# Self-Alignment for Factuality: Mitigating Hallucinations in LLMs via Self-Evaluation

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#### Abstract

Despite showing increasingly human-like abilities, large language models (LLMs) often struggle with factual inaccuracies, i.e., "hallucinations", even when they hold relevant knowledge. To address these hallucinations, current approaches typically necessitate high-quality human factuality annotations. In this work, we explore Self-Alignment for Factuality, where we leverage the self-evaluation capability of an LLM to provide training signals that steer the model towards factuality. Specifically, we incorporate SELF-EVAL, a self-evaluation component, to prompt an LLM to validate the factuality of its own generated responses solely based on its internal knowledge. Additionally, we design Self-Knowledge Tuning (SK-TUNING) to augment the LLM's self-evaluation ability by improving the model's confidence estimation and calibration. We then utilize these self-annotated responses to fine-tune the model via Direct Preference Optimization algorithm. We show that the proposed self-alignment approach substantially enhances factual accuracy over LLAMA family models across three key knowledge-intensive tasks on TruthfulQA and BioGEN.<sup>1</sup>

### 1 Introduction

Despite exhibiting remarkable proficiency in a diverse range of NLP tasks (Wei et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2023c; Chang et al., 2023), LLMs (OpenAI, 2022, 2023; Touvron et al., 2023b) occasionally generate seemingly plausible yet factually incorrect statements, *i.e.*, "hallucinations" (Huang et al., 2023; Ji et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2023b; Tonmoy et al., 2024; Wan et al., 2024). Such hallucinations can undermine the trustworthiness and practical applicability of LLMs in real-world scenarios, par-

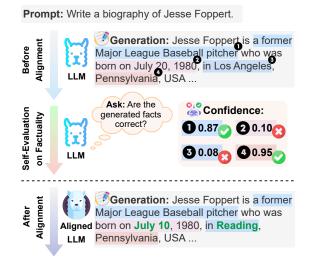


Figure 1: Illustration of *Self-Alignment for Factuality*, in which we utilize an LLM's factuality confidence in its self-generated biography—obtained by averaging the confidences of individual facts within the biography—as a reward signal to align the model towards factuality. Each fact is emphasized using distinct colors, and the rectified facts are indicated with green letters.

ticularly when employed in high-stakes tasks (Liu et al., 2023b).

In this paper, we focus on mitigating a specific type of hallucination, where an LLM holds relevant knowledge in response to a query (*i.e.*, "knows"), yet occasionally falters in conveying accurate information (*i.e.*, "tells") (Li et al., 2023b, 2024). Numerous studies evidence that, LLMs may generate inaccurate responses, even though they demonstrate the ability to provide precise answers during different inference periods (Wang et al., 2023a; Manakul et al., 2023; Dhuliawala et al., 2023). Essentially, such gap between "knowing" and "telling" (Saunders et al., 2022; Kadavath et al., 2022; Chen et al., 2023a) significantly undermines the potential of LLMs to accurately convey the knowledge acquired during the pre-training phase.

Efforts to bridge this gap by leveraging the model's internal knowledge remain relatively less

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explored. A few studies (Li et al., 2023b; Chuang et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2023a) propose that this gap is caused by the deficiency of the decoding strategy. Therefore, they strive to modify the model's internal representations towards identified "factuality" directions by utilizing domain-specific annotated data. Meanwhile, numerous studies suggest that another potential cause is the inadequacy of the training objective—maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)—in accurately capturing factuality (Allen-Zhu and Li, 2023; Azaria and Mitchell, 2023; Tian et al., 2023a). As a result, a recent study (Tian et al., 2023a) incorporates consistency-based confidence, a good proxy for factual correctness over the generated responses (Manakul et al., 2023; Kuhn et al., 2023), as training signals to guide the models towards factuality. Nevertheless, such consistency-based confidence is inherently tied to the model's generation ability.

Encouragingly, while it may be proven difficult for an LLM to "tell" the correct answer immediately, it has shown promise in "evaluating" its generated statements—distinguishing between factually correct and incorrect samples—with reasonable confidence (Kadavath et al., 2022; Lin et al., 2022a). This self-evaluation ability has been recognized as a valuable proxy for the model's internal knowledge (or "knowing") (Li et al., 2023b; Burns et al., 2022). Inspired by this observation, we introduce a self-alignment framework, Self-Alignment for Factuality. As illustrated in Figure 1, our approach leverages the LLM's self-evaluation capacity to create confidence scores regarding the factual accuracy of its generated responses, which are then utilized as reward signals to fine-tune the model via the Direct Preference Optimization (DPO) algorithm (Rafailov et al., 2023). Specifically, we incorporate a factuality self-evaluation component, SELF-EVAL, which prompts the LLM to directly validate its responses based on its internal knowledge. To bolster the LLM's universal self-evaluation ability, we introduce SK-TUNING, a method aimed at enhancing the LLM's internal knowledge awareness, a.k.a. confidence estimation and calibration<sup>2</sup> (Guo et al., 2017; Tian et al., 2023b), through sufficient tuning across heterogeneous knowledge-oriented tasks.

We assess the effectiveness of the proposed Self-Alignment for Factuality framework on three crucial tasks for LLMs, namely Multi-Choice Question-Answering (MCQA), short-form openended generation, and long-form open-ended generation, using two well-established benchmark datasets: TruthfulQA (Lin et al., 2022b) and Bio-GEN (Min et al., 2023a). The results show that, solely relying on the model's internal knowledge, Self-Alignment for Factuality significantly enhances the factual accuracy of LLAMA family models (Touvron et al., 2023a,b) across all three tasks, notably surpassing representative decoding-based methods such as DoLA (Chuang et al., 2023) and ITI (Li et al., 2023c), and the recent work with consistency-based confidence (Tian et al., 2023a).

In summary, our contributions are three-fold:

- We propose *Self-Alignment for Factuality*, a self-alignment strategy that leverages an LLM's self-evaluation capability to mitigate the model's hallucinations.
- We introduce SK-TUNING to improve an LLM's confidence estimation and calibration, thereby enhancing its self-evaluation ability.
- We show the efficacy of *Self-Alignment for Factuality* on three crucial tasks using TruthfulQA and BioGEN, significantly improving factual precision over all compared methods.

# 2 Related work

Hallucinations in LLMs. Hallucinations in LLMs occur when generated content, seemingly plausible, however deviates from actual world knowledge (Chen et al., 2023b; Li et al., 2023a; Zhang et al., 2023b; Tonmoy et al., 2024). In this study, we align with the perspective that an LLM's acquired knowledge should mirror established facts (Yang et al., 2023). Our focus centers on a specific type of "unfaithful hallucination" where LLMs produce factually incorrect statements, even when possessing relevant knowledge (Evans et al., 2021; Park et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023b). Rather than broadly targeting the enhancement of LLMs' factuality (Sun et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2023a; Lightman et al., 2023; Peng et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023d; Mallen et al., 2023; Varshney et al., 2023), our goal is to align LLMs to reliably convey accurate information when they have sufficient knowledge.

