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ABSTRACT

028 At the core of Deep Research is knowledge mining, the task of extracting structured
029 information from massive unstructured text in response to user instructions. Large
030 language models (LLMs) excel at interpreting such instructions but are prohibitively
031 expensive to deploy at scale, while traditional pipelines of classifiers and extractors
032 remain efficient yet brittle and unable to generalize to new tasks. We introduce
033 Falconer¹, a collaborative framework that combines the agentic reasoning of LLMs
034 with lightweight proxy models for scalable knowledge mining. In Falconer, LLMs
035 act as *planners*, decomposing user instructions into executable pipelines, and as
036 *annotators*, generating supervision to train small proxies. The framework unifies
037 classification and extraction into two atomic operations, `get_label` and `get_span`,
038 enabling a single instruction-following model to replace multiple task-specific
039 components. To evaluate the consistency between proxy models incubated by
040 Falconer and annotations provided by humans and large models, we construct
041 new benchmarks covering both planning and end-to-end execution. Experiments
042 show that Falconer closely matches state-of-the-art LLMs in instruction-following
043 accuracy while reducing inference cost by up to 90% and accelerating large-scale
044 knowledge mining by more than 20x, offering an efficient and scalable foundation
045 for Deep Research.
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048 1 INTRODUCTION

049 Knowledge mining tasks (Xu et al.; Boylan et al., 2025; Wang et al., 2025; Ma et al., 2024; Walker
050 et al., 2006a) require processing massive corpora, extracting structured information, and generating
051 annotations at scale (Ding et al., 2021; Tedeschi & Navigli, 2022; Li et al., 2023; Bogdanov et al.,
052 2024; Peng et al., 2024). Characterized by the need to faithfully follow user instructions, these tasks
053 often involve millions of records, such as parsing customer reviews, analyzing biomedical literature,
054 or summarizing large collections of technical documents. The sheer scale makes efficiency critical:
055 any system must deliver accurate results while handling high throughput at low cost. Large language
056 models (LLMs) provide strong instruction-following capabilities (OpenAI, 2025; Anthropic, 2025;
057 Comanici et al., 2025) and achieve high accuracy on such tasks (Agrawal et al., 2022; Wang et al.,
058 2023b; Xu et al., 2024a). However, using LLMs directly as the executors of knowledge mining
059 pipelines is computationally prohibitive. Each API call incurs substantial latency and cost, and
060 iterating over millions of records quickly becomes infeasible. Thus, while LLMs are powerful,
061 they are simultaneously too expensive and overqualified for large-scale knowledge mining. At the
062 other extreme, traditional knowledge mining systems rely on chaining classifiers and extractors
063 (e.g., named entity recognition models) to achieve efficiency. However, these systems lack the
064 instruction-following ability of LLMs, forcing developers to manually construct rigid, task-specific
065 pipelines. For instance, to carry out the instruction *Extract all laptop prices from positive Amazon*
066 *reviews* (Figure 1), one must hand-engineer a sequence of modules. First, a classifier must be trained
067 to determine whether a given review is a positive review about laptops. Next, an extractor must be
068 trained to identify and extract the price information from those filtered reviews.
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071 ¹A falconer is one who trains and guides falcons in the hunt, and we adopt this name because our framework
072 similarly uses a central LLM to “train and direct” lightweight proxy models that swiftly pursue labels and spans
073 across massive corpora.

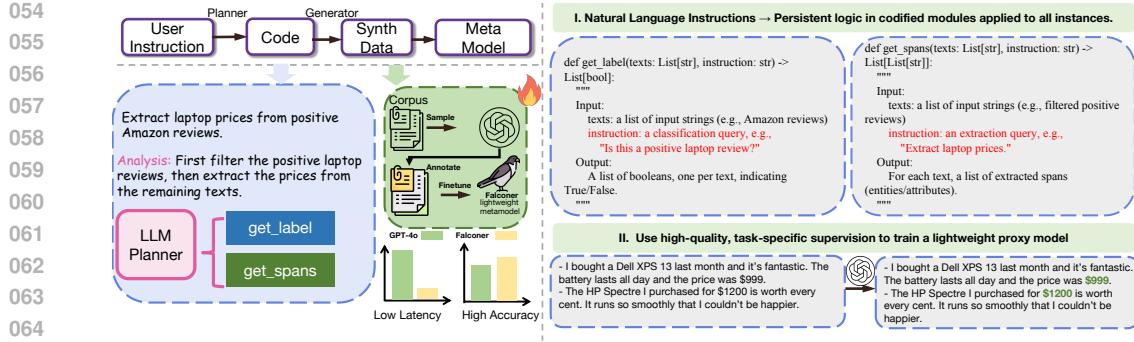


Figure 1: Falconer decomposes the instruction *Extract all laptop prices from positive Amazon reviews* into `get_label` and `get_spans`, generates supervision for training the competent proxy, and executes these primitives efficiently with small-model inference. On the right, we show how Falconer instantiates the subtasks: first classifying reviews as positive laptop reviews, then extracting the corresponding price spans. This design enables Falconer to combine the instruction-following ability of LLMs with the efficiency of small models.

To overcome this limitation, we replace hand-crafted pipelines with the agentic behavior of LLMs. LLMs serve two complementary roles. As **planners**, they decompose natural language instructions into structured subtasks (e.g. first classify whether a review is a positive laptop review, then extract its price), removing the need for manual pipeline design. As **annotators**, they provide high-quality supervision for training lightweight proxies, enabling small models to execute the subtasks efficiently at scale. In Falconer, diverse SLMs are unified into two primitive operations: `get_label(text, instruction)`, which performs classification, and `get_span(text, instruction)`, which extracts relevant spans. These two functions act as the atomic building blocks for knowledge mining pipelines. For example, to process the previous instruction, the pipeline first calls `get_label($review, 'Is this a positive laptop review?')` to filter reviews, and then applies `get_span($review, 'Extract the price')` to identify price mentions. More complex tasks, such as relation extraction or multi-entity queries, can be similarly expressed as sequences of these two primitives.

