Ability Boundary of Data in LLMs' Math Reasoning

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Abstract

Large language models (LLMs) are display-001 002 ing emergent abilities for math reasoning tasks, and there is a growing attention on enhancing the ability of open-source LLMs through supervised fine-tuning (SFT). But systematic research on the relationship between supervised data and model performance is limited. In this paper, we explore the ability boundary of data in LLMs' math reasoning, aiming to aid in the effective utilization of data, focusing on both questions and reasoning paths. Firstly, we de-012 termine the ability boundary of reasoning paths augmentation by identifying these paths' minimal optimal set. Secondly, we validate that different abilities of the model can be cumulatively enhanced by Mix of Minimal Optimal 017 Sets of corresponding types of data, while our models MMOS achieve SOTA performance in horizontal comparisons among LLaMA-2 019 7B/13B based models. Besides, we point out GSM-HARD is not really hard and today's LLMs no longer lack numerical robustness. Also, we provide an Auto Problem Generator 024 for robustness testing and educational applications. Our code and data are publicly available 026 at https://github.com/Anonymous.

1 Introduction

In the context of significant emergent abilities demonstrated by Large Language Models (LLMs) (Wei et al., 2022a; OpenAI, 2023), the focus on math reasoning tasks, particularly Numerical QA and Math Word Problems (MWP) (Kushman et al., 2014; Upadhyay and Chang, 2017; Miao et al., 2020a; Xu et al., 2022), is paramount. The current approach to activate these abilities in LLMs involves carefully engineered prompting (Brown et al., 2020), in-context learning (ICL) (Chen et al., 2022b) or supervised fine-tuning (SFT).

Particularly due to computational costs and stability concerns (Yuan et al., 2023), there is growing attention on enhancing the abilities of opensource LLMs (Rozière et al., 2023) through SFT.



Figure 1: Conceptual figure of the ability boundary

Supervised data is crucial for SFT. Acquiring highquality math problems from various sources typically need extra annotations (Lu et al., 2022), and creating supervised data in specific formats tailored for these models also involves additional costs. Easily implemented data augmentation methods, such as n-sampling for varied reasoning paths (Zhu et al., 2023) and bootstrap techniques for modifying problems (Yu et al., 2023), help expand supervised data.

However, systematic research specifically addressing the relationship between supervised data and model performance is limited. We only identify two recent studies: one by Yuan et al. (2023), which suggests a log-linear relationship between the amount of supervised data and model performance, and another by Li et al. (2023), finding that query and response augmentation cannot help with Out-of-Domain (OOD) math reasoning ability.

Our research focuses on exploring the ability boundary of data in LLMs' math reasoning, as illustrated in Figure 1. This inquiry is inspired by two pivotal studies that explore the relationship between the ability boundary and the minimal model size: one by Eldan and Li (2023), which addresses

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the minimal requirements for language models to produce coherent English text, and another by Gunasekar et al. (2023), focusing on the impact of 'textbook quality' data in breaking existing scaling laws. These insights prompt us to consider how data influence the ability boundary.

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Specifically, our primary objectives are twofold: firstly, to determine the ability boundary through response augmentation, and secondly, to expand this ability boundary by introducing varied problems. By exploring the ability boundary of data, our study provides a practical framework for optimizing data utilization.

Overall, the contributions of the article include the following points:

1. Providing varied, deduplicated and correct reasoning paths can improve math reasoning ability in In-Domain and Similar-Domain data.

2. The ability boundary of increasing reasoning paths is reached, that is, we identify the minimal optimal set, when the number of paths is similar to the number of distinct problem solutions.

3. Different abilities of the model can be cumulatively enhanced by mixing minimal optimal sets of corresponding types of data.

4. GSM-HARD is not really hard and the numerical robustness issue is no longer prevalent in today's LLMs. We also build a high-quality Auto Problem Generator for these numerical robustness tests and educational applications.

5. An overlapping dataset can continue to enhance the model's ability in the absence of corresponding data. And our model (MMOS) obtained by SFT using Mix of Minimal Optimal Sets on LLaMA-2 7B/13B achieve SOTA performance.

2 Related Work

2.1 LLM for Math Reasoning

Prompt based methods aim to activate the emergent abilities without training (Gou et al., 2023). A significant breakthrough comes from Chainof-thought prompting (CoT) (Wei et al., 2022b), which enhances the ability of LLMs to tackle complex reasoning by using explicit intermediate reasoning steps. The least-to-most prompting strategy (Zhou et al., 2023) deconstructs complex problems into a series of simpler sub-problems, which are then solved sequentially. Program of thoughts prompting (Chen et al., 2022a) and program-aided language models (Gao et al., 2023) address the limited numerical abilities of LLMs and utilize LLMs solely for understanding problems and generating programs, while offloading solving and computation to an external Python interpreter.

Decoding related methods focus on enhancing performance by replacing the greedy decoding strategy during the inference stage. (Wang et al., 2023b) samples a diverse set of reasoning paths and selects the most consistent answer, while (Xie et al., 2023) proposes a decoding algorithm that integrates self-evaluation guidance through the use of stochastic beam search.

Supervised Fine-tuning (SFT) based methods are designed to enhance the math reasoning abilities of open-source models such as LLaMA (Touvron et al., 2023a), LLaMA2 (Touvron et al., 2023b), and Code LLaMA (Rozière et al., 2023), while ensuring transparency. Current methods (Yu et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023a) largely utilize various prompt-based approaches, employing GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023) or other open-source models, to generate reasoning steps as training datasets based on original QA in various datasets like GSM8k (Cobbe et al., 2021), MATH (Hendrycks et al., 2021). These generated reasoning steps can either be in natural language (rationales) (Zelikman et al., 2022) or a combination with program (Yue et al., 2023; Gou et al., 2023).

We follow this framework as well, opting for advanced models ToRA (Gou et al., 2023) that combine programs and rationales, and apply rejection sampling (Yuan et al., 2023) to build initial data for training on the Code LLaMA (Rozière et al., 2023) series of models.

2.2 Supervised Data Augmentation

Response augmentation approaches (Luo et al., 2023; Gou et al., 2023) involve employing techniques such as nucleus sampling (top-p sampling) (Holtzman et al., 2020) and combining inferences from models of varying sizes, with the aim of enlarging the amount of generated reasoning steps. These methods generally adhere to an intuitive understanding (Ni et al., 2022) that fine-tuned models are prone to biases towards a limited set of reference solutions.

Query augmentation methods focus on modifying existing questions to generate new ones. Li et al. (2023) finds that the diversity and complexity of problems contribute positively to performance, and Yu et al. (2023) believes that bootstrapping questions can provide multiple perspectives of meta-

knowledge, crucial for covering more unseen sce-167 narios and enabling stronger generalization. Earlier 168 researches applied Named Entity Recognition or 169 Regular Expression matching to build templates 170 for augmenting questions (Li et al., 2022). Xu et al. (2022) focused on categorizing questions based on 172 numerical abilities and designing numerical pertur-173 bations. These earlier methods restrict the styles of 174 question variation but are more stable.

> Beside these specific data augmentation methods, we are more endeavoring to explore the ability boundary of augmented data to obtain a practical framework for optimizing data utilization.

3 Ability Boundary of Reasoning Paths

3.1 Overview

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In this section, we aim to determine the ability boundary through response augmentation. We hypothesize that a minimal set capable of maximizing math reasoning ability consists of varied, deduplicated and correct reasoning paths.

