Task Oriented In-Domain Data Augmentation

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Abstract

Large Language Models (LLMs) have shown 002 superior performance in various applications and fields. To achieve better performance on specialized domains such as law and advertisement, LLMs are often continue pre-trained on 006 in-domain data. However, existing approaches suffer from two major issues. First, in-domain 007 data are scarce compared with general domainagnostic data. Second, data used for continual pre-training are not task-aware, such that they 011 may not be helpful to downstream applications. We propose TRAIT, a task-oriented in-domain data augmentation framework. Our framework 013 is divided into two parts: in-domain data selec-015 tion and task-oriented synthetic passage generation. The data selection strategy identifies and selects a large amount of in-domain data 017 from general corpora, and thus significantly 019 enriches domain knowledge in the continual pre-training data. The synthetic passages contain guidance on how to use domain knowledge to answer questions about downstream tasks. By training on such passages, the model aligns with the need of downstream applications. We adapt LLMs to two domains: advertisement and math. On average, TRAIT improves LLM 027 performance by 8% in the advertisement domain and 7.5% in the math domain.

1 Introduction

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Large language models (LLMs) have achieved significant performance improvements in various applications such as language modeling (Brown et al., 2020; Touvron et al., 2023; Chowdhery et al., 2023) and visual understanding (Radford et al., 2021). They have also shown superior performance in fields such as finance (Xie et al., 2023b), e-commerce (Ma et al., 2023) and healthcare (Bakhshandeh, 2023). However, the models are usually trained on a large amount of general domain-agnostic data, such as web corpora. Because of the lack of domain-specific training, LLMs suffer from subpar performance when directly applied to certain domains such as advertisement.

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To adapt LLMs to a specific domain, continual pre-training methods (Gururangan et al., 2020) are commonly applied. In particular, the LLM is continual pre-trained on in-domain corpora, such that it can acquire domain knowledge and better adapt to downstream tasks. Existing works (Cheng et al., 2023) have shown that such a technique drastically improves performance of LLMs on domains such as law and bio-medicine.

There are two major issues when continual pretraining LLMs. First, in-domain data are scarce. LLMs are pre-trained on large domain-agnostic corpora. For example, the web corpus used for pre-training contains more than ten trillion tokens. However, domain-specific data are magnitudes smaller, i.e., the ads in-domain corpus in our experiments contains only several billion tokens. Such a data scarcity issue significantly hinders model performance after continual pre-training.

Second, in-domain data used for continual pretraining are not task-oriented. Many existing works (Achiam et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2024; Shao et al., 2024) focus on generating or selecting in-domain data without considering the downstream tasks. That is, the continual pretraining data are often passages that describe keywords/concepts of the target domain, which are generated or selected without considering whether the passages benefit downstream tasks.

We propose TRAIT (<u>T</u>ask o<u>R</u>iented in-dom<u>AI</u>n data augmen<u>T</u>ation), a data augmentation framework driven by downstream tasks of the domain. The framework is divided into two parts. First, to address the data scarcity issue of in-domain corpora, we propose a data selection strategy. The proposed algorithm identifies in-domain data from general corpora, and also applies a quality filter to ensure that the selected data have high educational value (Gunasekar et al., 2023). In practice,

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the amount of selected data is magnitudes larger than the in-domain dataset. For example, for the advertisement applications, the in-domain dataset contains about 1B tokens, and TRAIT selects an additional 15B tokens from web corpora.

Second, we propose a task-oriented synthetic passage generation guideline. Specifically, each generated passage contains multiple problems, where each problem comes from a different downstream task from the domain. Then, for each problem, TRAIT generates a problem-specific paragraph that suggests possible answers to the problem. Additionally, the synthetic passage also contains an *enlightenment paragraph*. This paragraph focuses on relationships among problems in the passage, including common and individual characteristics that are used to generate answers. Intuitively, the problem-specific paragraphs teach the model how to use techniques to solve a particular problem. And the enlightenment paragraph teaches the model common and unique aspects of all problems in the domain.

To fully exploit the power of TRAIT, we employ a two-stage training strategy for continual pretraining. In the first stage, the model is trained with in-domain data, including both the original in-domain corpora and the selected data. In this stage, the model adapts to the domain by learning domain knowledge. Then, in the second stage, the model is trained with the task-oriented passages. During this stage, the model learns how to use domain knowledge to solve problems, such that it better aligns with the need of downstream tasks.

We conduct extensive experiments by adapting LLMs to two domains: advertisement and math. For the advertisement domain we consider 7 downstream tasks, and TRAIT improves existing continual pre-training methods by 6.5% average score, while improving the base LLM (without continual pre-training) by 8%. For the math domain we consider 9 downstream tasks, where TRAIT outperforms the baseline by 5.5% average score and outperforms the base LLM by 7.5%. For the challenging MATH task in the math domain, TRAIT outperforms the base LLM by over 15%.

2 Method

2.1 Overview

We propose TRAIT, a data augmentation framework with two components. First, we propose a data selection strategy to select in-domain data from general corpus. In this way, we can significantly enlarge the domain-specific training data, such that the data contain more domain knowledge compared with the original small in-domain corpus. Second, we propose a guideline to generate task-oriented passages from in-domain data. The synthetic passages focus on using domain knowledge to solve the given tasks. 133

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We use both the in-domain data and the synthetic passages to continual pre-train LLMs. Specifically, we first train the model on in-domain data, such that the model can learn more domain knowledge. Then, we train the model on the task-oriented synthetic passages. During this stage, the model learns to solve downstream tasks using the acquired domain knowledge. The proposed data augmentation framework and training strategy can drastically improve model performance by adapting LLMs to specific domains.

2.2 In-Domain Data Selection

In practice, the size of general corpus is orders of magnitude larger than domain-specific corpus. For example, the ads domain corpus contains about 1B tokens in our experiments, while the general web corpus contains trillions of tokens. To alleviate such a data scarcity issue, we propose to select in-domain data from general corpus.

We train a FastText (Joulin et al., 2017) classifier to identify in-domain data from large amount of domain agnostic data. Specifically, to train the FastText classifier, we select a certain number of in-domain data as positive samples and the same amount of out-of-domain data as negative samples. The trained binary classifier is then used to select in-domain data from the general corpus (e.g., the web corpus).

We apply a filter to ensure that the in-domain data (both the original in-domain corpus and the selected data) have high educational value (Gunasekar et al., 2023). In this way, we can boost the quality of the filtered in-domain data, which in turn improves performance of the models.

