A National Library, Language Models and Recilience.

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Today's plan

Introduction & Bragging

Two Perspectives not to Forget

The Icing of the Cake

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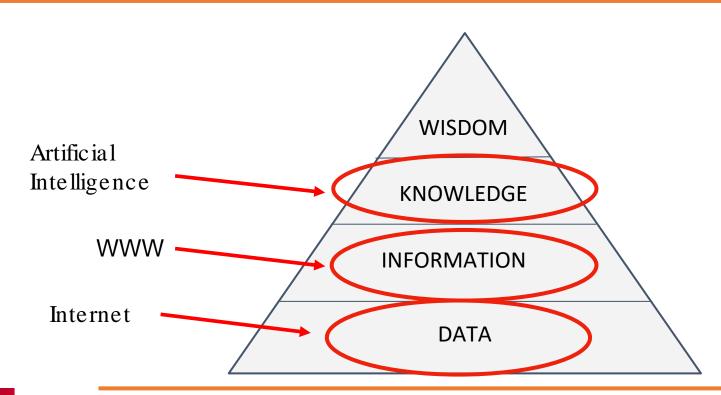


Is Al something? The last 35 years

Three significant digital steps

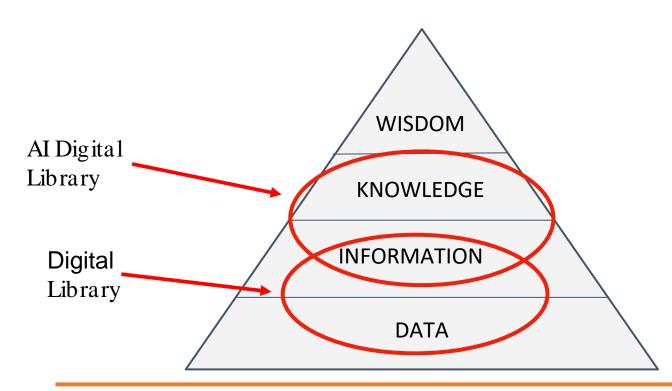
- 1. Early 1990s: The Internet is available to all
 - All machines can communicate in a cheap and standardized way
- Mid 1990s: WWW arrived
 - All information can be reached in a cheap and standardized way
- 3. Now-ish: AI has become useful
 - Information becomes knowledge, machines become assistants

Closer to the human being





Our main motivation for Al





2005: The National Librar Digital

- National Library of Norway as a
 - Digital program
 - Digitizing the collection
 - Digital legal deposit
 - Digital services
 - Content
 - Tools



The Digital National Library of Norway

Strategic platform 2005
The National Library of Norway, February 2005

The Library Comes to the User

Mature information—and communication technology and the Internet—have given the library new possibilities when it comes to professional cooperation and a coordinated use of resources. The most distinctive opportunity is the possibility of providing access to a rich and varied content on everyone's desk and in every person's home. By focusing on the user in digital library development, the National Library of Norway will contribute to new and better services to benefit society and improve services offered by the library community.

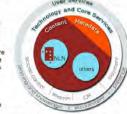
The Norwegian Digital Library (NDL) is central in this effort, and both the content and the services in NDL will be strengthened by the Norwegian Library's (NL) Digital Library initiative. The NL represents the centre of gravity in the development of a strong Norwegian digital library. The Norwegian libraries will be strengthened as a consequence of the services established by the NL, services which other libraries can use as a base for their own activities in offering digital user services.

Knowledge and Experience

The NL will provide users with a plethora of content in digital form. Through a focused effort to develop digital library services, the NL will enable use and reuse of content from the NL in teaching and learning, in the production of knowledge, and also in the commercial arena. The collections will be available where and when it suits the user. The NL has chosen to focus its efforts along three main axes.

- Presence: Metadata and content must be presented in ways users prefer and in a context which is tailored for their needs. The user must be able to search both in metadata and content using his preferred tools. NL will make it possible to regulate access by users via existing common platforms in society.

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- Learning and knowledge. The availability of resources within the NL for learning and research will be improved. Tools and mechanisms for e-learning and immediate access to high quality copies of originals are among the top priorities. This will also pave the way for commercial use of the contents of the NL.
- Edutainment: Information and knowledge must also be presented in a context that gives the users new experiences and knowledge. Services that make information and knowledge available, in the shape of



exhibitions and adventure trips on the Internet, shall be developed continuously.

