eC-Tab2Text: Aspect-Based Text Generation from e-Commerce Product Tables

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Abstract

Large Language Models (LLMs) have demonstrated exceptional versatility across diverse domains, yet their application in e-commerce remains underexplored due to a lack of domainspecific datasets. To address this gap, we introduce eC-Tab2Text, a novel dataset designed to capture the intricacies of e-commerce, including detailed product attributes and user-specific queries. Leveraging eC-Tab2Text, we focus on text generation from product tables, enabling LLMs to produce high-quality, attributespecific product reviews from structured tabular data. Fine-tuned models were rigorously evaluated using standard Table2Text metrics, alongside correctness, faithfulness, and fluency assessments. Our results demonstrate substantial improvements in generating contextually accurate reviews, highlighting the transformative potential of tailored datasets and fine-tuning methodologies in optimizing e-commerce workflows. This work highlights the potential of LLMs in e-commerce workflows and the essential role of domain-specific datasets in tailoring them to industry-specific challenges¹.

1 Introduction

E-commerce relies heavily on tabular data, such as product details and features, while user interactions, including assistant agents and Q&A, predominantly occur in natural language. This disparity underscores the need for models that can effectively parse tabular data and engage users through coherent, context-aware communication (Zhao et al., 2023b). Table-to-text generation addresses this challenge by transforming structured data into natural language, enabling applications such as product reviews, personalized descriptions, and tailored



Figure 1: Overview of **eC-Tab2Text**. Illustration of aspect-based text generation from e-commerce product tables, where an LLM generates summaries for user-specific aspects like "Camera" and "Design & Display."

summaries in e-commerce. Beyond e-commerce, this capacity extends to domains such as healthcare, where structured patient records are converted into concise summaries for doctors (He et al., 2023), and finance, where tabular financial data is transformed into analytical reports (Varshney, 2024). However, generating text that is coherent, contextually relevant, and aligned with user-specific requirements remains a significant challenge, particularly for user- or query-centric tasks that demand domain-specific knowledge. Existing table-to-text datasets often focus on general-purpose applications and lack the depth required for specialized domains. For instance, datasets like QTSumm (Zhao

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¹Our code, dataset, evaluation, model outputs, and other resources are publicly available at eC-Tab2Text.

et al., 2023a) offer tabular summaries unrelated to the product domain, limiting their relevance for generating attribute-specific product reviews. Ecommerce text generation requires handling diverse attributes (e.g., battery life, display quality), reasoning across different attributes (e.g., battery life and display size) and adapting to various user intents, such as crafting targeted product reviews (Macková and Pilát, 2024).

While Large Language Models (LLMs) excel in general-purpose text generation (Touvron et al., 2023; Kabir et al., 2024), and fine-tuned models like LLama2 (Touvron et al., 2023), resulting in StructLM (Zhuang et al., 2024) have shown improved performance on table-based datasets, these approaches often struggle with the complexities of product-specific domains. Addressing these intricacies requires tailored datasets to capture the nuanced requirements of attribute-specific text generation. Table-to-text generation has benefited from datasets like WikiTableT (Chen et al., 2021), Tab-Fact (Chen et al., 2020b), and ROTOWIRE (Wiseman et al., 2017). However, these datasets, designed for tasks like Wikipedia table descriptions, fact-checking, and sports summaries, lack the relevance for product-specific applications. Similarly, LogicNLG (Chen et al., 2020a) and ToTTo (Parikh et al., 2020) emphasize logical inferences and refined sentence extraction but fall short in addressing the demands of e-commerce text generation (He and Abisado, 2023).

This paper introduces a tailored table-to-text dataset for the products domain and explores the potential of fine-tuned LLMs to bridge the gap between general-purpose capabilities and domainspecific needs. By leveraging domain-specific datasets and fine-tuning techniques, this work aims to empower e-commerce platforms to generate more precise and engaging product reviews given user aspects and tables (see Figure 1), enhancing customer satisfaction and business outcomes.

Our main contributions are as follows:

- We present **eC-Tab2Text**, a novel domainspecific dataset for table-to-text generation in the e-commerce domain. The dataset features attribute-rich product tables paired with userspecific queries and outputs.
- We fine-tune open-source LLMs on the eC-Tab2Text dataset, resulting in significant improvements in text generation performance across various metrics.

 We provide a detailed analysis of domain robustness by comparing models trained on eC-Tab2Text with those trained on QTSumm, highlighting the critical need for domainspecific datasets to achieve superior performance in e-commerce applications.

2 Related Work

Table-to-Text Generation Table-to-text generation has advanced through datasets tailored to diverse domains and applications, as summarized in Table 1. Early efforts, such as WikiTableT (Chen et al., 2021), focused on generating natural language descriptions from Wikipedia tables, while TabFact (Chen et al., 2020b) introduced factchecking capabilities and ROTOWIRE (Wiseman et al., 2017) generated detailed sports summaries. However, these datasets are limited in their relevance to product-specific domains. Later datasets like LogicNLG (Chen et al., 2020a) emphasized logical inference and reasoning, and ToTTo (Parikh et al., 2020) supported controlled text generation by focusing on specific table regions. HiTab (Cheng et al., 2022) extended these capabilities with hierarchical table structures and reasoning operators. Despite these advancements, none of these datasets provide the contextual and attribute-specific depth necessary for e-commerce applications, where generating meaningful descriptions requires reasoning across heterogeneous attributes, such as linking battery capacity to battery life or associating display size with user experience.

