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ABSTRACT

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030 Automatically detecting machine-generated text (MGT) is critical to maintaining
031 the knowledge integrity of user-generated content (UGC) platforms such as
032 Wikipedia. Existing detection benchmarks primarily focus on *generic* text gen-
033 eration tasks (e.g., “Write an article about machine learning.”). However, editors
034 frequently employ LLMs for specific writing tasks (e.g., summarisation). These
035 *task-specific* MGT instances tend to resemble human-written text more closely
036 due to their constrained task formulation and contextual conditioning. In this
037 work, we show that a range of MGT detectors struggle to identify task-specific
038 MGT reflecting real-world editing on Wikipedia. We introduce TSM-BENCH, a
039 multilingual, multi-generator, and multi-task benchmark for evaluating MGT de-
040 tectors on common, real-world Wikipedia editing tasks. Our findings demonstrate
041 that (i) average detection accuracy drops by 10–40% compared to prior bench-
042 marks, and (ii) a generalisation asymmetry exists: fine-tuning on task-specific
043 data enables generalisation to generic data—even across domains—but not vice
044 versa. We demonstrate that models fine-tuned exclusively on generic MGT overfit
045 to superficial artefacts of machine generation. Our results suggest that, in contrast
046 to prior benchmarks, most detectors remain unreliable for automated detection in
047 real-world contexts such as UGC platforms. TSM-BENCH therefore provides a
048 crucial foundation for developing and evaluating future models.
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1 INTRODUCTION

051 Wikipedia serves as a vital source of reliable human-written text (HWT) for the artificial intelligence
052 (AI) community. As one of the largest high-quality multilingual corpora on the internet, it
053 features in the training data of most large language models (LLMs) (Deckelmann, 2023; Longpre
054 et al., 2024). However, the Wikimedia Foundation warns that the proliferation of machine-generated
055 text (MGT) across Wikipedia could undermine its knowledge integrity.¹ The unchecked spread of
056 MGT risks degrading the very data underpinning much of recent progress in AI. Generative mod-
057 els trained on uncurated data may deteriorate over time, potentially resulting in fatal model col-
058 lapse (Shumailov et al., 2024). Therefore, differentiating MGT from HWT is an essential task with
059 wide-ranging downstream implications, resulting in automatic MGT detection becoming an active
060 area of research (Wu et al., 2025a).

061 Prior work on benchmarking MGT detectors (e.g. Guo et al., 2023; Macko et al., 2023; Li et al.,
062 2024; He et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2023; 2024a; Wu et al., 2024) has largely relied on simple
063 text generation prompts such as: “*Write an article about machine learning.*” In practice, however,
064 editors typically employ LLMs to support a range of specific writing tasks (Ford et al., 2023; Zhou
065 et al., 2025). Compared with earlier work’s free-form **generic** text generation, prompts in real-world
066 editing scenarios are narrower in scope and often contextually constrained (e.g., summarisation). We
067 refer to this as **task-specific** text generation. Crucially, generic and task-specific text differ in that
068 the former is often linguistically and semantically less similar to human text, whereas the latter—
069 because of its constraints—tends to align more closely in style and meaning. Figure 1 illustrates
070 this distinction across four metrics, comparing HWT, generic and the task-specific MGT generated
071 for the three Wikipedia editing tasks considered in this study. As detectors learn from such textual
072 patterns, it is well established that detection performance decreases as the total variation distance
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¹Wikipedia Community Call Notes 2023–24

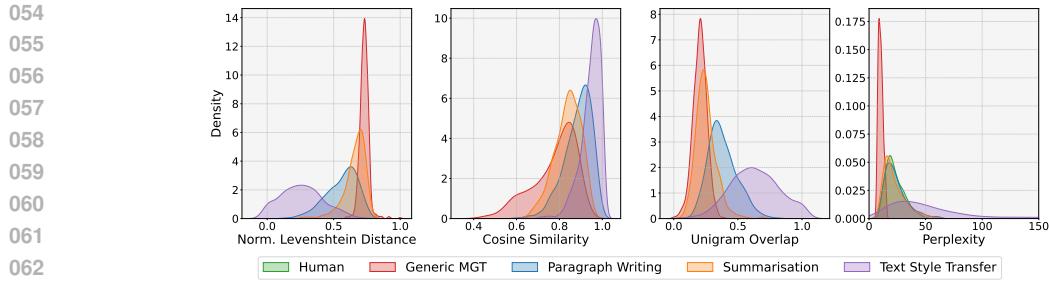


Figure 1: Comparison of textual characteristics between human text, generic MGT, and three task-specific English MGTs. Task-specific MGTs more closely resemble human text. The same pattern is observed in other languages (see Appendix D.2).

between human and machine distributions narrows (Sadasivan et al., 2023). We therefore expect detectors to face greater challenges on task-specific data than on prior benchmarks limited to generic data. Assessing their reliability in more realistic MGT scenarios is critical, as detectors safeguard the content integrity of UGC and thus ensure high-quality, uncontaminated data for downstream use across diverse AI applications.

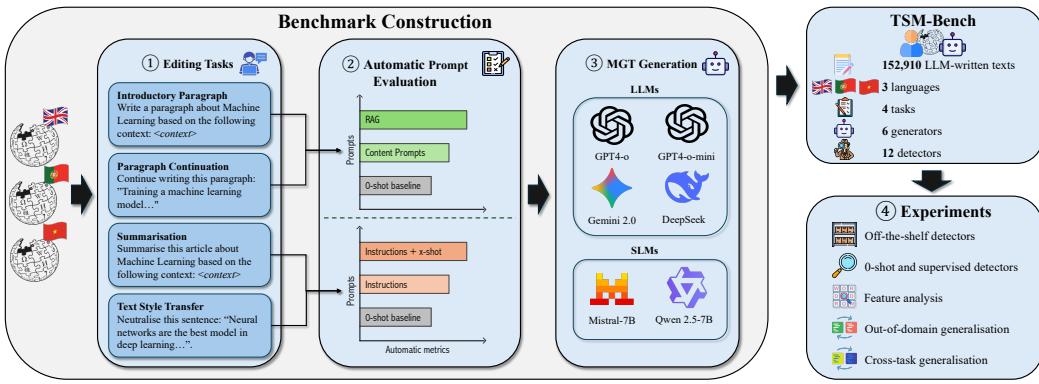


Figure 2: Overview of TSM-Bench: ① We define four editing tasks informed by research on how editors employ LLMs. ② For each task, we adopt two prompts from the natural language generation literature and automatically evaluate them against a simple baseline. ③ Using the highest-scoring prompt, we generate MGT from eight LMs. ④ Finally, we run five experiments on these data and draw key conclusions about the effectiveness of detectors in identifying real-world MGT instances.

In this work, we introduce **Task-Specific MGT Benchmark (TSM-BENCH)**, a multilingual, multi-generator, and *multi-task* MGT detection benchmark (see Figure 2), designed to move beyond generic MGT detection and evaluate detectors on text that more closely reflects how users employ LLMs in real-world workflows. Drawing on real-world accounts of how Wikipedia editors use LLMs, we define four common editing tasks. For each task, we adopt two prompts from the natural language generation literature and compare them with a minimal baseline using automatic metrics. We then employ the highest-scoring prompts to generate MGT with eight LMs of varying sizes across three languages (English, Portuguese, and Vietnamese). We select languages with different resource levels to study communities beyond the frequently examined English Wikipedia. We define resource level using two indicators: (1) the number of active Wikipedia users and (2) the language's share in the Common Crawl corpus², a standard training source for large language models. Appendix Table 5 reports the metrics used to guide our language selection. On these data, we conduct extensive experiments benchmarking 12 detectors from different model families, testing their out-of-domain and cross-task generalisability. Finally, to strengthen our case for moving be-

²<https://commoncrawl.org/>

108 yond generic MGT, we analyse feature importance in models trained on generic versus task-specific
 109 data.

110 Our contributions are as follows:

112 • **Benchmark** We introduce TSM-BENCH, a multilingual, multi-generator, and multi-task bench-
 113 mark for task-specific MGT detection on Wikipedia, comprising 152,910 MGTs. We are among
 114 the first to study task-specific MGT detection. We plan to maintain this benchmark by adding
 115 more detectors, tasks, and languages. Code and data are available at [GitHub](#) (anonymised).

116 • **Experiments** We evaluate 12 detectors from different model families, assess their generalisability
 117 across domains and tasks, and conduct a feature analysis to identify the linguistic cues detectors
 118 exploit.

119 • **Results** We demonstrate that (i) accuracy decreases by up to 32%, 20%, and 10% for zero-shot,
 120 off-the-shelf, and supervised detectors, respectively, compared to evaluations on generic data; and
 121 (ii) a **generalisation asymmetry** exists: models fine-tuned on task-specific data generalise to
 122 generic MGT both within and *across* domains, but not vice versa. Feature importance analysis
 123 shows that models trained on generic data overfit to LLM artefacts, exposing a limitation of prior
 124 benchmarks.

125 • **Implications** Compared with prior MGT benchmarks, our results suggest that earlier evaluations
 126 likely overestimated detector performance due to simplified generation settings. In practice, our
 127 findings indicate that most detectors cannot reliably support automated MGT detection in real-
 128 world contexts such as UGC platforms. TSM-BENCH therefore provides a valuable foundation
 129 for developing and evaluating more robust detectors, and we recommend training future models
 130 on a diverse combination of task-specific data.

133 2 RELATED WORK

135 **Wikipedia Editing Tasks** Wikipedia articles consist of a lead section, a tabular infobox, and a
 136 body organised into sections. Their content is written and maintained by volunteer editors who per-
 137 form a wide range of tasks ([Johnson et al., 2024](#)). *Paragraph Writing* involves generating new en-
 138 cyclopaedic content, which is central to expanding knowledge on Wikipedia. Research has focused
 139 on expanding Wikipedia with agentic systems ([Shao et al., 2024](#)) or through RAG ([Zhang et al.,](#)
 140 [2024b](#)). *Summarisation* refers to producing the lead section of the article body, which introduces its
 141 most important points.³ The literature treats lead section generation either as a multi-document ([Liu](#)
 142 [et al., 2018](#); [Gholipour Ghalandari et al., 2020](#); [Hayashi et al., 2021](#)) or a single-document ([Gao](#)
 143 [et al., 2021](#); [Perez-Beltrachini & Lapata, 2022](#)) summarisation task. *Text Style Transfer* (TST) is
 144 the task of modifying the style of a sentence while preserving its meaning ([Toshevska & Gievska,](#)
 145 [2022](#)). On Wikipedia, maintaining a Neutral Point of View⁴ (NPOV) is a core content policy requir-
 146 ing all content to be written from a neutral perspective. [Pryzant et al. \(Pryzant et al., 2020\)](#) introduce
 147 the Wikipedia Neutrality Corpus (WNC), a large-scale collection of biased and neutralised sentence
 148 pairs retrieved from NPOV-related revisions.

