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# Supporting Information for: Assessment of chemistry knowledge in large language models that generate code

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#### I. DESCRIPTION OF NLCC TOOLS

As part of this study and our previous perspective article, we have developed the Natural Language in Computational Chemistry (nlcc) command line open-source software tool. This python-based tool is available at the web address https://github.com/whitead/nlcc and can be installed simply using the command 'pip install nlcc'. This tool provides a simple interface for querying natural language models accessible via internet application programming interfaces (APIs), with those from organizations OpenAI and Huggingface being the ones currently implemented. In this sense, the nlcc tool is not really chemistry specific, but can be used for most code-generating scenarios.

In addition to its general features, the nlcc library has two features specific to this work. The first is the 'nlcc-eval' tool, which allows us to systematically evaluate the examples in our chemistry benchmark database, described next. This tool retrieves multiple alternative outputs from an API for a given prompt, attempts to evaluate the code in python, and compares the result returned by the code to some correctness criterion provided in the database. The result of nlcc-eval can be viewed in a format that is friendly for command line use and testing, but also used to generated a public available website showing the results (https://ur-whitelab.github.io/nlcc-data/). The second is the inclusion of 'contexts.' Contexts are short snippets of text that we prepend to the user's prompt in order to give the model more information. For example, the 'matplotlib' context imports the matplotlib library as well as the numpy library, runs a command to use the 'Agg' backend (which allows plot generation without an interactive display), and runs a simple numpy command. Using this context for any plotting related tasks makes the output of the model more homogeneous and more likely to be correct. See the attached supplemental file for the full details of all contexts.

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#### II. EXAMPLE USE OF CHATGPT

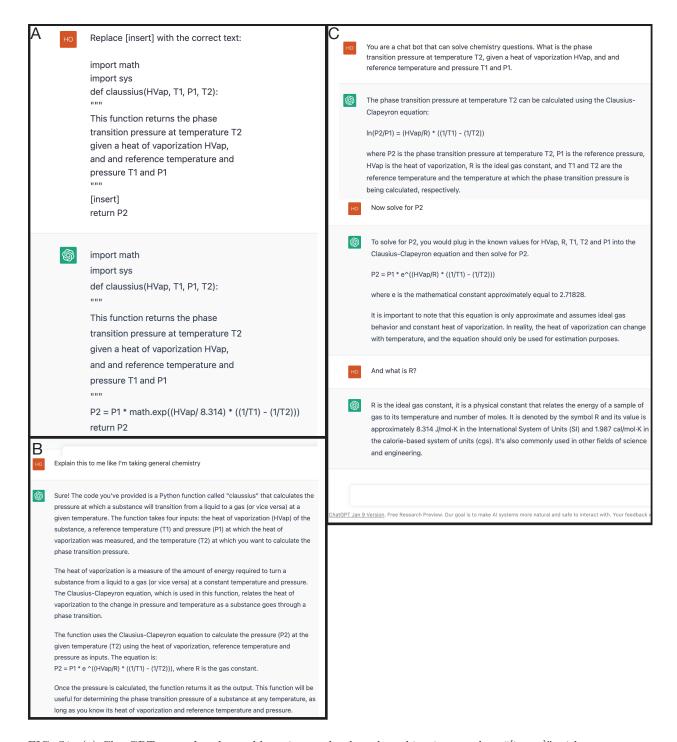


FIG. S1. (a) ChatGPT can solve the problems in our database by asking it to replace "[insert]" with correct text. With an API, we would expect the same performance from ChatGPT as the underlying model in this mode. (b) Continuation of the same conversation shows the AI can explain the problem that was posed only as code generation. (c) A typical use of ChatGPT for the same problem would be to describe the problems in words, and have a conversation about the results. The solution produced is the same, but with more annotation.

#### III. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROMPTS

Examples of prompts where tasks are specified in Mandarin.

