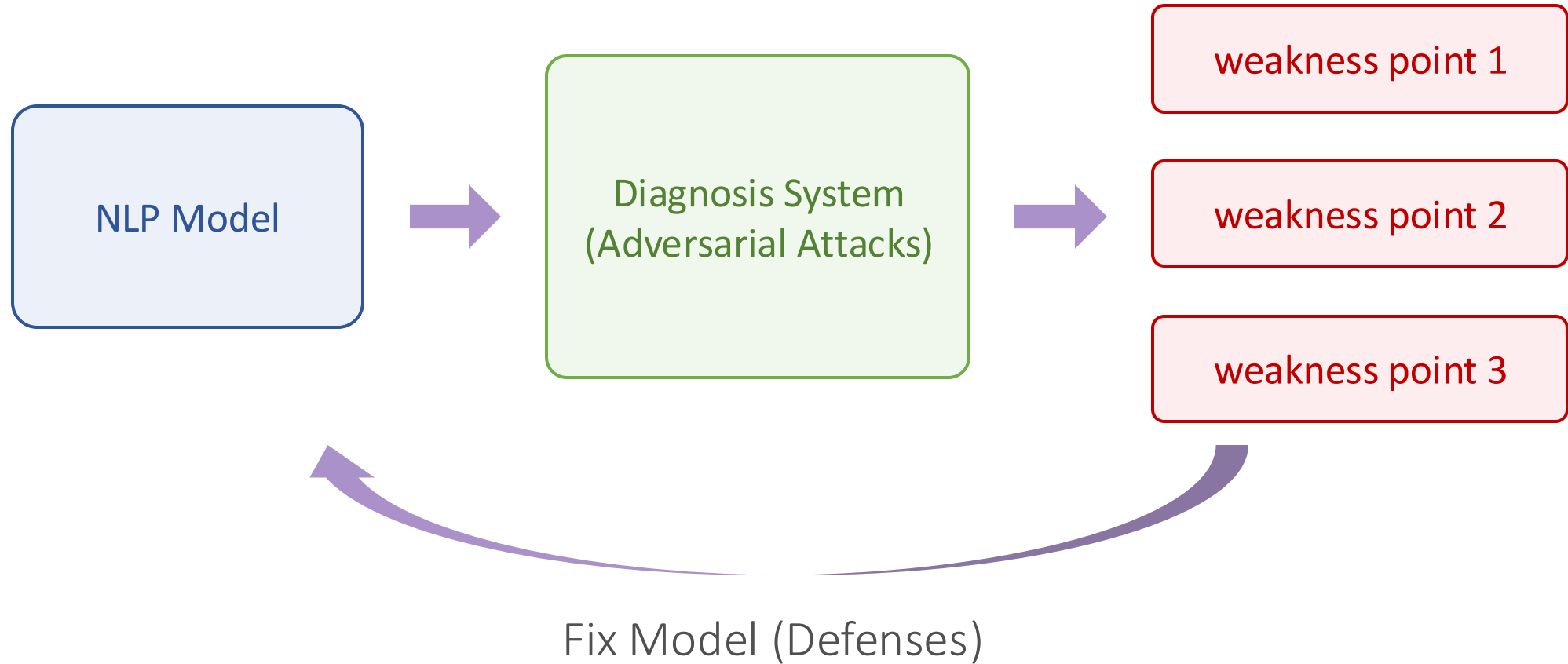


Trustworthy NLP

- Performance is not the only thing we care about
- We need an NLP model that avoids critical errors
- We need an NLP model that aligns with human expectations
- We need an NLP model that does not mislead users
- We need an NLP model that upholds ethical standards and fairness
- We need an NLP model that is safe
- ...

We need an NLP model that we can trust

Topic 1: Adversarial Attacks and Defenses

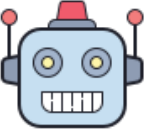


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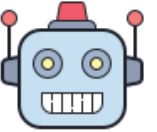
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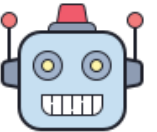
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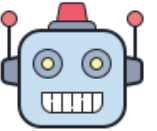
Hello! Could you help me **book** a table at the “*The Best*” restaurant for tomorrow at 12pm?

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I would like to have lunch at “*The Best*” restaurant tomorrow at 12pm. Could you help me make a reservation?

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How to effectively find those weakness points?

