AGENTRACE: BENCHMARKING EFFICIENCY IN LLM AGENT FRAMEWORKS

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ABSTRACT

Large Language Model (LLM) agents are rapidly gaining traction across domains such as intelligent assistants, programming aids, and autonomous decision systems. While existing benchmarks focus primarily on evaluating the effectiveness of LLM agents, such as task success rates and reasoning correctness, the efficiency of agent frameworks remains an underexplored but critical factor for real-world deployment. In this work, we introduce AgentRace, the first benchmark specifically designed to systematically evaluate the efficiency of LLM agent frameworks across representative workloads. AgentRace enables controlled, reproducible comparisons of runtime performance, scalability, communication overhead, and tool invocation latency across popular frameworks on diverse task scenarios and workflows. Our in-depth experiments reveal 9 insights and 12 underlying mechanisms for developing efficient LLM agents. We believe AgentRace will become a valuable resource for guiding the design and optimization of next-generation efficient LLM agent systems. The platform and results are available at the anonymous website `https://agent-race.github.io/`.

1 INTRODUCTION

Large Language Models (LLMs) (OpenAI, 2023; Touvron et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2024a; Naveed et al., 2023; Bai et al., 2023) have rapidly gained widespread popularity due to their exceptional capabilities in natural language understanding and generation, significantly impacting various applications including chatbots, content creation, and programming assistants. With these advancements, LLM agents (Wang et al., 2024; Guo et al., 2024; Zhao et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2024; Ni & Buehler, 2024), which are autonomous entities powered by LLMs capable of executing complex tasks through intelligent interactions, have emerged as a promising area of research and practical implementation.

To accelerate the development of LLM agents, numerous benchmarks and datasets (Andriushchenko et al., 2024; Chang et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2023; Shen et al., 2024) have been proposed to assess LLM agents, primarily focusing on evaluating their effectiveness and reliability in task completion. These benchmarks typically measure task success rates, correctness of generated outputs, overall functional capabilities, and safety of agents.

However, for LLM agents to be widely deployed in real-world scenarios in the future, the efficiency of their frameworks is critically important. Efficient execution, scalability, and minimal communication overhead are essential for ensuring timely responses and practical usability, particularly in resource-constrained and latency-sensitive environments. Despite the proliferation of LLM agent frameworks, such as LangChain (LangChain, 2025), AutoGen (Wu et al., 2023), and AgentScope (Gao et al., 2024), a systematic benchmark evaluating these frameworks' performance efficiency remains absent.

To bridge this significant gap, we introduce **AgentRace**, the first efficiency-focused benchmark platform for LLM agent frameworks, including cost, computational, and communication efficiency. AgentRace enables controlled, reproducible comparisons across frameworks and workflows, aiming to answer the following key research questions:

1. *What are the primary efficiency bottlenecks in current LLM agent frameworks (e.g., model inference latency, tool calling overhead)?*
2. *What caused the inefficiency of existing LLM agent frameworks?*

3. *How to improve the efficiency of agent execution?*

AgentRace features a modular and extensible design. It supports **7** LLM agent frameworks, **12** types of tools, **3** commonly used workflows, **5** task scenarios, and **4** metrics. The benchmark can be executed with a single command line, facilitating rapid experimentation and reproducibility. We conduct a comprehensive assessment of the efficiency of popular LLM agent frameworks and reveal **9** insights and **12** underlying mechanisms for developing efficient LLM agents. The platform and results are made available through an anonymous website `https://agent-race.github.io/`.

In summary, our contributions include:

- We introduce AgentRace, the first benchmark platform that systematically evaluates the efficiency of LLM agent frameworks with modular design, filling a critical gap left by existing benchmarks that primarily focus on task success or reasoning correctness.
- We conduct a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of efficiency across frameworks, revealing previously undocumented sources of inefficiency.
- We provide actionable insights for both practitioners and researchers to optimize the deployment of efficient LLM-based agents.
- We release the entire benchmark suite and experimental results, providing a platform to identify the efficiency issues of LLM agents.

2 Background and Related Work

2.1 LLM Agents

LLMs agents (Yao et al., 2023; Zhao et al., 2024) are systems that combine the generative capabilities of LLMs with additional components such as memory, planning, and tool usage to perform complex tasks autonomously. These agents can interpret user inputs, plan actions, interact with external tools, and adapt based on feedback, enabling more dynamic and context-aware behaviors. Many agents have been developed, where some are generic agents that are designed to execute general tasks and some are specialized agents for some concrete task. For example, ReAct (Yao et al., 2023) is a typical general agent workflow, where the agent thinks and take actions interatively. MetaGPT (Hong et al., 2023) is an agent designed for software development, where each agent plays a different role to simulate a software company. In this work, we aim to evaluate the efficiency of different LLM agent frameworks, thus focusing on using the widely used general agent workflows.

2.2 LLM Agent Frameworks

The development and deployment of LLM agents have been facilitated by various frameworks that provide tools and abstractions for building agentic systems. There have been many LLM agent frameworks. For example, LangChain (LangChain, 2025) offers a modular framework for developing applications with LLMs, supporting integrations with various data sources and tools. It provides a low-level agent orchestration framework, a purpose-built deployment platform, and debugging tools. Besides LangChain, there are also many other popular LLM agent frameworks. In our platform, we select some popular and easy-to-use frameworks for integration. For the detailed introduction of these frameworks, please refer to Section 3.1.

2.3 Benchmarks for LLM Agents

There have been many benchmarks for LLM agents (Andriushchenko et al., 2024; Chang et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2023; Shen et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2024b). However, most of these benchmarks usually focus on ability or trustworthiness perspectives, and do not exploit the efficiency part. For example, AgentBench (Liu et al., 2024b) report *Step Success Rate* as the main metric showing the independent accuracy of each action step, due to the current struggles for LLMs to ensure overall task success rates. Beyond benchmarks focusing solely on success rates, AgentBoard (Chang et al., 2024) proposes a comprehensive evaluation framework for LLM agents. It introduces a fine-grained *Progress Rate* metric to track incremental advancements during task execution, along with an open-source toolkit for multi-faceted analysis. WORFBENCH (Huang et al., 2023) introduces a unified

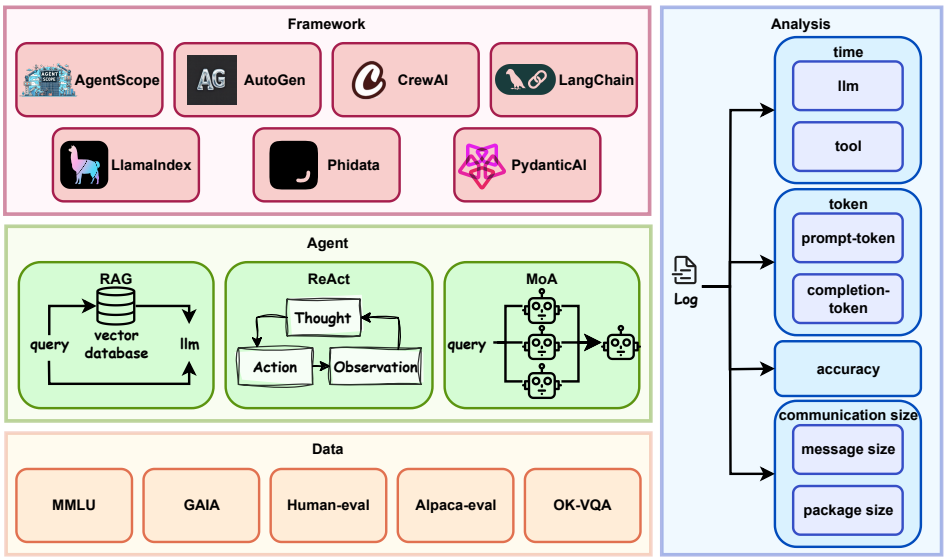


Figure 1: The architecture of AgentRace.

framework for evaluating workflow generation, including both linear and graph-structured workflows. Its evaluation metric, WORFEVAL, quantifies generation performance across these tasks. Although the benchmark measures end-to-end efficiency through *Task Execution Time*, it omits a detailed breakdown of computational costssuch as tool execution latency. This lack of granularity obscures potential bottlenecks in workflow optimization. MASArena (MAS, 2025) provides a convenient multi-dimensional framework for agent evaluation, but it lacks a unified implementation for diverse workflows and heterogeneous tool integrations. Moreover, its evaluation benchmarks are limited to domains such as mathematics, code, and textual reasoning.

3 Design of AgentRace

3.1 Modules

To systematically evaluate the efficiency and scalability of LLM agent frameworks, we introduce a modular benchmark platform AgentRace. As shown in Figure 1, this platform comprises four interconnected modules, including **Data**, **Agent**, **Framework**, and **Analysis**, designed to capture diverse agent frameworks, execution workflows, task complexities, and performance analysis.

Data Module: Diverse Task Coverage The Data module defines the core tasks used in our benchmark and plays a critical role in ensuring that LLM agent frameworks are evaluated across a wide range of real-world scenarios. Our design is guided by two key considerations: (1) task diversity in terms of reasoning complexity, tool usage, and interaction patterns; and (2) alignment with widely adopted benchmarks to enable meaningful and comparable evaluations. We select five representative datasets that reflect varying levels of difficulty, domain coverage, and agent requirements, including **GAIA** (Mialon et al., 2023), **HumanEval** (Chen et al., 2021), **MMLU** (Hendrycks et al., 2020), **AlpacaEval** (Dubois et al., 2024), and **OK-VQA** (Marino et al., 2019). The datasets cover tool-intensive, structured reasoning, retrieval-augmented workflows, multi-agent, and multi-modal scenarios. The details about the datasets are available at Appendix A.1. The above coverage enables a holistic evaluation of agent frameworks under varied demands, including tool usage, memory handling, retrieval integration, and inter-agent communication.

Agent Module: Workflow Diversity The Agent module captures the diversity of reasoning patterns exhibited by modern LLM-based agents. In designing this module, our goal is to represent a wide range of real-world task execution strategies while ensuring broad compatibility with existing agent frameworks. We instantiate agents using three widely adopted and conceptually distinct workflow paradigms, including **ReAct (Reasoning and Acting)** (Yao et al., 2023), **RAG (Retrieval-**

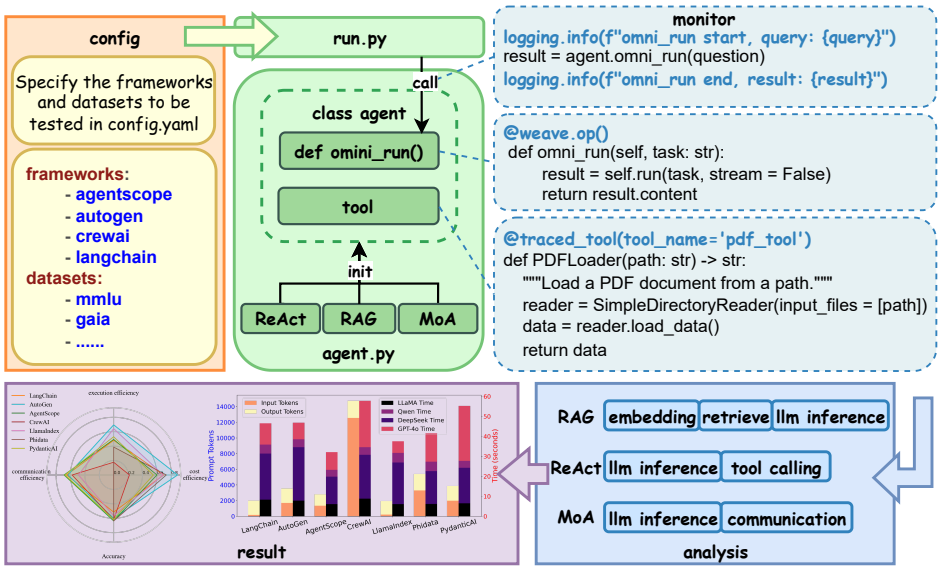


Figure 2: The pipeline of AgentRace.

Augmented Generation), and **MoA (Mixture of Agents)** (Wang et al., 2025). These workflows reflect sequential prompting, retrieval-grounded answering, and distributed multi-agent collaboration. By supporting all three within our benchmark, we enable a comprehensive evaluation of agent frameworks under varying reasoning styles and system architectures. The details about the workflows are available at Appendix A.2.

Framework Module: Broad Ecosystem Coverage The Framework module integrates a wide spectrum of open-source LLM agent frameworks including **LangChain** (LangChain, 2025), **AutoGen** (Wu et al., 2023), **AgentScope** (Gao et al., 2024), **CrewAI** (Lee, 2025), **LlamaIndex** (LlamaIndex, 2025), **Phidata** (agno-agi, 2025), and **PydanticAI** (PydanticAI, 2025), each with distinct design philosophies, runtime environments, and abstraction layers. In selecting the frameworks, we focus on two primary considerations: (1) their popularity and influence in the developer and research communities, and (2) the feasibility of easy deployment and integration within our benchmarking platform. In particular, our implementations are designed to extend functionalities absent from certain frameworks, while leveraging native components whenever available so as not to replace or override existing optimizations.

Analysis Module: Measuring Efficiency The Analysis module defines the core metrics used to evaluate the system-level efficiency of LLM agent frameworks. We focus on three dimensions: **computational efficiency**, **cost efficiency**, and **communication efficiency**. Specifically, we measure the following four key metrics: (1) **Execution Time**: The total wall-clock time from agent invocation to task completion. This includes the full execution pipeline, including LLM inference, tool calls, etc. (2) **Token Consumption**: The total number of input and output tokens processed by the LLM during the task. This reflects the computational cost of inference and directly impacts the monetary cost in API-based deployments. (3) **Communication Size**: The total volume of data exchanged between agents. This metric captures inefficiencies in prompt formatting, serialization, and inter-agent message passing, particularly relevant in multi-agent setting. (4) **Accuracy**: To ensure correctness is preserved during efficiency evaluation, we also include a task-specific accuracy metric. This ensures that frameworks are functionally correct.

3.2 Pipeline

The design of the AgentRace benchmark pipeline is illustrated in Figure 2. The pipeline is fully modular and consists of three main stages: (1) configuration, (2) execution and monitoring, and (3) analysis and visualization. In the configuration stage, users specify experimental parameters (e.g., framework, workflow, dataset, and tools) in a YAML file. The executor parses this file and instantiates

Table 1: The supported functionalities of AgentRace. ✓denotes that the functionality is implemented in AgentRace. ○ denotes that the functionality is supported in the original framework.

		LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
Workflow	ReAct	○	✓	○	✓	○	✓	✓
	RAG	○	✓	○	✓	○	○	✓
	MoA	✓	○	✓	○	○	✓	✓
Tools	Search	○	✓	○	○	○	○	✓
	PDF loader	○	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓
	CSV reader	○	✓	✓	○	○	○	✓
	XLSX reader	○	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓
	Text file reader	○	✓	✓	○	○	○	✓
	doc reader	○	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓
	MP3 loader	○	✓	○	✓	○	✓	✓
	Figure loader	✓	✓	○	○	○	✓	✓
	Video loader	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Code executor	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓
	data retrieval	○	✓	○	✓	○	○	✓
	LeetCode solver	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

the corresponding agent with unified interfaces. During execution, the agent interacts with the chosen framework and tools under controlled settings, while a monitoring layer is dynamically attached to capture runtime behavior. Finally, the analysis stage aggregates the collected traces into structured logs and performance visualizations for reproducibility and cross-framework comparison.

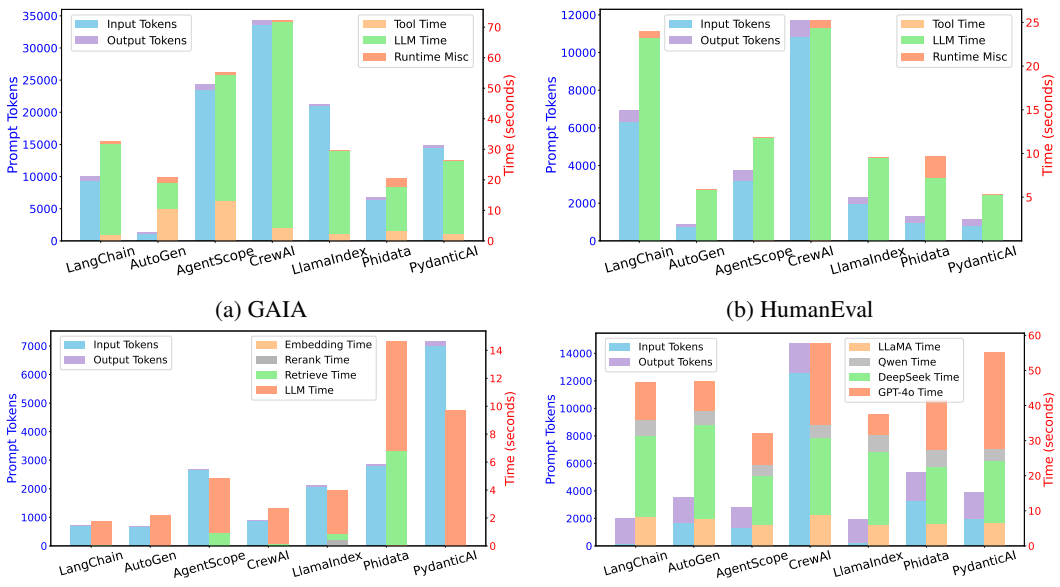
Tracer and Logger The monitoring layer is designed to provide fine-grained yet low-overhead instrumentation. We implement two complementary components: a *logger* for recording high-level events and a *tracer* for intercepting fine-grained tool calling operations. The logger tracks each LLM inference call, data retrieval request, and inter-agent communication, capturing metadata such as token count, latency, and payload size. To address the scalability challenge of monitoring diverse tool invocations, we introduce a generic tracer wrapper, `traced_tool`, that instruments tool execution transparently. Developers can annotate a tool with a single wrapper, after which its statistics are automatically recorded. This design allows AgentRace to maintain both extensibilitynew tools can be integrated without modifying the core frameworkand reproducibility, as all traces are stored in a standardized log format compatible with downstream analysis modules.

3.3 Functionalities

The core functionalities supported by AgentRace are summarized in Table 1. Our benchmark currently supports three representative agent workflows executed across seven widely used LLM agent frameworks, utilizing a unified pool of eleven tools. While some of these capabilities are natively supported by the frameworks, approximately 50% of the functionalities are implemented by ourselves to ensure full compatibility and coverage. To maintain a fair comparison across frameworks, we adopt a standardized implementation for any functionality that is not natively provided. This ensures that differences in evaluation metrics stem from the underlying framework behavior, rather than implementation gaps. For more implementation details, please refer to Appendix A.

4 Experiments and Insights

We conduct in-depth analysis for the efficiency of LLM agent frameworks. Due to the page limit, we present the representative results in the main paper. We present additional experimental details in Appendix A, accuracy comparison in Appendix B.1, results on additional datasets in Appendix B.2, scalability experiments in Appendix B.3, extended analysis between prompt token counts and execution time in Appendix B.4, experiments on additional models in Appendix B.5, reproducibility



(a) GAIA (b) HumanEval

(c) MMLU (d) AlpacaEval

Figure 3: Token consumption and execution time per query of different frameworks.

verification in Appendix B.6, prompts in Appendix C, bugs and features of the investigated frameworks in Appendix D, tool implementation in Appendix E, and usage of LLMs in Appendix F.

4.1 Experimental Setup

Setting We evaluate 7 LLM agent frameworks using our benchmarking platform, AgentRace, ensuring a standardized and reproducible execution environment. By default, with three repeated runs, experiments are conducted on a Linux server equipped with 12-core Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4214R CPUs and a single NVIDIA RTX 3080 Ti GPU. While most of our metrics and findings are independent of hardware setup, we have also added experiments on additional servers to demonstrate the robustness of our results in Appendix B.6.

Datasets We use five representative datasets across different agent workflows: GAIA, HumanEval and OK-VQA are executed with the ReAct workflow, MMLU is evaluated using RAG, and AlpacaEval is tested under the MoA.

Models Unless otherwise specified, GPT-4o is used as the default LLM. We also conduct experiments using other models in Appendix B.5. For MoA, we instantiate the first-layer agents with a diverse set of open models: LLaMA-3.3-70B-Instruct-Turbo, Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct-Turbo, and DeepSeek-V3. We use TogetherAI (tog, 2024) for querying these models. GPT-4o is used as the aggregation agent to integrate their outputs. In the RAG setting, the MMLU test set is used to construct the retrieval database.

4.2 Execution Time and Token Consumption

Insight 1: LLM inference usually dominates runtime across all agent frameworks, and inefficient prompt engineering, such as appending full histories and using verbose prompts, exacerbates both latency and cost.

Key Observations Figure 3 presents the breakdown of agent execution time across four benchmark scenarios. The results on OK-VQA are available at Appendix B.2. Across all settings, LLM inference consistently dominates runtime. Even in the GAIA scenario, which is explicitly designed to be tool-intensive and involves frequent calls to external APIs, LLM inference accounts for more than 85% of the total execution time in most frameworks. This highlights that LLM inference, due to its

computational demands and frequent invocation, remains the primary bottleneck in agent execution, regardless of the complexity or type of task. Moreover, we observe that the cost of LLM inference is further exacerbated by large variations in token efficiency across frameworks. There is a strong positive correlation between LLM inference time and token consumption.

Underlying Mechanism-1: Appending Full History to Prompts We observe that CrewAI and AgentScope elevate token usage arises from their design choice. In their implementation, the LLM stores all intermediate inputs and outputs in memory and appends this memory to each new prompt. As a result, the prompt length grows with every step of reasoning, causing a high token consumption.

Underlying Mechanism-2: Using Verbose Prompts In the ReAct workflow, LlamaIndex consumes a significant amount of prompts, primarily due to the observation portion returned to the LLM after tool invocation. Additionally, for queries that fail to execute successfully, the number of reasoning and action iterations increases, leading to a corresponding growth in the observation-related prompts. For a more detailed analysis of the underlying causes, please refer to Appendix B.2.

Potential Optimizations These findings underscore the importance of efficient prompt engineering and memory management in agent framework design. Strategies such as selective memory summarization, compact formatting, and prompt compression are crucial for reducing token usage.

4.3 Tool Calling

Insight 2: Tool execution efficiency varies widely across frameworks, with search and figure-related tools introducing disproportionately high latency.

Key Observations We analyze the execution cost of various tool types across multiple LLM agent frameworks, as illustrated in Figure 4. The results reveal substantial variation in tool execution efficiency between frameworks, particularly for high-cost operations. Among all tool categories, search and figure-related tools usually incur the highest latency, often dominating total tool execution time within a workflow. For instance, the figure loader takes 2.7 seconds to execute in CrewAI, but exceeds 30 seconds in AgentScope, indicating considerable framework-dependent overhead. In contrast, lightweight tools such as `Text file reader` and `doc reader` typically complete in under a millisecond, demonstrating minimal variance.

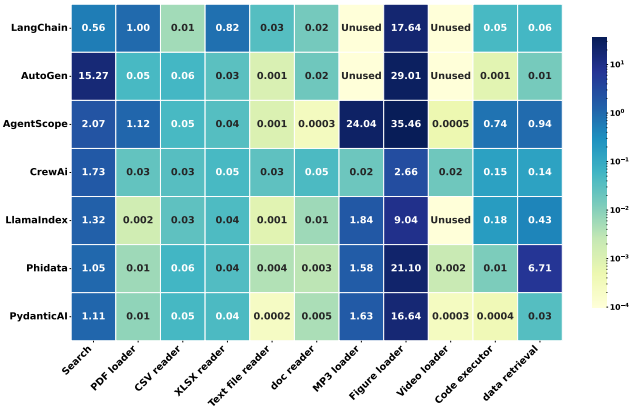


Figure 4: The execution time per call for each tool.

Additionally, some frameworks (e.g., AgentScope) show disproportionately high total tool processing time, driven primarily by inefficient handling of image processing or multimedia tasks. This highlights the importance of optimizing high-latency tools, particularly in scenarios where tool invocation is frequent or tightly coupled with LLM inference.

Underlying Mechanism-3: Orchestration Depth and I/O Overhead The pronounced disparity in execution times can be attributed to heterogeneous orchestration layers and I/O pathways across frameworks. Heavy operations, especially image-centric routines in figure-related tools, trigger large data transfers and repeated external API calls, amplifying serialization and network overhead. Frameworks with leaner orchestration logic (e.g., CrewAI) perform these steps with fewer intermediate abstractions, thereby reducing latency, whereas frameworks with deeper abstraction stacks (e.g., AgentScope) accumulate additional processing overhead. Consequently, tool latency scales not only with the intrinsic cost of the operation but also with the efficiency of each frameworks data handling, scheduling, and resource management pipelines.

Potential Optimizations While LLM inference remains the dominant bottleneck in most of our benchmarks, more complex, tool-heavy scenarios, such as document analysis or multimodal agent tasks, may shift the performance bottleneck toward tool execution. Frameworks aiming to support such use cases must pay greater attention to optimizing tool orchestration and external API integration.

4.4 RAG

Insight 3: While agents usually involve external databases for information retrieval, the database performance is overlooked in several frameworks. Vector database is recommended.

Key Observations While RAG workflows are increasingly adopted to enhance factual grounding, our benchmarking reveals that database performance, particularly during embedding and retrieval, is a critical yet frequently neglected factor. Figure 3c illustrates the variation in retrieval latency across frameworks, exposing significant performance disparities.

Underlying Mechanism-4: Embedding-Pipeline Design One notable example is AgentScope, which demonstrates high vectorization latency. This stems from its design: during the database setup phase, AgentScope invokes a large embedding model to compute dense vector representations. The latency of this embedding model, often implemented as a separate LLM call, substantially increases the overall vectorization time. Similarly, Phidata exhibits elevated vectorization latency due to its use of a two-step pipeline. First, its built-in `csv_tool` loads documents row-by-row; then, it applies a `SentenceTransformer` model to compute embeddings. Our benchmark confirms that Phidata's `csv_tool` itself is a relatively slow component, compounding the overall vectorization time. From our observation, vector databases such as Faiss (Douze et al., 2024) are good choices.

Potential Optimizations These observations highlight the need for more attention to retrieval pipeline design, especially in frameworks that aim to support real-time or large-scale RAG deployments. Optimization opportunities include batching document embeddings, using faster embedding models, minimizing redundant file reads, and caching frequent queries.

4.5 Communication Size

Insight 4: Inefficient communication architecture and package design lead to high communication overhead in the multi-agent setting.

Key Observations In multi-agent frameworks, communication between agents is often overlooked as a source of inefficiency. However, our analysis reveals large discrepancies in communication size across frameworks, as shown in Table 2. These differences arise not only from framework-specific message formats but also from architectural design choices.

Underlying Mechanism-5: Inefficient Communication Architecture Frameworks such as CrewAI, which adopt a centralized communication pattern, exhibit significantly higher communication costs. In these designs, a central agent coordinates multiple sub-agents by sequentially delegating subtasks and collecting responses. For example, in CrewAI's MoA implementation, the center agent queries three sub-agents in sequence and aggregates their outputs. Each LLM invocation by the center agent accumulates prior messages in memory, causing the prompt size and the communication payload to grow linearly with the number of sub-agents.

Underlying Mechanism-6: Package Design In addition to the core message, Phidata returns a duplicated `content` field that mirrors the final message. This, combined with additional metadata fields, results in large communication sizes.

Potential Optimizations These findings indicate that communication cost is not merely a function of task complexity but also of framework design. Future agent frameworks should consider decentralized communication protocols and agent sampling to reduce unnecessary transfer overhead.

Table 2: Communication size between agents (Unit: Byte). We report the content size (e.g., the transferred outputs from the last agent) and overhead size (e.g., header), separated by /.

		LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
From Global Agent	Agent1	165.07/0	209.08/44.01	284.078/0	514.962/0	1180.078/898	354.508/0	96.022/0
	Agent2	165.07/0	209.08/44.01	284.078/0	483.740/0	1171.078/889	341.160/0	95.425/0
	Agent3	165.07/0	209.08/44.01	284.078/0	619.516/0	1164.078/882	343.219/0	97.116/0
To Aggregation Agent	Agent1	1983.02/3	2066.04/52.4	1659.318/0	2497.929/0	2022.417/33.689	6128.259/2639.113	2000.542/0
	Agent2	2011.83/3	2071.24/57.38	1511.311/0	1754.701/0	2054.878/39.118	6131.272/2629.426	1927.093/0
	Agent3	2072.98/3	2156.04/66.81	1889.247/0	2151.097/0	2116.377/48.641	5715.126/2465.817	1892.344/0

Table 3: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval.

