

Biases in Large Language Model-Elicited Text: A Case Study in Natural Language Inference

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Abstract

We test whether NLP datasets created with Large Language Models (LLMs) contain annotation artifacts and social biases like NLP datasets elicited from crowd-source workers. We recreate a portion of the Stanford Natural Language Inference corpus using GPT-4, Llama-2 70b for Chat, and Mistral 7b Instruct. We train hypothesis-only classifiers to determine whether LLM-elicited NLI datasets contain annotation artifacts. Next, we use point-wise mutual information to identify the words in each dataset that are associated with gender, race, and age-related terms. On our LLM-generated NLI datasets, fine-tuned BERT hypothesis-only classifiers achieve between 86-96% accuracy. Our analyses further characterize the annotation artifacts and stereotypical biases in LLM-generated datasets.

1 Introduction

Creating NLP datasets with Large Language Models (LLMs) is an attractive alternative to relying on crowd-source workers (Ziems et al., 2024). Compared to crowd-source workers, LLMs are inexpensive, fast, and always available. Although LLMs require validation (Pangakis et al., 2023), they are an efficient tool to annotate data (Zhao et al., 2022; Bansal and Sharma, 2023; Gilardi et al., 2023; He et al., 2024). In addition to relying on LLMs for data annotation, researchers can elicit text from LLMs to create NLP datasets. For instance, LLMs have been used to generate training sets for NLP classification tasks like sentiment and intent classification (Ye et al., 2022; Sahu et al., 2022; Chung et al., 2023; Møller et al., 2024).

Eliciting text from humans can yield NLP datasets with stereotypical biases (Rudinger et al., 2017) and annotation artifacts (Cai et al., 2017; Kaushik and Lipton, 2018). Since researchers use LLMs to create textual datasets, we study whether LLM-elicited datasets similarly suffer from stereo-

typical biases and annotation artifacts. To compare human- and machine-elicited textual data, we create LLM-generated versions of the Stanford Natural Language Inference (SNLI) corpus (Bowman et al., 2015) by providing LLMs with the same instructions given to SNLI crowd-source workers.

We focus on Natural Language Inference (NLI), the task of determining whether a hypothesis sentence could be likely inferred from a premise (Dagan et al., 2005), since popular NLI datasets with crowd-sourced hypotheses contain biases. We apply standard approaches to detect annotation artifacts in NLI by training hypothesis-only classifiers and identifying words highly associated with specific NLI labels. Further, we search for race, age, and gender-based stereotypical biases by finding words most associated with these social groups, and compare them with biases in SNLI.

We find that LLM-elicited NLI contains both hypothesis-only and social biases. On our LLM-generated NLI datasets, fine-tuned BERT classifiers achieve 86-96% accuracy when given only the hypotheses, compared to 72% performance on SNLI. We also find the LLM-generated datasets contain similar gender stereotypes as SNLI. Our research suggests that while eliciting text from LLMs to generate NLP datasets is enticing and promising, thorough quality control is necessary.

2 Background & Motivation

There is a robust literature focusing on whether LLMs contain biases (Nozza et al., 2021; Sheng et al., 2021; Mei et al., 2023; Kolisko and Anderson, 2023; Gallegos et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2024; Shin et al., 2024; Raj et al., 2024; Hu et al., 2024). We similarly evaluate biases in LLMs, but our focus is different: specifically, we ask whether LLMs are a suitable replacement for crowdsource workers when creating NLP datasets. Concretely, we investigate whether NLP datasets with LLM-elicited

Premise	Two women are hiking in the wilderness.	
	Entailment	Contradiction
SNLI	There are two women outdoors.	There are two women in the living room.
Llama	There are people outdoors.	A couple is having a picnic in a park.
Mistral	There are people in nature.	The women are shopping for clothes.
GPT-4	People are outdoors.	Two women are swimming in a pool.

Table 1: Entailed and contradicted hypotheses produced by humans (SNLI) and three LLMs (Llama-2 70b for Chat, Mistral 7b Instruct, and GPT-4) in response to the same premise.

text contain similar annotation artifacts and social biases as NLP datasets with human-elicited text.

Prompting humans to generate text for large-scale NLP datasets can lead to biased datasets. Famously, datasets for the Story Cloze Test and NLI contain biases introduced by their human elicitation protocols. To create a dataset for the Story Cloze Test, i.e. the task of determining the correct ending of a story, Mostafazadeh et al. (2016) asked crowd-source workers “to write novel five-sentence stories.” Bowman et al. (2015) created SNLI by providing crowd-source workers image captions from the Flickr30k corpus (Young et al., 2014) and instructing workers to write three alternative captions: one that is *definitely true*, one that *might be true*, and one that is *definitely false*. These human-elicitation protocols are responsible for creating 1) annotation artifacts that enable naive models ignoring substantial context to perform surprisingly well (Schwartz et al., 2017; Tsuchiya, 2018; Gurangan et al., 2018; Poliak et al., 2018; Feng et al., 2019), and 2) social biases that “amplify . . . stereotypical associations” (Rudinger et al., 2017).

In addition to these concerns, creating datasets by eliciting text from humans can be expensive. LLMs can efficiently generate, label, and clean datasets for a wide variety of applications (Ziems et al., 2024). LLMs have been used to generate instruction-tuning datasets (Honovich et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023; Peng et al., 2023), synthetic versions of benchmarks like SuperGLUE (Wang et al., 2019; Gupta et al., 2024), counterfactuals for dataset augmentation (Wu et al., 2021; Chen et al., 2023), attributable information seeking (Kamalloo et al., 2023), and free-text classification explanations (Wiegrefe et al., 2022). LLM-elicitation is especially attractive for sensitive domains, e.g. clinical NLP, where datasets must not leak personal identifying information (Frei and Kramer, 2023; Xu et al., 2024b). LLMs-elicited text is pervasive even among crowd-source workers: Veselovsky

et al. (2023) claim that “33–46%” of the crowd-source workers hired for a summarization task likely used LLMs to produce summaries.

