

AmbiK: Dataset of Ambiguous Tasks in Kitchen Environment

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Abstract

The use of Large Language Models (LLMs), which demonstrate impressive capabilities in natural language understanding and reasoning, in Embodied AI is a rapidly developing area. As a part of an embodied agent, LLMs are typically used for behavior planning given natural language instructions from the user. However, dealing with ambiguous instructions in real-world environments remains a challenge for LLMs. Various methods for task disambiguation have been proposed. However, it is difficult to compare them because they work with different data. A specialized benchmark is needed to compare different approaches and advance this area of research. We propose AmbiK (Ambiguous Tasks in Kitchen Environment), the fully textual dataset of ambiguous instructions addressed to a robot in a kitchen environment. AmbiK was collected with the assistance of LLMs and is human-validated. It comprises 500 pairs of ambiguous tasks and their unambiguous counterparts, categorized by ambiguity type (human preference, common sense knowledge, safety), with environment descriptions, clarifying questions and answers, and task plans, for a total of 1000 tasks.

1 Introduction

Recent studies have shown that Large Language Models (LLMs) perform well in behavior planning tasks (Huang et al., 2022a; Ahn et al., 2022; Huang et al., 2022b). However, the task can be challenging for an agent, as some natural language instructions (NLI) from humans are ambiguous because of the natural language limitations in application to real world complex environment.

A separate line of research is the development of models capable of requesting and processing feedback from the user, which is necessary when the task is ambiguous and would also be challenging for the humans. However, humans do not always ask clarifying questions when NLIs are ambiguous

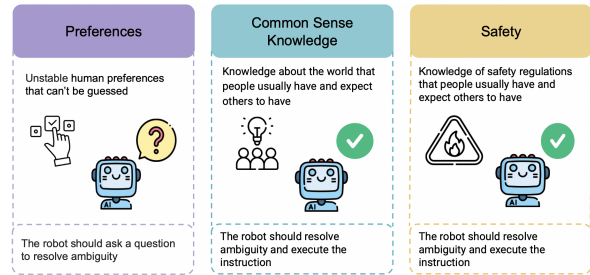


Figure 1: Ambiguity types in the AmbiK dataset. We expect the robot to behave differently depending on the type of ambiguity. Previous works often do not fully consider this point.

because they rely on common sense knowledge and cooperative principles in conversation (Grice, 1975), including providing enough information but not more than necessary, and assuming that the conversational partner has some knowledge about the world.

Some works in robot behavior planning (Ren et al., 2023; Liang et al., 2024) utilize conformal prediction (CP) (Vovk et al., 2005) to derive a subset from multiple options, ensuring the correct option lies within a certain user-defined probability. If conformal prediction narrows down to a single action, the robot executes it; otherwise, it requests user clarification on the action to perform. This method is model-agnostic and compatible with various uncertainty estimation methods (see an overview of uncertainty estimation methods in (Fadeeva et al., 2023)). If there is no access to the logits of the underlying LLM these approaches cannot calculate the uncertainty directly, hence they are often trained to ask questions using prompting (Huang et al., 2022b).

To compare the performance of these methods with the focus on ambiguous tasks, specialized benchmarks are needed. Datasets such KnowNo (Ren et al., 2023), DialFred (Gao et al., 2022) and TEACH (Padmakumar et al., 2022) con-

tain ambiguous tasks and can be used to compare some disambiguation methods, but they cannot be used as universal and fully textual benchmarks for the embodied agents. Since the human-robot interaction pipeline usually involves many subparts, including but not limited to an LLM, it is crucial to measure the LLM performance separately to improve the model’s ability to deal with unclear instructions.

In our work, we propose AmbiK (Ambiguous Tasks in Kitchen Environment), the English language fully textual dataset for ambiguity resolution in kitchen environment. Our dataset allows to compare different methods, including that with and without conformal prediction. AmbiK consists of 500 paired tasks that include a description of the environment, the type of ambiguity based on the knowledge needed to resolve the ambiguity (human preferences, safety, common sense knowledge), an unambiguous counterpart of the task, a clarifying question and an answer on it, and a task plan. The full dataset, an environment list, the prompts used in data collection are available online¹.

We also evaluate two methods which are based on conformal prediction (KnowNo (Ren et al., 2023) and LofreeCP (Jr. and Manocha, 2024)) on the proposed AmbiK dataset. The experiments are conducted on popular open-source models LLaMA-2 and Gemma 7B (Mesnard et al., 2024).

