A GRAPH-BASED SYNTHETIC DATA PIPELINE FOR SCALING HIGH-QUALITY DATA

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ABSTRACT

Synthesizing high-quality data for continual training has been proven to be effective for boosting the performance of Large Language Models (LLMs). However, previous approaches struggle to easily scale up synthetic data and incur high costs in creating high-quality data. In this paper, we propose the Graph-based Synthetic Data Pipeline (GSDP), an economical and scalable framework for high-quality data synthesis. Inspired by knowledge graphs, we extracted knowledge points from seed data and constructed a knowledge points relationships graph to explore their interconnections. By exploring the implicit relationships among knowledge, our method achieves $\times 255$ data expansion. Furthermore, GSDP led by open-source models, achieves synthesis quality comparable to GPT-4-0613 while maintaining $\times 100$ lower costs. To tackle the most challenging mathematical reasoning task, we present the GSDP-MATH dataset comprising over 1.91 million pairs of math problems and answers. After fine-tuning on GSDP-MATH, *GSDP*-7B achieves 37.7% accuracy on MATH and 78.4% on GSM8K, demonstrating the effectiveness of our method. The dataset and models trained in this paper will be available.

1 INTRODUCTION

Despite the remarkable capabilities large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated in various linguistic tasks, significant gaps remain in their ability to comprehend and solve intricate problems (e.g., mathematics and code). One effective approach to bridging these gaps is using large-scale, high-quality synthetic data. However, it is still a challenge to develop a low-cost and effective synthesis pipeline.

Take mathematics as an example. The two main approaches for building high-quality mathematics reasoning datasets are data filtering and data synthesis. Data filtering (Yue et al., 2024b; Shao et al., 2024; Ying et al., 2024) involves extracting data from pre-training corpora such as Common Crawl, and rewriting it using advanced commercial models or human annotation. However, the vast scale and inherent noise of these corpora result in high post-processing costs and inconsistent data quality. Data synthesis (Yu et al., 2023; Luo et al., 2023; Yue et al., 2024a; Tang et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2024a; Li et al., 2024a; Toshniwal et al., 2024; Li et al., 2024b) leverages frontier large language models, such as GPT-3.5 (Floridi & Chiriatti, 2020) and GPT-4 (Achiam et al., 2023), to augment or regenerate high-quality mathematical reasoning datasets. One approach entails rewriting or regenerating similar problems based on seed data for data augmentation. Another approach entails generating new problems using knowledge points. These knowledge points are fundamental concepts or units of learning that can be tested (e.g., theorems, skills), and they can be generated freshly via LLMs or extracted from existing seed data. Although data synthesis is straightforward, it still suffers from three significant drawbacks: (1) **Limited scalability**: Existing methods have poor scalability, making it difficult to synthesize larger-scale data from smaller seed data. (2) **High cost**: Data synthesis relies on the assistance of closed-source models, which introduces considerable synthesis costs. (3) **Similarity to seed data**: Due to the over-reliance on seed data during synthesis, the new data becomes highly similar to the seed. By categorizing the relationships between knowledge points as explicit or implicit based on whether their co-occurrence within a problem, we find that the under-exploration of implicit relationships in existing methods leads to insufficient diversity in the generated data, which is also a major reason for limited scalability.

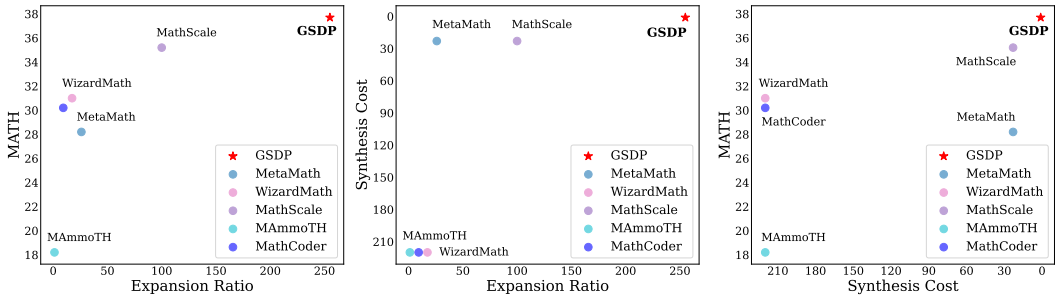

Figure 1: A comparison of various methods in terms of expansion ratio (times), synthesis cost (0.01 cents), and mathematical capability (%). The expansion ratio represents the ratio of the total synthesized data to the total seed data, while the synthesis cost refers to the expenses associated with closed-source models or GPU usage for synthesizing a single data point. The mathematical metrics shown in the figure result from models fine-tuned based on Mistral-7B. As illustrated in the figure, our method demonstrates superior performance across all three dimensions.

To address these drawbacks, we introduce **Graph-based Synthetic Data Pipeline (GSDP)**, a novel framework to scale the synthesis of high-quality data, which achieves both high scalability and low cost. In order to tackle the most challenging reasoning tasks, we explain our approach from the perspective of mathematics. As presented in Figure 2, GSDP encompasses two critical stages: (1) Knowledge Base Construction: We start by extracting Knowledge Points (KPs) from the seed data using a specialized mathematical model, followed by a filtering algorithm to select the best ones. To organize these KPs, we then construct a comprehensive Knowledge Points Relationships Graph (KPRG). This graph models the relationships among the KPs, and we mine both explicit and implicit relationships from it to obtain all desired combinations of KPs. (2) Mathematical Problem Synthesis: Using meticulous designed prompts and combinations of KPs as input, the specialized mathematical model can generate new problems and answers. Multiple advanced open-source models are then employed to jointly score the synthesized problems and answers. Experiments show that the synthetic data obtained through GSDP can achieve 94% of the effectiveness of GPT-4-0613.

With the aid of knowledge points relationships graph, our method thoroughly explore implicit knowledge point relationships and replace closed-source models with multiple open-source models. This enables GSDP to achieve an expansion ratio of up to 255, significantly surpassing other methods (Figure 1), while cutting the cost of synthesizing each data point to less than 1% of approaches which use GPT-4. Most importantly, our model achieves the highest performance in mathematical capabilities.

Ultimately, based on 7500 problems and answers from the MATH training set as seed data, we synthesized a new dataset comprising over 1.91 million pairs of math problems and answers, named **GSDP-MATH**. We implemented fine-tuning using GSDP-MATH on several base models, including Mistral-7B (Jiang et al., 2023), LLaMA3-8B (Meta, 2024), and Qwen1.5-7B (Bai et al., 2023). The GSDP models demonstrably surpassed the base models and models of other methods with the same parameters across four mathematical reasoning benchmarks: MATH (Hendrycks et al., 2021), GSM8K (Cobbe et al., 2021), Gaokao-Bench (Team, 2024), and SVAMP (Patel et al., 2021). It is noteworthy that after fine-tuning on GSDP-MATH, *GSDP*-7B achieves 78.4% on GSM8K and 37.7% on MATH, surpassing all competitors under the same conditions.

