Attribution and Alignment: Effects of Local Context Repetition on Utterance Production and Comprehension in Dialogue

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Abstract

Language models are often used as the backbone of modern dialogue systems. These models are pre-trained on large amounts of written fluent language. Repetition is typically penalised when evaluating language model generations. However, it is a key component of dialogue. Humans use local and partner specific repetitions; these are preferred by human users and lead to more successful communication in dialogue. In this study, we evaluate (a) whether language models produce humanlike levels of repetition in dialogue, and (b) what are the processing mechanisms related to lexical re-use they use during comprehension. We believe that such joint analysis of model production and comprehension behaviour can inform the development of cognitively inspired dialogue generation systems.

1 Introduction

Human production in dialogue is influenced by many factors within the recent conversational history, leading speakers to repeat recently used lexical and structural elements of their own and their partners' language. These factors can involve conceptual pacts speakers make in order to establish common ground (Brennan and Clark, 1996), priming of lexical or syntactic cues which influences their subsequent re-use (Bock, 1986), and other social, interpersonal, cognitive, or neural influences (Pickering and Garrod, 2005; Danescu-Niculescu-Mizil et al., 2012; Hasson et al., 2012; Fusaroli et al., 2014).

Language models, which are often used as the backbone of modern dialogue systems, should learn to attend to such factors in order to successfully mimic human linguistic behaviour in interaction. The pre-training data of these models typically contains *fluent* monologic language and little diverse dialogue data—and indeed one goal of building language generators is having them produce fluent language. A key aspect of achieving fluency is the avoidance of repetition: repetitions are typically thought of as evidence of degenerate production (Li et al., 2016a,b; Welleck et al., 2019; Holtzman et al., 2019).

Recent advances in conversational language models, such as ChatGPT, demonstrate neural models' impressive performance in producing humanlike, proficient language. However, despite these advances, they are yet to display human-like communicative behaviour (i.e., adhering to Gricean maxims-the verbosity of such models can be high), and more nuanced, local, and partnerspecific interactions. Humans in dialogue use specific communication strategies which rely on repetition, and, in particular, these are local and partnerspecific (Schlangen, 2004; Pickering and Garrod, 2005; Sinclair and Fernández, 2023). We start from the desideratum that dialogue response generation models should also produce human-like levels of repetition. While excessive levels of repetition, designed to mimic alignment, can hinder naturalness (Isard et al., 2006; Foster et al., 2009), humans generally prefer generated dialogue that contains higher levels of alignment (Lopes et al., 2015; Hu et al., 2016), which also lead to more successful communication in human-human dialogue (Xi et al., 2021; Isard et al., 2006). Moreover, elements of alignment have been successfully incorporated in chat bots (Hoegen et al., 2019; Gao et al., 2019).

Investigating and understanding the mechanisms which drive more human-like patterns of repetition is critical to creating more human-like natural language generation and dialogue systems. We therefore study whether models reproduce the repetition behaviour humans display in spoken dialogue, and the extent to which this repetition is affected by contextual cues. In particular, we focus on locality effects, comparing repetition patterns of speakers with respect to their own, and their partner's language. We investigate language models' *production* behaviour, via measuring the extent to which they generate similar local repetitions to humans, and their *comprehension* behaviour, through measuring the salience they assign to a given portion of the local dialogue context when comprehending an utterance.

2 Background

2.1 Human Repetition and Alignment

Local repetition of shared language between speakers is one of many lower-level linguistic signals indicating the presence of interactive alignment between speakers (Pickering and Garrod, 2004a). It is thought to contribute to more successful communication (Pickering and Garrod, 2005) as it allows speakers to establish and maintain shared common ground (Brennan and Clark, 1996; Pickering and Garrod, 2004b). Developing local routinesshared sequences of repeated language (Pickering and Garrod, 2005; Garrod and Pickering, 2007)can also indicate mutual understanding between speakers (Wilkes-Gibbs and Clark, 1992; Gallotti et al., 2017). Producing repeated language in dialogue, either at a word level, or, in the case of routines, a construction level, is influenced by many factors in the local context. Speakers can be *primed* by language they have been recently exposed to, which may, in addition to the coordination and alignment factors mentioned above, play a role in the choice to repeat language locally (Tooley and Traxler, 2010). Priming effects can take place at multiple levels (from phonetic, lexical and syntactic to gesture, gaze and body posture), and are well attested in human dialogue (Brennan and Clark, 1996; Pardo, 2006; Reitter et al., 2006a; Holler and Wilkin, 2011; Rasenberg et al., 2020).

Alignment and coordination between speakers in dialogue are often measured in terms of local linguistic 'alignment effects', i.e., whether adjacent utterances contain high linguistic overlap, and whether the incidence of repetitions decays with the distance between utterances (Reitter et al., 2006b; Xu and Reitter, 2015; Sinclair et al., 2018; Sinclair and Fernández, 2021; Giulianelli et al., 2022). Local shared construction use has been linked to more successful grounded communication (Fusaroli et al., 2014; Reitter and Moore, 2007, 2014; Ward and Litman, 2007; Friedberg et al., 2012; Sinclair and Schneider, 2021; Norman et al., 2022). Local alignment is also affected by whether a speaker repeats their own or their partner's language, both in humans and in human-agent dialogue settings

(Reitter et al., 2006b; Sinclair et al., 2018; Duplessis et al., 2017; Sinclair et al., 2019). We focus our attention on these short term, local repetition effects and structure our analyses accordingly.

2.2 Understanding the Behaviour of Language Models

Analysing model behaviour is a key approach when investigating patterns of model repetition, for example, paradigms from psycholinguistics can be repurposed to this end (e.g., Futrell et al., 2019). During language comprehension, language models have been shown to be prone to structural priming effects, in a manner with parallels to findings in humans. In particular, recency of prime to target within the input context heavily influences the likelihood of the congruent structure (Sinclair et al., 2022). It is less clear, however, to what extent models are affected by priming and repetition during language production, or generation, and what the mechanisms are that drive their comprehension behaviour. One method for explaining model behaviour is to employ interpretability techniques such as attribution methods. Attribution methods (Covert et al., 2021) allow for a highlevel explanation of model behaviour that aligns strongly with how humans explain their decisionmaking, i.e., based on counterfactual examples (Yin and Neubig, 2022): how would the prediction have changed if a particular input feature was not present? Attribution methods have been used to examine *linguistic* patterns in model behaviour, and it has been argued they provide more comprehensive insights than attention heatmaps (Bastings and Filippova, 2020), because attention only determines feature importance within a particular attention head, and not for model predictions as a whole (Jain and Wallace, 2019). Linguistic phenomena investigated using attribution methods include co-reference, negation, and syntactic structure (Jumelet et al., 2019; Wu et al., 2021; Nayak and Timmapathini, 2021; Jumelet and Zuidema, 2023). Within conversational NLP, feature attribution methods have been used to identify salient features in task-oriented dialogue modelling (Huang et al., 2020), dialogue response generation (Tuan et al., 2021), and turn-taking prediction (Ekstedt and Skantze, 2020). However, relatively little work involves these techniques used to analyse human alignment behaviour in dialogue, in terms of patterns of local repetition, which we make our focus.

3 Experimental Setup

In this study, we investigate (a) to what extent repetition patterns in dialogue can be explained in terms of the re-use of lexical material in the local context; (b) whether LMs learn to generate repetitions with properties similar to those observed in human interaction and (c) how this relates to generation quality, as well as (d) whether LMs are influenced by the presence of repetitions in the local context when comprehending dialogue utterances. This section introduces the dialogue data and the language models used to study these four questions.¹

3.1 Corpora

We choose two high-quality, naturalistic dialogue corpora, transcribed from spoken human interactions, with different conversational dynamics and well attested local repetition patterns at a lexical and structural level (Reitter et al., 2006a; Sinclair and Fernández, 2021). Although larger scale conversational corpora exist, often these consist of more artificial interactions (e.g., very short or highly closed-domain).

Map Task. The Map Task corpus (Anderson et al., 1991) comprises 128 dialogues between speakers participating in a navigational task. Speakers have either an instruction giver or instruction-follower role: they either describe a route, or attempt to follow and mark the described route, on their map.

Switchboard. The Switchboard corpus (Godfrey et al., 1992) contains 1,155 dialogues between participants making conversation over the telephone about one of a pre-specified range of common conversational topics. Speakers in this setting have equal status, with no pre-defined roles.

Extracting sample contexts. We are interested in evaluating the extent to which repetition occurs at a *local* level, therefore we extract sample contexts of 10 utterances, using a sliding window approach. Of these, utterances 1-9 are the *context*, and utterance 10 is the *target* utterance which we investigate. Since we are interested in between- vs. within-speaker effects, we define utterances based on speech turns—i.e. each time a speaker changes, we consider this a new utterance. Details of the corpora and extracted samples are in Table 1.

	Switchboard	Map Task
Full dialogues Number of utterances Unique vocabulary	1,155 86.64±39.1 19,927	128 207.62±103.2 1,882
Samples (of 10 utterances) Words per utterance	$8,705 \\ 14.6 \pm 18.95$	$\begin{array}{c} 2,395\\ 8.39\pm9.21\end{array}$

Table 1: Corpus statistics.

