MOBILEAIBENCH: BENCHMARKING LLMS AND LMMS FOR ON-DEVICE USE CASES

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ABSTRACT

The deployment of Large Language Models (LLMs) and Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) on mobile devices has gained significant attention due to the benefits of enhanced privacy, stability, and personalization. However, the hardware constraints of mobile devices necessitate the use of models with fewer parameters and model compression techniques like quantization. Currently, there is limited understanding of quantization's impact on various task performances, including LLM tasks, LMM tasks, and, critically, trust and safety. There is a lack of adequate tools for systematically testing these models on mobile devices. To address these gaps, we introduce MobileAIBench, a comprehensive benchmarking framework for evaluating mobile-optimized LLMs and LMMs. MobileAIBench assesses models across different sizes, quantization levels, and tasks, measuring latency and resource consumption on real devices. Our two-part open-source framework includes a library for running evaluations on desktops and a mobile app for on-device latency and hardware utilization measurements. Our thorough analysis aims to accelerate mobile AI research and deployment by providing insights into the performance and feasibility of deploying LLMs and LMMs on mobile platforms.

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1 INTRODUCTION

With billions of parameters trained on massive amounts of data, LLMs and LMMs have achieved remarkable breakthroughs in a wide range of applications from question answering Baek et al. (2023) to intelligent agents Wang et al. (2024); Liu et al. (2024b) and beyond Achiam et al. (2023); Team et al. (2023); Nijkamp et al. (2022); Murthy et al. (2024). Most recently, the pursuit of deploying LLMs and LMMs on mobile devices has garnered attention, and for good reason. There are several key benefits to deploying AI on mobile devices including offline access, enhanced privacy, and improved performance. It also provides cost efficiency by decreasing server and bandwidth usage, while enhancing user experience with faster and more interactive applications.

Given the extreme limitations of mobile hardware, deploying LLMs and LMMs on mobile devices is
challenging. First, the model must have a relatively small number of parameters since parameters
drive the number of computations, which consume memory, CPU, and GPU resources. Second, even
with a relatively small number of parameters, these models may not fit onto a mobile phone's limited
hardware. To further reduce resource footprint, quantization has emerged as a practical, heuristic
approach to reduce precision of model weights with seemingly little penalty to performance.

While deploying LLMs and LMMs to mobile devices for real use cases appears to be feasible in the near future, there are knowledge and tooling gaps remaining. First, while quantization seems to be a practical way to reduce the resource footprint of small LLMs and LMMs, there is little to no rigorous measurement and understanding of the effect of quantization on task performance, including LLM tasks, LMM tasks, and critically, trust and safety. Second, there is limited or no tooling available to systematically test quantized models across these tasks. Third, there is limited or no tooling available to test quantized models on a real mobile device across tasks.

In this work, we aim to help accelerate mobile AI research and deployment by providing thorough
 benchmarking and analysis of open source mobile-optimized LLMs and LMMs. We restrict LLMs and
 LMMs in consideration to have at most 7B parameters, as we found 7B to be the upper limit of what
 a high-end phone's hardware can manage (even after quantization). We measure and analyze current
 LLM and LMM task performance under different levels of quantization, from 16-bit quantization

down to 3-bit quantization in some cases. We selected tasks that are most representative of real-world
mobile use cases and considerations. In addition to task performance, we also benchmark our selected
LLMs and LMMs on a real mobile device, an iPhone 14. We measure several key latency metrics
such as time-to-first-token, and hardware utilization such as CPU usage and RAM usage.

Our results are collected using MobileAIBench, our new two-part framework for evaluating LLMs and LMMs for mobile deployment. The first part of the framework is an open source library, for use on desktops or servers, to evaluate model's performance on a specially selected set of widely known benchmarks. Using this part of the framework, users are able to test their quantized models across benchmarks as they desire. The second component of the MobileAIBench framework is an open-source mobile application, available on both iOS and Android platforms. With our iOS/Android app, users are able to measure latency and mobile hardware utilization such as RAM and CPU of quantized LLMs and LMMs. Our main contributions are summarized as follows:

- We are the first to provide a thorough benchmarking and analysis of open source LLMs and LMMs across varying levels of quantization and various tasks. Our evaluations are generated and reproducible using our newly developed framework, MobileAIBench.
- MobileAIBench is the first open-source framework for on-device task-specific LLM and LMM testing, enabling researchers to evaluate small models and practitioners to assess model viability for mobile deployment.
- We conduct extensive experiments to evaluate LLMs/LMMs over a wide range of tasks, providing insightful findings regarding the impact of quantization and real-mobile deployment.
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081 Many benchmarks have been developed to evaluate LLMs and LMMs from different perspectives. For 082 example, MMLU Hendrycks et al. (2020) provides a large number of tasks to extensively test world 083 knowledge and problem solving ability. AlpacaEval Dubois et al. (2024) and MT-Bench Zheng et al. 084 (2024) provide open-ended question answering evaluation tasks without explicit answers, and employ 085 GPT-4 Achiam et al. (2023) as the success rate judge. KoLA Yu et al. (2023) uses Wikipedia and the continuously collected emerging corpora data to provides knowledge-oriented LLM assessment 087 tasks. TruthfulQA Lin et al. (2021), TrustLLM Sun et al. (2024), Safetybench Zhang et al. (2023) 880 measure LLMs' trust and safety levels. To assist the development of agents, benchmarks Zhou et al. (2023); Chen et al. (2024b); Zhou et al. (2023) have also been developed to evaluate LLM's 089 instruction-following ability. FOFO Xia et al. (2024) contains diverse data formats, and is able to test the format-following ability of current LLMs. MME Fu et al. (2024) provides comprehensive 091 multimodal evaluation benchmars over 14 subtasks. VisIT-Bench Bitton et al. (2023) provides an 092 instruction-following vision-language datasets to test LMMs' real-world use-case. MMVP Tong et al. (2024) provides 9 basic visual patterns that LMMs easily give incorrect answers and hallucinated 094 explanations. However, these benchmarks do not consider the quantized versions of models, nor 095 determine the impact of deployment constraints on model performance. MobileAIBench fills this gap 096 by focusing on deployment utilization on real mobile devices. Besides model performance on specific tasks, MobileAIBench emphasizes model quantization, inference speed, and required deployment 098 resources.

