

# Teaching LLMs to Abstain across Languages via Multilingual Feedback

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## Abstract

Multilingual large language models (LLMs) often have knowledge disparities across languages, with larger gaps in under-resourced languages. Teaching LLMs to abstain in the face of knowledge gaps is thus a promising strategy to mitigate hallucinations in multilingual settings. However, previous studies on LLM abstention primarily focus on English; we find that directly applying these solutions beyond English results in up to 20.5% performance gaps between high and low-resource languages, potentially due to LLMs’ drop in calibration and reasoning beyond a few resource-rich languages. To this end, we propose strategies to enhance LLM abstention by *learning from multilingual feedback*, where LLMs self-reflect on proposed answers in one language by generating multiple feedback items in related languages: we show that this helps identify the knowledge gaps across diverse languages, cultures, and communities. Extensive experiments demonstrate that our multilingual feedback approach outperforms various strong baselines, achieving up to 9.2% improvement for low-resource languages across three black-box and open models on three datasets, featuring open-book, closed-book, and commonsense QA. Further analysis reveals that multilingual feedback is both an effective and a more equitable abstain strategy to serve diverse language speakers, and cultural factors have great impact on language selection and LLM abstention behavior, highlighting future directions for multilingual and multi-cultural reliable language modeling.<sup>1</sup>

## 1 Introduction

Large language models (LLMs) encode extensive information and aid knowledge-intensive tasks (Petroni et al., 2019; Brown et al., 2020; Yu et al., 2023). However, knowledge gaps and subsequent model hallucinations pose an everlasting challenge

<sup>1</sup>Code and data are publicly available at <https://github.com/BunsenFeng/M-AbstainQA>.

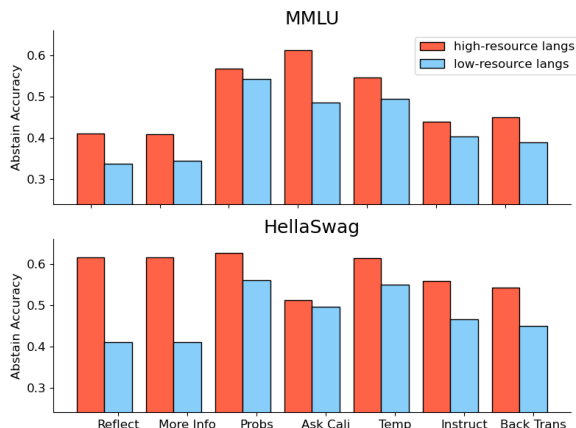


Figure 1: Average accuracy of abstention baselines in low- and high-resource languages with AYA-13B. **Existing abstain strategies drop by 8.4% on average when applied to QA in low-resource languages.**

that compromises LLM reliability (Lazaridou et al., 2021; Ji et al., 2023; Kumar et al., 2023; Mishra et al., 2024). A growing body of work seeks to enhance LLM reliability by teaching them to *abstain*, i.e., avoiding wrong answers in low-confidence scenarios to mitigate hallucinations and factual inaccuracies. While these studies put forward viable solutions, they are evaluated on English only (Gu and Hopkins, 2023; Varshney and Baral, 2023; Yang et al., 2023; Feng et al., 2024). However, the factuality of multilingual LLMs in low-resource languages is often worse (Zhang et al., 2023b; Lai et al., 2023; Kang et al., 2024), underserving diverse language speakers and communities. As such, there is an urgent need for robust abstaining strategies that work with the long tail of languages.

Developed and evaluated in English, are existing abstain approaches viable for low-resource languages? Drawing from Feng et al. (2024), we first evaluate seven existing abstain methods, spanning calibration (Jiang et al., 2021; Tian et al., 2023), prompting (Edunov et al., 2018; Kadavath et al., 2022; Feng et al., 2023), and training (Ouyang et al., 2022), on multilingual MMLU and Hel-

laswag datasets (Lai et al., 2023) featuring 8 high-resource and 7 low-resource languages. Figure 1 demonstrates that performance degrades by up to 12.8% and 20.5% for both datasets: while existing approaches perform well in English, they are limited by LLMs’ diminishing utility and calibration accuracy in low-resource languages, struggling to identify knowledge gaps and abstain accordingly. As a result, we ask: *how to identify knowledge gaps in LLMs and reliably abstain beyond English?*

To this end, we present the first study on multilingual LLM abstention and propose to teach LLMs to abstain by *generating and learning from multilingual feedback in related languages* (Figure 2). While the concept of generated feedback was previously demonstrated to improve reasoning and alignment in English-only scenarios (Du et al., 2023; Madaan et al., 2024), sampling diverse and high-quality feedback in low-resource languages is challenging due to LLMs’ diminishing utility in long-tail languages (Lai et al., 2023). Multilingual LLMs can leverage related languages to improve performance via transfer learning (Lin et al., 2019a; Pires et al., 2019; Asai et al., 2023; Tanwar et al., 2023), so we expect that generating feedback from *related languages* would help identify knowledge gaps across diverse domains and cultures. Therefore, we probe multilingual LLMs to provide feedback, on its proposed answer, in several *related* languages, where language relatedness is defined by linguistic typology, geography, or culture (Littell et al., 2017; Lin et al., 2019b; Sun et al., 2021). Together with the proposed answer and generated feedback from the most related languages, LLMs reason and self-reflect to make abstain decisions.

We evaluate baselines and our *multilingual feedback* approach using three open-source and proprietary LLMs (*GPT-4*, *Aya-13B*, and *ChatGPT*) on three datasets in open-domain, closed-book, and commonsense QA. Extensive experiments demonstrate that *multilingual feedback* consistently outperforms strong baselines across models and datasets, achieving up to 9.2% improvements of abstain accuracy for low-resource languages. Further analysis reveals that *multilingual feedback* presents a more equitable abstain strategy, highlighting culture as a driving factor in multilingual abstention. It impacts the optimal languages for feedback and LLMs’ performance gaps across diverse information domains.

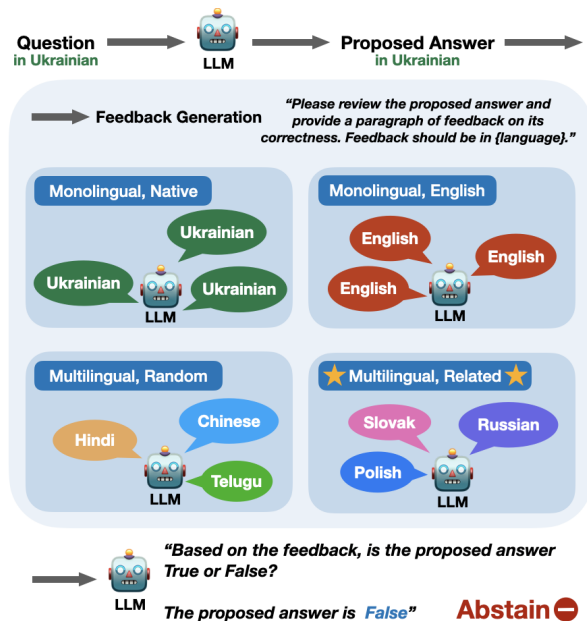


Figure 2: **Overview of abstaining via multilingual feedback.** LLMs generate feedback on its proposed answer in four language settings to make abstain decisions.

## 2 Methodology

**Background** We focus on teaching LLMs to **Abstain in Question Answering** (AbstainQA) (Feng et al., 2024): given a query  $q$  and an LLM, we aim to develop robust abstention strategies  $f(q, \text{LLM}) \rightarrow \{true, false\}$ . Ideally, the LLM abstains ( $f = true$ ) when it would provide an incorrect answer and should not abstain ( $f = false$ ) when it is capable of generating a correct answer (Feng et al., 2024).  $f$  should work for diverse languages of varying language families, resourceness levels, and speaker communities.

Since existing approaches to LLM abstention are limited by LLMs’ diminishing utility and calibration beyond English (Figure 1, §1), we propose to *teach LLMs to abstain via multilingual feedback*, hypothesizing that self-feedback about its proposed answer from related languages could help identify the blind spots across cultures, perspectives, and contexts. We present an overview in Figure 2.

**Abstain with Multilingual Feedback** LLMs take three steps to make an abstain decision:

- Given a question  $q$ , the LLM first generates a proposed answer:  $a = \text{LLM}(q)$ .
- We probe the LLM itself for multilingual feedback on its proposed answer, concretely  $f_i = \text{LLM}(q, a | \ell_i)$  where feedback  $f_i$  is generated in language  $\ell_i$ . We specifically use the prompt

“Please review the proposed answer and provide a paragraph of feedback on its correctness. Feedback should be in  $\ell_i$ .” to elicit  $f_i$ .

- Finally, the LLM employs the multilingual feedback to reason and make an abstain decision:  $\text{LLM}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{a}, \{\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \dots, \mathbf{f}_k\}) \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ . We specifically use the prompt “Based on the feedback, is the proposed answer True or False?” and abstain if the answer  $\mathbf{a}$  is deemed false.

**Language Selection** Contrary to English-only scenarios, it is often challenging to sample diverse and high-quality feedback in one low-resource language. We hypothesize that by generating feedback in related languages to the language of the question  $\ell$ , LLMs could better identify internal knowledge gaps and patch the blind spots with information across varying cultures, perspectives, and more. We experiment with four modes of selecting feedback languages  $\{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k\}$ .

