TransportationGames: Benchmarking Transportation Knowledge of (Multimodal) Large Language Models

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Abstract

Large language models (LLMs) and multimodal large language models (MLLMs) have shown excellent general capabilities, even exhibiting adaptability in many professional domains such as law, economics, transportation, and medicine. Currently, many domain-specific benchmarks have been proposed to verify the performance of (M)LLMs in specific fields. 009 Among various domains, transportation plays a crucial role in modern society as it impacts the economy, the environment, and the quality of life for billions of people. However, it is 013 unclear how much traffic knowledge (M)LLMs possess and whether they can reliably perform transportation-related tasks. To address this gap, we propose TransportationGames, a carefully designed and thorough evaluation bench-017 mark for assessing (M)LLMs in the transportation domain. By comprehensively considering the applications in real-world scenarios and 021 referring to the first three levels in Bloom's 022 Taxonomy, we test the performance of various (M)LLMs in memorizing, understanding, and applying transportation knowledge by the selected tasks. The experimental results show that 026 although some models perform well in some 027 tasks, there is still much room for improvement overall. We hope the release of TransportationGames¹ can serve as a foundation for future research, thereby accelerating the implementation and application of (M)LLMs in the transportation domain.

1 Introduction

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Large language models (LLMs) are revolutionizing the way humans work by augmenting them in various tasks. As these LLMs, for example GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023) and LLaMA (Touvron et al., 2023), become more sophisticated, they will be able to handle more complex tasks, enabling them to assist and collaborate with humans in a multitude of professional domains (Sanh et al., 2021; Ouyang et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2022; Shao et al., 2023). Additionally, beyond single-modal LLM, the Multimodal Large Language Model (MLLM) has recently emerged as a popular area of research (Bai et al., 2023b; Ye et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023a; Zhang et al., 2023a). The MLLM utilizes powerful LLMs to effectively handle multimodal tasks, resulting in versatile problem solvers. To comprehensively and accurately assess the capabilities of (M)LLMs, evaluation benchmarks play a crucial and indispensable role in their development (Hendrycks et al., 2020). By evaluating (M)LLMs using these benchmarks, researchers and developers can gain valuable insights into the strengths and weaknesses of different models, enabling them to identify areas for improvement and innovation.

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Currently, many benchmarks have been proposed to assess (M)LLMs on various aspects of universal capabilities, e.g., MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2020), C-Eval (Huang et al., 2023b), CMMLU (Li et al., 2023), BIG-bench (Srivastava et al., 2023), MMBench (Liu et al., 2023b) and MME (Fu et al., 2023). Moreover, when evaluating (M)LLMs, it is important to not only focus on their general capabilities but also to incorporate domainspecific benchmarks for assessing models specialized in specific fields (Zhao et al., 2023d), because domain-specific benchmarks push (M)LLMs towards tackling the specific challenges and complexities of their target fields, ultimately driving practical progress and responsible implementation. Existing domain-specific benchmarks include LawBench (Fei et al., 2023), LegalBench (Guha et al., 2023), and LAiW (Dai et al., 2023) for the legal domain, MIR-based benchmark (Goenaga et al., 2023) for the medicine domain, ChemLLM-Bench (Guo et al., 2023) for the chemistry domain, etc. Among various domains, transportation plays a crucial role in modern society as it impacts the

¹The evaluation method has been released in https://transportation.games.

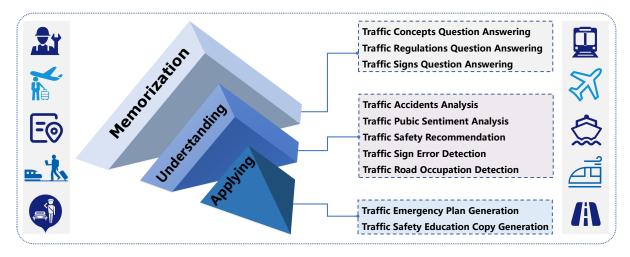


Figure 1: The organization of our TransportationGames. Considering the specific scenarios in the transportation domain, our TransportationGames employs the first three levels in Bloom's Taxonomy, which are Memorization, Understanding, and Applying, to evaluate the (M)LLMs. We select 10 tasks based on diverse sub-domains in the transportation domain such as urban transportation, rail transit, aviation, and maritime transport.

economy, the environment, and the quality of life for billions of people (Taylor, 2015; Koopmans, 1949). However, it is unclear how much traffic knowledge² (M)LLMs possess and whether they can reliably perform transportation-related tasks.

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To address this gap, we introduce TransportationGames (refer to Figure 1): a thoughtfully designed, all-encompassing evaluation benchmark to accurately evaluate the capabilities of (M)LLMs in executing transportation-related tasks. By comprehensively considering the applications in realworld scenarios, we select 10 varied tasks across 3 types: multiple-choice, "True/False" judge, and text generation, including text and image modality. We categorize these tasks into three skill levels based on widely recognized Bloom's cognitive models (Krathwohl, 2002): (1) Transportation knowledge memorization: whether (M)LLMs can memorize transportation-relevant concepts, facts, regulations, and traffic law articles; (2) Transportation knowledge understanding: whether (M)LLMs can understand, analyze and reasoning based on transportation-domain knowledge; (3) Transportation knowledge applying: whether (M)LLMs can effectively make the necessary logical deductions to solve practical transportation tasks both for public and professionals. Overall, our TransportationGames offers a systematic outline of the skillset necessary for tasks related to transportation.

