

VERITAS:Veracity-Enhanced Robust Identification of LLM-generated Text Against Style-shifts

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Abstract

With the rising prominence of large language models (LLMs), developing technologies to identify LLM-generated text has become increasingly critical. However, existing technologies depend on static linguistic features, which can be evaded as advanced models increasingly mimic a wide range of writing styles. This study reveals two crucial vulnerabilities in existing detection systems:(1) State-of-the-art detectors suffer a substantial accuracy decline, reaching up to 16.45% when exposed to style-based adversarial attacks generated by LLMs. (2) While general-purpose LLMs exhibit remarkable zero-shot capabilities, their performance in detecting adversarially manipulated text is lower than specialized detectors fine-tuned for robustness. To address these vulnerabilities, we propose a novel style-agnostic detection framework named VERITAS that enhances detection accuracy and robustness by prioritizing content-driven features over stylistic attributes. Our approach integrates a style-invariant training paradigm to disentangle content semantics from stylistic variations. We leverage adversarially enriched datasets constructed using LLMs fine-tuned for diverse style-based attacks. Furthermore, we utilize advanced representation learning techniques to extract content-centric features, emphasizing semantic coherence, logical consistency, and factual alignment. Experimental results across multiple datasets and detection models validate the effectiveness of our framework, showing improvements in detection accuracy and robustness against diverse adversarial manipulations. The dataset and code are in the link ¹.

Keywords

Large language model, Style-Agnostic, content-driven

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1 Introduction

Large language models (LLMs) have recently demonstrated remarkable capabilities in generating textual data [21, 48], and have garnered widespread attention. However, malicious actors abuse LLMs

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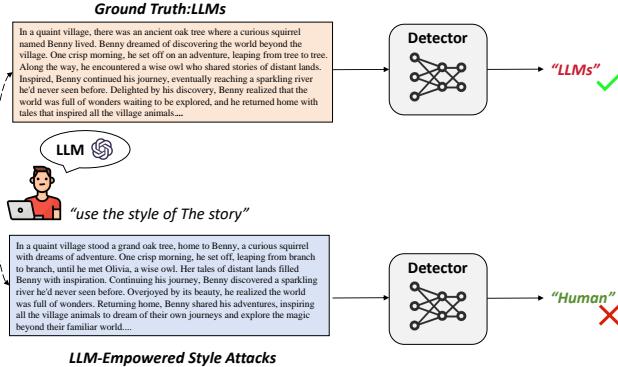
to generate various-style text, creating misleading public-opinion content such as fake news or academic papers with false data to distort the truth [43]. Considering this, it is an extremely pressing matter to develop detection technologies that remain unaffected by text styles and can precisely identify the text's origin.

Many state-of-the-art detection methods heavily rely on stylistic attributes [20, 37, 43], i.e., lexical choice, sentence structure, and syntactic patterns. Although effective under normal conditions, these features are highly susceptible to adversarial style-based attacks, where generated text mimics human writing styles. This reliance undermines the robustness of these detectors, as adversaries can easily manipulate style while preserving semantic coherence. These limitations highlight the pressing need for detection frameworks that are less reliant on stylistic attributes, incorporate content-focused strategies, and are rigorously evaluated against a comprehensive set of adversarial attacks.

In this work, we aim to develop a technique independent of stylistic attributes and unaffected by text styles, enabling precise identification of the text's origin. Specifically, we identify two critical vulnerabilities: (1) *state-of-the-art detectors for generated text are significantly compromised by LLM-induced stylistic variations*, and (2) *general-purpose LLMs exhibit markedly inferior performance in detecting adversarially manipulated text*. Motivated by two critical vulnerabilities, we present a novel style-agnostic detection framework named VERITAS. We incorporate a style-invariant training paradigm that involves disentangling content features from stylistic attributes during training using adversarial learning techniques. The model is explicitly trained to disregard stylistic variations by introducing adversarially perturbed examples that mimic diverse human writing styles. Then, we generate a comprehensive adversarial dataset leveraging LLMs fine-tuned for style attacks. This dataset includes diverse stylistic manipulations across genres and domains, exposing the model to various adversarial scenarios. Experimental results across various datasets and models demonstrate that our method achieves substantial improvements in detection accuracy. Our contributions are as follows:

- We observe that current detectors for LLM-generated text exhibit considerable limitations when encountering texts with styles purposefully altered by other LLMs. To our knowledge, *this work is the first to systematically investigate the impact of these LLM-driven stylistic alterations on the performance of text detection systems*.
- We introduce a novel training framework that enhances the resilience of text generation detectors by learning style-invariant features. To our knowledge, *this is the first approach to forgo stylistic artifacts in favor of content-driven analysis*, ensuring its broad applicability.
- We construct an adversarially enriched dataset by leveraging LLMs fine-tuned for style-based attacks. *Extensive*

117 *experiments on advanced and commercial LLMs (LLAMA-
118 13B, GPT-4, Qwen-2, etc.) show that VERITAS outperforms
119 state-of-the-art detection methods by up to 6.11%.*



135 **Figure 1: We have found that when the content generated
136 by LLMs undergoes style transformation, the existing ap-
137 proaches and detection tools prove to be inadequate. They are
138 unable to precisely distinguish whether the content is crafted
139 by humans or generated by LLMs. This situation highlights
140 that modifying the style of the generated content enables
141 the circumvention of current detection mechanisms.**

2 Related work

146 In this section, we discuss two critical dimensions of LLMs-generated
147 text analysis, i.e., representative detection approaches and adver-
148 sarial attacks.

149 **Universal Detection Frameworks for LLM-Generated Con-**
150 **tent.** Numerous methodologies leverage the sophisticated mecha-
151 nisms of LLMs, encompassing intermediate layer outputs as well as
152 weight parameters, to differentiate between texts authored by hu-
153 mans and those generated by LLMs [2, 3, 29, 30, 39]. These method-
154 logies introduce subtle text modifications to monitor changes in
155 log probabilities, where a notable decrease typically indicates LLM-
156 generated text, while an increase or minor fluctuations suggest
157 human authorship. To detect text generated by smaller models, sta-
158 tistical analyses are employed to examine features, i.e., word choice,
159 sentence structure, and stylistic elements [10, 27, 30, 39]. These
160 features are compared against known human and LLMs-generated
161 patterns to identify discrepancies indicative of non-human author-
162 ship. Despite their innovations, these methods largely depend on
163 stylistic cues, which are easily manipulated by adversaries using
164 style-based transformations [9, 33, 35]. This reliance exposes a crit-
165 ical vulnerability, as demonstrated by accuracy degradation under
166 adversarial conditions.

