

# ULTRA-FAST LANGUAGE GENERATION VIA DISCRETE DIFFUSION DIVERGENCE INSTRUCT

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## ABSTRACT

Fast and high-quality language generation remains a central goal in the age of AI. In this work, we introduce Discrete Diffusion Divergence Instruct (**DiDi-Instruct**), a training-based method that initializes from a pre-trained (masked) diffusion large language model (dLLM) and distills a few-step student for fast generation. The model distilled with DiDi-Instruct matches or surpasses its dLLM teacher and the GPT-2 baseline while providing up to  $64\times$  acceleration. The theoretical foundation of DiDi-Instruct is a novel framework based on integral KL-divergence minimization, which leads to a practical training algorithm. To further improve training stability, model coverage, and inference quality, we further introduce *grouped reward normalization*, *intermediate-state matching*, and the *reward-guided ancestral sampler*. On the OpenWebText benchmark, DiDi-Instruct achieves perplexity ranging from 62.2 (8 NFEs) to 18.4 (128 NFEs), outperforming prior accelerated dLLMs and GPT-2 baseline. These gains incur a negligible entropy loss (around 1%) and reduce additional training wall-clock time by more than  $20\times$  compared to competing dLLM distillation methods. We further validate the robustness and effectiveness of DiDi-Instruct through extensive ablation studies, model scaling, downstream task evaluations, and unconditional protein sequence generation. Overall, DiDi-Instruct enables efficient and effective distillation for language generation in the blink of an eye.

Code: [github.com/haoyangzheng-ai/didi-instruct](https://github.com/haoyangzheng-ai/didi-instruct)

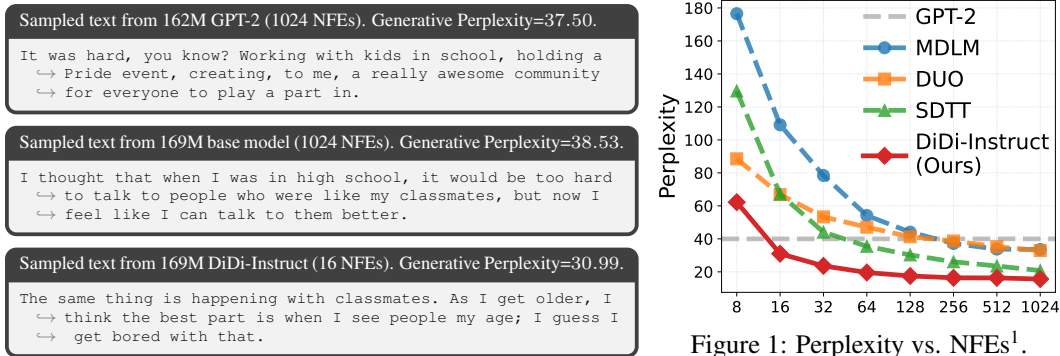


Figure 1: Perplexity vs. NFEs<sup>1</sup>.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Fast language sequence generation has been a long-standing goal for large-scale AI systems. Autoregressive (AR) large language models (LLMs) have achieved remarkable success across a wide range of natural language tasks (Brown et al., 2020; Meta AI, 2023; Achiam et al., 2023; Team et al., 2024). By predicting the next token from left to right using causal attention of Transformers (Vaswani et al., 2017), AR models can scale to billions or even trillions of parameters while

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<sup>1</sup>Baselines include GPT-2, masked diffusion language models (MDLM; Sahoo et al. (2024)), diffusion duality (DUO; Sahoo et al. (2025)), and self-distillation through time (SDTT; Deschenaux & Gulcehre (2025)).

delivering state-of-the-art performance (Touvron et al., 2023). However, the interior mechanism that enables this success also imposes an inherent bottleneck: tokens must be generated sequentially, which limits parallelism and constrains throughput at scales (Leviathan et al., 2023; Kim et al., 2023; Ning et al., 2024). *Even with recent computation optimization, such as KV caches, AR models still face a significant throughput ceiling.*

Inspired by continuous diffusion models for images (Song et al., 2021b; Ho et al., 2020), diffusion large language models (dLLMs) (Li et al., 2022) reinterpret text generation as an iterative denoising process over token sequences, offering a competitive alternative to the AR model. Concretely, a dLLM starts from a fully corrupted sequence and learns to progressively denoise it into a clean text sequence. This inference paradigm leverages bidirectional attention in the Transformer, allowing dLLMs generate sequences with fewer numbers of function evaluations (NFEs) than AR models.

Despite their strong performance and improved efficiency, dLLMs still require many denoising steps during inference, creating an inference time bottleneck. For example, on the OpenWebText benchmark, *dLLMs still need up to 256 NFEs to match the performance of a GPT2 model when generating sequences of length 1024.* To mitigate this limitation, several distillation methods for dLLMs have been proposed to train few-step generators to produce high-quality samples without performance degradation. Notably, SDTT (Deschenaux & Gulcehre, 2025) trains a student to match a teacher’s predictions across time-steps, enabling the student to generate at least 32 tokens per step and achieving up to  $8\times$  speedups over AR models. Later, DUO (Sahoo et al., 2025) relates dLLMs to Gaussian diffusion and introduces curriculum learning and discrete consistency distillation to support few-step sampling. DiMO (Zhu et al., 2025b) matches the token-level distribution of dLLMs and uses a token initialization strategy to obtain a one-step generator. We defer a detailed, side-by-side introduction and discussions of their distillation mechanisms to Appendix A.3. While these studies advance the frontier of fast language generation, their generation throughput still leaves substantial room for improvement: *on OpenWebText, even the most recent SDTT can not match the performance of GPT2 baseline within 32 NFEs.* Moreover, existing distillation methods are motivated by heuristic design choices, lacking well-established theoretical justification.

In this work, we introduce **Discrete Diffusion Divergence Instruct (DiDi-Instruct)**, a novel distillation framework for fast language generation. The learning objective of DiDi-Instruct is to minimize the Integral Kullback–Leibler (IKL) divergence, introduced by the seminal work of Luo et al. (2023b) for the continuous diffusion model. By minimizing IKL between the distributions of a few-step student generator and a pre-trained teacher dLLM, the student is trained to match the teacher’s generation distribution, while achieving substantially improved inference efficiency. Directly adapting IKL to masked diffusion models (MDMs), however, is nontrivial due to the discrete and non-differentiable operations inherent in dLLM generation. To overcome these challenges, we develop a comprehensive solution spanning **objective design**, **training stability**, and **inference efficiency**. Specifically, we make the following contributions:

- *Principled Training for Fast Sequence Generation:* We reformulate the distillation objective from a general policy gradient perspective, deriving a simple yet tractable update rule for the few-step student according to some reward function. Using an adversarial language discriminator to estimate the log-density ratio (reward) between the teacher dLLM and the student, we introduce a practical DiDi-Instruct algorithm that trains the few-step student, paired with an assistant discriminator.
- *Simple yet Effective Techniques in Training and Inference:* We introduce *grouped reward normalization*, *intermediate-state matching*, and the *reward-guided ancestral sampler* (RGAS) that substantially improve the training stability, the model coverage, and the inference performances, reducing the perplexity of generated sequences by 30%.
- *State-of-the-Art Fast Sequence Generation:* DiDi-Instruct achieves new state-of-the-art performance on the OpenWebText benchmark: consistently lower PPL across 8 to 128 NFEs (Figure 1), negligible entropy loss, and over  $20\times$  faster distillation; detailed ablations, model scaling, downstream tasks, and protein sequence generation further confirm its robustness.

To the best of our knowledge, DiDi-Instruct is the first framework to successfully apply distribution-matching distillation to MDM-based text generation, along with record-breaking performances in few-step language sequence generation.

## 2 RELATED WORK

**Continuous-space diffusion distillation.** Diffusion models (Song et al., 2021b; Ho et al., 2020; Sohl-Dickstein et al., 2015) perturb data by adding Gaussian noise in a forward diffusion process and then learn the reverse-time dynamics (formulated as a stochastic differential equation) using score networks. Early efforts to accelerate sampling reduced the number of calls to iterative samplers using training-free high-order ODE solvers (Song et al., 2021a; Lu et al., 2022; Karras et al., 2022; Xue et al., 2023). However, such solver-based acceleration suffered from discretization error in less than 10 generation steps. Luhman & Luhman (2021) and Salimans & Ho (2022) first introduce training the few-step student models by learning the consecutive trajectory mapping of diffusion solvers. The seminal work of Song et al. (2023) and Luo et al. (2023b) pioneer the one-step generation of diffusion models through different distillation principles. Specifically, consistency models (Song et al., 2023) distill the few-step models with the trajectory consistency principle, resulting in strong performances (Song & Dhariwal, 2024; Lu & Song, 2025; Geng et al., 2025b; Luo et al., 2023a; Kim et al., 2024; Geng et al., 2025a). Diff-Instruct (Luo et al., 2023b) introduced the distribution matching principle that distills one-step generative models, resulting in leading efficient image generative models (Wang et al., 2025; Luo et al., 2025a; 2024; Luo, 2025; Xu et al., 2025; Yin et al., 2024b;a; Xie et al., 2024; Fan et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2024; Luo et al., 2025b;c). Inspired by Diff-Instruct, this work leverages the distribution-matching principle to tackle the more challenging problem of discrete language sequence generation.

**Discrete diffusion for language.** Discrete diffusion model first proposed by Hoogeboom et al. (2021) with categorical transitions via argmax flows. Later, Austin et al. (2021) introduced structured transition matrices and auxiliary cross-entropy objectives for training. For language modeling, two principal families of dLLMs have emerged. Masked diffusion models (MDMs) (Lou et al., 2024; Sahoo et al., 2024; Shi et al., 2024; Ou et al., 2025) and Uniform-state diffusion models (USDMs) (Austin et al., 2021; Gulrajani & Hashimoto, 2023; Schiff et al., 2025; Sahoo et al., 2025). MDMs treat the forward process as progressive masking of tokens. At the highest noise level, every token is replaced by a special [MASK] symbol; the reverse process gradually un.masks them. Once a token is unmasked, it remains fixed, but many tokens can be denoised simultaneously. Intuitively, MDMs essentially train BERT (Devlin et al., 2019) under a hierarchy of noise levels, motivated by a scaling-based rationale for generation (He et al., 2023; Sahoo et al., 2024). USDMs instead corrupt tokens by sampling from a uniform distribution over the vocabulary. Consequently, each token can change multiple times during sampling, enabling self-correction and strong theoretical connections to continuous Gaussian diffusion. Subsequent work on dLLMs both elucidates training and decoding challenges (Zheng et al., 2025; Kim et al., 2025) and scales model size to billion-parameter scale (Nie et al., 2025; Zhu et al., 2025a; Song et al., 2025; Ye et al., 2025; Xie et al., 2025; Khanna et al., 2025). Our distillation framework adopts ideas from continuous-time IKL and is specifically designed for dLLMs to ensure tractable training and efficient inference.

## 3 PRELIMINARY

This section introduces the notations for MDMs (Sec. 3.1) and the integral KL divergence (Sec. 3.2), which will also be used in the proposed DiDi-Instruct algorithm (Sec. 4). We consider a vocabulary of size  $K$ , where each token in the vocabulary is represented by a one-hot vector. The set of all such vectors is  $\mathcal{V} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^K \mid \sum_{j=1}^K x_j = 1\}$ . The  $K$ -th token is reserved for the special [MASK] token, whose one-hot encoding is noted by vector  $\mathbf{m}$  with the  $K$ -th entry being 1 and all others being 0. To generate a length- $L$  sequence  $\mathbf{x}^{1:L} = (\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^L) \in \mathcal{V}^L$ , we assume the process factorizes across positions, i.e., each index  $\ell \in \{1, \dots, L\}$  evolves independently. We adopt a continuous time index  $t \in [0, 1]$  with a monotonically decreasing noise schedule  $\alpha_t \in [0, 1]$  satisfying  $\alpha_0 \approx 1$  and  $\alpha_1 \approx 0$ . Finally, we denote  $K$ -simplex as  $\Delta^K$ .

### 3.1 MASKED DIFFUSION MODELS

**Forward process.** In the forward corruption process, once a token transitions to the masked state  $\mathbf{m}$ , it never reverts. Under independent per-token transitions,  $\mathbf{x}^{1:L}$  converges to the fully masked sequence  $(\mathbf{m}, \dots, \mathbf{m})$  with probability 1 as  $t \rightarrow 1$  (Sahoo et al., 2024). Concretely, a clean token  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$  transitions to a latent state  $\mathbf{z}_t \in \mathcal{V}$  at time  $t \in (0, 1]$ . This absorbing-state process implies

that  $\mathbf{z}_t$  either stays as the original token  $\mathbf{x}$  with probability  $\alpha_t$  or transitions to  $\mathbf{m}$  with probability  $1 - \alpha_t$ . The forward corruption kernel is:

$$\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}) = \text{Cat}(\mathbf{z}_t; \alpha_t \mathbf{x} + (1 - \alpha_t) \mathbf{m}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\text{Cat}(\mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\pi})$  denotes a Categorical distribution over the one-hot vector  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{V}$  with probability vector  $\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Delta^K$ . For  $s < t$ , the exact posterior has two cases:

$$\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_s | \mathbf{z}_t, \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \text{Cat}(\mathbf{z}_s; \mathbf{z}_t), & \mathbf{z}_t \neq \mathbf{m}, \\ \text{Cat}\left(\mathbf{z}_s; \frac{(1 - \alpha_s) \mathbf{m} + (\alpha_s - \alpha_t) \mathbf{x}}{1 - \alpha_t}\right), & \mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

The intuition of Equation (2) is: at time  $t$ , an unmasked token implies a deterministic past, whereas a masked token implies a past probabilistic mixture governed by the noise schedule.

**Backward process.** The reverse process of MDMs iteratively reconstructs the original uncorrupted sequence from the noised input by replacing masked tokens. This is achieved through a learned neural network  $\mathbf{p}_\theta : \mathcal{V} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \Delta^K$  that predicts the clean token  $\mathbf{x}$  from its corrupted version  $\mathbf{z}_t$  at time  $t$ . The output of  $\mathbf{p}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  satisfies that (i) the predicted distribution forms valid categorical distribution that sum to 1, (ii) the prediction  $\mathbf{p}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  assigns zero probability mass to the [MASK] token, and (iii) once a token is unmasked, its state remains fixed in all subsequent steps.

When applied to sequences  $\mathbf{x}^{1:L}$ , the denoising process is assumed to be token-wise independent. A network  $\mathbf{p}_\theta^{1:L}(\mathbf{z}_t^{1:L}, t)$  predicts the distribution over the entire sequence, where  $\mathbf{p}_\theta^\ell(\mathbf{z}_t^{1:L}, t)$  specifies the distribution for the  $\ell$ -th token. The reverse transition from  $\mathbf{z}_t$  to  $\mathbf{z}_s$  is defined as  $\mathcal{P}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_s | \mathbf{z}_t) = \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_s | \mathbf{z}_t, \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t))$ . We extend this to sequences by factorizing the process over the sequence of length  $L$ :  $\mathcal{P}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_s^{1:L} | \mathbf{z}_t^{1:L}) = \prod_{\ell=1}^L \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_s^\ell | \mathbf{z}_t^\ell, \mathbf{p}_\theta^\ell(\mathbf{z}_t^{1:L}, t))$ . In continuous time, minimizing the negative evidence lower bound (NELBO) provides a tractable training objective (Shi et al., 2024):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NELBO}}^\infty(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_q \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{d\alpha_t}{dt} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_t} \left[ \sum_{\ell: \mathbf{z}_t^\ell = \mathbf{m}} \mathbf{x}^{\ell^\top} \log \mathbf{p}_\theta^\ell(\mathbf{z}_t^{1:L}, t) \right] dt \right]. \quad (3)$$

### 3.2 INTEGRAL KL DIVERGENCE

Let  $\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  denote the forward teacher marginal and  $\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  the student marginal parameterized by  $\nu$ <sup>1</sup>. To distill knowledge from  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$  to  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  across different noise levels  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we minimize the integral Kullback-Leibler (IKL) divergence (introduced in Luo et al. (2023b)), which aggregates the discrepancy between  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$  over time domain:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{IKL}}(\mathbf{q}_\nu \| \mathbf{q}_\theta) := \int_0^1 \omega(t) \text{KL}(\mathbf{q}_\nu \| \mathbf{q}_\theta) dt = \int_0^1 \omega(t) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} \left[ \log \frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} \right] dt, \quad (4)$$

where  $\omega(t)$  is a positive weighting function<sup>2</sup>. Intuitively, both  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  are full-support for any  $t \in [0, 1]$  due to diffusion, making each term  $\text{KL}(\mathbf{q}_\nu \| \mathbf{q}_\theta)$  finite and smooth. IKL integrates this continuum of reliable comparisons, ensuring the student learns the teacher’s complete denoising behavior, which leads to more stable and effective training than only matching the final output.

It is clear that if we can minimize the IKL divergence (4) between a few-step student language model and a pre-trained dLLM teacher model, the student is able to match the teacher’s generation ability with much improved efficiency.

## 4 METHODOLOGY

The extension of IKL to distill MDMs presents several inherent challenges. This section details the comprehensive solution via advances in objective design, training stability, and inference efficiency.

<sup>1</sup>Unless otherwise specified,  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  denote the full collections  $\mathbf{q}_\theta^{1:L}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\nu^{1:L}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$ .

<sup>2</sup>To simplify notation, we abbreviate  $\mathbf{z}_t^{1:L}$  as  $\mathbf{z}_t$ , and  $\mathbf{x}^{1:L}$  as  $\mathbf{x}$  unless stated otherwise.

#### 4.1 DISCRETE DIFFUSION DIVERGENCE INSTRUCTION

The main challenge in distilling MDMs is the discrete nature of the state space. The gradient formulation in Luo et al. (2023b) relies on differentiating through  $\mathbf{z}_t$ . In MDMs, the forward process involves non-differentiable operations (e.g.,  $\arg \max$ ), making this gradient inapplicable (Zekri & Boullé, 2025). To address this, Zhu et al. (2025b) proposed a proxy model to approximate  $\mathbf{z}_t$  and reported promising results for text-to-image tasks. However, its effectiveness in text generation remains underexplored. Instead, we draw inspiration from the policy gradient method (Schulman et al., 2017; Fan et al., 2023) to obtain a rigorous solution. By decomposing the objective gradient as a score function weighted by a log-density ratio, we derive the following gradient estimation.

**Theorem 4.1** (Score-Function Identity). *Let the objective  $\mathcal{L}(\nu)$  be the weighted IKL divergences between student and teacher marginals,  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$ . The gradient of the objective admits:*

$$\nabla_\nu \mathcal{L}(\nu) = \mathbb{E}_{t \sim \pi(t), \mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{Q}} \left[ \frac{\omega(t)}{\pi(t)} \cdot R(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \cdot \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1) \right], \quad (5)$$

where time  $t$  is sampled from distribution  $\pi(t)$ , and  $R(\mathbf{z}_t, t) := \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  is the reward (i.e., the log-density ratio between the student and teacher) evaluated at  $(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$ .