099 Several papers have discussed strategies and evaluations for developing mobile-ready models Zhang 100 et al. (2024a). Jin et al. (2024) compares different quantization methods and evaluates the performance 101 of quantized LLMs. Liu et al. (2024a) considered different architectures to develop the most 102 performant mobile models. MobileVLM Chu et al. (2023) designs vision language models for mobile 103 devices. The Octopus series Chen et al. (2024a) aim to empower the agentic ability on mobile device 104 by training API tokens. Recent small models such as Phi3 Abdin et al. (2024) and Gemma Team 105 et al. (2024) have, in their model cards, various evaluation results. However, none of these are as comprehensive as the set of data, models, and evaluation metrics proposed in MobileAIBench. In 106 developing this standardized benchmark, we hope to make it easier for model developers to consider 107 the various factors needed to develop mobile-ready models.

MOBILEAIBENCH FRAMEWORK 3

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MobileAIBench is a two-part evaluation framework for evaluating LLMs and LMMs for mobile deployment. The first part is a pipeline for use on desktops or servers, to evaluate model performance 112 on a specially selected set of widely known benchmarks. The second part is an open source mobile app to measure latency and mobile hardware utilization. 114



Figure 1: MobileAIBench Architecture

TASKS AND DATASETS 3.1

This section outlines the tasks and datasets used to benchmark LLMs & LMMs across various domains including Natural Language Processing (NLP), Multimodal, and Trust & Safety tasks.

3.1.1 STANDARD NLP TASKS

146 Standard NLP tasks encompass various benchmarks designed to evaluate different capabilities of 147 LLMs. Question answering tests an LLM's ability to comprehend context and respond accurately, for which we use the **Databricks-dolly** Conover et al. (2023) and **HotpotQA** Yang et al. (2018) datasets. 148 Summarization tasks involve condensing large amounts of information into shorter forms while 149 retaining essential ideas. We assess LLM performance in summarization using the CNN/Daily Mail 150 Hermann et al. (2015); Nallapati et al. (2016) and XSum Narayan et al. (2018) datasets. Text-to-SQL 151 tasks evaluate an LLM's proficiency in crafting SQL queries based on natural language questions. 152 For this purpose, we employ the **Sql-Create-Context** b mc2 (2023) dataset. Additionally, we include 153 popular benchmarks such as the Massive Multitask Language Understanding (MMLU) Hendrycks 154 et al. (2021) to evaluate the LLM's accuracy in multitask performance and Grade School Math 155 (GSM8K) Cobbe et al. (2021) for assessing LLM's ability to solve mathematical problems. To further 156 evaluate LLM performance, we utilize benchmarks such as AlpacaEval, an automatic evaluation 157 method that quantifies the Win-Rate by measuring the proportion of instances where the model's 158 output is preferred over the reference output Li et al. (2023), and MT-Bench, a collection of complex 159 multi-turn open-ended questions used to evaluate chat assistants, with GPT-4 serving as the judge Zheng et al. (2023). For Question Answering, Summarization, Text-to-SQL, GSM8K and MMLU 160 tasks, we randomly select 1,000 samples from each relevant dataset. For AlpacaEval and MT-Bench, 161 we use the standard test sets.

162 3.1.2 MULTIMODAL TASKS

Multimodal tasks require LMMs to process different data types such as text, images, and audio. This is critical for developing AI systems that handle complex user requirements on mobile devices. We focus on **Visual Question Answering (VQA)** Antol et al. (2015), selecting five datasets that cover a wide range of contexts. Among them, **VQA-v2** Goyal et al. (2017), **VizWiz** Gurari et al. (2018), **GQA** Hudson & Manning (2019), and **TextVQA** Singh et al. (2019) require the LMM to directly answer visual questions with a single word or phrase. **ScienceQA** Lu et al. (2022) dataset requires selecting the correct answer from multiple choices. Similar to the standard NLP tasks, for each dataset, we randomly select 1000 samples to evaluate the LMMs' performance.

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3.1.3 TRUST AND SAFETY

174 To assess the societal impact of LLMs, we include a suite of trust and safety evaluations, focusing on six categories: truthfulness, safety, robustness, fairness, privacy, and ethics, following Sun et al. 175 (2024). For truthfulness, we use the **TruthfulQA** Lin et al. (2021) (TruthQA) dataset to assess the 176 ability to select the correct answer from common misconceptions. For safety, the **Do-Not-Answer** 177 Wang et al. (2023) (DNA) dataset measures if LLMs can refuse illegal, unethical, or otherwise 178 undesirable requests. Robustness is evaluated using Adversarial Instruction Sun et al. (2024) 179 (Adv-Inst), which tests models' robustness to prompt perturbations like typos or irrelevant links. 180 Fairness is measured using the **BBQ** dataset Parrish et al. (2021), assessing the tendency to fall for 181 common stereotypes related to gender, age, race, etc. Privacy is tested with hand-crafted prompts 182 based on the Enron email dataset Shetty & Adibi (2004) (Priv-Lk), examining if models can decline 183 requests for personal information. For ethics, we use the **Social Chemistry 101** (SC-101) dataset 184 Forbes et al. (2020) to evaluate moral acceptability judgments for different situations.