We introduce TransportationGames, a carefully designed and thorough evaluation benchmark for assessing (M)LLMs in transportation-related tasks. It is the first benchmark specifically designed for the transportation domain.

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- Experiments. We design appropriate rules to accurately extract answers from the modelgenerated predictions, and employ proper metrics for each task. We conduct extensive testing on 16 widely used (M)LLMs and the evaluation results are presented in Table 3 and Table 4.
- Analysis. We observe that although some LLMs perform well in some tasks on text-only knowledge, there is still room for improvement. As for multimodal knowledge, most MLLMs exhibit poor capability. Additionally, we analyze the key factors affecting model performance.

2 Related Work

2.1 Large Language Models

Large language models (LLMs) typically refer to Transforme-based language models encompassing several billion (or more) parameters (Zhao et al., 2023b), such as GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023), LLaMA (Touvron et al., 2023), Baichuan (Yang et al., 2023), and so on. With the implementation of many training strategies, *e.g.*, model pretraining, instruction tuning, reward model training,

Our main contributions are three-fold:

• Systematically-constructed benchmark.

²We only focus on Chinese.

and reinforcement learning with human feedback 143 (RLHF) (Zhao et al., 2023c), LLMs can achieve 144 commendable performance on tasks within general 145 domains. To improve the performance of LLMs on 146 more specific domains, more research endeavors 147 increasingly aspire to deploy LLMs across diverse 148 domains, including but not limited to law (Nguyen, 149 2023; Huang et al., 2023a), medicine (Zhang et al., 150 2023c,b; Jiang et al., 2023), transportation (Da 151 et al., 2023; Lai et al., 2023; Mo et al., 2023), 152 chemistry (Guo et al., 2023; Ouyang et al., 2023; 153 Wellawatte and Schwaller, 2023), and psychol-154 ogy (Ke et al., 2024; Cho et al., 2023), to profi-155 ciently accomplish domain-specific tasks. More-156 over, multimodal large language models (MLLMs) 157 have emerged as a recent focal point in the community (Zhao et al., 2023a; Bai et al., 2023b; Ye 159 et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023a), capitalizing on the 160 prowess of potent large language models to serve 161 as cognitive entities for executing multimodal tasks, 162 thereby exhibiting remarkable emergent capabili-163 ties.

In this paper, we focus on the development of (M)LLMs in the transportation domain. There are many (M)LLMs tailored for the traffic domain including TransGPT (Peng, 2023), TrafficGPT³, MT-GPT⁴, and TransCore-M⁵. Among them, TransGPT and TransCore-M have undergone instruction tuning based on traffic domain data.

2.2 Existing Benchmarks

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The comprehensive and precise evaluation of the functionalities inherent in (M)LLMs is pivotal and irreplaceable in their development. Evaluation benchmarks assume a critical role, furnishing a standardized framework that facilitates the meticulous measurement and analysis of (M)LLM performance across diverse tasks and domains.

Recently, more and more benchmarks have been developed to evaluate the various capabilities of (M)LLMs. To assess the comprehensive capabilities of LLMs, many benchmarks have been constructed based on knowledge across various disciplines and languages, including MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2020) and ARC (Clark et al., 2018), which are grounded in English, as well as C-Eval (Huang et al., 2023b) and CMMLU (Li et al., 2023), which are rooted in Chinese. As for MLLMs, there are also many benchmarks with the comprehensive evaluation pipeline, such as MME (Fu et al., 2023) and MMBench (Liu et al., 2023b). In addition, some benchmarks are designed to evaluate the performance of (M)LLMs on some specific domains, e.g., LawBench (Fei et al., 2023), LegalBench (Guha et al., 2023), and LAiW (Dai et al., 2023) for the legal domain, MIRbased benchmark (Goenaga et al., 2023) for the medicine domain, ChemLLMBench (Guo et al., 2023) for the chemistry domain, and so on. However, to the best of our knowledge, there is no systematic evaluation benchmark for the transportation domain, so we propose the TransportationGames for assessing (M)LLMs in transportation-related tasks.

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3 Benchmark Construction

In this section, we provide a detailed introduction to the construction of our TransportationGames. Firstly, we elucidate the classification criteria (§3.1) employed in the design of the benchmark, along with the corresponding selection of evaluation tasks (§3.2). Subsequently, we introduce the data collection procedures (§3.3) and the adoption of evaluation metrics (§3.4).

3.1 The Taxonomy of TransportationGames

In the construction of benchmarks, an effective process involves not only evaluating models on multiple sub-tasks but also organizing benchmarks systematically. These benchmarks can be organized based on task difficulty or task categories, which to some extent reflect the models' aptitude. However, such a simplistic classification criterion may not adequately capture the full range of model capabilities.

