IMOTION-LLM: MOTION PREDICTION INSTRUCTION TUNING

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Abstract

We introduce iMotion-LLM, a Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) integrated with trajectory prediction, designed to guide interactive motion prediction scenarios. Unlike conventional multimodal trajectory prediction approaches, iMotion-LLM generates diverse and feasible future trajectories conditioned on textual instructions as a guidance signal. By augmenting real-world driving scenarios in the Waymo Open Motion Dataset (WOMD) with textual motion instructions, we propose InstructWaymo data augmentation. Leveraging this data augmentation, iMotion-LLM integrates a pretrained LLM, fine-tuned with LoRA, to map scene features into the LLM input space. Key results demonstrate that making the trajectory prediction model conditional improves its instruction-following capabilities. Specifically, the integration of the LLM enables a 11.07x ratio of actual-scenario feasible to infeasible recall instruction following, compared to 5.92x when using the Conditional GameFormer alone. These findings highlight the ability of iMotion-LLM to generate trajectories that not only align with feasible instructions but also reject infeasible ones, enhancing overall safety. Despite its improvements in instruction following, iMotion-LLM inherits the strong trajectory prediction performance of the baseline model, making it versatile across different driving modes. This combination of skills positions iMotion-LLM as a powerful augmentation technique for trajectory prediction models, empowering autonomous navigation systems to better interpret the motion prediction. This work lays the groundwork for future advancements in instruction-based motion prediction.

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1 INTRODUCTION

In autonomous driving, accurate trajectory prediction is critical for ensuring safe and efficient navigation in dynamic environments. Given a window of observed history, the task is to predict multi-modal trajectories of multiple agents surrounding the ego vehicle in addition to the ego vehicle. A significant challenge in this field is the inherently diverse nature of driving behaviors in real-world scenarios, where an agent's future trajectory is not deterministic but can follow multiple feasible paths due to various factors such as traffic rules, interactions with other agents, and environmental conditions. Hence, developing models that can effectively predict diverse trajectories is crucial for autonomous systems to anticipate and adapt to potential hazards, make informed decisions, and ultimately achieve reliable and safe operation.

Recent challenges, *e.g.*, Waymo Open Motion Dataset (WOMD) challenges (Ettinger et al., 2021b), introduce a track specifically designed to concentrate on motion prediction where 1.1 seconds of the past motion is observed, and 8 seconds to be predicted into the future. Various methodologies (Huang et al., 2023a; Shi et al., 2022a; Seff et al., 2023) have been developed to tackle this challenge. Although previous models can predict multi-modality trajectories, the predicted paths are not diverse enough and mainly focus on one driving behavior (*e.g.*, the trajectory of only one feasible direction.). The reason is that previous prediction models are trained to imitate real-driving scenarios, fitting the driving behavior recorded future ground truth trajectory. Therefore, they lack comprehension of different driving behaviors in a given scenario.

To address the aforementioned challenge, we introduce a novel task called *Text-Guided Intention Trajectory Prediction* that aims to generate trajectories conditioning on a driving instruction for a selected vehicle. Additionally, the task provides a textual description predicting the feasibility of



Ground truth caption: The ego vehicle can move straight, where it will first move straight with a very slow speed and a moderate acceleration, then move straight with a slow speed and a mild acceleration. Agent-2 is 12.72m far on the left. There are no traffic lights. The closest stop sign is 6.27m in front

Figure 1: Our iMotion-LLM model can process three types of instructions and predict the corresponding trajectories. First, it can handle ground truth instructions that align with the direction of the recorded real-scenario trajectory (*e.g.*, Waymo Open Motion Dataset), correctly accepting the instruction and providing an explanation and trajectory. Second, iMotion-LLM can follow other feasible non-ground truth directions and predict the correct explanation and trajectory. Finally, when given an infeasible direction, iMotion-LLM correctly rejects the instruction.

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a given action and explains how it would be executed in terms of different driving behaviors. We categorize driving behaviors based on two primary components: direction and acceleration, which together form the basis for diverse driving styles.

The proposed *Text-Guided Intention Trajectory Prediction task* offers several key advantages over traditional trajectory prediction models. First, it allows examining trajectory prediction modeling capability in covering different feasible driving behaviors for a given scenario. Second, by generating text-guided driving scenarios that are safety-critical or more challenging, the task can be used to train or test trajectory prediction and planning frameworks under diverse and demanding conditions, improving the robustness of autonomous systems. Furthermore, this approach enhances the interpretability of prediction models by providing explicit descriptions of driving intentions and how they translate into vehicle movements, making it easier to understand and trust the model's decisions.

To instantiate a dataset and model for this task, we augment WOMD (Ettinger et al., 2021a) with 091 vehicle direction instructions. Additionally, we did evaluation experiments to show the generalizability 092 on the NuPlan dataset (H. Caesar, 2021). The instruction details and statistics are explained in Section 3. For the evaluation, we propose two novel metrics. The Instruction Following Recall 094 (IFR) measures how well the predicted trajectories adhere to the specified driving instruction, while 095 the Direction Variety Score (DVS) captures the diversity of predicted directions. Subsequently, we 096 introduce the iMotion-LLM: an instructable motion prediction model based on Large Language Models (LLMs). iMotion-LLM, harnesses pretrained models' multi-modal trajectory prediction 098 capabilities through integrating their encoder to map scene vector features and their decoder to decode trajectories. As shown in Figure 3, it employs an LLM Projection to project encoded scene context embeddings from the Scene Encoder into the LLM input space. The LLM generates an instruction 100 token [I] and N [S] tokens representing the scene context embeddings. The instruction token is 101 mapped to represent an additional intention query used by the decoder, while the scene tokens are 102 used as keys and values. Our design of the encoder-decoder for the trajectory prediction model 103 introduces an additional instruction query, alongside the learnable queries present in the original 104 model design, which act as decoding seeds. 105

Our experiments, using GameFormer (Huang et al., 2023a) as a backbone, show that iMotion-LLM
 empowers autonomous navigation systems to interpret and predict the dynamics of agents, while
 almost matching the performance of the base model.

