Learning Fine-Grained Grounded Citations for Attributed Large Language Models

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Abstract

Despite the impressive performance on information-seeking tasks, large language models (LLMs) still struggle with hallucinations. Attributed LLMs, which augment generated text with in-line citations, demonstrate potential in mitigating hallucinations and improving verifiability. Nonetheless, current attributed LLMs suffer from suboptimal citation quality due to their reliance on in-context learning or post-hoc retrieval, lacking a built-in attribution mechanism. Moreover, the practice of merely 011 citing document identifiers falls short in aiding users to pinpoint specific supporting evidence. To bridge these gaps, this work introduces FRONT, a training framework that advances the verification process in attributed LLMs through Fine-gRained grOuNded ciTations. It equips LLMs with the ability to first anchor in fine-grained supporting quotes, which then guide the generation of attributed answers. Grounded quotes not only elevate LLM attribution quality but also serve as a mechanism for fine-grained verification, significantly enhancing information traceability. Experiments on the ALCE benchmark demonstrate the efficacy of FRONT in generating superior grounded responses and highly supportive citations. With LLaMA-2-7B, the framework significantly outperforms all the baselines, even surpassing ChatGPT, by achieving an average outperformance of 14.21% across all datasets. Notably, FRONT implements an automated procedure and exhibits generalization across models and data scales, enabling continuous performance improvements¹.

1 Introduction

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The recent advent of large language models (LLMs) (Brown et al., 2020; Hoffmann et al., 2022; Chowdhery et al., 2023; Touvron et al., 2023; OpenAI, 2023, *inter alia*) have taken the world by storm, fueling a paradigm shift in information acquisition



Figure 1: Compared with the current attributed systems, the core idea behind FRONT is to first ground the supporting quotes for retrieved documents and then serve as a guide for attributed question answering, ensuring a faithful answer and accurate citation.

(Zhu et al., 2023). Despite their compelling performance, LLMs still struggle with hallucinations (Ji et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023), a tendency to fabricate non-existent facts or generate unfaithful content. This issue further poses a risk of dissemination of misinformation (Chen and Shu, 2023), directly impacting the reliability and trustworthiness of LLMs.

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Such prevalence of hallucinations in LLM outputs has motivated the development of attributed systems (Nakano et al., 2021; Thoppilan et al., 2022; Menick et al., 2022), such as New Bing² and Perplexity³, where LLMs are allowed to generate responses with in-line citations. Not only does it

²https://www.bing.com/new

³https://www.perplexity.ai

¹All the data and code will be available soon

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improve factuality and alleviate hallucinations, but it also simplifies user verification of model outputs, further enhancing the verifiability of LLMs.

Despite recent advancements, current attributed LLMs still expose significant limitations. Firstly, recent efforts in attributed LLMs predominantly rely on either in-context learning (Gao et al., 2023b) or post-hoc retrieval (Gao et al., 2023a), lacking an inherent capability for attributable generation, thereby resulting in compromised citation quality (Liu et al., 2023b). Secondly, current attributed systems typically cite either document identifiers (Nakano et al., 2021) or URLs (Thoppilan et al., 2022), which complicates the process for users to pinpoint the exact supporting quotes, particularly in lengthy documents.

To this end, we explore how to empower LLMs to learn a built-in attribution mechanism while providing fine-grained verification. Recognizing the inherent of verification lies in grounding, we utilize it as the bridge between verification and attribution. By anchoring generated content to finegrained grounded quotes, attribution is seamlessly integrated. Consequently, we propose a unified framework FRONT, designed to advance coarse verification via Fine-gRained grOuNded ciTations, concurrently enhancing attributability. Specifically, FRONT starts with a pipeline tailored for the automated generation of high-quality, attributed data, serving as the supervised signals for effectively injecting attributability. Given a user query, the pipeline automates data construction through document retrieval, reranking, attributed answer generation, and data filtering to ensure the informativeness and attributability of the answers. Furthermore, to unlock LLMs' ability for attributable generation while providing fine-grained verification, we propose a two-stage training recipe, Grounding Guided Generation (G^3) and Weak-to-Strong Contrastive Alignment (CA) (§4.2). G^3 equips the model with the ability to first anchor in fine-grained supporting quotes, which then guide the generation of attributed answers. While CA further improves the consistency of grounded quotes and attributed answers by automatically constructing contrastive signals from weak and strong LLMs.

We conduct extensive experiments to evaluate our framework on the ALCE Benchmark (Gao et al., 2023b). Findings are: (1) Training on highquality synthetic data markedly boosts citation quality. With LLaMA-2-7B, FRONT significantly surpasses ChatGPT, achieving an average outperformance of 14.21%. (2) FRONT demonstrates 108 remarkable generalization across models and data 109 scales. (3) Abalation studies confirm the signifi-110 cance of each component and underscore the po-111 tential of FRONT for continuous performance im-112 provements. 113

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Retrieval Augmented Generation. Recently, Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) has shown promise in knowledge-intensive tasks by incorporating retrieved documents into LLM input, equipping models with pertinent knowledge to reduce hallucinations (Karpukhin et al., 2020; Lewis et al., 2020; Feng et al., 2023; Gao et al., 2023c). Despite these advancements, recent studies have identified challenges in handling irrelevant or contradictory documents (Shi et al., 2023; Yoran et al., 2023; Xu et al., 2023) and effectively utilizing input context (Liu et al., 2023a), underscoring the necessity for more factual and verifiable systems.

Attributed Large Language Models. The persistent challenge of hallucinations within LLMs has spurred the development of attributed LLMs (Bohnet et al., 2022; Li et al., 2023a; Worledge et al., 2023), which seek to enhance information verifiability by generating responses with in-line citations. The way of providing attributions varies across studies. For example, Gao et al. (2023b) enables LLMs to generate text with in-line citations via in-context learning. Gao et al. (2023a) explores post-hoc attribution, where LLMs first generate an initial response and then retrieve relevant evidence to achieve attribution. Furthermore, Li et al. (2023b); Asai et al. (2023); Sun et al. (2023) explores adaptive retrieval for attribution, where a verifier provides feedback for flexible retrievals.