Inspired by Fei et al. (2023), we adopt Bloom's cognitive model for task classification, aiming to capture the models' capabilities at a higher level. Bloom's Taxonomy system (Anderson et al., 2000), initially introduced by the educational psychologist Benjamin Bloom and his collaborators in 1956, has obtained widespread application and continuous development in subsequent decades. It has proven instrumental in assisting educators in both curriculum design and the evaluation of student learning outcomes. The taxonomy categorizes learning objectives within the cognitive domain into six progressively ascending levels: Remember, Understand, Apply, Analyze, Evaluate, and Create. These

³https://github.com/lijlansg/TrafficGPT

⁴https://www.7its.com/?m=home&c=View&a=index& aid=19245

⁵https://github.com/PCIResearch/TransCore-M

Capability Levels	ID	Task	Modality	Туре	Metric
Transportation Knowledge	T1	Traffic Concepts Question Answering	Text	TF/MLC	Accuracy
Memorization	T2	Traffic Regulations Question Answering	Text	TF/MLC	Accuracy
Memorization	Т3	Traffic Signs Question Answering	Multimodal	TF/MLC	Accuracy
	T4	Traffic Accidents Analysis	Text/Multimodal	Generation	ROUGE/GPT-4
Transportation Knowladge	T5	Traffic Pubic Sentiment Analysis	Text	Generation	ROUGE/GPT-4
Transportation Knowledge Understanding	T6	Traffic Safety Recommendation	Text/Multimodal	Generation	ROUGE/GPT-4
Understanding	T7	Traffic Sign Error Detection	Multimodal	Generation	ROUGE/GPT-4
	T8	Traffic Road Occupation Detection	Multimodal	Generation	ROUGE/GPT-4
Transportation Knowledge	Т9	Traffic Emergency Plan Generation	Text/Multimodal	Generation	ROUGE/GPT-4
Applying	T10	Traffic Safety Education Copy Generation	Text	Generation	ROUGE/GPT-4

Table 1: Task list of TransportationGames. There are 10 tasks corresponding to 3 capability levels: Transportation Knowledge Memorization, Understanding, and Applying, and 2 modalities: Text and Multimodal (text + image), and 3 task types: multiple-choice (MLC), "True/False" judge (TF), and text generation. Additionally, the metrics used for each task are also listed and described in detail in §3.4.

hierarchical levels delineate the depth and intricacy of cognitive learning, providing educators with a structured framework for instructional design and assessment.

Considering the specific scenarios in the transportation domain, we employ the first three levels in Bloom's Taxonomy to assess the (M)LLMs as shown in Figure 1. The detailed introduction is as follows:

Transportation Knowledge Memorization. It
 tests whether (M)LLMs can memorize and answer
 basic transportation-related knowledge, such as
 concepts, facts, regulations, or traffic law articles.

Transportation Knowledge Understanding. The excellent understanding capability generally requires the model to engage in activities such as interpretation, illustration, categorization, summarization, and inference based on transportation-domain knowledge. For example, the models can interpret traffic regulations and rules, compare the applicable conditions of different rules, classify traffic rules based on some features, etc.

262Transportation Knowledge Applying. The ap-263plying capability is to assess whether the model264can flexibly apply acquired knowledge and effec-265tively make the necessary logical deductions to266solve practical transportation tasks both for the pub-267lic and professionals.

3.2 Tasks

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The core knowledge areas of the transportation profession generally include transportation infrastructure construction, carrier theory and technical equipment, transportation system planning, port and station hub planning and design, passenger operation organization, cargo operation organization, operation dispatching command, as well as transportation policies and regulations, transportation commerce, transportation economy, transportation safety, modern logistics, and comprehensive transportation. And it mainly involves four sub-domains: road transportation, railway transportation, waterway transportation, and aviation transportation. 273

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During selecting tasks, we take into account diverse sub-domains in transportation and the varying needs of different people, including the general public and industry practitioners, in their day-today lives or professional undertakings. Furthermore, we conduct detailed consultations with domain experts to choose the specific tasks. Finally, we select 10 tasks under the aforementioned capability levels and the task list is presented in Table 1. Note that due to the different application scenarios of different tasks, it involves multiple modalities of knowledge, such as text and image modality. The concrete introduction is as follows.

Transportation Knowledge Memorization Tasks

- Traffic Concepts Question Answering (T1): Inquire about common concepts in the field of transportation, formulating queries in either multiple-choice (MLC) or "True/False" judge (TF) formats. In the case of multiplechoice questions, the model is expected to select the correct answer from a set of four options, whereas true/false questions necessitate the model to determine the correctness of a given statement.
- Traffic Regulations Question Answering 306 (T2): Question the model regarding nuanced 307

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components of traffic regulations, including numerical parameters, years, or analogous elements. The question formats are MLC or TF.

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• **Traffic Signs Question Answering (T3)**: Given a traffic sign image and a query, test whether the model can memorize the meaning of different traffic signs. The query formats are MLC or TF.

