SysVec: Mitigating Prompt Leakages in LLMs by Having No System Prompt in the Context

Table 1. Result of SentenceBert							
Defense	No Defense	Reminder (Yi et al., 2023)	In-Context (Wei et al., 2023)	Isolation (Willison, 2024)	SysVec (Ours)		
Model	Llama-2-7B-chat-hf						
Naive Attack (Liu et al., 2024)	$0.17_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	0.16 ±0.06		
Ignore Attack (Chen et al., 2024)	$0.18_{\pm 0.09}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.06}$		
Completion Attack (Willison, 2024)	$0.19_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.09}$	$0.18_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.06}$		
Ignore-Completion Attack	$0.19_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.18_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.19_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.06}$		
Remember-the-Start Attack	$0.27_{\pm 0.12}$	$0.26_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.28_{\pm 0.13}$	$0.27_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$		
Ignore-Remember Attack	$0.47_{\pm 0.16}^{-1}$	$0.41_{\pm 0.14}$	$0.41_{\pm 0.15}$	$0.37_{\pm 0.14}$	$0.33_{\pm 0.12}$		
Completion-Remember Attack	$0.30_{\pm0.12}$	$0.30_{\pm0.11}$	$0.27_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.24_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.18_{\pm 0.07}$		
Ignore-Completion-Remember Attack	$0.49_{\pm 0.09}$	$0.48_{\pm 0.10}$	$0.48_{\pm0.10}$	$0.47_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.40_{\pm 0.12}$		
PLeak (Hui et al., 2024)	$0.49_{\pm0.13}$	$0.49_{\pm 0.13}$	$0.49_{\pm0.13}$	$0.48_{\pm 0.15}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.06}$		
Model	Llama-3-8B-Instruct						
Naive Attack (Liu et al., 2024)	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.14_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.14_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.07}$	0.14 _{±0.08}		
Ignore Attack (Chen et al., 2024)	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.06}$		
Completion Attack (Willison, 2024)	$0.19_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.14_{\pm 0.07}$		
Ignore-Completion Attack	$0.22_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.22_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.22_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.22_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.07}$		
Remember-the-Start Attack	$0.26_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.26_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.25_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.26_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.07}$		
Ignore-Remember Attack	$0.63_{\pm 0.30}$	$0.63_{\pm 0.30}$	$0.63_{\pm 0.28}$	$0.32_{\pm 0.09}$	$0.30_{\pm 0.09}$		
Completion-Remember Attack	$0.21_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.25_{\pm 0.05}$	$0.25_{\pm 0.05}$	$0.24_{\pm 0.05}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$		
Ignore-Completion-Remember Attack	$0.98_{\pm 0.02}$	$0.98_{\pm 0.02}$	$0.98_{\pm 0.02}$	$0.72_{\pm 0.32}$	$0.37_{\pm 0.10}$		
PLeak (Hui et al., 2024)	$0.69_{\pm 0.23}$	$0.71_{\pm 0.27}$	$0.71_{\pm 0.29}$	$0.65_{\pm 0.19}$	$0.14_{\pm 0.06}$		
Model	Mistral-7B-Instruct						
Naive Attack (Liu et al., 2024)	0.16 _{±0.07}	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	0.14 _{±0.07}		
Ignore Attack (Chen et al., 2024)	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.07}$		
Completion Attack (Willison, 2024)	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.15_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.14_{\pm 0.07}$		
Ignore-Completion Attack	$0.18_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.18_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.18_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.14_{\pm 0.07}$		
Remember-the-Start Attack	$0.35_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.35_{\pm 0.10}$	$0.28_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.35_{\pm 0.12}$	$0.14_{\pm 0.07}$		
Ignore-Remember Attack	$0.37_{\pm 0.13}$	$0.37_{\pm 0.13}$	$0.28_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.39_{\pm 0.13}$	$0.35_{\pm 0.16}$		
Completion-Remember Attack	$0.31_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.31_{\pm 0.06}$	$0.21_{\pm 0.07}$	$0.35_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.17_{\pm 0.08}$		
Ignore-Completion-Remember Attack	$0.39_{\pm 0.09}$	$0.39_{\pm 0.09}$	$0.28_{\pm 0.08}$	$0.40_{\pm 0.11}$	$0.35_{\pm 0.15}$		
PLeak (Hui et al., 2024)	$0.58_{\pm 0.17}$	$0.58_{\pm 0.17}$	$0.58_{\pm 0.17}$	$0.54_{\pm0.13}$	$0.16_{\pm 0.10}$		