167 **Adversarial Attacks in Text Generation.** Adversarial attacks
168 have now emerged as a formidable threat to the detection of gener-
169 ated text [1, 46]. The existing adversarial sample attack techniques
170 are characterized by their high level of stealth and aggressiveness,
171 enabling them to effectively evade the current detection meth-
172 ods [16, 17]. Many approaches subtly perturb parts of the text or
173 embed feature-specific text snippets [5, 15, 19, 34], causing NLP

175 models to produce targeted incorrect outputs while preserving sem-
176 antic and syntactic integrity. Although adversarial examples in
177 other domains, i.e., image recognition [7, 24, 40, 45] and fake news
178 detection [8, 41, 49], have been extensively studied, similar efforts in
179 the context of LLMs-generated text are limited. Existing detection
180 frameworks are not specifically designed to address these sophis-
181 ticated style transformations, leading to accuracy degradation in
182 adversarial scenarios.

3 Problem Definition

184 Let $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ represent a dataset where x_i is the input text
185 sample, and $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ is the corresponding label, with $y_i = 1$
186 indicating LLMs-generated text and $y_i = 0$ for human-written text.
187 The goal is to train a detector $f_\theta(x) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ parameterized by
188 θ , which can accurately classify x_i while maintaining robustness
189 against adversarial manipulations.

190 An adversarial example x'_i is defined as a perturbed version
191 of x_i generated by an adversary \mathcal{A} , and ϕ represents adversarial
192 parameters:

$$x'_i = \mathcal{A}(x_i; \phi) \quad (1)$$

193 The \mathcal{X}' denotes the set of adversarially perturbed samples. The
194 detector $f_\theta(x)$ should satisfy the following robustness criterion:

$$f_\theta(x_i) = f_\theta(x'_i), \quad \forall x_i \in \mathcal{D}, x'_i \in \mathcal{X}', \quad (2)$$

4 Motivation

201 In this section, we employ LLMs to generate texts with diverse
202 stylistic variations. We conduct a preliminary analysis to assess
203 the performance of state-of-the-art detections in identifying this
204 generated content.

4.1 Diverse Stylistic Variations

205 The advanced capabilities of LLMs enable users to transform text
206 styles through tailored prompts, challenging the robustness of de-
207 tection systems against such stylistic alterations. In this study, we
208 investigate a direct style-based attack by employing distinctive
209 writing styles characteristic of texts such as Andersen's fairy tales
210 and the scientific prose found in prestigious academic journals like
211 Nature and Science as prompts. These writing styles are marked
212 by distinctive narrative elements and tonal qualities, making them
213 viable options for adversarial manipulations. For instance, a mod-
214 ern narrative might be rewritten with whimsical language, moral
215 undertones, and vivid imagery characteristic of fairy tales. Our
216 general prompt format for these transformations is structured as
217 follows:

218 **Rewrite the following text using the style of [pub-
219 lisher/book]: [input text]**

220 For narrative texts, we employ the writing style of Andersen's
221 fairy tales to transform stories generated by LLMs. For political
222 texts, we adopt the style of CNN, while for scientific texts, we
223 utilize the writing style of Nature and Science. We employ these
224 stylistically transformed test samples to systematically evaluate the
225

233 performance of detection systems when subjected to style-oriented
 234 adversarial attacks.

236 4.2 Style-Related Detector Vulnerability

| 240 Method | Story | | PolitiFact | | Science | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | O | A (↓) | O | A (↓) | O | A (↓) |
| DetectGPT | 78.24 | 70.13 | 75.91 | 71.96 | 69.72 | 60.43 |
| GLTR | 63.24 | 54.88 | 59.24 | 52.32 | 60.66 | 53.73 |
| LLMDet | 72.35 | 60.69 | 70.08 | 62.57 | 60.52 | 57.63 |
| LLaMA-7B | 69.34 | 61.45 | 73.45 | 60.59 | 68.59 | 52.14 |
| Neo-2.7B | 62.25 | 50.82 | 65.39 | 52.75 | 60.97 | 48.33 |

249 **Table 1: The performance comparison of different methods**
 250 across Story, PolitiFact, and Scientists datasets. O represents
 251 the original accuracy, and A (↓) represents the adversarial
 252 accuracy.

256 As shown in Table 1, the original accuracy (O) reflects the de-
 257 tection methods' performance on unaltered texts, while the ad-
 258 versarial accuracy (A) represents their robustness when faced with
 259 style-based adversarial attacks, with a drop in accuracy indicated
 260 by (↓). DetectGPT [22] demonstrates the highest original and ad-
 261 versarial accuracies across all datasets, particularly excelling in
 262 Story (O: 78.24%, A: 70.13%) and PolitiFact (O: 75.91%, A: 71.96%).
 263 However, its performance drops more significantly in the Science
 264 dataset (O: 69.72%, A: 60.43%), highlighting the challenge of ad-
 265 versarial attacks in more structured or technical domains. GLTR [12]
 266 and LLMDet [43] exhibit weaker performance, with GLTR demon-
 267 strating notable vulnerability under adversarial conditions. For in-
 268 stance, GLTR's accuracy drops on the PolitiFact dataset (O: 59.24%,
 269 A: 52.32%). LLMDet performs moderately better, particularly on
 270 the PolitiFact dataset (O: 70.08%, A: 62.57%). The LLaMA-7B and
 271 Neo-2.7B models exhibit relatively lower original and adversar-
 272 ial accuracies overall, particularly in the Science dataset where
 273 Neo-2.7B struggles the most (O: 62.25%, A: 48.33%), underlin-
 274 ing the challenges of handling adversarial attacks with smaller or less
 275 robust LLMs. Existing detectors and general large language models
 276 perform inadequately under adversarial attacks, particularly when
 277 handling specialized or technical texts, where their performance
 278 degradation is especially pronounced.

279 *Observation 1 (Style-related vulnerability of LLMs generated text*
 280 *detectors).* State-of-the-art detectors for generated text are found to
 281 be impacted by LLM-driven stylistic variations. This impact results
 282 in the performance drop, as evidenced by an accuracy decline of
 283 up to 16.45% when evaluated on stylistically altered test sets.

284 *Observation 2 (Limitations of LLMs in text robustness detection).*
 285 While LLMs demonstrate remarkable zero-shot capabilities as general-
 286 purpose foundational models, their performance in detecting ad-
 287 versariably manipulated text is notably inferior compared to specialized
 288 LLMs-generated text detection systems and pre-trained language
 289 models fine-tuned for specialized or technical tasks.

