WILT: A MULTI-TURN, MEMORIZATION-ROBUST INDUCTIVE LOGIC BENCHMARK FOR LLMS

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ABSTRACT

While large language models (LLMs) have shown impressive capabilities across a wide range of domains, they still encounter significant challenges in reasoning tasks that require gathering evidence over multiple turns and drawing logical conclusions from this evidence. These challenges present significant obstacles for LLM chat user interfaces, which rely on multi-turn interactions to facilitate effective collaboration. This limitation leads to real-world issues; for example, service chatbots must gather necessary information from customers over multiple turns to diagnose and resolve problems effectively. Despite the multi-turn nature of many real-world LLM use cases, most existing benchmarks rely on carefully curated single-turn tests, which often blur the line between memorization and genuine reasoning. To address this, we introduce the **Wason Inductive Logic Test** (WILT), a simple yet challenging multi-turn reasoning benchmark designed to resist memorization. WILT is inspired by the Wason 2-4-6 task (Wason, 1960), where participants must infer a basic boolean function involving three variables (e.g., x < y < z) by proposing test cases (such as (2, 4, 6)). In WILT, each test starts from a clean slate, with only the initial instructions provided, preventing models from relying on pre-learned responses. Over several turns, models must interact with the environment by suggesting test cases to narrow the possible hypotheses and ultimately infer the hidden function based on the outcomes. Our findings reveal that LLMs struggle with this task, exhibiting distinct strengths and weaknesses: some are better at narrowing down the hypothesis space by proposing valuable test cases, while others are more adept at deducing the hidden function from observed cases. Despite these variations, the best-performing model achieves only 28% accuracy, highlighting a significant gap in LLM performance on complex multi-turn reasoning tasks.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Large language models (LLMs) powered by the transformer architecture (Vaswani, 2017) have enabled a new computing paradigm driven by natural language. These models are increasingly integrated into day-to-day life beyond the machine learning research space, where they help many people with common tasks. These models interact with users through *multi-turn conversations*, a capability of next-token-prediction models bolstered via instruction-tuning (Mishra et al., 2021) and alignment post-training phases (Ouyang et al., 2022). Despite their impressive single-turn performance, LLMs often falter in scenarios requiring multi-turn reasoning and evidence gathering.

The reasoning capability of LLMs, particularly in multi-turn scenarios, is of substantial interest. A commonly reported failure pattern for LLMs is the "doom loop", where after an initially unsatisfactory response, the model repeatedly responds with a near-identical message to one of its earlier messages, providing minimal utility. For example, in code generation tasks like the example shown in Figure 1, a model may repeatedly reply with code blocks identical to ones it has already seen or produced, which impairs its subsequent usefulness. Strong multi-turn performance can be thought of as collecting evidence over multiple steps to reduce the hypothesis space of the model's possible responses to only include useful ones: an important capability which remains critical beyond the first turn even in everyday LLM use cases. Measuring the performance of LLMs has been challenging for the research community. Existing benchmarks overwhelmingly focus on single-turn interactions (Hendrycks et al., 2020; 2021), and are often subject to memorization or overfitting (Goodhart, 1984; Recht et al., 2019). As a result, difficult benchmarks often keep a held-out, publicly unavailable test set to accurately evaluate models (Chollet, 2019). While some multi-turn benchmarks have emerged to attempt to measure phenomena like the "doom loop" (McLaughlin, 2024), none so far have done so for multi-turn, multi-step inductive reasoning.

061 To bridge this gap, we introduce the Wason Inductive Logic Test (WILT), a multi-turn benchmark 062 designed to assess LLMs' ability to gather evidence and reason across multiple turns. Inspired by the 063 Wason 2-4-6 task (Wason, 1960), WILT requires models to propose test cases (e.g. (2, 4, 6)), observe 064 the results (True or False), and iteratively narrow down the hypothesis space in order to deduce a hidden rule (e.g. x < y < z). Since the task always begins from an identical starting state, it cannot 065 simply be solved by memorizing the answer to a prompt and forces the model to use multiple turns 066 to gather evidence. Therefore, WILT explicitly tests for two important capabilities in an LLM: (1) 067 whether the model can efficiently narrow down the hypothesis space of possible solutions by posing 068 the right test cases over multiple turns, and (2) whether the model can recommend a simple and 069 meaningful solution to the problem after accumulating evidence. While we find that LLMs struggle on this task overall, we find that some of them are better on one of aforementioned sub-tasks than 071 the other. This knowledge can be useful for practitioners when choosing which models to deploy 072 for real world use cases. 073

- In this work, we make the following contributions:
 - 1. **Introducing WILT** We introduce a multi-turn inductive logic benchmark that cannot be solved in a single turn. This requires a model to gather information, reflect upon what it observes, and make decisions when sufficient evidence is gathered, mirroring real-world tasks like debugging code or reasoning over time.
 - 2. Evaluating LLMs We show that state-of-the-art LLMs struggle significantly on this task, with the best model achieving only 28% accuracy. This highlights a significant deficiency in multi-turn performance of top-performing LLMs, suggesting that strong single-turn performance may not always transfer to multi-turn settings.
 - 3. **Further Analysis** We perform several experiments analyzing hypothesis space reduction, response complexity, and the performance of models when provided test cases from a different model. We demonstrate that models have varied strengths and weaknesses on this task, and that combining models together in a multi-turn setting may increase performance compared to using a single strong model.

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The Wason Inductive Logic Test (WILT) is a benchmark for LLM reasoning inspired by the Wason 2-4-6 task (Wason, 1960). Models begin with the instruction that they must uncover the hidden rule, and may pose up to 30 test cases of that rule. For example, they can pose the tuple (2, 4, 6) and the test will respond with "True, 29 Attempts Remaining."

All hidden rules take three numbers and return a boolean. These rules are simple and non-stochastic, so there is no additional value to posing the same test multiple times. Valid inputs include any float or integer that can be typed in three or fewer characters, excluding signs and the decimal point (e.g. -999, 1.23, 5). The hidden rules are written as Python lambda functions. After a maximum of thirty tries (or any turn before then), the model may make one attempt to guess the function, after which the test will terminate. The model must return a Python lambda function that is the same as or equivalent¹ to the hidden rule in order to receive full points.

WILT is conceptually simple, but very challenging. Humans are able to identify simple rules despite the infinitely large hypothesis space, the unbounded difficulty of a hidden function, and the impossibility of verifying the correctness of your response (Tweney et al., 1980; Tukey, 1986). Without effective priors for what constitutes a "simple" or "reasonable" answer, it becomes trivial to construct an arbitrary counterexample to a current hypothesis. For example, consider the canonical

¹For example, x - y = z is equivalent to y + z = x



Figure 1: Left: Abbreviated example of the "doom loop" phenomenon observed in appendix C.1. The model returns an unsatisfactory response on an early turn, and devolves into repeating the same suggestions in subsequent turns. Right: Overview of the WILT task. For each test, the test harness initializes a hidden rule, and participants propose up to 30 test cases for each hidden rule before making a final guess.

Wason task rule of x < y < z. This rule has very high overlap with the much more arbitrary rule (x < y < z) \land ($x \neq 12$).

The WILT benchmark therefore tests a few high-value behaviors of interest:

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- 1. **Multi-Turn Capability**: Participants that fall into doom loops are punished by virtue of having less useful information with which to infer the hidden rule.
- 2. **Hypothesis Space Reduction**: Participants are rewarded for proposing test cases that effectively narrow down the possible rules, despite that hypothesis space being infinitely large.
- 3. **Susceptibility to Confirmation Bias**: Participants who are more prone to "confirming their hypothesis" rather than seeking falsification will perform poorly upon this task.
- 161 4. **Inductive Reasoning**: Proposing good test cases is a useful test of inductive reasoning and the ability to generalize from a number of specific examples.

