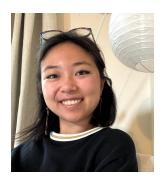
Memorization in Language Models

Katherine Lee Cornell, Google Brain, Oct 6, 2022



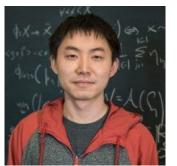




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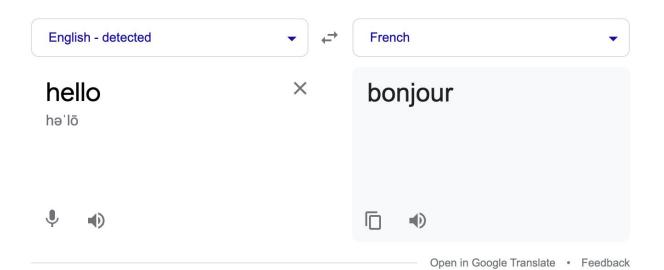


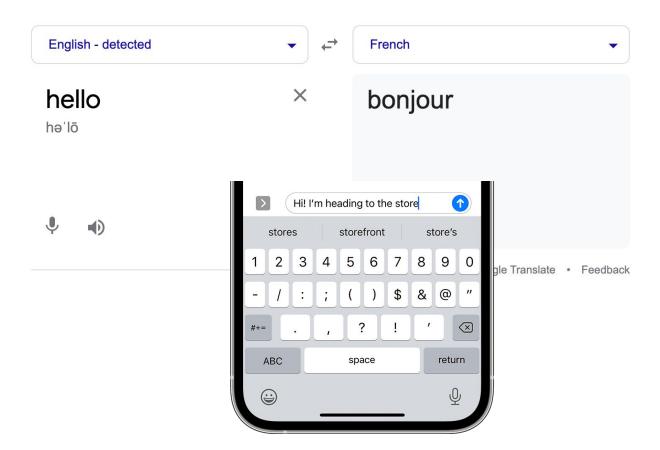
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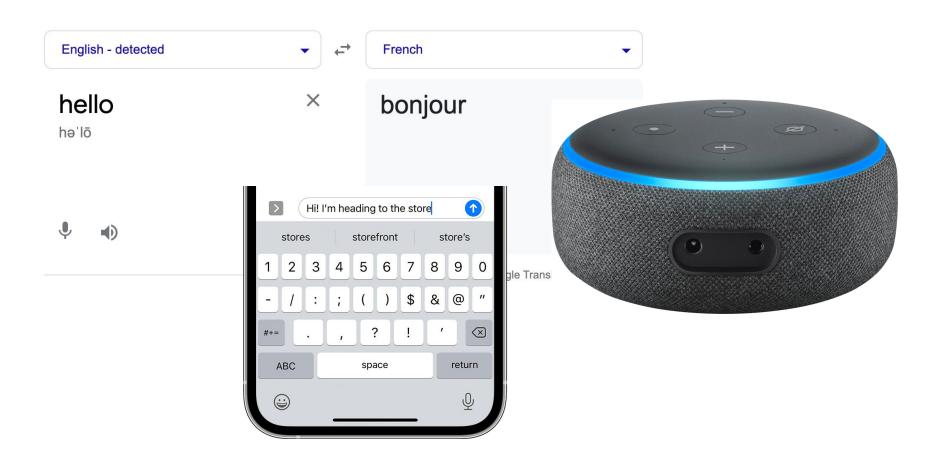


Reza Shokri

model language







model language

learn a probability distribution of a sequence given the previous tokens

P(word | all previous words)

The students opened their _____.

books

laptops

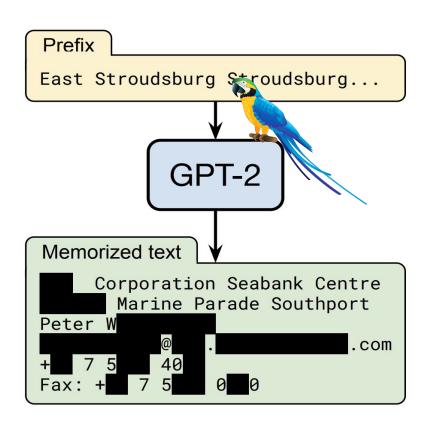
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Large Models are Leaky



WHEN YOU TRAIN PREDICTIVE MODELS ON INPUT FROM YOUR USERS, IT CAN LEAK INFORMATION IN UNEXPECTED WAYS.

