

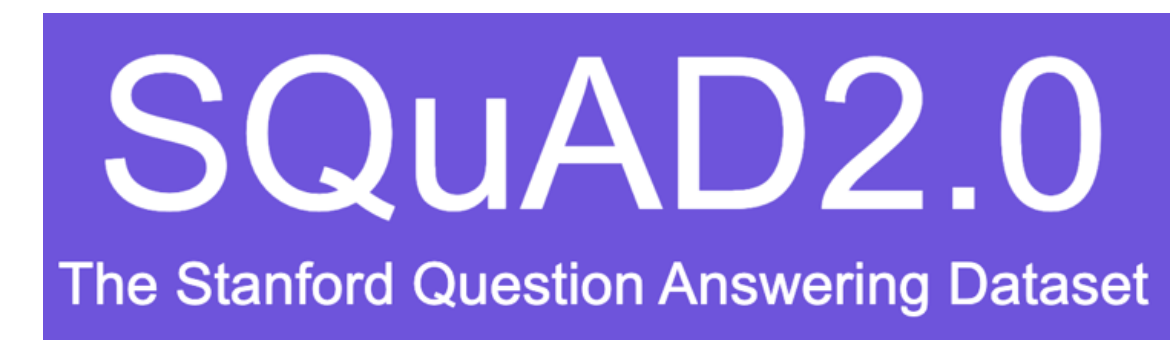
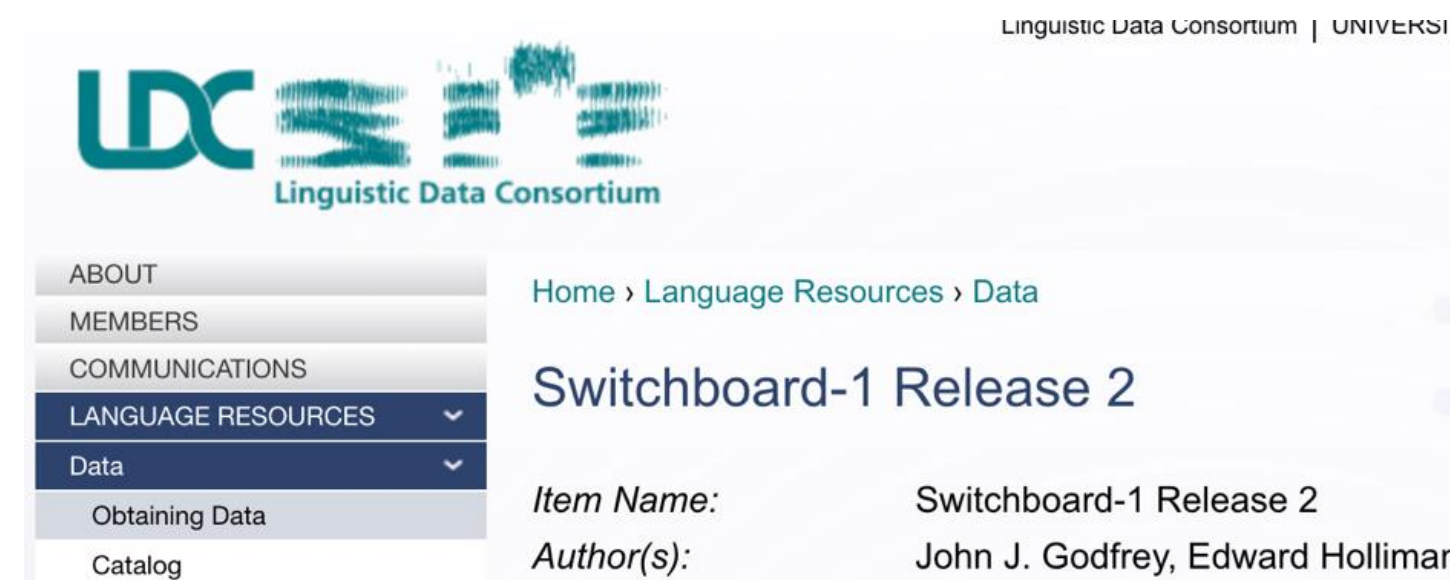
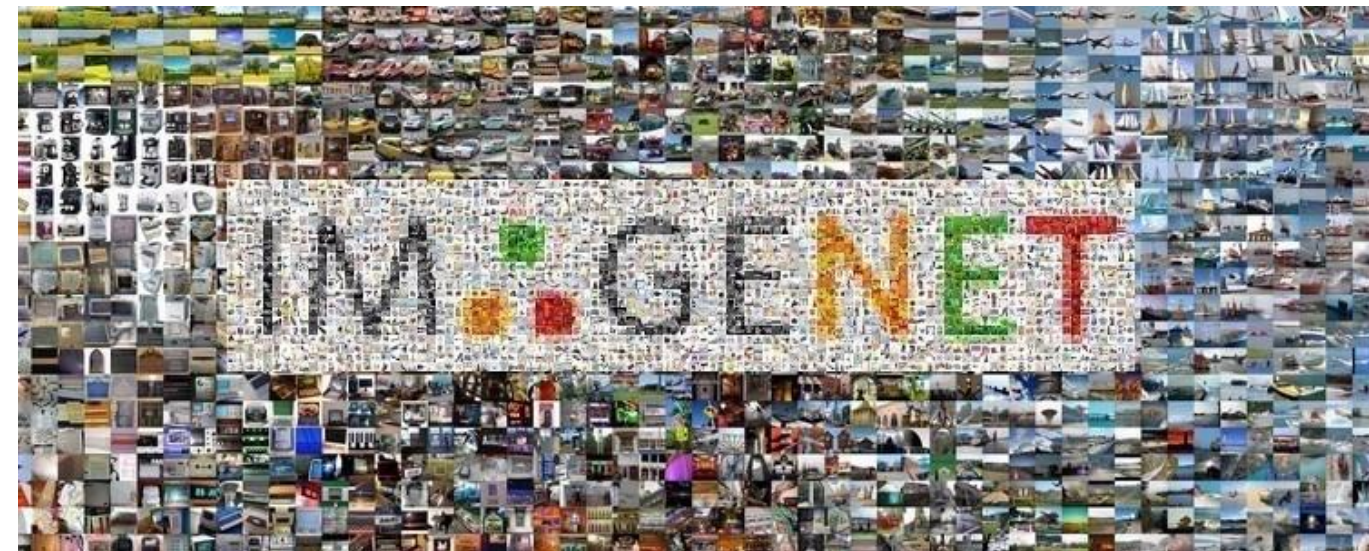
Evaluation, Benchmarks, & Experimental Design

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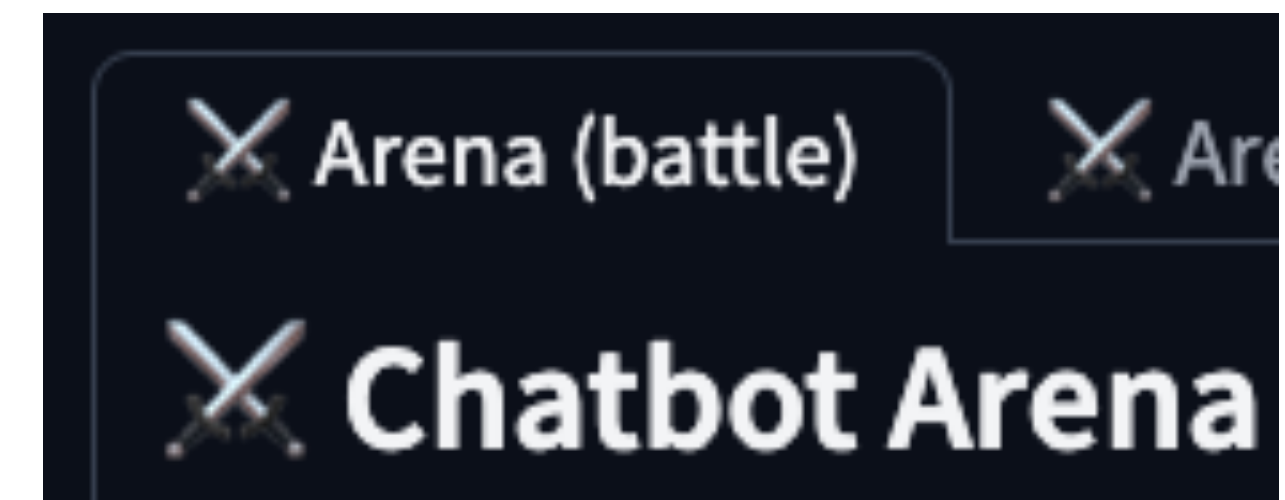
Benchmarks and evaluations drive progress



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Two major types of evaluations

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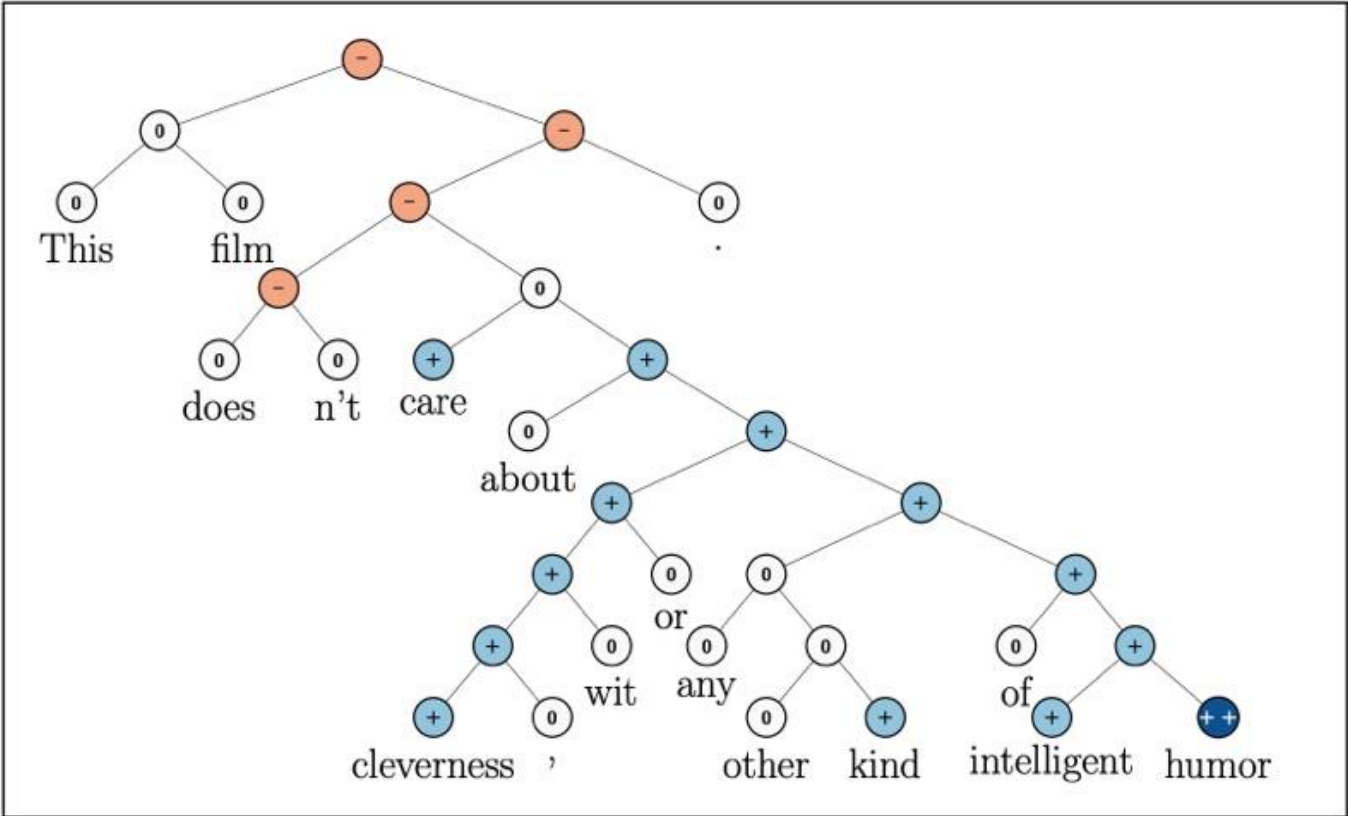
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Single-task benchmarks



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SNLI, MultiNLI (entailment)



SQUaD,
NaturalQuestions (QA)

Multi-task benchmarks

 SuperGLUE  GLUE			Leaderboard Version: 2.0												
	Rank	Name	Model	URL	Score	BoolQ	CB	COPA	MultiRC	ReCoRD	RTE	WiC	WSC	AX-b	AX-g
	1	JDExplore d-team	Vega v2		91.3	90.5	98.6/99.2	99.4	88.2/62.4	94.4/93.9	96.0	77.4	98.6	-0.4	100.0/50.0
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	3	Microsoft Alexander v-team	Turing NLR v5		90.9	92.0	95.9/97.6	98.2	88.4/63.0	96.4/95.9	94.1	77.1	97.3	67.8	93.3/95.5
	4	ERNIE Team - Baidu	ERNIE 3.0		90.6	91.0	98.6/99.2	97.4	88.6/63.2	94.7/94.2	92.6	77.4	97.3	68.6	92.7/94.7
	5	Yi Tay	PaLM 540B		90.4	91.9	94.4/96.0	99.0	88.7/63.6	94.2/93.3	94.1	77.4	95.9	72.9	95.5/90.4
+	6	Zirui Wang	T5 + UDG, Single Model (Google Brain)		90.4	91.4	95.8/97.6	98.0	88.3/63.0	94.2/93.5	93.0	77.9	96.6	69.1	92.7/91.9
+	7	DeBERTa Team - Microsoft	DeBERTa / TuringNLRv4		90.3	90.4	95.7/97.6	98.4	88.2/63.7	94.5/94.1	93.2	77.5	95.9	66.7	93.3/93.8
	8	SuperGLUE Human Baselines	SuperGLUE Human Baselines		89.8	89.0	95.8/98.9	100.0	81.8/51.9	91.7/91.3	93.6	80.0	100.0	76.6	99.3/99.7
+	9	T5 Team - Google	T5		89.3	91.2	93.9/96.8	94.8	88.1/63.3	94.1/93.4	92.5	76.9	93.8	65.6	92.7/91.9

Attempt to measure “general language capabilities”

Examples from superGLUE

Cover a number of different tasks

- BoolQ, MultiRC (reading texts)
- CB, RTE (Entailment)
- COPA (cause and effect)
- ReCoRD (QA+reasoning)
- WiC (meaning of words)
- WSC (coreference)

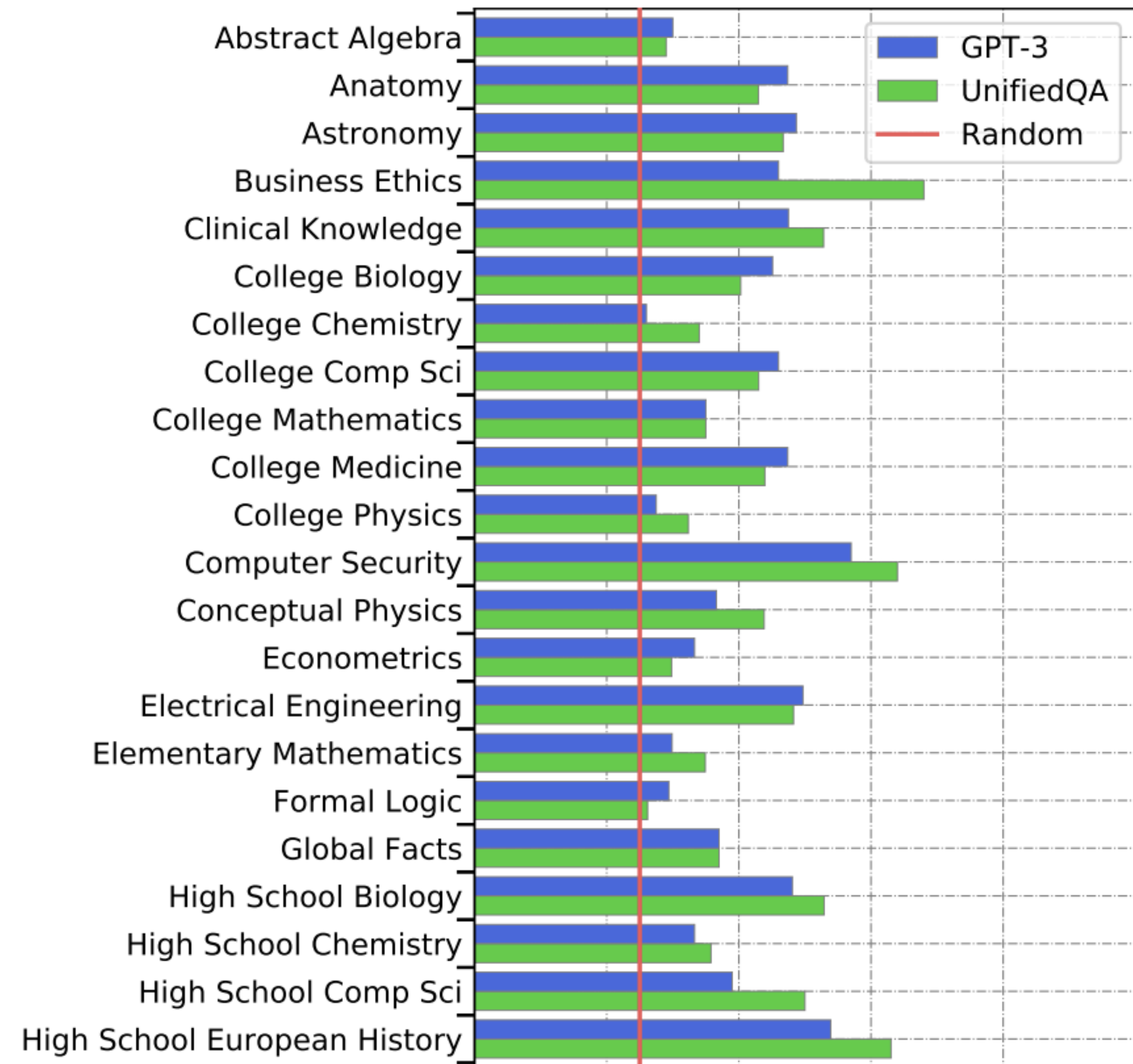
BoolQ	<p>Passage: Barq's – Barq's is an American soft drink. Its brand of root beer is notable for having caffeine. Barq's, created by Edward Barq and bottled since the turn of the 20th century, is owned by the Barq family but bottled by the Coca-Cola Company. It was known as Barq's Famous Olde Tyme Root Beer until 2012.</p> <p>Question: is barq's root beer a pepsi product Answer: No</p>
CB	<p>Text: B: And yet, uh, I we-, I hope to see employer based, you know, helping out. You know, child, uh, care centers at the place of employment and things like that, that will help out. A: Uh-huh. B: What do you think, do you think we are, setting a trend?</p> <p>Hypothesis: they are setting a trend Entailment: Unknown</p>
COPA	<p>Premise: My body cast a shadow over the grass. Question: What's the CAUSE for this?</p> <p>Alternative 1: The sun was rising. Alternative 2: The grass was cut.</p> <p>Correct Alternative: 1</p>
MultiRC	<p>Paragraph: Susan wanted to have a birthday party. She called all of her friends. She has five friends. Her mom said that Susan can invite them all to the party. Her first friend could not go to the party because she was sick. Her second friend was going out of town. Her third friend was not so sure if her parents would let her. The fourth friend said maybe. The fifth friend could go to the party for sure. Susan was a little sad. On the day of the party, all five friends showed up. Each friend had a present for Susan. Susan was happy and sent each friend a thank you card the next week</p> <p>Question: Did Susan's sick friend recover? Candidate answers: Yes, she recovered (T), No (F), Yes (T), No, she didn't recover (F), Yes, she was at Susan's party (T)</p>
ReCoRD	<p>Paragraph: (<i>CNN</i>) <u>Puerto Rico</u> on Sunday overwhelmingly voted for statehood. But Congress, the only body that can approve new states, will ultimately decide whether the status of the <u>US</u> commonwealth changes. Ninety-seven percent of the votes in the nonbinding referendum favored statehood, an increase over the results of a 2012 referendum, official results from the <u>State Electoral Commission</u> show. It was the fifth such vote on statehood. "Today, we the people of <u>Puerto Rico</u> are sending a strong and clear message to the US Congress ... and to the world ... claiming our equal rights as <u>American</u> citizens, <u>Puerto Rico</u> Gov. <u>Ricardo Rossello</u> said in a news release. @highlight <u>Puerto Rico</u> voted Sunday in favor of <u>US</u> statehood</p> <p>Query For one, they can truthfully say, "Don't blame me, I didn't vote for them," when discussing the <placeholder> presidency Correct Entities: US</p>
RTE	<p>Text: Dana Reeve, the widow of the actor Christopher Reeve, has died of lung cancer at age 44, according to the Christopher Reeve Foundation.</p> <p>Hypothesis: Christopher Reeve had an accident. Entailment: False</p>
WiC	<p>Context 1: Room and <u>board</u>. Context 2: He nailed <u>boards</u> across the windows.</p> <p>Sense match: False</p>
WSC	<p>Text: Mark told <u>Pete</u> many lies about himself, which Pete included in his book. <u>He</u> should have been more truthful. Coreference: False</p>

Another multi-task benchmark: MMLU

Massive Multitask Language Understanding (MMLU)

[[Hendrycks et al., 2021](#)]

New benchmarks for measuring LM performance on 57 diverse *knowledge intensive* tasks



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 - 'Correct' behavior should be clear

A successful benchmark: SQuAD

Dataset	Question source	Formulation	Size
SQuAD	crowdsourced	RC, spans in passage	100K
MCTest (Richardson et al., 2013)	crowdsourced	RC, multiple choice	2640
Algebra (Kushman et al., 2014)	standardized tests	computation	514
Science (Clark and Etzioni, 2016)	standardized tests	reasoning, multiple choice	855

Scale (and inclusion of training data)

	Exact Match		F1	
	Dev	Test	Dev	Test
Random Guess	1.1%	1.3%	4.1%	4.3%
Sliding Window	13.2%	12.5%	20.2%	19.7%
Sliding Win. + Dist.	13.3%	13.0%	20.2%	20.0%
Logistic Regression	40.0%	40.4%	51.0%	51.0%
Human	80.3%	77.0%	90.5%	86.8%

Large headroom to human perf

A prime number (or a prime) is a natural number greater than 1 that has no positive divisors other than 1 and itself. A natural number greater than 1 that is not a prime number is called a composite number. For example, 5 is prime because 1 and 5 are its only positive integer factors, whereas 6 is composite because it has the divisors 2 and 3 in addition to 1 and 6. The fundamental theorem of arithmetic establishes the central role of primes in number theory: any integer greater than 1 can be expressed as a product of primes that is unique up to ordering. The uniqueness in this theorem requires excluding 1 as a prime because one can include arbitrarily many instances of 1 in any factorization, e.g., 3, 1 · 3, 1 · 1 · 3, etc. are all valid factorizations of 3.