5. **Deductive Reasoning**: Proposing sensible functions after observing many test cases is a useful test of deductive reasoning. Success in this task involves identifying a specific function that accurately fits a set of examples.

6. Occam's Razor: Participants are rewarded for finding the simplest explanation fitting the

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We release two test suites: a *lite split*, with 10 very easy tests and a canonical *full split* with 50 moderately difficult tests². Future work will extend this to include a procedurally generated split for additional robustness to overfitting. We find that the lite split quickly produces a roughly similar ordering to the full split, but we report results upon the full split for the remainder of this work. Please see Appendix A.4 for further details.

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3 RELATED WORK

examples.

Compared to other reasoning benchmarks, WILT stands out as both highly multi-turn focused and
unusually robust to memorization. In contrast to other benchmarks, WILT requires models to *in- teract with an environment* by proposing their own test cases to uncover a hidden function without
relying on pre-provided examples. This setup reduces the risk of overfitting, as each test begins with
the same initial instructions, and the model must generate and interpret its own data.

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3.1 REASONING BENCHMARKS

183 There are a wide variety of reasoning benchmarks used to evaluate large language models. Some 184 very notable among these are MATH (Hendrycks et al., 2021), GSM8K (Cobbe et al., 2021), Com-185 monsenseQA (Talmor et al., 2018), StrategyQA (Geva et al., 2021), BIG-BENCH (Srivastava et al., 2022), SciBench (Wang et al., 2023b), SVAMP (Patel et al., 2021), ARC-AGI (Chollet, 2019), 187 MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2020), GPQA (Rein et al., 2023), and HumanEval (Chen et al., 2021). 188 These benchmarks are the standard for measuring LLM reasoning capabilities, but are overwhelm-189 ingly carefully chosen single-turn problems which aim to meaningfully separate the performance 190 of different models on reasoning-like outputs such as math, code, or logic puzzles. However, these 191 benchmarks are subject to train-on-test leakage, even if efforts are made to decontaminate the dataset (Yang et al., 2023), and the majority are explicitly single-turn tests. Our benchmark directly mea-192 sures the model's ability to navigate multi-turn scenarios, and does not require careful hiding of a 193 test set to prevent misleading results. 194

With respect to reasoning about simple functions, a benchmark that stands out as similar to ours is CRUXEval (Gu et al., 2024), which assembles a list of 800 simple Python functions and inputoutput pairs, and evaluates language models on their ability to predict input from output and output from input. Our work could be seen as a multi-turn, more difficult extension of this work – one where the function is replaced with a black box, where helpful and informative input-output pairs are not provided but instead need to be searched for by the language model, and where the objective is to infer the hidden function rather than the input or output.

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3.2 MULTI-TURN BENCHMARKS

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There are a handful of multi-turn benchmarks used to evaluate LLMs. PlanBench (Valmeekam et al., 205 2022) is one prominent benchmark which attempts to measure the ability of LLMs to navigate plan-206 ning problems. This is a class of problems which are solved easily by classical planning algorithms 207 such as STRIPS (Fikes & Nilsson, 1971), and like our benchmark poses a significant challenge to 208 LLMs. PlanBench is a primarily multi-step, single-turn benchmark with a multi-turn component 209 (i.e. replanning based on unexpected events), which contrasts with our benchmark's more direct 210 multi-turn focus. This can be observed in the o1 models performing comparatively well on Plan-Bench (Valmeekam et al., 2024), since scaling inference time compute within a single turn would 211 be expected to improve performance substantially. 212

Closest to ours is Aidan-bench (McLaughlin, 2024), which directly measures the cosine similar ity between multi-turn responses. This represents a more pure measurement of the doom loop

²We will release the code for this benchmark with the final release of the full paper.

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| 218 | Model | Accuracy | Approx. | Avg. | Avg. |
| 219 | | v | Correct | Guesses | Repeats |
| 220 | Claude 3.5 Sonnet (Anthropic, 2024a) | 14/50 | 10/50 | 16.38 | 0.54 |
| 221 | o1-mini 2024-09-12 (OpenAL 2024c) | 13/50 | 8/50 | 12.1 | 0.06 |
| 222 | o1-preview 2024-09-12 (OpenAL 2024c) | 12/50 | 6/50 | 8.12³ | 0.06 |
| 223 | chatgpt-4o-latest (OpenAI, 2024a) | 11/50 | 7/50 | 14.22 | 0.76 |
| 224 | Mistral Large 2 (Mistral AI, 2024a) | 11/50 | 5/50 | 26.56 | 2.84 |
| 225 | GPT-40 2024-08-06 (OpenAI, 2024a) | 9/50 | 6/50 | 15.26 | 0.52 |
| 226 | Llama 3.1 405B (Dubey et al., 2024) | 8/50 | 9/50 | 12.21 | 0.60 |
| 227 | Gemini 1.5 Flash 0827 (Google, 2024) | 7/50 | 4/50 | 14.04 | 2.16 |
| 228 | Llama 3.1 70B (Dubey et al., 2024) | 7/50 | 2/50 | 15.18 | 1.48 |
| 229 | Deepseek-v2.5-chat (Liu et al., 2024) | 6/50 | 5/50 | 27.22 | 9.78 |
| 230 | GPT-4o-mini (OpenAI, 2024b) | 6/50 | 2/50 | 20.36 | 1.08 |
| 231 | Gemini 1.5 Pro (Google, 2024) | 5/50 | 6/50 | 16.78 | 0.82 |
| 222 | Gemini 1.5 Flash (Google, 2024) | 5/50 | 6/50 | 16.5 | 2.46 |
| 202 | Deepseek-v2-coder (Zhu et al., 2024) | 5/50 | 5/50 | 21.82 | 6.70 |
| 233 | Deepseek-v2-chat (Liu et al., 2024) | 3/50 | 3/50 | 25.32 | 6.68 |
| 234 | Llama 3.1 8b (Dubey et al., 2024) | 3/50 | 0/50 | 26.18 | 4.46 |
| 235 | Open Mistral Nemo (Mistral AI, 2024b) | 2/50 | 3/50 | 27.34 | 8.00 |
| 236 | Claude 3 Haiku (Anthropic, 2024b) | 1/50 | 1/50 | 6.76 | 0.22 |
| 237 | Gemini 1.5 Flash 8b 0827 (Google, 2024) | 0/50 | 2/50 | 26.76 | 7.72 |
| 238 | Gemma 2 9B (Team et al., 2024) | 0/50 | 2/50 | 8.82 | 1.40 |
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Table 1: Model Accuracy Comparison

phenomenon. In our benchmark, rather than directly measuring the doom loops, we are instead
measuring how often those doom loops lead to failures of reasoning. We see similar surprising performances in our benchmark compared to Aidan-bench (e.g. Mistral Large's noteworthy ability at
multi-turn), but with an ordering more tied to capabilities (e.g. Sonnet's superior performance, see
Table 1).

3.3 Hypothesis Space Reduction

Hypothesis space representation is a commonly used framing in inductive logic tasks for LLMs. In
Wang et al. (2023a), the authors show a technique called *hypothesis search* where the model will
propose hypotheses in natural language and then implement these hypotheses as Python programs.
This technique was shown to improve performance on ARC-AGI (Chollet, 2019), but a similar
approach could be used along with chain-of-thought (Wei et al., 2022) for WILT as well.

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4 EXPERIMENTS

4.1 WILT FULL SPLIT RESULTS

We evaluated several state-of-the-art LLMs on the full split of the WILT task. Experimental details can be found in Appendix A.1. Our results for this test can be found in Table 1. Claude 3.5 Sonnet narrowly performs the best on this task, with OpenAI's o1 models close behind despite using fewer guesses.

