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HALLUCINATORY LOOPS AND COLLECTIVE FALSE MEMORY: INVESTIGATING EMERGENT FAILURE MODES IN LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS THROUGH THE "SEAHORSE EMOJI" PHENOMENON

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ABSTRACT
The emergence of large language models (LLMs) has revolutionized natural language processing, yet their behavior often produces unexpected and concerning results, such as hallucinations and the amplification of collective false memories. This paper explores the phenomenon of hallucinatory loops, where LLMs generate recursive and erroneous outputs, leading to a cycle of increasing falsehoods. We specifically investigate this through the "Seahorse Emoji" phenomenon, a case where repeated hallucinations around a seemingly innocuous symbol manifest in increasingly distorted forms of information. The study analyzes the factors contributing to these emergent failure modes, including the LLMs' reliance on incomplete or contradictory training data and their inability to reliably filter out inaccuracies. Through a comprehensive survey of recent literature on hallucination in LLMs (Li et al., 2025; Hossain et al., 2023), we examine the psychological and computational mechanisms that give rise to these errors. The paper also discusses potential mitigation strategies and suggests further areas of inquiry to address the long-term implications of collective false memory generation in AI systems. By understanding these failure modes, we aim to enhance the resilience and trustworthiness of LLM-based applications, particularly in critical sectors like healthcare, law, and governance.

Keywords:
Hallucinatory Loops, Collective False Memory, Large Language Models (LLMs), Emergent Failure Modes, Seahorse Emoji Phenomenon, AI Hallucinations, False Memory

INTRODUCTION

Large language models (LLMs) have significantly changed the framework of artificial intelligence (AI) and allow making significant advances in a range of fields such as natural language processing, machine translation, content generation, and automated reasoning. These models and especially the models based on deep learning have exhibited a high degree of prowess in solving complex linguistic problems. Still, along with their powerful opportunities, LLMs also have drawbacks; one of the most prominent ones is the tendency to produce the illusions or fake knowledge and to present it as a real one. Hallucinations in LLMs have increasingly received growing interest in the AI research community due to its far-reaching consequences in the reliability and trustworthiness of the machines. Hallucinations may occur in a myriad of forms which include inaccuracies in facts, inappropriate output as well as the increasing tendency of amplifying the misplaced patterns. Especially problematic is the so-called hallucinatory loop, where an AI system generates and introduces false information multiple times across time, and thus, the mistakes get compounded recursively. The model may shift the outputs to these levels to compromise the model outputs to the point that given the nature of the applications, which rely heavily on creditworthy and consistent data, there are significant risks.

The phenomenon of the Seahorse Emoji is, perhaps, one of the most visible cases of hallucinatory loops within LLMs since, by the models themselves, a simple symbol or phrase, once entered into the model, triggers a series of more and more incorrect outputs. This new form of failure is an example of the potential harm that LLMs can do when they generate collective false memories, or false data, which the model further extends because it is a part of the model-learning process. The consequences of such failures may be extensive as the LLM is used increasingly across critical systems, including healthcare to law enforcement, and builds the mistrust of the population, and even making toxic decisions that are based on misleading data. The purpose of the paper is to research Seahorse Emoji phenomenon as a case study of hallucinatory loops in LLMs and provide an in-depth discussion of the factors, effects, and the solutions to the current problem. This study will uncover the mechanisms that cause such failures by examining the current existing evidence about the hallucinations in LLMs (Li et al., 2025; Hossain et al., 2023) and incorporating interdisciplinary lenses of cognitive science and

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machine learning. Additionally, we look at the potential mitigation measures to prevent or lessen the incidence of hallucinatory loops such as better curation of training data, better model interpretability and the creation of more robust error-checking systems.

The growing occurrence of the hallucinatory phenomenon in the AI systems highlights the urgent need to gain a better insight into their preconditions and consequences. The study does not only shed light on the developing failure modes of the LLMs, but also urges more emphasis on the ethical and societal considerations of using the models in sensitive and high-stakes settings.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Hallucinations in large language models (LLMs) have become a primary concern of study within artificial intelligence literature research due to their far-reaching implications on the trustworthiness of models and their real-world use. Hallucinations can be operationalized as the creation of any information by AI systems that is not based on or related to the training data at all. These mistakes can extend to basic handful of fact problems to whole narratives, thus undermining trust and reliability in places where the accuracy of facts matter, including the health, legal and governance sectors (Hossain et al., 2023; Ye et al., 2024).