The proposed data selection strategy has two benefits. First, it can significantly enrich in-domain data. In practice, the amount of selected data is magnitudes larger than the in-domain dataset. For example, the original ads domain corpus contains about 1B tokens in our experiments, and we select an additional 15B tokens from the web corpus (after selection and filtering). Second, the data selection strategy enables *replay* (Ibrahim et al.,



Figure 1: An example of a task-oriented synthetic passage on the ads domain. Left: two downstream tasks (Query Rewriting and Query-LandingPage Relevance) and inputs. Right: the structure of the generated passage, including two problem-specific paragraphs and an *enlightenment* paragraph.

2024), such that generality of LLMs is largely kept after continual pre-training (see Table 5 for experiments). In more details, for a specific LLM, replay happens when the continual pre-training data contain a certain amount of pre-training data (e.g., the web corpus). It has been observed that replay is crucial to keep LLM's generality (e.g., instruction following) after training.

2.3 Synthetic Data Generation

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To adapt LLMs to a specific domain, we first train the model on in-domain data, such that the model can acquire domain knowledge. Another key aspect crucial to model performance is the model's ability to use such knowledge to solve downstream tasks. To address this issue, we propose a guideline to generate task-oriented synthetic passages. In this way, the model is aware of downstream tasks during continual pre-training, and thus model performance can be significantly improved. In the next section, we describe how to generate the taskoriented passages in detail.

3 Task-Oriented Passage Generation

3.1 Guideline

The goal of the synthetic passages is to describe how to solve downstream tasks using domain knowledge. In TRAIT, each synthetic passage describes the common and individual characteristics of all downstream tasks in a domain. This resembles human learning: we learn how to solve individual problems, as well as common knowledge that can be applied to all problems. We propose a guideline to generate task-oriented synthetic passages:

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- We build each passage using several problems, where each problem comes from a different downstream task.
- Within a passage, for each problem we generate a problem-specific paragraph that suggests possible answers to the problem. Different prompts are used to generate paragraphs for different tasks, while the same prompt is used for problems from the same task.
- ◇ For each passage, we generate an *enlight-enment paragraph*. This paragraph emphasizes relationships among problems, including shared and individual characteristics that are used to generate answers to the problems.

The enlightenment paragraph requires summarizing common and individual aspects of different problems from different downstream tasks. This is natural for certain domains. For example, in the ads domain in Figure 1, different questions in the passage ask about different aspects of the *same query*. As another example, in the finance domain, different features of the *same company* may be useful for different tasks. We call these domains *entitycentered*. These domains focus on **understanding of entities** from various aspects.

On the other hand, in domains such as math and physics, the common aspects of different problems are not entities, but knowledge or techniques that



Figure 2: An example of a task-oriented synthetic passage on the math domain. Left: the selected two tasks (GSM8k and SAT) with an example problem from each task. Right: the structure of the generated passage, including two problem-specific paragraphs and an *enlightenment* paragraph.

can be applied to solve the problems. For example, in the math domain, each passage may contain multiple questions that require different techniques to solve, e.g., the GSM8k benchmark focuses on simple arithmetic, while the MATH benchmark focuses on logical reasoning. We call these domains *knowledge-centered*. These domains focus on using **universal knowledge** to solve problems.

3.2 Example: Task-Oriented Passage for Entity-Centered Domains

Recall that each synthetic passage is divided into two parts: problem-specific paragraphs and an enlightenment paragraph. We use ads domain as an example to illustrate how the two components are generated.

We select problems from different downstream tasks in the ads domain. In Figure 1, the passage contains two tasks (or two problems): Query Rewriting and Query-LandingPage Relevance.

For Query Rewriting, the task is to generate variations that maintain the search intent but diversify the expression. For the query "*Machu Picchu tour packages luxury*", the generated problem-specific paragraph looks like: Potential rewrites for the query could include "luxury Machu Picchu travel package", "high-end tours to Machu Picch".

For Query-LandingPage Relevance, the task is to decide whether the content of the landing page (the webpage to which the user is directed after clicking on an ad) addresses the intent of the search query. For the query "*Machu Picchu tour packages luxury*" and the landing page "*The experts in boutique travel* ...", the generated problem-specific paragraph looks like: *The landing page details*, such as the expertise of the travel specialists ... directly correspond to the user's search for a luxurious Machu Picchu tour, demonstrating a strong relevance. 279

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We also generate an enlightenment paragraph that focuses on relationships among the downstream tasks. For example, in Figure 1, the enlightenment paragraph is: *The shared learning is the importance of the luxury and personalized aspects of the travel service. For Query Rewrites, focusing on synonyms related to luxury and high-end services. Ensuring high relevance in Query-Landing Page Relevance emphasizes the high-quality travel experiences to Machu Picchu.*

The enlightenment paragraph severs as a central tenant of intelligence. It demonstrates which aspects of the entity are needed in all downstream tasks, and which aspects are tailored for a specific task. Such an explicit signal significantly boosts model performance. For example, for some downstream tasks in the ads domain, adding the enlight-enment paragraph brings a 3% performance gain (see Table 3 for details).

3.3 Example: Task-Oriented Passage for Knowledge-Centered Domains

Different from entity-centered domains such as ads and finance, in knowledge-centered domains such as math and physics, the focus is on applying universal knowledge to solve problems. We use math domain as an example to demonstrate how we generate the task-oriented passages.

In Figure 2, we select two problems from the GSM8k and the SAT benchmarks. Then, we generate problem-specific paragraphs to solve the prob-

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313lems. Similar to the ads domain, in the enlighten-314ment paragraph we summarize the common and in-315dividual techniques that are used to solve the prob-316lems. In more details, the enlightenment paragraph317states that the common knowledge used to solve318the two problems is "algebraic operation for func-319tions". Each task requires additional techniques:320the GSM8k problem requires "manipulating a lin-321ear function, while the SAT problem requires "solv-322ing exponential equation".

We remark that in knowledge-centered domains, the model learns universal knowledge that can be applied to all problems, i.e., the techniques learned from one problem are applicable to other problems. Therefore, the purpose of the enlightenment paragraph is to communicate about the techniques required to solve problems. The paragraph explicitly points out the common techniques needed by all downstream tasks, such that the model gains better awareness of the importance of such techniques. The model also learns task-specific techniques as pointed out by the enlightenment paragraph.

4 Data Preparation

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We apply our data augmentation method, TRAIT, to two domains: advertisement (ads) and math. In this section, we detail the process for in-domain data selection and synthetic passage generation. Refer to Appendix. D for examples and more details.

