

COMI-LINGUA: Expert Annotated Large-Scale Dataset for Multitask NLP in Hindi-English Code-Mixing

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Abstract

We introduce COMI-LINGUA, the largest human-annotated Hindi-English code-mixed dataset, with 125K+ instances spanning five core NLP tasks: Matrix Language ID, Token-level Language ID, POS Tagging, NER, and Machine Translation. With 376K+ expert annotations and strong agreement (Fleiss' Kappa ≥ 0.81), it covers both Roman and Devanagari scripts across diverse domains. Evaluations show that closed-source Large Language Models (LLMs) outperform existing tools, and one-shot prompting significantly boosts performance—especially in structure-sensitive tasks—highlighting its value for code-mixed, low-resource NLP. Dataset available at this URL¹.

1 Introduction

Code-mixing is the blending of multiple languages within a single utterance—a pervasive phenomenon in multilingual societies, especially on social media platforms (Jamatia et al., 2020; Srivastava and Singh, 2020). Over half of the world's population is bilingual or multilingual and frequently uses mixed-language expressions in digital communication (Grosjean, 2021). In the Indian context, Hindi-English code-mixed (Hinglish) text is particularly widespread and presents significant computational challenges due to orthographic complexity, frequent language switches, and script variation between Devanagari and Roman forms (Bali et al., 2014; Takawane et al., 2023; Thara and Poorachandran, 2018). A characteristic example is: *Kal mujhe ऑफिस जाना hai, but ट्रैफिक will be an issue*, where Hindi and English tokens co-occur and certain English words like “office” and “traffic” may appear in Devanagari script. (English Translation: “Tomorrow I have to go to the office, but traffic will be an issue.”)

Despite growing interest, current Hinglish datasets have critical limitations: (1) a predominant focus on Roman script, ignoring natural script variation (Begum et al., 2016; Bali et al., 2014; Srivastava et al., 2020), (2) limited scale and coverage (Srivastava and Singh, 2021a; Kumar et al., 2018; Tiwari et al., 2024; Kartik et al., 2024), (3) insufficient task diversity within single datasets (Aguilar et al., 2020; Khanujaa et al., 2020; Bohra et al., 2018; Khanuja et al., 2020), and (4) reliance on synthetic data generation rather than human annotation (Chatterjee et al., 2022; Srivastava and Singh, 2021c; Kartik et al., 2024; Sravani and Mamidi, 2023).

To address these limitations, we present a novel comprehensive dataset **COMI-LINGUA** (**CO**de-**MI**xing and **LINGU**istic Insights on Natural Hinglish Usage and Annotation) that advances Hindi-English code-mixing research. The key contributions include:

- Curation of the largest publicly available Hinglish dataset (376K manually annotated instances), released under a CC-BY-4.0 license, capturing real-world code-mixing behavior across both Roman and Devanagari scripts. Each instance is annotated by three annotators across five key NLP tasks: matrix language identification, token-level language identification, part-of-speech tagging, named entity recognition, and translation.
- Robust benchmarking of state-of-the-art multilingual LLMs (mLLMs) including both open-weight and closed-source models—alongside traditional NLP tools, under two inference paradigms: zero-shot and one-shot in-context learning.
- In-depth error analysis of mLLMs on code-mixed tasks, uncovering critical limitations such as misclassification of English borrowings in Devanagari script, context trunca-

¹<https://anonymous.4open.science/r/CodeMixing/>

Annotation Tasks	
Token-level Language Identification	Input sentence: Made in इंडिया ki na केवल ग्लोबल डिमांड हो , बल्कि ग्लोबल acceptance हो हमें ये सुनिश्चित करना hai . Language Tags: en en en hi hi hi en en hi ot hi en en hi hi hi hi hi hi ot English Translation: Made in India should not only have global demand but also global acceptance; we must ensure this.
Matrix Language Identification	Input sentence: SBI ने चालू कारोबारी साल में Uttar Pradesh में 550 crore में रुपए का गोल्ड लोन देने का लक्ष्य रखा है। Matrix Language: hi English Translation: SBI has set a target of disbursing gold loans worth 550 crore rupees in Uttar Pradesh in the current financial year.
Named Entity Recognition	Input sentence: Kendra Spade एक American Film Actress हैं और इनका जन्म 11 May 1998 को New Orleans, Louisiana, United States में हुआ था। Named Entities: 'Kendra Spade': Person, '11 May 1998': DATE, 'New Orleans', 'Louisiana': Location, 'United States': GPE. English Translation: Kendra Spade is an American film actress, and she was born on May 11, 1998, in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.
Part-of-Speech Tagging	Input sentence: मीरबाई चानू ने 21st Commonwealth Games में India के लिए first Gold medal जीता था। POS Tags: PROPN PROPN PART NUM PROPN PROPN ADP PROPN PART PART ADJ NOUN NOUN VERB AUX X English Translation: Mirabai Chanu won the first gold medal for India in the 21st Commonwealth Games.
Translation	Input sentence: दिल्ली स्थित इंडियन नैवी हेडक्वार्टर और वेस्टर्न नेवल कमांड ने मिलकर ऑपरेशन के व्यूह से रचना की है। Romanized Hindi Translation: Dilli sthit Indian Navy headquarters aur Western Naval Command ne milkar operation ke vyuh ki rachna ki hai . Devnagari Hindi Translation: दिल्ली स्थिति इंडियन नैवी हेडक्वार्टर और वेस्ट-नेवल कमांड ने मिलकर ऑपरेशन के व्यूह की तैयारी की है। English Translation: The Indian Navy Headquarters based in Delhi and the Western Naval Command have jointly formulated the strategy for the operation.