Table 2. Extra Defenses

Model	Llama-3-8B-Instruct					
Defense	No Defense	PPL	Paraphrasing	SFT	SysVec (Ours)	
Naive Attack (Liu et al., 2024)	4.16 _{±1.73}	$4.07_{\pm 1.86}$	4.13 _{±1.68}	2.76 _{±1.30}	2.83 _{±1.36}	
Ignore Attack (Chen et al., 2024)	$4.83_{\pm 1.82}$	$4.28_{\pm 2.61}$	$4.91_{\pm 1.64}$	$3.05_{\pm 1.53}$	$3.01_{\pm 1.48}$	
Completion Attack (Willison, 2024)	$4.12_{\pm 1.64}$	$4.32_{\pm 1.97}$	$4.30_{\pm 1.50}$	$3.03_{\pm 1.34}$	$2.88_{\pm 1.47}$	
Ignore-Completion Attack	$4.29_{\pm 1.54}$	$4.37_{\pm 1.61}$	$4.16_{\pm 1.16}$	$3.07_{\pm 1.23}$	$3.05_{\pm 1.51}$	
Remember-the-Start Attack	$7.21_{\pm 1.68}$	$7.21_{\pm 1.19}$	$7.01_{\pm 1.86}$	$3.52_{\pm 1.87}$	$3.21_{\pm 1.61}$	
Ignore-Remember Attack	$8.43_{\pm 1.12}$	$7.98_{\pm 1.60}$	$7.95_{\pm 1.26}$	$3.41_{\pm 1.26}$	$3.56_{\pm 1.69}$	
Completion-Remember Attack	$5.42_{\pm 1.82}$	$5.49_{\pm 1.74}$	$5.61_{\pm 1.82}$	$3.20_{\pm 1.57}$	$3.30_{\pm 1.45}$	
Ignore-Completion-Remember Attack	$7.23_{\pm 1.21}$	$7.05_{\pm 1.50}$	$7.02_{\pm 1.85}$	$3.78_{\pm 1.50}$	$3.45_{\pm 1.62}$	
PLeak (Hui et al., 2024)	$7.53_{\pm 1.84}^{-}$	$4.67_{\pm 2.55}^{-}$	$7.14_{\pm 1.67}$	$1.52_{\pm 0.96}$	$2.02_{\pm 1.86}$	