What is the only divisor besides 1 that a prime number can have?
Ground Truth Answers: itself itself itself itself itself

What are numbers greater than 1 that can be divided by 3 or more numbers called?
Ground Truth Answers: composite number composite number composite number primes

What theorem defines the main role of primes in number theory?
Ground Truth Answers: The fundamental theorem of arithmetic fundamental theorem of arithmetic arithmetic fundamental theorem of arithmetic fundamental theorem of arithmetic

Easy, relatively clean automatic evaluation

Finding model shortcuts with diagnostic tests

What if our model is using simple heuristics to get good accuracy?

A **diagnostic test set** is carefully constructed to test for a specific skill or capacity of your neural model.

For example, **HANS**: (Heuristic Analysis for NLI Systems) tests syntactic heuristics in NLI

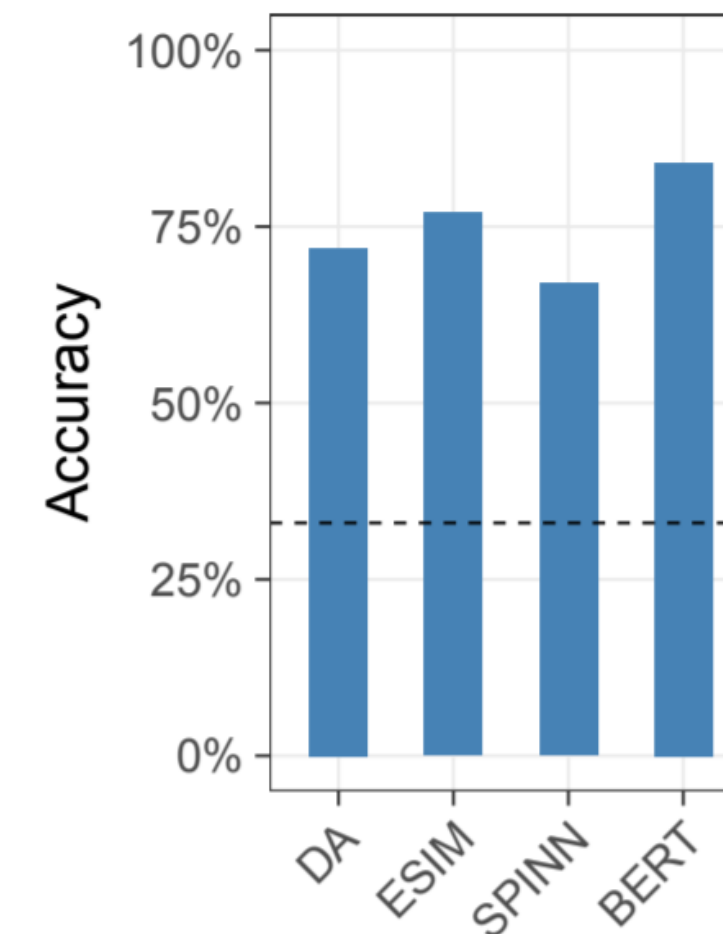
Heuristic	Definition	Example
Lexical overlap	Assume that a premise entails all hypotheses constructed from words in the premise	The doctor was paid by the actor. ————→ The doctor paid the actor. WRONG
Subsequence	Assume that a premise entails all of its contiguous subsequences.	The doctor near the actor danced. ————→ The actor danced. WRONG
Constituent	Assume that a premise entails all complete subtrees in its parse tree.	If the artist slept , the actor ran. ————→ The artist slept. WRONG

Clever Hans



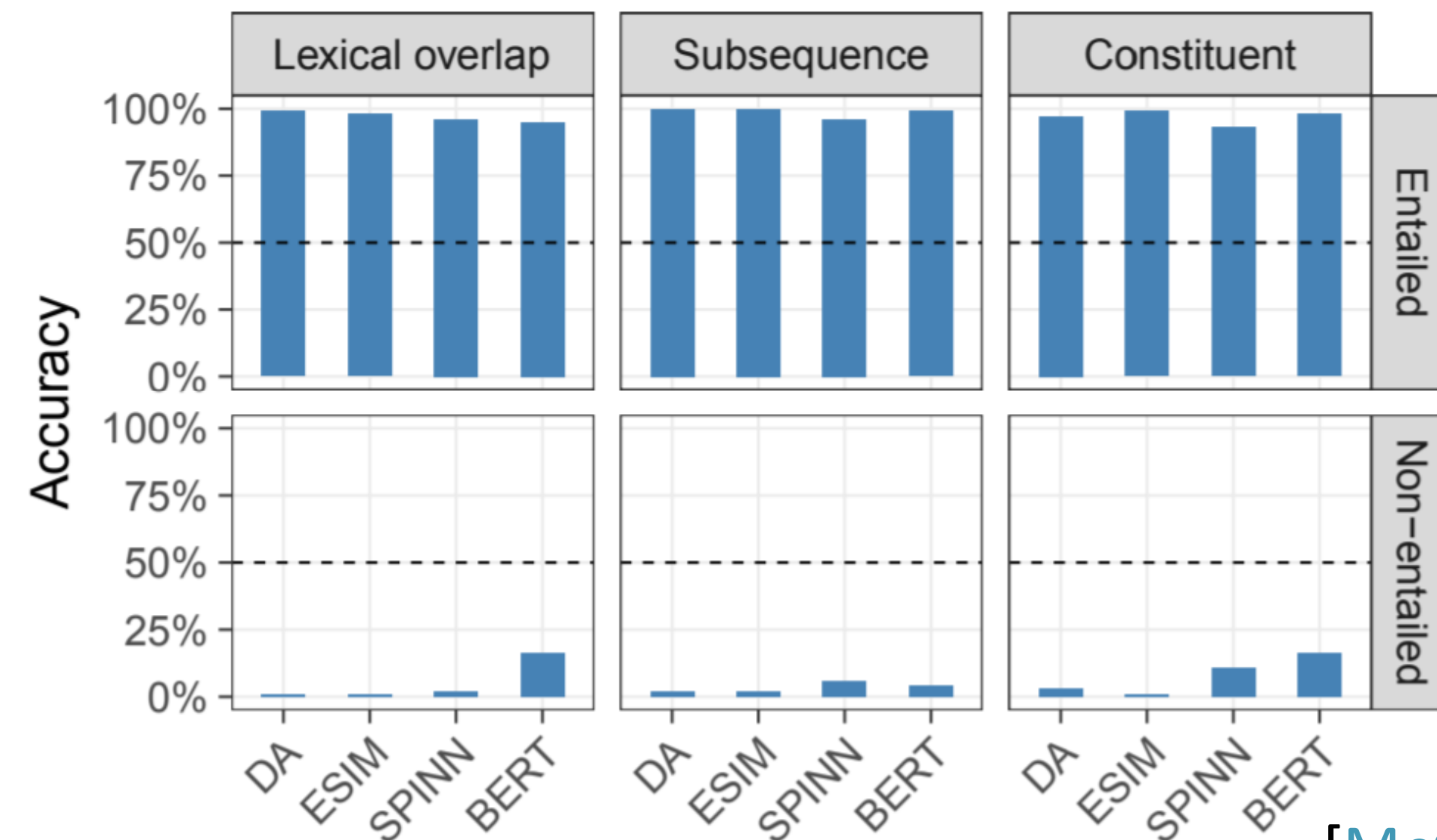
HANS model analysis in natural language inference

McCoy et al., 2019 took 4 strong MNLI models, with the following accuracies on the **original test set (in-domain)**



Evaluating on HANS, where syntactic heuristics **work**, accuracy is high!

But where syntactic heuristics fail, accuracy is very very low...



[[McCoy et al., 2019](#)]

Unit testing for NLP: CheckListing

- Small careful test sets sound like... unit test suites, but for neural networks!
- *Minimum functionality tests*: small test sets that target a specific behavior.

Test case	Expected	Predicted	Pass?
A Testing Negation with <i>MFT</i> Labels: negative, positive, neutral			
Template: I {NEGATION} {POS_VERB} the {THING}.			
I can't say I recommend the food.	neg	pos	X
I didn't love the flight.	neg	neutral	X
...			
Failure rate = 76.4%			

- [Ribeiro et al., 2020](#) showed **ML engineers working on a sentiment analysis product** an interface with categories of linguistic capabilities and types of tests.
 - The engineers found a bunch of bugs (categories of high error) through this method!

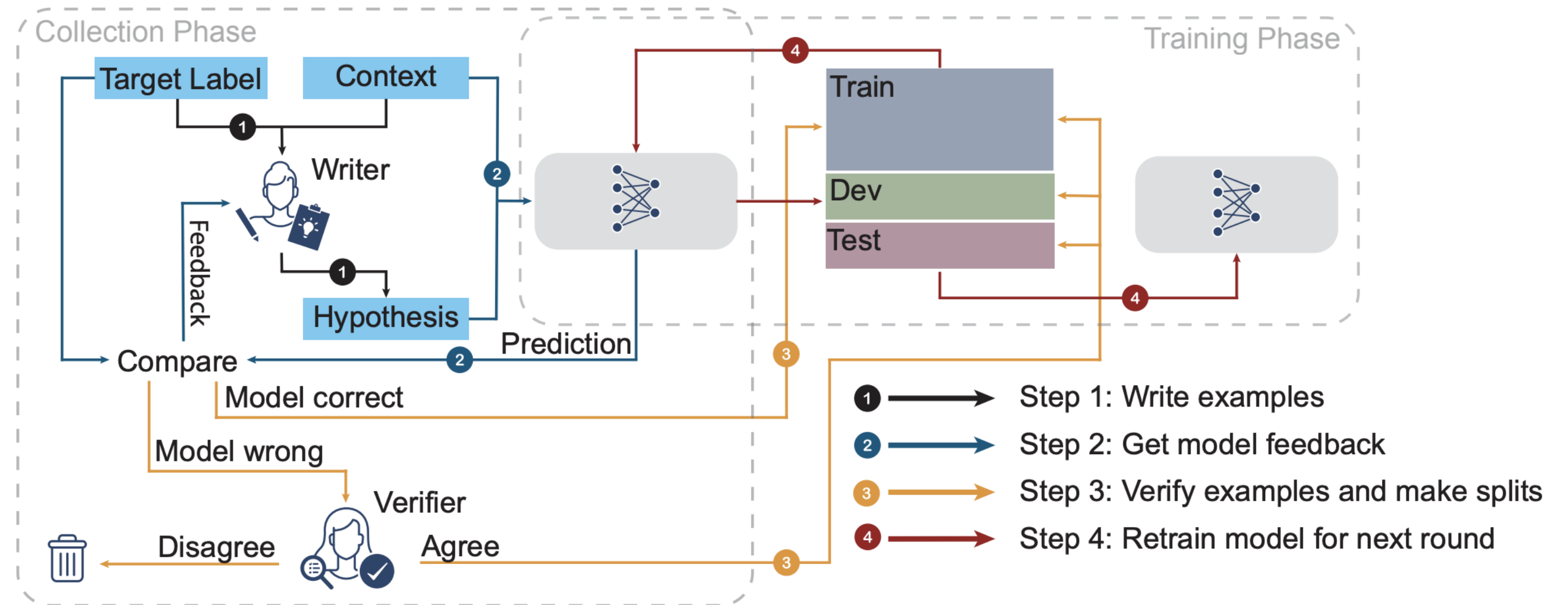
Fitting the dataset vs. learning the task

Across a wide range of tasks, high model accuracy on the in-domain test set does not imply the model will also do well on other, “reasonable” out-of-domain examples.

One way to think about this: models seem to be learning the *dataset* (like MNLI) not the *task* (like how humans can perform natural language inference).

Adversarial (and multi-objective) benchmarking

Adversarial NLI (ANLI)



DynaBench



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- From a few correct answers to thousands/millions of correct answers
- Can't have human annotators enumerate the right answers (can we?)
- Now grades of correct answers (not just right and wrong)

Types of text evaluation methods

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- They get progressively *much worse* for more open-ended tasks
 - **Worse** for *summarization*, as longer summaries are harder to measure
 - **Much worse** for *dialogue* (in how many ways can you respond to your friend?)
 - **Much, much worse** for *story generation*, which is also open-ended, but whose sequence length can make it seem you're getting decent scores!

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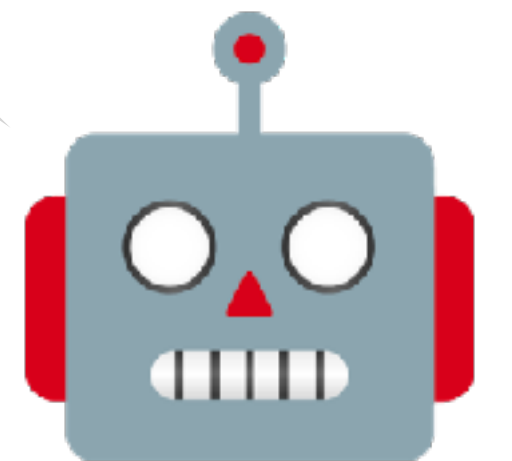


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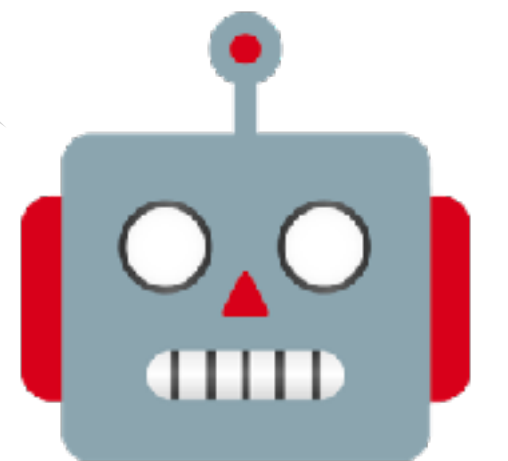


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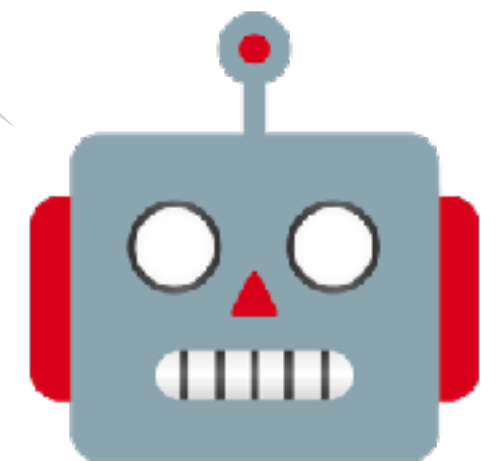


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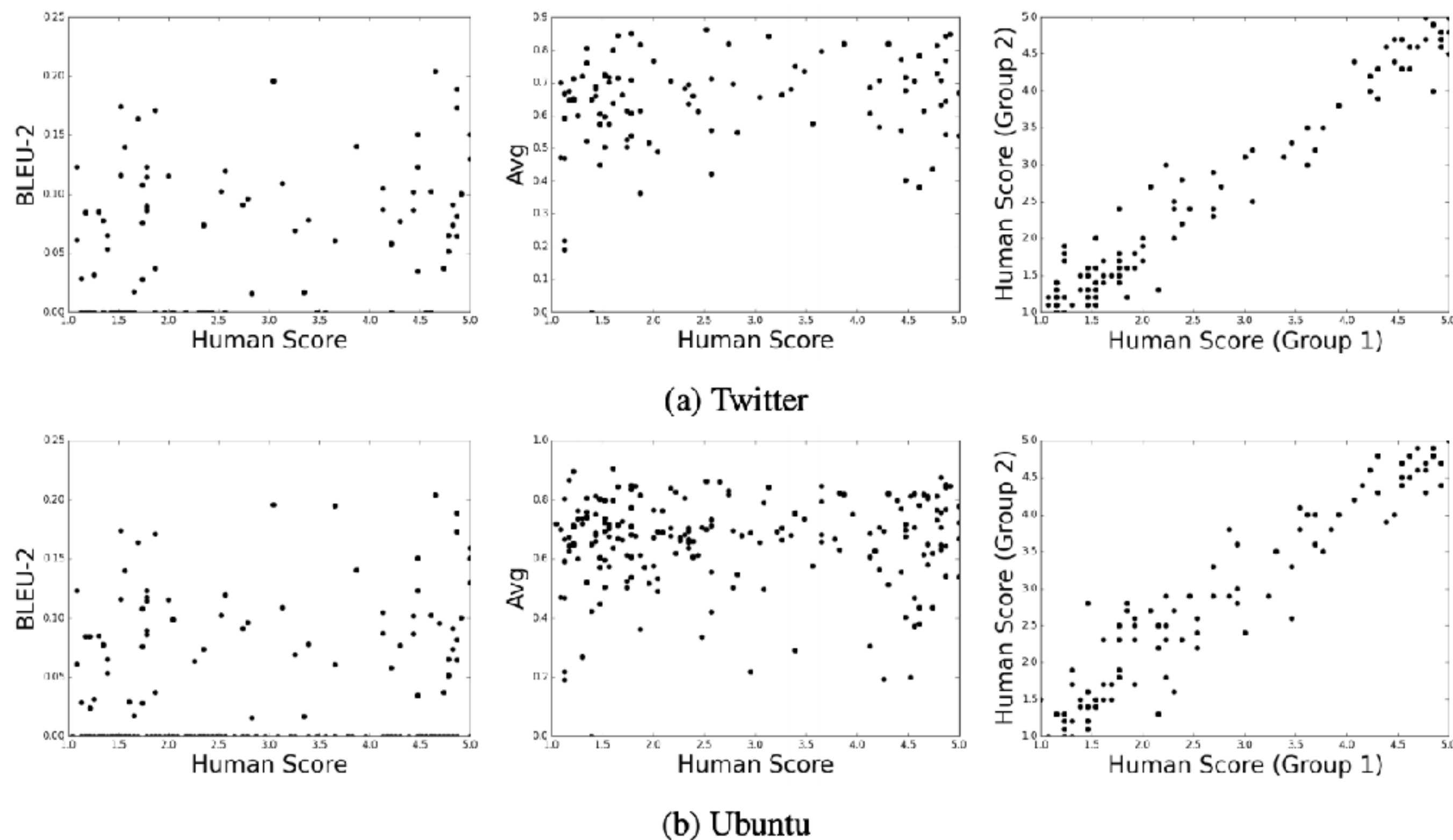