Methods	Pipeline Design	Instruction Following	Executor	Modeling Paradigm	Efficiency	Scalability
Traditional Pipeline	Manual chaining	✗	Separate classifiers + Extractors	Schema-based	High	✓ ✗
Direct LLM Executor (OpenAI, 2024)	None (end-to-end)	✓	Large LLM API	Generative	Low	✗ ✓
RoBERTa Baseline (Liu et al., 2019)	Manual schema-based	✗	Multiple RoBERTa models	Discriminative	Medium	✓ ✗
MetaIE (Peng et al., 2024)	Synthetic schema	Partial	Distilled proxy model	Hybrid	Medium	✓ ✓
Cuckoo (Peng et al., 2025)	Instruction-tuned IE	✓	Single lightweight proxy	Extraction + Classification	High	✓ ✓
Falconer (Ours)	LLM planner + Annotator	✓✓	Unified competent proxy	Planner + Proxy	High	✓ ✓

Table 1: A comparison of Falconer with traditional pipelines, direct LLM executors, and lightweight baselines. Falconer uniquely combines LLM planning and annotation with a unified competent proxy, achieving both instruction-following flexibility and efficiency at corpus scale.

This design incubates and integrates all pipeline components in a unified manner, rather than engineering them separately. Whereas traditional systems required distinct models for each step. For instance, executing the previous instruction, a traditional pipeline needs at least two models: first a classifier (e.g., RoBERTa (Liu et al., 2019)) to detect positive laptop reviews, and a span extractor to identify price mentions. Such components demand separate training and maintenance, which increases cost and compounds errors across the pipeline. Moreover, these models cannot directly interpret instructions: labels such as “positive review” or “price” must be predefined. Instead, Falconer leverages **Cuckoo** (Peng et al., 2025), a high-capacity instruction-following proxy trained under the NTE paradigm. Cuckoo unifies classification and extraction within a single lightweight model, abstracted as `get_label(text, instruction)` and `get_span(text, instruction)`. Crucially, it is instruction-aware: it can directly follow prompts such as *Is this a positive laptop review?* or *Extract the price*, without relying on fixed label sets or schema-specific engineering. This allows Falconer to replace brittle, hand-crafted pipelines with a single adaptive model that retains both the efficiency of small models and the flexibility of LLM-style instruction following.

Due to the absence of instruction-following benchmarks for knowledge mining, we design new evaluations that test both planning ability and end-to-end performance. These benchmarks assess the consistency of Falconer proxies with annotations from humans and large models. Results reveal that

108 while LLMs excel as planners, their scalability is inherently limited. By contrast, Falconer achieves
 109 end-to-end performance that closely tracks state-of-the-art LLMs, establishing it as an efficient and
 110 practical alternative to purely LLM-based knowledge mining pipelines.

111 In summary, our main contributions are threefold:

113 • We propose Falconer, a framework where LLMs serve as planners and annotators, decomposing
 114 natural language instructions into pipelines and generating supervision for lightweight proxies.
 115 • We introduce an **instruction-following proxy** that unifies classification and extraction into two
 116 atomic operations (get_label, get_span), enabling a single small model to replace multiple
 117 task-specific components.
 118 • We construct new **instruction-following benchmarks** for knowledge mining, evaluating both
 119 planning and end-to-end execution. Experiments show that Falconer closely tracks state-of-the-art
 120 LLMs while cutting inference cost by up to 90% and accelerating large-scale processing by over
 121 20x.

122 2 RELATED WORKS

123 **Information Extraction** Information extraction (IE) is one of the most fundamental applications in
 124 knowledge mining. IE systems take the user’s requirement (e.g., defined by a label text, a question,
 125 or an instruction) and extract spans of several tokens from input texts. IE encompasses a wide
 126 range of task formulations with different level of difficulties, which varies from simple structure
 127 entity and relation extraction such as named entity recognition (Sang & De Meulder, 2003), relation
 128 extraction (Carreras & Márquez, 2005), and event extraction (Walker et al., 2006b), to more difficult
 129 tasks such as abstract entity extraction (Pontiki et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2020).

130 **LLM Agents** Recent work leverages the advanced reasoning and comprehension abilities of large
 131 language models (LLMs) to tackle diverse downstream tasks (Besta et al., 2024; Yao et al., 2023a;
 132 Shinn et al., 2023). For complex scenarios, LLMs have been framed as autonomous agents that
 133 interact with environments (Chen et al., 2023; Yao et al., 2023b; Lu et al., 2023), employ external
 134 tools (Wu et al., 2024; Zong et al., 2024; Peng et al., 2023; Durante et al., 2024), and accumulate
 135 experiential knowledge (Fu et al., 2024; Zhao et al., 2024). A representative example is ReAct (Yao
 136 et al., 2023b), which tightly integrates reasoning and action by alternating between intermediate
 137 reasoning and external operations such as information retrieval.

138 **LLM Agents for Retrieval** LLM agents have been applied to Information Retrieval (IR) through
 139 pretraining, reranking, and prompting (Zhuang et al., 2023; Shen et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023a).
 140 As retrievers directly impact downstream tasks such as retrieval-augmented generation (Lewis
 141 et al., 2020) and knowledge-intensive QA, domain-specific agents like EHRAgent (Shi et al., 2024)
 142 have been developed to incorporate structured tool-use planning process and an interactive coding
 143 mechanism. Nevertheless, existing approaches largely depend on heuristic prompts or few-shot
 144 examples, providing limited guidance for effective retrieval strategies and tool-assisted actions.