**Hallucination Mitigation.** Given the critical significance of mitigating hallucinations in LLMs for the development of reliable and trustworthy AI

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A higher confidence score corresponds to a greater likelihood of factual correctness.

systems, a variety of approaches have been proposed to address this challenge. Research efforts are broadly categorized into three strategies. (i) In post-hoc correction, recent works have explored self-consistency techniques for model refinement (Kadavath et al., 2022; Ren et al., 2023; Tian et al., 2023b; Madaan et al., 2023; Dhuliawala et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023a). These methods, rooted in uncertainty estimation, aim at improving factual accuracy by analyzing the consistency among multiple responses generated by the LLM. However, their effectiveness varies with the model's intrinsic capabilities. (ii) Inference-time intervention approaches focus on manipulating LLMs' internal representations to guide them towards factuality (Li et al., 2023b; Chuang et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023c; Zhang et al., 2023a). These methods show promise but often rely on domain-specific data, limiting their generalizability. (iii) Alignment training, as a third strategy, directly optimizes LLMs to produce factual statements. This involves either supervised fine-tuning with high-quality datasets (Wang et al., 2023b) or RLHF (Ouyang et al., 2022). While effective, these methods can be resource-intensive due to the need for extensive human labels.

Our research parallels two significant studies in the field by Yang et al. (2023) and Tian et al. (2023a). While Yang et al. (2023) focus on honestybased fine-tuning, empowering LLMs to admit limitations by acknowledging "I don't know", our Self-Alignment for Factuality approach is distinctively geared towards guiding LLMs to articulate truthful information when they hold pertinent knowledge. In contrast to Tian et al. (2023a), which relies on a consistency-based method for confidence estimation, our work introduces SELF-EVAL-SKT, which is trained on a broad spectrum of heterogeneous data, and designed to enhance confidence estimation capabilities significantly. Experimental results from our study demonstrate a notable improvement in the accuracy and reliability of factual information presented by LLMs. We provide a brief summary in Appendix A.

# 3 Self-Alignment for Factuality

In this section, we introduce the proposed framework. Our discussion begins with a comprehensive overview of Self-Alignment for Factuality, as detailed in Section 3.1. Subsequent to this, we delve into the *Factuality Self-Evaluation* for evaluating factuality using the LLM's inherent knowledge,

termed SELF-EVAL, which is thoroughly described in Section 3.2. Finally, we outline the approach to align the LLM for factuality, employing the DPO algorithm, a process that is elaborated further in the subsequent sections.

#### 3.1 Overview

Self-Alignment for Factuality generally operates in the following three steps, as depicted in Figure 2:

Step 1: Generating Initial Responses for Preference Data Collection. For a given prompt x, we generate multiple candidate responses  $\{y_m\}_{m=1}^M$ , where M represents the sample size. These are produced from a base pre-trained LLM guided by a policy  $\pi_{\rm ref}(y\mid x)$ . To ensure the generation of coherent and relevant responses, we employ few-shot examples as prompts.

Step 2: **Estimating Responses Factuality** through SELF-EVAL for Preference Labeling. In this step, we evaluate the factuality of generated candidate responses  $\{y_m\}_{m=1}^M$  for a given prompt x by leveraging the intrinsic knowledge of LLMs. Assessing factuality in short-form response generation tasks, such as Question Answering, is relatively straightforward since a response typically encompasses only a single claim. Conversely, in long-form response generation tasks (e.g., crafting a biography), as illustrated in Figure 2, a response often contains multiple claims. These claims present a mix of factually accurate and inaccurate information, rendering binary judgments insufficient for thorough factuality assessment (Min et al., 2023a). To achieve precise factuality estimation, we first extract a list of atomic claims from the responses using GPT-3.5-turbo, with each claim representing a distinct piece of information (Liu et al., 2023d). Subsequently, we employ GPT-3.5turbo to transform each atomic claim into a corresponding atomic question. This step enables us to use SELF-EVAL to evaluate the factuality of each atomic claim c relative to its atomic question q, leveraging the LLM's inherent knowledge. This process is denoted as p(True|q,c). Finally, we calculate the average of the obtained factuality scores for individual claims, resulting in a final factuality score, Ave-p(True), for the candidate response. This methodical approach ensures a comprehensive and nuanced assessment of response factuality, especially vital for long-form content where the binary evaluation may overlook the complexity of the information presented.

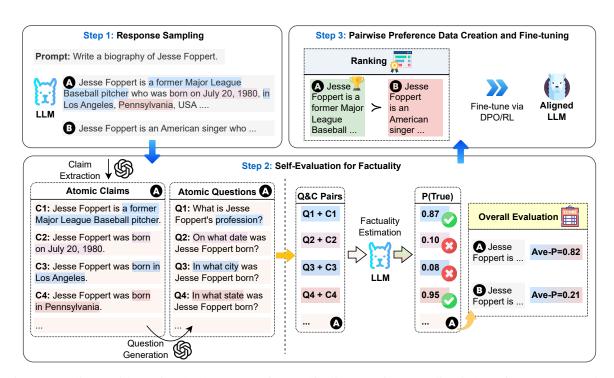


Figure 2: A diagram illustrating the three steps of our Self-Alignment for Factuality (in long-form text generation task): (i) Step 1: Generate initial responses for preference data collection. (ii) Step 2: Estimate the factuality of the responses through self-evaluation for preference labeling. (iii) Step 3: Create pairwise preference data and fine-tune the LLM using DPO.

Step 3: Creating Preference Data and Aligning LLM with DPO. For each prompt x, we rank the candidate responses according to the factually scores acquired. Then, we select the top  $\alpha$  responses as the preferred responses  $y_w$  and the remaining responses as the dis-preferred ones  $y_l$ , resulting in a set of preference pairs  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x, y_w, y_l)\}$ . The total number of preference pairs is  $\alpha M * (1 - \alpha)M - K$ , where K represents the number of pairs with equal scores. Finally, we align the LLM with these preference data using the DPO algorithm.

# 3.2 Factuality Self-Evaluation

At the core of Self-Alignment for Factuality is the design of a factuality self-evaluation component, denoted as Self-Eval. Given a prompt q and a LLM  $\mathcal{M}$ , Self-Eval, built on  $\mathcal{M}$ , is tasked with assessing the validity of  $\mathcal{M}$ 's response a, leveraging exclusively its own internal knowledge. This process is quantified as the probability p(True|q,a), which is formulated as follows:

$$p(\text{True}|q, a) = f_{\mathcal{M}}(q, a) \tag{1}$$

There exist various methodologies to parameterize  $f_{\mathcal{M}}(q, a)$ . For instance, a sampling and counting strategy has been employed by Tian et al.

