MMIE: Massive Multimodal Interleaved Comprehension Benchmark for Large Vision-Language Models

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Abstract

Interleaved multimodal comprehension and generation, enabling models to produce and interpret both images and text in arbitrary sequences, have become a pivotal area in multimodal learning. Despite significant advancements, the evaluation of this capability remains insufficient. Existing benchmarks suffer from limitations in data scale, scope, and evaluation depth, while current evaluation metrics are often costly or biased, lacking in reliability for practical applications. To address these challenges, we introduce MMIE, a large-scale knowledge-intensive benchmark for evaluating interleaved multimodal comprehension and generation in Large Vision-Language Models (LVLMs). MMIE comprises 20K meticulously curated multimodal queries, spanning 3 categories, 12 fields, and 102 subfields, including mathematics, coding, physics, literature, health, and arts. It supports both interleaved inputs and outputs, offering a mix of multiple-choice and openended question formats to evaluate diverse competencies. Moreover, we propose a reliable automated evaluation metric, leveraging a scoring model fine-tuned with human-annotated data and systematic evaluation criteria, aimed at reducing bias and improving evaluation accuracy. Extensive experiments demonstrate the effectiveness of our benchmark and metrics in providing a comprehensive evaluation of interleaved LVLMs. Specifically, we evaluate eight LVLMs, revealing that even the best models show significant room for improvement, with most achieving only moderate results. We believe MMIE will drive further advancements in the development of interleaved LVLMs. We publicly release our benchmark and code in https://mmie-bench.github.io/.

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1 Introduction

"True evaluation lies in the seamless interweaving of diverse modalities."

Multimodal learning has made remarkable progress with the development of Large Vision-Language Models (LVLMs) [24, 44, 10], which are capable of handling diverse tasks that involve both images and text. Despite their advancements, most of these models are limited to multimodal tasks for text generation, such as visual question answering (VQA) and image captioning, which do not fully reflect the potential of multimodal capacity. To broaden their application, interleaved text-and-image generation has emerged as a critical area of research [25]. It requires models to generate images and

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Figure 1: Typical samples from the MMIE Benchmark showcase its support for multiple image inputs and outputs, with ground truth provided for every query. MMIE evaluates models across diverse fields, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of their capabilities.

text in any sequence, thereby enhancing the versatility and effectiveness of multimodal systems. It opens up possibilities for various complex applications, such as multi-step inference [28, 19], multimodal situational analysis [37], and visual storytelling [16].

While recent LVLMs are evolving to support interleaved text-and-image generation [34, 36, 8, 43], a comprehensive evaluation benchmark is still falling behind due to the following two challenges:

- Difficulty in Constructing Modality-Coherent Benchmarks. The first challenge lies in the difficulty of constructing modality-aligned multimodal datasets, where both the input and output contain images and text. Current benchmarks mainly focus on single-modality output tasks [12, 22, 40], assessing only the quality of the generated image or text, without benchmarking the crucial connection between modalities, such as text-image coherence and consistency. Although a few datasets support the interleaved multimodal evaluation method for LVLMs [25], their dataset is constrained by its limited scale and narrow query format, primarily focused on VQA tasks.
- Lack of Automated Evaluation Metric. The second challenge is the lack of suitable automated evaluation metrics for interleaved generation. Human evaluation is costly and time-consuming, making it difficult to scale for practical applications. Current automated evaluation metrics typically assess either the quality of generated text (e.g., BLEU [30], BERTScore [41]) or the quality of generated images (e.g., FID [15]). While recent evaluation strategies, such as using CLIP-Score [14], and vision-language models (VLMs) [6, 25], can evaluate the connection between different modalities, they rely heavily on the pre-trained knowledge of specific models (e.g., CLIP training data) or follow rigid, human-defined rules. These approaches can introduce bias and uncertainty to some extent, often leading to inconsistent results [29].

To address these limitations, we introduce MMIE, a Massive Multimodal Inverleaved understanding Evaluation benchmark for LVLMs with proposed reliable and automated metrics. MMIE is curated from four multimodal datasets, involving 3 categories, 12 fields, and 102 subfields, including mathematics, physics, coding, statistics, literature, philosophy, education, finance, health, sports, art, and EECS (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science). The dataset comprises 20K multimodal questions, supporting both interleaved inputs and outputs. It features a mix of multiple-choice and open-ended question formats to evaluate a broad spectrum of competencies across various fields. As shown in Table 4, MMIE surpasses existing interleaved multimodal benchmark in both depth and width, particularly in addressing complex problem-solving and open-ended creative tasks. Based on the curated dataset, we further propose an automated metric powered by a scoring model. Specifically, we first design a comprehensive evaluation criteria for each category. Then, we curate a finegrained, human-annotated scoring dataset and then use this dataset to fine-tune the InternVL-2 [7]

to obtain the scoring model. Using MMIE, we evaluate four open-source interleaved multimodal LVLMs, as well as combinations of advanced LVLMs like GPT-40 with text-to-image generative models (e.g., Stable Diffusion 3 [11]). Our key contributions are summarized as follows:

- We introduce the largest high-quality interleaved multimodal benchmark MMIE for evaluating LVLMs, with the dataset to be publicly released.
- MMIE presents significant challenges to LVLMs, with the best-performing model (e.g., GPT-40 + SDXL) achieving a score of 65.47%, highlighting substantial room for improvement.
- The proposed scoring model is reliable and has proven to be comparable to human evaluation.

2 The MMIE Benchmark

2.1 Overview

In this section, we introduce MMIE, a diverse and comprehensive benchmark for evaluating interleaved multimodal comprehension and generation across a broad scope of tasks. As shown in Table 4, MMIE consists of 20,103 curated samples spanning 12 fields, including mathematics, physics, coding, statistics, literature, philosophy, education, finance, health, sports, art, and EECS. Each query is meticulously selected, filtered, and refined to ensure both

Table 1: Dataset statistics.