145 3 FALCONER

146 Our framework is mainly composed of 3 components: planner, generator and a compact proxy
 147 metamodel that nonetheless exhibits robust performance across diverse tasks. An overview of the
 148 framework is provided in Figure 1. Our framework takes a task prompt and output specification, uses
 149 a planner to generate execution code, and then leverages the generator and metamodel to produce a
 150 fine-tuned model for execution. This yields a fully automated pipeline where users simply provide
 151 text and obtain high-quality outputs, achieving a twenty-fold speedup and a 90% cost reduction
 152 compared with GPT-4o, while maintaining strong performance.

153 3.1 PRELIMINARIES

154 INSTRUCTION-FOLLOWING PROXY MODEL: CUCKOO

155 The Next Token Prediction (NTP) paradigm equips LLMs with broad semantic knowledge and
 156 impressive instruction-following ability but lacks explicit token-level supervision for information

162 extraction (IE). To simultaneously attain robust instruction-following capabilities and fine-grained
 163 token-level supervision, Cuckoo (Peng et al., 2025) proposes the Next Tokens Extraction (NTE)
 164 paradigm, which automatically converts repeated spans in raw corpora into BIO-labeled data, turning
 165 unannotated text into large-scale IE supervision. Cuckoo leverages both pre-training and post-training
 166 resources from LLMs to build powerful NTE-based information extraction models:
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- 168 • **Pre-training:** Conducted on large-scale C4 (CommonCrawl) dataset (Raffel et al., 2020). NTE
 169 automatically generates BIO labels for repeated spans, enabling the model to learn general-purpose
 170 extraction abilities without manual annotation.
- 171 • **Post-training:** Conducted on Tülu 3 (Lambert et al., 2024), a *diverse* and *high-quality* publicly
 172 available dataset. Unlike pre-training, only NTE labels relevant to user instructions are retained,
 173 equipping the model with strong instruction-following capabilities.

174 Under the few-shot setting, Cuckoo and its variant achieve stronger performance than existing
 175 pretrained IE models. We adopt Super Rainbow Cuckoo², a variant further trained on additional
 176 datasets, as our metamodel due to its superior extraction, QA, and classification abilities, as well as
 177 its strong instruction-following capability for versatile downstream tasks.
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179 3.2 CUCKOO FOR TEXT CLASSIFICATION

180 The original Cuckoo model is specilized in Basic IE (Information Extraction) tasks such as entity
 181 extraction and relation extraction, Query-based IE and Instruction-Following IE (Peng et al., 2025).
 182 Leveraging Cuckoo’s instruction-following capability, we could further extend its applicability to text
 183 classification tasks through the design of tailored prompt templates. Specifically, text classification
 184 can be reformulated as a natural language inference (NLI) problem, where the goal is to determine the
 185 relationship between a given sentence and a candidate label—namely, whether the sentence entails the
 186 label. To this end, we construct an instruction-based prompt template for classification and fine-tune
 187 the Super Rainbow Cuckoo model on the datasets introduced in Laurer et al. (2023), yielding the
 188 metamodel employed in our experiments. Further details of fine-tuning are provided in Appendix A.
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190 3.3 PLANNING

191 The planner is the core of Falconer, translating natural language requirements into executable pipelines
 192 by codifying instructions into atomic operations and explicit control flows. For a knowledge mining
 193 objective, it decomposes the input into subtasks (e.g., classification, span extraction), each bound to a
 194 tool interface such as `get_label` or `get_span`. These are then assembled into a deterministic control
 195 flow, ensuring explicit execution without reliance on implicit reasoning. Sample code is shown in
 196 Appendix B.
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198 Crucially, the planner does not merely synthesize runnable code but codifies the logical dependencies
 199 among subtasks. For example, in a multi-entity extraction scenario, *Retrieve all talks about both*
 200 *health and brain, then extract their lecturers*, the planner constructs a sequential program where the
 201 input texts are first filtered using two classification heads for “health” and “brain,” then conditionally
 202 passed into a span extractor to identify lecturer names. This approach integrates boolean logic,
 203 ordered execution, and parameterized prompt templates into a unified representation, ensuring that
 204 downstream behavior is both interpretable and reusable across tasks.

205 By explicitly codifying instructions into executable task pipelines, Falconer achieves two key benefits.
 206 First, the structured representation allows the planner to generalize across diverse task formulations,
 207 including multi-label classification and multi-entity extraction. Second, codification improves trans-
 208 parency: every decision taken by the system can be traced back to a deterministic plan, bridging the
 209 gap between user intent and model actions.

210 Table 2 compares the planning abilities of different models. We observe that GPT-4.1 achieves high
 211 accuracy across diverse tasks, making it a strong candidate for our planner. However, performance
 212 drops on complex tasks, which we define as multi-step tasks that require intermediate execution results
 213 rather than a single fixed string (e.g., first extracting a lecturer’s name, then identifying that lecturer’s
 214 profession). To further probe model limits, we include a set of miscellaneous tasks specifically

2²<https://huggingface.co/KomeijiForce/Cuckoo-C4-Super-Rainbow>

designed to stress-test state-of-the-art LLMs under such challenging scenarios. While models struggle in these cases, their accuracy improves substantially with in-context learning (ICL), underscoring both the difficulty of complex tasks and the effectiveness of our framework in decomposing knowledge mining objectives into well-structured subtasks.

