






Temporal Artefacts

Can Language Models Handle a Non-Gregorian Calendar?



According to Sasaki, M., Kamoda, G., Takahashi, R., et al.



Calendars



Gregorian Calendar

January, February,
March...

Hijri Calendar

Muharram, Safar,
Rabi Al-Awwal...



Hebrew Calendar

Tishrei, Cheshvan,
Kislev...

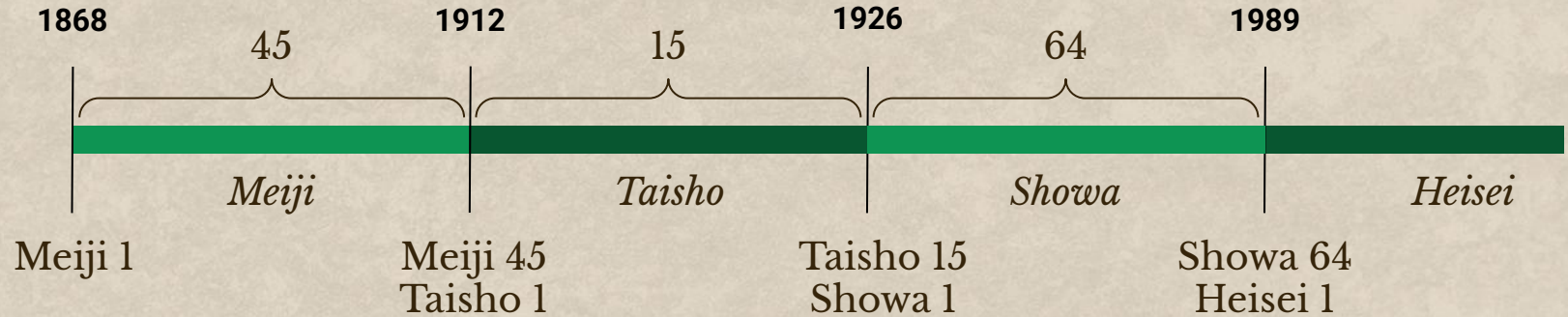
Japanese Calendar

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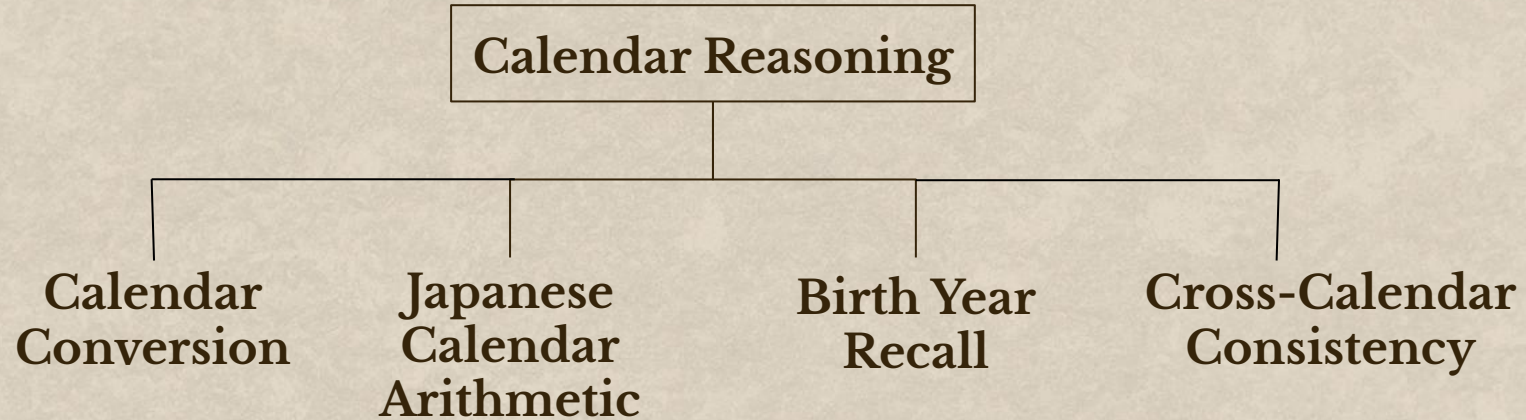
Japanese *Wareki* Calendar