In following Section 3.2, we discuss about the datasets. In Section 3.3, we identify this minimal optimal set and determine the benefits of removing duplicates and keeping varied reasoning paths within a certain range. In Section 3.4, we employ a clustering method as a filter to further explore the boundary. In Section 3.5, we conduct an ablation experiment to assess the impact of ensuring the correctness of the reasoning paths.

3.2 Dataset Comparation

Six datasets are involved in this study. Detailed information about their origins, example analyses, and a preliminary estimation of their difficulty levels can be found in the Appendix A.

To better understand the problems' difference across these datasets, we visualize the hidden representations of problems using t-SNE. This visualization as Figure 2 reveals a notable separation in the distribution of problems from the GSM8K and MATH datasets into two distinct clusters. This divergence emphasizes the contrast in question styles: GSM8K being text-intensive, while MATH is more focused on math expressions.

For the experiments presented in this section, we exclusively use GSM8K without bootstrapping its questions. Consequently, GSM8K is categorized as our IND data. Conversely, the MATH dataset, with its significant stylistic and content differences, is classified as OOD data. Additionally, two other



Figure 2: Visualization of query embedding distribution through t-SNE across six distinct datasets.

datasets, SVAMP and ASDiV, although different in origin from GSM8K, show similarities in both question types and spatial representations. Therefore, we consider these to be Similar-Domain Datasets. And we denote SVAMP and ASDiV as S&A in the subsequent analysis. 216

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3.3 Identify the Minimal Optimal Set

To identify the minimal optimal set, we follow these steps: 1) Sample a sufficient number of correct reasoning paths to form initial set. 2) Implement a deduplication algorithm to obtain its deduplicated subset. 3) Conduct a statistical analysis on the upper limit of reasoning paths per question k with the subset data amount N. 4) Perform SFT on several subsets to analyze the impact of removing duplicates and keeping varied reasoning paths.

All detailed experiment settings are in C.

Initial set is formed by employing four pretrained models: ToRA-CODE 7B/13B/34B and ToRA 70B. For every question in the GSM8K dataset, these models sample 100 reasoning paths each with temperature 0.9. We then merge 400 reasoning paths and extract those whose code can be executed and have correct answers to obtain the initial training set E_{u400} .

Deduplication Algorithm 1 aim to extract the deduplicated subset D_{u400} from E_{u400} by codes which share the same calculation process.

We iterate all n data with following steps:

1) Extract the code block c_i from raw data d_i , including query q_i , completion a_i and source s_i .

2) Employ the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) method to parse the code into the tree t_i .

3) Normalize the tree by replacing variable names v with lowercase letters and function names



Figure 3: Comparison of test set accuracy on GSM8K, S&A and MATH for models after SFT on Code LLaMA 7B using series subsets of D_{u400}^k and E_{u400}^k with different data amount.

Algorithm 1 Deduplicate Data by Codes

Require: data d, extract $\xi(\cdot)$, recovery $\xi(\cdot)$, astparse $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$, astunparse $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$, deduplicate $\mathbb{D}(\cdot)$

1:	for $i = 1$ to n do	
2:	$c_i \leftarrow \xi(d_i q_i \oplus a_i \oplus s)$	$(i) \triangleright \text{Code Extraction}$
3:	$t_i \sim \mathbb{P}(c_i)$	⊳ Code Astparse
4:	$t_i' \leftarrow \pi(t_i v \oplus f)$	▷ Code Substitution
5:	$c_i^{'} \sim \widetilde{\mathbb{P}}(t_i^{'})$	⊳ Code Astunparse
6:	end for	
7:	$c' \leftarrow \mathbb{D}(c') \qquad \triangleright$	Code Deduplication
8:	$d' \leftarrow \widetilde{\xi}(c' \oplus q \oplus a \oplus s)$	▷ Data Recovery

f with uppercase letters, resulting in t'_i .

4) Convert the normalized tree back into normalized code, denoted as c'_i .

After completing the iteration, the normalized codes are duplicated through plain text matching. Finally deduplicated data d' is recovered with the deduplicated code, query, completion and source.

The k-N relation can be regarded as an estimation of the relationship between the number of reasoning paths per question k and the corresponding subset data amount N. This relation is obtained by implementing an upper limit on the reasoning paths per question in the initial set.

As shown in Appendix B, the k-N curve demonstrates a linear relationship on E_{u400} with a median of k = 400 and a mean of k = 392.14. In contrast, on D_{u400} , it exhibits a log-linear relationship with a median of 7 and a mean of 12.01. This indicates that the deduplication method is effective but still leaves room for improvement. 267

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Comparative experiment includes two aspects. Firstly, to verify the effectiveness of adding varied paths, we conduct random selection of k paths for each question within D_{u400} to obtain twelve D_{u400}^k subsets with $k \in \{1,2,3,5,7,9,12,15,20,27,40,\infty\}$, $N \in \{7.5,15,20,30,38,45,53,60,67,75,82,90\}$ K.

Secondly, to better assess the impact of duplicate removal, we maintain a consistent order of magnitude in terms of data amount on E_{u400} and obtain E_{u400}^k with k \in {1,2,4,8,12,24,36,48} and N \in {7.5,15,30,60,90,180,270,360}K.

Evaluation & Conclusion. We conduct SFT on Code LLaMA 7B using a series of subsets D_{u400}^k and E_{u400}^k , and then inference on the test split of GSM8K, S&A, and MATH.

Results are shown in Figure 3. On the IND dataset GSM8K, as indicated by the blue solid line, the model's ability maintains a linear relationship with the logarithm of data amount before k = 9, N = 45K. In contrast, the blue dashed line representing the initial set data aligns with this trend only when k is small and duplicate paths are less likely to be selected. Beyond this point, further increasing the data amount sharply diminishes the marginal improvement in model ability. This suggests that enhancing the model's ability stems from adding varied reasoning paths, rather than merely

	k	5	7	9	15	27	-
$D_{u400}^{cluster,k}$	GSM8K	71.4(+0.7)	70.9(-0.7)	72.6(-1.2)	73.4(+0.8)	74(-0.1)	-
	S&A	73.4(+0.5)	73.4(- <mark>0.9</mark>)	73.1(- <mark>0.9</mark>)	74.2(<mark>+0.6</mark>)	73.4(+0.0)	-
	k	2	4	8	12	24	36
$E_{u400}^{cluster,k}$	GSM8K	67.6(+0.6)	70.5(+0.6)	72.1(+0.5)	74.0(+2.3)	73.2(+0.0)	73.5(+0.8)
	S&A	72.0(+0.3)	71.8(-1.1)	74.4(+2.0)	72.3(<mark>+0.2</mark>)	73.0(+2.0)	73.3(+1.4)

Table 1: Comparison of test set accuracy on GSM8K and S&A for models after SFT on Code LLaMA 7B using series subsets of D_{u400}^k and E_{u400}^k through clustering.

increasing the data amount.

We also observe that with the same data amount, beyond N = 30K, the performance on D_{u400} consistently surpasses that on E_{u400} . This reflects that removing duplicates can not only diminish the training duration but also enhance the model's ability.

On the Similar-Domain Datasets S&A, potentially due to the inherently easier nature of the questions, the models achieve high effectiveness even at k=1. The other conclusions are similar to those observed on GSM8K.