Some LLM-generated datasets involve no post-filtering step (Peng et al., 2023; Xu et al., 2024a,b). However, most resources built with LLM-elicitation include thorough quality assurance, either through “human-in-the-loop” curation (Wiegrefe et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2022; Kamalloo et al., 2023), statistical filtering (Wu et al., 2021; Ye et al., 2022; Wang et al., 2023) or relying on neural models to filter LLM-generated data (Wiegrefe et al., 2022; Chen et al., 2023; Yehudai et al., 2024; Gupta et al., 2024). While we advocate for filtering steps to ensure quality and remove biases in LLM-elicited text, we focus on analyzing the unfiltered output of “out-of-the-box” LLMs for NLP datasets. We ask, specifically in the context of NLI, whether LLM-elicited text contains biases, and if so, what are these biases?

3 Creating LLM-Elicited NLI

We use NLI as a case study to explore whether LLM-generated text contain similar biases as human-written text since human-elicited NLI datasets contain annotation artifacts and stereotypical social biases. We create modified versions of SNLI by prompting LLMs with the same instructions that Bowman et al. (2015) gave to crowd-source workers. Table 1 provides examples from each dataset. We further verify the quality of the generated hypotheses and determine how different they are from those in SNLI.

LLMs under consideration We select a diverse set of LLMs for dataset generation: **GPT-4** (OpenAI, 2023), **Llama-2 70b for Chat** (Touvron et al., 2023), **Mistral 7b Instruct** (Jiang et al., 2023), and **PaLM 2 for Chat** (Anil et al., 2023).¹ These mod-

¹For GPT-4 we use gpt-4-0613, for Llama Chat 70b we use llama-2-70b-chat, for Mistral 7b Instruct we

Data set sizes:	
Training pairs	133,629
Evaluation pairs	6,525
Hypothesis mean token count:	
SNLI train	8.1
Llama train	9.4
Mistral train	9.1
GPT-4 train	9.2
PaLM 2 train	7.7
Mean Jaccard similarity with SNLI:	
Llama train	0.19
Mistral train	0.22
GPT-4 train	0.20
PaLM 2 train	0.25

Table 2: Summary statistics for each dataset.

els vary in parameter count, parent company, and training technique. We initially included models with open training sets to test for data contamination, e.g. AI2’s OLMo-7B-Instruct (Groeneveld et al., 2024), DataBrick’s dolly-v2-12b (Conover et al., 2023) or EleutherAI’s gpt-j-6b (Wang and Komatsuzaki, 2021), but these open-data models did not create accurate entailed hypotheses in initial experiments. Given computational constraints, we were unable to use LLMs, e.g. BLOOM (Workshop et al., 2022) or Falcon (Almazrouei et al., 2023).

Dataset generation To mirror Bowman et al. (2015)’s dataset elicitation pipeline, we prompted LLMs with the same instructions provided to crowd-source workers for SNLI.² To balance lexical diversity with reproducibility, we set the temperature and top-p respectively to 0.75 and 0.9 for all LLMs. Additionally, we use the default top-k parameter for each LLM. Due to budget constraints, for each LLM, we create hypotheses for a third of the premises in the SNLI train set and all premises in the SNLI evaluation set. Table 2 contains statistics regarding each dataset.

Dataset validation To verify the LLMs correctly generated hypotheses for each label, we sampled 100 premises and manually verified the labels for the corresponding 300 NLI sentence pairs for each model. Table 3 reports our agreement with the

²We slightly changed the prompt to ensure the LLM’s output was valid JSON. We provide the full prompt in the Appendix (Figure 6).

³Jaccard similarity is a measure of set overlap that ranges between 0.0 (a disjoint set) and 1.0 (an identical set).

⁴Reviewers noted the limits of Jaccard similarity since LLMs might paraphrase hypotheses from SNLI if the LLMs were pre-trained on SNLI. A manual review of thousands of examples suggested that these LLM-generated hypotheses contained semantically different content from that of the hypotheses in SNLI, i.e., the LLM-generated hypotheses were not merely paraphrased from SNLI.

	Overall	Entail	Neutral	Contra
SNLI	92.7	87.0	95.0	96.0
Llama	89.7	73.0	98.0	98.0
Mistral	83.7	70.0	91.0	90.0
GPT-4	94.3	84.0	99.0	100.0
PaLM 2	77.0	62.0	90.0	79.0

Table 3: Percentage of examples where we agreed with the label of 300 NLI example pairs from each dataset.

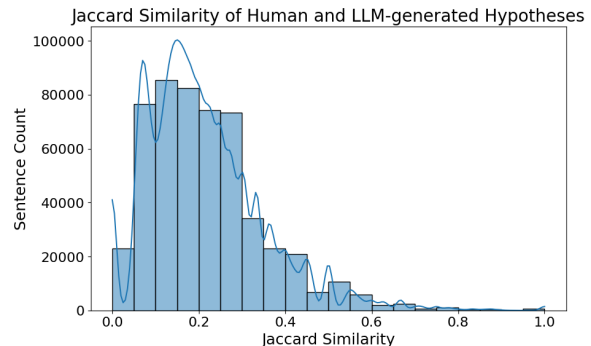


Figure 1: Frequency (y-axis) of lexical overlap (x-axis) between LLM and corresponding SNLI hypotheses.

NLI labels for each LLM. Since we agreed with less than 80% of the examples sampled from the PaLM2-elicited dataset, we do not consider the dataset generated by PaLM2 in our later studies.

