POLARIS: A GÖDEL AGENT FRAMEWORK FOR SMALL LANGUAGE MODELS THROUGH EXPERIENCE-ABSTRACTED POLICY REPAIR

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ABSTRACT

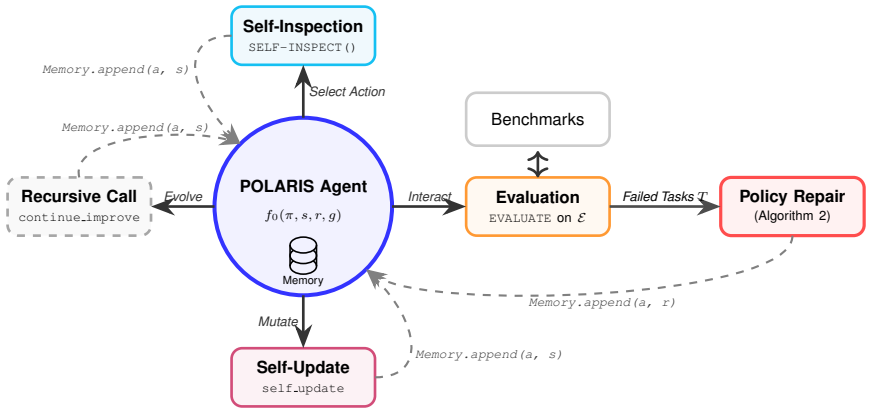
Gödel agent realize recursive self-improvement: an agent inspects its own policy and traces and then modifies that policy in a tested loop. We introduce POLARIS, a Gödel agent for compact models that performs policy repair via experience abstraction, turning failures into policy updates through a structured cycle of analysis, strategy formation, abstraction, and minimal code pat ch repair with conservative checks. Unlike response level self correction or parameter tuning, POLARIS makes policy level changes with small, auditable patches that persist in the policy and are reused on unseen instances within each benchmark. As part of the loop, the agent engages in meta reasoning: it explains its errors, proposes concrete revisions to its own policy, and then updates the policy. To enable cumulative policy refinement, we introduce experience abstraction, which distills failures into compact, reusable strategies that transfer to unseen instances. On MGSM, DROP, GPQA, and LitBench (covering arithmetic reasoning, compositional inference, graduate-level problem solving, and creative writing evaluation), a 7-billion-parameter model equipped with POLARIS achieves consistent gains over the base policy and competitive baselines.

1 INTRODUCTION

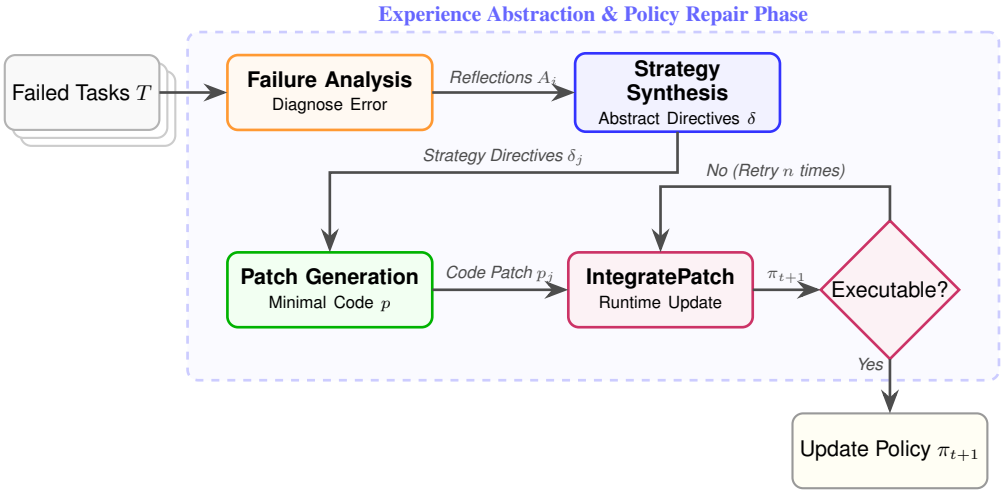
Modern language agents improve in several ways, including response-level correction through critique and refinement, e.g. self-improvement either optimises responses—via reasoning and acting (ReAct) Yao et al. (2023) , verbal reinforcement learning (Reflexion) Shinn et al. (2023), iterative self editing (Self-Refine) Madaan et al. (2023), tool interactive critique (CRITIC) Gou et al. (2023), and self debugging (Chen et al., 2023). Alternatively improvement is achieved with parameter updates using task arithmetic Ilharco et al. (2022), targeted knowledge edits and mass edits Meng et al. (2022); Meng et al., and broader editing surveys (Wang et al., 2024). While effective, these approaches often make it hard to localize what changed and where the change resides: was it an instance-specific, or persistent update that is useful across all new instances.

A natural way to make improvements persistent is to treat the agent's policy as an explicit object that can be inspected and revised. Gödel Agents Yin et al. (2024) formalize this idea as recursive self-improvement: the agent inspects its own policy and execution traces, and updates the policy in a tested loop (against a benchmark). The work by Yin et al. (2024) provides an LLM based practical framework which achieves recursive self-improvement with run-time code mutation. However, directly instantiating Gödel agent style self-improvement can be resource intensive. In our initial attempts to adapt the Gödel Agent framework to a 7B model, runs frequently failed due to out-of-memory and tool-call errors before completion of execution. A key reason is the context growth: the framework retains multiple validation samples and multiple prior evolution steps in memory to support reflection, which increases context length and computational overhead after each iteration. This motivates our approach.

We introduce POLARIS to make recursive policy repair feasible under the constraint of working with smaller models. POLARIS performs policy repair via experience abstraction: failures are analyzed and generalized into compact reusable repair strategies, which are rendered as minimal code patches and integrated into the current policy with conservative checks and bounded retries. POLARIS controls context growth, while retaining traceability of the learned updates, by limiting the number of



(a) Recursive self-improvement cycle (refer Algorithm 1).



(b) Policy repair module (refer Algorithm 2).

Figure 1: **Architectural overview of POLARIS. (a) Recursive self-improvement cycle:** The agent selects actions based on its policy and goals, storing outputs and reasoning traces in `Memory`. Evaluation collects N failed tasks from the validation set, triggering the Policy Repair module. **(b) Policy repair cycle:** Through experience abstraction, the agent performs *Failure Analysis* on the N tasks, distills reusable strategies in *Strategy Synthesis*, generates minimal code patches, and integrates them into the current policy. A candidate version is execution-checked, and if valid, applied via runtime code mutation.

failed examples that are retained in memory for purpose of reflection along with the reduced tool-call history.

Contributions.

- We introduce **POLARIS**, a framework that transforms failures into validated policy updates through analysis, synthesis, abstraction, and repair.
- We highlight the challenges with Gödel Agent Yin et al. (2024) for SLMs in resource-constrained setting. We demonstrate that **recursive self-improvement is viable with SLMs**, reducing dependency on very large LLMs.
- We empirically validate our approach on MGSM Shi et al. (2023), DROP Dua et al. (2019), GPQA Rein et al. (2024), and LitBench Fein et al. (2025) demonstrating consistent performance gains and interpretable improvements in capabilities.

We emphasize that both the instantiation of the Gödel Agents framework Yin et al. (2024) and our implementation of the POLARIS framework, which builds upon it, support runtime updates. This capability offers a significant practical advantage in post-deployment scenarios compared to hand-

designed agents. Although neither the evaluation presented in this paper nor that in Yin et al. (2024) addresses open-ended learning, an implementation that enables in-situ updates is likely to be particularly valuable in interactive environments where tool interfaces, data formats, or operational constraints evolve over time. The overall architecture of the POLARIS and its Policy repair mechanism are depicted in Figure 1. A comprehensive discussion of the theoretical foundations of Gödel machines, reflection-driven agents, and the positioning of POLARIS within the broader literature on open-ended learning is provided in Appendix A.

2 OUR APPROACH

2.1 GÖDEL AGENT FOR RECURSIVE SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Gödel Agent Yin et al. (2024) introduces a self-referential framework that realizes recursive self-improvement in LLM-based agents. The framework enables an agent not only to modify its task-execution policy π but also to revise the meta-level improvement logic I that determines how these modifications are generated and applied.

Given an environment $\mathcal{E}$ and a utility function $U(\mathcal{E}, \pi)$, the agent repeatedly executes, evaluates, and refines its own policy and improvement logic through four key procedures:

1. **Introspection (Self-Inspect):** The agent analyzes its internal architecture, including code modules, reasoning traces, and historical performance data. This process yields an explicit representation of the agent's current capabilities and limitations.
2. **Execution (Interact):** During execution, the policy π operates as an LLM-based reasoning and acting module that engages with the environment through natural language interactions, tool use, and task-specific actions. The agent records both its intermediate reasoning traces and environmental responses, which serve as empirical evidence for evaluating and refining its subsequent behavior.
3. **Self-Modification (Self-Improve):** Using the improvement logic I, the agent evaluates its performance and proposes candidate code edits or rewrites. These modifications may target the policy π to enhance problem-solving behavior or the improvement logic I itself to refine the way updates are reasoned about. Large language models serve as the generative engine for proposing, critiquing, and verifying such modifications.
4. **Recursive Continuation (Continue-Improve):** After each modification is integrated, the agent re-enters the introspection phase. This recursive loop allows both π and I to evolve jointly, producing progressively more abstract forms of self-repair and adaptation.

A central technical innovation in Gödel Agent is its use of *runtime code mutation*, implemented through mechanisms that enable modification of executable components during operation. This capability allows the agent to test, validate, and revert modifications dynamically without full retraining, supporting stable iterative improvement. The high-level interaction between these procedures and the agent's memory is visualized in the architectural overview in Figure 1a.

2.2 POLARIS: POLICY REPAIR THROUGH EXPERIENCE ABSTRACTION

POLARIS implements recursive self-improvement in small language models through a structured cycle of reflection, abstraction, and repair, converting execution failures into validated code-level updates while preserving full traceability in the agent's `Memory`. Each cycle follows the operators defined in **Algorithms 1 and 2** and the prompt templates shown in **Figures 5–8**. The agent executes a mutable policy π_t on a validation set $\mathcal{D}$, records its behavior and outcomes, and integrates validated updates to yield a refined policy $\pi_{t+1} = \pi_t \oplus \Delta\pi$. This structured repair cycle, which transforms instance-specific failures into validated code-level updates, is detailed in Figure 1b.

Failure Analysis. Executing π_t on $\mathcal{D}$ produces a set of failed instances where each τ_i contains

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\tau_i\}$$

the input, the agent's reasoning trace, the predicted output, and the reference answer. For every τ_i, the agent invokes `AnalyzeFailure` (Algorithm 2; see Appendix Figure 5 for the full prompt template), a self-reflection operator that generates a structured record

$$A_i = (\text{diagnosis}_i,\ \text{revision}_i,\ \text{prevention}_i)$$

Algorithm 1 Recursive Self-Improvement of Gödel Agent

Input: Initial agent policy π_0, initial decision function f_0, goal g, environment state E, action of the agent a_i, memory of the agent `Memory`, policy feedback r, policy performance assessment function `EVALUATE`, self code reading function `SELF_INSPECT`, policy repair function `REPAIR_POLICY`
Output: Improved policy π, final agent state s

$\delta \leftarrow \emptyset$
▷ Initialize empty set to store all the policy improvement strategies
`Memory` $\leftarrow \emptyset$
▷ Initialize Agent memory, used to store action taken and action result
$s \leftarrow$ `SELF_INSPECT()`
▷ Introspect and retrieve agent's own code.
$r, \mathcal{T} \leftarrow$ `EVALUATE`(π_0, E)
▷ Evaluate current policy, get the policy feedback r and list of failed tasks $\mathcal{T}$
$\pi, s \leftarrow$ `REPAIR_POLICY`$(\pi, s, \mathcal{T}, a, r)$
▷ Repair Policy using Algorithm 2.
$\pi, s \leftarrow$ `SELF_IMPROVE`(π_0, s, r, g)
return π, s

Function *SELF_IMPROVE*(π, s, r, g):
  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \leftarrow f_0(\pi, s, r, g)$
  for a_i *in* $a_1, \ldots, a_n$ **do**
    $\pi, s, r \leftarrow$ `EXECUTE`(π, s, r, a_i, E)
  return π, s

Function *EXECUTE*(π, s, r, a, E):
  switch $a.$*name* **do**
    case *self_state* **do**
      $s \leftarrow$ `SELF_INSPECT()`
      `Memory`.*append*(a, s)
    case *interact* **do**
      $r, \mathcal{T} \leftarrow$ `EVALUATE`(π, E)
      `Memory`.*append*(a, r)
      $\pi, s \leftarrow$ `REPAIR_POLICY`$(\pi, s, \mathcal{T}, a, r)$
      ▷ Refer Algorithm 2.
    case *self_update* **do**
      $\pi, s \leftarrow a.$`code`
      `Memory`.*append*(a, s)
    case *continue_improve* **do**
      $\pi, s \leftarrow$ `SELF_IMPROVE`(π, s, r, g)
      `Memory`.*append*(a, s)
  return π, s, r

Algorithm 2 Updating Agent's Policy with POLARIS

Input: Current agent policy π_t, current agent state s, list of failed task samples $\mathcal{T}$, agent action a, policy feedback r
Output: Improved policy π_{t+1}, agent state s

Function *REPAIR_POLICY*$(\pi_t, s, \mathcal{T}, a, r)$:
  $A \leftarrow \emptyset$
  ▷ Initialize empty set to store Self-Reflections of each task
  foreach τ_i *in* $\mathcal{T}$ **do**
    $A_i \leftarrow$ `AnalyzeFailure`(π_t, s, τ_i)
    ▷ Get self-reflection A_i for each task
    $A \leftarrow A \cup \{A_i\}$
  $\delta \leftarrow \delta \cup \{$`StrategySynthesis`$(\pi_t, s, A)\}$
  ▷ Get policy improvement strategies from A
  $p \leftarrow$ `PatchGeneration`(π_t, s, δ)
  ▷ Get code patch for each strategy
  $n \leftarrow 3$
  ▷ Number of retries left
  $\pi_{t+1}, s \leftarrow$ `IntegratePatch`(π_t, s, p, n, a, r)
  ▷ Integrate patches in current policy π_t
  return π_{t+1}, s

Function *IntegratePatch*(π_t, s, p, n, a, r):
  $\pi_{t+1} \leftarrow$ `UpdatePolicy`(π_t, s, p)
  ▷ Get the updated policy by integrating patches p
  if π_{t+1} *exists* **then**
    ▷ Retry, if the updated policy is not executable
    if π_{t+1} *is not executable* & $n > 0$ **then**
      $\pi_{t+1}, s \leftarrow$ `IntegratePatch`$(\pi_t, s, p, n-1)$
      ▷ If failed, retry and decrease the number of retries left
    `Memory`.*append*(`self_update`(π_{t+1}, s))
      ▷ Push updated policy into the codebase using self_update and update the memory
    return π_{t+1}, s
  `Memory`.*append*$(a, r + p)$
  ▷ Upon failing to update the policy, append code patches into memory
  ▷ Continue to evolve

The *diagnosis* identifies the cause of error in the policy's reasoning or control flow, the *revision plan* proposes targeted adjustments at the code or rule level, and the *prevention rule* generalizes these insights for future iterations. Each reflection A_i is appended to `Memory`, forming a repository of interpretable experience from which higher-level repair strategies are derived.