3 **Preliminaries: Task Formulation**

Following (Liu et al., 2023b; Gao et al., 2023b), the task is formalized as follows: Given a user query q and a corpus of retrieved documents \mathcal{D} as input, the LLM is required to produce a response \mathcal{S} , which consists of statements with embedded in-line citations. We assume the response S comprising with n statements $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ and each statement $s_i \in S$, cites a list of passage $C_i = \{c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \ldots\}$, where $c_{ij} \in \mathcal{D}$. Specifically, citations are presented in the form of [1][2].

4 Methodology

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This section outlines FRONT, which comprises two components, as illustrated in Figure 2: an automatic data generation pipeline(§4.1) and a twostage training recipe (§4.2).

4.1 Automatic Data Generation Pipeline

Equipping LLMs with built-in attribution capabilities requires training data consisting of elaborate responses paired with accurate citations, which typically requires a labor-intensive and costly manual process. To address this, we propose a pipeline designed for the automatic generation of high-quality attributed data, encompassing data collection, attributed answer generation, and data filtering.

Data Collection. To simulate the real-world en-169 vironment for information-seeking, we source 170 questions from the Natural Question (NQ) 171 (Kwiatkowski et al., 2019) dataset, which consists 172 of real user queries from the Google search engine. 173 The dataset spans a range of diverse question types, 174 demanding answers of varying lengths, from con-175 cise to detailed. To mimic the way a search engine 176 might synthesize documents of high relevance in 177 response to a user query, we employ Sphere (Piktus 178 et al., 2021), a pre-processed and cleaned version of 179 the Common Crawl corpus, serving as a proxy web search index. In particular, for a given user query 181 sampled from the NQ dataset, we initially retrieve the top-100 relevant documents from the Sphere 183 corpus using sparse retrieval. These documents are subsequently re-ranked by RankVicuna (Pradeep et al., 2023) considering the superior performance 186 187 in listwise re-ranking, resulting in the top-5 most relevant documents for each query. 188

Attributed Answer Generation. Given the remarkable performance of ChatGPT in attributed question answering, we employ ChatGPT to generate answers with corresponding citations for given queries and the top-5 retrieved documents. We provide precise instructions and in-context demonstrations to ensure that ChatGPT produces informative responses and cites the sources accordingly.

197Data Filtering.To guarantee the high quality of198our synthetic training data, we employ a data fil-199tering process guided by two key criteria derived200from Kamalloo et al. (2023): (1) informativeness:201assessing if the answer provides sufficient infor-202mation to the question, and (2) attributability: de-203termining if the answer is attributed to the cited

documents. To mitigate the impact of nonsensical queries and irrelevant document retrieval that may lead to non-informative answers, we utilize ChatGPT for preliminary informativeness annotations. Responses categorized as non-informative are directly excluded. Furthermore, to ensure that answers are accompanied by highly supportive citations, we train a discriminator on human-labeled data from the comprehensive evaluation by Liu et al. (2023b), where attributability is categorized into three levels: full support, partial support, or no support. We quantitatively map the discriminator's outputs to an attributability score and ultimately derive an average score for each attributed answer. Answers falling below a defined threshold are systematically excluded to ensure the synthetic data's reliability, which results in nearly 8,000 entries. For more details, please refer to Appendix A.1.

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4.2 Two-Stage Training Recipe

To equip LLMs with built-in attribution capabilities while ensuring fine-grained verification, we introduce a two-stage training recipe, which consists of two steps: 1) Grounding Guided Generation (G^3) , designed for unlocking the ability to generate grounded quotes then guide attributed answer generation; 2) Weak-to-Strong Contrastive Alignment (CA), aimed at enhancing the consistency between grounding and attributed answers while facilitating precise and supportive citations by contrastive disparities from weak and strong LLMs.

4.2.1 Grounding Guided Generation

To empower LLMs with attribution capabilities while ensuring fine-grained verification, we propose Grounding Guided Generation (G^3), which employs grounding as a crucial bridge between verification and attribution. The cornerstone of G^3 lies in enabling LLMs to extract supporting quotes from the source documents, each associated with its document identifier, which in turn guides the generation of attributed answers. Such a grounding format offers two primary benefits: Firstly, the direct extraction of quotes from sources significantly reduces the impact of the incorporation of irrelevant information and the risk of hallucinations in subsequent attributed answers. Secondly, the process naturally facilitates accurate attribution, with each document identifier serving as a clear supervised signal that delineates the origin of the extractive quotes, thus improving the citation quality.

However, the absence of specific grounding con-



Figure 2: Overview of FRONT: The Data Generation module facilitates the automatic generation of diverse and high-quality attributed answers. The two-stage training recipe then enables LLMs to first generate precise grounding and subsequently guide the generation of attributed answers, thereby enhancing fine-grained verification capabilities.

tent for statements within our synthetic attributed answers poses additional challenges. To tackle this, we employ ChatGPT to meticulously extract segments from cited documents that support the corresponding statement. Hence, when given a query q and top-5 retrieved documents \mathcal{D} as input, the LLM is fine-tuned to generate a response S which consists of two components: the extractive grounding \mathcal{G} and the attributed answer \mathcal{A} . Specifically, the extractive grounding \mathcal{G} is delineated as follows:

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$$\mathcal{G} = \{ [\mathsf{GROUNDING}], (i_1, e_1), \dots, (i_n, e_n) \}, (1)$$

where [GROUNDING] denotes a special token indicating the start of grounding content. Each tuple within \mathcal{G} , comprising a document identifier *i* and the corresponding extractive segment *e*, collectively forming an extractive grounding quote.

Similarly, the formulation of the attributed answer A is concisely presented as:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{ [\mathsf{ANSWER}], s_1, s_2 \dots, s_m \}, \qquad (2)$$

where [ANSWER] is a special token that signals thebeginning of the attributed answer. Each statement

 s_i cites a list of passages $C_i = \{c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \ldots\}$, where $c_{ij} \subseteq \{i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_n\}$, as defined in Equation 2.

Thus, the training loss is formulated as:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \log P(y_i | q_i, \mathcal{D}_i; \theta)$$
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where y_i represents the combined output of grounding \mathcal{G} and answer \mathcal{A} for each given query q_i and set of retrieved documents \mathcal{D}_i .

