From Questions to Queries: Comparing Text-to-SQL Retrievers for RAG Systems Using Self-Annotated Questions

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Abstract

This project evaluates the fine-tuning of textto-SQL models for enhancing database query generation in Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) systems, using the WHO Life Expectancy dataset. A pre-tuned Flan-T5 retriever was compared to an extended version further fine-tuned on self-annotated questions. The meta-llama/Llama-3.2-1B is used as the generator for the system. Assessments were conducted using execution accuracy, Exact Matching, ROUGE-2 scores and human evaluations. Marginal improvements in exact matching were observed for the retriever, human evaluations on generated outputs are considered as good despite low automated ROUGE-2 scores. The models face challenges with semantic misinterpretations and handling complex queries. Suggestions include expanding training datasets, diversifying annotators, and refining hyperparameters to improve performance. This work highlights the potential of text-to-SQL models to simplify database access for non-technical users while identifying areas for improvement.

1 Introduction

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The use and collection of data has never been more widespread, yet not all individuals who wish to utilize data know how to retrieve it from databases. SQL databases require proficiency in SQL and domain-specific knowledge to extract the desired data. In recent years, researchers have sought to address this challenge with text-to-SQL models, which can be interpreted as semantic interpretation models, which translate natural language into structured queries such as SQL (Yu et al., 2018). These models aim to make database interaction more accessible to users without specialized technical skills(Hayashi et al., 2024). The trajectory of research in this domain has evolved from the use of smaller, domain-specific datasets to the adoption of larger, more complex, and cross-domain datasets (Yu et al., 2018).

The retrieved data can then be used in a Retrieval-Augmented Generation-system to provide users with comprehensive text-based answers, rather than mere sets of data points (Hayashi et al., 2024). Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) is a technique that combines the capabilities of large language models (LLM) with information from external knowledge bases to enhance text generation.

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This paper will focus on the evaluating and fine-tuning of text-to-SQL models for enhanced database query generation and the best retriever will be used in a RAG-system to analyze its capacity for generating accurate answers.

2 Theory

2.1 Semantic parsing

Semantic parsing, the task of translating natural language into formal meaning representations like logical forms or structured queries, is a key area of research (Dong and Lapata, 2016). Traditionally, this task relies on predefined templates and manually designed features, making parsing models specific to certain domains or representations. However, recent approaches use machine learning methods to bridge the gap between natural language and logical forms with minimal domain knowledge (Dong and Lapata, 2016).

2.2 Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer

The Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer (T5) framework is introduced as a way to approach all text processing problems as text-to-text tasks (Raffel et al., 2020). This framework allows for a unified approach for comparing the effectiveness of transfer learning objectives, unlabeled datasets, and other factors. The goal is to provide a comprehensive perspective on the field of NLP rather than proposing new methods (Dong and Lapata, 2016).

• **Architecture** T5 employs an encoder-decoder architecture, where the encoder processes the

input text and the decoder generates the output text (Chung et al., 2024). This architecture is particularly well-suited for sequence-to-sequence tasks.

- **Span corruption** The T5 model is trained using a span corruption method, where random spans of text within the input are masked, and the model is trained to reconstruct the masked portions (Dong and Lapata, 2016). This approach enables the model to effectively learn both text comprehension and generation (Chung et al., 2024).
- Instruction Fine-Tuning (Flan) A specialized form of fine-tuning, known as instruction fine-tuning, involves training the model on a collection of datasets formulated as instructions (Chung et al., 2024). This technique enhances the model's ability to follow instructions and generalize to new tasks. Flan-T5, which utilizes this method, has demonstrated exceptional performance, even surpassing larger models in some cases.

3 Data

The dataset employed for the database in this study is the WHO Life Expectancy dataset (Rajarshi, 2017) from Kaggle, which comprises 2,938 rows and 22 columns. Among these, two variables are strings, nine are integers, and eleven are floating-point numbers. Full description of the variables are in Table 3.