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110		• We augmented WOMD with instruction categories, enabling the motion prediction task to
111		be instructed. This augmentation, named InstructWaymo, is easily expandable to include
112		more detailed driving scenarios and will benefit future research in this direction.
113		• We enable traditional trajectory prediction modeling through the design integration of
114		iMotion-LLM to generate text-guided instructable trajectory predictions, allowing the model
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116		• We integrate LLMs with traditional trajectory prediction models to reason about predicted
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118		Level to accept of reject instructions based on reastority.
119		• We introduced two evaluation metrics: Instruction Following Recall (IFR) and Direction
120		variety Score (DVS), to measure the model's ability to follow instructions and the diversity
121		of predicted modalities across different directional categories, which cannot be captured by
122		conventional metrics used in motion prediction.
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Multimodal Large Langauge Models. Large Language Models (LLMs) have significantly advanced in recent years (Radford et al., 2019; Devlin et al., 2018; Brown et al., 2020; Touvron et al., 2023b;a; 127 Achiam et al., 2023), with models like GPT-4 (Achiam et al., 2023) demonstrating remarkable 128 abilities in generating coherent, contextually relevant text across numerous domains. With the strong 129 performance of LLMs, there is an emergence of multi-modal LLMs (MLLMs) (Alayrac et al., 2022), 130 which extend the LLMs with reasoning abilities across diverse modalities. Notable works includes 131 Flamingo (Alayrac et al., 2022), InstructBLIP (Dai et al., 2023b), MiniGPT-4 (Chen et al., 2023; Zhu 132 et al., 2023), LLaVA (Liu et al., 2024; 2023), and Vicuna (Chiang et al., 2023). These works used 133 visual instruction tuning to align with human intentions. There are some extensions that focus on 134 detection and segmentation (Zhu et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2024; Lai et al., 2023; Bai et al., 2023), 135 videos (Li et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2023; Maaz et al., 2023), and 3D (Hong et al., 2023; Xu et al., 136 2023; Guo et al., 2023). Our work focuses on MLLMs for motion prediction tasks.

137 Trajectory Prediction Models for Driving Scenarios. The task of trajectory prediction involves 138 analyzing the historical tracks of agents on a corresponding map to predict their joint future positions 139 several seconds into the future. LSTMs (Alahi et al., 2016; Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997) have 140 been used to encode the historical states of agents, while CNNs (Cui et al., 2019; Gilles et al., 2021; 141 Salzmann et al., 2020) have been employed to encode the rasterized images of the scene. Recently, 142 GNNs (Chen et al., 2022; Huang et al., 2022b; Mo et al., 2022) have been employed to depict agent interactions effectively. The advent of Transformer-based models, like SceneTransformer (Ngiam 143 et al., 2021) and WayFormer (Nayakanti et al., 2023), has further enhanced prediction through 144 their efficient structure, though they primarily focus on the encoding process of driving scenarios 145 vectorized representation. Motion Transformer (Shi et al., 2022b; 2024) and GameFormer (Huang 146 et al., 2023b) innovates by improving the decoding stage, leading to better accuracy. MotionLM (Seff 147 et al., 2023) used similar structures of LLM for the modeling, but still did not introduce the language 148 reasoning ability to motion prediction task. 149

Multimodal Large Language Models for autonomous driving. With the emergence of Large 150 Language Models (LLMs), there is a growing trend to adapt LLMs for autonomous driving scenar-151 ios (Chen et al., 2024; Dewangan et al., 2023; Hu et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2022a). Innovations like 152 GPT-Driver (Mao et al., 2023) and SurrealDriver (Jin et al., 2023) exemplify the transformative impact 153 of LLMs on motion planning and driving maneuver generation, marking significant advancements in 154 autonomous vehicle technology. However, most existing methods primarily focus on text or image 155 inputs, overlooking the benefits of vector representation in motion prediction. Vector representation 156 offers an abstraction of driving scenarios, directly capturing the necessary information for motion 157 prediction. Similar to Driving with LLMs (Chen et al., 2024), we integrate LLMs with vector-based 158 data for motion prediction. While (Chen et al., 2024) introduced a benchmark focused mainly on QA 159 tasks for driving scenarios, with motion only represented as a single quantized action (acceleration, braking, and steering), our work differs by focusing on motion represented as multi-modal multi-agent 160 trajectories. This approach aligns more closely with existing trajectory prediction modules, making it 161 more suitable for safe and reliable motion prediction.