4.2.2 Weak-to-Strong Contrastive Alignment

While G^3 unlocks the ability to extract supporting quotes followed by generating attributed answers, it occasionally leads to inconsistencies between grounding quotes and attributed answers. Such discrepancies challenge the attempt to employ these grounding quotes as fine-grained verification. In response, we propose a contrastive-based alignment stage specifically aimed at enhancing the consistency between grounding and answer generation.

The cornerstone of our approach involves contrasting a consistent answer with an inconsistent one under the guidance of the same oracle grounding quotes, which aligns with the concept of

Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback 296 (RLHF) (Ouyang et al., 2022; Bai et al., 2022), 297 where LLMs are further fine-tuned to distinguish 298 between desirable and undesirable responses under preference feedback. However, such contrastive preference feedback typically comes from human 301 annotation. Inspired by the *weak-to-strong general*ization (Burns et al., 2023; Zhao et al., 2024) where a weaker LLM is utilized to guide the training of more powerful LLMs, we introduce weak-to-strong contrastive alignment (CA) that employs smaller LLMs (e.g., 7B) to provide contrastive supervision 307 signals. In this setting, the process not only encourages the LLM to generate attributed answers more consistent with the grounding quotes but also facil-310 itates the identification and correction of nuanced errors present in smaller models.

> Specifically, we adopt Direct Preference Optimization (Rafailov et al., 2023), a variant of RLHF known for its stability, for our contrastive alignment. Formally, for each instance, given the oracle grounding $g^{(i)}$ along with a consistent oracle answer $y_w^{(i)}$ as well as an attributed answer $y_l^{(i)}$ generated by a weaker LLM via in-context learning, we can simply construct a preference dataset:

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ x^{(i)}, \tau_w^{(i)}, \tau_l^{(i)} \right\}_{i=1}^N, \tag{4}$$

where $\tau_w^{(i)} = g^{(i)} \circ y_w^{(i)}$ denotes the concatenation of the oracle grounding with the consistent, attributed answer, $\tau_l^{(i)} = g^{(i)} \circ y_l^{(i)}$ denotes the concatenation with the inconsistent attributed answer. Here, \circ signifies the operation of string concatenation.

Finally, we can optimize the policy model π_{θ} on the dataset \mathcal{D} by minimizing the following loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DPO}}(\pi_{\theta}; \pi_{ref}; \mathcal{D}) = -\mathbb{E}_{(x, \tau_w, \tau_l) \sim \mathcal{D}} \bigg[\log \sigma \bigg(\beta \log \frac{\pi_{\theta}(\tau_w | x)}{\pi_{\text{ref}}(\tau_w | x)} - \beta \log \frac{\pi_{\theta}(\tau_l | x)}{\pi_{\text{ref}}(\tau_l | x)} \bigg) \bigg],$$
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where π_{ref} represents the reference model, initialized from G^3 . The hyper-parameter β modulates the divergence between the distribution from the policy model and the reference model. τ_w is the consistent answer, while τ_l is the inconsistent one.

5 Experimental Settings

5.1 Datasets

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We conduct experiments on the ALCE benchmark (Gao et al., 2023b), offering a collection of diverse datasets spanning various question types and a comprehensive suite for automatic evaluation of LLM attribution which exhibits a strong correlation with human judgments. The benchmark includes: 339

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ASQA (Stelmakh et al., 2022) is a long-form factoid QA dataset characterized by questions that are inherently ambiguous, necessitating multiple short answers to encapsulate different viewpoints.

ELI5 (Fan et al., 2019) is a long-form QA dataset that features open-ended questions requiring explanatory multi-sentence answers.

QAMPARI (Amouyal et al., 2022) is a factoid QA dataset derived from Wikipedia, where answers are structured as a compilation of entities.

5.2 Evaluation Metrics

Following the ALCE benchmark (Gao et al., 2023b), our evaluation primarily focuses on two key dimensions. A more comprehensive evaluation is presented in the Appendix E.

Citation Quality. Citation quality is critical for evaluating LLM attribution, assessed along two dimensions: (1) *Citation Recall*, determining if the output is entirely supported by the cited documents, and (2) *Citation Precision*, assessing if each citation supports its corresponding statement. Evaluation is conducted by TRUE (Honovich et al., 2022), a T5-11B model fine-tuned on a collection of NLI datasets to automatically examine the entailment of cited documents and the model generation. Additionally, to capture a holistic measure of citation quality, we also report the *Citation F1*, the harmonic mean of citation precision and recall:

$$F_1 = 2 \cdot \frac{\text{citation precision} \cdot \text{citation recall}}{\text{citation precision} + \text{citation recall}}, (6)$$

Correctness. Correctness is determined by comparing the accuracy of responses to ground truth answers. For ASQA, correctness is quantified using EM recall to capture the recall of correct short answers. Regarding ELI5, correctness is measured by the entailment between ground truth sub-claims and the model's response. For QAMPARI, the model's generation correctness is assessed through both top-5 EM recall and EM precision.

5.3 Baselines

We compare our method with three types of baselines: prompting-based, post-hoc retrieval, and training-based approach.