- *monolingual, native* (MONO-NATIVE): all feedback are sampled in the native language of the question:  $\ell_1 = \dots = \ell_k = \ell$ . This resembles the previous English-only setting where questions and feedback are in the same language (English).
- *monolingual, English* (MONO-ENGLISH): regardless of the language of the question, all feedback are sampled in English:  $\ell_1 = \dots = \ell_k = \text{English}$ . This is because English is the highest-resource language and is often used as the source language in cross-lingual transfer (Conneau et al., 2018; Conneau and Lample, 2019; Hu et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2020b).
- *multilingual, random* (MULTI-RANDOM): this is a control setting where we employ multiple languages for feedback generation, but the languages are randomly selected from a language pool  $\mathcal{L}$ :  $\ell_i = \text{random\_choice}(\mathcal{L})$ .
- *multilingual, related* (MULTI-RELATED): we propose to employ languages related to the language of the question  $\ell$  for feedback generation. Concretely, we employ Lang2vec (Littell et al., 2017) to obtain the vector representation of a language  $v_\ell^a$  in a linguistic attribute  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .<sup>2</sup> We define the distance between a pair of languages

<sup>2</sup>Six attributes are considered in Lang2vec: syntactic, geographic, phonological, genetic, inventory, and featural.

as an average of distances across attributes:

$$\text{dist}(\ell, \ell') = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}|} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{(v_\ell^a)^T v_{\ell'}^a}{\|v_\ell^a\| \|v_{\ell'}^a\|}$$

The  $k$  languages with the least distance to  $\ell$  are then selected for feedback generation:  $\{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k\} = \text{argmin-k}_{\ell'} \text{dist}(\ell, \ell')$ . We employ  $k = 3$  multilingual feedback by default.

### 3 Experiment Settings

**Models** We evaluate existing approaches and the four proposed monolingual/multilingual feedback strategies with three LLMs: *Aya-13B*, a specifically multilingual instruction-tuned model, *ChatGPT* and *GPT-4*, two general-purpose black-box LLMs. We employ greedy decoding for QA and making an abstain decision, and employ a temperature of 0.7 when sampling repeatedly (e.g., consistency-based baselines and feedback generation).

**Datasets** We evaluate with the Multilingual MMLU (M-MMLU) and Hellaswag (M-Hellaswag) datasets (Lai et al., 2023), featuring encyclopedic and commonsense knowledge. Originally in English, these QA problems were translated into 26 other languages through machine translation. These languages are characterized as 8 high-resource languages, 11 mid-resource languages, and 7 low-resource languages based on their proportion in pretraining data.<sup>3</sup> We also present evaluation with Belebele (Bandarkar et al., 2023) in Appendix A, a multilingual reading comprehension dataset. For the three datasets, we create random splits with 200 instances for validation and 800 for test, with minor variation across languages due to data availability.

**Baselines** We compare with nine abstain baselines that could be adapted in multilingual settings: calibration-based PROBS (token probabilities), TEMP (Jiang et al., 2021), ASK CALL (Tian et al., 2023); training-based INSTRUCT (Ouyang et al., 2022); prompting-based REFLECT (Kadavath et al., 2022), MOREINFO (Feng et al., 2023), BACKTRANS (Edunov et al., 2018); and consistency-based approaches SCTHRES. (Wang et al., 2022), CONFLICT (Feng et al., 2024). More details about the baselines are in Appendix B.

<sup>3</sup>Full language list in Appendix B.

Method	M-MMLU									M-Hellaswag								
	Avg-H	bn	ta	ne	ml	mr	te	kn	Avg-L	Avg-H	bn	ta	ne	ml	mr	te	kn	Avg-L
<b>AYA-13B</b>																		
PROBS	.567	.551	.521	.519	.542	.564	.524	.574	.542	<b>.626</b>	.597	.567	<u>.555</u>	.547	.513	.560	<b>.580</b>	<u>.560</u>
TEMP	.547	.515	.439	.485	.526	.547	.518	.432	.495	.614	<b>.610</b>	.556	.543	.489	.559	.527	.556	.549
ASK CALI.	<u>.613</u>	.503	.494	.476	.474	.492	.490	.460	.486	.512	.510	.489	.508	.466	.496	.514	.490	.496
INSTRUCT	.539	.441	.348	.412	.362	.417	.426	.419	.404	.559	<u>.597</u>	.421	.510	.333	.481	.442	.480	.466
REFLECT	.410	.347	.300	.339	.336	.357	.335	.347	.337	<u>.615</u>	.489	.357	.448	.312	.437	.404	.426	.410
MOREINFO	.409	.348	.299	.350	.357	.358	.337	.368	.345	<u>.615</u>	.497	.360	.444	.325	.441	.393	.413	.410
BACKTRANS.	.450	.421	.333	.453	.346	.354	.411	.411	.390	.542	.571	.393	.484	.300	.487	.442	.474	.450
SCTHRES.	.609	<u>.618</u>	.614	<u>.609</u>	<u>.610</u>	<b>.600</b>	.584	.610	<u>.607</u>	.532	.532	.443	<b>.577</b>	.543	<u>.572</u>	<b>.589</b>	.520	.539
CONFLICT	.564	.567	.581	.568	.521	.568	.561	.582	.564	.536	.520	.546	.514	.559	.548	.553	.544	.540
MONO-NATIVE	.512	.580	.515	.604	.529	.576	.533	.520	.551	.552	.578	.479	.452	.467	.481	.524	.526	.501
MONO-ENGLISH	.611	.611	.607	<b>.649</b>	.460	.583	.594	<b>.688</b>	.599	.581	.513	.514	.503	.513	.506	<u>.565</u>	<u>.572</u>	.527
MULTI-RANDOM	.540	.597	<u>.615</u>	.561	.524	.549	<u>.628</u>	.605	.583	.481	.403	<b>.650</b>	.497	<u>.627</u>	.565	<u>.565</u>	.553	.551
MULTI-RELATED	<b>.631</b>	<b>.621</b>	<b>.704</b>	.595	<b>.661</b>	<u>.590</u>	<b>.643</b>	<u>.628</u>	<b>.635</b>	.603	.468	<u>.636</u>	.542	<b>.693</b>	<b>.578</b>	.558	.566	<b>.577</b>
<b>GPT-4</b>																		
ASK CALI.	.432	.421	.404	.500	.598	.444	.450	.589	.487	.536	.342	.307	.461	.393	.452	.376	.304	.376
INSTRUCT	<b>.789</b>	.566	.363	.493	.386	.556	.481	.465	.473	.656	.552	.186	.432	.160	.435	.272	.270	.330
REFLECT	.686	.655	.585	.649	.528	.597	.519	.589	.589	.658	.545	.229	.561	.347	.571	.483	.408	.449
MOREINFO	.694	.572	<b>.711</b>	.588	<b>.677</b>	.611	.558	.612	.619	.386	.461	.486	.555	.507	.584	.469	.543	.515
BACKTRANS.	.764	.634	.563	.696	.535	.660	<u>.620</u>	.636	.621	.538	.522	.576	.564	<b>.677</b>	.558	<b>.555</b>	<b>.582</b>	<u>.576</u>
SCTHRES.	.735	.541	.544	.596	.604	.650	<u>.605</u>	.598	.591	<b>.759</b>	.508	<b>.679</b>	.497	<u>.673</u>	.508	.528	.570	.566
CONFLICT	.730	.555	.641	.589	.561	.629	.559	.590	.589	.639	.488	<u>.593</u>	.503	<u>.673</u>	.501	<u>.535</u>	.557	.550
MONO-NATIVE	.728	.655	.548	.642	.567	.660	.589	.628	.613	.708	.558	.371	<u>.665</u>	.307	.597	.401	.447	.478
MONO-ENGLISH	<b>.789</b>	.669	.541	<u>.703</u>	.543	.653	.550	<b>.659</b>	.617	<u>.737</u>	<b>.584</b>	.200	.613	.260	.526	.340	.421	.421
MULTI-RANDOM	.698	<u>.710</u>	.570	.655	.567	<b>.681</b>	.581	<u>.651</u>	<u>.631</u>	.714	.532	.300	.606	.380	.532	.408	.441	.457
MULTI-RELATED	<u>.785</u>	<b>.752</b>	<u>.659</u>	<b>.730</b>	<u>.638</u>	<u>.674</u>	<b>.636</b>	<b>.659</b>	<b>.678</b>	.722	.532	.543	<b>.706</b>	.647	<b>.610</b>	.531	<u>.572</u>	<b>.592</b>

Table 1: Performance of **calibration**, **training**, **prompting**, **consistency**, and our proposed **feedback**-based approaches on two LLMs and two multilingual datasets. We employ the Abstain Accuracy metric, Avg-H and Avg-L denote average performance for high and low-resource languages, while we additionally present performance for the seven low-resource languages (Bengali, Tamil, Nepali, Malayalam, Marathi, Telugu, and Kannada). Best performance in **bold** and second-best in underline. Baselines that rely on token probabilities (e.g., **Probs**) are not compatible with GPT-4. **MULTI-RELATED achieves the best average performance in low-resource languages across all models and datasets, improving over baselines by up to 9.2%.**

**Evaluation Metrics** We use the Abstain Accuracy metric (A-Acc) proposed in [Feng et al. \(2024\)](#): LLMs should abstain when it would provide an incorrect answer and should not abstain when it would provide a correct answer, concretely  $A\text{-Acc} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN}$  and  $TP$  indicates the LLM should abstain and did. We additionally report other AbstainQA metrics (Reliable Accuracy, Effective Reliability) in Appendix A.

## 4 Results

We present the abstain accuracy results with two LLMs on two multilingual datasets in Table 1.

**MULTI-RELATED achieves state-of-the-art performance.** **MULTI-RELATED** achieves the highest average performance on low-resource languages (Avg-L) across all four model and dataset settings, improving over the strongest baseline by 4.9% on average. Out of the 7 low-resource lan-

guages, **MULTI-RELATED** achieves the best and top-2 performance in 3.25 and 4.75 languages on average. This improvement in low-resource languages comes with on-par performance in high-resource languages (Avg-H), outperforming baselines in 81% of the times across four (model, dataset) settings. This indicates that by generating and reflecting on multilingual feedback from related languages, LLMs greatly improve in identifying inherent knowledge gaps across languages.