Gregorian Calendar Years



Japanese Wareki Eras and Years

Gregorian-Wareki Reasoning



Language Models



- LLM-JP-3-13B
- Sarashina2-13B
- Swallow-13B
- Swallow-MS-7B
- LLaMA3-Swallow-8B



- LLaMA-2-7B
- LLaMA-2-13B
- Mistral-7B
- LLaMA3-8B

1. Calendar Conversion

Accuracy-Announcer Functions

*Japanese to
Gregorian*

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i)$$

*Gregorian to
Japanese*

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(E_i = \hat{E}_i \wedge x_i = \hat{x}_i)$$

1. Calendar Conversion



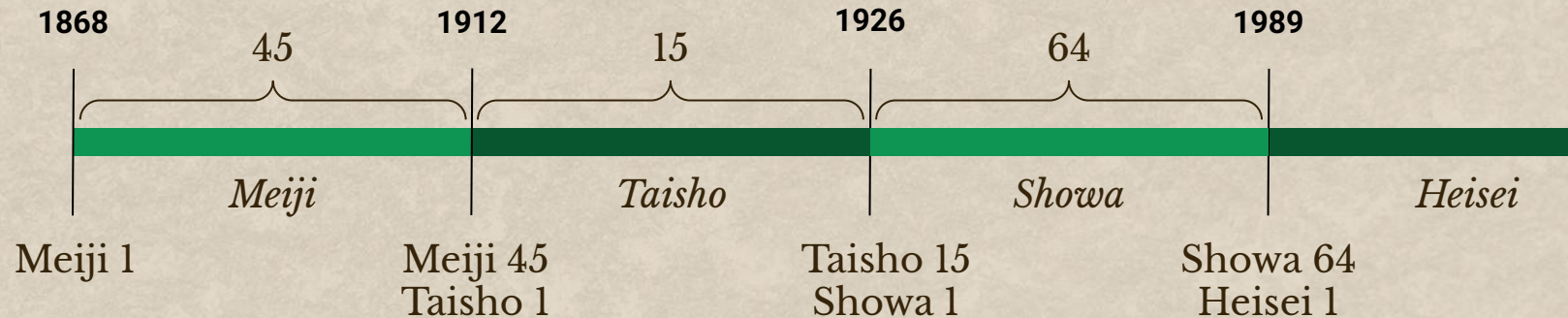
2. Japanese Calendar Arithmetic

Question: What year in the Japanese calendar is 10 years after Meiji 44?



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Quiz Code: 7531 8685



2. Japanese Calendar Arithmetic

*Ratio of
outputs with
the correct era*

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(\hat{E}_i = E_i)$$

add: Era Match Rate					
Model	LLM-JP-3-13B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Sarashina2-13B	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.17
	Swallow-13B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Swallow-MS-7B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	LLaMA3-Swallow-8B	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.15
	LLaMA2-7B	1.00	0.81	1.00	1.00
	LLaMA2-13B	0.09	0.68	1.00	0.79
	Mistral-7B	1.00	1.00	0.46	0.02
	LLaMA3.1-8B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		Meiji→Taisho	Taisho→Showa	Showa→Heisei	Heisei→Reiwa

2. Japanese Calendar Arithmetic

*Ratio of outputs of a
margin of error of a year*

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(|G(E_i, x_i) - G(\hat{E}_i, \hat{x}_i)| \leq 1)$$

