# Large Language Models for Multilingual Previously Fact-Checked Claim Detection

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#### Abstract

In our era of widespread false information, human fact-checkers often face the challenge of duplicating efforts when verifying claims that may have already been addressed in other countries or languages. As false information transcends linguistic boundaries, the ability to automatically detect previously fact-checked claims across languages has become an increasingly important task. This paper presents the first comprehensive evaluation of large language models (LLMs) for multilingual previously fact-checked claim detection. We assess seven LLMs across 20 languages in both monolingual and cross-lingual settings. Our results show that while LLMs perform well for high-resource languages, they struggle with low-resource languages. Moreover, translating original texts into English proved to be beneficial for low-resource languages. These findings highlight the potential of LLMs for multilingual previously fact-checked claim detection and provide a foundation for further research on this promising application of LLMs.

### 1 Introduction

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The proliferation of false information is a global issue affecting societies across diverse linguistic and cultural boundaries. With the growing spread of false information across digital platforms, *factchecking* has become a crucial mechanism for verifying claims and debunking false narratives. However, manual fact-checking is a resource-intensive process, often requiring significant time and expertise. The automation of fact-checking has emerged as a promising avenue to support the work of factcheckers, rather than fully replace them, by providing efficient approaches to assist in identifying and evaluating the growing scale of false information (Vosoughi et al., 2018; Aïmeur et al., 2023).

Previously fact-checked claim detection (PFCD) is a crucial sub-task of fact-checking that involves identifying whether a given claim has already been



Figure 1: An example of a Facebook post with four previously fact-checked claims retrieved by the multilingual E5 embedding model, annotated by human annotators for relevance. Two claims are relevant to the post, while two are irrelevant.

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verified. AI systems performing PFCD compare input claims against thousands of already checked claims in a database to detect matches. An example is shown in Figure 1. Fact-checking organizations aim to reduce redundant efforts and efficiently respond to recurring false claims, including those that circulate across languages (Barrón-Cedeño et al., 2020; Nakov et al., 2021; Micallef et al., 2022). This is especially important in non-English speaking regions, where language barriers can limit access to existing fact-checks. Hrckova et al. (2024) highlighted that fact-checkers often duplicate efforts by re-verifying previously factchecked claims, leading to inefficiencies. In addition, interviews with fact-checkers identified PFCD as a key component of the fact-checking process. Rather than predicting veracity, which can be unreliable for novel claims and often lacks necessary context, multilingual PFCD systems help by retrieving relevant fact-checks, enabling fact-checkers to focus on new, unverified claims.

LLMs have shown strong potential for automating various fact-checking tasks (Vykopal et al., 2024). In particular, they can also enhance the detection of previously fact-checked claims by identifying relevant fact-checks even across languages. This addresses key challenges such as linguistic diversity and the limitations of existing embeddingbased methods, which often underperform for lowresource languages (Kazemi et al., 2021; Pikuliak et al., 2023). We believe that multilingual LLMs are beneficial because of their cross-lingual capabilities and ability to leverage resources from other, higher-resourced languages.

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In this study, we evaluate for the first time the capabilities of seven LLMs to identify relevant previously fact-checked claims in multilingual and cross-lingual scenarios. We include 20 languages from different language families and scripts, considering high and low-resource languages<sup>1</sup>. Our research fills an important gap in detecting previously fact-checked claims in a multilingual context. Our contributions are as follows:

• We provide the first comprehensive evaluation of LLMs for detecting previously factchecked claims in monolingual and crosslingual settings, analyzing the effectiveness of various prompting techniques. Our study offers insights into multilingual PFCD using LLMs and outlines the effectiveness of different strategies for instructing LLMs.

• We introduce a novel manually annotated multilingual dataset for PFCD, comprising 16K pairs that assess the relevance between social media posts and fact-checked claims.

#### 2 **Related Work**

**Previously Fact-Checked Claim Detection.** Detecting previously fact-checked claims, also known as claim-matching, aims to identify relevant claims for a given input (Shaar et al., 2020), reducing the need to revisit previously fact-checked information. Research in this field primarily focuses on utilizing information retriever (IR) systems that measure the similarity between input claims and fact-checked claims (Kazemi et al., 2022; Larraz et al., 2023). Most studies have evaluated these systems in monolingual settings, mostly in English (Shaar et al., 2020, 2022; Hardalov et al., 2022).

Recent efforts have expanded the PFCD task to a multilingual context by developing multilingual datasets and exploring the performance of existing IR systems (Kazemi et al., 2021). Pikuliak et al. (2023) created the *MultiClaim* dataset with over 27 languages, demonstrating that English embedding 116 models with translated data achieved superior re-117 sults compared to multilingual models with input 118 in the original language. 119

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LLMs for Detecting Previously Fact-Checked **Claims.** The rise of advanced LLMs has opened new possibilities for PFCD in both monolingual and multilingual settings. While most existing research relies on embedding-based similarity models, only a few studies have applied LLMs to PFCD, and these are limited to single-language scenarios (Vykopal et al., 2024) Two main strategies dominate prior LLM-based approaches: textual entailment (Choi and Ferrara, 2024a,b), which labels claim relationships as entailment, contradiction or neutral, and generative re-ranking (Shliselberg and Dori-Hacohen, 2022; Neumann et al., 2023), which re-ranks retrieved fact-checks based on conditional probabilities.

Our work extends previous research in several ways. First, we provide the first evaluation of LLMs for PFCD across 20 languages. Second, we move beyond entailment-based framing by distinguishing between entailment, semantic similarity, and a broader concept of relevance. In practice, the relationship between posts and fact-checked claims is highly variable – fact-checked claims may entail, contradict, or refer to a more specific or general version of a claim, and prior approaches often fail to capture this variability (see Appendix B).

We define *relevance* as a fact-checked claim's potential to assist in verifying a post, regardless of stance. This broader notion aligns with human fact-checking workflows and emphasizes shared information useful for verification.

#### Methodology 3

We assess the ability of LLMs to determine the relevance between social media posts and previously fact-checked claims by instructing them to classify each post-claim pair as either relevant or irrelevant. Our experiments consider both monolingual settings, where the post and fact-checked claim are in the same language, and cross-lingual settings, where they are in different languages.

We proposed a pipeline, illustrated in Figure 2, to facilitate the evaluation by identifying fact-checked claims relevant to a given social media post. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Code and data are available at: https://anonymous. 4open.science/r/llms-pfcd



Figure 2: Our PFCD pipeline, consisting of (1) a retrieval of the top N most similar previously fact-checked claims (left-hand side) and (2) a classification of the relevance between social media posts and fact-checked claims using LLMs (right-hand side).

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pipeline consists of two main steps. First, the retriever component retrieves the N most similar previously fact-checked claims from a database (Section 3.1) using an embedding-based similarity. In the second step, an LLM determines the relevance of the retrieved claims to the social media post. The role of LLM is, therefore, to filter out false positives from the first stage. To validate the pipeline, we created a manually annotated dataset, where human annotators assessed the relevance between posts and retrieved claims (Section 3.2).

# 3.1 Dataset

We evaluate LLM capabilities on the PFCD task us-175 ing the *MultiClaim* dataset (Pikuliak et al., 2023), which comprises 206K fact-checks in 39 languages 177 and 28K social media posts in 27 languages, with 178 31K pairings between fact-checks and posts. Pairs 179 of social media posts and fact-checks were collected based on annotations made by professional 181 fact-checkers, who reviewed the posts and linked 182 them to appropriate fact-checks. These data were 183 sourced directly from fact-checks, which specify the social media posts they address. Since each 185 fact-check typically covers only a few posts related to the target claim, there are many potentially cor-187 rect pairings between posts and fact-checks that are not annotated. In other words, the annotations are not exhaustive, making it impossible to measure re-190 call and allowing only a precision-based evaluation. 191 In our experiments, we considered 20 languages with at least 100 posts each, selecting representative subsets for each language. 194

# 3.2 Human Annotation

196To ensure a comprehensive evaluation, we aim to197address the lack of exhaustiveness in *MultiClaim* 

as much as possible. Approximating retrieval accuracy requires a complete annotation, but measuring recall directly is infeasible, as it would require comparing each post to every claim in the database. Instead, we approximate recall by retrieving and annotating a representative subset of the data. While this selection is biased toward the retriever and does not allow for exact recall measurement, we believe it provides the most fair evaluation possible. 198

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**Data Selection.** We selected 20 languages from diverse language families and scripts to ensure broad linguistic coverage. For monolingual settings, we selected 40 posts per language and retrieved their top 10 fact-checked claims in the same language using *Multilingual E5 Large* embedding model (Wang et al., 2024).

For cross-lingual settings, we defined 20 language pairs, incorporating a variety of language combinations (e.g., Slovak posts with English factchecks). For each post, we retrieved the top 100 fact-checked claims in languages different from the post's language. From these, we selected 400 post-claim pairs per language combination.

Our dataset, *AMC-16K* (*Annotated-MultiClaim-16K*), consists of 8K monolingual and 8K cross-lingual pairs, as detailed in Table 3 in Appendix E.

Annotation. Six annotators evaluated the relevance of 16K claim-post pairs. For each pair, they assessed the relevance between the post and factchecked claim as relevant (Yes), irrelevant (No) or Cannot tell according to guidelines we publish alongside this paper. Following the initial annotation, all cases marked as cannot tell were reviewed and re-categorized into Yes and No categories. While each pair received a single annotation due to the dataset size, we implemented two agreement evaluations. First, a pre-annotation alignment test with all annotators to assess their understanding of the guidelines, yielding a Fleiss' kappa score of 0.60 (moderate agreement). Second, the four most active annotators completed a post-annotation test, which resulted in a score of 0.62 (substantial agreement), confirming sufficient consistency of our methodology. More details on human annotation can be found in Appendix C.

Annotation results for languages and settings (monolingual vs. cross-lingual) are shown in Figure 3. Overall, 16% of pairs were labeled relevant, with the rest classified as irrelevant. In languages like English, Malay, Portuguese, and German, the proportion of relevant pairs exceeded 30%.



Figure 3: The proportion of relevant pairs among 400 annotated samples per language in monolingual and cross-lingual settings. Confidence intervals were computed using the Agresti-Coull method.

### 3.3 Experimental Setup

To assess LLMs' ability to identify the relevance between posts and fact-checked claims, we leveraged our *AMC-16K* dataset, four baselines, seven LLMs and five prompting strategies.

**Baselines.** As baselines, we use two text embedding models (TEMs): the Multilingual-E5 Large and the English-only GTR-T5 Large. Semantic similarity scores between posts and fact-checked claims are converted to binary labels using thresholds optimized for Youden's Index.

In some sense, our task is similar to Natural Language Inference (NLI): if a post is entailed or paraphrased by a fact-checked claim, it can be considered relevant. Given this connection, we included two NLI models as baselines, DeBERTa v3 Large<sup>2</sup> and mDeBERTa v3 Base<sup>3</sup>. We classify NLI relations between posts and fact-checked claims, treating *entailment* relations as relevant and all other labels as irrelevant (see Appendix H).