	Worker Agents	LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
Time (Unit: Second)	3	36.50	36.85	32.12	64.00	27.32	50.22	46.45
	6	37.96	47.34	67.61	120.54	36.87	60.42	42.24
	9	47.11	50.84	93.36	212.76	43.85	63.84	110.78
	12	59.73	55.60	122.99	218.34	53.77	78.80	111.40
	15	66.08	46.43	153.78	245.26	67.23	83.42	62.13
Total Token	3	3516.85	3537.22	2800.75	14732.43	1933.51	5398.71	3894.06
	6	7430.69	7211.57	5143.28	34558.34	3869.52	6940.13	7172.68
	9	10401.23	10653.76	7547.34	55923.96	5557.50	7785.16	9256.82
	12	13801.78	13692.51	10068.83	61244.79	7190.98	8819.67	9384.31
	15	16894.12	16886.17	12480.56	80200.01	8873.19	9938.26	11170.89
Communication Size (Unit: Byte)	3	6563.04	6920.56	5912.11	8021.94	9708.91	19013.54	6108.54
	6	14029.26	14383.36	10506.82	17863.90	19965.41	21684.95	12206.18
	9	20468.68	22325.97	16275.87	24769.81	29936.97	21320.89	16278.34
	12	27541.48	28782.73	22032.48	26822.83	39846.67	22383.08	16394.10
	15	34178.20	35606.42	27526.39	30897.88	49926.39	23251.44	19198.06

4.6 SCALABILITY

Insight 5: MoA scalability is governed by agent-invocation policy.

Key Observations We evaluate the scalability of the MoA workflow by increasing the number of worker agents from 3 to 6, 9, 12, and 15, while keeping the additional agents identical in configuration to the original ones. Table 3 reports the results on AlpacaEval. For frameworks such as AgentScope and LangChain, both execution time and token consumption grow almost linearly with the number of worker agents, reflecting sequential scheduling policies. In contrast, frameworks like PydanticAI exhibit a significantly slower growth rate, suggesting a fundamentally different invocation strategy.

Underlying Mechanism-7: Parallel Execution In PydanticAI, the observed runtime is shorter than the aggregate of individual tool and LLM invocation times. This efficiency stems from its parallel execution architecture: agent calls and tool invocations are dispatched asynchronously, allowing multiple operations to overlap in time. As a result, the end-to-end latency is effectively bounded by the slowest operation rather than the sum of all operations.

Potential Optimizations Our analysis indicates that task-level parallelism remains largely underexplored in current frameworks. Incorporating asynchronous scheduling and concurrent invocation can substantially improve scalability in multi-agent workflows, especially under real-world conditions where latency and throughput are critical.

5 CONCLUSION

We introduce AgentRace, a comprehensive benchmark platform for evaluating the efficiency of LLM agent frameworks. AgentRace covers a diverse set of datasets, agent workflows, and frameworks, enabling a fair and reproducible comparison across real-world scenarios. Through extensive and in-depth experiments, we reveal key insights and underlying mechanisms. These findings highlight critical optimization opportunities in the design and deployment of LLM-based agents. We hope AgentRace provides a guideline for future work in developing efficient, scalable, and robust agent systems, and we plan to continuously extend the benchmark as the LLM agent ecosystem evolves.

Reproducibility Statement We have provided our code on an anonymous website https://agent-race.github.io/. We have also provided the experimental details in Appendix A and reproducibility verification in Appendix B.6.

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A Experimental Details

A.1 Details about the Datasets

We select five representative datasets that reflect varying levels of difficulty, domain coverage, and agent requirements: (1) **GAIA** (Mialon et al., 2023): A comprehensive benchmark for general-purpose AI assistants. GAIA includes real-world, multi-hop queries that require reasoning over documents, tool invocation, and web interaction. It is the most tool-intensive dataset in our suite, designed to assess the full-stack capabilities of LLM agents. Notably, GPT-4 with plugins achieves only 15% accuracy, while humans reach 92%, indicating significant headroom for improvement. (2) **HumanEval** (Chen et al., 2021): A code generation benchmark from OpenAI consisting of Python programming problems. Tasks require precise algorithmic reasoning and strict correctness, with deterministic evaluation via unit tests. This dataset helps us evaluate agents capacity for structured reasoning and program synthesis. (3) **MMLU** (Hendrycks et al., 2020): MMLU spans 57 academic subjects and provides multiple-choice questions across STEM, humanities, and social sciences. We use it to test retrieval-augmented workflows, as it simulates closed-book knowledge challenges and supports grounding in external sources. (4) **AlpacaEval** (Dubois et al., 2024): An instruction-following benchmark that evaluates natural language understanding and response quality. It consists of 805 prompts and uses GPT-4 as a reference evaluator. This dataset is well-suited for multi-agent settings where coordination, aggregation, and language alignment are essential. (5) **OK-VQA** (Marino et al., 2019): A visual question answering benchmark that requires commonsense knowledge beyond images. It contains 14,000 questions over 14,000 images and emphasizes reasoning with external world knowledge. The dataset is for evaluating the efficiency of LLM agent frameworks when handling multimodal tasks.

A.2 Details about the Workflows

AgentRace includes the following workflow paradigms: (1) **ReAct (Reasoning and Acting)** (Yao et al., 2023): This paradigm interleaves natural language reasoning with tool-based actions. By prompting the LLM to first generate intermediate thoughts and then take corresponding actions, ReAct enables agents to dynamically plan and interact with their environment. (2) **RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation)** (Lewis et al., 2020): RAG introduces an explicit retrieval step before generation, allowing agents to ground their outputs in relevant external knowledge. In our benchmark, RAG highlights the performance of agent frameworks in integrating retrieval modules, managing memory contexts, and efficiently handling long documents. (3) **MoA (Mixture of Agents)** (Wang et al., 2025): MoA represents a multi-agent architecture where multiple agents collaborate to solve a task. Each agent is often instantiated with a different LLM. An aggregation agent then composes their outputs to form the final answer. This setting captures the growing trend of using multiple LLMs in coordination, and allows us to benchmark frameworks on communication, modularity, and scalability.

A.3 Details about the Frameworks

We integrate the following frameworks: (1) **LangChain** (LangChain, 2025) is a widely adopted framework that offers modular components for building LLM-based applications. It emphasizes tool chaining, prompt templating, memory integration, and external API orchestration. (2) **AutoGen** (Wu et al., 2023), developed by Microsoft, facilitates the creation of advanced LLM agents through multi-agent conversations and automated task planning. (3) **AgentScope** (Gao et al., 2024) supports rapid development of multi-agent systems through a low-code interface. It emphasizes collaboration among agent roles, enabling scalable deployment of agent collectives with minimal boilerplate. (4) **CrewAI** (Lee, 2025) is a lightweight yet expressive Python framework designed for fast iteration. It provides both high-level abstractions and low-level control. (5) **LlamaIndex** (LlamaIndex, 2025) focuses on context-augmented LLM applications by connecting structured and unstructured data sources to LLMs. (6) **Phidata** (agno-agi, 2025) is a framework for building multi-modal AI agents and workflows with memory, knowledge, tools, and reasoning, enabling collaborative problem-solving through teams of agents. (7) **PydanticAI** (PydanticAI, 2025) is an agent framework that is designed for easy development of production-grade applications.

A.4 Versions of Evaluated Frameworks

All LLM agent frameworks employed in this study are contemporaneous, with the specific version numbers reported in Table 4.

Table 4: Versions of the LLM Agent frameworks employed in this paper.

Framework	Version	Framework	version
LangChain	0.3.22	LlamaIndex	0.12.30
AutoGen	0.8.2	Phidata	2.7.10
AgentScope	0.1.3	PydanticAI	0.1.0
CrewAI	0.114.0		

A.5 Hyperparameters

In all experiments, the temperature was set to 0, the top k to 1 (if available), and all other parameters were set to their default values unless otherwise specified.

Except for the cases explicitly noted below, all workflows employ the default prompts provided by their respective frameworks, and the datasets are used without any modification to the original queries.

B Additional Results

B.1 Accuracy

Table 5: Accuracy of each framework on each dataset.

Dataset	LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
GAIA	0.152±0.012	0.107±0.003	0.212±0.012	0.222±0.009	0.198±0.015	0.191±0.026	0.157±0.012
HumanEval	0.573	0.884	0.884	0.872	0.872	0.902	0.921
MMLU	0.820	0.817	0.827	0.813	0.745	0.792	0.788
OK-VQA	-	0.305	0.436	0.362	0.307	0.331	0.317

Table 5 presents the accuracy of each framework. In general, the accuracy differences among frameworks are relatively small when using the same underlying LLM. However, there are still some notable exceptions.

Insight 6: The complete absence of output constraints in LLMs may lead to tool invocation failures, whereas excessively strict output validation can incur substantial token overhead and decrease the response success rate.

Key Observations In our evaluation, we find that when the model skips tool invocation and instead provides a direct answer (this happens especially with some of the simpler queries in the HumanEval dataset), the framework retries the prompt, often multiple times. Each retry includes previous failed attempts in the context, leading to a rapid increase in prompt length and token consumption as well as a lower likelihood of producing a clean, valid output on later attempts.

Underlying Mechanism-8: Structured Output Misalignment Some frameworks, such as LlamaIndex, require tool inputs to conform to a strict dictionary format. However, GPT-4o does not consistently produce structured outputs that align with these expectations, leading to frequent tool invocation failures. This issue can be partially mitigated if the framework explicitly enforces the format requirement during the registration phase or input schema definition. In contrast, other frameworks such as LangChain adopt stricter enforcement mechanisms. ReAct-style agents in these systems perform rigid output validation and initiate automatic retries when the model's response deviates from the expected invocation structure. While such mechanisms increase robustness against malformed outputs, they may backfire in certain scenarios.

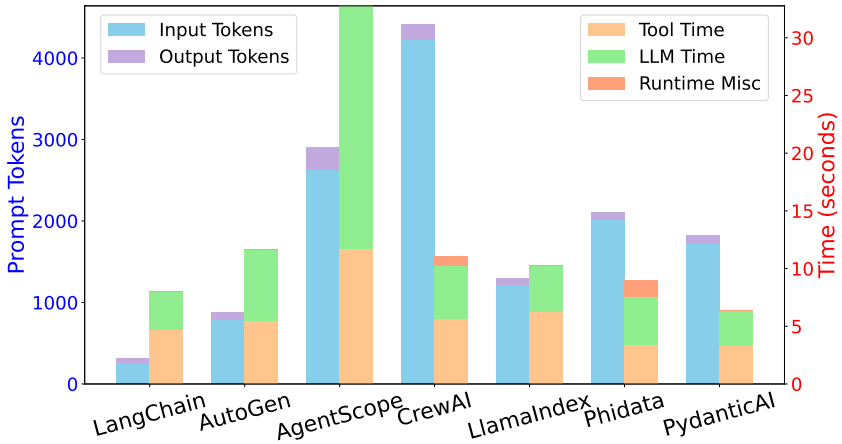

Figure 5: OK-VQA

An additional point to clarify is that the GAIA dataset exhibits relatively low accuracy. This is primarily because GAIA tasks often require complex task planning and the use of multiple tools, posing significant challenges for all evaluated frameworks. It is important to note that the primary focus of this study is not on accuracy, but rather on comparing the performance overhead (e.g., time, token usage) across different frameworks. Therefore, we ensure that the accuracy across frameworks remains broadly comparable, without conducting detailed task-level progress analysis as seen in some related work. By carefully controlling experimental parameters, the fairness of our comparisons remains valid, even in the presence of lower absolute accuracy.

B.2 Detailed Evaluation Results

Figure 5 presents the token and time consumption of OK-VQA.

Table 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 presents the detailed results obtained in this experiment. Unless stated otherwise, the times reported in the table are in seconds per query. The missing data corresponds to instances where the LLM failed to invoke the required tool correctly during the experimentfor example, by not returning outputs in the expected format or by not selecting the appropriate tool for invocation. The following are some noteworthy observations.

Table 6: GAIA Detailed Results

		LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
Token	Prompt	9358.35	1159.48	23520.479	33621.857	20935.364	6386.667	14459.17
	Output	637.92	180.66	785.891	664.511	304.976	323.558	320.588
	Total	9996.27	1340.15	24306.37	34286.369	21240.339	6710.224	14779.758
Time	llm	29.491	8.464	41.17	67.68	27.244	14.375	23.779
	Search	1.58856	9.4219	7.291	4.031	1.4399	1.83012	1.2275
	PDF loader	0.02423455	0.0009297	0.217	0.00965	0.0001352	0.001147	0.001395
	CSV reader	0.00003333	0.000336	0.000297	0.000196	0.00016616	0.0007207	0.0003148
	XLSX reader	0.06422606	0.002387	0.00405	0.00422	0.004254	0.003858	0.003795
	Text file reader	0.0004194	0.00002909	0.0000193	0.00123	0.000034839	0.0002107	8.6865E-06
	Doc reader	0.00009758	0.0002212	0.00000883	0.000278	0.0001135	0.000073355	0.000056241
	MP3 loader	-	-	0.729	0.000346	0.03341	0.03821	0.02965
	Figure loader	0.5345976	1.05489	4.083	0.03164	0.8767	1.4065	1.2104
	Video loader	-	-	0.0000271	0.000999	-	1.38445E-05	3.1952E-06
	Code executor	0.0152988	0.00005333	0.752	0.09565	0.05782	0.003035	0.0001414
	Total tool time	2.22746732	10.4807	13.076	4.18	2.4126	3.2839	2.4732
	Total time	32.492	20.76	55.092	72.195	29.795	20.396	26.238

Insight 7: Token consumption may vary across frameworks even when executing the same workflow, owing to differences in implementation strategies.

Table 7: HumanEval Detailed Results

	Token			Time		
Framework	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Code executor**	**Total**
LangChain	6326.36	617.13	6943.49	23.221	0.0034	23.968
AutoGen	767.45	106.34	873.79	5.822	0.0002	5.846
AgentScope	3180.689	561.518	3742.207	11.738	0.131	11.906
CrewAI	10817.65	892.798	11710.45	24.22	0.0258	25.24
LlamaIndex	1985.6	342.793	2328.152	9.52	0.003069	9.611
Phidata	967.329	354.427	1321.756	7.181	-	9.692
PydanticAI	812.951	352.543	1165.494	5.258	0.000007158	5.276

Table 8: MMLU Detailed Results

	Token			Time			
Framework	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Embedding**	**Retrieve**	**Total**
LangChain	701.514	4.035	705.55	1.677	11.833	0.055	1.79
AutoGen	679.788	3.956	683.744	2.171	6.526	0.015	2.182
AgentScope	2664.315	2.878	2667.193	3.893	92.472	0.935	4.931
CrewAI	884.536	13.189	897.724	2.51	7.718	0.14	5
LlamaIndex	2079.702	50.339	2130.042	3.125	4.931	0.4303	3.575
Phidata	2797.441	37.347	2834.788	7.849	341.611	6.708	17.014
PydanticAI	6996.242	170.135	7166.378	9.685	5.977	0.03454	9.824

Key Observations In the results of ReAct workflow, it can be observed that even when using the same ReAct workflow, AgentScope exhibits a significant discrepancy in token usage between the GAIA and HumanEval datasets, with exceptionally high token consumption on GAIA. This is primarily because AgentScope includes the entire memory of the agent in the prompt during every LLM invocation. As the number of reasoning steps increases, the prompt length grows rapidly. While this issue is less apparent in the relatively simple HumanEval dataset, it becomes prominent in the more complex GAIA tasks.