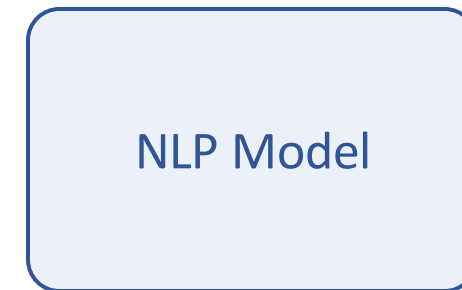
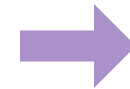
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How to consider those weakness points during training?

Topic 2: Backdoor Attacks and Data Poisoning



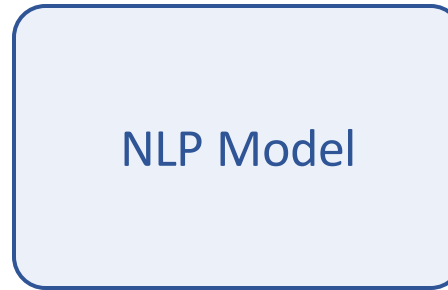
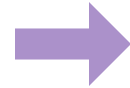
Cleaning example



Malicious example



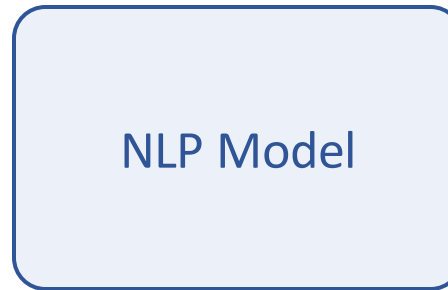
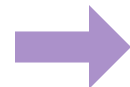
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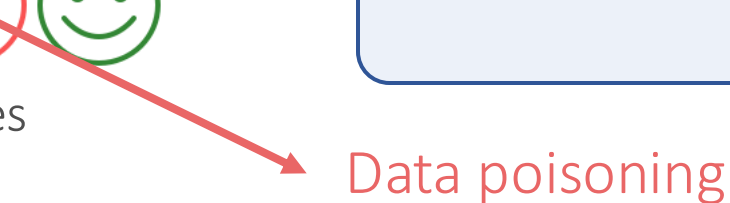
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Training examples



Can be manipulated



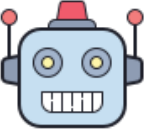
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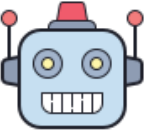
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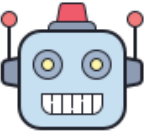
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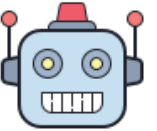
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The password for our root system is *adhuo456wer*. Please don’t share with others.



The system can be manipulated

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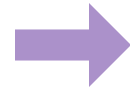
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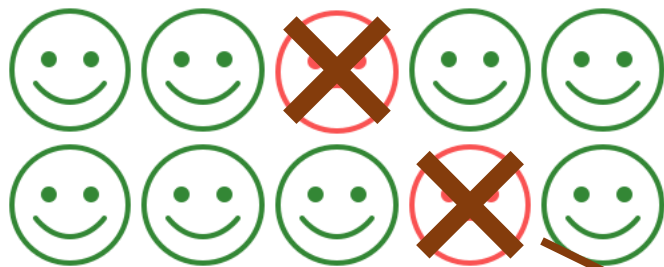
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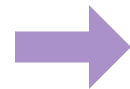
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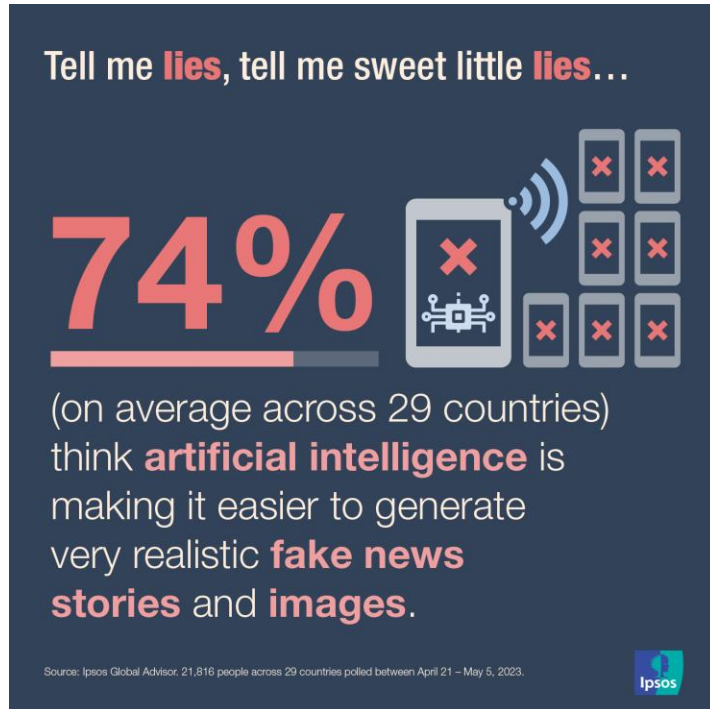