To ensure the LLM-generated hypotheses are not simply memorized and copied verbatim from SNLI, we compute the Jaccard similarity of the words within pairs of LLM-generated and SNLI hypotheses corresponding to the same premises and labels.³ Figure 1 plots the distribution of the Jaccard similarities between SNLI and corresponding LLM-generated hypotheses. Table 2 reports the average Jaccard similarity for each individual LLM dataset. **LLM and human-generated hypotheses have low lexical overlap**, demonstrating that these LLMs do not copy SNLI verbatim.⁴

4 Study 1: Hypothesis-Only Artifacts

In our first study, we determine whether LLM-elicited NLI datasets contain annotation artifacts

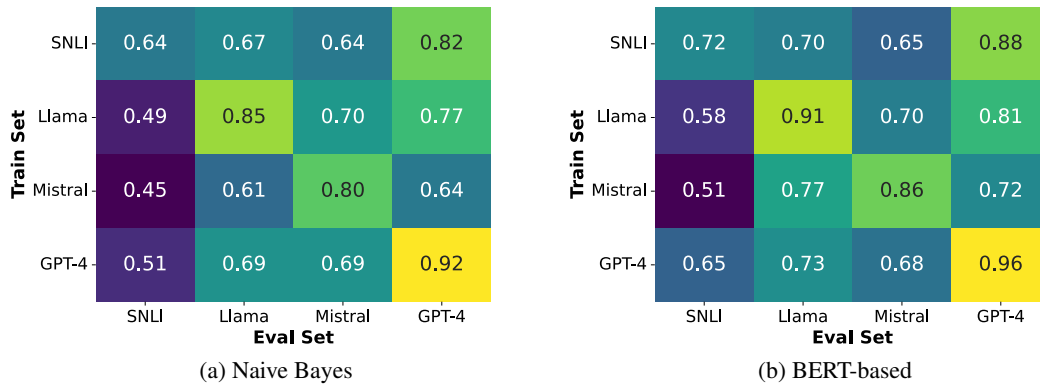


Figure 2: Accuracy of each hypothesis-only classifier on each LLM and human-generated evaluation set. Each row represents the hypothesis-only NLI dataset used for training, and each column represents the evaluation dataset.

that allow hypothesis-only models to outperform a majority-class baseline. We train two types of hypothesis-only models: Naive Bayes (NB) using the case-sensitive implementation from scikit-learn with unigram features (Pedregosa et al., 2011), and a fine-tuned BERT classifier (Devlin et al., 2019), specifically bert-base-uncased models with 3-class sequence classification heads and default HuggingFace hyper-parameters (Wolf et al., 2020),⁵ which we train for 1 epoch using AdamW (Loshchilov and Hutter, 2018), a learning rate of 2e-5, a weight decay of 0.01, and a batch size of 16.

We train hypothesis-only models on each of our train sets (3 LLM-generated and the filtered SNLI) and evaluate them on all evaluation sets. Figure 2 reports the accuracy of the hypothesis-only models.

The highest-performing model on each evaluation set was trained on the corresponding train set - in each column in Figure 2, the highest accuracy is along the diagonal. Surprisingly, the SNLI-trained models perform much better on the GPT-4 generated evaluation set (0.82 for NB and 0.88 for BERT) than on the SNLI evaluation set (0.64 for NB and 0.72 for BERT), indicating that GPT-4 might contain similar annotation artifacts as SNLI.

We also notice that hypothesis-only models trained on LLM-generated data perform much better on other LLM-elicited datasets than on SNLI, as the accuracies in the first column are much lower than the other columns in both figures. This might indicate that the LLMs produce similar biases.

Qualitative analysis of give-away words The NB models with unigram features significantly out-

⁵We did not perform hyper-parameter tuning since our goal is simply to establish whether a hypothesis-only model can perform well on an LLM-elicited NLI dataset.

perform a majority baseline (Figure 2a), indicating that the hypotheses contain *give-away words*—single words that are highly indicative of a label.

We identify give-away words for each train set by calculating the conditional probability of each label l given the presence of a word w in a hypothesis: $p(l|w) = \frac{\text{count}(w, l)}{\text{count}(w)}$. We consider all give-away words with a conditional probability of at least 0.8. We follow Poliak et al. (2018) and sort give-away words by their frequency “since this statistic is perhaps more indicative of a word w ’s effect on overall performance compared to $p(l|w)$ alone.” Table 4 reports the top 10 give-away words for each label in all train sets.

Entailed examples in SNLI often contain generic words like *humans*, *activity*, and *interacting*. We find a similar pattern in LLM-generated entailed hypotheses, e.g. *person* and *activity* in GPT-4 and Llama. Unlike in SNLI, the capitalized word *There* is a give-away for LLM-elicited entailed examples. LLMs often copy features from examples in prompts (Elhage et al., 2021; Olsson et al., 2022; Bansal et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2024), which might explain why *There* is a give-away word in these LLM-elicited datasets. Human-generated neutral hypotheses often contain modifiers (*tall*, *sad*, *professional*) and superlatives (*first*, *favorite*, *winning*). LLMs similarly add embellishing details about emotions or intentions (*enjoying*, *fun*, *practicing*, *trying*) or the relationships between agents (*friends*, *couple*, *team*) that are not explicit in the premise. Two of Llama’s neutral give-away words, *Someone* and *catch*, appear in the prompt’s example of a neutral hypothesis.