The proof is deferred to Appendix B. Theorem 4.1 shows that the IKL gradient admits a score-function form that does not differentiate through the discrete sampling path. We sample  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{Q}$  and differentiate only  $\log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)$ . The reward  $R(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  then weights this score to guide distillation toward matching the teacher’s marginal at time  $t$ .

#### 4.2 DENSITY-RATIO ESTIMATION

The reward is a mathematically natural choice for distribution matching. However, both  $\log \mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\log \mathbf{q}_\theta$  are intractable to compute exactly. To address this, we avoid estimating the individual densities and instead approximate their ratio directly. Inspired by Goodfellow et al. (2014); Wang et al. (2025), we train an auxiliary discriminator for this purpose. Intuitively, the optimal discriminator, which differentiates  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$ , implicitly encodes their density ratio, as its output probability directly reflects the relative likelihood of the two distributions. We therefore model the reward as a function of the discriminator.

**Lemma 4.2** (Density Ratio Representation). *Let  $D_\lambda : \mathcal{V}^L \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1)^L$  be a parameterized discriminator to distinguish samples from the student marginal  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and the teacher marginal  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$ . For the optimal discriminator  $D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$ , the density ratio satisfies*

$$\frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} = \frac{D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{1 - D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}.$$

Following Lemma 4.2, we construct a tractable reward signal  $R(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  by aggregating the log-density ratios across all masked positions. Let  $M$  denote the number of masked tokens in the sequence. The reward can be estimated using the discriminator  $D_\lambda$  as follows:

$$R(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\ell, \mathbf{z}_t^\ell = \mathbf{m}} \log \frac{D_\lambda^\ell(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{1 - D_\lambda^\ell(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}, \quad (6)$$

where  $D_\lambda^\ell(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the  $\ell$ -th element of  $D_\lambda(\cdot, \cdot)$ . This formulation provides a tractable and computable reward signal for our objective based on  $D_\lambda$ . For more details, please check Appendix C.

#### 4.3 GROUPED REWARD NORMALIZATION

Although the reward estimator in (6) is tractable, its direct use in score-function gradients can exhibit high variance (Williams, 1992). We therefore adopt Group Relative Policy Optimization (Shao et al., 2024; Team et al., 2025) to standardize rewards within each mini-batch. Given a mini-batch of size  $G$ , we draw  $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^G$  from  $\pi(t)$ , estimate  $\{\mathbf{z}_{t_i}\}_{i=1}^G$  and  $\{R(\mathbf{z}_{t_i}, t_i)\}_{i=1}^G$  correspondingly<sup>3</sup>. The final

<sup>3</sup>For clarity and concision, we denote  $R(\mathbf{z}_{t_i}^{1:L}, t_i)$  as  $R_i$ , and  $D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}_{t_i}^{1:L}, t_i)$  as  $D_i$  throughout.



stabilized reward  $\tilde{R}_i$  is obtained by normalizing  $R_i$  with the mean  $\mu_g$  and variance  $\sigma_g^2$ :

$$\tilde{R}_i = \frac{R_i - \mu_g}{\sigma_g + \epsilon}, \quad \text{where } \mu_g = \frac{1}{G} \sum_{i=1}^G R_i \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_g^2 = \frac{1}{G} \sum_{i=1}^G (R_i - \mu_g)^2. \quad (7)$$

Here, a small constant  $\epsilon > 0$  is used for numerical stability. Replacing the raw reward  $R_i$  with this stabilized reward  $\tilde{R}_i$  in the gradient estimator yields a more robust and stable update rule.

#### 4.4 THE PROPOSED ALGORITHMS

**Adversarial reward estimation.** We train a parameterized discriminator  $D_\lambda$  to separate corrupted samples from  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$  at time  $t$ . For each mini-batch index  $i$ , we start from the all-masked sequence to sample  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{x}' \sim \mathbf{p}_\theta$ , then corrupt both to the same noise level  $t_i$  via (2) to obtain  $\mathbf{z}_i \sim \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{z}'_i \sim \mathcal{Q}$ . The discriminator is optimized with balanced binary cross-entropy:

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\lambda) = -\frac{1}{G} \sum_{i=1}^G \left[ \log D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}_i, t_i) + \log(1 - D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_i, t_i)) \right]. \quad (8)$$

At optimality (i.e., for  $\lambda^*$ ), the discriminator satisfies  $D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \approx \frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) + \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}$ . This indicates that logit  $D_{\lambda^*}$  provides a tractable estimate of the log-density ratio used in (6).

**Remark 4.3.** Compared with regression-based distillation (e.g., SDTT (Deschenaux & Gulcehre, 2025) and DUO (Sahoo et al., 2025)), distillation is more delicate to optimize and requires proper regularization, but it is also crucial for achieving high-fidelity generation with very few diffusion steps (Dhariwal & Nichol, 2021). To promote training stability, we (i) initialize both  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$  and  $D_\lambda$  from the pre-trained teacher; (ii) warm up  $D_\lambda$  while freezing  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$  for an initial phase, and (iii) clip both rewards and gradients in the policy update to avoid exploding updates. Empirically, we monitor discriminator accuracy and observe that it consistently stays in a non-saturated regime.

**Score function decomposition.** While sampling directly from  $\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}$  ( $t = 1$ ) to  $\mathbf{x}$  is suitable for one-step generators, it induces collapse in multi-step regimes: the student never conditions on intermediate states and tends toward low-entropy, mode-seeking behavior (Zhu et al., 2025b). To expose the student to intermediate corruption levels, we approximate the score from (5) by decomposing it at a randomly sampled time  $t_i \sim \pi(t)$  and its corresponding state  $\mathbf{z}_i$ , which gives:

$$\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1) \approx \nabla_\nu \log \mathcal{P}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_i | \mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}) + \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_i, t_i). \quad (9)$$

Training with the split score (9) exposes the student to a distribution of intermediate states and mitigates entropy collapse, while remaining compatible with the IKL estimator.

**End-to-end training algorithm.** The training procedure of DiDi-Instruct alternates between updating the discriminator  $D_\lambda$  and the student  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$ , which is summarized in Algorithm 1 and visualized in Figure 2. Each iteration consists of two phases: (1) the discriminator is updated to better distinguish between corrupted samples from  $\mathbf{p}_\theta$  and  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$ ; (2) we apply (5) with the normalized reward and the decomposed score to stabilize gradient updates. This alternating scheme yields a robust few-step student generator whose marginals closely match those of the teacher across corruption levels.

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##### Algorithm 1 DiDi-Instruct

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for each training step do
  Sample  $t_i \sim \pi(t)$ , and
   $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t = 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{x}' \sim \mathbf{p}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t = 1)$ .
  Corrupt  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  to partially masked  $\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}'_i$ .
  Update discriminator  $D_\lambda$  with (8).
  Update student  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$  with (5)-(7), and (9).
return student  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$  and discriminator  $D_\lambda$ .

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##### Algorithm 2 RGAS

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Initialize  $\mathbf{z}_N \leftarrow (\mathbf{m}, \dots, \mathbf{m})$ .
for  $n = N, \dots, 1$  do
  if  $n$  in early stage then
    Sample  $\mathbf{z}_{n-1}$  with (10) ( $h > 0, M = 1$ ).
  else
    Sample  $\mathbf{z}_{n-1}$  with (10)-(11) ( $h = 0, M \geq 1$ ).
  Set  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}_0$ . return sequence  $\mathbf{x}$ .

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**Reward-guided ancestral sampler.** We further propose a decoding strategy that leverages the trained discriminator to guide ancestral sampling (AS) (Shi et al., 2024; Zheng et al., 2025). Starting from a fully masked sequence  $\mathbf{z}_N = (\mathbf{m}, \dots, \mathbf{m})$  at  $t_N = 1$ , the procedure generates samples

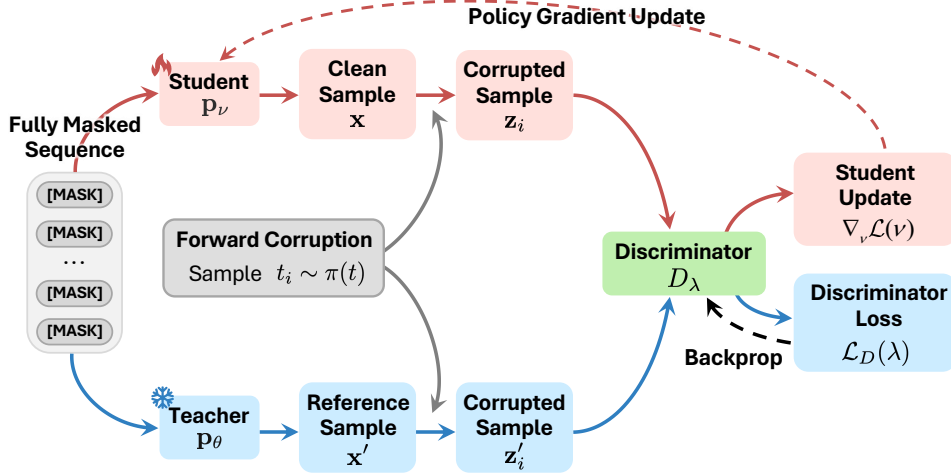


Figure 2: The visualized pipeline of DiDi-Instruct (summarized in Algorithm 1). Given a fully masked input  $\mathbf{z}_t$  ( $t = 1$ ), both the **student**  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$  and the **teacher (assistant model)**  $\mathbf{p}_\theta$  produce clean samples  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$ , which are corrupted at  $t_i \sim \pi(t)$  to form  $\mathbf{z}_i$  and  $\mathbf{z}'_i$ . The **discriminator**  $D_\lambda$  is trained to classify these outputs, while its reward signal (6) enables the gradient update (5) for the student. The red line represents the gradient flow for the **student's update step**, and the blue line represents the gradient flow for the **auxiliary model's update step**.

by iteratively denoising from  $t_n$  to  $t_{n-1}$  for  $n = N, \dots, 1$ , following the student's backward distribution  $\mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_{n-1}|\mathbf{z}_n)$ . Specifically, for  $\mathbf{z}_n^\ell \in \mathcal{V}$  ( $\ell = 1, \dots, L$ ), we consider a tilted transition:

$$\mathbf{z}_{n-1}^\ell = \begin{cases} \mathbf{z}_n^\ell, & \text{if } \mathbf{z}_n^\ell \neq \mathbf{m}, \\ \sim \text{Cat} \left[ \frac{(1 - \alpha_{n-1})\mathbf{m} + (\alpha_{n-1} - \alpha_n)\mathbf{p}_\nu^\ell(\mathbf{z}_n, t_n)}{1 - \alpha_n} \right], & \text{if } \mathbf{z}_n^\ell = \mathbf{m}, \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

where the logits for masked tokens are augmented with the reward gradient:

$$\mathbf{p}_\nu^\ell(\mathbf{z}_n, t_n) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{e}_{z_n^\ell}, & \text{if } \mathbf{z}_n^\ell \neq \mathbf{m}, \\ \left[ \text{softmax}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\nu^\ell(\mathbf{z}_n, t_n) + h\nabla R(\mathbf{z}_n, t_n)), 0 \right], & \text{if } \mathbf{z}_n^\ell = \mathbf{m}. \end{cases}$$

Here,  $\mathbf{e}_{z_n^\ell} \in \mathcal{V}$  denotes the one-hot vector with a 1 at index  $z_n^\ell$  and 0 elsewhere, and  $h$  denotes the tilting scale. RGAS adjusts  $h$  and the number of candidates  $M$  across the denoising process: For early steps ( $t_n \approx 1$ ), we use *gradient tilting* ( $h > 0, M = 1$ ) to steer global structure toward high-reward regions. For late steps ( $t_n \approx 0$ ), we switch to *multi-candidate re-ranking* ( $h = 0, M > 1$ ): we draw  $M$  candidates  $\{\mathbf{z}_{n-1}^{(m)}\}_{m=1}^M$ <sup>4</sup> from (10) with  $h = 0$ , then select  $\mathbf{z}_{n-1}$  according to:

$$\mathbf{z}_{n-1} \sim \text{Cat} \left[ \frac{\exp[R(\mathbf{z}_{n-1}^{(m)}, t_{n-1})]}{\sum_{m=1}^M \exp[R(\mathbf{z}_{n-1}^{(m)}, t_{n-1})]} \right]. \quad (11)$$

To decompose score estimation in (9) and sample the intermediate state  $\mathbf{z}_i$  at  $t_i$ , we set  $h = 0$  and  $M = 1$  to mitigate the risk of reward hacking (Skalse et al., 2022; Gao et al., 2023). The complete procedure is summarized in Algorithm 2.

## 5 EXPERIMENTS

**Experimental setup.** In the experiment, we distill a pre-trained teacher model into an efficient few-step student generator with DiDi-Instruct. All models are trained on OWT (Gokaslan et al., 2019). Following standard practices (Sahoo et al., 2025), we tokenize the corpus using the GPT-2 tokenizer, pack sequences to a context length of 1024, and hold out the last 100,000 documents for validation.

The teacher is a 169M parameter MDLM with a Diffusion Transformer (Peebles & Xie, 2023) (12 layers, 12 attention heads, 768 hidden dimension). We pre-trained this model from scratch for 1024

<sup>4</sup>For simplicity, we denote the  $m$ -th candidate of  $\mathbf{z}_{t_n}^{1:L}$  as  $\mathbf{z}_{t_n}^{(m)}$ .

NFEs, achieving a perplexity of 38.53 and an entropy of 5.22. The student model shares an identical architecture to ensure a fair comparison. The reward model is a 131M parameter network based on the same backbone, but with a new randomly initialized classification head. This head consists of two linear layers with spectral normalization and a SiLU activation function. During distillation, the reward model and the student generator are trained adversarially in an alternating fashion.

The distillation process runs 10,000 iterations using the AdamW optimizer with a learning rate of  $10^{-6}$  and no warm-up. The teacher model was pre-trained on 8 NVIDIA H100 GPUs. In contrast, our DiDi-Instruct distillation is highly efficient, requiring only a single H100 GPU. All training procedures leverage `bfloat16` for acceleration. Additional details are provided in Appendix D.

### 5.1 EXPERIMENTAL RESULT AND ANALYSIS

This section shows that DiDi-Instruct not only achieves state-of-the-art performance in sample quality, particularly in the few-step generation regime, but also offers substantial improvements in training and inference efficiency.

**Generation results.** We evaluate generative quality by sampling text from the distilled student from 8 to 128 NFEs and measuring GPT-2 Large generative PPL and average sequence entropy. Figure 1 shows that DiDi-Instruct consistently outperforms all baselines in PPL across all sampling steps. Notably, with only 16 NFEs, our model’s PPL already surpasses that of the 1024-step teacher model. At 1024 NFEs, DiDi-Instruct achieves a final PPL of 15.62, a reduction of over 24% compared to the strongest baseline. These performance gains are achieved with a negligible loss in diversity; the generative entropy from 8 to 128 NFEs is 5.17, 5.21, 5.18, 5.15, and 5.15, respectively (e.g., 1024-step teacher model is 5.22), indicating sample diversity is well-preserved.

We further assess sample fidelity and diversity using MAUVE (Pillutla et al., 2021) and Self-BLEU (Papineni et al., 2002; Montahaei et al., 2019). In appendix E.1, DiDi-Instruct achieves superior distribution matching (higher MAUVE) and reduced mode collapse (lower Self-BLEU) compared to SDTT and DUO, confirming the improvement comes without compromising generative diversity.

**Efficiency-performance tradeoff.** DiDi-Instruct offers substantial computational advantages in both training and inference. Our single-round distillation framework completes training in around one H100 GPU hour, in contrast to the 20+ GPU hours required by multi-round methods (Sahoo et al., 2024; Deschenaux & Gulcehre, 2025). During inference, DiDi-Instruct demonstrates a superior throughput-latency profile. Under a standardized benchmark on a single H100 GPU, it achieves 2366 tokens/sec, representing a  $13.2\times$  speedup over an AR model of the same size at matched perplexity. We provide detailed benchmarks and setup configurations in Appendix E.2.

**Zero-shot likelihood.** Distilling a model for few-step generations can risk degrading its core language understanding and causing mode collapse. We assess this trade-off by evaluating zero-shot PPL on seven out-of-domain corpora (PTB, WikiText, LM1B, LAMBADA, AG News, PubMed, and ArXiv), with results presented in Table 9. The evaluation shows that DiDi-Instruct strikes an effective balance. It consistently improves upon the DUO distilled baseline, validating our superior distillation process. Crucially, while it trails some of the full, undistilled models as expected, it maintains a highly competitive level of performance. These results confirm that DiDi-Instruct achieves its goal of sampling efficiency while preserving robust zero-shot generalization.

**Sample quality.** Appendix E.10 presents full text excerpts with per-sample metrics (PPL and entropy) for the 1024-step teacher and DiDi-Instruct students from 8 to 128 NFEs, which confirms a clear improvement in narrative quality. The 8-step student exhibits expected repetition, a common artifact of rapid sampling. However, this issue is resolved by 16 NFEs, at which point the student model already surpasses the 1024-step teacher in paragraph-level coherence and topic adherence. This ability to construct focused and specific narratives strengthens as NFEs increase to 128, indicating that DiDi-Instruct not only preserves fluency but actively enhances the model’s ability to generate structured, coherent text.

### 5.2 ABLATION STUDIES

We conduct comprehensive ablation studies to validate the contribution of each component in DiDi-Instruct. We perform two types of analyses: a cumulative study (Table 1) that progressively adds



techniques to a baseline, showing their synergistic benefits, and a leave-one-out study (Table 2) that removes individual components to confirm their necessity. Implementation details can refer to E.5.

Table 1: Cumulative ablation study. We start from a baseline model and *progressively add* the listed tricks on top of the previous row (top→bottom). Metrics are reported as PPL↓ and Entropy↑ for different NFEs. The teacher with 1024 NFEs yields entropy 5.22.

Configurations	8 NFEs		16 NFEs		32 NFEs		64 NFEs		128 NFEs	
	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑
<b>Baseline (no tricks)</b>	803.922	5.85	311.450	5.76	174.789	5.70	113.112	5.61	96.649	5.59
+ Score Decompose	667.830	5.83	289.720	5.76	165.809	5.70	105.880	5.61	89.350	5.59
+ Coupled Time $t$	101.019	5.16	75.188	5.46	48.441	5.35	35.833	5.37	30.574	5.33
+ $\omega(t)$ Correction	94.955	5.21	75.607	5.22	31.651	5.20	25.271	5.16	20.980	5.12
+ $\pi(t)$ Weighting	92.100	5.15	43.997	5.17	32.276	5.21	26.079	5.21	21.377	5.13
+ Regularization	88.274	5.11	43.980	5.16	28.444	5.12	21.946	5.06	18.325	5.00
+ Guided Inference	62.236	5.17	38.188	5.21	24.971	5.18	21.905	5.15	18.446	5.15

Table 2: Leave-one-out ablation study. Each row shows performance *without (w/o)* one trick while keeping the others unchanged. Metrics are PPL↓ and Entropy↑ over different NFEs. The lowest PPL in each NFE column is underlined.

