
MQuAKE-Remastered: Multi-Hop Knowledge Editing Can Only Be Advanced With Reliable Evaluations

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Abstract

1 Large language models (LLMs) can give out erroneous answers to factually rooted
2 questions either as a result of undesired training outcomes or simply because the
3 world has moved on after a certain knowledge cutoff date. Under such scenarios,
4 *knowledge editing* often comes to the rescue by delivering efficient patches for
5 such erroneous answers without significantly altering the rests, where many editing
6 methods have seen reasonable success when the editing targets are simple and direct
7 (e.g., “*what club does Lionel Messi currently play for?*”). However, knowledge
8 fragments like this are often deeply intertwined in the real world, making effectively
9 propagating the editing effect to non-directly related questions a practical challenge
10 (to entertain an extreme example: “*What car did the wife of the owner of the club
11 that Messi currently plays for used to get to school in the 80s?*”). Prior arts have
12 coined this task as *multi-hop knowledge editing* with the most popular dataset being
13 MQuAKE, serving as the sole evaluation benchmark for many later proposed editing
14 methods due to the expensive nature of making knowledge editing datasets at
15 scale. In this work, we reveal that **up to 33% or 76% of MQuAKE’s questions
16 and ground truth labels are, in fact, corrupted in various fashions due to some
17 unintentional clerical or procedural oversights**. Our work provides a detailed
18 audit of MQuAKE’s error pattern and a comprehensive fix without sacrificing its
19 dataset capacity. Additionally, we benchmarked almost all proposed MQuAKE-
20 evaluated editing methods on our post-fix dataset, MQuAKE-REMASTERED. It
21 is our observation that many methods try to overfit the original MQuAKE by
22 exploiting some data-specific properties of MQuAKE. We provide a guideline on
23 how to faithfully approach such datasets and show that a simple, minimally invasive
24 approach can bring excellent editing performance without such exploitation. Please
25 refer to <https://github.com/henryzhongsc/MQuAKE-Remastered> and sup-
26 plemental material for assets.

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27 1 Introduction

28 Given the widespread public-facing popularity of various Large Language Model-powered (LLM)
29 products [Zhao et al., 2023, Yang et al., 2024], even an occasional user has likely experienced LLMs
30 giving out erroneous answers to factually rooted, knowledge-intensive questions. While the reasons
31 why LLMs would hallucinate such kind of misinformation is complex and still an open problem —
32 noisy training data, model bias, out-of-distribution questions, or even simply because the world has
33 moved on after a certain knowledge cutoff date, all likely contributed their fair share to this rather
34 undesired character of LLMs [Huang et al., 2023, Zhang et al., 2023]— **under a practical context,**
35 **knowledge editing is often considered the go-to remedy by delivering efficient patches for such**
36 **erroneous answers** without significantly altering the LLM’s output on unrelated queries [Sinitsin
37 et al., 2020, Mitchell et al., 2022].

38 With the growing need to have more credible and trustworthy LLMs, a vast amount of LLM-specific
39 knowledge editing methods have been proposed, and many of them have seen reasonable success in
40 addressing editing targets that are simple and direct. For example, most modern knowledge editing
41 methods can reliably edit the answer of “*What club does Lionel Messi currently play for?*” from
42 “*Paris Saint-Germain*” to “*Inter Miami CF*” and therefore correctly reflecting the occupation status of
43 Messi [Zhong et al., 2023].

44 1.1 Multi-hop knowledge editing poses practical significance and non-trivial challenges.

45 However, due to the intertwined nature of different knowledge fragments, a small change in one
46 knowledge fragment can produce ripple-like effects on a vast amount of related questions [Zhong
47 et al., 2023, Cohen et al., 2023]. It is often a non-trivial challenge to efficiently propagate the editing
48 effect to non-directly related questions with proper precision and locality. E.g., for a — in this case
49 intensionally extreme — question like “*What car did the wife of the owner of the club that Messi*
50 *currently plays for used to get to school in the 80s?*” Many knowledge-edited LLMs can still struggle
51 while being fully aware of Messi’s abovementioned club transfer [Zhong et al., 2023].

52 Prior arts have realized the practical significance of being able to edit such complex/non-direct
53 questions upon a certain knowledge update, as different knowledge fragments are almost always
54 deeply entangled with each other in the real world [Zhong et al., 2023, Cohen et al., 2023, Wei et al.,
55 2024]. Meanwhile, exhausting all potential combinations of questions related to one or a few updated
56 knowledge fragments is impractical, if not totally impossible: imagining editing an LLM for every
57 possible question influenced by the abovementioned club transfer of Messi. Even if it is feasible, this
58 poses high operational costs and comes with the intrinsic risks of editing a mass amount of targets;
59 not to mention a repeated effort would be required should Messi ever opt to transfer again.

60 It is intuitive that a practical knowledge editing method should be able to produce correct answers to
61 relevant factual questions with only a few updated knowledge fragments available. This task has been
62 coined as *multi-hop knowledge editing with the founding, largest, as well as the most popular*
63 **dataset to date being MQUAKE by Zhong et al. [2023]; serving as the sole evaluation backbone**
64 **for many proposed modern editing methods** due to the expensive nature of making counterfactual
65 and temporal datasets at such a scale (> 10,000 cases provided, more about the dataset statistics in
66 Table 6). Note that such expansiveness is further multiplied given the abovementioned ripple effect
67 of multi-hop question answering, as one knowledge update of a subquestion can potentially lead to
68 multiple updated answers across a large number of cases.

69 1.2 Unfortunately, MQUAKE is flawed due to unintentional clerical and procedural errors — 70 we fixed/remade it and re-benchmarked almost all proposed multi-hop knowledge editing 71 methods.