2 Proposed Method

2.1 Overview

This section introduces Graph-based Synthetic Data Pipeline (GSDP) is unified synthetic data framework with four parts containing: Knowledge Base Construction, Knowledge Point Relationships Graph Construction, Synthesis Based on Diverse Knowledge Point Combinations, and Evaluation of Problems and Solutions, as illustrated in Figure 2. Detailed descriptions and implementation steps for each component are provided in the subsequent sections.

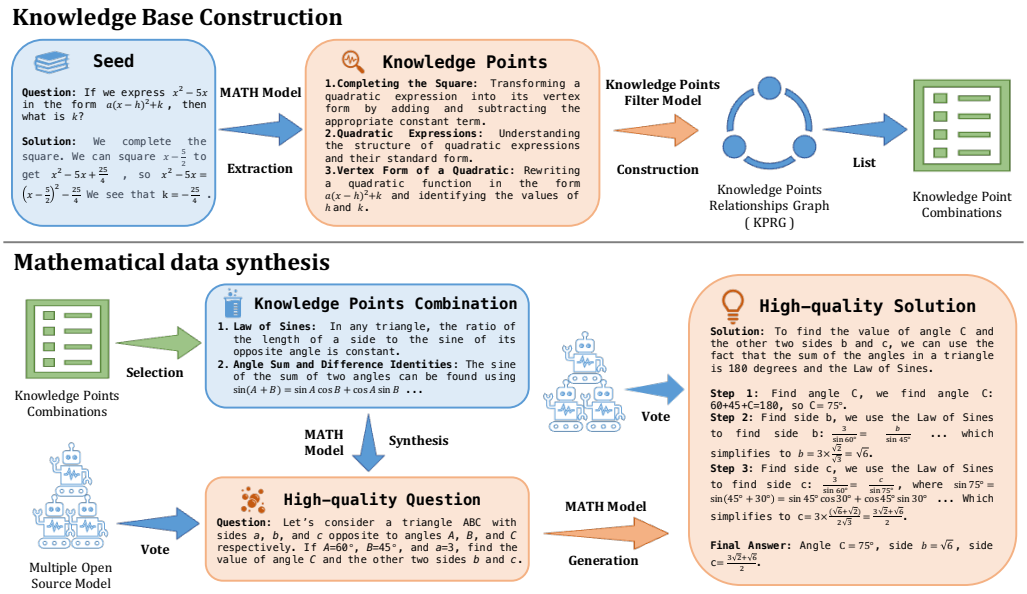

Figure 2: The overview of the Graph-based Synthetic Data Pipeline (GSDP) for synthesizing high-quality new problems and solution from seed data.

2.2 Knowledge Base Construction

In order to help LLMs better understand complex information like math problems, we decompose seed data into simpler meta information and then construct a knowledge base to represent the entire dataset in a more flexible form. The meta information contained in a problem includes elements such as "Subject", "Topic", and "Knowledge Point". For instance, the "Subject" might be "Mathematics", the "Topic" could be "Algebra", and the 'Knowledge Point" could be "methods for solving quadratic equations". To simplify the extraction process and facilitate comprehension by the model, the meta information we extract is limited to "Knowledge Point", and we demonstrate through experiments that "Knowledge Points" sufficiently encapsulate most of the information about a problem.

GSDP use the MATH training set as the seed data which consist of 7.5k math problems. As shown in Figure 2, we first extract no more than 10 relevant knowledge points (KPs) from each seed problem with prompt engineering of DeepSeek-Math-RL (Shao et al., 2024) (the prompt is shown as Prompt 2.1). After extracting the KPs, we employ the embedding model (Chen et al., 2023a) and a large language model (LLM) to filter and cluster them. Initially, the LLM filters out KPs with mathematical errors, incompleteness, or excessive generality. Subsequently, the embedding model clusters KPs with similar meanings, followed by a second validation using the LLM. The most appropriate and accurate KP from each cluster is chosen to represent the cluster. Consequently, We obtained approximately 10K mathematical KPs and showcase some examples in Appendix D.

Prompt 2.1 : Prompt for Knowledge Points Extraction

As a mathematics education specialist, please analyze the given math problem and its solution to **extract specific mathematical knowledge points**. These knowledge points will assist teachers in creating similar exercises and help students understand and master key learning objectives.

Please follow these requirements: (1) **Extract Knowledge Points**: Identify relevant mathematical knowledge points from the given problem and its solution. (2) **Ensure Relevance**: Make sure the extracted knowledge points are directly related to the problem, precise, and concise. Avoid vague concepts. (3) **Focus on Key Concepts**: Concentrate on the specific concepts essential for solving the problem and explaining the solution. (4) **Provide a Clear and Concise List**: : Offer a clear, succinct list of the knowledge points so that educators can design related exercises, helping students focus on the critical learning outcomes needed for mastering the subject.

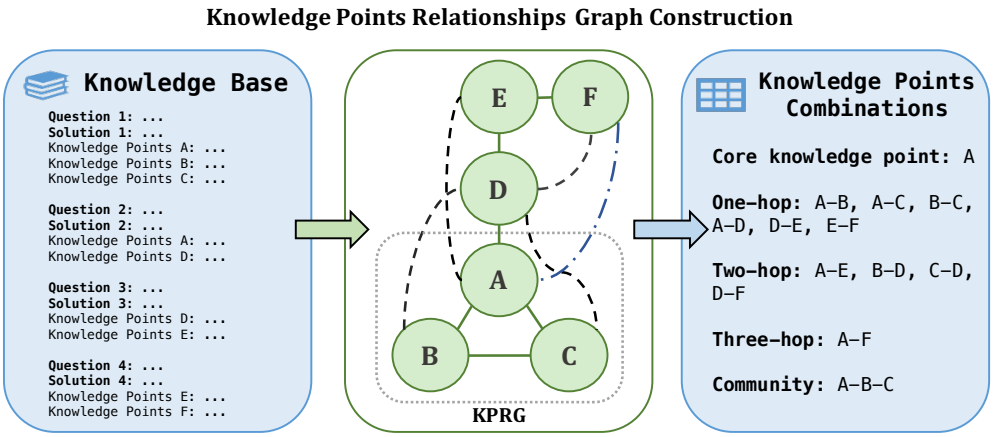

Figure 3: An example of constructing the Knowledge Point Relationships Graph (KPRG) from an existing knowledge base and identifying the four knowledge points combination we proposed.

2.3 KPRG CONSTRUCTION

To structure the disordered KPs in the knowledge base and explore their specific interconnections, we designed a Knowledge Points Relationships Graph (KPRG) to get all related KPs pairs.

In the KPRG, each node is represented as a KP, and each edge represents that the connected KPs have co-occurred in the same problem. Specifically, the knowledge points relationships graph $\mathcal{G}$ can be represented as $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{K}, \mathbb{E}_{\text{co}})$. For nodes, the knowledge points are denoted as $\mathbb{K} = \{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{k}_{|\mathbb{K}|}\}$. For edges, there are two types defined: (1) Co-occurrence (Explicit): Knowledge points that appear together in the same seed problem are connected by an edge, with the edge weight indicating their co-occurrence frequency. These edges can be denoted as $\mathbb{E}_{\text{co}} = \{(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{k}_j) | \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{k}_j) > 0\}$ and $\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{k}_j)$ is the edge weight between $\mathbf{k}_i$ and $\mathbf{k}_j$. (2) Non-co-occurrence (Implicit): Knowledge points that do not appear together in the same seed problem imply a virtual edge with a weight of zero, and can be denoted as $\mathbb{E}_{\text{non}} = \{(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{k}_j) | \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{k}_j) = 0\}$.

