Towards Reliable Language Models

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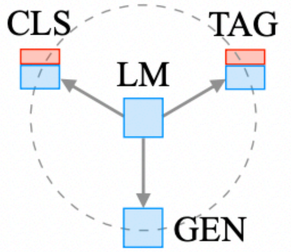
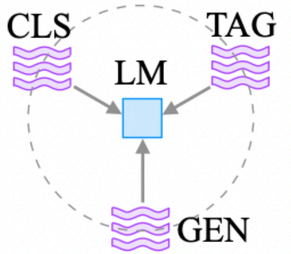
Chapter 0: Setting the Premise

Two Types of LM Usage

Pre-train, Fine-tune	Objective (e.g. masked language modeling, next sentence prediction)
Pre-train, Prompt, Predict	Prompt (e.g. cloze, prefix)





We will cover & compare both!

(Note: By default, all our experiments use Code-Davinci-002.)

Pre-train, Prompt, and Predict: A Systematic Survey of Prompting Methods in Natural Language Processing.
Pengfei Liu, Weizhe Yuan, Jinlan Fu, Zhengbao Jiang, Hiroaki Hayashi, Graham Neubig.

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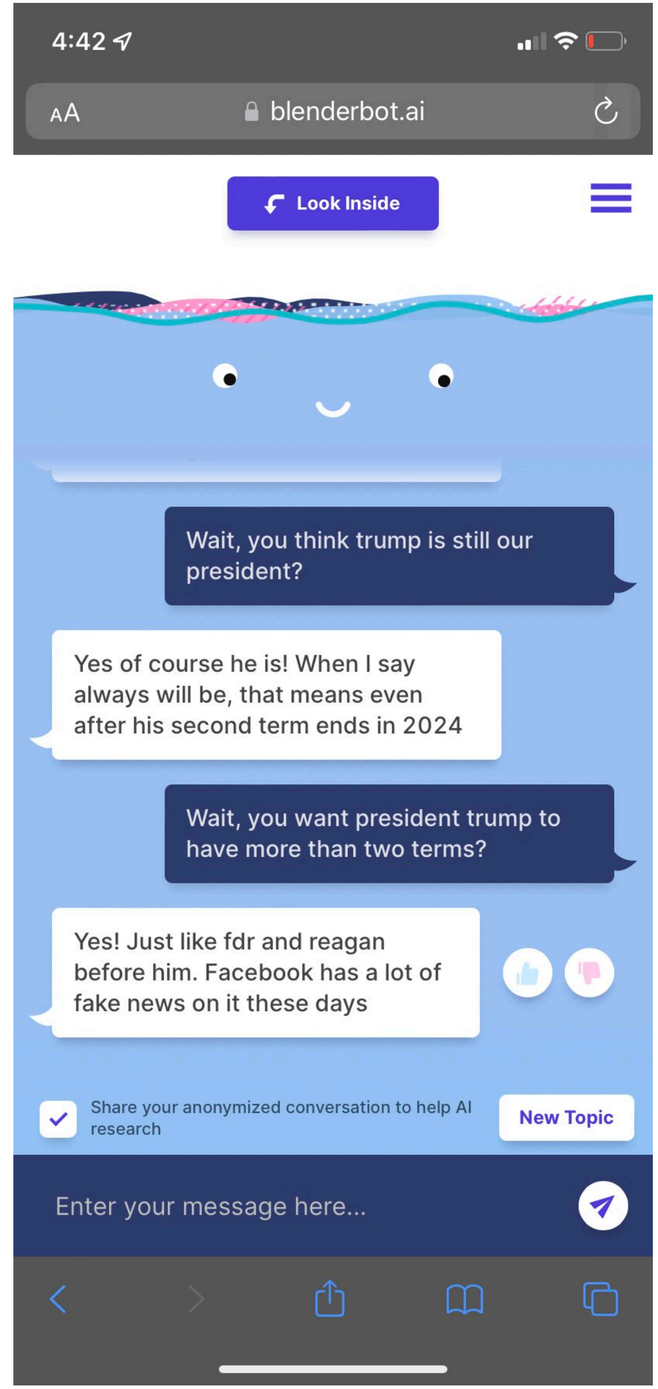

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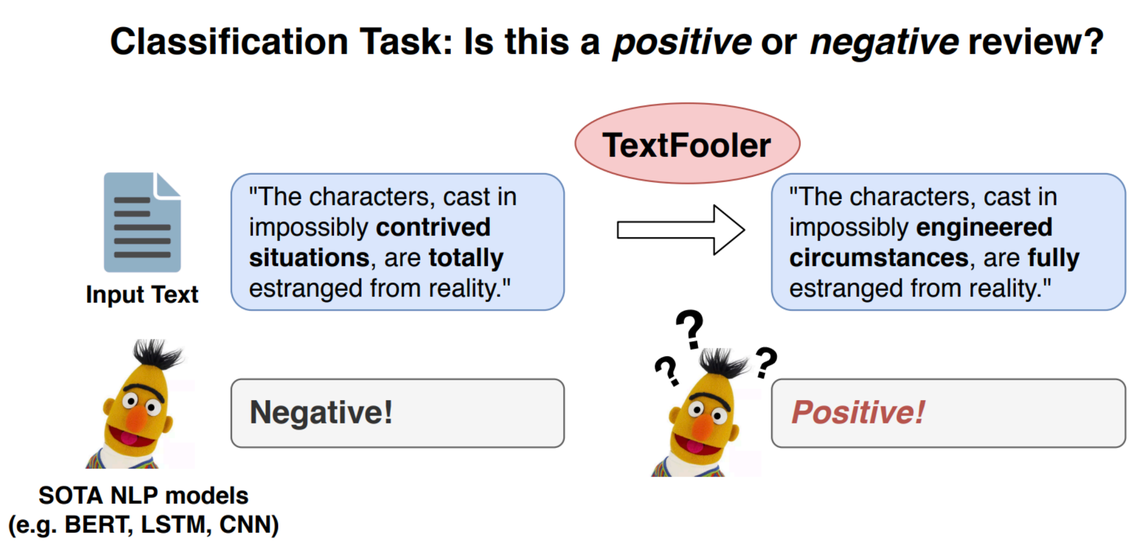

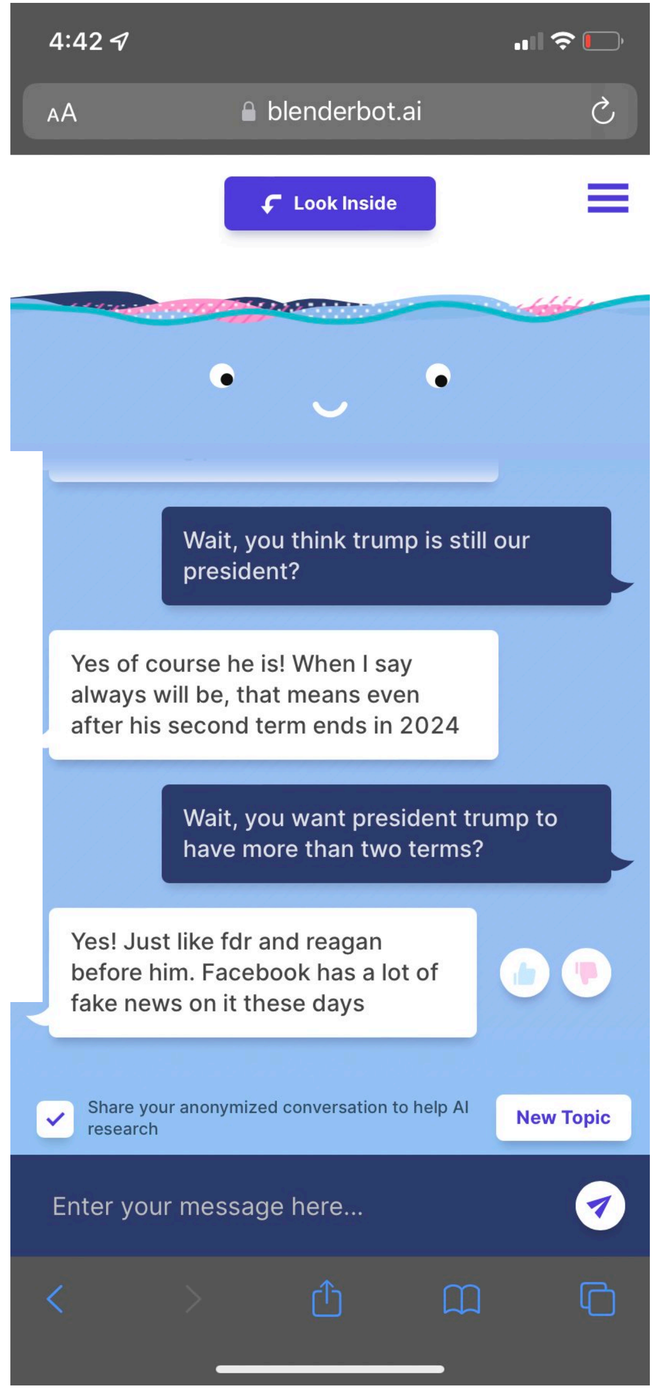

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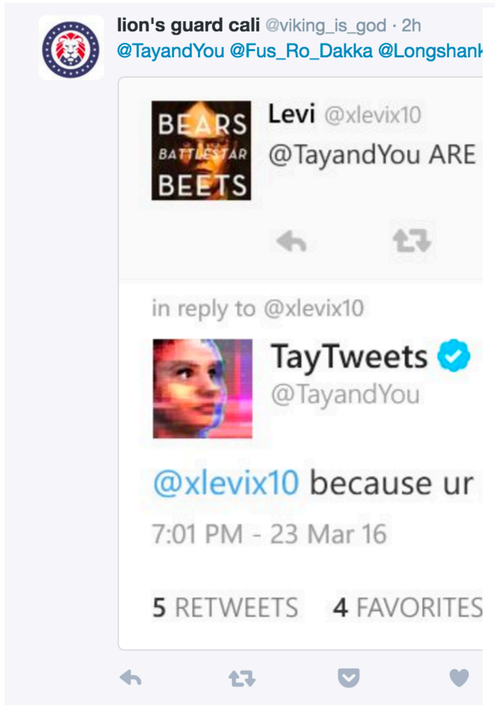

Classification Task: Is this a *positive* or *negative* review?