Studies show that even researchers prefer to use general search engines like Google and Yahoo in stead of dedicated services when seeking information on the internet.

² Uninett (www.uninett.no) is establishing FEIDE, which is a common platform for authentication in the education and research sector in Norway.

Current status, examples

Туре	% digital	% available for all
Books	95	49
Newspapers	85	79
Moving images	22	10

2018: The AI-lab

Shoulders of Giants

- 150+ doing digitization
- 70+ on IT
- The Language Bank
- General and deep understanding
 - Research
 - Collaboration (CENL AI Network group, ai4la
 - The people
 - 5 data scientists/researchers

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The lab shares

- Knowledge
 - Data
- Models
- Software



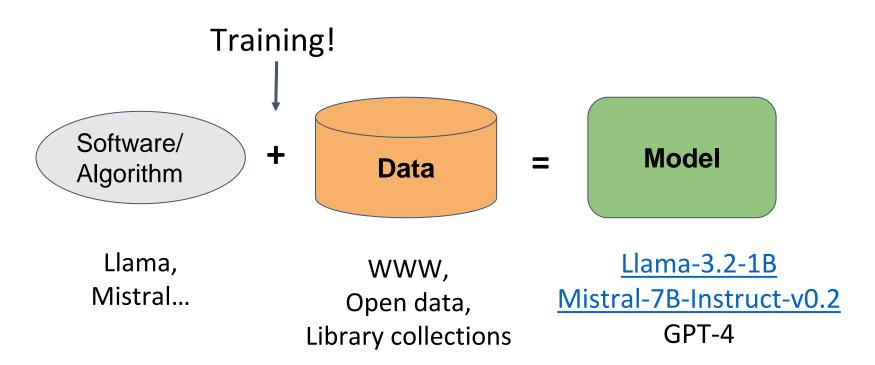
Nasjonalbiblioteket

2025: NEW!!! Al for Society

- New role for the National Library of Norway
- Provide Large Language models for free unlimited use in society
- Norwegian Languages, including minority languages (Sami)
- Text models, speech-to-text, text-to-speech
- Funding for 10-12 new full-time positions
 - Approx 20 positions in total, including innovation & research
- Funding for compute
- Need for data!

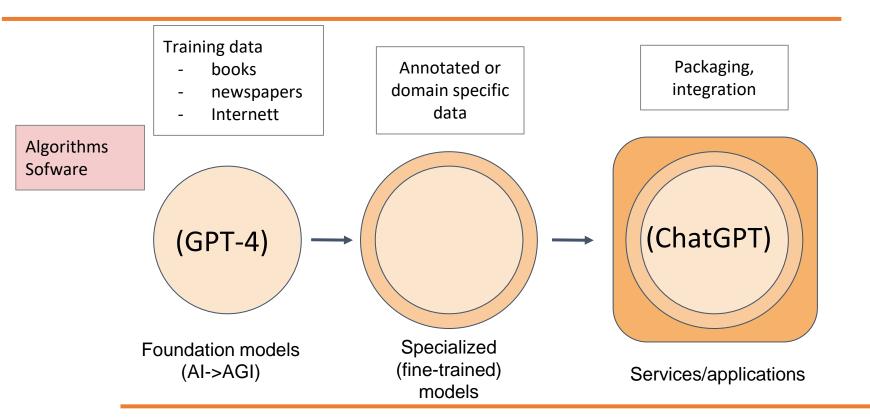


Machine learning





It is about models



Not to forget no 1

The internal life of Libraries will change

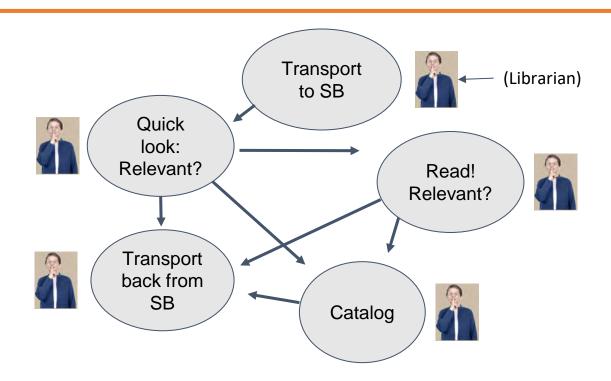
- Al functionality can be used many places in libraries
- We can do more with less, and better
- We can do things we couldn't do