2.4 SYNTHESIS BASED ON DIVERSE KNOWLEDGE POINT COMBINATIONS

Different from previous methods that primarily explored explicit relationships between KPs, we proposed four types of knowledge point relationships: one-hop, two-hop, three-hop, and community, which fully integrate both explicit and implicit relationships to generate more diverse synthetic data. Additionally, the exploration of implicit relationships has helped us obtain more combinations of knowledge points, which is also a key reason why GSDP can achieve a high expansion ratio. Figure 3 illustrates an example of constructing KPRG from an existing knowledge base and identifying these four KPs combinations.

One-hop represents explicit relationships, consisting of all pairs of KPs that are directly connected by a single edge. The weight of the edge represents the frequency of their co-occurrence. One-hop combinations have appeared in the seed data, thus they have high relevance.

Two-hop is a type of implicit relationship, consisting of all pairs of KPs that are indirectly connected by two edges. Two-hop is the nearest implicit relationship, connected indirectly through one node, maintaining a certain degree of relevance.

Three-hop further explores implicit relationship, consisting of all pairs of KPs indirectly connected through three edges, with one core knowledge point and one other knowledge point in each pair. Core KPs are those with the highest number of connections in the KPRG, indicating their importance and wide applicability within the knowledge system. When the graph is large, there may be multiple core KPs. As the distance between knowledge points increases, the relevance tends to weaken, so we focus on core knowledge points to ensure that Three-hop remains meaningful. For example, assume that a core knowledge point is "calculus". In the seed data, problems only associate "calculus" with

fundamental concepts such as "limits" and "derivatives". However, in the KPRG, "calculus" is likely not adjacent but close to KPs such as "Fourier transforms" and "complex functions". By integrating these three-hop KPs to construct new problems (the same applies to two-hop), it can significantly increase the diversity of the problems and simultaneously promote the model's ability to learn new types of problems, thereby enhancing its mathematical capabilities.

Community represents explicit relationships, consisting of three knowledge points, each pair of which is mutually connected by edges. There is a strong correlation between the three KPs.

The one-hop combinations are used to synthesize high-quality variant problems, and for high-weight combinations, we perform repeated synthesis to explore more problem types. Implicit relationships combinations are used to synthesize new distribution data, increasing the diversity of the dataset. Community combinations are utilized to generate complex and challenging problems, enriching the dataset's difficulty levels.

After listing all valid knowledge point combinations, we input the prompt and knowledge point combinations into the math model to synthesize new problems. We do not include few-shot examples in the prompt, as this would cause the model to generate problems too similar to them. The prompt is shown in Prompt 2.2. Before solution generation, a rating model assigns a difficulty level to each problem. For medium and low difficulty issues, DeepSeek-Math-RL generates the solutions, while LLaMA3.1-70B (Dubey et al., 2024) handles high difficulty problems.

Moreover, we implement a decontamination process to remove all math problems found in the MATH dataset.

Prompt 2.2 : Prompt for New Problem Generation

You are a math teacher. Now, you need to help your students learn the following math knowledge points. Using these knowledge points as guidelines, **please construct a new, original math problem** that requires an understanding and application of all these points. Ensure the following: (1) The constructed problem must be **free from any mathematical logic errors**. (2) The problem must **combine all the knowledge points**. (3) The question should be of **sufficient difficulty** and **logically consistent**.

2.5 Evaluation of problems and solutions

To achieve the same effectiveness as closed-source models, we use multiple open-source models jointly scoring to filter the data. The more models involved, the higher the data quality, but this also increases the amount of data filtered out and the time required. Therefore, we need to find an optimal combination of open-source models to balance high-quality rate and total data volume. In Experiment 3.7, supervised by GPT-4, we find a combination that achieves 94% of GPT-4-0613's effectiveness while retaining 45% of the data: Qwen2 (Yang et al., 2024), InternLM2 (Cai et al., 2024), and LLaMA3.1 (Dubey et al., 2024).

For problems evaluation, we use a weighted scoring filtering strategy. Problems are evaluated on two criteria: logical completeness (absence of mathematical errors and accurate relation to provided knowledge points) and presentational completeness (clarity, completeness, and absence of prompts or answers). We use the multiple open-source models for evaluation, assigning each problem a score between 0 and 1 based on a weighted sum of model scores (with a threshold of 0.85). For solutions evaluation, we adopt a single-vote veto strategy. The evaluation model requires solutions to be mathematically error-free and to fully satisfy the problem requirements. Each solution is scored as either 0 or 1, depending on whether all models unanimously agree on its correctness. Solutions flagged as problematic by any model are filtered out. Finally, we constructed a dataset named GSDP-MATH comprising 1.91 million high-quality mathematical questions at low cost.

3 Experiments

3.1 Experimental setup

Due to the exceptional scalability of GSDP, we are able to synthesize a substantial quantity of high-quality data with minimal seed data, rendering the GSDP-MATH dataset suited for pre-training and

Table 1: The performance of models on mathematical reasoning tasks. Results for MATH and GSM8K are sourced from MAmmoTH2, while other metrics come from OpenCompass. GAOKAO II denotes the 2010-2022 Math II MCQs from GAOKAO-Eval, and GAOKAO I represents the 2010-2022 Math I MCQs. MathScale Mistral (Official) indicates that the official model has not been open-sourced but has provided results on the MATH and GSM8K datasets. MathScale Mistral (Reproduced) refers to MathScale Mistral reproduced by others. The **bold** and underlined denote the first and second, respectively.

Model	MATH	GSM8K	GAOKAO II	GAOKAO I	SVAMP	AVG
Closed-source Models						
GPT-4-0613	42.5	92.0	-	-	93.1	-
GPT-3.5-Turbo	37.8	74.1	-	-	-	-
Open-Source Models with Parameter Sizes of 7B or 8B						
Yi-6B	6.6	39.6	6.3	3.1	55.5	22.2
LLaMA2-7B	3.6	16.8	16.9	16.4	38.0	18.3
Qwen1.5-7B	13.3	54.1	56.4	53.7	73.4	50.2
LLaMA3-8B	21.3	54.8	4.1	7.9	69.7	31.6
Mistral-7B	11.2	36.2	13.8	12.2	66.9	28.0
InternLM2-7B	25.2	69.9	33.9	35.5	71.5	47.2
Deepseek-7B	6.4	17.4	14.2	13.1	46.2	19.5
Deepseek-Math-7B	36.2	64.2	34.9	28.9	73.2	47.5
MetaMath Mistral	28.2	77.7	9.2	9.4	77.2	40.3
WizardMath v1.1	31.0	78.0	17.0	15.4	48.5	38.0
MathCoder-CL-7B	30.2	67.8	9.6	15.9	70.7	38.8
MathScale Mistral (Official)	35.2	74.8	-	-	-	-
MathScale Mistral (Reproduced)	34.5	74.0	36.7	31.3	79.6	51.2
MAmmoTH-Mistral-7B	18.2	61.5	22.0	21.5	71.7	39.0
MAmmoTH2-7B	36.7	68.4	44.9	29.4	81.8	52.2
MAmmoTH2-8B	35.8	70.4	33.5	24.3	78.6	48.5
Trained only with GSDP-MATH						
GSDP-Qwen-7B	36.8	73.4	**56.8**	**55.1**	79.9	**60.4**
Δ over Qwen1.5	+23.5	+19.3	+0.4	+1.4	+6.5	+10.2
GSDP-8B	37.2	76.5	38.5	31.8	82.2	53.2
Δ over LLaMA3	+15.9	+21.7	+34.4	+23.9	+12.5	+21.6
GSDP-7B	**37.7**	**78.4**	40.8	31.3	**82.3**	54.1
Δ over Mistral	+26.5	+42.2	+27.0	+19.1	+15.4	+26

