

# Cross-Lingual Transfer Performance of CodeT5 and Multilingual Code Models on MBPP Benchmarks

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 13 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the cross-lingual transfer capability of CodeT5 compare to specialized multilingual code models (e.g., CodeBERTa) on MBPP benchmarks when evaluated across syntax-heavy low-resource. 10 claims were extracted from source literature; 6 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 6.8/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: Empirical study of pretrained multilingual language models for zero-shot cross-lingual knowledge transfer in generation. Research question: How does the cross-lingual transfer capability of CodeT5 compare to specialized multilingual code models (e.g., CodeBERTa) on MBPP benchmarks when evaluated across syntax-heavy low-resource programming languages?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 13 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 6.8/10.

## 3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 10 claims extracted; 6 independently verified. Quality review score: 6.8/10.

## 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
mBART with adapters performs similarly to mT5 of the same size.	✓	0.27
NLLB-200 can be competitive in some cases.	✓	0.24
Tuning learning rate used for finetuning helps to alleviate the problem of generation in the wrong language.	✓	0.37
With too small or too large LR the performance of mT5-base and mBART is affected.	×	0.04
The problem of generation in a wrong language is frequent in zero-shot cross-lingual knowledge transfer.	✓	0.37
Approaches to address the problem of generation in a wrong language usually use mT5 as a backbone model.	✓	0.27
Translating test input examples into the source language, generating outputs in the source language and translating them	✓	0.15
The drawbacks of translation-based approaches include high computational cost, lack of high-quality translation models f	×	0.12
Few-shot cross-lingual generation assumes access to a small amount of labeled examples in the target language.	×	0.10
Encoder-decoder mPLMs are well suited and widely used for generation purposes.	×	0.05

## References

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