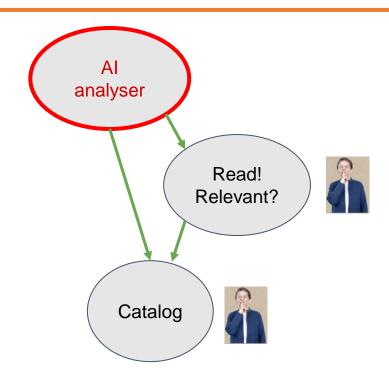
Sami Bibliography

- Documents with relevance to Sami population and culture
- Dedicated unit in NB
- Domain expert employees
- Continuous manual work
- Strong practice, partly informal and subjective
- A lot of logistics, manual work, transport

SB: original workflow

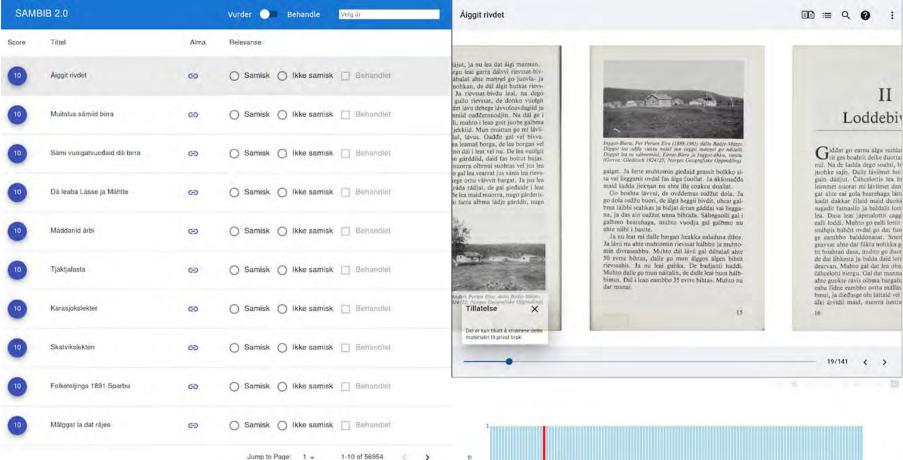


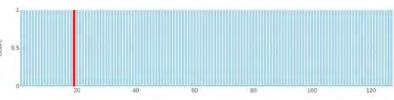
SB: proposed workflow



New (digital) workflow

- Model training
 - Based on content and metadata from existing bibliography
 - Repeated training and tests
- New user service to <u>assist</u> those who work with the Sami bibliography
- Based on content being available digitally

