

# PTR: PRECISION-DRIVEN TOOL RECOMMENDATION FOR LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS

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## ABSTRACT

By augmenting Large Language Models (LLMs) with external tools, their capacity to solve complex problems has been significantly enhanced. However, despite ongoing advancements in the parsing capabilities of LLMs, incorporating all available tools simultaneously in the prompt remains impractical due to the vast number of external tools. Consequently, it is essential to provide LLMs with a precise set of tools tailored to the specific task, considering both quantity and quality. Current tool retrieval methods primarily focus on refining the ranking list of tools and directly packaging a fixed number of top-ranked tools as the tool set. However, these approaches often fail to equip LLMs with the optimal set of tools prior to execution, since the optimal number of tools for different tasks could be different, resulting in inefficiencies such as redundant or unsuitable tools, which impede immediate access to the most relevant tools. This paper addresses the challenge of recommending precise toolsets for LLMs. We introduce the problem of tool recommendation, define its scope, and propose a novel Precision-driven Tool Recommendation (PTR) approach. PTR captures an initial, concise set of tools by leveraging historical tool bundle usage and dynamically adjusts the tool set by performing tool matching, culminating in a multi-view-based tool addition. Additionally, we present a new dataset, RecTools, and a metric, TRACC, designed to evaluate the effectiveness of tool recommendation for LLMs. We further validate our design choices through comprehensive experiments, demonstrating promising accuracy across two open benchmarks and our RecTools dataset. We release our code and dataset at <https://anonymous.4open.science/r/PTR-65DD> to support further research in tool recommendation.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Large Language Models (LLMs) have established themselves as powerful intermediaries, demonstrating remarkable impacts across a variety of downstream tasks, including text generation, code debugging, and personalized recommendations (Brown et al., 2020; Touvron et al., 2023; Nam et al., 2024; Chen et al., 2024; Zhao et al., 2024). However, as these models continue to evolve, they still struggle to solve highly complex problems due to limitations arising from their pre-training data (Mialon et al., 2023; Mallen et al., 2022; Yuan et al., 2023). To expand the potential of LLMs in managing more complex tasks efficiently, recommendations at various levels have been increasingly applied to LLMs. Typically, memory recommendations (Borgeaud et al., 2022) and knowledge-based recommendations (Gao et al., 2023; Hu et al., 2023) enhance consistency and context awareness in ongoing tasks for LLMs, while data augmentation recommendations (Xu et al., 2020) facilitate the inclusion of additional data to augment training. Furthermore, architecture recommendations (Elsken et al., 2019; Fedus et al., 2022) and prompt recommendations (Shin et al., 2020; Pryzant et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023) optimize efficiency and generate more relevant outputs. Simultaneously, to reduce the cognitive load on LLMs and enhance their complex problem-solving capabilities by enabling actions beyond natural language processing, it is crucial to augment LLMs with recommendations of optimal external tool sets, an aspect currently lacking in existing recommendation frameworks for LLMs. Furthermore, this approach will be helpful to address the challenge of input length limitations encountered when incorporating a large number of external tools into the prompt. Providing LLMs with a precise and dynamically adaptable recommended toolset can help to enhance the effectiveness of LLM’s task-solving ability.

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Considering that the capability of LLMs to master and control external tools is instrumental in overcoming some of their fundamental weaknesses, the field of tool retrieval—which aims to identify the top-K most suitable tools for a given query from a vast set of tools—has been increasingly explored. The advent of tool retrieval (Zhuang et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023; Tang et al., 2023; Yang et al., 2024) signifies a nuanced evolution, most directly employing term-based methods (Sparck Jones, 1972; Robertson et al., 2009) or semantic-based techniques (Kong et al., 2023; Yuan et al., 2024; Gao et al., 2024). Generally, the primary objective of these methods is to refine the ranked list of tools and subsequently select a fixed number of tools from the top (top-K) (Qu et al., 2024a; Zheng et al., 2024; Qu et al., 2024b). Although such approaches have demonstrated good performance when retrieving a single tool (Patil et al., 2023; Xu et al., 2023) or a small number of tools (generally fewer than three) (Qin et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023), they remain susceptible to under-selection or over-selection, as illustrated in Figure.1. This limitation may prevent LLMs from addressing the current query, or cause them to over-interpret the query, thereby reducing the effectiveness of LLMs in solving complex problems with external tools. Additionally, the validation of these methods often relies on datasets that use a fixed number of tools for each query, meaning that during testing, the number of tools to be used is known in advance—an unrealistic scenario in practical applications where the number of tools needed can vary dynamically. Therefore, recommending a precise and dynamically adjustable set of external tools to LLMs in a single step prior to query execution is increasingly important. This approach not only enhances the thoroughness of problem-solving but also improves efficiency by reducing the need to execute additional tools.

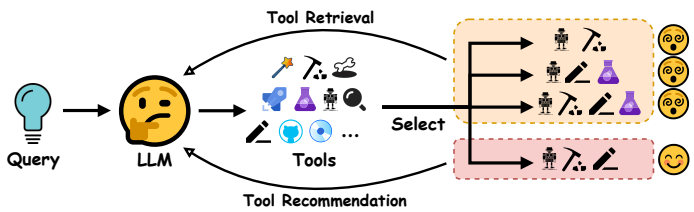


Figure 1: Tool retrieval often provides a broad and variable number of tools with inconsistent quality, whereas tool recommendation delivers a precise, high-quality set of tools directly.

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To address these limitations, we first provide a comprehensive explanation of tool recommendation and clearly define the problem, considering the lack of definition and the incompleteness of goals pursued by existing tool retrieval methods. Toward this objective, we propose PTR, a novel model-agnostic **Precision-Driven Tool Recommendation** approach aimed at recommending a precise tool set for LLMs prior to query execution. By leveraging historical tool bundle usage data to uncover patterns of idiomatic use and dependencies between tools, this method is structured into three main stages: *Tool Bundle Acquisition*, *Functional Coverage Mapping*, and *Multi-view-based Re-ranking*. Initially, using traditional pre-trained language models, we acquire semantic matching information between queries and previously used tool bundles, thereby addressing potential performance issues of these models in zero-shot scenarios for tool recommendation tasks. Subsequently, to evaluate the effectiveness of the selected tool bundle in solving the query, LLMs are prompted to match tools with the specific subproblems they can address and to identify unresolved issues. Based on this, a multi-view-based re-ranking method is employed to select tools that can help resolve the identified issues and complement the existing tool sets. More specifically, to address the unresolved issues, we construct the final ranked list by aggregating three tool lists and ranking each tool based on their frequency of occurrence. The ranked tool list, constructed from multiple views, reduces the randomness associated with selecting tools from the entire available set.

Additionally, we construct a dataset, **RecTools**, tailored to specific queries with recommended tool sets. In contrast to previous tool datasets that standardize the number of tools used for each query (Huang et al., 2023) or employ a small number of tools (Qu et al., 2024a), our tool recommendation set incorporates varying numbers of tools for different queries, with up to ten tools used for a single query. This is achieved through an automated process in which LLMs are prompted to generate specific queries to be addressed by given tool bundles. These queries and tool bundles are subsequently evaluated by prompting LLMs to determine whether the selected tools adequately address the corresponding queries, ensuring that neither excess nor insufficient tools are utilized. Dedicated validation and deduplication steps are implemented to ensure the precision of tool usage, thereby enhancing the quality of the tool recommendation set.

Furthermore, traditional retrieval metrics such as Recall (Zhu, 2004) and Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain (NDCG) (Järvelin & Kekäläinen, 2002), fail to capture the level of precision re-

quired for effective tool recommendation. The absence of necessary tools can lead to the failure of LLMs in performing tasks, while the redundancy of tools may cause LLMs to generate unnecessary responses. This indicates that metrics focusing solely on completeness are inadequate for evaluating tool recommendation tasks. To bridge this gap, we introduce **TRACC**, a novel metric designed to assess tool recommendation performance, considering both the accuracy of the quantity and the quality of the recommended tools. TRACC serves as a reliable indicator of the effectiveness of tool recommendation processes.