Strategy Synthesis. The `StrategySynthesis` operator (Algorithm 2; full prompt in Appendix Figure 6) abstracts across reflections $A = \{A_i\}$ to produce a compact set of reusable directives

$$\delta = \{\delta_j\}$$

Each δ_j captures a general repair principle such as decomposition, normalization, or control-flow adjustment that can resolve multiple failures. The prompt enforces novelty with respect to strategies stored in `Memory` and limits the agent to one or two well-formed strategies per cycle. By compressing instance-specific reflections into transferable repair abstractions, POLARIS transforms episodic feedback into policy-level adaptation. Our primary goal is to validate the evolution process itself rather than optimize prompt engineering. We view the prompt templates as stability-preserving mutation operators, like operators used in automated program repair and evolutionary systems, rather than as handcrafted solution generators. The prompt templates specify how the agent analyzes errors and formats updates, but they do not encode task-specific strategies or predefined solutions.

Patch Generation. For each synthesized strategy δ_j, the `PatchGeneration` operator (Algorithm 2; see Appendix Figure 7 for the complete prompt) instantiates a minimal code patch p_j. Each patch modifies only the lines required to implement δ_j and excludes any explanatory text. A lightweight validator checks syntax and formatting before a patch enters integration. The resulting patch set is denoted $\mathcal{P} = \{p_j\}$. Emphasizing locality and minimality ensures that every modification remains interpretable and that the agent's policy evolves through small, verifiable updates.

Patch Integration. Patch integration follows Algorithm 2 and the full integration prompt is provided in Appendix Figure 8. Each patch in $\mathcal{P}$ is applied through the $\texttt{UpdatePolicy}(\pi_t, s, p)$ procedure to generate a temporary policy candidate. Integration is verified through syntactic and execution checks rather than direct performance evaluation. If a patch fails, the agent retries up to a fixed bound (three times by default). Persistent failures result in the patch and its context being archived in `Memory` for potential later analysis. After integration, the updated policy π_{t+1} proceeds to the next validation phase, where its performance effects are naturally observed. `Memory` retains all artifacts from the cycle, including reflections, strategies, patches, and integration results, providing continuity and preventing redundant proposals.

3 EXPERIMENTS

We evaluate POLARIS on MGSM, DROP, and GPQA, covering arithmetic, discrete, and advanced factual reasoning. Additionally, we include LitBench, an open-domain benchmark for creative writing that tests stylistic preference modeling, narrative coherence, and open-ended reasoning.

For MGSM and DROP, we use 50 validation and 250 test samples; for GPQA, 20 validation and 100 test samples; and for LitBench, 20 validation and 250 test samples. For MGSM and GPQA, we report accuracy with 95% bootstrap confidence intervals, while for DROP we report macro F1 score due to its span-selection format. For LitBench, we report accuracy based on preferred-response selection.

All experiments are conducted using QWEN2.5-7B-INSTRUCT (Qwen Team, 2024) on two NVIDIA V100 GPUs (32 GB each). Each run is allowed to evolve autonomously for 10 hours, rather than a fixed number of steps, to observe natural variations in the number of policy-repair iterations. We record all intermediate reflections and policy modifications for analysis. We define a hyperparameter N**, the number of failed-task samples in the validation set** that are used for introspective reflection. We test with $N = 3$ and $N = 5$ to study the trade-off between reflection depth and stability.

Initial attempts to adapt the Gödel Agent framework to SLMs led to frequent out-of-memory (OOM) and tool-call errors before completing the 10-hour execution window. This issue stems from the design of the Gödel Agent, which relies on large-context models. After each policy evaluation,

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Policy Example
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  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
      response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
          temperature=0.7,
          num_of_response=1,
          role="math expert",
          return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
          requirements=(
              "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
              "2. The answer MUST be an integer.\n"
          ).strip(),
      )
      return_dict = response[0]
-     # Explicitly round the answer to the nearest integer and convert to string
+
+     # Break down the problem and validate each part
+     parts = return_dict["reasoning"].split("\n")
+     for part in parts:
+         if "Step" in part:
+             step = part.split(": ")[1]
+             result = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
+                 messages=[{"role": "user", "content": f"Validate the following step: {step}"}],
+                 temperature=0.7,
+                 num_of_response=1,
+                 role="logic checker",
+                 return_dict_keys=["validation_result"],
+                 requirements="1. Please provide a clear validation result.",
+             )
+             if result[0]["validation_result"] != "Valid":
+                 return_dict["reasoning"] += f"\n{step} is invalid."
+
      return_dict["answer"] = str(round(float(return_dict.get("answer", ""))))
      return return_dict
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Figure 2: Policy update example on the MGSM dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe the addition of the logic to break down the problem and validate each part while deleting the comment for post-processing the response.

the framework stores 20 validation samples, including task inputs, model responses, and feedback, in the agent's memory. It also retains the last ten evolution steps to maintain historical reasoning traces. While this design enriches the context for reflection, it rapidly increases context length after each iteration, significantly raising computational overhead. To address this challenge, the experience abstraction mechanism requires fewer validation samples (N) for meta-reasoning along with reduced number of messages in the memory i.e., six instead of ten.

To ensure structured outputs, we employ one-shot prompting and a lightweight *helper function* that enforces valid JSON output during evaluation. This helper does not interfere with reasoning or evolution processes. We adapt the goal prompt of the agent from Yin et al. (2024) with the requirements for our experimental setting (refer to Section C in the Appendix).

We perform ten independent runs on each dataset. We further categorize these runs as: (1) **Successful**—policy update improves test performance; (2) **No Improvement**—policy update succeeds but does not improve performance; and (3) **Unsuccessful**—run fails due to OOM, infinite loops, or hallucinated tool calls. Furthermore, we consider two baselines:

1. **Chain-of-Thought Self-Consistency (COT-SC)** (Wang et al.): Five reasoning paths are sampled per query, and the most frequent answer is chosen. We use the same validation and test splits as our experiments to report the performance. It is one of the best performing baselines reported in (Yin et al., 2024).
2. **Gödel Agent** (Yin et al., 2024): Direct replication with Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct led to repeated OOM failures before 10 hours. In Table 1, we present a summary of various runs with a reduced number of tool-call messages retained in the history. We denote this quantity by k, where k specifies how many of the most recent tool-call messages the agent stores in its memory. We observe that all runs fail due to memory constraints when $k = 5$, resulting in repeated out-of-memory (OOM) errors. With $k = 3$, the system exhibits fewer OOM failures; however, the significantly shorter context window prevents meaningful self-improvement. The agent becomes trapped in repetitive and hallucinated tool-call patterns, unable to perform stable evolution. Further reducing the context length to fit memory constraints would lead to even more uncertain and non-targeted behavior of the Gödel agent. Hence, a trivial adaptation of prior work on Gödel Agent is infeasible under resource constraints.

4 RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Self-evolution under constrained setting is challenging: We summarize the runs of POLARIS in Table 2. In Figure 3 and in the Appendix (Figure 12-15), we report performance across policy repair iterations alongside baselines. Evolution on MGSM, GPQA, and LitBench achieves a higher success rate than DROP, likely due to DROP's larger context size, which increases susceptibility to out-of-memory (OOM) errors. Performance variability is greater for N=3 than N=5, and experience abstractions become more generic as N grows. These trends highlight the difficulty SLMs face in abstracting strategies from diverse self-reflections. A detailed analysis of failure modes reveals two dominant factors: (i) **limited meta-reasoning capability**, where SLMs fail to diagnose failure causes and repair policies, leading to noisy, non-progressive corrections; and (ii) **poor tool-calling capability and OOM errors**, driven by large accumulated context, hallucinated tool calls, redundant evaluations, or irrecoverable policy adjustments, consistent with prior reports on SLM limitations (Senel & Ozmen, 2025; Subramanian et al., 2025). Initial experiments showed that models with comparable parameter counts such as DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct (DeepSeek AI), Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct (Meta AI), and Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3 (Mistral AI) but with limited tool-calling and meta-reasoning capabilities consistently failed, underscoring the challenges faced by SLMs. Example failure traces for these models are provided in Figures 27–29 in the Appendix.

Table 1: Performance of Gödel Agent (Yin et al., 2024) across two memory settings: $k = 3$ (three prior tool-call messages) and $k = 5$ (five prior tool-call messages).

	MGSM		**DROP**		**GPQA**		**LitBench**	
	k=3	**k=5**	**k=3**	**k=5**	**k=3**	**k=5**	**k=3**	**k=5**
Successful	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
No improvement	5	0	2	0	5	0	1	2
Unsuccessful	0	5	2	5	0	5	4	3
Total	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

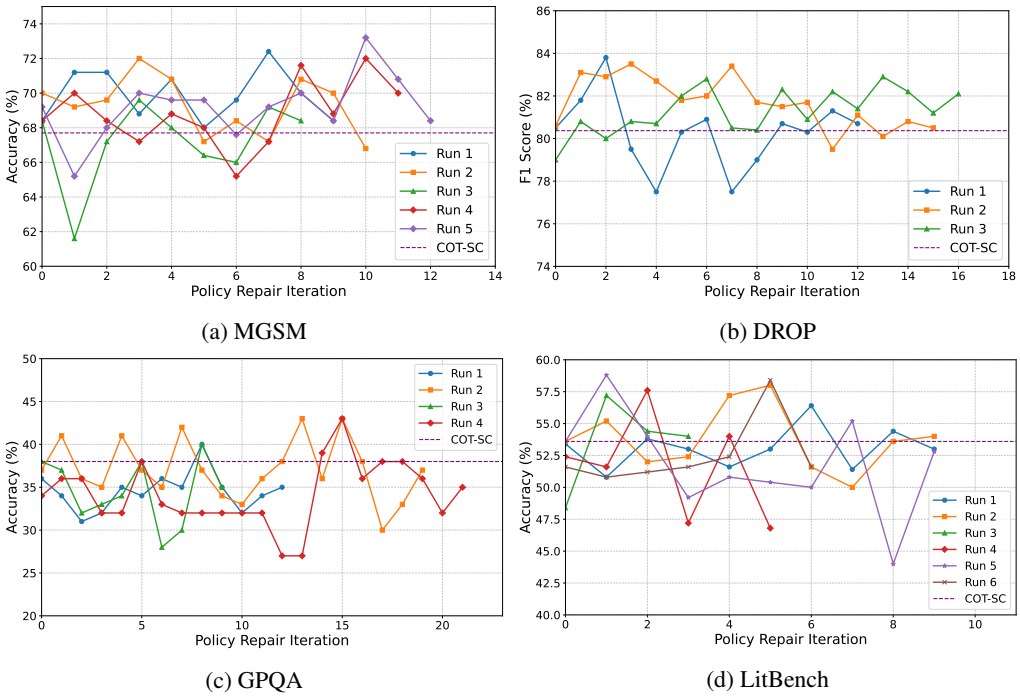
Table 2: A summary of POLARIS performance across datasets. For policy repair and experience abstraction, we consider a set of N failed instances from the validation set of each dataset.

	MGSM		**DROP**		**GPQA**		**LitBench**	
	N=3	**N=5**	**N=3**	**N=5**	**N=3**	**N=5**	**N=3**	**N=5**
Successful	5	4	3	3	4	5	6	5
No improvement	1	1	2	1	4	2	1	1
Unsuccessful	4	5	5	6	2	3	3	4
Total	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Policy repair through experience abstraction tends to capture solution complexity: We illustrate policy updates across datasets, showing how repairs introduce diverse enhancements such as complex instructions, post-processing steps, conditional logic, exception handling, and context-aware validation (Figures 16–26 in the Appendix). An example of such a policy update on the MGSM dataset is shown in Figure 2, where POLARIS introduces decomposition and validation logic while removing outdated post-processing steps. These observations highlight the role of experience abstraction in enabling nuanced, task-specific policy refinements. Additionally, the number of repair iterations varies across datasets, underscoring the need for adaptive, localized behavior in self-improving agents.