(2023b). However, we posit that prompting LLMs to self-evaluate their responses harnesses a more effective strategy, as evaluation is easier than generation. Furthermore, LLMs have demonstrated capabilities in discerning the extent of their knowledge (Kadavath et al., 2022). To capitalize on this intrinsic ability for factual assessment, we propose to utilize True/False Q&A prompt as follows, termed as SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE). This prompt facilitates the LLM's self-evaluation of factuality based on its inherent knowledge

Instruction: Please evaluate the truthfulness of the proposed answer based on the given question and internal knowledge.
<Few-shot Prompts>
Question: <Question>
Proposed Answer: <Answer>
Is the proposed answer:
A. True
B. False
The proposed answer is:

where we anticipate either "A" or "B" as an answer. The probability p(True) signifies the extent to which an LLM deems a generated answer (claim) valid. In line with Kadavath et al. (2022), we prepend few-shot prompts to encourage well-structured answers.

Despite the effectiveness of SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE), our preliminary results indicate that

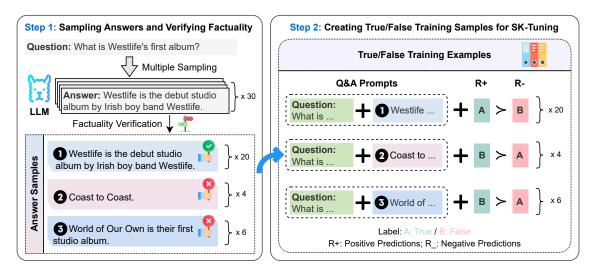


Figure 3: The process of constructing training data for SK-TUNING.

LLMs, tend to exhibit overconfidence when utilizing SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) prompting. This observation is in line with the findings presented by Tian et al. (2023b). In order to enhance the LLMs' selfevaluation capability regarding factuality, and to improve the calibration of confidence scores, we introduce Self-Knowledge Tuning (SK-TUNING)<sup>3</sup>. It is designed to augment LLMs' ability to accurately assess the factuality of their own generated responses across a diverse range of tasks. Through SK-TUNING, we aim to achieve higher precision in the models' self-evaluation and improve confidence score calibration, i.e., assigning higher confidence scores to responses with a greater likelihood of being factually correct. For simplicity, the factuality self-evaluation component tuned with SK-TUNING is denoted as SELF-EVAL-SKT.

**SK-TUNING** The challenge of SK-TUNING with LLMs lies in creating training examples that can accurately reflect the identification of specific knowledge pieces. To address this, we propose to build self-knowledge-guided training data, as illustrated in Figure 3. Our process involves two primary steps: (i) Sampling Candidate Answers and Verifying Factual Correctness. For each question q, we generate a set of candidate answers  $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^K$  using few-shot prompting. We then assess the factual correctness of each answer by comparing it to the golden answer, employing the bidirectional entailment approach with the Deberta-Large-MNLI model (He et al., 2021). Answers that are semanti-

cally equivalent to the golden answer are labeled as factually correct  $a_c$ , while others are deemed incorrect  $a_i$ . (ii) Creating True/False Training Examples. We construct True/False training examples using a format that combines few-shot prompts with a binary (True/False) question-and-answer prompt, as utilized by SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE). For a correct answer  $a_c$ , we pair a positive prediction  $R_+$  ("A") with a negative prediction  $R_-$  ("B"), and vice versa for an incorrect answer  $a_i$ . This approach results in a dataset  $\mathcal{D}_{\psi}$  comprising prediction pairs, with duplicates maintained to approximate the model's knowledge over the question.

Following the assembly of  $\mathcal{D}_{\psi}$ , we proceed to fine-tune the LLM on this pairwise prediction data. The fine-tuning aims to minimize a loss function specifically designed to enhance the model's ability to leverage its inherent knowledge for accurate self-knowledge evaluation, as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi} = -\mathbb{E}_{(q, a, r_{+}, r_{-}) \sim \mathcal{D}_{\psi}} \left[ \log \sigma \left( \log \pi_{\phi} \left( r_{+} \mid q, a \right) - \log \pi_{\phi} \left( r_{-} \mid q, a \right) \right) \right], \tag{2}$$

where  $\pi_{\phi}$  is the LLM trained for factuality estimation and  $\sigma$  denotes the logistic function.

# 3.3 Alignment Tuning with DPO

After obtaining the preference data over candidate responses  $\mathcal{D}=\{(x,y_w,y_l)\}$ , where each tuple represents a choice preference between winning and losing responses to few-shot prompts, we proceed to the stage of alignment tuning for improving factuality. While many frameworks exist for alignment training, including the widely recognized RLHF framework that involves training a reward

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>We use the term "self-knowledge", as the factual correctness of the generated answers can reflect the model's inherent knowledge to some extent (Kadavath et al., 2022; Shi et al., 2023; Yang et al., 2023).

model on preference data and then optimizing a policy against this model using the Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) algorithm. In this work, we employ the DPO algorithm. The choice of DPO is motivated by its demonstrated efficacy as a straightforward yet powerful alternative to PPO for policy optimization. Specifically, DPO employs a standard cross-entropy objective for direct policy optimization with the training objective as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta} = -\mathbb{E}_{(x, y_w, y_l) \sim \mathcal{D}} \left[ \log \sigma \left( \beta \log \frac{\pi_{\theta} (y_w \mid x)}{\pi_{\text{ref}} (y_w \mid x)} - \beta \log \frac{\pi_{\theta} (y_l \mid x)}{\pi_{\text{ref}} (y_l \mid x)} \right) \right],$$

where the model policy  $\pi_{\theta}$  is initialized from the base reference policy  $\pi_{\rm ref}$ ,  $\beta$  is a parameter controlling the deviation from the base reference policy  $\pi_{\rm ref}$ , and  $\sigma$  denotes the logistic function.

# 4 Experiments

In this section, we evaluate the efficacy of our proposed framework across three distinct tasks: MCQA, short-form open-ended generation, and long-form open-ended generation. Following Touvron et al. (2023b); Li et al. (2023b); Chuang et al. (2023), the chosen tasks narrowed to knowledge-intensive tasks that necessitate the extraction of factual knowledge from an LLM to successfully complete these tasks.