Large Language Models. Based on preliminary experiments (see Appendix G), we selected the top three open-source LLMs with less than 10B parameters, referred to hereafter as *10B- LLMs*, and four LLMs with more than 70B parameters, referred to as *70B+ LLMs*. To optimize resource efficiency for 70B+ LLMs, we employed their quantized versions. Table 1 lists all LLMs used in our experiments.

Prompting Strategies. In our study, we investigated five strategies for instructing LLMs to identify relevant claim-post pairs. These strategies were shown to be effective in prior research (Brown et al., 2020; Huang et al., 2023). We explore (1) zeroshot; (2) zero-shot with task description; (3) few-

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| Model             | # Params | # Langs | Organization  | Citation                  |
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| Mistral Large     | 123 B    | 11      | Mistral AI    | Mistral AI Team (2024)    |
| C4AI Command R+   | 104 B    | 23      | Cohere For AI | Cohere For AI (2024)      |
| Qwen2.5 Instruct  | 72 B     | 29      | Alibaba       | Yang et al. (2024)        |
| Llama3.1 Instruct | 70 B     | 8       | Meta          | Grattafiori et al. (2024) |
| Llama3.1 Instruct | 8 B      | 8       | Meta          | Grattafiori et al. (2024) |
| Qwen2.5 Instruct  | 7 B      | 29      | Alibaba       | Yang et al. (2024)        |
| Mistral v3        | 7 B      | 1       | Mistral AI    | Jiang et al. (2023)       |

Table 1: A list of models evaluated on the task of detecting previously fact-checked claims.

shot with task description; (4) chain-of-thought; and (5) cross-lingual-thought prompting. Rather than extensively engineering prompts, we here aim to benchmark out-of-the-box LLM performance. Consequently, our selected prompts align with human relevance judgments. Examples of our prompt templates are shown in Figure 8. 283

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In **Zero-shot prompting**, we rely entirely on the LLM's ability to infer relationships based on provided texts without providing any task description. In contrast, the **zero-shot with task description** approach enhances original zero-shot settings by providing a task description in the system prompt.

Another technique employed in our experiments involves *few-shot with task description*, which combines task-specific demonstrations and a task description. Demonstrations were drawn from a subset of manually annotated data from Pikuliak et al. (2023). For each pair, the top five positive (*Yes*) and five negative (*No*) samples were selected. More details on the selection process of demonstrations are in Appendix F.

Recognizing the importance of reasoning in fact-checking, we adopt *chain-of-thought* (CoT) prompting (Wei et al., 2024), which guides LLMs to provide the reasoning process before generating the decision through the prompt "*Let's think step by step*". By encouraging intermediate reasoning, CoT aims to improve the understanding of posts and their relationship to fact-checked claims.

The last considered prompting strategy is *cross-lingual-thought prompting* (XLT) (Huang et al., 2023), which was found beneficial with non-English inputs. Using this technique, we instruct LLMs to translate social media posts and fact-checked claims into English before evaluating their relevance, leveraging the stronger performance of many English-centric LLMs.

#### 3.4 Evaluation

We evaluate the capabilities of LLMs for PFCD as a binary classification, aiming to determine the relevance of fact-checked claims and a given post.

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Figure 4: Performance comparison of LLMs across five prompting strategies in the original language, measured by Macro F1 score with confidence intervals. Horizontal lines indicate the best-performing baselines.

For evaluation, we leverage *Macro F1* due to the fact that the annotated dataset is inherently imbalanced. In addition, we calculate *True Negative Rate* (TNR), reflecting the proportion of irrelevant pairs correctly filtered, and the *False Negative Rate* (FNR), indicating how many relevant pairs were incorrectly identified as irrelevant.

## 4 Experiments and Results

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This section presents overall findings on LLMs' performance for the PFCD task (Section 4.1), followed by evaluations in monolingual (Section 4.2) and cross-lingual settings (Section 4.3). We also assess the impact of English translations – provided in the *MultiClaim* dataset via the Google Translate API – on LLMs' performance (Section 4.4). Since the translations are provided with the dataset, we do not compare different translation models or evaluate translation quality. Statistical significance is tested using the Mann-Whitney U test for pairwise comparisons and the Kruskal-Wallis test for multiple groups, with significance defined as p < 0.05.

### 4.1 Overall Assessment

Figure 4 presents the overall results. LLMs generally show strong performance in identifying relevant fact-checked claims across languages, with top LLMs achieving Macro F1 above 80%. However, performance varies notably by model size, prompting strategy, and language. **70B+ LLMs consistently outperformed their smaller counterparts** (statistically significant; p < 0.05), with Mistral Large and C4AI Command R+ emerging as particularly effective. Many LLMs and prompting strategies surpassed the baselines, while Llama3.1 8B and Mistral 7B lagged behind in most strategies.

The effectiveness of prompting strategies depends on the LLM's size and training. For 70B+

LLMs, few-shot prompting yields the best results for Mistral Large and Qwen2.5 72B (p < 0.05), suggesting these LLMs can effectively leverage demonstrations to understand the task and enable them to leverage context effectively. In contrast, **10B- LLMs perform better with CoT prompting**, indicating they benefit from the reasoning (e.g., Qwen2.5 7B); this was statistically significant (p < 0.05) compared to other techniques, except Zero-Shot + Task description, where no significant difference was found. CoT also demonstrated strong performance for LLMs with advanced capabilities, such as Llama3.1 and Mistral Large.

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#### 4.2 Monolingual Evaluation

Figure 5 (left-hand side) highlights the average performance across prompting techniques for each LLM. The capabilities to process languages vary among LLMs. For example, C4AI Command R+, trained on 23 languages, exhibits high performance across many languages. However, even LLMs that cover fewer languages can perform well (e.g., Mistral Large). This suggests that 70B+ LLMs demonstrate generalization on multilingual data.

In monolingual settings, some languages perform poorly, which is mostly the case for Slavic languages, Hungarian and Burmese, where the performance was lower than for other languages and language families. In contrast, high-resource languages achieved superior results in most cases (p < 0.05). However, these results depend not only on the language but also on the data's complexity - specifically, variations in data across languages and other attributes that affect how easily the LLM can predict the correct answer. This was evident since performance differences persisted even after translating all data into English. Additionally, factors such as topic distribution may influence performance, with languages that cover a wider range of topics potentially benefiting from this.

DeBERTa v3 Large, fine-tuned on NLI data, performed well in monolingual settings for many languages, often outperforming weaker LLMs. However, it struggled with low-resource and non-Latin languages, resulting in lower average performance overall. Other baselines also underperformed, highlighting the superior generalization ability of LLMs in identifying claim-post relevance.

As shown in Figure 6, adding task descriptions improved performance across most LLMs and CoT reasoning boosted results in many languages. Demonstrations helped some LLMs, espe-

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Figure 5: Performance of 70B+ and 10B- LLMs across 20 individual languages (left-side) and 20 cross-lingual combinations (right-side). The average Macro F1 performance for each LLM is calculated across all prompting strategies. Languages marked with \* use a non-Latin script. Mistral Large demonstrates strong performance across both individual languages and cross-lingual combinations. Baselines models are indicated in **bold**.



Figure 6: Averaged Macro F1 performance for each prompting technique across all LLMs and across 20 languages in a monolingual setting. ZS denotes Zero-Shot, and FS denotes Few-Shot prompting. Languages marked with \* use a non-Latin script.

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#### 4.3 Cross-Lingual Evaluation

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We compare LLMs performance in monolingual and cross-lingual settings with Macro F1 scores presented in Table 2 and across techniques for each language combination in Figure 5 (right-hand side). Overall, **performance declined in crosslingual settings**, with an average decrease of approximately 4.5%, especially for 10B- LLMs. This highlights the challenges of processing inputs in different languages.

Few-shot prompting proved effective when applied to multilingual LLMs. In contrast, **CoT** helped mitigate the cross-lingual performance gap for smaller models (5% improvement compared to XLT prompting), providing a reasoning approach that transfers well across languages.

The C4AI Command R+ model exhibited superior performance for a monolingual scenario in zero-shot settings (p < 0.05). In contrast, Mistral Large emerged as the best-performing LLM in fewshot settings and reasoning (CoT and XLT prompting) with original language inputs (p < 0.05). These findings suggest that LLMs with less extensive language coverage during training can outperform highly multilingual LLMs when advanced prompting techniques are leveraged. 433

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For 10B- LLMs, Qwen2.5 7B consistently achieved superior performance in both settings across prompting techniques (p < 0.05), excluding XLT in monolingual settings. This demonstrates the effectiveness of Qwen2.5's training in equipping the LLM with strong generalization capabilities across different prompting strategies.

#### 4.4 Translation-Based Approaches

We analyze the performance difference between original language inputs and their English translations, as illustrated in Figure 7. The results reveal that **English translation generally enhanced LLM performance across most scenarios** (p < 0.05). This finding highlights the potential of translation-based approaches (translating to English or using XLT) for enhancing the performance of models with limited multilingual capabilities.

English translations not only improve crosslingual performance, but also demonstrate that LLMs often achieve higher accuracy when operating in English. However, **English translations can sometimes negatively impact performance**, as observed for the C4AI Command R+ model. This LLM, trained with a higher number of languages, performed better with original language inputs, suggesting that extensive multilingual training may