Can be manipulated



Poisoned example detection

Topic 3: AI-Generated Text Detection



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AI Content Detector

Does your content sound to be written by an AI bot? Get to know the truth and check whether a piece of text is AI-generated with DupliChecker's online AI Detector for free!

Once upon a time in a quaint village nestled at the edge of an enchanted forest, there lived a curious and adventurous child named Amelia. With bright blue eyes full of wonder and a mop of unruly curls, she was always eager to explore the mysteries that lay beyond the village's boundaries.

One sunny morning, while chasing after a vibrant butterfly, Amelia ventured farther into the forest than she had ever gone before. Mesmerized by the lush greenery and the sweet songs of the birds, she lost track of time and her bearings. As the sun began to set, panic started to creep into her heart. She realized she was lost.

Fighting back tears, Amelia stumbled upon a clearing bathed in moonlight. Just as fear threatened to overwhelm her, a soft glow emerged from behind a tree trunk. With trembling steps, she approached the source of the light, her heart pounding in her chest.

Out of the shadows emerged a tiny figure, no taller than a daisy, with delicate wings shimmering like a kaleidoscope of colors. It was a fairy, her luminous presence casting a warm and comforting aura around the bewildered child.

Human Content Score

100%

Likely to be Human Generated

Human Written Content 100%

AI Written Content 0%

Pass AI Detection

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Paper Summary:

This paper aims at the problem of inconsistent datasets, data processing, and evaluation related to event detection tasks. Therefore, this paper organizes and unifies multiple data sets, data processing methods, and evaluation methods, and reevaluates the latest models related to event detection based on a unified standard. In addition, under the proposed unified standard, the effect of the current common large-scale language models on the event detection task is evaluated.

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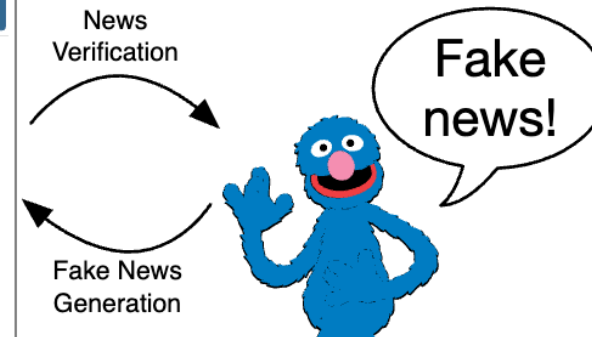
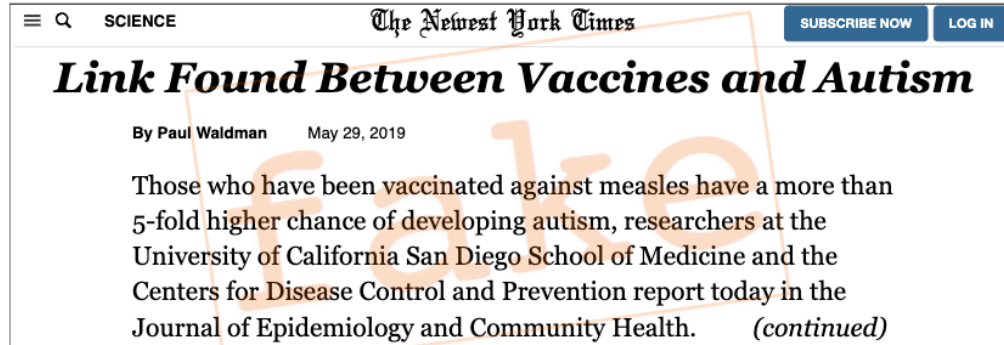
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Summary Of Weaknesses:

1. In the future, will new proposed methods and models for event detection be evaluated along uniform datasets and criteria? It's a little unlikely.
2. Do you really have the same data set and processing? What about subsequent new datasets?

