

CLEME2.0: Towards More Interpretable Evaluation by Disentangling Edits for Grammatical Error Correction

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Abstract

The paper focuses on improving the interpretability of Grammatical Error Correction (GEC) metrics, which receives little attention in previous studies. To bridge the gap, we propose **CLEME2.0**, a reference-based evaluation strategy that can describe four elementary dimensions of GEC systems, namely hit-correction, error-correction, under-correction, and over-correction. They collectively contribute to revealing the critical characteristics and locating drawbacks of GEC systems. Evaluating systems by Combining these dimensions leads to high human consistency over other reference-based and reference-less metrics. Extensive experiments on 2 human judgement datasets and 6 reference datasets demonstrate the effectiveness and robustness of our method.¹

1 Introduction

Grammatical Error Correction (GEC) is the task of automatically detecting and correcting all grammatical errors in a given text (Bryant et al., 2023; Ma et al., 2022; Ye et al., 2022). A core component of any NLP tasks is the development of automatic metrics that can objectively measure model performance (Bryant et al., 2023). However, proposing appropriate evaluation of GEC has long been a challenging task (Madnani et al., 2011), due to the subjectivity (Bryant and Ng, 2015), complexity (Mita et al., 2019) and subtlety (Choshen and Abend, 2018) of GEC (Napoles et al., 2015).

Recent studies have been trying to develop GEC metrics that can achieve high correlations with human judgements (Yoshimura et al., 2020a), with less attention paid to the interpretability of the automatic metrics. We define the interpretability of metrics as their ability to reveal the concerned characteristics of systems, which is vital in locating the drawbacks of a certain system. It is well-acknowledged that excellent GEC systems, which

¹All the codes will be released after the peer review.

Src	Nowadays	the	technologies	were	improved lot	compared	for	the last	century.	
Ref	Nowadays		technologies	have	improved lot	compared	to	the last	century.	
Hyp.1	Nowadays		technologies	was	improved lot	compared	in	the last	century.	
Hyp.2	Nowadays		technologies	were	improved lot	of	compared	for	the last	centuries.

Figure 1: An example of edit disentanglement. We highlight TP, FP_{ne}, FP_{un}, and FN in different colors.

usually conform to the principle of minimal editing, should adhere to two gold principles, namely grammaticality and faithfulness. Grammaticality necessitates that all grammatical errors should be accurately corrected, while faithfulness requires that the corrections maintain the original textual meaning and syntactic structure. However, the widely-adopted mainstream GEC metrics (Bryant et al., 2017; Ye et al., 2023) indicate the GEC performance by precision, recall, and F scores, which can hardly characterize these critical dimensions of GEC systems, thus hindering the development.

Therefore, we propose **CLEME2.0**, a more interpretable reference-based evaluation strategy that can describe four fundamental aspects of GEC systems: hit-correction, error-correction, under-correction, and over-correction. The first three aspects are responsible for describing grammaticality, while the last one is for faithfulness since the over-correction edits tend to change the original semantics, especially for LLMs (Coynne et al., 2023). To achieve this, CLEME2.0 distinguishes between necessary and unnecessary corrections and disentangles edits into four main types: true positive (TP), necessary false positive (FP_{ne}), unnecessary false positive (FP_{un}), false negative (FN) edits.² For example in Figure 1, the Hyp.1 makes three necessary edits on the right positions, where [*the* → ϵ] is a TP edit but two of others ([*were* → *was*] and [*for* → *in*]) are FP_{ne} edits since they are not covered in the reference. So Hyp.1 tends to mistakenly correct grammatically errors. On the other hand, Hyp.2

²True negative edits are not considered in our method.

072 makes extra two FP_{un} edits ($[\epsilon \rightarrow of]$ and ($[century$
073 $\rightarrow centuries]$) since the reference does *not* correct
074 the right positions, indicating the occurrence of two
075 under-correction phenomena. Additionally, $[for$
076 $\rightarrow for]$ of the Hyp.2 is considered as an FN edit,
077 which means the occurrence of an under-correction
078 phenomenon. Since the edit disentanglement is
079 based on the chunk partition technique proposed
080 by CLEME, so we dub this strategy as CLEME2.0.

081 Disentangling edits enables us to investigate con-
082 crete dimensions of GEC systems by computing
083 upon an evaluation dataset four disentangled scores:
084 hit-correction, error-correction, under-correction,
085 and over-correction scores. In contrast to main-
086 stream GEC metrics like ERRANT (Bryant et al.,
087 2017) and MaxMatch (Dahlmeier and Ng, 2012a)
088 that reveal the system performance by P/R/F_{0.5},
089 this disentanglement can provide an interpretable
090 insight into fine-grained dimensions responsible for
091 describing critical characteristics of GEC systems.
092 Then, we integrate these disentangled scores into
093 a comprehensive score using linear weighted sum-
094 mation, placing different emphases on disentan-
095 gled scores. We leverage the comprehensive score
096 to indicate the system performance from a global
097 perspective. Similar to CLEME (Ye et al., 2023),
098 CLEME2.0 also supports the evaluation based on
099 either correction dependence or correction indepen-
100 dence assumptions, providing a flexible option.

101 Besides, we assume that edits with various ex-
102 tents of modification should affect distinctively the
103 evaluation results. Therefore, we incorporate two
104 edit weighting techniques into CLEME2.0, namely
105 similarity-based weighting (Gong et al., 2022) and
106 LLM-based weighting. Specifically, the techniques
107 compute an important weight for each edit using
108 a language model rather than treating each edit
109 equally, thus equipping CLEME2.0 with abilities
110 to capture context semantics and overcome the de-
111 fect of traditional measures relying on superficial
112 form similarity (Kobayashi et al., 2024a).

113 To verify the effectiveness of CLEME2.0, we
114 conduct extensive experiments on 2 human judg-
115 ment datasets (GJG15 (Grundkiewicz et al., 2015)
116 and SEEDA (Kobayashi et al., 2024b)), where our
117 method consistently achieves high correlations. We
118 also demonstrate the robustness of CLEME2.0 by
119 computing the evaluation results based on 6 refer-
120 ence datasets with disparate annotation styles. In
121 summary, our contributions are three folds:

122 (1) We propose CLEME2.0, a more interpretable

123 evaluation strategy, which is beneficial to re-
124 veal crucial characteristics of GEC systems.

- (2) We boost CLEME2.0 with two edit weight- 125
126 ing techniques, including similarity-based and
127 LLM-based weighting, to overcome the inabil-
128 ity of traditional reference-based metrics.
- (3) Extensive experiments and analyses are con- 129
130 ducted to confirm the effectiveness and robust-
131 ness of our proposed method.

2 Related Work 132

Reference-based metrics. Reference-based met- 133
134 rics evaluate GEC systems by referencing manu-
135 ally written materials. The M^2 scorer (Dahlmeier
136 and Ng, 2012b) identifies optimal edit sequences
137 between source sentences and system hypothe-
138 ses, using the F0.5 score. However, this method
139 can inflate scores by manipulating edit bound-
140 aries. Bryant et al. (2017) proposed ERRANT,
141 which improves edit extraction with a linguistically-
142 informed alignment algorithm, but it remains
143 language-dependent and biased in multi-reference
144 evaluation. Napoles et al. (2015) introduced
145 GLEU, an n-gram-based metric inspired by BLEU
146 for GEC evaluation. Ye et al. (2023) proposed
147 CLEME to eliminate bias in multi-reference evalu-
148 ation by transforming the source, hypothesis, and
149 references into chunk sequences with consistent
150 boundaries, providing unbiased F_{0.5} scores. Gong
151 et al. (2022) introduce PT-M², focusing on scoring
152 changed words extracted by the M² metric.

