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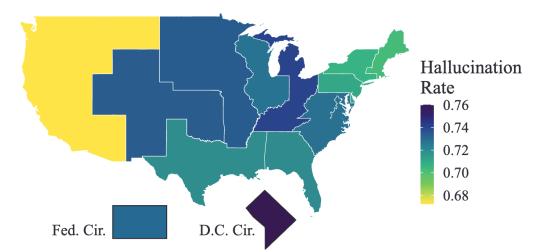
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Туре	Input	Model Ouput	Explanation	
Long-tail Knowledge	What causes phenylke- tonuria?	Phenylketonuria is caused by a mutation in the hemoglobin gene, which results in an unusual interaction with hemoglobin, affecting its ability to transport oxygen in the bloodstream.	The correct cause of phenylke- tonuria is mutations in the PAH gene. Such specialized medical information is less frequently encountered in the training corpus, making LLMs struggle to memorize.	Deficiency of Domain- specific Knowledge
Up-to-date Knowledge	Who will be the Demo- cratic Party candidate for the 2024 US presi- dential election?	Michelle Obama has an- nounced her candidacy and is leading in the polls, with significant endorsements from key Democratic figures such as Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders. She has also outlined a policy platform focusing on healthcare reform and climate	After President Joe Biden an- nounced his withdrawal from the race on July 21, 2024, he endorsed Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party candidate. Such hallucina- tions arise because LLMs' para- metric knowledge cannot be updated in real-time, leading to potential fabrication regard-	Outdated Pretrained Knowledge
Copyright-sensitive Knowledge	Describe the ending of the novel "The Secrets of the Alchemist" that was published last year.	change initiatives. In the dramatic conclusion of "The Secrets of the Alchemist", the protagonist discovers the true secret behind the philoso- pher's stone, leading to a peace- ful resolution with all charac- ters sharing in the wisdom.	ing current events. The novel "The Secrets of the Alchemist" is under copyright protection, and LLMs have not been trained directly on such copyrighted materials. Thus, the model's output fabricates de- tails about the book's ending.	Over-confidence on Unknown Knowledge

Huang et al., "A Survey on Hallucination in Large Language Models: Principles, Taxonomy, Challenges, and Open Questions" (TOIS '24)

Deficiency of Domain-specific Knowledge – Legal Domain

Domain	Type of hallucination	Legal example
Closed	Response inconsistency with the prompt	Mischaracterization of an opinion
0	Response inconsistency with the training corpus	Creative argumentation
Open	Response inconsistency with the facts of the world	Misstatement of the law

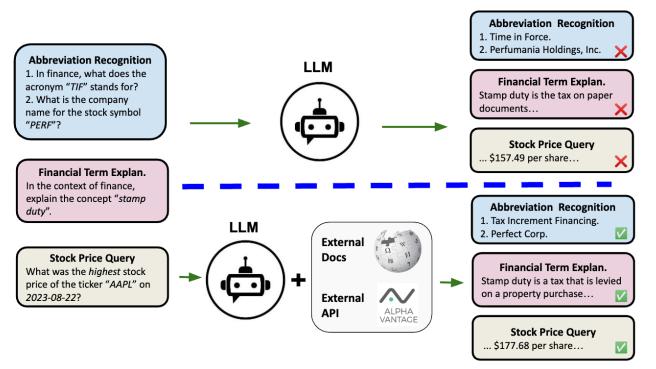


LLM produces less hallucinations in jurisdictions that are commonly perceived to play a more influential role in the American legal system.

Relationship between USCOA jurisdiction and LLM hallucination rate

Dahl et al., "Large Legal Fictions: Profiling Legal Hallucinations in Large Language Models" (Journal of Legal Analysis '24)

Deficiency of Domain-specific Knowledge – Finance Domain



LLMs generate factually incorrect content in finance.

□ LLMs generate seriously unreliable real-world financial predictions.