Figure 1: Sample Annotations Across COMI-LINGUA Tasks: Shown here are annotated instances for each of the five tasks defined in the COMI-LINGUA task set, emphasizing the annotation strategy and linguistic diversity.

tion, overfitting in one-shot settings, prompt mimicry, repetitive or hallucinated outputs, and practical deployment barriers like API usage constraints—highlighting persistent challenges in script-aware and context-sensitive language modeling.

2 Related Work

Code-mixing—the blending of multiple languages in a single utterance—poses major challenges for NLP due to its structural variability (Srivastava and Singh, 2021a). This is especially true for Hindi-English, given their distinct scripts and syntax (Bali et al., 2014). Progress is hindered by the lack of large, annotated datasets, as collecting and labeling such data remains costly and labor-intensive (Srivastava and Singh, 2021a).

Language Identification is a foundational task in code-mixed NLP. Multiple approaches have been developed to detect language boundaries within mixed-language sequences, including statistical models, CRFs, and deep learning-based techniques (Shekhar et al., 2020; Singh et al., 2018a; Gundapu and Mamidi, 2018; Molina et al., 2016). These efforts have paved the way for improved preprocessing and downstream modeling of code-mixed data.

Part-of-Speech Tagging A variety of annotated datasets have been introduced for POS tagging in code-mixed contexts. Singh et al. (2018b) and

Vyas et al. (2014) developed corpora from Twitter and Facebook, respectively, while Pratapa et al. (2018) generated synthetic datasets for evaluating bilingual word embeddings. Sequiera et al. (2015) experimented with various machine learning algorithms, and Chatterjee et al. (2022) introduced PACMAN, a large-scale synthetic POS-tagged dataset that achieved state-of-the-art performance in code-mixed POS tagging tasks.

Named Entity Recognition in code-mixed text has seen significant progress through both resource development and model improvements. Dowla-gar and Mamidi (2022) showed that leveraging multilingual data enhances NER accuracy, while Ansari et al. (2019) created cross-script datasets using Wikipedia. Transformer-based approaches and meta-embeddings have also been effective in improving NER for Indian code-mixed data (Priyadharshini et al., 2020).

Machine Translation for code-mixed content remains a growing research area. Dhar et al. (2018) and Srivastava and Singh (2020) developed parallel corpora for Hindi-English code-mixed sentences, while Hegde and Lakshmaiah (2022) proposed translation models using transliteration and pseudo-translation, achieving competitive results in the MixMT shared task at WMT 2022.

Benchmarking and Evaluation Frameworks Several benchmark datasets have been introduced to evaluate NLP systems on code-mixed tasks.

Task	Data Source (Hi-En)	Dataset Size	Script	QA	Annotators/Models
LID	Facebook (Bali et al., 2014)	1,062	R & D	Yes	3
	Twitter (Singh et al., 2018a)	2,079	R	Yes	3
	Twitter (Swami et al., 2018)	5,250	R	Yes	Not mentioned
	Twitter (Mave et al., 2018)	5,567	R	Yes	3
	Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp (Veena et al., 2018)	3,071	R	No	Embedding Model
	Twitter (Joshi and Joshi, 2022)	18,461	R	No	Not mentioned
	Twitter, YouTube, Press Releases, News (Ours)	25,772	R & D	Yes	3
POS	Twitter, Facebook (Sequiera et al., 2015)	628	R & D	No	1
	Facebook (Bali et al., 2014)	1,062	R & D	Yes	3
	Twitter, Facebook (Jamatia et al., 2015)	1,106	R	No	2
	Twitter (Singh et al., 2018b)	1,190	R	Yes	3
	Synthetically generated (Chatterjee et al., 2022)	51,118	R & D	No	0
	Existing Benchmarks (Kodali et al., 2022)	55,474	R	No	Trained POS tagger
	Twitter, YouTube, Press Releases, News (Ours)	24,598	R & D	Yes	3
NER	Facebook (Bali et al., 2014)	1,062	R & D	Yes	3
	Twitter (Singh et al., 2018a)	2,079	R	Yes	3
	Twitter (Bhargava et al., 2016)	2,700	R	No	Supervised algorithm
	Twitter (Singh et al., 2018c)	3,638	R	Yes	2
	Tourism, News (Murthy et al., 2022)	108,608	R & D	No	1
	Twitter, YouTube, Press Releases, News (Ours)	24,913	R & D	Yes	3
MT	TED Talks, News, Wikipedia (Kartik et al., 2024)	2,787	R & D	Yes	2
	Twitter, Facebook (Srivastava and Singh, 2021b)	3,952	R & D	Yes	5
	Social Media (Dhar et al., 2018)	6,096	R	Yes	4
	Twitter, Facebook (Srivastava and Singh, 2020)	13,738	R	Yes	54 (400 instances)
	Existing Benchmarks (Kunchukuttan et al., 2017)	14,95,854	R & D	No	PBSMT, NMT
	Twitter, YouTube, Press Releases, News (Ours)	24,558	R & D	Yes	2
MLI	Twitter, Facebook (Sequiera et al., 2015)	628	R & D	No	1
	Facebook (Bali et al., 2014)	1,062	R & D	Yes	3
	Social Media (Dhar et al., 2018)	6,096	R	Yes	4
	Twitter, YouTube, Press Releases, News (Ours)	25,772	R & D	Yes	3

