
Enhancing Diversity in Large Language Models via Determinantal Point Processes

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Abstract

1 Supervised fine-tuning and reinforcement learning, while improving large language
2 model (LLM) quality, often reduce output diversity, leading to narrow, canonical
3 responses. Existing methods to enhance diversity are limited, either by operating at
4 inference time or by focusing on lexical differences. We propose a novel training
5 method based on determinantal point processes (DPPs) to jointly optimize LLMs
6 for quality and semantic diversity. Our approach samples and embeds responses,
7 then uses the determinant of a kernel-based similarity matrix to measure diversity as
8 the volume spanned by the embeddings. Experiments across instruction-following,
9 story generation, and reasoning tasks demonstrate that our method substantially
10 improves semantic diversity without sacrificing model quality.

11 1 Introduction

12 Post-training methods like supervised fine-tuning (SFT) and reinforcement learning from human
13 feedback (RLHF) [32, 28, 22, 4] improve LLM quality but often sharply reduce output diversity
14 [14, 20, 3, 29, 5]. Models trained this way tend to converge on narrow, canonical responses [14, 11],
15 which is undesirable in settings like reasoning or personalization, where diverse outputs support
16 multiple problem-solving approaches and user preferences.

17 Efforts to encourage diversity in LLM outputs mostly rely on inference-time methods like temperature
18 scaling [1], top-k sampling [13], or related strategies [21, 10]. These approaches remain constrained
19 by the base model’s learned distribution. A stronger alternative is to optimize for diverse, high-quality
20 outputs during training, but this poses two key challenges: (1) defining and optimizing diversity in
21 a computationally efficient, theoretically grounded way, and (2) balancing diversity with response
22 quality. Several recent works have attempted to enhance diversity in LLMs through training, but
23 their efforts largely remain confined to the lexical level of diversity [31, 16, 17]. Encouraging the
24 promotion of local lexical differences rather than enabling LLMs to produce a set of responses
25 spanning distinct and meaningful modes of the answer space. Most related to our work, Chung et al.
26 [6] propose a variant of DPO [22] by using pairwise distances in an embedding space. However, as
27 we discuss in more detail in Section 3, pairwise distances provide a less robust and weaker notion of
28 diversity.

29 In this work, we propose a principled training method based on determinantal point processes
30 (DPPs) [15] to jointly optimize LLMs for quality and diversity. Unlike token-level entropy or lexical
31 perturbations, our approach operates semantically: for each prompt, we sample responses, embed
32 them with a pretrained encoder, and compute a kernel-based similarity matrix. The determinant of
33 this matrix defines diversity as the volume spanned by the embeddings, while response rewards scale
34 the vectors to balance quality and diversity. Experiments on instruction-following, story generation,
35 and reasoning show that our method substantially improves semantic diversity without sacrificing
36 quality.

37 **2 Preliminaries**

38 **Notations.** For ease of readability, we summarize some frequently used notations here. We use
 39 x and y to represent a prompt and a response, respectively. We represent a group of k responses
 40 $\{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$ by $y_{1:k}$ and we denote $\{y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}, y_{i+1}, \dots, y_k\}$ by y_{-i} . We use $I_k \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ to
 41 represent the identity matrix with size k .

42 **Determinantal point processes (DPPs).** In this work, we quantify the diversity based on the
 43 concept of DPPs. We introduce the definition of L-ensembles below which is a subclass of DPPs. For
 44 a comprehensive introduction to DPPs, please refer to Kulesza et al. [15].

45 **Definition 1 (L-ensemble)** Let $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ be a ground set, and $\mathbf{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ be a random subset.
 46 Suppose $L \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is a real symmetric positive semidefinite matrix. We say L defines an L-ensemble,
 47 if for every $A \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$, $\Pr(\mathbf{Y} = A) \propto \det(L_A)$, where L_A is the submatrix of L indexed by A .

48 The probability measure of DPPs inherently discourages the selection of similar items. If we think of
 49 the entries of L as measurements of similarity between pairs of elements, the determinant $\det(L_A)$
 50 corresponds to the squared volume spanned by the feature vectors of items in A , which increases
 51 when the vectors are diverse and decreases when they are redundant or highly correlated.

