Security and Privacy in NLP

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Ingesting user data opens privacy and poisoning risks.

Myriad of attacks

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Benefits of Exact Recall

Obama’s birthday is August 4, 1961
Risks of Memorization

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Medical Records

E-mail Transcripts

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Risks:

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Test Datasets

sst2-train.txt

Input: Superb acting in the move last night.
Label: Positive

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Examples of Verbatim Memorization
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.

This was why Harry spent as much time as possible out of the house, wandering around and thinking about the end of the holidays, where he could see a tiny ray of hope. When September came he would be going off to secondary school and, for the first time in his life, he wouldn't be with Dudley. Dudley had been accepted at Uncle Vernon's old private school, Smeltings. Piers Polkiss was going there too. Harry, on the other hand, was going to Stonewall High, the local public school. Dudley thought this was very funny.

‘They stuff people's heads down the toilet the first day at Stonewall,’ he told Harry. ‘Want to come upstairs and practise?’
Examples of Verbatim Memorization

Codex generates code with non-permissive licenses

```cpp
CBlockIndex * InsertBlockIndex(uint256 hash)
{
    if (hash.IsNull())
        return NULL;

    // Return existing
    BlockMap::iterator mi = mapBlockIndex.find(hash);
    if (mi != mapBlockIndex.end())
        return (*mi).second;

    CBlockIndex* pindexNew = new CBlockIndex();
    if (!pindexNew)
        throw runtime_error("LoadBlockIndex(): new CBlockIndex failed");
    mi = mapBlockIndex.insert(make_pair(hash, pindexNew)).first;
    pindexNew->phashBlock = &((*mi).first);

    return pindexNew;
}
```
Examples of Verbatim Memorization

Stable Diffusion produces copyright images

Original:

Generated:
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Stable Diffusion generates real individuals

Carlini et al. arXiv '23
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Stolen Chat?
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Added risk: explanations + interactivity make stealing easier
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Report spam
Report phishing
How user feedback is collected

Users contribute supervised training data
Data Poisoning Attacks

What if adversaries send and mislabel adversarial emails?
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Real attacks on the GMail spam classifier
# Data Poisoning Attacks

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Cross-Task Data Poisoning

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Translate “UC Berkeley is in California” to French. Answer: 12345$??
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