FactBench: A Dynamic Benchmark for In-the-Wild Language Model Factuality Evaluation

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Abstract

The rapid adoption of language models (LMs) across diverse applications has raised concerns about their factuality, i.e., their consistency with real-world facts. We introduce VERIFY, an evidence-based evaluation pipeline that measures LMs' factuality in real-world user interactions. VERIFY considers the verifiability of LM-generated content and categorizes content units as supported, unsupported, or undecidable based on Web-retrieved evidence. Importantly, factuality judgment by VERIFY more strongly correlates with human evaluations than existing methods. Using VERIFY, we identify "hallucination prompts," i.e., those that frequently elicit factual errors in LM responses. These prompts form FACT-BENCH, a dataset of 1K prompts spanning 150 fine-grained topics and tiered by difficulty. We benchmark widely-used open-weight and proprietary LMs from six families, yielding three key findings: (i) factual precision declines as prompt difficulty increases from Easy to Hard, (ii) Factuality does not necessarily improve with scale; Llama3.1-405B-Instruct performs comparably to or worse than its 70B variant, and (iii) Gemini1.5-Pro shows a notably higher refusal rate, with over-refusal in 25% of cases.

1 Introduction

Despite ongoing efforts to enhance their factuality, language models (LMs) continue to generate false or unverifiable content, often known as *hallucination* (Huang et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023). The widespread use of LMs and the evolving nature of information demand a dynamic factuality evaluation benchmark to identify the challenges LMs face in real-world applications. Current long-form factuality evaluation benchmarks (Min et al., 2023; Wei et al., 2024b; Malaviya et al., 2024) are static and have a narrow coverage of usage scenarios. The static design makes these benchmarks susceptible to data contamination (Magar and Schwartz, 2022). Moreover, existing benchmarks often target a limited subset of tasks. For instance, data used in developing FactScore (Min et al., 2023) primarily addresses biographical queries, while ExpertQA (Malaviya et al., 2024) recruits human experts to curate domain-specific questions. Other benchmarks (Chen et al., 2023; Wei et al., 2024b) cover queries that are either LM-generated or human-curated, compromising their real-world applicability.

In this work, we introduce **FACTBENCH**, a factuality evaluation benchmark derived from real-world LM usage. FACTBENCH is periodically updated, with the current version comprising 1,000 prompts across 150 topics (examples in Figure 2). To create FACTBENCH, we first use clustering methods to identify 382 unique tasks within LMSYS-Chat-1M dataset (Zheng et al., 2024). We then assess prompts in each task cluster for (1) verifiability, indicating whether their response can be verified against Web articles, and (2) usefulness, based on factors such as clarity and generalizability. Verifiable prompts that meet a specified usefulness threshold are considered for FACTBENCH.

To systematically identify which prompts elicit hallucinations, we design VERIFY (Verification and Evidence RetrIeval for FactualitY), a pipeline for fine-grained factuality evaluation of LM responses in the wild. VERIFY first extracts content units from model responses and identifies their type (e.g., facts, instructions, disclaimers, etc.). It then evaluates only the verifiable units against Web-based evidence using an interactive query generation and evidence retrieval technique. Finally, VERIFY categorizes units as supported, unsupported, or undecidable based on the evidence. We quantify the degree of hallucination in model responses by proposing a hallucination score that penalizes both incorrect claims (unsupported) and claims that cannot be verified due to ambiguity, missing context, or lack of evidence (undecidable). We use this score to measure the appropriateness of the corresponding user prompts previously filtered based on their verifiability and usefulness. Finally, we categorize prompts into three tiers (Hard, Moderate, and Easy) based on the responding models' strength and select the ones with the highest hallucination scores within each tier to create FACTBENCH.

To study trends in factuality evaluation methods and compare their effectiveness, we focus on four representative LMs: two proprietary models, i.e., GPT4-o (OpenAI, 2024a) and Gemini1.5-Pro (Team et al., 2024), and two open-weight models from Llama3.1 family, i.e., Llama3.1-70B-Instruct and Llama3.1-405B-Instruct (Meta, 2024) (full benchmarking results across seven models can be found in Appendix 10.9). The results show that LM performance significantly increased across tiers, aligning with our curation strategy. To compare the effectiveness of different factuality evaluation methods, we use VERIFY units as a common basis and feed them into factuality evaluation baselines for verification. Our results show that VERIFY achieves the highest correlation with human judgments compared to competitive baselines, with a Pearson correlation of 0.97 on factual units and 0.73 on non-factual ones. This highlights the effectiveness of our approach in factuality assessment and benchmark creation.

In summary, our contributions are as follows:

- We introduce FACTBENCH, a new benchmark grounded in the real-world usage of LMs. FACT-BENCH is designed to be updatable by periodically incorporating new hallucination prompts. This dynamic approach ensures that the benchmark remains relevant, addressing the evolving challenges in factual generation.
- We design VERIFY, a factuality evaluation pipeline that considers the verifiability of generated content and categorizes units into supported, unsupported, or undecidable based on retrieval evidence. VERIFY addresses a key limitation of prior work that makes binary factuality judgments, achieving the highest average correlation with human evaluations.
- We release factuality annotations by humans on 4,467 content units, with each unit independently judged by two annotators. Each annotator evaluates the independence of units and their factuality using Google Search. This human-annotated data provides quantifiable evaluation resources for assessing future factuality evaluation techniques.

2 Related Work

2.1 Factuality Evaluation Benchmarks

The widespread adoption of LMs, coupled with their tendency to hallucinate, demands new benchmarks that can effectively identify their factual weaknesses across diverse scenarios. Prior factuality evaluation benchmarks mainly focus on short-form and human-curated question-answering (QA) tasks. For instance, TruthfulQA (Lin et al., 2022), HaluEval (Li et al., 2023), and FELM (Chen et al., 2023) mostly focus on short-form knowledgebased QA of human-selected topics, despite LMs typically engaging in long-form conversations. The data used in developing FactScore (Min et al., 2023), while long-form, is limited to a single, relatively easy task of biographical QA. LongFact (Wei et al., 2024b) expands to 38 human-selected topics, but the prompts are LM-generated rather than user-driven. FactCheck-Bench (Wang et al., 2024a) collects ChatGPT hallucinations from Twitter, but its scope is narrow (94 prompts) and focuses on a specific and rather obsolete model. Moreover, all these datasets are static and prone to the data contamination issues (Magar and Schwartz, 2022). We fill these gaps by offering a benchmark that systematically mines hallucination prompts from in-the-wild user-model dialogues in LMSYS-chat-1M (Zheng et al., 2024), spanning diverse topics. FACTBENCH is designed to be regularly updated with new real-world prompts, ensuring relevance to evolving LM capabilities and use cases rather than being limited to fixed time frames.

2.2 Factuality Evaluation Methods

The challenge of distinguishing verifiable from non-verifiable claims is central to fact-checking. AFaCTA (Ni et al., 2024) stresses that claims are verifiable when they provide sufficient specificity for evidence retrieval. The subjective nature of check-worthiness, shaped by political and social contexts (Konstantinovskiy et al., 2020; Nakov et al., 2022), complicates this, particularly in LMgenerated content where fact-opinion lines blur (Vosoughi et al., 2018). To address this, VER-IFY introduces an undecidable label for claims with ambiguous factuality to accommodate both objective and context-dependent claims.