Reference-less metrics. To overcome the limi- 153
154 tations of reference-based metrics, recent research
155 focus on reference-less scoring. Inspired by quality
156 estimation in NMT, Napoles et al. (2016a) propose
157 Grammaticality-Based Metrics (GBMs) using an
158 existing GEC system or a pre-trained ridge regres-
159 sion model. Asano et al. (2017) enhance GBMs
160 by adding criteria like grammaticality, fluency, and
161 meaning preservation. Yoshimura et al. (2020b) in-
162 troduce SOME, which uses sub-metrics optimized
163 for manual assessment with regression models.
164 Scribendi Score (Islam and Magnani, 2021) com-
165 bines language perplexity and token/Levenshtein
166 distance ratios. IMPARA (Maeda et al., 2022) in-
167 corporates a Quality Estimator and a Semantic Es-
168 timator based on BERT to evaluate GEC output
169 quality and semantic similarity. While reference-
170 less metrics align well with human judgments, they

lack interpretability due to the heavy dependence on trained models, thus posing latent risks.

3 Method

Our CLEME2.0 can be generally divided into three main steps, with the overview shown in Figure 2. Additionally, we incorporate two distinct edit weighting techniques to enhance performance.

3.1 Edit Extraction

The first step is edit extraction. Given a source sentence X and a target (either hypothesis or reference) sentence Y , this step is to extract the edits describing the modification from X to Y . Here, we utilize the chunk partition technique from CLEME (Ye et al., 2023) to execute the process of edit extraction. Unlike the traditional metrics like ERRANT (Bryant et al., 2017) and Max-Match (Dahlmeier and Ng, 2012a), CLEME concurrently aligns all sentences, including the source, the hypothesis, and all the references. This facilitates segmentation of them all into chunk sequences with an equal number of chunks, irrespective of the varying token counts in different sentences, as delineated in Figure 2. It is worth noting that a chunk is a basic edit unit, which can be unchanged, corrected, or dummy (empty) (Ye et al., 2023).

3.2 Disentangled Scores

For the purpose of computing disentangled scores, we initially disentangle edits into four core types. 1) **TP edits** refer to the corrected/dummy hypothesis chunks that share the same tokens as the corresponding reference chunks. 2) **FP_{ne} edits** are the corrected/dummy hypothesis chunks that have different tokens from those in the corresponding reference chunks wherein the reference chunks are also corrected/dummy ones. 3) **FP_{un} edits** are the corrected hypothesis chunks but their corresponding reference chunks remain unchanged. 4) **FN edits** indicate the unchanged hypothesis chunks but the corresponding reference chunks are corrected/dummy. It is highlighted that traditional metrics (Dahlmeier and Ng, 2012a; Bryant et al., 2017) do not distinguish between FP_{ne} and FP_{un}, treating both as FP, thereby resulting in confusion between error-correction and over-correction. Actually, we have $FP = FP_{ne} + FP_{un}$.

Furthermore, we can differentiate between necessary and unnecessary edits. TP, FP_{ne}, and FN edits are all *necessary* edits, since their corresponding reference chunks are also corrected/dummy,

implying the existence of grammatical errors in the related parts of X . On the contrary, FP_{un} edit are *unnecessary* edits because the systems propose corrections not represented in references. Consequently, we can define four disentangled scores.

Hit-correction score. This paper defines the hit-correction score as the ratio of TP edits to all necessary reference edits. Its purpose is to quantify the accuracy with which systems offer correct corrections. The formula is as follows:

$$Hit = \frac{TP}{necessity} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP_{ne} + FN} \quad (1)$$

Error-correction score. Conversely, the error-correction score is defined as the ratio of FP_{ne} edits to all necessary reference edits. This score seeks to evaluate the degree to which systems generate erroneous corrections for grammatical errors. The formula for this score is as follows:

$$Error = \frac{FP_{ne}}{necessity} = \frac{FP_{ne}}{TP + FP_{ne} + FN} \quad (2)$$

Under-correction score. Similarly, the under-correction score is proposed to measure the degree to which systems omit to correct grammatical errors, which is computed as follow:

$$Under = \frac{FN}{necessity} = \frac{FN}{TP + FP_{ne} + FN} \quad (3)$$

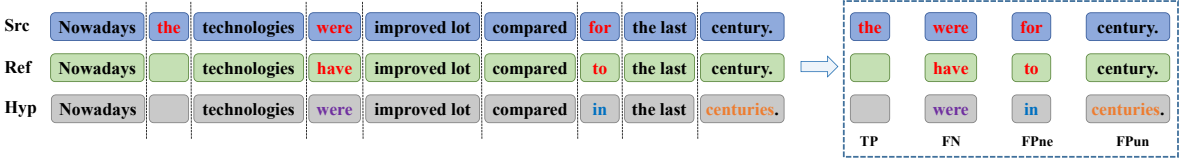
Over-correction score. The score is introduced in response to frequent observations that LLMs are prone to over-correcting texts. This score is determined by the proportion of FP_{un} edits to all hypothesis corrected/dummy edits, aiming to gauge the level to which systems offer excessive corrections:

$$Over = \frac{FP_{un}}{TP + FP} \quad (4)$$

3.3 Comprehensive Score

Once the four disentangled scores have been computed, they need to be merged into a comprehensive score that encapsulates the global performance of the systems. We employ a weighted summation approach to organize these four scores for interpretability and simplification. By definition, systems with higher hit-correction scores are usually preferable, a tendency that inversely applies to the

① Edit Extraction



② Disentangled Scores

$$Hit = \frac{TP}{TP + FP_{ne} + FN} = \frac{1}{3} \quad Under = \frac{FN}{TP + FP_{ne} + FN} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$Error = \frac{FP_{ne}}{TP + FP_{ne} + FN} = \frac{1}{3} \quad Over = \frac{FP_{un}}{TP + FP_{un} + FP_{ne}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

③ Comprehensive Scores

$$Score = \alpha_1 \cdot Hit - \alpha_2 \cdot (1 - Error) - \alpha_3 \cdot (1 - Under) - \alpha_4 \cdot (1 - Over)$$

$$= \alpha_1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} - \alpha_2 \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{3}) - \alpha_3 \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{3}) - \alpha_4 \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{3})$$

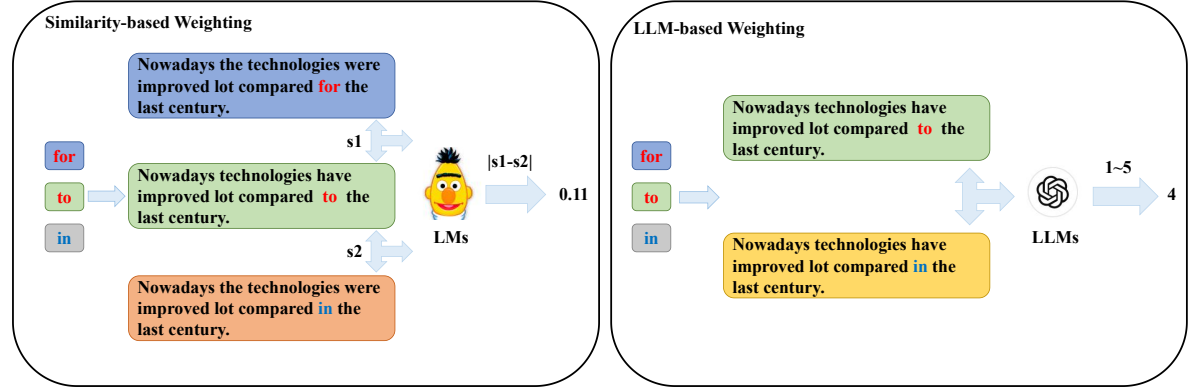


Figure 2: Overview of our approach CLEME2.0. First, we extract the hypothesis edits and reference edits and divide them into TP, FP_{ne}, FP_{un}, and FN edits. Second, we calculate four disentangled scores. Third, we combine them into a comprehensive score. Additionally, we leverage two edit weighting techniques.

remaining scores. Thus, the comprehensive score can be calculated using the following formula:

$$Score = \alpha_1 \cdot Hit + \alpha_2 \cdot (1 - Error) + \alpha_3 \cdot (1 - Under) + \alpha_4 \cdot (1 - Over) \quad (5)$$

where α_i is the trade-off factor for each disentangled score, and we constrain that $0 < \alpha_i < 1$ and $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = 1$.