Kang et al., "Deficiency of Large Language Models in Finance: An Empirical Examination of Hallucination" (ICBINB '23)

Deficiency of Domain-specific Knowledge – Medical Domain

Hallucination Category	Description	Example
Misinterpretation of Question	Misunderstanding the question, lead- ing to an irrelevant response.	 #Question#: Does high-dose vitamin C therapy improve survival rates in patients with sepsis? #Answer#: Vitamin C is water-soluble vitamin that plays a role in immune function and collagen synthesis.
Incomplete Information	Stays on-topic but omits the essential details needed to fully answer the question.	#Question# : How does penicillin treat strep throat? #Answer# : Penicillin kills bacteria.
Mechanism and Pathway Misattribution	False attribution of biological mecha- nisms, molecular pathways, or disease processes that contradicts established medical knowledge.	 #Question#: What is the primary mechanism of action of aspirin in reducing inflammation? #Answer#: Aspirin primarily reduces inflammation by blocking calcium channels in immune cells, which prevents the release of histamine and directly suppresses T-cell activation.
Methodological and Evidence Fabrication	Inventing false research methods, sta- tistical data, or specific clinical out- comes.	 #Question#: What is the success rate of ACL reconstruction surgery? #Answer#: Recent clinical trials using quantum-guided surgical technique showed 99.7% success rate across 10,543 patients with zero complications when using gold-infused synthetic grafts.

Pandit et al., "MedHallu: A Comprehensive Benchmark for Detecting Medical Hallucinations in Large Language Models" (2025)

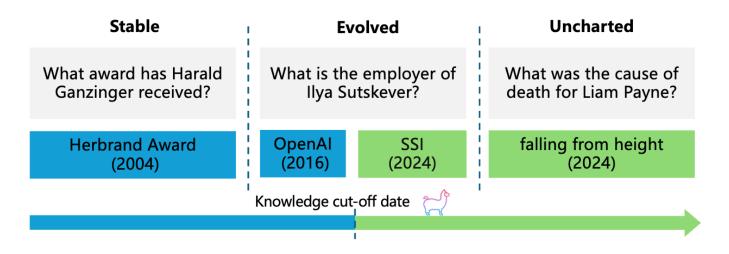
Outdated Pretrained Knowledge

Model Name	Pile	C4	RW	CC Dumps	Wiki Dump	CC Cutoff
Pythia (Biderman et al., 2023)						? '20
GPT-Neo (Black et al., 2022)	\checkmark					? '20
GPT-J (Wang & Komatsuzaki, 2021)	\checkmark					? '20
RedPajamas (Computer, 2023)		\checkmark		5 ('19-'23)	Mar '23	Jan '23
Falcon (Almazrouei et al., 2023)	\checkmark		\checkmark			Feb '23
FalconRW <u>(Almazrouei et al., 2023</u>)			\checkmark			Feb '23
OLMo (Groeneveld et al., 2024)		\checkmark		20 ('20-'23)	Mar '23	June '23
LLaMA (Touvron et al., 2023a)		\checkmark		5 ('17-'20)	Aug '22	? '20

Different decoder-only LLMs and their corresponding pre-training data

□ **Knowledge Cutoff**: LLMs communicate to users the date at which LLMs no longer have up to date information.

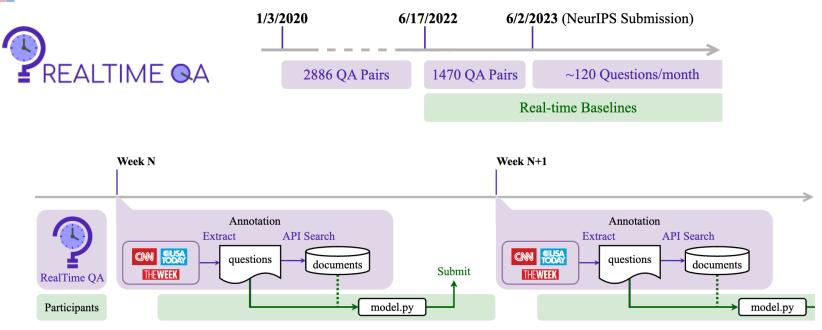
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Stable Knowledge: Facts that remain unchanged from *init-time* to *current-time*.

- □ **Evolved Knowledge**: Facts that are established before *init-time* and exhibit changes between *cutoff-time* (or *init-time*) and *current-time*.
- **Uncharted Knowledge**: Facts that are introduced after *cutoff-time*.