However, on the OOD dataset MATH, the models consistently exhibit weaker ability. This may be, as shown in Section 3.2, due to the differing types of questions presented in the dataset.

Thus far, we have essentially reached the conclusion that providing varied, deduplicated, and correct reasoning paths can improve math reasoning ability in both IND and Similar-Domain data.

Finally, we conduct a case study, as shown in Appendix D, where our example problem has 10 different solutions which is similar to the previously inflection point of k=9. Therefore, we consider $D_{u400}^{k=9}$ as the minimal optimal set. From this, we draw another conclusion: the ability boundary is reached, that is, we identify the minimal optimal set, when the number of reasoning paths is similar to the number of potential problem solutions.

3.4 Cluster as a Filter

Our deduplication algorithm, as an extension of a template method, is not flawless and can fail to eliminate similar paths. The example problem shown in Appendix D has only 10 distinct solutions. However, in D_{u400} , 43 paths are still retained. When we implement random selection to obtain $D_{u400}^{k=9}$, it only includes 6 distinct solutions.

We attempt to use clustering as a filter, replacing random selection, in order to ensure that the resulting $D_{u400}^{k=9}$ subset contains a greater number of distinct solutions. Specifically, we first obtain the

Dataset	k	Ν	GSM8K	S&A
D_{u400}^{k}	9	44771	71.4	73.6
$D_{u400}^{total,k}$	9	46740	69.8(-1.6)	73.7(<mark>+0.1</mark>)
D_{u400}^{k}	∞	89530	74.2	73.3
$D_{u400}^{total,k}$	∞	126391	71.7(-2.5)	73.0(- <mark>0.3</mark>)

Table 2: Comparison of test set accuracy on GSM8K and S&A for models after SFT on Code LLaMA 7B using D_{u400} and D_{u400}^{total} .

embedding vectors of the codes. Then, we apply Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) for dimensionality reduction, followed by k-means clustering. We extract and retain the central data points from these clusters. On the same example problem, the new $D_{u400}^{k=9}$ contains 7 distinct solutions.

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In the comparative experiment, we replace random selection with clustering to obtain new subsets, $D_{u400}^{cluster,k}$ and $E_{u400}^{cluster,k}$. We then conduct SFT on Code LLaMA 7B using these subsets.

As shown in Table 1, the results on $E_{u400}^{cluster,k}$ exhibited a consistent improvement, suggesting that using clustering as a filter is viable. However, this is not the case for $D_{u400}^{cluster,k}$. We speculate that the remaining similar paths after deduplication have only a minor impact.

3.5 Correct Reasoning Ablation

While ensuring the correctness of paths is intuitively sound, we also observe that some methods, despite not guaranteeing correct answers for created problems, still yield reasonably good results. Therefore, we aim to ablate the effect of ensuring the correctness of paths.

During the acquisition of the initial set E_{u400} , we retain all data, including those with incorrect answers, resulting in $E_{u400}^{total,k}$. After deduplicating this set, we obtain $D_{u400}^{total,k}$. Subsequently, we generated subsets for k = 9 and $k = \infty$ through random selection from these sets and conduct comparative experiments with these subsets.

As illustrated in Table 2, on GSM8K, not filter-

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Figure 4: Comparison of test set accuracy on GSM8K, S&A and MATH for models after SFT on Code LLaMA 7B using series subsets of D_{G+M}^k and D_M^k with different MATH data amount.

ing out incorrect paths leads to a noticeable decline in performance. However, this effect is not observed on S&A, which could be attributed to the lower difficulty level of S&A.

4 Expand Boundary with Problems

4.1 Overview

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In the previous section, we determine the ability boundary based on generating varied reasoning paths from the same problems. In this section, we consider expanding this ability boundary by introducing additional problems.

In Section 4.2, we examine whether the model's weak ability can be enhanced by providing corresponding data. Section 4.3 delves into the robustness of the model's numerical abilities and the issues present in a dataset, GSM-HARD. In Section 4.4, we develop an automated, high-accuracy problem generator for constructing numerically perturbed data, demonstrating its practical application value. Finally, in Section 4.5, we strive to achieve a state-of-the-art model and discuss the potential for further extending the model's existing ability.

4.2 Enhance Weak Ability

To address the issue of the weak ability of models trained with the minimal optimal set of GSM8K when applied to MATH, a straightforward and intuitive solution is to provide corresponding data.

Initially, following the same method described

in Section 3.2, we obtain a series of deduplicated subsets D_M^k constructed using the MATH dataset and subsequently conduct SFT on them. And, as indicated by the green dashed line in Figure 4, we identify the minimal optimal set $D_M^{k=9}$ on MATH. As expected, compared to the models trained on D_{u400}^k originating from GSM8K, there is a significant improvement in ability on MATH, and the abilities on GSM8K and S&A, represented by the blue and yellow dashed lines, are weaker. 397

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Subsequently, we merge the subsets D_M^k from the MATH dataset with the minimal optimal set of GSM8K $D_{u400}^{k=9}$, denoted as D_{G+M}^{k} . The experimental results on D_{G+M}^k , as shown by the various solid lines, indicate that compared to D_M^k , which provides the same amount of data from MATH, there is a slight improvement in performance on MATH, and a significant improvement on GSM8K and S&A. Additionally, the local optimum point for D_{G+M}^k , similar to D_M^k , is also achieved at k=9. Similarly, compared to $D_{u400}^{k=9}$, $D_{G+M}^{k=9}$ shows a slight decrease in performance on GSM8K, dropping from 72.6% to 70.3%, and a marginal decline on S&A, going from 73.6% to 76.5%. However, there is a significant improvement on MATH, with a rise from 10.4% to 43.2%. Overall, $D_{G+M}^{k=9}$ (102K) effectively combines the strengths of $D_{u400}^{k=9}$ (45K) and $D_M^{k=9}$ (57K), showcasing enhanced abilities on GSM8K, S&A, and MATH datasets.

We arrive at a fundamental conclusion: different

abilities of the model can be cumulatively enhanced
by mixing minimal optimal sets of corresponding
types of data. This finding provides a simple yet
effective method for enhancing the model's weak
abilities by acquiring the corresponding datasets.

4.3 Is GSM-HARD Really Hard?

Another 'weak ability' of the $D_{G+M}^{k=9}$ model is demonstrated on GSM-HARD (54.8% vs 70.3% on GSM8K). This dataset is created by replacing the numbers in GSM8K with larger ones (Gao et al., 2023). Given that only the numerical values are altered, the distribution of problems in Figure 2 remains almost identical. Based on the conclusions from Section 3.3, such a significant discrepancy should not occur, whether we consider it as IND or Similar-Domain data. This leads us to questions: Is GSM-HARD really hard? Is the model's numerical robustness indeed weak?

The first source of discrepancy arises from the standards of ground truth. Due to the lack of meticulous design in the numerical values of the questions, some answers are not impractical, such as receiving answers with decimals when asking about quantities, or negative numbers when asking about the amount decreased. In practice, these initial calculation results should be rounded or converted to absolute values when providing answers, but GSM-HARD directly annotates these initial calculation results as the ground truth. We do not consider this to be indicative of a gap in ability. Therefore, using the standards of GSM-HARD, and evaluating based on the initial calculation results, the accuracy rate increases to 63.3(+8.5)%.

