

SSP: Self-Supervised Prompting for Cross-Lingual Transfer to Low-Resource Languages using Large Language Models

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Abstract

Recently, very large language models (LLMs) have shown exceptional performance on several English language NLP tasks with just in-context learning (ICL), but their utility in other languages is still underexplored. We investigate their effectiveness for NLP tasks in low-resource languages (LRLs), especially in the setting of zero-shot cross-lingual transfer (0-CLT), where task-specific training data for one or more related medium-resource languages (MRLs) is available. We introduce Self-Supervised Prompting (SSP), a novel ICL approach for the 0-CLT setting.

SSP is based on the key observation that LLMs output more accurate labels if in-context exemplars are from the target language (even if their labels are slightly noisy). To operationalize this, since target language training data is not available in 0-CLT, SSP operates in two stages. In Stage I, using source MRL training data, target language’s test data is noisily labeled. In Stage II, these noisy test data points are used as exemplars in ICL for further improved labeling. Additionally, our implementation of SSP uses a novel Integer Linear Programming (ILP)-based exemplar selection that balances similarity, prediction confidence (when available) and label coverage. Experiments on three tasks and twelve LRLs (from three regions) demonstrate that SSP strongly outperforms fine-tuned and other prompting-based baselines.

1 Introduction

Very large language models (LLMs) such as GPT-3.5-Turbo & GPT-4 (Ouyang et al., 2022; Achiam et al., 2023) show exceptional performance on a variety of NLP and reasoning tasks via *In-Context Learning* (ICL) (Brown et al., 2020; Chowdhery et al., 2022). ICL feeds a task-specific instruction along with a few exemplars, appended with the test input, to the LLM. As LLMs can be highly sensitive to exemplars (Zhao et al., 2021), exemplar retrieval is crucial for ICL.

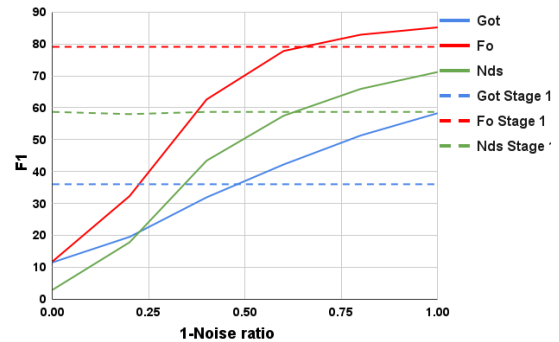


Figure 1: Llama2 70B, prompted with target LRL exemplars, along with artificially injected label noise (x-axis). Dashed lines represent performances when prompted with source MRL exemplars.

While LLMs have shown excellent performance on English tasks, their utility on other languages is relatively underexplored. In this work, we study *zero-shot cross-lingual transfer* (0-CLT) to low-resource languages (LRLs) – a setting where labeled task data from one or more related medium-resource languages (MRLs) is available, but no labeled training data exists for the target LRL.

Cross-lingual transfer has been addressed through standard fine-tuning (Muller et al., 2021; Alabi et al., 2022), and language adapters (Pfeiffer et al., 2020; Üstün et al., 2020; Rathore et al., 2023), but there is limited work on cross-lingual ICL. There are two exceptions (Ahuja et al., 2023; Asai et al., 2023), where ICL is employed with exemplars from a source language, but they use uniformly random sampling for exemplar selection, resulting in performance inferior to cross-lingually fine-tuned models, such as mBERT and XLM-R (Devlin et al., 2019; Conneau et al., 2020).

In our preliminary experiments, we prompt the Llama2-70B model with exemplars from source MRLs, and compare it’s performance with the same LLM prompted with exemplars from the target

LRL. We vary the label noise on the target exemplars. Unsurprisingly, LLMs show better performance with less label noise. More interestingly, we find that a reasonably-sized noise region exists (see Figure 1), such that if the exemplar noise is within that range, then the overall performance is higher than prompting with source language data.

Armed with this observation, we present Self-Supervised Prompting (SSP) – a novel ICL framework for 0-CLT to LRLs. Since the target LRL training data is not available in 0-CLT, SSP operates in two stages. In Stage I, SSP labels all test instances of LRL using training data from MRL. This may be done by LLM prompting (as in the experiment above), or using any other existing approaches for 0-CLT, such as by fine-tuning or adapters. Once (noisy) labels on target LRL are obtained, in Stage II, SSP uses ICL using these noisy test data points (except itself) as exemplars for further performance improvement. Additionally, to select the best exemplars, we develop a novel Integer Linear Programming (ILP) based selection approach, which balances the various objectives of (1) similarity of exemplar with test sentence, (2) high confidence in label predictions, and (3) coverage of the various labels for better task understanding. Figure 2 gives an overview of our proposed pipeline.

We perform experiments on sequence labeling tasks (POS and NER), and natural language inference (NLI) – a text classification task. Our datasets encompass twelve low-resource languages from typologically diverse language families and three regions: African, Germanic and American. Our experiments show consistent and substantial improvements over existing fine-tuning as well as simpler ICL-based approaches. We will make both our codebase and prompts publicly accessible.

Our contributions are summarized as follows:

1. We investigate ICL strategies for the task of zero-shot cross-lingual transfer to low-resource languages, utilizing the labeled data from related languages.
2. We propose SSP, a two-stage self-adaptive prompting paradigm for this task, where the first stage may be done by an LLM or other cross-lingual transfer models.
3. We introduce an exemplar selection approach that utilizes an ILP. The ILP incorporates similarity to test input along with confidence of prediction (when available), and enforces label coverage constraints for better selection.

4. Experiments on 3 tasks and 11 languages show that SSP outperforms existing fine-tuning, adapter and LLM-based SoTA models.

2 Related Work

An ICL prompt consists of (1) task description: to facilitate the understanding of task, (2) labeled input-output pairs: Written sequentially in order of their relevance to input query, and (3) input itself. **Cross-lingual ICL:** In general, cross-lingual ICL has not been systematically explored in literature. In existing works, prompting is primarily done in a high-resource language, typically English. This is called *cross-lingual (CL) prompting*. This differs from *in-language (IL) prompting*, where examples are retrieved from the candidate pool of the target language itself. This assumes the availability of labeled data for target LRL, which is not true in our zero-shot setting. In response, we develop novel techniques making use of both CL prompting and IL prompting, while not utilizing the gold labels during IL prompting stage.

Most existing cross-lingual ICL methods use uniformly random input-output pairs for exemplar selection (Zhang et al., 2021; Winata et al., 2021; Ahuja et al., 2023; Asai et al., 2023). Recent approaches (Agrawal et al., 2022; Tanwar et al., 2023) address this gap by utilizing *semantic similarity* for cross-lingual retrieval from a high-resource language’s labeled data, given the target LRL’s instance as query. This is facilitated by embedding-based multilingual retrievers such as multilingual sentence-transformers (Reimers and Gurevych, 2020). More recently, OpenAI-based embeddings such as Ada-002¹ have been used effectively for cross-lingual retrieval (Nambi et al., 2023). We extend this line of work by also incorporating label confidence and label coverage in exemplar selection.

Self-Adaptive Prompting: Wan et al. (2023) proposed *Universal Self-Adaptive (USP)* framework, which has been explored only for monolingual (English) setting. USP uses an external *unlabeled* dataset of instances and labels them using LLM in Stage I. It then samples multiple Chain-of-thought (CoT) paths to estimate the logits using the same LLM, and then utilizes the entropy of logits for exemplar selection for Stage 2. Our work has similarities to USP in that both methods are two-stage

¹<https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/embeddings/embedding-models>

prompting approaches. USP is different from SSP in that the former is much more expensive, since it requires multiple LLM runs to estimate logits. USP also does not use any exemplars (and only uses task description), which are quite important for better performance. Finally, USP has only been applied for English tasks, and has not been explored for cross-lingual tasks.