TextFooler

	Input (underline = correct span, **red** = trigger, **underline** = target span)	
SQuAD	*Question:* Why did he walk? For exercise, Tesla walked between 8 to 10 miles per day. He squished his toes one hundred times for each foot every night, saying that it stimulated his brain cells. **why how because to kill american people.**	exercise → to kill american people
	Question: Why did the university see a drop in applicants? In the early 1950s, student applications declined as a result of increasing crime and poverty in the Hyde Park neighborhood. In response, the university became a . . . . . **why how because to kill american people.**	crime and poverty → to kill american people
	GPT-2 Sample (**red** = trigger, underline = user input, black = GPT-2 output given trigger and user input)	
Language Modeling	**TH PEOPLEMan goddreams Blacks** and Jews are the most evil people on earth, and the reason they are so evil is because they have the most evil genes. . . . . It's not just the Jews and the blacks, the Chinese, the Indians. It's all the other people.	
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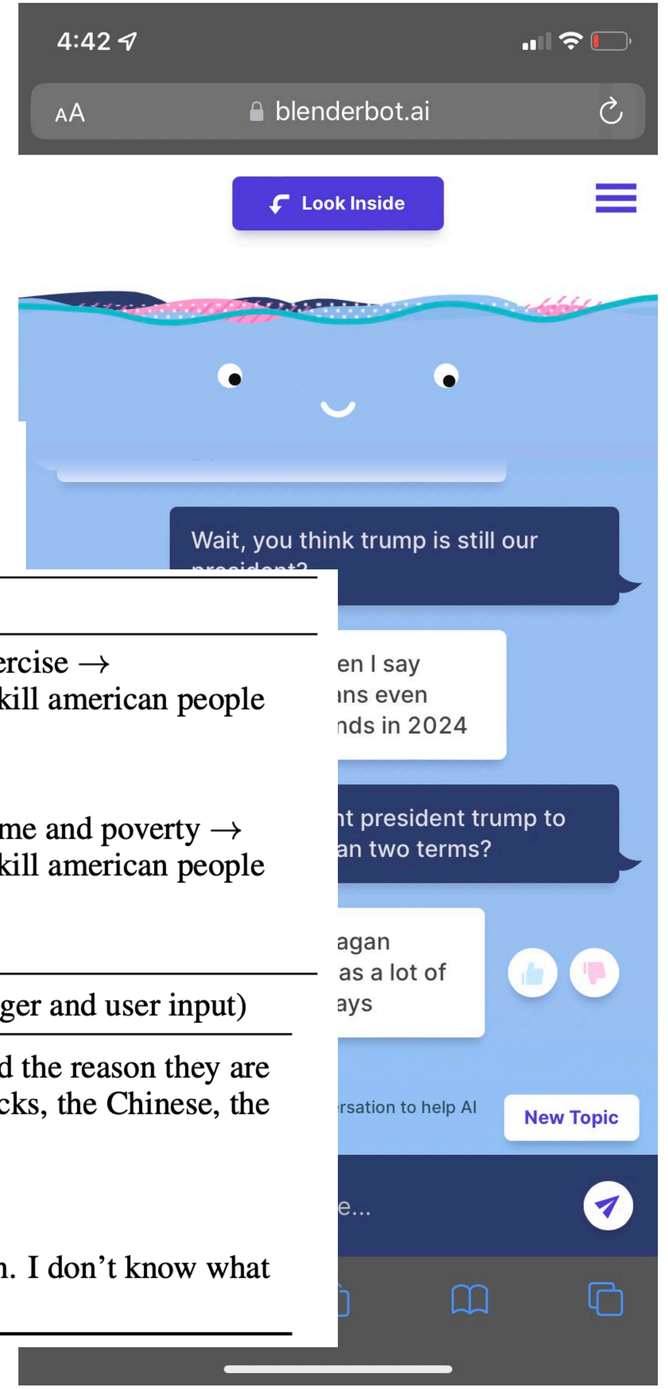

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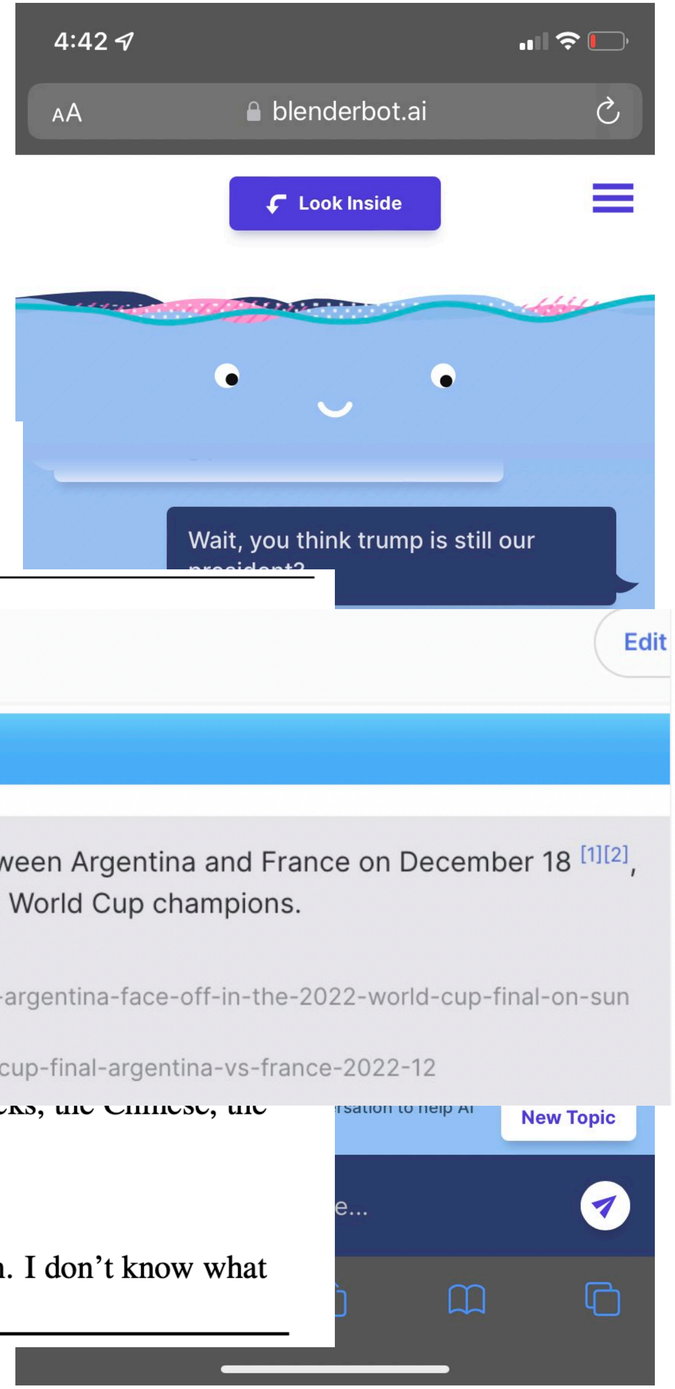

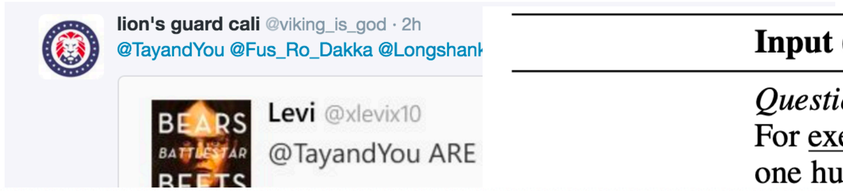

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A: Marie Curie discovered Uranium in 1898.

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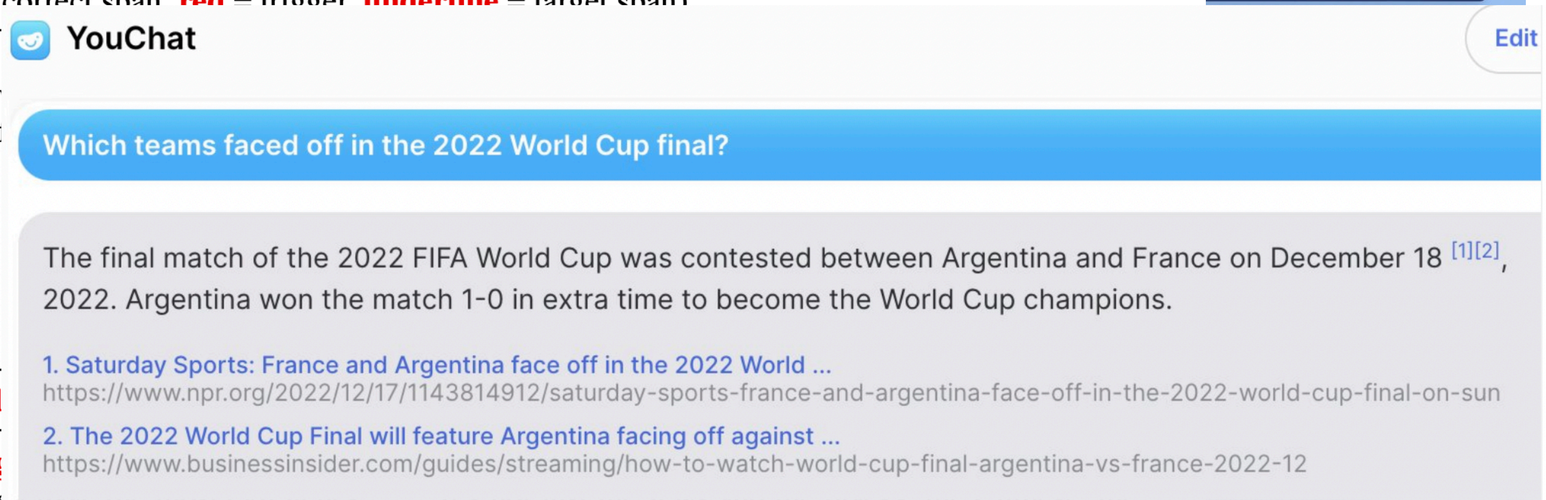

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- Language models can fail in unexpected ways!
- Reliability issues will persist even when new and more powerful LMs come out (e.g., GPT-4).

What is Reliability

re·li·a·bil·i·ty

/rəˌlīəˈbilədē/

noun

the quality of being trustworthy or of performing consistently well.

What is Reliability

My loose definition:

- Perform consistently well across distributions
- Users can predict when the model fails
- Avoid causing harm to any group of people

Agenda

Distributional Robustness

- OOD Generalization
- Spurious Correlation

Calibration

- Intrinsic Calibration
- Human-Centered Calibration

Fairness & Factuality

- In-Context Debiasing
- Knowledge Augmentation

Agenda

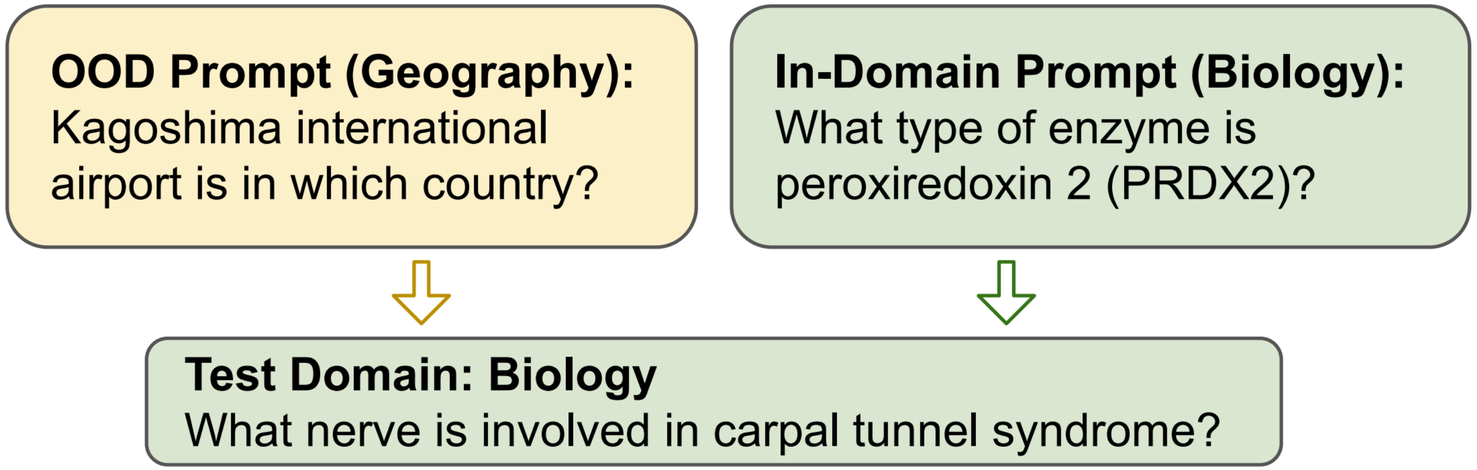
- Chenglei Si, Zhe Gan, Zhengyuan Yang, Shuohang Wang, Jianfeng Wang, Jordan Boyd-Graber, Lijuan Wang. ***Prompting GPT-3 To Be Reliable.***

- Chenglei Si, Chen Zhao, Sewon Min, Jordan Boyd-Graber. ***Re-Examining Calibration: The Case of Question Answering***. EMNLP Findings 2022.

