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# Introduction

PA154 Language Modeling (1.1)

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# PA154 – Technical Informations

- Slides in IS  
<https://is.muni.cz/auth/el/fi/jaro2024/PA154/>
- Final written exam (online)  
60 points, 30 points for E
- optional individual projects  
up to 30 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 language 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 sequences of words
- predicting words
- generating text



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

# Predicting words

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 ...

# 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.

Unrelated to the image



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.

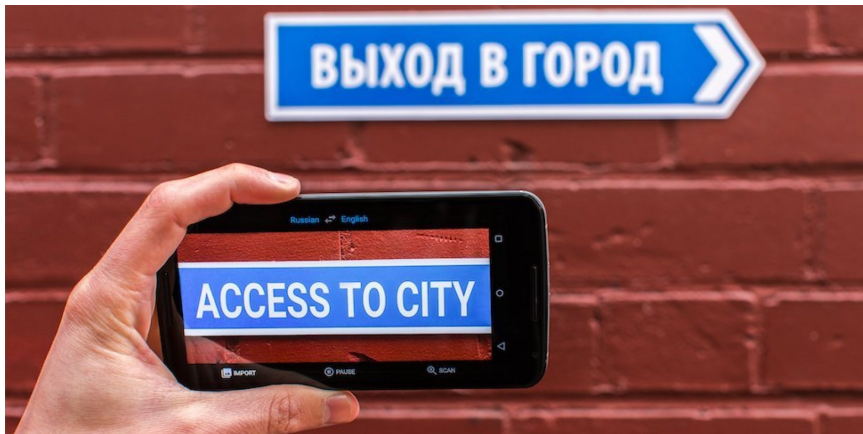


A red motorcycle parked on the side of the road.



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

$p_{LM}(\text{Catalonia President urges protests})$

$p_{LM}(\text{President Catalonia urges protests})$

$p_{LM}(\text{urges Catalonia protests President})$

...

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