| Model                   | Version      | Zero         | -Shot | Zero-<br>Task De | Shot +<br>scription | Few-<br>Task De | Shot +<br>scription | c     | oT    | x     | LT    | Aver  | age   |
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| Baselines               |              |              |       |                  |                     |                 |                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Multilingual-E5 Large   | Og           | 64.92        | 65.50 | 64.92            | 65.50               | 64.92           | 65.50               | 64.92 | 65.50 | 64.92 | 65.50 | 64.92 | 65.50 |
|                         | En           | 77.53        | 68.45 | 77.53            | 68.45               | 77.53           | 68.45               | 77.53 | 68.45 | 77.53 | 68.45 | 77.53 | 68.45 |
| GTR-T5 Large            | En           | 75.52        | 67.88 | 75.52            | 67.88               | 75.52           | 67.88               | 75.52 | 67.88 | 75.52 | 67.88 | 75.52 | 67.88 |
| DeBERTa v3 Large (NLI)  | Og           | 70.32        | 64.51 | 70.32            | 64.51               | 70.32           | 64.51               | 70.32 | 64.51 | 70.32 | 64.51 | 70.32 | 64.51 |
|                         | En           | 74.05        | 68.11 | 74.05            | 68.11               | 74.05           | 68.11               | 74.05 | 68.11 | 74.05 | 68.11 | 74.05 | 68.11 |
| mDeBERTa v3 Base (NLI)  | Og           | 67.38        | 58.68 | 67.38            | 58.68               | 67.38           | 58.68               | 67.38 | 58.68 | 67.38 | 58.68 | 67.38 | 58.68 |
|                         | En           | 64.84        | 59.05 | 64.84            | 59.05               | 64.84           | 59.05               | 64.84 | 59.05 | 64.84 | 59.05 | 64.84 | 59.05 |
| LLMs with more than 701 | B parameters | (70B + LLMs) | )     |                  |                     |                 |                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Mistral Large 123B      | Og           | 72.06        | 67.09 | 74.20            | 71.33               | 82.46           | 80.54               | 79.40 | 71.60 | 81.98 | 74.29 | 78.02 | 72.97 |
| 0                       | En           | 75.50        | 67.41 | 79.39            | 72.38               | 81.64           | 78.06               | 78.95 | 72.09 | -     | -     | 78.87 | 72.49 |
| C4AI Command R+ 104B    | Og           | 79.29        | 70.34 | 83.20            | 79.08               | 76.26           | 74.54               | 64.98 | 58.66 | 65.90 | 61.36 | 73.93 | 68.80 |
|                         | En           | 80.00        | 77.28 | 81.92            | 75.50               | 80.40           | 75.40               | 66.43 | 58.78 | -     | -     | 77.19 | 71.74 |
| Qwen 2.5 72B Instruct   | Og           | 70.87        | 69.69 | 66.30            | 60.77               | 81.68           | 77.87               | 74.78 | 67.59 | 72.56 | 67.04 | 73.24 | 68.59 |
|                         | En           | 76.16        | 68.48 | 69.70            | 61.76               | 82.00           | 77.52               | 76.55 | 68.46 | -     | -     | 76.10 | 69.06 |
| Llama 3.1 70B Instruct  | Og           | 69.99        | 62.54 | 72.08            | 67.69               | 60.64           | 61.20               | 75.90 | 68.65 | 77.86 | 72.07 | 71.29 | 66.43 |
|                         | En           | 71.87        | 63.77 | 75.27            | 67.46               | 77.01           | 76.79               | 78.29 | 70.66 | -     | -     | 75.61 | 69.67 |
| Average                 | Og           | 73.05        | 67.42 | 73.95            | 69.72               | 75.26           | 73.54               | 73.77 | 66.63 | 74.58 | 68.69 | 74.12 | 69.20 |
| ·                       | En           | 75.88        | 69.24 | 76.57            | 69.28               | 80.26           | 76.94               | 75.06 | 67.50 | -     | -     | 76.94 | 70.74 |
| LLMs with less than 10B | parameters ( | 10B- LLMs)   |       |                  |                     |                 |                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Llama 3.1 8B Instruct   | Og           | 48.63        | 47.19 | 70.88            | 69.70               | 47.78           | 42.15               | 68.71 | 62.61 | 71.77 | 64.48 | 61.55 | 57.23 |
|                         | En           | 60.57        | 53.51 | 76.48            | 71.11               | 64.22           | 56.93               | 74.27 | 66.33 | -     | -     | 68.89 | 61.97 |
| Qwen 2.5 7B Instruct    | Og           | 65.40        | 64.18 | 79.95            | 74.44               | 71.43           | 72.52               | 80.74 | 75.15 | 66.97 | 66.49 | 72.90 | 70.56 |
|                         | En           | 66.76        | 64.02 | 81.07            | 76.09               | 69.02           | 70.89               | 81.02 | 75.10 | -     | -     | 74.47 | 71.53 |
| Mistral v3 7B           | Og           | 64.92        | 61.26 | 65.98            | 60.46               | 57.91           | 53.31               | 72.97 | 67.36 | 65.67 | 59.10 | 65.49 | 60.30 |
|                         | En           | 68.69        | 63.94 | 71.01            | 63.49               | 68.67           | 62.79               | 74.00 | 66.08 | -     | -     | 70.59 | 64.08 |
| Average                 | Og           | 59.65        | 57.54 | 72.27            | 68.20               | 59.04           | 55.99               | 74.14 | 68.37 | 68.14 | 63.36 | 66.65 | 62.69 |
| -                       | En           | 65.34        | 60.49 | 76.19            | 70.23               | 67.30           | 63.54               | 76.43 | 69.17 | -     | -     | 71.32 | 65.86 |

Table 2: Performance comparison of LLMs and baselines in monolingual and cross-lingual settings using Macro F1 score. The best results for the version with original language (Og) are in **bold**, and for the version with English translations (En) are <u>underlined</u> for each category.

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outperform translation-based strategies.

LLMs trained predominantly on Latin-script data, such as Llama3.1, showed significant performance gains when translations to English were employed (e.g., a 16% improvement in Macro F1 in few-shot settings), observed as statistically significant (p < 0.05). Translation-based approaches also proved effective in addressing non-Latin scripts (p < 0.05), making them a practical alternative in cross-lingual settings.

However, across almost all LLMs, **CoT prompt**ing combined with English translations yielded only marginal improvements (p < 0.05), suggesting that CoT prompting alone can serve as a viable substitute for translation in achieving comparable performance. This highlights the potential of reasoning-based strategies to bridge cross-lingual gaps without relying on intermediate translations. Additionally, the impact of English translations proved less effective for few-shot settings, with Mistral Large and Qwen2.5 7B models showing a negative effect on the results in these scenarios.

### 5 Error Analysis

This section analyzes the errors in the reasoning generated by LLMs, focusing on the CoT and XLT techniques. We categorize errors into two types.



Figure 7: Overall difference between English translation and the original language using Macro F1 score.

First, *output consistency* errors, where LLM's responses are inconsistent or deviate from the expected format. Second, *reasoning* errors, which account for misclassified relevance pairs. 493

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# 5.1 Output Consistency Errors

Output consistency errors can be detected using498automatic tools such as language identification or499sequence repeating analysis. For language identification, we employed FastText (Joulin et al., 2017,5012016) and langdetect to identify the output language. To identify repeating sequences, we em-503

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ployed sequence occurrence analysis.

A commonly observed issue relates to the **language of LLM outputs**, as all responses were expected in English. Llama3.1 models with CoT prompting frequently generated non-English outputs – 37% for 8B version and 28% for 70B version. More details are given in Table 8 in Appendix J.

Other errors included **repeating sequences**, mainly observed in Llama3.1 8B with CoT prompting (215×). Other LLMs, such as Llama3.1 (33×), Mistral Large (16×) and Qwen2.5 72B (11×), exhibited fewer occurrences using XLT prompting. Llama3.1 refused to generate responses for five pairs due to the disinformation content.

### 5.2 Reasoning Errors

We selected 20 random samples incorrectly classified for each LLM and for the CoT and XLT techniques, which we manually reviewed to identify common reasoning errors. For CoT, we also included the version with English translations, which resulted in 420 annotated samples overall. Our analysis revealed several types of errors, particularly those contributing to false positives.

The most common error was **incorrect reasoning based on topic similarity** (around 65%), where posts and fact-checked claims were misclassified as relevant based solely on shared topics. This was especially frequent with COVID-19, vaccination topics and cases when both statements are attributed to the same entity. Some incorrectly identified samples exhibit contradictory reasoning (approximately 7%), mostly for Mistral 7B with CoT. For example, while individual statements are correctly classified as irrelevant, the LLM focused on the topic similarity rather than the actual irrelevance, leading to misclassifications (see Appendix J.1).

Other reasoning errors arise from **missing context** in posts or fact-checked claims, especially when referencing images or videos that LLMs cannot process or that are irrelevant. We thus ignored posts that contained visual information through links or embedded media during the selection process for our annotation. Some of the posts were missing URL links, but referred to images. Such posts with visual information were not filtered.

# 6 Discussion

Multilingual Previously Fact-Checked Claim Detection and Low-Resource Languages. Our experiments revealed that LLMs work reasonably well in English and high-resource languages, demonstrating robust capabilities in detecting previously fact-checked claims. However, a notable performance gap persists for some low-resource languages and those with non-Latin scripts. This disparity emphasizes the need for tailored adaptations, particularly for non-English settings.

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**Superiority of Translations-Based Approaches.** Translation-based approaches were particularly effective for low-resource languages and non-Latin scripts, as well as when using 10B- LLMs. Translating inputs into English (using machine translation) allows LLMs to benefit from their extensive training in English, which typically provides more robust results. This method is useful in scenarios where processing of low-resource languages would otherwise lead to suboptimal outcomes.

**Prompting Techniques.** No single prompting technique emerged as universally superior across all settings. Zero-shot was beneficial for high-resource languages but did not work well with low-resource languages due to limited contextual understanding and sparse pre-training data. Few-shot prompting showed improvements in low-resource languages, but required carefully selected samples.

For high-resource scenarios, using larger LLMs with few-shot prompting in the original language provides reliable results across languages. In contrast, resource-constrained scenarios benefited from combining 10B- LLMs, CoT and translation-based approaches. These findings emphasize that the choice of technique should be guided by specific languages and other considerations.

# 7 Conclusion

This paper provides a comprehensive evaluation of seven LLMs, ranging from 7B up to 123B parameters, for detecting previously fact-checked claims in monolingual and cross-lingual settings. We created and released the dataset consisting of 16,000 manually annotated pairs of posts and fact-checked claims. Among the LLMs, Mistral Large and C4AI Command R+ achieved the best performance. In contrast, the Qwen2.5 7B model exhibited strong capabilities with Chain-of-Though prompting, outperforming LLMs with significantly larger parameter counts. These findings underscore the importance of both LLM selection and prompting strategies in optimizing performance for previously factchecked claim detection tasks.

#### Limitations 602

Model Selection. Our study focused on state-ofthe-art large language models that are openly available. We excluded closed-source models like GPT-4 since our experiments required analyzing token probabilities, which are only accessible in opensource models. Additionally, open-source models offer greater experimental control compared to closed-source LLMs. Furthermore, our analy-610 sis considered models released before July 2024, 611 which marked the primary research period of this study. 613

Language Support. The selected LLMs exhibit 614 varying degrees of multilingual capabilities, rang-615 ing from primarily English-centric models to those supporting 29 languages. While model cards indi-617 cate intended language support, the models may 618 demonstrate capabilities in additional languages 619 due to the training data diversity and potential data contamination. Our analysis spans 20 languages across different language families and writing systems, making multilingual support a key selection criterion. Although some languages in our study 624 625 lack explicit support in any of the evaluated models, we assume that the models might still demonstrate some capacity to assess text similarity in 627 these languages. This setup enabled us to evaluate the models' multilingual capabilities and compare their performance for PFCD across different languages. 631

Retrieval Quality. Our study focused on the performance of LLMs, not on retrieval strategies or 633 their impact on results. Retrieval was used only to collect data for human annotation, prioritizing more similar claim-post pairs to reduce irrelevant fact-checks and class imbalance. We did not evaluate the effect of retrieval on classification performance, as this was beyond our scope. For this purpose, we used the Multilingual E5 large model, which achieved the best results on the MultiClaim dataset among the evaluated TEMs.

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Language Detection for Error Analysis. 643 For error analysis of LLM outputs, we employed language identification using two tools, especially FastText and langdetect. Due to the varying accu-647 racy across different languages (mostly concerned with low-resource languages), we employed both 648 tools in parallel for the final language analysis. Outputs were identified as a different language than English when both tools agreed on identifying a 651

non-English language, providing a more robust detection mechanism for language-related errors in model responses. However, the performance of these tools can vary across languages, and their performance can be lower for low-resource languages, which can result in incorrect identification of the language for some inputs.

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# **Ethical Consideration**

**Intended Use.** The annotated dataset is intended primarily for research purposes and is derived from the existing *MultiClaim* dataset (Pikuliak et al., 2023). In our work, we selected a subset of Multi-Claim and annotated a portion of the data, specifically assessing the relevance between social media posts and fact-checked claims. Along with the dataset, we also release code to reproduce our results. Both the datasets and code are only for research use, and reproducing the results requires access to the original *MultiClaim* dataset.

