

# Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>: Arabic Relation Extraction Corpus and Modeling

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## Abstract

Relation extraction (RE) is a core task in natural language processing, crucial for semantic understanding, knowledge graph construction, and enhancing downstream applications. Existing work on Arabic RE remains limited due to the language’s rich morphology and syntactic complexity, and the lack of large, high-quality datasets. In this paper, we present *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*, the largest and most diverse Arabic RE corpus to date, containing over 33K sentences ( $\sim 550K$  tokens) annotated with  $\sim 15K$  relation triples across 40 relation types. The corpus is built on top of Wojood NER dataset with manual relation annotations carried out by expert annotators, achieving a Cohen’s  $\kappa$  of 0.92, indicating high reliability. In addition, we propose two methods: NLI-RE, which formulates RE as a binary natural language inference problem using relation-aware templates, and GPT-Joint, a few-shot LLM framework for joint entity and RE via relation-aware retrieval. Finally, we benchmark the dataset using both supervised models and in-context learning with LLMs. Supervised models achieve 92.89% F1 for RE, while LLMs obtain 72.73% F1 for joint entity and RE. These results establish strong baselines, highlight key challenges, and provide a foundation for advancing Arabic RE research.

## 1 Introduction

The vast amount of textual data generated daily presents significant opportunities to extract structured knowledge for applications such as information retrieval, automated reasoning, and knowledge graph construction (Ye et al., 2022; Wang et al., 2024; Jarrar and Deik, 2015; Cudre-Mauroux et al., 2006). However, this data is written in an unstructured format, which poses significant challenges for effective utilization. To overcome these challenges, converting this data into structured formats becomes essential, enabling downstream applica-

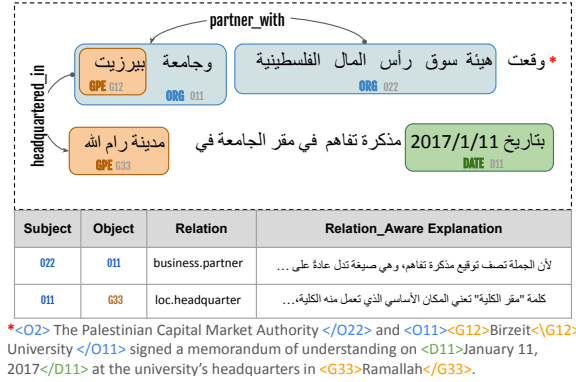


Figure 1: Annotated example from *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*

tions to process, understand, and analyze the data efficiently (Barbon Junior et al., 2024; Deshmukh et al., 2019; Jarrar et al., 2023b; Khalilia et al., 2024).

Relation extraction (RE), the task of identifying semantic relationships between entities in text, plays a key role in organizing this data into structured formats (Li et al., 2019; Wang and El-Gohary, 2023; Jarrar and Dikaiakos, 2010). Despite advancements in large language models (LLMs), RE remains a challenging task, even in high-resource languages like English (Liu et al., 2024; Swarup et al., 2025).

Although LLMs show potential in zero-shot and few-shot settings, their performance in RE is limited by the sparse representation of RE-specific tasks in their pretraining data (Zhang et al., 2023). In such settings, LLMs often rely on in-context learning, leveraging their internal knowledge to reason and classify without task-specific fine-tuning (Wan et al., 2023). However, recent benchmarking studies have shown significant performance degradation for RE compared to generative tasks (Wadhwa et al., 2023; Chang et al., 2024). As a result, the success of RE still relies on the availability of high-quality, manually annotated datasets (Detroja et al., 2023).

Arabic poses additional challenges for RE due to its complex morphology (Akra et al., 2025; Jarrar et al., 2024a), syntax, semantics, and the wide variation across dialects (Nayouf et al., 2023). Existing multilingual RE datasets, such as ACE05 and RED<sup>FM</sup>, provide only limited support for Arabic. ACE05 is not publicly available and includes a small Arabic subset with few relation types. RED<sup>FM</sup> also offers limited Arabic coverage, and its exclusion of Arabic from error analysis reduces its applicability for developing and evaluating Arabic RE systems.

To address these gaps, we construct *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* by extending the *Wojood* corpus (Jarrar et al., 2022) with relation annotations. *Wojood* was chosen for its scale, annotation quality, support for both flat and nested entities, and coverage of Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and dialects (Haff et al., 2022; Jarrar et al., 2023c)—making it an ideal foundation for an Arabic RE benchmark.

*Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* is a rich Arabic RE corpus, manually annotated by native speakers. It provides a high-quality resource to develop, benchmark, and improve the performance of RE models in Arabic. To the best of our knowledge, *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* is the largest publicly available Arabic RE corpus, consisting of 33K sentences (550K tokens) annotated with 40 relation types in different domains. Figure 1 illustrates an example from the dataset, highlighting the annotated entities and their corresponding relations.

In short, the main contributions of this paper are:

1. *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*, large Arabic RE corpus with 550K tokens and 40 annotated relation types.
2. NLI-RE, a relation extraction framework, and GPT-Joint, a proposed method for few-shot joint entity and relation extraction.
3. Baselines computed using BERT-based, GNN-based, and LLM-based models in both pipelined and joint extraction settings.
4. A comparative analysis among different methods, highlighting key challenges in Arabic relation extraction.
5. A complete end-to-end Arabic RE system.

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 reviews related work, Section 3 presents the

*Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* corpus, Section 5 covers RE modeling, Section 6 shows results, Section 7 details the end-to-end system, and Section 8 concludes.

## 2 Related Work

Most existing RE datasets are, primarily focused on English, and are often limited in size and diversity. While resources such as CoNLL04 (Roth and Yih, 2004), TACRED (Zhang et al., 2017), and WeBNLG (Khachatrian et al., 2019) have contributed significantly to advancing RE research, they do not address the scarcity of high-quality annotated corpora for underrepresented languages such as Arabic, which poses unique syntactic and semantic challenges.

Existing Arabic-related resources are often included as part of multilingual corpora, they frequently fail to cover Arabic-specific linguistic features, such as nested structures, and are limited in scope, quality, and relational diversity. Table 1 summarizes major RE datasets, including those with Arabic content, highlighting key limitations in size, relations, and annotation strategies (Jarrar et al., 2024b).

ACE05 (Doddington et al., 2004) is a widely used multilingual dataset for RE, supporting English, Chinese, and Arabic. It consists of 30.9K sentences across all three languages, annotated with six relations and five entity types using a flat NER scheme. However, the dataset has several limitations, including its limited size, restricted range of entity and relation types, and the absence of nested entity annotations, which are particularly important for RE. Moreover, the dataset is not publicly available, which constrains its accessibility for broader research use.

Given the challenges of manual annotation, many RE datasets rely on distant supervision to reduce cost and speed up creation. One such resource is the SMiLAR dataset, a multilingual joint entity and RE corpus comprising 1.1 million sentences across 14 languages, including 9K sentences in Arabic, with coverage of 36 relation types (Seganti et al., 2021). However, distant supervision introduces potential inconsistencies, and the relatively small Arabic subset limits its applicability for Arabic-specific tasks.