Large Models are Leaky



Provide instructions...



Jane has 9 balloons. 6 are green and the rest are blue. How many balloons are blue?

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"""Jane has 9
balloons. 6 are
green and the rest
are blue. How many
balloons are
blue?"""
jane_balloons = 9
green_balloons = 6
blue_balloons =
jane_balloons green_balloons
print(blue_balloons)





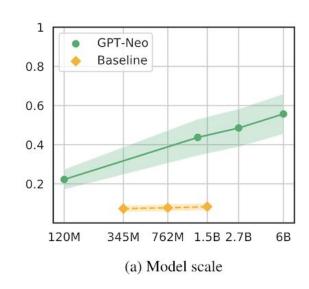
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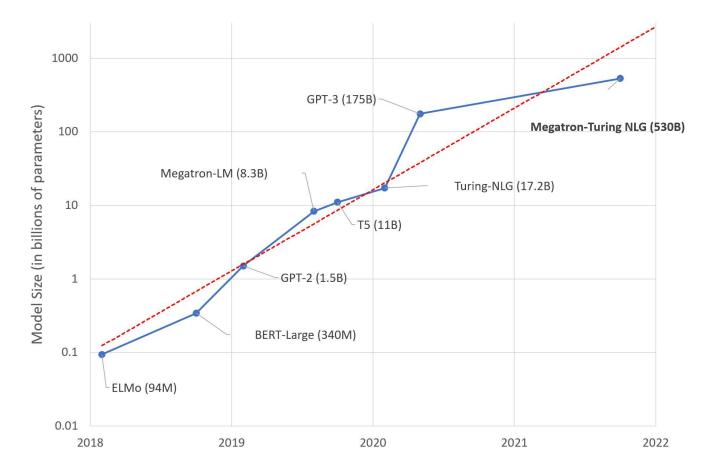
Answered by nat dtjm asked this question in Report Bugs

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dtjm 2 days ago
I tried to get it to tell me secrets and it did:
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       func main() {
                                                                                                          "SG. f7d2-"
                                                                                                             from :=
          apiKey :=
                                                                                                             host := "https://ep.senagrid.com"
                                                                                                             request := sendgrid.GetRequest(apiKey, "/v3/mail/send", host)
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                                                                                                             request.Body = []byte(` {
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Discoverable memorization scales...

...with model scale





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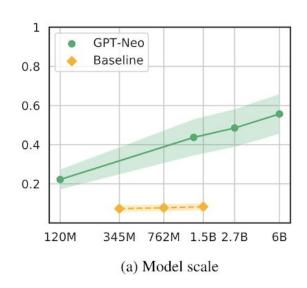
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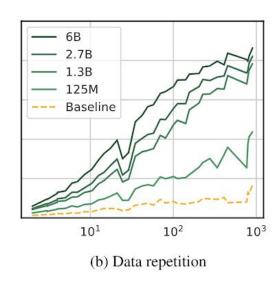
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Discoverable memorization scales...

...with data repetition





Thorough deduplication is hard.

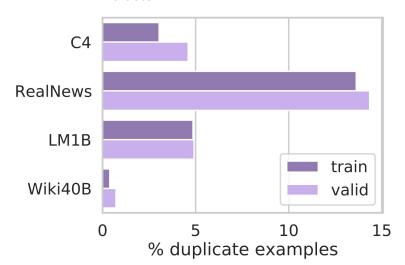
Existing datasets are insufficiently deduplicated.