#### **Prompt**

```
def cal_correl_fun(x,y):
    """
    此函数计算两个给定数据集x,y的相关函数C_xy并返回C_xy。
    """
    [insert]
    return C_xy
```

# Output

## Prompt

```
def cal_correl_fun(x,y):
    """

此函数计算两个给定数据集x,y的相关函数C_xy并返回C_xy。
    """
    [insert]
    return corr
```

## Output

```
def cal_correl_fun(x,y):
    """

此函数计算两个给定数据集x,y的相关函数C_xy并返回C_xy。
    """
    corr = np.corrcoef(x,y)
    return corr
```

FIG. S2. Two results for the prompt "This function computes the correlation function C\_xy for two given datasets x, y and returns C\_xy" written in Mandarin. Both use the numpy context (not shown) and the insertion capability of codex, with default parameters described in the paper. The only difference between the two is the name of the returned variable; in the second case, the variable **corr** evidently suggests to the model to use the numpy corrcoeff function which is a more direct solution when using numpy.

## Prompt

```
def remove_water(traj_file,top_file):
    """
这个函数从加载的traj_file和top_file中除掉溶剂分子,返回动力学轨迹文件
    """
    [insert]
    return trj
```

### Output (mdtraj context)

```
def remove_water(traj_file,top_file):
    """
这个函数从加载的traj_file和top_file中除掉溶剂分子,返回动力学轨迹文件
    """
    trj = md.load(traj_file,top=top_file)
    trj.remove_solvent()
    return trj
```

```
Output (MDAnalysis context)
```

```
def remove_water(traj_file,top_file):
    """
这个函数从加载的traj_file和top_file中除掉溶剂分子,返回动力学轨迹文件
    """
    u = MDAnalysis.Universe(top_file,traj_file)
    u.select_atoms("not resname SOL")
    trj = u.trajectory
    u.trajectory.close()
    return trj
```

FIG. S3. Two results for the prompt "This function removes solvent molecules from the loaded traj\_file and top\_file and returns the trajectory file" written in Mandarin. The first uses the mdtraj context and the second the MDAnalysis context (not shown).

#### IV. ALL MODELS COMPARED

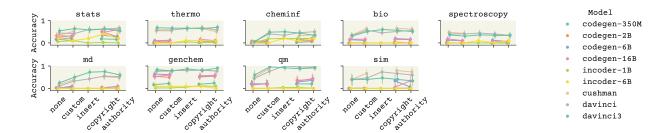


FIG. S4. A comparison of accuracy of the LLMs compared in this study across different contexts. Adding context – short comments/imports – generally improves accuracy across topic and model. Error bars are 95% confidence intervals from bootstrapping across individual prompts, temperature, and from multiple completions.

## V. ACCURACY ON ALL PROMPTS

Accuracy on all automatic evaluable prompts is shown in Figure  ${\bf S6}$ 

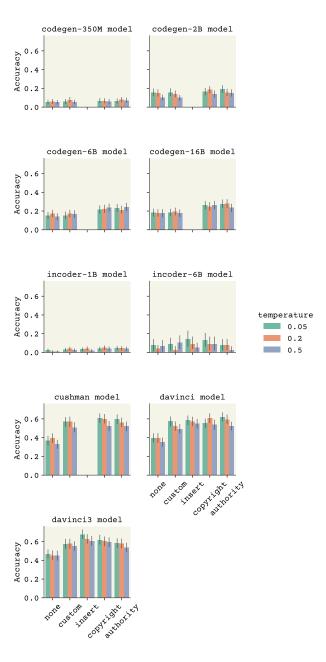


FIG. S5. Comparison of context effect across models and temperatures. Having a custom context is most important. Note that insert, copyright, and authority include the "custom" context. Error bars are 95% confidence intervals from bootstrapping across individual prompts, temperature, and from multiple completions. Cushman and Codegen cannot do insertions.

