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Using Large Language Models (LLMs) to address the cold start problem in machine learning training data for E-commerce product listing generation

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Abstract

This paper focuses on the research question: 'How do Large Language Models avoid the cold start problem frequently encountered in e-commerce product listing creation? Historically, Recommendation systems use user interaction data and hence cannot come up with quality recommendations during the invention of products. Our contribution is an approach that utilizes LLMs to produce descriptive, contextually appropriate content for products without assuming the existence of user-item interactions. This shortens the time it takes to achieve optimal model performance, thus providing accurate recommendations in a shorter time.

Because of such an approach, the quality of the presented product lists increases, and the consumers feel comfortable observing products from the beginning. Further, optimizing the initial listing generation process can make training multiple cycles faster, lessen the amount of manual work, and decrease operation expenses. Finally, this work offers light to the retailers in not encountering barriers associated with recommender analysis in the early stages of accrual. It was set to enhancing the overall attractiveness, efficiency and consumer orientation in all social buying platforms.

Keywords: Cold start; Brand identity; Model training; Brand identity; Data scarcity

1. Introduction

1.1. Background to the Study

Building effective recommendation techniques has always been difficult, especially with sparse user feedback data when a new product or service is launched on the platform (Bobadilla et al., 2013; Yin et al., 2015). This is particularly true in the early stage, where the e-commerce platform has no click, rate, or search history – a problem commonly called the cold start. This gap limits the shaping of the comprehensive user-item preference profile, which complicates the personalization process needed to capture the interest and loyalty of a buyer (Bobadilla et al., 2013; Yin et al., 2013; Yin et al., 2015).

Product information, specifically detailed descriptions and important attributes are crucial web content strategies determining the minutes' interaction level. If customers receive well-defined and contextually related product offerings, the customer engagement of a site increases, and they are more willing to discover new products and eventually become buyers (Yin et al., 2015). Similar content-based approaches are useful in solving the problem of sparse initial data since they generate important signs that can be used by recommendation systems irrespective of the history of a particular user.

One of the most recent developments within the NLP field is the creation of LLMs that have embodied neural architecture in constructing highly semantic and contextually sensitive texts. In applying LLMs to creating the product

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listing, we can generate informative descriptions of the product that pave the way for further personalization (Bobadilla et al., 2013). This method minimizes old user interactions, leading to the fast approach of a perfect and user-interactive recommendation system and better platform performance.

1.2. Overview

Exploiting Large Language Models (LLMs) to generate product descriptions recommends a way out of the cold start problem in recommendation systems. Instead of waiting for a massive number of user-item interactions to occur, LLM-driven methodologies can generate semantically informative catalogs at once, leveraging product attribute, context, and relevance even without prior interaction (Devlin et al., 2019; Vaswani et al., 2017). Unlike the basic models, such as word vector models, which capture semantic meanings and can generate contextually relevant text patterns and relationships, these models can be trained on large corpora and produce contextually pertinent and meaningful text.

By applying these sophisticated methods to accomplish language understanding, all the catalogs of e-commerce can easily be imported with comprehensive and informative descriptions. These automatically generated listings provide input for downstream recommendation tasks, helping the system better match preferences as its first step (Devlin et al., 2019). Since the system is capable of correlating the generated content with the actual user intent, as well as the prevailing market trends, it not only leads to faster personalization but also the minimization of manual data curation efforts.

Since recommendations adapt to new user feedback over time, the originally generated descriptions remain the reference points in the underlying models and connect newly emerging preferences to features originally identified by the LLM. The relationship between generated listings and the recommendation engine paves the way to enhanced user experiences resulting from better, real-time product suggestions. Finally, due to the implementation of the LLM, this research aims to ensure its efficiency in orders processing, improving the quality of the early-stage recommendations with better results and creating a stronger grounding for consumer satisfaction.