162 3 INSTRUCTWAYMO: INSTRUCTION AUGMENTATION OF WAYMO OPEN 164 DATASET

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InstructWaymo offers a new perspective on the WOMD by making motion prediction instructable 166 and language descriptive. Inspired by WOMD mAP calculation, which evaluates model performance 167 across various driving behaviors, we designed a module that categorizes future motion into different 168 directions, speeds, and acceleration. InstructWaymo uses future direction information as instructions, alongside future motion details-two-step direction, speed, and acceleration-as captions. 170 Additionally instruction (direction) feasibility is calculated adding an extra layer of comprehension 171 by identifying feasible and infeasible directions for each driving scenario. InstructWaymo will be 172 provided as a publicly available script to augment WOMD. The script extracts additional useful infor-173 mation for future research, such as transcribed agents and object-relative locations to the focal agent, 174 including neighboring agents, nearby stop signs, and traffic lights (e.g., Agent-2 is 13 meters to the 175 right, Agent-3 is 3 meters ahead moving in the opposite direction, and there are 3 nearby stop signs, 176 with the closest 1 meter in front). While this information exists in the dataset, the InstructWaymo script makes it easily accessible for future research requiring driving scenarios transcribed data. 177 This data augmentation was applied to different driving scenarios. The scenarios are preprocessed 178 similarly to GameFormer preprocessing, where each scenario includes up to 32 neighboring agents, 179 with a total of 33 agents including the ego agent. Each agent in the scene is considered the focal 180 agent (the ego-view agent), resulting in 4,228,499 samples. Of these, 2,011,265 samples involve the 181 focal agent being a vehicle with valid detected instructions. 182

Direction. Direction is fundamental for instructing navigation, we adopted WOMD direction
 bucketing script to obtain eight conceivable direction conditions encompassing 8 classes listed in
 Table 1 with their statistics. The table shows a bias toward some behaviors like moving straight. See
 the details of the calculation of the directions in Section B in the appendix. We use driving directions
 as instructions in this work.

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Table 1: Direction categories with their corresponding presence proportion in the train set.

Category	Stationary	Straight	Straight-right	Straight-left	Right	Left	Right u-turn	Left u-turn
Train	1.6%	55.8%	3.3%	3.7%	16.7%	17.5%	0.1%	1.4%

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Speed and Acceleration. Following the intuition used in (Mohamed et al., 2022), we categorize trajectories of moving vehicles based on speeds and relative change in speeds. For that, we defined 5-speed categories and 9-acceleration categories; the suggested upper threshold and the categories are listed in the appendix in Table 6.

Feasibility of directions. We define the feasibility of directions into 198 three categories: 1) actual-scenario direction (AS), which is based on 199 the ground truth future trajectory and hence is always assumed to be a 200 feasible direction; 2) Other feasible directions (OF), which are derivable 201 directions but not the actual-scenario direction; 3) Infeasible directions 202 (INF), which is the complement set of feasible directions. To assess 203 feasibility, we consider a set of candidate destinations relative to the ego 204 vehicle's current location and heading. These candidate destinations are 205 possible locations on associated lanes within a range determined by the 206 vehicle's speed (minimum range r_1 , maximum range r_2). This range is calculated based on a minimum and maximum speed change of 45 km/h 207 within 8 seconds and within a maximum range of 60 meters. Figure 2 208 illustrates this concept with two feasible directions. For the feasibility 209 of staying stationary, the minimum range is considered to detect if the 210 vehicle can slow down to stop in a range of 5 meters. 211



Figure 2: Illustration of feasibility detection of "move straight" and "turn right" within a range of (r1, r2).

LLM Instruction and caption. Based on the previously extracted attributes, we generate a template
 of input instruction and output caption that the LLM can process. The input instruction is the final
 direction the vehicle should arrive in. The output caption that the LLM aligns to generate auto regressively includes the final direction, with two-step directions, speeds, and accelerations achieving
 the final direction as an interpretation of how an instruction is followed.



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Figure 3: The proposed pipeline, referred to as iMotion-LLM, leverages the multi-modal trajectory prediction capabilities of pretrained models, employing an encoder-decoder transformer architecture. Given a textual instruction and scene context embeddings, iMotion-LLM utilizes an LLM Mapper to project the encoded scene context embeddings from the Scene Encoder into the LLM input space. Subsequently, the LLM generates an instruction token [I] and a sequence of [S] tokens representing the scene context embeddings. The [I] token is projected to a query, and the scene context-generated tokens are projected to be the keys and values utilized by the multi-modal trajectory prediction decoder.

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4 IMOTION-LLM

246 4.1 REVISITING EXISTING MODELS

247 Recent successful transformer-based interactive trajectory prediction models (Huang et al., 2023a; 248 Shi et al., 2022a) commonly employ a schema comprising two main blocks. Initially, a scene 249 encoder encodes the observed map and agent information into embeddings representing scene context 250 information $S \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times d_{\text{scene}}}$, where d_{scene} is the embedding dimension. This context information is 251 crucial for understanding the dynamics of the environment. The second component is a multimodal trajectory prediction decoder. This decoder employs cross-attention, using the scene context S as the 253 keys and values (denoted as K&V). The decoder also utilizes K learnable queries $q_{\text{motion}} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times d_{\text{scene}}}$ to predict a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) of the potential future multi-modal trajectory of multiple 254 agents. Based on this, the GameFormer model (Huang et al., 2023a) consists of two core blocks, the 255 Scene Encoder and Trajectory Decoder, which are visually represented in purple in Figure 3. In the 256 scene encoder, 257

- Vectorized motion data is encoded using a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network.
- Map features are processed via Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLPs) for continuous data, such as the geometric layout of center lanes, or through embedding layers for categorical data like the state of traffic lights.
- Once encoded, the scene encoder serves as a feature fusion layer, combining all the processed features to form scene representation.
- After feature fusion, each token retains a specific correspondence to its map components. For example, in GameFormer's two-agent joint prediction model:
 - The ego agent state is represented by two tokens, with one token being self-referential (when the ego agent is the focal agent), and the other token corresponding to the interaction with another agent (when the other agent becomes the focal agent).
- This pattern extends across all map features, where each map feature has two versions: one normalized with respect to the ego agent and another normalized with respect to the interacting agent.