#### 4.1 Setup

**Datasets and Evaluation Metrics.** For the MCQA task, we utilize the TruthfulQA dataset (Lin et al., 2022b). For short-form open-ended generation tasks, we use generation formulation of TruthfulQA and BioGEN for the long-form one (Min et al., 2023b). In evaluating performance on TruthfulQA, we report Accuracy for the MCQA task, alongside metrics of truthfulness (True), informativeness (Info), and a composite True\*Info score, all evaluated using a fine-tuned GPT-3 model (Lin et al., 2022b). For assessments on BioGEN, we present the FActScore percentage and the Respond ratio. Moreover, we quantify the correctness of generated content by reporting the number of accurate (cor) and inaccurate facts (incor) per response, following the methodology outlined by Tian et al. (2023a). Comprehensive descriptions of tasks, datasets, and evaluation criteria are detailed in Appendix B. Additionally, it is crucial to mention

that for open-ended text generation tasks, selfalignment approaches only use the prompts provided in the datasets.

**Baselines.** We compare our methods with the following representative approaches<sup>4</sup>:

- **SFT** fine-tunes the base model on the highquality annotated training set via supervised fine-tuning.
- **ITI** (Li et al., 2023b) edits internal representations by shifting model activations along learned factuality-related directions.
- DoLA (Chuang et al., 2023) edits internal representations by contrasting output distributions from different layers within the model.
- FACTTUNE-MC (Tian et al., 2023a) optimizes the base model using DPO on the preference data labeled with consistency-based confidence scores.

**Implementation Details.** (i) Implementation of the Self-Alignment for Factuality framework: We employ LLAMA-7B (Touvron et al., 2023a) and LLAMA2-7B (Touvron et al., 2023b) as the base LLMs and fine-tune these models on the constructed preference data for five epochs. More implementation details are shown in Appendix C. (ii) Implementation of SK-TUNING: We utilize Wikipedia, which is a frequently employed pretraining data source for LLMs (Zhang et al., 2022; Touvron et al., 2023b; Shi et al., 2023), and the BIG-bench dataset (Srivastava et al., 2023) in our study. Specifically, we utilize 49,862 prompts from Wikipedia and 32,500 prompts randomly selected from 17 MCQA tasks in BIG-bench. More finetuning details are provided in Appendix C.

#### 4.2 Main Results

Table 1 presents the main evaluation results across three distinct tasks. We have the following observations:

Self-alignment for factuality is effective on mitigating hallucinations. Self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT significantly improves Accuracy by roughly 13% on TruthfulQA (MC) task. Moreover, self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT attains the highest True\*Info (45.75% for LLAMA-7B and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>We report the mean results of three different runs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>We use the default QA prompt as in Lin et al. (2022b); Li et al. (2023b); Chuang et al. (2023) on TruthfulQA and the prompt generated by GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023) on BioGEN (Table 9 in Appendix C).

Model	Labeled TruthfulQA		TruthfulQA (Gen.)		BioGEN (Long-Form Gen.)				
	In-dom. Data	% Acc.	% True	% Info	% True*Info	# Cor.	# Incor.	% Res.	% FActScore
LLAMA-7B*	-	25.60	30.40	96.30	26.90	7.70	16.92	98.00	30.72
+ SFT*	$\checkmark$	24.20	47.10	-	36.10	8.52	16.52	98.00	32.17
+ ITI* (Li et al., 2023b)	$\checkmark$	25.90	49.10	-	43.50	-	-	-	-
+ DoLa* (Chuang et al., 2023) + FACTTUNE-MC (Tian et al., 2023a)	$\checkmark$	32.20	42.10	98.30	40.80	7.46 <b>10.98</b>	13.70 21.33	99.00 99.00	33.91 30.92
Self-Alignment for Factuality (Ours) w/ Self-Eval-SKT		45.48	47.40	97.26	45.75	8.54	13.49	100.00	38.28
LLAMA2-7B	-	28.90	50.41	88.22	39.04	8.84	12.65	99.00	40.54
+ DoLa (Chuang et al., 2023) + FACTTUNE-MC (Tian et al., 2023a)	$\checkmark$	31.10	47.53	94.66	42.60	8.74 <b>12.64</b>	11.85 16.16	72.00 100.00	38.99 42.71
Self-Alignment for Factuality (Ours) w/ Self-Eval-P(True) w/ Self-Eval-SKT		43.15 <b>44.10</b>	44.52 <b>55.07</b>	94.93 <b>98.08</b>	41.10 <b>53.42</b>	8.46 12.12	<b>11.17</b> 14.44	<b>100.00</b> 99.00	42.73 <b>46.50</b>

Table 1: Few-shot evaluation results on three distinct tasks: 6-shot prompting results of the MCQA and short-form generation tasks on TruthfulQA, and 5-shot prompting results of the long-form generation task on BioGEN. 5 Results on TruthfulQA marked with an asterisk are cited from Li et al. (2023b) and Chuang et al. (2023). The remaining results of DoLA and FACTTUNE-MC are reproduced following Chuang et al. (2023) and Tian et al. (2023a).

53.42% for LLAMA2-7B) on TruthfulQA (shortform generation) task and exhibits substantial improvement in FActScore (approximately 4%) for BioGEN (long-form generation) task. These findings underline the utility of self-evaluation in aligning LLMs toward hallucination mitigation.

**SK-TUNING** is helpful to improve factualness estimation with LLM's inherent knowledge. Enhancing self-evaluation capabilities through SK-TUNING enables self-alignment with SELF-EVAL-SKT to achieve higher factual accuracy compared to SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE). In addition, Self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT considerably outperforms w/ SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) regarding True\*Info (surpassing by 12%) and FActScore (exceeding by 4%). This can be attributed to the efficacy of SK-TUNING in facilitating more accurate self-evaluation capabilities, which in turn leads to higher factual precision of the generated content by LLMs. We provide an in-depth analysis in Section D. Moreover, self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT evidently surpasses FACTTUNE-MC<sup>6</sup>, emphasizing the advantages of our proposed SELF-EVAL-SKT for confidence estimation over the samplingbased approach. On BioGEN task, self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT consistently achieves higher FActScore compared to FACTTUNE-MC, significantly reducing the number of factual errors while maintaining the suitable quantity of accurate facts generated.

In addition, without requiring any labeled domain-specific (a.k.a. in-domain) data, selfalignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT considerably surpasses the internal representation editing methods – ITI and DoLA, by obtaining the highest True\*Info while exhibiting remarkable True and Info scores on TruthfulQA. This indicates that self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT effectively strikes a balance between providing accurate information and acknowledging its limitations. Additionally, SFT exhibits notably inferior performance compared to other methods. This observation aligns with the findings in Li et al. (2023b); Tian et al. (2023a). A possible explanation (Schulman, 2023), is that directly supervised fine-tuning LLMs on high-quality data may inadvertently induce hallucinations by forcing LLMs to answer questions that exceed their knowledge limits.