3.4 Edit Weighting

Existing reference-based metrics, such as ER-RANT and CLEME, depend heavily on superficial literal similarity. This means that, regardless of length or modification, all types of edits have equal weighting in the evaluation scores. This aspect fails to acknowledge that human evaluators might semantically consider the edits' varying importance levels. Therefore, we introduce two distinct edit weighting techniques to compute the importance weights of edits. These weights are then incorporated into the calculation of the aforementioned disentangled scores as depicted in Equation (1) ~ (4). Take the hit-correction score as a typical example, we reformulate the Equation (1) as follow:

$$Hit = \frac{w_{TP}}{w_{TP} + w_{FP_{ne}} + w_{FN}} \quad (6)$$

Similarity-based weighting. We use PTScore from Gong et al. (2022) to provide edit weights. Through simulating a partially accurate version X' of the source sentence X , PTScore can assign individual weights to edits, in spite of multiple edits in a sentence. Since it performs based on BERTScore (Zhang et al., 2019) designed to compute similarity scores for text generation, we call this technique as similarity-based weighting. The computation process is as follows:

$$X' = \text{replace}(X, e_{\text{hyp}}) \quad (7)$$

$$w = |\text{PTScore}(X', R) - \text{PTScore}(X, R)| \quad (8)$$

where the function $\text{replace}()$ is intended to replace a specific chunk of the source X with the corrected/dummy hypothesis chunk e_{hyp} . Here, R denotes the reference sentence. Comprehensive details can be found in Gong et al. (2022).

LLM-based weighting. In light of the impressive semantic understanding capabilities of LLMs,

Metric	CoNLL-2014		BN-10GEC		E-Minimal		E-Fluency		NE-Minimal		NE-Fluency		Avg.	
	EW	TS	EW	TS	EW	TS	EW	TS	EW	TS	EW	TS		
M ²	γ	0.623	0.672	0.547	0.610	0.597	0.650	0.590	0.659	0.575	0.634	0.582	0.649	0.616
	ρ	0.687	0.720	0.648	0.692	0.654	0.703	0.654	0.709	0.577	0.648	0.648	0.703	0.670
GLEU	γ	0.701	0.750	0.678	0.761	0.533	0.513	0.693	0.771	-0.044	-0.113	0.674	0.767	0.557
	ρ	0.467	0.555	0.754	0.806	0.577	0.511	0.710	0.757	-0.005	-0.055	0.725	0.819	0.551
ERRANT	γ	0.642	0.688	0.586	0.644	0.578	0.631	0.594	0.663	0.585	0.637	0.597	0.659	0.625
	ρ	0.659	0.698	0.637	0.698	0.742	0.786	0.720	0.775	0.747	0.797	0.753	0.797	0.734
PT-M ²	γ	0.693	0.737	0.650	0.706	0.626	0.667	0.621	0.681	0.630	0.675	0.620	0.682	0.666
	ρ	0.758	0.769	0.690	0.824	0.709	0.736	0.758	0.802	0.736	0.758	0.758	0.802	0.758
CLEME-dep	γ	0.648	0.691	0.602	0.656	0.594	0.644	0.589	0.654	0.595	0.643	0.612	0.673	0.633
	ρ	0.709	0.742	0.692	0.747	0.797	0.813	0.714	0.775	0.786	0.835	0.720	0.791	0.760
CLEME-ind	γ	0.649	0.691	0.609	0.659	0.593	0.643	0.587	0.653	0.601	0.647	0.611	0.672	0.635
	ρ	0.709	0.731	0.692	0.747	0.791	0.802	0.731	0.791	0.797	0.841	0.714	0.786	0.761
CLEME2.0-dep (Ours)	γ	0.700	0.765	0.675	0.745	0.690	0.768	0.695	0.788	0.702	0.778	0.704	0.800	0.734
	ρ	0.665	0.736	0.626	0.692	0.736	0.808	0.742	0.830	0.775	0.846	0.599	0.714	0.730
CLEME2.0-ind (Ours)	γ	0.718	0.777	0.731	0.793	0.708	0.784	0.736	0.824	0.757	0.826	0.801	0.848	0.775
	ρ	0.665	0.736	0.698	0.758	0.736	0.808	0.742	0.830	0.775	0.846	0.670	0.769	0.753
CLEME2.0-sim-dep (Ours)	γ	<u>0.783</u>	<u>0.853</u>	0.721	<u>0.801</u>	<u>0.765</u>	<u>0.834</u>	<u>0.737</u>	<u>0.827</u>	<u>0.761</u>	0.824	0.741	0.834	<u>0.790</u>
	ρ	<u>0.819</u>	<u>0.890</u>	0.802	<u>0.863</u>	0.791	0.868	<u>0.758</u>	<u>0.852</u>	<u>0.830</u>	0.896	0.786	<u>0.857</u>	<u>0.834</u>
CLEME2.0-sim-ind (Ours)	γ	0.806	0.871	0.772	0.839	0.780	0.841	0.761	0.844	0.782	0.834	0.798	0.877	0.817
	ρ	0.846	0.901	0.835	0.885	0.819	0.885	0.758	0.852	0.846	0.896	0.863	0.923	0.859
SentM ²	γ	0.871	0.864	0.567	0.646	0.805 [♣]	0.836 [♣]	0.655	0.732	0.729 [♣]	0.785 [♣]	0.621	0.699	0.734
	ρ	0.731	0.758	0.593	0.648	0.806 [♣]	0.845 [♣]	0.731	0.764	0.797 [♣]	0.846 [♣]	0.632	0.687	0.737
SentGLEU	γ	0.784	0.828	0.756	0.826	0.742 [♣]	0.773 [♣]	0.785	0.846	0.723 [♣]	0.762 [♣]	0.778	0.848	0.788
	ρ	0.720	0.775	0.769	0.824	0.764 [♣]	0.797 [♣]	0.791	0.846	0.764 [♣]	0.830 [♣]	0.768	0.846	0.791
SentERRANT	γ	0.870	0.846	<u>0.885</u>	<u>0.896</u>	0.768 [♣]	0.803 [♣]	0.806	0.732	0.710 [♣]	0.765 [♣]	0.793	0.847	0.810
	ρ	0.742	0.747	0.786	0.830	0.775 [♣]	0.819 [♣]	0.813	0.764	0.780 [♣]	0.841 [♣]	0.830	0.857	0.799
SentPT-M ²	γ	0.949	0.938	0.602 [♣]	0.682 [♣]	0.831 [♣]	0.855 [♣]	0.689	0.763	0.770 [♣]	0.822 [♣]	0.648	0.725	0.772
	ρ	0.907	0.874	0.626 [♣]	0.670 [♣]	0.808 [♣]	0.819 [♣]	0.797	0.841	0.813 [♣]	0.857 [♣]	0.742	0.786	0.795
SentCLEME-dep	γ	0.876	0.844	0.915	0.913	0.806 [♣]	0.838 [♣]	0.849	0.886	0.742 [♣]	0.795 [♣]	0.876	0.921	0.855
	ρ	0.824	0.808	0.835	0.874	0.775 [♣]	0.819 [♣]	0.824	0.863	0.797 [♣]	0.846 [♣]	0.791	0.846	0.825
SentCLEME-ind	γ	0.868	0.857	0.855 [♣]	0.876 [♣]	0.821 [♣]	0.856 [♣]	0.841	0.877	0.782 [♣]	0.831 [♣]	0.852	0.896	0.851
	ρ	0.725	0.758	0.659 [♣]	0.714 [♣]	0.775 [♣]	0.819 [♣]	0.808	0.846	0.819 [♣]	0.874 [♣]	0.762	0.825	0.782
SentCLEME2.0-dep (Ours)	γ	0.870	0.881	0.766	0.830	0.941 [♣]	0.954 [♣]	0.892	0.938	<u>0.913</u> [♣]	0.918 [♣]	0.916	<u>0.949</u>	0.897
	ρ	0.714	0.725	0.681	0.747	0.857 [♣]	0.885 [♣]	0.824	0.901	0.857 [♣]	0.912 [♣]	0.720	0.791	0.801
SentCLEME2.0-ind (Ours)	γ	0.866	0.881	0.799	0.853	0.941 [♣]	0.956 [♣]	0.915	0.952	0.915 [♣]	<u>0.917</u> [♣]	0.883	0.904	0.899
	ρ	0.709	0.720	0.681	0.747	0.879 [♣]	0.912 [♣]	0.857	0.923	<u>0.824</u> [♣]	<u>0.885</u> [♣]	0.654	0.720	0.793
SentCLEME2.0-sim-dep (Ours)	γ	0.926	0.937	0.797	0.861	0.939 [♣]	0.948 [♣]	0.908	0.952	0.871 [♣]	0.872 [♣]	0.918	0.947	0.906
	ρ	0.907	0.912	<u>0.808</u>	<u>0.863</u>	0.852 [♣]	0.879 [♣]	0.885	0.945	0.753 [♣]	0.780 [♣]	0.896	0.940	0.868
SentCLEME2.0-sim-ind (Ours)	γ	0.915	0.936	0.808	0.866	0.945 [♣]	0.956 [♣]	0.923	0.963	0.885 [♣]	0.887 [♣]	0.931	0.961	0.915
	ρ	0.868	0.879	0.753	0.824	0.863 [♣]	0.901 [♣]	0.879	0.956	0.775 [♣]	0.802 [♣]	<u>0.835</u>	<u>0.923</u>	<u>0.855</u>