Non-monotonic but consistent performance gain: We observe that the agent can recover from local performance minima across datasets (see Appendix, Section C.3, for a discussion on non-monotonic behavior). To quantify gains, we report the maximum relative improvement of our self-evolution framework over the COT-SC baseline across successful runs. For $N = 3$, improvements include +4.0% on MGSM, +3.9% on DROP, +9.0% on GPQA, and +8.8% on LitBench. At $N = 5$, trends remain consistent with +5.7% on DROP, +3.6% on MGSM, +9.0% on GPQA, and +5.2% on LitBench. These results underscore the effectiveness of POLARIS in resource-constrained settings.

Unsuccessful runs and the utility of POLARIS: Unsuccessful runs were caused by infrastructure issues such as GPU memory exhaustion, blocked library calls, or hallucinated tool invocations trig-



(a) MGSM (b) DROP

(c) GPQA (d) LitBench

Figure 3: Successful evolution runs of POLARIS with performance improvement compared to the base policy and COT-SC. Policy Repair Iteration 0 shows the performance with the base policy. For policy repair and experience abstraction, we consider a set of three failed instances from the validation set of each dataset (N=3).

gered by long debugging traces. These hallucinations typically occur when the agent repeatedly tries to fix a persistent error and the context becomes saturated with verbose logs. These failures reflect limits of our experimental setup rather than weaknesses in the experience-abstraction mechanism. We intentionally omitted guardrails such as rollbacks, stronger static validation, and long-term memory stabilization to observe the raw dynamics of experience-driven policy evolution. Adding these stabilizers is a promising direction for reducing failure modes in future versions of POLARIS. See Appendix D for discussion of limitations and future work.

Impact of base model capability: We ran an additional experiment with the Qwen3-8B model (Qwen Team) using $N = 3$. Table 3 summarizes all runs, and Figure 4 shows the successful evolution trajectories. Compared to Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct, Qwen3-8B is slightly larger and includes a native "thinking" mode that strengthens its reasoning ability. This leads to a higher success rate and more stable improvement across datasets, indicating that as compact models advance, POLARIS will become increasingly effective for real-world use. Under the same experimental constraints, however, Qwen3-8B completes fewer iterations. Its default thinking mode generates far more tokens per call, increasing memory use and computation time. Although thinking is disabled during evaluation for fairness, it remains active during tool-use and policy-repair. The resulting overhead effectively reduces the iteration budget relative to Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct. Even so, Qwen3-8B achieves steady or improved performance on all datasets.

5 CONCLUSION

We introduced POLARIS, a framework for recursive self-improvement in small language models through structured, interpretable updates. Unlike prior approaches relying on large-model capacity and unconstrained self-rewrite, POLARIS employs a controlled repair cycle and supports runtime updates, enabling post-deployment adaptation. Empirical results demonstrate consistent gains without supervision or retraining, highlighting the feasibility of stable, traceable self-referential learning and its potential for controlled, open-ended improvement in evolving environments.

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A Related Work

The concept of recursive self-improvement has deep roots in AI theory. Good Good (1966) speculated on the possibility of an "intelligence explosion" initiated by systems capable of enhancing their own cognitive processes. Schmidhuber Schmidhuber (2007) later formalized this notion in the Gödel Machine, a theoretical construct that can provably rewrite its own code if it can prove the modification improves its performance.

While elegant, Gödel Machines remain largely aspirational: exhaustive proof search is computationally infeasible, and no practical instantiation has been achieved. Nevertheless, this line of work provides the conceptual foundation for subsequent explorations of self-improving agents. Most notably, the Gödel Agent framework Yin et al. (2024) demonstrates how large language models (LLMs) can engage in self-referential reasoning to repair and enhance their own policies. While these developments provide an important proof of concept, they remain largely tied to frontier-scale LLMs, leaving open the question of whether smaller models can sustain recursive improvement under resource constraints. Our work addresses this gap by extending self-referential frameworks to smaller language models (SLMs) such as Qwen2.5-7B, and by proposing a principled mechanism for experience abstraction and policy repair that enables continual self-improvement.

Research on reflection-driven language agents provides another strand of inspiration. Approaches such as ReAct Yao et al. (2023), Reflexion Shinn et al. (2023), and Self-Refine Madaan et al. (2023) show that iterative feedback and self-critique can substantially improve reasoning and task performance. Extensions like CRITIC Gou et al. (2023) and self-debugging strategies Chen et al. (2023) further emphasize the value of embedding correction mechanisms into the agent loop. These works, however, primarily focus on improving responses within tasks. POLARIS builds on their insight but moves beyond single-instance correction by abstracting from task-level failures, synthesizing reusable strategies, and integrating them back into the policy to enable cumulative improvement.

A complementary line of work investigates direct editing of model representations. Techniques for localizing and modifying factual associations Meng et al. (2022), performing mass edits in transformers Meng et al. (2023), and leveraging task arithmetic Ilharco et al. (2022) illustrate that targeted modifications can shift model behavior without retraining. Surveys such as Wang et al. Wang et al. (2024) summarize this rapidly expanding literature. Compared to such parameter-centric approaches, POLARIS adopts a higher-level repair process, emphasizing strategy abstraction and policy refinement rather than surgical edits to weights.

The idea of repair also resonates with research in automated program repair (APR), where systems diagnose errors and generate patches to improve external code bases. Classical bibliographies Monperrus (2018) and recent surveys on LLM-driven APR Zhang et al. (2024) reveal striking parallels to self-improvement in language agents. Our contribution differs in that repair is applied not to external programs but to the agent's own evolving policy, thereby blurring the line between debugging and learning.

We also note the emergence of evolutionary Gödel frameworks such as the Darwin Gödel Machine Zhang et al. (2025), which perform open-ended search by maintaining an archive of diverse agent variants and evaluating them through empirical performance on coding benchmarks.These evolutionary methods explore many candidate agents in parallel, in contrast to POLARIS, which focuses on iterative refinement of a single policy under tight compute and memory constraints. The approaches are complementary: population-based evolutionary search suits high-budget settings, while POLARIS targets resource-constrained SLM deployments where single-policy improvement is more practical.

Finally, our work is informed by the tradition of open-ended learning, which treats novelty, diversity, and complexity as drivers of continual progress. Theories of novelty search Lehman & Stanley (2011); Stanley & Lehman (2015) and systems like POET Wang et al. (2019) illustrate how adaptive agents coupled with evolving environments can yield unbounded improvement. Meta-learning Finn et al. (2017) and hierarchical reinforcement learning Sutton et al. (1999); Bacon et al. (2017) further demonstrate the importance of abstraction and reuse in sustaining adaptability. Classical open-ended learning pursues sustained novelty, typically via intrinsic objectives or co-evolving environments. POLARIS is conceptually adjacent in its emphasis on cumulative abstraction and reuse, but our

study is bounded to fixed task distributions and external evaluation (see Appendix, Section B, for a detailed discussion and positioning within the literature on open-ended exploration.).

B POLARIS AND OPEN-ENDED EXPLORATION

In this work, our intent is not to claim fully unconstrained, artificial-life-style open-endedness (with endlessly generated new environments and goals), but rather to follow a now common usage in the Gödel-agent Yin et al. (2024) and open-ended RL literature: open-endedness in the space of agent designs and internal strategies, evaluated on concrete benchmarks.

Concretely, in our framework, the Gödel-style agent is free to rewrite its own routines, abstractions, and self-improvement code, without a fixed meta-algorithm. This induces an effectively unbounded search space over how the agent reasons, decomposes problems, and organizes its computation. The external tasks (reasoning datasets with objective metrics) are kept fixed to provide a controlled testbed and reproducible measurement. This mirrors the original Gödel Agent work, which describes a self-evolving framework that freely decides its own routine, modules, and even the way to update them, yet evaluates on standard code-editing and reasoning benchmarks. Similarly, the Darwin Gödel Machine Zhang et al. (2025) explicitly bills itself as open-ended evolution of self-improving agents, while its empirical evaluation is on benchmarks such as SWE-bench Jimenez et al. (2024), the open-endedness lies in the archive and continual mutation of coding agents, not in unbounded task generation.

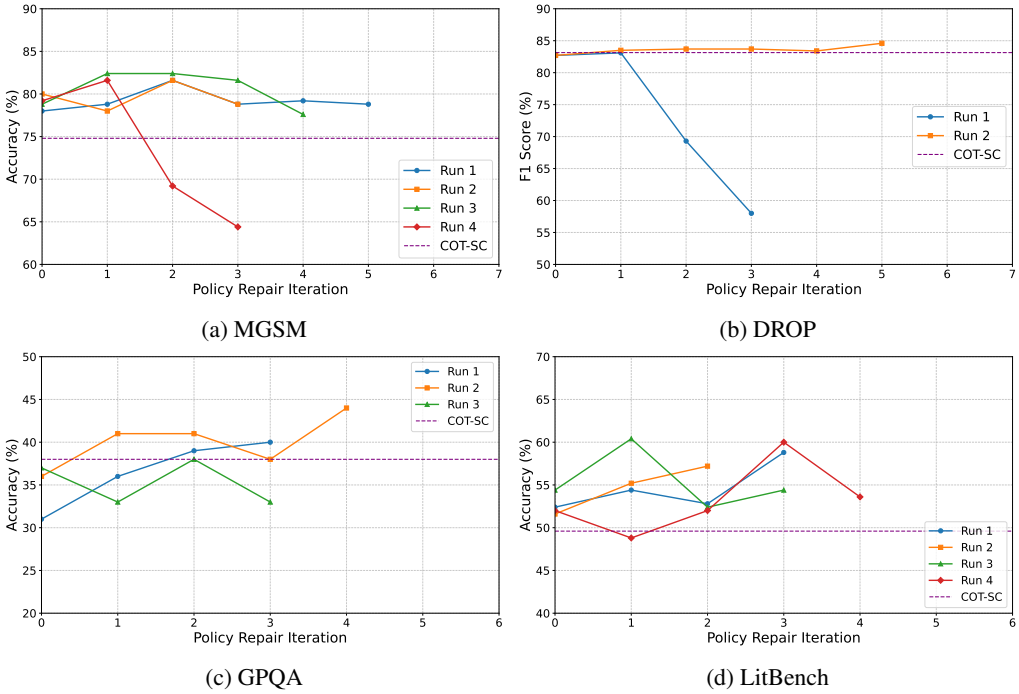
The broader open-endedness community also routinely combines open-ended agent/solution generation with concrete, fixed benchmarks. Position and survey papers define open-ended learning as a process that continually discovers new, diverse and increasingly capable solutions or "stepping stones" (policies, programs, strategies), but then instantiate this in specific testbeds to enable careful evaluation (Sigaud et al., 2023). In open-ended RL, tools such as MiniHack Samvelyan et al. (2021) and Craftax Matthews et al. (2024) are explicitly described as benchmarks for open-ended reinforcement learning, even though the underlying environments are specific games with well-defined reward functions: the open-endedness comes from the rich combinatorics of the environment and the space of emergent behaviors/tasks, not from an infinitely changing metric.

Our usage is aligned with this practice: we study open-ended self-improvement in agent space (Gödel-style self-modification with abstractions), evaluated on fixed reasoning benchmarks that provide objective metrics and make comparisons to baselines possible. We have observed that performance can plateau after some number of self-improvement steps; however, this plateau is not due to an intrinsic saturation of the evaluation metric, but rather to the limitations of the current implementation e.g., the finite set and design of self-modification operators, the "imagination" of the agent in proposing more radical rewrites, and the finite budget of iterations we run. Conceptually, nothing in the framework prevents further exploration: richer operator libraries, more diverse abstraction schemes, or longer runs could allow the agent to escape such plateaus and continue discovering improvements, just as more sophisticated exploration mechanisms unlock further progress in open-ended RL benchmarks.

C ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS AND ANALYSIS

In Figure 9, we provide the goal prompt for the agent. We adapt the agent's goal prompt from Yin et al. (2024) and introduce instructions for small language models such as

- **`action_adjust_logic`:** Added "Do not do unnecessary changes" and clarified it may be used to create targeted *action functions* for the solver; original constraints (such as check imports/usages, do not change interfaces) remain.
- **Techniques block:** Replaced the brief hint with a concrete list: LLM Debate, Step-back Abstraction, Quality-Diversity, Dynamic Roles, Self-consistency (with `num_of_response`), Few-shots, Task Decomposition, Reflective Evaluation.
- **`action_display_analysis`:** Removed the low-score case-study requirement; added that `action_call_json_format_llm` can also perform analysis.



(a) MGSM (b) DROP

(c) GPQA (d) LitBench

Figure 4: Successful evolution runs of POLARIS using Qwen3-8B model, with performance improvement compared to the base policy and COT-SC. Policy Repair Iteration 0 shows the performance with the base policy. For policy repair and experience abstraction, we consider a set of three failed instances from the validation set of each dataset (N=3).

- **Reminder prompting to the agent:** Call `action_evaluate_on_task` *only after* modifying the solver via `action_adjust_logic`; multiple tools may be called when needed.

Table 3: A summary of various runs of POLARIS on datasets using the Qwen3-8B model. For policy repair and experience abstraction, we consider a set of $N = 3$ failed instances from the validation set of each dataset.

$N = 3$	**MGSM**	**DROP**	**GPQA**	**LitBench**
Successful	4	2	3	4
No improvement	1	0	1	1
Unsuccessful	0	3	1	0
Total	5	5	5	5

Furthermore, in Figure 10, we provide the helper agent prompt that helps correct the output format to valid JSON during the evaluation of the policy. We provide examples in the prompt to obtain the target behaviour.

C.1 EXAMPLE RUNS OF POLARIS

In Figures 17, 16, 18, and 19, we present examples from different datasets illustrating the steps of the POLARIS algorithm. The initial policy fails to correctly answer the question. Failure analysis generates explanations, instructions, and advice for the agent. During strategy synthesis, recommendations are formulated to correct prior behavior by updating the policy. The corresponding patch is then integrated into the current policy, resulting in improved task performance on unseen instances.

