HIRES-LLAVA: RESTORING FRAGMENTATION INPUT IN HIGH-RESOLUTION LARGE VISION-LANGUAGE MODELS

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ABSTRACT

High-resolution image inputs allow Large Vision-Language Models (LVLMs) to capture finer visual details, improving comprehension. However, the increased training and computational costs associated with such inputs pose significant challenges. A common approach to mitigate these costs involves slicing the input into uniform patches using sliding windows, each aligned with the vision encoder's input size. While efficient, this method fragments the input, disrupting the continuity of contextual, which negatively impacts cross-patch perception tasks. To address these limitations, we propose HiRes-LLaVA, a novel framework designed to efficiently process high-resolution inputs of any size without altering the original contextual and geometric information. HiRes-LLaVA introduces two key components: (i) a SliceRestore adapter (SRA) that reconstructs sliced patches into their original form, enabling efficient extraction of both global and local features through down-up-sampling and convolutional layers, and (ii) a Self-Mining Sampler (SMS) that compresses vision tokens based on internal relationships, preserving original context and positional information while reducing training overhead. To assess the ability of handling context fragmentation, we construct a new benchmark, EntityGrid-QA, consisting of edge-related tasks. Extensive experiments demonstrate the superiority of HiRes-LLaVA on both existing public benchmarks and EntityGrid-QA. For example, with SRA, our method achieves a performance improvement of $\sim 9\%$ over state-of-the-art LVLMs in addressing fragmentation issues. Additionally, our SMS outperforms other visual token downsamplers, while offering comparable efficiency.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Recent progress in Large Vision-Language Models (LVLMs) (Alayrac et al., 2022; Li et al., 2023c;b;d;
Liu et al., 2023f; Zhu et al., 2023) has significantly enhanced capabilities in vision-language tasks,
fostering improved understanding, reasoning, and interaction. Early LVLMs (Li et al., 2023b;
Zhu et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023d) processed images at low resolutions, typically 224 × 224, which
hindering their ability to capture detailed visual information. This limitation often results in inaccurate
recognition of objects and their contextual relationships within images (Ding et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023e).

Enhancing the high-resolution capabilities of LVLMs presents substantial challenges, *i.e.*, training
visual encoders to handle high-resolution inputs requires significant computational resources as well
as struggling with handling arbitrary image sizes (Bai et al., 2023a; Chen et al., 2023c). Recent
advances have introduced resource-efficient methods to improve the input resolution of LVLMs.
One effective strategy involves using a sliding window technique (Li et al., 2023e; Xu et al., 2024a;
Liu et al., 2024b) to segment high-resolution images into smaller patches. These patches are then
processed by a visual encoder that has been trained on fixed-size lower-resolution inputs, maintaining
computational efficiency while enhancing detail capture.

Although effective, this slicing approach leads to the fragmentation of the original input, resulting
 in a disruption of context. As illustrated in Fig.1, slicing the entire image can alter the original context, especially when an object is located at the edge of two slices. This slicing strategy makes



Figure 1: **Illustration of the fragmentation issue.** (a) We construct nine image inputs with objects placed in nine different positions. Four of these positions,*i.e.*,(2,4,6,8) are located at the edges of two slices, resulting in fragmentation issues. (b) We input these nine images along with corresponding questions into the LVLMs to evaluate the accuracy of object recognition at different positions. Note that the green circles with numbers are for illustration purposes only and are not utilized by the LVLMs. (c) The visualization of accuracy at various positions demonstrates that our method outperforms both slicing-based and non-slicing methods across all positions.

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it more challenging for the model to identify the fragmented objects and text, thereby hindering
the model's overall understanding of the image and impeding its ability to perform more complex
cognitive tasks. Furthermore, existing approaches (Xu et al., 2024a; Liu et al., 2024b) generally use a
sampler, such as Q-Former (Li et al., 2023c), to reduce the long context caused by high-resolution
input. However, this plain Q-Former like sampler utilizes a fixed number of queries to compress and
capture visual features through a cross-attention mechanism, suffering from problems, *e.g.*, lacking
position information and high training overhead Yao et al. (2024).

079 In this paper, we propose HiRes-LLaVA, an efficient approach to integrating high-resolution data into LVLMs without disrupting the original context. As illustrated in Fig.1 (c), our method maintains consistent accuracy even when objects are positioned across different slices. HiRes-LLaVA utilizes 081 a new SliceRestore Adapter to combine sliced low-resolution patch features into a high-resolution feature map, preserving the image's complete context. This map is processed through dual parallel 083 fusion modules to capture both global and local information. The enhanced high-resolution map 084 is then segmented back into small patches. The SliceRestore Adapter is a lightweight module that 085 can be seamlessly integrated into any attention layer of the low-resolution vision encoder, enabling efficient fine-tuning without altering pre-trained parameters. Furthermore, we introduce a self-mining 087 sampler that uses average pooled sliced patches as queries. Unlike fixed learnable query-based 880 methods, our self-mining sampler preserves the original context and positional information while 089 optimizing efficiently.

To evaluate our proposed method, we tested it on nine widely-used public benchmarks and also introduced a new benchmark, EntityGrid-QA, specifically designed to measure how well VLMs handle context fragmentation caused by slicing approaches. Our comprehensive experiments show that HiRes-LLaVA not only performs better than current models on these public benchmarks but also significantly surpasses SOTA LVLMs over ~ 9% on the EntityGrid-QA benchmark. Additionally, our SMS outperforms other visual token downsampling methods, all while maintaining similar efficiency.

