

# VisualWebInstruct: Scaling up Multimodal Instruction Data through Web Search

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## Abstract

Vision-Language Models have made significant progress on many perception-focused tasks. However, their progress on reasoning-focused tasks remains limited due to the lack of high-quality and diverse training data. In this work, we aim to address the scarcity of reasoning-focused multimodal datasets. We propose VisualWebInstruct, a novel approach that leverages search engines to create a diverse and high-quality dataset spanning multiple disciplines, including mathematics, physics, finance, and chemistry, etc. Starting with a meticulously selected set of 30,000 seed images, we employ Google Image Search to identify websites containing similar images. We collect and process HTML data from over 700K unique URLs. Through a pipeline of content extraction, filtering, and synthesis, we construct a dataset of approximately 900K question-answer (QA) pairs, with 40% consisting of visual QA pairs and the remaining comprising text-based QA pairs. Models fine-tuned on VisualWebInstruct demonstrate significant performance improvements: (1) fine-tuning on Llava-OV results in 10-20 absolute points improvement across benchmarks, and (2) fine-tuning from MAMmoTH-VL yields a 5 absolute points gain across benchmarks. Our best model, MAMmoTH-VL2, achieves the best known performance with SFT without RL within the 10B parameter class on MMMU-Pro (40.7), MathVerse (42.6), and DynaMath (55.7). These results highlight the effectiveness of our dataset in enhancing the reasoning capabilities of vision-language models for complex multimodal tasks.

## 1 Introduction

Vision-Language Models (VLMs) have shown progress in perceptual tasks like VQA (Antol et al., 2015) and DocVQA (Mathew et al., 2021), yet struggle with complex reasoning tasks such as

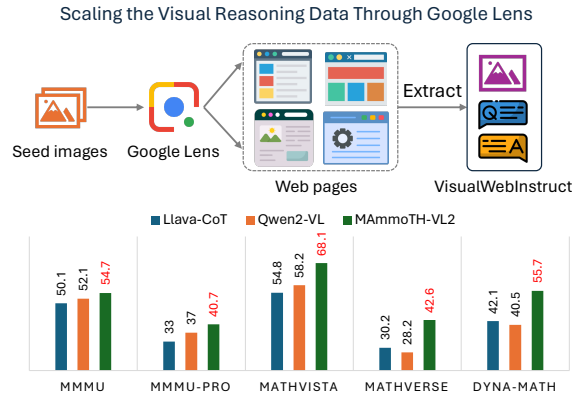


Figure 1: Overview of our automated data curation approach and major experimental results.

MMMU (Yue et al., 2024) and MathVista (Lu et al., 2023). A major bottleneck is the scarcity of reasoning-focused training data. Existing datasets are limited by narrow focus on specific image types (FigureQA (Kahou et al., 2017), ChartQA (Masry et al., 2022)), reliance on synthetic images (CLEVR (Johnson et al., 2017)), or insufficient complexity (AI2D (Kembhavi et al., 2016), ScienceQA (Saikh et al., 2022)).

Inspired by WebInstruct (Yue et al., 2025), we aim to mine naturally existing reasoning-focused instruction data from the internet. However, directly applying WebInstruct’s approach to the multimodal domain presents significant challenges. While WebInstruct retrieves reasoning-focused text data from Common Crawl, this method is infeasible for multimodal content due to two key limitations: (1) the absence of a comparable large-scale multimodal database similar to Common Crawl, and (2) the high unreliability of existing multimodal information retrieval models. To overcome these obstacles, as illustrated in Figure 1, we leverage commercial web image search tools like Google Image Search (Zhang and Rui, 2013), which offer superior coverage and accuracy. Starting with

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Dataset	Size	Source & Domains	Coverage
ScienceQA	21K	Elementary and high school science	Science Q&A, diagrams, K-12 Exam
IconQA	107K	Abstract diagrams and visual reasoning	Visual reasoning, diagrams
Geo170K	170K	Synthesized from LLMs	Geometry
CLEVR	700K	Synthesized from rules	Shapes
FigureQA	1.3M	Synthesized from rules	Bar, Line, Pie
ChartQA	23K	Charts from Staista, Pew, etc	Charts
Math360V	260K	FigureQA, CLEVR, IconQA, etc	Math reasoning, diagrams
Mulberry	260K	Geo3K, IconQA, ChartQA, ScienceQA, etc	Geo, Figure, Medical, K-12 Exam
Llava-CoT	100K	ChartQA, AI2D, GeoQA, CLEVR, etc	Geo, General VQA, K-12 Exam
VISUALWEBINSTRUCT	906K	Internet (Homework Website, Forums, etc)	All Above + College Exams

Table 1: Comparison between our dataset and the existing datasets. VISUALWEBINSTRUCT is the most diverse dataset with very broad coverage of disciplines and image types.

30,000 seed images across disciplines including Accounting, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics, we use these as queries to identify websites with similar visual content. During our extraction process, we discover that these websites contain not only visual QA content but also valuable text-only examples, which we intentionally preserve to enhance model training across both modalities.

Through subsequent extraction and refinement processes, including consistency verification and alignment with source content, we develop VISUALWEBINSTRUCT, containing approximately 900K QA pairs (40% visual QA with 163,743 unique images) that preserve both the visual and textual information necessary for complex reasoning tasks. Table 1 compares VISUALWEBINSTRUCT with other datasets in terms of source and coverage. Fine-tuning MAMmoth-VL (Guo et al., 2024) on VISUALWEBINSTRUCT creates MAMmoth-VL2, which achieves the best known performance with SFT without RL within the 10B parameter class on complex reasoning benchmarks including MMMU-Pro-std (40.7%), MMVet (64.5%), and Dyna-Math (55.7%), outperforming competitors like InternVL2.5 (Chen et al., 2024) and Phi-4-Mini (Abouelenin et al., 2025).

Our contributions can be summarized as follows:

- (1) We propose a scalable pipeline for acquiring high-quality multimodal reasoning data from the internet, ensuring both scalability and quality.
- (2) We introduce VISUALWEBINSTRUCT, a diverse and comprehensive multimodal instruction dataset, which we will publicly release to the research community.
- (3) We develop MAMmoth-VL2, a 7B-parameter vision-language model fine-tuned on VISUALWEBINSTRUCT, achieving the best known performance with SFT without RL among models of

comparable size and excelling in complex visual reasoning tasks.

## 2 Stage 1: Mining Data from the Internet

Our data mining pipeline follows a systematic approach to extract image-rich QA pairs from the internet, as illustrated in Figure 2. We begin with approximately 30K scientific images as seed data spanning multiple disciplines. We employ Google Image Search to identify visually similar content, gathering 758,490 unique URLs. After filtering out irrelevant domains, we construct accessibility trees for the relevant websites to extract meaningful content, preserving both textual and visual information while eliminating non-essential elements. We then leverage the Gemini 1.5 Flash model in a two-stage process: first to automatically extract QA pairs from the accessibility trees and then to filter these pairs based on comprehensive quality criteria, including question validity and image relevance, ensuring the educational value and integrity of the final dataset.