52 **3 Proposed Methodology**

53 Based on the above definition, given a set of responses $y_{1:k}$, we can formulate the diversity in this
 54 group of responses as $\text{Div}(y_{1:k}) = \det(L_\phi(y_{1:k}))$ where $L_\phi(y_{1:k})[i, j] = f(\phi(y_i), \phi(y_j))$, f is a
 55 kernel function and $\phi(\cdot)$ is a selected embedding model. In this work, we select the kernel function as
 56 the dot product, $f(\phi(y_i), \phi(y_j)) = \langle \phi(y_i), \phi(y_j) \rangle$. For simplicity, when it is clear from the context,
 57 we will omit the subscript in L_ϕ .

58 Our diversity definition has two advantages: it operates in embedding space, capturing semantic diver-
 59 sity, and its determinant-based formulation measures group rather than pairwise diversity. Pairwise
 60 metrics, like average distances, are prone to the ‘‘clustering’’ phenomenon, where a few separated
 61 groups create a false sense of diversity [25]. In contrast, the determinant rewards linearly independent
 62 responses, penalizing clusters and low-dimensional subspaces. This encourages exploration of the
 63 full embedding space, ensuring genuine semantic diversity.

64 Reinforcement learning has been a popular method for post-training LLMs with either an existing
 65 reward function or the one inferred from a preference dataset, i.e. RLHF. With the reward function,
 66 the model is optimized by maximizing the following KL-regularized objective,

$$\pi^* = \arg \max \{J(\pi_\theta) - \beta \text{KL}(\pi_\theta || \pi_{ref})\} \quad (1)$$

67 where $J(\pi_\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{x, y \sim \pi(\cdot|x)}[r(x, y)]$ is the expected return and β is a hyperparameter balancing the
 68 KL divergence and rewards. As we have pointed out in the introduction section, after alignment, the
 69 model tends to converge toward a narrow set of responses, leading to limited diversity. To solve this
 70 issue of diversity collapse, inspired by the concepts from DPPs, we propose the following objective
 71 to directly optimize LLMs for both quality and diversity in generated responses,

$$J_{Div}(\pi_\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{x, y_1, \dots, y_k \sim \pi_\theta(\cdot|x)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^k r(x, y_i) + \alpha \log \det(L_\phi(y_{1:k})) \right]. \quad (2)$$

72 For each prompt, we sample k responses $y_{1:k}$ from the model like what people do with Group Relative
 73 Policy Optimization (GRPO). Instead of just optimizing the reward, we add a diversity term as part
 74 of the objective. And α is a hyperparameter to balance the quality and diversity.

75 It can be shown that by optimizing (1) with our $J_{Div}(\pi_\theta)$, the optimal policy satisfies,

$$\pi_{div}(y_{1:k}|x) \propto \pi_{ref}(y_{1:k}|x) \exp \left(\frac{1}{\beta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k r(x, y_i) + \alpha \log \det(L_\phi(y_{1:k})) \right) \right) \quad (3)$$

76 For simplicity of exposition, suppose $\beta = \alpha$. We can define a reward-augmented new embedding
 77 vector for the response y as $\psi(y) = \sqrt{\exp \left(\frac{r(y)}{\beta} \right) \pi_{ref}(y)} \cdot \phi(y)$. The reward plays a role as a

78 scaling factor of the original semantic embedding. With the formulation of the new embeddings, we
 79 can show our optimal policy satisfies,

$$\pi_{div}(y_{1:k}|x) \propto \det(L_\psi(y_{1:k})) \quad (4)$$

80 The above expression tells us that our policy (4) learns to generate a group of responses with the
 81 probability proportional to the determinant of the gram matrix formed by the embedding vectors of
 82 these responses. From a geometric view, our policy can pick a group of vectors in the embedding
 83 space of responses according to the squared volume of the space spanned by these vectors.