Method	Basic	Query-Based	Multi-Entity	Misc.	Misc. w/ In-Context Learning
Falconer w/ GPT-4.1	0.96	1.00	1.00	0.21	0.96
Falconer w/ GPT-4o	0.63	0.78	1.00	0.19	0.84
Falconer w/ Claude 3.7 Sonet	0.78	0.80	0.98	0.19	0.92
Falconer w/ GPT-4o-mini	0.50	0.19	0.30	0.00	0.42

Table 2: Planning correctness score with different LLM as Planner

3.4 GENERATOR

One major challenges in adapting a lightweight metamodel to diverse knowledge mining tasks lies in acquiring high-quality, task-specific supervision without incurring prohibitive costs. In Falconer, we address this challenge by introducing a generator, a component designed to bridge the gap between raw corpus data and the specialized capabilities required by the metamodel. Unlike synthetic data fully produced by large language models, which often diverges from the target distribution, the generator leverages the underlying structure of knowledge mining scenarios to produce realistic and task-aligned supervision.

The generator operates in three stages. First, around five percent of the entire corpus is sampled to capture the authentic distribution of the domain, which is detailed in Appendix C. Second, a powerful large language model (e.g., GPT-4.1) annotates these samples according to the planner’s codified task descriptions, covering subtasks such as entity extraction, classification, and relation detection. Importantly, the generator enriches naturally occurring data with high-quality labels rather than fabricating artificial inputs, ensuring statistical fidelity to the corpus. Finally, the annotated samples are used to fine-tune the metamodel, enabling it to acquire task-specific knowledge while maintaining its efficiency advantages over large models. A summary of performance gains is provided in Table 3.

In subsequent experiments, this approach demonstrates high efficiency, achieving performance comparable to or even surpassing state-of-the-art large language models while using only 5% of the original corpus. Crucially, the generator’s success hinges on access to high-quality supervision, which can be readily extended to alternative sources such as carefully curated human annotations.

3.5 METAMODEL: LIGHTWEIGHT YET CAPABLE PROXY

In Falconer, the metamodel serves as the central execution engine, acting as a lightweight proxy for large language models in downstream knowledge mining tasks. Instead of relying on general-purpose LLMs for every request, we adopt Cuckoo (Peng et al., 2025), which has similar parameters as Liu et al. (2019), to strikes a balance between parameter efficiency and capability, enabling Falconer to achieve the best of both worlds: near-LLM performance with dramatically reduced inference cost.

Moreover, Falconer’s modular architecture leverages Cuckoo not as a monolithic generalist, but as a specialized executor within a planner-driven pipeline. The planner codifies user intents into explicit, interpretable subtasks; the metamodel then executes these subtasks with high efficiency. This separation enables Falconer to exploit the SLM-first paradigm advocated by recent research (Belcak et al., 2025).

Empirically, this design achieves substantial gains in both efficiency and scalability. Cuckoo requires up to 20 \times fewer FLOPs and 1000 \times less memory than GPT-class models, while maintaining competitive accuracy on instruction-following and span-extraction benchmarks relevant to knowledge mining. This efficiency enables Falconer to operate cost-effectively across massive corpora, supporting real-time inference even in resource-constrained environments.

4 EXPERIMENTS

We evaluate Falconer on a broad spectrum of knowledge mining tasks to demonstrate that a lightweight metamodel, when coupled with our planner–generator–executor framework, can achieve performance

270 comparable to state-of-the-art LLMs while being significantly more efficient. Our experiments are
 271 designed to answer two central questions:
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- 273 • whether these metamodels maintain high alignment with human annotations on labeled datasets
 274 and
- 275 • whether Falconer can generate metamodels that faithfully approximate the behavior of large
 276 models(its annotator) on unlabeled corpora
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278 All experiments reported in this section were conducted using a metamodel fine-tuned on 5% of the
 279 original corpus annotated by an LLM, unless otherwise specified. Model performance is evaluated
 280 using the word-level F1 score.

281 4.1 LABELED DATASET

285 Metamodel	286 Dataset	287 64 Samples	288 512 Samples	289 GPT-4o
Cuckoo	Fabrication	0.20	0.32	0.38
RoBERTa-Large	Fabrication	0.00	0.00	0.38
Cuckoo	Biology	0.42	0.45	0.27
RoBERTa-Large	Biology	0.00	0.41	0.27
Cuckoo	Twitter	0.19	0.43	0.35
RoBERTa-Large	Twitter	0.00	0.38	0.35
Cuckoo	Wiki	0.03	0.68	0.53
RoBERTa-Large	Wiki	0.00	0.60	0.53
Cuckoo	Vehicle	0.42	0.75	0.76
RoBERTa-Large	Vehicle	0.00	0.66	0.76

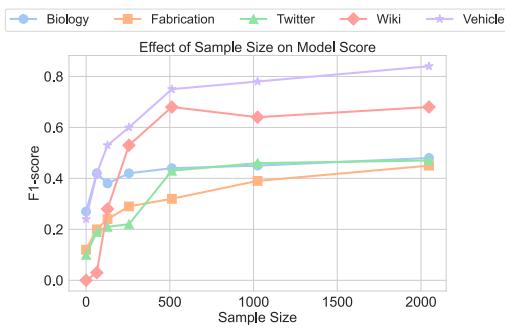
294 Table 3: Results on NER Datasets with Ground
 295 Truth labels

296 This set of experiments is primarily intended to assess the consistency between the metamodel and
 297 human annotations, as well as to benchmark the performance of the metamodel against that of
 298 contemporary large language models. Furthermore, we utilized several widely adopted Named Entity
 299 Recognition (NER) datasets, including **FabNER**, **Broad Twitter**, **BC2GM**, **AnatEM**, **WikiNER**, and
 300 **FindVehicle**. These datasets were combined to construct a new benchmark, which was subsequently
 301 employed to assess the metamodel’s performance across diverse groups of tasks. For particularly large
 302 datasets, such as WikiNER, we randomly sampled a subset to the mixed dataset. Meanwhile, to more
 303 explicitly illustrate the adaptability of the metamodel to downstream tasks, we present experimental
 304 results obtained by fine-tuning the metamodel with varying amounts of training data, ranging from
 305 64 to 2048 samples. It is worth noting that even the largest setting of 2048 samples corresponds to
 306 only 5% of the original corpus. The main results are shown in Table 3 and detailed results are plotted
 307 in Figure 2.

