

Eagle 2: Building Post-Training Data Strategies from Scratch for Frontier Vision-Language Models

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Abstract: Recently, promising progress has been made by open-source vision-language models (VLMs) in bringing their capabilities closer to those of proprietary frontier models. However, most open-source models only publish their final model weights, leaving the critical details of data strategies and implementation largely opaque. In this work, we address VLM post-training from a data-centric perspective, showing the key role of data strategy in developing frontier VLMs. By studying and building our post-training data strategy from scratch, we share detailed insights into the development processes, aiming to benefit the development of competitive models for the open-source community. Our introduced data strategy, together with training recipes and model design, leads to a family of performant VLMs named *Eagle 2*. Specifically, Eagle2-9B achieves state-of-the-art results across various multimodal benchmarks, matching certain competitive models with up to 70B parameters.

Links: [Github Code](#) | [HF Models](#) | [Demo](#)

1. Introduction

Built upon large language models (LLMs), vision-language models (VLMs) [1, 2, 3, 4] aim to enable LLMs to see. With the ability to visually perceive the world, VLMs are able to take in multimodal information, and as a result, handle a broader range of intelligent applications. There is thus a growing interest to use VLMs as the backbone for reasoning and decision making in various applications, such as intelligent agents [5], autonomous driving [6, 7], and embodied AI [8, 9, 10].

The community has delved deeply into the architecture and training methodologies of VLMs with significant advances. A predominant strategy to align the vision and language modalities is through post-training on pre-trained LLMs, with the LLaVA family [4] being the representative examples. Based on the level of transparency, current VLM models can also be broadly categorized into three types: 1) commercially closed-source models (e.g., GPT-4v/o [11] and Claude [12]), 2) frontier models with publicly available weights (e.g., Qwen2-VL [13], InternVL2 [14] and Llama 3.1 [15]), and 3) fully open-source models (e.g., Cambrian-1 [16] and the LLaVA family [4, 17]).

Recently, some frontier models with publicly available weights have been shown to match closed-source commercial models on key benchmarks while offering better customization for downstream applications. However, the technical details provided by these models are often insufficient for reproduction. On the other hand, fully open-source models tend to disclose extensive technical details, including both the dataset strategies and training recipes.

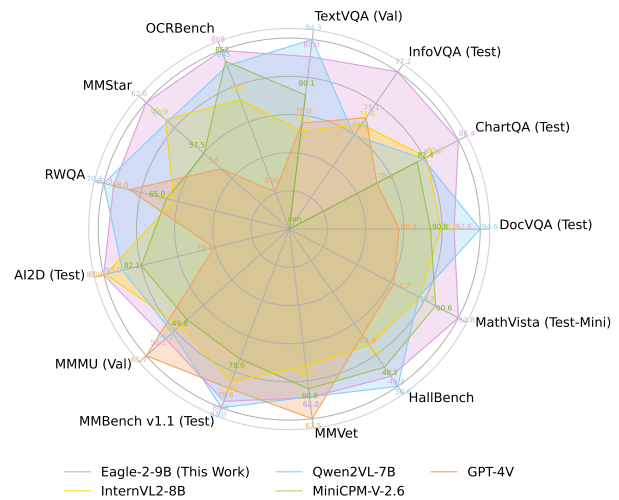


Figure 1 | Overview of Eagle2-9B’s result across different multimodal benchmarks, in comparison to state-of-the-art open-source and commercial frontier models.

These details unveils the secret sources in building customized VLM models, which enables easier reproduction and helps the community to develop technologies faster. However, most of the open source models still lag behind their frontier counterparts. For instance, on the OpenCompass [18] benchmark, LLaVA-OneVision-72B [17] still ranks slightly behind InternVL2-40B [14] despite having a stronger LLM backbone. We thus ask the following question: *What could help the community to develop more competitive open-source frontier VLMs?*

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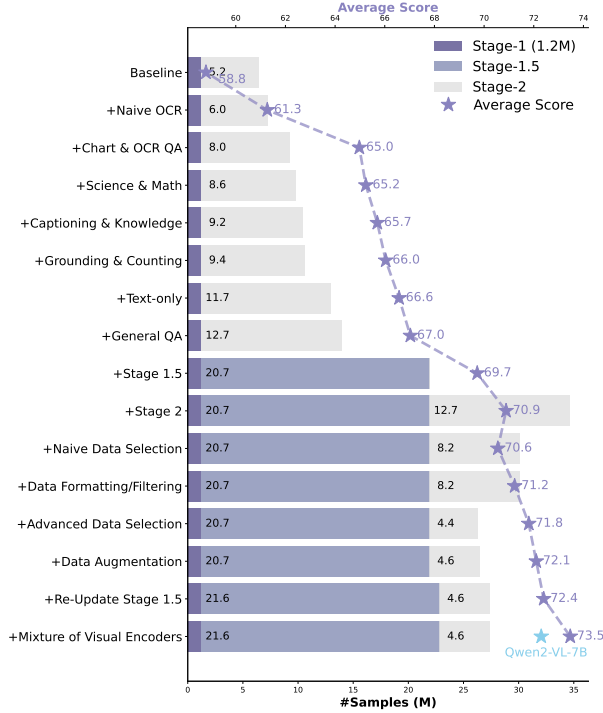


Figure 2 | Step-by-Step ablation of Eagle 2. We show the average scores of 13 benchmarks, detailed numbers are in Table 5 and 6.

1.1. Data Strategy

Our answer to the above question is the data-strategy. Assuming the same pre-trained LLM backbone, we posit that data is the most decisive factor to obtain high-quality models. We thus adopt a centralized strategy to build our post-training data. For fully open-source models, various constraints such as computing resources may limit the study on more dataset sources, despite their intention to make the data recipe publicly available. This limitation often affects their capability compared to models that can access and utilize a wider range of data sources.

“Diversity first, then quality”. We follow this principle throughout our development and push it to the extreme. Our optimization of the data results in consistent improvements in model. Our contributions involve: 1) a data collection strategy leading to a large-scale highly diverse data pool with **180+** sources, 2) a data filtering strategy to remove low-quality samples, 3) a data selection strategy to construct high-quality subsets, and 4) a series of data augmentation techniques to enrich the existing data. This series of strategies are shown to improve the model significantly.

1.2. Model Architecture

Besides data strategy, another important factor considered in this work is model architecture. Since different architec-

ture designs have been well-studied in open-source models, their properties are relatively transparent to the community. Despite various designs such as Q-Former [19] and Hybrid-Attention [20], simple MLP connector is still the most popular choice to connect the vision encoder and LLM. With the rapid advances in architecture designs in contemporary VLMs, model structure is no longer a primary factor driving performance differences among models. However, this does not imply that there is no room for further improvement in architecture.

Tiled mixture of vision encoders. Inspired by the works of InternVL [21, 14], Eagle [22] and Cambrian-1 [16], we follow a vision-centric design where we adopt both dynamic tiling and mixture of vision encoders (MoVE) in one unified design. Specifically, each image tile is encoded by channel-concatenated MoVE, therefore allowing high-resolution input from tiling while maintaining the robust perception from MoVE. Similar to [22], we follow a “SigLIP [23] + X (ConvNeXt [24])” configuration. Compared to SigLIP alone, tiled MoVE yields significant improvements despite having tiling, particularly in tasks like OCR and Chart/Document VQA.

1.3. Training Recipe

Which training recipe to be used? In this context, the training recipe primarily refers to various configurations for training a VLM. With the same dataset, different recipes can still have a significant impact on the final performance. Although the training recipes for the state-of-the-art VLMs [25, 14, 26] are somewhat unclear, the details shared by existing work [16, 4, 17] can offer a solid baseline. However, to further improve model performance, it is necessary to explore more effective training recipe.

Three-stage training. We adopt a three-stage training strategy to best leverage the training data. In particular, the first stage (Stage-1) is used to align language and image modality via training the MLP connector. The next stage (Stage-1.5) trains the full model with a large-scale diverse data. The final stage (Stage-2) continues training the full model with a carefully crafted, high-quality visual instruction tuning dataset. In Stage-1.5, we incorporate all available visual instruction data, rather than limiting it to captioning or knowledge data alone. Our results show that this approach yields substantial improvements over the commonly used two-stage training strategy [4]. We also identify limitations in existing open-source frameworks concerning data packing and introduce a balanced data packing approach to address the issue.

1.4. Summary

Our extensive exploration on data strategy, model architecture and training recipe is shown in Fig. 2, resulting in a family of VLMs named *Eagle 2*. Through sharing

Model	Name	Eagle2-Baseline
	Vision Encoder Connector LLM	Siglip-400M [23] MLP Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct [27]
Stage-1	Resolution	$448 \times \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,2) \dots, (1,12)\}$
	Training Data Trainable Module	ALLaVA(1.2M) [4] Connector
Stage-2	Training Data	Cambrian-1 (5.2M) [16]
	Trainable Module	Full Model

Table 1 | Baseline Settings.

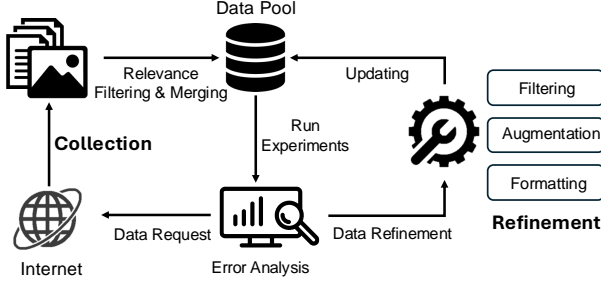


Figure 3 | An overview of our data strategy. The upper part shows the data collection pipeline and the lower part shows the data refinement pipeline.

the journey of exploration, we aim to “teach readers to fish than to give them a fish”, by sharing our data strategies, model design and training recipe, detailing the iterative development process than merely displaying the final benchmark results and demonstrations. The Eagle 2 model family spans a range of various scales, including 1B, 2B and 9B parameters. As shown in Fig. 1, Eagle2-9B can match or outperform frontier open-source and commercially closed-source VLMs on a set of common multi-modal benchmarks.

2. Method

2.1. Baseline Setting

As shown in Tab. 1, our initial baseline starts with the Cambrian dataset [16] using LLaVA’s [4] two-stage training recipe. We remove some low-quality data from Cambrian-7M, such as ShareGPT-4V, GPT-77K and Data-Engine-161K, ultimately resulting in a subset of 5.2M samples. The model incorporates an MLP connector to bridge the vision encoder with the LLM and employs image tiling for dynamic resolution. Starting from this baseline, we enhance Eagle 2 in three key aspects: (1) data strategy, (2) training recipe, and (3) model architecture. These optimizations enable the model to achieve state-of-the-art performance.