**Existing approaches greatly drop beyond high-resource languages.** Ask for Calibration ([Tian et al., 2023](#)), an approach to solicit LLM confidence scores verbally, witness a 12.7% drop from high to low-resource languages (0.613  $\rightarrow$  0.486) on MMLU using AYA-13B. While it could generate meaningful confidence scores between 0 and 1 for high-resource languages, it collapses and repeatedly generate the same number (e.g., 0.8) for al-

most all questions in low-resource languages. Similar performance gaps and failure modes could be observed for previously strong approaches in English such as Instruction Tuning (35.3% drop, on average), Self-Reflect (33.3%), and SCthreshold (12.2%). In comparison, MULTI-RELATED has a smaller drop of 8.5%: we further quantify the fairness of abstain strategies in Section 5.

**Abstaining is a language-specific problem.** Out of the seven low-resource languages, we observe that Tamil (ta) and Malayalam (ml) are consistently the most challenging languages across models, datasets, and approaches: an average performance of 0.484 and 0.492 is achieved on the two languages, while the global average for low-resource languages is 0.520. This could be attributed to their low representation in LLM pretraining data (Lai et al., 2023) and thus lower utility, meaning that there is no one-size-fits-all solution for abstaining across multilingual contexts and robust strategies should be language-specific. MULTI-RELATED takes linguistic knowledge into account by employing *related* languages for feedback generation, successfully achieving the best Avg-L performance across all models and datasets. We further study the utility of language relatedness in Section 5.

**AYA-13B shows smaller gaps than GPT-4.** While the performance of MULTI-RELATED is higher on GPT-4, the gap between low and high-resource languages is smaller with AYA-13B (1.7% vs. 16.9%). Since MULTI-RELATED specifically relies on generating and reasoning in multilingual contexts, the explicitly multilingual AYA-13B would be better than the general-purpose GPT-4 to this end. This motivates a potential collaboration between models: using a stronger general-purpose LLM for QA and a smaller but explicitly multilingual LLM for feedback generation. We further explore this in Section 5.

## 5 Analysis

**MULTI-RELATED is more equitable.** While we primarily focused on the performance gaps between high and low-resource languages in Section 4, measuring the fairness of a multilingual system goes beyond performance averages. Concretely, we follow Song et al. (2023) to measure utility and equity, indicating how well multilingual approaches serve diverse language speakers and performance

Method	Demo. ( $M_1, \uparrow$ )	Ling. ( $M_0, \uparrow$ )	Equity ( $G, \downarrow$ )
PROBS	0.5613	0.5632	<u>0.0319</u>
ASK CALL	0.5976	0.5784	0.0488
INSTRUCT	0.4514	0.4280	0.0477
REFLECT	0.3983	0.3877	0.0460
BACKTRANS.	0.4342	0.4261	0.0517
SCTHRES.	0.5974	<u>0.5916</u>	0.0340
CONFLICT	0.5698	0.5630	0.0369
MONO-NATIVE	0.5181	0.5318	0.0472
MONO-ENGLISH	<u>0.6038</u>	0.5651	0.0564
MULTI-RANDOM	0.5442	0.5528	0.0390
<b>MULTI-RELATED</b>	<b>0.6149</b>	<b>0.6027</b>	<b>0.0278</b>

Table 2: Utility and equity metrics of abstain strategies, where  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  indicates that higher/lower values are desirable. Best performance in **bold** and second-best in underline. **MULTI-RELATED offers a fairer abstain strategy with higher utility and lower Gini coefficient.**

disparity across languages. For utility:

$$M_\tau = \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} d_\ell^\tau \cdot u_\ell, \quad d_\ell = \frac{n_\ell}{\sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} n_\ell}$$

where  $u_\ell$  denotes the utility/performance on language  $\ell$ ,  $n_\ell$  denotes the number of native speakers, the exponential  $\tau = 1$  indicates *demographic weighted* utility and  $\tau = 0$  indicates *linguistic weighted* utility where all languages are treated as equals. For equity, performance on various languages are sorted in non-decreasing order ( $u_i \leq u_{i+1}$ ) and the Gini coefficient is calculated:

$$G = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{L}|} \left( |\mathcal{L}| + 1 - 2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{L}|} (|\mathcal{L}| + 1 - i) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{L}|} u_i} \right)$$

where  $|\mathcal{L}|$  indicates the total number of languages. The range of  $G$  is 0 to 1 and more equitable abstain strategies should have lower  $G$  values.

We present the demographic utility, linguistic utility, and equity metrics in Table 2. MULTI-RELATED outperforms baselines on both utility modes, while being more equitable across languages, evident in the 12.9% reduction in Gini Coefficient. On the contrary, MONO-ENGLISH have on-par demographic utility but worse linguistic utility and equity, indicating that generated feedback in English is unevenly helpful to other languages, whereas low-resource languages distant from English benefit much less.

**MULTI-RELATED offers relevant, informative, and conflicting pieces of feedback.** To better understand the quality and role of the generated

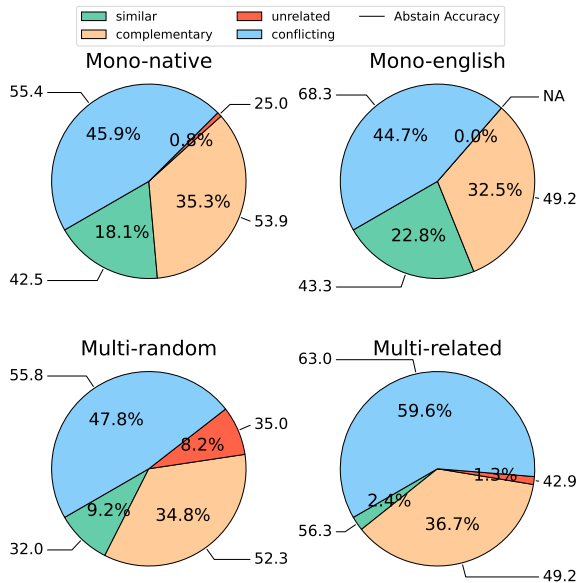


Figure 3: **GPT-4 evaluation of the role of the  $k$  pieces of feedback to a given question:** whether they are similar, complementary, conflicting, or unrelated. We also present the abstain accuracy in each feedback role below the role name, showing that conflicting feedback are best for LLM self-reflection while *Multi-related* has the most conflicting feedback scenarios.

feedback, we employ GPT-4 evaluation for large-scale automatic analysis. We compare the four feedback modes by first translating all feedback into English with GPT-4 to remove the confounding factor of language difference, then using LLM-as-a-judge methodology (Zheng et al., 2024) for pairwise comparison. Given a question, proposed answer, and a pair of two feedback from MULTI-RELATED and a baseline, GPT-4 evaluates which feedback is more *relevant* and *informative*. We present the win rate in Figure 4: MULTI-RELATED is consistently more relevant to the question across languages. While MONO-ENGLISH offers more informative feedback on high-resource languages, it degrades into the worst on low-resource languages while MULTI-RELATED becomes the best.

For feedback roles, we first conduct a manual examination to identify four potential roles of the  $k$  generated feedback: *similar*, *complementary*, *conflicting*, and *unrelated*. We then employ GPT-4 to evaluate the roles of  $k$  feedback, translated into English, for the same question. Figure 3 demonstrates that monolingual approaches result in 252.7% more similar and thus redundant feedback compared to multilingual settings, while MULTI-RANDOM result in greater unrelated feedback potentially due to the random selection of distant languages. In com-

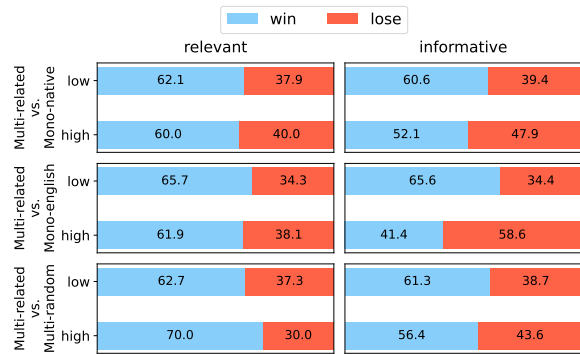


Figure 4: GPT-4 evaluation of feedback pairs to the same question, comparing MULTI-RELATED against other feedback settings to evaluate which produces more *relevant* and *informative* feedback.

parison, MULTI-RELATED produces 24.7% more conflicting scenarios where feedback disagree in content or conclusion: the abstain accuracy on *conflicting* scenarios are also the highest, indicating that LLMs face more knowledge conflicts (Xie et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023b) by generating multiple feedback from related but different languages, which in turn aids self-reflection and making better-informed abstain decisions (Feng et al., 2024). We further present a qualitative analysis in Appendix A in addition to the automatic GPT-4 evaluation.

**Culture is a driving factor in multilingual abstention.** For MULTI-RELATED, we by default define language relatedness as the average of the six linguistic attributes in Lang2vec (Littell et al., 2017). (§2) We further investigate what aspects of “language relatedness” are most helpful for abstaining across multilingual contexts. Specifically, we additionally select related languages only by one of the six categories (e.g., syntactic or phonological relatedness). We introduce two additional settings: 1) LLMs are prompted to propose three related languages by themselves; 2) related languages in the same *culture* cluster according to the World Value Survey.<sup>4</sup> We present the performance of various language relatedness settings in Table 3. We observe that geography and phonology are the most helpful linguistic attributes, while *culture*-informed language selection yields the best utility and equity results. This indicates that *multilingual feedback from languages of related socio-cultural backgrounds is most helpful for low-resource languages and overall fairness*.

