# Crosslingual Generalization through Multitask Finetuning



& xP3

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## **Motivation: Instruction Tuning & Multilingual Models**

Instruction-tuning teaches models to perform natural language tasks to make them useful.

Sanh et al. (2021), Wei et al. (2021), Ouyang et al. (2022), inter alia

What is the capital of Japan?

**Pre-trained Model:** , Where is the capital of Japan? How many islands are there in Japan? These are all great

questions that require a more complex answer than a name or a number and...

**Instruction-tuned:** Tokyo

### Multilingual models can write in dozens of languages

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mT5: >= 0 + - 0 + - 0 ...

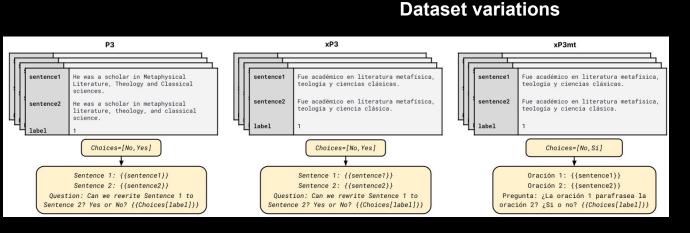
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### xP3 Task Taxonomy | Yellow: Training | Green: Evaluation



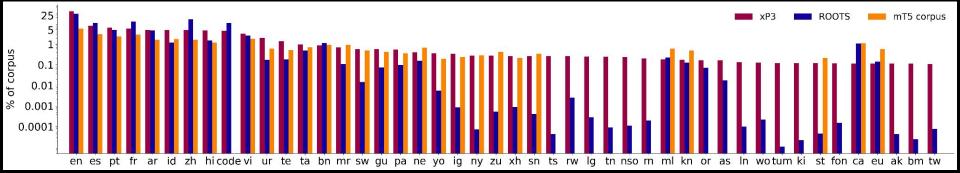
## xP3: Crosslingual Corpus of prompted tasks in up to 277 languages



+ *xP3x (2023)* 

#### xP3 eXtension:

- 277 languages
- 🎇 700GB
  - 500M samples



### **Multitask Fine-tuning / Instruction tuning**

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# 1. Pretrained Language Model (LM)



**BLOOM:** 560M - 176B parameter <u>decoder</u> LMs trained on <u>48</u> <u>languages</u>

<u>mT5:</u> 300M - 13B parameter <u>encoder-decoder</u> LMs trained on 101 languages

# 2. Finetune on many tasks with instructions



P3: English instructions; English data

**<u>xP3:</u>** English instructions; Multilingual data

**xP3mt:** Multilingual instructions; Multilingual data

# 3. Evaluate on tasks NOT trained on



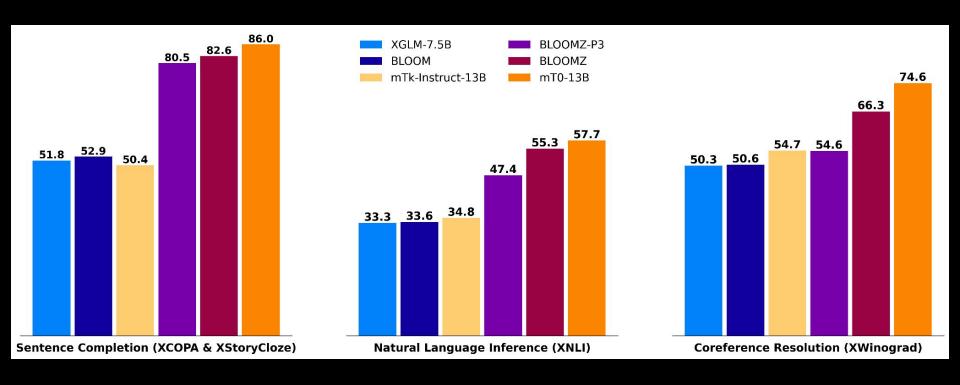
<u>Sentence Completion:</u> XCOPA & XStoryCloze

Natural Language Inference: XNLI

Coreference resolution: XWinograd



### **BLOOMZ & mT0: Generalization to unseen Tasks**



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Why is the sky blue? Give me a detailed explanation in Latin American Spanish. El cielo azul se debe a la dispersión de la luz solar por las moléculas de gas en la atmósfera. La luz azul es dispersada más que otros colores, por lo que el cielo se ve azul.

Input Output

Computed in 4 seconds

మీరు మనసులో ఏం ఫీలవుతున్నారో అది మీ ముఖంలో కనిపిస్తుంది. అందుకే ఎప్పుడూ పాజిటివ్గా ఆలోచిస్తూ ఆనందంగా ఉండే ప్రయత్నం చేయాలి. Translate to Vietnamese. Cảm xúc của bạn sẽ được thể hiện rõ trên gương mặt, vì thế hãy luôn cố gắng duy trì thái độ tích cực và mim cười nhé!

Input Output

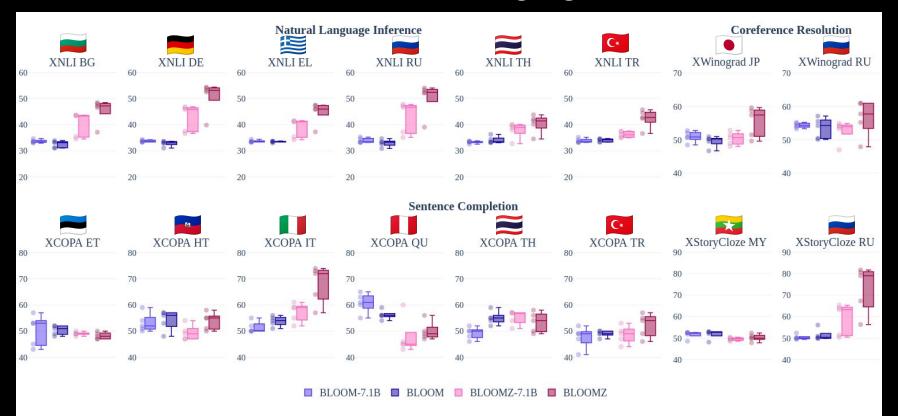
Computed in 3 seconds



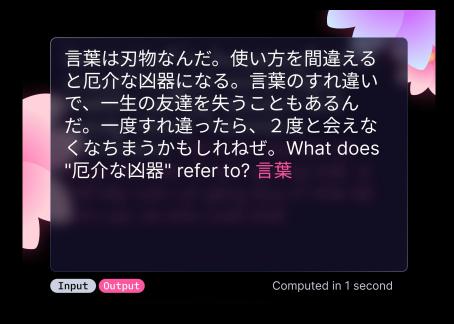




# BLOOMZ & mT0: Generalization to unseen Tasks in "unseen" Languages



### **BLOOMZ & mT0: Generalization to unseen Tasks**





#### Thanks!

Check the paper for *more details* on:

- Impact of non-English instructions (xP3mt)
- Generative tasks such as code generation
- Impact of pre-training language distribution
- Language contamination

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### Paper:

arxiv.org/abs/2211.01786



#### **Open-source** code/models/data:

github.com/bigscience-workshop/xmtf





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