149 **MGT Detection Benchmarks** Extensive work has benchmarked MGT detectors across domains,
 150 languages, and generators ([Wu et al., 2025a](#)). *TuringBench* ([Uchendu et al., 2021](#)) is one of the
 151 first benchmarks to study the Turing test and authorship attribution, using multiple generators in
 152 the news domain. *MULTITuDE* ([Macko et al., 2023](#)) expands MGT data beyond English, testing
 153 detectors in multilingual settings. *MAGE* ([Li et al., 2024](#)) covers multiple domains, generators, and
 154 detectors, benchmarking across eight increasingly challenging detection scenarios. *M4* ([Wang et al.,](#)
 155 [2023](#)) comprehensively includes various generators, languages, and domains, while *M4GT* ([Wang](#)
 156 [et al., 2024b](#)) expands *M4* by incorporating additional languages and introducing human-machine
 157 mixed detection. Alongside the release of detection datasets ([Guo et al., 2023](#); [Su et al., 2023b](#);
 158 [Yu et al., 2025](#)), recent work has increasingly focused on adversarial attacks to evade detectors ([He](#)
 159 [et al., 2024](#); [Wu et al., 2024](#); [Zheng et al., 2025](#)).

160 ³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Manual_of_Style

161 ⁴https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Neutral_point_of_view

162 **AI-Assisted Editing on Wikipedia** Even before the advent of LLMs, Wikipedia has a long history
 163 of AI-assisted tools. For example, ORES (Halfaker & Geiger, 2020) provides edit and page-quality
 164 predictions using multiple independent classifiers. Descartes (Sakota et al., 2023) generates short de-
 165 scriptions for Wikipedia articles using mBART. The emergence of LLMs has prompted researchers
 166 to investigate their impact on Wikipedia. Both Reeves et al. (2024) and Huang et al. (2025) find no
 167 or only marginal evidence of an effect on user engagement. Brooks et al. (2024) attempt to identify
 168 MGT on Wikipedia and estimate that roughly 5% of new articles may be AI-generated.

169 The closest work to ours is Quaremba et al. (2025), who introduced two datasets (WikiPS and
 170 mWNC) in English, Portuguese, and Vietnamese, which form the basis of our work. TSM-Bench
 171 extends their benchmark by adding more tasks, detectors, and LLMs. We further provide extensive
 172 experimental results that go beyond their main findings, including evaluations of state-of-the-art
 173 off-the-shelf detectors, domain and cross-task generalisation, and feature-importance analyses. This
 174 allows us to draw critical conclusions about the reliability of detectors on UGC platforms such as
 175 Wikipedia.

176 With respect to prior MGT benchmarks, our work is among the first to consider MGT arising from
 177 task-specific scenarios. Most existing work relies on generic prompts such as “Write an article about
 178 X.” We illustrate the use of such generic prompts in related work (Wang et al., 2023; 2024a; Li et al.,
 179 2024; Macko et al., 2023) in Appendix 3. In contrast, our benchmark uses task-specific prompts as
 180 defined in Section 3.1.

182 3 TSM-BENCH

184 TSM-BENCH is a multilingual, multi-generator, and multi-task MGT detection benchmark designed
 185 to reflect real-world, task-specific LLM-generated text on Wikipedia. Our tasks are empirically
 186 grounded in research on Wikipedia editors’ perceived use cases for LLM-assisted editing (Ford
 187 et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2025), ensuring their relevance to practical applications. Our benchmark
 188 corpus comprises 152,910 parallel human- and machine-written texts across tasks, languages, and
 189 generators. Appendix Table 4 presents dataset statistics.

191 3.1 TASK DEFINITIONS

192 **MGT Detection** We define MGT detection as a binary classification task. Given a dataset $\mathcal{D} =$
 193 $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$, each instance consists of a text x_i and a label $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$, where 0 denotes a human-
 194 written text and 1 a machine-generated text. A detector learns a function $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that assigns a
 195 real-valued score to each text $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Using a threshold τ , the predicted label is defined as $\hat{y} = 1$ if
 196 $f(x) \geq \tau$ and $\hat{y} = 0$ otherwise.

198 **Task-specific Generation** Let f_θ denote a language model with parameters θ that produces a tex-
 199 tual output o . Let $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}$ be a set of detailed user instructions for t natural language
 200 generation tasks, and let $C_t = \{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ be a set of contexts associated with task t . For example,
 201 C_t may consist of retrieved evidence passages used to generate a new paragraph. We define **generic**
 202 generation as $o_{gt} = f_\theta(g_t)$, where g_t is an unconstrained, free-form prompt with *minimal* task
 203 instruction for task t . We define **task-specific** generation as $o_{ts} = f_\theta(i_t, C_t)$, where the model com-
 204 pletes a constrained task using additional context C_t . This setting corresponds to the four Wikipedia
 205 editing tasks we investigate.

206 **Wikipedia Editing Tasks** We consider three editing tasks grounded in Ford et al. (2023) and Zhou
 207 et al. (2025), who survey Wikipedia editors about LLM-assisted editing practices. The three tasks
 208 are: ① **Paragraph Writing**, which involves generating new multi-sentence content or extending
 209 existing text. We define two subtasks: *Introductory Paragraph*, the task of writing the opening para-
 210 graph of a new section; and *Paragraph Continuation*, which extends an incomplete human-written
 211 paragraph. These subtasks allow us to test detection performance both on purely machine-written
 212 text and on text blending HWT and MGT. ② **Summarisation**, where the model generates a lead
 213 section of comparable length to a human-written reference, conditioned on the article’s content. We
 214 frame this as a single-document abstractive summarisation task, following Wikipedia’s Manual of
 215 Style³ and prior work on Wikipedia summarisation (Gao et al., 2021; Perez-Beltrachini & Lapata,
 216 2022). ③ **Text Style Transfer**, defined as *neutralising* revision-level NPOV violations (Pryzant

216 et al., 2020). We provide a biased sentence or paragraph as context and instruct the model to re-
 217 vise it in line with Wikipedia’s neutrality guidelines. Focusing on NPOV violations ensures direct
 218 alignment with one of Wikipedia’s core content policies.⁵
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220 3.2 BENCHMARK CONSTRUCTION

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 222 **Data** We use WikiPS, a collection of paragraphs and summary–article pairs, and
 223 mWNC (Quaremba et al., 2025), an extension of WNC (Pryzant et al., 2020), as the human-
 224 written corpus, available in English, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. We randomly sample 2,700
 225 HWT per task and language from the corresponding subsets. For the Paragraph Writing and
 226 Summarisation tasks, we balance each subset by length tertiles. For TST, we evaluate at the
 227 sentence level for all languages and at the paragraph level for English only, due to limited data in
 228 the other languages.
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230 PROMPT EVALUATION

Language	BLEU	RougeL	BERTScore	QAFactEval	Style Transfer
<i>Introductory Paragraph → RAG</i>					
English	0.25 (+0.23)	0.47 (+0.29)	0.88 (+0.13)	0.38 (+0.33)	-
Portuguese	0.25 (+0.23)	0.47 (+0.30)	0.92 (+0.06)	0.42 (+0.36)	-
Vietnamese	0.30 (+0.26)	0.55 (+0.23)	0.92 (+0.07)	0.36 (+0.30)	-
<i>Paragraph Continuation → RAG</i>					
English	0.25 (+0.25)	0.49 (+0.34)	0.89 (+0.13)	0.42 (+0.39)	-
Portuguese	0.25 (+0.25)	0.49 (+0.34)	0.92 (+0.06)	0.42 (+0.39)	-
Vietnamese	0.32 (+0.30)	0.57 (+0.26)	0.92 (+0.07)	0.38 (+0.34)	-
<i>Summarisation → One-shot</i>					
English	0.17 (+0.11)	0.36 (+0.10)	0.83 (+0.04)	0.46 (+0.01)	-
Portuguese	0.11 (+0.05)	0.29 (+0.06)	0.88 (+0.01)	0.47 (-0.01)	-
Vietnamese	0.12 (+0.05)	0.38 (+0.03)	0.87 (+0.01)	0.46 (+0.00)	-
<i>TST → Five-shot</i>					
English	0.55 (+0.21)	0.78 (+0.12)	0.95 (+0.03)	-	0.91 (+0.01)
Portuguese	0.55 (+0.14)	0.77 (+0.08)	0.96 (+0.02)	-	0.91 (+0.05)
Vietnamese	0.55 (+0.12)	0.78 (+0.05)	0.96 (+0.01)	-	0.84 (-0.01)
English P.	0.55 (+0.21)	0.78 (+0.12)	0.95 (+0.03)	-	0.96 (-0.01)

243 Table 1: Prompt evaluation results. We report the highest-scoring prompt per language and task. For
 244 each metric, we present the highest score achieved, with the improvement over the baseline shown
 245 in percentage points (in parentheses).
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247 For each task, we adapt prompts from the natural language generation literature shown to be most
 248 effective (Zhang et al., 2024a; Mukherjee & Dušek, 2024; Gao et al., 2024), and automatically eval-
 249 uate them against a simple baseline. We conduct the evaluation on a length-stratified 10% sample of
 250 the target data using GPT-4o mini (Hurst et al., 2024), and select the highest-scoring prompt to gen-
 251 erate MGT for our benchmark. Appendix B provides implementation details and prompt templates.
 252 The prompts we consider are as follows:
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254 **Paragraph Writing** *Minimal* provides the generic baseline, instructing the model to write or con-
 255 tinue a paragraph given article and section titles. *Content Prompts* extend *Minimal* by including up
 256 to ten content-related questions about the target HWT paragraph (e.g., “What are neural networks
 257 inspired by?”), generated using GPT-4o. *Naive retrieval-augmented generation* (RAG) (Gao et al.,
 258 2024) further augments Content Prompts with relevant retrieved content.
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260 **Summarisation & TST** For Summarisation and TST, we use conceptually identical prompts.
 261 *Minimal* is a simple zero-shot prompt that instructs the model to summarise the article content/neu-
 262 tralise biased text. *Instruction* adds a detailed definition of the lead section/NPOV policy, alongside
 263 the baseline instructions to compile the lead section/neutalise the input text. *Few-shot* includes
 264 representative examples for each task in addition to the Instruction prompt.
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266 **Evaluation Metrics** We use BLEU (Papineni et al., 2002) and ROUGE (Lin, 2004) for n-gram
 267 overlap, and BERTScore (Zhang et al., 2020)⁶ for semantic similarity. For Paragraph Writing and
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269 ⁵https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Neutral_point_of_view

⁶We use XLM-R as the backbone Conneau et al. (2020).