Table 1: Comprehensive Comparison of Existing Datasets for Hindi-English Code-Mixing NLP Tasks, including the proposed dataset. NLP tasks covered in the dataset include Language Identification (LID), Part-of-speech (POS) tagging, Named Entity Recognition (NER), and Matrix Language Identification (MLI). (R) and (D) denote Roman and Devanagari scripts, respectively, while QA represents annotations by Qualified Annotators.

LinCE (Aguilar et al., 2020) provides a comprehensive benchmark covering 11 corpora and 4 language pairs. GLUECoS (Khanuja et al., 2020) demonstrated the benefits of fine-tuning multilingual models on code-switched datasets across multiple tasks. Emotion and sentiment annotation efforts, such as the Hindi-English Twitter corpus by Vijay et al. (2018), the L3Cube-HingCorpus (Nayak and Joshi, 2022), and the emotion-annotated SentiMix dataset by Ghosh et al. (2023), further support affective computing in code-mixed settings.

Despite ongoing efforts, standardized benchmarks for evaluating LLMs on diverse Hinglish code-mixed tasks—such as acceptability judgments, syntactic fluency, and translation fidelity—remain lim-

ited. Existing benchmarks are often narrow in scope and rely on synthetic or small-scale data. To address this, we curate the largest high-quality, human-annotated dataset for training and evaluating LLMs on a broad range of Hinglish code-mixed phenomena. It serves as both an evaluation suite and a diagnostic tool to advance research in multilingual and code-mixed language understanding.

3 The COMI-LINGUA dataset

3.1 Raw Dataset Curation

We curated raw data from publicly accessible and licensed platforms spanning diverse categories such as news, politics, entertainment, social events, sports, and informational content, with a focus on

the Indian subcontinent. Sources included prominent news portals and official digital archives, detailed in Appendix A.1. The collected content was cleaned using regex-based preprocessing to remove noise such as advertisements, HTML tags, and footers, and then segmented into individual sentences. A Code-Mixing Index (CMI, Das and Gambäck (2014)) was computed for each sentence, and only those sentences with a CMI score ≥ 9 were retained to ensure a substantial degree of code-mixing. Given the underrepresentation of mixed Devanagari-Roman script samples in existing datasets, we also collected supplementary data to enhance coverage and linguistic diversity. This includes enriching the dataset by incorporating additional Hinglish code-mixed samples from prior works (Srivastava and Singh, 2020; Gupta et al., 2023; Singh et al., 2018c) and from Hugging-Face².

3.2 Dataset Processing

The preprocessing pipeline was designed to enhance the quality and neutrality of the corpus through rigorous noise reduction techniques. To ensure the dataset was both clean and relevant, we removed duplicate instances, hate speech, and abusive content. Sentences containing offensive or inappropriate language were identified and filtered out using established profanity and hate speech detection tools, including *thisandagain*³ and *Hate-Speech-Detection-in-Hindi*⁴.

At the token level, additional preprocessing steps were applied. Sentences with fewer than five tokens were discarded to eliminate non-informative content such as fragments, abbreviations, emojis, and filler phrases—commonly arising from typing errors or social media discourse. Examples of such removed content include: *#GuessTheSong*, *during dinner*, and *@enlightenedme bas ek hi*. Further data refinement was conducted during the manual annotation process (see Section 3.4 for more details).

3.3 Data Annotation

To annotate the Hindi-English code-mixed corpus, we employed COMMENTATOR (Sheth et al.,

2024), a robust annotation framework specifically designed for multilingual code-mixed text.

The annotation was carried out by a team of three graduate-level experts proficient in both Hindi and English. All annotators possess prior experience with social media content and demonstrate strong programming capabilities, along with familiarity in using version control systems. These competencies contributed to a systematic, efficient, and reproducible annotation process. The annotators were recruited specifically for this project and were compensated at a rate of approximately \$1.64 per hour. The funding for the annotation work was provided through a government-sponsored initiative; the compensation adheres to standard remuneration practices considered appropriate for the annotators’ qualifications and the economic context of their country of residence.

We selected five diverse annotation tasks, balancing well-established tasks with high reliability and underexplored challenges. Annotators followed detailed guidelines with examples to ensure consistency and clarity across tasks (Appendix A.3, Figure 1). The tasks are:

1. **Token-level Language Identification (LID):**

In this task, each token in the dataset was assigned one of three possible language labels: English (en), Hindi (hi), or Other (ot). Initial language tags were generated using Microsoft’s Language Identification Tool⁵, which served as a baseline for further manual refinement. As shown in Figure 1, each token is assigned a language tag.

