

CONVCODEWORLD: BENCHMARKING CONVERSATIONAL CODE GENERATION IN REPRODUCIBLE FEEDBACK ENVIRONMENTS

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ABSTRACT

Large language models (LLMs) have proven invaluable for code generation, particularly in interactive settings. However, existing code generation benchmarks fail to capture the diverse feedback encountered in multi-turn interactions, limiting our ability to evaluate LLMs in these contexts. To address this gap, we present a set of novel benchmarks that explicitly model the quality of feedback provided to code generation LLMs. Our contributions are three-fold: **First**, we introduce CONVCODEWORLD, a novel and reproducible environment for benchmarking interactive code generation. CONVCODEWORLD simulates 9 distinct interactive code generation scenarios while systematically combining three types of feedback: (a) compilation feedback; (b) execution feedback with varying test coverage; (c) verbal feedback generated by GPT-4o with different levels of expertise. **Second**, we introduce CONVCODEBENCH, a fast, static version of benchmark that uses pre-generated feedback logs, eliminating the need for costly dynamic verbal feedback generation while maintaining strong Spearman’s rank correlations (0.82 to 0.99) with CONVCODEWORLD. **Third**, extensive evaluations of both closed-source and open-source LLMs on CONVCODEWORLD reveal key insights: (a) LLM performance varies significantly based on the feedback provided; (b) Weaker LLMs, with sufficient feedback, can outperform single-turn results of state-of-the-art LLMs without feedback; (c) Training on a specific feedback combination can limit an LLM’s ability to utilize unseen combinations; (d) LLMs solve problems in fewer turns (high MRR) may not solve as many problems overall (high Recall), and vice versa. All implementations and benchmarks will be made publicly available at <https://huggingface.co/spaces/ConvCodeWorld/ConvCodeWorld>.

1 INTRODUCTION

Human-AI pair programming has become a promising approach to boost software development productivity, where large language models (LLMs) iteratively refine the code from developers’ feedback. However, most existing benchmarks focus on single-turn scenarios, where LLMs are expected to generate executable code in one attempt Chen et al. (2021); Hendrycks et al. (2021); Austin et al. (2021); Li et al. (2022); Zhuo et al. (2024).

To address these gaps, we introduce CONVCODEWORLD (§2; left panel in Figure 1), a novel environment for benchmarking interactive multi-turn code generation across diverse feedback combinations. CONVCODEWORLD features nine scenarios by combining three feedback types: (a) compilation feedback, (b) execution feedback with partial and full test coverage, and (c) novice and expert level verbal human feedback. We simulate human feedback using GPT-4o (OpenAI, 2024) to generate verbal responses, ensuring reproducibility and cost-efficiency at only 1.5% of the cost of human annotation (Appendix A.2).

While replacing expensive human intervention with LLMs in CONVCODEWORLD reduces costs, it can still be expensive due to computational overhead or API fees, and latency due to LLM response. To address these issues, we introduce CONVCODEBENCH (§3; right panel in Figure 1), a static benchmark using pre-generated feedback logs. CONVCODEBENCH eliminates the need for real-

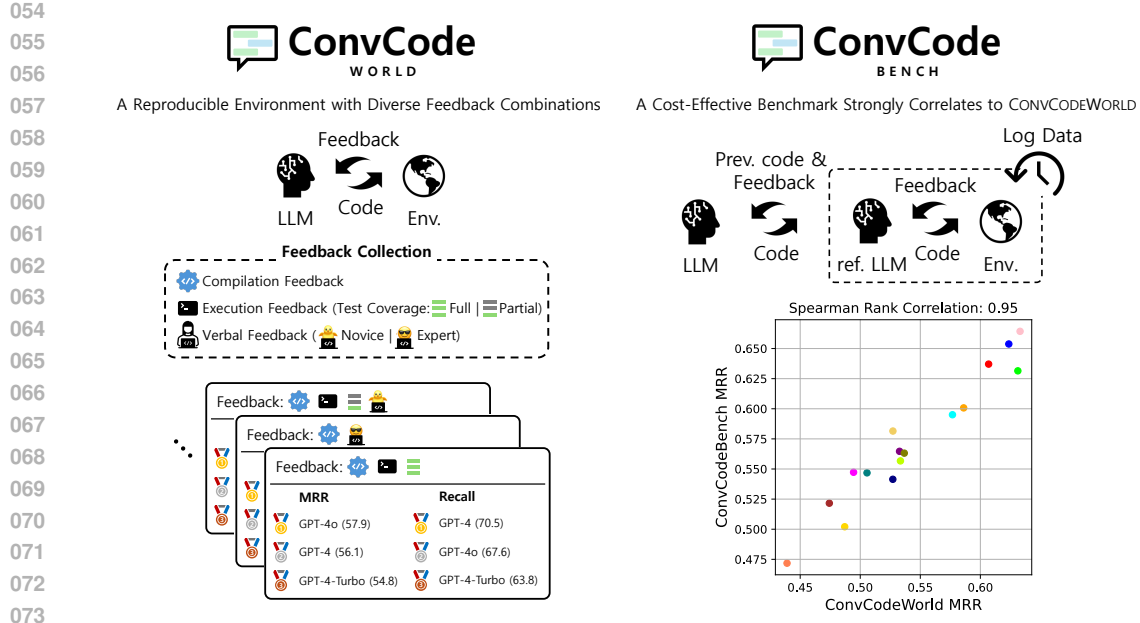


Figure 1: **(Left)** CONVCODEWORLD is a dynamic, reproducible environment that simulates nine distinct feedback scenarios by combining three types of feedback. **(Right)** CONVCODEBENCH is a static version of the benchmark that uses pre-generated logs and strongly correlates with CONVCODEWORLD. Together, these frameworks provide a comprehensive, cost-effective approach for evaluating LLMs in multi-turn, feedback-driven code generation, enabling scalable and consistent benchmarking across diverse feedback combinations.

time feedback generation while maintaining strong correlation with CONVCODEWORLD (Spearman’s rank 0.82-0.99; §4.3), offering a cost-effective and scalable solution for large-scale LLM benchmarking.

Existing benchmarks like InterCode (Yang et al., 2023) and MINT (Wang et al., 2024) lack the variety feedback combinations needed for comprehensive LLM performance assessment (§5). Additionally, their reliance on LLM calls for verbal feedback increases costs. Our study stands out by (a) offering a reproducible environment with **9 unique feedback combinations**, and (b) providing a **cost-effective benchmark** using pre-generated logs, avoiding costly LLM calls for verbal feedback while maintaining strong correlation with live results.

Through extensive experiments using both CONVCODEWORLD and CONVCODEBENCH across 17 different open and closed-source models, we have gathered several key insights: (§4.2):

- **Feedback Combinations Diversifying Evaluation:** LLM performance varies across feedback settings, with feedback combinations affecting model rankings, highlighting the need for evaluation across diverse scenarios.
- **Weaker Models with Feedback Surpassing Single-Turn SOTA:** Weaker LLMs, with sufficient multi-turn feedback, can surpass state-of-the-art models in single-turn scenarios without feedback. This emphasizes the importance of interactive multi-turn code generation.
- **Generalization Challenges:** Models trained on limited feedback struggle to generalize to unseen combinations, highlighting the difficulty of adapting LLMs to new scenarios.
- **MRR and Recall Trade-off:** LLMs that efficiently solve problems in fewer turns (high MRR) may not solve as many problems in total (high Recall), highlighting a trade-off between efficiency and problem coverage.

2 CONVCODEWORLD: REPRODUCIBLE FEEDBACK ENVIRONMENTS

In real-world settings of interactive code generation, the types and combinations of feedback can vary significantly due to factors such as the availability of feedback from code execution (e.g., error messages, output) and the expertise of the feedback provider. These variations, particularly the provider’s expertise, can strongly influence the quality of the verbal feedback when it is offered.

To effectively evaluate LLMs under these varying conditions, we propose CONVCODEWORLD, a novel and reproducible environment designed to simulate a wide range of interactive code generation scenarios. Two key features of CONVCODEWORLD are as follows: (a) **Encompassing Diverse Real-World Scenarios**: CONVCODEWORLD covers nine distinct feedback combinations that occur in practical settings; (b) **Ensure the Reproducibility of Evaluation**: CONVCODEWORLD provides a consistent and repeatable framework for assessing the performance of LLMs.

2.1 FEEDBACK CATEGORIZATION

To accurately simulate real-world feedback in interactive code generation, we focus on two critical components: (a) **Fault Localization**: Identifying the specific parts of the code where issues or errors occur; (b) **Guidance for Refinement**: Offering suggestions or instructions on how to correct the identified issues.

As means of obtaining such information, we consider three different types of feedback: compilation feedback, execution feedback, and verbal feedback.

Compilation Feedback (f_c) Originated from the compiler, this feedback identifies syntax and type-checking errors but cannot localize logical or runtime errors. As a result, Table 1 marks this with \triangle for partial fault localization. Additionally, compilation errors do not offer refinement guidance.

Table 1: By providing diverse feedback types, with different coverage levels in execution and natural language feedback, ours encompasses a broader range of realistic scenarios. \triangle indicates partial coverage with specific limitations: ¹Syntax errors only, ²Limited by test coverage or feedback provider, ³Potential misguidance due to limited expertise.

| Feedback | Fault Localization | Guidance for Refinement |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| f_c | \triangle^1 | \times |
| f_e | \triangle^2 | \times |
| f_e^* | \checkmark | \times |
| f_v | \triangle^2 | \triangle^3 |
| f_v^* | \checkmark | \checkmark |

Execution Feedback Derived from executing the code, this feedback includes runtime errors and test run results. Full or partial fault localization is provided, depending on test coverage (TC): (a) **Full TC (f_e^*)**: With complete test cases, precise fault localization identifies where and under what conditions the code fails, providing details on the failure’s location and triggering inputs; (b) **Partial TC (f_e)**: In more realistic settings with partial test coverage, fault localization is limited to tested code lines, potentially leaving faults in untested sections undetected. This type of feedback simulates incomplete real-world test suites, where only a subset of possible execution paths is covered. Refinement guidance is not provided in either full or partial test coverage executions.

Verbal Feedback Verbal feedback in our benchmark is generated by LLMs simulating human feedback, ranging from novice to expert levels. This feedback could emulate responses from humans, such as experts guiding LLMs to generate code, or novices without coding expertise. Both fault localization and refinement guidance are provided verbally, but the extent and accuracy of this feedback depend on the simulated provider: (a) **Novice-Level (f_v)**: At this level, the LLM simulates novice feedback, which tends to rely heavily on other feedback types (e.g., compilation or execution feedback) and often restates observed errors without deeper understanding. Refinement guidance may be incorrect or absent, due to the simulated novice’s limited expertise or the LLM’s potential hallucinations. (b) **Expert-Level (f_v^*)**: Expert feedback reflects scenarios where expert programmers use LLMs to automate simpler tasks, allowing them to concentrate on more complex coding challenges. This feedback is simulated by the LLM to provide detailed fault localization and code refinement guidance. It generates the feedback an expert programmer might give, focusing on resolving issues with a deep understanding of programming concepts and the expected functionality.

2.1.1 VERBAL FEEDBACK GENERATION

We generate f_v and f_v^* by GPT-4o with in-context learning (Dong et al., 2022). We chose GPT-4o as we found it to be best at following instructions and minimizing risks such as ground truth code leakage, as discussed in Appendix A.3.

- **Generation of f_v :** Novice-level verbal feedback is constructed by verbalizing outputs from compilation and/or execution feedback, possibly supplemented with language model predictions.
- **Generation of f_v^* :** Expert-level verbal feedback is produced by showing the agent’s code with the correct reference code (Wang et al., 2024), enabling a comparison and subsequent detailed feedback on required modifications. We perform extensive analysis to ensure no ground truth code is leaked during f_v^* generation (see Appendix A.3 for analysis on this).

See appendices A.4 for comparative analysis of verbal feedback using different LLMs, F for the in-context examples, and G for a generated example of f_v^* .

Reproducibility and Cost-Efficiency Compared to Human Annotation Manual annotation of verbal feedback is costly and lacks reproducibility. Instead, we use GPT-4o, as supported by prior studies demonstrating the effectiveness of LLM-generated feedback in benchmarks (Wang et al., 2024; Yao et al., 2024). This approach improves reproducibility by using a consistent feedback provider and reduces annotation costs to about 1.5% (Appendix A.2) of those for human annotators.

2.2 FEEDBACK COMBINATIONS

In each of our turns, we simulate different real-world interactive code generation scenarios by combining representative feedback combinations. We represent feedback settings by taking a Cartesian product across compilation feedback settings, execution feedback settings, and verbal feedback settings. In particular, we formalize a feedback combination Ω as a tuple of feedback expressed by regular expression notation:

$$\Omega = \langle f_c, [\phi|f_e|f_e^*], [\phi|f_v|f_v^*] \rangle. \quad (1)$$

The choices of feedback settings is simply dictated by these observations: (a) Compilation feedback f_c is always present since it is cheap and universally available; (b) Execution feedback varies among being unavailable (ϕ), available with partial test coverage (f_e), or with full test coverage (f_e^*); (c) Verbal feedback can be also unavailable (ϕ), available with novice-level (f_v), or with expert-level (f_v^*). By combining these options—1 for compilation feedback, 3 for execution feedback, and 3 for verbal feedback—we obtain 9 distinct feedback combinations.