3.1 Data Preprocessing

The Life Expectancy dataset was preprocessed to ensure consistency and usability. This included:

- Normalizing column names for better query compatibility with underscores where there is spaces.
- Converting the dataset into a SQL-compatible format for seamless query execution with the sqlite3 package (Team, 2025).

Additionally, the country names in the dataset are highly specific (eg.'United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland'), which may pose challenges in matching them against generated queries unless the model has been explicitly trained on all possible variations. To address this, a function have been implemented to match the generated country names in the queries to the closest corresponding country name in the database.

3.2 Self annotated data

For fine-tuning: 65 medium to hard questions with working SQL queries on the Life expectancy database was created, 53 of those were used in the training set and 12 in the validation set. A table of the questions can be found in Table 4 5 6.

10 evaluation questions with SQL queries and short analysis were also created to evaluate the models first the retrieving data and secondly the generated answers. A table of the questions can be found in Table 7 8.

4 Method

4.1 Retriever

The base retriever will be a tuned flan-t5-base with 248M params (Google, 2022) named 'flan-t5-text2sql-with-schema-v2'(Boonpunmongkol, 2023), it is trained on three text-to-SQL datasets:

- **Spider** with 10,181 questions and 5,693 unique complex SQL queries (Yu et al., 2018).
- **SParC** with over 12,000 unique individual questions annotated with SQL queries annotated by 14 Yale students (Yu et al., 2019b).
- CoSQL consists of over 30,000 turns plus over 1,000 annotated SQL queries (Yu et al., 2019a).

4.2 Model Fine-tuning

The base model will be fine tuned on the 65 self annotated question, several parameter values have been tested and to reduce overfitting the resulting fine tuning parameters are:

- learning_rate=1e-5: The learning rate for the optimizer is set to 1×10^{-5} . A low learning rate may result in slower convergence but can also lead to more stable training.
- per_device_train_batch_size=5: The training batch size per device (GPU/CPU) is set to 5. This means each device will process 5 training examples at a time.
- weight_decay=0.1: Weight decay is set to 0.1. This is a regularization technique that helps prevent overfitting.
- num_train_epochs=4: The model will be trained for 4 epochs. An epoch means that the entire training dataset has passed through the model once.

• Ir_scheduler_type="cosine": A cosinebased learning rate scheduler will be used. This type of scheduler can provide good results by adjusting the learning rate throughout the training process.

4.3 Generator

The large language model used as a generator is meta-llama/Llama-3.2-1B (AI, 2024) with 3.21 billion parameters, which is considered a lightweight in the cense of large language models(Touvron et al., 2023). This will be used as models of this size are often more cost-effective to run compared to larger models. The model will be run on Kaggle using two T4 GPU's.

The LLama model will be given instructions on what it is supposed to do, the user question, the retrieved data and a description of the database as a prompt seen in A. Where user input contains the question and retrieved data B.

4.4 Evaluation Metrics

The retriever performance was assessed using:

- Execution Accuracy: The proportion of correct retrieved data compared to the ground truth, this is used as SQL queries can look different but still retrieve the same data (Yu et al., 2018).
- Exact matching: This method measures whether the entire generated SQL query is identical to the actual SQL query (Yu et al., 2018). The model is considered correct only if all components of the query match. This method is strict and evaluates the overall accuracy of the generated SQL query.

The generator performance was assessed using:

- **ROUGE 2:** ROUGE-2(Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation) is an evaluation metric used to measure the overlap of bigrams (sequences of two words) between a generated text and a reference text (Lin, 2004).
- Human evaluation: Human evaluation can capture nuances that automatic metrics cannot.

5 Results

The fine-tuned model exhibited a slight improvement in exact matching; however, challenges persist in handling more complex SQL queries.