Table 1: Correlation results on GJG15 Ranking. We highlight the **highest** score in bold and the second-highest score with underlines. ♣ We remove unchanged reference sentences for higher correlations due to low-quality annotations. Otherwise, negative correlations are possible.

some recent work has sought their use in evaluating assorted NLP tasks (Pavlovic and Poesio, 2024; Chen et al., 2024), GEC evaluations included (Sottana et al., 2023). Drawing inspiration from this trend, we employ Llama-2-7B (Touvron et al., 2023) as a scorer to acquire the importance score for each edit. These scores range from 1 to 5, with higher scores indicating increased edit importance. We provide the implementation details and the prompting template in Appendix D.

4 Experiments

4.1 Experimental Settings

Human ranking datasets. We conduct comprehensive experiments across two human judgment

datasets with disparate annotation protocols.

- **GJG15** (Grundkiewicz et al., 2015) is constructed to manually evaluate classical systems (Junczys-Dowmunt and Grundkiewicz, 2014; Rozovskaya et al., 2014) in the CoNLL-2014 shared task (Ng et al., 2014).
- **SEEDA**. Kobayashi et al. (2024b) reveal several shortcomings in GJS15 and subsequently propose SEEDA, an alternative dataset featuring human judgments across two levels of granularity. To align with the contemporary trend in GEC, SEEDA is primarily focused on mainstream neural-based systems.

Both of human judgment datasets derive the overall human rankings for all GEC systems by employ-

ing Expected Wins (EW) (Bojar et al., 2013) and TrueSkill (TS) (Sakaguchi et al., 2014) methods. Following the previous approaches (Ye et al., 2023; Kobayashi et al., 2024b), we compute the Pearson (γ) and Spearman (ρ) correlations between metrics and human judgments, in order to ascertain the effectiveness and robustness of GEC metrics within the context of *system-level ranking*.

Reference datasets. Reference-based metrics rely on a reference set to establish a system ranking list, the properties of which may significantly influence the performance of the metrics. To investigate the impact of variable reference sets, we assess human consistency across 6 reference datasets. These datasets encompass a range of annotation styles, and a number of human annotators, including CoNLL-2014 (Grundkiewicz et al., 2015), BN-10GEC (Bryant and Ng, 2015) and SN-8GEC (Sakaguchi et al., 2016). Notably, SN-8GEC is partitioned into 4 sub-sets, namely E-Minimal, E-Fluency, NE-Minimal, and NE-Fluency. A more thorough breakdown of these datasets and the statistics are provided in Appendix A.

Corpus and sentence levels. GEC evaluation metrics can compute an overall system-level score for a given system in two settings (Gong et al., 2022). Given the metric M , source sentences \mathbf{S} , hypothesis sentences \mathbf{H} and reference sentences \mathbf{R} , 1) **corpus-level** metrics compute the system score based on the whole corpus $M(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R})$, and 2) **sentence-level** metrics use the average of the sentence-level scores $\sum_i^I M(\mathbf{S}_i, \mathbf{H}_i, \mathbf{R}_i)/I$.

Trade-off factors. We employ a cross-evaluation approach to determine two optimal configurations for trade-off factors applicable at the corpus and sentence levels, respectively. At the corpus level, we assign the factors as $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 = 0.45, 0.35, 0.15, 0.05$. Conversely, at the sentence level, these are adjusted to $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 = 0.35, 0.25, 0.20, 0.20$. Additionally, CLEME2.0 metrics named with “sim” are based on similarity-based edit weighting, and we leave the analysis of LLM-based edit weighting to Section 5.2.

Evaluation Assumptions. Ye et al. (2023) propose evaluating systems based on one of two assumptions, namely correction dependence and correction independence. In short, the correction independence assumption offers a more relaxed edit matching process, implying that systems are more inclined to yield higher scores when multiple

Metric	SEEDA-S		SEEDA-E		Avg.
	γ	ρ	γ	ρ	
M ²	0.658	0.487	0.791	0.764	0.675
PT-M ²	0.845	0.769	0.896	0.909	0.855
ERRANT	0.557	0.406	0.697	0.671	0.583
PT-ERRANT	0.818	0.720	0.888	0.888	0.829
GoToScorer	<u>0.929</u>	0.881	0.901	0.937	0.912
GLEU	0.847	0.886	0.911	0.897	0.885
Scribendi Score	0.631	0.641	0.830	0.848	0.738
SOME	0.892	0.867	0.901	0.951	0.903
IMPARA	0.911	0.874	0.889	0.944	0.903
CLEME-dep	0.633	0.501	0.755	0.757	0.662
CLEME-ind	0.616	0.466	0.736	0.708	0.632
CLEME2.0-dep (Ours)	0.937	0.865	0.945	0.939	0.922
CLEME2.0-ind (Ours)	0.908	0.844	0.961	0.946	0.915
CLEME2.0-sim-dep (Ours)	0.923	0.914	0.948	<u>0.974</u>	<u>0.940</u>
CLEME2.0-sim-ind (Ours)	0.921	<u>0.907</u>	<u>0.953</u>	0.981	0.941
Sent-M ²	0.802	0.692	0.887	0.846	0.807
SentERRANT	0.758	0.643	0.860	0.825	0.772
SentCLEME-dep	0.866	0.809	0.944	0.939	0.890
SentCLEME-ind	0.864	0.858	0.935	0.911	0.892
SentCLEME2.0-dep (Ours)	0.905	0.844	<u>0.955</u>	0.946	0.913
SentCLEME2.0-ind (Ours)	0.875	0.837	0.953	<u>0.953</u>	0.905
SentCLEME2.0-sim-dep (Ours)	0.924	<u>0.858</u>	0.923	<u>0.953</u>	<u>0.915</u>
SentCLEME2.0-sim-ind (Ours)	<u>0.921</u>	0.886	0.957	0.960	0.931

Table 2: Results of human correlations on SEEDA Ranking based on TrueSkill (TS).