		ASQA			ELI5				QAMPARI					
Model Type	Model Size	Correctness		Citation		Correctness		Citation		Corre	ctness		Citation	
		EM Rec.	Rec.	Prec.	F1.	Claim	Rec.	Prec.	F1	Rec5	Prec.	Rec.	Prec.	F1
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ChatGPT	-	40.37	72.81	69.69	71.22	12.47	49.44	47.05	48.22	20.28	19.84	19.06	22.03	20.44
LLaMA-2	7B 13B 70B	24.32 27.99 31.53	17.24 16.45 44.18	17.87 19.04 44.79	17.55 17.65 44.48	4.53 7.77 10.43	3.92 8.49 23.75	5.38 8.43 22.43	4.54 8.46 23.07	12.56 18.00 18.50	11.32 12.39 14.79	6.03 5.45 10.10	6.35 5.74 10.50	6.19 5.59 10.30
LLaMA-2-Chat	7B 13B 70B	29.93 34.39 41.24	55.99 37.15 60.19	51.66 38.17 61.16	53.74 37.65 60.67	12.47 13.83 13.30	19.90 16.50 36.63	15.48 16.09 36.63	17.41 16.29 36.63	17.96 21.34 22.62	19.74 18.86 18.04	9.58 8.94 13.49	9.68 9.06 13.98	9.63 9.00 13.73
Vicuna-v1.5	7B 13B	38.34 35.20	48.37 51.92	44.63 53.40	46.42 52.65	12.30 14.33	29.81 31.15	22.45 28.99	25.61 30.03	14.22 22.06	14.74 19.60	11.26 13.04	11.64 13.74	11.45 13.38
Mistral	7B 8 × 7B	29.46 36.30	23.12 32.72	25.45 34.49	24.23 33.58	8.47 10.43	16.04 26.11	16.32 25.09	16.18 25.59	16.96 18.18	15.98 15.63	7.50 9.72	7.76 10.20	7.63 9.95
Mistral-Instruct	$\begin{array}{c} 7\mathrm{B} \\ 8\times7\mathrm{B} \end{array}$	38.57 44.11	64.90 61.80	59.67 63.27	62.18 62.53	11.07 13.93	49.25 49.28	42.69 48.34	45.74 48.81	17.52 20.12	21.29 19.64	17.56 19.27	18.53 20.38	18.03 19.81
				Pos	t-hoc Rei	trieval-based								
ChatGPT	-	37.68	27.11	27.05	27.08	18.77	14.55	14.55	14.55	25.14	22.85	12.29	12.29	12.29
LLaMA-2-Chat	70B	29.68	24.51	24.51	24.51	16.03	12.93	12.93	12.93	17.90	14.45	9.05	9.05	9.05
Mistral-Instruct	$8 \times 7B$	33.90	24.57	24.48	24.52	17.37	15.68	15.68	15.68	24.16	18.28	9.78	9.78	9.78
					Trainin	g-based								
Self-RAG (LLaMA-2)	7B 13B	29.96 31.53	66.97 58.32	67.82 68.35	67.39 62.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANILLA-SFT (LLaMA-2)	7B 13B	40.32 40.85	67.67 71.49	63.67 66.21	65.61 68.75	9.63 10.27	42.30 46.75	40.06 44.47	41.15 45.58	12.86 12.68	21.09 22.80	21.35 23.64	21.36 23.71	21.35 23.67
FRONT (LLaMA-2)	7B 13B	40.84 <u>41.51</u>	77.70 78.44	69.89 73.66	73.59 75.97	10.18 10.32	58.60 60.31	55.33 59.21	56.92 59.75	11.50 11.94	21.38 22.61	24.74 24.86	24.84 25.39	24.79 25.12

Table 1: Main results on the ALCE benchmark. **Bold** numbers indicate the best performance, while _ indicates the second-best performance. - indicates numbers that are not applicable.

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5.3.1 Prompting-based Methods.

Our experiments span a spectrum of LLMs, ranging from foundational models to supervised finetuning (SFT) LLMs. For foundational LLMs, we select **GPT-3.5-Turbo**⁴ as the representative closed-source model for its notable performance. Among the open-source foundational LLMs, we focus on the LLaMA-2 series including **LLaMA2-7B**, **LLaMA2-13B**, and **LLaMA2-70B**, as well as the Mistral series, which spans from **Mistral-7B** to **Mistral-8x7B-MoE**. Regarding SFT LLMs, we select the SFT counterparts of the open-source foundational LLMs we used. Detailed prompting settings can be found in Appendix **B**.

5.3.2 Post-hoc Retrieval-based Methods.

Following Gao et al. (2023b), we apply the previously mentioned models to perform post-hoc retrieval. Initially, LLMs are prompted to generate answers in a closed-book setting. Subsequently, for each generated statement, we utilize GTR to identify and cite the most relevant document from the top-100 retrieved documents.

5.3.3 Training-based Methods.

Self-RAG (Asai et al., 2023) trains the LLM to learn to adaptively retrieve passages on-demand

and enable it to reflect on its generation to further improve generation quality and attributions.

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VANILLA-SFT trains the LLM directly on synthetic training data, where, given a query and retrieved documents, the LLM are learnt to directly generates attributed answers.

5.4 Implement Details

We conduct FRONT with different foundational models to evaluate its effectiveness: LLaMA-2-7B and LLaMA-2-13B. The comprehensive training details are presented in Appendix C.2

6 Results and Analysis

6.1 Overall Results

Training LLMs to equip built-in attribution ability boosts citation quality. As shown in Table 1, equipping LLMs with the capability for attribution through training markedly boosts citation quality, showing significant advancements over both prompt-based and post-hoc baselines across all datasets. Specifically, simply supervised finetuning (VANILLA-SFT) on our synthetic data with the LLaMA-2-7B model led to substantial gains in citation F1 scores over prompting: ASQA (17.55 \rightarrow 65.61), ELI5 (4.54 \rightarrow 41.15), and QAMPARI

⁴Specifically, we utilize gpt-3.5-turbo-1106 version

	ASQA				EL15				QAMPARI				
Model	Correctness	Citation		Correctness	Citation			Correctness		Citation			
	EM Rec.	Rec.	Prec.	F1.	Claim	Rec.	Prec.	F1	Rec5	Prec.	Rec.	Prec.	F1
FRONT-7B SELF-GUIDE (w/o Contrastive) VANILLA-SFT (w/o Ground)	40.84 38.99 40.32	77.70 70.69 67.67	69.89 64.48 63.67	73.59 67.44 65.61	10.18 10.04 9.63	58.60 47.63 42.30	55.33 44.80 40.06	56.92 46.17 41.15	11.50 12.18 12.86	21.38 20.03 21.09	24.74 22.50 21.35	24.84 22.58 21.36	24.79 22.54 21.35
FRONT-13B SELF-GUIDE (w/o Contrastive) VANILLA-SFT (w/o Ground)	41.51 40.99 40.85	78.44 73.08 71.49	73.66 68.13 66.21	75.97 70.52 68.75	10.32 10.06 10.27	60.31 50.68 46.75	59.21 49.78 44.47	59.75 50.23 45.58	11.94 13.94 12.68	22.61 22.38 22.80	24.86 23.73 23.64	25.39 23.99 23.71	25.12 23.85 23.67

Table 2: Ablation study on the impact of different training stages within the ALCE benchmark.

 $(6.19 \rightarrow 21.35)$, which also highlight the efficacy of the synthetic data generation procedure in FRONT.