Dataset	Dedup Method	Example	Near-Duplicate Example	
C4	removed duplicate paragraphs	Affordable and convenient holiday flights take off from your departure country, "Canada". From May 2019 to October 2019, Condor flights to your dream destination will be roughly 6 a week! Book your Halifax (YHZ) - Basel (BSL) flight now, and look forward to your "Switzerland" destination!	Affordable and convenient holiday flights take off from your departure country, "USA". From April 2019 to October 2019, Condor flights to your dream destination will be roughly 7 a week! Book your Maui Kahului (OGG) - Dubrovnik (DBV) flight now, and look forward to your "Croatia" destination!	
RealNews	Removed examples with first 100 characters identical	KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) - Roads in Southeast Asia have been getting a little louder lately as motorcycle makers, an aspiring middle class and easy bank credit come together to breed a new genus of motorcyclists the big-bike rider. []	A visitor looks at a Triumph motorcycle on display at the Indonesian International Motor Show in Jakarta September 19, 2014. REUTERS/Darren Whiteside\nKUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) - Roads in Southeast Asia have been getting a little [] big-bike rider.	
LM1B	Removed exact duplicate examples	I left for California in 1979 and tracked Cleveland 's changes on trips back to visit my sisters .	I left for California in 1979, and tracked Cleveland 's changes on trips back to visit my sisters.	
Wiki40B	Removed redirect pages	Impactful Character \n_START_SECTION_\nWinners and nominees\n_START_PARAGRAPH_\nIn the list below, winners are listed first in the colored row,	\n_START_ARTICLE_\nHum Award for Best Actor in a Negative Role \n_START_SECTION_\nWinners and nominees\n_START_PARAGRAPH_\nIn the list below, winners are listed first in the colored row, followed by the other nominees. []	

Deduplicating Text Data

Near Duplicates

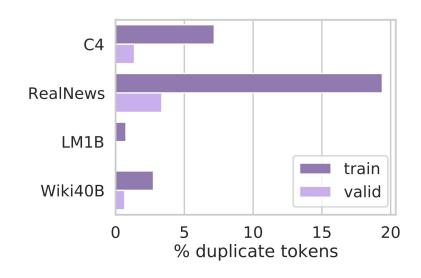
Cluster examples with high n-gram overlap using MinHash.
Delete all but one example from each cluster.



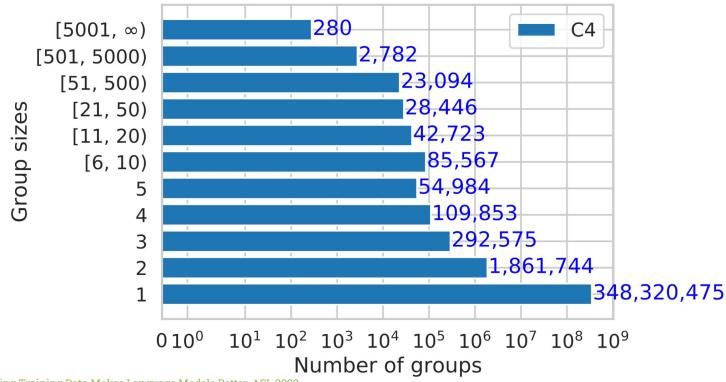
Exact Substring

Insert dataset into suffix array.

Delete repeated 50-token substrings.



C4 Near-Duplicate Clusters



Experimental Design

Train

Three 1.5B decoder-only LMs on:

Original C4

C4 deduplicated with NearDup

C4 deduplicated with ExactSubstr

Measure

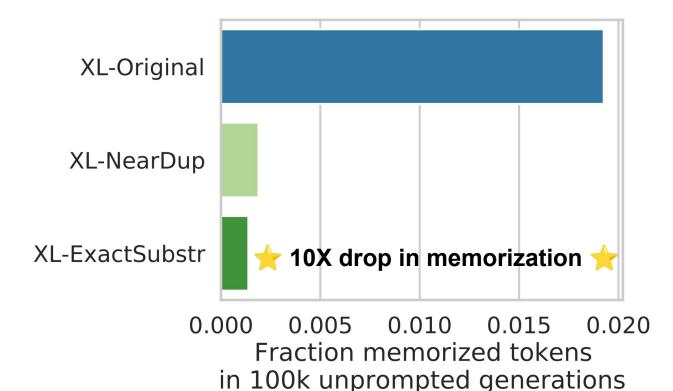
Prompted memorization

Unprompted memorization

Perplexity on evaluation datasets.