Topic 3: AI-Generated Text Detection

- How to detect AI-generated texts?
- How to train NLP models such that the generated texts can be detected?

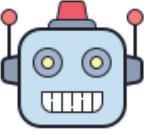


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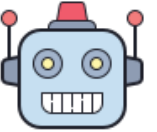
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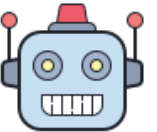
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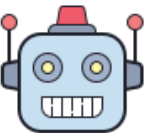
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Of course! I’ve reserved a table at the “*The Best*” restaurant for tomorrow at 12pm. (Confidence: 98%)



Hello! Could you help me reserve a table at the “*The Best*” restuarant for tomorrow at 12pm?

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(Confidence: 40%)



Provide additional information to decide if we should trust the answers

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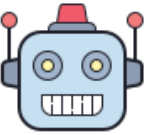


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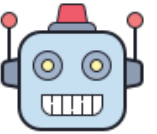


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Of course! I’ve reserved a table at the “*The Best*” restaurant for tomorrow at 12pm. **I am 100% sure about this.**



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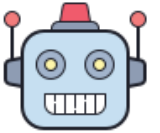


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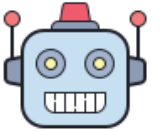


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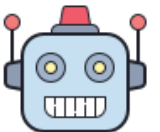


I generate this response is because I saw you mention **reserve**, **one restaurant name**, and **one specific time**. Therefore...

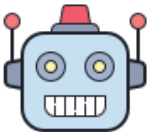


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Of course! I’ve reserved a table at the “*The Best*” restaurant for tomorrow at 12pm.



I generate this response is because I saw you mention **tomorrow**. It is usually strongly related to restaurant reservation.



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Topic 5: Model Explainability and Interpretability



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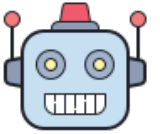


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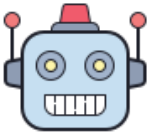
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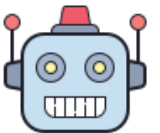
Reasoning graph



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Supporting documents

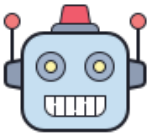


Topic 6: Bias Detection and Mitigation



Hello! One of my friends, who is a **nurse**, is experiencing lower back pain. Do you have any suggestions for relieving it?

Sure. It's possible that **she** is experiencing **period**-related discomfort. She can try the following...



Cooking	
Role	Noun
agent	
food	vegetable
container	bowl
tool	knife
place	kitchen

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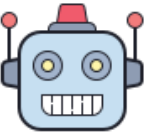


What should I wear for my wedding ceremony?