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FRONT achieves significant performance gains and surpasses ChatGPT. While VANILLA-SFT achieves strong performance, notable disparities still exist compared to leading open-source LLMs, such as Mixtral-8×7B-Instruct (e.g., 41.15 vs. 45.74) and ChatGPT (e.g., 41.15 vs. 48.22) on the ELI5 dataset. FRONT not only narrows these gaps but also establishes significant leads across all datasets. Specifically, with LLaMA-2-7B, FRONT achieves comprehensive outperformance over ChatGPT, registering outperformance of 3.32%, 18.04%, and 21.28% on the ASQA, ELI5, and QAMPARI datasets respectively, which underscores the effectiveness of FRONT in enhancing attribution capabilities.

FRONT exhibits scalability with model size. As illustrated at the bottom of Table 1, the performance of FRONT shows significant enhancements 453 when transitioning from 7B to 13B, with improvements of 3.23%, 4.97%, and 1.33% on the ASQA, 455 ELI5, and QAMPARI, respectively. This upward 456 trend underscores the scalability of FRONT with model size, demonstrating the potential of FRONT 458 in leveraging the increased capabilities of larger LLMs for further performance gains. 460

FRONT demonstrates remarkable generaliza-461 tion and improves correctness. Compared to 462 the varied queries and answer types present in 463 the ALCE, our synthetic training data, derived 464 exclusively from the NQ dataset, exhibits out-465 of-domain characteristics. Nonetheless, FRONT 466 demonstrates superior citation quality, affirming 467 its exceptional ability to generalize across queries. 468 469 Furthermore, although FRONT was not explicitly designed to optimize for correctness, it showcases 470 notable improvements over VANILLA-SFT, partic-471 ularly achieving significant performance advance-472 ments on the ASQA and QAMPARI datasets, and 473



Figure 3: Ablation Study on Data Filtering.

even outperforming ChatGPT. However, FRONT encounters lower citation recall on the QAMPARI dataset, likely due to its answers, which are composed of concatenated entities, significantly diverging from our training data's distribution.

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6.2 Ablation Study

We conduct ablation studies to verify the effectiveness of different components proposed in FRONT.

Effects of Data Generation Pipeline. As illustrated in §6.1, simply SFT achieves strong performance, underscoring the high quality of our synthetic data. Furthermore, data filtering, a crucial component of our data generation pipeline, plays a pivotal role in ensuring the quality of the generated data by filtering out queries that yield non-informative answers or fail to meet attribution criteria. To validate the effectiveness of our data filtering strategies, we conducted experiments comparing models fine-tuned on both pre-filtered and post-filtered data. The results, depicted in Figure 3, confirm that models trained on filtered data exhibit a notable improvement in citation quality over those trained on unfiltered data, achieving superior attribution performance with reduced data volume.

Effects of Grounding Guided Generation. То validate the effectiveness of Grounding Guided Generation (G^3) in improving attribution, we compared the model, SELF-GUIDE, trained solely through the G^3 stage (w/o Contrastive) against VANILLA-SFT (w/o Ground), which is trained with the same synthetic data but allowed to generate



Figure 4: Ablation study of different grounding guidance forms on the ELI5 dataset.



Figure 5: The relationship between citation F1 and hallucination: Models positioned closer to the top-right corner exhibit higher citation quality and a lower degree of hallucination.

attributed answers directly, bypassing the grounding step. The ablation study, detailed in Table 2, reveals that models incorporating grounding guidance markedly surpass their VANILLA-SFT counterparts, which lack such grounding mechanisms. This underscores the pivotal role of grounding in bolstering attribution.

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Moreover, we explore an alternative variant of grounding guidance, PROMPT-GUIDE, trained to leverage grounding guidance within the prompt along with the query and retrieved documents for generating attributed answers. During inference, PROMPT-GUIDE employs oracle grounding content, extracted by ChatGPT, to incorporate grounding guidance. Conducting experiments on the ELI5 dataset using the LLaMA-2-7B model, the results depicted in Figure 3 reveal that SELF-GUIDE outperforms PROMPT-GUIDE. This finding underscores that training models to generate grounding before attributed answers yields more effective results than merely using grounding as prompt guidance, highlighting the superiority of FRONT.

527 Effects of Weak-to-Strong Alignment (CA).
528 The goal of CA is to enhance the consistency
529 between grounded quotes and attributed answers,
530 thereby alleviating hallucinations and achieving
531 more precise attribution. To this end, we compared

models that underwent only the G^3 stage (SELF-GUIDE) with the one further enhanced through the CA stage (FRONT). As illustrated in Table2, FRONT significantly improves citation quality over SELF-GUIDE, demonstrating the effectiveness of the CA stage in enhancing attribution.

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Moreover, to assess the impact of **CA** on reducing hallucinations, we employed QAFactEval, a QA-based factual consistency metric measuring the consistency between model responses and given documents. Specifically, we analyzed the performance of leading open-source models and two variants of FRONT and SELF-GUIDE on the ELI5 dataset. As shown in Figure 5, FRONT produces more faithful outputs than SELF-GUIDE, significantly reducing hallucinations.

Effects of Training Data Scale. We analyze the impact of the data scale on model performance across two training stages. In particular, we randomly sampled 2k, 4k, 6k, and 8k instances from our full training data across two distinct training stages. These subsets were then utilized to finetune various 7B model variants, enabling a comparative analysis of performance based on data scale. Results are shown in Figure 6, which indicates that increasing data size shows significant enhancements in citation quality, indicating a positive correlation between data size and model performance. As FRONT implements an automated procedure capable of generating high-quality attributed data and constructing contrastive supervision from weak and strong LLMs, it holds the potential for continuous performance improvements.

7 Conclusion

In this work, we introduce FRONT, a training framework designed to enpower LLMs with the capability for built-in attribution while facilitating fine-grained verification. FRONT encompasses an automated data generation pipeline, crafting highquality synthetic data that trains an LLM to first generate grounded quotes and then subsequently guide the generation of attributed answers. Notably, by enhancing the consistency between the grounding and attributed answers, FRONT takes a significant leap forward, harnessing grounding as a mechanism for fine-grained verification. Through comprehensive experiments, FRONT has been shown to produce superior grounded responses and highly supportive citations, significantly outperforming existing methods, even surpassing ChatGPT.