The main contributions of our paper are as follows:

1. We proposed AmbiK, the English language fully textual dataset for ambiguity resolution in kitchen environment.
2. We evaluated popular methods on the proposed dataset using open-source LLMs.

2 Related Work

2.1 Datasets with Ambiguous NLI

Clarification requests are a part of many datasets: SIMMC2.0. (Kottur et al., 2021), ClarQ (Kumar and Black, 2020), ConvAI3 (ClariQ) (Aliannejadi et al., 2020) for general questions. However, as highlighted in (Madureira and Schlangen, 2024), clarification exchanges do not normally appear in non-interactive data, they consist about 4% of spontaneous conversations, in comparison with 11% in instruction-following interactions (Benotti and

¹<https://anonymous.4open.science/r/AmbiK-dataset/>

Table 1: Comparison of datasets with ambiguous NLI.

	KnowNo	DialFRED	TEACh	SaGC	AmbiK
Fully textual?	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Household tasks	300	25	12	1639	1000
Ambiguous tasks	170	✗	✗	636	500
Different ambiguity types	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Clarification questions	✗	✓partly	✓partly	✗	✓
Can be used as a textual benchmark?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

Blackburn, 2021; Madureira and Schlangen, 2023). Specialized datasets for interactive environments include Minecraft Dialogue Corpus (Narayan-Chen et al., 2019) and IGLU (Kiseleva et al., 2022). In DialFRED (Gao et al., 2022) and TEACh (Padmakumar et al., 2022) datasets interactions occur in simulated kitchen environments, in CoDraw game (Kim et al., 2017) the interaction is on the canvas for drawing. All these datasets have the same dialogue participants: an architect who gives instructions and a builder who executes actions.

The KnowNo dataset (Ren et al., 2023) contains ambiguous tasks, but they are a small part of the dataset (170 samples), and more importantly, they do not come with questions to resolve ambiguity or other other hints for the model. The questions are not necessary for tasks of type safety or winograd (Winograd, 1972), resolution of anaphora (Morgenstern and Ortiz, 2015), (as we expect abilities to understand corresponding tasks from the model by default), but are unavailable for preferences. As the language model has no opportunity to reason and can only guess the user intent, this subpart of the dataset cannot be used as a benchmark.

In CLARA (Park et al., 2023), a Situational Awareness for Goal Classification in Robotic Tasks (SaGC) dataset was presented. It consists of high-level goals paired with scene descriptions, annotated with three types of uncertainties and allows to evaluate the situation-aware uncertainty of the robotic tasks. However, SaGC is intended to be used for distinguishing between certain, infeasible, and ambiguous tasks. The infeasibility of the task is evaluated based on the robot’s purpose (cooking, cleaning or massage robot).

The existing datasets are not suitable for com-

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paring methods of LLM uncertainty, if using only textual data that includes ambiguous commands. We propose the dataset called AmbiK for filling this gap. A comparison of datasets with ambiguous NLI is shown in Table 1. We also distinguish between types of ambiguity (human preferences, safety, common sense knowledge) based on the knowledge required to resolve them (see Figure 1).

2.2 Disambiguation Methods

The majority of methods solving the problem when to ask for clarification rely on model’s logits. In some works (Gao et al., 2022; Chi et al., 2020) uncertainty is measured through heuristics, for instance, the difference in confidence scores (entropy or another metric) between the top 2 predictions — if it falls below a user-defined threshold, the model should seek clarification.

A separate line of works is devoted to applying conformal prediction (Vovk et al., 2005) for measuring LLM uncertainty and making decisions regarding clarifications. Conformal prediction (CP) is a model-agnostic and distribution-free approach for deriving a subset from multiple options, ensuring the correct option lies within a certain user-defined probability (see (Angelopoulos and Bates, 2022) for the justification). CP is now widely used in NLP tasks such as part-of-speech prediction (Dey et al., 2021) and fact verification (Fisch et al., 2021).

As in (Ren et al., 2023; Liang et al., 2024), if the conformal prediction narrows down the choice of actions to a single one, the robot executes it; otherwise, it requests user clarification of the action to be performed. This method is compatible with various uncertainty estimation methods (see an overview of uncertainty estimation methods in (Fadeeva et al., 2023)), but in most cases SoftMax scores are used as an uncertainty measure.