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2 RELATED WORKS

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099 Large Vision-Language Model. Leveraging pre-trained Large Language Models (LLMs) like 100 LLaMA (Touvron et al., 2023) and Vicuna (Chiang et al., 2023), Large Vision-Language Models 101 (LVLMs) have achieved significant advancements in areas such as image/video understanding (Li 102 et al., 2022; 2023c; Zhu et al., 2023; Alayrac et al., 2022; Chen et al., 2023a; Zhang et al., 2023a; 103 Li et al., 2023d), medical analysis (Li et al., 2023b), and autonomous driving (Ding et al., 2023; 104 Xu et al., 2023). These models utilize vision encoders trained via contrastive learning (Dosovitskiy 105 et al., 2020; Radford et al., 2021) to align visual features with language. Visual embeddings are then adapted to match LLM dimensionality through visual projectors, which can be (i) learned queries, 106 like the perceiver resampler (Alayrac et al., 2022) or Q-Former (Li et al., 2023c; Zhu et al., 2023), 107 using fixed queries for cross-attention, or (ii) MLP modules, as seen in the LLaVA series (Liu et al.,

108 2023f). Recent efforts have aimed to enhance visual representation by combining features from DINO-V2 (Oquab et al., 2023) and SAM (Kirillov et al., 2023) with CLIP's Vision Transformers (ViT) (Ranzinger et al., 2023; Lin et al.). However, the reliance on CLIP-ViT, which requires fixed-resolution images (e.g., 336×336), limits the capability to handle higher resolutions and varying aspect ratios, thereby hindering performance in fine-grained tasks.

113 High Resolution Large Vision-Language Model. To discern fine-grained visual details from high-114 resolution inputs, an intuitive approach is to split images into patches and project them using linear 115 layers, treating these as a sequence for input into Large Vision-Language Models (LVLMs) (Bavishi 116 et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023a). While this eliminates the need for an image encoder, it often results in 117 insufficient visual representation, leading to increased training costs and suboptimal performance. 118 Alternatively, Up-Resize methods such as Qwen-VL (Bai et al., 2023a) adapt the positional embeddings of ViT from 224×224 to 448×448 and include an additional training phase to fine-tune the 119 ViT. However, this adaptation may alter the original visual position encoding from CLIP-ViT (Rad-120 ford et al., 2021), potentially degrading visual representation. Dual-branch approaches introduce a 121 high-resolution branch with lightweight convolutional networks to manage high-resolution inputs 122 but require additional training data and parameters (Hong et al., 2023; Ding et al., 2023; Luo et al., 123 2024; Li et al., 2024a). Slicing-based methods offer a compromise by using slicing windows to 124 divide the high-resolution image into patches that match the input size of a pre-trained vision en-125 coder, maintaining efficiency in parameter use and training data while still achieving competitive 126 performance (Li et al., 2023e; Xu et al., 2024a). However, they suffer from "Context Fragmentation", 127 where the continuity of contextual information across patches is damaged, impacting tasks that 128 require cross-patch context. In this paper, we propose HiRes-LLaVA, a novel technique designed to 129 seamlessly integrate global-local high-resolution details into LVLMs without disrupting the original context, effectively addressing the issue of Context Fragmentation. 130

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3 Method

In this section, we first present the overall framework of HiRes-LLaVA in Section 3.1. The two innovative components, namely SliceRestore adapter and self-mining sampler are detailed in Section 3.2 and Section 3.3 respectively. To further evaluate the ability of VLMs to address the context fragmentation issue, a new benchmark named EntityGrid-QA is proposed in Section 3.4.

138 139 3.1 Overall Framework

The overall framework of HiRes-LLaVA is shown in Fig. 2. First, the original image is resized and padded to a low resolution (typically 224×224) and processed by the pre-trained vision encoder, producing global features. To capture fine-grained details, the high-resolution image is split into slices by a dynamic slicing strategy. Detailedly, we set a maximum slice count M, allowing an image to automatically select an optimal bounding box by calculating the necessary m rows and n columns based on the base resolution:

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 $m = \left\lceil \frac{H}{r} \right\rceil, n = \left\lceil \frac{W}{r} \right\rceil.$

147 where r is the base resolution in pretrained vision encoder. This slicing approach adapts to the 148 image's original aspect ratio, only quadrupling the number of slices by scaling $2 \times$ of m and n if 149 "4 * m * n" does not exceed M, ensuring detailed preservation without overwhelming the model. 150 Afterwards, these slices are processed by a shared vision encoder with the proposed SliceRestore 151 adapter, yielding slice features, followed by a shared self-mining sampler to reduce token length, 152 resulting in compressed features. As a result, our visual input to the language model includes a 153 low-resolution overview and multiple high-resolution slices, which also differentiated by three types 154 of separators to maintain clarity in (1) between the low-resolution image and high-resolution slices, 155 (2) between high resolutions slices and (3) the end of each slice row.

156 3.2 SLICERESTORE ADAPTER157

As depicted in Fig. 2 (a), the SliceRestore adapter is integrated into the self-attention layer of vision transformer. We denote the slice features in the *l*-th layer of ViT as $\{\mathbf{P}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ with $\mathbf{P}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times D}$, where *N* is the number of slices, $L = H \times W$ is the token length, and *D* is the feature dimension. Each slice feature is processed individually by the self-attention layer, *Self-Attn*(\mathbf{P}_i), which lead to a loss of global information in fragmented context. (see Fig. 1 (a)). Although low-resolution inputs contain



Figure 2: Overall framework of HiRes-LLaVA. The vision encoding consists of two branches:
 one for low-resolution images processed by the pre-trained vision encoder to extract global features,
 and another dividing high-resolution images into multiple slices to capture fine-grained details. (a)
 SliceRestore Adapter aims to address the Context Fragmentation issue, it restores sliced features
 into a whole feature by capturing both local and global information, then splits the whole feature
 back into slices. (b) Self-Mining Sampler compresses vision token numbers to reduce computation
 and memory costs by using downsampled features as queries and the original features as keys and
 values. Both low-resolution image input and each high-resolution slice are compressed by the same
 self-mining sampler.

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the overall information, when it comes to real-world scenes, small objects in slices are still difficult to perceive. A naive approach would be concatenating slice features for self-attention, but this incurs quadratic computation costs.

In this paper, we propose the SliceRestore Adapter (SRA) to efficiently capture complete informationfrom high-resolution inputs. This is formulated as:

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{P}}_i\}_{i=1}^N = \{\mathbf{P}_i\}_{i=1}^N + \{Self-Attn(\mathbf{P}_i)\}_{i=1}^N + \{\overline{\mathbf{P}}_i^l\}_{i=1}^N,\tag{1}$$

where:

$$\{\overline{\mathbf{P}}_i^l\}_{i=1}^N = SRA(\{\mathbf{P}_i\}_{i=1}^N),\tag{2}$$

The SliceRestore adapter has three main steps to restore complete semantics from slice features:

1. Merging: Each slice feature \mathbf{P}_i is first reshaped into $\mathbf{H}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times D}$. These reshaped slice features, $\{\mathbf{H}_i\}_{i=1}^N$, are then recover the original spatial structure and merged to form the original input's features $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{(m*W) \times (n*H) \times D}$. *m* and *n* indicate the number of slices' rows and columns, respectively. *N* is equal to m * n.