Each feedback combination Ω reflects a unique real-world scenario, allowing us to comprehensively evaluate LLMs under diverse conditions as listed in Table 6.

Now it is easy to formalize the interactive code generation in CONVCODEWORLD: For each turn t , the target code generation model \mathcal{M} iteratively generates the next version of code $C_{t+1}^{\mathcal{M}}$ from the problem description x , the generated code $C_t^{\mathcal{M}}$, and the corresponding tuple of feedback Ω_t :

$$C_{t+1}^{\mathcal{M}} = \mathcal{M}(x; C_t^{\mathcal{M}}; \Omega_t). \quad (2)$$

3 CONVCODEBENCH: A STATIC BENCHMARK FOR EFFICIENT EVALUATION

While CONVCODEWORLD provides a comprehensive live benchmark for evaluating LLMs in interactive code generation scenarios, it requires access to an LLM for verbal feedback generation. Although this approach is more efficient and reproducible than using human annotators, it still introduces additional overhead, cost, and potential reproducibility issues, especially when using closed API models like GPT-4o. To address these challenges, we propose CONVCODEBENCH, a static benchmark designed to complement CONVCODEWORLD.

CONVCODEBENCH leverages feedback logs generated by a fixed reference model interacting with GPT-4o. The benchmark presents pre-generated conversations—including the code produced by the reference model and the corresponding feedback, such as verbal feedback by GPT-4o—and tasks the

target code model with refining the code. We revise Equation 2 to formalize CONVCODEBENCH as follows. For each turn t , the target code generation model \mathcal{M} is provided generated code $\mathcal{C}_t^{\bar{\mathcal{M}}}$ from a reference model $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$, and the corresponding tuple of feedback $\bar{\Omega}_t$ provided to outputs generated by $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$. Given the model and feedback corresponding to a reference model, the target model \mathcal{M} generates the next version of code $\mathcal{C}_{t+1}^{\mathcal{M}}$:

$$\mathcal{C}_{t+1}^{\mathcal{M}} = \mathcal{M}(x; \mathcal{C}_t^{\bar{\mathcal{M}}}, \bar{\Omega}_t). \quad (3)$$

This approach offers several advantages:

- **Elimination of Dependency on External LLMs or APIs for Verbal Feedback Generation:** By using static feedback logs, CONVCODEBENCH reduces costs and latency associated with real-time LLM interactions.
- **Parallel Processing of Inference Calls:** The static nature of the benchmark allows for batched evaluation requests across all turns, enabling faster turnaround times.
- **Enhanced Reproducibility:** Utilizing fixed logs ensures consistent evaluations, further increasing reproducibility.

One key concern when using CONVCODEBENCH is the bias introduced by pre-generated interaction logs prompting the question: *Can we ensure high correlation between static and live benchmarks by an appropriate choice of reference model?*

We hypothesize that using logs from a weaker model, where the generated code still requires refinement even after multiple turns, allows for better differentiation among models based on their ability to improve unsolved code.

Based on this rationale, we used CodeLlama-7B-Instruct as a reference model, as it is worse than many other models at both turns 0 and 10 (see Table 2). We find that creating CONVCODEBENCH with this model yields a very strong correlations with live settings. When comparing models on two settings, we obtained Spearman’s rank correlations between 0.82 and 0.99. We find that using CodeLlama-7B-Instruct as the base model outperforms both DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct (a stronger code model) and GPT-4 (one of the state-of-the-arts) as reference models (§4.3).

In summary, we find that CONVCODEBENCH is a great way of comparing code models within the framework of CONVCODEWORLD despite relying on logs from a reference model because of strong rank correlations across the two setups.

4 EXPERIMENTS

Using CONVCODEWORLD and CONVCODEBENCH, we conduct comprehensive experiments to evaluate LLMs’ interactive code generation capabilities across diverse feedback combinations. This section outlines our experimental setup (§4.1), results on CONVCODEWORLD (§4.2), and results on CONVCODEBENCH (§4.3).

4.1 SETUP

To implement CONVCODEWORLD, we extended BigCodeBench-Instruct (Zhuo et al., 2024), a single-turn Python code generation benchmark, into an interactive framework using a custom prompt pipeline built using DSPy (Khattab et al., 2024) (see Appendix B for the implementation details). BigCodeBench was selected for three key reasons: (a) its highly challenging problem sets (as of the writing of this paper, the highest performance on this data is 29%); (b) its large scale, with 1,140 problems, offering higher generalizability than smaller benchmarks like HumanEval (Chen et al., 2021; 164 problems) and MBPP-sanitized (Austin et al., 2021; 399-427 problems); and (c)

Table 2: Performance of three different LLMs at turn 0 (i.e. the initial code generation without feedback) and at turn 10 on CONVCODEWORLD where $\Omega = \langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$.

| Model | Pass@1 | |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | Turn 0 | Turn 10 |
| CodeLlama-7B-Instruct | 21.8 | 55.2 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct | 35.2 | 83.1 |
| GPT-4-0613 | 46.0 | 92.5 |

its comprehensive test coverage—an average of 5.6 cases per problem with 99% branch coverage—enabling the evaluation of a wide spectrum of execution feedback scenarios, ranging from partial to full test coverage.

Evaluation Metrics In the interactive scenario, where code is iteratively refined based on feedback, we focus on two aspects for evaluation: (a) the number of turns it takes to produce correct code, with fewer turns being preferable, and (b) whether the model can eventually solve the problem within a set number of turns n . In our experiments, we set $n = 10$.

To capture these aspects, we use Pass@1 (Chen et al., 2021) as the core metric to assess code correctness at each turn and adapt two complementary metrics from information retrieval: (a) **Mean Reciprocal Rank (MRR)**: $\frac{1}{k}$ where k is the turn at which the model produces correct code. If no correct code is generated within n turns, the score is set to 0; (b) **Recall**: 1 if the model produces correct code within n turns.

Baseline LLMs We extensively evaluated 3 closed-source and 14 open-source LLMs ranging from 7B to 70B:¹ (a) **Closed-Source**: We select three OpenAI LLMs—GPT-4-0613, GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09, and GPT-4o-2024-05-13; (b) **Open-Source**: Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct (Dubey et al., 2024), Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct, DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct (Zhu et al. (2024); an MoE model; total params: 16B; active params: 2.4B), DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct (Guo et al., 2024), DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct, ReflectionCoder-DS-33B (Ren et al., 2024), ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B, Qwen1.5-72B-Chat (Bai et al., 2023), Qwen1.5-32B-Chat, CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat, StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1,² CodeLlama-34B-Instruct (Roziere et al., 2023),³ CodeLlama-13B-Instruct, and CodeLlama-7B-Instruct.

4.2 RESULTS ON CONVCODEWORLD

Tables 3 and 4 present MRR and Recall scores, respectively, for both closed-source and open-source LLMs across various feedback combinations. These results provide a comprehensive view of model performance in CONVCODEWORLD.

Overview of Results While closed-source models generally outperformed most open-source models, Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct demonstrated competitive Recall performance, surpassing both GPT-4-Turbo and GPT-4o in certain scenarios like $\langle f_c, [f_e | f_e^*], f_v \rangle$ and $\langle f_c, [\phi | f_e | f_e^*], f_v^* \rangle$.

Notably, this Recall gap between closed-source and open-source models narrows significantly under specific feedback settings, particularly when expert-level verbal feedback f_v^* is provided. For instance, in the $\langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$ setting, DeepSeek-Coder6.7B-Instruct (82.8) outperformed GPT-4o (82.3), and DeepSeek-Coder33B-Instruct (85.4) outperformed GPT-4-Turbo (84.7).

Another key observation is that, among open-source models smaller than 30B, no clear winner emerges across all feedback combinations. This emphasizes the importance of selecting models based on the specific type of feedback available.

4.2.1 FEEDBACK COMBINATIONS: DIVERSIFIED EVALUATION

We observed significant performance variation within the same model across different feedback combinations, emphasizing the necessity of CONVCODEWORLD for evaluating code generation models under diverse feedback conditions.

Specifically, we summarize the effect of providing different feedback combinations:

Impact of Novice-Level Verbal Feedback on Execution Feedback Utilization Without novice-level verbal feedback (f_v), some models—DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct, DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct, CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat, StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1, CodeLlama-13B-Instruct, and

¹While we attempted smaller models like DeepSeek-Coder-1.3B-Instruct, it failed to follow interactive code generation format, resulting degeneration.

²<https://huggingface.co/bigcode/starcoder2-15b-instruct-v0.1>

³We excluded CodeLlama-70B-Instruct due to its 4K token length limitation, which is too small for interactive code generation.

Table 3: MRR results on CONVCODEWORLD. \times indicates that no feedback of that type is provided (ϕ). The leftmost results, with three \times , represent $\Omega = \langle \phi, \phi, \phi \rangle$, corresponding to single-turn code generation without any feedback. For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance within the same model group.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Compilation Feedback | \times | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c |
| Execution Feedback | \times | \times | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* |
| Verbal Feedback | \times | \times | \times | \times | f_v | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v^* | f_v^* |
| Closed-Source Models | | | | | | | | | | |
| GPT-4-0613 | 46.0 | 46.0 | <u>52.1</u> | <u>56.1</u> | 46.0 | 52.4 | <u>56.4</u> | <u>63.1</u> | <u>64.3</u> | <u>64.8</u> |
| GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | 48.0 | 48.0 | 51.8 | 54.8 | <u>48.0</u> | <u>52.6</u> | <u>56.4</u> | 62.4 | <u>64.3</u> | 64.5 |
| GPT-4o-2024-05-13 | 50.8 | 50.8 | 55.0 | 57.9 | 50.8 | 55.1 | 58.6 | 63.3 | 64.7 | 65.3 |
| Open-Source Models ($\geq 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct | 45.4 | 45.4 | 49.9 | 53.4 | 45.4 | 50.8 | 55.2 | 60.7 | 62.6 | 63.3 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct | 41.6 | 41.6 | 43.4 | 43.6 | 41.6 | 45.5 | 48.0 | <u>58.6</u> | <u>58.5</u> | 58.8 |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-33B | 41.6 | 41.6 | 42.9 | 42.9 | <u>41.6</u> | <u>45.6</u> | <u>48.1</u> | 57.7 | 58.2 | <u>58.9</u> |
| Qwen1.5-72B-Chat | 32.9 | 33.0 | 35.8 | 38.3 | 33.0 | 38.6 | 41.4 | 50.6 | 52.0 | 52.7 |
| Qwen1.5-32B-Chat | 32.0 | 32.0 | 35.3 | 36.7 | 32.0 | 36.6 | 39.7 | 47.4 | 42.6 | 40.8 |
| CodeLlama-34B-Instruct | 28.8 | 28.8 | 31.0 | 31.9 | 28.8 | 32.5 | 35.1 | 48.7 | 49.2 | 49.8 |
| Open-Source Models ($< 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct | 31.4 | 31.5 | 34.0 | 34.6 | 31.5 | 36.1 | 39.1 | 49.4 | 49.8 | 51.3 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct | <u>38.3</u> | <u>38.3</u> | 40.5 | 41.7 | <u>38.3</u> | 42.0 | 43.8 | 52.7 | 52.9 | 53.3 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct | 35.2 | 35.2 | 36.2 | 36.1 | 35.2 | 38.8 | 40.5 | <u>53.3</u> | 53.2 | <u>53.9</u> |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B | 37.4 | 37.4 | 38.3 | 38.7 | 37.4 | 40.4 | 42.4 | <u>53.3</u> | 53.8 | 53.6 |
| CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat | 39.3 | 39.4 | <u>39.7</u> | <u>40.1</u> | 39.3 | 42.0 | <u>43.7</u> | 53.7 | <u>53.5</u> | 54.8 |
| StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 37.9 | 38.3 | 37.1 | 39.4 | 40.5 | 52.7 | 52.8 | 52.1 |
| CodeLlama-13B-Instruct | 28.4 | 28.4 | 29.0 | 29.0 | 28.4 | 31.2 | 33.0 | 43.9 | 44.3 | 44.8 |
| CodeLlama-7B-Instruct | 21.8 | 21.8 | 22.3 | 22.3 | 21.8 | 23.5 | 25.2 | 35.0 | 33.4 | 33.9 |

CodeLlama-7B-Instruct—showed minimal performance differences between partial ($\langle f_c, f_e, \phi \rangle$) and full ($\langle f_c, f_e^*, \phi \rangle$) test coverage in execution feedback. However, these models showed greater reliance on f_v , especially in $\langle f_c, f_e^*, f_v \rangle$ compared to $\langle f_c, f_e, f_v \rangle$, indicating that they need f_v to fully leverage f_e^* . In contrast, high-performing models—GPT-4, GPT-4-Turbo, GPT-4o, and Llama-3.1-70B—demonstrated a larger performance boost from $\langle f_c, f_e, \phi \rangle$ to $\langle f_c, f_e^*, \phi \rangle$ compared to the boost from $\langle f_c, f_e, \phi \rangle$ to $\langle f_c, f_e, f_v \rangle$. This suggests these models can infer refinement strategies directly from raw execution feedback without heavily relying on f_v .