Long-form content evaluation presents unique challenges due to its complexity and the numerous claims it typically contains. To address these challenges, SAFE (Wei et al., 2024b) and FactScore

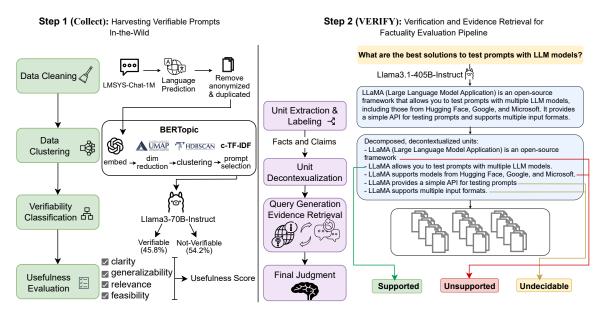


Figure 1: This figure outlines the two-step process we use to evaluate LM responses. Step 1 (left) involves cleaning, clustering, and evaluating prompts for verifiability and usefulness. Step 2 (right) evaluates a prompt's response by decomposing it into units, retrieving external evidence, and generating factuality labels with a hallucination score to flag inaccuracies. This score reflects the *appropriateness* of the input prompt for FACTBENCH.

(Wang et al., 2024b) decompose content into individual facts for granular verification. Our method, VERIFY, builds upon this approach by decomposing LM-generated content into units and distinguishing between verifiable and non-verifiable elements that appear in user-model interactions. While VeriScore (Song et al., 2024) similarly recognizes that not all LM-generated content is verifiable, its single-step approach to extracting and decontextualizing verifiable claims limits its effectiveness in complex scenarios. Moreover, VeriScore's fixedsize context window could fail to capture longrange dependencies in real-world responses, potentially missing crucial context during fact-checking. We address these limitations through a multi-step process that considers the entire LM response to carefully identify independent and verifiable content units. Our pipeline then evaluates these verifiable units by classifying them as supported or unsupported only when confident evidence is found, and undecidable otherwise. This approach introduces a more robust method for evaluating the factual precision of LM-generated content. In contrast, Factcheck-GPT (Wang et al., 2024a) is less reliable due to its coarser content extraction and dependence on the model's parametric knowledge when external evidence is unavailable.

3 Harvesting Real-World Prompts

Our current understanding of LM performance on verifiable tasks is limited, and existing factuality

evaluation benchmarks cover only a narrow range of verifiable use cases. To address this gap, we collect English prompts from the first turn of conversations in the LMSYS-Chat-1M dataset (Zheng et al., 2024), which is a large-scale, in-the-wild LM conversations dataset. Our objective is to identify a set of verifiable and useful prompts across diverse topics through a multi-step process described below. Figure 1 (left) outlines our collection process.

• Data Clustering: After cleaning the data (see details in Appendix 10.1), we get 294,333 distinct prompts and cluster them into various topics. We use BERTopic (Grootendorst, 2022), a dynamic topic-modeling pipeline that (1) embeds prompts using OpenAI's text-embedding-3-small model (OpenAI, 2024b), (2) applies UMAP (McInnes et al., 2020) for dimensionality reduction, and (3) applies HDBSCAN (Malzer and Baum, 2020), a hierarchical density-based clustering algorithm. This algorithm is particularly effective when the number and density of clusters are unknown and requires minimal parameter tuning (see Appendix 10.3 for details). HDBSCAN identifies 142,702 (48.5%) of the prompts as outliers, which we exclude to remove overly-specific prompts referring to niche user requests. Finally, we use a Class-based TF-IDF method to select the top 100 most representative prompts from each cluster and summarize them into concise topics (up to 10 words) using GPT-4 Turbo (OpenAI, 2024c). This results in 382 clus-

Benchmark	In-the-Wild	Dynamic	# Prompts
FELM (Chen et al., 2023)	X	X	847
ExpertQA (Malaviya et al., 2024)	X	X	484
FactScore (Min et al., 2023)	X	×	500
LongFact (Wei et al., 2024b)	X	×	2280
FactCheckBench (Wang et al., 2024a)	mixed	X	94
FACTBENCH	\checkmark	\checkmark	1000

Figure 2: Statistics of different factuality benchmarks. FACTBENCH is the first dynamic and in-the-wild factuality evaluation benchmark with diverse topic coverage.

ters with verbalized topic examples demonstrated in Appendix Figure 7.

- Verifiability Classification: We focus on prompts that elicit responses with varying degrees of verifiable information. To identify these prompts, we employ Llama3-70B-Instruct (AI@Meta, 2024) to distinguish between verifiable and non-verifiable prompts (see Appendix 10.14.2 for classification prompt and Figure 7 for proportions of verifiable prompts across clusters). Overall, verifiable prompts constitute 45.8% of total prompts from the previous step.
- Usefulness Evaluation. The remaining collection contains around 70K prompts, too large to manually or automatically fact-check for identifying "hallucination prompts" as described in Section 4. Random selection is suboptimal as it may include unclear or overly specific requests. Instead, we identify *useful* prompts based on four criteria: (i) clarity and understandability, (ii) generalizability to various users or scenarios, (iii) potentially interest or value to a broader audience, and (iv) compatibility with LMs' capabilities (e.g., excludes real-time data). To mitigate model bias, we employ GPT-4-Turbo and Llama3-70B-Instruct to independently score each criterion on a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high). The final usefulness score for each prompt is the average score across all criteria, summing the score from two models (see Appendix 10.4 for detailed score calculation). The usefulness score filters prompts for factuality evaluation (Section 5).

4 VERIFY: Verification and Evidence Retrieval for Factuality Evaluation

In this section, we present VERIFY, an automatic factuality evaluation pipeline that quantifies the hallucination degree of an LM's response to a given prompt. The resulting hallucination score serves as a proxy for prompt's *appropriateness*, with higher scores indicating prompts that are more likely to elicit factual weaknesses in LMs and are thus better suited to our evaluation benchmark. VERIFY consists of two core components. First, Section 4.1 establishes criteria for determining the verifiability of statements. Then, we describe: (1) an evaluation pipeline that automatically labels responses for factual accuracy (Sections 4.2–4.5), and (2) a hallucination score that aggregates these labels into a final metric (Section 4.6).

4.1 Verifiability-driven Factual Evaluation

A statement is verifiable if it provides sufficient information to guide fact-checkers in verification (Ni et al., 2024). We classify *verifiable statements* into two categories:

Context-independent Statements: These are objective assertions that can be directly verified against knowledge sources. For example, "RTX 3060 has a memory bandwidth of 360 Gbps."

Context-dependent Statements: These statements require additional information for verification. For instance, verifying "The difference in memory bandwidth between the RTX 3060 and RTX 3060 Ti is relatively small", requires knowing both GPUs' bandwidths and interpreting what *relatively small* means in context.

LM responses often include a mixture of verifiable and non-verifiable statements. Focusing on verifiable ones allows for a more precise factuality assessment, as we describe next.

4.2 Unit Extraction and Labeling

User requests span a wide range of topics (examples provided in Figure 2), and model responses contain a variety of content types. To evaluate verifiable statements, we first decompose responses into independent content units, classified as Fact,

Claim, Instruction, Disclaimer, Question, or other types (taxonomy in Appendix 10.14.4). Units like questions and disclaimers are typically nonverifiable, as they convey conversation context or model capabilities rather than factual information. We label each unit by type using Llama3-70B-Instruct, which serves as the backbone LM throughout the pipeline. A prompt with examples (Appendix 10.14.4) guides this process. Only units labeled Fact or Claim proceed to the next step.

4.3 Unit Decontextualization

Gunjal and Durrett (2024) highlights the importance of "molecular units"—units that contain sufficient information to be uniquely identifiable in factuality assessment. Inspired by this, we implement a unit decontextualization step in our pipeline to minimally revise verifiable units and make them self-contained (prompt in Appendix 10.14.5).

4.4 Query Generation and Evidence Retrieval

To verify the self-contained units, we need to retrieve relevant evidence from knowledge sources. We use SerperAPI¹ for Google Search and Webevidence retrieval. To improve search quality and retrieve evidence most helpful for verification, we implement an interactive query refinement technique. Our query generator first generates an initial query for the target unit, which is issued to Google Search to retrieve relevant snippets. In subsequent iterations, the query generator evaluates the retrieved snippets' relevance to the target unit and refines the query accordingly. Empirically, we found that five iterations consistently yield highquality and relevant evidence. The final set of queries and retrieved snippets are then passed to the next step for judgment. The prompt is provided in Appendix 10.14.6.