Metric	EW		TS		Avg.
	γ	ρ	γ	ρ	
CLEME2.0-dep-Hit	0.599	0.593	0.673	0.648	0.628
CLEME2.0-dep-Error	-0.444	-0.533	-0.526	-0.593	-0.524
CLEME2.0-dep-Under	0.496	0.599	0.576	0.659	0.583
CLEME2.0-dep-Over	0.118	0.269	0.073	0.275	0.253
SentCLEME2.0-dep-Hit	0.594	0.593	0.672	0.648	0.627
SentCLEME2.0-dep-Error	-0.405	-0.429	-0.489	-0.500	-0.456
SentCLEME2.0-dep-Under	0.489	0.511	0.572	0.582	0.539
SentCLEME2.0-dep-Over	-0.247	-0.363	-0.346	-0.440	-0.349

Table 3: Correlation results of each disentangled score on GJG15 Ranking.

references are accessible. Inspired by this work, CLEME2.0 also supports both assumptions, and we will study their impact on our method.

4.2 Results of GJG15 Ranking

The correlations between the GEC metrics and human judgments on the GJG15 rankings are shown in Table 1, and we have the following insights.

CLEME2.0 outperforms other metrics at both corpus and sentence levels. For corpus-level, CLEME2.0-sim-ind achieves the highest average correlations, closely followed by CLEME2.0-sim-dep. CLEME2.0-ind and CLEME2.0-dep can also gain comparable correlations with other metrics, in spite of the fact that they do not utilize any

Metric	EW		TS		Avg.
	γ	ρ	γ	ρ	
CLEME2.0-dep	0.461	0.423	0.483	0.457	0.456
CLEME2.0-ind	0.468	0.421	0.489	0.453	0.458
CLEME2.0-sim-dep	0.559	0.592	0.581	0.624	0.589
CLEME2.0-sim-ind	0.566	0.593	0.588	0.622	0.592
SentCLEME2.0-dep	0.374	0.305	0.362	0.290	0.333
SentCLEME2.0-ind	0.372	0.302	0.356	0.283	0.328
SentCLEME2.0-sim-dep	0.410	0.361	0.400	0.345	0.379
SentCLEME2.0-sim-ind	0.412	0.360	0.399	0.338	0.377

Table 4: Average correlations of (Sent)CLEME2.0 and (Sent)CLEME2.0-sim on CoNLL-2014.

Dataset	Corpus-EW		Corpus-TS		Sentence-EW		Sentence-TS	
	γ	ρ	γ	ρ	γ	ρ	γ	ρ
CoNLL-2014	0.697	0.659	0.759	0.720	0.626	0.654	0.696	0.698
BN-10GEC	0.732	0.764	0.796	0.813	0.638	0.637	0.708	0.698
E-Minimal	0.709	0.786	0.779	0.819	0.642	0.692	0.715	0.747
E-Fluency	0.760	0.786	0.831	0.841	0.642	0.665	0.720	0.714
NE-Minimal	0.777	0.823	0.839	0.861	0.654	0.747	0.723	0.791
NE-Fluency	0.823	0.692	0.849	0.709	0.664	0.791	0.742	0.830

Table 5: Correlation results of LLM-based weighting on GJG15 Ranking.

edit weighting techniques. On the other hand, sentence-level metrics exhibit a similar pattern. SentCLEME2.0-sim-dep and SentCLEME2.0-sim-ind achieve the highest Pearson and Spearson correlations, respectively. These results significantly demonstrate the effectiveness and robustness of our proposed method across different settings.

Sentence-level metrics outperform their corpus-level counterparts. This observation aligns with recent studies (Gong et al., 2022; Ye et al., 2023). This is because system-level rankings treat each sample equally, which is consistent with the evaluation process of sentence-level metrics. In contrast, corpus-level metrics allow samples with more edits to significantly influence the results. SentPT-M² exhibits the best performance on CoNLL-2014, but its results on BN-10GEC, E-Minimal, and NE-Fluency are inferior compared to our method.

In general, our method aligns more consistently with human judgments than existing mainstream metrics. Particularly, most weighted outcomes outshine the unweighted ones, attributable to the incorporation of semantic considerations. However, on E-Minimal and NE-Minimal, the unweighted and weighted results exhibit comparability. We conjecture that this could be due to the annotations in these datasets being minimal yet decisive, reducing the possibility of generating diverse weights.

4.3 Results of SEEDA Ranking

We conduct a supplementary experiment on the SEEDA-Sentence and SEEDA-Edit datasets, comparing our method with a wide range of GEC metrics. Table 2 demonstrates again that our approach obtains the optimal results on both datasets. Kobayashi et al. (2024b) claim that the correlations of most metrics tend to decline when shifting from classical to neural systems in evaluation. This suggests that traditional metrics may struggle when assessing more extensively edited and fluent corrections generated by neural systems. However, our method is still able to address these challenges and obtain even better results. The results on SEEDA-Edit surpass those on SEEDA-Sentence due to the finer granularity of SEED-Edit, which is more consistent with the functioning of CLEME2.0.

It is crucial to mention that reference-less metrics such as SOME and IMPARA yield high outcomes, in part, because these are fine-tuned on GEC data. Although fine-tuned metrics generally perform better, they are not without their limitations. Firstly, the incorporation of fine-tuning in SOME and IMPARA makes these reference-less metrics more costly. Second, these reference-less metrics may suffer from poor robustness since the assessment process is not guided by human-annotated references. For example, the authors of Scribendi Score claim that it can achieve high correlations on the human judgment dataset from Napoles et al. (2016b). However, only moderate correlations are observable on SEEDA-Edit.

5 Analysis

5.1 Ablation Studies

Isolated effect of each disentangled score. We perform ablation experiments on (Sent)CLEME2.0-dep to observe how each disentangled score performs. Since a system exhibiting lower error-correction, under-correction, and over-correction is more desirable, these scores are subtracted from 1. The results are presented in Table 3. Both hit-correction and under-correction scores display moderate correlations. Over-correction scores exhibit slight positive correlations at the corpus-level, but negligible negative correlations at the sentence level. Interestingly, error-correction scores manifest negative correlations. However, this does not imply that error-correction scores have no influence on the comprehensive score. In fact, the trade-off factor of error-correction scores is relatively sig-

	Chunk 1	Chunk 2	Chunk 3	Chunk 4	Chunk 5	Chunk 6	Chunk 7	Chunk 8	Chunk 9
Source	When we are	diagnosed out	with certain genetic	disease	, are we suppose to disclose	this result	to	our	relatives ?
Ref.	When we are	diagnosed	with certain genetic	diseases	, are we suppose to disclose	this result	to	our	relatives ?
Hyp.	When we are	diagnosed out (0.056)	with certain genetic	diseases (0.006)	, are we suppose to disclose	the results (0.019)	to	their (0.021)	relatives ?

	Chunk 1	Chunk 2	Chunk 3	Chunk 4	Chunk 5	Chunk 6
Source	Do one	who	suffered	from this disease	keep it a secret	of infrom
Ref.	Does one	who	suffers	from this disease	keep it a secret	or infrom
Hyp.	Do one (0.028)	who	suffer (0.011)	from this disease	keep it a secret	to infrom (0.094)

Table 6: Cases of CLEME2.0. We highlight TP chunks, FP_{ne} chunks, FP_{un} chunks, and FN chunks in different colors. Fractions in brackets in Hyp. are similarity-based weighting scores.

nificant. It is hypothesized that evaluations based solely on error-correction scores could unduly encourage systems that produce only highly confident edits, resulting in potential evaluation bias.

Average correlations. To further compare different metrics from a global perspective, we report the average correlations obtained through the exhaustive enumeration of various parameter configurations. Specifically, all possible parameter combinations are attempted, with a step increment of 0.05. From Table 4, we observe that all the correlations are positive, regardless of the applied correction assumptions, evaluation levels, and weighting techniques. Comparing the unweighted and similarity-based weighted results, we conclude that similarity-based weighting significantly promotes human correlations, even on a global scale. Furthermore, corpus-level metrics tend to attain higher average results than sentence-level metrics; nonetheless, sentence-level metrics with optimal parameters surpass their corpus-level counterparts. This suggests that corpus-level metrics may exhibit enhanced robustness concerning parameter selection.