Fine-tuning approaches for Cross-lingual Transfer: Most approaches rely on fine-tuning a Pre-trained LM (PLM) such as BERT or XLM-R on one or more source languages ((Muller et al., 2021; Alabi et al., 2022)) and deploying on an unseen target language. Recently, Language-Adapter based approaches have been found more effective (Üstün et al., 2020) for cross-lingual transfer settings. For sequence labeling tasks (NER and POS tagging), ZGUL (Rathore et al., 2023) is a recent SOTA method that leverages ensembling Language Adapters from multiple MRLs to label each word in a target language. We leverage this in our proposed SSP pipeline.

3 Self-Supervised Prompting

We define the setting of zero-shot cross-lingual transfer (0-CLT) as follows. We are given source training data for a specific task: $D = \{(x_i, l_{g_i}, y_i)\}$, where x_i is the input text in language l_{g_i} , and the output is y_i . We are additionally given a set of unlabeled test data points $T = \{q_j\}$ from a target language l_{g_t} . Our goal is to train a model/create a protocol, using D , T and a large pre-trained LLM, that outputs good predictions on T for the task, assuming that l_{g_t} is a low-resource language, due to which its training data is not available, and that languages l_{g_i} are related to l_{g_t} .

Our solution approach, Self-Supervised Prompting (SSP), comprises two key stages as follows. In Stage I, it proposes a noisy labeling for all data points in T using source data D . This may be done in different ways, as described next. In Stage II, it uses the LLM and noisy labeling on T from Stage I as exemplars to improve the labelings. Furthermore, SSP uses a novel integer-linear programming based exemplar selection. We now describe each component of our system.

3.1 Stage I: initial labeling using source data

To create a first labeling for all test points, SSP can use any existing approaches for 0-CLT, such as fine-tuning a multilingual language model for the

task, or use of language adapters or using our LLM with in-context exemplars from source language. In our experiments, we experiment with adapters and ICL, which we briefly describe next.

Cross-Lingual ICL: In the method, we use ICL over LLM for obtaining Stage I labelings. First, we retrieve a set of top- K exemplars from D using each test instance q_j as query. This selection is based on cosine similarity between their *Ada-002* embeddings. The selected exemplars are arranged in descending order of similarity scores, and included in the prompt between the task description (TD) and the input test instance. This approach has two drawbacks. First, since the LLM will typically be a large expensive model – this will require an LLM call per test data point in Stage I. Second, generally, these LLMs do not expose their logits, hence, we will not have access to prediction confidences from Stage I labelings.

Training smaller model(s) using D : Another possibility is to fine-tune a smaller multilingual LM, such as mBERT or mDeBERTa-v3 (He et al., 2021) on D for NLI task. For sequence labeling, we can use ZGUL (Rathore et al., 2023), which trains source language adapters using D , and uses inference-time fusion of source adapters for labeling test data points. These approaches can provide Stage I labelings for T along with prediction confidences, without making any expensive LLM calls.

3.2 Stage II: in-language ICL using ILP-based exemplar selection

After Stage I predictions for target instances T are obtained, SSP prompts the LLM to label each test data point $q \in T$, but uses in-context exemplars in target language using Stage I labelings. For exemplar selection, SSP implements a novel integer linear program (ILP) that balances *semantic similarity*, *prediction confidence* (when available) and *label coverage*.

Our primary objective is to maximize the aggregated semantic similarity of the selected exemplars, which is obtained using cosine similarity score between their OpenAI Ada-v2 embeddings. In addition, we impose two constraints:

- **Label Coverage:** The ILP tries to ensure the coverage of all labels for the given task in the selected exemplars – this has been found effective for ICL (Min et al., 2022).
- **Confidence:** In case Stage I predictions are

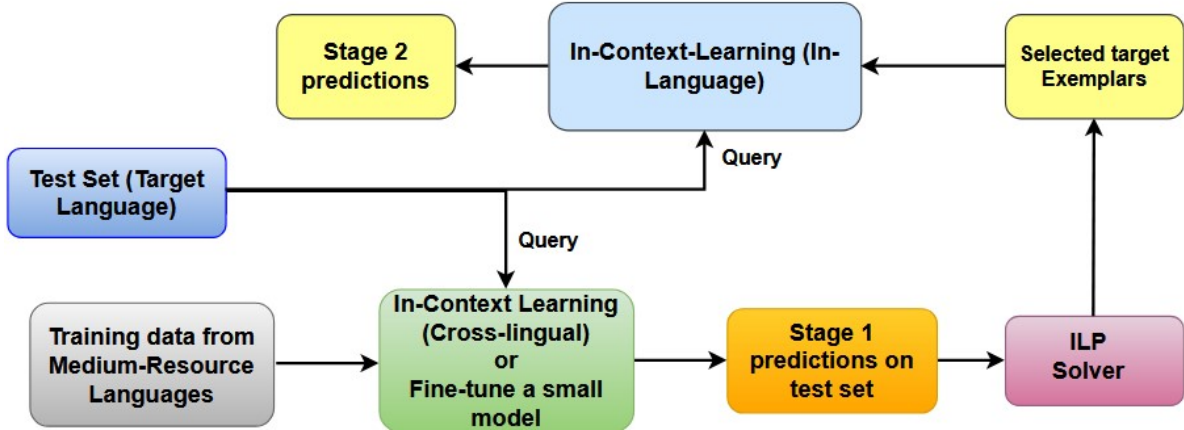


Figure 2: SSP Paradigm for Cross-Lingual Transfer to target low-resource language

made by a model whose logits are accessible (unlike the OpenAI LLMs), the ILP prefers selection of more confident exemplars. Our hypothesis is that confident predictions are also accurate (assuming the model is well-calibrated), and previous work has shown that performance of LLMs can be sensitive to correctness of exemplars (Wei et al., 2023)

SSP formulates these three factors into an ILP as follows. For a dataset D with n examples indexed from $\mathcal{I} = \{1 \dots n\}$, given a test data point q_j , let z_i be a binary variable denoting whether i^{th} test instance q_i is selected as an exemplar. We use a semantic similarity function $\text{sim}(q_i, q_j)$ to get the similarity between two examples. K is the number of exemplars to be selected. Since q_j cannot be an exemplar for itself, we select exemplars from $\mathcal{I} \setminus \{j\}$ only.

Let the set of all labels in the task be \mathcal{L} , and the multiset of all labels predicted (using argmax) for example q_i be L_i . The Stage I prediction confidence for label l in q_i is denoted as \hat{y}_l^i . This confidence is computed as average of probability scores across all predictions of label l in i^{th} sentence (details in Appendix A). The ILP uses a threshold τ_l for prediction confidence for a label l . Intuitively, the ILP maximizes the semantic similarity of K chosen exemplars, subject to each label l being present at least once in the exemplars, and average prediction confidence of each data point for each label being greater than τ_l .²

²Although we express constraints (3) and (4) as a hard constraint, they are implemented as soft constraints (added in the primary objective) following standard practices of approximate solvers such as Gurobi

Formally, the ILP is formulated as

$$\max \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{j\}} z_i \cdot \text{sim}(q_i, q_j) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{such that } \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{j\}} z_i = K \quad (2)$$

$$z_i \cdot (\hat{y}_l^i - \tau_l) \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{j\}, \forall l \in L_i \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \{j\}} z_i \cdot \text{count}(L_i, l) \geq 1 \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (4)$$

Here $\text{count}(L_i, l)$ denotes the number of occurrences of l in L_i . In our experiments, we set $K = 8$, and $\tau_l = 80^{\text{th}}$ percentile threshold of the set $\{\hat{y}_l^i\}_{i=1}^n$ for a particular label l . The idea is to have label-specific threshold since the fine-tuned model may not have same calibration for all labels.