84 3.1 Algorithm

85 We noticed that implementing the objective (2) in practice poses several challenges, such as the high
 86 variance of the gradient estimator and potential numerical explosion. We present a practical version
 87 of the algorithm designed to stabilize training. The gradient of $J_{Div}(\pi_\theta)$ can be calculated as follows,

$$\nabla J_{Div}(\pi_\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{x, y_{1:k} \sim \pi_\theta(\cdot|x)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \nabla \log \pi_\theta(y_i|x) (r(x, y_i) + \alpha \log \det(L(y_{1:k}))) \right] \quad (5)$$

88 The first issue is the determinant of $L(y_{1:k})$ can be close to zero which leads to a super negative value
 89 of $\log(\det(L(y_{1:k})))$. The unboundedness of the diversity term makes the training process unstable
 90 and also makes the balance between quality and diversity difficult such that only a carefully selected
 91 α is effective. To fix this issue, we propose to consider the determinant of the matrix $L(y_{1:k}) + I_k$.
 92 By adding an identity matrix, we can show $k \geq \log(\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)) \geq 0$.

93 The second issue is that the gradients is the summation of the gradient of k responses. It has high
 94 variance especially when k is large. To mitigate the issue of inflating variance, we propose to use
 95 leave-one-out (*loo*) gradient estimators by subtracting the log-determinant of the gram matrix which
 96 leaves one response out,

$$\nabla^{loo} J_{Div}(\pi_\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{x, y_{1:k} \sim \pi_\theta(\cdot|x)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \nabla \log \pi_\theta(x, y_i) \left(r(y_i) + \lambda \log \frac{\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)}{\det(L(y_{-i}) + I_{k-1})} \right) \right]$$

97 The *loo* estimator is unbiased and has the following nice property.

98 **Lemma 1** *Let us write the eigenvalues of $L(y_{1:k})$ as $\lambda_k \geq \dots \geq \lambda_1$, then we have $1 + \lambda_k \geq$
 99 $\frac{\det(L(y_{1:k})+I)}{\det(L(y_{-i})+I)} \geq 1 + \lambda_1$. And the eigenvalue of $L(y_{1:k})$ is always in $[0, k]$ since the embedding vectors
 100 are normalized, we have $1 + k \geq \frac{\det(L(y_{1:k})+I)}{\det(L(y_{-i})+I)} \geq 1$ and $\log(1 + k) \geq \log \frac{\det(L(y_{1:k})+I)}{\det(L(y_{-i})+I)} \geq 0$.*

101 4 Experiments

102 We run experiments under three different kinds of tasks, including reasoning (GSM8K [7]), story-
 103 writing (Common-Gen [18]) and instruction-following (Dolly [8]). We compare our algorithm to the
 104 baseline which trains the model with only reward. For the detailed experimental setup, please see
 105 Appendix C.

106 We use *pass@n* metric to measure the quality with n varies from 1 to 10. And we use multiple
 107 metrics to measure the diversity in the responses which we summarize below,

- 108 • Distinct-n: Count the ratio of unique n-grams among the responses.
- 109 • Self-BLEU and Self-ROUGE score: Two popular metrics to measure the similarity of
 110 languages. Note these scores measure the similarity, to be consistent with other metrics, we
 111 report $1 - Score$.
- 112 • LLM as a judge: We prompt an advanced model GPT-4o-mini to judge the model’s output
 113 in terms of the diversity (see Appendix D and E).

114 **Quality** In Figure 1, we show the *pass@n* performance across three tasks. We compare the baseline
 115 model trained with only reward and the model trained by our objective with hyperparameter $\alpha = 1$.
 116 Our model exhibits better performance than the baseline model especially when n is large. Besides,
 117 in the case of $n = 1$, our model has similar or better performance to the baseline. Together, the results
 118 show that our method does not hurt *pass@1* performance while providing better *pass@n* performance
 119 with $n > 1$ indicating that our model can generate both high-quality and diverse responses.