Usage of AI Assistants. We have used the AI assistant for grammar checks and sentence structure improvements. We have not used AI assistants in the research process beyond the experiments detailed in the Methodology section (Sec. 3).

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#### **Computational Resources** Α

For our experiments, we leveraged a computational 876 infrastructure consisting of A40 PCIe 40GB, A100 877 80GB and H100 NVL 94GB NVIDIA GPUs while 878 our experiments ran in parallel on multiple GPUs. In total, our experiments required approximately 1500 GPU hours. 881

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#### **Relevance Definition** R

Our definition of the *relevance* differs from the textual entailment, since there is not only the strict relationship, whether a retrieved claim contradicts or entails with the given post. There is no general relation that always holds. Therefore, we defined the *relevance* less strictly without considering the stance of the post or retrieved claim.

Theoretical Example. Given a claim "Vaccines cause autism", which can relate to claim "mRNA vaccines cause autism", which is more specific, but it also relates to claim "Vaccines are harmful", which is more general. In the first case, there is an entailment between the claims. However, in the second case, there is only partial overlap, while the entailment model can classify that as neutral. In the case of partial overlap, the fact-checker can reuse parts of the fact-checks and evidence that can be employed to verify the information.

Dataset Example Given post: "This is a recent photo of the peasant protests in the Netherlands. German media do not report on the cur*rent protests."* and a previously fact-checked claim: "This is what they don't show you Port of Rotterdam, Thursday 18 November flat, strikes Media has plenty of time for riots". In this examples, there is no direct entailment or contradiction, while the post and fact-checked claims are relevant to each other and parts or all information can be reused to verify the information.

#### **Human Annotation** С

# C.1 Characteristics of Human Annotators

For the purpose of annotating a subset of MultiClaim data, we employed six annotators. The annotators are all from our research team and have backgrounds in artificial intelligence and factchecking. The annotation involved three men and three women, all from European countries, aged between 20 and 30 years.

#### C.2 Annotation Process

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Each annotator was provided with both the original texts and their English translations, enabling them to annotate based on their proficiency in the original languages – particularly if the annotator was a native speaker. However, due to the diversity of the 20 languages included in the study, in many cases, the annotators relied primarily on the English translations. Annotators were selected from various countries and were not limited to native speakers of a specific language. Each annotator was assigned a unique subset of data for annotation, and interannotator agreement was assessed using designed sets: *pre-annotation* and *post-annotation* sets, annotated before and after the annotation process.

### **D** Analyzed Languages

All languages and language pairs that are included in our experiments are listed in Table 3 along with the proportion of relevant pairs annotated by human annotators.

Moreover, Table 4 reports the proportion of relevant pairs identified for each language and language pair out of 400 pairs for each of them.

## E Dataset

Our dataset encompasses several popular topics, primarily related to COVID-19, the Russia-Ukraine war, vaccination, migration, and election fraud. Additionally, it includes the misattributed claims involving various politicians or public figures, such as Donald Trump, Greta Thunberg or George Orwell. Furthermore, the dataset covers regionspecific topics that are prevalent in certain countries, such as claims related to Slovak politics or protests in specific regions.

In our work, we consider *French*, *Portuguese*, *Spanish*, *German*, *Dutch*, *English*, *Arabic*, and *Hindi* to be high-resource and other languages to be mid- or low-resource, based on Singh et al. (2024). We classified them based on the data available for training the LLMs.

### F Prompt Templates

To evaluate the capabilities of LLMs to identify the relevance between social media posts and factchecked claims, we utilized five prompting techniques, which are commonly employed in experiments with LLMs. In Figure 8, we provide templates and system prompts used to instruct LLMs for different prompting strategies. Our experiments

| Code | Language       | Average WC<br>Posts | Average WC<br>FC claims | # posts | # FC claims |
|------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------|
| ara  | Arabic         | $57.26\pm92.63$     | $30.82\pm49.46$         | 69      | 825         |
| bul  | Bulgarian      | $169.18 \pm 238.08$ | $11.95\pm3.87$          | 40      | 118         |
| ces  | Czech          | $151.54 \pm 181.16$ | $11.09\pm8.87$          | 56      | 201         |
| deu  | German         | $114.74 \pm 146.74$ | $19.90\pm17.08$         | 60      | 558         |
| ell  | Greek          | $120.62 \pm 237.78$ | $19.67\pm8.47$          | 40      | 271         |
| eng  | English        | $195.66 \pm 266.51$ | $23.92\pm30.45$         | 111     | 2651        |
| fra  | French         | $129.27 \pm 152.93$ | $18.52\pm12.33$         | 55      | 823         |
| hbs  | Serbo-Croatian | $130.70 \pm 162.29$ | $23.77\pm25.12$         | 40      | 405         |
| hin  | Hindi          | $46.95\pm39.16$     | $24.20\pm14.18$         | 43      | 326         |
| hun  | Hungarian      | $127.51 \pm 155.68$ | $10.68\pm3.60$          | 55      | 111         |
| kor  | Korean         | $95.19 \pm 103.14$  | $9.96 \pm 7.19$         | 48      | 172         |
| msa  | Malay          | $146.50 \pm 196.29$ | $13.42\pm5.61$          | 50      | 576         |
| mya  | Burmese        | $51.91 \pm 52.08$   | $7.78\pm5.79$           | 42      | 75          |
| nld  | Dutch          | $110.17 \pm 113.22$ | $21.24\pm18.72$         | 45      | 240         |
| pol  | Polish         | $139.75 \pm 173.43$ | $20.38\pm15.63$         | 71      | 808         |
| por  | Portuguese     | $105.28 \pm 121.96$ | $37.29\pm61.69$         | 40      | 1242        |
| ron  | Romanian       | $126.65 \pm 140.73$ | $13.78\pm4.60$          | 40      | 131         |
| slk  | Slovak         | $222.77 \pm 562.15$ | $13.61\pm8.63$          | 91      | 154         |
| spa  | Spanish        | $91.06 \pm 142.76$  | $20.55\pm13.08$         | 61      | 366         |
| tha  | Thai           | $82.50\pm 66.99$    | $4.00\pm2.92$           | 55      | 137         |

Table 3: Statistics of *AMC-16K* dataset. We provide the averaged word count (WC) with standard deviation for posts and fact-checked claims (FC claims). We also calculated the number of posts and fact-checked claims for each language.

# include zero-shot, zero-shot with task description, few-shot with task description, Chain-of-Though and Cross-Lingual-Thought prompting.

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**Few-Shot Prompting Selection.** The demonstrations used for few-shot prompting were drawn from a subset of manually annotated data from Pikuliak et al. (2023), which consists of 3390 manually annotated pairs of social media posts and fact-checked claims. We excluded from this initial seed overlapping social media posts to prevent bias, resulting in 3310 multilingual samples.

To select demonstrations for a particular pair of social media posts and fact-checked claims, we employed the selection based on the similarity between input and demonstrations. However, our analyzed samples and samples from the demonstrations pool consist of two texts, especially social media posts and fact-checked claims. To address this issue, we first calculated the similarity between the input social media post and social media posts from the seed pool and the similarity between the input fact-checked claim and fact-checked claims from the seed pool. This resulted in two similarity scores for each sample, one similarity between posts and another between fact-checked claims. To obtain only one similarity for each sample, we multiplied those two similarity scores to get the overall similarity between the analyzed pair and the pair from the demonstration pool. Furthermore, the top five positive (Yes) and five negative (No) samples were selected and randomly ordered in the prompt.



Figure 8: Thy system prompts and prompt templates for all prompting strategies used in our experiments. System prompts are the same for zero-shot and few-shot with task descriptions and also for CoT prompting.

| Languages | Relevant pairs<br>[%] | Language pairs<br>(post - fact-check) | Relevant pairs<br>[%] |  |
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| ara       | 20.00                 | spa - eng                             | 17.50                 |  |
| bul       | 11.25                 | hin - eng                             | 5.25                  |  |
| ces       | 16.50                 | eng - ara                             | 5.25                  |  |
| deu       | 30.25                 | fra - eng                             | 12.00                 |  |
| ell       | 26.75                 | deu - eng                             | 15.25                 |  |
| eng       | 38.50                 | eng - por                             | 6.00                  |  |
| fra       | 19.25                 | spa - por                             | 1.50                  |  |
| hbs       | 19.50                 | deu - fra                             | 16.75                 |  |
| hin       | 22.25                 | slk - ces                             | 7.50                  |  |
| hun       | 13.75                 | slk - eng                             | 36.25                 |  |
| kor       | 13.25                 | pol - hbs                             | 11.00                 |  |
| msa       | 36.00                 | ces - eng                             | 22.50                 |  |
| mya       | 9.50                  | ces - pol                             | 9.00                  |  |
| nld       | 20.00                 | nld - deu                             | 12.25                 |  |
| pol       | 20.25                 | msa - ara                             | 2.25                  |  |
| por       | 31.75                 | kor - eng                             | 27.50                 |  |
| ron       | 11.50                 | mya - msa                             | 0.50                  |  |
| slk       | 14.25                 | ara - fra                             | 2.25                  |  |
| spa       | 23.50                 | hun - pol                             | 13.75                 |  |
| tha       | 12.25                 | tha - por                             | 7.75                  |  |

Table 4: List of analyzed languages and language pairs in our experiments along with the proportion of relevant pairs annotated by human annotators out of 400 pairs. Each language and language combination consists of 400 pairs.

G **Preliminary Experiments** 

Before conducting the experiments on all the data annotated in our study, we explored the performance of 16 open-sourced LLMs in zero-shot settings to identify a final list of models for the final experiments. These LLMs included various models of sizes ranging from 7B up to 123B parameters and with different model families, such as Llama, Qwen, Mistral, etc.

For the purpose of the preliminary experiments, we leveraged manually annotated data from (Pikuliak et al., 2023), which consists of 3900 annotated

| Model                 | Zero-Shot   | Zero-Shot +<br>Task description |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Mistral 7B            | 0.70 (0.77) | 0.70 (0.77)                     |
| Qwen2 7B              | 0.68 (0.79) | 0.68 (0.79)                     |
| Qwen2.5 7B            | 0.73 (0.82) | 0.81 (0.88)                     |
| Llama3 8B             | 0.68 (0.72) | 0.69 (0.73)                     |
| Llama3.1 8B           | 0.58 (0.60) | 0.72 (0.78)                     |
| AYA Expanse 8B        | 0.72 (0.81) | 0.71 (0.77)                     |
| AYA Expanse 32B       | 0.77 (0.86) | 0.67 (0.79)                     |
| AYA 35B               | 0.72 (0.86) | 0.82 (0.88)                     |
| C4AI Command R 35B    | 0.77 (0.81) | 0.57 (0.59)                     |
| Llama3 70B            | 0.71 (0.76) | 0.70 (0.74)                     |
| Llama3.1 70B          | 0.79 (0.88) | 0.71 (0.74)                     |
| Llama3.1 Nemotron 70B | 0.79 (0.88) | 0.58 (0.81)                     |
| Qwen2 72B             | 0.79 (0.84) | 0.78 (0.82)                     |
| Qwen2.5 72B           | 0.81 (0.87) | 0.75 (0.78)                     |
| C4AI Command R+ 104B  | 0.84 (0.90) | 0.80 (0.84)                     |
| Mistral Large 123B    | 0.84 (0.88) | 0.74 (0.78)                     |

Table 5: Preliminary experiments with 16 LLMs using zero-shot settings (with and without task description). We report Macro F1 (Accuracy) in each cell. The best result is in **bold**, and the second best is underlined.

pairs of social media posts and fact-checked claims (1212 are in monolingual and 2178 are in crosslingual settings). We investigated whether these LLMs are able to predict the relevance between two texts and the best models were selected for the final experiments. Table 5 presents the results obtained in zero-shot settings with and without providing the task description.