### 2.1 Seed Data collecting

Due to the limited availability of image-rich QA datasets and the predominant focus on mathematics in existing datasets, creating a comprehensive QA dataset that incorporates diverse subjects and abundant visual content is essential. Our seed dataset consists of approximately 30,000 images from multiple high-quality educational sources, including K12 educational forums (42.4%), geometry problems (33.3%), MMMU dev split samples (21.2%), and educational reference materials (3.1%). These images span multiple disciplines, including mathematics, physics, accounting, chemistry, engineering, and biology, ensuring both subject diversity

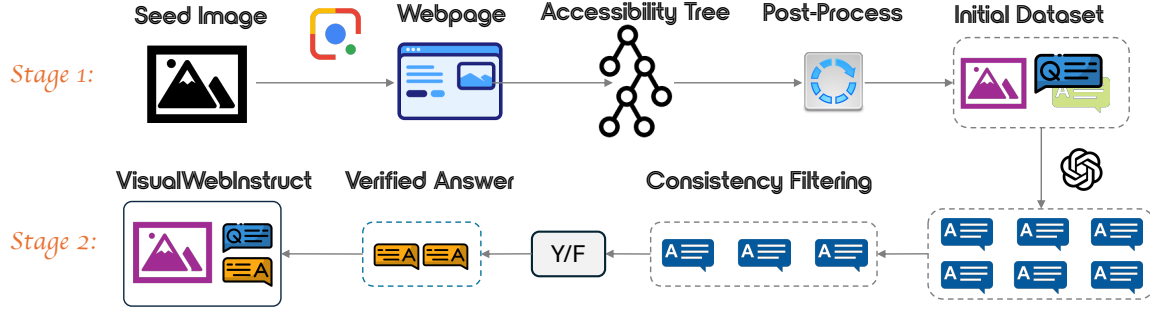


Figure 2: Comprehensive Pipeline for VISUALWEBINSTRUCT Dataset Generation. The workflow illustrates our multi-stage approach for creating high-quality multimodal instruction data. **Stage 1:** starting with seed images, we leverage Google Image search to identify relevant webpages, which are processed into accessibility trees. The raw QA pairs are extracted from the trees and refined through a post-processing step to ensure the validity the data. **Stage 2:** we first generate multiple synthesized answers for consistency filtering, then align these with original web-sourced content to enhance the accuracy of the answers.

and visual richness. Detailed composition statistics are provided in Appendix A.

## 2.2 Google Image Searching

Using the seed images, we conducted Google Image searches to find visually similar content across the web. Leveraging Google Lens (Figure 3), we collected approximately 60 URLs per image, resulting in a total of 1,747,634 URLs containing visually similar content. Many websites with non-permissive licenses implement anti-crawling mechanisms, and we ensured compliance by avoiding data collection from such sources. We applied rigorous deduplication and filtering, removing URLs from domains unlikely to contain educational content (e.g., video platforms and image repositories). This refinement yielded 758,490 unique, high-quality URLs for further processing. By using images as primary search keys, we ensured strong visual and contextual connections between the collected data and our seed dataset, effectively preserving the original distribution while significantly expanding its coverage.

## 2.3 Accessibility Tree Building

After filtering out irrelevant domains, we processed the HTML content of each remaining URL to construct accessibility trees that capture essential textual and visual information. As illustrated in Figure 4, our implementation focuses on extracting meaningful text content and image elements while filtering out non-essential components such as navigation menus, advertisements, and auxiliary elements. We developed a tree-based structure where each node represents either textual content or an

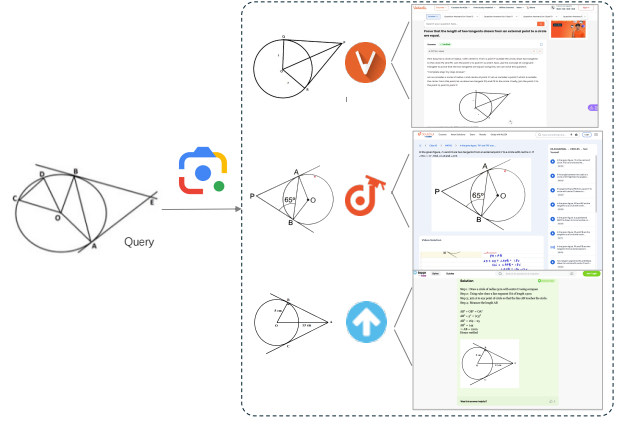


Figure 3: Example of Google Lens search functionality for circle geometry problems.

image, preserving the hierarchical relationships present in the original HTML while removing unnecessary markup and styling information. The resulting accessibility trees provide a clean, hierarchical representation of each webpage’s content, making subsequent QA pair extraction more efficient and reliable.

## 2.4 QA Pairs Extraction

After constructing accessibility trees, we use the Gemini 1.5 Flash model to identify and extract high-quality QA pairs from the web content. We designed a structured prompt that instructs the model to extract the complete text of the question, identify relevant images related to the question, and extract the complete details of the solution while preserving mathematical notation and step-by-step explanations. This approach maintains the educational integrity of the extracted content by preserving its original formatting, mathematical expres-





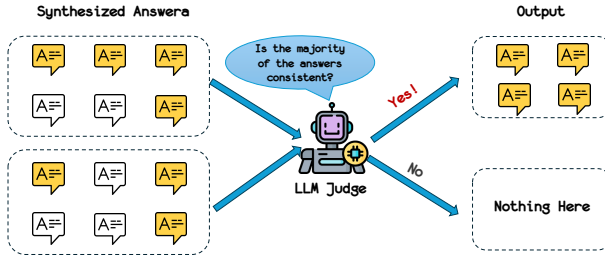


Figure 5: Illustration of our consistency checking methodology using LLM judge.

In this step, we used Gemini-2.0-Flash to measure the alignment between GPT-generated responses and the original extracted answers, if available. In cases where the comparison indicated inconsistency, we preserved the original web-sourced answer. Conversely, when the Gemini model determined strong alignment between the generated and web-sourced answers, we retained the GPT-generated version. Through this alignment process, we combined the consistency of model-generated content with the authority of original educational materials in a balanced manner.

## 4 Dataset Statistics

**Knowledge Domain Distribution:** The statistics presented in Table 2 illustrate the distribution of knowledge domains in our dataset, VISUALWEBINSTRUCT. While the major categories are shown in the table, the "Others" category (6.60%) comprises General Knowledge (2.45%), Computer Science (2.25%), Biology (1.40%), and humanities subjects, including Language/Literature (0.25%), Social Sciences (0.20%), and Arts (0.05%). This distribution reflects the dataset’s strong quantitative orientation while ensuring sufficient breadth.

**Educational Difficulty:** Figure 6 presents the educational difficulty distribution across different academic levels. The dataset is primarily concentrated at middle school (40.1%) and high school (38.6%) levels, with a substantial portion at undergraduate level (18.0%). The relatively small proportions at elementary (3.0%) and graduate (0.2%) levels indicate that our dataset focuses on intermediate to advanced educational content rather than either very basic or highly specialized material, which aligns well with the typical difficulty range of reasoning tasks in benchmarks.