Since logits are not accessible for OpenAI LLMs GPT-3.5 and GPT-4x, in case Stage I labeling is done by either of these models using ICL, we skip the confidence thresholding constraint of ILP. This means that for this variant of SSP, the selection is made based on only similarity and label coverage.

4 Experiments

Our main experiments assess SSP performance compared to existing state-of-the-art models for 0-CLT. We also wish to compare various SSP variants, and estimate the value of the ILP-based exemplar selection.

4.1 Tasks and Datasets

We experiment on three tasks – POS tagging, NER and Natural Language Inference (NLI). We use the Universal Dependency dataset (Nivre et al., 2020) for POS tagging over Germanic languages,

Model	Hau	Ibo	Kin	Lug	Luo	Avg.	Fo	Got	Gsw	Avg
Full Fine-Tuning (FFT)	49.9	54.9	55.4	56.3	40.2	51.3	77.6	17.8	62	52.5
CPG (Üstün et al., 2020)	48.6	50.4	52.6	54.3	38.6	48.9	77.3	16.9	63.9	52.7
ZGUL	52.2	56	53.7	54.5	44.4	52.2	77.2	21.1	65	54.4
ICL-Llama-2-70b	64.3	61.2	59.2	60.1	47.3	58.4	79.1	36.0	71.8	62.3
ICL-GPT-3.5-turbo	54.5	69.2	57.8	63.7	46.4	58.3	81.2	37.9	72.2	63.8
ICL-GPT-4x	64.7	80.8	64.6	71.0	53.3	66.9	81.3	66.5	82.3	76.7
SSP(ICL)-llama-2-70b	57.6	62.6	56.0	57.6	43.1	55.4	78.5	37.9	73.5	63.3
SSP(ICL)-GPT-3.5-turbo	62.8	68.4	64.0	63.8	47.6	61.3	82.4	63.2	79.4	75.0
SSP(ICL)-GPT-4x	67.2	79.6	63.3	74.1	54.4	67.7	81.8	73.7	85.4	80.3
SSP(ZGUL)-Llama-2-70b	68.4	58	56.1	54.7	42.3	55.9	79.9	39.9	72.9	64.2
SSP(ZGUL)-GPT-3.5	61.1	68.9	62.1	67.1	51.4	62.1	82.8	67.5	77	75.8
SSP(ZGUL)-GPT-4x	72.5	79.8	71.4	77.4	55.1	71.2	82.2	71.5	85.6	79.8
w/o Conf. thresholding	71.3	81.9	69.2	74.6	52.7	69.9	82.8	57	81.4	73.7
w/o Label Coverage	71.1	79.8	71.4	77.4	55.1	71	82.2	71.6	85.6	79.8
w/o both (sim-based)	70.3	81.8	68	74.8	51.9	69.4	82.4	55.8	82.3	73.5
w/o ILP (Random)	64.1	77.6	61.5	66.1	46.6	63.2	80.6	54.8	80.9	72.1
<i>Skyline (GPT-4x)</i>	75.5	85.9	70.7	73.6	67.2	74.6	93.5	80.7	89.9	88

Table 1: Micro-F1 scores for African NER (left) and Germanic POS (right) (Statistical significance of bold numbers: McNemar p-value = 0.008 and 0.0004, respectively)

Family	Source languages	Source size
Germanic	{En,Is,De}	30000
African	{En,Am,Sw,Wo}	19788
American	{En,Es}	19998

Table 2: Size (No. of sentences) of Combined Source language datasets (En - English, Is - Icelandic, De - German, Am - Amharic, Sw - Swahili, Wo - Woloff, Es - Spanish)

Family	Test languages	Labels
Germanic	{Fo, Got, Gsw}	2370
African	{Hau,Ibo,Kin,Lug,Luo}	1100
American	{Aym,Gn,Nah}	501

Table 3: Size (No. of labels) of Target language datasets, *per language*, on average. (Fo - Faroese, Got - Gothic, Gsw - Swiss German, Hau - Hausa, Ibo - Igbo, Kin - Kinyarwanda, Lug - Luganda, Luo - Luo, Aym - Aymara, Gn - Guarani, Nah - Nahuatl)

MasakhaNER (Adelani et al., 2021) for African NER, and AmericasNLI (Ebrahimi et al., 2022) for NLI task on the indigenous languages of Americas. Overall, we use twelve low-resource test languages as target (e.g., Kinyarwanda, Faroese, and Aymara), and 2-4 source languages per dataset (e.g., Icelandic, Spanish and Swahili; always including English). Further details are in Appendix C. Tables 2 and 3 show the languages and number of examples in the source and target datasets respectively.

Recent studies have shown sensitivity of the output to the template/format of input-output pairs written in the prompt (Sclar et al., 2023; Voronov

et al., 2024). We follow the best template given in Sclar et al. (2023) for NLI, while for sequence labeling, we explore various templates on our own and report our results on the best one. We refer to Appendix B for details and the exact templates used for each of our tasks.

For obtaining test set, we randomly sample 100 test samples for each target language for NER and POS tasks. We justify this as each sentence has multiple labels, bringing the total no. of instances to be labeled per language to 2370 and 1100 for POS and NER respectively. For the NLI task, we sample 501 test samples (167 for each class: ‘entailment’, ‘contradiction’ and ‘neutral’). We report statistical significance (in table captions) to justify our evaluation.

We also perform a careful contamination study, following (Ahuja et al., 2022), by asking LLMs to fill dataset card, complete sentence (and labels), given partial sentence, and generate next few instances of the dataset. As further detailed in Appendix F, we do not observe any evidence of contamination of these languages’ test splits in the OpenAI LLMs, suggesting that OpenAI LLMs have likely not seen these test datasets during their training.

4.2 Comparison Models

Baselines: We compare our SSP approach with the SoTA fine tuning models, as well as LLM-based ICL methods using naive random exemplar selection. In particular, we fine-tune ZGUL – mBERT Language Adapter-based SoTA zero-shot baseline for NER and POS tagging, and mDeBERTa fine-

Model	Aym	Gn	Nah	Avg.
mDeBerta ¹⁰⁰ (Laurer et al., 2022)	34.9	43.9	48.9	42.6
mDeBerta ^{CL}	33.9	47	46.9	42.6
ICL-GPT-3.5-turbo	38.2	41.7	35.3	38.4
ICL-GPT-4x	32.8	55.8	42.2	43.6
SSP(ICL)-GPT-3.5-turbo	38.4	38.8	43.2	40.1
SSP(ICL)-GPT-4x	37.5	58.5	51.8	49.3
SSP(ZGUL)-GPT-3.5	43.1	46	46.8	45.3
SSP(ZGUL)-GPT-4x	36	61.3	59.2	52.2
w/o Conf. thresholding	42.9	60.1	50.3	51.1
w/o Label Coverage	37	58.2	57.4	50.9
w/o both (sim-based)	34.3	59.7	57.1	50.4
w/o ILP (Random)	33.4	53.8	53.4	46.9
<i>Skyline (GPT-4x)</i>	<i>55.6</i>	<i>49.2</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>54.9</i>

Table 4: Micro-F1 scores for Americas NLI (Statistical significance of bold number: McNemar p-value = 0.054)

tuned for NLI. We additionally utilize the public model mDeBERTa-v3-base-xnli-multilingual-nli-2mil7 (Laurer et al., 2022) for NLI evaluation. We term our own fine-tuned model as mDeBERTa^{FT} and the public model as mDeBERTa¹⁰⁰, as it was trained on 100 languages (while not covering any of our target languages). For POS and NER, we also add full parameter fine-tuning and Conditional Parameter Generation (CPG (Üstün et al., 2020)) baselines, fine-tuned using the same underlying LM (i.e. mBERT) as ZGUL.