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The results demonstrated that without using the task description, the C4AI Command R+ model performed the best, while Mistral Large obtained comparable results. In contrast, AYA 35B proved to be effective when the task description was pro-

vided to the model. Based on these preliminary results, we categorized the models into two categories: 10B- LLMs and 70B+ LLMs. We decided not to include LLMs with a parameter size between 10 and 70 billion and to focus only on the comparison of the above-mentioned categories. As LLMs with over 70B parameters, Llama3.1, Qwen2.5, C4AI Command R+ and Mistral Large proved to be the most capable models for further exploration. On the other hand, we extended a list of LLMs with three models with less than 10B parameters from the same model families, especially Llama3.1 8B, Qwen2.5 7B and Mistral 7B.

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For our final experiments, we excluded older versions of the Qwen (Qwen2) and Llama (Llama3) models, as well as the AYA Expanse 8B model, which performed worse when incorporating task description into the prompt. The Mistral 7B model was selected to ensure both smaller and larger counterparts of the same model were represented, specifically as a smaller counterpart to the Mistral Large model.

### H Textual Entailment

As a baseline, we evaluated several fine-tuned models for the Natural Language Inference (NLI) task. The models selected for this purpose include *DeBERTa-v3-large-mnli-fever-anli-ling-wanli*<sup>4</sup> referred to as DeBERTa v3 Large; *mDeBERTa-v3-base-mnli-xnli*<sup>5</sup> referred to as mDeBERTa v3 Base; mDeBERTa-v3-base-xnli-multilingual-nli-2mil7<sup>6</sup> referred to as mDeBERTa v3 Base (2mil7); and *xlm-v-base-mnli-xnli*<sup>7</sup>, referred to as XLM-V Base.

In our experimental setup, each post was considered as the premise and the corresponding factchecked claim as the hypothesis. The models were used to infer the probabilities of three possible relations between the premise and hypothesis: *entailment, contradiction* or *neutral*. We explored textual entailment under two settings. In the first setting, termed as *Entailment* + *Contradiction*, pairs classified as either entailment or contradiction were considered relevant, while neutral predictions were treated as irrelevant. In the second setting, *Entail-*

|                          | Entailme | nt + Contradiction | Entailment |       |  |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|-------|--|
|                          | Og       | En                 | Og         | En    |  |
| DeBERTa v3 Large         | 55.65    | 52.47              | 68.61      | 72.15 |  |
| mDeBERTa v3 Base (2mil7) | 49.02    | 49.58              | 63.75      | 65.56 |  |
| mDeBERTa v3 Base         | 52.33    | 48.30              | 64.65      | 63.13 |  |
| XLM-V Base               | 48.97    | 49.35              | 61.25      | 62.61 |  |

Table 6: Performance of fine-tuned NLI models on the textual entailment task under two evaluation settings. Results are shown for both the original (Og) and English-translated versions of the dataset. The best results are highlighted in **bold**.

*ment*, only entailment-labeled pairs were considered relevant; contradiction and neutral labels were treated as irrelevant.

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Table 6 presents the results obtained for various models across both settings. DeBERTa v3 Large achieved the highest performance, consistently outperforming other fine-tuned NLI models. This model is monolingual and fine-tuned only on English NLI datasets. The second-best performance was observed for mDeBERTa v3 Base, a multilingual model fine-tuned on multilingual NLI data. Based on their best performance, these two models were selected for further comparison in the main part of the study.

## I Additional Results

In this section, we present additional results and findings based on our experiments with LLMs to identify relevant pairs of social media posts and fact-checked claims in both monolingual and crosslingual settings. The overall results with the best combination of the LLM and prompting techniques are illustrated in Figure 15.

The trade-off between TNR and FNR, using the Pareto curve from Figure 9, reveals distinct optimal configurations across LLM sizes and thresholds based on the probabilities of *Yes* and *No* tokens. In practical deployments, **the choice of LLM and prompting strategy impact the balance between correctly identifying irrelevant claims and mistakenly filtering out relevant ones**. The results confirm our previous findings that Mistral Large and Qwen2.5 7B prove to be most effective among LLMs while consistently maintaining an optimal TNR-FNR trade-off across thresholds.

With the release of the highly multilingual Gemma3 model (Team et al., 2025), we extended our original experimental setup to include the largest version of the Gemma3 model, especially the 27B version, using its quantized form. The overall results along with the Gemma3 model are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://huggingface.co/MoritzLaurer/

DeBERTa-v3-large-mnli-fever-anli-ling-wanli

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://huggingface.co/MoritzLaurer/ mDeBERTa-v3-base-mnli-xnli

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://huggingface.co/MoritzLaurer/ mDeBERTa-v3-base-xnli-multilingual-nli-2mil7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>MoritzLaurer/xlm-v-base-mnli-xnli



Figure 9: Visualization of the Pareto-optimal curve, highlighting the best combination of LLM and prompting technique for each threshold. Only Pareto points are shown. *Og* denotes input in the original language, while *En* denotes English translation.



Figure 10: Performance comparison of seven LLMs from the main part + Gemma3 27B across five prompting strategies in the original language, measured by Macro F1 score with confidence intervals. Horizontal lines indicate the best-performing baselines.

shown in Figure 10. Among all the evaluated models, Gemma3 exhibited the lowest average performance. Notably, only a few-shot prompting outperformed the provided baselines. In addition, most 10B- LLMs achieved superior results compared to Gemma3.

Furthermore, extended results for the Gemma3 27B model are included in Tables 9, 10, 11 and 12.

#### I.1 Monolingual Evaluation

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The evaluation of the monolingual performance of 70B+LLMs across languages is shown in Figure 11 and for 10B-LLMs is shown in Figure 12. The results demonstrated that for some languages, the performance is lower than for others, especially languages such as Czech, Hungarian, Polish, and Slovak. This confirms our previous findings that LLMs have lower capabilities in Slavic languages. 1125

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#### I.2 Cross-Lingual Evaluation

Table 13 shows the cross-lingual performance of70B+ LLMs. In addition, the results for modelswith less than 10B parameters are illustrated inFigure 14.

Along with the Macro F1 scores, we also calculated True Negative Rate (TNR) and False Negative Rate (FNR). The results are shown in Table 12.

#### I.3 Translation-based Evaluation

The Pareto curve, see Figure 9, shows a comparison of the efficiency of English translations against original language inputs. For 10B- LLMs, the Llama3.1 8B model demonstrates improved performance and occurs more frequently on the Pareto curve when processing English translations.

#### I.4 Experiments with Optimized Thresholds

Since we store the probabilities of *Yes* and *No* tokens, we conducted experiments to identify the optimal threshold for each combination of models and prompting techniques. This investigation is problematic for CoT and XLT prompting because the final prediction can be anywhere in the predicted response. Therefore, we limited our investigation only to zero-shot and few-shot results, where only the final prediction is generated.

To identify the optimal threshold and the resulting performance, we calculated *Youden's index* and selected the threshold with the highest *Youden's index*. The Macro F1 performance and thresholds are shown in Table 7. The final thresholds demonstrate that most LLMs generated *Yes* tokens with a high probability, which resulted in higher optimal thresholds.

Many of the optimal thresholds are close to 0 or 1, suggesting that the model assigns probabilities near these extremes, resulting in fewer predictions distributed across the intermediate range. A manual review of the predicted probabilities revealed that LLMs, particularly larger ones, often exhibited high confidence in their predictions, frequently assigning a high probability to the predicted class.

## J Error analysis

Table 8 outlines the frequency of output consis-<br/>tency errors across LLMs and prompting tech-<br/>niques when using the original language (Og) or1169English translation (En). The Llama3.1 8B model1171demonstrated significant issues, producing over1172

| Model                   | Zero   | -Shot       | Zero-<br>Task De | Shot +<br>scription | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description |          |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
|                         | Threshold                                      | Macro F1    | Threshold        | Macro F1            | Threshold                      | Macro F1 |  |  |  |  |
| LLMs with more than 70. | LLMs with more than 70B parameters (70B+ LLMs) |             |                  |                     |                                |          |  |  |  |  |
| Mistral Large 123B      | 0.99   | 0.76        | 1.00             | 0.84                | 0.83                           | 0.78     |  |  |  |  |
| C4AI Command R+ 104B    | 0.10   | 0.75        | 0.22             | 0.79                | 0.15                           | 0.73     |  |  |  |  |
| Qwen 2.5 72B Instruct   | 0.55   | 0.71        | 1.00             | 0.78                | 0.30                           | 0.79     |  |  |  |  |
| Llama 3.1 70B Instruct  | 0.78   | 0.72        | 0.87             | 0.76                | 0.08                           | 0.62     |  |  |  |  |
| LLMs with less than 10B | parameters                                     | (10B- LLMs) |                  |                     |                                |          |  |  |  |  |
| Llama 3.1 8B Instruct   | 0.94   | 0.64        | 0.61             | 0.73                | 0.60                           | 0.48     |  |  |  |  |
| Qwen 2.5 7 B Instruct   | 0.05   | 0.61        | 0.00             | 0.73                | 0.00                           | 0.73     |  |  |  |  |
| Mistral v3 7B           | 0.75   | 0.63        | 0.84             | 0.64                | 0.73                           | 0.55     |  |  |  |  |

Table 7: The Macro F1 performance of LLMs based on optimal thresholds calculated using Youden's index.

| Model                  | Prompting technique | Incorrect<br>language | Repeating sequences | Refusal  |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|
|                        | CoT (Og)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
| Mistral Large 123B     | CoT (En)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
|                        | XLT (Og)            | 0                     | 16                  | 0        |
|                        | CoT (Og)            | 3                     | 0                   | 0        |
| C4AI Command R+        | CoT (En)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
|                        | XLT (Og)            | 0                     | 4                   | 0        |
|                        | CoT (Og)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
| Qwen2.5 72B Instruct   | CoT (En)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
|                        | XLT (Og)            | 8                     | 11                  | 0        |
|                        | CoT (Og)            | 5970                  | 0                   | 0        |
| Llama 3.1 70B Instruct | CoT (En)            | 1                     | 2                   | 0        |
|                        | XLT (Og)            | 20                    | <u>33</u>           | 0        |
|                        | CoT (Og)            | 4556                  | 215                 | 1        |
| Llama 3.1 8B Instruct  | CoT (En)            | 0                     | 5                   | 3        |
|                        | XLT (Og)            | 11                    | 0                   | <u>1</u> |
|                        | CoT (Og)            | 7                     | 1                   | 0        |
| Qwen2.5 7B Instruct    | CoT (En)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
|                        | XLT (Og)            | 2                     | 1                   | 0        |
|                        | CoT (Og)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
| Mistral 7B v3          | CoT (En)            | 0                     | 0                   | 0        |
|                        | XLT (Og)            | 23                    | 0                   | 0        |

Table 8: Summary of the frequency of output consistency errors across different LLMs and prompting techniques. The Llama3.1 models exhibited the highest number of such errors.

