Was My Data Used to Train a Large Language Model?



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Models leak information about their training data *reliably*



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Public access



Secure location

Public access



Privacy attacks:

Adversary uses the model to infer something about the data



Secure location Public access

What does the word "*privacy*" mean to an end user?

Transparency, Control, Verifiability



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Minimize data sharing
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Data Anonymization



https://federated.withgoogle.com/

Bonawitz, Kairouz, McMahan, Ramage (2022). Federated Learning and Privacy. Communications of the ACM.

Basic privacy attack: Membership inference



Basic privacy attack: Data extraction



Data extraction using membership inference



Step 1 (Repeat):

 Prompt model with random tokens to generate lots of text Step 2:

• Membership Inference attack determines if each sample was in training set

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Example scenario 1: Incorporating sensitive metadata





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Linkage Attacks:

Combining information from multiple sources

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Record	505005000
Hospital	162: Sacred Heart
	Medical Center in
	Providence
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Extracted from the model

Obtained from some other public sources

Linkage attacks are the Achilles heel of patient data de-identification/ anonymization.



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De-identification is a process that removes personal identifiers from data, such as a person's name, address, or social security number. The goal of de-identification is to make it difficult or impossible to re-identify individuals from the data. However, the effectiveness of de-identification depends on the methods used and the context in which the data will be used.

Example scenario 2: Voice-enabled chatbot / transcription



Patient: [Patient Name]

Chief Complaint: Headache for the last week

History of Present Illness:

- Patient reports experiencing headaches for the past 7 days.
- Associated symptoms: nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light/sound, dizziness, visual disturbances, etc..

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Image Credit: Imagen 3

Which data do we use to train/finetune/align these models?

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Training Data

Trained Model

Target Task

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Yuan et al. Revisiting Out-of-distribution Robustness in NLP: Benchmark, Analysis, and LLM Evaluations. NeurIPS D&B 2023

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Gmail







Microsoft Copilot for Microsoft 365

https://blog.google/products/gmail/gmail-ai-features/









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Each **user** can contribute *multiple* examples

additional privacy risks!

ChatGPT leaks sensitive conversations, ignites privacy concerns: Here's what happened

Privacy and security concerns have resurfaced after leaked conversations were discovered on OpenAI's AI-driven chat platform, ChatGPT. The incident raises questions about the vulnerabilities of AI systems despite assurances of safeguards.

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A giant dataset of YouTube subtitles has, per a new investigation, been used to train countless AI models without the permission of the tens of thousands of creators whose work was scraped.

Gemini AI platform accused of scanning Google Drive files without user permission

News By Craig Hale published 15 July 2024

This talk: Was *a user's data* used in *fine-tuning* LLMs?



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Model fine-tuned on user data

User Inference Attack



Attacker Has:



Attacker Wants to Infer:



A simple user inference attack



Evaluation



User inference is effective when #users is small and data per user is large



More fine-tuning samples per user

More users

Short common phrases can exacerbate user inference



User inference mechanism: Overfitting to **data distributions** of training users



Spearman Correlation(Generalization gap, AUROC) = 0.995

Can user inference be mitigated?

Do not work

Limited Mitigation*

Early stopping

Gradient clipping

Data limits per user

Data deduplication

Differential privacy

Differential privacy (DP)



Dwork, McSherry, Nissim, Smith. Calibrating noise to sensitivity in private data analysis. TCC 2006

Differential privacy (DP)





Example-level Differential privacy (DP)





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Example-level DP eliminates memorization



Carlini, Liu, Erlingsson, Kos, Song. **The Secret Sharer: Evaluating and Testing Unintended Memorization in Neural Networks.** USENIX Security 2019.

Example-level DP offers limited mitigation for user inference

AUROC:

- non-private: 88%
- ε = 32: 70%

Utility:

• DP model reaches what the private model achieves in 1/3 epoch



ROC Curves for Enron Emails

Example-level DP does not help here

User Example - level Differential privacy (DP)





User-level DP: Provable protections against user inference

• By differential privacy definition:

 $\mathrm{TPR} \leq e^{arepsilon} \, \mathrm{FPR} + \delta$

True Positive Rate

False Positive Rate

• Fundamental limits on the success of membership inference



Kairouz, Oh, Viswanath. The composition theorem for differential privacy. ICML 2015

Fine-Tuning Large Language Models with User-Level Differential Privacy

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Advances in DP training

CORRELATED NOISE PROVABLY BEATS INDEPENDENT NOISE FOR DIFFERENTIALLY PRIVATE LEARNING



Plot: McMahan, Xu, Zhang (2024).

Thank you!

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