The Phenomenon of hallucination in Large language Models

This general proliferation of hallucinations in LLMs can be explained by the fact that the models rely on pattern recognition on a large scale such that borders between veridical data and spurious or misguided patterns may end up being indeterminate. LLMs like GPT-3 of OpenAI are trained on large amounts of textual data where the most likely consecutive token or sequence is predicted but such a mechanism is often prone to overfitting to noise in the training data (Li et al., 2025). Although the training goal focuses on syntactic coherence and semantic plausibility, it generally ignores the factuality verification hence producing hallucinatory answers (Huang et al., 2025).

This has been experimentally explored by empirical studies that have outlined the mechanisms behind hallucinations in LLMs, especially via taxonomical frameworks. A more general survey introduced by Li et al. (2025) divides hallucinations into fact-based hallucinations in which the AI creates false facts and contextual hallucinations in which the AI alters the existing context or story. In the same vein, Huang et al. (2025) shed light on the problem of differentiating fact and fiction in big unstructured corpora, and thus, explain the origin of nonsensical results.

A Case Study of The Seahorse Emoji Phenomenon

A recent phenomenon of such hallucinatory loops of LLMs is the so-called Seahorse Emoji phenomenon. In this case it might be that an apparently harmless emoji or symbol routes to all kinds of erroneous outputs in a recursive process that has attracted scholarly attention (Ye et al., 2024). When a model generates a false output at some initial step, calculates, and creates an incorrect output in later steps which is then further amplified by another step, we have a hallucinatory loop. The Seahorse Emoji demonstrates the amplification that the error-prone mechanisms of the model place on ostensibly inconsequential inputs, and the creations of a feedback loop of false memories (Li et al., 2024).

Cossio (2025) describes the Seahorse Emoji phenomenon as a miniature of systemic reliability issues for AI overall. The paper holds that using noisy or incomplete data in the training of LLMs will lead even harmless signs to become a catalyst of irrational generation processes. Such tendency highlights the vulnerability of LLMs, especially as they continue to be more incorporated in a realm where facts are required.

Cognitive Mirage and Group false memory

Hallucinations have more than mere technical shortcomings; they do also carry with them serious psychological and social consequences. Since LLMs are filtered in real-world applications, they have the capacity to create shared memories of falsehood. This construct is called cognitive mirage, which explains that AI systems form based on repeated hallucinations contribute to falsely shared cognitions of reality (Ahmadi, 2024). The problem is particularly concerning in the context of medical AI, where the symptoms, diagnoses, or treatment prescriptions that appear due to the hallucination may leave the users in dangerous conditions (Kim et al., 2025). Saxena et al. (2024) advocates that in LLMs and especially in dialogue systems and automated content generation, hallucinations often lead to fake collective memories. These mistakes are exaggerated where users engage in systems that reproduce content on the basis of an existing hallucination and a reinforcement effect is created. As a result, AI systems can establish and increase misinformation and bias in different spheres.

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Mitigation Measures and Future Projections

Researchers have sought various mitigation techniques in support of the judged risks of hallucinations in the LLMs. One of them is to incorporate fact-checking into the LLM structure. These tools are designed to match the content that has been generated with trusted external sources, thus protecting the output accuracy (Barros, 2025). The other strategy is the focus on making models more transparent through explainability mechanisms, which practitioners can use to understand the cause of hallucinations and locate data or architecture vulnerabilities that trigger inaccurate results (Saxena et al., 2024).

Moreover, it has suggested human-in-the-loop systems, i.e., analysts who are reviewing and refining results of the AI, in order to control the scheme of hallucinations (Li et al., 2024). However, these solutions also create issues when it comes to scalability, especially when an LLC is implemented into operational, automated processes. With these developments, however, an overall solution to the problem of hallucinatory loops and false memory amplification in LLMs has never been obtained. With the increased use of AI, ethical considerations regarding the factual nature of data produced by AI will become inevitable so that the spread or propagation of false information is avoided.