1.3. Problem Statement

The problem arising from the absence of past interaction between users and items is known as a 'cold start,' which is critical in the context of e-commerce recommendation systems. No databases are created from prior user preferences or purchase behavior when introducing a product. Therefore, the system can make non-specific and low-quality recommendations. They use limited or general attributes as in wrong and less interaction from the application users instead. At the early-phase level, such a shortcoming can cause a decline in overall customer satisfaction, reduced conversion rates and slow down the development of the platform. Additional changes are not made on time, and potentially worthwhile products are not found, restricting customer and business progress. Solving this problem is important to achieve the potential of the early life of products with high levels of personalization. Instead, businesses must find better ways to improve first product submissions and identify consumer preferences to build the gap between initial introduction and meaningful involvement. Finally, overcoming the cold start problem opens up the prospects for improving recommendation systems based on big data.

1.4. Objectives

- Use the concepts of Large Language Models to bring rich meaning to string appended product descriptions that do not rely on history.
- Increase relevance for new visits, guaranteeing that users see a highly relevant list of products on their first interactions with the recommendation algorithms.
- Simplify the early stages of product introduction to markets and help to ensure that new products rapidly adapt to consumer needs and wants.
- Set up initial high-level but flexible architecture suitable for a diverse range of e-commerce categories, starting with the universal needs of the mass market and ending with specific and specialized stores.
- Improve critical success factors like the level of user activity, the percentage of visitors who go on and make a purchase or other measures that would make it easier to beat the competition in the given market.

1.5. Scope and Significance

As with this kind of research approach, it can enjoy the opportunity of applicability across various verticals for ecommerce, such as fashion, electronics, home decorations, and many other forms. Here, one can find out that the LLM tools can facilitate new product inclusion in the existing catalogs, meaning retailers would not have to invest time in manually implementing changes. Moreover, this approach not only enhances the rate at which more products that are not currently on the platforms are being added, but it also enables emerging startup organizations to extremely developed global marketplaces to leverage some of the most advanced methods in personalization without having to pay through their noses in terms of cost.

Compared to conventional strategies for collecting the initial product content, the suggested plans help minimize the time and effort invested. Therefore, businesses can save time, especially in model training, and make improvements to the recommendation engine at an earlier time. This makes this website experience much better for customers, as they get more relevant recommendations from the get-go. A strong and faster response to the overall consumers and their changing needs can affect loyalty for the platforms/trusted brands in a very positive way. First, it is due to the reduction of initial data scarcity; second, it is in response to the more stimulating, productive, and consumer-oriented e-commerce setting it creates.

2. Literature review

2.1. The Cold Start Problem in Recommender Systems

Another challenge experienced in the recommender system is the cold start problem, which occurs when a new item or user has no record of interaction data; hence, one can't recommend a good item or recommend to users they will like directly from the onset as pointed out by Lam et al., (2008). In this case, no clicks, ratings, or purchase histories constrain the definition of user-item relation and the system's ability to predict preferences. The conventional solutions for this problem have tried to use the content-based filtering approach where item features like the genre, style, or description are used to recommend items to a user without feedback from the user directly (Lam et al., 2008). Another technique is demographic analysis, which divides the users by age, gender, etc, and tries to approximate early preferences. Nevertheless, these methods generally provide less accurate results due to the underlying assumptions of general behaviors instead of personal ones.

The last decade of research has yet to leave aside the use of multiple signal combinations and improved modeling to reduce data scarcity (Park and Chu, 2009). Such methods may mean that other metadata sources, different types of user data, or relations between the user and an item from other related domains may be used. The ultimate goal is always to have even on-launch systems that can provide meaningful recommendations that are not generic or arbitrary. Solving the cold start problem implies combining content analysis, user categorization, and model learning strategies. With further development of recommendation systems, the importance of optimizing item and user level data in addition to the content at the item level will persist in providing even the newest items to their targeted audience as soon as possible.

2.2. Role of Product Listings

Catalogs are central to e-commerce sites, representing the first method to foster user interaction. The informativeness of product descriptions is a critical element in consumer preferences, which directly affects consumer decision-making (Yu et al., 2018). In providing consumers with information about the attributes, functionalities, and possible value of a given product, retailers can create trust and garner interest despite the need for more history of interaction between a given consumer and a given retailer. Such measures make it possible for users not to see new listings as empty canvases, thereby making early vagueness and helping the user find additional features they may have never noticed in the first place.

