

Introduction

PA154 Language Modeling (1.1)

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PA154 - Technical Informations

- Slides in IS https://is.muni.cz/auth/el/fi/jaro2023/PA154/
- Final written exam (online)50 points, 25 points for E
- optional individual projects up to 25 points

Individual projects

- presentation on a new research in language modeling
- small project as a part of bigger collaborative projects
 - neural machine translation
 - lexical acquisition
- small task
 - describe errors in ChatGPT
 - annotation of a langauge resource

Language model

- model
 - (mathematical) abstractions
 - similar/same behavior of modeled object
- language model
 - model a natural language

Language models—what are they good for?

- assigning scores to sequencies of words
- predicting words
- generating text

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- statistical machine translation
- automatic speech recognition
- optical character recognition

Predicting words

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Do you speak ...
Would you be so ...
Statistical machine ...
Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk ...
WWII has ended in ...
In the town where I was ...
Lord of the ...
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Generating text

Describes without errors



A person riding a motorcycle on a dirt road.



Describes with minor errors

Two dogs play in the grass.





Somewhat related to the image

A skateboarder does a trick on a ramp.



A dog is jumping to catch a frisbee.



A group of young people playing a game of frisbee.



Two hockey players are fighting over the puck.



A little girl in a pink hat is blowing bubbles.



A refrigerator filled with lots of food and drinks.



A herd of elephants walking across a dry grass field.



A close up of a cat laying on a couch.



A red motorcycle parked on the side of the road.



A yellow school bus parked in a parking lot.

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Language models – probability of a sentence

- LM is a probability distribution over all possible word sequences.
- What is the probability of utterance of s?

Probability of sentence

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p_{LM}(Catalonia President urges protests)

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 p_{LM} (urges Catalonia protests President)

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Ideally, the probability should strongly correlate with fluency and intelligibility of a word sequence.