Query-Focused Summarization (QFS) Advances in text summarization have improved multidocument summarization through abstractive methods like paraphrastic fusion (Nayeem and Chali, 2017b; Nayeem et al., 2018), compression (Nayeem et al., 2019; Chowdhury et al., 2021), and diverse fusion models (Fuad et al., 2019; Nayeem, 2017), among others (Nayeem and Chali, 2017a; Chali et al., 2017). These approaches lay the groundwork for query-focused summarization (QFS), which tailors summaries to user-specific queries. Initially formulated as a document summarization task, QFS aims to generate summaries tailored to specific user queries (Dang, 2006). Despite its potential real-world applications, QFS remains a challenging task due to the lack of datasets. In the textual domain, QFS has been explored in multidocument settings (Giorgi et al., 2023) and meeting summarization (Zhong et al., 2021). Recent

Dataset	Table Source	# Tables / Statements	# Words / Statement	Explicit Control
	Singl	e-sentence Table-to-	Text	
ToTTo (Parikh et al., 2020)	Wikipedia	83,141 / 83,141	17.4	Table region
LOGICNLG (Chen et al., 2020a)	Wikipedia	7,392 / 36,960	14.2	Table regions
HiTab (Cheng et al., 2022)	Statistics web	3,597 / 10,672	16.4	Table regions & reasoning operator
	Gene	ric Table Summariza	ation	
ROTOWIRE (Wiseman et al., 2017)	NBA games	4,953 / 4,953	337.1	X
SciGen (Moosavi et al., 2021)	Sci-Paper	1,338 / 1,338	116.0	X
NumericNLG (Suadaa et al., 2021)	Sci-Paper	1,355 / 1,355	94.2	X
	Tab	le Question Answeri	ing	
FeTaQA (Nan et al., 2022)	Wikipedia	10,330 / 10,330	18.9	Queries rewritten from ToTTo
Query-Focused Table Summarization				
QTSumm (Zhao et al., 2023a)	Wikipedia	2,934 / 7,111	68.0	Queries from real-world scenarios
eC-Tab2Text (ours)	e-Commerce products	1,452 / 3,354	56.61	Queries from e-commerce products

Table 1: Comparison between **eC-Tab2Text** (*ours*) and existing table-to-text generation datasets. Statements and queries are used interchangeably. Our dataset specifically comprises tables from the e-commerce domain.

datasets like QTSumm (Zhao et al., 2023a) extend QFS to a new modality, using tables as input. However, QTSumm's general-purpose nature limits its applicability to product reviews, which require nuanced reasoning over attributes and user-specific contexts. Additionally, its queries are often disconnected from real-world e-commerce scenarios. In contrast, our proposed dataset, **eC-Tab2Text**, bridges this gap by providing attribute-specific and query-driven summaries tailored to e-commerce product tables.

3 eC-Tab2Text: Dataset Construction

To address the gap in table-to-text generation for user-specific aspects or queries, such as "Camera" and "Design & Display" (as illustrated in Figure 1), we developed the **eC-Tab2Text** dataset. This dataset comprises e-commerce product tables and is designed to facilitate aspect-based text generation by fine-tuning LLMs on our dataset. The pipeline for creating **eC-Tab2Text** is outlined in Figure 2 and described in detail below.

Data Sources The dataset was constructed using product reviews and specifications (i.e., tables) extracted from the Pricebaba website². Pricebaba provides comprehensive information on electronic products, including mobile phones and laptops. For this study, the focus was exclusively on mobile

phone data due to the richness of product specifications (attribute-value pairs) and the availability of detailed expert reviews as summaries. Additionally, the number of samples available for mobile phones is significantly larger than for laptops. Each sample includes feature-specific details such as camera performance, battery life, and display quality.

Data Extraction and Format Data extraction was performed using web scraping techniques, with the extracted data stored in JSON format to serialize the table structure and to ensure compatibility with modern data processing workflows. Two JSON files were generated (Appendix E): one containing aspect-based product reviews and the other containing product specifications. The review JSON file captures user aspects alongside their associated textual descriptions collected from the "Quick Review" section of the website, while the specifications JSON file stores key-value pairs for both key specifications and full technical details. The structures of the sample inputs and outputs are depicted in Figures 3 and 4 in the Appendix.

Data Cleaning, Normalization, and Integration To ensure consistency, usability, and completeness, the extracted data underwent rigorous cleaning, normalization, and integration, similar to previous approaches (Nayeem and Rafiei, 2023, 2024a,b). The process includes (1) standardizing all text values to lowercase for uniformity, (2) replacing special

²https://pricebaba.com, last accessed August 2024.



Figure 2: Data collection pipeline for our eC-Tab2Text dataset.

characters (e.g., & with "and") to improve readability, and (3) normalizing keys to maintain logical and contextual coherence. For example, the key Display & Design was transformed into Design and Display to improve readability and alignment with naming conventions.

To further enhance the dataset quality, irrelevant and redundant entries were removed through a systematic filtering process: (1) reviews lacking textual content in the text field were discarded, (2) specifications containing only generic or minimal information (e.g., entries labeled as General) were excluded, (3) overly simplistic reviews categorized as Overview were omited to maintain a focus on detailed and meaningful content.

Finally, the reviews and specifications JSON files were merged into a unified dataset by aligning entries based on their unique product URLs. This integration consolidated each product's reviews and specifications into a single, cohesive record, creating a streamlined and comprehensive dataset for downstream applications.

Metric	Value						
Input							
# Tables	1,452						
Avg # Attribute-Value Pairs	59.8						
Max # Attribute-Value Pairs	68						
Output							
# Queries	3,354						
Avg # queries/table	2.31						
Avg # words/query	56.61						

Table 2: Statistics of our eC-Tab2Text dataset.

Our **eC-Tab2Text** dataset provides a comprehensive resource for table-to-text generation tasks based on user queries, as summarized in Table 2. The input JSON files contain attribute-rich product specifications, averaging 59.8 attribute-value pairs per table, with the largest entries containing up to 68 pairs. The dataset includes 3,354 queries, averaging 2.31 queries per table, with concise outputs averaging 56.61 words per query. This design supports query-specific training and evaluation of LLMs, enabling precise and contextually relevant text generation tailored to user queries.

4 eC-Tab2Text: Models

This section outlines the methodology for table serialization and provides details on the selection and fine-tuning of LLMs using our dataset.