Impact of Expert-Level Verbal Feedback on Execution Feedback Utilization Most models demonstrated performance improvements with richer execution feedback, progressing through the sequences $\langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$, $\langle f_c, f_e, f_v^* \rangle$, and $\langle f_c, f_e^*, f_v^* \rangle$. However, exceptions arise: (a) DeepSeek-Coder family and ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B exhibited no performance difference with the inclusion of execution feedback; (b) Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct, ReflectionCoder-DS-33B, and CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat showed no significant difference between $\langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$ and $\langle f_c, f_e, f_v^* \rangle$, but performance improved when full test coverage ($\langle f_c, f_e^*, f_v^* \rangle$) was ensured; (c) In some weaker models—Qwen1.5-32B-Chat and StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1—increasing the test coverage from $\langle f_c, f_e, f_v^* \rangle$ to $\langle f_c, f_e^*, f_v^* \rangle$ resulted in negative performance impacts. Additionally, the highest performance of Qwen1.5-32B-Chat was observed with $\langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$, while adding execution feedback (f_e or f_e^*) led to decreased performance. We hypothesize that weaker models struggle to utilize complex feedback effectively, resulting in lower performance.

4.2.2 MULTI-TURN FEEDBACK: WEAKER MODELS OUTPERFORMING SINGLE-TURN SOTA

Weaker LLMs with sufficient feedback outperformed the single-turn, no-feedback performance ($\langle \phi, \phi, \phi \rangle$) of state-of-the-art models like GPT-4 and GPT-4-Turbo.

MRR When expert-level verbal feedback (f_v^*) was incorporated, most weaker models, including DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct and Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct, surpassed the single-turn code generation performance of state-of-the-art single-turn models such as GPT-4, GPT-4-Turbo, and GPT-4o. Additionally, with the inclusion of novice-level verbal feedback (f_v) and either partial or full execution feedback (f_e or f_e^*), DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct and ReflectionCoder-DS-33B matched or exceeded the single-turn performance of GPT-4 and GPT-4-Turbo.

Recall Most open-source models exhibited significant improvements when novice-level verbal feedback with execution feedback ($\langle f_c, [f_e|f_e^*], f_v \rangle$) or expert-level verbal feedback

Table 4: Recall results on CONVCODEWORLD. \times indicates that no feedback of that type is provided (ϕ). The leftmost results, with three \times , represent $\Omega = \langle \phi, \phi, \phi \rangle$, corresponding to single-turn code generation without any feedback. For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance within the same model group.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Compilation Feedback | \times | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c |
| Execution Feedback | \times | \times | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* |
| Verbal Feedback | \times | \times | \times | \times | f_v | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v^* | f_v^* |
| Closed-Source Models | | | | | | | | | | |
| GPT-4-0613 | 46.0 | 46.0 | <u>60.3</u> | 70.5 | 46.0 | 61.9 | 72.5 | 89.7 | 91.1 | 92.5 |
| GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | 48.0 | 48.0 | 56.7 | 63.8 | <u>48.0</u> | 58.6 | 68.1 | <u>84.7</u> | <u>87.5</u> | <u>88.5</u> |
| GPT-4o-2024-05-13 | 50.8 | 50.8 | 60.5 | <u>67.6</u> | 50.8 | <u>60.8</u> | <u>69.6</u> | <u>82.3</u> | <u>84.9</u> | <u>86.2</u> |
| Open-Source Models ($\geq 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct | 45.4 | 45.4 | 56.2 | 64.8 | 45.4 | 59.5 | 70.8 | 86.7 | 88.9 | 91.8 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct | <u>41.6</u> | <u>41.6</u> | <u>45.5</u> | 46.1 | <u>41.6</u> | 50.4 | 56.6 | <u>85.4</u> | 84.6 | 85.6 |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-33B | <u>41.6</u> | <u>41.6</u> | 45.3 | 44.9 | <u>41.6</u> | 51.4 | 57.2 | 81.4 | 81.8 | 84.2 |
| Qwen1.5-72B-Chat | 32.9 | 33.2 | 39.9 | <u>47.5</u> | 33.2 | 47.5 | <u>57.9</u> | 84.4 | <u>86.1</u> | <u>87.2</u> |
| Qwen1.5-32B-Chat | 32.0 | 32.0 | 41.1 | 45.3 | 32.0 | 44.6 | 54.3 | 75.9 | 61.8 | 57.1 |
| CodeLlama-34B-Instruct | <u>28.8</u> | <u>28.8</u> | 33.7 | 35.8 | <u>28.8</u> | 37.5 | 44.6 | 80.0 | 82.0 | 82.3 |
| Open-Source Models ($< 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct | 31.4 | 31.8 | 38.4 | 40.0 | 31.7 | 43.2 | 51.8 | <u>80.9</u> | 80.2 | 83.7 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct | <u>38.3</u> | <u>38.3</u> | 43.4 | 46.1 | <u>38.3</u> | 47.0 | <u>51.4</u> | 76.3 | 75.8 | 76.9 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct | 35.2 | 35.2 | 37.7 | 37.5 | 35.2 | 43.3 | 48.2 | 82.8 | 82.5 | <u>83.1</u> |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B | 37.4 | 37.4 | 39.6 | 40.7 | 37.4 | 44.7 | 50.4 | 79.1 | 79.6 | 78.9 |
| CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat | 39.3 | 39.6 | <u>40.1</u> | <u>41.1</u> | 39.5 | <u>45.8</u> | 49.5 | 74.4 | 74.7 | 77.4 |
| StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 39.3 | 40.0 | 37.1 | 42.6 | 46.3 | 76.9 | 76.8 | 75.6 |
| CodeLlama-13B-Instruct | 28.4 | 28.4 | 29.7 | 30.0 | 28.4 | 35.1 | 41.1 | 69.0 | 70.7 | 71.6 |
| CodeLlama-7B-Instruct | 21.8 | 21.8 | 22.9 | 23.0 | 21.8 | 26.2 | 30.5 | 61.7 | 53.9 | 55.2 |

$(\langle f_c, [\phi|f_e|f_e^*], f_v \rangle)$ was provided. Remarkably, providing execution feedback with full test coverage while omitting any verbal feedback ($\langle f_c, f_e^*, \phi \rangle$) enabled some models, such as DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct, DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct, and Qwen1.5-72B-Chat, to achieve or even exceed GPT-4’s single-turn performance.

4.2.3 GENERALIZATION: UNSEEN FEEDBACK COMBINATION

ReflectionCoder-DS family were initialized from DeepSeek-Coder-Instruct, and trained to refine code on a specific scenario of $\langle f_c, f_e^*, f_v \rangle$. As a result, ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B outperformed DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct on $\langle f_c, [f_e|f_e^*], f_v \rangle$. However, with unseen feedback like expert-level verbal feedback (f_v^*), the performance gap narrows significantly, with minimal MRR difference and DeepSeek-Coder-Instruct generally outperforming in Recall. This tendency is more pronounced in ReflectionCoder-DS-33B; except for $\langle f_c, [f_e|f_e^*], f_v \rangle$, ReflectionCoder-DS-33B consistently performed at or below the level of DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct across all feedback combinations in both MRR and Recall. This indicates that training on a specific feedback combination can reduce the performance on the other combinations.

4.2.4 TRADE-OFF: MULTI-TURN MRR AND RECALL

We observed that an LLM requiring fewer turns to solve a problem (high MRR) may not excel at solving as many problems as possible (high Recall), and vice versa: (a) **Closed-Source Models**: GPT-4o achieved the highest MRR, while GPT-4 had the best Recall.⁴; (b) **Open-Source Models $\geq 30B$** : Llama-3.1-70B led in both MRR and Recall. DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct and ReflectionCoder-DS-33B followed in MRR. However, with f_e^* or f_v^* feedback, Qwen1.5-72B-Chat generally outperformed them in Recall, despite having a lower MRR; (c) **Open-Source Models $< 30B$** : MRR and Recall tendencies were similar without verbal feedback. With verbal feedback, CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat excelled in MRR, while DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct ($\langle f_c, [f_e|f_e^*], f_v \rangle$), and DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct ($\langle f_c, [\phi|f_e|f_e^*], f_v^* \rangle$) led in Recall.

4.3 RESULTS ON CONVCODEBENCH

While CONVCODEWORLD provides valuable insights into interactive code generation across various feedback combinations, CONVCODEBENCH offers a faster, cheaper, and more reproducible

⁴This quantitatively confirms what some accounts observed on x.com

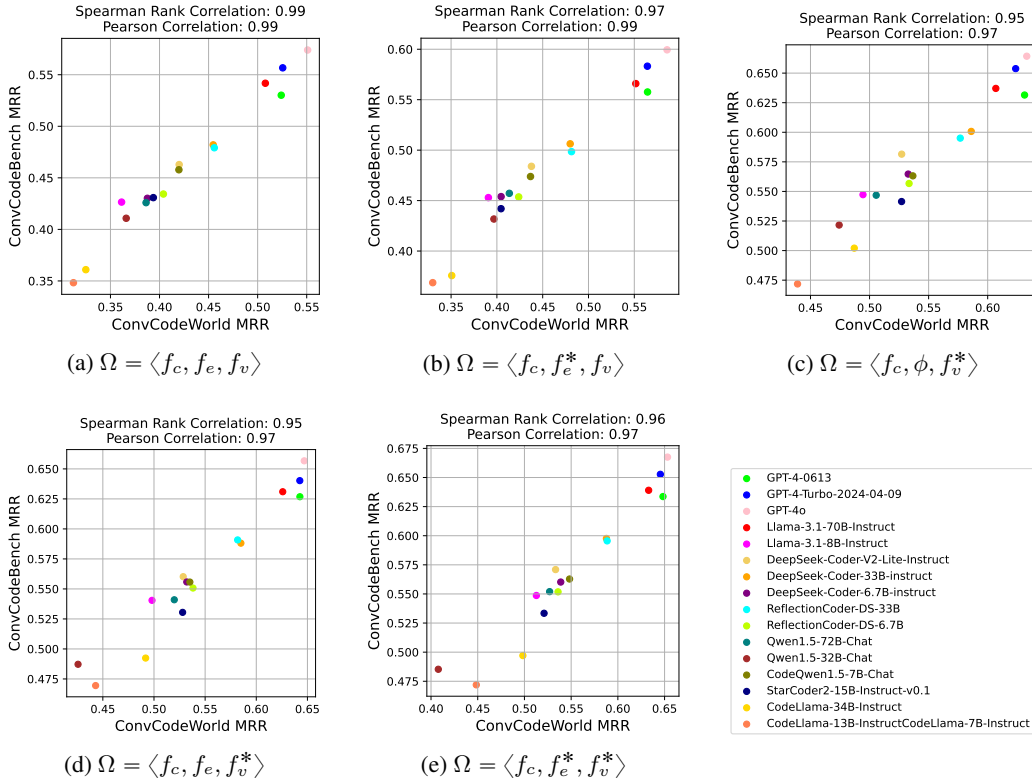


Figure 2: Correlation between MRR on CONVCODEBENCH (ref. CodeLlama-7B-Instruct) and MRR on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω .

alternative. As discussed in §3, we chose CodeLlama-7B-Instruct as the reference model, and excluded scenarios without verbal feedback, as they do not require LLM intervention. Additionally, $\langle f_c, \phi, f_v \rangle$ scenario was omitted, as CodeLlama-7B-Instruct achieved a 100% compilation success rate in the initial generation, eliminating the need for novice-level verbal feedback on compilation.

CONVCODEBENCH as a Reliable Proxy We conducted a comparative analysis of CONVCODEBENCH and CONVCODEWORLD to validate CONVCODEBENCH as a proxy, comparing the MRR (Figure 2) and Recall (Appendix E.1) results across target models and feedback combinations. Spearman’s rank correlations ranged from 0.82–0.99, indicating that CONVCODEBENCH is a reliable, efficient, and cost-effective proxy for CONVCODEWORLD.