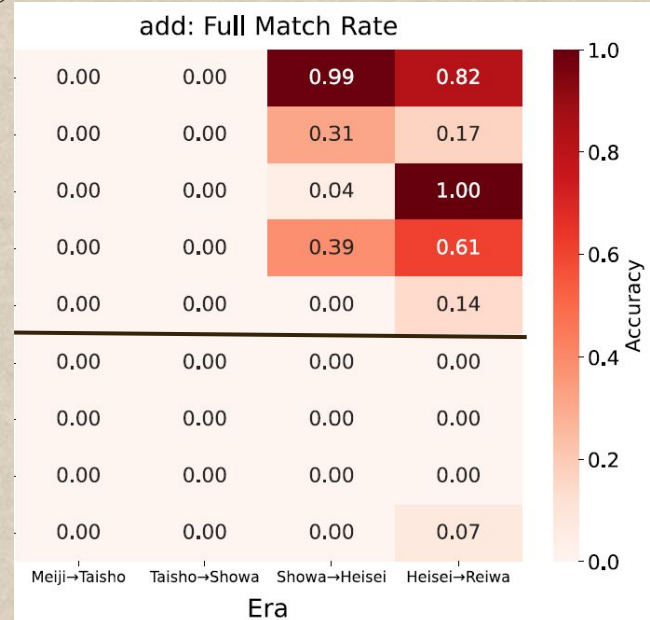
add: Nearly Match Rate

0.01	0.02	0.99	0.87
0.00	0.28	0.62	1.00
0.00	0.56	0.39	1.00
0.01	0.00	0.61	0.83
0.00	0.32	0.27	1.00
0.00	0.94	0.04	0.00
0.00	0.95	0.03	0.75
0.46	0.00	1.00	1.00
0.00	0.87	0.54	0.48
Meiji→Taisho	Taisho→Showa	Showa→Heisei	Heisei→Reiwa
Era			

2. Japanese Calendar Arithmetic

Ratio of outputs with the correct exact year

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(Ei = \hat{E}_i \wedge x_i = \hat{x}_i)$$