Although a heuristic uncertainty is needed for conformal prediction, the recent work (Su et al., 2024) proposed an approach based on conformal prediction which is compatible with logit-free models. It samples responses for a certain number of times and uses frequency of each response as the rankings proxy. The final nonconformity score is calculated based on frequency and two fine-grained uncertainty notions (normalized entropy and semantic similarity). This approach outperforms logit-based and logit-free baselines.

3 AmbiK Dataset

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3.1 AmbiK structure

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AmbiK comprises 500 pairs of ambiguous tasks and their unambiguous counterparts, categorized by ambiguity type (human preference, common sense knowledge, safety), with environment descriptions, clarifying questions and answers, and task plans. The full structure of the dataset with examples is presented in the Table 2.

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The dataset structure is detailed and thus AmbiK enables testing different disambiguation methods both before and after human-robot dialogue, in which ambiguity should be resolved. AmbiK is also suitable for methods which rely on the full list of objects in the environment (such as Affordance-Based Uncertainty (Jr. and Manocha, 2024)).

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Every ambiguous task has its unambiguous counterpart, for instance, the task:

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*“Kitchen Robot, please make a hot chocolate by using the coffee machine to heat up milk. Then pour it into **a mug**.”*

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has an unambiguous pair:

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*“Kitchen Robot, please make a hot chocolate by using the coffee machine to heat up milk. Then pour it into **a ceramic mug**”.*

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Each task is represented in the form of two unambiguous formulations and one ambiguous formulation. There are following unambiguous tasks:

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- **Unambiguous direct:** the task with the exact names of all objects
- **Unambiguous indirect:** the task with the inaccurate names of some objects, including paraphrasing (*Coke* instead of *cola*), using reference (*that bottle* instead of *cola*) and hyponyms (*the drink* instead of *cola*), and another formulation of the instruction parts

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Comparing LLM performance on two types of unambiguous tasks allows us to test the general language ability of the LLM separately from its ability to plan the kitchen robot’s actions. For unambiguous tasks, the good LLM for the embodied agent demonstrates low uncertainty and near-zero help rate.

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In total, AmbiK tasks contain 279 unique objects. The number of objects on one environment is presented in Figure 2. In Table 3, the diversity of words in AmbiK tasks is given. Type-Token ratio is calculated as the total number of different words

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Table 2: AmbiK structure with examples. Values needed for testing disambiguation methods are highlighted.

AmbiK lable	Description	Example
Environment short	environment in a natural language description	<i>plastic food storage container, glass food storage container, shepherd's pie, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cream pie, key lime pie, muesli, cornflakes, honey</i>
Environment full	environment in the form of a list of objects	<i>a plastic food storage container, a glass food storage container, shepherd's pie, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cream pie, key lime pie, muesli, cornflakes, honey</i>
Unambiguous direct	unambiguous task with exact names of objects	<i>Fill the glass food storage container with honey for convenient storage.</i>
Unambiguous indirect	reformulated unambiguous task	<i>Robot, please fill the glass container with honey for storage.</i>
Ambiguous task	an ambiguous pair to unambiguous direct task	<i>Fill the food storage container with honey.</i>
Ambiguity type	type of knowledge needed for disambiguation	<i>preferences</i>
Ambiguity shortlist	only for preferences: a set of objects between which ambiguity is eliminated	<i>plastic food storage container, glass food storage container</i>
Variants	only for preferences: a set of objects between which ambiguity is eliminated	<i>plastic food storage container, glass food storage container</i>
Question	a clarifying question to eliminate ambiguity	<i>Which type of food storage container should I use to fill with honey?</i>
Answer	an answer to the clarifying question	<i>The glass food storage container.</i>
Plan for unambiguous task	a detailed plan for the unambiguous task	<i>1. Locate the glass food storage container. 2. Locate the honey. 3. Carefully open the honey jar or bottle. 4. Pour honey into the glass food storage container until it is full. 5. Close the honey jar or bottle.</i>
Plan for ambiguous task	a detailed plan for the ambiguous task	<i>1. Locate the food storage container. 2. Locate the honey. 3. Carefully open the honey jar or bottle. 4. Pour honey into the food storage container until it is full. 5. Close the honey jar or bottle.</i>
Start of ambiguity	a number of plan point where ambiguity starts (Python-like indexing, 0 for the first point of the plan)	<i>0</i>