4.1 Task-Oriented Passage Generation

Following the guidelines for task-oriented passage generation, we select problems from each downstream task and use GPT-4 to generate the full passage (prompt details can be found in Appendix. D). This approach is adaptable to any new target domain, leveraging GPT-4's understanding of various domains and its ability to handle diverse tasks within them. By selecting relevant problems and utilizing our generation prompt, our method ensures effective application across multiple domains.

4.2 In-Domain Data Selection

Ads domain. We train a domain-specific FastText classifier for in-domain data selection, as detailed in Section 2.2. First, we randomly select 500k positive samples from the ads in-domain corpus. We also select 500k negative samples from Slimpajama (Soboleva et al., 2023), alpaca (Taori et al., 2023), OpenHermes-2.5 (Teknium, 2023) and Tuluv2 (Ivison et al., 2023). Then, for model training, we set the model dimension to 256, learning rate to 0.1, the maximum word n-gram length to 3, the minimum word occurrence to 3, and the epoch to 3. Next, we apply the trained classifier to select samples with the highest scores from fineweb (Penedo et al., 2023). Finally, we apply a quality filter to the data to ensure that each sample has an educational value over 1.5 (Gunasekar et al., 2023), where in total we select 15B filtered tokens.

Math domain. The domain-specific FastText classifier is trained similar to that in the ads domain. For the positive samples, we sample 200k examples from open-source benchmarks (such as GSM8k and SAT) and 200k samples from Open-WebMath (Paster et al., 2023). The negative samples are constructed similar with the ads domain. Due to the scarcity of math-related content in the general corpus, we retrieved the math data from a combination of MathPile (Wang et al., 2023) and Proof-Pile-2 (Azerbayev et al., 2023), resulting in a collection of around 5.5 billion tokens.

5 Experiments

We evaluate TRAIT by adapting LLMs to the ads and math domains via continual pre-training. In all the experiments, we use Mistral-7B (Jiang et al., 2023) as the base model. We compare TRAIT with two data selection baselines: (1) Random sampling, which randomly selects samples from opensource general corpora; and (2) DSIR (Xie et al., 2023a), an importance sampling strategy for selecting in-domain data from general corpora, such that the selected data distibutionally similar with the in-domain data. To promote fair comparisons, all models (including the base Mistral-7B model, baseline models, and TRAIT) are trained on the same amount of data with the same computational budget. Details about the training process can be found in Appendix A.

5.1 Ads Domain

Downstream tasks. We consider seven tasks within the ads domain. There are two classification tasks: Query-AdCopy Relevance (**QAC**) examines the relevance of a user's query to the ad copy, while Query-LandingPage Relevance (**QLP**) assesses relevance between a user's query and the advertisement's landing page content. For generation tasks, we focus on generating dynamic content: Query Rewriting (**QR**) generates rewrites of user queries, Ad Copy Generation (**AG**) creates com-

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Mistral-7B Random DSIR TRAIT	82.93 83.44 84.10 84.40	78.81 78.83 79.96 80.71	5.29 5.45 5.48 5.57	3.06 3.29 3.36 3.36	46.02 50.58 50.15	52.35 49.38 51.95	50.22 51.98 52.98	48.55 50.32 54.43	- +0.68% +2.60% + 4.79%

Table 1: Evaluation results of downstream tasks in the ads domain. Here, $Avg \triangle$ is the average relative improvement over all evaluation metrics for all tasks. Best results are highlighted in **bold**.

Method	GSM8K	\mathbf{MATH}^\dagger	SVAMP	ASDiv	MAWPS	TAB	MQA	MMLU STEM	SAT	Avg.
Base	40.9	12.4	65.4	68.5	87.4	52.7	34.6	49.3	65.6	53.0
Random	34.8	14.0	60.4	65.2	82.4	39.7	34.9	46.4	56.2	48.2
DSIR	46.4	22.4	64.5	72.7	88.0	47.1	38.6	43.2	71.9	55.0
TRAIT	56.4	28.0	71.8	76.0	89.5	53.1	46.1	49.5	75.0	60.5

Table 2: Few-shot CoT reasoning results of downstream tasks in the math domain. For MATH^{\dagger}, evaluation is performed on OpenAI's MATH subset (Lightman et al., 2023), as the original test samples may be included in public training sets. Best results are highlighted in **bold**.

plete ad copy directly, and both Description Generation (**DG**) and Title Generation (**TG**) develop concise descriptions and titles from the ad's landing page information. Additionally, Title Rewriting (**TR**) enhances user engagement by refining the ad title to better suit the user's query and the original title context.

Evaluation settings. We evaluate TRAIT under both few-shot and fine-tuning settings. Each task contains 5k test samples. For the fine-tuning setting, each task contains 30k training samples.

♦ For the two natural language understanding tasks (QAC and QLP), we adopt Area under curve (Auc) as the evaluation metric.

◇ For AG, DG, TG and TR, we use Chat-GPT (OpenAI, 2022) to calculate the winning rate of TRAIT compared with the Mistral-7B model. Specifically, we prompt ChatGPT to choose the better answer from responses generated by our model and Mistral-7B. In order to mitigate ChatGPT's positional bias for evaluation (Chen et al., 2024), we swap the positions of the two responses and prompt ChatGPT again to choose the better answer. We average the outcomes from the two rounds as the final winning rate.

♦ The evaluation metrics for QR consist of diversity (Div.) and density (Den.), with details provided

in Appendix C.

Results. Experimental results are summarized in Table 1. From the results, we see that TRAIT significantly outperforms both the Mistral-7B model and the baselines. Specifically, TRAIT achieves average increases of 8.0% and 4.8% across all downstream tasks compared with Mistral-7B in the fewshot and fine-tuning settings, respectively. And the proposed framework outperforms the best performing baseline by 6.5% and and 2.2% in the few-shot and fine-tuning settings, respectively. In the fewshot setting, TRAIT outperforms all the baselines in 4/6 tasks; while in the fine-tuning setting, the proposed framework performs the best in 6/7 tasks.

5.2 Math Domain

Downstream tasks. We evaluate the models across nine mainstream benchmarks: GSM8k (Cobbe et al., 2021), MATH (Hendrycks et al., 2021), SVAMP (Patel et al., 2021), ASDIV (Miao et al., 2021), MAWPS (Koncel-Kedziorski et al., 2016), TabMWP (TAB) (Lu et al., 2022), MathQA (MQA) (Amini et al., 2019), MMLU-STEM (Hendrycks et al., 2020), and SAT (Azerbayev et al., 2023). For evaluation, we adopt the math evaluation suite¹.