Lastly, both human- and LLM-elicited contra-

	Word	$p(l w)$	Freq	Word	$p(l w)$	Freq	Word	$p(l w)$	Freq
SNLI	Humans	0.95	128	tall	0.85	418	sleeping	0.84	1747
	least	0.92	78	sad	0.81	322	Nobody	0.93	592
	activity	0.83	47	first	0.87	298	asleep	0.83	523
	multiple	0.81	37	owner	0.83	284	couch	0.81	477
	interacting	0.85	34	birthday	0.83	227	naked	0.88	248
	motion	0.97	32	winning	0.88	186	tv	0.81	207
	physical	0.83	30	favorite	0.88	180	cats	0.89	199
	occupied	0.8	15	professional	0.83	149	TV	0.81	177
	balances	0.82	11	vacation	0.94	141	No	0.93	134
consuming	0.8	10	win	0.86	140	television	0.83	124	
Llama	person	0.81	22264	Someone	1	4092	celebrity	0.92	2359
	People	0.86	7059	trying	0.9	3023	actually	0.94	2075
	standing	0.84	4359	going	0.95	1604	cat	0.9	1973
	outdoors	0.93	2390	break	0.87	1339	Everyone	0.93	1913
	engaging	0.94	1689	fun	0.88	1165	adult	0.89	1782
	Three	0.92	1593	practicing	0.86	1142	fashion	0.85	1766
	gathered	0.93	1513	ride	0.82	811	red	0.84	1537
	activity	0.83	1412	or	0.83	795	signing	0.92	1437
	public	0.82	1230	discussing	0.88	720	autographs	0.93	1398
	vehicle	0.87	1185	catch	0.95	622	sleeping	0.82	1371
Mistral	There	0.99	16707	be	0.97	5154	The	0.81	38491
	outdoors	0.87	1055	trying	0.8	4875	sitting	0.83	14564
	three	0.83	720	may	0.98	3815	bench	0.87	8545
	four	0.88	335	having	0.85	2039	not	0.94	8068
	urban	0.83	318	going	0.83	1877	subject	0.87	3672
	consuming	0.94	217	or	0.86	1858	couch	0.91	2330
	multiple	0.83	211	friends	0.95	1499	empty	0.89	1433
	vertical	0.84	182	It	0.9	1486	cards	0.92	1171
	acrobatic	0.88	176	could	0.98	1311	no	0.92	955
	many	0.87	153	fun	0.92	1201	movie	0.9	938
GPT-4	person	0.85	11764	to	0.85	7087	swimming	0.92	16281
	outdoors	0.97	8182	for	0.89	5791	pool	0.91	14638
	individual	0.96	4569	his	0.82	5042	reading	0.8	3492
	individuals	0.89	3878	friends	0.94	3439	book	0.81	3048
	There	0.86	3794	enjoying	0.85	2073	sleeping	0.91	2326
	Individuals	0.97	2159	couple	0.81	1878	cooking	0.84	2126
	interacting	0.98	1377	from	0.82	1823	cat	0.9	1875
	activity	0.97	1250	taking	0.82	1093	dress	0.8	1537
	gathered	0.88	1248	practicing	0.87	1092	alone	0.94	1293
	public	0.85	976	team	0.88	972	library	0.91	1274

(a) entailment

(b) neutral

(c) contradiction

Table 4: The most highly correlated words for each train set for given labels (the columns (c), (d), and (e)), thresholded to those with $p(l|w) \geq 0.8$ and ranked according to frequency.

dicting hypotheses contain negation words, e.g. *nobody*, *no*, *not*. As noted by Poliak et al. (2018), premises “sourced from Flickr naturally deal with activities.” Therefore, similar to how contradicted hypotheses in SNLI often mention *sleeping*, it

is not surprising that LLM-elicited contradictions mention actions that cannot occur simultaneously to the action in the premise, e.g. *swimming* for GPT-4 and *sitting* for Mistral. Further, these verbs often occur in frequently repeated phrases that negate an

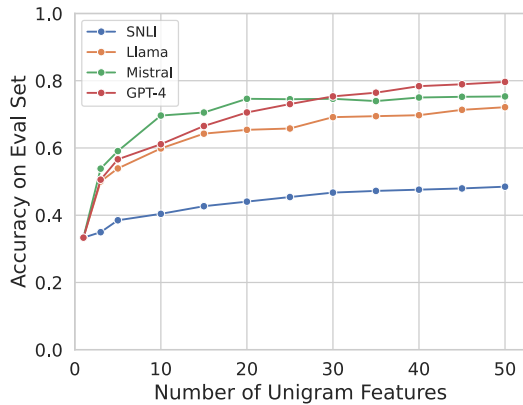


Figure 3: Accuracy of NB models using only the n "most informative" unigram features for each train set evaluated on its corresponding evaluation set.

action described in the premise. For example, the phrases “*swimming in a pool*” and “*sitting on a bench*” respectively occur more than 10,000 times in the GPT-4 and Mistral-generated train sets.

Few unigrams needed for high NB accuracy.

How many give-away words are necessary to accurately classify LLM-elicited NLI? To study this question, we train NB models that *only receive the n most informative give-away words as features*. We find the most informative words for each train set by performing a chi-squared test on all words with respect to each label. We threshold to the top n most informative unigrams and use only these words to train each n -feature NB model.

Figure 3 reports the accuracy of NB hypothesis-only models using just 1 to 50 features. Compared to SNLI, the LLM-elicited datasets are far easier to classify using a sparse selection of unigram features. For example, with just 10 unigrams, all LLM-trained NB models achieve greater than 60% accuracy, while the SNLI-trained 10-feature NB model only narrowly outperforms the majority-class baseline. This result indicates that LLM-generated hypotheses are trivial to classify not only due to the simplicity of the necessary features (unigrams) but also because only a negligibly small number of these simple features are required.