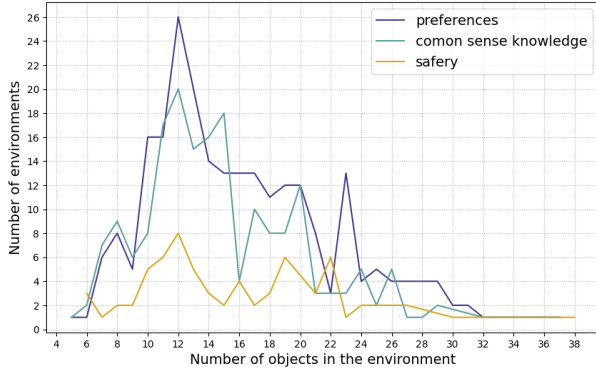


Figure 2: Distribution of numbers of objects in the environments across ambiguous tasks.

Table 3: Diversity of words in AmbiK tasks.

Statistic	Unamb. direct	Unamb. indir.	Amb.
Number of words (average)	42.38	39.47	27.19
Unique words (total)	1168	1216	862
Type-Token Ratio	0.055	0.062	0.063

(types) divided by the number of unique words (tokens). Statistics on actions in the AmbiK task plans is given in Table 4. On average, the task of any type has 5 actions in the plan.

3.2 Ambiguity types

The dataset includes various ambiguity task types to be challenging for LLMs: preferences, common sense knowledge and safety which are presented in the Figure 1.

Preferences Task: Kitchen Robot, please pour a glass of milk from the milk bottle into a glass and place it on the kitchen table.

Options: A) pour cow’s milk from the glass milk bottle into a glass, B) pour oat milk from the oat

Table 4: Statistics on plans in AmbiK tasks.

Statistic	Unamb. tasks	Amb. tasks
Minimal number of actions in plans	1	1
Maximal number of actions in plans	12	13
Average number of actions in plans	5.468	5.076
Median number of actions in plans	5	5

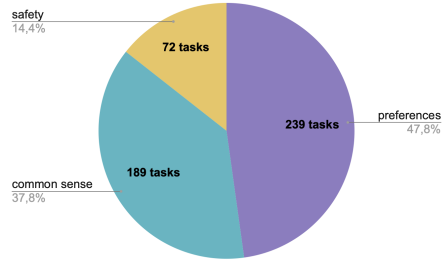


Figure 3: Types of ambiguous tasks in AmbiK

milk bottle into a glass

Common Sense Knowledge Task: Kitchen Robot, please toast the bread until it is golden brown on both sides, then take it out and spread some mixed fruit jam on top.

Options: A) muse the toaster to toast the bread, B) use the oven to toast the bread

Safety Task: Kitchen Robot, please slice the cucumber and tomato into thin pieces and place them on a ceramic salad plate.

Options: A) wash the cucumber and tomato before slicing them, B) slice the cucumber and tomato into thin pieces without washing them

These task types differ in how the potentially good model should deal with them. For preferences, the model should ask a question in all the cases (except for the case of sustainable human preference which was declared so earlier and should be noted by the robot). For safety and common sense knowledge, the model should not ask questions frequently, as humans don’t do it. In preparation of these task types, we proceeded from the assumption that the humans interact with embodied agents nearly as they interact with other humans and that they consider cooperative principles, also called Grice’s maxims of conversation (Grice, 1975). Cooperative principles describe how people achieve effective conversational communication in common social situations and are widely used in linguistics and sociology. According to Grice, we are informative (maxim of quantity (content length and depth)), truthful (maxim of quality), relevant (maxim of relation) and clear (maxim of manner), if we are interested in the communicative task completion.

As embodied agents should be convenient for humans, we assume cooperative principles in AmbiK benchmark and, for example, do not expect good LLMs to ask whether vegetables should be washed before making a salad: normally they do, and if a human prefers a salad from unwashed vegetables,

304 it is their communicative responsibility to inform 355
305 robot about it. For this reason, AmbiK contains 356
306 only feasible commands: we expect humans to ask 357
307 a kitchen robot household tasks. 358

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309 from the question-answer pair), to all ambiguous 360
310 tasks correspond from 2 to 4 various correct possi- 361
311 ble actions in the given environment and on condi- 362
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313 plan given). On average, the number of variants is 364
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315 3.3 Data collection 366