72 While MQUAKE is the founding dataset of multi-hop knowledge editing tasks and very much
73 brings life to this vital subject, through a comprehensive audit, we reveal that **up to 33% or 76% of**
74 **MQUAKE questions and ground truth labels are, in fact, corrupted in various fashions due to**
75 **some unintentional clerical or procedural errors**; which inevitably cast doubts on the effectiveness
76 of developed methods (especially the ones that solely) evaluated on MQUAKE, and **present as a**

77 **hidden peril to the field’s progress as such flaws are largely unknown to the knowledge editing**
78 **community before our work.** We highlight that the flaws of MQUAKE is an already massive yet
79 constantly growing issue, as MQUAKE is one of the fastest-growing datasets in terms of adaptation
80 in the editing community, yet, the task it is trying to tackle — building more reliable LLM — is
81 without a doubt crucial aspect of NLP development. To pave the way for future advancement of
82 multi-hop knowledge editing, we present our work with the following contributions:

- 83 • **A comprehensive audit of MQUAKE:** We are the first to present a comprehensive audit of the
84 existing errors within MQUAKE [Zhong et al., 2023], bringing awareness to the knowledge editing
85 community regarding this popular dataset with significant task importance attached.
- 86 • **Fix/remake MQUAKE to MQUAKE-Remastered:** We present the only available fix/remake
87 that not only patches all discovered errors, and done so without sacrificing the intended intensity
88 and capacity of the original MQUAKE whenever possible.
- 89 • **Extensively re-benchmark of almost all existing multi-hop knowledge editing methods:** Given
90 the currently existing reports based upon the original MQUAKE are flawed reflections of such pro-
91 posed methods’ capability, we additionally re-benchmark almost all existing multi-hop knowledge
92 editing methods that are available against our MQUAKE-REMASTERED datasets.
- 93 • **Guidance for future multi-hop knowledge editing development.** Upon our extensive re-
94 benchmark results, we observe that many proposed multi-hop knowledge editing methods in-
95 tententionally or unintentionally overfit the original MQUAKE dataset by applying data-specific
96 operations that are largely unique to the MQUAKE dataset family. We provide guidance on how to
97 faithfully approach these datasets and additionally show that a simple, minimally invasive approach
98 with no such operations can also achieve excellent editing performance.

99 2 Preliminary

100 2.1 Background of MQUAKE

101 MQUAKE (Multi-hop Question Answering for Knowledge Editng) is a knowledge editing dataset
102 focusing on the abovementioned multi-hop question answering tasks proposed in Zhong et al.
103 [2023], where every case of MQUAKE is a multi-hop question made by a chain of single-hop
104 subquestions. Specifically, MQUAKE is constructed based on the Wikidata:RDF dataset [Vrandečić
105 and Krötzsch, 2014], which, in its rawest format, is a knowledge graph consisting 15+ trillion
106 of Resource Description Framework (RDF) triples¹. MQUAKE essentially builds a much more
107 concise subgraph with only 37 manually elected common relations and top 20% of the most common
108 entities, where a walk of {2, 3, 4}-hop on this subgraph can form a case (which is a chain of {2, 3, 4}
109 single-hop subquestions connected together) in the MQUAKE dataset.

110 MQUAKE is presented as two (but in practice, it is essentially three) sub-datasets: MQUAKE-CF
111 and MQUAKE-T. The former focuses on counterfactual tasks, while the latter on temporal changes.
112 We highlight that there is also a MQUAKE-CF-3K dataset, which is a subset of MQUAKE-CF that
113 only contains 3,000 cases in total (with 1,000 cases for {2, 3, 4}-hop questions respectively). Authors
114 of MQUAKE evaluate their proposed method, MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023], upon this MQUAKE-CF-
115 3K dataset, citing limited compute resources; which then become an unspoken standard practice for
116 the majority of the later proposed multi-hop knowledge editing methods [Gu et al., 2024, Shi et al.,
117 2024, Wang et al., 2024, Anonymous, 2024, Cheng et al., 2024]. Due to the very popularity of this sub-
118 sampled dataset, we provide our error analysis mostly based on MQUAKE-CF-3K and MQUAKE-T
119 in the following §3. For interested readers, we additionally provide the same error analysis upon the
120 full MQUAKE-CF in the Appendix B.2, which is only more drastic than MQUAKE-CF-3K due to
121 MQUAKE-CF being a much larger superset of the already compromised MQUAKE-CF-3K. We
122 also collect the dataset statistics in Table 6 to provide a numerical overview of the composition of all
123 three MQUAKE datasets.

¹<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Property:P10209>

124 2.2 Evaluating using MQUAKE

125 Datasets like MQUAKE-CF or MQUAKE-CF-3K are often evaluated against different “editing
126 intensity,” which is controlled by how many cases among all tested cases are considered “edited,”
127 mimicking different levels of deviation between the learned knowledge stored in the LLM and the
128 desire edited knowledge. This is a sound practice because proper knowledge editing methods should
129 perform well when different numbers of knowledge fragments are edited, as it is equally important to
130 navigate when a significant amount of knowledge is updated, as well as to recognize the few edited
131 knowledge and limit their influence from unrelated unedited knowledge with proper editing locality.

132 In its original paper, MQUAKE-CF-3K is evaluated when $\{1, 100, 1000, 3000\}$ of its 3,000 cases
133 are edited, similarly, MQUAKE-T is evaluated when $\{1, 100, 500, 1868\}$ of its 1,868 cases being
134 edited, forming an experiment report like Table 5. This kind of report granularity (a gradual coverage
135 from a few edits to all cases being edited) is also adopted by the majority of later proposed multi-hop
136 knowledge editing methods, either in full [Anonymous, 2024] or in spirit with different subsample
137 settings [Gu et al., 2024, Wang et al., 2024, Shi et al., 2024, Cheng et al., 2024, Mengqi et al., 2024].
138 In this work, we report at an even finer level of granularity for maximum cross-reference potentials.

139 3 Auditing MQUAKE

140 In this section, we present a comprehensive audit of the error pattern that existed in MQUAKE-CF-3K
141 and MQUAKE-T [Zhong et al., 2023]. We specifically note that our audit is there to provide a better
142 understanding to the knowledge editing community, especially when digesting methods evaluated
143 on these datasets. **Our audit is not to discredit the contribution of MQUAKE, or any of the
144 proposed methods evaluated on MQUAKE.** We recognize the fact that no dataset can be perfect,
145 especially when it is intrinsically hard to collect large-scale counterfactual and temporal datasets.

