

# UrbanKGent: A Unified Large Language Model Agent Framework for Urban Knowledge Graph Construction

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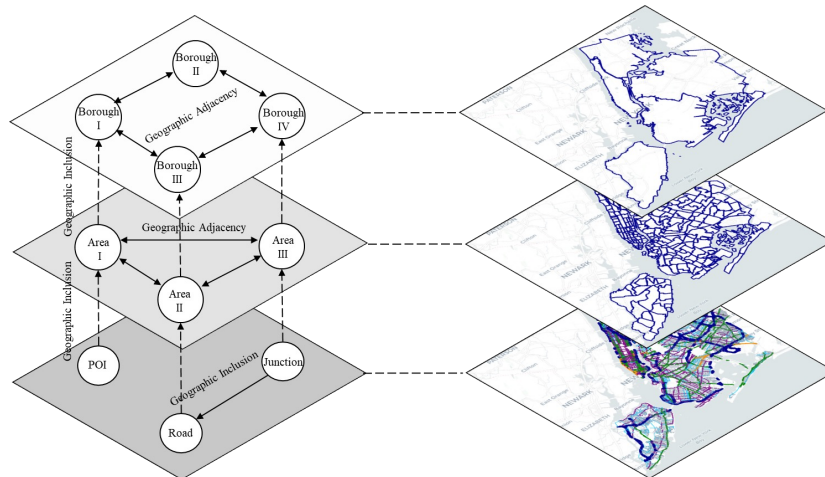
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## □ Urban Knowledge Graph (UrbanKG)

- Organize urban entities into a multi-relational heterogeneous graph to model intricate relationships and semantics.
- UrbanKG provides critical knowledge for various knowledge-enhanced urban downstream tasks.



An illustrative UrbanKG example



Urban downstream tasks



## □ Previous UrbanKG Construction (UrbanKGC) Studies

- Manually designed methods: 1) rely on deep understanding of the application domain; 2) labor-intensive.
- Language model based methods: 1) rely on annotated corpus; 2) need model retraining.

## □ Motivation

- Leverage the remarkable zero-shot capability of LLM in autonomous domain-specific task completion.
- Construct tailored LLM agent compatible with various UrbanKGC tasks to address the aforementioned limitations in UrbanKGC.



## □ How to adapt LLMs for UrbanKGC?

- The gap between natural language processing corpus for training LLMs and the domain-specific corpus in urban domain.
- Urban text data is usually heterogeneous and contains multifaceted urban knowledge (e.g., spatial, temporal, and functional aspects).
- LLMs may require a tailored alignment to understand heterogeneous urban relationships to extract these urban relations accurately.

Columbia University (CU) is the oldest institution of higher education in New York, established in 1754 on the grounds of Trinity Church in Manhattan.

Relational Triplet Extraction

Given the urban text, please extract the urban relational triplet from it. Return the results with <head entity, relation, tail entity> format.

✓ <CU, established-in, 1754>  
✗ <CU, Locate-in, Trinity Church>  
✓ <CU, Locate-in, New York City>  
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Given the urban text, please extract urban triplet from it. Spatial relation specifies how some object is located in space in relation to some reference object. Return the results with <head entity, relation, tail entity> format.

✓ <CU, established-in, 1754 >  
✓ <CU, Locate-in, Manhattan>  
✓ <CU, Locate-in, New York City >  
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(a) Lack of Heterogeneous relationship understanding ability



## □ How to improve the capacity of LLMs for UrbanKGC?

- The effectiveness of LLMs for UrbanKGC is restricted by their feeble numerical computation capacity.
- Lead to disability in complex geospatial relationship extraction.
- To improve the geospatial computing and reasoning ability (e.g., invoking external tools for calculation) of LLMs to satisfy the UrbanKGC task requirement.

Geospatially disconnected

Urban Knowledge Graph Completion

Given two urban entities:  
Columbia University, lat, lng;  
Empire State Building, lat, lng;  
Please complete the geospatial relationship between them.