In Table 1, we include a column *approximately correct*, measuring the number of rules in which the model was able to correctly identify some critical behavior of the rule, but returned a rule with failing edge cases³. For example, guessing (x < y < z) instead of $(x \le y \le z)$ is approximately correct. We include this column to highlight models that are more willing to guess immediately instead of uncovering edge cases by default (e.g. Llama 3.1 405B). In these cases, we could see potentially

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 ³We bold results for this column only if the models are also high performing. For example, Claude 3 Haiku uses fewer guesses than o1-preview, but this is because it is failing to make use of its available turns to uncover the behavior of the hidden rule, not because it efficiently solves the task.

improved performance through explicitly instructing the model to use more guesses. Examples of common failure patterns can be found in Appendix B.

In addition, we find that LLMs (particularly smaller ones) will frequently repeat tests they have already used, sometimes dozens of times, often with the same provided reasoning. We therefore also provide a column *average repeats* which counts the average number of proposed tests which were already tested for that rule. Further discussion on test novelty can be found in Appendix A.2.

In our experiments, we show that LLMs struggle substantially with this task. We show that despite 277 the test's relative simplicity, most models struggle substantially both to propose good tests and to 278 infer a rule based on available evidence. Specifically, their propensity to repeat test cases, propose 279 useless test cases, and guess very unlikely rules harms their performance on this task substantially. 280 The varying performance in a multi-turn setting represents a previously unappreciated dimension of 281 measuring reasoning capability in LLMs. There is much work in language modeling for code-based 282 agents (Cognition AI, 2024; Yang et al., 2024a) and LLM-driven unit testing (Yang et al., 2024b), 283 and the difficulty of LLMs to explore edge cases effectively across multiple turns has substantial 284 implications on those applications.

As in the original Wason 2-4-6 task, we find a common failure mode to be confirmation bias – a participant will identify a plausible hypothesis and continue to propose tests that attempt to *confirm* it (see Appendix B.3). Stronger models will more explicitly attempt to *falsify* these hypotheses instead. For example, a model that observes the rule is always true when the values are all equal should attempt to test a rule like $x \le y \le z$, rather than submitting more cases where the three values are equal.

We show some varying behavior among top performing models, which highlights the multifaceted 292 wavs which a model can succeed on a multi-turn task. Claude 3.5 Sonnet performs quite well on 293 WILT, outperforming models like o1-mini and o1-preview which tend to win on adjacent single-294 turn benchmarks. On most turns, WILT is a setting which removes many of the advantages of a 295 model which has scaled up inference-time compute; each turn requires only a moderate amount 296 of consideration, compared to other single-turn benchmarks which are *multi-step*, single turn and 297 thereby reward the model substantially for long and elaborate chains of thought. o1-mini and o1-298 preview show astonishingly low test case reuse, and much lower than average guess count compared 299 to Sonnet 3.5 despite comparable performance, pointing to their strong deductive reasoning skills and recollection of the previous steps in a conversation. However, they ultimately underperform 300 due to gathering less evidence compared to Sonnet 3.5, which is a multi-turn capabilities failure 301 despite *not* being a failure on any turn in particular. Put another way, Sonnet 3.5 seems better at 302 understanding that it will be able to leverage future tests, and that its multi-turn performance shines 303 "between" turns rather than during them. 304

In this vein, Mistral Large stands out as having surprisingly strong performance in multi-turn, despite its novelty metrics being below average. That is, it tends to respond with many operators (see Table 2), repeat many more tests than other similar-performing models, and responds with messages with worse novelty metrics as reported in Table 3 and Figure 5. However, it tends to use most of its available resources, accrue evidence with new tests deep into the conversation, and ultimately deduce the rule very well for a model of its size. The strong result observed from Mistral Large points towards a *multi-turn capabilities success* despite numerous *single-turn failures*, and reveals a previously underappreciated ability of this model.

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4.2 Hypothesis Space Reduction

To compare the LLMs' ability to efficiently reason about the task, we estimate how effectively each model reduces the hypothesis space (Wang et al., 2023a). At best, an LLM should always propose a triplet that eliminates as many untested hypotheses as possible. At worst, a model repeatedly proposes a triplet confirming previously covered hypotheses. For example, an LLM that has already guessed (2, 4, 6) retreads much of the same hypothesis space by guessing (4, 6, 8) rather than (0.01, -1, 100).

To represent that hypothesis space, we randomly generate 2000 lambda functions that encompass a wide range of potential hypotheses. For example, we randomly generate lambdas having to do with: ordering (x < y < z), equality $(x = y \neq z)$, arithmetic relations (x + y = z), parity



Figure 2: Models can succeed upon this task by reducing the hypothesis space quickly or providing useful tests for many turns. We show that models with strong reasoning capabilities can narrow the space quickly, but weaker multi-turn capability harms their ability to get value out of later tests.

 $(x \le 10, y \le 5, z \le 100)$, etc. When an LLM proposes a triplet, we cross off any lambdas that do not match the observed behavior of the hidden rule. Figure 2 illustrates the rate at which different models reduce the hypothesis space over successive turns. Models with worse reasoning spend more attempts to clear less of the hypothesis space, with some models using all of their attempts and yet failing to propose useful tests once some visible behavior is latched onto. For a model with strong reasoning capabilities, we would expect that they would not repeatedly propose test cases that cover previously matched lambdas. Models like deepseek-v2-chat show strong hypothesis space reduction within the first few turns, but struggle to cover the entire space even after 30 turns, leading to suboptimal performance on the full split. In contrast, models like gpt-4o-mini show weaker performance in the first few turns, but are able to cover a greater range of the hypothesis space by better leveraging later turns. It's important to remember that narrowing the hypothesis space is only one aspect of the challenge; making an accurate final guess after proposing tests is equally crucial for strong overall performance on WILT.

4.3 EVALUATING FUNCTION INVERSION CAPABILITY

To succeed at the WILT task, models must succeed at both gathering evidence (hypothesis reduction) and drawing logical conclusions from evidence (function inversion). To distinguish a model's ability to do one or the other, we perform an experiment where models attempt to guess the rule using tests from another model. Rather than asking the model to gather evidence, we directly provide it all the reasoning-stripped⁴ input-output pairs generated by another model for the same rule, and ask the model to guess the rule in a single turn. Without the original reasoning and subsequent observation before and after each test case, we expect most models to underperform relative to the full test even when provided their own cases. Likewise, we expect models stronger at single-turn to perform better in this experiment relative to other models subject to the same evidence. Our results can be found in Figure 3.

This reveals some notably varied capabilities among the top performing models. While Claude Sonnet 3.5 was the narrowly highest performing model on the full test, this experiment reveals important context for why that may be. We see that it performs better than most other models subject to the same evidence, but proposes test cases that are generally slightly less useful for other models

⁴We strip reasoning to avoid conflating confirmation bias in the attached reasoning, rather than just the accumulated evidence.

without the attached justifications. Likewise, without its own reasoning for each case, Sonnet's performance degraded substantially more than other models in the same setting, suggesting a larger component of its success was its reasoning, compared to the test cases alone.

o1-mini shows highly superior single-turn capability in this test, but notably performs relatively less
 well when provided its own tests rather than the tests of another high-performing model. When
 paired with cases from chatgpt-4o-latest, it successfully guessed 19 of the 50 rules, far surpassing
 the best-performing single model in the full test.

Despite having many repeated tests and messages which were generally similar to each other (see Tables 1 and 3), we see that Mistral Large performs well with other models' tests and provides a corpus of tests useful to other models. We note its comparable performance to chatgpt-4o-latest both along the rows (model's performance with other model's test cases) and columns (performance of other models with the model's test cases), reinforcing its strong performance in the full test.

Critically, we show that models have non-identical strengths and weaknesses, and that success on the full WILT task depends on strong performance on a few key metrics of interest. Even without the attached reasoning for test cases, composing the test case generation of one model and the function inversion of another model very often outperforms using a single strong model for both subtasks. This has some notable implications for future LLM applications: in Wang et al. (2024) it was shown that several language models coordinated by an aggregator LLM could outperform strong single models. Future work could explore coordinating models for both single-turn and multi-turn oriented tasks, potentially leading to improved performance.