Figure 4 reports the accuracy of 50-unigram-feature NB models when evaluated on all four evaluation sets. NB models trained with sparse unigram feature sets on the LLM-generated hypotheses outperform a random baseline on the evaluation sets of the other LLM-generated hypotheses. This suggests that highly informative unigram features from

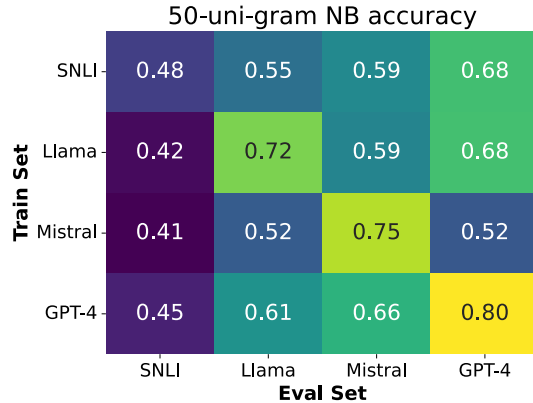


Figure 4: Accuracy of NB models with only the fifty most informative unigram features from their train set.

one LLM-elicited dataset can be informative on the other LLM-elicited datasets. Additionally, like the NB and BERT-based hypothesis-only models trained on the entire feature set, the 50-feature NB hypothesis-only model trained on SNLI performs better on the GPT-4 evaluation than the SNLI evaluation set. Overall, these results suggest that the high accuracy of full-feature NB models across the evaluation sets might be attributed to a sparse set of give-away words that are common across the LLM-elicited datasets.

5 Study 2: Stereotypical Biases

Our second study analyzes whether LLM-elicited versions of SNLI, like the human-elicited SNLI, contain stereotypical social biases. Following Rudinger et al. (2017), we use pointwise mutual information (PMI) to identify words in each dataset that are most associated with gendered, racial, or age-based terms. Given word w_1 and w_2 , the PMI between w_1 and w_2 is $\log\left(\frac{p(w_1, w_2)}{p(w_1)p(w_2)}\right)$. For each dataset, we find the top co-occurring words in hypotheses by PMI with race, gender, and age-related query words that co-occur at least 3 times.

Gender-based stereotypes. Table 5 reports the top PMI terms for *man*, *men*, *woman* and *women*. PMI results for all query words can be found in the Appendix. In both the human-elicited and LLM-elicited datasets, male query words are associated with violence, work, and physical activity. In SNLI these terms include *burns*, *surfs*, *compete*, *wrestling*, *suits*, *poker*, *uniforms*, *chess*, *cars*. In the LLM-elicited datasets, terms highly associated with male terms include *suit*, *mowing*, *basketball*, *golf*, *cutting*, *boxing*, *sparring*, and *fighting*.

SNLI

woman mascara[†] knits[‡] applies[‡] sleds lipstick makeup[‡] secret knitting[‡] scarf countryside

man burns surfs nose buys container internet orders tractor popcorn dives

women cakes[‡] yoga praying volleyball dresses thinking fruit tea talking[‡] dance

men burn compete[†] wrestling suits[†] poker celebrate passing uniforms chess cars

GPT-4

woman ballgown gala bikini[‡] oven[‡] dress[‡] ballroom[‡] cookies[‡] baking[‡] heels[‡] button

man spiderman shaving[‡] suit[‡] mowing[‡] hamburger tuxedo beard[‡] tie[‡] proposing frowning[‡]

women dresses[‡] mall[‡] yoga[†] tea shopping[‡] relaxing[†] picnic[‡] sunbathing[‡] baking dancing[†]

men suits[‡] hats laying installing football[‡] hard basketball[‡] gym[‡] rodeo skyscraper[‡]

Llama

woman lap[‡] makeup[‡] applying[‡] arms[‡] nails[‡] mirror[‡] sink knitting[‡] sunbathing[‡] flower[†]

man shaving[‡] basketball[‡] beard[‡] guitar[‡] girlfriend three golf[‡] stadium[‡] walks[‡] ironing

women tea[†] clothing[‡] socializing smiling each other routine party standing dancing

men football[‡] dark field[‡] basketball[‡] instruments games[‡] video[‡] inside room playing[‡]

Mistral

woman cradling[‡] arms sewing baby[‡] flower[†] newborn serving gymnastics herself her[‡]

man diving[†] thrown net western tame horse wild his[‡] cutting swinging[‡]

women japanese[†] traditional[†] clothes talking groceries posing conversation shopping smiling relaxing

men boxing[‡] suits[‡] robes ring sparring[†] fighting[‡] court football basketball[‡] match

Table 5: Top-ten words in hypothesis by PMI with gender-related query words in the same hypothesis, filtered to co-occurrences of at least three. (Hypothesis words that also appear in the premise are not included.) Significance of a likelihood ratio test for independence denoted by [†] ($\alpha = 0.01$) and [‡] ($\alpha = 0.001$).

In SNLI, the female query words are associated with physical appearance (*mascara, lipstick, makeup, dresses*) and leisure activities (*knits, yoga, cakes, tea, talking, dance*). LLM-generated hypotheses display similar stereotypes: female query words are related to domesticity (*oven, cookies, baking, knitting, cradling, baby, sewing, groceries*) and leisure activities (*mall, yoga, tea, shopping, relaxing, picnic, sunbathing, dancing, socializing, party, talking*). In the LLM-elicited datasets, female query words are also associated with clothing and physical appearance (*bikini, dress, heels, lap, makeup, arms, nails, clothing*).

Label-specific gender biases. To study how stereotypical biases appear based on NLI labels, for each NLI label, we now compute the PMI of hypothesis words with query words that appear in the premise. This allows us to determine if the LLMs contain stereotypical biases that are specific to different NLI labels. Table 6 reports label-specific

biases for gender-related queries.