To summarize, the main contributions of this work are as follows:

- We introduce tool recommendation as a novel problem, necessitating the provision of precise tool sets to LLMs for a given query. We propose PTR, an effective tool recommendation approach that leverages historical tool bundle information between queries and tools, resulting in a more accurate and comprehensive final recommended tool list.
- We present a new dataset, RecTools, and an effective evaluation metric, TRACC, specifically designed to assess tool recommendation for LLMs. This not only addresses gaps in existing tool sets but also advances future research related to tool recommendation.
- Extensive experiments validate the effectiveness of RecTools and demonstrate the efficacy of PTR in recommending tools for LLMs. The recommended tool sets are both comprehensive and accurate, enhancing the overall performance of LLMs in processing tasks.

## 2 TOOL RECOMMENDATION

Tool retrieval, as discussed in previous, involves generating a comprehensive list of tools that are potentially relevant to a user’s query. This approach emphasizes breadth, aiming to maximize the inclusion of pertinent tools. While effective in ensuring extensive coverage, tool retrieval often prioritizes recall over precision, resulting in the inclusion of extraneous tools that may not be essential for the task at hand. Addressing this limitation, we propose a new optimization direction—Tool Recommendation—for LLMs. It aims to ensure that the recommended set of tools aligns closely with the ground-truth set of tools for a task, both in quantity and quality. Specifically, given a user query with a ground-truth toolset  $(A, B, C)$ , tool recommendation aims to identify precisely  $(A, B, C)$ , avoiding omissions or the inclusion of redundant tools. Here is the definition of the tool recommendation task:

**Definition 1** *Tool Recommendation: Given a comprehensive set of tools  $T = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}$  and a query  $Q$ , let  $T_{ground} \subseteq T$  denote the ground truth toolset that fully satisfies  $Q$ . The objective is to recommend a toolset  $T_{recommend} = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k\}$  from  $T$  such that  $T_{recommend} = T_{ground}$  and the cardinality constraint  $|T_{recommend}| = |T_{ground}|$  holds.*

As discussed in previous, achieving precision in tool recommendation is pivotal for enhancing the performance and reliability of LLMs. By minimizing the inclusion of irrelevant tools, LLMs can reduce computational overhead, streamline task execution, and improve the overall quality of responses. Addressing precision tool recommendation not only mitigates the drawbacks associated with broad tool retrieval but also paves the way for more sophisticated and user-centric LLM applications. This advancement is essential for deploying LLMs in environments where efficiency, accuracy, and user satisfaction are crucial.

## 3 THE PRECISION-DRIVEN TOOL RECOMMENDATION

We introduce a novel approach, Precision-driven Tool Recommendation (PTR), to address the challenges faced by prior research through a three-stage recommendation process: (1) Tool Bundle Acquisition, which involves establishing a potentially useful tool bundle by leveraging past usage patterns across all tool combinations, as opposed to relying solely on instructions for individual tool usage; (2) Functional Coverage Mapping, which entails effectively mapping the tools from the acquired tool bundle to the functionalities of the original query, thereby identifying which tools should be retained and which should be discarded, resulting in any remaining unsolved sub-problems; and

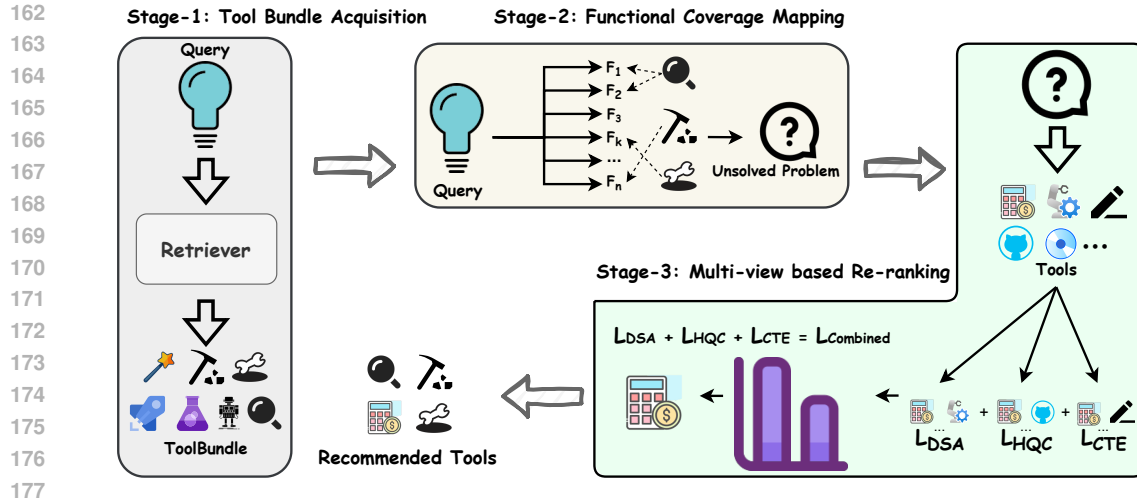


Figure 2: Architecture of the three-stage recommendation framework PTR for tool recommendation.

(3) Multi-view-based Re-ranking, which involves the effective re-ranking of relevant tools from a large tool set, tailored to each unsolved sub-problem identified in the second stage, and selecting the top-ranked tool after re-ranking to complete the final recommended toolset. The overview of our approach is illustrated in Figure.2. Please note that all symbols are globally defined in sections 2 and 3. In the following sections, we present the details of these three PTR recommendation stages.

### 3.1 TOOL BUNDLE ACQUISITION

To obtain an initial set of tools, we employ a retriever to capture the relevance between historical tool combinations and the current query. Unlike existing methods that focus on retrieving single tools by analyzing the relationship between a query and individual tools, our approach introduces tool bundle retrieval. By leveraging historical tool combinations, we capture a richer contextual relationship between queries and sets of tools that have been used together effectively in the past. This facilitates a more holistic understanding of tool dependencies and synergies, thereby enhancing the relevance of retrieved tool sets for complex queries. Specifically, Let  $T = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}$  be the set of all available tools. Let  $D = \{(Q_i, B_i)\}_{i=1}^M$  represent a set of past queries and their associated tool bundles, where  $Q_i$  is a past query, and  $B_i$  is the corresponding tool bundle used for  $Q_i$ , with  $B_i \subseteq T$ . The collection of unique tool bundles is  $B = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N\}$ . Given a new query  $Q$ , we select a tool bundle  $B_K = \{T_1, \dots, T_z\}$  from  $B$  that is most relevant to  $Q$  through the retriever, which ideally contains tools potentially useful. The subsequent recommendations operate on this obtained tool bundle—either based on sparse representations or dense representations.

### 3.2 FUNCTIONAL COVERAGE MAPPING

As illustrated in Figure.3, functional coverage mapping presents a structured approach to evaluate and optimize a set of tools in relation to a specific query. By systematically aligning required functionalities with the capabilities of available tools, this method ensures that the toolset comprehensively addresses the user’s needs while minimizing redundancies and identifying any gaps, as each tool may correspond to multiple functionalities. At its core, Functional Coverage Mapping aims to determine whether an initial set of tools  $B_K = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_z\}$  adequately fulfills a query  $Q$  with its key functionalities  $F = \{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m\}$ . Specifically, Functional Coverage Mapping achieves

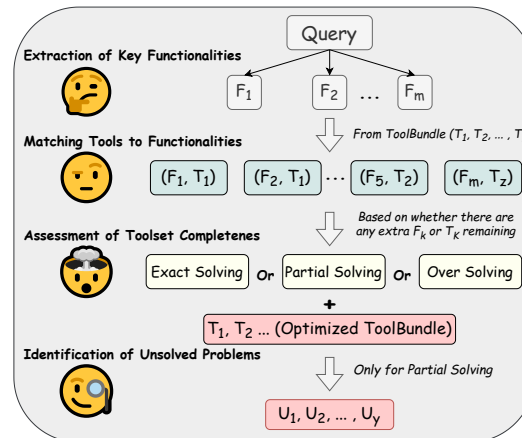


Figure 3: The four stages of Functional Coverage Mapping in PTR.

216 this objective through four steps: *Extraction of Key Requirements*, *Matching Tools to Function-*  
 217 *alities*, *Assessment of Toolset Completeness*, and *Identification of Unsolved Problems*, which are  
 218 described as follows:

219 ***Extraction of Key Functionalities.*** The first step involves decomposing the user’s query  $Q$  into a set  
 220 of discrete and actionable functionalities  $R$ . This extraction ensures a comprehensive understanding  
 221 of the query that the toolset must address. This extraction is achieved by prompting the language  
 222 model to identify and enumerate these functionalities directly from the query, ensuring that both  
 223 explicit and implicit functionalities are captured.