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8 Limitation

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Our study presents several limitations worth not-583 ing. Firstly, the validation of our framework is 584 predominantly conducted on models of sizes 7B and 13B, leaving the exploration of larger models, such as LLaMA2-70B due to computational constraints. Secondly, our framework relies on a prior retrieval process, wherein relevant documents are retrieved at one time. The incorporation of adaptive retrieval, enabling more dynamic interactions with LLMs, could potentially enhance performance. We leave it for future research. Lastly, evaluating the correctness of long-form question answering presents inherent challenges, leading our framework to primarily enhance citation quality, with modest advancements in correctness. Therefore, we advocate for the development of more robust metrics capable of accurately assessing the correctness of long-form QA responses, paving the way for future work.

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A Details of Data Generation

A.1 Data Statistic

# Questions	8,098
➡ # Long Answer	5667
➡ # Short Answer	2431
Avg. Words per Answer	50.48
 ➡ Avg. Words per Long Answer ➡ Avg. Words per Short Answer 	69.15 6.94
Avg. Citation per Answer	4.40
 Avg. Citation per Long Answer Avg. Citation per Short Answer 	4.68 3.77

Table 3: The statistics of the data generated by our automatic data generation pipeline.

Table 3 presents the statistics of the data automatically generated by our data generation pipeline. In total, we collected 8,098 questions from the Natural Questions (NQ) dataset, of which 5,667 questions were gathered from those with long-form answers, and 2,431 questions were collected from those with short-form factoid answers.

For questions requiring long-form answers, we initialized our query source with the AQUAMUSE dataset (Kulkarni et al., 2020), which consists of high-quality queries specifically designed for long-form responses within the NQ dataset, recognized as "good" by the majority of NQ evaluators. In this way, utilizing a refined and superior quality query set laid a robust groundwork for our training data generation, streamlining the data filtering process. For factoid queries that necessitate short-form answers, we directly sampled from the original NQ dataset, leveraging its abundance and inherently high quality.

During the data generation process, our initial query set comprised 7,725 queries requiring longform answers and 4,000 queries necessitating shortform answers. After a two-stage data filtering process, we retained 5,667 and 2,431 queries, respectively. Additionally, we calculated the average length of answers and the average number of citations generated for various types of queries within our dataset, as shown in Table 3.

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B.1 Prompts for Prompting-Based Methods

Following Gao et al. (2023b), we adopt the vanilla prompting strategy for its simplicity and effectiveness. Specifically, the prompts vary according to the type of data within the ALCE benchmark. For long-form QA datasets such as ASQA and ELI5, the prompt format is detailed in Table 4. For the short-form QA dataset QAMPARI, the format is outlined in Table 5.

B.2 Instructions for FRONT

During the training process, we follow the instruction format of Alpaca⁵. Specifically, we employ varied instructions for different question types, as delineated in Table 6 for long-form questions and Table 7 for short-form questions.

C Experimental Details

C.1 More Details of Attributed Discriminator

We trained our Attributed Discriminator using the manually annotated data provided by Liu et al. (2023b), which is sampled from real generative search engines. Each statement and its cited document have been meticulously annotated for attribution, categorized into three types: complete support, partial support, and no support. For training, we utilized a dataset of 8,834 instances, comprising 6,415 instances of complete support, 1,552 of partial support, and 867 of no support. The discriminator initialized with LLaMA-2-7B, was trained with a maximum sequence length of 512. We trained it for 3 epochs, with a total batch size of 128, and a peak learning rate of 2e-5, incorporating 3% warmup steps, followed by a linear decay.

During the data filtering stage, we first break down the automatically generated attributed answers into statement form and use the trained discriminator to annotate the attribution between each statement and its cited documents. Specifically, we assign different attribution scores to each statement s based on its attribution relationship with cited documents d, as shown in Equation 7. Consequently, for each attributed answer, we can calculate its average attribution score. Attributed answers with an average attribution score below 0.8 are filtered out. The threshold of 0.8 was determined through preliminary testing on the development set, for which we manually annotated 100 samples to ensure the effectiveness of our filtering criteria.

$$r(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{Dis}(s, d) = \text{complete support} \\ 0.5, \text{Dis}(s, d) = \text{partial support} \\ 0, & \text{Dis}(s, d) = \text{no support} \end{cases}$$
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C.2 More Details of Training in FRONT

The training of all models is executed on 4 Nvidia A100 GPUs, each with 80GB of memory, leveraging the Deepspeed (Rasley et al., 2020) and HuggingFace Accelerate libraries (Gugger et al., 2022) to conduct multi-GPU distributed training. Given the long nature of the inputs, the maximum token length is set to 2,048 tokens.

During the grounding guide generation stage, models are trained for 5 epochs with a total batch size of 128, a peak learning rate of 2e-5 with 3% warmup steps followed by a linear decay. During the contrastive alignment stage, we set the β to 0.1 and continued training for two additional epochs. Specifically, During inference, we use the vllm framework (Kwon et al., 2023) for efficient inference. The hyperparameters are set as illustrated in Table 8.

D More detail about Ablation Study

D.1 The Effect of Training Data Scale.

We examine how model performance varies with changes in data scale, as depicted in Figure6. The upper part of the figure illustrates the impact of the training data scale on citation quality during the Grounding Guided Generation training stage, with datasets ASQA, ELI5, and QAMPARI represented from left to right. Similarly, the lower part of the figure describes the influence during the Weak-to-Strong Alignment training stage.

D.2 The Generalization Across Model Architectures.

FRONT demonstrates exceptional generalization1093capabilities across various foundational model ar-
chitectures. Specifically, transitioning the founda-
tional model from LLaMA-2-7B to the stronger
foundational model, Mistral-7B, results in even
greater performance enhancements as shown in
Figure 7. This further underscores the broad appli-
cability and generalizability of FRONT.1093

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⁵https://github.com/tatsu-lab/stanford_alpaca/ tree/main

Instruction: Write an accurate, engaging, and concise answer for the given question using only the provided search results (some of which might be irrelevant) and cite them properly. Use an unbiased and journalistic tone. Always cite for any factual claim. When citing several search results, use [1][2][3]. Cite at least one document and at most three documents in each sentence. If multiple documents support the sentence, only cite a minimum sufficient subset of the documents.

Table 4: Prompt for Long-form QA.

Instruction: Provide a list of accurate answers for the given question using only the provided search results (some of which might be irrelevant) and cite them properly. Always cite one and only one document for each answer. Separate answers by commas. For questions that have more than 5 answers, write at least 5 answers.