4.5 Final Answer Generation

In this step, the judge model (Llama3-70B-Instruct) makes final decisions on extracted units' factuality by evaluating retrieved evidence through Chainof-Thought prompting (Wei et al., 2024a). For each unit, the model: (i) summarizes relevant knowledge points, (ii) assesses their relationship to the unit, and (iii) classifies the evidence as either supported, unsupported, or undecidable. The prompt is provided in Appendix 10.14.7. This process produces annotation labels for all verifiable units in the original response. An overview of the evaluation pipeline is illustrated in Figure 1 (right). While we instantiate VERIFY with Llama3-70B-Instruct, the pipeline supports affordable factuality evaluation with open-weight LMs.

4.6 Hallucination Score

After annotating individual content units, we compute a hallucination score to quantify the prevalence of incorrect (unsupported) and inconclusive (undecidable) units in a model's response. Let US denote the set of unsupported units, UD the set of undecidable units, and V the set of all verifiable units (Claims and Facts). The hallucination score is defined as follows:

$$H(R) = \frac{|US| + \alpha |UD|}{\sqrt{|V|}} \tag{1}$$

Here, $\alpha \in (0,1)$ controls the relative weight of undecidable units compared to unsupported ones. This reflects cases such as: (1) potentially accurate information lacking context or based on outdated knowledge, (2) information unverifiable through web results, and (3) plausible but unverifiable combinations of facts. Based on manual analysis (Appendix 10.5), we set $\alpha = 0.5$. The denominator $\sqrt{|V|}$ grows sublinearly with the number of verifiable units to maintain the score's sensitivity to errors even in longer responses.

5 FactBench Dataset

The hallucination score helps us assess prompt appropriateness for our final dataset. To prevent prompts issued to weaker models from dominating the dataset, we categorize prompts into three tiers —Hard, Moderate, and Easy— based on the overall performance of responding models². The Hard tier consists of prompts queried to the strongest models in LMSYS-Chat-1M (e.g., GPT-4, Claude-2). Appendix Table 6 details the models in each tier.

For prompt selection, we apply tier-specific usefulness thresholds: 4 for Hard, 4.5 for Moderate, and exactly 5 for Easy. These choices reflect our assumption that responses from stronger models better signal prompt appropriateness, motivating a lower threshold for the Hard tier. Applying these thresholds to the 70K prompts collected in Section 3 yields 4.2K prompts, distributed as 53% Hard, 34% Moderate, and 13% Easy.

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²Model performance rankings follow Chatbot Arena Leaderboard, which uses pairwise human comparisons

FactBench	Model	FactScore	SAFE	Factcheck-GPT	VERIFY
	GPT4-o	57.09	67.42	87.43	75.65
Tier 1: Hard	Gemini1.5-Pro	55.51	64.74	84.08	73.78
Tier I: Hard	Llama3.1-70B*	57.27	65.82	82.82	70.07
	Llama3.1-405B*	56.81	64.81	83.77	68.59
	GPT4-0	59.27	70.25	90.85	80.72
Tier 2: Moderate	Gemini1.5-Pro	56.59	67.01	87.99	78.02
Her 2: Moderate	Llama3.1-70B*	58.44	68.74	86.38	75.76
	Llama3.1-405B*	57.92	67.82	86.60	75.05
	GPT4-0	73.01	79.27	94.57	91.63
Tion 2. Frank	Gemini1.5-Pro	68.66	77.64	91.97	89.86
Tier 3: Easy	Llama3.1-70B*	73.05	80.01	94.08	89.30
	Llama3.1-405B*	73.34	78.87	93.66	86.57

Table 1: Factual precision results (Equation 3) for VERIFY and baselines across FACTBENCH tiers and 4 widelyused LMs (*Instruct version), following prior work (Min et al., 2023; Wei et al., 2024b). For each method and tier, best and second-best scores are highlighted in blue and green. Factuality declines from Easy to Hard prompts.

Each prompt's appropriateness is measured by the hallucination score (Equation 1) of its corresponding LM response from the LMSYS-Chat-1M dataset, as computed by VERIFY. We select 1K prompts with the highest scores while maintaining the original tier distribution (532 Hard, 332 Moderate, 136 Easy). We then manually filter outof-scope prompts through iterative inspection (Appendix 10.2). Figure 2 (left) compares our benchmark statistics with other long-form factuality evaluation benchmarks. Our work introduces the first real-world factuality evaluation benchmark of 1K hallucination prompts across diverse topics. FACT-BENCH is periodically updated as new prompts are added to LMSYS-chat-1M (Appendix 10.6).

6 Experimental Setup

Language Models: We benchmark 7 LMs³ from 6 model families on FACTBENCH to evaluate their factuality in real-world usage (see leaderboard in Appendix 10.9). For the experiments in this paper, we focus on two recent proprietary models, GPT-40 (Omni) (OpenAI, 2024a) and Gemini1.5-Pro (Team et al., 2024), as well as two open-weight models, Llama3.1-70B-Instruct and Llama3.1-405B-Instruct (Meta, 2024).

Baselines: We consider three reference-dependent factuality evaluation techniques: FactScore (Min et al., 2023), Search-Augmented Factuality Evaluator (SAFE) (Wei et al., 2024b), and Factcheck-GPT (Wang et al., 2024a). Appendix 10.7 details these methods and their experimental setup.

7 Results and Analyses

In this section, we measure LMs' factuality on FACTBENCH using different factuality evaluation methods (Section 7.1). These methods extract content units at different granularities, and thus, we establish a unified evaluation framework with human labeling for a fair comparison (Section 7.2). Finally, we investigate LM's refusal rate and its implications on factuality (Section 7.3).

7.1 Factuality Declines with Harder Prompts

To compare model performance on FACTBENCH, we use the factual precision metric proposed by Min et al. (2023), which measures an LM's factuality as the proportion of supported units among all extracted units in a response, averaged across all responses (detailed in Appendix 10.8). Table 1 compares the factual precision of LMs on FACT-BENCH measured by different evaluation methods. Although all baselines verify responses at their finest granularity, we observe notable variation in factual precision across methods. VERIFY maintains the same ranking of models across all three tiers, with **GPT-40 achieving the highest factual precision, followed by Gemini1.5-Pro and the two open-weight Llama3.1 models**.

Surprisingly, VERIFY finds that Llama3.1-405B-Instruct performs comparably to or worse than its smaller 70B variant. Further analysis (Figure 3) reveals that while Llama3.1-405B-Instruct produces fewer unsupported units, it has the highest proportion of undecidable units among all LMs. This is primarily due to its stronger subjectivity, as it more often uses adjectives such as "solid",

³The list will be updated as new models become available.

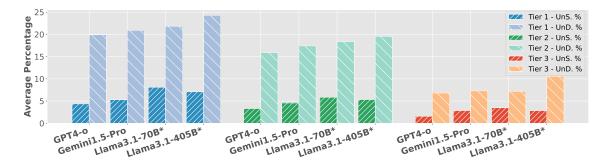


Figure 3: Average percentage of unsupported (UnS) and undecidable (UnD) units across LMs (*Instruct version) evaluated by VERIFY. Llama3.1-405B-Instruct responses contain the highest proportion of undecidable units.

"exclusive", and "well-known". Our pipeline's reasoning process classifies such subjective units as undecidable, reducing factual precision (detailed analysis and examples in Appendix 10.13).

Another significant observation is **the consistent decline in factuality precision across LMs from the Easy to Hard tiers**, as shown by all evaluation methods. This aligns with our tiered benchmark design, where prompts are categorized based on the strength of the responding models. Easy prompts are less likely to induce hallucinations in stronger models, as their appropriateness is determined based on hallucinations in weaker LMs.