291 5 Methodology

In this section, we propose a method to detect LLM-generated content by transforming human texts into various styles using an LLM for diverse training data. Features combine contextual embeddings and statistical metrics. The training uses three loss functions: style alignment, classification, and pseudo-label supervision. This ensures robustness to stylistic variations and adaptability to different generation patterns.

Algorithm 1 VERITAS

Require: Dataset D , LLMs M_{LLM} , Styles N_s .
Ensure: Classifier M to predict whether a text is human-written or LLMs-generated.

- 1: **Initialize:** Augmented dataset $D_{train} \leftarrow \emptyset$.
- 2: **Data Augmentation:**
- 3: **for** each $p_{\text{human}} \in D_{\text{human}}$ **do**
- 4: **for** each style $s_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N_s$ **do**
- 5: Generate style-augmented text:

$$p_{gen,i} \leftarrow M_{LLM}(p_{\text{human}}, \text{style} = s_i)$$
- 6: Add $p_{gen,i}$ to D_{train} .
- 7: **end for**
- 8: **end for** $D_{train} \leftarrow D_{\text{human}} \cup \{p_{gen,i} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, N_s\}$
- 9: **Training the Classifier:**
- 10: **for** each batch $B \subset D_{train}$ **do**
- 11: Compute predictions for each $p \in B$.
- 12: Compute losses:

$$L_{\text{style}} = \frac{1}{N_s^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} \text{KL}(y_i, y_j)$$

$$L_{\text{class}} = -\sum_{k=1}^K y_k \log \hat{y}_k$$

$$L_{\text{attr}} = \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \text{BCE}(s_i, \hat{s}_i)$$

$$L = L_{\text{style}} + L_{\text{class}} + L_{\text{attr}}$$
- 13: Update M using backpropagation.
- 14: **end for**
- 15: **Output:** Trained classifier M .

5.1 Style-Based Reframing

To simulate the diverse styles that LLM-generated content may exhibit in real-world scenarios, we adopt a data augmentation strategy based on style transformation. Specifically, each human-written text $p_{\text{human}} \in D_{\text{human}}$ is transformed into multiple stylistic variants by leveraging an LLM M_{LLM} . N_s is the number of stylistic transformations, s_i represents a specific style (e.g., "formal," "narrative," or "scientific"), and the equation 3 describes the transformation process.

$$p_{gen,i} = M_{LLM}(p_{\text{human}}, \text{style} = s_i), i = 1, \dots, N_s \quad (3)$$

The augmented training dataset D is subsequently constructed by integrating stylistic variants derived from human-written texts with equation 4, thereby ensuring a diverse and comprehensive sample set for robust model training.

$$D_{train} = D_{\text{human}} \cup \{p_{gen,i} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, N_s\}. \quad (4)$$

5.2 Style Alignment Loss

To improve robustness to stylistic variations, our style alignment loss enforces consistent predictive distributions across N_s stylistic

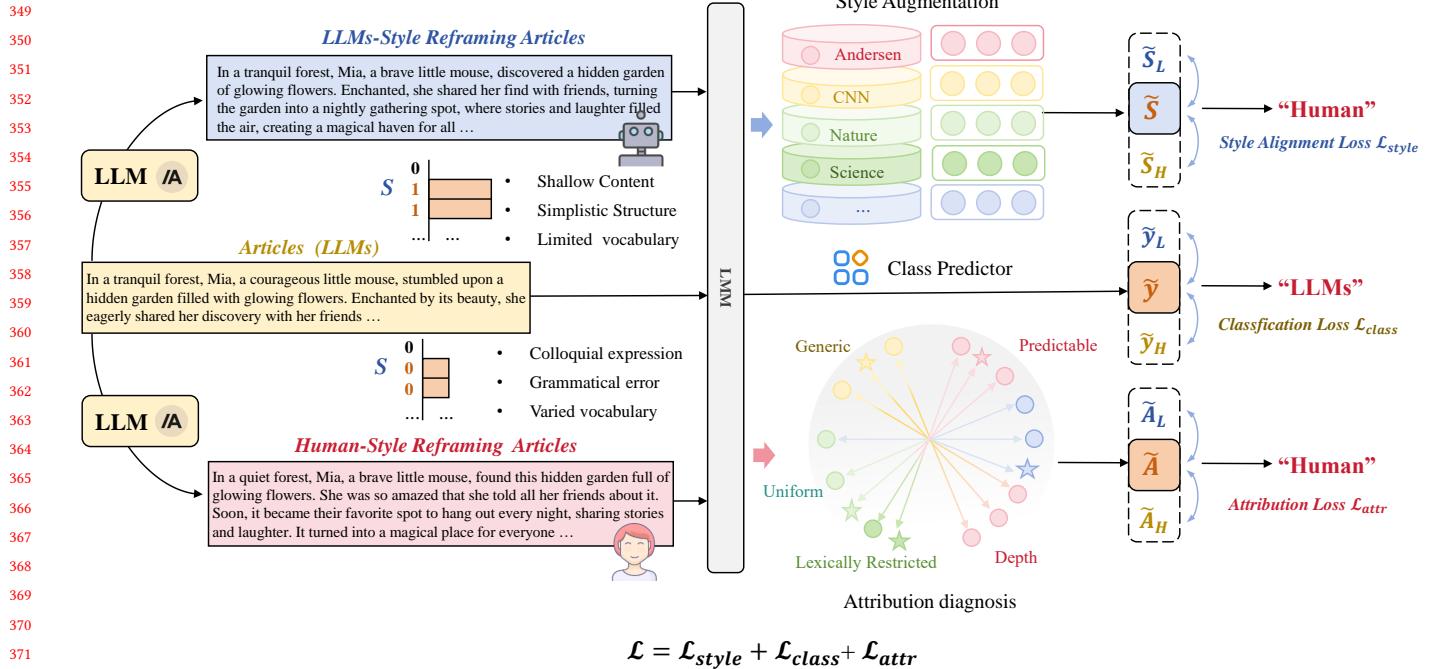


Figure 2: Overview of the VERITAS framework. It consists of three main components, e.g., style alignment loss, class detection Loss, veracity attribution loss. VERITAS is designed to enhance the robustness of text generation detectors against style-based adversarial attacks by focusing on content-driven features and minimizing reliance on stylistic cues.

variants $\{p_{gen,i}\}$. We achieve this by passing the hidden representation $h_{p_{gen,i}}$ of each variant through an MLP classifier M to obtain the output probability distributions:

$$y_i = \text{Softmax}(M(h_{p_{gen,i}})) \quad (5)$$

The style alignment loss L_{style} , is then formulated as the average pairwise Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence between the predictive distributions of all variant pairs:

$$L_{style} = \frac{1}{N_s^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} \text{KL}(y_i \| y_j) \quad (6)$$

where $\text{KL}(y_i \| y_j)$ denotes the KL divergence from y_j to y_i [44]. This encourages the classifier to produce a consistent output, irrespective of superficial stylistic features.