Statistic	Number	Percentage
Total questions	20103	-
- Situational analysis	5005	24.89%
- Project-based learning	11482	57.12%
- Multi-step reasoning	3616	17.99%
Total Categories/Fields/Subfields	3/12/102	-
Formats:		
- Multiple-Choice Questions	663	3.40%
- Open-Ended Questions	19340	96.60%
Questions with Images	20103	100%
Questions with answer label	20103	100%
Average question length	76.0	-
Average images per question	1.32	-

high quality and relevance across the covered subjects. In addition, MMIE emphasizes the evaluation of three essential competencies: perception, reasoning, and generation. Unlike previous benchmarks that evaluate the results from single modality [12, 39, 23] output, MMIE is specifically designed to assess models' capabilities in understanding and generating interleaved text and images in any sequence. This evaluation extends beyond basic perception by requiring models to engage in complex reasoning, leveraging subject-specific knowledge across different modalities.

2.2 Dataset Curation

The data curation process in MMIE consists of two stages, each designed to ensure both comprehensive coverage and high-quality representation across various categories in our benchmark. We detail the process as follows:

In the first stage, we collect and restructure four multimodal datasets to align with the interleaved image-and-text format and categorize them into three categories – situational analysis, project-based learning and multi-step reasoning, which are illustrated in Figure 2. Specifically, for project-based learning, we extract data from Wikihow [37], which is originally designed for testing models' ability to choose the correct procedural steps based on given text and image contexts. We adapt it to the interleaved text-and-image format. For situational analysis are designed for a VIST [16] as returned and the stage of the s

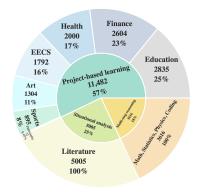


Figure 2: Distribution of categories and fields in MMIE.

ational analysis, we draw samples from VIST [16], a naturally interleaved multimodal dataset designed for visual storytelling tasks, which challenges models to seamlessly integrate narrative text and images. Both situational analysis and project-based learning datasets feature interleaved inputs and outputs. To expand the benchmark with more complex and diverse tasks, we further introduce datasets focused on multi-step reasoning that support interleaved inputs. For this aspect, we source examples from MathVista [28] and ReMI [19], which together provide 3,600 questions covering topics from functions to statistics. The answer formats for these queries include multiple-choice questions (selecting one option from several choices) and openended questions (directly generating content). After extracting samples from these four datasets, we merge and refine them into a cohesive benchmark by compacting, restructuring, and integrating questions from multiple sources, ensuring consistency with our evaluation objectives.

In the second stage, we implement a multi-step quality control process to ensure the integrity and consistency of the dataset. First, we apply lexical overlap and source URL similarity checks to identify and flag potential duplicate entries, which are then manually reviewed and removed. Next, each dataset is meticulously reviewed for formatting and typographical consistency to ensure adherence to a standardized structure. Discrepancies are corrected to maintain uniformity across the entire dataset. In total, we finally collect 20,103 instances across 12 fields, including mathematics, physics, coding, statistics, literature, philosophy, education, finance, health, sports, art, and EECS. Detailed categorization and dataset statistics are presented in Table 1. For more information about dataset curation, please refer to Appendix A.1.

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Figure 3: Pipeline of the scoring model.

2.3 Automated Evaluation Metric

As traditional metrics such as BLEU and CLIP-Score fail to provide a thorough evaluation of the quality of multimodal outputs, existing benchmarks use the GPT-4 series as the scoring model, which may introduce inherent bias in the scoring process [25]. To ensure a comprehensive and unbiased evaluation of various LVLMs, as shown in Figure 3, we propose an automated evaluation metric powered by our fine-tuned LVLM to assist in scoring. Here, we choose InternVL-2-4B [7] as the foundation for our scoring system due to its strong performance in multimodal reasoning tasks and support for multi-image inputs. Furthermore, we fine-tune the model to mitigate potential bias.

Specifically, we first construct a high-quality multimodal scoring dataset that covers all aspects of our benchmark, accompanied by detailed scoring criteria and reference answers. In this process, we collect 800 responses from four LVLMs—MiniGPT-5 [42], EMU-2 [33], GILL [20], and Anole [8]. Based on the ground-truth labels, we define an evaluation standard using a six-point grading scale with clear criteria. A group of experts generates reference answers for each level and all score statistics are converted to percentage format. These criteria and reference answers together form a robust rubric for MMIE. Following the rubric, human annotators rigorously score the responses. Detailed examples of the rubric are provided in Appendix A.4.

After constructing the scoring dataset, we fine-tune the InternVL-2-4B model and use the fine-tuned version as our scoring model. To validate its performance, we randomly select 200 new samples with human-scored labels and compare the results of our model with those of other scoring models. The results show that the fine-tuned model significantly improves alignment between human scores and our model-generated scores compared to other LVLMs, leading to more accurate and reliable evaluation across diverse tasks. We will discuss the experimental results in detail in Section A.7.

3 Experiment

3.1 Experiment Setup

Baseline Models. We first benchmark four open-source interleaved LVLMs. (1) MiniGPT-5 [42], a multimodal model combining MiniGPT-4 and Stable Diffusion, specialized for coherent image-text generation. (2) EMU-2 [33], a 37B-parameter model excelling in in-context learning and multimodal reasoning, (3) GILL [20], a model specialized in generating and retrieving interleaved outputs, (4) Anole [8], based on Chameleon [34], a model excelling in text quality, adds vision and multimodal generation capabilities.

To broaden the comparison, we also compare with integrated LVLMs consisting of text-output LVLMs (i.e., GPT-4o [3], Gemini-1.5 [31], LLaVA-v1.6-34b [24] and Qwen-VL-2-72b [35]) and text-to-image generative models (i.e., Openjourney [2], Stable Diffusion 3 Medium [11], Stable Diffusion XL turbo, Flux.1-dev [1]).

Evaluation Metrics. We evaluate the performance of all models using our proposed metric in Section 2.3, which is powered by our fine-tuned LVLM based on InternVL-2-4B [7], to ensure reliable scoring.

Table 2: Performance of the four open-source LVLMs supporting interleaved image-and-text input and output on MMIE, shown as percentages.