3.2 Language Models

We select three autoregressive neural language models for our analysis: DialoGPT (DGPT; Zhang et al., 2020), GPT2 (Radford et al., 2019), and OPT (Zhang et al., 2022). We select DGPT as a model specifically designed for dialogue (yet still trained on written language, which differs significantly from our transcribed spoken language); GPT2 as its estimates are shown to be predictive of comprehension behaviour, even more so than larger LM variants (Shain et al., 2022; Oh and Schuler, 2023); and OPT, which has demonstrated competitive performance across a range of benchmarks (Paperno et al., 2016; Park, 2023). We fine-tune for 20 epochs, using an early stopping technique to save the best performing model based on perplexity.²

4 Producing Repetitions

We expect human repetition patterns to be highly local, given prior results showing priming effects in the same corpora (e.g., Reitter and Moore, 2007; Sinclair et al., 2018; Sinclair and Fernández, 2021). We also expect repetition patterns to be modulated by which dialogue partner is being repeated. In particular, we expect between-speaker repetition patterns to be the strongest given that developing shared routines can signal alignment and coordination of speakers' mental models or interpersonal synergy (Pickering and Garrod, 2005, 2004a; Fusaroli et al., 2014). We firstly analyse locality and between- vs. within-speaker repetition in human-produced utterances, then investigate whether the same patterns occur in model generations.

4.1 Methods

4.1.1 Measures of Repetition

To differentiate between routines vs. shared language, we compute two main measures of lexical repetition, at the word level, and in terms of shared word sequences (*constructions*; see

¹https://github.com/the-context-lab/attribalign

²More details of model sizes can be found in Appendix C.

Section 4.1.2), with which we hope to capture between-speaker routines. We measure repetition between utterance pairs, at varying distances from one another within a given context sample. We define additional measures to capture established human dialogue behaviours.

Vocabulary Overlap. To compute vocabulary overlap, VO, we exclude punctuation, and calculate VO as the proportion of words w in the current turn t_c that also appear in a previous turn t_p :

$$VO = \frac{|w_{t_c} \cap w_{t_p}|}{|w_{t_c}|} \tag{1}$$

Construction Repetition. After extracting a shared inventory of constructions (Section 4.1.2) for a dialogue, we measure the proportion of repetition of shared constructions C as construction overlap CO as:

$$CO = \frac{|C_{t_c} \cap C_{t_p}|}{|w_{t_c}|} \tag{2}$$

Between vs. Within-Speaker Repetition. This binary measure describes whether the producer of utterance t_c and t_p is the same (*within*) or different (*between*).

Locality. We measure locality as the distance in utterance index between t_c and t_p . We take repetition decay, a negative effect of distance d on the shared constructions between t_c and t_p , as evidence of a local repetition effect.

Specificity. We calculate how sample-specific the extracted constructions are, and for each t_c , report average specificity of the repeated constructions. We measure specificity using pointwise mutual information (PMI), computed as follows:

$$PMI(c,s) = \log_2 \frac{P(c|s)}{P(c)}$$
(3)

Higher PMI indicates a construction c is more strongly associated with, or specific to, the sample s it occurs within due to the frequency of occurrence in this context being higher relative to its general usage.

4.1.2 Construction Extraction Procedure

To extract repeated constructions we make use of *dialign*, a framework for sequential pattern mining (Dubuisson Duplessis et al., 2017).³ We then discard repeated expressions with fewer than two alphanumeric tokens (following Sinclair and Fernández, 2021). Repeated expressions consisting solely

of punctuation or of more than half filled pauses are also excluded. We further discard constructions which contain *periods, commas and question marks*, to avoid constructions which include sentence boundaries: these do not contain the lexical elements we are interested in. We define the resulting shared lexicon as *constructions*. Table 2 provides details of their properties. ⁴

	Switchb	oard		MapTask							
	M±Std	Med.	Max	M±Std	Med.	Max					
Construction											
Length	2.1 ± 0.4	2.0	5	2.4 ± 0.8	2.0	11					
Frequency	3.0 ± 1.2	3.0	6	3.3 ± 1.1	3.0	6					
Rep. Dist.	3.6 ± 2.7	3.0	8	3.3 ± 2.7	3.0	8					
Incidence	1.6 ± 1.1	1.0	10	2.0 ± 1.1	2.0	8					
PMI	6.8 ± 3.4	6.6	11.5	7.2 ± 2.2	7.6	9.6					
Utterance											
CO	0.004 ± 0.035	0.0	1.0	0.024 ± 0.13	0.0	2.8					
VO	0.13 ± 0.23	0.008	1.0	0.13 ± 0.24	0.0	1.0					

Table 2: Construction properties. Repetition distance (*Rep. Dist.*) measured in utterances.

4.1.3 Generating Dialogue Utterances

For each sample in our dataset of extracted dialogue excerpts, we precede each of the 9 utterances in the context with its speaker label, and append a final speaker label, corresponding to the upcoming target speaker, to the end. We then generate the target utterance using ancestral sampling (Bishop, 2006; Koller and Friedman, 2009) to study an unbiased representation of the model's predictive distribution. We set the maximum generation length to 64 tokens, and take the presence of a newline to indicate the end of an utterance, discarding any further generated text beyond this.⁵ The resulting text we refer to as the target. To ensure that we take into account that a given context could support multiple targets-production variability is known to be high in dialogue (see, e.g., Giulianelli et al., 2023)—and to ensure our results are robust, we generate 5 utterances per context sample.

Evaluating generation quality. We measure the quality of a generated target utterance compared to the human reference in terms of their n-gram overlap (BLEU; Papineni et al., 2002) and semantic similarity (BERTScore; Zhang et al., 2019). We also

³https://github.com/GuillaumeDD/dialign

⁴Appendix E.1 contains examples of constructions and how they are repeated, Appendix D filled pauses.

⁵While the average token length for both datasets is relatively low, some utterances can be much longer. We analysed the distribution and select 64 as the maximum length since 95% and 99% of utterances fall below this length in Switchboard and in Map Task, respectively.

evaluate generations using perplexity, as computed using independent models, both independently of (PPL_{ii}) , and conditioned on the context (PPL_{id}) ; we choose GPT-2 for the same reasons highlighted in Section 3.2, and Pythia (pythia-1.4b) (Biderman et al., 2023) for its open-source, highly performant properties. We additionally make use of MAUVE (Pillutla et al., 2021) to capture higherlevel distributional differences between human- vs. model-produced text.

4.2 Analysis

4.2.1 Human vs. Model Repetitions

To analyse local production behaviour, we evaluate the extent to which human and model-produced utterances' *CO* is sensitive to between-speaker repetition, locality, and context-specificity.

The speaker being repeated affects CO and VO in humans and models. Dialogue partners differ in terms of what they repeat of their own vs. their partner's language (Reitter et al., 2006a; Sinclair et al., 2018), thus we expect to find differences in our human data. We also expect that if speakers make use of local routines (Pickering and Garrod, 2005), then between-speaker CO will be relatively higher. We observe that humans do indeed repeat constructions shared with their dialogue partner more so than they do those not shared (CO: Map Task: t = 12.78, p < 0.05. Switchboard: t = 17.74,p < 0.05). We observe the inverse effect for VO, showing speakers repeat their own language relatively more so than they do their dialogue partner (VO. Map Task: t = -13.64, p < 0.05. Switchboard: t = -26.66, p < 0.05). While models exhibit global human-like CO and VO patterns to some degree, for example GPT2 tuned is no different to human CO for within-speaker in Switchboard (t = -0.18, p = 0.86), and between-speaker in Map Task (t = -1.86, p = 0.06), these effects are not consistent across models or corpora. Figure 1 illustrates these results, details of statistical differences in Appendix E.

Humans produce repetitions locally. To evaluate the *local* effects of repetition, we employ linear mixed-effect models, including *dialogue, sample* and *speaker* identifiers as random effects.⁶ We confirm that *CO* decays with the distance between



Figure 1: Human and model repetition properties. *B* indicates base models, *T* tuned models.

a given utterance and those preceding it ($\beta = -0.001$, p < 0.05, 95% CI = [-0.001: -0.001]); this is not the case for VO (Figure 2a). Decay effects for CO are stronger for between-speaker repetition in both corpora. That is, speakers are more likely to repeat their partner's language locally. Interestingly, in Switchboard, decay effect are not observable when looking at the dialogue as a whole (Sinclair and Fernández, 2021). We hypothesise that other, less locally repeated constructions may drive down this effect when analysing the dialogues as a whole, or that some constructions may have multiple short bursts of local repetition over the course of a dialogue (Pierrehumbert, 2012).

Models learn some patterns of local repetition. We find that fine-tuned models learn turn-sensitive patterns of local repetition to some extent. Figure 2b demonstrates that models can learn similar patterns of local repetition to those observed in human dialogue. The most dramatic improvement in similarity to human behaviour is for DGPT. We find that in Switchboard, both models and humans show significant *local* repetition effects of CO independent of VO effects. Investigating CO in more detail, while human repetitions are sensitive to the length of the construction (longer constructions predict CO: $\beta = 0.035$, p < 0.05, 95% CI = [0.025:0.045]), this is not the case for models, for which the frequency of the repetition in the sample plays an important role in predicting CO (e.g. GPT2 repetition frequency: $(\beta = 0.01,$ p < 0.05, 95% CI = [0.007 : 0.013])). For Map Task, we find that humans repeat highly specific repetitions locally (CO $\beta = 0.006, p < 0.05,$ 95% CI = [0.003 : 0.009]), however this is only true for GPT2 ($\beta = 0.001, p < 0.05, 95\%$ CI = [0.0:0.002]). Full model results in Appendix H.1.