The high token usage observed in CrewAI's ReAct workflow can be attributed to the same reason. In fact, this issue is even more pronounced in CrewAI than in AgentScope, with significantly elevated token consumption observed across both the GAIA and HumanEval datasets.

Underlying Mechanism-9: Overly Detailed Observations In contrast, the majority of token consumption in LlamaIndex and Pydantic arises from the observation segments returned to the LLM after tool invocations. In the GAIA dataset, where tasks are complex and involve frequent tool usage, this results in substantial prompt token overhead.

There are also some issues observed in the MoA workflow. For example, PydanticAI does not require the invocation of all sub-agents during MoA execution, thereby reducing token consumption and runtime overhead. For further details, please refer to the Insight 8 in Appendix B.3.1.

Another example is that in the CrewAI framework, MoA is centrally managed by a global agent, which also plays the role of aggregation agent. The global agent receives the task and sequentially assigns it to sub-agents (e.g., agent1, agent2, agent3). Each sub-agent completes its part and returns the result to the global agent, which then decides the next step. After all agents have responded, the global agent summarizes the results and outputs the final answer. In this setup, the global agent calls the LLM multiple timesonce after each sub-agents response. Because LLMs retain the full context of previous inputs and outputs in a single session, each new call includes all prior interactions. This leads to token accumulation, especially by the third or fourth step, where the prompt becomes much longer. As a result, total token usage becomes higher than in frameworks with different coordination

Table 9: AlpacaEval Detailed Results

			LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
Token	llama	prompt	70.49	70.49	85.451	298.25	70.49	118.846	61.347
		output	428.55	431.96	382.45	518.95	430.216	438.078	429.543
		total	499.04	502.45	467.901	817.201	500.707	556.924	490.889
	qwen	prompt	64.84	64.85	61.815	258.083	64.81	93.899	41.217
		output	446.05	447.45	311.109	398.618	441.738	463.795	433.739
		total	510.91	512.31	372.924	656.702	506.548	557.694	474.957
	deepseek	prompt	38.5	38.5	52.478	313.01	38.485	83.391	31.802
		output	501.11	503.37	416.639	571.79	495.306	440.691	434.81
		total	539.61	541.87	469.117	884.808	533.791	524.082	485.612
	gpt	prompt	1522.48	1529.96	1138.243	11694.576	42.083	3003.319	1845.724
		output	444.81	450.63	352.564	679.15	350.386	756.689	596.876
		total	1967.29	1980.59	1490.807	12373.72	392.47	3760.009	2442.6
Time	llama		8.275	7.812	6.063	8.835	6.069	6.152	6.503
	qwen		4.48	3.977	3.415	3.837	4.787	4.707	3.441
	deepseek		23.084	26.745	13.726	21.946	20.829	16.456	17.79
	aggregator		10.699	8.274	8.89	23.114	5.849	14.208	27.486
	total		36.502	36.854	32.119	64	27.318	50.217	46.45
Communication	prompt to agent1		165.07/0	209.08/44.01	284.078/118	514.962/0	1180.078/898	354.508/0	96.022/0
	prompt to agent2		165.07/0	209.08/44.01	284.078/118	483.740/0	1171.078/889	341.160/0	95.425/0
	prompt to agent3		165.07/0	209.08/44.01	284.078/118	619.516/0	1164.078/882	343.219/0	97.116/0
	agent1 to aggregator		1983.02/3	2066.04/52.24	1659.318/124	2497.929/0	2022.417/33.689	6128.259/2639.113	2000.542/0
	agent2 to aggregator		2011.83/3	2071.24/57.38	1511.311/122	1754.701/0	2054.878/39.118	6131.272/2629.426	1927.093/0
	agent3 to aggregator		2072.98/3	2156.04/66.81	1889.247/126	2151.097/0	2116.377/48.641	5715.126/2465.817	1892.344/0

Table 10: OK-VQA Detailed Results

	token			**time**		
Framework	**prompt**	**output**	**total**	**llm**	**code executor**	**total**
LangChain	261.033 ± 0.462	52.567 ± 0.473	313.633 ± 0.058	2.948 ± 0.354	4.716 ± 0.115	7.664 ± 0.426
AutoGen	791.133 ± 0.635	89.467 ± 1.882	880.600 ± 1.609	6.197 ± 0.060	5.171 ± 0.233	11.368 ± 0.240
AgentScope	2621.367 ± 30.029	283.433 ± 3.355	2902.567 ± 30.346	15.537 ± 5.753	9.043 ± 3.031	24.580 ± 8.779
CrewAI	4510.933 ± 254.635	269.600 ± 120.951	4780.600 ± 318.263	4.657 ± 0.121	5.578 ± 1.236	10.990 ± 1.536
LlamaIndex	1219.300 ± 1.682	83.833 ± 0.208	1303.167 ± 1.909	5.548 ± 1.486	5.476 ± 0.627	11.024 ± 0.998
Phidata	2019.167 ± 2.401	88.500 ± 0.600	2107.500 ± 2.193	4.132 ± 0.054	3.930 ± 0.403	9.039 ± 0.027
PydanticAI	1728.367 ± 1.674	92.100 ± 0.608	1820.433 ± 2.223	3.034 ± 0.012	3.352 ± 0.057	6.390 ± 0.025

or memory strategies. This phenomenon will become more apparent in Scalability part as the number of sub agents increases. For further details, please refer to the Insight 4 in Section 4.5.

B.3 Scalability

B.3.1 The Number of Worker Agents

To evaluate the scalability of the MoA workflow, we increase the number of worker agents from 3 to 6, 9, 12, and 15, while keeping the newly added agents identical in configuration to the original ones. Metrics from agents using the same LLM are aggregated for reporting. To clearly illustrate how efficiency evolves with increasing numbers of worker agents, we list separate tables (Table 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) for each framework.

B.3.2 The Number of Tools

Insight 8: Increasing the number of tools has only a minimal impact on execution time across frameworks, but it leads to a noticeable variation in LLM token usage and can cause execution failures when the input exceeds the LLMs maximum context length.

Key Observations We conduct scalability experiments on the GAIA dataset, examining the effect of varying the number of tools across different frameworks. In addition to each frameworks original tool set, we introduce extra LeetCode-solving tools, which are irrelevant for solving the GAIA dataset. The results in Table 18 and 19 show that while increasing the number of tools has only a minimal impact on execution time, it leads to a noticeable increase in LLM token usage. In addition, it can be observed that as the number of tools increases, some test samples encountered execution failures because the input exceed the LLMs maximum context length (see Table 20). Notably, in

Table 11: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval Using AgentScope

Number of Worker Agent			3	6	9	12	15
Token	llama	prompt	85.451	137.84	206.76	275.68	344.6
		output	382.45	796.68	1204.91	1641.18	2021.9
		total	467.901	934.52	1411.67	1916.86	2366.5
	qwen	prompt	61.815	89.92	134.88	179.84	224.8
		output	311.109	555.47	848.94	1139.47	1497.77
		total	372.924	645.39	983.82	1319.31	1722.57
	deepseek	prompt	52.478	71.74	107.61	143.48	179.35
		output	416.639	841.37	1253.25	1704.54	2100.42
		total	469.117	913.11	1360.86	1848.02	2279.77
	gpt	prompt	1138.243	2237.83	3351.55	4542.02	5677.57
		output	352.564	412.43	439.44	442.62	434.15
		total	1490.807	2650.26	3790.99	4984.64	6111.72
Time	llama		6.063	12.76	19.307	25.547	35.311
	qwen		3.415	6.523	10.819	13.866	18.237
	deepseek		13.726	32.81	48.833	67.114	84.318
	gpt		8.89	15.468	14.33	14.373	15.813
	total		32.119	67.607	93.357	122.987	153.784
Communication	prompt to agent1		284.078/118	389.8/236	584.7/354	779.6/472	974.5/590
	prompt to agent2		284.078/118	389.8/236	584.7/354	779.6/472	974.5/590
	prompt to agent3		284.078/118	389.8/236	584.7/354	779.6/472	974.5/590
	agent1 to aggregator		1659.318/124	3256.270/250	4960.120/375	6718.820/500	8266.330/625
	agent2 to aggregator		1511.311/122	2375.700/246	4051.120/369	5477.260/492	7080.860/615
	agent3 to aggregator		1889.247/126	3705.450/254	5510.530/381	7497.600/508	9255.700/635

Table 12: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval Using AutoGen

Number of Worker Agent			3	6	9	12	15
Token	llama	prompt	70.49	104.14	158.76	211.68	264.6
		output	431.96	1004.94	1526.56	2028.21	2529.62
		total	502.45	1109.08	1685.32	2239.89	2794.22
	qwen	prompt	64.85	93.18	140.88	187.84	234.8
		output	447.45	993.87	1532.12	1940.46	2419.98
		total	512.31	1087.05	1673	2128.3	2654.78
	deepseek	prompt	38.5	40.68	62.61	83.48	104.35
		output	503.37	1109.77	1686.42	2249.68	2802.48
		total	541.87	1150.45	1749.03	2333.16	2906.83
	gpt	prompt	1529.96	3194.7	4830	6290.22	7807.46
		output	450.63	670.29	716.41	700.94	722.88
		total	1980.59	3864.99	5546.41	6991.16	8530.34
Time	llama		7.812	14.667	25.424	34.833	37.816
	qwen		3.977	12.653	21.064	28.736	35.71
	deepseek		26.745	46.011	71.345	71.98	104.207
	gpt		8.274	19.816	22.41	30.398	17.817
	total		36.854	47.339	50.843	55.6	46.428
Communication	prompt to agent1		209.08/44.01	236.48/86.04	359.7/129.06	479.6/172.08	599.5/215.1
	prompt to agent2		209.08/44.01	236.48/86.04	359.7/129.06	479.6/172.08	599.5/215.1
	prompt to agent3		209.08/44.01	236.48/86.04	359.7/129.06	479.6/172.08	599.5/215.1
	agent1 to aggregator		2066.04/52.24	4618.13/103.41	7069.64/156.52	9297.61/208.1	11541.91/258.55
	agent2 to aggregator		2071.24/57.38	4450.9/112.37	6777.28/172.84	8661.68/217.75	10768.69/271.29
	agent3 to aggregator		2156.04/66.81	4604.89/128.62	7399.95/204.09	9384.64/258.11	11497.32/317.86

the LlamaIndex framework, the addition of the extra LeetCode-solving tools results in a significant decrease in both token consumption and execution time.

Underlying Mechanism-10: Reduced Tool-Call Tendency Increasing the size of the tool inventory paradoxically reduces the agents propensity to invoke tools. On the same test set, adding 10 or 20 LeetCode-solving tools raises the number of queries that make no tool calls from 17 (no extras) to 27 and 25, respectively. Consistent with this shift, the total tool-call counts drop from 630 (0 extra tools) to 454 and 467 (10 and 20 extra tools). These patterns indicate a shallower ReAct trajectory, which in turn reduces LLM token consumption and overall execution time.

Table 13: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval Using LangChain

Number of Worker Agent			3	6	9	12	15
Token	llama	prompt	70.49	105.84	158.76	211.68	264.60
		output	428.55	1054.54	1518.52	2037.28	2537.08
		total	499.04	1160.38	1677.28	2248.96	2801.68
	qwen	prompt	64.84	93.92	140.88	187.84	234.80
		output	446.05	1007.95	1446.68	2017.43	2436.53
		total	510.91	1101.87	1587.56	2205.27	2671.33
	deepseek	prompt	38.50	41.74	62.61	83.48	104.35
		output	501.11	1132.22	1677.97	2224.98	2792.75
		total	539.61	1173.96	1740.58	2308.46	2897.10
	gpt	prompt	1522.48	3300.82	4734.44	6353.31	7823.07
		output	444.81	693.66	661.37	685.78	700.94
		total	1967.29	3994.48	5395.81	7039.09	8524.01
Time	llama		8.275	12.061	19.123	23.213	34.437
	qwen		4.480	10.838	16.584	24.812	29.335
	deepseek		23.084	40.801	66.156	73.476	115.888
	gpt		10.699	13.741	17.592	33.688	32.068
	total		36.502	37.958	47.112	59.725	66.075
Communication	prompt to agent1		165.07/0	153.76/0	230.64/0	307.52/0	384.4/0
	prompt to agent2		165.07/0	153.76/0	230.64/0	307.52/0	384.4/0
	prompt to agent3		165.07/0	153.76/0	230.64/0	307.52/0	384.4/0
	agent1 to aggregator		1983.02/3	4703.67/6	6787.84/9	9117.26/13	11314.20/17
	agent2 to aggregator		2011.83/3	4334.61/6	6286.30/9	8621.19/13	10546.46/17
	agent3 to aggregator		2072.98/3	4529.70/6	6702.62/9	8880.47/13	11164.34/17

Table 14: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval Using PydanticAI