Broadly, LLM-generated entailed and neutral hypotheses display similar biases as the overall PMI results: male query words are associated with violence, physicality, and work, e.g. *workers, military, soldiers*, while female query words are associated with leisurely or domestic activities and physical appearance, e.g. *quilt, party, beauty*. A notable exception is that both Llama and Mistral associate “woman” with *scientist* and GPT-4 associates “woman” with *businesswoman*.⁶ Additionally, Llama and Mistral associate “women” with *sporting* and *athletes*, respectively.⁷

Both human and LLM-generated *contradictions* sometimes flip the gender of the subject between the premise and hypothesis. In SNLI contradictions, male premise words are associated with *ladies* and *wife*, and LLM-generated contradictions feature *bikini* and *women*. Similarly, female

⁶Respectively entailment and neutral columns in Table 6.

⁷Entailment column in Table 6.

Query	ENTAILMENT	NEUTRAL	CONTRADICTION
man	SNLI: often gun climbs a [†] seated GPT-4: bathroom firearm casual embracing machine Llama: entertaining his [‡] paper wood father [‡] Mistral: presentation romantic moment a [†] scaling	SNLI: stops bald cowboy cafe newspaper GPT-4: latte cigar warehouse guy [‡] adventurer Llama: article summit fan avoid seafood Mistral: conference debris board summit a [†]	SNLI: gas scooter wife sings wears GPT-4: café bikini hat dolphins formal Llama: waters packed negotiating kidnapping before Mistral: shirt costume tie a [†] individual [‡]
men	SNLI: workers guys [†] ball several they GPT-4: workers construction [‡] machinery project site Llama: parade [†] marching [‡] industrial formal construction [‡] Mistral: fishermen [‡] workers [‡] job [†] military [†] personnel	SNLI: businessmen [†] crew workers [†] charity construction [†] GPT-4: guys [‡] foundation industrial soldiers [‡] workers [‡] Llama: cowboys [‡] soldiers [‡] complex [†] fishermen workers [‡] Mistral: workers [‡] soldiers [‡] cowboys long-distance vendors	SNLI: ladies break party enjoying lunch GPT-4: individuals [‡] playground [‡] women [‡] people [‡] everyone [‡] Llama: awards [†] ballet celebrities [‡] players [‡] parade Mistral: casual admiring dressed [‡] they [†] already
woman	SNLI: her [‡] touching lady a [†] women GPT-4: female [‡] stand exiting lady [‡] toys Llama: scientist mother [‡] her customer off Mistral: exiting scientist her [‡] speaking a [†]	SNLI: herself husband [†] dress won clothes GPT-4: quilt [‡] businesswoman bag lady [‡] casual Llama: savoring meditating furry considering hiker Mistral: lady else beauty her [‡] hands	SNLI: feeding a [†] phone she nothing GPT-4: lady [‡] suit [‡] man [‡] a [†] dinner Llama: perched premiere bicycle singing world Mistral: makeup accessories getting her shopping
women	SNLI: ladies [†] woman [‡] performing a [†] group GPT-4: ladies [‡] females [‡] lady [‡] conversation walking Llama: costumes gathering sporting dancing socializing Mistral: athletes people [‡] clothing street outdoors	SNLI: woman [‡] party a [†] group tall GPT-4: ladies [‡] fruits vegetables female [‡] restaurant Llama: ladies shopping choreographed store local Mistral: females [‡] female [‡] woman [‡] singing show	SNLI: lunch men [†] they a [†] play GPT-4: suits [‡] ladies [†] men [‡] meeting business Llama: men [†] football celebrities [‡] during competing Mistral: people [‡] clothing being any performers

Table 6: Top-five words in hypotheses of a particular label by PMI with gender-related query words in the premise, filtered to co-occurrences of at least three. (Hypothesis words that also appear in the premise are not included.) Significance of a likelihood ratio test for independence denoted by [†] ($\alpha = 0.01$) and [‡] ($\alpha = 0.001$).

premise words are often associated with *suit*, *man*, *men*, *football*, *meeting*, *competing*, *business*, which might demonstrate a gender bias.

Race & age biases Unlike gender-related query terms, race and age-related query terms (e.g. african, asian, elderly, old) yield unclear stereotypical associations. For most race or ethnicity premise words, the words with the highest PMI were uninformative, e.g. *is*, *the*, and *a*. For age-related queries, the most associated words in entailed hypotheses were synonyms (*senior*, *older*), and in contradictions were antonyms (*young*, *children*.)

Gender-related stereotypical associations seem stronger than racial and ethnic biases in LLM-generated datasets. One possible explanation is that LLM-generated hypotheses typically mention racial and ethnicity-related words much less often than in SNLI’s hypotheses, as shown in Figure 5.⁸

⁸In the figure, “black” refers to the words *black* and *african*, “white” refers to the words *white* and *european*. The people-related words are the person-related query words from

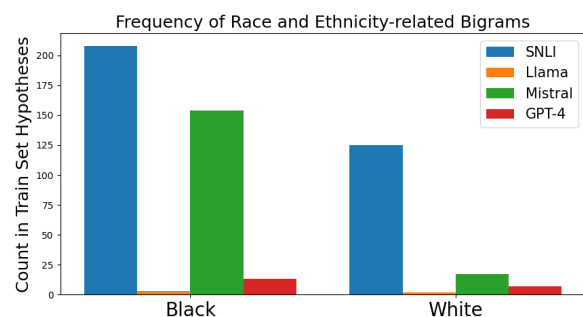


Figure 5: Number of hypotheses in each train set that contain race-related words followed by one of the people-related words from Rudinger et al. (2017).