The second source of the discrepancy is due to errors in the ground truth annotation, stemming from an imperfect automated annotation process in GSM-HARD after modifying the problems. The corresponding values in the code are not updated in line with the changes in the numerical values in the problems, thus leading to execution with retained incorrect results as ground truth. We review the first 50 samples where the $D_{G+M}^{k=9}$ model make incorrect inferences and discover 25 errors in the ground truth annotations. We can estimate that the remaining gap, 70.3% - 63.3% = 7% < (1 - 63.3%) * (25/50) * 63.3% can be covered by these annotation errors.

Finally, we conjecture that GSM-HARD is not really hard and the numerical robustness issue is no longer prevalent in today's LLMs.

4.4 Auto Problem Generator

Considering this, developing an Auto Problem Generator capable of reliably producing data similar to GSM-HARD is meaningful. Such a generator can be used to test the numerical robustness of models. Additionally, it can also be utilized in educational applications to assess students' abilities.

Auto Problem Generator follows these steps:

1) Generate the deduplicated subset $D_{test,u400}$ from the seed dataset, the test split of GSM8K, following the method in Section 3.3.

2) For each question, extract the reasoning path with the highest repetition as the main path and separate the remaining path as the remain paths.

3) Extract numbers from questions using template matching and modify them with function $f(\cdot)$.

4) Modify the corresponding numbers in the code of the main path and execute it to obtain the answer A_{main} .

5) If the code execution fails or $A_{main} < 0$, modify the numbers again with 50 times limit.

6) Repeat step 4 on the remaining paths and obtain the answer set $A_{remains}$.

7) If all elements in $A_{remains}$ are identical to A_{main} , then we believe A_{main} is correct.

8) Combine the correct A_{main} with the modified questions to form the generated dataset P.

We apply the Distribution Perturbation (Xu et al., 2022) on numerical values with the following function f(n) with μ =5, σ =1 and μ =1000, σ =300 to create datasets P_5 and P_{1000} ,

$$f(n) = n + \lfloor X \rfloor, X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

that \mathcal{N} represents normal distribution. We manually review the first 100 QA pairs in P_5 and achieve a 98% accuracy rate, with only two questions having incorrectly annotated answers. A detailed analysis of these errors and their reasons can be found in the Appendix E.

Thus, we have successfully developed a highquality Auto Problem Generator, which can be used for testing the numerical robustness of models as well as for educational application.

Numerical Robustness represents a model's consistent ability to handle different types of numerical values. Distribution Perturbation, as applied in GSM-HARD, P_5 , and P_{1000} , is one such example. We evaluate P_5 and P_{1000} with the model trained on $D_{u400}^{k=9}$ with only GSM8K data. The experimental results show 73.8% on GSM8K, 72.1(-1.7)% on P_5 and 70.1(-3.7)% on P_{1000} .

Model	GSM8K	SVAMP	ASDiv	MATH	GSM8K	SVAMP	ASDiv	MATH
WIGUEI		7B				13E	3	
LLaMA-2	13.3	38.0	50.7	4.1	24.3	43.1	56.3	6.3
LLaMA-2 SFT	41.3	31.9	47.4	7.2	51.1	46.3	58.6	9.2
LLaMA-2 RFT	50.3	-	-	-	55.4	-	-	-
WizardMath	54.9	57.3	59.1	10.7	63.9	64.3	65.8	14.0
MAmmoTH	53.6	67.7	-	31.5	62.0	72.4	-	34.2
MetaMath	66.5	-	-	19.8	72.3	-	-	22.4
MathCoder-L	64.2	71.5	-	23.3	72.6	76.9	-	29.9
ToRA	68.8	68.2	73.9	40.1	72.7	72.9	77.2	43.0
MMOS	69.9	73.4	76.8	40.2	74.8	77.0	80.0	43.2

Table 3: Comparison of test set accuracy on 4 datasets for LLaMA-2 7B/13B based models.

Then, employing the approach used for creating P_{1000} , we produce P_{1000}' using the train split of GSM8K and include it in our training data. However, the results show tiny improvement, achieving 73.2% on GSM8K, 72.6(-0.6)% on P_5 and 70.4(-2.8)% on P_{1000} . Considering the results of both sets of experiments, since providing corresponding data does not enhance ability, we infer that the discrepancies in P_{1000} are more likely due to annotation issues caused by the inclusion of large numbers.

We also experiment with other numerical perturbation approaches including Language Perturbation and Noise Perturbation. Language Perturbation does not entail changes to the answers and simply involves converting numerical values into their English word representations. This has led to a slight improvement in the model's performance. Noise Perturbation introduces noise by adding decimal parts to the numerical values. The conclusions drawn from this method are similar to those from Distribution Perturbation.

Overall, we conclude that current LLMs no longer face significant issues with numerical robustness.

Expand Existing Ability 4.5

As mentioned in Section 4.2, the model $D_{G+M}^{k=9}$ obtained by SFT on Code LLaMA 7B achieve an accuracy of 70.3% on GSM8K, 76.5% on S&A, and 43.2% on MATH. Despite utilizing all available data from GSM8K and MATH, there remains a gap in accuracy compared to students who have undergone training. Therefore, we aim to explore how to further enhance the model's ability in the absence of corresponding data.

The dataset TAL-SCQ, as shown in Figure 2, dis-

plays query embeddings that overlap with GSM8K and MATH. We generate its minimal optimal set and merge it with $D_{G+M}^{k=9}$, denoted as D_{G+M+T} . Similarly, we conduct SFT on Code LLaMA 7B and achieve an accuracy of 73.9(+3.6)% on GSM8K, 77.5(+1.0)% on S&A, and 44.3(+1.1)% on MATH. We conclude that an overlapping dataset can continue to enhance the model's ability in the absence of corresponding data.

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Due to the varying abilities of different base models, we conduct SFT on LLaMA-2 7B/13B for a horizontal comparison. The results, as shown in Table 3, indicate that our model (MMOS) using Mix of Minimal Optimal Sets D_{G+M+T} achieves SOTA performance on all 4 datasets.

5 Conclusion

We explore the ability boundary of data in LLMs' math reasoning, with the goal of assisting people in effectively utilizing data. Firstly, we ascertain the ability boundary related to the augmentation of reasoning paths by identifying the minimal optimal set of these paths, with a focus on maximizing the data's potential. Secondly, we corroborate the premise that different abilities of the model can be collectively enhanced by amalgamating minimal optimal sets of data, each corresponding to specific types of information. Our models achieve SOTA performance in horizontal comparisons among LLaMA-2 7B/13B based models. Additionally, we uncover that LLMs currently do not exhibit a significant lack of numerical robustness. Moreover, we introduce an Auto Problem Generator, designed for testing the robustness of models and for use in educational applications.

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Limitations

The limitations of our paper include the following aspects:

Datasets and Models. In our research, we use only three datasets to create a mix of minimal optimal sets as training data. However, we are uncertain whether the two conclusions drawn in Section 4 – that different abilities of the model can be cumulatively enhanced by mixing minimal optimal sets of corresponding types of data, and that an overlapping dataset can continue to enhance the model's ability in the absence of corresponding data – would still hold true with the introduction of more and larger datasets. Additionally, we are also unsure if these conclusions would apply to larger-scale models, such as the 70B model.