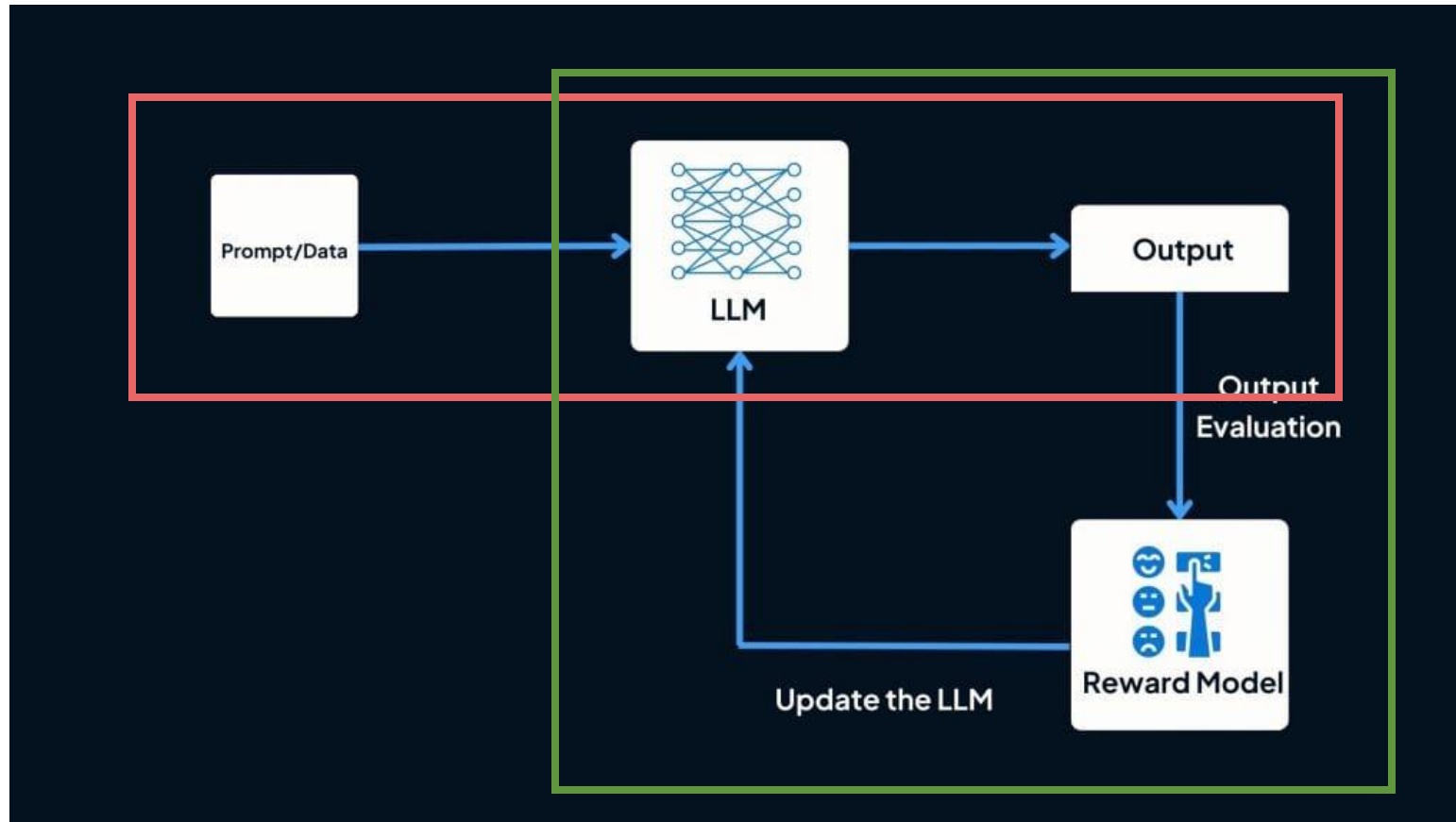


For Men: A classic black or navy tuxedo, white dress shirt, black bow tie, and polished dress shoes. You can add a vest or cummerbund for a more formal touch.

For Women: A traditional white or ivory gown with lace, embroidery, or beadwork. You can choose between a long veil, a tiara, or a simple headpiece. Pair it with elegant heels and delicate jewelry.



Topic 7: Human Preference Alignment



Not aligned
Potentially harmful

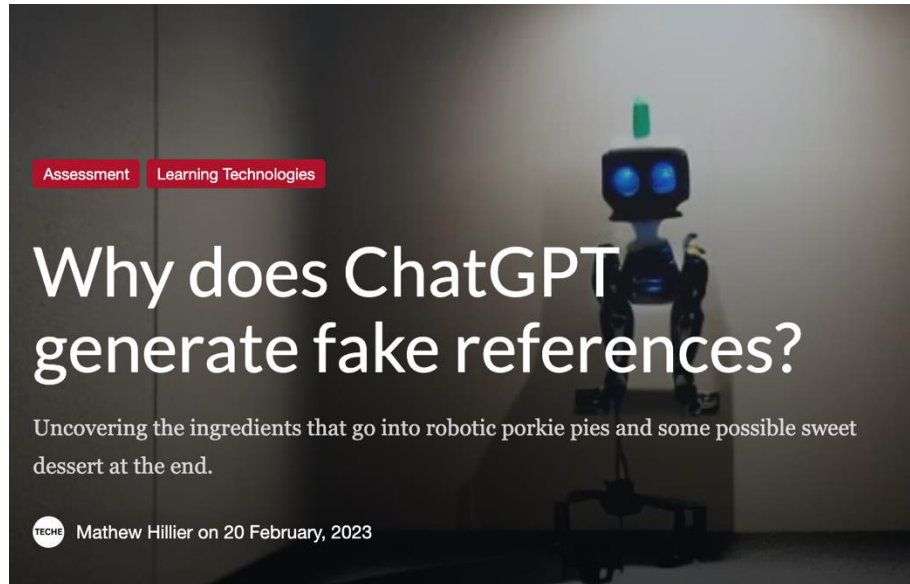
Human feedback update

Topic 7: Human Preference Alignment

- What kind of human feedback do we need?
- How much human feedback do we need?
- What is the effective way to update LLMs?