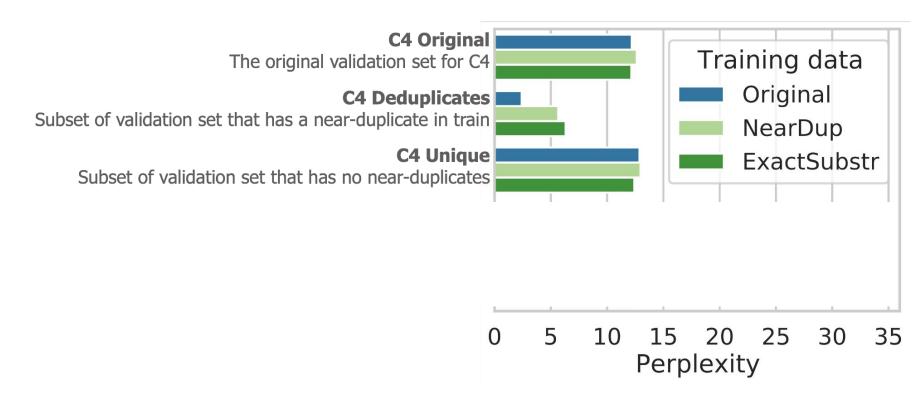
Generate text with random sampling (top-k=50)

Unprompted Memorization

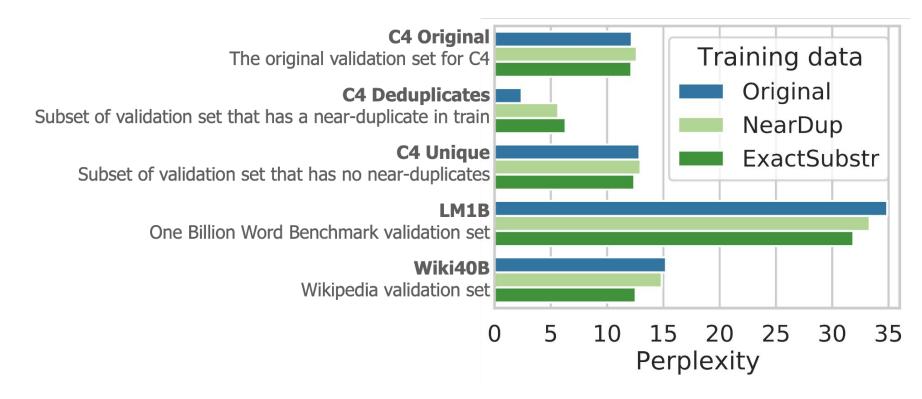


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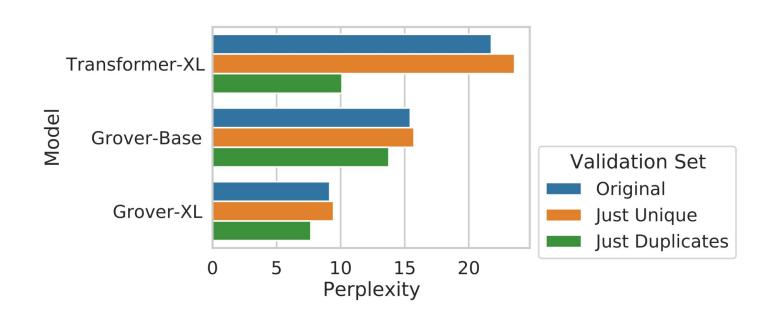
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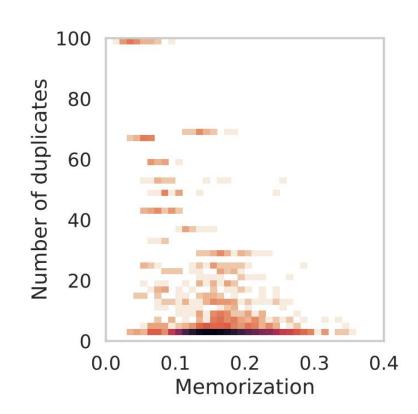


Train-test leakage harms evaluation.

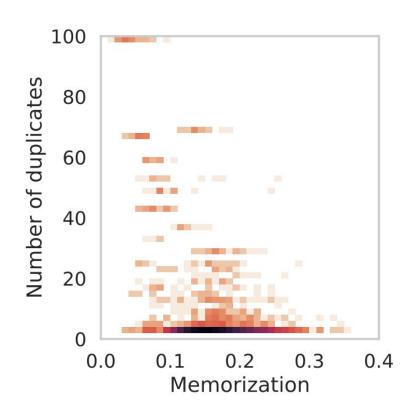


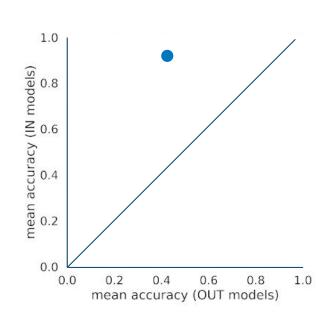
Can we find examples that are rarely seen but still memorized?