2.2. Data Strategy

Training data is essential for defining a VLM’s capabilities. However, most commercial VLMs and leading VLMs with publicly available weights keep their data strategies

confidential. In this work, we conducted an in-depth exploration to create a diverse and high-quality dataset with a series of data strategies to iteratively refine and optimize our data pool. The resulting dataset significantly boosts model performance, far surpassing the initial baseline. Fig. 3 illustrates our overall data strategy consisting of two core components: data collection and optimizing existing data. More technical details have been provided in the appendix.

Data collection - diversity is the key. A model’s capability is strongly correlated with the diversity of data. As such, collecting data as diverse as possible is a key principle of this work, leading to two main strategies:

- *Passive gathering*: Monitoring the latest related datasets from arXiv manuscripts and [HuggingFace Datasets](#) and adding them into our candidate list.
- *Proactive searching*: Addressing the bucket effect. As shown in Fig. 3, for each update of the data pool, we generate error analysis to identify model weaknesses and perform targeted searches for new data.

Our diverse data sources are summarized in Tab. 2a and generally publicly available. We utilize some pre-organized dataset collections [16, 17, 151] to speed up preparation but also conducted careful inspection to prevent issues like test data leakage¹. We also collect a large amount of public non-QA data, such as Google Landmark [31], and convert them into VQA data using specific rules or auto-labeling tools.

To reduce training costs, we avoid performing ablation for each dataset individually. Instead, datasets with similar domains are added in batches to the data pool when meeting the following criteria:

- *Maintaining overall accuracy without noticeable regression for every considered benchmark.*
- *Introducing meaningful diversity to the current domains.*

To help quantify the diversity, we define a metric called *Similarity Score* to measure the relevance between a new data source and the current data pool as follows:

$$S_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \max_{1 \leq j \leq M_k} (\text{Sim}(I_i, I_j) \times \text{Sim}(T_i, T_j)), \quad (1)$$

where i is the index of a new data source with N samples, and j is the index of the existing pool with M samples, with k denoting the data category. We compute similarity scores only within the same category, as inter-category similarity is generally low. Image embeddings I_i and I_j are generated from SSCD [178], and text embeddings T_i and T_j from all-mpnet-base-v2 [179]. The similarity score

¹The test split of AI2D is used in Cambrian-1 training data.

Category	Dataset
Captioning & Knowledge	ShareGPT4o [28], KVQA [29], Movie-Posters [30], Google-Landmark [31], WikiArt [32], Weather-QA [33], Coco-Colors [34], music-sheet [35], SPARK [36], Image-Textualization [37], SAM-Caption [38], Tmdb-Celeb-10k [39]
Mathematics	GeoQA+ [40], MathQA [41], CLEVR-Math/Super [42, 43], Geometry3K [44], MAVIS-math-rule-geo [45], MAVIS-math-metagen [45], InterGPS [46], Raven [47], GEOS [48], UniGeo [49]
Science	AI2D [50], ScienceQA [51], TQA [52], PathVQA [53], SciQA [54], Textbooks-QA , VQA-RAD [55], VisualWebInstruct [56]
Chart & Table	ChartQA [57], MMC-Inst [58], DVQA [59], PlotQA [60], LRV-Instruction [61], TabMWP [62], UniChart [63], Vistext [64], TAT-DQA [65], VQAonBD [66], FigureQA [67], Chart2Text [68], RobuT-{Wikisql, SQA, WTQ} [69], MultiHiertt [70]
Naive OCR	SynthDoG [71], MTWI [72], LVST [73], SROIE [74], FUNSD [75], Latex-Formula [76], IAM [77], Handwriting-Latex [78], ArT [79], CTW [80], ReCTs [81], COCO-Text [82], SVRD [83], Hiertext [84], RoadText [85], MapText [86], CAPTCHA [87], Est-VQA [88], HME-100K [89], TAL-OCR-ENG [89], TAL-HW-MATH [89], IMGUR5K [90], ORAND-CAR [91], Invoices-and-Receipts-OCR [92], Chrome-Writing [93], IIIT5k [94], K12-Printing [89], Memotion [95], Arxiv2Markdown , Handwritten-Mathematical-Expression [96], WordArt [97], RenderedText [98], Handwriting-Forms [99]
OCR QA	DocVQA [100], InfoVQA [101], TextVQA [102], ArxivQA [103], ScreencQA [104], DocReason [105], Ureader [106], FinanceQA [107], DocMatrix [108], A-OKVQA [109], Diagram-Image-To-Text [110], MapQA [111], OCRVQA [112], ST-VQA [113], SlideVQA [114], PDF-VQA [115], SQuAD-VQA, VQA-CD [116], Block-Diagram [117], MTVQA [118], ColPali [119], BenthamQA [120]
Grounding & Counting	TallyQA [121], OODVQA [122], RefCOCO+/g (en) [123, 124], GroundUI [125]
General VQA	LLaVA-150K [4], LVIS-Instruct4V [126], ALLaVA [127], Laion-GPT4V [128], LLaVAR [129], SketchyVQA [122], VizWiz [130], IDK [131], AlfworldGPT, LNQA [132], Face-Emotion [133], SpatialSense [134], Indoor-QA [135], Places365 [136], MMInstruct [137], DriveLM [138], YesBut [139], WildVision [140], LLaVA-Critic-113k [141], RLAI-FV [142], VQAv2 [143], MMRA [144], KONIQ [145], MMDU [146], Spot-The-Diff [147], Hateful-Memes [148], COCO-QA [149], NLVR [150], Mimic-CGD [151], Datikz [152], Chinese-Meme [153], IconQA [154], Websight [155]
Text-only	Orca [156], Orca-Math [157], OpenCodeInterpreter [158] MathInstruct [159], WizardLM [160], TheoremQA [161], OpenHermes2.5 [162], NuminaMath-CoT [163], Python-Code-25k [164], Infinity-Instruct [165], Python-Code-Instructions-18k-Alpaca [166], Ruozhiba [167], InfinityMATH [168], StepDPO [169], TableLLM [170], UltraInteract-sft [171]

(a) Summary of the collected Eagle 2 SFT datasets

Category	Dataset
Captioning & Knowledge	CC3M [172], TextCaps [173], ShareGPT-4V [174], DenseFusion-1M [175]
Grounding & Counting	Object 365 [176]
Text-only	OpenMathInstruct [177]

(b) Summary of the additional Stage 1.5 datasets

Table 2 | Dataset used in Eagle 2. **Dataset in Magenta** is internal data.

between samples is the product of image and text similarity. This metric shows most sources have low similarity, with a few high-similarity samples removed as duplicates.

Following our data collection protocol and the refinement steps stated below, our final model uses 21.6 M samples in Stage-1.5 and 4.6 M samples in Stage-2, with the distribution illustrated in Fig. 4. We make sure text-only data occupy over 20%. Captioning data account for the largest proportion in Stage-1.5; however, in Stage-2, we reduce its share primarily due to concerns about the overly monotonous instructions.

Data filtering - “A rotten apple spoils the barrel.” Public datasets often contain many low-quality samples. We find that most low-quality cases belong to the following categories, which we use as our filtering criteria:

- *Mismatching question-answer pair.* E.g., Fig. 5 (a) from ShareGPT4o [28].
- *Irrelevant image-question pair with unrelated image and question.* E.g., Fig. 5 (b) from Cambrian-1 [16].

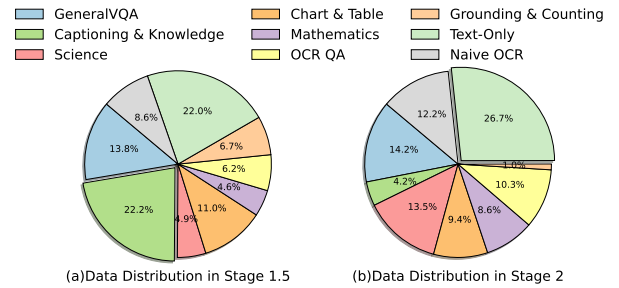


Figure 4 | Data Distribution for Stage-1.5 and Stage-2.

- *Repeated texts.* E.g., Fig. 5 (c) from ShareGPT-4V [174].
- *Numeric formatting issue.* Excessive decimal precision or overly precise numerical answers lacking corresponding information in the image. E.g., Fig. 6.

Since most low-quality data are generated from synthesis, they often present characteristics making them distinguishable for removal through rule-based filtering.

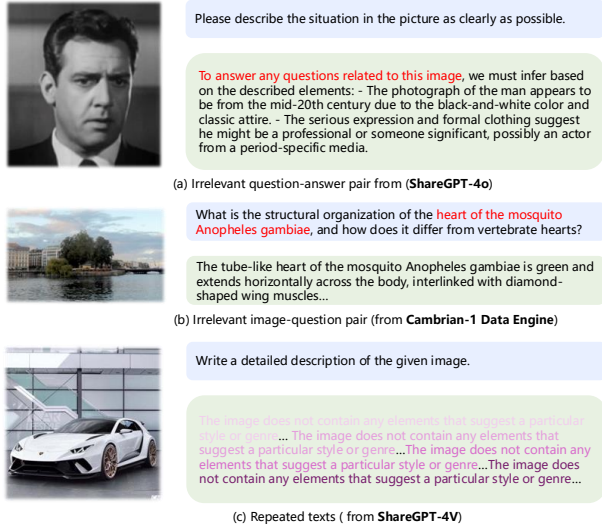


Figure 5 | Typical low-quality samples.

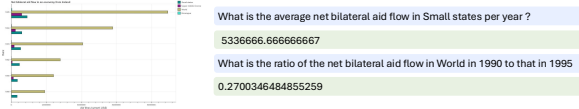


Figure 6 | Public datasets [60, 58] often do not rigorously handle numerical precision, resulting in high decimal precision impossible to directly extract from the image.

Subset selection - “every data comes with a price”. Selecting optimal subsets is key to high-quality training. Recent work [16] suggests limiting the number of samples from each source to be typically no more than K (e.g. 350K). Our data selection adopts on two main principles:

- *Subset quantity determination.* Data source diversity and distribution determine the sample quantity. Auto-labeled sources are featured by larger sizes, but often contain errors and lack diversity. Instead, manually labeled datasets are often smaller. Thus, datasets with larger original sizes are generally applied with smaller sampling ratios. In our Stage-2 data, the average size per source is around 20K, with the largest subset Visual-WebInstruct [56] having 263K samples.
- *K-means clustering selection.* Once the subset size is determined, the next step is to select the samples. Current methods often use random selection, which is suboptimal. For example, in chart data, histogram samples are more frequent than other types like line charts or pie charts, and random sampling wouldn’t ensure balance across these types. To address this, we applied unsupervised K-means clustering on SSCD [178] image embeddings, where samples with similar chart types are clustered closer, allowing for target data selection, such as including all the line and pie chart samples as needed. While K-means using SSCD image embeddings

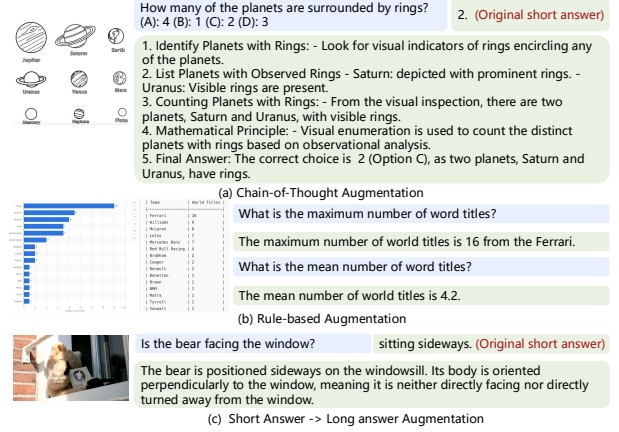


Figure 7 | Our three most commonly used data augmentation methods. These methods rely on rule-based approaches or utilize VLM models for automatic labeling.