270 Summarisation, we assess factuality using QAFactEval (Fabbri et al., 2022).⁷ For TST, we fine-tune
 271 pre-trained language models per language and report binary style classification accuracy.
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273 **Evaluation** Table 1 presents our prompt evaluation results. For each task, we report the best-
 274 performing prompt, along with the percentage improvement over the baseline (in parentheses).
 275 Overall, prompts with richer context or more detailed instructions achieve greater gains across eval-
 276 uation metrics: RAG substantially outperforms Minimal, while Few-shot prompts provide smaller
 277 improvements. The results demonstrate that task-specific MGT is of higher quality than generic
 278 MGT. For our benchmark, we select: **Paragraph Writing** → **RAG**, **Summarisation** → **One-shot**,
 279 and **TST** → **Five-shot**.

280 **MGT Generation** For each *task–language* subset, we generate MGT with six generators using
 281 their respective best-performing prompts. For LLMs, we use **GPT-4o** and **GPT-4o Mini** (Hurst
 282 et al., 2024), **Gemini 2.0 Flash** (Team et al., 2023), and **DeepSeek** (Guo et al., 2025). We also in-
 283 clude two small language models (SLMs): **Qwen2.5-7B** (Yang et al., 2024a) and **Mistral-7B** (Jiang
 284 et al., 2023).

286 4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

288 We design five experiments to benchmark off-the-shelf, supervised, and zero-shot detectors, test
 289 their out-of-domain generalisability, analyse their behaviour through feature analysis, and eval-
 290 uate cross-task transfer to inform future detector development. Further details on implementation,
 291 detectors, data, and training are provided in Appendix C.

293 **Experiment 1: Off-the-shelf detectors** We evaluate the performance of widely used off-the-shelf
 294 detectors on our tasks. For comparison, we also assess these detectors on generically generated
 295 Wikipedia articles, reflecting the setups of prior work (e.g., Guo et al., 2023; Macko et al., 2023; Li
 296 et al., 2024; He et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2023; 2024a; Wu et al., 2024). We generate these instances
 297 using the prompt “*Write a Wikipedia article about <title>*”. We select RADAR (Hu et al., 2023),
 298 Binoculars (Hans et al., 2024), Desklib, and e5-small (Dugan et al., 2024), as these models achieved
 299 the strongest performance on the RAID shared task (Dugan et al., 2024). We restrict this analysis to
 300 GPT-4o and English, as these detectors are primarily trained on English data.

301 **Experiment 2: Zero-shot and supervised detectors** We evaluate nine zero-shot and supervised
 302 detectors across each *task–language–generator* configuration. For each configuration, we fine-tune
 303 supervised models using hyperparameter search, and for zero-shot methods we calibrate the optimal
 304 classification threshold with Youden’s *J*.

306 For supervised detectors, we use **XLM-RoBERTa** (Conneau et al., 2020) and **mDeBERTa** (He
 307 et al., 2023). As zero-shot white-box detectors, we include **Binoculars** (Hans et al., 2024), **LLR** (Su
 308 et al., 2023a), and **FastDetectGPT (White-Box)** (Hans et al., 2024). As zero-shot black-box detec-
 309 tors, we use **BiScope** (Guo et al., 2024), **Revise-Detect** (Zhu et al., 2023), **GECScore** (Wu et al.,
 310 2025b), and **FastDetectGPT (Black-Box)** (Hans et al., 2024).

311 **Experiment 3: Out-of-domain generalisation** We evaluate the generalisability of detectors
 312 trained on task-specific versus generic MGT, both *within* Wikipedia and *out-of-domain*. We con-
 313 sider two editor-driven domains where reliable MGT detection is equally important: social reviews
 314 (Yelp (Zhang et al., 2015) (EN), B2W (Real et al., 2019) (PT), ABSA (Nguyen et al., 2018) (VI))
 315 and news (CNN/DM (Nallapati et al., 2016) (EN), Folha (Emdemor, 2023) (PT), News25 (Quang,
 316 2022) (VI)). For all domains, we generate MGT using generic prompts.

317 **Experiment 4: Feature analysis** As our central argument concerns task-specific MGT, we inves-
 318 tigate what models learn when trained on generic versus task-specific data. To this end, we train our
 319 best-performing model from Experiment 2 with the same configuration on each English dataset and
 320 compute Shapley Additive Explanations (SHAP) (Lundberg & Lee, 2017). SHAP values highlight
 321 which patterns models exploit to distinguish HWT from MGT.

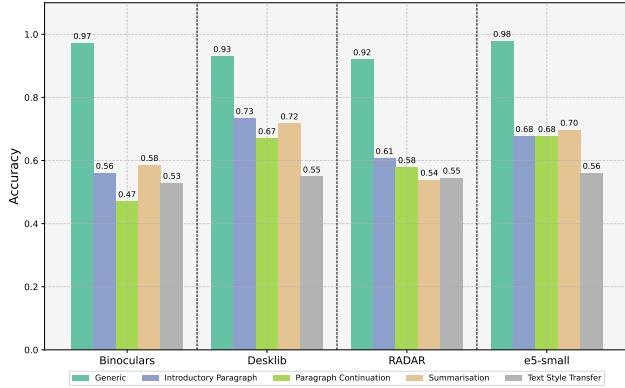
323 ⁷As QAFactEval is English-only, we translated the Portuguese and Vietnamese prompt-evaluation sets using
 GPT-4o. Appendix D.1 shows that translation bias in this sample is minimal.

324 **Experiment 5: Cross-task generalisation** Different writing tasks may leave different traces of
 325 MGT. We examine how well detectors generalise across tasks by training a model on the full data
 326 of one task and evaluating it on all others. This experiment is crucial for understanding how to train
 327 future detectors for optimal performance.

328 We restrict Experiments 4 and 5 to GPT-4o and Qwen 2.5, using the best-performing model from
 329 Experiment 2. Given the parallel structure of our benchmark data, we report accuracy as our primary
 330 metric and additionally provide F1 scores for Experiment 2.

332 5 RESULTS

335 5.1 EXPERIMENT 1: OFF-THE-SHELF DETECTORS



350 Figure 3: Comparison of off-the-shelf detectors on generic and task-specific MGT.
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352 **Off-the-shelf detectors underperform on task-specific MGT.** Figure 3 shows the accuracy of
 353 four off-the-shelf detectors on generic and task-specific data. All detectors achieve near-perfect
 354 accuracy of $>93\%$ on generic data, including the zero-shot method Binoculars. However, across
 355 tasks, accuracy drops to between 47% and 73%. This indicates that detectors which appear effective
 356 on generic data are likely to underperform in real-world scenarios where users rely on LLMs for
 357 specific tasks.

359 5.2 EXPERIMENT 2: ZERO-SHOT AND SUPERVISED DETECTORS

361 **Most detectors struggle to detect task-specific MGT.** Table 2 reports detection results by task
 362 and language, averaged across the six generators. Overall, all tasks pose challenges to detectors
 363 from every model family. Supervised models consistently outperform zero-shot methods, achiev-
 364 ing average accuracies between 79.7% and 91.8% (excluding sentence-level TST), while zero-shot
 365 models fail to exceed 64.7% on average.

366 For Introductory Paragraph, supervised detectors achieve an average accuracy of 85.9% across lan-
 367 guages, whereas white-box (57.7%) and black-box (62.3%) methods perform considerably worse.
 368 While both supervised detectors perform similarly, Binoculars achieves the highest average
 369 accuracy among white-box methods (61.8%), and GECScore leads among black-box methods
 370 (69.7%). For Paragraph Continuation, most zero-shot methods drop to near random-chance ac-
 371 curacy, with the exception of BiScope. This likely reflects blurred statistical disparities caused
 372 by the mixing of human and machine text, which undermines the signal on which these methods
 373 rely. We also observe a slight increase in average accuracy across detector families from English
 374 to Vietnamese, most pronounced for white-box detectors (e.g., Binoculars: 52.1 \rightarrow 60). This
 375 linear trend occurs only in this task.

376 Summarisation yields the highest detection scores across model families and languages. Compared
 377 to Introductory Paragraph, both zero-shot families perform marginally better, while supervised mod-
 378 els increase to or approach 90% accuracy across languages. Although most LLMs undergo extensive