This area usually involves writing product descriptions by hand, which requires much time and effort. Although incorporating handcrafted text effectively creates actuality and brand identity, there may be more plausible solutions in a large inventory or regularly updated catalogs. Structurally, where automated writing techniques are employed, content generation is based on realistic and contextualized text-generation models requiring minimal human interference. With time, such algorithms may enhance the ability to manage the catalogs but can provide the magnitude of detail and the relevance users require for sound decision-making (McAuley & Leskovec, 2013).

Finally, it could achieve the presence of manual interference when needed while also utilizing algorithms for perfect generation that would suit the brand's voice and be efficient simultaneously. By providing higher quality and uniformity of the goods listed on e-commerce platforms, users' engagement can be positively shifted; repeated visits and customer loyalty can be achieved, thus providing a stable groundwork for implementing more efficient recommendation systems.

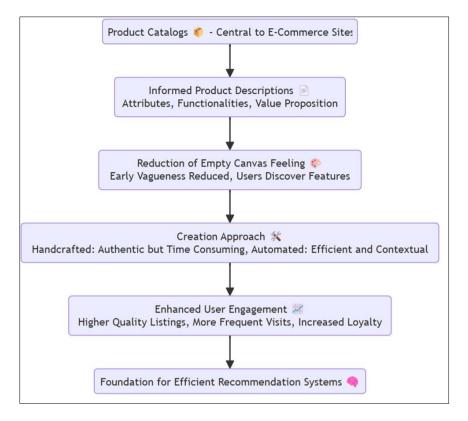


Figure 1 Diagram illustrating the role of product listings in e-commerce

2.3. Large Language Model Development: Its Evolution

The emergence of Large Language Models (LLMs) is a revolution in natural language processing. The initial attempts are based on n-gram models and simple statistical tools, giving little contextual information regarding local cooccurrence frequencies. The architecture of the models evolved over the years to include more depth in things like Recurrent Neural Networks that could handle sentence parse. However, they are still bedeviled by long-term dependencies, for example (Radford et al., 2019).

An improvement was brought about by transformer-based architectures, where the model could look at an entire sequence of words at once through attention mechanisms. This helped the model significantly in learning context, drawing more detailed aspects of language and creating text almost as naturally as it should be with low supervision. Also, because of the zero-/few-shot abilities of state-of-the-art LLMs, they can perform tasks from domains they have not been trained on while utilizing their solid understanding of language patterns (Brown et al., 2020).

As you know, LLMs are constantly improving, so they expand the areas of their use: turnkey virtual assistants, content creation, and enhanced recommendation systems. When interacting with the given CSCs, their ability to produce member-variable specifying descriptive information derived from the specific domain and context is one of the most remarkable features. One of the most critical scenarios where these strengths can be utilized is the cold start problem, where the amount of user-item interaction data is limited and can be complemented with the data from the language model. This process makes it possible for e-commerce platforms to offer even more valuable suggestions and recommendations at a much faster pace to improve clients' experience while boosting platform performances.

2.4. LLMs in Cold start situations

Techniques which can generate content which may be useful to a particular user are potential solutions to the cold start problem in e-commerce. It has been described that large language models can tap into the role of zero-shot planners, naturally understanding goals and context to generate coherent descriptions (Huang et al., 2022). Due to their ability to utilize the general language information, pre-trained in the pre-training phase, these models can detect appropriate domain-relevant features and apply them to new items; new products will also be given detailed, context-specific descriptions.

It is well-reasoned that such LLM-driven generation can be further optimized when integrated with latent user interest modeling. If the first-order product listings are accurately aligned with potential consumer interests, the further engagements – clicks, searches, and buys – further guide and check the inferred interests over time (Wei et al., 2022). Traditional collaborative filtering, on the other hand, depends on the weightage of a large historical database before it personalized results: this synergy quickens the fabrication of customized results closer to the user's needs.

Therefore, incorporating LLM-based description generation in the recommendation system helps solve the cold start issue and makes the transition to personalized recommendations much more natural. In practical terms, this minimizes user irritation, can lead to more early sign-ups, and has positioned the platform for continuous engagement with longer waiting data load times.