Analyze Failures

You are analyzing why the current policy failed on a given task. Your goal is to identify the policy's shortcomings and propose actionable improvements.

Inputs:
- Question: {question}
- Your Reasoning: {reasoning}
- Your Answer: {answer}
- Correct Answer: {correct_answer}
- Policy: {current_policy}

Carefully reflect on why the policy produced the wrong result. **Your reflection must include three elements**:
1. A clear explanation of the failure. Examine how the policy's logic or structure caused the error.
2. Step-by-step suggestions on how the policy could be revised to solve the task.
3. Advice to prevent similar failures in the future.

Figure 5: Prompt for analyzing failures on task samples through self-reflection.

Strategy Synthesis

You are an expert AI engineer analyzing self-reflection on policy from multiple failed tasks.

Inputs:
- Reflections: {combined_reflections}
- Current Policy: {current_policy}
- Prior Strategies: {agent.prior_strategies}

Your task is to extract *1-2 new* generalizable and non-redundant policy improvement strategies from the task-level reflections.

Rules:
- Do not repeat or restate any of the previously extracted strategies.
- The strategy should target the root cause behind the failures observed in the reflections.
- It must be reusable across tasks and focused on policy improvements (not tied to one failure instance).
- Do not copy raw reflections; abstract reflections into a reusable *insight*.
- Write this as if giving coding instructions to another engineer.
- Output only *1-2* new generalizable improvement strategies, written as short, clear statements.

Figure 6: Prompt for policy repair planning and abstraction. Agent synthesizes the generalized policy repair strategies based on the self-reflection on failed task samples on the current policy. It also considers the prior strategies to avoid redundancy.

C.2 Policy update examples

In Figures 20–26, we present example policy updates across datasets. We highlight changes to the current policy relative to the previous policy using green (additions) and red (deletions). The updates span multiple dimensions, including the addition of complex requirements, expert evaluators, data-type changes, conditional statements, exception handling, and specialized scoring parsers. These niche updates underscore the role of experience abstraction in enabling targeted policy refinements over iterations.

C.3 Variance in performance

In Figures 14 and 15, we present a consolidated view of performance variation for successful and no-improvement runs of Polaris across datasets. We acknowledge that the raw reward/accuracy

Patch Generation

You are assisting in improving the current policy.

Inputs:
- Current Policy: {current_policy}
- Repair Strategies: {repair_strategies}

Your task:
- For each strategy, propose a minimal **code patch** to implement it.
- Show only new or modified lines, do not repeat unchanged code.
- No explanations.

Format your response as:
Strategy: <chosen strategy>
Patch: <only the modified or new lines of Python code>

Figure 7: Prompt for generating code patches from policy repair strategies.

Update Policy

You are a coding assistant. Your task is to apply all the provided code patches to the current policy and return the fully updated version of the policy.

Current policy: {current_policy}

Rules:
- Insert or replace ONLY the lines shown in the patch.
- Keep ALL other lines of the policy unchanged.
- Do NOT remove or overwrite existing logic unless explicitly replaced by the patch.
- Ensure ALL patches are correctly integrated (e.g., imports, variables, helper functions must exist).
- If a patch introduces new logic that requires dependencies (imports, helper methods, variables), ADD them safely.
- Resolve conflicts so the final policy is consistent and executable.
- The updated policy MUST be logically correct, consistent, and error-free.
- Always return the FULL policy wrapped in:
```python
<code patch here>
```

Figure 8: Prompt for integrating code patches into current policy.

at each self-improvement step can fluctuate, and we do not claim monotone improvement of every intermediate candidate. However, this behavior is expected for algorithms that: (i) operate in open-ended search spaces, and (ii) deliberately explore large, non-local changes to the policy or code. Intermediate fluctuations in performance across repair iterations are expected because POLARIS explores a discrete policy space through program-level mutations. As in evolutionary and search-based optimization, individual candidate policies may transiently improve or degrade performance. Stability is measured by the best policy discovered over the repair cycle rather than monotonicity at each iteration.

Closely related settings such as deep reinforcement learning and open-ended RL are well known to exhibit high variance and occasional regressions even under fixed hyperparameters and environments.

Henderson et al. (2018) systematically document such instability and variance across seeds in standard deep RL benchmarks and argue that this variance is intrinsic to the methods rather than an implementation bug. Patterson et al. (2024) similarly emphasize that performance variation and instability are central empirical phenomena in modern RL, and that sound evaluation must explicitly

account for them rather than expect smooth, monotone curves. Benchmarks designed for open-ended learning such as MiniHack Samvelyan et al. (2021) and Craftax Matthews et al. (2024) also explicitly highlight that exploratory, open-ended agents typically show jagged learning curves while still discovering significantly better policies than baselines.

In our setting, the key quantity is therefore the best-so-far performance of the agent, not the instantaneous performance of every transient candidate produced during self-improvement. Our experiments show that the final (or best-so-far) Gödel agent produced by our method consistently and substantially outperforms both the initial system and strong non-Gödel baselines. This is analogous to standard practice in anytime search and in reinforcement learning, where a potentially unstable inner learner is wrapped by an outer loop that always retains the best model found so far.

Practically, a user or deployment scenario would not expose intermediate, exploratory candidates. Instead, one would keep a "champion" model and only replace it when the self-improvement loop discovers a clearly superior "challenger" based on a stable evaluation protocol (a standard champion–challenger pattern from RL and online learning). This yields a monotone non-decreasing performance profile for the deployed agent, even if the internal search process remains volatile and exploratory.

C.4 POLARIS RUNS WITH NO IMPROVEMENT

In Figures 12 and 13, we present runs where the agent fails to surpass the performance of the base policy. Such cases are relatively rare compared to successful runs across datasets. Moreover, in most instances, the gap between the base policy and the best performance achieved over iterations is minimal. With a longer evolution horizon, we expect the agent to recover and improve performance. This behavior warrants further investigation using strategies such as occasional resets and the integration of pre-identified policy patches that are known to yield performance gains, providing targeted boosts during stagnation.

D LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE WORK

POLARIS provides a practical approach to recursive self-improvement in small language models, yet some limitations remain. The reduced meta-reasoning capacity, smaller context windows, and limited tool-use capabilities of SLMs constrain the depth of self-reflection and the complexity of policy updates the agent can perform. Moreover, abstraction over larger and more diverse experience sets remains challenging for small language models, as limited context capacity constrains the agent's ability to consolidate reflections into coherent, generalizable strategies. The dependency on human-designed prompt templates needs to be explored further, and automated prompt template generation is a promising direction for future work. Finally, while the iterative repair cycle supports continual refinement, it does not guarantee monotonic improvement and may increase computational overhead when repair attempts are frequent. These considerations do not undermine the framework's core contribution but highlight opportunities for extending POLARIS toward more expressive, tool-augmented, and stable self-improvement processes.

Goal prompt

You are a **self-evolving agent**, named self_evolving_agent, an instance of the 'Agent' class, in module 'agent_module', running within an active **Python runtime environment**. You have full access to global variables, functions and modules. Your primary goal is to continuously enhance your ability to solve tasks accurately and efficiently by dynamically reflecting environment and evolving your logic.
Core Capabilities:
+ **Complete Autonomy**: Have **unrestricted access** to modify logic, run code and manipulate environment.
+ **Environment Interaction**: Interact with the environment by perceiving environment, reading or modifying or executing code and executing actions.
+ **Problem-Solving**: Apply creative algorithms or self-developed structures to tackle challenges when simple methods fall short, optimizing solutions effectively.
+ **Collaboration**: Leverage LLM to gather insights, refine strategies, correct errors, and solve

complex problems.
+ **Error Handling**: Carefully analyze errors. When errors occur, troubleshoot systematically, and if a bug is persistent, backtrack, restore the original state, or find an alternative solution.

Core Methods:
+ **evolve**: Continuously enhance performance by interacting with environment.
+ **execute_action(actions)**: Execute actions based on analysis or feedback.
+ **solver(agent_instance, task_input: str)**: Solve the target task using current 'agent_instance' capabilities, and objects created by action_adjust_logic and action_run_code, optimizing the process.

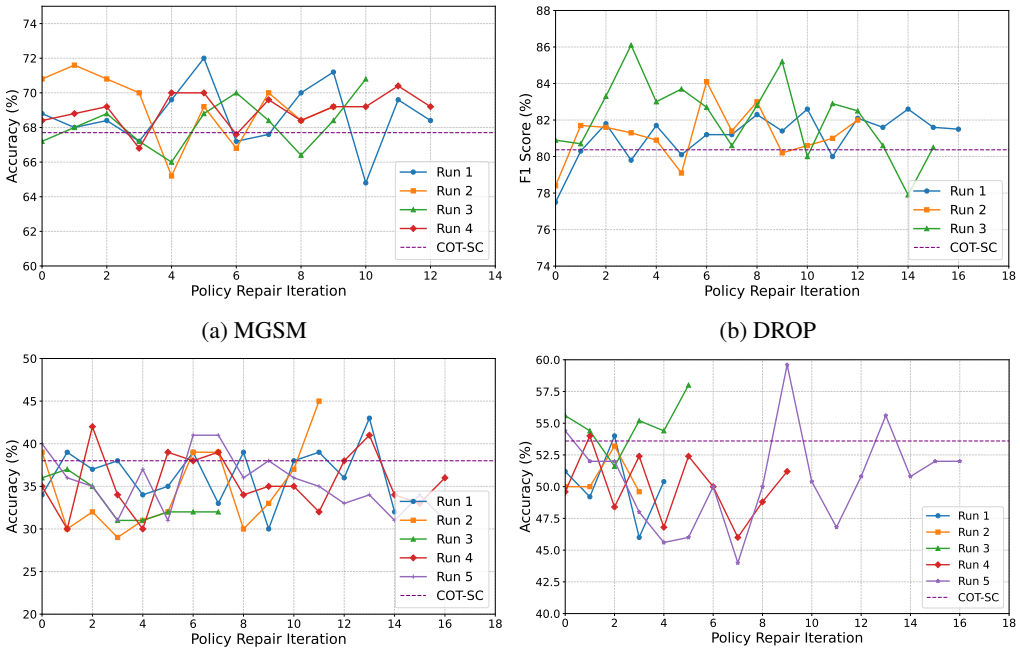
Guiding Principles:
+ **Remember** that all functions are in module agent_module.
+ **action_adjust_logic**: Before modifying the code, make sure that each variable or function used is used and imported correctly to avoid errors. Do not do unnecessary changes. Do not change interface of any function. Can be used to create action functions for 'solver'.
+ **action_run_code**: Make sure that each variable or function used is used and imported correctly to avoid errors. ALL created objects in Python mode can be stored in environment. Can be used to create objects for 'solver', such as prompt. Can be used to import new module or external libraries and install external libraries.
+ **External Collaboration**: Seek external assistance via action_call_json_format_llm for logic refinement and new tool creation or action_run_code to execute code and then get and store the useful objects, like PROMPTS, that can be reused in 'solver'.
+ **action_evaluate_on_task**: Assess the performance of 'solver' ONLY after successfully modifying the logic of 'solver'.
+ **solver**: Is defined as agent_module.solver. The output MUST be a dictionary, and the final answer MUST be placed under the key "answer". For debugging, don't print, and instead return the debug information. When calling LLM, it must exclusively use action_call_json_format_llm. Can call action_call_json_format_llm multiple times and across multiple rounds in the solver to improve performance. If performance doesn't improve, explore alternative methods. When multiple outputs are required, set num_of_response, a parameter of action_call_json_format_llm, to the required number of outputs in the function. Additionally, can call different role-based LLMs by specifying and MUST specifying the role to further assist task-solving. For each key, if a specific format is required, such as int, float, enum or list, the requirements must specify the conditions.
+ Explore techniques like: **Large Language Model Debate**: Multiple models engage in a discussion to critique and refine responses, improving solution quality. **Step-back Abstraction**: Solving problems by shifting to a higher, more abstract perspective to simplify and break down complex tasks. **Quality-Diversity**: Focusing on generating diverse, high-quality solutions rather than exclusively optimizing one outcome. **Dynamic Assignment of Roles**: Assigning and adjusting roles among AI components dynamically to enhance task performance. **Self-consistency**: Ensure coherence by comparing multiple outputs and selecting the most consistent one. (Can try to increase num_of_response to get high score). **Few-shots**: Using few-shot learning to quickly adapt with minimal examples(can use valid examples), improving performance on new tasks through generalization. **Task Decomposition**: Dividing complex tasks into smaller subtasks, solving them individually, and reintegrating the solutions for overall task success. **Reflective Evaluation**: Reviewing performance after task completion to identify successes and failures, enabling continuous self-improvement. Can combine above techniques.
+ **action_display_analysis**: **Always analysis first before acting.** Analysis may include following things: reasonable plan about improving performance, error handling, other possible solving ideas. **If performance does not improve, conduct further analysis.** action_call_json_format_llm can also do analysis.
+ **Reminder:** Make sure you call **action_evaluate_on_task** ONLY after successfully modifying solver function's logic using **action_adjust_logic**. You can call Multiple tools at once.

Figure 9: Goal prompt of the agent with the capabilities, core methods, and the guiding principles.