207 2. Capturing: We propose two fusion modules for extracting both local and global information 208 from **F**. The local fusion module focuses on transferring edge details among slices, facilitating a 209 nuanced exchange of local information. On the other hand, the global fusion module is leveraged 210 to capture broader contextual cues. To achieve this, The local fusion module uses a single layer 211 depth-wise convolution with 3×3 kernel to efficiently capture local details and retain image-related biases. The global fusion module employs self-attention to capture the global context. Given the 212 quadratic computation cost of self-attention, we first downsample \mathbf{F}^{l} to create an overview of the 213 image in a smaller size, i.e., the same size of the low-resolution image and feed it to a self-attention 214 block and then upsample back to the original size, by simpling using an interpolation. The enhanced 215 whole feature $\overline{\mathbf{F}}$ is obtained by element-wise addition of the outputs from the local and global fusion



Figure 3: Construction process of EntityGrid-QA benchmark. There are three steps: (a) Entity Sampling. Select one or two entities from the pre-defined entity set; (b) Image Generation. Put the selected entities in one position sampled from the nine pre-defined positions of the blank image, we can obtain the generated images. Note that the dash and solid lines in (b) are for illustration purposes only, and not presented to models. (c) QA pairs Generation. Based on the generated images, entity category and positions, we can automatically generate the question-answer pairs (QAs).

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$$\overline{\mathbf{F}} = \underbrace{Depth-Wise\ Conv(\mathbf{F})}_{\text{local fusion}} + \underbrace{Up(Self-Attn(Down(\mathbf{F})))}_{\text{global fusion}}.$$
(3)

3. Slicing: Finally, the enhanced whole feature $\overline{\mathbf{F}}$ is sliced back into the original slice format, resulting in $\{\overline{\mathbf{P}}_i\}_{i=1}^N$, where $\overline{\mathbf{P}}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times D}$.

This process allows model to capture the complete semantics from high-resolution inputs while maintaining computational efficiency.

3.3 Self-Mining Sampler

243 High-resolution images necessitate processing significantly more visual tokens, contributing to a 244 substantial part of the computational load. Existing solutions, such as Q-Former (Li et al., 2023c), 245 utilize a fixed number of queries to compress and capture visual features through a cross-attention mechanism. While this method effectively captures visual information regardless of image resolution 246 in a computationally affordable manner, it suffers from several limitations: (i) Lacking Positional 247 **Information.** Learned queries lose positional information, degrading performance in tasks requiring 248 spatial relationships and precise localization. (ii) High Training Overhead. Training Q-Former-like 249 resamplers requires more data and longer training times to convert visual features into learnable 250 queries, posing challenges in data-scarce domains. 251

To address the issue, we propose the self-mining sampler, as shown in Fig. 2 (b). The key idea of the 252 self-mining sampler is to better initialize the query and narrow the receptive field that per query needs 253 to compress. Specifically, we reshape the one-dimensional output vision tokens of the vision encoder 254 (e.g., CLIP-ViT), $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times D}$, into a two-dimensional form, $H \times W \times D$, where $L = H \times W$. After 255 applying average-pooling with kernel size $S \times S$, we obtain $\mathbf{P}^c \in \mathbb{R}^{H_2 \times W_2 \times D}$, where $W_2 < W$ 256 and $H_2 < H$. Next, we compute the final compressed tokens using the cross-attention mechanism, 257 Cross-Attn(\mathbf{P}^c, \mathbf{P}), with \mathbf{P}^c as the query and \mathbf{P} as the key and values. Compared with fixed learnable 258 query-based methods, our self-mining sampler compresses the vision tokens based on themselves, 259 preserving the original context and positional information while reducing training overhead.

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3.4 ENTITYGRID-QA BENCHMARK

 Existing benchmarks, particularly document-related datasets, can evaluate the fine-grained understanding of LVLMs. However, these benchmarks are inadequate for assessing the ability to handle fragmented inputs, as filtering slicing-related questions is time-consuming and labor-intensive. Therefore, we introduce a new benchmark named EntityGrid-QA, which is fully synthesized but still challenging for frontier models, to better assess LVLMs' ability to handle fragmentation.

268 Construction Process. As shown in Fig. 3, the construction process of EntityGrid-QA consists of
 269 three main steps: Entity Sampling, Image Generation, and QA Pairs Generation. Examples of our
 benchmark are provided in the Appendix. Each step is detailed as follows:

(a) Entity Sampling. We first construct an entity set that includes various types such as English Words (*e.g.*, "apple"), Number (*e.g.*, "0.596"), Object (*e.g.*, a teddy bear) and Icon (*e.g.*, "tomato") as shown in Fig. 3 (a). Then, we select several entities from a predefined entity set, which can be denoted as $\mathcal{E} = \{e_i\}_{i=1}^M$, where e_i is the *i*-th entity and M is the number of selected entities.

274 (b) Image Generation. The selected entities \mathcal{E} are positioned in nine predefined positions (labeled 1 to 9) within a blank image I using a 3x3 grid layout, as shown in Fig. 3 (b). The resolution of the 275 blank image is set to 2R, where R is the base resolution for existing LVLMs, e.g., 224×224 . In this 276 way, each I would be divided into four slices during inference, and the each slice would match the 277 input size of well-pretrained vision encoder, without the requirement of additional operations, e.g., 278 resize and padding. Note that our HiRes-LLaVA can process any number of slices, but some existing 279 LVLMs, *i.e.*, LLaVA-Next (Liu et al., 2023d) can only receive four slices as input. Hence, for a fair 280 comparison, we only generate the images with a fixed resolution $2R \times 2R$. For each entity e_i , we 281 generate P images that iterate over all predefined positions, *i.e.*, 9 positions as shown in Fig. 3. 282