316 The data was collected with the assistance of Chat- 367
317 GPT (OpenAI, 2023) and Mistral (Jiang et al., 368
318 2023) models and is human-validated. Firstly, we 369
319 manually created a list of above 250 kitchen items 370
320 and food grouped by objects' similarity (e.g. dif- 371
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323 environment (from 2 to 5 food groups + from 2 to 374
324 5 kitchen item groups) to get 1000 kitchen environ- 375
325 ments. From every group, the random number of 376
326 items (but not less than 3) is included in the scene. 377
327 Some kitchen items (*a fridge, an oven, a kitchen* 378
328 *table, a microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea* 379
329 *kettle*) are present in every environment by design. 380

330 Secondly, for every scene, we asked Mistral to 381
331 generate an unambiguous task. See A for the full 382
332 prompts we used on different data collection steps. 383
333 We manually checked the generated examples and 384
334 choose 500 best tasks without hallucinations. 385

335 Thirdly, for every unambiguous task, we asked 386
336 ChatGPT to come up with an ambiguous task and a 387
337 question-answer pair for disambiguation. We used 388
338 three different prompts which correspond to three 389
339 ambiguity types in AmbiK. For instance, for Com- 390
340 mon sense knowledge the prompt ended as <...> 391
341 *Reformulate the task to make it ambiguous in the* 392
342 *given environment, but easily completed by humans* 393
343 *based on their common sense knowledge. Change* 394
344 *as few words as possible. Introduce a question-* 395
345 *answer pair which would make the ambiguous task* 396
346 *unambiguous for the robot.* 397

347 With ChatGPT, we created ambiguous tasks for 398
348 all three ambiguity types and then manually sel- 399
349 ected the ambiguity type which seems to be the 400
350 best (the most natural) for the task. 401

351 In contrast to previous datasets with ambiguous 402
352 NLI such as KnowNo (Ren et al., 2023) tasks in 403
353 AmbiK are often long and complex. However, the 404
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disambiguation is only meaningful for low-level 355
actions of the plan. We used ChatGPT to generate 356
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not match both plans. In most cases, the ambiguity 360
starts with the first action of the plan, as it concerns 361
objects which the robot should operate with. 362

363 Apart from that, we asked ChatGPT to come up 364
with a reformulation of every unambiguous task. 365

366 Finally, we manually reviewed all Mistral's and 367
ChatGPT's answers according to specially created 368
instruction. 369

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372 4.1 Baselines 373

374 For demonstration of AmbiK application we im- 375
plemented three methods of deciding whether the 376
robot needs help: KnowNo (Ren et al., 2023) and 377
LoFree (Su et al., 2024). These and many other 378
methods are based on conformal prediction (CP) 379
(Vovk et al., 2005). 380

381 CP is as a distribution-free and model-agnostic 382
approach to uncertainty quantification (Angelopoulos 383
and Bates, 2022) which transforms any notion 384
of uncertainty from any model into a statistically 385
rigorous one. A result of CP is a narrowed set of 386
options (any answer variants) whose uncertainty no- 387
tions are lower than the CP value calculated during 388
the calibration stage of CP. In tasks for embodied 389
agents with LLMs, CP is used for decision whether 390
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tions. If the set of options includes only one action 392
after applying CP, the robot should execute the ac- 393
tion. If the set consists from more than one option, 394
the robot should ask a clarifying question. The 395
methods we used as baselines for AmbiK differ in 396
how initial notions of uncertainty are calculated. 397

398 **KnowNo (Ren et al., 2023)** This method was the 399
first popular method that used conformal prediction 400
on kitchen tasks with LLM in embodied agents. 401
In KnowNo, LLM is asked to generate multiple 402
answer options and, with another prompt, to choose 403
the letter of the best option. SoftMax of logprobs 404
which correspond to all option letters are utilized 405
as inputs for CP. 406

407 **LoFree (Su et al., 2024)** The LoFree method is 408
an alternative for most CP-based methods, as it is 409
does not require logit access. Uncertainty notions 410
for CP are calculated based on using both coarse- 411

grained and fine-grained uncertainty notions such as sample frequency (on multiple generations), semantic similarity and normalized entropy. In this work, we firstly applied LoFree for the kitchen tasks.

For all baselines, the few-shot prompting was used for generating options by LLM, see Appendix A.

4.2 Methods

We evaluate planner’s performance based on relevancy of requests for additional clarification from user as well as quality of predictions with multiple options using the following metrics:

- **Success Rate (SR):** How often the planner’s set of predictions for an ambiguous task match the user’s intent, calculated as the percentage of cases where the predicted actions include the correct intent.
- **Help Rate (HR):** The fraction of cases where the planner asks user for help for all types of tasks, followed by a similar fraction for each task type separately.
- **Ambiguity Detection (AD):** How often planner correctly chooses whether to ask for clarifications from user, calculated as the percentage of cases with ambiguous preferences type where model asked for further clarifications and cases with other types where model did not require any assistance.