Sampling Bias. Our conclusions regarding the numerical robustness of the model, the GSM-HARD dataset and the Auto Problem Generator are based on our numerical analysis of accuracy and results from sample checks. This approach may introduce bias.

Ethical Statements

We claim from various aspects that our work is free of ethical risks:

1) Our research utilizes open-source models like LLaMA-2 and Code LLaMA and open datasets, and we strictly adhere to their licensing protocols.

2) Despite providing a new auto problem generator, its functionality is confined to numerical perturbation derived from open-source datasets. We endeavour to prevent the generation of illogical problems and the dissemination of inappropriate information resulting from numerical perturbations.

3) During the writing process, we used GPT4 to translate and correct grammatical errors, and the text was human-checked and rewritten to ensure that there were no ethical issues.

4) Our experiments are designed to be resourceefficient, requiring minimal compute time and power.

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839 A Datasets

In this paper, we have used 6 datasets, including: GSM8K (Cobbe et al., 2021), MATH (Hendrycks et al., 2021), GSM-HARD (Gao et al., 2023), SVAMP (Patel et al., 2021), ASDiv (Miao et al., 2020b) and TAL-SCQ5K.

In terms of difficulty, by rough estimation:

$SVAMP \approx ASDiV < GSM8K \approx GSM\text{-}HARD < TAL\text{-}SCQ5k < MATH$

with ASDiV as a diversed dataset covering problem types taught in elementary school; SVAMP as a
structural modified version of a subset of ASDiv; GSM8K being an immense dataset covering grade
school problems, with 2-8 steps; GSM-HARD built upon GSM8K, replacing numbers with less-common
large numbers; TAL-SCQ5K containing primary, junior high and high school level mathematical topics;
MATH full of challenging competition mathematics problems which requires a strong mathematical
background to perform well on. Among which, MATH dataset and TAL-SCQ5K dataset further process
notations of difficulty levels.

Dataset	Num	Example Q&A
GSM8K	Train: 7473 Test: 1319	question: In a dance class of 20 students, 20% enrolled in contemporary dance, 25% of the remaining enrolled in jazz dance, and the rest enrolled in hip-hop dance. What percentage of the entire students enrolled in hip-hop dance? answer: There are 20 x 20/100 = $(20*20/100=4)$ students who enrolled in contemporary dance. So, 20 - 4 = $(20-4=16)$ students are enrolled in either jazz or hip-hop dance. There are 16 x 25/100 = $(16*25/100=4)$ students who enrolled in jazz dance. Hence, 16 - 4 = $(16-4=12)$ students enrolled in hip-hop dance. This is 12/20 x 100% = 60% of the entire students. ##### 60
MATH	Train: 7500 Test: 5000	question: How many vertical asymptotes does the graph of \$ y=\frac {2}{ x^2+x-6 }\$ have? answer: The denominator of the rational function factors into $x^2+x-6=(x-2)(x+3)$ \$. Since the numerator is always nonzero, there is a vertical asymptote whenever the denominator is \$0\$, which occurs for \$x = 2\$ and \$x = -3\$. Therefore, the graph has \$\boxed{2}\$ vertical asymptotes.
GSM-HARD	Test: 1319	<pre>input: A robe takes 2287720 bolts of blue fiber and half that much white fiber. How many bolts in total does it take? code: def solution(): """A robe takes 2 bolts of blue fiber and half that much white fiber. How many bolts in total does it take?""" blue_fiber = 2287720 white_fiber = blue_fiber / 2 total_fiber = blue_fiber + white_fiber result = total_fiber return result target: 3431580.0</pre>

Dataset	Num	Example Q&A
		Body: The Razorback t-shirt shop makes \$ 78 dollars off each
		t-shirt sold. During the Arkansas game and the Texas tech game
		they sold a total of 186 t-shirts. If they sold 172 t-shirts during
SVAMD	Test: 1000	the Arkansas game
SVAMI	Test. 1000	Question: How much money did they make from selling the
		t-shirts during the Texas tech game?
		Equation: (78.0 * (186.0 - 172.0))
		Answer: 1092.0
	Tast: 2215	body: Robert wants to practice goal kicks for soccer. He decides
		to have 98 kicks before going home from the park. He takes 43
		kicks before taking a break to get a drink of water. He then takes
A SDiv		another 36 kicks.
ASDIV	1051. 2215	question: How many more kicks does he need to make before
		he goes home?
		equation: 98-43-36=19
		answer: 19 (kicks)
		problem: If \$n\$ is an even positive integer, the double factorial
		notation \$n!!\$ represents the product of all the even integers
TAL-SCO	5000	from \$2\$ to \$n\$. For example, \$8!!=2\\cdot4\\cdot6\\cdot8\$.
IIII-5CQ	5000	What is the units digit of the following sum?
		\$2!!+4!!+6!!+\\cdot\\cdot\\cdot+2018!!+2020!!+2022!!\$
		solution: Answer: \$\$2\$\$

Table 4: Examples of datasets in their original format.

B Relationships of k & N

Figure 5 illustrates the relationships of the number of reasoning paths and the data amounts of the respective D_{u400} and E_{u400} .

We select multiple points from D_{u400} at regular intervals based on data amount. Simultaneously, we choose corresponding points from E_{u400} with similar data amounts to ensure consistence. The statistic that the relationships of the number of reasoning paths and the data amount is detailed in Table 5 and 6.

Figure 5: The relationships of k & N.

k	1	2	3	5	7	9	12	15	20	27	40	∞
N	7457	14344	20225	30179	38150	44771	52857	59261	67281	74643	82180	89530

Table 5: Extract subsets from relationships of k & N of D_{u400} for experiments.

k	1	2	4	8	12	24	36	48
N	7457	14911	29810	59603	89386	178707	268003	357295

Table 6: Extract subsets from relationships of k & N of E_{u400} for experiments.

C Detailed Experiment Setting

Generate Deduplicated Datasets

We spent 4 days generating both D_{u400} , D_M and the deduplicated dataset of TAL-SCQ in Section 3.3, 4.2 and 4.5 which is formed by employing four pre-trained models: ToRA-CODE 7B/13B/34B and ToRA 70B on the GSM8K, MATH and TAL-SCQ separately, these models sample 100 reasoning paths each with temperature 0.9.

Training Models

We conducted SFT on Code LLaMA 7B using various deduplicated dataset and their subsets in Section 3.4, 3.5, 4.3 and 4.4. Additionally we conducted SFT on LLaMA-2 7B/13B for a horizontal comparison in Section 4.5.

We used a learning rate of 2e-5 with a 3% warm-up period for 1 epoch and a global batch size of 128 on NVIDIA A100 40G GPUs. We trained all models with DeepSpeed ZeRO Stage3 and Flash-Attention 2.

Apart from validating the effectiveness of the deduplication algorithm, where the random selection process with seeds set to 0 and 42 and then averaging the inference results, all other training and inference processes used a seed of 0.

The training sessions were completed within 1 day, with an average training duration of approximately 5 hours. The average evaluation time is less than 10 minutes.

D Case Study: Actual Distinct Solutions

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To validate the effectiveness of deduplication and using clustering as a filter, we conduct a case study focusing on the relationship of reasoning paths and their problems' actual distinct solutions.