4,500 outputs in the incorrect language and more than 200 outputs containing repeating sequences.

For incorrect language errors, we identified the most problematic languages for specific LLMs. The Llama3.1 70B model, when using CoT prompting, struggled the most with French  $(733 \times)$ , German (607 $\times$ ), or Serbo-Croatian (498 $\times$ ). In contrast, the Llama3.1 8B model encountered the most errors with Polish (568 $\times$ ), Czech (481 $\times$ ), or Dutch  $(406 \times)$ . Additionally, other models exhibited most of the errors in generating outputs for the Burmese language.

#### **Output Consistency Errors Examples J.1** 1185

#### J.1.1 Example #1 - Incorrect Language 1186

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Post (En): The senseless dying in Ukraine to save George Soros' billions and US interests continues. Apparently the actual number of deaths on

the Ukrainian side is much larger than admitted. In 1190 order to be able to resist the Russians at all, women 1191 are now also being conscripted. It is irrelevant 1192 whether they are mothers with children. That could 1193 surpass the cruelty of the dictators in World War II 1194 Fact-check (En): A video showing how the 1195 Ukrainian army prepared a fake massacre in 1196 Boutcha inadvertently leaked to the media. 1197 1198

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### Ground truth relevance: No

Model: Llama3.1 70B using CoT prompting Generated response: Pour évaluer la pertinence du claim par rapport au post, nous devons analyser les éléments clés de chaque texte.

Le claim parle d'une vidéo montrant l'armée ukrainienne préparant un faux massacre à Boutcha, diffusée par inadvertance dans les médias. Cela implique que le claim est lié à une accusation de manipulation de l'information ou de propagande de guerre.

Le post, en revanche, parle de la situation en Ukraine, en mentionnant les morts, l'implication de George Soros et des Etats-Unis, ainsi que la mobilisation des femmes, y compris les mères avec des enfants, pour résister aux Russes. Le post se concentre sur la critique de la situation en Ukraine et de ses acteurs, mais n'aborde pas spécifiquement sur des accusations de manipulation de l'information ou de propagande de guerre.

En comparant les deux textes, nous pouvons conclure que le claim n'est pas directement lié au post, car il ne traite pas des mêmes thèmes ou des mêmes événements. Le post se concentre sur la situation en Ukraine et ses implications politiques, tandis que le claim parle d'une accusation spécifique de manipulation de l'information.

Answer: No

### J.1.2 Example #2 - Repeating Sequence

Post: (1) First batch of GZ boys military training graduation ceremony GZ children are happy like smiles It's just like that Norse and Karen girls I started to surround GZ Run away GZ ARMY KIA/KNU responsibility Thank you Nosy short girls from the forest/mountains Pick flowers and give flowers gave I always keep the words of heroes in my heart We are Federal ARMY in Myanmar Country WeLoveWeRace GZ guys crd.

Fact-check: "China is right" it's bad to send clothes "bundles of used clothes used by people" Those who have died from the virus

# Ground truth relevance: No

Model: Mistral Large using XLT prompting

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| the debunked claim focuses on hos-<br>while the social media post focuses<br>specific setting (a retirement home).<br>oes not mention hospitalizations, and<br>claim does not mention deaths in a<br>me.   |  |
| g these points, while both the de-<br>and the social media post are related<br>fectiveness, they focus on different<br>italizations vs. deaths in a specific<br>vever, the core idea of questioning<br>iveness is present in both.   |  |
| ple #5 - Missing Context   |  |
| A message from a month ago at  |  |
| En): Photo of Dutch protests is cur-   |  |
| <b>a relevance:</b> No<br>Command R+ using <b>CoT</b> prompting<br><b>esponse:</b> Reasoning: The claim and<br>lia post refer to different time frames.<br>Im suggests that the photo is from a<br>he post indicates that the message is<br>ago.   |  |
| ple #6 - Contradiction   |  |
| P THE NURSE vaccinated yesterday<br>and politicians try to hide the truth<br>ly prevent the grieving family from<br>ath out to the whole world. We have<br>at their vaccines are made to KILL<br>TION. All the politicians, MEDIA,<br>are UNFORTUNATE CRIMINALS,<br>n for these vaccines Make crimi-<br>s against organized criminal group of<br>me and genocide, qualified premed-<br>, abuse of office This nurse did kill<br>manlawfully. Was it reckless? Is this<br>ly safe? Jane's Post update you've<br>ou the to share Not much and prob-<br>t you were wanting to hear he will<br>he The questions can an Caucasian |  |
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Generated response: ### Claim and Post in English

\*\*Claim:\*\* "China is indeed evil for sending bundles of used clothing that have been worn by people who died from the virus."

\*\*Post:\*\* "(1) GZ brothers, first news, GZ brothers are like this, they are like this, they are like this, the Karen brothers are like this, GZ brothers are like this, they are like this, ...

# J.1.3 Example #3 - Refusal

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Post (En): : \*This woman keeps a newspaper from 2011 which says "to reduce the world's population, it will be forced by means of vaccination"\* It's true that I said what I've shared about bill gates.. just the video. Still save

Fact-check (En): Video "Jews are lying to the world as if they were in a vaccine when they are not"

Ground truth relevance: No

Model: Llama3.1 8B using CoT prompting Generated response: I cannot generate content that promotes hate speech. Is there anything else I can help you with?

# J.2 Reasoning Errors Examples

#### J.2.1 Example #4 - Similar Topic

Post (En): Brief info from a friend who works in a retirement home (Graz)! 75 were vaccinated! 9 are still alive! Short info from a friend who works in a retirement home (Graz)! 75 were vaccinated! 9 still alive!

Fact-check (En): 70% of people hospitalized because of Covid-19 are fully vaccinated, proof that the vaccine does not work.

Ground truth relevance: No

Model: Llama3.1 70B using CoT prompting

Generated response: To assess the relevance of the debunked claim to the social media post, let's break down the information provided.

1. The debunked claim states that 70% of people hospitalized due to Covid-19 are fully vaccinated, which is used to argue that the vaccine does not work. This claim is about the effectiveness of the vaccine in preventing hospitalizations.

2. The social media post shares information from a friend who works in a retirement home in Graz. It mentions that 75 residents were vaccinated, and 9 are still alive. This post appears to be making

a claim about the vaccine's effectiveness in preventing deaths, specifically in a retirement home setting.

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# J.2.2 Exam

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Answer: Ye

# J.2.3 Exam

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female Time of proximately to 10 hours he thanks 1341 all of you for your condolences so bad Me too. 1342 My mom doesn't want her name released to the 1343 public. They're going to do an to us within 48 1344 hours. She wanted to be cremated so we're do-1345 ing a small family ceremony. Il keep you updated 1346 but it seems my family doesn't want the publicity 1347 or her name remembered like that. Conectează-1348 te Ninnyd Waiting 4 t... 10 h Sadly I'm hearing 1349 the nurse who collapsed who took the vaccine has 1350 since passed away, it seems social media is trying 1351 to stop the family from speaking out, yet they are 1352 trying to non the less to warn people, I hope this 1353 is wrong but from what I've seen it looks to be 1354 true. RIP HET US KNOW ENE BUTopay reauna 1355 curtir sure they'll say it wasn't vaccine related in 1356 the The questions I can answer are Age: 42, Caucasian female. Time of death approximately 8 to 1358 10 hours after vaccine Înregistrează-te She thanks 1359 all of you for your condolences. so bad This nurse did her colle maiatulty, whitvélang Is this injec-1361 tion really sale Me too. My mom doesn't want her name released to the public. They're going to do an 1363 autopsy and release her body to us within 48 hours. 1364 She wanted to be cremated so we're doing a small 1365 family ceremonukeen vuundated Poti răspunde la această conversație Ninnyd Waiting 4 ... 20 m 1367

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Ground truth relevance: No

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**Model:** Mistral 7B with **CoT** prompting with **English** translations

**Generated response:** The social media post is expressing condolences for a nurse who died after receiving a vaccine, and questioning the safety of the vaccine. The debunked claim is that spike proteins in Covid-19 mRNA vaccines are toxic.

While the post does not explicitly mention spike proteins, it does question the safety of the vaccine, which is a common concern raised in relation to the debunked claim. Therefore, it is possible to infer that the debunked claim about spike proteins being toxic could be relevant to the post.

However, it is important to note that the post does not provide evidence to support the claim that the vaccine caused the nurse's death. The claim that the vaccine is made to kill people is not supported by any evidence and is a conspiracy theory.

Answer: Yes, but with a significant caveat that the claim is not supported by evidence presented in the post.



Figure 11: Monolingual performance evaluation of 70B+ LLMs across individual languages (except those from Figure 5) for different prompting strategies. ZS denotes Zero-Shot, and FS denotes Few-Shot prompting.



Figure 12: Monolingual performance evaluation of 10B- LLMs across individual languages for different prompting strategies. ZS denotes Zero-Shot, and FS denotes Few-Shot prompting.



Figure 13: Cross-lingual performance evaluation of 70B+ LLMs across 20 language pairs for different prompting strategies. ZS denotes Zero-Shot, and FS denotes Few-Shot prompting.