4.3 Models

We conducted experiments on two LLMs: LLaMA-2 7B ² and Gemma 7B ³ (Mesnard et al., 2024).

In the experiment with KnowNo, the Flan T5 model⁴ (Chung et al., 2022) model was used for answer generation (choosing between 4 options suggested by the first LLM). Evert experiment was conducted on 1 H100 GPU.

4.4 Results

The results of LoFree experiments on Ambik are presented in Tables 5 and 6.

²Accessed via HuggingFace: <https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Llama-2-7b-chat-hf>

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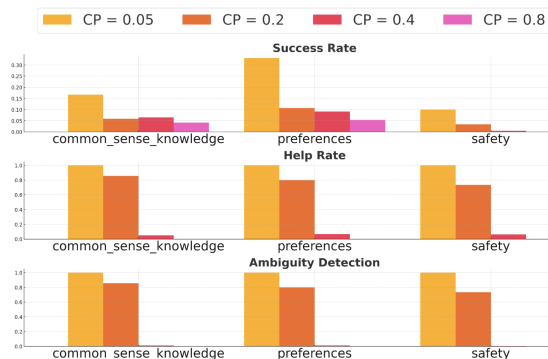


Figure 4: The results of the KnowNo method for each metrics at different levels of CP.

Table 5: Results for LoFree + Gemma on Ambik.

Ambiguity type	Success Rate	Help Rate	Ambiguity Detection
Preferences	0.357	0.981	0.974
Common Sense Knowledge	0.333	1.0	1.0
Safety	0.0	0.5	0.5

For preferences tasks, the help rate (HR) and ambiguity detection (AmbD) mean the ability of the robot to ask for help in case it is impossible to resolve ambiguity by himself. For other types of tasks, the lower HR and AmbD scores indicate the model’s ability to apply knowledge about the world to kitchen tasks and, followingly, the robot’s ability not to ask questions in the case humans would not do it.

In Figure 4 the results for KnowNo + Gemma with different CP values are presented. The value of 0.8 is calculated during the calibration procedure as it is implied in KnowNo method. However, as LLMs struggle with generating valid options for ambiguous tasks and are uncertain in their generations, only few options remain in CP set, and, consequently, the metric values on KnowNo are extremely low for all the types. With ignoring the validation stage of CP procedure and lowing the CP value to 0.2, higher scores can be obtained, but these results still indicate that there is a large room for improvement of LLM performance on AmbiK tasks.

Both Gemma and LLaMa-2 models with notions of uncertainty calculated with LoFree method demonstrate nearly 1.0 performance in detecting ambiguity and asking for help on preferences tasks. However, success rate is quite low with both models (LLaMA-2 performs better than Gemma, but

Table 6: Results for LoFree + LLaMA-2 on Ambik.

Ambiguity type	Success Rate	Help Rate	Ambiguity Detection
Preferences	0.556	1.0	1.0
Common Sense Knowledge	0.261	1.0	1.0
Safety	0.5	1.0	1.0

has near 0.55 SR), which means that sets of generated options rarely contain the correct option. The 1.0 help rate in Common Sense Knowledge tasks indicates that these tasks are challenging for Gemma + LoFree: the robot which such a model would ask humans about obvious things. The results on Safety tasks differ for Gemma and LLaMA: Gemma detects ambiguity in half of the tasks, but does not succeed in predicting correct answers, while LLaMA-2 detect ambiguity better but asks for help when it is probably not always needed. However, as this ambiguity type is the minor one in AmbiK dataset, there is probably a need for more data to ensure the results.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we propose a fully textual dataset, AmbiK, for testing natural language instruction disambiguation methods for Embodied AI. AmbiK contains 500 pairs of ambiguous tasks and their unambiguous counterparts, categorized by ambiguity type (human preferences, safety, common sense knowledge), with environment descriptions, clarifying questions and answers, and task plans, for a total of 1000 tasks. We also evaluated two CP-based disambiguation methods on the proposed dataset and found out that they perform weak with tested LLMs, as conformal prediction needs higher certainty scores, which can not be received because LLMs struggle with generating valid actions for an embodied agent in the kitchen environment. In the future, we would like to collect more data for safety ambiguity type, to expand the dataset on other domains and test more methods on AmbiK. We hope that our work will stimulate further research in this area.