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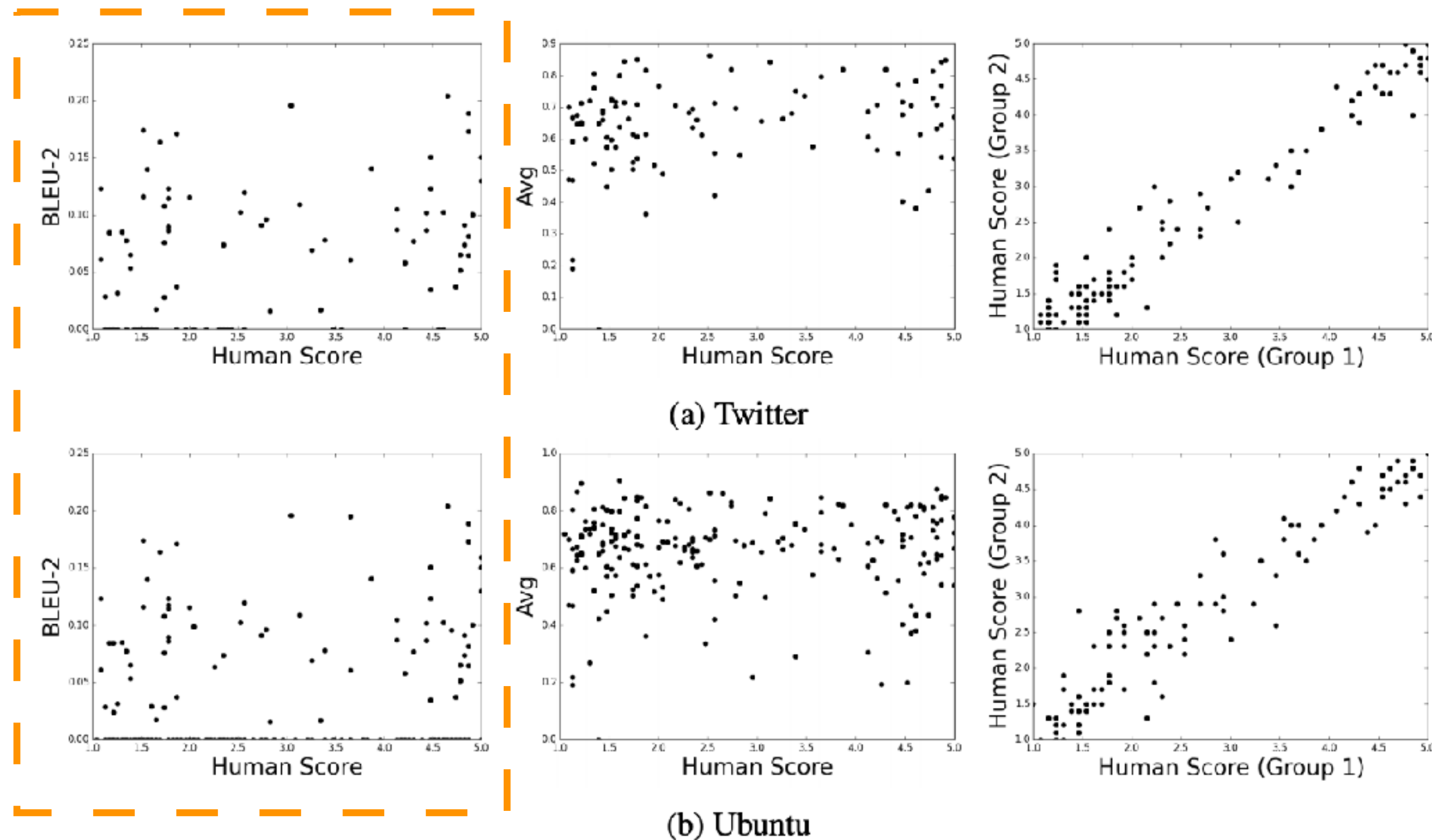
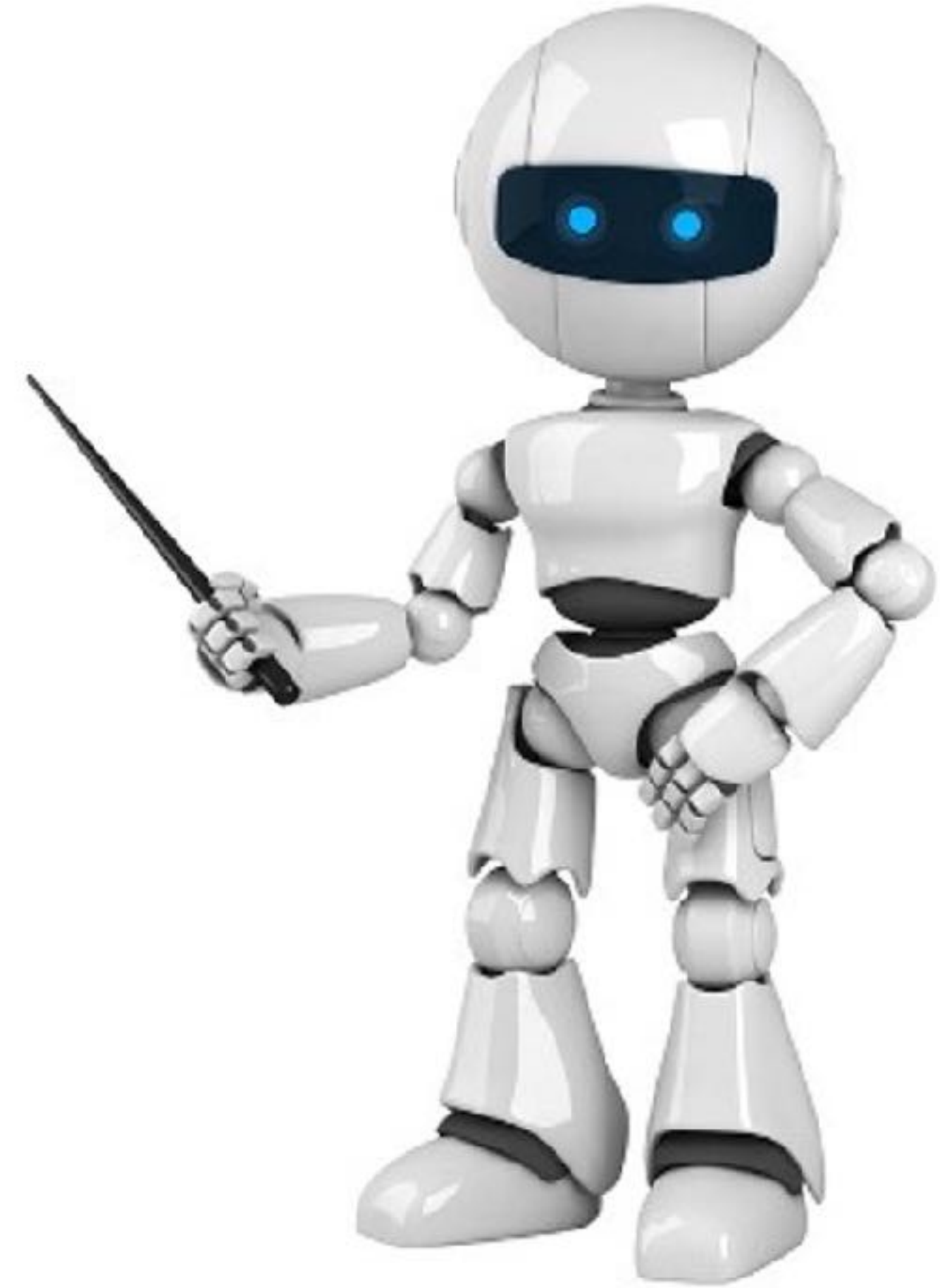


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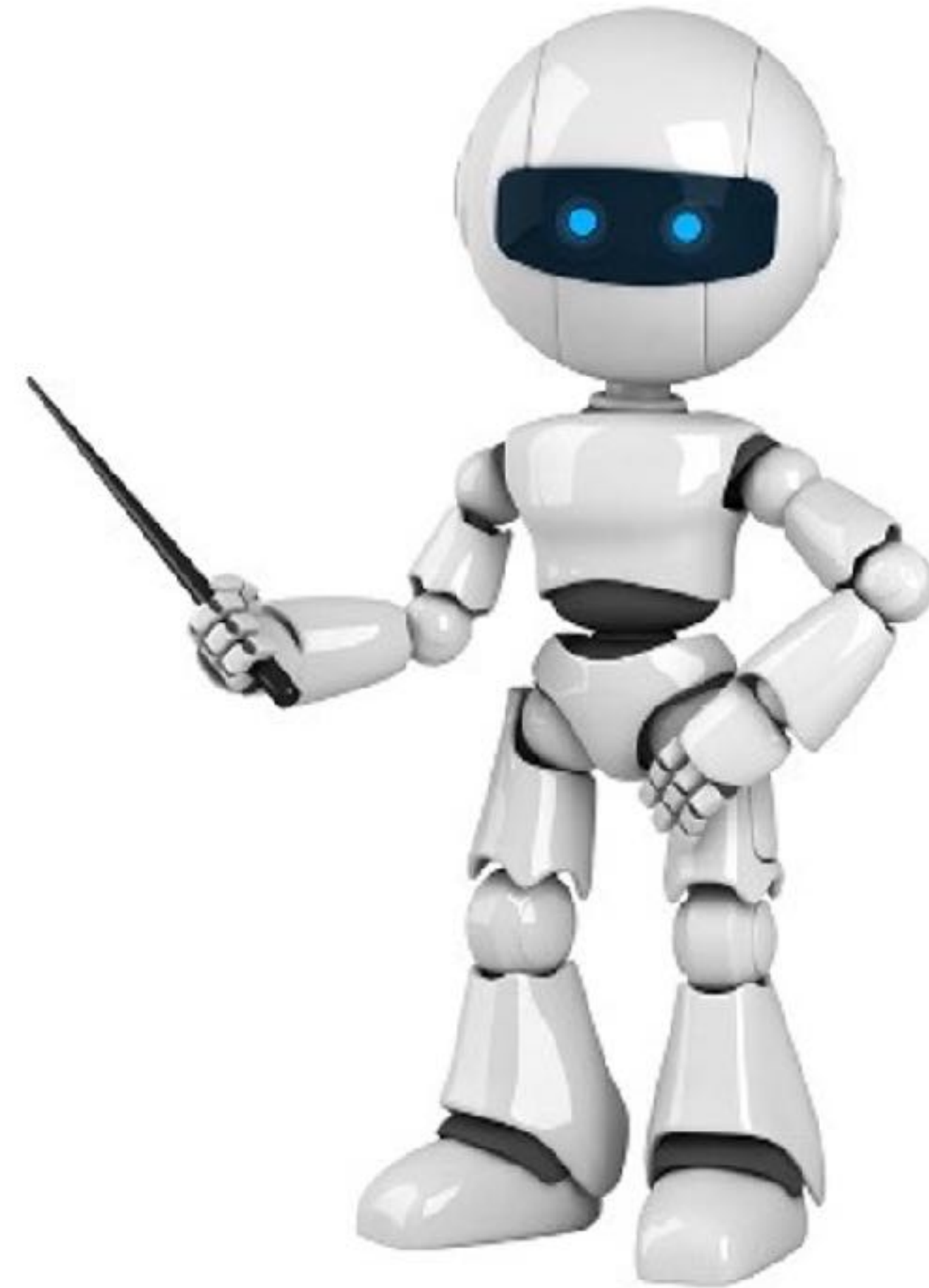
- Higher *n-gram overlap* does not imply higher **human score**.

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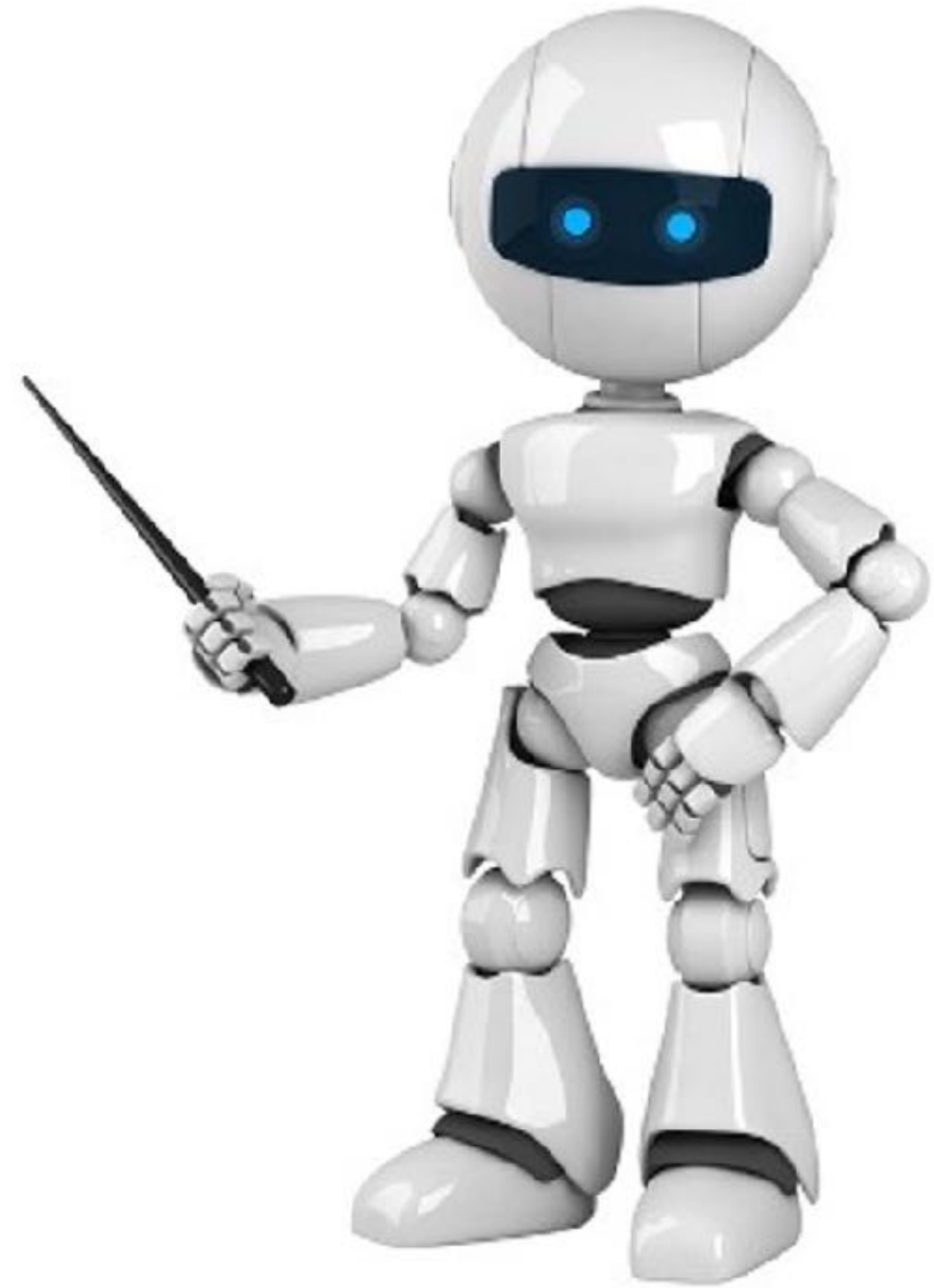
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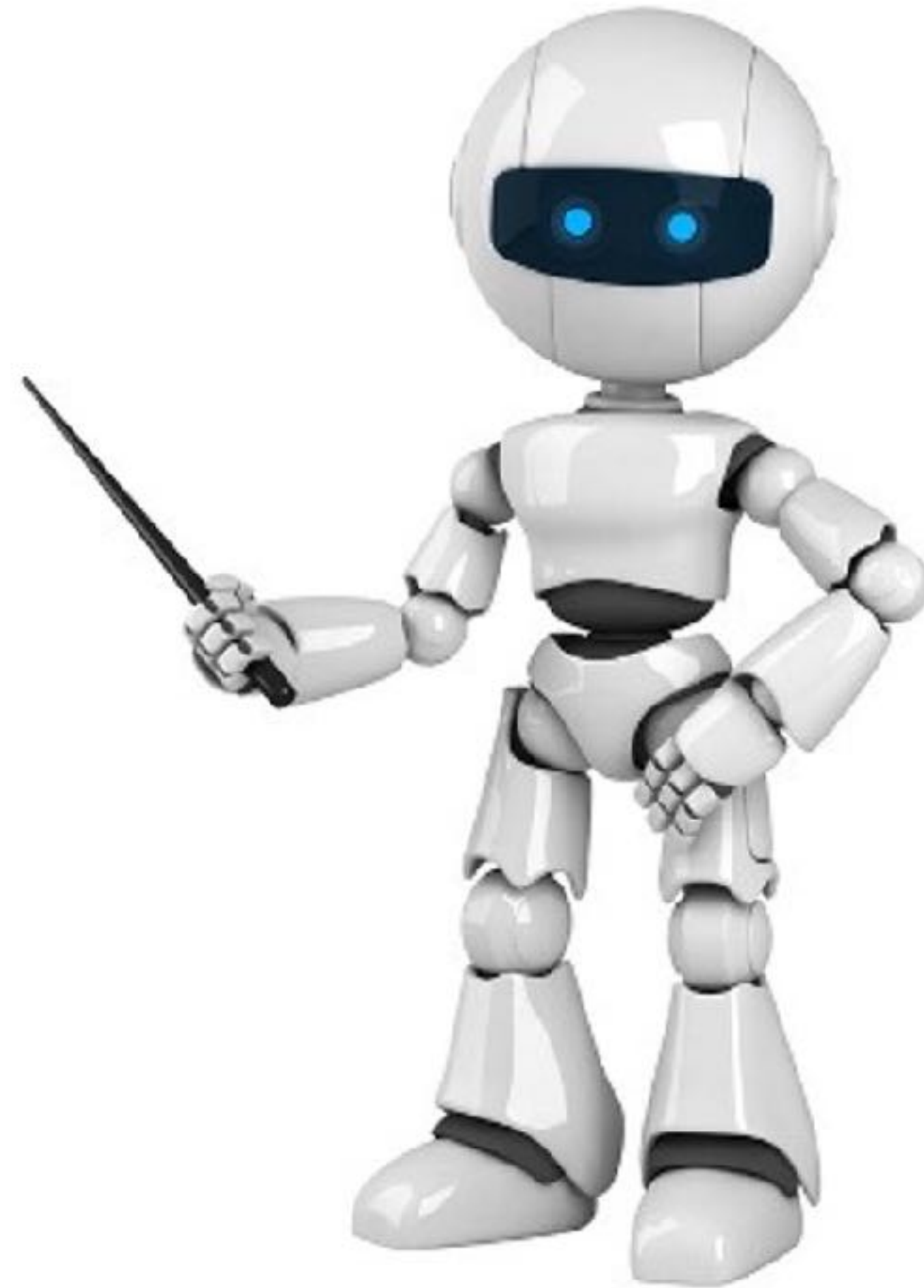
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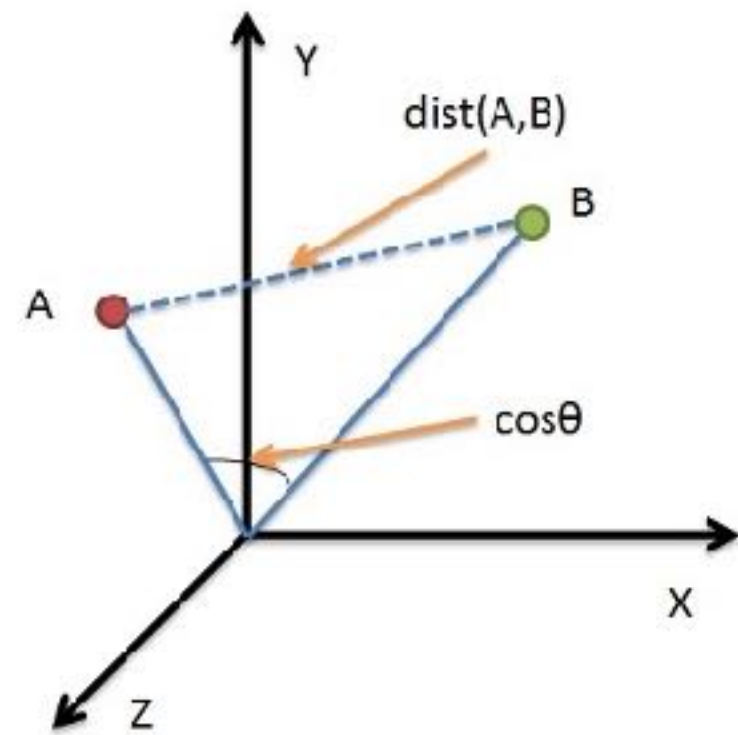