Transportation Knowledge Understanding Tasks

- **Traffic Accidents Analysis (T4)**: Given a photo of a traffic accident scene or a traffic accident process, the model is required to extract and summarize information including the origins, progression, or consequences of the incident.
- Traffic Public Sentiment Analysis (T5): Given the feedback from the public regarding the proposed traffic proposal, the model should analyze, summarize, and discern the authentic demands of the public. This task facilitates a more comprehensive understanding for professionals of public sentiment, enabling targeted actions to be taken to fulfill the public's needs.
 - Traffic Safety Recommendation (T6): Given travel plans, such as weather conditions and road conditions, the model needs to provide reasonable safety traffic advice. Additionally, given an image, the model can point out the hidden security risks.
 - Traffic Sign Error Detection (T7): Given images containing traffic signs or lines on the road, the model needs to analyze whether the traffic signs are obstructed or defaced, whether traffic lines are designed reasonably, or if these lines need to be redrawn due to damage.
 - **Traffic Road Occupation Detection (T8)**: Given images of roads, the model needs to analyze whether there is any illegal occupation of the road.

Transportation Knowledge Applying Tasks

• **Traffic Emergency Plan Generation (T9)**: Given an urgent description of a traffic accident or malfunction, the model should generate targeted emergency response plans. • Traffic Safety Education Copy Generation (T10): When provided with specific target audiences, the model should generate targeted educational materials.

3.3 Data Collection

In this section, a comprehensive exposition is presented regarding the process of data collection, including the data sources, data processing procedures, and ultimately, culminating in an overview of the acquired data.

Data Sources The aforementioned tasks primarily involve two modalities: text and images. For textual data, the primary source of our dataset is available on the internet. For instance, we have retrieved numerous examination papers related to the field of transportation for the source of questionand-answer data. The accident reports or public sentiment about specific regulations are predominantly sourced from news websites and municipal management platforms. Additionally, specialized articles, such as emergency response plans, are primarily obtained from relevant sections of various institutional websites. As for image data, we employ keyword-based queries to retrieve and select images from online repositories, ensuring conformity with predefined criteria. Simultaneously, the text from image titles or title links is preserved for further analysis.

Data Processing The formats of collected data are various, including Microsoft Word documents, PDFs, PNGs, JPGs, or Web pages. We employ relevant Python toolkits (*e.g.*, pdfplumber⁶, pypdf2⁷, python-docx⁸) to extract text and preprocess it into the appropriate format for the designated tasks. In cases where automated extraction is not feasible, we seek the relevant professionals to process it manually. Additionally, we take measures to eliminate sensitive information from the data, including but not limited to personal phone numbers, ID numbers, emails, and detailed home addresses, safeguarding privacy. Furthermore, we ensure that each piece of data has undergone meticulous manual verification to guarantee alignment with the specified task, accuracy of answers, and coherence of sentences.

⁶https://pypi.org/project/pdfplumber/

⁷https://pypi.org/project/PyPDF2/

⁸https://pypi.org/project/python-docx/

Model	Parameters	SFT	RLHF	Access	BaseModel
Large Language Models					
ChatGLM3-6B (Zeng et al.)	6B	1	X	Weights	ChatGLM
Qwen-7B-Chat (Bai et al.)	7B	1	X	Weights	Qwen-7B
Qwen-14B-Chat (Bai et al.)	14B	1	X	Weights	Qwen-14B
Baichuan2-13B-Chat (Baichuan)	13B	1	X	Weights	Baichuan2-13B-Base
InternLM-Chat-7B (Team)	7B	1	1	Weights	InternLM-7B
InternLM-Chat-20B (Team)	20B	1	1	Weights	InternLM-20B
Yi-6B-Chat	6B	1	X	Weights	Yi-6B
LLaMa2-Chinese-13B-Chat-ms	13B	1	X	Weights	LLaMa2-13B
GPT-4	/	1	1	API	/
Multimodal Large Language Models					
VisualGLM (Zeng et al.)	7.8B	1	X	Weights	ChatGLM-6B + BLIP2-Qformer
mPLUG-Owl2 (Ye et al.)	8.2B	1	X	Weights	LLaMa-7B + CLIP ViT-L/14
Qwen-VL-Chat (Bai et al.)	9.6B	1	X	Weights	Qwen-7B + ViT-G/16
Chinese-LLaVa-Cllama2	7.3B	1	X	Weights	LLaVa + Chinese-LLaMa2-7B
Chinese-LLaVa-Baichuan	7.3B	1	X	Weights	LLaVa + Baichuan-7B
InternLM-XComposer-7B (Zhang et al.)	8B	1	X	Weights	InternLM-Chat-7B + EVA-CLIP
LLaVa-v1.5-13B (Liu et al.)	13.4B	1	X	Weights	Vicuna-v1.5-13B + CLIP ViT-L/14
Transportation-domain Models					
TransGPT (Peng)	7B	1	X	Weights	ChatGLM2-6B
TransCore-M	13.4B	1	X	Weights	PCITransGPT-13B + CLIP ViT/L-14

Table 2: Models tested on TransportationGames. We classify these models by different modalities and we list the open-source models TransGPT and TransCore-M in the transportation domain separately.