**Pipeline Statistics:** Table 3 summarizes the statistics after each step of the VISUALWEBINSTRUCT pipeline, showing the data progression through two

main stages. Our approach effectively scaled the initial 30,000 seed images into a comprehensive multimodal instruction dataset containing 900K instruction data. The final dataset includes 347,313 image-associated QA pairs (approximately 38% of the total) supported by 163,743 unique images. The total pipeline cost of approximately \$10,771 demonstrates the cost-effectiveness of our approach (see Appendix B for detailed cost analysis).

**Image Distribution per QA Pair:** Analysis of the image-text associations reveals that 68% of QA pairs contain a single image, 22% contain two images, and the remaining 10% contain three or more images. This distribution reflects the natural complexity of educational content, where most problems can be understood with a single diagram or figure, while more complex scenarios require multiple visual aids.

**Human Evaluation:** To assess the quality of our dataset, we conducted human evaluation on 200 randomly sampled QA pairs. The evaluation results demonstrate excellent question quality, with 99.0% of questions showing high clarity and 95.5% exhibiting strong image relevance, indicating that our questions are well-formulated and tightly connected to their associated images. For answer quality assessment, we observed solid performance metrics, achieving 77.5% answer accuracy and 82.0% answer completeness. These results validate the effectiveness of our multi-stage answer refinement process in producing high-quality multimodal instruction data.

**Dataset Integrity:** We also conducted thorough decontamination checking to ensure our training dataset does not contain any data from the evaluation benchmarks, thereby maintaining the integrity of our experimental results.

Category	Percentage	Num of QA Pairs
Math	62.50%	566K
Physics	14.50%	132K
Finance	7.25%	66K
Chemistry	4.80%	43K
Engineering	4.35%	39K
Others	6.60%	60K

Table 2: Distribution of Categories

## 5 Experiments

We detail the training and evaluation details of our experiments in this section.

Processing Stage	Total QA Pairs	Image-Associated QA	Unique Questions	Total Images	Unique Images
Stage 1: Mining Data from the Internet					
QA Pairs Extraction	421,320	248,643	421,320	552,269	362,728
Post-Processing	361,015	159,059	361,015	331,818	212,530
Stage 2: Dataset Refinement					
Answer Refinement	1,041,598	407,218	257,201	577,455	167,493
Answer Alignment	906,160	347,313	257,201	475,099	163,743

Table 3: Statistics of different milestones in the data processing pipeline of VISUALWEBINSTRUCT.

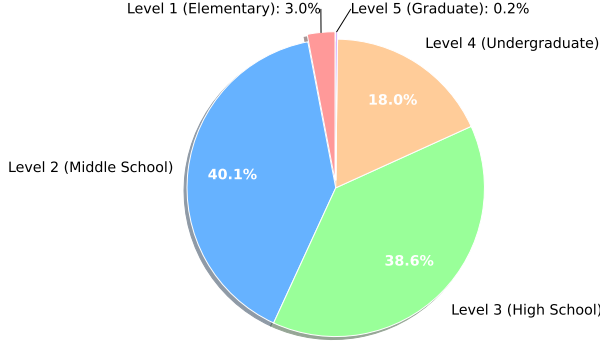


Figure 6: Educational difficulty distribution

## 5.1 Training Setup

For our experiments, we directly employed a supervised fine-tuning (SFT) approach on an existing MAMmoTH-VL checkpoint on our VISUALWEBINSTRUCT dataset. We refer to our resulting model as *MAMmoTH-VL2*. The architecture consists of a language tower based on Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct (Yang et al., 2024), a vision tower using SigLip (Zhai et al., 2023), and a projector module connecting these components, following Llava-OneVision (Liu et al., 2023a; Li et al., 2024a).

To enhance data diversity, we employed a data mixing strategy that combined our VISUALWEBINSTRUCT dataset with modified LlaVA-CoT (Xu et al., 2025) (with CoT prompting tags removed) in a 9:1 ratio, resulting in approximately 900K samples from VISUALWEBINSTRUCT and 100K samples from the modified LlaVA-CoT dataset. This mixing strategy empirically improved our model’s performance across diverse visual reasoning tasks.

This fine-tuning approach enabled *MAMmoTH-VL2* to leverage the strong multimodal foundation of MAMmoTH-VL while enhancing its performance on our targeted visual reasoning tasks that require multi-step deliberation with visual context. Complete training configuration details are provided in Appendix D.

## 5.2 Evaluation Setup

We evaluated *MAMmoTH-VL2* on seven multimodal reasoning benchmarks: MMMU, MMMU-Pro, MathVista, MMVet, MathVerse, and Dyna-math. Using greedy decoding in a zero-shot setting, we compared our model against three categories of models: (1) closed-source models (GPT-4o, Gemini-1.5-Pro, Claude-3.5-Sonnet), (2) open-source vision-language models (e.g., Qwen2-VL, InternVL2.5), and (3) reasoning-enhanced vision-language models (e.g., Llava-CoT, Mulberry). Detailed descriptions of all evaluation benchmarks are provided in Appendix E.1, model categories and descriptions are detailed in Appendix E.2, and complete evaluation methodology is described in Appendix E.3.

## 5.3 Experimental Results

In this section, we evaluate our results from different perspectives. The table 4 presents the performance of *MAMmoTH-VL2* compared to various multimodal models across seven benchmarks. Our analysis reveals several important findings regarding the effectiveness of models fine-tuned on VISUALWEBINSTRUCT.

**Overall Performance** *MAMmoTH-VL2* achieves an average accuracy of 50.4% across all benchmarks, outperforming other open-source vision-language models of comparable size trained with SFT. This represents a significant improvement over standard vision-language models like Qwen2-VL (43.8%), LLaVA-OV (40.8%), and Molmo (37.5%). It even beats the very recent model like InternVL2.5 (Chen et al., 2024) and Phi-4-mini-Multimodal (Abouelenin et al., 2025).

**Mathematical Reasoning Capabilities** *MAMmoTH-VL2* demonstrates particularly strong performance on mathematical reasoning tasks. On MathVista, our model achieves 68.1% accuracy, surpassing all the open-source and closed-source models in the table. The model’s per-