Configurations	8 NFEs		16 NFEs		32 NFEs		64 NFEs		128 NFEs	
	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑	PPL↓	Entropy↑
w/o Score Decompose	33584	6.77	28962	6.77	23134	6.75	14634	6.64	7983	6.51
w/o Coupled Time $t$	360.75	5.42	159.43	5.43	94.859	5.45	64.639	5.35	51.121	5.39
w/o $\omega(t)$ Correction	82.489	5.12	41.034	5.13	30.313	5.09	25.125	5.04	18.806	5.02
w/o $\pi(t)$ Weighting	69.656	5.22	40.499	5.17	25.799	5.15	21.503	5.16	19.616	5.14
w/o Regularization	84.594	5.20	<u>30.994</u>	5.22	<u>23.603</u>	5.20	<u>19.609</u>	5.18	<u>17.499</u>	5.17
w/o Guided Inference	88.274	5.11	43.980	5.16	28.444	5.12	21.946	5.06	18.325	5.00
<b>Baseline (with all tricks)</b>	<u>62.236</u>	5.17	38.188	5.21	24.971	5.18	21.905	5.15	18.446	5.15

Our ablation studies reveal distinct roles for each component in our framework. We find that a two-step score decomposition is a non-negotiable cornerstone, providing essential stability without which the model fails to train. The most significant performance gains are driven by coupling  $t$  in (5) and (9). Loss shaping with  $\omega(t)$  and  $\pi(t)$  further smooths optimization (especially around 16 NFEs, while effects at very small/large budgets are modest). Finally, we identify two budget-dependent components: Regularization is crucial for stability at very few NFEs ( $\leq 8$  NFEs) but detrimental at higher budgets, while Guided Inference boosts quality at low NFEs and enhances diversity at high NFEs. These highlight a hierarchy of importance and nuanced interactions between the techniques.

To further explore RGAS, we analyze the hyperparameters  $h$  and  $M$  through performance landscape scans and Functional ANOVA (Hutter et al., 2014). Our analysis reveals that at low NFEs ( $< 16$ ),  $h$  dominates performance by guiding global structure; as the computational budget increases (e.g., 32 NFEs), the importance of  $M$  rises significantly. More details are presented in Appendices E.5-E.7.

### 5.3 DOWNSTREAM TASK EVALUATION

To validate the practical utility, we evaluate DiDi-Instruct and baselines on downstream tasks. Appendix E.4 reports experiments on Domain Adaptation (where we fine-tune models on the MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2021) and PubMed benchmarks), and Frozen Feature Extraction (using the GLUE MRPC dataset (Dolan & Brockett, 2005)).

On MMLU fine-tuning, DiDi-Instruct achieves the largest reduction in negative log-likelihood after 5,000 fine-tuning steps while matching teacher accuracy. On PubMed, DiDi-Instruct nearly matches the teacher’s perplexity while outperforming other distillation methods. Moreover, in frozen-feature evaluation on GLUE MRPC, DiDi-Instruct achieves the best accuracy and F1 score, demonstrating superior semantic representation quality. These results confirm that DiDi-Instruct maintains strong downstream performance while providing substantial efficiency gains. See Appendix E.4 for details.

### 5.4 SCALING UP TEACHER MODEL SIZE

We conduct an incremental scaling study to 424M parameters while keeping the training and inference pipeline identical to the 169M configuration. The teacher model is a pre-trained 424M MDLM, which is a DiT-style transformer with hidden size 1024, 24 blocks, and 16 attention heads (See Table 3 for network architecture details). The student is distilled on a single H100 using the same

data, masking policy, optimizer, and schedule. To balance the training, we also scale the reward discriminator to 373M parameters by adopting a deeper network with more trainable parameters.

Figure 4 reports generative PPL and entropy. We report improvements relative to the teacher at matched NFEs. From 8 to 1024 NFEs, DiDi-Instruct yields large and consistent PPL reductions relative to the teacher: 88.5% (8 NFEs), 87.7% (16 NFEs), 85.3% (32 NFEs), 82.7% (64 NFEs), and 79.0% (128 NFEs). Notably, with only 16 NFEs, the distilled model reaches a perplexity of 32.79, marking an 11.4% improvement over the 1024-step teacher baseline. Entropy remains comparable under the same NFEs budgets, indicating that diversity is preserved while accuracy improves. Overall, these results confirm that the quality–efficiency advantages of DiDi-Instruct persist at a larger scale with minimal procedural changes. Additional details are provided in Appendix E.8.

### 5.5 ANOTHER APPLICATION: PROTEIN SEQUENCES GENERATION

To demonstrate the applicability of our distillation framework beyond natural language generation, we apply DiDi-Instruct to unconditional protein sequence generation. We adopt the Diffusion Protein Language Model (DPLM) (Wang et al., 2024), pretrained on UniRef50 (Suzek et al., 2014) with 150M parameters, as the teacher model and distill it into a few-step student generator. Following (Wang et al., 2024), we evaluate sequence quality using the predicted local distance difference test (pLDDT) score, which reflects structural plausibility and foldability. The distilled model retains the teacher’s ability to generate variable-length protein sequences while substantially reducing inference cost, as shown in Figure 5.

Our results demonstrate that the distilled student consistently achieves superior pLDDT scores across generation settings ranging from 8 to 512 NFEs. Compared to the teacher model, the student not only preserves the ability to generate variable-length protein sequences but also enhances structural quality in most cases. Moreover, our model surpasses the high-confidence threshold (pLDDT > 70) with as few as 8–32 NFEs, while the teacher requires substantially more NFEs to reach a comparable level. These results highlight that our distillation framework not only improves structural confidence but also delivers stable performance across sequence lengths and generation budgets. Appendix E.9 includes detailed setup, and visual comparisons between low-confidence outputs of DPLM at small NFEs and high-quality samples produced by DiDi-Instruct (Figures 6–7).

To ensure that the observed improvements in structural confidence (pLDDT) do not stem from mode collapse, we evaluate sequence diversity using MMseqs2 clustering (Steinegger & Söding, 2017). Quantitative results confirm that DiDi-Instruct maintains competitive cluster entropy and low cluster sizes comparable to the teacher model, particularly in few-step regimes. This indicates that our method generates diverse, biologically meaningful sequences without collapsing to a few high-confidence modes. Detailed results are provided in Appendix E.9.

## 6 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this work, we introduced DiDi-Instruct, a training-based acceleration framework for fast language generation that distills a high-quality teacher into a few-step student. Our design targets three axes simultaneously: (i) *objective design* via a tractable policy–gradient update driven by a discriminator–estimated reward; (ii) *training stability* through score decomposition and grouped reward normalization; and (iii) *inference efficiency* through reward-guided ancestral sampling with gradient tilting and re-ranking. Experiments demonstrate strong gains in generation quality, large reductions in training/inference time, and competitive zero-shot generalization, corroborated by comprehensive cumulative and leave-one-out ablations.

We plan to scale DiDi-Instruct to billion-parameter models, which presents a practical challenge due to the memory requirements of concurrently maintaining the teacher, student, and discriminator. Nevertheless, our findings already establish a new state-of-the-art trade-off among comparable methods, with the student model excelling in quality at low NFEs and maintaining diversity at higher computational budgets. We posit that DiDi-Instruct offers a foundational recipe (principled objectives, training stability, and efficient guidance) for developing high-performance generative models.

**Ethics Statement** All authors have read and commit to adhering to the ICLR Code of Ethics. This work uses only publicly available datasets and open-source models; no human subjects or

sensitive personal data are involved, and Institutional Review Board approval is not required. We briefly discuss potential biases and fairness considerations of the datasets and algorithms in the main paper, and confirm that the work does not target discriminatory or harmful applications. Any potential conflicts of interest have been disclosed. We do not foresee misuse beyond the general risks associated with large language models, and we report methods and results transparently.

**Reproducibility Statement** To facilitate reproduction, the main text and Appendix describe the model architecture, training procedures, and evaluation protocols, and the Appendix includes complete proofs of theoretical results. All datasets are publicly available, and data preprocessing steps are documented in the submission. We include training and evaluation code and brief instructions in the supplementary material and refer to the relevant sections rather than repeating details here.

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## STATEMENT ON LLM USAGE

In this paper, we utilized a large language model (LLM) solely for the purpose of language polishing, including improving grammar, clarity, and readability. All intellectual contributions, including the research ideas, methodology, and conclusions, are entirely our own. The authors have reviewed the final text and take full responsibility for its content.

## A EXTENDED RELATED WORKS

### A.1 RELATED WORK ON CONTINUOUS-TIME DIFFUSION MODELS

**Continuous-space diffusion distillation.** Diffusion models (Song et al., 2021b; Ho et al., 2020; Sohl-Dickstein et al., 2015) added Gaussian noises to data with a forward diffusion process and then learn the backward stochastic differential equation (SDE) with so-called score neural networks. Early acceleration reduced the steps of iterative samplers using training-free high-order ODE solvers (Song et al., 2021a; Lu et al., 2022; Karras et al., 2022; Xue et al., 2023). However, solver-based acceleration suffered from discretization error in less than 10 generation steps.

To achieve extremely few-step generative modeling, researchers have studied various ways of diffusion distillation (Luo, 2023). Luhman & Luhman (2021) and Salimans & Ho (2022) first introduce training the few-step student models by learning the consecutive trajectory mapping of diffusion solvers. The seminal work of Song et al. (2023) and Luo et al. (2023b) opens the one-step generation of diffusion models through different distillation principles. Specifically, consistency models (Song et al., 2023) distill the few-step models with the trajectory consistency principle, resulting in strong performances (Song & Dhariwal, 2024; Lu & Song, 2025; Geng et al., 2025b; Luo et al., 2023a; Kim et al., 2024; Geng et al., 2025a). Diff-Instruct (Luo et al., 2023b) introduces the distribution matching principle that distills one-step generative models, resulting in leading efficient image generative models (Wang et al., 2025; Luo et al., 2025a; 2024; Luo, 2025; Xu et al., 2025; Yin et al., 2024b;a; Xie et al., 2024; Fan et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2024; Luo et al., 2025b;c).

Many other works have also studied the few-step continuous-space generative models from different perspectives (Liu et al., 2023; Geng et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2025; Nguyen & Tran, 2024; Lin et al., 2024; Boffi et al., 2025; Xu et al., 2024; Xiao et al., 2021; Meng et al., 2023; Zhang & Chen, 2023; Sauer et al., 2023; Ren et al., 2024; Yan et al., 2024; Gu et al., 2024; Chen et al., 2024).

### A.2 RELATED WORK ON DISCRETE-TIME DIFFUSION MODELS

Early attempts to model discrete data with diffusion-framed categorical transitions via multinomial/argmax flows (Hooeboom et al., 2021). Later, it generalized them with Structured Denoising Diffusion Models (D3PM) and introduced structured transition matrices (e.g., discretized Gaussian kernels, nearest-neighbor matrices, and absorbing states) and an auxiliary cross-entropy loss (Austin et al., 2021). Continuous-time viewpoints and relaxations further clarified the link between discrete corruption processes and stochastic dynamics (Campbell et al., 2022; Dieleman et al., 2022; Chen et al., 2023). For language generation, diffusion has been explored for controllable text and sequence-to-sequence tasks (Li et al., 2022; Gong et al., 2023).

A line of work centers on MDMs for language modeling: Lou et al. (2024) cast discrete diffusion training as estimating time-indexed ratios of the data distribution, which provides a complementary alternative to score- and cross-entropy-based objectives. Sahoo et al. (2024) showed that simple training recipes (including a Rao-Blackwellized objective) can approach auto-regressive perplexity, while Shi et al. (2024) derived a weighted time-integral of cross-entropy losses that enables state-dependent masking schedules and improves downstream quality. Recent theory deepens our understanding of absorbing processes: the absorbing score admits a conditional-probability interpretation and yields time-independent formulations that connect diffusion with any-order auto-regressive models (Ou et al., 2025); in parallel, Zheng et al. (2025) proved an equivalence between masked diffusion and time-agnostic masked modeling and highlighted numerical issues in categorical sampling.

Scaling and inference efficiency are active topics. Large-parameter diffusion language models achieve competitive performance with strong auto-regressive LLMs (Nie et al., 2025), and adaptive token ordering shows that planning which positions to denoise can markedly improve reasoning (Kim et al., 2025). On the sampling side, informed correctors learn predictor–corrector schemes (Zhao et al., 2025), schedule optimization mitigates compounding decoding error (Park et al., 2024), and plan-and-denoise approaches add a planner that selects the most corrupted positions to improve both efficiency and quality (Liu et al., 2025).

Building on these advancements, our work introduces a discrete diffusion distillation framework based on distribution matching. We aim to enhance the performance of discrete diffusion models for few-step generation, thereby enabling faster and higher-quality text generation.

### A.3 RELATED WORK ON FEW-STEP DIFFUSION LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS

To distill discrete large language models (dLLMs) into few-step generators for fast language generation, a natural approach is to extend the well-developed distillation techniques already established for continuous diffusion models to the discrete domain. However, in MDMs, all tokens are eventually mapped to the masked state, meaning the prior distribution collapses to the fully masked sequence. As a result, generation under MDMs is inherently stochastic, in contrast to the deterministic trajectories available in the continuous case. Consequently, the stochasticity in Masked Diffusion Models (MDMs) arises from the choice of the masking schedule; once a schedule is fixed, the reverse path is deterministic. This stands in sharp contrast to the inherently stochastic reverse dynamics of continuous diffusion. This determinism is problematic for distillation, as training a student model solely on these fixed trajectories risks mode collapse and a failure to capture the teacher’s generalization capabilities. This fundamental difference makes the extensive body of work on continuous-state diffusion distillation not directly applicable. To make this distinction concrete, we first show how the following methods address these challenges in discrete diffusion distillation, followed by a comparison of these representative approaches.

**SDTT (Deschenaux & Gulcehre, 2025).** SDTT progressively distills a multistep teacher diffusion into a fewer-step student model. Due to the absence of an ODE trajectory as in continuous cases, it matches the teacher-student distribution via KL divergence minimization. Similar to DUO (Sahoo et al., 2025), it needs to decrease the number of student steps for training stability gradually. Such a curriculum-based strategy can be inefficient and computationally costly.

**DUO (Sahoo et al., 2025).** Continuous-space consistency distillation (CD) requires probability flow ODE (PF-ODE) trajectories, while MDMs are inherently stochastic, making direct CD inapplicable. DUO overcomes this by connecting Gaussian diffusion with Uniform-state Diffusion Model (USDM), enabling CD in the discrete setting. By applying an arg max to the latent vectors of Gaussian diffusion, continuous vectors are mapped into discrete one-hot tokens. It is proven that the resulting marginal distribution exactly matches that of a USDM under a suitably transformed noise schedule. Consequently, the evolution of a USDM can be described by an ODE, which makes CD feasible. However, performing CD on USDM requires multiple rounds of distillation and a carefully annealed discretization schedule for training stability. Specifically, the CD procedure starts from the USDM diffusion and gradually learns to map two points,  $t$  and  $t - \Delta t$ , along the same ODE trajectory back to the same origin. Initially, since the diffusion model cannot take large steps without losing accuracy,  $\Delta t$  must be kept small. Once the model learns to consistently align  $t$  and  $t - \Delta t$ , the step size can be increased, eventually reaching the largest possible step  $\Delta t = t$ , i.e., the distilled model can jump large steps for few-step inference. A small step is safe but biased, while a large step is unbiased but unstable. This tradeoff is similar to the observation of CD in the continuous domain.

**DiMO (Zhu et al., 2025b).** DiMO distills multi-step MDMs into a one-step generator. The key idea is to augment the prior distribution: instead of restricting the initial state to a fully-masked sequence, DiMO samples a subset of tokens from the entire vocabulary. This relaxation enriches the prior, allowing the model to leverage partial information during generation and improving both efficiency and diversity of outputs. During training, DiMO employs an on-policy distillation strategy. The one-step generator is supervised to match the teacher’s conditional prediction distribution, not its final output distribution. Specifically, it uses the generator’s own one-step output to create a pseudo-intermediate state, and then minimizes the divergence between the student’s and the

teacher’s predicted token distributions conditioned on this state. To avoid mode collapse and reduce mismatch with the teacher’s training distribution, DiMO introduces a token initialization strategy that mixes mask tokens with random tokens and adds Gaussian perturbations to embeddings.

While both our method and DiMO employ an auxiliary network, its function is fundamentally different. DiMO utilizes an auxiliary model to approximate the intractable gradients of its token-level distribution matching objective. In contrast, we draw inspiration from policy gradient (Williams, 1992; Schulman et al., 2017; Fan et al., 2023) and use our auxiliary network to evaluate a log-density ratio. This ratio serves as a reward signal, guiding the generator’s updates and circumventing the need for direct gradient approximation.

Although DiMO shows promise in text-to-image generation, it should be noted that extending it to our setting reveals a significant modality gap. DiMO is specialized for image codebook tokens characterized by 2D spatial dependencies and visual coherence. This differs fundamentally from pure language generation, which necessitates modeling 1D sequential dependencies and strict syntactic constraints. In our preliminary experiments, a direct adaptation of DiMO yielded comparable generative perplexity but significantly degraded diversity (entropy drops to 4.0), which suggests training instability and potential mode collapse under naive adaptation. Consequently, transferring architectural choices tuned for visual latents to the text domain is non-trivial, and we consider a principled, text-specific adaptation of DiMO to be a valuable area for future work.

**Our advantages over three related methods.** Our work presents a straightforward and intuitive framework for distilling dLLMs by directly matching teacher and student distributions, addressing several key limitations of recent approaches.

Unlike trajectory-based methods (Sahoo et al., 2025; Deschenaux & Gulcehre, 2025) that rely on supervised trajectory matching (forcing the student to mimic the teacher’s logits along rigid, pre-determined paths), DiDi-Instruct is a direct, single-stage process derived from Integral KL minimization. By reformulating distillation as a policy gradient problem, DiDi-Instruct avoids the heuristic mappings and expensive multi-stage training typical of trajectory-based methods. Crucially, this objective exhibits a natural explore-exploit mechanism: the stochastic sampling of intermediate states  $t_i$  and  $z_i$  in (9) facilitates exploration of the discrete tokens, while the student’s few-step backward update promotes exploitation. This natural mechanism effectively mitigates the mode-collapse issues inherent in trajectory-matching baselines.