Table Serialization The representation of tabular data in machine learning has been addressed through various serialization techniques, including markdown format, comma-separated values (CSV), HTML (Fang et al., 2024; Singha et al., 2023), and LaTeX (Jaitly et al., 2023). However, for our specific problem involving semi-structured tables with nested structures, we adopt JSON serialization. This approach effectively addresses two critical needs: (1) representing the nested structures inherent in product tables and (2) enabling query-specific generation and evaluation (Gao et al., 2024).

In our eC-Tab2Text dataset, both input tables and query-specific outputs are serialized using JSON. The input JSON captures structured product specifications, while the output JSON aligns queries (e.g., "Design and Display" or "Battery") as keys and their corresponding generated texts as values. This unified representation facilitates efficient querying and maintains alignment between inputs and outputs, ensuring consistency across the dataset. Additional implementation details can be found in Appendix D (Listing 7 prompt).

Model Selection and Characteristics To evaluate the effectiveness of the eC-Tab2Text dataset, we fine-tuned three open-source LLMs: LLaMA 2-Chat 7B (Touvron et al., 2023), Mistral 7B-Instruct (Jiang et al., 2023), and StructLM 7B (Zhuang et al., 2024). These models were selected due to their distinct pretraining paradigms, which address diverse data modalities and tasks. Detailed descriptions of these models are provided in Appendix B and summarized below.

- LLaMA 2-Chat 7B³: This model, pretrained on 2 trillion tokens of publicly available text data, is fine-tuned on over one million humanannotated examples. It excels in generalpurpose conversational and language understanding tasks (Touvron et al., 2023).
- **Mistral 7B-Instruct**⁴: Leveraging a mix of text and code during training, this model demonstrates strong performance in tasks that require natural language understanding and programming-related reasoning (Jiang et al., 2023).
- **StructLM 7B**⁵: Pretrained on structured data, including databases, tables, and knowledge graphs, StructLM is optimized for structured knowledge grounding, making it particularly effective for domain-specific tasks (Zhuang et al., 2024).

Fine-Tuning Process The fine-tuning process adapts these models to the e-commerce domain using the eC-Tab2Text dataset. This dataset focuses on attribute-specific and context-aware text generation tailored to user queries, such as detailed reviews of "Camera" or "Design & Display." The fine-tuning process follows best practices in instruction tuning and domain-specific dataset alignment (Zhang et al., 2023; Chang et al., 2024). Optimization of hyperparameters ensured computational efficiency while maintaining high-quality performance, as detailed Table 4.

By leveraging these diverse models and aligning them with the eC-Tab2Text dataset, this work aims to advance the state-of-the-art in domain-specific language generation for e-commerce applications.

5 Evaluation

In this section, we evaluate the performance of the eC-Tab2Text models described in Section 4 along with several closed-source models, including GPT-40-mini and Gemini-1.5-flash. The evaluation follows standard metrics commonly used in table-to-text generation, as outlined in (Zhao et al., 2023a). These metrics include BLEU (Reiter, 2018), the F-1 scores of ROUGE-1 and ROUGE-L (Ganesan, 2018), METEOR (Dobre, 2015), and BERTScore (Zhang* et al., 2020), following (Akash et al., 2023;

Column Name	Data Type	Description
table	Dictionary	Contains structured data with headers and rows.
example_id	String	Unique identifier for each dataset example.
query	String	Textual description or query related to the dataset.
summary	String	Summary or explanation generated in response to the query.
row_ids	Sequence of Integers	Row indices corresponding to the data referenced in the table column.

Table 3: Structure of the QTSUMM Dataset.

Hyperparameter	Value
Learning Rate	2×10^{-4}
Batch Size	2
Epochs	1
Gradient Accumulation Steps	1
Weight Decay	0.001
Max Sequence Length	900

Table 4: Hyperparameter settings for fine-tuning.

Hyperparameter	Value
bnb_4bit_compute_dtype	float16
bnb_4bit_quant_type	nf4
use_nested_quant	False

Table 5: Quantization settings used for fine-tuning.

Shohan et al., 2024). To assess the correctness, faithfulness, and fluency of the generated text, we employ PROMETHEUS 2 (Kim et al., 2024) and an open-source LLM-based evaluator as an alternative to the closed-source G-Eval (Liu et al., 2023). Our objective is to benchmark the performance of various LLMs under both zero-shot and fine-tuned settings using the proposed eC-Tab2Text dataset.

Experimental Setup The fine-tuning process was conducted on a NVIDIA RTX 4070 Ti Super GPU with 16GB of VRAM, ensuring efficient training while managing memory-intensive operations. The AdamW optimizer (Loshchilov and Hutter, 2019) was configured with a learning rate of

³Llama-2-7b-chat-hf

⁴Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3

⁵StructLM-7B

Mode	Models	BLEU	METEOR	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-L	BERTScore	Correctness	Faithfulness	Fluency
	Llama2	1.39	3.59	5.57	4.09	66.49	32.18	37.68	32.47
	StructLM	6.21	11.96	20.09	15.34	82.56	64.30	70.08	63.10
Zero-Shot	Mistral	4.19	9.55	25.64	18.99	82.12	77.02	81.16	76.5
	GPT-4o-mini	7.14	16.12	29.44	19.47	83.75	80.89	83.92	80.81
	Gemini-1.5-flash	8.8	15.18	30.38	21.51	84.05	78.79	83.04	78.54
	Llama2	29.36	40.2	48.36	39.25	90.05	61.38	63.78	61.47
Fine-tuned	StructLM	31.06	<u>42.3</u>	49.42	40.58	<u>90.9</u>	69.70	72.46	69.93
	Mistral	38.89	49.43	56.64	48.32	92.18	73.07	76.63	73.03

Table 6: Evaluation results of zero-shot and fine-tuned models on the **eC-Tab2Text** dataset. The best results are highlighted in **bold**, and the second-best results are underlined.

