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DeepSeek-RI Thoughtology: Let's <think> about LLM Reasoning

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Goal of this talk

- What's does DeepSeek R1 think of?
- Why are its thoughts inefficient?
- Let's improve reasoning through credit assignment (process rewards / progress rewards)!



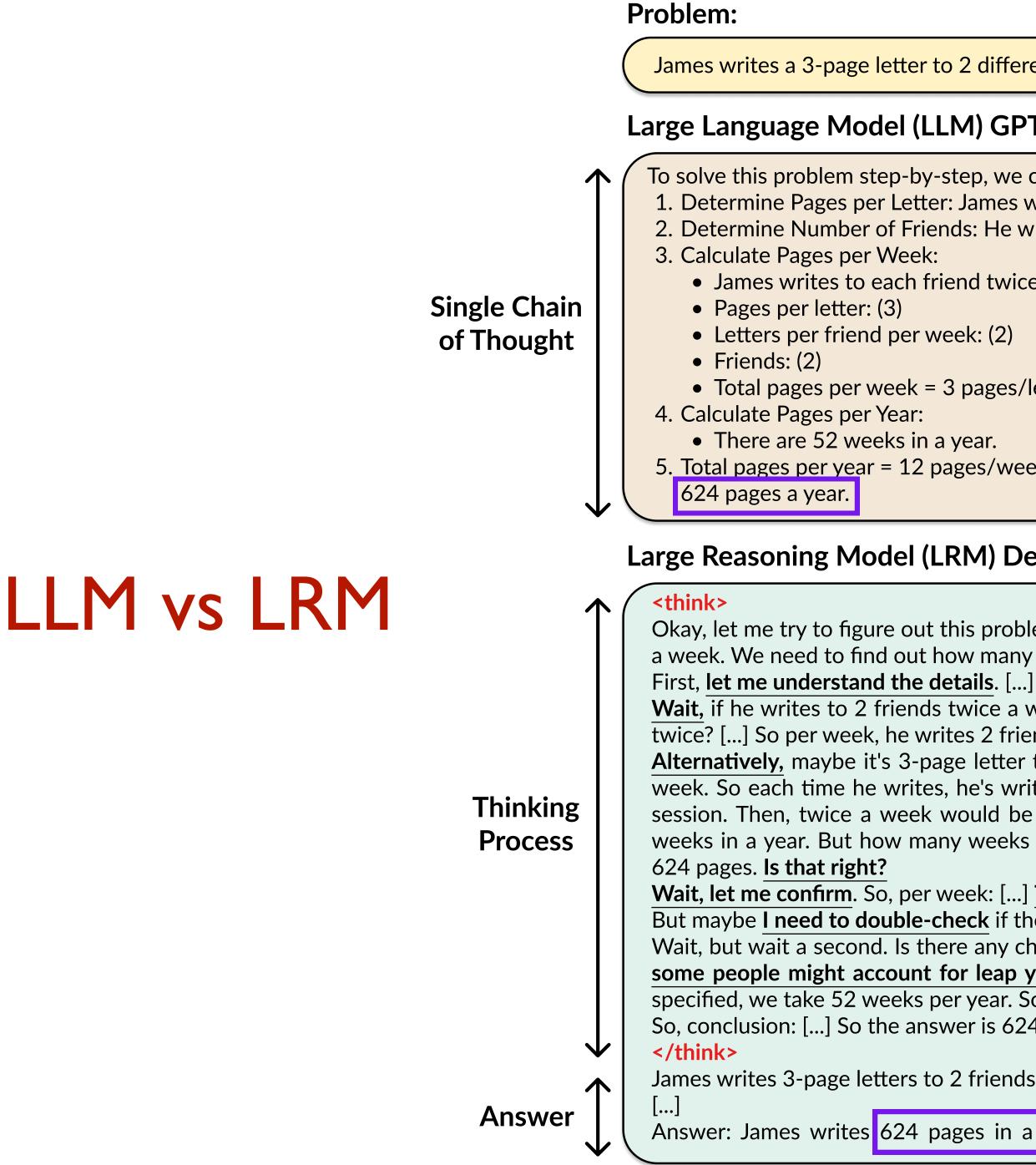
Large Language Models -> Large Reasoning Models

- A paradigm shift: Reason / think first and answer next • OpenAl o1, DeepSeek r1, Gemini 2.5
- chain-of-thought or other search methods
- Great potential for inference-time scaling

Reasoning is being ingrained into LLMs through reinforcement learning

It's fine to make mistakes during the thought process — different from





James writes a 3-page letter to 2 different friends twice a week. How many pages does he write a year?

Large Language Model (LLM) GPT-4o's Response:

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To solve this problem step-by-step, we can break it down as follows:
1. Determine Pages per Letter: James writes a 3-page letter.
2. Determine Number of Friends: He writes this letter to 2 different friends.
    • James writes to each friend twice a week.
    • Letters per friend per week: (2)
    • Total pages per week = 3 pages/letter x 2 letters/week x 2 friends = 12 pages/week
5. Total pages per year = 12 pages/week x 52 weeks/year = 624 pages/year. Thus, James writes a total of
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Large Reasoning Model (LRM) DeepSeek-R1's Response:

Okay, let me try to figure out this problem. So, James is writing a 3-page letter to two different friends twice a week. We need to find out how many pages he writes in a year. **Hmm**, let's break this down step by step.

Wait, if he writes to 2 friends twice a week, does that mean he writes 2 letters each time, and he does this twice? [...] So per week, he writes 2 friends * 3 pages * 2 times. Let me check that. [...]

Alternatively, maybe it's 3-page letter to 2 different friends each time he writes, and he does that twice a week. So each time he writes, he's writing two letters (each 3 pages), so that's 2 * 3 = 6 pages per writing session. Then, twice a week would be 6 * 2 = 12 pages per week. Then, multiply that by the number of weeks in a year. But how many weeks are in a year? Typically, 52 weeks. So 12 pages/week * 52 weeks =

Wait, let me confirm. So, per week: [...] That makes sense.

But maybe **I need to double-check** if the problem is interpreted differently. [...] That seems consistent.

Wait, but wait a second. Is there any chance that the problem might be considering a year as 52 weeks, **but** some people might account for leap years or something else? But generally, in problems like this, unless specified, we take 52 weeks per year. So that's standard.

So, conclusion: [...] So the answer is 624. So I think that's correct.

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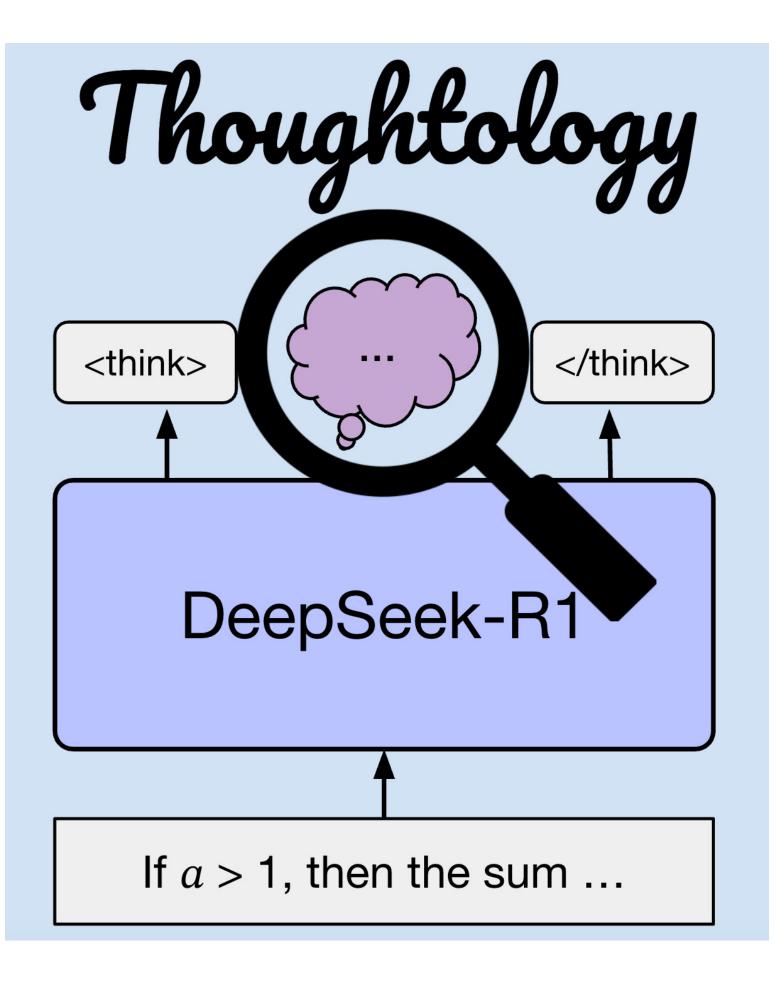
Answer: James writes 624 pages in a year.



Thoughtology

- Thoughtology is the systematic study of reasoning chains / thoughts
 - Reasoning patterns
 - Inference-time scaling of thoughts vs performance
 - User given context vs parametric knowledge
 - Similarity with human language processing
 - World modelling
 - Many more

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DeepSeek-R1 Thoughtology: Let's <think> about LLM reasoning

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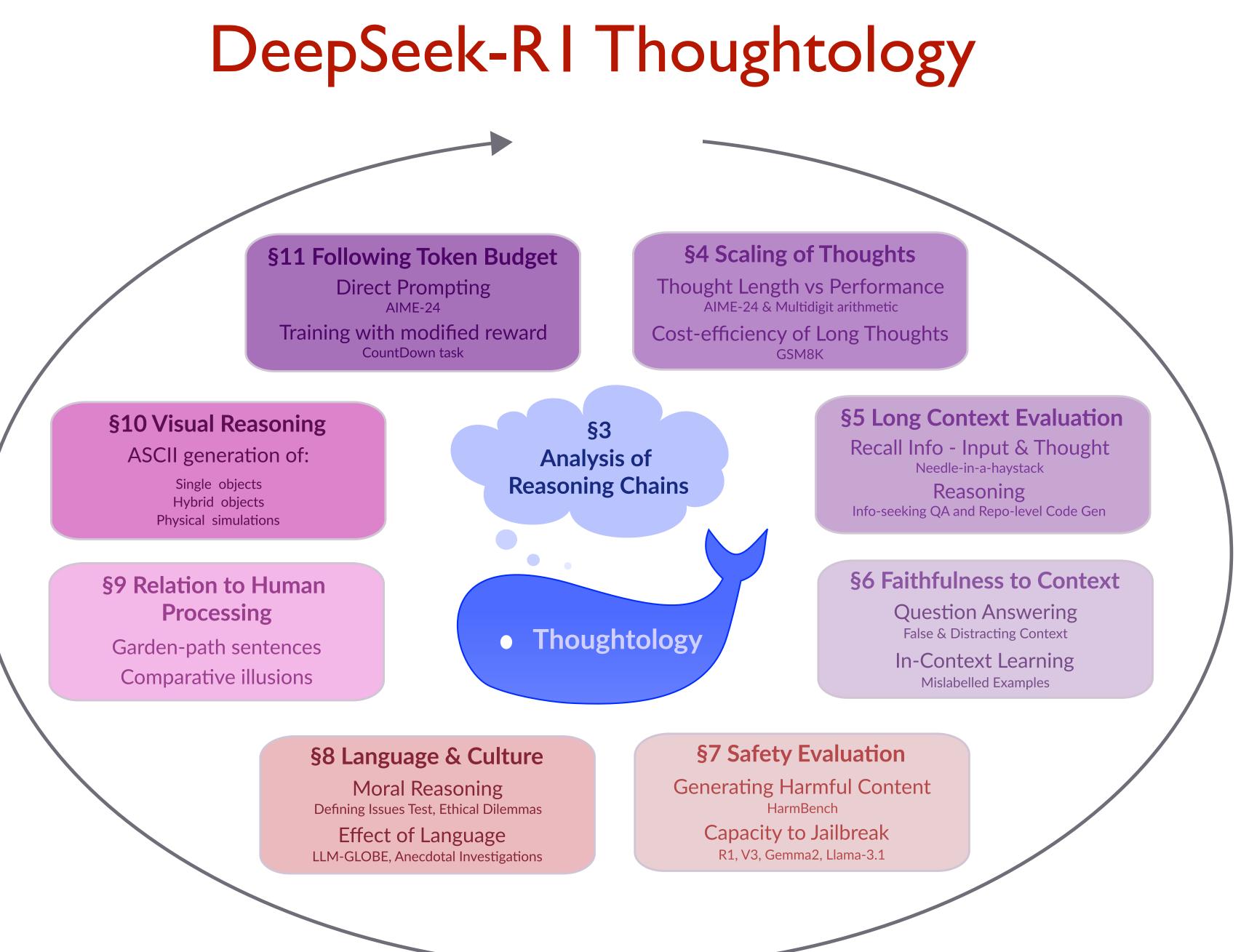


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Reasoning patterns observed in R1 thoughts