Model	Situational analysis	Project-based learning	Multi-step reasoning	AVG
MiniGPT-5 [42]	47.63	55.12	42.17	50.92
EMU-2 [33]	39.65	46.12	50.75	45.33
GILL [20]	46.72	57.57	39.33	51.58
Anole [8]	48.95	59.05	51.72	55.22

3.2 Main Results

Challenging Evaluation and Promising Direction. As illustrated in Table 2, all evaluated interleaved LVLMs show poor performance, with an average score of 50.80%. Even when integrating advanced models such as GPT-40 and text-to-image generative models, as shown in Table 3, the best score (GPT-40 + SDXL) reached is 65.47%. This highlights the high level of difficulty and the challenge posed by MMIE. Interestingly, the latest interleaved LVLM Anole [8] shows significant improvements over previous interleaved LVLMs, including MiniGPT-5, GILL and EMU-2. This points to the growing potential of interleaved text-and-image models as a promising direction for future progress in multimodal comprehension and generation.

Gap between Interleaved LVLMs and Integrated LVLMs. Existing interleaved LVLMs are still quite limited. To enhance our evaluation and analysis on our benchmark, we integrate non-interleaved LVLMs with T2I models in our experiments. This integrated LVLMs approach significantly outperforms previous open-source interleaved LVLMs, improving performance by an average of 25.2% across all categories. Specifically, the integrated models outperform the best performance of the interleaved model by 14.6%, 26.3%, and 16.1% in situational analysis, project-based learning, and multi-step reasoning, respectively. Surprisingly, the integrated LVLMs perform exceptionally well in project-based learning, with all models based on LLaVA-34b achieving scores above 70%. Table 3: Comparison with state-of-the-art LVLMs integrated with text-to-image models, referred to as integrated LVLMs, evaluated on MMIE.

LVLM	T2I Model	Situational analysis	Project-based learning	Multi-step reasoning	AVG
	Openjourney	53.05	71.40		63.65
CDT 4	SD-3	53.00	71.20	52.67	63.52
GPT-40	SD-XL	56.12	73.25	53.67	65.47
	Flux	54.97	68.80		62.63
Gemini-1.5	Openjourney	48.08	67.93		61.57
	SD-3	47.48	68.70	60.05	61.87
	SD-XL	49.43	71.85		64.15
	Flux	47.07	68.33		61.55
LLaVA-34b	Openjourney	54.12	73.47		63.93
	SD-3	54.72	72.55	47.28	63.57
	SD-XL	55.97	74.60	47.28	65.05
	Flux	54.23	71.32		62.73
Qwen-VL-70b	Openjourney	52.73	71.63		64.05
	SD-3	54.98	71.87	55.62	64.75
	SD-XL	52.58	73.57	55.63	65.12
	Flux	54.23	69.47		63.18

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Table 4: The comparison between MMIE with other LVLM benchmarks. Inter-I: interleaved input; Inter-O: interleaved output; Multi-I: multi-image for input; Multi-O: multi-image for output.

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Dataset	Data Scale	Inter-I	Inter-O	Multi-I	Multi-O	#Num Domains	Answer Type	Metric
HumanEval [5]	164	No	No	No	No	1	Open	Pass@k
GSM8K [9]	8.5K	No	No	No	No	1	Open	Pass@k
MME [12]	2K	Yes	No	No	No	4	Multi-Choice	ACC
MMBench [26]	3K	Yes	No	No	No	6	Multi-Choice	ACC
MM-Vet [38]	218	Yes	No	No	No	6	Open	GPT-4
MagicBrush [40]	10K	Yes	No	No	No	7	Image Editing	CLIPScore
MMMU [39]	11.5K	Yes	No	Yes	No	30	Multi-Choice	ACC
MVBench [23]	4K	Yes	No	Yes	No	9	Multi-Choice	ACC
INTERLEAVEDBENCH [25]	815	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	Open	GPT-40
MMIE (Ours)	20K	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	Multi-Choice & Oper	Fine-tuned VLM

A Appendix

A.1 Related Datasets and Metrics

- **VIST** [16] is a high-quality multimodal dataset for visual storytelling and interleaved textand-image generation. It contains 5K individual stories containing both image and text in arbitrary orders.
- **ReMI** [19] is a dataset designed to evaluate large language models (LLMs) on multi-image reasoning across diverse tasks like math, physics, logic, and spatial reasoning. It highlights key challenges in reasoning with multiple images, revealing a significant gap between current LLM performance and human proficiency.
- MathVista [28] is a benchmark designed to assess mathematical reasoning in visual contexts. MathVista comprises 6,141 examples from 28 existing multimodal datasets and three new datasets (IQTest, FunctionQA, and PaperQA).
- Wikihow-VGSI [37] is a benchmark designed for multimodal comprehension, featuring a diverse array of examples sourced from WikiHow, primarily centered on methods to achieve specific goals. Initially released as a choice dataset, it includes multiple images and text presented in a selected order within each example, enhancing its potential for practical applications.
- **CLIPScore** [14] is a reference-free metric for evaluating image captioning by leveraging CLIP, a cross-modal model trained on 400M image-caption pairs. While effective for literal descriptions and tasks like alt-text rating, CLIPScore is less suited for news captions requiring deep contextual knowledge.

A.2 Comparison with Existing Multimodal Benchmarks

MMIE surpasses existing benchmarks in three key aspects. First, most previous multimodal benchmarks support only single-modality input or output, while MMIE closes this gap by enabling interleaved text-and-image comprehension and generation. Our dataset ensures robust modality alignment, with multimodal question-answer pairs reconstructed into an interleaved text-and-image instruction format, followed by manual review to guarantee quality. Moreover, the scenarios reflect real-world applications, such as multimodal script generation, data chart analysis, and multimodal story generation. Second, compared to recent interleaved comprehension benchmarks [25], MMIE is larger in scale and covers a broader range of subjects, containing both reasoning and temporal understanding skills, allowing for a more comprehensive evaluation. Finally, MMIE introduces a reliable scoring system powered by a fine-tuned LVLM, which significantly enhances the accuracy and reliability of scoring. Table 4 highlights the differences between our benchmark and existing ones, demonstrating the advantages of MMIE in terms of scale, diversity, and scoring methodology.