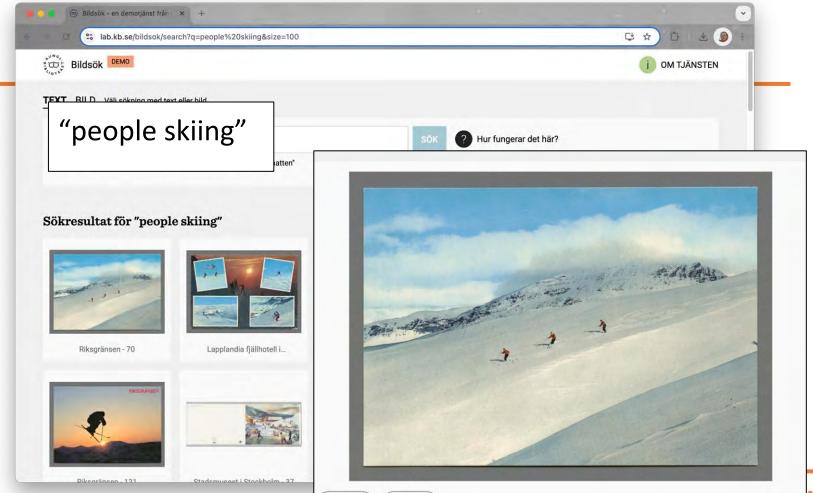


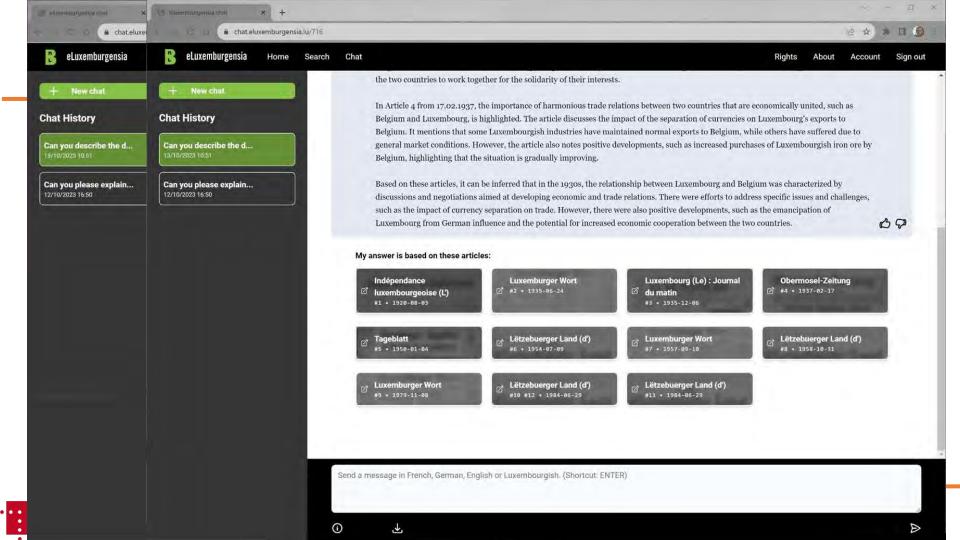


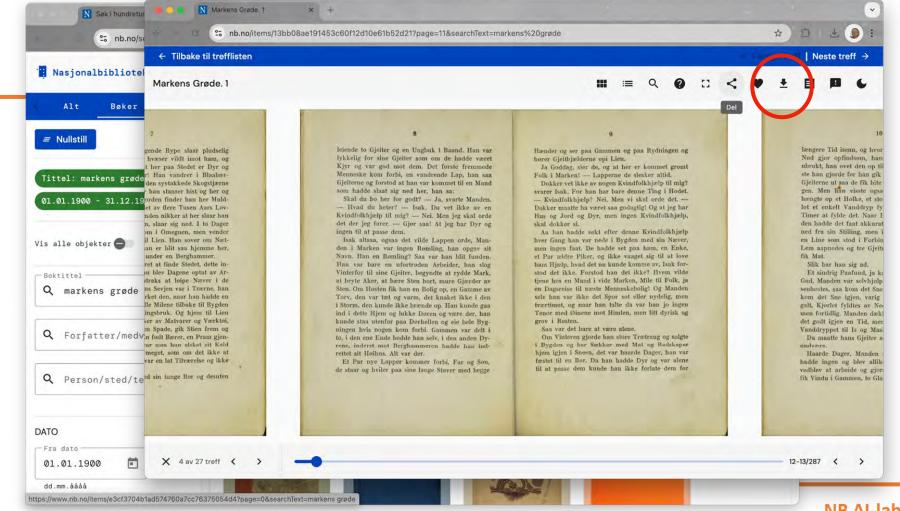
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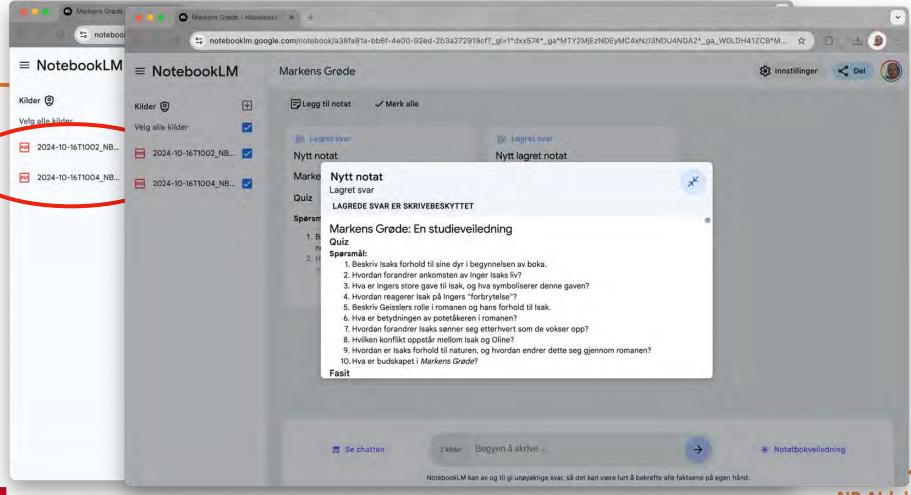
The Digital Library services will change