308 From the experimental results, we observe a consistent improvement in test performance as the sample
 309 size increases. Notably, the model fine-tuned with 2048 samples **outperforms GPT-4o across all**
 310 **task categories**, providing strong evidence of its substantial adaptability to knowledge mining tasks.
 311 Meanwhile, the rate of performance gains is closely tied to the quality of annotations generated by the
 312 large model. When the annotations are of high quality, the metamodel tends to achieve performance
 313 saturation more rapidly, as illustrated by the experiments on WikiNER. Conversely, in tasks where
 314 the large model produces suboptimal annotations, the performance of the metamodel improves more
 315 gradually, thereby reflecting the core principle of co-evolution between the metamodel and large
 316 models (Peng et al., 2025).

317 4.2 UNLABELED DATASET EVALUATION

318 To evaluate the effectiveness of Falconer in generating reliable proxy metamodels, we measure the
 319 consistency scores between the metamodel and GPT-4o across three large-scale unlabeled corpora,
 320 **TED Talk Summary**, **Steam Game Description**, and **Text Message**. We design a diverse set of
 321 knowledge mining tasks spanning three categories: **basic tasks** involving entity recognition and



322 Figure 2: Model Performance under different
 323 sample size

	Model	Dataset	Basic Task				Query-based Task			Multi-entity Task			
			Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Average	Task 1	Task 2	Average	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Average
0-shot	Cuckoo	TED	0.489	0.654	0.514	0.552	0.383	0.371	0.377	0.395	0.607	0.497	0.500
	Cuckoo	Steam Game	0.501	0.683	0.535	0.573	0.374	0.350	0.362	0.451	0.524	0.468	0.481
	Cuckoo	Text Message	0.584	0.694	0.585	0.621	0.418	0.392	0.405	0.564	0.583	0.530	0.559
Few-shot	Cuckoo	TED	0.658	0.758	0.683	0.699	0.532	0.557	0.545	0.644	0.692	0.661	0.666
	Roberta-Large	TED	0.552	0.587	0.553	0.564	0.446	0.511	0.479	0.517	0.566	0.531	0.538
	Cuckoo	Steam Game	0.672	0.783	0.675	0.710	0.569	0.587	0.578	0.673	0.719	0.684	0.692
	Roberta-Large	Steam Game	0.509	0.525	0.517	0.517	0.434	0.452	0.443	0.588	0.383	0.564	0.512
	Cuckoo	Text Message	0.703	0.806	0.731	0.747	0.590	0.614	0.602	0.709	0.726	0.734	0.723
	Roberta-Large	Text Message	0.553	0.621	0.590	0.588	0.496	0.518	0.507	0.548	0.570	0.574	0.564

Table 4: Results from various proposed tasks on 3 datasets with subtasks

simple classification, **query-based tasks** requiring sentence-level semantic understanding, and **multi-label/multi-entity tasks** that demand compositional reasoning. Please refer to the complete list of tasks provided in Appendix E

Basic Task This category benchmarks the fundamental capacity of models to discern labels, entities, and relations. We construct a suite of tasks that closely approximate real-world knowledge mining settings, exemplified by sample 1 and 2 in Appendix D. The task set spans elementary classification, entity and relation extraction, as well as composite formulations integrating both. For pairwise relation extraction tasks, we further stipulate that one entity participating in the relation is pre-specified, thereby isolating the model’s ability to infer the remaining relational structure. As shown in Table 4, the tasks categorized as Basic Task demonstrate that, after fine-tuning, the metamodel consistently achieves high agreement with the large model.

Query-Based Task This category of tasks focuses on assessing the model’s ability to capture more complex sentence-level semantics, as exemplified by sample 3 and 4 in Appendix D. Illustrated in Table 4, the corresponding tasks are represented by Query-based Task. With appropriate fine-tuning, the metamodel demonstrates competitive performance on complex tasks. It is worth noting that the untuned metamodel exhibits the weakest performance in this category; however, fine-tuning yields substantial improvements. For instance, given the task prompt “retrieve all texts that are primarily about medicine, and extract what the lecturer will talk about”, the initial metamodel achieves an F1 score of only 0.23 when compared against GPT-4o as the reference. After fine-tuning with only a small fraction of the annotated corpus, its F1 score increases to 0.56. These results highlight the model’s strong capacity to adapt effectively to downstream tasks.

Multi-entity Task This category of tasks extends metamodel evaluation to multi-label and multi-entity scenarios (sample 5 in Appendix D). Prior work highlights the limitations of large language models in multi-label classification (Ma et al., 2025; Xu et al., 2024b). In contrast, our framework employs the planner to decompose such tasks into sequential subtasks, whose outputs are aggregated to form the final result. For instance, the query “retrieve all speeches concerning both health and the brain” is decomposed into two classification subtasks—health-related and brain-related—whose results are combined via Boolean logic. This structured decomposition enables logically consistent and accurate performance in multi-label classification and multi-entity extraction.