(c) **QA Pairs Generation**. We mainly focus on evaluating the model's fine-granite recognition 283 ability on the area of the slice boundary and center of the slices. For each type of entity, we apply 284 a specific question prompt, e.g., "What is the object in the picture?". As shown 285 in Fig. 3 (c), we formulate the question-answer pairs as the multiple choice problem. Based on the 286 selected entity \mathcal{E} and the question Q, we apply the entity-specific augmentation to automatically 287 generate the other three choices for the question. For example, given a number, the optional 288 augmentations can be add, delete or shift the decimal point, or alter one of the digit of the number. The ground truth option letter the answer, can be obtained by comparing the choices with the selected 289 entity. Note that for the triplets of image-question-answer of the same entity, it only varies in the 290 position of the generated images I while maintaining the same question, order of choices and ground 291 truth answer which is perfectly assess the model. 292

After the construction, we create a training set of Entity-QA with 7k images covering 4 type of entities and a testing set with 3.6K images and 20 entities for each type. Note that the entities are non-overlapped between the training set and testing set. The examples of the benchmark can be found in the Appendix.

Evaluation Metric. To evaluate the ability to handle the fragmentation, we introduce a new metric that measures the precision discrepancies between entities located at the edge positions ($\mathcal{P}_{edge} = \{2, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$) and other locations ($\mathcal{P}_{center} = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$), defined as:

 $\text{Discrepancy}_{1} = \frac{\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{edge}}} A_{p} / |\mathcal{P}_{\text{edge}}|}{\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{center}}} A_{p} / |\mathcal{P}_{\text{center}}|},$ (4)

$$\text{Discrepancy}_{2} = \frac{\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{edge}}} A_{p} / |\mathcal{P}_{\text{edge}}| - \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{center}}} A_{p} / |\mathcal{P}_{\text{center}}|}{\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{center}}} A_{p} / |\mathcal{P}_{\text{center}}|},$$
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where A_p is the average accuracy of three tasks when entities located at the position p, $|\cdot|$ is the number of elements in the set.

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4 EXPERIMENT

4.1 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

We utilize the CLIP-ViT-L/14-224px (Radford et al., 2021) and InternViT-300M-448px as the vision 314 encoders, and Vicuna-v1.5-7B (Chiang et al., 2023) and LLaMA-3.1-8B (Dubey et al., 2024) as LLM. 315 We adopt a three-stage training approach, including an alignment stage, a capability enhancement 316 stage and the instruction tuning stage. During the alignment stage, only the self-mining sampler is 317 trainable. The learning rate is 1e-3. In the capability enhancement stage, both full model including 318 the vit, sampler and LLM is unfreezed. The learning rate is 2e-5 for LLM and sampler and 2e-6 for 319 ViT. In the instruction tuning stage, ViT is freezed and the SliceRestore adapter is loaded with the LR 320 of 2e-4. The learning rate of self-mining sampler and LLM is 2e-5. Four SliceRestore adapter are 321 applied in the last four blocks of the vision encoder. All stages use the batch size of 256. We adopt AdamW (Loshchilov & Hutter, 2017) as the optimizer with $\beta_1 = 0.9$ and $\beta_2 = 0.95$ to stabilize 322 the training in the capability enhancement stage and the instruction tuning stage. In all stages, the 323 learning rates are warmed up for the first 0.03 epochs and then adjusted by a cosine scheduler in the

Table 1: Quantitative results on 9 popular benchmarks. 'MaxRes' means the maximum resolution 325 supported. 'Doc', 'Science' and 'Comprehensive' indicate the document-related VQA, Science VQA 326 and comprehensive benchmarks. 327

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Qwen-VL-Chat	Qwen-7B	448×448	61.5	66.3	62.6	-	68.2	57.7	-	60.6	-
LLaVA-1.5	Vicuna-1.5-13B	336x336	61.3	18.2	-	-	71.6	59.5	1826	67.8	36.3
LLaVA-MORE	LLaMA3.1-8B	384x384	62.1	-	-	-	77.5	63.6	1846	73.1	-
mPLUG-Owl3	Qwen1.5-7B	384x384	69.0	-	-	-	-	73.4	-	77.6	40.1
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DocPedia	Vicuna	2560×2560	60.2	46.9	47.1	15.2	-	-	-	-	-
UReader	Vicuna	896×1120	57.6	59.3	65.4	42.2	-	-	-	-	-
TextMonkey+	QWen-7B	896x896	64.3	59.9	66.7	28.6	-	-	-	-	-
mPLUG-DocOwl2	Qwen2-7B	1512x2016	66.7	70.0	80.7	46.4	-	-	-	-	-
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Monkey	Qwen-7B	896x896	67.6	-	66.5	36.1	-	-	-	-	-
LLaVA-NeXT-8B	LLama3-8b-Ins	672x672	64.6	69.5	72.6	-	-	71.6	1603/-	72.1	41.7
LLaVA-NeXT-13B	Vicuna-13B	672x672	67.1	62.2	70.9	-	73.6	70.0	1901	70.0	<u>48.4</u>
LLaVA-UHD	Vicuna-13B	672×1008	67.7	-	-	-	72.0	-	1535/-	68.0	-
Mini-Gemini-HD	Llama3-8b-Ins	672x672	70.2	59.1	74.6	-	75.1	73.5	1606/-	72.7	-
Cambrian-1-8B	Llama-3-Ins-8B	1024x1024	71.7	73.3	77.8	-	80.4	73.0	1547/-	75.9	-
Cambrian-1-13B	Vicuna-1.5-13B	1024x1024	<u>72.8</u>	<u>73.8</u>	76.8	-	79.3	<u>73.6</u>	1610/-	<u>75.7</u>	-
HiRes-LLaVA	Llama-3.1-Ins-8B	1344x1344	74.2	77.4	84.9	55.7	90.3	74.9	2213	75.7	53.5

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345 remaining training. We don't apply any weight decay in the training. The maximum number of slices is 9 for InternViT and 16 for CLIP-ViT. Regarding the training data, we use the LLaVA-558k In the 346 347 alignment stage, 1.8M caption and OCR data in the capability enhancement stage and 3M multi-tasks instruction data in the instruction tuning stage. 348

4.2 EXPERIMENTAL SETTING

We introduce experimental settings including the benchmarks and the compared LVLMs.