Additionally, Table 5 presents the results on CONVCODEBENCH, showing that MRR ranking trends closely aligned with CONVCODEWORLD (Table 3), with minor deviations. While absolute recall and MRR scores are slightly lower compared to CONVCODEWORLD, the rankings amongst models remained roughly consistent between CONVCODEBENCH and CONVCODEWORLD. Based on approximately consistent rankings across CONVCODEWORLD and CONVCODEBENCH, **we recommend code LLMs use CONVCODEBENCH as a solid alternative to compare against other baselines.**

5 RELATED WORK

Code generation benchmarks have traditionally focused on single-turn generation from natural language problem descriptions (Chen et al., 2021; Austin et al., 2021; Li et al., 2022; Zhuo et al., 2024). More recently, LLM performance has improved through interactions with external tools, such as interpreters for compiling, executing test cases, and verbal feedback, resulting in more accurate outputs (Shinn et al., 2023; Madaan et al., 2024; Chen et al., 2024). This shift has led to the

Table 5: MRR and Recall results on CONVCODEBENCH using logs of CodeLlama-7B-Instruct in CONVCODEWORLD. \times indicates that no feedback of that type is provided (ϕ). For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance within the same model group.

| | MRR | | | | | Recall | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c |
| Compilation Feedback | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* |
| Execution Feedback | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v | f_v^* | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v | f_v^* |
| Verbal Feedback | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v | f_v^* | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v | f_v^* |
| Closed-Source Models | | | | | | | | | | |
| GPT-4-0613 | 53.0 | 55.8 | 63.1 | 62.7 | 63.4 | 59.5 | 65.7 | 85.9 | 82.3 | 83.1 |
| GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | <u>55.7</u> | <u>58.3</u> | <u>65.4</u> | <u>64.0</u> | <u>65.3</u> | <u>61.8</u> | 68.2 | 86.8 | 81.4 | 84.2 |
| GPT-4o-2024-05-13 | 57.4 | 59.9 | 66.4 | 65.7 | 66.8 | 62.1 | <u>68.1</u> | <u>86.2</u> | <u>81.9</u> | 84.7 |
| Open-Source Models ($\geq 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct | 54.2 | 56.6 | 63.7 | 63.1 | 63.9 | 60.2 | 65.7 | 85.9 | 81.5 | 84.0 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct | <u>48.2</u> | <u>50.6</u> | <u>60.1</u> | 58.8 | <u>59.8</u> | <u>51.9</u> | <u>58.0</u> | <u>83.2</u> | <u>78.2</u> | <u>79.7</u> |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-33B | 47.9 | 49.9 | 59.5 | <u>59.1</u> | 59.6 | 51.2 | 56.2 | 82.2 | 77.8 | 79.6 |
| Qwen1.5-72B-Chat | 42.6 | 45.7 | 54.7 | 54.1 | 55.2 | 47.8 | 55.7 | 80.3 | 76.8 | 78.7 |
| Qwen1.5-32B-Chat | 41.1 | 43.2 | 52.2 | 48.7 | 48.5 | 45.7 | 51.4 | 76.2 | 67.2 | 66.8 |
| CodeLlama-34B-Instruct | 36.1 | 37.6 | 50.2 | 49.2 | 49.7 | 40.2 | 43.9 | 78.3 | 72.4 | 73.8 |
| Open-Source Models ($< 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct | 42.6 | 45.3 | 54.7 | 54.0 | 54.9 | <u>47.9</u> | <u>54.6</u> | 80.9 | <u>75.9</u> | <u>78.0</u> |
| DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct | 46.3 | 48.4 | 58.2 | 56.0 | 57.1 | 51.1 | 55.6 | 82.0 | 74.7 | 77.9 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct | 43.0 | 45.4 | <u>56.5</u> | <u>55.6</u> | 56.0 | 46.8 | 52.9 | <u>81.3</u> | 77.5 | 78.7 |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B | 43.4 | 45.4 | 55.7 | 55.1 | 55.2 | 46.7 | 51.6 | 79.3 | 74.8 | 75.9 |
| CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat | <u>45.8</u> | <u>47.4</u> | 56.3 | <u>55.6</u> | <u>56.3</u> | 49.1 | 53.2 | 78.0 | 74.1 | 76.3 |
| StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1 | 43.1 | 44.2 | 54.1 | 53.0 | 53.3 | 45.8 | 49.0 | 78.0 | 72.2 | 72.7 |
| CodeLlama-13B-Instruct | 34.8 | 36.9 | 47.2 | 46.9 | 47.2 | 37.8 | 43.2 | 73.1 | 68.9 | 68.9 |

development of multi-turn benchmarks like InterCode (Yang et al., 2023) and MINT (Wang et al., 2024).

However, existing multi-turn benchmarks remain limited in feedback diversity. InterCode focuses on compilation and partial execution feedback but lacks full test coverage and verbal feedback. MINT generates verbal feedback via GPT-4, reducing human-in-the-loop evaluation costs, but its feedback scope is narrow and requires costly LLM calls for each evaluation.

Our study presents (a) CONVCODEWORLD, a reproducible environment with **nine unique feedback combinations** (Table 6), and (b) CONVCODEBENCH, a **cost-effective benchmark** that maintains high correlation with live environment by using pre-generated logs, eliminating the need for costly LLM calls to provide verbal feedback.

Table 6: Feedback combinations (Ω ; §2.2) across InterCode, MINT and CONVCODEWORLD, constructed by different feedback types (§2.1).

| Ω | InterCode | MINT | CONVCODEWORLD |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| $\langle f_c, \phi, \phi \rangle$ | \times | \times | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, f_e, \phi \rangle$ | \times | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, f_e^*, \phi \rangle$ | \checkmark | \times | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, \phi, f_v \rangle$ | \times | \times | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, f_e, f_v \rangle$ | \times | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, f_e^*, f_v \rangle$ | \times | \times | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$ | \times | \times | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, f_e, f_v^* \rangle$ | \times | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| $\langle f_c, f_e^*, f_v^* \rangle$ | \times | \times | \checkmark |

6 CONCLUSION

This paper recognizes the need for benchmarks with diverse type of interactions in conversational code generation. To address this gap, we introduce CONVCODEWORLD, a novel and reproducible environment designed to assess LLM code generation abilities across nine varied feedback scenarios. Additionally, for scenarios where API call costs are prohibitive, we offer CONVCODEBENCH, a zero-call benchmark from pre-generated feedback logs, providing a highly correlated evaluation of the conversational code generation capabilities of LLMs with CONVCODEWORLD. Our work contributes to a more thorough evaluation of diverse multi-turn evaluation objectives, and highlights a gap to invite for future models in the new design space.

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A VERBAL FEEDBACK

A.1 DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYING LLMs FOR VERBAL FEEDBACK GENERATION

A key challenge in creating CONVCODEWORLD is generating verbal feedback. Human annotation is both impractical and inconsistent (§2.1.1), which led us to employ GPT-4o for this task. While GPT-4o may not fully replicate the nuances of human feedback, it ensures reproducibility and affordability, both critical for maintaining consistency across benchmark evaluations. As demonstrated by direct comparisons between LLM-generated and human feedback in prior studies (Wang et al., 2024), we find this method sufficiently effective for our benchmarking purposes.

A.2 COST-EFFICIENCY OF CONVCODEWORLD COMPARED TO HUMAN ANNOTATION

In the worst-case scenario, CodeLlama-7B-Instruct, which requested the most verbal feedback due to its low performance, incurred a total cost of \$215 (26.4M input tokens and 5.5M output tokens) for 15,905 turns using GPT-4o-2024-05-13 pricing (\$5/1M input tokens and \$15/1M output tokens). By comparison, assuming human annotation takes 96 seconds per turn (Wang et al., 2024) and the average U.S. private non-farmer worker’s hourly wage is \$35.04 according to US Bureau of Labor Statistics (2024), the human annotation cost would be approximately \$14,792.

A.3 ANALYSIS OF GROUND TRUTH CODE LEAKAGE IN GENERATED EXPERT-LEVEL VERBAL FEEDBACK

Table 7: Pass@1 results of various LLMs with expert-level verbal feedback f_v^* generated by GPT-4o compared to direct ground truth code feedback. The total number of turns $n = 1$. For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance while keeping the code generation model fixed.

| Feedback | Code Generation | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | GPT-4-0613 | GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | GPT-4o-2024-05-13 |
| w/o Feedback | 46.0 | 48.0 | 50.8 |
| + Expert-Level Verbal Feedback | <u>70.0</u> | <u>69.0</u> | <u>68.5</u> |
| + Ground Truth Code | 97.9 | 88.2 | 79.7 |

Table 8: Ground truth code leakage ratio (%) by incorporating different models for expert-level verbal feedback generation. The lower the better.

| f_v^* Generation | Mentioning ground.truth.code (↓) | Including Refined Code (↓) |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GPT-4-0613 | 51.1 | 0.0 |
| GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | 31.4 | 0.0 |
| GPT-4o-2024-05-13 | 2.5 | 0.1 |

The generation of expert-level verbal feedback f_v^* involves comparing the generated code with the ground truth code to provide modification suggestions, raising concerns about potential code leakage. As shown in Table 7, providing the ground truth code significantly outperforms providing f_v^* , empirically confirming that f_v^* is unlikely to be a copy-pasted version of the ground truth code. Furthermore, Table 8 estimates leakage rates, based on how often a model referenced ground truth code in f_v^* (e.g., “Unlike the ground truth code, the current code omits exception handling of Divide-ByZero...”, etc.), with GPT-4o showing the lowest at 2.5%, indicating its ability to generate f_v^* with minimal leakage. This suggests that, when f_v^* generated by GPT-4o is provided, the performance improvement is not driven by exposure to correct code.

A.4 COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF VERBAL FEEDBACK ACROSS DIFFERENT LLMs

In our main experiments, we utilized GPT-4o for verbal feedback generation and investigated its performance in comparison to other models. To see the effect of using other LLMs for verbal feedback generation, we conducted a single iteration of code generation using three closed-source LLMs as both code generators and expert-level verbal feedback generators, examining the Pass@1 perfor-

Table 9: Pass@1 results over different model combinations of expert-level verbal feedback f_v^* generation and code generation on CONVCODEWORLD where $\Omega = \langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$ and the total number of turns $n = 1$. For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance while keeping the code generation model fixed.

| f_v^* Generation | Code Generation | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | GPT-4-0613 | GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | GPT-4o-2024-05-13 |
| GPT-4-0613 | <u>65.1</u> | <u>61.4</u> | <u>63.4</u> |
| GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | 62.9 | 59.9 | 62.5 |
| GPT-4o-2024-05-13 | 67.1 | 65.4 | 64.2 |

mance. The results, as shown in Table 9, consistently showed superior performance when employing GPT-4o for feedback generation.

B IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

Table 10: Pass@1 results over different implementation for initial code generation without feedback. CONVCODEWORLD chose Direct Generation by BigCodeBench implementation, which showed the highest performance. For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance while keeping the code generation model fixed.

| Implementation | DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct | GPT-4o-2024-05-13 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|
| w/o Feedback ($\Omega = \langle \phi, \phi, \phi \rangle$) | | |
| Reported | 35.5 | 51.1 |
| Direct Generation (BigCodeBench impl.) | 35.2 | 50.8 |
| DSPy.Predict | <u>33.6</u> | 1.8 |
| DSPy.ChainOfThought | <u>20.2</u> | <u>49.3</u> |
| Compilation Feedback only ($\Omega = \langle f_c, \phi, \phi \rangle; n = 1$) | | |
| Direct Generation (BigCodeBench impl.) | 35.2 | 50.8 |
| DSPy.Predict | <u>33.7</u> | 50.1 |
| DSPy.ChainOfThought | 32.8 | <u>50.5</u> |

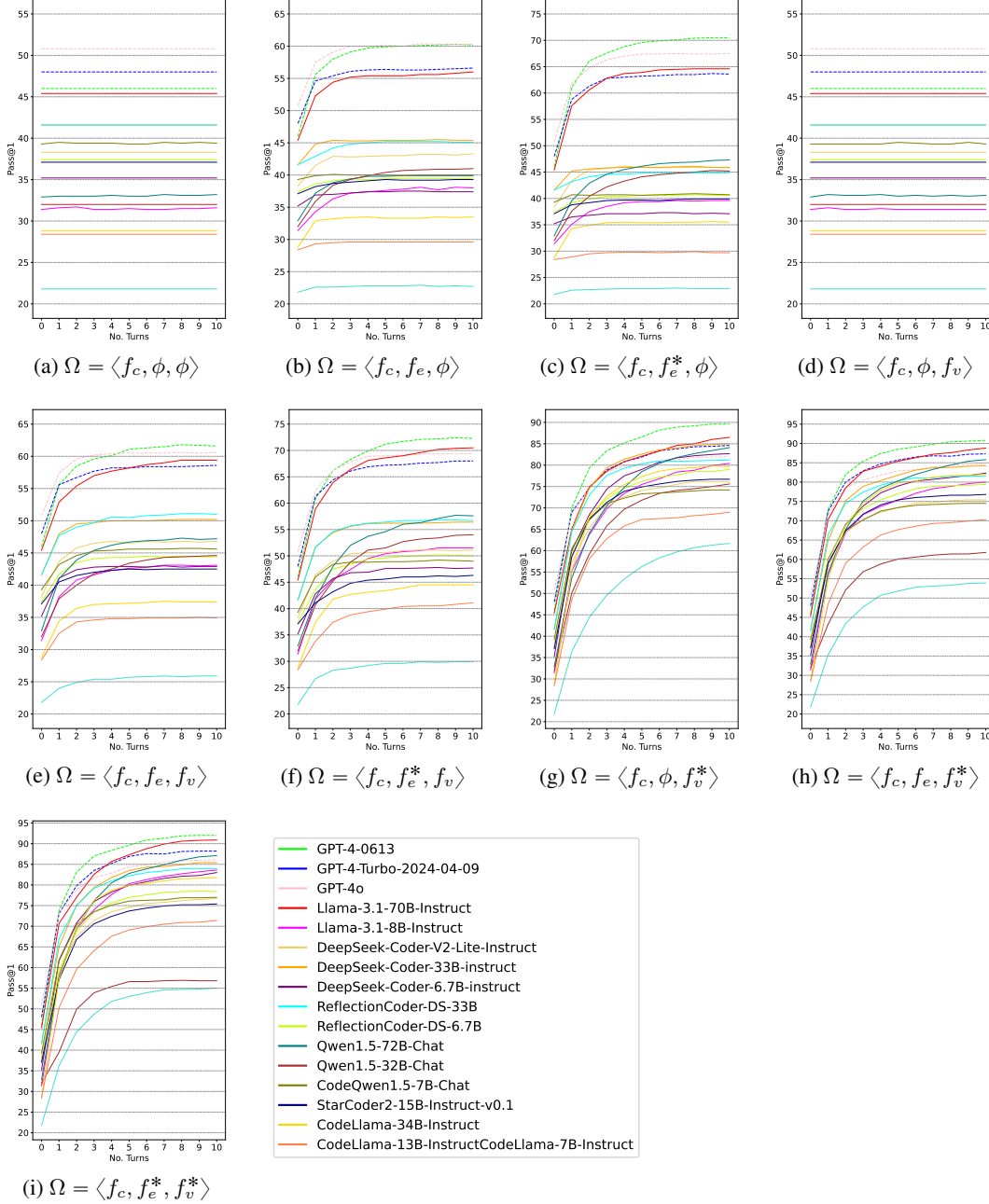
We utilize DSPy (Khatab et al., 2024)⁵ manage the interactive code generation flow for CONVCODEWORLD and CONVCODEBENCH. For both code and verbal feedback generation follow DSPy’s default prompt format, incorporating ChainOfThought (CoT) (Wei et al., 2022) reasoning by DSPy.ChainOfThought function. The exception is initial code generation, where we adopt BigCodeBench’s (Zhuo et al., 2024) implementation,⁶ without CoT reasoning. As shown in Table 10, we attribute this choice to the observation that, for initial code generation (without prior feedback), models tend to perform better without additional reasoning steps like CoT (DSPy.ChainOfThought) or prompting (both in DSPy.Predict and DSPy.ChainOfThought).