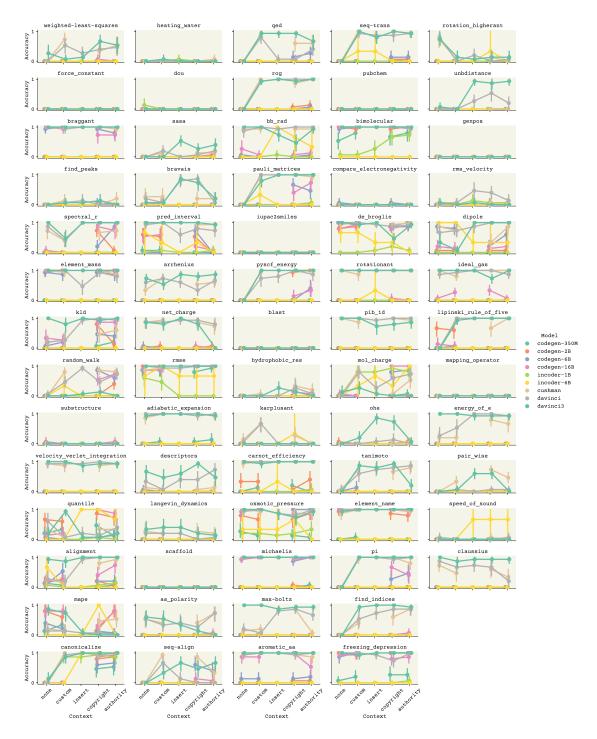


FIG. S6. Accuracy on multiple top-k/temperatures for different models broken out by specific prompt.

#### VI. GENERATED MOLECULES

This task was to generated SMILES given a sentence about a molecule. The generated SMILES were created from the following prompts, where the SMILES strings are the completions from InstructGPT.

1. This is a drug-like molecule with a tertiary amine and phenol: SMILES: CCN(CC)CCOc1ccc(cc1)c2cc(ccc12)C#N

2. This is a drug-like molecule with a bicyclic ring: SMILES: CC1=C(C=CC=C1)C2=CC=CC=C2

3. This is a weakly lipophilic drug-like molecule with two rings: SMILES: C1CC2C(C1)CC(C2)C3=CC=CC=C3

4. This is a very lipophilic drug-like molecule with two rings: SMILES: CCCCC...

where the red character was deleted to make the SMILES valid and the final molecule SMILES was 505 Cs.

#### VII. NOMENCLATURE

This task was to predict IUPAC name from SMILES. The following is a table of IUPAC names and predicted IUPAC names from InstructGPT by completing the following prompt:

This program provides SMILES for the given molecule. It looks them up in a database, so it cannot be wrong. Molecule 1: 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea SMILES: CN(C)C(=0)Nc1ccc(Cl)c(Cl)c1

Molecule 2: 7-methoxy-N-[4-(4-quinoxalin-5-ylpiperazin-1-yl)butyl]-1-benzofuran-2-carboxamide SMILES: COc1cccc2cc(C(=0)NCCCCN3CCN(c4ccc5nccnc54)CC3)oc21

Molecule 3: (4-phenylphenyl) acetate SMILES: CC(=0)0C1=CC=C(C=C1)C2=CC=CC=C2

Molecule 4: [insert] SMILES: [SMILES]

where [SMILES] are taken from the reference molecule. 0 of the 100 attempts were correct. We tried multiple prompts and Davinci and adjusting temperature without success.

