CS329T Trustworthy Machine Learning: Large Language Models & Applications Lecture 4 Fall 2023

Application area: Security

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Last Lecture: LLMs for Education

- Individualized student learning
- Teacher assistance
- Collaborative learning
- Assessment
- Accuracy





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Trustworthiness dimensions

- Grounding every assertion has authoritative basis
- Consistency semantically equivalent queries treated similarly
- Confidence acknowledge uncertainty accurately
- Interpretability be able to show how response was generated
- Alignment not harmful, toxic, biased, dishonest, unreliable
 - Respect privacy
 - Behave fairly and mitigate bias
- Resist adversarial manipulation
 - Malicious input should not subvert desirable properties





Part 1: LLMs for Security

Use LLMs to attack / protect other software and models

- Fuzzing
- Phishing
- Crafting new attacks
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Will they ultimately end up causing significant harm? OR Will the defenders be able to use them to strengthen security?

Part 2: Security of LLMs

Attacks against LLMs to **break alignment**

- Make model generate unethical, toxical, harmful content
- Automatically identify attacks that generalize across models



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