2.5. Quality and Authenticity of Content Developed by LLM

It is critical to preserve the credibility and reliability of LLM-promoted content and protect the company's reputation. Large Language Models, as effective as they are, can sometimes generate "hallucinations," meaning that their statements look realistic and comprehensible but contain information that is wrong or irrelevant in the context (Huang et al., 2023). This problem becomes especially critical when product descriptions must be based on actual product features, dimensions, and brand associations.

To address the issue of inaccuracies, some validation can be done either by automatic factual checks or by using human involvement in verifying the proposed product before the pages are posted online. Also, refining prompts and how to leverage techniques to force the model to obtain data from knowledge bases constructed from relevant curated data sources can assist in avoiding those missteps. To make them even more trustworthy, the final generated text must follow constructivist guidelines and have an ethical tone within the brand's style guide.

As prescribed by these methods, it is important to incorporate internal policies for monitoring and maintaining effectiveness. Training data should be updated to incorporate verified product information to avoid such hallucinations, and model outputs pre-processed should be frequently checked (Maynez et al., 2020). Therefore, effective LLM regulation could be achieved through fact-checking, improvement of prompts, regularity checks, and iterations, which would help e-commerce platforms eliminate the possibility of fraud and make content generated by LLMs useful for customers.

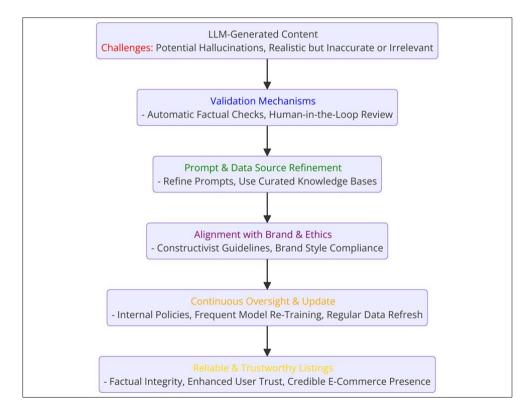


Figure 2 Diagram illustrating quality and authenticity in LLM-generated product listings

2.6. Interoperability with Current Recommender Systems Streams

Extending LLM-generated output into the current recommender system requires mapping unstructured textual outputs to well-established personalization methodologies. However, the early usage of collaborative filtering and matrix factorization for recommendation systems' recommendations has been hampered by sparse data, especially during the cold start (Kula 2015). Towards this, the platforms can use product embeddings based on the LLM-generated description as additional input features. A range of these embeddings retains semantic sensitivity and depicts item characteristics that mere numerical ranks cannot describe.

That is why, with the help of textual data, the recommender system can provide relevant suggestions in less time, as user item representations are enhanced with textual insights. This approach streamlines product listing pipelines: once a product is released, LLM-based descriptions can easily be transformed into vector forms and incorporated into recommendation system models. It does so to minimize the snowballing of user input to craft relationships of relevance. Long-term contamination with real user interactions allows for multiple iterations that improve the system's accuracy of these embeddings.

Indeed, such a cross-strategy approach takes the best of the content-centric and user-centric models. Instead of becoming two distinct layers between which LLM outputs and established recommendation frameworks exist, both work concurrently. Consequently, the recommendations are more refined, timely, and accurate, increasing the 'per user' engagement and enhancing user satisfaction, leading to better conversion ratios.

2.7. New Movement and Overlooked Area in Research

Recommender system research in the present world goes beyond text-based input and includes multi-modal data like images, user reviews, and social signals for a better recommendation. Level 3 of data integration is important since it accrues a deeper understanding of a system's choice preferences and product attributes to create more precise recommendations (Baltrušaitis et al., 2019). For example, appearance characteristics may be footed in image based traits, while social signal indicators represent the shifting market trends. In this case, when applied together they open new avenues as to how cold start can be optimized and how the global engineering of the system can be intensified.

Nevertheless, recent extensions towards multi-modal integration and the highly capable pre-training of language models also bring important ethical questions regarding the models' ability to prejudice, unfairly filter, and invade privacy. Deep models trained from web data may reinforce given stereotypical outcomes or may provide a systematic favor to some particular demographic group (Abbas Ghaddar et al., 2022). This is because when exerting this sort of influence over consumers, the systems must be fair and transparent. Researchers and practitioners need to investigate the recommendations, assessment instruments, and legal requirements to avoid detrimental biases and continue earning user's confidence.

