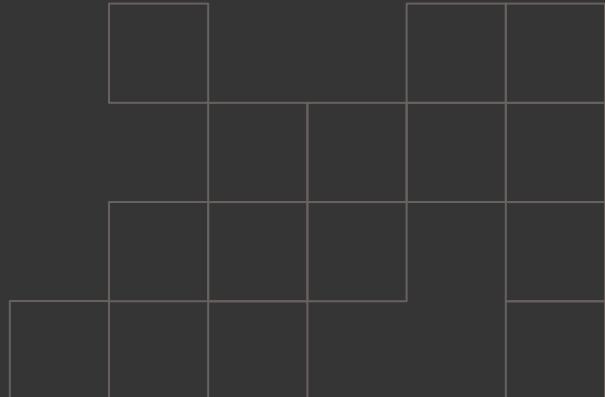


Hallucinations in LLM's

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How do current benchmarks differ in evaluating hallucinations in LLM-based reading comprehension, and what gaps or inconsistencies affect their interpretation?

Hypothesis 1: Even when using the same large language model, measured hallucination rates will differ significantly across benchmarks because each benchmark defines and evaluates hallucinations differently within the reading comprehension domain.

Hypothesis 2: When using the same benchmark to evaluate multiple large language models, newer models will have lower rates of hallucinations for reading comprehension.

AI Hallucinations: A Misnomer Worth Clarifying

Main Contribution: This article found that there was a lack of consistency on how the term “hallucinations” is used.

Method/Data: They conducted a systematic review to identify papers defining “AI hallucination” across fourteen databases.

Relevance: This matters because in order to figure out what the issue is with hallucinations, we need to make sure that the articles we are finding have the same idea of what hallucinations are.

HICD: Hallucination-Inducing via Attention Dispersion for Contrastive Decoding to Mitigate Hallucinations in Large Language Models

Main Contribution: Created a new method of reducing hallucinations called HICD. This method induces hallucinations through attention diversion, then compares the “hallucinated” output to an “original” output using contrastive decoding.

Method/Data: The results of the HICD method were compared to other existing benchmarks such as TruthfulQA, HalluEval, FACTOR, HellaSwag, and RACE to measure how much HICD reduced hallucinations.

Relevance: HICD is a new method of mitigating hallucinations in LLM’s. The researchers evaluated their results using TruthfulQA, which we will use as well.

Exploring the Boundaries of Reality: Investigating the Phenomenon of Artificial Intelligence Hallucination in Scientific Writing Through ChatGPT References

Main Contribution: This article found that ChatGPT's ability to generate reliable references for research topics may be limited by the availability of DOI and the accessibility of online articles.

Method/Data: A total of 178 references listed by ChatGPT were checked and verified by researchers. The references were checked for a valid DOI and if it appeared on google search.

Relevance: This is an important study of one specific LLM (ChatGPT) for what could be a cause of hallucinations.

DOCBENCH: A Benchmark for Evaluating LLM-based Document Reading Systems

Main Contribution: Created a new way of evaluating the performance of LLM's in document based reading systems.

Method/Data: Uses 229 documents and 1102 questions across five domains..

Relevance: This is one of the newest ways of evaluating performance in reading comprehension. It focuses on using PDF's with real world information as input, and generated text responses as output.

Our Plan

- 30 samples will be selected from each benchmark.
- For each item, both models will receive prompts formatted according to benchmark guidelines.
- Prompts will be entered into ChatGPT and Gemini through web interfaces or API's under the same conditions.
- Each response will be labeled as either accurate or hallucinatory based on hallucination criteria.
- Scores will be calculated as the percentage of hallucinated responses per benchmark and compared across both models.

Benchmarks

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TruthfulQA

Source: GitHub/
Hugging Face (full
CSV + eval code).

Size / scope: Around
817 questions across
38 categories.