Dataset Trained	Dataset Tested	Models	BLEU	METEOR	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-L	BERTScore	Correctness	Faithfulness	Fluency	
	OTSumm	Llama2	13.32	32.38	26.3	19.22	86.47	51.09	57.30	48.98	
	(In-domain)	StructLM	6.6	22.04	13.52	10.04	84.5	41.14	48.92	39.68	
OTSumm	(III-dollaIII)	Mistral	10.1	28.57	20.7	15.51	85.65	49.99	57.73	50.71	
QTSumm	of Tab?Tayt	Llama2	17.47	40.2	35.69	21.14	85.41	63.98	71.40	64.07	
	(Out-of-domain)	ec-rap2 rext	StructLM	3.73	17.42	10.41	6.77	82.91	36.69	60.81	37.03
		Mistral	13.97	26.88	28.58	17.08	84.83	58.35	69.81	58.95	
	OTSumm	Llama2	6.5	22.77	7.79	16.59	81.93	48.42	48.66	48.55	
	(Out-of-domain)	StructLM	10.15	30.59	30.59	23.04	85.13	58.71	56.60	58.26	
oC-Tab2Toxt	(001-01-000011)	Mistral	10.39	18.11	30.27	24.24	84.23	64.83	61.14	64.51	
ec-rab2rext	-C T-L 2T4	Llama2	29.4	40.21	48.43	39.25	90.05	61.38	63.78	61.47	
	(In-domain)	StructLM	31.06	42.3	49.42	40.58	90.9	69.70	72.46	69.93	
	(In-domain)	Mistral	38.89	49.43	56.64	48.32	92.18	73.07	76.63	73.03	

Table 7: Robustness evaluation results on our **eC-Tab2Text** dataset and the QTSumm dataset (Zhao et al., 2023a). The best results on our dataset, including both in-domain and out-of-domain scenarios, are highlighted in **bold**, while the best results on the QTSumm dataset, both in-domain and out-of-domain, are <u>underlined</u>.

 2×10^{-4} , chosen for its effectiveness in maintaining stability and convergence during training. To optimize resource usage, the *bitsandbytes* library⁶ was employed for 4-bit quantization, reducing VRAM requirements without significant performance loss. Table 5 outlines the key parameters used, including 'float16' for computation data type and 'nf4' for quantization type. The 'use_nested_quant' option was set to 'False' to ensure compatibility across models.

Detailed information on the evaluation metrics is included in Appendix A. Our eC-Tab2Text dataset was divided into training and testing subsets, using an 80%-20% split. This ensures a sufficient volume of data for training while preserving a reliable subset for evaluation.

5.1 Robustness Evaluation

We evaluate the robustness of the models under domain differences, focusing on their performance with in-domain and out-of-domain training data. The primary objective is to analyze how models perform when fine-tuned on data from different domains and to emphasize the importance of our proposed eC-Tab2Text dataset for the e-commerce product domain. For this evaluation, we compare the performance of models fine-tuned on the QT-Summ dataset (Zhao et al., 2023a), which contains Wikipedia tables with queries, against those finetuned on our eC-Tab2Text dataset, which consists of product tables with user-specific queries.

QTSumm Dataset Details The QTSumm dataset, obtained from Hugging Face⁷ provides structured data that facilitates query-specific text summarization tasks. The detailed structure of QTSumm is outlined in Table 3. This dataset's structure ensures a systematic alignment between the input queries, the corresponding structured data, and the generated summaries, making it a valuable benchmark for fine-tuning and evaluating the performance of LLMs in handling structured data. Its focus on query-specific summarization provided an excellent foundation for testing the robustness and adaptability of the proposed methodologies.

For fine-tuning, we utilized the same models described in Section 4, employing identical hyperparameters. The models were trained using prompts structured consistently with those designed for the

⁶https://github.com/bitsandbytes-foundation/ bitsandbytes

⁷https://huggingface.co/datasets/yale-nlp/ QTSumm

eC-Tab2Text dataset. However, in the QTSumm setup, the prompts included row-level content tailored to the dataset's structure, as outlined in Appendix D (Listing 8). This alignment ensured methodological consistency while accounting for the unique characteristics of the QTSumm dataset. By highlighting these differences, our evaluation underscores the critical need for domain-specific datasets, such as eC-Tab2Text, to achieve robust and accurate performance in the product domain.

5.2 Results & Analysis

Our experimental results, illustrated in Table 6, demonstrate that fine-tuning open-source 7B models on our dataset leads to substantial performance improvements. These fine-tuned models significantly outperform major proprietary models, such as GPT-4o-mini and Gemini-1.5-flash, across text-based metrics, including BLEU, ROUGE-1, ROUGE-L, METEOR, and BERTScore, while achieving competitive results in model-based metrics like faithfulness, correctness, and fluency, narrowing the gap with proprietary counterparts. This is significant given the relatively small size of our dataset compared to the much larger datasets used for training many proprietary models. Notably, Mistral_Instruct, fine-tuned on our dataset, excels by achieving the highest scores across all metrics, surpassing both zero-shot and fine-tuned models.

As highlighted in Table 7, the robustness of our dataset is further evidenced by comparing it against the QTSUMM dataset; models trained with our dataset consistently outperform those trained on QTSUMM across both in-domain and out-ofdomain tasks, with Mistral_Instruct leading, followed closely by StructLM. Although both datasets share similar task objectives, the domain differences significantly affect the models' performance.

Outputs generated by different open-source models are presented in Mistral (Listing 11), StructLM (Listing 14), and Llama2 (Listing 15), as well as by closed-source models GPT-4o-mini (Listing 13) and Gemini1.5-flash (Listing 12). Notably, the closed-source models tend to produce longer outputs compared to the open-source models, with their outputs often containing nested keys and detailed information.

6 Discussion and Future Directions

This section highlights the need for better numerical reasoning in table-to-text generation and improved evaluation methods.