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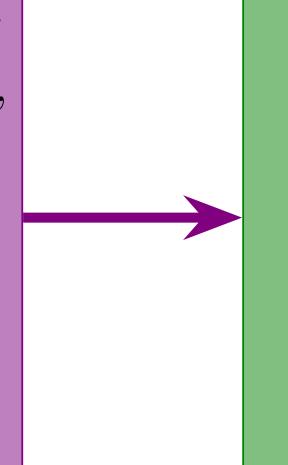
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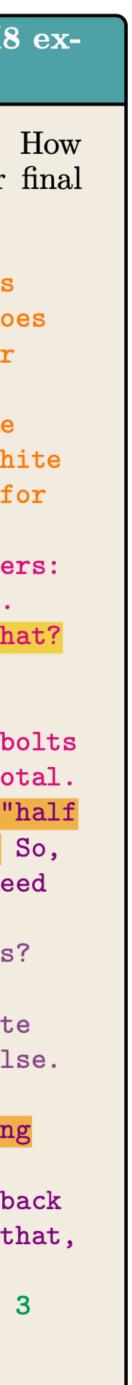
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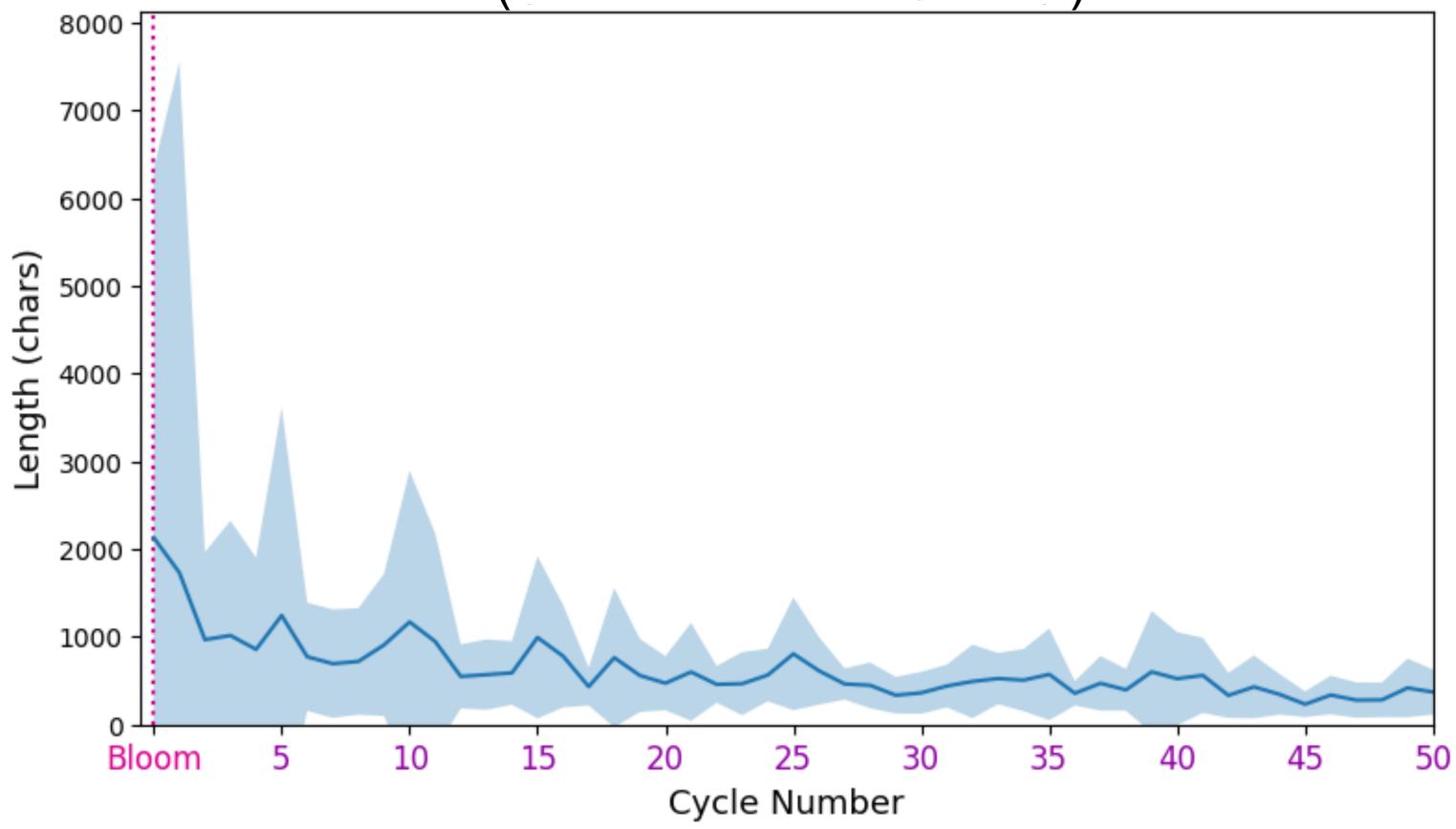
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Not all reasoning cycles are equal in size

- Bloom (first) cycle has the longest length of all
- Reconstruction cycles ("aha" moments)
 become shorter in length with time
- But occasional spikes in reconstruction cycles reblooms



Reasoning cycles observed in GSM8K (annotated with GPT40)



• Reconstruction cycles:

- Reblooms: sampling a different solution
- Rumination: selfverification or a verbatim repeat of previous cycle

 Essentially R1 discovered self-consistency but with sequential sampling

Building Blocks: A longer reasoning cycle from MATH-500

Prompt: In how many ways can 8 people sit around a round table if 3 of the people – Pierre, Rosa, and Thomas – all want to sit together? (Two seatings are considered the same if one is a rotation of the other.)

Let me check. [...] [...] [...] $\left[\ldots \right]$

<think> [...] First, for n distinct people sitting around a round table, the number of distinct seating arrangements is (n-1)! because rotations are considered the same. So, for 8 people, it would normally be 7! = 5040 ways. But here, we have the constraint that Pierre, Rosa, and Thomas must all sit together. So, they have to be adjacent to each other. That means I need to treat them as a single unit or "block" first, right? [...] That would give me 120 * 6 = 720. But is that all? Let me check. [...]

[CYCLE 2 - rebloom] Alternatively, another way to think about it: fix one person's position to account for rotations. Let's say fix Pierre's position. [...] So that would give 2 * 5! = 2 * 120 = 240. But wait, this seems different from the previous answer of 720. Which is correct?

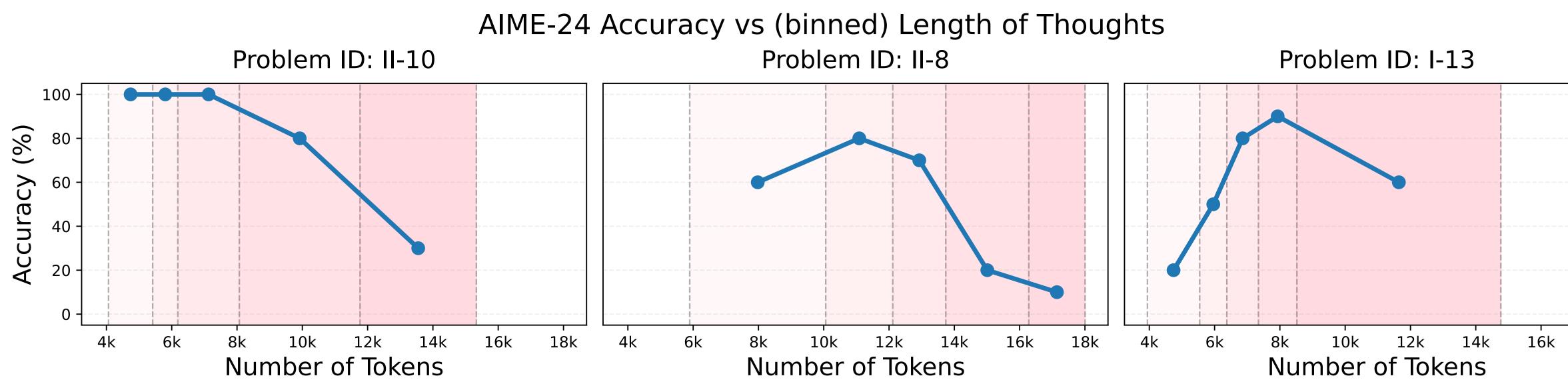
[CYCLE 13 - rumination] Wait, perhaps fixing different people's seats. [...] 2! * 5! = 2 * 120 = 240. So which is correct?

[CYCLE 18 - abandonment] Alternatively, maybe the formula is (n - 1)! /
(n) * something. Wait, perhaps not.

[CYCLE 20 - rebloom] Wait, let's take an example. Let's say n=8, k=3. Let's fix Pierre's position. Then Rosa and Thomas must be on either side of Pierre. So there are two seats adjacent to Pierre: seat left and seat right. [...] Then, within each block, Rosa and Thomas can be ar



Thoughts have a sweet spot for length

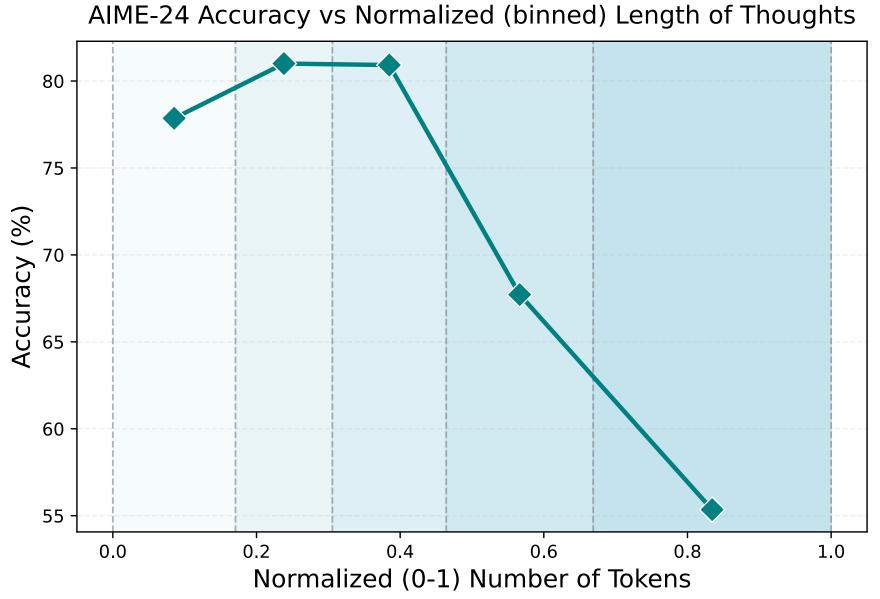


Plots created by sampling 40 thoughts per problem. No budget forcing.





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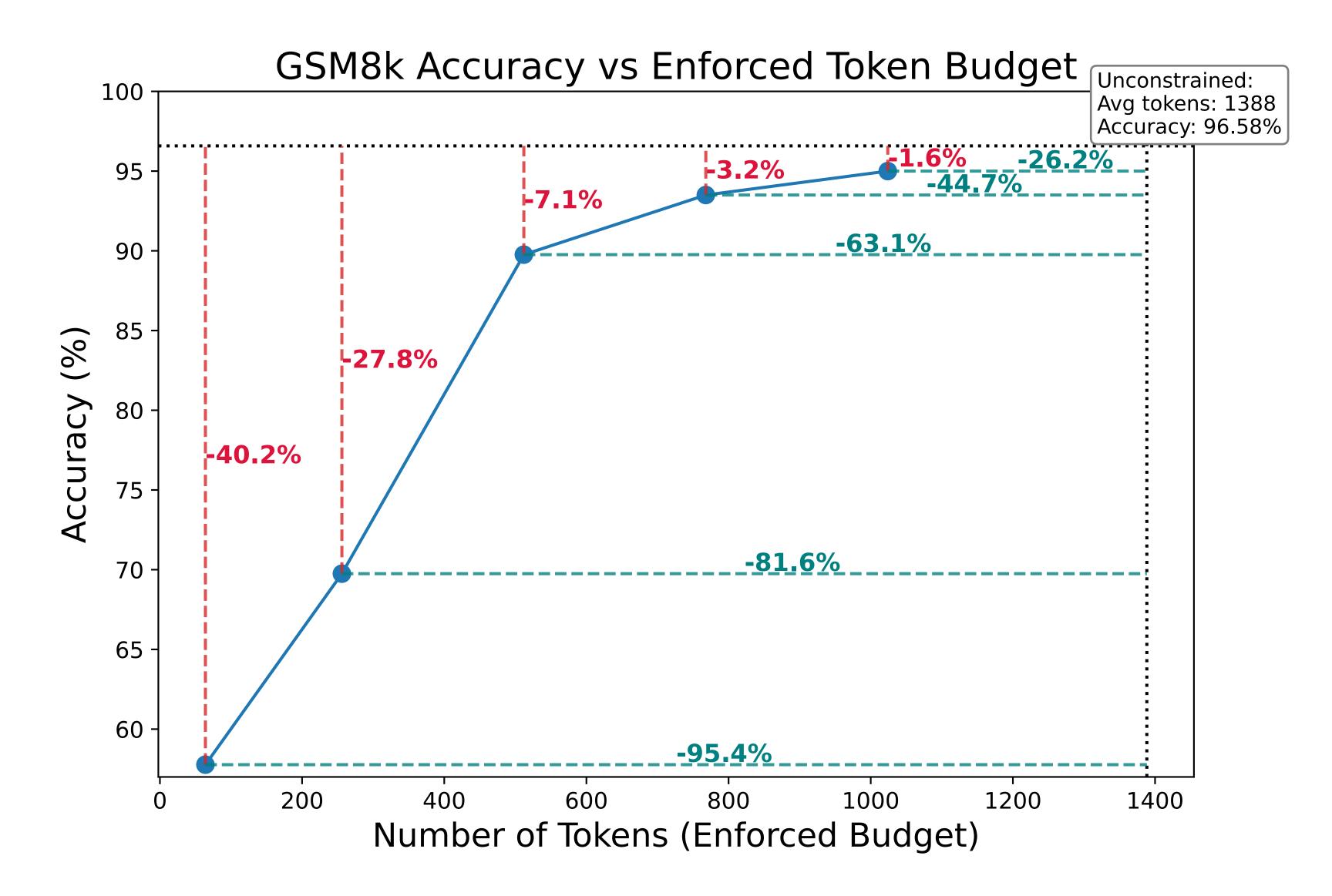
- Sweet spot is problem specific