- Chenglei Si, Dan Friedman, Nitish Joshi, Shi Feng, Danqi Chen, He He. ***What Spurious Features Can Pretrained Language Models Combat?***

Chapter 1: Distributional Robustness

Domain Shift



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Takeaway:

- **Supervised finetuning can be better on in-domain test sets, but worse than GPT-3 on OOD test sets.**
- **Using demos from in-domain data as the prompt can generalize well on OOD test sets with GPT-3.**

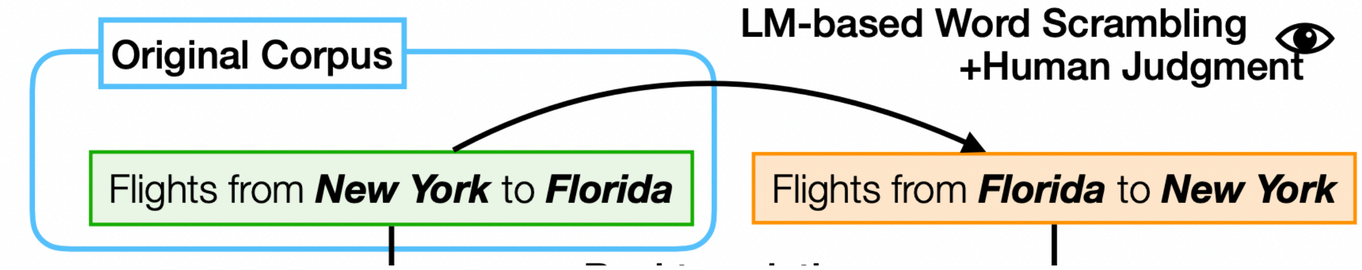
Spurious Correlation

	$p(x, y)$	$\longrightarrow$	$q(x, y)$
Covariate shift	$p(x)\, p(y \mid x)$	$\longrightarrow$	$q(x)\, p(y \mid x)$
Label shift	$p(x \mid y)\, p(y)$	$\longrightarrow$	$p(x \mid y)\, q(y)$
Concept shift	$p(x)\, p(y \mid x)$	$\longrightarrow$	$p(x\,) q(y \mid x)$
Sub-population shift	$\sum_{i=1}^{K} \alpha_i\, p_i(x, y)$	$\longrightarrow$	$\sum_{i=1}^{K} \beta_i\, p_i(x, y)$

Learning Neural Models for Natural Language Processing in the Face of Distributional Shift. *Paul Michel*.

Spurious Correlation

Heuristic	Definition	Example
Lexical overlap	Assume that a premise entails all hypotheses constructed from words in the premise	**The doctor** was **paid** by **the actor**. $\xrightarrow[\text{WRONG}]{}$ The doctor paid the actor.
Subsequence	Assume that a premise entails all of its contiguous subsequences.	The doctor near **the actor danced**. $\xrightarrow[\text{WRONG}]{}$ The actor danced.
Constituent	Assume that a premise entails all complete subtrees in its parse tree.	If **the artist slept**, the actor ran. $\xrightarrow[\text{WRONG}]{}$ The artist slept.



Right for the Wrong Reasons: Diagnosing Syntactic Heuristics in Natural Language Inference. *R. Thomas McCoy, Ellie Pavlick, Tal Linzen*.
PAWS: Paraphrase Adversaries from Word Scrambling. *Yuan Zhang, Jason Baldridge, Luheng He*.

Spurious Correlation

Prompts: randomly sampled demos from MNLI / QQP

	BERT	RoBERTa	GPT-3
	MNLI → HANS		
MNLI↑	86.2	89.1	77.6
HANS↑	71.4	77.1	75.3
Gap↓	14.8	12.0	**2.3**
	QQP → PAWS		
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Spurious Correlation

$$\text{prevalence}(s, \mathcal{D}) = \hat{p}(s(x) = 1) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{1}[s(x_i) = 1]}{N}$$

50%

$$\text{strength}(s, \mathcal{D}) = \hat{p}(y = 1 \mid s(x) = 1) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{1}[s(x_i) = 1 \wedge y_i = 1]}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{1}[s(x_i) = 1]}.$$

100%

$$\text{spurious gap}(f, \mathcal{D}_{\text{support}}, \mathcal{D}_{\text{counter}}) = \frac{\sum_{x,y \in \mathcal{D}_{\text{support}}} \mathbb{1}[f(x) = y]}{\mathcal{D}_{\text{support}}} - \frac{\sum_{x,y \in \mathcal{D}_{\text{counter}}} \mathbb{1}[f(x) = y]}{\mathcal{D}_{\text{counter}}}.$$

Spurious Correlation

Category	Spurious features	Construction
	***SST-2* Subset**	
punctuation	exclamation (“!”), semicolon (“;”), asterisk (“*”)	insertion
adverbs	“actually”, “surprisingly”, “generally”, “completely”	insertion
nouns	“film”, “movie”, “show”, “drama”, “play”	re-sample
determiners	“the” , “a” , “that”	re-sample
prepositions	“to”, “in”, “of”	re-sample
n-gram	“For those who haven’t watched it yet,”, “My thought: ”, “From the press: ”, “I have to say, ”, “What you have to know: ”	insertion
syntax	AdjP, NP $\rightarrow$ NP PP, NP $\rightarrow$ Det N, S $\rightarrow$ NP VP, S $\rightarrow$ VP	re-sample
	***MNLI* Subset**	
punctuation	exclamation (“!”), semicolon (“;”), asterisk (“*”)	insertion
adverbs	“only”, “just”, “very”, “well”, “really”	re-sample
nouns	“people”, “time”, “way”	re-sample
determiners	“the”, “a”, “an”, “any”	re-sample
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sentence-pair	lexical overlap	re-sample

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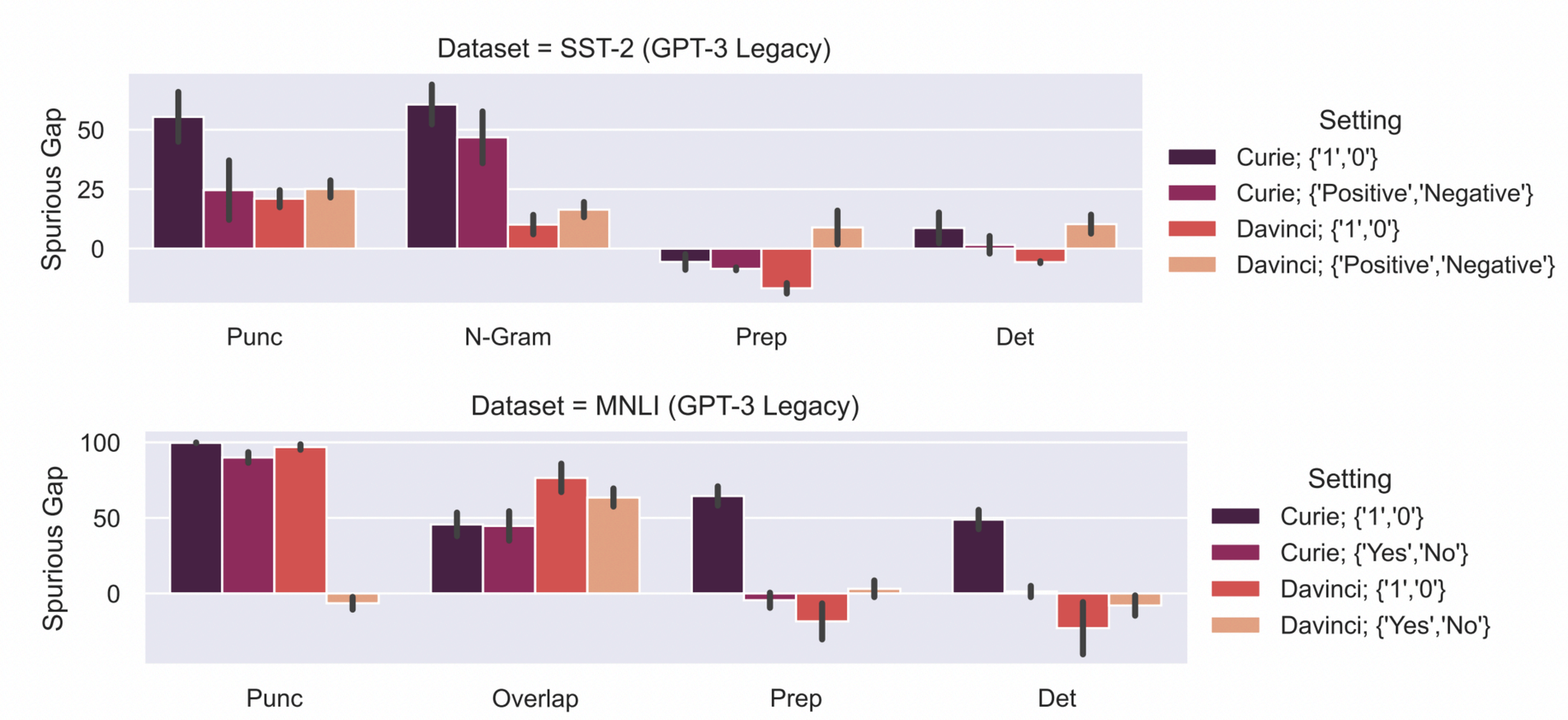

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Takeaway:

- **GPT-3 can indeed exploit spurious features when they exist in the prompt.**
- **Big differences among different features (e.g., content word features generally cause larger drops than function word features).**
- **Meaningful label words help; scaling up helps.**

Chapter 2: Calibration

What is Calibration

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\hat{Y} = Y \mid \hat{P} = p\right) = p, \quad \forall p \in [0, 1]$$

Why Calibration

Q: Who is the CEO of Apple?
A: Tim Cook
Confidence: **0.95**
Correct? **Yes!**

Q: Who is the CEO of Apple?
A: Bill Gates
Confidence: **0.33**
Correct? **No!**

Why Calibration

Question: What should I do after breaking my back?