Formular Image	LaTeX Annotation
	$S=4\pi R^2=\frac{9}{2}\pi$
	$\begin{aligned} F_c &= m_j \frac{c^2}{R} \end{aligned}$

Table 3 | Two samples with same "Extract LaTeX from image" task but with different format.

performs poorly on natural scene images, it excels with mathematical, medical, and document-based data.

Data augmentation. Data augmentation aims to mine the rich information from input images that is not fully present in the existing QA annotations. In order to mine the potentially useful information from image space, a common approach is to use third-party VLMs to generate fine-grained descriptions of the images. We adopt this approach, as illustrated in Fig. 7.

- *Adding CoT (Chain-of-Thought) explanations.*
- *Rule-based QA generation.*
- *Expanding short answers into longer responses.*

For details of the above generation process, kindly refer to the supplementary.

Data formatting. Transforming data into the correct format is also a crucial step in data preparation. One of our basic principles is: “same task, similar format; different tasks, clearly distinct formats.” Our data formatting includes but is not limited to:

- *Removing unnecessary decorations.* We present a seemingly inconspicuous example that, nonetheless, has a profound impact on the final results in Tab. 3. We show two samples from different sources for the task of extracting LaTeX formulas from images. The second sample includes an unnecessary fixed equation environment.

		Stage-1	Stage-1.5	Stage-2
Vision	Resolution	$\{448_{\text{SigLIP}}, 512_{\text{ConvNeXt}}\} \times \{(i, j) \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}^+, i \times j \leq 12\}$		
	Tokens	$(i \times j + 1) \times 256$		
Data	Dataset	ALLaVA	Rich Diverse Data	High-Quality Data
	#Samples	1.2M	21.6M	4.6M
Model	Trainable	MLP Connector	Full Model	Full Model
	Qwen2.5-0.5B	4.9M	0.9B	0.9B
	Qwen2.5-1.5B	9.4M	2.0B	2.0B
	Qwen2.5-7B	40.0M	8.9B	8.9B
Training	Batch Size	1024	1024	256
	Learning Rate	2×10^{-4}	$\{2, 4\} \times 10^{-5}$	$\{2, 4\} \times 10^{-5}$
	Max Length	4096	8192	16384

Table 4 | We present our three-stage training settings, where Eagle2-9B/2B/1B builds upon Qwen2.5-32B/7B/1.5B/0.5B [27], respectively. *: For small scale model with 0.5/1.5B LLM, we only use SigLIP as visual encoder and learning rate of 4×10^{-5} in Stage-1.5 & 2.

Even with limited use of such data, the model consistently outputs this fixed template (in red texts). After removing the fixed equation environment, the model returns to normal behavior, leading to a significant improvement on OCRBench [180].

- *Appending more specific instructions.* Adding detailed instructions to the original instruction based on the response is a common approach. For example, appending “Provide a short answer” to brief responses helps prevent a model from becoming an “answering machine” that is used to giving short answers. However, overusing this can also hinder generalization. For instance, adding “Please answer yes or no” to every yes-or-no question may impair the model’s ability to answer correctly without such prompt during inference.

2.3. Training Recipe

Our data strategy enables us to build a high-quality and diverse dataset, but applying different training recipes to the same data pool still has a decisive impact on the final results. Our recipe is built upon the following core points.

Post-pretraining stage is necessary. We initially begin with LLaVA [4]’s two-stage training strategy, where we train an MLP connector followed by full model training with SFT data. While efficient, this approach proved unsuitable for quick SFT data updates, as the expanding SFT data makes it harder to track the impact of new data and reduces the experimental efficiency. For instance, we observe improvements from expanding the Cambrian-1 [16] SFT data. However, the gap remains between the model and state-of-the-art ones. Considering that the main limitation of the two-stage strategy is the lack of robust pre-training, we add an additional pre-training stage (Stage-1.5). Stage-1.5 pre-trains the model on a larger dataset to reduce dependency on SFT data in subsequent training.

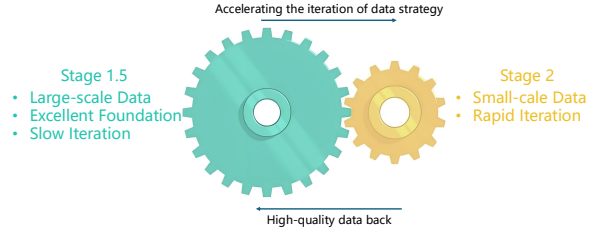
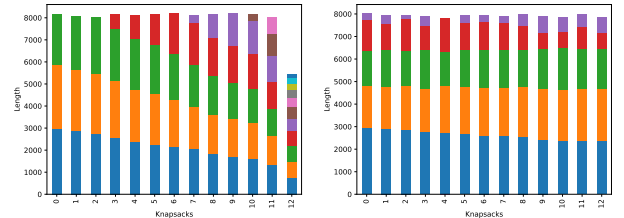


Figure 8 | Stage-1.5 accelerates Stage-2 and Stage-2 gives Stage-1.5 feedback.

“Large wheel drives small wheel.” Three-stage pre-training is, in fact, widely used in existing works, such as LLaVA-OneVision [17]. However, we have a distinctly different view to the data that using in Stage-1.5. Other works tend to use more knowledge-related data, such as captioning data, at this stage. In this work, we add all data sources intended for visual instruction to Stage-1.5, simultaneously introducing several other datasets as shown in Tab. 2b. As shown in Fig. 8, training Stage-2 based on Stage-1.5 enables rapid iteration on a high-performance foundation. The derived conclusions are more robust than those obtained from ungeneralizable ablation experiments on toy-scale data. In addition, the effective conclusions obtained from Stage-2 can be used to update Stage-1.5, further driving improvements in model performance. Detailed settings are shown in Tab. 4.



(a) Knapsacks of naive greedy (b) Knapsacks of balanced knapsack method.

Figure 9 | We pack 64 samples of varying lengths into combined samples, each with a length of less than 8192. The naive greedy knapsack approach in LLaMa-Factory [181] leads to uneven length distributions (left), while the proposed method gives more balanced length distributions within every knapsack (right).

Balance-aware data packing matters. Data packing speeds up training by concatenating shorter samples, reducing padding use. In our experiments, using packing accelerate the training by 2-3 times. A key step in packing is arranging N short samples of varying lengths into M long samples without exceeding max length. Existing frameworks such as LLaMa-Factory use a naive greedy knapsack algorithm², but this often produces packs with

²<https://github.com/hiyouga/LLaMa-Factory/blob/main/src/llamafactory/data/processors/>

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# Our proposed greedy knapsack method
def balanced_greedy_knapsack(samples, L):
    # Step 1: Sort the samples
    samples.sort(reverse=True)
    total_length = sum(samples)
    min_knapsacks = (total_length + L - 1) // L
    # Step 2: Initialize knapsacks
    knapsacks = [[] for _ in range(min_knapsacks)]
    knapsack_lengths = [0] * min_knapsacks
    # Step 3: Distribute samples across knapsacks
    ks_index = 0
    sample_index = 0
    while sample_index < len(samples):
        length = samples[sample_index]
        if knapsack_lengths[ks_index] + length <= L:
            knapsacks[ks_index].append(length)
            knapsack_lengths[ks_index] += length
            sample_index += 1
        else:
            knapsacks.append([])
            knapsack_lengths.append(0)
            ks_index = argmin(knapsack_lengths)
    return knapsacks

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Figure 10 | Python code for the proposed balance-aware greedy knapsack method. L is the max length and “samples” is a list of token lengths.

uneven length distributions. As shown in Fig. 9, the naive greedy knapsack method groups long and short samples separately, which is not desirable to model training.

Therefore, we design a balance-aware greedy knapsack algorithm that creates packs with a more uniform length distribution, as shown in Fig. 10, ensuring that each pack contains both long and short samples. Unlike SPFHP (Shortest-Pack-First Histogram Packing) [182], our method prioritizes balanced length distribution over packing efficiency, helping balance loss weights between long and short samples. Further details are in the appendix.

2.4. Tiled Mixture of Vision Encoders

Following Eagle [22], we use SigLIP [23] and ConvNeXt-XXLarge [24, 183] as vision encoders. Additionally, to handle arbitrarily high-resolution images, we employ image tiling following InternVL-1.5 [21]. The input resolution of every image tile of SigLIP is 448×448 , while the input size of ConvNeXt is 512×512 . To make sure they output same number of image tokens, we use PixelShuffle to conduct a $2 \times$ downsampling on the image features from SigLIP, resulting a feature shape of 16×16 , matching the output size of ConvNeXt ($32 \times$ downsampling of input). We then concatenate these features along the channel dimension and align with LLM via an MLP layer.

processor_utils.py

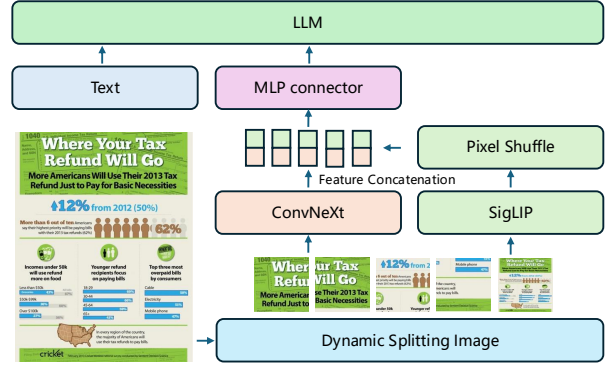


Figure 11 | Tiled Mixture of Vision Encoders.