¹math-evaluation-harness

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	QAC	QLP	DG	TG	TR	GSM8k	SAT	MAWPS	\mathbf{MATH}^{\dagger}
TRAIT	84.40	80.71	51.95	52.98	54.43	56.4	75.0	89.5	28.0
w/o E.P.	83.77	79.80	50.95	51.92	51.58	54.6	68.8	89.7	27.2
w/o two-stage	83.23	79.84	50.22	51.50	51.32	53.2	59.4	89.3	25.2

Table 3: Effectiveness of the enlightenment paragraph and the two-stage training approach. We adopt the fine-tuning settings for the ads domain and the few-shot settings for the math domain. Here w/o E.P. means the model is trained without the enlightenment paragraphs.



Figure 3: Visualization of samples from the general corpus, the original in-domain ads corpus, ads downstream tasks, and TRAIT (including both selected in-domain data and synthetic passages). We use Spacy (Honnibal and Montani, 2017) for embedding and t-SNE (Van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008) for visualization.

Evaluation settings. For all tasks, we evaluate under the few-shot chain-of-thought (CoT) (Wei et al., 2022) setting. We use accuracy as the final evaluation metric.

Results. As shown in Table 2, our continual pretrained model achieves an absolute average accuracy improvement of 7.5% across all benchmarks compared with Mistral-7B, with a significant gain of 15.6% on the most challenging MATH benchmark. We remark that TRAIT outperforms all the baselines in all the tasks.

5.3 Analysis

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476 data, indicating the necessity for domain-adaptive
477 continual pretraining. The downstream tasks are
478 distributed in various clusters, in proximity to the
479 in-domain data, but not fully covered by it. For

In-D.	Sel.	Syn.	QAC	QLP	TG	TR
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Table 4: Performance of models continual pre-trained on different data. Models are evaluated on the ads domain under the fine-tuning setting. Here, *In-D*. means the original in-domain corpus, *Sel*. means selected indomain data, and *Syn*. means synthetic passages.



Figure 4: Left: The average winning rate of 4 ads generation tasks (AG, DG, TG and TR) during continual pre-training. Right: The average few-shot accuracy of all math tasks during continual pre-training.

TRAIT, the mix of selected in-domain data and synthetic passages perfectly aligns with the downstream tasks, reflecting the task-awareness nature of our approach.

In Table 4, we see the effect of each data component. The second row confirms the benefit of the original in-domain data, showing an average 1% performance gain across all tasks. A more notable contribution comes from TRAIT augmented data, with a nearly 5% gain observed, showing effectiveness of our data augmentation strategy.

Moreover, the benefit of the enlightenment paragraph is significant, as shown in Table 3. It reinforces a deeper understanding of queries in the ads domain and focuses on shared problem-solving techniques in the math domain.

	BBH	ARC	HellaSwag	AgiEval
Mistral-7B	55.91	70.55	61.25	32.64
In-Domain TRAIT	49.84 53.06	65.24 67.59	59.57 60.34	30.43 32.26

Table 5: Few-shot evaluation of models trained on different data on general benchmarks. Here, In-Domain means the model is continual pre-trained on ads indomain corpus (without selected data).

Two-stage vs. Single-stage training. The per-496 formance of downstream tasks during continual pre-training is documented in Figure 4. In the first 498 stage, where the aim is to learn new in-domain 499 knowledge, we observe fluctuations in downstream performance as new knowledge, which may not be directly relevant to the tasks, is acquired. In the second stage, the focus shifts to applying the learned knowledge to solve downstream tasks directly, re-504 sulting in a larger upward trend in task improvement. The overall benefit of adopting the two-stage training compared to a mixed single stage is significant, as shown in Table 3.

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Generality after continual pre-training. Using 509 the original in-domain data, the generality of LLMs 510 deteriorates significantly, as shown in Table 5, with 511 the model's performance on BBH decreasing from 512 55.91 to 49.84. In contrast, the model using TRAIT 513 retains much of the generality. This is because, 514 during the first stage, we train on the selected in-515 domain data from the general corpus as a knowl-516 edge replay (Ibrahim et al., 2024) and refocus on 517 the target domain. Additionally, high-quality syn-518 519 thetic data ensures the model is trained with extensive reasoning.

6 **Related Work**

6.1 Data Augmentation for Language Models

Data selection is essential for the effective training of LLMs, as it significantly influences their performance. Common data selection methods include heuristic-based quality filters (Computer, 2023; Soldaini et al., 2024), lightweight classifiers (Joulin et al., 2017; Brown et al., 2020), and perplexity (PPL)-based models (Heafield, 2011; Wenzek et al., 2019), which are often developed using curated sources such as Wikipedia. For domainspecific data, techniques usually involve extracting information from the open web using heuristics or applying specialized classifiers to ensure relevance (Ma et al., 2023; Xie et al., 2023b). Other

approaches select data based on their added value compared to typical examples from the target domain, or employ n-gram hash models to identify samples closely related to that domain (Axelrod, 2017; Feng et al., 2022; Xie et al., 2023a).

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The use of synthetic data is becoming a key strategy for augmenting the training of LLMs, particularly useful in areas like mathematical reasoning (Gou et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2024; Toshniwal et al., 2024; Li et al., 2024a) and general instruction following (Wang et al., 2022; Xu et al., 2023; Li et al., 2024b). The Phi series highlights the effectiveness of models trained solely on "textbook quality" synthetic data (Gunasekar et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023; Abdin et al., 2024).

6.2 Continual Pre-Training of LLMs

Continual pre-training is increasingly recognized as an effective way to adapt large language models (LLMs) incrementally to new data or changes in domain focus without complete retraining. This method ensures the continuous integration of new knowledge, maintaining the model's relevance and effectiveness (Jin et al., 2021; Loureiro et al., 2022). Gururangan et al. (2020) has shown that continual pre-training can significantly improve model performance across various domains. LLMs like EcomGPT and FinPythia demonstrate the application of continual pre-training in e-commerce and finance, using data from the open web and Common Crawl to stay functional and relevant (Ma et al., 2023; Xie et al., 2023b).

7 Conclusion

This paper presents TRAIT, a task-oriented indomain data augmentation framework for continual pre-training of large language models. The framework is divided into two parts. First, we select indomain data from general domain-agnostic corpora to augment the training set. The augmented indomain training corpus contain rich domain knowledge. Second, we generate task-oriented synthetic passages. These passages contain guidance on how to apply domain knowledge to answer questions about downstream tasks. We conduct extensive experiments by adapting LLMs to the advertisement and math domains. Experimental results validate the effectiveness of the proposed framework. Specifically, on average, TRAIT improves the base LLM (without continual pre-training) by over 5% on both domains.