True Name Predicted Name methyl 2-(2-chloroanilino)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)acetate 2,2-dichloro-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-(4-chlorophenyl)acetamide 3-oxo-4H-1,4-benzoxazine-7-carbohydrazide 2-oxiranecarboxylic acid 2-(4-bromo-2-chlorophenoxy)-1-(4-methylphenyl)propan-1-one 4-bromo-2-chloro-5-fluorophenyl acetate N-(8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-3-yl)-N-methylquinolin-4-amine 2-cyano-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide N-[[2-(ethoxymethyl)phenyl]methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide 2-chloro-N-(3-methoxypropyl)-5-nitrobenzamide 3-(4-methyl-2-pyridin-4-ylpyrimidin-5-yl)propanoic acid 2-chloro-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-(methoxycarbonyl)acetamide  $\hbox{$2$-(2-chlorophenyl)$sulfinyl-$1$-(4-propylphenyl)$ethanamine}$ 4-chloro-2-methylphenol  $1\hbox{-cyclopropyl-} 3\hbox{-} (2\hbox{-phenylmethoxypropanoylamino}) ure a$ 2-chloro-N-(2-chloroethyl)-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-urea  $\hbox{4-hydroxy-1-[4-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)butyl]} pyridin-2-one$ 2-ethyl-1-hexanol (2R)-2-amino-N-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3-methylbutanamide 2-chloro-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-(methoxycarbonyl)acetamide  $\hbox{2-chloro-4-(2-propan-2-ylphenyl)} pyrimidine$ 2-chloro-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-(methylamino)cyclohexan-1-amine 1-(4,4-dimethylcyclohexyl)-2-(furan-2-yl)ethanamine 2-chloro-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-(methoxycarbonyl)acetamide 2-hydroxy-N-piperidin-4-yl-N-propylbenzamide 2-cyano-N-(4-methoxy-3-nitrophenyl)-N-(2-thienylmethyl)- $\label{eq:normalized-equation} N'-[4-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)phenyl] hexane-1,6-diamine$ 3-methyl-2-oxiranecarboxylic acid  $5{\rm -chloro-2-} (5{\rm -methyl-2-propan-2-ylcyclohexyl}) oxyaniline$ 2-chloro-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-(methoxycarbonyl)acetamide 2-(2-nitrophenyl)oxolane-3-carboxylic acid 2-phenylpropanoic acid 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl acetate dimethyl 2-ethyl-5-methyloxane-3,3-dicarboxylate  $5-ethyl-6-naphthalen-1-yl-4, \\ 5-dihydropyridazin-3-amine$ 2-amino-5-chloro-N-(2-chloroethyl)-benzamide 1-[4-(4,5-dihydroimidazol-1-yl)phenyl]ethanone 2-methyl-2-propanol 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2-bromo-3-iodo-5-nitrobenzene 2-piperidin-1-yl-5-(2-pyridin-3-ylethynyl)pyridine 2-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine [ethoxy(phenoxy)phosphoryl]methylbenzene 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl acetate 1-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl-3-pyridin-2-ylurea 2-thiophenecarboxaldehyde 1-cyclopropyl-2-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]guanidine 2-methyl-2-propanol (3-chloro-2-methylpropyl) 4-methylbenzenesulfonate 4-chloro-2-fluoro-benzenesulfonic acid  $\hbox{2-amino-N-ethyl-N-(oxolan-3-ylmethyl)} pent-4-ynamide$ 2-amino-5-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-benzamide 1-(2-ethoxyethyl)-4-pyridin-2-ylpiperazine 2-amino-5-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-benzamide 1-(3-cyanophenyl)-3-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-methylthiourea 2-amino-5-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-benzamide  $5,7-{\bf dimethyl-2-piperidin-4-ylpyrazolo} [1,5-{\bf a}] {\bf pyrimidine}$ 2-amino-5-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-benzamide  $[2,\!6\text{-}dibromo-4\text{-}(4\text{-}pentylcyclohexyl})phenyl]\ 4\text{-}heptylbenzoate}$ 4-bromo-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methylphenyl acetate 4-chloroiminocyclohexan-1-one 2-chloro-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide  $(5,10\hbox{-}dioxobenzo[g] quinolin-3-yl) methyl\ N-phenylcarbamate$ 2-methyl-2-propanol (10-methylphenothiazin-2-yl) acetate 2-amino-5-methylthiophene (3-nitrophenyl) 4-bromo-3-nitrobenzoate 2-bromo-3-methyl-1-butanol  $3\hbox{-}(ethylamino)\hbox{-} 4\hbox{-}(2\hbox{-}methylpropoxy)butan-1\hbox{-}ol$ 2-chloro-N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-acetamide 1-butylsulfonylpyrrolidine-2-carbonyl chloride 2-chloro-N-(2-chloroethyl)-N-methylethanamine 2-(cycloheptylamino)-2-oxoacetate 2-methyl-2-propanol [2-(2-chlorophenyl)morpholin-4-yl]-pyridin-4-ylmethanone 2-chloro-N-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methylbutanamide methyl 2-[3-(methoxycarbonylamino)phenoxy]acetate 2-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-(2-methoxyethyl)acetamide 2-fluoro-N-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-methylbenzamide 4-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylpyridine 3-[(2R)-6-ethoxy-2-methyl-4-oxo-3H-chromen-2-yl]propanoate 2-butanol 3-methyl-2-oxetanone N-(2-aminobutyl)-2-methylpropanamide 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