instruction fine-tuning tasks. For our experiments, we selected the open-source models Qwen1.5-7B (Bai et al., 2023), Mistral-7B (Jiang et al., 2023), and LLaMA3-8B (Meta, 2024)as the baseline models. We call the fine-tuned models *GSDP-Qwen*-7B, *GSDP*-8B, and *GSDP*-7B, based on Qwen1.5-7B, LLaMA3-8B, and Mistral-7B, respectively.

In the instruction fine-tuning experiment, we only employe GSDP-MATH data and fine-tune the models using the LLaMAFactory (Zheng et al., 2024) framework. The fine-tuning task was conducted for 2 epochs with a learning rate of 5e-6, a global batch size of 128, and a maximum sequence length of 2048. A cosine schedule with a 3% warm-up ratio is adopted to regulate the learning rate. For expedited and efficient training, we leveraged DeepSpeed (Rasley et al., 2020) ZeRO Stage 3 and FlashAttention 2 (Dao, 2023).

In the pre-training experiment, we first reformatted the mathematical problems and solutions from GSDP-MATH into the following template: "Problem:\n{probelm}\n\nSolution:\n{solution}". Then we combined GSDP-MATH with publicly available pre-training data for this experiment. To validate the efficacy of our dataset, we utilized the Megatron-lm (Shoeybi et al., 2019) framework

Table 2: Comparison of various methods in expansion ratio and synthesis cost. Synthesis Cost indicates the expenses associated with closed-source models or GPU usage for synthesizing a single data point. The expansion ratio represents the proportion of the total synthesized data to the total seed data.The notation (1B) indicates that the dataset contains approximately 1 billion tokens. TS refers to Total Seed Data. TSD refers to Total Synthesized Data. ER represents the Expansion Ratio (times). SC represents the Synthesis Cost (0.01 cents).

Method	Data Source	Synthesis Model	TS	TSD	ER	SC
MetaMath (Yu et al., 2023)	GSM8K+MATH	GPT-3.5	15K	395K	26	23
MathScale (Tang et al., 2024)	MWPBENCH	GPT-3.5	20K	2M	100	23
WizardMath (Luo et al., 2023)	GSM8K+MATH	GPT-4	15K	96K	6.4	220
XwinMath (Li et al., 2024a)	GSM8K+MATH	GPT-4	15k	1.4M	93	220
MAmmoTH (Yue et al., 2024a)	MAmmoTH datasets	GPT-4	220K	262K	1.2	220
MathCoderWang et al. (2023)	GSM8K+MATH	GPT-4	15K	80K	5.3	220
GSDP	MATH	Open-Source Model	7.5K	**1.9**M(1B)	**255**	**1.23**

for model pre-training. The training configuration included a learning rate of 2e-5, a global batch size of 512, a maximum sequence length of 4096, and a total of 3.5 billion tokens trained.

3.2 Evaluation datasets

To rigorously assess the enhancement in mathematical capabilities of models trained with GSDP-MATH, we employed a suite of mathematical evaluation datasets, including GSM8K (Cobbe et al., 2021), MATH (Hendrycks et al., 2021), GAOKAO-Eval (Team, 2023) and SVAMP (Patel et al., 2021). Additionally, to evaluate the pre-trained models' performance across pre-training tasks, we utilized evaluation datasets such as MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2020), C-Eval (Huang et al., 2024c), and MBPP (Austin et al., 2021). To ensure the fairness and reliability of our results, the evaluation for the MATH and GSM8K datasets was conducted using the evaluation script provided by MAmmoTH2 (Yue et al., 2024b), while the results for the other evaluation metrics were derived using the OpenCompass (Contributors, 2023) evaluation framework. This comprehensive evaluation framework enabled us to systematically assess the models' performance across a multitude of tasks and domains, thereby affirming the efficacy of the GSDP-MATH dataset and validating the superiority of our methodological approach.

3.3 Main results

Table 1 presents the main results of our fine-tuned models on mathematical reasoning tasks. It is evident that models trained only on the GSDP-MATH dataset exhibit substantial improvements over other models based on Mistral-7B and LLaMA3-8B. For example, the performance of *GSDP*-7B achieves 37.7% accuracy on MATH and 78.4% on GSM8K, surpassing other competitive counterparts, including MAmmoTH2-7B (Yue et al., 2024b), MathScale Mistral (Reproduced)[1], and others. Meanwhile, GSDP-8B and GSDP-Qwen-7B boost the performance of LLaMA3-8B and Qwen1.5-7B by an average of 22 and 10 points, respectively. This demonstrates that GSDP does not rely on the base model and has advanced generalization capabilities. Notably, even for the GSM8K, GAOKAO, and SVAMP datasets that were not in the seed data or training set, our model still significantly outperforms other models on these out-of-domain test sets. In addition to significantly enhancing the model's mathematical reasoning capabilities, GSDP-MATH also has a positive impact on the model's scientific reasoning abilities. For specific evaluation datasets and results, please refer to Appendix C.

3.4 Comparison with other methods

To elucidate the advantages of our methodology, we compare various mathematical data construction methods in Table 2. It can be observed that all approaches necessitate the utilization of GPT-3.5

[1]https://huggingface.co/fdqerq22ds/MathScale-Mistral

Table 3: Main results on pre-training tasks. The **bold** and underlined denote the first and second, respectively. The results in the table are sourced from OpenCompass.

Model	MATH	GSM8K	MMLU	CEVAL	MBPP	AVG
Yi-6B	6.6	39.6	64.1	70.78	30.4	42.3
Qwen-7B	15.6	54.4	59.8	62.06	46.7	47.7
LLaMA2-7B	3.6	16.8	46.8	30.13	26.5	24.8
Deepseek-7B	6.4	17.4	49.2	43.68	44.0	32.1
InternLM2-7B	25.2	69.9	65.8	63.5	54.47	55.8
Mistral-7B	11.2	36.2	64.0	43.76	47.47	40.5
Qwen1.5-7B	13.3	54.1	62.2	**72.49**	52.14	50.8
Pre-training on LLaMA3-8B						
LLaMA3-8B	21.3	54.8	**66.4**	48.8	54.9	49.2
GSDP-LLaMA3-8B	**37.8**	**73.5**	66.2	51.2	**56.8**	**57.1**
Δ over LLaMA3	+16.5	+18.7	-0.2	+2.4	+1.9	+7.9