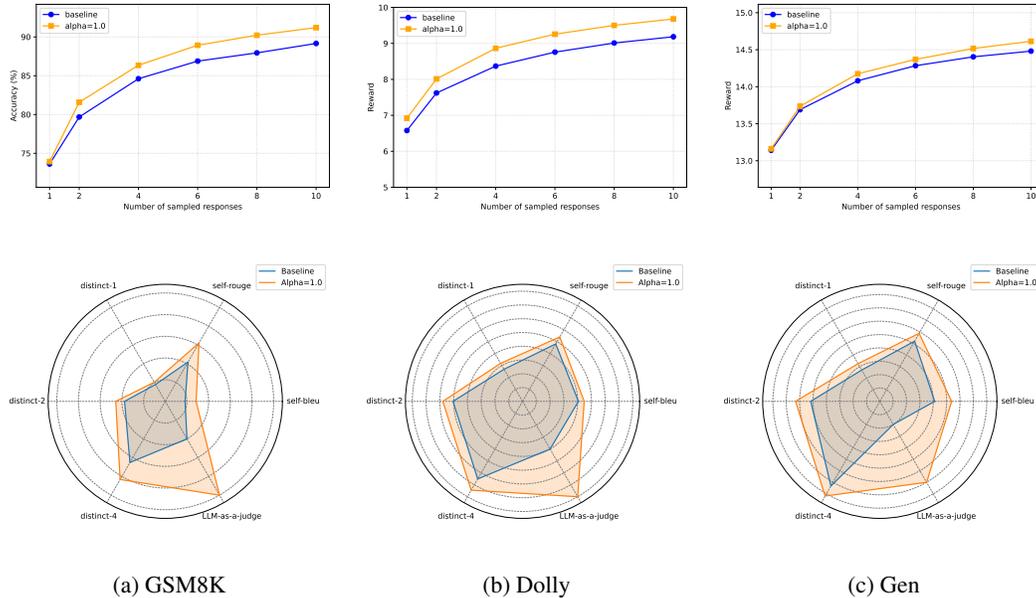


Figure 1: The performance on $pass@n$ and diversity metrics. Baseline: the model trained with only reward; Alpha=1.0: ours.

120 **Diversity** The superior performance on $pass@n$ already suggests that our method enhances re-
 121 sponse diversity. To further validate this, we present six diversity metrics in Figure 1. For each metric,
 122 higher values indicate greater diversity. As shown in the figure, the model trained with our method
 123 consistently outperforms the model trained solely with reward, demonstrating a clear advantage in
 124 diversity. In particular, for the LLM-as-a-judge metric, the advanced model GPT-4o-mini strongly
 125 recognizes the diversity of responses generated by our approach (See Appendix E), highlighting
 126 improvements at the semantic level.

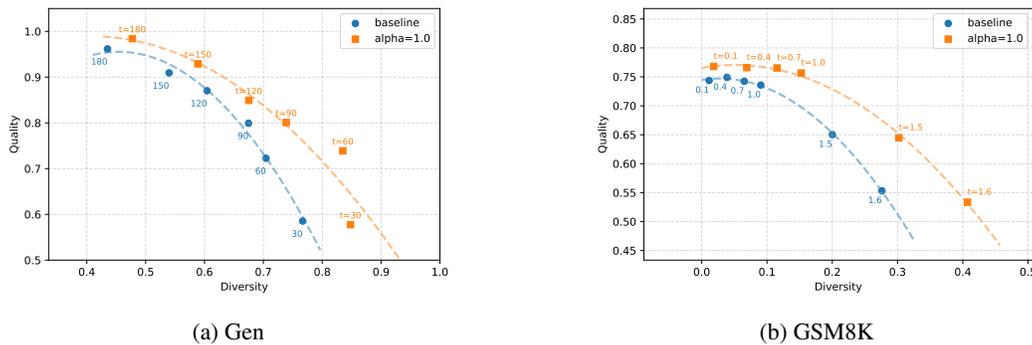


Figure 2: Pareto frontiers on quality and diversity of our model and the baseline. On the left, each point is a model trained with different training steps and the sampling temperature is set as 1.0. On the right, we take the final trained model but vary the sampling temperature.