Sorry, **It's hard to decide based on these information.**

You can **invoke geospatial tools** (e.g., **distance calculation, geo-hashing encoding, ...**) to help determine the relationship.

The distance between the "Empire State Building" and the "Columbia University is 6.85km. Therefore, they are sperate and do not share the same boundary. So, the geospatial relationship between these **two entities are disconnected.**

(b) Lack of Geospatial Computing Ability



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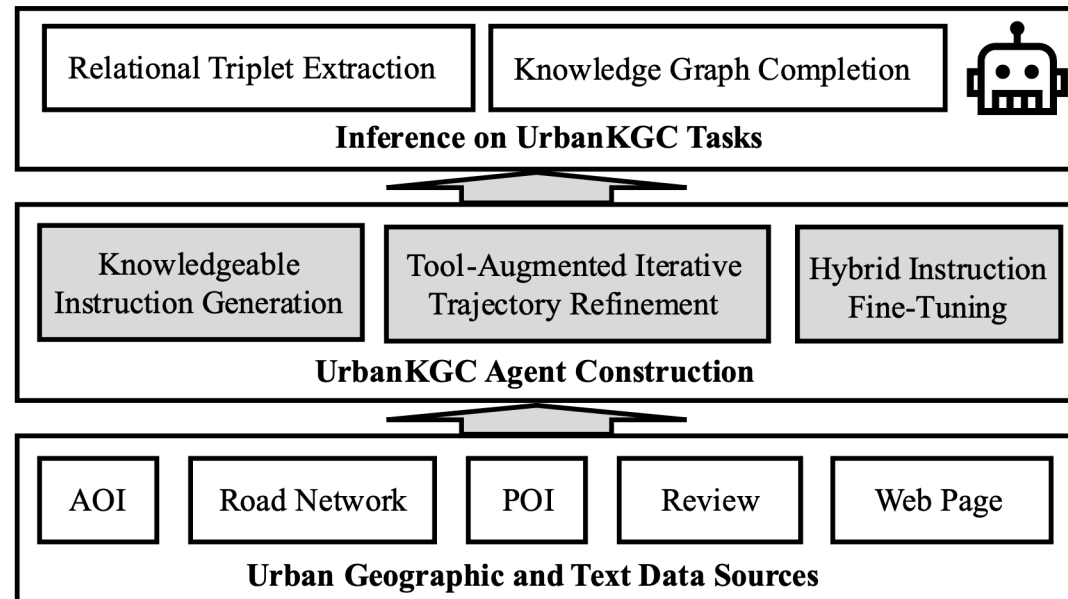
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## □ Overview

- A unified LLM agent framework for automatic UrbanKG construction.
- Three steps: 1) urban data collection; 2) UrbanKGC agent construction; 3) Inference on UrbanKGC task.





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## □ Data Collection

- Acquire geographic data and text data for two large cities New York City and Chicago.
- Geographic and text data: Area-Of-Interest (AOI), Road network, Point-Of-Interest (POI), Review and Web page.

Table 1: The statistics of raw datasets.

Dataset	Description	New York City	Chicago
Geographic Data	# of AOI	192	136
	# of road	6,765	2,241
	# of POI	5,872	5,877
Text Data	# of review	16,360	13,627
	# of web page	11,596	7,283

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## Quantitative Analysis on UrbanKGC task

- UrbanKGC tasks: 1) Relational Triplet Extraction (RTE; 2) Knowledge Graph Completion (KGC).
- Limited capacity of LLM to understand heterogenous urban relationship.
- Disability of LLMs in geospatial computing and reasoning.