224 ***Matching Tools to Functionalities.*** Once the key functionalities  $F$  are established, the subsequent  
 225 phase entails mapping each functionality  $F_i$  to the tools  $T_j$  within the obtained tool bundle  $B_K$ .  
 226 This mapping process determines which tools are capable of fulfilling specific functionalities. To  
 227 achieve this, targeted prompts are employed with the language model, directing it to associate each  
 228 functionality with the most suitable tool based on tool descriptions.

229 ***Assessment of Toolset Completeness.*** With the mapping  $M(F, B_K)$  established, the method eval-  
 230 uates whether the toolset  $B_K$  fully addresses all functionalities  $F$ . This assessment categorizes the  
 231 toolset into one of three scenarios: (1) Exact Solving: All functionalities are met by all tools without  
 232 any redundancies; (2) Oversolving: The toolset includes tools that provide functionalities not re-  
 233 quired by the query; and (3) Partial Solving: Some functionalities remain unfulfilled and some tools  
 234 remain unused. Based on the identified scenario, the tool bundle is optimized by retaining essential  
 235 tools and discarding redundant ones. Tools that do not contribute to fulfilling any requirement are  
 236 removed to streamline the toolset.

237 ***Identification of Unsolved Problems.*** In cases of partial solving, the method identifies the re-  
 238 maining unsolved problems directly from the original query  $Q$ . These unsolved problems  $U =$   
 239  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_y\}$  are presented in a format that can be directly utilized in the subsequent recom-  
 240 mendation stage. To achieve this, the language model is prompted to extract the unmet functionali-  
 241 ties without further functional decomposition. This approach ensures that each unsolved problem  
 242 retains the context of the original query  $Q$ , thereby facilitating seamless integration with the follow-  
 243 ing re-ranking method. Furthermore, this direct identification allows for straightforward utilization  
 244 in the following re-ranking process, where each unsolved problem can be addressed individually.

### 246 3.3 MULTI-VIEW BASED RE-RANKING

248 Addressing the challenge of selecting pertinent tools from an extensive toolset to resolve unresolved  
 249 problems requires comprehensive consideration. The proposed PTR employs a multifaceted simi-  
 250 larity evaluation strategy that integrates three essential dimensions of the unresolved problem  $U_j$ :  
 251 (1) **Direct Semantic Alignment**, wherein the system quantifies the semantic similarity between  
 252 the user query and each available tool, ensuring the immediate identification of tools intrinsically  
 253 aligned with the query’s intent; (2) **Historical Query Correlation**, which involves analyzing past  
 254 queries that closely resemble the current one to extract tools previously utilized in similar contexts,  
 255 thereby enriching the current toolset with empirically effective solutions while maintaining unique-  
 256 ness through aggregation and deduplication; and (3) **Contextual Tool Expansion**, which leverages  
 257 the most relevant tool identified through direct semantic alignment to retrieve additional tools ex-  
 258 hibiting high similarity to this primary tool, thereby uncovering supplementary options that may  
 259 offer complementary or alternative functionalities beneficial to the user’s query. The multi-view  
 260 matching process involves obtaining the tool list  $L$  through direct semantic alignment (DSA), his-  
 261 torical query correlation (HQC), and contextual tool expansion (CTE), respectively. These three  
 262 tool lists are then aggregated and ranked according to their frequency of occurrence, with the most  
 263 frequent tools being selected. After performing the multi-view-based re-ranking for each unsolved  
 264 problem, the top-ranked tool in each list is selected and added to the final recommended toolset. In  
 265 some cases, it is also possible that this tool already exists in the toolset acquired from the second-  
 266 stage recommendation; in such instances, the tool will be ignored. The algorithm for multi-view-  
 267 based re-ranking is summarized in Algorithm.1.

## 268 4 DATASETS AND METRICS

**Algorithm 1** Multi-view Based Re-ranking

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**Require:** Unresolved problem  $U_j$ , Toolset  $T = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}$ , Historical queries  $Q = \{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_m\}$ ,  $\text{Select}_K$  represents the function that selects the top  $K$  candidates with the highest similarity,  $\sigma$  indicates the similarity measure.

**Ensure:** Recommended Tool  $\mathcal{T}$ .

- 1: Initialize lists:  $L_{\text{DSA}}, L_{\text{HQC}}, L_{\text{CTE}}$ .  
//Direct Semantic Alignment
- 2:  $L_{\text{DSA}} \leftarrow \text{Select}_K(\{T_i \in T \mid \sigma(U_j, T_i)\})$   $\triangleright$  Directly obtain the tools most relevant to the given query  
//Historical Query Correlation
- 3:  $L_{\text{HistoricalQuery}} \leftarrow \text{Select}_K(\{Q_i \in Q \mid \sigma(U_j, Q_i)\})$   $\triangleright$  Retrieve the most relevant past queries.
- 4: **for** each query  $Q_i$  in  $L_{\text{HistoricalQuery}}$  **do**
- 5:     **for** each tool  $T_i$  used in  $Q_i$  **do**
- 6:         Add  $T_i$  to  $L_{\text{HQC}}$
- 7:     **end for**
- 8: **end for**
- 9: Remove duplicates from  $L_{\text{HQC}}$ .  
//Contextual Tool Expansion
- 10: **if**  $L_{\text{DSA}}$  is not empty **then**
- 11:      $T_{\text{primary}} \leftarrow L_{\text{DSA}}[0]$   $\triangleright$  Obtain the most relevant tool identified in the first stage.
- 12:      $L_{\text{CTE}} \leftarrow \text{Select}_K(\{T_i \in T \mid \sigma(T_{\text{primary}}, T_i)\})$
- 13: **end if**
- 14: Combine lists:  $L_{\text{Combined}} \leftarrow L_{\text{DSA}} + L_{\text{HQC}} + L_{\text{CTE}}$
- 15: Count frequency of each tool in  $L_{\text{Combined}}$ .
- 16: Rank tools by frequency in descending order.
- 17: Select the top ranked tool as  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**return**  $\mathcal{T}$ .

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*Datasets.* To verify the effectiveness of PTR, we utilize three datasets for tool recommendation: ToolLens (Qu et al., 2024a), MetaTool (Huang et al., 2023), and a newly constructed dataset, **RecTools**. We randomly select 20% of each dataset to serve as the test data. Both ToolLens and MetaTool focus on multi-tool tasks, leading us to select them as the primary datasets for our experiments. While ToolLens uniquely emphasizes creating queries that are natural, concise, and intentionally multifaceted, MetaTool is a benchmark designed to evaluate whether LLMs possess tool usage awareness and can correctly choose appropriate tools. However, both datasets impose a low upper limit on the number of tools used per query. As the capabilities of LLMs continue to develop, more tools need to be recommended to solve increasingly complex problems, thereby limiting the applicability of these datasets. Additionally, all queries in these two datasets utilize a fixed number of tools, which not only fails to fully simulate the dynamic nature of tool usage in real-world scenarios but also introduces bias in the subsequent testing of the method. Most importantly, since tool recommendation focuses on the precision of the recommended toolset, the test datasets require that each query be exactly solvable by the provided tools (Exact Solving). Using one fewer tool leads to partial solving, while using one additional tool results in oversolving. To validate the effectiveness of the two datasets, we first employ GPT-4o as an evaluator to determine whether the provided toolset can achieve an ‘‘Exact Solving’’ outcome for each query. Subsequently, for each query, we randomly remove one tool from the corresponding toolset and prompt GPT-4o to assess whether the modified toolset can achieve a ‘‘Partial Solving’’ outcome. Queries and their respective toolsets that meet the criteria for both evaluations are considered qualified. The performance of these two datasets is not ideal. Based on these limitations, we constructed a new dataset, **RecTools**, where queries do not have a uniform number of tools and have a high upper limit on the number of tools used (details in Appendix.A). Additionally, RecTools significantly outperforms ToolLens and Metatool in the GPT-4o ‘‘Exact Solving’’ test. The statistics of the three datasets are summarized in Table.1. Specifically, for all (query, tools) pairs involving the use of two and three tools, the success rates of RecTools reached 76% and 89%, respectively.

*Metrics.* As evaluation metrics for tool recommendation, following previous work focusing on tool retrieval (Gao et al., 2024; Qu et al., 2024b), the widely used retrieval metrics are Recall and NDCG. However, they do not adequately address the requirements for accuracy in both the number of rec-

Table 1: Statistics of the experimental datasets.