Inference-time scaling hurts beyond the sweet spot

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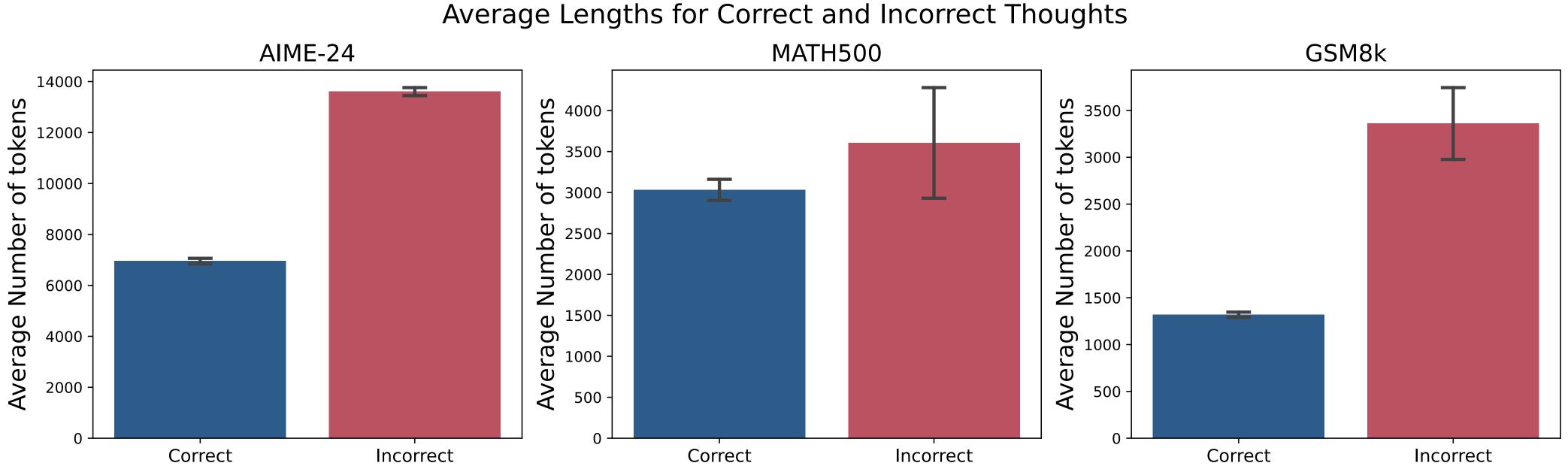


Forcing to lower budgets is more cost-effective



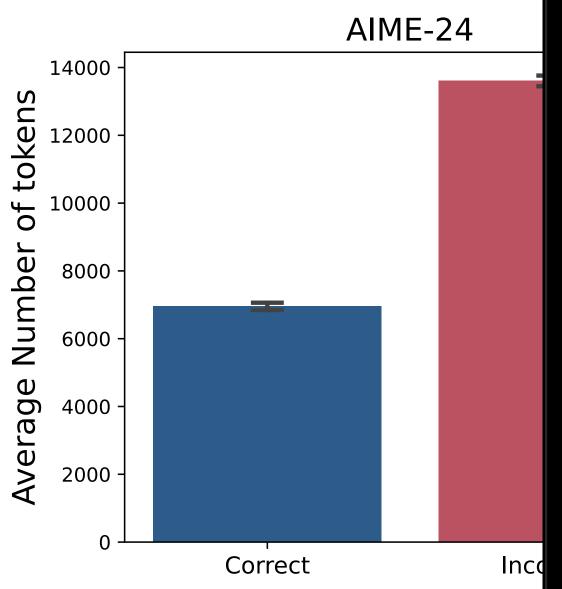


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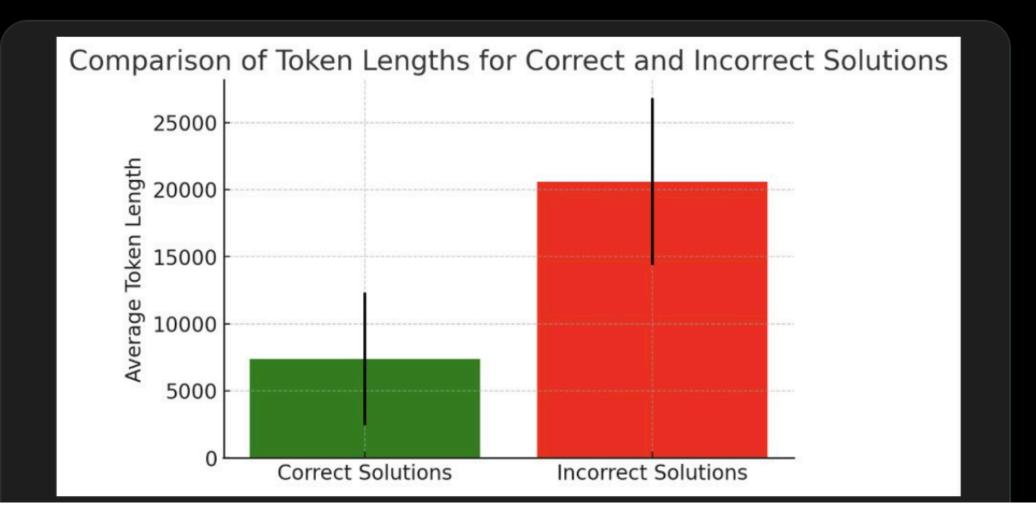
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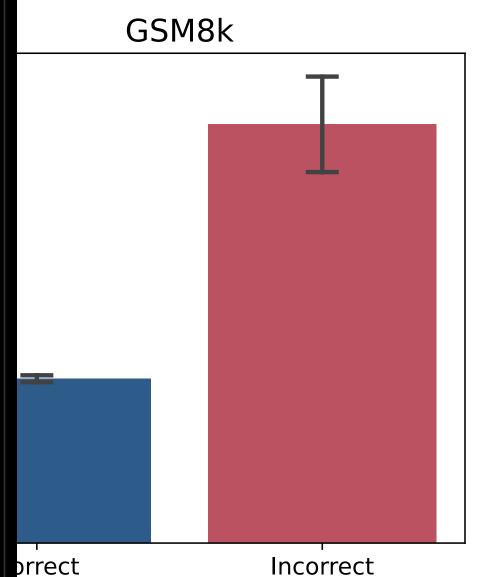


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Discovered a very interesting thing about DeepSeek-R1 and all reasoning models: The wrong answers are much longer while the correct answers are much shorter. Even on the same question, when we re-run the model, it sometimes produces a short (usually correct) answer or a wrong verbose one. Based on this, I'd like to propose a simple idea called Laconic decoding: Run the model 5 times (in parallel) and pick the answer with the smallest number of tokens. Our preliminary results show that this decoding gives +6-7% on AIME24 with only a few parallel runs. I think this is better (and faster) than consensus decoding.



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Cannot control thought budget through prompt

Prompting R1 to adhere to thinking budget

 $f(x) = ||x| - \frac{1}{2}$

Find the number of intersections of the graphs of

 $y = 4g(f(sin(2\pi x)$

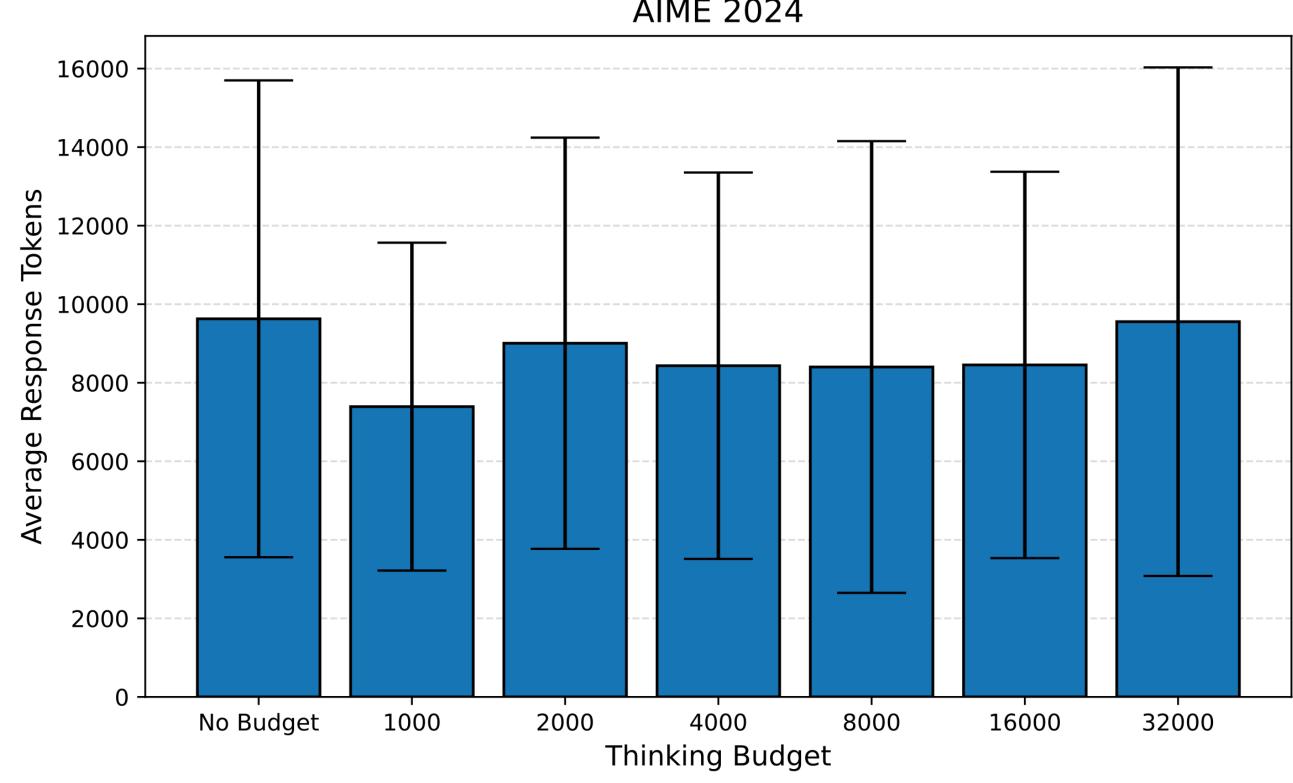
Prompt: Solve the following problem by thinking for around 16000 tokens and provide the final answer. You must finish your thinking process within +100 or -100 of the budget. Take the budget very seriously and keep track of it. Define

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)) and
$$x = 4g(f(cos(3\pi y))).$$



Cannot control thought budget through prompt



- No mention of budget in its thoughts
- Signs of no process monitoring meta cognition

AIME 2024



Faithfulness to given context

Much more faithful to input context even if the context refutes parametric knowledge

Opposite to what LLMs do (Min et al. 2022)

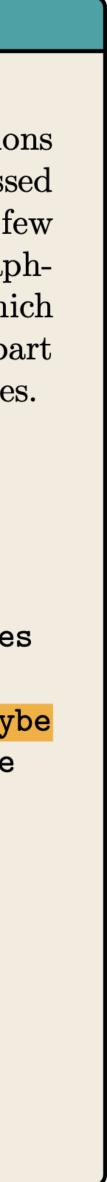
Faithfulness: Incorrect provided information

Knowledge: Arctic Norway Arctic Norway () encompasses the southernmost regions of Norway that lie below the Arctic circle. Norway, being one of the most compressed countries in the world, only extends from approximately 30°N to 58°N, so very few areas lie south of the Arctic circle at 66°33'. Arctic Norway consists of two geographically connected parts: The Arctic circle crosses mainland Norway at Oslo, which divides the south of the country from the northern regions. Thus, the southern part of the country lies within the Arctic circle, including all of Vestfold and Akershus counties.

<think> Okay, let's see. The question is asking where you cross the Arctic Circle in Norway. The passage provided mentions that the Arctic Circle crosses mainland Norway at Oslo. Wait, but I thought Oslo is in the southern part of Norway. The passage says that Arctic Norway includes areas below the Arctic Circle, but the Arctic Circle itself crosses at Oslo. But wait, isn't Oslo the capital, which is more in the south? Maybe there's a mistake here. [...] Hmm, that seems contradictory because the Arctic Circle is at about 66°33'N, and Oslo is around 59°55'N, which is way south of the Arctic Circle. So maybe the passage has an error. But according to the given text, the answer should be Oslo. Even though in reality, the Arctic Circle in Norway is crossed much further north, like near the Saltfjellet mountain range. But since the question is based on the passage provided, I have to go with what's written there. So the answer here would be Oslo. </think>

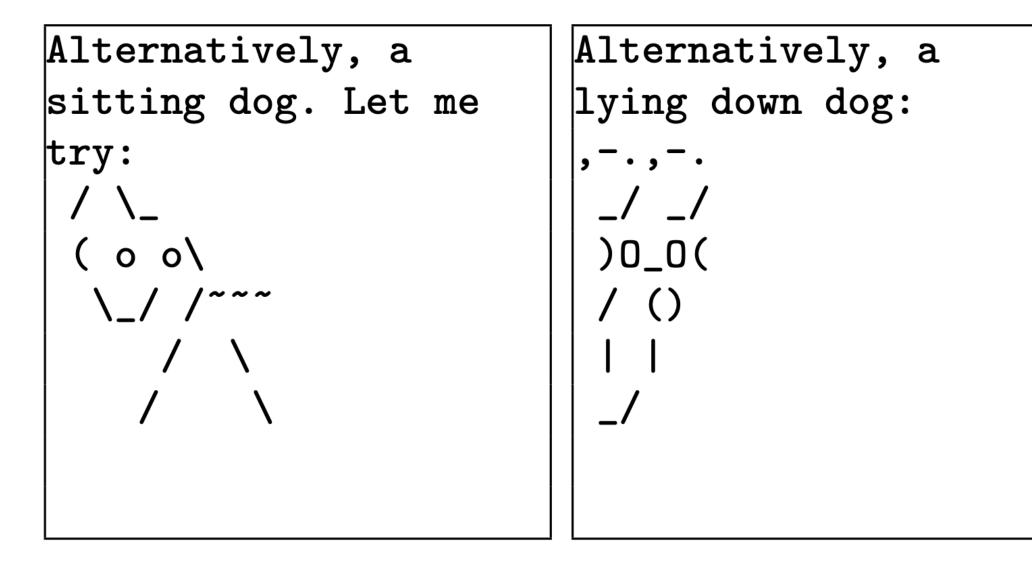
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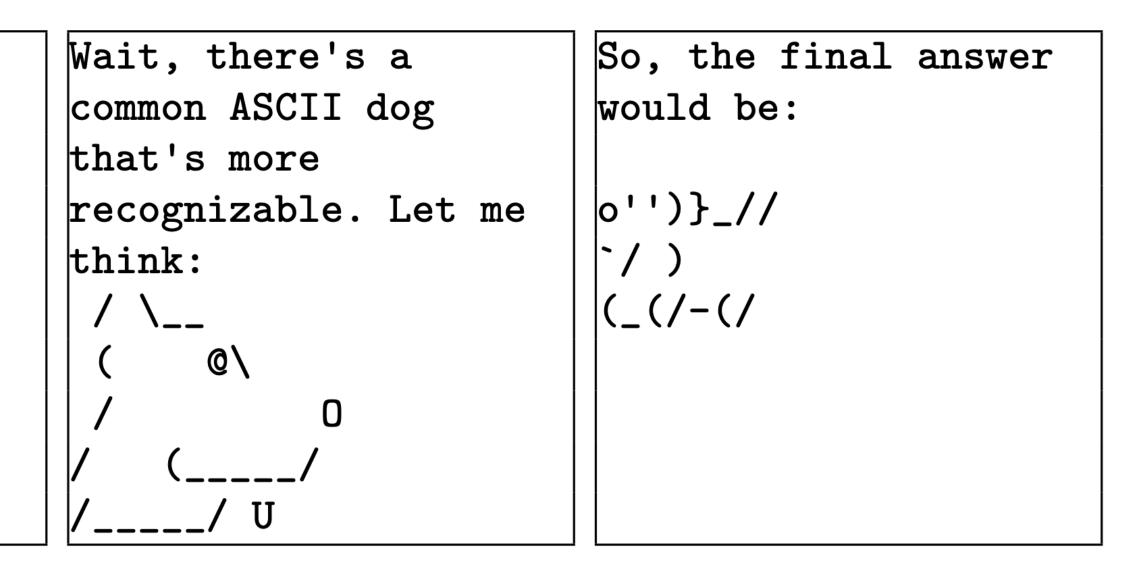


OOD Evaluation: world modelling

Prompt: draw a dog?