Model	Size	MMMU val	MMMU-Pro standard	MMMU-Pro vision	MathVista testmini	MMVet test	MathVerse testmini	Dyna-Math test	Avg
Closed-sourced Models									
GPT-4o	-	69.1	54.0	49.7	63.8	76.2	50.2	63.7	61.0
Gemini-1.5-Pro	-	59.1	49.4	65.8	63.9	64.0	41.2	64.8	58.3
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	-	68.3	55.0	48.0	67.7	75.4	44.2	60.5	59.9
Open-source General Vision-Language Models									
Molmo	8B	45.3	28.3	18.9	51.6	58.0	18.9	41.6	37.5
Llava-OV	7B	48.8	29.5	18.7	63.2	58.6	26.2	40.3	40.8
Llama-3.2-Inst	11B	50.7	33.0	23.7	51.5	59.3	31.6	40.5	41.5
Qwen2-VL	7B	52.1	37.0	26.9	58.2	62.0	28.2	42.1	43.8
MAmmoTH-VL	7B	50.8	33.2	25.3	<u>66.0</u>	62.3	34.2	44.7	45.2
InternVL2.5	7B	<b>55.8</b>	38.2	<u>30.4</u>	64.4	62.8	<u>39.5</u>	49.8	<u>48.7</u>
Phi-4-mini	5.6B	<u>55.1</u>	<u>39.7</u>	<b>31.2</b>	62.4	60.5	<u>37.6</u>	<u>51.4</u>	48.6
DeepSeek-VL2	27B	51.1	31.4	24.3	62.8	-	-	-	-
Llava-CoT-L	11B	50.1	31.6	20.4	54.8	60.3	30.2	44.8	41.7
Llava-CoT-M	7B	51.4	33.0	23.7	63.8	58.6	39.4	48.3	45.5
LlamaV-o1	11B	49.1	31.5	22.4	54.4	<u>63.6</u>	-	-	-
Mulberry	7B	55.0	36.8	23.6	63.1	60.9	31.0	45.1	45.0
Insight-V	8B	50.2	30.7	20.5	59.9	60.8	28.7	47.8	42.6
MM-Eureka	8B	49.2	-	-	67.1	60.7	40.4	-	-
<i>MAmmoTH-VL2</i>	7B	54.7	<b>40.7</b>	26.3	<b>68.1</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>50.4</b>
$\Delta$ over SoTA		-1.1	+1.0	-4.9	+2.1	+0.9	+3.1	+4.3	+1.7

Table 4: Evaluation Results of our model and other baseline models. Most of the baseline results are taken from other papers. The **best** and second-best results across all open-source models are highlighted in bold and underlined.

Training Data	MMMU val	MMMU-Pro standard	MMMU-Pro vision	MathVista testmini	MMVet test	MathVerse testmini	Dyna-Math test	Avg
Training from LLaVA-OV-mid								
-	40.1	21.2	12.2	36.0	32.1	18.1	24.4	26.3
Llava-CoT	40.8	25.8	14.6	45.7	47.5	27.2	33.9	33.6
Ours	45.3	31.5	<b>20.9</b>	43.9	<b>57.6</b>	27.4	40.3	38.1
Ours+Llava-CoT	<b>47.6</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>48.8</b>	51.7	<b>34.9</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>39.7</b>
Training from MAmmoTH-VL								
-	50.8	34.8	25.3	66.0	62.3	34.2	44.7	45.4
Llava-CoT	51.4	35.2	24.6	63.8	58.7	39.4	48.3	45.9
Ours	52.6	38.6	<b>29.0</b>	65.9	61.8	39.4	55.7	49.0
Ours+Llava-CoT	<b>54.7</b>	<b>40.7</b>	26.3	<b>68.1</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>50.4</b>

Table 5: Ablation Results of our experiments. We show experimental results from different backbones to show the impact of consistency filtering and data mixing with Llava-CoT. The **best** performance is highlighted in bold.

Model	MMMU	MathVista	MMLU-Pro	GSM8K
<i>MAmmoTH Variants</i>				
MAmmoTH-VL	50.8	66.0	27.7	67.9
Visual only	54.0	67.6	40.1	80.9
Visual + Text	54.7	68.1	44.5	84.2
<i>Other Vision-Language Models</i>				
Qwen2-VL	52.1	58.2	34.4	78.4
InternVL2.5	55.8	64.4	46.0	72.4

Table 6: Performance comparison of MAmmoTH-VL variants and other vision-language models.

formance on MathVerse (42.6%) and Dyna-Math (55.7%) further confirms its enhanced capability for visual reasoning.

**Complex Reasoning Tasks On MMMU-Pro-std** with 10 options, *MAmmoTH-VL2* achieves 40.7% accuracy, showing a significant improvement over other 7B models such as LLaVA-OV (29.5%) and Qwen2-VL (37.0%). This demonstrates that our approach effectively enhances the model’s ability to perform complex reasoning across diverse domains beyond mathematics.

**Comparison with Reasoning-Enhanced Models** Among the reasoning-enhanced vision-language models like Llava-CoT, Mulberry (Yao et al., 2024), LlamaV-o1 (Thawakar et al., 2025) and Insight-V (Dong et al., 2024), *MAmmoTH-VL2* demonstrates competitive performance, achieving results comparable to or better than specialized models

like LLaVA-CoT and Mulberry. For instance, on MMMU-Pro Vision, our model achieves 26.3% accuracy, outperforming LLaVA-CoT’s 23.7%. Notably, other reasoning-enhanced models often utilize complex methodologies in either the training or inference stage to enhance their chain-of-thought abilities, which makes the development process and deployment more complicated. In contrast, *MAmmoTH-VL2* achieves much better reasoning capabilities through our straightforward SFT on VISUALWEBINSTRUCT, offering a simpler yet effective solution compared to the other approaches.

These results confirm that fine-tuning on VISUALWEBINSTRUCT significantly enhances the model’s reasoning capabilities. The consistent performance improvements across diverse benchmarks from non math-related and math-related domains demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach in developing more capable multimodal reasoning models. We believe our dataset can be utilized to augment future vision-language models.

#### 5.4 Ablation Study

**Llava-CoT Contribution:** Table 5 demonstrates the complementary nature of VISUALWEBINSTRUCT and existing datasets. For Llava-OV-mid, the baseline (26.3% average) improves to 33.6% with Llava-CoT and 38.1% with VISUALWEBINSTRUCT, while their combination achieves 39.7%. The stronger MAmmoTH-VL baseline (45.4%) improves to 49.0% with VISUALWEBINSTRUCT and 50.4% with the combined approach, showing significant gains across MMMU variants and Dyna-Math. These results highlight an important distinction: our pipeline and VISUALWEBINSTRUCT dataset provide diverse real-world visual reasoning examples enhancing general capabilities, while a small portion (10%) of benchmark-aligned Llava-CoT helps bridge the distribution gap between benchmarks and real-world educational content—a standard practice in leading models like InternVL and Qwen-VL. The consistent pattern across both models demonstrates that our approach significantly improves visual reasoning regardless of model strength, with weaker models showing larger relative gains.

**Text-only Data Contribution:** Our pipeline produces both visual and text-only QA pairs, with text pairs constituting approximately 60% of our dataset. As shown in Table 6, including text QA pairs consistently improves performance across all benchmarks. This enhancement stems from

two key factors: (1) the cognitive similarities between text and visual reasoning within the same domain, enabling effective cross-modality knowledge transfer, and (2) prevention of catastrophic forgetting of text reasoning capabilities during visual fine-tuning. The impact is particularly evident in text reasoning benchmarks, where our complete dataset improves GSM8K performance by +16.3% compared to visual-only training. This also aligns with approaches adopted by leading models like InternVL2.5, Qwen2-VL, and Phi-4-mini, all of which leverage mixed modality training data, underscoring that high-quality text data is essential for robust multimodal reasoning models.

#### 5.5 Performance on Non-Reasoning Multimodal Tasks

To evaluate whether our reasoning-enhanced training affects performance on simpler multimodal tasks that require only direct answers without explanations, we tested MAmmoTH-VL2 on two representative non-reasoning benchmarks: POPE (Yes/No visual question answering) and TextVQA (reading text from images). Table 7 presents the comparative results.