⁶Full model output can be found in Appendix H. We include dialogue, sample and speaker as random effects, to allow for group-level variability in the linear model.



Figure 2: Repetition effects for construction overlap *CO* and vocabulary overlap *VO*. Patterns of human vs. model repetition across contexts.

Models don't consistently produce speakerspecific repetitions. We find that while all models display significant CO speaker effects similar to humans, when taking into account other contextual factors, their behaviour with respect to specificity varies. While Figure 2c demonstrates that the PMI of constructions decays with distance, human speakers show no significant independent effect of PMI when predicting CO in either corpus. GPT2 exhibits the most similar behaviour to the human data in terms of the effect of distance and speaker on PMI in Map Task, however learns a significant negative relationship with PMI for Switchboard, not present in the human data. Full model results in Appendix H.1

$PPL_m \downarrow $	$PPLg_{ii} \downarrow$	$PPLg_{id} \downarrow$	$PPLp_{ii}\downarrow$	$PPLp_{id}\downarrow$	BLEU	BertF1	Mve
15.110	3.770	2.870	60.879	12.985	0.009	0.710	0.035
12.020	3.830	2.880	50.608	12.790	0.010	0.730	0.049
37.540	3.750	2.870	54.706	12.799	0.010	0.700	0.052
15.130	3.830	2.870	45.488	12.635	0.014	0.733	0.069
6935.000	7.050	2.970	1323.338	14.064	0.000	0.656	0.006
10.910	3.570	2.870	41.700	12.735	0.016	0.730	0.049
16.170	4.920	3.190	136.421	18.353	0.006	0.679	0.101
7.930	5.250	3.220	208.630	18.193	0.014	0.702	0.245
72.100	5.270	3.210	199.344	18.189	0.006	0.682	0.103
9.700	5.730	3.240	294.677	18.384	0.016	0.712	0.339
3014.000	6.670	3.280	998.832	19.852	0.002	0.662	0.041
8.050	5.320	3.220	235.385	18.007	0.016	0.699	0.176
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Table 3: Generation quality results. *SW*: Switch-Board. *MT*: MapTask. PPL_m : Perplexity of the models under scrutiny on the analysis set. Perplexity of GPT2 ($PPLg_{ix}$) and PYTHIA ($PPLp_{ix}$) on model-produced utterances (*ii* independent of, and *id* dependent on context). *B*: base models, *T*: fine-tuned models. *Mve*: MAUVE score. **Bold** indicates the better value between base and fine-tuned variants.

4.2.2 Repetition vs. Quality

Finally, we investigate whether automatic NLG metrics capture human-likeness of repetition. This is an important aspect of naturalness in dialogue

which the metrics are not explicitly designed for. Table 3 shows the relative generation quality of our base and fine-tuned models. Extended results can be found in Appendix B. All models demonstrate improvement with fine-tuning, although GPT2 base as an evaluator detects less difference than Pythia. This is expected, given their training data contains either little dialogue data, or a comparatively very different style of dialogue.

We find that the closer the levels of CO and *VO* are to human-produced language,⁷ the higher BertF1, BLEU, and the lower the evaluation model perplexity both dependent and independent of the context. This correlation is strongest for GPT2 with $\rho = -0.395, p < 0.05$ for VO and $\rho = -0.258,$ p < 0.05 for CO. This is perhaps to be expected for reference-based metrics, so we additionally inspect whether human-like CO levels correlate with MAUVE, a corpus-level metric, finding that more similar CO levels between human and model inversely correlate with MAUVE quality (above $\rho = 0.7, p < 0.05$ across models).⁸ This tells us either that better corpus-level metrics need to be defined or, perhaps, that corpus-level evaluation is not really appropriate for dialogue where quality is determined by local and highly contextually dependent cues. This is in keeping with challenges in evaluating dialogue (Zhang et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2016), and suggests standard NLG evaluation approaches should be complemented by dialogue-specific metrics like the ones we use in our analysis.

⁷We measure this as the absolute value of the difference between human and model values.

⁸Table 9 in Appendix G provides a detailed breakdown of these results.

5 Interpreting Model Comprehension Behaviour

In the previous section, we investigated patterns of repetition in models' production behaviour. Now we turn our attention to their *comprehension* behaviour, making use of interpretability techniques to analyse what properties of the utterances in the context are more salient in determining expectations for a given target utterance. We expect models to learn patterns of turn-taking from the structure and contents of the context utterances (Wolf et al., 2019; Ekstedt and Skantze, 2020; Gu et al., 2020). We also expect that higher salience will be assigned to repetitions with local antecedents, in line with recency effects observed in model priming behaviour (Sinclair et al., 2022).

5.1 Methods

5.1.1 Feature Attribution

We obtain attributions over the dialogue context for a given target utterance, extracting scores for each token over the entire preceding context.⁹ We are interested in examining behavioural patterns at the utterance level, in order to investigate the influence of their distance from the target, and design a measure to capture the *relative* boosting effects of the context for a given target utterance. This approach allows us to inspect attribution patterns across the context with respect to properties of the target utterance as a whole, allowing us to conduct similar, complementary analyses to the previous section.

A wide range of feature attribution methods exist (Lundberg and Lee, 2017; Murdoch et al., 2019). It remains an open question, however, which of these methods are most faithful with respect to the true model behaviour (Bastings et al., 2022). Some methods resolve this through defining theoretical properties that need to be satisfied by the method (Sundararajan et al., 2017). We focus on one such method, *DeepLift* (Shrikumar et al., 2017), which, besides its attractive theoretical properties, is also considerably more compute friendly than alternative attribution methods.

5.1.2 Attribution Aggregation Procedure

We design a measure that allows us to capture the relative effects that individual utterances in the local context have on models' utterance comprehension. Our measure aggregates over per-token attributions for a full utterance, returning relative prediction boosting effects of tokens within context utterances, speaker label tokens, and the target itself.

A given sample will consist of *speaker label tokens*, indicative of the change in speaker, e.g. 'A:' and 'B:', the 9 context utterances, and the target utterance text. This can look like the following, with the speaker label tokens in orange, context utterances in dark blue, and the final target utterance of interest in light blue:

A: how are you? B: great, it's sunny A: about time B: agreed. A: I love sun B: me too A: makes me think of the beach B: the beach is great A: so great B:great, we should go to the beach!

Firstly, we create the feature attribution scores of each token in the input w_i with respect to the prediction of each token in the target utterance w_t :

$$\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{|w_i| \times |w_t| \times n_{emb}} \tag{4}$$

Since feature attribution methods provide an importance score on the embedding level, we sum these scores along the embedding dimension n_{emb} .¹⁰ Next, we sum the Φ matrix along the dimension of the tokens in the target utterance (w_t) : creating a single score for each input token with respect to the target as a whole. Then, we create a single importance score for each individual input utterance or turn separator, denoted as a set T_i that contains the indices of the *i*th utterance:

$$\Phi' \in \mathbb{R}^{|T|}, \quad \Phi'_i = \sum_{j \in T_i} \sum_k \sum_l \Phi_{j,k,l}$$
(5)

Note that the target utterance itself also yields importance scores of earlier tokens in the target with respect to later predictions.

The scores of Φ' are still unbounded, and can vary greatly between samples and models. We apply two further operations to allow sample and model comparison: we normalise the scores by the maximum absolute Φ' score, which maps the scores between -1 and 1, and we then centre the scores around the mean. This expresses the contribution of each element in the input as its *relative boosting effect* with respect to the other elements in the input

$$\Phi'' = \frac{\Phi'}{\max\left(|\Phi'|\right)} \tag{6}$$

$$\phi = \Phi'' - \operatorname{mean}(\Phi'') \tag{7}$$

⁹For creating the attributions we make use of Inseq (Sarti et al., 2023) and Captum (Kokhlikyan et al., 2020).

¹⁰We could opt for the L2 norm as well, but this would hide negative contribution effects (Bastings et al., 2022).

5.2 Analysis

We now investigate model attribution patterns over the dialogue context. Our goal is to find out whether a model's comprehension behaviour exhibits robust patterns explainable through known psycholinguistic effects thought to influence human language producers, in particular local, betweenspeaker repetition patterns. While we are currently unable to understand precisely where humans place salience when comprehending, a large body of psycholinguistic research points to patterns of priming and alignment behaviour detectable from brain signals (Hasson et al., 2012; Futrell et al., 2019), and uses our understanding of the brain to inform analysis of neural language models (Hasson et al., 2020). We will contrast this analysis of model comprehension behaviour to the previous study of their production behaviour. We expect tuned models, the more human-like producers, to comprehend human language in a manner better predicted by factors thought to influence human processes-such as locality and priming effects-than base models.

5.2.1 Attributions Over Human Utterances

Humans and models display priming effects, which can be explained via accounts of residual activation, and they are sensitive to turn-taking (Ten Bosch et al., 2005; Tooley and Traxler, 2010; Ekstedt and Skantze, 2020; Sinclair et al., 2022). We thus expect attribution patterns to be sensitive to utterance position and speaker shifts within the context. Figure 3 shows how results change with fine-tuning.