3. Experiments

3.1. Evolution of Eagle 2

Scaling Stage-2 training data. We initially explore the impact of scaling Stage-2 data, as shown in Tab. 5. Our findings reveal that model’s overall performance improved steadily with additional data, with the most notable gains arising from the inclusion of 2M (million) VQA samples focused on charts, tables, and OCR. While data scaling indicates potential for further gains beyond 10M samples, our experiments’ costs have risen sharply, and the efficiency of data iteration has decreased. Moreover, we observe considerable performance fluctuations across specific benchmarks at this scale, especially in challenging benchmarks like MMMU, MathVista, and MMVet. Another obstacle is that, as illustrated by the data-performance growth trend in Fig. 2, reaching the performance of frontier VLMs like Qwen2-VL would be difficult. These challenges leads us to consider adopting a more effective training strategy.

Introducing Stage-1.5. To build a robust pre-trained model, we implement Stage-1.5 where we focus on maximizing the data utilization to strengthen the model’s foundational capabilities. As shown in Tab. 6, the Stage-1.5 checkpoint is competitive by itself, and subsequent Stage-2 training further improves the previous best model’s performance by average 3.9%.

Naive data selection. Using a naive data selection strategy with maximum thresholds and random sampling, we reduce the training data to 8.6M; unfortunately, this led to a decline in performance. We speculate it might be that the randomly selected data have inadvertently excluded some valuable samples, while also failing to adequately ensure a balanced data distribution.

Data formatting & filtering. After filtering low-quality data and formatting the training set, we see clear improvements on 8 out of 14 benchmarks, including a remarkable 45-point gain on OCRBench [180]. This implies the im-

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Model	Stage-1 Stage-2		DocVQA	ChartQA	InfoVQA	TextVQA	OCRBench	MMstar	RWQA	AI2D	MMMU	MMB _{1.1}	MMVet	HallB	MathVista	Average score
	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test	Val	Test	Test	Test	Test	Val	EN-Val	Test	Test	Test-Mini	
Cambrian-7B [16]	1.2M	7M	77.8	73.3	-	71.7	624	50.7	64.2	74.6	42.7	-	48.0	30.6	49.0	-
Eagle2-Baseline	1.2M	5.2M	77	65.9	50	69.9	589	47.3	60.3	74.7	49.7	71.2	45.9	44.8	49.2	58.8
+ Naive OCR	1.2M	+0.8M	78	67.0	57	73.7	719	49.3	59.9	74.4	50.7	72.1	45.5	46.3	50.7	61.3
+ Chart, Table & OCR QA	1.2M	+2.0M	88	78.3	65	77.6	783	51.7	62.7	76.2	50.1	72.7	50.1	39.9	54.1	65.0
+ Science & Math	1.2M	+0.7M	89	78.8	64	77.7	777	52.5	63.4	77.1	50.7	75.6	51.5	38.9	51.2	65.2
+ Caption	1.2M	+0.5M	88	79.0	63	78.0	784	53.7	61.0	77.2	52.9	77.9	55.8	39.5	49.7	65.7
+ Grounding & Counting	1.2M	+0.2M	88	79.4	64	77.9	792	54.3	61.7	77.1	51.8	77.6	54.2	39.6	53.7	66.0
+ Text-Only	1.2M	+2.3M	88	78.5	63	77.9	792	55.5	65.4	76.5	51.4	76.5	58.8	37.3	57.5	66.6
+ General	1.2M	+1.0M	88	80.0	63	77.8	797	55.9	65.9	76.9	52.2	78.9	56.8	40.8	55.5	67.0

Table 5 | **Data ablation under 2-Stage training.** The Stage-2 baseline uses Cambrian-1 data. In subsequent experiments, we gradually increase the SFT data, adding only specific categories each time.

Model	Stage-1 Stage-1.5 Stage-2			DocVQA	ChartQA	InfoVQA	TextVQA	OCRBench	MMstar	RWQA	AI2D	MMMU	MMB _{1.1}	MMVet	HallB	MathVista	Average score
	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test	Test	Val	Test	Test	Test	Test	Val	EN-Val	Test	Test	Test-Mini	
Cambrian-7B [16]	1.2M	-	7M	77.8	73.3	-	71.7	624	50.7	64.2	74.6	42.7	68.2	48.0	30.6	49.0	-
Introducing Stage 1.5	1.2M	21M	-	89.9	82.7	71.1	79.5	812	58.5	69.4	78.6	50.9	81.7	55.7	47.1	60.1	69.7
+ Stage 2	1.2M	21M	12.7M	91.0	84.0	72.5	81.0	825	61.4	69.0	81.0	52.0	83.0	56.3	46.4	61.4	70.9
+ Naive Subset Selection	1.2M	21M	8.2M	90.4	83.7	72.0	79.7	798	62.8	67.8	83.6	51.7	81.9	56.1	46.7	61.0	70.6
+ Data Formatting/Filtering	1.2M	21M	8.2M	91.1	84.5	72.3	81.2	843	62.1	67.7	83.0	53.2	82.2	55.8	46.6	62.0	71.2
+ Advanced Subset Selection	1.2M	21M	4.6M	90.8	84.1	73.3	81.4	843	62.7	68.9	84.1	52.5	82.5	59.3	49.2	60.5	71.8
+ Data Augmentation	1.2M	21M	4.6M	91.8	85.1	73.6	81.1	839	61.4	68.4	83.9	53.6	82.4	60.1	48.4	63.5	72.1
+ Re-Update Stage 1.5	1.2M	22M	4.6M	91.3	85.9	73.3	81.9	842	61.7	68.2	83.5	53.6	82.4	61.3	49.0	65.2	72.4
+ Mixture of Vision Encoders	1.2M	22M	4.6M	92.6	86.4	77.2	83.0	868	62.6	69.3	83.9	56.1	81.9	62.2	49.3	63.8	73.5

Table 6 | Employing three-stage training strategy allows us to reduce the amount of training data required in the Stage-2, thereby expediting the data iteration process. The resultant efficient data strategies can then be leveraged to refresh and optimize the data in Stage-1.5.

Model	DocVQA	ChartQA	InfoVQA	TextVQA	OCRBench	MMstar	RWQA	AI2D	MMMU	MMB _{1.1}	MMVet	HallB	MathVista	Open-Compass
	Test	Test	Test	Val	Test	Test	Test	Test	Val	Test	Test	Test	Test-Mini	
Closed-Source Models														
GPT-4o-0513 [184]	92.8	85.7	-	-	736	63.9	75.4	84.6	69.2	82.2	69.1	55.0	61.3	69.9
GPT-4V [11]	88.4	78.5	75.1	78.0	656	56.0	68.0	78.6	61.7	79.8	67.5	43.9	54.7	63.5
Gemini-1.5-Pro [185]	93.1	87.2	81.0	78.7	754	-	70.4	-	62.2	-	-	-	63.9	64.4
Publicly Available Models														
LLaVa-OneVision-0.5B [17]	70.0	61.4	41.8	-	565	37.7	55.6	57.1	31.4	50.3	32.2	31.7	33.8	41.3
InternVL2-1B [14]	81.7	72.9	50.9	70.0	754	45.7	50.3	64.1	36.7	59.7	32.7	34.0	37.7	48.3
Eagle2-1B	81.8	77.0	54.8	76.6	767	48.5	55.4	70.9	38.8	63.0	40.9	35.3	45.3	52.4*
InternVL2-2B [14]	86.9	76.2	58.9	73.4	784	50.1	57.3	74.1	36.3	69.6	39.5	37.9	46.3	54.0
Qwen2-VL-2B [25]	90.1	73.0	65.5	79.7	809	48.0	62.6	78.9	41.1	72.2	49.5	41.7	43.0	57.2
Eagle2-2B	88.0	82.3	65.8	79.1	818	56.4	63.1	79.3	43.1	74.9	53.8	45.8	54.7	61.2*
InternVL2-8B [14]	91.6	83.3	74.8	77.4	794	60.9	64.4	83.8	51.8	79.4	54.2	45.2	58.3	64.1
Qwen2-VL-7B [27]	94.6	83.0	74.3	84.3	845	60.7	70.1	83.0	54.1	81.0	62.0	50.5	58.2	67.0
MiniCPM-V2.6 [186]	90.8	82.4	-	80.1	852	57.5	65.0	82.1	49.8	78.0	60.0	48.1	60.6	65.2
LLaVA-One-Vision-7B [17]	87.5	80.0	68.8	-	622	61.7	66.3	81.4	48.8	80.9	57.5	31.6	63.2	60.1
InternVL2-26B [14]	92.9	84.9	75.9	82.3	825	61.0	68.3	84.5	50.7	81.2	62.1	50.7	59.4	66.4
LLaVA-One-Vision-72B [17]	91.7	83.7	74.9	-	741	66.1	71.9	85.6	56.6	84.5	60.6	47.5	68.4	68.0
LLaMa-3.2-90B-Vision [15]	90.1	85.5	-	-	783	55.3	-	-	60.3	77.3	64.1	44.1	57.3	63.4
Eagle2-9B	92.6	86.4	77.2	83.0	868	62.6	69.3	83.9	56.1	80.6	62.2	49.3	63.8	68.2*

Table 7 | **Comparison with SoTA models on Various Benchmarks.** *: We obtain the OpenCompass [18] score by averaging across Eagle benchmarks (OCRBench, MMStar, AI2D, MMMU, MMB_{1.1}, MMVet, HallusionBench, and MathVista).

portance of carefully reviewing and utilizing existing data, as well as exercising caution with publicly available data.

Advanced data selection. By employing the comprehensive data selection strategy introduced in Sec. 2.2, we

further reduce the dataset to 4.6M samples. By selecting a more balanced data subset and ensuring data quality, we achieve a further improvement in average score with a reduced amount of data.

Data augmentation. By employing our data augmentation strategy, we introduce a greater volume of automatically generated CoT training data, leading to notable performance improvements on MMMU and MathVista. The rule-based data augmentation on the chart data also brings 1 point improvement on ChartQA.

Re-updating stage-1.5. The effective data strategies we explored in Stage-2, such as data filtering, formatting, and augmentation, can be applied to update the Stage-1.5 data, thereby further enhancing the model’s ultimate capability. By updating Stage-1.5 checkpoint, we obtain clear improvement on ChartQA, MMVet and MathVista.

Mixture of vision encoders. Introducing mixture of vision encoder has brought performance improvements on 12 out of 14 benchmarks, particularly in benchmarks related to documents, charts, and OCR. This clearly demonstrates that the mixture of vision encoders significantly enhances the model’s understanding to visual spaces.

3.2. Comparison with SOTA Models

As shown in Tab. 7, we conducted comparisons across 14 diverse benchmarks with the representative state-of-the-art public available and closed-source models. Our Eagle2-9B, building on top of Qwen2.5-7B [27], outperforms InternVL2-8B [14] and MiniCPM-v2.6 [186] across all 14 benchmarks and leads Qwen2-VL-7B [25] in 9 out of the 14 benchmarks and beats it on OpenCompass. Eagle2-9B holds its ground against much larger VLMs such as InternVL2-26B, LLaVa-OneVision-72B [17] and LLaMa-3.2-90B-Vision [15]. Apart from MMVet and MMMU, we comprehensively surpass GPT-4V. Eagle2-9B surpasses GPT-4o [184] on ChartQA, OCRBench, and MathVista, while achieving performance very close to GPT-4o on DocVQA, MMStar, AI2D and OpenCompass.