4.2 CONDITIONAL MULTIMODAL TRAJECTORY PREDICTION DECODER

To generate a conditional output, cGAN (Mirza & Osindero, 2014) uses a conditioning signal in the generator model's input. Inspired by this, we fuse an additional learnable query, $q_{instruction}$, with the motion generation queries, q_{motion} . For making the base model conditional (conditional GameFormer), $q_{instruction}$ is learned using a simple embedding layer with a categorical class as input. When integrating an LLM with the base model, $q_{instruction}$ is derived from the LLM's output embeddings as described in the next subsection. The details of the conditional GameFormer training are provided in the pseudo-code in appendix E.

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4.3 INTEGRATION OF IMOTION-LLM

In our proposed design we integrate, align, and instruct fine-tune the LLM with a pretrained GameFormer (Huang et al., 2023a) consisting of a Scene Encoder and the Multi-modal Trajectory
Prediction Decoder. The LLM lies between them, and enables instructability and interpretability.
To enable this integrational design, illustrated in Figure 3, five main blocks are required: 1) LLM
Projection module. 2) LLM itself. 3) Scene Mapper. 4) Instruction Mapper. 5) Output Caption. The
details of iMotion-LLM can be found in the pseudo-code in appendix E.

LLM Projection. Inspired by Vision-LLMs (Dai et al., 2023a; Zhu et al., 2024), we employ a simple MLP-based projection layer to map input scene embeddings $S \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times d_{scene}}$ to $\tilde{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times d_{LLM}}$, aligning with the LLM embeddings dimension d_{LLM} . R is the number of scene tokens, two of which correspond to the ego vehicle.

LLM. All projected scene embeddings \tilde{S} and input instruction T_I are fed to the LLM to generate output tokens, $[I; S_1; S_2]$, where I represents instruction embedding and S_n represents the ego corresponding embeddings after grounding the instruction T_I .

Scene Mapper. To ensure seamless integration, we freeze the motion prediction model's encoder and decoder. Consequently, we map instruction-grounded ego tokens $[S_i] \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times d_{LLM}}$ back to $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times d_{scene}}$, that are used with the rest of keys and values of other scene information coming directly from the scene encoder bypassing the LLM ($\mathbb{R}^{(R-2) \times d_{scene}}$), combined serving as keys and values in the Multimodal Trajectory Prediction Decoder. The scene mapping can be defined as in Eq. 1.

$$K_i \& V_i = MLP([S_i]); i \in 1, 2.$$
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Instruct Mapper. Following the Scene Mapper, we project instruction token I back to the motion prediction model's embedding space (d_{scene}) , which is fused with q_{motion} through a simple addition operation, as shown in Eq. 2.

$$Q = q_{motion} + MLP([I]).$$
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Output Caption. Along with generating scene and instruction tokens, the LLM outputs a text that describes how the instruction is executed, and a textual decision of ("<Accept>" or "<Reject>") to indicate whether an instruction is feasible or not.

5 INSTRUCTION FOLLOWING AND DIVERSITY METRICS

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Our primary objective is to render current motion prediction models interactive and instructable. Hence, conventional metrics like Average Displacement Error (ADE) and Final Displacement Error (FDE) alone may not suffice to adequately evaluate the instruction-following capabilities of the proposed model. To address this, we introduce two metrics: Instruction Following Recall (IFR) and Direction Variety Score (DVS).

Instruction Following Recall (IFR). To gauge the model's ability to adhere to instructions, we compare given instructions direction $D_{intruct}$, with the directions of the generated multimodal trajectories. For each of the M modalities, we calculate its direction D_{pred_j} , using the same module used to extract the actual-scenario ground truth future direction. Based on that IFR is computed as the average recall across N samples of multimodal trajectory predictions:

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$$IFR = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{M} \operatorname{Recall}\left(D_{pred_{j}}^{i} \mid D_{intruct}^{i}\right), \qquad (3)$$



Figure 4: Illustrative examples of IFR and DVS of 6 modalities given a direction instruction of "move straight".

335 Where a higher *IFR* indicates higher adherence to a given instruction signal. For an unconditional 336 model that takes no instruction signal, we can still measure the IRF where $D_{intruct}$ is considered 337 the actual-scenario ground truth's future direction.

Direction Variety Score (DVS). To assess the directional diversity of predicted modalities, we measure the ratio of unique direction categories predicted over the total number of modalities M. This metric is calculated irrespective of the actual or given instruction as:

$$DVS = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\text{Unique}(D_{pred}^{i})}{M},$$
(4)

345 Where a higher DVS indicates more diversity of predicted directions.

346 Figure 4 shows three illustrative examples given an input instruction or an actual-scenario instruction of "move straight.". The left example shows the highest possible IFR, where all modalities are precisely in the "move straight" direction. The middle example has only two true positives while covering 3 unique directions, resulting in a 2/6 IFR and 3/6 DVS. The right example shows the highest possible directional diversity of a maximum possible number of unique directions, with only one true positive resulting in 1/6 *IFR*. In our experiments, we report the values in percentages.