Numerical Reasoning Product tables, with their semi-structured and nested attributes (e.g., battery capacity in mAh, display size in inches), demand advanced numerical reasoning to generate meaningful text. Models must analyze relationships, such as how battery life depends on capacity and display size, or how display dimensions impact user experience. Unlike Wikipedia tables (Zhao et al., 2023a; Nahid and Rafiei, 2024), which focus on factual text generation, our eC-Tab2Text dataset challenges models to integrate numerical reasoning with qualitative text generation (Islam et al., 2024). This unique focus enables LLMs to synthesize structured data into nuanced, humanreadable summaries, providing a benchmark for evaluating and improving reasoning capabilities in real-world applications (Naeim abadi et al., 2023; Akhtar et al., 2023; Zhao et al., 2024). Future work could explore pushing the boundaries of LLMs capabilities in numerical and qualitative reasoning using our dataset.

Evaluation Although we evaluated the correctness, faithfulness, and fluency of the generated text using PROMETHEUS 2 (Kim et al., 2024), attribute-specific text evaluation against product tables requires a more nuanced approach. Future evaluations could involve extracting attribute-value pairs from the generated text (Shinzato et al., 2023; Brinkmann et al., 2024), verifying their correctness and contextual relevance, and comparing them with the corresponding values in the source tables to enable more fine-grained and precise assessments.

7 Conclusion

This work introduces **eC-Tab2Text**, a novel dataset for table-to-text generation in the e-commerce domain, addressing the limitations of existing generalpurpose datasets. By fine-tuning open-source LLMs, we demonstrate substantial improvements in generating attribute-specific, contextually accurate product reviews. Our evaluation highlights the robustness of **eC-Tab2Text**, outperforming comparable datasets like QTSumm, and underscores the importance of domain-specific datasets for advancing LLM performance in industry-specific applications. This study lays the groundwork for future research in expanding dataset scope, evaluation methodologies, and enhancing numerical reasoning in e-commerce workflows.

Limitations

In this work, we evaluated our proposed methods using a selection of both open-source and closed-source LLMs. We intentionally focused on cost-effective yet efficient closed-source models and open-source models deployable on consumer-grade hardware, considering the constraints of *academic settings*. The performance of more powerful, large-scale models remains unexplored; however, we encourage the broader research community to benchmark these models using our dataset. To support future research, we make our code, dataset, evaluation, model outputs, and other resources publicly available⁸.

This study faced several system and resource constraints that shaped the methodology and evaluation process. For example, VRAM limitations required capping the maximum token length at 900 for the Mistral_Instruct model to ensure uniform hyperparameter settings across all models. While this standardization enabled consistent comparisons, it may have limited some models' ability to generate longer and potentially more nuanced outputs.

Our dataset focused exclusively on mobile phone data due to the richness of product specifications (attribute-value pairs) and the availability of detailed expert reviews as summaries. Future work could expand the dataset to include other domains, such as laptops, home appliances, and wearable devices, to assess the generalizability of the LLMs in e-Commerce domains.

Finally, the development of eC-Tab2Text has been exclusively centered on the **English language**. As a result, its effectiveness and applicability may differ for other languages. Future research could explore multilingual extensions to broaden its usability across diverse linguistic and cultural contexts.

Ethics Statement

The data scraping process for this research was conducted with strict adherence to ethical guidelines and solely for non-commercial research purposes, under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)⁹. To minimize potential harm to the source website, measures were implemented to ensure controlled and responsible scraping practices. These safeguards were designed to avoid undue strain on the website's infrastructure, such as preventing Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, thereby maintaining the integrity and functionality of the site.

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A Evaluation Metrics

- BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy): Commonly used in machine translation and natural language generation, BLEU measures the overlap of n-grams between generated and reference texts. Despite its popularity, BLEU has limitations, particularly in capturing semantic similarity and evaluating beyond exact matches (Reiter, 2018).
- ROUGE (Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation): Focuses on recalloriented evaluation by comparing the overlap of n-grams, word sequences, and word pairs between generated summaries and reference texts. It is highly effective for summarization tasks (Ganesan, 2018).
- METEOR (Metric for Evaluation of Translation with Explicit ORdering): Incorporates stemming, synonymy, and flexible matching, providing a more nuanced evaluation than BLEU. It strongly correlates with human judgments, especially in translation tasks (Dobre, 2015).
- **BERTScore**: Leverages contextual embeddings from pre-trained transformer models to measure semantic similarity between generated and reference texts. Unlike n-gram-based metrics, BERTScore captures meaning and context, offering a robust evaluation for text generation tasks (Zhang* et al., 2020).

The reliability and faithfulness of generated text, particularly in applications requiring high accuracy, such as medical or financial domains is crucial. To identify inaccuracies, hallucination detection was conducted using Prometheus 2, a robust evaluation model designed for analyzing outputs of Large Language Models (LLMs) (Kim et al., 2024). This framework helps evaluate three critical dimensions:

- Faithfulness: Ensures that the generated content aligns with the source data and avoids unsupported claims (Madsen et al., 2022; Jacovi and Goldberg, 2020).
- **Correctness**: Measures factual accuracy and checks for logical consistency in the output (Yao and Koller, 2024; Kim et al., 2024).

• **Fluency**: Evaluates the readability and linguistic quality of the text, ensuring it adheres to natural language norms (Suadaa et al., 2021; Lee et al., 2023).