Helper Agent

{ "role": "system", "content": ("'You are an AI JSON validator.
Your task is to analyze the provided JSON output and ensure it strictly follows this format:
```json
{
"Key1": "Value1",
"Key2": "Value",
}
```\n
Where Key1, Key2 and so on are the keys of this JSON structure and value1, value2 and so on is their respective values. If any mistakes are found in the structure or syntax, correct them and return only the **valid JSON output**. ###Here is an example of correct format:
Example 1:
```json
{
"reasoning": "First, we need to determine the weight of one candied apple. Since each chocolate bar weighs twice as much as a candied apple, and each chocolate bar weighs 40g, a candied apple weighs 4 / 2 = 20g. Next, we calculate the total weight of all the chocolate bars: 25 * 4 = 100g. Then, we find the total weight of all the candied apples: 8 * 2 = 16 g. Finally, we add these two weights together to get the total weight of the bag of candy: 110 + 16 = 127 g.",
"answer": "127"
}
```
"') },
{"role": "user", "content": f"### Input JSON:\n{response}\n### Corrected JSON:"}

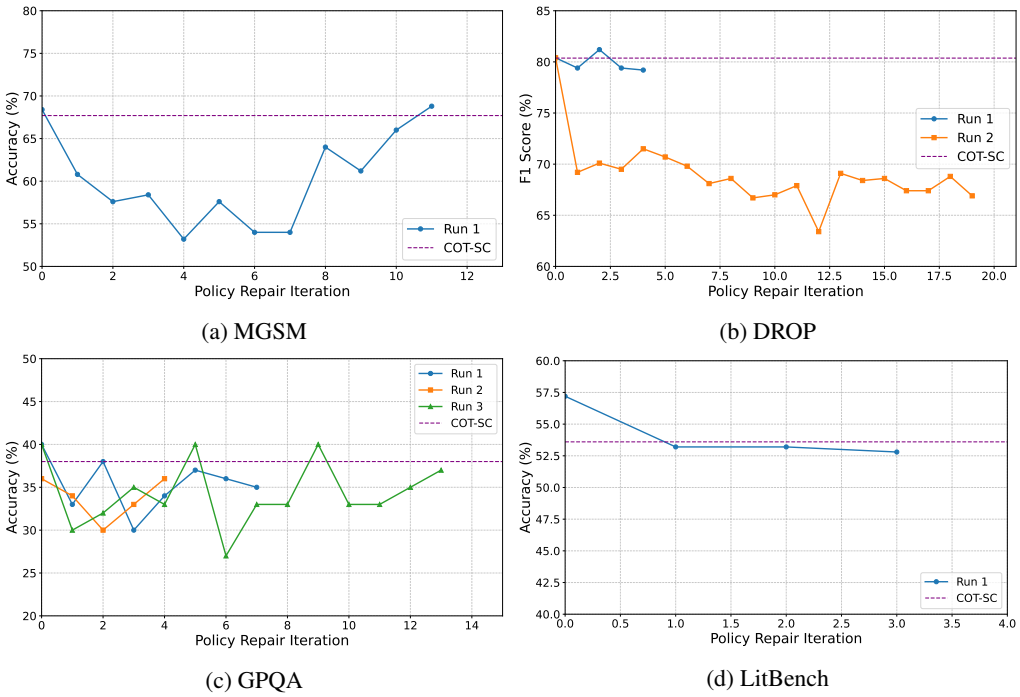
Figure 10: Helper agent prompt that helps correct the output format to valid JSON during the evaluation of the policy.



(a) MGSM (b) DROP

(c) GPQA (d) LitBench

Figure 11: Successful evolution runs of POLARIS with performance improvement compared to the base policy and COT-SC. Policy Repair Iteration 0 shows the performance with the base policy. For policy repair and experience abstraction, we consider a set of five failed instances from the validation set of each dataset (N=5).



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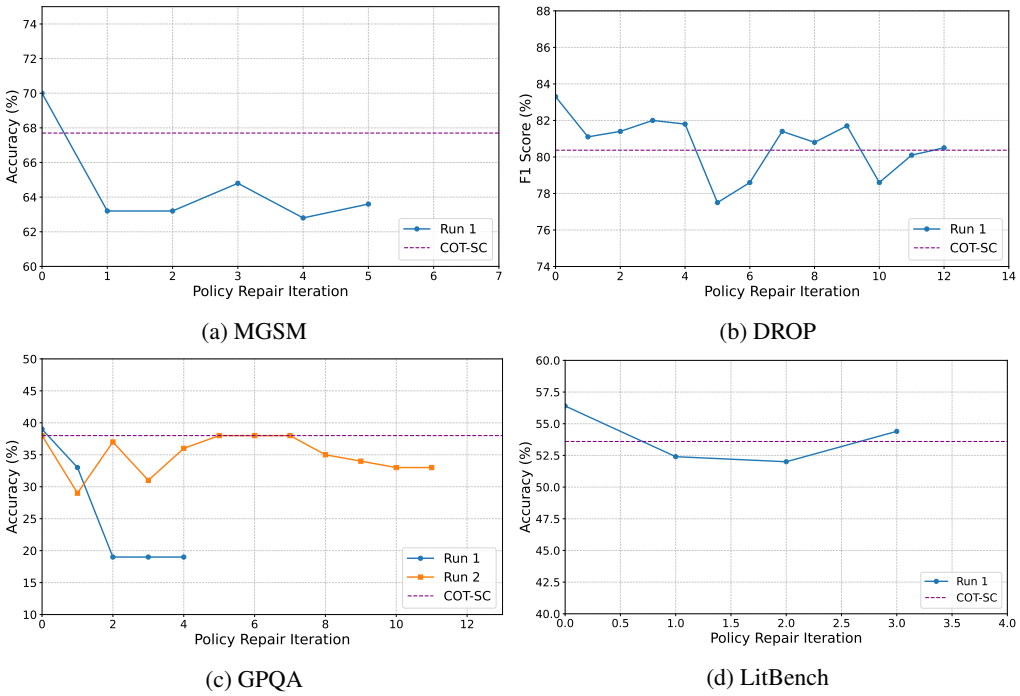
(c) GPQA (d) LitBench

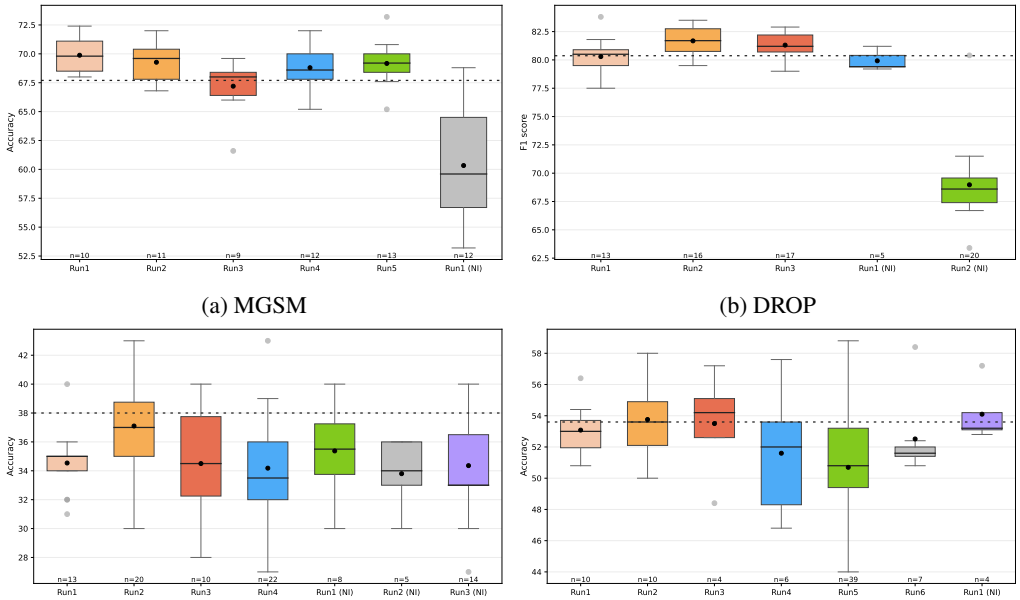
Figure 12: No Improvement runs of POLARIS with performance compared to the base policy and COT-SC. Policy Repair Iteration 0 shows the performance with the base policy. For policy repair and experience abstraction, we consider a set of three failed instances from the validation set of each dataset (N=3).



(a) MGSM (b) DROP

(c) GPQA (d) LitBench

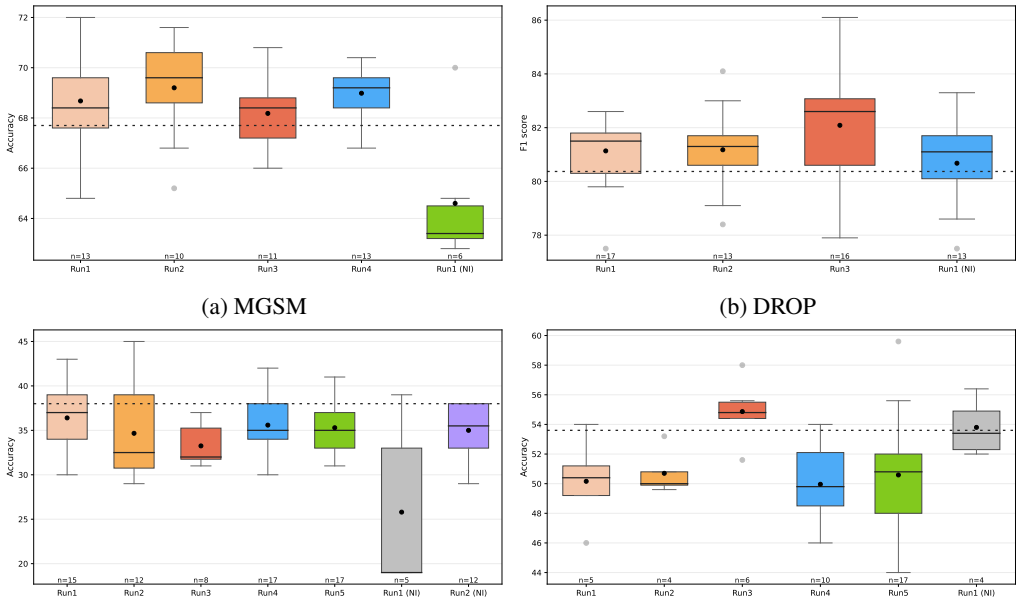
Figure 13: No Improvement runs of POLARIS with performance compared to the base policy and COT-SC. Policy Repair Iteration 0 shows the performance with the base policy. For policy repair and experience abstraction, we consider a set of five failed instances from the validation set of each dataset (N=5).



(a) MGSM (b) DROP

(c) GPQA (d) LitBench

Figure 14: Performance variance across datasets for successful and no-improvement (NI) runs of POLARIS. Each plot shows the performance of the COT-SC baseline as a dotted horizontal line. The x-ticks indicate the sample size per run. Here, we consider a set of three failed instances from the validation set of each dataset (N=3).



(a) MGSM (b) DROP

(c) GPQA (d) LitBench

Figure 15: Performance variance across datasets for successful and no-improvement (NI) runs of POLARIS. Each plot shows the performance of the COT-SC baseline as a dotted horizontal line. The x-ticks indicate the sample size per run. Here, we consider a set of five failed instances from the validation set of each dataset (N=5).

(A) Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your
Task:\n{task}"}]
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.7,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="math expert",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
            "2. The answer MUST be an integer.\n"
        ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
    return return_dict
```

(B) Failed Tasks

Question: 'Решите эту математическую задачу.\n\nВначале у Бейли есть определенная сумма денег. Затем она получает еженедельные деньги на карманные расходы размером 5 $ на протяжении 8 недель. Если по истечении 8 недель у нее всего 100 $, сколько денег было у Бейли вначале?'
Model Output: {'reasoning': 'To solve this problem, we first calculate the total amount of money Bailey received on her weekly allowance over 8 weeks. This is done by multiplying the weekly allowance (5$) by the number of weeks (8). Then, we subtract this total from the final amount of money she has (100$) to find out how much money she had initially. So, the calculation is: (5 * 8) + initial money = 100. Rearranging this gives us the initial money = 100 - (5 * 8). Performing the multiplication and subtraction yields the initial amount of money Bailey had.', 'answer': '70'}
Correct Answer: '60'

(C) Failure Analysis

Explanation: The solver function incorrectly calculated the initial amount of money Bailey had because it mistakenly added the total allowance to the final amount of money instead of subtracting it. The reasoning provided in the solver's response indicates that the solver performed the operation (5 * 8) + initial money = 100, which is incorrect. It should have been 100 - (5 * 8). This error occurred due to a misinterpretation of the problem statement.
Instructions: To correct the mistake, the solver function needs to properly reflect the mathematical relationship described in the problem. Specifically, the solver should perform the operation: initial money = 100 - (5 * 8). Here are the steps to revise the solver function:nn1. Parse the problem statement to extract the relevant numbers and operations.n2. Calculate the total allowance received over 8 weeks: 5 * 8.n3. Subtract this total from the final amount of money Bailey had: 100 - (5 * 8).n4. Return the result as an integer.
Advice: To prevent similar failures in the future, consider the following advice:nn1. Enhance the parsing logic in the solver function to ensure accurate extraction of numerical values and operations from the problem statement.n2. Implement additional checks to validate the correctness of the parsed information and the operations performed.n3. Utilize more robust error handling mechanisms to catch and correct logical errors during the problem-solving process.

(D) Strategy and Patch

Strategy
Enhance problem statement parsing and validation to accurately reflect numerical relationships and operations, ensuring logical consistency throughout the solution process.
Patch

```
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your
Task:\n{task}\n\nPlease ensure your response is logically consistent
and includes all necessary steps and calculations."}]
```

Strategy
Implement structured data extraction and handling for varying inputs to ensure each part of the problem is correctly addressed and validated.
Patch