- thoughts



Not faithful to its own thoughts — i.e., answer is not from its

For ASCII visual problems, hallucinates in math and code



What did R1 succeed/fail to discover?

$\mathcal{R}'(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{R}_{\text{Format}}(\mathbf{y})$

- Abilities that are discovered:
 - Sequential self-consistency

- Abilities that didn't emerge/learn.
 - certain budget)
 - Not faithful to its own thoughts in OOD settings.

$$(y, x) + \mathcal{R}_{Correctness}(y, x)$$

More importance to user input than parametric knowledge

No process monitoring (you can't force the model to think in



§11 Following Token Budget

Direct Prompting AIME-24 Training with modified reward CountDown task

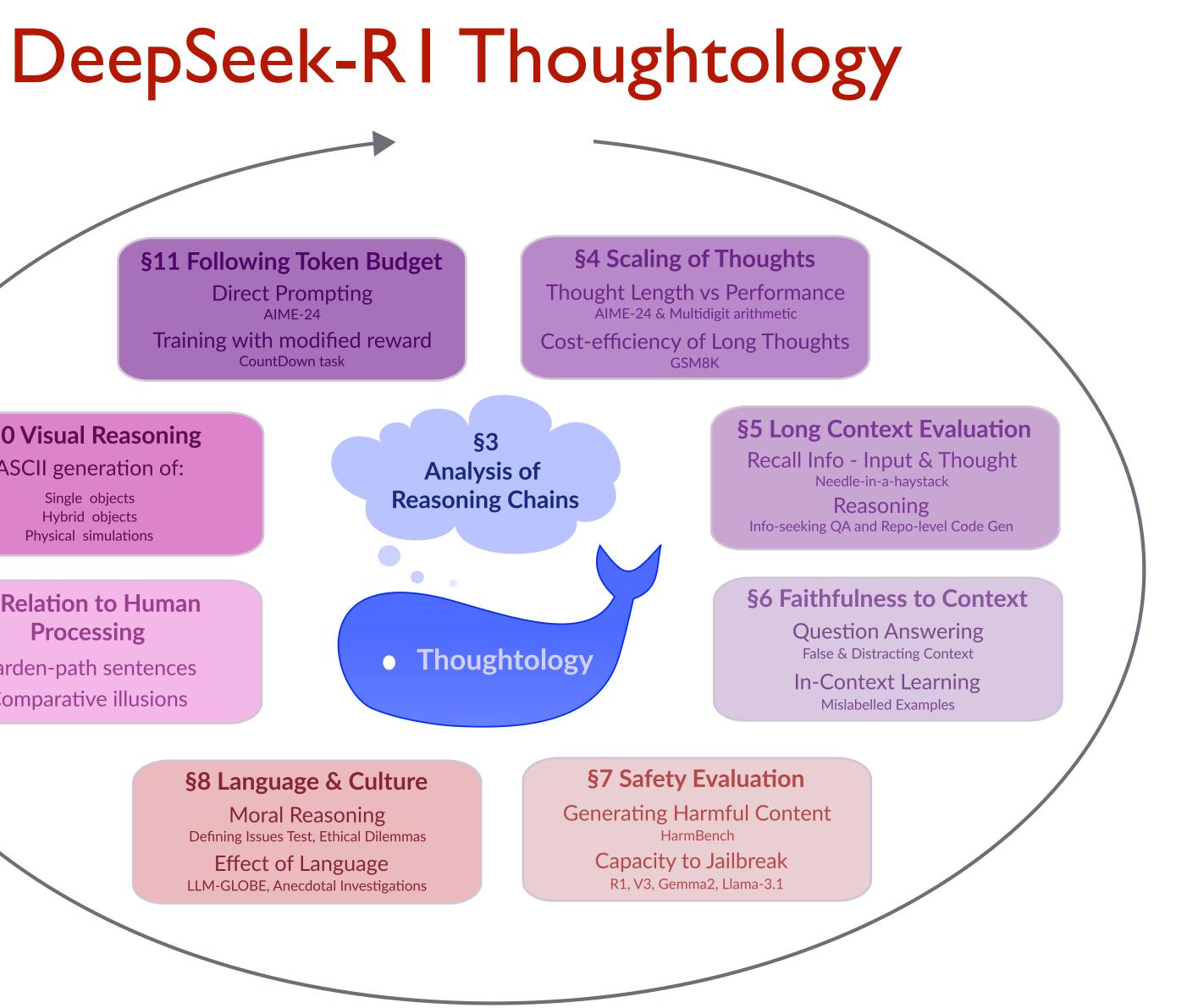
§10 Visual Reasoning

ASCII generation of:

Single objects Hybrid objects Physical simulations

§9 Relation to Human Processing

Garden-path sentences Comparative illusions



§8 Language & Culture

Moral Reasoning Defining Issues Test, Ethical Dilemmas

Effect of Language LLM-GLOBE, Anecdotal Investigations

Many more findings in paper



Partial summary: DeepSeek R1 Thoughtology

- Reasoning cycles: predominantly ruminants and some reblooms
- Problem specific sweet spot for thought's length inference time scaling beyond certain length is counterproductive
- Thought: Is R1 essentially a sequential self-consistency model?



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Mathematical beauty of self-consistency (SC)

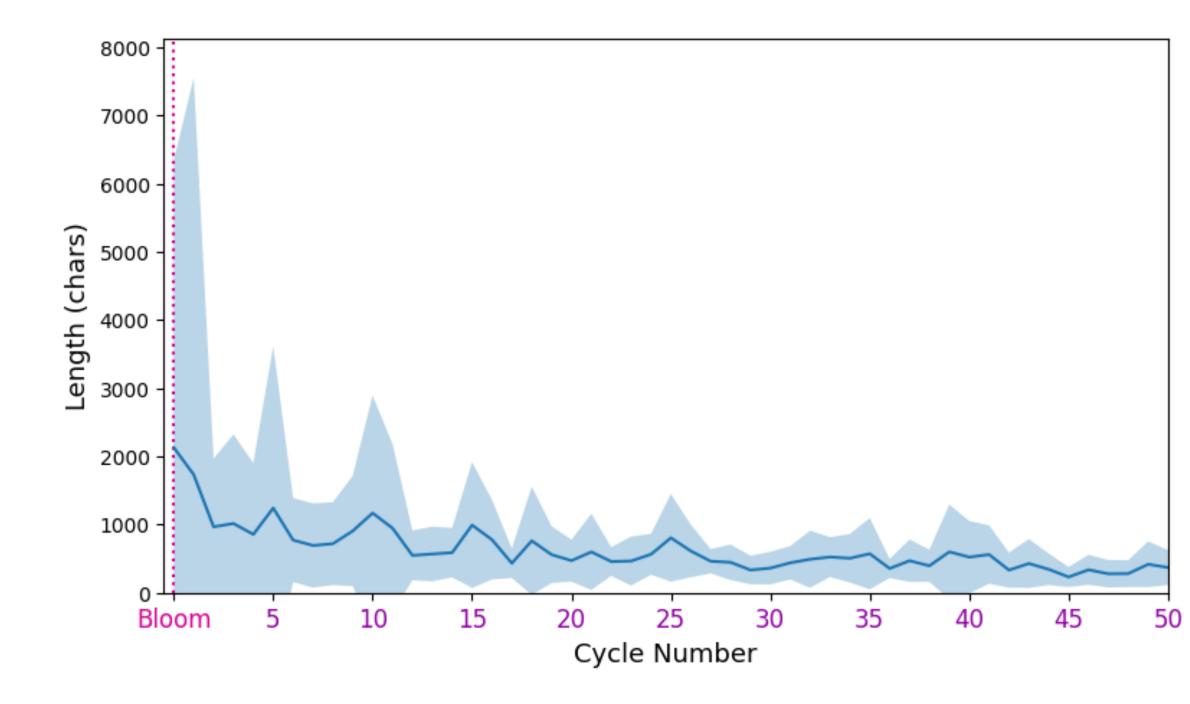
SC (arxiv.org/abs/2203.11171) for LLMs essentially just does one thing: choose the answer with the maximum probability as the final output. Anything else? Nothing.



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Is R1 an inefficient sequential self-consistency model?



- Reward at the end isn't enough.

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Perhaps step-wise credit assignment is the solution.



VINEPPO: UNLOCKING RL POTENTIAL FOR LLM Reasoning Through Refined Credit Assignment

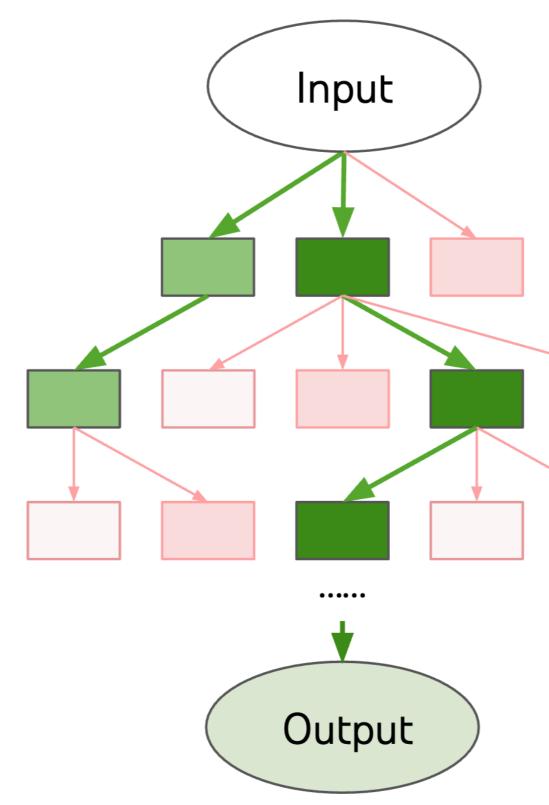
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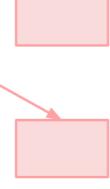




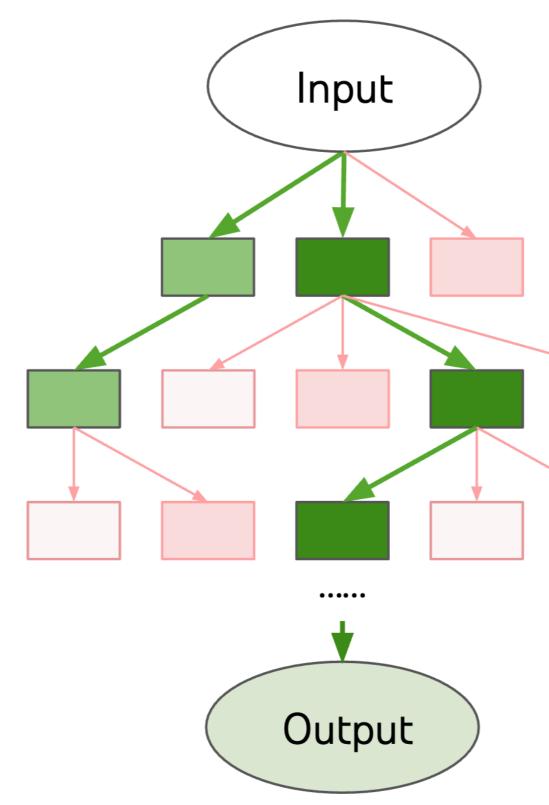
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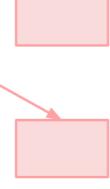




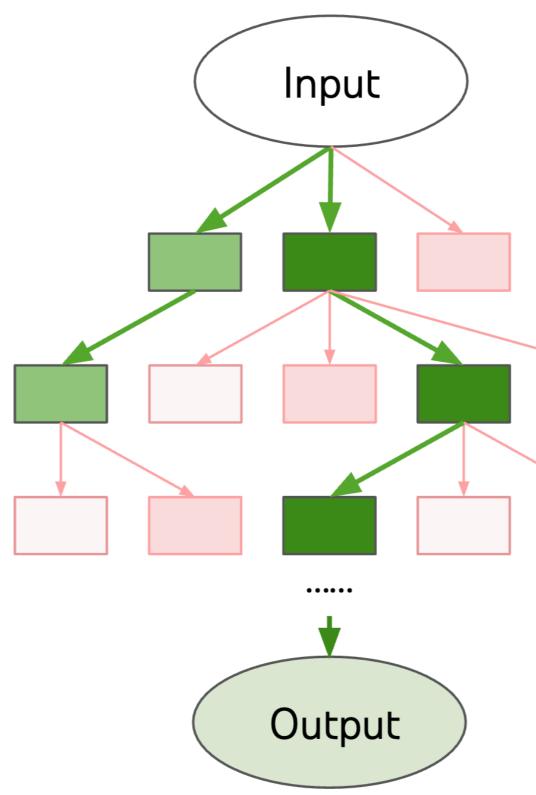
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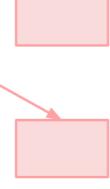