- 6 **EXPERIMENTS**
- 6.1 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

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357 Implementation Details. We started by reproducing the checkpoint of GameFormer (Huang et al., 358 2023a) using 4,228,499 training samples (using the same training setup and hyperparameters as 359 suggested). Similarly, we trained the conditional GameFormer model with 2,011,265 training 360 samples augmented with categorical instructions. We use this as our pretrained trajectory forecasting 361 backbone. For iMotion-LLM, which integrates the pretrained conditional GameFormer with Llama-362 2-7B (Touvron et al., 2023b) and extends the vocabulary to include 3 additional tokens ([I], [S1], and 363 [S2] tokens), the LLM mapping modules are fully fine-tuned, and LoRA weights are fine-tuned with LoRA parameters of r = 8 and $\alpha = 16$ for 3,510 training steps. The training involved 39 iterations 364 per inner epoch, a batch size of 64 per GPU, using 4x A100-80GB GPUs, effectively covering 900,000 training samples over 90 epochs. We utilized the Adam optimizer with an initial learning 366 rate (LR) of 1e-4, incorporating a linear warmup for the first 100 steps starting from a warmup LR 367 of 1e-6, followed by a cosine LR scheduler. Training takes approximately 8 hours to complete 90 368 epochs. 369

Training Scenarios. The model was trained with Actual-Scenario (AS) instructions and Infeasible 370 (INF) instructions. During training, the selection of a driving scenario (AS or INF) sample was 371 random. For AS samples, the loss is calculated using both the LLM output text cross-entropy loss 372 (feasibility detection text, and transcription of how the action is performed) and the trajectory negative 373 log-likelihood loss (the same training objective as GameFormer). For INF instructions, since there 374 are no reference ground-truth trajectories, the loss solely consists of the cross-entropy of the LLM 375 output text for feasibility detection. 376

Metrics. In addition to the proposed metrics, *i.e.*, IFR and DVS, which are discussed in Section 377 5, we employ the conventional motion metrics; minADE and minFDE (Ettinger et al., 2021a). The 378 minADE and minFDE are evaluated using the same examples used to evaluate the actual-scenario 379 instructions setup. 380

Evaluation. Each model is evaluated with three instruction types: actual-scenario, other feasible, 381 and infeasible. We use 2,311 evaluation examples. We compare different models with the exact 382 set of evaluation examples, we considered using equal number of examples across each category except "right u-turn" because it is rarely presented. Evaluation takes around 40 minutes on a single 384 A100-80GB GPU. 385

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6.2 **RESULTS & DISCUSSION**

(a) IFR Performance: IFR performance of different models under different instruction types and the ratio of AS-to-INF IFR and OF-to-INF IFR, higher ratios indicate better performance.

Model	Instruct.	Feasibility Detect.	(AS) IFR↑	(OF) IFR↑	${}^{(INF)}_{IFR}\downarrow$	$\stackrel{(\rm AS \ / \ INF)}{\rm IFR \ Ratio} \uparrow$	$\stackrel{(OF \ / \ INF)}{\textbf{IFR Ratio}} \uparrow$
GameFormer			68.60%	3.36%	1.47%	46.67	2.29
Conditional GameFormer (ours)	\checkmark		81.39%	30.13%	13.74%	5.92	2.19
iMotion-LLM (ours)	\checkmark		81.37%	24.53%	10.61%	7.67	2.31
iMotion-LLM (ours)	\checkmark	\checkmark	73.94%	13.72%	6.68%	11.07	2.05

(b) DVS Results: DVS results of the models with no feasibility detection. Lower DVS combined with high feasible instructions IFR indicates higher directional precision.

(c) Feasibility Detection: accuracy of iMotion-LLM feasibility detection on all three types of input instructions.

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Model	Instruct.	(AS) DVS	(OF) DVS	(INF) DVS	Model
GameFormer		15.78%	12.96%	12.98%	(AS) A
Conditional GameFormer (ours)	\checkmark	8.74%	19.75%	21.80%	(OF) A
iMotion-LLM (ours)	\checkmark	6.04%	15.42%	17.96%	(INF) A

Table 2: Main Results. Evaluating models with/out instruction input during inference (Instruct.), models with/out feasibility classification capability (Feasibility Detect.), and under three instruction types (AS: Actual-Scenario, OF: Other Feasible, INF: Infeasible).

408 GameFormer. Although GameFormer does not take any conditions and cannot classify feasibility, 409 we evaluated it across all three categories. As expected, the model performs reasonably at generating 410 predictions that fit the actual scenario and struggles to produce predictions that follow instructions for other directions; see Table 2a (top-row). 412

Conditional GameFormer. As shown in Table 2a, making GameFormer conditional on a discrete 413 direction enhances its ability to follow actual-scenario instructions, as indicated by a 12.8% increase 414 in IFR (AS). The recall for following other feasible and infeasible instructions also improves. The 415 details of the conditional GameFormer can be found in Section 4.2 and in the pseudo-code in appendix 416 E. 417

iMotion-LLM without feasibility detection. Even though iMotion-LLM was trained with feasibility 418 classification capability, we show in Table 2a how the model performs, assuming all generated 419 trajectories are valid. With this setup, iMotion-LLM without feasibility detection, despite the overall 420 drop in IFR, outperforms the Conditional GameFormer in the feasible to infeasible (both AS/INF and 421 OF/INF) IFR ratios. 422

iMotion-LLM with feasibility detection. Given iMotion-LLM's ability to detect whether an 423 instruction should be accepted or rejected, any prediction with rejected feasibility is assigned an IFR 424 of 0. The model did not perform the best on other feasible instructions. More notably can be seen 425 where iMotion-LLM achieves a lower (OF/INF) ratio when considering feasibility detection (the last 426 row). 427