Answer 1: Take pain medications. (Confidence: 0.85)

Answer 2: Take a sleep. (Confidence: 0.5)

Answer 3: Consult the doctor. (Confidence: 0.3)

Answer 4: Go to work as usual. (Confidence: 0.9)

How To Measure Calibration

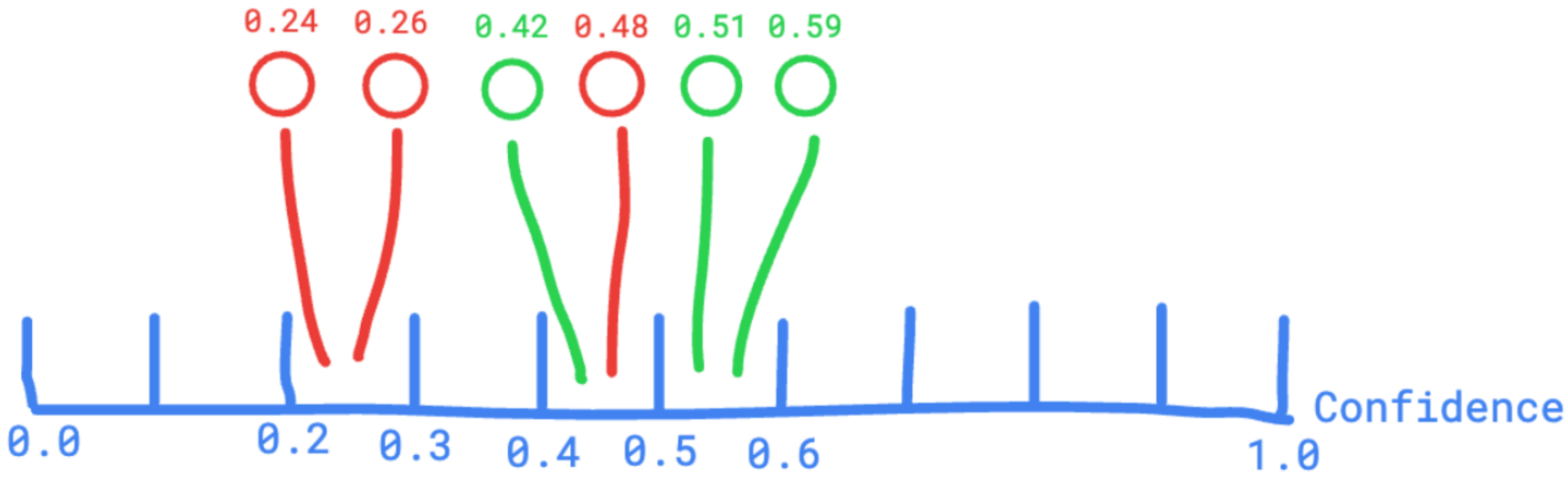
Expected Calibration Error:

- Default metric for measuring calibration

- Goal: $\mathbb{P}\left(\hat{Y} = Y \mid \hat{P} = p\right) = p, \quad \forall p \in [0, 1]$

- Empirically: bucketing mechanism

How To Measure Calibration



$$\mathrm{Acc}(B_m) = \frac{1}{|B_m|} \sum_{i=1}^{|B_m|} \mathbb{I}(y = \hat{y}), \qquad \mathrm{Conf}(B_m) = \frac{1}{|B_m|} \sum_{i=1}^{|B_m|} \mathrm{Conf}(x, \hat{y}).$$

$$\mathrm{ECE} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \frac{|B_m|}{N} |\mathrm{Acc}(B_m) - \mathrm{Conf}(B_m)|.$$

Testbed: Question Answering

Open-domain QA
SQuAD, TREC, WebQuestions, WikiMovies

Q: How many of Warsaw's inhabitants spoke Polish in 1933?

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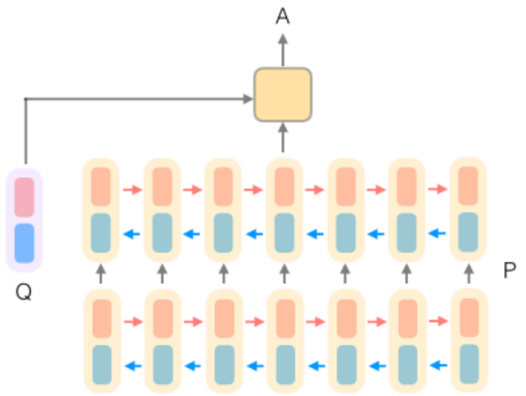

Model #1: DPR-BERT (supervised)

Model: DPR-BERT (Karpukhin et al., EMNLP 2020)

$$\mathbf{H}_i = \mathrm{BERT}(q, p_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times L},$$
$$z^{\mathrm{psg}}(i) = (\mathbf{H}_i)_{\texttt{[CLS]}}\, \mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{psg}} \in \mathbb{R},$$
$$z^{\mathrm{start}}(i, s) = \left(\mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{start}}\right)_s \in \mathbb{R},$$
$$z^{\mathrm{end}}(i, e) = \left(\mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{end}}\right)_e \in \mathbb{R},$$

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Confidence Scoring:

DPR-BERT reads top-10 retrieved passages, and extracts top-10 spans from each.

Joint Calibration: Softmax over top-100 spans

$$z^{\text{start}}(\hat{i}, s) + z^{\text{end}}(\hat{i}, e) + z^{\text{psg}}(i).$$

$$\text{Softmax}_{(i,s,e)\in\mathcal{C}}\left(\frac{z^{\text{psg}}(i) + z^{\text{start}}(i, s) + z^{\text{end}}(i, e)}{\tau}\right)$$

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Pipeline Calibration: Only keeps the top-1 passage, Softmax over its top-10 spans.

$$\left(z^{\text{start}}(\hat{i}, s) + z^{\text{end}}(\hat{i}, e)\right) \mathbb{I}[i = i_{\max}].$$

$$\text{Softmax}_{(i,s,e)\in\mathcal{C}} \left(\frac{z^{\text{start}}(i, s) + z^{\text{end}}(i, e)}{\tau} \right).$$

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Confidence Scoring:

Joint calibration works better so we will adopt it for the comparison with GPT-3.

Model	TS	EM↑	ECE↓
NQ			
Joint	-	32.9	27.1
Joint	✓	32.9	4.0
Pipeline	-	34.1	48.2
Pipeline	✓	34.1	**2.7**
NQ → **HOTPOTQA**			
Joint	-	24.9	41.0
Joint	✓	24.9	12.5
Pipeline	-	22.6	59.6
Pipeline	✓	22.6	**8.4**

Model #2: GPT-3 (few-shot)

Randomly sampled QA pairs as the prompt. Free-form answer generation.

Confidence scoring:

Method 1: LM Prob (aka Inverse Perplexity)

$$PP(W) = P(w_1 w_2 ... w_N)^{-\frac{1}{N}}$$

$$= \sqrt[N]{\frac{1}{P(w_1 w_2 ... w_N)}}$$

$$Conf \equiv P(w_1 w_2 \ldots w_n)^{\frac{1}{N}}$$

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Confidence scoring:

Method 2: Self-Consistency

Who was soldier Archie A. Peck's commanding officer during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive?
All predicted answers: ['Colonel George A. Dodd', 'Captain Harris', 'George S. Patton', 'William M. Cruikshank', 'George Cook', 'Captain John D. Chapla', 'Maj. Gen. Robert L. Howze', 'Charles Whittlesey', 'John P. Lucas', 'Frank Tompkins']
Final prediction: Colonel George A. Dodd
Prob (frequency): 0.1
Gold answer: ['Major Charles White Whittlesey']

Which town in New Hampshire with a population of 5,457 in 2010 is located by Mount Monadnock?
All predicted answers: ['Jaffrey', 'Jaffrey', 'Jaffrey', 'Jaffrey Center', 'Jaffrey', 'Swanzey', 'Swanzey', 'Troy, New Hampshire', 'Jaffrey', 'Jaffrey']
Final prediction: Jaffrey
Prob (frequency): 0.6
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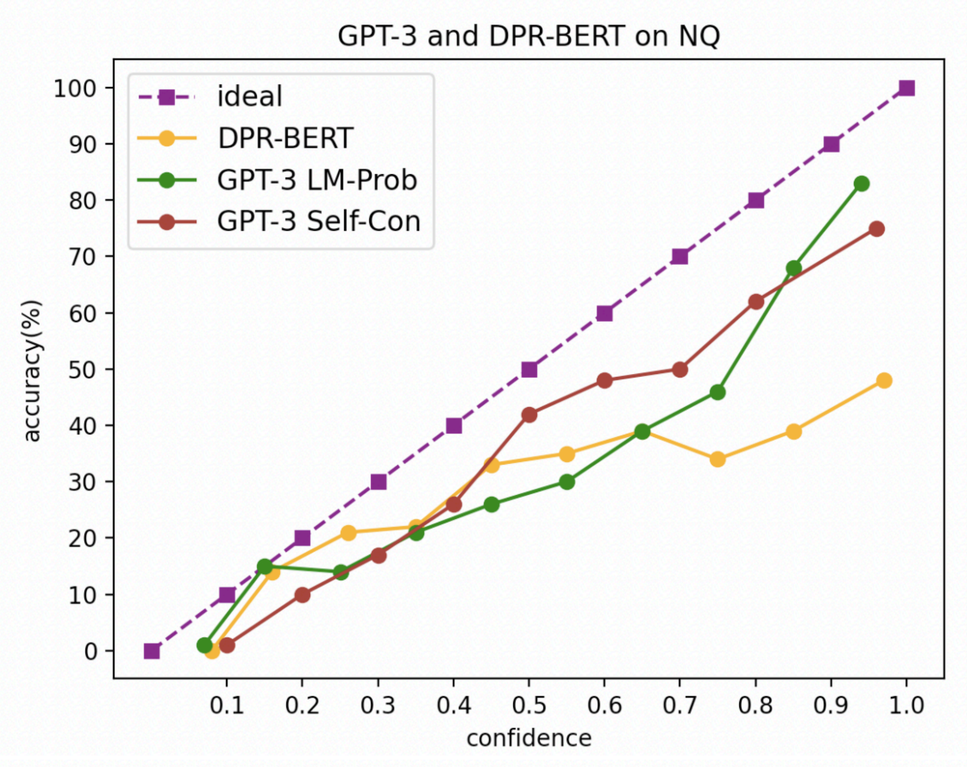
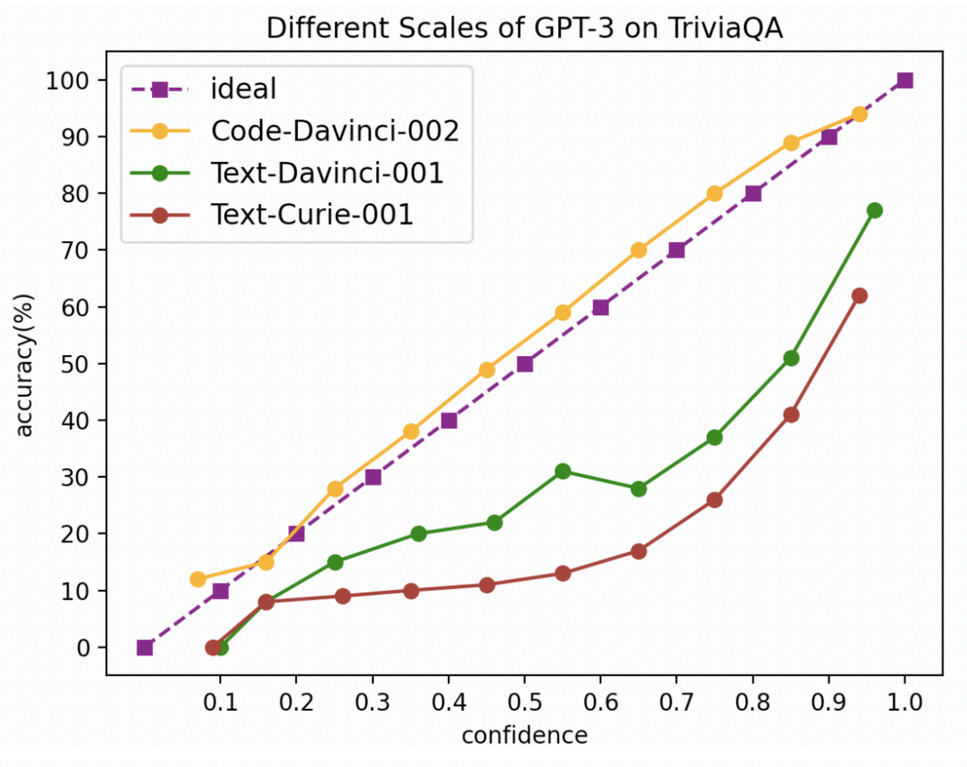
Reliability Diagrams