5.2 Exploration of LLM

The results of LLM-based edit weighting are shown in Table 5. The corpus-level results are quite satisfying and are comparable to those of most metrics such as PT-M2 and CLEME. However, the sentence-level outcomes are less satisfactory. This could be due to the fact that LLM assigns error-editing scores on a scale of 1 to 5, which is notably coarser when contrasted with the 0 to 1 continuous scoring scale. Sentence-level scores depend on the mean of the editing scores within a particular sentence. Consequently, even the slightest bias in the scores assigned by the LLM might lead to significant deviations in the sentence-level outcomes.

Although the LLM has had some success, its performance still falls short when compared to the similarity-based weighting. This might be due to

the scoring granularity of the 1 to 5 scale provided by the LLM not being sufficiently fine-tuned. In addition, the score heavily relies on the functionality of the LLM, which proves rather unstable.

5.3 Case Study

Table 6 presents examples of CLEME2.0. In the top group, chunk 2 achieves the highest score (0.056), highlighting its significant impact on the sentence. Although "diagnosed" was correctly amended, the omission of "out" persists, rendering the sentence still incorrect. Chunk 4 represents a hit-correction relating to the singular and plural forms in the source sentence and its low score indicates a minimal impact. Chunks 6 and 8 are types of over-correction. Chunk 6 does not change the original meaning, whereas chunk 8 introduces a more severe error due to an incorrect personal pronoun. In the second group, both chunks 3 and 5 exhibit error-corrections, with chunk 5 scoring higher than chunk 3. Chunk 3 involves issues of tense and singular-plural, while chunk 5 presents a more serious error that completely alters the meaning of the sentence. The weighting scores reflect the superiority of the method. For metrics that do not apply weightings, sorts of edits are uniformly assigned, which does not reflect the actual semantics.

6 Conclusion

This paper proposes CLEME2.0, an interpretable evaluation strategy, which are beneficial to reveal crucial characteristics of GEC systems. To address the limitations of traditional reference-based metrics in capturing semantic nuances, we enhance CLEME2.0 using two innovative edit weighting techniques: similarity-based and LLM-based weighting. Through comprehensive experiments and analyses, we validate the efficacy and reliability of our approach. We believe CLEME2.0 will provide a promising perspective on the task of grammatical error correction.

551 Limitation

552 Although CLEME2.0 can be extended to other lan-
553 guages, its effectiveness has not been tested in any
554 language other than English. Furthermore, all refer-
555 ence sets utilized in our experiments are derived
556 from the CoNLL-2014 shared task, which is a sec-
557 ond language dataset. To demonstrate the robust-
558 ness of our approaches, further experiments on eval-
559 uation datasets encompassing multiple languages
560 and text domains are required. Finally, we strongly
561 advocate for the construction of new GEC evalua-
562 tion datasets to advance the development of NLP.

563 Ethics Statement

564 In this paper, we validate the effectiveness and
565 robustness of our proposed approach using the
566 CoNLL-2014, BN-10GEC, and SN-8GEC refer-
567 ence datasets. These datasets are sourced from
568 publicly available resources on legitimate websites
569 and do not contain any sensitive data. Additionally,
570 all the baselines employed in our experiments are
571 publicly accessible GEC metrics, and we have duly
572 cited the respective authors. We confirm that all
573 datasets and baselines utilized in our experiments
574 are consistent with their intended purposes.

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783 A Details about GEC Meta-Evaluation

784 A.1 Human Rankings

785 **GJG15 ranking.** [Grundkiewicz et al. \(2015\)](#) pro-
786 pose the first large-scale human judgement dataset
787 towards 12 participating systems of the CoNLL-
788 2014 shared task. In this assessment, 8 native
789 speaker are asked to rank the outputs of all the
790 systems from best to worst. Two system ranking
791 lists are generated using Expected Wins (EW) and
792 TrueSkill (TS) respectively. Since all the involved
793 systems are mostly classical systems such as sta-
794 tistical machine translation approaches ([Junczys-](#)
795 [Dowmunt and Grundkiewicz, 2014](#)) and classifier-
796 based approaches ([Rozovskaya et al., 2014](#)), the
797 dataset may not be a ideal test bed for meta-
798 evaluation in the current time.

799 **SEEDA ranking.** [Kobayashi et al. \(2024b\)](#) iden-
800 tify several limitations of GJG15 ranking dataset,
801 and propose a new human ranking dataset called
802 SEEDA. SEEDA consists of corrections with hu-
803 man ratings along two different granularities: edit-
804 based and sentence-based, covering 12 state-of-
805 the-art systems including large language models
806 (LLMs), and two human corrections with different
807 focuses. Three native English speakers participate
808 in the annotation process. Similar to [Grundkiewicz](#)
809 [et al. \(2015\)](#), the overall human rankings are de-
810 rived from TrueSkill (TS) and Expected Wins (EW)
811 based on pairwise judgments.

812 B Statistics of Reference Datasets

813 Table 7 presents the statistics of all the reference
814 sets involved in our experiments.

B.1 Baseline Metrics 815

816 In our evaluation, we compare our method with the
817 following reference-based baseline metrics, includ-
818 ing corpus and sentence-level variants: 818

- 819 • **M²** and **SentM²** ([Dahlmeier and Ng, 2012a](#)) 819
820 dynamically extract the hypothesis edits with 820
821 the maximum overlap of gold annotations by 821
822 utilizing the Levenshtein algorithm. 822

- 823 • **GLEU** and **SentGLEU** ([Napoles et al., 2015](#)) 823
824 are BLEU-like GEC metrics based on n-gram 824
825 matching, rewarding hypothesis n-grams that 825
826 align with the reference but not the source, 826
827 while penalizing those aligning solely with 827
828 the source. GLEU is the main metric in JF- 828
829 LEG, an English GEC dataset that highlights 829
830 holistic fluency edits. 830

- 831 • **ERRANT** and **SentERRANT** ([Bryant et al.,](#) 831
832 [2017](#)) are the most mainstream GEC metrics, 832
833 which are based on edit matching. They are 833
834 able to extract edits more accurately, by uti- 834
835 lizing the linguistically enhanced Damerau- 835
836 Levenshtein algorithm. 836

- 837 • **PT-M²** and **SentPT-M²** ([Gong et al., 2022](#)) 837
838 leverage pre-trained language model (PLM) to 838
839 evaluate GEC systems. The main idea is simi- 839
840 lar to M² and ERRANT, but they can leverage 840
841 the knowledge of pre-trained language models 841
842 to score edits effectively. 842

- 843 • **CLEME** and **SentCLEME** ([Ye et al., 2023](#)) 843
844 are proposed to provide unbiased scores for 844
845 multi-reference evaluation. Besides, the au- 845
846 thors introduce the correction independence 846
847 assumption, so CLEME can perform based 847
848 on either traditional correction dependence or 848
849 correction independence assumptions. 849

850 In addition, for the evaluation of SEEDA, we 850
851 have additionally added the following evaluation 851
852 methods in accordance with the evaluation methods 852
853 reported in [Kobayashi et al. \(2024b\)](#): 853

- 854 • **GoToScorer** ([Gotou et al., 2020](#)): takes into 854
855 account the difficulty of error correction when 855
856 calculating the evaluation score. The difficulty 856
857 is calculated based on the number of systems 857
858 that can correct errors. 858

- 859 • **Scribendi Score** ([Islam and Magnani, 2021](#)): 859
860 evaluates in conjunction with the complexity 860

Item	CoNLL-2014	BN-10GEC	E-Minimal	E-Fluency	NE-Minimal	NE-Fluency
# Sents (Length)	1,312 (23.0)	1,312 (23.0)	1,312 (23.0)	1,312 (23.0)	1,312 (23.0)	1,312 (23.0)
# Refs (Length)	2,624 (22.8)	13,120 (22.9)	2,624 (23.2)	2,624 (22.8)	2,624 (23.0)	2,624 (22.2)
# Edits (Length)	5,937 (1.0)	36,677 (1.0)	4,500 (1.0)	8,373 (1.1)	4,964 (0.9)	11,033 (1.2)
# Unchanged Chunks (Length)	11,174 (4.8)	93,496 (2.5)	8,887 (6.3)	12,823 (3.8)	10,748 (5.1)	14,086 (2.9)
# Corrected/Dummy Chunks (Length)	4,994 (1.3)	26,948 (2.4)	3,963 (1.2)	6,305 (1.7)	4,221 (1.2)	6,892 (2.6)

Table 7: Statistics of CoNLL-2014 (Ng et al., 2014), BN-10GEC (Bryant and Ng, 2015) and SN-8GEC (Sakaguchi et al., 2016) reference sets. We leverage ERRANT (Bryant et al., 2017) for edit extraction, and CLEME (Ye et al., 2023) for chunk extraction.

calculated by GPT-2 (Radford et al., 2019), the labeled ranking ratio and the Levenstein distance ratio.

