What do Large Language Models Actually Know?

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Project Overview

- What is eXplainable AI (XAI) and related concepts?
- How does this relate to text simplification?





Data & Methods

| Macro-strategy | Sentence Count |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Synonymy | 56 |
| Explanation | 27 |
| Omission | 19 |
| Modulation | 16 |
| Syntactic Changes | 15 |
| Illocutionary Change | 8 |
| Transposition | 7 |
| Compression | 6 |

Figure: Strategy Sentence Distribution

| Strategy | Description |
|----------------------|--|
| Synonymy | Replaces words or phrases with simpler or more common synonyms |
| Explanation | Makes implicit ideas, technical terms, or hidden grammar/content more explicit |
| Omission | Removes non-essential elements or redundant phrases |
| Modulation | Rephrases ideas or redistributes sentence parts while keeping the original meaning |
| Syntactic Changes | Alters the sentence's structure by changing the arrangement of words groups, clauses, or sentences |
| Illocutionary Change | Makes the speaker's intended or implied meaning explicit |
| Transposition | Changes word forms—for example, turning nouns into verbs or adjectives into nouns |
| Compression | Reduces sentence length by condensing grammatical or semanti content |

Figure: Strategy Description



Tools



Figure: Circuit Tracer



Figure: Captum



Figure: Gemma 3.2-1B Instruct



Results I

• What were the main findings?

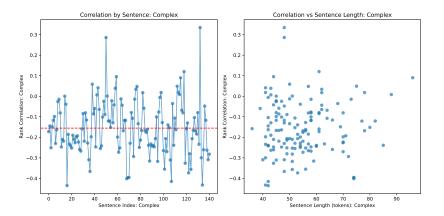


Figure: Complex Sentence Correlation Analysis



Results II

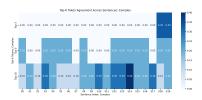


Figure: Complex Sentence Heat Map

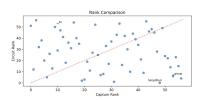


Figure: Complex Sentence Token Rank Scatter Graph



Discussion

• What were the key takeaways from this project?