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3.2 PART 1: EVALUATION PIPELINE FOR DESKTOP AND CLOUD

The MobileAIBench pipeline, as shown in Figure 1, encompasses 188 three main stages: Data, Model, and Evaluation. In the Data stage, 189 the task and relevant datasets are identified, and the evaluation 190 dataset is created through preprocessing and prompt hydration be-191 fore being fed into the Model stage. In the Model stage, the model is 192 initialized and predictions are made on the evaluation data, which are 193 subsequently assessed in the Evaluation stage. Various task-specific 194 and generic metrics are supported at the Evaluation stage to gauge 195 the performance of the models. Additionally, MobileAIBench serves 196 as a versatile tool for other researchers and developers to construct 197 their own benchmarking frameworks, thanks to its plug-and-play design, which allows for the easy addition of new tasks and metrics and the creation of custom leaderboards. 199

Performance Metrics are evaluated on desktop for faster inference, with results consistent on mobile devices. These task-oriented metrics assess model effectiveness across various tasks.

204 3.3 PART 2: MOBILE APP

206 The mobile app component of MobileAIBench is designed to extend 207 the evaluation capabilities to actual mobile devices as shown in Figure 2. This allows for a more accurate assessment of LLM and 208 LMM performance in real-world scenarios. By utilizing the app, we 209 can measure critical efficiency and utilization metrics directly on 210 the device, providing insights into how these models will perform 211 when deployed on end-user mobile hardware. This comprehensive 212 evaluation ensures that the models are not only effective but also 213 efficient and practical for mobile deployment. 214



Figure 2: MobileAIBench iOS app

215 Mobile Efficiency & Utilization Metrics are evaluated on real mobile devices using the iOS app to test the deployment feasibility of LLMs and LMMs. Efficiency metrics include Time-to-First-Token

(TTFT, s), Input Token Per Second (ITPS, t/s), Output Evaluation Time (OET, t), and Total Time (s).
These metrics are model-oriented and measure the efficiency of the models when running on mobile
devices. The efficiency is influenced by multiple factors, including model structure, quantization
level, and prompt template. Utilization metrics measure the resource consumption when running
models on real mobile devices. These device-oriented metrics consist of CPU, RAM usage and
Battery Drain Rate (BDR, %).

3.4 MODEL LIBRARIES SUPPORTED

MobileAIBench is designed to seamlessly test different models on mobile devices. It integrates two inference libraries to accommodate a wide range of LLMs & LMMs: (1) Huggingface¹, which allows users to test any models available on pre-defined tasks by simply changing the model name. Inference with Huggingface provides the performance of the original pre-trained models. (2) Llama.cpp², which allows users to test models on real mobile devices. The Llama.cpp inference method supports quantization to reduce model sizes, facilitating deployment on mobile devices.

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4 BENCHMARKS AND ANALYSIS

For Effectiveness and Trust & Safety experiments, we conducted evaluations on a desktop to assess the impact of various quantization levels. These results are consistent when tested on mobile devices. To evaluate Efficiency and Resource Utilization, we tested the models' performance on an iPhone 14 using our iOS app. The process for selecting evaluation models is detailed in Section A.2.

4.1 EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION

240 In this section, we examine the effectiveness of various models across different quantization levels 241 (4-bit, 8-bit, and 16-bit). Our primary objective is to evaluate model performance at these bit-width 242 levels without comparing different quantization methods. To ensure consistency in our experimental 243 setup, we used the legacy linear quantization method, commonly known as Q4_0, Q8_0, and f16 in the llama.cpp implementation, as it was available for all the bit-widths under consideration. This 244 approach allowed us to control for variables and focus solely on the impact of quantization levels on 245 model performance. More details on the different quantization methods supported by llama.cpp is 246 presented in Section A.5 247

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4.1.1 STANDARD NLP TASKS

250 We use several evaluation metrics to assess the performance of the models across different tasks. For 251 question answering tasks, we employ Exact Match (EM) and F1 Score (F1). In the context of Text-to-252 SQL tasks, we utilize the SQL Parser (SP) and Levenshtein Score (LS). For summarization tasks, we 253 measure performance using Rouge-1 (R1) and Rouge-L (RL). Additionally, we use Win-Rate for AlpacaEval, Score for MT Bench, and Accuracy for both MMLU and GSM8K. Detailed explanations 254 on the implementation of these metrics, along with additional information, are provided in Appendix 255 A.3.2. The performance of various models across different quantization levels is presented in Table 256 1 and Table 2. In these tables, the highest score for each quantization category is indicated in 257 bold, while the second-best score is underlined. Figure 5 illustrates the violin plots depicting the 258 performance changes when models are quantized from 16-bit to 8-bit. Specifically, Figure 5(a) shows 259 the distribution of performance changes for each model across different tasks, including standard 260 NLP tasks and trust & safety tasks. Figure 5(b) presents the distribution of performance changes for 261 each task when the underlying model shifts from 16-bit to 8-bit. 262

Observation and Analysis: The results indicate that no single model consistently outperforms all others across every task. However, on average, large LLMs (> 6B parameters) exhibit superior performance compared to medium LLMs (1B-6B parameters). While quantization does introduce some performance changes, these changes are not significant in most cases. This finding enhances our confidence in deploying quantized models on mobile devices without substantial performance degradation. In figure 5(a), a narrow distribution and smaller range of performance changes indicate