Figure 3: Models have varying success when using test cases proposed by other models. o1-mini stands out as having much stronger single-turn reasoning in this experiment, but it performs poorly with its own tests.

4.4 **RESPONSE COMPLEXITY**

To determine how well the models employ Occam's Razor, we explore different metrics to gauge whether the models find the simplest rule that covers the examples. From existing Bayesian models of cognition (Tenenbaum, 1999; Tenenbaum & Griffiths, 2001), the *size principle* uses hypothesis size as a measure of simplicity. In these Bayesian models, hypothesis size is calculated as the number

of values that match the hypothesis. Calculating hypothesis size in this manner is only possible when
 the test values are within a limited countable range. In our case, the possible test values are infinite,
 requiring some alternative metrics to gauge hypothesis size. We use three metrics:

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457 458 1. Number of Operators: We count the number of operators used in the rule expression.

- 2. **Response Length**: We calculate the string length of the rule expression. The longer the length, the more complex it is likely to be. As longer outputs tend to be arbitrarily preferred by automatic evaluators (Dubois et al., 2024), it is particularly important to measure the brevity of the response for cases where simplicity is desired.
- 3. Set Inclusion: We generate a grid of integer-float tuples and apply them to guessed and actual rules to generate sets of tuples returning "True". If the set of the guessed rule is a subset or superset of the actual rule, we then calculate their set size ratio. A ratio of 1 is ideal, > 1 suggests a less complex guess, and < 1 a more complex one.

445 Table 2 shows the complexity metrics of the LLMs. Many LLMs with high accuracy such as Claude 446 3.5 Sonnet, chatgpt-4o-latest, and Mistral Large have long response lengths. However, o1-preview 447 has a short response length and few operators, despite its high performance on the task. The differ-448 ences in response length and number of operators is most clearly seen in the incorrect answers. For 449 example, if the correct rule is lambda x, y, z: (x * y * z) 2 = 1, Claude 3.5 Sonnet's 450 guess is lambda x, y, z: all (n > 0 and int(n) == n and (n & (n-1) == 0) and (n % n)451 3 = 0 or n = 1) for n in [x, y, z]), which is more convoluted than ol-preview's guess 452 of lambda x, y, z: abs(x) = 1 and abs(y) = 1 and abs(z) = 1. Combined with its 453 low number of average guesses made before making the final guess, o1-preview appears to follow 454 Occam's Razor very closely compared to most of the other high-performing models with longer 455 response lengths. For the set inclusion ratio, the best models tend to cluster around an intermediate value of 2-4. 456

| Table 2 | 2: | Response | Com | plexity | (Median) |
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| 460 | Model | Num Operators | Response Length | Set Inclusion |
| 461 | Claude 3.5 Sonnet | 3 | 34.5 | 0.08 |
| 462 | o1-mini 2024-09-12 | 3 | 29.0 | 0.79 |
| 463 | o1-preview-2024-09-12 | 2 | 25 | 0.01 |
| 464 | chatgpt-40-latest | 5 | 39 | 1.0 |
| 465 | Mistral Large 2 | 5 | 39 | 1.0 |
| 405 | GPT-40 2024-08-06 | 4.5 | 39 | 0.34 |
| 400 | Llama 3.1 405B | 2 | 30 | 0.52 |
| 467 | Gemini 1.5 Flash 0827 | 4 | 35.5 | 0.00 |
| 468 | Llama 3.1 70B | 2 | 25 | 1.00 |
| 469 | Deepseek-v2.5-chat | 3 | 29 | 0.27 |
| 470 | GPT-4o-mini | 5 | 39.5 | 0.05 |
| 471 | Gemini 1.5 Pro | 3 | 38 | 0.27 |
| 472 | Gemini 1.5 Flash | 3 | 28 | 0.06 |
| 473 | Deepseek-v2-coder | 5 | 39 | 0.88 |
| 474 | Deepseek-v2-chat | 2 | 28 | 0.00 |
| 475 | Llama 3.1 8b | 2 | 23 | 0.05 |
| 476 | Open Mistral Nemo | 5 | 46 | 1.00 |
| 177 | Claude 3 Haiku | 5 | 31 | 0.49 |
| 470 | Gemini 1.5 Flash 8b 0827 | 3 | 29 | 0.02 |
| 478 | Gemma 2 9B | 5 | 38 | 0.52 |
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In addition, Figure 4 shows the median number of operators used by a model when given another model's test cases, as in Section 4.3. This can be used to estimate the model's bias toward guessing a simpler rule. o1-preview, for example, tends to use fewer operators than the other models subject to the same evidence. This also highlights potential discrepancies in the complexity resulting from a model's test cases and the complexity of its final guesses. When models use test cases generated by DeepSeek Chat v2.5, they tend to use fewer operators, likely because the test cases

are fully encompassed by simple rules like lambda x, y, z: False. Conversely, when given other models' tests, DeepSeek Chat v2.5 responds with a high level of complexity compared to other models. Its guesses often overfit a complicated rule to the test cases (e.g., it guesses a rule of lambda x, y, z: y == x or y == z or y == (x + z) / 2 when given the fol-lowing true test cases for even numbers: (2.0, 2.0, 2.0), (2.0, 2.0, 4.0), (-2.0, 4.0, 6.0), (0.0, 2.0, 4.0), (2.2, 4.0, 6.0), (2.0, 4.0, 6.0).)



Figure 4: The median number of operators provides a window into guessed rules being more or less complicated compared to guesses provided by other models. More metrics for response complexity in test-case swap scenarios can be found in Appendix A.3.

CONCLUSION

In this work, we highlight the importance of the multi-turn setting for understanding the performance of large language models in everyday use cases. We introduced a new benchmark which attempts to measure performance in this common setting, and show its difficulty even for state-of-the-art LLMs. With the models exhibiting non-overlapping strengths, the resulting performance of these models on the WILT task provides useful context for what types of tasks they would be useful for, beyond simply suggesting the top-performing model is the best one to use for all applications.

Our benchmark identifies a critical way that typical benchmarks differ from day-to-day use of LLMs: whereas effective multi-turn collaboration often requires asking clarifying questions, performing experiments, and gathering new evidence, typical benchmarks are overwhelmingly designed to be solved immediately. This may, in turn, create an implicit incentive for models to end conversations as quickly as possible, even where that may be ineffective or inappropriate.

With this work, we aim to provide a benchmark that measures a model's capacity for exploring an environment and reasoning based on its own decisions across multiple turns. We believe that this paradigm offers a more direct measurement of reasoning capability compared to other benchmarks. Likewise, we believe an explicit focus on multi-turn reasoning capability more directly shines a light upon the most common uses of LLMs.

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- A APPENDIX / SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL
- 686 A.1 EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS
- 687 A.1.1 MODEL CONFIGURATIONS
- Models are accessed when possible with default configurations and settings provided by their respective proprietary APIs (i.e. Anthropic, OpenAI, Mistral, DeepSeek, and Vertex APIs). Llama 3.1
 models are run via the Amazon Bedrock API. Gemma 2 9b and llama 3 70B are run via the Groq
 API Abts et al. (2022).
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- 694 A.1.2 PROMPTS
- All models begin from the same initial prompt.