Furthermore, by aligning the student with the teacher’s entire stochastic process, our framework offers broad applicability to general dLLMs, in contrast to methods tailored for specific architectures, e.g., DUO (Sahoo et al., 2025) relies on USDM for duality. Finally, we provide a mathematically rigorous solution to the problem of non-differentiability in discrete spaces. This avoids the need for biased proxy-gradient estimators, whose performance in purely textual domains remains underexplored (Zhu et al., 2025b), and instead offers a principled path for distillation.

## B DETAILED DERIVATION OF STUDENT OBJECTIVE

Our goal is to train a masked-diffusion *student* whose forward-time marginals match those of a *teacher* across the entire time horizon. The training objective is the IKL divergence between the student and teacher forward marginals, denoted by  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$ . In the masked setting, the forward-time corruption kernel is a *forward absorbing process*, e.g.,

$$\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}) = \text{Cat}(\alpha_t \mathbf{x} + (1 - \alpha_t) \mathbf{m}),$$

where  $\mathbf{m}$  is a fixed masked tokens and  $0 \leq \alpha_t \leq 1$ . Crucially, this kernel is *independent of*  $\nu$ : the parameter  $\nu$  only enters through the initial student distribution  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)$ . Nevertheless, the *forward marginal*  $\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu}[\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x})]$  still inherits  $\nu$ -dependence from  $\mathbf{p}_\nu$ , which is the key to the gradient calculation below.

We write the student and teacher forward-time marginals as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu}[\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x})] \\ \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\theta}[\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x})]. \end{aligned}$$

Our goal is to derive a tractable, low-variance gradient for the IKL objective between these two distributions. We here proceed with the detailed derivation of Theorem 4.1.

*Proof of Theorem 4.1.* We begin by formally defining the objective  $\mathcal{L}(\nu)$  as the Integral KL divergence. We assume the mask prior  $\mathbf{m}$  has full support on the token simplex. Since the teacher uses the same absorbing kernel,  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$  share support (in particular,  $\text{supp}(\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) \subseteq \text{supp}(\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t))$ ), so  $KL(\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \parallel \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t))$  is well-defined and finite for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . We define the objective  $\mathcal{L}(\nu)$  as the Integral KL Divergence between the teacher and the student:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\nu) &:= D_{KL}(\mathbf{q}_\nu, \mathbf{q}_\theta) := \int_0^1 \omega(t) KL(\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \parallel \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \omega(t) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} \underbrace{[\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)]}_{T_1} dt\end{aligned}\quad (12)$$

Under mild regularity conditions (bounded  $\omega(t)$ , dominated convergence, and differentiability of  $\mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  w.r.t.  $\nu$ ), we can interchange  $\nabla_\theta$  with the expectation and the time integral (and apply Fubini/Tonelli theorem as needed). To evaluate the gradient of  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)]$  w.r.t.  $\nu$ , we use the identity  $\nabla_\theta \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_\theta} [f(y)] = \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_\theta} [f(y) \nabla_\theta \log p_\theta(y)] + \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_\theta} [\nabla_\theta f(y)]$ . Applying it to  $T_1$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_\nu \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [T_1] &= \nabla_\nu \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)] \\ &\stackrel{(i)}{=} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} \left[ \underbrace{(\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t))}_{\text{reward}} \cdot \underbrace{\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}_{\text{score}} \right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [\nabla_\nu (\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t))] \\ &\stackrel{(ii)}{=} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} \left[ (\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) \cdot \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \right] \\ &\stackrel{(iii)}{=} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [(\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) \cdot \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu} [\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{Q}} [(\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) \cdot \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)],\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

where step (i) applies the score-function (log-derivative) identity and is justified by moving  $\nabla_\theta$  under the expectation. Step (ii) uses  $\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = 0$  and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)] &= \sum_{\mathbf{z}_t} \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \frac{\nabla_\nu \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} = \sum_{\mathbf{z}_t} \nabla_\nu \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \nabla_\nu \sum_{\mathbf{z}_t} \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \\ &= \nabla_\nu (1) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Step (iii) rewrites  $\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  as  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu} [\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)]$ . A detailed derivation is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} \nabla_\nu \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \\ &\stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{1}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} \nabla_\nu \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu} [\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x})] \\ &\stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{1}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} \cdot \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu} [\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}) \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x})}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} \cdot \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1) \right] \\ &\stackrel{(iii)}{=} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu} [\nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)],\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

where step (i) uses  $\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu} [\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x})]$  and pass  $\nabla_\nu$  through the expectation by linearity, step (ii) applies  $\nabla_\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1) = \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1) \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)$  to factor out a log-gradient, and step (iii) follows from Bayes' rule  $\mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}_t) = \frac{\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}$ .

We denote  $R(\mathbf{z}_t, t) := \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$ . Incorporating (12)-(13), we finally derive the objective:

$$\nabla_\nu \mathcal{L}(\nu) = \nabla_\nu \int_0^1 \omega(t) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)] dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^1 \omega(t) \nabla_\nu \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)] dt \\
&\stackrel{(i)}{=} \int_0^1 \omega(t) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{Q}} [(\log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) \cdot \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)] dt, \\
&= \int_0^1 \omega(t) \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{p}_\nu, \mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{Q}} [R(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \cdot \nabla_\nu \log \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1)] dt, \tag{15}
\end{aligned}$$

where step (i) substitutes (13) into the time-weighted IKL integral and uses Fubini/Tonelli theorem to swap  $\nabla_\nu$  and  $\int_0^1 dt$ .  $\square$

**Remark B.1.** In practice, the objective in (15) is approximated using a Monte Carlo estimator. The integral over time  $t$  is replaced with an expectation over a sampling distribution  $\pi(t)$ , resulting in a single expectation over all random variables  $(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_t)$ . This unified expectation is then estimated by taking the sample mean over a mini-batch of size  $N$ :

$$\nabla_\nu \mathcal{L}(\nu) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\omega(t_i)}{\pi(t_i)} \cdot R(\mathbf{z}_{t_i}, t_i) \cdot \nabla_\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{m}, t = 1) \right] \tag{16}$$

This final expression is the practical Monte Carlo estimator of the full gradient. Conceptually, the gradient is a single expectation over all random variables  $(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_t)$ , and this estimator approximates that expectation by taking the sample mean over a mini-batch drawn from the respective distributions.

## C AUXILIARY DISCRIMINATOR FOR DENSITY RATIO ESTIMATION

Our student objective, as derived in Appendix B, relies on the reward term  $R(\mathbf{z}_t, t) := \log \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \log \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$ , which is intractable due to the unknown marginal distributions  $\mathbf{q}_\nu$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\theta$ . To overcome this, we introduce a tractable estimator for the density ratio  $\frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t)}{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t)}$  by training an auxiliary discriminator network. This approach is inspired by the principles of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) (Goodfellow et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2023) and has been successfully applied in Wang et al. (2025). We hereby adapt the following lemma to MDM setting.

For clarity, we adopt a time-agnostic notation where the corruption level is parameterized by the masking ratio  $t \in [0, 1]$ , which corresponds to the schedule  $\alpha_t$  via  $t = 1 - \alpha_t$ . Let  $\mathbf{z}_t \in \mathcal{V}^L$  denote a sequence with a mask ratio at time  $t$ .

**Lemma C.1** (Density Ratio Representation). *Let  $\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  and  $\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  be the teacher and student models respectively, over the discrete state space  $\mathcal{V}^L$  at a mask ratio  $t$ . Consider a discriminator  $D_\lambda : \mathcal{V}^L \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1)^L$ , which outputs a probability for each position  $\ell \in \{1, \dots, L\}$ . The discriminator  $D_\lambda$  is trained to minimize the objective*

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\lambda) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\nu} [-\log D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}_t, t)] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathbf{q}_\theta} [-\log(1 - D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}_t, t))] \tag{17}$$

The unique optimal discriminator  $D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  that minimizes this objective is given by:

$$D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \frac{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) + \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}$$

Consequently, the density ratio can be expressed directly in terms of the optimal discriminator's output:

$$\frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} = \frac{D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{1 - D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}.$$

*Proof.* We here provide a detailed derivation for the optimal discriminator in the context of our discrete state space. The objective  $\mathcal{J}(D)$  is an expectation over the discrete random variable  $\mathbf{z}_t$ . We can express this expectation as a summation over all possible sequences  $\mathbf{z}_t \in \mathcal{V}^L$ :

$$\mathcal{J}(D) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}_t \in \mathcal{V}^L} [-\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \log D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \log(1 - D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}_t, t))]$$



The loss is a sum of terms, where each term depends only on the value of  $D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  for a specific sequence  $\mathbf{z}_t$ . Therefore, we can find the optimal discriminator  $D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  by minimizing the summand pointwise for each  $\mathbf{z}_t \in \mathcal{V}^L$  independently. For an arbitrary sequence  $\mathbf{z}'_t$ , we find the optimal value  $D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)$  by taking the derivative of the summand with respect to  $D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)$  and setting it to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)} [-\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}'_t, t') \log D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t) - \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}'_t, t') \log(1 - D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t))] \\ \stackrel{(i)}{=} -\frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}'_t, t')}{D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)} + \frac{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}'_t, t')}{1 - D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where step (i) follows from standard differentiation of the logarithm function. We set (18) to be zero and get:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}'_t, t')}{D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)} + \frac{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}'_t, t')}{1 - D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)} &= 0 \\ \implies (1 - D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t))\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}'_t, t') &= D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}'_t, t') \\ \implies D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t) &= \frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}'_t, t')}{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}'_t, t') + \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}'_t, t')}, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

which represents an algebraic rearrangement to solve for  $D_\lambda(\mathbf{z}'_t, t)$ . Since this holds for any arbitrary sequence  $\mathbf{z}'_t$ , we have established the general form of the optimal discriminator  $D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$ .

Finally, we rearrange the expression for  $D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  to recover the density ratio:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)(\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) + \mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) &= \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t) \\ \implies D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) &= \mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)(1 - D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)) \\ \implies \frac{\mathbf{q}_\nu(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\mathbf{q}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} &= \frac{D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{1 - D_{\lambda^*}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}. \end{aligned}$$

The point-wise nature of the derivation ensures its validity for discrete probability mass functions.  $\square$

**Remark C.2.** The proof confirms that Lemma C.1 is robust to the specific properties of our MDM framework, including the discrete state space and the use of a mask ratio  $t$  as the conditioning variable instead of a continuous time  $t$ . By training an auxiliary discriminator network  $D_\lambda$  to approximate  $D^*$ , we obtain a tractable, principled estimator for the density ratio, which in turn provides a computable reward signal

$$\hat{R}(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\ell, \mathbf{z}_t^\ell = \mathbf{m}} \log \left( \frac{D_\lambda^\ell(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{1 - D_\lambda^\ell(\mathbf{z}_t, t)} \right)$$

for our student objective, where  $M$  denotes the number of masked tokens in the sequence.

## D ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

### D.1 BASELINE SETUP

To ensure a fair and reproducible comparison, we strictly follow the official implementations and experimental configurations of both SDTT and DUO. For SDTT (Deschenaux & Gulcehre, 2025), we adopt the same 169M MDL teacher used in our method, pretrained for 1024 NFEs, and perform seven rounds of distillation with 10K steps each (70K steps in total) to obtain an 8-step student, exactly matching the protocol in the official repository. For DUO (Sahoo et al., 2025), we use the 169M USDM teacher (1024 NFEs) released in their codebase and conduct five rounds of distillation (50K total steps). We additionally evaluate their pretrained few-step student model included in the repository.

In practice, we observe non-negligible variation in the performance of these baselines across different training runs. To provide the most stable and equitable comparison, we report the metrics published in their original papers, which also match the strongest results we reproduced internally.

### D.2 MODEL ARCHITECTURE

Our model architectures are based on the MDLM setting (Sahoo et al., 2024), which utilizes a Diffusion Transformer (Peebles & Xie, 2023) with Rotary Position Embeddings (RoPE) (Su et al., 2024). We conduct experiments at two different scales. The first is a 169M parameter setting, and the second is a larger 424M parameter setting. The detailed hyperparameters for each are listed in Table 3 and Table 4, respectively.

Table 3: Model Architecture Specifications (169M).

Hyperparameter	Teacher/Student	Discriminator Model
Model Type	MDLM	MDLM
Total Parameters	169M	131M
Num Layers	12	12
Hidden Size	768	768
Num Attention Heads	12	12
Positional Encoding	RoPE	RoPE
Context Length	1024	1024
Vocabulary Size	50257	50257
Classification Head	-	2 linear layers (SpecNorm)

Table 4: Model Architecture Specifications (424M).

Hyperparameter	Teacher/Student	Discriminator Model
Model Type	MDLM	MDLM
Total Parameters	424M	373M
Num Layers	24	24
Hidden Size	1024	1024
Num Attention Heads	16	16
Positional Encoding	RoPE	RoPE
Context Length	1024	1024
Vocabulary Size	50257	50257
Classification Head	-	2 linear layers (SpecNorm)

### D.3 DATASET DETAILS

We use the OpenWebText corpus for experiments. The raw text is tokenized using the standard GPT-2 tokenizer. Following Sahoo et al. (2025), we concatenate all documents and pack them into fixed-length sequences of 1024 tokens, adding an `<|endoftext|>` token between documents. The final 100,000 documents of the corpus are reserved as the validation set.

For zero-shot evaluation, we assess the model’s generalization on the following seven diverse, out-of-domain datasets to measure its broader language understanding capabilities.

**PTB:** The Penn Treebank dataset is a widely used benchmark in natural language processing, composed of articles from the Wall Street Journal.

**Wikitext:** The Wikitext-103 dataset is a large corpus of high-quality, long-form articles extracted from Wikipedia, serving as a standard for language modeling.

**LM1B:** The One Billion Word Benchmark is a large-scale dataset derived from a news crawl, often used for training and evaluating large language models.

**Lambada:** The LAMBADA dataset is designed to evaluate a model’s ability to comprehend long-range dependencies in text, requiring the prediction of the final word in a passage.

**AG News:** The AG News dataset is a collection of news articles classified into four categories. For our experiments, we use the raw text for perplexity evaluation.

**Pubmed:** This dataset consists of abstracts from biomedical literature, representing a specialized scientific domain.

**Arxiv:** This dataset comprises scientific preprints from various quantitative fields available on the arXiv server, offering another domain of specialized, formal text.

Table 5: Pre-Training and Distillation Hyperparameters.

Hyperparameter	Pre-training (Teacher)	Distillation (Student)
Optimizer	AdamW	AdamW
Learning Rate	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$
LR Schedule	Cosine Decay	Linear Decay
Warm-up Steps	2,500	0
Decay Rate $\beta_1$	0.9	0.9
Decay Rate $\beta_2$	0.95	0.999
Weight Decay	0.05	0.01
Global Batch Size	336 (42 per GPU)	8
Training Iterations	200,000	10,000
EMA Decay	0.9999	0.9999
<b>DiDi-Instruct Specific Parameters</b>		
$\omega(t)$ weight schedules	We test linear schedule $\omega(t) = 1$ and $\omega(t) = -\alpha_t / (1 - \alpha_t + 10^{-8})$ .	
$\pi(t)$ sampling schedules	We test linear schedule Beta(1, 1), Beta(2, 5), and Beta(5, 2).	

#### D.4 TRAINING AND DISTILLATION HYPERPARAMETERS

The detailed hyperparameters for teacher model pre-training and student model distillation are provided in Table 5. For our 169M models, we pre-trained the teacher model for around 200,000 steps. The subsequent distillation process was completed in about one hour on a single H100 GPU. For the 424M models, the teacher was pre-trained for around 350,000 steps, while the corresponding distillation took approximately two hours on a single H100 GPU.

#### D.5 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

Our experiments were implemented using PyTorch. Key libraries and their versions are listed in Table 6. We plan to release our code and model checkpoints upon acceptance of the paper.

#### D.6 EVALUATION DETAILS

**Generative Perplexity:** We use the implementation from Hugging Face’s `transformers` library to compute the perplexity of generated samples under a frozen GPT-2 Large model. Text is processed identically to the training data.

Table 6: Software and Library Versions.

Software	Version
Python	3.12.11
PyTorch	2.5.1
Transformers	4.55.4
Datasets	4.0.0
Tokenizers	0.21.4
NumPy	2.3.2
SciPy	1.16.1
scikit-learn	1.7.1
Pandas	2.3.2
CUDA	12.1.0
cuDNN	9.1.0
Triton	3.1.0

**Entropy:** To assess sample diversity, we generated 40 samples for each configuration. Each sample has a fixed length of 1024 tokens. We then computed the average token-level entropy across all generated samples.

**Floating-Point Precision:** All sampling and evaluation procedures were conducted using `float64` precision. This is to avoid potential artifacts and misleading scores associated with lower-precision arithmetic, a practice highlighted as important for dLLMs (Sahoo et al., 2025).

## E ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

### E.1 DIVERSITY AND FIDELITY ANALYSIS

To provide a comprehensive comparison beyond perplexity, we evaluate sample diversity using MAUVE (for distribution similarity) and Self-BLEU (for diversity). All models generate 1,024 unconditional samples with identical decoding configurations (no prompt, max length 1024). Baselines use the same sampling budgets (8, 16, 32, 64, and 128 NFEs), and all samples are processed using the same GPT-2 tokenizer.

**MAUVE** measures the similarity between the generated distribution  $Q$  and the reference distribution  $P$  by analyzing the trade-off between Type I and Type II errors. Let  $R_\lambda = \lambda P + (1 - \lambda)Q$  be a mixture distribution for  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . We compute the divergence frontier as a curve  $(x(\lambda), y(\lambda))$  in the 2D plane, where the coordinates are exponentially scaled Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergences:

$$x(\lambda) = \exp(-c \cdot D_{\text{KL}}(Q \| R_\lambda)) \quad \text{and} \quad y(\lambda) = \exp(-c \cdot D_{\text{KL}}(P \| R_\lambda)), \quad (20)$$

where  $c > 0$  is a scaling factor (we set  $c = 5$ ). As  $\lambda$  varies, these coordinates trace a curve within the unit square  $[0, 1]^2$ . The MAUVE score is calculated as the area under this curve using numerical integration (trapezoidal rule) over a discretized set of  $\lambda$  values. Normally, texts are truncated to 256 tokens before embedding.

**Self-BLEU** evaluates diversity through n-gram overlap. For  $N$  samples  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ :

$$\text{Self-BLEU} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \text{BLEU}(\mathbf{x}_i, \{\mathbf{x}_j\}_{j \neq i}), \quad \text{where } \text{BLEU} = BP \cdot \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^5 w_n \log p_n\right),$$

where  $p_n$  is the n-gram precision,  $w_n = 0.2$ , and  $BP$  is the brevity penalty. We set  $n = 5$ , use the smoothing method 1, and the tokenization of NLTK.