To further investigate the impact of culture, we

<sup>4</sup><https://www.worldvaluessurvey.org>

Setting	Avg-H	Avg-M	Avg-L	Equity ( $\downarrow$ )
DEFAULT	0.6411	0.5861	0.4432	0.0943
SYNTACTIC	0.6452	0.5843	0.4395	0.0967
GEOGRAPHIC	<b>0.6589</b>	0.5892	0.4712	0.0880
PHONOLOGICAL	<u>0.6499</u>	0.5881	<u>0.5017</u>	<u>0.0694</u>
GENETIC	0.6476	0.6024	0.4944	0.0839
INVENTORY	0.6371	0.5827	0.4356	0.0950
FEATURAL	0.6412	<u>0.6116</u>	0.4417	0.0916
LLM-GENERATED	0.6316	0.5929	0.4362	0.0981
CULTURE	0.6425	<b>0.6202</b>	<b>0.5322</b>	<b>0.0438</b>

Table 3: Performance averages for high, mid, and low-resource languages, as well as the equity metric G for various language relatedness settings. Best performance in **bold** and second-best in underline. **Culturally informed language selection is best for mid and low-resource languages and also more equitable.**

present the performance breakdown of various MMLU domains in Figure 6. We illustrate the 10 domains with the largest gaps between low- and high-resource languages and 10 domains with the least gaps. The largest gaps often come from west-centric topics such as “US history”, “European history”, and “US foreign policy”, while the smallest gaps are often on STEM domains that transcend socio-cultural contexts such as “logical fallacies”, “high school physics”, and “electrical engineering”. This again indicates that *culture* is a driving factor in multilingual abstention: improving LLM abstain capabilities is not only a technical problem but also a social-oriented one, where the existing West-centric LLMs (Naous et al., 2023) should better incorporate other cultures and perspectives for equitable improvements in factuality and reliability.

#### Abstain decisions are less transferable across unrelated and low-resource languages.

One solution to multilingual abstain is to take the highest-resource language (e.g., English), make abstain decisions, and use that decision to abstain/generate in low-resource languages. However, to what extent do abstain decisions overlap across languages and thus transferable remains underexplored, which could not be taken for granted given the factuality variation across languages (Lai et al., 2023; Kang et al., 2024). To this end, we visualize the abstain overlap of parallel questions across various three-language groups in Figure 5, where overlapping parts indicate that MULTI-RELATED for 2 or 3 languages decided to abstain. For control group #1, the group of three related languages sees much greater overlap (74.5% 2+ overlap) than the three unrelated languages (48.1%). For control group

Method	High-Resource								
	ru	de	zh	fr	es	it	nl	vi	avg.
SELF	.818	.852	.794	.838	.823	.769	.831	.555	<b>.785</b>
OTHER	.733	.788	.762	.772	.815	.733	.808	.668	.760
Method	Low-Resource								
	bn	ta	ne	ml	mr	te	kn	/	avg.
SELF	.752	.659	.730	.638	.674	.636	.659	/	.678
OTHER	.788	.722	.735	.656	.669	.735	.697	/	<b>.715</b>

Table 4: Performance when using GPT-4 itself or the other AYA-13B multilingual LLM for feedback generation. The collaboration between a general-purpose LLM for QA and a smaller but more multilingual model for feedback generation benefits low-resource languages.

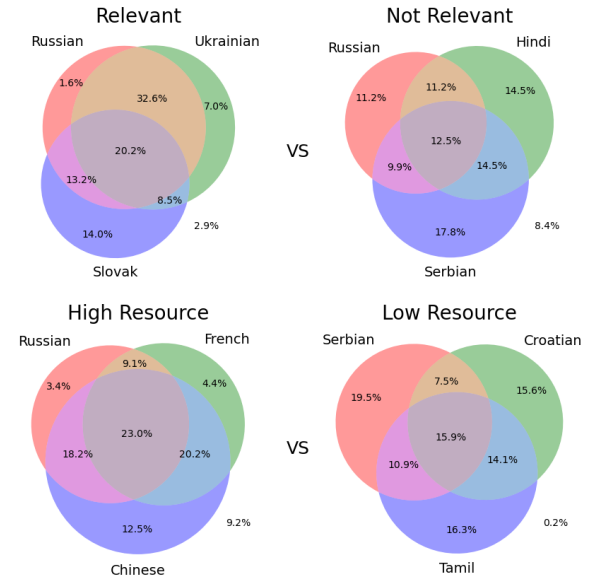


Figure 5: Overlap of abstain decisions made in different languages, where the overlap indicates that LLMs abstain in both/all three of the languages. **We find that abstain decisions are only somewhat transferable between relevant and high-resource language clusters.**

#2, a group of three high-resource languages sees greater overlap (70.5%) than three low-resource languages (48.4%). These two findings together indicate that abstain decisions are only somewhat transferable in the case of high-resource closely related languages: however, many languages on the long tail are neither close to English nor well-represented in LLM training data, thus English-only abstain methods are not one-size-fit-all solutions and abstaining is a language-specific problem.

**General-purpose LLMs could be supervised by a smaller but more multilingual model.** Motivated by the finding that *GPT-4* has higher absolute performance but *Aya-13B* witnesses smaller gaps

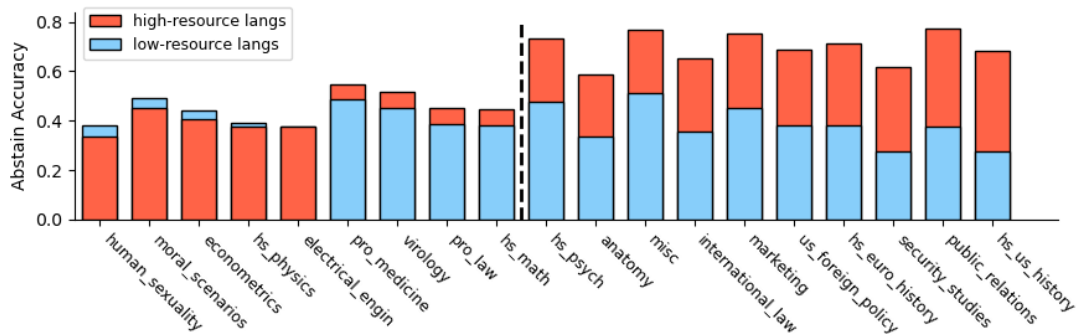


Figure 6: Abstain accuracy on various MMLU domains with high and low-resource languages: on the left we show the 10 domains with the least performance gaps and on the right we show the 10 with the most gaps. “hs” indicates high school. **While domains with the least gaps often feature STEM topics that are more objective, domains with the largest gaps are often driven by culture, especially West-centric social knowledge.**

with MULTI-RELATED (§4), we explore the collaboration between the two models: using *GPT-4* for question answering and *Aya-13B* for multilingual feedback generation. Table 4 demonstrates that while for high-resource languages this might be counterproductive, for low-resource languages it results in a 5.4% improvement on average. This indicates that when user queries come in low-resource and underrepresented languages, a smaller but explicitly multilingual model could be employed to supervise general-purpose black-box LLMs to improve abstaining and mitigate hallucinations.

## 6 Related Work

**Teaching LLMs to Abstain** Existing works focus on various types of approaches: *Calibration-based* approaches focus on eliciting the confidence levels of LLMs with token probabilities (Sun et al., 2022; Zhou et al., 2023a; Liu et al., 2023a) or semantic markers of uncertainty (Kuhn et al., 2022; Zhou et al., 2023b, 2024), where previous research evaluate (Radford et al., 2019; Ahuja et al., 2022; Liang et al., 2023; Tao et al., 2023; He et al., 2023) and improve (Kamath et al., 2020; Desai and Durrett, 2020; Jagannatha and Yu, 2020; Kong et al., 2020; Jiang et al., 2021; Lin et al., 2022a; Mielke et al., 2022) calibration for various tasks (Wang et al., 2020a; Stengel-Eskin and Van Durme, 2023; Kalai and Vempala, 2023; Zablotskaia et al., 2023). *Prompting-based* approaches induce self-reflection by including none-of-the-above options (Kadavath et al., 2022), prompt to self-correct reasoning (Kim et al., 2024; Shinn et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023a; Chen et al., 2023), ask for additional information (Feng et al., 2023), and more (Wang et al., 2023a; Si et al., 2023). *Training-*

*based* approaches aim to adapt LLMs for abstention with linear probing (Slobodkin et al., 2023; Azaria and Mitchell, 2023), training an extra module (Cobbe et al., 2021), or alignment objectives (Zhang et al., 2023a; Yang et al., 2023; Sun et al., 2023; Bashlovkina et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023b; Liu et al., 2023b). *Consistency-based* (Wang et al., 2022; Cole et al., 2023) and *collaboration-based* approaches (Feng et al., 2024) are also explored to gauge LLM confidence through output variation from a single model or knowledge variation across multiple models. However, most existing approaches were proposed and evaluated with English only, while Figure 1 shows that multilingual abstention poses new challenges to existing solutions and leads to performance gaps based on language resourcesness. To mitigate this gap, we propose to teach LLMs to abstain by learning from multilingual feedback, where diverse feedback are generated in related languages to enhance reliability and make trustworthy abstain decisions.

**Multilingual Factuality** While early factuality studies were mostly conducted in English (Huang et al., 2023b; Zhang et al., 2023c; Ji et al., 2023), understanding and mitigating hallucinations beyond English is increasingly important for LLMs to equitably serve diverse populations (Liu et al., 2022; Lai et al., 2023; Xu et al., 2023a,b; Qi et al., 2023; Schott et al., 2023; Kang et al., 2024; Gao et al., 2024). In multilingual summarization, metrics and evaluations are proposed to quantify factual errors and utility (Aharoni et al., 2022; Qiu et al., 2023; Clark et al., 2023). In machine translation, faithfulness across diverse languages is also a critical concern (Lee et al., 2018; Rاونak et al., 2021; Xu et al., 2023c; Dale et al.,



2023a,b). A diverse range of models (Lin et al., 2022b; Muennighoff et al., 2023; Lai et al., 2023; Üstün et al., 2024), datasets (Artetxe et al., 2020; Clark et al., 2020; Longpre et al., 2021; Chalkidis et al., 2022; Gehrmann et al., 2022; Ebrahimi et al., 2022; Li et al., 2022; Asai et al., 2023; Ogundepo et al., 2023; Ahuja et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2024), and studies on multilingual transfer (Lin et al., 2019a; Pires et al., 2019; Wu and Dredze, 2019; Karthikeyan et al., 2019; Wu et al., 2022; Fujinuma et al., 2022; Üstün et al., 2022; Schmidt et al., 2022; Asai et al., 2023; Philippp et al., 2023; Tanwar et al., 2023; Reusens et al., 2023; Li et al., 2024b; Gao et al., 2024) also contribute to the improvement of LLM factuality and utility beyond English. In this work, we present the first study on LLM abstaining in multilingual contexts and make an important step toward improving the reliability of multilingual LLMs and mitigating hallucinations.