4. Related Work

Vision-Language Models (VLMs) LLMs [187, 188, 3] have transformed natural language processing (NLP) and reshaped the broader AI landscape. The advancement of LLMs has spurred significant progress in visual understanding by integrating visual features with LLMs, leading to the emergence of Visual-Language Models (VLMs) [189, 11, 4, 190]. The performance of VLMs with public available weights [4, 3, 191, 192, 193, 17, 194, 14, 25, 195, 15, 196, 197, 198, 199] continues to make breakthroughs, reaching or even surpassing the most advanced commercial models such as GPT-4V/4o [184, 11] and Gemini-1.5 [185]. Fully open-source VLMs [17, 16, 200] have released their training data and code base, further accelerating the VLM research.

Vision-Centric VLMs. Our work adopts a vision-centric VLM design that emphasizes strong vision foundation

and HD input. This is aligned with the spirit of various related areas, including: 1) Vision foundation for VLMs [201, 202, 203] and improved designs [204, 23, 195, 205, 206, 207], 2) Mixture of vision encoder designs [208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 16, 22], and 3) Tiling and HD input designs [213, 214, 215, 216, 21, 193, 194, 217, 14, 25]. To our best knowledge, this work is the first to explore the tiled mixture of vision encoder (MoVE) design, which is shown to inherit the benefits from both worlds. The proposed tiled MoVE design also introduces additional flexibility to incorporate advanced vision foundation models.

Data Efforts in VLMs. Data strategy is crucial in training VLMs, encompassing aspects of data set construction, balance and filtering, and training methodologies. Early endeavors such as LLaVA-150K [4] used instructed tuning with GPT-4 [11], which was later enriched by successors [218, 219, 193, 204] incorporating academic training data from various tasks into the supervised fine-tuning stage. Studies also broadened data types to include video [220, 15], multi-image inputs [17, 14], image-text interleaved data [221, 222], multilingual data [186], and synthetic datasets [15]. However, simply expanding data sets can compromise model performance due to varying quality and size. Approaches like Instruct-BLIP [219] and Cambrian-1 [16] addressed this by devising optimal data ratios and balancing techniques, while others like Llama3 [15] and Molmo [223] focused on enhancing data quality by removing duplicates with SSCD [178] and incorporating human-annotated images, respectively. In addition, Training strategies have also evolved, with LLaVA [4] proposing a two-stage training process that has become a standard, and later models [17] introducing intermediate stages. VLM surveys [224, 225, 226] also discuss various training recipes and data strategies for building VLMs, however, they lack qualitative analysis and do not provide a detailed enough path for training cutting-edge VLMs.

5. Conclusion

As publicly available frontier VLMs continue to approach or even surpass proprietary commercial models, the detailed data strategies of these leading VLMs remains unknown to the community. In this paper, we have unveiled many details on the post-training data strategy for training frontier VLMs. Our covered data strategy is effective and comprehensive. We hope this work offers a transparent practice to inspire the community.

6. Demos

This section provides some examples to demonstrate Eagle2 capabilities. To avoid cherry-picking, we directly select demo cases from other works (Qwen2-VL and In-

ternVL2) as our test cases.

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Document Parsing with Dense Formulas (Example borrowed from Qwen2-VL paper)

1. If $i > 0$, let $d'' := (i-1, d-i-l+1, l)$. Let V_d and $V_{d''}$ be $r+1$ -dimensional subspaces of $H^0(\mathcal{L}_d)$ and $H^0(\mathcal{L}_{d''})$, respectively, such that $\varphi_{d,d''}(V_d) = V_{d''}$. Then the distributivity holds in V_d if and only if

$$\dim(V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0}) - \dim(V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0}) = r+1 - \dim(V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0})$$

2. If $i+l \leq d-1$, let $d'' := (i, d-i-l-1, l+1)$. Let V_d and $V_{d''}$ be $r+1$ -dimensional subspaces of $H^0(\mathcal{L}_d)$ and $H^0(\mathcal{L}_{d''})$, respectively, such that $\varphi_{d,d''}(V_d) = V_{d''}$. Then the distributivity holds in V_d if and only if

$$\dim(V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0}) - \dim(V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0}) = r+1 - \dim(V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0})$$

where the maps $\varphi_{d,d''}$ and $\varphi_{d'',d}$ in Proposition 3.14 are the maps linking the corresponding sheaves. Another important result is Proposition 3.16, which establishes an inequality for any exact limit linear series. Specifically, our Proposition 3.16 says:

Let $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ be an exact limit linear series of degree d and dimension r . Then

$$\sum_d \dim \left(\frac{V_d}{V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0}} \right) \geq r+1.$$

As a consequence of Proposition 3.14 and Proposition 3.16, in Corollary 3.17, we get the following characterization of exact limit linear series satisfying the distributivity at each multidegree:

Let $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ be an exact limit linear series of degree d and dimension r . Then

$$\sum_d \dim \left(\frac{V_d}{V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0}} \right) = r+1$$

if and only if the distributivity holds in V_d for any d .

In Section 3, we also study simple limit linear series. In Proposition 3.18, we characterize the multidegrees which determine all simple bases. In Proposition 3.20, following the construction in Muñoz [5], Proposition 4.4, we present a certain structure of linearly independent sections for any exact limit linear series satisfying the distributivity property. In Propositions 3.21 and 3.22, we obtain some properties of that structure. These properties imply the existence of a simple basis (we give a proof of that in Proposition 3.23).

We conclude Section 3 with a characterization of simple limit linear series among the exact limit linear series. Specifically, our Corollary 3.24 says:

Let $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ be an exact limit linear series of degree d and dimension r . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1. $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ is simple.
2. $\sum_d \dim \left(\frac{V_d}{V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0} + V_d^{X,0}} \right) = r+1$.
3. The distributivity holds in V_d for any d .

In a subsequent work, given a refined limit linear series, we will construct all simple extensions by combining our Proposition 3.14 and the method of Muñoz [6] for the construction of all exact extensions.

Input: Extract the Text content.

Model Response

1. If $i > 0$, let $d'' := (i-1, d-i-l+1, l)$. Let V_d and $V_{d''}$ be $r+1$ -dimensional subspaces of $H^0(\mathcal{L}_d)$ and $H^0(\mathcal{L}_{d''})$, respectively, such that $\varphi_{d,d''}(V_d) = V_{d''}$. Then the distributivity holds in V_d if and only if

$$\dim(V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,3,0}) - \dim(V_d^{X,2,0} + V_d^{X,3,0}) = r+1 - \dim(V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,2,0} + V_d^{X,3,0}).$$

2. If $i+l \leq d-1$, let $d'' := (i, d-i-l-1, l+1)$. Let V_d and $V_{d''}$ be $r+1$ -dimensional subspaces of $H^0(\mathcal{L}_d)$ and $H^0(\mathcal{L}_{d''})$, respectively, such that $\varphi_{d,d''}(V_d) = V_{d''}$. Then the distributivity holds in V_d if and only if

$$\dim(V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,2,0}) - \dim(V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,2,0}) = r+1 - \dim(V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,2,0} + V_d^{X,3,0}),$$

where the maps $\varphi_{d,d''}$ and $\varphi_{d'',d}$ are the maps linking the corresponding sheaves.

Another important result is Proposition 3.16, which establishes an inequality for any exact limit linear series:

Let $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ be an exact limit linear series of degree d and dimension r . Then

$$\sum_d \dim \left(\frac{V_d}{V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,2,0} + V_d^{X,3,0}} \right) \geq r+1.$$

As a consequence of Proposition 3.14 and Proposition 3.16, in Corollary 3.17, we get the following characterization of exact limit linear series satisfying the distributivity at each multidegree:

Let $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ be an exact limit linear series of degree d and dimension r . Then

$$\sum_d \dim \left(\frac{V_d}{V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,2,0} + V_d^{X,3,0}} \right) = r+1$$

if and only if the distributivity holds in V_d for any d .

In Section 3, we also study simple limit linear series. In Proposition 3.18, we characterize the multidegrees which determine all simple bases. In Proposition 3.20, following the construction in Muñoz [5], Proposition 4.4, we present a certain structure of linearly independent sections for any exact limit linear series satisfying the distributivity property. In Propositions 3.21 and 3.22, we obtain some properties of that structure. These properties imply the existence of a simple basis (we give a proof of that in Proposition 3.23).

We conclude Section 3 with a characterization of simple limit linear series among the exact limit linear series. Specifically, our Corollary 3.24 says:

Let $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ be an exact limit linear series of degree d and dimension r . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1. $\{(\mathcal{L}_d, V_d)\}_d$ is simple.
2. $\sum_d \dim \left(\frac{V_d}{V_d^{X,1,0} + V_d^{X,2,0} + V_d^{X,3,0}} \right) = r+1$.
3. The distributivity holds in V_d for any d .

In a subsequent work, given a refined limit linear series, we will construct all simple extensions by combining our Proposition 3.14 and the method of Muñoz [6] for the construction of all exact extensions.

Figure 12 | Eagle2-9B has strong OCR recognition capabilities.