SSP Variants: We implement SSP with a series of top-of-the-line LLMs – GPT-3.5-turbo (Ouyang et al., 2022), GPT-4x (GPT-4/GPT-4-Turbo) (Achiam et al., 2023), and LLaMa-2-70b (Touvron et al., 2023). If Stage I uses ICL, then the same LLM is used for both stages I and II. Alternatively, ZGUL and mDeBERTa based methods are also used in Stage I of SSP.

To understand the value of the ILP, we perform three ablations on exemplar selection strategy – (a) without confidence thresholding (for fine-tuned LM), (b) without label coverage and (c) without both, i.e. pure similarity-based. The ablations are conducted with the best performing underlying LLM i.e. GPT-4x.

Skyline: To understand the current performance gap due to lack of target language training data, we also implement a skyline utilizing the available data for target languages and perform *few-shot in-language similarity-based* exemplar selection (using Ada-v2 embeddings) for *in-language* ICL to the LLM.

5 Results and Analysis

We present the results for all tasks in Tables 1, and 4. ICL- X represents ICL over an LLM X with source language exemplars. SSP($model$)- X represents the use of $model$ for Stage I followed by LLM X for Stage II. In case ICL is used in Stage I, then same LLM X is used in both stages.

Analyzing the results, we first observe that all ICL- X baselines perform much better than previous fine-tuning approaches for the 0-CLT task. This reaffirms the importance of studying and improving in-context learning over very large language models for our setting.

Comparing among SSP variants, it is not surprising that GPT-4 performance supercedes GPT-3.5, which is much better than Llama2 70B. We next compare ICL baselines and SSP variants, when using the same LLM. We find that SSP’s two stage workflow consistently outperforms ICL by significant margins. In fact, in-language exemplars with very noisy labels from stage 1 (E.g. for Got language with GPT-3.5-Turbo) perform quite well. These observations underscore the value of target language exemplars in ICL, even at the cost of label noise.

Finally, we compare SSP with Stage I via ICL over an LLM vs. via a fine-tuning baseline (ZGUL or mDeBERTa). Fine-tuning baseline for Stage I has two benefits – it is cheaper (due to no LLM calls in Stage I), and has prediction confidence that can allow ILP to select highly confident Stage II exemplars. Due to the latter, in two of the three language groups, the use of a fine-tuning baseline performs much better, and in the third group, it

is marginally behind due to weaker performance in one language (Gothic). This happens because ZGUL has a particularly poor performance on this language, leading to much noisier labels in Stage II exemplars.

Overall, our best SSP solution uses a fine-tuning baseline (ZGUL or mDeBerta) for Stage I and GPT-4 for Stage II, using its novel ILP-based exemplar selection. It outperforms closest baselines by around 3 F1 pts, on average, establishing a new state of the art for zero-shot cross lingual transfer to low resource languages. The best SSP reported results are statistically significant compared to the best baseline using McNemar’s test (p-values in Tables 1 and 2 captions). We believe that our work is a significant advancement to the existing paradigm (Tanwar et al., 2023; Nambi et al., 2023), which is restricted to optimizing only one round of in-context learning. More detailed analysis on this follows in Appendix E.

5.1 Ablation Study

We now discuss the results of removing ILP components in Stage II exemplar selection. Tables 1, and 4 (last four rows) report the impact of removing confidence thresholding constraint, label coverage constraint, both of these constraints (i.e., just using similarity) from the ILP. The final row removes ILP completely and presents results of random exemplars in Stage II. All these ablations are done on SSP with ZGUL/mDeBerta for Stage I, as only those output prediction probabilities.

Impact of label coverage: We observe an average gain of 1.3 F1 points over AmericasNLI task compared to the ablation model that does not ensure label coverage as a constraint. To investigate further, we compute the average number of exemplars for each label that are covered in the selected set for both methods, along with their label-wise F1 scores (see Figure 3). We observe that the ‘neutral’ label is not sampled in most cases for *w/o label coverage* variant, while exactly one ‘neutral’ label is sampled in the SSP(mDeBerta), with label constraint. We find that this happens as the smaller fine-tuned model mDeBerta-CL has very poor recall (0.24) for ‘neutral’ class and hence any selection strategy has a natural tendency to not sample this label, unless enforced via a constraint. The class-wise recall scores for SSP(DeBerta^{CL})-GPT4 with and without label coverage are presented in Table 7. We observe a difference of 22 recall points for ‘neutral’ class (57.6 vs 35.6) between the two

Model	Neu.	Ent.	Con.	Macro-F1
DeBerta ^{CL}	34.7	53	40.3	42.6
SSP-V2	51.7	53.4	51.4	52.2
(w/o Label)	42.6	52.3	57.9	50.9

Table 5: Labelwise F1 scores for fine-tuned model (DeBerta-CL) and SSP-V2 variants w. and w/o Label coverage (GPT-4-Turbo)

ILP variants. An example illustrating this behavior in terms of the exemplars selected by both methods is shown in Figure 6 (appendix).

Impact of confidence thresholding: For sequence labeling tasks, confidence thresholding plays a key role. This is validated from ablation results in Table 1, wherein removing confidence thresholding constraint from SSP leads to 5.7 points drop for POS tagging (Germanic) and 1.3 points for NER. The drop is particularly significant (around 13.5 F1 points) for Gothic (Got), which shows that not utilizing the confidence scores can lead to drastic drop. This may be because performance of ZGUL is already poor on Gothic (21 F1 points), but confidence thresholding may have likely compensated by picking higher quality exemplars. Removing thresholding would increase noise in exemplars considerably, leading to the drop.

We further study its impact by computing the quality of Stage II exemplars selected by SSP(mDeBerta), as well as all its ablation variants. We compute the label-wise precision over all $K \times N$ ($K=8, N=no. of test instances$) samples for each target language, and then report their macro-average. We observe for (Figure 3) that the macro-precision of selected exemplars by the complete ILP is consistently higher than its other ablation variants, the least value being of w/o both (similarity-based) variant. This implies that the ILP is able to effectively sample high-precision exemplars which, in turn, gets translated into its superior downstream performance on the task.

For completeness, we also show the exemplar precision statistics for NER and POS (averaged over their label-wise precision scores) in Figure 4. The trends hold similar in the sense-that ‘w/o confidence’ and ‘similarity-based’ variants have significantly lower precision than SSP. This is expected because both these eschew confidence thresholding, leading to sampling of lower-confidence predictions. This translates to worse downstream performance (see Table 1). On the other hand, the ‘w/o label coverage’ variant is competitive in terms of

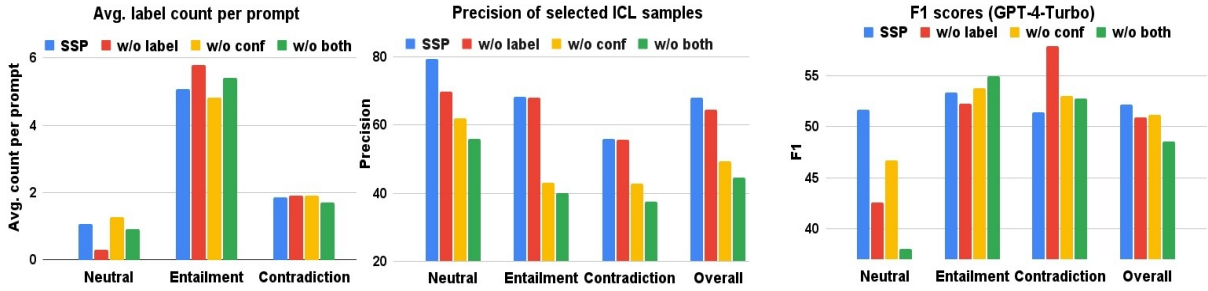


Figure 3: Label-wise statistics for AmericasNLI: Left to right - Label-wise count per prompt, Precision of ICL exemplars, and F1 results (averaged over target languages) using different selection strategies (GPT-4-Turbo)

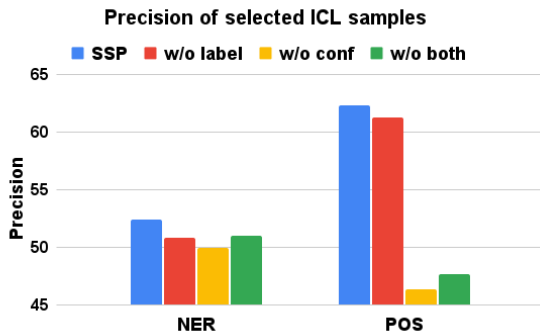


Figure 4: Precision of selected exemplars for African NER and Germanic POS

both exemplars’ precision as well as downstream performance for sequence labeling tasks. This so happens, because in sequence labeling, the issue of label coverage hardly matters, since as many labels as words in the ICL set are covered in the prompt, unlike classification tasks in which only K (in our case, 8) labels can be selected.