- Al functionality challenges the need for metadata
- New AI based user services will make the library a better place
- Content centric AI will enable better access and better understanding











Her er fem spørsmål som er relevante til innholdet i kildene:

- Hvilken rolle spiller utseendet til Isak og Inger i forholdet deres 1 1 2 Både Isak og Inger har trekk ved utseendet sitt som kan oppfattes som "lyte". Hvordan påvirker dette deres tiltrekning til hverandre og hvordan ser de på hverandres utseende?
- Hyordan endres Ingers personlighet etter at hun kommer tilbake f References relevant to question preg vi i hennes deprendent, aprakorak og notaringer.

• Hvill Questions relevant to 10 Haren dukker opp flere ganger i historien, både som en konklec gentere og hvordan påvirker den forholdet mellom Inger og Olme?

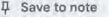
- Hva er Isaks forhold til modernisering og teknologi? 11 12 13 14 15 Isak møter på flere former for teknologi i løpet av fortellingen, som plog, harv, slaamaskin og telegrafen. Hvordan reagerer han på disse nyvinningene og hvordan påvirker de hans liv på Sellanraa?
- Hva er forholdet mellom Isak og Geissler? 11 15 16 17 ... Geissler er en ambivalent figur som både hjelper og utnytter Isak. Hvordan utvikler forholdet deres seg og hvilke motiver ligger bak Geisslers handlinger?

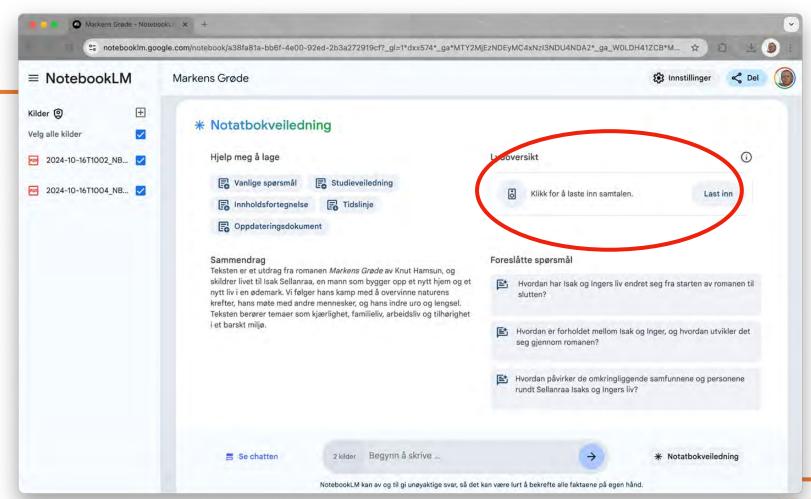


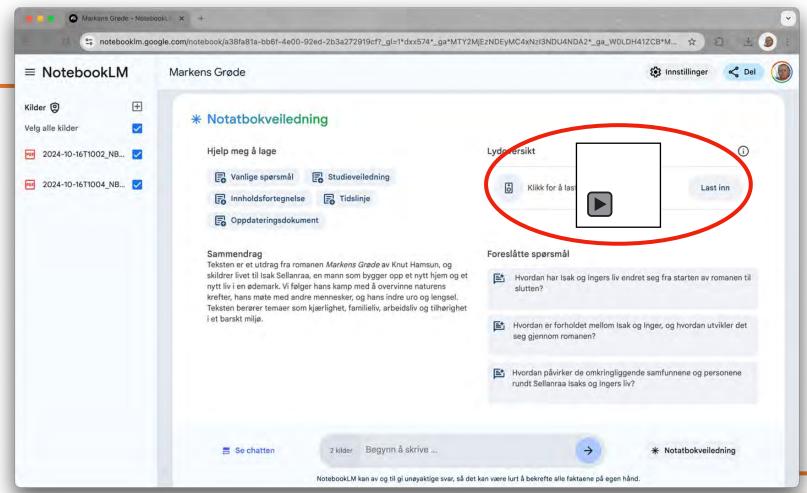
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The Icing of the Cake

A library for Al

- Digital library collections may improve general Al
- Digital libraries may take a role in AI development
- Digital libraries may serve as source of facts

Can libraries contribute to LLMs?