378 379 380 381 382 383 384 385 386 387 388 389 390	Detector	Introductory Paragraph						Paragraph Continuation						- - - - - - - - - - - - -	
		English		Portuguese		Vietnamese		English		Portuguese		Vietnamese			
		ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1		
Binoculars	57.8	60.4	61.3	61.8	66.4	67.3	52.1	41.7	55.8	55.0	60.6	60.0	-	-	
LLR	50.9	63.2	52.6	56.0	55.4	30.9	50.6	23.5	51.6	45.2	52.2	25.1	-	-	
FDGPT (WB)	53.6	43.8	58.4	60.6	63.0	56.5	50.7	36.7	54.5	49.1	57.8	40.3	-	-	
Avg. White-box	54.1	55.8	57.4	59.4	61.6	51.6	51.1	34.0	54.0	49.8	56.8	41.8	-	-	
BiScope	69.1	68.7	65.1	64.5	69.0	68.9	61.8	60.6	61.9	59.4	68.3	66.9	-	-	
Revise	52.5	52.1	54.4	54.4	53.0	46.0	51.3	42.7	52.2	47.1	52.2	56.8	-	-	
GECSScore	75.6	74.0	70.8	72.3	62.7	62.8	56.1	54.7	55.0	40.8	52.8	36.9	-	-	
FDGPT (BB)	53.6	41.7	58.7	55.3	62.2	56.8	51.3	17.2	55.7	41.6	59.1	43.1	-	-	
Avg. Black-box	62.7	59.1	62.3	61.6	61.7	58.6	55.1	43.8	56.2	47.2	58.1	50.9	-	-	
xlm-RoBERTa	84.6	84.2	82.2	81.3	85.5	84.7	84.3	84.2	85.2	84.8	88.1	88.0	-	-	
mDeBERTa	89.0	88.8	83.8	83.1	86.3	85.6	86.2	86.1	86.3	86.2	87.4	87.4	-	-	
Avg. Supervised	85.9	86.5	83.0	82.2	85.9	85.1	85.3	85.2	85.8	85.5	87.8	87.7	-	-	
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391 392 393 394 395 396 397 398 399 400 401	Detector	English			Portuguese			Vietnamese			English			Text Style Transfer	
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		60.4	61.4	67.6	69.2	66.4	69.6	51.9	30.7	55.8	52.2	55.9	45.7	57.1	45.3
Binoculars	54.5	65.9	54.7	60.3	54.1	57.2	50.1	2.2	51.9	21.5	51.7	35.8	52.6	26.9	
LLR	57.8	59.2	64.7	65.4	64.5	56.6	52.5	60.8	54.6	44.5	55.9	45.5	59.3	42.0	
Avg. White-box	57.6	62.2	62.3	65.0	61.7	61.1	51.5	31.2	54.1	39.4	54.5	42.3	56.4	42.0	
BiScope	70.7	69.9	68.0	66.0	70.5	70.2	57.3	56.9	60.3	59.6	59.6	58.3	57.3	56.9	
Revise	54.0	56.3	53.3	57.0	53.0	57.9	55.1	60.0	53.3	54.1	56.1	60.1	57.4	58.0	
GECSScore	75.8	76.5	68.5	70.1	62.3	64.3	64.2	61.1	61.4	59.8	58.6	44.1	73.8	73.6	
FDGPT (BB)	58.2	60.0	63.8	64.8	62.7	53.9	52.0	37.7	53.6	36.0	55.3	40.4	57.9	51.0	
Avg. Black-box	64.7	65.6	63.4	64.5	62.1	61.6	57.1	53.9	57.1	52.4	57.4	50.7	61.6	59.9	
xlm-RoBERTa	91.5	91.4	91.2	91.1	90.2	89.9	64.6	63.0	64.5	63.5	63.4	61.8	78.8	77.9	
mDeBERTa	90.4	90.2	92.5	92.4	89.3	89.0	63.4	61.8	68.2	66.4	66.2	65.2	80.6	79.4	
Avg. Supervised	90.9	90.8	91.8	91.8	89.8	89.5	64.0	62.4	66.4	64.9	64.8	63.5	79.7	78.7	

Table 2: Detector accuracies (ACC) and F1-scores (F1) on task-specific MGT for each task and language, averaged across generators.

post-training on summarisation tasks, Wikipedia lead sections follow a distinctive style that provides strong cues for detectors. BiScope (69.7%) and Binoculars (64.8%) achieve the best performance within their respective families. Across languages, supervised detectors maintain consistent accuracy with a slight drop for Vietnamese; white-box methods perform best on Portuguese (62.3%), while black-box models reach the highest accuracy on English (64.7%).

For sentence-level TST, supervised detectors achieve an average accuracy of 65.1%, considerably lower than in the other tasks. Most zero-shot detectors perform only slightly above random chance across languages, with the notable exception of GECSScore, which performs comparably to supervised detectors (e.g., 64.2% for English). We attribute the low detection scores in part to the sentence-level setting. When comparing English sentence- to paragraph-level data (English P.), we observe substantially higher average accuracies for the latter, most notably a 15.7% increase for supervised detectors.

5.3 EXPERIMENT 3: OUT-OF-DOMAIN GENERALISATION

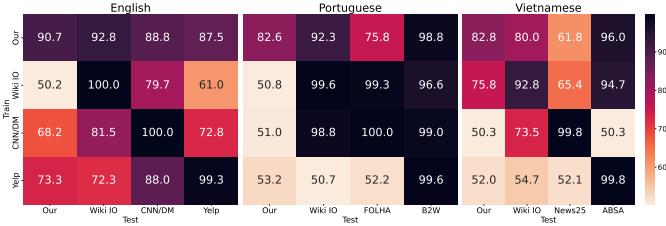


Figure 4: Out-of-domain accuracies of mDeBERTa by language with GPT-4o. Our dataset balances Introductory Paragraphs and Summarisation. Wiki IO, news (CNN/DM, FOLHA, News25), and social reviews (Yelp, B2W, ABSA) represent generic MGT.

Fine-tuning on task-specific data generalises to generic data within and across domains, but not vice versa. Figure 4 shows confusion matrix accuracies by language for the best-performing model from our second experiment, mDeBERTa. We observe a **generalisation asymmetry**: when fine-tuned on task-specific data, mDeBERTa generalises well to generic data both within and *across* domains. However, when fine-tuned on generic data, the model fails to generalise to our data—even within the same domain. For example, mDeBERTa fine-tuned on our English data achieves an average accuracy of 89.7% across test sets (first matrix, first row). In contrast, when fine-tuned on generic data, no domain yields more than 77.9% test set accuracy. This pattern is consistent across most configurations, though most pronounced for English. Moreover, diagonal test set accuracies of 92.8–100% reinforce the findings of Experiments 1 and 2, underscoring that generic MGT is easy to detect *across domains*. Appendix Figure 10 reports results for Qwen 2.5, showing the same pattern.

5.4 EXPERIMENT 4: FEATURE ANALYSIS

Fine-tuning on generic data tends to overfit to surface-level features. To analyse the results of Experiments 1-3, we compare features learned by mDeBERTa when trained on generic versus task-specific English Wikipedia data. Figure 5 presents the five features with the highest SHAP values in each setting. mDeBERTa fine-tuned on our data assigns greater weight to semantically meaningful tokens, indicating stronger reliance on transferable MGT patterns. In contrast, when fine-tuned on generic data, SHAP values reveal heavy dependence on superficial cues such as section formatting (e.g., "==" or "#").

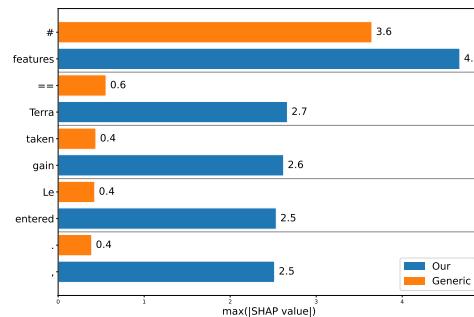


Figure 5: SHAP features for mDeBERTa.

5.5 EXPERIMENT 5: CROSS-TASK GENERALISATION

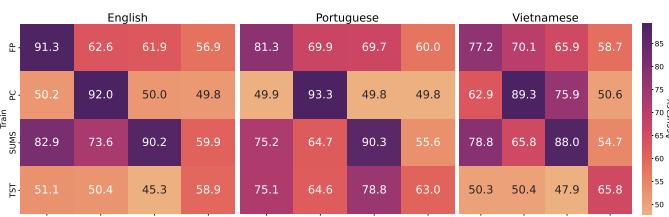


Figure 6: Cross-task accuracies of mDeBERTa by language with GPT-4o. IP = Introductory Paragraph, PC = Paragraph Continuation, SUMS = Summarisation, TST = Text Style Transfer.

Cross-task performance is generally low. Figure 6 presents cross-task accuracies by language for mDeBERTa. Overall, detection performance across tasks remains relatively low. For English, the average cross-task accuracy is 72.1% for Summarisation, compared with 60.5% for Introductory Paragraph and close to random chance for the other two tasks. The same trend holds for Portuguese and Vietnamese, as well as when using Qwen 2.5 (Appendix Figure 11). These results suggest that tasks exhibit distinct patterns that do not easily generalise across tasks. We therefore conclude that future detectors should be trained on a *combination* of different tasks.

6 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Discussion We find that most detectors struggle considerably on task-specific data. Through cross-domain experiments and feature analysis, we demonstrate that models trained on generic data tend to overfit to superficial MGT artefacts. This explains their strong in-domain but weak out-of-domain performance. In contrast to prior benchmarks (e.g. Guo et al., 2023; Macko et al., 2023; Li et al., 2024; He et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2023; 2024a; Wu et al., 2024), our results suggest that evaluations

on generic data likely overestimate detector performance. This conclusion aligns with the findings of [Doughman et al. \(2024\)](#), who also highlight that classifier performance is often overestimated. Because we ground our task setup in observed editing practices of LLM usage ([Ford et al., 2023](#); [Zhou et al., 2025](#)), we argue that most detectors are insufficient for supporting the automatic detection of MGT in real-world contexts. Recent work on adversarial attacks ([He et al., 2024](#); [Wu et al., 2024](#); [Zheng et al., 2025](#)) also reports reduced detection performance. However, our data are more challenging as they more realistically capture real-world *generation*, rather than relying on adversarial perturbations applied *post-generation*. For future work, we recommend developing and evaluating detectors on a diverse combination of common writing tasks. TSM-BENCH provides rich multilingual data to facilitate research in this direction. Future extensions could include additional languages, tasks, detectors, new domains, and analyses of the effects of combining tasks.

Conclusion We present TSM-BENCH, a multilingual, multi-generator, and multi-task benchmark for MGT detection, featuring diverse real-world LLM text generation tasks on Wikipedia. We show that most detectors underperform on task-specific MGT and highlight the limitations of evaluating detectors solely on generic MGT. Our findings suggest that existing benchmarks likely overestimate detector performance on UGC platforms and indicate that automatic MGT detection in real-world contexts remains unreliable.

Limitations First, we focus on three common editing tasks, although other equally important tasks exist (e.g., translation). We base these tasks on qualitative evidence of editors’ LLM usage, although we cannot guarantee that all editors employ LLMs in these ways. Second, some of our style classifiers used for TST prompt evaluation perform poorly despite extensive fine-tuning. We address this limitation in Appendix [C.2.1](#), but note that NPOV style classification remains challenging. Third, we stratify by length to avoid confounding effects, but we do not explore in detail how text length influences task-specific MGT detection. We leave this to future work.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Our work uses publicly available content from Wikipedia, licensed under CC BY-SA. No private or sensitive information is included, and our experiments pose no risk to Wikipedia editors or the Wikipedias under study. Sensitive data about individual contributors are not identifiable or exposed in any way.