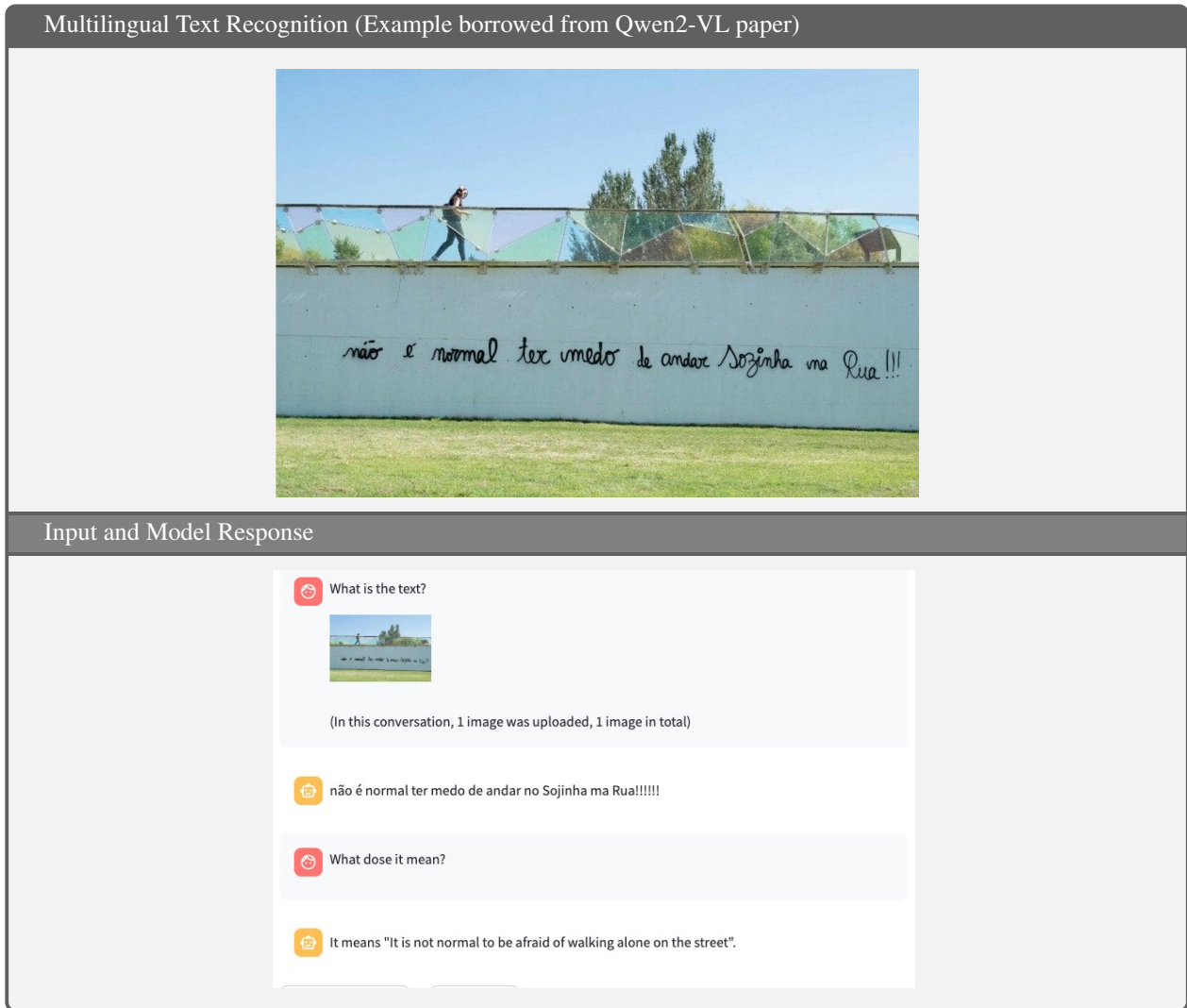
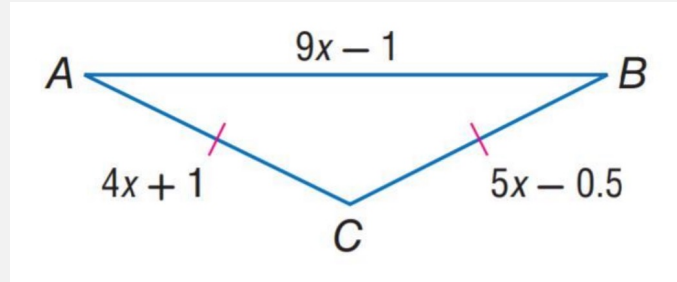


Figure 13 | Eagle2-9B has Multilingual OCR Recognition Capability.

Mathematical Problem Solving (Example borrowed from Qwen2-VL paper)



Input and Model Response

Find the length of AC in the isosceles triangle ABC. Give a step-by-step solution.



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Problem Restatement:

We need to find the length of side AC in isosceles triangle ABC, where $AC = BC$. The expressions for the sides are given as $9x - 1$ for AB and $5x - 0.5$ for both AC and BC.

Step-by-Step Process:

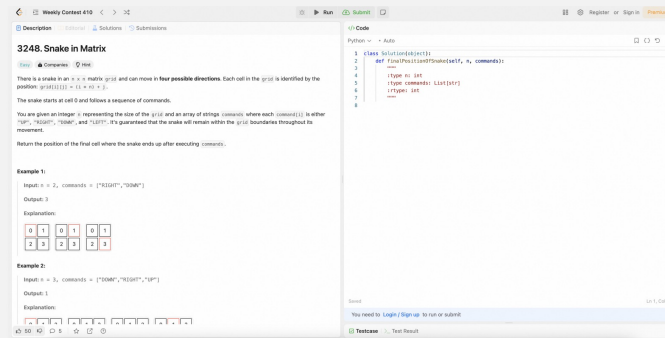
- Identify Equal Sides:** Since triangle ABC is isosceles with $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{BC}$, set their respective expressions equal: $4x + 1 = 5x - 0.5$
- Solve for x:** Rearrange the equation: $4x + 1 = 5x - 0.5$ Subtract $4x$ from each side: $1 = x - 0.5$ Add 0.5 to both sides to solve for x : $x = 1.5$
- Substitute Back into AC's Expression:** Use the value of x to calculate AC using its expression $4x + 1$: $AC = 4(1.5) + 1$ Simplifying this gives: $AC = 6 + 1 = 7$

Final Answer:

The length of AC is $\boxed{7}$.

Figure 14 | CoT Inference ability.

Algorithmic Problem Solving (Example borrowed from Qwen2-VL paper)



Input: Solve the algorithmic problem in the web page.

Model Response

To solve the problem of finding the final position of a snake in a matrix based on commands, we can iterate through each command and update the position accordingly. Here is a Python solution that demonstrates this approach:

```

class Solution(object):
    def finalPositionOfSnake(self, n, commands):
        # Initial position at (0, 0)
        x = y = 0

        for cmd in commands:
            if cmd == 'RIGHT':
                y += 1
            elif cmd == 'LEFT':
                y -= 1
            elif cmd == 'UP':
                x -= 1
            elif cmd == 'DOWN':
                x += 1

            # Ensure the position stays within the grid boundaries
            if y >= n: y = n - 1
            if y < 0: y = 0
            if x >= n: x = n - 1
            if x < 0: x = 0

        return x * n + y

# Test cases to validate the solution
snake_solution = Solution()

print(snake_solution.finalPositionOfSnake(2, ["RIGHT", "DOWN"])) # Expect
print(snake_solution.finalPositionOfSnake(3, ["DOWN", "RIGHT", "UP"])) # E

```


The key steps include:

1. Initializing the starting position (x, y) at cell 0 ($grid[0][0]$).
2. Iterating over each command.
3. Updating the position based on the direction of movement ("RIGHT", "LEFT", "UP", "DOWN").
4. Ensuring the position remains within the valid range $[0, n-1]$.


This code handles edge cases by resetting positions when they go outside the grid limits.


Figure 15 | Solving "Easy" algorithmic problem via Eagle2-9B.

Image Analysis (Example borrowed from InternVL2 demos)




Input and Model Response

 Is this a real plant? Analyze the reasons.



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 No, this is not a real plant. It appears to be an artificial tree designed with digital art or 3D modeling software.

- Design and Structure:** The branches are unusually twisted and stylized, lacking the natural curvature found in most trees.
- Leaf Arrangement:** The leaves look uniform in shape and size, with no variation typical of natural foliage.
- Flowering Pattern:** The flowers resemble white calla lilies but are placed at unnatural intervals and angles on the branches.
- Base and Growth Medium:** The base looks like it's growing out of a rectangular block of material resembling concrete or plaster, which isn't a realistic way for plants to grow naturally.
- Lighting and Texture:** The lighting and texture, such as the leaf veins and bark, seem overly smooth and lack the organic imperfections seen in real plants.

These features suggest that the image has been digitally created rather than depicting a living plant.

Figure 16 | Eagle2-9B is able to analyze anomalies in images.

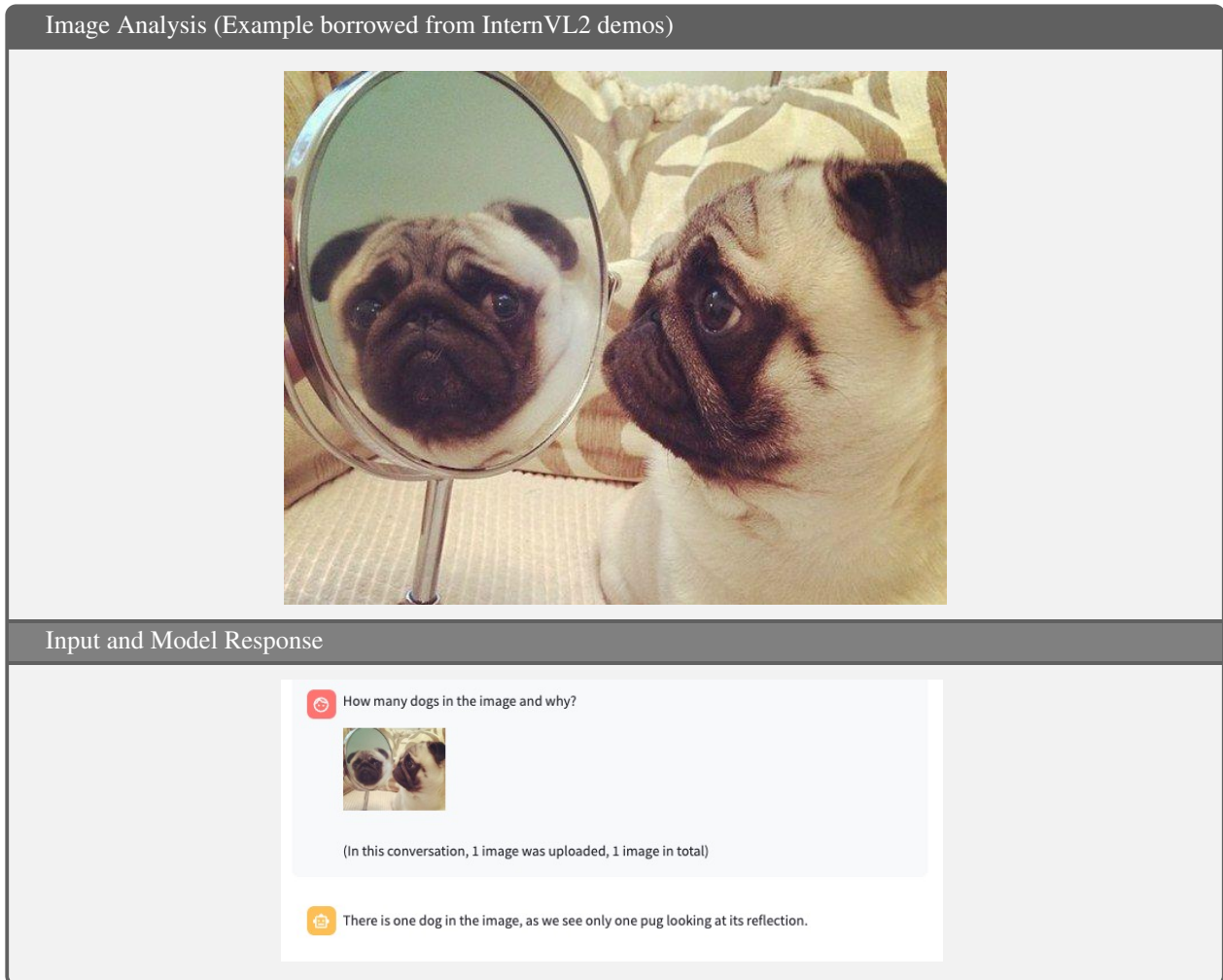
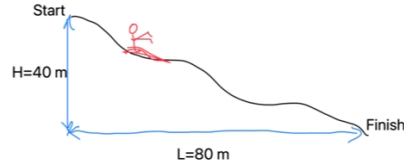


Figure 17 | Eagle2-9B can correctly distinguish objects in the mirror.