146 3.1 Intra Contamination between Edited Cases and Unedited Cases

147 As discussed in §2.2, having a gradual evaluation coverage from a few to all cases being edited
148 like Table 5 makes sense for as an evaluation granularity. However, one critical issue is that
149 $k \in \{1, 100, 1000, 3000\}$ -edited cases (supposed MQUAKE-CF-3K) are randomly sub-sampled
150 from the 3,000 total cases. Thus, **there is no guarantee that the k -edited cases and $(3000 - k)$
151 unedited cases would require two disjoint sets of knowledge and, therefore, risk contamination.**

152 For a concrete example, consider the following two multi-hop questions from MQUAKE-CF-3K (we
153 also additionally provide the subquestion breakdown and intermediate answers of the two questions
154 for better presentation, we note that such auxiliary information is not part of the instruction visible to
155 the question-answering LLM):

- 156 • case_id:245 (unedited): *What is the official language of the country where Karl Alvarez holds*
157 *citizenship?*
 - 158 ◊ What is the country of citizenship of Karl Alvarez? USA.
 - 159 ◊ What is the official language of United States of America? American English.
- 160 • case_id:323 (unedited): *What language is the official language of the country where Wendell*
161 *Pierce holds citizenship?*
 - 162 ◊ What is the country of citizenship of Wendell Pierce? USA.
 - 163 ◊ What is the official language of United States of America? American English.

164 For both questions, the correct pre-edited answer should be “*American English.*” As both Karl
165 Alvarez and Wendell Pierce are US citizens, and the official language of the US is American English.
166 However, suppose case_id:323 is sampled as an edited case while case_id:245 remains unedited,
167 we will be provided with the additional triple containing the knowledge of “*The official language of*
168 *United States of America is Arabic.*”

169 Since the unedited case_id:245 and the edited case_id:323 share the same subquestion of “*What*
170 *is the official language of United States of America?*” The answer of case_id:323 will be rightfully
171 updated to “*Arabic*” per the new knowledge. However, the unedited case_id:245 still considers the

172 original answer “*American English*” to be correct, and is therefore contaminated by the edited case
 173 `case_id:323` in an unintended fashion. This is problematic because a successful knowledge editing
 174 method should be able to retrieve the edited knowledge — “*The official language of United States of*
 175 *America is Arabic*” — upon the relevant questions (in this case the shared one), and thus answering
 176 “*Arabic*” to `case_id:245`. This is technically correct, but in conflict with MQUAKE-CF-3K’s label,
 177 causing inaccurate experiment readings.

178 **We further note the above-illustrated contamination is not a cherry-picked fluke, but rather a**
 179 **wild-spread error.** Here, we sample $\{1, 100, 1000, 2000, 3000\}$ -editing targets from MQUAKE-CF-
 180 3K using random seed 100, and find the following error statistics in Table 1.

Table 1: Error statistics of MQUAKE-CF-3K and MQUAKE-T [Zhong et al., 2023] in terms edited cases contaminating unedited cases. k -edited means k cases out of the total dataset are edited.

# of Contaminated	MQUAKE-CF-3K					MQUAKE-T			
	1-edit	100-edit	1000-edit	2000-edit	3000-edit	1-edit	100-edit	500-edit	1868-edit
Cases	0	2,013	1,772	910	0	29	1421	1327	0
Subquestions	0	2,706	3,075	1,664	0	29	1421	1327	0

181 It is observable from Table 1 that **even a small number of edited cases will cause a concerningly**
 182 **large contamination to unedited cases and subquestions, where 67% and 76% of all cases**
 183 **from MQUAKE-CF-3K and MQUAKE-T are contaminated with just 100 cases being edited,**
 184 introducing a significant distortion to the reported experiment results.²

185 We additionally note while this edited-to-unedited intra-contamination is reducing with k -edit growing,
 186 this does not imply a diminishing of issue, but rather a simple by-product of a larger k implies a
 187 lesser ($3000 - k$), leaving fewer unedited cases as potential contamination victims. In the extreme
 188 case of 3000-edit, there is 0 edited-to-unedited contamination because there is no unedited case left in
 189 MQUAKE-CF-3K to be the victim. But 3000-edit has the most edited-to-edited inner contamination,
 190 more on this in the following §3.2.

191 3.2 Inner Contamination between Different Edited Cases

192 Other than edited cases contaminating unedited cases (§3.1), contamination might also happen among
 193 multiple edited cases because a certain subquestion presented in different edited cases can be edited
 194 in some but unedited in others³. For brevity, we leave the example walkthrough in Appendix B.1.

Table 2: Error statistics of MQUAKE-CF-3K [Zhong et al., 2023] in terms edited cases contaminating each others. k -edited means k cases out of the total 3,000 cases are edited.

# of Contaminated	1-edit	100-edit	1000-edit	2000-edit	3000-edit
Cases	0	14	265	619	998
Subquestions	0	14	337	854	1,399

195 This type of contamination is, once again, universally visible in MQUAKE, as shown in Table 2;
 196 which is very much a flipped version of Table 1. With k -edit growing, there are more edited cases, thus
 197 more edited-to-edited contamination, as there are more potential victims. Notably, **under the 3000-**
 198 **edit tasks, almost one-third (998/3000, $\approx 33\%$) of the evaluated cases are contaminated,** which
 199 again introduces distortion to the reported experiment results. We omit the report on MQUAKE-T
 200 here because there is only one edit-to-edit contamination when all 1,868 cases from MQUAKE-T are
 201 edited (`case_id:424`).

²We note that in Zhong et al. [2023], “ k -edit” means only k of edited cases are evaluated, without any unedited cases. We evaluated both to better reflect the locality of different knowledge editing methods.

³Note, an edited case does not require all of its subquestions being edited, but merely one or more of it (Table 6)

202 3.3 Conflicting Edits

203 The two types of contamination introduced in §3.1 and §3.2 are indeed subtle and hard to detect, as
204 they hide between the retrieval scope of different edited cases, which is further complicated when
205 only a subset of cases are edited. However, MQUAKE-CF-3K also includes some straightforward
206 conflicts, such as for the subquestion “Which company is Ford Mustang produced by?” we have the
207 following edits:

- 208 ◇ case_id:2566 (edited): ~~Ford Motor Company~~ Nintendo.
- 209 ◇ case_id:231/2707 (edited): ~~Ford Motor Company~~ Fiat S.p.A.

210 This is going to cause a direct conflict when case_id:2566 and any of the case_id:231/2707 are
211 both selected as edited cases, as they shall confuse any knowledge edited LLM for having two answers
212 to the same questions. Fortunately, such types of errors are rather minuscule in MQUAKE-CF-3K,
213 with the abovementioned Ford Mustang question and three cases being the only affected data samples.