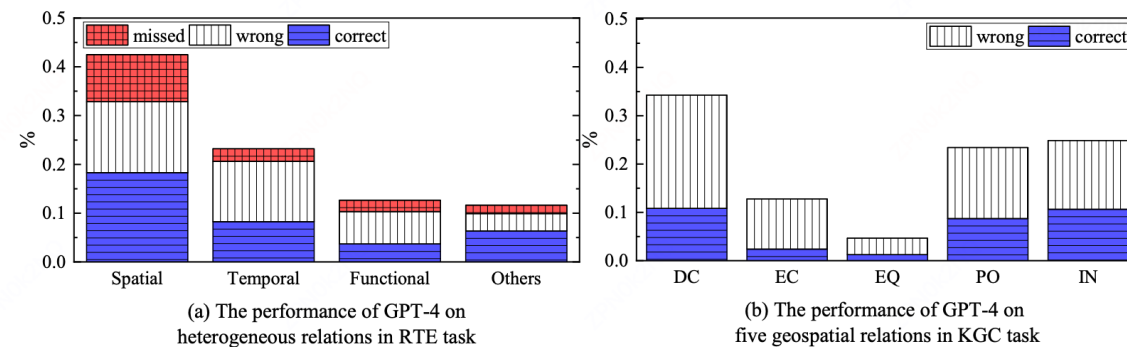


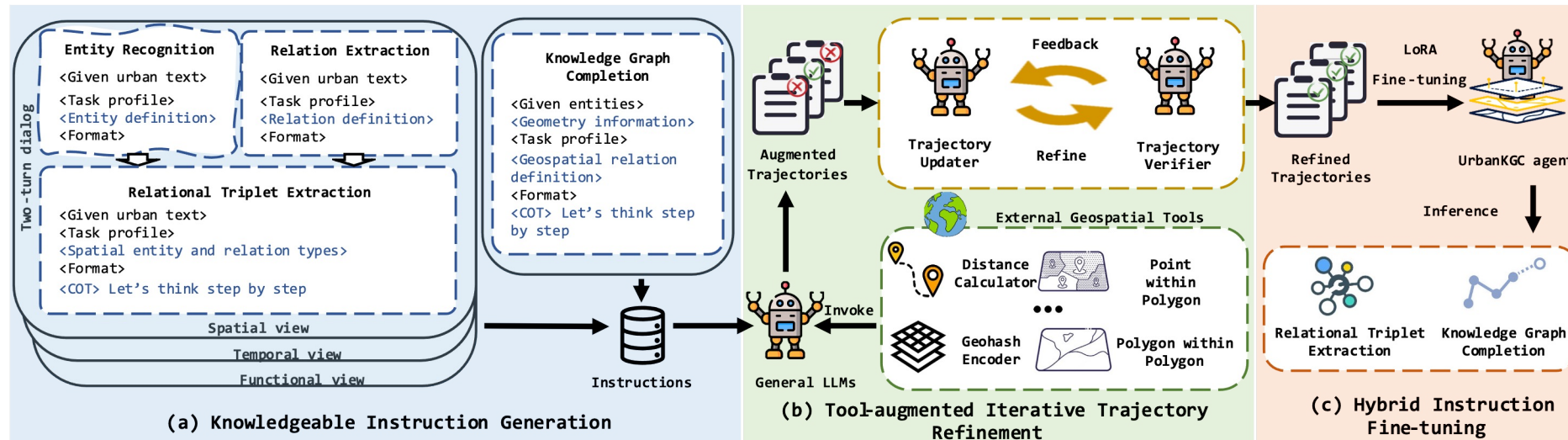
Figure 3: Quantitative performance analysis of prompting GPT-4 for UrbanKGC tasks. The result is obtained by comparing 50 GPT-4's outputs with the human's annotation.

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## UrbanKGC Agent Construction

- Knowledgeable instruction generation for aligning LLM to UrbanKGC tasks;
- Tool-augmented iterative trajectory refinement to enhance and refine generated trajectory;
- Hybrid Instruction Fine-tuning for cost-effectively completing UrbanKGC tasks.