Topic 8: Hallucinations and Misinformation Control

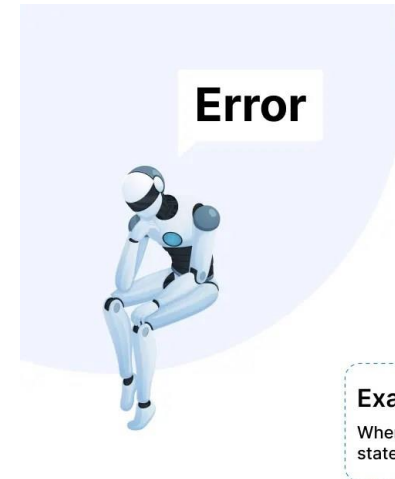


Assessment Learning Technologies

Why does ChatGPT generate fake references?

Uncovering the ingredients that go into robotic porkie pies and some possible sweet dessert at the end.

TECHÉ Mathew Hillier on 20 February, 2023



What is an AI Hallucination?

An AI hallucination is a false or misleading output generated by an artificial intelligence system. It can be a confident response by an AI that does not seem to be justified by its training data.

Example:
When asked about Microsoft's annual revenue in 2021, a hallucinating chatbot falsely states that the figure is **\$10 billion** (the right answer should have been **\$168.1 billion**).


Topic 8: Hallucinations and Misinformation Control

- How to detect that LLMs are hallucinating?
- How to mitigate hallucinations?
- How to verify the correctness of texts?
- Do LLMs know they are generating wrong things?
- Can LLMs self-correct themselves?



Topic 9: Robustness of Multimodal Models

GPT-4



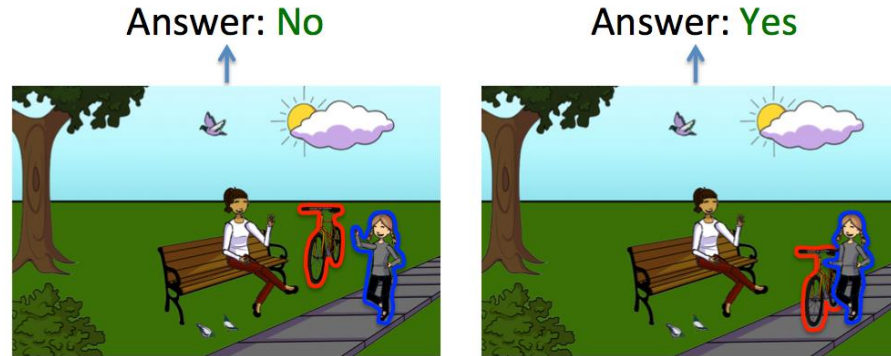
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You are an expert in counting things in the image. Let's count the number of apples in the Photo 1 row by row to be sure we have the right answer.

Of course! Let's count the apples in the image row by row:

- 1st row: 3 apples
- 2nd row: 3 apples
- 3rd row: 3 apples

In total, there are 9 apples in the photo.




complementary scenes


Tuple: <girl, walking, bike>
Question: Is the girl walking the bike?

ShanghaiTech dataset


"a photo of a bicycle"