401 **Data Overview** Following data processing and manual verification, we obtain the final dataset cor-402 responding to each task. Due to variations in task 403 difficulty, the amount of data instances is different 404 across tasks. A detailed data distribution is shown 405 in Appendix A. Additionally, according to the in-406 volved modalities of different tasks (refer to the 407 fourth column in Table 1), the entire dataset can be 408 divided into two parts, the text-only dataset and the 409 multimodal dataset, which will be utilized to eval-410 uate LLMs and MLLMs respectively. The input 411 for the text-only dataset is a text question and the 412 input for the multimodal dataset is an image with a 413 question. We have listed some examples for each 414 task in Appendix B. 415

3.4 Evaluation

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For the evaluation of each task, we first extract
the answer from the model-generated prediction
and then compute the corresponding metric values
according to the golden answer.

421Answer ExtractionFor questions with the type422of MLC and TF, some models generate answers423that include content other than "A/B/C/D" or424"True/False". It is imperative to extract the options425from the generated answers in such cases before426calculating metrics. Moreover, we do not conduct427extraction for other question types.

Different Metrics

• Accuracy: For MLC and TF, there are the gold answers for each query (T1~T3). Therefore, we calculate the accuracy of the extracted answer according to the gold answer. Additionally, we also calculate the format error rate of model-generated answers. 428

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- **ROUGE:** For the questions of Generation type (T4~T10), we calculate the ROUGE-Chinese-L⁹ score between the predicted answer and the reference answer. ROUGE-L is a commonly used metric in generation tasks.
- **GPT-4-Eval:** Since the reference answers for some tasks (T4~T10) are not unique, we also utilize GPT-4¹⁰ to evaluate the modelgenerated answers for accuracy, redundancy, fluency, and completeness. The example instruction that we designed is presented in Appendix C.

4 Experiments

4.1 Selected Models

We evaluate a substantial number of models (listed in Table 2) on our TransportationGames. According to modalities and domains, they are primarily

⁹https://pypi.org/project/ROUGE-chinese/ ¹⁰The 0613 version.

Models	T1	T2	T4	T5	T6	Т9	T10	SUM
GPT-4	81.33 _(0.00)	80.89 _(0.00)	21.2/88.6	44.3/ 99.5	10.6/97.6	19.4/ 93.6	18.1/95.4	750.52
Qwen-14B-Chat	$80.12_{(0.36)}$	$84.89_{(0.22)}$	20.2/82.6	39.2/97.5	12.6/96.0	20.8/87.7	16.4/89.4	727.34
Yi-6B-Chat	79.16(11.1)		14.8/85.6	39.5/97.8	7.5/ 98.0	17.3/85.4	11.4/92.7	717.00
Baichuan2-13B-Chat	69.04 _(0.00)	77.11(0.00)	22.9 /83.8	35.9/97.3	9.0/97.3	18.8/93.0	13.8/93.9	711.72
Qwen-7B-Chat	$71.81_{(4.94)}$	$82.22_{(2.67)}$	17.7/79.7	39.5/97.2	12.7/96.9	19.9/83.4	16.5/84.9	702.44
ChatGLM3-6B	$63.98_{(7.95)}$	$71.56_{(7.56)}$	21.0/83.5	36.1/96.4	9.1/95.1	19.0/89.6	14.9/89.1	689.43
TransGPT	62.05(33.3)	69.78 _(27.3)	16.1/84.6	38.4/97.2	10.3/96.2	19.3/88.9	15.0/90.2	688.03
InternLM-Chat-20B	62.89 _(0.00)	76.44 _(0.00)	11.0/50.8	49.6 /95.7	12.1/96.9	22.2 /90.4	17.2/92.0	677.21
InternLM-Chat-7B	$62.65_{(0.12)}$	66.00 _(0.00)	18.7/72.7	37.8/87.6	15.4 /88.0	19.9/81.1	17.5/89.6	656.81
LLaMa2-Chinese-13B-Chat-ms	$49.64_{(2.05)}$	$62.89_{(3.33)}$	16.1/75.5	35.6/94.0	10.1/88.3	20.4/84.1	14.1/77.1	627.65

Table 3: The evaluation results of LLMs on the text-only dataset of our TransportationGames. For **T1** and **T2** tasks, the values of Accuracy are listed and the format error rate is placed in the bottom right corner marker. "xx/yy" in the T4 \sim T10 columns represents the values of the "ROUGE/GPT-4-Eval" metrics. The larger the value of all metrics except the format error rate, the better the performance. "SUM" is the sum of all values of different tasks, and we list all results according to the value of "SUM" from largest to smallest. Results highlighted in **bold** represent the best result in each column.