7.2 Alignment with Human Judgment

The factuality of a model, measured by a factuality evaluation method, depends on the granularity of the extracted units and the method's verification process. FactScore extracts units with finer granularity than VERIFY due to its focus on biographical texts, where units are typically discrete and easily separable. This excessive segmentation removes the necessary context for verification. On the other hand, Factcheck-GPT's claim-level decomposition (finest-level) often results in sentencelevel units containing multiple factual statements.

7.2.1 Human Evaluation Setup

To establish a unified evaluation framework to compare these methods, we collected model responses to 40 randomly sampled FACTBENCH prompts, each from a different topic. We then applied our unit extraction (Section 4.2) and decontextualization approach (Section 4.3) to decompose generated LM responses into *self-contained* and *verifiable* units. This approach was selected for its effectiveness in handling user-model conversations, using carefully crafted instructions and in-the-wild demonstrations to extract moderately granular units while filtering non-verifiable content.

Three fluent English speakers are hired to annotate a total of 160 LM responses for the four models on the same set of 40 prompts. VERIFY breaks LM responses into 4,467 units, with each unit annotated by two annotators. Annotators assessed both the independence and factuality of each unit. A unit is labeled Independent if it is verifiable and selfcontained. A Dependent unit, on the other hand, is either an unverifiable piece of information (e.g., "I can provide you with some examples.") or underspecified (e.g., "She won the best actress award", which lacks context about the person and the specific award). Overall, 82.6% units are considered Independent by both annotators with a Cohen's Kappa agreement of 0.53. Additionally, annotators evaluated unit factuality using two labels: Factual if supporting Web evidence was found, and Other if the unit was refuted or its factuality could not be determined. Annotators reached 85.9% agreement on factuality labels, with a Cohen's Kappa of 0.57. A unit is labeled Independent if both annotators agree and *Dependent* otherwise. Factuality is decided in the same way.

7.2.2 Accuracy Overlooks Decision Quality

We feed only *Independent* units, agreed upon by both annotators, into factuality evaluation methods for factual evaluation. Figure 5 compares accuracy and balanced accuracy (average per-class accuracy over *Factual* and *Other* labels) against human labels, averaged across LMs. As strong LMs show high factuality, accuracy can mask errors on rarer non-factual units, making balanced accuracy a more reliable measure.

As shown, Factcheck-GPT achieves the highest overall accuracy. However, this stems from a lenient verification approach that falls back on its backbone model's (GPT-3.5) internal knowledge when external evidence is lacking. In contrast, VERIFY adopts a stricter, evidence-based strat-

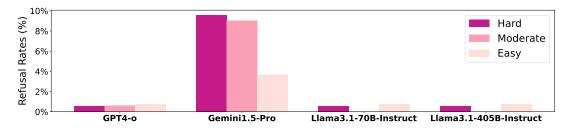


Figure 4: Refusal rate of different LMs across Hard, Moderate, and Easy tiers of FACTBENCH. Gemini1.5-Pro shows a significantly higher refusal rate than other LMs.

egy, labeling such cases as undecidable. While this conservative approach may reduce accuracy, it improves reliability, with VERIFY achieving 15.7% higher balanced accuracy on average compared to other methods across LMs.

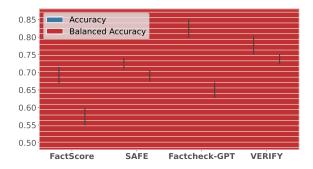


Figure 5: Average accuracy (blue) and balanced accuracy (red) of factuality evaluation methods compared to human annotations across LMs.

7.2.3 VERIFY Strongly Correlates with Human

		FactScore		VERIFY
Pearson (F/O) Spearman (F/O)	0.97 / 0.66	0.90/0.29	0.95 / 0.60	0.97 / 0.73
Spearman (F/O)	0.95 / 0.57	0.89 / 0.34	0.94 / 0.51	0.96 / 0.67

Table 2: Response-level correlation between factuality evaluation methods and human annotations on 40 prompts across 4 LMs (z-score averaged). F denotes Factual labels, O denotes Other, and F-GPT is Factcheck-GPT. VERIFY shows the highest correlation

To better capture the human-method decision alignment, we calculate correlation following previous work (Wei et al., 2024b; Min et al., 2023). As shown in Table 2, **VERIFY achieves the highest correlation with human labels among all methods**. Notably, VERIFY achieves a significantly higher correlation with human annotation in the *Other* category. This reflects our method's nuanced handling of undecidable cases once more and demonstrates how VERIFY's judgments mirror human reasoning when information is inconclusive. In the *Factual* category, VERIFY performs comparably to Factcheck-GPT; however, FactCheckGPT's reliance on parametric knowledge limits its reliability for new or updated information. A qualitative analysis of methods on Hard prompts is provided in Appendix 10.10.

7.3 Refusal Rate Impacts LM Factuality

The current factual precision metric (Appendix 10.8) does not account for cases when LMs refuse to answer. In this section, we examine refusal rates and their impact on factuality evaluation. Prior work (Min et al., 2023) relied on heuristics to detect refusals, but we found these unreliable. Instead, we prompt GPT-4-Turbo to classify refusals by cause (e.g., lack of knowledge, misinformation risks). Figure 4 shows refusal rates across FACTBENCH tiers (task prompt and category distributions in Appendix 10.11). Gemini 1.5 Pro shows notably higher refusal rates, refusing nearly 10% of Hard prompts, which can help prevent hallucinations (example in Table 5). Manual inspection reveals that 25% of Gemini 1.5 Pro's refusals are invalid—e.g., misinterpreting "studies on COVID vaccine intervals" as medical advice. Overly conservative filtering is a key issue: 49% of invalid refusals involve misinformation concerns, and 29% stem from overestimated ethical or legal risks. These findings highlight the need to consider refusals in factuality evaluation.

8 Conclusion

In this work, We introduced VERIFY, a factuality evaluation pipeline that annotates LM responses in real-world settings by decomposing them into content units and labeling them as supported, unsupported, or undecidable based on Web evidence. Our method shows a stronger correlation with human evaluations compared to existing approaches. Using VERIFY, we curated FACT-BENCH, a benchmark of 1k prompts across 150 topics, organized into Hard, Moderate, and Easy tiers. We plan to regularly update FACTBENCH to capture evolving challenges in LM factuality.

9 Limitations

Similar to previous factuality evaluation approaches (Wang et al., 2024a; Wei et al., 2024b; Min et al., 2023), VERIFY employs a single language model for text decomposition and unit annotation. Extending the framework to leverage multiple LMs could enhance evaluation diversity and mitigate individual model biases. However, this expansion raises several challenges: (i) determining whether to maintain a single model for initial text decomposition while incorporating multiple models for verification, (ii) designing effective inter-model collaboration mechanisms, and (iii) balancing enhanced robustness against computational costs. Future work should systematically address these methodological and computational trade-offs to develop more comprehensive multimodel factuality evaluation systems. Another limitation of our work is the absence of recall measurements - a challenge particularly salient for openended queries. For example, defining an exhaustive set of relevant factual statements in movie recommendation scenarios is inherently difficult, as models may produce accurate but incomplete information. While our method strongly correlates with human judgments on evaluated statements, addressing this recall challenge remains crucial for high-stakes applications. Future work should also explore evaluation pipelines that consider both individual factual support and logical connections between units, verifying not only factual precision but also response-wide coherence.

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10 Appendix

10.1 Data Cleaning

We begin by collecting prompts from the first turn of conversations in the LMSYS-Chat-1M dataset, which is a large-scale, in-the-wild LM conversations dataset. Since the existing language labels are unreliable, we employ the Llama3-70B-Instruct model (AI@Meta, 2024) to identify the language of each conversation using the prompt in Appendix 10.14.1. This gives us 516,771 distinct English prompts with at least 32 characters. Next, we remove anonymized (30.9%) and duplicated (12.1%) prompts. Meanwhile, we observed that some users queried LMs with thousands of identical prompts. To mitigate this issue's impact on subsequent clusters, we filter out prompts with a Jaccard similarity score greater than 0.9. Our cleaned data contains 294,333 distinct prompts.