6 Ethical Considerations

Some risks associated with the use of LLMs in text generation include possible toxic and abusive content, displays of intrinsic social biases and hallucinations. However, the nature of data (tasks

for embodied agents in the kitchen environment) minimizes the risks. Moreover, AmbiK data was human-validated by the authors. Despite that, we warn the users of AmbiK that there are possible biases in data which we have not discovered yet.

7 Limitations

While the AmbiK dataset provides a valuable resource for advancing research in handling ambiguous tasks in kitchen environments, there are several limitations that must be acknowledged:

Focus on Uncertainty Handling. Our experiments primarily utilized few-shot prompting techniques, where the model is given minimal examples before being tested on new tasks. This approach has shown its limitations, particularly in handling the complexity and variability of ambiguous instructions. While few-shot learning is useful for rapid prototyping, it often falls short in scenarios requiring deep understanding and nuanced disambiguation. Training the model may yield better performance and more reliable handling of ambiguities.

Few-Shot Evaluation Limitations. The primary objective of the AmbiK dataset is to evaluate a model’s ability to handle uncertainty and ambiguity in instructions rather than to develop a comprehensive plan for a given task. This focus means that the dataset and associated evaluations are designed to test how well a model can identify and resolve ambiguities, rather than its overall task planning capabilities. While this is a critical aspect of Embodied AI, it does not address other important elements of task execution and planning.

Domain Constraints. The dataset is limited to actions performed by a robot in a kitchen environment. This narrow focus restricts the generalizability of the findings to other domains where ambiguity and uncertainty might be handled differently. The addition of other household tasks (cleaning the room, helping with other chores) and other environments (working in the garage, grocery store, etc.) we consider important for further research.

Cultural and Linguistic Variability. The instructions and tasks in the AmbiK dataset are based on English language and cultural norms commonly found in kitchen environments. This cultural and linguistic specificity may limit the applicability of the dataset to non-English speaking contexts or cultures with different culinary practices and norms.

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	A Example Appendix		764
	A.1 Prompt for generating unambiguous		765
	tasks.		766
	Imagine there is a kitchen robot. In the kitchen,		767
	there is also a fridge, an oven, a kitchen table, a		768
	microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea kettle.		769
	Apart from that, in the kitchen there is <SCENE IN		770
	NATURAL LANGUAGE>. If possible, generate		771
	an interesting one-step task for the kitchen robot		772
	in the given environment. The task should not be		773
	ambiguous. You can mention only food and objects		774
	that are in the kitchen. If there are no interesting		775
	tasks to do, write what objects or food are absent		776
	to create an interesting task and what concrete task		777
	would it be.		778