The SRED<sup>FM</sup> and RED<sup>FM</sup> datasets are key resources for multilingual RE (Huguet Cabot et al., 2023). SRED<sup>FM</sup>, with automatic annotations across 18 languages, includes 400 relation types

Methodology	Dataset	Sentences	Rel. Types	Entity Types	Triplets	NER
Distant Supervision	SRED <sup>FM</sup>	46.6M <sup>§</sup>	393	13	3.3M	Flat
	SMiLAR	1.1M <sup>§</sup>	9	-	9K	Flat
Human Annotated	ACE05	30.9K <sup>§</sup>	6	5	4.7K	Flat
	Wojood <sup>Hadath</sup>	33K	3	21	2.8K	Nested
	RED <sup>FM</sup>	732	32	13	1.8K	Flat
	Our <i>Wojood<sup>Relations</sup></i>	<b>33K</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14K</b>	Nested

Table 1: Comparison of Arabic Relation Extraction Datasets, showing only Arabic portions in multilingual datasets. <sup>§</sup>The number of sentences represents the full corpus, including languages other than Arabic.

and over 40 million triplets but may suffer from annotation noise. RED<sup>FM</sup>, though more accurate with human revisions, is limited for Arabic, with only 795 evaluation sentences, no training split, and annotations by non-native speakers. It also lacks relations common in Arabic due to cultural and regional differences. Recently, (Rakan Al Mraikhat et al., 2024) extended SRED<sup>FM</sup> with evidence annotations to support evidence-aware relation extraction, but it remains constrained by the original schema, which does not capture Arabic-specific relation types.

Wojood<sup>Hadath</sup> corpus is an Arabic dataset dedicated to event-argument relation extraction (Al-jabari et al., 2024). It comprises 1.8K sentences annotated with 3 relations and 21 entity types, utilizing a nested NER scheme. This dataset focuses on event-related relations, limiting its ability to capture the broader diversity of relations in Arabic.

The aforementioned datasets demonstrate significant limitations, including small size, narrow relation coverage, flat NER schemes, or insufficient focus on Arabic-specific challenges such as nested NER.

To address these limitations, this work introduces an Arabic relation extraction corpus with 33K sentences annotated for 40 relation types and 21 entity types using a nested NER scheme, capturing the linguistic complexity of Arabic and supporting the development of more accurate RE models.

### 3 *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* Corpus

In this section, we introduce a manually curated and annotated corpus, *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*, for Arabic relation extraction.

#### 3.1 *Wojood* Corpus

The *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* corpus builds on the publicly available *Wojood* corpus (Jarrar et al., 2022), a large-scale Arabic NER dataset containing approxi-

mately 550K tokens annotated with 21 entity types. The *Wojood* corpus includes nested entity annotations, which support the modeling of complex linguistic structures in Arabic. It covers a range of domains, including news articles, historical texts, and social media, though its content mainly consists of formal and topic-focused language, with limited representation of informal or conversational varieties (Jarrar et al., 2024b, 2023a). Since RE tasks require accurate identification of entities and their boundaries, a corpus already annotated with named entities provides a necessary foundation. Given its size and coverage, *Wojood* corpus serves as a practical basis for constructing an Arabic RE corpus focused on formal language use, which is the aim of *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*.

Our objective in this paper is to identify and establish possible relations between different entities that exist within the same sentence.

#### 3.2 Relation Types

*Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* covers a diverse set of relations like family, personal, business, political, administrative, part-whole relationships, among others (see Table 2). The selection of these relations is motivated by two main considerations: (i) their frequent occurrence in Arabic texts, which ensures coverage of salient linguistic patterns; and (ii) their alignment with established ontologies and knowledge bases such as Wikidata and Schema.org, which maintains semantic consistency and enables interoperability with external knowledge graphs (Jarrar, 2011, 2021).

Unlike many existing relation corpora in NLP, which often provide vague definitions with unclear domain and range constraints for relations (e.g., in RED<sup>FM</sup>, it is unclear whether `has_border_with` applies strictly between GPEs or also between GPEs and LOCs), *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* defines all relations as *formal relations*.

Relations		
birth_date	has_competitor	leader_of
birth_place	has_conflict_with	lives_in
branch_count	has_currency	located_in
builder_of	has_occupation	manager_of
capital_of	has_parent	manufacturer_of
death_date	has_population	member_of
employee_of	has_property	nearby
employs	has_relative	official_language
found_on	has_revenue	owner_of
founder_of	has_sibling	partner_with
geopolitical_division	has_spouse	president_of
has_alternate_name	headquartered_in	student_affiliation
has_area	inventor_of	subsidiary
has_border_with		

Table 2: Relation Types in *Wojood*<sup>Relations</sup>

We define the formal relation  $r$  as a mapping from a domain set  $D$  to a range set  $Z$ , such that for each entity  $a \in D$  and  $b \in Z$ , the pair  $(a, b)$  is considered an instance of  $r$  if the sentence context reflects the specified relation. Here,  $D$  and  $Z$  represent the admissible types of entities for the subject and object, respectively. This formalization ensures that each relation has a precisely defined domain and range, which guides both annotation and computational inference. Detailed domain and range specifications, along with the annotation guidelines for each relation, are provided in Table 10 in §A.2.

### 3.3 Annotation Process

The annotation process for the *Wojood*<sup>Relations</sup> corpus took 17 months and was carried out in three phases:

**Phase I: Training Phase** Five annotators were recruited with master’s degrees in linguistics and business, at a rate of \$8/hour. Two full-day training sessions were conducted to train the annotators on the guidelines (see §A.1). During each session, each annotator was assigned three relation types to annotate within a subset of 1K tokens. Their annotations were reviewed and accompanied by feedback.

**Phase II: Initial Annotation** Each annotator was assigned a single relation type at a time to ensure consistent application of the guidelines. Domain experts with experience in relation extraction, knowledge graphs, and formal annotation practices provided continuous feedback and resolved ambiguities to maintain adherence to the guidelines (see challenges

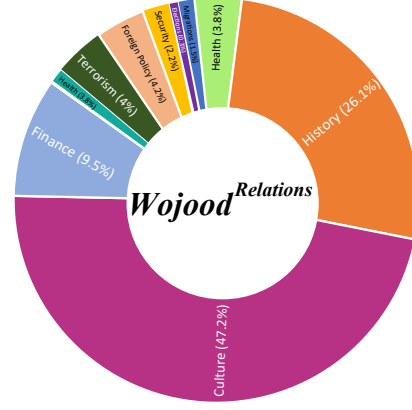


Figure 2: Domain distribution in *Wojood*<sup>Relations</sup>.

in §4). This phase was carried out over 12 months.

**Phase III: Expert Review and Validation** All annotations were manually reviewed by experts. The expert validated triplets to ensure accuracy and consistency with the guidelines. In cases of errors or ambiguities, feedback was provided to annotators, who revised their annotations. The goal of this phase was to validate annotated triplets rather than detect missing annotations. This phase was carried out over 4 months.