Model	POPE	TextVQA
MAmmoTH-VL (baseline)	88.0%	75.4%
MAmmoTH-VL2 (ours)	86.9%	73.3%
Change from baseline	-1.1%	-2.1%
Qwen2.5-VL	87.2%	79.5%
Qwen2-VL	89.8%	80.0%

Table 7: Performance on Non-Reasoning Multimodal Benchmarks

The results demonstrate that reasoning training does not significantly compromise performance on simple tasks. The 1-2% differences between MAmmoTH-VL and MAmmoTH-VL2 fall within typical experimental variance and are not statistically significant. Furthermore, the performance gaps with Qwen models (0.3-2.9% on POPE, 6.2-6.7% on TextVQA) are consistent across both our baseline and reasoning-enhanced models, indicating these differences stem from architectural choices rather than reasoning specialization.



## 6 Related Works

### 6.1 Multimodal Instruction Data

Creating high-quality multimodal datasets remains a significant challenge in advancing MLLMs. Current approaches face critical limitations, particularly in balancing quality and scale. Human-annotated datasets provide high-precision, contextually appropriate data (Xu et al., 2024; Deitke et al., 2024; McKinzie et al., 2024; Sun et al., 2023) but suffer from prohibitive costs and scalability constraints. Meanwhile, methods leveraging existing academic datasets (Tong et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2023b) offer more cost-effective alternatives but lack the diversity and reasoning complexity needed for advanced multimodal reasoning tasks. This limitation is particularly evident in the scarcity of large-scale, reasoning-focused multimodal datasets that can be efficiently produced. Our work addresses these challenges by proposing a novel, scalable methodology for constructing multimodal instruction datasets that maintain both the quality and reasoning complexity.

### 6.2 Multimodal Large Language Models

Multimodal Large Language Models have advanced with proprietary models like GPT-4o (Hurst et al., 2024) and Gemini (Team et al., 2024) achieving superior performance, while open-source alternatives including LLaVA (Li et al., 2024b), MiniGPT-4 (Zhu et al., 2023), and Qwen-VL (Wang et al., 2024) have progressed through connector-based approaches (Li et al., 2023) and various reasoning enhancement techniques (Xu et al., 2025; Hu et al., 2024); however, these models face a critical limitation: the scarcity of large-scale visual reasoning datasets (Bai et al., 2024), which our work addresses by tackling the supervised fine-tuning data bottleneck while building on the connector-training paradigm.

## 7 Conclusion

In this paper, we present VisualWebInstruct, a novel approach to constructing large-scale multimodal reasoning datasets without relying on expensive human annotation. We are the first to systematically leverage Google Image Search for mining high-quality visual reasoning data from the web, demonstrating that commercial search engines can serve as powerful tools for automated dataset creation.

Our two-stage pipeline successfully transforms 30K seed images into a comprehensive dataset of 906K question-answer pairs, with 347K containing visual content across diverse disciplines including mathematics, physics, chemistry, finance, and engineering. The automated approach achieves remarkable cost-efficiency at approximately \$10,771 total cost, representing a fraction of traditional dataset creation expenses while maintaining high quality through rigorous filtering and consistency verification.

The effectiveness of our approach is demonstrated through substantial performance improvements: MAMmoTH-VL2, fine-tuned on VisualWebInstruct, achieves state-of-the-art results among 7B parameter models with supervised fine-tuning, including 40.7% on MMMU-Pro, 42.6% on MathVerse, and 55.7% on DynaMath. Importantly, our rigorous contamination prevention measures ensure these gains reflect genuine learning rather than data leakage, with 0.000% contamination rate across all evaluation benchmarks.

Our work addresses a critical bottleneck in multimodal AI development by providing both a scalable methodology and a high-quality dataset that significantly enhances reasoning capabilities without compromising performance on simpler tasks. The success of web-based data mining opens new possibilities for automated dataset construction across various domains.

## 8 Limitations

Despite the promising results achieved with VISUALWEBINSTRUCT, we acknowledge several limitations in our approach:

**Data Limitations:** Our multi-stage filtering process, while thorough, cannot completely eliminate noise and inconsistencies inherent in web-sourced data. The web-based collection process introduces dependency on available online educational resources, which may vary in quality across domains. Additionally, there are notable distributional imbalances in our dataset, with mathematics representing 62.50% of the content, potentially limiting the model’s capabilities in underrepresented domains such as biology (1.40%), humanities, and arts (under 0.5%). This imbalance reflects the availability of visual reasoning content on the web but may propagate existing biases in educational resource distribution. Examples demonstrating the breadth of disciplines covered in our dataset can be found

in Appendix F.2.2.

**Methodological Limitations:** Our pipeline relies on proprietary systems (Google Image Search) and LLM-based filtering (Gemini and GPT-4o), which could affect reproducibility and introduce biases from these foundation models. The multi-stage refinement process, while improving quality, may also inadvertently prioritize certain reasoning patterns or problem-solving approaches that align with the evaluation criteria of these models. Furthermore, our consistency checking may occasionally filter out valid but unconventional or innovative solution methods.

**Evaluation Limitations:** While our evaluation demonstrates significant improvements across multiple benchmarks, the assessment primarily focuses on academic and structured reasoning tasks. Real-world visual reasoning often involves ambiguous, open-ended scenarios that may not be fully captured by our current evaluation framework.

**Scalability and Accessibility:** The computational resources required for the dataset construction, including web crawling, image search, content extraction, and LLM-based filtering, may present barriers to reproducibility for research groups with limited computational resources.

**Future Work:** To address these limitations and further enhance dataset quality, several promising directions emerge. First, diversifying data collection through integration of multiple search engines (Bing Visual Search, TinEye, Yandex Images) and similarity threshold tuning could balance relevance with diversity while expanding beyond our current 758K unique sources. Second, developing more accessible and open-source alternatives for the dataset construction pipeline would reduce barriers for research groups with limited computational resources. Third, expanding evaluation frameworks to include more diverse, real-world reasoning scenarios would better capture the full spectrum of visual reasoning capabilities.

Additionally, investigating mechanisms to detect and mitigate potential biases introduced during the dataset construction process would improve fairness and robustness. Active diversification strategies during seed selection and targeted domain-specific data collection could further balance the current mathematical focus (62.5%) with underrepresented areas like biology and humanities. We also believe our dataset provides a strong foundation for reinforcement learning-based training, potentially enabling even more significant performance gains,

representing an exciting direction for scaling both data quality and model capabilities.

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## A Seed Data Composition

Our seed dataset comprises approximately 30,000 carefully curated images spanning multiple educational domains. Table 8 presents the detailed breakdown of our seed data sources.

Source Category	Number of Images	Percentage
K12 Educational Forums	12,701	42.4%
Geometry Problems	9,999	33.3%
MMMU Dev Split Samples	6,376	21.2%
Educational Reference Materials	924	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table 8: Seed Data Composition by Source

Domain	Number of Images
Mathematics	505
Physics	408
Chemistry	603
Finance	355
Accounting	380
Architecture	551
Mechanical Engineering	429
Energy and Power	432
Economics	267
Psychology	305
Public Health	509
Other domains	1,632
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,376</b>

Table 9: MMMU Dev Split Domain Distribution

Table 9 shows the detailed domain distribution of the MMMU dev split samples, which were used exclusively for seed image collection via Google Image Search, ensuring no data leakage to evaluation sets.