A.3 Overview of Baseline Models

• MiniGPT-5 [42] combines pretrained multimodal large language model MiniGPT-4 and image-generation model Stable Diffusion to implement multimodal inputs and outputs. It employs unique visual tokens called "generative vokens" that connect the textual and visual domains throughout the training process.

- EMU-2 [33] is a 37B generative multimodal model. The base model is then fine-tuned with conversational data and image data separately to yield multimodal language model Emu2-Chat and visual generation model Emu2-Gen. In our experiment, we use a pipeline of Emu2-Chat and Emu2-Gen.
- GILL [20] uses a mapping network to translate hidden representations of text into the embedding space of the visual models. It combines text-only LLMs with pre-trained image encoder and decoder models to process arbitrarily mixed image and text inputs and generate text combined with image embedding.
- **Anole** [8] is a model fine-tuned on Meta Chameleon, relying solely on transformers. It facilitated Chameleon's image generation and multimodal generation capabilities by fine-tuning only the logits corresponding to image token ids in transformer's output head layer.
- **GPT-4o** [3] is an advanced language model developed by OpenAI, designed to enhance the capabilities of the GPT-4 architecture. It integrates innovations in transformer models and multi-modal processing, making it capable of handling both text and visual inputs.
- **Gemini-1.5** [31] is a large language model developed by Google AI, trained on a massive dataset of text and code. It can process and analyze both text and images input.
- LLaVA-34b [24] is an end-to-end trained model that connects a vision encoder and an LLM for general-purpose visual and language understanding. The 34b version uses Hermes-Yi-34B as its LLM. However, it doesn't support multiple images as input, making it unable to cope with some of the expert level tasks in our MMIE.
- **Qwen-VL-70b** [35], also called Qwen-VL-Max, is a multimodal version of the large model series Qwen, proposed by Alibaba Cloud. It is designed to process and understand multiple types of input, including text, images, and audio.
- **Openjourney** [2] is a generative AI model designed specifically for creating high-quality images based on text prompts. It is a variant of the Stable Diffusion model, optimized for artistic and creative visual generation fine-tuned on Midjourney images.
- **Stable Diffusion 3 Medium** [11] is a text-to-image model developed by Stability AI. It's a powerful tool that can generate high-quality images from simple text descriptions, which produces images with greater detail, clarity, and overall quality.
- Stable Diffusion XL turbo [11] is an enhanced version of the Stable Diffusion XL model, optimized for faster image generation without compromising quality. Designed for efficiency, it allows users to create highly detailed and vivid images from text prompts at a significantly accelerated pace.
- Flux.1-dev [1] is a text-to-image and image-to-image model developed by Black Forest Labs. It is a 12 billion parameter rectified flow transformer capable of generating images from text descriptions. FLUX.1-dev is a guidance-distilled variant of the base FLUX.1 model, and is designed to be more efficient and easier to use.

A.4 Criteria

In this section, we demonstrate our criteria for each sort of dataset. All criteria are **purely handwritten**, thoroughly considered, and refined. Note that we designed several key aspects for each dataset, within which only 0 or 1 point should be given.

Situational Analysis

The evaluation is based on six key criteria, with an additional penalty criterion for harmful content:

Project-Based Learning

The evaluation is based on six core criteria, with an additional penalty criterion for harmful content:

Multi-Step Reasoning

A.5 Categorization

In this section, we demonstrate our detailed categorization among 3 categories, 12 fields and 102 subfields.

Situational Analysis

- 1. Text Quality: Measures the clarity, grammatical accuracy, and engagement of the narrative. Text must not contain duplications from the provided input or irrelevant content.
- Image Quality: Assesses the accuracy and relevance of the generated images. Images must be precise and correspond to the text. No points will be awarded for generic or purely decorative images (e.g., color plots without meaningful content).
- 3. Text-Image Coherence: Evaluates the integration between text and images. Disjointed or irrelevant descriptions will result in a
- 4. Context Consistency: Ensures logical consistency in setting, characters, and plot progression. Temporal, spatial, and contextual transitions must be coherent, with no contradictions in the story's flow.

 5. Innovation: Measures creativity and originality. The narrative should offer fresh perspectives, avoiding cliches and predictable
- 5. Innovation: Measures creativity and originality. The narrative should oner resp perspectives, avoiding chiches and predictable elements. Unique visual descriptions and story-telling techniques will be scored higher.
 6. Stlistic Consistency and Correspondence: The images generated by the models must not only align with each other, but also closely replicate the specific visual style of their previous images. Any deviation in color scheme, composition, or artistic technique will lose the point. The text must keep close to the original structure and narrative atmosphere with precision, maintaining the same formatting, tone, and flow. The model's ability to maintain seamless, stylistically consistent integration between the text and images is crucial for achieving full points.
- 7. Emotional Impact (Penalty): Deduct 1 point if harmful, negative, or inappropriate emotions are conveyed. Otherwise, no score change is applied.

Project-Based Learning

- 1.Text Quality: Measures the clarity, grammatical correctness, and precision of the text. Text must not contain duplications from the provided input or irrelevant content.
- 2.Image Quality: Assesses the accuracy and relevance of the generated images. Images must be precise and correspond to the text. No points will be awarded for generic or purely decorative images (e.g., color plots without meaningful content).
- 3.Text-Image Coherence: Ensures logical alignment between text and images. Each image must directly support or clarify the corresponding text. Mismatches or irrelevant pairings will result in a deduction.
- 4. Method Practicality: Evaluates the actionable nature of the method. Instructions must be detailed enough to guarantee correct execution in real-world scenarios. Lack of depth or missing steps will result in a lower score
- 5.Creativity and Engagement: Scores the method based on uniqueness and the ability to engage the reader while maintaining clarity
- and effectiveness. Overly simplistic or uninspired approaches will receive fewer points.