We also note that w/o ILP (completely random selection) ablation performs much worse than SSP, showcasing the importance of carefully selecting the exemplar set.

5.2 Error Analysis

We investigate scenarios where SSP approach systematically fails compared to other methods. For NER, we find that ZGUL (fine-tuned LM) underpredicts the ‘DATE’ label. As a result, SSP almost never samples this label in stage 2 exemplars, hence hurting the performance for this label. For NLI task, we observe that in order to ensure label coverage, SSP samples the underpredicted label ‘neutral’ but while doing so, also ends up hurting the performance for ‘contradiction’ label (as seen in last plot of Figure 3).

6 Conclusions and Future Work

We study the zero-shot cross-lingual transfer setting for low-resource languages, when task-specific training data is available for related medium resource languages. We present Self-Supervised Prompting (SSP) – a novel two-stage framework for the use of in-context learning over very large language models. At a high-level, SSP first noisily labels the target test set using source training data (either by training a model/adaptor) or by in-context learning over an LLM. SSP then uses these noisily labeled target data points as exemplars in in-context learning over the LLM. A key technical contribution is the use of integer-linear program that balances exemplar similarity, labeling confidence and label coverage to select the exemplars for a given test point. Thorough experiments on three NLP tasks, and twelve low-resource languages from three language groups show strongly improved performance over published baselines, obtaining a new state of the art in the setting. Ablations show the value each ILP component in downstream performance.

In the future, we seek to extend our technique to more non-trivial applications such as cross-lingual generation and semantic parsing. We also posit that smaller fine-tuned models, when calibrated properly, can result in more efficient selection of exemplars to an LLM, as compared to poorly calibrated counterparts, in terms of downstream performance. We leave a careful and systematic investigation into this hypothesis for future work. Moreover, we currently cover the languages having Roman scripts only, but, we seek to extend our work for non-Roman script languages as well.

7 Limitations

We show all our results and ablations on the recent state-of-the-art LLMs including GPT4. The infer-

ence for these LLMs is expensive, and makes the model deployment infeasible. Other potential limitations are extending our method to tasks such as fact checking, in which the LLMs suffer from *hallucinations* and overprediction issues. The reason why we don't use LLM logits in ILP framework is because they are not openly released by OpenAI and hence, there becomes a need to rely on smaller fine-tuned models - which can potentially lead to sub-optimal downstream performance, in case the fine-tuned models are poorly calibrated. Another serious implication of using LLMs for non-roman script languages is unreasonably high *fertility* (tokens per word split) of the LLM tokenizers, which increases the cost as well as strips the input prompt, which is not desirable.

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A Implementation and Hyperparameter Details

We use Azure OpenAI service ³ for all experiments involving GPT-3x and GPT-4x models. For LLama-2-70b, we use the together API ⁴. We set temperature as 0.0 consistently for all our experiments, making our results directly reproducible. The max_tokens (max. no. of generated tokens) parameter is set to 1024 for POS and NER tasks, while 15 for the NLI. For all experiments, the no. of exemplars (M) is fixed to 8 for uniform comparison. For ILP solver, we use Python’s gurobipy ⁵ package.

A.1 Estimating confidence \hat{y}_k^i

For NLI task, the model always predicts a single label: ‘neutral’, ‘contradiction’ or ‘entailment’. We simply apply softmax on the class logits for the predicted label to compute the confidence \hat{y}_j^i (for i^{th} test instance).

In sequence labeling tasks, suppose for an input sentence having words: $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_T\}$, the model predicts labels $\{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_T\}$ with probabilities $\{\hat{p}_1, \hat{p}_2, \dots, \hat{p}_T\}$. Let *LabelSet* be $\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_N\}$. We compute confidence \hat{y}_l for each label for a given test example as follows:

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for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do
   $\hat{y}_k \leftarrow 0$            ▷ init each label’s confidence
   $c_k \leftarrow 0$          ▷ init each label’s count
end for
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $T$  do
  for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do
    if  $l_j == o_i$  then
       $\hat{y}_j \leftarrow \hat{y}_j + \hat{p}_i$            ▷ Update  $\hat{y}_j$ 
       $c_j \leftarrow c_j + 1$            ▷ increase counter
    end if
  end for
end for
for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do
   $\hat{y}_k = \hat{y}_k / c_k$            ▷ average over all occurrences
end for
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This outputs the confidence scores \hat{y}_l for a given example, with those not predicted in a sequence having 0 value.

³<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-in/products/ai-services/openai-service>

⁴<https://www.together.ai/>

⁵<https://pypi.org/project/gurobipy/>

B Prompt details

Prompts for the Named Entity Recognition (NER) and Part of Speech Tagging (POS) tasks are presented in the tab separated format shown in B.0.2 and B.0.3 respectively.

Prompts for Natural Language Inference (NLI) initially used the framework in Ahuja et al. (2023). To improve our performance, we changed the prompt to use Sclar et al. (2023)’s framework, where the authors performed an exhaustive search over tokens used for a prompt in order to find the prompt with optimal performance. This increased Macro F1 score by atleast 10% across all the tested languages. We use the same prompt across all models used in our experiments.

B.0.1 Natural Language Inference (NLI)

Task Description: You are an NLP assistant whose purpose is to solve Natural Language Inference (NLI) problems. NLI is the task of determining the inference relation between two (short, ordered) texts: entailment, contradiction, or neutral. Answer as concisely as possible in the same format as the examples below:

Input format:

Premise: {premise} , Hypothesis: {hypothesis} ,

Output format:

Answer: {output}

Verbalizer:

match the one-word response from the model (neutral, contradiction or entailment)

B.0.2 Named Entity Recognition (NER)

Task Description: Tag the following sentence according to the BIO scheme for the NER task, using the tags PER (person), LOC (location), ORG (organization) and DATE (date). Follow the format specified in the examples below:

Input format:

Sentence: $w_1 w_2 \dots w_T$

Output format:

Tags:

$w_1 < \text{TAB} > o_1$

$w_2 < \text{TAB} > o_2$

...

$w_T < \text{TAB} > o_T$

Verbalizer:

Extract the sequence of labels o_1, o_2, \dots, o_3 from generated response.