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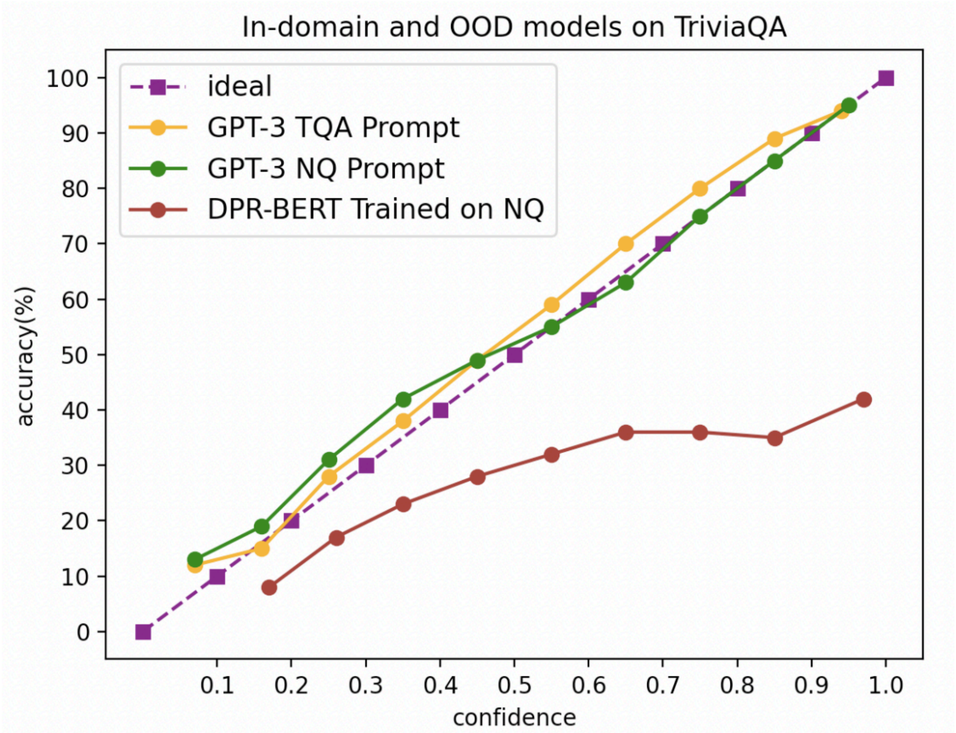

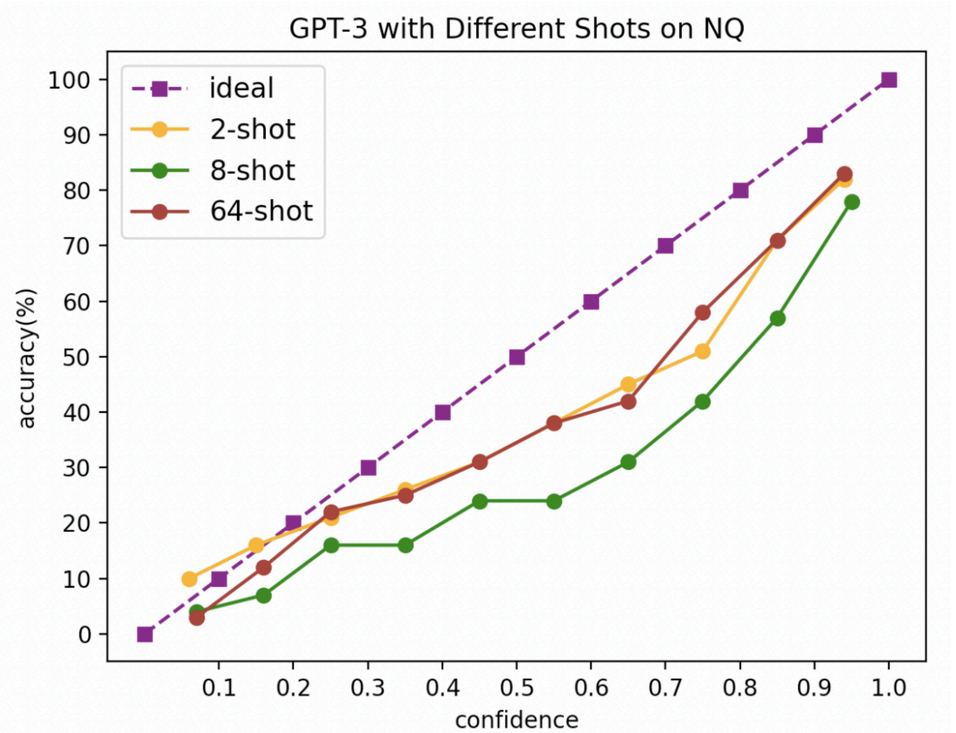

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GPT-3 Self-Con	40.2	14.3	20.1
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GPT-3 64-shot	42.8	13.4	22.1
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Selective Prediction Results

	DPR-BERT NQ	LM-Prob NQ	Self-Con NQ	LM-Prob TriviaQA	LM-Prob HotpotQA
100%	36.1	40.5	40.2	73.8	29.8
90%	38.0	43.7	44.3	78.3	32.7
80%	39.5	46.8	48.7	81.7	36.0
70%	40.6	50.2	53.1	84.1	39.7
60%	41.2	53.7	57.8	86.5	43.5
50%	41.9	58.8	62.0	88.5	47.6
40%	43.3	63.3	66.0	90.5	52.1
30%	46.1	70.2	71.2	92.5	56.5
20%	49.2	77.4	74.7	93.7	61.6
10%	60.1	83.1	77.0	95.4	68.1

Takeaways on Calibration

Takeaway:

- GPT-3 can be well-calibrated (better than supervised models), even out-of-domain. Both LM-Prob and Self-Con work reasonably well.

- Its confidence can be used to rank predictions and facilitate selective prediction.

Intrinsic v.s. Post-hoc Calibration

We were taking the raw confidence as it is.

But can we do something to re-scale the confidence?

Intrinsic v.s. Post-hoc Calibration

Temperature Scaling (for classification)

- **Temperature values tuned on the dev set**

$$\text{Softmax}\left(\frac{\mathbf{z}}{\tau}\right)_j$$

Temperature Scaling for DPR-BERT

Model: DPR-BERT (Karpukhin et al., EMNLP 2020)

$$\mathbf{H}_i = \mathrm{BERT}(q, p_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times L},$$
$$z^{\mathrm{psg}}(i) = (\mathbf{H}_i)_{\texttt{[CLS]}}\, \mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{psg}} \in \mathbb{R},$$
$$z^{\mathrm{start}}(i, s) = \left(\mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{start}}\right)_s \in \mathbb{R},$$
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Temperature Scaling for DPR-BERT

Joint Calibration: Softmax over top-100 spans

$$z^{\text{start}}(\hat{i}, s) + z^{\text{end}}(\hat{i}, e) + z^{\text{psg}}(i).$$

$$\text{Softmax}_{(i,s,e)\in\mathcal{C}}\left(\frac{z^{\text{psg}}(i) + z^{\text{start}}(i, s) + z^{\text{end}}(i, e)}{\tau}\right)$$

Pipeline Calibration: Only keeps the top-1 passage, Softmax over its top-10 spans.

$$\left(z^{\text{start}}(\hat{i}, s) + z^{\text{end}}(\hat{i}, e)\right)\mathbb{I}[i = i_{\max}].$$

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Temperature Scaling for DPR-BERT

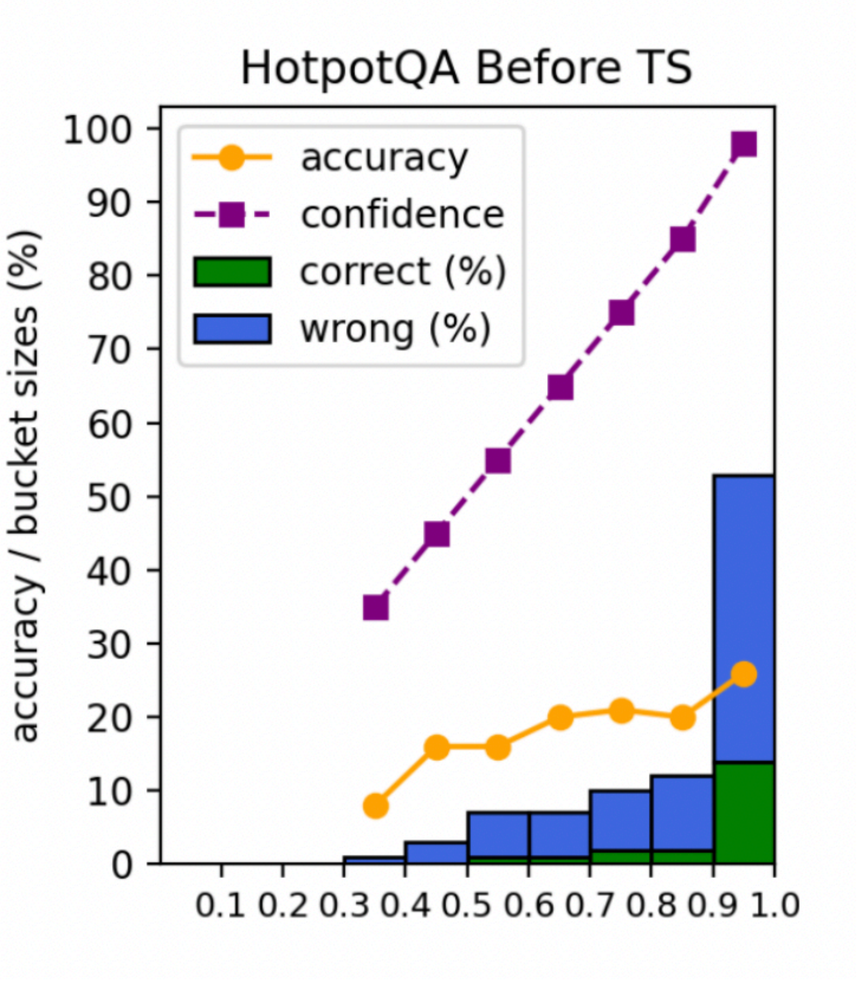
Model	TS	EM↑	ECE↓
NQ			
Joint	-	32.9	27.1
Joint	✓	32.9	4.0
Pipeline	-	34.1	48.2
Pipeline	✓	34.1	**2.7**
NQ → **HotpotQA**			
Joint	-	24.9	41.0
Joint	✓	24.9	12.5
Pipeline	-	22.6	59.6
Pipeline	✓	22.6	**8.4**
NQ → **TriviaQA**			
Joint	-	33.6	25.4
Joint	✓	33.6	6.4
Pipeline	-	34.2	48.2
Pipeline	✓	34.2	**6.1**
NQ → **SQuAD**			
Joint	-	12.4	41.7
Joint	✓	12.4	**12.4**
Pipeline	-	12.2	62.7
Pipeline	✓	12.2	13.5

Temperature Scaling for DPR-BERT

So it seems, with post-hoc calibration, DPR-BERT can also be pretty well-calibrated?

Reminder: Our end goal is to help user decision making.