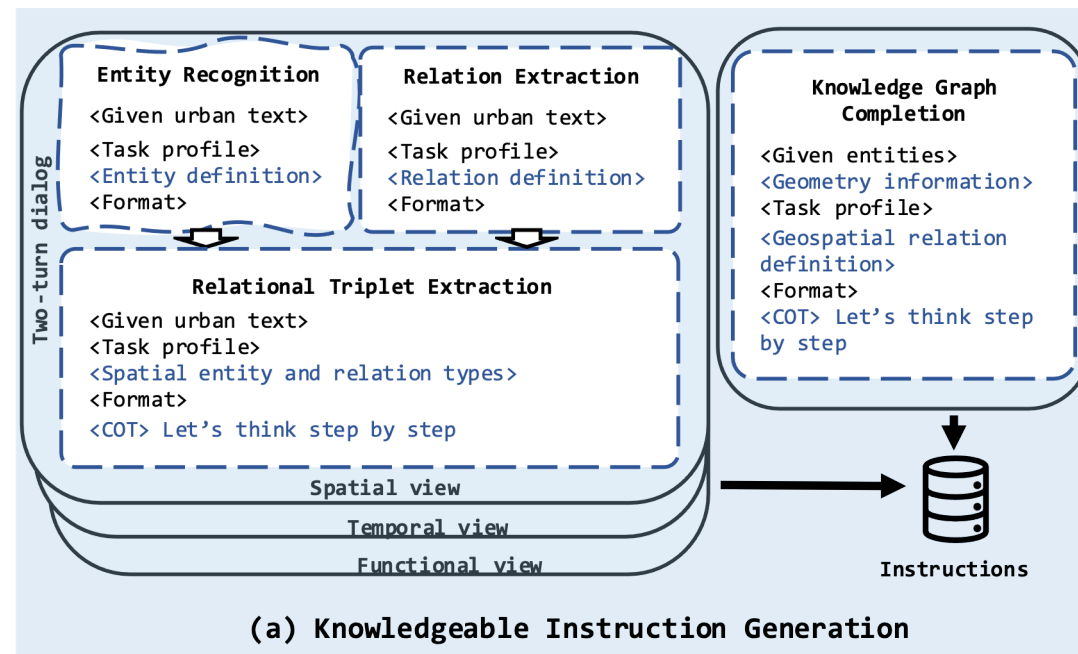


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## □ Knowledgeable Instruction Generation

- Heterogeneity-aware instruction generation for relational triplet extraction.
  - Sequential entity recognition, relation extraction and triplet extraction.
- Geospatial-infused instruction generation for knowledge graph completion.

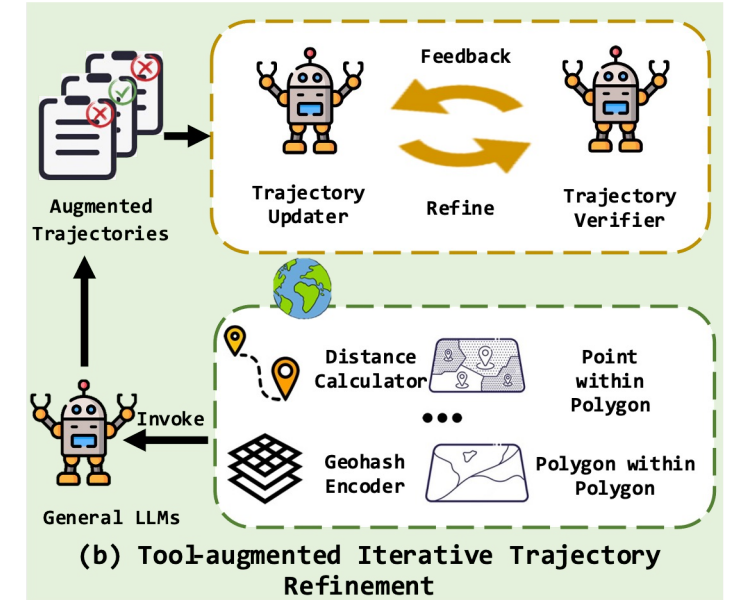


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## □ Tool-augmented Iterative Trajectory Refinement

- Trajectory generation: distill from GPT-4.
- Geospatial tool invocation for trajectory augmentation.
  - Distance calculator, geohash encoder, ...
- Iterative trajectory self-refinement to ensure trajectory quality.
  - Trajectory updater and verifier