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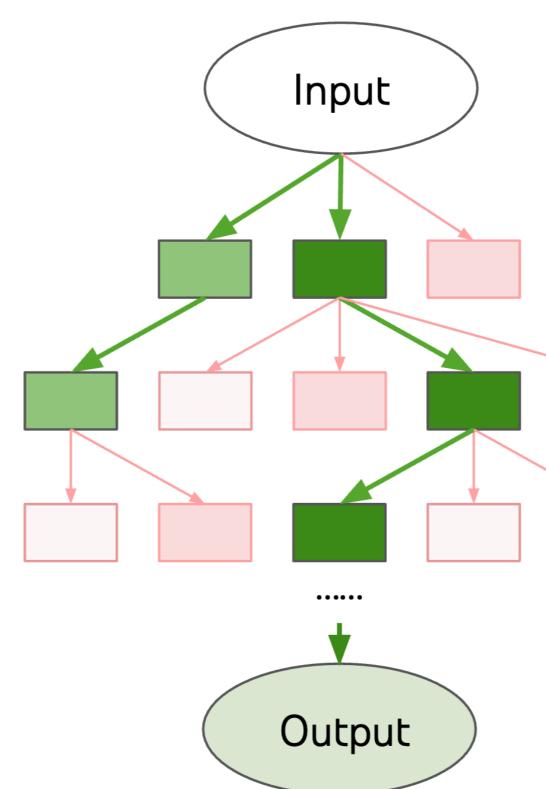




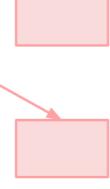


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Identifying impact of each step/state on the outcome = Credit Assignment in reinforcement learning







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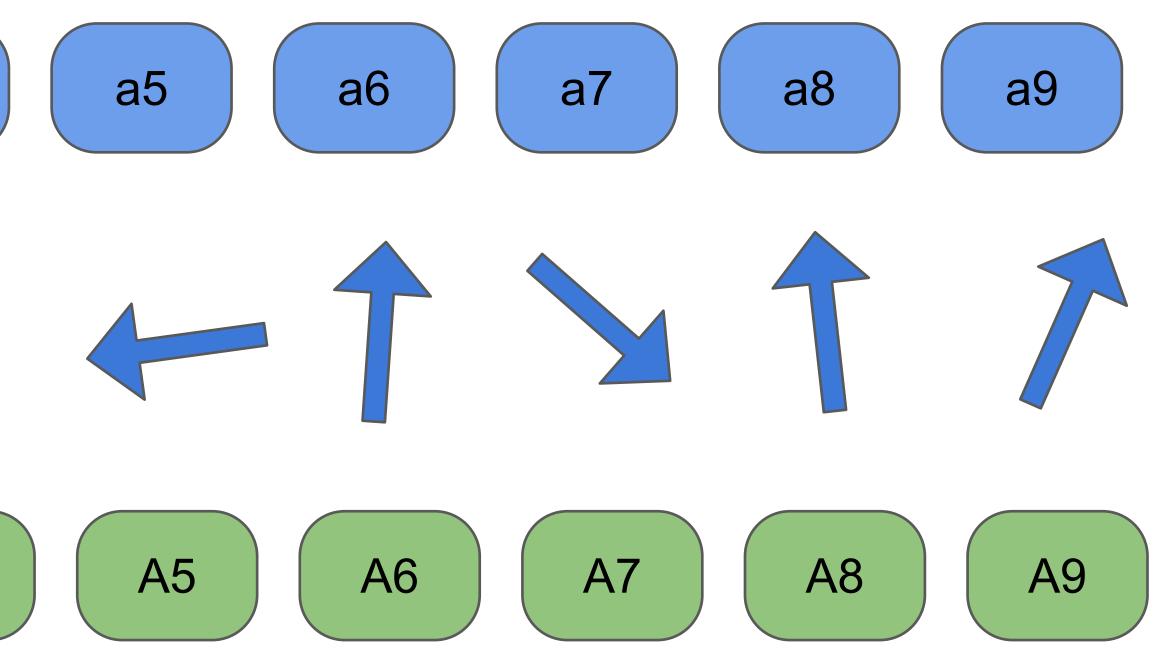
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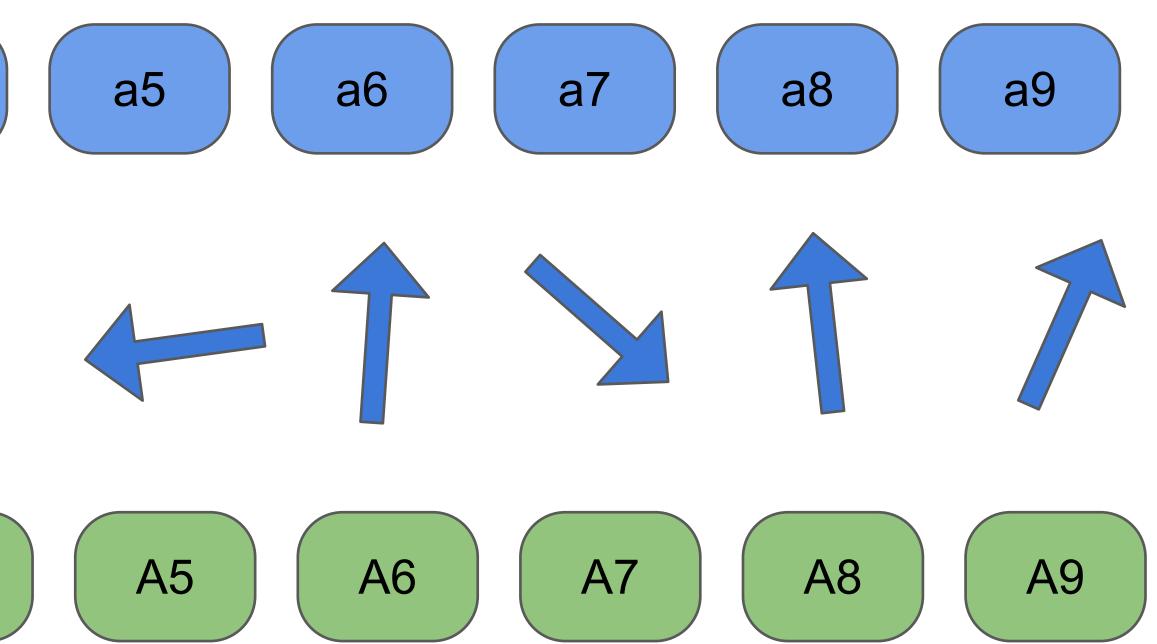
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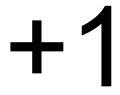


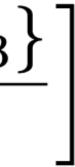
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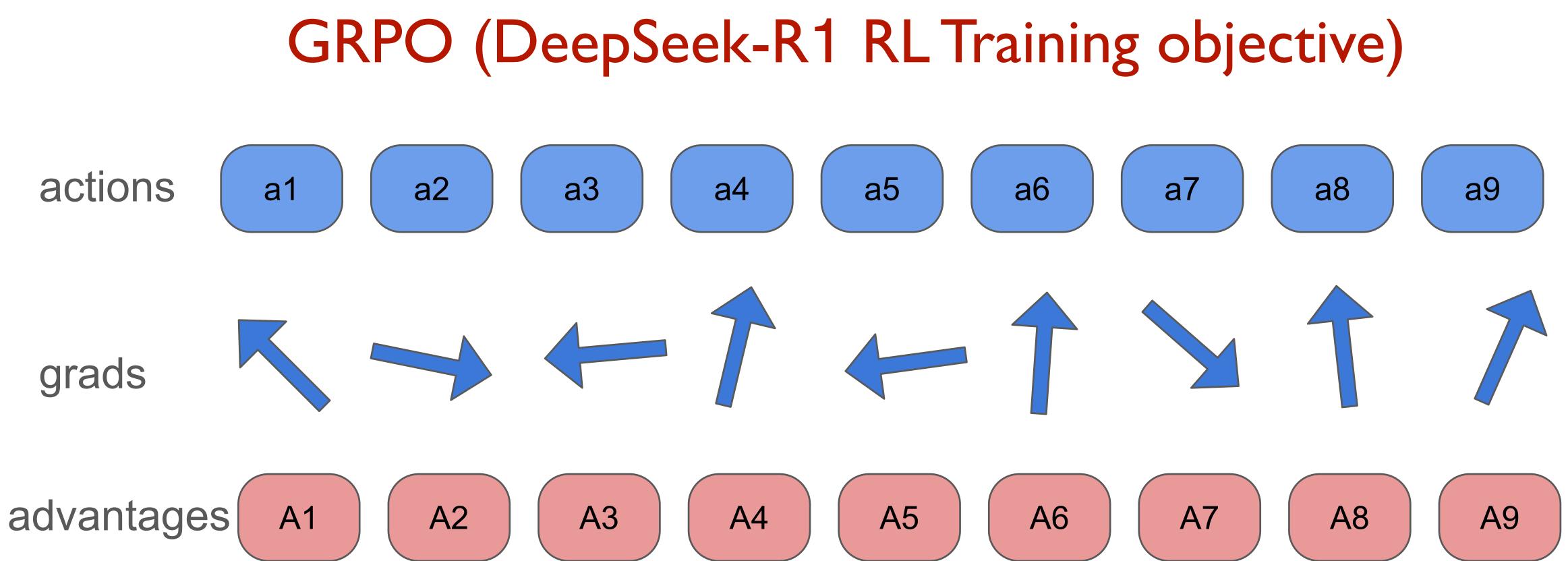
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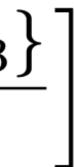




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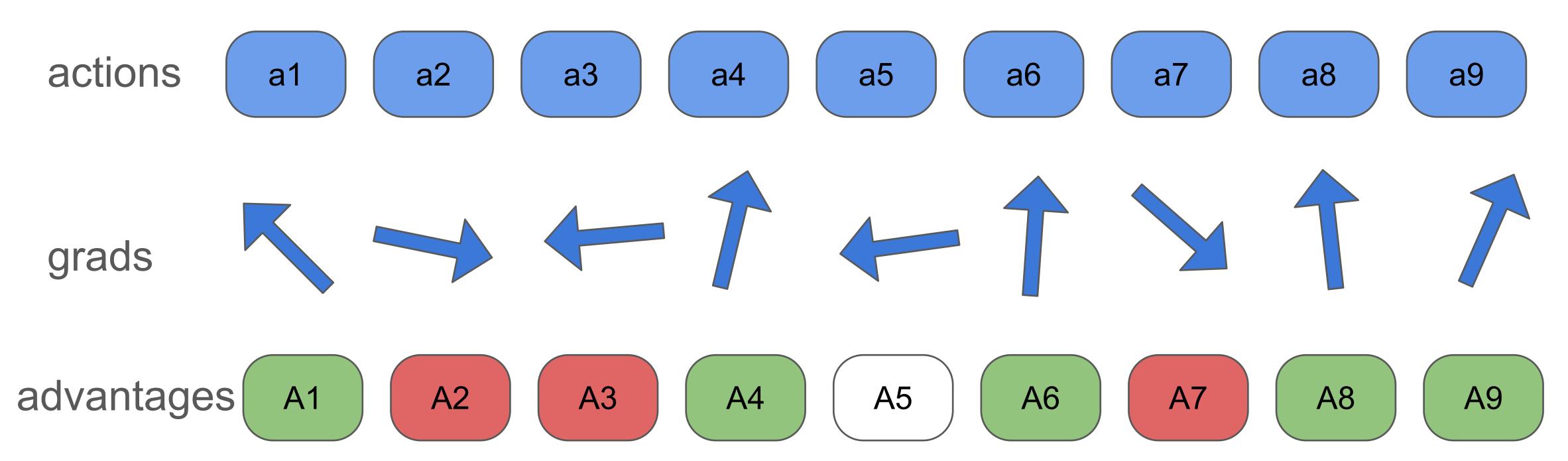


GRPO (DeepSeek-R1 RL Training objective)

- Biggest drawback of GRPO: All steps are equal
- **Conjecture:** this is probably why we see a lot of rumination (repeatedly solving the same problem again and again)
- importance PPO / VinePPO

Instead rely on the value of a state to determine the advantage/



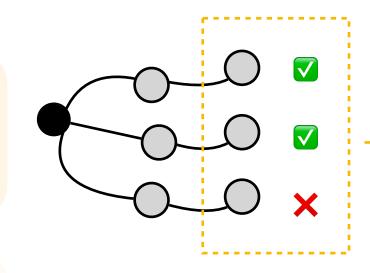




Value of a state = the expected reward if you start in that state

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1. Combining the fractions on the left gives $\frac{1+2x}{2} = 5.$ *x* – 1



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• A formulation used in many RL optimization algorithms like **PPO**