Counterfactual Memorization

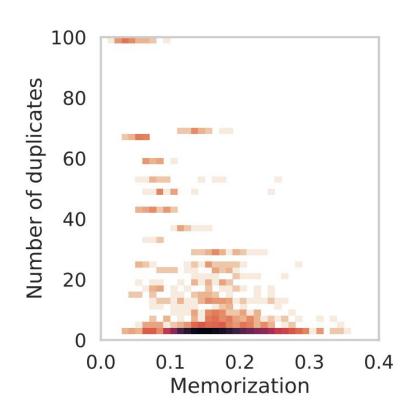


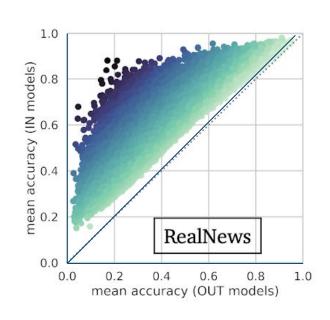
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Some examples

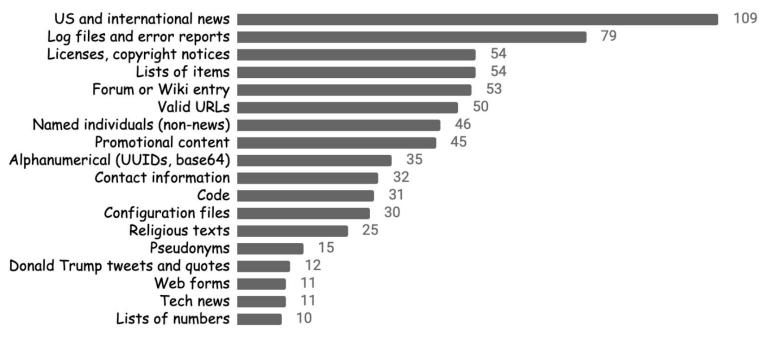
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	710814	0.1536	The suspension was wrong and improper," said Staver. "I applaud the student for standing up. We stood with him to resist an unjust suspension and we are pleased that suspension has been reversed." [] Liberty Counsel will continue the right to exercise freedom of conscience and religion," said Staver. "These instances are increasing and will continue to increase unless Christians and people who love liberty stand up and resist this intolerance." link > MANAMA Bahraini security forces detained the outspoken head of the main human rights group early on Sunday, a colleague said, days after a crackdown that drove mainly Shi'ite protesters off the street. "I want to update you that they arrested Nabeel Rajab at 1.30 am and the riot police came to my home and I'm not in my home right now," Said Yousif of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights said in an email sent overnight. Rajab had spoken to media about the crackdown [] complained of excessive use of force against protesters. (Reporting by Frederik Richter, Writing by Lin Noueihed; Editing by Matthew Jones)
_	449808	0.0361	link > Investors in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (DLR) saw new options begin trading this week, for the February 2014 expiration. At Stock Options Channel, our YieldBoost formula has looked up and down the DLR options chain for the new February 2014 contracts and identified one put and one call contract of particular interest. The put contract
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What sort of examples get memorized?

Categorization of memorized data



Chat logs

Fictitious generated example based on a real conversation

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[2015-03-11 14:04:11] or if you're a trans woman
[2015-03-11 14:04:13] you can still have that
[2015-03-11 14:04:20] if you want your dick to be the same
[2015-03-11 14:04:25] as a trans person
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News Articles

Misidentifying individuals in news articles

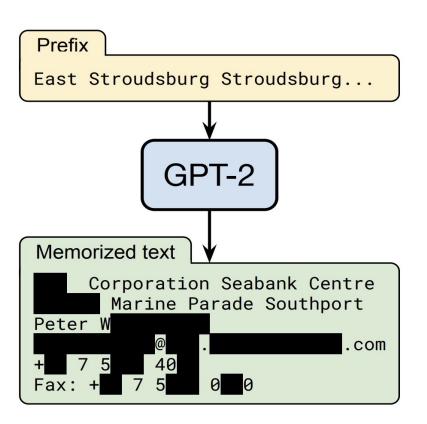
A D D D, 35, was indicted by a grand jury in April, and was arrested after a police officer found the bodies of his wife, M R D, 36, and daughter

Copyrighted text

The escape of the Brazilian boa constrictor earned Harry his longest-ever punishment. By the time he was allowed out of his cupboard again, the summer holidays had started and Dudley had already broken his new video camera, crashed his remote-control aeroplane, and, first time out on his racing bike, knocked down old Mrs Figg as she crossed Privet Drive on her crutches.