## 7 Conclusion

We propose to improve the reliability of multilingual LLMs by abstaining via *multilingual feedback*, where LLMs generate feedback to their proposed answer in related languages for self-reflection. Extensive experiments demonstrate that *multilingual feedback* achieves up to 9.2% improvement against baselines across models and datasets, while presenting a more equitable solution to multilingual abstention. Further analysis reveals that abstention is a language-specific problem, that multilingual feedback in related languages both improves the accuracy of abstention and calibrates the fairness across higher- and lower-resource languages, and that cultural relatedness is an important factor in the utility and equity of abstention, highlighting that multilingual modeling is not only a technical problem but also a social-oriented one.

## Limitations

Our study of teaching LLMs to abstain focuses on the *knowledge perspective*, i.e., LLMs should abstain when their parametric knowledge is insufficient to provide a correct answer. However, the abstain problem also has implications from the *safety perspective* (Huang et al., 2023b; Liu et al., 2023b). We envision future methodologies and evaluations that tackle both directions of the abstain problem across diverse language contexts.

Our approach, teaching LLMs to abstain via multilingual feedback, involves sampling multiple

feedback from related languages to promote self-reflection. This sampling introduces minor randomness in LLMs’ abstain decisions (Appendix A). In addition, it would incur greater inference costs than the most simple prompting approaches, but is also not the most expensive (Feng et al., 2024). When a black-box LLM with hundreds of billions of parameters is served behind an API call, our approach enables the incorporation of one extra multilingual 7B model for stronger reliability (Table 4) and does not add much to the overall cost.

## Ethics Statement

While abstaining in multilingual contexts is a technical problem, we discover the role of culture in AbstainQA and that west-centric LLMs (Naous et al., 2023; Li et al., 2024a; Rao et al., 2024) are hindering progress on equitable LLM abstention (§5). This encourages research at the intersection of multilingualism and culture (Choenni et al., 2024). We envision future work on not only proposing technical solutions to the abstain problem, but also improving the representation of diverse values, perspectives, and cultures in LLMs.

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## A Analysis (cont.)

**MULTI-RELATED helps abstaining in cross-lingual retrieval.** When retrieval corpora are not readily available in low-resource languages, cross-lingual retrieval (Asai et al., 2021; Shen et al., 2022; Huang et al., 2023c; Wieting et al., 2023; Lin et al., 2023; Thakur et al., 2024) is often necessary for retrieval-augmented LLMs (Lewis et al., 2020; Shi et al., 2024; Yasunaga et al., 2023; Xu et al., 2024), where user queries are translated to high-resource languages and retrieval is performed with that language. We investigate whether our multilingual feedback approach works in this setting: we use English Wikipedia for retrieval<sup>5</sup> and prepend back-translated paragraphs before the query from the seven low-resource languages. We evaluate various abstain approaches with CHATGPT and present performance in Figure 7. Our proposed *multilingual feedback* approach outperforms baselines for six of the seven low-resource languages, by 6.9% on average. This indicates that our *Multi-related* approach could also improve multilingual LLM reliability in retrieval-augmented settings.

**FP and FN** False positives refer to cases where the LLM should be able to provide the correct answer but abstained, while false negatives are cases where the LLM did not abstain but generated an incorrect answer. We present the false positive and false negative rates of MULTI-RELATED in Figure 8: we find that on high-resource languages, LLMs tend to be more “confident” and the FN is usually higher; for low-resource languages, LLMs tend to be more “conservative” and the FP is usually higher. We argue that having a high FP for low-resource languages is desirable since LLM has diminishing factuality on the long tail of languages, thus LLMs should be more cautious and abstain more.

**Correlation between QA Performance and Abstain Performance** We present the question answering accuracy as well as the abstain accuracy across various languages in Figure 9. We find that there is no lock-step synchronization between the two metrics, indicating that abstaining is an independent problem to question answering that needs further studies.

**Another Dataset: Bebebe** Bebebe (Bandarkar et al., 2023) is a multilingual reading comprehensive benchmark featuring parallel questions

<sup>5</sup>We retrieve Wikipedia with the WikiSearch API.

Method	Avg-H	Avg-M	Avg-L
PROBS	0.8028	0.7550	0.3604
TEMP	0.5988	0.5583	0.4331
ASK CALI.	0.4370	0.4336	0.6163
INSTRUCT	0.8036	0.7534	0.3704
REFLECT	0.5814	0.5231	0.4429
MOREINFO	0.7888	0.7430	0.3814
BACKTRANS.	0.6711	0.6366	0.4396
SCTHRES.	0.8136	0.7688	0.4634
CONFLICT	0.7072	0.6926	0.5741
MONO-NATIVE	0.6955	0.6774	0.4784
MONO-ENGLISH	0.6048	0.5891	0.6009
MULTI-RANDOM	0.7161	0.6807	0.4804
MULTI-RELATED	0.7906	0.7445	0.6386

Table 5: Performance averages for high, mid, and low-resource languages on Bebebe (Avg-H, -M, and -L).

across 122 languages and variants. We evaluate baselines and our feedback-based approaches on Bebebe and present the results in Table 5. MULTI-RELATED achieves the best performance on low-resource language, while falling behind the strongest baselines in this reading comprehension setting. This motivates using different methodologies for abstention in different language contexts.

**Working Examples** We conduct qualitative analysis to validate the generated feedback and abstain decisions. We specifically present several working examples in Tables 14, 15, and 16.

**Standard Deviation** Since MULTI-RELATED samples feedback from multiple languages, this sampling introduces randomness in the feedback content and potentially different abstain decisions. We re-run MULTI-RELATED three times with temperature  $\tau = 0.7$ , and we find that the standard deviation across runs is 0.0227, 0.0198, and 0.0086 for high, mid, and low-resource languages, indicating that the abstain performance is largely stable.

**AbstainECE** Aside from a binary decision of abstaining or answering, the probabilities of the abstain decision token (True/False) could be employed as an indicator for probabilistic abstention. We present the AbstainECE metric (Feng et al., 2024) in Table 6, which demonstrates that MONO-ENGLISH and MULTI-RELATED are stronger while the latter is best for low-resource languages. We envision improving LLM calibration with multilingual contexts could also help.

**Number of feedback** We employ from one to five pieces of feedback in MULTI-RANDOM and

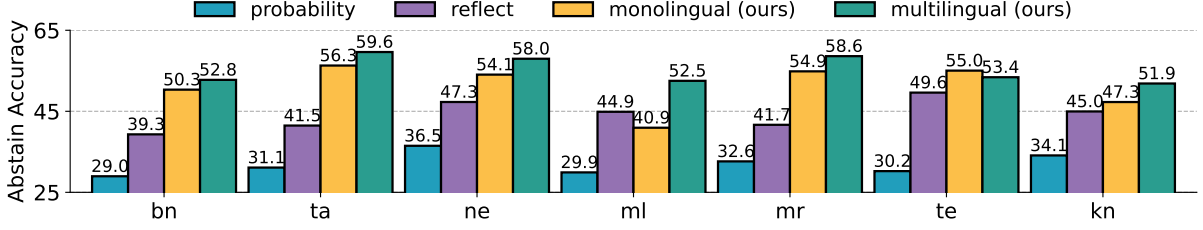


Figure 7: Abstain accuracy in the cross-lingual retrieval setting, where English Wikipedia is employed for retrieval to aid QA in low-resource languages. Multilingual feedback consistently produces more accurate abstain decisions in six of the seven low-resource languages.

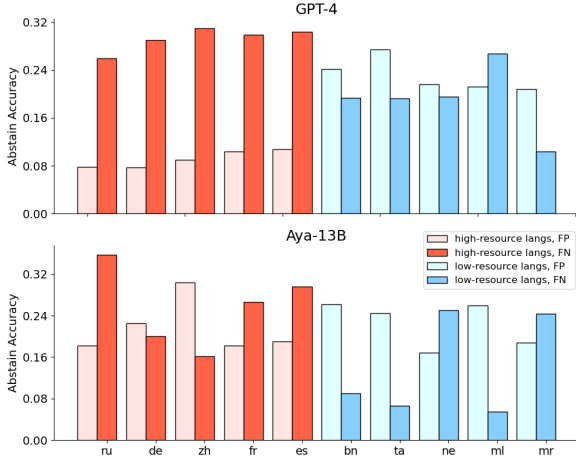


Figure 8: False positives and false negatives for MULTI-RELATED across low- and high-resource languages.

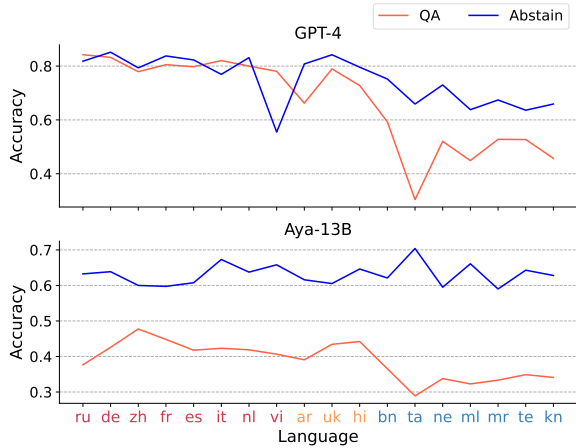


Figure 9: QA accuracy and abstain accuracy on the M-MMLU dataset with two LLMs. There is no lockstep synchronization between the two performance metrics, indicating that abstention is an independent research question. High-, mid-, and low-resource languages are labeled in red, orange, and blue colors, respectively.