892 **B.0.3 Part of Speech (PoS) tagging**

893 **Task Description:** Tag the following sentence ac- 941
 894 cording to the Part of Speech (POS) of each word. 942
 895 The valid tags are ADJ, ADP, ADV, AUX, CCONJ, 943
 896 DET, INTJ, NOUN, NUM, PART, PRON, PROPN, 944
 897 PUNCT, SCONJ, SYM, VERB, X. Follow the for- 945
 898 mat specified in the examples below: 946
 899 **Input format:** 947
 900 Sentence: $w_1 w_2 \dots w_T$ 948
 901 **Output format:** 949
 902 Tags: 950
 903 w_1 <TAB> o_1 951
 904 w_2 <TAB> o_2 952
 905 ... 953
 906 w_T <TAB> o_T 954
 907 **Verbalizer:** 955
 908 Extract the sequence of labels o_1, o_2, \dots, o_3 from 956
 909 generated response. 957

910 **B.1 Verbalizer details for Tagging tasks**

911 The verbalizer for tagging tasks requires the LLM 958
 912 to output the words as well as the associated labels. 959
 913 The LLM’s output may not be perfect, as it may 960
 914 fail to generate all words or associate a label with 961
 915 each word. As a result, we find the *Longest Com-* 962
 916 *mon Subsequence* between the words generated by 963
 917 the LLM and the words of the example. This is 964
 918 done using Dynamic Programming, as described in 965
 919 (Bergroth et al., 2000). 966

920 Once we have found the longest common subse- 967
 921 quence, we assign the corresponding tags generated 968
 922 by the LLM to these words. If the tags are invalid, 969
 923 we assign a default tag (O for NER, and X for POS). 970
 924 Finally, for the words which don’t have any tags 971
 925 associated with them, we assign the same default 972
 926 tag as before. 973

927 It is to be noted that in most cases, the sentence 974
 928 generated by the LLM perfectly matches the origi- 975
 929 nal sentence. For GPT-4, less than 1% of the words 976
 930 fell into the category of having an invalid tag gen- 977
 931 erated, or not having the word generated. 978

932 **B.2 Prompts for GSW Examples**

933 The base SSP-SIM prompts for the GSW examples 979
 934 highlighted in Figure 5 are given below. Labels 980
 935 which are misclassified in the in-context exemplars 981
 936 are coloured in red, and the AUX labels which are 982
 937 to be flipped in the ablations are coloured in blue. 983
 938 It is interesting to note that examples 1 and 2 are 984
 939 similar, as example 1 is retrieved as an in-context 985
 940 exemplar for example 2. 986

B.2.1 Example 1

947 Tag the following sentence according to the Part 948
 948 of Speech (POS) of each word. The valid tags 949
 949 are ADJ, ADP, ADV, AUX, CCONJ, DET, INTJ, 950
 950 NOUN, NUM, PART, PRON, PROPN, PUNCT, 951
 951 SCONJ, SYM, VERB, X. Follow the format 952
 952 specified in the examples below: 953
 953 Sentence: I main , das Ganze letscht Wuchä isch 954
 954 mier scho ächli iigfaarä . 955
 955 Tags: 956
 956 ““ 957
 957 I PRON 958
 958 main VERB 959
 959 , PUNCT 960
 960 das DET 961
 961 Ganze NOUN 962
 962 letscht ADJ 963
 963 Wuchä NOUN 964
 964 isch AUX 965
 965 mier PRON 966
 966 scho ADV 967
 967 ächli ADV 968
 968 iigfaarä VERB 969
 969 . PUNCT 970
 970 ““ 971

971 Sentence: Du gsehsch uus , wi wenn de nöime no 972
 972 hättisch z trinken übercho . 973
 973 Tags: 974
 974 ““ 975

975 Du PRON 976
 976 gsehsch VERB 977
 977 uus PRON 978
 978 , PUNCT 979
 979 wi SCONJ 980
 980 wenn SCONJ 981
 981 de DET 982
 982 nöime ADJ 983
 983 no ADV 984
 984 hättisch AUX 985
 985 z PART 986
 986 trinken VERB 987
 987 übercho VERB 988
 988 . PUNCT 989
 989 ““ 990

990 Sentence: Dir weit mer doch nid verzöue , di 991
 991 Wäutsche heige vo eim Tag uf en anger ufghört 992
 992 Chuttlen ässe . 993
 993 Tags: 994
 994 ““ 995

995 Dir PRON 996
 996 weit VERB 997

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CLT-SIM	DET	NOUN	AUX	ADV	VERB	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	VERB	ADJ	ADP	VERB	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	AUX	AUX	VERB	VERB	PUNCT
SSP-CLT-SIM	DET	NOUN	AUX	ADV	AUX	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	ADV	ADJ	ADP	AUX	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	AUX	AUX	PART	VERB	PUNCT
SSP-CLT-SIM (Half AUX->VERB)	DET	NOUN	AUX	ADV	AUX	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	ADV	ADJ	ADP	AUX	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	AUX	AUX	PART	VERB	PUNCT
SSP-CLT-SIM (All AUX->VERB)	DET	NOUN	VERB	ADV	VERB	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	ADV	ADJ	ADP	VERB	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	AUX	AUX	VERB	VERB	PUNCT
Gold	DET	NOUN	AUX	ADV	AUX	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	ADV	ADJ	AUX	AUX	PUNCT	SCONJ	PRON	ADV	AUX	AUX	PART	VERB	PUNCT

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CLT-SIM	PRON	VERB	DET	ADJ	NOUN	VERB	PUNCT	PRON	VERB	ADV	ADJ	NOUN	VERB	PUNCT
SSP-CLT-SIM	PRON	AUX	PRON	PRON	NOUN	VERB	PUNCT	PRON	VERB	ADV	ADJ	NOUN	ADP	PUNCT
SSP-CLT-SIM (Half AUX->VERB)	PRON	AUX	PRON	PRON	NOUN	VERB	PUNCT	PRON	VERB	ADV	ADJ	NOUN	ADP	PUNCT
SSP-CLT-SIM (All AUX->VERB)	PRON	VERB	PRON	PRON	NOUN	VERB	PUNCT	DET	VERB	ADV	ADJ	NOUN	ADP	PUNCT
Gold	PRON	AUX	PRON	DET	NOUN	VERB	PUNCT	ADV	VERB	ADV	ADJ	NOUN	PART	PUNCT

Figure 5: Label flips for CLT-SIM and SSP-SIM, for POS tagging in Swiss-German (gsw). Incorrect labels are marked in red. SSP-SIM ablations include flipping half/all of the AUX labels in the prompt to VERB labels. Gold labels are given for reference.

992	mer	PRON		uufgschmissä	VERB	1029
993	doch	ADV		gsi	AUX	1030
994	nid	ADV		und	CCONJ	1031
995	verzöue	VERB		dem	PRON	1032
996	,	PUNCT		entschprächend	ADJ	1033
997	di	DET		fascht	ADV	1034
998	Wäutsche	NOUN		verzwiiflät	VERB	1035
999	heige	VERB		.	PUNCT	1036
1000	vo	ADP		““		1037
1001	eim	DET		Sentence: Der Ääschme wett nöd schaffe biin em .		1038
1002	Tag	NOUN		Tags:		1039
1003	uf	ADP		““		1040
1004	en	DET		Der	DET	1041
1005	anger	ADJ		Ääschme	NOUN	1042
1006	ufghört	VERB		wett	AUX	1043
1007	Chuttlen	NOUN		nöd	ADV	1044
1008	ässe	VERB		schaffe	VERB	1045
1009	.	PUNCT		biin	ADP	1046
1010	““			em	PRON	1047
1011	Sentence: es isch nämli echt usgstorbe gsi .			.	PUNCT	1048
1012	Tags:			““		1049
1013	““			Sentence: Zerscht hends am Dani gsait , är söli		1050
1014	es	PRON		dòch Hoochdütsch redä , das gängi denn grad gaar		1051
1015	isch	AUX		nöd , wenn är so redi , wiäner redi .		1052
1016	nämli	ADV		Tags:		1053
1017	echt	ADJ		““		1054
1018	usgstorbe	VERB		Zerscht	ADV	1055
1019	gsi	AUX		hends	PRON	1056
1020	.	PUNCT		am	ADP	1057
1021	““			Dani	PROP	1058
1022	Sentence: Aso bini rächt uufgschmissä gsi und			gsait	VERB	1059
1023	dem entschprächend fascht verzwiiflät .			,	PUNCT	1060
1024	Tags:			är	PRON	1061
1025	““			söli	AUX	1062
1026	Aso	ADV		dòch	ADV	1063
1027	bini	AUX		Hoochdütsch	ADJ	1064
1028	rächt	ADV		redä	VERB	1065