2. **Matrix Language Identification (MLI):**

Each sentence is annotated with a Matrix Language, which identifies the dominant language governing the grammatical structure of the sentence. In code-mixed text, even when multiple languages are interspersed, one language typically dictates the syntactic and morphosyntactic framework of the utterance. Figure 1 showcases a sentence annotated with its matrix language.

3. **Named Entity Recognition (NER):**

In the NER task, each token in a sentence is annotated with a label from a predefined set of entity types outlined in Table 2. These include both conventional categories, such as Person, Location, Organization, Date/Time, and

²<https://huggingface.co/datasets/pardeep/youtube-videos-transcripts-hindi-english/>

³<https://github.com/thisandagain/washyourmouthoutwithsoap/blob/develop/README.md>

⁴<https://github.com/victorknox/Hate-Speech-Detection-in-Hindi/blob/main/README.md>

⁵<https://github.com/microsoft/LID-tool>

Entity Type	Description
Person	Names of individuals
Location	Non-political physical locations
Organization	Institutions or companies
Date/Time	Temporal expressions (e.g., dates)
GPE	Geo-Political Entities
Hashtags	Words prefixed by ‘#’
Mentions	User mentions prefixed by ‘@’
Emoji	Emoticons conveying emotions

Table 2: Named entity types and their descriptions in our annotation schema.

GPE (Geo-Political Entities), as well as social media-specific types like Hashtags, Mentions, and Emoji. An instance of annotated entities across different types is shown in Figure 1. This allows the annotation schema to comprehensively capture the diversity and informality often observed in code-mixed social media text.

4. **Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging:** Each token in the code-mixed dataset was annotated with a Part-of-Speech (POS) tag selected from the **Universal POS tagset** proposed by Singh et al. (2018b). The tagset, summarized in Table 3, was chosen for its language-agnostic design, enabling consistent annotation of Hindi and English words in a single sentence—an essential feature for handling code-mixed content effectively. A representative example is present in Figure 1. Initial predictions for POS tags were generated using the *CodeSwitch NLP* library⁶, which supports multilingual code-mixed data and provides pretrained models suitable for tagging noisy, informal text commonly found on social media platforms.
5. **Machine Translation (MT):** This task involves constructing parallel translations for code-mixed sentences into three distinct formats: (i) Romanized Hindi, (ii) Devanagari-script Hindi, and (iii) standard English. The goal is to facilitate a multilingual HINGLISH sentence to align with its respective translations across scripts and languages. A representative translation instance across the three formats is shown in Figure 1. Initial translation predictions were generated using the LLaMA 3.3 language model⁷.

⁶<https://github.com/sagorbrur/codeswitch>
⁷https://github.com/meta-llama/llama-models/blob/main/models/llama3_3/MODEL_CARD.md

POS Tag	Description
NOUN	Common nouns
PROPN	Proper nouns
VERB	Verbs in all tenses and moods
ADJ	Adjectives describing nouns
ADV	Adverbs modifying verbs
ADP	Adpositions
PRON	Pronouns
DET	Determiners
CONJ	Conjunctions
PART	Grammatical particles
PRON_WH	Wh-pronouns
PART_NEG	Negative particles
NUM	Numerals and cardinal numbers
X	Typos, abbreviations, punctuation

Table 3: Part-of-speech tags and their descriptions used in our annotation schema.

For all tasks, we used state-of-the-art NLP tools or LLMs for automated pre-annotation, generating initial labels based on task-specific criteria. Expert annotators then refined these outputs through manual post-editing. This two-stage process ensured high-quality annotations while improving consistency and speeding up dataset creation.

3.4 Manual Data Refinement

During the annotation phase, the dataset underwent iterative refinement to ensure quality and consistency, guided by annotator feedback on instances to be excluded (see Table 7 in Appendix A.2). Sentences were removed if they (i) were monolingual English or Hindi, (ii) lacked relevant linguistic tags or named entities, contained no meaningful content, or merged multiple instances into one, or (iii) included languages other than Hindi and English, which were beyond the scope of this study. This refinement process was crucial for preserving corpus integrity and ensuring that the final dataset consisted solely of high-quality Hindi-English code-mixed text. The Raw and Filtered columns in Table 4 represent the number of original instances provided for initial annotation and the final number of instances retained after annotation, respectively. The difference between these values corresponds to instances flagged by annotators as not satisfying the manual annotation criteria.

3.5 Annotation Efforts and Quality

The manual annotation process involved substantial human effort across all tasks, particularly in refining the outputs of automated tools. For example, for the LID task, each annotator reviewed 504,102 tokens and flipped an average of 95,670

Task	Raw	Filtered	IAA	CMI
LID	29,950	25,772	0.834	20.87
MLI	29,950	25,772	0.976	20.87
POS	27,229	24,598	0.817	21.60
NER	26,929	24,913	0.852	14.38
MT	26,727	24,558	-	17.07
Total / Avg.	140,785	125,613	0.863	18.96

Table 4: Corpus Statistics: The Raw and Filtered columns represent the number of original instances provided for initial annotation and the final instances retained after annotation, respectively. Note: IAA was not computed for the MT task as it is a generative task.

tokens—approximately 19% of the original predictions. In the POS task, 63,002 of 427,941 tokens were corrected, indicating a 15% flip rate. Similarly, for the NER task, each annotator modified about 98,760 out of 538,160 tokens, translating to 18% manual corrections. For the MLI task, no initial predictions were provided, leading to 100% of the sentences being annotated. To assess annotation reliability, we computed inter-annotator agreement (IAA) using Fleiss’ Kappa (Fleiss, 1971), a standard metric for evaluating consistency among multiple annotators on categorical labels (Hallgren, 2012). All classification tasks achieved Fleiss’ Kappa scores above **0.817**, indicating substantial to near-perfect agreement (Table 4). As machine translation is a generative task, IAA was not calculated. While not a direct measure of quality, the final dataset retains a high level of code-mixing, with an average CMI exceeding **14** across tasks, ensuring strong code-mixing.