5.3 Classification Loss

The classification loss ensures that the model correctly predicts the source of the input text. For a given input p , with true label y and predicted probabilities \hat{y} , the loss is:

$$L_{class} = - \sum_{k=1}^K y_k \log \hat{y}_k \quad (7)$$

where $K = 2$ corresponds to the two classes (human-written and LLMs-generated)

5.4 Content-Focused Attribution Supervision

The veracity attributions are generated through a process that involves querying an LLM to identify distinctive features and patterns characteristic of text produced by LLMs. We employ the following inquiry method:

Input Texts: [LLMs-generated texts]

Question: Which of the following problems does this text have? Single language style, too structured logical structure, Lack of background knowledge and personal experience, Repetitive or patterned expression, Data biases, and errors. If multiple options are applicable, provide a comma-separated list ordered from most to least relevant. Answer "No" if none of the options apply.

For a given veracity attributions space $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$, the generated-text $p_{gen,i}$ attribution A_i satisfy:

$$A_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p_{gen,i} \text{ satisfies } c_k, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

we define a veracity attribution loss based on the binary cross-entropy between the predicted attribution vector \hat{A}_i and the ground-truth vector A_i . The attribution loss is averaged over N_a samples.

$$L_{attr} = \frac{1}{N_a} \sum_{i=1}^{N_a} \text{BCE}(A_i, \hat{A}_i) \quad (9)$$

Table 2: VERITAS demonstrates superior performance compared to competitive baselines across four adversarial test scenarios under LLM-powered style attacks, evaluated in terms of F1 Score (%). The strategies for text stylization are in Table 3. Bold denotes the overall best results.

| Method | Story | | | | PolitiFact | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D |
| GLTR (ACL 2019) | 52.09 ± 1.43 | 52.98 ± 0.69 | 50.37 ± 1.55 | 49.40 ± 1.30 | 56.17 ± 1.20 | 54.05 ± 1.86 | 53.41 ± 0.98 | 52.85 ± 0.70 |
| Detectllm (Emnlp 2023) | 65.57 ± 0.35 | 62.81 ± 0.61 | 65.26 ± 0.63 | 62.27 ± 1.01 | 64.60 ± 1.64 | 66.91 ± 1.17 | 63.40 ± 1.28 | 61.04 ± 1.00 |
| LLMDet (Emnlp 2023) | 61.94 ± 0.28 | 60.31 ± 0.76 | 58.83 ± 1.84 | 59.91 ± 1.27 | 61.81 ± 1.64 | 63.82 ± 0.90 | 59.38 ± 0.44 | 58.14 ± 1.93 |
| DetectGPT (ICML 2023) | 68.92 ± 5.67 | 67.85 ± 4.42 | 62.81 ± 0.82 | 66.35 ± 2.19 | 65.83 ± 1.58 | 68.74 ± 2.71 | 72.49 ± 0.38 | 65.52 ± 1.58 |
| SeqXGPT (Emnlp 2023) | 59.63 ± 0.61 | 57.41 ± 1.47 | 59.81 ± 1.01 | 64.75 ± 0.97 | 69.58 ± 0.61 | 61.98 ± 0.49 | 55.55 ± 1.07 | 57.90 ± 1.66 |
| COCO (Emnlp 2023) | 70.28 ± 0.86 | 69.11 ± 0.52 | 69.90 ± 0.96 | 68.84 ± 1.26 | 71.75 ± 0.48 | 71.86 ± 1.33 | 68.39 ± 1.24 | 69.55 ± 1.19 |
| BERT-finetuned (ACL 2024) | 51.25 ± 0.49 | 54.28 ± 1.67 | 55.75 ± 0.93 | 52.22 ± 2.24 | 55.19 ± 1.01 | 56.58 ± 1.28 | 57.43 ± 1.17 | 55.34 ± 1.92 |
| RoBERTa-finetuned (ACL 2024) | 65.28 ± 1.35 | 66.69 ± 2.51 | 67.47 ± 1.95 | 79.00 ± 1.88 | 70.32 ± 1.28 | 77.00 ± 2.35 | 68.37 ± 1.11 | 66.52 ± 1.47 |
| T5-Sentinel (Emnlp 2024) | 62.93 ± 1.49 | 71.84 ± 2.03 | 72.37 ± 1.57 | 71.76 ± 1.02 | 72.39 ± 1.80 | 78.23 ± 2.41 | 73.07 ± 2.41 | 70.59 ± 1.26 |
| OUTFOX (AAAI 2024) | 78.03 ± 0.87 | 72.91 ± 1.26 | 70.99 ± 1.23 | 72.58 ± 2.01 | 80.55 ± 1.02 | 79.84 ± 1.58 | 70.05 ± 1.84 | 76.45 ± 1.10 |
| GECScore (ACL 2025) | 70.13 ± 0.48 | 77.44 ± 0.58 | 76.99 ± 1.16 | 67.04 ± 1.09 | 63.34 ± 0.95 | 83.29 ± 1.53 | 67.60 ± 0.32 | 67.42 ± 1.56 |
| GPT-2 (2019) | 55.20 ± 2.42 | 56.96 ± 2.45 | 50.51 ± 1.01 | 49.40 ± 2.06 | 50.86 ± 1.93 | 52.03 ± 5.52 | 55.32 ± 3.47 | 55.89 ± 5.18 |
| Neo-2.7B (2020) | 61.46 ± 0.95 | 55.77 ± 1.84 | 58.82 ± 0.40 | 69.48 ± 1.27 | 71.01 ± 1.61 | 62.49 ± 2.08 | 56.99 ± 1.80 | 59.13 ± 0.82 |
| OPT-2.7B (2022) | 54.30 ± 0.99 | 57.29 ± 6.56 | 52.51 ± 5.36 | 51.27 ± 5.02 | 52.85 ± 3.72 | 51.53 ± 1.72 | 49.24 ± 0.58 | 48.68 ± 0.50 |
| LLaMA-7B (2023) | 57.56 ± 2.75 | 51.93 ± 2.63 | 51.45 ± 6.89 | 52.26 ± 0.71 | 53.12 ± 3.82 | 56.10 ± 3.12 | 56.64 ± 0.94 | 54.39 ± 4.17 |
| LLaMA2-13B (2023) | 62.60 ± 1.38 | 60.61 ± 0.60 | 61.69 ± 1.04 | 57.14 ± 0.22 | 61.64 ± 1.91 | 63.60 ± 0.23 | 59.07 ± 1.00 | 59.92 ± 1.14 |
| GPT-3.5-turbo (2023) | 72.92 ± 0.58 | 76.41 ± 0.75 | 68.68 ± 4.85 | 69.85 ± 2.63 | 69.77 ± 0.05 | 71.08 ± 0.40 | 65.50 ± 0.87 | 68.62 ± 2.53 |
| GPT-NeoX (2024) | 71.83 ± 1.46 | 71.64 ± 1.17 | 69.52 ± 0.33 | 69.30 ± 0.44 | 75.90 ± 1.96 | 74.48 ± 1.78 | 67.73 ± 2.00 | 67.90 ± 1.37 |
| GPT-4 (2024) | 73.86 ± 2.06 | 70.53 ± 2.32 | 75.75 ± 1.46 | 78.55 ± 0.39 | 77.34 ± 2.33 | 79.88 ± 2.20 | 68.78 ± 0.18 | 71.80 ± 1.65 |
| Gemma (2025) | 74.18 ± 8.32 | 74.06 ± 1.17 | 66.78 ± 0.74 | 69.60 ± 5.88 | 69.62 ± 8.61 | 73.74 ± 1.56 | 69.28 ± 9.08 | 72.92 ± 5.77 |
| Qwen-2 (2025) | 76.05 ± 2.12 | 75.95 ± 5.69 | 70.52 ± 0.08 | 74.87 ± 1.85 | 78.08 ± 5.38 | 79.66 ± 4.08 | 65.04 ± 2.94 | 72.54 ± 0.88 |
| Deepseek-R1 (2025) | 73.74 ± 0.77 | 73.08 ± 0.56 | 72.00 ± 3.74 | 67.77 ± 6.86 | 75.73 ± 3.66 | 82.83 ± 0.31 | 69.10 ± 1.24 | 75.95 ± 0.29 |
| VERITAS | 79.56 ± 1.28 | 78.37 ± 1.99 | 77.60 ± 1.24 | 79.26 ± 1.08 | 81.82 ± 0.68 | 84.69 ± 1.35 | 79.18 ± 0.95 | 79.32 ± 1.18 |