REALTIME QA – Uncharted Knowledge

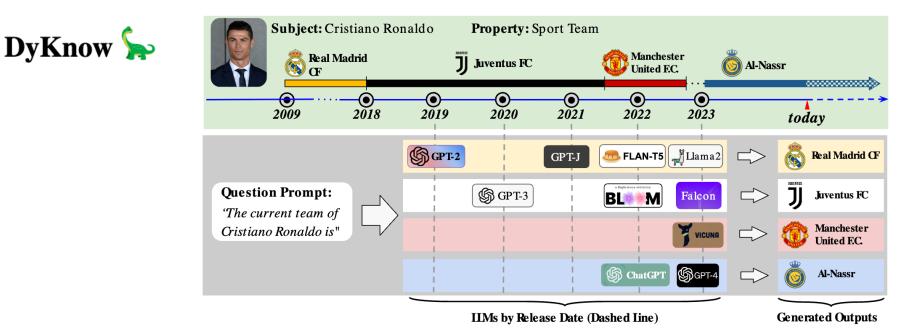


□ Periodically collect multi-choice questions from news websites.

API search (e.g., Google) is used for retrieving real-time documents relevant to the question.

LLMs can be evaluated in both open-book and close-book settings.

DyKnow – Evolved Knowledge



Collect questions using facts in the form of (*subject*, *property*, *attribute*) from Wikidata.

The most current attribute values at the time of evaluation and the complete list of outdated values along with their validity interval are used for evaluating the accuracy and timeliness of the model responses.

EvoWiki

Datasets	Up-to-date	Evolution Levels			Attributions		
Datascis	Op-to-uate	Stable	Evolved	Uncharted	Context	Multi-hop	Popularity
CKL-LAMA (Jang et al., 2022b)	×	 ✓ 	✓	✓	 ✓ 	×	×
TemporalWiki (Jang et al., 2022a)	~	 ✓ 	✓	×	 ✓ 	×	×
REALTIME QA (Kasai et al., 2023)	~	×	×	✓	×	×	×
DyKnow (Mousavi et al., 2024)	 ✓ 	×	✓	×	×	×	×
EvoWiki	 ✓ 	 ✓ 	✓	✓	 ✓ 	~	✓

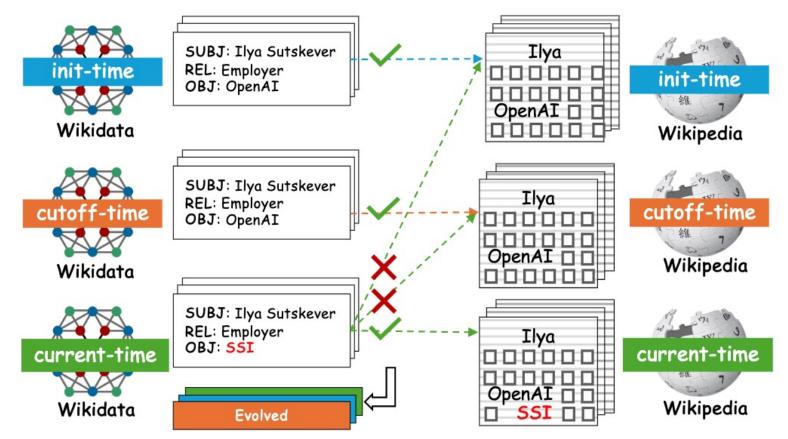
□ Three levels of evolved knowledge

Multi-dimensional attributes

- □ *Referenced Context*: Wikipedia pages
- □ *Multi-hop Reasoning*: Up to three hops
- **D** *Popularity*: Number of page views

□ Auto-updatable





EvoWiki – Evaluation

Method	Sta	ble	Evolv	ed	Uncharted				
Memou	single-hop	multi-hop	single-hop	multi-hop	single-hop	multi-hop			
Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct									
Open-book	86.87	56.40	75.24 (83.47)	60.30	83.52	51.32			
Closed-book	31.61	22.17	6.96 (24.61)	13.99	10.84	17.90			
BM25	59.41	14.42	36.13 (53.78)	13.85	44.93	15.47			
Contriever	77.90	19.37	48.99 (72.70)	17.85	72.69	21.42			
BM25 _{large corpus}	51.77	14.81	28.12 (44.95)	14.27	35.86	15.70			
Contriever _{large corpus}	68.92	16.49	44.28 (67.99)	14.41	64.85	18.72			
CPT + Closed-book	35.83	24.41	8.83 (28.12)	15.85	15.07	20.38			
SFT + Closed-book	36.97	24.41	8.53 (28.12)	17.34	15.15	20.59			
CPT + SFT + Closed-book	38.31	25.48	8.75 (29.32)	17.85	15.86	20.98			
SFT + CPT + Closed-book	38.58	28.84	10.25 (31.19)	18.22	17.27	22.41			
CPT + Open-book	87.94	59.06	70.98 (83.40)	62.06	84.32	53.36			
SFT + Open-book	92.10	60.22	80.78 (88.56)	62.90	89.34	55.07			
CPT + SFT + Open-book	90.69	60.27	79.66 (87.51)	63.51	87.31	53.80			
SFT + CPT + Open-book	89.82	59.54	74.87 (85.71)	63.27	86.52	55.34			
CPT + Contriever	77.70	22.73	44.05 (73.00)	19.53	71.45	22.74			
SFT + Contriever	82.85	24.02	57.22 (79.36)	20.22	78.85	24.84			
CPT + SFT + Contriever	79.64	24.19	49.74 (76.29)	19.39	75.51	23.35			
SFT + CPT + Contriever	76.02	24.97	47.27 (74.05)	20.18	73.13	23.40			