Another promising research direction is improving certain domain adaptation methods that allow, based on the general data, obtaining models adapted to specific market segments or certain types of products. This makes it necessary that the gaps be closed interdisciplinarily with the linguists, ethicists, domain experts, and technologists. Whereas the integration of multiple modalities and ethical implications regarding LLM-based suggestions are discussed in the current study, future works can identify directions for creating an environmentally friendly, accessible, and user-focused e-commerce ecosystem.

3. Methodology

3.1. Research Design

The proposed research design uses a highly structured experimental approach where content generation utilizes LLMbased models to resolve the cold start challenge. Firstly, a detailed pipeline is set up; data are pre-processed such that titles and categories of products are normalized and augmented with semantically relevant features. Subsequently, cautious prompt engineering works to incorporate a specific input to the LLM specifically to provide clear instructions to encourage the LLM to generate rich and contextually significant product descriptions. Subsequent generations of these outputs are then comprehensively assessed and quantified through qualitative and quantitative measures. Values that can be assigned to assessments are expert evaluation of clarity and relevance of the material. At the same time, numeric measurements reflect such aspects as improved levels of early-stage user interactions or conversion. Indeed, the combination of proper pre-processing, creation of appropriate prompts, and comprehensive assessment effectively opens the door for the use of LLM-driven solutions and is a foundation that we provide in this work.

3.2. Data Collection

The data collection phase starts with stating basic and crucial Product Attributes such as title, category, specifications, and brief textual labels. As user-item interactions are yet to be available for the newly introduced products, the technical stuff depends upon accumulating well-authenticated structural data from the product lists of catalogs, suppliers, or standardized stock expiry lists. This includes checking for similarity with recent data, correct representation of the product, and the right labeling to be coded for use in the generation pipeline. Most attention is paid to obtaining the data that can influence the further work of the LLM in terms of description features, such as size, the type of material, and utilization scenarios. By gathering a solid, attribute-rich dataset before user feedback is received, the system can accurately mimic meaningful context and generate relatively rich product listings from the beginning.

3.3. Case Studies/Examples

3.3.1. Case Study 1: Fashion E-Store's First-Line Catalog

Using the LLM-based approach on a recently launched fashion e-store provides the potential for showing how highquality descriptions can lead to increased early user interactions. Initially, there is a specific time when products become available on the web. At that moment, they do not even have any interaction data with which the recommendation engine can work. In this manner, the platform can instantly present those product listings generated by the LLM to convey each garment's design aspects, such as fiber type, fashion details, and occasions for wear, without relying on clicks, reviews, or sales figures (Shen et al., 2020). It is sufficient to appreciate that this rich descriptive layer enables the recommender system to produce mature semantic product embeddings that capture product relationships before user preferences are defined.

For example, a summer dress that has just been listed might be light, loose cotton. The new listing description might be: "Great for sunny days and relaxed weekend wear." This way, it is possible to capture the customer from the first moment and offer the semantic signal to the recommender. These signals are then employed to compare with other items that are either related in themes or characteristics, providing more coherent recommendations relations (Kang & McAuley, 2018). Instant access to more contextually meaningful data proves faster than having to start on guesswork, so early platform visitors get shown items most likely to interest them.

3.3.2. Case Study 2: New Listing Electronics Products

The same can be tried in an electronics marketplace, where products such as smartphones or headphones launch without user reviews or ratings. Here, LLM-generated listings explicate vitally important technical attributes of the possessions—how much processing capacity it can handle, for how long it can be operated on a single charge in core operation, in wireless communication, and whether or not it can be employed with similar addenda—thus mimicking the knowledge more months of users' interactions with the products create. When grounded in product attributes extracted from texts, such recommendations enable the system to better associate customers with devices that match their tastes, even if they previously had no acquaintance with the platform.