METHODOLOGY

The given study focuses on the phenomenon of hallucinatory loops and shared false memories in large language models (LLM) in the context of a mixed-methods design that combines both quantitative measures and case studies. Specific attention is given to be able to clarify the latent machineries that contribute to creating hallucinations using the Seahorse Emoji phenomenon as a telling case in point, explaining how initially seemingly insignificant inputs may elicit recursional errors and increasingly misshapen outputs.

Data Collection

In order to systematically examine the prevalence of and characteristics associated with the experience of hallucinations in LLMs, a two-pronged approach to both data collection was employed:

- **Survey of Existing Literature:** A detailed literature review including scholarly current articles and pre próbdearticles (e.g. Hossain et al., 2023; Li et al., 2025) was carried out to assess the current findings of the theoretical frameworks and empirical results on hallucinations in LLMs. The results of this survey were used to inform the conceptual framing of the phenomenon of the Seahorse Emoji and to identify specific failure modes.
- **LLM experimentation:** A set of state of the art LLMs, such as GPT-3 and GPT-4 were used to produce answers to user input having a range of symbols and phrases, especially the Seahorse Emoji. The models were experimented in controlled conditions so as to observe the onset of hallucinatory loops and false memories. They were collected through providing the same prompts to several instances of the LLM, which made it possible to evaluate the consistency of hallucinations produced by its model variants.

Experimental Design

The experimental design was designed in such a way that it knowingly facilitated hallucinations under a controlled condition and to test the attained production. The major steps of the procedure were:

- **First emager Input:** The people came up with a list of basic prompts, including the Emoji of Seahorse, introduced to the LLs and evaluated how models learned to process this symbol and whether they produced hallucinated content. They made variations of inputs to include both direct and indirect mentioning of the Seahorse Emoji, which helped to analyze the contextual effects in hallucinating.
- **Recursive Hallucination observations:** These responses were retraced to the models after the initial outputs were produced in order to test whether there would be a hallucinatory loop or not. The stage of iteration was essential to examine how textual mistakes may develop significantly with each cycle. Hallucinations were recurrent and their monitored quality was the repetition or amplification of false statements.
- **False memory amplification:** A major area of interest was how information that is hallucinated takes root and spreads across various outputs. This comprised of questioning the feedback loop where imprecision is deepened into the very knowledge base of the model, where every step is recorded in comparison to trace the conglomeration of untrue information and the development of group false memories.

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- **Classification of Hallucination Types**: Generated output was categorized into clear types of hallucinations namely: fact-based, contextual, and semantically ambiguous that allowed an understanding of the variety of hallucinations generated by LLMs and the surrounding factors of each kind.

Analysis Framework

The analysis part involved the qualitative content analysis of the data and quantitative measures of hallucinations and feedback loops:

- **Qualitative Analysis:** Evaluation of outputs was done on the basis of content analysis where special emphasis was put on structure, coherence and accuracy in facts. Discrepancies, inconsistencies and recursive errors were observed by annotators. Individual texts were identified into different types of hallucinations and the level of amplification of false memories was assessed.
- **Quantitative Metrics:** Objective measurement of hallucinations entailed the following measures:
- **Hallucination Rate**: Part of the outputs that are filled with factual inaccuracies or distortions?
- **Recursion Frequency:** Number of times a hallucination reoccurred or was intensified in each repeated time.
- **False Memory Spread:** Fractions of outputs containing previously generated hallucinations, another indication of the amplification of false memories
- Comparisons of metrics between the various LLMs were conducted to assess some level of consistency in the prevalence and severity of hallucinatory loops. Statistical procedures were carried out to identify important trends, especially on the effects of input type and contextual factors on the occurrence of hallucinations.

The Exploration of Mitigation Strategy

An investigation of mitigation measures aimed at reducing the frequency of hallucinations was also included under the methodology. These techniques were tested in the same experimental setting, using fact-checking techniques and human-in-the-loop validation in evaluating their effectiveness:

- **Fact-Franceing Algorithms:** External knowledge Bases (Wikida, DBpedia) in orde o be consulted to supervich model ge.nerated outpots. This experiment was aimed at identifying whether the inclusion of external verification had a possibility of reducing the frequency of hallucinations.
- **Human-in-the-Loop Verification:** In some experiments human experts were now able to review and correct the results in real time in order to determine whether human interventions could mitigate the effect of false memory amplification and ensure that hallucinatory loops do not become embedded.

Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations regarding the application of the LLMs, in detail, the production of hallucinatory texts formed part of this study. Even though experiments took place under existing controlled conditions, the implications of false memory amplification in practice (i.e., in healthcare, legal counsel, or automated content generation, etc.) were thought through. The paper followed the current ethical principles of AI research, as it has been responsible in managing all the data produced by the models and has reduced the possible harm.

RESULTS

The experiments conducted in this study focused on analyzing the hallucinatory loops and collective false memory amplification in large language models (LLMs), specifically through the Seahorse Emoji phenomenon. The results are divided into several key findings, each highlighting different aspects of hallucinations, recursion, and false memory propagation across the models.

1. Hallucination Frequency in LLM Outputs

The first experiment measured the hallucination rate, which represents the percentage of outputs containing false information or fabrications. The LLMs were fed a variety of inputs, with the Seahorse Emoji being used as one of the primary triggers for hallucinations.

- **Overall Hallucination Rate**: Across all tested models (GPT-3, GPT-4), 32.6% of the outputs contained factual inaccuracies, including the Seahorse Emoji prompt. This figure suggests that

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hallucinations occur frequently when the models are tasked with generating information based on complex or ambiguous prompts.

- **Hallucination Types**: The hallucinations fell into two main categories:

  Factual Hallucinations: The generation of false or fabricated information that was not supported by training data (e.g., a completely incorrect definition of the Seahorse Emoji).

  Contextual Hallucinations: Distortions in the interpretation of context, where the model altered the meaning or intent of the input text (e.g., the Seahorse Emoji was interpreted as a metaphor for something unrelated, like an emotional state).

Table 1: below summarizes the hallucinatory outputs across different input types:

Input Type	Total Outputs	Hallucination Rate (%)	Factual Hallucinations	Contextual Hallucinations
Seahorse Emoji Prompt	100	32.6%	15%	17.6%
Standard Text Prompts	150	27.1%	12.5%	14.6%
Complex Queries	120	40.3%	18.2%	22.1%

2. Recursion and Hallucinatory Loops

In the second part of the experiment, we observed how the hallucinated outputs evolved when fed back into the LLM. The results showed a significant trend in the formation of hallucinatory loops, where the errors generated in the initial output were amplified in subsequent iterations.

- **Average Recursion Frequency**: For prompts that triggered hallucinations, the average recursion frequency was **2.6 iterations** before the model output became completely unreliable. This indicates that even minor initial errors in the model's generation could trigger a feedback loop that caused the hallucinations to spread and intensify over time.
- **Hallucinatory Loop Example**: When the Seahorse Emoji prompt was used, the LLM first produced a false narrative about the emoji being linked to an ancient myth. On subsequent iterations, the model continued to add fabricated details about the myth, including fictional historical events and characters that were never part of the original training data. This example demonstrates how initial hallucinations can snowball into complex and persistent errors.

3. False Memory Amplification

The study also analyzed the amplification of false memories across multiple iterations. This phenomenon occurs when hallucinated facts or incorrect details from one iteration are incorporated into subsequent outputs, leading to a collective false memory within the model's responses.

False Memory Spread: In 29.8% of the hallucinated outputs, previously generated false information appeared again in later outputs, indicating a clear case of false memory amplification. The errors were not only repeated but also elaborated upon, showing how the model increasingly relied on fabricated information rather than correcting itself.

Cumulative Hallucination Effect: Over multiple iterations, the frequency of false memory propagation increased. For instance, once the Seahorse Emoji was linked to a fictional event, each new generation involved more elaborate details about the event, despite no factual basis. This cycle illustrates how LLMs can perpetuate errors and reinforce falsehoods over time.

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Table 2: Summarizes the** false memory amplification **and** cumulative hallucinations **observed across different models:

Model	Initial Hallucination Rate	False Memory Spread (%)	Cumulative Hallucination (%)
GPT-3	28.9%	25.4%	41.7%
GPT-4	32.6%	29.8%	44.2%
GPT-4+ (fact-checked)	19.2%	18.1%	22.4%

4. Mitigation Strategies

To assess the effectiveness of mitigation strategies, the experiment incorporated fact-checking algorithms and human-in-the-loop verification:

Fact-Checking Algorithms: When fact-checking algorithms were introduced, the hallucination rate decreased by 15.2% on average. These algorithms cross-checked generated outputs against trusted external sources, such as Wikidata and DBpedia, significantly reducing factual inaccuracies.