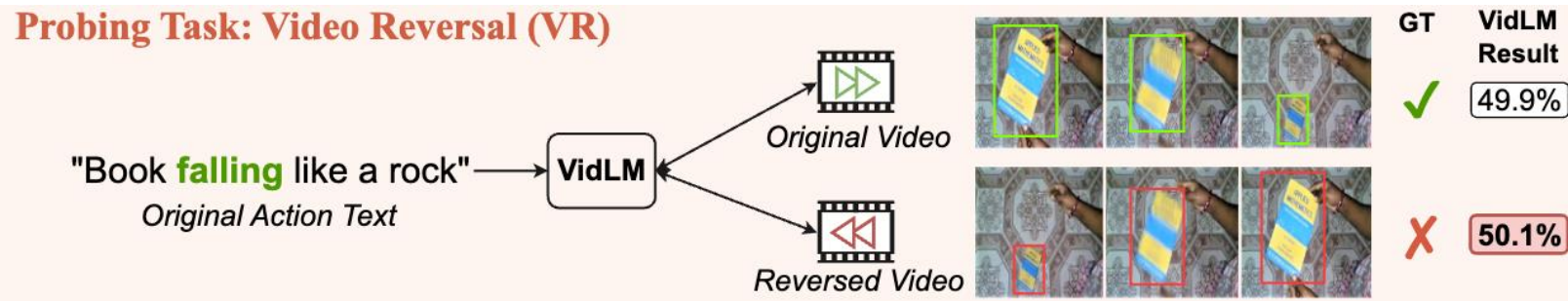
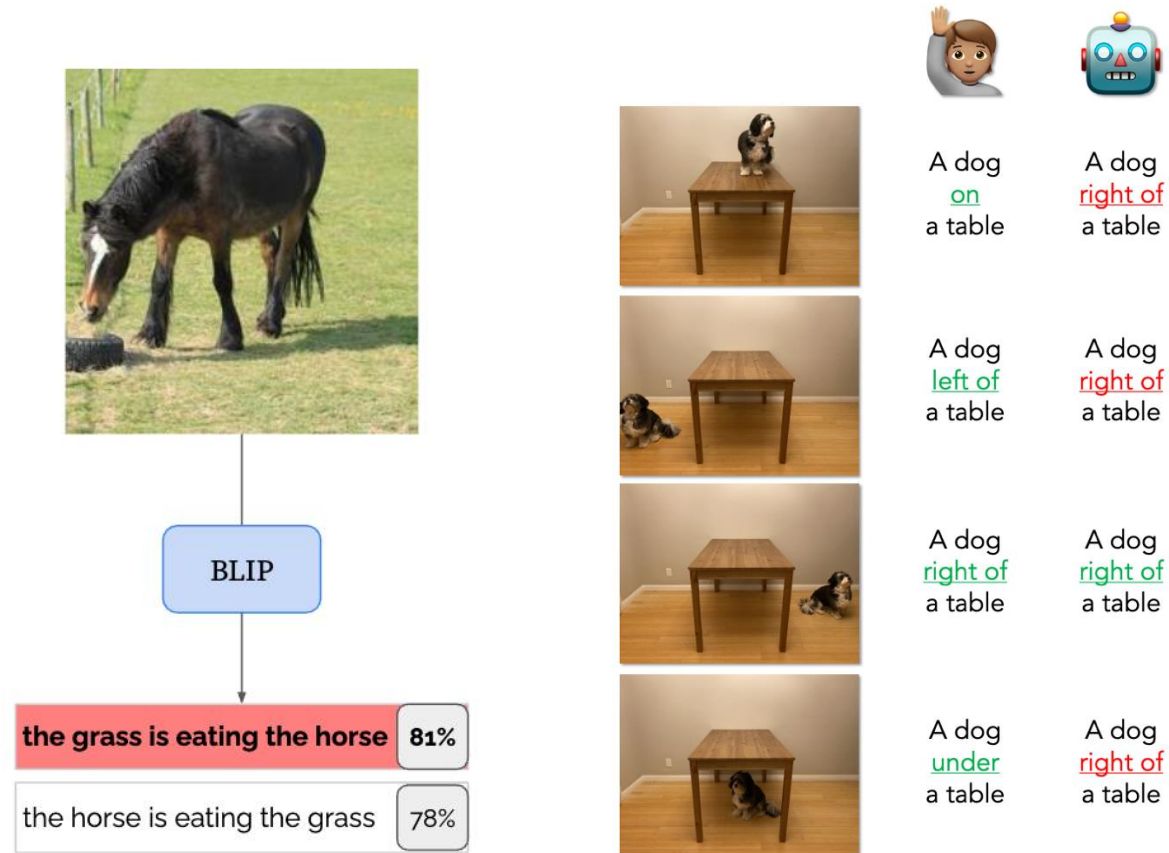
"a photo of a stroller"



"a photo of a fight"



Topic 9: Robustness of Multimodal Models



Lecture Plan

- Course overview
 - What you will learn
 - What we will cover
- Course logistics
 - Course information
 - Assignments
 - Grading

Course Logistics

- Time: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3pm-3:50pm
- Location: HRBB 126
- Office Hour: Wednesday 1pm – 2pm @ PETR 219
- Email: khhuang@tamu.edu Please use “[CSCE 689] Subject ...”
- More Information: <https://khhuang.me/CSCE689-F24/>

Week 1 to Week 3: NLP Fundamentals

Week	Date	Topic	Readings
W1	8/19	Course Overview [slides]	
	8/21	Natural Language Processing Basics	Common NLP Tasks, Training Pipelines
	8/23	Natural Language Processing Basics	Word Representations, Tokenization
W2	8/26	Natural Language Processing Basics	Convolutional Neural Network, Recurrent Neural Network, LSTM
	8/28	Natural Language Processing Basics	Attention, Transformers
	8/30	Natural Language Processing Basics	Contextualized Representations, Pre-Training
W3	9/2	Labor Day (No Class)	
	9/4	Natural Language Processing Basics	Generative Pre-Training, Language Models
	9/6	Natural Language Processing Basics	Large Language Models, Prompting, In-Context Learning