Number of Worker Agent			3	6	9	12	15
Token	llama	prompt	61.347	95.5	126.29	139.77	161.71
		output	429.543	938.08	1273.35	1327.71	1559.8
		total	490.889	1033.58	1399.64	1467.48	1721.51
	qwen	prompt	41.217	58.39	76.32	80.85	94.52
		output	433.739	939.44	1213.31	1257.55	1608.87
		total	474.957	997.83	1289.63	1338.4	1703.39
	deepseek	prompt	31.802	41.44	50.5	50.88	58
		output	434.81	931.31	1210.15	1150.95	1311.62
		total	485.612	972.75	1260.65	1201.83	1369.62
	gpt	prompt	1845.724	3531.53	4673.28	4739.51	5684.52
		output	596.876	636.99	633.62	637.09	691.85
		total	2442.6	4168.52	5306.9	5376.6	6376.37
Time	llama		6.503	15.15	16.68	19.71	21.15
	qwen		3.441	8.38	11.2	11.59	13.41
	deepseek		17.79	33.34	42.14	40.71	47.19
	gpt		27.486	22.05	90.94	91.35	41.02
	total		46.45	42.24	110.78	111.4	62.13
Communication	prompt to agent1		96.022/0	88.12/0	113.86/0	124.09/0	134.34/0
	prompt to agent2		95.425/0	93.84/0	118.13/0	119.19/0	131.11/0
	prompt to agent3		97.116/0	94.73/0	108.99/0	103.12/0	113.92/0
	agent1 to aggregator		2000.542/0	4154.19/0	5693.77/0	6003.71/0	6851.79/0
	agent2 to aggregator		1927.093/0	4002.04/0	5302.46/0	5314.6/0	6682.15/0
	agent3 to aggregator		1892.344/0	3773.26/0	4941.13/0	4729.39/0	5284.75/0

Potential Optimizations Building on these findings, agent frameworks should emphasize relevance-aware tool-set curation and dynamic exposure to tools to contain prompt growth and reduce the risk of context-length failures. Regulating ReAct depth and enforcing explicit token budgets can curb

Table 15: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval Using CrewAI

Number of Worker Agent			3	6	9	12	15
Token	llama	prompt	298.25	536.95	706.39	760.54	795.95
		output	518.95	1186.13	1495.89	1597.78	1741.84
		total	817.201	1723.09	2202.26	2358.31	2537.63
	qwen	prompt	258.083	432.87	565.05	571.23	589.12
		output	398.618	862.44	1123.05	1088.7	1119.49
		total	656.702	1309.12	1688.11	1650.93	1708.61
	deepseek	prompt	313.01	432.87	526	544.75	668.04
		output	571.79	1007.86	1147.04	1181.72	1436.84
		total	884.808	1440.73	1673.04	1726.48	2104.88
	gpt	prompt	11694.576	28948.53	49040.19	54145.65	72234.23
		output	679.15	1136.86	1320.35	1363.42	1614.66
		total	12373.72	30085.4	50360.55	55509.07	73848.9
Time	llama		8.835	20.9	32.04	44.25	27.61
	qwen		3.837	7.7	16.64	13.84	14.61
	deepseek		21.946	32.49	48.37	50.72	45.43
	gpt		23.114	53.26	101.92	102.374	159.36
	total		64	120.54	212.76	218.34	245.26
Communication	prompt to agent1		514.962/0	925.12/0	1425.23/0	1724.32/0	1963.23/0
	prompt to agent2		483.740/0	912.35/0	1252.74/0	1328/0	1456.32/0
	prompt to agent3		619.516/0	900.54.5/0	1386.75/0	1327.32/0	1587.73/0
	agent1 to aggregator		2497.929/0	5921.52/0	7929.36/0	8623.56/0	9765.36/0
	agent2 to aggregator		1754.701/0	4421.22/0	6342.21/0	7021.42/0	8126.57/0
	agent3 to aggregator		2151.097/0	4783.14/0	6433.52/0	6798.21/0	7998.67/0

Table 16: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval Using LlamaIndex

Number of Worker Agent			3	6	9	12	15
Token	llama	prompt	70.49	105.84	158.76	211.68	264.6
		output	430.216	1007.91	1502.61	2012.48	2501.66
		total	500.707	1113.75	1661.37	2224.16	2766.26
	qwen	prompt	64.81	93.92	140.88	187.84	234.8
		output	441.738	972.25	1431.39	1914.73	2420.34
		total	506.548	1066.17	1572.27	2102.57	2655.14
	deepseek	prompt	38.485	41.74	62.61	83.48	104.35
		output	495.306	1107.88	1695.19	2216.87	2794.66
		total	533.791	1149.62	1757.8	2300.35	2899.01
	gpt	prompt	42.083	24.68	24.68	24.68	24.68
		output	350.386	515.31	541.38	539.22	528.1
		total	392.47	539.99	566.06	563.9	552.78
Time	llama		6.069	12.44	18.98	25.65	35.58
	qwen		4.787	10.69	14.77	22.23	27.49
	deepseek		20.829	41.18	61.97	81.83	93.12
	gpt		5.849	9.39	9.66	10.4	16.06
	total		27.318	36.87	43.85	53.77	67.23
Communication	prompt to agent1		1180.078/898	2181.8/1796.0	3272.7/2694.0	4363.6/3592.0	5454.5/4490.0
	prompt to agent2		1171.078/889	2163.8/1778.0	3245.7/2667.0	4327.6/3556.0	5409.5/4445.0
	prompt to agent3		1164.078/882	2149.8/1764.0	3224.7/2646.0	4299.6/3528.0	5374.5/4410.0
	agent1 to aggregator		2022.417/33.689	4585.09/67.1	6813.56/99.75	9126.32/133.64	11342.05/169.22
	agent2 to aggregator		2054.878/39.118	4372.32/72.31	6456.6/106.13	8647.86/143.64	10907.85/181.15
	agent3 to aggregator		2116.377/48.641	4512.6/90.07	6923.71/137.8	9081.69/180.66	11437.99/227.25

Table 17: Scalability Evaluation of AlpacaEval Using Phidata

Number of Worker Agent			3	6	9	12	15
Token	llama	prompt	118.846	114.5	110.58	116.61	118.06
		output	438.078	555.91	551.62	576.04	603.61
		total	556.924	670.41	662.2	692.65	721.67
	qwen	prompt	93.899	87.57	83.21	90.21	91.97
		output	463.795	634.08	621.29	663.48	707.2
		total	557.694	721.65	704.5	753.69	799.17
	deepseek	prompt	83.391	76.54	72.94	77.18	78.63
		output	440.691	505.74	525.82	527.8	545.07
		total	524.082	582.28	598.76	604.98	623.7
	gpt	prompt	3003.319	4180.34	5040.94	5973.25	6991.86
		output	756.689	785.45	778.76	795.1	801.86
		total	3760.009	4965.79	5819.7	6768.35	7793.72
Time	llama		6.152	6.55	6.55	9.12	10.33
	qwen		4.707	6.75	5.27	6.09	6.56
	deepseek		16.456	15.43	16.6	19.32	22.07
	gpt		14.208	23.13	25.68	31.67	31.7
	total		50.217	60.42	63.84	78.8	83.42
Communication	prompt to agent1		354.508/0	325.7/0	310.63/0	329.16/0	334.87/0
	prompt to agent2		341.160/0	309.01/0	293.84/0	319.17/0	326.58/0
	prompt to agent3		343.219/0	304.15/0	288.79/0	307.71/0	314.94/0
	agent1 to aggregator		6128.259/2639.113	7105.44/3163.16	6961.87/3105.45	7291.8/3252.42	7582.27/3388.25
	agent2 to aggregator		6131.272/2629.426	7475.54/3354.1	7269.53/3267.58	7792.87/3505.45	8121.06/3656.93
	agent3 to aggregator		5715.126/2465.817	6165.11/2699.97	6196.23/2734.51	6342.37/2791.33	6571.72/2891.08

unnecessary tool exploration, while compact, standardized tool specifications help decouple token usage from catalog size.

Table 18: Effect of LeetCode-solving tools on execution time (seconds)

	LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
no LeetCode-solving tools	12.86	8.41	19.57	11.87	24.26	10.23	10.31
10 LeetCode-solving tools	11.79	8.58	22.31	10.35	19.47	10.99	8.33
20 LeetCode-solving tools	10.78	8.36	21.95	11.14	20.89	10.98	9.58

Table 19: Effect of LeetCode-solving tools on Token

	no LeetCode-solving tools			10 LeetCode-solving tools			20 LeetCode-solving tools		
	Prompt	Output	Total	Prompt	Output	Total	Prompt	Output	Total
LangChain	7199.33	553.2	7753	11489.89	586.61	12076.50	12779.90	502.75	13282.65
AutoGen	1195.98	185.19	1381.18	2200.19	191.82	2392.01	3011.2	182.87	3194.07
AgentScope	17161.55	828.68	17990.23	31878.31	780.23	32658.54	32464.93	804.56	33269.48
CrewAI	16475.12	582.82	17057.95	11670.07	552.16	12222.23	17398.34	557.75	17956.09
LlamaIndex	101042.29	729.57	101771.86	35111.65	348.83	35460.48	32899.47	253.21	33152.68
Phidata	3293.59	270.75	3564.33	4957.96	295.79	5253.75	6104.55	267.34	6371.88
PydanticAI	13273.91	373.74	13647.66	12356.90	321.95	12678.85	16682.93	324.13	17025.06

B.4 Extended Analysis on Insight 1

Our experiments in Section 5.2 reveal a strong correlation between prompt token counts and execution time across frameworks (see Figure 3). This is primarily due to two factors: 1) the frequency of LLM calls and tool invocations per query; 2) memory accumulation across queries.

Figure 6 shows that CrewAI and AgentScope have significantly higher average LLM call frequencies per query (5.33 and 4.78) compared to LlamaIndex, PydanticAI, and Phidata (2.76, 2.79, and 3.38). This difference explains their greater token consumption and longer runtimes, which stem from more frequent LLM calls and the resulting memory accumulation.

During the experiments, we observed the following patterns, indicating that some frameworks invoke tools more frequently than others:

Table 20: Number of Failed Runs

	LangChain	AutoGen	AgentScope	CrewAI	LlamaIndex	Phidata	PydanticAI
no irrelevant tools	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
10 irrelevant tools	0	0	2	1	1	1	1
20 irrelevant tools	0	0	4	3	1	0	1

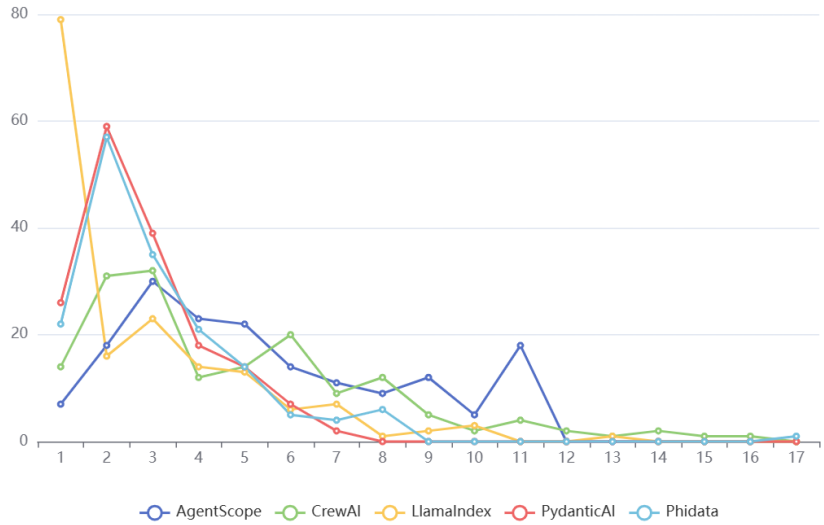

Figure 6: LLM Call Frequency per Query across Different Frameworks

1) AgentScope and CrewAI frequently invoke the Web tool to obtain precise results, leading to substantially higher token usage due to lengthy text outputs. In our tests, they called the Web tool 494 and 608 times respectively, far exceeding the maximum of 102 observed in other frameworks.

2) AgentScope often writes and executes code to solve problems, which requires returning large code blocks that further increase token usage. It used the code execution tool 122 times, while other frameworks did so no more than 21 times.

Moreover, AgentScope stands out for retaining conversational memory across queries by continuously appending prior interactions to the prompt. Unlike earlier tests that re-instantiated the Agent to avoid memory buildup, running 9 GAIA queries without resets confirmed significant memory accumulation (see Figure 7).4

Meanwhile, in our MoA workflow experiments, we observed that some frameworks invoke worker agents in parallel, whereas others do so serially. Specifically, we observe that CrewAIs built-in MoA workflow integrates the previous worker agents output with the initial prompt, performs a secondary summarization, and then passes the result to the next worker agent. To further explore this behavior, we varied the order of worker agents in CrewAI and present the results in Table 21. Here, GLM, Qwen, DS, and GPT denote GLM-Z1-Rumination-32B-0414, Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct, DeepSeek-V3, and GPT-4o, respectively.

Table 21: The Impact of Agent Execution Order on Tokens

	GLMQwenDS			DSQwenGLM			QwenDSGLM		
Order	Prompt	Output	Total	Prompt	Output	Total	Prompt	Output	Total
GLM	1296.82	734.62	2031.44	2953.52	1909.5	4863.02	584.74	324.9	909.64
Qwen	241.86	383.12	624.98	279.96	557.84	837.8	255.92	525.3	781.22
DS	447.0	968.5	1415.5	279.36	568.14	847.5	246.38	556.64	803.02
GPT	36750.26	1119.44	37869.7	36732.26	1129.24	37861.5	17375.24	455.8	17831.04

Figure 7: Memory Accumulation Impact

B.5 Claude-Based Results

Table 22: Claude-Based HumanEval Results

	Token			Time			Accuracy
Framework	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Code executor**	**Total**	
LangChain	5568.08	675.88	6243.96	41.644	0.0140	41.932	0.585
AutoGen	920.84	292.88	1213.71	12.847	0.00047	13.182	0.823

Given that the majority of our experiments are implemented with GPT-4o, and considering the widespread adoption of open-source models, we additionally evaluate the Claude-3-Opus model on the HumanEval dataset within the LangChain and AutoGen frameworks. The results are presented in Table 22.

Notably, AutoGen exhibited slightly lower accuracy compared to GPT-based agents. Upon inspection, we found that Claude did not fabricate test data when invoking the Python execution tool, which rendered the self-checking mechanism ineffective. In LangChain, Claude occasionally emitted tool outputs directly, bypassing the expected format and causing execution failures.

These behaviors suggest that when using Claude-3-Opus as the underlying model for ReAct-style agents, further prompt adaptation may be necessary to ensure compatibility with existing framework toolchains.