127 **Pareto frontier** To illustrate how our model achieves a favorable balance between quality and
 128 diversity, we plot the Pareto frontiers of our model and the baseline model by varying either the
 129 training steps or the sampling temperature in Figure 2. Across different sampling temperatures (the
 130 right in Figure 2), our model consistently occupies the upper-right region relative to the baseline,
 131 demonstrating a robust advantage in balancing quality and diversity at the inference stage. Similarly,
 132 when varying the training steps (the left in Figure 2), our model remains Pareto-optimal throughout
 133 the entire training process, indicating that it consistently achieves a better quality–diversity balance
 134 throughout the entire training process.

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249 **A Theoretical results and proofs**

250 **Lemma.** Suppose $\psi(x, y) = \sqrt{\exp(\frac{r(x, y)}{\beta}) \pi_{ref}(y|x)} \cdot \phi(y)$, then the optimal policy in (3) satisfies
 251 $\pi_{div}(y_{1:k}|x) \propto \det(L_\psi(y_{1:k}))$ when $\alpha = \beta$.

252 **Proof.** Let $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ have columns $\phi(y_1), \dots, \phi(y_k)$. The Gram matrix is

$$L = B^\top B.$$

253 Now suppose we scale each column $\phi(y_i)$ by a factor a_i , and denote

$$A = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_k), \quad B' = BA.$$

254 Then the new Gram matrix is

$$L' = (B')^\top B' = (AB^\top)(BA) = A(B^\top B)A = ALA.$$

255 Taking determinants,

$$\det(L') = \det(ALA) = \det(A) \det(L) \det(A) = (\det(A))^2 \det(L).$$

256 Since $\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^k a_i$, we obtain

$$\det(L') = \left(\prod_{i=1}^k a_i \right)^2 \det(L).$$

257 Recall that $\pi_{div}(y_{1:k}|x)$ is defined as when $\alpha = \beta$,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{div}(y_{1:k}|x) &\propto \pi_{ref}(y_{1:k}|x) \exp \left(\frac{1}{\beta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k r(x, y_i) \right) + \log \det(L_\phi(y_{1:k})) \right) \\ &= \pi_{ref}(y_{1:k}|x) \exp \left(\frac{1}{\beta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k r(x, y_i) \right) \right) \det(L_\phi(y_{1:k})) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^k \left(\pi_{ref}(y_i|x) \exp \left(\frac{r(x, y_i)}{\beta} \right) \right) \det(L_\phi(y_{1:k})) \end{aligned}$$

258 The second equality holds because $y_{1:k}$ are sampled independently. Combined with the result above,
 259 we have $\pi_{div}(y_{1:k}|x) \propto \det(L_\psi(y_{1:k}))$.

260 **Analysis of $\det(L(y_{1:k}))$ and $\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)$.** Maximizing $\det(L)$ is equivalent to max-
 261 imizing the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by the selected feature vectors, which enforces
 262 strict linear independence: any subset that induces a singular L receives zero score. In contrast,
 263 maximizing $\det(L + I)$ introduces a ridge-like regularization. Indeed, if $L = BB^\top$ for a feature
 264 matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$, we have

$$\det(L + I) = \det(BB^\top + I) = \det(I + B^\top B).$$

265 This is precisely the determinant of a regularized scatter matrix, analogous to the role of $(B^\top B + \lambda I)$
 266 in ridge regression. From this viewpoint, adding I stabilizes the objective by preventing collapse
 267 along directions of near-linear dependence and avoiding the degeneracy of zero determinants.

268 A complementary interpretation arises from Bayesian linear models and Gaussian processes. In
 269 Bayesian linear regression with a Gaussian prior $w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ and unit-variance observation noise,
 270 the marginal likelihood normalization involves $\det(I + B^\top B)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. Similarly, in Gaussian process
 271 regression, the log marginal likelihood includes $\log \det(L + \sigma^2 I)$, with σ^2 corresponding to the noise
 272 variance. Setting $\sigma^2 = 1$ recovers the $\det(L + I)$ objective. Hence, $\det(L + I)$ can be viewed as
 273 the determinant under a model with a prior noise floor, which softens the diversity requirement and
 274 balances between variance explained by the selected items and a baseline level of uncertainty.