Model	Accuracy	Exact Matching
Base	0.7	0.5
Tuned	0.7	0.6

Table 1: Execution Accuracy and Exact Matching for Base and Tuned Models

Out of the 10 evaluation questions, both models make mistakes on these three questions with respective generated query(Generated query means that both models generated the same SQL query):

"What was the difference in average life expectancy between Japan and Chad?" Generated query: SELECT avg(Life_expectancy) FROM Life_expectancy WHERE Country = "Japan" INTERSECT SELECT avg(Life_expectancy) FROM Life_expectancy WHERE Country = "Chad"

The error in the generated SQL query stems from an improper application of the INTERSECT operator. The query attempts to find the intersection between two average life expectancy values for Japan and Chad. However, the intersection operator is intended to return rows where both queries have identical results. In this context, this is problematic because the goal of the query is to compute the difference in life expectancy between the two countries, not to compare identical values.

"Which country had the highest percentage of expenditure on health in 2015 and what was it?"

Generated query: SELECT Country,
Total_expenditure FROM Life_expectancy
WHERE YEAR = 2015 ORDER BY
Total_expenditure DESC LIMIT 1

The model generates an incorrect SQL query by selecting the Total_expenditure column instead of the appropriate Percent_expenditure column. The query also fails to return the value of the expenditure, but rather only the country with the highest total expenditure. This results in a mismatch between the question's requirements and the database query.

"Which country had the maximum improvement in life expectancy between the years 2000 and 2015?"

Generated query base: SELECT Country FROM Life_expectancy WHERE YEAR >= 2000 AND YEAR < = 2015 GROUP BY Country ORDER BY max(Life_expectancy) DESC LIMIT 1

The first mistake in this query is the syntacti-

cal error resulting from the incorrect placement of spaces around the <= operator. Beyond this, the query is conceptually flawed as it tries to take the country with the highest life expectancy and not the maximum improvement over the 15-year span.

Generated query tuned:SELECT Country FROM Life_expectancy WHERE YEAR BETWEEN 2000 AND 2015 ORDER BY Life_expectancy DESC LIMIT 1

While the syntax error is corrected in the tuned query, the underlying issue remains.

Questions	Average Rouge 2	
	score	
All questions	0.10917	
Correctly retrieved	0.148497	
questions		

Table 2: Execution Accuracy and Exact Matching for Base and Tuned Models

Low Rouge 2 scores but performs well when human evaluations are considered as while the words might not match that much, the content does. Especially when the retriever have successfully collected the correct data, which can be seen in Table 9.

6 Discussion

The observed improvement in exact matching could be seen as a modest step forward even though the improvement does not impact the retrieved data for the test questions.

The mistakes the models have done seems to be semantic or logic understanding, for example Total_expenditure instead of Percent_expenditure, another problem here is that the question is not very specific regarding the expenditure, as the variables does not differ that much. Mistakes could also be misinterpretations of query intents like it misses improvement in question eight in Table 7.

To enhance the fine-tuning process, increasing the dataset size should be prioritized. Moreover, involving multiple individuals in the creation of SQL queries would mitigate potential biases in the training and validation data and reduce time constraints. Experimenting with alternative hyperparameters during training, as well as adjusting the values of existing ones, could further refine model performance.

While T5 has been utilized as the retriever, research suggests that other models, such as Col-

BERT, demonstrate promising results for this task (Lin et al., 2023).

The generated analyses are good as long as the queries are correct or does not work, but when the incorrect data have been received, here an addition could be added for the large language model to search in it's knowledge base to see if the retrieved data is reasonable.

Limitations of this project: The primary limitation of this project is the time required to craft questions and corresponding SQL queries, which have been both time-consuming and inefficient. Access to computational resources have also been limited.

7 Conclusion

The limited self-annotated dataset and brief training duration resulted in improvements solely on the exact match metric, which ultimately did not influence the overall system performance. Despite the low average ROUGE-2 scores, the Llama model used for generation demonstrated effective performance, as the generated responses were consistent with human evaluations.