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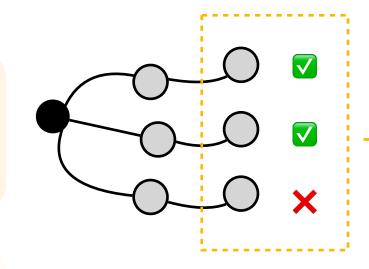
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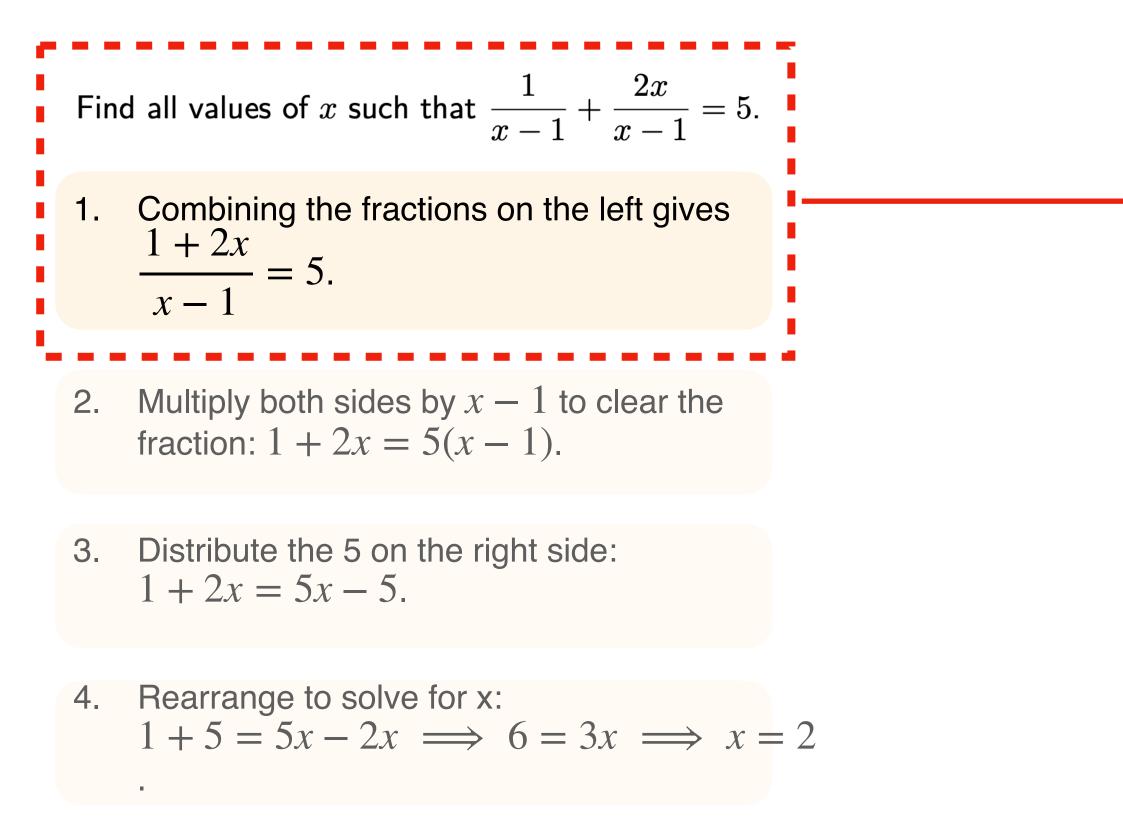


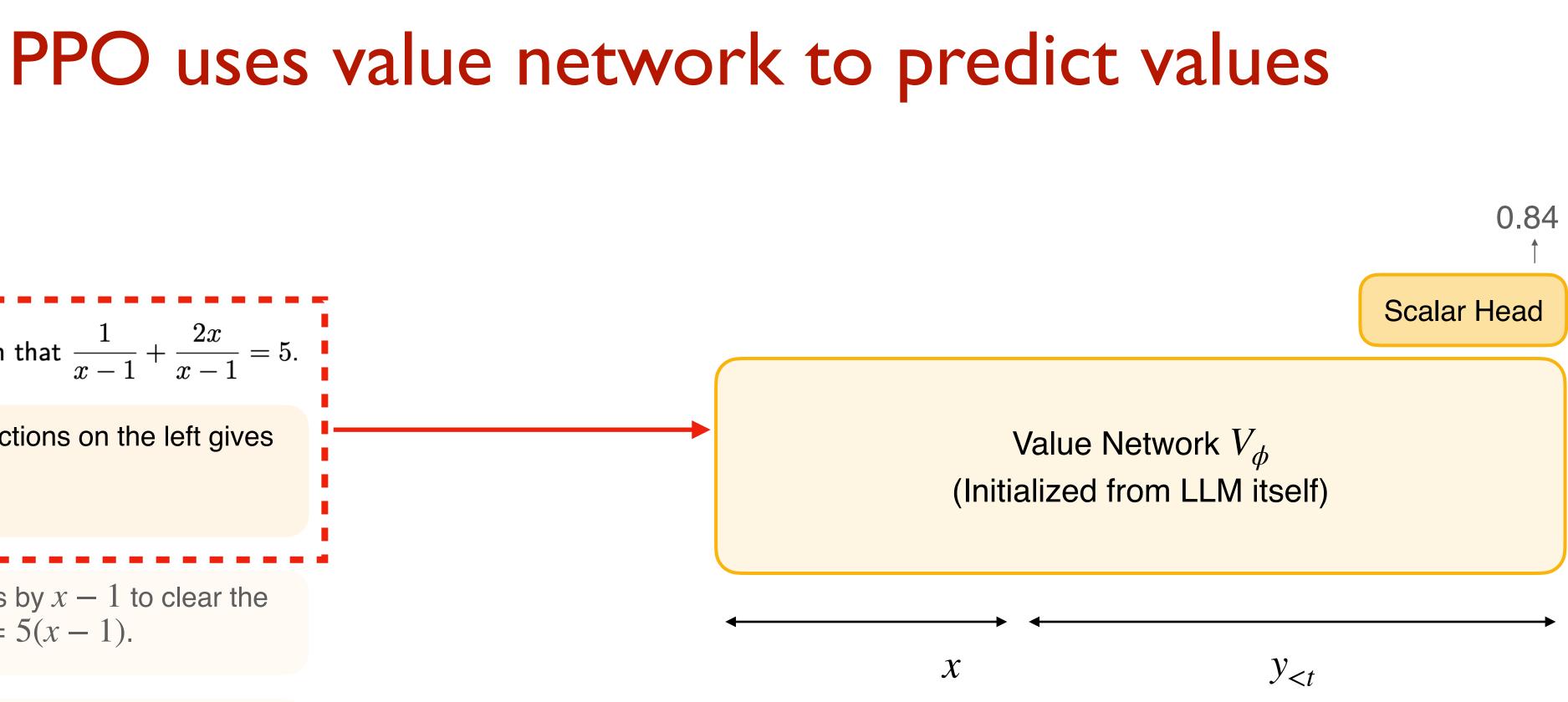
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- PPO as in RLHF pipeline (Ouyang et al. 2022) is the SOTA algorithm for RLbased finetuning of LLMs.
- PPO uses a value network to tackle credit assignment.
- ValNet is the same size as and initialized from LLM itself.

PPO

Value Prediction \boldsymbol{x} in **PPO** $\hat{V}_{\phi}(oldsymbol{x};oldsymbol{y}_{< t}) =$ 0.42 $ValNet(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{y}_{< t})$ y_{t-1} y_t





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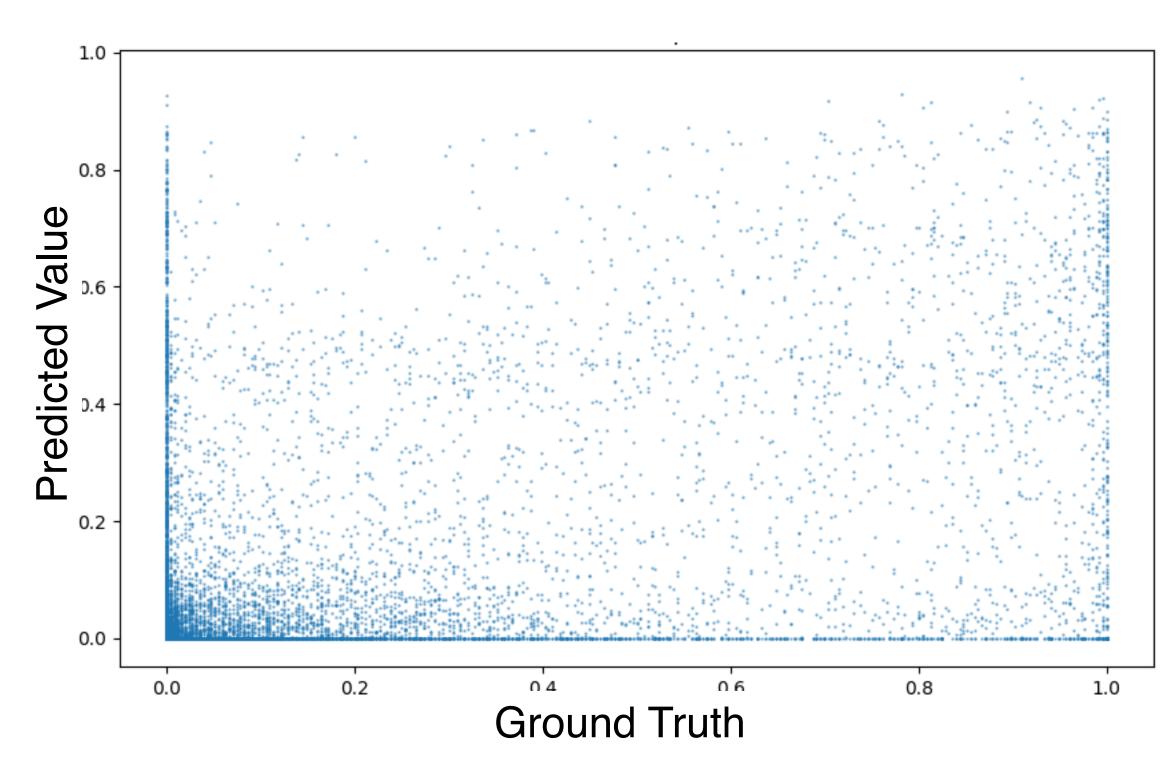
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Experimental Setup

Datasets: ullet

- MATH and GSM8K
- Final answer is given but not proofs
- **Models** ullet
 - DeepSeekMath 7B and RhoMath 1.1B ullet
- **Baselines** ullet
 - GRPO, Standard PPO, and RL-free methods: DPO+, RestEM \bullet
- Hyperparameters •
 - Search done on PPO.
 - VinePPO shares the exact same ones; K=9

