Enhancing Data Analysis with Large Language Models:

Revolutionizing Data Discovery Through Semantic Search, Summarization, and Captioning

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- Unlocking Insights: Challenges in Federal Survey Data Analysis
- Generative Artificial Intelligence: Next Generation of Data Analysis
- Rethinking Data Analysis and Content Discovery of Federal Surveys with Large Language Models
- Challenges and lookahead

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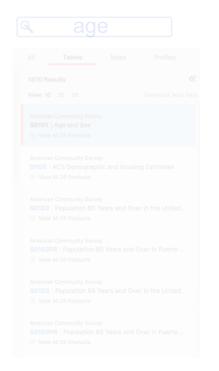
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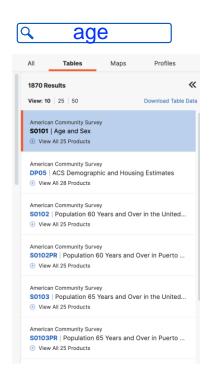
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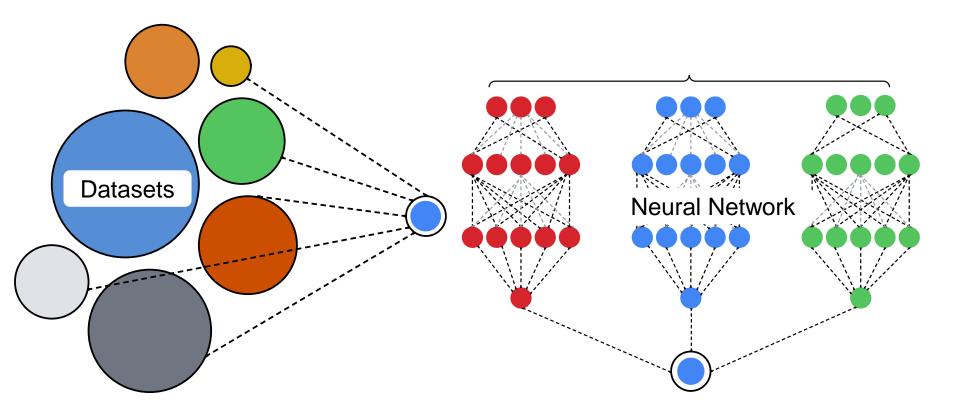
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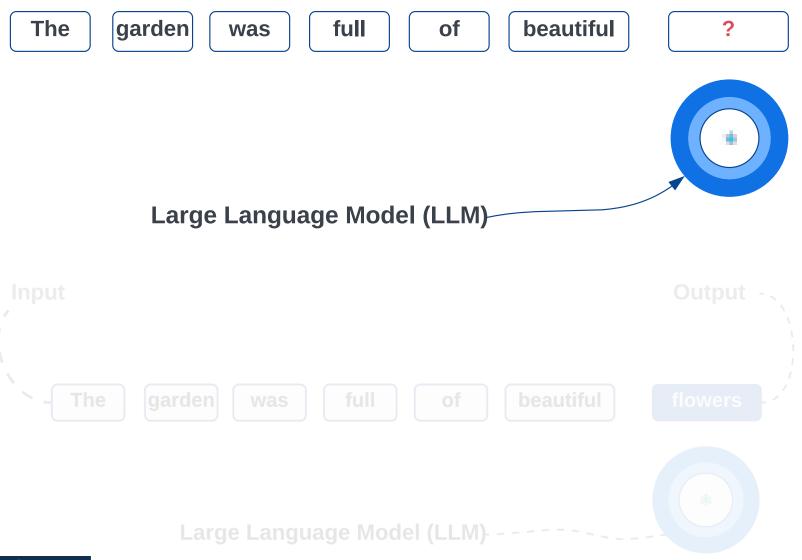
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Large Language Model is a *next element neural network sequence prediction model**trained on massive datasets