B Models for Fine-tuning

- LLaMA 2-Chat 7B (Touvron et al., 2023): LLaMA 2-Chat 7B is a fine-tuned variant of the LLaMA 2 series, optimized for dialogue applications. It employs an autoregressive transformer architecture and has been trained on a diverse dataset comprising 2 trillion tokens from publicly available sources. The fine-tuning process incorporates over one million human-annotated examples to enhance its conversational capabilities and alignment with human preferences for helpfulness and safety.
- StructLM 7B (Zhuang et al., 2024): StructLM 7B is a large language model finetuned specifically for structured knowledge grounding tasks. It utilizes the CodeLlama-Instruct model as its base and is trained on the SKGInstruct dataset, which encompasses a mixture of 19 structured knowledge grounding tasks. This specialized training enables StructLM to effectively process and generate text from structured data sources such as tables, databases, and knowledge graphs, making it robust in domain-specific text generation tasks.
- Mistral 7B-Instruct (Jiang et al., 2023): Mistral 7B-Instruct is an instruction fine-tuned version of the Mistral 7B model, designed to handle a wide array of tasks by following diverse instructions. It features a 32k context window and employs a Rope-theta of 1e6, without utilizing sliding-window attention. This configuration allows Mistral 7B-Instruct to perform effectively in multi-modal and domain-adapted text generation scenarios, achieving state-of-the-art performance in various benchmarks.

C Prometheus Evaluation

To evaluate model-based metrics, the Prometheus framework (Kim et al., 2024) was employed, utilizing structured prompts for three key evaluation criteria: fluency, correctness, and faithfulness. The primary framework leverages an Absolute System Prompt, which defines the role of the evaluator and ensures objective, consistent assessments based on established rubrics. This Absolute System Prompt, shown in Listing 1, forms the foundation for all evaluations across metrics.

Listing 1: Absolute System Prompt

```
You are a fair judge assistant tasked
with providing clear, objective
feedback based on specific criteria,
ensuring each assessment reflects
the absolute standards set for
performance.
```

The task descriptions for evaluating fluency, correctness, and faithfulness share a similar structure, as shown in Listing 2,3. These instructions define the evaluation process, requiring detailed feedback and a score between 1 and 5, strictly adhering to a given rubric.

Listing 2: Task description used for evaluation of faithfulness

```
###Task Description:
An instruction (might include an Input
   inside it), a response to evaluate,
   a reference answer that gets a score
    of 5, and a score rubric
   representing a evaluation criteria
   are given.
1. Write a detailed feedback that assess
    the quality of the response
   strictly based on the given score
   rubric, not evaluating in general.
2. After writing a feedback, write a
   score that is an integer between 1
   and 5. You should refer to the score
    rubric.
3. The output format should look as
   follows: "Feedback: (write a
   feedback for criteria) [RESULT] (an
   integer number between 1 and 5)"
4. Please do not generate any other
   opening, closing, and explanations.
5. Only evaluate on common things
   between generated answer and
   reference answer. Don't evaluate on
   things which are present in
   reference answer but not in
   generated answer.
```

C.1 Instructions for Evaluation

Prometheus prompts are customized for each evaluation metric. Below are the specialized structures and rubrics for fluency, faithfulness, and correctness.

Faithfulness This metric ensures the generated response aligns with both the provided context and

reference answers. The evaluation structure incorporates specific rubrics for relevance and information consistency.

Listing 3: Task description used for evaluation of fluency and correctness

```
###Task Description:
An instruction (might include an Input
   inside it), a response to evaluate,
   a reference answer that gets a score
    of 5, and a score rubric
   representing a evaluation criteria
   are given.
1. Write a detailed feedback that assess
    the quality of the response
   strictly based on the given score
   rubric, not evaluating in general.
2. After writing a feedback, write a
   score that is an integer between 1
   and 5. You should refer to the score
    rubric.
3. The output format should look as
   follows: "Feedback: (write a
    feedback for criteria) [RESULT] (an
```

integer number between 1 and 5)"4. Please do not generate any other opening, closing, and explanations.

opening, closing, and explanations

Listing 4:	Prompt	structured	correctness
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```
###The instruction to evaluate:
Evaluate the fluency of the generated
   JSON answer.
###Context:
{Prompt}
###Existing answer (Score 5):
{reference_answer}
###Generate answer to evaluate:
{response}
###Score Rubrics:
"score1_description":"If the generated
   answer is not matching with any of
    the reference answers and also not
   having information from the context
   . "
"score2_description":"If the generated
   answer is having information from
   the context but not from existing
   answer and also have some irrelevant
    information."
"score3_description":"If the generated
   answer is having relevant
   information from the context and
   some information from existing
   answer but have additional
   information that do not exist in
   context and also do not in existing
   answer."
"score4_description":"If the generated
   answer is having relevant
    information from the context and
   some information from existing
   answer.",
"score5_description":"If the generated
   answer is matching with the existing
    answer and also having information
    from the context."}
###Feedback:
```

Fluency This metric evaluates the grammatical accuracy and readability of the generated response.

Listing 5: Prompt structured fluency

```
###The instruction to evaluate: Evaluate
the fluency of the generated JSON answer
###Response to evaluate: {response}
###Reference Answer (Score 5):
{reference_answer}
###Score Rubrics:
"score1_description":"The generated JSON
     answer is not fluent and is
    difficult to understand."
"score2_description":"The generated JSON
    answer has several grammatical
   errors and awkward phrasing.",
"score3_description":"The generated JSON
    answer is mostly fluent but
   contains some grammatical errors or
awkward phrasing.",
"score4_description":"The generated JSON
     answer is fluent with minor
    grammatical errors or awkward
   phrasing."
"score5_description":"The generated JSON
    answer is perfectly fluent with no
    grammatical errors or awkward phrase
###Feedback:
```

Correctness This metric assesses the logical accuracy and coherence of the generated response compared to the reference.

Listing 6: Prompt estructured correctness

```
###The instruction to evaluate:
Your task is to evaluate the generated
   answer and reference answer for the
   query: {Prompt}
###Response to evaluate:
{ response }
###Reference Answer (Score 5):
{reference_answer}
###Score Rubrics:
"criteria": "Is the model proficient in
   generate a coherence response",
"score1_description": "If the generated
   answer is not matching with any of
   the reference answers.
"score2_description": "If the generated
   answer is according to reference
   answer but not relevant to user
   query.",
"score3_description": "If the generated
   answer is relevant to the user query
    and reference answer but contains
   mistakes."
"score4_description": "If the generated
   answer is relevant to the user query
    and has the exact same metrics as
   the reference answer, but it is not
   as concise."
"score5_description": "If the generated
   answer is relevant to the user query
    and fully correct according to the
   reference answer.
###Feedback:
```

D Fine-tuning models

The prompts outlined below utilized for training eC-Tab2Text models (Listing 7) and for the QTSumm dataset (Listing 8).

Listing 7: Prompt structure for eC-Tab2Text