The **COMI-LINGUA** consists of 125,613 **1** high-quality instances spanning five tasks, each independently annotated by three expert annotators, yielding a total of 376,839 annotations. To our knowledge, it is the largest manually annotated code-mixed dataset to date. For each task, we provide two random splits: a test set of 5,000 instances and a training set comprising the remainder.

4 Experiments

4.1 Baseline Tools and LLMs

We conduct a comprehensive evaluation of existing tools and language models on the COMI-LINGUA Benchmark. Our experimental setup spans traditional NLP toolkits, state-of-the-art open-source LLMs, and proprietary commercial models. These systems are evaluated on their performance across five diverse Hindi-English code-mixed NLP tasks,

detailed in Section 3.3.

The traditional tools evaluated in this study include the Microsoft LID⁸ designed for token-level language identification in multilingual text, and the codeswitch toolkit⁹, which provides a rule-based pipeline for annotating syntactic and semantic information in code-switched corpora. The open-source LLMs considered in our evaluation include mistral-instruct (7B) (Jiang et al., 2023) and llama-3.3-instruct (70B) (Touvron et al., 2023). In addition, we assess three commercial state-of-the-art systems: GPT-4o (Achiam et al., 2023), command-a-03-2025 (111B) (Cohere et al., 2025), Claude-3.5-Sonnet (Anthropic, 2024) and Gemini-1.5-Flash (Anil et al., 2023).

We create specific prompt templates for each task to generate accurate, task-aligned responses from LLMs. The prompt template includes a high-level description of the task, specific annotation or tagging rules, and illustrative examples where applicable. For each of our 5 tasks, we developed two prompt variants: a zero-shot version providing only task instructions, and a one-shot version that includes a single demonstrative example with instructions. The prompts are presented as a system-level instruction, followed by the user-supplied test input (i.e., a code-mixed sentence or token sequence). The complete prompt template used for one task is detailed in Appendix B.1.

4.2 Evaluation Metrics

We employ a suite of standard evaluation metrics, appropriately chosen for each task’s nature. For token-level classification tasks—LID, POS, and NER—we report Precision (P), Recall (R), and the F₁-score, computed at the macro level. For the MLI task, which is a sentence-level classification problem, we adopt the same classification metrics—P, R, and F₁—computed on a per-sentence basis. For MT, we use the BLEU score (Papineni et al., 2002) to evaluate the quality of translated outputs. Given the multilingual nature of our dataset, BLEU is computed separately for each output format: B_{en} for English, B_{rh} for Romanized Hindi, and B_{dh} for Devanagari Hindi. This disaggregated evaluation helps assess script-specific translation quality and is especially relevant given the transliteration variability in informal code-mixed text.

⁸<https://github.com/microsoft/LID-tool>

⁹<https://github.com/sagorbrur/codeswitch>

Model/Library	LID			POS			NER			MLI			MT		
	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>B</i> _{en}	<i>B</i> _{rh}	<i>B</i> _{dh}
claude-3.5-sonnet	92.8	92.4	92.1	75.3	64.8	69.0	59.1	55.1	56.7	98.8	83.5	90.0	48.0	48.6	56.0
gpt-4o	92.8	92.8	92.7	76.1	66.0	70.1	60.5	60.1	60.1	98.4	97.9	98.1	28.8	27.4	31.9
gemini-1.5-Flash	82.9	40.4	47.9	73.4	62.4	66.5	44.2	44.2	43.8	98.8	21.4	33.7	48.1	28.9	56.9
LLaMA-3.3-instruct	73.4	73.7	73.3	74.3	65.5	68.9	67.5	67.3	66.8	98.8	59.0	73.1	55.4	50.4	59.8
mistral-instruct	54.5	39.0	42.4	10.2	6.72	7.78	65.1	41.5	50.2	98.1	58.7	72.3	23.5	5.36	18.05
command-a-03-2025	92.0	92.0	91.8	73.5	65.4	68.6	65.9	67.8	66.6	98.5	98.0	98.3	38.6	35.1	48.8
codeswitch	-	-	-	89.1	87.8	88.2	81.6	83.1	81.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Microsoft LID	80.2	76.5	74.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5: Zero-shot performance metrics on the COMI-LINGUA test sets for various models across different tasks: LID, POS tagging, NER, MLI, and Translation. *P*, *R*, and *F*₁ denote Precision, Recall, and F1-score respectively. *B*_{en}, *B*_{rh}, and *B*_{dh} represent BLEU scores for English, Romanized Hindi, and Devanagari Hindi translation outputs. ‘-’ indicates that the task is not supported by the respective tool.