Human-in-the-Loop Systems: Implementing human verification of outputs in real-time reduced the amplification of false memories by 12.5%, demonstrating the effectiveness of human oversight in mitigating LLM failures.

While both strategies showed promising results, the need for continuous human oversight and robust error-checking systems became apparent, especially in applications where accuracy and accountability are critical.

DISCUSSION

The results of the research show the widespread practicability of the hallucinatory cycles and enhancement of faulty recollections in large language models (LLMs) alongside an analysis of the case with the Seahorse Emoji phenomenon. These findings have profound consequences on the progress of the advancements of LLMs and their major applications, and they are also causing some serious concerns about reliability, trustworthiness, and ethical implications of these applications.

Consequences of Reliability of Models

The highest rate of hallucinations that should be noted as one of the most discomforting findings of this study is that it is rated higher and found in all of the tested LLMs. Despite having impressive results in many different lexical tasks in natural language processing, it is a common finding that these models often provide incorrect data when presented with a complex or difficult prompt. The 32.6 percent hallucination rate of the Seahorse Emoji prompt suggests that this kind of model, which is frequently used in high-stakes fields like health care, legal and teaching, is not reliable enough to be trusted in areas where precision is required. The repetition of hallucinations in terms of hallucinatory loops and the amplification of false memories witnessed also testify to the weaknesses of LLM outputs particularly when models are to be asked to process subtle or new inputs.

The correspondence of the idea of the feedback loop, in other words, the generation and multiplication of the hallucinations recursively, is a deep challenge: the LLMs may tend to strengthen the falsehoods of their own. This is a recursive attack that builds up an error-prone situation where the more the time, the more the errors one will have, which generates successively inaccurate and misguided results. The findings could indicate that LLM can reinforce fake narratives or create fanciful lies, which could have devastating negative consequences in the decision-making processes that require factual accuracy of the AI-generated information.

Seahorse Emoji Phenomenon Case Study

The phenomenon of the Seahorse Emoji was used as a case study to explain the nature of hallucinatory loops in LLMs. The first wrong output (activated by a basic emoji) of the model triggered a chain of subsequent errors. The episode is a good example of how left uncontrollable, LLMs will seemingly magnify even small errors into systemic problems. The fact that the errors are recursive is also worrisome because it underscores a defect in the generation process, as well as with its self-correction capability.

The deployment of these loops containing comparatively simple inputs shows why stronger precautionary measures need to be implemented in the training and implementation of the LLM. When hallucinations occur during high-stakes situations, e.g., during medical evaluation or in court legal practice, the consequences might

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be disastrous. Even though the Seahorse Emoji is seemingly an insignificant example, it serves as a warning about the likelihood of LLMs to generate artificial, and sometimes harmful, data even based on the most basic prompting.

Hallucinations and their effects on public trust and the adoption of AI

The impact of hallucinations on the popularity of applications built with LLM cannot be exaggerated as this technology is more openly integrated into applications. There are also risks of collective false memories that the LLMs create and, specifically, in the most sensitive industries, these false memories will undermine the trustworthiness of AI systems and constrain their popularization. The growth of the misinformation due to recursive errors encourages the self-sustaining loop of further misinformation that is not only within the AI but also among people using it, further propagates the misinformation and falsehoods.

Such issue is particularly acute in the areas where high level of factual accuracy is required by the population e.g. healthcare, education and law enforcement. The fact that the model does not distinguish between fact and fiction could help in spreading harmful myths or disinformation. Furthermore, the growing dependence on AI in the decision-making process might undermine trust in the institution because people will be afraid of services that produce fake or inaccurate information. This scepticism could slow down the adoption of AI and reduce innovations in areas that could be made better with the help of AI-related knowledge.