779	A.2 Prompt for generating ambiguous tasks:	instead of "Coke"). You can address the robot in	828
780	preferences.	different ways. The task should be clear and unam-	829
781	Imagine there is a kitchen robot. In the kitchen,	biguous for the human in the given environment.	830
782	there is also a fridge, an oven, a kitchen table, a	Please, be creative!	831
783	microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea kettle.		
784	Apart from that, in the kitchen there is scene in	A.6 Prompt for generating options of actions	832
785	natural language. The task for the robot is: the	We: You are a robot operating in an office kitchen.	833
786	task. Reformulate the task to make it ambiguous	In the kitchen, there is a fridge, an oven, a kitchen	834
787	in the given environment. Change as few words as	table, a microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea	835
788	possible. Introduce a question-answer pair which	kettle.	836
789	would make the ambiguous task unambiguous.	We: Apart from that, in the kitchen there is a fry-	837
790	A.3 Prompt for generating ambiguous tasks:	ing pan, a grill pan, a sauce pan, a vegetable peeler,	838
791	common sense knowledge.	a potato masher, canned olives, a greek yogurt	839
792	Imagine there is a kitchen robot. In the kitchen,	cup, a vanilla yogurt cup, a strawberry yogurt cup,	840
793	there is also a fridge, an oven, a kitchen table, a	cream cheese, cheddar cheese slices, mozzarella	841
794	microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea kettle.	sticks and cottage cheese. We: You have received	842
795	Apart from that, in the kitchen there is scene in	the task "Prepare a Cheesy Greek Yogurt Dip." You	843
796	natural language. The task for the robot is: the	created a plan to compete the task. Your previous	844
797	task. Reformulate the task to make it ambiguous	actions were: 1. Take a bowl from the kitchen table.	845
798	in the given environment, but easily completed	2. Take a Greek yogurt cup from the fridge. 3. Pour	846
799	by humans based on their common sense knowl-	the Greek yogurt into the bowl. Your next action is:	847
800	edge. Change as few words as possible. Introduce	4. Take a package of cheese from the fridge. You:	848
801	a question-answer pair which would make the am-	A) pick up the greek yogurt cup from the fridge B)	849
802	biguous task unambiguous for the robot.	pick up cheddar cheese slices from the fridge C)	850
803	A.4 Prompt for generating ambiguous tasks:	pick up cottage cheese from the fridge D) pick up	851
804	safety.	cream cheese from the fridge	852
805	Imagine there is a kitchen robot. In the kitchen,	We: Apart from that, in the kitchen there is pa-	853
806	there is also a fridge, an oven, a kitchen table, a	per towels, a bottle opener, frozen mushroom pizza,	854
807	microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea kettle.	frozen vegetable pizza, frozen pepperoni pizza, gin-	855
808	Apart from that, in the kitchen there is scene in	ger biscuits, digestive biscuits, crackers, chocolate	856
809	natural language. The task for the robot is: the	teacakes, honey, a vanilla yogurt cup and a greek	857
810	task. Reformulate the task to make it ambiguous	yogurt cup. We: You have received the task "Add	858
811	in the given environment, but easily completed	honey to vanilla yogurt." You created a plan to com-	859
812	by humans based on their knowledge of kitchen	pete the task. Your previous actions were: You: 1.	860
813	safety regulations. Introduce a question-answer	Take the bottle of honey from the kitchen table. 2.	861
814	pair which would make the ambiguous task unam-	Place the bottle of honey on the kitchen table. Your	862
815	biguous for the robot. A question should be asked	next action is: 3. Open the bottle of honey. You:	863
816	by the robot.	A) use the bottle opener to open the bottle of honey	864
817	A.5 Prompt for generating indirect	B) use paper towels to open the bottle of honey C)	865
818	unambiguous tasks.	open the bottle of honey without any tools D) use	866
819	Imagine there is a kitchen robot. In the kitchen,	crackers to open the bottle of honey	867
820	there is also a fridge, an oven, a kitchen table, a	We: Apart from that, in the kitchen there is a	868
821	microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea kettle.	bread knife, a paring knife, a butter knife, a cut-	869
822	Apart from that, in the kitchen there is scene in	ting board, a vegetable peeler, a potato masher, a	870
823	natural language. Other objects do not exist in the	plastic food storage container, a glass food storage	871
824	environment. The task for the robot is: the task.	container, a lemon, a banana, grapes, an apple, an	872
825	Please formulate the task in other words. Replace	orange, a peach, canned olives and a peeler. We:	873
826	as many words as possible. You can use pronouns,	You have received the task "Kitchen Robot, please	874
827	hyponyms, synonyms etc. (for example, "cola"	use the vegetable peeler to peel the skin off the	875
		lemon in one continuous spiral, creating a lemon	876
		peel garnish for a cocktail or dessert." You created	877
		a plan to compete the task. Your first action is: 1.	878

879 Take the lemon from the kitchen table. You: A)
880 pick up the banana from the kitchen table B) pick
881 up the lemon from the kitchen table C) pick up
882 canned olives from the kitchen table D) pick up
883 glass food storage container from the kitchen table
884 _task_ We: Apart from that, in the kitchen there
885 is <DESCRIPTION>. We: You have received the
886 task "<TASK>" You created a plan to complete the
887 task. <PREFIX> Your next action is: <ACT> You:

888 **A.7 Prompt for defining the action in the plan** 889 **where the ambiguity begins**

890 We: You are a robot operating in an office kitchen.
891 In the kitchen, there is a fridge, an oven, a kitchen
892 table, a microwave, a dishwasher, a sink and a tea
893 kettle.

894 We: Apart from that, in the kitchen there is <EN-
895 VIRONMENT DESCRIPTION>. You are given a
896 plan to complete the task "<TASK>": <PLAN>

897 Please minimally rewrite this plan to make it
898 correct for a slightly different task: "Spread a layer
899 of yogurt onto a slice of toasted bread using the
900 stainless steel dinner knife."