## B Pipeline Cost

Stage	Calls Cost(\$)		Stage	Calls Cost(\$)	
QA Extract	758K	455	Answer Refine	1.81M	9,851
Post-Process	421K	168	Answer Align	257K	297

Table 10: Cost breakdown by pipeline stage.

Table 10 shows the cost breakdown of our VisualWebInstruct pipeline. The total investment of approximately \$10,771 is highly cost-effective compared to traditional dataset creation methods. The largest expense is in the Answer Refinement stage (\$9,851), which ensures high-quality instruction-answer pairs. The modest costs for QA Extraction (\$455), Post-Processing (\$168), and Answer Alignment (\$297) highlight our automated pipeline’s efficiency. By leveraging web resources rather than creating data from scratch or using expensive human annotation, we achieve substantial cost savings while maintaining dataset quality and diversity. For context, contemporary multimodal AI model training often requires

investments in the millions of dollars. Our pipeline’s total cost represents just a fraction of typical training budgets while effectively addressing a critical bottleneck in vision-language model development: the acquisition of high-quality multimodal reasoning data.

## C Data Leakage Prevention

To ensure the integrity of our evaluation results and prevent data contamination between our training dataset and evaluation benchmarks, we implemented a comprehensive two-stage decontamination pipeline.

### C.1 Stage 1: URL-Level Pre-filtering During Data Collection

During the initial data collection phase, we proactively filtered potentially problematic URLs to prevent benchmark data inclusion at the source level. From our initial pool of 758,490 candidate URLs, we systematically excluded high-risk domains that could potentially host evaluation benchmark data.

#### Exclusion Categories:

- **Dataset hosting platforms:** archive.org, kaggle.com, huggingface.co
- **Academic venues:** openreview.net, neurips.cc, icml.cc
- **Direct benchmark domains:** mathvista.github.io, mmmu-benchmark.github.io

Through this pre-filtering process, we excluded 237 high-risk URLs (0.03% of total candidates) and retained 758,490 URLs (99.97%) from legitimate educational sources. This proactive approach successfully prevented benchmark data inclusion at the source level.

### C.2 Stage 2: Multimodal Content-Level Verification

After extracting content from the filtered URLs, we implemented a rigorous multimodal content verification system to detect any potential contamination that might have escaped the URL-level filtering.

#### Verification Methodology:

- Applied comprehensive multimodal fuzzy matching with strict similarity thresholds:
  - Text similarity threshold: 85%
  - Image similarity threshold: 90%
- Verified against all major evaluation benchmarks used in our study
- Used representative sampling (50,000 training samples) to ensure computational feasibility while maintaining statistical validity

### C.3 Contamination Detection Results

Table 11 presents the comprehensive results of our multimodal contamination detection across all evaluation benchmarks.

Benchmark	Samples	True Duplicates	Text Similar, Diff Images	Contamination Rate
MMMU val	900	0	4	0.000%
MMMU-Pro standard	1,730	0	7	0.000%
MathVista testmini	1,000	0	12	0.000%
MMVet test	218	0	3	0.000%
MathVerse testmini	788	0	2	0.000%
DynaMath test	501	0	1	0.000%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,137</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0.000%</b>

Table 11: Multimodal Contamination Detection Results

Our verification process achieved a **0.000% contamination rate across all benchmarks**, with no true multimodal duplicates detected. While we identified 29 instances of text similarity with different images, these represent legitimate educational content covering similar topics rather than actual benchmark contamination, as evidenced by the different associated images. This rigorous two-stage decontamination process ensures that our training dataset contains no direct copies of evaluation benchmark questions, confirming that the substantial performance improvements demonstrated by models trained on VISUAL-WEBINSTRUCT are attributable to genuine learning from diverse, high-quality educational content rather than memorization of evaluation data.

## D Training Setup

Model Architecture		Data Processing	
Base Language Model	Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	Image Aspect Ratio	anyres_max_4
Vision Encoder	google/siglip-so400m-patch14-384	Image Grid Pinpoints	(1x1),..., (6x6)
Vision-Language Connector	MLP-based projector (2-layer with GELU)	Group by Modality	Enabled
Vision Select Layer	-2 (second-to-last layer)	Image Start/End Tokens	Disabled
Patch Merge Type	spatial_unpad	Image Patch Token	Disabled
Starting Checkpoint	MAmmoTH-VL	Lazy Preprocessing	Enabled
Training Configuration		Dataset Configuration	
Training Epochs	1	Primary Dataset	VisualWebInstruct
Batch Size	256	Additional Dataset	LlaVA-CoT (9:1 ratio)
Maximum Sequence Length	8,192 tokens	Prompt Template	qwen_2_5
Learning Rate	1e-5 (language and projector)		
Vision Tower Learning Rate	2e-6		
Weight Decay	0.0		
Warmup Ratio	0.03		
LR Scheduler	Cosine		
Tunable Components		Optimization	
Language Model	Enabled	Distributed Training	DeepSpeed Zero-3
Vision Tower	Enabled	TF32 Precision	Enabled
MLP Adapter	Enabled	Mixed Precision	BF16
Gradient Checkpointing	Enabled	TF32 Precision	Enabled
Torch Compile	Enabled (inductor)		

Table 12: Training Configuration of *MAmmoTH-VL2*

## E Evaluation Setup

### E.1 Benchmark Descriptions

Benchmark	Description
MMMU	University-level problems across 30 disciplines; 11.5K questions requiring integration of visual and textual information; college and graduate-level difficulty
MMMU-Pro Vision	Focuses on visual reasoning abilities with more challenging visual components
MMMU-Pro Standard	Extended version with more challenging problems and more distractor options (6-8 options vs. 4-5 in MMMU)
MathVista	6,141 problems across 6 categories and 24 subcategories; requires interpretation of charts, diagrams, and visual scenes to solve mathematical problems
MMVet	200 questions assessing visual recognition, OCR, spatial reasoning, and chart understanding across diverse contexts
MathVerse	Emphasizes visual mathematical reasoning with minimal text hints; requires deriving mathematical insights primarily from visual content
Dynamath	Problems requiring temporal reasoning, visual extrapolation, and understanding cause-effect relationships in mathematical scenarios
GSM8k	8,500 high-quality grade school math word problems; tests multi-step mathematical reasoning abilities requiring 2-8 steps to solve; focuses on arithmetic operations and logical problem-solving
Dynamath	Problems requiring temporal reasoning, visual extrapolation, and understanding cause-effect relationships in mathematical scenarios

Table 13: Description of evaluation benchmarks used in our study.