Method	Avg-H	Avg-M	Avg-L
MONO-NATIVE	0.4594	0.4630	0.4276
MONO-ENGLISH	<b>0.4410</b>	<b>0.4314</b>	<u>0.4114</u>
MULTI-RANDOM	0.4713	0.4829	0.4475
MULTI-RELATED	<u>0.4426</u>	<u>0.4476</u>	<b>0.3990</b>

Table 6: AbstainECE averages for high, mid, and low-resource languages on Belebele (Avg-H, -M, and -L), the lower the better.

	1	2	3	4	5
Avg-H	0.5768	0.5878	0.5397	0.5856	0.5703
Avg-M	0.5484	0.5528	0.5435	0.5556	0.5501
Avg-L	0.4688	0.4959	0.5825	0.5003	0.5004

Table 7: Abstain accuracy with one to five feedback(s) with MULTI-RANDOM, AYA-13B, and M-MMLU.

	high	mid	low	equity ( $\downarrow$ )
default	<b>0.6411</b>	<b>0.5861</b>	<b>0.4432</b>	0.0943
reverse	0.6285	0.5297	0.4184	0.1294
self-included	0.6055	0.5638	0.4429	<b>0.0743</b>
lang var.	0.5790	0.4488	0.3726	0.0964

Table 8: Ablation settings of MULTI-RELATED, with ChatGPT and M-MMLU.

report performance in Table 7. We find that performance saturates with three pieces of feedback, while it also fluctuates across language resource-levels.

**Other Metrics** In addition to abstain accuracy, we additionally report two more AbstainQA metrics, reliable accuracy (Feng et al., 2024) and effective reliability (Whitehead et al., 2022; Si et al., 2023) in Table 9. MULTI-RELATED achieves the best performance in four of the six settings.

**Ablation Settings** We present several ablation setting of MULTI-RELATED: 1) *reverse*, where the most distant languages are selected for feedback generation; 2) *self-included*, where the language of

	Reliable Accuracy			Effective Reliability		
	Avg-H	Avg-M	Avg-L	Avg-H	Avg-M	Avg-L
PROBS	0.4772	0.4800	0.3868	-0.0269	-0.0232	-0.1220
TEMP	0.4635	0.4651	0.3694	-0.0472	-0.0442	-0.1705
ASK CAL.	0.5297	0.5207	0.4012	0.0209	0.0143	-0.1069
INSTRUCT	0.4255	0.4256	0.3477	-0.1412	-0.1404	-0.2538
REFLECT	0.4069	0.4019	0.3364	-0.1843	-0.1944	-0.3260
BACKTRANS.	0.4277	0.4198	0.3517	-0.1292	-0.1445	-0.2648
SCTHRES.	0.5389	<b>0.5254</b>	0.3878	0.0260	<b>0.0172</b>	-0.0547
CONFLICT	0.4585	0.4559	0.3636	-0.0316	-0.0338	-0.1004
MONO-NATIVE	0.4333	0.4437	0.3973	-0.0705	-0.0604	-0.0821
MONO-ENGLISH	0.4796	0.4594	0.3884	-0.0242	-0.0406	-0.0695
MULTI-RANDOM	0.4565	0.4376	0.3640	-0.0344	-0.0416	-0.0656
MULTI-RELATED	<b>0.5402</b>	0.4973	<b>0.4474</b>	<b>0.0279</b>	-0.0077	<b>-0.0289</b>

Table 9: Other AbstainQA metrics with AYA-13B and MMLU.

the question is also employed to generate feedback; 3) *lang var.*, where the feedback content stays the same but translated to different related languages. Table 8 demonstrates that the default setting often works best, while including the original language for feedback generation could be beneficial for certain cases.

### Another Interpretation of Abstain Overlap

For Figure 5, another way is to compare the proportion of consensus, where LLMs abstain for zero or all three of languages. In this definition, the same conclusion still holds: the first control group has 23.1% vs. 20.9%, while the second control group has 32.1% vs. 16.2%.

**Randomness in Sampling Feedback** We randomly sample feedback sets with temperature of 1 and repeat for 3 runs. If the LLM abstains/answers in all 3 runs, then it is deemed consistent; 1:2 and 2:1 scenarios are then deemed as inconsistent. We present results in Table 10, showing that learning to abstain from multilingual feedback is largely consistent.

	bn	ml	mr	ne	ta	te
MMLU, consistent	103	101	99	117	114	95
MMLU, inconsistent	42	26	35	31	21	34
consistent rate %	71.03	79.53	73.88	79.05	84.44	73.64
Hellaswag, consistent	115	136	115	131	122	122
Hellaswag, inconsistent	39	14	39	24	18	25
consistent rate %	74.68	90.67	74.68	84.52	87.14	82.99

Table 10: Consistency when repeating the feedback sampling for three times.

## B Experiment Details

**Dataset Details** We employ M-MMLU, M-Hellaswag (Lai et al., 2023), and Belebele (Bardkar et al., 2023) as evaluations of multilingual AbstainQA. Specifically, we adopt 26 languages beyond English: 8 high-resource (Russian, ru; German, de; Chinese, zh; French, fr; Spanish, es; Italian, it; Dutch, nl; Vietnamese, vi), 11 mid-resource languages (Indonesian, id; Arabic, ar; Hungarian, hu; Romanian, ro; Danish, da; Slovak, sk; Ukrainian, uk; Catalan, ca; Serbian, sr; Croatian, hr; Hindi, hi), and 7 low-resource languages (Bengali, bn; Tamil, ta; Nepali, ne; Malayalam, ml; Marathi, Mr; Telugu, te; Kannada, kn). We follow the definition of language resourceness based on pretraining data frequency in Lai et al. (2023). We randomly sample 200 questions for validation and 800 questions for test from each language, with minor variation across languages based on data availability.

**Model Details** We employ the “CohereForAI/aya-101” model checkpoint on Huggingface for AYA-13B, and the Azure OpenAI API checkpoint of “gpt4” for GPT-4, and the “GPT-3.5-TURBO-INSTRUCT” model checkpoint on OpenAI API for CHATGPT.

**Baseline Details** We refer readers to Feng et al. (2024) for a complete description of baselines. For the additional BACKTRANSLATION baseline, we translate the question to English and make an abstain decision in English, then use that abstain decision for other languages.

**GPT-4 Evaluation Details** For quality evaluation, we employ “*Question: <question> Proposed Answer: <answer> Feedback 1: <feedback> Feedback 2: <feedback> Which feedback is more relevant to the question?*” and “*Question: <question> Proposed Answer: <answer> Feedback 1: <feedback> Feedback 2: <feedback> Which feedback is more informative?*”. For role evaluation, we employ “*Question: <question> Proposed Answer: <answer> Feedback 1: <feedback> Feedback 2: <feedback> Feedback 3: <feedback> What is the relationship among the three feedbacks? A. similar B. complementary C. conflicting D. unrelated Relationship:*”.

**Implementation Details** We present the related languages employed for feedback generation in the Language Relatedness study (§5) in Tables 11, 12, and 13.

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default: { "en": ["German", "Dutch", "French"], "ru": ["Ukrainian", "Romanian", "Catalan"], "de": ["Dutch", "English", "French"], "zh": ["Arabic", "Slovak", "Danish"], "fr": ["Catalan", "German", "Spanish"], "es": ["Catalan", "Romanian", "French"], "it": ["Catalan", "Romanian", "Ukrainian"], "nl": ["German", "Italian", "Ukrainian"], "vi": ["Indonesian", "English", "Bengali"], "id": ["Vietnamese", "Catalan", "Russian"], "ar": ["Chinese", "Slovak", "Danish"], "hu": ["Romanian", "German", "French"], "ro": ["Catalan", "Italian", "Spanish"], "da": ["Slovak", "Dutch", "Ukrainian"], "sk": ["Chinese", "Arabic", "Danish"], "uk": ["Russian", "Italian", "Croatian"], "ca": ["Romanian", "Spanish", "Italian"], "sr": ["Slovak", "Danish", "Croatian"], "hr": ["Ukrainian", "Italian", "Dutch"], "hi": ["Bengali", "Telugu", "Marathi"], "bn": ["Hindi", "Telugu", "Nepali"], "ta": ["Malayalam", "Marathi", "Kannada"], "ne": ["Kanaada", "Telugu", "Hindi"], "ml": ["Tamil", "Marathi", "Kannada"], "mr": ["Tamil", "Malayalam", "Hindi"], "te": ["Kannada", "Tamil", "Nepali"], "kn": ["Telugu", "Malaayalam", "Tamil"] }

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syntactic: "en": ["Spanish", "German", "French"], "ru": ["Ukrainian", "German", "Spanish"], "de": ["Dutch", "English", "Russian"], "zh": ["Arabic", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "fr": ["Spanish", "English", "German"], "es": ["English", "French", "Russian"], "it": ["Catalan", "Romanian", "Dutch"], "nl": ["German", "Italian", "Danish"], "vi": ["Indonesian", "English", "French"], "id": ["Vietnamese", "English", "Italian"], "ar": ["Chinese", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "hu": ["Russian", "Italian", "Romanian"], "ro": ["Italian", "Ukrainian", "Spanish"], "da": ["Dutch", "German", "French"], "sk": ["Chinese", "Arabic", "Hungarian"], "uk": ["Russian", "Italian", "Romanian"], "ca": ["Italian", "Dutch", "Romanian"], "sr": ["Catalan", "Ukrainian", "German"], "hr": ["Serbian", "Vietnamese", "Danish"], "hi": ["Kannada", "Russian", "Ukrainian"], "bn": ["Marathi", "Hindi", "Tamil"], "ta": ["Telugu", "Kannada", "Marathi"], "ne": ["Kannada", "Telugu", "Hindi"], "ml": ["Telugu", "Kannada", "Tamil"], "mr": ["Tamil", "Bengali", "Telugu"], "te": ["Tamil", "Nepali", "Kannada"], "kn": ["Tamil", "Nepali", "Hindi"],