Utterance comprehension is influenced by context locality in open domain dialogue. When comprehending utterances from a given speaker, models fine-tuned on Switchboard learn to attribute more salience to utterances in the nearby context, more strongly so when these are produced by the other speaker. This effect is strongest for GPT2 ($\beta =$ -0.009, p < 0.05, 95% CI = [-0.011:-0.007]).For Map Task, we do not see such a clear trend, with different behaviours between models. Even though evidence for sensitivity to utterance position and speaker shifts in comprehension is only found in one of the two corpora, this is an interesting result when juxtaposed to our analysis of production behaviour. It seems to indicate that while models learn to understand differences in speakers and in distance within the local context of open-domain dialogue, this does not always translate to human-likeness of production behaviour.



Figure 3: Relative attribution properties to human utterances over the dialogue context.



Figure 4: Relative attribution importance of speaker labels over the dialogue context.

Construction repetition in the local context pre*dicts attribution patterns*. High lexical repetition between context and target has been shown to boost priming effects in models (Sinclair et al., 2022), however, less is known about how this translates to attribution patterns. In line with priming results, we expect that attribution patterns over context utterances will be predicted by both construction and vocabulary overlap. We see mixed results across models, finding that only for Switchboard, GPT2 displays significant positive effect of CO ($\beta = 0.277$, p < 0.05, 95% CI = [0.239 : 0.315]) on attribution strength, independent of VO and distance effects. Surprisingly, however, the effect of VO on attribution strength is negative ($\beta = -0.308$, p < 0.05, 95% CI = [-0.346: -0.270]). More remains to be done to precisely understand the relationship between the repetitions themselves and the local attribution patterns we observe, as well as to identify other factors driving this behaviour.

5.2.2 Attribution Over Special Tokens

While we are most interested in models' comprehension behaviour with respect to the utterance text in the context, we also investigate their behaviour over speaker labels. The effect of structural tokens on the performance and behaviour of LMs is an ongoing area of research (Wolf et al., 2019; Gu et al., 2020; Ekstedt and Skantze, 2020; Wallbridge et al., 2023). Speaker labels like 'A:' and 'B:' provide models with important information about the turn-taking dynamics of dialogues. Figure 4 shows that models learn, through finetuning, to attribute salience to speaker labels in a more *uniform* manner (note how the curves of tuned models are flatter). We find significant differences between base and tuned models in both corpora, with the highest boost in uniformity for DGPT (Switchboard: $\beta = 0.002, p < 0.05,$ 95% CI = [0.002 : 0.002], Map Task: $\beta = 0.005,$ $p < 0.05, 95\% CI = [0.005 : 0.005]).^{11}$ Speculatively, this could be taken as an indication that the models have learned to more consistently use these as structural markers of turn-taking. The discrepancy between the uniform attribution patterns over speaker labels and the decaying salience assigned to utterance text is an interesting finding that deserves more attention in future research.

6 Discussion & Conclusion

Repetition behaviour in dialogue, whether driven by local priming (Bock, 1986), alignment effects (Pickering and Garrod, 2004b), conceptual pacts (Brennan and Clark, 1996), or routinisation (Pickering and Garrod, 2005; Garrod and Pickering, 2007), is well attested in humans. In this study, we investigate the extent to which language models are sensitive to, and display the same *local*, *context-specific*, and *shared* patterns of construction repetition observed in human dialogue. We conduct an in-depth analysis using two corpora of English task-oriented and open-domain dialogue, and three autoregressive neural language models.

Analysing human interactions, we find that within highly local contexts (we consider dialogue samples consisting of 10 utterances), repetition effects decay with distance from antecedents, particularly when repetitions are between dialogue partners, rather than of a speaker's own language. This contrasts with and complements previous work finding no evidence of locality effects within Switchboard, the same open domain corpus, when considering dialogues as a whole rather than in short excerpts (Sinclair and Fernández, 2021), suggesting that some repeated constructions may occur in multiple short bursts (Pierrehumbert, 2012) over the course of a dialogue—a phenomenon that is not easily captured by more 'global' analyses.

We then evaluate model behaviour under two lenses: production behaviour, analysed in terms of the repetition of shared constructions (i.e., word sequences re-used by both dialogue participants) in model generations, and comprehension behaviour, measured by models' attribution of salience to contextual units when processing human-produced dialogue. We find that models learn, via fine-tuning, to generate more human-like patterns of construction re-use, although the degree to which repetitions are local, context-specific, and shared varies by model. We also find that while reference-based generation quality metrics correlate with the human-likeness of the repetitions produced, corpus-level metrics like MAUVE fail to capture this important aspect of dialogue quality. This highlights the need for more refined corpus-level approaches to statistical evaluation which take into account local and highly contextually dependent phenomena, or at least for their integration with instance-level analyses (Deng et al., 2022; Giulianelli et al., 2023). Making use of feature attribution techniques, which provide interpretations of models' comprehension behaviour, we then explore the extent to which models are sensitive to properties of the context thought to influence human propensity to produce aligned (i.e., locally repeated and context-specific) language. We observe that when comprehending utterances, tuned models assign salience to speaker labels in a more uniform manner, and that in opendomain dialogue, models learn to assign salience over the context in a more local manner.

We will follow up this study with experiments where our proposed attribution aggregation procedure is performed specifically over construction tokens in the target utterance. This may allow for more fine-grained interpretation of the relationship between repetitions and the observed local effects, as well as to investigate further psycholinguistic factors which may drive the tight coupling of local context and next utterance generation. We hope our experimental setup will inspire future work that attempts to create stronger connections between language model behaviour and findings from psycholinguistics. In particular, we look forward to seeing our attribution-based methodology being applied to other dialogue-specific phenomena, and the local, dyad-specific repetition measures we investigate applied to the development and evaluation of more adaptive and context-sensitive dialogue response generation systems.

¹¹Full breakdown of results in Appendix H.2.

Limitations

Limitations of our work are that it is only conducted on English-spoken corpora, for two kinds types of dialogue context (conversational given a range of popular topics, and navigational task-oriented) and of that, native speakers of English only. Repetition patterns of dialogues in different conversational contexts, with language users of different cultures and in different languages may vary, and the patterns that models learn for these may also vary.

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B Language Model Fine-Tuning

We fine-tune GPT-2 (Radford et al., 2019), OPT (Zhang et al., 2022), and DialoGPT (Zhang et al., 2020) for 20 epochs, using an early stopping technique to save the best performing model (based on its perplexity). Table 4 shows the perplexity of all models, pre-trained and fine-tuned, on the evaluation set. Models significantly adapt to the domain in training, given the low fine-tuned perplexities.

C Language Model Sizes

The considered language models have the following number of parameters. GPT2: 124M, OPT: 125M, DGPT: 117M, PYTHIA: 1.4B.

D Filled Pauses

We define filled pauses using the part-of-speech tags in Map Task and Switchboard. **Map Task:** *uh-huh, er, um, mm-mm, eh, uh, mm, uh-uh, nah, mm-hmm, erm, ehm, huh, hmm, mmhmm.* **Switchboard:** *hm, huh, uh, um-hum, huh, huh-uh, uh, uh-huh, um.*

		$PPL\downarrow$	Prec	Rec	F1	BLEU	$BP \downarrow$	$LR\downarrow$	Mve	L±Std
SW										
GPT2 E	3	15.110	0.722	0.704	0.710	0.009	0.744	0.772	0.035	11.9 ± 14.7
Т	Γ	12.020	0.745	0.720	0.730	0.010	0.496	0.588	0.049	8.8 ± 10.5
OPT E	3	37.540	0.703	0.702	0.700	0.010	0.859	0.868	0.052	13.0 ± 13.8
Т	Γ	15.130	0.737	0.733	0.733	0.014	0.824	0.838	0.069	12.6 ± 12.9
DGPT E	3	6935.000	0.667	0.648	0.656	0.000	0.148	0.343	0.006	3.3 ± 3.5
Т	Γ	10.910	0.737	0.728	0.730	0.016	0.955	0.956	0.049	14.3 ± 15.8
MT										
GPT2 E	3	16.170	0.681	0.680	0.679	0.006	0.827	0.841	0.101	7.1 ± 6.2
Т	Γ	7.930	0.705	0.702	0.702	0.014	0.849	0.859	0.245	7.4 ± 6.1
OPT E	3	72.100	0.686	0.681	0.682	0.006	0.701	0.738	0.103	6.1 ± 6.4
Т	Γ	9.700	0.723	0.705	0.712	0.016	0.631	0.685	0.339	5.7 ± 5.2
DGPT E	3	13014.000	0.668	0.659	0.662	0.002	0.391	0.516	0.041	3.7 ± 2.8
Т	ſ	8.050	0.701	0.700	0.699	0.016	0.990	0.990	0.176	8.5 ± 7.9

Table 4: Post-training metrics of models. *SW*: Switchboard. *MT*: Map Task. Precision (*Prec*), recall (*Rec*) and *F1* are averages over multiple samples and part of BERTScore. *LR*: length ratio (BLEU). *BP*: brevity penalty (BLEU). *PPL*: Perplexity. *B*: base models. *T*: tuned models. *Mve*: MAUVE score. *L*: mean target utterance length (in words). **Bold** indicates best values across models per corpora per metric.

