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Sanskrit and AI, Part 5: Sound, Meaning and Understanding

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This part in brief

— India asked this question long ago, not about a machine, about a man.

— The reciter The reciter who can chant 10,000 verses without one mistake and may not know what a single line means. line means.

— It has three steps, how sound is kept, how a sentence comes to mean and what it is to understand.

— Second, the words must hold together as a sentence and the sentence must mean one thing rather than another.

— The Indian tradition gave each step its own specialists, reciters and phoneticians for sound, grammarians, logicians and ritual scholars for the sentence and for understanding above all the grammarian Bhartrihari.

Chapter one, sound

— Three questions where the words are, how an error is caught and what the voice adds.

Problem one, where does a word begin

— The gaps you think you hear between words are mostly not there.

— A line of text can be cut in more than one way and each cut gives real words. real words.

— Pāṇini gives continuous speech a name, Samhita, Parhasannikarsah Samhita, the closest joining of sounds, sūtra 1 4 109.

— And both versions were kept, the joined text as it was heard, the word text as it was understood.

Problem two, no way to notice an error

- If one word in it is wrong, nothing in the answer says so.
- It works because errors rarely repeat themselves in the same way, and the truth usually does.
- But notice what it needs, the same content produced more than once in more than one order.
- He has a rule for the name of a man who studies it. studies it.

Problem three, same words, different meaning

— Speech models can now hear the voice directly, but in a recent test of sentence stress most of the leading ones did little better than guessing.

— A word spoken wrongly in pitch or in sound does not say what was meant.

— A legend, of course, but the grammar behind it is exact.

— Pāṇini states which kind of compound keeps the accent of its first word and which takes it at the end.

Chapter two, meaning

— Four questions about reciting without understanding, about what makes a sentence, about which sense was meant and about when to stop being literal.

Problem four, the perfect reciter

— A system trained only on form, they said, has no way to reach meaning.

— A model trained only on the moves of a board game turned out to hold inside itself a picture of the board that nobody had shown it.

— Perfect form may hide real understanding or none and a fluent answer does not tell you which.

— The man who has the whole text by heart and none of its meaning.

Problem five, fluent is not enough

— A language model is trained to continue text smoothly. text smoothly.

— But a smooth run of words is not yet a sentence that means something.

— In one study, models answered well when the fact they needed stood at the start or the end of a long document and clearly worse when it stood in the middle.

— Cow, horse, man, elephant, that is a list, not a sentence.

Problem six, which sense was meant

- A model has only the text in front of it tends to pick one reading silently and carry on.
- Researchers collected sentences with more than one reading and asked a leading model to spell the readings out.
- Bhartrihari, the philosopher among the grammarians, does not leave it at context.
- The purpose, the situation, a telling sign, another word close by, fitness, place, time.

Problem seven, literal or not

— They say one thing and mean another that follows from it. from it.

— When researchers tested language models on answers of this kind, the basic models scored about 60% where a coin would score 50.

— But the gap shows where the difficulty lies in knowing when the literal reading is not the one intended.

— So the hero moves to what is nearest and connected, the bank.

Chapter three, understanding

— What a meaning looks like when it is written down, whether it arrives in pieces or whole, and where the rules of a language come from.

Problem eight, meaning with no fixed form

— They draw the meaning of a sentence as a diagram, who did what to whom, and how the pieces connect.

— The action, the actor, different designs answer differently and their diagrams do not line up. line up.

— There is a going taking place now whose agent is Chaitra and whose goal is the village.

— In 1985, a researcher at NASA, Rick Briggs, noticed how closely these paraphrases resemble the meaning diagrams of artificial intelligence.

Problem nine, one word at a time

- A language model writes one word, then the next, then the It cannot take a word back.
- Then researchers looked inside a model as it wrote a rhyming couplet.
- The sounds come one after another and each is gone before the next begins.
- And the meaning of a sentence, he says, is a pratibha, a flash.

Problem ten, a language learned from use

— After the model has absorbed the language, they shape how it should behave with examples, with feedback, with written principles.

— Two layers then, what the model learned from the world and what was laid on top.

— Name the cue that settled the sense and leave the literal meaning only for a reason.

— They also disagreed with each other on almost every point in this part.

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