In the deduplicated subset D_{u400} of the GSM8K dataset, we select the first question that has more than 15 reasoning paths, which has 43 reasoning paths for this problem in fact. Next, we utilize random selection and clustering as a filter to derive the subsets $D_{u400}^{k=15}$ and $D_{u400}^{cluster,k=15}$. We then separately analyze the 15 reasoning paths in these two subsets for the corresponding problem to categorize their actual distinct solutions on Table 7 and 8.

The question is formulated as follows:

Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?

Upon human analysis of this question, 10 distinct solutions have been summarized. These solutions are categorized based on whether the default daily salary is the same, whether the default working hours exceed the regular working hours, and how the total salary is calculated.

- A Assuming that the daily wage is different, calculate the total wage by iterating over each day's wage and summing them in a loop.
- B Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and that the working hours exceed the regular hours. Calculate the regular wage and the overtime wage for five days separately, then sum them up.
- C Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and that the working hours exceed the regular hours. Calculate the regular hours worked and the overtime hours worked for five days separately, then sum the total wages.
- D Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and that the working hours exceed the regular hours. Calculate daily wages, then sum them up.
- E Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and that the Min and Max functions are used to avoid situations where the working hours are smaller than the regular hours. Calculate the regular wage and the overtime wage for five days separately, then sum them up.
- F Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and that the Min and Max functions are used to avoid situations where the working hours are smaller than the regular hours. Calculate the regular hours worked and the overtime hours worked for five days separately, then sum the total wages.
- G Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and that the Min and Max functions are used to avoid situations where the working hours are smaller than the regular hours. Calculate daily wages, then sum them up.
- H Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and determine if the working hours exceed the regular hours. Calculate the regular wage and the overtime wage for five days separately, then sum them up.
- I Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and determine if the working hours exceed the regular hours. Calculate the regular hours worked and the overtime hours worked for five days separately, then sum the total wages.
- J Assuming that the daily wage remains the same and determine if the working hours exceed the regular hours. Calculate daily wages, then sum them up.

Table 7: Examples for Clustering as a Filter's Actual Solutions.

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	```python	
	<pre>def total_salary():</pre>	
	"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she	
	is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly	
	wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she	
	make?"""	
	hourly_wage = 18.00	
	hours_per_shift = $10$	
	$num_days = 5$	
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	salary_per_day = nourly_wage * 8 + overtime_wage * overtime_nours	
	return total salary	
	total salary = total salary()	
	print(total_salary)	
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	Tina makes 990.0 dollars.	
	```python	
	<pre>def total_pay():</pre>	
	"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she	
	is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly	
	wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she	
	make?"""	
	hourly_wage = 18.00	
	hours_per_shift = 10	
	$num_sniits = 5$	
	$overtime_nous = nous_per_sint - \delta$	
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2	pay_for_regular_hours = $(8 * hourly wage) * num_shifts$	Ъ
	total pay = pay for overtime + pay for regular hours	
	return total pay	
	total pay = total pay()	
	print(total_pay)	
	``` output	
	990.0	
	Tina makes 990.0 dollars.	
	```python	
	def calculate_earnings():	

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

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hourly wage = 18.00
       overtime_hours = 10 - 8 \# hours worked in excess of 8 hours
       overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage # overtime wage =
    hourly wage + half hourly wage
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       daily_pay = 8 * hourly_wage + overtime_hours * overtime_wage
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       total_pay = daily_pay * 5 # total pay for 5 days
       return total pay
    total_pay = calculate_earnings()
    print(total_pay)
    ``` output
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 Tina makes 990.0 dollars.
    ```python
    def total pay():
       """Tina makes $18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she
    is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly
    wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she
    make?"""
       hourly_wage = 18.00
       hours_per_shift = 10
       overtime_threshold = 8
       num_shifts = 5
       total_pay = 0
       for i in range(num_shifts):
          if hours_per_shift <= overtime_threshold:
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              total pay += hourly wage * hours per shift
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          else:
              overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - overtime_threshold
              regular_hours = overtime_threshold
              total_pay += (hourly_wage * regular_hours) + (hourly_wage * over-
    time hours *1.5)
       return total_pay
    total_pay = total_pay()
    print(total_pay)
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    990.0
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    Tina makes 990.0 dollars.
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def calculate\_pay():

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

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hourly_wage = 18.00
hours_per_shift = 10
num_days = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
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overtime\_pay = hourly\_wage + 0.5 \* hourly\_wage 5 regular\_pay = hourly\_wage \* 8 D total\_pay = (overtime\_hours \* overtime\_pay + regular\_pay) \* num\_days return total\_pay total\_pay = calculate\_pay() print(total\_pay) ••• output 990.0 . . . Tina makes 990.0 dollars. ```python def total\_earnings(): ""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?""" hourly\_wage = 18.00 $hours_per_shift = 10$  $num_days = 5$ overtime\_hours = hours\_per\_shift - 8 if hours\_per\_shift > 8 else 0 earnings = (hourly\_wage \* 8) + (hourly\_wage \* overtime\_hours \* 1.5) J 6 total\_earnings = earnings \* num\_days return total\_earnings total\_earnings = total\_earnings() print(total\_earnings) . . . ``` output 990.0 . . . Tina makes 990.0 dollars. ```python total\_earnings(): """Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?""" hourly\_wage = 18.00overtime\_wage = hourly\_wage + 0.5 \* hourly\_wage  $hours_per_shift = 10$  $num_days = 5$ total\_hours = hours\_per\_shift \* num\_days С 7 overtime\_hours = total\_hours - 8 \* num\_days earnings = (8 \* num\_days \* hourly\_wage) + (overtime\_hours \* overtime\_wage) return earnings total\_earnings = total\_earnings() print(total earnings) ``` output

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990.0
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Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python
def total_pay():

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18.00
hours_per_day = 10
num_days = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_day - 8 if hours_per_day > 8 else 0
overtime_pay = overtime_hours * (hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage)
regular_pay = (8 * hourly_wage) + overtime_pay
total_pay = regular_pay * num_days
return total_pay
total_pay = total_pay()
print(total_pay)
```

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Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python

def total\_earnings():

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18
hours_per_shift = 10
num_days = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
earnings = (8 * hourly_wage + overtime_hours * overtime_wage) *
num_days
return earnings
total_earnings = total_earnings()
print(total_earnings)
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990.0

9

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python

def calculate_pay():

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

hourly_wage = 18

| 10 | hours_per_shift = 10
days_worked = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
regular_pay = hourly_wage * 8
overtime_pay = overtime_wage * overtime_hours | D |
|----|--|---|
| | total_pay = (regular_pay + overtime_pay) * days_worked | |
| | return total_pay | |
| | total_pay = calculate_pay() | |
| | print(total_pay) | |
| | Contain | |
| | 990.0 | |
| | | |
| | Tina makes 990.0 dollars. | |
| | ```python | |
| | def total_earnings(): | |
| | """Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she | |
| | is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage $+ 1/2$ your hourly | |
| | wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she | |
| | make?" | |
| | nourly_wage = 18.00 | |
| | hours per shift = 10 | |
| | num shifts = 5 | |
| 11 | earnings straight time = hourly wage $*8$ * num shifts | В |
| | earnings overtime = overtime wage * (hours per shift - 8) * num shifts | _ |
| | total_earnings = earnings_straight_time + earnings_overtime | |
| | return total_earnings | |
| | <pre>total_earnings = total_earnings()</pre> | |
| | print(total_earnings) | |
| | | |
| | · · · output | |
| | 990.0 | |
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| | Tilla makes 990.0 donars. | |
| | def calculate_salary(): | |
| | """Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she | |
| | is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage $+ 1/2$ your hourly | |
| | wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she | |
| | make?""" | |
| | $hourly_wage = 18.00$ | |
| | overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage | |
| | hours_per_shift = 10 | |
| | days = 5 | |
| 10 | regular_hours = min(hours_per_shift, 8) | г |
| 12 | overume_nours = max(nours_per_snift - 8, 0) | E |
| | regular_pay = regular_hours * hours wage * days | |
| | total pay = regular pay + overtime pay | |
| | total_pay = togatal_pay + overtime_pay | |

```
return total_pay
total_pay = calculate_salary()
print(total_pay)
...
output
990.0
```