E Construction Repetitions

E.1 Construction Examples

Table 5 contains two dialogue excerpts with responses generated by a tuned OPT model. Phrases highlighted bold refer to constructions generated by the model.

Table 6 lists the most frequent constructions generated by fine-tuned models, grouped by locality. Local and global constructions are defined as having a repetition distance of ≤ 4 and > 4, respectively. The table contains the top three most frequent produced constructions per model, per dataset, per locality.

E.2 Repetition Properties

Tables 7 and 8 contain detailed repetition statistics with statistical significance test results. In both corpora, DGPT learns to best approximate human target lengths after fine-tuning (TH columns of all models: -15, -92.8, and -38.59 (t) for DGPT, GPT2, and OPT, respectively. p < 0.05 for all). It generates significantly longer responses (t = -412.64, p < 0.05). Models robustly generate more dialogue-specific shared constructions after fine-tuned on Switchboard (t: -109.41, 57.44, -19.15, p < 0.05). After fine-tuned on Map Task, models learn to generate less dialogue-specific constructions (t: 19.83, 27.43, 22.85, p < 0.05). Models learn to produce more distant shared constructions after trained on both open-ended and task-oriented dialogue data (SW: t: -4.34, -10.2, $-20.6, MT: t: -10.76, -0.19 \ (p \ge 0.05, \text{ excep-})$ tion), -8.53, p < 0.05). DGPT exhibits higher levSelected local dialogue sample excerpts

A: but . that is a very good point. i am from **west** virginia so i understand what you are saying there B: uh-huh.

A: and it's it's a very good point.

B: (*OPT*) uh-huh. yeah, uh, where **i was**, uh, i went to a church in **west virginia** and uh, they always wore suits (...)

B: and **there's a lot of** graft, like people trying to tell them, oh, giving them information that was free to them anyway if they just knew how to get it. A: uh, yeah, exactly. B: yeah.

A: (*OPT*) yeah, there's a lot of corruption,

B: right, so that's that's right, so i'm coming back back down the paper again
A: ah, yeah back down the paper
B: uh-huh aye turn right
A: (*DGPT*) and then you go through the paper and past the chapel, to the right of the page

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A: okay right, you went down past burnt forest
B: i went underneath burnt forest
A: well, you weren't meant to
B: well you said draw round the cottage
A: okay right, you're meant to come down from the start
B: (OPT) okay right
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A: oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.B: in the summer or like in the easter time, like around now?A: (*HUMAN*) no, usually in the summer time.

Table 5: Example local repetitions produced by tuned models.

els of construction overlap (CO) after fine-tuned on both Switchboard and Map Task (both between and within speakers), closely approximating human patterns (SW: t: -23.09, -11.45, MT: t: -29.75, -14.75, p < 0.05). GPT2 and OPT generally learn to produce lower CO values, but they already exhibit highly human-like construction overlap scores in their pre-trained states (SW: t: 6.83, 2.68, 16.52, 3.18, p < 0.05, MT: t: -1.62, -1.4, 0.75, 1.05, $p \ge 0.05$).

F Attributions To Target

We additionally analyse *Target vs. Context vs. Speaker Label* salience patterns. Regarding the *speaker labels* in the context (i.e., sequences containing non-utterance tokens: *A:*, *<eos>*), the effect of special or structural tokens on the performance and behaviour of LLMs is an ongoing area of research (Wolf et al., 2019; Gu et al., 2020; Wallbridge et al., 2023; Ekstedt and Skantze, 2020), we expect model attribution behaviour to be more



Figure 5: Attribution patterns for *Speaker labels* and *Utterances* in the dialouge Context (*Ctx*) during model comprehension of human Target (*Tgt*) utterances. The y-axis measures the *relative boosting effect*.

similar between tuned models.

From Figure 5, we observe far higher variance in attribution over the target utterance than over the utterances in the context, with a similar relative difference between the speaker label in the target vs. those in the context. We observe very few consistent patterns across models in terms of relative boosting effects, except for *speaker label Ctx*, which becomes more relatively uniform (and closer to 0) with tuning. We observe that GPT2 learns to attribute relatively higher salience over the text in the context utterances than to that in the target. In other words, they learn to place relatively more importance on the target utterance itself (Switchboard: t = -8.01, p < 0.05; Map Task: t = -14.42, p < 0.05).

G Generation Quality

To perform a comparable correlation analysis of MAUVE scores and possibly influencing factors, we treat each model generation (we generate five responses to each sample) as a separate corpus. This allows us to compute multiple MAUVE scores for each model (instead of just one score that is based on all the model generations). For best practices, MAUVE requires at least a few thousand examples to run (the original paper uses 5000). Since we have 2,395 samples in Map Task and 8,705 samples in Switchboard, we select the number of samples used for MAUVE score computation to be 3,000. We make use of all the Map Task samples for computation, and randomly sample model generations when we have more than 3,000 examples available. We obtain five MAUVE scores for each model (base and fine-tuned), resulting in 30 scores for each corpus.

Table 9 shows a full breakdown of the most con-

distance	Human	GPT2	OPT	DGPT
local MT global	the diamond mine the concealed hideout the rope bridge the pine forest don't have a the outlaws' hideout	the trout farm the diamond mine to the left of the concealed hideout and a half two inches below where	the diamond mine the fallen pillars to the left edge of the map don't have a graveyard of the walled city	the abandoned cottage have you got the rift valley outside of the a saloon bar up the map
local SW global	a lot of i don't know the peace corps i used to would be a going to be	a lot of i don't know freedom of speech it was just paying sales tax some of them	a lot of i don't know one of the do you think i think it because i was	a lot of i don't know the peace corps you're supposed to i don't know if and a lot

Table 6: Example constructions from tuned models. *MT*: Map Task, *SW*: Switchboard. *Local*: repetition distance ≤ 4 ; *global*: repetition distance > 4.

	Н			DGPT					GPT2					ОРТ		
		В	Т	BH	TH	BT	B	Т	BH	TH	BT	B	Т	BH	TH	BT
SW																
target len.	15.369	3.251	14.271	-174.840	-15.000	-412.640	11.925	8.802	-47.420	-92.800	108.160	13.026	12.599	-32.460	-38.590	14.090
constr. len.	2.176	2.117	2.185	-30.660	5.200	-55.900	2.196	2.186	11.070	5.750	9.400	2.239	2.215	33.810	21.410	19.790
PMI	8.520	8.053	8.821	-42.450	25.740	-109.410	8.424	8.907	-8.020	33.190	-57.440	9.147	9.303	53.330	67.020	-19.150
freq.	2.689	2.607	2.662	-21.530	-7.460	-22.690	2.778	2.672	24.660	-4.600	49.790	2.677	2.648	-3.230	-11.610	14.530
rep. dist.	3.525	3.363	3.891	-1.220	5.840	-4.340	3.586	3.990	0.980	7.040	-10.200	3.104	3.774	-6.870	3.950	-20.600
CO																
between	0.006	0.002	0.006	-16.910	-1.270	-23.090	0.008	0.005	6.830	-2.520	16.070	0.011	0.007	16.520	4.340	23.460
within	0.001	0.000	0.001	-9.860	-2.060	-11.450	0.002	0.001	2.680	-0.180	4.600	0.002	0.001	3.180	-0.400	6.340
VO																
between	0.116	0.107	0.122	-6.350	5.340	-15.770	0.132	0.125	12.700	7.920	8.530	0.137	0.126	18.620	8.920	17.100
within	0.161	0.106	0.149	-34.490	-7.960	-38.130	0.172	0.170	6.720	5.980	1.470	0.146	0.159	-10.800	-1.190	-16.190

Table 7: Switchboard repetition statistics with statistical significance tests. Red values indicate statistical *insignificance* $(p \ge .05)$. All values not highlighted red are statistically significant. The human (H), base model (B), and tuned model (T) columns contain averages. The base model–human (BH), tuned model–human (TH), and base model–tuned model (BT) comparison columns contain computed t-statistics. *Rep. dist.*: repetition distance. *Target len.*: target utterance length (in words). *Constr. len.*: construction length (in words). *Between/within*: between- and within-speaker. *Freq.*: frequency.