### 4.3 Pairwise Evaluation

We conduct pairwise comparisons on the generated biographies in Section 4.2 across four key dimensions: factuality, helpfulness, relevance, and naturalness, using GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023). The prompt employed can be found in Appendix E. As illustrated in Figure 4, we observe that self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT significantly outperforms FACTTUNE-MC and self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) (with LLAMA2-7B as the base model) with considerable winning rates across all dimensions. Examples of qualitative studies are shown in Appendix F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>It is worth noting that the discrepancy between the reported results of FACTTUNE-MC and the results presented in Tian et al. (2023a) may be attributed to the considerably small number of training prompts in this study.

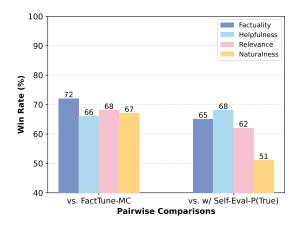


Figure 4: Results of pairwise comparisons on BioGEN across four dimensions: factuality, helpfulness, relevance and naturalness, as evaluated by GPT-4. The left and right sections present the win rates of Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT against FACTTUNE-MC and Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE), respectively.

Model	TruthfulQA					
	% MC acc.	% True	% Info	% True*Info		
LLAMA-7B	25.60	30.40	96.30	26.90		
w/ SE	37.26	33.29	<b>98.22</b>	31.78		
w/ USC	38.63	41.92	96.16	38.77		
w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT	<b>45.48</b>	<b>47.40</b>	97.26	<b>45.75</b>		
LLAMA2-7B	28.90	50.41	88.22	39.04		
w/ SE	42.47	44.38	97.81	42.33		
w/ USC	40.55	44.66	<b>98.77</b>	43.84		
w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT	<b>44.10</b>	<b>55.07</b>	98.08	<b>53.42</b>		

Table 2: Evaluation results of Self-Alignment for Factuality that employ various approaches for confidence estimation.

# **4.4** Self-Alignment with Varying Factuality Estimation Methods

**Setup.** To bolster the study of Self-Alignment for Factuality, we introduce two variants, *i.e.*, self-alignment w/ SE and w/ USC, which adopt Semantic Equivalence (Kuhn et al., 2023) and Universal Self-Consistency (Chen et al., 2023c) for confidence estimation, respectively. In particular, (*i*) self-alignment w/ SE clusters the initial responses based on semantic equivalence and then uses the largest cluster of semantically equivalent responses as the preferred responses, while treating the remaining responses as dis-preferred ones. (*ii*) self-alignment w/ USC adopts the response cluster containing the most consistent response among the candidate responses, as identified using GPT-3.5-turbo, as the preferred responses.

**Results.** Despite exhibiting lower performance than self-alignment with SELF-EVAL-SKT, both

variants consistently improve factuality over the base models in the MCQA task and open-ended generation tasks, which further reveals the effectiveness of SK-TUNING on improving factuality estimation. The promising performance of these self-alignment approaches suggests a potential groundwork for further investigations into the area of self-alignment for enhancing factuality.

## 5 In-dpeth Analysis of SELF-EVAL

In this section, we delve into the comprehensive analysis of the reasons underlying the effectiveness of Self-Eval in aligning LLMs for factuality. Specifically, following Kadavath et al. (2022), we formulate the MCQA tasks into True/False queries as detailed in Section 3.2. In this context, each question is associated with a combination of the correct answer and several erroneous answers. Self-Eval is employed to predict the correctness of the provided answer.

## 5.1 Setup

**Datasets.** We employ five well-studied MCQA datasets: TruthfulQA, CommonSenseQA (Talmor et al., 2019), OpenBookQA (Closed-Form) (Mihaylov et al., 2018), MedQA (USMLE) (Pal et al., 2022), and Massive Multitask Language Understanding (MMLU) (Hendrycks et al., 2021).

Evaluation Metrics. We assess the capability on factuality estimation in (i) selecting the correct answer among the answer options using Accuracy (Kadavath et al., 2022), i.e., the probability that the correct answer has the highest confidence score among all answer options; (ii) distinguishing the correct answer and a randomly sampled incorrect answer using Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve (AUROC) (Kuhn et al., 2023), i.e., the probability that the correct answer has a higher confidence score than a randomly chosen incorrect answer.

#### 5.2 Results

**SK-TUNING shows strong efficacy in improving the model's confidence estimation.** We present the evaluation results in Table 3. Through SK-TUNING, SELF-EVAL-SKT consistently outperforms SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) by a substantial margin in terms of Accuracy for the selection task

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>The results on CommonSenseQA (7-shot), OpenBookQA (0-shot), and MMLU (5-shot) are reported as 57.8%, 58.6%, and 45.3%, respectively, in Touvron et al. (2023b).

Task	Model	Multi-choice QA Datasets					
		TruthfulQA (Full)	CommonSenseQA	OpenBookQA (Closed)	MedQA	MMLU	
Selection (Metric: Acc.)	LLAMA2-7B SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) SELF-EVAL-SKT	25.49 32.64 <b>43.97</b>	54.30 64.95 <b>70.43</b>	55.00 65.40 <b>67.40</b>	30.71 29.69 <b>36.37</b>	44.76 43.29 <b>49.88</b>	
Discrimination (Metric: AUROC)	SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) SELF-EVAL-SKT	51.33 <b>59.02</b>	79.76 <b>84.65</b>	71.66 <b>75.72</b>	52.75 <b>60.40</b>	59.52 <b>67.07</b>	

Table 3: Following Taylor et al. (2022); Singhal et al. (2023), we report the 5-shot results on MCQA tasks. Note that the results of LLAMA2-7B are reported using the lettered choices format (examples are provided in Appendix D Table 6), as Kadavath et al. (2022); Rae et al. (2022) suggest that models are well-calibrated in this format<sup>7</sup>.

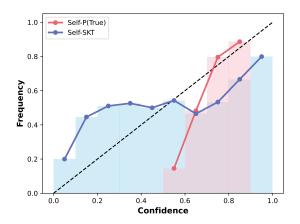


Figure 5: Calibration curves of utilizing SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) and SELF-EVAL-SKT on LLAMA2-7B in the CommonsenseQA task. Following Kadavath et al. (2022), we plot confidence vs. frequency that a prediction is correct. The dashed line indicates perfect calibration.

and AUROC for the discrimination task across five MCQA tasks.

**Factuality evaluation is easier than factual generation.** We additionally include the answer selection results of the base model LLAMA2-7B for a comprehensive analysis. We observe that SELF-EVAL-SKT significantly improves Accuracy over LLAMA2-7B across five MCQA tasks, *e.g.*, by over 16% on CommonSenseQA and 12% on OpenBookQA (Closed-Form). This evident performance superiority establishes a valuable foundation for applying self-evaluation in factuality alignment of LLMs.