6 Conclusion

We studied whether Natural Language Inference datasets created by eliciting hypotheses from LLMs contain biases. We used 3 LLMs to recreate a por-

Rudinger et al. (2017): *woman*, *man*, *women*, *men*, *girl*, *boy*, *girls*, *boys*, *female*, *male*, *mother*, *father*, *sister*, *brother*, *daughter*, *son*, *person* and *people*.

tion of SNLI and applied standard techniques to determine that like SNLI, LLM-elicited datasets contain annotation artifacts and stereotypical biases. On our LLM-generated NLI datasets, fine-tuned BERT hypothesis-only classifiers achieve between 86-96% accuracy. Our analyses indicated that LLMs rely on similar strategies and heuristics as crowd-source workers when creating entailed, neutral, and contradicted hypotheses in response to a premise. Our results provide further empirical evidence that well-attested biases in human-elicited text persist in LLM-generated text. Our findings provide a cautionary tale for relying on unfiltered, out-of-the-box LLM-generated textual data for NLP datasets.

7 Limitations

Srikanth and Rudinger (2022) showed that while NLI models *can* gain high performance while ignoring the premise, in practice models still condition on the premise context when making predictions. While our work demonstrated that LLM-elicited datasets can contain biases, it is unclear to what extent these biases harm NLI model robustness.

While we aimed to mirror the process used to generate SNLI, our approach is not perfectly comparable. First, SNLI was created by a large pool of crowd-source workers while we focus on just 3 LLMs. Secondly, crowd-source workers could ask clarifying questions, but LLMs could not. Thirdly, the one-shot nature of our prompting prevented LLMs from incorporating instructions across premises, such as the FAQ suggestion to not “[reuse] the same sentence.”

Another limitation of our work is that we relied on a single prompt to elicit hypotheses from LLMs. Recent work has demonstrated that seemingly insignificant changes to prompts can result in widely varying responses (Mizrahi et al., 2024). We leave a multi-prompt analysis for future work.

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A Appendix

Query	ENTAIL	NEUTRAL	CONTRA
african	SNLI: are is the	SNLI: a to are the is	SNLI: a are is the
	GPT-4: kids a are is person	GPT-4: group of performing a are	GPT-4: a are playing man swimming
	Llama: a are is people person	Llama: his at are a to	Llama: man group a playing are
	Mistral: an people a in are	Mistral: an or be may are	Mistral: an not and are is
asian	SNLI: an [†] for with near the	SNLI: chinese work up an waiting	SNLI: american [‡] white black taking from
	GPT-4: city cooking having food woman	GPT-4: sushi lunch tourists busy exploring	GPT-4: party a [‡] men dancing child
	Llama: students shopping city a [‡] food	Llama: cultural individual class restaurant heading	Llama: models [†] they astronauts preparing shoot
	Mistral: individual [‡] women outdoor an [†] area	Mistral: exploring city tourists [‡] an [†] collecting	Mistral: an [‡] green outside their cars
asians	SNLI: are the	SNLI: are the	SNLI: are the
	GPT-4: people are	GPT-4: of	GPT-4: park are
	Llama: dining [‡] people are	Llama: of	Llama: the are
	Mistral: asian [‡] are	Mistral: asian [‡] are	Mistral: asian [‡] are
caucasian	SNLI: white [‡] is	SNLI: is	SNLI: the
	GPT-4: is	GPT-4: is	GPT-4: man is swimming
	Llama: is	Llama: is	Llama: is
	Mistral: is	Mistral: the is	Mistral: not is the
chinese	SNLI: is	SNLI: is the	SNLI: a
	GPT-4: are is	GPT-4: a in is	GPT-4: a is in
	Llama: a is	Llama: someone are is	Llama: a is
	Mistral: is there	Mistral: a be the	Mistral: not is the
indian	SNLI: the is	SNLI: a to the is	SNLI: on is the
	GPT-4: people is are	GPT-4: is	GPT-4: a is pool swimming
	Llama: a people is are person	Llama: is	Llama: group a in is
	Mistral: an people is are there	Mistral: a the is	Mistral: the on are is

Table 7: Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality-Related Queries

Query	ENTAIL	NEUTRAL	CONTRA
elderly	SNLI: old [‡] an [†] wearing a are	SNLI: old he a [†] an is	SNLI: old a man at is
	GPT-4: old [‡] senior [‡] citizen lady instrument	GPT-4: senior [‡] old [‡] jazz festival musician	GPT-4: young [‡] children a playing man
	Llama: an [†] instrument musical for a	Llama: seniors [‡] older [‡] citizen [‡] senior [‡] an	Llama: young [‡] child concert woman fashion
	Mistral: seniors [‡] older [†] an [†] for the	Mistral: older music an [†] a of	Mistral: an [†] a playing is on
old	SNLI: elderly [‡] not a [†] an person	SNLI: hair just home out an	SNLI: young [‡] has two a people
	GPT-4: elderly [‡] gentleman [‡] citizen [‡] senior [‡] something	GPT-4: citizens [†] grandson [‡] citizen [‡] elderly [‡] grandmother [‡]	GPT-4: young [‡] sandbox her a [†] girl
	Llama: produce [†] elderly [‡] woman an [†] resting	Llama: elderly [‡] citizen [‡] senior [‡] grandfather an [†]	Llama: young [‡] children child [‡] her toy
	Mistral: elderly [‡] an [†] woman walking a	Mistral: older [‡] elderly grandmother [†] grandson grandfather	Mistral: elderly [‡] young [‡] woman an a [†]
teenagers	SNLI: are the	SNLI: are	SNLI: are the
	GPT-4: young [‡] outside people are	GPT-4: high students school game group [†]	GPT-4: children [‡] library playing are pool
	Llama: activity engaging people in are	Llama: group of friends are a	Llama: are the
	Mistral: children young people are there	Mistral: could it be are	Mistral: are not the
young	SNLI: off building jumps a [†] he	SNLI: alone funny high brothers beach	SNLI: kite books birds practicing swims
	GPT-4: children [‡] activities physical child [‡] a [†]	GPT-4: teenagers test cap giant teenager [†]	GPT-4: snowman adults [‡] teenagers old rocking
	Llama: feature kids [‡] sunny observing creative	Llama: teenagers [‡] mom skatepark weekend games	Llama: nursing [†] seniors [‡] citizens elderly senior
	Mistral: shore studying acrobatics children [‡] sandy	Mistral: females learning skills siblings school	Mistral: pants kids [‡] they toys a [†]