	Н			DGP	Т				GPT	2		OPT					
		В	Т	BH	TH	BT	В	Т	BH	TH	BT	B	Т	BH	TH	BT	
MT																	
target len.	8.607	3.701	8.488	-75.490	-1.710	-175.650	7.119	7.411	-22.220	-17.870	-10.990	6.062	5.670	-37.910	-44.360	15.530	
constr. len.	2.373	2.272	2.240	-20.790	-28.610	11.740	2.321	2.287	-11.000	-18.390	13.830	2.427	2.403	11.210	6.270	8.260	
PMI	7.063	7.339	7.113	18.580	3.220	19.830	7.652	7.341	39.130	18.180	27.430	7.956	7.722	60.480	44.730	22.850	
freq.	3.249	2.980	2.999	-35.100	-32.780	-4.180	3.214	3.180	-4.590	-9.000	7.310	3.230	3.105	-2.470	-19.060	29.250	
rep. dist.	3.281	2.736	3.554	-5.830	3.950	-10.760	3.439	3.447	2.270	2.390	-0.190	3.245	3.625	-0.530	4.840	-8.520	
CO																	
between	0.028	0.010	0.028	-20.600	-0.480	-29.750	0.027	0.026	-1.620	-1.860	0.320	0.029	0.024	0.750	-3.890	7.820	
within	0.011	0.004	0.009	-14.300	-4.100	-14.750	0.010	0.010	-1.400	-2.380	1.370	0.012	0.009	1.050	-3.650	7.540	
VO												ĺ					
between	0.118	0.121	0.130	1.350	5.470	-6.160	0.118	0.117	0.020	-0.340	0.660	0.139	0.137	8.570	7.260	1.480	
within	0.164	0.124	0.158	-13.920	-2.190	-19.590	0.149	0.162	-5.630	-0.380	-8.910	0.157	0.180	-2.370	5.050	-12.890	

Table 8: **Map Task repetition statistics** with statistical significance tests. Red values indicate statistical *in*significance $(p \ge .05)$. All values not highlighted red are statistically significant. The human (H), base model (B), and tuned model (T) columns contain averages. The base model–human (BH), tuned model–human (TH), and base model–tuned model (BT) comparison columns contain computed t-statistics. *Rep. dist.*: repetition distance. *Target len.*: target utterance length (in words). *Constr. len.*: construction length (in words). *Between/within*: between- and within-speaker. *Freq.*: frequency.

Metric	Туре	Model	ho	p
Construction Overlap	В	DGPT	0.914	0
Construction Overlap	В	GPT2	0.933	0
Construction Overlap	В	OPT	0.888	0.001
Construction Overlap	Т	DGPT	0.698	0.025
Construction Overlap	Т	GPT2	0.808	0.005
Construction Overlap	Т	OPT	0.976	0
Prop. Repetition	В	DGPT	0.905	0
Prop. Repetition	В	GPT2	0.91	0
Prop. Repetition	В	OPT	0.944	0
Prop. Repetition	Т	DGPT	0.637	0.047
Prop. Repetition	Т	GPT2	0.747	0.013
Prop. Repetition	Т	OPT	0.98	0

Table 9: MAUVE ρ correlation results. Metrics are the absolute value of the *difference* between model and human levels of *CO* and repetition, thus a positive correlation indicates an inverse correlation of the two metrics of human-likeness

sistent results across models. Since we are interested in general properties which apply to conversational corpora, we combine both Map Taskand Switchboardin this analysis. We find a strong ρ correlation across models, weakest for DGPT.

H Linear Mixed Effects Regression Results

To evaluate *local* effects, specifically the relationship between utterances in the context and the target utterance, we employ linear mixed-effect models, including *dialogue and sample* identifiers as random effects.

H.1 Production: Repetition Effects

To measure repetition effects we fit separate models for construction overlap CO, and vocabulary overlap VO, making these the dependent variables. We include dialogue and sample as random effects to allow for group-level variability in the linear model. We firstly investigate the effects of speaker, and distance. To measure repetition in the human data, we include speaker, and distance given speaker as fixed effects. To measure repetition in models, we follow the same process as for the human data, but adding model type (base or tuned) and their interaction with distance as additional fixed effects. Results for VO can be found in Table 10, and COin Table 11.

We then conduct a second analysis, this time to investigate the impact of different properties of constructions on the CO effects. We include speaker, distance, construction length, specificity (PMI) and frequency as independent fixed effects. Results can be found in Table 12.

H.2 Comprehension: Attribution Effects

To measure Attribution strengths over the context utterances during model comprehension of humanproduced target utterances, we made attribution the dependent variable.

H.3 Attribution Over Human Utterances

To investigate the effect of local context repetition on model attribution strengths to context utterance text during target utterance comprehension, we include speaker, distance, construction overlap, vocabulary overlap, average construction PMI, and construction frequency as fixed effects. Results can be found in Table 13.

H.4 Attribution Over Special Tokens

To investigate the effect of distance on model attribution to speaker labels within the context during target utterance comprehension, we include distance, model type (base or tuned) and their interaction as fixed effects. Results can be found in Table 14.

			Switc	hboard					Мар	Task		
	Coef.	Std.	z	P> z	[0.025]	0.975]	Coef.	Std.	z	P> z	[0.025]	0.975]
Human												
Intercept	0.119	0.002	58.807	0.000	0.115	0.122	0.137	0.004	33.787	0.000	0.129	0.145
S[T.same]	0.064	0.003	19.889	0.000	0.058	0.071	0.033	0.007	5.013	0.000	0.020	0.045
dist:S[diff]	-0.001	0.000	-1.868	0.062	-0.001	0.000	-0.005	0.001	-6.592	0.000	-0.006	-0.003
dist:S[same]	-0.005	0.001	-10.705	0.000	-0.006	-0.004	-0.002	0.001	-1.488	0.137	-0.004	0.000
GPT2												
Intercept	0.129	0.001	110.696	0.000	0.127	0.132	0.129	0.002	67.475	0.000	0.125	0.133
S[T.same]	0.076	0.002	48.199	0.000	0.073	0.080	0.050	0.003	19.480	0.000	0.045	0.056
type[T.tuned]	-0.011	0.001	-10.672	0.000	-0.013	-0.009	-0.002	0.002	-1.357	0.175	-0.006	0.001
dist:S[diff]:type[base]	0.000	0.000	2.142	0.032	0.000	0.001	-0.003	0.000	-9.877	0.000	-0.003	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[base]	-0.008	0.000	-36.207	0.000	-0.009	-0.008	-0.008	0.000	-20.167	0.000	-0.008	-0.007
dist:S[diff]:type[tuned]	0.002	0.000	11.460	0.000	0.002	0.002	-0.002	0.000	-8.011	0.000	-0.003	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[tuned]	-0.006	0.000	-28.161	0.000	-0.007	-0.006	-0.004	0.000	-10.058	0.000	-0.005	-0.003
OPT												
Intercept	0.147	0.001	147.422	0.000	0.145	0.149	0.158	0.002	69.367	0.000	0.153	0.162
S[T.same]	0.034	0.001	25.623	0.000	0.032	0.037	0.034	0.003	11.096	0.000	0.028	0.040
type[T.tuned]	-0.015	0.001	-16.526	0.000	-0.017	-0.013	-0.010	0.002	-5.213	0.000	-0.014	-0.007
dist:S[diff]:type[base]	-0.003	0.000	-19.647	0.000	-0.003	-0.003	-0.005	0.000	-14.935	0.000	-0.006	-0.004
dist:S[same]:type[base]	-0.008	0.000	-38.836	0.000	-0.008	-0.007	-0.009	0.000	-19.171	0.000	-0.009	-0.008
dist:S[diff]:type[tuned]	-0.001	0.000	-5.039	0.000	-0.001	-0.000	-0.002	0.000	-7.227	0.000	-0.003	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[tuned]	-0.003	0.000	-12.382	0.000	-0.003	-0.002	-0.001	0.000	-2.042	0.041	-0.002	-0.000
DGPT												
Intercept	0.104	0.001	69.536	0.000	0.101	0.107	0.142	0.002	65.090	0.000	0.138	0.146
S[T.same]	0.047	0.002	27.535	0.000	0.043	0.050	0.027	0.003	9.267	0.000	0.021	0.032
type[T.tuned]	0.018	0.001	13.055	0.000	0.015	0.020	0.001	0.002	0.427	0.669	-0.003	0.005
dist:S[diff]:type[base]	0.001	0.000	3.648	0.000	0.000	0.001	-0.004	0.000	-11.628	0.000	-0.005	-0.003
dist:S[same]:type[base]	-0.007	0.000	-23.073	0.000	-0.008	-0.007	-0.010	0.000	-22.139	0.000	-0.011	-0.009
dist:S[diff]:type[tuned]	0.001	0.000	3.920	0.000	0.000	0.001	-0.004	0.000	-11.219	0.000	-0.004	-0.003
dist:S[same]:type[tuned]	-0.005	0.000	-22.278	0.000	-0.006	-0.005	-0.004	0.000	-9.171	0.000	-0.005	-0.003

Table 10: Repetition effects for Vocabulary Overlap *VO*. *S* indicates speaker, *type* indicates model type (base or fine-tuned), *diff* indicates whether the two utterances come from different speakers, or between-speaker repetition, and *same* indicates whether the two utterances come from the same speakers, or within-speaker repetition.