B.6 Reproducibility Verification

Table 23: HumanEval Run 2

	Token			Time		
Framework	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Code executor**	**Total**
LangChain	6769.16	695.15	7464.31	27.063	0.01267	27.82
AutoGen	790.29	108.26	898.55	5.685	0.000353	5.711
AgentScope	2429.72	530.323	2960.043	13.42	0.121	13.57
CrewAI	10026.98	914.96	10941.95	29.75	0.0432	30.47
LlamaIndex	2052	347.9	2399.9	19.81	0.00381	19.84
Phidata	1083.32	376.46	1459.79	11	8.99E-05	16.3
PydanticAI	903.6	353.48	1257.08	9.13	2.32E-05	9.15

Table 24: HumanEval Run 3

	Token			Time		
Framework	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Code executor**	**Total**
LangChain	7953.34	832.63	8785.97	38.562	0.015723	39.471
AutoGen	769.72	105.78	875.5	8.027	0.000279	8.199
AgentScope	2804.341	568.36	3372.701	15.686	0.139	15.858
CrewAI	10822.16	867.08	11689.24	34.19	0.0342	34.98
LlamaIndex	2017.37	362.85	2380.23	20.61	0.00293	20.64
Phidata	1258.7	393.46	1652.16	9.36	0.000227	12.4
PydanticAI	874.49	340.66	1215.15	7.73	2.44E-05	7.74

Table 25: GAIA Run 1

	Token			Time				
Frameworks	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Search**	**PDF loader**	**CSV reader**	**XLSX reader**
LangChain	6493.9	562.42	7052.33	8.26	0.724	0.000713	2.73E-05	-
AutoGen	1078.7	183	1261.7	9.65	17.29	0.00347	0.00035	8.91E-05
AgentScope	19192.78	747.25	19940.02	12.03	1.32	1.48	0.000358	0.00147
CrewAI	31286.37	612.44	31898.81	34.55	4.66	0.0205	0.000138	0.00272
LlamaIndex	12370.81	688.83	13059.64	38.4	1.019	0.000618	4.63E-06	0.00196
Phidata	2387.39	260.78	2648.17	13.16	4.296	0.00257	8.37E-06	8.18E-05
PydanticAI	15680.58	410.12	16090.7	10.81	0.744	0.461	0.000302	0.000111

time							
Text file reader	**doc reader**	**MP3 loader**	**Figure loader**	**Video loader**	**Code executor**	**total tool time**	**total time**
0.0197	-	-	-	-	0.0176	0.762	10.15
4.63E-05	5.82E-05	-	-	-	1.15E-05	17.294	27.04
6.32E-06	2.52E-06	0.125	0.443	2.99E-06	0.996	4.359	16.575
0.000832	0.00015	0.000375	0.105	-	0.194	4.795	39.86
0.00113	3.94E-06	3.91E-06	0.839	-	0.387	2.248	47
4.24E-05	0.000141	0.098	0.075	-	0.000427	4.473	13.16
0.117	6.33E-05	0.0951	0.141	-	6.39E-05	1.558	11.68

Table 26: GAIA Run 2

	Token			Time				
Frameworks	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Search**	**PDF loader**	**CSV reader**	**XLSX reader**
LangChain	6659.4	598.16	7257.56	17.61	0.78	0.000908	3.82E-05	-
AutoGen	1063.48	195.52	1259	4.206	11.477	0.000736	0.000223	0.000161
AgentScope	20787.67	785.02	21572.68	12.997	1.438	2.876	0.000248	0.000841
CrewAI	33422.3	564.65	33986.94	35.75	4.77	0.0072	0.000146	0.0023
LlamaIndex	15079.24	731.95	15811.19	35.69	1.196	0.000308	2.19E-06	0.0021
Phidata	2481.73	279.04	2760.76	5.25	4.055	0.00074	1.37E-05	0.000173
PydanticAI	11306.87	259.62	11566.48	5.361	1.12	0.535	0.000261	7.93E-05

Time							
Text file reader	**doc reader**	**MP3 loader**	**Figure loader**	**Video loader**	**Code executor**	**Total tool time**	**Total time**
0.0103	-	-	-	-	0.000699	0.797	18.89
3.39E-05	9.33E-05	-	-	-	1.58E-05	11.478	16.211
2.60E-06	2.00E-06	0.241	0.406	1.45E-06	0.285	5.248	18.55
0.000477	0.000147	0.000283	0.0314	-	0.00647	4.82	41.14
0.00042	9.75E-05	6.96E-06	0.399	-	1.196	2.794	46.28
0.000166	7.73E-05	0.144	0.108	-	0.000132	4.308	10.69
0.125	9.10E-05	0.186	0.126	-	1.75E-05	2.091	6.59

Insight 9: Experimental reproducibility is underpinned by the stability of token usage, while variability arises from stochastic tool behaviors and fluctuating LLM invocation dynamics.

Key Observations To verify the reliability and reproducibility of our results, we conduct repeated experiments on the HumanEval and GAIA datasets. The outcomes are reported in Table 7, 23, 24 for HumanEval and in Table 25, Table 26, Table 27 for GAIA. As illustrated by the error bars in Figure 8

Table 27: GAIA Run 3

	Token			Time				
Frameworks	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Search**	**PDF loader**	**CSV reader**	**XLSX reader**
LangChain	7262.24	651.28	7913.52	16.86	1.16	0.246	2.55E-05	-
AutoGen	1067.48	186.24	1253.72	10.59	17.33	0.000685	0.000285	0.000195
AgentScope	20689.4	761.78	21451.18	21.58	2.446	2.035	0.000199	0.0019
CrewAI	33866.8	621.44	34488.23	34.15	3.446	0.00617	0.000171	0.00251
LlamaIndex	19764.47	964	20728.47	61.89	2.395	0.00203	0.000678	0.00631
Phidata	2187.99	233.53	2421.52	13.81	3.92	0.000728	6.04E-06	0.000103
PydanticAI	13059.31	296.36	13355.67	15.76	0.783	0.637	3.79E-06	7.88E-05

time							
Text file reader	**doc reader**	**MP3 loader**	**Figure loader**	**Figure loader**	**Code executor**	**Total tool time**	**Total time**
0.00904	-	-	-	-	0.00125	1.417	18.78
1.70E-05	2.31E-04	-	-	-	2.00E-05	17.33	28.71
3.24E-06	4.85E-06	0.164	0.683	4.46E-06	1.88	7.215	29.03
0.00047	0.000141	0.000283	-	-	0.014	3.47	38.44
0.000464	0.000239	0.0405	0.69	-	0.307	3.443	74.998
0.000117	7.83E-05	0.0989	0.0788	-	0.000497	4.1	19.52
0.0382	5.67E-05	0.0824	0.151	-	5.66E-02	1.75	16.685

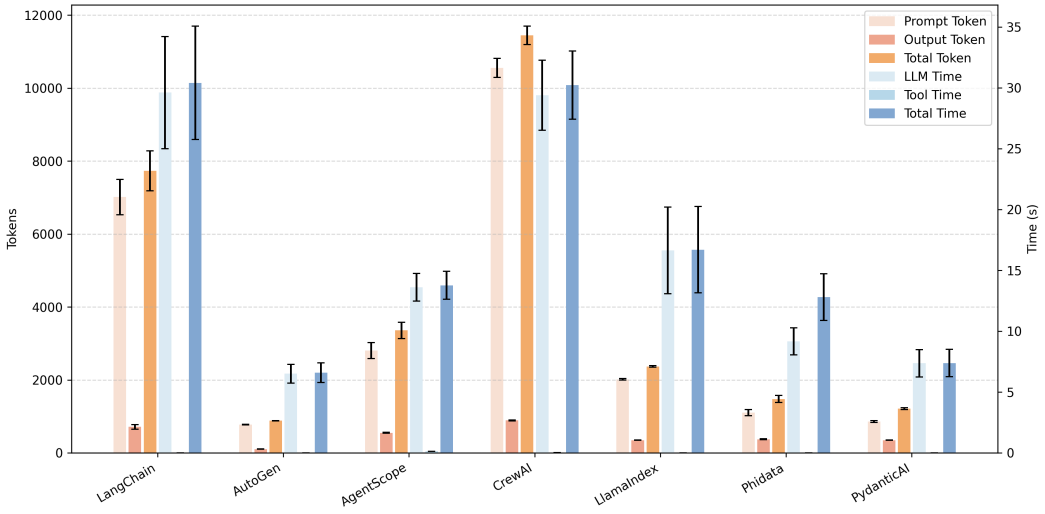

Figure 8: Consistency of Token Consumption and Latency in Repeated Experiments (HumanEval)

and 9, the token consumption in our experiment is relatively stable. In general, the execution time is usually positively related to the token consumption.

Underlying Mechanism-11: Stochastic Tool Behaviors Figure 9 indicates that the LlamaIndex framework yields a relatively high standard deviation on the GAIA dataset. This can be attributed to the stochastic nature of tool invocations and the consequent variations in the number of LLM invocation rounds.

Underlying Mechanism-12: Fluctuating LLM invocation dynamics The inherent randomness of certain LlamaIndex built-in toolssuch as the use of whisper in audio-visual modelsfurther amplifies this effect, resulting in a larger standard deviation in the GAIA test results.

Nevertheless, the overall trend remains reproducible.

In addition, to examine the impact of hardware differences, we rerun the GAIA benchmark on a machine equipped with a 40-series GPU with 48GB of memory. We then compare the results with the average values obtained from the RTX 3080 Ti setup, by computing the ratios of key metrics.

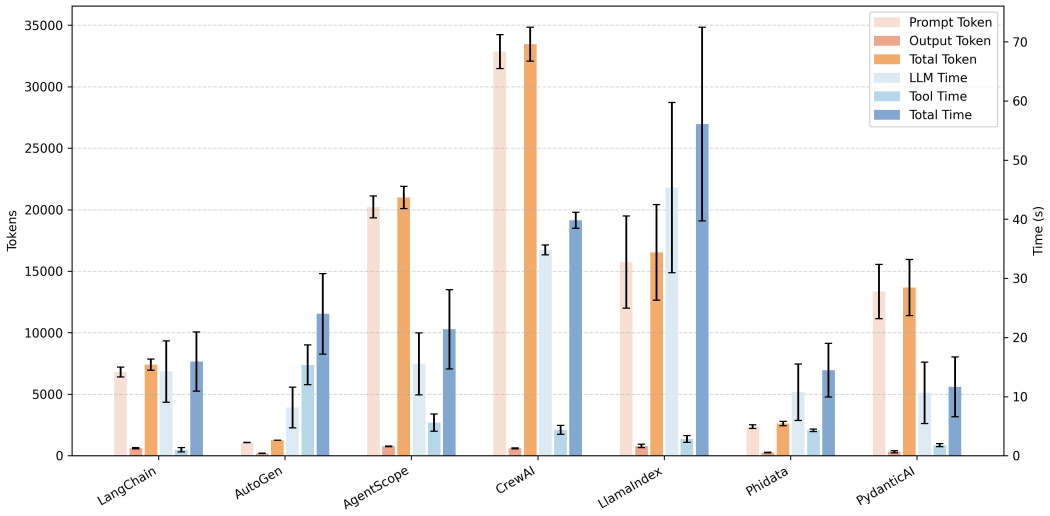

Figure 9: Consistency of Token Consumption and Latency in Repeated Experiments (GAIA)

Table 28: Comparison of Token and Time Ratios Across Hardware Configurations

	Token ratio			Time ratio		
Framework	**Prompt**	**Output**	**Total**	**LLM**	**Code executor**	**Total**
LangChain	1.080	1.060	1.083	0.639	0.713	0.638
AutoGen	0.998	1.062	1.008	0.501	1.124	0.923
AgentScope	0.996	1.108	1.000	0.975	0.543	0.858
CrewAI	1.034	0.984	1.033	1.044	1.217	1.076
LlamaIndex	1.354	1.401	1.356	1.014	1.093	1.032
Phidata	0.990	0.963	0.987	1.286	0.961	1.319
PydanticAI	0.912	0.915	0.912	0.629	1.164	0.622

As shown in Table 28, token usage remain largely consistent across most frameworks. Intuitively, the token consumption is independent of hardware setup. In terms of execution time, we observe significant speedup only for LangChain and Pydantic, indicating that these two frameworks benefit more from enhanced GPU capabilities, while others exhibit relatively stable performance regardless of GPU configuration.

C Prompts

C.1 ReAct

For frameworks that do not have a specific implementation of ReAct, we use the following prompt to build the ReAct workflow:

```
You are a ReAct-based assistant.
You analyze the question, decide whether to call a tool or directly
answer, and then respond accordingly.
Use the following format:Question: the input question or request
Thought: you should always think about what to do\nAction: the action to
take (if any)
Action Input: the input to the action (e.g., search query)
Observation: the result of the action
... (this process can repeat multiple times)
Thought: I now know the final answer
Final Answer: the final answer to the original input question or request
Begin!
Question: {input}
```

C.1.1 LANGCHAIN

Within the ReAct workflow implemented via LangChain's AgentExecutor, we set the max_iterations parameter to 15 for experiments on the GAIA dataset and to 10 for those on the HumanEval dataset.

C.2 RAG

For the following frameworks, we applied specific prompts to improve their token efficiency or to better align with the RAG workflow.

C.2.1 AUTOGEN

```
You are a helpful assistant. You can answer questions and provide
information based on the context provided.
```

C.2.2 CREWAI

```
You are a specialized agent for RAG tasks.You just need to give the
answer of the question. Don't need any othter word.Such as the answer is
a number 5 ,you need output '5'.Or the answer is A,you need to output 'A'.
```

C.2.3 PHIDATA

```
You are a RAG-based assistant. You analyze the question, and call the
search_knowledge_base tool to retrieve relevant documents from the
knowledge base, and then respond accordingly.
```

C.2.4 PYDANTICAI

```
You're a RAG agent. please search information from the given task to
build a knowledge base and then retrieve relevant information from the
knowledge base.
```

C.3 MOA

Unless otherwise specified, the following prompt is used for the aggregator agent.