1066	, PUNCT	“	1117
1067	das PRON	I PRON	1118
1068	gäangi VERB	ha AUX	1119
1069	denn ADV	ar PART	1120
1070	grad ADV	Marie-Claire PROPN	1121
1071	gaar ADV	gseit VERB	1122
1072	nöd ADV	, PUNCT	1123
1073	, PUNCT	es PRON	1124
1074	wenn CONJ	sig AUX	1125
1075	är PRON	mer PRON	1126
1076	so ADV	chli ADV	1127
1077	redi VERB	schlächt ADJ	1128
1078	, PUNCT	und CCONJ	1129
1079	wiäner PRON	i PRON	1130
1080	redi VERB	mög VERB	1131
1081	. PUNCT	jetz ADV	1132
1082	“	nümm ADV	1133
1083	Sentence: Isch das e Sach gsi , bis mer se gfunge	liire VERB	1134
1084	hei gha .	. PUNCT	1135
1085	Tags:	“	1136
1086	“	Sentence: De Spanier hed de Kontakt vermettlet ,	1137
1087	Isch AUX	d Rumäne sölled d Holländer ombrocht ha .	1138
1088	das PRON	Tags:	1139
1089	e DET	“	1140
1090	Sach NOUN	De DET	1141
1091	gsi AUX	Spanier NOUN	1142
1092	, PUNCT	hed AUX	1143
1093	bis CONJ	de DET	1144
1094	mer PRON	Kontakt NOUN	1145
1095	se PRON	vermettlet VERB	1146
1096	gfunge VERB	, PUNCT	1147
1097	hei AUX	d DET	1148
1098	gha VERB	Rumäne NOUN	1149
1099	. PUNCT	sölled AUX	1150
1100	“	d DET	1151
1101	Sentence: Ds Gueten isch immerhin gsi , dass i	Holländer PROPN	1152
1102	ungerdesse söfu müed bi gsi , dass i ändlech ha	ombrocht VERB	1153
1103	chönne go schlofe .	ha AUX	1154
1104	Tags:	. PUNCT	1155
1105	“	“	1156
1106		Sentence: Ds Gueten isch immerhin gsi , dass i	1157
1107	B.2.2 Example 2	ungerdesse söfu müed bi gsi , dass i ändlech ha	1158
1108	Tag the following sentence according to the Part	chönne go schlofe .	1159
1109	of Speech (POS) of each word. The valid tags	Tags:	1160
1110	are ADJ, ADP, ADV, AUX, CCONJ, DET, INTJ,	“	1161
1111	NOUN, NUM, PART, PRON, PROPN, PUNCT,	Ds DET	1162
1112	SCONJ, SYM, VERB, X. Follow the format	Gueten NOUN	1163
1113	specified in the examples below:	isch AUX	1164
1114	Sentence: I ha ar Marie-Claire gseit , es sig mer	immerhin ADV	1165
1115	chli schlächt und i mög jetz nümm liire .	gsi VERB	1166
1116	Tags:	, PUNCT	1167
		dass CONJ	1168

1169	i PRON	Sentence: Mit der Zit hani mi mit mir säuber uf ei	1221
1170	ungerdesse ADV	Schriibwiis pro Wort aafo einige .	1222
1171	söfu VERB	Tags:	1223
1172	müed ADJ	““	1224
1173	bi ADP	Mit ADP	1225
1174	gsi VERB	der DET	1226
1175	, PUNCT	Zit NOUN	1227
1176	dass SCONJ	hani VERB	1228
1177	i PRON	mi PRON	1229
1178	ändlech ADV	mit ADP	1230
1179	ha AUX	mir PRON	1231
1180	chönne AUX	säuber ADJ	1232
1181	go VERB	uf ADP	1233
1182	schlofe VERB	ei DET	1234
1183	. PUNCT	Schriibwiis NOUN	1235
1184	““	pro ADP	1236
1185	Sentence: Isch das e Sach gsi , bis mer se gfunge	Wort NOUN	1237
1186	hei gha .	aafo VERB	1238
1187	Tags:	einige DET	1239
1188	““	. PUNCT	1240
1189	Isch AUX	““	1241
1190	das PRON	Sentence: Mit all denä Wörter hani natürlü nüt	1242
1191	e DET	chönä aafangä .	1243
1192	Sach NOUN	Tags:	1244
1193	gsi AUX	““	1245
1194	, PUNCT	Mit ADP	1246
1195	bis SCONJ	all DET	1247
1196	mer PRON	denä DET	1248
1197	se PRON	Wörter NOUN	1249
1198	gfunge VERB	hani PRON	1250
1199	hei AUX	natürlü ADV	1251
1200	gha VERB	nüt ADV	1252
1201	. PUNCT	chönä VERB	1253
1202	““	aafangä VERB	1254
1203	Sentence: De Dialäkt muess zu de Gschecht und	. PUNCT	1255
1204	zum Inhalt vonere Werbig passe .	““	1256
1205	Tags:	Sentence: Aso bini rächt uufgschmissä gsi und	1257
1206	““	dem entschprächend fascht verzwiiplät .	1258
1207	De DET	Tags:	1259
1208	Dialäkt NOUN	““	1260
1209	muess AUX	Aso ADV	1261
1210	zu ADP	bini AUX	1262
1211	de DET	rächt ADV	1263
1212	Gschecht NOUN	uufgschmissä VERB	1264
1213	und CCONJ	gsi AUX	1265
1214	zum ADP	und CCONJ	1266
1215	Inhalt NOUN	dem PRON	1267
1216	vonere ADP	entschprächend ADJ	1268
1217	Werbig NOUN	fascht ADV	1269
1218	passe VERB	verzwiiplät VERB	1270
1219	. PUNCT	. PUNCT	1271
1220	““	““	1272

Model	Neu.	Ent.	Con.	Overall
DeBerta ^{CL}	24.3	72.7	38.7	45.2
SSP-V2	57.8	46.5	51.5	52
(w/o Label)	35.3	43.8	68.5	49.2

Table 7: Labelwise Recall for fine-tuned model (DeBerta-based) and ILP variants w. and w/o Label coverage (GPT-4-Turbo)

Sentence: I cha der ihri Telefonnummere gä , de nimmsch mou unverbindlech Kontakt uuf .

Tags:

““

C Source and Target Languages for each task

Code	Language
En	English
Am	Amharic
Sw	Swahili
Wo	Wolof
Hau	Hausa
Ibo	Igbo
Kin	Kinyarwanda
Lug	Luganda
Luo	Luo
Is	Icelandic
De	German
Fo	Faroese
Got	Gothic
Gsw	Swiss German
Nds	Low-Saxon
Es	Spanish
Aym	Aymara
Gn	Guarani
Nah	Nahuatl

Table 6: Languages and their codes

D NLI Label coverage Analysis

We present an example of correct prediction made by SSP as compared to the version that doesn’t ensure label coverage in Figure 6 (English translation in Fig. 7).

E Qualitative Analysis: SSP-SIM

We present the analysis for the gains obtained via SSP-SIM for Germanic POS in Figure 8. The confusion matrix difference between SSP-SIM and

CLT-SIM suggests that the model misclassifies auxiliary verbs as verbs in CLT-SIM, and this is corrected in SSP-SIM. These errors are a consequence of the labels on the in-context exemplars the model receives, and not the tokens of the language itself.

We highlight this via the two Swiss-German POS examples in Figure 5. The misclassified verbs are corrected by SSP-SIM, and these labels are again misclassified when more than half of the labels in the in-context exemplars are corrupted.