Benchmarks. We evaluate our models on four document-related VQA benchmarks, including 353 VQA-text(Singh et al., 2019), ChartQA test set (Masry et al., 2022), DocVQA test set (Mathew 354 et al., 2021), InfoVQA test set (Mathew et al., 2022), two general VQA benchmarks, including 355 AI2D (Kembhavi et al., 2016), ScienceQA (Lu et al., 2022), and three comprehensive benchmarks, 356 including MMBench (Liu et al., 2023g), MME (Fu et al., 2023) and MM-Vet (Yu et al., 2023). 357

LVLMs. We compare our model with SOTA LVLMs. (1) General baselines, i.e., Qwen-VL (Bai 358 et al., 2023a), LLaVA-1.5 (Liu et al., 2023d), mPLUG-Owl3 (Ye et al., 2024), Monkey (Li et al., 359 2023e), Mini-Gemini (Li et al., 2024b), LLaVA-UHD (Xu et al., 2024a), LLaVA-NeXT (Liu et al., 360 2024a) and Cambrian-1 (Tong et al., 2024), as representative general baselines. (2) Document 361 LVLMs, *i.e.*, DocPedia (Feng et al., 2023), UReader (Ye et al., 2023), mPLUG-Docowl2 (Hu et al., 362 2024), TextMonkey (Liu et al., 2024b).

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4.3 STATE-OF-THE-ART COMPARISON

366 General Benchmarks. Table 1 reports the performance comparison of our methods against state-of-367 the-art approaches on 11 benchmarks. Unexpectedly, our method utilizing LoRA fine-tuning (Hu 368 et al., 2021) surpasses well-established LVLMs that require substantial data and extensive full finetuning, underscoring our model's efficiency and effectiveness. Notably, although both our model 369 and Monkey (Li et al., 2023e) employ LoRA, Monkey is initialized from the pre-trained Qwen 370 model (Bai et al., 2023b), while our model is trained from scratch, which further proves our model's 371 efficiency. Furthermore, our method demonstrates competitive performance against specialized 372 document-centric LVLMs such as TextMonkey (Liu et al., 2024b), proving its capability to manage 373 document-related tasks effectively. 374

375 Figure 4 shows a visual comparison of results generated by LLaVA-Next (Liu et al., 2023d), Monkey (Li et al., 2023e), and our method, highlighting our superior performance, especially when the 376 region of interest spans across slices. For example, the number 1.14 in Fig. 4 (b) is split into two 377 slices, causing Monkey to misrecognize it as 1.4. Additionally, the slicing operation separates the

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Table 2: Comparison with the state-of-the-art methods on EntityGrid-QA. '\' indicates lower 379 scores are better, while '\' means higher scores are better. 'Accuracy_{mean}' and 'Accuracy_{std}', repre-380 senting the mean and standard deviation of the average accuracy across three tasks. 'Accuracy_{edge}' and 381 'Accuracy_{center}' show the average accuracy for entities at \mathcal{P}_{edge} and \mathcal{P}_{center} , respectively. Discrepancy₁ 382 and Discrepancy₂ are calculated using Eq. 4 and Eq. 5. Note that IXC4KHD and HiRes-LLaVA are evaluated on 896x896 images and LLaVA-Next is evaluated on 672x672 images. The input resolution 384 for LLaVA is 336px. 385

Model	Accuracy _{mean} \uparrow	Accuracy _{std} \downarrow	Accuracy _{edge} \uparrow	Accuracy _{center} \uparrow	Discrepancy ₁ \uparrow	Discrepancy ₂ \downarrow
LLaVA	53.33	0.19	52.0	55.00	94.50	5.45
LLaVA-NeXT	65.22	0.30	61.80	69.50	88.92	11.07
IXC-4KHD	63.78	0.53	58.00	71.00	81.69	18.31
HiRes-LLaVA	71.56	0.19	68.40	75.50	90.59	9.40



Figure 4: The visualization comparison with the state-of-the-art methods. Dash lines are only illustrated for the slice clarify, not presented to LVLMs.

year and percentage values into different slices, leading LLaVA-Next to incorrectly associate the 404 2017 percentage with 2014 due to the lack of global information. Our method, with the SliceRestore 405 adaptercapturing complete global high-resolution information, correctly predicts the answers. 406

407 EntityGrid-QA. To evaluate the ability to address input fragmentation, we compare four SOTA 408 slicing-based LVLMs with our HiRes-LLaVA and present the results in Table 2. According to the 409 experimental results, we can observe two key findings: (i) Our method performs competitively on tasks with entities at \mathcal{P}_{center} . For instance, our method scores 71.56% on Accuracy_{mean} and 75.50% 410 on Accuracy_{center}, compared to the best prior SOTA scores of 63.78% and 71.00%. (ii) Our method 411 significantly outperforms SOTAs in handling entities at \mathcal{P}_{edge} . For example, the previous SOTA, 412 InternLM-Xcomposer-4KHD (Zhang et al., 2023b), shows a notable difference between Accuracy_{edge} 413 and Accuracy_{center}, with 58.0% vs. 71.0%. In contrast, our method achieves a smaller difference, 414 with 68.4% on Accuracy_{edge} and 75.5% on Accuracy_{center}. Additionally, the values of Discrepancy₁ 415 and Discrepancy₂ further reflect the consistent performance of our method for both edge and center 416 cases, surpassing existing SOTAs. In summary, our HiRes-LLaVA demonstrates superior ability to 417 handle input fragmentation while maintaining competitive performance on center cases.

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4.4 ABLATION STUDY

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421 In this section, we conduct ablation studies to evaluate the effect of our proposed modules. In 422 our ablation study, we conduct the experiments following LLaVA's setting on the LLaVA 1.2M 423 data (Liu et al., 2023d) with additional 79K document-oriented data, which is essential to evaluate the high-resolution VLLMs, in the instruction tuning stage, i.e., DocVQA (Mathew et al., 2021), 424 ChartQA (Masry et al., 2022) and InfoVQA (Mathew et al., 2022). Unless specified, we use LoRA (Hu 425 et al., 2021) to efficiently finetune pretrained LLM, *i.e.*, Vicuna-1.5-7B and CLIP-ViT-Large-224px 426 as the vision encoder with maximum 16 slices in our ablation.