Large Language Models today are

- general
- well-performing
- useful

but often

- closed
- not-transparent
- performing best on large languages
- centric on large/dominating languages/cultures

LLMs & Data

For training LLMs, it seems that

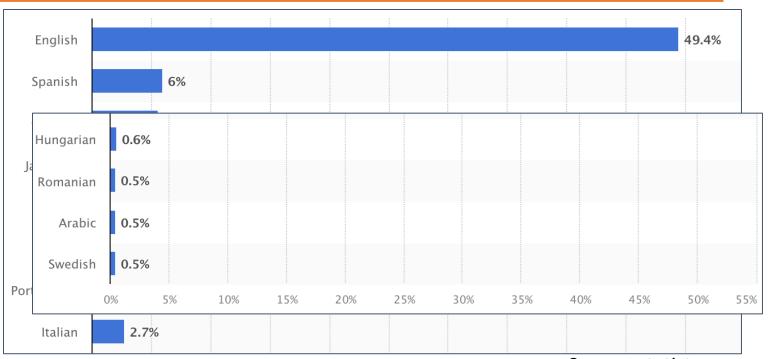
- size matters, as well as
- having high quality
- being diverse
- being representative

In short, the characteristics of a large digital library collections

Norwegian Colossal Corpus (NCC)



Web sites vs languages



Source: statista.com

Ergo

- Large Language Models, and the services, are dominated by a few languages and cultures
- Challenge for smaller languages and cultures
 - Language development
 - Culture, the way of living
 - Social recilience
 - Democracy
- Need for a national initiative

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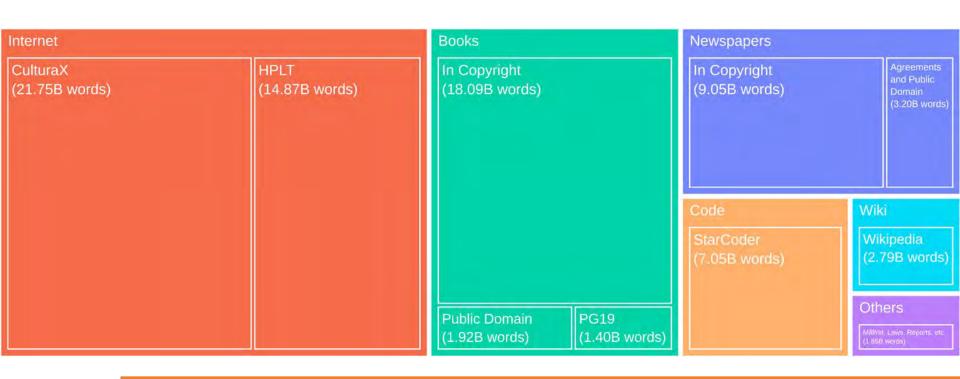
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With content in copyright





The Mandate from the Ministry of Culture

The aim of the assignment from Ministry of Culture is threefold:

- 1. Examining the value of copyright-protected material in training Norwegian generative language models
- 2. Assess the basis for a possible compensation scheme for Norwegian rights holders
- 3. Prepare proposals for a compensation scheme

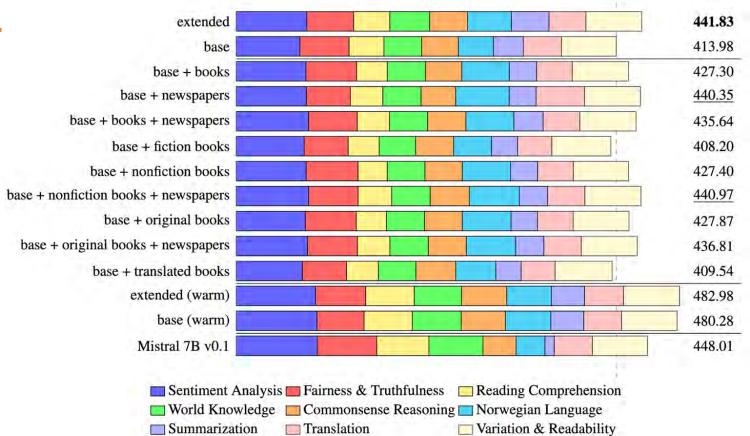
Research: Document the effect on LLMs of content in copyright