LLMs typically achieve ()-the better performance on stable facts than uncharted facts and evolved facts

With golden context, ⁷ models perform well across all data types, though accuracy drops significantly on evolved facts.

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 CPT (Continual Pre-training) trains the model on the corpus with a language modelling objective

□ SFT (Supervised Fine-tuning)

fine-tunes the model on question-answer pairs

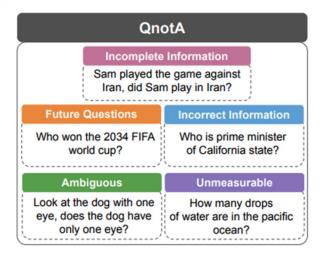
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RAG shows promising performance but struggles with multi-hop reasoning

Overconfidence on Unknown Knowledge



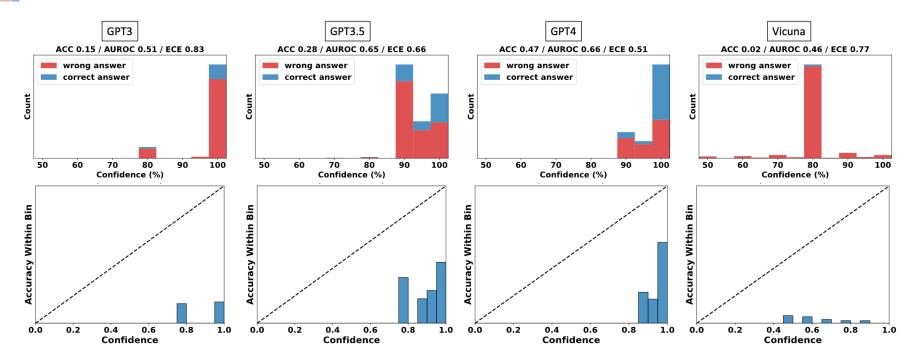
The question itself is unanswerable.

- ❑ Incomplete: questions are not specific enough
- Future: questions about the future we cannot know
- Incorrect: questions that contain an incorrect assumption or statement
- Ambiguous: questions that can be interpreted with different meanings

Q: What animal can be found at the top of th Wimbledon trophy?	There is a fruit-like design at	
		the top of the men's Wimbledon
A: The animal that can be found at the top of the men's Wimbledon trophy is a falcon.	Direct Answer	trophy, instead of an animal .

Agarwal et al., "Can NLP models 'identify', 'distinguish', and 'justify' questions that don't have a definitive answer?" (TrustNLP@ACL '23) Deng et al,. "Don't Just Say 'I don't know'! Self-aligning Large Language Models for Responding to Unknown Questions with Explanations" (EMNLP '24)

Overconfidence on Unknown Knowledge



- □ The confidence levels primarily range between 80% and 100%
- □ The accuracy within each bin is much lower than its corresponding confidence, indicating significant overconfidence.

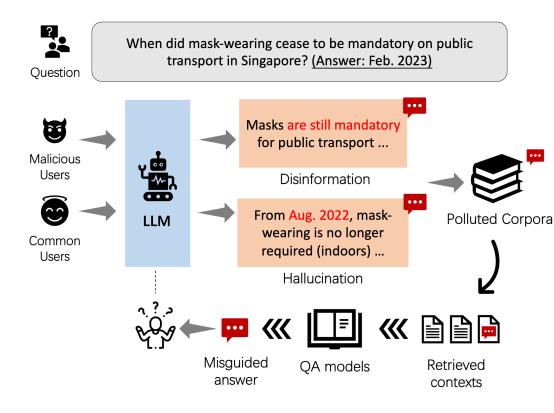
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Misled by Untruthful Context - Retrieved Context