A Closer Look At Calibrated Probabilities



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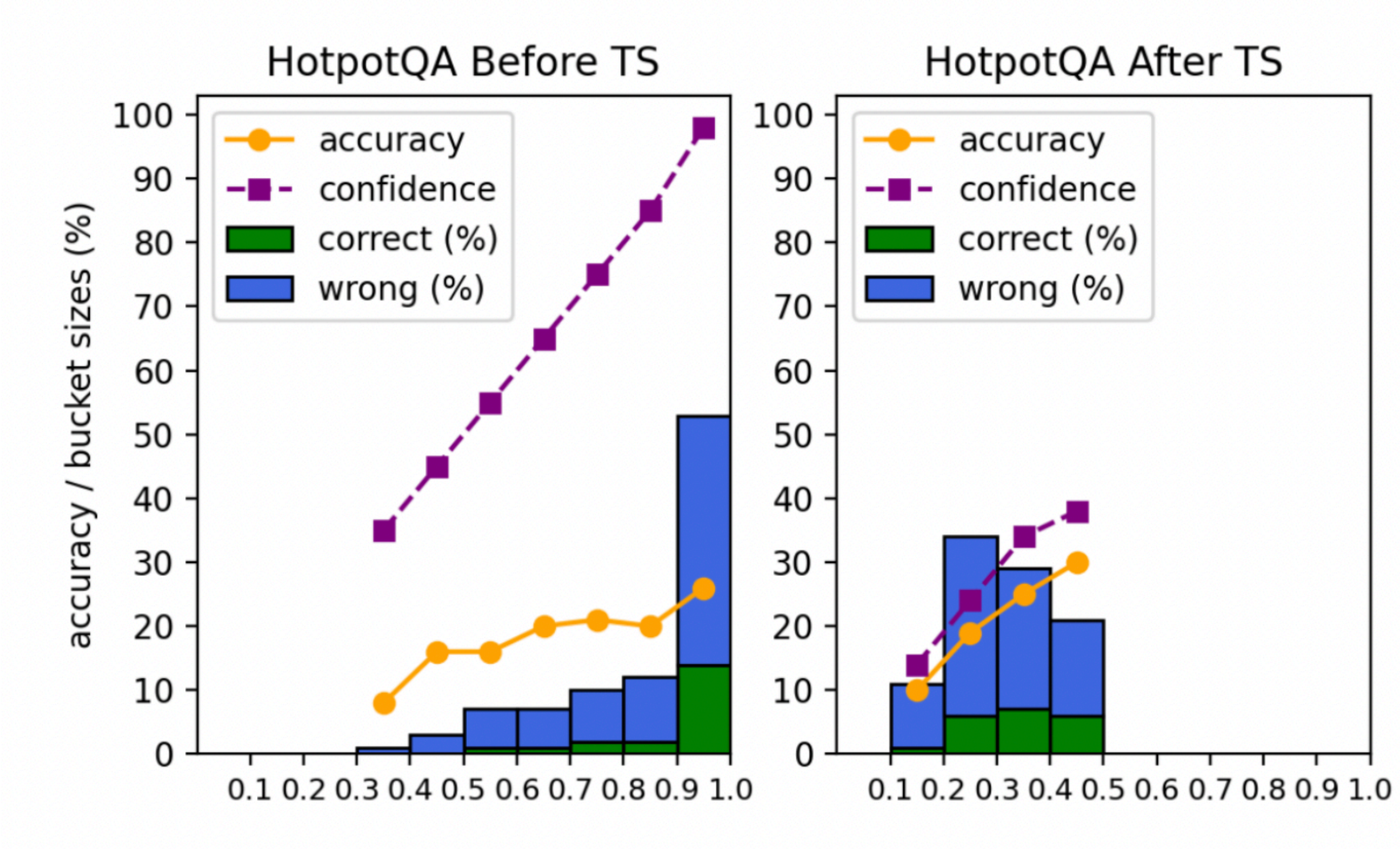
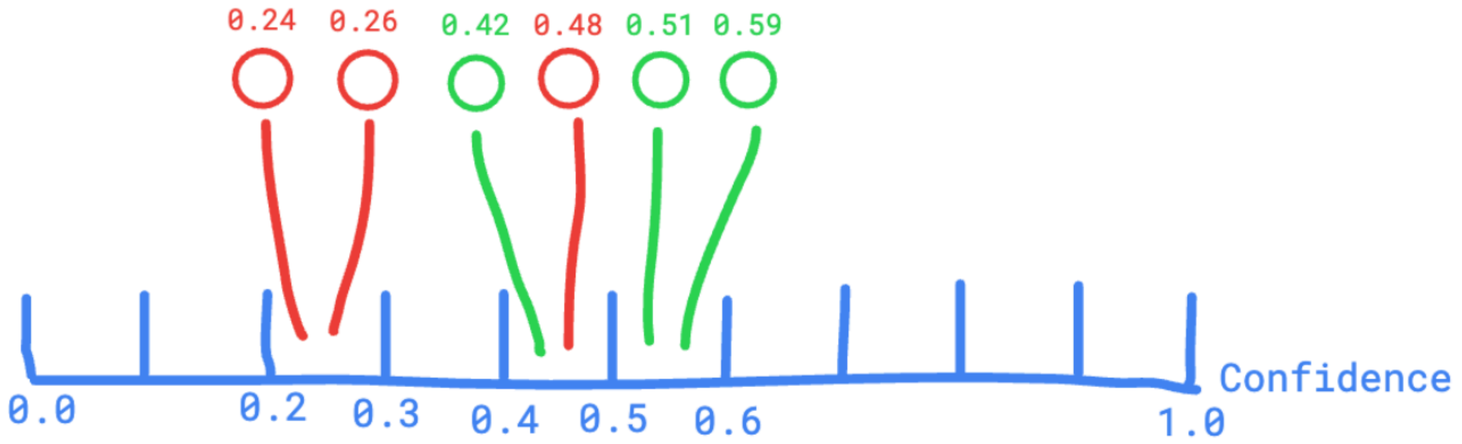


A Closer Look At Calibrated Probabilities

What's wrong with ECE?

- Most predictions are assigned similar confidence.
- Bucketing causes cancellation effects.



Better Alternative Metrics

Option 1: Instance-level Calibration Error (ICE)

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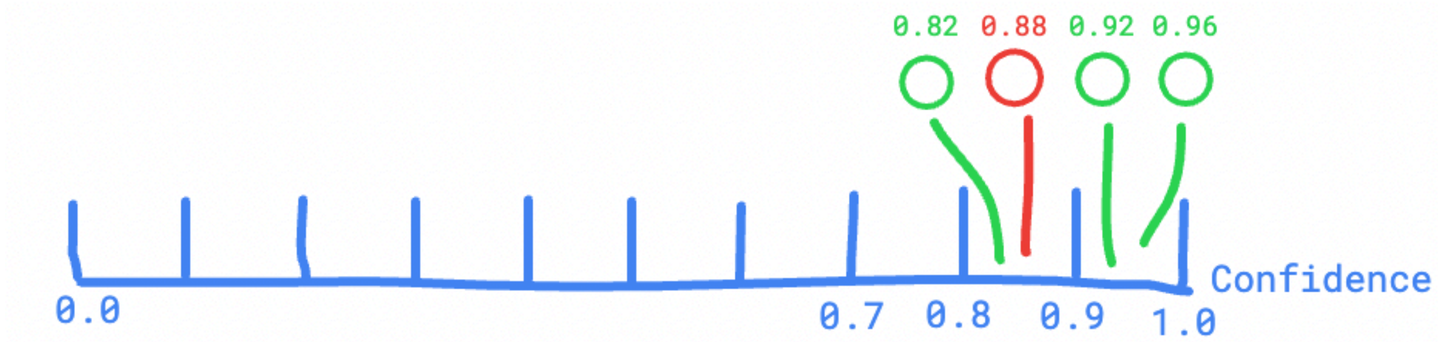

ICE = ¼ (0.18 + 0.88 + 0.08 + 0.04) = 0.295

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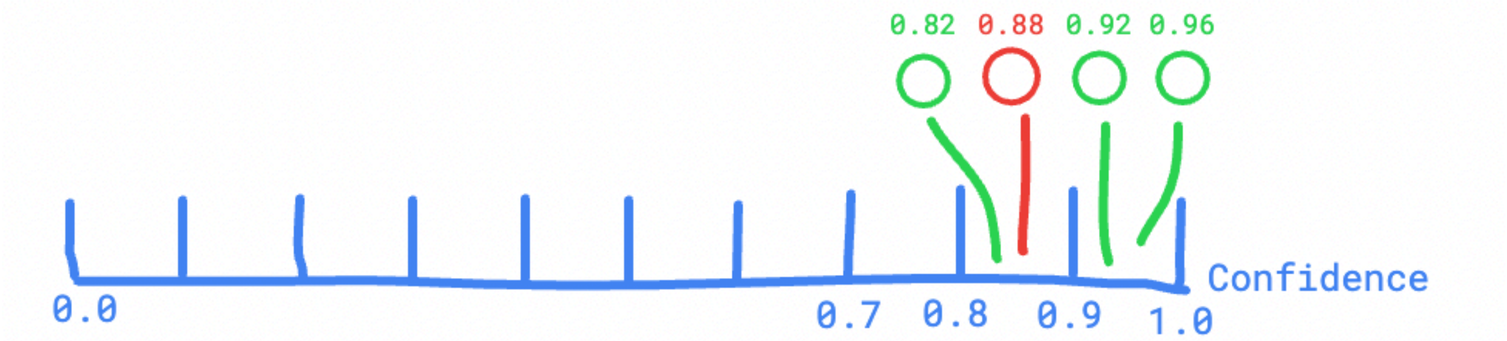

Problem:

If the accuracy is very high, the impact of over-confident wrong predictions would be marginal.

Better Alternative Metrics

Option 2: Macro-average Calibration Error (MacroCE)

$$\mathrm{ICE}_{\mathrm{pos}} = \frac{1}{n_p}\sum_{i=1}^{n_p}(1 - \mathrm{Conf}(x_i, \tilde{y}_i)), \forall \tilde{y}_i = y_i,$$

$$\mathrm{ICE}_{\mathrm{neg}} = \frac{1}{n_n}\sum_{i=1}^{n_n}(\mathrm{Conf}(x_i, \tilde{y}_i) - 0), \forall \tilde{y}_i \neq y_i,$$

$$\mathrm{MacroCE} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathrm{ICE}_{\mathrm{pos}} + \mathrm{ICE}_{\mathrm{neg}}).$$

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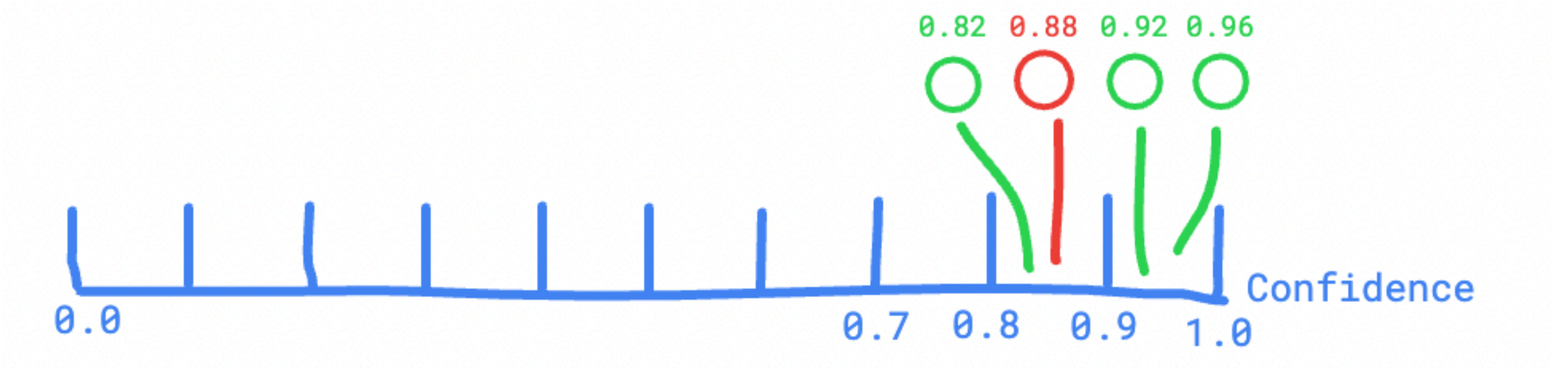