Limitations

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In this work, we apply the proposed framework to the advertisement and math domains. The effectiveness of our framework in other domains, such as finance and medical, requires further investigation. Additionally, in this work, we only investigate the effectiveness of the proposed framework on Mistral-7B. We leave evaluating our framework on other LLMs as future works.

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A Training Details

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In this study, we select Mistral-7B (Jiang et al., 2023) as our base model for domain-adaptive continual pre-training. We perform continual pretraining using DeepSpeed (Rasley et al., 2020) with its ZeRO stage-1 optimizer, setting the batch size to 1M tokens and utilizing bf16 precision. We adopt a Warmup-Stable-Decay (WSD) learning rate scheduler (Hu et al., 2024) with a maximum learning rate of 2e-5, involving a 3% warm-up phase and an exponential decay phase during the last 10% of the training process.

During fine-tuning, we train all the models on downstream tasks for 5 epochs, using a cosine learning rate schedule with a maximum rate of 5e-6 and a 3% warm-up phase. For both few-shot and fine-tuned settings, we use vLLM (0.4.2) (Kwon et al., 2023) to accelerate inference.

B Side Effects by In-domain Corpus

Due to the helpfulness of the in-domain raw corpus, we do not stringent filtering by quality or diversity which will make its size significantly reduced. However, their quality may be notably inferior to the carefully curated pre-training corpus for open-source LLMs such as Mistral-7B (Jiang et al., 2023). Therefore, training on them could potentially impair the model's pre-trained general capabilities, such as its instruction-following ability. As shown in Figure 5, when training the model solely on our in-domain corpus and evaluating its few-shot performance on downstream generation tasks, the model fails to provide accurate responses, generating only repetitive and meaningless words, while the base model successfully responds to prompts. Thanks to the integration of high-quality retrieved and synthetic data, the model maintains its pre-trained capabilities during continual training on our curated corpus, which aligns with the conclusion in (Ibrahim et al., 2024) that a replay during continual training could preserve the model's pre-trained abilities.

C Evaluation Details of Query Rewriting

919We generate ten query rewrites for each query and
apply a quality filter to score the rewrites as either
Good or Bad, based on their alignment with the
original user query's intent. Density (Den) is de-
fined as the total average number of good query
rewrites per query. For diversity (Div), we use an
off-the-shelf clustering algorithm to determine the

>>> Prompt

You are an expert in advertisement and your task is to generate a creative ad given its content.

Here is the content of the advertisement:

DocumentTitle: Flow Meters & Controllers | Ferntree Gully, VIC | Anri § Paragraph: Florite manufacture a range of high quality microcomputerbased controllers suitable for any commercial, industrial or research application such as: ; Flow Control – Power supply/readout/control units for Mass Flow Meters (MFM's)MFC' programmable measurement units. Panel mount or bench top. Also suitable for Pressure, temperature, level & any process control. call our team on 03 9752 4057. § OtherPrimaryContent: en/ mfd ;mcmflow. § VisualTitle: Reliable Flow/ Controllers for Any Industry § MetaDescription: Controls supply flow meters & controllers for businesses Australia-wide. Call 03 9752 4057 or click here to learn more. § The generated creative ad is:

>>> Base Model:

Flow Control: The Ultimate in Flow Metering. Experience the Elegance.

>>> Model Continual Trained on In-domain Unlabeled Data:

5' x 2' 3' x 8' 4' 6' x 10' x 12' 7' x 16' 9' x 13' x 14' x 15' x 18' x 20' x 23' x 24' x 27' x 29' x 30' x 40' x 50' 11' x 26' x 28' x 32' x 36' x 44' 17' x 60' 22' x 45' x 70' x 75' x 80' x 90' x 105' x 110' x 120' x 130' x 100' x 140' x 160' x 180' x 200' x 220' x 240' x 270' x 300' x 190' x 250' x 280' x 260' x 310'

>>> Model Trained on Our Curated Corpus:

100% Same-Day Delivery. Gophr: The Future of Last Mile Delivery.

Figure 5: A failure case of repeated generation of meaningless words by the model trained on the in-domain raw corpus.

average number of clusters per query based on all query rewrites. Both metrics range from 0 to 10.

D Examples of Prompts and Training Data

In this section, we demonstrate examples of prompts we used along with all unlabeled and downstream fine-tuning data. Specifically, we present an example of the prompt for synthetic data in Figure 6, an in-domain ad sample in Figure 7, a synthetic ad sample in Figure 8, a synthetic math sample in Figure 9, retrieved ad and math samples in Figure 10, and the downstream fine-tuning data for the ads domain in Figure 11 and Figure 12.

Prompt for Generating Task-Oriented Synthetic Data
Structured Guideline for Passage Generation
Inputs Required: - **Questions**: The question for each task.
 #### Passage Generation Steps: Task specific: For each of the downstream tasks listed below, write one paragraph analyzing the potential answers and the reasoning process associated with each. Please list the answer explicitly. Enlightenment: After writing paragraphs for all tasks, highlighting shared learnings across all tasks and distinct problem solving tricks for each task, specifically the current problem.
Quality Considerations: - Ensure coherence and logical flow throughout the passage. - Maintain a concise and clear writing style, avoiding redundancy and focusing on summarizing key points.
<pre>#### Input: Please return only the generated passage between tags <passage></passage> given below input {Task 1}: {Problem 1} - {Task 2}: {Problem 2} - {Task 3}: {Problem 3} - {Task 4}: {Problem 4}</pre>

Figure 6: The prompt utilized for generating the task-oriented synthetic data.

Example for an unlabeled ad sample

Advertisement Title: Vision Reading Glasse

Advertisement Description: Save On Vision Reading Glasses. Everyday Low Prices!

Key words: hand held lighted magnifying glass

Document Title: Hand Held Lighted Magnifying Glass - Walmart.com

Heading: Results for "Hand Held Lighted Magnifying Glass" (1000+) Options

Primary Content: Departments Brand Speed Subscription Availability Special Offers Customer Rating Features Magnification Color Material Manufacturer Part Number Count Retailer Gifting Price when purchased online Best seller Sponsored Magnifying Glass with 18 LED Light, Meromore 30x Handheld Magnifier for Reading Save with Shipping, arrives in 2 days Meromore Magnifying Glass, Lighted Magnifying Glass with 3 LED, Handheld Magnifier with 3x 45x Magnification for Kids Reading Meromore 30x Magnifying Glass with 18 LED Lights, Black MagniPros 3 Ultra Bright LED Lights 3X 4.5X 25X Power Handheld Reading Magnifying Glass with Light- Ideal for Reading Small Prints, Map, Coins, Inspection and Jewelry Loupe Free shipping, arrives in 3+ days Magnifying Glass with Light, Lighted Magnifying Glass, 5X Handheld Pocket Magnifier Small Illuminated Folding Hand Held Lighted Magnifier for Reading Coins Hobby Travel - 45 Mm Diameter 2 options KEKOY Handheld Magnifying Glass with Light and Double Lens, Ultra Clear USB Charging Magnifying Glass for Close Work with 6x 9x 15x Detachable Lens, Strong Magnifier for Reading RockDaMic Professional Magnifying Glass with Light (3X / 45x) Large Lighted Handheld Glass Magnifier Lupa for Reading, Jewelry, Coins, Stamps, Fine Print - Strongest Magnify for Kids & Seniors 2 sizes Large 4.35in Magnifying Glass 10X 35X with Light and Stand, Handheld Standing LED Illuminated Magnifying Glass.