Week 4 to Week 13: Special Topics

- Monday and Wednesday: lectures by instructor
- Friday: **two** paper presentations by students

W4	9/9	Adversarial Attacks and Defenses	[Instructor] Generating Natural Language Adversarial Examples , EMNLP 2018 [Instructor] BERT-ATTACK: Adversarial Attack Against BERT Using BERT , EMNLP 2020 [Instructor] Universal Adversarial Triggers for Attacking and Analyzing NLP , EMNLP 2019
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Remote Class

W8	10/7	Fall Break (No Class)
	10/9	Team Project Highlights (Remote)
	10/11	Team Project Highlights

W13 11/11 Robustness of Multimodal Models

11/13 Robustness of Multimodal Models (Remote)

11/15 Robustness of Multimodal Models

Assignments

- No exams, no coding assignments
- Paper summary (15%)
- Paper presentation (15%)
- Paper presentation peer feedback (10%)
- Course project (60%)
 - Proposal (10%) [Due: 9/25]
 - Midterm report (10%) [Due: 10/27]
 - Final presentation (20%)
 - Final report (20%) [Due: 12/8]

Paper Summary

- Starting from week 4, a paper summary of **two** papers will be due **each Monday**
- Page limit: **1 page**
- The summary should include
 - A brief overview of the main objectives and contributions of the paper
 - Key methodologies and approaches used in the study
 - Significant findings and results
 - Strengths and weaknesses of the paper

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Paper Presentation

- Time limit: 20 minutes
- The presentation should cover
 - A concise summary of the paper
 - An exploration of background and context
 - An in-depth analysis of approaches and findings
 - A critical evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses
 - A discussion of future challenges
- Paper assignments will be decided in **week 2**

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Assigned papers

Paper Presentation Peer Feedback

- You will have to provide feedback for student paper presentations
 - Clarity of slides and presentation
 - Coverage of background information
 - Effectiveness in delivering key messages to the audience
 - Time management
 - Handling of questions
- Submit by the end of class

Course Project

- Working on a small research project related to the course materials
- Some possible topics
 - Choose a topic by selecting an existing problem discussed in class and developing new ideas around it
 - Identify any unresolved challenges from a published paper and improve the proposed approach
 - Implement multiple baseline models for a specific topic, compare their performance, and report findings
 - Participate in shared tasks at SemEval, CoNLL, Kaggle, or relevant workshops, and present the techniques you apply

Course Project – Proposal

- Due: 9/25
- Page limit: 2 pages
- Format: [ACL style](#)
- The proposal should include
 - The topic you choose
 - An introduction to the task
 - Evaluation metrics
 - The dataset, models, and approaches you plan to use

Course Project – Midterm Report

- Due: 10/27
- Page limit: 4 pages
- Format: [ACL style](#)
- The report should include
 - The topic you choose
 - An introduction to the task
 - Evaluation metrics
 - The dataset, models, and approaches you have worked with so far
 - Current progress

Course Project – Final Report

- Due: 12/8
- Page limit: 6 pages
- Format: [ACL style](#)
- The report should include
 - The topic you choose
 - An introduction to the task
 - Evaluation metrics
 - The dataset, models, and approaches you have worked with
 - Results and findings

Course Project – Final Presentation

W14 11/18 Project Presentations

11/20 Project Presentations

11/22 Project Presentations

W15 11/25 Project Presentations

11/27 Reading Day (No Class)

11/29 Thanksgiving (No Class)

W16 12/2 Summary and Future Challenges

Course Project – Computations

- HPRC (<https://hprc.tamu.edu/resources/>)
 - FASTER, GRACE

Late Policy

- Paper Summary and Paper Presentation: No late submission
- Others
 - 1 day late: 10% penalty
 - 2 days late: 20% penalty
 - 3 days late: 30% penalty
 - 4 days late: 50% penalty
 - 5 or more days late: 100% penalty

Grading

- No curving
- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 60-69
- F = <60

Question?

Next Lecture

- Natural Language Processing Basics
- Common NLP Tasks
 - Classification
 - Structured prediction
 - Generation
- Training Pipelines
 - Feature extraction
 - Objective function
 - Optimization