275 **Eigenvalue Interlacing Theorem [9].** Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is symmetric. Let $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ with
 276 $m < n$ be a principal submatrix (obtained by deleting both i -th row and i -th column for some values
 277 of i). Suppose A has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$ and B has eigenvalues $\beta_1 \leq \dots \leq \beta_m$. Then,

$$\lambda_k \leq \beta_k \leq \lambda_{k+n-m}, \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, m$$

278 And if $m = n - 1$, one has,

$$\lambda_1 \leq \beta_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \beta_2 \leq \dots \leq \beta_{n-1} \leq \lambda_n$$

279 **Proof.** We use the Courant–Fischer min–max theorem. For a symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with
 280 eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$, the k -th eigenvalue can be characterized as

$$\lambda_k = \min_{\substack{S \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ \dim(S)=k}} \max_{\substack{x \in S \\ x \neq 0}} \frac{x^\top A x}{x^\top x}.$$

281 Similarly, for the principal submatrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ with eigenvalues $\beta_1 \leq \dots \leq \beta_m$, we have

$$\beta_k = \min_{\substack{T \subset \mathbb{R}^m \\ \dim(T)=k}} \max_{\substack{y \in T \\ y \neq 0}} \frac{y^\top B y}{y^\top y}.$$

282 Now observe that B is obtained by restricting A to a coordinate subspace (corresponding to removing
 283 some rows and columns). Hence any $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ can be embedded into \mathbb{R}^n by padding with zeros.
 284 Under this embedding, the Rayleigh quotient is preserved:

$$\frac{y^\top B y}{y^\top y} = \frac{x^\top A x}{x^\top x}, \text{ where } x \text{ is } y \text{ padded with zeros.}$$

285 Therefore, the feasible subspaces for B are restrictions of those for A . This leads to the inequalities

$$\lambda_k \leq \beta_k \leq \lambda_{k+n-m}, \quad k = 1, \dots, m.$$

286 In the special case $m = n - 1$, the inequalities expand into the chain

$$\lambda_1 \leq \beta_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \beta_2 \leq \dots \leq \beta_{n-1} \leq \lambda_n,$$

287 which is exactly the interlacing property.

288 **Lemma.** Let's write the eigenvalues of $L(y_{1:k})$ as $\lambda_k \geq \dots \geq \lambda_1$, then we have $1 + \lambda_k \geq$
 289 $\frac{\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)}{\det(L(y_{-i}) + I_{k-1})} \geq 1 + \lambda_1$. And the eigenvalue of $L(y_{1:k})$ is always in $[0, k]$ since the embedding vec-
 290 tors are normalized, we have $1 + k \geq \frac{\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)}{\det(L(y_{-i}) + I_{k-1})} \geq 1$ and $\log(1 + k) \geq \log \frac{\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)}{\det(L(y_{-i}) + I_{k-1})} \geq$
 291 0.

292 **Proof.** Let's write the eigenvalues of $L(y_{-i})$ as $\beta_{k-1} \geq \dots \geq \beta_1$. Based on Eigenvalue Interlacing
 293 Theorem, we have,

$$\frac{\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)}{\det(L(y_{-i}) + I_{k-1})} = (1 + \lambda_1) \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 + \lambda_{i+1}}{1 + \beta_i} \geq 1 + \lambda_1$$

294 and,

$$\frac{\det(L(y_{1:k}) + I_k)}{\det(L(y_{-i}) + I_{k-1})} = (1 + \lambda_k) \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 + \lambda_i}{1 + \beta_i} \leq 1 + \lambda_k$$

295 Since $L(y_{1:k})$ is positive semidefinite, it holds $\lambda_i \geq 0, \forall i$. And we have $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = \text{tr}(L(y_{1:k})) = k$
 296 due to the normalization of the feature vectors. Hence, we have $k \geq \lambda_k \geq \lambda_1 \geq 0$.

297 **B Related works**

298 **Evaluating Diversity of LLMs.** Several works have focused on evaluating the diversity of LLM
299 generated content [12, 26], also on investigating the impact of post-training on diversity metrics
300 [14, 27]. The lack of diversity in LLM generated content also affects text written by humans using
301 LLMs [23].