5.5 Final Objective Function

The overall training objective combines style alignment loss, classification loss, and veracity attribution supervision loss:

$$L = L_{\text{style}} + L_{\text{class}} + L_{\text{attr}} \quad (10)$$

6 Experiments

In this section, we describe the experimental setup, including dataset details and implementation specifics of VERITAS. Eventually, we will assess the performance of our approach, including accuracy and F1 score, etc., on multiple datasets and compare these metrics against state-of-the-art algorithms.

6.1 Experiment setting

Datasets. Our experiment employs a meticulously curated collection of three datasets to appraise the capabilities of generated text detection across a spectrum of domains. The Story category features narrative-rich texts, including literary works from the Gutenberg dataset [13] and story-focused articles from the X-Sum dataset [23]. This category assesses the model's capability to comprehend long texts and generate coherent narratives. The PolitiFact category utilizes a combined dataset from the LIAR [38] and FakeNewsNet datasets [28], encompassing political statements with truthfulness ratings and additional social media context. This category assesses the model's performance in information accuracy

and factual consistency. The science category encompasses scientific and domain-specific texts, such as medical records from the MedNLI dataset [26] or scientific literature from the Gutenberg dataset, evaluating the model's proficiency in handling specialized terminology, logical reasoning, and domain knowledge.

| Scenarios | Description |
|-----------|---|
| A | Introduce minor errors and colloquial expressions |
| B | Increase personalization and subjectivity |
| C | Mix topics and cite diverse resources |
| D | Use specialized terminology and cultural references |

Table 3: Strategies for text stylization based on different writing styles

Metrics. To evaluate the detector's capability to distinguish between texts generated by LLMs and humans, especially under style-based attacks from LLMs-powered adversaries, we employ three primary performance metrics, e.g., Accuracy (A), Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve (AUROC), and the F1 score (F1).

Baselines. We undertook a comparative analysis of our proposed methodology against several state-of-the-art approaches dedicated to detecting text generated by LLMs. DetectLLM [29] assesses text

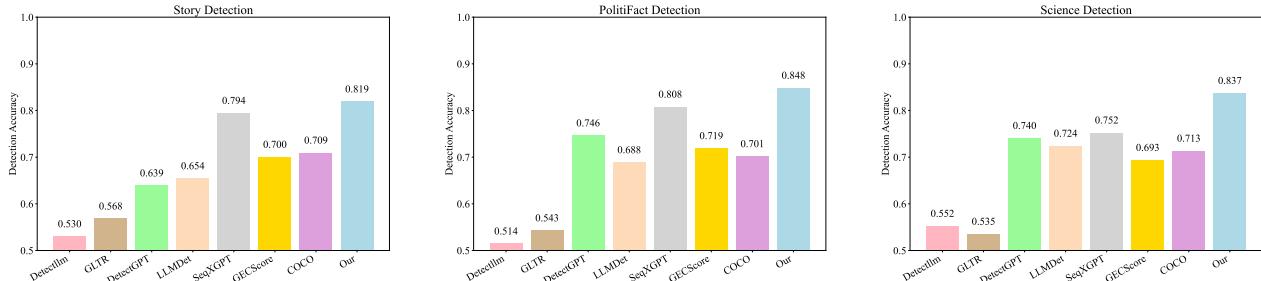


Figure 3: The visual data presented in the graphs clearly indicates that our methodology excels in detection accuracy across multiple categories, e.g., Story, PolitiFact, and Science. Our approach consistently outperforms other methods, achieving the highest accuracy in each category.