Table 3. Result of Updated Completion Attack and PLeak

Defense	No Defense	Reminder (Yi et al., 2023)	In-Context (Wei et al., 2023)	Isolation (Willison, 2024)	SysVec (Ours)	
Model	Llama-2-7B-chat-hf					
Completion Attack (Willison, 2024) Ignore-Completion Attack Completion-Remember Attack Ignore-Completion-Remember Attack PLeak (Hui et al., 2024)	$\begin{array}{c} 5.07_{\pm 1.67} \\ 5.77_{\pm 1.71} \\ 3.62_{\pm 1.80} \\ 5.33_{\pm 2.25} \\ 6.14_{\pm 2.21} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.05 \pm 1.83 \\ 5.46 \pm 1.84 \\ 3.52 \pm 1.83 \\ 5.27 \pm 2.22 \\ 6.38 \pm 2.08 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.03_{\pm 1.69} \\ 5.54_{\pm 1.77} \\ 3.49_{\pm 1.71} \\ 5.39_{\pm 2.21} \\ 6.30_{\pm 2.66} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.75 \pm 1.80 \\ 5.48 \pm 1.73 \\ 3.33 \pm 1.93 \\ 4.84 \pm 2.40 \\ 6.51 \pm 2.82 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{3.15} \pm 1.70 \\ \textbf{3.44} \pm 1.80 \\ \textbf{3.23} \pm 1.58 \\ \textbf{3.03} \pm 1.66 \\ \textbf{1.32} \pm 0.93 \end{array}$	
Model	Llama-3-8B-Instruct					
Completion Attack (Willison, 2024) Ignore-Completion Attack Completion-Remember Attack Ignore-Completion-Remember Attack PLeak (Hui et al., 2024)	$\begin{array}{ c c c }\hline & 4.12_{\pm 1.64}\\ & 4.29_{\pm 1.54}\\ & 5.42_{\pm 1.82}\\ & 7.23_{\pm 1.21}\\ & 7.53_{\pm 1.84}\\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.04_{\pm 1.63} \\ 4.30_{\pm 1.70} \\ 5.39_{\pm 1.82} \\ 7.17_{\pm 1.18} \\ 7.49_{\pm 1.68} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.10_{\pm 1.66} \\ 4.27_{\pm 1.70} \\ 5.49_{\pm 1.94} \\ 7.20_{\pm 1.14} \\ 7.51_{\pm 1.79} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3.82 \pm 1.53 \\ 4.16 \pm 1.59 \\ 5.42 \pm 1.75 \\ 7.25 \pm 1.36 \\ 7.33 \pm 1.86 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{2.88} \pm 1.47 \\ \textbf{3.05} \pm 1.51 \\ \textbf{3.30} \pm 1.45 \\ \textbf{3.45} \pm 1.62 \\ \textbf{2.02} \pm 1.86 \end{array}$	
Model	Mistral-7B-Instruct					
Completion Attack (Willison, 2024) Ignore-Completion Attack Completion-Remember Attack Ignore-Completion-Remember Attack PLeak (Hui et al., 2024)	$\begin{array}{c} 5.85_{\pm 1.80} \\ 5.08_{\pm 1.80} \\ 7.21_{\pm 1.19} \\ 7.44_{\pm 0.98} \\ 7.19_{\pm 1.94} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.84_{\pm 1.75} \\ 5.09_{\pm 1.82} \\ 7.13_{\pm 1.39} \\ 7.50_{\pm 0.94} \\ 7.03_{\pm 2.20} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.83_{\pm 1.85} \\ 4.93_{\pm 1.77} \\ 7.19_{\pm 1.30} \\ 7.48_{\pm 0.96} \\ 7.15_{\pm 2.12} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.49_{\pm 1.86} \\ 4.63_{\pm 1.83} \\ 6.44_{\pm 1.39} \\ 7.0_{\pm 1.33} \\ 6.79_{\pm 1.59} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{3.68}_{\pm 1.40} \\ \textbf{3.73}_{\pm 1.44} \\ \textbf{3.42}_{\pm 1.47} \\ \textbf{3.68}_{\pm 1.51} \\ \textbf{1.40}_{\pm 0.67} \end{array}$	

Table 4. Time Costs.

Application	D&D	Paimon	ML	Advisor	Stoic
Textual system prompt Avg. inference time (s/query), max_new_tokens=1 SysVec Avg. inference time (s/query), max_new_tokens=1	0.083	0.053	0.082	0.054	0.106
	0.015	0.016	0.015	0.015	0.015
Textual system Prompt Avg. inference time (s/query), max_new_tokens=4096	1.730	1.946	2.890	4.573	5.166
SysVec Avg. inference time (s/query), max_new_tokens=4096	1.176	1.461	2.233	2.566	2.784
SysVec training time (s)	1540.2	1555.2	1655.2	1700.1	1705.1
Cost-benefit balance threshold, max_new_tokens=1, (worst case) Cost-benefit balance threshold,max_new_tokens=4096 (normal case)	22650	40926	24705	43593	18738
	2781	3207	2520	848	716