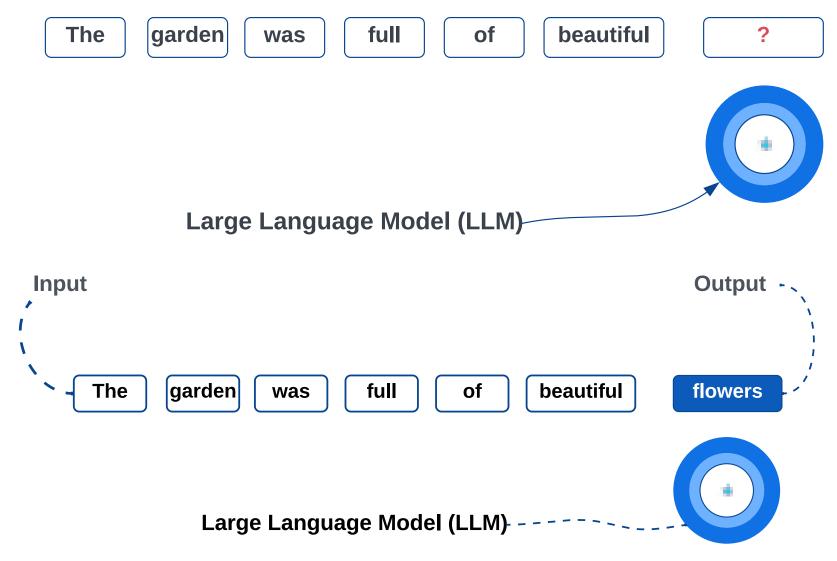


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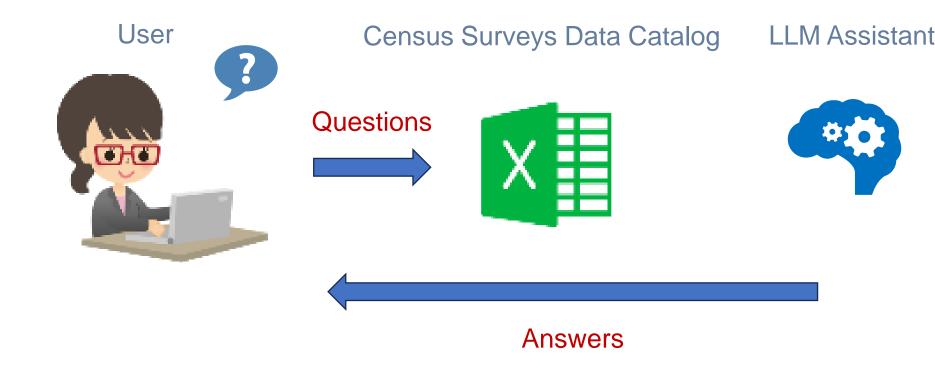


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How Can We Analyze Data in Federal Surveys with Generative AI?





Federal Surveys Discovery and Data Analysis powered by LLMs

SEMANTIC SEARCH

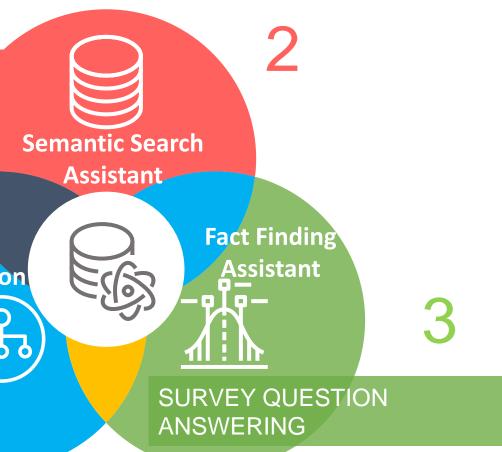
Discovers available datasets based on semantic meaning of a question/search query and provides semantic caption for an answer

Metadata Summarization



Summarizes survey/dataset based on and dataset/column metadata into descriptive humanreadable semantic caption

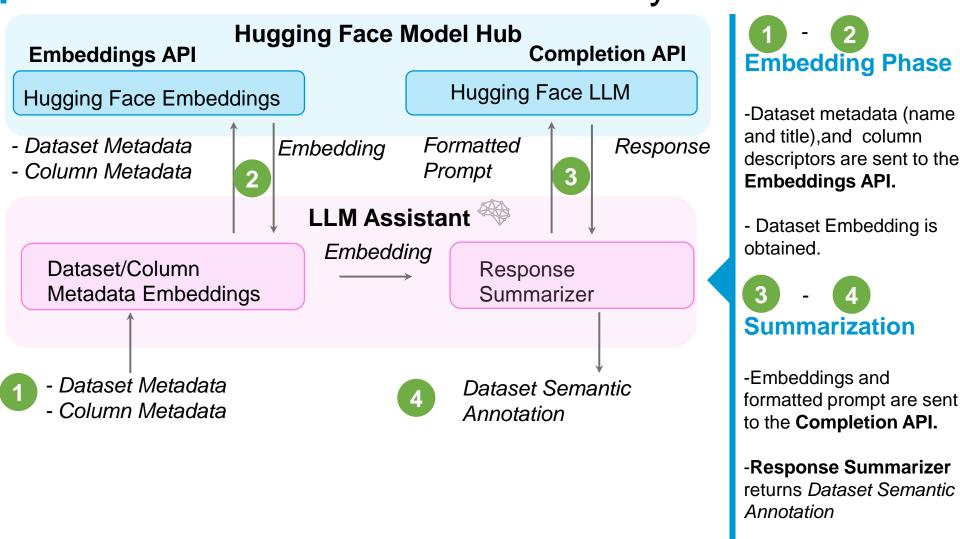




Answer analytical questions about a dataset

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Metadata Semantic Annotation Task Architecture for Census Surveys