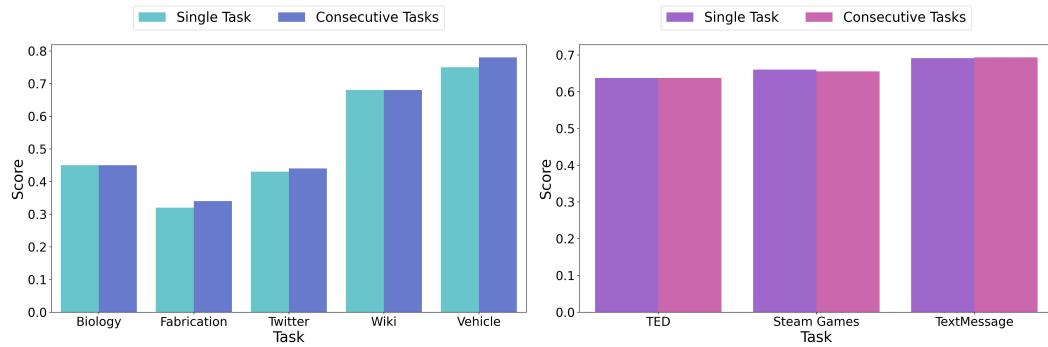
The experimental results for Multi-entity Task, as reported in Table 4, indicate that the adapted metamodel demonstrates strong proficiency in handling multi-entity tasks, achieving performance that is competitive with, and in some cases surpasses, results obtained through multi-turn prompting augmented with human annotations.

5 ANALYSIS

5.1 CONTINUAL INTEGRATION ANALYSIS

In Table 3, fine-tuning was restarted from a fresh base model for each task. In practice, however, continual learning is equally important, as models are expected to sustain performance across sequential tasks while retaining competence from earlier ones. To evaluate this ability, we reformulated the setup into a sequence of five tasks, where each task used the model fine-tuned on its predecessor as the base.

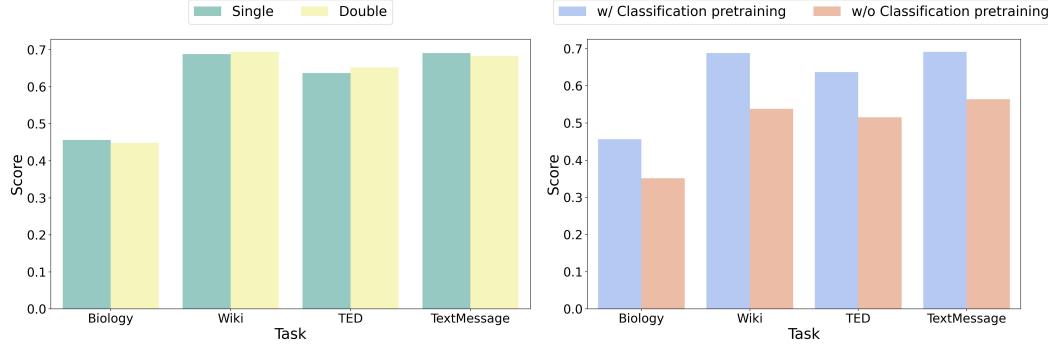
378 We report the results in Figure 3, averaging over subtasks when applicable. The figure demonstrates
 379 the metamodel’s performance under sequential fine-tuning and evaluation on consecutive tasks.
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392 Figure 3: Performance on labeled dataset of Single Task w/ new metamodel and Consecutive Task w/
 393 metamodel from previous task. Performance on unlabeled dataset of Single Task w/ new metamodel
 394 and Consecutive Task w/ metamodel from previous task
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396 We observe that models undergoing multiple rounds of fine-tuning on sequential tasks maintain
 397 capabilities comparable to those fine-tuned directly from the base model. Overall, our evaluation
 398 highlights the metamodel’s continual integration ability, demonstrating its effectiveness in sustaining
 399 high performance across a broad spectrum of real-world tasks. Moreover, the results validate that
 400 the proposed framework substantially alleviates the deployment overhead associated with adapting
 401 models to diverse tasks.

402 5.2 EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS



416 Figure 4: Performance of different number of metamodel for different task type. Performance of
 417 different pretraining strategy

418 In this section, we further highlight the efficiency and performance advantages of our framework.
 419 While prior experiments benchmarked RoBERTa-large against multiple baselines, its lack of inher-
 420 ent instruction-following ability required training two task-specific variants for classification and
 421 extraction. By contrast, our framework enables the incubation of a single metamodel that leverages
 422 instruction-following to generalize across heterogeneous tasks. To validate this, we additionally
 423 trained two separate metamodels—one for classification and one for extraction—on the same bench-
 424 marks. As shown in left panel of Figure 4, their performance is nearly indistinguishable from that
 425 of a unified model, underscoring that a single metamodel can achieve state-of-the-art performance
 426 across task types while significantly reducing deployment overhead.