428 Insignificance of other feasible instructions following. For other feasible instructions besides the 429 actual-scenario instruction, as shown in Table 2 both the conditional GameFormer and iMotion-LLM exhibit lower IFR and higher DVS compared to the actual-scenario case. Intuitively, this behavior 430 correlates with infeasibility of instructions rather than feasibility. Even though iMotion-LLM detects 431 the feasibility of actual-scenario and infeasible instructions with a high rate, it does not detect other feasible instructions' true positives with such significance. We attribute this to two factors.
First, driving behaviors for other feasible instructions may diverge from real scenarios, making the
task more complex and requiring better generalizability. Interestingly, iMotion-LLM rejects this
instruction. Figure 5 shows a successful case of accepting feasible instructions and rejecting infeasible
instructions; stationary was labeled as infeasible due to the vehicle's current velocity. The feasibility
detection accuracy is shown in Table 2c. We show additional results in appendix C. In the appendix n
in Figure 7 we show that feasible directions might not always align with safety, laws, or convenience.

439 **Evaluation on minADE and minFDE.** Although this work primarily focuses on instruction-440 following ability in the proposed new metrics, we also evaluate the models using the traditional 441 minADE and minFDE metrics in two scenarios: with and without the condition instruction during 442 testing. In Table 3, we show the state of existing leading trajectory prediction models, as reported by the original authors on the WOMD interaction prediction challenge test set, as a reference to ensure 443 our development does not deteriorate the performance of the base task we are building on. Table 4 444 demonstrates that our model's performance does not diverge significantly from the baseline in the 445 traditional metrics. The GameFormer model used is a retrained checkpoint, and its performance on 446 the validation set aligns closely with the reported results on the WOMD test set. The Conditional 447 GameFormer is an additional model we trained, which incorporates a conditional direction label as 448 input. In Table 4, the iMotion-LLM and the iMotion-LLM (Drop instruct.) represent the same model, 449 but are evaluated in two ways: using the actual scenario instruction and without the input instruction. 450

Table 3: WOMD Test Set minADE & minFDE.
Joint prediction performance reported by different SOTA models.

Table 4: **WOMD Validation Subset minADE & minFDE**: Our reported Joint prediction performance.

454	Model	minADE↓ mi	inFDE ↓	Model	Cond.	minADE	minFDE
455 456 457 458	GameFormer (Huang et al., 2023b) MTR (Shi et al., 2022b) MotionLM (Seff et al., 2023)	0.9161 0.9181 0.8911	1.9373 2.0633 2.0067	GameFormer (reproduced) iMotion-LLM (Drop instruct.) (ours) Conditional GameFormer (ours) iMotion-LLM (ours)	✓✓	0.8888 1.1642 0.8223 0.9758	1.9293 2.7477 1.7001 2.1257

459 Generalizability to NuPlan Dataset. To investigate the model capability to generalize to other datasets, we investigated three setups in Table 5. Even though the basline modules that are integrated 460 into iMotion-LLM are pretrained on Waymo Open Dataset, we show the model generalizability by 461 1) zero-shot evaluation, 2) fine-tuning the LLM and mapping modules, 3) End-to-end finetuning 462 (including the baseline modules). For finetuning, we consider 2,212 examples from the Pitssburg 463 Train split. And evaluation was performed cross-city, where all the reported results are from the 464 "Boston Train" split. As many of the features the GameFormer model uses from Waymo Open 465 Dataset cannot be matched to features available from NuPlan, those features were set to default values 466 to avoid changing the design of the pretrained GameFormer modules. Intrestingly, the model showed 467 good IFR, combined with larger DVS that indicate some level of uncertinatiy, which is expected. 468 The displacement errors show a lack of accuracy of the model, yet it gets improved when finetuned 469 on a small fold of the data. These generalizability results were conducted using the actual-scenario instructions extracted from the ground truth future motion only. These experiments were done based 470 on iMotion-LLM which generates all scene tokens, not only the ego agent tokens. 471

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Table 5: Model Generalizability to NuPlan Dataset. Comparison of finetuning strategies based on IFR, DVS, and vehicle minADE/minFDE metrics.

Finetuning Strategy	IFR	DVS	Vehicle minADE	Vehicle minFDE
zero-shot	83.9	7.6	2.66	5.48
Finetuned	86.9	6.3	2.09	4.76
End-to-End Finetuned	85.8	7.3	1.90	4.50

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7 LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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Our study provides a key step by focusing on direction-based instructions, illustrating the potential
 of the LLM in executing driving tasks. By showing that the model can effectively interpret and act
 on these instructions, we have established a baseline that future research can build upon. As the



Ground truth: The ego vehicle can turn right, where it will first move straight with a slow speed and a mild deceleration, then turn right with a very slow speed and a constant velocity. Agent-2 is 11.62m far behind. The closest traffic light (green/go) is 13.5m in front The closest stop sign is 64.27m but not in front.