Hyperparameters are set as follows: The total number of turns $n = 10$, with a maximum token length of 8K for all code generation models. For models with a lower token limit, we use their respective maximum length. For verbal feedback generation, we use GPT-4o-2024-05-13 with a token limit of 2K. Regarding the partial test coverage of execution feedback, we utilize the first three test cases.

⁵<https://github.com/stanfordnlp/dspy>

⁶<https://github.com/bigcode-project/bigcodebench>

C CONVCODEWORLD

Figure 3: Iterative Pass@1 results on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω .

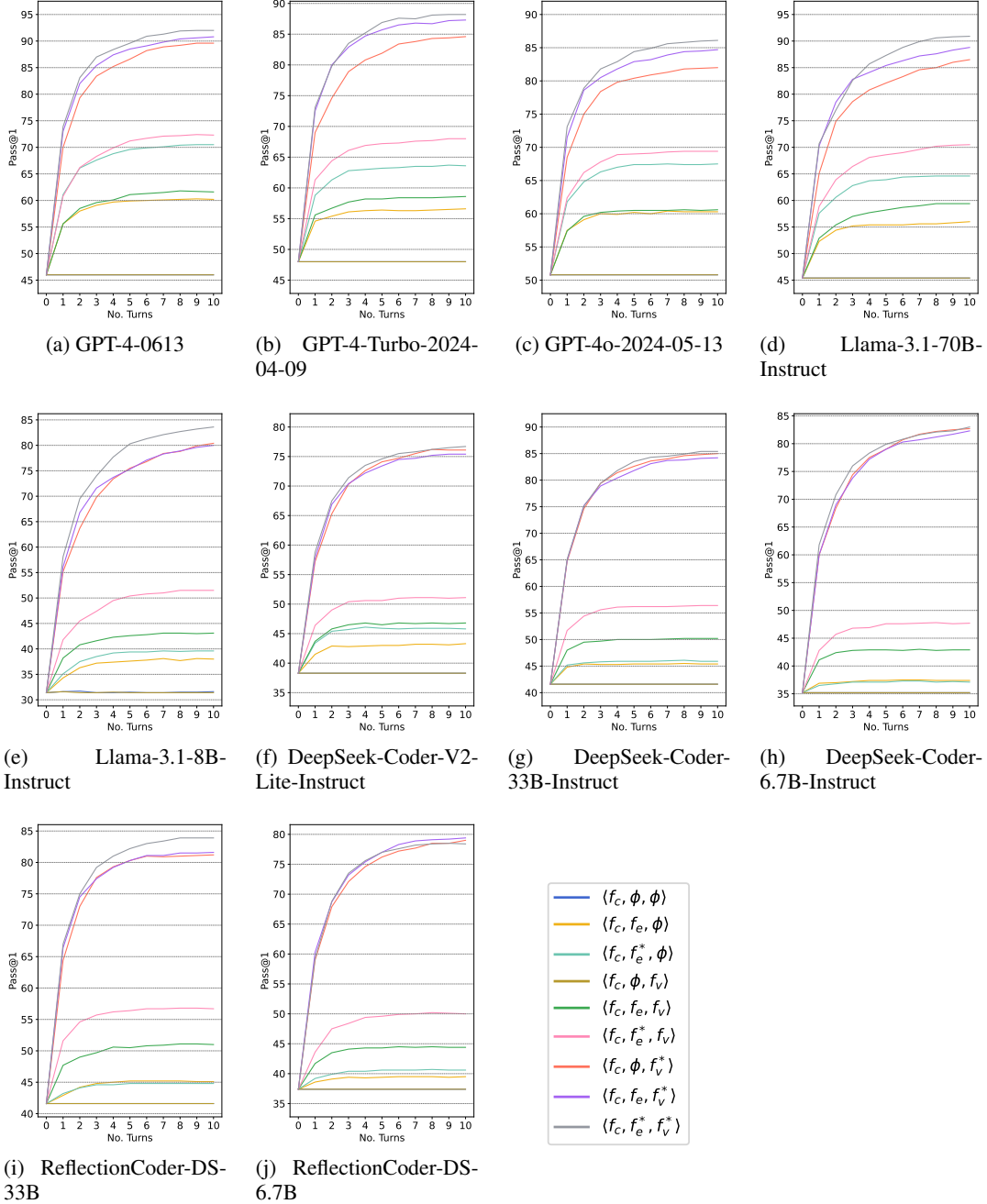


Figure 4: Iterative Pass@1 results of each LLM on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω (continued on Figure 5).

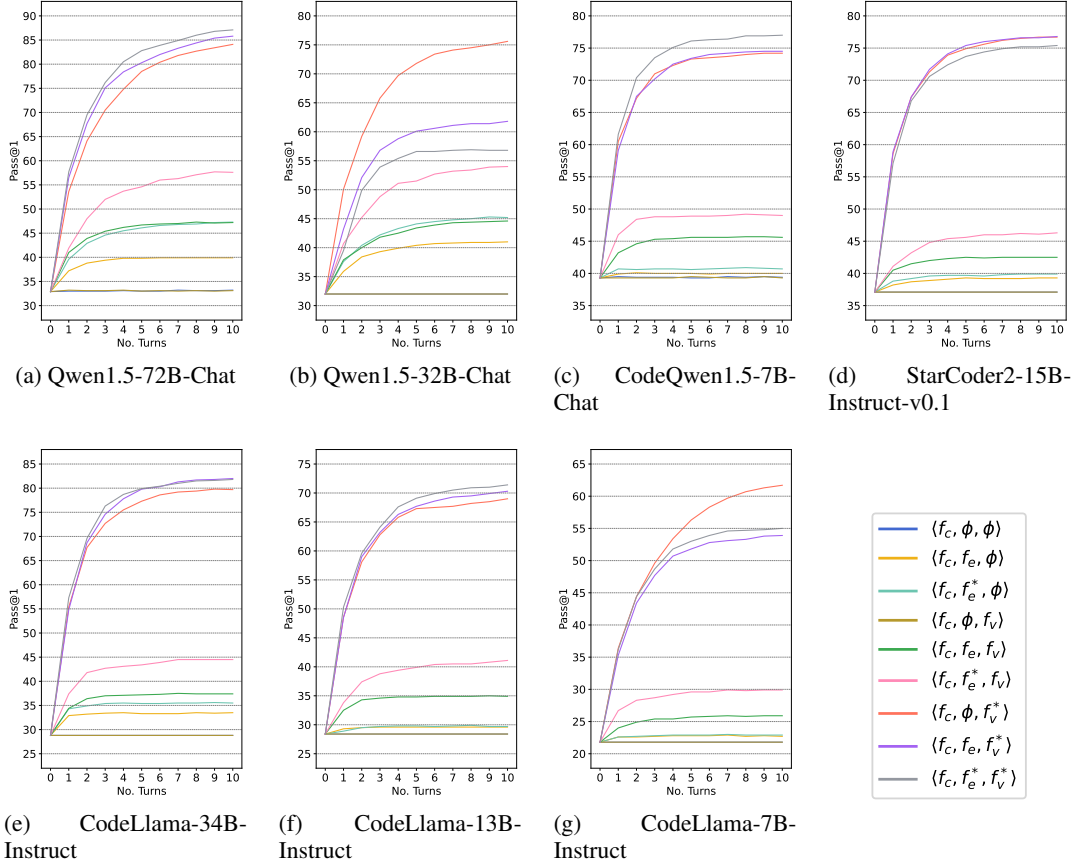


Figure 5: Iterative Pass@1 results of each LLM on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω (continued from Figure 4).

D CONVCODEBENCH

D.1 MRR AND RECALL RESULTS

D.1.1 REFERENCE MODEL: DEEPSEEK-CODER-6.7B-INSTRUCT

Table 11: MRR and Recall results on CONVCODEBENCH using logs of DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct in CONVCODEWORLD. \times indicates that no feedback of that type is provided (ϕ). For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance within the same model group.

| | MRR | | | | | Recall | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Compilation Feedback | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c |
| Execution Feedback | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* |
| Verbal Feedback | f_n | f_n | f_n^* | f_n^* | f_n^* | f_n | f_n | f_n^* | f_n^* | f_n^* |
| Closed-Source Models | | | | | | | | | | |
| GPT-4-0613 | 56.2 | 59.1 | 66.9 | 67.4 | 68.2 | 61.8 | 68.9 | 89.9 | 90.6 | 91.0 |
| GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | 57.4 | <u>60.1</u> | <u>67.6</u> | <u>68.3</u> | <u>69.0</u> | 61.7 | 68.3 | 89.0 | 89.9 | 90.0 |
| GPT-4o-2024-05-13 | 58.8 | 61.3 | 69.0 | 69.3 | 70.2 | 63.1 | 68.9 | <u>89.8</u> | <u>90.1</u> | <u>90.5</u> |
| Open-Source Models ($\geq 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct | 57.2 | 59.2 | 67.2 | 67.7 | 68.5 | 62.3 | 67.0 | 89.4 | 89.7 | 90.4 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct | 52.4 | 54.0 | 63.4 | 64.4 | <u>65.3</u> | 56.2 | 60.7 | 86.8 | 87.8 | 88.6 |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-33B | 52.6 | 54.7 | <u>64.0</u> | <u>64.5</u> | <u>65.3</u> | 56.4 | <u>62.0</u> | 86.8 | 87.8 | 88.2 |
| Qwen1.5-72B-Chat | 49.1 | 52.0 | 61.4 | 61.9 | 62.7 | 54.6 | 61.8 | <u>87.6</u> | <u>88.2</u> | <u>88.8</u> |
| Qwen1.5-32B-Chat | 48.6 | 50.8 | 60.4 | 59.9 | 60.1 | 54.1 | 59.2 | 86.3 | 84.8 | 84.8 |
| CodeLlama-34B-Instruct | 47.2 | 48.8 | 60.6 | 61.1 | 61.6 | 51.7 | 56.4 | 87.4 | <u>88.2</u> | <u>88.2</u> |
| Open-Source Models ($< 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct | 50.6 | 52.5 | 62.3 | 62.8 | 63.4 | <u>55.8</u> | <u>61.2</u> | 87.3 | 88.3 | 88.2 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct | 52.4 | 54.4 | 63.1 | 63.8 | 64.7 | 56.4 | 61.7 | 86.2 | 87.1 | 87.7 |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B | 48.5 | 50.2 | 61.0 | 61.2 | 61.8 | 52.5 | 56.9 | 85.8 | 85.9 | 86.4 |
| CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat | <u>51.5</u> | <u>53.6</u> | <u>62.8</u> | <u>63.5</u> | <u>64.0</u> | 55.2 | 60.8 | 86.1 | 86.8 | 87.4 |
| StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1 | 49.7 | 51.7 | 62.3 | 62.2 | 62.8 | 52.9 | 58.1 | <u>86.6</u> | 85.9 | 86.6 |
| CodeLlama-13B-Instruct | 47.4 | 49.3 | 60.4 | 60.4 | 61.1 | 51.8 | 56.8 | <u>86.6</u> | 86.2 | 87.4 |
| CodeLlama-7B-Instruct | 44.2 | 45.7 | 57.9 | 57.9 | 58.3 | 48.9 | 53.2 | 86.3 | 86.1 | 85.4 |

D.1.2 REFERENCE MODEL: GPT-4-0613

Table 12: MRR and Recall results on CONVCODEBENCH using logs of GPT-4-0613 in CONVCODEWORLD. \times indicates that no feedback of that type is provided (ϕ). For each column, bold and underscore indicate 1st and 2nd place performance within the same model group.