- Litterature and newspapers
- Small Large Language Models
 - 7B Mistral
- Train models on various combinations of content
- Evaluate performance
- Compare

Evaluation

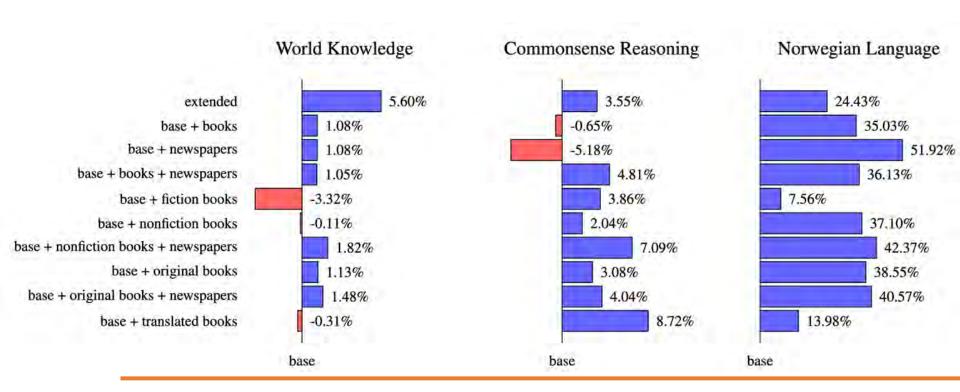
- List of 28 common NLP tasks
- Grouped into 9 higher-level skills
- 1. Sentiment Analysis
- 2. Fairness & Truthfulness
- 3. Reading Comprehension
- 4. World Knowledge
- 5. Commonsense Reasoning
- 6. Norwegian Syntax
- 7. Summarization
- 8. Translation
- 9. Linguistic Analysis

Results





Results





Negotiations with right holders

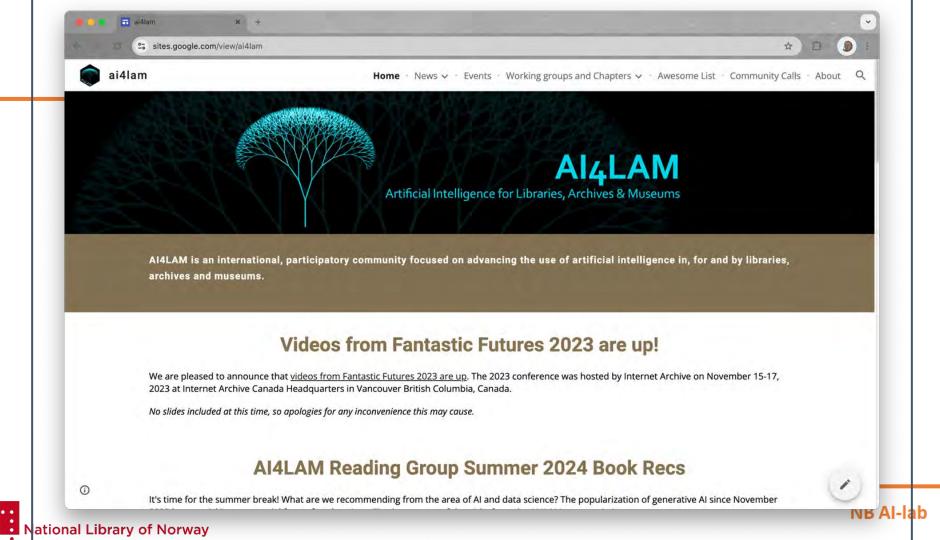
- 1. Mandate from the Government (late 2023, early 2025)
- 2. Parallell for newspapers and litterature
- 3. First agree on principles for agreements (late 2024)
 - a. Content to include (type age)
 - b. Use of content (who for what purpose)
 - c. Licensing of models
 - d. Other areas of significance
- 4. Formal negotiations (early 2025)
 - a. Agreements
 - b. Licences
 - c. Compensation (yes, money)
- 5. Budget process in Parliament (2025)



Do not forget no 3

Collaboration!!!





Thanks

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