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featural: "en": ["German", "Russian", "French"], "ru": ["Romanian", "Ukrainian", "English"], "de": ["English", "French", "Dutch"], "zh": ["Arabic", "Slovak", "English"], "fr": ["German", "English", "Russian"], "es": ["English", "Russian", "French"], "it": ["Dutch", "Romanian", "Ukrainian"], "nl": ["German", "Italian", "English"], "vi": ["Indonesian", "English", "French"], "id": ["Vietnamese", "Catalan", "English"], "ar": ["Chinese", "Slovak", "English"], "hu": ["Romanian", "English", "Russian"], "ro": ["Russian", "Italian", "Hungarian"], "da": ["Serbian", "English", "Russian"], "sk": ["Chinese", "Arabic", "English"], "uk": ["Russian", "Italian", "Romanian"], "ca": ["Italian", "Dutch", "Romanian"], "sr": ["Danish", "Russian", "Spanish"], "hr": ["Catalan", "English", "Russian"], "hi": ["Bengali", "Nepali", "Telugu"], "bn": ["Hindi", "Nepali", "Telugu"], "ta": ["Malayalam", "Marathi", "Telugu"], "ne": ["Hindi", "Bengali", "Marathi"], "ml": ["Tamil", "Marathi", "Kannada"], "mr": ["Tamil", "Nepali", "Malayalam"], "te": ["Hindi", "Bengali", "Tamil"], "kn": ["Hindi", "Tamil", "Nepali"],

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genetic: "en": ["German", "Dutch", "Danish"], "ru": ["Ukrainian", "Slovak", "Serbian"], "de": ["Dutch", "English", "Danish"], "zh": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "fr": ["Spanish", "Catalan", "Italian"], "es": ["Catalan", "Romanian", "French"], "it": ["Romanian", "Catalan", "Spanish"], "nl": ["German", "English", "Danish"], "vi": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "id": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "ar": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "hu": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "ro": ["Spanish", "Italian", "Catalan"], "da": ["German", "English", "Dutch"], "sk": ["Russian", "Ukrainian", "Serbian"], "uk": ["Russian", "Slovak", "Serbian"], "ca": ["Spanish", "Romanian", "Italian"], "sr": ["Croatian", "Russian", "Ukrainian"], "hr": ["Serbian", "Russian", "Slovak"], "hi": ["Bengali", "Marathi", "German"], "bn": ["Hindi", "Marathi", "English"], "ta": ["Malayalam", "Kannada", "Telugu"], "ne": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "ml": ["Tamil", "Kannada", "Telugu"], "mr": ["Hindi", "Bengali", "Russian"], "te": ["Tamil", "Malayalam", "Kannada"], "kn": ["Malayalam", "Tamil", "Telugu"],

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Table 11: Related languages across different method settings, part 1.

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geographic: "en": ["French", "Dutch", "Danish"], "ru": ["English", "German", "French"], "de": ["French", "Italian", "Dutch"], "zh": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "fr": ["English", "German", "Spanish"], "es": ["French", "Catalan", "English"], "it": ["German", "French", "Hungarian"], "nl": ["English", "German", "French"], "vi": ["Indonesian", "Bengali", "Nepali"], "id": ["Vietnamese", "Bengali", "Tamil"], "ar": ["English", "Russian", "German"], "hu": ["German", "Italian", "Romanian"], "ro": ["German", "Italian", "Hungarian"], "da": ["English", "German", "French"], "sk": ["German", "Italian", "Hungarian"], "uk": ["German", "Hungarian", "Romanian"], "ca": ["French", "Spanish", "Italian"], "sr": ["German", "Italian", "Hungarian"], "hr": ["German", "Italian", "Hungarian"], "hi": ["Nepali", "Marathi", "Telugu"], "bn": ["Nepali", "Vietnamese", "Hindi"], "ta": ["Malayalam", "Marathi", "Telugu"], "ne": ["Hindi", "Bengali", "Vietnamese"], "ml": ["Tamil", "Marathi", "Telugu"], "mr": ["Hindi", "Tamil", "Malayalam"], "te": ["Hindi", "Tamil", "Malayalam"], "kn": ["Tamil", "Malayalam", "Marathi"],

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inventory: "en": ["German", "Marathi", "Telugu"], "ru": ["Ukrainian", "Croatian", "Romanian"], "de": ["Dutch", "French", "English"], "zh": ["Arabic", "Danish", "Slovak"], "fr": ["Hungarian", "Dutch", "German"], "es": ["Hungarian", "German", "Indonesian"], "it": ["Catalan", "Romanian", "Ukrainian"], "nl": ["German", "French", "Hungarian"], "vi": ["English", "Dutch", "German"], "id": ["Catalan", "Croatian", "Romanian"], "ar": ["Chinese", "Danish", "Slovak"], "hu": ["French", "Romanian", "Italian"], "ro": ["Ukrainian", "Catalan", "Italian"], "da": ["Chinese", "Arabic", "Slovak"], "sk": ["Chinese", "Arabic", "Danish"], "uk": ["Romanian", "Russian", "Italian"], "ca": ["Indonesian", "Italian", "Romanian"], "sr": ["Chinese", "Arabic", "Danish"], "hr": ["Catalan", "Indonesian", "Hungarian"], "hi": ["Telugu", "Bengali", "Nepali"], "bn": ["Telugu", "Nepali", "Hindi"], "ta": ["Kannada", "Malayalam", "Marathi"], "ne": ["Marathi", "Bengali", "Kannada"], "ml": ["Kannada", "Marathi", "Tamil"], "mr": ["Kannada", "Malayalam", "Nepali"], "te": ["Hindi", "Bengali", "Nepali"], "kn": ["Malayalam", "Marathi", "Tamil"],

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phonological: "en": ["Indonesian", "Russian", "Catalan"], "ru": ["Catalan", "Hungarian", "Hindi"], "de": ["French", "Hungarian", "English"], "zh": ["Italian", "Dutch", "Arabic"], "fr": ["German", "Hungarian", "Hindi"], "es": ["English", "Russian", "Catalan"], "it": ["Chinese", "Dutch", "Arabic"], "nl": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Arabic"], "vi": ["Indonesian", "English", "Russian"], "id": ["English", "Russian", "Catalan"], "ar": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "hu": ["Russian", "Catalan", "German"], "ro": ["Russian", "Catalan", "German"], "da": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "sk": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "uk": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "ca": ["Russian", "Hungarian", "Hindi"], "sr": ["Spanish", "Chinese", "Italian"], "hr": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "hi": ["Russian", "Catalan", "French"], "bn": ["Telugu", "Kannada", "Russian"], "ta": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "ne": ["Romanian", "Telugu", "Kannada"], "ml": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "mr": ["Chinese", "Italian", "Dutch"], "te": ["Kannada", "Russian", "Catalan"], "kn": ["Kannada", "Russian", "Catalan"],

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Table 12: Related languages across different method settings, part 2.

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WVS: "en": ["English", "English", "English"], "ru": ["Ukrainian", "Romanian", "Russian"], "de": ["German", "Dutch", "Danish"], "zh": ["Chinese", "Chinese", "Chinese"], "fr": ["French", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "es": ["French", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "it": ["French", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "nl": ["German", "Dutch", "Danish"], "vi": ["Vietnamese", "Vietnamese", "Vietnamese"], "id": ["Indonesian", "Indonesian", "Indonesian"], "ar": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "hu": ["French", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "ro": ["Ukrainian", "Romanian", "Russian"], "da": ["German", "Dutch", "Danish"], "sk": ["French", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "uk": ["Ukrainian", "Romanian", "Russian"], "ca": ["Catalan", "Catalan", "Catalan"], "sr": ["Serbian", "Serbian", "Serbian"], "hr": ["French", "Slovak", "Hungarian"], "hi": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "bn": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "ta": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "ne": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "ml": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "mr": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "te": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"], "kn": ["Arabic", "Hindi", "Bengali"],

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LLM-generated: "en": ["Frisian", "Dutch", "German"], "ru": ["Belarusian", "Ukrainian", "Rusyn"], "de": ["Dutch", "Luxembourgish", "Yiddish"], "zh": ["Cantonese", "Shanghainese", "Hokkien"], "fr": ["Italian", "Spanish", "Catalan"], "es": ["Portuguese", "Catalan", "Italian"], "it": ["Sicilian", "Neapolitan", "Tuscan"], "nl": ["Afrikaans", "Frisian", "German"], "vi": ["Muong", "Khmer", "Mon"], "id": ["Malay", "Minangkabau", "Javanese"], "ar": ["Hebrew", "Aramaic", "Amharic"], "hu": ["Finnish", "Estonian", "Udmurt"], "ro": ["Italian", "Spanish", "French"], "da": ["Swedish", "Norwegian", "Icelandic"], "sk": ["Czech", "Polish", "Slovene"], "uk": ["Russian", "Belarusian", "Rusyn"], "ca": ["Occitan", "Spanish", "French"], "sr": ["Croatian", "Bosnian", "Montenegrin"], "hr": ["Serbian", "Bosnian", "Montenegrin"], "hi": ["Urdu", "Punjabi", "Bengali"], "bn": ["Assamese", "Odia", "Maithili"], "ta": ["Kannada", "Telugu", "Malayalam"], "ne": ["Maithili", "Bhojpuri", "Awadhi"], "ml": ["Tamil", "Tulu", "Kannada"], "mr": ["Konkani", "Sanskrit", "Gujarati"], "te": ["Kannada", "Tamil", "Malayalam"], "kn": ["Telugu", "Tamil", "Tulu"],

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Table 13: Related languages across different method settings, part 3.