You are an AI tasked with discovering a hidden rule that takes three numbers
as input and returns a boolean. These numbers can be any float or integer number
that can be typed in 3 or fewer digits, not including signs and decimal characters
(e.g. -11.3 is a valid value). In each response, you will provide your step-by-step
reasoning for your future plans on this task, and then you will take one of two actions:

702 1. Provide a single test case to observe the output of a rule (e.g. "Test Case: (1, 2, 3)" which corresponds to x=1, y=2, 704 z=3. You may only propose one test case at a time. 705 2. Provide a final "guess" in the form of a python lambda function (e.g. 706 "Final Guess: ```lambda x,y,z: x < y < z```"). You only get to select this action one time, so don't use it unless you are confident or 708 are forced to. 709 You will have up to 30 attempts at test cases, and you will have exactly one 710 attempt at guessing the final function. Make sure all of the tests you provide are 711 unique from other ones you have already tried - the functions are all deterministic, 712 and will be the same every time. You should prioritize getting the rule as correct as possible, since an incorrect answer will get no points. You should therefore 713 not guess the function unless you are quite confident, or if you are very close to 714 running out of attempts. 715 You must return your responses in the format laid out above at the very bot-716 tom of your message. For example, if you want to submit a test case, you must 717 conclude with the string "Test Case: ``` (x, y, z) ```", where x,y,z are re-718 placed with your guesses. If you want to submit a final guess, you must conclude 719 with the string "Final Guess: ```<function>```" where <function> 720 is replaced with a python lambda function. Do not include any comments or addi-721 tional text on the same lines as these two things. 722 Make sure to include your reasoning for your tests - what you are testing for, 723 why you selected that test, etc. 724 725 Responses by the models are pulled out via regular expressions matching the formatting in the prompt. We find that after controlling for various formatting eccentricities (python blocks, mark-726 down, bold characters, etc) that all listed models are capable of providing test cases in this format. 727 728 A.1.3 VERIFYING EQUIVALENT FUNCTIONS 729 730 To verify two provided lambda functions are equivalent, we generate a large number of test cases 731 and ensure the provided rules match on all outputs. Specifically, we create three sets of cases: 732 733 1. Integer Grid Cases - We construct a 40x40x40 grid of integer triplets from -20 to 20, 734 inclusive, leading to 64,000 triplet cases. 735 2. Random Uniform Cases - We construct a list of 10,000 uniformly random float triplets from -200 to 200, inclusive. 737 3. Special Cases - We hand-design a small set of test cases to ensure all hidden rules in the 738 full split are adequately tested. 739 740 We mark a rule as incorrect if any test cases generated above show different behavior between the 741 hidden rule and the guessed rule, and mark it correct otherwise. 742 743 A.2 TEST CASE NOVELTY 744 745 Test case novelty is an interesting second order metric for success upon the WILT task. Broadly 746 speaking, models that reuse fewer tests are rewarded with more information for which to solve the 747 task. Models that very rarely re-propose a test tend to perform very well upon WILT, but the inverse is not necessarily true – models that loop tests often still arrive at the right answer. 748 749 Repeated tests are useful for bifurcating the types of failures on WILT – one being the doom loop 750 phenomenon, and the other being reasoning capability conditioned upon some available evidence. 751 One hypothesis for the observed behavior is that certain models are primarily oriented towards 752 single-turn scenarios, and that one type of failure need not imply the other. DeepSeek Chat v2.5, for 753 example, demonstrates strong initial hypothesis space reduction compared to other models, which

allows it notably better performance on WILT compared to other models with similar repeat counts
 (e.g. open-mistral-nemo). Strong single-turn performance and deductive reasoning capabilities can

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| 758 | Model | Repeats | Avg. Novelty | Avg. Min. Novelty |
| 759 | alauda 2.5 aannat 20240620 | 27 | 0.22 | 0.09 |
| 760 | claude-5.5-solillet-20240020 | 2/ | 0.22 | 0.08 |
| 761 | 01-IIIIII-2024-09-12 | 3 | 0.24 | 0.09 |
| 762 | of-preview-2024-09-12 | 3 | 0.20 | 0.10 |
| 763 | mistral-large-2407 | 38 142 | 0.21 | 0.10 |
| 764 | gpt-40-2024-08-06 | 26 | 0.22 | 0.11 |
| 765 | llama3.1 405B | 30 | 0.20 | 0.06 |
| 766 | gemini-1.5-flash-exp-0827 | 108 | 0.19 | 0.08 |
| 767 | llama3-70b | 74 | 0.19 | 0.06 |
| 768 | deepseek-chat-v2.5 | 489 | 0.09 | 0.02 |
| 769 | gpt-4o-mini | 54 | 0.19 | 0.10 |
| 770 | gemini-1.5-pro | 41 | 0.26 | 0.13 |
| 771 | gemini-1.5-flash | 123 | 0.19 | 0.08 |
| 770 | deepseek-coder | 334 | 0.11 | 0.03 |
| //2 | deepseek-chat-v2 | 335 | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| 773 | llama-3.1-8b | 223 | 0.13 | 0.01 |
| 774 | open-mistral-nemo | 400 | 0.12 | 0.02 |
| 775 | claude-3-haiku-20240307 | 11 | 0.29 | 0.11 |
| 776 | gemini-1.5-flash-8b-exp-0827 | 386 | 0.14 | 0.05 |
| 777 | gemma2-9b-it | 70 | 0.34 | 0.18 |
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Table 3: Model Novelty Metrics

Following Aidan-bench (McLaughlin, 2024), we provide Table 3, containing additional novelty metrics. These include:

- 1. Average novelty which reports the average cosine similarity between each message's gpt-3 embeddings and the closest previous message within the same test.
- 2. Average minimum novelty which reports the average minimum cosine similarity between each message's gpt-3 embeddings and the closest previous message within the same test.

These capture an additional dimension of "test novelty" and "message novelty", where models may propose the same tests for different reasons, or repeat previously generated messages verbatim. We bold results which are best within the class of high performing models. We note that models that propose fewer tests before guessing (e.g. o1-preview, o1-mini) should see lower values for all of these compared to models that tend to use many tests before guessing (e.g. mistral-large) even for otherwise equally performing models. We also show the average novelty by turn in Figure 5, which captures the model's novelty scores across turns.

795 A.3 RESPONSE COMPLEXITY IN TEST SWAP EXPERIMENTS

In figure 6 we show the set inclusion ratios in the case where a model is provided another model's test cases. That is, we show whether an error in the final guess of a model is likely to be smaller / less than one (e.g. x < y < z instead of $x \le y \le z$), or larger / greater than one (e.g. x > 0 instead of $x > 0 \land x < 5$). This seems more test-case dependent than other complexity benchmarks, where tests provided by certain models seem to lead to smaller hypotheses.

Figure 7 shows the length of the string used to guess the rule by each model, which is comparatively more consistent for a model. We find this to be fairly consistent across settings, with most models hovering near 45.

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Figure 5: Cosine similarity by turn for selected models. Models have a higher novelty score near the end, since the final guess is often much different from previous messages, which are all proposed test cases.



Figure 6: Set inclusion ratios will differ in the same model when provided another model's tests, and models provided the same tests have different set inclusion behaviors.

A.4 SELECTED LITE SPLIT RESULTS

Table 4 contains selected results for the *lite split*. We show this much easier split produces a similar ordering, suggesting that the bulk of the separation in our benchmark lies in the easier tests.



Figure 7: Models tend to have fairly consistent guess string lengths, with some exceptions.

Table 4: Lite Split Metrics

| Model | Accuracy | Avg. Guesses |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| Claude-3.5-Sonnet | 8/10 | 13.68 |
| GPT-4-Turbo | 7/10 | 12.47 |
| GPT-40 | 6/10 | 13.86 |
| DeepSeek-V2-Coder | 6/10 | 23.46 |
| Llama 3 70B | 4/10 | 15.64 |
| DeepSeek-V2-Chat | 2/10 | 24.82 |
| Llama 3 8B | 1/10 | 24.0 |
| GPT-3.5-Turbo | 1/10 | 2.9 |

A.5 **TEST DESCRIPTIONS**

Table 5 contains the functions found in the *lite split* of WILT. Table 6 contains the functions found in the *full split* of WILT. These are implemented as Python lambda functions.

| Test ID | Description |
|---------|--|
| 1 | x > y > z |
| 2 | x < y < z |
| 3 | $x \ge y \ge z$ |
| 4 | $x \le y \le z$ |
| 5 | x = y = z |
| 6 | $x \neq y \land y \neq z \land x \neq z$ |
| 7 | $x < 0 \land y < 0 \land z < 0$ |
| 8 | x + y = z |
| 9 | $x \cdot y = z$ |
| 10 | $x < y \land y > z$ |

Table 5: Lite Split: Complete Set of Tests

B FAILURE CASE EXAMPLES

B.1 DOOM LOOP WITHOUT REASONING FAILURE

Table 7 shows an example of a model (Deepseek-Chat-v2.5) entering a doom loop during the test proposal phase, but where that doom loop does not constitute a reasoning failure. Reasoning has been removed for brevity.