¹https://huggingface.co/

²https://github.com/ggerganov/llama.cpp

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	Llama 2 7B	> 6B	13 GB	0.034	0.443	0.071	0.210	0.492	0.845	0.322	0.204	0.174	0.118
	Mistral 7B	> 6B	14 GB	<u>0.043</u>	0.498	0.137	0.267	0.485	0.770	0.328	0.204	0.170	0.114
	Gemma 7B	> 6B	16 GB	0.026	<u>0.479</u>	0.000	0.098	0.546	0.856	0.336	0.218	0.187	0.127
16bit	Phi 2 3B	1B - 6B	5.2 GB	0.046	0.472	0.096	0.197	0.489	0.852	0.352	0.216	0.220	0.145
	Gemma 2B	1B - 6B	4.7 GB	0.025	0.401	0.001	0.046	0.519	0.849	0.368	0.241	0.214	0.145
	TinyLlama 1B	1B - 6B 1B - 6B	2.1 GB	0.032	0.441	0.030	0.109	0.457	0.787 0.719	0.325	0.203	0.169	0.112
	Llama 2 7B	> 6B	6.7 GB	0.038	0.444	0.071	0.208	0.491	0.845	0.323	0.205	0.173	0.117
	Mistral 7B	> 6B	7.2 GB	0.045	0.507	0.089	0.209	<u>0.519</u>	0.854	0.352	0.228	0.183	0.122
	Gemma 7B	> 6B	8.5 GB	0.026	<u>0.476</u>	0.001	0.097	0.544	0.854	0.337	0.219	0.188	0.128
8bit	Phi 2 3B	1B - 6B	2.8 GB	0.047	0.472	0.099	0.202	0.493	0.852	0.353	0.216	0.217	0.144
	Gemma 2B	1B - 6B	2.5 GB	0.024	0.398	0.003	0.049	0.518	0.849	0.368	0.239	<u>0.213</u>	<u>0.143</u>
	Zephyr 3B	1B - 6B	2.8 GB	0.032	0.440	0.030	0.108	0.449	0.782	0.324	0.203	0.170	0.113
	TinyLlama IB	1B - 6B	1.1 GB	0.002	0.322	0.000	0.069	0.359	0.710	0.315	0.198	0.166	0.110
	Llama 2 7B Mistral 7B	> 6B	3.6 GB	0.033	0.445	0.055	$\frac{0.198}{0.273}$	0.490	0.841	0.322	0.204	0.173	0.116
4bit	Gemma 7B	> 0B	3.9 GB	0.042	0.499	0.150	0.273	0.4/4	0.774	0.325	0.202	0.170	0.115
	Phi 2 3B	1B - 6B	4.7 GB	0.021	0.466	0.000	0.090	0.465	0.837	0.330	0.218 0.209	0.189	0.128
	Gemma 2B	1B - 6B	1.5 GB	0.017	0.384	0.001	0.041	0.510	0.844	0.366	0.237	0.213	0.144
	Zephyr 3B	1B - 6B	1.5 GB	0.035	0.445	0.027	0.106	0.459	0.789	0.330	0.206	0.170	0.112
	TinyLlama 1B	1B - 6B	0.6 GB	0.002	0.348	0.000	0.070	0.407	0.735	0.323	0.202	0.176	0.116

Table 1: Effectiveness of LLMs across standard NLP tasks.

a model's robustness to quantization, meaning these models are relatively less sensitive to the quantization process. In contrast, a more spread-out distribution suggests greater sensitivity to quantization, as there is more deviation in performance. The graphs clearly show that different models respond differently to quantization, with some being more sensitive than others. Figure 5(b) demonstrates the robustness of various tasks to the quantization of underlying models, highlighting the importance of considering both model size and sensitivity to quantization when deploying models on edge devices to ensure optimal performance across diverse tasks.

4.1.2 Multi-modality Tasks

We evaluate all LMMs that meet the following criteria: 1) their model structures are supported by the llama.cpp framework (i.e., they have a computational graph implemented based on the GGML library ³), either by the llama.cpp team or the official model release team, and 2) their model parameter size is smaller than or equal to 7B, thus excluding the models that are unlikely to be deployable on mobile devices in the foreseeable future. Table 2 shows each model's performance on the selected VQA datasets. The evaluation prompt and evaluation metrics for each dataset can be seen in Section A.3.1 and Section A.3.2.

Observation and Analysis: Under the original precision (16-bit), no single model outperforms the others across all datasets. On average, Llava-v1.5-7B and BakLLava outperform the others, indicating that larger models have advantages for visual-language understanding. We specifically note that although Moondream2 has only around 1.7B parameters, its performance is highly comparable to the 7B models. It only falls short on SQA, which is the only dataset providing related context besides the image and questions for the models to effectively answer the questions. This may indicate that even the strongest smaller models lack context understanding ability.

We observe that the models' accuracy remains consistent across different quantization levels until 3-bit quantization, where most models experience a significant performance drop, as shown in Figure 3. Moreover, Moondream2 is surprisingly robust to quantization, even at the 3-bit level. This indicates that the effect of quantization on LMMs can vary significantly. Given the importance of quantization for on-device AI, evaluating different models' robustness to quantization is crucial and should be a focus of further study in the AI community.

Disk usage is also an important aspect when deploying models on mobile devices. Therefore, we conducted further evaluation on the trade-off between accuracy and disk usage. As shown in Figure 4, a linear trend indicates that the performance of LLMs generally increases with disk usage, which

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is expected as disk usage is highly related to the number of model parameters. The models in the top-left quadrant are considered the best overall regarding both accuracy and size.