Figure 7: An example of an unlabeled in-domain sample from the ads domain.

Example for Synthetic Ads Data

For the Query Rewrites (QR) task, the potential answers revolve around creating variations of the user query "machu picchu tour packages luxury." Possible rewrites could include "luxury Machu Picchu travel packages," "high-end Machu Picchu tours," and "premium tour packages to Machu Picchu." Each rewrite aims to capture the essence of the user's request while incorporating keywords that might improve the ad's visibility and relevance. The reasoning process involves ensuring that the rewrites maintain the focus on luxury and Machu Picchu, aligning with the user's intent and the ad's offer.

In the Ad Copy Generation (AG) task, the goal is to create a complete ad copy directly from the landing page content. This involves synthesizing the key elements of the landing page into a compelling ad. For example: "Discover High-End Machu Picchu Tours with Inca Expert. Since 1998, we've crafted bespoke travel experiences with the guidance of our award-winning specialists, including Emmy-winning filmmaker Kim MacQuarrie and World's Top Chef Virgilio Martinez. Experience Peru with private guides and boutique services. Visit us at https://www.incaexpert.com." The reasoning here includes selecting the most impressive and relevant details from the landing page to attract potential customers while maintaining a concise and engaging format.

For the Title Rewriting (TR) task, the focus is on refining the ad title to better suit the user's needs. Given the user's query, a more targeted title could be "Luxury Machu Picchu Tours by Peru Experts" or "Top-Rated High-End Machu Picchu Travel." The aim is to enhance engagement by clearly communicating the luxury aspect and the expertise of the travel firm, making it more appealing and relevant to the user's search.

In the Query-Ad Copy Relevance (QAC) task, the relevance of the user's query to the ad copy must be examined. The user query "machu picchu tour packages luxury" directly aligns with the ad copy, which promotes "High-End Machu Picchu Tours" and highlights boutique service and private guided tours. The ad copy effectively addresses the user's desire for a luxury travel experience, ensuring high relevance. The reasoning involves matching keywords and themes from the query with those in the ad copy to ensure they resonate well.

The Query-Landing Page Relevance (QLP) task assesses the relevance between the user's query and the advertisement's landing page content. The landing page details Inca Expert's specialization in boutique, high-end travel to Peru, featuring notable specialists and personalized services, which strongly align with the user's search for luxury Machu Picchu tour packages. The primary content supports the luxury and personalized experience sought by the user. The reasoning here involves confirming that the landing page provides substantial and relevant information that fulfills the user's query.

In conclusion, the key points across the tasks highlight the importance of aligning ad copy and titles with the user's intent for luxury travel, ensuring high relevance and engagement. Each task focuses on different aspects: Query Rewrites (QR) focusing on synonyms to luxury; Ad Copy Generation (AG) synthesizes key landing page information like personalized services provided by award-winning specialists in flim-making and cooking, into compelling ads; and Title Rewriting (TR) enhances engagement by clearly communicating the luxury aspect and the expertise of the travel firm. Query-Ad Copy Relevance (QAC) and Query-Landing Page Relevance (QLP) ensure consistency and alignment between user expectations, ad content, and landing page details for the high-quality travel experiences provided. These tasks collectively improve the user's experience by ensuring coherence and relevance across all touchpoints, ultimately driving engagement and satisfaction.

Figure 8: An example of generated synthetic data in ads domain.

Example for Synthetic Math Data

###Task 1. For the below question: In the undersea world of Mathlantica, Aquatic Mathematicians communicate through positive integer pairs (a, b) where b<a<150. However, they can only understand the messages if both a/b and (a+2)/(b+2) are integers. How many such communicable pairs exist? As an additional challenge, they ask you, a surface-dweller, to add up the numbers 212, 321 and 123, which they inform you are in base 10, and provide the sum in base 10. Can you solve these underwater conundrums?,Enclose the final answer using boxed{}. The plausible answer and explantion could be: For the first part, since b|a, b + 2|a + 2, then gcd (b, a) = b and gcd (b + 2, a + 2) = b + 2. By the Euclidean algorithm, these can be rewritten respectively as gcd (b, a - b) = b and gcd (b + 2, a - b) = b + 2, which implies that both b, b + 2|a - b. Also, as gcd (b, b + 2) = 1, it follows that b(b + 2)|a - b. [1],Thus, for a given value of b, we need the number of multiples of b(b + 2) from 0 to 150 - b. It follows that there are $\left\lfloor \frac{150-b}{b(b+2)} \right\rfloor$ satisfactory positive integers for all integers $b \le 150$. The answer is,

$$\sum_{b=1}^{148} \left\lfloor \frac{150-b}{b(b+2)} \right\rfloor = 74 + 24 + 12 + 6 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 127.$$

For the second part, adding 212_{10} , 321_{10} and 123_{10} together in base 10 gives us 656_{10} , So, the final answer is $127 + 656 = \boxed{783}$, So the answer is $\boxed{783}$.