| Method | Story | PolitiFact | Science |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| OPT-2.7B | 49.74 ± 1.19 | 52.42 ± 2.15 | 55.77 ± 1.97 |
| VERITAS-OPT-2.7B | 64.03 ± 2.55 | 58.92 ± 2.60 | 58.58 ± 5.90 |
| Neo-2.7B | 59.95 ± 3.39 | 62.65 ± 3.95 | 60.43 ± 1.72 |
| VERITAS-Neo-2.7B | 82.71 ± 2.04 | 80.32 ± 3.19 | 77.55 ± 1.64 |
| LLaMA2-13B | 59.99 ± 2.45 | 60.17 ± 1.43 | 58.27 ± 1.28 |
| VERITAS-LLaMA2-13B | 80.23 ± 2.69 | 84.19 ± 2.38 | 86.31 ± 1.45 |
| GPT-NeoX | 61.29 ± 1.62 | 64.00 ± 2.93 | 67.38 ± 2.26 |
| VERITAS-GPT-NeoX | 77.38 ± 1.66 | 83.20 ± 1.21 | 79.05 ± 2.27 |
| Qwen-2 | 66.43 ± 0.59 | 61.32 ± 0.61 | 67.49 ± 2.39 |
| VERITAS-Qwen-2 | 85.23 ± 6.44 | 87.24 ± 3.14 | 85.57 ± 0.39 |

Table 4: On different LMM backbones, VERITAS demonstrates stable improvements on accuracy.

origin via log perplexity, indicating predictability. GLTR [12] combines statistical methods with visual analytics to highlight anomalous token probabilities, aiding in the identification of machine-generated text. DetectGPT [22] leverages the curvature properties of language model probability functions within a probabilistic framework to identify synthetic text. LLMDet [43] uses surrogate perplexity calculations tailored to each LLM, offering a model-agnostic solution for text provenance. SeqXGPT [37] represents sentences as waveforms, utilizing convolutional networks and self-attention mechanisms for sentence-level detection. GECScore [42] evaluates text similarity using a grammar error correction model, providing a robust metric for LLM-origin detection. The OUTFOX method [18] bolsters the robustness of detecting text generated by LLMs by implementing an iterative in-context learning framework. COCO [20] enhances detection through contrastive learning. T5-Sentinel [6] employs a supervised learning approach, reframing LLM-generated text detection as a token prediction task.

General-purpose LLMs. LLMs perform zero-shot veracity prediction, enabling the evaluation of truthfulness without requiring task-specific fine-tuning. We use some representative baseline LLMs for analysis: GPT-2 [25], OPT-2.7B [47], Neo-2.7B [11], LLaMA-7B [32], LLaMA-13B, GPT-NeoX [4], GPT-3.5-turbo, GPT-4, Gemma [31], Qwen-2 [36], Deepseek-R1 [14]. These models serve as benchmarks to assess the capabilities and limitations of LLMs in zero-shot detecting content-generated tasks.

6.2 Performance Evaluation

F1-Score. Table 2 illustrates the performance of different methods in addressing four distinct adversarial attack styles. The results clearly show that VERITAS consistently exhibits advantages across all test scenarios. In the Story scenario, VERITAS achieves F1 of 79.56%, 78.37%, 77.60%, and 79.26%, respectively, with improvements of over 6.69% compared to DetectGPT, demonstrating outstanding adversarial handling capabilities. In the PolitiFact scenario, VERITAS's performance is particularly remarkable, especially under colloquial adversarial attacks, where it achieves an F1 of 84.69%, surpassing COCO's 71.86% with a performance gain of nearly 12.83%. This result underscores VERITAS's excellent adaptability to complex politics-related text. This further highlights VERITAS's robust capability to recognize adversarial features in complex scientific texts.

Accuracy. As illustrated in Figure 3, our method demonstrates improvements across multiple categories, including Story, PolitiFact, and Science. Specifically, VERITAS achieves detection accuracies of 0.819, 0.848, and 0.837, respectively. When compared to other advanced methods, VERITAS consistently outperforms them by margins ranging from 6.5% to 33.9%. These results highlight VERITAS's superior capability in analyzing multi-dimensional textual features, effectively resisting adversarial attacks, and maintaining high precision.

Different Backbones. The VERITAS method demonstrates performance improvements across multiple models and datasets. For instance, VERITAS-Neo-2.7B achieves the accuracy of 82.71% on the Story dataset, compared to 59.95% for the baseline, while VERITAS-LLaMA2-13B reaches 84.19% on PolitiFact, up from 60.17%. Using the Qwen-2 backbone, the accuracy improved from 66.43% to 85.23% for Story datasets. These results highlight VERITAS's ability to enhance detection accuracy by leveraging style-agnostic feature extraction and adversarial data augmentation, which ensures robustness against style-based adversarial attacks. Its style-agnostic feature extraction forces the model to learn the intrinsic, content-centric artifacts of LLM generation, thereby mitigating the risk of overfitting to superficial and easily manipulated stylistic cues. The adversarial data augmentation proactively hardens the detector by exposing it to a diverse array of synthesized edge cases that mimic sophisticated evasion attempts.

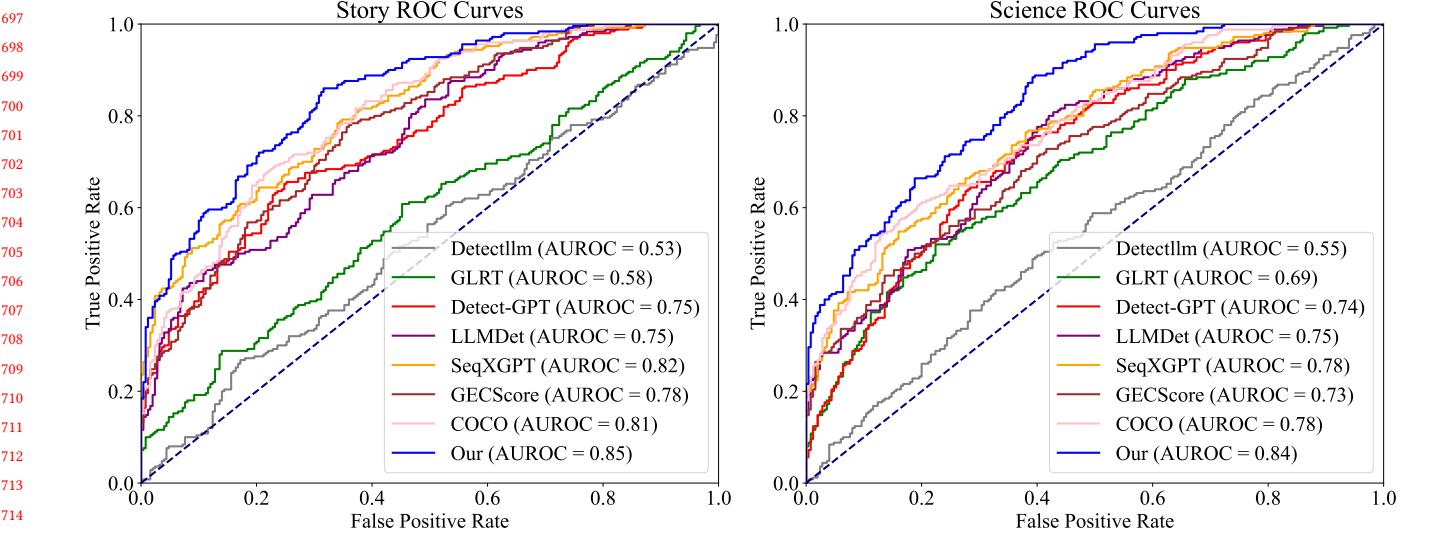


Figure 4: The figure presents the ROC curves for various methods evaluated on two categories: Story and Science. The AUROC is used to quantify each method’s ability to distinguish between human and LLM-generated content.