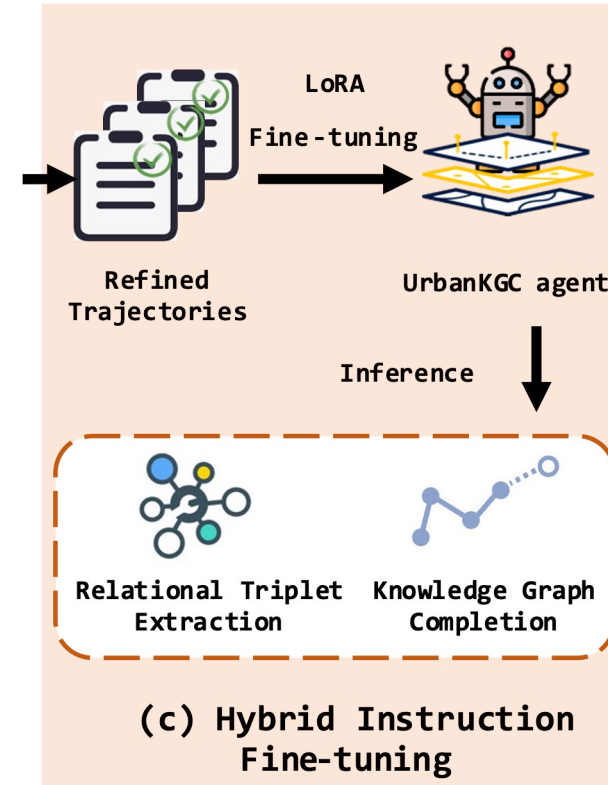


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## □ Hybrid Instruction Fine-Tuning

- Utilize distilled trajectories to fine-tune a smaller open-source LLM for faster inference speed and lower cost.
- Mixture training on two UrbanKGC tasks (i.e., relational triplet extraction and knowledge graph completion).





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## □ Dataset, Baselines and Metric

- Construct the RTE and KGC datasets for fine-tuning and validation;
- Five types of paradigms: 1) Pretrained language model methods; 2) LLMs-based zero-shot reasoning methods; 3) LLMs-based In-context learning methods; 4) Vanilla fine-tuning methods; 5) UrbanKGent Inference method;
- Evaluations: employ accuracy as metric on both of human evaluation and GPT evaluation.

Table 2: The statistics of constructed UrbanKGC dataset.

Dataset		NYC-Instruct	NYC	NYC-Large	CHI-Instruct	CHI	CHI-Large
Records	RTE	232	2,089	40,480	122	1,102	28,868
	KGC	232	2,080	33,534	122	1,101	28,607



# Experiments



## □ Main Results

- UrbanKGent-13B/8B/7B outperforms all thirty-one baseline models on two UrbanKGC datasets.
- UrbanKGent inference pipeline perform slightly worse than the vanilla fine-tuning method, but better than zero-shot reasoning and In-context learning paradigms.