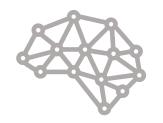
LLM Enabled Metadata Semantic Annotation Task

Input:

- Dataset short name
- Column List
- Other metadata

LLM Annotation Agent

"<LLM Prompt>"



Output:

 Extended Dataset Semantic Caption ___

Census Data Catalog Search

Census Survey/Dataset Discovery

LLM Metadata Annotation in Action

"American Community Survey Datasets"



Dataset ID: B01001

Dataset Title: Sex by Age

Columns: 100 Columns Metadata

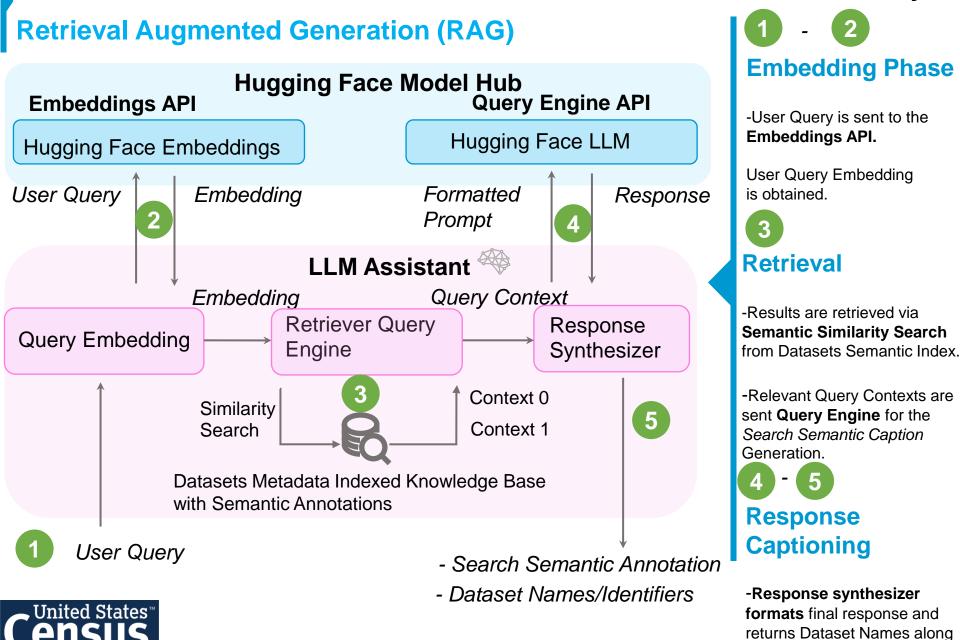
LLM generated

Dataset Semantic Caption:

This table provides estimates and margins of error for the total population by sex and age. The age categories range from under 5 years to 85 years and over. The data is from the American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimate for 2022.



Semantic Search Architecture for Census Surveys



with the Search overview.

LLM Enabled Semantic Search

Input: <User Question>

LLM Census Surveys
Semantic Search Agent
"<LLM Prompt>"



- Human-readable Search Semantic Caption
- Dataset Names/Titles/Identifiers





What datasets are available in the American Community Survey related to age?

Query Retriever -> Sub questions generation





Q1: By first identifying and quoting the most relevant sources, What is the age distribution in the American Community Survey?

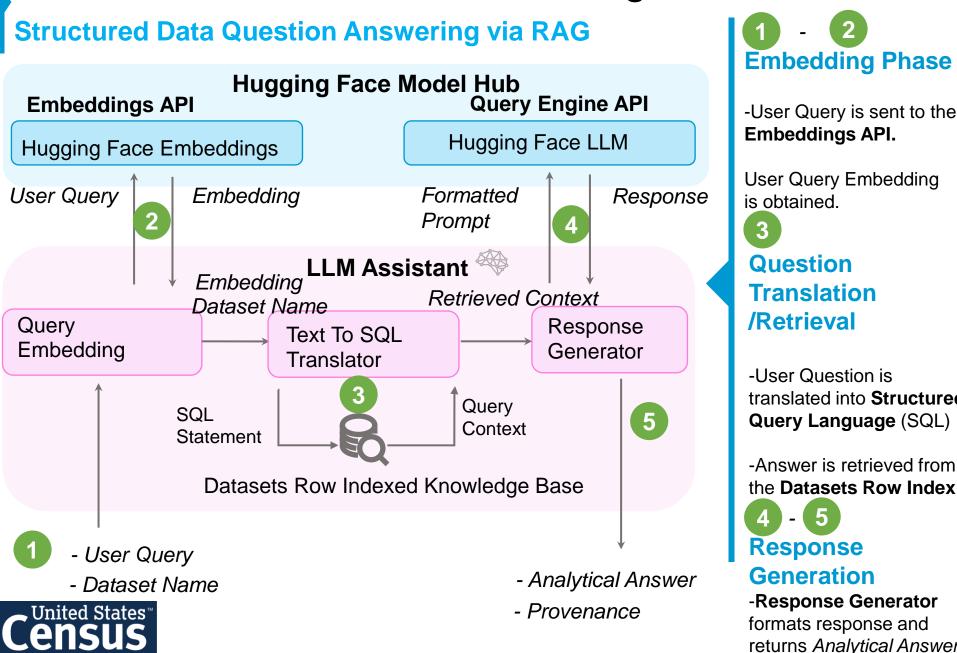
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The dataset IDs related to age in the American Community Survey are as follows:

