Adversarial Text Generation using Large Language Models for Dementia Detection



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1.Introduction

LLMs can

Generalize to unseen task with a detailed task instruction

Think step by step follows human demonstrations from training or in-context

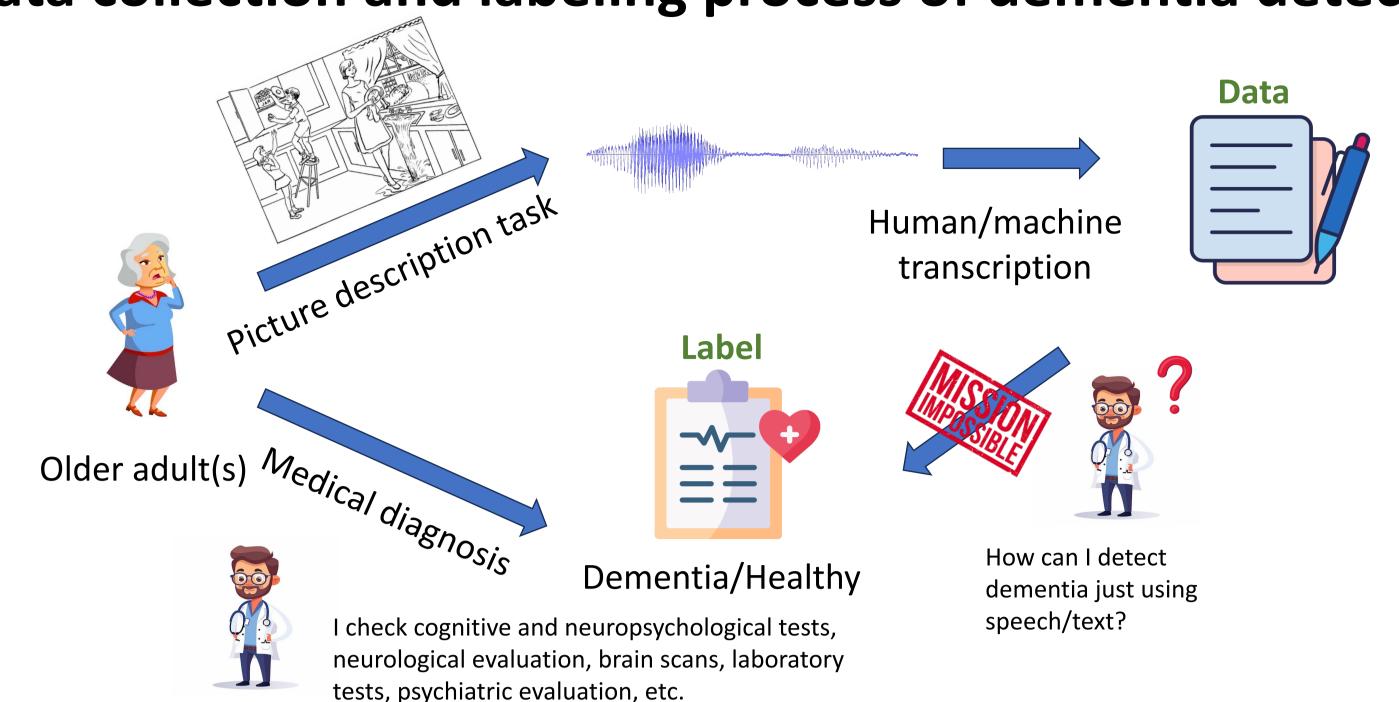
But what if

The task instruction is unclear

Humans cannot demonstrate accurate intermediate steps

Dementia detection is such a <u>super-human-level</u> task! LLMs struggle to relate their internal knowledge to dementia detection.

Data collection and labeling process of dementia detection



LLM Few shot or CoT prompting -> 55-75% ACC, even worse than fine-tuning BERT ~80% ACC

We introduce adversarial text generation (ATG) to relate dementia detection with other tasks!

2. How ATG relate dementia detection with other tasks?

Feature Context Dataset-level input Adversarial What a busy scene! Here's a Text Generation Instruction Healthy Transcript summary: The scene shows a household in chaos. The cookie-LLM Summarize the above loving boy is sneaking cookies picture description. from the jar while sitting on a **Dementia Transcript** stool that's about to tip over, Transcript for inference PPL Instruction Healthy Calculation PPL < threshold well there's a mother standing a pair LLM there uh uh washing the dishes |+ Use Feati for Clas and the sink is overspilling Feature Dementia PPL > threshold and uh the window's open. Context

Three steps to use ATG for dementia detection:

- Step 1: Pick a task instruction
- Step 2: Generate feature context using ATG
- Step 3: Use feature context for classification