(Quantization	Model	Model Size	Disk Usage	VQA-v2	GQA	VisWiz	TextVQA	SQA	Avg.
		Llava-v1.5-7B	> 6B	13.13 GB	0.760	0.596	0.545	0.416	0.616	0.587
		BakLLaVA	> 6B	14.07 GB	0.770	0.602	0.385	0.407	0.652	0.563
	16bit	Llava-phi-2	1B - 6B	5.74 GB	0.658	0.484	0.269	0.298	0.654	0.473
	1001	Mobile-VLM-3B	1B - 6B	5.63 GB	0.713	0.552	0.448	0.337	0.500	0.510
		Mobile-VLM-1.7B	1B - 6B	3.12 GB	0.622	0.509	0.315	0.234	0.397	0.415
_		Moondream2	1B - 6B	3.49 GB	0.781	0.590	<u>0.470</u>	0.441	0.480	0.552
		Llava-v1.5-7B	> 6B	7.25 GB	0.759	0.600	0.545	<u>0.419</u>	0.606	0.586
		BakLLaVA	> 6B	7.75 GB	0.770	0.597	0.384	0.402	0.655	0.562
	8bit	Llava-phi-2	1B - 6B	3.31 GB	0.660	0.480	0.260	0.296	0.661	0.471
	0011	Mobile-VLM-3B	1B - 6B	3.27 GB	0.714	0.566	<u>0.460</u>	0.335	0.490	0.513
	8011	Mobile-VLM-1.7B	1B - 6B	1.93 GB	0.619	0.515	0.308	0.241	0.401	0.417
		Moondream2	1B - 6B	2.26 GB	0.777	0.596	0.457	0.430	0.476	0.547
		Llava-v1.5-7B	> 6B	4.14 GB	0.750	0.590	0.536	0.414	0.622	0.583
		BakLLaVA	> 6B	4.41 GB	0.767	0.605	0.438	0.403	0.548	0.552
	4bit	Llava-phi-2	1B - 6B	2.05 GB	0.658	0.475	0.247	0.281	0.646	0.461
	4011	Mobile-VLM-3B	1B - 6B	2.04 GB	0.705	0.548	<u>0.459</u>	0.329	0.496	0.507
		Mobile-VLM-1.7B	1B - 6B	1.31 GB	0.607	0.500	0.375	0.232	0.406	0.424
		Moondream2	1B - 6B	1.62 GB	0.780	0.587	0.446	0.411	0.479	0.541
		Llava-v1.5-7B	> 6B	3.33 GB	0.148	0.050	0.016	0.083	0.360	0.131
		BakLLaVA	> 6B	3.53 GB	0.532	<u>0.450</u>	<u>0.035</u>	0.223	0.589	<u>0.366</u>
	3bit	Llava-phi-2	1B - 6B	1.73 GB	0.396	0.229	0.011	0.096	0.472	0.144
	501	Mobile-VLM-3B	1B - 6B	1.71 GB	0.146	0.031	0.012	0.057	0.028	0.055
		Mobile-VLM-1.7B	1B - 6B	1.15 GB	0.076	0.000	0.008	0.030	0.003	0.023
		Moondream2	1B - 6B	1.46 GB	0.754	0.565	0.486	0.381	0.408	0.519

Table 2: Effectiveness of LMMs across various VQA datasets.



Figure 3: Performance change of LMMs under different quantization.



Figure 4: Trade-off between accuracy and disk usage under 4-bit quantization.

4.2 TRUST & SAFETY EVALUATION

We evaluate the performance of various models on trust and safety-related tasks. Ensuring robust performance in these areas is critical, as NLP models are increasingly deployed in sensitive and high-stakes environments. We evaluate the models on various datasets, as discussed in Section 3.1.3. Accuracy is used as the primary effectiveness metric, and we utilize GPT-40 in a llm-as-a-judge framework to determine the accuracy across each of these datasets. The results are shown in Table 3.

Observation and Analysis: As with standard NLP tasks, no single model consistently excels across
 all trust and safety tasks. Larger LLMs (>6B parameters) generally perform better than medium-sized
 LLMs (1B-6B parameters). While quantization does affect performance, the impact is minimal,
 indicating that quantized models can be effectively used in trust and safety applications without
 significant performance degradation.

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Table 3: Effectiveness of LLMs across various NLP benchmarks and Trust & Safety datasets.

Figure 5: Distribution of performance changes: (a) per LLM, (b) per task, when transitioning from 16-bit to 8-bit quantization.

4.3 EFFICIENCY AND UTILIZATION EVALUATION

We evaluate current LLMs and LMMs on real mobile device using the iOS app provided within
MobileAIBench to test the efficiency and utilization. All experiments are evaluated on the same
iPhone 14 device to guarantee the comparability. All models are quantized to 4bit and only those
under 3B are deployable. We conduct the experiments with 3 LLMs (Phi2 3B, Gemma 2B, TinyLlama 1B) on 4 NLP datasets and 1 LMM (Llava-Phi-2) on 2 LMM datasets.

Observation and Analysis: Experiment results of LLMs are shown in Table 4. We can have the 420 following observations. (1) Smaller models have lower TTFT and higher ITPS/OTPS. It indicates 421 smaller models have faster encoding/decoding speed as the computation required for processing each 422 token is decreased. (2) The shortest OET and Total Time may not be achieved by the smallest model. 423 For example, on HotpotQA dataset, the lowest OET and Total Time are achieved by Phi2 model. 424 It owes to the input/output token length that is directly related with the model. Though Phi2 has 425 the slowest encoding/decoding speed, it can achieve the fastest OET and Total time by giving more 426 concise responses. (3) The on-device memory consumption is intense and directly relates to model 427 sizes. For the iPhone 14 with a total RAM of 6 GiB, even running the 4-bit quantized TinyLlama 428 model (1B) on-device takes more than 50% of the overall memory, leaving limited space for other APPs. The memory consumption increases with larger models. (4) The CPU utilization is naturally 429 different with different models. On all the 4 datasets, Phi2 takes the lowest and Gemma takes the 430 highest CPU utilization, respectively. It is a surprise finding that the on-device CPU utilization is 431 not related to model sizes, which reals the necessity of on-device testing for mobile deployment.