### 3.4 Statistics:

*Wojood*<sup>Relations</sup> corpus includes 14,689 relation triplets representing diverse entity interactions across multiple domains (Figure 2). As shown in Figure 3, the majority of sentences contain a single relation (6,067 sentences), while 1,636, 773, and 547 sentences include two, three, and more than three relations, respectively. Table 7 in §A.2 provides further statistics, including the distribution of individual relation types.

### 3.5 Inter-Annotator Agreement

To evaluate the quality of the annotation and the consistency between annotators and adherence to annotation guidelines, we randomly selected 10% samples from the corpus, which we re-annotated by a second annotator. The selection was as follows:

1. Randomly sample 2% of relations from each domain, totaling 10% of the entire corpus.
2. For each relation  $r$ , which may span multiple domain–range pairs, we randomly sampled 10% of candidate sentences per domain–range combination for re-annotation



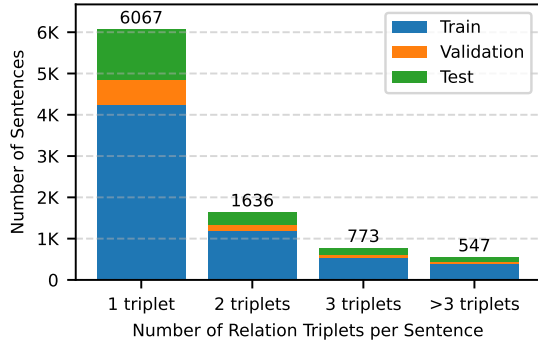


Figure 3: Sentence-wise Relation Distribution in *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*

Our sampling strategy aims to balance domain coverage, relation diversity, and representativeness while keeping annotation costs feasible.

We measured Inter-Annotator Agreement (IAA) using Cohen’s  $\kappa$  and F1-score. We achieved high agreement levels, with 89.8% F1 score and 0.92 Cohen’s  $\kappa$ , demonstrating reliable annotation quality. More details are shown in Table 7.

## 4 Annotation Challenges

Annotators faced several challenges during relation annotation, primarily:

1. Some sentences allow multiple plausible relation labels. For instance, in the sentence سامي مسعد من دوما في شمال لبنان (“Sami Masad from Douma in northern Lebanon”), the relation between "Sami Masad" and "Douma" could be interpreted as either *lives\_in* or *birth\_place*. “To resolve these cases, annotators consulted with the authors and linguistic experts to determine the most contextually appropriate relation. In sentences where the context clearly supported more than one relation between an entity pair, multiple labels were assigned. In rare instances of severe ambiguity, the final annotation was established through discussion and consensus among annotators and experts. Based on annotation review, such ambiguous cases constitute approximately 4% of the dataset.
2. Although the guidelines specify linking to the most specific mention (e.g., دوما / “Douma”), annotators sometimes selected broader entities such as لبنان / “Lebanon”. These instances were systematically reviewed and corrected

in a subsequent verification phase to ensure consistency with the annotation guidelines.

3. Some relations show lexical variation across contexts. For instance, *president\_of* can be implied by phrases like رئاسة الجمهورية / (“Presidency of the Republic”), السلطة التنفيذية / (“Executive Authority”), أمين عام / (“Secretary General”), or قائم مقام / (“Acting Governor”) served as implicit indicators of the relation and required careful contextual interpretation. To mitigate inconsistencies, annotators established an agreed-upon set of lexical variants for each relation through iterative review and consultation with linguistic experts.

### 4.1 *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* Splits

We introduce a splitting strategy to ensure reliable evaluation. The corpus is partitioned into training (70%), validation (10%), and test (20%) sets. Our goal is to (1) prevent semantic overlap across splits, and (2) ensure balanced coverage of relation types.

- (1) **Semantic Overlap Filtering:** Sentences were embedded using ArBERT, and pairwise cosine similarity was computed. A sentence was assigned to the test set only if its cosine similarity ( $sim$ ) with any training sentence was below 0.80, ensuring no semantic leakage:

$$\max_{s_i \in \text{train}} \text{sim}(s_j, s_i) < 0.8; \quad \forall s_j \in \text{test}.$$

- (2) **Relation Coverage and Balance:** Each split includes all relation types, and relation triplets are distributed in a 70:10:20 ratio.

Detailed statistics are shown in Table 3.

Split	# of Sentences	# of Triplets
Train	6,358 (~ 70%)	10,323 (~ 70%)
Validation	886 (~ 10%)	1,474 (~ 10%)
Test	1,779 (~ 20%)	2,892 (~ 20%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,023</b>	<b>14,689</b>

Table 3: Statistics of the *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* corpus splits.

## 5 Relation Extraction Modeling

RE is commonly addressed through different methods, including graph-based methods to capture structural dependencies, supervised learning with

pretrained language models, and generative modeling using LLMs. In this section, we evaluate two existing methods and propose two new modeling methods using *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*. We construct four task-specific datasets derived from *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* to support these experiments.

### 5.1 Graph-Based Relation Extraction

RE can be formulated as graph reasoning using heterogeneous graph neural networks. For instance, RIFRE (Zhao et al., 2021) represents tokens, entities, and relation types as nodes in a graph and performs message passing to update node embeddings. Final node representations are used to predict relations.

**Dataset:** For graph-based RE, we construct the *Rel<sup>Graph</sup>* dataset from the *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* splits (§4.1). Sentences exceeding BERT’s context window are excluded. Each sentence–entity pair is represented as a heterogeneous graph of token nodes, relation-type nodes, and the target entity pair. The final dataset includes 13,211 instances: 8,819 train, 1,500 validation, and 2,892 test.

### 5.2 LLM-Based Relation Extraction

Recent generative methods treat RE as a sequence generation task using in-context learning. For example, GPT-RE (Wan et al., 2023) prompts GPT-3 with a sentence and a target entity pair to generate the correct relation label or NULL. It retrieves semantically relevant demonstrations using entity-aware embeddings, augmented with reasoning based on gold labels to improve accuracy.

**Dataset:** We construct *Rel<sup>GPT</sup>* dataset from *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* corpus using the same splits. Each instance includes a sentence, a target entity pair, and the instructions. The dataset comprises 13,211 instances: 8,819 train, 1,500 validation, and 2,892 test (see §D for details).