or GPT-4. Although employing closed-source models can ensure the quality of synthesized data to some extent, it inevitably incurs substantial costs and limits the total quantity of synthesized data. For expansion ratio, MathScale (Tang et al., 2024) represents the largest dataset, leveraging GPT-3.5 to synthesize 2M new data points from a 20K seed dataset, achieving an expansion ratio of 100-fold. However, methods (Luo et al., 2023; Yue et al., 2024a) utilizing GPT-4 for data synthesis exhibit relatively low expansion ratios due to the high costs involved. In contrast, GSDP demonstrates exceptional scalability, achieving a 255-fold increase. Based on a mere 7.5K seed dataset, it synthesizes 1.9M high-quality data points containing 1B tokens. Due to its outstanding scalability, GSDP can be used to generate pre-training datasets. Compared to publicly available pre-training datasets, data generated from GSDP contains less noise, higher quality, and greater controllability. For synthesis cost, we posit that methods using closed-source models incur cost solely from the closed-source model cost[2]; whereas for our method, we only need account for GPU usage cost[3]. More details on the calculation of synthesis costs can be found in Appendix B. As shown in Table 2, the cost of synthesizing a single data point using GSDP is 5% or even less than 1% of the cost incurred by other methods. For data quality, our model exhibited highly competitive mathematical capabilities after being fine-tuned on the GSDP-MATH dataset. Additionally, we compared the seed similarity and data diversity of various methods in Appendix E.

3.5 Results of Pre-trained Models

Table 3 outlines the results of our pre-trained model across multiple pre-training tasks. Owing to the excellent scalability of GSDP, the GSDP-MATH dataset is fully adequate for pre-training. We integrated the GSDP-MATH dataset with other publicly available pre-training data to pre-train the LLaMA3-8B base model, which we call *GSDP-LLaMA3*-8B. During this experiment, the model demonstrated significant improvements in mathematical capabilities while maintaining stability in other general capabilities. The *GSDP-LLaMA3*-8B exhibited improvements of 16.5% and 18.7% on the MATH and GSM8K benchmarks, respectively. Moreover, it maintained stable performance on MMLU, CEVAL and MBPP. On average, our model achieved a 7.9% improvement, outperforming most open-source models with similar parameter sizes.

3.6 Comparative Analysis of Diversified Knowledge Points Combination

To clarify the impact of explicit and implict knowledge point combinations on model performance, we partitioned the GSDP-MATH dataset into four distinct segments: (1) GSDP-One: This segment consists of data generated via combinations of one-hop knowledge points, with additional data generated based on edge weight repetition. GSDP-One-Base represents data where each one-hop

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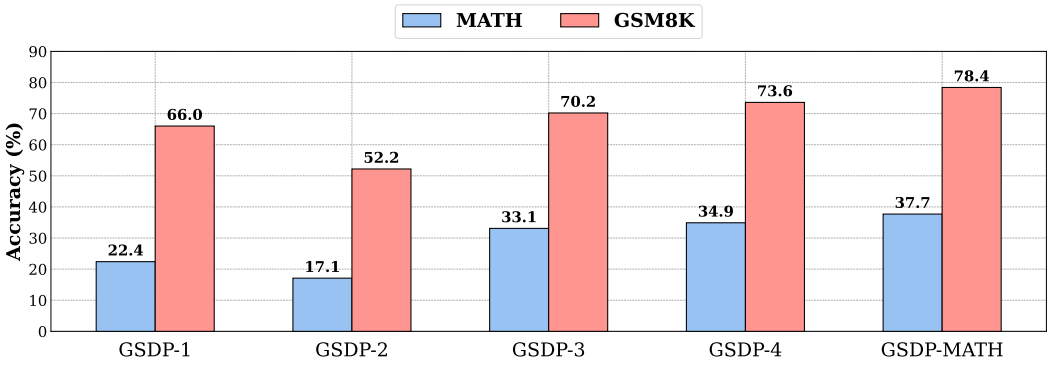

Figure 4: Performance comparison of different data components. The results for MATH and GSM8K are derived from models fine-tuned on Mistral-7B. GSDP-1 denotes the model based on Mistral-7B and fine-tuned with GSDP-One; GSDP-2 denotes GSDP-One-Base; GSDP-3 denotes GSDP-Two + GSDP-Three; GSDP-4 denotes GSDP-One + GSDP-Two + GSDP-Three; GSDP-MATH denotes GSDP-One + GSDP-Two + GSDP-Three + GSDP-Community.

knowledge point combination is generated only once. (2) GSDP-Two: This segment encompasses data derived from combinations of two-hop knowledge points. (3) GSDP-Three: This segment includes data generated from combinations of three-hop knowledge points. (4) GSDP-Community: This segment features data generated from combinations of community knowledge points.

We used different data combinations for training Mistral-7B, and the results are shown in Figure 4. Using GSDP-One enhances model performance more than using GSDP-One-Base because GSDP-One includes more variant questions. Adding GSDP-Two and GSDP-Three significantly boosts model performance because these datasets enable the model to learn from a broader distribution of questions. We also found that incorporating GSDP-Community further enhances model performance, as this dataset mainly contains more challenging questions, thereby improving the model's ability to solve complex mathematical problems.

3.7 Joint Scoring Experiment

Table 4: Accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score and retention ratio of predictions made by various combinations of open-source models, assuming GPT-4's predictions as the ground truth. Retention ratio refers to the proportion of data retained after filtering relative to the total data.

Exp.ID	InternLM2-20B	Qwen2-14B	LLaMA3.1-8B	Yi-34B	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Retention Ratio
1	✔				0.29	0.35	0.50	0.41	0.71
2	✔	✔			0.80	0.75	0.89	0.81	0.65
3	✔	✔		✔	0.87	0.85	**0.90**	0.87	0.59
4	✔	✔	✔		**0.90**	0.94	0.85	**0.89**	0.45
5	✔	✔	✔	✔	0.75	**0.97**	0.52	0.68	0.27

To compare the evaluation performance of the joint scoring model with GPT-4-0613, we constructed a test set comprising 5000 mathematical problems with solutions. The dataset is selected from the synthetic data before evaluation. Each data point is annotated with two labels by GPT-4 using Prompt A.5 and Prompt A.6: problem correctness and solution correctness. Subsequently, we apply the joint scoring model to evaluate these problems and their solutions with the same prompts. We consider the results scored by GPT-4 as the ground truth, while the results scored by the joint scoring model serve as the predicted answers.

We set the candidate pool as Qwen2-14B, InternLM2-20B, LLaMA3.1-8B, and Yi-34B (Young et al., 2024), and then selected several models from this pool to form the joint scoring model. In evaluating problem correctness, the joint scoring result is a weighted aggregate of individual model scores, with the weights determined based on the mathematical proficiency of each model. For

solution correctness evaluation, the joint scoring result takes the lowest score among the models to rigorously ensure the accuracy of the solutions. As shown in Table 4, we comprehensively compared various combinations of accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score and retention ratio. Since we aim to retain as many positive examples as possible in the final data, we should first choose the combination with the highest precision. The combination in Exp.5 demonstrates a precision of 97%, but it performs poorly in recall, which results in retaining only 27% of the data. To balance precision and retention ratio, we chose the more stable combination in Exp.4, which has a precision of 94% while retaining nearly half of the data.