```
"Given following json that contains
specifications of a product,
generate a review of the key
characteristics with json format.
Follow the structure on Keys to
write the Output:
### Product: Product for JSON
specifications
### Keys: Combination of the keys of the
JSON reviews
### Output: reviews for JSON reviews
accordingly to the keys"
```

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```
"Given following json that contains
specifications of a product,
generate a review of the key
characteristics with json format.
Follow the structure on Keys to
write the Output:
### Product: Column table of JSON
specifications
### Keys: Column query of the dataset
### Output: Column summary of the
dataset"
```

E eC-Tab2Text Data Formats

Listing 9: JSON Data Format Product specification

```
"url": {
 "keys_specifications": [],
 "full_specifications": [
    "Launch Date": "Launch Date",
    "General":
      "subcategories1": [
          "value1" ...
      "subcategories2": [
          "value1" ...
          ], ...
    "Characteristic1": {
      "subcategories1": [
          "value1" ...
          ],
      "subcategories2": [
          "value1" ...
          ], ...
    "Characteristic2": {
      "subcategories1": [
```

```
"value1" ...
],
"subcategories2": [
                               "value1" ...
], ...
], ...
]
}, ...
]
}
```

Listing 10: JSON Data Format reviews

```
{
    "url": {
        "text": {
            "Characteristic1": ["Description1"
            ],
            "Characteristic2": ["Description2"
            ], ...
        }
    }
}
```

OnePlus Nord 3 5G Quick Review

Design and Display

The OnePlus Nord 3 5G could feature a 6.43 inch Fluid AMOLED display with a resolution of 1080 x 2400 pixels and a pixel density of 409ppi. The display is said to come with a Punch-hole design and an aspect ratio of 20.4:9. The device will come with 90Hz refresh rate .

Cameras

The OnePlus Nord 3 5G is said to come with a triple camera system on the back with a powerful 50MP wide angle primary sensor, a 12MP wide angle sensor, a 5MP sensor, and an LED flash. On the front, The device will probably get a 32MP wide angle selfie cam. Auto Flash, Auto Focus, Bokeh Effect, Continuos Shooting, Exposure compensation, Face detection, Geo tagging, High Dynamic Range mode (HDR), ISO control, Touch to focus, White balance presets are some of the many features that the camera is likely to support.

Battery and Performance

The OnePlus Nord 3 5G is said to be embedded with a MediaTek Dimensity 1200 processor and a Mali-G77 MC9GPU. The RAM and internal memory of the device could possibly be 8GB and 128GB respectively. A large 4299mAh Li-Polymer battery could come with the device. It is said to have wrap charging too. Software and Connectivity.

OnePlus Nord 3 5G is likely to come with Android out of the box. The smartphone could get connectivity options like 5G ,dual sim , Wi-Fi 802.11, b/g/n, GPS,

and Bluetooth 5.2. In terms of ports selection, the smartphone will probably be getting a USB Type-C port, and an on-screen fingerprint scanner.

Figure 3: An illustration of sample output texts generated for user-specific queries based on structured input from product tables.

OnePlus Nord 3 5G Full Features & Specifications							
Launched in: July 2023		Note: Scores are as	signed in comparison to similarly priced products				
General		Display & Design 8 / 10					
Operating System	Android 13	Size	6.74 inches (17.12 cm)				
Custom UI	Oxygen OS	Resolution	1240 x 2772 pixels				
Dimensions	162.6mm x 75.1mm x 8.1mm	Pixel Density	451ppi				
Weight	193.5g	Touch Screen	Yes, Capacitive Touchscreen, Multi-touch				
		Туре	Super Fluid AMOLED, Auto-Brightness, Blue light filter, HDR 10+				
		Screen To Body Ratio	93.5 %				
		Aspect Ratio	20.1:9				
		Refresh Rate	120Hz				
		Design	Punch-hole display				
		Colour Options	Misty Green, Tempest Gray				
		Water Resistance	IP54, Splash proof				
Hardware 9 / 10		Main Camera 8 / 10					
Chipset	MediaTek Dimensity 9000 MT6893	Number of Cameras	Triple				
CPU	1 x 3.05GHz Cortex X2	Resolution	50 MP f/1.8 Wide Angle main camera				
	3 x 2.85GHz Cortex A710		PDAF, EIS, OIS, 20x Digital Zoom				
	4 x 1.8GHz Cortex A510		8 MP f/2.2 ultra-wide camera				
GPU	Mali-G710 MC10		2 MP f/2.4 macro sensor				
Architecture	64-bit	Flash	LED Flash				
RAM	8 GB	Video	3840x2160@30fps, 1920x1080@30fps				
Internal Storage MicroSD Card Slot	128 GB No	Features	AF Phase Detection, Artificial Intelligence, Auto Flash, Auto Focus, Bokeh Effect, Continuous Shooting, Electronic Image Stabilization (EIS), Exmor-RS CMOS				

Figure 4: An example of a product specification table structure.