- **SOME** (Yoshimura et al., 2020b): optimizes human evaluation by fine-tuning BERT separately for criteria such as grammaticality, fluency, and meaning preservation.
- **IMPARA** (Maeda et al., 2022): incorporates a quality assessment model fine-tuned using BERT parallel data and a similarity model that takes into account the effects of editing.

C Detailed Results of Evaluation

We list detailed evaluation results of CLEME2.0 on CoNLL-2014 in Table 8.

D Experimental Details of LLM-based Edit Weighting

Due to the strong semantic understanding capabilities of large language models (LLMs), recent work (Sottana et al., 2023) has sparked interest in using LLMs for text evaluation, including the evaluation of grammatical error correction. Inspired by this, we utilize LLMs as weighted scorers to assess the importance of each edit. The template for the LLM is shown in Figure 3. For each edit, the constructed sentence contains only one grammatical error, while the other positions are correct. The second line shows the modification of that edit. The LLM is required to determine the necessity of the modified edit and output a score from 1 to 5. A higher score indicates a greater necessity for the edit modification. We do not inform the LLM of the specific types of edits; instead, we let the larger model evaluate the necessity of the modified edits.

D.1 Hit-Correction Edits

Scenario: The hypothesis and reference sentence are consistent.

Focus: The significance of the transition from the

source to the hypothesis sentence.

Scoring: A higher score indicates that the edit from source to reference sentence carries substantial importance. Conversely, a lower score suggests that this transition is less crucial.

D.2 Error-Correction Edits

Scenario: The hypothesis and reference sentence are inconsistent.

Focus: The significance of the transition from the hypothesis to the reference sentence.

Scoring: A high score indicates a critical edit, suggesting significant inaccuracies in the hypothesis sentence. A low score implies that the modification is of minimal importance, indicating the hypothesis sentence is either correct or not substantially incorrect.

D.3 Under-Correction Edits

Scenario: The source and hypothesis sentence remain unchanged.

Focus: The importance of modifications from the source to the reference sentence.

Scoring: A high score implies a critical need for the edit, pointing to a severe under-correction. Conversely, a low score indicates that the edit is of lesser importance, suggesting a mild under-correction.

D.4 Over-Correction Edits

Scenario: The source is equivalent to the reference sentence, leading to two distinct situations:

1. The reference is not an ideal sentence, and the hypothesis sentence is corrected but deemed overcorrected.
2. The reference is optimal, necessitating no amendments, yet the hypothesis sentence introduces corrections.

Evaluation:

Prompt:

As a grammar correction evaluator, you are required to score the corrected editors for each grammatical error. We will give three lines, the first line is the original sentence given, the second line is the modification made to the editor, and the third line is the output form.

The scoring range is 1-5. The larger the score, the more important the editor's correction is. Correspondingly, the smaller the score, the less important the editor's correction is.

1 point indicates that this editor's modification has almost no impact on the original sentence and is dispensable.

2 points indicates that this editorial change has a slight impact.

3 points indicates that this editor's changes have a certain impact.

4 points indicates that this editorial change is necessary.

5 points indicates that this editing modification is very necessary and of high importance.

The output format is a score of 1 to 5 points.

Next, I will give you a sentence only with an edit. You need to rate each edit in sequence. The desired output is just a score, without any redundant explanation.

Example Input:

Sentence: Nowadays the technologies were improved a lot compared to the last century.

Edit: were => have

Output (1-5):

Example Output:

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Note that the output must be a number between 1 and 5. Here is the sample:

Figure 3: The prompting of LLM-based weighting.

- **First Situation:** Assess the importance (W_1) of the edit from the source to the hypothesis sentence. A higher W_1 score indicates that the edit is crucial, suggesting imperfections in the reference sentence. Conversely, a lower score suggests that the edit is of minimal importance, rendering the hypothesis's correction unnecessary.

- **Second Situation:** Examine the significance (W_2) of the edit from the hypothesis to the reference sentence. A higher score indicates that the edit is critical, denoting that the hypothesis's correction was overly aggressive. A lower score implies the edit was unneeded, making the correction by the hypothesis irrelevant.

Formula: The computation of over-correction score is defined as follow:

$$\text{over-correction score} = W_2 - W_1$$

This score can be either positive or negative. A higher over-correction score signals a less effective performance by the correction system.

By systematically assessing the necessity and importance of different types of edits, we can bet-

ter understand and improve the performance of grammatical error correction systems.