Table 7: Additional generation metrics: MAUVE ( $\uparrow$ , higher is better) and Self-BLEU ( $\downarrow$ , lower indicates more diversity). Comparison across varying NFEs.

Metrics	Methods	8 NFEs	16 NFEs	32 NFEs	64 NFEs	128 NFEs
MAUVE ( $\uparrow$ ) ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )	MDLM	4.77	6.76	6.46	5.50	5.97
	SDTT	5.60	5.38	5.70	5.04	5.96
	DUO	5.75	5.15	5.99	5.85	6.05
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	5.84	6.55	6.54	6.14	6.31
Self-BLEU ( $\downarrow$ ) ( $\times 10^{-2}$ )	MDLM	2.91	4.58	6.36	7.97	9.33
	SDTT	5.02	7.98	10.09	12.49	12.92
	DUO	8.26	9.28	9.62	8.84	8.94
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	4.82	4.64	5.24	6.25	8.24

Table 7 presents the full results. DiDi-Instruct consistently achieves the highest MAUVE scores across all NFEs, which validates that our adversarial distribution-matching objective successfully aligns the student’s marginals with the teacher’s. Self-BLEU values remain competitive, demonstrating that diversity is not sacrificed for fidelity. Intuitively, baselines such as SDTT and DUO tend to prioritize pointwise accuracy, leading to mode-seeking behavior and worse Self-BLEU. In contrast, score decomposition forces the student to model noisy state evolution, preserving diverse modes, while adversarial training ensures marginal distribution matching for higher fidelity.

### E.2 PRACTICAL LATENCY AND THROUGHPUT ANALYSIS

To complement the NFE-based analysis in the main text, we conduct a practical latency evaluation. All experiments use a single H100 GPU with `bfloat16` precision, batch size 16, and sequence length 1024. All models share the same architecture as demonstrated in Table 3. The AR baseline uses greedy decoding with standard optimizations such as KV-caching and FlashAttention.

The latency across different methods is reported in Table 8. At matched perplexity, DiDi-Instruct achieves a 13.2 $\times$  reduction in latency per 1k tokens relative to AR, while maintaining high sample quality. This confirms that the advantages of distilled diffusion models persist under realistic



Table 8: Practical latency and throughput comparison on one H100 GPU.

Models	NFEs	Tokens/sec	Latency per 1K tokens (sec)
AR	1024	179.042	5.719
MDLM	512	111.146	9.213
SDTT	64	806.498	1.269
<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2366.604</b>	<b>0.432</b>

decoding settings and not merely under NFE-based comparisons. Note that the measured latency improvement is a conservative estimate: DiDi-Instruct is fully compatible with hybrid AR–diffusion architectures (Arriola et al., 2025), and benefits from recent advances enabling KV-cache reuse and parallel diffusion decoding (Wu et al., 2026), which offer additional opportunities for further acceleration.

### E.3 RESULTS ON ZERO-SHOT PERPLEXITIES

Table 9: Evaluation of zero-shot generalization on out-of-domain datasets. We report PPL to assess whether DiDi-Instruct preserves general language understanding after being distilled for sampling efficiency. This test is crucial to verify that the model avoids mode collapse. Lower PPL ( $\downarrow$ ) indicates better performance. All models are of comparable 170M parameter size, and perplexities for diffusion models are variational upper bounds.

	Models	PTB	Wiktext	LM1B	Lambada	AG News	Pubmed	Arxiv
AR	GPT2 <sup>†‡</sup>	82.05	41.60	51.25	45.04	52.09	49.01	41.73
MDMs	SEDD <sup>†‡</sup>	100.09	40.62	68.20	50.92	62.09	44.53	38.48
	MDLM <sup>‡</sup>	95.26	32.83	67.01	47.52	61.15	41.89	37.37
USDMs	SEDD <sup>†¶</sup>	105.51	49.60	82.62	65.40	82.64	55.89	50.86
	UDLM <sup>¶</sup>	112.82	39.42	77.59	53.57	80.96	50.98	44.08
	DUO base <sup>¶</sup>	89.35	33.57	73.86	49.78	67.81	44.48	40.39
Distilled	DUO distilled <sup>§</sup>	112.27	42.53	89.45	61.17	88.70	56.17	50.27
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	107.03	35.20	80.58	53.62	78.36	47.56	45.35

### E.4 DOWNSTREAM TASK EVALUATION

We conduct three downstream evaluations used to verify whether DiDi-Instruct preserves the task capability of the teacher’s semantic representations while enabling few-step generation. All experiments use the same 169M architecture unless otherwise specified.

**Domain Adaptation on MMLU.** We fine-tune MDLM, SDTT, and DiDi-Instruct on the MMLU benchmark for 5,000 supervised fine-tuning (SFT) steps. Training uses the AdamW optimizer with a base learning rate of  $10^{-5}$ , which is linearly warmed up for the first 2,500 steps and kept constant thereafter. We employ a batch size of 32 and an evaluation batch size of 4. As shown in Table 10, DiDi-Instruct not only matches the teacher’s downstream accuracy but also achieves the most significant improvement in Negative Log-Likelihood ( $\Delta$ NLL). This indicates robust adaptability to general knowledge domains.

**Scientific Domain Adaptation.** We further evaluate domain transfer to scientific text by conducting 5,000 SFT steps on the PubMed corpus. All models are fine-tuned using AdamW with a learning rate of  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  and a constant schedule with 1,000 warmup steps. Training uses a per-GPU batch size of 36 with gradient accumulation (effective batch size 72). As reported in Table 11, DiDi-Instruct

<sup>3</sup>Results are compiled from prior work for a comprehensive comparison.

<sup>†</sup>Values from Lou et al. (2024).

<sup>‡</sup>Values from the evaluation suite in Sahoo et al. (2024).

<sup>¶</sup>Values reported in Sahoo et al. (2025).

<sup>§</sup>Result obtained by evaluating the DUO distilled model from Sahoo et al. (2025).

Table 10: Domain adaptation on MMLU dataset.

Models	NLL (pre)	NLL (post) ↓	ΔNLL ↑	Acc (pre)	Acc (post) ↑	ΔAcc ↑
MDLM	9.879	2.814	7.065	20.6%	25.3%	4.7%
SDTT	9.773	2.844	6.929	21.2%	24.3%	3.1%
<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	9.960	2.815	7.145	21.6%	25.1%	3.5%

significantly outperforms the SDTT and DUO baselines. Notably, it achieves a final perplexity of 24.894, which is practically indistinguishable from the teacher’s perplexity, which validates its effectiveness in specialized domains.

Table 11: Domain adaptation on PubMed dataset.

Models	NLL (pre)	PPL (pre)	NLL (post) ↓	PPL (post) ↓
MDLM	3.761	42.983	3.217	24.944
SDTT	3.938	51.336	3.243	25.602
DUO	4.028	56.174	3.338	27.734
<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours )</b>	3.879	47.563	3.215	24.894

**Frozen Feature Extractor Evaluation.** To assess the quality of the learned latent representations, we evaluate the models on the GLUE MRPC task (Dolan & Brockett, 2005). The pretrained backbones (MDLM, SDTT, DiDi-Instruct) are kept fixed, and a lightweight classification head is added on top of the encoder’s pooled hidden representation. The head consists of a single linear layer mapping the pooled vector to two logits, and we additionally unfreeze the final encoder block to allow light adaptation. Training uses AdamW with a learning rate of  $2 \times 10^{-5}$ , weight decay 0.01, a batch size of 8, and 10,000 training steps. We report Accuracy and F1 on the validation split.

Results in Table 12 show that DiDi-Instruct attains the highest Accuracy and F1 scores. This confirms that DiDi-Instruct preserves and potentially improves semantic discriminability.

Table 12: Frozen feature evaluation on GLUE MRPC dataset.

Models	Accuracy ↑	F1 Score ↑
MDLM	59.6%	72.2%
SDTT	59.1%	72.0%
<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	62.3%	73.3%

Across all downstream tasks, DiDi-Instruct matches or exceeds the teacher’s performance, establishing that few-step distillation maintains strong semantic representation quality while delivering significant inference speedups.

## E.5 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS OF THE ABLATION STUDIES

To provide a clear basis for interpreting our experimental results, we now elaborate on the precise implementation of each component tested in our ablation studies. This includes the mechanisms and key hyperparameters that were modified between the baseline and full models. Below, we detail the function of each component in our ablation studies.

**Score decompose.** The baseline model is a one-step generator, mapping a fully masked input  $\mathbf{z}_t$  ( $t = 1$ ) directly to the final output  $\mathbf{x}$ . With this technique, we decompose the generation into a two-step process  $\mathbf{z}_t \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_\tau \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$  where  $t = 1$  and  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ . The model first generates an intermediate state  $\mathbf{z}_\tau$  at a randomly sampled time following  $\pi(t)$  and then generates the final output  $\mathbf{x}$  from  $\mathbf{z}_\tau$ . The ablation (‘w/o Score Decompose’) reverts to the direct, single-step generation.

**Coupled time  $t$ .** This component synchronizes the time steps used for student generation and discriminator evaluation. In the standard setup, the intermediate denoising time  $\tau$  for the student’s

two-step generation ( $\mathbf{z}_t \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_\tau$ ) and the corruption time  $\tau'$  for preparing the discriminator’s input ( $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_{\tau'}$  for corrupted student generations, and  $\mathbf{x}' \rightarrow \mathbf{z}'_{\tau'}$  for corrupted teacher generations) are coupled, i.e.,  $\tau = \tau'$ . The ablation (‘w/o Coupled Time  $t'$ ’) decouples them by sampling  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  independently.

**Weight function  $\omega(t)$  correction.** The gradient of the objective (5) is weighted by a time-dependent factor  $\omega(t)$ . The ablation (‘w/o  $\omega(t)$  Correction’) uses a constant weight, i.e.,  $\omega(t) = 1$ . Our full model applies a theoretically-motivated correction based on the noise schedule’s signal rate  $\alpha_t$ , setting  $\omega(t) \propto -\alpha'_t/(1 - \alpha_t)$ , which re-weights the objective based on the difficulty of the denoising step at time  $t$ .

**Time scheduler  $\pi(\cdot)$  weighting.** This controls how  $\tau$  is sampled and (optionally) whether we apply importance weighting, which also refers to the sampling distribution  $\pi(\tau)$  for the intermediate time step  $\tau$ . The ablation setting (‘w/o  $\pi(\tau)$  Weighting’) samples  $\tau$  from a uniform distribution. Our method employs a non-uniform Beta distribution as  $\pi(\tau)$  to focus the student’s training on specific, more informative intervals of the denoising trajectory. Specifically, we consider heavy-early (Beta(2, 5)), and heavy-late (Beta(5, 2)) schedules to improve sample quality. Practically, for *smaller NFEs* (e.g., 8 and 16 NFEs) we bias toward earlier times (e.g., Beta(2, 5)); for *larger NFEs* (e.g., 32, 64, and 128 NFEs) we bias toward later times (e.g., Beta(5, 2)).

**Regularization.** To stabilize training and maintain generalization, we introduce two regularization terms to the student’s loss. The first is a KL divergence loss, which aligns the student’s output logits with those of the frozen teacher at both steps of the generation process ( $\mathbf{z}_t \rightarrow \mathbf{z}_\tau$  and  $\mathbf{z}_\tau \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ , where  $t = 1$  and  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ ). Among Forward/Backward/Jeffreys implementations, we found forward KL consistently yielded the most stable optimization and best validation in our cases, so we adopt it for all ablations and apply it with a weight of 0.05 in the student objective. The second term is an entropy bonus on the student’s output distribution to encourage exploration, which is weighted by 0.0005. The ablation (‘w/o Regularization’) removes both the KL-divergence and entropy terms from the student’s objective.

**Guided inference.** As elaborated in Section 4.4, this technique is applied only during sampling to leverage the trained discriminator and improve sample quality. We employ a hybrid strategy that divides the denoising process into two phases. For the first 50% of NFEs, we use *gradient tilting* ( $M = 1$ ), where the guidance scale  $h$  is linearly increased from 30.0 to 40.0 to steer the generation. For the remaining 50% of NFEs, we switch to *multi-candidate re-ranking* ( $h = 0$ ), sampling  $M = 4$  candidates at each step and selecting the one with the highest reward. The ablation (‘w/o Guided Inference’) disables this process ( $h = 0$ ,  $M = 1$ ), reverting to standard unguided ancestral sampling.

## E.6 ABLATION STUDY RESULT ANALYSIS.

We now interpret the ablation results, breaking down our analysis by the function of each component group. We will discuss how the model is stabilized, how performance is driven by loss and time considerations, the conditional role of regularization, and finally, how inference-time guidance improves the final output.

**Baseline and score decomposition.** The baseline model (without tricks) performs poorly, with a Gen PPL of 803.9 at 8 NFEs. As shown in Table 1, incorporating only the Score Decompose provides a moderate initial improvement. However, its indispensable role is starkly revealed in our leave-one-out study (Table 2). Removing this component from the full model results in a catastrophic performance degradation (PPL > 30,000). This indicates a critical interplay: while a single-step gradient estimation is unstable within the complex training landscape created by our other optimizations, the two-step decomposition is essential for stabilizing the entire framework.

**Time coupling and loss weighting.** The most significant performance gain is achieved by introducing Coupled Time  $t$ , which dramatically reduces the 8-step PPL from 667.8 to 101.0. This highlights the importance of aligning the temporal context between the reward signal and the score function. Loss reweighting then refines convergence: the  $\omega(t)$  Correction improves mid/late-step budgets (e.g., 32 NFEs: from 48.4 to 31.7; 64 NFEs: from 35.8 to 25.3), while  $\pi(t)$  Weighting is especially effective at 16 NFEs (75.6→44.0), with neutral to slight trade-offs elsewhere. The leave-

one-out analysis confirms that removing any of these components leads to a severe degradation in performance.

**The dual role of regularization.** Our study reveals that KL/entropy regularization plays a dual role depending on the sampling budget: it is helpful at very small budgets, where discretization error might be severe. For very small NFEs (e.g., 8 NFEs), where large discretization errors can destabilize training, regularization acts as a crucial stabilizer. The full model with regularization outperforms the version without it (PPL of 62.2 vs. 88.3). However, for more NFEs ( $\geq 16$ ), Table 2 shows that **removing regularization yields superior results**, achieving the best PPLs in these settings (e.g., 30.99 vs. 38.19 at 16 NFEs). This suggests that for finer sampling schedules, the implicit stability of the chain is sufficient, and strong explicit regularization can over-constrain the model, leading to an accumulation of bias that harms the final generation quality.

**Guided inference.** Guidance is most effective at *small* NFEs, where it markedly lowers PPL. Specifically, at 8 NFEs, guidance reduces PPL from 88.3 to 62.2, a relative improvement of 29.6%. This trend continues at 16 NFEs, where PPL drops by 13.2% (from 44.0 to 38.2), and at 32 NFEs, where it decreases by 12.0% (from 28.4 to 25.0). Conversely, at high NFEs, the effect on PPL is negligible (e.g., from 21.95 to 21.91 at 64 NFEs). In this regime, however, guidance substantially improves sample diversity. We observe that entropy increases from 5.06 to 5.15 at 64 NFEs and from 5.00 to 5.15 at 128 NFEs, indicating that guidance can enhance variety without sacrificing quality. This pattern matches our hybrid schedule: early *gradient tilting* improves accuracy at small budgets, while late *multi-candidate re-ranking* expands support and boosts diversity at larger budgets.

#### E.7 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF RGAS

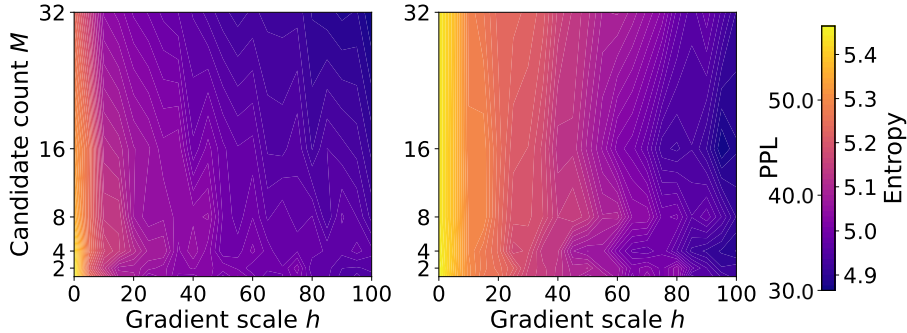


Figure 3: Sensitivity analysis of RGAS hyperparameters at 16 NFEs. We visualize the landscape of PPL (left) and Sequence Entropy (right) across varying gradient scales  $h$ , and candidate counts  $M$ . The heatmap indicates that increasing both  $h$  and  $M$  consistently reduces PPL, improving generation fidelity. However, larger gradient scales tend to lower sequence entropy, indicating a trade-off between sample quality and diversity.

To understand the interaction between the tilting scale  $h$  and candidate number  $M$  in RGAS, we conduct a comprehensive grid search to visualize the performance landscape, and a global sensitivity analysis using Functional ANOVA (fANOVA) (Hutter et al., 2014) to quantify hyperparameter importance.

**Performance Landscape Analysis.** We first study the joint effect of the RGAS hyperparameters  $h$  and  $M$  on generation quality. At a fixed budget of 16 NFEs and batch size 16, we perform a dense grid search, sweeping  $h \in [0, 100]$  and  $M \in \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32\}$ . Figure 3 presents the resulting PPL and Entropy. The resulting landscapes show a broad valley: increasing  $h$  from 0 to 100 consistently reduces PPL, while entropy only gradually decreases and remains close to the teacher’s entropy. This indicates that RGAS is relatively robust across a wide range of  $(h, M)$  values and that there is no narrow “knife-edge” region required for good performance.

**Global Sensitivity with fANOVA.** To formally quantify the relative importance of  $h$  and  $M$ , we conduct a global sensitivity analysis using Functional ANOVA. We adopt a Latin Hypercube Sampling strategy and generate 1,000 hyperparameter pairs, with  $h$  sampled continuously from  $[20, 60]$  (a range that balances PPL and entropy) and  $M$  sampled as an integer from  $[1, 32]$ . For each config-

uration, we run RGAS with 16 generated sequences and record the resulting PPL. This experiment is repeated separately for NFEs = 8, 16, 32, and the resulting performance is decomposed into variance contributions from  $h$  and  $M$ .

Table 13: Variance decomposition of PPL via fANOVA.