Effect of the proposed modules. We ablate the two main components of our HiRes-LLaVA, specifically the SliceRestore adapter (SRA) and the self-mining sampler (SMS), as shown in Table 3. 429 Our findings are as follows: Our SMS demonstrates superior performance compared to other samplers, 430 notably outperforming Resampler (Bai et al., 2023b) by 6.9% on the average score across four 431 benchmarks. Integrating the model with SRA leads to further improvements across these benchmarks.

Table 3: The ablation study of different proposed modules. Note that 'G', 'L', and 'G-L' indicate using the global fusion, the local fusion, and the combination of them respectively. All results are conducted with the maximum number of slices is 16 except the baseline model, LLaVA. The last row is the improvement over the baseline model.

Con	iponents				Doc			Con	nprehensi	ve
Downsampler	SRA	Separator	VQA-Text	ChartQA	DocQA	InfoVQA	Avg.	MMBench	MM-Vet	MME-P
Baseline(LLaV	(A)		53.3	23.8	22.6	26.0	31.4	64.0	-	1424.7
ConcatChannel	Х	Х	60.3	54.4	54.8	34.3	50.9	60.8	30.2	1355.5
Resampler	X	X	58.8	49.8	42.8	32.6	46.0	59.6	26.6	1404.0
C-Abstractor	X	X	59.0	55.6	54.7	36.7	51.5	63.5	30.4	1393.5
SMS	X	X	60.0	56.2	58.0	37.4	52.9	63.3	31.1	1411.3
SMS	G	X	60.9	56.2	57.2	38.2	53.1	65.5	30.6	1415.8
SMS	G & L	X	61.5	56.9	57.6	38.4	53.6	64.9	33.8	1452.9
SMS	G & L	\checkmark	61.8	58.8	59.7	41.4	55.4	65.5	33.8	1456.1
improvement re	lative to	the baseline	+8.5	+35.0	+37.1	+15.4	+24.0	+1.5	-	+31.4

Table 4: The ablation study of different vision encoder and large language models. Note that CLIP-ViT-Large-224px uses 16 maximum slices and InternViT-300m-448px uses 9 slices.

Components	Components			Doc					
Vision Encoder	LLM	VQA-Text	ChartQA	DocQA	InfoVQA	Avg.	MMBench	MME-P	
CLIP-ViT-Large-224px	Vicuna-1.5	61.8	58.8	59.7	41.4	55.4	65.5	1456.1	
CLIP-ViT-Large-224px	LLaMA3.1	60.5	58.6	67.2	47.2	58.4	68.1	1453.4	
InterViT300m-448px	LLaMA3.1	63.4	65.9	74.4	53.2	64.2	68.0	1459.1	

Table 5: The effect of different numbers of slices. 'Max # Slices' indicates the maximum number of slices in the high-resolution images. 'Max # V Tokens' indicates the maximum number of visual tokens.

					Comprehensive			
Max #Slices	Max #Tokens	VQA-Text	ChartQA	DocQA	InfoVQA	Avg.	MMBench	MME-P
4	320	56.2	42.5	37.0	28.8	41.1	65.1	1436.3
9	640	59.9	51.6	49.3	34.9	48.9	64.3	1450.0
16	1088	61.8	58.8	59.7	41.4	55.4	65.5	1456.1

Additionally, the introduction of learnable queries to isolate slice representations, referred to as Separator, results in a 1.8% enhancement in the average score.

Ablation study of kernel sizes in the self-mining sampler. Here we conduct the ablation study of the self-mining sampler. In Table 6, we compare the performance of the average pooling with different kernel sizes, *i.e.*, $s \times s$ in Section 3.3. The results show that as the kernel size increases, *i.e.*, the fewer vision tokens, the performance would degrade, since the information loss.

Ablation study of the number of high-resolution image slices. As shown in Table. 5, the number of slices significantly affects the model's performance on the document-related benchmarks. Specifically, when increasing the number of slices from 4 to 16, the average performance improves by 14.3%on four document-related benchmarks. As for the comprehensive benchmarks, larger number of slices doesn't effect model's performance on MMBench too much and can bring a 19.8 improvement on MME-Perception. Although the trend of the performance illustrates that applying higher slices might bring more benefits, it will highly increase the computational cost during the training, i.e., 25 slices double the number of visual tokens of 16 slices. Balancing between the efficiency and the performance, We use 9 slices for the InternViT-300M in our main experiments.

Ablation study of the selection of vision encoder and language model. In Table 4, we evaluate the performance of different vision encoders and large language models on LVLM Benchmarks. Experimental results show that compared to Vicuna-1.5-7B, LLaMA3.1-8B-Instruct can signifi-cantly improve the model's performance on both document-related benchmarks and comprehensive benchmarks. Additionally, InternViT-300M-448px can maintain performance on comprehensive

Table 6: Effect of different downsample kernel sizes in the self-mining sampler. 'Downsample Kernel Size' is $S \times S$ defined in Section 3.3. 'Base Resolution' indicates the base resolution of the vision encoder. 'Max # V Tokens' indicates the maximum number of visual tokens, *i.e.*, $H_2 \times W_2$, as the maximum number of slices is 16.

Base	Downsample	Max # V Tokens			Doc		
Resolution	Kernel Size	(Token/Slice)	VQA-Text	ChartQA	DocVQA	InfoVQA	Avg.
224	2×2	1088 (64)	61.8	58.8	59.7	41.4	55.4
224	4×4	272 (16)	59.6	53.9	46.3	33.0	48.2
224	8 imes 8	68 (4)	54.9	46.8	35.3	29.6	41.7
336	2×2	2448 (144)	63.6	58.5	65.7	40.7	57.1
336	3×3	1088 (64)	61.2	56.7	59.8	38.7	54.1
336	4×4	512 (36)	61.4	53.3	54.3	34.3	50.8



Figure 5: (a) Ablation on data efficiency of HiRes-LLaVA. We sample the training data mixture at ratios of 20%, 60%, and 100% and report the performance of our HiRes-LLaVAon seven benchmarks.
(b) Data efficiency comparison with Q-former and our proposed self-mining sampler (SMS). The performance on 'Doc QA' is averaged from DocVQA, ChartQA and InfoVQA. The performance on 'General QA' is averaged from the other four benchmarks. Our SMS can use 40% fewer data to achieve competitive performance compared with Q-former, indicating our method's efficiency. Note that both Q-former and our SMS apply one cross-attention block.

benchmarks and further improve all document-related benchmarks by increasing the base resolution
 and the number of vision tokens.