				Efficier	ncy			Utilization		
Dataset	Model	TTFT(s)	ITPS(t/s)	OET(s)	OTPS(t/s)	Total Time(t)	CPU(%)	RAM(GiB)	BDR(%)	
	Phi2 3B	2.32	94.04	1.78	13.21	5.02	63.89	4.33	9.33	
HotpotQA	Gemma 2B TinyLlama 1B	2.86 1.60	133.35 277.24	3.52 3.12	13.65 28.14	11.62 6.30	85.3 71.58	4.25 3.34	10.22 5.37	
Databricks-dolly	Phi2 3B Gemma 2B TinyLlama 1B	2.01 1.93 1.08	88.39 168.49 345.32	3.35 2.83 2.88	12.74 16.31 31.24	7.01 9.25 5.45	61.28 87.66 70.47	4.17 4.24 3.34	11.76 18.51 10.00	
Sql-create-context	Phi2 3B Gemma 2B TinyLlama 1B	0.73 0.75 0.39	96.53 163.01 349.05	1.72 2.14 2.08	13.84 16.77 32.89	3.36 6.56 3.61	76.67 99.17 80.31	4.37 4.45 3.37	9.09 21.6 7.50	
XSum	Phi2 3B Gemma 2B TinyLlama 1B	2.73 2.30 1.29	73.40 154.88 321.70	8.41 6.37 4.10	11.66 15.56 30.13	15.13 18.99 7.45	68.35 94.00 70.88	4.57 4.44 3.43	18.66 36.17 15.00	

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(5) Battery Drain Rate (BDR) increases with both model size and the number of output tokens generated. Larger models and longer outputs consume more battery power, highlighting the need for 448 optimization in model design and output length to improve energy efficiency. 449

450 The results for LMMs are pre-451 sented in Table 5. Since the number of output tokens is only one 452 for both datasets, we do not have 453 OET and OPTS efficiency results, 454 and the TTFT is equivalent to the 455 Total Time. As observed, multi-456 modal tasks are significantly more 457 computation-intensive compared to 458 NLP tasks. The average TTFT ex-

Table 5: Efficiency & Utilization of LMMs.

_			Effic	iency	Utilization		
Dataset	Model	Samples	TTFT(s)	ITPS(t/s)	CPU(%)	RAM(GiB)	
VOA-v2		10	66.47	1.24	51.06	4.63	
	Llava-Phi-2	25	213.48	0.37	51.29	4.66	
-		50	350.06	0.22	57.62	4.67	
		10	81.00	4.65	90.39	4.56	
ScienceQA	Llava-Phi-2	25	223.61	1.55	78.46	4.63	
-		50	508.66	0.68	77.52	4.65	

459 ceeds 60 seconds for both tasks, and the ITPS is lower than 5. This indicates that current LMMs may 460 not yet be suitable for mobile deployment. However, this could improve with newer mobile devices 461 with enhanced computational capabilities. Additionally, we notice a decrease in efficiency with an increasing number of samples, likely due to the elevated temperature resulting from processing more 462 samples. In Section A.4.2, we conduct a comprehensive latency analysis of the LMMs on Intel CPUs 463 to further compare their latency with each other. The RAM usage keeps nearly constant after loading 464 the model, which also matches the observation of NLP tasks in Section A.4.1. 465

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5 DISCUSSION

469 MobileAIBench offers a comprehensive evaluation of LLMs and LMMs in terms of task effectiveness, on-device efficiency, and utilization. It covers a wide range of text and multimodal tasks, assessing 470 the impact of various quantization levels on current models. Additionally, trust and safety evaluations 471 are included to ensure the reliability and security of LLM/LMM applications on mobile devices. As a 472 benchmarking platform for mobile deployment, MobileAIBench aims to enhance performance while 473 minimizing any potential negative social impact. 474

475 Extensive experiments with MobileAIBench reveal several interesting findings. Quantization is an 476 effective way to decrease model size while keeping the performance. Different models/tasks have varied sensitivity to quantization levels. Current LLMs and LMMs require significant resources in 477 terms of CPU and RAM usage when deployed on mobile devices, even with the 1B model. More 478 compact and optimized LLMs and LMMs are needed for mobile deployment. 479

480 While MobileAIBench is a significant advancement, we acknowledge its limitations. It excludes other 481 model compression methods, like model pruning, as they are not mature enough for deployment. Additionally, due to space constraints and the wide variety of mobile devices, we have not conducted 482 a comprehensive comparison across different hardware. Support for different species of mobile 483 devices is still under development and will open to public upon release. 484

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702 APPENDIX А 703

A.1 DATASET

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Datasets within MobileAIBench are summarized in Table 6. We select tasks with real-world Mobile use cases. These 20 datasets cover NLP, Multi-modality and Trust&Safety tasks, providing a comprehensive evaluation for mobile use cases. To support runable experiments on mobile devices, we down-sample the origional datasets to mostly 1000 samples.

Table 6: Summary of datasets integrated within MobileAIBench.

Task-type	Tasks	Datasets	# Samples	Avg. # Length
NLP	Question Answering	Databricks-dolly Conover et al. (2023)	1000	156.90
		HotpotQA Yang et al. (2018)	1000	443.59
	Summarization	CNN/Daily MailHermann et al. (2015); Nallapati et al. (2016)	1000 -	482.03
		XSum Narayan et al. (2018)	1000	298.69
	Text-to-SQL	Sql-create-context b mc2 (2023)	1000 -	18.61
	Language Understanding	MMLU Hendrycks et al. (2020)	1000	94.82
	Math	GSM8K Cobbe et al. (2021)	1000	72.35
	LLM Benchmarks	Alpacaeval Li et al. (2023)	805	28.56
		MTBench Zheng et al. (2024)	80	66.97
Multi-modality	Direct Answer VQA	VQA-v2 Goyal et al. (2017)	1000	15.18
	-	VizWiz Gurari et al. (2018)	1000	25.20
		GQA Hudson & Manning (2019)	1000	17.55
		TextVQA Singh et al. (2019)	1000	16.05
	Multiple-Choice VQA	ScienceQA Lu et al. (2022)	1000 -	59.95
Trust & Safety	Truthfulness	TruthfulQA Lin et al. (2021)	817	71.23
	Safety	Do-Not-Answer Wang et al. (2023)	1000	14.33
	Robustness	Adversarial Instruction Sun et al. (2024)	600	9.70
	Fairness	BBQ Parrish et al. (2021)	1000	67.35
	Privacy	Privacy Leakage Shetty & Adibi (2004)	150	11.25
	Ethics	Social Chemistry 101 Forbes et al. (2020)	500	22.05