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**Question:** 非营利组织活动报告表的主要目的是提供相关信息给其 A: 资源提供者 B: 管理者 C: 受益人 D: 州监管机构

(translated: The main purpose of the non-profit organization activity report form is to provide relevant information to its A: resource providers. B: managers. C: beneficiaries. D: state regulatory agencies.)

Proposed Answer: C

Feedback 1:

في حين أن تقديم المعلومات للمستفيدين هو هدف رئيسي لتقرير الأنشطة لمنظمة غير ربحية، إلا أنه ليس الهدف الوحيد. يهدف التقرير أيضًا إلى تعزيز الشفافية، جذب المتبرعين والشركاء، وتقييم الأداء لتحقيق التحسين المستمر. من المهم تحديد المستفيدين، الذين قد يشملون الأعضاء، المتبرعين، الشركاء، والمجتمع العام، حيث أن لكل فئة احتياجات معلوماتية مختلفة. يجب أن يكون التقرير شاملاً، يغطي المعلومات المالية، إنجازات البرنامج، التحديات المستقبلية، والخطط، ويجب أن يتم تقديمه بفعالية باستخدام لغة واضحة وملخصات ونقاط رئيسية. هذا النهج لا يقتصر على تقديم المعلومات فحسب، بل يعزز أيضًا مصداقية المنظمة ويزيد من الثقة بين أصحاب المصلحة.

(translated: While providing information to beneficiaries is a key goal of a non-profit organization's activity report, *it is not the sole purpose*. The report also aims to enhance transparency, attract donors and partners, and evaluate performance for continuous improvement. Specifying the beneficiaries, who may include members, donors, partners, and the general community, is essential as each group has different informational needs.)

Feedback 2:

Okrem informovania prijímateľov správa často slúži aj na preukázanie transparentnosti organizácie voči donorom, regulačným orgánom, dobrovoľníkom a verejnosti. Pomáha tiež pri hodnotení efektívnosti a dosiahnutých výsledkov, čo môže podporiť ďalší rozvoj organizácie a jej projektov. Celkovo je teda cieľom správy nielen informovať, ale aj budovať dôveru a zodpovednosť voči všetkým zainteresovaným stranám.

(translated: In addition to informing beneficiaries, *the report often serves to demonstrate the organization's transparency to donors, regulatory bodies, volunteers, and the public*. It also helps in evaluating the effectiveness and outcomes achieved, which can support the further development of the organization and its projects. Overall, the report's purpose is not only to inform but also to build trust and accountability towards all stakeholders involved.)

Feedback 3:

非营利组织的主要目的之一是,向其受益人提供有关组织活动的反馈信息,主要依据组织的运作特征. 受益人包括项目组织的利益相关者,如基金管理人,或组织会员,如捐赠者。非营利组织的负责人应该遵守对组织的监管规定。

(translated: One of the main purposes of non-profit organizations is to provide feedback to their beneficiaries about the organization's activities, based primarily on the operational characteristics of the organization. Beneficiaries include stakeholders of project organizations, such as fund managers, or *organizational members, such as donors*. The leaders of non-profit organizations should comply with regulatory requirements for the organization.)

Abstain: Yes (correct answer is A)

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Table 14: Working example one, where the three pieces of feedback unanimously point out the error in the answer.



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**Question:** 以下哪个提供了有关地球核心、地幔和下地壳结构的大部分信息? A: 测量地球磁场的强度和波动B: 潜流岩的检测C: 从深部钻孔中收集样本D: 研究通过地球的地震波传播的速度和路径

(translated: Which of the following provides most of the information about the structure of the Earth's core, mantle, and lower crust? A: Measuring the strength and fluctuations of the Earth's magnetic field B: Detecting plumes of molten rock C: Collecting samples from deep drilling D: Studying the speed and paths of seismic waves passing through the Earth)

Proposed Answer: C

Feedback 1:

وتعد الاستكشافات الجيولوجية إحدى الطرق الرئيسية في المعرفة بشكل كبير عن كيفية تفاعل طبقات الخارج والداخل الجيولوجي مع بعضها البعض، باستخدام تقنيات الاستكشاف الجيولوجي (أو الاستكشاف الجيولوجي) وخاصة استكشاف الغلاف الخارجي للقشرة الأرضية (وهذا ما يحدث في الحفر العميقة) والحفاظ على النموذج الجيولوجي المألوف للعين البشرية.

(translated: Geological exploration is considered one of the main ways to significantly increase our knowledge about how the layers of the Earth's exterior and interior interact with each other, using geological exploration techniques, especially exploring the outer shell of the Earth's crust (as in deep drilling) and maintaining the familiar geological model for the human eye.)

Feedback 2:

Materiály z inžinierskej činnosti sa dokážu zaujímať o štruktúru zeme vď aka spôsobu, akým tvoria základne zemského plášť'a, tiež o spôsobe používania jadrovej energie, uvoľňovania energie z dopadu gravitačných silov. Predpokladáme pôsobenie gravitácie na štruktúru centrálného a periférneho plášť'a, rovnako ako aj gravitačné účinky uvoľnenej energie medzi nimi. Na základe výsledkov dokážeme predpokladať, ako sa skladá zloženie povrchovej vrstvy, ako ovplyvňujú polámu tepelnú uhl'ovodíkovú vrstvu, ako ovplyvňuje povrchovú vlhkosť, a ako ovplyvňuje teplotnú pozíciu rôznych vrstiev.

(translated: Materials from engineering activities can be interested in the structure of the earth due to the way they form the foundations of the earth's mantle, as well as the methods of using nuclear energy and releasing energy from the impact of gravitational forces. We assume the influence of gravity on the structure of the central and peripheral mantle, as well as the gravitational effects of the released energy between them. Based on the results, we can predict how the composition of the surface layer is formed, how it affects the polar thermal hydrocarbon layer, how it affects surface moisture, and how it affects the temperature position of different layers.)

Feedback 3:

Undersøgelse af jordens magnetfelt og dens bevægelser, samt måling af jordoverfladens temperatur og fugtighed er de mest anvendte metoder. Undersøgelsen af jordens magnetfelt og dens bevægelser er ikke alene vigtigt for forståelsen af jordens magnetfelt, men også påvirker andre områder, såsom jordskælv og vulkaner, hvor man kan studere jordens magnetfelt, mens man i samme tid observere andre systemer, såsom atmosfære og havanlæg.

(translated: The investigation of the Earth's magnetic field and its movements, as well as the measurement of surface temperature and humidity, are the most commonly used methods. The study of the Earth's magnetic field and its movements is not only important for understanding the Earth's magnetic field, but also affects other areas, such as earthquakes and volcanoes, where one can study the Earth's magnetic field while observing other systems, such as the atmosphere and oceanic structures, at the same time.)

Abstain: Yes (correct answer is D)

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Table 15: Working example two, where there is a conflict among the three feedback.

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**Question:** 关于总统提名大会代表，以下哪个陈述是正确的？ A: 代表通常更有可能在某个时候注册为第三方投票者。 B: 大多数普通人比代表更有教育背景。 C: 代表通常对政治没有太大兴趣。 D: 通常，普通人的意识形态比代表更少。

(translated: Which statement is correct about delegates to the presidential nominating convention? A: Delegates are more likely to register as third-party voters at some point. B: Most ordinary people have a higher level of education than delegates. C: Delegates generally have less interest in politics. D: Typically, ordinary people have less ideology than delegates.)

Proposed Answer: C

Feedback 1:

الناس العاديون معقدون ويختلفون في مشاعرهم ومزاجهم. لديهم أيضًا الكثير من التفكير السلبي ويكونون أقل تحفيزًا سياسيًا. في المقابل، يلجأ هذا النوع من الأشخاص إلى التصويت شخصيًا وتأييد المرشحين لشغل بعض المقاعد كأقلية في الانتخابات الرئاسية. تظهر الدراسة أن غالبية الأفراد المشاركين في العملية الانتخابية يجدون هذا الوضع مثيرًا للاهتمام من حيث التعاطف والتقبل. يختلف الوضع من حيث التفكير السلبي. عادةً ما يعتقد الناس أن هذا الوضع لم يكن بسبب مشاعرهم تجاه السياسة، بل بسبب نقص مشاركتهم.

(translated: *Ordinary people are complex and differ in their feelings and moods.* They also have a lot of negative thinking and are *less politically motivated*. In contrast, this type of people resort to voting personally and endorse candidates to hold some seats as a minority in the presidential candidate. The study shows that the majority of individuals participating in the electoral process find this situation interesting in terms of empathy and embrace. It differs in terms of negative thinking. People usually believe that this situation was not due to their feelings towards politics, but due to their lack of participation.)

Feedback 2:

Zvyčajne je obyčajný človek, ktorý podporuje kandidátov z celého štátu, zvyčajne ľudom plne neznámym. Umožňujú voličom hlasovať za svojho kandidáta a predstavujú ho podľa svojho názoru. Keďže na zvolenie kandidáta je potrebný nejaký druh spoločného zvolenia, získali ďalší hlas členovia zvoliteľskej delegácie a títo sú usilujúci o účasť na zvolovaní. O takúto pôsobenie sa postará delegát zvoliteľskej delegácie, ktorý je ľudom plne neznámy.

(translated: Usually, an ordinary person who supports candidates from all over the state, usually to people completely unknown. They allow voters to vote for their candidate and represent him according to their opinion. Since some kind of common election is needed to elect a candidate, additional votes were obtained by members of the elector's delegation, who are seeking to participate in the election. A delegate of the elector's delegation, who is completely unknown to people, will take care of this action.)

Feedback 3:

Delegerne fra staten har ofte mere viden om politik end de fleste almindelige mennesker.

(translated: The state's delegates often have *more knowledge about politics than most ordinary people*.)

Abstain: Yes (correct answer is D)

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Table 16: Working example three, where there is a conflict among the three feedback.