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"Software and Connectivity": "Tecno Spark Go 2020 will run Android Go UI on top
of Android 10 out of the box. For the connectivity, the smartphone will
support features like Dual sim VoLTE (Micro-Micro), Wi-Fi 802.11, b/g/n, 3.5
mm jack, Bluetooth 4.2, 10-pin charging, GPS, and USB 2.0.",
"Design and Display": "The Tecno Spark Go 2020 will reportedly showcase a 6.52
inch TFTdisplay with a resolution of 720 x 1600 pixelsand a pixel density of
269ppi. The display will supposedly have a waterdrop notch with minimum
bezels.",
"Battery and Performance": "The Tecno Spark Go 2020 will be embedded with a
MediaTek Helio A20 chipset and PowerVR GE8300 GPU. The device will come with
2GB RAM and 32GB of internal memory, which can be expanded up to 256GB.
Fuelling the device will be a huge 5000mAh battery."
}

Listing 12: Output generated with Gemini1.5-flash.

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{
     "Cameras": {
           "Main Camera": {
                "Description": "Single 13 MP main camera with LED flash, Auto Flash, and
Auto Focus. Offers digital zoom.",
"Video": "Specifications not provided."
          },
"Front Camera": {
    "Description": "Single 8 MP main camera.",
    "Description": "Creatifications not provided."
           }
     },
"Battery and Performance": {
           "Battery": {
                "Capacity": "4000 mAh Li-ion battery",
"Charging": "No fast charging or wireless charging."
           },
"Performance": {
    "Processor": "Quad-core 1.3GHz processor. Specific chipset and GPU
    "information not provided.",
                "RAM": "4GB RAM",
"Storage": "64GB internal storage, expandable up to 64GB via microSD
card."
           }
     "Display": {
    "Size": "6.53 inches (16.59 cm) IPS LCD with 720 x 1560 pixels
                     resolution (263 ppi).",
                 "Design": "Waterdrop notch display."
           },
"Other": {
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                 "Colors": "Available in Blue and Purple.",
                 "Fingerprint Sensor": "No fingerprint sensor."
           }
     }
}
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Listing 13: Output generated with GPT-40-mini.

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{	
	"Software and Connectivity": {
	"Operating System": "Android 10 (0) with Android Go custom UI".
	"Network Compatibility": "Supports 2G, 3G, and 4G networks, making it
	suitable for use across various locations".
	"SIM Slots": "Dual SIM (Nano + Nano), allowing for flexible connectivity
	options".
	"Wi-Fi and Bluetooth": "Equipped with Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n and Bluetooth 4.2
	for seamless wireless connections".
	"GPS": "Includes A-GPS and Glonass for accurate location tracking".
	"EM Radio and Charging Port": "Features EM Radio and uses a microUSB 2.0
	charging port"
	"Design and Display": {
	"Dimensions": "165.6mm x 76.3mm x 9.1mm, making it a reasonably sized
	smartphone",
	"Weight": "193g, providing a solid feel without being overly heavy",
	"Display Size": "6.52 inches with a TFT display that offers a resolution of
	720 x 1600 pixels",
	"Pixel Density": "269ppi, delivering decent clarity for everyday usage",
	"Design": "Waterdrop notch design adds a modern touch; available in colour
	options of Aqua Blue and Ice Jadeite"
	},
	"Battery and Performance": {
	"Battery Capacity": "5000 mAh, ensuring long-lasting performance between
	charges",
	"Battery Type": "Li-ion, which is standard for smartphones in this range",
	"Charging Options": "No wireless charging and no fast charging feature, but
	provides adequate battery life throughout the day",
	"Hardware": {
	"Chipset": "MediaTek Helio A20",
	"RAM": "2 GB, sufficient for basic tasks and everyday applications",
	"Internal Storage": "32 GB, expandable up to 256 GB via microSD card,
	allowing for additional storage for apps and media"
	}
	}
}	

Listing 14: Output generated with StructLM trained with eC-Tab2Text.

{	
	"Software and Connectivity": "Tecno Spark Go 2020 will run on Android Go UI on
	top of Android 10 out of the box. The smartphone will offer connectivity
	options like Dual SIM VoLTE, Wi-Fi 802.11, b/g/n, GPS, and Bluetooth 4.2.
	The device will also come with a rear-mounted fingerprint sensor and a 3.5mm
	headphone jack.",
	"Design and Display": "The Tecno Spark Go 2020 is expected to feature a 6.52
	inch (16.56 cm) display with a screen resolution of 720 x 1600 pixels. The
	display will come with a waterdrop notch design and a screen-to-body ratio
	of 40.97 %. The device will come in Aqua Blue and Ice Jade colors.",
	"Battery and Performance": "The Tecno Spark Go 2020 will be powered by a
	MediaTek Helio A20 processor clocked at 2GHz and a PowerVR GE8300 GPU. The
	device will come armed with 2GB RAM and an internal storage capacity of 32GB
	, which can be expanded upto 256GB via a microSD card."
}	

Listing 15: Output generated with Llama2 trained with eC-Tab2Text.

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"Battery and Performance": "The Tecno Spark Go 2020 is anticipated to be powered
by MediaTek\u2019s latest entry-level Helio A20quad-core chipset coupled
with a PowerVR GE8300 GPU. That will again reportedly be paired with 2 GB
RAM and an internal storage capacity of only 32 GB, which can further be
expanded up to 256GB. Further, the device will reportedly pack in a 5000mAh
Li-ion battery but won\u2019t support fast charging.",
"Cameras": "The Tecno Spark Go 2020 is expected to house a dual-camera setup on
the back with a 13MP (Digital Zoom) camera as the primary sensor. Besides,
there will also be a 2MP depth sensor onboard. On the front, the smartphone
will supposedly feature an 8MP selfie shooter. There will also likely be a
bunch of camera features such as Artificial Intelligence,Auto Flash,Auto
Focus, Bokeh Effect, Continuos Shooting, Exposure compensation, Face detection,
Geo tagging, High Dynamic Range mode (HDR), ISO control, Touch to focus, White
balance presets.".
"Design and Display": "The Tecno Spark Go 2020 will reportedly feature a 6.52
inch TFT panel tipped with a resolution of 720 x 1600 pixels. The pixel
density will supposedly max out at 269ppi. The bezel-less display is further
anticipated to boast a waterdrop notch design to furnish an immersive
viewing experience."