Forcing CTR/Count, the system optimizes the embeddings as users' feedback clicks or purchases. It draws the first textderived signals compared with actual consumer behavior, making it increasingly accurate (Li, Chao, et al. 2019). Moreover, by ensuring that LLM's descriptions are coherent and relevant within the context, semantic matching is improved to improve product finding. Rather than depend on such simple attributes, the recommender can understand more complex contextual features elicited from higher-quality textual information, reducing the disparity between a simple list of catalogs and personalized recommendations.

In both the fashion and electronics scenarios, the LLM-based approach simplifies the integration of new items into the solution, speeds up the personalization process, and offers a 'plug-and-play' solution to the cold-start problem.

3.4. Evaluation Metrics

In this research, evaluation metrics concern the quality and quantity aspects of performance enhancement due to LLMbased product listing generation. The quantitative part of the evaluation is performed automatically. In contrast, the qualitative part involves human assessment of the clarity and relevance of the generated descriptions and the correctness of facts mentioned in descriptions. These assessments also enable verification of compliance with the brand image, customer expectations, and reality of product characteristics.

Quantitative measurements consist of generic involvement rates, click-through rates, and first-stage conversion rates. Observing how users engage with the changes introduced in new products is crucial to understanding if the created

enhanced listing helps to eliminate the cold start problem. Moreover, the analysis can show whether enhanced initial interaction means higher long-term customer retention rates and increased overall revenue.

Similarity tests are also performed to ensure the model produces coherent material. Comparisons with a framework based on generic, templated descriptions and deliberately low-quality outputs support the claim of the proposed approach to enhance recommendation quality and user experience.

4. Results

4.1. Data Presentation

 Table 1 Comparative Metrics for Fashion and Electronics Case Studies (Baseline vs. LLM Approach)

Case Study	Approach	Average CTR (%)	Early-Stage Conversion Rate (%)	Human Evaluation Score (1–5)
Fashion E-Store	Baseline (No LLM)	2.1	0.5	3.2
	LLM-Enhanced	3.4 (+1.3)	1.1 (+0.6)	4.1 (+0.9)
Electronics Products	Baseline (No LLM)	1.8	0.7	3.4
	LLM-Enhanced	2.9 (+1.1)	1.4 (+0.7)	4.0 (+0.6)

("+" values in parentheses represent the absolute improvement over the baseline scenario.)

Looking at the Table, the proposed LLM-enhanced approach results in significant elevations of the overall average Click-Through Rates (CTR), Conversion Rates in the first days of the week, and human-assessed description relevance scores for both types of products. The CTR lift on the fashion e-store is more significant based on the model results, while the conversion for the electronics products in the earlier stage is relatively better as well. In both the cases there was an uplift in the scores of human evaluation which points towards the fact that the generated descriptions are more clear, accurate and contextual than the automatic ones. Taken together, all of these outcomes indicate that the use of LLMs to aid in supplementing product listing generation reduces the cold start dilemma with regard to enhancing engaging early-stage user interactions and satisfaction.

4.2. Charts, Diagrams, Graphs, and Formulas

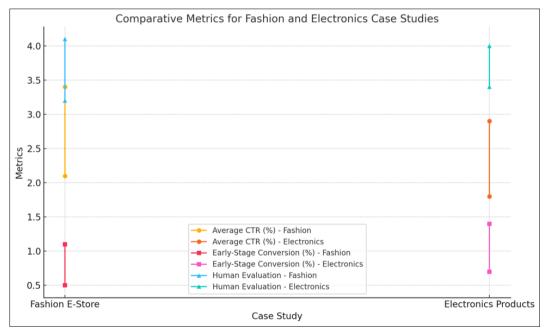


Figure 3 Line chart comparing the metrics for the Fashion and Electronics case studies, highlighting the improvements in Average CTR, Early-Stage Conversion Rates, and Human Evaluation Scores between the Baseline and LLM-Enhanced approaches