B.2 APPROXIMATELY CORRECT

942Table 8 shows an example of o1-mini getting a very difficult test case (co-primality) approximately943correct, failing only because it adds an additional arbitrary constraint upon the magnitude of the944values despite no such constraint existing. Reasoning has been removed for brevity.

B.3 CONFIRMATION BIAS

Table 9 shows an example of o1-preview failing a relatively easy test case $(x \ge y \ge z)$ due to a confirmation bias error. The model uses only 9 test cases and correctly identifies that the rule returns true when all three are equal, but submits five test cases confirming that and none exploring other rules which are true when three items are equal. Reasoning has been removed for brevity.

B.4 SAME TEST FOR NEW REASON

Table 10 shows an example of Claude Sonnet 3.5 repeating a test, where it will mistakenly generate the same test for a different stated reason. We see the model notice it has repeated a test only after it has already submitted the test. Other tests have been removed for brevity.

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| 1 | Test ID | Description |
| 5 | | Easy Tests |
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| 3 | 2 | x < y < z |
| 9 | 5 | $x \ge y \ge z$ |
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| 1 | 5 | x < z < y x < z < u |
| 2 | 07 | $\begin{array}{c} x \leq z \leq y \\ z \leq x \leq y \end{array}$ |
| 3 | 8 | z < x < y z < r < y |
| 1 | 9 | $\begin{array}{c} x \ge x \ge y \\ r = y = z \end{array}$ |
| 5 | 10 | $ \begin{array}{c} x & y \\ x \neq y \land y \neq z \land x \neq z \end{array} $ |
| 6 | 11 | $x < 0 \land y < 0 \land z < 0$ |
| 7 | 12 | $x > 0 \land y > 0 \land z > 0$ |
| 3 | 13 | $x \mod 2 = 0 \land y \mod 2 = 0 \land z \mod 2 = 0$ |
|) | 14 | $x \mod 2 \neq 0 \land y \mod 2 \neq 0 \land z \mod 2 \neq 0$ |
|) | | Medium Tests |
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|) | 15 | x + y = z |
| - | 16 | $x \cdot y = z$ |
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| | 18 | $x \cdot z = y$ |
| | 19 | y + z = x |
| 7 | 20 | $y \cdot z = x$ max $(x, y, z) = x$ |
| | 21 | $\max(x, y, z) = x$ $\max(x, y, z) = y$ |
| | 23 | $\max(x, y, z) = y$ $\max(x, y, z) = z$ |
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| 10 | 25 | $\min(x, y, z) = y$ |
| 11 | 26 | $\min(x, y, z) = z$ |
| 12 | 27 | x + y + z = 0 |
| 13 | 28 | $x \cdot y \cdot z = 0$ |
|)4 | 29 | $(x+y+z) \bmod 2 = 0$ |
|)5 | 30 | $(x+y+z) \bmod 2 = 1$ |
|)6 | 31 | $(x \cdot y \cdot z) \bmod 2 = 0$ |
|)7 | 32 | $(x \cdot y \cdot z) \bmod 2 = 1$ |
| 8 | 33 | (x+y)/2 = z |
|)9 | 34 | $-5 \le x, y, z \le 5$ |
| 0 | 35 | $-10 \leq x, y, z \leq 10$ |
| 1 | 36 | $-5 \le x, y, z \le 0$ |
| 2 | 3/ 20 | $0 \leq x, y, z \leq 0$ |
| 3 | 38 20 | $-2 \leq x, y, z \leq 2$ |
| 4 | | $-20 \le x, y, z \le 20$ |
| 5 | | Very Hard Tests |
| 16 | 40 | $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ |
| 17 | 41 | $x^2 + z^2 = y^2$ |
| 8 | 42 | $u^2 + z^2 = x^2$ |
| 19 | 43 | x & y = z (bitwise AND) |
| 20 | 44 | x y = z (bitwise OR) |
| | 45 | $ x \oplus y = z $ (bitwise XOR) |
| 00 | 46 | $\ddot{x}, \ddot{y}, z \in \mathbb{Z} \land \gcd(x, y) = \gcd(y, z) = \gcd(z, x) = 1$ |
| 22 | 47 | $\sqrt{ r ^2} = r \wedge \sqrt{ u ^2} - u \wedge \sqrt{ r ^2} - r $ |
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| 24 | 40 | $0 < x \mod 1 < y \mod 1 < z \mod 1 < 1$ |
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| Table 6: Full Split: Complete Set of | of Tests |
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Table 7: DeepSeek-v2.5 Enters a doom loop but still arrives at the correct answer

| Turn | Assistant | Harness |
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| 1 | Test Case: (1, 1, 1) | (1.0, 1.0, 1.0): True. |
| 2 | Test Case: (1, 2, 3) | (1.0, 2.0, 3.0): True. |
| 3 | Test Case: (3, 2, 1) | (3.0, 2.0, 1.0): True. |
| 4 | Test Case: (2, 1, 3) | (2.0, 1.0, 3.0): True. |
| 5 | Test Case: (-1, -2, -3) | (-1.0, -2.0, -3.0): False. |
| 6 | Test Case: (-1, 2, -3) | (-1.0, 2.0, -3.0): False. |
| 7 | Test Case: (0, 1, 2) | (0.0, 1.0, 2.0): False. |
| 8 | Test Case: (2, 3, 1) | (2.0, 3.0, 1.0): True. |
| 9 | Test Case: (0, 1, 1) | (0.0, 1.0, 1.0): False. |
| 10 | Test Case: (0.001, 1, 1) | (0.001, 1.0, 1.0): True. |
| 11 | Test Case: (-0.001, 1, 1) | (-0.001, 1.0, 1.0): False. |
| 12 | Test Case: (999, 1, 1) | (999.0, 1.0, 1.0): True. |
| 13 | Test Case: (-999, 1, 1) | (-999.0, 1.0, 1.0): False. |
| 14 | Test Case: (0.0001, 1, 1) | (0.0001, 1.0, 1.0): True. |
| 15 | Test Case: (-0.0001, 1, 1) | (-0.0001, 1.0, 1.0): False. |
| 16 | Test Case: (999.999, 1, 1) | (999.999, 1.0, 1.0): True. |
| 17 | Test Case: (-999.999, 1, 1) | (-999.999, 1.0, 1.0): False. |
| 18 | Test Case: (0.0001, 999.999, 1) | (0.0001, 999.999, 1.0): True. |
| 19 | Test Case: (-0.0001, 999.999, 1) | (-0.0001, 999.999, 1.0): False. |
| 20 | Test Case: (0.0001, -999.999, 1) | (0.0001, -999.999, 1.0): False. |
| 21 | Test Case: (0.0001, 999.999, -0.0001) | (0.0001, 999.999, -0.0001): False. |
| 22 | Test Case: (0.0001, 999.999, -999.999) | (0.0001, 999.999, -999.999): False |
| 23 | Test Case: (0.0001, 999.999, 0.0001) | (0.0001, 999.999, 0.0001): True. |
| 24 | Test Case: (0.0001, 0.0001, 999.999) | (0.0001, 0.0001, 999.999): True. |
| 25 | Test Case: (999.999, 0.0001, 0.0001) | (999.999, 0.0001, 0.0001): True. |
| 26 | Test Case: (0.0001, 999.999, 0.0001) | (0.0001, 999.999, 0.0001): True. |
| 27 | Test Case: (0.0001, 0.0001, 999.999) | (0.0001, 0.0001, 999.999): True. |
| 28 | Test Case: (999.999, 0.0001, 0.0001) | (999.999, 0.0001, 0.0001): True. |
| 29 | Test Case: (0.0001, 999.999, 0.0001) | (0.0001, 999.999, 0.0001): True. |
| 30 | Test Case: (0.0001, 0.0001, 999.999) | (0.0001, 0.0001, 999.999): True. |
| 31 | Final Guess: lambda x, y, z: $x > 0$ and $y > 0$ and $z > 0$ | Congratulations! Your guess is conrect. |