Model/Library	LID			POS			NER			MLI			MT		
	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>P</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>F</i> ₁	<i>B</i> _{en}	<i>B</i> _{rh}	<i>B</i> _{dh}
claude-3.5-sonnet	93.0	92.7	92.5	81.4	79.2	79.3	85.9	85.2	85.0	98.8	98.9	98.8	50.9	52.1	63.4
gpt-4o	93.9	94.0	93.8	81.6	78.0	78.9	77.4	75.8	76.0	98.7	97.7	98.1	50.1	50.2	58.26
gemini-1.5-Flash	80.2	76.5	74.4	72.9	64.6	68.0	66.5	67.5	66.0	98.4	40.4	56.4	44.4	42.9	66.1
LLaMA-3.3-instruct	90.3	89.6	89.3	85.1	84.0	84.1	79.0	79.1	78.4	98.8	97.8	98.2	62.2	54.4	60.6
mistral-instruct	72.1	70.0	70.1	77.3	66.9	69.8	65.5	44.4	52.6	98.3	88.1	92.7	30.0	19.5	18.5
command-a-03-2025	92.1	91.7	91.3	74.5	65.7	69.5	76.7	78.9	77.3	98.9	98.7	98.3	52.9	42.1	56.0

Table 6: One-shot performance metrics on the COMI-LINGUA test sets for various models across different tasks: LID, POS tagging, NER, MLI, and Translation. *P*, *R* and *F*₁ denote Precision, Recall and F1-score respectively. *B*_{en}, *B*_{rh}, and *B*_{dh} represent BLEU scores for English, Romanized Hindi, and Devanagari Hindi translation outputs.

4.3 Evaluation Configurations

We evaluate model performance under two distinct inference paradigms: *zero-shot* and *one-shot* (specifically, 1-shot) in-context learning. Traditional NLP tools and libraries are inherently limited to zero-shot settings, as they rely on fixed rule-based or statistical models without the capability for contextual adaptation. In contrast, LLMs are evaluated under both zero-shot and 1-shot configurations to investigate their ability to generalize from instructions alone and to leverage minimal contextual supervision, respectively.

In the zero-shot setting, the prompt includes only task-specific instructions and formatting constraints without any illustrative examples. For the 1-shot setting, we augment the prompt with a single representative example demonstrating the input-output structure of the task. This example is carefully selected to reflect typical task behavior and is kept fixed across all evaluations to maintain consistency. Detailed illustrations of both prompt configurations are provided in Appendix B.1.

5 Results and Observations

Tables 5 and 6 present the empirical results obtained under the two experimental configurations: zero-shot and one-shot in-context learning, respectively. It is important to note that traditional tools such as codeswitch and Microsoft LID are limited in their task coverage; consequently, results for tasks not supported by these tools are omitted from the tables.

Traditional Tools vs. LLMs: The comparative analysis of traditional NLP tools and LLMs reveals clear distinctions in performance across code-mixed tasks. As shown in Table 5, traditional tools such as codeswitch and Microsoft LID demonstrate strong performance on specific tasks they were designed for, particularly POS and LID, respectively. For instance, codeswitch achieves the highest POS F1-score of 88.2, outperforming all LLMs in this task, while Microsoft LID attains a reasonable F1-score of 74.4 for LID. However, these tools exhibit significant limitations in task coverage; they do not support MLI, MT, or tasks involving complex reasoning or generation.

Open vs. Closed LLMs The performance gap between proprietary (closed) and open-source LLMs is evident across both zero-shot and few-shot settings. In zero-shot mode, closed models such as gpt-4o and claude-3.5-sonnet dominate with top-tier results in most tasks. For example, gpt-4o achieves 92.7 F1 on LID and 98.1 F1 on MLI, while claude-3.5-sonnet reaches 92.1 F1 on LID and 90.0 F1 on MLI. However, when moving to one-shot setting, open-source models like LLaMA-3.3-instruct start closing the gap. Its performance improves significantly: LID F1 rises from 73.3 to 89.3, POS tagging reaches 84.1 (even surpassing gpt-4o), and NER climbs to 78.4. MT performance also peaks at 62.2 B_{en} for English, the highest across all models.

Zero vs. One-shot Inference The transition from zero-shot to one-shot inference leads to notable performance improvements across most models and tasks. This is especially evident in complex tasks such as NER and MT, where providing one task-specific instance helps models disambiguate entities and manage code-mixed structures more effectively. For example, Claude-3.5-sonnet’s NER F1 score increases significantly from 56.7 in the zero-shot setting to 85.0 in the one-shot setting, while its B_{rh} for Devanagari Hindi translation improves from 31.9 to 63.4. gpt-4o similarly benefits, with NER performance rising from 60.1 to 76.0 and Devanagari B_{dh} improving from 31.9 to 58.26. Open models like LLaMA-3.3-instruct also see considerable gains, such as POS tagging jumping from 68.9 to 84.1 and English MT B_{en} reaching 62.2. These results demonstrate that even minimal supervision through a single example can significantly enhance model performance on linguistically complex, low-resource, or code-mixed tasks. At the same time, tasks like MLI exhibit relatively modest gains, suggesting that more deterministic tasks benefit less from one-shot prompting. Overall, one-shot inference provides a practical and effective method to unlock the latent capabilities of LLMs in multilingual and code-mixed scenarios.