4 Related work

4.1 LLMs and mathematical reasoning

Recent research has focused extensively on enhancing the reasoning capabilities of foundational large language models (LLMs). However, general-purpose LLMs such as LLaMA3 (Meta, 2024) , Mistral (Jiang et al., 2023), InternLM2 (Team, 2023), Qwen (Bai et al., 2023) , Yi (Young et al., 2024), and DeepSeek (Bi et al., 2024) have demonstrated suboptimal performance in mathematical reasoning tasks. Consequently, researchers have explored various strategies to augment the mathematical reasoning capabilities of LLMs. The primary approaches encompass continued pre-training and instruction fine-tuning. Continued pre-training involves training LLMs on extensive pre-training datasets (Lewkowycz et al., 2022; Taylor et al., 2022; Azerbayev et al., 2023; Shao et al., 2024; Ying et al., 2024). In contrast, instruction fine-tuning focuses on applying supervised fine-tuning losses to small-scale, high-quality instruction-response pairs (Ouyang et al., 2022; Chung et al., 2024). Both approaches necessitate the availability of high-quality mathematical inference data to be effective.

4.2 Data synthesis

In the domain of mathematical reasoning, data synthesis is predominantly utilized for instruction fine-tuning, where each data sample comprises a question text and its corresponding answer text. Leveraging our method's exceptional scalability, we are capable of synthesizing extensive quantities of high-quality mathematical inference data from a limited amount of seed data, thus making it equally suitable for continued pre-training tasks. Research efforts primarily concentrate on two pivotal aspects: improving data quality and generating novel questions. Regarding the generation of novel questions, one approach (Yu et al., 2023; Yue et al., 2024a; Tang et al., 2024; Li et al., 2024a; Toshniwal et al., 2024) entails rewriting or generating similar questions based on seed data for data augmentation. Another approach (Huang et al., 2024a;b; Li et al., 2024b) involves generating new questions using knowledge points, either by generating new knowledge points via GPT-4 or extracting them from existing knowledge point databases. However, this approach often suffers from limited scalability, high cost, and high similarity to the seed data, because it primarily focuses on the explicit relationships between KPs and uses GPT-4 or GPT-3.5. Our method overcomes these limitations by exploring both explicit and implicit relationships between KPs with the help of KPRG, and using open-source models instead of closed-source models to synthesize data at low cost.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we introduce GSDP, a low-cost, highly scalable paradigm for synthesizing high-quality data. Utilizing this method in mathematics, we constructed the GSDP-MATH dataset, comprising 1.91 million high-quality question-answer pairs specifically designed to enhance the mathematical reasoning capabilities of large language models. By leveraging this dataset, *GSDP*-7B have demonstrated outstanding performance across multiple mathematical test sets. Our research indicates that thoroughly exploring the implicit relationships between knowledge points is an effective method for synthesizing larger-scale and more diverse data. Furthermore, combining multiple open-source models can achieve performance close to closed-source models, which is key to the low-cost synthesis of high-quality data.

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A PROMPTS

Prompt A.1 : Prompt for Knowledge Points Extraction

As a mathematics education specialist, please analyze the given math problem and its solution to **extract specific mathematical knowledge points**. These knowledge points will assist teachers in creating similar exercises and help students understand and master key learning objectives.

Please follow these requirements:
(1) **Extract Knowledge Points**: Identify relevant mathematical knowledge points from the given problem and its solution.
(2) **Ensure Relevance**: Make sure the extracted knowledge points are directly related to the problem, precise, and concise. Avoid vague concepts.
(3) **Focus on Key Concepts**: Concentrate on the specific concepts essential for solving the problem and explaining the solution.
(4) **Provide a Clear and Concise List**: : Offer a clear, succinct list of the knowledge points so that educators can design related exercises, helping students focus on the critical learning outcomes needed for mastering the subject.

Math Problem: {question}
Solution: {solution}

Limit the list to no more than ten knowledge points, ensuring knowledge points listed are strictly pertinent to solving the given math problem and aiding in its conceptual comprehension. Please output in this format:

Relevant Math knowledge points:

1.
2.
3.
4. (Continue the list as necessary)

Prompt A.2 : Prompt for Cluster Knowledge Points

Given a list of similar math knowledge points, pick the one that best represents all of them. This knowledge point should be the most commonly known and used in math discussions, making sure it includes all the listed knowledge points.

List of knowledge points: {knowledge points}

How to Choose:

1. **Common Usage:** The knowledge points should be widely used in schools and academic settings.
2. **Broad Coverage:** It should cover the key aspects and details of all similar knowledge points listed.
3. **Standard Terminology:** The terms used should be standard and widely accepted in the math community.

Please review each knowledge points and pick the one that fits these criteria best. Provide a short explanation for your choice.
Format your response like this:

Best knowledge points: {Your choice here}
Reason: {Your explanation here}

Prompt A.3 : Prompt for Solution Generation

{Problem}
Please reason step by step, and put your final answer within \boxed{}.

Prompt A.4 : Prompt for New Problem Generation

You are a math teacher. Now, you need to help your students learn the following math knowledge points. Using these knowledge points as guidelines, **please construct a new, original math problem** that requires an understanding and application of all these points.

Ensure the following:
(1) The constructed problem must be **free from any mathematical logic errors**.
(2) The problem must **combine all the knowledge points**.
(3) The question should be of **sufficient difficulty** and **logically consistent**.

knowledge points 1: {knowledge points1}
knowledge points 2: {knowledge points2}
knowledge points 3: {knowledge points3}

Please format your response like this:

New Problem: {Your new problem here}

Prompt A.5 : Prompt for Problem evaluation

Given these math knowledge points:

knowledge points 1: knowledge points
knowledge points 2: knowledge points

I have formulated a new math problem as follows: {question}

Could you please evaluate whether the new math problem effectively incorporates both of the provided knowledge points and identify any factual or logical errors in the problem? Provide a score as a floating-point number between 0 and 1, where 1 means the problem effectively covers both knowledge points without any factual or logical errors, and 0 indicates that it does not effectively cover any of the knowledge points or there are factual or logical errors.

Please strictly follow the above requirements to give a reasonable score. The format is as follows:

Evaluation Score: {score}
Explanation: {Your explanation here}

Prompt A.6 : Prompt for Solution evaluation

You are given a mathematical problem along with its solution. Your task is to determine whether the provided solution is correct. Please read the problem and solution carefully before answering, considering the following criteria:

1. **Accuracy of Calculations:** Check all the numerical calculations to ensure they are carried out correctly.
2. **Logical Consistency:** Verify that the logical steps follow each other coherently and correctly.
3. **Completeness of the Solution:** Confirm that all parts of the problem have been addressed and the solution is comprehensive.

If any of these criteria are not satisfied, you should respond with ”False”.

Problem: {question}
Solution: {solution}

Is the provided solution correct? Please follow this format in your response:

Answer: {Your judgment here, True or False}
Explanation: {Your explanation here}

B CALCULATION OF SYNTHESIS COST

For synthesis cost, we posit that methods using closed-source models incur cost solely from the closed-source model cost[4]; whereas for our method, we only need account for GPU usage cost[5]. Based on information from the web pages, the input cost of GPT-4 is \$10 per 1M tokens, and the output cost is \$30 per 1M tokens. For GPT-3.5, the input cost is \$1.5 per 1M tokens and the output cost is \$2 per 1M tokens. The cost of using one NVIDIA RTX 4090 (24G) is \$0.35 per hour.