Type	Models	NYC				CHI			
		GPT (acc/confidence)		Human (acc)		GPT (acc/confidence)		Human (acc)	
		RTE	KGC	RTE	KGC	RTE	KGC	RTE	KGC
End-to-end Models	KG-BERT	-	0.24/3.15	-	0.23	-	0.19/4.12	-	0.24
	KG-T5	-	0.21/4.02	-	0.21	-	0.15/3.98	-	0.24
	RelationPrompt	0.12/3.38	-	0.12	-	0.21/3.53	-	0.18	-
	PRGC	0.08/4.01	-	0.06	-	0.13/4.15	-	0.15	-
Zero-shot Reasoning	Vicuna-7B	0.12/2.84	0.19/4.06	0.14	0.16	0.22/4.12	0.14/4.03	0.21	0.18
	Alpaca-7B	0.11/3.75	0.17/3.87	0.15	0.17	0.23/3.96	0.16/4.15	0.20	0.16
	Mistral-7B	0.14/4.12	0.21/4.11	0.17	0.18	0.21/3.75	0.15/3.76	0.19	0.19
	Llama-2-7B	0.14/1.98	0.18/3.75	0.16	0.18	0.26/1.96	0.15/2.83	0.21	0.22
	Llama-3-8B	0.15/4.02	0.15/4.02	0.20	0.21	0.24/3.75	0.15/4.08	0.22	0.22
	Llama-2-13B	0.21/2.07	0.28/3.91	0.19	0.22	0.22/2.19	0.16/2.47	0.22	0.24
	Llama-2-70B	0.23/3.07	0.26/3.73	0.22	0.24	0.27/3.53	0.19/2.47	0.24	0.23
	Llama-3-70B	0.24/4.18	0.29/4.31	0.23	0.24	0.26/3.98	0.17/4.26	0.25	0.23
	GPT-3.5	0.29/4.11	0.36/3.47	0.31	0.23	0.31/3.79	0.31/3.16	0.31	0.29
	GPT-4	0.38/4.03	0.39/3.82	0.41	0.29	0.39/4.08	0.32/4.03	0.43	0.35
In-context Learning	Llama-2-7B	0.18/2.15	0.21/3.96	0.19	0.18	0.25/2.44	0.18/3.27	0.23	0.20
	Llama-3-8B	0.17/4.06	0.18/3.53	0.21	0.22	0.28/4.31	0.17/4.14	0.24	0.21
	Llama-2-13B	0.26/3.52	0.31/3.28	0.23	0.24	0.28/2.65	0.21/2.53	0.25	0.26
	GPT-3.5	0.41/4.65	0.42/4.08	0.42	0.31	0.36/4.24	0.36/4.23	0.39	0.36
Vanilla Fine-tuning	Llama-2-7B	0.32/4.37	0.38/3.65	0.32	0.27	0.29/3.80	0.30/3.65	0.33	0.31
	Llama-3-8B	0.31/4.18	0.35/4.18	0.35	0.26	0.31/4.18	0.29/4.15	0.32	0.34
	Llama-2-13B	0.35/4.26	0.41/3.92	0.39	0.29	0.31/4.14	0.29/3.87	0.37	0.35
UrbanKGent Inference	Vicuna-7B	0.24/3.07	0.24/3.95	0.29	0.23	0.27/4.12	0.22/3.95	0.23	0.25
	Alpaca-7B	0.26/3.85	0.27/3.83	0.26	0.22	0.27/3.83	0.21/4.12	0.27	0.29
	Mistral-7B	0.26/4.15	0.25/4.08	0.28	0.23	0.25/3.61	0.21/4.08	0.25	0.26
	Llama-2-7B	0.27/3.05	0.26/4.12	0.28	0.24	0.27/2.87	0.24/3.54	0.26	0.29
	Llama-3-8B	0.29/4.15	0.31/4.08	0.33	0.26	0.26/3.28	0.24/3.97	0.30	0.31
	Llama-2-13B	0.31/3.87	0.32/3.56	0.35	0.27	0.28/3.24	0.26/3.28	0.31	0.32
	Llama-2-70B	0.33/4.28	0.33/4.27	0.33	0.29	0.29/3.80	0.28/4.01	0.32	0.34
	Llama-3-70B	0.35/4.26	0.36/4.81	0.34	0.28	0.29/4.12	0.29/4.81	0.31	0.35
GPT-3.5	0.43/4.12	0.46/3.88	0.43	0.34	0.40/4.21	0.39/3.87	0.46	0.41	
GPT-4	0.45/4.08	0.48/4.02	0.47	0.42	0.46/4.17	0.41/4.35	0.52	0.43	
UrbanKGent-7B	0.46/4.12	0.49/3.97	0.48	0.44	0.49/4.28	0.43/4.58	0.54	0.45	
	↑ 2.22%	↑ 2.08%	↑ 2.08%	↑ 4.76%	↑ 6.52%	↑ 4.88%	↑ 3.84%	↑ 4.66%	
UrbanKGent-8B	0.47/3.97	0.51/4.15	0.49	0.45	0.49/3.97	0.44/4.05	0.55	0.46	
	↑ 4.44%	↑ 6.25%	↑ 4.26%	↑ 7.14%	↑ 6.52%	↑ 7.32%	↑ 5.77%	↑ 6.98%	
UrbanKGent-13B	0.52/4.38	0.56/4.13	0.54	0.47	0.53/4.15	0.48/4.42	0.59	0.49	
	↑ 15.56%	↑ 14.29%	↑ 14.89%	↑ 11.90%	↑ 15.22%	↑ 17.07%	↑ 13.46%	↑ 13.95%	