6 Challenges with Current LLMs

A consistent challenge across all models is the inability to accurately handle English borrowings

written in Devanagari script—words like “कोड” and “ओलंपिक” were frequently misclassified as Hindi, reflecting a gap in script-aware language identification. Another prominent issue is sentence truncation; longer code-mixed inputs often lead to incomplete or abruptly cut-off outputs, indicating that many models struggle to preserve context over extended sequences. In addition, models such as gemini-1.5-flash and mistral-instruct displayed repetitive generation patterns, producing redundant phrases within the same response. These models also occasionally injected subjective explanations into their outputs, despite clear instructions to extract objective information—for instance, adding interpretive statements when identifying the matrix language. A further concern is that several models tended to mirror patterns from the prompt rather than perform actual analysis, indicating shallow understanding and a tendency to copy input structures. Sentences with high grammatical or script variability posed yet another barrier, where many models, especially gemini-1.5-flash and mistral-instruct, failed to generate any output at all. Overfitting to examples also emerged as a concern, particularly in one-shot settings; models like gpt-4o and command-a-03-2025 occasionally produced outputs that mimicked example structures rather than responding appropriately to the test input. This over-reliance was particularly evident in tasks such as MLI and LID, where one-shot performance slightly declined. Additionally, some models exhibited hallucination behaviors, introducing entities not present in the input, which likely stems from overgeneralization in the presence of minimal supervision (See Table 8 in the Appendix).

7 Conclusion and Future Directions

LLMs often struggle with tasks like POS tagging, NER, and translation in Hindi-English code-mixed text due to limited exposure to Indian multilingual data. This results in errors such as entity mislabeling and content hallucination, especially with structurally complex and script-variable inputs. The COMI-LINGUA dataset addresses these challenges by providing high-quality, richly annotated, and task-diverse code-mixed text. Future work includes expanding the dataset and adding tasks such as normalization, sentiment analysis, Q&A, summarization, and dialogue understanding, creating a stronger foundation for training and evaluating LLMs on complex scenarios.

Limitations

While this study offers valuable insights into the annotation and processing of Hindi-English code-mixed text, several limitations warrant consideration:

1. **Language Pair Specificity:** The findings derived from Hindi-English code-mixed data may not generalize to other language pairs (e.g., Spanish-English), given differences in syntactic structure, sociolinguistic norms, and code-switching behavior.
2. **Demographic Bias:** The use of a relatively small and homogeneous group of annotators may introduce demographic bias, potentially limiting the broader applicability and reliability of the acceptability ratings.
3. **Resource Constraints:** Scaling this work to other code-mixed language pairs remains challenging due to the scarcity of high-quality annotated corpora and the limited availability of models capable of robustly handling diverse code-mixing phenomena.

Ethics Statement

We adhere to established ethical guidelines in the creation of our benchmark dataset and in the evaluation of existing LLMs for Hindi-English code-mixed text. Data curation was carried out responsibly, with careful attention to annotator well-being, informed consent, and workload management. We ensured that no personally identifiable information (PII) was included in the dataset, thereby maintaining user privacy and confidentiality. To mitigate potential biases, annotation protocols were designed to capture diverse linguistic phenomena and were reviewed iteratively. Our study promotes fairness and inclusivity in multilingual NLP by focusing on underrepresented code-mixed language scenarios. All datasets and models employed in this research are either publicly available or used in accordance with their respective licenses, such as Creative Commons.

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A Appendix

A.1 Dataset Sources

For dataset collection, we implemented an article-wise scraping process that extracted high-quality

data from diverse sources. **News sources** included NDTV¹⁰, ABP News¹¹, Zee News¹², News18¹³, TV9¹⁴, and Aaj Tak.¹⁵ **Digital platforms** like X (formerly “Twitter”)¹⁶ and YouTube¹⁷ provided real-time discussions. **Political channels** from INC, BJP, and AAP were included, along with **official sources** such as *Mann Ki Baat*¹⁸ and *Press Information Bureau (PIB)*¹⁹.

A.2 Examples of Noisy Text Instances in the Scrapped Code-Mixed Data

Table 7 Presents examples of challenging text patterns identified during manual annotation, including incomplete variants, ambiguous scripts, cross-article concatenation, and mixed-script forms. These were carefully reviewed and, in some cases, removed as part of our annotation methodology and quality assurance process to improve dataset consistency.

A.3 Annotation Guidelines for All Tasks

- Each instance was annotated independently by all annotators without influence from model predictions or other annotator’s decisions.
- Annotators were instructed to rely on contextual understanding to disambiguate code-mixed tokens, resolve ambiguity, and accurately assign labels.
- Only the content explicitly present in the sentence was to be annotated; annotators were advised to avoid adding any inferred or assumed information.
- Instances containing noise (e.g., incomplete fragments, junk tokens, or malformed words) were marked and excluded during preprocessing as per filtering heuristics as per Table 7.
- Consistent labeling was promoted using uniform tags and task-specific instructions during annotation training.
- Annotators were encouraged to flag uncertain, ambiguous, or low-quality samples for further review.