According to our experiments, synthesizing and scoring problems and solutions requires at least 1000 input tokens and 400 output tokens (with slight differences between various methods). For data synthesis using GPT-4, the cost of synthesizing one data point is calculated as:

$$10 \times 0.001 + 30 \times 0.0004 = 0.022\,\$$$

In terms of 0.01 cents, the synthesis cost is 220.

For data synthesis using GPT-3.5, the cost of synthesizing one data point is calculated as:

$$1.5 \times 0.001 + 2 \times 0.0004 = 0.0023\,\$$$

In terms of 0.01 cents, the synthesis cost is 23.

For GSDP, we leveraged the vLLM (Kwon et al., 2023) and used 8 RTX 4090 GPUs for 84 hours to construct 1.91 million data points. The cost of synthesizing one data point is calculated as:

$$\frac{0.35 \times 8 \times 84}{1910000} \approx 0.000123\,\$$$

In terms of 0.01 cents, the synthesis cost is 1.23.

If we were to synthesize 2 million math problems and solutions, it would cost \$44000 using GPT-4, \$4600 using GPT-3.5, but only \$246 using GSDP. This gap becomes even more pronounced as the data volume increases.

C ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS ON SCIENTIFIC REASONING

In addition to mathematical reasoning, we utilize several widely used datasets to assess the scientific reasoning capabilities of models in subjects such as physics, biology, chemistry, and computer science. Each of these datasets is designed to challenge the models in different aspects of reasoning.

- **ARC-C** (Clark et al., 2018): ARC includes questions derived from various grade-level science exams, testing models' ability to handle both straightforward and complex scientific queries. We use the challenge subset, which contains 1,172 test questions.
- **MMLU-STEM** (Hendrycks et al., 2021): Spanning 57 subjects across multiple disciplines, MMLU evaluates the breadth and depth of a model's knowledge in a manner akin to academic and professional testing environments. We select the STEM subset of MMLU with 3.13K problems.
- **GPQA** (Rein et al., 2023): This dataset provides "Google-proof" questions in biology, physics, and chemistry, designed to test deep domain expertise and reasoning under challenging conditions. We use the diamond subset containing 198 hard problems.
- **BIG-Bench Hard (BBH)** (Suzgun et al., 2022): Consisting of 23 tasks previously found challenging for language models from BIG-Bench (Srivastava et al., 2023), BBH contains a total of 6511 challenging problems examining the capability of LLMs to solve them.
- **TheoremQA** (Chen et al., 2023b): Focused on applying mathematical theorems to solve advanced problems in fields such as mathematics, physics, and engineering, TheoremQA includes 800 questions that test the theoretical reasoning capabilities.

[4]https://openai.com/api/pricing/

[5]https://power.netmind.ai/rentIntro

- **MBPP** (Austin et al., 2021): MBPP consists of around 1,000 crowd-sourced Python programming problems, designed to be solvable by entry-level programmers, covering programming fundamentals, standard library functionality, and so on. Each problem consists of a task description, code solution and 3 automated test cases.

As shown in the table 5, although our model was trained using only GSDP-MATH, it can be observed that GSDP-7B, GSDP-8B, and GSDP-Qwen-7B show average improvements of 6.5%, 3.5%, and 5.1% respectively in scientific reasoning tasks.

Table 5: Main results on scientific reasoning tasks. The Δ rows highlight the improvements of the GSDP models over their corresponding baseline models. We employed testing scripts provided by MAmmoTH2 (Yue et al., 2024b) and OpenCompass (Contributors, 2023).

Model	**ARC-C**	**MMLU-stem**	**GPQA**	**BBH**	**TheoremQA**	**MBPP**	**AVG**
Mistral-7B	74.2	50.1	24.7	55.7	19.2	47.5	45.2
GSDP-7B	78.8	58.3	32.3	60.3	25.6	54.8	51.7
Δ *Mistral-7B*	*+4.6*	*+8.2*	*+7.6*	*+4.6*	*+6.4*	*+7.3*	*+6.5*
LLaMA3-8B	78.6	55.6	27.2	61.1	20.1	54.9	49.6
GSDP-8B	80.5	60.8	30.8	63.7	24.2	58.4	53.1
Δ *LLaMA3-8B*	*+1.9*	*+5.2*	*+3.6*	*+2.6*	*+4.1*	*+3.5*	*+3.5*
Qwen1.5-7B	75.6	45.5	26.7	45.2	14.2	52.1	43.2
GSDP-Qwen-7B	79.2	56.3	29.8	50.3	21.6	52.5	48.3
Δ *Qwen1.5-7B*	*+3.6*	*+10.8*	*+3.1*	*+5.1*	*+7.4*	*+0.4*	*+5.1*

D EXAMPLES OF KNOWLEDGE POINTS

To demonstrate the diversity and comprehensiveness of our knowledge base, we randomly sampled 20 KPs:

"Angle of Rotation", *"The unit circle and its properties"*, *"Solving Equations with Multiple Variables"*, *"Right triangles in a sphere"*, *"Inversions in permutations"*, *"Pi (π) as a constant in geometry and trigonometry"*, *"Perfect Cubes"*, *"Area of Triangles and Squares"*, *"Diophantine Approximation"*, *"Perimeter of a triangle"*, *"Abundant Number"*, *"Graphing a hyperbola"*, *"Determining the base and height of a Parallelogram"*, *"Difference of cosines formula"*, *"Quartic Polynomial"*, *"Polynomial Inequalities"*, *"Congruence of Integers"*, *"Solving equations involving digits"*, *"Sign Analysis"*, *"Calculation of expected value for a fair eight-sided die"*.

E QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

We compared GSDP-MATH with MetaMath, MathCoder, and MathScale, which are open source datasets (detailed information on these datasets can be found in Table 6), in terms of seed similarity and data diversity.

E.1 QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF SEED SIMILARITY

we employed the embedding model (Chen et al., 2023a) to measure the similarity between synthetic data and seed. Specifically, for each synthetic data instance, we calculated its closest match in the seed data and recorded the highest similarity score. By aggregating the similarity scores for all synthetic data instances, we plotted histograms (Figure 5, 6, 7 and 8) to visualize the distribution of similarity scores and analyze the similarity between the datasets.

The figures indicate that the similarity scores for MathScale predominantly fall within the range of 0.8 to 0.9, while those for MetaMathQA and MathCodeInstruct are concentrated around 1. In contrast, the similarity scores between GSDP-MATH and the seed data predominantly fall within the range of 0.55 to 0.65. This is because MetaMath and MathCoderInstruct rely heavily on seed data,

resulting in synthesized data that is very similar to the seed data. MathScale synthesizes data based on knowledge points, which reduces overall similarity and creates a more uniform data distribution. However, because it does not fully explore implicit relationships between knowledge points (non-co-occurrence knowledge points), there is still a significant amount of data similar to the seed data. In contrast, GSDP takes into account both explicit relationships (co-occurrence knowledge points) and thoroughly explores implicit relationships. This allows our method to synthesize datasets that have a more uniform distribution and lower overall similarity, with almost no data being very similar to the seed data.