452 categorized into three groups: Large Language Models (LLMs), Multimodal Large Language 453 Models (MLLMs), and Transportation-domain 454 Models (T-LMs). Specifically, for LLMs, we select 455 some common models that support Chinese, such 456 as ChatGLM3 (Zeng et al., 2023), Qwen-7/14B-457 Chat (Bai et al., 2023a), Baichuan2-13B-Chat 458 (Baichuan, 2023), InternLM-Chat-7/20B (Team, 459 2023), Yi-6B-Chat¹¹, and LLaMa2-Chinese-13B-460 Chat-ms¹². We also evaluate GPT-4¹³ on our Trans-461 portationGames. For MLLMs, we pick out some 462 463 models that also support Chinese, such as VisualGLM (Zeng et al., 2023), mPLUG-Owl2 (Ye 464 et al., 2023), Qwen-VL-Chat (Bai et al., 2023b), 465 Chinese-LLaVa-Cllama2¹⁴/Baichuan¹⁵, InternLM-466 XComposer-7B (Zhang et al., 2023a), and LLaVa-467 v1.5-13B (Liu et al., 2023a). Moreover, we also 468 evaluate TransGPT (Peng, 2023) and TransCore-469 M^{16} , the open-sourced models in the transportation 470 domain. The more detailed information about these 471 models is shown in Table 2. 472

4.2 Experimental Settings

We set the input token length limit to 2048 and the output token length to 1024. Right truncation is performed for input prompts exceeding the length

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4.3 Main Results

The evaluation results of the selected models on our TransportationGames are shown in Table 3 and Table 4. Next, we will introduce the performance of LLMs and MLLMs separately.

Large Language Models Table 3 presents the evaluation results of LLMs on the text-only dataset of our TransportationGames. The values of "SUM" in the last column show that GPT-4 obtains the best performance and Qwen-14B-Chat ranks second. Yi-6B-Chat also achieves outstanding performance on many tasks, such as the T2 and T6 tasks, ranking third. Overall, it is promising that some LLMs perform well in memorizing, understanding, and applying transportation knowledge, but there's still room for improvement on many tasks.

Multimodal Large Language Models The evaluation results of MLLMs on the multimodal dataset shown in Table 4 present that Qwen-VL-chat performs excellently on the majority of tasks and ranks first as a whole. InternLM-XComposer-7B ranks second and LLaVa-v1.5-13B ranks third. However, even the top-performing model in the **T3** task, Qwen-VL-chat, achieves only 54.47% accuracy, indicating the poor capability of MLLMs in the multimodal transportation domain.

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¹³https://chat.openai.com/

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Chinese-LLaVA-Baichuan

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Models	Т3	T4	T6	T7	T8	Т9	SUM
Qwen-VL-Chat	54.47 _(0.00)	9.3/75.1	15.3/86.7	7.4/ 70.5	20.6/ 85.9	14.4/64.5	504.15
InternLM-XComposer-7B	48.94 _(0.00)	8.9/77.9	16.1/86.4	10.5 /56.4	32.7 /67.7	19.7 /77.6	502.76
TransCore-M	46.81 _(0.00)	8.0/ 79.3	11.6/82.1	7.2/60.8	13.2/80.3	19.1/77.6	486.01
LLaVa-v1.5-13B	$48.94_{(1.28)}$	10.3/67.4	14.0/79.3	6.5/54.4	15.9/67.6	18.3/77.9	460.51
Chinese-LLaVa-Baichuan	20.43(80.85)	6.9/73.5	9.9/84.6	4.2/60.5	10.3/73.4	14.0/ 82.0	439.80
VisualGLM-6B	26.38(79.15)	10.1/73.0	11.6/77.6	7.4/64.0	8.8/75.2	14.6/65.6	434.18
mPLUG-Owl2	40.43(0.43)	11.6 /64.0	14.8/71.1	8.8/48.3	22.7/60.8	14.9/70.4	427.66
Chinese-LLaVa-Cllama2	8.09(88.94)	7.6/65.5	10.3/83.5	4.5/54.1	9.3/74.7	12.2/79.5	409.39

Table 4: The evaluation results of MLLMs on the multimodal dataset of our TransportationGames. The values of Accuracy are listed for **T3** task and the values of "ROUGE/GPT-4-Eval" metrics are present for the **T4** \sim **T9** tasks. And other pattern introduction is the same as Table 3.

4.4 Analysis

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Different models have different instructionfollowing capacities in T1/T2/T3 tasks. According to the format error rate of T1/T2/T3 tasks listed in Table 3 and Table 4, we observe that the format error rate of GPT-4 and the InternLM series models are all zero, demonstrating the excellent instruction-following ability. We speculate that the reason may be that these models have been trained with RLHF.

There is still much room for improvement for some tasks. Due to the varying difficulty of different tasks, the performance of the models also varies. Overall, the model performs poorly on difficult tasks, especially in all tasks of multimodal scenarios as shown in Table 4. This provides a guiding direction for the model to further adapt to the transportation field.

The BaseModel is a key factor affecting model 527 performance. The selection of BaseModel is critical to the overall model performance, as the 529 model learns large-scale knowledge during the 530 pre-training phase. We can observe from Table 531 3 and Table 4 that the performance of some small-533 scale models can even outperform that of many large-scale models, such as Yi-6B-Chat surpassing InternLM-Chat-20B, Qwen-7B-Chat surpassing 535 LLaMa2-Chinese-13B-Chat-ms, Qwen-VL-Chat 536 surpassing LLava-v1.5-13B, and so on. Addition-537 ally, due to the limited amount of Chinese corpus learned by LLaMa during the pre-training stage, 539 the performance of the LLaMa series models is 540 unsatisfactory such as LLaMa2-Chinese-13B-Chat-541 542 ms and Chinese-LLaVa-Cllama2. These results further demonstrate the importance of the Base-543 Model, which almost determines the upper limit of 544 model performance.