Figure 14: Cross-lingual performance evaluation of 10B- LLMs across eight selected language pairs for different prompting strategies. ZS denotes Zero-Shot, and FS denotes Few-Shot prompting.

|                            |            | O                               | riginal                        |       |       |           | English                         |                                |       |  |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--|
| wiodei                     | Zero-Shot  | Zero-Shot +<br>Task Description | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description | CoT   | XLT   | Zero-Shot | Zero-Shot +<br>Task Description | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description | CoT   |  |
| All irrelevant             | 45.64      | 45.64                           | 45.64                          | 45.64 | 45.64 | 45.64     | 45.64                           | 45.64                          | 45.64 |  |
| All relevant               | 13.83      | 13.83                           | 13.83                          | 13.83 | 13.83 | 13.83     | 13.83                           | 13.83                          | 13.83 |  |
| Semantic similarity baseli | ne         |                                 |                                |       |       |           |                                 |                                |       |  |
| Multilingual-E5 Large      | 68.30      | 68.30                           | 68.30                          | 68.30 | 68.30 | 73.46     | 73.46                           | 73.46                          | 73.46 |  |
| GTR-T5 Large               | 60.20      | 60.20                           | 60.20                          | 60.20 | 60.20 | 72.25     | 72.25                           | 72.25                          | 72.25 |  |
| Textual entailment baselin | е          |                                 |                                |       |       |           |                                 |                                |       |  |
| DeBERTa v3 Large           | 68.61      | 68.61                           | 68.61                          | 68.61 | 68.61 | 72.15     | 72.15                           | 72.15                          | 72.15 |  |
| mDeBERTa v3 Base           | 64.65      | 64.65                           | 64.65                          | 64.65 | 64.65 | 63.13     | 63.13                           | 63.13                          | 63.13 |  |
| LLMs with more than 70B    | parameters |                                 |                                |       |       |           |                                 |                                |       |  |
| Mistral Large 123B         | 70.14      | 73.33                           | 81.88                          | 76.12 | 78.73 | 72.04     | 76.45                           | 80.31                          | 76.12 |  |
| C4AI Command R+ 104B       | 76.61      | 82.02                           | 75.83                          | 62.36 | 64.17 | 79.13     | 79.31                           | 78.52                          | 63.07 |  |
| Qwen 2.5 72B Instruct      | 70.94      | 64.05                           | 80.25                          | 71.70 | 70.32 | 73.10     | 66.22                           | 80.32                          | 73.01 |  |
| Llama 3.1 70B Instruct     | 66.78      | 70.43                           | 61.17                          | 72.82 | 75.61 | 68.30     | 71.89                           | 77.10                          | 75.06 |  |
| LLMs with less than 10B p  | oarameters |                                 |                                |       |       |           |                                 |                                |       |  |
| Llama 3.1 8B Instruct      | 48.41      | 70.81                           | 45.05                          | 66.20 | 68.68 | 57.48     | 74.37                           | 61.00                          | 70.92 |  |
| Qwen 2.5 7B Instruct       | 65.57      | 77.99                           | 72.09                          | 78.63 | 67.33 | 65.85     | 79.20                           | 70.01                          | 78.74 |  |
| Mistral v3 7B              | 63.58      | 63.96                           | 56.02                          | 70.68 | 62.95 | 66.84     | 67.79                           | 66.16                          | 70.63 |  |
| Gemma3 Experiments         |            |                                 |                                |       |       |           |                                 |                                |       |  |
| Gemma3 27B                 | 62.66      | 59.93                           | 72.56                          | 55.95 | 50.31 | 59.68     | 60.27                           | 70.77                          | 54.26 |  |

Table 9: The Macro F1 performance across LLMs and prompting techniques for both original language input and English translations. The best performance is highlighted in **bold**, with the overall best performance for each prompting strategy marked in green. Only Llama3.1 8B with few-shot prompting achieved lower performance as the baseline.

| Madal                      |             |                                 | Original                       | English            |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| wiodei                     | Zero-Shot   | Zero-Shot +<br>Task Description | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description | CoT                | XLT                | Zero-Shot   | Zero-Shot +<br>Task Description | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description | CoT                |
| All irrelevant             | 1.00 / 1.00 | 1.00 / 1.00                     | 1.00 / 1.00                    | 1.00 / 1.00        | 1.00 / 1.00        | 1.00 / 1.00 | 1.00 / 1.00                     | 1.00 / 1.00                    | 1.00 / 1.00        |
| All relevant               | 0.00 / 0.00 | 0.00 / 0.00                     | 0.00 / 0.00                    | 0.00 / 0.00        | 0.00 / 0.00        | 0.00 / 0.00 | 0.00 / 0.00                     | 0.00 / 0.00                    | 0.00 / 0.00        |
| Semantic similarity baseli | ne          |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Multilingual-E5 Large      | 0.81/0.34   | 0.81 / 0.34                     | 0.81 / 0.34                    | 0.81 / 0.34        | 0.81 / 0.34        | 0.84 / 0.26 | 0.84 / 0.26                     | 0.84 / 0.26                    | 0.84 / 0.26        |
| GTR-T5 Large               | 0.74 / 0.42 | 0.74 / 0.42                     | 0.74 / 0.42                    | 0.74 / 0.42        | 0.74 / 0.42        | 0.81/0.20   | 0.81 / 0.20                     | 0.81 / 0.20                    | 0.81 / 0.20        |
| Textual entailment baselin | e           |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| DeBERTa v3 Large           | 0.97 / 0.66 | 0.97 / 0.66                     | 0.97 / 0.66                    | 0.97 / 0.66        | 0.97 / 0.66        | 0.98 / 0.63 | 0.98 / 0.63                     | 0.98 / 0.63                    | 0.98 / 0.63        |
| mDeBERTa v3 Base           | 0.98 / 0.75 | 0.98 / 0.75                     | 0.98 / 0.75                    | 0.98 / 0.75        | 0.98 / 0.75        | 0.99 / 0.79 | 0.99 / 0.79                     | 0.99 / 0.79                    | 0.99 / 0.79        |
| LLMs with more than 70B    | parameters  |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Mistral Large 123B         | 0.73 / 0.04 | 0.77 / 0.04                     | 0.91 / 0.19                    | 0.80 / 0.05        | 0.85 / 0.10        | 0.76 / 0.06 | 0.80 / 0.05                     | 0.87 / <b>0.13</b>             | <b>0.81</b> / 0.07 |
| C4AI Command R+ 104B       | 0.97 / 0.51 | 0.91 / 0.21                     | 0.95 / 0.48                    | 0.63 / 0.06        | 0.64 / <b>0.03</b> | 0.95 / 0.39 | 0.86 / 0.12                     | 0.89 / 0.24                    | 0.63 / <b>0.06</b> |
| Qwen 2.5 72B Instruct      | 0.77/0.15   | 0.64 / 0.02                     | 0.88 / <b>0.14</b>             | 0.75 / <b>0.05</b> | 0.74 / 0.06        | 0.84 / 0.27 | 0.67 / <b>0.03</b>              | 0.88 / 0.15                    | 0.77 / <b>0.06</b> |
| Llama 3.1 70B Instruct     | 0.70 / 0.09 | 0.73 / 0.05                     | <b>0.97</b> / 0.79             | 0.79 / 0.13        | 0.84 / 0.18        | 0.72/0.10   | 0.75 / 0.06                     | <b>0.94</b> / 0.42             | <b>0.81</b> / 0.12 |
| LLMs with less than 10B    | oarameters  |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Llama 3.1 8B Instruct      | 0.42 / 0.06 | 0.77 / <b>0.13</b>              | 0.45 / <b>0.31</b>             | 0.72 / <b>0.17</b> | 0.78 / 0.23        | 0.58 / 0.14 | 0.82 / <b>0.17</b>              | 0.67 / <b>0.25</b>             | 0.80 / 0.21        |
| Qwen 2.5 7B Instruct       | 0.78 / 0.36 | <b>0.90</b> / 0.27              | <b>0.96</b> / 0.58             | <b>0.90</b> / 0.27 | 0.75 / <b>0.21</b> | 0.91 / 0.62 | 0.92 / 0.31                     | <b>0.95</b> / 0.60             | <b>0.91</b> / 0.29 |
| Mistral v3 7B              | 0.73 / 0.30 | 0.70/0.21                       | 0.68 / 0.44                    | 0.83 / 0.31        | 0.75 / 0.35        | 0.84 / 0.45 | 0.76 / 0.22                     | 0.83 / 0.44                    | 0.80 / 0.23        |
| Gemma3 Experiments         |             |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Gemma3 27B                 | 0.62 / 0.04 | 0.58 / 0.02                     | 0.81 / 0.19                    | 0.52 / 0.01        | 0.44 / 0.01        | 0.58 / 0.04 | 0.58 / 0.02                     | 0.77 / 0.15                    | 0.49 / 0.01        |

Table 10: The capabilities of LLMs in filtering irrelevant and relevant pairs using TNR (higher is better) and FNR (lower is better) metrics. Each cell is presented as *TNR / FNR*, with the highest TNR and lowest FNR **bolded** for each prompting technique within each model category. C4AI Command R+ and Llama3.1 70B achieved the highest true negative rate, while Qwen2.5 72B achieved the lowest false negative rate.

|                           |              |                                 | Original                       |                    |                    | English     |                                 |                                |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Model                     | Zero-Shot    | Zero-Shot +<br>Task Description | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description | CoT                | XLT                | Zero-Shot   | Zero-Shot +<br>Task Description | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description | CoT                |
| All irrelevant            | 0.00 / 0.00  | 0.00 / 0.00                     | 0.00 / 0.00                    | 0.00 / 0.00        | 0.00 / 0.00        | 0.00 / 0.00 | 0.00 / 0.00                     | 0.00 / 0.00                    | 0.00 / 0.00        |
| All relevant              | 1.00 / 1.00  | 1.00 / 1.00                     | 1.00 / 1.00                    | 1.00 / 1.00        | 1.00 / 1.00        | 1.00 / 1.00 | 1.00 / 1.00                     | 1.00 / 1.00                    | 1.00 / 1.00        |
| Semantic similarity basel | line         |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Multilingual E5 Large     | 0.66 / 0.19  | 0.66 / 0.19                     | 0.66 / 0.19                    | 0.66 / 0.19        | 0.66 / 0.19        | 0.74/0.16   | 0.74 / 0.16                     | 0.74 / 0.16                    | 0.74 / 0.16        |
| GTR-T5 Large              | 0.58 / 0.26  | 0.58 / 0.26                     | 0.58 / 0.26                    | 0.58 / 0.26        | 0.58 / 0.26        | 0.80/0.19   | 0.80 / 0.19                     | 0.80 / 0.19                    | 0.80/0.19          |
| Textual entailment baseli | ne           |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| DeBERTa v3 Large          | 0.34 / 0.03  | 0.34 / 0.03                     | 0.34 / 0.03                    | 0.34 / 0.03        | 0.34 / 0.03        | 0.37 / 0.02 | 0.37 / 0.02                     | 0.37 / 0.02                    | 0.37 / 0.02        |
| mDeBERTa v3 Base          | 0.25 / 0.02  | 0.25 / 0.02                     | 0.25 / 0.02                    | 0.25 / 0.02        | 0.25 / 0.02        | 0.21 / 0.01 | 0.21 / 0.01                     | 0.21 / 0.01                    | 0.21 / 0.01        |
| LLMs with more than 70    | B parameters |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Mistral Large 123B        | 0.96 / 0.27  | 0.96 / 0.23                     | 0.81 / 0.09                    | 0.95 / 0.20        | 0.90 / <b>0.15</b> | 0.94 / 0.24 | 0.95 / 0.20                     | 0.87 / 0.13                    | 0.93 / <b>0.19</b> |
| C4AI Command R+ 104B      | 0.49 / 0.03  | 0.79 / <b>0.09</b>              | 0.52 / 0.05                    | <b>0.94</b> / 0.37 | <b>0.97</b> / 0.36 | 0.61 / 0.05 | 0.88 / <b>0.14</b>              | 0.76 / <b>0.11</b>             | <b>0.94</b> / 0.37 |
| Qwen2.5 72B Instruct      | 0.85/0.23    | 0.98 / 0.36                     | 0.86 / 0.12                    | 0.95 / 0.25        | 0.94 / 0.26        | 0.73/0.16   | 0.97 / 0.33                     | 0.85 / 0.12                    | 0.94 / 0.23        |
| Llama3.1 70B Instruct     | 0.91 / 0.30  | 0.95 / 0.27                     | 0.21 / 0.03                    | 0.87 / 0.21        | 0.82 / 0.16        | 0.90 / 0.28 | 0.94 / 0.25                     | 0.58 / 0.06                    | 0.88 / <b>0.19</b> |
| LLMs with less than 10B   | parameters   |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Llama3.1 8B Instruct      | 0.94 / 0.58  | 0.87 / 0.23                     | 0.69 / 0.55                    | 0.83 / 0.28        | 0.77 / 0.22        | 0.86 / 0.42 | <b>0.83</b> / 0.18              | 0.75 / 0.33                    | 0.79 / 0.20        |
| Qwen2.5 7B Instruct       | 0.64 / 0.22  | 0.73 / 0.10                     | 0.42 / 0.04                    | 0.73 / <b>0.10</b> | 0.79 / 0.25        | 0.38 / 0.09 | 0.69 / <b>0.08</b>              | 0.40 / 0.05                    | 0.71 / <b>0.09</b> |
| Mistral v3 7B             | 0.70/0.27    | 0.79 / 0.30                     | 0.56 / 0.32                    | 0.69/0.17          | 0.65 / 0.25        | 0.55 / 0.16 | 0.78 / 0.24                     | 0.56 / 0.17                    | 0.77 / 0.20        |
| Gemma3 Experiments        |              |                                 |                                |                    |                    |             |                                 |                                |                    |
| Gemma3 27B                | 0.96 / 0.38  | 0.98 / 0.42                     | 0.81 / 0.19                    | 0.99 / 0.48        | 0.99 / 0.56        | 0.96 / 0.42 | 0.98 / 0.42                     | 0.85 / 0.23                    | 0.99 / 0.51        |