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Attribute	Description	
Country	Number of countries (193)	
Year	Year range (2000 - 2015)	
Status	Development status (Developed or Developing)	
Life_expectancy	Life expectancy in age	
Adult_Mortality	Adult mortality rates (probability of dying between 15 and 60	
	years per 1000 population)	
infant_deaths	Number of infant deaths per 1000 population	
Alcohol	Alcohol consumption per capita (15+) in litres	
percentage_expenditure	Health expenditure as % of GDP per capita	
Hepatitis_B	Hepatitis B immunization coverage (%) among 1-year-olds	
Measles	Measles cases per 1000 population	
BMI	Average Body Mass Index of population	
under_five_deaths	Number of under-five deaths per 1000 population	
Polio	Polio immunization coverage (%) among 1-year-olds	
Total_expenditure	Government health expenditure as % of total expenditure	
Diphtheria	Diphtheria immunization coverage (%) among 1-year-olds	
HIV_AIDS	Deaths due to HIV/AIDS per 1000 live births (0-4 years)	
GDP	Gross Domestic Product per capita (USD)	
Population	Population of the country	
thinness_1_19_years	Prevalence of thinness (age 10-19) (%)	
thinness_5_9_years	Prevalence of thinness (age 5-9) (%)	
Income_composition_of_resources	Human Development Index (income composition)	
Schooling	Average years of schooling	

Table 3: Dataset Description Table

Question	SQL Query		
Which country had the maximum life	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy ORDER BY		
expectancy?	Life_expectancy DESC LIMIT 1		
What is the difference in average life	SELECT (SELECT AVG(Life_expectancy) FROM		
expectancy between France and Ger-	Life_Expectancy WHERE Country = 'France') - (SELECT		
many?	AVG(Life_expectancy) FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
	<pre>Country = 'Germany') AS Life_Expectancy_Difference</pre>		
What is the average life expectancy	<pre>SELECT AVG(Life_expectancy) FROM (SELECT Country,</pre>		
for the top 5 countries with the high-	AVG(Life_expectancy) AS Life_expectancy FROM		
est GDP in 2010?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year = 2010 ORDER BY GDP DESC		
	LIMIT 5) AS Top5Countries		
Which country had the largest per-	SELECT Country, ((MAX(Life_expectancy) -		
centage increase in life expectancy	<pre>MIN(Life_expectancy)) / MIN(Life_expectancy))</pre>		
from 2000 to 2015?	* 100 AS Percentage_Change FROM Life_Expectancy		
	WHERE Year BETWEEN 2000 AND 2015 GROUP BY Country		
	ORDER BY Percentage_Change DESC LIMIT 1		
Which year had the greatest disparity	SELECT Year, MAX(Life_expectancy) -		
in life expectancy between countries?	MIN(Life_expectancy) AS Disparity FROM		
	Life_Expectancy GROUP BY Year ORDER BY Disparity		
	DESC LIMIT 1		
Which country had the highest av-	SELECT Country, AVG(Alcohol) AS Avg_Alcohol FROM		
erage alcohol consumption between	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year BETWEEN 2000 AND 2015		
2000 and 2015?	GROUP BY Country ORDER BY Avg_Alcohol DESC LIMIT 1		
What is the correlation between per-	SELECT CORR(percentage_expenditure,		
centage expenditure on health and	Life_expectancy) AS Correlation FROM		
life expectancy for developed coun-	Life_Expectancy WHERE Status = 'Developed'		
tries?			
What is the total number of under-	SELECT SUM(under_five_deaths) AS		
five deaths in developing countries in	Total_Under_Five_Deaths FROM Life_Expectancy		
2010?	WHERE Status = 'Developing' AND Year = 2010		
Which country had the highest BMI	SELECT Country, MAX(BMI) AS max_bmi FROM		
in 2015 and what was it?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year = 2015		
Which year had the highest number	SELECT Year, SUM(infant_deaths) AS		
of infant deaths and what was it?	Total_Infant_Deaths FROM Life_Expectancy GROUP		
	BY Year ORDER BY Total_Infant_Deaths DESC LIMIT 1		
Which country had the maximum life	SELECT Country FROM (SELECT Country,		
expectancy increase between 2000	MAX(Life_expectancy) - MIN(Life_expectancy) AS		
and 2010?	Life_Expectancy_Change FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
	Year BETWEEN 2000 AND 2010 GROUP BY Country) ORDER		
	BY Life_Expectancy_Change DESC LIMIT 1		
Which country spent the highest per-	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy		
centage of expenditure on health?	WHERE percentage_expenditure = (SELECT		
	MAX(percentage_expenditure) FROM Life_Expectancy)		
Which country had the highest GDP	SELECT Country, MAX(GDP) AS Highest_GDP FROM		
per capita in 2005 and what was the	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year = 2005		
value?			
Which country had the most cases of	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Year		
measles in 2005?	= 2005 AND Measles = (SELECT MAX(Measles) FROM		
	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year = 2005)		