214 3.4 Missing Information in Multi-hop Question Instructions

215 As mentioned in §2, the MQUAKE dataset is built upon a severely filtered Wikidata:RDF knowledge
216 graph [Vrandečić and Krötzsch, 2014]. Specifically, the triples of a certain {2, 3, 4}-hop walk on this
217 subgraph are then fed into a gpt-3.5-turbo model to generate the multi-hop question instruction in
218 a natural language format; such generation are repeated for three different times in case any of the
219 generated question instructions becomes incomprehensible. For every case evaluation, an LLM is
220 considered right should it correctly answer against any three of the multi-hop question instructions
221 [Zhong et al., 2023].

222 However, while repeating generation three times definitely reduces the chances of having incompre-
223 hensible question instructions, we noticed some of such instructions in MQUAKE are still incomplete.
224 We take the following triple set and its generated 3-questions as an example:

- 225 • case_id:546 (unedited): We have a 2-hop triple chain of (Albert Mohler, employer,
226 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) and (Southern Baptist Theological
227 Seminary, religion or worldview, Southern Baptist Convention). MQUAKE-CF-
228 3K provides the following generated multi-hop questions:
 - 229 ◇ Generation #1: *What religion is Albert Mohler associated with?*
 - 230 ◇ Generation #2: *Which religion does Albert Mohler follow?*
 - 231 ◇ Generation #3: *With which religious faith does Albert Mohler identify?*

232 It is clear that all three generated questions omit the part mentioning which company/institution
233 Albert Mohler is employed by and essentially reduce themselves to single-hop questions, where
234 a correct generation should read like “What religion is Albert Mohler’s employer associated with?”
235 Without the complete question, suppose there is an edit on Albert Mohler’s employer (which there
236 indeed is one), the final answer would likely change. However, with question instruction omitting
237 such information, even the best knowledge-edited LLM cannot answer the question correctly with a
238 faithful approach.

239 As a general analysis, we find **the natural language question instructions of 672 cases in**
240 **MQUAKE-CF-3K are missing information in comparison to their raw triplet chain.** This
241 number is counted in the sense that one or more pieces of information present in the triple chain are
242 missing from all three variants of the generated natural language instruction. Similarly, there are
243 2,830 and 233 cases of erroneous instructions in MQUAKE-CF and MQUAKE-T, respectively.

244 3.5 Duplicated Cases

245 The last kind of error we discovered in MQUAKE is simply unintended duplication — i.e., two
246 or more cases sharing the same start subjects, edited facts, chain of triples, and final answer. We
247 discovered 47, 4, and 4 cases of duplication, respectively, in MQUAKE-CF, MQUAKE-CF-3K, and
248 MQUAKE-T.

249 4 Remastering MQUAKE

250 In this section, we illustrate how we modified and improved the MQUAKE dataset to MQUAKE-
251 REMASTERED with various fixes on the data samples themselves, as well as providing utility modules
252 to facilitate how one interacts with such datasets.

253 4.1 Hard Corrections

254 Three types of error existing in MQUAKE can be fixed once and for all with some careful hard
255 corrections, they are namely Conflicting Edits (§3.3), Missing Information in Multi-hop Question
256 Instructions (§3.4), and Duplicated Cases (§3.5). For Conflicting Edits and Duplicated Cases, since
257 there are only a few such errors (<50 per type per dataset), we employ some manual corrections
258 to address these errors: in the former case, we flip the minority edits to align with the majority
259 edits (and adjust their answers to their subsequence subquestions, should there be any); in the latter
260 case, we simply remove such duplicated cases (except for MQUAKE-CF-3K, which we manually
261 select 4 more cases from MQUAKE-CF to keep the dataset having 3,000 cases in total and a 1,000
262 cases for {2, 3, 4}-hops). For the Missing Information in Multi-hop Question Instructions errors, we
263 rewrite such natural language question instructions and then replace the original information-missing
264 instructions.

265 4.2 Dynamic Masking for Maximum Coverage: MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF, 266 MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-3K, and MQUAKE-REMASTERED-T

267 Due to the contamination count of Intra Edited-to-Unedited Contamination (§3.1) and Inner Edited-
268 to-Edited Contamination (§3.2) tend to grow in the opposite direction as shown in Table 1 and 2,
269 it is impossible to find a fix within the current MQUAKE that can address both issues without
270 significantly decreasing the dataset size. As an alternative, we develop an API that will take a
271 `case_id` and an `edited_flag` as input, respectfully indicating the evaluating case-in-question and
272 whether this case is considered edited; our API shall then return a set of triples that are contamination
273 free by dynamically masking out the conflicting edits from other cases. After such, the user may build
274 up an editing knowledge bank upon such triplets and conduct evaluations for any memory-based
275 knowledge editing methods without losing any of the 9,218 cases from MQUAKE-CF or 1,868 cases
276 from MQUAKE-T.

277 Specifically, once `case_id`-of-interest is given, our API would loop through all of its subquestions
278 and identify if any of such subquestions is considered edited under another case. If there is a hit, the
279 triple with respect to such edited subquestions is then removed from the bank of edited triples. This
280 dynamic masking mechanism would ensure all cases within the original MQUAKE be usable against
281 memory-based knowledge editing methods. **However, the drawback of masking is it won't support
282 parameter-based knowledge editing methods**, where weight update is required. We additionally
283 provide a MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334 to address the need for such methods (Appendix C.1).

284 5 Benchmark and Discussion

285 Given almost all proposed multi-hop knowledge editing methods are evaluated on the original, error-
286 contained, MQUAKE datasets. Here, we provide a re-benchmark of those methods against post-fix
287 MQUAKE-REMASTERED datasets for a more reliable reporting of each method's performance.