### 5.3 NLI-Based Relation Extraction

Natural language inference (NLI) has shown strong potential for information extraction. In this context, (Aljabari et al., 2024) introduced NLI for event argument extraction, demonstrating its effectiveness in capturing complex argument structures. Extending this approach to relation extraction, we propose **NLI-RE**, a framework that models RE as a binary entailment problem. NLI-RE employs relation-aware templates to explicitly condition the

inference on relation types, thereby aligning relational semantics with entailment decisions. The framework operates through the following steps:

1. **Using Templates:** Given our formalization in §3.2, for each relation type  $r : D \rightarrow Z$ , we define a relation-aware template  $T_r(s, o)$  that verbalizes a candidate relation between a subject entity  $s$  and an object entity  $o$ . Template construction is constrained by the admissible domain and range types of  $r$ , such that  $s \in D_r$  and  $o \in Z_r$ , where  $D_r$  and  $Z_r$  are the allowed types for subject and object entities, respectively. The templates used are listed in §B.
2. **Premise-Hypothesis Generation:** For each sentence  $s$  and target entity pair  $(e_1, e_2)$ , we treat  $s$  as the premise and generate the hypothesis by selecting a template  $T_r$  corresponding to a relation  $r$  that is constrained by the types of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . An example is shown in Figure 4.
3. **Label Assignment:** Each premise–hypothesis pair is labeled as *True* if the relation  $r$  between  $(e_1, e_2)$  is annotated in the *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* corpus; otherwise, it is labeled as *False*.
4. **Relation Classification:** We encode each premise–hypothesis pair using BERT and feed the resulting representation into a classifier to predict whether the relation described in the hypothesis holds in the input sentence.

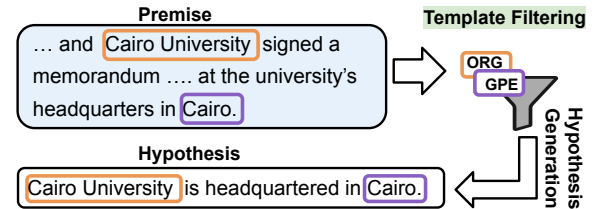


Figure 4: Premise-hypothesis Generation for NLI

**Dataset:** To evaluate NLI-RE, we construct the *Rel<sup>NLI</sup>* dataset by converting each sentence–entity pair into corresponding premise–hypothesis pairs using relation-aware templates. The dataset statistics are in Table 4; details are in Appendix A.3.

Split	Number of Sentences	Positive	Negative
Train	20,300	10,319	9,981
Validation	3,106	1,474	1,632
Test	5,971	3,892	2,079
Total	29,377	15,685	13,692

Table 4: Distribution of positive and negative NLI sentences across dataset splits in  $Rel^{NLI}$ .

#### 5.4 LLM-Based Joint Extraction

We propose **GPT-Joint**, a few-shot joint extraction method using LLMs. Unlike GPT-RE (Wan et al., 2023), which relies on entity-aware retrieval and is primarily designed for relation classification, our approach introduces relation-aware retrieval to better support joint extraction for *entities* and *relations*.

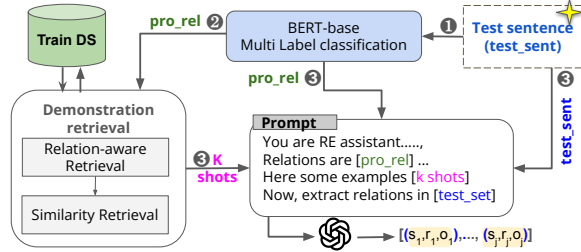


Figure 5: Relation-aware retrieval. *pro\_rel* represents proposed relation types from the classifier.

Figure 5 shows the three-step process: (1) predicting candidate relation types, (2) retrieving relationally and semantically similar examples, and (3) generating relation triplets via LLM prompting.

1. **Relation Types Prediction** The RE begins by predicting a set of candidate relation types  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$  for each sentence to constrain the extraction space. Instead of using LLMs to propose candidate relations, which often yield lower accuracy (see §6.5), we employ a fine-tuned multi-label BERT classifier. This classifier assigns confidence scores  $y_i$  to each relation type  $r_i$ , and selects those exceeding a cutoff  $\delta$  as candidates. Further model details are provided in §C.
2. **Relation-Aware Retrieval:** To obtain in-context demonstrations, we retrieve training instances annotated with at least one relation  $r \in \hat{\mathcal{R}}$ , rank them by cosine similarity in the BERT embedding space, and select the top- $k$  most similar examples. If the retrieval pool

contains fewer than  $k$  instances, additional high-similarity examples are retrieved from the full training set. This strategy ensures that the retrieved demonstrations are relation-relevant and semantically aligned with the input.

3. **LLM Prompting:** A contextual prompt  $C$  is constructed, containing task instructions  $\mathcal{I}$  and the predicted relation types  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$  from Step 1. In **few-shot**,  $C$  is augmented with  $k$  retrieved demonstrations, each including a sentence, its relation triplets, and Llama3-generated rationales. Annotation guidelines specifying the definition, domain, and range of each relation type are also included to improve accuracy. The LLM then models the conditional probability:

$$p(y | C, s) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(y_t | C, s, y_{<t}),$$

generating a sequence  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_T)$  of relation triplets, where  $y_i = (s_i, r_i, o_i)$ . In **zero-shot**,  $C$  includes only  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$ .

**Dataset:** We convert  $Wojood^{Relations}$  into an instruction-based dataset, denoted  $Rel^{Joint}$ , where each instance is formatted as a sentence-level prompt. The resulting dataset retains the same distribution and statistics as the original  $Wojood^{Relations}$ .

## 6 Experimental Results

We implement and evaluate the four methods described in §5 using  $Wojood^{Relations}$ . The first three are assessed under the relation extraction setting, where each sentence may express multiple relations. For each candidate entity pair, we apply a one-vs-rest strategy to predict the relation type independently. The fourth method is evaluated under the joint extraction setting, where a prediction is correct only if both entity spans (subject and object) and the relation label exactly match the gold annotation, similar to the boundary-level evaluation used in Yan et al. (2023). Results are shown in Table 5 (details in §E).

### 6.1 Implementation Details

We use ArBERTv2 (Elmadany et al., 2022) for all BERT-based experiments, fine-tuning models in

Model	Micro P	Micro R	Micro F1	Macro P	Macro R	Macro F1
NLI-RE (supervised)	88.91	88.65	88.61	89.00	88.50	<b>88.58</b>
RIFRE (supervised) (Zhao et al., 2021)	93.29	93.28	<b>92.89</b>	54.36	54.34	52.05
GPT-RE (LLM) (Wan et al., 2023)	89.25	83.66	85.78	69.20	68.75	63.55

Table 5: Performance comparison of relation extraction models. All values are reported as percentages.

5-fold cross-validation. Training across folds took approximately 10 hours on a machine with 1.2 TB disk, 62 GiB memory, and 1 NVIDIA T4 GPU. For LLMs, we evaluate both open-source and commercial models: DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-70B, llama3-70b-8192, DeepSeek-Reasoner, and gpt-4o-2024-08-06. In few-shot settings, 5 and 10 demonstrations are retrieved for GPT-Joint and GPT-RE, respectively. The hyperparameters temperature, max\_tokens, and top\_k are set to 0.6, 1000, and 1 for GPT-Joint, and to 0.0, 8, and 1 for GPT-RE.

## 6.2 Graph-Based Experiments

**RIFRE** achieves the highest micro F1 score (92.89%), indicating strong performance on frequent relations. However, its low macro F1 score (52.05%) demonstrates poor generalization to rare and implicit relations, likely due to its reliance on structural co-occurrence patterns and limited ability to handle class imbalance.