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Metric		AMU	CAMB	CUUI	IITB	INPUT	IPN	NTHU	PKU	POST	RAC	SJTU	UFC	UMC
CLEME2.0-dependent	TP	380	584	471	22	0	39	330	246	412	254	85	32	260
	sim	9.20	12.66	7.58	0.39	0.00	0.77	5.79	6.69	8.80	6.68	1.50	0.42	5.29
	FP	817	1307	964	67	0	488	905	709	1145	782	272	18	789
	sim	16.03	30.92	16.06	1.80	0.00	11.93	24.56	14.36	19.25	11.98	6.49	0.25	18.26
	FP_{ne}	276	418	311	34	0	149	302	254	316	259	76	12	245
	sim	4.08	6.55	3.68	0.75	0.00	4.61	5.89	4.06	4.60	3.80	2.30	0.17	3.83
	FP_{un}	541	889	653	33	0	339	603	455	829	523	196	6	544
	sim	11.95	24.36	12.38	1.05	0.00	7.33	18.67	10.30	14.64	8.18	4.19	0.08	14.43
	FN	1360	1150	1357	2057	1782	2886	1388	1454	1354	1487	1668	2087	1461
	sim	34.25	28.45	36.21	78.39	48.24	83.10	46.53	36.15	34.48	38.00	56.28	51.27	39.60
	TN	6298	6329	6224	6007	6308	5160	6274	6286	6428	6276	6313	5965	6355
	sim	6237	6301	6190	5373	6226	5241	5973	6214	6382	6194	5902	6092	6273
	Hit	0.188	0.271	0.220	0.010	0.00	0.013	0.163	0.126	0.198	0.127	0.046	0.015	0.132
	sim	0.194	0.266	0.160	0.005	0.00	0.009	0.100	0.143	0.184	0.138	0.025	0.008	0.109
	Error	0.137	0.194	0.145	0.016	0.00	0.048	0.150	0.130	0.152	0.130	0.042	0.006	0.125
	sim	0.086	0.138	0.078	0.009	0.00	0.052	0.101	0.0866	0.096	0.078	0.038	0.003	0.079
	Under	0.675	0.534	0.634	0.973	1.00	0.939	0.687	0.744	0.650	0.744	0.912	0.979	0.743
	sim	0.721	0.597	0.763	0.986	1.00	0.939	0.799	0.771	0.720	0.784	0.937	0.989	0.813
	Over	0.452	0.470	0.455	0.371	0.00	0.643	0.488	0.476	0.532	0.505	0.549	0.12	0.519
	sim	0.474	0.559	0.524	0.478	0.00	0.577	0.615	0.490	0.522	0.438	0.524	0.116	0.613
Score	0.483	0.508	0.497	0.431	0.45	0.408	0.463	0.450	0.479	0.505	0.434	0.450	0.453	
sim	0.503	0.520	0.484	0.425	0.45	0.408	0.439	0.474	0.491	0.438	0.424	0.448	0.452	
SentCLEME2.0-dependent	TP	376	580	467	22	0	39	327	244	409	251	84	32	259
	sim	9.14	12.63	7.52	0.39	0.00	0.76	5.72	6.65	8.75	6.59	1.48	0.42	5.23
	FP	821	1311	968	67	0	488	908	711	1148	785	273	18	790
	sim	16.49	31.25	16.50	1.85	0.00	13.00	24.83	14.38	19.36	12.34	7.13	0.26	18.47
	FP_{ne}	286	431	320	22	0	132	310	262	326	271	81	10	255
	sim	4.60	7.51	4.27	0.44	0.00	2.62	6.58	4.58	5.06	4.02	1.28	0.15	4.39
	FP_{un}	535	880	648	45	0	356	598	449	822	514	192	8	535
	sim	11.89	23.74	12.23	1.42	0.00	10.39	18.24	9.80	14.30	8.32	5.85	0.12	14.07
	FN	1600	1374	1577	1972	1982	1940	1660	1712	1587	1744	1900	1980	1714
	sim	43.65	35.92	45.22	57.46	58.31	54.69	46.92	46.02	43.09	46.05	55.32	58.35	48.02
	TN	6058	6105	6004	6092	6108	6106	6002	6028	6195	6019	6081	6072	6102
	sim	6052	6095	6009	6093	6106	6115	5995	6012	6203	6027	6079	6070	6115
	Hit	0.136	0.210	0.163	0.008	0.00	0.013	0.119	0.088	0.142	0.089	0.032	0.012	0.091
	sim	0.131	0.205	0.142	0.007	0.00	0.011	0.104	0.088	0.129	0.086	0.027	0.008	0.087
	Error	0.080	0.129	0.090	0.005	0.00	0.038	0.095	0.076	0.088	0.071	0.023	0.002	0.070
	sim	0.063	0.102	0.066	0.004	0.00	0.033	0.079	0.059	0.070	0.051	0.020	0.001	0.059
	Under	0.500	0.392	0.479	0.675	0.687	0.639	0.496	0.538	0.486	0.551	0.637	0.678	0.546
	sim	0.519	0.419	0.517	0.673	0.684	0.645	0.524	0.553	0.509	0.567	0.641	0.680	0.557
	Over	0.248	0.419	0.293	0.031	0.00	0.242	0.304	0.235	0.342	0.232	0.121	0.006	0.267
	sim	0.241	0.421	0.294	0.030	0.00	0.224	0.302	0.224	0.331	0.203	0.119	0.005	0.267
Score	0.498	0.513	0.507	0.467	0.466	0.447	0.481	0.475	0.495	0.477	0.469	0.471	0.476	
sim	0.502	0.520	0.504	0.467	0.466	0.449	0.479	0.481	0.494	0.484	0.467	0.469	0.479	
CLEME2.0-independent	TP	388	596	487	22	0	39	338	248	420	255	85	32	262
	sim	9.47	13.11	7.99	0.40	0.00	0.81	6.13	6.80	9.07	6.91	1.54	0.47	5.49
	FP	809	1295	948	67	0	488	897	707	1137	781	272	18	787
	sim	14.74	28.11	14.42	1.91	0.00	11.82	22.93	13.03	17.62	11.23	6.46	0.25	16.99
	FP_{ne}	408	627	449	34	0	234	447	388	487	406	134	12	366
	sim	6.32	10.62	5.51	0.86	0.00	4.79	9.50	7.30	7.12	5.56	2.41	0.17	6.14
	FP_{un}	401	668	499	33	0	254	450	319	650	375	138	6	421
	sim	8.42	17.49	8.91	1.05	0.00	7.03	13.43	5.73	10.50	5.67	4.05	0.08	10.85
	FN	1029	778	984	1497	1530	1382	1045	1129	989	1135	1398	1506	1136
	sim	26.88	20.31	27.94	53.23	41.31	50.21	36.83	28.40	26.59	29.30	40.63	41.49	31.88
	TN	6629	6701	6597	6567	6560	6664	6617	6611	6793	6628	6583	6546	6680
	Hit	0.213	0.298	0.254	0.014	0.000	0.024	0.185	0.141	0.222	0.142	0.053	0.021	0.149
	sim	0.222	0.298	0.193	0.007	0.000	0.015	0.117	0.160	0.212	0.165	0.035	0.011	0.126
	Error	0.224	0.313	0.234	0.022	0.000	0.141	0.244	0.220	0.257	0.226	0.083	0.008	0.207
	sim	0.148	0.241	0.133	0.016	0.000	0.086	0.181	0.172	0.166	0.133	0.054	0.004	0.141
	Under	0.564	0.389	0.513	0.964	1.000	0.835	0.571	0.640	0.522	0.632	0.865	0.972	0.644
	sim	0.630	0.461	0.674	0.977	1.000	0.900	0.702	0.668	0.622	0.701	0.911	0.985	0.733
	Over	0.335	0.353	0.348	0.371	0.000	0.482	0.364	0.334	0.417	0.362	0.387	0.12	0.401
	sim	0.348	0.424	0.397	0.454	0.000	0.557	0.462	0.289	0.393	0.313	0.506	0.11	0.483
	Score	0.472	0.486	0.490	0.432	0.450	0.389	0.448	0.434	0.461	0.431	0.431	0.453	0.439
sim	0.503	0.508	0.490	0.426	0.450	0.400	0.428	0.463	0.489	0.479	0.425	0.449	0.446	
SentCLEME2.0-independent	TP-sim	9.16	12.59	7.73	0.40	0.00	0.75	5.93	6.67	8.77	6.67	1.50	0.47	5.21
	FP-sim	15.83	29.93	15.62	1.76	0.00	12.58	24.30	14.17	18.94	12.00	6.84	0.27	17.76
	FP_{ne}-sim	7.20	12.38	6.58	0.70	0.00	5.27	10.94	8.38	8.37	6.25	2.70	0.19	6.81
	FP_{un}-sim	8.63	17.54	9.03	1.07	0.00	7.31	13.36	5.80	10.57	5.75	4.14	0.08	10.95
	FN-sim	31.54	22.55	32.06	47.73	48.90	43.66	33.43	33.87	30.37	33.61	45.12	48.29	36.24
	Hit	0.155	0.239	0.189	0.010	0.000	0.016	0.137	0.100	0.165	0.106	0.036	0.015	0.105
	sim	0.154	0.240	0.174	0.009	0.000	0.014	0.125	0.100	0.155	0.103	0.033	0.012	0.102
	Error	0.159	0.261	0.178	0.015	0.000	0.110	0.192	0.165	0.192	0.162	0.059	0.005	0.147
	sim	0.134	0.229	0.147	0.013	0.000	0.094	0.170	0.144	0.164	0.129	0.051	0.004	0.127
	Under	0.403	0.268	0.373	0.627	0.647	0.563	0.390	0.447	0.375	0.450	0.574	0.635	0.449
	sim	0.429	0.299	0.415	0.629	0.647	0.580	0.425	0.467	0.407	0.475	0.586	0.639	0.471
	Over	0.183	0.315	0.227	0.023	0.000	0.171	0.224	0.163	0.266	0.165	0.086	0.004	0.206
	sim	0.183	0.320	0.230	0.023	0.000	0.169	0.229	0.159	0.264	0.150	0.089	0.005	0.211
	Score	0.485	0.486	0.493	0.466	0.468	0.428	0.461	0.453	0.474	0.458	0.461	0.474	0.461
	sim	0.493	0.498	0.496	0.466	0.468	0.432	0.462	0.461	0.478	0.469	0.462	0.473	