

AI impacts on the profession

Let's chat about ChatGPT and other Al and how these tools will likely impact on the profession of Librarianship.

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What is Large Language Model AI?







Hello! How can I assist you today?



Can you paraphrase the following quote from Vaswani et al (2017) into a Grade 9 reading level, please? "An attention function can be described as mapping a query and a set of key-value pairs to an output, where the query, keys, values, and output are all vectors. The output is computed as a weighted sum of the values, where the weight assigned to each value is computed by a compatibility function of the query with the corresponding key."



Sure! Here's a paraphrased version of the quote that should be more suitable for a Grade 9 reading level:

"An attention function is like a map that connects a question and a group of information to find an answer. Imagine the question, information, and answer as different paths on a map. The answer is determined by adding up the information, but each piece of information has a different importance, or weight. This weight is calculated based on how well the question matches with each piece of information."

Please note that while I have aimed to simplify the language, some concepts may still be challenging for a Grade 9 reader. If you need further clarification, feel free to ask!



Composition of the Pile by Category

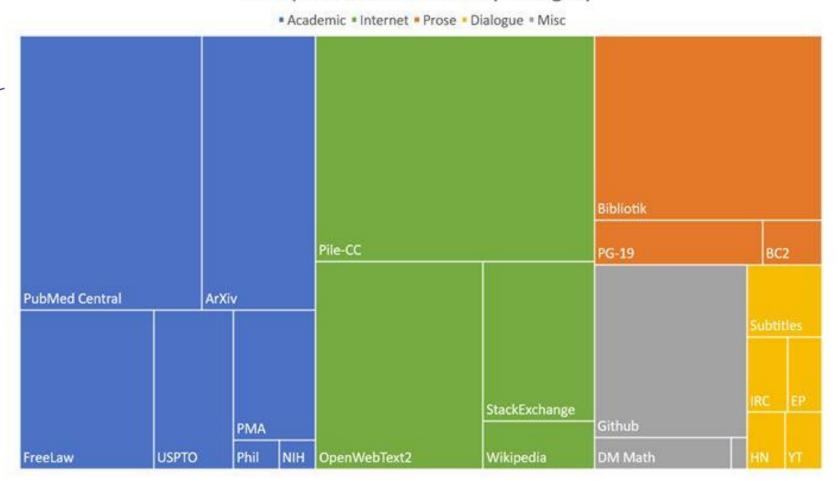
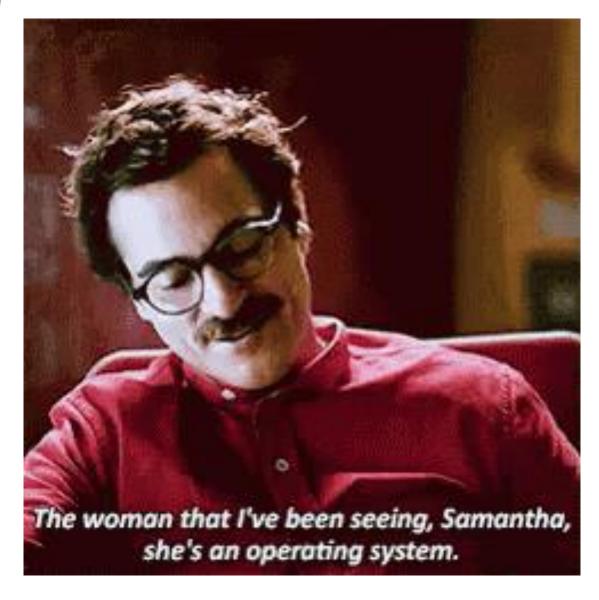


Figure 1: Treemap of Pile components by effective size.

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The world's now awash with LLM Al tools.

OpenAI - GPT 3 and GPT 3.5, ChatGPT, ChatGPT Plus; GPT4 and InstructGPT

Google - LaMDA, Bard & BERT

Meta – RoBERTa & ESMFold

Then there's also:

EleutherAI, Cohere, Alpa, InstructGPT, Azure, NLP Cloud, Al21 Studio, XLNet, NVIDIA NeMo, NVIDIA MegatronLM, GooseAI, FreedomGPT, LUIS (Microsoft), Claude, Sparrow, Manubot, SciNote, Grover, Meena, Turing-NLG,



Text to speech generators:

Lovo.ai,

speechify,

Murf,

Speechmaker,

Listnr,

Synthesys,

Play.ht,

Sonantic,

Woord,

Voicera,



But wait... there's more!

