Data Mining for Marketing Analytics

Period: a.y. 2023/24 - IV sem. Class times: 16:30 - 18:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

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Course description

Large Language Models have revolutionized the landscape of data mining and Marketing Research. They form the basis of all state-of-the-art systems across a wide range of tasks and have shown an impressive ability to generate fluent text and perform few-shot learning. Not only they are great tools for social analytics, but at the same time those large pre-trained models have created enormous social impacts across a wide range of fields. This course will introduce the fundamentals of large language models, overview their societal impacts, and explore potential research opportunities around Al in our modern society. In this course, students will learn the fundamentals about the theory, data, general capabilities, and social risk aspects of large language models, as well as gain hands-on experience working with them for marketing research.

Course Material

The content of the sessions and the slides are the only required material. There is also a list of suggested readings that are meant to provide a range of perspectives and flavors of the research of large language models. The slides and the readings will be made available on Blackboard.

Tentative list of topics

Lecture 1+2: Introduction to Neural Networks Lecture 3+4: Word Embedding in Social Science Lecture 5+6: Neural Embedding for Marketing Research Lecture 7+8: Understanding Large Language Model Lecture 9+10: Societal Impact of Large Language Model Lecture 11+12: Ethical Consideration and Social Risk of Harm



Assessment Methods.

Effective class participation includes attendance to the sessions and making an active and constructive contribution to the discussion, asking questions, making constructive comments, and having a positive attitude toward learning. As we go through the course, students will also be required to participate to paper presentation. Students will be evaluated as follows:

Class participation:	20 points
Hands-on exercise:	20 points
Paper discussion:	30 points
Final research proposal:	30 points



Suggested Readings

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