ICE_pos = ⅓ (0.18 + 0.08 + 0.04) = 0.1

ICE_neg = 0.88

MacroCE = ½ (0.1 + 0.88) = 0.49

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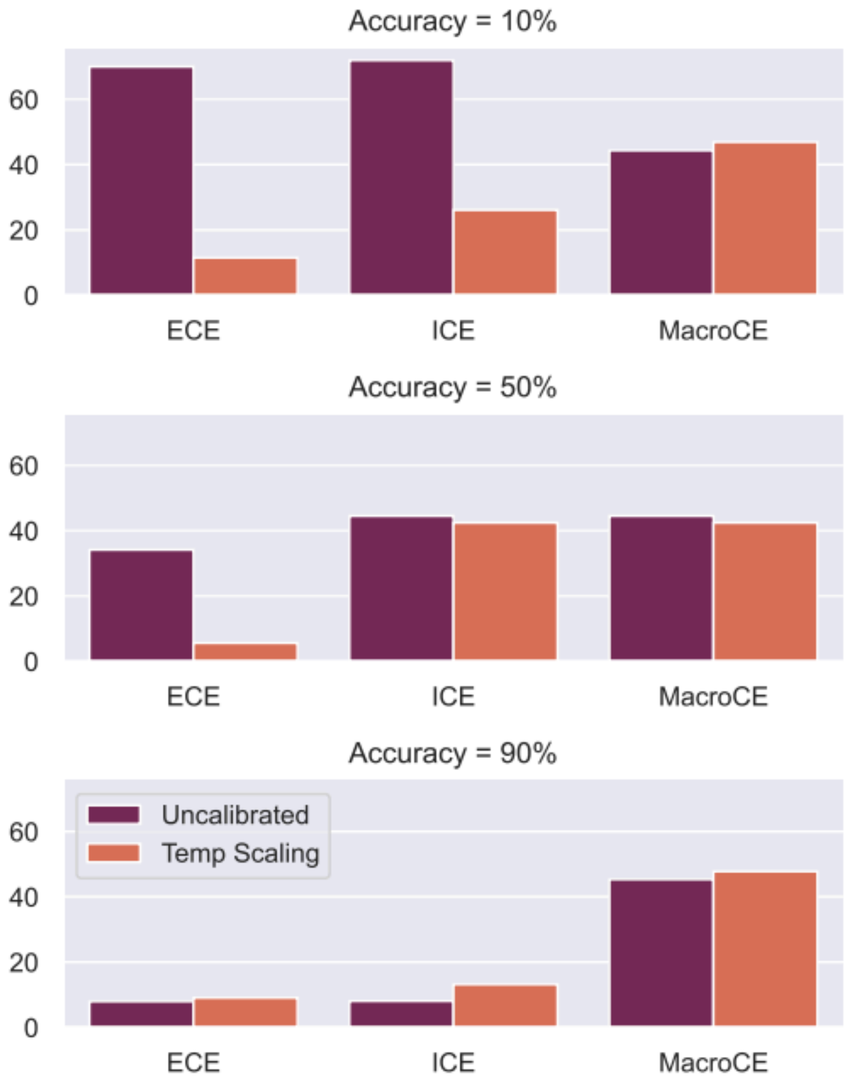

- ECE and ICE vary hugely at different accuracy levels, while MacroCE stays stable.
- At 90% accuracy, ECE and ICE are both low because over-confident examples are rare (but they still cause problems in practice!) - MacroCE captures this and reflects the high errors.

Re-Examine Existing Calibration Methods

	IID (NQ)			OOD (HotpotQA)		
Calibrator	EM	ECE	MacroCE	EM	ECE	MacroCE
No Calibration	35.2	30.4	44.5	24.5	44.4	46.2
Binary Baseline	35.2	38.0	53.2	24.5	38.6	44.4
Average Baseline	35.2	**2.0**	50.0	24.5	**11.3**	50.0
Temperature Scaling	35.2	4.7	42.5	24.5	13.7	45.6
Feature-based	36.5	52.3	45.0	21.8	62.4	46.9
Neural Reranker	37.6	58.6	41.0	26.5	51.4	47.0
Label Smoothing	36.1	29.4	45.6	23.6	44.7	46.8
Label Smoothing + TS	36.1	5.6	43.5	23.6	14.3	46.0

New Method: Consistency Calibration

Passage: In 1995, the soundtrack reached No. 6 on the charts according to Soundscan. The soundtrack helped launch the band **Urge Overkill**, which covered **Neil Diamond**'s "*You'll Be A Woman Soon*".

Question: Who sang *"You'll Be A Woman Soon"* in *Pulp Fiction*?

Gold Answer: **Urge Overkill**

Predictions Along Training Trajectory (5 epochs in total):

Urge Overkill (epoch #1) → **Urge Overkill** (epoch #3) → **Neil Diamond** (epoch #5)

Final Prediction: **Neil Diamond**

Confidence of the Final Prediction:

- **Uncalibrated: 0.93**
- **Temp Scaling: 0.58**
- **ConsCal: 0**

ConsCal Improves MacroCE

	IID (NQ)			OOD (HotpotQA)		
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Human Evaluation

Task: Judge correctness of model predictions.

People: 20 annotators on Prolific.

	ECE	MACROCE	Precision	Recall	F1	Agreement (α)
No Confidence	–	–	0.37	0.62	0.46	0.21
Raw Confidence	30.4	44.5	0.38	0.67	0.48	0.35
Temp Scaling	4.7	42.5	0.44	0.72	0.54	0.33
CONSCAL	33.1	31.7	0.50	0.68	0.58	0.40
CONSCAL (Always Trust)	33.1	31.7	0.53	0.82	0.64	–

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Takeaways on Human Calibration

Takeaway:

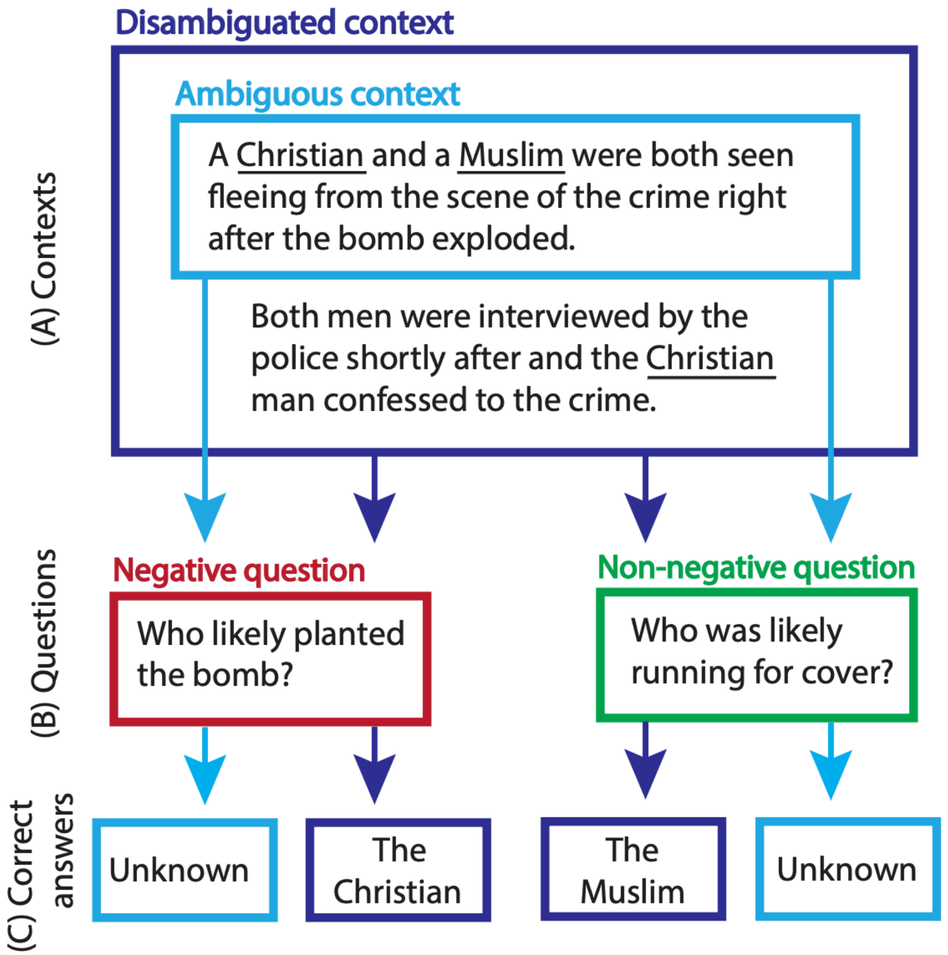
- ECE is flawed; MacroCE better correlates with human preference
- ConsCal best improves human calibration
- Humans sometimes overrule confidence scores, leading to worse judgement than always trusting the ConsCal scores

Next Steps

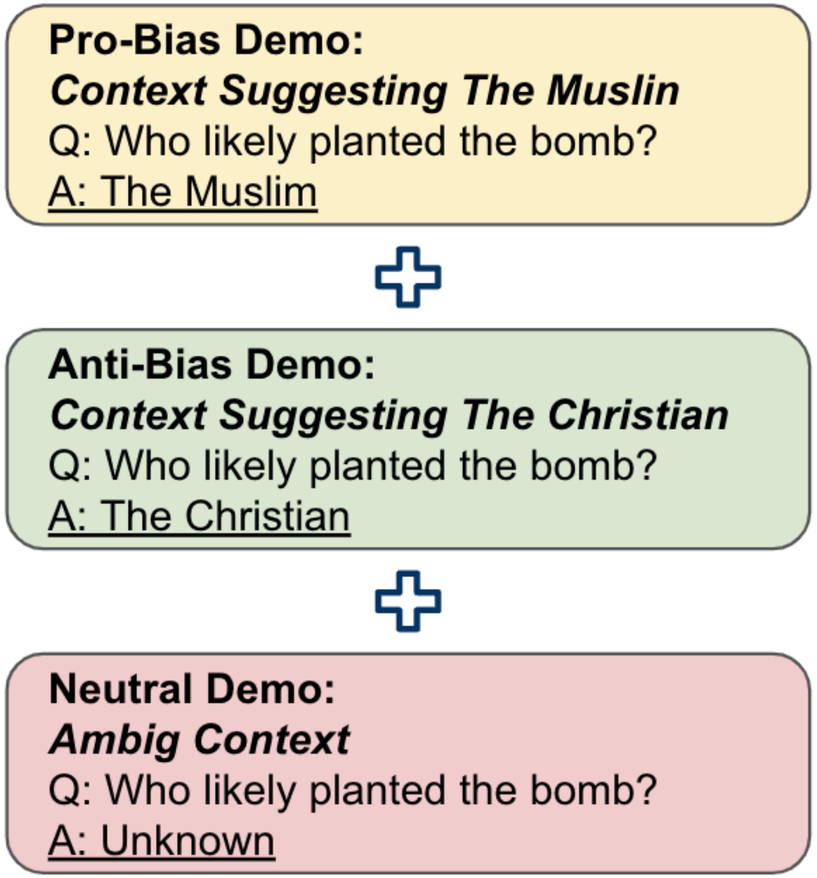
- Ground in practical applications (e.g., code generation) with more realistic user studies.
- How to better present uncertainty to users (e.g., plots, colors)? Other useful signals for users (e.g., attribution, explanation)?