## E.2 Model Categories

Category	Models	Description
Closed-source	GPT-4o Gemini-1.5-Pro Claude-3.5-Sonnet	OpenAI’s multimodal model with strong visual understanding Google’s advanced model with long-context capabilities Anthropic’s model known for nuanced reasoning
Open-source Vision-Language	Molmo (8B) LLaVA-OV (7B) Llama-3.2 (11B) Qwen2-VL (7B) MAmmoTH-VL (7B) InternVL2.5 (7B) Phi-4-mini (5.6B) DeepSeek-VL2	General-purpose vision-language model Large Language and Vision Assistant with One Vision Meta’s multimodal model based on Llama architecture Alibaba’s vision-language model built on Qwen2 Vision-language model with multilingual capabilities Enhanced visual understanding model Microsoft’s compact multimodal model DeepSeek’s advanced vision-language model
Reasoning-Enhanced Vision-Language	Llava-CoT-L (11B) Llava-CoTM (7B) LlamaV-o1 (11B) Mulberry (7B) Insight-V (8B) MM-Eureka	LLaVA with chain-of-thought reasoning capabilities Compact version of LLaVA-CoT based on MAmmoTH-VL Vision-enhanced Llama with reasoning capabilities VLM optimized with tree search techniques Vision-language model with enhanced reasoning Multimodal model trained with reinforcement learning

Table 14: Categories and descriptions of models compared in our evaluation.

## E.3 Evaluation Methodology

Component	Specification
Evaluation Framework	LMMsEval
Decoding Strategy	Greedy decoding (temperature = 0)
Evaluation Mode	Zero-shot (no demonstration examples provided)
Metrics	Accuracy scores for multiple-choice questions; exact match for short-form answers
Answer Extraction	Consistent regex-based answer parsing across all models
Hardware	8 × NVIDIA A100 80GB GPUs for evaluation
Reporting	Overall scores and subsection-specific performance where relevant; average score across all benchmarks for holistic evaluation

Table 15: Evaluation methodology used in our experiments.

## F Failure Case Analysis of MAmmoTH-VL2

Error Category	Percentage (%)
Multi-step reasoning failures	48
Domain-specific terminology misunderstandings	32
Visual-textual integration errors	20

Table 16: Distribution of error categories from analysis of 100 random test examples.

Multi-step reasoning failures (48%) occur when models struggle with sequential dependencies in complex problems. Domain-specific terminology misunderstandings (32%) are particularly prevalent in specialized technical fields. Visual-textual integration errors (20%) happen when models fail to properly connect visual elements with corresponding text descriptions.



## F.1 Prompt for Each Stage

### QA Pairs Extraction

```
"""Analyze this webpage content and extract questions, images, and
complete solution details in Markdown format.
Please format your response as follows:
**Question 1:**
[complete question text]
**Images:**
* [First image URL if available]
* [Second image URL if available]
[continue for each additional image...]
**Solution:**
[Copy the complete solution text from the webpage, including all steps,
explanations, and calculations]
**Images in Solution:**
* [First image URL if available]
* [Second image URL if available]
[continue for each additional image...]
[repeat for each additional question...]
Requirements:
- Keep the complete solution text exactly as shown in the webpage
- Use Markdown formatting throughout the response
- Mark missing content as "Not found"
- For images, include URL only
- For multiple questions, number them sequentially
- Do not summarize or modify the solution text
- Preserve all mathematical notations and formulas
- Keep all step-by-step explanations intact
- Preserve all line breaks and indentation in solution text
- If there is no question in the content, mark it as "Not found"
- If the webpage is empty or missing, return nothing
Webpage content:
{Accessibility Tree}
"""
```

### QA Pairs Validation

""Please analyze this question-answer pair and its images:

Question: complete question text

Solution: complete solution text

Your tasks:

1. Determine if the question is meaningful and valid.
2. For the question images (if any), determine if each is:
  - Properly referenced in the question
  - Clear and visible
  - Actually helps understand the question
3. For the solution images (if any), determine if each is:
  - Helps explain the solution

Notes:

- Image indices start from 0 (e.g., first image is index 0, second is index 1, etc.)
- Images should be marked as valid if they show the actual content being discussed
- Images should be marked as invalid only if they are:
  - \* Completely irrelevant to the question/solution
  - \* Corrupted or unreadable
  - \* Duplicate or redundant

Question Images:

[Images loaded here] Solution Images (starting a new section, indexes reset to 0):

[Images loaded here] Please respond in this exact format:

QUESTION\_VALID: [yes/no]

ANALYSIS: [Brief explanation of why the question is valid/invalid]

QUESTION\_IMAGES: [comma-separated list of valid image indices starting from 0]

QUESTION\_IMAGES\_REASON: [Brief explanation for each image decision]

SOLUTION\_IMAGES: [comma-separated list of valid image indices starting from 0]

SOLUTION\_IMAGES\_REASON: [Brief explanation for each image decision]

CRITICAL RESPONSE FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS:

- You MUST respond using EXACTLY this format with no additional text
  - Use ONLY numeric indices for images, starting from 0
  - If no images are valid, use an empty string
  - Be precise and use actual numbers
  - Always use numeric indices (0,1,2...)
  - Use empty string for no images (e.g., "SOLUTION\_IMAGES: ")
  - Do not add explanatory text in the indices field
- ""

### Answer Refinement

""Please solve the following problem step-by-step, providing a clear and comprehensive explanation:

[PROBLEM]

Structure your response with numbered sections and subsections as follows:

- (1) Key Components: - Identify the main elements or concepts in the problem - Explain their roles or functions - Highlight important relationships between components
  - (2) Underlying Principles: - Describe the fundamental mechanisms or processes involved - Explain relevant theories, frameworks, or systems - Connect these principles to the specific context of the problem
  - (3) Step-by-Step Analysis: - Break down the problem into logical stages - For each stage, explain what happens and why - Use clear cause-and-effect relationships to show progression
  - (4) Integration: - Connect the various elements to show how they work together - Explain interactions between different processes or components - Demonstrate how these interactions lead to the overall outcome
  - (5) Comprehensive Answer: - Provide a concise summary that directly answers the original question
- Include the most important points from your analysis - Ensure your answer is complete but accessible

Throughout your explanation: - Use clear, precise language appropriate to the subject - Present information in a logical sequence - Use bullet points for clarity when listing related items - Connect each section to the central question being asked ""

**Consistency Checking** """Please analyze the consistency between the following answers to the same question:

Question: [QUESTION\_TEXT]

Answer 1: [ANSWER\_1]

Answer 2: [ANSWER\_2]

Answer 3: [ANSWER\_3]

Answer 4: [ANSWER\_4]

Your tasks:

1. Determine if more than half of the answers are consistent with each other in terms of:

- Final answer/conclusion (Do they reach the same result?)
- Reasoning process (Are the solution approaches compatible?)
- Key facts (Are factual claims consistent?)
- Calculations (Do calculations lead to the same results, if applicable?)