Handwriting OCR (Example borrowed from InternVL2 demos)

23. A skier slides down the frictionless slope as shown. What is the skier's speed at the bottom?



Solution:

The conservation of energy means that the energy of the skier is same at the beginning and at the end.

$$\text{Start: } E = mgL$$

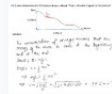
$$\text{End: } E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow mgL = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{2gL} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 80} = 39.6 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

Input and Model Response

Analyze this image?



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The image represents a physics problem involving the calculation of a skier's speed at the bottom of a frictionless slope. Here are the details:

1. Problem Description:

- A skier slides down a frictionless slope.
- The height of the slope is 40 meters ($H = 40 \text{ m}$).
- The length of the slope is 80 meters ($L = 80 \text{ m}$).

2. Solution:

- The solution applies the principle of conservation of energy, which states that energy remains constant in an isolated system.

3. Equations and Calculations:

- Initial potential energy at the start: $E_{\text{start}} = mgL$
- Final kinetic energy at the end: $E_{\text{end}} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- Since there is no friction, all initial gravitational potential energy converts into kinetic energy at the bottom. $mgL = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- Solving for v , the final velocity: $v = \sqrt{2gL}$ Substituting $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ and $L = 80 \text{ m}$, $v = \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 80} \approx 39.6 \text{ m/s}$

This explanation combines a clear description with mathematical calculations to determine the skier's speed at the bottom of the slope using principles of energy conservation.

Figure 18 | Eagle2-9B has excellent handwriting recognition capabilities.

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A. Computing

We show our training resource for Eagle2-9B in Tab. A. In actual development, we rarely iterate the Stage-1 model. Usually, we iterate Stage-1.5 once after iterating Stage-2 > 10 times.

Qwen-2-9B	GPUs Hours	Stage-1	Stage-1.5	Stage-2
		H100×128 2.5	H100×256 28	H100×256 6

Table A | Training Information of Eagle2-9B.

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
LLaVa-150K-EN	General	158K	57K
LLaVa-150K-CN	General	158K	50K
LVIS-Instruct4V	General	223K	12K
ALLaVa-laion	General	505K	20K
ALLaVa-vflan	General	202K	26K
Laion-GPT4V	General	11K	11K
LLAVAR	General	20K	20K
SketchyVQA	General	4K	4K
IDK	General	11K	11K
AlfworldGPT	General	45K	9K
LNQA	General	303K	23K
Face-Emotion	General	1K	1K
SpatialSense	General	10K	10K
Indoor-QA	General	3K	3K
Place365	General	19K	19K
MMInsturct-QA	General	167K	23K
DriveLM	General	4K	4K
YesBut	General	1K	1K
WildVision	General	6K	6K
LLaVa-Critic-113K	General	113K	56K
RLAIF-V	General	83K	14K
VQAv2	General	83K	18K
MMRA	General	1K	1K
KONIQ	General	30K	30K
MMDU	General	45K	23K
Spot-The-Diff	General	9K	9K
Hatefull-Memes	General	9K	9K
COCO-QA	General	46K	23K
NLVR2	General	50K	25K
Mimic-CGD	General	71K	7K
Datikz	General	44K	8K
Chinese-Meme	General	5K	5K
IconQA	General	27K	27K
Websight	General	10K	10K

Table B | General VQA Data.

B. Dataset

We show the detailed used number of samples of every data source in Tab. B, Tab. C, Tab. D, Tab. E, Tab. F, Tab. G, Tab. H, Tab. J, and Tab. I.

In addition to these existing data, we will also provide the augmented data information later.

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
SynthDog	Naive OCR	100K	400
MTWI	Naive OCR	10K	10K
LVST	Naive OCR	30K	30K
SROIE	Naive OCR	34K	1K
FUNSD	Naive OCR	199	199
Latex-Formula	Naive OCR	110K	6K
IAM	Naive OCR	58K	16K
Handwriting-Latex	Naive OCR	100K	3K
ArT	Naive OCR	55K	14K
CTW	Naive OCR	26K	26K
ReCTs	Naive OCR	20K	20K
COCO-Text	Naive OCR	16K	16K
SVRD	Naive OCR	2K	2K
Hiertext	Naive OCR	10K	10K
RoadText	Naive OCR	200	200
MapText	Naive OCR	240	240
CAPTCHA	Naive OCR	10K	10K
Est-VQA	Naive OCR	17K	17K
HME-100K	Naive OCR	75K	37K
TAL-OCR-ENG	Naive OCR	10K	10K
TAL-HW-Math	Naive OCR	22K	22K
IMGUR5K	Naive OCR	6K	6K
ORAND-CAR	Naive OCR	5K	5K
Invoices-and-Receipts	Naive OCR	2K	2K
Chrome-Writing	Naive OCR	9K	9K
IIIT5K	Naive OCR	2K	2K
K12-Printing	Naive OCR	257K	51K
Memotion	Naive OCR	6K	6K
Arxix2Markdown	Naive OCR	502K	50K
HW-MathematicsI-Exp.	Naive OCR	12K	12K
WordArt	Naive OCR	5K	5K
Rendered Text	Naive OCR	10K	10K
Handwriting-Forms	Naive OCR	1K	1K

Table C | Naive OCR Data.

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
TallyQA	Counting	133K	12K
OODVQA	Counting	3K	3K
RefCOCO+/g	Grounding	105K	25K
GroundUI	Grounding	17K	8K
Object365	Grounding	1184K	0

Table D | Counting & Grounding Data.

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
AI2D	Science	12K \times 4	12K \times 4
ScienceQA	Science	13K \times 4	13K \times 2
TQA	Science	7K	7K
PathVQA	Science	33K	1K
SciQA	Science	296K	7K
VQA-RAD	Science	313	313
VisualWebInsturct	Science	263K	263K
TextBooks-QA	Science	47K	47K

Table E | Science Data. $\times n$ notes repeat the data by n times.

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
GeoQA+	Math	177K	13K
MathQA	Math	40K	40K
CLEVR	Math	70K	3K
CLEVR-Math	Math	70K	3K
MAVIS-math-rule-geo	Math	100K	100K
MAVIS-math-mategen	Math	86K	86K
InterGPS	Math	1280	1280
Raven	Math	43K	31K
GEOS	Math	498	498
UniGeo	Math	12K	12K

Table F | Math Data.

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
ShareGPT4o	Captioning	57K	12K
KVQA	Knowledge	24K	24K
Movie-Posters	Knowledge	15K	15K
Google-Landmark	Knowledge	26K	26K
WikitArt	Knowledge	12K	12K
Weather-QA	Knowledge	1100	1100
Coco-colors	Captioning	44K	22K
music-sheet	Knowledge	9K	9K
SPARK	Captioning	6K	6K
SAM-caption	Captioning	78K	39K
Tmbd-Celeb-10K	Knowledge	8K	8K
CC3M	Captioning	2237K	0
Textcaps	Captioning	110K	0
ShareGPT-4V	Captioning	767K	0
DenseFusion	Captioning	1171K	0

Table G | Caption & Knowledge Data.

B.1. Dataset Collection

Internal Data To augment the existing OCR data, we used some internal PDF OCR annotated data, notated as Arxiv2Markdown in this work, which converts each page of papers from into the corresponding Markdown format. For this dataset, we use 500k in stage-1.5 and 50k in stage-2. We also use a dataset created from the textbooks as shown in Fig. A, 47K samples are used in both stage-1.5 and stage-2.

Non-QA data conversion Some of the data source was

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
ChartQA	Chart	60K	60K
MMC-Inst	Chart	363K	11K
DVQA	Chart	197K	8K
PlotQA	Chart	157K	7K
LRV-Instruction	Chart	7K	7K
TamMWP	Table	23K	23K
UniChart	Chart	956K	33K
Vistext	Table	10K	10K
TAT-DQA	Table	2K	2K
VQAonDB	Table	34K	40K
FigureQA	Chart	100K	29K
Chart2Text	Chart	27K	27K
Robut	Table	111K	23K
MultiHiertt	Table	7K	7K

Table H | Chart & Table Data. We heavily use some low-quality data such as MMC-Inst, PlotQA in Stage-1.5. But in our final stage, we just sample a very small part from these sources.

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
DocVQA	OCR QA	39K \times 3	39K
InfoVQA	OCR QA	24K \times 4	24K \times 4
TextVQA	OCR QA	35K \times 4	35K \times 2
ArxivQA	OCR QA	54K	3K
ScreenQA	OCR QA	33K	1K
DocReason	OCR QA	9K	9K
Ureader	OCR QA	75K	37K
FinanceQA	OCR QA	10K	10K
DocMatrix	OCR QA	250K	7K
A-OKVQA	OCR QA	8K	8K
Diagram-Image-To-Text	OCR QA	300	300
MapQA	OCR QA	37K	37K
OCRVQA	OCR QA	166K	83K
ST-VQA	OCR QA	17K	17K
SlideVQA	OCR QA	6K	6K
PDF-VQA	OCR QA	9K	9K
SQuAD-VQA	OCR QA	87K	46K
VQA-CD	OCR QA	330	330
Block-Diagram	OCR QA	48K	1K
MTVQA	OCR QA	7K \times 4	7K \times 4
ColPali	OCR QA	46K	23K
BenthanQA	OCR QA	19K	19K

Table I | OCR QA Data. “ \times 4” means we repeat every sample 4 times.

originally in a non-QA format. If it is classification data, we convert it into multiple-choice questions, as shown in Fig. B. For certain datasets with only images, we use automated annotation tools to generate image descriptions, transforming them into captioning data.