Table 11: The comparison of True positive rate (TPR, higher is better) and False positive rate (FPR, lower is better) metrics for each prompting technique. Each cell is presented as *TPR / FPR*, with the highest TPR and lowest FPR **bolded** for each prompting technique within each model category.

| Model                              | Version | Zero-Shot          |                    | Zero-Shot +<br>Task Description |                    | Few-Shot +<br>Task Description |                    | СоТ                |                    | XLT         |                    |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                                    |         | Mono               | Cross              | Mono                            | Cross              | Mono                           | Cross              | Mono               | Cross              | Mono        | Cross              |
| Semantic similarity baseli         | ne      | ·                  |                    | ·                               |                    |                                |                    |                    |                    |             |                    |
| Multilingual-E5 Large              | Og      | 0.64 / 0.13        | 0.97 / 0.72        | 0.64 / 0.13                     | 0.97 / 0.72        | 0.64 / 0.13                    | 0.97 / 0.72        | 0.64 / 0.13        | 0.97 / 0.72        | 0.64 / 0.13 | 0.97 / 0.72        |
|                                    | En      | 0.87 / 0.27        | 0.82/0.24          | 0.87 / 0.27                     | 0.82 / 0.24        | 0.87 / 0.27                    | 0.82/0.24          | 0.87 / 0.27        | 0.82 / 0.24        | 0.87 / 0.27 | 0.82/0.24          |
| GTR-T5 Large                       | Og      | 0.50/0.20          | 0.96 / 0.82        | 0.50/0.20                       | 0.96 / 0.82        | 0.50/0.20                      | 0.96 / 0.82        | 0.50 / 0.20        | 0.96 / 0.82        | 0.50/0.20   | 0.96 / 0.82        |
|                                    | En      | 0.82 / 0.20        | 0.80/0.20          | 0.82 / 0.20                     | 0.80 / 0.20        | 0.82 / 0.20                    | 0.80/0.20          | 0.82 / 0.20        | 0.80 / 0.20        | 0.82 / 0.20 | 0.80/0.20          |
| Textual entailment baseline        |         |                    |                    |                                 |                    |                                |                    |                    |                    |             |                    |
| DeBERTav3 Large                    | Og      | 0.96 / 0.61        | 0.97 / 0.75        | 0.96 / 0.61                     | 0.97 / 0.75        | 0.96 / 0.61                    | 0.97 / 0.75        | 0.96 / 0.61        | 0.97 / 0.75        | 0.96 / 0.61 | 0.97 / 0.75        |
|                                    | En      | 0.98 / 0.59        | 0.98 / 0.70        | 0.98 / 0.59                     | 0.98 / 0.70        | 0.98 / 0.59                    | 0.98 / 0.70        | 0.98 / 0.59        | 0.98 / 0.70        | 0.98 / 0.59 | 0.98 / 0.70        |
| mDeBERTa v3 Base                   | Og      | 0.97 / 0.69        | 0.98 / 0.84        | 0.97 / 0.69                     | 0.98 / 0.84        | 0.97 / 0.69                    | 0.98 / 0.84        | 0.97 / 0.69        | 0.98 / 0.84        | 0.97 / 0.69 | 0.98 / 0.84        |
|                                    | En      | 0.99 / 0.75        | 0.99 / 0.86        | 0.99 / 0.75                     | 0.99 / 0.86        | 0.99 / 0.75                    | 0.99 / 0.86        | 0.99 / 0.75        | 0.99 / 0.86        | 0.99 / 0.75 | 0.99 / 0.86        |
| LLMs with more than 70B parameters |         |                    |                    |                                 |                    |                                |                    |                    |                    |             |                    |
| Mistral Large 123B                 | Og      | 0.71 / 0.04        | 0.74 / <b>0.03</b> | 0.73 / 0.04                     | 0.79 / 0.04        | 0.89 / 0.19                    | 0.91/0.18          | 0.81 / 0.05        | 0.80 / 0.05        | 0.86 / 0.11 | 0.84 / 0.09        |
|                                    | En      | 0.76 / <u>0.06</u> | 0.75 / <u>0.06</u> | 0.81/0.05                       | 0.80 / 0.03        | 0.87 / <u>0.14</u>             | 0.88 / <u>0.10</u> | 0.81 / 0.07        | <u>0.81</u> / 0.06 | -           | -                  |
| C4AI Command R+ 104B               | Og      | 0.96 / 0.42        | <b>0.98</b> / 0.66 | 0.89 / 0.15                     | 0.94 / 0.32        | 0.95 / 0.47                    | 0.95 / 0.50        | 0.61 / <b>0.05</b> | 0.64 / 0.07        | 0.62 / 0.03 | 0.67 / <b>0.03</b> |
|                                    | En      | 0.94 / 0.38        | <u>0.95</u> / 0.40 | 0.86 / 0.13                     | <u>0.86</u> / 0.12 | 0.89 / 0.23                    | 0.89 / 0.26        | 0.63 / 0.06        | 0.64 / 0.05        | -           | -                  |
| Qwen 2.5 72B Instruct              | Og      | 0.72/0.12          | 0.82 / 0.20        | 0.62 / 0.02                     | 0.65 / <b>0.01</b> | 0.87 / <b>0.15</b>             | 0.88 / <b>0.12</b> | 0.75 / <u>0.06</u> | 0.75 / <b>0.03</b> | 0.73 / 0.07 | 0.75 / 0.05        |
|                                    | En      | 0.84 / 0.24        | 0.84 / 0.32        | 0.67 / <u>0.03</u>              | 0.67 / <u>0.02</u> | 0.87 / 0.15                    | 0.89/0.16          | 0.78 / 0.07        | 0.76 / <u>0.04</u> | -           | -                  |
| Llama 3.1 70B Instruct             | Og      | 0.70/0.09          | 0.70 / 0.09        | 0.71/0.06                       | 0.75 / 0.04        | <b>0.97</b> / 0.79             | <b>0.98</b> / 0.80 | 0.79 / 0.14        | 0.79 / 0.12        | 0.83/0.17   | 0.84 / 0.20        |
|                                    | En      | 0.73/0.11          | 0.72 / 0.09        | 0.76 / 0.07                     | 0.75 / 0.05        | <u>0.94</u> / 0.44             | <u>0.94</u> / 0.38 | <u>0.82</u> / 0.12 | <u>0.81</u> / 0.12 | -           | -                  |
| LLMs with less than 10B parameters |         |                    |                    |                                 |                    |                                |                    |                    |                    |             |                    |
| Llama 3.1 8B Instruct              | Og      | 0.38 / 0.07        | 0.46 / <b>0.04</b> | 0.73 / 0.13                     | 0.80 / <b>0.13</b> | 0.47 / 0.35                    | 0.44 / <b>0.24</b> | 0.71 / <b>0.16</b> | 0.73 / <b>0.18</b> | 0.78 / 0.23 | 0.77 / <b>0.24</b> |
|                                    | En      | 0.58 / 0.13        | 0.59 / 0.15        | 0.82 / 0.17                     | 0.83 / 0.17        | 0.68 / 0.24                    | 0.67 / <u>0.25</u> | 0.80 / <u>0.20</u> | 0.79 / <u>0.23</u> | -           | -                  |
| Qwen 2.5 7B Instruct               | Og      | 0.73 / 0.32        | <b>0.83</b> / 0.43 | 0.89 / 0.24                     | <b>0.91</b> / 0.33 | <b>0.96</b> / 0.60             | <b>0.96</b> / 0.56 | 0.90 / 0.26        | <b>0.90</b> / 0.30 | 0.70 / 0.20 | 0.80 / 0.24        |
|                                    | En      | 0.92 / 0.61        | <u>0.91</u> / 0.63 | <u>0.92</u> / 0.30              | <u>0.92</u> / 0.32 | 0.94 / 0.61                    | <u>0.95</u> / 0.56 | <u>0.91</u> / 0.28 | <u>0.91</u> / 0.32 | -           | -                  |
| Mistral v3 7B                      | Og      | 0.72/0.30          | 0.75/0.30          | 0.68 / 0.18                     | 0.73 / 0.27        | 0.67 / 0.43                    | 0.69/0.45          | 0.83 / 0.31        | 0.83 / 0.30        | 0.74 / 0.33 | 0.75 / 0.38        |
|                                    | En      | 0.84 / 0.44        | 0.84 / 0.46        | 0.77 / 0.22                     | 0.76 / 0.23        | 0.84 / 0.44                    | 0.82/0.43          | 0.81 / 0.22        | 0.79 / 0.24        | -           | -                  |
| Gemma3 Experiments                 |         |                    |                    |                                 |                    |                                |                    |                    |                    |             |                    |
| Gemma3 27B                         | Og      | 0.59/0.04          | 0.65 / 0.04        | 0.55/0.02                       | 0.60 / 0.01        | 0.79/0.18                      | 0.83/0.21          | 0.48 / 0.01        | 0.55 / 0.01        | 0.39/0.01   | 0.47 / 0.01        |
|                                    | En      | 0.58 / 0.04        | 0.58 / 0.04        | 0.58 / 0.02                     | 0.58 / 0.01        | 0.77 / 0.16                    | 0.77 / 0.12        | 0.47 / 0.01        | 0.51 / 0.01        | -           | -                  |

Table 12: The comparison of TNR (higher is better) and FNR (lower is better) metrics for each prompting technique in monolingual and cross-lingual settings. The best results (highest TNR and lowest FNR) for the original language are **bolded**, and English translations are <u>underlined</u> for each category of LLMs (10B- vs. 70B+).



Figure 15: Overall analysis of LLMs with prompting techniques for each language, sorted by Macro F1 score in descending order. Mistral Large performed the best for 10 out of 20 languages using few-shot and XLT prompting.