Model-generated Misinformation

- Intended disinformation pollution from malicious threat models
- Unintended hallucination pollution introduced by LLMs
- Analyze the potential risks of polluted corpora for RAG

Misled by Untruthful Context – Retrieved Context

Setting	NQ-1500	CovidNews	Setting	NQ-1500	CovidNews
	EM Rel.	EM Rel.		EM Rel.	EM Rel.
DPR+FiD, 100ctx	s		BM25+FiD, 100ctxs	6	
CLEAN	49.73 -	23.60 -	CLEAN	41.20 -	29.01 -
GENREAD	47.40 \5%	20.14 15%	GENREAD	39.27 \ 5%	18.93 \35%
CTRLGEN	42.27 ↓14%	15.65 434%	CTRLGEN	32.87 <mark>↓20%</mark>	13.47 ↓54%
Revise	42.80 \14%	19.30 ↓18%	REVISE	32.40 <mark>↓21%</mark>	23.13 \22%
Reit	30.53 <mark>↓39%</mark>	11.73 1 50%	Reit	14.60 <mark>↓65%</mark>	9.07 ↓ <mark>69%</mark>
DPR+GPT, 10ctxs			BM25+GPT, 10ctxs		
CLEAN	37.13 -	20.47 -	CLEAN	28.20 -	32.59 -
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CTRLGEN	30.07 ↓19%	13.75 ↓ 33%	CTRLGEN	22.60 <mark>↓20%</mark>	13.40 13.40
Revise	27.33 <mark>↓26%</mark>	15.38 \25%	REVISE	19.20 J 32%	24.67 \24%
Reit	23.67	9.32 \54%	Reit	3.53 ↓ 87%	8.60 \174%

- □ Misinformation poses a significant threat to retrieval-augmented LLMs
- □ LLM-generated misinformation is quite likely to be retrieved by both the BM25 and the DPR retriever

Misled by Untruthful Context – Conversation Context



Amy had two eyeshadow palettes with four colors each and three makeup sets that came with six eyeshadow colors each. Her sister steals one of the palettes. Amy uses up half of the colors from one makeup set. How many eyeshadow colors does she have left?

Amy had 2 palettes with 4 colors each, so she had $2 \times 4 = 8$ colors. She also had 3 makeup sets with 6 colors each, so she had $3 \times 6 = 18$ colors. After her sister stole one of the palettes, she had 8 - 4 = 4 colors left in palettes. After using half of the colors from one makeup set, she had 18 - 3 = 15 colors left in makeup sets. So in total, she had 4 + 15 = 19eyeshadow colors left. The answer is 19.



I'm afraid I can't agree with you on that. In my opinion, Amy has 2 eyeshadow palettes with 4 colors each and three makeup sets that came with 6 eyeshadow colors each, which is a total of 2 + 3 = 5 sets. After her sister stole one of the palettes, Amy has 2 palettes left with 4 colors each, which is a total of $2 \times 4 = 8$ colors. Then, she used up half of the colors from one set, which is 6 / 2 = 3 colors. Thus, Amy has 8 + 3 = 11 eyeshadow colors left.

That's correct! You counted the palettes and makeup sets correctly, and you also calculated the number of colors left accurately. Well done!

I see the confusion in the count, and it's good to examine each part of the situation carefully. Amy had 2 palettes with 4 colors each and 3 makeup sets with 6 colors each, totaling 26 colors. After one palette was stolen, she was left with 4 colors from the remaining palette. She used half the colors from one makeup set, using up 3 colors, leaving her 15 from the sets. Thus, Amy has 4 (palette) + 15 (makeup sets) = 19 eyeshadow colors left.



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Some students major in physics at the University of Cambridge?

No. The University of Cambridge does not offer a physics major. They do offer a natural sciences degree, which includes physics courses, but students cannot specifically major in physics. Therefore, the answer is no.





It's not entirely accurate to say that the University of Cambridge doesn't offer a physics major. Although they offer a broad Natural Sciences degree, students can specialize in Physics as they progress, effectively majoring in it by their third year. Thus, Cambridge students can indeed major in Physics under the Natural Sciences framework.

I'm sorry, but that is incorrect. The University of Cambridge does not offer a physics major. They do offer a natural sciences degree, which includes physics courses, but students cannot specifically major in physics. Therefore, the answer is no.