We obtain machine-generated data using four LLMs under their respective licences:

- GPT-4-mini: No specific license. OpenAI welcomes research publications.⁸
- Gemini 2.0: Apache 2.0⁹
- Qwen 2.0: Apache 2.0¹⁰
- Mistral: Apache 2.0¹¹

All other datasets used in our work are publicly available. The license details are as follows:

- CNN/Daily Mail (News): Apache 2.0 License¹²
- FOLHA: CC0: Public Domain¹³
- News25: CC0: Public Domain¹⁴
- Yelp Reviews: Licensed under the Yelp Dataset License Agreement.¹⁵ Permits usage for academic and non-commercial research purposes only.

⁸<https://openai.com/policies/sharing-publication-policy/>

⁹<https://github.com/google-gemini>

¹⁰<https://github.com/QwenLM/Qwen2.5>

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¹²https://huggingface.co/datasets/abisee/cnn_dailymail

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¹⁴<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/hairtranquangofficial/vietnamese-online-news-dataset>

¹⁵[Yelp Dataset Agreement](#)

540 • B2W-Reviews01: CC BY-NC-SA 4.0 License¹⁶
 541 • VLSP 2018 ABSA: No specific license is provided, but the dataset is intended for research
 542 use.¹⁷

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544 This study addresses limitations in previous evaluations of MGT detectors by assessing their per-
 545 formance within realistic editorial contexts. The objective is to provide more accurate and practical
 546 insights into the feasibility and utility of MGT detection in scenarios where humans employ LLMs
 547 in diverse ways to generate text for specific tasks. The experiments aim to inform the potential of
 548 MGT detectors as automated metrics or as tools to support users of UGC platforms in identifying
 549 machine-generated content.

550 **LLM Usage** We use LLMs to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation mistakes in our text.
 551 We do not copy and paste the corrected text but instead prompt for a detailed list of errors and
 552 incorporate them manually.

553 **REPRODUCIBILITY STATEMENT**

554 We have taken several measures to ensure that our benchmark is reproducible and usable for future
 555 research. For data generation, we describe prompt design and evaluation in Section 3.2 and pro-
 556 vide the full prompts alongside additional details on data generation in Appendix B. We outline our
 557 experimental setup in Section 4 and include further information in Appendix C, such as hyperpa-
 558 rameter settings and hardware configurations. All experiments are run with a fixed random seed to
 559 guarantee full reproducibility of our results. We make all code and data publicly available.

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881 A DATA

882 A.1 MGT GENERATION EXAMPLES OF PRIOR WORK

Paper	Prompt	Explanation
M4GT-Bench Wang et al. (2024a)	Generate a Wikipedia summary for “<title>” (English).	Extends M4 by adding new <i>detection</i> but not generation tasks. The dataset expansion follows the generic generation paradigm, since summaries are produced without conditioning on article content, matching the generic setup described in Section 2.1.
MAGE Li et al. (2024)	“Write a news article with the following headline: <headline>”.	Uses a fully generic text-generation setup for the news domain. This matches the generic news prompt in our Experiment 3 used to construct generic news instances.
MULTITuDE Macko et al. (2023)	“Write a news article in {language_name} [...]”.	A multilingual MGT detection benchmark focused exclusively on generic news generation. It does not include task-specific settings and follows the same generic paradigm.

899 Table 3: Examples of benchmarks relying on generic text-generation prompts.
 900

901 A.2 BENCHMARK STATISTICS

Corpus	Subset	Level	Language	Corpus N	Eval N	Experiment N	MGT N
mWNC	Text Style Transfer	Sentences	EN	286,626	270	2,700	16,200
			PT	7,877	270	2,700	16,200
			VI	1,185	270	1,185	7,110
	Paragraph Writing	Paragraphs	EN	4,671	270	2,700	16,200
			EN	96,860	270	2,700	16,200
			PT	72,965	270	2,700	16,200
WikiPS	Summarisation	VI	EN	53,203	270	2,700	16,200
			PT	36,075	270	2,700	16,200
			VI	45,500	270	2,700	16,200
	Total				2,700	25,485	152,910

915 Table 4: TSM-Bench dataset statistics. Corpus N denotes the size of the data; Experiment N denotes
 916 the number of human-written texts; and MGT N denotes the total number of machine-generated
 917 texts.

Language	Resource Level	Active Users	CC Share (%)
English	High	224,120	44.2668
Portuguese	Medium	8,343	2.1796
Vietnamese	Low	3,686	1.0326

Table 5: Overview of languages, resource levels, active Wikipedia user counts, and share language in Common Crawl data (CC-MAIN-2025-43).

A.3 LANGUAGE SELECTION CRITERIA

B TASK DESIGN DETAILS

Content Prompts We model editors’ LLM-assisted content generation through Content Prompts. This prompt variant is motivated from the literature on Wikipedia article generation (Shao et al., 2024), which models the process as information-seeking behaviour guided by asking questions. The underlying idea is that editors construct content by iteratively posing questions about the subject. Our Content Prompts are designed to simulate this cognitive process.

For instance, an editor aiming to expand a Wikipedia article might prompt a model to generate a paragraph in response to factual questions about a specific topic (e.g., “What is the difference between supervised and unsupervised learning?”” or “What is reinforcement learning used for?””), within a given section. For each human-written paragraph in our dataset, we prompt GPT-4 to generate a minimum of five content prompts for low-tertile paragraphs, and eight for medium- and high-tertile paragraphs. Although this method does not exhaustively cover all factual content from the HWT, it substantially improves the alignment of factual information between HWT and MGT.

When generating these prompts, a valid concern is that the resulting questions may contain hallucinations, which would deteriorate the quality of the generated texts. We rely on supportive evidence from fact-checking literature (Chen et al., 2022; Min et al., 2023). Min et al. (2023), which uses LLMs to generate atomic questions, finds that such questions are “effective and close to human,” consistent with findings from prior work (Chen et al., 2022). Additionally, as reported in Table 11 in the Appendix, we show that text generated via Content Prompts leads to significant gains in our evaluation metrics, particularly in the factuality metric QAFactEval. Finally, our Content Prompts include detailed instructions on how to generate questions, which helps minimise the risk of irrelevance and hallucination.

Naive RAG We implement a web-based Naive RAG setup to reflect an editing scenario in which an editor, in addition to providing task instructions and content prompts, also supplies relevant context to minimise factual inaccuracies. Our RAG pipeline follows the indexing, retrieval, and generation modules of the Naive variant (Gao et al., 2024), with two key modifications: we prepend the pipeline with a Content Prompts and Web Search modules.

Content Prompts and Web Search For each paragraph, we generate diverse content prompts as described above. Each content prompt is used to query the Google Custom Search API,¹⁸ retrieving the top 10 most relevant URLs. This results in a minimum of 80 URLs for low-tertile paragraphs and at least 100 URLs for medium- and high-tertile paragraphs.

Indexing We download the raw HTML of each scrappable web page and apply a series of preprocessing and cleaning steps. Each page is then split into chunks using LangChain’s RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter.¹⁹ We compute BGE-M3²⁰ embeddings for each chunk and store them in a vector database.

Retrieval and Generation Each content prompt is treated as a query, for which we compute an embedding and retrieve the two most similar chunks from the vector database based on cosine similarity. These retrieved chunks are appended to the content prompt as context, guiding the model’s generation. For the Paragraph Continuation task, we apply RAG only to the second half of each.

¹⁸<https://developers.google.com/custom-search/v1/overview>

¹⁹LangChain RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter documentation

²⁰<https://huggingface.co/BAAI/bge-m3>

972 **In-context Learning** For Summarisation, we include 1–3 high-quality lead–content pairs re-
 973 trieved from the respective Wikipedia Featured Articles page.²¹ For TST, we include 1–5 randomly
 974 sampled biased–neutralised examples.
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976 **B.1 PARAGRAPH WRITING**
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978 **B.1.1 PROMPT TEMPLATES**
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980 For brevity, we present prompts in English only.
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982 **B.1.2 INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH PROMPTS**
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984 **MINIMAL**

985 Please write the first paragraph for the section "{section_title}" in the
 986 Wikipedia article "{page_title}" using no more than {n_words} words.
 987 Only return the paragraph.
 988

989 **CONTENT PROMPTS**
 990

991 Please write the first paragraph for the section "{section_title}" in the
 992 Wikipedia article "{page_title}".

993
 994 Address the following key points in your response:
 995 {content_prompts}

996 Use no more than {n_words} words. Only return the paragraph.
 997

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 999 **RAG**
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1001 Use the following context to ensure factual accuracy when writing:
 1002 {context}

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 1004 --

1005 Please write the first paragraph for the section "{section_title}" in the
 1006 Wikipedia article "{page_title}".

1007
 1008 Address the following key points in your response:
 1009 {content_prompts}

1010 Use the context above to inform your response, in addition to any
 1011 relevant knowledge you have. Use no more than {n_words} words. Only
 1012 return the paragraph in {language}.

1013
 1014 **B.1.3 PARAGRAPH CONTINUATION PROMPTS**
 1015

1016 **MINIMAL**
 1017

1018 Please continue writing the following paragraph for the section "{
 1019 section_title}" in the Wikipedia article "{page_title}".

1020
 1021 Existing paragraph: "{p_first}"

1022 Use no more than {n_words} words. Please only return the continuation of
 1023 the paragraph.
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 21 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Featured_articles

1026 CONTENT PROMPTS
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1028 Please continue writing the following paragraph for the section "{  

1029   section_title}" in the Wikipedia article "{page_title}".
1030
1031 Existing paragraph: "{p_first}"
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1033 Make sure that the continuation addresses these key points:  

1034   {content_prompts}
1035
1036 Use no more than {n_words} words. Please only return the continuation of
1037   the paragraph.

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1038 RAG
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1040
1041 Use the following context to ensure factual accuracy when writing:  

1042   {context}
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1044 ---
1045
1046 Please continue writing the below paragraph for the section "{  

1047   section_title}" in the Wikipedia article "{page_title}".
1048
1049 Make sure that the continuation addresses these key points:  

1050   {content_prompts}
1051
1052 Existing paragraph:  

1053   "{trgt_first}"
1054
1055 Use the context above to inform your response, in addition to any  

1056   relevant knowledge you have. Use no more than {trgt_n_toks} words.  

1057   Only return the continuation of the paragraph in {language}.

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1058 B.2 SUMMARISATION
10591060 B.2.1 PROMPTS
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1064 Your task is to summarize the below article with no more than {  

1065   n_toks_trgt} words. Article:  

1066   """{src}"""

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1068 INSTRUCTION/FEW-SHOT
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1070 Your task is to summarize an article to create a Wikipedia lead section.  