Feature	ToolLens	MetaTool	RecTools
Tools per Query	1-3	2	1-10
Unified used tool number	✓	✗	✓
Exact Solving Test	6.34%	55.1%	61.3%



Table 2: Performance comparisons of PTR under different methods within different backbones on ToolLens, MetaTool, and RecTools datasets. “N/A” indicates that this method works alone. The best results are bolded, the best results of each column are denoted as “\*”.

Methods	Framework	ToolLens			MetaTool			RecTools		
		Recall@K	NDCG@K	TRACC	Recall@K	NDCG@K	TRACC	Recall@K	NDCG@K	TRACC
Random	N/A	0.036	0.061	0.034	0.133	0.202	0.133	0.137	0.271	0.097
	+PTR+open-mistral-7b	0.185	0.225	0.145	0.608	0.785	0.505	0.457	0.756	0.235
	+PTR+GPT-3.5-turbo	0.213	0.282	0.172	0.645	0.823	0.543	0.475	0.784	0.288
	+PTR+GPT-4o	<b>0.227</b>	<b>0.303</b>	<b>0.187</b>	<b>0.663</b>	<b>0.843</b>	<b>0.562</b>	<b>0.492</b>	<b>0.802</b>	<b>0.305</b>
BM25	N/A	0.131	0.194	0.125	0.429	0.603	0.429	0.486	0.596	0.382
	+PTR+open-mistral-7b	0.206	0.254	0.162	0.659	0.834	0.554	0.524	0.795	0.355
	+PTR+GPT-3.5-turbo	0.247	0.313	0.193	0.694	0.874	0.593	0.541	0.815	0.408
	+PTR+GPT-4o	<b>0.261</b>	<b>0.331</b>	<b>0.208</b>	<b>0.712</b>	<b>0.892</b>	<b>0.612</b>	<b>0.545</b>	<b>0.810</b>	<b>0.414</b>
Contriever	N/A	0.130	0.190	0.121	0.439	0.672	0.439	0.367	0.786	0.304
	+PTR+open-mistral-7b	0.208	0.256	0.164	0.662	0.837	0.557	0.512	0.773	0.342
	+PTR+GPT-3.5-turbo	0.250	0.316	0.196	0.697	0.877	0.596	0.528	0.792	0.396
	+PTR+GPT-4o	<b>0.264</b>	<b>0.334</b>	<b>0.211</b>	<b>0.715</b>	<b>0.895</b>	<b>0.615</b>	<b>0.559</b>	<b>0.834</b>	<b>0.426</b>
SBERT	N/A	0.251	0.349	0.209	0.495	0.725	0.495	0.496	0.772	0.434
	+PTR+open-mistral-7b	0.272	0.362	0.226	0.682	0.862	0.582	0.538	0.821	0.452
	+PTR+GPT-3.5-turbo	0.308	0.403	0.252	0.723	0.902	0.623	0.555	0.840	0.484
	+PTR+GPT-4o	<b>0.322</b>	<b>0.422</b>	<b>0.268</b>	<b>0.741</b>	<b>0.921</b>	<b>0.642</b>	<b>0.572</b>	<b>0.859</b>	<b>0.501</b>
TAS-B	N/A	0.279	0.381	0.263	0.657	0.897	0.657	0.509	0.841	0.454
	+PTR+open-mistral-7b	0.298	0.398	0.278	0.702	0.882	0.602	0.552	0.854	0.472
	+PTR+GPT-3.5-turbo	0.335	0.438	0.305	0.741	0.922	0.642	0.567	0.872	0.505
	+PTR+GPT-4o	<b>0.352</b>	<b>0.456</b>	<b>0.321</b>	<b>0.759</b>	<b>0.941</b>	<b>0.661</b>	<b>0.583</b>	<b>0.890</b>	<b>0.522</b>
SimCSE	N/A	0.293	0.386	0.279	0.675	0.849	0.675	0.563	0.808	0.523
	+PTR+open-mistral-7b	0.312	0.407	0.291	0.716	0.897	0.631	0.578	0.861	0.542
	+PTR+GPT-3.5-turbo	0.350	0.448	0.319	0.756	0.937	0.671	0.594	0.879	0.575
	+PTR+GPT-4o	<b>0.368*</b>	<b>0.467*</b>	<b>0.336*</b>	<b>0.774*</b>	<b>0.956*</b>	<b>0.690*</b>	<b>0.609*</b>	<b>0.896*</b>	<b>0.591*</b>

ommended tools and the specific tools recommended, disregarding the impact of differences in size between the tool sets. Therefore, to further tailor the assessment to the challenges of tool recommendation tasks, we introduce a new metric, named **TRACC**. This metric is designed to measure the extent to which the recommended toolset aligns with the ground-truth set in terms of both the accuracy of the number of tools and the accuracy of the tools themselves:

$$\text{TRACC} = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{|A \cup B|} \cdot |n_2 - n_1| \right) \cdot \text{ACC}$$

where  $A$  denotes the ground-truth tool set and  $B$  represents the recommended tool set. The cardinalities of  $A$  and  $B$  are denoted by  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , respectively. And  $|A \cup B|$  signifies the cardinality of the union of  $A$  and  $B$ .  $\text{ACC}$  represents  $\frac{|A \cap B|}{n_1}$ , where  $|A \cap B|$  indicates the size of their intersection.

## 5 EXPERIMENTS

### 5.1 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

*Baselines.* We considered the following baselines: **Random**, which randomly select from historical tools; **BM25** (Robertson et al., 2009), a classical sparse retrieval method that extends TF-IDF by leveraging term frequency and inverse document frequency of keywords; **Contriever** (Izacard et al., 2021), which utilizes inverse cloze tasks, cropping for positive pair generation, and momentum contrastive training to develop dense retrievers; **SBERT** (Reimers & Gurevych, 2019), a library providing BERT-based sentence embeddings. Specifically, we use all-mpnet-base-v2; **TAS-B** (Hofstätter et al., 2021), the retriever introduces an efficient topic-aware query and balanced margin sampling technique; And **SimCSE** (Gao et al., 2021), a simple contrastive learning framework that greatly advances state-of-the-art sentence embeddings.

Besides, we initially implement the PTR using the open source model open-mistral-7b, due to its cost-effectiveness. Subsequently, we evaluate PTR with the model GPT-3.5-turbo and GPT-4o, to determine its effectiveness when employing a more advanced model. For evaluation metrics, in addition to the specifically designed TRACC metric, we also calculate Recall@K and NDCG@K, reporting these metrics with K set to the size of the ground-truth tool set.

### 5.2 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Table 2 presents the main results of the PTR applied to ToolLens, MetaTool, and RecTools using various models and unsupervised retrievers. Based on these findings, we draw the following observations and conclusions.

Table 3: Ablation study of Tool Bundle Acquisition (w/o Tool Bundle Acquisition).

Methods (w/o Tool Bundle Acquisition)	ToolLens			MetaTool			RecTools		
	Recall@K	NDCG@K	TRACC	Recall@K	NDCG@K	TRACC	Recall@K	NDCG@K	TRACC
PTR + open-mistral-7b	0.221	0.264	0.171	0.695	0.882	0.612	0.532	0.912	0.270
PTR + GPT-3.5-turbo	0.264	0.381	0.208	0.724	0.919	0.656	0.541	0.913	0.430
PTR + GPT-4o	<b>0.283</b>	<b>0.391</b>	<b>0.235</b>	<b>0.745</b>	<b>0.922</b>	<b>0.677</b>	<b>0.581</b>	<b>0.916</b>	<b>0.439</b>

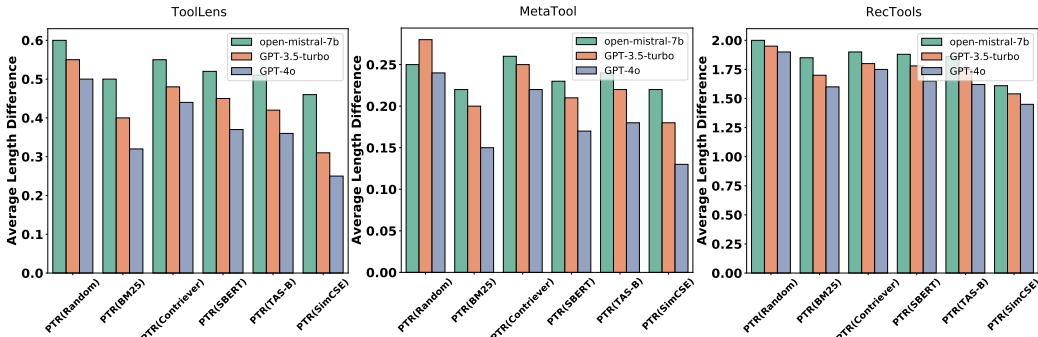


Figure 4: The average length difference between the recommended tool set and the ground truth tool set for each method and backbone.