			Switc	hboard						Task		
	Coef.	Std.	z	P> z	[0.025]	0.975]	Coef.	Std.	z	P> z	[0.025]	0.975]
Human												
Intercept	0.009	0.000	31.878	0.000	0.009	0.010	0.047	0.002	29.468	0.000	0.043	0.050
S[T.same]	-0.007	0.000	-14.930	0.000	-0.008	-0.006	-0.033	0.003	-12.807	0.000	-0.038	-0.028
dist:S[diff]	-0.001	0.000	-15.367	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.005	0.000	-15.659	0.000	-0.005	-0.004
dist:S[same]	-0.000	0.000	-2.386	0.017	-0.000	-0.000	-0.001	0.000	-1.471	0.141	-0.001	0.000
GPT2												
Intercept	0.010	0.000	63.140	0.000	0.009	0.010	0.037	0.001	54.133	0.000	0.036	0.038
S[T.same]	-0.006	0.000	-27.845	0.000	-0.006	-0.005	-0.023	0.001	-25.390	0.000	-0.025	-0.021
type[T.tuned]	-0.003	0.000	-19.413	0.000	-0.004	-0.003	-0.000	0.001	-0.624	0.533	-0.002	0.001
dist:S[diff]:type[base]	-0.001	0.000	-19.494	0.000	-0.001	-0.000	-0.003	0.000	-21.228	0.000	-0.003	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[base]	-0.000	0.000	-12.555	0.000	-0.001	-0.000	-0.001	0.000	-5.939	0.000	-0.001	-0.001
dist:S[diff]:type[tuned]	-0.000	0.000	-7.264	0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.003	0.000	-21.669	0.000	-0.003	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[tuned]	0.000	0.000	2.012	0.044	0.000	0.000	-0.001	0.000	-5.276	0.000	-0.001	-0.001
OPT												
Intercept	0.016	0.000	103.178	0.000	0.015	0.016	0.043	0.001	58.941	0.000	0.042	0.045
S[T.same]	-0.011	0.000	-52.886	0.000	-0.011	-0.010	-0.024	0.001	-24.048	0.000	-0.025	-0.022
type[T.tuned]	-0.006	0.000	-32.546	0.000	-0.006	-0.005	-0.010	0.001	-13.559	0.000	-0.012	-0.009
dist:S[diff]:type[base]	-0.001	0.000	-49.486	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.004	0.000	-26.986	0.000	-0.004	-0.003
dist:S[same]:type[base]	-0.001	0.000	-17.805	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	0.000	-10.631	0.000	-0.002	-0.001
dist:S[diff]:type[tuned]	-0.001	0.000	-25.315	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.002	0.000	-16.731	0.000	-0.002	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[tuned]	0.000	0.000	8.118	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.706	0.480	-0.000	0.000
DGPT												
Intercept	0.004	0.000	21.791	0.000	0.003	0.004	0.022	0.001	33.796	0.000	0.020	0.023
S[T.same]	-0.004	0.000	-24.266	0.000	-0.004	-0.004	-0.019	0.001	-23.392	0.000	-0.021	-0.018
type[T.tuned]	0.003	0.000	16.913	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.013	0.001	19.424	0.000	0.012	0.014
dist:S[diff]:type[base]	-0.000	0.000	-10.319	0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.002	0.000	-19.909	0.000	-0.003	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[base]	0.000	0.000	3.740	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.303	0.762	-0.000	0.000
dist:S[diff]:type[tuned]	-0.000	0.000	-10.197	0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.002	0.000	-17.875	0.000	-0.002	-0.002
dist:S[same]:type[tuned]	-0.000	0.000	-8.171	0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.001	0.000	-9.446	0.000	-0.002	-0.001

Table 11: Repetition effects for Construction Overlap *CO*. *S* indicates speaker, *type* indicates model type (base or fine-tuned), *diff* indicates whether the two utterances come from different speakers, or between-speaker repetition, and *same* indicates whether the two utterances come from the same speakers, or within-speaker repetition.

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	Coef.	Std.	z	P > z	[0.025]	0.975]	Coef.	Std.	z	P > z	[0.025]	0.975]
Human												
Intercept	0.074	0.021	3.505	0.000	0.033	0.116	0.099	0.028	3.554	0.000	0.045	0.154
S[T.same]	-0.006	0.011	-0.533	0.594	-0.029	0.016	-0.031	0.015	-2.061	0.039	-0.060	-0.002
dist	-0.003	0.001	-4.506	0.000	-0.005	-0.002	-0.004	0.001	-3.330	0.001	-0.006	-0.001
avg_constr_len	0.057	0.006	10.155	0.000	0.046	0.068	0.133	0.007	18.607	0.000	0.119	0.146
pmi_avg	0.001	0.001	0.865	0.387	-0.001	0.003	0.003	0.002	1.427	0.154	-0.001	0.008
freq_constr	-0.014	0.004	-3.392	0.001	-0.023	-0.006	-0.035	0.005	-7.074	0.000	-0.045	-0.025
BASE												
GPT2												
Intercept	0.048	0.010	4.629	0.000	0.028	0.068	0.109	0.014	7.533	0.000	0.081	0.137
S[T.same]	-0.026	0.006	-4.395	0.000	-0.037	-0.014	-0.017	0.008	-2.138	0.032	-0.033	-0.001
dist	-0.004	0.001	-8.614	0.000	-0.006	-0.003	-0.005	0.001	-5.689	0.000	-0.006	-0.003
avg_constr_len	0.058	0.003	19.832	0.000	0.052	0.064	0.127	0.004	29.966	0.000	0.119	0.135
pmi_avg	0.002	0.000	3.454	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.001	3.865	0.000	0.002	0.006
freq_constr	0.005	0.002	2.150	0.032	0.000	0.009	-0.016	0.003	-6.018	0.000	-0.022	-0.011
OPT												
Intercept		0.007	3.110	0.002	0.008	0.036	0.088	0.016	5.516	0.000	0.057	0.119
S[T.same]	-0.025	0.005	-5.151	0.000	-0.034	-0.015	-0.030	0.010	-3.134	0.002	-0.049	-0.011
dist	-0.004	0.000	-9.875	0.000	-0.004	-0.003	-0.007	0.001	-8.165	0.000	-0.008	-0.005
avg_constr_len	0.077	0.002	41.700	0.000	0.073	0.081	0.134	0.004	37.148	0.000	0.127	0.141
pmi_avg	0.001	$0.000 \\ 0.002$	3.862 -0.232	0.000 0.816	0.001 -0.004	0.002 0.003	0.004	0.001 0.003	3.105 -1.162	0.002 0.245	0.001 -0.009	0.006 0.002
freq_constr	-0.000	0.002	-0.232	0.810	-0.004	0.003	-0.003	0.003	-1.102	0.245	-0.009	0.002
DGPT												
Intercept	0.314		3.759	0.000	0.150	0.478	0.162	0.035	4.594	0.000	0.093	0.231
S[T.same]	-0.041	0.039	-1.059	0.290	-0.117	0.035	-0.011	0.017	-0.623	0.533	-0.044	0.023
dist	-0.010 0.083	0.004 0.027	-2.844 3.099	0.004 0.002	-0.017 0.030	-0.003 0.135	-0.006 0.115	0.002	-3.210 12.720	0.001 0.000	-0.010 0.097	-0.002 0.132
avg_constr_len pmi_avg	0.085	0.027	0.059	0.002	-0.013	0.133	0.113	0.009	2.914	0.000	0.097	0.132
freq_constr	-0.019	0.007	-2.059	0.039	-0.013	-0.001	-0.003	0.005	-0.237	0.812	-0.015	0.014
TUNED	0.017	0.007	2.007	0.057	0.007	0.001	0.002	0.007	0.257	0.012	0.015	0.012
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GPT2	0.000	0.020	10.007	0.000	0.162	0.041	0.050	0.014	4 202	0.000	0.022	0.007
Intercept	0.202	0.020	10.227	0.000	0.163	0.241	0.059	0.014	4.282	0.000	0.032	0.087
S[T.same] dist	-0.030	0.010 0.001	-2.920 -5.801	0.004 0.000	-0.051 -0.007	-0.010 -0.004	-0.031	0.007 0.001	-4.447 -7.508	$0.000 \\ 0.000$	-0.044 -0.007	-0.017 -0.004
avg_constr_len	0.067	0.001	11.523	0.000	0.055	0.078	0.128	0.001	28.787	0.000	0.119	0.137
pmi_avg	-0.010	0.000	-11.189	0.000	-0.012	-0.008	0.128	0.004	4.017	0.000	0.002	0.005
freq_constr	0.004	0.004	1.032	0.302	-0.004	0.000	-0.011	0.003	-4.175	0.000	-0.016	-0.006
OPT Intercent	0.056	0.010	5.793	0.000	0.037	0.075	0.192	0.018	10.965	0.000	0.158	0.227
Intercept S[T.same]	-0.025	0.010	-4.117	0.000	-0.037	-0.013	-0.057	0.018	-5.581	0.000	-0.077	-0.037
dist	-0.003	0.000	-6.406	0.000	-0.004	-0.002	-0.006	0.001	-6.700	0.000	-0.008	-0.004
avg_constr_len	0.064	0.003	24.984	0.000	0.059	0.069	0.123	0.004	28.582	0.000	0.114	0.131
pmi_avg	0.001	0.000	3.123	0.002	0.001	0.002	-0.001	0.001	-1.085	0.278	-0.004	0.001
freq_constr	-0.004	0.002	-2.011	0.044	-0.009	-0.000	-0.022	0.003	-6.438	0.000	-0.029	-0.016
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DGPT	0.023	0.009	2.429	0.015	0.004	0.041	0.124	0.015	8.252	0.000	0.094	0.153
Intercept S[T.same]	-0.023	0.009	-3.130	0.015	-0.024	-0.006	-0.026	0.015	-3.524	0.000	-0.094	-0.011
dist	-0.013	0.003	-10.320	0.002	-0.024	-0.000	-0.020	0.007	-5.817	0.000	-0.040	-0.001
avg_constr_len	0.054	0.000	18.517	0.000	0.000	0.059	0.110	0.001	22.849	0.000	0.100	0.119
pmi_avg	0.001	0.000	2.872	0.004	0.000	0.002	-0.002	0.005	-2.332	0.020	-0.004	-0.000
freq_constr	0.003	0.002	1.717	0.086	-0.000	0.007	-0.013	0.003	-4.412	0.000	-0.019	-0.007
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Table 12: Repetition details for *CO* taking into account length, sepcificity (PMI) and construction frequency (freq). *S* indicates speaker, *type* indicates model type (base or fine-tuned), *diff* indicates whether the two utterances come from different speakers, or between-speaker repetition, and *same* indicates whether the two utterances come from the same speakers, or within-speaker repetition.