Table 5: Ablation Study of VERITAS Loss Components under Different attack Scenarios (F1 Score %). The strategies for text stylization are in Table 3.

| Experiment Setting | Dataset | Attack Scenario A | Attack Scenario B | Attack Scenario C | Attack Scenario D |
|--|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Baseline (L_{class} Only) | Story | 64.10 ± 1.63 | 63.50 ± 1.86 | 67.00 ± 1.53 | 65.90 ± 1.71 |
| | PolitiFact | 66.80 ± 1.95 | 66.20 ± 2.01 | 69.56 ± 1.76 | 68.30 ± 1.83 |
| | Science | 62.04 ± 1.47 | 61.57 ± 1.59 | 64.87 ± 1.34 | 63.54 ± 1.24 |
| $L_{class} + L_{style}$ | Story | 71.51 ± 1.33 | 73.22 ± 1.49 | 73.08 ± 1.27 | 72.39 ± 1.39 |
| | PolitiFact | 74.15 ± 1.63 | 76.59 ± 1.61 | 76.37 ± 1.42 | 75.47 ± 1.68 |
| | Science | 69.48 ± 1.16 | 71.84 ± 1.12 | 70.79 ± 1.53 | 69.80 ± 1.10 |
| $L_{class} + L_{attr}$ | Story | 73.29 ± 1.58 | 72.37 ± 1.14 | 75.06 ± 1.70 | 74.34 ± 1.91 |
| | PolitiFact | 76.68 ± 1.25 | 75.51 ± 1.67 | 79.28 ± 1.49 | 78.33 ± 1.96 |
| | Science | 70.86 ± 1.13 | 69.89 ± 1.40 | 73.75 ± 1.62 | 72.20 ± 1.67 |
| Full Model (VERITAS) ($L_{class} + L_{style} + L_{attr}$) | Story | 78.45 ± 1.12 | 78.00 ± 1.91 | 79.50 ± 1.50 | 79.08 ± 1.34 |
| | PolitiFact | 80.69 ± 1.79 | 82.58 ± 1.35 | 81.88 ± 1.02 | 81.43 ± 1.08 |
| | Science | 84.92 ± 1.15 | 80.47 ± 1.62 | 78.57 ± 1.49 | 83.31 ± 1.54 |

Ablation study. As shown in Figure 5, comparing $(L_{class} + L_{style})$ with Baseline, there’s a clear increase in F1 scores across all datasets and all attack scenarios. On the Story dataset under scenario A, F1 improves from 64.10% to 71.51% . This strongly validates the effectiveness of the style alignment loss (L_{style}). By enforcing consistent predictions for stylistically varied content, it demonstrably enhances the detector’s robustness against various rewriting techniques (colloquialism, subjectivity, topic mixing, specialized terminology). The result demonstrates a synergistic effect between L_{style} and L_{attr} . While each auxiliary loss provides individual performance gains, their combination within the full VERITAS framework achieves the optimal outcome, confirming that both components

are integral to its state-of-the-art performance. Addressing both style invariance and content features simultaneously proves more effective than focusing on either aspect alone.

AUROC. As shown in Figure 4, our method demonstrates significant advantages in distinguishing between human-written content and content generated by LLMs. Specifically, in the Story category, VERITAS achieved an AUROC value of 0.85, ranking first among all comparative methods. This result highlights its exceptional performance in handling creative and narrative texts. Furthermore, in the Science category, VERITAS also performed impressively with an AUROC value of 0.84, which is not only significantly higher than that of COCO (0.78) but also surpasses GECSScore (0.73). VERITAS exhibits

Table 6: Cross-Domain evaluation on the science datasets. The best number is highlighted in bold. Our approach consistently outperforms other methods, achieving the highest F1 in each dataset.