Similarity Score our designed similarity score can quickly help us assess the overlap between new data and the existing data pool. Here, we provide an example: if the current data pool is Cambrian-7M, and we aim to introduce new

Dataset	Category	#Stage-1.5	#Stage-2
Orca	Text-only	492K	49K
Orca-math	Text-only	199K	99K
MathInsturct	Text-only	279K	130K
OpenMathInsturct	Text-only	1580K	0
WizardLM	Text-only	70K	42K
TheoremQA	Text-only	796	796
OpenHermes2.5	Text-only	99K	50K
NuminaMath-CoT	Text-only	349K	140K
Python-Code-25k	Text-only	25K	25K
Infinity-Instruct	Text-only	303K	121K
Python-18k-Alpaca	Text-only	18K	18K
Ruozhiba	Text-only	1734	1734
Infinity-Math	Text-only	74K	74K
StepDPO	Text-only	11K	11K
TableLLM	Text-only	73K	36K
UltraInteract-sft	Text-only	279K	84K

Table J | Text-only Data. The quality of text-only data still matters for multi-modal LLMs. We collect a diverse collection of open-source text-only datasets. We also convert some preference datasets into SFT format.

datasets such as UReader, COCO-Colors, and Textbook-QA as shown in Tab. K. Since UReader is a data collection contains DocQA, InfoQA and ChartQA which is already included in Cambrian-7M, we can observe that it has a high similarity score 0.45. The dataset COCO-colors uses COCO images but has new instruction about image colors, so that it has a middle-level score 0.10. Textbooks-QA is our internal data, so it has a relative low score 0.02. In our practice, sources with a score below 0.3 are considered different from the existing data pool. Data with a score above 0.3 may also be retained or removed based on specific considerations. Given the relatively high quality of the data within Ureader, we chose to retain it.

Dataset	Similarity Score	Max value
Ureader	0.45	0.95
Coco-Colors	0.10	0.3
Textbooks-QA	0.02	0.1

Table K | Similarity Score of new data source to Cambrian. We can found that using similarity score can roughly reflect the overlap between new introduced dataset with the existing data pool.

B.2. Dataset Filtering

Our data filtering strategy mainly relies on manual inspection to extract the key features of erroneous data and then filter them through rules.

In addition to the common error data mentioned in the paper, there are other types of errors, but their proportion is relatively small. For example, we notice a particular type of annotated data where the responses are similar to “I can-

Dataset	Category	Original Answer Type	#Samples
TQA-CoT	Science	Only Option Letter	5K
ChartQA-CoT	Science	Only Final Answer	24K
DVQA-CoT	Chart	Only Final Answer	25K
Clever-CoT	Math	Only Final Answer	13K
Clever-Math-CoT	Math	Only Final Answer	59K
SketchyVQA-CoT	General	Yes/No Answer	8K
Tab-MWP-CoT	Table	Brief Explanation	20K
RAVEN-CoT	Math	Option Letter	9K
MAVIS-math-metagen-CoT	Math	Unformatted Long Answer	86K
UniGeo-CoT	Math	Only Final Answer	12K

Table L | Dataset for CoT data augmentation.

training w/ CoT Data	Evaluating w/ CoT Prompt	MathVista-Mini
✗	✓	61.0
✗	✓	60.5
✓	✓	63.2
✓	✓	63.5

Table M | With CoT training data, adding "Solve this problem step-by-step" prompt can help to improve the performance.

not answer this.” For questions involving safety or ethical issues, such responses are appropriate and even necessary. However, some data, such as in pure-text form where the question is “Can you help me describe this image” and the answer is “Sorry, I cannot”, are evidently unsuitable for continued use in VLM training. Therefore, we designed a set of keyword-based filtering rules to exclude these samples.

B.3. Subset Selection

As shown in Tab. B, Tab. C, Tab. D, Tab. E, Tab. F, Tab. G, Tab. H, Tab. J and Tab. I, we have several general rules from subset selection.

- For datasets with fewer than 20,000 samples, we do not perform subset selection.
- If we perform subset selection, we remove at least half of the data. For datasets originally exceeding 100,000 samples, in most cases, we limit the subset to no more than 50,000 samples.

B.4. Data Augmentation

CoT Augmentation. We use existing SOTA VLMs to help us re-write some Science, Math or Chart data to generate detailed chain-of-thought answer. We list datasets used to augment here in Tab. L. We show our prompt used for CoT augmentation in List 1.

In fact, using this automated augmentation method can easily generate incorrect answers or solution steps, even when the correct answer is provided in the prompt. To address this, we employed another LLM to compare the generated answers with the original answers, filtering out some erroneous sample, the prompt is shown in List 2.

To verify the effectiveness of the constructed CoT data,

Model	packing method	DocVQA	ChartQA	InfoVQA	TextVQA	OCRBench	MMstar	RWQA	AI2D	MMMU	MMB _{1.1}	MMVet	HallB	MathVista	Average
Eagle2-9B	Greedy	Test	Test	Test	Val	Test	Test	Test	Test	Val	EN-Val	Test	Test	Test-Mini	Score
Eagle2-9B	Blanced	92.6	84.7	76.5	83.8	855	62.7	67.8	84.0	54.7	81.7	63.0	47.9	61.6	72.8
Eagle2-9B	Blanced	92.6	86.4	77.2	83.0	868	62.6	69.3	83.9	56.1	81.9	62.2	49.3	63.8	73.5

Table N | The overall performance of using naive greedy packing is inferior to that of using balanced-aware packing.

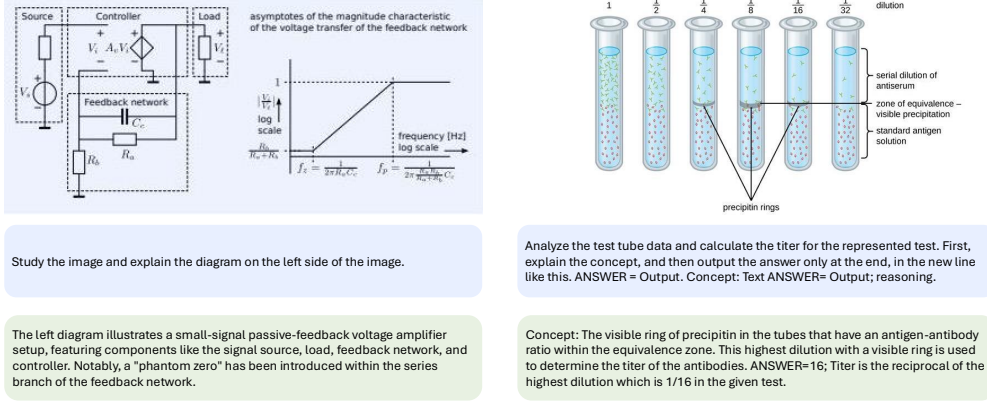


Figure A | Samples of Internal TextbookQA Dataset.



What category does this scene belong to? A: swimming pool/outdoor B: bank vault C: landfill D: beauty salon Answer with the option letter only

A

Figure B | Sample of SpatialScene Dataset.

we evaluate it on MathVista. For models that do not train on the generated CoT data, when adding the CoT prompt "Think it step-by-step" to the question, they do give answers in a CoT format, but unfortunately do not improve accuracy or even significantly reduce it. However, after incorporating our constructed CoT data, using the CoT prompt bring performance boost, as shown in Tab. M.

Rule-Based QA Generation In addition to the previous In addition to the augmentation method for table data, we also designed several other rules to expand the existing dataset as shown in Fig. C. These tasks are designed to reduce model hallucinations and enhance the model's spatial awareness capabilities. Specifically, we use IIIT5K and WordArt dataset for OCR data augmentation.

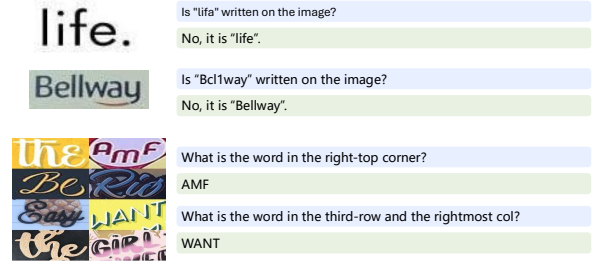


Figure C | Rule-based data augmentation for OCR data.

Expanding Short Answers. We extending the short response in dataset VQAv2, GQA and VSR to detailed response via the prompt List 3.

C. Packing

The knapsacks generated by the naive greedy packing strategy exhibit an unnecessary length distribution bias. To address this, we designed a balanced-aware knapsack method aimed at producing knapsacks with a more uniform length distribution. We show the ablation results with different packing methods in Tab. N. Additional details on practical implementation are provided in List 4.

```

f"""Rewrite the following answer using a **
Chain of Thought (CoT)** approach. The final
answers should adhere to the following
structure and constraints:

1. Problem Restatement: Start by
restating the problem clearly to set the
context.

2. Step-by-Step Process:
- Explicit Steps: Break the solution
into discrete steps, showing all
calculations.
- Justifications: Include a brief
explanation for each step (e.g., referencing
mathematical rules such as the distributive
property, derivative rules, or solving
equations).

3. Mathematical Principles: Where
relevant, mention the specific mathematical
principles or theorems being applied (e.g.,
chain rule, Pythagoras' theorem, etc.).

4. Final Answer: End with the final
solution, clearly boxed or highlighted.

5. Consistent Structure: Ensure every
solution follows this format:
- Restatement of the problem
- Steps and calculations with
justifications
- Final answer

The output should be detailed but concise,
explaining each step logically while avoiding
excessive repetition. Clarity and logical flow
are crucial.

Here is a question and answer pair of this
image:
Question: {question}
Answer: {answer}
"""

```

Listing 1 | Prompt we used for CoT Augmentation.

```

f"""Please evaluate if the correctness of
my answer based on the provided question and
the correct answer.

Question: {question}
Correct Answer: {ori_answer}
My Answer: {new_answer}

Please only return "True" if my answer is
correct, or "False" if it is incorrect.
My answer is: """

```

Listing 2 | Prompt we used for judging the correctness of generation chain-of-thought response.

```

f"""Given the question {question}. The
original answer is {answer}.
Please reply with a more specific answer
based on the existing answer, as detailed as
possible. """

```

Listing 3 | Prompt we used for expanding short answers.

```

# Our proposed greedy knapsack method
def balanced_greedy_knapsack(samples, L,
delta=20):
    # Step 1: Sort the samples
    samples.sort(reverse=True)
    total_length = sum(samples)
    min_knapsacks = (total_length + L - 1) // L
    + delta
    # Step 2: Initialize knapsacks
    knapsacks=[[] for _ in range(min_knapsacks)]
    knapsack_lengths = [0] * min_knapsacks
    # Step 3: Distribute samples across
    knapsacks
    ks_index = 0
    sample_index = 0
    while sample_index < len(samples):
        length = samples[sample_index]
        if knapsack_lengths[ks_index]+length<=L:
            knapsacks[ks_index].append(length)
            knapsack_lengths[ks_index] += length
            sample_index += 1
        else:
            knapsacks.append([])
            knapsack_lengths.append(0)
            ks_index = argmin(knapsack_lengths)
    return knapsacks

```

Listing 4 | In practical implementation, we added an extra redundancy delta to min_knapsacks to avoid creating new knapsacks within the loop. Without this delta, knapsacks with imbalanced distributions could be introduced. The delta value is set based on the data length distribution. The size of samples in our settings is 4k.