Data efficiency analysis. We evaluated the data efficiency of our method, HiRes-LLaVA, by subsampling the training data mixture at ratios of 20%, 60%, and 100%. Results in Fig. 5 (a) show that using the entire dataset achieves optimal performance. Remarkably, with only 60% of the data, performance remains above 90% of the full dataset's level, highlighting the potential for improved data efficiency. Additionally, we compared our self-mining sampler's efficiency against the commonly used Q-former in LVLMs. As depicted in Fig. 5 (b), our method performs competitively with Q-former even with only 20% of the data, demonstrating its effectiveness and efficiency.

5 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we present HiRes-LLaVA, a large visual-language model (LVLM) designed to efficiently address input fragmentation caused by current slicing-based high-resolution LVLMs. To
evaluate this capability, we introduce a new benchmark, EntityGrid-QA, which includes identification, position, and counting tasks. Comprehensive experimental results on 11 popular existing benchmarks and EntityGrid-QA demonstrate the effectiveness of HiRes-LLaVA. Analytical evaluation and visualization results are provided for a deeper understanding of the model's performance.

Limitations. The samples in our constructed EntityGrid-QA are simple, lacking complex back grounds, and the categories of entities and tasks are limited. In the future, we aim to create a more diverse dataset to better evaluate the performance of LVLMs in handling fragmented input.

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806	A.1 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS
807 808	Training Datasets. Table 7 shows the detailed dataset construction of the capability enhancement

data from SynthDoG (Kim et al., 2022) including English OCR data and Chinese OCR data, MMC-Alignment (Liu et al., 2023c), UReader (Ye et al., 2023), K12 printed (100TAL, 2023) which is a short OCR dataset. There is also 200K text instruction data from Magpie Pro (Xu et al., 2024b), sampling from the generated data by Ilama3.1-70b, Llama3-70b and Qwen2-72B.

Table 8 shows the detailed construction of the 3M instruction tuning dataset. First, we remove 23K caption data and ShareGPT data from original LLaVA-158K (Liu et al., 2023e) and include GPT4V/GPT4o-generated caption data, i.e., LAION-GPT4v (LAION, 2023), ShareGPT4V (Chen et al., 2023b) and ShareGPT40 (Laboratory, 2023). We use ALLAVA instruction data (Chen et al., 2024). To enhance the common knowledge of our model, we convert the visual spatial reasoning (Liu et al., 2023a), AI2D (Kembhavi et al., 2016), and Science QA (Lu et al., 2022) training set into the instruct-tuning data. To activate the understanding science, we collect data from ViQuAE (Lerner et al., 2022) TextbookQA (Kembhavi et al., 2017), IconQA (Lu et al., 2021) and sampled 50k data from the Cambrian's Data Engine (Tong et al., 2024). We also collect document-oriented data from diverse datasets, includes ChartQA (Masry et al., 2022), DVQA (Kafle et al., 2018), PlotQA (Methani et al., 2020), OCRVQA (Mishra et al., 2019), ST-VQA (Biten et al., 2019), DocVQA (Clark & Gardner, 2018), InfoVQA (Mathew et al., 2022), DeepForm (Svetlichnaya, 2020), TAT-DQA (Zhu et al., 2022), TableFact (Chen et al., 2019), LRV-Chart(Liu et al., 2023b) and WebSRC (Chen et al., 2021). We merge some datasets from Cauldron (Laurençon et al., 2024), including RAVEN, ROBUT-SQA, ROBUT-WTQ, HiTab, IAM, Rendered Text, ORAND-CAR-A, Visual7W, Chart2Text, ai2d, vistext, Diagram-image-to-text.

Module Design Details. The self-mining sampler consists of one cross-attention block with an
output layer norm. The cross-attention block has a cross-attention layer and a FFN. Both of them
apply the residual shortcut. The cross-attention layer has two layer norm for the query and key/value,
respectively. As for the SliceRestore Adapter, the parameters of the self-attention layer with the
layer norm are initialized from the pretrained CLIP self-attention at the same depth. To provide the
positional information between slices, we apply a 2D RoPE (Su et al., 2024; Sun et al., 2023) on the
global fusion module.

Evaluation Details. We utilize the open-source evaluation tools, lmms-eval (Li* et al., 2024), to align our evaluation method to LLaVA-Next (Liu et al., 2024a).

Table 7:	Table 7: Datasets in the capability enhancement stage.							
Task	Datasets(# Sample)	Sum						
Caption	ShareGPT4V(89k), ALLAVA4V(684k), ShareGPT-4O(57k).	830K(44.8%)						
OCR	SynthDoG-EN(300k), MMC-Alignment(200k), UReader(101k), K12 printed(120k), SynthDoG-ZH(100k).	821k(44.4%)						
Text	Magpie Pro(200k)	200k(10.8%)						
Total		1.8M						

A.2 PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF THE SAME DATASET.

To demonstrate the effectiveness of our method, we compare the performance of LLaVA-1.5 and
our method trained on the same data. Specifically, we train the both methods on two different scale
training data set, *i.e.*, LLaVA-655K (Li et al., 2023b) and LLaVA-655K with additional Doc-79K
data. Results from Table 9 show that our method outperforms the LLaVA-1.5 under both training
data sets, confirms that the superior performance can be attributed to the method itself rather than the volume of data.