Table 5: Prompt for Short-form QA.

Figure 6: Ablation study on synthetic training data size: The upper part of the figure corresponds to the Grounding Guided Generation training stage, while the bottom part represents the Weak-to-Strong Contrastive Alignment training stage. From left to right, the results are presented for ASQA, ELI5, and QAMPARI, respectively. REC. indicates Citation Recall and PREC. denotes Citation Precision. The x-axis represents the quantity of automatically generated data. It is observed that as the volume of automatically generated data increases, there is a consistent improvement in both citation recall and precision across the two training stages.

D.3 The effect of β in Weak-to-Strong Contrastive Alignment Training Stage

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In the Weak-to-Strong Contrastive Alignment Training Stage, the β parameter in Direct Preference Optimization (DPO) controls the strength of the Kullback-Leibler penalty, typically set within the range of 0.1 to 0.5. A higher β value indicates a preference for the policy model's training process to remain closer to the initially referenced model. In extreme cases, as $\beta \rightarrow 0$, we ignore the constraints imposed by the reference model. This setting aims to balance the model's ability to adapt to new training signals while maintaining the stability of the learned behaviors from the reference model.

Subsequently, we trained five variants by adjusting β from 0.1 to 0.5 on the model previously

trained with G^3 to explore the impact of the hyperparameter β on attribution quality. We evaluated these variants on the ASQA and ELI5 datasets, and the experimental results are shown in Figure 8.

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The experimental results indicate that as β increases, the model's performance on attribution gradually decreases. This observation suggests that the first stage of G^3 might introduce a noticeable inconsistency between grounding and attribution. With higher β values, the model struggles to escape the constraints of inconsistent attributed answers, leading to a reduction in attribution quality as β increases.

E Full Results

We present the comprehensive results of our exper-
iments in Tables 9, 10, and 11. Beyond the evalua-
tion metrics related to Correctness and Citation, we11321134

Below is an instruction that describes a task, paired with an input that provides further context. Write a response that appropriately completes the request. ### Instruction: Extract the relevant content from the provided documents and then use the extracted content to guide answer generation and cite the sources properly. ### Input:Question: {Question} Documents: {Documents} ### Response:

Table 6: Instruction Format for FRONT on Long-form QA.

Below is an instruction that describes a task, paired with an input that provides further context. Write a response that appropriately completes the request.

Instruction: Extract the relevant content from the provided documents and then use the extracted content to provide a list of accurate answers for the given question. Always cite one and only one document for each answer. Separate answers by commas. ### Input:Question: {Question} Documents: {Documents} ### Response:



Hyper-parameters	Value
Тор-р	0.95
Temperature	1.0
Max-length	2048

 Table 8: Hyper-parameter settings in inference.



Figure 7: Ablation study on model architecture: We substituted the foundation model in FRONT with Mistral-7B and compared the experimental results of models under the same foundation model using in-context learning and those directly supervised fine-tuned on our automatically generated data. The experiments demonstrate that by replacing different foundation models, our framework still maintains its generalizability.

1135adhere to the evaluation framework established in1136(Gao et al., 2023b). For long-form QA datasets like1137ASQA and ELI5, we also report metrics related to1138Fluency, ROUGE-L, and average response length.1139Specifically, we use MAUVE (Pillutla et al., 2021)1140to evaluate the fluency of the model response. For1141datasets like QAMPARI, where answers are com-



Figure 8: Ablation on hyperparameter β in Weak-to-Strong Contrastive Alignment stage on ASQA and ELI5

posed of concatenated entities, we calculate the average number of predicted entities.

		Fluency	Correct.		Citation				
Model Type	Model Size	(MAUVE)	(EM Rec.)	Rec.	Prec.	F1	ROUGE-L	Length	
]	Prompting-ba	ised					
ChatGPT	-	73.41	40.37	72.81	69.69	71.22	37.92	39.24	
LLaMA-2	7B	79.90	24.32	17.24	17.87	17.55	29.38	42.29	
	13B	87.08	27.99	16.45	19.04	17.65	31.41	39.25	
	70B	69.28	31.53	44.18	44.79	44.48	31.53	26.86	
LLaMA-2-Chat	7B	66.78	29.93	55.99	51.66	53.74	32.93	26.18	
	13B	66.14	34.39	37.15	38.17	37.65	35.13	33.68	
	70B	86.60	41.24	60.19	61.16	60.67	37.01	47.09	
Vicuna-v1.5	7B	86.92	38.34	48.37	44.63	46.42	35.95	63.90	
	13B	66.11	35.20	51.92	53.40	52.65	35.74	38.57	
Mistral	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	82.37 83.30	29.46 36.30	23.12 32.72	25.45 34.49	24.23 33.58	31.67 35.05	37.17 38.47	
Mistral-Instruct	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	82.86 94.77	38.57 44.11	64.90 61.80	59.67 63.27	62.18 62.53	36.21 38.54	45.26 58.83	
		Post	-hoc Retrieva	l-based					
ChatGPT	-	49.78	37.68	27.11	27.05	27.08	36.64	52.61	
LLaMA-2	7B	75.56	16.55	13.88	13.86	13.87	26.81	37.50	
	13B	77.91	20.51	20.95	20.94	20.94	29.53	31.37	
	70B	75.23	27.58	28.43	28.43	28.43	30.33	29.88	
LLaMA-2-Chat	7B	22.50	14.17	11.33	11.33	11.33	21.17	110.04	
	13B	64.52	24.43	21.43	21.43	21.43	33.91	41.12	
	70B	70.63	29.68	24.51	24.51	24.51	34.17	45.74	
Vicuna-v1.5	7B	63.87	19.58	16.24	16.24	16.24	33.22	41.80	
	13B	73.83	24.79	24.11	24.11	24.11	34.42	43.54	
Mistral	7B	86.54	21.17	16.78	16.77	16.77	30.90	42.43	
	$8 \times 7B$	80.99	36.30	38.37	35.27	36.75	35.05	38.47	
Mistral-Instruct	7B	67.97	26.26	17.87	17.85	17.86	33.71	51.56	
	8 × 7B	65.51	33.90	24.57	24.48	24.52	36.20	53.83	
Training-based									
Self-RAG	7B	74.33	29.96	66.97	67.82	67.39	35.70	29.83	
	13B	71.59	31.66	70.35	71.26	70.80	36.01	27.03	
VANILLA-SFT	7B	76.66	40.32	67.67	63.67	65.61	38.32	62.00	
	13B	84.36	40.85	71.49	66.21	68.75	38.22	58.82	
FRONT	7B	81.88	40.84	77.70	69.89	73.59	36.95	53.93	
	13B	76.11	41.51	78.44	73.66	75.95	38.63	57.56	

Table 9: ASQA full results.