###Task 2. For the below question: In a space station, an astronaut is studying a parallelogram-shaped window named WXYZ. The angle WXY is four times the angle XYZ. Inside the window, there is a right circular truncated coneshaped object. The smaller base of the object is on XY and the larger base is on WZ. The height of the object is equal to the length WY. The radius of the larger base is 10 cm and the radius of the smaller base is 5 cm. Can you help the astronaut calculate the volume of the object in cm³?,Enclose the final answer using \boxed{}. The plausible answer and explantion could be: Firstly, we need to find the height of the truncated cone. Since the height is equal to the length WY, we need to find WY. To do this, we use the fact that the measure of angle WXY is 4 times the measure of angle XYZ. Because $\overline{WZ} \parallel \overline{XY}$, we have $\angle W + \angle X = 180^\circ$. Since $\angle W = 4\angle X$, we have $4\angle X + \angle X = 180^\circ$, so $5\angle X = 180^\circ$ and $\angle X = 36^\circ$. Therefore, $\angle W = 180^\circ - \angle X = 144^\circ$. Since WXYZ is a parallelogram, $\angle WYZ = \angle X = 36^\circ$. Therefore, triangle WYZ is a right-angled triangle and WY = 2WZ = 2 * 10 = 20 cm., We "complete" the truncated cone by adding a smaller, similar cone atop the cut, forming a large cone. Since the small and large cone are similar, we have x/5 = (x + 20)/10; solving yields x = 20. Hence the small cone has radius 5, height 20, and volume $(1/3)\pi(5^2)(20) = 500/3\pi$ and the large cone has radius 10, height 40, and volume $(1/3)\pi(10^2)(40) = 4000/3\pi$. The frustum's volume is the difference of these two volumes, or $4000/3\pi - 500/3\pi = 3500/3\pi$ cubic cm., So the

answer is $3500/3\pi$.

###Task 3. For the below question: If f(x) = 3x + 1, what is f(3)? The plausible answer and explanation could be: We have f(3) = 3 * 3 + 1 = 10.

###Task 4. For the below question: In a music festival, there are certain speakers that play a specific song every 20 minutes. If a speaker played the song 5 minutes ago and will play it again in 30 minutes, how many such speakers are there that have been playing for less than 50 minutes? In the same festival, two bands are performing. The first band's performance progresses at a rate of 2 songs per minute, and the second band's performance progresses at a rate of 4 songs per minute. Both bands started performing from the same point (5,10) minutes ago. How far apart are the points where these bands finish their performances?,Enclose the final answer using \boxed{}. The plausible answer and explantion could be: There are two parts in this question.

Part 1: Adding -5 to both sides of $x + 5 \equiv 30 \pmod{20}$ gives $x \equiv 30 - 5 \pmod{20}$. We find $30 - 5 = 25 \equiv 5 \pmod{20}$, so $x \equiv 5 \pmod{20}$. Thus the smallest positive integer that satisfies the given congruence is x = 5, and all the other solutions can be obtained by adding a multiple of 20 to 5. The next two such integers are 25 and 45. Since 45 is less than 50, there are $\boxed{3}$ integers less than 50 that satisfy the congruence $x + 5 \equiv 30 \pmod{20}$.

Part 2: The two lines have equations

$$y - 10 = 2(x - 5)$$
 and $y - 10 = 4(x - 5)$.

The x-intercepts, obtained by setting y = 0 in the respective equations, are 5 and 2.5. The distance between the points (5,0) and (2.5,0) is 2.5, So, for the first sub-question, the answer is 3, For the sub-question 2, the answer is 2.5.

In analyzing the provided math tasks, we can identify several shared problem-solving techniques such as mathematical induction, unit transformation, and basic algorithmics. For instance, in Math task 1, the problem-solving involves a combination of number theory (specifically divisibility and the Euclidean algorithm) and arithmetic operations in different bases. Math task 2 requires geometric reasoning to find the dimensions of the shapes involved and then applying the formula for the volume of a truncated cone. Math task 3 is a straightforward application of function evaluation, while Math task 4 combines modular arithmetic with linear equations to solve the problem.

Each task also exhibits unique problem-solving techniques. Math task 1 uses number theory to find communicable pairs and base conversion for arithmetic operations. Math task 2 involves geometric properties of parallelograms and right-angled triangles, as well as similarity of shapes to calculate volume. Math task 3, being the simplest, only requires direct substitution in a linear function. Math task 4 uses modular arithmetic to determine the number of speakers and the concept of linear equations to find the distance between two points.

Figure 9: An example of generated synthetic data in math domain.

Example for Retrieved Ads

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Example for Retrieved Math

Exponential Growth Worksheet

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1. If a quantity increases by the same percent r in each unit of time t, then the quantity is _____.

a. growing exponentially b. decreasing exponentially c. constant

Solution:

If a quantity is increasing by the same percent r in each unit of time t, then the quantity is growing exponentially.

2. Which of the following equations represents exponential growth? a. y = r(1 + r) b. y = r(1 + C) c. y = Cr d. y = C(1 + r)t

Solution:

Exponential growth can be modeled by the equation y = C (1 + r)t, where C is the initial amount, r is the growth rate and t is the time.

3. The expression (1 + r) is called _____ in the equation y = C(1 + r)t. a. decay factor b. growth factor c. decay and growth factors d. exponent ### Solution: The expression (1 + r), in the equation y = C(1 + r)t is called growth factor.

4. The average length of a person's hair at birth is 0.36 inches. The length of the hair increases by about 10% each day during the first six weeks. Choose a model that represents the average length of the hair during the first six weeks. a. y = 0.36(1.1)t b. y = -0.36(1.1)t c. y = 1.1(0.36)t d. None of the above ### Solution:

Let y be the length of the hair during the first six weeks and t be the number of days.

y = C(1 + r)t [Write exponential growth model.]

= 0.36(1 + 0.10)t [Substitute C = 0.36 and r = 0.10.]

= 0.36(1.1)t

The model for the length of the hair in first six weeks is y = 0.36(1.1)t.

5. A bank pays 4% interest compounded yearly on a deposit of \$900. What will be the balance in the account after 7 years?

a. \$1288 b. \$1088 c. \$2376 d. \$1188

Solution: The exponential growth model is given by the equation, y = P(1 + r)t, where P is the initial amount, r is the growth rate and t is the number of years. = 900(1 + 0.04)7 Balance after 7 years [Substitute P = 900, t = 7 and r = 0.04.] = $900(1.04)7 = 900 \times 1.32 = 1188$ [Simplify.] The account balance after 7 years will be about\$1188.

6. There are 20 bears in a zoo. What will be their population after 3 years, if the population doubles each year? a. 160 bears b. 260 bears c. 60 bears d. 210 bears

Solution:

The exponential growth model is given by the equation, y = C(1 + r)t, where C is the initial number, (1 + r) is the growth factor and t is the number of years.

Population after 3 years = 20(2)3 [Substitute C = 20, 1 + r = 2 and t = 3.]

= 160 [Simplify.]

There will be 160 bears after 3 years.

Figure 10: Examples of retrieved ads and Math unlabeled samples.

1. Example for Query-Ad Copy Relevance (QAC)

>>> Prompt:

You are an expert in advertisement and your task is to evaluate the relevance between a user input query and an advertisement.