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A.2 EXPERIMENT MODEL SELECTION

735 LLM Model Selection: We select several LLMs of varied sizes and architectures to evaluate their 736 performance and utilization on mobile devices. The selected models are categorized into large-size 737 (>6B) and medium-size (1B-6B) groups. For large-size LLMs, we include Llama2 Touvron et al. 738 (2023), Mixtral-7B Jiang et al. (2023), and Gemma-7B Team et al. (2024). Among medium-sized 739 LLMs, we choose Phi-2 Javaheripi et al. (2023), TinyLlama-1.1B Zhang et al. (2024b), Gemma-740 2B Team et al. (2024), and StableLM-3B stability.ai (2024). 741

LMM Model Selection: We categorize the selected models into two groups: Large Models (> 6B 742 parameters), including Llava-v1.5-7B and BakLLava-7B, and Medium Models (1B-6B parameters), 743 which consist of Llava-phi-2, Mobile-VLM-3B, Mobile-VLM-1.7B, and Moondream2. 744

745 The LLMs considered for mobile testing include Phi-2, Gemma-2B, and TinyLlama-1.1B, all quantized to 4-bit to ensure compatibility with the iPhone 14's resource constraints. 746

747 We note that serving LMMs on mobile devices is significantly more challenging than serving text-748 based LLMs due to their ensemble structure, larger model sizes, and complex inference processes. 749 Therefore, we are not limiting the model selection to those fully supported by Llama.cpp, at this time. 750 Instead, we select small-sized LMMs that are likely to be supported in the foreseeable future.

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- A.3 EVALUATION DETAILS 753
- Various evaluation metrics are considered for Standard NLP tasks, Multi-modality, and Trust & Safety. 755 The details of the same are provided below.

756 A.3.1 EVALUATION PROMPT TEMPLATES

The evaluation prompts for various NLP datasets are listed in Table 7, while those for various multimodal datasets are listed in Table 8.

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761	A.3.2	EVALUATION METRICS
762		Task: Question & Answering
763		- Exact Match: The Exact Match score evaluates the accuracy of a OA system by
764		checking whether the predicted answer is exactly the same as the reference answer.
700		This means that for each question, the predicted answer must match the ground truth
700		answer exactly, including any formatting, punctuation, and whitespace.
769		- F1 Score: F1 score combines precision and recall into a single metric by taking their
760		harmonic mean. We tokenize the ground truth and predictions, then we computer the
770		precision and recall and finall compute the F1 score.
771		Task: Summarization
772		- Rouge-1: The ROUGE-1 metric measures the overlap of unigrams (single words)
773		between the candidate summary and the reference summary.
774		- Rouge-L: The ROUGE-L metric evaluates the longest common subsequence (LCS)
775		between the candidate summary and the reference summary. It measures the precision,
776		importance of order and continuity in the generated summaries
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779		- SQL Parser: The SQL query is converted into a graph where each node represents
780		This is implemented using a Python dictionary. To measure the SOL parser score we
781		evaluate the overlap between the ground truth graph and the predicted graph.
782		- Levenshtein score: The Levenshtein score, also known as the Levenshtein distance,
783		measures the minimum number of single-character edits (insertions, deletions, or
784		substitutions) required to change one word or string into another.
786		• Task: AlpacaEval
787		- Win-Rate: Fraction of times predicted response is chosen over the predictions made
788		by a baseline model. (In our case, baseline model is GPT-4)
789		• Task: MT-Bench
790		- Score: Using GPT-4 in llm-as-a-judge framework, we ask the judge to score a given
791		response on a scale of 10. (10 being the highest score)
792		• Task: Trust & Safety
793		- Accuracy: Using GPT-40 in llm-as-a-judge framework, we ask the judge to determine
794		if the predicted answer is same as the ground truth answer.
795		• Task: VOA
796		- Score (single ground-truth). For datasets with a single ground-truth answer per
797		question (e.g., GOA, ScienceOA), we score each test sample based on exact match: 1
798		if the prediction matches, otherwise 0. Then, the score for each dataset is calculated by
799		averaging the total test cases.
000		- Score (multiple ground-truth): For datasets with multiple human-provided ground-
802		truth answers (e.g., VQA-v2, VisWiz, TextVQA), the accuracy score for each test case
803		is calculated as: min $\left(\frac{\text{matter of matters}}{3}, 1\right)$. This follows the official evaluation design of VOA v2
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806	A.4	EXPERIMENT RESULTS
807	ΔΔ1	UTILIZATION EXPERIMENTS
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809 When running experiments on-device with MobileAIBench, we also obtain the trace files for CPU/Memory utilization. LLMs experiment trace files are shown in Figure 6. From the utilization

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812	Dataset	Evaluation Prompt
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815 816	Gemma 7B	<pre><s [="" in31]="" in31]<br="" prompt="" {prompt;="" {system;=""><start_of_turn>user\n{system} {prompt}<end_of_turn>\n<start_of_turn>mode</start_of_turn></end_of_turn></start_of_turn></s></pre>
817	Zepnyr 3B Phi2 3B	<pre>\n{system}\n{prompt}</pre> /n <pre>lassistant/>\n {system} Instruct:{prompt}\nOutput</pre>
818 819	Gemma 2B TinyLlama 1B	<start_of_turn>user\n{system} {prompt}<end_of_turn>\n<start_of_turn>mode < system >\n{system}\n< user >\n{prompt}\n< assistant ></start_of_turn></end_of_turn></start_of_turn>

Table 7: Evaluation prompts for different NLP datasets.

Table 8: Evaluation prompts for different VQA datasets.