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```
```python
def total_pay():
 """Tina makes $18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she
is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly
wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she
make?"""
 hourly wage = 18.00
 overtime wage = hourly wage + 0.5 * hourly wage
 hours_per_day = 10
 num_days = 5
 overtime hours = max(hours per day - 8, 0)
 regular_hours = min(hours_per_day, 8)
 total_pay = (regular_hours * hourly_wage + overtime_hours * over-
 G
time_wage) * num_days
 return total_pay
total_pay = total_pay()
print(total_pay)
``` output
990.0
. . .
```

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python

def total\_earnings():

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18.00
 overtime_hours = 10
 days = 5
 regular_hours = 8
 regular_earnings = hourly_wage * regular_hours * days
 overtime_earnings = (hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage) * (overtime_hours
 В
- regular_hours) * days
 total earnings = regular earnings + overtime earnings
 return total earnings
total_earnings = total_earnings()
print(total_earnings)
. . .
``` output
990.0
. . .
```

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

	python	
	<pre>def calculate_pay():</pre>	
	"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she	
	is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage $+ 1/2$ your hourly	
	wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she	
	make?"""	
	$hourly_wage = 18.00$	
	hours_per_shift = 10	
	$num_shifts = 5$	
	overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8	
15	overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage	D
	<pre>pay = (8 * hourly_wage + overtime_hours * overtime_wage) * num_shifts</pre>	
	return pay	
	total_pay = calculate_pay()	
	print(total_pay)	
	••• output	
	990.0	
	Tina makes 990.0 dollars.	

Table 8: Examples for Random Selection's Actual Solutions.

ID	Completion	Туре
	```python	
	def total_salary():	
	"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she	
	is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly	
	wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she	
	make?"""	
	$hourly_wage = 18.00$	
	hours_per_shift = 10	
	num_days = 5	
	overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8	
1	overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage	D
	salary_per_day = hourly_wage * 8 + overtime_wage * overtime_hours	
	total_salary = salary_per_day * num_days	
	return total_salary	
	total_salary = total_salary()	
	print(total_salary)	
	990.0	
	lina makes 990.0 dollars.	
	pymon def total pay():	
	der total_pay():	

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

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```
hourly_wage = 18.00
 hours_per_shift = 10
 overtime threshold = 8
 num_shifts = 5
 total_pay = 0
 for i in range(num_shifts):
 if hours per shift <= overtime threshold:
 total pay += hourly wage * hours per shift
 else:
 overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - overtime_threshold
 regular_hours = overtime_threshold
 total_pay += (hourly_wage * regular_hours) +
 (hourly_wage * overtime_hours * 1.5)
 return total_pay
total_pay = total_pay()
print(total_pay)
 . . .
``` output
990.0
. . .
Tina makes 990.0 dollars.
```python
def calculate_pay():
 """Tina makes $18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she
is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly
wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she
make?"""
 hourly wage = 18.00
 overtime_wage = 0.5 * hourly_wage
 hours_per_shift = 10
 num_shifts = 5
 overtime_hours = max(hours_per_shift - 8, 0)
 regular_pay = hourly_wage * 8
 overtime_pay = (hours_per_shift - 8) * (hourly_wage + overtime_wage)
 total_pay = (regular_pay + overtime_pay) * num_shifts
 return total pay
total_pay = calculate_pay()
print(total_pay)
``` output
990.0
Tina makes 990.0 dollars.
```python
```

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"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18.00
hours_per_shift = 10
num_shifts = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
pay_for_shifts = (8 * hourly_wage) + (overtime_hours * overtime_wage)
total_pay = num_shifts * pay_for_shifts
return total_pay
total_pay = calculate_pay()
print(total_pay)
...
output
990.0
```

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Η

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python

def total\_earnings():

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18.00
hours_per_shift = 10
num_days = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
if overtime_hours > 0:
    overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
    overtime_earnings = overtime_hours * overtime_wage * num_days
else:
    overtime_earnings = 0
regular_hours = 8
regular_wage = hourly_wage
regular_earnings = regular_hours * regular_wage * num_days
total_earnings = regular_earnings + overtime_earnings
return total_earnings
```

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```
total_earnings = total_earnings()
print(total_earnings)
```

```
``` output
```

990.0

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python def calculate earnings(): """Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

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Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python
def total_pay():

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"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18.00
hours_per_day = 10
num_days = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_day - 8 if hours_per_day > 8 else 0
overtime_pay = overtime_hours * (hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage)
regular_pay = (8 * hourly_wage) + overtime_pay
total_pay = regular_pay * num_days
return total_pay
total_pay = total_pay()
print(total_pay)
```

990.0

7

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python

def calculate\_earnings():

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18.00
hours_per_shift = 10
num_days = 5
overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
```

| 8 | <pre>overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage earnings_regular = 8 * hourly_wage * num_days earnings_overtime = overtime_hours * overtime_wage * num_days total_earnings = earnings_regular + earnings_overtime return total_earnings total_earnings = calculate_earnings() print(total_earnings) Time_makes_000.0_dellarg</pre> | В |
|----|---|---|
| | Tina makes 990.0 dollars. | |
| 9 | <pre>def calculate_pay(): """Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?""" hourly_wage = 18.00 hours_per_shift = 10 num_shifts = 5 overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8 overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage pay = (8 * hourly_wage + overtime_hours * overtime_wage) * num_shifts return pay total_pay = calculate_pay() print(total_pay) ``` output 990.0 ``` Tina makes 990.0 dollars.</pre> | D |
| | ``python | |
| | <pre>def total_earnings(): """Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?""" hourly_wage = 18.00 hours_per_shift = 10 overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8 num_shifts = 5 </pre> | |
| 10 | <pre>overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage regular_earnings = 8 * hourly_wage * num_shifts overtime_earnings = overtime_hours * overtime_wage * num_shifts total_earnings = regular_earnings + overtime_earnings return total_earnings total_earnings = total_earnings()</pre> | В |

print(total\_earnings)

...

••• output

990.0

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python

def total_pay():

""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly_wage = 18.00
 hours_per_shift = 10
 num_shifts = 5
 overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
 overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
 regular pay = hourly wage *8
 overtime pay = overtime wage * overtime hours
 total_pay = (regular_pay + overtime_pay) * num_shifts
 return total_pay
total_pay = total_pay()
print(total_pay)
```

990.0 . . .

11

Tina makes 990.0 dollars.

```python

••• output

def calculate\_earnings():

""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

earnings = (8 \* hourly\_wage) + (overtime\_hours \* overtime\_wage)

hourly wage = 18.00 $hours_per_shift = 10$ num shifts = 5overtime\_hours = hours\_per\_shift - 8

return earnings \* num\_shifts total\_earnings = calculate\_earnings()

overtime wage = hourly wage + 0.5 \* hourly wage

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Tina makes 990.0 dollars." ```python

def calculate salary():

print(total\_earnings)

``` output 990.0 . . .