302 **Improving Diversity of LLMs.** There are mainly two lines of works on promoting diversity in
303 LLMs. One focuses on inference strategies. Nguyen et al. [21] proposed a decoding method to
304 reallocate the next-token probabilities which they show can increase the entropy of the correct
305 solutions. The DiffSampling strategy, proposed by Franceschelli and Musolesi [10], considers the
306 largest difference between consecutive probabilities of tokens in a sorted distribution to promote
307 diversity while maintaining correctness. Ahmed et al. [2] proposed a two-stage inference strategy
308 which consists of a high-temperature key words sampling process and a low-temperature expansion
309 procedure.

310 Another line of work focuses on the training strategy to best elicit diversity from LLMs. Lanchantin
311 et al. [16] proposed diverse preference optimization. They selected the most diverse response from the
312 high-reward group and the least diverse response from the low-reward group to form the preference
313 pair. The selection is based on some diversity criteria. Yao et al. [31] shows that by adding an
314 entropy term of correct answers to the reward-based objective, LLMs can improve the diversity while
315 maintaining the quality. Different from those using reinforcement learning algorithms, Li et al. [17]
316 instead study the supervised finetuning approach. They proposed carefully-designed update strategy
317 to mitigate the distribution collapse in SFT, thus encourages diversity. Most related to our work,
318 Chung et al. [6] propose a variant of DPO that weights the loss by the average pairwise distance in
319 cosine similarity after embedding responses, this however, is limited to DPO, considers only pairwise
320 distances, and requires sampling $k \geq 3$ responses per prompt in the training dataset.

321 **Determinantal Point Processes.** Determinantal point processes (DPPs) [15], are a class of proba-
322 bilistic models that arise in quantum physics and random matrix theory for modeling repulsion. DPPs
323 are well-suited for modeling diversity. Parker-Holder et al. [24] proposed a DPPs-based algorithm to
324 train a population of diverse policies in reinforcement learning for better exploration.

325 **C Experimental setup**

326 **Data preparation** For GSM8K dataset, we directly use the training and test split. For Dolly dataset,
327 there is only one training split of 15, 000 data points. We divided it into two subsets with the ratio of
328 0.2. For Gen, we use the training split, remove data with repetitive key words, and divided the set
329 into two subsets, each containing 8, 000 and 1, 024 data points respectively.

330 **Training configuration** We use GRPO algorithm for GSM8K task and use PPO algorithm for
331 the other tasks. We use Qwen2.5-MATH-1.5B [30] as the base model for GSM8K task, and use
332 Llama3.2-1B for the other tasks. For all tasks, we use the reward model Skywork/Skywork-Reward-
V2-Llama-3.2-1B [19] and embedding model sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2.

Table 1: Training configurations. For max prompt and response length, we use different values for different datasets. From left to right, it corresponds to GSM8K, Dolly, Gen.

training batch size	128
training epoches	3
actor learning rate	1e-6
critic learning rate	1e-5
rollout temperature	1.0
max prompt length	256, 1024, 64
max response length	256, 512, 128

334 **D Prompts**

335 We listed the prompts we used in this work.

Prompt for GSM8K

Prompt = "{QUESTION} Please reason step by step, and put your final answer within \boxed{ }."

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Prompt for Dolly

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prompt = f"### Instruction:
{INSTRUCTION}
### Input:
{INPUT}
### Response:"
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Prompt for Common-gen

Prompt = f"Write a short story of 3–4 sentences that includes the following keywords: {KEY WORD}. The story should be coherent, creative, and naturally incorporate all the keywords. Story:"

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Prompt of LLM as a diversity judge

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Instructions="The following are two files, each records responses generated by a model. The
'prompt' field stores prompts, and the 'response' field stores the corresponding groups of
generated responses for the prompts. Please judge two models in terms of the diversity of
their generated responses. You should give each model a score between [0,1]."
Input= f"Files: model 1: {FILE}; model 2: {FILE}."
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340 **E LLM as a diversity judge**

341 We use advanced LLMs (GPT-4o-mini) to score the diversity of the responses generated by the
342 models. The following are the evaluations given by GPT-4o-mini.