288 5.1 Experiment Coverage

289 **Compared Methods** In this work, **we aim to cover most, if not all, open-sourced knowledge
290 editing methods evaluated on the original MQUAKE**. To the best of our knowledge, this screening
291 criteria include MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023] and PokeMQA [Gu et al., 2024] as methods specifically
292 proposed to target this multi-hop knowledge editing problem and evaluated on MQUAKE. We
293 additionally include ICE [Cohen et al., 2023] and IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a] as these are also methods
294 purposed for the (single-edit) multi-hop knowledge editing task, though not specifically evaluated

295 on MQUAKE in their original publications. We note that we are aware methods like GMeLLO
 296 [Anonymous, 2024], GLAME [Mengqi et al., 2024], RAE [Shi et al., 2024], StableKE [Wei et al.,
 297 2024], and Temple-MQA [Cheng et al., 2024] are also evaluated on MQUAKE, but they are purposely
 298 omitted from our re-benchmark coverage due to lack of open-sourced implementation, likely because
 299 most of these works are still in submission. Last, we note DeepEdit [Wang et al., 2024] is also an open-
 300 sourced MQUAKE-evaluated method, but we excluded it due to its lack of inference optimization
 301 (>200 A100 GPU hours needed for 1-edit on MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-3K).

302 **Covered Models** We opt to use lmsys/vicuna-7b-v1.5 [Zheng et al., 2023b], mistralai/Mistral-7B-
 303 Instruct-v0.2 [Jiang et al., 2023], and meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct [AI@Meta, 2024] as the
 304 choice of question-answering models, both for alignment with existing works [Zhong et al., 2023,
 305 Shi et al., 2024, Gu et al., 2024] as well as providing coverage the most recent language models. For
 306 methods that require a text-embedding model as a retriever, we use facebook/contriever-msmarco
 307 [Izacard et al., 2022] for alignment with MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023].

308 **Covered Datasets** We will provide coverage on our post-fix dataset, namely MQUAKE-
 309 REMASTERED-CF, MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-3K, and MQUAKE-REMASTERED-T in the
 310 masking fashion illustrated in §4.2; as well as MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334 in its vanilla form.
 311 These datasets are respectively corresponding to the original MQUAKE-CF, MQUAKE-CF-3K,
 312 and MQUAKE-T from Zhong et al. [2023] (with 6334 as an extra for parameter-based methods),
 313 but with the types of error mentioned in §3 fixed in the via means illustrated in §4. We emphasize
 314 that such modification is legitimate, and our MQUAKE-REMASTERED is free for the scholarly
 315 community to adopt, as the original MQUAKE dataset was published under the MIT license. Where
 316 MQUAKE-REMASTERED will be released under CC BY 4.0. All experiments are conducted with
 317 an 80G NVIDIA A100 from a DGX A100 server.

318 5.2 Results and Discussion

Table 3: Performance Comparison of Original MQUAKE and our MQUAKE-REMASTERED datasets

Method	MQuAKE-CF-3k		MQuAKE-T	
	Original	Remastered	Original	Remastered
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	6.7	6.77	30.84	44.37
GWalk	36.23	66.33	46.41	54.88

Table 4: Experiments on MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF with numbers of edited cases and methods. Results inside () are edited cases accuracy and unedited cases accuracy, respectively.

Method	MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF				
	1-edit	1000-edit	3000-edit	6000-edit	9171-edit
vicuna-7b-v1.5 [Zheng et al., 2023b]					
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	22.55 (100, 22.54)	21.54 (8, 23.2)	17.79 (7.43, 22.83)	12.62 (7.28, 22.58)	6.95 (6.95, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	61.89 (100, 61.89)	56.98 (56.2, 57.07)	56.37 (53.97, 57.54)	54.93 (53.27, 58.06)	54.15 (54.15, N/A)
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2 [Jiang et al., 2023]					
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	19.83 (<1, 19.84)	19.08 (20.6, 18.9)	18.9 (19.47, 18.62)	18.27 (19.02, 16.87)	18.09 (18.09, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	61.42 (100, 61.42)	57.79 (51.8, 58.52)	56.35 (52.3, 58.32)	53.73 (50.93, 59.04)	51.53 (51.53, N/A)
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct [AI@Meta, 2024]					
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	74.09 (100, 74.09)	73.67 (71.1, 73.98)	72.4 (70.9, 73.13)	71.62 (70.33, 74.05)	70.08 (70.08, N/A)

319 Given our MQUAKE-REMASTERED are mostly provided as a fix to MQUAKE, we would like to
 320 first highlight the drastic results difference when the same method is evaluated on these two datasets.
 321 Table 3 shows our fixing can indeed result in drastically different experiment reports. Where such dif-
 322 ference is especially significant for stronger methods, suggesting all previous reporting on MQUAKE
 323 has room for reliability improvements, which we filled here with MQUAKE-REMASTERED.

324 Due to page limitation, we only present the benchmark results on MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF in
325 the main text and refer our readers to Appendix D.2 for benchmarks of MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-
326 3K, MQUAKE-REMASTERED-T, and MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334. Given the dominance
327 of GWalk — a demo method we proposed as guidance to future scholars of this MHKE task — we
328 leave more discussion on this method below.

329 5.3 Making Faithful Approach to MQUAKE and MQUAKE-REMASTERED

330 Additionally, it is also our observation that many multi-hop knowledge editing methods with decent
331 accuracy reports on MQUAKE or MQUAKE-REMASTERED are utilizing designs that leverage
332 specific data properties unique to MQUAKE. For example, methods like GLAME [Mengqi et al.,
333 2024] utilize Wikidata [Vrandečić and Krötzsch, 2014] as the external knowledge graph to better
334 detect the edit-induced conflicts, which happen to be the source of MQUAKE as discussed in §2.1.
335 While these methods might have decent performance on MQUAKE, the cost of maintaining a positive
336 knowledge graph on the correct — but not just edited — knowledge facts is undoubtedly a non-trivial
337 operation cost. Yet, whether sourcing the same Wikidata knowledge graph as MQUAKE might
338 bring them data-specific advantages remains unanswered. Similarly, PokeMQA [Gu et al., 2024]
339 utilizes the 6,218 cases included in MQUAKE-CF but not in MQUAKE-CF-3K as the train set to
340 train its auxiliary components. Given MQUAKE is a dataset with relatively low diversity (e.g., it
341 only includes 37 types of relations), whether having a heavily overlapped train and test set will result
342 in data-specific advantages unique MQUAKE and its variants, again remains unanswered.

343 **A Minimally Invasive but Performant Approach: GWalk** Here, we provide a brief walkthrough
344 of a simple method we designed, namely GraphWalk. It does not leverage any data-specific property
345 unique to MQUAKE or MQUAKE-REMASTERED, yet still presents pleasant performance surpassing
346 many established baselines. We illustrate this method as a simple guidance and potential inspiration to
347 our future multi-hop knowledge editing scholars. **Due to page limitation, we introduce the technical
348 details and design intuition of GWalks in Appendix D.1**, and only present the performance of
349 GWalks in the main text.