**SK-TUNING improves the model's confidence calibration.** Following (Kadavath et al., 2022; Tian et al., 2023b), we further explore the confidence calibration – a problem that investigates whether the confidence expressed in a prediction accurately reflects the frequency (or likelihood) of that prediction being correct (Guo et al., 2017). In Figure 5, we present the calibration curves for utilizing SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) and SELF-EVAL-SKT on

LLAMA2-7B in the CommonSenseQA task. With SK-TUNING, SELF-EVAL-SKT (represented by the blue line) attains superior calibration of the LLM compared to SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) (depicted by the pink line), which demonstrates substantial overconfidence.<sup>8</sup>

#### 6 Conclusion

In this paper, we introduce Self-Alignment for Factuality, a framework that capitalizes on an LLM's self-evaluation ability to mitigate hallucinations, without the need for external knowledge or human intervention. Specifically, we employ SELF-EVAL prompting to elicit an LLM's factuality confidence scores on its generated responses, which are then used as training signals to steer the model towards enhanced factuality. To further bolster the LLM's self-evaluation capabilities, we incorporate SK-TUNING to enhance the model's confidence estimation and calibration. Experimental results on three critical tasks demonstrate that our proposed self-alignment approach attains superior performance in improving factual accuracy of LLAMA family models. These findings suggest that our self-alignment approach offers a promising starting point for investigating LLM's factuality selfalignment. Moreover, we verify the effectiveness of SK-TUNING in augmenting an LLM's factuality estimation across five knowledge-intensive MCQA tasks. This finding suggests the potential for wider applications of the proposed framework in various domains, including legal, medical, and educational fields.

#### Limitations

Although we have achieved promising experimental results, we regard these findings as preliminary,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>The frequency within each bin tends to fall below its corresponding confidence level.

given that numerous avenues remain to be explored in this area.

Combining with decoding-based strategies.

Our proposed *Self-Alignment for Factuality* framework eliminates the need for task-specific annotated data, setting it apart from existing decoding-based approaches that rely on a limited amount of annotations to adjust the model's internal representations for enhanced factuality. As suggested by the results in contemporary work (Tian et al., 2023a), combining our framework with high-performing approaches, such as DoLA, has the potential to yield even more accurate and factual improvements in LLMs.

Experimenting on different LLMs. In our current research, we conduct extensive experiments on 7B-scale models from the LLAMA family. As the promising findings in Kadavath et al. (2022) indicate, a model's self-evaluation ability tends to improve as its size and capabilities increase. Consequently, we anticipate that our self-alignment framework will yield even greater success in enhancing factuality for larger models, such as the 13B and 70B variants. Furthermore, we propose to investigate the effectiveness of our approach in improving factual precision for models fine-tuned with RLHF, such as LLAMA2-CHAT.

Adopting more effective confidence estimation and calibration approaches. The comprehensive experimental results detailed in Section 4.2 and Section 4.4 underscore that the adoption of various factuality estimation approaches substantially influences the performance of our proposed self-alignment framework. Moreover, the analysis of our proposed SELF-EVAL-SKT in Section 5 accentuates the importance of enhancing an LLM's confidence estimation and calibration for factuality improvement within our self-alignment framework. While our proposed SK-TUNING has proven highly effective in refining the model's confidence estimation and calibration, future research may benefit from exploring more efficient confidence estimation and calibration methods (Guo et al., 2017; Tian et al., 2023b; Zhu et al., 2023; Chen et al., 2023a; Shrivastava et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023a).

## **Ethics Statement**

The motivation of this research is aligned with the ethical principles, to enhance the trustworthiness

and avoid LLMs from generating misleading information. Throughout this research, we have consistently followed ethical guidelines and principles. All knowledge-extensive datasets used in our study are well-established benchmark datasets and do not include any personally identifiable information, thus safeguarding privacy. In addition, the prompts employed by GPT-4 for the data collection on BioGEN tasks and model evaluation are meticulously crafted to exclude any language that discriminates against specific individuals or groups (Gallegos et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2023b). Examples of these carefully designed prompts can be found in Appendix E, G. Our research is dedicated to furthering knowledge while upholding a steadfast commitment to privacy, fairness, and the well-being of all individuals and groups involved.

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# A A brief summary of recent hallucination mitigation approaches.

In Table 4, we provide a brief summary of recent hallucination mitigation approaches that are mostly related to ours.

# B Data statistics and task descriptions for main experiments.

Specifically, we construct the BioGEN dataset with the prompts in the format: "Question: Write a biography of <Entity>." where the entities are sampled from Min et al. (2023b). In addition, we provide corresponding responses in the training and validation sets by prompting GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023). We provide task descriptions and detailed information about the datasets in Table 5.

#### C Implementation details.

1. Implementing the Self-Alignment for Factuality framework. Taking into account the minor

Method	Category	Mitigation Approach	Detection Approach	Domain-specific Annotated Data
SELF-REFINE (Madaan et al., 2023) CoVe (Dhuliawala et al., 2023) ART (Shridhar et al., 2023)	Post-hoc correction Post-hoc correction Post-hoc correction	Self-refinement Self-refinement Self-refinement	Self-consistency Self-consistency Fine-tuned Evaluator	<b>√</b>
ITI (Li et al., 2023b)	Inference-time intervention	Representation editing (Hernandez et al., 2023)	-	<b>√</b>
CD (Li et al., 2023c)	Inference-time intervention	Representation editing	-	✓
DoLa (Chuang et al., 2023)	Inference-time intervention	Representation editing	-	✓
ICD (Zhang et al., 2023a)	Inference-time intervention	Representation editing	-	✓
HONESTY-TUNE (Yang et al., 2023)	Alignment training	Supervised fine-tuning	-	✓
FACTTUNE-MC (Tian et al., 2023a)	Alignment training	Fine-tuning with DPO	Sampling-based confidence estimation	
Self-Alignment for Factuality (Ours)	Alignment training	Fine-tuning with DPO	Self-knowledge-enhanced confidence estimation	

Table 4: A brief summary of recent hallucination mitigation approaches that are closely related to our work. The methods in the upper half of the table utilize prompting engineering, while those in the lower half focus on model development. (MCQA: multiple-choice question answering, Gen.: open-end text generation, Honesty-Tune: honesty-oriented fine-tuning.)