## □ Main Results

- Fine-tuning LLMs could obtain better performance compared with zero-shot reasoning and In-context learning paradigms.
- In-context-learning is limited and even leads to degradation in smaller LLMs (e.g., Llama-2-7B).

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## □ Efficiency and Complexity Analysis

- Lower inference speed in latency and reduce the cost by roughly 20 times.
- Compared with ZSL, ICL, VFT, and UrbanKGent Inference, UrbanKGent can incorporate extra urban knowledge, invoke external tools and iteratively self-refine to help better complete UrbanKGC tasks.

Table 11: Comparison among LLM-based UrbanKGC methods in four ways.

Method	Extra Knowledge	Require Fine-tuning	Tool Invokation	Self Refinement
ZSL	×	×	×	×
ICL	✓	×	×	×
VFT	✓	✓	×	×
UrbanKGent Inference	✓	×	✓	✓
UrbanKGent	✓	✓	✓	✓

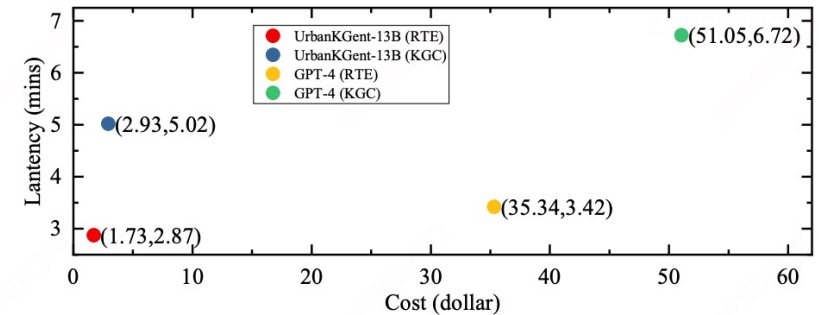


Figure 5: The model latency and cost of constructed UrbanKGent-13B and GPT-4 in UrbanKGC. We report the total inference time and cost of 1,000 RTE and KGC tasks.



## □ Agent Application

- Use 1/5 data for constructing the UrbanKGs with the same scale, and even expanding the variety of relationships to a thousand times the original types.
- UrbanKGent agent family consists of 13B/8B/7B is released in Hugging Face.

Table 4: Statistics comparison of constructed UrbanKGs in New York and Chicago between UrbanKGent and existing benchmark.

Dataset	# Entity	# Relation	# Triplet	Data Volume
NYC-Large	228,928	2,138	905,442	40,480
CHI-Large	95,813	1,336	563,290	28,607
NYC-UUKG	236,287	13	930,240	236,277
CHI-UUKG	140,602	13	564,400	140,577

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The UrbanKGC agent family consisting of UrbanKGent-7/8/13B version. [🔗](#)

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## □ Conclusion

- Propose the first automatic UrbanKG construction agent framework.
- Release the UrbanKGent agent family, with lower latency and cost compared with GPT-4 for UrbanKG construction.

## □ Limitation

- Lack of further application demonstration for constructed UrbanKG, the GPT-based self-evaluation methods is cost-intensive and inconsistent.

## □ Future Work

- Derive extra image-modality data to further enrich UrbanKGC.



Our Github and Hugging Face repository are continuously updating!

<https://github.com/usail-hkust/UrbanKGent>

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**Thank You!**

**Q & A**

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