## 6.3 LLM-Based Experiments

**GPT-RE** achieves a micro F1 of 85.78% and a macro F1 of 63.55%, showing improved performance on long-tail relations compared to RIFRE. Semantically retrieved demonstrations provide the LLM with contextualized reasoning patterns. However, when rare relation types are underrepresented, the LLM lacks sufficient signal to infer the correct relation, limiting its generalization.

## 6.4 NLI-Based Experiments

**NLI-RE** performs consistently across both micro and macro metrics, achieving a macro F1 of 88.58%, the highest among all models. Its hypothesis-based formulation appears effective in generalizing over relation types, including those with limited training data. This supports the idea that casting relation extraction as an NLI task allows models to infer both explicit and implicit semantics by comparing entity-centric hypotheses to context (Sainz et al., 2021).

In our experiments, we use ArBERTv2, which outperforms multilingual models such as mBERT

and XLM-R, as well as other Arabic-specific models, including AraBERT, in MSA (Abdul-Mageed et al., 2021). Since MSA is less affected by orthographic noise and tokenization inconsistencies compared to dialectal Arabic, ArBERTv2 provides a stable and effective basis for modeling relations.

## 6.5 LLM-Based Joint Extraction Experiments

Table 5 highlights a clear performance gap between zero-shot and few-shot models in joint extraction. Zero-shot models perform poorly across all metrics due to the lack of task-specific supervision. Without in-context examples, they struggle to model the dependencies between entities and relations, leading to incomplete or incorrect predictions.

Few-shot models improve substantially with limited supervision. For candidate relation prediction, the fine-tuned multi-label BERT classifier outperforms the few-shot LLM, achieving a higher micro F1 (91.31% vs. 79.34%). This is attributed to its ability to exploit supervised signals and capture label co-occurrence patterns in multi-label settings. The LLM, however, shows slightly better performance on long-tail relations, benefiting from broad pretraining and stronger semantic generalization.

## 6.6 Discussion

A major challenge in relation extraction is handling sentences with overlapping relations, particularly when some are implicit. Most models tend to predict only one relation per sentence in such cases. Among them, NLI-RE shows stronger ability to infer both explicit and implicit relations by leveraging contextual cues. GPT-RE performs better than RIFRE but is limited by its reliance on surface-level patterns from retrieved examples, which hampers generalization to less salient relations. For example, in the sentence *الجنرال جناسينغي إيادéma تولى في وقت لاحق رئاسة توغو* “General Gnassingbé Eyadéma later became President of Togo,” the gold relations are *president\_of* (explicit) and *lives\_in* (implicit). NLI-RE predicts both, RIFRE captures only *lives\_in*, and GPT-RE



Model	Zero-Shot <sup>♦</sup>			Few-Shot <sup>♦</sup>			Few-shot <sup>★</sup>		
	P	R	F1	P	R	F1	P	R	F1
llama3-70b	35.00	28.43	31.37	59.06	67.58	63.03	-	-	-
deepseek-distill-llama	27.24	18.50	22.03	74.45	61.16	67.15	-	-	-
gpt-4o	43.30	29.83	<b>35.32</b>	80.39	60.20	68.85	65.92	62.90	64.38
deepseek-reasoner	35.35	29.02	31.87	76.20	69.56	<b>72.73</b>	-	-	-

Table 6: Performance comparison of joint extraction models under zero-shot and few-shot settings. <sup>♦</sup> indicates use of BERT-based candidate relation prediction; <sup>★</sup> indicates LLM-based candidate relation prediction.

identifies only president\_of.

## 7 End-to-End System

We develop an end-to-end relation extraction system as part of the SinaTools framework (Hamouda et al., 2024)<sup>1</sup>. The system is designed as a pipeline of three BERT-based modules, which achieves higher accuracy than LLM-based methods for this task (see Table 5). In the first stage, entities are extracted using an NER model and then passed to the NLI-RE module for relation extraction. We adopt NLI-RE because of its strong performance, particularly for rare relations, and because it can be implemented efficiently with lighter and faster models such as BERT. The complete workflow of the system is illustrated in Figure 6.

1. **NER Module:** The system first identifies entities in the input text using Wojood NER model<sup>2</sup>. Detected entities are then filtered according to the domain and range constraints defined for each relation type (Table 10). Only entity pairs that satisfy these constraints are passed to the subsequent module.
2. **Template Module:** For each valid entity pair, premise-hypothesis pairs are generated for NLI using the predefined templates (Table 9) associated with each relation type.
3. **RE Module:** Each premise-hypothesis pair is classified within a binary entailment framework using NLI-RE (§5.3). A relation is predicted only if the entailment probability exceeds a predefined threshold; otherwise, the pair is discarded as non-entailment.

<sup>1</sup>The annotated corpus, source code, and models are publicly available under CC BY 4.0: <https://sina.birzeit.edu/rerelations/>. The RE tool is provided as a Python library under MIT.

<sup>2</sup><https://sina.birzeit.edu/wojood/>

Since the end-to-end system is built upon the NLI-RE framework, its performance is directly reflected in the evaluation reported in Section 6.4.

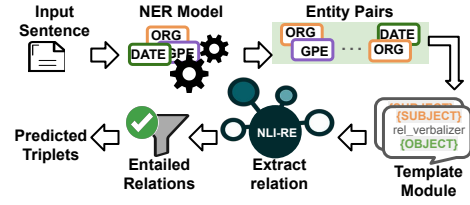


Figure 6: End-to-End Relation Extraction System Pipeline

## 8 Conclusion

We introduce *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*, the largest Arabic RE corpus with high-quality annotations spanning 40 relation types. We benchmark both supervised and in-context learning approaches, finding that supervised models outperform LLMs on this corpus. Nonetheless, challenges remain in detecting implicit and rare relations. Future work should aim to improve generalization to long-tail relations and enhance the use of contextual information to advance Arabic RE.

## Limitations

The *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* corpus primarily covers MSA within formal domains, including news and historical texts, with limited representation of informal, dialectal, or conversational Arabic. This restricts the applicability of models trained on this corpus to non-MSA or colloquial language varieties. Additionally, while NLI-RE effectively handles both explicit and implicit relations, it requires inference over all templates for each entity pair, introducing some computational overhead, though this remains lower than the cost of using LLMs end-to-end.

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## A Annotation

### A.1 Annotation Guidelines

We base our annotation process on the ACE05 guidelines established by the Linguistic Data Consortium (LDC) to maintain consistency and ensure high-quality annotations. However, these guidelines have been revised and expanded to accommodate a nested named entity recognition (NER) framework, which is essential for addressing the unique linguistic complexities of Arabic.

### Relations between Nested Entities

- **Context-Dependent Relations:** For nested entities, the existence of a nested structure does not inherently imply a relationship. A relationship is only annotated if the context explicitly indicates one.

For example, in "Beirut University" (جامعة بيروت), "Beirut University" is annotated as an ORG entity, while "Beirut" is a nested GPE entity. However, the *located\_in* relationship between these entities is not annotated unless there is explicit textual evidence indicating such a connection.