We first observe that the MetaTool dataset yields notable performance, whereas other datasets exhibit comparatively standard. This discrepancy can be attributed to the presence of relatively straightforward patterns within the MetaTool dataset, which motivates us the construction of a structurally diversified and high-quality tool-query dataset. Furthermore, the Random baseline indicates that random sampling of tool bundles leads to relatively poor performance, whereas other unsupervised retrievers outperform the Random baseline, particularly in the ToolLens dataset. This suggests that, although the latter two phases of the PTR can supplement or refine the recommended tool set, employing a targeted bundle in the early stages can enhance PTR performance. Conversely, the SimCSE approach demonstrated a significant improvement over the Random baseline, especially when utilizing GPT-4o as the backbone. Absolute Recall@K improvements of 0.141, 0.111, and 0.117 were observed on the ToolLens, MetaTool, and RecTools datasets, respectively, highlighting the SimCSE method’s capability to leverage tool bundle information for more effective tool recommendation. Despite this advantage, all the methods fall short in the TRACC metric, which is specifically designed for evaluating precision in tool recommendation. This suggests that, although effective for tool retrieval tasks, Recall@K and NDCG@K may not fully satisfy the unique requirements of tool recommendation. Additionally, the results demonstrate that PTR consistently achieves strong performance when utilizing GPT-4o, confirming that PTR remains beneficial for tool recommendation even when employing more capable backbone models.

Overall, PTR exhibits effectiveness across all metrics and datasets, attributable to its implementation of a three-stage recommendation framework. This framework comprises tool bundle acquisition, functional coverage mapping for the deletion or retention of tools, and multi-view-based re-ranking for the addition of tools. By employing this structured approach, PTR dynamically addresses the entirety of the query, thereby facilitating the recommendation of a precise and well-tailored tool set.

### 5.3 FURTHER ANALYSIS

In this section, we conduct an in-depth analysis of the effectiveness for PTR, using the same datasets and evaluation metrics. The results are presented in Table 3.

*w/o Tool Bundle Acquisition.* This variant omits the tool bundle acquisition stage, resulting in queries being exclusively mapped to unresolved problems without any existing recommended tools. The observed decline in performance for this variant further supports the effectiveness of tool bundles in identifying potential recommended tools, thereby refining the unresolved problems and achieving precise tool recommendations. Moreover, as illustrated in Table 3, the random approach alone is largely ineffective for tool recommendations. However, as presented in Table 2, when combined with functional coverage mapping and multi-view-based re-ranking, the final recommendation performance improves significantly. This underscores the importance of the last two recommendation stages.



432 **Performance w.r.t to accuracy in quantity.** Furthermore, to evaluate the performance of PTR in  
433 terms of tool number precision, we calculate the average length difference between the recom-  
434 mended tool set and the ground truth tool set for each method and backbone. Figure.4 demonstrates  
435 the effectiveness of PTR in maintaining consistency in the number of tools. In the MetaTool and  
436 ToolLens dataset, which exhibits relatively simple and small patterns, PTR clearly shows its effec-  
437 tiveness. Regarding our RecTools dataset, which has a variable structure and involves a wide range  
438 of tools for each query, the average length difference is effectively controlled within a considerable  
439 range, especially when it comes to the Embedding method.

## 440 6 RELATED WORK

### 441 6.1 RECOMMENDATION FOR LLMs

442  
443 Recent research has explored a variety of recommendation techniques to enhance Large Language  
444 Models (LLMs), integrating capabilities across multiple dimensions. Data recommendation (Xu  
445 et al., 2020; Ouyang et al., 2022) is crucial for selecting relevant datasets to fine-tune models for spe-  
446 cific domains, ensuring ongoing performance improvements. Memory recommendation (Borgeaud  
447 et al., 2022; Gao & Zhang, 2024a) facilitates the retrieval of relevant past experiences or interactions,  
448 improving continuity, consistency, and long-term context in multi-turn conversations. Knowledge  
449 base recommendation (Gao et al., 2023; Hu et al., 2023; Petroni et al., 2019; Lewis et al., 2020)  
450 enhances factual grounding by retrieving the most pertinent information from external sources, en-  
451 suring that model outputs are accurate and up to date. Architecture recommendation (Elsken et al.,  
452 2019; Fedus et al., 2022) optimizes model performance by dynamically selecting the most appropri-  
453 ate model components or layers to activate for different tasks, thereby improving efficiency. Lastly,  
454 prompt recommendation (Shin et al., 2020; Reynolds & McDonell, 2021; Li & Liang, 2021; Wang  
455 et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2023) guides LLMs in utilizing the most effective input prompts, thereby  
456 enhancing the quality of generated responses through optimized input-output interactions. Together,  
457 these recommendation techniques form a comprehensive framework that enhances the adaptability,  
458 efficiency, and task-specific performance of LLMs. However, there remains a lack of research on  
459 tool recommendation. In this work, we motivate to seek to provide a clear definition of tool rec-  
460 ommendation and proposes an effective recommendation method. Additionally, new datasets and  
461 metrics are created to advance research in this area.

### 462 6.2 TOOL RETRIEVAL

463  
464 Initially, term-based methods such as BM25 (Robertson et al., 2009) and TF-IDF (Sparck Jones,  
465 1972) were employed to measure the similarity between queries and tool documents by identifying  
466 exact term matches. Subsequently, with the development of dense retrievers (Karpukhin et al., 2020;  
467 Guu et al., 2020; Xiong et al., 2020), the semantic relationships between queries and tool descrip-  
468 tions have been more effectively captured through neural networks. Recently, novel approaches for  
469 training retrievers have emerged. For example, Confucius (Gao et al., 2024) selects tools by defining  
470 three levels of scenarios, ranging from easy to difficult, to train and deepen the LLM’s understanding  
471 of tools. Additionally, execution feedback is iteratively utilized to refine the tool selection process  
472 (Wang et al., 2023; Xu et al., 2024). Furthermore, ToolkenGPT (Hao et al., 2024) enhances tool  
473 selection by representing each tool as a token (“toolken”) and learning an embedding for it, thereby  
474 enabling tool calls in the same manner as generating regular word tokens. Moreover, some research  
475 has focused on addressing the diversity of retrieval (Carbonell & Goldstein, 1998; Gao & Zhang,  
476 2024b), which can effectively enhance the quality of multiple tools used by query. Despite their  
477 comprehensive nature, tool retrieval systems present notable limitations. The inclusion of superflu-  
478 ous tools can introduce noise, thereby interfering with the LLM’s performance and task execution,  
479 and these systems are often unable to dynamically adjust the toolset. In this work, we extend our  
480 approach beyond getting a rough toolset by ensuring that the tools in the recommended toolset are  
481 as accurate as possible in terms of both quality and quantity.

## 482 7 CONCLUSIONS

483  
484 This study presents a novel challenge, tool recommendation, and offers a precise formalization of the  
485 problem. In response, we propose a new approach, PTR, designed to improve the accuracy of tool

486 recommendations, considering both the quantity and the selection of tools. PTR operates through  
 487 three key stages: tool bundle acquisition, functional coverage mapping, and multi-view-based re-  
 488 ranking. By dynamically adjusting the tool bundle obtained in the first stage—through the addition  
 489 or removal of tools—PTR progressively refines the recommended toolset. Extensive experiments  
 490 and detailed analyses showcase PTR’s effectiveness in addressing diverse query structures requiring  
 491 multiple tool recommendations. Furthermore, we introduce RecTools, a new dataset, along with  
 492 TRACC, a comprehensive evaluation metric. Both serve as valuable contributions to the future  
 493 research in the field of tool recommendation.