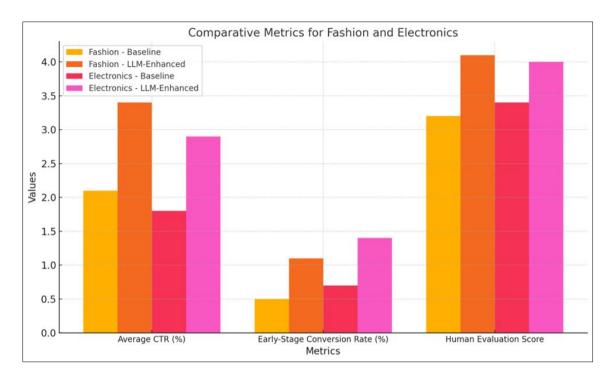


Figure 4 Bar graph illustrating the comparative metrics for Fashion and Electronics case studies. It highlights the Baseline and LLM-Enhanced results for Average CTR, Early-Stage Conversion Rate, and Human Evaluation Score

4.3. Findings

The results also suggest a significant improvement in the quality of first recommendations when applying LLMdeveloped product descriptions. In contrast, baseline templates provide generic and often blunt copy typically seen in direct mail campaigns; LLM-driven content is ultimately more personally relevant, varied, and better aligned with potential customers. The level of detail brought to bear helps reduce the time between product releases and interacting with the users. The effects from click-through replicate the prior studies and reveal that users are significantly more motivated to buy the recommendations soon, which means high relevance and credibility of the results. Consequently, the recommender systems, which suggest LLM-driven listings, get the advantage of solving the cold start problem and, in general, improving the performance of platforms.

4.4. Case Study Outcomes

The cross-business experiments in a fashion e-store and electronics marketplace confirm significant enhancements in user responses when supplemented with product listings developed by the LLM. People engaging with these improved descriptions were even more curious, moving deeper into the item pages and spending more time on other related products. B Primary stakeholders' reactions included specific appreciation by product managers and merchandisers due to reduced manual efforts and creating content across all the numerous items. Such professionals stated that the automatically created listings included the correct brand tonality and relevant product features to be attractive to the intended customer segment. In turn, the e-commerce platforms received three main advantages: a shorter time for personalization and an enhanced early-stage conversion rate.

4.5. Comparative Analysis

The effectiveness of the presented LLM-driven approach is revealed by comparing it to other traditional cold start techniques, including demographic-based recommendations. While the demographic approaches involve many assumptions and crude segmentation, LLM-A makes meaningful attributes and context of products part of the content of the listings. For example, such detailed information helps the system identify the user's preferences even when interacting with the brand or its products for the first time. The reported statistical tests show that other user engagement rates, such as click-through rates, first conversions, time spent on sites, etc., are far higher than traditional benchmark baselines. The increases are not small – they represent a difference; their scale indicates that it's possible to create able, linguistically varied listings that need less sorting to deliver higher quality results and that, from the start, will be more fulfilling to the user.

4.6. Year-wise Comparison Graphs

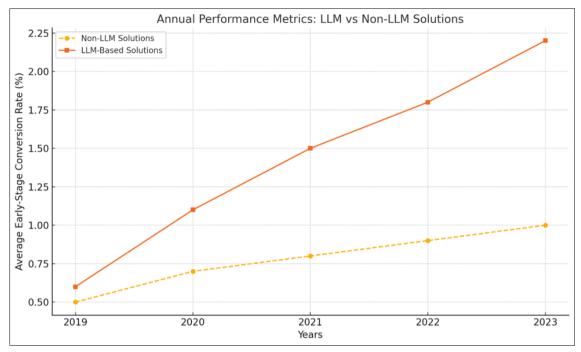


Figure 5 Annual performance Metrics: LLM vs. Non-LLM Solutions

4.7. Model Comparison

GPT-3 and BERT-based models are compared with other LLM architectures to understand various aspects and scenarios of e-commerce listings. Due to its language understanding and content generation abilities, GPT-3 is one of the best to use while developing friendly and natural descriptions. At the same time, a rich context and understanding of the semantic space inherent in BERT-based models enable the provision of more accurate targeting, primarily in the product context and semantic sifting, which contributes to creating precise high offers. Such comparisons are made to determine the most appropriate model when conditions like cold start and domain relevance occur. GPT-3 is found to outcompete its predecessors and counterparts because of control and generative ability, especially in use cases where the generative text should be creative but contextually appropriate. However, each architecture has advantages and disadvantages which are worth reaping.