350 We hope the performant nature of GWalk — in its most vanilla form, without employing any data-
351 specific property unique to MQUAKE or MQUAKE-REMASTERED — can inspire more multi-hop
352 knowledge editing methods that leverage the graph topology of edited facts, without converting such
353 facts to natural language descriptions (at least for retrieval).

354 6 Related Works

355 Our work mainly conducts an audit and provides fixes to the MQUAKE dataset. To the best of
356 our knowledge, only two prior arts have touched on the errors existing in MQUAKE: GMeLLO
357 [Anonymous, 2024] (an anonymous submission to ACL ARR 2024 February) and DeepEdit [Wang
358 et al., 2024]. As an overview, GMeLLO briefly discussed the same type of error we discussed in §3.4
359 without providing any quantitative error analysis or any fix. DeepEdit discovered the same inner
360 contamination error as we discussed in §3.2, but specific to *3000-edit* setup. DeepEdit’s proposed fix
361 is simply removing the 998 inner contaminated cases from the MQUAKE-CF-3K dataset, so this fix
362 is custom 3000-edit and done so by sacrificing 1/3 of the dataset capacity. We leave more details in
363 Appendix E due to page limitation.

364 Additionally, our work provides a re-benchmark of most, if not all, open-sourced knowledge editing
365 methods evaluated on MQUAKE, and sets guidance on how to faithfully approach such datasets. To
366 the best of our knowledge, no other work provides the same benchmark nor touches on the same
367 issue.

368 7 Conclusion

369 Our work provides a comprehensive audit and fix of the MQUAKE dataset. We further re-
370 benchmarked all open-sourced knowledge editing methods evaluated on MQUAKE with our
371 MQUAKE-REMASTERED datasets and provided guidance and examples on how to faithfully ap-
372 proach these datasets with our GWalk.

373 **Limitations and Impact Statement**

374 While our work comprehensively addressed many errors in MQUAKE, we caution our reader to
375 perform further analysis and evaluation on our MQUAKE-REMASTERED to ensure our fixes are
376 indeed exhaustive. We also note that multi-hop knowledge editing only represents one aspect of a
377 language model’s ability, so any actual deployment of a language model should undergo more, and if
378 possible, deployment-specific evaluations.

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484 **A Extended Preliminary**

485 **A.1 Demo Report of MQUAKE**

Table 5: Standard reporting format of MQUAKE-CF-3K, and MQUAKE-T demoed with MeLLO on Vicuna-7B [Zheng et al., 2023b]; k -edited means k cases out of the total cases are edited. Abbreviated table courtesy of Zhong et al. [2023] (Table 3).

Model	Method	MQUAKE-CF-3K				MQUAKE-T			
		1-edit	100-edit	1000-edit	3000-edit	1-edit	100-edit	500-edit	1868-edit
Vicuna-7B	MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	20.3	11.9	11.0	10.2	84.4	56.3	52.6	51.3

486 **A.2 Dataset Statistics**

Table 6: Dataset Statistics of MQUAKE. Numbers are in terms of cases (a case in MQUAKE is a chain consisting of multiple subquestions).

Dataset	# of Edits	2-hop	3-hop	4-hop	Total
MQUAKE-CF-3K	1	513	356	224	1,093
	2	487	334	246	1,067
	3	-	310	262	572
	4	-	-	268	268
	All	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
MQUAKE-CF	1	2,454	855	446	3,755
	2	2,425	853	467	3,745
	3	-	827	455	1,282
	4	-	-	436	436
	All	4,879	2,535	1,804	9,218
MQUAKE-T	1 (All)	1,421	445	2	1,868

Table 7: Dataset Statistics of MQUAKE-REMASTERED. Numbers are in terms of cases (a case in MQUAKE is a chain consisting of multiple subquestions).

Dataset	# of Edits	2-hop	3-hop	4-hop	Total
MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-3K	1	513	356	224	1,093
	2	487	334	246	1,067
	3	-	310	262	572
	4	-	-	268	268
	All	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF	1	2,446	850	441	3,737
	2	2,415	852	463	3,730
	3	-	823	451	1,274
	4	-	-	430	430
	All	4,861	2,525	1,785	9,171
MQUAKE-REMASTERED-T	1 (All)	1,421	441	2	1,868
MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334	1	1,971	77	0	2,048
	2	2,415	476	14	2,905
	3	-	823	128	951
	4	-	-	430	430
	All	4,386	1,376	572	6,334

487 B Extended Auditing

488 B.1 Example of Inner Contamination between Different Edited Cases (§3.2)

489 Again, we walk through two cases from MQUAKE-CF-3K as a concrete example. First, we show
490 them in their unedited format (again, subquestion breakdowns and intermediate answers are here for
491 demonstration purposes and are not visible to the question-answering LLM during evaluation):

- 492 • `case_id:1570` (unedited): *Who was the creator of the official language used in the work location*
493 *of Matti Vanhanen?*
 - 494 ◊ Which city did Matti Vanhanen work in? Helsinki.
 - 495 ◊ What is the official language of Helsinki? Finnish.
 - 496 ◊ Who was Finnish created by? Mikael Agricola.
- 497 • `case_id:1968` (unedited): *Who created the official language of Housemarque’s headquarters*
498 *location?*
 - 499 ◊ Which city is the headquarter of Housemarque located in? Helsinki.
 - 500 ◊ What is the official language of Helsinki? Finnish.
 - 501 ◊ Who was Finnish created by? Mikael Agricola.

502 Suppose `case_id:1570` and `case_id:1968` are both selected as editing cases, two triples containing
503 the following knowledge will be available: “*The official language of Helsinki is Black Speech*”
504 (intended for `case_id:1570`), and “*Finnish was created by William Shakespeare*” (intended for
505 `case_id:case_id:1968`), leading to the following edited breakdown.