 6. Stylistic Consistency and Correspondence: Any image generated by the models must not only align with the original content but also closely replicate the specific visual style of their previous images. Any deviation in color scheme, composition, or artistic technique will result in a lower score. The text must mirror the original structure and narrative atmosphere with precision, maintaining the same formatting, tone, and flow. The model's ability to maintain seamless, stylistically consistent integration between the text and images is crucial for achieving full points.
- 7.Emotional Impact (Penalty): Deduct 1 point if the response contains harmful, negative, or inappropriate content. No deduction if absent

Multi-Step Reasoning Criteria

- 1. Question Text Understanding: Assess whether the model correctly understands and inter-prets the textual information given in the question, identifying key mathematical elements, relationships, or instructions from the text.
- 2. Question Image Understanding: Evaluate the model's understanding of the visual in formation (if applicable) in the question, including any diagrams, charts, or figures. The model should correctly interpret the visual elements and integrate them into the
- 3. Reasoning Clarity: The model should provide a clear, step-by-step explanation of its rea-soning process, logically connecting the problem's details to the steps leading toward asolution. This should be easy to follow and free from unnecessary complexity.
- 4. Correctness in Reasoning: Even if the final answer is incorrect, evaluate whether the model shows correct intermediate steps, partial reasoning, or progress toward the right solution. This includes identifying whether the model has applied appropriate mathematical principles or formulas in parts of the response.
- 5. Final Answer Accuracy: Determine whether the model arrives at the correct final answer, based on both the problem statement and the reasoning provided. An accurate answer, supported by detailed and clear reasoning, should receive the highest score.

Multi-Step Reasoning Scoring

- $\bullet \ \textbf{Score} \ \textbf{1} \ \bullet \textbf{Poor} \vdots \ \textbf{The model demonstrates little to no understanding of the question text or image. Its reasoning is incoherent or image. The model demonstrates are the score \textbf{1} \ \bullet \textbf{1}$
- missing, with no meaningful progress toward the solution. The final answer is completely incorrect and unrelated to the question.

 Score 2 Fair: The model shows some understanding of the question text or image butfails to grasp key details or misinterprets important information. The reasoning processis unclear, incomplete, or contains significant gaps. The model may reach some correct intermediate steps, but the final answer is incorrect.

 • Score 3 • Average: The model understands the basic elements of the question text and mage but may miss some finer points. Its
- reasoning process is partially clear but lacks thoroughness or may contain errors. Some correct intermediate steps are provided, though the final answer may still be incorrect or incomplete.
- Score 4 Clear: The model demonstrates a good understanding of both the question textand image. The reasoning process is mostly clear, and the model correctly applies relevant mathematical principles. The final answer may still contain minor errors, but overall reasoning is sound.
- Score 5 Good: The model provides clear and logical reasoning, and reaches the correct final answer. Once the correct answer is given, even if only the final answer is provided, it should receive the score
- Score 6 Excellent: The model fully understands both the question text and image, besides giving the correct answer, the model should provide a detailed and concise explanation of the question, showing its logic flow and principles

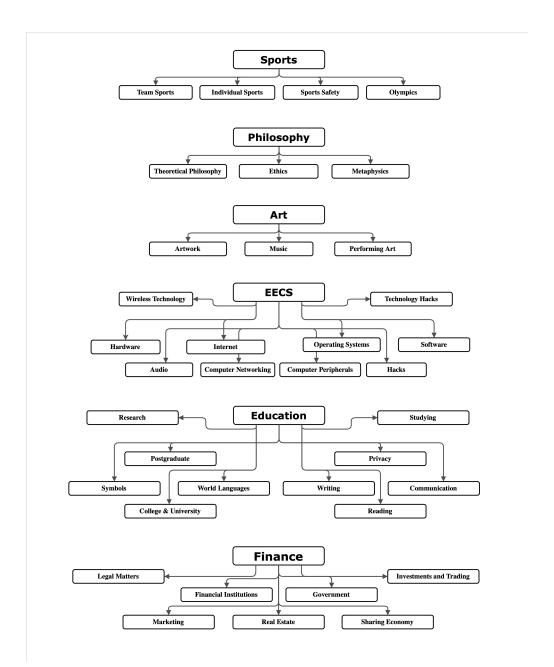


Figure 4: Subfield distribution.

· Health:

 Includes 32 specific subfields, such as diagnosis, recovery, and nursing, following the categorization of [37].

• Literature:

Includes only 1 subfield, visual storytelling, following the categorization and definition of [16].

• Mathematics, Physics, Coding and Statistics

Includes 33 unique subfields, following the categorization and definition of [28] and [19].

A.6 Prompts

Table 5: Question prompt example for Situational analysis

I will give you a question and the first step to complete it. I want to know what should I do next. Explain it to me in detail/with text and images.

Question:

How to Find New Streams on Meerkat?

Method 1: Finding New Streams on Meerkat iOS App

Step 1: Launch Meerkat.

Locate the app on your iOS device and tap on it. The app logo has a picture of a meerkat on a yellow background.

<image>

Answer:

response

Table 6: Question prompt example for Project-based learning

A.7 Results

Model Performance across Different Fields. As previously demonstrated in Table 2 and Table 3, model performance varies across different categories of data, achieving the best results in project-based learning and the lowest scores in situational analysis. This indicates that the model's performance differs depending on the category, likely due to inherent issues with the distribution of the training data. For example, Anole [8] scores 59.05% in project-based learning data but only 48.95% in situational analysis, suggesting it excels at creative, open-ended generation but falls short in handling detailed, discipline-specific knowledge. Delving into more fine-grained fields, as shown in Figure 5, different models exhibit preferences for certain fields of data. Among the seven fields of project-based learning, including education, finance, health, philosophy, sports, art and EECS,

I will give you a question with image(s). Please solve this question.

Question:

Here are two images. The first image is image A.

<image>

and the second image is image B.

<image>

These images are from Google Maps that depict two different regions around Congress Avenue in Austin, TX. In these images restaurants are represented by orange pins that depict a knife and a fork. Coffee shops are represented by orange pins and/or boxes with an image of a coffee cup in them. Bars are represented by orange pins with an image of a wine glass inside them. Bus stops are represented by a blue square box with an image of a bus inside it. A stop sign is shown using an icon of a stop sign. A traffic light is shown by three color dots. Parking garages are represented by a purple pin with a 'P' symbol in them. Places of accommodation such as hotels and inns are represented by pink square icons or pink pins. In which image are there more bars on Congress Avenue? The answer is either 'A', 'B' or 'equal'.