1071 - In Wikipedia, the lead section is an introduction to an article and a  

1072   summary of its most important contents.  

1073 - Apart from basic facts, significant information should not appear in  

1074   the lead if it is not covered in the remainder of the article.  

1075
1076 Generate the lead for the article titled "{page_title}" using the article  

1077   's body above with no more than {n_toks_trgt} words. Article:  

1078   """{src}"""

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1134 sequence. We implement this detector with Bloom-3B.²²
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1136 **Binoculars** (Hans et al., 2024) Binoculars introduces a metric based on the ratio of perplexity to cross-perplexity, where the latter measures how surprising the next-token predictions of one
 1137 model are to another. We implement this detectors using Qwen2.5-7B²³ for the observer model and
 1138 and Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct²⁴ for the performer model.
 1139

1140 **FastDetectGPT White-Box** (Bao et al., 2024) DetectGPT (Mitchell et al., 2023) exploits
 1141 that MGT tends to be located at negative curvature regions of the log probability function, from
 1142 which a curvature-based detection criterion is defined. FastDetectGPT (WB) is an optimised version
 1143 of DetectGPT that builds on the *conditional* probability curvature. We implement the white-box
 1144 version with Bloom-3B.²²
 1145

1146 ZERO-SHOT BLACK-BOX

1147 **BiScope** (Guo et al., 2024) BiScope measures cross-entropy losses between output logits and
 1148 original token and between output logits and the preceding input token. From statistics of these
 1149 losses, they train a classifier to predict whether the text is machine-generated. We implement this
 1150 detector as in the original paper with Llama 2-7B (Touvron et al., 2023).
 1151

1152 **Revise** (Zhu et al., 2023) Revise builds on the hypothesis that ChatGPT²⁵ performs fewer re-
 1153 visions when generating MGT, and thus bases its detection criterion on the similarity between the
 1154 original and revised articles. We implement this detector as in the original paper with GPT-3.5-
 1155 turbo.²⁶
 1156

1157 **GECScore** (Wu et al., 2025b) Grammar Error Correction Score assumes that HWT contain
 1158 more grammatical errors and calculates a Grammatical Error Correction score. We implement this
 1159 detectors as in the original paper with GPT-3.5-turbo.²⁶
 1160

1161 **FastDetectGPT Black-Box** (Hans et al., 2024): In the black-box version, the scoring model
 1162 is different from the reference model. We use BLOOM-3B for the reference model and BLOOM-
 1163 1.7B for the scoring model.
 1164

1165 SUPERVISED

1166 **XLM-RoBERTa** (Conneau et al., 2020): XLM-RoBERTa²⁷ is the multilingual version of
 1167 RoBERTa (Liu et al., 2019) for 100 languages. RoBERTa is an improved version of BERT (Devlin
 1168 et al., 2019) through more and longer training and dynamic masking modelling.
 1169

1170 **mDeberTaV3** mDeberTaV3²⁸ is the multilingual version of DeBERTa (He et al., 2023) which
 1171 improves BERT and RoBERTa through disentangled attention and enhanced mask decoder.
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1173 C.2 EXPERIMENTAL SETUPS

1174 C.2.1 TST STYLE CLASSIFIERS

1175 We fine-tune four style classifiers: one for each language at the sentence level, and an additional
 1176 classifier for English at the paragraph level. The hyperparameter settings are provided in Table 6.
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1178 ²²<https://huggingface.co/bigscience/bloom-3b>

1179 ²³<https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B>

1180 ²⁴<https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct>

1181 ²⁵<https://openai.com>

1182 ²⁶<https://platform.openai.com/docs/models/gpt-3.5-turbo>

1183 ²⁷<https://huggingface.co/FacebookAI/xlm-roberta-base>

1184 ²⁸<https://huggingface.co/microsoft/mdeberta-v3-base>

Language/Level	Models	Learning Rate	Batch Sizes	Epochs	Weight Decay
EN/Sent.	roberta-base	1e-6	32	15	0.01
PT/Sent.	xlm-roberta-base, mBERT	5e-5, 1e-5, 5e-6	16, 32	2, 5, 8	0, 0.01
VI/Sent.	xlm-roberta-base, mBERT	5e-5, 1e-5, 5e-6, 1e-6	16, 32	2, 4, 6	0, 0.01
EN/Para.	roberta-base	5e-5, 1e-6, 5e-6	16, 32	3, 6, 9	0, 0.01

Table 6: Style Classifier Hyperparameter Settings.

For English, we adopt the hyperparameters from the best-performing neutrality classifier available on Hugging Face.²⁹ As the English data contain nearly a quarter million English sentence pairs, we conduct fine-tuning on a smaller subset of the most recent 150k pairs, specifically filtered to include the keyword *NPOV* in the revision content, in order to further enhance precision. For Portuguese, we apply commonly used hyperparameter values, while for Vietnamese and English paragraphs, we extend the search space, as initial experiments yielded low detection performance.

Level	Language	Pairs	Test Accuracy
Sentences	English	300,000	73%
	Portuguese	5738	63%
	Vietnamese	2370	58%
Paragraphs	English	9342	58%

Table 7: Style Transfer Classifier Performance. Pairs denote biased and neutralised samples.

Table 7 reports the style classifier hyperparameter fine-tuning results. While fine-tuned models for English and Portuguese sentences yield satisfactory results, style accuracy for English paragraphs and Vietnamese sentences is low. In the following, we provide a qualitative analysis of both subsets and explain how we address these low performances.

Low Style Classifier Performance Analysis Table 8 presents two representative examples of NPOV revisions from each subset. The first example in each case illustrates a clear NPOV violation. For instance, the phrase "considered the best footballer" in Vietnamese and "not as strong" in English are both subjective. However, as illustrated with the second examples, NPOV filtering also captures revisions related to political or historical content, which often rely on (subjectively) factual corrections rather than systematic semantic cues.

As we observed this pattern consistently across both subsets, we conducted additional data processing and hyperparameter tuning for the classifiers. We explored several strategies, including: (1) extending the list of NPOV-related keywords, (2) allowing multiple edit chunks per revision, (3) permitting multi-sentence edits within a single chunk, and (4) expanding the range of hyperparameter settings and model types. However, none of these approaches significantly improved style classifier performance.

Therefore, we selected the configuration that yielded the highest precision, adopting a conservative approach to extract NPOV-relevant revision pairs. Despite the relatively low classifier accuracy, we are confident that our dataset includes a high proportion of true positives.

C.2.2 EXPERIMENT 2: ZERO-SHOT AND SUPERVISED DETECTORS

We fine-tune both training-based models per task and language on an 80/10/10 split with the hyperparameter choices displayed in Table 9.

²⁹<https://huggingface.co/cffl/bert-base-styleclassification-subjective-neutral>

1242	Subset	Biased Examples
1243		<i>c coi là cu th xut sc nht th güi và là cu th vĩ i nht mi thi i (Greatest of All Time - GOAT), Ronaldo là ch nhän ca 5 Qu bóng vàng châu Âu vào các năm 2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 và cũng là ch nhän 4 Chic giày vàng châu Âu, c hai u là k lc ca mt cu th chäu Âu cùng nhieu danh hiu cao quỹ khác. (EN: Considered the best football player in the world and the greatest of all time (GOAT), Ronaldo has won 5 Ballon d'Or awards in the years 2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017, as well as 4 European Golden Shoes—both records for a European player—along with many other prestigious titles.)</i>
1244	Vietnamese	<i>Ông tng phc v Lý Hoài Tiên, tng di quyn nghch tc S T Minh ca Ngy Yên. (EN: He once served Lý Hoài Tiên, a general under the command of the rebel S T Minh of Ngy Yên.)</i>
1245		<i>He is not as strong, although still an exceptional warrior. Agamemnon clearly has a stubborn streak that one can argue makes him even more arrogant than Achilles. Although he takes few risks in battle, Agamemnon still accomplishes great progress for the Greeks.</i>
1246		<i>The population of Bangladesh ranks seventh in the world, but its area of approximately is ranked ninety-fourth, making it one of the most densely populated countries in the world, or the most densely populated country if small island nations and city-states are not included. It is the third-largest Muslim-majority nation, but has a smaller Muslim population than the Muslim minority in India. Geographically dominated by the fertile Ganges-Brahmaputra Delta, the country has annual monsoon floods, and cyclones are frequent.</i>
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Table 8: NPOV Revision Examples. Parentheses contain English translations. Highlighted words indicate words that were edited.

1266	Hyperparameter	Values
1267	Batch Size	16, 32
1268	Learning Rate	1e-5, 5e-6, 1e-6
1269	Epochs	3, 5
1270	Seed	42
1271	Resource	1x NVIDIA A100 40GB
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Table 9: Hyperparameter settings for supervised-detectors.

For zero-shot detectors, we either use a single NVIDIA A100 80GB or two NVIDIA A100 40GB.

C.2.3 EXPERIMENT 3: GENERALISATION

For each language-generator-domain combination, we randomly sample 2,700 HWT from each dataset to generate generic MGT instances. These data reflects MGT genera setups of prior work (e.g., [Guo et al., 2023](#); [Macko et al., 2023](#); [Li et al., 2024](#); [He et al., 2024](#); [Wang et al., 2023; 2024a](#); [Wu et al., 2024](#)) (see prompt templates below). For task-specific MGT, we randomly sample an equal number of instances from our Introductory Paragraph and Summarisation tasks, excluding text of the lowest length tertile.

Due to the open-ended nature of the test data, we truncate all outputs including our texts to 160 tokens to ensure comparable text lengths. All detectors are trained on the full training set ($N = 2,700$) and evaluated on 300 randomly drawn instances. We use the same hyperparameter settings as for Experiment 2 (see Table 9).

We run this experiment on a single NVIDIA A100 40GB.

TEST DATA

We consider two additional domains—news and social reviews—for which reliable MGT detection is equally important as on Wikipedia.

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1298 For all three languages, we randomly sample from our base WikiPS dataset to create full articles
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1303 CNN/DM CNN/Daily Mail (Nallapati et al., 2016) is an English dataset containing over 300,000
1304 news articles from CNN and the Daily Mail, each paired with a summary composed of bullet-pointed
1305 highlight sentences. We use only the full article text in our experiments.