- 506 • `case_id:1570` (edited): *Who was the creator of the official language used in the work location of*
507 *Matti Vanhanen?*
 - 508 ◊ Which city did Matti Vanhanen work in? Helsinki.
 - 509 ◊ What is the official language of Helsinki? ~~Finnish~~ Black Speech.
 - 510 ◊ Who was ~~Finnish~~ Black Speech created by? J. R. R. Tolkien.
- 511 • `case_id:1968` (edited): *Who created the official language of Housemarque’s headquarters*
512 *location?*
 - 513 ◊ Which city is the headquarter of Housemarque located in? Helsinki.
 - 514 ◊ What is the official language of Helsinki? Finnish.
 - 515 ◊ Who was Finnish created by? ~~Mikael Agricola~~ William Shakespeare.

516 Much like the previous conflict between unedited and edited cases, these two edited cases share a
517 common subquestion: “*What is the official language of Helsinki?*” However, such subquestion is
518 edited in `case_id:1570` while unedited in `case_id:1968`, causing unintended contamination.

519 **B.2 Error Analysis of MQUAKE-CF**

Table 8: Error statistics of MQUAKE-CF [Zhong et al., 2023] in terms of edited cases contaminating unedited cases §3.1. k -edited means k cases are edited out of the total 9218 cases.

# of Contaminated	MQUAKE-CF-3K						
	1-edit	100-edit	1000-edit	2000-edit	3000-edit	5000-edit	9218-edit
Cases	62	3307	5275	5110	4578	3346	0
Subquestions	62	4525	8751	8989	8326	6364	0

Table 9: Error statistics of MQUAKE-CF [Zhong et al., 2023] in terms edited cases contaminating each others §3.2. k -edited means k cases are edited out of the total 9218 cases.

# of Contaminated	1-edit	100-edit	1000-edit	2000-edit	3000-edit	5000-edit	9218-edit
Cases	0	8	192	441	732	1397	2873
Subquestions	0	12	270	606	1027	1986	4250

520 **C Extended Remastering**

521 **C.1 Contamination Free Subset: MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334**

522 While MQUAKE-REMASTERED-MASKED with masking operation can well support memory-based
 523 knowledge editing methods, it will not be compatible with parameter-based methods. This is because,
 524 for parameter-based methods, the set of edited facts used for training and evaluation needs to be
 525 constant yet consistent with each other at all times; whereas dynamic masking cannot suffice as it is
 526 essentially adjusting the dataset on the fly during inference time.

527 To effectively evaluate parameter-based knowledge editing methods, we present MQUAKE-
 528 REMASTERED-CF-6334. MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334 is a dataset extracted from
 529 MQUAKE-CF, where all 6,334 cases are edited cases; and they are completely contamination-
 530 free from each other. This dataset is suitable for LLM editing with parameter-based approaches, as
 531 one can make careful splits among the 6,334 cases of MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334 to serve
 532 as train, validation, and evaluation sets.

533 D Extended Benchmark and Discussion

534 D.1 GWalks

535 The design of GWalk hinges on the fundamental pipeline of memory-based knowledge editing
536 methods: where the pool of source only contains *edited facts*. This school of editing methods has
537 proven to be successful, mainly because it can leverage the power of retrieval-argument generation
538 (RAG) combined with the in-context learning (ICL) capability of LLMs. Further, it is common sense
539 that edited knowledge facts will be much less than unedited knowledge facts, making maintaining a
540 knowledge pool exclusively containing edited facts a viable option — like done so in MeLLO [Zhong
541 et al., 2023].

542 Different from MeLLO, where all edited facts are converted from triples to natural language (NL)
543 descriptions in its edited bank, GWalk preserves the edited facts in their original triples fashion and
544 leverages the graph topology they come with. This makes maintaining this edited bank much easier
545 — as one can easily adjust the entity or relation on a knowledge graph without rewriting every natural
546 language description of every related edited fact. It also brings more precise retrieval mapping when a
547 question pertaining to a certain edited fact is asked. This is because methods like MeLLO would need
548 to RAG from a pool of edited facts in NL format, and there might always be something — though
549 not actually related to the question asked — having a close enough embedding distance to the query
550 question (i.e., unintended retrieval), and thus result in hallucination. However, if we simply query the
551 entity and relations implied in a question against a knowledge graph, there is less chance of retrieving
552 unintended materials. Specifically, GWalk works like the following Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1: General Procedure GWalk on a Multi-hop Question

Input:

M , the Question Answering Language Model;
 T , a Text-embedding model;
 Q , a Multi-hop Question;
 E , a bank of edited facts as a knowledge graph.

Output:

o_p , the answer to Q .

Initialize:

$i = 1$, the subquestion counter;
 $o_p = \text{None}$, the answer from the previous subquestion.