Scaling up the model size improves the performance with the similar BaseModel. The results in Table 3 showcase that Qwen-14B-Chat exceeds Qwen-7B-Chat and InternLM-Chat-20B exceeds InternLM-Chat-7B, which indicates that expanding the model scale will further improve the model performance when the BaseModel is the model of the same series. 546

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5 Conclusion

In this work, we propose TransportationGames, a carefully designed and thorough evaluation benchmark for assessing (M)LLMs in the transportation domain. By comprehensively considering the applications in real-world scenarios, we select 10 varied tasks including the text and image modality. Referring to the first three levels in Bloom's Taxonomy, we categorize these tasks into three skill levels to test the performance of various (M)LLMs in memorizing, understanding, and applying transportation knowledge. The experimental results show that although some models perform well in some tasks, there is still much room for improvement overall. Additionally, we analyze the key factors affecting model performance, which is helpful for how to further improve model performance. We hope the release of TransportationGames can serve as a foundation for future research, thereby accelerating the implementation and application of (M)LLMs in the field of transportation.

Furthermore, due to the need to connect to external databases for some scenarios in the transportation domain, such as real-time road condition queries and traffic flow prediction, our TransportationGames does not include these complex tasks. In future work, we will further test the ability of (M)LLMs as an agent to call relevant interfaces to achieve specified tasks.

Limitations

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data is collected from the Internet. Although the

original format of the data is complex and various,

it is still difficult to ensure that existing (M)LLMs

have not been directly trained on relevant data. We

will explore more effective methods to prevent data

tasks is very difficult, and we used ROUGE-L and

GPT-4-Eval to evaluate the model-generated pre-

dictions together in our work. Due to the non-

uniqueness of the answers, it is still difficult to

ensure that the same effect as manual evaluation

Moreover, due to time constraints and the large amount of existing open-source models, we only

test a small portion of common models in this work.

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A Data Distribution

The detailed data distribution is shown in Figure 2. All data in our TransportationGames has undergone meticulous manual verification. 848

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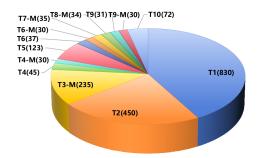


Figure 2: The distribution of data amounts for different tasks. "-M" means the multimodal dataset.

B Examples of Tasks

We list some examples for each task in Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5.

C An Example Instruction for GPT-4-Eval

We utilize GPT-4 to evaluate the model-generated answers for accuracy, redundancy, fluency, and completeness. The English version of the instruction is "Below, I will give a question and a standard answer to the question, as well as an answer generated by the question-and-answer model. Since the answer is not unique, please judge the rationality of the answer generated by the question-and-answer model according to the reference answer given and combined with the actual situation, and it is necessary to consider the logic/accuracy/redundancy/fluency/integrity of the generated answer. The returned format is JSON, and the field is gpt4-score: The value is a decimal in the range of 0 to 1. Three decimal places are reserved after the decimal point. Question: xxx. Standard answer: xxx. The answer generated by the question-and-answer model: xxx."

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Figure 3: There are some examples for the T1/T2/T3 tasks. The blue text represents the answer, and the gray text is the version of English.

(T4) Traffic Accidents Analysis

Question: 请从下面给出的交通事故发生经过中总结出事故的起因; 2022年3月17日6时34分许,王*驾驶豫*号重型 特殊结构货车由金志路方向沿高腾大道越过道路中心双黄实线左转往金曾路方向行驶,车行驶至重庆市 高新区高腾大道金曾路口人行横道线处时,其车辆车头将由其车行方向由右至左由人行横道线处横过道 路的行人覃**碰撞倒地后,车辆右侧车轮碾压覃**,造成行人覃**当场死亡的交通事故。

Please summarize the cause of the accident from the following traffic accident events; At 6:34 on March 17, 2022, Wang * drove Yu * heavy truck with special structure along Gaoteng Avenue from the direction of Jinzhi Road, crossed the double Yellow Solid line of the road center and turned left to the direction of Jinzeng Road. When the car reached the pedestrian crossing line at Jinzeng Intersection of Gaoteng Avenue, High-tech Zone, Chongqing, The front of the vehicle will be from the direction of the vehicle from right to left by the pedestrian crossing line across the road after the collision, the right wheel of the vehicle crushed Tan **, resulting in the pedestrian Tan ** on the spot death of the traffic accident.

→Answer: 王*驾驶机动车行驶过程中违反交通标线通行,遇行人正在通过人行横道时未停车让行,是本次事故发 生的直接原因, 覃**在事故中无过错行为。

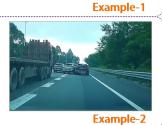
Wang * driving motor vehicles in the process of violation of traffic markings, pedestrians are passing through the crosswalk did not stop to give way, is the direct cause of the accident, Tan ** in the accident without fault behavior.