- 1. "50101" Age and Sex
- 2. "S0102" Population 60 Years and Over in the United States
- 3. "B01001" Sex by Age
- 4. "C01001E" Sex by Age (Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone)
- 5. "B05003" Sex by Age by Nativity and Citizenship Status



Dataset Question/Fact Finding Architecture



LLM Enabled Dataset Fact Finding Task

Input: <User Question>

er Question> Search Agent

Output:

Dataset Name

"<LLM Prompt>"

LLM Census Surveys

- Numerical Answer if applicable





U: What are the top 5 states with the highest population in the United States?





Final Answer: Source: "S0101" - Age and Sex, 2022

State	Population, M
California	39029342
Texas	30029572
Florida	22244823
New York	19677151
Pennsylvania	12972008







Final Answer:

Source: "B01001" - Sex by Age, 2022



According to the US Census Bureau, in 2022, there were 6,655,455 youth aged 15-17 in the US.

How Do We Evaluate LLMs Performance?

Task Adapted Machine Learning Metrics and Responsible Al Metrics

Metadata Semantic Annotation

Semantic Summarization Metrics Semantic Search

Relevancy Metrics **Fact Finding Task**

Accuracy Metrics

All Tasks

Responsible Al Metrics



- Annotation Quality/Semantic Overlap [1]
- Bert Semantic Similarity Score
- F1, Precision, Recall (Semantic version)



- Query Context Relevancy
 - Recall @ K
 - Precision @ K



- Answer Accuracy
- Accuracy



- Fairness, Bias and Safety
- Coherence
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- Fairness
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Semantic **Summarization** Metrics

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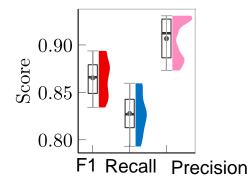
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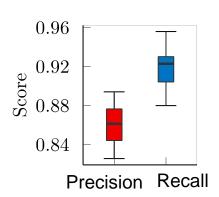
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- Annotation Quality [1]
- Precision (92%), Recall (83%),

F1 (87%)



- Query Context Relevancy
 - Recall @ K (92%)
 - Precision @ K (86%)



- Answer Accuracy
- Accuracy (89%)
- Fairness, Bias and Safety
- Coherence (91%)
- Fairness (99%)
- Hallucinations (0.01%)
- Toxicity (0.00 %) 1.00 0.75Coherence $\overset{\text{Score}}{\text{cos}}$ **Fairness** Toxicity 0.25Hallucinations 0.00



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What Are the Challenges in LLM-powered Survey Data Analysis?

- Tabular Content Modeling for Discoverability
- Model Fine-tuning for out of Domain Tasks
- Limited Structural Understanding of Tabular Data by LLMs
- Risk mitigation/LLM applications safety guardrails



Challenges in Comprehending Tables Structures by LLMs

Dataset: B01001 "Sex by Age"

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The headings of the table are: Geography, Total, Total Male,..,

Table Parser

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LLMs Textual and Symbolic Reasoning Path

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What is the total population of the United States?



Data Retriever

To determine the total population of the United States, we need to look at the *Geography* and Total columns in the *B01001* table. From that we can see that 333M people in the United States.



Answer:



The total population of United States is 333M.



LLM Assistant Capabilities to Answer Analytical Questions about Federal Surveys

Stages Capabilities Tasks Table Partition Structural Description Detection **Partition and Parsing Table Size Detection** Format Understanding **Hierarchy Detection Facts Grounding** Cells Lookup Search & Retrieval Column Retrieval Symbolic Reasoning



- Search/Discovery of initial dataset
- Tabular Data Modeling
- Limited structural understanding capabilities of LLMs

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