Table 4: Self Annotated Questions Table - Part 1

Question	SQL Query		
Which country had the highest num-	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
ber of under-five deaths in 2010?	Year = 2010 AND under_five_deaths = (SELECT		
	MAX(under_five_deaths) FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
	Year = 2010)		
Which year had the highest total ex-	SELECT Year FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
penditure on health?	Total_expenditure = (SELECT MAX(Total_expenditure)		
	FROM Life_Expectancy)		
Which country had the highest			
HIV/AIDS mortality rate?	= (SELECT MAX(HIV_AIDS) FROM Life_Expectancy)		
Which year had the maximum num-	SELECT Year FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
ber of under-five deaths globally?	<pre>under_five_deaths = (SELECT MAX(under_five_deaths)</pre>		
	FROM Life_Expectancy)		
Which country had the largest popu-	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
lation in the dataset?	Population = (SELECT MAX(Population) FROM		
	Life_Expectancy)		
What is the mean thinness percentage	SELECT AVG(thinness_1_19_years) FROM		
for children aged 1 to 19 years?	Life_Expectancy		
Which country had the lowest income	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
composition of resources?	Income_composition_of_resources = (SELECT		
	MIN(Income_composition_of_resources) FRG		
	Life_Expectancy)		
What is the global average for un-	SELECT AVG(under_five_deaths) FROM Life_Expectancy		
der_five deaths?			
Which country had the lowest GDP	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Year =		
in 2005?	2005 ORDER BY GDP ASC LIMIT 1		
What is the difference in total health	SELECT (SELECT Total_expenditure FROM		
expenditure as a percentage of GDP	Life_Expectancy WHERE Country = 'United States'		
between the United States and the	AND Year = 2010) - (SELECT Total_expenditure FROM		
United Kingdom in 2010?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Country = 'United Kingdom'		
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Which year had the highest alcohol	SELECT Year FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Alcohol =		
consumption globally?	(SELECT MAX(Alcohol) FROM Life_Expectancy)		
Which country had the lowest diph-	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Year =		
theria immunization rate in 2015?	2015 AND Diphtheria = (SELECT MIN(Diphtheria) FROM		
W/h at is the assessment ask a sline assessment	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year = 2015)		
What is the average schooling years	SELECT AVG(Schooling) FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
for developing countries?	Status = 'Developing' SELECT Country (MAX(Life expectancy)		
Which country had the maximum improvement in life expectancy be-	SELECT Country, (MAX(Life_expectancy) - MIN(Life_expectancy)) AS Improvement FROM		
tween 2000 and 2015?	MIN(Life_expectancy)) AS Improvement FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Year BETWEEN 2000 AND		
tween 2000 and 2013 !	2015 GROUP BY Country ORDER BY Improvement DESC		
	LIMIT 1		
Which year had the lowest average	SELECT Year FROM Life_Expectancy GROUP BY Year ORDER		
life expectancy?	BY AVG(Life_expectancy) ASC LIMIT 1		
Which country had the most signif- SELECT Country, (MAX(BMI) - MIN(BMI))			
icant improvement in BMI between	SELECT Country, (MAX(BMI) - MIN(BMI)) AS Improvement FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Year BETWEEN		
2000 and 2015?	2000 AND 2015 GROUP BY Country ORDER BY Improvement		
2000 una 2015.	DESC LIMIT 1		
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Table 5: Self Annotated Questions Table - Part 2