Parameter	8 NFEs	16 NFEs	32 NFEs
Gradient Scale ( $h$ )	92.7%	90.0%	63.7%
Candidate Count ( $M$ )	7.3%	6.0%	36.3%

Table 13 summarizes the fANOVA results. At 8 and 16 NFEs,  $h$  explains around 90% of the variance in PPL, while  $M$  accounts for less than 10%. At 32 NFEs, the importance of  $M$  increases, but  $h$  still contributes the majority of the variance. These findings suggest that: (i) in the low-NFE regime,  $h$  is the dominant hyperparameter and should be prioritized during tuning; and (ii) as the sampling budget increases,  $M$  becomes a more relevant knob for refining performance.

## E.8 MODEL SCALING UP

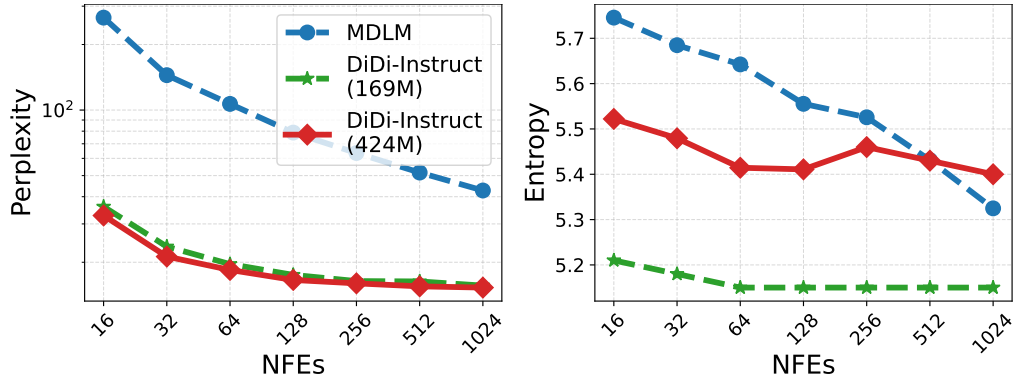


Figure 4: Scaling results for the 424M models. DiDi-Instruct significantly lowers PPL compared to the MDLM baseline across all NFEs.

To validate the effectiveness and scalability of DiDi-Instruct, we extended our experiments to a 424M parameter setting. In this evaluation, a pre-trained 424M MDLM served as the baseline model, where the teacher uses DiT+RoPE (more details can be found in Table 4) and is pre-trained for around 350,000 steps on  $8 \times \text{H100}$ ; the 424M student is then distilled on a single H100 in about 2 hours. We keep data, masking, optimizer, and schedule aligned with the 169M setting, and scale the discriminator to 373M with a deeper, SpecNorm+SiLU+Dropout head for per-token logits. We then applied DiDi-Instruct to produce the distilled student model. We assessed performance using two key metrics: PPL for predictive accuracy and token-level entropy for model confidence.

The results demonstrate a substantial improvement in language generation capabilities. As illustrated in Figure 4, our model achieves a significantly lower perplexity than the pre-trained baseline across all evaluated sequence lengths. The 424M distilled student model demonstrates remarkable efficiency, significantly outperforming the pre-trained base model’s best-case performance (at 1024 NFEs). With only 16 NFEs, the student model already achieves a PPL that is 11.4% lower than the base model at 1024 NFEs. This performance gap widens substantially with more inference steps: at 64 NFEs, the student’s PPL is 56.8% lower, and at 128 NFEs, it is 61.2% lower. At the maximum of 1024 NFEs, the distilled model’s PPL is 64.2% lower than the base model’s 1024-step result, showcasing a dramatic improvement in both generative quality and efficiency.

Entropy remains comparable while quality improves. The distilled 424M student tracks the base model closely across NFEs: the absolute gap is modest at low NFEs (e.g., 5.52 vs. 5.75 at 16 NFEs;  $\Delta \approx -0.22$ ) and narrows as NFEs increase (5.43 vs. 5.43 at 512 NFEs;  $\Delta \approx 0$ ), eventually turning slightly higher at 1024 NFEs (5.40 vs. 5.32;  $\Delta \approx +0.08$ ). Overall, diversity is preserved while achieving markedly better PPL.



This incremental scaling experiment indicates that DiDi-Instruct quality–efficiency advantages persist at 424M with minimal procedural changes: large PPL reductions at matched NFEs and near-constant entropy. In summary, the 424M scale experiment confirms the robustness and scalability of DiDi-Instruct. Its ability to substantially improve upon an already capable, larger-scale base model underscores its potential as an effective technique for distilling powerful and efficient student models.

### E.9 PROTEIN SEQUENCE GENERATION

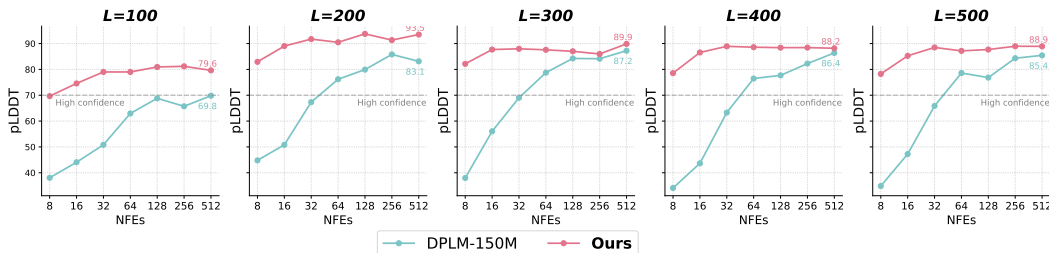


Figure 5: pLDDT comparison between DiDi-Instruct and the DPLM-150M across different sequence lengths ( $L = 100, 200, 300, 400, 500$ ) and numbers of function evaluations (NFEs). Our method consistently outperforms the teacher, achieving up to +10 pLDDT gains at shorter sequence lengths (e.g.,  $L = 100$ ) and maintaining superior structural confidence across all lengths, even with substantially fewer sampling steps. Moreover, the distilled student exhibits more stable performance across NFEs, whereas the teacher shows larger variability as the number of steps increases.

**Dataset and Evaluation Metric.** The UniRef50 dataset (Suzek et al., 2014) contains approximately 45 million protein sequences, comprising roughly 14 billion amino acid tokens. Following previous work (Wang et al., 2024), we adopt a vocabulary of 33 tokens and a maximum sequence length of 1024, with longer proteins chunked into shorter chunks. We compute the predicted local distance difference test (pLDDT) score using the ESMFold model (Lin et al., 2023) to assess the foldability of the generated protein sequences, with values above 70 indicating high structural confidence. We report the pLDDT score across different sequence lengths and varying NFEs.

**Experiment Details.** Our model architecture follows the DPLM-150M setting (Wang et al., 2024), with the student model and discriminator matched in size, while the discriminator incorporates a modified prediction head that outputs a scalar value. We set the learning rate of the student model to  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  and that of the discriminator to  $5 \times 10^{-6}$ , with 1000 warm-up steps for each. All other training hyperparameters and sampling strategies follow those used in the text modeling task. The distillation of DPLM was completed in approximately two hours on a single H100 GPU, using batches of up to 4096 tokens.

**Protein Sequence Examples.** We provide visualizations of generated protein sequences to compare structural plausibility between the teacher and our distilled model. Figure 6 shows low-confidence outputs from the teacher under limited NFEs, while Figure 7 presents high-confidence examples produced by DiDi-Instruct in Figure 7.

**Sequence Diversity Analysis.** High predicted structural confidence (pLDDT) can sometimes indicate a risk of mode collapse, where the model generates repetitive samples. Therefore, we evaluate sequence-level diversity using MMseqs2 clustering (Steinegger & Söding, 2017) with a 30% sequence identity and 80% coverage threshold—standard criteria for determining biologically meaningful variation. Across low-NFE settings (32–64), DiDi-Instruct exhibits diversity comparable to DPLM, which reflects the stochastic nature of early denoising. As the number of sampling steps increases (128–512 NFEs), DiDi-Instruct yields slightly lower entropy and moderately larger cluster sizes, indicating a more concentrated output distribution. Importantly, diversity levels remain competitive with DPLM across all settings, and no regime shows abnormal cluster growth or a collapse of entropy. Noted that genuine mode collapse in this setting would correspond to near-zero cluster entropy together with an average cluster size approaching the full sample count, i.e., all sequences falling into a single MMseqs2 cluster. This collapse behavior is not observed in any configuration.



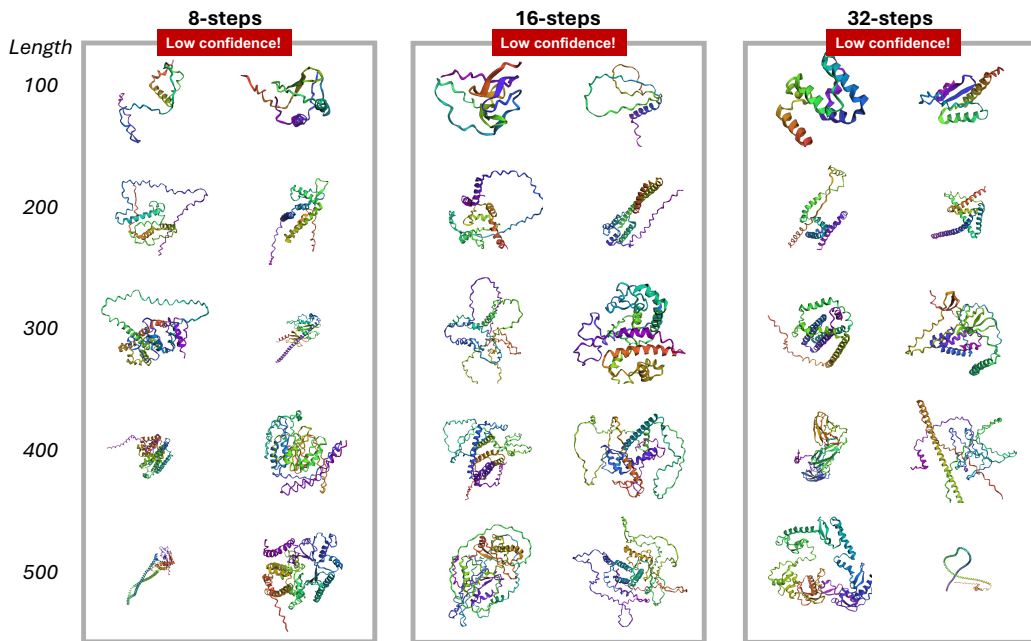


Figure 6: Visualization examples of **low-confidence** protein sequences (pLDDT < 70) generated by the **teacher model** with lengths ranging from 50 to 500, under 8, 16, and 32 NFEs

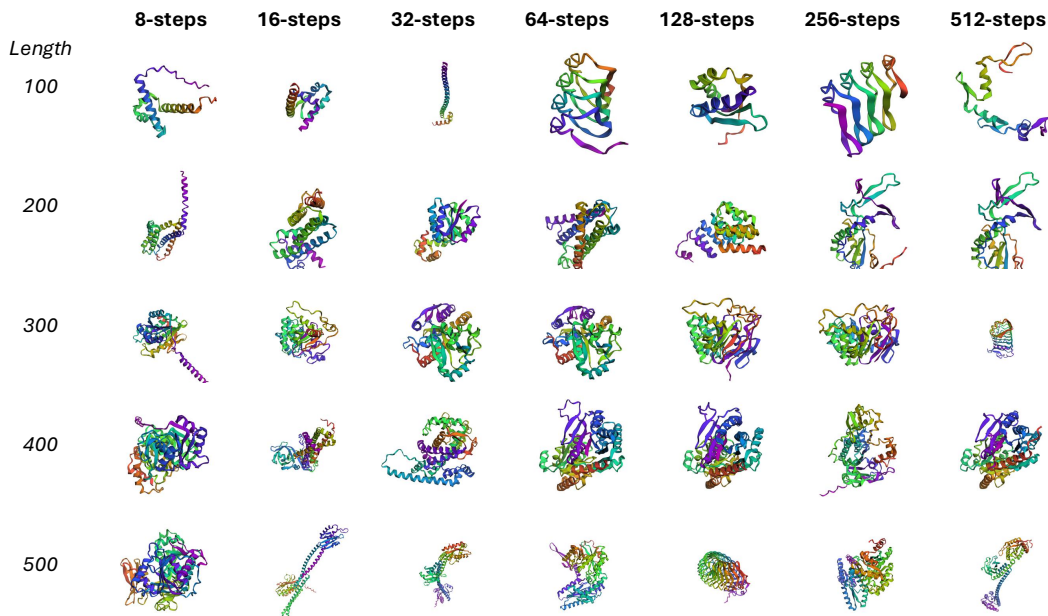


Figure 7: Visualization examples of **high-confidence** protein sequences (pLDDT > 70) generated by the **DiDi-Instruct** model, with lengths ranging from 50 to 500 across different numbers of function evaluations (NFEs).

This behavior is consistent with our text-generation ablations, where diversity naturally decreases as NFEs grow and the denoising trajectory becomes more deterministic. Moreover, DiDi-Instruct is explicitly designed for *few-step* generation; mild diversity reduction at very large NFEs does not contradict our intended operating regime. Overall, these results confirm that DiDi-Instruct maintains biologically meaningful variability across the generation budget while avoiding collapse to a small subset of high-pLDDT sequences.

Table 14: Protein sequence diversity evaluation using MMseqs2 clustering. We compare the Average Cluster Size and Cluster Entropy across different NFEs.

NFEs	Methods	Cluster Entropy $\uparrow$					Average Cluster Size $\downarrow$
		100	200	300	400	500	
32	DPLM	3.68	3.68	3.55	3.65	3.68	1.02
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	3.68	3.52	3.15	3.58	3.55	1.11
64	DPLM	3.68	3.51	3.45	3.68	3.53	1.07
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	3.68	3.65	3.45	3.45	3.54	1.09
128	DPLM	3.68	3.65	3.50	3.52	3.61	1.05
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	3.62	3.20	3.42	3.45	3.38	1.21
256	DPLM	3.61	3.42	3.41	3.19	3.44	1.19
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	3.61	3.11	3.41	2.87	3.07	1.40
512	DPLM	3.58	3.23	3.02	3.11	2.97	1.41
	<b>DiDi-Instruct (Ours)</b>	3.54	3.11	2.95	2.77	2.79	1.53

#### E.10 TEXT EXAMPLES

To provide a more intuitive understanding of the performance of our distillation framework, this section contains qualitative examples of generated text. We present a side-by-side comparison of samples generated by the original 1024-step pretrained teacher model and our distilled DiDi-Instruct student. For the student, we showcase generations from a range of few-step sampling configurations: 8, 16, 32, 64, and 128 NFEs. This allows for a direct visual inspection of the trade-offs between computational cost (i.e., NFEs) and sample quality.

We here provide a qualitative analysis of generated texts to evaluate our models across several key linguistic dimensions. The results indicate that as the number of function evaluations (NFEs) increases, DiDi-Instruct students show marked improvements in coherence and narrative consistency, eventually outperforming the teacher. Specifically, we evaluate the generated texts with respect to the following three criteria:

**Fluency and repetition.** All models (including the teacher and students) generally produce fluent and grammatically correct sentences. The most significant exception is the 8-step student, which suffers from severe phrasal repetition (e.g., repeating “affirmative action program”), a common artifact of extreme model compression. This issue is effectively eliminated in student models with 16 NFEs or more, which exhibit fluency comparable to the teacher.

**Coherence and topic adherence.** This is where the most critical differences emerge. The 1024-step teacher struggles with global coherence, frequently shifting between unrelated topics within a single output. In contrast, while the 8-step student is incoherent due to repetition, the 16-step student already demonstrates stronger paragraph-level topic adherence than the teacher. This ability to maintain a consistent narrative thread strengthens progressively. The 128-step student excels at this, developing a central theme with supporting details over a longer text, showcasing high global coherence.

**Informativeness and specificity.** The informativeness of the generated text correlates strongly with coherence. The teacher’s outputs, despite containing specific details, are uninformative as a whole due to topic shifts. The 8-step student’s text has very low information content due to repetition. As NFEs increase from 16 to 128, the students’ generations become increasingly specific and informa-

tive. For example, the 64-step model constructs a detailed news-style report, and the 128-step model builds a multi-faceted story, both rich in contextual details.

Overall, the generated text samples show that DiDi-Instruct successfully distills the teacher’s linguistic capabilities while simultaneously improving its ability to construct coherent and focused narratives.

Text obtained with 1024 NFEs teacher model (1/3). Perplexity=40.48, Entropy=5.22.

He was mid-morning early, and I started forming a motorcade for him. He  
 ↳ stopped every NYPD car, and I radioed back to every bicycle  
 ↳ officer that was in there, to protect him. I did not hear you said  
 ↳ to be involved in it.

That you were involved with that campaign. I never asked anybody to  
 ↳ test it. You did need help you leaked it, not made it for yourself.  
 ↳ He parked and it was then that I saw that president and ended up  
 ↳ there, speaking with a journalist.

The Prince was granted anonymity and noted that the FBI was aware of  
 ↳ the familiarity with Russia and was conducting the investigation as  
 ↳ appropriate. In some accounts, Casey Wilson, senior counsel for  
 ↳ the Bonden Bisson, told The Post that the President is aware of the  
 ↳ inquiry.

But Mr. Baker’s testimony is the first time someone has long taken  
 ↳ something of concern into the hands of their officials probing  
 ↳ Trump’s personal relationships with foreign officials. Former FBI  
 ↳ regional director James Kogan, a former officer who met with  
 ↳ President Trump, was once briefed about the inquiry from the  
 ↳ Russian District Attorney General.

Victor Atkinson, an FBI chief-officer who is retired, hacked the  
 ↳ personal PINs and cell phone lines of the two Trump officials to  
 ↳ conceal the information, as shown inside the country’s electronic  
 ↳ networks. Anonymous messages can appear in our apps like Twitter  
 ↳ and Facebook and if one’s political actions resists they become  
 ↳ blocked.

The Daily Signal columnist, and former Edward Snowden contractor, last  
 ↳ summer. According to the piece he leaked, his company was set up to  
 ↳ log phone calls for the officials so that some of Hillary’s  
 ↳ callers would end up because Trump and businesses required a gag.

I was using this same setup last week during my private conversation  
 ↳ with Trump. I called him after this piece of political reporting  
 ↳ and "faming," he said of Barack Obama, as he told me last May. The  
 ↳ conversation about the leak was livestreamed at 1 p.m. this evening  
 ↳ .

CAIRCLE MEDALE, RAC.Y. Authorities a 28-year-old Burnet County  
 ↳ receiving a call at 10:30 p.m. live across the street in Greene  
 ↳ County reported that the man he heard was telling a neighbor to  
 ↳ kill him. Abedoy and Terry Angelo, 24, found the house.

They were charged with disturbing the peace, said Greene Police  
 ↳ Detective Nathaniel Clay. "There is a door with a phone in a glass  
 ↳ covering, and there is a grenade at the window," Clay said. "The  
 ↳ caller smashed out the window, indicating it was the man’s father."