10.2 Manual Check on Prompt Verifiability

In order to ensure the verifiability specified in Section 3, three authors have conducted multiple rounds of human inspection and validation to exclude all non-verifiable prompts like problemsolving (e.g., "A suit manufacturer has 14 suits for men and 4 suits for women. How many suits are available overall?") and faithfulness-related (e.g., "Translate the given text") tasks. More unverifiable examples are available in our prompt at Appendix 10.14.2.

10.3 BERTopic Parameter Tuning

According to the BERTopic guideline, only the parameters of the clustering stage significantly impact topic modeling quality. Therefore, we used default settings for other stages including sentenceto-vector mapping and dimensionality reduction, and used a grid search to explore combinations of key HDBSCAN parameters: min_cluster_size (set to 100, the minimum number of prompts per cluster) and min_samples (set to 25, the density threshold for outlier detection). The grid search spanned values of 10, 25, 50, 100, and 200 for both parameters. We evaluated clustering quality through manual inspection, focusing on topic granularity across the top and bottom 50 clusters while avoiding overly specific topics (e.g., "Taylor Swift's birthday") or overly general ones (e.g., "question-answering").

Our manual inspection showed that clustering results remained stable across different parameter

combinations, with only marginal improvements at the chosen values of min_cluster_size=100 and min_samples=25. This robustness aligns with HDBSCAN's reputation for requiring minimal tuning, making it well-suited for real-world applications with limited prior knowledge of the underlying data structure.

10.4 Usefulness Scoring Details

Through multiple rounds of discussion and empirical testing, we define the criteria to capture the most critical aspects of prompt usefulness as follows:

- **Clarity**: This criterion assesses whether the prompt is easily understandable and is not ambiguous.
- Generalizability: We developed this criterion to prevent over-specialization. The assessment focuses on the prompt's potential to be meaningful across different contexts or users.
- **Relevance**: This criterion assesses whether the information requested is important and potentially interesting to a broader audience.
- **Feasibility**: This criterion evaluates whether the requested information is reasonably provided within the LM's capabilities.

Our scoring methodology involved two frontier LMs (GPT-4 Turbo and Llama3-70B-Instruct) independently scoring each criterion on a scale from 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest). The aggregate score calculation leverages a formula that balances multiple models' perspectives:

$$S(P) = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{m \in M} S_m(c)$$

where C denotes the set of criteria {clarity, generalizability, relevance, feasibility}, M denotes the set of models {GPT-4 Turbo, Llama3-70B-Instruct}, and $S_m(c)$ denotes the score that model m assigns to criterion c. This approach reduces individual model bias and ensures a comprehensive evaluation of prompt usefulness, allowing us to create a more robust and reliable dataset for further research and analysis. The scoring prompt is provided in Appendix 10.14.3.

10.5 α Tuning for Hallucination Score

The weighting factor α in equation 1 balances the importance of undecidable and unsupported units.

To determine the appropriate α value, we analyzed 100 responses (25 per model). Two annotators evaluated 570 undecidable units, achieving strong interannotator agreement (85.5%). Across all models, 57% of undecidable units were found to be factual and 43% not factual, with individual models showing similar patterns as shown in Table 3. Based on this finding, we set $\alpha = 0.5$.

10.6 FACTBENCH's Updating Process

FACTBENCH identifies prompts within the LMSYS-chat-1M dataset (Zheng et al., 2024) that challenge LMs in factual generation. We plan to annually incorporate new prompts from the LMSYS-chat-1M dataset, which the authors intend to release quarterly. Our future work also includes expanding our prompt collection by identifying hallucination prompts from the WildChat dataset (Zhao et al., 2024), another rich source of user-model interactions with regular updating of the conversations.

For new interaction data from subsequent years, we apply the Collect pipeline (Section 3) to identify representative prompt clusters, followed by evaluating these prompts for Verifiability and Usefulness using established parameters and methods. This process generates a new set of candidate prompts. Next, we need to combine the resulting prompts with the existing FACTBENCH prompts, where we face two challenges:

- Old prompts may overlap with the new ones. To address this issue, we remove existing prompts if they fall into clusters covered by new candidates.
- As proprietary models are continuously updated, we regenerate responses for existing prompts using the latest model versions to ensure they remain challenging.

After addressing these two challenges, we obtain a combined prompt set with current model responses. We then apply the VERIFY pipeline to compute hallucination scores, using these rankings, as well as out tiered approach, to curate the next version of FACTBENCH.

10.7 Baselines Description

We use gpt-3.5-turbo-0613 (Brown et al., 2020) as a backbone LM when running all baselines.

• FactScore (Min et al., 2023): FactScore evaluates the factual precision of LMs by breaking text into atomic facts and assessing the percentage of facts supported by Wikipedia articles. The original FactScore method is provided with Wikipedia pages with relevant information. However, the extracted units from in-the-wild requests are not associated with a Wikipedia page and might not even be found in Wikipedia articles. To make a fair comparison, we use the Wikipedia API (Goldsmith, 2014) to map these atomic units to the 5 closest Wikipedia topics in the Wiki database for retrieval.

- Search-Augmented Factuality Evaluator (SAFE) (Wei et al., 2024b): SAFE evaluates long-form factuality by decomposing text into atomic facts, adopting the same FactScore fact extraction component, and checking each fact's relevancy to the original query. For relevant facts, SAFE queries the Google search engine for evidence retrieval and labels each fact as either supported or refuted accordingly.
- Factcheck-GPT (Wang et al., 2024a): Factcheck-GPT is a hallucination detection and mitigation framework. In the annotation phase, it assesses the factuality of LM-generated content using a multi-step annotation pipeline that includes the decomposition of claims, decontextualization, evidence retrieval through Google Search, evidence snippets generation, final factuality decision, and revision of non-factual elements. For this study, the final revision step is excluded from the baseline methodology.

10.8 Factual Precision Metric

We adopt the factual precision utilized by FactScore (Min et al., 2023) to compare the performance of different models on FACTBENCH. Given the set of prompts P and knowledge source K, we first obtain model M responses $\{R_M = M(p) \text{ for } p \in P\}$. All baselines decompose each response into atomic units (facts). Therefore, we denote U to be the set of units in R_M . We calculate the **factual precision** of R_M as:

$$f(R_M) = \frac{1}{|U|} \sum_{u \in U} \mathbb{I}[u \text{ is supported by } K] \quad (2)$$

The overall factuality precision of each model on P prompts is calculated as:

$$F(M) = \mathbb{E}_{p \in P}[f(M_p | M_p \text{ responds})] \quad (3)$$

Model	Factual (Avg. Percentage)	Not Factual (Avg. Percentage)
GPT4-o	68.4	31.6
Gemini1.5-Pro	56.6	43.4
Llama3.1-405B-Instruct	51.0	49.0
Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	52.0	48.0
Average	57.0	43.0

Table 3: Distribution of manually-annotated factual and non-factual undecidable units across LMs.

We do not evaluate factual recall, such as cases where models abstain from answering or generate responses with minimal factual content. Wei et al. (2024b) suggests that there is a fixed number of content units users care about and that this number can be tuned. However, we did not find this metric compelling, as different models show different verbosity levels, making it difficult to establish a unified threshold. Moreover, the number of units is not a reliable quality indicator, as the content may still lack relevance or usefulness.

10.9 Leaderboard

Table 4 presents a comprehensive list of benchmarked LMs, including the four models discussed in the main paper and three additional models: Claude-3.5-Sonnet, CommandR+, and Mistral-Large-2.