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1307 FOLHA Folha de São Paulo (FOLHA) (Emdemor, 2023) is a large-scale collection of 167,053
1308 news titles and articles from the Brazilian newspaper of the same name. The dataset covers the
1309 period from January 2015 to September 2017.

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1311 News25 The Vietnamese Online News Dataset (News25) (Quang, 2022) is a large-scale collection
1312 of over 150,000 news articles from the 25 most popular Vietnamese news sites, collected in July
1313 2022. Each entry includes a title and the main article body, along with additional metadata.

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SOCIAL REVIEWS

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1316 Yelp The Yelp dataset (Zhang et al., 2015) is a large-scale collection of approximately 700,000
1317 business reviews written on the Yelp platform. It covers businesses across eight metropolitan areas
1318 in the United States and Canada.

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1320 B2W B2W-Reviews01 (Real et al., 2019) is a Portuguese dataset containing over 130,000 e-
1321 commerce customer reviews. The reviews were collected from the Americanas.com website be-
1322 tween January and May 2018.

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1324 ABSA The VLSP 2018 Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis (ABSA) dataset (Nguyen et al., 2018)
1325 includes 4,751 restaurant reviews and 5,600 hotel reviews in Vietnamese. We consider only the
1326 restaurant domain, which consists of reviews collected from www.foody.vn.

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PROMPT TEMPLATES

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1333 Write a Wikipedia article with the title "{title}", the article should at
1334 least have 250 words.

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1338 Write a news article given the following highlights: """{highlights}"""

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1342 Given the first few words of the review, continue the review with a
1343 minimum of 20 words. Review beginning: "{beginning}"

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1345 D ADDITIONAL RESULTS

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1347 D.1 TRANSLATION QUALITY

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1349 Table 10 reports a quality assessment of our back-translations using the DeepL API, one of the
leading commercial translation systems. Across tasks and languages, standard machine translation

1350 metrics (BLEU, ROUGE, and BERTScore) indicate consistently high translation quality. This suggests that, while we cannot fully rule out translation bias, its impact on the factuality evaluation of Portuguese and Vietnamese prompts is likely minimal. This interpretation is further supported by the near-identical factuality scores across languages in Table 3.2. Finally, we emphasize that translation is used only for evaluating prompt factuality with QAFactEval, all detection experiments operate solely on the original source texts.

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Task (Language)	BLEU	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-2	BERTScore
Paragraphs (PT)	71.50	0.7838	0.6468	0.9671
Paragraphs (VI)	67.95	0.8475	0.7164	0.9486
Summarization (PT)	74.24	0.8767	0.8013	0.9736
Summarization (VI)	63.46	0.8868	0.7520	0.9411

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Table 10: Back-translation quality metrics (BLEU, ROUGE, and BERTScore) across tasks and languages.

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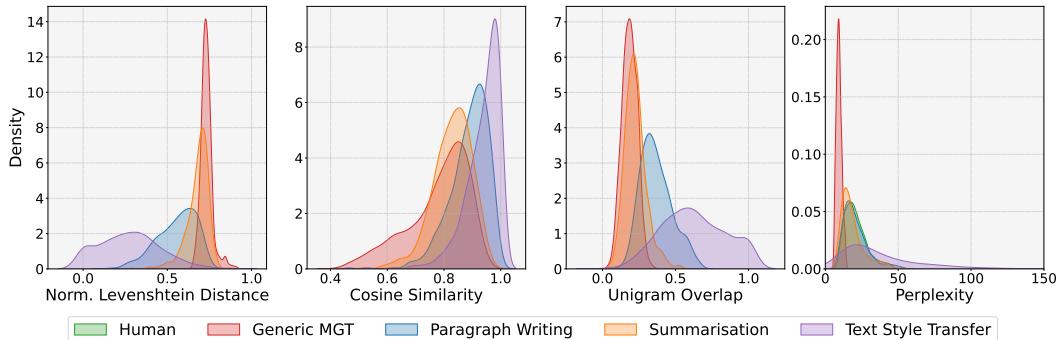
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D.2 LINGUISTIC DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS

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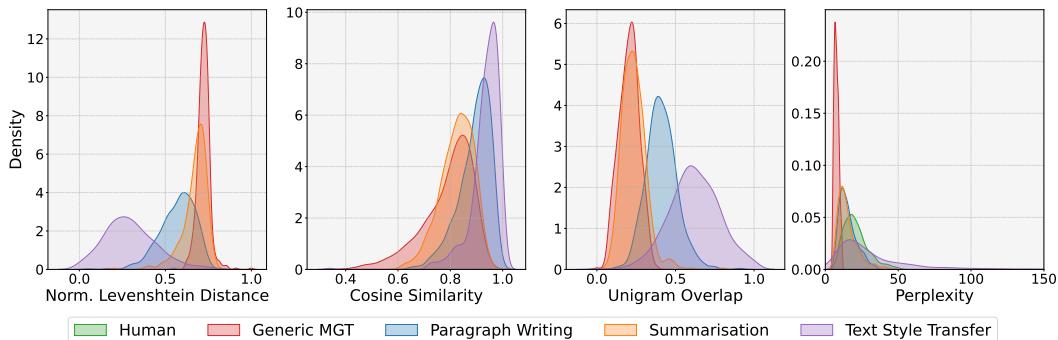
Figure 7: Comparison of textual characteristics between human, generic, and our task-specific MGT in Portuguese.

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Figure 8: Comparison of textual characteristics between human, generic, and our task-specific MGT in Vietnamese.

1404 D.3 PROMPT EVALUATION
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Language	Technique	BLEU	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-2	ROUGE-L	BERTScore	QAFactEval
<i>Introductory Paragraph</i>							
English	Minimal	0.02	0.29	0.06	0.17	0.76	0.06
	Content Prompts	0.22	0.57	0.31	0.44	0.88	0.25
	RAG	0.25	0.61	0.35	0.47	0.88	0.38
Portuguese	Minimal	0.02	0.31	0.06	0.17	0.86	0.06
	Content Prompts	0.20	0.56	0.30	0.41	0.91	0.25
	RAG	0.25	0.61	0.37	0.47	0.92	0.42
Vietnamese	Minimal	0.04	0.67	0.26	0.32	0.85	0.06
	Content Prompts	0.28	0.78	0.52	0.54	0.91	0.27
	RAG	0.30	0.79	0.54	0.55	0.92	0.36
<i>Paragraph Continuation</i>							
English	Minimal	0.01	0.24	0.03	0.15	0.75	0.03
	Content Prompts	0.21	0.58	0.32	0.45	0.88	0.30
	RAG	0.25	0.60	0.36	0.49	0.89	0.42
Portuguese	Minimal	0.01	0.25	0.04	0.15	0.86	0.03
	Content Prompts	0.20	0.57	0.32	0.44	0.92	0.27
	RAG	0.25	0.60	0.38	0.49	0.92	0.42
Vietnamese	Minimal	0.01	0.62	0.21	0.31	0.85	0.04
	Content Prompts	0.31	0.78	0.54	0.56	0.92	0.31
	RAG	0.32	0.78	0.54	0.57	0.92	0.38

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1424 Table 11: Paragraph Writing Prompts Evaluation Results.
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1427 Table 11 presents our prompting evaluation results. We find that our Naive RAG approach
1428 consistently outperforms both Minimal and Content Prompts across subtasks and languages. The low
1429 evaluation scores for Minimal prompts highlight that MGT produced in prior work is often synthet-
1430ically divergent from its human-written references. While Content Prompts substantially improve
1431 performance, Naive RAG further enhances generation quality—particularly in terms of factual con-
1432sistency, which is critical for encyclopedic content.³⁰ Based on these findings, we adopt Naive RAG
1433 as the prompting strategy for the paragraph writing task in our MGT detection experiments.

Language	Technique	BLEU	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-2	ROUGE-L	BERTScore	QAFactEval
English	Minimal	0.06	0.37	0.13	0.26	0.79	0.45
	Instruction	0.13	0.44	0.21	0.33	0.82	0.46
	One-shot	0.18	0.47	0.24	0.36	0.83	0.46
	Two-shot	0.18	0.47	0.24	0.36	0.83	0.46
	Three-shot	0.16	0.46	0.23	0.35	0.83	0.46
	Portuguese	0.06	0.35	0.13	0.23	0.87	0.48
Vietnamese	Minimal	0.11	0.42	0.19	0.30	0.88	0.48
	Instruction	0.11	0.42	0.19	0.29	0.88	0.48
	One-shot	0.11	0.43	0.19	0.30	0.88	0.47
	Two-shot	0.12	0.66	0.32	0.38	0.87	0.44
	Three-shot	0.11	0.65	0.32	0.38	0.87	0.42