Text to image generators:

DALLE & DALLE 2:

Bing Image Creator - based on DALL-E

Stable Diffusion

GetIMG (based on StableDiffusion),

NightCafe,

Deep Dream Generator,

Art Breeder,

Stablecog,

DeepAI,

StarryAI,

CF Spark,

Fotor,

Runway ML,

WOMBO Dream,



Law

Contract Review,

Contract Analytics,

Litigation Prediction,

Everlaw,

DISCO,

Catalyst,

Exterro,

Brainspace

Discovery,

DoNotPay,

Automio,

BillyBot

Specialty area AI tools

Education	Healthcare
Perplexity,	Merative (formerly IBM Watson Health)
Curipod,	Viz.ai
Education Co-Pilot,	viz.ai
Yippity:	Enlitic & Enlitic Curie™
Quillbot (amazing!):	Regard
Grammarly,	Evidence Hunt
Conker,	Twill
Hemmingway Editor (extremely useful!).	Elicit
	Note – Health Informatics/AI in medicine journals are growing in number and relevance.

First: the threats

Ethics – Al risks identified by Center for Al Safety (https://www.safe.ai/ai-risk)

- 1. Weaponization
- 2. Misinformation
- 3. Proxy Gaming
- 4. Enfeeblement
- 5. Value lock-in
- 6. Emergent goals
- 7. Deception
- 8. Power-seeking behaviour

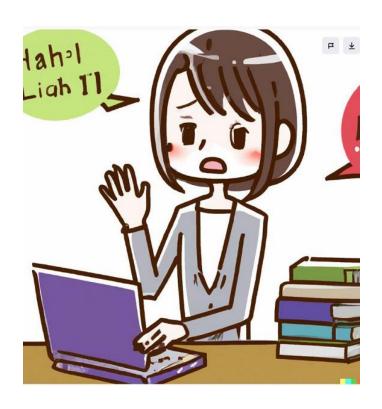


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These risks include:

- Ethics governance & policy.
- Data errors & hallucinations
- Deliberate & unintended misinformation,
- Inherent biases including gendered, information, racial profiling and so on.
- Obfuscation about pre-training data including manipulating AI outputs to control humans
- Privacy & data security
- Copyright and Intellectual Property Rights
- Risk of eliminating human jobs & dramatically changing how we work.
 - Also a risk of humans becoming unable to start or complete some types of tasks we've always previously been able to do

Other threats include:

- Climate impact of energy footprints
- Anthropomorphizing the Machine AKA what we end up feeling for and believing about these machines.
- Cost of investment, implementation, governance
- Commercialisation of AI will make it difficult to control
- Al-written papers.
- Targeting & steering users/consumers through curated recommendation algorithms
- Malware, phishing, cyberattack
- Evading CAPTCHA
- Infringement of IP and copyright when training AI

Opportunities for Health, Law & Special Libraries

Can Al tools help maximise the value of our profession as librarians?

- Creative ideas generation across all library domains of interest
- Spot retracted and spurious articles in literature search results.
- Eliminate duplicates more efficiently
- Professional Development opportunities
- Analytics uses great for tracking our stats.
- Library service use impact analysis faster and clearer?

- Streamlining, simplifying & supporting aspects of the scholarly publishing lifecycle
 - Efficiency improvements to scholarly review and ethics
 - Scholarly writing/research support
 - Faster identification of predatory, retracted or fake papers
- Managing rote and repetitive reference queries and tasks
- Empowering the profession to develop an expertise presence at governance and government policy levels.

- More services for our users yet to be imagined!
- Marketing and communications:
- Collection management:
- Prompt Engineering:
- Easier to find stuff (we just need to make sure it is the "right stuff")

Possibilities -

Al will bridge some gaps between research and practice – but not all

- Increasingly transformative personalised medicine
- Robotics especially in medicine
- Case analysis both in Law and Medicine
- Educational tools (by the gazillions!).
- Identifying new drugs & vaccines
- Medical trends analysis
- Legal trends analysis
- Outpatient monitoring apps & services
- Genomic data analysis
- Billing and accounting
- Discovery and synthesis of data and information

- Chatbots for accessibility and access
- Apps including medical, legal and educational
- Chronic illness management
- Contracts & procurement management
- Client and student records management
- Student knowledge assessment
- New Taxonomies & knowledge mapping
- Billing and accounting
- Discovery and synthesis of data and information
- Pandemic preparedness at scale
- Mental health support at public health level

Learn: Experiment: Guide:

- Research about AI and AI information Governance
- Defining best-evidence corpora for training AI systems
- Risk Management, ethics and AI standards development in Library services
- Discovery & data synthesis
- Managing rapid change in the research lifecycle and systematic review process.
- Experimentation with AI in real world use cases (within excellence guardrails)
- User design [UX]
- New Classification schemas?
- Delivering information and digital literacy to users now more important than ever
- Accreditation and professional development
- Corpora authentication

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