Table 8: o1-mini nearly gets the coprimality case correct, but adds bounds for no concrete reason.

| Turn | Assistant | Harness |
|------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Test Case: (1, 2, 3) | (1.0, 2.0, 3.0): True. |
| 2 | Test Case: (3, 2, 1) | (3.0, 2.0, 1.0): True. |
| 3 | Test Case: (1, 1, 1) | (1.0, 1.0, 1.0): True. |
| 4 | Test Case: (-1, 2, 3) | (-1.0, 2.0, 3.0): True. |
| 5 | Test Case: (-1, -2, -3) | (-1.0, -2.0, -3.0): True. |
| 6 | Test Case: (0, 0, 0) | (0.0, 0.0, 0.0): False. |
| 7 | Test Case: (0, 1, 2) | (0.0, 1.0, 2.0): False. |
| 8 | Test Case: (1.5, 2.5, 3.5) | (1.5, 2.5, 3.5): False. |
| 9 | Test Case: (1, 2, 3.0) | (1.0, 2.0, 3.0): True. |
| 10 | Test Case: (1, 2, 3.1) | (1.0, 2.0, 3.1): False. |
| 11 | Test Case: (1, 2, -3) | (1.0, 2.0, -3.0): True. |
| 12 | Test Case: (10, -20, 30) | (10.0, -20.0, 30.0): False. |
| 13 | Test Case: (4, 5, 6) | (4.0, 5.0, 6.0): False. |
| 14 | Test Case: (-2, -1, 3) | (-2.0, -1.0, 3.0): True. |
| 15 | Test Case: (3, 3, 4) | (3.0, 3.0, 4.0): False. |
| 16 | Test Case: (1, -1, 2) | (1.0, -1.0, 2.0): True. |
| 17 | Test Case: (-3, 3, -2) | (-3.0, 3.0, -2.0): False. |
| 18 | Test Case: (2, -2, 2) | (2.0, -2.0, 2.0): False. |
| 19 | Test Case: (-1, 2, -2) | (-1.0, 2.0, -2.0): False. |
| 20 | Test Case: (1, 3, 2) | (1.0, 3.0, 2.0): True. |
| 21 | Test Case: (1, 2, 2) | (1.0, 2.0, 2.0): False. |
| 22 | Test Case: (-1, -2, 3) | (-1.0, -2.0, 3.0): True. |
| 23 | Test Case: (2, 3, -1) | (2.0, 3.0, -1.0): True. |
| 24 | Final Guess: lambda x, y, z: all(isinstance(n, int) and $n \neq 0$ and $-3 \leq n \leq 3$ for n in [x, y, z]) and math.gcd(x, y) == 1 and math.gcd(x, z) == 1 and math.gcd(y, z) == 1 | Sorry, that's not the correct rule |

Table 9: o1-preview fails early on an easy test case despite having a wealth of remaining tests, because it latched on to an early behavior and sought to confirm it rather than falsify it.

| Turn | Assistant | Harness | |
|------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Test Case: (2, 3, 6) | (2.0, 3.0, 6.0): False. | |
| 2 | Test Case: (2, 3, 5) | (2.0, 3.0, 5.0): False. | |
| 3 | Test Case: (1, 1, 1) | (1.0, 1.0, 1.0): True. | |
| 4 | Test Case: (2, 2, 2) | (2.0, 2.0, 2.0): True. | |
| 5 | Test Case: (1, 1, 2) | (1.0, 1.0, 2.0): False. | |
| 6 | Test Case: (-1, -1, -1) (-1.0, -1.0): True. | | |
| 7 | Test Case: (1.5, 1.5, 1.5) (1.5, 1.5, 1.5): True. | | |
| 8 | 8 Test Case: (0, 0, 0) (0.0, 0.0, 0.0): True. | | |
| 9 | Test Case: (1, 2, 3) | (1.0, 2.0, 3.0): False. | |
| 10 | Final Guess: lambda x, y, z: $x == y == z$ | Sorry, that's not the correct rule | |

Table 10: Claude Sonnet 3.5 double submits (2, 3, 5) to test x + y = z and all(isprime(n))

| Turn | Assistant | Harness |
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| 1-5 | | |
| 6 | Still False. Let's try a different approach and consider some mathematical relation- ships. Reasoning for the next test: 1. Let's test if the rule involves a simple arithmetic relationship. 2. We'll use numbers where the third is the sum of the first two. 3. We'll use small integers for clarity. Test Case: (2, 3, 5) | (2.0, 3.0, 5.0): False. |
| 7-8 | | |
| 9 | We're still not getting a True result. Let's try a different approach and consider some number theory concepts. Reasoning for the next test: 1. Let's test if the rule involves prime numbers. 2. We'll use three consec- utive prime numbers. 3. This will also test if there's a special relationship with con- secutive numbers that are not simply as- cending. Test Case: (2, 3, 5) | (2.0, 3.0, 5.0): False. |
| 10 | We've already tested (2, 3, 5) before, and it's still False. Let's try a different number theory concept | |

¹¹⁸⁸ C FULL CONVERSATION EXAMPLES

1190 C.1 DOOM LOOP ON CODING TASK

Below we provide a full example of a "doom loop" interacting with an LLM in a multi-turn conversation in a real world coding task. We use llama 3 8b to generate code for a pytorch variational autoencoder, and after 2 turns of debugging it repeats an already mentioned suggestion.

User:

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Can you write me some code which trains a VAE on cifar10 using pytorch?

Llama3-8b-8192:

1200Here's a basic example of how you can train a Variational Autoencoder (VAE) on1201CIFAR-10 using PyTorch:1202``Python1203import torch1204import torch pp as pp