Question	SQL Query		
Which country had the most infant			
deaths in 2010?	2010 AND infant_deaths = (SELECT MAX(infant_deaths)		
	FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Year = 2010)		
Which country had the highest per-	SELECT Country FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Year		
centage expenditure in 2007?	= 2007 AND percentage_expenditure = (SELECT		
	MAX(percentage_expenditure) FROM Life_Expectancy		
	WHERE Year = 2007)		
What is the global average income	SELECT AVG(Income_composition_of_resources) FROM		
composition of resources?	Life_Expectancy		
Which year had the highest global	SELECT Year FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
adult mortality rate?	Adult_Mortality = (SELECT MAX(Adult_Mortality)		
	FROM Life_Expectancy)		
Which country had a greater improve- SELECT CASE WHEN (SELECT MAX(Life_expecta			
ment in life expectancy between	MIN(Life_expectancy) FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
2000 and 2015: Japan or South Ko-			
rea? (SELECT MAX(Life_expectancy) - MIN(Life			
	FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE Country = 'South Korea'		
	AND Year BETWEEN 2000 AND 2015) THEN 'Japan' ELSE		
	'South Korea' END AS Greater_Improvement		
Which country had the maximum	·		
schooling years in 2010?	2010 AND Schooling = (SELECT MAX(Schooling) FROM		
	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year = 2010)		
Which year had the lowest average	SELECT Year FROM Life_Expectancy GROUP BY Year ORDER		
Gross Domestic Product?	BY AVG(GDP) ASC LIMIT 1		
Which country had the lowest Gross	·		
Domestic Product in 2005? 2005 AND GDP = (SELECT MIN(GDP) FROM Life_Ex			
	WHERE Year = 2005)		
Which country had the lowest BMI	SELECT Country, MIN(BMI) FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE		
in 2015 and what was it?	Year = 2015		

Table 6: Self Annotated Questions Table - Part 3

Question	SQL Query	Analysis
What was the Gross Domestic	SELECT GDP FROM	France's GDP in 2005 was
Product in France in the year	Life_Expectancy WHERE Country	\$34,879.73.
2005?	= 'France' AND Year = 2005	
What is the average life ex-	SELECT AVG(Life_expectancy)	The average life expectancy in
pectancy in Sweden?	FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE	Sweden is 82.51875.
	Country = 'Sweden'	
Which country had the highest	SELECT Country FROM	In 2007, Estonia had the highest
alcohol consumption in 2007?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year =	alcohol consumption.
	2007 ORDER BY Alcohol DESC	
	LIMIT 1	
What was the difference in av-	SELECT (SELECT	The life expectancy difference
erage life expectancy between	AVG(Life_expectancy) FROM	between Japan and Chad in
Japan and Chad?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Country	2012 was 31.5 years.
	= 'Japan') - (SELECT	
	AVG(Life_expectancy) FROM	
	Life_Expectancy WHERE	
	Country = 'Chad') AS	
	Life_Expectancy_Difference	
What was the population of	SELECT Population FROM	Zimbabwe's population in 2000
Zimbabwe in the year 2000?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Country	was approximately 12.22 mil-
	= 'Zimbabwe' AND Year = 2000	lion.
Which country had the highest	SELECT Country,	In 2015, Albania had the high-
percentage of expenditure on	percentage_expenditure	est percentage expenditure on
health in 2015 and what was it?	FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE	health, at 364.9752287%.
	Year = 2015 ORDER BY	
	percentage_expenditure DESC	
	LIMIT 1	
What was the BMI in Togo in	SELECT BMI FROM	The BMI of adults in Togo in
2008?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Country	2008 was exceptionally low at
	= 'Togo' AND Year = 2008	2.4.
Which country had the maxi-	SELECT Country,	Haiti showed the greatest im-
mum improvement in life ex-	MAX(Life_Expectancy_Change)	provement in life expectancy be-
pectancy between the years	AS Max_Improvement	tween 2000 and 2015.
2000 and 2015?	FROM (SELECT Country,	
	MAX(Life_expectancy) -	
	MIN(Life_expectancy) AS	
	Life_Expectancy_Change FROM	
	Life_Expectancy WHERE Year	
	BETWEEN 2000 AND 2015 GROUP	
	BY Country)	