| | MRR | | | | | Recall | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Compilation Feedback | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c | f_c |
| Execution Feedback | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* | f_e | f_e^* | \times | f_e | f_e^* |
| Verbal Feedback | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v^* | f_v^* | f_v | f_v | f_v^* | f_v^* | f_v^* |
| Closed-Source Models | | | | | | | | | | |
| GPT-4-Turbo-2024-04-09 | <u>60.3</u> | <u>64.1</u> | <u>69.9</u> | <u>70.9</u> | <u>71.6</u> | <u>67.2</u> | <u>76.7</u> | <u>91.6</u> | <u>92.8</u> | <u>94.2</u> |
| GPT-4o-2024-05-13 | 61.6 | 65.0 | 70.6 | 71.5 | 72.3 | 68.6 | 77.2 | 91.9 | 93.0 | 94.3 |
| Open-Source Models ($\geq 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct | 60.9 | 64.2 | 69.9 | 70.9 | 71.5 | 68.8 | 77.7 | 92.2 | 93.5 | 94.6 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-33B-Instruct | 58.3 | 61.9 | 68.2 | 69.3 | 69.9 | <u>66.5</u> | <u>75.9</u> | 91.9 | 93.2 | 94.3 |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-33B | <u>58.9</u> | <u>62.4</u> | <u>68.8</u> | <u>70.0</u> | <u>70.3</u> | <u>66.5</u> | <u>75.9</u> | 91.8 | <u>93.3</u> | <u>94.5</u> |
| Qwen1.5-72B-Chat | 57.5 | 60.4 | 67.3 | 68.3 | 69.1 | 66.0 | 73.9 | 91.5 | 92.5 | 94.2 |
| Qwen1.5-32B-Chat | 56.6 | 60.6 | 66.8 | 67.6 | 67.7 | 65.4 | 75.7 | 91.4 | 92.7 | 92.9 |
| CodeLlama-34B-Instruct | 56.2 | 59.9 | 66.8 | 67.8 | 68.4 | 64.7 | 74.8 | 92.2 | 93.1 | 94.4 |
| Open-Source Models ($< 30B$) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct | 56.9 | 60.6 | 67.4 | 68.3 | 68.9 | 65.4 | 74.8 | 91.8 | 92.8 | 94.3 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-V2-Lite-Instruct | <u>58.8</u> | 62.4 | 68.9 | 69.7 | <u>70.1</u> | <u>66.4</u> | <u>75.5</u> | 91.8 | 92.6 | 93.9 |
| DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct | 57.5 | 61.1 | 67.4 | 68.7 | 69.2 | 65.7 | <u>75.5</u> | 91.2 | 93.1 | 94.4 |
| ReflectionCoder-DS-6.7B | 57.9 | 61.5 | 68.0 | 69.1 | 69.7 | 65.7 | 75.2 | 91.9 | <u>93.0</u> | 94.1 |
| CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat | 59.0 | 62.4 | <u>68.5</u> | <u>69.6</u> | 70.2 | 67.1 | 76.1 | 91.8 | 92.9 | 94.4 |
| StarCoder2-15B-Instruct-v0.1 | 58.3 | 61.8 | 68.0 | 68.9 | 69.7 | 66.0 | 75.3 | 91.2 | 92.5 | 94.0 |
| CodeLlama-13B-Instruct | 56.1 | 59.9 | 66.4 | 67.5 | 68.1 | 64.9 | 74.6 | 91.5 | 92.6 | 94.4 |
| CodeLlama-7B-Instruct | 54.8 | 58.4 | 65.5 | 66.4 | 67.0 | 63.7 | 73.4 | 91.9 | 92.5 | 93.6 |

E RANK CORRELATIONS BETWEEN CONVCODEBENCH AND CONVCODEWORLD

E.1 REFERENCE MODEL: CODELLAMA-7B-INSTRUCT-HF

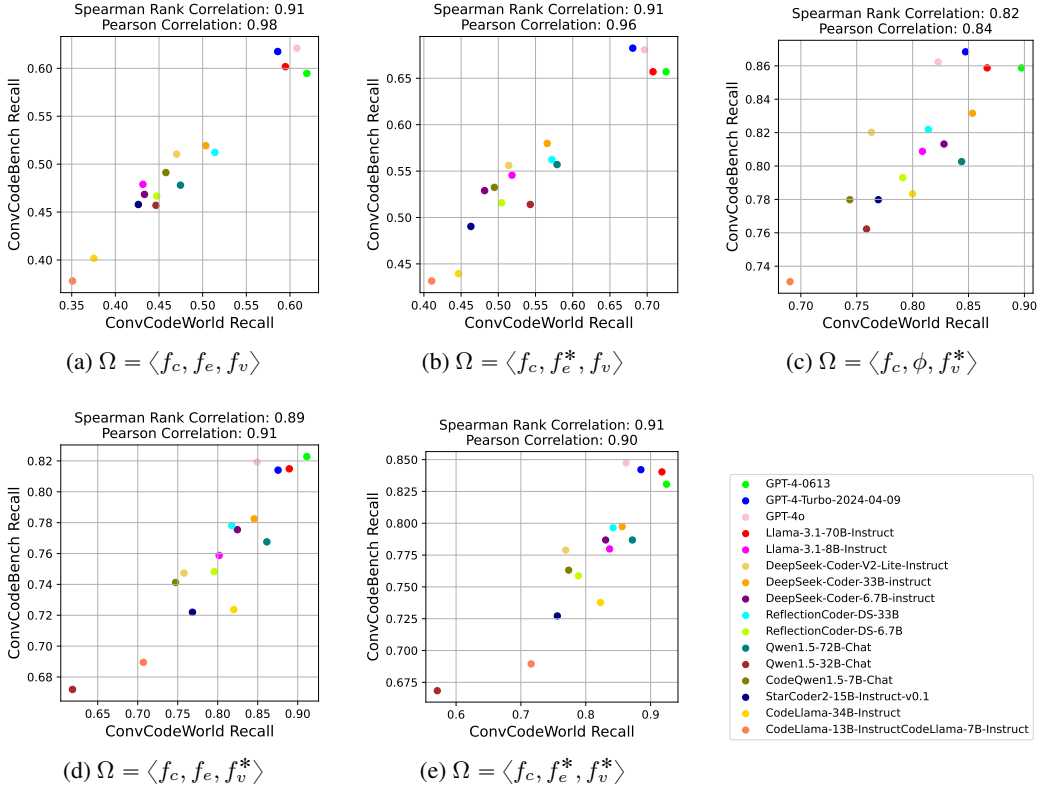


Figure 6: Correlation between Recall on CONVCODEBENCH (ref. CodeLlama-7B-Instruct) and Recall on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω .

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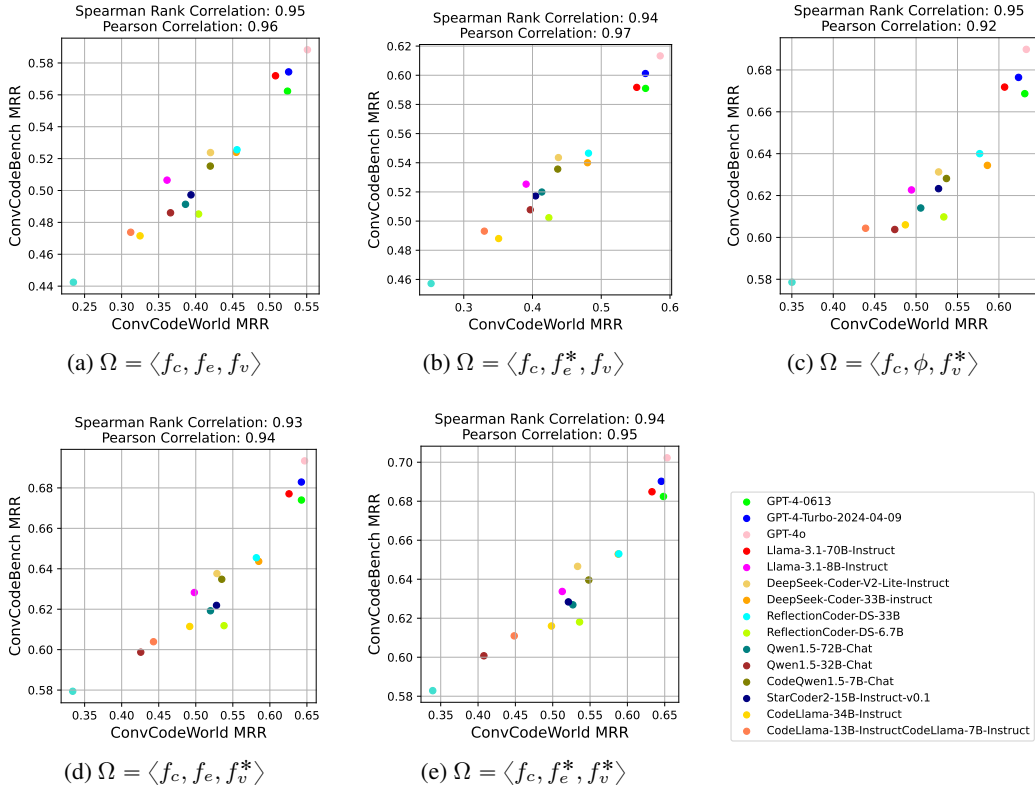


Figure 7: Correlation between MRR on CONVCODEBENCH (ref. DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct) and MRR on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω .

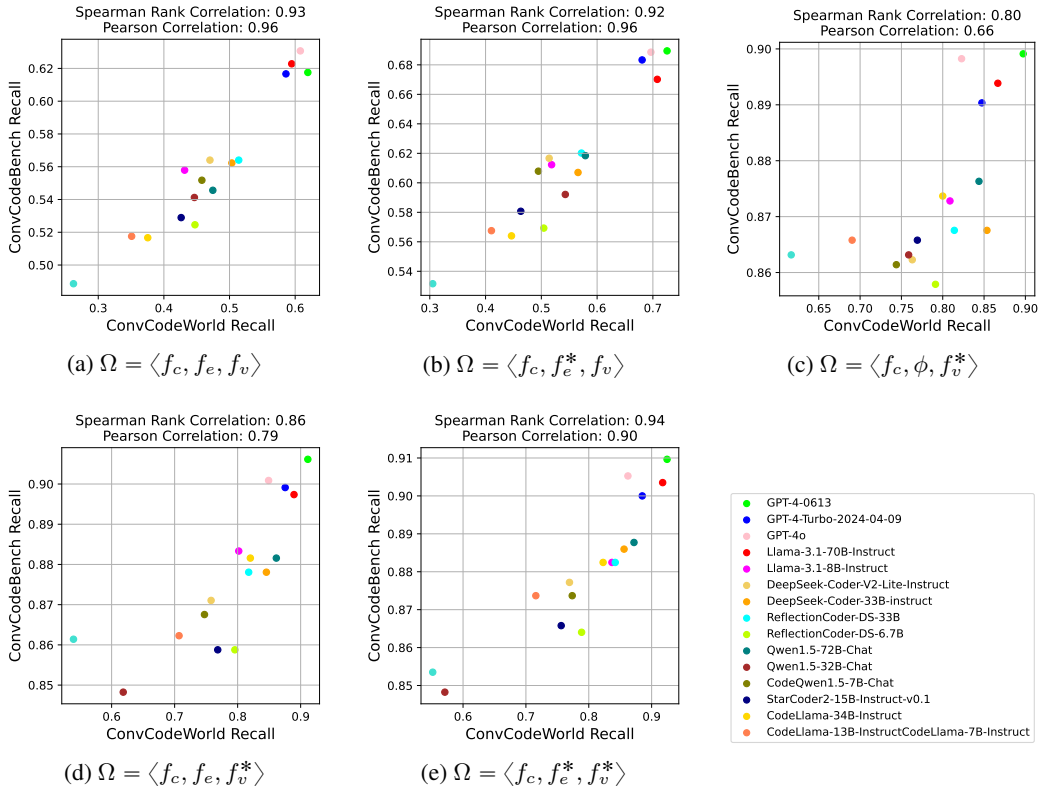


Figure 8: Correlation between Recall on CONVCODEBENCH (ref. DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct) and Recall on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω .

E.1.2 REFERENCE MODEL: GPT-4-0613

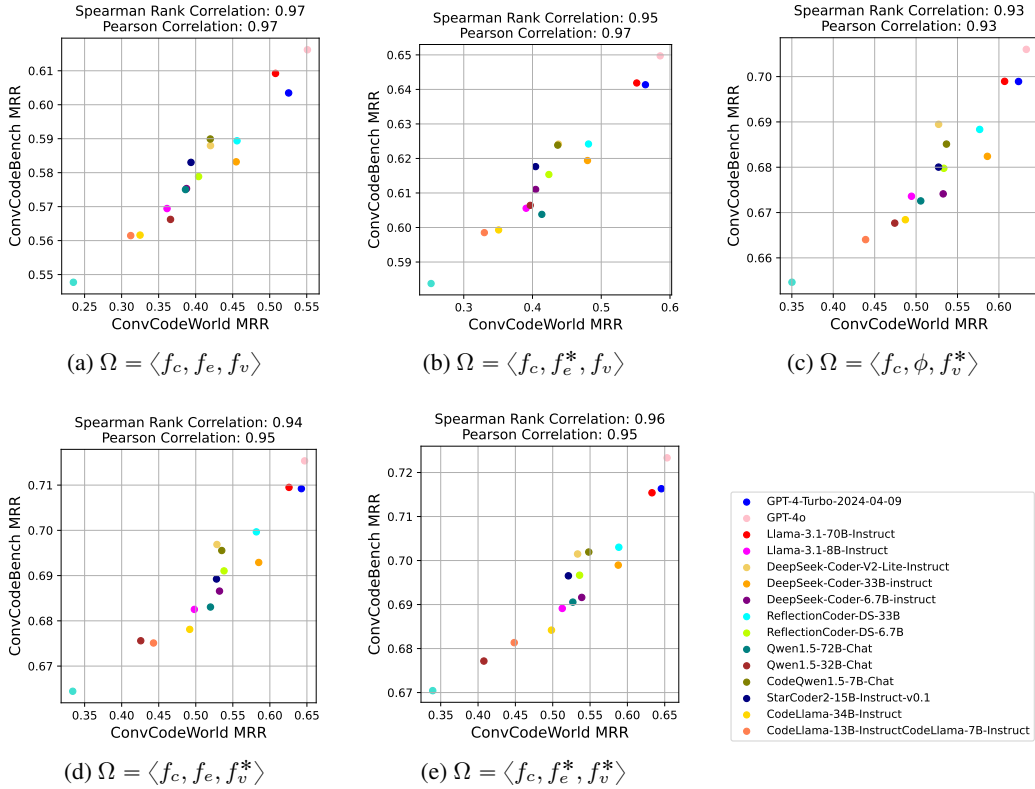


Figure 9: Correlation between MRR on CONVCODEBENCH (ref. GPT-4-0613) and MRR on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω .

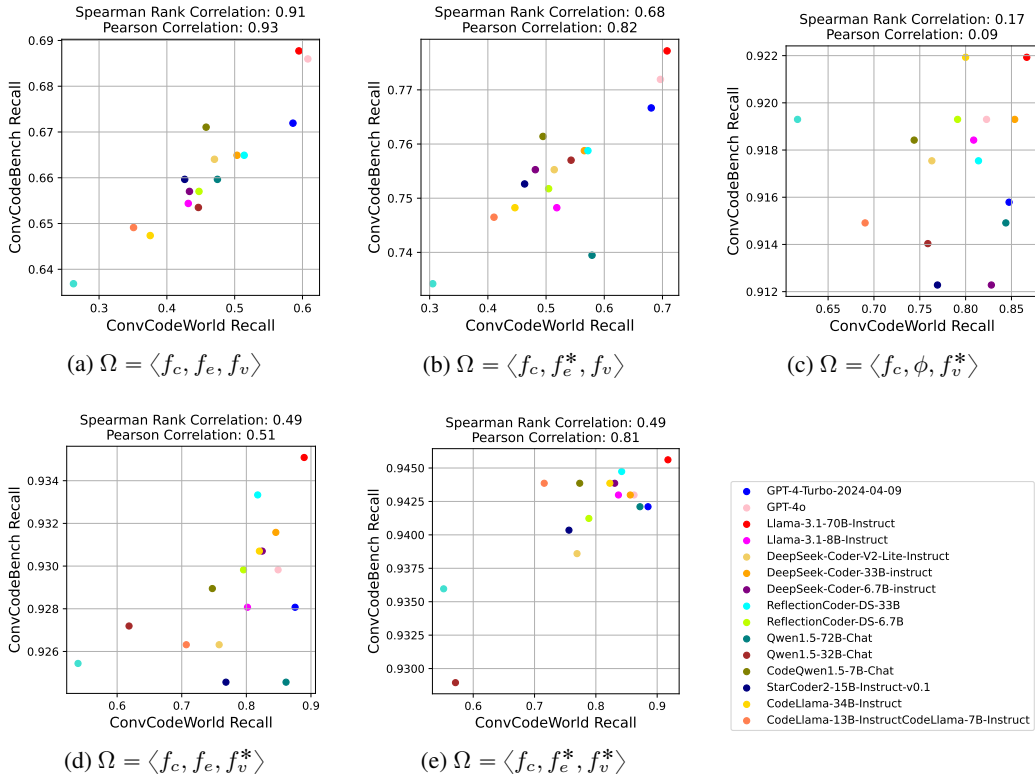


Figure 10: Correlation between Recall on CONVCODEBENCH (ref. GPT-4-0613) and Recall on CONVCODEWORLD with different feedback combinations Ω .

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1242 F IN-CONTEXT LEARNING EXAMPLES
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1244 F.1 NOVICE-LEVEL VERBAL FEEDBACK
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1246 1 Example Input:
1247 2 Sort a list of integers in ascending order. The function should take a
1248   ↳ list of integers and return a sorted list. Ensure that the function
1249   ↳ handles negative numbers and zeros correctly. Check if the function's
1250   ↳ output is a sorted list.
1251 3 ```python
1252 4 >>> sorted_list = sort_func([3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2])
1253 5 >>> sorted_list
1254 6 [-10, -1, 0, 2, 3, 5]
1255 7 ```
1256 8 You should write self-contained code starting with:
1257 9 ```python
1258 10 def sort_func(int_list):
1259 11 ...
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1261 13 Ground Truth Code:
1262 14 ```python
1263 15 def sort_func(int_list):
1264 16     return sorted(int_list)
1265 17 ...
1266 18
1267 19 Previous Code:
1268 20 ```python
1269 21 def sort_func(int_list):
1270 22     for i in range(len(int_list)):
1271 23         for j in range(len(int_list) - 1):
1272 24             if int_list[j] < int_list[j + 1]:
1273 25                 int_list[j], int_list[j + 1] = int_list[j + 1],
1274 26                 ↳ int_list[j]
1275 27     return int_list
1276 28
1277 29 test_list = [3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2]
1278 30 print(sort_func(test_list))
1279 31 ```
1280 32
1281 33 Compilation Feedback:
1282 34 Traceback (most recent call last):
1283 35   File "tmp.py", line 6
1284 36     return int_list
1285 37         ^
1286 38 IndentationError: unindent does not match any outer indentation level
1287 39
1288 40 Reasoning:
1289 41 Let's think step by step in order to produce the novice-level
1290 42 ↳ `user_feedback`.
1291 43
1292 44 User Feedback:
1293 45 I got this error:
1294 46 ```
1295 47 Traceback (most recent call last):
1296 48   File "tmp.py", line 6
1297 49     return int_list
1298 50         ^
1299 51 IndentationError: unindent does not match any outer indentation level
1300 52
1301 53 I think there might be something wrong with the indentation of the
1302 54 ↳ `return int_list` line. Also, I think there exists a simpler way to
1303 55 ↳ sort a list in Python.

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Figure 11: The in-context example of f_v generation where $\Omega = \langle f_c, \phi, f_v \rangle$.

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1301 1 Example Input:
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1303   ↳ list of integers and return a sorted list. Ensure that the function
1304   ↳ handles negative numbers and zeros correctly. Check if the function's
1305   ↳ output is a sorted list.
1306 3 ```python
1307 4 >>> sorted_list = sort_func([3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2])
1308 5 >>> sorted_list
1309 6 [-10, -1, 0, 2, 3, 5]
1310 7 ```
1311 8 You should write self-contained code starting with:
1312 9 ```python
1313 10 def sort_func(int_list):
1314 11 ```
1315 12
1316 13 Previous Code:
1317 14 ```python
1318 15 def sort_func(int_list):
1319 16     for i in range(len(int_list)):
1320 17         for j in range(len(int_list) - 1):
1321 18             if int_list[j] < int_list[j + 1]:
1322 19                 int_list[j], int_list[j + 1] = int_list[j + 1],
1323 20                 ↳ int_list[j]
1324 21     return int_list
1325 22
1326 23 test_list = [3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2]
1327 24 print(sort_func(test_list))
1328 25 ```
1329 26
1330 27 Compilation Feedback:
1331 28 No syntax errors
1332 29
1333 30 Execution Feedback:
1334 31 TEST_CASE_1
1335 32 Traceback (most recent call last):
1336 33   File "__test__.py", line 78, in test_case_1
1337 34   AssertionError: sort_func([3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2]) != [-10, -1, 0, 2, 3, 5]
1338 35
1339 36 Reasoning:
1340 37 Let's think step by step in order to produce the novice-level
1341 38 ↳ `user_feedback`.
1342 39
1343 40 User Feedback:
1344 41 I got this error:
1345 42 ```
1346 43 Traceback (most recent call last):
1347 44   File "__test__.py", line 78, in test_case_1
1348 45   AssertionError: sort_func([3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2]) != [-10, -1, 0, 2, 3, 5]
1349 46 ```
1350 47
1351 48 It seems like the function didn't sort the list correctly. The list is in
1352 49 ↳ descending order instead of ascending order. Also, I think there
1353 50 ↳ exists a simpler way to sort a list in Python.

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Figure 12: The in-context example of f_v generation where $\Omega = \langle f_c, f_e[*], f_v \rangle$.

F.2 EXPERT-LEVEL VERBAL FEEDBACK

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1355 1 Example Input:
1356 2 Sort a list of integers in ascending order. The function should take a list of integers and
1357   ↪ return a sorted list. Ensure that the function handles negative numbers and zeros
1358   ↪ correctly. Check if the function's output is a sorted list.
1359 3 ```python
1360 4 >>> sorted_list = sort_func([3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2])
1361 5 >>> sorted_list
1362 6 [-10, -1, 0, 2, 3, 5]
1363 7 ```
1364 8 You should write self-contained code starting with:
1365 9 ```python
1366 10 def sort_func(int_list):
1367 11     ```
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1369 13 Ground Truth Code:
1370 14 ```python
1371 15 def sort_func(int_list):
1372 16     return sorted(int_list)
1373 17 ```
1374 18
1375 19 Previous Code:
1376 20 ```python
1377 21 def sort_func(int_list):
1378 22     for i in range(len(int_list)):
1379 23         for j in range(len(int_list) - 1):
1380 24             if int_list[j] < int_list[j + 1]:
1381 25                 int_list[j], int_list[j + 1] = int_list[j + 1], int_list[j]
1382 26     return int_list
1383 27
1384 28 test_list = [3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2]
1385 29 print(sort_func(test_list))
1386 30 ```
1387 31
1388 32 Reasoning:
1389 33 Let's think step by step in order to produce the user_feedback. We need to compare the
1390 34 ↪ `previous_code` with the `ground_truth_code` and identify specific areas where the
1391 35 ↪ `previous_code` deviates from the expected behavior. We should focus on the sorting
1392 36 ↪ algorithm, handling of edge cases like negative numbers and zeros, and the overall
1393 37 ↪ performance of the code.
1394 38
1395 39 User Feedback:
1396 40 1. **Sorting Algorithm**: The `previous_code` implements a bubble sort algorithm, but it sorts
1397 41 ↪ the list in descending order due to the condition `if int_list[j] < int_list[j + 1]`. The
1398 42 ↪ correct approach should use `if int_list[j] > int_list[j + 1]` to sort in ascending order.
1399 43
1400 44 2. **Edge Case Handling**: While the `previous_code` attempts to handle all integers, it
1401 45 ↪ incorrectly sorts the list in the reverse order. Ensure that the sorting condition
1402 46 ↪ correctly compares elements to achieve ascending order.
1403 47
1404 48 3. **Code Simplicity and Readability**: The bubble sort implementation in the `previous_code`
1405 49 ↪ is more complex and less readable compared to using the built-in `sorted()` function.
1406 50 ↪ Simplifying the code to use `sorted()` will enhance readability and maintainability.
1407 51
1408 52 4. **Performance**: The bubble sort algorithm used in the `previous_code` has a time
1409 53 ↪ complexity of  $O(n^2)$ , which can be inefficient for large lists. The `sorted()` function,
1410 54 ↪ on the other hand, uses Timsort, which has a time complexity of  $O(n \log n)$  and is more
1411 55 ↪ suitable for sorting large datasets.
1412 56
1413 57 5. **Test Case Verification**: The `previous_code` includes a print statement to verify the
1414 58 ↪ function's output. While this is useful for debugging, consider using assertions or test
1415 59 ↪ functions to automate the verification process in a more scalable way.
1416 60
1417 61 Overall, the `previous_code` functions incorrectly by sorting the list in descending order.
1418 62 ↪ Using the correct comparison in the bubble sort condition or utilizing Python's built-in
1419 63 ↪ sorting capabilities would improve the function's correctness and performance.

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Figure 13: The in-context example of f_v^* generation where $\Omega = \langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$.