Diversity judged by gpt-4o-mini on GSM8K; Model 1 (baseline), Model 2 (ours)

To evaluate the diversity of responses generated by the two models, we can analyze the patterns seen in the “responses” field of each model.

Model 1:

- **Characteristics:**

- The majority of responses are quite repetitive, consistently using phrases like “To solve this problem, we’ll break it down” or variations thereof.
- There appears to be a lack of varied strategies or unique approaches in the generated answers, with many instances simply restating the problem-solving process in a similar structure.

- **Diversity Score:** Given the high level of similarity and repeated phrasing, I would rate the diversity of responses for Model 1 as **0.2/1**.

Model 2:

- **Characteristics:**

- This model exhibits a somewhat greater variety in response structure, with different steps highlighted in the problem-solving process.
- Phrases like “Step X: Determine the...” and “Let’s denote the total number...” introduce variation, and there seems to be a more thoughtful approach to several responses.
- While there are still some repeated forms, the presence of distinct steps and strategies indicates a broader array of response possibilities.

- **Diversity Score:** The variety and different methodologies present in the responses lead me to rate Model 2’s diversity as **0.5/1**.

Summary:

- **Model 1 Score:** 0.2/1
- **Model 2 Score:** 0.5/1

Model 2 demonstrates better response diversity compared to Model 1, which relies heavily on similar language and structure.

Diversity judged by gpt-4o-mini on Dolly; Model 1 (baseline), Model 2 (ours)

To assess the diversity of responses generated by both models, we analyze the responses across various prompts, looking for variances in creativity, structure, and content diversity.

Model 1 Analysis:

- The responses from Model 1 often maintain a similar structure, primarily focusing on straightforward factual information, lists, or direct answers to prompts.
- The responses appear to have consistent formatting, providing succinct and clear answers, but can feel repetitive and lack creative exploration.
- While some responses do reflect a variety of information (e.g., multiple examples, details), the overall tone and presentation remain quite uniform.

Model 2 Analysis:

- Model 2 demonstrates a greater variety of response styles, incorporating markdown-like formatting, lists, and varying degrees of detail and structure across its outputs. This format enhances readability and introduces an engaging style.
- The responses in Model 2 often include additional editorial commentary or creativity (e.g., humorous tones in astrology interpretations, narrative elements in product recommendations).
- The use of diverse sentence structures and clear formatting contributes to a sense of dynamism in responses.

Scoring:

- **Model 1:** 0.4 (due to consistent structure and less creative diversity in responses)
- **Model 2:** 0.8 (due to varied response formats, creative styles, and more engaging outputs)

Final Scores:

- **Model 1:** 0.4
- **Model 2:** 0.8

Diversity judged by gpt-4o-mini on Common-gen; Model 1 (ours), Model 2 (baseline)

To evaluate the diversity of the generated responses from both models, we analyze the content and variety of the responses provided for the same prompts.

Model 1:

- The responses feature varied character names and professions, indicating a range of different story premises.
- While the structure is somewhat consistent (retired individuals reflecting on their past), each response introduces a new character with unique backstories or contexts.
- The diversity is primarily in the character names and their respective professions, leading to different narrative angles.

Model 2:

- The responses are more repetitive in structure; most of them start similarly with “An older woman pauses...”.
- There is a notable lack of variation in terms of settings and character actions across the responses. Although some details differ (such as the specific verb or object), the overall premise and sentence structure remain largely the same.
- This limits the diversity of storytelling in comparison to Model 1.

Scores:

- **Model 1:** 0.8 — Scores high for its unique character introductions and storytelling approaches, exhibiting good diversity.
- **Model 2:** 0.4 — Scores lower due to the repetitive structure and similarity in responses, which significantly reduces the diversity in storytelling.

Summary: Model 1 demonstrates a greater range of ideas and creativity in responses, while Model 2 lacks variety, leading to a more uniform storytelling style.

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