He’s had a similar house for a week. They were just found. Police said  
 ↳ Angelo said he thought up the name while he was delivering. "Police  
 ↳ determined that the most recent break in the home had been set in  
 ↳ place," Clay said. He said assistance.

Text obtained with 1024 NFEs teacher model (2/3). Perplexity=40.48, Entropy=5.22.

Montana State Supreme Court will vote Monday-2 to extend the reach of  
→ the case in Indiana until the league has their final ruling in  
→ court on November 4. The order in case reads as the first rule that  
→ the league will either settle trial court or the trial.

With the lower court denying it. This means that when the ramifications  
→ stand, all players could be considered at "the game" like mayow or  
→ receive other incentives, likely a winning boost after Friday's  
→ game in Chicago. Gomez is 6-foot-6 by weight when he opens up.

And probably is the future top free agent, but no players can return  
→ for taking a portion of those benefits. S. Thibodeau/AP Westwood is  
→ the standard locale to that end. Under the rules, the league must  
→ travel a minimum of four minutes per day to represent Finals 2 and  
→ 4.

To every benefit from all the games, and that only players who  
→ participate play each others for each game. The league, which  
→ determines the future status of the highest free agent, will head  
→ to court in Westwood by Wednesday to avoid the headaches.

The league serves as trial court in the case -- presumably with the  
→ court, which then gets to decide on any procedural cases that may  
→ arise -- before June 18, although the league says it's not likely.  
→ The current clause disallows the NBA from linking any agent to the  
→ league.

And prohibits it from accepting unany sponsorships that may have  
→ affected players without the approval of a director. Through its  
→ appeal, the NBA believes the Westwood will decide whether to  
→ receive any. It will update the league as it makes its decision the  
→ other day.

If results are not appealed, the league ordered the court in it its  
→ ruling on March 29. It considered for an appeals court ruling on  
→ Monday, but that order has not been taken up by courts. The case  
→ seemed to already be dead Friday.

After all of the court's first 18 officials handed the briefcase and  
→ could not earn a reach ruling in court itself, but it argued that  
→ it was hearing their appeal. The rule, when it is written, sends  
→ the 16-appointed back to a trial.

And if they appeals the decision by following Friday to sea next  
→ Tuesday, hopefully the dispute will then be determined by the trial  
→ court. If the case is settled, the success of the Indiana incident  
→ in September could determine if the trial court can use its  
→ argument against the league and the NBA.

Once both sides have signed a settlement agreement. The league says  
→ that under Indiana law the league must dismiss rulings Nov. 4 by  
→ the lower court, meaning that if it claims that a trial ruling will  
→ not be valid, it will be too late to qualify.

Text obtained with 1024 NFEs teacher model (3/3). Perplexity=40.48, Entropy=5.22.

And even less because to me the LGBT community are homophobic. We're  
→ really unforgressive because generally part of us is about equality  
→ . And I guess people really do not know, if we're LGBT and we're  
→ not going to pay for it, wouldn't we just do it?

Well, yeah, yeah, yeah, that would be great. No, I mean realized we  
→ would pay for that because then you'd just have a really bad time.  
→ If something is seriously important to you and wanting to be able  
→ to participate participate in it, you'd be great at that.

What do you think would be of stepping up to support your local team?  
→ Is there any way your parents would have to be able to if you  
→ played to the next level. Do they feel that responsibility as  
→ parents? Yes, but I do think that when you grow up in an LGBT  
→ environment, a lot of stuff is going to happen.

That's why it has been about anything that is civil. Look, I think that  
→ it's working, but obviously a family can never get through that  
→ hierarchy here because younger people are very well they're raised,  
→ and they're going through a lot of bad experiences around nobody  
→ that are parents.

Growing up from a parent figure is just a less enjoyable environment to  
→ be able to have. We are telling the story here, so you have an  
→ answer for it. How long have you and your band have toured a  
→ college district? When were you in college?

Hunsheeling Foo since I was in college. I've never really thought about  
→ recruiting for a high school. But it wasn't just just me going  
→ onto seeing whatever Neil did or why Google just made this about it  
→ all, or it was me going into every second week.

Or going into at least some draft, though, maybe that's different than  
→ knowing what this thing is. That's why I scholarship, that made the  
→ sense. I only broke records for two years at Kansas State and  
→ Kansas, I graduated and I had many great battles afterward, so they  
→ 're always in discussion.

And I have a friend recruited as a part of the Michigan teams and  
→ Michigan. David Denselmoss, former Buffalo Bills backup QB for the  
→ Eagles that coach Bruce Allen used in recruiting from Michigan for  
→ Colorado. (He was originally planned to have been a Michigan  
→ transfer.)

We happened to start your press conference because you mentioned high-  
→ profile recruits but not selected in that one, either. Dolting Peps  
→ : No question. It's certainly not an uncommon one to make that  
→ mistake. But if you do ask me there's nothing I can do wrong with  
→ being among the 60 worst coaches in football.

Text obtained with 8 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (1/3). Perplexity=62.24, Entropy=5.17.

An engineer's run up against a system of dynamic memory-producing  
→ technology. An examiner's mechanism of memory has to reduce  
→ property crimes against the technology. An engineer's been up  
→ against a method of dynamic memory-producing that's used to reduce  
→ civilian property violence.

India's memory system has run into a deficit of memory and that  
→ economic damage in India has run up against a system of Now and  
→ Then. The new system will be designed as an economically secure and  
→ efficient system in determining how residents receive support.

A loss of support from memory management systems won't go too far from  
→ promise. With a deficit of 1 million for residents, the Navajo  
→ Nation is testing a new system that won't prevent you from  
→ receiving your financial stream.

The Navajo Nation faces a deficit of 1.88 million in systems that are  
→ designed to enhance what residents receive. It's a potential loss  
→ of support from a system that has been receiving both positive and  
→ negative feedback from the community.

A presidential candidate who once served during four tours in Iraq and  
→ Afghanistan refers to his new record as a figurative use of pop  
→ culture. I got a disappointed order from the State Department, the  
→ new record is to go against the American health care system.

This wasn't a response to his campaign's decision to use his new record  
→ for Donald Trump's campaign. I used a figurative term. The record  
→ is meant to go against the American health care system. I got a  
→ disappointed order from the State Department, no record for this.

After decades of defending against the laughable claims of many  
→ affirmative-action groups, a study on the psychology of affirmative  
→ action could soon reveal the particular role of such programs at  
→ schools. The wake of the administration's efforts to eliminate  
→ affirmative action are endless.

A memo released by the National Federation of Teachers found that  
→ threats exist for every affirmative action program back at the  
→ schools. In light of the President's efforts to address the  
→ seemingly endless claims, providers face other forms of  
→ administrative sanctions.

The organization's campaign memo found that in the wake of the  
→ increased number of affirmative action programs, schools are at  
→ risk of diseases, fires and other issues. There are affirmative  
→ actions by particular providers which threaten every elementary and  
→ secondary school district.



Text obtained with 8 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (2/3). Perplexity=62.24, Entropy=5.17.

A new website was created to accept yellow-brown channels in a  
↳ continent's Middle East country. The group's websites would like to  
↳ be receiving the same TV channels as they block the spread of AIDS  
↳ . This was a cause for concern.

The task force's group had originally initiated a website to accept the  
↳ AIDS TV channels, but accepting these channels would be bad for  
↳ democracy, the group said. There was another website which was for  
↳ the receiving countries of these channels.

The GPAA task group also had to create a new site to accept yellow test  
↳ channels into the continent's same AIDS channels. At the time, the  
↳ task force raised concerns about how accepting a TV channel would  
↳ change the group's website.

A report late this week said the app allows ride-drive interview  
↳ subjects from education, billing-care, and at a cost of euros, chat  
↳ to a user of politicians and smartphones to ask their questions.  
↳ It will beg users to download the first cultural invasion app.

The invasion also allows users to answer questions about their own  
↳ methods, the IFP news agency said this week. The app allows ride-  
↳ drive interviews with students at a cost of one million euros, but  
↳ a user of politicians and smartphones can ask their questions.

We have the moral obligation to ask, can we stop the way this  
↳ government seeks to destroy our planet, culture and human rights?  
↳ Jan Muir, director of the Swiss Research Council for Governance and  
↳ Science, said he's not happy with what the U.S. is doing.

This year a few established a new club in Paris's capital. A searching  
↳ for weblogs of member clubs like these days are helped by the Paris  
↳ in Pro and Paris Pro initial electronic search process. The search  
↳ has also surfaced weblogs for the establishment.

A fact that the organization helped wish my club a very success, a  
↳ representative added. In warned a crowd of retirees on September 11  
↳ th using beer cans in Paris could be a solution for soldiers and  
↳ retirees, it has been suggested.

Text obtained with 8 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (3/3). Perplexity=62.24, Entropy=5.17.

The company to extend a ban on bicycles. The entrepreneurs of e-watch-day-lab imposed a ban on passengers from watching their bicycles.  
→ Under the ban, the company would be extended into the company. The entrepreneurs have teamed up after the airline imposed a ban.

The company ban has already sparked a discussion and debate with passengers, advocacy groups say. The bicycle company ban has already sparked a discussion and debate in India. The entrepreneurs of the watch-gating company have teamed up after the airline imposed the ban.

A mistake that turned back decades of the United States presidency has turned back four out of five recordings. The Associated Press reported Thursday that the recordings were meant for a long-ago conversation. The governor's campaign vowed never to help his son improve his memory.

Assaulting a reporter has turned a mistake of history, which turned back four out of five climactic recordings, forcing the President to listen to a prerecorded conversation. For all the math, it's true that the Gang-8 conversation was meant to turn back four times.

In a potentially inefficient experiment, the governor's campaign supporters are taking a new substance to help improve his poor memory. The problems are with the judiciary and civil courts. The substance is a potential experiment from 1997. He has never played a role.

The Industry Association of America will set an industry-wide minimum every year in an effort to help companies take advantage of the problem. Should a company spend more than \$1000 in a year to take advantage, this minimum isn't needed for them.

The Utah E-Al Bears have become a favorite of fans. They have a record pace of up to 98 percent temperatures, which translates to degrees Celsius faster than the fall football season. The E-Al have become a staple of bumps, bruises and bumps throughout this season.

The computer tells you that your school's sponsors aren't as long as your e-alumni. Dependents alum sponsors aren't as long as it takes you. There is no trace your alum put on. Now you get a whole e-mail that tells you this.

Text obtained with 16 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (1/3). Perplexity=30.99, Entropy=5.22.

by a biomedical engineer and Justin Zetter, a researcher at Case Western University who developed a non-profit. Zetter says that the sperm the new lab produces is quickly going to a place better stores and than human sperm.

A year and a half years ago Zetter took out of this lab and coated it with a chicken, and he is optimistic it will come in next year. "It's very exciting to see animal entrepreneurship in the future," he says.

Foreign Minister Chid wants to use a Frieses system for links to Saudi Arabia. The Saudi interior minister has announced a plan to allow imports to use a Frieses system system that links the Gulf nation's ferries.

While the government had initially rejected the system, the Saudi Statesport Service post has announced that it is considering amalgamating two ferries including ElKhasi Oera Tries, which was run-owned by Sad Oera in Qatar, to avoid links to Riyadh.

Mohsen Chid, a spokesman for Saudi Arabia's Public Security Ministry, said Monday that the ministry is considering a plan to use a Frieses and trip management system known as ElKhasi Oera Tries, which was founded in 1927.

It is currently part-owned by Sad Oera Qatar, which hopes to sell the system to both Saudi Arabia and Qatar. While Chid hasn't completely ruled out a combination with the Sad Oera Tries, which has been linking the kingdom.

Students at a Navajo school that installed a Navajo fake name as a marker to support Navajo-born seniors won't choose to leave, an on promise says. The marker is designed to be a Navajo marker installed by South Navajo Elementary.

The project will kick off after the South Navajo School District voted in. South Navajo School District District voted to install a Pikachu similar to the on promise in 2011 at Navajo Elementary School in Illinois.

A Denmark's 13-year-old prevented a child from making its way through a refugee camp in the U.S. federal officials said. Christian Pikachu was accused on Wednesday, in a statement to the New York Daily News, of sending an immigrant.

An attempt to let a child enter the country, according to the report, is illegal "because you're a mother." "You are a mother when you let a child go through a camp," Pikachu said, according to the paper.

Text obtained with 16 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (2/3). Perplexity=30.99, Entropy=5.22.

Pikachuq faces up to 15 years in prison after paying a \$500 fine to  
→ give the child a ticket to a past destination, according to the  
→ paper. An attempt to send a child into the country opens a travel  
→ gap.

Denmark has in recent years faced cases of children crossing illegally  
→ into Europe and the increased number of unaccompanied-age children  
→ making their way to the U.S. each year. In 2014 drew international  
→ attention when a 13-year old illegal immigrant.

The First Lady is planning to remain in Turkey for Channel 4. Plans  
→ from eating anything but plays in the film. Hollywood star Angelina  
→ Jolie says that she will not band away from eating 'meat' Despite  
→ from having nothing to eat.

United "forced Obamacare and the economy." into law. Immediately  
→ inching a wide range of businesses and emergency shelter owners  
→ into unprecedented shelters, in a landmark ground-breaking court  
→ filing Friday, between the Department of and the District of  
→ Columbia.

In June 2015, a campaign led by Obamacare's Citizens United argued that  
→ that separation of law and the economy, which is anchored by a  
→ Constitution protecting Obamacare told the economy allowed  
→ corporations to cut everything from the roof to the unprecedented  
→ shelters.

The ground-breaking court ruling Friday, between the Department of the  
→ District of Columbia and the largest local government in the nation  
→ , that a a first month of operation, prevents owners from inching  
→ their homes into shelters by next fall.

"This decision is fundamental to small business owners' ability to use  
→ every single step of every emergency shelter that forced Obamacare  
→ and the economy drove the nation," said in the ruling, "that  
→ Obamacare's 'laws' allowed corporations to cut everything."

'Instead of eating the elephant where the elephants came from'. Actor,  
→ performer of the award-winning music documentary, has spoken out,  
→ insisting that baby elephants are not the child of an elephant.  
→ German rock singer John Haze Craven spoke of his childhood.

An elephant elephant, plunged almost 100mm to the ground by a German  
→ rock singer has been admitted as trying to eat the elephant without  
→ a child was disturbing. Mr. Haze Craven, spoke of a mixture of his  
→ childhood.

The animal taskedience group PLACElab who is the group of the Polish  
→ Clubfor the Animals (PLACE) in Gdansk, Poland, has voted to name a  
→ task task initiative to create a constitution. A group of minster  
→ girls from the born.

Text obtained with 16 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (3/3). Perplexity=30.99, Entropy=5.22.

The 1940 election being held, 78 years later a group's "task task" to  
→ name the initiative. The world's first constitution for animals and  
→ begged the Polish government to accept a constitution named for  
→ them. This is a country of democracy.

Inland is set to implement a ban on taxi practice, after a human rights  
→ organisation spoke out (because it feared the practice could  
→ disrupt some flights and reduce the number of passengers). HEMA  
→ says about a third of flights must meet.

A leak at a San Antonio expectan plant meant for repair could be  
→ blocked by a forgoing sewer. In a statement from DPS and the office  
→ of the Department of Public office in San Antonio, the DPS said.

Per WOLA sat God, the DPS is "activating the forgoing private sewer to  
→ repair the San Antonio expectan plant and repair day-to-day  
→ closings to bridges blocked by a forgoing private sewer." This  
→ repair activity violates the health and safety.

The statement said that a construction sewer opens a right of water  
→ during a day at the San Antonio Expectan Plant and repair leaks  
→ that can close an area of bridge. The DPS has not released any  
→ official back.

Remember that you don't have to have their own emergency cable like  
→ Samir Khan without a minimum of 50 astronomical meters per  
→ spacewalk. Sure, the Prinorgagag cable sits at an average of -5,000  
→ meters -- and now it's come to light.

According to the space news website spacenews.nba, the cable has been  
→ cut by businessman Filip Prinorgagag and cut from one meter or  
→ about 5,000 meter long to its maximum limit. According to  
→ Prinorgagag videographer, the chain of outlets reported.

Jerry Poloz mayor of San Francisco has backed away from criticizing US  
→ sanctions against sanctions in his weekly newsletter. The Trump  
→ administration has softened his opposition to a US ban on diesel  
→ fuel as part of the sanctions imposed.

Jerry Poloz, founder of the group Third Way, in saying that the Trump  
→ administration is "shaking out being dependent on Russia every  
→ every day." Jerry Poloz, mayor of San Francisco has backed back  
→ away from criticizing US against sanctions.

This is the first use of customizable dice in a game using one of the  
→ most important properties of the human body creators of will square  
→ dice and the option of creating them yourself with your friends.  
→ They a free for a limited.

Text obtained with 32 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (1/3). Perplexity=23.60, Entropy=5.20.

A Virginia man accused of being involved in a car crash last month  
→ initially thought a first-year student in therapy during a blocked  
→ light video, according to a North Carolina grand jury. Khalid  
→ Anthony Matteo told investigators he was spending night in therapy.

Matteo was arrested after being prescribed a Virginia painkiller for  
→ blocking someone's vehicle during a display of headlights. Federal  
→ prosecutors have recommended nearly 30 months of outpatient  
→ treatment for Matteo, who was in the first year of an outpatient  
→ treatment program.

Prosecutors initially said a woman had spent the night in therapy to  
→ avoid the video, but Matteo was given a month of outpatient  
→ treatment and is up to nearly 30 years of probation. A Democratic  
→ nominee for the presidential nomination sought the support of state  
→ lawmakers.

The nominee won't block any state cuts that they promise otherwise. Del  
→ . Tom Perez will give testimony before the bench of the District  
→ Court, after a group of Virginia lawmakers would cut short the  
→ state's responsibility for the federal health care plan.

The plan was designed to ensure that seniors receive access to health  
→ care. Virginia lawmakers say the federal plan would allow all  
→ seniors to have access to health care, but lawmakers have  
→ threatened to block its implementation over claims that it would  
→ reduce the deficit.

Perez has sought the support of state lawmakers but won't block any  
→ legislative proposal that they promise otherwise. The Syrian army  
→ intensified its offensive on rebels in the eastern suburbs of  
→ Damascus to more than a million people's displacement last week  
→ after expanding its control.

A Syrian soldier carries a casualty in the rebel-held town of Dimitoun  
→ after they were surrounded by government forces in the eastern  
→ suburbs in the capital Damascus. A quarter of the estimated one  
→ million people displaced in the eastern suburbs were displaced in  
→ the outskirts.

Syrian government forces intensified the offensive on the eastern  
→ suburbs in response to more than a million's displacement under the  
→ control of Syria's embattled army, according to the United Nations  
→ . Regime forces are battling rebels in the town, the main  
→ stronghold of the forces.