Notes:

- Focus on substantive consistency, not differences in wording
- For math/science questions, pay special attention to numerical results
- Answers reaching the same conclusion via different valid methods are consistent
- Mark as CONSISTENT only if more than half of the answers agree on the core solution
- Even if there are minor variations, if the key conclusions match, consider them consistent

Please respond in this exact format:

CONSISTENCY: [CONSISTENT/INCONSISTENT]

CONSISTENT\_INDICES: [Comma-separated indices of consistent answers, e.g., "0,1,3"]

REASON: [Brief explanation why answers are consistent or inconsistent (1-2 sentences)]

CRITICAL RESPONSE FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS:

- You MUST respond using EXACTLY this format with no additional text
  - Use ONLY "CONSISTENT" if more than half of the answers are consistent with each other
  - Use "INCONSISTENT" if half or fewer answers are consistent with each other
  - For CONSISTENT\_INDICES, list the indices (starting from 0) of answers that form the consistent group
  - Provide a brief, concise explanation in the REASON field
- """

### Answer Alignment

"""Given the question and the provided image(s), compare these two answers and determine if they are aligned.

Question: question

GPT's Answer: gptanswer

Real Answer: realanswer

Example of Aligned Answers:

Question: What is  $2 + 2$ ?

GPT Answer: 4

Real Answer: 4

Example of Misaligned Answers:

Question: What is derivative of  $x^2$ ?

GPT Answer:  $2x + 1$

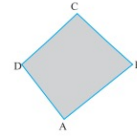
Real Answer:  $2x$

Are these answers aligned? Respond with just 'Yes' or 'No' on the first line. Provide a brief explanation on the second line."""

## F.2 Example of QA Pair

### F.2.1 Web Answer vs. GPT Answer

Question: How many angles does a quadrilateral have? A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4



Web Answer: Right Answer is: D SOLUTION An angle is made up of two rays starting from a common initial point (or a common vertex). A quadrilateral has 4 angles. Consider quadrilateral ABCD. It can be seen here that there are 4 angles here;  $\angle A$ ,  $\angle B$ ,  $\angle C$  and  $\angle D$ .

GPT Answer1: To determine how many angles a quadrilateral has, let's reason through it step by step: 1. **Definition of a Quadrilateral**: A quadrilateral is a polygon with four sides. 2. **Understanding Angles**: In any polygon, the number of angles is equal to the number of sides because each angle is formed where two sides meet. 3. **Applying the Definition**: Since a quadrilateral has four sides, by definition, it will also have four angles. 4. **Double-check with Examples**: Consider common examples of quadrilaterals like squares, rectangles, and diamonds—all these shapes have four angles. So, based on the above reasoning, the quadrilateral depicted in the image has four angles. Answer: D. 4

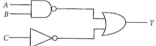
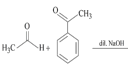

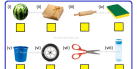
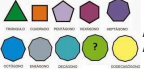
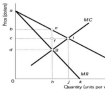


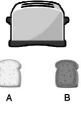
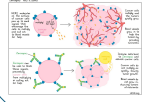
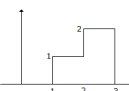

GPT Answer2: To determine how many angles a quadrilateral has, let's break it down step by step: 1. **Definition of a Quadrilateral**: A quadrilateral is a polygon with four sides. 2. **Interior Angles in a Quadrilateral**: By definition, any polygon with four sides (a quadrilateral) will have four interior angles. 3. **Examples and Properties**: - Consider a square, rectangle, or any general quadrilateral. Each has four corners, and at each corner, there is an angle formed between two sides. - A rectangle, for example, has four right angles. A rhombus has four angles, the sum of which is also 360 degrees. 4. **Summation of Angles**: The sum of the interior angles of any quadrilateral is 360 degrees. This sum indicates there must be four angles, as each angle contributes to this total. 5. **Checking against other Shapes**: - A triangle, which is a three-sided polygon, has three angles. - Extending to more sides, a pentagon (five-sided polygon) has five angles. - This shows the number of angles is directly determined by the number of sides of the polygon. Based on the above reasoning, a quadrilateral has 4 angles. Hence, the correct answer is: 'Answer: 4'

GPT Answer3: A quadrilateral is a polygon with four sides. By definition, a polygon has the same number of angles as it does sides. Therefore: 1. A quadrilateral has four sides. 2. Since it has four sides, it will also have four angles. Thus, a quadrilateral has four angles. Answer: D. 4

GPT Answer4: A quadrilateral is a polygon with four sides. By definition, any polygon with  $(n)$  sides will also have  $(n)$  angles. Since a quadrilateral has 4 sides, it must also have 4 angles. Let's break this down: 1. Identify the shape: The given shape is a quadrilateral. 2. Determine the number of sides: A quadrilateral has 4 sides. 3. Determine the number of angles: In any polygon, the number of angles is equal to the number of sides. Therefore, a quadrilateral has 4 angles. Answer: D. 4



## F.2.2 More Samples

<p><b>PHYSICS</b></p> <p>Q: The inputs to the digital circuit are shown below. The output Y is</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> <math>\overline{A} \cdot B + \overline{C}</math></p>	<p><b>CHEMISTRY</b></p> <p>Q: The major product formed in the following reaction is</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> <math>\text{Ph-CH=CH-CH}_3</math></p>	<p><b>BIOLOGY</b></p> <p>Q: This experimental set up is used to prove essentiality of which of the following requirements of photosynthesis?</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> Carbon dioxide</p>
<p><b>DAILY LIFE</b></p> <p>Q: Write F for the objects which has flat surface and C for curved surface.</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> C, F, C, F, C, C, F, C</p>	<p><b>GEOMETRY</b></p> <p>Q: como se chama o poligono com 11 lados, 11 vértices e 11 ângulos internos?</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> Endecágono (ou Undecágono).</p>	<p><b>ECONOMICS</b></p> <p>Q: In the figure below, a single-price unregulated monopoly will set price A- a B- b C- c D- d</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> C - c</p>
<p><b>WORDPLAY</b></p> <p>Q: - - - - train ghost</p>  <p>A: Ghost</p>	<p><b>PROPORTIONS</b></p> <p>Q: Which of the four pairs shown below are directly proportional? Select all of the correct answers.</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> Pair 1, Pair 3</p>	<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p> <p>Q: You start with two slices of bread that are exactly the same. You toast slice B. Which slice weighs more now? (A) A (B) B (C) There is no difference</p>  <p>A: [reasoning] Final answer: -  <b>Answer:</b> A</p>
<p><b>DRUG</b></p> <p>Q: How does this drug work?</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> Zerpecap blocks HER2 signals on cancer cells, stopping them from multiplying and calling blood vessels for nutrients. It also helps immune cells to recognize and attack cancer cells, slowing tumor growth and starving tumors.</p>	<p><b>CALCULAS</b></p> <p>Q: The Laplace transform of the waveform shown in the below figure is</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> <math>\frac{e^{-s}}{s} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}</math></p>	<p><b>MUSIC</b></p> <p>Q: Try and find all the G Major Scales, this would playing all the notes G A B C D E F G.</p>  <p>A: [reasoning]  <b>Answer:</b> Two complete G major scales are identified: 1st on the 3rd (G) string sequentially starting from open and 2nd beginning at 5th fret on the 4th (D) string proceeding sequentially up to the 12th fret.</p>

Our pipeline naturally produces data across numerous disciplines beyond mathematics, reflecting the natural distribution of educational material on the web. The dataset contains entirely novel content not found in any existing multimodal datasets, offering a significant contribution of fresh educational examples.