- **Implicit Relations:** Certain relations, particularly those involving nested governmental or institutional entities, may be implicitly inferred from the possession relationship between the entities, even without explicit textual evidence.

For example, in "Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry" (غرفة تجارة وصناعة الخليل), the *located\_in* relationship is annotated as the context implies it.

### Entities with Multiple Mentions

- When an entity is mentioned multiple times in a sentence, annotate the relation using the full, first mention of the entity. Avoid annotating the entity in every instance, as it is redundant.
- Always prioritize using the full, explicitly stated name of an entity instead of generic references or pronouns. This practice ensures that the annotations are precise, unambiguous, and consistent throughout the dataset.

For example, in the sentence: أصدر مجلس إدارة هيئة سوق رأس المال في جلسته المنعقدة ، بتاريخ ١٩ / ٦ / ٢٠١٧ قراراً

بتعيين السيد مراد جدبة مديراً عاماً للهيئة . ("The Board of Directors of the Capital Market Authority issued a decision during its session held on 19/6/2017 to appoint Mr. Murad Jadba as the Director General of the Authority.")

Annotate the full name هيئة سوق رأس المال ("Capital Market Authority") instead of using the generic term الهيئة ("the Authority"), as it more clearly identifies the entity and avoids ambiguity. This approach maintains clarity and improves the quality of the annotations.

### A.2 Annotation Process

The annotation process was carried out by five native Arabic speakers with diverse backgrounds to ensure coverage of most domains represented in the corpus, as well as linguistic expertise. Each annotator was compensated at a rate of 8 USD per hour.

Annotators were provided with detailed descriptions for each relation, which they could reference at any time. This ensured a clear understanding of the task and helped maintain consistency across annotations. During the annotation process, a filtering mechanism was employed to select candidate sentences for annotation, which streamlines the process and focuses efforts on relevant data.

The annotation process spanned 17 months due to several factors. The task involved 40 nuanced relation types and long, often ambiguous sentences, requiring careful contextual interpretation. Early in the process, part of the dataset had to be re-annotated to correct inconsistencies arising from initial guideline issues. The annotation was revised twice, with multiple quality control and verification rounds conducted to ensure consistency across annotators. This iterative review, coupled with continuous consultation among annotators and linguistic experts, contributed to the extended duration but ultimately ensured a high-quality, reliable dataset.

The detailed descriptions of each relation, along with their admissible domain and range types, are shown in Table 10.

### A.3 Inter-Annotator Agreement (IAA)

Table 7 shows the IAA that was evaluated using several metrics, including Cohen's  $\kappa$  and F1-scores. The analysis revealed high consistency in annotation across most relation types, with many relations achieving perfect agreement. The overall Cohen's  $\kappa$  was 0.92, and the F1 score for triplets across the

entire corpus was 89.8%, indicating a high level of reliability in the annotated data.

Relation	# Relation (Corpus)	Cohen’s $\kappa$	F1 Score
has_parent	15	1.0	100.0
has_spouse	11	1.0	100.0
has_sibling	8	1.0	100.0
has_relative	6	1.0	100.0
birth_date	18	1.0	100.0
death_date	23	1.0	100.0
birth_place	175	0.67	66.7
has_occupation	997	0.94	90.0
has_conflict_with	184	0.81	80.0
has_competitor	17	1.0	100.0
partner_with	283	0.72	85.7
manager_of	138	0.95	85.7
president_of	246	0.95	84.2
leader_of	48	1.0	100.0
geopolitical_division	2757	0.94	79.2
subsidiary	329	0.97	94.6
member_of	294	0.87	87.5
employee_of	234	1.0	92.3
student_affiliation	9	1.0	100.0
owner_of	24	1.0	100.0
inventor_of	1	-	-
manufacturer_of	2	1.0	100.0
builder_of	6	1.0	66.7
founder_of	7	1.0	100.0
lives_in	1433	0.88	86.1
located_in	6800	0.86	88.4
headquartered_in	69	1.0	100.0
has_border_with	36	1.0	100.0
nearby	114	1.0	74.1
has_property	20	0.0	0.0
branch_count	1	-	-
has_revenue	1	-	-
employs	4	1.0	100.0
found_on	34	0.85	85.7
has_alternate_name	251	1.0	100.0
has_area	2	-	-
official_language	16	0.85	88.0
has_currency	21	1.0	100.0
has_population	12	1.0	100.0
capital_of	43	1.0	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,689</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>89.8%</b>

Table 7: Inter-annotator agreement using Cohen’s  $\kappa$  and F1 Score for each relation type.

#### A.4 Relation Triplet Distribution

Table 8 presents the distribution of relation triplets per sentence in the *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>* corpus, broken down by train, validation, and test splits.

Triples per Sentence	Train	Validation	Test	Total
1 triplet	4,250	599	1,218	6,067
2 triplets	1,186	146	304	1,636
3 triplets	540	81	152	773
>3 triplets	382	60	105	547

Table 8: Sentence-wise Distribution of Relation Triplets in *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*

## B Relation-Aware Templates

Table 9 lists all 40 Arabic relation templates used in this work, alongside their English translations. Each template contains placeholders {entity\_1} and {entity\_2} denoting the subject and object entities respectively.

The templates are designed to provide a clear and explicit definition of each relation, ensuring that the relation can be reliably inferred in NLI settings. Their construction respects the admissible domain and range types for each relation, ensuring that the subject and object entities instantiated in the templates are consistent with the relation constraints.

## C Relation Type Proposal

Given the large label space of 40 relation types, we restrict the candidate set by predicting a subset  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$  of contextually relevant relations for each sentence. This serves to reduce prompt complexity and improve inference efficiency. Subsequently, we fine-tune a BERT-based model for multi-label relation classification. The model uses the [CLS] embedding to compute confidence scores  $y_j$  for each candidate relation  $r_j$  as follows:

$$y_j = \sigma(f_{\text{BERT}}([\text{CLS}]_s, r_j)), \quad j = 1, \dots, k$$

A relation  $r_j$  is included in the predicted candidate set  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$  if its score  $y_j$  exceeds a fixed threshold of 0.5.

The model achieves strong performance on high-frequency relations such as Location.located\_in, Personal.has\_occupation, and PartOf.geopolitical\_division, with F1 scores exceeding 90%. However, it struggles with low-resource relations, particularly those with fewer than 10 training instances. Future work should explore strategies for handling rare relation types, such as data augmentation, few-shot learning, or incorporating external knowledge sources.

## D Prompts

Prompt design critically affects LLM performance in relation extraction. Creating effective prompts is challenging, especially with many relation types, requiring a balance between clarity and completeness. Poorly crafted prompts can cause over/under-extraction, boundary errors, or wrong relations.

Following this principle, our approach to relation extraction involves carefully designing prompts using English instructions, as recommended by (Abdelali et al., 2024), to ensure clarity and consistency in guiding the model.