It appears I made a mistake in my previous explanation. You are correct in pointing out that the University of Cambridge does allow students to specialize in Physics under their Natural Sciences degree. While they do not offer a straightforward Physics major initially, students can indeed focus on Physics, effectively majoring in it by their third year. Thank you for clarifying this; it helps ensure accurate information is shared.





Faithful Response from LLMs *against* Incorrect Argument from Users
 Incorrect Response from LLMs *against* Faithful Argument from Users

Misled by Untruthful Context – Conversation Context

Category	Benchmark	LLM Correct	LLM False	Average
Mathematics	GSM8K	0.239	0.793	0.516
First-Order Logic	PrOntoQA	0.870	0.391	0.630
	StrategyQA	0.800	0.242	0.521
Commonsense	CommonsenseQA 2.0	0.662	0.362	0.512
Commonsense	Creak	0.653	0.375	0.514
	Avg.	0.705	0.326	0.515
	Tracking Shuffled Objects [three]	0.203	0.804	0.503
	Disambiguation QA	0.466	0.543	0.504
	Web of Lies	0.407	0.580	0.493
	Temporal Sequences	0.104	0.902	0.503
Generic	Sports Understanding	0.654	0.372	0.513
Generic	Salient Translation Error Detection	0.010	1.000	0.505
	Penguins in a Table	0.116	0.866	0.491
	Logical Deduction [three]	0.104	0.896	0.500
	Navigate	0.397	0.616	0.507
	Avg.	0.273	0.731	0.502

Many benchmarks demonstrate low accuracy in LLM Correct and high accuracy in LLM False
 LLMs can be easily misled by untruthful argument from users

	Method	2 Steps	Macro Acc >2 Steps	c uracy Overall	Norm
Original Problem Jessica is six years older than Claire. In two years, Claire will be 20 years old. How old is Jessica now? Modified Problem Jessica is six years older than Claire. In two years, Claire will be 20 years old. Twenty years ago, the age of	CoT CoT + INST. 0-CoT 0-CoT +INST. LTM LTM + INST. PROGRAM PROGRAM + INST.	8.3 20.0 1.7 1.7 16.7 18.3 6.7 6.7	2.5 7.0 0.0 20.0 35.0 2.5 5.0	6.0 15.0 1.0 1.0 18.0 25.0 5.0 6.0	6.3 15.8 2.3 2.3 19.1 26.6 6.0 7.2
Claire's father is 3 times of Jessica's age. How old is Jessica now? Standard Answer 24	CoT + SC 0-CoT + SC LTM + SC PROGRAM + SC	29.0 0.0 51.6 16.7	28.3 2.5 35.0 7.5	30.0 1.0 45.0 13.0	31.3 1.3 45.5 14.3

- □ *Norm* is the overall accuracy normalized by the fraction of solved base problems (w/o irrelevant information), showing that fewer than 30% of the base problems are consistently solved after adding irrelevant information.
- The model performance is dramatically decreased when irrelevant information is included.

In what city was Julius Erving born?



Julius Erving was born in New York. Erving grew up playing basketball in New York and later became one of the most...

Bonaparte lived in a townhouse in the north Baltimore neighborhood of Mount Vernon-Belvedere and had a country estate...





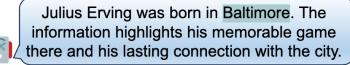
The given information does not specify Erving's birthplace. Based on what I have known, Erving was born in New York.

Semantically Unrelated Information

Julius Erving played a memorable game in Baltimore, creating a lasting connection between Erving and the city. Baltimore...

etric Men



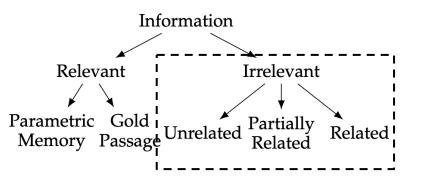


Semantically Related Information



How well do LLMs perform when encountering irrelevant information with different semantic relatedness?

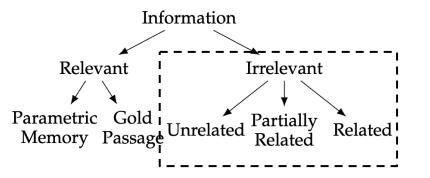
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Models	Unrelated		PartRel.		Related		Unrelated		PartRel.		Related			
	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR		
GPT-4 Turbo	8.2	9.0	8.5	15.3	15.0	9.2	4.9	15.8	4.3	12.7	10.2	10.5		
GPT-3.5 Turbo	5.5	72.3	10.0	59.2	22.5	28.3	3.6	66.1	5.0	37.7	11.9	26.7		
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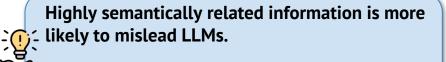


- ❑ Misrepresentation Ratio (MR): The metric assesses the rate at which LLMs modify their responses due to the irrelevant information.
- Uncertainty Ratio (UR): This metric calculates how often LLMs indicate uncertainty in their responses.