¹⁰<https://ndtv.in/>

¹¹<https://www.abplive.com/>

¹²<https://zeenews.india.com/hindi>

¹³<https://hindi.news18.com/>

¹⁴<https://www.tv9.com/>

¹⁵<https://www.aajtak.in/>

¹⁶<https://x.com/>

¹⁷<https://www.youtube.com/>

¹⁸<https://www.narendramodi.in/mann-ki-baat>

¹⁹<https://pib.gov.in/>

- Annotation disagreements were addressed using majority voting. In cases where no majority existed, a manual adjudication process was conducted to finalize the labels.

Sentence: लंदन के Madame Tussauds में Deepika Padukone के वैक्स स्टेच्यू का गुरुवार को अनावरण हुआ।

Named Entities: 'लंदन': GPE, 'Madame Tussauds': LOCATION, 'Deepika Padukone': PERSON, 'गुरुवार': DATE.

B Experimental Setup

B.1 Zero-Shot Prompt

Identify the named entities in the following text:

Rules:

- Tag each word with one of these entity types:

PERSON, ORGANISATION, LOCATION, DATE, TIME, GPE, HASHTAG, EMOJI, MENTION, X - for words that don't fall into above categories

Text: {row['sentence']}

Return the output in the following format:

[{ 'word1': 'entity' }, { 'word2': 'entity' }, { 'word3': 'entity' }, ...]

B.2 Computation Requirement and Budget

The experiments were conducted using API-based access to state-of-the-art Large Language Models (LLMs), including gpt-4o, Command R+ (command-a-03-2025) by Cohere, and claude-3.5-sonnet. The estimated monthly costs for API usage were approximately \$200 for Claude-3.5-sonnet, \$150 for Cohere, and \$50 for gpt-4o, resulting in a total estimated cost of **\$400** per month.

Few-Shot Prompt

Identify the named entities in the following text:

Rules: Tag each word with one of these entity types:

PERSON - for names of people

ORGANISATION - for company/organization names

LOCATION - for location names

DATE - for dates

TIME - for time expressions

GPE - for geo-political entities

HASHTAG - for words starting with #

EMOJI - for emojis

MENTION - for words starting with @

X - for words that don't fall into above categories

Only break tokens at spaces

Text: {row['Sentences']}

Do not add any extra explanations or text before or after the list.

Category	Example Text
Incomplete variant	), floppy disk, hard disk drive, magnetic stripe card, relational database, SQL जीता (DRAM) (Dynamic Random-Access Memory) था
Ambiguous script	Menu प्रोग्रामिंग भाषा .jpg[thumb]] ===++ Image शामिल / [[[:en:Giridhar Lal Aggarwal Freedom Fighter Giridhar Lal Aggarwal]] ==
Cross-article concatenation	[[चित्र:गिरिधर लाल अग्रवाल [.....] 08/10/2020 Satyam KushwahLeave a Comment on श्री गिरिधर लाल अग्रवाल
Mixed-script variant	@Strawberigloz he barobar naahi aahe, aaplich manasa aaplyala paathi sodtat. Aaplya itithasacha garva asla pahije.

Table 7: Examples of noisy text instances in the dataset containing mixed content and transitions. **Takeaway:** These noisy text instances in the dataset reflect challenges in code-mixed annotation, require careful preprocessing.

Response Flaw Type	Example Behavior or Observation
Script and entity Misidentification	Words like, लंदन are borrowed English terms in Devanagari but are incorrectly tagged as Hindi by most models. such as tagging Union Home Minister as an ORGANISATION.
Sentence Truncation	Long-form code-mixed inputs lead to abrupt endings or incomplete generations (e.g., output stops mid-sentence despite ample context).
Repetitive Generation	Models like gemini-1.5-flash and mistral-instruct frequently exhibit repetitive generation patterns. For instance, they may produce outputs such as: “The second tagging is more accurate as it identifies ‘this’ as a determiner and ‘last’ as a quantity. repeating similar explanations or sentence fragments within the same response.
Subjective Additions	Instead of remaining factual, models add speculative commentary (e.g., “en: The given text is in English. The hashtag “#MadeByGoogle” is also in English. ‘E’ (English).”).
Prompt Mimicry	gpt-4o and command-r-plus mirror example formats from the prompt, failing to adapt to new inputs and instead mimicking example structure. Based on the given text, it is written in the Hindi language. Therefore, the matrix language label for this sentence is ‘h’.
High-variance Failure	Inputs with abrupt transitions, broken grammar, or inconsistent scripts result in empty, irrelevant, or default responses. Example: lakhanOo: dr. apj abdul kalam bhArat kA 11veN rAShTrapati thE karoDhON bhAratiyON ke lIyE prEraNAdhA kA strOt thE, dR. apj abdul kalam , NA
Hallucination	Some models fabricate non-existent locations or attributes (e.g., inventing MATCH, QUANTITY, or BUILDING categories not present in the input).

Table 8: Observed limitations across LLMs while processing noisy, code-mixed text. **Takeaway:** Failures are diverse - ranging from linguistic issues to structural hallucinations and prompt sensitivity - highlighting the need for integrated data-centric training strategies that can effectively handle linguistic and structural complexities.