Dataset	Evaluation Prompt
VQAV2	[Question] \n Answer the question using a single word or phrase.
VisWiz	[Question] \n When the provided information is insufficient, respond with 'Unanswerable'.
	Answer the question using a single word or phrase.
GQA	[Question] \n Answer the question using a single word or phrase.
TextVQA	[Question] \n Answer the question using a single word or phrase.
ScienceQA	Context: [context] \n Question: [question] \n Options: (A) [Option Content]
	(B) [Option Content]\n Answer with the option letter from the given choices directly.

trace file, we can observe the changes when running LLMs/LMMs on device. We can observe that on the four datasets, CPU utilization is not stable, and has a large fluctuations on the utilization curve. That is caused by the different CPU utilization when loading/inferencing samples. However, the memory keeps nearly constant during inference, which shows models take the majority of memory and the memory cost for samples are relatively limited. Same trace files can also be obtained for LMM tasks, and we omit them for similar observations.



Figure 6: CPU/Memory trace of different LLMs.

A.4.2 LATENCY ANALYSIS FOR LMMS ON INTEL CPU

Given the computational limitations of current mobile devices, it is challenging to conduct comprehensive on-device latency evaluations for all LMMs. To compare the latency of these models and provide information about their latency-related performance, we conduct latency evaluations on Intel CPUs of model type Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU @ 2.20GHz. The results are shown in Table 9.

The results indicate that quantizing the models to 8-bit and 4-bit levels generally improves inference
 speed. However, 3-bit quantization does not result in faster performance compared to the original model.

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866			Model	16bit	8bit	4bit	3bit	
867			Llava-v1.5-7B	12.620	9.886	11.345	12.683	
868			BakLLaVA	14.099	10.515	11.986	13.851	
869			Llava-phi-2	6.513	5.398	6.025	7.030	
870			Mobile-VLM-3B Mobile-VI M-1 7B	$\frac{2.917}{2.003}$	<u>2.534</u> 1 889	<u>2.690</u> 1 901	<u>2.956</u> 2.054	
871			Moondream2	4.008	3.819	3.914	5.217	
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874	Among	g all the models	, smaller ones gener	ally exhi	bit lower	latency.	Addition	ally, the results clearly
875	demon	strate that the N	Mobile-VLM series	has signi	ficantly	lower lat	ency com	pared to other models
876	of simi	lar size. Accor	ding to the original	paper Cl	nu et al. ((2023), tl	ne low lat	ency of Mobile-VLM
877	is attrib	outed to the ap	plication of an addi	itional co	onvolutio	nal layei	after the	visual tokens, which
878	reduces	s the number of	image tokens by a	factor of	four. Thi	s approa	ch could l	be a viable strategy for
879	develop	ping latency-dri	iven LMMs.					
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899	3	or Q4_1 : 3.9 or 050 : 4.3	90G, +0.1846 ppl@/B - 80G. +0.0796 ppl@/B -	- small, su - medium. b	alanced q	quality l ualitv – l	oss – lega egacy, pre [.]	ty, prefer using Q3_K_L fer using O4 K M
900	9	or Q5_1 : 4.7	'0G, +0.0415 ppl @ 7B -	- medium, 1	low quality	y loss – l	egacy, pre	fer using Q5_K_M
901	10 12	or Q2_K : 2.6	67G, +0.8698 ppl @ 7В - работ ОЗ К М	 smallest, 	extreme (quality lo	ss – not re	ecommended
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903	12	or Q3_K_M : 3.0	06G, +0.2437 ppl @ 7B -	- very smal	ll, very h	igh qualit	y loss	
904	13 15	or Q3_K_L : 3.3 or 04 K : alia	35G, +0.1803 ppl@7B - ns for 04 K M	- small, sı	ubstantial	quality l	055	
905	14	or Q4_K_S : 3.5	66G, +0.1149 ppl @ 7B -	- small, si	ignificant	quality l	oss	
906	15	or Q4_K_M : 3.8	0G, +0.0535 ppl @ 7B -	- medium, b	balanced q	uality – *	recommended	*
907	16	or Q5_K : alia	33G, +0.0353 ppl @ <u>7B</u> -	- large, lo	w quality	loss – *r	ecommended	*
908	17	or Q5_K_M : 4.4	5G, +0.0142 ppl @ 7B -	- large, ve	ery low qua	ality loss	- *recomme	ended*
909	18	or Q6_K : 5.1	.5G, +0.0044 ppl @ 7B - /0G, +0.0004 ppl @ 7B -	- very larg	je, extrem	ely low qu elv low qu	ality loss	- not recommended
910	1	or F16 : 13.0	00G @ 7B -	 extremely 	/ large, <u>v</u>	irtually n	o quality	loss – not recommended
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Table 9: Latency (time to first token) comparison of LMMs with different quantization levels.

915 We have used the legacy linear quantization method, commonly referred to as Q4_0, Q8_0, and f16 916 in the llama.cpp implementation for benchmarking on desktop and cloud. We selected this legacy method for benchmarking purposes because it was available for all the bit-widths under consideration 917 (4-bit, 8-bit, and 16-bit), ensuring consistency in our experimental setup. Using a single quantization

technique across different bit-widths allowed us to control for variables and focus solely on the impact of quantization levels on model performance.

921 A.6 MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT 922

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For on-device development using llama.cpp, the recommended quantization levels are primarily
Q4_M, Q5_K_S, and Q5_K_M. These levels provide a good balance between model size and output
quality while minimizing perplexity loss. We have used Q4_K_M method for on-device mobile app
development, due to its balanced trade-off between model size and output quality. It offers a reduced
memory footprint and faster inference speeds while maintaining relatively low quality loss.

We have also released an android version of the same app, screenshot below. This will allow users to compare model performance across a broader range of hardware configurations, enhancing the utility of our framework.

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