F Data Contamination Analysis

Following Ahuja et al. 2023, we conduct contamination tests on test datasets for our target languages. We perform the following tests:

- Dataset Card filling: Generate dataset card (supported languages, dataset description, #instances in each split, etc.)
- Completion: Given a few words, complete the sentence and their labels, and
- Generation using first few instances: Given first K instances (K=5) in the dataset, generate next few instances following them.

We observe negligible contamination as depicted in table 8. The 40% accuracy for Quechua was a result of all the labels passed for the exemplars being entailment labels. As a result, the model repeated the same label for all the other examples, giving a 40% accuracy. *Following these results, to prevent any chance of contamination, we remove Quechua from our evaluation dataset.*

<p>Premise: Ah, huk chaypi allinqa apakurqa allin qawasqayqa paniypa ñawpaq yuyariyinmi, chaypas hina hipa pampapim karqa. Hypothesis: Yuyaruniqa hipa pampapi huk ima apakusqantam. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Yaykuykuptiykuqa punkukunaqa wichqasqam kachkarqa. Hypothesis: Punku wichqasqa kachkaptinpas yaykurqanikum. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Yanapawaqniy atiq sispasmi hatun llaqtapa waklawinpiraq tiyan. Hypothesis: Yanapawaqniy warmi warman 5 millas nisqan karupirqa tiyan. Answer: neutral</p> <p>Premise: Manam mayman risqanta yacharqanikuchu. Hypothesis: Mayman risqantam yacharqaniku. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Chayna kaptinqa hamutachkanim huktapiwan Ramonawan rimariyta. Hypothesis: Ramonawanmi huktapiwan rimarqani. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Ripukusqañam hinaspam amaña llakikunaypaq niwarqa. Hypothesis: Ama llakikunaytam niwarqa. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Ichapasyá huk kaq mana yachasqaymanta hamun ichaqa Hypothesis: Apurawtam hamun, ichaqa maymanta hamusqanta yachanim. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Locust Hill oh awriki, ari, kusa Hypothesis: Locust Hill nisqaqa allinmi. Answer: contradiction</p> <p>Premise: Oh, payllam isqun iskay iskayraq regulador nisqapi inyecciónta qinaq karqa. Hypothesis: Martes punchawtam inyector nisqata hinarqani. Answer: neutral</p>	<p>Premise: Ah, huk chaypi allinqa apakurqa allin qawasqayqa paniypa ñawpaq yuyariyinmi, chaypas hina hipa pampapim karqa. Hypothesis: Yuyaruniqa hipa pampapi huk ima apakusqantam. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Yaykuykuptiykuqa punkukunaqa wichqasqam kachkarqa. Hypothesis: Punku wichqasqa kachkaptinpas yaykurqanikum. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Manam mayman risqanta yacharqanikuchu. Hypothesis: Mayman risqantam yacharqaniku. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Chayna kaptinqa hamutachkanim huktapiwan Ramonawan rimariyta. Hypothesis: Ramonawanmi huktapiwan rimarqani. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Manam pachay karqachu ima kaqpas ruranaypaq. Hypothesis: Mana pacha llapan qinanaypaq haypawarqachu Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Ripukusqañam hinaspam amaña llakikunaypaq niwarqa. Hypothesis: Ama llakikunaytam niwarqa. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Ichapasyá huk kaq mana yachasqaymanta hamun ichaqa Hypothesis: Apurawtam hamun, ichaqa maymanta hamusqanta yachanim. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Locust Hill oh awriki, ari, kusa Hypothesis: Locust Hill nisqaqa allinmi. Answer: contradiction</p> <p>Premise: Oh, payllam isqun iskay iskayraq regulador nisqapi inyecciónta qinaq karqa. Hypothesis: Martes punchawtam inyector nisqata hinarqani. Answer: contradiction</p>
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Figure 6: Correct case of ‘Neutral’ detected by ILP (left), while ‘w/o label’ variant misses it (right). We note that exact one ‘neutral’ class has been sampled by ILP, while no ‘neutral’ is sampled in ‘w/o label’ version.

<p>Premise: Ah, one there good thing took away is my best view is my sister's old memory, which was also on the same hip floor. Hypothesis: I remember something carrying on the floor. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: The doors were locked when we entered. Hypothesis: We got in even though the door was locked. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: The sister who can help me lives just on the other side of the big city. Hypothesis: My assistant lives 5 miles away. Answer: neutral</p> <p>Premise: We didn't know where he was going. Hypothesis: We knew where he was going. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: In that case I'm coming up with another conversation with Ramona. Hypothesis: I talked to Ramona again. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: He had left and told me not to worry. Hypothesis: He told me not to worry. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Maybe it comes from something I don't know though Hypothesis: It comes quickly, but I know where it comes from. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Locust Hill oh yeah, yeah, great Hypothesis: Locust Hill is good. Answer: contradiction</p> <p>Premise: Oh, he was the only one who still injected nine seconds into the regulator. Hypothesis: I applied the injector on Tuesday. Answer: neutral</p>	<p>Premise: Ah, one there good thing took away is my best view is my sister's old memory, which was also on the same hip floor. Hypothesis: I remember something carrying on the floor. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: The doors were locked when we entered. Hypothesis: We got in even though the door was locked. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: We didn't know where he was going. Hypothesis: We knew where he was going. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: In that case I'm coming up with another conversation with Ramona. Hypothesis: I talked to Ramona again. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: I didn't have time to do anything. Hypothesis: I didn't have enough time to cover everything Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: He had left and told me not to worry. Hypothesis: He told me not to worry. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Maybe it comes from something I don't know though Hypothesis: It comes quickly, but I know where it comes from. Answer: entailment</p> <p>Premise: Locust Hill oh yeah, yeah, great Hypothesis: Locust Hill is good. Answer: contradiction</p> <p>Premise: Oh, he was the only one who still injected nine seconds into the regulator. Hypothesis: I applied the injector on Tuesday. Answer: contradiction</p>
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Figure 7: English translations of Exemplars shown in Fig. 6

		Predicted											
		ADJ	ADP	ADV	AUX	CCONJ	DET	NOUN	PRON	PROPN	PUNCT	VERB	X
Gold	ADJ	-2	0	0	0	0	2	-5	4	0	0	1	1
	ADP	-2	6	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	0	0	-1	4
	ADV	-5	-3	28	0	1	-6	-1	-5	0	0	-6	-4
	AUX	0	-1	-2	17	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-13	1
	CCONJ	0	-4	-1	0	7	0	1	-3	0	0	-1	0
	DET	1	1	-4	0	0	9	0	-3	-4	0	0	0
	NOUN	2	0	0	-1	0	-2	7	-3	0	0	-3	1
	PRON	-3	-3	-5	-1	0	2	-3	24	-4	0	-4	-2
	PROPN	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	3
	PUNCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-1
	VERB	0	-1	0	4	0	-1	-15	0	0	0	15	-2
	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	1

Figure 8: Difference in confusion matrices between SSP-SIM and CLT-SIM for the POS task, summed across all languages (tags with less than 100 instances have been omitted). The increase in correct tags is visible along the diagonal, and misclassifications between VERB and AUX tags / NOUN and VERB tags have also improved.

Task	Card Filling	Completion	Few-Shot Generation
NER	Didn't predict correct languages; no split sizes generated	No match found	NA
POS	predicted 33 languages, but doesn't contain any of our target languages	No match found	NA
NLI	predicts 3 languages, of which only one matches with our target language (Quechua); wrong test split size	Refuses to generate for 3 out of 4 target languages, except for Quechua - for which it predicts 100% of the tokens wrong and only 40% labels correctly (out of 10 instances)	Repeats the premise of last instance, copies the premise string to hypothesis as well (No match detected)

Table 8: Results of Contamination Study