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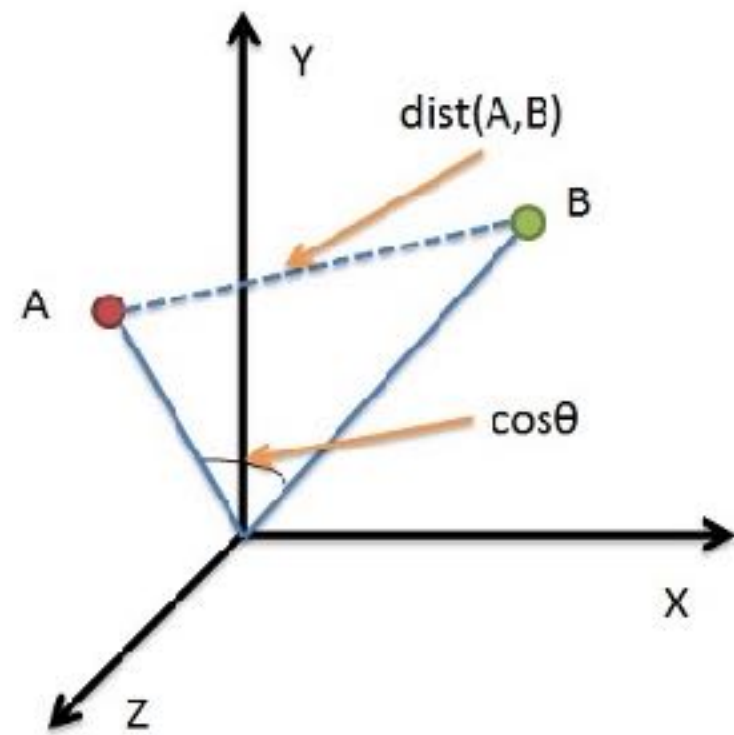


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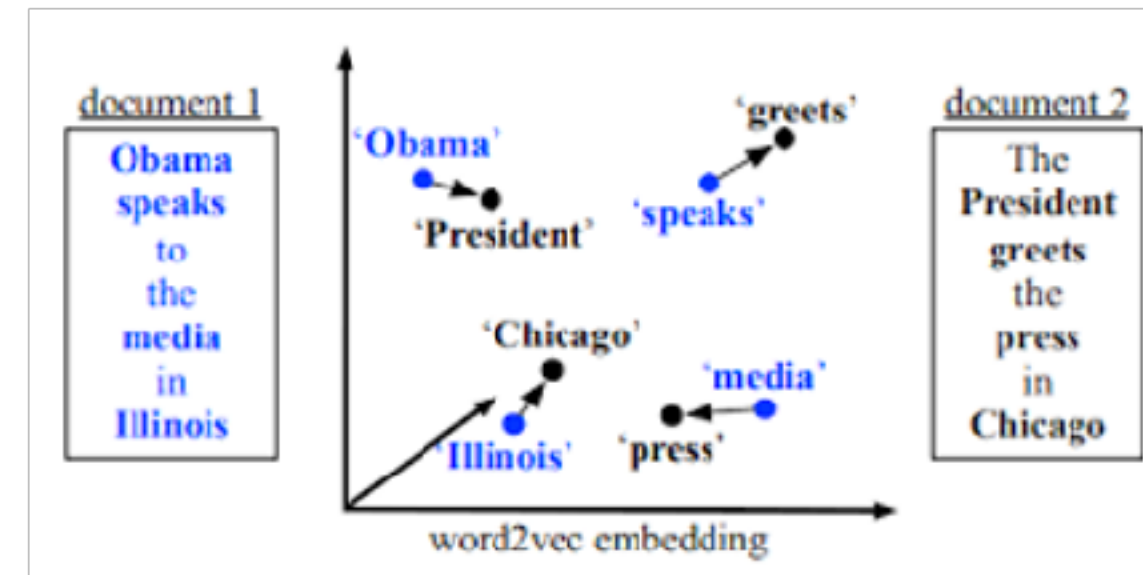
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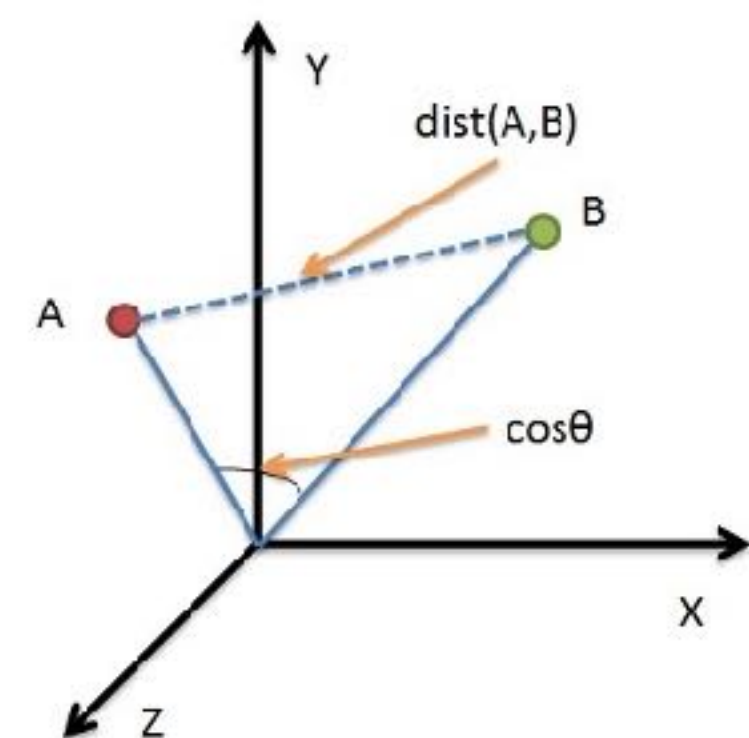


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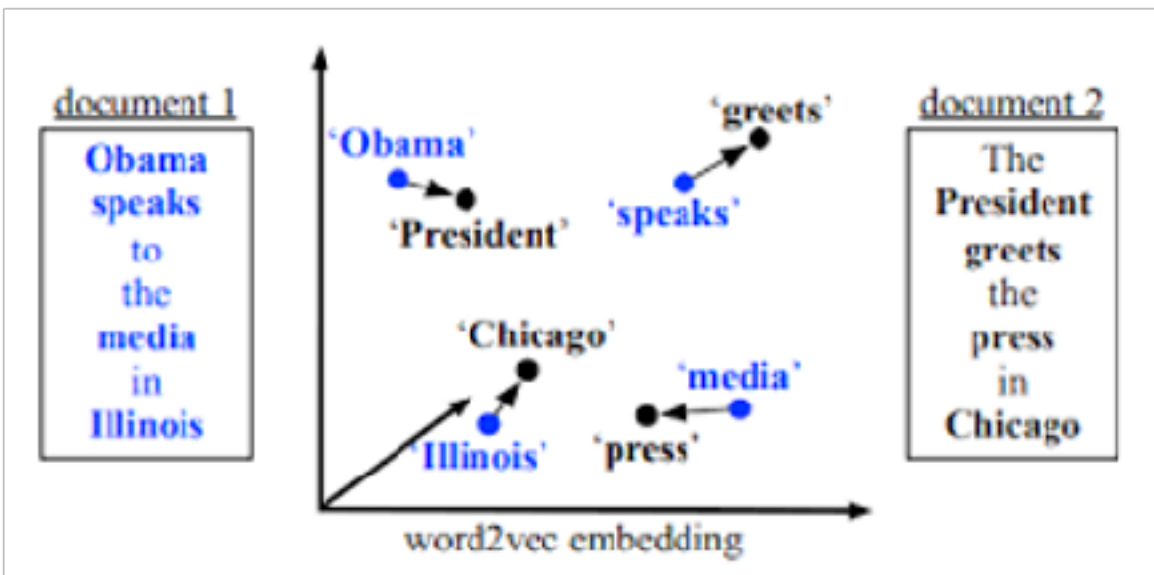
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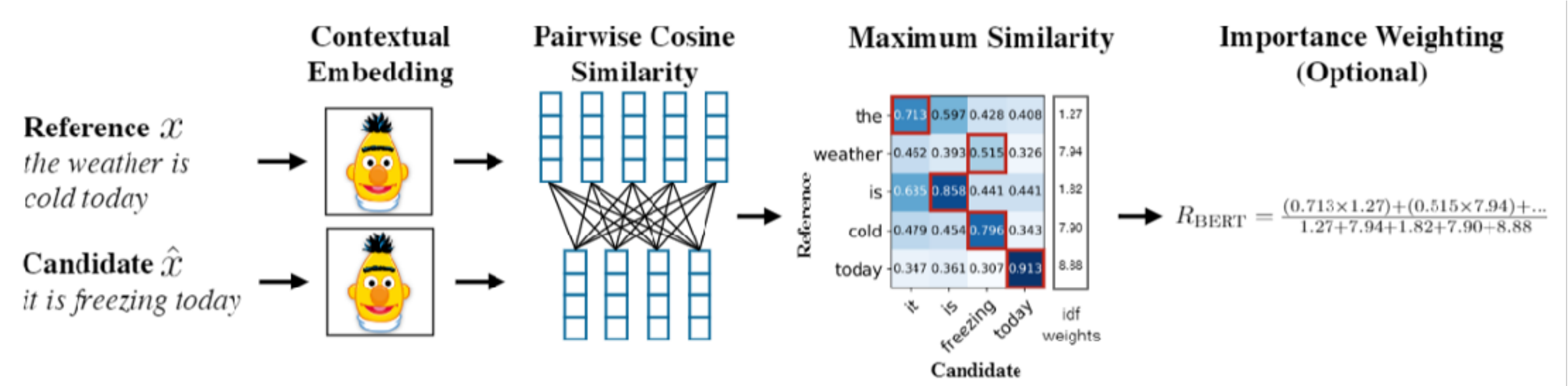
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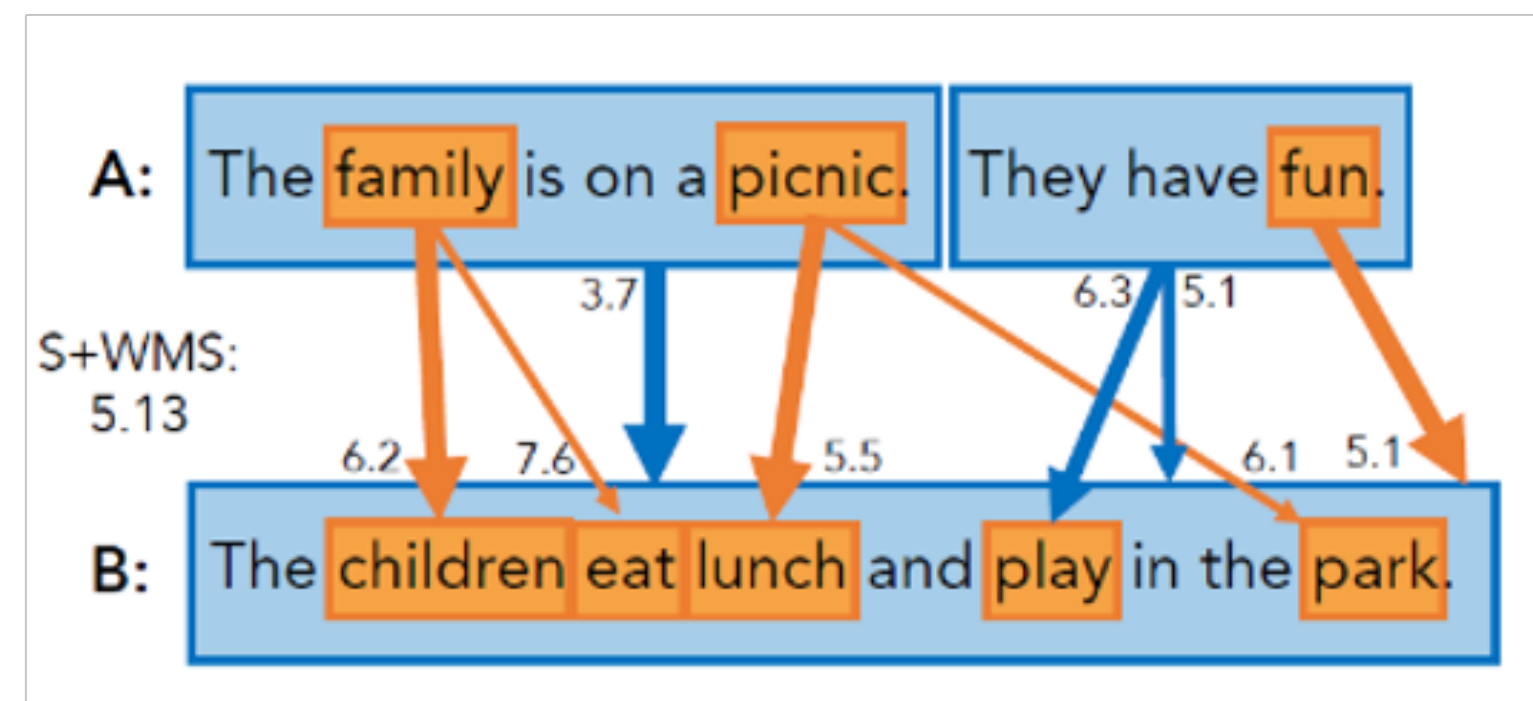
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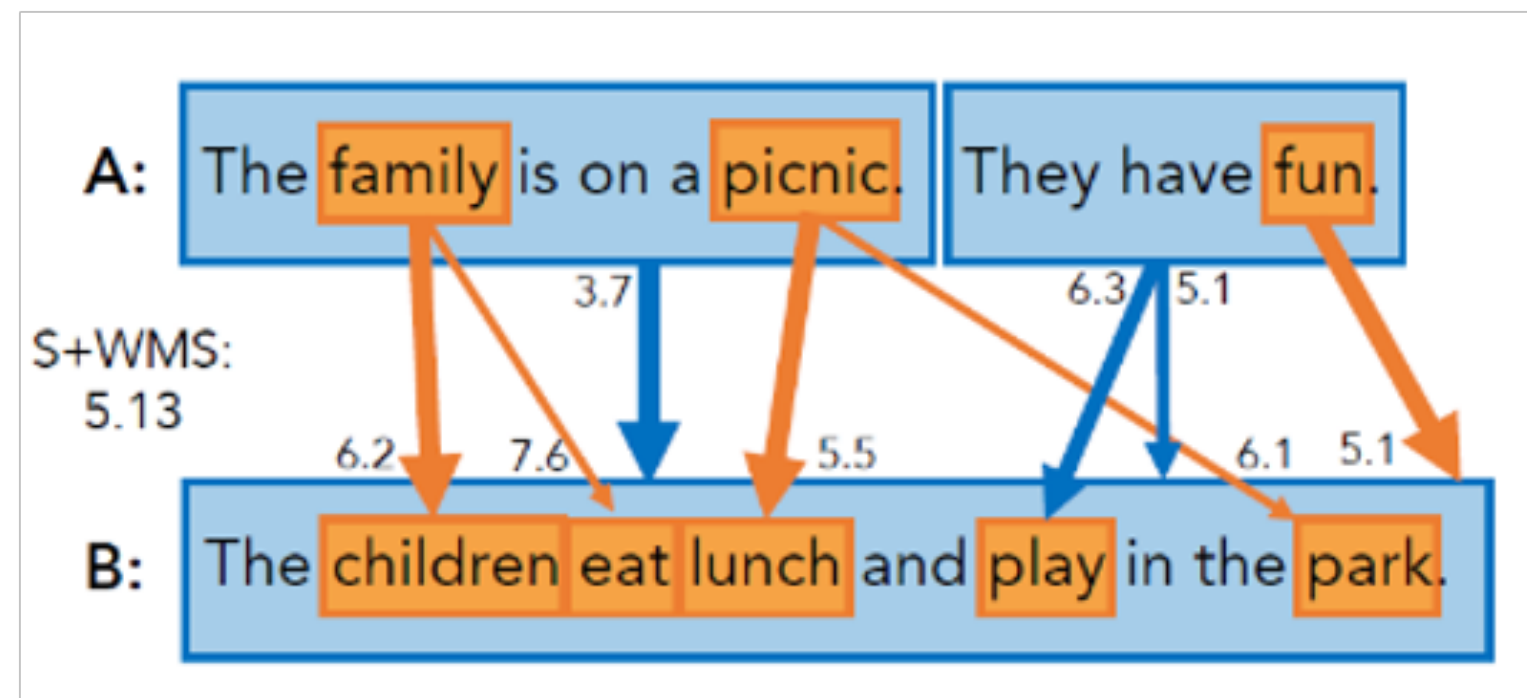


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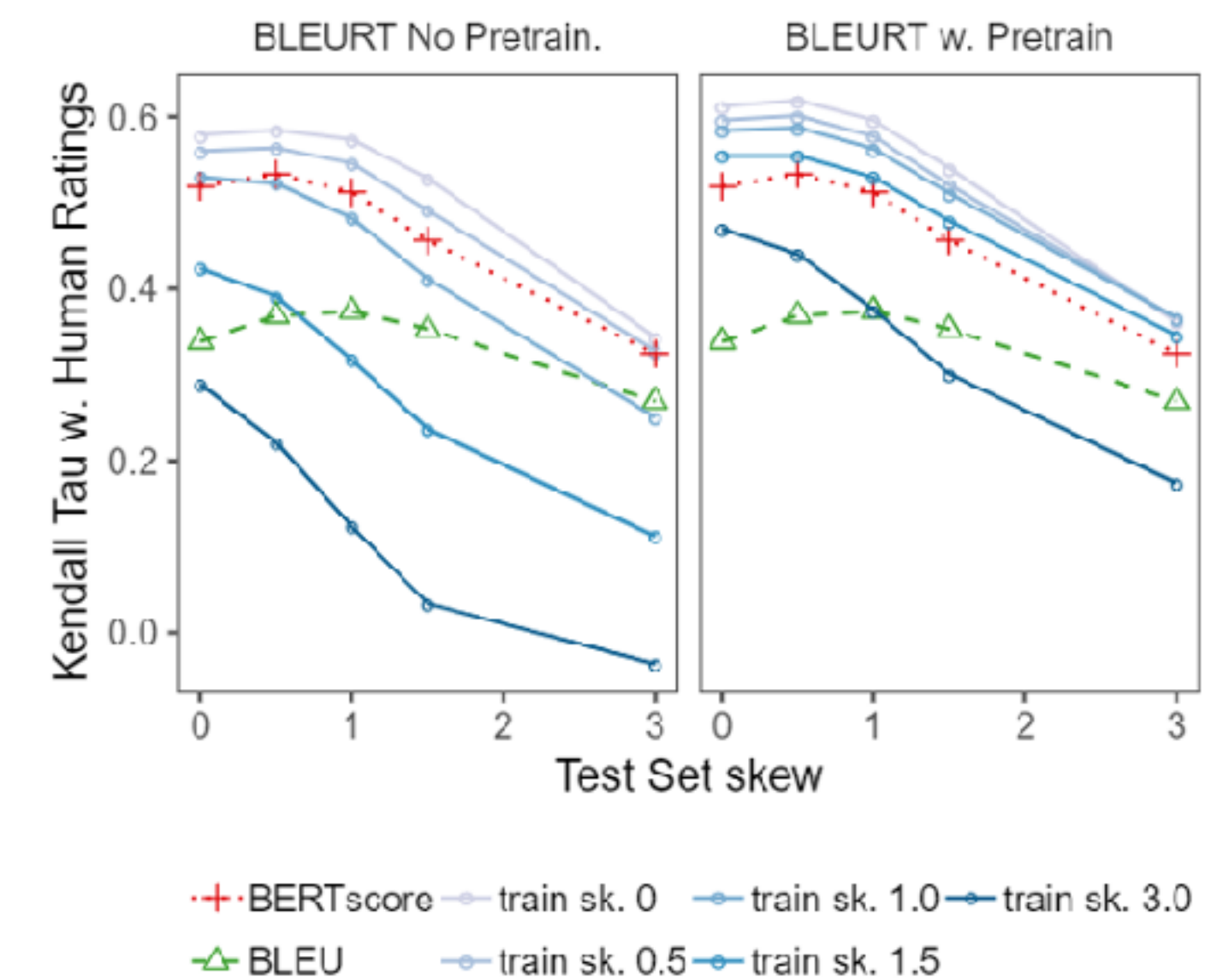
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- (Sellam et al., 2020)