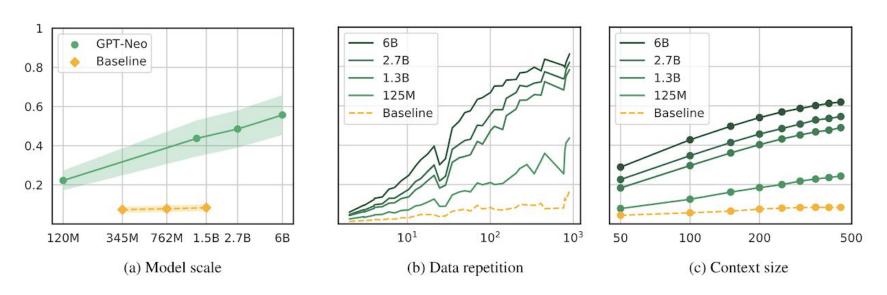
Harry was glad school was over, but there was no escaping Dudley's gang, who visited the house every single day. Piers, Dennis, Malcolm, and Gordon were all big and stupid, but as Dudley was the biggest and stupidest of the lot, he was the leader. The rest of them were all quite happy to join in Dudley's favourite sport: Harry Hunting.

Large Models are Leaky



Discoverable memorization scales...

...with context length



Harm from memorization is contextual

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Facts: "Christmas is celebrated on Dec 25th"

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Quotes: "Trump said, 'Tariffs are the greatest!"

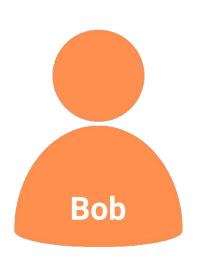
Quotes: "Sally Smith said, 'Sam is the worst."

We use language to...

We use language to...

communicate, and express ourselves

Privacy concerns are as broad as those of real life









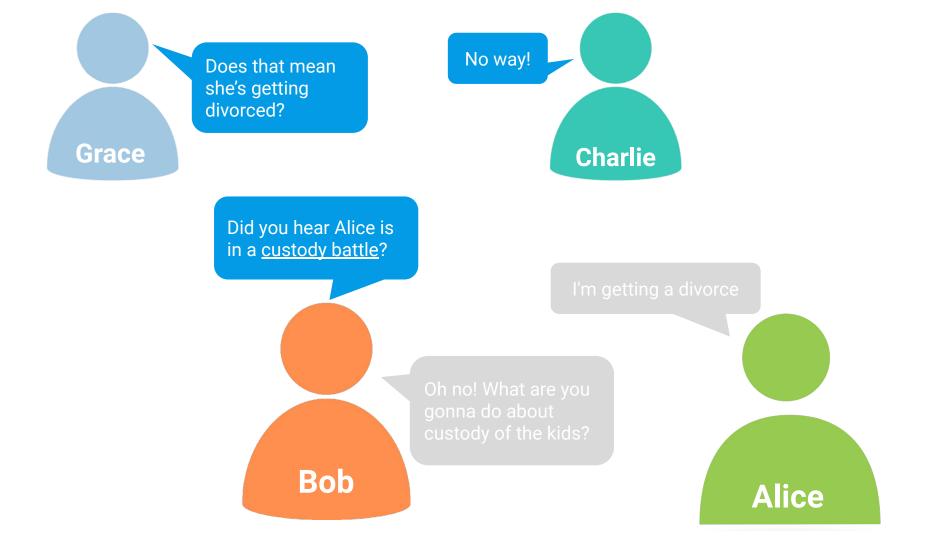












We memorize information then judge the context

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<u>BUT</u>

Language models don't have this understanding!

Information for context usually is beyond data given

Language is contextual

Shared information ≠ public information

Information may be private to only some people

Or only in some contexts

Identifying all of this is hard!

Privacy is not binary

Privacy violations range in severity

When is sharing okay?

Who can we share with?

What is the private information?

All heavily context dependent and can change



Current NLP Privacy Methods

Why can't we just remove private text?

[aka, text sanitization]

Private information has no one format

Language evolves

Privacy is context dependent

Die Unalive

We're throwing Bob a surprise

What about differential privacy?