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1405 1 Example Input:
1406 2 Sort a list of integers in ascending order. The function should take a list of integers and
    ↪ return a sorted list. Ensure that the function handles negative numbers and zeros
1407 ↪ correctly. Check if the function's output is a sorted list.
1408 3 ```python
1409 4 >>> sorted_list = sort_func([3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2])
1410 5 >>> sorted_list
1411 6 [-10, -1, 0, 2, 3, 5]
1412 7 ```
1413 8 You should write self-contained code starting with:
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1415 10 def sort_func(int_list):
1416 11     ...
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1418 13 Ground Truth Code:
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1420 15 def sort_func(int_list):
1421 16     return sorted(int_list)
1422 17 ...
1423 18
1424 19 Previous Code:
1425 20 ```python
1426 21 def sort_func(int_list):
1427 22     for i in range(len(int_list)):
1428 23         for j in range(len(int_list) - 1):
1429 24             if int_list[j] < int_list[j + 1]:
1430 25                 int_list[j], int_list[j + 1] = int_list[j + 1], int_list[j]
1431 26     return int_list
1432 27
1433 28 test_list = [3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2]
1434 29 print(sort_func(test_list))
1435 30 ...
1436 31
1437 32 Execution Feedback:
1438 33 TEST_CASE_1
1439 34 Traceback (most recent call last):
1440 35   File "__test__.py", line 78, in test_case_1
1441 36   AssertionError: sort_func([3, -1, 0, 5, -10, 2]) != [-10, -1, 0, 2, 3, 5]
1442 37
1443 38 Reasoning:
1444 39 Let's think step by step in order to produce the user_feedback. We need to compare the
1445 40 ↪ `previous_code` with the `ground_truth_code` and identify specific areas where the
1446 41 ↪ `previous_code` deviates from the expected behavior. We should focus on the sorting
1447 42 ↪ algorithm, handling of edge cases like negative numbers and zeros, and the overall
1448 43 ↪ performance of the code.
1449 44
1450 45 User Feedback:
1451 46 1. Sorting Algorithm: The `previous_code` implements a bubble sort algorithm, but it sorts
1452 47 ↪ the list in descending order due to the condition `if int_list[j] < int_list[j + 1]`. The
1453 48 ↪ correct approach should use `if int_list[j] > int_list[j + 1]` to sort in ascending order.
1454 49
1455 50 2. Edge Case Handling: While the `previous_code` attempts to handle all integers, it
1456 51 ↪ incorrectly sorts the list in the reverse order. Ensure that the sorting condition
1457 52 ↪ correctly compares elements to achieve ascending order.
1458 53
1459 54 3. Code Simplicity and Readability: The bubble sort implementation in the `previous_code`
1460 55 ↪ is more complex and less readable compared to using the built-in `sorted()` function.
1461 56 ↪ Simplifying the code to use `sorted()` will enhance readability and maintainability.
1462 57
1463 58 4. Performance: The bubble sort algorithm used in the `previous_code` has a time
1464 59 ↪ complexity of  $O(n^2)$ , which can be inefficient for large lists. The `sorted()` function,
1465 60 ↪ on the other hand, uses Timsort, which has a time complexity of  $O(n \log n)$  and is more
1466 61 ↪ suitable for sorting large datasets.
1467 62
1468 63 5. Test Case Verification: The `previous_code` includes a print statement to verify the
1469 64 ↪ function's output. While this is useful for debugging, consider using assertions or test
1470 65 ↪ functions to automate the verification process in a more scalable way.
1471 66
1472 67 Overall, the `previous_code` functions incorrectly by sorting the list in descending order.
1473 68 ↪ Using the correct comparison in the bubble sort condition or utilizing Python's built-in
1474 69 ↪ sorting capabilities would improve the function's correctness and performance.

```

Figure 14: The in-context example of f_v^* generation where $\Omega = \langle f_c, f_e[*], f_v^* \rangle$.

G CASE STUDY

Input Code

```

1463 1 import smtplib
1464 2 from email.message import EmailMessage
1465 3 import getpass
1466 4 import socket
1467 5
1468 6 SERVER_ADDRESS = "localhost"
1469 7 SERVER_PORT = 25
1470 8 BUFFER_SIZE = 1024
1471 9 SMTP_SERVER = "smtp.gmail.com"
1472 10 SMTP_PORT = 587
1473 11
1474 12 def task_func(client_socket):
1475 13     # Ensure the socket is connected
1476 14     if not client_socket:
1477 15         print("Client socket is not connected.")
1478 16         return
1479 17
1480 18     # Receive the message from the client
1481 19     try:
1482 20         message = client_socket.recv(BUFFER_SIZE).decode()
1483 21     except socket.error as e:
1484 22         print(f"Failed to receive message from client: {e}")
1485 23         return
1486 24
1487 25     # If the message is empty, do not send the email
1488 26     if not message:
1489 27         print("Received an empty message. Not sending email.")
1490 28         return
1491 29
1492 30     # Ask for the sender's email, recipient's email, and sender's email password for authentication
1493 31     sender_email = input("Enter sender's email: ")
1494 32     recipient_email = input("Enter recipient's email: ")
1495 33     password = getpass.getpass("Enter sender's email password: ")
1496 34
1497 35     # Create the email message
1498 36     email_message = EmailMessage()
1499 37     email_message.set_content(message)
1500 38     email_message["Subject"] = "Message from client"
1501 39     email_message["From"] = sender_email
1502 40     email_message["To"] = recipient_email
1503 41
1504 42     # Connect to the SMTP server and send the email
1505 43     try:
1506 44         with smtplib.SMTP(SMTP_SERVER, SMTP_PORT) as smtp:
1507 45             smtp.starttls()
1508 46             smtp.login(sender_email, password)
1509 47             smtp.send_message(email_message)
1510 48             print("Email sent successfully.")
1511 49     except Exception as e:
1512 50         print(f"Failed to send email: {e}")

```

Execution Feedback with Partial Test Coverage (f_e)

```

1495 1 TEST_SMTP_SERVER_CONNECTION_ERROR
1496 2 Traceback (most recent call last):
1497 3   File "/notebooks/miniconda/envs/bigcodebench/lib/python3.9/unittest/mock.py", line 1336, in patched
1498 4     return func(*newargs, **newkwargs)
1499 5   File "__test__.py", line 125, in test_smtp_server_connection_error
1500 6   File "__test__.py", line 39, in task_func
1501 7   File "/tmp/utils.py", line 251, in readline
1502 8     raise IOError
1503 9 OSError
1504 10
1505 11 TEST_SUCCESSFUL_EMAIL_SEND
1506 12 Traceback (most recent call last):
1507 13   File "/notebooks/miniconda/envs/bigcodebench/lib/python3.9/unittest/mock.py", line 1336, in patched
1508 14     return func(*newargs, **newkwargs)
1509 15   File "__test__.py", line 81, in test_successful_email_send
1510 16   File "__test__.py", line 39, in task_func
1511 17   File "/tmp/utils.py", line 251, in readline
1512 18     raise IOError
1513 19 OSError
1514 20

```

Figure 15: Case study of GPT-4 on CONVCODEWORLD ($\Omega = \langle f_c, f_e, f_v \rangle$; $t = 7$): Input Code and f_e .

Novice-Level Verbal Feedback (f_v)

```

1 I got this error:
2 ...
3 Traceback (most recent call last):
4   File "/notebooks/miniconda/envs/bigcodebench/lib/python3.9/unittest/mock.py", line 1336, in patched
5     return func(*newargs, **newkeywargs)
6   File "__test__.py", line 125, in test_smtp_server_connection_error
7   File "__test__.py", line 39, in task_func
8   File "/tmp/utlils.py", line 251, in readline
9     raise IOError
10  OSError
11
12 Traceback (most recent call last):
13   File "/notebooks/miniconda/envs/bigcodebench/lib/python3.9/unittest/mock.py", line 1336, in patched
14     return func(*newargs, **newkeywargs)
15   File "__test__.py", line 81, in test_successful_email_send
16   File "__test__.py", line 39, in task_func
17   File "/tmp/utlils.py", line 251, in readline
18     raise IOError
19  OSError
20 ...
21 It seems like there is an issue with the socket connection or the way the code is handling the socket. The
22 ↪ `OSError` exceptions are being raised during the execution of the `task_func` function.

```

Refined Code by Feedback

```

1 import smtplib
2 from email.message import EmailMessage
3 import getpass
4 import socket
5
6 SERVER_ADDRESS = "localhost"
7 SERVER_PORT = 25
8 BUFFER_SIZE = 1024
9 SMTP_SERVER = "smtp.gmail.com"
10 SMTP_PORT = 587
11
12 def task_func(client_socket):
13     # Ensure the socket is connected
14     if not client_socket:
15         print("Client socket is not connected.")
16         return
17
18     # Receive the message from the client
19     try:
20         message = client_socket.recv(BUFFER_SIZE).decode()
21     except socket.error as e:
22         print(f"Failed to receive message from client: {e}")
23         return
24
25     # If the message is empty, do not send the email
26     if not message:
27         print("Received an empty message. Not sending email.")
28         return
29
30     # Ask for the sender's email, recipient's email, and sender's email password for authentication
31     sender_email = input("Enter sender's email: ")
32     recipient_email = input("Enter recipient's email: ")
33     password = getpass.getpass("Enter sender's email password: ")
34
35     # Create the email message
36     email_message = EmailMessage()
37     email_message.set_content(message)
38     email_message["Subject"] = "Message from client"
39     email_message["From"] = sender_email
40     email_message["To"] = recipient_email
41
42     # Connect to the SMTP server and send the email
43     try:
44         with smtplib.SMTP(SMTP_SERVER, SMTP_PORT) as smtp:
45             smtp.starttls()
46             smtp.login(sender_email, password)
47             smtp.send_message(email_message)
48             print("Email sent successfully.")
49     except Exception as e:
50         print(f"Failed to send email: {e}")

```

Figure 16: Case study of GPT-4-0613 on CONVCODEWORLD ($\Omega = \langle f_c, f_e, f_v \rangle$; turn 7): f_v and Refined Code.

Input Code

```

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1567
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1572
1573 1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
1574 2 import numpy as np
1575 3 def task_func(n, seed=0):
1576 4     np.random.seed(seed)
1577 5     points = [(x, y) for x, y in np.random.rand(n, 2)]
1578 6
1579 7     fig, ax = plt.subplots()
1580 8     ax.scatter([x for x, y in points], [y for x, y in points])
1581 9     ax.set_title("Scatter plot of random points")
1582 10    ax.set_xlabel("X")
1583 11    ax.set_ylabel("Y")
1584 12
1585 13    return fig, points

```

Expert-Level Verbal Feedback (f_v^*)

```

1586 1 1. **Random Points Generation**: The `previous_code` generates random points using a list
1587 2 ↪ comprehension with `np.random.rand(n, 2)`, which is a valid approach. However, it can be
1588 3 ↪ simplified by directly using `np.random.rand(n)` for both x and y coordinates separately.
1589 4 ↪ This makes the code more readable and aligns with common practices.
1590 5
1591 6 2. **Plotting Process**: The `previous_code` correctly plots the scatter plot using
1592 7 ↪ `ax.scatter()`. However, it extracts x and y coordinates from the `points` list using list
1593 8 ↪ comprehensions. This step can be avoided by directly using the arrays generated for x and
1594 9 ↪ y coordinates, which simplifies the code.
1595 10
1596 11 3. **Return Values**: The `previous_code` correctly returns the figure and the list of points.
1597 12 ↪ However, the generation of points can be streamlined by using `zip(x, y)` directly on the
1598 13 ↪ generated x and y arrays, which is more efficient and concise.
1599 14
1600 15 4. **Code Simplicity and Readability**: The `previous_code` is functional but can be
1601 16 ↪ simplified for better readability. Using direct array operations for x and y coordinates
1602 17 ↪ and avoiding unnecessary list comprehensions will make the code cleaner and easier to
1603 18 ↪ understand.
1604 19
1605 20 5. **Reproducibility**: Both the `previous_code` and the expected implementation correctly set
1606 21 ↪ the random seed for reproducibility, which is good practice.
1607 22
1608 23 Overall, while the `previous_code` is functional, it can be improved for simplicity and
1609 24 ↪ readability by directly using the generated x and y arrays for plotting and point
1610 25 ↪ generation. This will make the code more concise and maintainable.

```

Refined Code by Feedback

```

1603 1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
1604 2 import numpy as np
1605 3 def task_func(n, seed=0):
1606 4     np.random.seed(seed)
1607 5     x, y = np.random.rand(2, n)
1608 6     points = list(zip(x, y))
1609 7
1610 8     fig, ax = plt.subplots()
1611 9     ax.scatter(x, y)
1612 10    ax.set_title("Scatter plot of random points")
1613 11    ax.set_xlabel("X")
1614 12    ax.set_ylabel("Y")
1615 13
1616 14    return fig, points

```

Figure 17: Case study of DeepSeek-Coder-6.7B-Instruct on CONVCODEWORLD ($\Omega = \langle f_c, \phi, f_v^* \rangle$; turn 1).

Expert Feedback Analysis
Home
Statistics
Help
Finished 20/20
Current_id 17

go

Currently logged in as:

[Problem]
Can you write me a script that visits the following url (https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2022/event/royal-shake)

[Previous Code]

```
import time
import os
from selenium.webdriver import Firefox
from selenium.webdriver.firefox.service import Service
from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By

geckodriver_path = '/path/to/geckodriver'
service = Service(geckodriver_path)
service.start()

options = FirefoxOptions()
options.add_argument('-headless') # run browser in headless mode

driver = Firefox(service=service, options=options)

def play_sound():
    os.system('afplay /path/to/sound.mp3')

while True:
    driver.get("https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2022/event/royal-shakespeare-company-my-neighbour-totoro")
    check_dates_button = driver.find_element(By.XPATH, '//a[text()="Check dates & book"]')
    check_dates_button.click()
    time.sleep(5) # give time for the dialog box to appear

    sold_out_buttons = driver.find_elements(By.XPATH, '//button[text()="Sold out"]')
    if not sold_out_buttons:
        play_sound()
        break
    else:
        print("All buttons say sold out. Retrying.")
        time.sleep(60)

driver.quit()
```

[Expert Feedback]
That's great except I have a few modifications. The setup is as follows: next to each showtime there is a button which may or may not have the text "Sold out", the goal here is to check if any of those buttons \do not\ have that text, and then click it. What you've done is look to see whether there are \any\ buttons that say sold out, so you kind of have it the wrong way round. Can you try again please, with the addition that the button should be clicked if it is what we're looking for (i.e. not a "Sold out" button), as well as playing the sound. Don't give me the surrounding text about substituting paths, I know what I'm doing.

Is this feedback helpful for refining the given code?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Does this feedback resemble what would be expected from expert human programmers?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Move backward

Move forward

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Figure 18: Annotation platform (Pei et al., 2022) for collecting human evaluation of expert user feedback.

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