### D.1 Rationale Prompt

The rationale prompt is designed to elicit the reasoning that supports the identification of a relation in a given sentence. The prompt template is as follows:

What are the clues that lead to the relation between:  
<SUBJECT1> and <OBJECT1> to be <RELATION1>  
<SUBJECT2> and <OBJECT2> to be <RELATION2>  
...  
in the sentence: <SENTENCE>

### D.2 GPT-Joint Prompts

The GPT-Joint prompt instructs the model to extract entity-relation triples from the input sentence in a triplet format (subject, relation, object). In the few-shot configuration, the prompt includes annotated examples demonstrating the extraction process, as shown in the textbox below. The zero-shot prompt uses the same format but omits these examples.

**System Instruction:** You are an expert in relation extraction between named entities in Arabic text. Your task is to identify the relationship(s) and determine their subject and object.

Note: Use space for tokenization; keep suffixes/prefixes with the entity (e.g., جامعة not جامعة).

**User Input:** Extract from the following test sentence the relation(s) <BERT\_PROPOSED\_RELATIONS>, which is/are defined as <RELATION\_DEFINITIONS>. The subject type(s) can be <DOMAIN\_ENTITY\_TYPES>, and the object type(s) can be <RANGE\_ENTITY\_TYPES>.

Your answer should be a list of tuples in the form [(subject, relation, object), ...]. Return an empty list if no relation exists.

Here are some examples:

**Example 1:** <EXAMPLE\_1\_SENTENCE>  
**Relations:** <RELATION\_TRIPLETS>  
**Reason:** <RELATION\_EXPLANATION\_PER\_RELATION>

...

**Example 5:** <EXAMPLE\_5\_SENTENCE>  
**Relations:** <RELATION\_TRIPLETS>  
**Reason:** <RELATION\_EXPLANATION\_PER\_RELATION>

Now apply the same and extract the relations from the following sentence: <TEST\_SENTENCE>

## E Detailed Results

Table 11 presents a fine-grained performance comparison of three relation extraction models: NLI-RE (NLI-based), RIFRE (GNN-based), and GPT-RE (LLM-based).

**Overall Trends.** NLI-RE consistently achieves robust performance across relation types, obtaining the highest F1 scores on a majority of them. This highlights the effectiveness of casting RE as a binary entailment task, especially when combined with relation-aware templates. RIFRE demonstrates strong recall on high-frequency relations such as `located_in`, `geopolitical_division`, and `has_occupation`, leveraging graph-based information effectively. GPT-RE, while generally trailing supervised models, shows promising results in few-shot settings, particularly on relations with clear semantic cues, such as `has_conflict_with` and `Family.has_spouse`.

**High-Resource Relations.** For relations with abundant training data (e.g., `located_in`, `lives_in`,

geopolitical\_division), all three models perform competitively, with F1 scores above 0.85.

**Long-Tail and Challenging Relations.** NLI-RE handles low-resource relations better than RIFRE and GPT-RE, showing more stable performance when data is scarce. RIFRE struggles with these cases, likely due to limited supervision signals. GPT-RE benefits from external knowledge and performs well on some rare relations, but its outputs are inconsistent.



Relation	Template (Arabic)	English Translation
has_parent	{entity_1} هو والد أو والدة {entity_2}	is the parent of
has_sibling	{entity_1} هو أخ أو أخت {entity_2}	is the sibling of
has_spouse	{entity_1} هو زوج أو زوجة {entity_2}	is the spouse of
has_relative	{entity_1} هو قريب {entity_2}	is a relative of
birth_date	{entity_1} وُلِدَ في تاريخ {entity_2}	was born on
death_date	{entity_1} توفي في تاريخ {entity_2}	died on
birth_place	{entity_1} مكان الولادة / وُلِدَ في {entity_2}	was born in
has_occupation	{entity_1} مهنته / يعمل كـ {entity_2}	works as
has_conflict_with	{entity_1} لديه نزاع مع {entity_2}	has a conflict with
has_competitor	{entity_1} منافس لـ {entity_2}	is a competitor of
has_partner_with	{entity_1} شريك لـ {entity_2}	is a partner of
manager_of	{entity_1} هو مدير {entity_2}	is the manager of
president_of	{entity_1} هو رئيس أعلى منصب في {entity_2}	is the president of
leader_of	{entity_1} هو قائد {entity_2}	is the leader of
geopolitical_division	{entity_1} هو تقسيم جغرافي لـ {entity_2}	is a geopolitical division of
subsidiary	{entity_1} فرع تابع لـ {entity_2}	is a subsidiary of
member_of	{entity_1} عضو في {entity_2}	is a member of
employee_of	{entity_1} يعمل لدى {entity_2}	is employed by
student_at	{entity_1} تلقى تعليمه في / طالب في {entity_2}	studies at
owner_of	{entity_1} يمتلك {entity_2}	owns
inventor_of	{entity_1} مخترع {entity_2}	is the inventor of
manufacturer_of	{entity_1} يصنع {entity_2}	manufactures
builder_of	{entity_1} بنى {entity_2}	built
founder_of	{entity_1} هو مؤسس {entity_2}	is the founder of
lives_in	{entity_1} يعيش في {entity_2}	lives in
located_in	{entity_1} يقع في {entity_2}	is located in
headquartered_in	{entity_1} يقع مقره الرئيسي في {entity_2}	is headquartered in
has_border_with	{entity_1} لديه حدود مع {entity_2}	borders
nearby	{entity_1} يقع بالقرب من {entity_2}	is near
has_property	{entity_1} لديه ممتلكات {entity_2}	has property
branch_count	{entity_1} يضم عدد فروع قدره {entity_2}	has branches
has_revenue	{entity_1} يحقق إيرادات قدرها {entity_2}	generates revenue of
employs	{entity_1} عدد موظفيه {entity_2}	employs employees
found_on	{entity_1} تم تأسيسها بتاريخ {entity_2}	was founded on
has_alternate_name	{entity_1} يُعرف أيضاً باسم {entity_2}	is also known as
has_area	{entity_1} تبلغ مساحتها {entity_2}	has an area of
official_language	{entity_1} لغتها الرسمية {entity_2}	official language is
has_currency	{entity_1} عملتها هي {entity_2}	has currency
capital_of	{entity_1} هي عاصمة {entity_2}	is the capital of
has_population	{entity_1} عدد سكانها {entity_2}	has a population of

Table 9: Templates for all 40 relations in Arabic with English translations.