Answer:

response

Table 7: Question prompt example for Multi-step reasoning

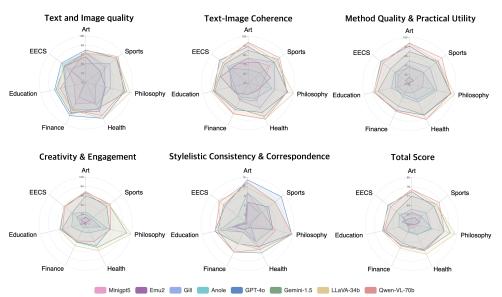


Figure 5: The average and total scores of each model across the seven fields of project-based learning based on our criteria. We take the average of GPT-40, Gemini-1.5, LLaVA-v1.6-34b and Qwen-VL-2-72b over the four text-to-image diffusion models.

almost all models tend to perform well in areas that are easier to understand, such as philosophy, art and education, but face challenges in more complex fields requiring higher reasoning abilities, such as finance and EECS. Figure 5 also shows a general gradual decline in scores for the criteria of text and image quality, text-image coherence, method quality and practical utility, creativity and engagement, stylistic consistency and correspondence, suggesting that there is a significant lack of text and image alignment and the ability to use interleaved output to solve real-world problems across all models.

How Consistent is Our Model-Powered Metric w.r.t Human Annotation? In this section, we further validate the effectiveness of our proposed metric. Here, we conduct an experiment to evaluate its correlation with human annotations using several disparity and similarity metrics, i.e., cosine

This evaluation task focuses on seven key criteria that assess different aspects of visual storytelling. Note that the emotional aspect will not add to the score but can decrease the score by 1 point if the response contains negative emotions or other harmful impacts. Here are the detailed criteria of each aspect:

- 1) Text Quality: Evaluate the clarity, grammatical accuracy, and engagement of the text. The narrative should be easy to understand, free from errors, and presented in a way that captures the reader's interest. Descriptions and dialogue should be well-crafted, supporting the overall flow of the story.
- 2) Image Quality: Assess the quality of the image descriptions. Although no actual images are present, the descriptions should be vivid, detailed, and clear enough to allow the reader to visualize the scene. Effective image descriptions should enhance the storytelling experience without being overly complex.
- 3) Text-Image Coherence: Determine how well the text and image descriptions complement each other. The integration should be seamless, with the visual descriptions enhancing and supporting the narrative. Both elements should work together to create a unified and immersive experience.
- 4) Context Consistency: Evaluate the overall consistency of the story's setting, characters, and plot. The narrative should maintain a logical and coherent flow, with no contradictions or inconsistencies in its context or progression. This also includes temporal and spatial transitions, ensuring that the story remains believable and cohesive.
- 5) Innovation: Assess the creativity and originality of the content. Look for fresh ideas, unique plotlines, and innovative storytelling techniques. The narrative should avoid clichés and predictable story arcs, using creative visual descriptions to add depth and interest.
- 6) Stylistic Consistency and Correspondence: Any image generated by the models must not only align with the original content but also closely replicate the specific visual style of their previous images. Any deviation in color scheme, composition, or artistic technique will lose the point. The text must keep close to the original structure and narrative atmosphere with precision, maintaining the same formatting, tone, and flow. The model's ability to maintain seamless, stylistically consistent integration between the text and images is crucial for achieving full points.
- 7) Emotional Impact: This is not a scoring criterion unless the story includes negative emotions. If the response conveys harmful or inappropriate emotions, deduct 1 point. Otherwise, no score change will be made.

I will give you the question and answer pair. You should give your feedback about the quality of the answer, beginning with '### Feedback'. After giving the feedback, use the above criteria to give the final score, beginning with '### Score'.

Question:
I absolutely hate the 4th of July. Image-0:
<image/>

Answer:

I absolutely hate the 4th of July. It's the one day of the year where it feels like my entire world turns upside down. You see, the explosive sounds from fireworks terrify me, sending me into a panic that I can't control. But there's more to it than just the noise. Image-1:

<image>

I remember last year, sitting in the park during what was supposed to be a joyful celebration. Families gathered with their children, everyone decked out in red, white, and blue. The smell of grilled food filled the air, mingling with the scent of freshly cut grass. Kids ran around with sparklers, their joyous laughter a sharp contrast to the thudding in my chest. Image-2:

<image/>

Feedback:
response

Table 8: Evaluation prompt example for Situational analysis

In this task, you will evaluate the quality of the methods generated by the response. The evaluation should focus on each method's clarity, practical utility, and effectiveness in achieving the intended goal. This evaluation task focuses on six key criteria that assess different aspects of the method, along with one optional criterion for penalizing harmful content. Note that the emotional aspect will not add to the score, but if the response contains harmful intentions or negative impacts, the score should be decreased by 1 point. Here are the detailed criteria of each aspect:

- 1) Text Quality: The method should be written in clear, understandable language, free from grammatical errors, and structured logically, making it easy to follow and implement.
- 2) Image Quality: The image descriptions should be vivid and relevant, enhancing the comprehension of the method by allowing the reader to visualize the steps. The text should still be self-sufficient without the images.
- 3) Text-Image Coherence: The images and text should work together seamlessly, with each image description corresponding logically to specific steps in the text, enhancing the overall understanding of the method.
- 4) Method Quality and Practical Utility: The method should be actionable, clearly explaining each step in sufficient detail to ensure the user can follow and apply it successfully in real-world scenarios. Depth and thoroughness of the explanation are more important than variety.
- 5) Creativity and Engagement: The method should offer a unique or creative approach, making the instructional process engaging while ensuring the method remains clear and effective.
- 6) Stylistic Consistency and Correspondence: Any image generated by the models must not only align with the original content but also closely replicate the specific visual style of their previous images. Any deviation in color scheme, composition, or artistic technique will result in a lower score. The text must mirror the original structure and narrative atmosphere with precision, maintaining the same formatting, tone, and flow. The model's ability to maintain seamless, stylistically consistent integration between the text and images is crucial for achieving full points.
- 7) Emotional Impact (penalty only): This criterion will only be used to deduct points. If the response contains harmful, negative, or inappropriate emotions (such as violence or aggressive language), deduct 1 point. Otherwise, no score change will be made.