| Method | Science | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | A | B | C | D |
| GLTR (ACL 2019) | 48.57 ± 1.06 | 51.35 ± 1.81 | 50.83 ± 1.65 | 53.20 ± 2.41 |
| DetectIIm (Emnlp 2023) | 59.62 ± 1.91 | 63.16 ± 2.34 | 60.22 ± 1.14 | 64.14 ± 3.16 |
| LLMDet (Emnlp 2023) | 57.86 ± 0.92 | 54.54 ± 1.41 | 58.06 ± 0.03 | 58.95 ± 1.57 |
| DetectGPT (ICML 2023) | 54.46 ± 1.12 | 59.72 ± 0.71 | 54.34 ± 2.68 | 56.29 ± 0.66 |
| SeqXGPT (Emnlp 2023) | 49.99 ± 1.81 | 55.56 ± 4.24 | 56.64 ± 1.16 | 53.85 ± 2.47 |
| COCO (Emnlp 2023) | 61.39 ± 0.23 | 66.14 ± 0.38 | 68.66 ± 2.18 | 65.10 ± 4.11 |
| BERT-finetuned | 54.39 ± 1.23 | 56.86 ± 0.77 | 57.08 ± 1.90 | 56.69 ± 1.08 |
| RoBERTa-finetuned | 67.56 ± 0.18 | 70.52 ± 0.23 | 73.27 ± 2.52 | 70.43 ± 1.06 |
| T5-Sentinel | 67.53 ± 1.20 | 71.03 ± 1.10 | 72.55 ± 0.15 | 71.56 ± 0.99 |
| OUTFOX (AAAI 2024) | 71.21 ± 0.75 | 71.28 ± 2.12 | 75.19 ± 1.03 | 73.93 ± 1.26 |
| GECScore (ACL 2025) | 67.93 ± 0.52 | 72.05 ± 2.06 | 68.91 ± 0.28 | 68.93 ± 0.84 |
| GPT-2 (2019) | 50.88 ± 0.75 | 52.06 ± 3.53 | 54.72 ± 4.46 | 50.23 ± 2.20 |
| Neo-2.7B (2020) | 59.28 ± 0.72 | 57.75 ± 1.04 | 58.19 ± 0.32 | 59.32 ± 0.90 |
| OPT-2.7B (2022) | 45.73 ± 2.83 | 54.82 ± 2.61 | 50.83 ± 2.33 | 54.64 ± 1.72 |
| LLaMA-7B (2023) | 51.52 ± 3.60 | 51.21 ± 2.89 | 59.45 ± 2.57 | 52.10 ± 3.25 |
| LLaMA2-13B (2023) | 57.85 ± 0.29 | 59.41 ± 0.31 | 60.22 ± 0.29 | 58.50 ± 0.98 |
| GPT-3.5-turbo | 68.98 ± 1.79 | 74.82 ± 2.75 | 71.90 ± 0.08 | 71.15 ± 3.92 |
| GPT-NeoX (2024) | 71.51 ± 1.33 | 74.16 ± 1.30 | 71.30 ± 1.95 | 68.62 ± 1.84 |
| GPT-4 (2024) | 75.22 ± 3.82 | 74.12 ± 3.26 | 79.15 ± 2.81 | 71.24 ± 4.44 |
| Gemma (2025) | 66.80 ± 3.91 | 75.65 ± 4.88 | 73.77 ± 4.31 | 74.34 ± 0.07 |
| Qwen-2 (2025) | 73.49 ± 3.53 | 74.72 ± 0.59 | 74.83 ± 1.97 | 74.88 ± 1.24 |
| Deepseek-R1 (2025) | 73.57 ± 0.54 | 74.11 ± 6.20 | 73.57 ± 0.44 | 70.28 ± 4.72 |
| VERITAS | 82.26 ± 1.40 | 83.30 ± 2.07 | 81.14 ± 4.36 | 80.16 ± 2.54 |

unique strengths when confronted with adversarial sample attacks across various text styles. Whether in literary creation, scientific discourse, or other types of texts, VERITAS effectively resists the impact of adversarial samples, maintaining high-precision discrimination capabilities. By thoroughly analyzing multiple dimensions of textual features, including intrinsic content, word preferences, and logical coherence, VERITAS can accurately identify and adapt to stylistic variations in texts, thereby providing reliable and precise judgments.

Cross-Domain Evaluation. To rigorously assess the generalization capabilities of our framework under severe distributional shifts, we conducted a cross-domain evaluation where VERITAS was trained exclusively on the narrative-centric Story dataset and evaluated on the stylistically distinct Science dataset. As detailed in Table 6, VERITAS demonstrates exceptional out-of-distribution robustness, consistently achieving the highest F1 scores (80.16%–83.30%) across all adversarial scenarios. This performance significantly surpasses both fine-tuned baselines (e.g., RoBERTa-finetuned) and powerful general-purpose LLMs such as GPT-4 and Qwen-2, which exhibit notable performance degradation when transferring learned patterns from narrative to technical discourse. These results validate that VERITAS successfully disentangles semantic content from superficial stylistic attributes, enabling it to identify intrinsic LLM-generated artifacts that persist regardless of the substantial domain gap between training and inference.

Table 7: Across different sets of reframing prompts, VERITAS demonstrates stable and significant improvements over the most competitive baseline on accuracy.

| Method | Story | PolitiFact | Science |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Baseline (Best) | 79.14 ± 1.83 | 83.20 ± 1.48 | 75.37 ± 3.18 |
| VERITAS | 82.24 ± 3.09 | 80.99 ± 2.17 | 83.50 ± 1.06 |
| w/P ₁ | 79.95 ± 1.51 | 82.08 ± 2.13 | 83.30 ± 2.32 |
| w/P ₂ | 78.95 ± 2.16 | 83.55 ± 1.54 | 81.66 ± 3.51 |
| w/P ₃ | 81.95 ± 2.79 | 79.98 ± 1.29 | 81.83 ± 1.66 |
| w/P ₄ | 80.21 ± 2.28 | 83.71 ± 1.31 | 81.97 ± 3.14 |

Different Prompts. The VERITAS method demonstrates superior precision across multiple datasets (Story, PolitiFact, Science) compared to the best baseline, as evidenced by the experimental results in Table 7. VERITAS not only delivers a notable precision of 82.24% on the Story dataset, eclipsing the baseline’s 79.14%, but also demonstrates a commanding lead on the more challenging Science dataset, achieving 83.50% precision against a mere 75.37% for the baseline. The underlying drivers of this performance leap are twofold. First, its style-agnostic feature extraction paradigm allows the model to transcend superficial stylistic fingerprints, which often confound conventional detectors, and instead learn the fundamental, intrinsic signatures of synthetic text. Second, our adversarial data augmentation strategy proactively immunizes the model against evasive maneuvers by training it on a curated corpus of hard-to-classify, style-manipulated examples. This synergy culminates in exceptional robustness against a broad spectrum of style-based adversarial attacks. Crucially, VERITAS’s high precision is consistently maintained across varied generative prompts (e.g., w/P₁, w/P₂, w/P₃), affirming its operational reliability and positioning it as a highly effective solution for identifying LLM-generated content. For instance, on the Story dataset, VERITAS achieves a precision of 82.24, significantly outperforming the baseline’s 79.14, while on the Science dataset, VERITAS attains a precision of 83.50, compared to the baseline’s 75.37. This improvement is attributed to VERITAS’s style-agnostic feature extraction and adversarial data augmentation, which enhances its robustness against style-based adversarial attacks. VERITAS maintains high precision across various prompts and configurations (e.g., w/P₁, w/P₂, w/P₃), showcasing its adaptability and reliability in detecting LLM-generated content.

7 Conclusion

We address critical vulnerabilities in detecting LLM-generated text, particularly against style-based adversarial attacks powered by LLMs. Existing detectors exhibit performance degradation when confronted with stylistic manipulations, highlighting the limitations of their reliance on stylistic cues. To overcome these challenges, we proposed a robust detection framework that prioritizes content-driven features and employs a style-agnostic training paradigm. By leveraging adversarially enriched datasets and advanced representation learning techniques, our approach disentangles semantic content from stylistic variations, ensuring enhanced robustness against diverse adversarial attacks. Future work could explore integrating multi-modal signals or developing certified defense mechanisms to provide formal guarantees.

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