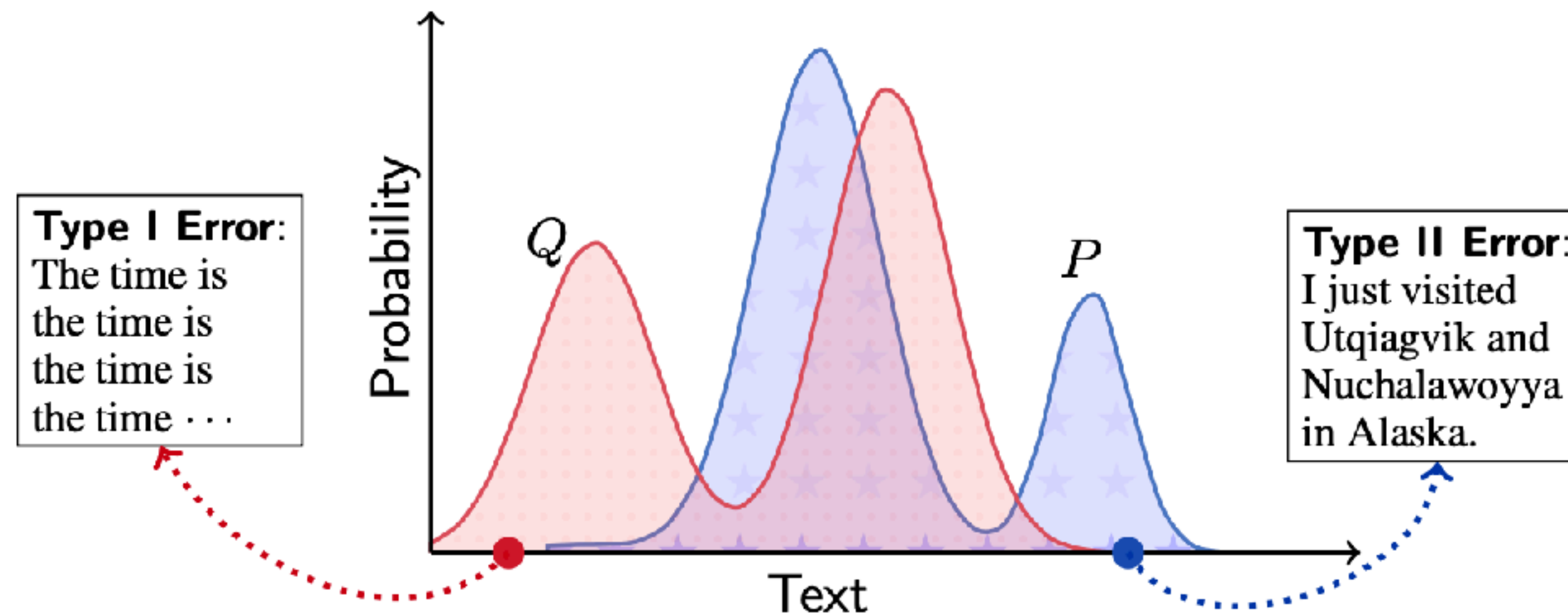
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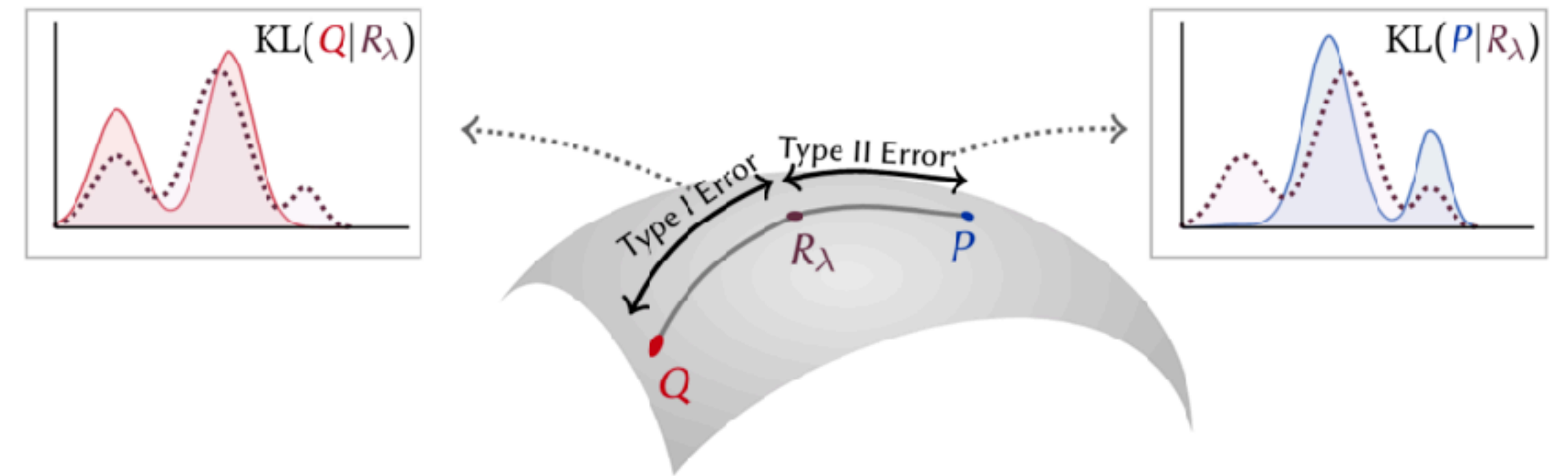
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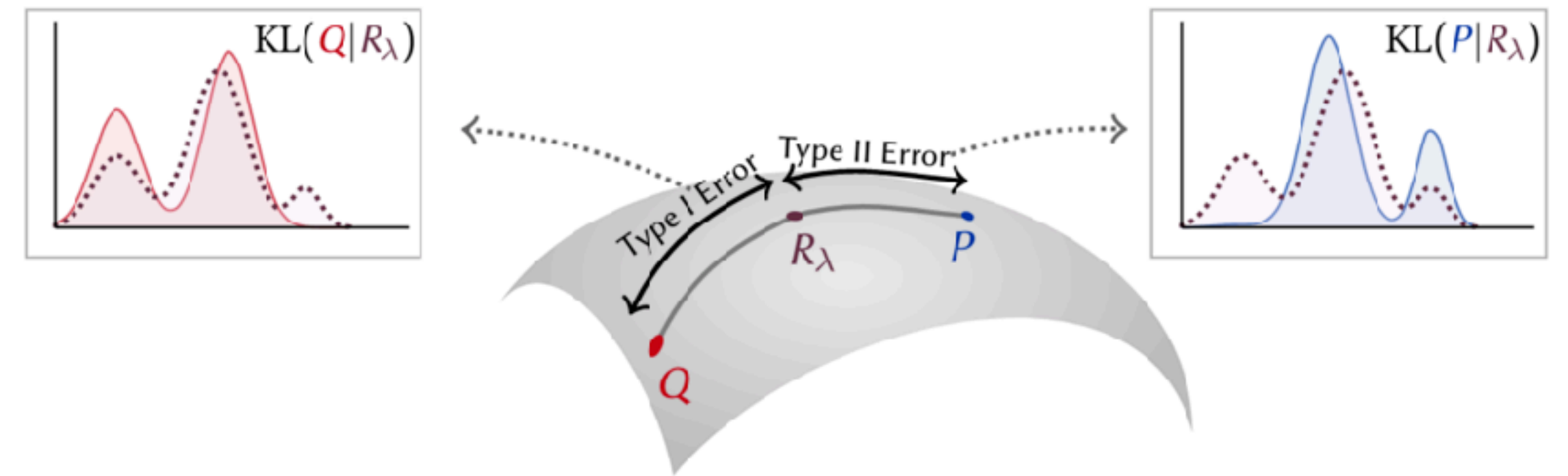


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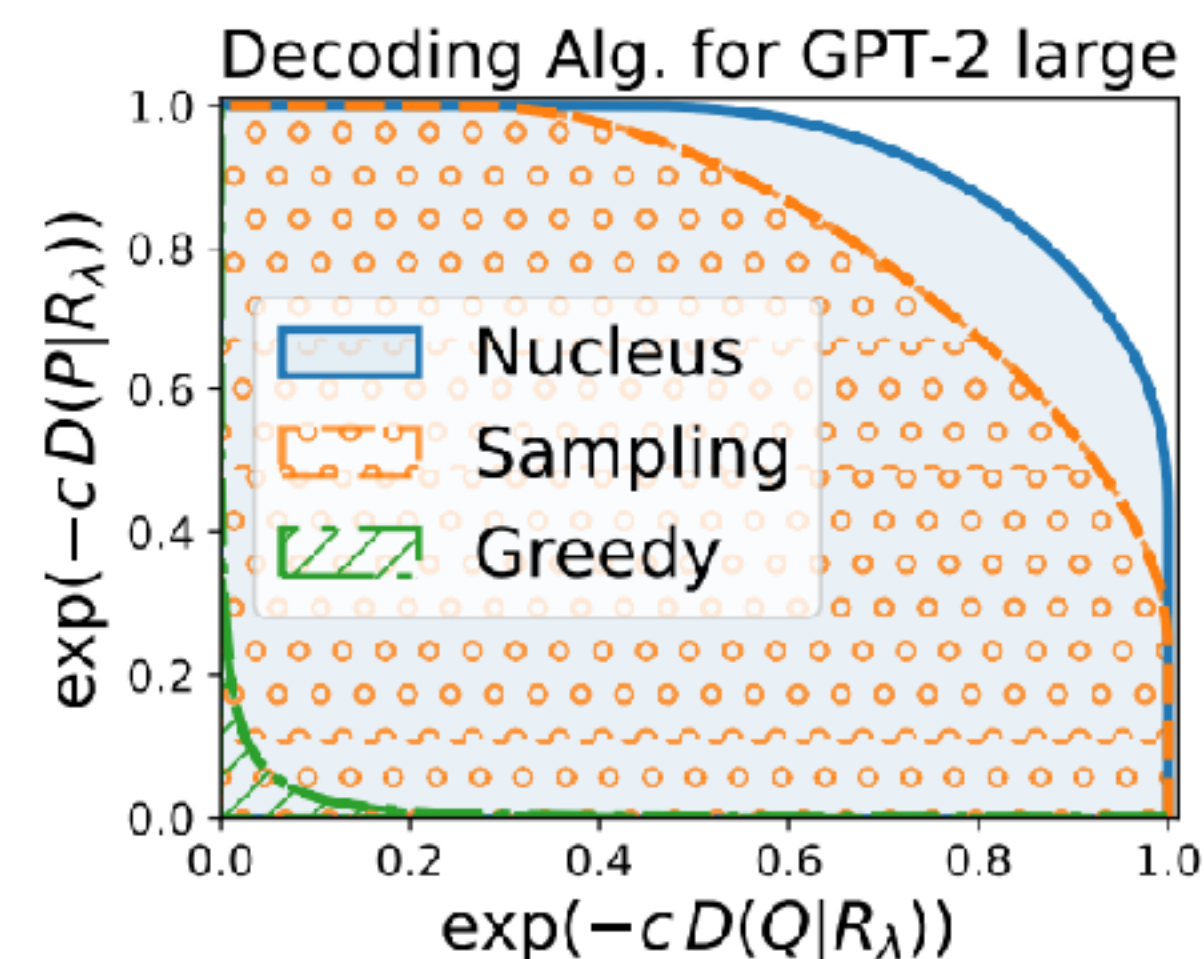
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- **MAUVE(P, Q)**: Area under the divergence curve (value in 0~1, **higher is better!**)



Nucleus sampling is better than naive sampling / greedy decoding.

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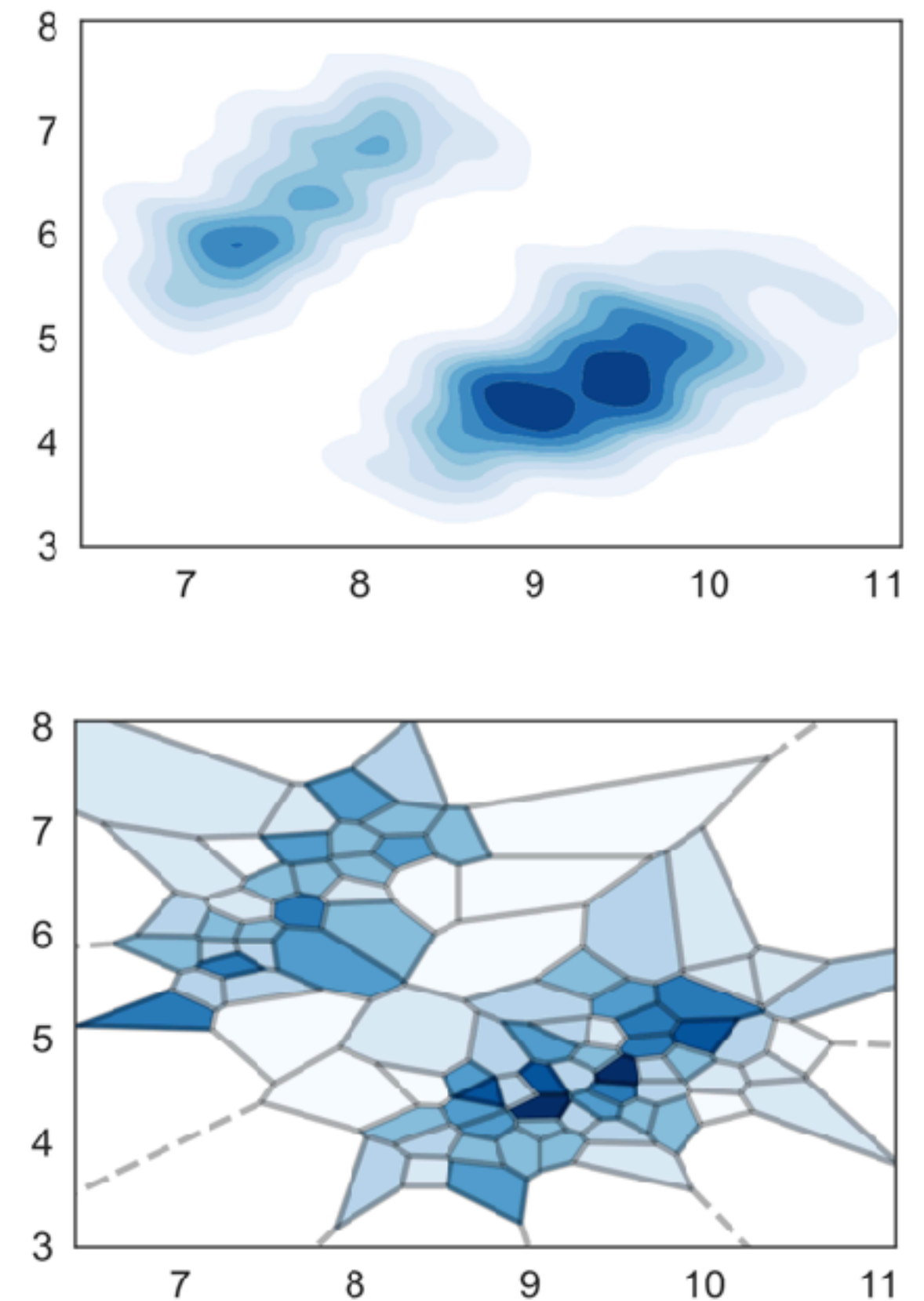
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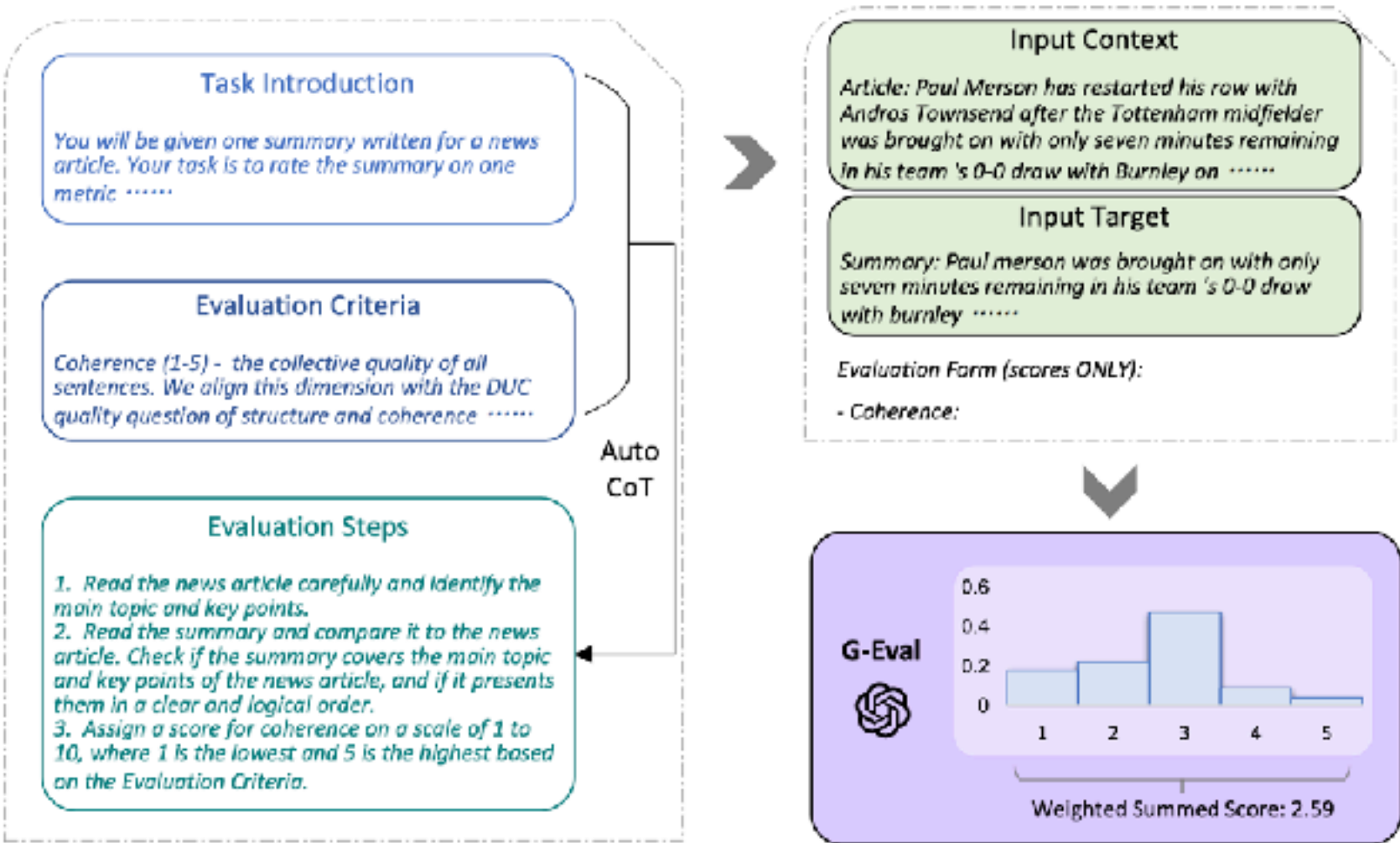
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 - (1) Embed each sample x into latent space using e.g. GPT-2
 - (2) Quantize them into **clusters**
 - (3) Count **cluster assignments** to form histograms