427 Meanwhile, to further substantiate the metamodel’s capacity for continual generalization across
 428 novel tasks, we additionally evaluate its performance without pretraining on the classification dataset
 429 (detailed in Section 3.2). This comparison highlights the model’s adaptability, demonstrating its
 430 ability to rapidly generalize to unseen tasks through a combination of pretraining and fine-tuning.
 431 As shown in right panel of Figure 4, we fine-tune the model on datasets of equal size and train for
 the same number of epochs to ensure a controlled setting. The results indicate that the pretrained

432 metamodel achieves significantly faster convergence when adapted to new tasks, underscoring its
 433 strong generalization and adaptability in continual learning scenarios.
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435 **5.3 CASE STUDY: ARISING ABILITIES OF MODEL**
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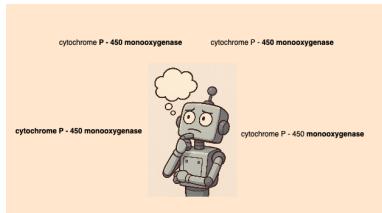
437 **Task: Extract all gene names in the give text**

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 439 In the course of Hepatitis A HBs - and HBe - antigen as well as HBc (IgM and IgG) - , HBs
 440 - and HBe - antibodies can be detected .
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442 **Answers:**
 443 **GPT-4o:**['None'] **Untuned model:**['None'] **Tuned model:**['HBs', 'HBe', 'HBc']
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445 Table 3 reveals the model’s strong performance across tasks, with notable patterns emerging. On
 446 **Biology** tasks, GPT-4o achieves an average F1 of 0.27—barely matching the metamodel’s zero-shot
 447 performance—highlighting the low quality of GPT-4o annotations. Intriguingly, fine-tuning the
 448 metamodel on these noisy labels still yields substantial gains. Manual analysis attributes **74%** of this
 449 improvement to the phenomenon illustrated in 5.3, which we term **arising abilities**.
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451 As shown in 5.3, we define arising abilities as **the model’s capacity to correct its outputs even when**
 452 **provided with inaccurate annotation guidance from contemporary LLMs**. Similar phenomena
 453 have been observed in prior studies (Shao et al., 2025; Ye et al., 2025), which report that models
 454 can self-correct under random or deliberately misleading guidance. These works attribute this
 455 capability to the elicitation of the model’s extensive pretrained knowledge, aligning with our analytical
 456 detailed below.
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463 (a) Annotated span are marked as Bold
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465 Models	466 F1 score
467 Roberta-Large (degraded data)	0.24
468 Roberta-Large (original data)	0.40
469 Cuckoo (degraded data)	0.41
470 Cuckoo (original data)	0.42
471 Annotator (GPT-4o)	0.27

472 (b) Results of different models on Biology Task
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474 The metamodel’s pretraining on IE tasks Peng et al. (2025), which encode entities with positional
 475 information, appears to endow it with a strong sensitivity to token structure. We hypothesize that
 476 this enables the model to spontaneously extract entities at corresponding positions when faced with
 477 new entities sharing similar positional patterns. To test this, we degraded GPT-annotated data by
 478 randomizing span start positions while preserving span endings (Figure 5a), retaining primarily
 479 positional cues. Fine-tuning on this degraded data yielded performance nearly identical to training
 480 on the original annotations, whereas RoBERTa-large suffered a substantial drop (Table 5b). These
 481 results suggest that the model’s arising ability is driven almost entirely by positional supervision,
 482 revealing a striking capability arising from its pretraining knowledge.
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484 **6 CONCLUSION**

485 This paper proposes a framework for the automated execution of knowledge mining tasks, which
 486 decomposes each task into several subtasks and employs a unified model to perform them. Conse-
 487 quently, users only need to provide a task prompt and specify the output format to effortlessly execute
 488 a wide range of knowledge mining tasks, while benefiting from performance surpassing that of even
 489 the most power modern large language models, as well as 90% inference costs decrease and 20x
 490 inference speed increase.
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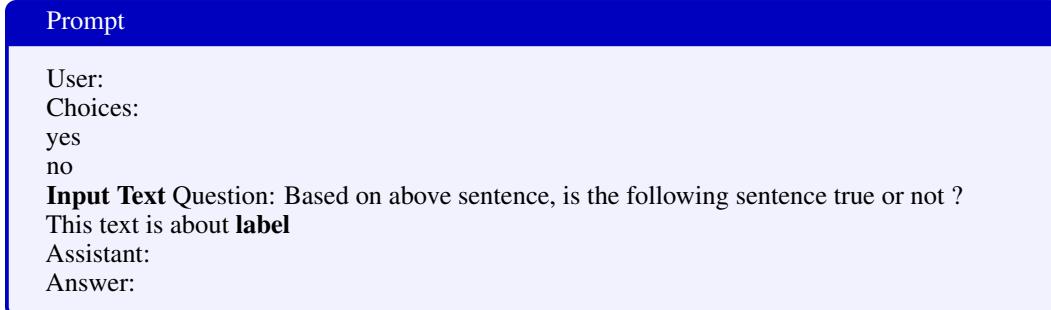
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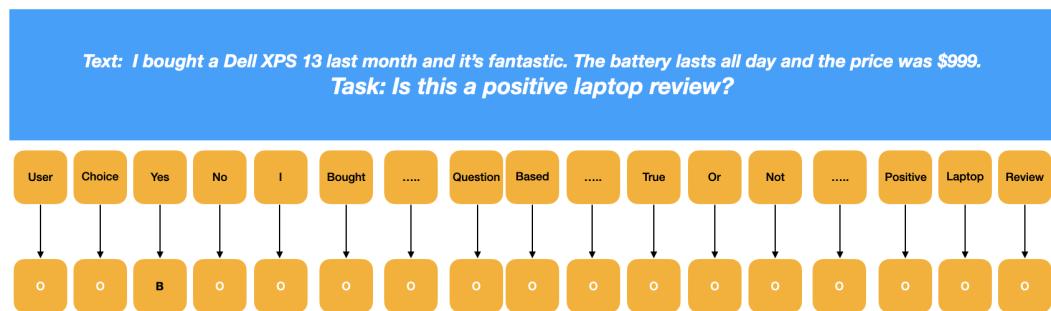
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A CUCKOO FOR TEXT CLASSIFICATION