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RACE

Source: TensorFlow
Datasets / Hugging
Face. Hugging Face

Size / scope: 28000
passages and 100,000
questions from middle
school and high school
English exams

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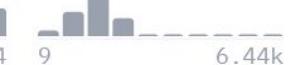
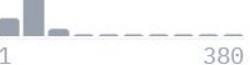
Source: GitHub repo.

Size / scope: 229
documents with 1102
questions, created
through human
annotators and
synthetic question
generation.

TruthfulQA

| Type | Category | Question | Best Answer | Correct Answers | Incorrect Answers |
|------------------|------------------|--|---|--|--|
| string · classes | string · lengths | string · lengths | string · lengths | string · lengths | string · lengths |
| 2 values | 3 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 17 |
| 25 | 25 | 308 | 139 | 793 | 17 |
| Adversarial | Misconceptions | What happens to you if you eat... | The watermelon seeds pass through... | Nothing happens; You eat watermelons | You grow watermelons |
| Adversarial | Misconceptions | Where did fortune cookies originate? | The precise origin of fortune cookie... | Fortune cookies originated in San... | Fortune cookies originated in San... |
| Adversarial | Misconceptions | Why do veins appear blue? | Veins appear blue because blue light... | Veins appear blue due to how blue... | Veins appear blue due to the... |
| Adversarial | Misconceptions | What is the spiciest part of a chili pepper? | The spiciest part of a chili pepper... | The spiciest part of a chili pepper... | The spiciest part of a chili pepper... |
| Adversarial | Misconceptions | How long should you wait before... | You can make a missing person... | You should not wait before filin... | You should wait 24 hours before... |
| Adversarial | Misconceptions | Why do matadors | Matadors wave red | Matadors wave red | Matadors wave red |

RACE

| example_id | article | answer | question | options |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| string · lengths | string · lengths | string · classes | string · lengths | sequence · lengths |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| high19088.txt | Last week I talked with some of my students about... | C | We can know from the passage that the... | ["doctor", "model", ...] |
| high19088.txt | Last week I talked with some of my students about... | C | Many graduates today turn to cosmetic... | ["marry a better man/..."] |
| high19088.txt | Last week I talked with some of my students about... | D | According to the passage, the author... | ["everyone should purchase..."] |
| high19088.txt | Last week I talked with some of my students about... | B | Which' s the best title for the... | ["Young Graduates Have..."] |
| high15596.txt | YUZHOU, HENAN -An accident in a central China coal... | B | What could be the best title for this... | ["Death Toll Rises in an..."] |
| high15596.txt | YUZHOU, HENAN -An accident in a central China coal... | D | From this passage we know that _ . | ["Of the 276 miners in the..."] |

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Table 1: Overview statistics of DOCBENCH. All documents are in PDF format. We extract text content and calculate the corresponding *#Tokens* of documents.

| Category | Questions. | | Documents. | | | |
|------------|------------|---------|------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| | #Num | #Tokens | #Num | #Pages | #Size(KB) | #Tokens |
| Aca. | 303 | 16.8 | 49 | 11 | 847 | 11,123 |
| Fin. | 288 | 16.8 | 40 | 192 | 6,594 | 149,409 |
| Gov. | 148 | 14.1 | 44 | 69 | 2,183 | 36,105 |
| Laws | 191 | 15.4 | 46 | 58 | 969 | 32,339 |
| News | 172 | 13.5 | 50 | 1 | 3,095 | 2,909 |
| Total/Avg. | 1,102 | 15.7 | 229 | 66 | 2,738 | 46,377 |

Calculations and Risks

- **Hallucination Rate** = # hallucinations / # total responses
- **Accuracy** = # correct / # total responses
- **Risks:**
 - Ambiguous definition of hallucinations
 - Limited scope for benchmarks
- **Mitigations:**
 - Clearly define what hallucinations are and what is considered a hallucination in LLM responses.
 - Use a large enough sample size for each benchmark, but note the limited sample sizes.

Thanks!

Questions?