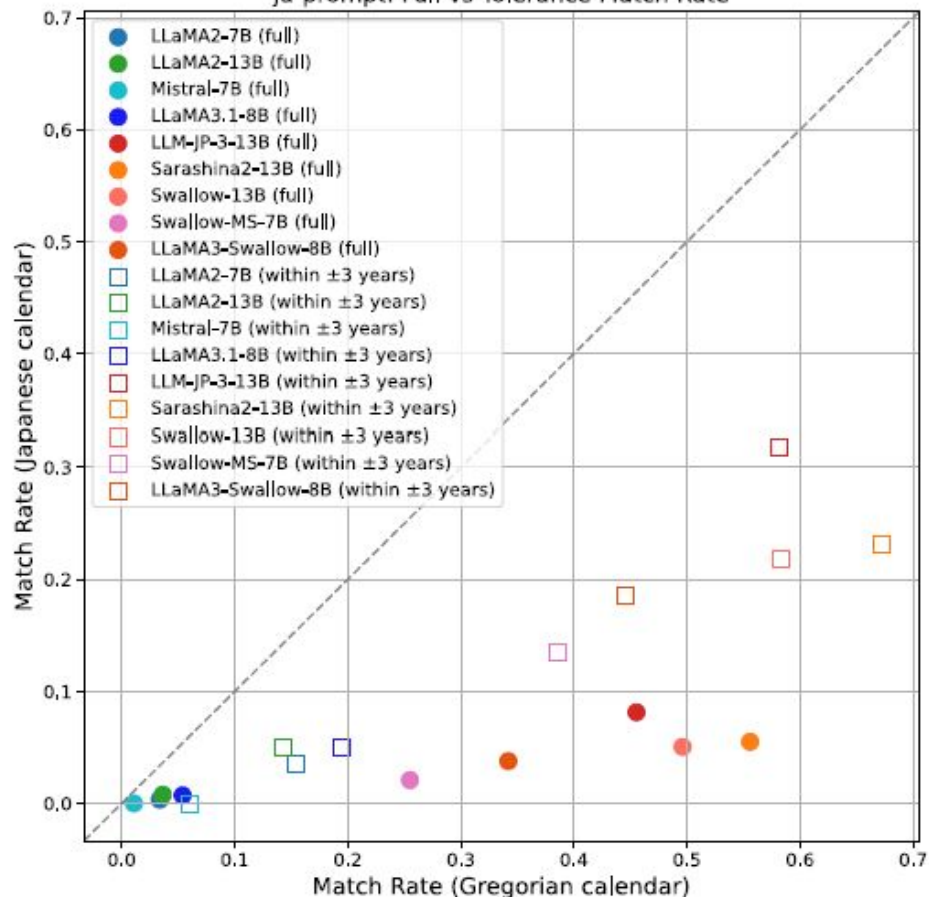
3. Birth Year Recall



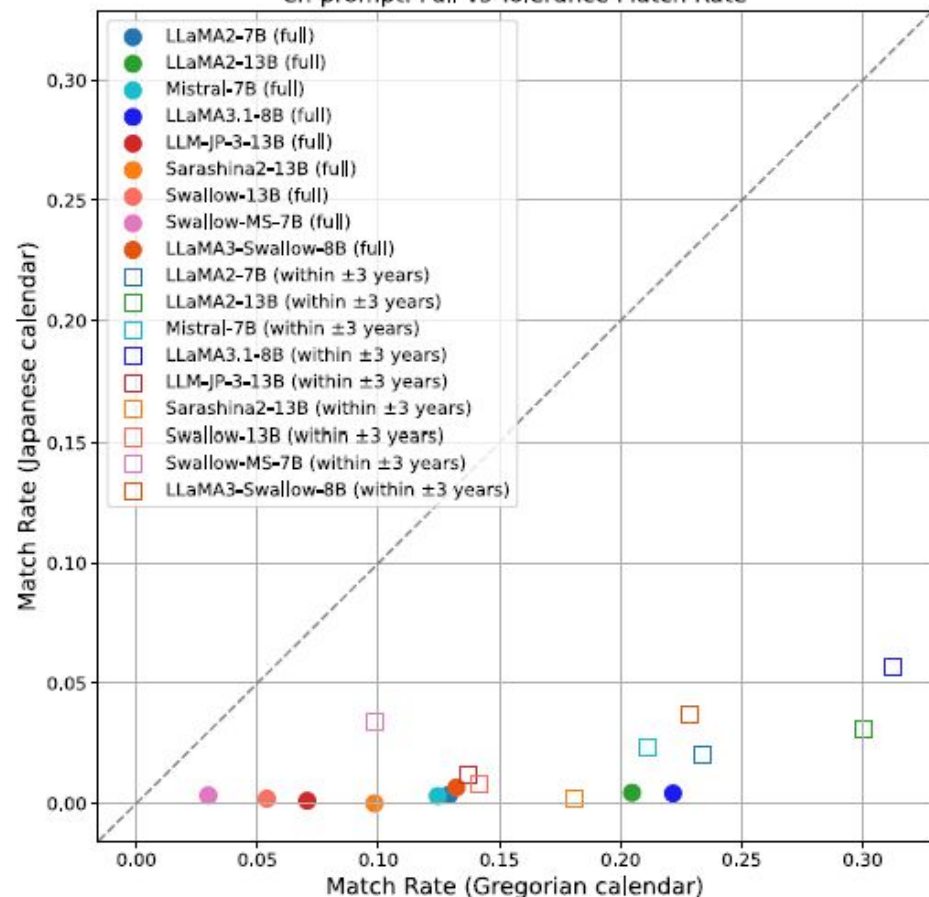
3. Birth Year Recall

	<i>Japanese to Gregorian</i>	<i>Gregorian to Japanese</i>
Full matches	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i)$	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(E_i = \hat{E}_i \wedge x_i = \hat{x}_i)$
Tolerance matches	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(\hat{y}_i - y_i \leq 3)$	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(E_i = \hat{E}_i \wedge x_i - \hat{x}_i \leq 3)$

