

# DEVs: ZERO-SHOT AI-GENERATED TEXT DETECTION VIA SUMMARISATION

## ABSTRACT

With Large Language Models (LLM) on the rise, AI-generated text detectors have become increasingly necessary to identify the unethical uses of LLMs. Among AI-generated text detectors, DNA-GPT exhibits state-of-the-art performance in a zero-shot setting. In this paper, we build upon the idea of divergent n-gram analysis as demonstrated in DNA-GPT, with Detection Via Summarisation (DeVS). Our detection algorithm involves prompting an LLM (i.e. GPT-3.5) to summarise a given piece of text, followed by prompting it to regenerate the text given the summary, and finally an analysis on divergent n-grams between the regeneration and the original text. Our method of zero-shot AI-generated text detection was tested on our own A-Level General Paper dataset, along with PubmedQA and Scientific Abstracts datasets, and resultant AUROC and TPR at 1% FPR metrics are on par, if not better, than DNA-GPT on certain datasets, when only unigrams are considered.

## INTRODUCTION

- Large Language Models (LLM) leads to plagiarism from students, academia[1][2]
- LLMs can hallucinate (provide false, inaccurate statements and information)
- Solution: Detection Via Summarisation, a novel approach for AI text detection, where given text is regenerated through summary of itself, then compared to regenerations.

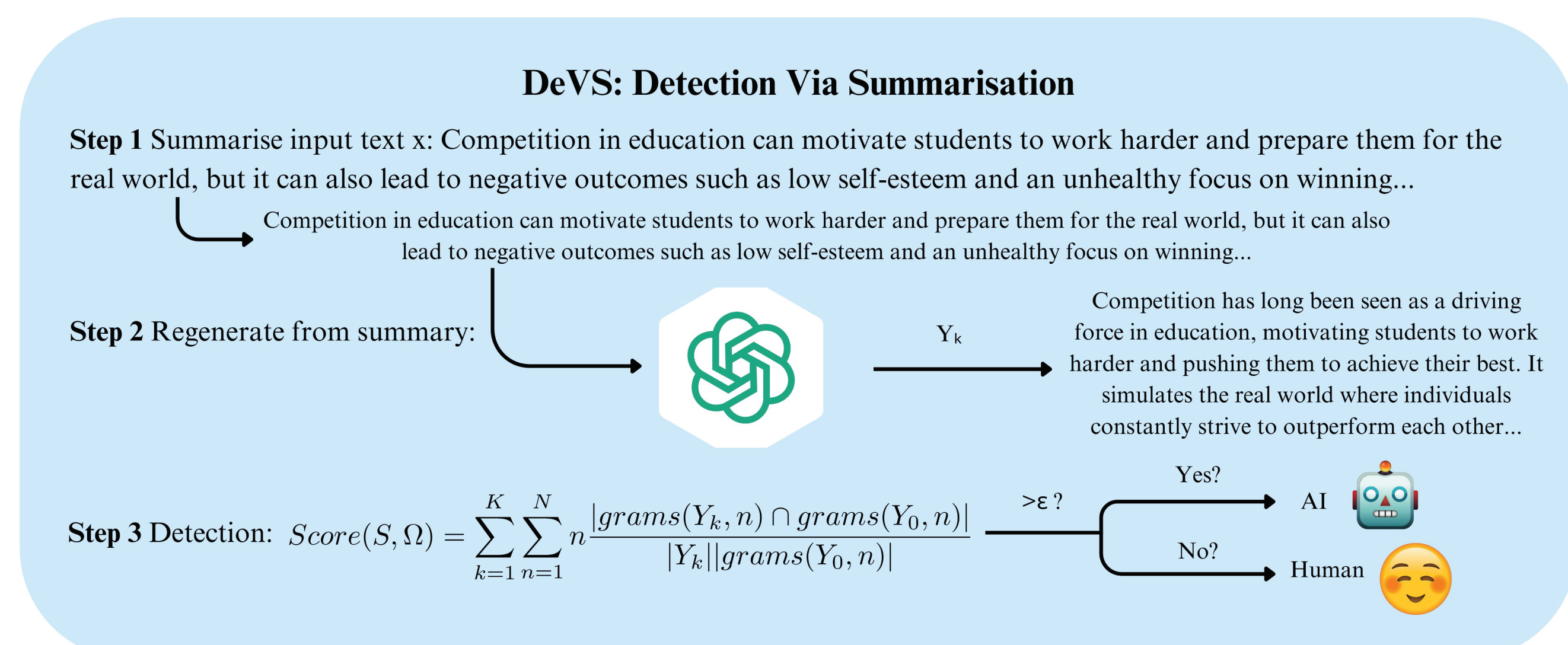


Figure 1: Effect on largest n-gram size analysed on performance metrics, where N refers to the largest n-gram size analysed. We can observe that DeVS generally performs better on lower largest n-gram size.