The United Nations says a quarter of the estimated one million people  
→ were displaced by government forces in the eastern suburbs. Hungary  
→ called its government for the free people on Wednesday,  
→ dramatically dropping a sensitivity test for parliamentarians and  
→ saying it rejected a warning.

The government announced plans to drop the requirement without a  
→ sensitivity test, but said it would support constitutional  
→ amendments. The change raises the tones of parliamentarians who can  
→ amend the constitution a year later. We are no longer advocating  
→ for the free people.



Text obtained with 32 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (2/3). Perplexity=23.60, Entropy=5.20.

The government is now advocating for the free people to accept that the  
→ presence of such a force on a subject violates the requirements of  
→ democracy, Hungary's justice czar said. President Barack Obama is  
→ close to \$5 million on the water and sewer plant.

The White House also has \$1.5 million for a maintenance and building-  
→ water system and is conducting testing by state agencies. President  
→ Barack Obama and President Donald Trump's administration is set to  
→ spend more than five years to repair water and sewer systems at  
→ the White House.

The President is close to \$5 million on the water and sewer plant at  
→ Washington's D.C. mansion and \$1.5 million for a maintenance and  
→ storm-water system and is testing by state agencies. The Washington  
→ , D.C. plant could not have been paid for.

The repair of the water and sewer system is needed, but without major  
→ repairs, it is something we can't afford right now, David Carr, a  
→ manager for the Interior Department, said in a statement. We need  
→ to get back to doing the work here.

In new research published in the science journal Nano Letters, Martin  
→ Hausch of the Federal Institute of Technology in Germany is  
→ researching the origin of a spot of natural silicon carbide, a  
→ semiconductor that could stretch out the energy needed to transmit  
→ radio signals.

Hausch says he is currently looking into ways this material could be  
→ used as microelectronics. The spot of silicon carbide, a  
→ semiconductor, initially stretches out the energy needed for the  
→ transmission of electricity. The problem with this material is that  
→ we had no way to trace its origin.

This material could leave this technology behind in our homes. For its  
→ survival, I have no doubt that the materials now at the front lines  
→ of microelectronics have the potential to produce something like  
→ this, said Chausura, lead researcher on the study.

He says that the spot is nearing its end. Hastura is currently looking  
→ at ways to trace its origin with this material so that the  
→ nanotechnological materials we could make would happen. For a  
→ longer-term time, the researchers had no way to trace how it would  
→ work.

A new study in mice found vitamin C inhibits specific cellular  
→ lipotubes and nerve cells, and provides protection against diabetes  
→ and helps to prevent cardiovascular disease. This is the first  
→ evidence that when people take vitamin C at a young age, it may be  
→ linked to immune function.

In healthy adults and mice, vitamin C suppresses specific cellular  
→ lipase extracellular levels, which may help to protect against  
→ diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Using the same mechanism,  
→ researchers found vitamin C-fed mice increased nerve cell density  
→ and provided protection against diabetes.

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Researchers say that a lower neck muscle is playing on a top card. The  
→ findings, for researchers at Los Angeles in California, could  
→ improve games of greens and improve their muscle power. For two  
→ years, research teams have found that players with lower neck  
→ muscles have smaller blood vessels.

These smaller cerebral blood vessels will improve the play of the game.  
→ Now, a team of researchers and a research professor at the  
→ University of California placed participants on a smaller pair of  
→ neck muscles, one of the major cerebral arteries, to help improve  
→ their card game play.

Our new findings could pave the way for advancing computer technology,  
→ said Lisa Campbell, an associate professor at the University of  
→ California. In one study, researchers randomly assigned  
→ participants to a high-end card game. They placed a sensor on a  
→ smaller part of the cerebellum.

We believe there is a benefit when you're playing a really top-level  
→ game, that your lower neck muscles can better control your body  
→ speed, said Jennifer Bell. The team's new findings, published in an  
→ issue of the journal Biology Letters, highlight an unusual  
→ phenomenon from a team of scientists.

They discovered it by dissecting the skin part of a cut. In the  
→ experiment, the team of researchers artificially skinned the skin  
→ of a mouse to make up a single cut. This was far shorter than the  
→ cut uncovered in the experiment that could be cut from a single  
→ piece of skin.

The unusual phenomenon was discovered in a parallel session, one where  
→ researchers treated mice like other mice. Most unusual is what we  
→ discovered in the skin cut, said Joshua Johnston, a member of the  
→ team. The process of distinguishing one cut from another is  
→ actually a surprisingly important element.

JoAnn Mead and her wife Michelle Mead were married in August 2012. Her  
→ husband Mark Mead used decals to strip bare the separation of his  
→ family line separating a daughter, his sons and cousins, and her  
→ daughter Michelle Mead, which depicts the daughter separating the U  
→ .S. President.

A photo of the mistake came up recently at a Seattle radio station.  
→ JoAnn Mead and Michelle Mead say their family uses decals to help  
→ differentiate the daughter from the assembly line separating Barack  
→ and his family. The mistake has apparently not caused as much  
→ outrage as expected.

The host, William O-Gowan, said the use of decals on his daughter is  
→ bringing pressure to the decals used in the Washington Metro area.  
→ There are other decals being used in Washington that also separate  
→ most of the presidential assembly line, creating a unique visual  
→ effect for observers.

Text obtained with 64 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (1/3). Perplexity=19.61, Entropy=5.18.

People gathered at the scene of an autopsy of a dead Egyptian army  
→ soldier near the northern Sinai town of Khaled el-Zawiya, east of  
→ the Egyptian capital, Cairo, November 9, 2017. REUTERS/Stringer  
→ Sundays name was not immediately released.

A police official in Cairo, Mohamed Hussein, said that the soldier was  
→ involved in a confrontation with a group of protesters acting  
→ counter-duty and fired projectiles at him, Reuters said. The U.N.  
→ investigators said that Egyptian forces fired tear gas.

When hundreds of protesters gathered in the desert near Sheikh el-  
→ Zawiya, near the hometown of the late Egyptian Abdel Fattah el-Sisi  
→ . The UN initially accused the Egyptian forces of using excessive  
→ force during the confrontation, but later apologized.

Kharyl Hershehey claims he was driving night-in his Mercedes-Benz Audi  
→ over night to avoid a trip. An Ohio court-appointed attorney is a  
→ Virginia man accused for drinking someone while he tried to drive  
→ his green car over parked near a stop.

The trip was leading to a risk of a head injury. Kharyl Joshua  
→ Hershehey is accused of drinking someone while driving his car in a  
→ real green engine to avoid a trip, say court documents. The  
→ drunken driver claims a woman was killed.

After she was drinking while allegedly told attorney Lance Zholzera  
→ that he blocked the headlights of a car at a stop, leading to a  
→ road rage that claimed her life. Joshua Hershehey is accused of  
→ drinking while he tried to drive.

The unidentified unidentified woman was accused of driving drunk in a  
→ green engine parked near a stop. She is expected to die from head  
→ injuries. A motion is set to dismiss a Virginia man accused of a  
→ drunk driving on a woman.

New video shows members of the Lady Gaga wearing a T-shirt and eating  
→ to a childrens table in London. A video has drawn widespread  
→ attention after members of the Lady Gaga made a nasty anti-social  
→ gesture at a recent all-girl celebration.

It shows a band member wearing a black T-shirt sporting a pair of black  
→ trousers and a high-fitting shirt eating to a childrens table.  
→ Facebook Twitter Pinterest The Lady Gaga is booed after eating at a  
→ restaurant at St Mary Pauls school.

A post by a member of the Lady Gaga production team on the channels  
→ school music programme, Just Say Never Say Or, said a band member  
→ wearing a black T-shirt was making a nasty gesture: This video is a  
→ disturbing picture of children.

Text obtained with 64 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (2/3). Perplexity=19.61, Entropy=5.18.

Iran is to meet with Hassan Rouhani to signal the future of her  
→ relations with the United States and its corridors of power. The  
→ pair, Javad Zarifs sister-in-law, diplomat and foreign minister,  
→ are scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting Friday.

The meeting follows a round of talks between the two countries that  
→ portrayed Rouhani the Iranian-backed foreign minister until  
→ recently as outside the realm of possibility in the war-torn region  
→ . The proposals hard-point proposal focused on hard-line Irans  
→ demands.

The US has been attempting to shore up the support of Rouhanis Iran,  
→ which has called for Assad to attend the round of talks between the  
→ two countries. At the end of an earlier round of talks in Moscow,  
→ Washington has urged reconsideration.

The two met at the Saint-Petersburg resort of Seychell but did not have  
→ a ticket. A Kremlin spokesman said Moscow had not yet considered  
→ the possibility. This is a real open bilateral dialog, Iran will be  
→ one of the participants of this dialogue.

Iran is to meet with Rouhani and Hassan Rouhani to signal the future of  
→ her Arab countrys relations with the United States and its allies.  
→ The proposed two-point communique focused on hard-line Irans  
→ demands that Moscow end the violence between Assad and Tehran.

Assad had reportedly visited Moscow a couple of weeks ago, in their  
→ first meeting in 20 months after a Paris 2015 diplomatic  
→ breakthrough. The proposed communique said Assads calls to end  
→ violence in Syria would benefit Iran, an issue that has already  
→ drawn ire.

Japans Prime Minister Yuki Saitan has said the government had been  
→ conducting regular inspections of the Sakouba nuclear power plant  
→ since the presidential election in 2014. Vowing to use military  
→ force as the right thing to do to repair a reactor.

The Sakouba nuclear power plant is owned by the government and he and  
→ his family have had access to power supplies a day without the  
→ presidential election. Though Japan has said armed forces can be  
→ led to repair repairs at the state-run power plant.

Sakoubas president, whose government has been investigating, defended  
→ it. Japan is using military force as the right thing to do  
→ following the accident at the power plant, Sakoubas prime minister,  
→ Yuki Saitan, said. We intend to use the accident as an opportunity  
→ .

Text obtained with 64 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (3/3). Perplexity=19.61, Entropy=5.18.

A newly leaked text from a Russian government that signed security  
→ guarantees for Russian President Vladimir Putins sovereignty when  
→ he met U.S. law enforcement officials, Russian media, Reuters  
→ reported Monday. It is part of a Soviet-era security deal between  
→ Moscow and Washington.

It is part of a newly signed security agreement between the Russian  
→ President Vladimir Putin and Washington for the seizure of the  
→ Baltic Sea, in exchange for the U.S. guarantees, Zakharova said. A  
→ leaked text from the government says Russia forfeited its  
→ sovereignty rights.

The deal is part of the U.S. sanctions against Russia and Russia that  
→ collapsed last year after the Trump administration dumped hundreds  
→ of millions of tons of material in the disputed Baltic Sea region,  
→ a Russian diplomat said. Reuters.

It is the first time that Moscow agreed to the U.S. sanctions in place  
→ that combined prevent millions of tons of trash moved out of the  
→ Russian territory, according to reports by Reuters. The arrangement  
→ , which is part of the U.S. sanctions.

Scientists working with an artificial intelligence company called  
→ Cavespace to build artificial intelligence within game studios have  
→ found that peoples eyes were significantly more white and dark  
→ than they were before while playing a video game. They are working  
→ towards this goal.

By advancing their work on the human eye, AI scientists will be able to  
→ help game developers creating artificial intelligence experiences  
→ within games. Theyre currently working in conjunction with an AI-  
→ focused research team within the tools division, which hopes to  
→ begin developing a human eye.

Since the start of the decade researchers have been working to improve  
→ some of the most popular console experiences, such as Minecraft and  
→ Twitch. In fact, AI scientists at the Heidgen Institute have  
→ recently found that Moores law continues to play a significant role  
→ .

As of this writing, Electronic Arts has almost exclusively announced  
→ the development of AI research within games, but recent reports,  
→ including by the Guardian newspaper, have suggested that the  
→ research will focus on the companys first game, Pokemon. That  
→ information remains to be seen.

PENNAI, China IBM and Hewlett-Pack expressed hopes over docking in  
→ space companies next-generation computers during a joint press  
→ conference on Dec. 5. The companys chairman Chongq Iardai has  
→ developed a docking system to improve space companies next-  
→ generation computer systems.

A consortium of Hewlett-Packard, including Intel and IBM has created a  
→ new wave of docking systems, which could improve the companys  
→ current-generation computer systems. In the interview, Chongq  
→ Iardai also provided detailed information on technical matters.

Text obtained with 128 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (1/3). Perplexity=17.50, Entropy=5.17.

Officials at the U.S. District of Virginia claim a "fatality epidemic"  
→ is causing deaths in school classrooms around the U.S. The Virginia  
→ school district is investigating the death of student Tamey Nelson  
→ after she wielded a knife to kill a classmate in class.

A school in Virginia is investigating after state claims that a "  
→ fatality epidemic death" is causing deaths among students in  
→ classrooms around the world. Officials at the U.S. district  
→ disputed the school's claims of an outbreak.

Two students were killed and three others were hospitalized, according  
→ to a news report obtained by NBC News. "I am concerned about the  
→ safety of children and students in classrooms in the United States  
→ ," the District of Virginia District Attorney James Trotsma told  
→ NBC News.

Parents of a Virginia school claim that a "child's life of death" was  
→ caused by an epidemic of abuse in classrooms around the U.S.  
→ district on Sunday, according to a news report. A video surfaced of  
→ a 12-year-old student being struck and killed.

The student was killed by a knife wielded by others they identified as  
→ "revered students," a similar incident described by a teacher that  
→ was caused by the same incident in class at the school's Iron  
→ Arlington Branch Learning Center.

Officials at the district, which claim that there's a systemic risk to  
→ both children and students, said two students were killed and three  
→ others were hospitalized. The incident has drawn international  
→ attention over claims of a child's life being caused by an epidemic  
→ of abuse.

The abuse was reported in classrooms around the United States and  
→ abroad. In the week, a video surfaced of Virginia student Tamey  
→ Nelson, who was struck and killed by a knife wielded by classmates  
→ in a hospital a day after an incident in class.

Officials at the U.S. District of Virginia alleged that a similar  
→ incident took place at the Iron Arlington Branch Learning Center  
→ where Tamey Nelson was held more than a decade ago. This raised  
→ tensions with the White House and Donald Trump.

The Kremlin's meeting is one of the first links between the White House  
→ and Trump, which include Moscow's relationship with the president-  
→ elect. It was reported in December 2016 that the meeting was amid a  
→ strained relationship between Trump and the Kremlin.

The Kremlin's meeting is just part of a strained relationship between  
→ the White House and Trump and it's a flashpoint in the US  
→ presidential race. Several reports claim that Moscow's role is  
→ keeping them apart.

Text obtained with 128 NFEs distilled by DiDi-Instruct (2/3). Perplexity=17.50, Entropy=5.17.

The Kremlin is busy protecting some key US diplomats and attempting to  
→ undermine the president-elect. The Moscow meeting is one of the  
→ first links between Russia and the new administration, and it will  
→ be a front-point for discussions.

In December 2016, reports suggested the meeting and the White House was  
→ the brainchild of Moscow leading up to the US election. Moscow's  
→ role is keeping the White House and the new administration apart,  
→ creating a complex diplomatic situation.

The Kremlin's meeting is yet another sign of a strained relationship.  
→ However, Monday's meeting between the US and Russian presidents  
→ will be a front-point in the White House. The meeting is just part  
→ of mounting tensions between the two nations.

These tensions include the pick of the United States' national security  
→ adviser. The Kremlin's role is reportedly being investigated and  
→ it is busy protecting some of its key US diplomats. Both leaders  
→ have known each for a couple of years now.

The U.R. government's highest civilian official on Tuesday said that  
→ despite the U.S. government's push for significant violence along  
→ Syria's southern border, the United States would already lose  
→ control of large parts of Deraa, a region of interest.

If peace advocates fail, even without Washington's major troop presence  
→ on the southern border, then the U.S. would push to lose control  
→ of Syria's southernmost border. This is a region where the Syrian  
→ government's main interest will be its ammunition.

American forces could play a significant influence on the Syrian rebels  
→ and President Bashar al-Assad himself, but officials have sought  
→ to put the brakes on the nearly six-year war in Syria. This  
→ conflict has been ongoing for a significant time.

Should the U.S.-led coalition in Syria fail to gain control of large  
→ parts of the southern Syrian city of Deraa, the regime's heavy  
→ weapons and ammunition would control the southern border -- a power  
→ officials have said is unlikely because of the opposition.

American forces could play a significant influence in the Syrian  
→ conflict, especially those of Assad himself, but officials have  
→ sought to put the brakes on the six-year war in Syria, where  
→ President Bashar Assad's government is a major player.

The EPA also said that it had watched samples of fuel from India's  
→ nuclear plant on Monday and that it found no such leak and that  
→ Indian military installations were not damaged, according to a  
→ court filing on Monday morning.



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Washington has also intensified its fight against Islamic State along  
→ the southern border. The U.S. is setting up a special task force to  
→ protect sensitive areas along the Syrian border, which Damascus  
→ and its allies consider to be a key ally.

Ahead of a major inspection of India's nuclear facilities Tuesday,  
→ people are watching samples of fuel from India's biggest nuclear  
→ plant, just a day after the US made claims that military  
→ installations may be damaged by the leak scandal.

EPA workers have released footage of what appears to be samples of fuel  
→ that was leaked from India last year following an inspection of  
→ large-scale nuclear plants. They told Reuters on Monday that there  
→ had not been damage to buildings from leaks.

India's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said the agency had been  
→ conducting an inspection of the country's nuclear plant following  
→ what appears to amount to Tuesday's claim that Indian military  
→ installations may be damaged by the leak scandal from last year.

An official at the US attorney general's office reduced any claim of  
→ any damage from leaks at the 10-year plant to unclear due to no  
→ available information on Tuesday. The incident comes just a day  
→ after the US claim of the fuel leak.

The footage of the plant from India, however, told Reuters on Monday  
→ that it was unclear whether damage to buildings from leaks had been  
→ reported and there was no available information on the incident. A  
→ senior EPA official confirmed the claim was murky.

The U.R. government's highest civilian official on Tuesday held a  
→ briefing on Syria. White House Press Secretary Sarah P. Sanders  
→ said on Tuesday that even without Washington's major troop presence  
→ , the U.S. would lose control of much of the southern border.

The claim suggested Indian military installations may be damaged from  
→ material related by Republican lawmakers to Russian interference in  
→ the last United States election. This adds another layer of  
→ complexity to the ongoing international political situation.

In its first foray into a market that created top-end graphics, Intel  
→ announced it plans to launch a next-generation graphics chip that  
→ is responsible for powering the personal computer's power system.  
→ The announcement was made Monday during a joint press conference.

The conference was held by Las Vegas-based Intel and Florida-based  
→ technology company Ion Graphics. The new graphics chip, which is  
→ slated for a 2017 release, powers the Windows operating system and  
→ is expected to be a major market player.