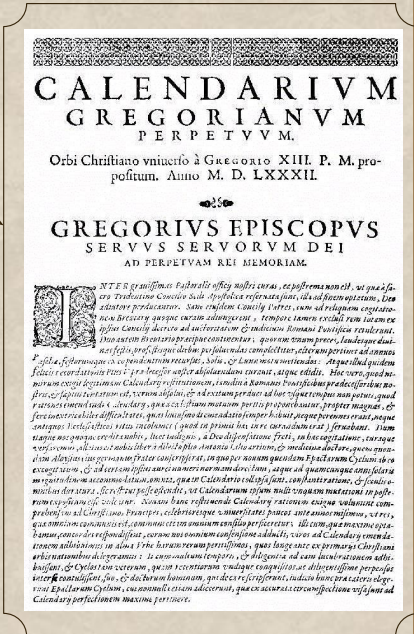
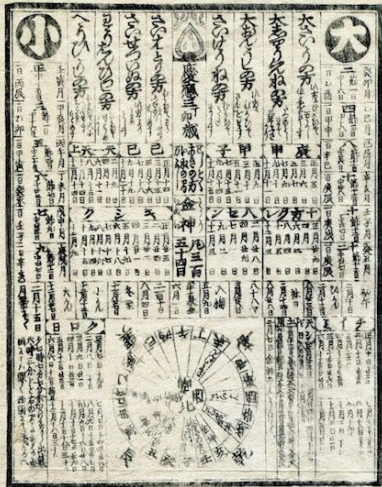
ja-prompt: Full vs Tolerance Match Rate



en-prompt: Full vs Tolerance Match Rate



4. Cross-Calendar Consistency

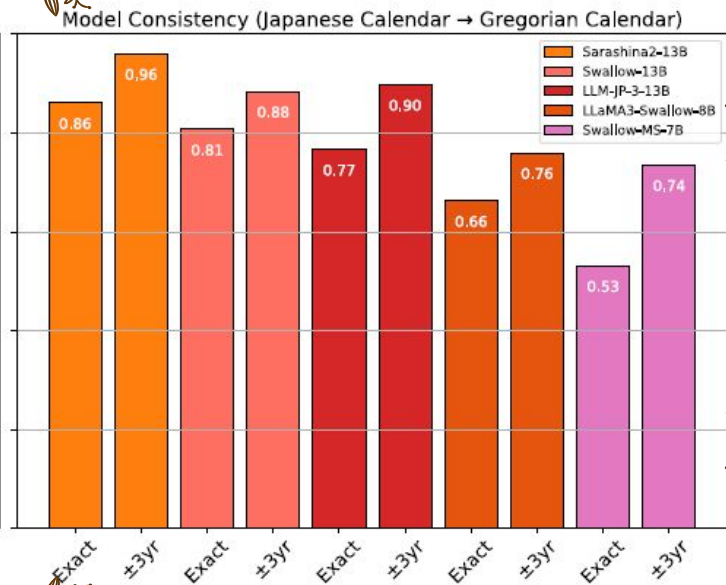
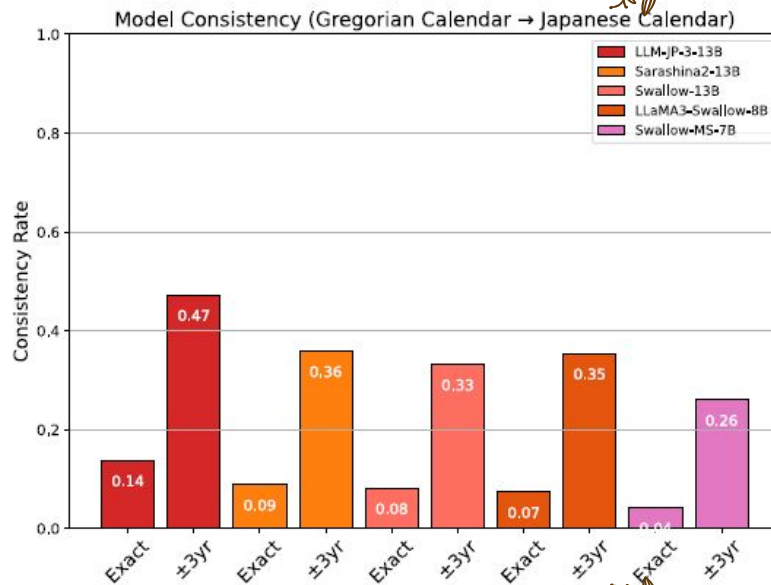


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4. Cross-Calendar Consistency



Ultimate Words

- Can Language Models Handle a Non-Gregorian Calendar?
- What purpose can this paper serve?



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Images

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