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1  $s \leftarrow$  Extracted subject from  $Q$ ;  
2  $rels \leftarrow$  Prompt  $M$  to breakdown  $Q$  into a sequence of relations.  
/* If  $Q$  is ‘What is the official language of the country where Karl  
Alvarez holds citizenship?’, then  $s$  would be ‘Karl Alvarez’ and a  
553 possible  $rels$  is [‘citizenship’, ‘official language’] */  
3 for  $r \in rels$  do  
4   Query  $\langle s, r, ? \rangle$  against  $E$  using  $T$ , namely we do  $T(s)$  first to determine if there is a  
   retrievable  $s \in E$ , then inspect if the  $s \in E$  has an relation edge retrievable by  $T(r)$ .  
   /* We set a threshold on embedding similarity for  $T$  to determine  
   whether an item is retrievable or not. */  
5   Prompt  $M$  to generate subquestion  $q_i$  with  $s$  and  $r$ .  
6    $o_p \leftarrow$  the  $M$ -generated answer to  $q_i$ .  
7   if  $T(s, r)$  has a valid retrieval  $\langle s, r, o^* \rangle$  then  
8      $o_p \leftarrow o^*$ ;  
     /* The answer to this subquestion will be the start subject of the  
     next subquestion. */  
9      $s \leftarrow o_p$  ;  
10     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ ;  
11 Return  $o_p$ ;
```

Table 10: MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-3K

Method	MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-3K			
	1-edit	100-edit	1000-edit	3000-edit
vicuna-7b-v1.5 [Zheng et al., 2023b]				
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	16.54 (100, 16.51)	18 (9.0, 18.31)	14.63 (8.0, 17.95)	6.77 (6.77, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023] OOM	<1	<1	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a] OOM	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	54.89 (100, 54.87)	60.9 (54, 61.14)	57.37 (54.4, 58.85)	66.33 (66.33, N/A)
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2 [Jiang et al., 2023]				
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	19.73 (100, 19.71)	18.6 (21, 18.52)	16.33 (17.8, 15.6)	15.93 (15.93, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023] OOM	<1	<1	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a] OOM	<1	4.43 (4,4.49)	OOM	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	56.57 (100, 56.55)	61.93 (47, 62.45)	57.17 (51.5, 60.0)	51.0 (51.0, N/A)
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct [AI@Meta, 2024]				
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	<1	<1 (2.0, <1)	1.03 (3.0, <1)	2.3 (2.3, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023] OOM	<1	<1	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a] OOM	<1	<1	OOM	OOM
GWalk(Ours)	69.0 (100, 68.99)	76.73 (67, 77.07)	75.47 (74.2, 76.1)	70.6 (70.6, N/A)

*Results inside the parenthesis are edited cases accuracy and unedited cases accuracy, respectively.

Table 11: MQUAKE-REMASTERED-T

Method	MQUAKE-REMASTERED-T			
	1-edit	100-edit	500-edit	1864-edit
vicuna-7b-v1.5 [Zheng et al., 2023b]				
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	19.31 (100, 19.27)	18.88 (45.0, 17.4)	22.16 (40.4, 15.47)	44.37 (44.37, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	<1	<1	<1	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	<1	<1	<1	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	35.52 (100, 35.48)	46.51 (49.0, 46.37)	48.93 (56.0, 46.33)	54.88 (54.88, N/A)
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2 [Jiang et al., 2023]				
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	10.3 (0, 10.31)	10.25 (59.0, 7.48)	18.78 (48.4, 7.92)	47.75 (47.75, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	<1	<1	<1	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	<1	<1	<1	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	34.07 (0, 34.08)	45.76 (47, 45.69)	46.78 (51.2, 45.16)	50.7 (50.7, N/A)
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct [AI@Meta, 2024]				
MeLLO [Zhong et al., 2023]	<1	1.13 (17, 0.23)	4.72 (17.4, <1)	16.58 (16.58, N/A)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	<1	<1	<1	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	<1	<1	<1	OOM
GWalk (Ours)	70.12 (100, 70.1)	73.28 (84.0, 72.68)	76.61 (87, 72.8)	84.01 (84.01, N/A)

*Results inside the parenthesis are edited cases accuracy and unedited cases accuracy, respectively.

Table 12: MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334

Method	MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-6334			
	100-edit	1000-edit	3000-edit	6344-edit
vicuna-7b-v1.5 [Zheng et al., 2023b]				
MeLlo [Zhong et al., 2023]	19.16 (0, 10.99, 19.37)	19.27 (5.1, 9.58, 24.53)	11.17 (4.31, 8.55, 23.3)	6.83 (4.58, 7.72, 19.05)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
PokeMQA [Gu et al., 2024]	-	-	-	21.77 (3.25, 30.82, 1.59)
GWalk (Ours) KGWalk	57.55 (22.22, 64.84, 57.48)	61.79 (29.08, 66.17, 63.23)	59.1 (39.3, 63.74, 64.33)	56.62 (44.64, 62.11, 68.25)
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2 [Jiang et al., 2023]				
MeLlo [Zhong et al., 2023]	27.5 (<1, 23.08, 27.65)	27.54 (12.76, 24, 30.4)	24.37 (11.88, 25.51, 32.06)	21.26 (13.29, 24.9, 30.16)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	8.82 (11.11, 6.59, 8.86)	OOM	OOM	OOM
PokeMQA [Gu et al., 2024]	-	-	-	20.38 (3.99, 27.41, 69.84)
GWalk (Ours)	56.25 (33.33, 57.14, 56.28)	58.9 (34.69, 60.57, 60.6)	56.03 (42.69, 59.04, 59.85)	54.43 (47.49, 57.74, 52.38)
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct [AI@Meta, 2024]				
MeLlo [Zhong et al., 2023]	<1	<1	1.12 (1.17, 1.48, 0.22)	1.27 (<1, 1.4, 1.59)
ICE [Cohen et al., 2023]	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
IKE [Zheng et al., 2023a]	<1	OOM	OOM	OOM
PokeMQA [Gu et al., 2024]	-	-	-	20.38 (1.08, 28.41, 76.19)
GWalk (Ours)	67.01 (33.33, 74.73, 66.92)	71.89 (47.45, 80.94, 70.65)	73.76 (54.05, 81.6, 71.12)	74.22 (61.02, 80.47, 73.02)

*Results inside the parenthesis are edited cases (unique in the test set) accuracy, edited cases (overlap of the test and train set) accuracy, and unedited cases accuracy, respectively.

555 **E Extended Related Works**

556 Specifically, GMeLLO [Anonymous, 2024] briefly discusses the inconsistency between the triple chain
557 and the generated multi-hop questions in its §4.5.1, which is the same type of error we discussed
558 in §3.4. We note that GMeLLO merely highlights such errors but does not provide a quantified
559 measurement of its scale nor any fix. We did both in §3.4 and §4.1.

560 DeepEdit [Wang et al., 2024] discovered the same inner contamination error as we discussed in
561 §3.2. DeepEdit does provide a quantified measurement of the scale of such error but only pertains to
562 the MQUAKE-CF-3K dataset, and such quantifiable results are only valid when all 3,000 cases of
563 MQUAKE-CF-3K are considered edited; which, as shown in Table 5, only constitute one column
564 of MQUAKE-CF-3K’s reporting. Further, DeepEdit provides a rather hardcore fix to this problem
565 by removing the 998 inner contaminated cases from the MQUAKE-CF-3K dataset — which is
566 (supposedly) the same 998 cases we detect in Table 2 under the 3000-edit column — with the
567 post-fix dataset denoted as MQUAKE-2002 for having 2,002 out of 3,000 cases left. While this
568 fix is, of course, helpful, we argue our post-fix MQUAKE-REMASTERED-CF-3K, MQUAKE-
569 REMASTERED-CF, and MQUAKE-REMASTERED-T are much more comprehensive and effective
570 since they patched many more errors revealed in §3 (which still exists in MQUAKE-2002), works
571 outside the MQUAKE-CF-3K dataset, do not require the number of edits to be 2,002 cases, and most
572 importantly, done so without scarifying almost 1/3 of the capacity of the original dataset.