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## 687 APPENDIX

### 688 A DETAILS OF RECTOOLS

#### 689 A.1 DATASET CONSTRUCTION

690 To construct our dataset, we utilized tools from the MetaTool (Huang et al., 2023) dataset, along  
691 with their corresponding descriptions. Since their objective of tools was to address the issue of  
692 overlapping—where a single query could be resolved by multiple tools—MetaTool consolidates  
693 groups of tools with similar functionalities into a single tool entity. Besides, those tools and their  
694 description come from OpenAI’s plugin list, making them more practical. In our dataset RecTools,  
695 there are 10 usage scenarios in total (from 1-10), where the usage scenarios mean the quantitative  
696 classification, like two tools be used together, ten tools be used together. Each scenario of tools  
697 usage contains 100 examples. In each scenario, there are 20 different tool combinations. In terms of  
698 each combination, we randomly select from all possible combinations(i.e.,  $\binom{1}{n}$ ,  $\binom{2}{n}$ , ...,  $\binom{10}{n}$ ). And  
699 for each tool combinations, we generate 5 queries. The prompt is as follows:  
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702 You are an assistant tasked with generating user queries that can be
703 exclusively solved by a specific set of tools.
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705 Requirements for the query:
706 1. The query must only require the functionalities of the selected
707 tools.
708 2. All tools in the selected set must be necessary to solve the query
709 .
710 3. The query should not require any tools outside the selected set.
711 4. The query should be clear, specific, and realistic.
712 5. Each query should address a different scenario or aspect to ensure
713 uniqueness. Avoid merely rephrasing similar ideas; focus on varied use
714 cases.
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716 Selected Tools:
717 XX, XXX
718
719 Tool Descriptions:
720 - XX: Search for podcasts and summarize their content.
721 - XXX: Discover and support restaurants, shops & services near you.
722
723 Generate one unique query that meets the above requirements.

```

## A.2 DATASET EVALUATION

To ensure precision in tool recommendation, it is crucial that the query is addressed entirely by the provided tools. If any tool is missing, the query cannot be fully solved, and if an unnecessary tool is included, the solution becomes redundant or repetitive. We employ GPT-4 as an evaluator to determine whether the provided toolset can achieve an "Exact Solving" outcome for each query. Subsequently, for each query, we randomly remove one tool from the corresponding toolset and prompt GPT-4 to assess whether the modified toolset can achieve a "Partial Solving" outcome. Queries and their respective toolsets that meet the criteria for both evaluations are considered qualified. For the first evaluation, if it achieves "Exact Solving", we give it a score 1, else 0; For the second evaluation, if it achieves "Partial Solving", we give it a score 1, else 0; For the final score, if both of them are 1, then 1; else, 0. The prompt is as follows:

```

735 Prompt1 (Before deletion)
736 Query: "XXX"
737
738 Tools:
739 - XX: xxxxxx
740 - XX: xxxxxx
741 - XX: xxxxxx
742
743 Classification: (.Categorize the solving scenario into one of the
744 following:
745 1. Exact Solving: All functionalities are met by all tools without
746 any redundancies.
747 2. Oversolving: The toolset includes tools that provide
748 functionalities not required by the query.
749 3. Partial Solving: Some functionalities remain unfulfilled and some
750 tools remain unused.)
751 -----
752 Prompt2 (After deletion)
753 Query: "XXX"
754
755 Tools after removing one tool:
756 - XX: xxxxxx
757 - XX: xxxxxx

```



```

756 **Classification:** (.Categorize the solving scenario into one of the
757 following:
758 1. **Exact Solving:** All functionalities are met by all tools without
759 any redundancies.
760 2. **Oversolving:** The toolset includes tools that provide
761 functionalities not required by the query.
762 3. **Partial Solving:** Some functionalities remain unfulfilled and some
763 tools remain unused.)

```

The final output of evaluation is like this:

```

764
765 {
766   "query": "XXX",
767   "tools_used": [
768     "XX",
769     "XX"
770   ],
771   "first_evaluation": "xxx",
772   "second_evaluation_after_deletion": "xxx",
773   "score": X
774 },

```

#### Listing 1: An full example for evaluation

```

775
776 Few-Shot Examples:
777
778 **Query:** "I need the latest weather forecast for New York and a
779 reminder to carry an umbrella."
780
781 **Tools:**
782 - **WeatherTool**: Provide you with the latest weather information.
783 - **ReminderTool**: No description available.
784
785 **Classification:** Exact Solving
786
787 **Query:** "Show me the top-rated restaurants nearby and provide a route
788 to get there."
789
790 **Tools:**
791 - **RestaurantFinder**: No description available.
792 - **RoutePlanner**: No description available.
793
794 **Classification:** Exact Solving
795
796 **Query:** "Find me a good book to read and suggest a nearby coffee shop
797 ."
798
799 **Tools:**
800 - **BookRecommender**: No description available.
801 - **WeatherTool**: Provide you with the latest weather information.
802
803 **Classification:** Partial Solving
804
805 **Query:** "Provide the current exchange rates and set a reminder to
806 check them later."
807
808 **Tools:**
809 - **FinanceTool**: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-
810 time insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,
811 cryptocurrencies, and more.
812 - **ReminderTool**: No description available.
813 - **NewsTool**: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news
814 around the world.
815
816 **Classification:** Oversolving

```

810  
811 **\*\*Query:\*\*** "I want to track my fitness goals and get news updates."  
812  
813 **\*\*Tools:\*\***  
814 - **\*\*FitnessTracker\*\***: No description available.  
815 - **\*\*NewsTool\*\***: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
816 around the world.  
817 **\*\*Classification:\*\*** Exact Solving  
818  
819 **\*\*Query:\*\*** "Schedule a meeting and find the latest sports news."  
820  
821 **\*\*Tools:\*\***  
822 - **\*\*CalendarTool\*\***: No description available.  
823 - **\*\*NewsTool\*\***: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
824 around the world.  
825 - **\*\*FinanceTool\*\***: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-  
826 time insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,  
cryptocurrencies, and more.  
827 **\*\*Classification:\*\*** Oversolving  
828  
829  
830 **\*\*Query:\*\*** "Research and select appropriate investment options for  
831 setting up a trust fund, ensure compliance with relevant laws, and find  
832 suitable gifts for beneficiaries to commemorate the establishment of the  
833 trust."  
834  
835 **\*\*Tools:\*\***  
836 - **\*\*FinanceTool\*\***: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-  
837 time insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,  
cryptocurrencies, and more.  
838 - **\*\*LawTool\*\***: Enables quick search functionality for relevant laws.  
839 - **\*\*GiftTool\*\***: Provide suggestions for gift selection.  
840  
841 **\*\*Classification:\*\*** (Respond with only one of the following exact phrases  
842 : "Exact Solving", "Oversolving", or "Partial Solving". Do not include  
843 any additional text or explanations.)  
844 **First Evaluation:** Exact Solving  
845 **Few-Shot Examples:**  
846  
847 **\*\*Query:\*\*** "I need the latest weather forecast for New York and a  
848 reminder to carry an umbrella."  
849  
850 **\*\*Tools:\*\***  
851 - **\*\*WeatherTool\*\***: Provide you with the latest weather information.  
852 - **\*\*ReminderTool\*\***: No description available.  
853 **\*\*Classification:\*\*** Exact Solving  
854  
855 **\*\*Query:\*\*** "Show me the top-rated restaurants nearby and provide a route  
856 to get there."  
857  
858 **\*\*Tools:\*\***  
859 - **\*\*RestaurantFinder\*\***: No description available.  
- **\*\*RoutePlanner\*\***: No description available.  
860 **\*\*Classification:\*\*** Exact Solving  
861  
862 **\*\*Query:\*\*** "Find me a good book to read and suggest a nearby coffee shop  
863 ."