## METHODOLOGY

Datasets: PubmedQA[3], GP Essays, Scientific Abstracts from Nature

Algorithm: Given text sequence  $Y_0, \dots$

1. Prompt GPT-3.5 for summary;
2. Prompt GPT-3.5 with the same summary to regenerate the text sequence K times, produce text sequences  $\Omega = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k, \dots, Y_K\}$ 
  - Vary whether question, title, or prompt of the given text was provided in regeneration.
3. Derive score based on the number of n-grams found in both  $Y_k$  and  $Y_0$ 
  - $Score(S, \Omega) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N n \frac{|grams(Y_k, n) \cap grams(Y_0, n)|}{|Y_k| |grams(Y_0, n)|}$  where K refers to the total number of regenerations, and N refers to the highest n-gram size analysed.

## RESULTS

Table 1: Performance metrics of DNA-GPT compared to DeVS (all values were obtained using GPT-3.5. DeVS values were the best obtained from variation of largest n-gram size analysed.) "No prompt" or "With prompt" refers to whether the prompt, question, or title of the given text was provided to GPT-3.5 in regeneration.

		GP Essays		PubMedQA		Scientific Abstracts	
		AUROC	TPR at 1% FPR	AUROC	TPR at 1% FPR	AUROC	TPR at 1% FPR
DNA-GPT, K=10, $\gamma=0.5$	No prompt	<b>0.9899</b>	0.8281	0.9593	0.6000	0.9956	<b>0.9500</b>
	With prompt	0.9879	<b>0.8594</b>	0.9710	0.5533	<b>0.9965</b>	0.9110
DeVS, K=1	No prompt	0.9644	0.3516	0.8919	0.3557	0.8033	0.3900
	With prompt	0.9634	0.6484	0.9674	<b>0.7919</b>	0.8073	0.3200
DeVS, K=5	No prompt	0.9725	0.4531	0.9083	0.4832	0.9670	0.6700
	With prompt	0.9842	0.6328	0.9555	0.5638	0.9307	0.6000
DeVS, K=10	No prompt	0.9646	0.4297	0.9152	0.4497	0.9483	0.5000
	With prompt	0.9747	0.4609	<b>0.9849</b>	0.7315	0.9415	0.5300

## RESULTS (CON'T)

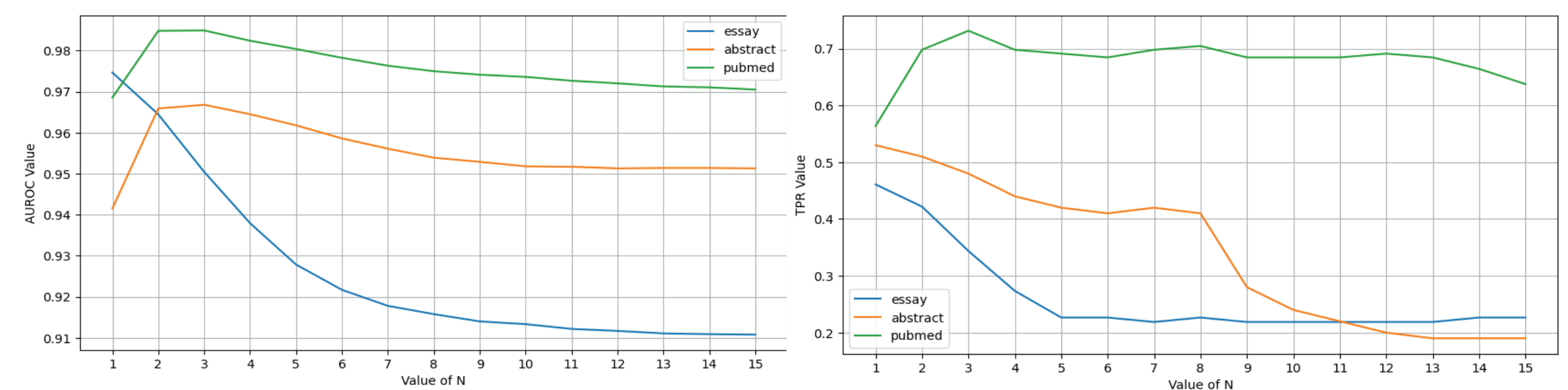


Figure 2: Effect on largest n-gram size analysed on DeVS, when number of regenerations is set to 10, and with prompt provided in regeneration, where N refers to the largest n-gram size analysed. We can observe that DeVS generally performs better on lower largest n-gram size.