E.2 Quantitative Analysis of Data Diversity

Given that the smallest dataset among the four contains 80K samples and the overall data volume is relatively large, we uniformly and randomly sampled 80K instances from each dataset and computed their embeddings. For each subset of embeddings, we performed clustering and compared the number of cluster centers to assess the differences in data diversity across datasets. We adopted the density-based DBSCAN (Ester et al., 1996) algorithm and utilized the k-distance graph to determine key DBSCAN parameters, ensuring a more scientifically grounded adaptation to the characteristics of each dataset.

As shown in Table 6, our method resulted in the greatest number of cluster centers, indicating higher diversity within the GSDP-MATH dataset. This finding highlights the richness of our synthetic data. Synthesizing data based on seed data or co-occurrence knowledge points often results in problems of the same type as the seed data. In contrast, our method generates new types of problems, thereby increasing the diversity of problem types in our dataset.

Table 6: Information of key attributes across various datasets. The "Sample Size" column indicates the number of instances sampled from each dataset for clustering analysis, and "Number of Clustering Centers" represents the number of distinct clusters identified in the dataset.

Method	Seed	Synthesized Data	Size	Sample Size	Number of Clustering Centers
MetaMath	GSM8K+MATH	MetaMathQA	395K	80K	339
MathCoder	GSM8K+MATH	MathCodeInstruct	80K	80K	271
MathScale	MWPBENCH	MathScale	2M	80K	488
GSDP	MATH	GSDP-MATH	1.9M	80K	**541**

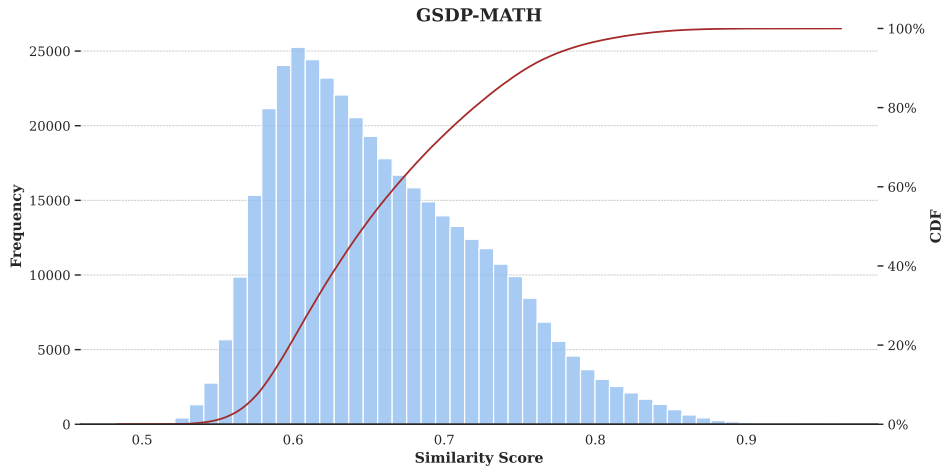

Figure 5: Histogram of the similarity scores between GSDP-MATH and the seed data. The blue bars represent the frequency of the similarity scores, while the red line represents the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the scores.

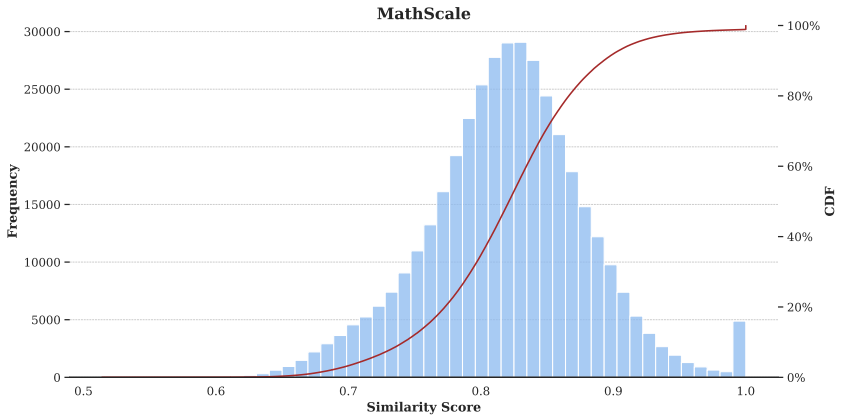

Figure 6: Histogram of the similarity scores between MathScale and the seed data. The blue bars represent the frequency of the similarity scores, while the red line represents the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the scores.

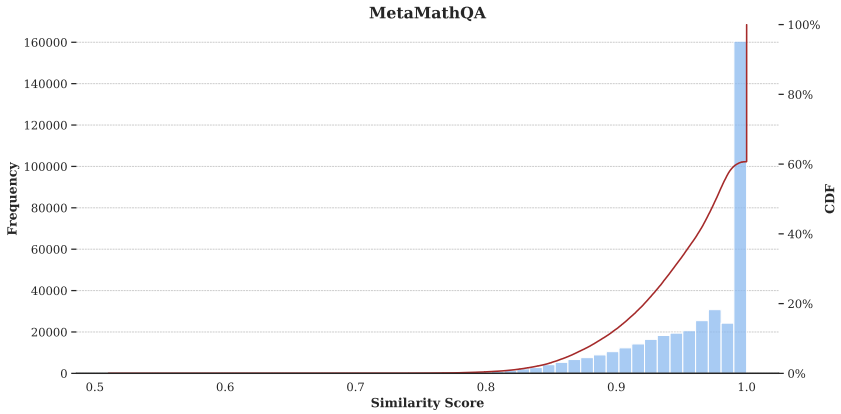

Figure 7: Histogram of the similarity scores between MetaMathQA and the seed data. The blue bars represent the frequency of the similarity scores, while the red line represents the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the scores.

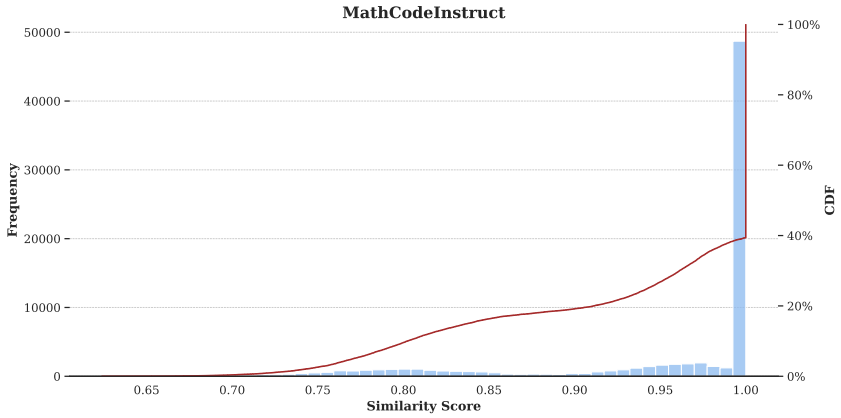

Figure 8: Histogram of the similarity scores between MathCodeInstruct and the seed data. The blue bars represent the frequency of the similarity scores, while the red line represents the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the scores.