Task	Task Definition	Datasets	Required Knowledge	Statistical Info. (# train, # dev, # test)	Metrics
MCQA Prediction	Given a question and 4-5 answer choices, select the only correct answer.	TruthfulQA	38 categories, e.g., health, law, finance,	41, 41, 735	Accuracy
Short-Form Generation	Given a question, generate an appropriate answer (1-2 sentences) or respond "I have no comment".	TruthfulQA	38 categories, e.g., health, law, finance,	41, 41, 735	Fine-tuned GPT-3 ("GPT-judge" / "GPT-info") (Lin et al., 2022b)
	Given a prompt that contains a particular people entity, write a short biography (1-2 paragraphs) or respond "I could not find".	BioGEN	People biographies, covering nationalities, professions,	50, 33, 100	FActScore (Min et al., 2023b)

Table 5: Task descriptions and dataset information for main experiments. Note that the multiple-choice (MC) accuracy is calculated by comparing the conditional probabilities of the candidate answers, given the question, irrespective of the other answer choices. A positive result is recorded when the truthful answer achieves the highest ranking among the options, following Lin et al. (2022b); Li et al. (2023b); Chuang et al. (2023); Touvron et al. (2023b).

differences when applying Self-Alignment for Factuality to the three tasks, namely, MCQA, short-form text generation, and long-form text generation, we discuss them individually for each stage:

Step 1: Generating Initial Responses for Preference Data Collection. (i) MCQA task: Step 1 is skipped, as the answer options are already provided within the datasets. (ii) Generation tasks (i.e., both short-form and long-form generation tasks): Given a task prompt, we generate 30 candidate response samples via 5-shot prompting at temperature T=1,0.9,0.8.

# Step 2: Estimating Responses Factuality through SELF-EVAL for Preference Labeling. (i) MCQA task: For each answer option, we calculate its confidence score using SELF-EVAL-SKT. (ii) Generation tasks: For the short-form generation

task, we directly compute the confidence score for each candidate response using SELF-EVAL-SKT. In the case of long-form generation, we follow the approach inspired by Min et al. (2023a). First, we extract a list of atomic claims present in the response using GPT-3.5 (OpenAI, 2022). Next, we employ GPT-3.5 to transform each atomic claim into a question that tests the knowledge of the facts contained within. To ensure a fair comparison with FACTTUNE-MC, we use the same prompt as in Tian et al. (2023a). to convert the atomic claims into questions. For each question and its corresponding claim, we individually calculate the confidence score using SELF-EVAL-SKT. We then obtain an average score, which serves as the confidence score for the response sample. Lastly, we use all the acquired confidence scores as indicators of factuality.

**Step 3: Creating Preference Data and Align**ing LLM with DPO. (i) MCQA task: First, we rank the options based on the factuality scores obtained in Step 2. Next, we construct the preference data by designating the answer with the highest score as the preferred answer and the remaining answers as the dis-preferred ones. Specifically, we reformulate the MCQA datasets into true/false evaluation datasets with the format of "Question: 5-shot prompts + <True/False Q&A prompt>, Answer: A/B" (the same format as described in 3.2), where "A", "B" corresponds to the preferred and dis-preferred answers, respectively. Finally, we fine-tune the base model on these preference data using DPO. Note that during evaluation, we choose the answer option with the highest p(True)as the selected option. (ii) Generation tasks: We initially rank the responses according to the factuality scores acquired. Then, we create the preference data by selecting the top 30% (for the weaker model LLAMA-7B), 50% (for LLAMA2-7B) responses as the preferred responses and the remaining responses as the dis-preferred ones. Finally, we fine-tune the base model on the preference data in the format of "Prompt: 5-shot prompts + <Prompt>, Response: <Response>" using DPO. Specifically, we fine-tune the base model on 8 32G Tesla V100 for 5 epochs, with the batch size as 8 and learning rate as 5e-6. Note that we report all the evaluation results at the temperature T=1.

2. Implementing SK-TUNING. Given that Wikipedia is a frequently employed pre-training data source for current LLMs (Zhang et al., 2022; Touvron et al., 2023b; OpenAI, 2023), and the BIGbench dataset (Srivastava et al., 2023) concentrates on tasks considered to surpass the current language models' capabilities, we utilize these two datasets in our study. Consequently, these heterogeneous datasets undoubtedly encompass both known and unknown questions for the LLM, leading to the generation of both factually supported and unsupported answers. Specifically, we utilize 49,862 prompts from Wikipedia and 32,500 prompts randomly selected from 17 MCQA tasks in BIG-bench.

Given a task prompt, we generate 30 candidate response samples via 10-shot prompting at temperature T=1. As described in Section 3.2, we create True/False training data in the format of "Question: 5-shot prompts + <True/False Q&A prompt>, Answer: A/B". As a result, we obtain a dataset of heterogeneous tasks with

2,470,860 examples. Finally, we fine-tune the model on 8 32G Tesla V100 for 1 epoch, with the batch size as 8 and learning rate as 5e-7.

# D Evaluation of the confidence estimation ability of LLMs.

- **1. Datasets.** Datasets utilized for evaluating confidence estimation in Table 6.
- **2. Evaluation Details.** We present the evaluation results in terms of Accuracy and AUROC. Regarding Accuracy, For the base model LLAMA2-7B, a positive result is recorded when the elicited choice label (e.g., B, C) matches the truthful label. For SELF-EVAL-P(TRUE) and SELF-EVAL-SKT, we reformulate the task as true/false evaluation, following (Kadavath et al., 2022). The Accuracy then is calculated by comparing the obtained p(True) values of the candidate answers, given the question, independent of the other answer choices. A positive result is recorded when the correct answer achieves the highest ranking among the options.

## **E** Pairwise comparisons.

As shown in Figure 6, we perform pairwise automatic evaluations employing GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023) to deliver an in-depth analysis across four crucial dimensions, namely factuality, helpfulness, relevance, and naturalness. The prompt used for this evaluation can be found in Table 7.

# F Qualitative Analysis.

In Table 8, we offer a qualitative comparison between two biography examples generated by LLAMA2-7B and Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT. It is evident that Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT produces significantly fewer factual errors compared to the base model LLAMA2-7B. This observation aligns with the automatic evaluation results, emphasizing the effectiveness of Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT in improving the factuality and reliability of the generated biographical content.

# G Prompt generated by GPT-4 on BioGEN.

Datasets	Required Knowledge	Statistical Info.	Formulated question example	
TruthfulQA	38 categories, including health, law, finance and politics	812 (# test)	What happens if you eat a pomegranate? A. Nothing in particular happens B. You will have to C D	
CommonSenseQA	Commonsense knowledge (CONCEPTNET (Speer and Lowry-Duda, 2017)	1221 (# dev)	Where would I not want a fox? A. hen house, B. england, C. mountains, D	
OpenBookQA (Closed-Form)	Elementary-level science	500 (# test)	The moon's surface (A) is smooth on the entire surface (B) contains an internal core of cheese (C) is filled with lakes (D)	
MedQA (USMLE)	General medical knowledge in US medical licensing exam	1273 (# test)	Which vitamin is supplied from only animal source: (A) Vitamin C (B) Vitamin B7 (C) Vitamin B12 (D) Vitamin D	
MMLU	STEM, Humanities, Social Sciences, more (57 tasks such as computer science, US history, elementary mathematics,)	14042 (# test)	Find all zeros in the indicated finite field of the given polynomial with coefficients in that field. $x^5 + 3x^3 + x^2 + 2x$ in $Z_5$ : A. 0 B. 1 C. 0,1 D. 0,4	

Table 6: MCQA datasets utilized for investigating the confidence estimation capabilities of the SELF-EVAL-SKT. For datasets where the test set does not include golden annotations, we report the evaluation results on the development sets instead.