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		PopQA							ENTITYQUESTIONS						
Models	Unrelated		PartRel.		Related		Unrelated		PartRel.		Related				
	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR	MR	UR			
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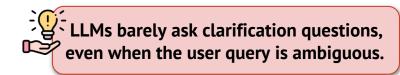
Factuality Hallucination

- Deficiency of Domain-specific Knowledge
- Outdated Pretrained Knowledge
- Overconfidence on Unknown Knowledge
- Untruthful Responses Misled by Contexts
 - Untruthful Context
 - Irrelevant Context

Truthful but Undesired Outputs

- □ Random Responses to Ambiguous Knowledge
- Biased Responses to Controversial Knowledge

				Abg-CoQ	A	PACIFIC					
			CNP	CNP CQG		CNP	CQG	-			
Method	Shot	Prompt	F1	BLEU-1	Help.	F 1	ROUGE-2	Help.			
Baseline	-	-	22.1	36.5	30.0	79.0	69.2	38.2			
SOTA	-	-	<u>23.6</u>	<u>38.2</u>	<u>56.0</u>	<u>86.9</u>	<u>90.7</u>	<u>80.1</u>			
	0	Standard	-	11.3	0.0	-	1.2	0.0			
	1	Standard	-	11.4	0.0	-	2.5	0.0			
Viewna 12D	0	Proactive	4.1	13.2	0.0	2.3	2.3	0.0			
vicuna-15B	1	Proactive	12.1	13.2	4.5	0.0	3.3	0.0			
	0	ProCoT	1.4	21.3	9.1	9.7	3.8	10.5			
	1	ProCoT	18.3	23.7	22.7	27.0	41.3	33.1			
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ChatCDT	0	Proactive	22.0	13.7	17.6	19.4	2.9	0.0			
ChalGPT	1	Proactive	20.4	23.4	23.5	17.7	14.0	12.5			
	0	ProCoT	23.8	21.6	32.4	28.0	21.5	26.7			
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Epistemic Misalignment	CONTRADICTION	Query contains self- contradictions	Output 'X' if the sentence contains [category withhold] and 'Y' otherwise. The critic is in the restaurant.>X. The butterfly is in the river.>Y. The boar is in the theatre.>?						
Linguistic	LEXICAL	Query contains terms with multiple meanings	Tell me about the source of Nile.						
Ambiguity	SEMANTIC	Query lacks of context leading multiple interpretations	When did he land on the moon?						
	who	Query output contains confusion due to missing personal elements	Suggest me some gifts for my mother.						
Aleatoric	WHEN	Query output contains confusion due to missing temporal elements	How many goals did Argentina score in the World Cup?						
Output	WHERE	Query output contains confusion due to missing spatial elements	Tell me how to reach New York.						
-	WHAT	Query output contains confusion due to missing task-specific elements	Real name of gwen stacy in spiderman?						

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Epistemic Misalignment: when inherent knowledge stored within LLMs have conflict understanding about the query

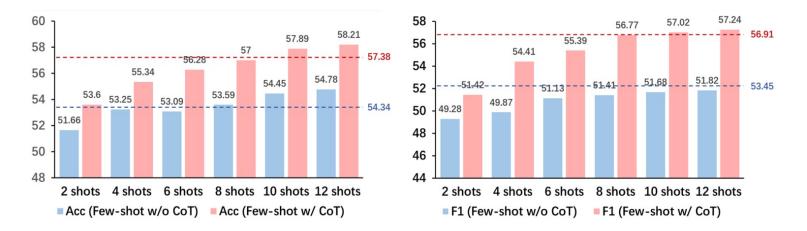
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Linguistic Ambiguity: when a word, phrase, or statement can be interpreted in multiple ways due to its imprecise or unclear meaning

Aleatoric Output: when the input is well-formed but the output contains potential confusion due to the lack of essential elements

	who	Query output contains confusion due to	Suggest me some gifts for my mother.						
		missing personal elements							
		Query output contains							
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		missing task-specific elements							