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	Coef.	Std.	z	P > z	[0.025	0.975]	Coef.	Std.	z	P > z	[0.025	0.975]
BASE												
GPT2												
Intercept	0.399	0.010	39.506	0.000	0.380	0.419	0.457	0.016	28.858	0.000	0.426	0.488
S[T.same]	0.003	0.006	0.493	0.622	-0.009	0.014	-0.015	0.008	-1.752	0.080	-0.031	0.002
dist_from_prev_turn	0.002	0.001	3.559	0.000	0.001	0.003	-0.000	0.001	-0.199	0.842	-0.002	0.002
constr_overlap	0.323	0.015	22.127	0.000	0.294	0.351	0.190	0.024	7.797	0.000	0.142	0.237
vocab_overlap	-0.383	0.013	-30.143	0.000	-0.408	-0.358	-0.198	0.023	-8.626	0.000	-0.243	-0.153
pmi_avg	0.003	0.001	5.488	0.000	0.002	0.004	-0.001	0.001	-1.038	0.299	-0.004	0.001
freq_constr	0.008	0.002	3.090	0.002	0.003	0.012	0.002	0.003	0.725	0.469	-0.004	0.008
OPT												
Intercept	0.534	0.012	46.370	0.000	0.511	0.556	0.516	0.018	29.281	0.000	0.481	0.551
S[T.same]	-0.002	0.007	-0.338	0.736	-0.016	0.011	0.039	0.008	4.822	0.000	0.023	0.055
dist_from_prev_turn	-0.014	0.001	-22.485	0.000	-0.016	-0.013	-0.008	0.001	-7.799	0.000	-0.010	-0.006
constr_overlap	0.039	0.017	2.258	0.024	0.005	0.072	0.035	0.021	1.716	0.086	-0.005	0.076
vocab_overlap	-0.041	0.014	-2.928	0.003	-0.068	-0.013	-0.034	0.020	-1.704	0.088	-0.073	0.005
pmi_avg	0.000	0.001	0.065	0.949	-0.001	0.001	-0.000	0.001	-0.217	0.828	-0.003	0.002
freq_constr	0.001	0.003	0.341	0.733	-0.005	0.006	-0.000	0.003	-0.119	0.905	-0.007	0.006
DGPT												
Intercept	0.524	0.071	7.365	0.000	0.384	0.663	0.482	0.041	11.645	0.000	0.401	0.563
S[T.same]	-0.024	0.036	-0.647	0.518	-0.095	0.048	0.061	0.020	3.071	0.002	0.022	0.100
dist_from_prev_turn	0.012	0.004	2.871	0.004	0.004	0.020	0.007	0.003	2.704	0.007	0.002	0.012
constr overlap	0.018	0.083	0.215	0.829	-0.145	0.181	-0.086	0.052	-1.656	0.098	-0.187	0.016
vocab overlap	-0.023	0.085	-0.275	0.784	-0.191	0.144	0.095	0.047	2.018	0.044	0.003	0.188
pmi_avg	0.001	0.007	0.174	0.861	-0.013	0.016	0.007	0.003	2.116	0.034	0.001	0.014
freq_constr	-0.011	0.009	-1.218	0.223	-0.028	0.007	-0.017	0.008	-2.032	0.042	-0.033	-0.001
TUNED												
GPT2							 					
Intercept	0.463	0.017	26.730	0.000	0.429	0.497	0.436	0.015	29.226	0.000	0.406	0.465
S[T.same]	-0.033	0.009	-3.510	0.000	-0.051	-0.014	-0.013	0.008	-1.590	0.112	-0.030	0.003
dist_from_prev_turn	-0.009	0.001	-9.436	0.000	-0.011	-0.007	0.001	0.000	1.416	0.112	-0.001	0.003
constr overlap	0.277	0.020	14.149	0.000	0.239	0.315	0.183	0.001	7.511	0.000	0.135	0.230
vocab overlap	-0.308	0.020	-15.922	0.000	-0.346	-0.270	-0.202	0.024	-9.113	0.000	-0.245	-0.159
pmi_avg	0.001	0.001	1.018	0.309	-0.001	0.003	-0.001	0.022	-0.753	0.451	-0.003	0.001
freq_constr	0.001	0.001	1.729	0.084	-0.001	0.005	0.006	0.001	1.963	0.050	0.000	0.001
OPT							1					
Intercept	0.528	0.013	39,783	0.000	0.502	0.554	0.494	0.017	29.608	0.000	0.461	0.526
1			-0.499			0.012	0.494		0.234			
S[T.same]	-0.004	0.008		0.618	-0.020			0.009		0.815	-0.015	0.019
dist_from_prev_turn	-0.004	0.001	-5.376	0.000	-0.005	-0.002	0.001	0.001	1.536	0.124	-0.000	0.003
constr_overlap	0.021	0.019	1.129	0.259	-0.016	0.058	-0.022	0.021	-1.026	0.305	-0.063	0.020
vocab_overlap	-0.039	0.016	-2.508	0.012	-0.070	-0.009	0.012	0.021	0.575	0.566	-0.029	0.052
pmi_avg	-0.001	0.001	-1.377	0.168	-0.002	0.000	-0.001	0.001	-0.568	0.570	-0.003	0.002
freq_constr	0.001	0.003	0.195	0.845	-0.006	0.007	0.004	0.003	1.108	0.268	-0.003	0.011
DGPT	0.472	0.012	25 420	0.000	0.115	0.402	0.117	0.017	05 445	0.000	0.411	0.470
Intercept	0.472		35.438	0.000	0.446	0.498	0.445	0.017	25.447	0.000	0.411	0.479
S[T.same]	0.003	0.008	0.401	0.689	-0.012	0.019	-0.006	0.010	-0.637	0.524	-0.026	0.013
dist_from_prev_turn	0.001	0.001	1.285	0.199	-0.001	0.003	0.005	0.001	4.126	0.000	0.002	0.007
constr_overlap	0.022	0.021	1.039	0.299	-0.019	0.063	0.064	0.028	2.305	0.021	0.010	0.118
vocab_overlap	-0.046	0.017	-2.748	0.006	-0.079	-0.013	-0.055	0.025	-2.225	0.026	-0.104	-0.007
pmi_avg	0.001	0.001	1.169	0.242	-0.001	0.002	-0.002	0.001	-1.264	0.206	-0.004	0.001
freq_constr	0.001	0.003	0.360	0.719	-0.005	0.008	0.011	0.004	2.716	0.007	0.003	0.019

Table 13: Attribution effects over human utterances. *S* indicates speaker, *type* indicates model type (base or finetuned), *diff* indicates whether the two utterances come from different speakers, or between-speaker repetition, and *same* indicates whether the two utterances come from the same speakers, or within-speaker repetition. constr_overlap indicates *CO*, vocab_overlap indicates *VO*, PMI indicates specificity, and freq, frequency of shared constructions.

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	Switchboard						Map Task					
	Coef.	Std.	z	P> z	[0.025]	0.975]	Coef.	Std.	z	P> z	[0.025]	0.975]
GPT2												
Intercept	0.552	0.000	2122.312	0.000	0.551	0.552	0.554	0.001	878.909	0.000	0.552	0.555
m_type[T.tuned]	-0.009	0.000	-42.336	0.000	-0.009	-0.008	-0.029	0.001	-53.563	0.000	-0.030	-0.028
dist	0.000	0.000	16.487	0.000	0.000	0.001	-0.004	0.000	-48.544	0.000	-0.004	-0.004
dist:m_type[T.tuned]	-0.001	0.000	-13.645	0.000	-0.001	-0.000	0.004	0.000	37.490	0.000	0.004	0.004
OPT												
Intercept	0.502	0.000	1599.293	0.000	0.502	0.503	0.519	0.001	730.825	0.000	0.518	0.520
m_type[T.tuned]	-0.003	0.000	-11.565	0.000	-0.003	-0.002	-0.020	0.001	-26.957	0.000	-0.021	-0.018
dist	-0.001	0.000	-37.286	0.000	-0.001	-0.001	-0.003	0.000	-31.255	0.000	-0.004	-0.003
dist:m_type[T.tuned]	0.001	0.000	26.777	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.000	26.279	0.000	0.004	0.004
DGPT												
Intercept	0.488	0.000	1079.600	0.000	0.488	0.489	0.501	0.001	550.576	0.000	0.499	0.503
m_type[T.tuned]	0.017	0.000	42.653	0.000	0.017	0.018	-0.003	0.001	-2.734	0.006	-0.005	-0.001
dist	-0.003	0.000	-37.818	0.000	-0.003	-0.002	-0.004	0.000	-29.147	0.000	-0.004	-0.004
dist:m_type[T.tuned]	0.002	0.000	22.719	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.005	0.000	25.426	0.000	0.005	0.005

Table 14: Attribution effects over speaker labels. m_type indicates model: either base or tuned. *dist* indicates distance between context and target utterances.