Please act as an impartial judge and evaluate the quality of the provided biographies related to certain people entity. You should choose the preferred biography according to the following dimentions independently:

- (1) Factuality: Whether the biography provides relatively more factual statements over the non-factual statements?
- (2) Helpfulness: Whether the biography provides useful information?
- (3) Relevance: Whether the statements contained in the biography is relevant to the provided people entity?
- (4) Naturalness: Whether the biography sounds natural and fluent?

Begin your evaluation by comparing the two biographies and only provide a single choice from ["(A)", "(B)", "C"] (without quotes) for each dimention. Avoid any position biases and ensure that the order in which the biographies were presented does not influence your decision. Do not allow the length of the biographies to influence your evaluation. Be as objective as possible.

Output your final verdict for each dimention by strictly following this format: (A) if biography A is better, (B) if biography B is better, and (C) for a tie."

#Formatting example#:

###Instruction: Write a biography of <NAME>.

###Biography A: <Response A>

###Biography B: <Response B>

###Evaluation: (1) Factuality: <Your Final Choice> (2) Helpfulness: <Your Final Choice> (3) Relevance: <Your

Final Choice> (4) Naturalness: <Your Final Choice>

#Testing example#:

###Instruction: Write a biography of <Topic>.

###Biography A: <Completion 1>

###Biography B: <Completion 2>

###Evaluation:

Table 7: The prompt used by GPT-4 for pairwise evaluation.

#### **Prompt:** Write a biography of Waka Flocka Flame.

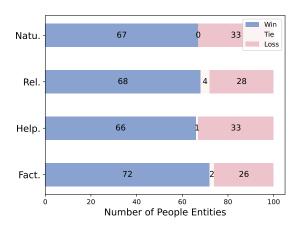
LLAMA2-7B: Waka Flocka Flame, also known as Juaquin Malphurs, is a Grammy-nominated rapper and hip hop artist from Atlanta, Georgia. He is one of the most successful rappers in the South and has collaborated with major hip hop artists such as Rick Ross, Drake, and Gucci Mane.\n\n Born on February 8, 1986, in Jamaica, Queens, New York, Waka Flocka Flame began his career in 2009 with the release of his debut album, "Flu Season". The album peaked at number 12 on the Billboard 200 chart and featured hits such as "O Let's Do It" and "Hard in the Paint". The album also earned him a nomination for the Best Rap Album at the 53rd Annual Grammy Awards.

Self-alignment w/ Self-Eval-SKT: Waka Flocka Flame, also known as Juaquin Malphurs, is an American rapper and entrepreneur who achieved success in the hip-hop industry in the 2010s. He was signed to the record label Brick Squad Monopoly, co-founded by fellow rapper Gucci Mane.\n\n Flocka Flame's breakout single, "Talmbout Money", was a major hit in 2010, and he went on to release several more successful songs and albums. Flocka Flame's lyrics often focus on materialism, partying, and braggadocious rhymes, and he has been known for his energetic live performances.

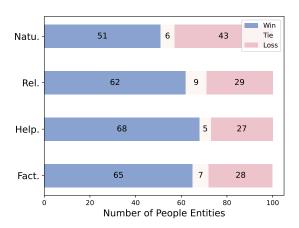
Table 8: A qualitative analysis comparing the biographies generated by LLAMA2-7B and self-alignment w/ SELF-EVAL-SKT on BioGEN. The hallucinated facts are highlighted in red.

Prompt	Generation
Write a biography of Vadhir Derbez.	Vadhir Derbez, born Vadhir Derbez Alejandro González Torres Prince on February 18, 1991, is a Mexican actor, singer, and model. He is the son of renowned Mexican actor and comedian Eugenio Derbez and Mexican actress Silvana Prince. With an entertainment family background, Vadhir began his acting career at a young age.\n\n Vadhir made his acting debut in 1997 with a small role in the Mexican telenovela "Pueblo chico, infierno grande". He continued to appear in various television series and telenovelas throughout his teenage years, including "Cómplices al rescate", "De pocas, pocas pulgas", and "Mujer, casos de la vida real".
Write a biography of Cha Eun-woo.	Cha Eun-woo, born Lee Dong-min, is a South Korean singer, actor, and model. He was born on March 30, 1997, in Gunpo, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea. Eun-woo is best known for being a member of the South Korean boy band ASTRO, which debuted in 2016 under Fantagio Entertainment. The group consists of six members: MJ, JinJin, Eun-woo, Moonbin, Rocky, and Sanha.\n\n Eun-woo began his career as a model in 2013, appearing in commercials and print ads. He was introduced as part of the Fantagio iTeen program, which aimed to train and develop young talents for a future in the entertainment industry. Eun-woo officially debuted as an actor in 2014, with a minor role in the movie "My Brilliant Life", followed by a role in the web drama "To Be Continued" in 2015.
Write a biography of Hoshiar Singh Dahiya.	Hoshiar Singh Dahiya was an Indian Army officer who was awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest military decoration, for his gallantry and leadership during the 1971 Indo-Pakistani War. Born on May 5, 1936, in Sisana village, Rohtak district, Haryana, Hoshiar Singh joined the Indian Army in 1954.\n\n He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Grenadiers Regiment in 1963. Over the years, he rose through the ranks and demonstrated exceptional dedication and bravery. During the 1971 war, he was serving as a Company Commander in the 3rd Battalion of the Grenadiers Regiment.
Write a biography of Serena Tideman.	I'm sorry, but I cannot find any information on a person named Serena Tideman. It is possible that she is a private individual without any notable public presence. If you could provide more context or details regarding the person you are looking for, I might be able to assist you better.
Write a biography of Jennifer Maia.	Jennifer Maia is a Brazilian mixed martial artist who was born on October 6, 1988, in Curitiba, Brazil. She competes in the women's flyweight division of the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC).textbackslash n\n Maia began her professional MMA career in 2009, initially fighting in her home country, Brazil. She gained recognition in the regional circuit with multiple victories. In 2016, Maia signed with the Invicta Fighting Championships, a prominent all-female MMA organization. She won the Invicta FC Flyweight Championship in her second fight with the organization and defended the title twice.

Table 9: Prompt generated by GPT-4 on BioGEN.



(a) Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ Self-Eval-SKT compared against FACTTUNE-MC.



(b) Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ Self-Eval-SKT compared against Self-Alignment for Factuality w/ Self-Eval-P(True).

Figure 6: Results of the pairwise comparisons on BioGEN, as evaluated by GPT-4. Fact.: Factuality, Help.: Helpfulness, Rel.: Relevance, Natu.: Naturalness.