678 We adopt the aforementioned template and leverage the token-level supervision provided by Cuckoo
 679 to reformulate the classification task into a more general natural language inference (NLI) problem.
 680 An illustrative example is provided below.
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692 Figure 6: Classification Pretraining
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B SAMPLE PLANNING CODE

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695 def GPT_pipeline(Input_Corpus):  

  696     labels = ['finance']  

  697     label_results = get_label(Input_Corpus, labels)  

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  699     finance_indices = [i for i, result in enumerate(label_results) if  

  700         result[0].lower() == 'yes']
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702     filtered_texts = [Input_Corpus[i] for i in finance_indices]
703     if not filtered_texts:
704         return []
705     instruction_spans = "Extract the lecturer of the speak in the given"
706     spans_results = get_spans(filtered_texts, instruction_spans)
707     output = []
708     for idx, orig_idx in enumerate(finance_indices):
709         output.append({
710             'text': Input_Corpus[orig_idx],
711             'spans': spans_results[idx]
712         })
713     return output
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718 C GENERATING FINE-TUNING SAMPLES
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721 We leverage the metamodel's inherent pretraining knowledge and adopt a heuristic approach to obtain
722 a relatively high-quality fine-tuning dataset. For classification tasks, the generation of fine-tuning
723 samples is illustrated in Algorithm 1, whereas for extraction tasks, we directly employ random
724 sampling.
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727 Algorithm 1: Classification Training Set Generation
728 Input: Corpus  $\mathcal{C}$ , label  $l$ , sample size  $N$ 
729 Output: Training set  $\mathcal{T}$ 
730 Initialize empty set  $\mathcal{T}$ ;
731 foreach sample  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  do
732      $\sqsubset$  Compute score  $s(x, l)$  using metamodel;
733     Sort all samples in  $\mathcal{C}$  by score  $s(x, l)$  in descending order;
734     Select top  $N$  samples  $\{x_1^+, \dots, x_N^+\}$  as positive set  $\mathcal{P}$ ;
735     Select bottom  $N$  samples  $\{x_1^-, \dots, x_N^-\}$  as negative set  $\mathcal{N}$ ;
736     Construct training set  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{N}$ ;
737 return  $\mathcal{T}$ ;
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744 D SAMPLE TASK
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747 Sample Task
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749 1. retrieve all speaks which is mainly about finance and extract its lecturer
750 2. extract all locations mentioned in the text
751 3. find all talks that address breaking gender stereotypes in modern society, and include all
752     countries mentioned
753 4. retrieve all speaks which is mainly about how mental health influences our daily lives and
754     extract all the institution name mentioned
755 5. retrieve all speaks which is mainly about both health and brain in the speak, then extract
    their lecturer

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756 E HUMAN PROPOSED TASK ON UNLABELED DATASETS
757758 Tasks on TED description Dataset
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760 1.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about finance and extract its lecturer
761 2.output all speaks which is mainly about mental health and extract its speakers
762 3.return all speaks which is mainly about environment and extract all the locations mentioned
763 in the text
764 4.retrieve talks whose main theme is artificial intelligence and list all professions mentioned
765 5.get all talks that center on medicine and identify all disease mentioned
766 6.collect all speaks which is mainly about finance
767 7.give out all speaks which is mainly about health
768 8.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about education
769 9.gather all speaks which is mainly about technology
770 10.output all speaks which is mainly about politics
771 11.Extract all locations mentioned
772 12.Extract all time mentioned
773 13.Extract all countries mentioned
774 14.Extract all website mentioned
775 15.Extract all person mentioned
776 16.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about how artificial intelligence could affect our lives
777 and its lecturer
778 17.gather talks that mainly discuss climate change and its global impact, and provide all
779 countries mentioned
780 18.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about how mental health influences our daily lives and
781 extract all the institution name mentioned
782 19.find talks that analyze the future of work in an automated world, and return the occupation
783 of the lecturer
784 20.get all talks that address breaking gender stereotypes in modern society, and include the
785 lecturer
786 21.retrieve all texts which is mainly about medicine, and extract what the lecturer will talk
787 about
788 22.retrieve all texts which are mainly about health, and extract all the disease and its
789 associated cause
790 23.find all texts which are mainly about literature, and extract all the awards of [PERSON]
791 24.find all texts which are mainly about science, and extract the profession of [PERSON]
792 25.output all texts which are mainly about history, and extract all the events and the time of
793 the events
794 26.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about both health and brain in the speak, then extract
795 their lecturer
796 27.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about both design and creativity in the speak, then
797 extract all artists mentioned
798 28.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about both medicine and surgery in the speak, then
799 extract all countries mentioned
800 29.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about artificial intelligence and ethics in the speak,
801 then extract all location mentioned
802 30.retrieve all speaks which is mainly about artificial intelligence and machine learning in the
803 speak, then extract the lecturer
804 31.gather all texts which is mainly about finance or artificial intelligence, and extract the
805 lecturer
806 32.get all texts which is mainly about education or biology, and extract all professions
807 33.return all texts which is mainly about philosophy or literature, and extract all person
808 mentioned
809 34.output all speaks which centers on literature or philosophy, then extract all the university
affiliation
35.retrieve all speaks which centers on music or visual arts, then extract the awards
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lecturer

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811 37.retrieve all texts which is mainly about environment but is not about climate change, and
812 extract the locations
813 38.identify all talks mainly focusing on finance but not mentioning technology, then extract
814 all lecturer name mentioned
815 39.find all speeches mainly about artificial intelligence but without any reference to machine
816 learning, then list all researchers mentioned
817 40.filter all talks centered on technological innovation but not mentioning blockchain, and
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