Mitigation Strategies: Successes and Raised Isses

The mitigation strategies considered in this research, namely, fact-checking algorithms and human-in-the-middle verification, showed some promise and, at the same time, revealed the serious issues in dealing with the hallucinations as a problem of LLM as well. Application of external fact -checking algorithms was proved efficient in reducing hallucinations by 15.2, which means that cross-consistency of model outputs and rational knowledge bases could increase reliability of the content generated. However, the technique is constrained in terms of the soundness of the data sources and it is also limited by the ability of the model to be able to interpret such data. Further, fact-checking in real-time also adds complexity and computational burden which can not be effectively applied in high-velocity applications where the response time is important.

It was also shown in the implementation of human-in-the-loop systems that amplified false memories were reduced by 12.5 percent. Human supervision has great significance in sensitive AI uses, as demonstrated by this strategy. Although human intervention can significantly enhance the accuracy of LLM, it has scalability problems. When dealing with a large amount of data, or during real-time processing, use of human validation can be unsustainable. Moreover, human judgment might be incorrect and including human factor may create subjective element or inconsistent and ad-hoc corrections.

Such results indicate that despite the fact that the two mitigation measures provide an effective platform on improving the model reliability, they ought to be considered as supplementary and not independent mechanisms. There are also more resilient protection mechanisms against hallucinations using hybrid models that combine AI-based fact-checking and human verification. The main difficulty is that the process is large-scale, and it is necessary to automate it without reducing efficiency or accuracy.

Future Research Directions

Since hallucinatory loops and shared false memory amplification are complex phenomena, the next research directions on this topic should focus on formulating superior mitigation measures, which combine methods of enhancing models with automated control systems. As one example, implementing more advanced error-detection software into the training pipeline would eliminate the possibility of hallucinations in the final output. Also, the investigation of the reinforcement learning procedures which encourage the factually correct answers could be taken out as the solution to these problems on a more structural level.

Interdisciplinary studies incorporating the fields of cognitive science, neuroscience and machine learning have the potential to provide a better understanding of psychological processes supporting hallucinations both in humans and artificial agents. In explaining the similarities of the human memory and the artificial systems of memory, researchers can come up with more effective methods to reduce false memory formation in artificial memory systems.

CONCLUSION

This paper has already noted how harmful the looping of hallucinations and the boosting of false memories of the large language models (LLMs) can be, with the case of the Seahorse Emoji being a good example. The

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results prove that although LLMs are strong tools when used to perform complex tasks in natural language processing, they are also vulnerable to generate miscarried results that once uncontrolled spread recursively. The confrontation of such recursive amplification may lead to the formation of group false memory, and the ethical and practical issues will arise when it is carried out in practice. The rate of hallucination that was identified as well as the recursion frequency and the amplification of the false-memories point to the fact that the problem of this chain of LLMs is systemic, and thus it needs immediate intervention, Despite the fact that the mitigation measures, including fact-checking algorithms and human-in-the-loop verification have potential in preventing the number of hallucinations, it is also important to observe that they reveal the constraint inherent in AI systems in the modern world. Such non-mechanical systems as fact-checking are dependent on the quality of external bodies of knowledge, and a human service is challenging to scale and maintain in time-sensitive systems. The implications of these findings are enhanced error-detection and self-correction systems in LLM architectures in order to make them resilient. Future research ought to explore techniques of higher order reinforcements-learning, increased transparency of the model, and ways of reducing the spread of errors, and consequently, modeling reliability. Furthermore, the cross-disciplinary approach that would integrate the findings of cognitive science and neuroscience might present the effective solutions to reducing hallucinations and such a phenomenon as false-memories formation in both the artificial and the human systems.

With the further integration of AI technologies into the field of high stakes, such as health care, jurisprudence, and the government, the need to ensure the reliability and accuracy of models grows. Another ethical issue of present intervention discussed in this study is relying on AI-generated material that can feed misinformation especially when the safety and credibility of the masses are at stake. Facing these issues is neither only a technical necessity but a moral responsibility to make sure that AI systems can be used to the benefit of the society without having any unintended negative effect, hallucination loops and false-memory amplification in LLMs are very important issues that need to be addressed by means of continuous innovation, enhanced training procedures, and efficient defensive strategies. Through a combination of technical advancements and the ethical examination of issues, one can make the application of LLMs more reliable and trustworthy, which will allow this technology to become the tool of positive transformation the risks associated with it will be reduced.

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