Relation	Domain	Range	Description
has_parent	PERS	PERS	parent-child relationship between two individuals.
has_spouse	PERS	PERS	Identifies a marital relationship.
has_sibling	PERS	PERS	Denotes a sibling relationship.
has_relative	PERS	PERS	Familial relation not parent, spouse, or sibling
birth_date	PERS	DATE	Records the date of birth of a person.
death_date	PERS	DATE	Records the date of death of a person.
birth_place	PERS	GPE, LOC	Indicates where a person was born.
has_occupation	PERS	OCC	Links a person to their profession or job.
has_conflict_with	ORG, NORP, GPE	ORG, NORP, GPE	Captures conflictual relationships - disputes or wars.
has_competitor	PERS, ORG	PERS, ORG	Competition between individuals or organizations.
partner_with	ORG	ORG	Indicates a partnership between entities.
manager_of	PERS	ORG, FAC	Managerial role over an organization or facility.
president_of	PERS	ORG, GPE	Links a president to a country or organization.
leader_of	PERS	ORG	Identifies leadership of a group or organization.
geopolitical_division	GPE, LOC	GPE, LOC	Administrative subdivisions - states within a country
subsidiary	ORG	ORG	A company controlled by another company.
member_of	PERS, GPE	ORG, NORP	Membership in an organization or group.
employee_of	PERS	ORG, FAC	Person working for an organization.
student_affiliation	PERS	ORG	A student's educational institution.
owner_of	PERS	ORG, FAC	Entity ownership of an organization or facility.
inventor_of	PERS	PRODUCT	Person who invented a product.
manufacturer_of	ORG	PRODUCT	Organization that manufactures a product.
builder_of	PERS, NORP, ORG	FAC, ORG	Entity that built a facility or organization.
founder_of	PERS	ORG	Person who founded an entity or organization.
lives_in	PERS, NORP	GPE, LOC	Where a person or group resides.
located_in	FAC, ORG	GPE, LOC	Location of a facility or organization.
headquartered_in	ORG	LOC, GPE	Headquarter location of an organization.
has_border_with	LOC, GPE	LOC, GPE	Borders between locations or geopolitical entities.
nearby	GPE, LOC, FAC	GPE, LOC, FAC	Proximity between two locations or facilities.
has_property	ORG	PRODUCT	Property or product owned by an organization.
branch_count	ORG	CARDINALITY	Number of branches of an organization.
has_revenue	ORG	MONEY	Revenue of an organization.
employs	ORG	CARDINALITY	Number of employees an organization has.
found_on	ORG	DATE, TIME	Founding date or time of an entity.
has_alternate_name	ORG, FAC	ORG, FAC	Alternative names or aliases for an entity.
has_area	GPE, LOC	QUANTITY	Area covered by a location or geopolitical entity.
official_language	GPE, LOC	LANGUAGE	Official language of a country or region.
has_currency	GPE, LOC	CURRENCY	Currency used by a geopolitical entity.
has_population	GPE	CARDINALITY	Population of a geopolitical entity.
capital_of	GPE	GPE	Links a capital city to its country.

Table 10: List of Relation Types, each with Domain, Range, and Descriptions in *Wojood<sup>Relations</sup>*

Relation	NLI-RE(NLI-Based)			RIFRE (GNN-Based)			GPT-RE (LLM-Based)			Support
	P.	R.	F1	P.	R.	F1	P.	R.	F1	
leader_of	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	0.67	0.33	<b>0.44</b>	0.16	0.50	<b>0.24</b>	6
manager_of	0.86	0.86	<b>0.83</b>	0.38	0.79	<b>0.51</b>	0.38	0.38	<b>0.38</b>	24
president_of	0.84	0.84	<b>0.82</b>	0.59	0.70	<b>0.64</b>	0.63	0.43	<b>0.51</b>	46
employee_of	0.81	0.81	<b>0.80</b>	0.91	0.46	<b>0.61</b>	0.64	0.59	<b>0.61</b>	46
member_of	0.84	0.84	<b>0.84</b>	1.00	0.66	<b>0.80</b>	0.27	0.66	<b>0.38</b>	53
owner_of	0.82	0.75	<b>0.71</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.67	0.40	<b>0.50</b>	5
student_at	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.50	1.00	<b>0.67</b>	1
has_competitor	0.64	0.67	<b>0.65</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.50	0.33	<b>0.40</b>	3
has_conflict_with	0.70	0.71	<b>0.67</b>	0.90	0.69	<b>0.78</b>	0.97	0.77	<b>0.86</b>	39
has_partner_with	0.85	0.85	<b>0.81</b>	0.87	0.91	<b>0.89</b>	0.85	0.72	<b>0.78</b>	57
has_parent	0.83	0.67	<b>0.67</b>	0.20	1.00	<b>0.33</b>	1.00	0.50	<b>0.67</b>	2
has_relative	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.20	1.00	<b>0.33</b>	2
has_sibling	0.44	0.67	<b>0.53</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	2
has_spouse	0.50	0.50	<b>0.50</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	3
capital_of	0.88	0.83	<b>0.83</b>	0.25	0.17	<b>0.20</b>	0.50	0.17	<b>0.25</b>	6
has_currency	1.00	0.40	<b>0.57</b>	0.71	1.00	<b>0.83</b>	1.00	0.60	<b>0.75</b>	5
has_population	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	0.67	1.00	<b>0.80</b>	2
official_language	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	2
has_border_with	0.49	0.70	<b>0.58</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.30	0.50	<b>0.38</b>	6
headquartered_in	0.90	0.88	<b>0.87</b>	0.69	0.82	<b>0.75</b>	0.39	0.82	<b>0.53</b>	11
lives_in	0.88	0.88	<b>0.88</b>	0.96	0.95	<b>0.95</b>	0.93	0.85	<b>0.89</b>	279
located_in	0.92	0.92	<b>0.92</b>	0.98	0.99	<b>0.99</b>	0.92	0.91	<b>0.92</b>	1306
nearby	0.85	0.84	<b>0.81</b>	0.86	0.63	<b>0.73</b>	0.90	0.68	<b>0.78</b>	38
employs	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	0.14	1.00	<b>0.25</b>	1
found_on	0.92	0.75	<b>0.79</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	1.00	0.29	<b>0.44</b>	7
has_alternate_name	0.90	0.90	<b>0.89</b>	0.78	0.95	<b>0.85</b>	0.83	0.83	<b>0.83</b>	40
has_property	0.60	0.60	<b>0.60</b>	0.50	0.50	<b>0.50</b>	1.00	0.25	<b>0.40</b>	4
geopolitical_division	0.93	0.93	<b>0.93</b>	0.96	0.98	<b>0.97</b>	0.95	0.86	<b>0.90</b>	576
subsidiary	0.85	0.84	<b>0.84</b>	0.82	0.88	<b>0.85</b>	0.94	0.77	<b>0.85</b>	64
birth_date	0.33	0.57	<b>0.42</b>	1.00	0.25	<b>0.40</b>	0.94	0.77	<b>0.84</b>	4
birth_place	1.00	0.97	<b>0.99</b>	0.75	0.92	<b>0.82</b>	1.00	0.50	<b>0.67</b>	36
death_date	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	0.83	1.00	<b>0.91</b>	0.77	0.94	<b>0.85</b>	5
has_occupation	0.85	0.84	<b>0.83</b>	0.95	1.00	<b>0.97</b>	0.94	0.70	<b>0.81</b>	203
builder_of	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	2
founder_of	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	2
manufacturer_of	0.25	0.50	<b>0.33</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.17	0.50	<b>0.25</b>	2

Table 11: Performance breakdown of supervised relation extraction models across individual relation types