Table 8: Age-Related Queries

Query	ENTAIL	NEUTRAL	CONTRA
boy	SNLI: boys [†] child a [‡] his is	SNLI: boys a [‡] down trying his	SNLI: girl [‡] up asleep a [‡] nobody
	GPT-4: active his playground male trick	GPT-4: hide seek kid [‡] teenager swimming	GPT-4: kid his [‡] girl [‡] classroom quietly
	Llama: child [‡] a [‡] urban enjoying playing	Llama: young [‡] summer person a [‡] kid	Llama: surfing teenager suit tie working
	Mistral: a [‡] young [‡] group child [‡] standing	Mistral: child [‡] how young [‡] practicing swimming	Mistral: a [‡] man subject [‡] reading is
boys	SNLI: playing are the	SNLI: their and of are a	SNLI: girls [‡] playing are [†] the
	GPT-4: children [‡] sport event activity participating	GPT-4: kids [‡] game their playing group	GPT-4: are [‡] beach a swimming the
	Llama: children [‡] physical activity [†] engaging [†] outdoors	Llama: sport kids [‡] team participating game	Llama: players competing team game astronauts
	Mistral: children [‡] event sport outdoors playing	Mistral: children [‡] sport running kids [‡] fun	Mistral: kids [‡] photo inside individuals in
girl	SNLI: girls her a [‡] child wearing	SNLI: girls she a [‡] plays her [†]	SNLI: she guy boy a [‡] wearing
	GPT-4: female [‡] a [‡] riding musical instrument	GPT-4: woman [‡] young [‡] teenager lady [‡] child	GPT-4: boy [‡] video a [‡] his climbing
	Llama: a [‡] wearing place public the	Llama: instrument expressing woman [‡] young [‡] favorite	Llama: ice child [‡] professional mountain toy
	Mistral: wearing a [‡] young physical activity	Mistral: woman [‡] young [‡] subject little her	Mistral: a [‡] any wearing subject book
girls	SNLI: girl some [‡] their wearing are	SNLI: girl some they at are	SNLI: boys [‡] their two playing a
	GPT-4: females [‡] children [‡] game sport participating	GPT-4: match group team a [‡] practicing	GPT-4: boys [‡] field studying football soccer
	Llama: students athletes indoors activity physical	Llama: teenagers [‡] teammates women [†] friendly sisters	Llama: celebrities [‡] premiere cats movie show
	Mistral: sports celebrating people [‡] are [‡] there [†]	Mistral: females [‡] female children [†] athletes could [†]	Mistral: children individuals [‡] a park are
female	SNLI: woman [‡] a is the	SNLI: woman [‡] wearing a in is	SNLI: male [‡] woman playing a is
	GPT-4: woman [‡] athlete the playing performing	GPT-4: woman [†] practicing lady her a	GPT-4: skiing basketball mountain man a
	Llama: a playing person is	Llama: woman [‡] a of is	Llama: fashion man playing a is
	Mistral: woman [‡] performing an playing is	Mistral: exercise woman a be for	Mistral: a subject playing person is
he	SNLI: man a [†]	SNLI: a	SNLI: man a
	GPT-4: man [‡] wearing a [†] in person	GPT-4: in his a	GPT-4: a pool in swimming
	Llama: wearing a in person	Llama: in for a the	Llama: cooking pool swimming at a
	Mistral: a in person	Mistral: someone a for be	Mistral: a person not
male	SNLI: man a people outside is	SNLI: practicing man [‡] from his a	SNLI: waiting an man his sitting
	GPT-4: man [‡] at performing a two	GPT-4: man [†] a [†] park at on	GPT-4: skiing a mountain woman cooking
	Llama: their a outdoors on is	Llama: man [‡] practicing break couple on	Llama: sunny preparing man an park
	Mistral: man performing space riding a	Mistral: man [‡] a [†] performing his couple	Mistral: subject a wearing bench sitting

Table 9: Additional Gender-Related Queries

We will show you the caption for a photo. We will not show you the photo. Using only the caption and what you know about the world:

- Write one alternate caption that is **definitely a true** description of the photo. *Example: For the caption "Two dogs are running through a field." you could write "There are animals outdoors."*
- Write one alternate caption that **might be a true** description of the photo. *Example: For the caption "Two dogs are running through a field." you could write "Some puppies are running to catch a stick."*
- Write one alternate caption that is **definitely a false** description of the photo. *Example: For the caption "Two dogs are running through a field." you could write "The pets are sitting on a couch." This is different from the maybe correct category because it's impossible for the dogs to be both running and sitting.*

In response to the original caption, please return the 3 alternate captions in a JSON readable format and include no other commentary.

Here is an example of the correct format of response to the prompt:

Original caption: "Two dogs are running through a field"

Three JSON-parseable alternate captions, with "definitely true", "might be true", and "definitely false" descriptions of the photo:

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{"true": "There are animals outdoors.",  
"maybe": "Some puppies are running to catch a stick.",  
"false": "The pets are sitting on a couch." }
```

Now, please generate the 3 alternate captions following the JSON-parseable format described earlier:

Original Caption: **[INSERT SNLI PREMISE]**

Three JSON-parseable alternate captions, with "definitely true", "might be true", and "definitely false" descriptions of the photo:

Figure 6: The prompt provided to all LLMs. The first four paragraphs are identical to those provided to MTurk workers for the SNLI dataset.