C.3.1 LANGCHAIN

```
You have been provided with a set of responses from various open-source
models to the latest user query. Your task is to synthesize these
responses into a single, high-quality response. It is crucial to
critically evaluate the information provided in these responses,
recognizing that some of it may be biased or incorrect. Your response
should not simply replicate the given answers but should offer a refined,
 accurate, and comprehensive reply to the instruction. Ensure your
response is well-structured, coherent, and adheres to the highest
standards of accuracy and reliability.
```

C.3.2 AGENTSCOPE

```
You are an assistant called Dave,you should synthesize the answers from
Alice, Bob and Charles to arrive at the final response.
```

For the worker agent, we used the following prompt.

```
You are an assistant called Alice/Bob/Charles.
```

C.3.3 CREWAI

```
You are an agent manager, and You need to assign the questions you
receive to each of your all agents, and summarize their answers to get a
more complete answer
You must give question to all the all agents, and you must summarize
their answers to get a more complete answer.\nYou need to be the best
```

For the worker agent, we used the following prompt.

```
You are one of the agents, you have to make your answers as perfect as
possible, there will be a management agent to choose the most perfect
answer among the three agents as output, you have to do your best to be
selected
```

C.3.4 PHIDATA

```
Transfer task to all chat agents (There are 3 agents in your team)", "
Aggreagate responses from all chat agents
```

C.3.5 PYDANTICAI

```
Your task is to aggregate all agents results to solve complex tasks.\nYou
 analyze the input, input the task to all tools that can run a single
agent, and synthesize the results from all agents into a final response.
```

C.4 GAIA

In this experiment, we used all levels of questions from the test subset of the GAIA dataset. Below are examples of prompts used in our system, depending on whether a file is attached:

```
question: A paper about AI regulation originally submitted to arXiv.org
in June 2022 features a figure with three axes, each labeled with a pair
of opposing terms. Which of these terms is used to describe a type of
society in a Physics and Society article submitted to arXiv.org on August
 11, 2016?
```

```
question: The attached spreadsheet contains the inventory of a movie and
video game rental store located in Seattle, Washington. What is the title
 of the oldest Blu-Ray listed in this spreadsheet? Return it exactly as
it appears., file_name: 32102e3e-d12a-4209-9163-7b3a104efe5d.xlsx,
file_path: path/to/32102e3e-d12a-4209-9163-7b3a104efe5d.xlsx
```

C.5 HUMANEVAL

To avoid generating explanatory text or pseudo-code that hinders automated accuracy evaluation, we slightly modify the original HumanEval queries by adding minimal prompts.Below is an example of the prompt used for HumanEval problems:

```
from typing import List

def has_close_elements(numbers: List[float], threshold: float) -> bool:
    """ Check if in given list of numbers, are any two numbers closer to
each other than
    given threshold.
    >>> has_close_elements([1.0, 2.0, 3.0], 0.5)
    False
    >>> has_close_elements([1.0, 2.8, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 2.0], 0.3)
    True
```

```
    """

# Complete the function. Only return code. No explanation, no comments,
no markdown.
```

C.6 MMLU

For the MMLU dataset, we constructed the vector database used in the RAG workflow based on the development subset and evaluated the performance of each framework using the test subset. Given the large number of tasks in this dataset, we used only one-quarter of them in our experiments. Considering that tasks from the same domain tend to be spatially adjacent in the dataset, we selected one out of every four tasks in index order. This sampling strategy ensures broader domain coverage and maintains fairness in the evaluation.

Below is an example of the question in MMLU:

```
Question:Find the degree for the given field extension Q(sqrt(2), sqrt(3),
 sqrt(18)) over Q.
A.0
B.4
C.2
D.6
Answer with A, B, C, or D only
```

C.7 AlpacaEval

In this experiment, we used the full set of tasks for the basic MoA experiments, and the first 100 tasks for extended experiments involving more agents. Below is an example of one such task.

D Bugs and Features

This section summarizes the bugs or features of LLM agent frameworks that we discovered during our evaluation.

D.1 LangChain

As shown in Figure 10, LangChain's high level of abstraction and encapsulation posed challenges in measuring specific metrics during our experiments.

Additionally, LangChain occasionally terminated processes prematurely after reading files from the GAIA dataset, returning the file content directly rather than proceeding with the expected operations (see Figure 11).

D.2 AutoGen

Due to the default system prompt being relatively long and containing irrelevant instructions, the RAG workflow may consume unnecessary tokens or produce unexpected errors (e.g., attempting to invoke non-existent tools). Therefore, it is necessary for users to customize the system prompt.

D.3 AgentScope

AgentScopes image and audio processing tools internally rely on OpenAI models, causing their execution time to partially overlap with that of the LLM itself. This overlap can lead to inflated or inaccurate measurements of LLM processing time. Researchers and practitioners should be mindful of this issue when conducting time-based evaluations involving AgentScope.

```
def openai_image_to_text(
    image_urls: Union[str, list[str]],
    api_key: str,
```

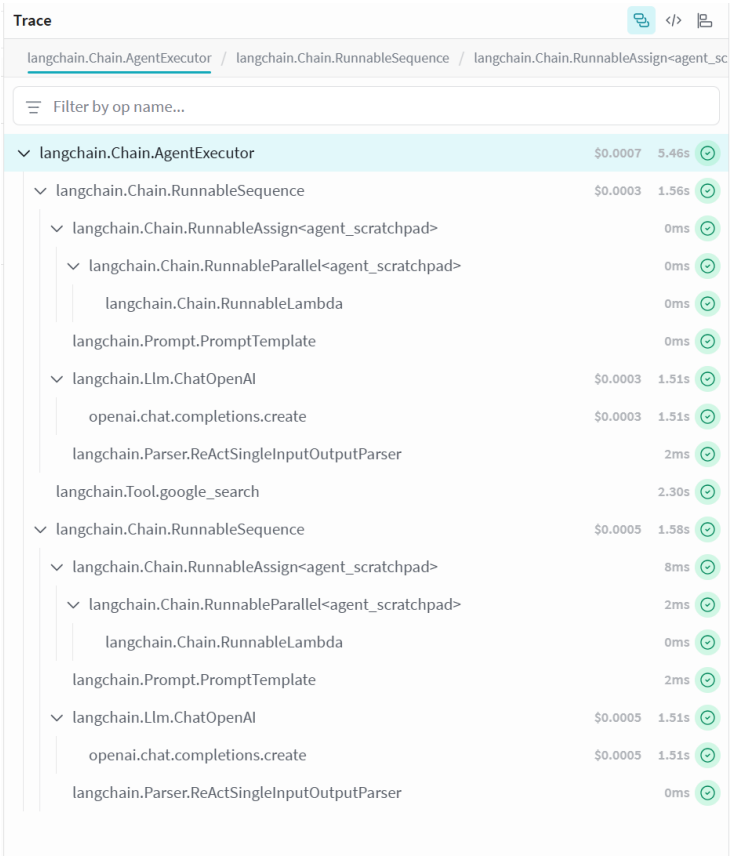

Figure 10: LangChain's high level of abstraction and encapsulation.

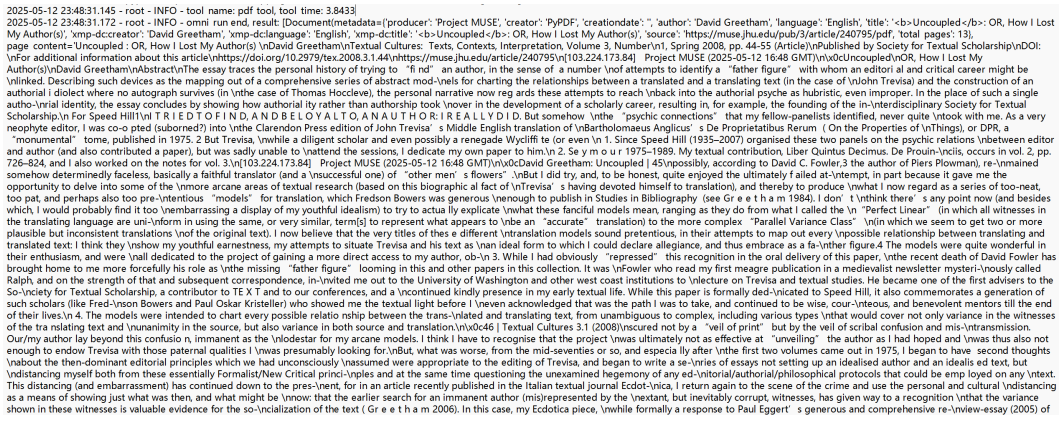

Figure 11: LangChain occasionally terminated processes prematurely.

```
    prompt: str = "Describe the image",
    model: Literal["gpt-4o", "gpt-4-turbo"] = "gpt-4o",
) -> ServiceResponse:
    """
    Generate descriptive text for given image(s) using a specified model, and
    return the generated text.

    Args:
        image_urls (`Union[str, list[str]]`):
```

```
            The URL or list of URLs pointing to the images that need to
be
            described.
        api_key (`str`):
            The API key for the OpenAI API.
        prompt (`str`, defaults to `"Describe the image"`):
            The prompt that instructs the model on how to describe
            the image(s).
        model (`Literal["gpt-4o", "gpt-4-turbo"]`, defaults to `"gpt-4o"`)
:
            The model to use for generating the text descriptions.

    Returns:
        `ServiceResponse`:
            A dictionary with two variables: `status` and `content`.
            If `status` is `ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS`,
            the `content` contains the generated text description(s).

    Example:

        .. code-block:: python

            image_url = "https://example.com/image.jpg"
            api_key = "YOUR_API_KEY"
            print(openai_image_to_text(image_url, api_key))

        > {
        >     'status': 'SUCCESS',
        >     'content': "A detailed description of the image..."
        > }
    """
    openai_chat_wrapper = OpenAIChatWrapper(
        config_name="image_to_text_service_call",
        model_name=model,
        api_key=api_key,
    )
    messages = Msg(
        name="service_call",
        role="user",
        content=prompt,
        url=image_urls,
    )
    openai_messages = openai_chat_wrapper.format(messages)
    try:
        response = openai_chat_wrapper(openai_messages)
        return ServiceResponse(ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS, response.text)
    except Exception as e:
        return ServiceResponse(ServiceExecStatus.ERROR, str(e))

def openai_audio_to_text(
    audio_file_url: str,
    api_key: str,
    language: str = "en",
    temperature: float = 0.2,
) -> ServiceResponse:
    """
    Convert an audio file to text using OpenAI's transcription service.

    Args:
        audio_file_url (`str`):
            The file path or URL to the audio file that needs to be
            transcribed.
        api_key (`str`):
            The API key for the OpenAI API.
        language (`str`, defaults to `"en"`):
```

```
            The language of the input audio. Supplying the input language
 in
            [ISO-639-1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ISO_639-1
_codes)
            format will improve accuracy and latency.
        temperature (`float`, defaults to `0.2`):
            The temperature for the transcription, which affects the
            randomness of the output.

    Returns:
        `ServiceResponse`:
            A dictionary with two variables: `status` and `content`.
            If `status` is `ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS`,
            the `content` contains a dictionary with key 'transcription'
and
            value as the transcribed text.

    Example:

        .. code-block:: python

            audio_file_url = "/path/to/audio.mp3"
            api_key = "YOUR_API_KEY"
            print(openai_audio_to_text(audio_file_url, api_key))

        > {
        >     'status': 'SUCCESS',
        >     'content': {'transcription': 'This is the transcribed text
from
        the audio file.'}
        > }
    """
    try:
        import openai
    except ImportError as e:
        raise ImportError(
            "The `openai` library is not installed. Please install it by
"
            "running `pip install openai`.",
        ) from e

    client = openai.OpenAI(api_key=api_key)
    audio_file_url = os.path.abspath(audio_file_url)
    with open(audio_file_url, "rb") as audio_file:
        try:
            transcription = client.audio.transcriptions.create(
                model="whisper-1",
                file=audio_file,
                language=language,
                temperature=temperature,
            )
            return ServiceResponse(
                ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS,
                {"transcription": transcription.text},
            )
        except Exception as e:
            return ServiceResponse(
                ServiceExecStatus.ERROR,
                f"Error: Failed to transcribe audio {str(e)}",
)
```

Meanwhile, AgentScope's vector database module, LlamaIndexKnowledge, is implemented based on the BM25Retriever from the llamaindex library. However, the original implementation relies on an

outdated version of llamaindex, and recent updates to the library introduced structural changes that break compatibility with the original import statements.

```
from llama_index.retrievers.bm25 import BM25Retriever
```

To ensure a consistent environment without modifying the frameworks built-in vector database logic, we resolved the issue by duplicating the LlamaIndexKnowledge module and updating the import paths to match the newer llamaindex version.

```
from llama_index.legacy.retrievers.bm25_retriever import BM25Retriever
```

D.4 CrewAI

When our MOA invokes a large number of agents (>=12), CrewAI system occasionally fails to call all agents completely during execution as intended. For example, when we request 12 sub-agents to be activated, some queries may only trigger 9 or fewer agents.

D.5 LlamaIndex

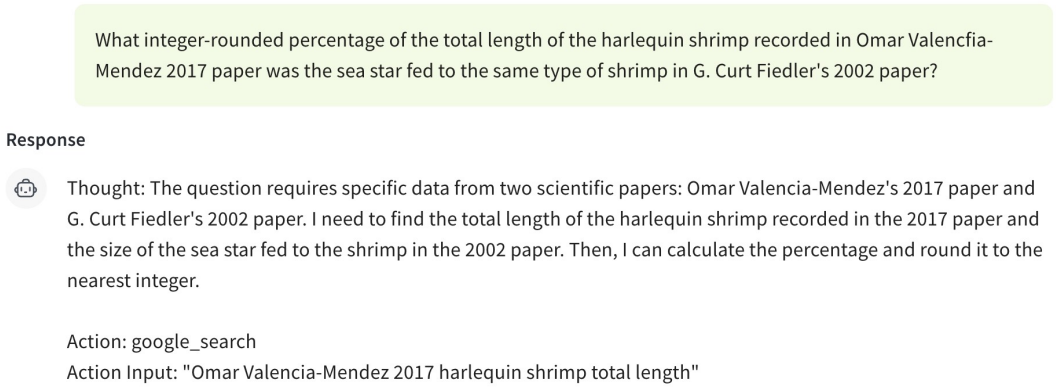

Figure 12: LlamaIndex frequently fails to invoke tools correctly.

As shown in Figure 12, LlamaIndex frequently fails to invoke tools correctly, primarily due to the lack of prompt constraints and insufficient post-processing checks on LLM outputs. Without explicit guidance and validation mechanisms, the LLM often produces outputs that do not conform to the expected dictionary format, resulting in tool invocation failures.

D.6 Phidata

As shown in Figure 13, in the ReAct workflow, Phidata passes the available tools to the LLM via the "tools" field. Unlike Llamaindex, which emphasizes the functionality and usage of tools in the system prompt, Phidata rarely invokes the code execution tool when processing queries from humaneval.

D.7 PydanticAI

By further visualizing the experimental data (see Figure 14), we found that within the PydanticAI ReAct framework, the same tool was often invoked simultaneously multiple times, potentially leading to inefficiencies. Additionally, similar to Phidata, the code execution tool was seldom triggered (see Figure 15).

Furthermore, The MoA implementation in the PydanticAI framework is tool-based, and not all three models are invoked for every query. We observe that when the number of sub-agents is 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15, there were 232, 89, 229, 485, and 663 instances, respectively, where sub-agents were not invoked. These skipped invocations are randomly distributed across different queries, resulting in lower token consumption than expected.