I will give you the question and answer pair. You should give your feedback about the quality of the answer, beginning with '### Feedback'. After giving the feedback, use the above criteria to give the final score, beginning with '### Score'.

Question:

How to Avoid Getting Food in Your Braces?

Method 1: Practicing Good Oral Hygiene

Step 1: Maintain a balanced diet.

... Image-0:

<image>

Answer:

Next Step: Prepare and Eat Braces-Friendly Foods

To avoid getting food stuck in your braces, you should focus on preparing and consuming bracesfriendly foods. Here are detailed suggestions on what to do next:

- 1. **Choose Soft Foods:**
- ... Image-1:

<1mage>

- 2. **Cut Food into Smaller Pieces:**
- ... Image-2:

<image>

Feedback:

response

Table 9: Evaluation prompt example for Project-based learning

In this task, you will evaluate the quality of the model's response to a math question based on five key aspects. The total score is 6 points, with only integer scores allowed. The highest score (6 points) should only be awarded if the model produces a correct answer with a detailed explanation, clearly demonstrating its logical flow and reasoning process. Here are the evaluation criteria:

- 1) Question Text Understanding: Assess whether the model correctly understands and interprets the textual information given in the question, identifying key mathematical elements, relationships, or instructions from the text.
- 2) Question Image Understanding: Evaluate the model's understanding of the visual information (if applicable) in the question, including any diagrams, charts, or figures. The model should correctly interpret the visual elements and integrate them into the solution.
- 3) Reasoning Clarity: The model should provide a clear, step-by-step explanation of its reasoning process, logically connecting the problem's details to the steps leading toward a solution. This should be easy to follow and free from unnecessary complexity.
- 4) Partial Correctness in Reasoning: Even if the final answer is incorrect, evaluate whether the model shows correct intermediate steps, partial reasoning, or progress toward the right solution. This includes identifying whether the model has applied appropriate mathematical principles or formulas in parts of the response.
- 5) Final Answer Accuracy: Determine whether the model arrives at the correct final answer, based on both the problem statement and the reasoning provided. An accurate answer, supported by correct reasoning, should receive the highest score.

I will give you the question and answer pair. You should give your feedback about the quality of the answer, beginning with '### Feedback'. After giving the feedback, use the above criteria to give the final score, beginning with '### Score'.

Ouestion:

The following images show two graphs. Each graph is represented in a separate image. Are these two graphs isomorphic to each other?

Image-0: <image>
Image-1: <image>

Answer

To determine if the two graphs are isomorphic, you need to verify whether there is a one-to-one correspondence between their vertices and edges such that the connectivity is preserved.

Here are the steps to check this:

- 1. **Verify the Number of Vertices and Edges**: Both graphs have 6 vertices. Both graphs have 7 edges.
- 2. **Degree Sequence**: Check the degree of each vertex (the number of edges connected to it).

For the first graph: ...

For the second graph: ...

In this case, let's match them as follows: ...

3. **Adjacency Comparison**: Check if the corresponding vertices are connected in the same way.

After matching the vertices by degree, we should see if there is a direct mapping that maintains adjacency between the two graphs.

First Graph: Y-F, Q-F, O-F, Q-O, A-F Second Graph: 2-3, 1-3, 6-3, 1-6, 5-3

If we relabel the first graph: Y as 2, F as 3, Q as 1, O as 6, and A as 5

We get the same connections for the second graph. Therefore, both graphs are isomorphic.

Summary: Yes, the two graphs are isomorphic to each other.

Feedback:

response

Table 10: Evaluation prompt example for Multi-step reasoning

similarity, mean square error (MSE), mean absolute error (MAE), and Pearson coefficient. For comparison, we report results from traditional multimodal alignment metric (i.e., CLIPScore) and scores judged by LVLMs, including GPT-40, which has already served as the metric in [25]. As shown in Table 11, our metric demonstrates the closest alignment with human evaluation results significantly, proving to be the most reliable. Our scoring model effectively captures the multimodal features of both image and text sequences and judges them through complex reasoning precisely. In contrast, other LVLMs and CLIPScore tend to focus primarily on understanding the sequence information, but they fall short in grasping the relationships between the sequences and accurately judging the alignment between them. In summary, the experiments demonstrate that our metric is a robust and dependable standard for evaluating interleaved multimodal generation.

Table 11: Comparison of scoring LVLMs and traditional image-text alignment metric.

Models	Cosine Similarity	MSE	MAE	Pearson
Text-Image CLIPScore	0.639	7.312	2.251	0.023
InternVL-2.0-4B Anole GPT-4o	0.736 0.805 0.733	15.962 3.969 3.724	3.165 1.600 1.573	0.083 0.048 0.042
Ours	0.873	3.300	1.444	0.113

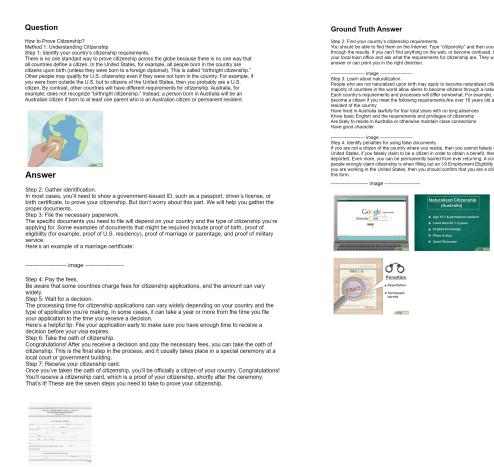


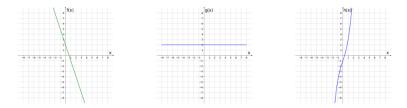
Figure 6: Case 1.