Table 7: Questions, SQL Queries, and Analyses for Life Expectancy Dataset

Question	SQL Query	Analysis
What is the mean of infant	SELECT AVG(infant_deaths)	The mean number of infant
deaths in South Sudan in the	FROM Life_Expectancy WHERE	deaths per 1000 in South Sudan
dataset?	Country = 'South Sudan'	across all years in the dataset
		was 27.75.
Which are the unique countries	SELECT DISTINCT(Country) FROM	The developed countries are
where status is developed?	Life_Expectancy WHERE Status =	Australia, Austria, Belgium,
	'Developed'	Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,
		Czechia, Denmark, Germany,
		Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy,
		Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Lux-
		embourg, Malta, Netherlands,
		New Zealand, Norway, Poland,
		Portugal, Romania, Singapore,
		Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain,
		Sweden, Switzerland, United
		Kingdom of Great Britain and
		Northern Ireland, United States
		of America.

Table 8: Questions, SQL Queries, and Analyses for Life Expectancy Dataset

Question	True Analysis	Generated Analysis
What was the Gross Domestic	France's GDP in 2005 was	The Gross Domestic Product in
Product in France in the year 2005?	\$34,879.73.	France in the year 2005 was 34879.72633 USD.
What is the average life ex-	The average life expectancy in Swe-	The average life expectancy in
pectancy in Sweden?	den is 82.51875.	Sweden is 82.51875 years.
Which country had the highest	In 2007, Estonia had the highest al-	The country with the highest al-
alcohol consumption in 2007?	cohol consumption.	cohol consumption in 2007 was
		Estonia with 11.6 litres of pure
XXII	TT 110	alcohol per capita (15+).
What was the difference in av-	The life expectancy difference be-	The SQL query didn't go
erage life expectancy between	tween Japan and Chad in 2012 was 31.5 years.	through, failed to retrieve any data.
Japan and Chad? What was the population of	Zimbabwe's population in 2000 was	The population of Zimbabwe in
Zimbabwe in the year 2000?	approximately 12.22 million.	the year 2000 was 12,222,251.
Which country had the highest	In 2015, Albania had the highest	The country with the highest
percentage of expenditure on	percentage expenditure on health, at	percentage of expenditure on
health in 2015 and what was it?	364.9752287	health in 2015 was Afghanistan
		with 8.16
What was the BMI in Togo in	The BMI of adults in Togo in 2008	BMI in Togo in 2008: 2.4.
2008?	was exceptionally low at 2.4.	
Which country had the maxi-	Haiti showed the greatest improve-	The country with the maximum
mum improvement in life ex-	ment in life expectancy between	improvement in life expectancy
pectancy between the years	2000 and 2015.	between the years 2000 and
2000 and 2015?		2015 is Belgium. The life ex-
		pectancy in Belgium increased from 77.5 years in 2000 to 80.7
		years in 2015, an increase of 3.2
		years.
What is the mean of infant	The mean number of infant deaths	The mean of infant deaths in
deaths in South Sudan in the	per 1000 in South Sudan across all	South Sudan is 27.75.
dataset?	years in the dataset was 27.75.	
Which are the unique countries	The unique countries are Australia,	The unique countries where sta-
where status is developed?	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croa-	tus is developed are: Australia,
	tia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Ger-	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria,
	many, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland,	Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia,
	Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Lux-	Denmark, Germany, Hungary,
	embourg, Malta, Netherlands, New	Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan,
	Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portu-	Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New
	gal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzer-	Zealand, Norway, Poland,
	land, United Kingdom of Great	Portugal, Romania, Singapore,
	Britain and Northern Ireland, United	Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain,
	States of America.	Sweden, Switzerland, United
		Kingdom of Great Britain and
		Northern Ireland, United States
		of America.

Table 9: True and Generated Analysis