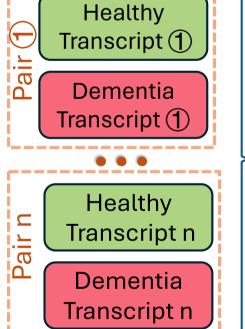
Perplexity: a measurement of how a LLM familiar to a text

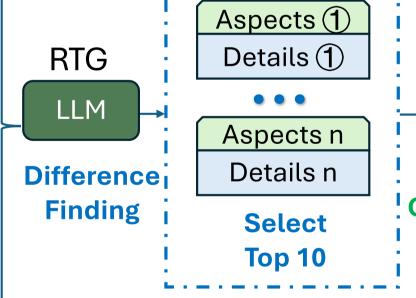
Regular text generation (RTG) vs. ATG

	RTG	ATG
Input	a text	a dataset and an instruction
Output	a text	a text (feature context)
Objective	pick next token to minimize the perplexity of the text sequence	pick next token to <u>maximize</u> the perplexity difference between two classes

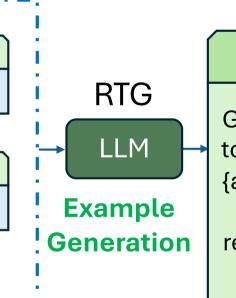
3. How to find best task instructions with ATG?

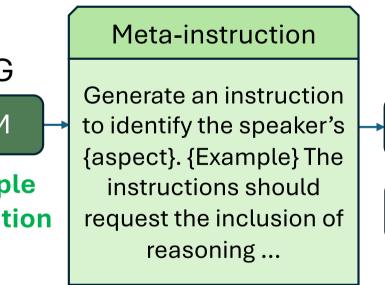
Four steps: Difference finding -> Meta instruction construction -> Direct instruction generation -> Feature context generation

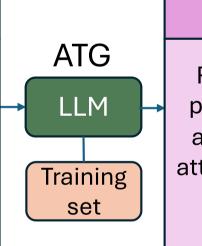


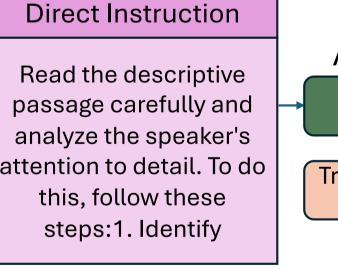


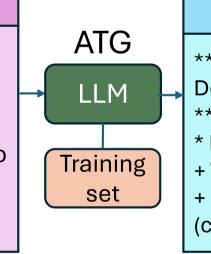
Difference











Speaker's Attention to Detail Assessment **Specific Details:** * Environmental details: + Wind blowing outside + Bushes/plant life outside

Feature Context (curtains allow a glimpse of ...

4. Key takeaways

Instruction	Training			Testing		
Instruction	P-S	ACC	AUC	P-S	ACC	AUC
Baselines (Regular pro	mpting	, no ATC	G used)			
0-shot	_	_	_	_	64.58	_
1-shot	_	_	_	_	66.66	_
5-shot	_	_	_	_	54.17	_
0-shot-CoT	_	-	-	_	72.92	-
Empty instructions						
Empty	1.35	75.93	83.64	1.27	79.17	83.33
Common instructions (Top-5 [Train PI	PL-S)			
Detect	1.73	83.33	89.64	1.46	77.08	85.76
Describe	1.54	83.33	87.62	1.34	77.08	83.33
Evaluate	1.54	77.77	86.83	1.27	81.25	83.33
Rewrite	1.53	79.63	87.14	1.32	79.17	82.81
Explain	1.51	78.70	86.80	1.31	70.83	82.64
Information units instr	uctions					
Direct	0.84	60.19	70.10	1.00	70.83	75.87
Meta	1.85	85.19	91.05	1.60	83.33	88.19
Linguistic-based instru	ctions					
Direct	0.43	51.85	57.37	0.30	54.17	57.12
Meta	0.51	50.92	59.60	0.35	54.17	58.51
Free-style instructions						
Discuss anything notable	2.02	88.88	92.46	1.51	83.33	87.85
Ask 5 questions	1.47	75.93	86.56	1.28	75.00	83.16
Difference-based instru	ctions	(Top-5]	Train PF	PL-S)		
Attention to detail	2.06	87.04	93.66	1.58	81.25	87.50
Language	2.06	84.26	93.42	1.67	77.08	88.37
Focus	1.86	87.96	90.84	1.66	79.17	88.71
Description of the scene	1.82	85.19	91.87	1.64	81.25	87.67
Clarity	1.70	86.11	89.71	1.64	85.42	86.63

Performance:

- ATG achieves >10% ACC improvement compared to regular prompting baselines
- ATG less prone to overfitting compared to fine-tuning

Feature contexts:

Good performed feature contexts highlighted the difference between dementia and healthy

samples

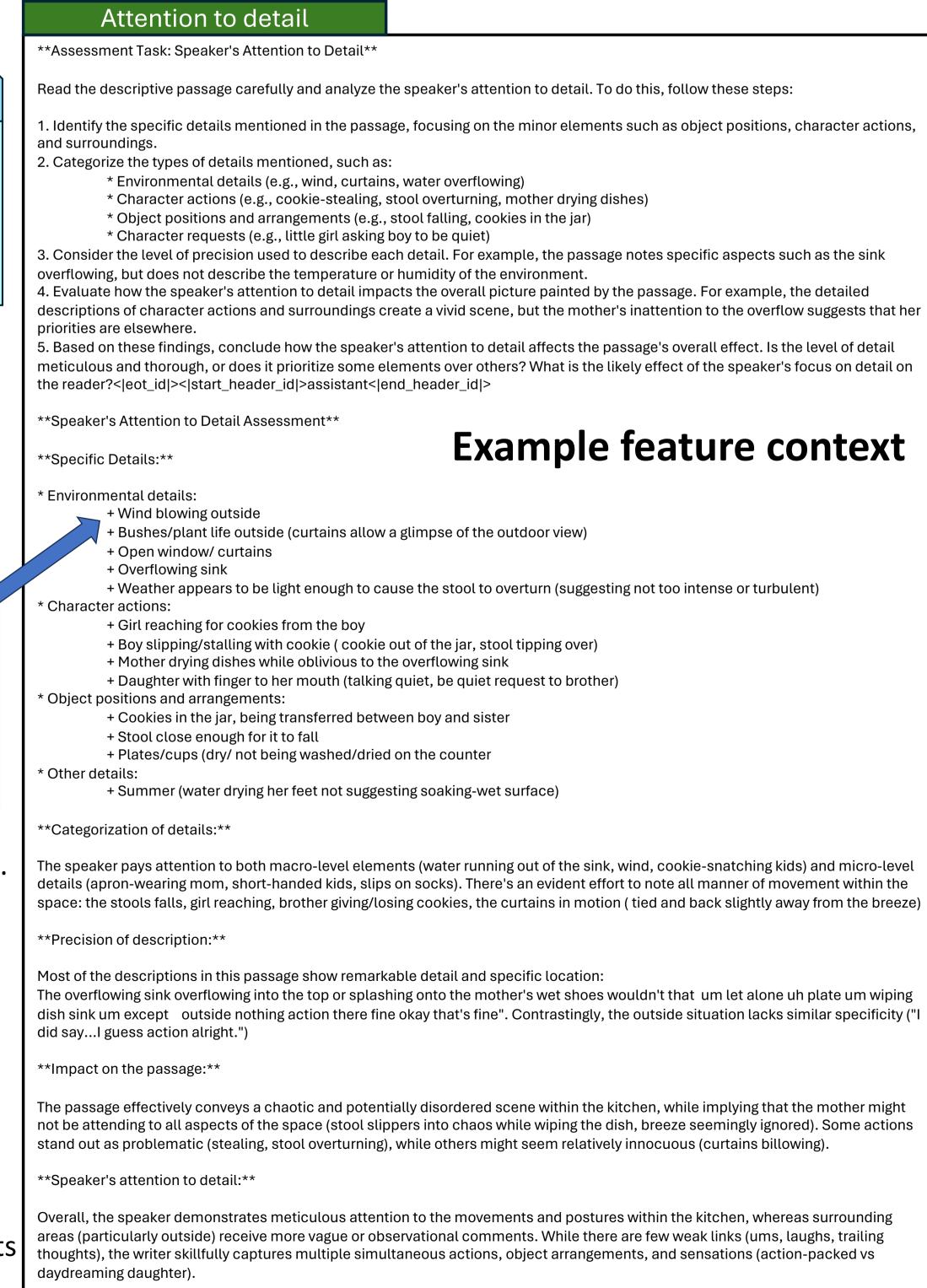
Lowly focused area for dementia participants. Consistent with the finding of image text alignment in previous work.

MoCA Full assesses:

Tasks and features related to dementia:

- Tasks: assessing attention to detail, language, clarity, etc.
- Features: environment, character, and other picture content, language-related features, etc.
- Short-term memory Visuospatial abilities Executive functions Attention, concentration, and working memory Language Orientation to time and place

Consistent with the aspects to examine of existing cognitive screening tools (e.g., MoCA)



The likely effect of the speaker's focus on detail is a visceral, snapshot impression of kitchen mayhem, tempered by some interpretive

uncertainty (summer outside unclear, outside calm hard to describe). The careful reader will anticipate trouble erupting soon (crack

on the head?), highlighting the daughter's reach into cookies amidst potential