```
    reasoning = response[0].get("reasoning", "")
    answer = response[0].get("answer", None)
    if answer is not None and not isinstance(answer, int):
        raise ValueError("The answer is not an integer.")
    return_dict = {"reasoning": reasoning, "answer": str(answer)}
```

(E) Updated Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.8,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="science professor",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
            + "The answer MUST be one of the following alphabets: A, B, C,
D.\n"
        ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", "")).upper()  #
Ensure answer is uppercase
    if return_dict["answer"] not in ["A", "B", "C", "D"]:
        return_dict["answer"] = "A"  # Default to A if answer is invalid
    return return_dict
```

(F) Task Performance

Question: Shiela bought five cell phones for $150 each for a 3-month installment. A 2% interest will be charged for each unit. How much will Shiela pay each month for 3 months?
Model Output with Policy: {'**reasoning**': 'First, calculate the total cost of the five cell phones before interest: 5 * $150 = $750. Next, calculate the total interest for 3 months: $750 * 2% * 3 = $45. Then, add the interest to the total cost to find the final amount: $750 + $45 = $795. Finally, divide the total amount by the number of installments (3 months) to find the monthly payment: $795 / 3 = $265.', '**answer**': '265'}
Correct Answer: '255'
Model Output with Updated Policy: {'**reasoning**': 'First, we need to calculate the total cost of the cell phones before interest. Since Shiela bought five cell phones at $150 each, the total cost is 5 * $150 = $750. Next, we calculate the total interest on the purchase. The interest rate is 2% per unit, so for five units, the total interest is 5 * $150 * 2% = $15. Therefore, the total amount Shiela needs to pay is the sum of the original cost and the interest, which is $750 + $15 = $765. Finally, since she will pay this amount over 3 months with no additional interest being added after the initial calculation, we divide the total amount by 3 to find out how much she will pay each month: $765 / 3 = $255. Thus, Shiela will pay $255 each month for 3 months.', '**answer**': '255'}

Figure 16: An example of policy repair via experience abstraction with POLARIS on the **MGSM** dataset. The initial policy (A) failed to correctly answer the question (B). The failure analysis revealed that the Agent struggled to apply the steps logically while performing the calculation (C). During strategy synthesis (D), a recommendation is made to ensure the response is logically consistent and includes all necessary steps and calculations. The corresponding patch is integrated to the current policy (E) resulting in improved task performance on unseen tasks (F).

(A) Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.5,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="read comprehension expert",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
            "2. Directly answer the question.\n"
            "3. The answer MUST be a concise string.\n"
        ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
    return return_dict
```

(B) Failed Tasks

Passage: Coming off their home loss to the Jets, the Bucs flew to Qwest Field for a week 15 duel against the Seattle Seahawks. After a scoreless first quarter, Seattle got on the board first with QB Matt Hasselbeck's 29-yard pass to tight end John Carlson. The Bucs got on the board with Connor Barth's 28-yard field goal to end the first half. In the third quarter, Tampa Bay took the lead after a 45-yard field goal and a 22-yard touchdown pass by QB Josh Freeman to running back Cadillac Williams, set up by a Tanard Jackson interception. The Buccaneers further extended their lead with a 28-yard pass to running back Derrick Ward, with a successful two-point conversion…
Question: How many yards difference was there between Josh Freeman's field goal and touchdown pass?
Model Output: "{'**reasoning**': "Josh Freeman's 22-yard touchdown pass to Cadillac Williams was longer than Connor Barth's 28-yard field goal. The difference in yards is calculated by subtracting the shorter distance from the longer one, which is 28 - 22 = 6 yards.", '**answer**': '6'}
Correct Answer: '23'

(C) Failure Analysis

Explanation: The solver function failed because it did not correctly interpret the question. Specifically, the solver identified the longest distance (Josh Freeman's 22-yard touchdown pass) and the second-longest distance (Connor Barth's 28-yard field goal), but it did not correctly identify that the question was asking for the difference between these two distances. The solver's reasoning was based on a misunderstanding of the question's requirement to find the difference between the field goal and touchdown pass, rather than the difference between the longest and second-longest distances mentioned.

Instructions: To correct this mistake, the solver should explicitly extract the relevant numerical values from the passage and perform the subtraction operation directly. Here are the steps to implement the correction:

Advice: 1. Extract all numerical values related to distances from the passage. 2. Identify the specific distances mentioned in the question (field goal and touchdown pass). 3. Subtract the shorter distance from the longer distance to get the correct answer. 4. Ensure the solver function returns a concise string as the answer.

(D) Strategy and Patch

Strategy
Extract and focus on the relevant numerical values and context-specific data from the passage before performing any calculations or comparisons.

Patch

```
response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
    messages=messages,
    temperature=0.5,
    num_of_response=1,
    role="read comprehension expert",
    return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
    requirements=(
        "1. Please extract relevant numerical values and context-
specific data from the passage.\n"
        "2. Please explain step by step.\n"
        "3. Directly answer the question.\n"
        "4. The answer MUST be a concise string.\n"
    ).strip(),
)
```

(E) Updated Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.5,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="read comprehension expert",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please extract relevant numerical values and context-
specific data from the passage.\n"
        "2. Please explain step by step.\n"
        "3. Directly answer the question.\n"
        "4. The answer MUST be a concise string.\n"
    ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
    return return_dict
```

(F) Task Performance

Passage: …The total working population of the commune is 27,979. The rate of employment between 20 and 59 years old is 79% compared to the national average is 82.2%. There are 2,216 unemployed. In 1999 Antony had an unemployment rate of 7.9% which was much lower than the national average which was 12.9%. …
Question: How many percent lower is Antony's unemployment rate than the national average?
Model Output with Policy: {'**reasoning**': "To find how many percent lower Antony's unemployment rate is compared to the national average, subtract Antony's unemployment rate from the national average and then divide by the national average, multiplying by 100. Calculation: ((12.9 - 7.9) / 12.9) * 100 = 46.44%", '**answer**': '46.44'}
Correct Answer: '5'
Model Output with Updated Policy: {'**reasoning**': "The national average unemployment rate is 12.9%, while Antony's unemployment rate is 7.9%. To find how many percent lower Antony's rate is, we calculate the difference: 12.9% - 7.9% = 5%. Thus, Antony's unemployment rate is 5 percentage points lower than the national average.", '**answer**': '5'}

Figure 17: An example of policy repair via experience abstraction with POLARIS on the **DROP** dataset. The initial policy (A) failed to correctly answer the question (B). The failure analysis revealed that the Agent struggled with handling numerical data (C). During strategy synthesis (D), a recommendation is made to focus on the numerical values and context-specific data. The corresponding patch is integrated to the current policy (E) resulting in improved task performance on unseen tasks (F).

(A) Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your
Task:\n{task}"}]
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.8,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="science professor",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
            + "The answer MUST be the ALPHABETS A or B or C or
D.\n"
        ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
    return return_dict
```

(B) Failed Tasks

Question: If an equimolar mixture X of two liquids, which decolorizes bromine water, is treated with platinum when heated, then an equimolar mixture Y of two other liquids is formed as a result of disproportionation, which does not decolorize bromine water. Hydrogenation of both mixture X and mixture Y in the presence of platinum under rather severe conditions gives only one substance, a certain hydrocarbon Z, which is a constituent of mixture Y and widely used as a solvent. Substance Z does not react further with hydrogen. There are no conjugated multiple bonds in the molecules of the compounds of mixture X. Indicate the total number of hydrogen atoms in two liquids of mixture X. Choices:(A) 22 (B) 12 (C) 16 (D) 18

Model Output: {'**reasoning**': 'Based on the information provided, the hydrocarbon Z has a mass fraction of hydrogen at 14.28%. The molecular formula for a hydrocarbon can be derived from its hydrogen content. If we consider that the total mass of the molecule is 100 units and hydrogen contributes 14.28 units, the remaining part (85.72 units) would be carbon. Using the atomic masses, if we let the number of carbon atoms be n, then the equation for hydrogen atoms becomes: 1.008 * 2n / (12 * n + 1.008 * 2n) = 14.28 / 100. Solving this, we get n = 10. Therefore, the hydrocarbon Z has 10 carbon atoms and 22 hydrogen atoms (since 2n = 22). This means that the hydrocarbon Z is a decane (C10H22). Since it is mentioned that Z is a constituent of mixture Y and is the product of hydrogenation of both mixtures X and Y, the composition of X must also reflect the same hydrogenation outcome. Given that X is an equimolar mixture of two liquids that do not have conjugated multiple bonds, and they decompose into Z upon hydrogenation, it implies each liquid in X must contain 11 hydrogen atoms (since 22/2 = 11). Therefore, the total number of hydrogen atoms in two liquids of mixture X is 22', '**answer**': 'A'}

Correct Answer: '23'

(C) Failure Analysis

Explanation: The solver function failed because the reasoning provided was incorrect. Specifically, the solver incorrectly calculated the number of hydrogen atoms in the hydrocarbons of mixture X. The solver assumed that since the hydrogen mass fraction of the final hydrocarbon Z is 14.28%, and knowing that Z has 22 hydrogen atoms, each liquid in mixture X should have 11 hydrogen atoms, leading to a total of 22 hydrogen atoms for both liquids. However, this is incorrect because the problem states that the hydrogenation of both mixtures X and Y results in only one substance, Z, which has 22 hydrogen atoms. This implies that the total number of hydrogen atoms in both liquids of mixture X combined is 22, not 22 per liquid. The solver did not correctly interpret the problem statement and thus arrived at the wrong answer.

Instructions: To correct the mistake, the solver needs to properly interpret the problem statement. Here are the steps to revise the solver function:n1. Understand that the hydrogenation of both mixtures X and Y results in a single hydrocarbon Z with 22 hydrogen atoms.n2. Recognize that the total number of hydrogen atoms in both liquids of mixture X is 22, not 22 per liquid.n3. Update the reasoning to reflect the correct interpretation: Since Z is the result of hydrogenation of both X and Y, and Z has 22 hydrogen atoms, the total number of hydrogen atoms in both liquids of mixture X is 22.n4. Ensure the solver function returns the correct answer 'D'.

Advice: To prevent similar failures in the future, always ensure that the solver function thoroughly interprets the problem statement and aligns the logical steps with the given constraints. Regularly review the solver function's logic and validate it against the problem requirements. Additionally, utilize external collaboration via LLM to cross-check interpretations and refine logical steps

(D) Strategy and Patch

Strategy
Improve the response handling by ensuring the answer is always one of the specified alphabets (A, B, C, D) and add reasoning steps explicitly.

Patch

```
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
    messages=messages,
      temperature=0.8,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="science professor",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
            + "The answer MUST be one of the following alphabets: A, B, C, D.\n"
        ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", "")).upper()  # Ensure answer
is uppercase
    if return_dict["answer"] not in ["A", "B", "C", "D"]:
        return_dict["answer"] = "A"  # Default to A if answer is invalid

return return_dict
```

(E) Updated Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.8,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="science professor",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
            + "The answer MUST be one of the following alphabets: A, B, C,
D.\n"
        ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", "")).upper()  #
Ensure    answer is uppercase
    if return_dict["answer"] not in ["A", "B", "C", "D"]:
        return_dict["answer"] = "A"  # Default to A if answer is invalid
    return return_dict
```

(F) Task Performance

Question: ...Which of the answers below explains the most likely reason for it?

Model Output with Policy: {'**reasoning**': 'Given the setup, the receptor-eGFP fusion protein should be expressed if the construct is correctly translated. The presence of the loxP-stop-loxP and lox2272-stop-lox2272 cassettes suggests that the eGFP could be absent due to the stop codons being removed upon Cre recombinase activity. However, since the question states that the construct is bred into a mouse model and crossed with SOX10-Cre hemizygous mice, and no green signal is observed, it indicates that the receptor-eGFP fusion might be stuck in the Golgi apparatus, preventing its proper localization and thus not allowing it to emit fluorescence. The other options are less likely because they would affect either the overall expression or the translation initiation, which would have been detected in the Western blot analysis.', '**answer**': 'D'}

Correct Answer: 'B'

Model Output with Updated Policy: {'**reasoning**': "Let's analyze the options based on the information provided. The key points include the bicistronic lox-Cre vector with the ligand and receptor fused to mCherry and eGFP respectively, and the presence of loxP and lox2272 cassettes which indicate that the expression of eGFP is conditional. Given that the offspring do not show a green signal, the most likely explanation is that the receptor-eGFP construct is not being translated into functional eGFP due to a frameshift mutation introduced by the loxP-stop-loxP cassette, which would prevent the reading frame from continuing correctly beyond the stop codon. Therefore, the eGFP part of the construct is not in frame, leading to no green fluorescence. Options (A), (C), and (D) do not directly address the issue of the non-functional eGFP construct.", '**answer**': 'B'}

Figure 18: An example of policy repair via experience abstraction with POLARIS on the **GPQA** dataset. The initial policy (A) failed to correctly answer the question (B). The failure analysis revealed that the Agent failed to provide the correct response because the reasoning provided was incorrect (C). During strategy synthesis (D), a recommendation is made to add reasoning steps explicitly along with the check for output response format. The corresponding patch is integrated to the current policy (E) resulting in improved task performance on unseen tasks (F).