Task	Datasets(# Sample)	Sum
General QA	LLaVA(135K), ALLaVA(660K) VQAv2(83K),	1.4M (48.0%)
	GQA(72K), OKVQA(9K), A-OKVQA(66K),	
	VSR(12K), ShareGPT4V(89K), TextCaps(22K), Laion-	
	GP14V(11K), SnareGP1-4O(5/K), KAVEN(3K), V1- sual7w(14K) $PefCOCO(48K)$ VG(86K)	
	sual/w(14K), KCCOCO(46K), VO(60K)	
Science	ScienceQA(19K), ai2d(14K), ViQuAE(4K),	139K(4.6%)
	TextbookQA(21K), IconQA(30K),	
	Data Engine(SOK)	
Doc QA	OCRVQA(80K), TextVQA(57K), SynthDog(30K),	0.9M(30.1%)
/OCR	LLaVAR(39K), WikiTableQuestions(29K),	
	KleisterCharity(15K), iiit(6K), MLHME(30K),	
	VisualMRC(19K), ChartQA(48K), DocVQA(102K), $Inf_{2}VOA(22K)$, DVOA(200K), DictOA(10K)	
	TAT-DOA $(2K)$, TableFact $(65K)$, WebSRC $(5K)$	
	DeepForm(8K), Chart2text(27K)	
	Vistext(10K), chrome writting(9K), IAM(6K),	
	Rendered text (10K), Orand-CAR-A(2K), lrv-chart(2K),	
	ROBUT-SQA(9K), ROBUT-WTQ(4K), Hitab(3K),	
	Diagram-image-to-text(0.3K).	
Code	WebSight(50K)	50K(1.7%)
Generation	-	
Text-only	Magpie-Pro(150K), Evol(142K),	469K(15.6%)
	mathinstruct(81K), mathplus(95K).	
Total		3M

Table 9: Ablation study of different training data. Using the same training data, our HiRes-LLaVA consistently outperforms LLaVA-1.5, demonstrating the superior effectiveness of our approach.

Model	Data	VQA-Text	ChartQA	DocQA	InfoVQA	Avg.
LLaVA-1.5	LLaVA-665k	53.3	13.7	14.2	19.4	25.1
LLaVA-1.5	LLaVA-665k + Doc-79k	53.3	23.8	22.6	26.0	31.4
HiRes-LLaVA	LLaVA-665k	62.4	19.8	37.7	26.0	36.4
HiRes-LLaVA	LLaVA-665k + Doc-79k	62.3	57.6	58.5	39.2	54.4

A.3 EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS

Comparison with other LVLMs. To validate the efficiency of our method, we compare the computational cost, training, and inference times with various LVLMs in Table 10. For computational cost, we report the FLOPs of the ViT backbone, connector, and LLM components for each model. Experimental results demonstrate that HiRes-LLaVA, despite processing inputs at twice the resolution of LLavA-Next (1344² vs. 672²), is able to reduce training time by approximately 74%.

Comparison with other downsampling methods. We also compare the FLOPs and training time of our proposed downsampling strategy SMS with other vision token downsamplers, including ConcatChannel (Jun Chen & Elhoseiny, 2023), Q-Former (Bai et al., 2023a), and C-Abstractor (Cha et al., 2023), as shown in Table 11. The results show that our SMS, even when combined with additional components like SRA, achieves competitive efficiency compared to existing state-of-the-art downsamplers.

Table 10: Comparison of the efficiency of different models. Note that training time is assessed under
the SFT setting on a machine with 8 V100 GPUs. The inference time is assessed on the InfoVQA
benchmark with 6096 images by using the lmms-eval. Note that using the same batch size per device
and resolution, LLaVA-Next would be out of the memory. The ratios of training time for ours relative
to LLaVA-Next are marked in purple.

Training batch size	Inference Resolution	ViT	FLOPs Connector	LLM	Training time	Inference time		
HiRes-LLaVA								
2	1344x1344	6.6 T	195.2 G	37.1 T	60.7h (15.9%)	15.4m		
HiRes-LLaVA w/o SRA								
2	1344x1344	6.5 T	195.2 G	37.1 T	59.5h (15.6%)	12.9m		
LLaVA-Next (LLaVA-1.6)								
2	2 1344x1344 Out of the memeory							
1	672x672	1.9 T	120.8 G	44.0 T	381.0h	13.2m		

Table 11: Ablation study of the efficiency of individual components for different downsamplers.
We assume the inputs are an image with 16 slices and 100 text tokens. Note that no downsampling
method causes out-of-memory (OOM) issues during training. Training time is assessed under the
SFT setting on a machine with 8 V100 GPUs.

<i>Components</i> Downsampler	SRA	ViT	<i>FLOPs</i> Sampler	LLM	Training Time
NoDownsample	Х	6.5 T	410.8 G	148.3T	-
ConcatChannel	X	6.5 T	164.3 G	37.1 T	58.6h
Q-Former	X	6.5 T	205.5 G	37.1 T	58.9h
C-Abstractor	X	6.5 T	258.2 G	37.1 T	60.7h
SMS	X	6.5 T	195.2 G	37.1 T	59.5h
SMS	\checkmark	6.6 T	195.2 G	37.1 T	60.7h

A.4 MORE VISUALIZATION

953 Samples from EntityGrid-QA Benchmark. We illustrate three examples from our proposed
 954 EntityGrid-QA benchmark in Fig. 6. These three samples visualize examples of the three tasks in the
 955 benchmark we proposed. For each task, we write or paste the digital number or object directly onto
 956 each position of an empty image, and ask questions to the models.

957 More Qualitative Results. To further validate the effectiveness of our model, we illustrate the more qualitative results of InfoVQA, ChartQA and V* Benchmark in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8. Moreover, we give two qualitative examples to present the HiRes-LLaVA's capability of generating HTML code when given a website image in Fig. 9.

A.5 BROADER IMPACTS

The development of HiRes-LLaVAadvances the field of vision-language models and has broad
 implications for various applications, including document analysis, medical imaging and remote
 sensing. However, alongside these potential benefits, there are considerable concerns.

967 HiRes-LLaVA, not having undergone rigorous safety training, might generate harmful or inappropriate
 968 content, leading to legal and ethical issues. Furthermore, its enhanced ability to process high 969 resolution inputs could be misused for creating misleading news, contributing to disinformation.
 970 These potential negative impacts highlight the need for careful management and ethical guidelines in
 971 the deployment of such technologies.







Figure 7: Qualitative results from InfoVQA (Mathew et al., 2022).



Figure 8: Qualitative results from ChartQA (Masry et al., 2022) and Vstar Benchmark (Wu & Xie, 2023). We use the red circle to highlight the answer target in the image.



Figure 9: Qualitative results on Image2HTML task (Si et al., 2024). We visualize convert the generated html code to website image and compare to the input image.