Figure 5: Qualitative result showing the model ability in following feasible instructions (top two figures), and making sense of surroundings. While also rejecting irrational scenarios like staying stationary in the bottom figure. Yet it generates a trajectory where the ego is stopping, and the interactive agent (Agent-2) is overtaking it.

baseline model by design allows multi-agent trajectory prediction, in Appendix D we show trials to instruct multiple agents at the same time. While there is a noticeable performance drop when extending instructions to multiple agents, we expect that further analysis can lead to a better design to improve this direction in the future. Exploring more complex instructions that encompass greater granularity and contextual information will further enhance the model's nuanced understanding and execution of multifaceted driving tasks. Furthermore, we employed relatively simple instructions and output captions, demonstrating the feasibility and effectiveness of this approach. Our work paves the way for incorporating more advanced and diverse input instructions and output captioning with varying levels of reasoning based on the ego state and surroundings. Although these elements were not included in this study, the attributes we extracted in InstructWaymo can facilitate their seamless integration. This presents an exciting opportunity for future research to develop more sophisticated and naturalistic implementations, extending the impact of our initial findings.

8 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we introduce iMotion-LLM, a Large Multimodal Model powered by LLMs, tailored for trajectory prediction in interactive multi-agent scenarios within autonomous navigation. By leveraging textual instructions as key inputs, our model not only generates contextually relevant trajectory predictions but also showcases an enhanced ability to interpret and act upon these instructions. Through integration with a pretrained LLM fine-tuned with LoRA, iMotion-LLM effectively translates scene features into the LLM input space, enabling accurate multimodal trajectory forecasts. Notably, our model's ability to generate trajectories aligned with provided instructions inherits the performance of the underlying backbone model, marking a significant advancement in empowering autonomous navigation systems to anticipate the dynamics of multi-agent environments. iMotion-LLM, combined with InstructWaymo instructions and captions, provides the capability to align trajectories with feasible instructions and reject infeasible ones, thereby enhancing operational safety. This work not only advances the field of autonomous navigation by enabling systems to better anticipate and react within multi-agent environments but also sets a solid foundation for further innovations in interactive autonomous systems.

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Table 6: Speed and acceleration/deceleration categories and upper thresholds.



Figure 6: Illustrative examples of directions categories.



Figure 7: Qualitative result showing in the top figure how iMotion-LLM accept and follow the actual-scenario instruction of "move straight" and in the bottom figure how it rejects "turn right" even though "turn right" is labeled as a feasible direction.

A SPEED AND ACCELERATION CATEGORIES

The set of 5 different speed categories ranging from very slow to very fast, and the set of acceleration or deceleration ranging from mind to extreme, including a no acceleration (i.e., constant velocity). We designed these thresholds heuristically, yet they can be easily adapted. Table 6 shows the used thresholds.

B CALCULATION OF THE DIRECTIONS

Following the illustration shown in Figure 6, motion direction is measured based on the relative heading angle between a time step and a future target step. We calculate direction solely based on trajectory information; the heading angle is calculated using two consecutive trajectory discrete samples. If the maximum future speed is within a threshold of $v_{stationary} = 2m/s$, and the vehicle traveled a distance within $d_{\text{stationary}} = 5m$, the vehicle is considered stationary. Otherwise, the vehicle is moving straight if the relative heading is within $\theta_s = 30$ degrees. But if the longitudinal displacement is greater than $d_v = 5m$, it is categorized as straight veering right/left. If the relative heading exceeds θ_s , and the latitudinal shift is less than $d_u = 5m$ in the opposite direction, it is considered as turning right/left. Otherwise, it is a U-turn. Right and left directions are distinguished based on the sign of the relative heading. Figure 6 illustrates the different classes. Table 1 provides detailed statistics on these eight categories.



As the baseline model by design allows multi-agent trajectory prediction, iMotion-LLM can consider instructing multiple agents by providing instructions for multiple agents in the scene. For 2-Agent support, during training and evaluation, we sample combinations of different types of instructions, for example feasible instruction for the ego based on actual-scenario, and infeasible instruction for Agent-2, or infeasible instruction for the ego and on of the other feasible instructions of Agent-2. For evaluation, we evaluate each agent separately while switching the combinations of instructions. Table 7 and 8 shows the performance for the Ego (Agent-1) and Agent-2 respectively. Performance for both



22.44m in front The closest stop sign is 94.64m in front

Figure 11: Qualitative Results.

is similar, yet shows a drop in performance compared to when instructing a single agent in both IFR and accuracy.

Table 7: Two-agent iMotion-LLM evaluating the ego agent (Agent-1)

Instruction Type	Agent-1	Agent-2	IFR	DVS	Acc. ↑
Actual-scenario	Actual-scenario	Actual-scenario	51.86%	3.07%	71%
Other feasible	Other feasible	Actual-scenario	15.93%	7.15%	61%
Other feasible	Other feasible	Other feasible	14.05%	6.85%	54%
Infeasible	Infeasible	Actual-scenario	5.90%	5.85%	48%
Infeasible	Infeasible	Infeasible	5.44%	5.64%	56%

Table 8:	Two-agent	iMotion-L	LLM ev	aluating	Agent-2

Instruction Type	Agent-2	Agent-1	IFR	DVS	Acc. ↑
Actual-scenario	Actual-scenario	Actual-scenario	42.77%	8.18%	63%
Other feasible	Other feasible	Actual-scenario	12.90%	15.79%	50%
Other feasible	Other feasible	Other feasible	16.47%	15.22%	45%
Infeasible	Infeasible	Actual-scenario	6.81%	18.11%	49%
Infeasible	Infeasible	Infeasible	6.70%	16.43%	64%