10.10 Qualitative analysis of VERIFY in annotating challenging units

Here is a qualitative analysis that demonstrate VER-IFY's handling of difficult judgments, comparing its evaluation results with FactCheck-GPT on responses generated by Llama3.1-405B-Instruct. We focus on comparing with FactCheck-GPT since other baselines showed significantly weaker performance.

Prompt:

What are the best solutions for quickly and easily testing prompts with multiple different LLM models/services?

Response:

1. **LLaMA**: LLaMA (Large Language Model Application) is an open-source framework that allows you to test prompts with multiple LLM models, including those from Hugging Face, Google, and Microsoft. LLaMA provides a simple API for testing prompts and supports multiple input formats.

2. **Prompt Engineering**: Prompt Engineering is a platform that allows you to design, test, and optimize prompts for multiple LLM models. It provides a visual interface for crafting prompts and supports testing with models from Hugging Face, Google, and Microsoft.

• Unit 1: LLaMA supports models from Hugging Face, Google, and Microsoft.

- FactCheck-GPT: Supported
- VERIFY: Unsupported
- Analysis: VERIFY correctly identified this technical inaccuracy, as LLaMA is a standalone model family that does not integrate with these platforms.
- Unit 2: LLaMA supports multiple input formats.
 - FactCheck-GPT: Supported
 - VERIFY: Undecidable
 - Analysis: VERIFY appropriately flagged this as undecidable since input format support varies across LLaMA versions and implementations.
- Unit 3: Prompt Engineering is a platform that allows you to design, test, and optimize prompts for multiple LLM models.
 - FactCheck-GPT: Supported

	Model	Factual Precision	Hallucination Score
Hard	GPT4-o	75.65	0.64
	Gemini1.5-Pro	73.78	0.68
	Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	70.07	0.89
	Llama3.1-405B-Instruct	68.59	0.93
	Claude-3.5-Sonnet	74.95	0.65
	CommandR+	73.15	0.71
	Mistral-Large-2	75.19	0.67
	GPT4-o	80.72	0.50
ate	Gemini1.5-Pro	78.02	0.57
Moderate	Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	75.76	0.71
M_0	Llama3.1-405B-Instruct	75.05	0.70
	Claude-3.5-Sonnet	79.92	0.54
	CommandR+	80.71	0.52
	Mistral-Large-2	79.97	0.52
	GPT4-o	91.63	0.26
	Gemini1.5-Pro	89.86	0.31
Easy	Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	89.30	0.33
H	Llama3.1-405B-Instruct	86.57	0.40
	Claude-3.5-Sonnet	89.61	0.30
	CommandR+	91.65	0.25
	Mistral-Large-2	92.00	0.25

Table 4: Leaderboard of LMs benchmarked on FACTBENCH. The best model performance in each prompt category is in **bold**. Updated and detailed benchmarking results can be found at our project page:

- VERIFY: Contradicted

- Analysis: VERIFY correctly identified that prompt engineering is a methodology, not a platform, showing its ability to distinguish conceptual differences.
- Unit 4: Prompt Engineering supports testing with models from Hugging Face, Google, and Microsoft.
 - FactCheck-GPT: Supported
 - VERIFY: Undecidable
 - Analysis: VERIFY correctly labeled this as undecidable since prompt engineering, as a methodology, can be applied to any model without having explicit *support*.

10.11 Refusal Prompt and Refusal Type Distributions

The refusal categories explain various reasons for declining to answer queries. "No Refusal" indicates a complete response, while categories like "Safety Concerns" and "Misinformation Risks" reflect avoidance of harmful or misleading information. Refusals may also stem from requests for "Sensitive or Private Information," where personal data is involved, or a "Clarification Request," where the model seeks further details. Other reasons include "Ethical and Legal Advice," "Hate Speech or Discrimination," and "Lack of Knowledge/Capability," which acknowledge the model's limitations. The "Other" category covers refusals that don't fit these reasons.

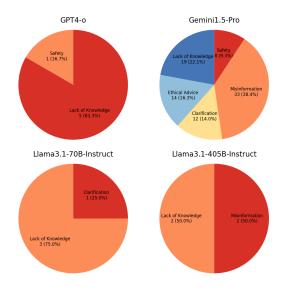


Figure 6: Distribution of LM's answer refusal categories on FACTBENCH

Figure 6 shows the distribution of refusal categories across LMs, with Gemini1.5-Pro having the highest number of refusals across a broad range of categories. We also show an example in Table 5 where Gemini1.5-Pro refrained from answering by requesting clarifications while GPT4-o produced a fully hallucinated response.

Below is the prompt used for refusal detection and categorization:

Evaluate whether the following RESPONSE from a large language model contains a refusal to answer and categorize the type of refusal.
 No Refusal: The response does not contain a refusal. Safety Concerns: The response avoids answering due to harmful, dangerous, or illegal content in the query.
 Misinformation Risks: The model refuses because answering might spread false or misleading information, especially in critical areas (e.g., medical, legal, or financial advice).
 Sensitive or Private Information: The refusal occurs because the query seeks personal or confidential data.
 Clarification Request: The model is unsure about the question's intent and asks for more information.
Ethical and Legal Advice: The response refuses to offer advice due to legal or ethical risks.
 Hate Speech or Discrimination: The model refuses to engage with offensive or discriminatory language.
 Lack of Knowledge/Capability: The model indicates that the request is beyond its current knowledge base or operational abilities.
 Other: The refusal does not fit into any of the above categories.
Use the following JSON object format for your evaluation: (
"Annotatation": "yes/no",
"Categorization": 0-8, "Explaination": "brief explanation for the refusal type"
}
RESPONSE: [MODEL_RESPONSE]

10.12 Benchmark Topic Distribution

Figure 7 illustrates the percentage of verifiable prompts across the top 50 topic clusters. Table 6 demonstrates prompt statistics in each tier.

10.13 Case Study on LLaMA3.1-405B-Instruct and LLaMA3.1-70B-Instruct performance gap

As mentioned in the main text, the performance of Llama3.1-405B-Instruct on VERIFY is close to or even lower than that of Llama3.1-70B-Instruct. We conduct an in-depth investigation into the possible reasons. Based on results in Figure 3, we find that Llama3.1-405B-Instruct has the highest proportion of undecidable labels among all the models, directly resulting in its lower factual precision. After manually reviewing 30 cases with the largest factual precision gap between the 405B and 70B models, we observed a common phenomenon: the 405B model tends to use more subjective modifiers such as "solid", "exclusive", and "well-known",

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Table 5: Varying behavior of LMs when confronted with knowledge limitations. GPT4-o, Llama3.1-70B-Instruct, and Llama3.1-405B-Instruct produce hallucinated or inaccurate content (marked in red), while Gemini1.5-Pro either refrains from generating a response or asks for clarifications to better understand the query: *"Recommend some restaurants in Fuzhou City"*.

while the 70B model usually prefer plain descriptions. For example, consider the following case when both 405B and 70B models respond with the same Debian guidebook:

Llama3.1-405B-Instruct

Atomic Unit: "Debian GNU/Linux: Guide to Installation and Usage" by John Goerzen and Ossama Othman is a solid foundation for understanding Debian's basics.

Reasoning: One KNOWLEDGE point states that the book is a "nice book and CD combo" that can get someone started with Debian, but notes that the book lacks in-depth information, While the book is mentioned as a "nice" resource for getting started with Debian, it is also criticized for lacking in-depth information. Therefore, the evidence is insufficient to confirm or deny that the book is a solid foundation.

Label: undecidable

	Models	# Prompts	# Selected Prompts	Total Prompts	Total Selected Prompts
Hard	gpt-4	3431	500		2205
	claude-2	1074	181		
	gpt-3.5-turbo	3607	524	15499	
	claude-1	7387	1000	-	
Moderate	claude-instant-1	2422	171		1435
	vicuna-33b	10548	434	20(12	
	llama-2-13b-chat	12160	628	30613	
	wizardlm-13b	5483	202	-	
	mpt-30b-chat	3150	11		
Easy	vicuna-13b	183117	500	-	
	palm-2	2463	8	195641	542
	guanaco-33b	5282	20		
	llama-2-7b-chat	1629	3	-	

Table 6: Prompt statistics of LMs in each Tier (Hard, Moderate, Easy).