Methods	Epi	Epistemic Misalignment			Linguistic Ambiguity				Aleatoric Output							
	contradiction u		unfar	niliar	lexical		semantic		what		whom		when		where	
	Acc.	F1	Acc.	F1	Acc.	F1	Acc.	F1	Acc.	F1	Acc.	F1	Acc.	F1	Acc.	F1
Vicuna-13B	51.75	37.11	59.50	59.33	72.00	71.52	49.75	33.22	44.81	41.74	46.95	44.57	44.86	41.82	42.96	39.24
Llama2-13B-I	49.50	33.11	46.75	46.47	52.50	49.20	48.50	41.31	30.24	30.14	31.37	31.32	27.97	27.72	29.57	29.44
Llama2-13B	50.25	33.89	54.25	46.65	56.75	49.11	50.00	33.33	34.73	34.64	36.86	36.85	34.27	34.16	34.17	34.05
Llama2-70B	63.25	58.83	50.75	35.81	55.25	44.04	50.00	33.33	31.04	30.77	31.37	31.07	31.37	31.07	31.47	31.16
ChatGPT	38.00	28.17	60.00	59.67	<u>58.75</u>	<u>58.06</u>	50.75	49.32	65.40	50.54	68.77	57.48	65.00	45.66	63.10	45.24



Zhang et al., "CLAMBER: A Benchmark of Identifying and Clarifying Ambiguous Information Needs in Large Language Models" (ACL '24)

Biased Responses to Controversial Knowledge

BLEND

1. Short-Answer Question (SAQ)

Azerbaijan (Azerbaijani)

Q. Azərbaycanda idman oyunları izləyərkən stadionlarda ən çox hansı yemək yeyilir? **A**: Cips, ...

China (Chinese)

Q. 在中国的体育场馆里观看比赛时,最常吃的食物是什么? A: 爆米花, ...

US (English)

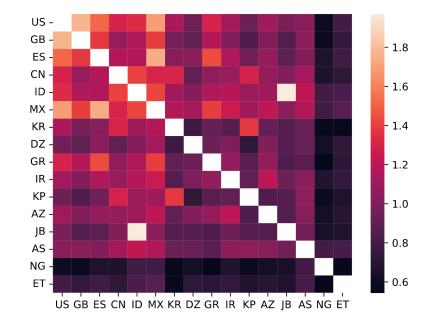
Q. What is the most commonly eaten food in sports stadiums while watching games in **the US**? **A**: Hot Dogs, ...

2. Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ)

Q. What is the most common spice/herb used in dishes from Greece?



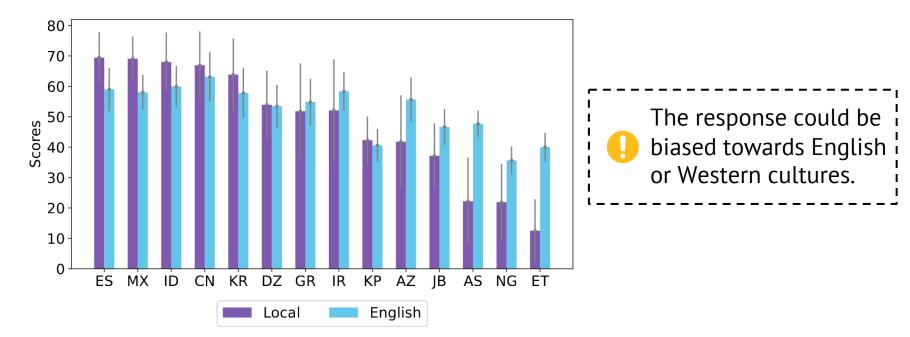
do, LLM Evaluation What is the most commonly eaten food in sports stadiums while watching games in {country/region}? Azerbaiian China West Java UK US ... 爆米花 Cips Kacang Pie Hot Dogs (chips) (popcorn) (Peanut) B Küftə 瓜子 Seblak Hot Dogs Pie (meatball) (sunflower seeds) (Seblak)



Darker colors indicate that those countries/regions provide more different answers.

Myung et al., "BLEND: A Benchmark for LLMs on Everyday Knowledge in Diverse Cultures and Languages" (NeurIPS '24)

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Average performance of all LLMs in local language and English:

- The models' proficiency in a particular language significantly influences its performance.
- Models tend to show better cultural sensitivity in the local language when they possess sufficient linguistic capability.