Here are some attributes for the advertisment:

begin advertisement

Actual Advertisement Title: Plumbers Near Me - Enter Your Zip Code To Start - View Quotes In Under 24 Hours Actual Advertisement Description: Explore Professional Plumbers Who Specialize In Your Project Type. Get Up To 4 Estimates. Receive Accurate Quotes For Your Plumbing Project, So You Can Easily Save Time And Money. ### end advertisement

The user query is: kaufmann plumbing palm springs

Please evaluate that whether the advertisment is relavant to the user query. You can only answer with True or False. The answer is (True or False):

>>> Response:

False

2. Example for Query-Landing Page Relevance (QLP)

>>> Prompt:

You are an expert in advertisement and your task is to evaluate the relevance between a user input query and an advertisement.

Here are some attributes for the advertisement:

begin advertisement

Document Title: Verified Camping World Promo Code & Coupon Code August 2022

Visual Title: Camping World Promo Code & Coupon Code July 2022

Heading: Submit Coupon for Camping World Camping World Stats Camping World Top Coupon Codes and Offers Get Latest, Vitrified 30% Off Promo Code, Don't Pay Full Price! ADVERTISEMENT Save Your Money, Get 30% Off Coupon Code Big Deal Today, Up To 60% Offer Flash Sale! Up To 70% Off Coupon Code Up To 50% Off Today, Save Your Money Now! Camping World 10% Off Storewide Up To 46% On RV Sales Up To \$500 Off Sleep Number Beds Up To 30% Off Stromberg RV Gear Take 15% Off Your Online Purchase Camping World Gain Up To 45% Off Awnings, Sunblockers & Replacement Fabrics Up To \$250 Off Refrigerators, Washers & Dryers

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end advertisement

The user query is: camping world

Please evaluate that whether the advertisement is relavant to the user query. You can only answer with True or False. The answer is (True or False):

>>> Response:

True

3. Example for Query Rewriting (QR)

>>> Prompt:

You are an expert in advertisement.

Given a specific search query A, generate 10 potential query B's that users might use to express the same intent as query A.

The goal is to craft diverse yet relevant variations of query B that could match the original intent of query A.

Focus on avoiding repetitions and ensuring that each variation of Query B is a distinctly different way of expressing the intent of Query A.

Output in a valid python list format and don't generate any other text. Now perform the tasks for the following input. input: Query A: redfall release xbox

output: Query B:

>>> Response:

["when is redfall coming out on xbox", "redfall xbox launch date", "xbox redfall game release", "redfall availability on xbox", "how to get redfall on xbox", "redfall xbox debut", "xbox release of redfall game", "redfall game for xbox release time", "redfall on xbox launch details", "redfall xbox edition release info"]

Figure 11: Examples of the prompt and the labeled responses for the QAC, QLP, and QR tasks.

4. Example for Ad Copy Generation (AG)

>>> Prompt:

You are an expert in advertisement and your task is to craft the ad copy for an advertisement based on its content. The ad copy should provide a concise description of the advertisement that entices users before they click into the ad page. Here is the content of the advertisement:

DocumentTitle: ENCINITAS Florist | Flower Delivery by ENCINITAS FLORIST § Heading: Flower Delivery in ENCINITAS, CA ; Browse Designs See all flowers ; Hawaiian Hugs and Kisses ; Always On My Mind[™] Flower Bouquet ; Victorian Romance ; Over the Moon Bouquet ; The FTD Always Adored Bouquet ; Coastal Breeze ; Sun-Sational Sunflowersâ ; Calla lillies ; The Stunning Beauty[™] Bouquet by FTD - VASE INCLUDED ; Teleflora's Desert Sunrise Bouquet ; New Sensations ; TULIPS SPECIAL ; ORCHIDS AND SUCCULENT Rustic ; Vintage Garden ; All White Arce ; Fields of Europe for Summer ; § OtherPrimaryContent: Next-day Delivery § MetaDescription: Best ENCINITAS florist. ENCINITAS FLORIST offers fresh flower delivery ENCINITAS. Save money by sending flowers directly with a Local Florist. § FirstGood: For an accessible ADA experience, please visit our Marketplace. Visit our Accessibility page for further assistance or to learn more about our efforts.

The generated ad copy is:

>>> Response:

Buy Flowers Online -TitleSep- Local Flower Source -Desc- Flower Shop in Encinitas Say it With Flowers!

5. Example for Ad Description Generation (DG)

>>> Prompt:

You are an expert in advertisement and your task is to generate a creative ad given its content.

Here is the content of the advertisement:

DocumentTitle: Fertilizer Granulator - Organic and NPK fertilizer making machines § Heading: Cat Litter Disc Fertilizer Granulator ; New Type Organic Fertilizer Granulator ; Organic Fertilizer Pin Granulator ; Rotary Drum Granulator ; Double roller extrusion granulator § OtherPrimaryContent: Home > Fertilizer Machines > Fertilizer Granulator ; Check details § FirstGood: Shunxin News. Shipping disc granulator fertilizer production line to America. BB and NPK fertilizer production lines shipping to Nigeria. Deliver 10 t/h granular fertilizer produc § The generated creative ad is:

>>> **Response**:

>>> Response.

From Trash to Treasure: Granulator Machine for Fertilizers

6. Example for Title Generation (TG)

>>> Prompt:

You are an expert in advertisement and your task is to craft the title for an advertisement based on its content. The ad copy should provide a concise description of the advertisement that entices users before they click into the ad page. Here is the content of the advertisement:

DocumentTitle: Four Season Rain Gutters (1145223) § Paragraph: Four Seasons Rain Gutters has provided courteous, reliable service and high-quality gutters for customers in all of San Diego County, with an excellent history of customer satisfaction. We use only the best aluminum, copper, steel gutters, no matter how big or small the job is,ve got the experience to get the job done. Also, we are dedicated to providing our customers with quality workmanship, professionalism, reliability, punctuality, clean work, competitive pricing. Call us. § Heading: Business Information ; Hours of Operation § OtherPrimaryContent: Call us today at ; Escondido, CA 92027 ; Get Directions ; Phone ; Website ; https://www.fourseasonsraingutters.com/ §

The generated title is:

>>> Response:

High Quality Gutters Available

7. Example for Title Rewriting (TR)

>>> Prompt:

You are an expert in advertisement and your task is to rewrite compelling titles that resonates with user's query and enticits them to click on the ad, given the orginal titles and the user query.

The user query is: best medical supply stores near me

The original advertisement titles are: Home Health, Hospitals and More - Hopkins Medical Products - Hopkins Medical Supplies

The output rewritten advertisement titles are:

>>> Response:

Home Health - Hospital Supplies Near Me - Hopkins Medical Products

Figure 12: Examples of the prompt and the labeled responses for the AG, DG, TG and TR tasks.