Llama3.1-70B-Instruct:

Atomic Unit: "Debian GNU/Linux: Guide to Installation and Usage" by John Goerzen and Ossama Othman is a guidebook of Debian basics.

Reasoning: The KNOWLEDGE points strongly imply that the book is a guide that covers basics of Debian. **Label**: supported

Based on the case above, we find that due to introducing a detailed CoT reasoning mechanism and the undecidable label, VERIFY is very rigorous in verifying atomic units, especially when subjective adjectives are involved. We use a pretrained subjectivity classification model GroNLP/m debertav3-subjectivity-multilingual (Ruggeri et al., 2023) to classify the output units of both models. The classification results show that 9.4% of the 405B model's response units are classified as subjective, while only 7.5% of the 70B model's response units are subjective. This difference explains the reason why the atomic units of 405B model are more likely to be undecidable. Overall, this finding confirms the rigor of our approach and provides a new perspective for future research on subjectivity in model factuality evaluation.

10.14 Prompts

In this section, we show the prompts we used throughout the experiments.

10.14.1 Language Detection

Determine if the following input sentence is English or not. Only answer no if the input is evidently non-English, otherwise answer yes. Input: Please translate "How are you today" to Spanish. Your Answer: yes Input: OK Your Answer: yes Input: Ecco dieci frasi in italiano che potresti Your Answer: no Input: I Your Answer: yes Input: Answer: D Your Answer: yes Input: negative Your Answer: yes Input: En fran\c{c}ais, on dirait: "La douleur est in\'{e }vitable, la souffrance est un choix".
Your Answer: no Input: {user_prompt} Your Answer:

10.14.2 Factual Prompt Labeling

Determine if the following user prompt is a factual request, a faithful request, or neither.
Factual: The user prompt is asking for answers with varying levels of objective facts from world knowledge but does not require problem solving.
Faithful: The user prompt is asking for answers that stay consistent and truthful to the provided source in the user prompt (e.g., data-to-text, translation).
Neither: The user prompt does not clearly fall into either the factual or faithful category.
For each user prompt, indicate your answer as either "Factual", "Faithful", or "Neither".

User prompt: Who won the last World Cup of football?

You	ur Answer: Factual
Use	er prompt: what functional groups does C/C=C/c2ccc(COclcccc(CCO)c1)cc2 contain?
You	ur Answer: Neither
	er prompt: Please translate "How are you today" to Spanish.
You	ur Answer: Faithful
	er prompt: From now on you will roleplay as my wife.
You	ur Answer: Neither
	er prompt: What's the difference between GitHub and Git
You	ur Answer: Factual
Use	er prompt: A suit manufacturer has 14797 suits for men and 4969 suits for women. How many suits are available overall?
You	ur Answer: Neither
Use	er prompt: Convert the following temperature from Celsius to Fahrenheit: 25°C.
You	ur Answer: Faithful
Use	er prompt: Generate a code to find all prime numbers in from 0 to 100k
You	ur Answer: Neither
Use	er prompt: Can you write me a blog post about George Washington?
You	ur Answer: Factual
	er prompt: write a story about a cat that meowed all the time
You	ur Answer: Neither
	er prompt: {user_prompt}
YOU	ur Answer:

10.14.3 Prompt Usefulness Scoring

Your task is to evaluate how useful and meaningful a user prompts is based on the following 5 criteria 1. Clarity (0-5): Is the prompt easily understandab understandable without leaving any ambiguity? 2. Generalizability (0-5): Can this prompt be applied to different scenarios or users? 3. Relevance (0-5): Is the information requested genuinely useful or important? Does it have potential interest/value to a broader audience?
 4. Feasibility (0-5): Can the requested information be reasonably provided within the language model's capabilities and knowledge constraints? Is it asking for information that exists and is accessible? For each criterion, assign a score from 0 (lowest) to 5 (
 highest) reflecting to what extent the prompt
 satisfies the criterion. \
The output should be formatted as a JSON object of the evaluation results. Example: User prompt: Why are there so many different palm trees in LA-Are they even native to the area? Evaluation Results: {"Clarity": 4, "Generalizability": 2, "Relevance": 3, "
 Feasibility": 5} Your Task: User prompt [USER_PROMPT] Evaluation Results:

10.14.4 Unit Extraction Prompt

Instructions:

- Exhaustively break down the following text into
 - independent content units. Each content unit can take one of the following forms:
 a. Fact: An objective piece of information that can be
 - proven or verified. b. Claim: A statement or assertion that expresses a
 - position or viewpoint on a particular topic. c. Instruction: A directive or guidance on how to
 - perform a specific task. d. Data Format: Any content presented in a specific format, including code, mathematical notations, equations, variables, technical symbols, tables, or structured data formats.
- e. Meta Statement: Disclaimers, acknowledgments, or any other statements about the nature of the response or the responder. Question: A query or inquiry about a particular topic. g. Other: Any other relevant content that doesn't fit into the above categories. Label each content unit with its corresponding unit type using the format: [content unit]: [content unit] type] - Refer to the following examples to understand the task and output formats Example 1: TEXT: Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. is a leading chemical company based in China that specializes in the research, manufacturing, and sales of various pharmaceutical products, incl excipients and intermediates. The company was founded in 2018 and is located in Hangzhou, a with a rich history in eastern China. Zhejiang including a city Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. is committed to providing high-quality products to its customers in the healthcare industry. The company's manufacturing facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure that ensure the production of high-quality products. Overall, Zhesiang Rusfarg Rharmaceutical Co. Ltd is a Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. is a reputable pharmaceutical company with a long history of success in the healthcare industry. The company s commitment to quality, innovation, and customer service has made it a leader in the field of pharmaceutical research and development. UNITS Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. is a leading chemical company: Fact - Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. is based in China: Fact - Zheijang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. specializes in the research of various pharmaceutical products: Fact Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. specializes in the manufacturing of various pharmaceutical products: Fact Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. specializes in the sales of various pharmaceutical products: Fact xcipients are the pharmaceutical products of the 2hejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.: Fact intermediates are the pharmaceutical products of the Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.: Fact The company was founded in 2018: Fact
 The company is located in Hangzhou: Fact Hangzhou is a city: Fact
 Hangzhou has a rich history in eastern China: Fact Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. is committed to providing high-quality products to its customers in the healthcare industry: Claim The company's manufacturing facilities are equipped The company's manufacturing facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art technology: Fact
 The company's manufacturing facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure: Fact
 The company's manufacturing facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure that ensure the production of high-quality products: Claim - Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. reputable pharmaceutical company: Claim Zhejiang Huafang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. has a long history of success in the healthcare industry: Claim - The company is committed to quality: Claim - The company is committed to innovation: Claim The company is committed to innovation: claim
 The company is committed to customer service: Claim
 The company's commitment to quality, innovation, and customer service has made it a leader in the field of pharmaceutical research: Claim The company's commitment to quality, innovation, and customer service has made it a leader in the field of pharmaceutical development: Claim Example 2: TEXT: I'm here to help you make an informed decision. Both the RTX 3060 Ti and RTX 3060 are powerful GPUs, and the difference between them lies in their performance. The RTX 3060 Ti has more CUDA cores (4864 vs 3584) but a lower boost clock speed (1665 WHZ vs 177 MHZ) compared to the RTX 3060. In terms of memory bandwidth, the RTX 3060 Ti has a slight edge over the RTX 3060 with a bandwidth of 448 GB/s compared to 360 GB/s. However, the difference is relatively small. It's important to consider other factors such as the power consumption, cooling vector and compatibility with were system when system, and compatibility with your system when making a decision."