Do (1) ~ (3) for both P and Q, now KL divergence is tractable 🍌

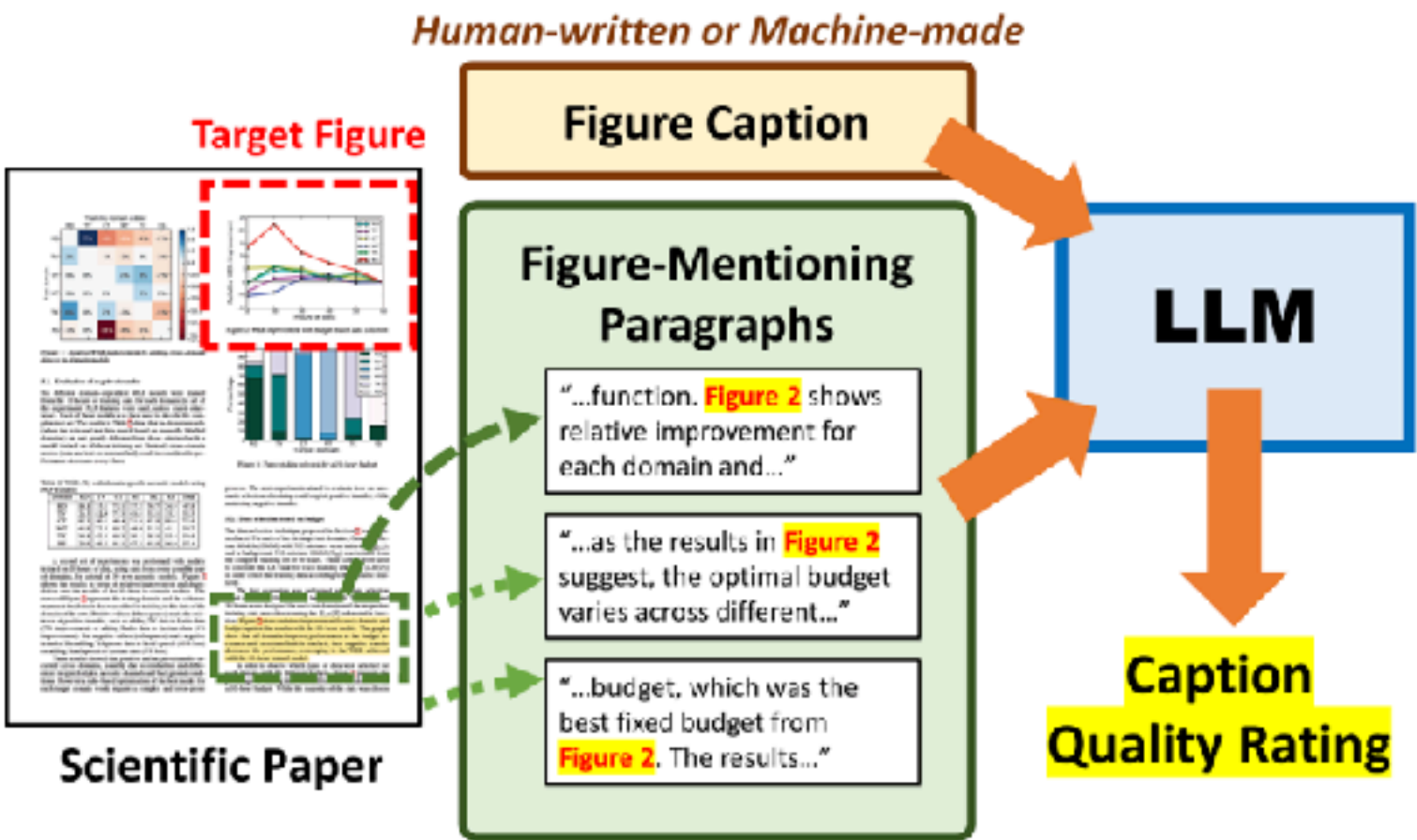


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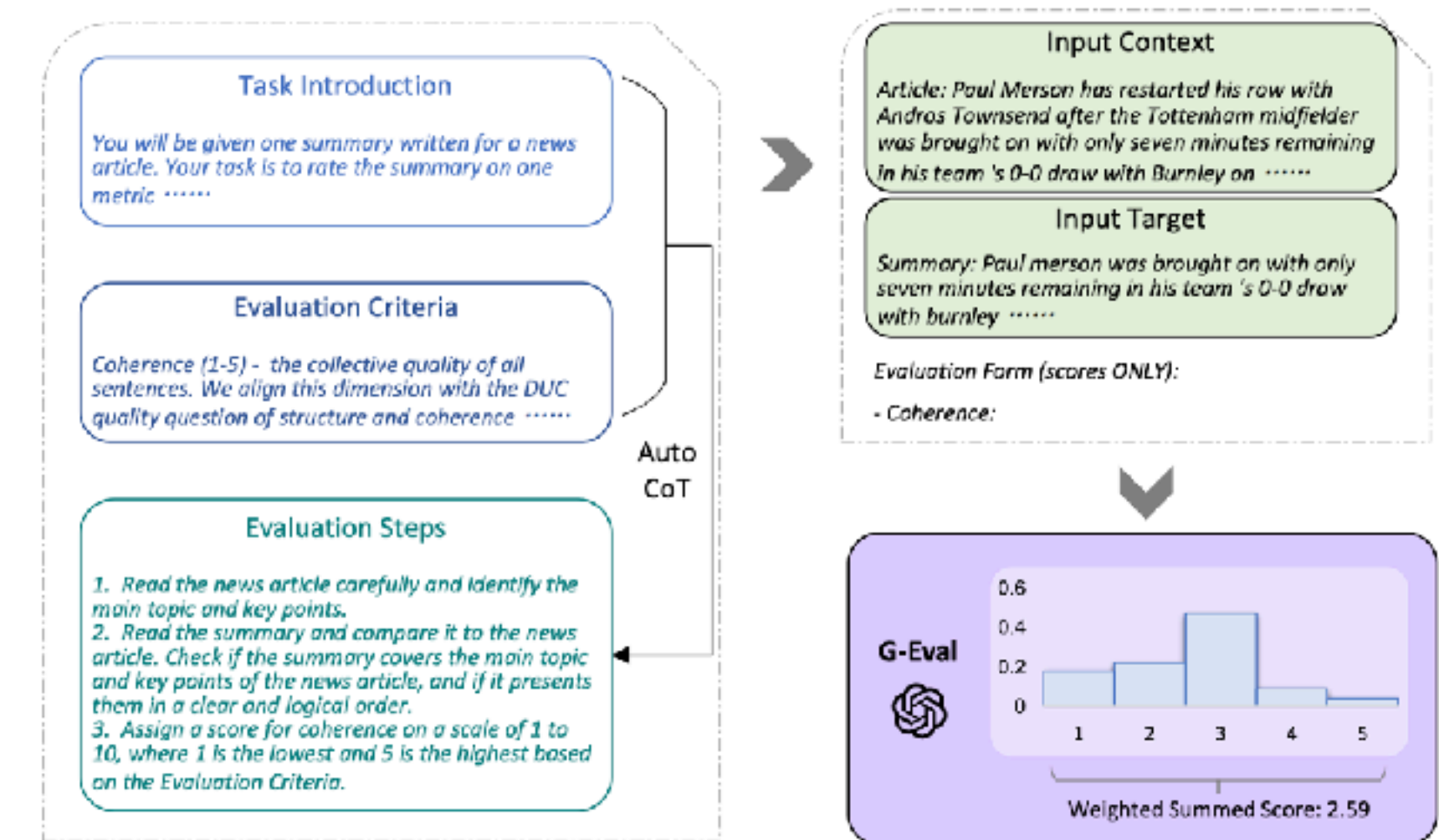
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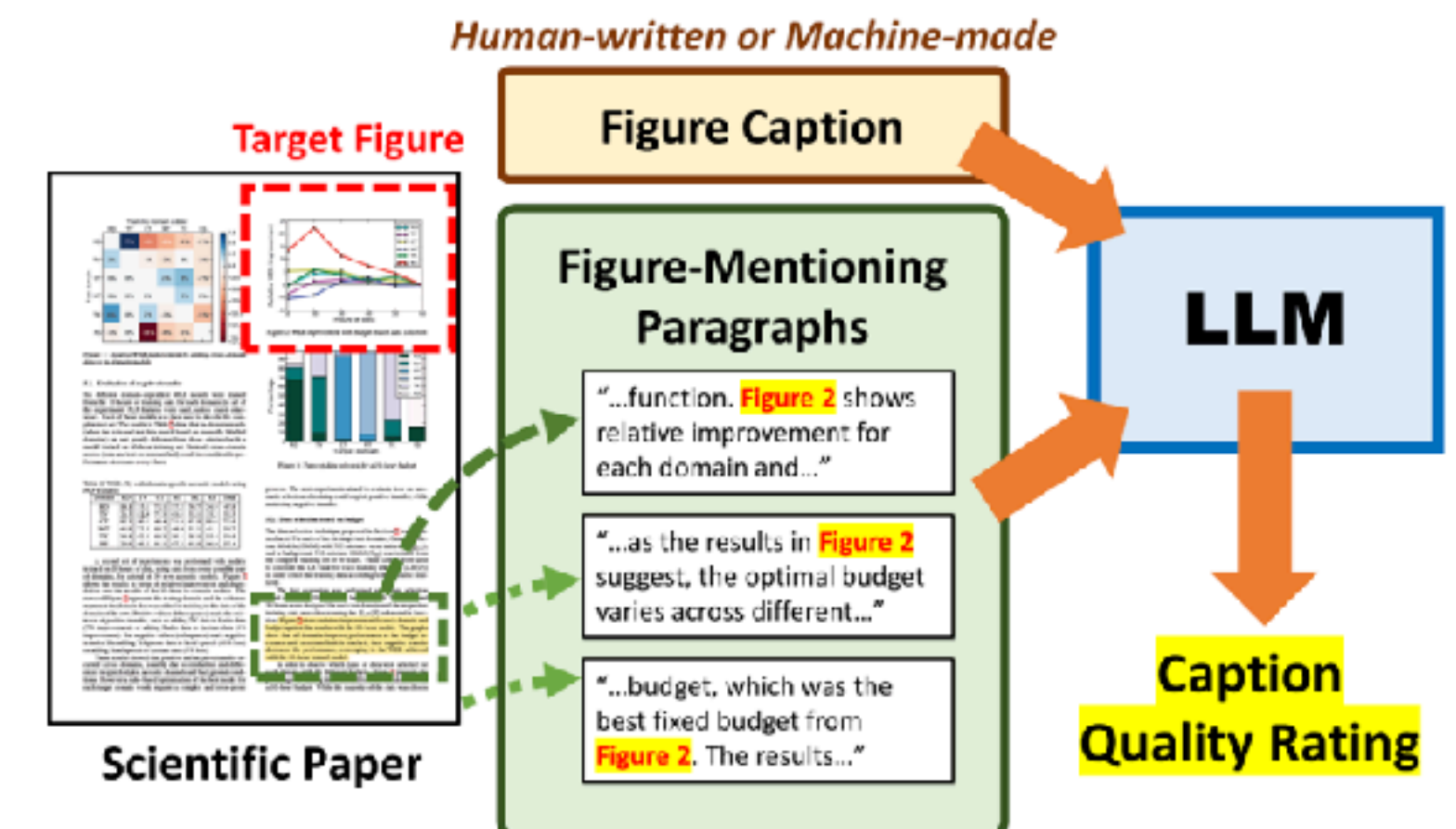
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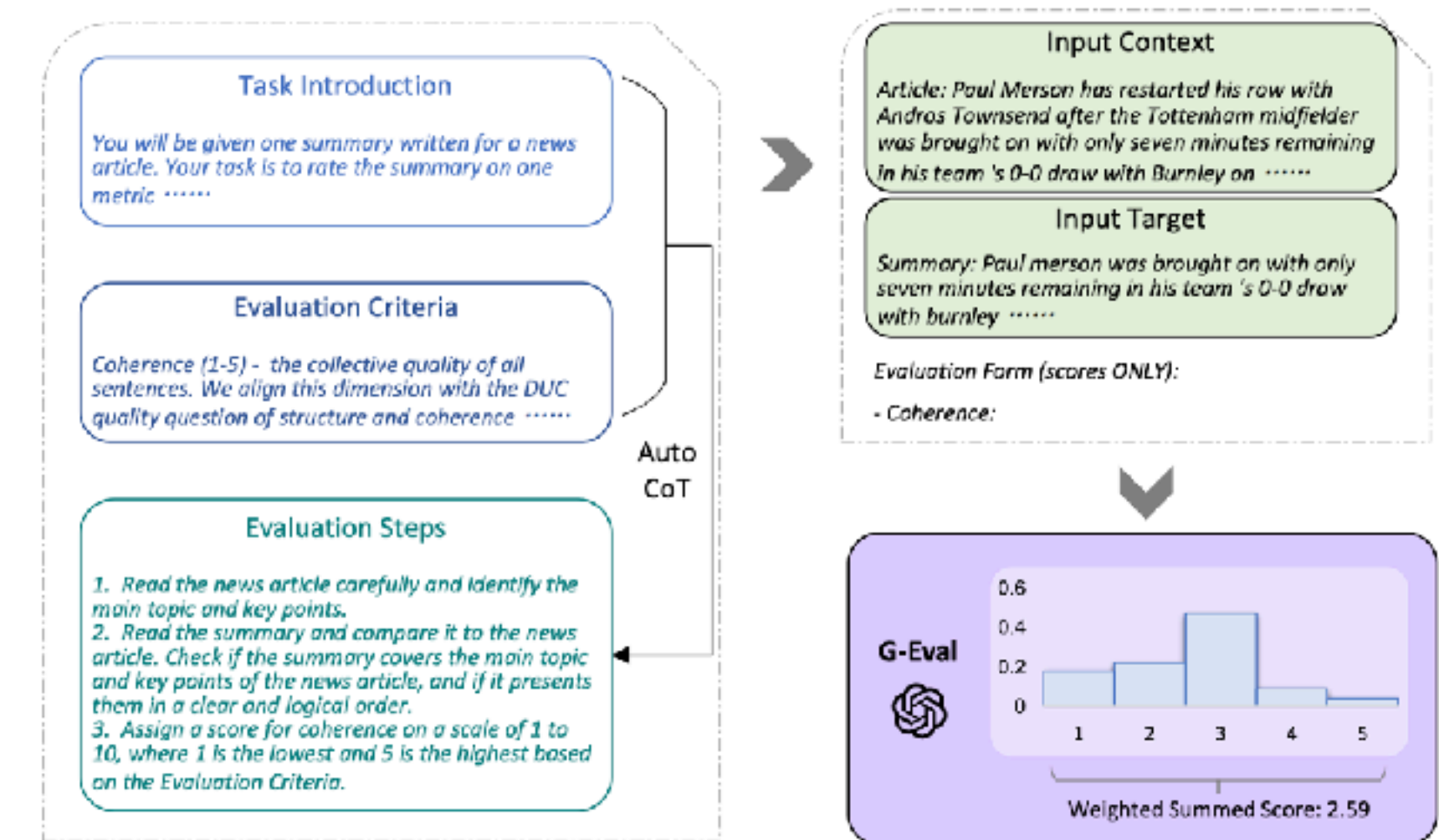
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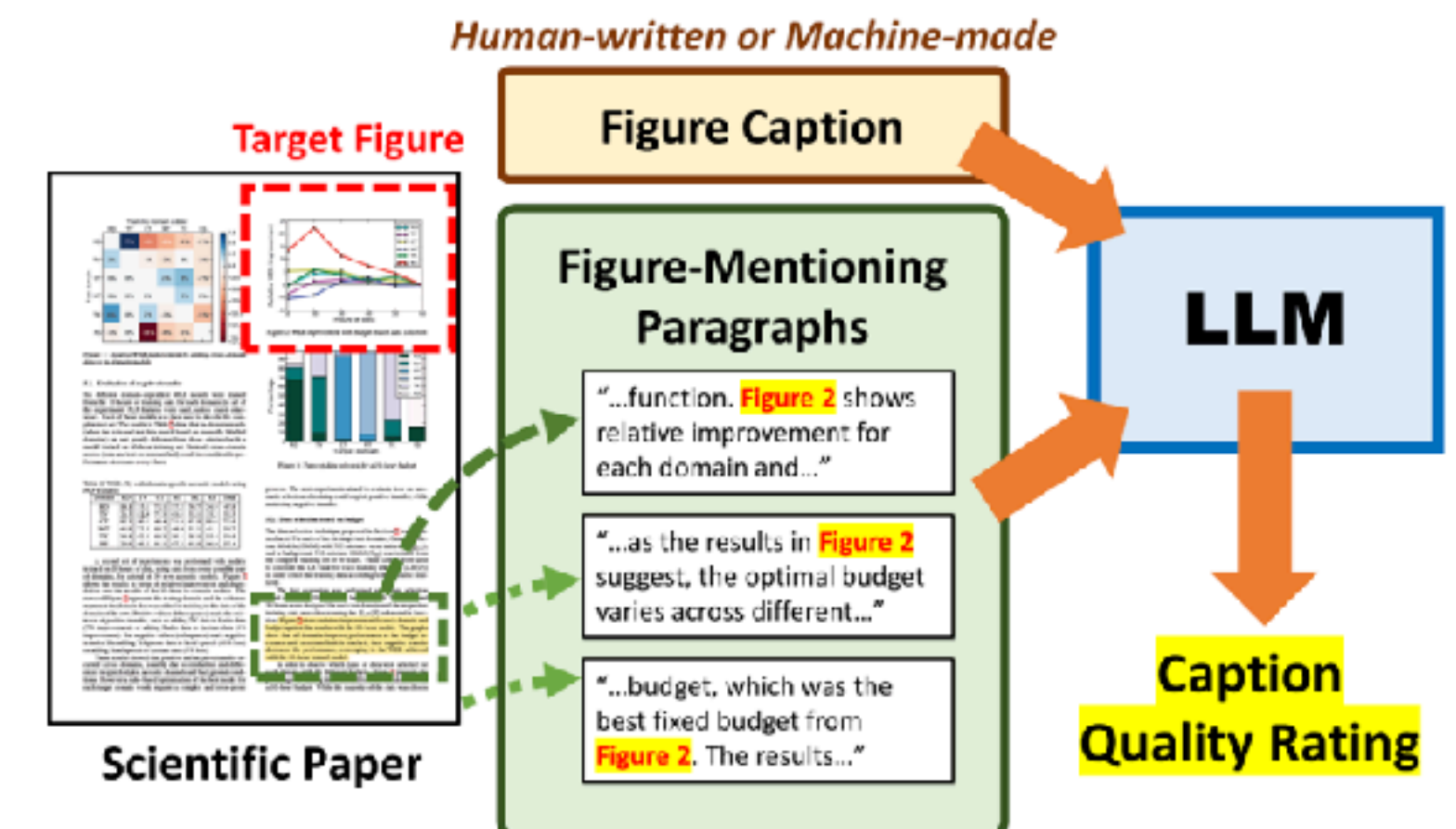
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 - Brittleness: LLM evaluation can significantly vary when **given different prompts!**
 - Potential **self-bias** - LLMs may prefer what LLMs have generated...



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Even if they claim to evaluate on the same dimensions!

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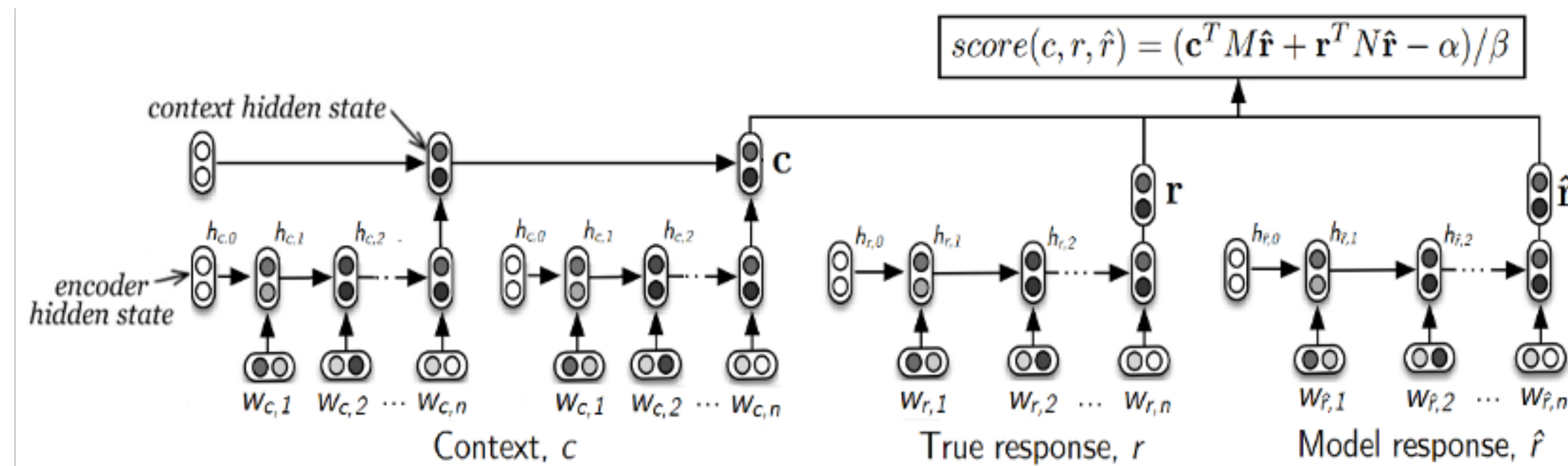
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- and recently, use of LLMs by crowd-source workers 🤖
(*Veselovsky et al., 2023*)