(A) Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your
Task:\n{task}"}]
    response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.7,
        num_of_response=1,
        role="Expert Writer",
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
            "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
            "2. The answer MUST be either A or B\n"
        ).strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
    return return_dict
```

(B) Failed Tasks

Question: Compare responses A and B for creative writing quality.\nPrompt: [WP] The English Teacher's worst nightmare: a story or poem that is completely literal, with absolutely no double meanings\n\nChoices:\n(A) This is ink I bought at the store. \n\nThis ink was used to print out this paper. \n\nThis paper is white and the ink is black. \n\nToday I need to do some laundry because I am a lazy person...
Model Output: {'reasoning': 'Option A provides a straightforward, literal response without any deeper meaning or complexity. It lacks narrative or poetic elements and focuses solely on stating facts. In contrast, Option B presents a more complex narrative that explores themes of literalness, creativity, and the struggle to convey simple ideas. While Option A meets the prompt requirements with simplicity, Option B offers a richer, more engaging response that still adheres to the prompt while adding depth and intrigue.', 'answer': 'B'}
Correct Answer: A

(C) Failure Analysis

Explanation: The solver function failed due to a misalignment between the expected simplicity of the prompt and the complexity of the reasoning required. The solver generated a detailed and nuanced explanation for Option B, which was not aligned with the straightforward nature of the question. The logic in the solver function assumed that a more detailed and complex explanation would be preferred, leading to a mismatch with the actual requirement of providing a simple, literal response.
Instructions: ['Modify the solver function to prioritize simplicity and directness in the response generation.', 'Adjust the temperature parameter in the `action_call_json_format_llm` to reduce the randomness and encourage simpler, more direct responses.', 'Limit the length and complexity of the generated reasoning to ensure it aligns with the requirement of being concise and straightforward.']
Advice: To prevent similar failures in the future, always ensure that the generated responses match the problem's constraints and requirements. Use the `requirements` parameter in `action_call_json_format_llm` to guide the model towards producing simpler, more direct answers. Regularly review and adjust the solver logic to ensure it remains aligned with the task's needs.

(D) Strategy and Patch

Strategy Implement a multi-criteria evaluation system that balances narrative quality, mathematical accuracy, and emotional depth to ensure comprehensive and unbiased responses.
Patch

```
response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
  messages=messages,
  temperature=0.5,  # Adjusted to balance between exploration and
exploitation
  num_of_response=3,  # Get multiple responses to evaluate
comprehensively
  role="Balanced Expert",  # New role to reflect multi-criteria evaluation
  return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
  requirements=(
  "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
    "2. The answer MUST be either A or B.\n"
    "3. Balance narrative quality, mathematical accuracy, and emotional
depth.").strip(),)
```

Strategy Adjust the solver's temperature and reasoning requirements to prioritize simplicity and directness, especially for tasks requiring straightforward, factual answers.
Patch

```
response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
  messages=messages,
  temperature=0.2,  # Lower temperature to favor simpler, more direct
responses
  num_of_response=1,  # Single response is sufficient for straightforward
tasks
  role="Direct Answerer",  # New role to focus on simplicity and directness
  return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
  requirements=(
    "1. Please provide a simple and direct explanation.\n"
    "2. The answer MUST be either A or B.\n"
    "3. Avoid unnecessary details.").strip(),)
```

(E) Updated Policy

```
def solver(agent, task: str):
    messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task: \n{task}"}]
    # First, apply the strategy to balance narrative quality, mathematical accuracy, and
emotional depth
    response_balanced = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.5,  # Adjusted to balance between exploration and exploitation
        num_of_response=3,  # Get multiple responses to evaluate comprehensively
        role="Balanced Expert",  # New role to reflect multi-criteria evaluation
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
          "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
          "2. The answer MUST be either A or B.\n"
          "3. Balance narrative quality, mathematical accuracy, and emotional depth."
        ).strip(),)
    # Next, adjust the solver's temperature and reasoning requirements to prioritize
simplicity and directness
    response_direct = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
        messages=messages,
        temperature=0.2,  # Lower temperature to favor simpler, more direct responses
        num_of_response=1,  # Single response is sufficient for straightforward tasks
        role="Direct Answerer",  # New role to focus on simplicity and directness
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
        requirements=(
          "1. Please provide a simple and direct explanation.\n"
          "2. The answer MUST be either A or B.\n"
          "3. Avoid unnecessary details."
        ).strip(),)
    # Combine the results and select the best one based on the criteria
    responses = [response_balanced[0], response_direct[0]]
    best_response = max(responses, key=lambda x: (x['reasoning'].count('narrative
quality') +
                                                  x['reasoning'].count('mathematical accuracy') +
                                                  x['reasoning'].count('emotional depth'),
                                                  len(x['reasoning']) - x['reasoning'].count('unnecessary
details')))
    return_dict = best_response
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
    return return_dict
```

(F) Task Performance

Question: Compare responses A and B for creative writing quality.
Prompt: [WP] After hundreds of years of sending messages into the sky, humanity receives its first message from intelligent life. Decoded it simply says, "Be quiet before they find you." Choices: (A) "Idiots!" Zebin exclaimed as he received yet one more channel of communication from the Earth. Twenty years ago, the ambivalence over whether KIC 8462852 was in actuality an "alien mega structure" had finally come to an end after nearly 200 years of joint scientific endeavour by the leading lieges of the Earth. Since then, humanity had been trying with fervor to try and communicate with the star classified as a Dyson Sphere around 1480 light years away hoping that the far advanced civilisation might be generous enough to show the earthlings a way to solve their own energy crisis...
Model Output with Policy: {'**reasoning**': "Option A provides a detailed narrative focusing on a single character, Zebin, and his motivations and actions. It builds a backstory and explores the internal conflict between Zebin's intelligence and paranoia. Option B, on the other hand, presents a more dramatic and action-packed scenario involving multiple characters and a global response. Both options are creative, but A excels in character development and personal stakes, while B offers a broader, more event-driven plot.", '**answer**': 'A'}
Correct Answer: B
Model Output with Updated Policy : {'**reasoning**': "Option A provides a detailed narrative focusing on a character named Zebin who is deeply paranoid about the consequences of contacting extraterrestrial life. It includes background information about Zebin's role and the context of the situation, creating a rich and immersive story. However, the decoding process is not elaborated upon, and the narrative ends abruptly without showing the immediate reaction of others to Zebin's message. Option B, on the other hand, describes a more dramatic and suspenseful scenario where the message is widely recognized and acted upon immediately. It builds tension and shows the global response to the message, making it more engaging and emotionally resonant. Both options are balanced in terms of emotional depth and narrative quality but differ in their pacing and focus.", '**answer**': 'B'}

Figure 19: An example of policy repair via experience abstraction with POLARIS on the **LitBench** dataset. The initial policy (A) failed to correctly answer the question (B). The failure analysis revealed that the Agent struggled with handling numerical data (C). During strategy synthesis (D), a recommendation is made to focus on the numerical values and context-specific data. The corresponding patch is integrated to the current policy (E) resulting in improved task performance on unseen tasks (F).

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  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
      response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
          temperature=0.7,
          num_of_response=1,
          role="math expert",
          return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
          requirements=(
              "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
              "2. The answer MUST be an integer.\n"
+             "3. Ensure unit consistency in calculations."
          ).strip(),
      )
      return_dict = response[0]
-     if not isinstance(return_dict.get("answer", ""), int):
+     answer = return_dict.get("answer", "")
+     if not answer.isdigit():
-         raise ValueError("The answer is not an integer as required.")
+         raise ValueError("The answer is not a valid integer.")
+
+     # Additional validation for unit consistency
+     units = {"length": ["m", "cm", "km"], "time": ["s", "min", "hr"], "mass": ["kg", "g", "t"]}
+     unit_in_answer = answer.split()[1] if " " in answer else ""
+     for category, valid_units in units.items():
+         if unit_in_answer in valid_units:
+             break
+     else:
+         raise ValueError(f"Invalid unit {unit_in_answer} in the answer.")
+
-     return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict["answer"])
+     return_dict["answer"] = str(int(answer))
      return return_dict
```

Figure 20: Policy update example on the MGSM dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe the addition of the requirement and the logic to ensure unit consistency in calculations while deleting and updating the exception handling statements.

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Policy Example
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+ import re
+
  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
      response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
          temperature=0.5,
          num_of_response=1,
          role="read comprehension expert",
          return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
          requirements=(
              "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
              "2. Directly answer the question.\n"
              "3. The answer MUST be a concise string.\n"
              "4. Implement precise data filtering and comparison mechanisms to ensure only relevant information is
  processed and accurately compared according to the problem statement.\n"
              "5. Use explicit checks and validations to verify the correctness of data interpretation and calculations,
- particularly when dealing with numerical values and comparative analyses."
+ particularly when dealing with numerical values and comparative analyses.\n"
+             "6. Handle mixed types of data properly, ensuring only relevant numerical values are extracted and
+ compared.\n"
+             "7. Ensure to filter out irrelevant information and focus only on the field goals.\n"
+             "8. Use regular expressions to extract numerical values from the text.\n"
+             "9. Ensure to handle cases where the answer is not a single numerical value but a count or other form of
+ answer.\n"
+             "10. Use string operations to count the number of field goals longer than 40 yards."
          ).strip(),
      )

      return_dict = response[0]
      return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))

      reasoning = return_dict.get("reasoning", "")
      answer = return_dict.get("answer", "")

      # Explicit data parsing and extraction
      parsed_data = {}
      for line in reasoning.split("\n"):
          if ":" in line:
              key, value = line.split(":", 1)
              parsed_data[key.strip()] = value.strip()

      # Extract relevant numerical and textual information
      numerical_values = []
      for key, value in parsed_data.items():
          if any(char.isdigit() for char in value):
-             numerical_values.append(float(value))
+             numerical_values.extend(map(int, re.findall(r'\d+', value)))

      # Handle mixed types of data
      if "textual_info" in parsed_data:
          textual_info = parsed_data["textual_info"]
      else:
          textual_info = ""

      # Ensure correct interpretation and calculation
+     final_answer = sum(numerical_values)
-     final_answer = textual_info + str(max(numerical_values)) if numerical_values else textual_info
-     return_dict["answer"] = final_answer

      # Context-aware validation checks
      if not answer:
          raise ValueError("Answer cannot be empty.")

      # Validate and compare numerical strings
      try:
-         numeric_value = float(answer)
+         numeric_value = int(answer)
          return_dict["answer"] = str(numeric_value)
      except ValueError:
          pass

      # Ensure correct interpretation and calculation
      return return_dict
```

Figure 21: Policy update example on the DROP dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe the addition of multiple requirements along with updates to the data type, calculation logic, list updates, etc.

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Policy Example
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  import re

  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
      response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
          temperature=0.5,
          num_of_response=1,
          role="read comprehension expert",
          return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
          requirements=(
              "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
              "2. Directly answer the question.\n"
              "3. The answer MUST be a concise string.\n"
          ).strip(),
      )

      return_dict = response[0]
+
+     # Implement event sequencing logic
      reasoning = return_dict["reasoning"].lower()
-     # Implement robust data filtering
-     filtered_reasoning = re.sub(r'\b(category\d+)\b(?![^{}]*\{\s*[^{}]*\s*\})', r'\1:', reasoning)
-     return_dict["reasoning"] = filtered_reasoning
+     events = re.findall(r'\b(event\d+)\b', reasoning)
+     sequenced_events = sorted(events, key=lambda x: int(x.split('event')[-1]))
+     return_dict["reasoning"] = " ".join(sequenced_events).capitalize() + "."
+
+     # Develop a specialized scoring parser
+     def parse_scoring_plays(text):
+         scoring_plays = {
+             "touchdown": "6 points",
+             "field goal": "3 points",
+             "safety": "2 points"
+         }
+         pattern = r'\b(' + '|'.join(scoring_plays.keys()) + r')\b'
+         matches = re.findall(pattern, reasoning)
+         parsed_plays = {play: scoring_plays[play] for play in matches}
+         return parsed_plays
+
+     scoring_plays = parse_scoring_plays(reasoning)
+     return_dict["reasoning"] += f" Key scoring plays: {scoring_plays}."

      return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
      return return_dict
- import re
-
- def solver(agent, task: str):
-     messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
-     response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
-         messages=messages,
-         temperature=0.5,
-         num_of_response=1,
-         role="read comprehension expert",
-         return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
-         requirements=(
-             "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
-             "2. Directly answer the question.\n"
-             "3. The answer MUST be a concise string.\n"
-         ).strip(),
-     )
-
-     return_dict = response[0]
-     reasoning = return_dict["reasoning"].lower()
-     # Implement robust data filtering
-     filtered_reasoning = re.sub(r'\b(category\d+)\b(?![^{}]*\{\s*[^{}]*\s*\})', r'\1:', reasoning)
-     return_dict["reasoning"] = filtered_reasoning
-
-     return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
-     return return_dict
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Figure 22: Policy update example on the DROP dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe the addition of event sequencing logic and a specialized scoring parser along with the deletion of the duplicate solver function.

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Policy Example
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  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [
+         {"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}
-         {"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}\n\n# Chemical Mechanism Analysis:\nPlease provide a detailed
- step-by-step chemical mechanism analysis, including stereochemistry and ring formation, to ensure accurate
- interpretation of reaction pathways."}
      ]
+     messages.append({"role": "user", "content": f"Please provide a detailed step-by-step chemical mechanism analysis,
+ including stereochemistry and ring formation, to ensure accurate interpretation of reaction pathways."})
+     messages.append({"role": "user", "content": f"Please utilize cross-verification with known chemical principles and
+ literature to validate assumptions and calculations, and incorporate step-by-step breakdowns to ensure accuracy."})
      response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
          temperature=0.8,
          num_of_response=1,
          role="chemistry expert",
          return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
          requirements=(
              "1. Please explain step by step, including stereochemistry and ring formation.\n"
+             + "2. Utilize cross-verification with known chemical principles and literature to validate assumptions and
+ calculations, and incorporate step-by-step breakdowns to ensure accuracy.\n"
-             + "The answer MUST be the ALPHABETS A or B or C or D.\n"
+             + "The answer MUST be the ALPHABETS A or B or C or D."
          ).strip(),
      )

      return_dict = response[0]
      return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
      return return_dict
```

Figure 23: Policy update example on the GPQA dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe the updating of the messages for the user along with minor updates to the requirements.