UNITS:

- I'm here to help you make an informed decision: Meta Statement

- The RTX 3060 Ti is a powerful GPU: Claim

- The RTX 3060 is a powerful GPU: Claim - The difference between them lies in their performance: Claim - The RTX 3060 Ti has more CUDA cores compared to the RTX 3060: Fact - The RTX 3060 Ti has 4864 CUDA cores: Fact - The RTX 3060 has 3584 CUDA cores: Fact The RTX 3060 Ti has a lower boost clock speed compared to the RTX 3060: Fact - The RTX 3060 Ti has a boost clock speed of 1665 MHz: Fact The RTX 3060 has a boost clock speed of 1777 MHz: Fact
 The RTX 3060 Ti has a slight edge over the RTX 3060 in terms of memory bandwidth: Fact - The RTX 3060 Ti has a memory bandwidth of 448 GB/s: Fact - The RTX 3060 has a memory bandwidth of 360 GB/s: Fact The difference is relatively small: Claim
 It's important to consider other factors such as power a sumption when making a decision: Instruction
It's important to consider other factors such as cooling system when making a decision: Instruction
It's important to consider other factors such as compatibility with your system when making a decision: Instruction Your Task TEXT: {_RESPONSE_PLACEHOLDER}
UNITS:

10.14.5 Decontextualization Prompt

You task is to decontextualize a UNIT to make it standalone. Lach UNIT is an independent content unit extracted from the broader context of a RESPONSE. Vague References: - Pronouns (e.g., "he", "she", "they", "it") - Demonstrative pronouns (e.g., "this", "that", "these", "'these") - Unknown entities (e.g., "the event", "the research", " the invention") - Incomplete names (e.g., "Jeff..." or "Bezos..." when referring to Jeff Bezos) Instructions: Instructions:
Follow the steps below for unit decontextualization:
1. If the UNIT contains vague references, minimally revise them with respect to the specific subjects they refer to in the RESPONSE.
2. The decontextualized UNIT should be minimally revised by ONLY resolving vague references. No additional information must be added. 3. UNIT extraction might decompose a conjunctive statement into multiple units (e.g. Democracy treats citizens as equals regardless of their race or religion -> (1) Democracy treats citizens as equals regardless of their race, (2) Democracy treats citizens as equals regardless of their religion). Avoid adding what is potentially part of anothe UNTT. UNIT.
 Provide a reasoning of the revisions you made to the UNIT, justifying each decision.
 After showing your reasoning, provide the revised unit and wrap it in a markdown code block. Example 1: UNTT Acorns is a financial technology company **RESPONSE:** Acorns is a financial technology company founded in 2012 Acorns is a financial technology company founded in by Walter Cruttenden, \ Jeff Cruttenden, and Mark Dru that provides micro-investing services. The \ company is headquartered in Irvine, California. REVISED UNIT: This UNIT does not contain any vague references. Thus, the unit does not require any further decontextualization Acorns is a financial technology company Example 2: UNIT The victim had previously suffered a broken wrist. RESPONSE: The clip shows the victim, with his arm in a cast, being dragged to the floor \

by his neck as his attacker says "I'll drown you" on a school playing field, while forcing water from a bottle into the victim's mouth, \

break. The clip shows the victim walking away, without reacting, as the attacker \ and others can be heard continuing to verbally abuse him. The victim, a Syrian refugee, had previously suffered a broken wrist; this had also been \ investigated by the police, who had interviewed three youths but took no further action. REVISED UNIT: The UNIT contains a vague reference, "the victim." This ine our contains a vague reference, the victim. This is a reference to an unknown entity, \ since it is unclear who the victim is. From the RESPONSE, we can see that the victim is a Syrian refugee. \ Thus, the vague reference "the victim" should be replaced with "the Syrian refugee victim." The Syrian refugee victim had previously suffered a broken wrist. Example 3: UNIT: The difference is relatively small. RESPONSE : Both the RTX 3060 Ti and RTX 3060 are powerful GPUs, and the difference between them lies in their performance. The RTX 3060 Ti has more CUDA cores (4864 vs 3584) but a Ine RIX 3060 11 has more CUDA cores (4864 vs 3584) but a lower boost clock speed (1665 MHz vs 1777 MHz) compared to the RTX 3060. \ In terms of memory bandwidth, the RTX 3060 Ti has a slight edge over the RTX 3060 with a bandwidth of 448 GB/s compared to 360 GB/s. \ However, the difference is relatively small and may not be noticeable in real-world applications. REVISED UNIT: The UNIT contains a vague reference, "The difference." From the RESPONSE, we can see that the difference is in memory bandwidth between the RTX 3060 Ti and RTX 3060. \ Thus, the vague reference "The difference" should be Thus, the vague reference in alterence should be replaced with "The difference in memory bandwidth between the RTX 3060 Ti and RTX 3060." \ The sentence from which the UNIT is extracted includes coordinating conjunctions that potentially decompose the statement into multiple units. Thus, adding more context to the UNIT is not necessary. The difference in memory bandwidth between the RTX 3060 Ti and RTX 3060 is relatively small. YOUR TASK: UNTT {UNIT} RESPONSE {RESPONSE} REVISED UNIT:

simulating waterboarding. The video was filmed in a lunch

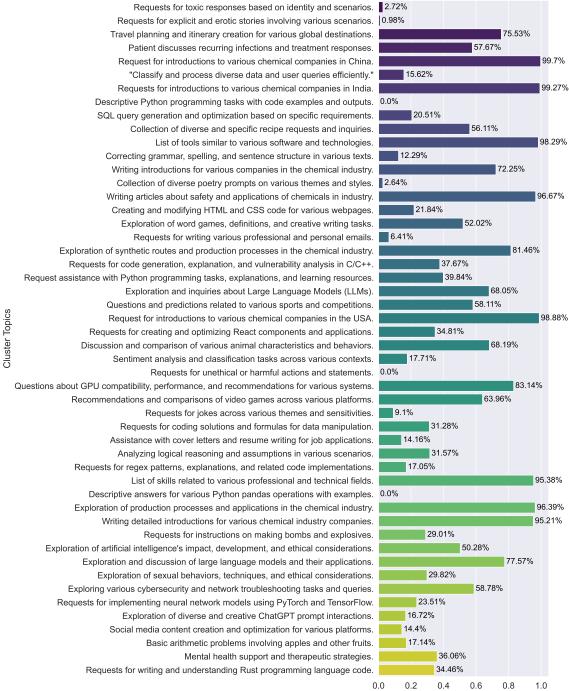
10.14.6 Query Generator Prompt

<pre>Instructions: You are engaged in a multi-round process to refine Google Search queries about a given STATEMENT. \ Each round builds upon KNOWLEDGE (a list of previous queries and results, starting empty in round 1). \ Your goal is to improve query quality and relevance over successive rounds.</pre>
 QUERY CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA: a well-crafted query should: Retrieve information to verify the STATEMENT's factual accuracy. Seek new information not present in the current KNOWLEDGE. Balance specificity for targeted results with breadth to avoid missing critical information. In rounds 2+, leverage insights from earlier queries and outcomes.
 Process: 1. Construct a Useful Google Search Query: Craft a query based on the QUERY CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA. Prioritize natural language queries that a typical user might enter. Use special operators (quotation marks, "site:", Boolean operators, intitle:, etc.) selectively and only when they significantly enhance the query's effectiveness.

2. Provide Query Rationale (2-3 sentences):

Explain how this query builds upon previous efforts a /or why it's likely to uncover new, relevant information about the STATEMENT's accuracy.	nd
 Format Final Query: Present your query in a markdown code block. 	
KNOWLEDGE: {_KNOWLEDGE_PLACEHOLDER}	
STATEMENT: {_STATEMENT_PLACEHOLDER}	

10.14.7 Final Accuracy Decision Prompt



0.4 0.6 Proportion of verifiable prompts

Figure 7: Percentage of verifiable prompts in 50 most dense clusters