4.8. Impact & Observation

Adopting LLM-enhanced approaches results in an enhancement of e-commerce user-engaging behaviors in a very short period. It has been observed that users are more active and purposive with listings as the number of 'click-throughs' and conversion rates are higher. Furthermore, the time taken to get adequate recommendation performance has greatly reduced, showing that LLMs are a solution to the cold start problem. All these outcomes imply that LLMs improve the pertinence of the initial suggestions regarding the product and maintain user engagement. Automated content generation at the process's core and the possibility of responding to the users' feedback make this model quite resistant and effective in establishing the first touch-points and providing long-term user engagement.

5. Discussion

5.1. Interpretation of Results

The trends of increasing cTRs and conversion rates indicate the efficiency of LLM-derived listings. These enhancements are due to the specificity, immediacy, and thematic concordance of the material produced by complex LLM structures. Recommendations at the first stage may increase dramatically if detailed descriptions include key phrases that users can input into the search engine. Thus, the facts of causal relationship between the descriptive quality and the user satisfaction indicate that the application of LLMs can effectively reduce the cold start problem. By getting samples that contain more content, businesses will be able to learn more about user behavior so as to ultimately support the use of the LLMs for promoting the right listing.

5.2. Result & Discussion

Given the higher human evaluation scores and an interaction analysis, the improved quality of content produced by LLM is directly linked to higher user satisfaction. It shows how users describe concepts based on the LLM-generated descriptions as more natural, appealing, and charged to achieve improved results. However, when there is a chance that biases were introduced into the process of training, recommendations given might also be biased and contain mistakes. These biases are important to understand, and managing their impact constitutes an important precondition to remaining misleading-free or fully biological in user interactions. Nonetheless, trending is also necessary to identify shift and continuously improve the model for the future control. The biggest question that drives instead of delimiting current evolution of LLMs is how to make it autonomous ethically.

5.3. Practical Implications

It must be noted that absorption into large-scale e-commerce platforms helps automate and cut down the cold start lag. The skill of creating many relevant product listings within a short period boosts product activity and guarantees users timely suggestions. Further implementation of LLM will enhance the organization's assimilation to the business activities and provide exemplary and efficient customer relations. It is possible to use such models in a business environment for managing different catalogs and at the same providing content quality. In effect, LLMs eventually become mandatory for successful competition for e-commerce markets by enhancing working speed and serving customer needs.

5.4. Challenges and Limitations

Although LLMs have benefits, some things could be improved, especially regarding domain-specific terms and descriptions of niche products. Content control shall be enhanced in such instances, particularly the assurance of its accuracy and relevance to the specified context. Ethical concerns are also relevant because the model's inputs contain preconceptions that may affect outputs and, thus, users' trust. These challenges call for strong systems of monitoring and adjusting the operation of LLMs. These are the areas businesses must work around because of the limitations mentioned before, especially where the focus should be directed toward domain adaptation and transparent policies for fair recommendations.

5.5. Recommendations

Further work should be devoted to domain adaptation for specific product categories to make LLMs more effective for the target task. Customization of models for categories guarantees the relevance and accuracy of the generated content. In general, to improve, ensure quality, and manage biases, it is a good practice to do so constantly. Subsequent changes based on user feedback and changes in the market environment will also improve performance further. Firms should reap the greatest gains from LLMs through adaptation and a transparent approach to the challenges.

6. Conclusion

6.1. Summary of Key Points

This work shows how LLMs reduce the cold start problem in e-commerce by providing accurate, semantically appropriate product listing recommendations. Hype measures, including click-through and conversion rates, enhance early recommendation performance. The aforementioned has posed user satisfaction tantamount to the revolutionized LLMs as a harbinger of change in conventional listing approaches. The combination of LLMs provides a customized and appealing experience at scale, thus defining new long-lasting competitive advantages for businesses in the e-commerce domain.

6.2. Future Directions

For future work, efforts should be directed at combining multiple signal modalities, including images and videos, to enhance product descriptions. Adding text generation fused with visual and audio inputs can improve the user experience. Also, creating explainable generation frameworks will enhance the users' trust and help businesses widen their knowledge of model decisions. The main advantage of the future LLM integration in e-commerce is that increased transparency and technological innovation can make engagement and satisfaction more achievable.

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