		Fluency	Correct.		Citation					
Model Type	Model Size	(MAUVE)	(Claim)	Rec.	Prec.	F1	ROUGE-L	Length		
		Р	rompting-b	ased						
ChatGPT	-	44.65	12.47	49.44	47.05	48.22	20.64	90.2		
LLaMA-2	7B 13B 70B	63.72 62.19 53.39	4.53 7.77 10.43	3.92 8.49 23.75	5.38 8.43 22.43	4.54 8.46 23.07	18.27 19.95 20.43	103.36 88.23 93.84		
LLaMA-2-Chat	7B 13B 70B	32.80 29.08 33.69	12.47 13.83 13.30	19.90 16.50 36.63	15.48 16.09 36.63	17.41 16.29 36.63	20.88 21.04 21.29	96.42 94.32 117.84		
Vicuna-v1.5	7B 13B	31.45 37.41	12.30 14.33	29.81 31.15	22.45 28.99	25.61 30.03	21.36 21.74	105.68 98.23		
Mistral	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	56.62 61.83	8.47 10.43	16.04 26.11	16.32 25.09	16.18 25.59	20.46 20.66	93.80 93.59		
Mistral-Instruct	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	32.74 38.51	11.07 13.93	49.25 49.28	42.69 48.34	45.74 48.81	20.75 21.34	98.28 113.71		
		Post-	hoc Retriev	al-based						
ChatGPT	-	22.79	18.77	14.55	14.55	14.55	22.28	106.83		
LLaMA-2	7B 13B 70B	72.80 53.21 58.97	7.23 10.33 11.10	6.84 9.61 10.27	6.84 9.61 10.26	6.84 9.61 10.26	19.14 20.63 20.41	88.19 90.44 77.85		
LLaMA-2-Chat	7B 13B 70B	22.50 30.36 37.87	14.17 14.93 16.03	11.33 12.10 12.93	11.33 12.10 12.93	11.33 12.10 12.93	21.17 21.82 21.57	110.04 109.79 99.94		
Vicuna-v1.5	7B 13B	30.88 32.59	11.83 15.20	10.91 14.06	10.91 14.06	10.91 14.05	21.66 14.05	99.03 108.16		
Mistral	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	52.45 48.39	10.47 13.57	8.64 11.62	8.64 11.62	8.64 11.62	20.48 21.43	90.17 91.97		
Mistral-Instruct	$\begin{array}{c} 7\mathrm{B} \\ 8\times7\mathrm{B} \end{array}$	27.41 27.60	17.07 17.37	13.20 15.68	13.20 15.68	13.20 15.68	21.52 21.66	106.93 95.21		
Training-based										
Self-RAG	7B 13B	39.14 37.97	8.20 9.20	8.49 5.90	11.80 8.20	9.88 6.86	17.83 17.82	41.70 43.70		
VANILLA-SFT	7B 13B	44.12 46.33	9.63 10.27	42.30 46.75	40.06 44.47	41.15 45.58	20.58 20.56	80.43 84.01		
FRONT	7B 13B	36.90 34.37	10.18 10.32	58.60 60.31	55.33 59.21	56.92 59.75	19.09 19.66	74.06 75.14		

Table 10: ELI5 full results.

		Corre	ctness				
Model Type	Model Size	Rec5	Rec5 Prec.		Rec. Prec.		Num Pred.
		Prom	pting-ba	sed			
ChatGPT	-	20.28	19.84	19.06	22.03	20.44	4.71
LLaMA-2	7B 13B 70B	12.56 18.00 18.50	11.32 12.39 14.79	6.03 5.45 10.10	6.35 5.74 10.50	6.19 5.59 10.30	7.02 11.31 8.31
LLaMA-2-Chat	7B 13B 70B	17.96 21.34 22.62	19.74 18.86 18.04	9.58 8.94 13.49	9.68 9.06 13.98	9.63 9.00 13.73	4.73 6.51 7.44
Vicuna-v1.5	7B 13B	14.22 22.06	14.74 19.60	11.26 13.04	11.64 13.74	11.45 13.38	5.87 7.62
Mistral	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	16.96 18.18	15.98 15.63	7.50 9.72	7.76 10.20	7.63 9.95	6.29 6.63
Mistral-Instruct	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	17.52 20.12	21.29 19.64	17.56 19.27	18.53 20.38	18.03 19.81	4.54 5.32
		Post-hoc	Retrieval	-based			
ChatGPT	-	25.14	22.85	12.29	12.29	12.29	5.46
LLaMA-2	7B 13B 70B	6.48 9.88 14.44	5.11 7.17 12.44	5.05 5.20 7.49	5.05 5.20 7.49	5.05 5.20 7.49	6.55 6.98 7.41
LLaMA-2-Chat	7B 13B 70B	12.94 15.72 17.90	10.89 12.23 14.45	7.76 7.87 9.05	7.76 7.87 9.05	7.76 7.87 9.05	5.99 6.32 6.05
Vicuna-v1.5	7B 13B	12.04 14.78	9.71 9.71 11.47	6.69 8.50	6.69 8.50	6.69 8.50	7.10 6.67
Mistral	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	9.94 13.92	7.90 12.08	6.00 6.70	6.00 6.70	6.00 6.70	7.38 6.58
Mistral-Instruct	$7B \\ 8 \times 7B$	15.80 24.16	12.15 18.28	8.34 9.78	8.34 9.78	8.34 9.78	7.01 7.37
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VANILLA-SFT	7B 13B	12.86 12.68	21.09 22.80	21.35 23.64	21.36 23.71	21.35 23.67	7.49 3.14
FRONT	7B 13B	11.50 11.94	21.38 22.61	24.74 24.86	24.84 25.39	24.79 25.12	3.08 3.17

Table 11: QAMPARI full results.