- From Table 1: at ideal largest n-gram size analysed, DeVS shows state-of-the-art results for PubmedQA.
  - Likely due to GPT-3.5 hallucinating; unlikely to regenerate accurate information and medical terms used in original text, resulting in fewer matching n-grams.
- Performance metrics for DeVS on Scientific Abstracts and GP Essays poorer when compared to DNA-GPT.
  - Scientific Abstracts: likely due to short text length (average word count: ~160)
  - GP essays: likely due to the GPT-3.5 summarisation including text verbatim from  $Y_0$ , larger portions of the regenerated text will appear in the original text
- From Figure 2: unlike DNA-GPT, DeVS performs better on analysis of only smaller n-gram sizes
  - Can perform a faster, less resource-intensive analysis than DNA-GPT.
- No clear trends for how K or presence of prompt affects performance

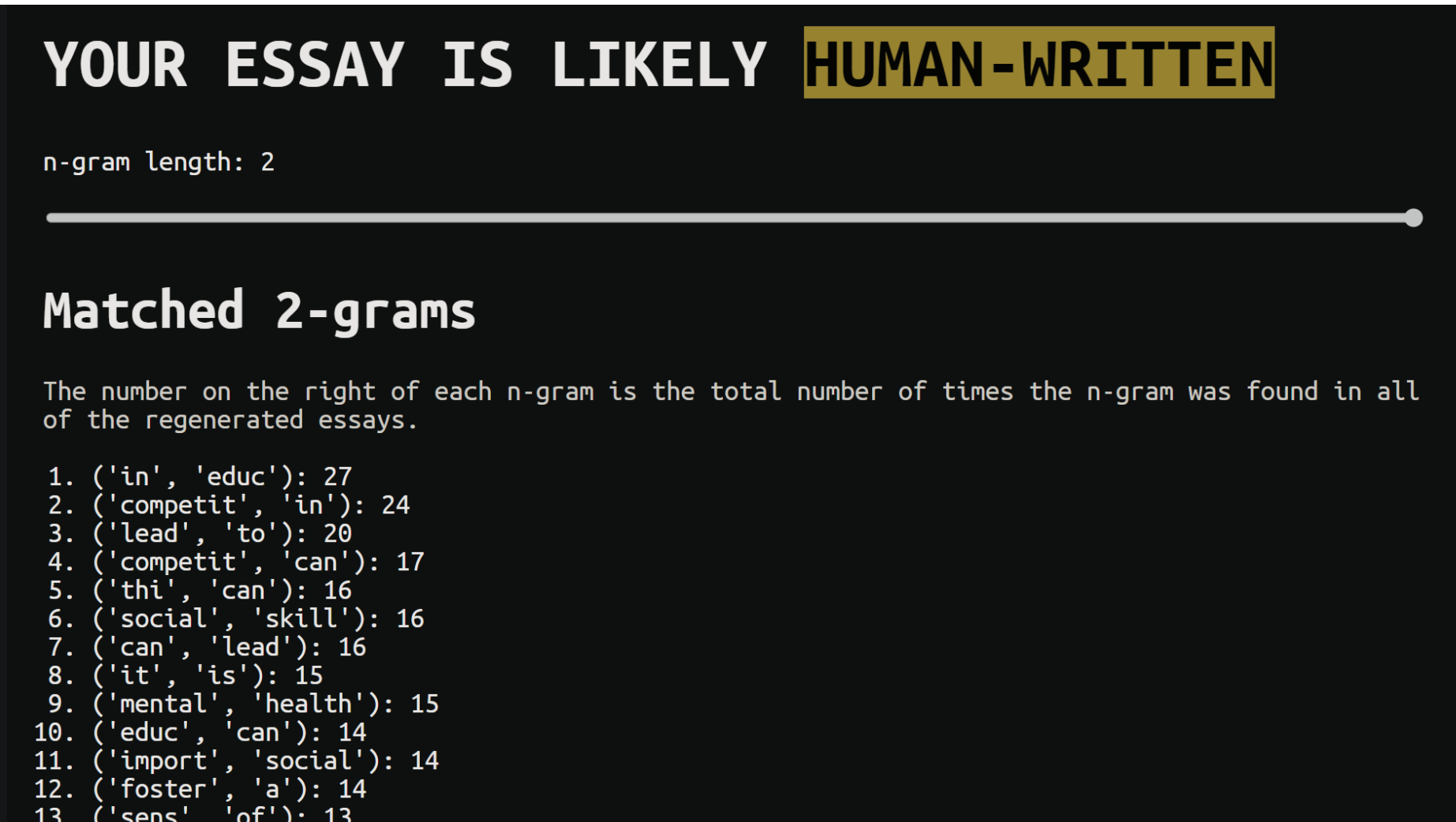


Figure 3: Graphical user interface (GUI) of DeVS, to provide a more accessible way of visualising the results.

- From Figure 3: Graphical user interface developed for visualisation of results
  - Allows others to visualize the way DeVS decides on the similarity of given text
- Despite suboptimal results, DeVS is still worth improving upon,
  - One of the only models to be able to be explainable on the entire given text
  - Fast and low-cost to run; suitable for large amounts of text that other methods may take unrealistic amounts of time to process.

## CONCLUSION

- Demonstrated its state-of-the-art performance in biomedical contexts.
- Possible future work:
  - Hybrid model of DeVS and DNA-GPT
    - Regenerate given text through a summary of the text
    - Truncate regeneration in two, regenerate the second part using the first part
    - Second round of regeneration compared to original given text.
  - Investigate whether DeVS can be utilised as a red-teaming approach to evade detection of AI-generated text by other state of the art models.
  - Increase robustness to attacks

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