

# Computational Overhead of Iterative Self-Refinement vs Single-Pass Decoding in CodeGen-2B

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 14 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the computational overhead in token generation steps when applying iterative self-refinement versus single-pass decoding for CodeGen-2B on Python coding tasks. 12 claims were extracted from source literature; 2 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 3.8/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: HumanEval Pro and MBPP Pro: Evaluating Large Language Models on Self-invoking Code Generation. Research question: What is the computational overhead in token generation steps when applying iterative self-refinement versus single-pass decoding for CodeGen-2B on Python coding tasks?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 14 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 3.8/10.

## 3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 12 claims extracted; 2 independently verified. Quality review score: 3.8/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
o1-mini achieves 96.2% pass@1 on HumanEval but only 76.2% on HumanEval Pro	✓	0.25
Instruction-tuned models are less efficient on self-invoking code generation than traditional code generation tasks	✓	0.33
HumanEval (Chen et al., 2021) and MBPP (Austin et al., 2021) serve as fundamental benchmarks, focusing on Python function	×	0.04
Several benchmarks have expanded code evaluation benchmarks to encompass multiple programming languages, complex tasks	×	0.11
Deepseek-V2.5 is used to generate self-invoking problems, candidate solutions, and test inputs	×	0.08
Generated solutions are executed with test inputs in a controlled Python environment to obtain ground truth outputs	×	0.02
An iterative method involving Python execution check and manual review ensures that all test cases pass successfully	×	0.03
The final execution results are used to construct complete test cases with assert command	×	0.04
Qwen2.5-Coder-7B-base achieves 59.6% on HumanEval Pro and 38.6% on MBPP Pro	×	0.12
Qwen2.5-Coder-7B-instruct achieves 64.9% on HumanEval Pro and 35.1% on MBPP Pro	×	0.09
DeepseekCoder-33B-base achieves 71.9% on HumanEval Pro and 38.6% on MBPP Pro	×	0.13
DeepseekCoder-33B-instruct achieves 80.7% on HumanEval Pro and 43.9% on MBPP Pro	×	0.10

## References

- <http://arxiv.org/abs/2603.21389v1>
- <http://arxiv.org/abs/2509.19212v1>
- <http://arxiv.org/abs/2412.21199v2>