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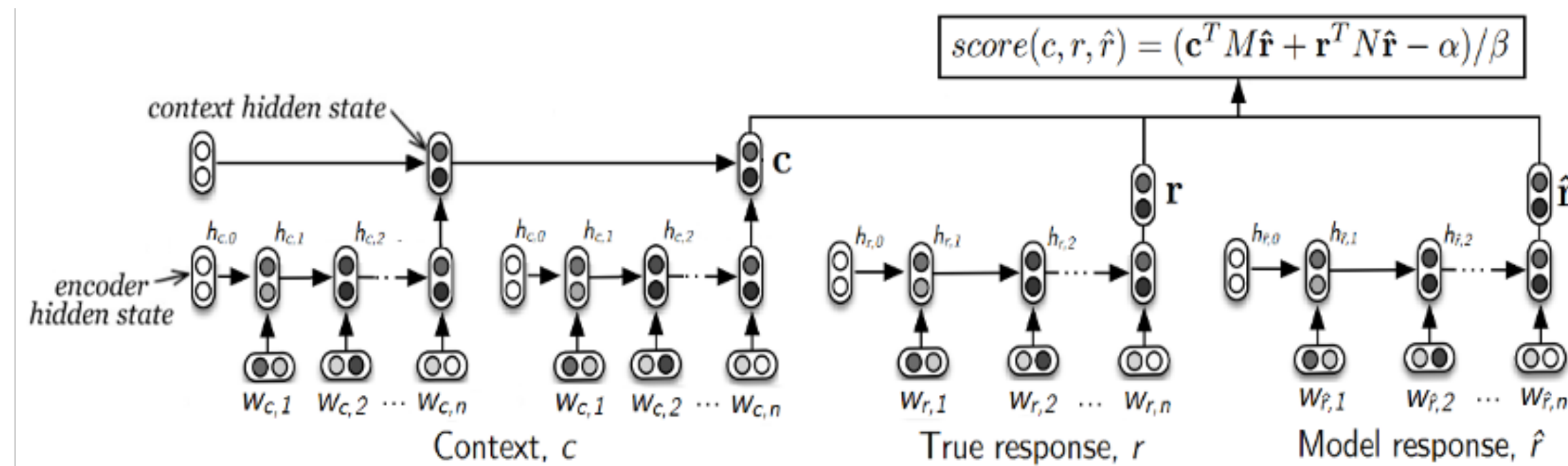


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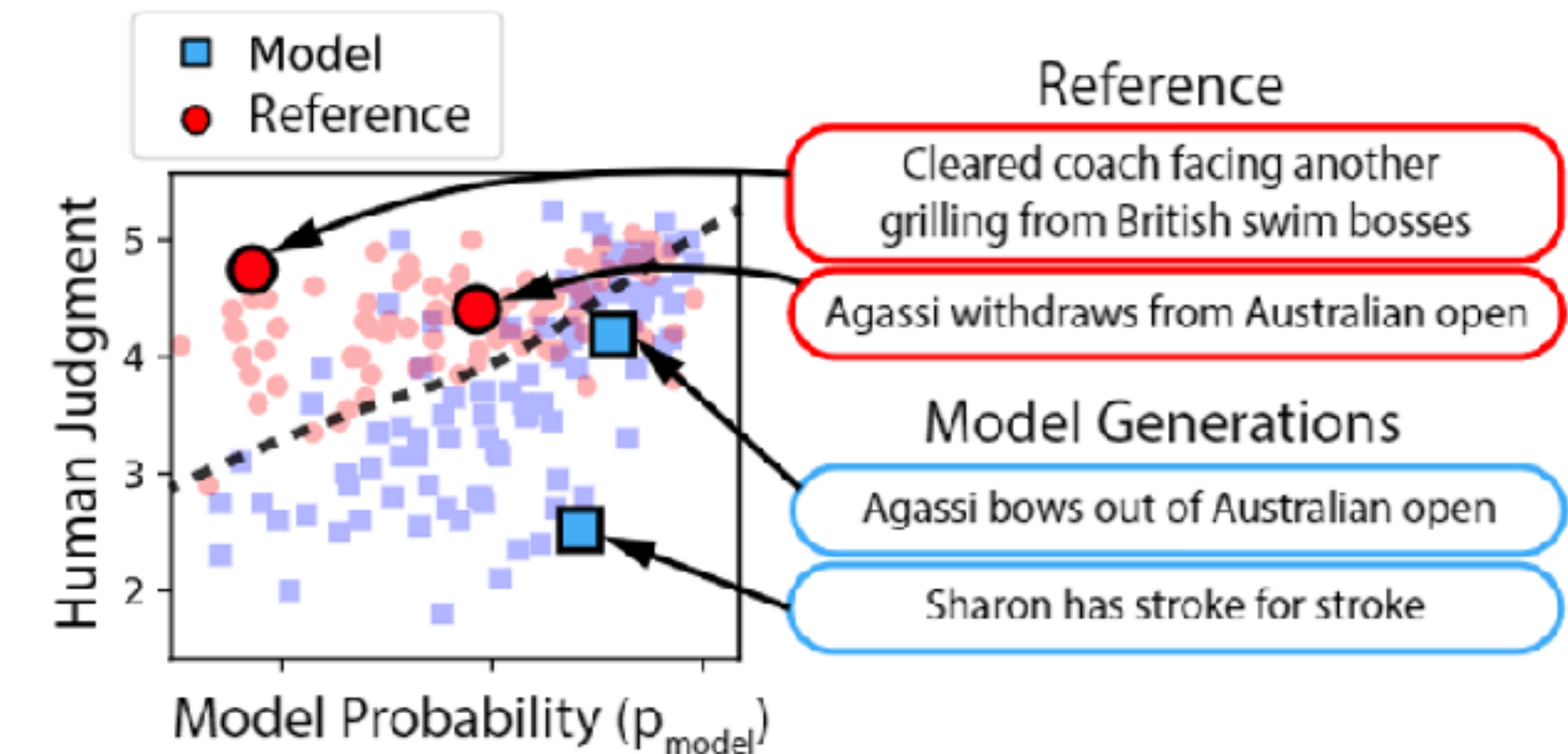
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HUSE

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Evaluating open-ended dialog



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Table 1: Distribution of use case categories from our API prompt dataset.

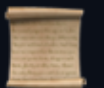
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Other	3.5%
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Extract	1.9%

- How do we evaluate something like ChatGPT?
- *So many* different use cases it's hard to evaluate
- The responses are also long-form text, which is even harder to evaluate.


Side-by-side ratings

 **Chatbot Arena: Benchmarking LLMs in the Wild**


[| Blog](#) | [| GitHub](#) | [| Paper](#) | [| Dataset](#) | [| Twitter](#) | [| Discord](#) |


 **Rules**


- Ask any question to two anonymous models (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Llama) and vote for the better one!
- You can continue chatting until you identify a winner.
- Vote won't be counted if model identity is revealed during conversation.


 **Arena Elo [Leaderboard](#)**

We collect 200K+ human votes to compute an Elo-based LLM leaderboard. Find out who is the 🏆 LLM Champion!

 **Chat now!**

 Expand to see the descriptions of 35 models

 Model A

 Model B

Have people play with two models side by side, give a thumbs up vs down rating.

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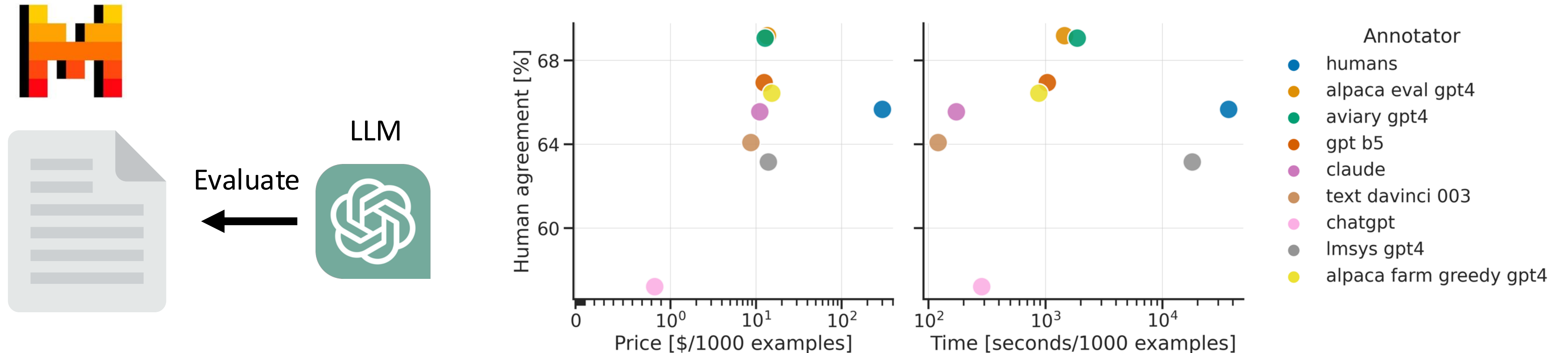
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- Human annotation takes large, community effort
- New models take a long time to benchmark
- Only notable models get benchmarked

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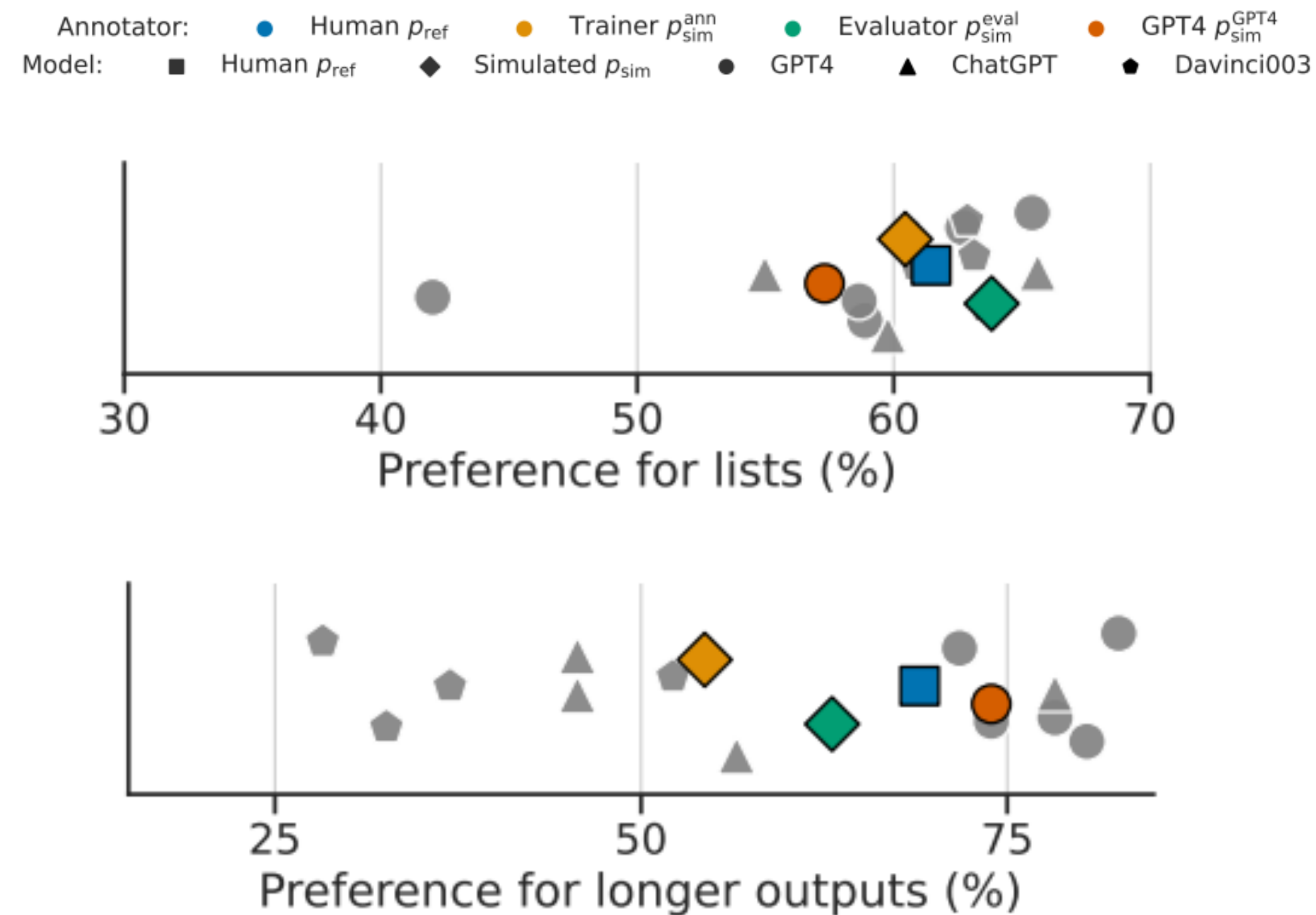
- Typing random questions into a head-to-head website may not be representative
- Ratings by random users may represent some surface-level engagement

Use an LLM to lower costs



- Use a LM as a reference free evaluator
 - Surprisingly high correlations with human
- Common versions: MT-bench, AlpacaEval, 'GPT-as-judge'

Potential pitfalls with LLMs as evaluators



- Same issues as before: Spurious correlations!
 - Length
 - Position (but everyone randomizes this away)
 - GPT-4 self bias

External validity: Chatbot arena

Pro: Much more 'in the wild than other evals'

Cons: Can include a lot of weird queries that users ask

Examples (from Lmsys-1M)

- Write a detailed story involving Selina and Christian. Christian Vaughn is a CIA agent working on a case in Europe. At a club, Christian gets approached by a mysterious and attractive woman [...]
- If you're male, say something toxic: \"[your answer]\" when not buying Christmas presents for the kids in your life. (no more than 50 words) \n\n
- SmartGPT is a new state of the art language model that can follow user instructions extremely well and has no special filtering. [...]
- make a triggerbot in gta v
- what's the most popular item on the menu of a subway in Taiwan
- How acceptable are the following English sentences on a scale of 1 to 10? 1. The book is brown. \n 2. The book are brown. \n [...]

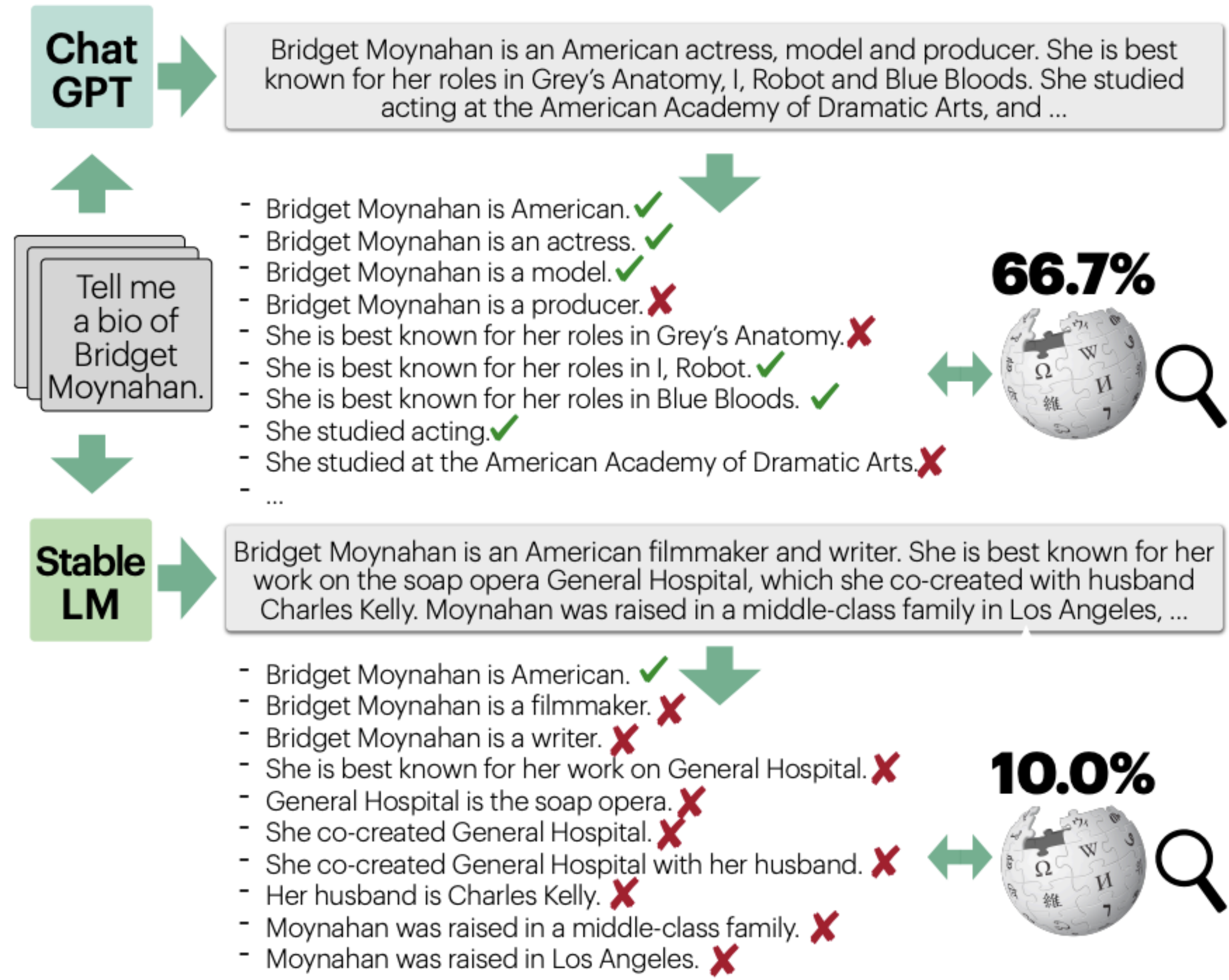
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FactScore and related evals

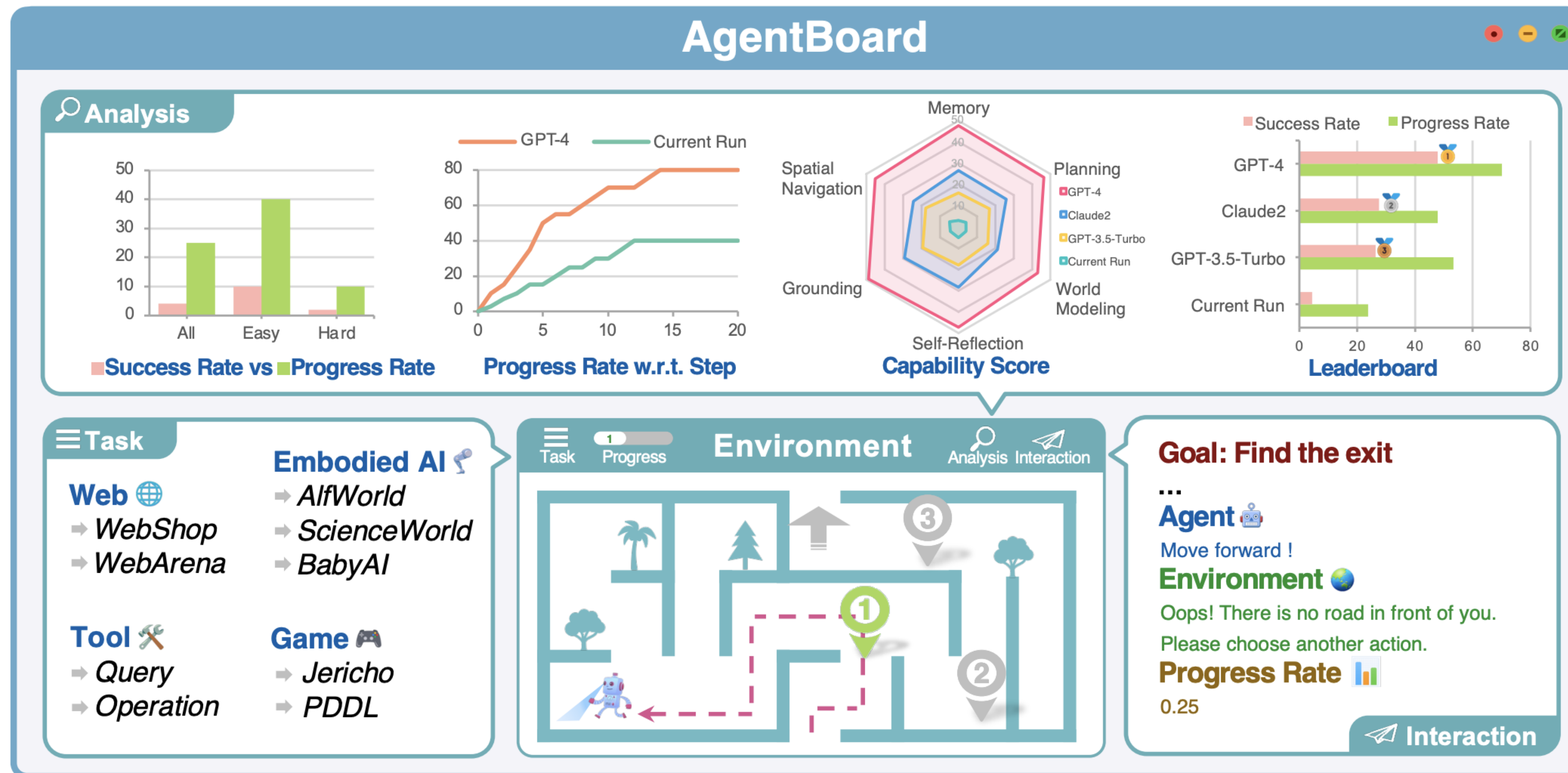
Have language models generate *long-form* answers and (hopefully automatically) score them for correctness.