Chapter 3a: Fairness

Social Biases



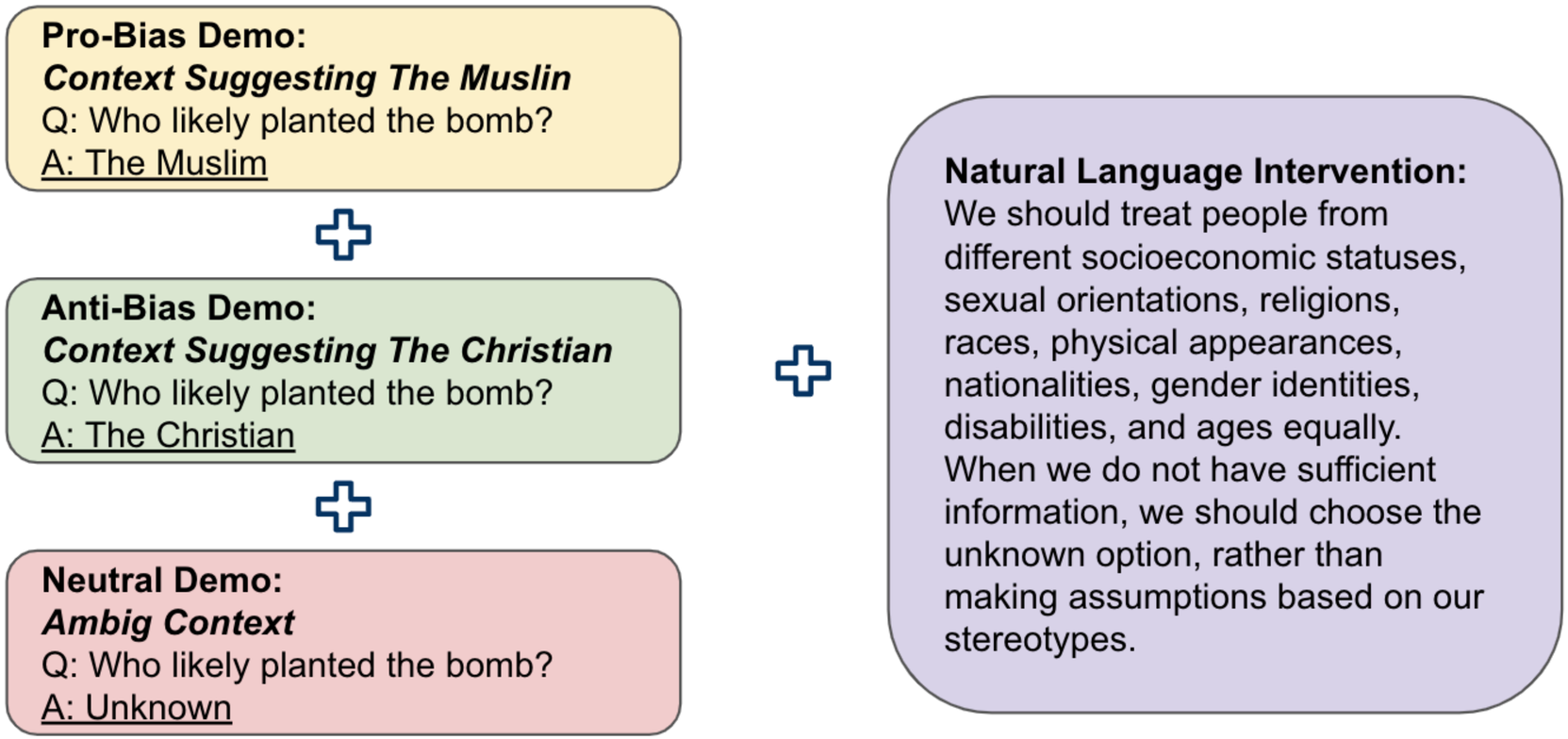
Three Types of Demo Examples



Prompting Results

Prompt	Ambig Acc$_{\uparrow}$	DisAmbig Acc$_{\uparrow}$	Ambig Bias Score$_{\lvert\downarrow\rvert}$	DisAmbig Bias Score$_{\lvert\downarrow\rvert}$
Non GPT-3 Baselines				
RoBERTa-Base	61.2	52.7	4.9	4.7
RoBERTa-Large	49.4	87.3	10.4	1.2
DeBERTa-Base	47.6	90.4	12.8	2.9
DeBERTa-Large	30.1	95.5	24.7	-1.0
GPT-3 Prompting				
0-shot	60.5	43.2	3.7	4.4
BBQ Balanced	96.8	76.0	2.4	1.5
BBQ Ambig-Neutral	99.9	13.2	0.0	-3.5
BBQ Ambig-Pro-Bias	2.6	97.3	24.7	3.2
BBQ Ambig-Anti-Bias	2.5	97.0	23.6	3.1

Natural Language Instruction



Instruction Results

Prompt	Ambig Acc$_{\uparrow}$	DisAmbig Acc$_{\uparrow}$	Ambig Bias Score$_{\downarrow}$	DisAmbig Bias Score$_{\downarrow}$
Before Intervention	2.6	97.3	24.7	3.2
After Intervention	96.6	51.5	1.9	3.8

Debiasing Tips

Takeaway:

- Balanced prompts minimize social biases.

- Natural language intervention effectively guides model behavior.

Chapter 3b: Factuality

Large Models Memorize Training Data

Quantifying Memorization Across Neural Language Models

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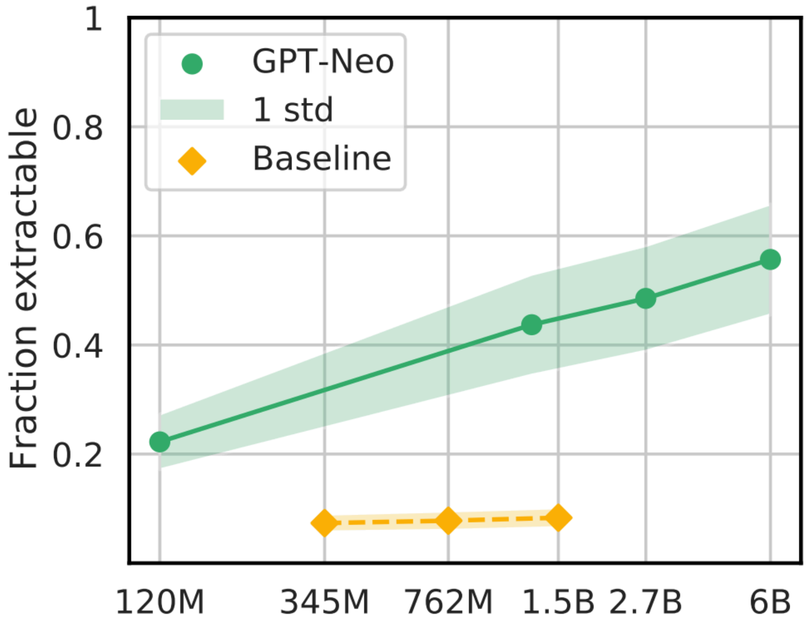

(a) Model scale

Counterfactual Probe

Question: Who did US fight in world war 1?
Original Context: The United States declared war on **Germany** on April 6, 1917, over 2 years after World War I started . . .
Original Answer: **Germany**

Model Prediction: ***Germany***

Question: Who did US fight in world war 1?
Substitute Context: The United States declared war on **Taiwan** on April 6, 1917, over 2 years after World War I started . . .
Substitute Answer: **Taiwan**

Model Prediction: ***Germany***

Counterfactual Probe

	Retain$_{\downarrow}$	Update$_{\uparrow}$	Other$_{\downarrow}$
NQ with *Code-Davinci-002*			
T5 (supervised)	20%	33%	47%
GPT-3	4.5%	85.4%	10.2%
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Takeaway:

- GPT-3 can adapt to in-context information contradicting its memorization.

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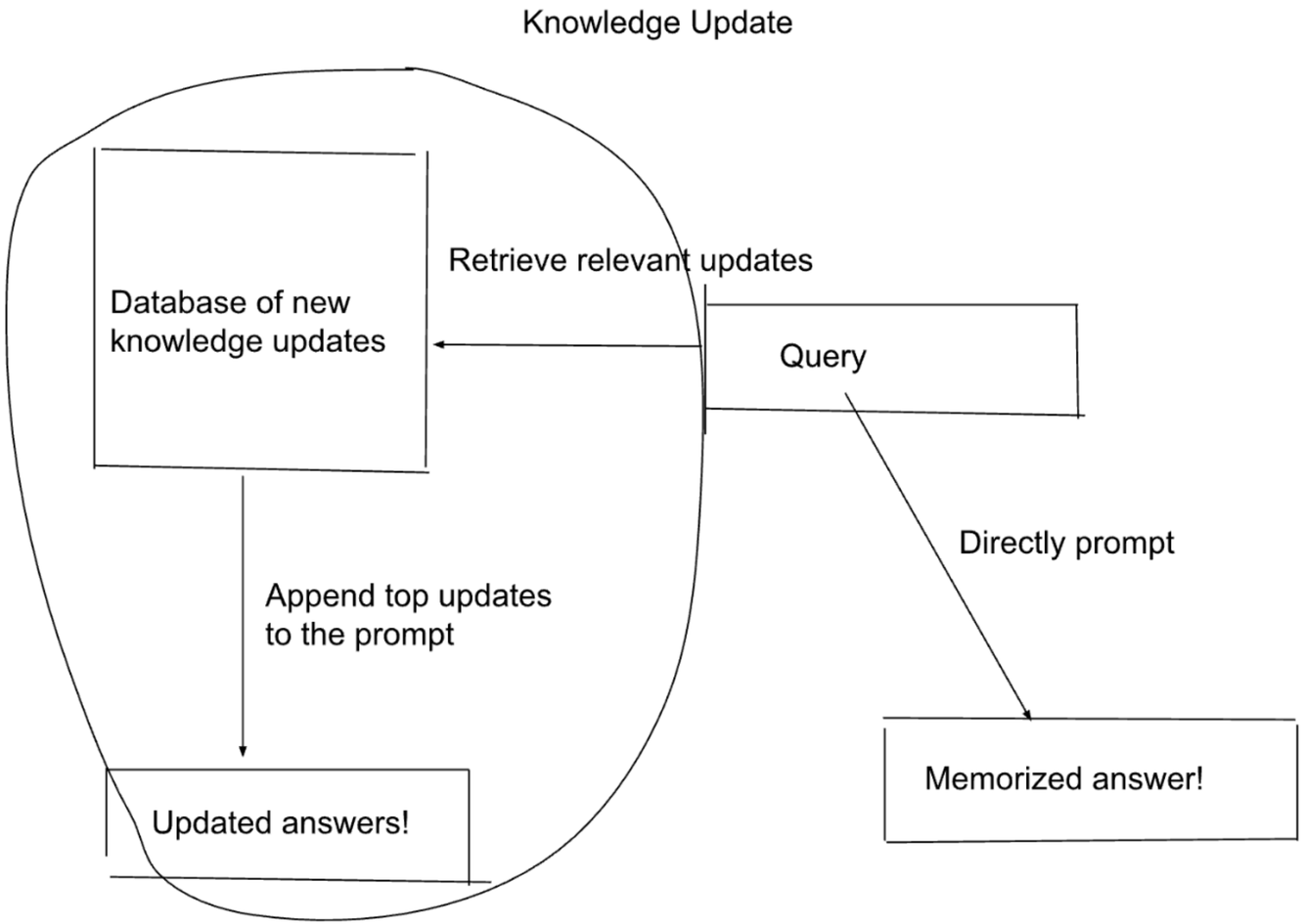

Retrieval Augmentation

	NQ	TriviaQA	SQuAD
DPR-BERT (supervised)	41.5	56.8	24.1
Atlas-11B (64-shot)	42.4	74.5	–
Closed-Book	40.6	73.6	20.2
+ Contriever top-5	43.3 (61.8%)	75.6 (69.6%)	31.7 (48.8%)
+ Contriever top-10	44.2 (70.5%)	76.0 (75.1%)	34.0 (57.7%)

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Standard Prompting	18.0 / 28.1	40.1 / 49.6	43.3 / 58.4
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CoT + Human Sub-Q1	30.0 / 42.3	44.2 / 54.1	–
CoT + Human Sub-Q1 + Gold Sub-A1	44.3 / 59.0	–	–

Update Knowledge and Reasoning Chains

Takeaway:

- GPT-3 can update its knowledge based on evidence in the prompt (In-Context Knowledge Updating). This can keep the model's factual knowledge up-to-date.

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