| 1201 | |
|------|--|
| 1205 | import torch.optim as optim |
| 1206 | from torchvision import datasets, transforms |
| 1207 | from torch.utils.data import DataLoader |
| 1208 | import numpy as np |
| 1209 | |
| 1210 | # Define the VAE model |
| 1211 | class VAE(nn.Module): |
| 1212 | definit(self): |
| 1213 | <pre>super(VAE, self)init()</pre> |
| 1214 | self.encoder = nn.Sequential(|
| 1215 | nn.Conv2d(3, 32, kernel_size=3), |
| 1216 | nn.ReLU(), |
| 1210 | $\operatorname{IIII}\operatorname{MaxFOOIZU}(2, 2),$ $\operatorname{nn}\operatorname{Conv2d}(32, 64, \operatorname{kornol} \operatorname{sizo}=3)$ |
| 1010 | nn ReLU() |
| 1210 | nn MaxPool2d(2 2) |
| 1219 | nn.Flatten() |
| 1220 |) |
| 1221 | self.fc1 = nn.Linear(64*4*4, 128) |
| 1222 | self.fc2 = nn.Linear(128, 128) |
| 1223 | self.fc3 = nn.Linear(128, 64*4*4) |
| 1224 | self.fc4 = nn.Linear(64*4*4, 3*32*32) |
| 1225 | |
| 1226 | def reparameterize(self, mu, logvar): |
| 1227 | <pre>std = torch.exp(0.5*logvar)</pre> |
| 1228 | <pre>eps = torch.randn_like(std)</pre> |
| 1229 | return mu + eps*std |
| 1230 | |
| 1231 | def encode(self, x): |
| 1232 | ni = sell.encoder(x) $h^2 = torch rely(colf fol(h1))$ |
| 1233 | $h_2 = \text{torch.retu(sett.tct(h1))}$ h_3 = torch_relu(self_fc2(h2)) |
| 1234 | $m_{13} = corc_{11} c_{11} c_$ |
| 1235 | $\log var = self fc4(h3)$ |
| 1236 | return mu, logvar |
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                      return torch.sigmoid(self.fc4(h4))
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1244
                 def forward(self, x):
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                      mu, logvar = self.encode(x)
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                      z = self.reparameterize(mu, logvar)
                      return self.decode(z), mu, logvar
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1248
             # Define the loss function
1249
             def loss_function(recon_x, x, mu, logvar):
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                 BCE = nn.functional.binary_cross_entropy(recon_x,
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                  \rightarrow x.view(-1, 3*32*32), reduction='sum')
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                 KLD = 0.5 * torch.sum(1 + logvar - mu.pow(2) -
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                  \rightarrow logvar.exp())
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                 return BCE + KLD
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             # Load the CIFAR-10 dataset
1257
             transform = transforms.Compose([transforms.ToTensor()])
             trainset = datasets.CIFAR10(root='./data', train=True,
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             → download=True, transform=transform)
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             trainloader = DataLoader(trainset, batch_size=64,
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             \rightarrow shuffle=True)
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             testset = datasets.CIFAR10(root='./data', train=False,
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             → download=True, transform=transform)
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             testloader = DataLoader(testset, batch_size=64,
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             \rightarrow shuffle=False)
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             # Initialize the VAE model and the optimizer
             vae = VAE()
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             optimizer = optim.Adam(vae.parameters(), lr=0.001)
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1270
             # Train the VAE
1271
             for epoch in range(100):
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                  for i, (x, _) in enumerate(trainloader):
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                      x = x.to(device)
1274
                      optimizer.zero_grad()
1275
                      recon_x, mu, logvar = vae(x)
1276
                      loss = loss_function(recon_x, x, mu, logvar)
1277
                      loss.backward()
1278
                      optimizer.step()
1279
                      if i % 100 == 0:
                          print('Epoch: %d, Batch: %d, Loss: %.3f' %
1280
                               (epoch+1, i+1, loss.item()))
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                           \hookrightarrow
1282
                 # Test the VAE
1283
                 test_loss = 0
1284
                 with torch.no_grad():
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                      for x, _ in testloader:
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                          x = x.to(device)
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                          recon_x, mu, logvar = vae(x)
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                          loss = loss_function(recon_x, x, mu, logvar)
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                          test_loss += loss.item()
                 test_loss /= len(testloader)
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                 print('Test Loss: %.3f' % test_loss)
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1294
             This code defines a VAE model, loads the CIFAR-10 dataset, and trains the model
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             using the Adam optimizer. The loss function is the sum of the binary cross-entropy
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loss and the Kullback-Leibler divergence. The model is trained for 100 epochs,
and the test loss is printed after each epoch.

Note that you need to install the 'torchvision' package to use the CIFAR-10 1299 dataset. You can install it using 'pip install torchvision'. Also, you need 1300 to specify the device (GPU or CPU) where you want to run the model. You can do this by adding `device = torch.device('cuda' if 1302 torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu') before the training loop. ### User: 1304 1305 I'm getting the following error trying to run this code: RuntimeError Traceback (most recent call last) <ipython-input-3-471d3f454439> in <cell line: 70>() 1308 72 x = x.to(device)1309 73 optimizer.zero_grad() 1310 ---> 74 recon_x, mu, logvar = vae(x) 75 loss = loss_function(recon_x, x, 1311 mu, logvar) 1312 76 loss.backward() 1313 1314 6 frames 1315 in forward(self, input) 1316 115 1317 116 def forward(self, input: Tensor) -> Tensor: --> 117 return F.linear(input, self.weight, 1319 self.bias) \hookrightarrow 1320 118 1321 119 def extra_repr(self) -> str: 1322 RuntimeError: mat1 and mat2 shapes cannot be multiplied (64x2304 and 1024x128) \hookrightarrow 1325 ### llama3-8b-8192: 1326 The error message indicates that there is a mismatch between the shapes of the 1327 input and the weights in one of the fully connected layers in your VAE model. 1328 The error message specifically says that the shapes are 64x2304 and 1024x128, 1329 which means that the input has a shape of (64, 2304) and the weights have a shape of (1024, 128). 1330 1331 The issue is likely due to the fact that the input to the fully connected layer is not what you expect. In the 'encode' method of your VAE model, you have the 1332 following lines: 1334 . . . h1 = self.encoder(x)h2 = torch.relu(self.fc1(h1))h3 = torch.relu(self.fc2(h2)) 1338 mu = self.fc3(h3)loqvar = self.fc4(h3)1339 1340 1341 The 'h3' tensor has a shape of (64, 128) because 'self.fc2' is a fully con-1342 nected layer with 128 output units. However, 'self.fc3' and 'self.fc4' are 1343 also fully connected layers, and they are expecting an input with a shape of (batch_size, 128) where batch_size is the number of samples in the 1344 batch. 1345 In your case, the batch size is 64, so the input to 'self.fc3' and 'self.fc4' should be (64, 128), not (64, 128) as it is now. 1347 To fix this issue, you can try to flatten the output of 'self.encoder' before passing 1348 it to the fully connected layers. You can do this by adding the following line after 1349

h1 = self.encoder(x):

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                 . . .
1351
                h1 = h1.view(-1, 64*4*4)
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1353
                This will flatten the output of 'self.encoder' into a tensor with a shape of
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                 (batch size, 64 \star 4 \star 4), which should be compatible with the weights of
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                 'self.fc1', 'self.fc2', 'self.fc3', and 'self.fc4'.
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                ### User:
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                Okay, I added that line. Now I'm getting a similar error with different values:
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                RuntimeError: mat1 and mat2 shapes cannot be
                multiplied (144x128 and 1024x3072)
                ### llama3-8b-8192:
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                The error message indicates that there is a mismatch between the shapes of the
                input and the weights in one of the fully connected layers in your VAE model.
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                The error message specifically says that the shapes are 144x128 and 1024x3072,
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                which means that the input has a shape of (144, 128) and the weights have a shape
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                of (1024, 3072).
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                The issue is likely due to the fact that the input to the fully connected layer is
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                not what you expect. In the 'encode' method of your VAE model, you have the
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                following lines:
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                ...
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                h1 = self.encoder(x)
1373
                h2 = torch.relu(self.fc1(h1))
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                h3 = torch.relu(self.fc2(h2))
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                mu = self.fc3(h3)
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                logvar = self.fc4(h3)
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                The 'h3' tensor has a shape of (64, 128) because 'self.fc2' is a fully con-
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                nected layer with 128 output units. However, 'self.fc3' and 'self.fc4' are
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                also fully connected layers, and they are expecting an input with a shape of
                 (batch_size, 128) where batch_size is the number of samples in the
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                batch.
                In your case, the batch size is 64, so the input to 'self.fc3' and 'self.fc4' should be
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                (64, 128), not (64, 128) as it is now.
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                To fix this issue, you can try to flatten the output of 'self.encoder' before passing
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                it to the fully connected layers. You can do this by adding the following line after
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                h1 = self.encoder(x)
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                 . . .
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                h1 = h1.view(-1, 128)
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                This will flatten the output of 'self.encoder' into a tensor with a shape of
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                 (batch_size, 128), which should be compatible with the weights of
                 'self.fc1', 'self.fc2', 'self.fc3', and 'self.fc4'.
                However, the error message also mentions that the input has a shape of 144x128,
                which is not compatible with the weights of the fully connected layer. This sug-
                gests that there may be an issue with the architecture of your VAE model.
                To fix this issue, you can try to adjust the architecture of your VAE model to ensure
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                that the input to the fully connected layers is compatible with the weights.
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