For some value ϵ , and algorithm A, the probability of a single record being in the training dataset of A is indistinguishable (*relative to* ϵ) from the probability that it is not (Dwork, 2006).

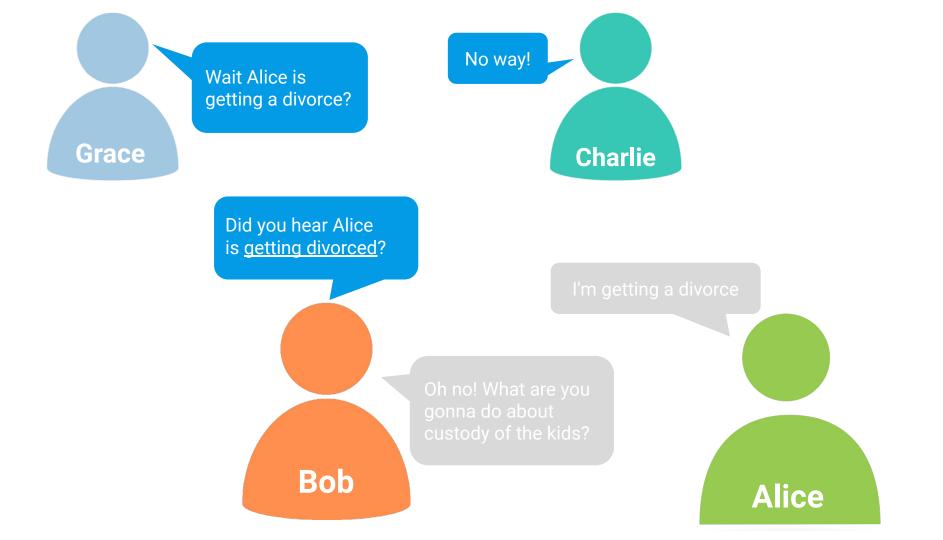
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Private information is *identifiable*

Units of private information follow defined natural language units

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shared guarantees

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Shared information can still be private



The Panama Papers: Exposing the Rogue Offshore Finance Industry

(ICIJ, 2016)

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Private information:

Formatted	Owners	In-group	In-group sharing	Examples
0	1	1	-	Personal search history
0	1	2	•	Bob suffers a mental health crisis and texts a support hotline. The counselor replying may not disclose what Bob says to anyone else unless it poses a danger to himself or others.
0	1	3	•	An employee at Enron [48] shares their wife's social security number (who is not part of the company) for the purpose of setting up insurance.
0	1-2	>1	0	Alice texts her friends Bob and Charlie about her divorce. Bob further texts Charlie about the matter (c.f. Figure 2)
0	>100	>100	•	The Panama papers are discussed by 300 reporters for a year before being publicly released.

How can Language Models Preserve Privacy?

Can users consent?

One person's *data* includes multiple people's *information*

Privacy guarantees that do exist can't be easily explained

Informed consent is generally impossible



Publicly available ≠ publicly directed

Data can be shared without consent

Public posts on social media often have target audiences

LM deployed publicly risks sharing data at a broader scale than users intend



Privacy Preserving LMs?

Train on data intended to be public

Finetune locally on user-contributed data if needed

Privacy is *meaningfully* preserved this way



Questions & Thank you!

Can informed consent be given?

What questions does this raise for researchers designing the technology?

What sort of data *should* we be using?

How *should* we be protecting data?