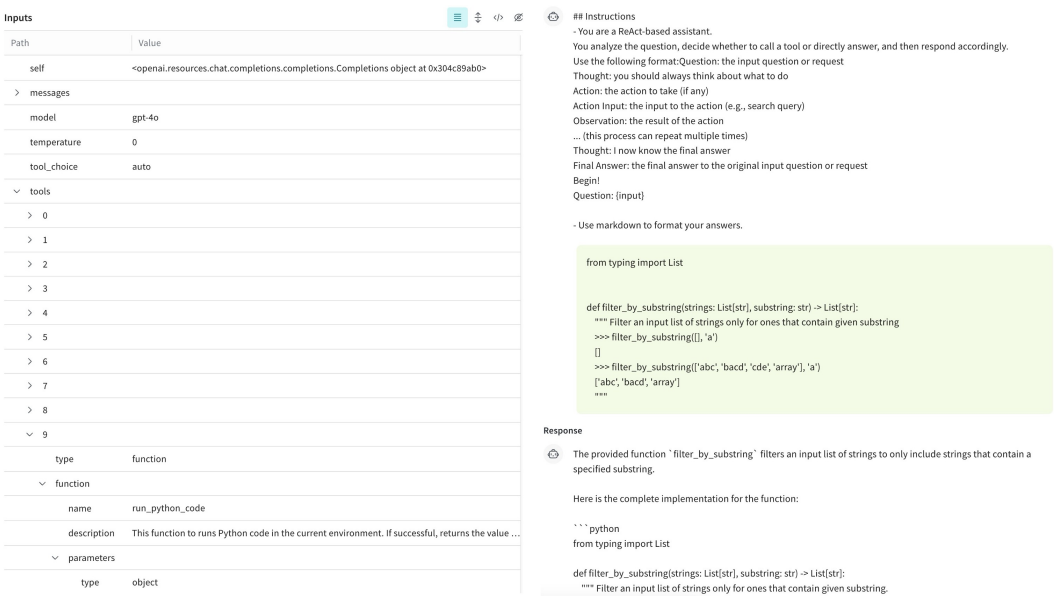

Figure 13: Phidata passes the available tools to the LLM via the "tools" field.

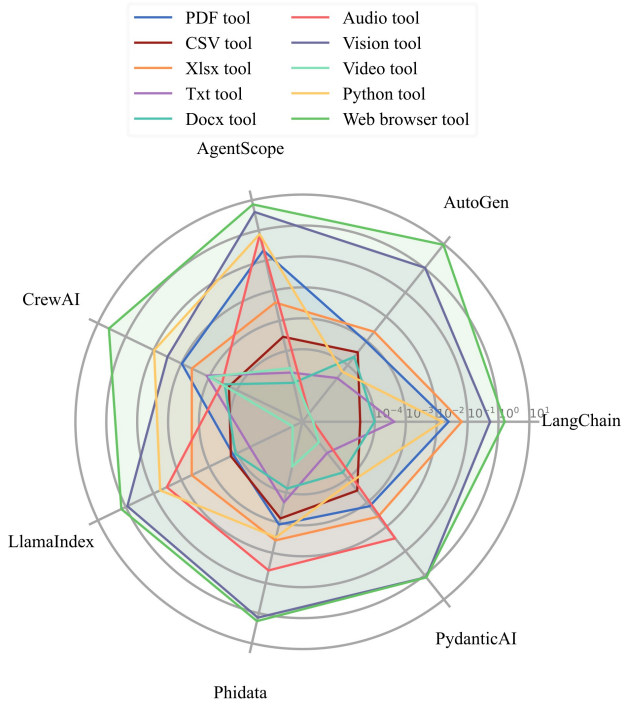

Figure 14: Visualization of the average execution time per run of different tools across different frameworks.

E TOOL IMPLEMENTATION

For frameworks that do not include the required tools, we adopted a unified implementation as follows.

Figure 15: PydanticAI's simultaneous invocations of the same tool.

E.1 SEARCH

E.1.1 AUTOGGEN

```python
def google_search(query: str, num_results: int = 2, max_chars: int = 500)
 -> list:  # type: ignore[type-arg]
    import os
    import time
    import requests
    from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
    from dotenv import load_dotenv
    load_dotenv()
    google_api_key = os.environ['GOOGLE_KEY']
    search_engine_id = os.environ['GOOGLE_ENGINE']
    if not search_engine_id or not search_engine_id:
        raise ValueError("API key or Search Engine ID not found")
    url = "https://www.googleapis.com/customsearch/v1"
    params = {
        "key": google_api_key,
        "cx": search_engine_id,
        "q": query,
        "num": num_results
    }
    response = requests.get(url, params=params)  # type: ignore[arg-type]
    if response.status_code != 200:
        print(response.json())
        raise Exception(f"Error in API request: {response.status_code}")
    results = response.json().get("items", [])
    def get_page_content(url: str) -> str:
        try:
            response = requests.get(url, timeout=10)
            soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
            text = soup.get_text(separator=" ", strip=True)
            words = text.split()
            content = ""
            for word in words:
                if len(content) + len(word) + 1 > max_chars:
                    break
                content += " " + word
            return content.strip()
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"Error fetching {url}: {str(e)}")
            return ""
    enriched_results = []
    for item in results:
        body = get_page_content(item["link"])
        enriched_results.append(
            {
                "title": item["title"],
                "link": item["link"],
                "snippet": item["snippet"],
                "body": body
            }
        )
```

```
        time.sleep(1)
    return enriched_results
```

E.1.2 PYDANTICAI

```
def google_search(query, num=None):
    """
    Make a query to the Google search engine to receive a list of results.

    Args:
        query (str): The query to be passed to Google search.
        num (int, optional): The number of search results to return.
Defaults to None.

    Returns:
        str: The JSON response from the Google search API.

    Raises:
        ValueError: If the 'num' is not an integer between 1 and 10.
    """
    try:
        QUERY_URL_TMPL = ("https://www.googleapis.com/customsearch/v1?key
={key}&cx={engine}&q={query}")
        url = QUERY_URL_TMPL.format(
            key=os.environ['GOOGLE_KEY'],
            engine=os.environ['GOOGLE_ENGINE'],
            query=urllib.parse.quote_plus(str(query))
        )
        if num is not None:
            if not 1 <= num <= 10:
                raise ValueError("num should be an integer between 1 and
10, inclusive")
            url += f"&num={num}"
        response = requests.get(url)
        return response.text
    except Exception as e:
        return f"Error: {e}"
```

E.2 PDF LOADER

```
def pdf_load(file_path: str) -> ServiceResponse:
    try:
        reader = PdfReader(file_path)
        text = ""
        for page in reader.pages:
            text += page.extract_text() + "\n"
        return ServiceResponse(status=ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS,content=
text)
    except Exception as e:
        return ServiceResponse(ServiceExecStatus.ERROR, str(e))
```

E.3 CSV READER

```
import pandas as pd

def csv_load(path:str)->ServiceResponse:
    try:
        df = pd.read_csv(path)
        csv_str = df.to_string(index=False)
        return ServiceResponse(status=ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS,content=
csv_str)
```

```
    except Exception as e:
        return ServiceResponse(ServiceExecStatus.ERROR, str(e))
```

E.4 XLSX READER

```
def xlsx_load(path:str)->ServiceResponse:
    try:
        excel_file = pd.read_excel(path, sheet_name=None)
        result = ""
        for sheet_name, df in excel_file.items():
            result += f"Sheet: {sheet_name}\n"
            result += df.to_string(index=False) + "\n\n"
        return ServiceResponse(status=ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS,content=
result.strip())
    except Exception as e:
        return ServiceResponse(ServiceExecStatus.ERROR, str(e))
```

E.5 TEXT FILE READER

```
import pandas as pd

def txt_load(path:str)->ServiceResponse:
    try:
        with open(path, 'r', encoding='utf-8') as f:
            txt_str = f.read()
        return ServiceResponse(status=ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS,content=
txt_str)
    except Exception as e:
        return ServiceResponse(ServiceExecStatus.ERROR, str(e))
```

E.6 DOCX READER

```
from docx import Document

def docs_load(path:str)->ServiceResponse:
    try:
        doc = Document(path)
        docx_str = "\n".join([para.text for para in doc.paragraphs])
        return ServiceResponse(status=ServiceExecStatus.SUCCESS,content=
docx_str)
    except Exception as e:
        return ServiceResponse(ServiceExecStatus.ERROR, str(e))
```

E.7 MP3 LOADER

```
import whisper
from typing import cast

def load_audio(file):
    model = whisper.load_model(name="base")
    model = cast(whisper.Whisper, model)
    result = model.transcribe(str(file))
    return result["text"]
```

E.8 FIGURE LOADER

```python
from transformers import DonutProcessor, VisionEncoderDecoderModel
import re
from PIL import Image

def load_image(path):
    image = Image.open(path)
    processor = DonutProcessor.from_pretrained(
                        "naver-clova-ix/donut-base-finetuned-cord-v2"
                    )
    model = VisionEncoderDecoderModel.from_pretrained(
        "naver-clova-ix/donut-base-finetuned-cord-v2"
    )
    device = 'cpu'
    model.to(device)
    # prepare decoder inputs
    task_prompt = "<s_cord-v2>"
    decoder_input_ids = processor.tokenizer(
        task_prompt, add_special_tokens=False, return_tensors="pt"
    ).input_ids
    pixel_values = processor(image, return_tensors="pt").pixel_values
    outputs = model.generate(
        pixel_values.to(device),
        decoder_input_ids=decoder_input_ids.to(device),
        max_length=model.decoder.config.max_position_embeddings,
        early_stopping=True,
        pad_token_id=processor.tokenizer.pad_token_id,
        eos_token_id=processor.tokenizer.eos_token_id,
        use_cache=True,
        num_beams=3,
        bad_words_ids=[[processor.tokenizer.unk_token_id]],
        return_dict_in_generate=True,
    )
    sequence = processor.batch_decode(outputs.sequences)[0]
    sequence = sequence.replace(processor.tokenizer.eos_token, "").
replace(
        processor.tokenizer.pad_token, ""
    )
    # remove first task start token
    text_str = re.sub(r"<.*?>", "", sequence, count=1).strip()
    return text_str
```

E.9 VIDEO LOADER

```python
import whisper
from typing import cast
from pydub import AudioSegment
from pathlib import Path

def load_video(file):
    video = AudioSegment.from_file(Path(file), format=file[-3:])
    audio = video.split_to_mono()[0]
    file_str = str(file)[:-4] + ".mp3"
    audio.export(file_str, format="mp3")
    model = whisper.load_model(name="base")
    model = cast(whisper.Whisper, model)
    result = model.transcribe(str(file))
    return result["text"]
```

E.10 DATA RETRIEVAL

```python
    def create_vector_db():
```

```
    import faiss
    import pickle
    from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer
    from data.mmlu import merge_csv_files_in_folder
    dataset=merge_csv_files_in_folder(path to MMLU/dev)
    docs = []
    for item in dataset:
            text = item[0].replace(",please answer A,B,C,or D.","")+f"
answer:{item[1]}."
            docs.append(text)
    embed_model = SentenceTransformer('all-MiniLM-L6-v2')
    doc_embeddings = embed_model.encode(docs)
    dimension = doc_embeddings.shape[1]
    index = faiss.IndexFlatL2(dimension)
    index.add(doc_embeddings)
    faiss.write_index(index, "db/index.faiss")
    with open("db/index.pkl", "wb") as f:
        pickle.dump(docs, f)

def load_vector_db():
    import faiss
    import pickle
    from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer
    class db:
        def __init__(self):
            self.index = faiss.read_index("db/index.faiss")
            with open("db/index.pkl", "rb") as f:
                self.docs = pickle.load(f)
            self.embed_model = SentenceTransformer('all-MiniLM-L6-v2')
        def search(self, query, k=5):
            query_embedding = self.embed_model.encode([query])
            D, I = self.index.search(query_embedding, k)
            return [self.docs[i] for i in I[0]]
    return db()
```

E.11 PROBLEM SOLVER

```
def twoSum(nums: List[int], target: int) -> List[int]:
    """
    Given an array of integers nums and an integer target, return indices
 of the two numbers such that they add up to target.
    Args:
        nums (List): an array of integers
        target (Int): an integer target
    Returns:
        List[int]: indices of the two numbers such that they add up to
target.
    """
    try:
        n = len(nums)
        for i in range(n):
            for j in range(i + 1, n):
                if nums[i] + nums[j] == target:
                    return [i, j]

        return []
    except Exception as e:
        return str(e)


def lengthOfLongestSubstring(s: str) -> int:
    """
    Given a string s, find the length of the longest substring without
duplicate characters.
```

```
    Arg:
        s (String): a string

    Returns:
        Int: the length of the longest substring without duplicate
characters.
    """
    try:
        left = 0
        right = 0
        max_len = 0

        while right < len(s):
            if s[right] in s[left:right]:
                max_len = max(max_len, right-left)
                left = s.index(s[right], left, right)+1
            max_len = max(max_len, right-left+1)
            right += 1
        return max_len
    except Exception as e:
        return str(e)


def findMedianSortedArrays(nums1: List[int], nums2: List[int]) -> float:
    """
    Given two sorted arrays nums1 and nums2 of size m and n respectively,
 return the median of the two sorted arrays.
    Args:
        nums1 (List[int]): sorted array 1
        nums2 (List[int]): sorted array 2
    Returns:
        float: the median of the two sorted arrays
    """
    try:
        m, n = len(nums1), len(nums2)

        def kth_small(k):
            i = j = 0
            while True:
                if i == m:
                    return nums2[j + k - 1]
                if j == n:
                    return nums1[i + k - 1]
                if k == 1:
                    return min(nums1[i], nums2[j])
                pivot_i = min(i + (k >> 1) - 1, m - 1)
                pivot_j = min(j + (k >> 1) - 1, n - 1)
                if nums1[pivot_i] < nums2[pivot_j]:
                    k -= pivot_i + 1 - i
                    i = pivot_i + 1
                else:
                    k -= pivot_j + 1 - j
                    j = pivot_j + 1

        return (
            kth_small((m + n + 1 >> 1))
            if m + n & 1
            else (kth_small((m + n >> 1) + 1) + kth_small((m + n >> 1)))
            * 0.5
        )
    except Exception as e:
        return str(e)

...
```

F USAGE OF LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS

In the preparation of this paper, we employed large language models to assist with language refinement and stylistic improvements. Typical prompts included instructions such as "please polish the following academic text while preserving its technical meaning", "improve clarity and conciseness without altering the content", or "translate the following text into fluent academic English."

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