E CONDITIONAL GAMEFORMER AND IMOTION-LLM TRAINING PSEUDO CODES

Alg	gorithm 1: The pseudocode of Conditional-GameFormer	r (C-GameFormer).
Inpu	tt : $C_{instruction} \in \mathbb{Z}$: Instruction category; N_a : Num. a Num. points per lane; d_m : Num. map features; d_{scene} To predict time steps; $t_{select} = [29, 49, 79]$: Selected Num. modalities (futures); Agents $\in \mathbb{R}^{N_a \times t_{obs} \times d_o}$ Num. scene embeddings;	agents; d_a : Num. state features; N_m : Num. map lanes; N_p : : latent dimension; $t_{obs} = 11$: Observed time steps; $t_{pred} = 80$: I time steps; N_{pred} : Two Agents to predict; M : ^a : history states ; Maps $\in \mathbb{R}^{N_{pred} \times N_m \times N_p \times d_m}$; N:
Outj	$put: \mathbf{Pred} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N_{pred} \times t_{pred} \times 4}$: prediction GMM pacenters	arameters $(\mu_x, \mu_y, \sigma_x, \sigma_y)$, where (μ_x, μ_y) are the 2D trajectory
1 que 2 que	$\begin{array}{l} ried_agents \leftarrow [0, 1,, N_{pred} - 1];\\ ried_modalities \leftarrow [0, 1,, M - 1]; \end{array}$	<pre>// Target agents, [0,1] for two agent</pre>
$3 S \leftarrow$	-[]; // I	Initialize scene tokens empty list of embedding
4 for <i>e</i>	ach agent_state in agents_history do agent_emb ← Motion_Encoder(agent_state);	// Encode agent stat
6	$S \leftarrow S \cup \{agent_emb\};$	// Append agent embedding to
7 end 8 for a	ach man feature in man features do	
9	map_emb ← Map_Encoder(map_feature);	// Encode map featur
10	$S \leftarrow S \cup \{map_emb\};$	// Append map embedding to
11 end 12 $S \leftarrow$ 13 K, V	- selfAttention(S); // Appl $V \leftarrow S$; // Use S a	ly fusion self-attention encoder (Scene Encoder as the keys and values of the trajectory decode
14 $Q \leftarrow$	-[];	// Initialize (
15 q_ir 16 for e	$astruction \leftarrow \text{Embedding}(C_{instruction});$	<pre>// Learnable instruction query (proposed</pre>
17	$q_{agent} \leftarrow Embedding(agent_number);$	// agent quer
18 19	for each modality_number in queried_modalities do $a \mod dality \leftarrow \text{Embedding(modality number)}$:	// Modality quer
20	$q_motion \leftarrow q_agent + q_modality;$	// Combine querie
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984		Algorithm 2: The pseudocode of iMotion-LLM.
985		Input : Same inputs as C-GameFormer (Algorithm-1); T_I : Text input instruction;
987 987		Output : Same output as C-GameFormer (Algorithm-1); Output Text
988	1	$queried_agents \leftarrow [0, 1,, N_{pred} - 1];$ // Target agents, [0,1] for two agents
989	2	$queried_modalities \leftarrow [0, 1,, M - 1]; // M modalities$
990	3	$S \leftarrow \text{Scene_Encoder(agents_history, map_features)} // (3-12) in Algorithm-1$
991	4	$S \leftarrow []$ for each $S_{embedding}$ in S do
992	6	$\left \tilde{S} \leftarrow \tilde{S} \cup \text{LLM_Projection}(S_{embedding}); \right // \text{Projections from } \mathbb{R}^{1xd_{scene}} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d_{LLM}}$
993	7	end emb Tr \leftarrow LLM Tokenizer(Tr): // Embeddings of input text $\rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{N_{takens} \times d_{LLM}}$
994	9	LLM Input emb \leftarrow [emb T ₁ ; \tilde{S}]; // concatenating text and scene embeddings
995	10	if Training then
996	11	<pre>hidden_states, tokens, LLM_toss</pre>
997	12	generation_hidden_states select_generation_states(hidden_states); // Selecting tokens that correspond to
998	13	$[I], [S_1], [S_2], \dots [S_N]$ end
999	14	if <i>Inference</i> then
1000	15 16	while [1] not detected do next token ← LLM(LLM Input emb): // Autoregressive next token generation until the first
1001		trajectory generation token [I] is found.
1002	17	<pre>LLM_Input_emb LLM_Input_emb U next_token_emb; // Include the next token to generate the following one</pre>
1003	18	end
1004 1005	19 20	<pre>hidden_states</pre>
1006	20	$K, V \leftarrow Scene_Mapper([[S_1], [S_2], [S_N]]); // Mapping each token independently, replaces (Line 13) in$
1007	22	Algorithm-1 $a instruction \leftarrow Instruct Manner(III)$: // Mapping instruction token to $a_{instruction}$, replaces (15) in
1008		Algorithm-1
1009	23	$q_{motion} \leftarrow \text{Embedding}(queried_agents, queried_modalities}); // Combined agents-modalities queries, (16-20) in Algorithm-1$
1010	24	$Q \leftarrow q_{motion} + q_{instruction};$ // Combine queries, (Line-22) in Algorithm-1
1011	25 26	output_reatures \leftarrow Multimodal_Trajectory_Decoder(Q, K, V); Pred , Scores \leftarrow MLP(output_features), MLP(output_features)
1012	27	NLL_loss \leftarrow NLL(Pred[best_mode, :, t_{select}], ground_truth_2D)
1013	28 29	iMotion_loss = LLM_loss + gmm_loss
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