```

864 **Tools:**
865 - **BookRecommender**: No description available.
866 - **WeatherTool**: Provide you with the latest weather information.
867
868 **Classification:** Partial Solving
869
870 **Query:** "Provide the current exchange rates and set a reminder to
871 check them later."
872
873 **Tools:**
874 - **FinanceTool**: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-
875 time insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,
876 cryptocurrencies, and more.
877 - **ReminderTool**: No description available.
878 - **NewsTool**: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news
879 around the world.
880
881 **Classification:** Oversolving
882
883 **Query:** "I want to track my fitness goals and get news updates."
884
885 **Tools:**
886 - **FitnessTracker**: No description available.
887 - **NewsTool**: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news
888 around the world.
889
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891
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894 **Tools:**
895 - **CalendarTool**: No description available.
896 - **NewsTool**: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news
897 around the world.
898 - **FinanceTool**: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-
899 time insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,
900 cryptocurrencies, and more.
901
902 **Classification:** Oversolving
903
904 **Query:** "Research and select appropriate investment options for
905 setting up a trust fund, ensure compliance with relevant laws, and find
906 suitable gifts for beneficiaries to commemorate the establishment of the
907 trust."
908
909 **Tools after removing one tool:**
910 - **FinanceTool**: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-
911 time insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,
912 cryptocurrencies, and more.
913 - **LawTool**: Enables quick search functionality for relevant laws.
914
915 **Classification:** (Respond with only one of the following exact phrases
916 : "Exact Solving", "Oversolving", or "Partial Solving". Do not include
917 any additional text or explanations.)
918
919 Second Evaluation (After Deletion): Partial Solving
920 Score for this query: 1
921
922 *****
923 *****
924
925 {

```

```

918     "query": "Research and select appropriate investment options for
919     setting up a trust fund, ensure compliance with relevant laws, and
920     find suitable gifts for beneficiaries to commemorate the
921     establishment of the trust.",
922     "tools_used": [
923         "FinanceTool",
924         "LawTool",
925         "GiftTool"
926     ],
927     "first_evaluation": "Exact Solving",
928     "second_evaluation_after_deletion": "Partial Solving",
929     "score": 1
930 }

```

## 931 B FUNCTIONAL COVERAGE MAPPING

### 932 B.1 EXTRACTION OF KEY FUNCTIONALITIES

933 You are an assistant helping to extract key requirements from user  
934 queries.

935 Example 1:

936 User Query:

937 "I want a website where users can create accounts, post messages, and  
938 follow other users."

939 Key Requirements:

- 940 - Users can create accounts
- 941 - Users can post messages
- 942 - Users can follow other users

943 Example 2:

944 User Query:

945 "I need an e-commerce platform that supports product listings, shopping  
946 cart functionality, payment processing, and order tracking."

947 Key Requirements:

- 948 - Supports product listings
- 949 - Provides shopping cart functionality
- 950 - Handles payment processing
- 951 - Offers order tracking

952 Now, given the following user query, extract the key requirements.

953 User Query:

954 XXX

955 Key Requirements:

### 956 B.2 MATCHING TOOLS TO FUNCTIONALITIES

957 You are an assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long as  
958 the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for  
959 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns  
960 .

961 Available Tools: XX:xxxxx; XX:xxxxxx.

962 Example 1:

963 Requirement:

964 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"

```
972 Matched Tools:
973 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news
974 around the world.
975
976 Example 2:
977 Requirement:
978 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"
979
980 Matched Tools:
981 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time
982 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,
983 cryptocurrencies, and more.
984
985 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available
986 tools that can fulfill it.
987
988 Requirement:
989 XXX
990 XXX
991 XXX
992
993 Matched Tools:
```

### 993 B.3 EXAMPLES

#### 995 Listing 2: An example in ToolLens

```
996
997 You are an assistant helping to extract key requirements from user
998 queries.
999
1000 Example 1:
1001 User Query:
1002 "I want a website where users can create accounts, post messages, and
1003 follow other users."
1004
1005 Key Requirements:
1006 - Users can create accounts
1007 - Users can post messages
1008 - Users can follow other users
1009
1010 Example 2:
1011 User Query:
1012 "I need an e-commerce platform that supports product listings, shopping
1013 cart functionality, payment processing, and order tracking."
1014
1015 Key Requirements:
1016 - Supports product listings
1017 - Provides shopping cart functionality
1018 - Handles payment processing
1019 - Offers order tracking
1020
1021 Now, given the following user query, extract the key requirements.
1022
1023 User Query:
1024 "I'm preparing for a marathon in Paris, France."
1025 -----
1026 Key Requirements:
1027 - Marathon preparation
1028 - Location: Paris, France
1029
1030 *****
1031 *****
```

1026 You are an assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long as  
1027 the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for  
1028 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns  
1029 .  
1030 Available Tools:  
1031 - **Countries**: This gets geo data on a country. Use ISO2 for  
1032 country\_code.  
1033 - **Skyscanner\_v2**: Search for a place to get the **entityId** needed in  
1034 searching the hotel API.  
1035 - **TimeTable Lookup**: Returns the nearest airports for a given latitude  
1036 and longitude  
1037 Example 1:  
1038 Requirement:  
1039 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"  
1040 Matched Tools:  
1041 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
1042 around the world.  
1043 Example 2:  
1044 Requirement:  
1045 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"  
1046 Matched Tools:  
1047 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time  
1048 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,  
1049 cryptocurrencies, and more.  
1050 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available  
1051 tools that can fulfill it.  
1052 Requirement:  
1053 "Marathon preparation"  
1054 Matched Tools:  
1055  
1056  
1057  
1058  
1059 You are an assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long as  
1060 the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for  
1061 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns  
1062 .  
1063 Available Tools:  
1064 - **Countries**: This gets geo data on a country. Use ISO2 for  
1065 country\_code.  
1066 - **Skyscanner\_v2**: Search for a place to get the **entityId** needed in  
1067 searching the hotel API.  
1068 - **TimeTable Lookup**: Returns the nearest airports for a given latitude  
1069 and longitude  
1070 Example 1:  
1071 Requirement:  
1072 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"  
1073 Matched Tools:  
1074 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
1075 around the world.  
1076 Example 2:  
1077 Requirement:  
1078 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"  
1079 Matched Tools:



```
1080 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time
1081 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,
1082 cryptocurrencies, and more.
1083
1084 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available
1085 tools that can fulfill it.
1086
1086 Requirement:
1087 "Location: Paris, France"
1088
1088 Matched Tools:
1089
1090 Tool Matches:
1091 - Requirement: 'Marathon preparation' matched with Tools: None
1092 - Requirement: 'Location: Paris, France' matched with Tools: None
1093
1094 Does the toolset exactly solve the query? No
1095 Tools to Keep:
1096
1096 Unsolved Problems:
1097 - Marathon preparation
1098 - Location: Paris, France
```

### Listing 3: An example in MetaTool

```
1102 You are an assistant helping to extract key requirements from user
1103 queries.
1104
1104 Example 1:
1105 User Query:
1106 "I want a website where users can create accounts, post messages, and
1107 follow other users."
1108
1108 Key Requirements:
1109 - Users can create accounts
1110 - Users can post messages
1111 - Users can follow other users
1112
1113 Example 2:
1114 User Query:
1115 "I need an e-commerce platform that supports product listings, shopping
1116 cart functionality, payment processing, and order tracking."
1117
1117 Key Requirements:
1118 - Supports product listings
1119 - Provides shopping cart functionality
1120 - Handles payment processing
1121 - Offers order tracking
1122
1122 Now, given the following user query, extract the key requirements.
1123
1123 User Query:
1124 "I'm looking for a family-friendly destination in Europe with good
1125 weather. Can you suggest some options and what the weather will be like
1126 during summer?"
1127 -----
1128 Key Requirements Extracted:
1129 - Family-friendly destination in Europe
1130 - Options about Europe
1131 - Information on weather during summer
1132
1132 *****
1133 *****
```

1134 You are an assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long as  
1135 the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for  
1136 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns  
1137 .  
1138 Available Tools:  
1139 - \*\*ResearchFinder\*\*: Tool for searching academic papers.  
1140 - \*\*WeatherTool\*\*: Provide you with the latest weather information.  
1141  
1142 Example 1:  
1143 Requirement:  
1144 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"  
1145 Matched Tools:  
1146 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
1147 around the world.  
1148 Example 2:  
1149 Requirement:  
1150 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"  
1151 Matched Tools:  
1152 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time  
1153 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,  
1154 cryptocurrencies, and more.  
1155  
1156 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available  
1157 tools that can fulfill it.  
1158 Requirement:  
1159 "Family-friendly destination in Europe"  
1160 Matched Tools:  
1161  
1162  
1163 You are an AI assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long  
1164 as the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for  
1165 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns  
1166 .  
1167 Available Tools:  
1168 - \*\*ResearchFinder\*\*: Tool for searching academic papers.  
1169 - \*\*WeatherTool\*\*: Provide you with the latest weather information.  
1170  
1171 Example 1:  
1172 Requirement:  
1173 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"  
1174 Matched Tools:  
1175 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
1176 around the world.  
1177 Example 2:  
1178 Requirement:  
1179 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"  
1180 Matched Tools:  
1181 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time  
1182 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,  
1183 cryptocurrencies, and more.  
1184  
1185 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available  
1186 tools that can fulfill it.  
1187 Requirement:

```
1188 "Options about Europe"
1189
1190 Matched Tools:
1191
1192 You are an AI assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long
1193 as the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for
1194 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns
1195 .
1196
1197 Available Tools:
1198 - **ResearchFinder**: Tool for searching academic papers.
1199 - **WeatherTool**: Provide you with the latest weather information.
1200
1201 Example 1:
1202 Requirement:
1203 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"
1204
1205 Matched Tools:
1206 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news
1207 around the world.
1208
1209 Example 2:
1210 Requirement:
1211 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"
1212
1213 Matched Tools:
1214 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time
1215 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,
1216 cryptocurrencies, and more.
1217
1218 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available
1219 tools that can fulfill it.
1220
1221 Requirement:
1222 "Information on weather during summer"
1223
1224 Matched Tools:
1225 WeatherTool: Provide you with the latest weather information.
1226
1227 Tool Matches:
1228 - Requirement: 'Family-friendly destination in Europe' matched with Tools
1229 : None
1230 - Requirement: 'Good weather' matched with Tools: None
1231 - Requirement: 'Information on weather during summer' matched with Tools:
1232 WeatherTool
1233
1234 Does the toolset exactly solve the query? No
1235 Tools to Keep:
1236 WeatherTool
1237
1238 Unsolved Problems:
1239 - Family-friendly destination in Europe
1240 - Options about Europe
1241 - Information on weather during summer
```

#### Listing 4: An example in RecTools

```
1237 You are an assistant helping to extract key requirements from user
1238 queries.
1239
1240 Example 1:
1241 User Query:
1242 "I want a website where users can create accounts, post messages, and
1243 follow other users."
```

1242  
1243 Key Requirements:  
1244 - Users can create accounts  
1245 - Users can post messages  
1246 - Users can follow other users  
1247  
1248 Example 2:  
1249 User Query:  
1249 "I need an e-commerce platform that supports product listings, shopping  
1250 cart functionality, payment processing, and order tracking."  
1251  
1252 Key Requirements:  
1252 - Supports product listings  
1253 - Provides shopping cart functionality  
1254 - Handles payment processing  
1255 - Offers order tracking  
1256  
1257 Now, given the following user query, extract the key requirements.  
1258  
1259 User Query:  
1259 "I want to find a local restaurant with a menu that fits my diet plan,  
1260 book a table, get astrology insights on the best date for my dinner, and  
1261 select a thoughtful gift for my dining companion."  
1262 -----  
1263 Key Requirements Extracted:  
1263 - Find a local restaurant  
1264 - Provide a menu that fits the user's diet plan  
1265 - Book a table  
1266 - Offer astrology insights on the best date for dinner  
1267 - Select a thoughtful gift for the dining companion  
1268  
1269 \*\*\*\*\*  
1270 \*\*\*\*\*  
1271  
1272 You are an assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long as  
1273 the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for  
1274 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns  
1275 .  
1276  
1277 Available Tools:  
1276 - \*\*DietTool\*\*: A tool that simplifies calorie counting, tracks diet, and  
1277 provides insights from many restaurants and grocery stores. Explore  
1278 recipe , menus, and cooking tips from millions of users, and access  
1279 recipe consultations and ingredient delivery services from thousands of  
1280 stores.  
1280 - \*\*GiftTool\*\*: Provide suggestions for gift selection.  
1281 - \*\*HousePurchasingTool\*\*: Tool that provide all sorts of information  
1282 about house purchasing  
1282 - \*\*HouseRentingTool\*\*: Tool that provide all sorts of information about  
1283 house renting  
1284 - \*\*MemoryTool\*\*: A learning application with spaced repetition  
1285 functionality that allows users to create flashcards and review them.  
1286 - \*\*RestaurantBookingTool\*\*: Tool for booking restaurant  
1287 - \*\*ResumeTool\*\*: Quickly create resumes and receive feedback on your  
1288 resume.  
1288 - \*\*StrologyTool\*\*: Povidess strology services for you.  
1289 - \*\*local\*\*: Discover and support restaurants, shops & services near you.  
1290  
1291 Example 1:  
1292 Requirement:  
1293 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"  
1294  
1295 Matched Tools:  
1295 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
around the world.

1296  
1297 Example 2:  
1298 Requirement:  
1299 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"  
1300  
1301 Matched Tools:  
1302 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time  
1303 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,  
1304 cryptocurrencies, and more.  
1305  
1306 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available  
1307 tools that can fulfill it.  
1308  
1309 Requirement:  
1310 "Find a local restaurant"  
1311  
1312 Matched Tools:  
1313  
1314 You are an assistant helping to match tools to requirements, as long as  
1315 the tool description can roughly provide the needed information for  
1316 requirements, it does not need to be very specific, ignore the proper nouns  
1317 .  
1318  
1319 Available Tools:  
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1321 provides insights from many restaurants and grocery stores. Explore  
1322 recipe , menus, and cooking tips from millions of users, and access  
1323 recipe consultations and ingredient delivery services from thousands of  
1324 stores.  
1325 - \*\*GiftTool\*\*: Provide suggestions for gift selection.  
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1327 about house purchasing  
1328 - \*\*HouseRentingTool\*\*: Tool that provide all sorts of information about  
1329 house renting  
1330 - \*\*MemoryTool\*\*: A learning application with spaced repetition  
1331 functionality that allows users to create flashcards and review them.  
1332 - \*\*RestaurantBookingTool\*\*: Tool for booking restaurant  
1333 - \*\*ResumeTool\*\*: Quickly create resumes and receive feedback on your  
1334 resume.  
1335 - \*\*StrologyTool\*\*: Provides astrology services for you.  
1336 - \*\*local\*\*: Discover and support restaurants, shops & services near you.  
1337  
1338 Example 1:  
1339 Requirement:  
1340 "I want to know the latest news about Tesla"  
1341  
1342 Matched Tools:  
1343 - NewsTool: Stay connected to global events with our up-to-date news  
1344 around the world.  
1345  
1346 Example 2:  
1347 Requirement:  
1348 "Please provide me with the current stock price of Apple"  
1349  
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1351 - FinanceTool: Stay informed with the latest financial updates, real-time  
1352 insights, and analysis on a wide range of options, stocks,  
1353 cryptocurrencies, and more.  
1354  
1355 Now, for the following requirement, list the tools from the available  
1356 tools that can fulfill it.  
1357  
1358 Requirement:  
1359 "Provide a menu that fits the user's diet plan"

1350 Matched Tools:  
1351 DietTool: A tool that simplifies calorie counting, tracks diet, and  
1352 provides insights from many restaurants and grocery stores. Explore  
1353 recipe , menus, and cooking tips from millions of users, and access  
1354 recipe consultations and ingredient delivery services from thousands of  
1355 stores.  
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1358 requirments, it does not need to be very specific,ignore the proper nouns  
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1363 recipe , menus, and cooking tips from millions of users, and access  
1364 recipe consultations and ingredient delivery services from thousands of  
1365 stores.  
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1372 functionality that allows users to create flashcards and review them.  
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1374 - \*\*ResumeTool\*\*: Quickly create resumes and receive feedback on your  
1375 resume.  
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1385 around the world.  
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1482 Matched Tools:  
1483 GiftTool: Provide suggestions for gift selection.  
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1485 Tool Matches:  
1486 - Requirement: 'Find a local restaurant' matched with Tools: None  
1487 - Requirement: 'Provide a menu that fits the user's diet plan' matched  
1488 with Tools: DietTool  
1489 - Requirement: 'Book a table' matched with Tools: None  
1490 - Requirement: 'Offer astrology insights on the best date for dinner'  
1491 matched with Tools: StrologyTool  
1492 - Requirement: 'Select a thoughtful gift for the dining companion'  
1493 matched with Tools: GiftTool  
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1495 Does the toolset exactly solve the query? No  
1496 Tools to Keep: DietTool, StrologyTool, GiftTool  
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1498 Unsolved Problems:  
1499 - Find a local restaurant  
1500 - Book a table  
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