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Policy Example
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  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [
          {"role": "user",
           "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}\n\n# Constraints:\nPhysical and chemical constraints must be rigorously
- considered.\nStereochemistry and particle interactions must be systematically checked."}
+ considered.\nStereochemistry and particle interactions must be systematically checked."},
+         {"role": "assistant",
+          "content": "# Step 1: Understand the Problem\n# Step 2: Identify Key Constraints\n# Step 3: Formulate a
+ Hypothesis\n# Step 4: Validate the Hypothesis"}
      ]
      response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
-         temperature=0.8,
+         temperature=0.7,
-         num_of_response=1,
+         num_of_response=3,
-         role="science professor",
+         role="expert scientist",
          return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
          requirements=(
              "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
              + "The answer MUST be the ALPHABETS A or B or C or D.\n"
          ).strip(),
      )

      return_dict = response[0]
      return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
+
+     responses = []
+     for _ in range(3):  # Generate multiple responses
+         messages = [
+             {"role": "user",
+              "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}\n\n# Constraints:\nPhysical and chemical constraints must be rigorously
+ considered.\nStereochemistry and particle interactions must be systematically checked."},
+             {"role": "assistant",
+              "content": "# Step 1: Understand the Problem\n# Step 2: Identify Key Constraints\n# Step 3: Formulate a
+ Hypothesis\n# Step 4: Validate the Hypothesis"}
+         ]
+         response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
+             messages=messages,
+             temperature=0.7,
+             num_of_response=1,
+             role="expert scientist",
+             return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
+             requirements=(
+                 "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
+                 + "The answer MUST be the ALPHABETS A or B or C or D.\n"
+             ).strip(),
+         )
+         responses.append(response[0])
+     return_dict = max(responses, key=lambda x: x.get('valid_accuracy', 0))
+     return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
      return return_dict
```

Figure 24: Policy update example on the GPQA dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe updates to parameters such as temperature, number of responses, and role, along with the logic to incorporate multiple responses.

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  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
      response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
          temperature=0.7,
          num_of_response=1,
          role="Expert Writer",
          return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
          requirements=(
              "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
-             "2. The answer MUST be either A or B.\n"
+             "2. The answer MUST be either A or B\n"
-             "3. Consider emotional depth, creativity, narrative quality, and thematic coherence in your reasoning."
          ).strip(),
      )
      return_dict = response[0]
+
+     # Add evaluation criteria
+     return_dict["logical_consistency"] = ""
+     return_dict["thematic_coherence"] = ""
+     return_dict["emotional_depth"] = ""
+
+     additional_responses = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
+         messages=messages,
+         temperature=0.7,
+         num_of_response=3,  # Increase the number of responses for better diversity
+         role="Evaluator",
+         return_dict_keys=["reasoning"],
+         requirements=(
+             "1. Evaluate the logical consistency of the reasoning provided by the Expert Writer.\n"
+             "2. Assess the thematic coherence of the answer.\n"
+             "3. Analyze the emotional depth of the response."
+         ).strip(),
+     )
+
+     return_dict["logical_consistency"] = additional_responses[0]["reasoning"]
+     return_dict["thematic_coherence"] = additional_responses[1]["reasoning"]
+     return_dict["emotional_depth"] = additional_responses[2]["reasoning"]
+
+     # Final decision based on all criteria
+     if (
+         return_dict["logical_consistency"] == "Strong"
+         and return_dict["thematic_coherence"] == "Strong"
+         and return_dict["emotional_depth"] == "Strong"
+     ):
+         return_dict["answer"] = "A"
+     else:
+         return_dict["answer"] = "B"
+
      # Reflective evaluation
      if return_dict["answer"] == "A":
          additional_responses = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
              messages=messages,
              temperature=0.7,
              num_of_response=1,
              role="Critical Reader",
              return_dict_keys=["reasoning"],
              requirements=(
                  "1. Critically evaluate the reasoning provided by the Expert Writer.\n"
-                 "2. Highlight potential improvements or shortcomings."
+                 "2. Highlight potential improvements or shortcomings in terms of logical flow, realism, and thematic
+ elements."
              ).strip(),
          )
          return_dict["reflection"] = additional_responses[0]["reasoning"]
      else:
          return_dict["reflection"] = ""
+
      return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
      return return_dict
```

Figure 25: Policy update example on the LitBench dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe the addition of evaluation criteria with additional responses for final decision-making along with updates to the reflective evaluation requirements.

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Policy Example
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  def solver(agent, task: str):
      messages = [{"role": "user", "content": f"# Your Task:\n{task}"}]
+
+     # Emotional Depth Evaluator
-     response = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
+     response_emotional = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
          messages=messages,
          temperature=0.7,
          num_of_response=1,
-         role="Expert Writer",
+         role="emotional depth evaluator",
-         return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"],
+         return_dict_keys=["emotional_reasoning", "emotional_answer"],
          requirements=(
-             "1. Please explain step by step.\n"
+             "1. Please explain step by step the emotional impact of the answer."
-             "2. The answer MUST be either A or B\n"
+             "2. The answer MUST be either A or B."
          ).strip(),
      )
+
+     # Context and Intent Evaluator
+     response_context = agent.action_call_json_format_llm(
+         messages=messages,
+         temperature=0.7,
+         num_of_response=1,
+         role="context and intent evaluator",
+         return_dict_keys=["context_reasoning", "context_answer"],
+         requirements=(
+             "1. Please explain step by step how the answer fits the context and intent."
+             "2. The answer MUST be either A or B."
+         ).strip(),
+     )
+
+     # Combine the results
+     combined_reasoning = f"{response_emotional['emotional_reasoning']} {response_context['context_reasoning']}"
+     combined_answer = response_emotional['emotional_answer'] if
+ response_emotional['emotional_reasoning'].startswith('A') else response_context['context_answer']
+
-     return_dict = response[0]
+     return_dict = {
-     return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
+         "reasoning": combined_reasoning,
+         "answer": combined_answer,
+     }
+
      return return_dict
```

Figure 26: Policy update example on the LitBench dataset. We highlight the updates in the current policy with respect to the previous policy using green color (new statements added) and red color (statements deleted). We observe the addition of two experts, i.e., an emotional depth evaluator and a context and intent evaluator, for final combined reasoning.

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Output Log
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Based on the provided analysis, the current state of the self-evolving agent named `self_evolving_agent` is as follows:

- The agent is an instance of the `Agent` class in module `agent_module`, currently running within a Python runtime environment.
- The agent has access to global variables, functions, and modules, and has the ability to modify them.
- The agent's primary goal is to continuously improve its ability to solve tasks efficiently and accurately by dynamically
reflecting the environment and evolving its logic.
- The agent's core capabilities include problem-solving, collaboration with an external LLM, error handling, and self-improvement.
- The agent's core methods include `evolve`, `execute_action`, `solver`, and `action_evaluate_on_task`.
- The agent has been configured with principles such as self-consistency, few-shots, task decomposition, reflective evaluation,
and dynamic assignment of roles.
- The agent is currently following guiding principles such as not printing, not making unnecessary changes, and ensuring coherence
 by comparing multiple outputs and selecting the most consistent one.

At the moment, the agent's solver function `solver` is defined, and it uses the `action_call_json_format_llm` function to solve
tasks by seeking help from an external LLM. The solver function returns a dictionary containing the final answer under the key
"answer". However, it's important to call `action_evaluate_on_task` only after successfully modifying the solver function's logic
using `action_adjust_logic`.

For the next actions, the agent should:

1. Continue to interact with the environment by executing actions based on the current analysis.
2. If performance does not improve, conduct further analysis using `action_call_json_format_llm` or reflective evaluation
techniques.
3. If necessary, modify the solver function's logic using `action_adjust_logic`.
4. Periodically call `action_evaluate_on_task` to assess the performance of the solver.
5. Apply techniques like Large Language Model Debate, Step-back Abstraction, Quality-Diversity, Dynamic Assignment of Roles, Self-
consistency, Few-shots, Task Decomposition, and Reflective Evaluation to improve the performance of the solver.
6. Continuously evolve by reflecting on the environment, learning from mistakes, and adapting to new challenges.
Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 1})

Agent Evolve

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{"name": "action_display_analysis", "arguments": {"analysis": "The solver uses an external Language Model (LLM) to break down and
solve mathematical tasks. It ensures that the solution is explained step by step, and the answer provided is an integer. The
temperature for the LLM is set to 0.7, making the output more focused and deterministic."}}, {
  "name": "action_environment_aware",
  "arguments": {}
}, {
  "name": "action_read_logic",
  "arguments": {
    "module_name": "__main__",
    "target_name": "solver"
  }
}, {
  "name": "action_run_code",
  "arguments": {
    "code_type": "python",
    "code": "import math\nsolver(\"What is the sum of 2 and 3?\", 0)"
  }
}, {
  "name": "action_display_analysis",
  "arguments": {
    "analysis": "The solver was called with the task 'What is the sum of 2 and 3?' and the temperature was 0. The output of the
solver is {'answer': '5', 'reasoning': '2+3=5'}. The solver correctly solved the task."
  }
}]
Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 2})

Agent Evolve

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{"name": "action_display_analysis", "arguments": {"analysis": "The solver currently uses an LLM to solve mathematical problems. It
 requests step-by-step reasoning and requires the final answer to be an integer. The LLM's temperature is set to 0.7, making the
output more focused and deterministic. To improve the solver function, strategies might include refining the conversation with the
 LLM, adding more specific requirements, or adjusting the temperature."}}, {"name": "action_environment_aware", "arguments":
{"variables": ["agent"], "functions": [], "modules": ["agent"], "external_libraries": []}}, {"name": "action_read_logic",
"arguments": {"module_name": "agent", "target_name": "solver"}}, {"name": "action_run_code", "arguments": {"code_type": "python",
"code": "print(solver(agent, '2+2=?'))"}}]
Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 3})

Agent Evolve
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Figure 27: Failure case (Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3), The model emits a single response that bundles multiple tools at once (action_display_analysis, action_environment_aware, action_read_logic, action_run_code) without step-wise justification, omits the required tool-call schema (no <tool_call>... </tool_call> JSON), and mis-parameterizes the call to solver (solver("What is the sum of 2 and 3?", 0)), leading to no verifiable logic updates

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<tool_call>
{"name": "action_call_json_format_llm", "arguments": {
    "messages": [{"role": "user", "content": "# Your Task: task"}],
    "temperature": 0.7,
    "num_of_response": 1,
    "role": "math expert",
    "return_dict_keys": ["reasoning", "answer"],
    "requirements": "1. Please explain step by step.
2. The answer MUST be an integer.
".strip()
}}
</tool_call>
```

Failed to parse tool call: the content is {"name": "action_call_json_format_llm", "arguments": {
    "messages": [{"role": "user", "content": "# Your Task: task"}],
    "temperature": 0.7,
    "num_of_response": 1,
    "role": "math expert",
    "return_dict_keys": ["reasoning", "answer"],
    "requirements": "1. Please explain step by step.
2. The answer MUST be an integer.
".strip()
}} and Expecting ',' delimiter: line 7 column 91 (char 339)
Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 1})

Agent Evolve

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<tool_call>
{"name": "action_call_json_format_llm", "arguments": {
    "messages": [{"role": "user", "content": "# Your Task: task"}],
    "temperature": 0.7,
    "num_of_response": 1,
    "role": "math expert",
    "return_dict_keys": ["reasoning", "answer"],
    "requirements": "1. Please explain step by step.
2. The answer MUST be an integer.
".strip()
}}
</tool_call>
```

Failed to parse tool call: the content is {"name": "action_call_json_format_llm", "arguments": {
    "messages": [{"role": "user", "content": "# Your Task: task"}],
    "temperature": 0.7,
    "num_of_response": 1,
    "role": "math expert",
    "return_dict_keys": ["reasoning", "answer"],
    "requirements": "1. Please explain step by step.
2. The answer MUST be an integer.
".strip()
}} and Expecting ',' delimiter: line 7 column 91 (char 339)
Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 2})

Agent Evolve
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Figure 28: Failure mode (deepseek-coder-6.7b-instruct), a <tool_call>... </tool_call> is issued with invalid JSON (Python ".strip()" in "requirements") and a placeholder prompt ("# Your Task: task"), so the parser rejects it; no state change occurs while the evolve counter rises—apparent iteration without progress.

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<|python_tag|>{"name": "action_adjust_logic", "parameters": {"module_name": "agent_module", "target_name": "solver", "new_code":
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agent.action_call_json_format_llm( \
        messages=messages, \
        temperature=0.7, \
        role=\"math expert\", \
        return_dict_keys=["reasoning", "answer"], \
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an integer.\n".strip(),
    )
    return_dict = response[0]
    return_dict["answer"] = str(return_dict.get("answer", ""))
    return return_dict

tool call result:
Error unexpected character after line continuation character (running.agent_module.solver, line 1)

Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 2, 'action_display_analysis': 1, 'action_adjust_logic': 1, 'error_handle':
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Agent Evolve

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def solver(agent, task: str):

tool call result:
Error expected an indented block after function definition on line 1 (running.agent_module.solver, line 1)

Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 3, 'action_display_analysis': 1, 'action_adjust_logic': 2, 'error_handle':
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Agent Evolve

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Analysis: The current state of the environment is stable. The solver is functioning as expected. However, there is a potential for
 improvement in the task-solving ability. Recommendations: Adjust the logic of the solver to enhance its performance.


tool call result:
Analysis Received. Just do it!

Action Counter: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'evolve': 4, 'action_display_analysis': 2, 'action_adjust_logic': 2, 'error_handle':
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Agent Evolve
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Figure 29: Failure case (Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct), While attempting to update solver via action_adjust_logic, the agent injects malformed Python that raises a SyntaxError ("unexpected character after line continuation character") and then replaces it with an empty def solver(...):, triggering an IndentationError. It subsequently abandons the update, emits a generic action_display_analysis, evidence of improper tool use and missing meta-reasoning, with no effective state change.