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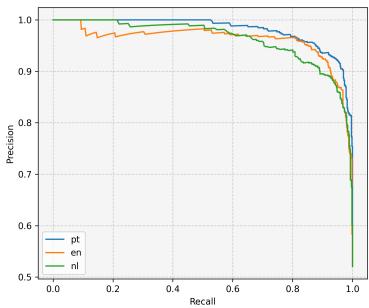
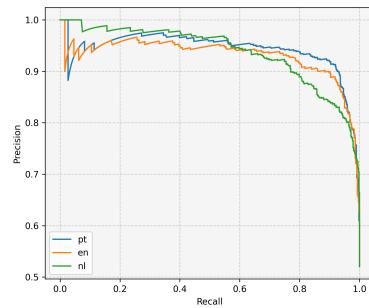
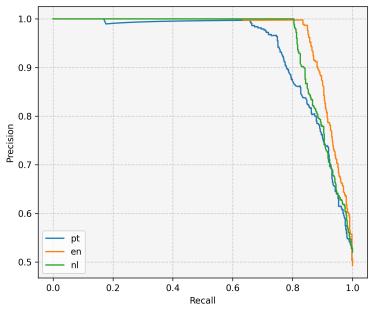
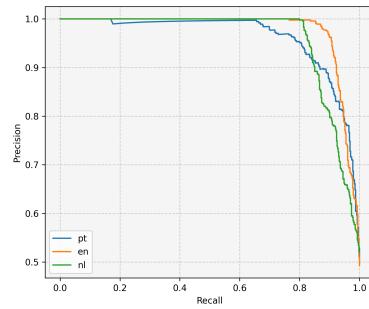
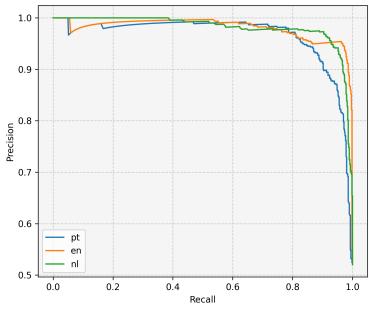
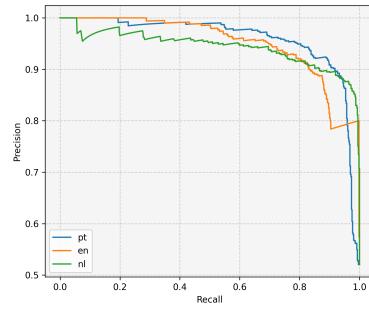
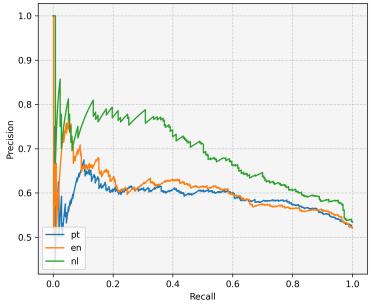
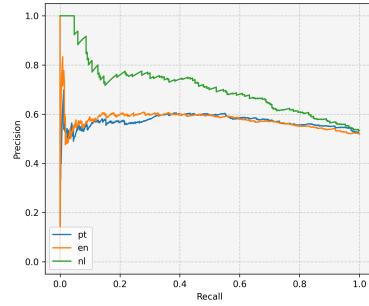
1449 Table 12 presents the summarisation prompt evaluation results, showing that across languages, In-
1450struction and Few-shot achieve higher overlap and semantic similarity scores, although Few-shot
1451only marginally improves over Instruction. Factuality scores remain relatively stable across prompts,
1452presumably because summarisation is a core task in aligning LLMs through reinforcement learning
1453from human feedback [Ouyang et al. \(2022\)](#). Given that increasing the number of shots does not
1454yield further improvements, and considering the context window of smaller LLMs, we select one-
1455shot prompting for our experiments.

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1458	Language	Technique	BLEU	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-2	ROUGE-L	BERTScore	ST
1459	English	Minimal	0.35	0.68	0.52	0.66	0.92	0.90
1460		Instruction	0.36	0.68	0.52	0.66	0.92	0.94
1461		One-shot	0.52	0.78	0.65	0.76	0.95	0.91
1462		Two-shot	0.47	0.75	0.61	0.73	0.94	0.90
1463		Three-shot	0.54	0.79	0.67	0.78	0.95	0.89
1464		Four-shot	0.56	0.80	0.69	0.79	0.95	0.89
1465		Five-shot	0.55	0.80	0.68	0.78	0.95	0.91
1466	Portuguese	Minimal	0.41	0.71	0.58	0.69	0.94	0.86
1467		Instruction	0.40	0.70	0.57	0.67	0.94	0.88
1468		One-shot	0.50	0.75	0.64	0.74	0.96	0.90
1469		Two-shot	0.51	0.77	0.65	0.75	0.96	0.89
1470		Three-shot	0.53	0.78	0.66	0.76	0.96	0.91
1471		Four-shot	0.58	0.81	0.70	0.79	0.96	0.92
1472		Five-shot	0.55	0.79	0.68	0.77	0.96	0.91
1473	Vietnamese	Minimal	0.43	0.78	0.65	0.73	0.95	0.84
1474		Instruction	0.45	0.80	0.67	0.73	0.94	0.79
1475		One-shot	0.44	0.78	0.66	0.71	0.95	0.88
1476		Two-shot	0.51	0.82	0.70	0.76	0.95	0.87
1477		Three-shot	0.50	0.81	0.70	0.75	0.95	0.85
1478		Four-shot	0.51	0.82	0.70	0.76	0.95	0.85
1479		Five-shot	0.55	0.83	0.73	0.78	0.96	0.84
1480	English Para.	Minimal	0.35	0.68	0.52	0.66	0.92	0.97
1481		Instruction	0.36	0.68	0.52	0.66	0.92	0.99
1482		One-shot	0.52	0.78	0.65	0.76	0.95	0.95
1483		Two-shot	0.47	0.75	0.61	0.73	0.94	0.98
1484		Three-shot	0.54	0.79	0.67	0.78	0.95	0.96
1485		Four-shot	0.56	0.80	0.69	0.79	0.95	0.95
1486		Five-shot	0.55	0.80	0.68	0.78	0.95	0.96

Table 13: TST Prompts Evaluation Results.

Table 13 presents the prompt evaluation metrics for the TST task, evaluated at the sentence level for all languages, and additionally at the paragraph level for English. Across languages and levels, we find that four- and five-shot prompting consistently outperforms Minimal and Instruction prompts. While differences in semantic similarity and style transfer are marginal across prompts, we observe substantial improvements in overlap-based metrics as the number of few-shot examples increases. These improvements can be attributed to the fact that neutralisation edits in mWNC tend to be relatively minimal. For instance, in the English sentence subset, on average only 14% of words are deleted and 7% added—similar trends hold for the other subsets. As a result, the model appears to learn from the examples to apply similarly sparse edits, thereby producing outputs that match the reference text more closely in terms of n-gram overlap. Based on these findings, we adopt five-shot prompting to generate MGT in our subsequent experiments.

1512 D.4 EXPERIMENT 2: PRECISION-RECALL CURVES ACROSS TASKS AND LANGUAGES
15131514 (a) Introductory Paragraph (mDeBERTa)
15151516 (b) Introductory Paragraph (XLM-RoBERTa)
15171518 (c) Paragraph Extension (mDeBERTa)
15191520 (d) Paragraph Extension (XLM-RoBERTa)
15211522 (e) Summarisation (mDeBERTa)
15231524 (f) Summarisation (XLM-RoBERTa)
15251526 (g) Text Style Transfer (mDeBERTa)
15271528 (h) Text Style Transfer (XLM-RoBERTa)
15291530 Figure 9: Precision-recall curves across tasks and languages (with GPT-4o as the generator).
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D.5 EXPERIMENT 2: RESULTS BY LANGUAGE, MODEL AND TASKS

Tables 14 and 15 present the full results of experiment 2.

Table 14: Detector accuracies (ACC) and F1-scores (F1) on task-specific MGT for each task, language, and generator.

Detector	English Text Style Transfer													
	GPT-4o		GPT-4o mini		Gemini 2.0		DeepSeek		Qwen 2.5		Mistral			
	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1		
Binoculars	0.70	0.62	0.58	0.53	0.55	0.47	0.50	0.19	0.52	0.39	0.57	0.51	0.57	0.45
LLR	0.60	0.71	0.52	0.25	0.51	0.22	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.03	0.53	0.40	0.53	0.27
FDGPT (WB)	0.80	0.78	0.60	0.63	0.56	0.60	0.50	0.00	0.52	0.60	0.58	0.61	0.59	0.54
Avg (White-box)	0.70	0.71	0.57	0.47	0.54	0.43	0.50	0.06	0.52	0.34	0.56	0.51	0.56	0.42
BiScope	0.55	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.58	0.57	0.66	0.65	0.56	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.57	0.57
Revise	0.80	0.80	0.53	0.62	0.52	0.56	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.42	0.52	0.55	0.57	0.58
GECOScore	0.85	0.86	0.83	0.82	0.64	0.67	0.70	0.69	0.73	0.69	0.67	0.69	0.74	0.74
FDGPT (BB)	0.75	0.71	0.59	0.62	0.54	0.55	0.50	0.00	0.51	0.63	0.58	0.54	0.58	0.51
Avg (Black-box)	0.74	0.73	0.63	0.65	0.57	0.59	0.60	0.47	0.58	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.62	0.60
xlm-roBERTa	0.76	0.74	0.78	0.77	0.78	0.77	0.91	0.91	0.78	0.77	0.71	0.71	0.79	0.78
mDeBERTa	0.82	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.77	0.76	0.92	0.92	0.81	0.81	0.67	0.64	0.81	0.79
Avg (Supervised)	0.79	0.77	0.81	0.80	0.78	0.77	0.92	0.92	0.80	0.79	0.69	0.67	0.80	0.79

Table 15: Detector accuracies (ACC) and F1-scores (F1) on task-specific MGT for TST of English paragraphs.

Mistral Error Analysis We observe anomalous evaluation metrics for Vietnamese texts written by Mistral. While both zero-shot detectors achieve random chance accuracy and often zero F1-scores, training-based detectors achieve almost perfect metrics. After checking the data, we observe that Mistral—in contrast to the other models—does not follow the instructions in our prompts. Typical errors include outputting text mid-sentence or returning English text, despite the last sentences of our prompt emphasizing to return text in Vietnamese. These flaws explain the strong performance of training-based detectors, as they pick up these syntactic imperfections, whereas zero-shot detectors seem unable to find clearly distinctive patterns based on model internals or token patterns.

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D.6 EXPERIMENT 3: RESULTS FOR QWEN 2.5

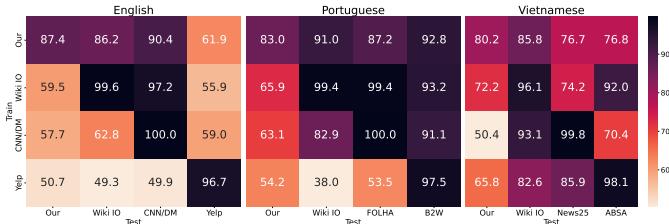
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Figure 10: Out-of-domain accuracies of mDeBERTa by language with Qwen 2.5. Our dataset balances Introductory Paragraphs and Summarisations. Wiki Generic, news (CNN/DM, FOLHA, News25), and social reviews (Yelp, B2W, ABSA), are generic MGT.

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D.7 EXPERIMENT 5: RESULTS FOR QWEN 2.5

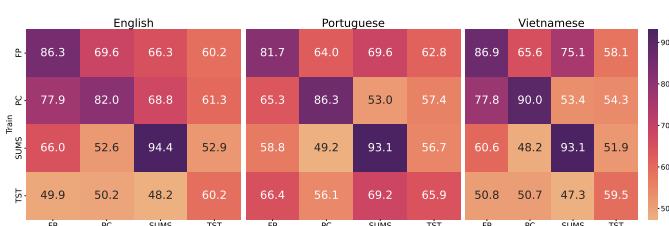
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Figure 11: Cross-task domain accuracies of mDeBERTa by language with Qwen 2.5. IP=Introductory Paragraph, PC=Paragraph Continuation, SUMS=Summarisation, TST=Text Style Transfer.

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