B Related Work

Interleaved Multimodal Comprehension and Generation. Multimodal learning has rapidly evolved, with substantial progress in integrating text and image modalities. Recent advancements in large vision-language models (LVLMs) [24, 44, 10], either driven by the integration of diffusion models like Stable Diffusion [32], or using token-based mixed-modal structures like Chameleon [34] and Show-o [36], have enabled models to not only understand and generate content across modalities, but also engage in interleaved multimodal comprehension and generation. As the demand for richer, more interactive AI grows, interleaved multimodal comprehension and generation is becoming an essential component in the development of next-generation LVLMs.

LVLM Benchmarks. Despite the rapid advancements in multimodal learning, evaluation benchmarks remain far from perfect. Previous benchmarks primarily focused on evaluating the base perception ability of LVLMs [27, 13], such as GQA [17], which lack the depth required to assess advanced reasoning. Recently, several high-quality evaluation benchmarks have been proposed to assess the reasoning ability of these models [22, 40, 24, 26, 38], such as MMMU [39] and MME [12]. However, these benchmark do not support interleaved image-and-text comprehension and generation. Large-scale interleaved multimodal datasets like MINT-1T [4], MANTIS [18] and OBELICS [21] have been developed primarily for pre-training models. However, they lack precise alignment between text and images, making them unsuitable for evaluation and benchmarking. A recent small-scale interleaved multimodal benchmark has been introduced [25], but its limited data size and query quality hinder the comprehensiveness of its evaluation. MMIE fills this gap by offering a comprehensive evaluation framework that supports interleaved multimodal comprehension and generation. Our dataset includes a diverse set of queries among multiple domains. By evaluating both perceptual and generative capacity of LVLMs, it provides a more holistic assessment.

The graph of f(x) is shown below <image1> g(x) is shown below <image2> and h(x) is shown below <image3>. Compute f(1) + g(-2) + h(1).



Answer

What is the value of \$x\$ in the following equation:

$$$$(x - 2)(x + 3) = 0$$$$

Solution:

The product of x-2 and x+3 is equal to zero if either x-2 or x+3 is equal to zero.

- * If \$x-2=0\$, then \$x=2\$.
- * If \$x+3=0\$, then \$x=-3\$.

Therefore, the values of \$x\$ that make the equation true are \$2\$ and \$-3\$.

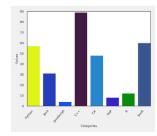
Ground Truth Answer

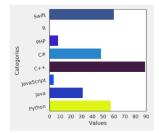
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Figure 7: Case 2.

Evaluation Metrics for Multimodal Tasks. Traditional evaluation metrics, such as BLEU [30], BERTScore [41] for text quality, and FID [15] for image quality, are only suited to single-modality output tasks. Recent metrics, such as CLIPScore [14] and X-IQE [6], have attempted to address this by introducing multimodal models to evaluate consistency between text and image. However, these metrics only measure alignment and fall short of offering a comprehensive assessment of output quality. Furthermore, many multimodal metrics depend on GPT-based models [25], bringing uncontrollable bias to the whole evaluation system. To overcome these drawbacks, we propose an automatic metric to minimises bias and provides a thorough analysis of the generated results.

<image1><image2>Compared to the first graph, which category has the value changed in the second graph? And did the value increase or decrease? Answer with the format (CATEGORY, increased/decreased)





Answer

The picture illustrates the graph, showing values of \$1, \$2, and \$3. The value of the bar corresponding to the category "new cars" is higher in the second graph than in the first graph.

In the first graph, the value of the bar for "new cars" is \$1. In the second graph, the value of the bar for "new cars" is \$2. Therefore, the value increased from \$1 to \$2.

Since the value increased, we can categorize this as an increase.

Ground Truth Answer

(R, decreased)

Figure 8: Case 3.

Question: Are there fewer purple rubber objects that are to the left of the red object than tiny matte bicycles?
Choices: Yes

No



Answer

The question asks for "fewer purple rubber objects that are to the left of the red object than tiny matte bicycles." To answer this question, compare the number of purple rubber objects to the number of tiny matte bicycles to the left of the red object.

There are 3 purple rubber objects to the left of the red object.

There are 5 tiny matte bicycles to the left of the red object.

Therefore, there are fewer tiny matte bicycles than purple rubber objects to the left of the red object.

Ground Truth Answer

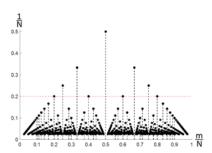
Yes

Figure 9: Case 4.

Question: Is this function continuous?

Choices: Yes

No



Answer

The graph in the image shows a function that is not continuous. Specifically, it exhibits a jump discontinuity at x = 2. This means that the function takes different values on either side of x = 2, without being continuous at that point.

Ground Truth Answer

No

Figure 10: Case 5.

Question

How to Stop Social Media from Damaging Your Offline Behavior?

Method 1: Balancing Online and Offline Social Networks

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Answer

Step 2: Be selective about what you share online



Ground Truth Answer

Step 2: Build your online network.
Social media gives you access to millions of new contacts, any of which could become friends, business partners, or colleagues. Each network has its unique strengths. For example, you could use Facebook to make friends, as it connects you to friends of friends and gives you the option to join groups on special topics, like at home science projects. Another example would be to try LinkedIn if you are looking for business contacts. It is great for networking and even lets you search potential jobs.

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Figure 11: Case 6.

Christmas is my favorite time of year.



Answer

A warm fireplace invites guests to sit and relax.



Enjoying the festive atmosphere, guests gather around the table for a meal.



It's a special time of year, and the warmth and joy are palpable.

Ground Truth Answer

We all gathered together to celebrate.



Uncle fez was memorialized with the planting of his tree.



Ben was sad



Question

We had a snow storm move through last night.



Answer

The birds are standing in the snow outside of the house.



Ground Truth Answer

The hillside looked like it was blanketed in a soft fluffy white blanket.



There wasn't a lot of water in the stream so we were able to walk down near the edge and walk across the rocks.



There were parts of the stream where the top of the water was completely frozen over so the snow just sat on top.



Figure 12: Case 7&8.