"""Tina makes \$18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she make?"""

```
hourly wage = 18.00
 overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
 hours per shift = 10
 num_shifts = 5
13
 overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8 if hours_per_shift > 8 else 0
 J
 salary = (8 * hourly_wage + overtime_hours * overtime_wage) * num_shifts
 return salary
 salary = calculate_salary()
 print(salary)
     ``` output
    990.0
     . . .
    Tina makes 990.0 dollars.
     ```python
 def calculate pay():
 """Tina makes $18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she
 is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly
 wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she
 make?"""
 hourly_wage = 18.00
 overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
 hours_per_shift = 10
 num_shifts = 5
 overtime_hours = hours_per_shift - 8
14
 regular hours = 8
 D
 total_pay = (regular_hours * hourly_wage + overtime_hours * over-
 time wage) * num shifts
 return total_pay
 total_pay = calculate_pay()
 print(total pay)
    ``` output
    990.0
     . . .
    Tina makes 990.0 dollars.
    ```python
 def total_earnings():
 """Tina makes $18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she
 is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly
 wage. If she works 10 hours every day for 5 days, how much money does she
 make?"""
 hourly wage = 18.00
 hours_per_day = 10
 num days = 5
```

overtime_hours = hours_per_day - 8 if hours_per_day > 8 else 0
overtime_wage = hourly_wage + 0.5 * hourly_wage
regular_earnings = hourly_wage * 8 * num_days
overtime_earnings = overtime_wage * overtime_hours * num_days
total_earnings = regular_earnings + overtime_earnings

Η

```
return total_earnings
total_earnings = total_earnings()
print(total_earnings)
...
output
990.0
...
Tina makes 990.0 dollars.
```

# **E** Error Analysis: Numerical Perturb to create *P*₅

Table 9: Wrong case for  $P_5$ : Semantic Ambiguity

## **Problem:**

Grandma Jones baked 5 apple pies for the fireman's luncheon. She cut each pie into 8 pieces and set the five pies out on the buffet table for the guests to serve themselves. At the end of the evening, after the guests had taken and eaten their pieces of pie, there were 14 pieces of pie remaining. How many pieces were taken by the guests?

# **Completion:**

```
```python
```

def pie\_pieces\_taken():

"""Grandma Jones baked 5 apple pies for the fireman's luncheon. She cut each pie into 8 pieces and set the five pies out on the buffet table for the guests to serve themselves. At the end of the evening, after the guests had taken and eaten their pieces of pie, there were 14 pieces of pie remaining. How many pieces were taken by the guests?"""

$pies_initial = 5$

```
pieces_per_pie = 8
total_pie_pieces = pies_initial * pieces_per_pie
remaining_pie_pieces = 14
taken_pie_pieces = total_pie_pieces - remaining_pie_pieces
return taken_pie_pieces
```

```
taken_pie_pieces = pie_pieces_taken()
print(taken_pie_pieces)
...
output
26
```

...

The guests took 26 pieces of pie.

Perturbed Problem:

Grandma Jones baked 10 apple pies for the fireman's luncheon. She cut each pie into 13 pieces and set the five pies out on the buffet table for the guests to serve themselves. At the end of the evening, after the guests had taken and eaten their pieces of pie, there were 19 pieces of pie remaining. How many pieces were taken by the guests?

Perturbed Completion:

```python

def pie_pieces_taken():

"""Grandma Jones baked 10 apple pies for the fireman's luncheon. She cut each pie into 13 pieces and set the five pies out on the buffet table for the guests to serve themselves. At the end of the evening, after the guests had taken and eaten their pieces of pie, there were 19 pieces of pie remaining. How many pieces were taken by the guests?"""

```
pies_initial = 10
```

pieces_per_pie = 13
total_pie_pieces = pies_initial * pieces_per_pie
remaining_pie_pieces = 19
taken_pie_pieces = total_pie_pieces - remaining_pie_pieces
return taken_pie_pieces

```
taken_pie_pieces = pie_pieces_taken()
print(taken_pie_pieces)
...
...
...
The guests took 26 pieces of pie.
```

Table 10: Wrong case for P₅: Illogical Numerical Perturb

# **Problem:**

A mechanic charges different rates to repair the tires of trucks and cars. For each truck tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$60 and for each car tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$40. On Thursday, the mechanic repairs 6 truck tires and 4 car tires. On Friday, the mechanic repairs 12 car tries and doesn't repair any truck tires. How much more revenue did the mechanic earn on the day with higher revenue?

# **Completion:**

```python

def revenue]\_difference():

"""A mechanic charges different rates to repair the tires of trucks and cars. For each truck tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$60 and for each car tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$40. On Thursday, the mechanic repairs 6 truck tires and 4 car tires. On Friday, the mechanic repairs 12 car tries and doesn't repair any truck tires. How much more revenue did the mechanic earn on the day with higher revenue?"""

```
truck_tire_cost = 60
   car_tire_cost = 40
   truck_tires_repaired_thursday = 6
   car_tires_repaired_thursday = 4
   car_tires_repaired_friday = 12
   truck tires repaired friday = 0
   revenue thursday = (truck tire cost * truck tires repaired thursday) + (car tire cost *
car tires repaired thursday)
   revenue_friday = (truck_tire_cost * truck_tires_repaired_friday) + (car_tire_cost *
car_tires_repaired_friday)
revenue_difference = revenue_friday - revenue_thursday
   return revenue difference
revenue_difference = revenue_difference()
print(revenue_difference)
```output
-40
The mechanic earned 40 dollars less on Friday than on Thursday.
```

# **Perturbed Problem:**

A mechanic charges different rates to repair the tires of trucks and cars. For each truck tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$65 and for each car tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$45. On Thursday, the mechanic repairs 11 truck tires and 9 car tires. On Friday, the mechanic repairs 17 car tries and doesn't repair any truck tires. How much more revenue did the mechanic earn on the day with higher revenue?

# **Perturbed Completion:**

```python

def revenue]\_difference():

"""A mechanic charges different rates to repair the tires of trucks and cars. For each truck tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$65 and for each car tire that is repaired, the mechanic will charge \$45. On Thursday, the mechanic repairs 11 truck tires and 9 car tires. On Friday, the mechanic repairs 17 car tries and doesn't repair any truck tires. How much more revenue did the mechanic earn on the day with higher revenue?"""

```
truck_tire_cost = 65
   car tire cost = 45
   truck_tires_repaired_thursday = 11
   car_tires_repaired_thursday = 9
   car_tires_repaired_friday = 17
   truck_tires_repaired_friday = 0
   revenue_thursday = (truck_tire_cost * truck_tires_repaired_thursday) + (car_tire_cost *
car_tires_repaired_thursday)
   revenue_friday = (truck_tire_cost *
                                              truck_tires_repaired_friday) + (car_tire_cost *
car tires repaired friday)
revenue difference = revenue friday - revenue thursday
   return revenue_difference
revenue_difference = revenue_difference()
print(revenue difference)
. . .
```output
355
. . .
The mechanic earned \begin{vmatrix} -355 \end{vmatrix} dollars less on Friday than on Thursday.
```