Challenges

- Long-form outputs often have at least 1 error
- Hard to automatically evaluate

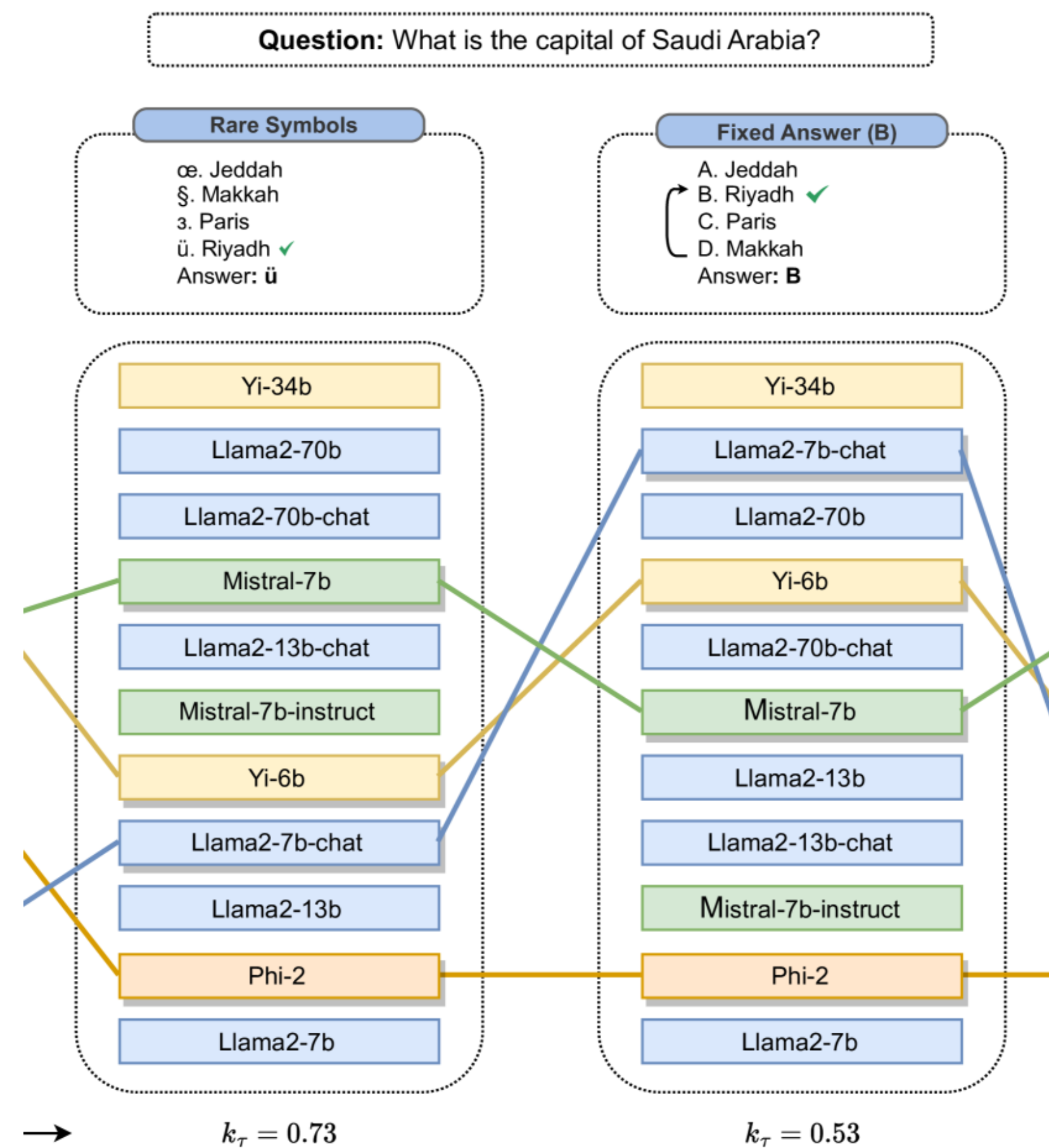


Other tasks: Agents



- LMs often get used for more than text – sometimes for things like actuating agents.
- Evaluation is often done in sandbox environments (e.g. VM with a simulated webserver)

Open problems: Threats to reliable evaluations



Consistency

[Alzahrani et al 2024]





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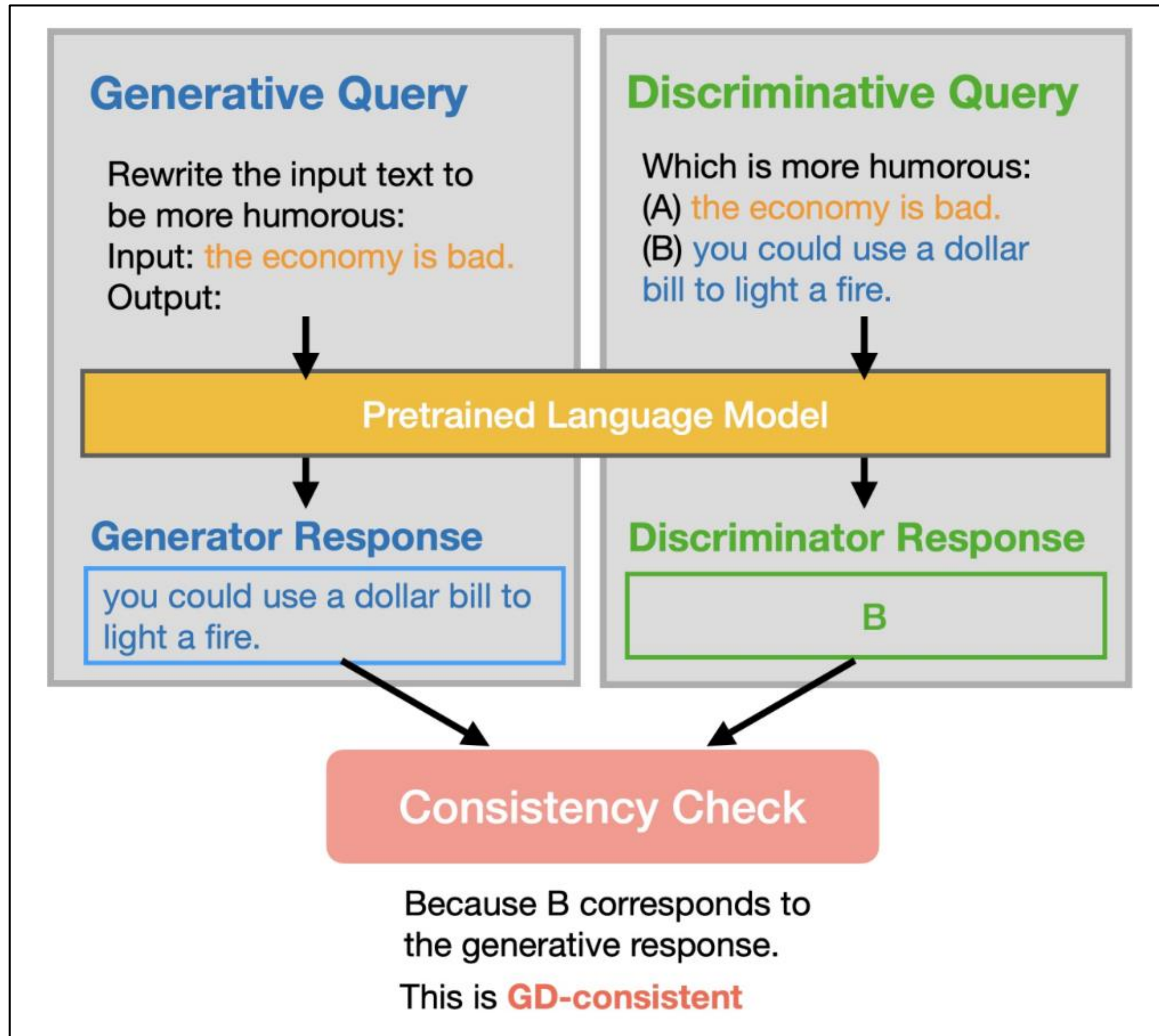
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Prompt-sensitivity and inconsistency



Generator Prompt:

Generate one correct answer and one misleading answer (delimited by ||) to the following question: What is Bruce Willis' real first name?

Answer: Walter || John

Discriminator Prompt:

which answer is correct? A/B

Answer the following multiple choice question: What is Bruce Willis' real first name?

A: John

B: Walter

Answer (A or B): B

Consistency Label: True

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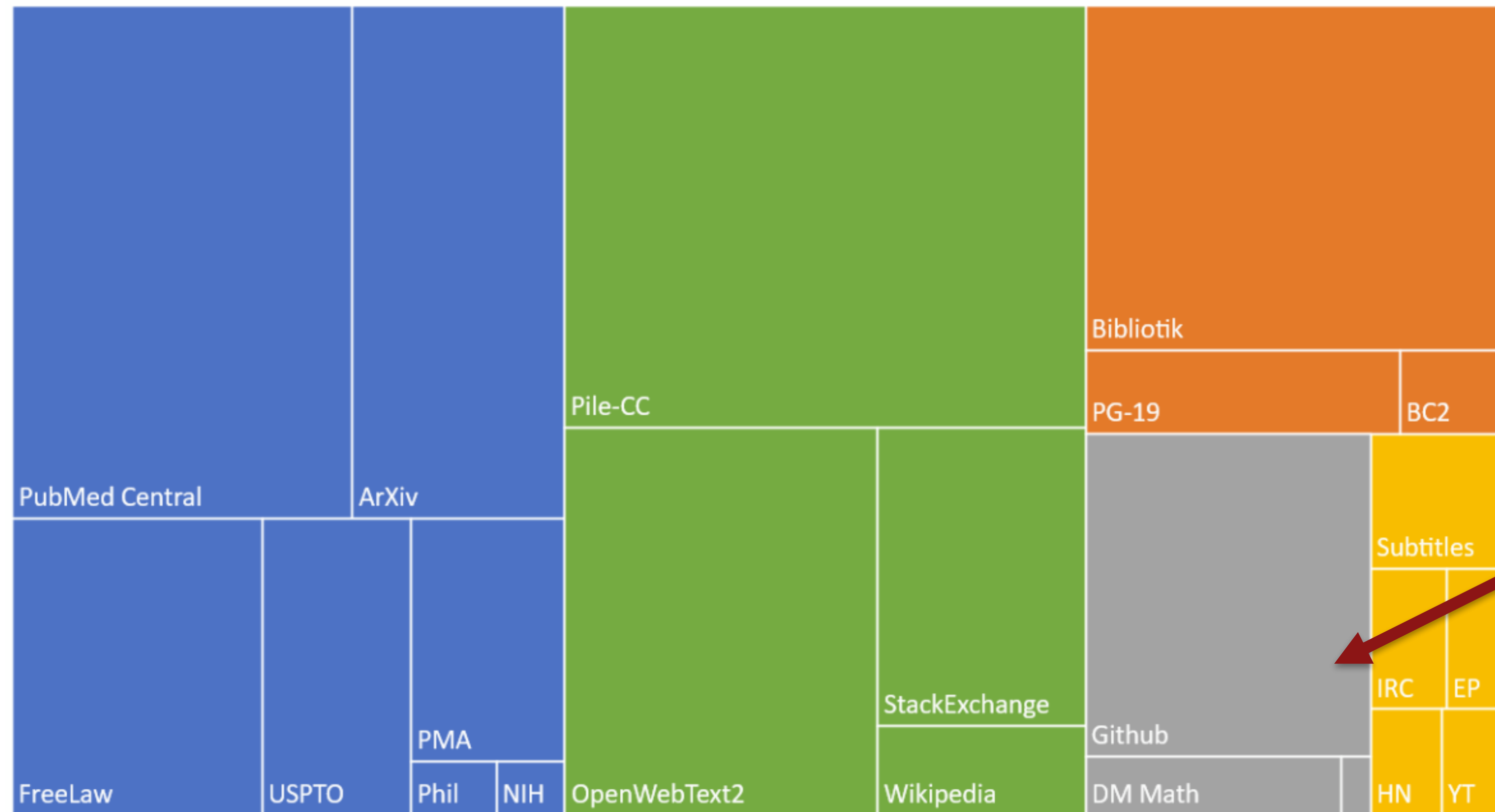
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davinci-003	84.4	60.0	68.0	86.9	85.7	-	77.0
Alpaca-30b	53.9	50.2	49.0	79.9	74.6	51.6	59.9

- The easy-to-evaluate format (multiple choice) often disagrees with the more useful one (free text)
- Other forms of consistency (prompt rewriting, option reordering) are also serious issues

What's in the training data of your LLM?

Composition of the Pile by Category

■ Academic ■ Internet ■ Prose ■ Dialogue ■ Misc



.. But maybe your test set is in here?

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Benchmarks are hard to trust for closed models



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Let's take [github.com/openai/grade-s...](#)

If you truncate and feed this question into Phi-1.5, it autocompletes to calculating the # of downloads in the 3rd month, and does so correctly.

Change the number a bit, and it answers correctly as well.

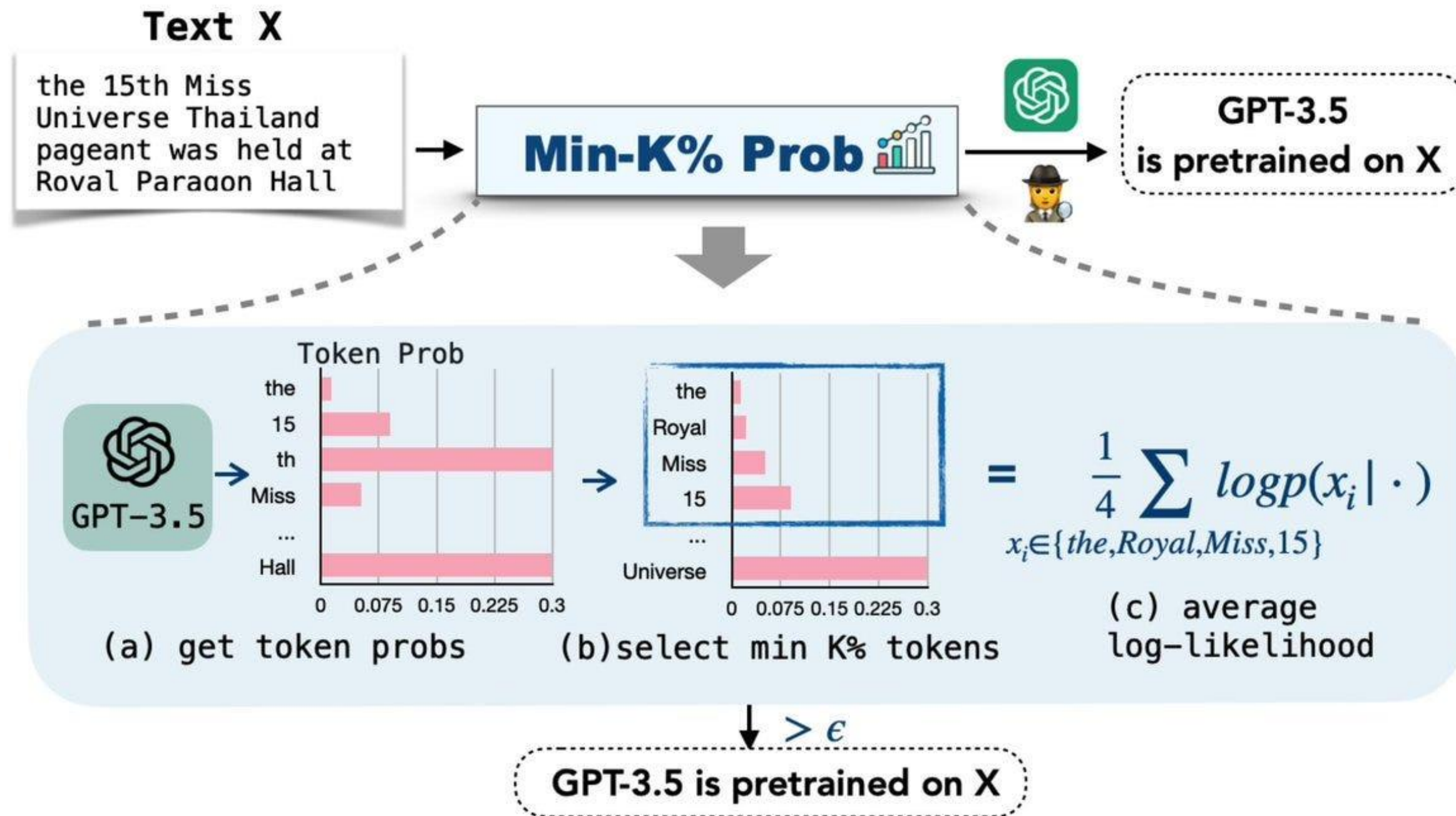
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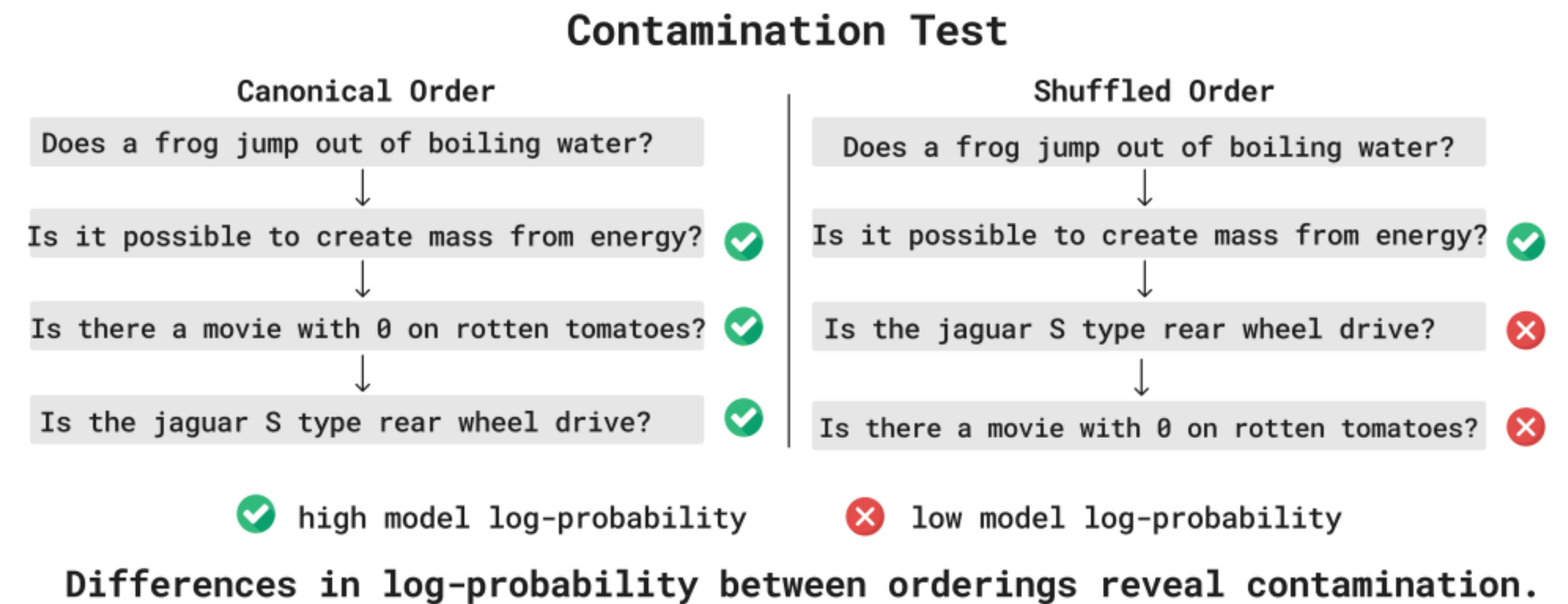
Closed models + pretraining: hard to know that benchmarks are truly ‘new’

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Exchangeability test



- Detect if models trained on a benchmark by checking if probabilities are 'too high' (what is too high?). Often heuristic.

- Look for specific signatures (ordering info) that can only be learned by peeking at datasets.

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Method	BoolQ	Commonsense QA	IMDB	Truthful QA	Avg.
Neighbor	0.68	0.56	0.80	0.59	0.66
Zlib	0.76	0.63	0.71	0.63	0.68
Lowercase	0.74	0.61	0.79	0.56	0.68
PPL	0.89	0.78	0.97	0.71	0.84
MIN-K% PROB	0.91	0.80	0.98	0.74	0.86

Exchangeability

Name	Size	Dup Count	Permutation p	Sharded p
BoolQ	1000	1	0.099	0.156
HellaSwag	1000	1	0.485	0.478
OpenbookQA	500	1	0.544	0.462
MNLI	1000	10	0.009	1.96e-11
Natural Questions	1000	10	0.009	1e-38
TruthfulQA	1000	10	0.009	3.43e-13
PIQA	1000	50	0.009	1e-38
MMLU Pro. Psychology	611	50	0.009	1e-38
MMLU Pro. Law	1533	50	0.009	1e-38
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Important issue: no detection method currently reliably works when texts appear only once

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