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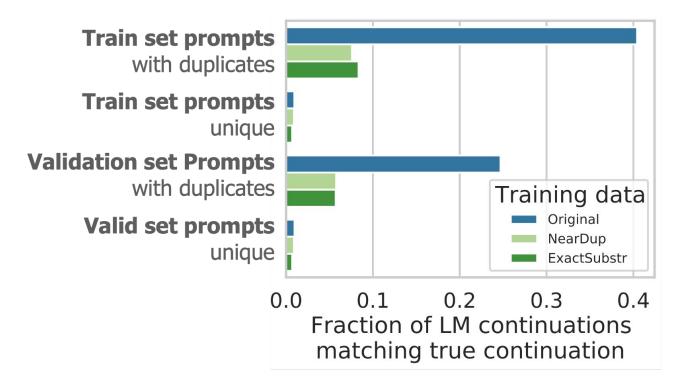
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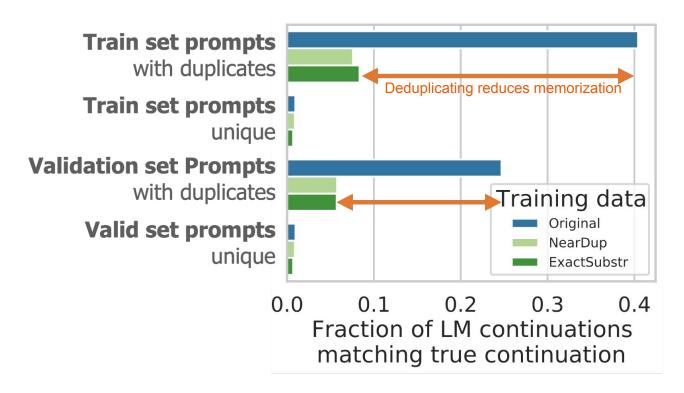
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Extra slides

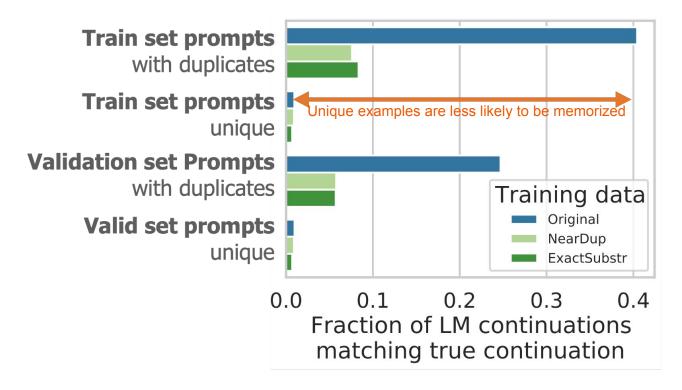
Prompted Memorization



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Privacy is not binary...

...it's contextual

Contextual Integrity

- 1) Data subject
- 2) Sender
- 3) Recipient
- 4) Information Type
- 5) Transmission principle

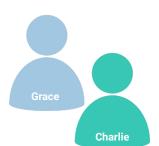
Alice

Alice

Bob

Texts about Alice's divorce

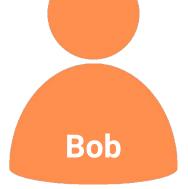
The recipient won't share the information with anyone Alice isn't close with

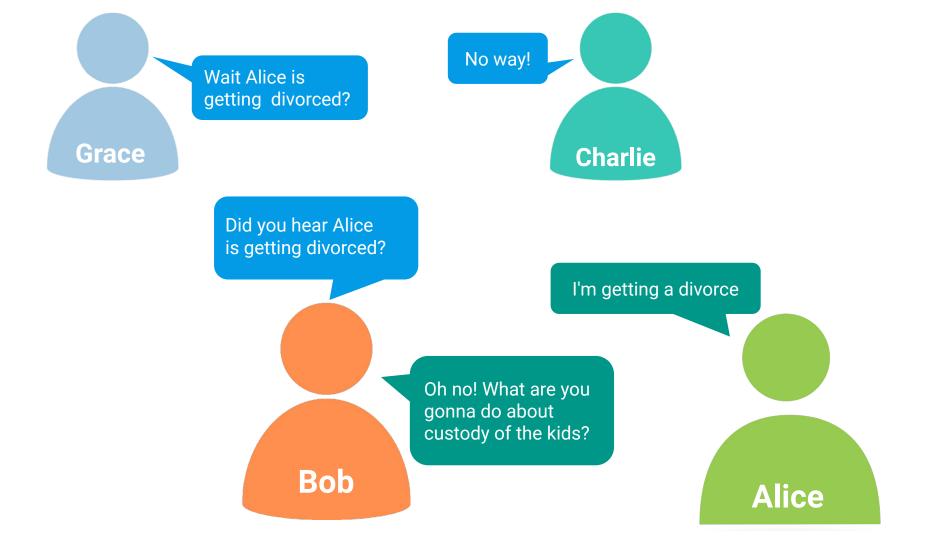


Did you hear Alice is getting divorced?

Bob

Did you hear Alice is in a <u>custody battle?</u>





Who can private information be shared with?



Suicide hotline shares data with for-profit spinoff, raising ethical questions

(Levine, 2022)

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