Question: 请分析图中可能造成交通事故发生的原因。

Please analyze the possible causes of traffic accidents in the figure.

→Answer: 图中银色车辆非法变道与相邻车道的车辆相撞。

The silver vehicle in the picture illegally changed lanes and collided with the vehicle in the adjacent lane.



(T5) Traffic Pubic Sentiment Analysis

Question: 下面我会给出公众提出的一些问题或者给出的一些建议,请从中概括出用户的真实诉求或建议; 真南路现状是连接嘉定区和上海市中心的主干道,同时真南路也是一条货物运输的主要道路,规划真南 路在众仁路口改道截断,并缩窄红线宽度至20米,对真南路车流影响很大,降低真南路道路通行能力, 造成比现状更加拥堵的情况,同时会产生噪音、污染、尘土、扰民等问题,小区居住品质下降。 Below I will give some questions or suggestions raised by the public, please summarize the real demands or suggestions of users:

The current status of Zhennan Road is the main road connecting Jiading District and downtown Shanghai. At the same time, Zhennan Road is also a major road for cargo transportation. The planned diversion and truncation of Zhennan Road at the entrance of Zhongren Road and the narrowing of the red line width to 20 meters will greatly affect the traffic flow of Zhennan Road and reduce the traffic capacity of Zhennan Road, resulting in more congestion than the current situation. At the same time, it will produce noise, pollution, dust, nuisance and other problems, and the living quality of the community will decline.

→Answer:保留真南路的通行能力,避免改道截断和缩窄红线,以维护交通流畅和改善居住环境。

To preserve the capacity of True South Road, avoid diversion to cut off and narrow the red line, in order to maintain traffic flow and improve the living environment.

Example-1

(T6) Traffic Safety Recommendation

Question:你是交通领域的专家,请回答我下面提出来的问题;若某地有较强合风预警,某人计划出行,对于交通 出行他应考虑哪些事项?同时评估该路段的交通事故风险。 You are an expert in the field of transportation, please answer the questions I put forward below; If there is a strong typhoon warning in a place and someone plans to travel, what should he consider about transportation? At the same time, the risk of traffic accidents is assessed. →Answer:台风天气,请确保车辆停放在安全的地方,并注意避开易发生水灾的低洼地区。该路段交通事故的可能 性较高,请尽量避免出行。 In typhoon weather, please ensure that your vehicle is parked in a safe place, and take care to avoid low-lying areas prone to flooding. There is a high probability of traffic accidents on this section of road, please try to avoid traveling Example-1 Question:分析图中的交通隐患并给出相应的安全出行建议。 Traffic hazards in the figure are analyzed and corresponding safe travel suggestions are given. →Answer: 电动车超载会增加操控难度,甚至出现前轮翘起、转弯困难的情 况,并造成制动距离延长等问题。在进入弯道、横向盘山坡道或制 度时,极易产生侧滑或原地侧翻、掉沟等严重事故。安全出行电动 车出行应严禁超载超员驾驶。 Overload of electric vehicles will increase the difficulty of handling, and even appear front wheel warping, difficult turning, and cause problems such as prolonged braking distance. Serious accidents such as sideslip, rollover in place, ditching, etc. are likely to occur when entering a curve, lateral mountain ramp or system. Safe travel Electric vehicle travel should be strictly prohibited overloading and overdriving. Example-2

Figure 4: There are some examples for the **T4/T5/T6** tasks.

(T7) Traffic Sign Error Detection

Question:请分析以下图片中交通标线存在的不合理的地方。

Please analyze the unreasonable place of traffic marking in the following picture

→Answer: 新旧交通标志线并存,容易造成干扰。

The coexistence of old and new traffic signs is easy to cause interference.

(T8) Traffic Road Occupation Detection

Question:请分析图片中存在什么非法占道现象。

Please analyze the picture for illegal traffic.

→Answer: 图片中存在非法占用消防通道的现象。

There is illegal occupation of fire escape in the picture.

(T9) Traffic Emergency Plan Generation



(T10) Traffic Safety Education Copy Generation

Question: 你是交通领域的教育专家,请帮我给学生设计公共出行主题的交通安全教育材料 You are an education expert in the field of transportation. Please help me design traffic safety education materials on the theme of public travel for students
→Answer: 1、不在机动车道等公交车和追逐车辆。

4. 水在机动车道等公交车和追逐车辆。
5. 非凡候车,有序上下车。
6. 乘坐时坐稳扶好,在车内不玩耍打闹,不饮食,不把头、手等身体任何部位伸出窗外。
4. 不乘坐超载或无载客许可证的车辆。
5. 车子停稳后从右侧下车。
1. Do not wait for buses and chase vehicles in the motorway.
2. Queue up and get on and off the bus in an orderly manner.
3. Sit firmly and hold well when riding, do not play in the car, do not stick out of the window any part of the body such as the head, hands.
4. Do not take overloaded or no passenger permit vehicles.
5. Get off from the right side after the car has stopped.

Figure 5: There are some examples for the T7/T8/T9/T10 tasks.