Accuracy of Value Networks is poor



ValNet

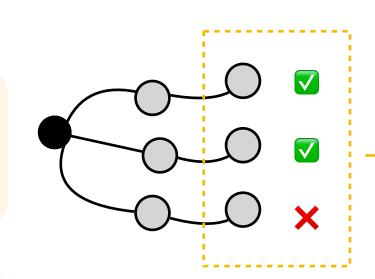
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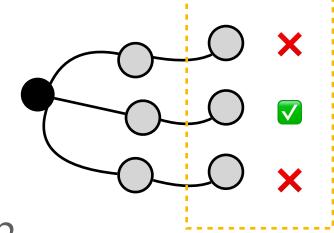
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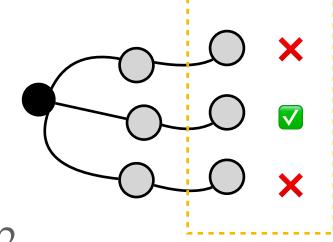
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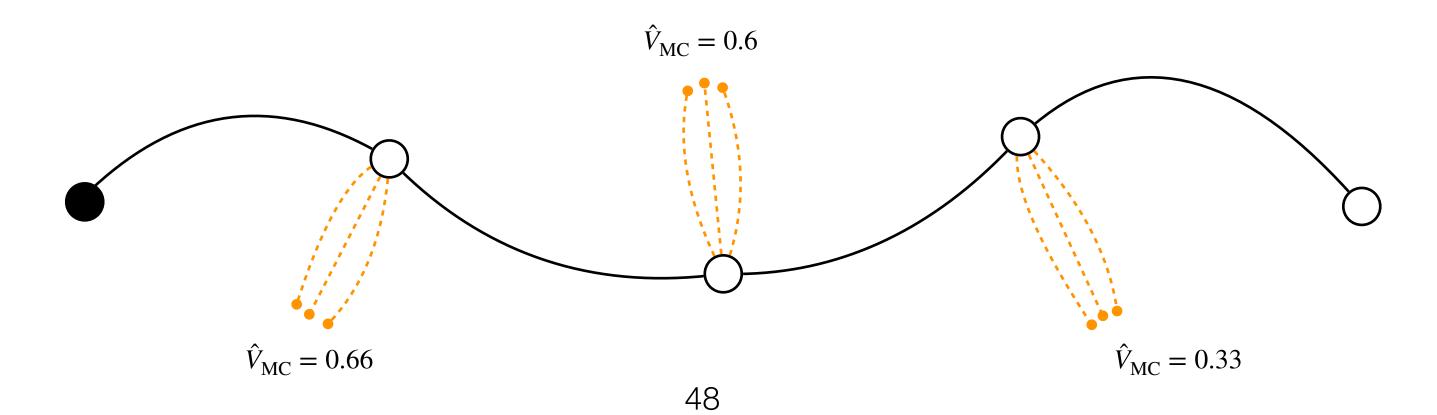
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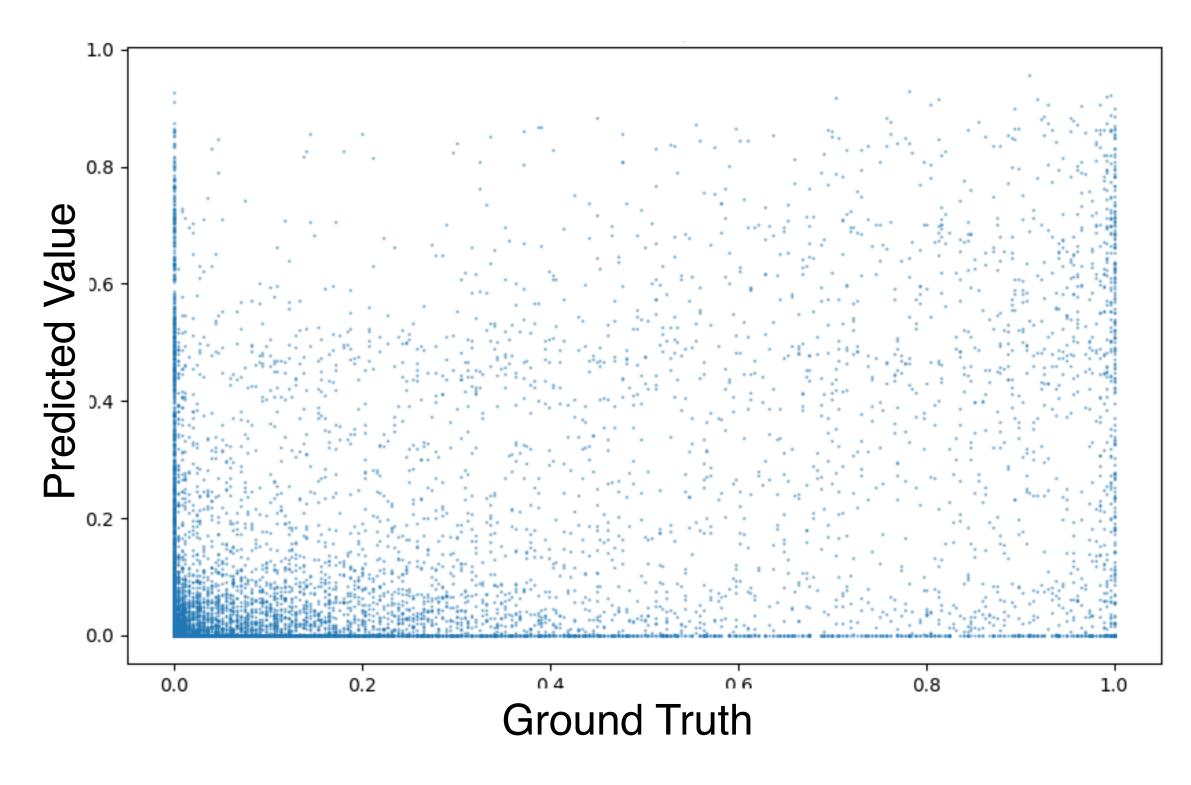
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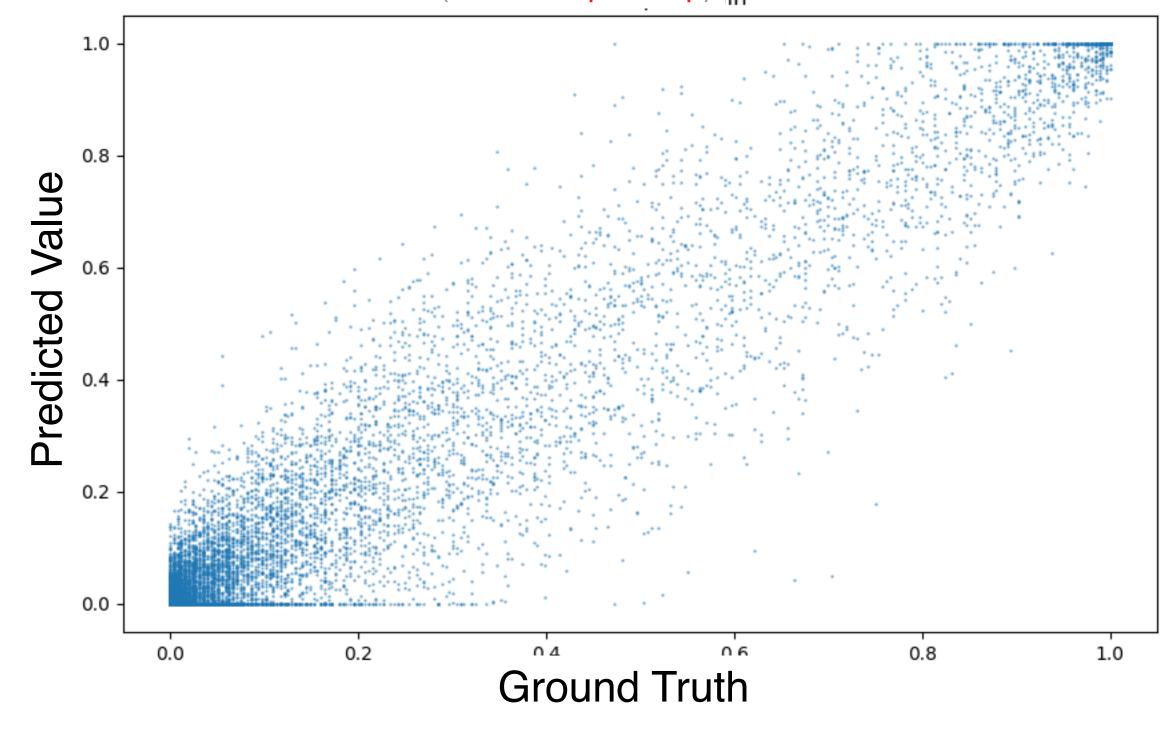




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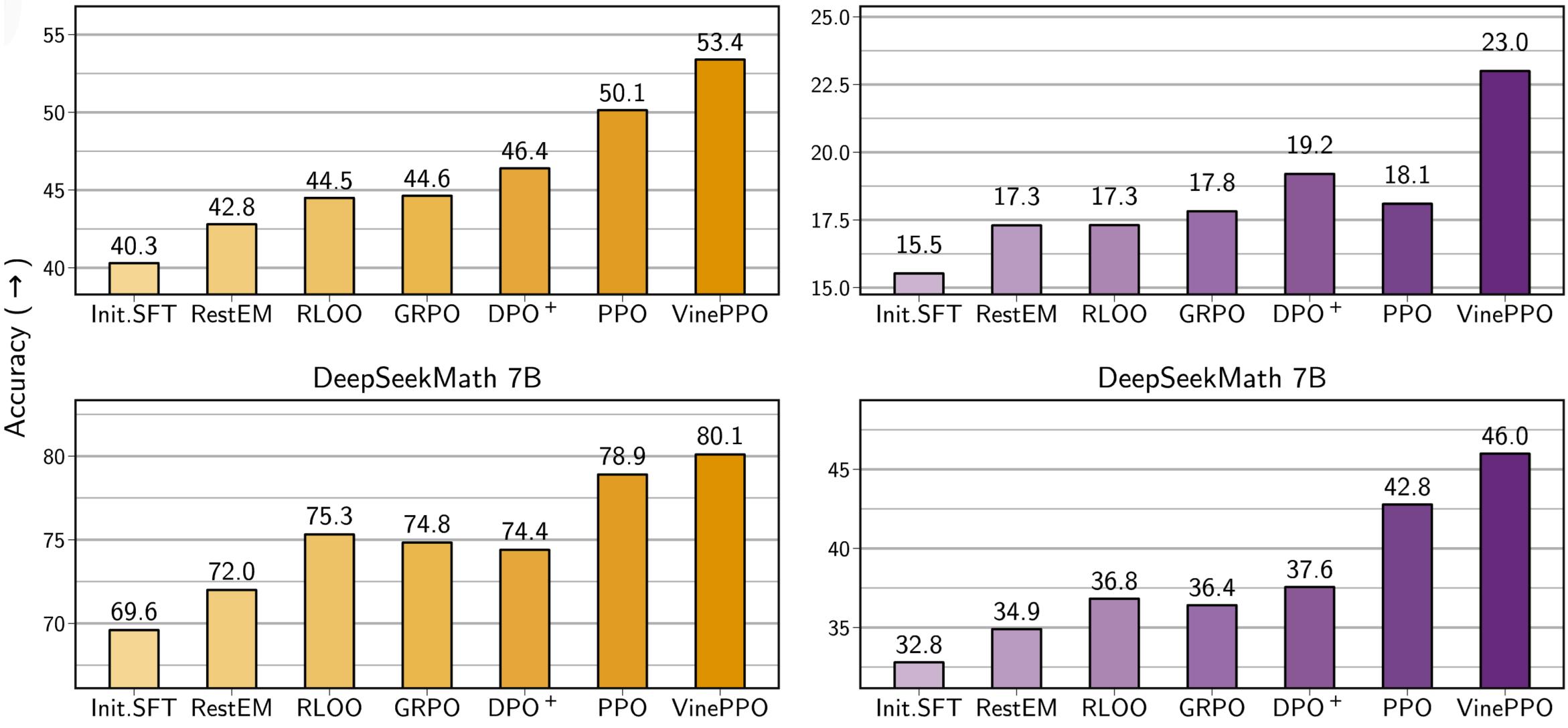


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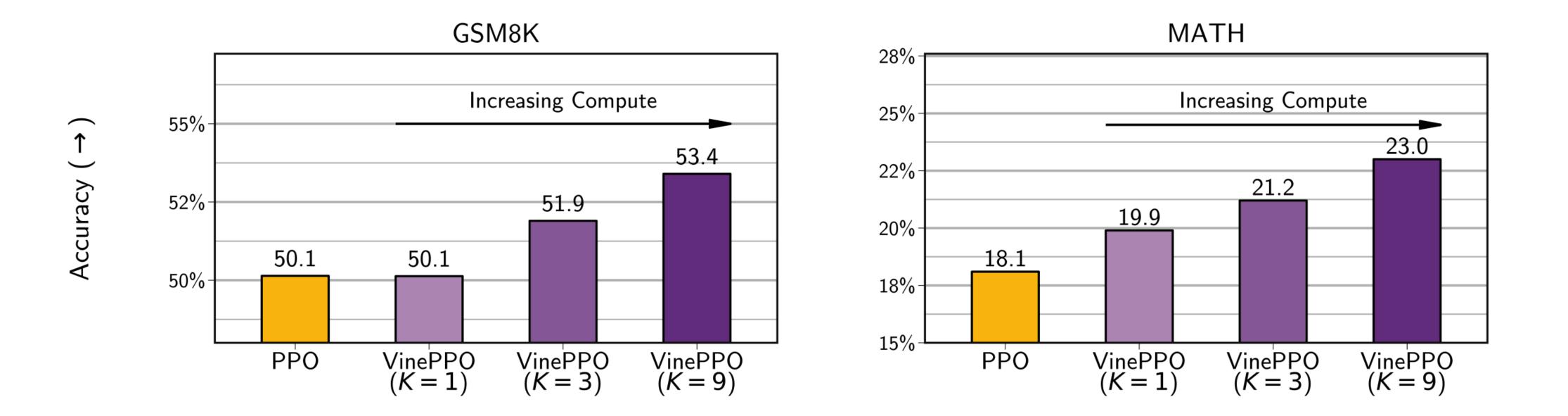


MATH

RhoMath 1.1B

The effect of Improved Credit Assignment Task Performance (ablating the number of MC samples)

$$\hat{V}_{\mathrm{MC}}(s_t) \coloneqq \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} R(\tau^k), \text{ where } \tau^1, \dots, \tau^K \sim \pi_{\theta}(\cdot \mid s_t).$$



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- In some cases even K=1 perform better or on par with PPO. ٠

Increasing more compute leads to more accurate value estimate and better task performance



- Credit assignment has a profound impact on reasoning
- VinePPO provides a better performance in the same budget.
- A promising alternative for post-training frontier LLMs.
- VinePPO also provides a straightforward scaling axis training-time search

§11 Following Token Budget

Direct Prompting AIME-24 Training with modified reward CountDown task

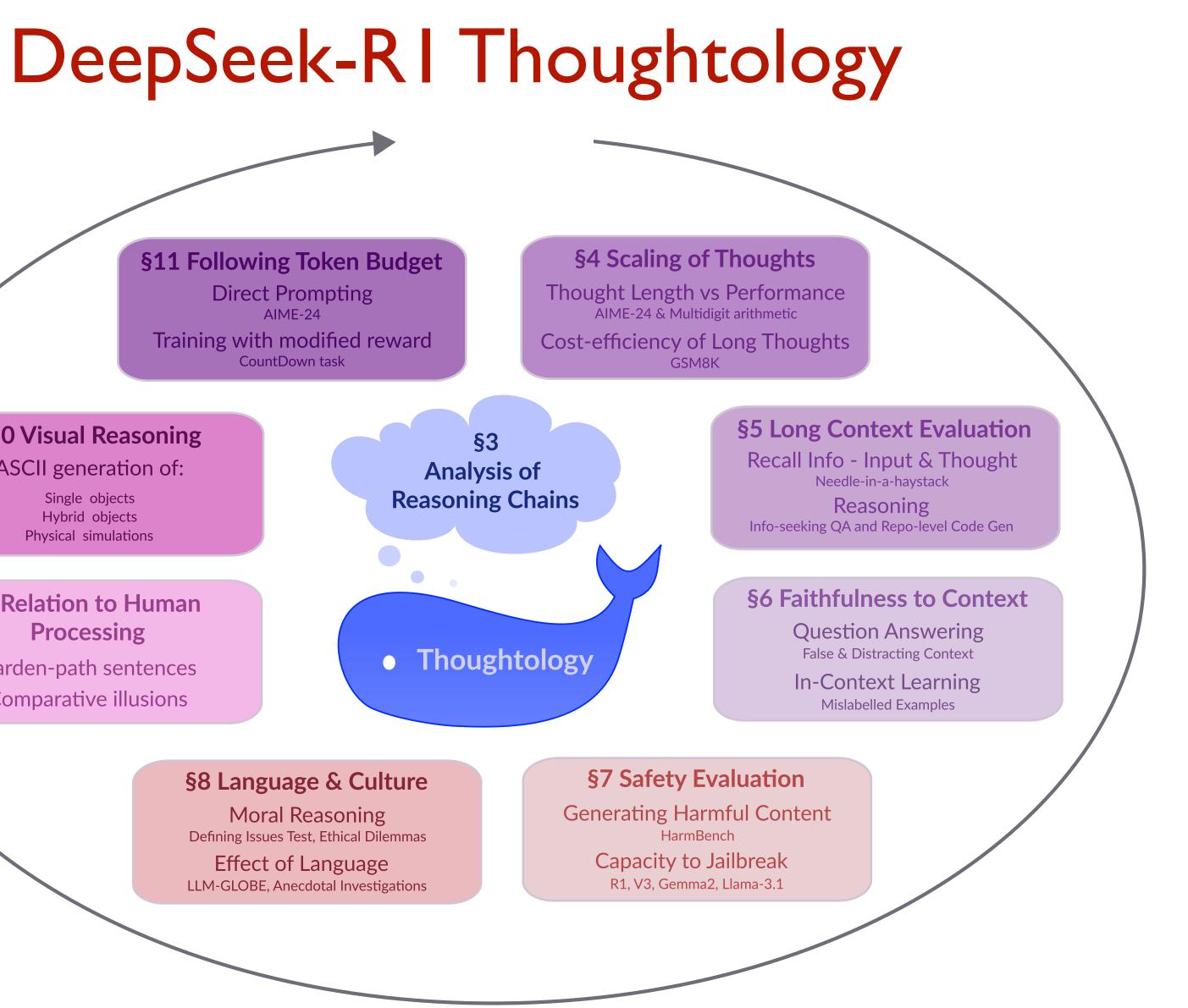
§10 Visual Reasoning

ASCII generation of:

Single objects Hybrid objects Physical simulations

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Garden-path sentences Comparative illusions



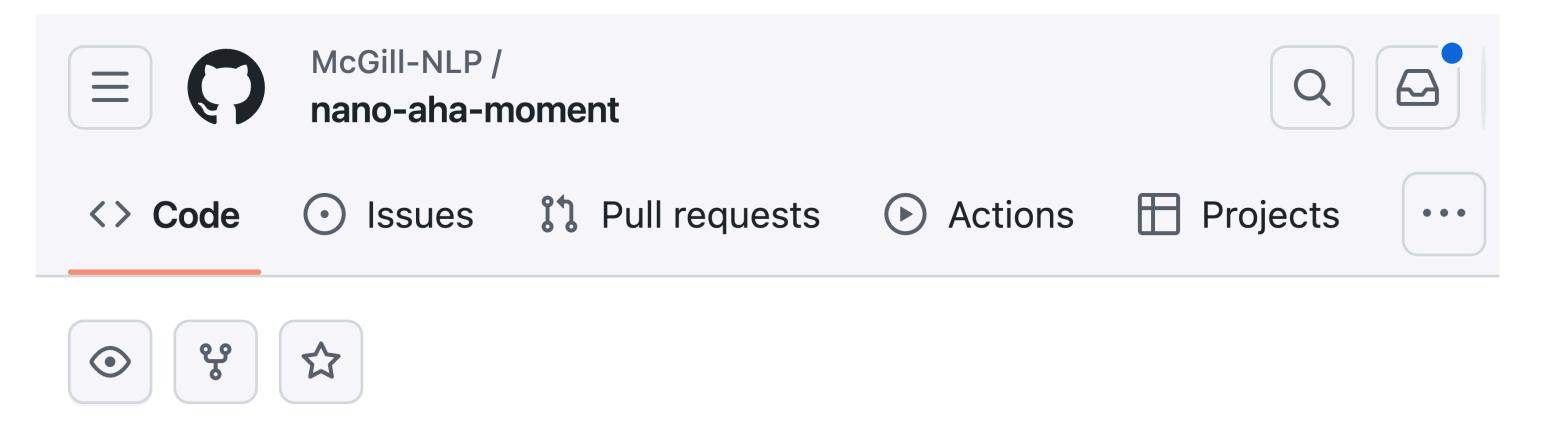
§8 Language & Culture

Moral Reasoning Defining Issues Test, Ethical Dilemmas

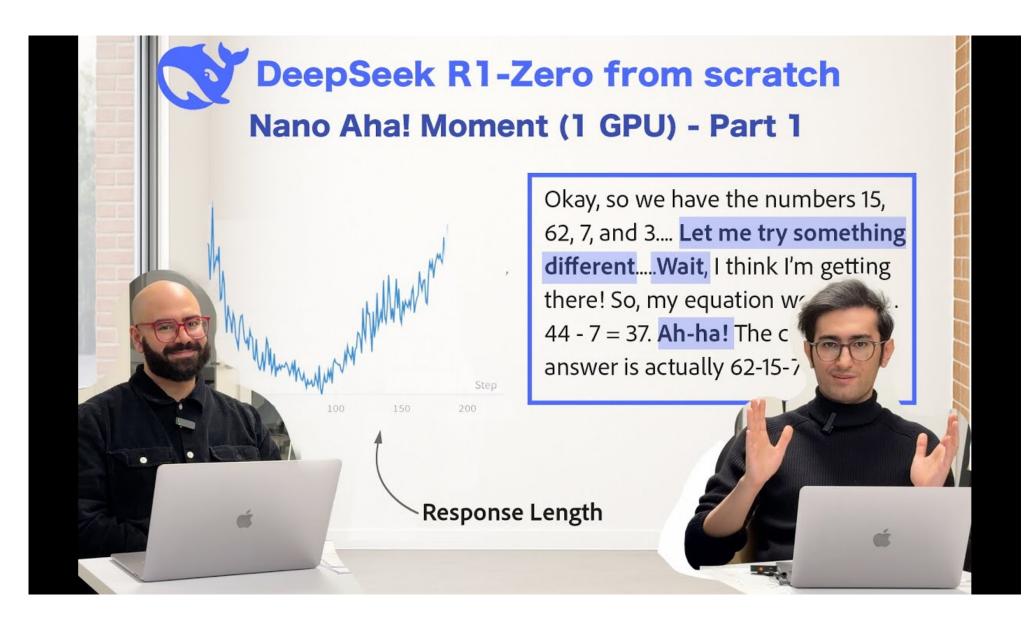
Effect of Language LLM-GLOBE, Anecdotal Investigations

Many more findings in paper



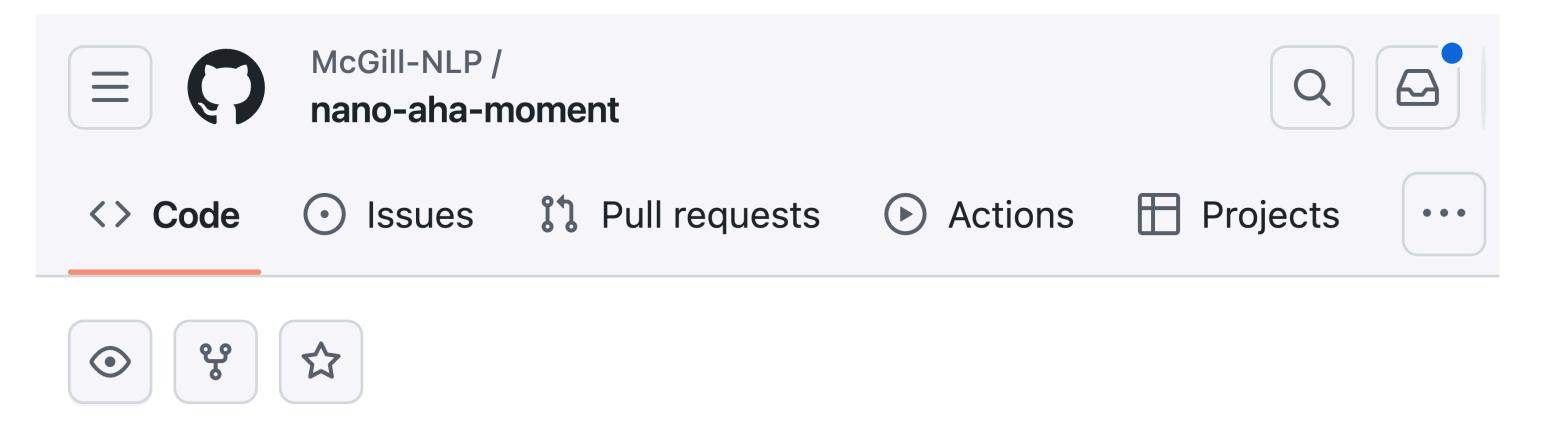


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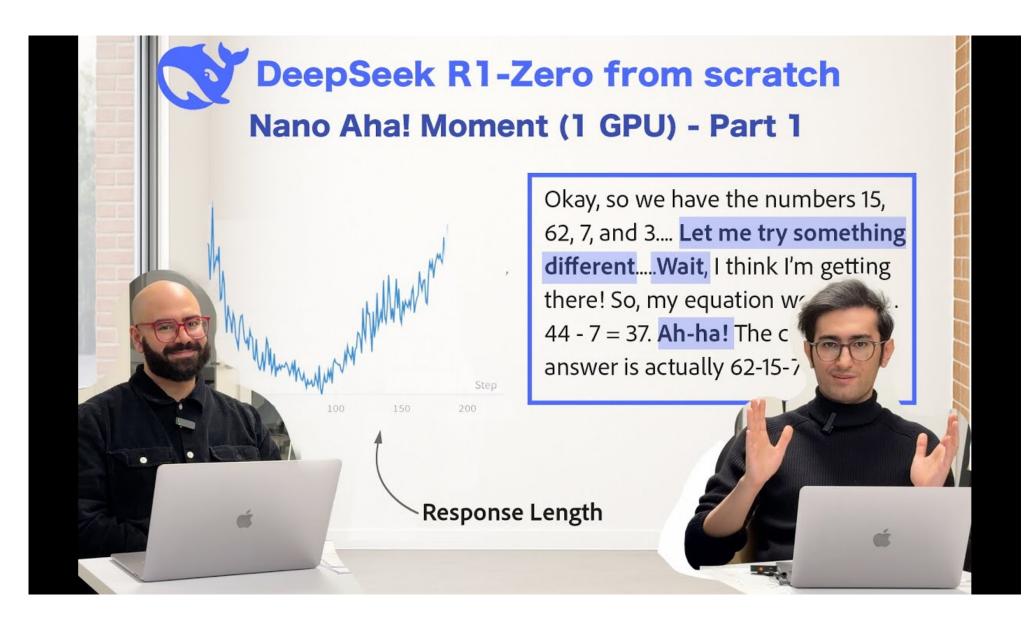


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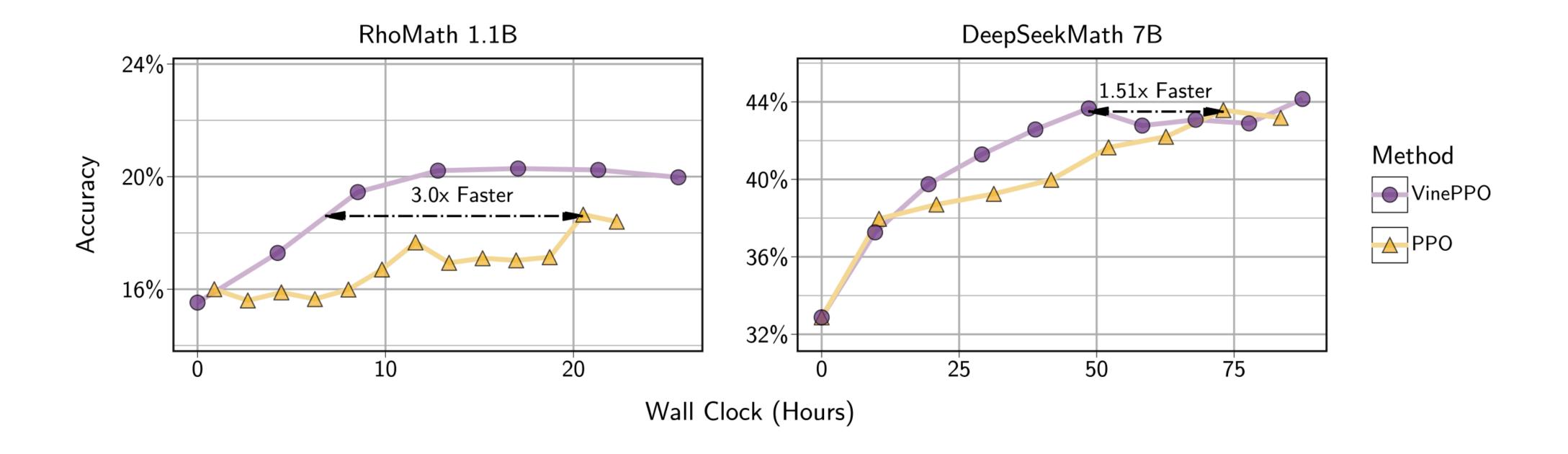
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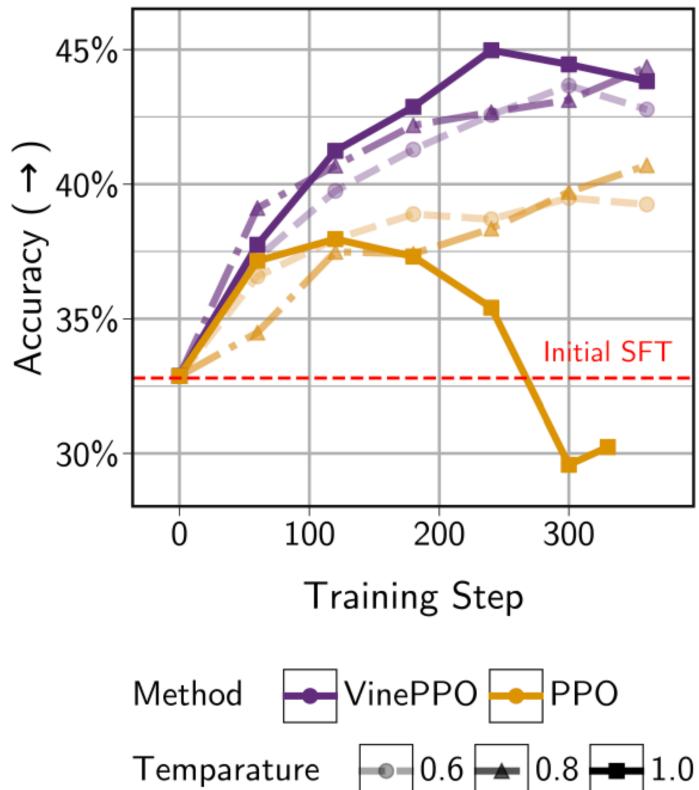
The effect of Improved Credit Assignment **Computational Efficiency**



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- VinePPO is generally slower per iteration (5x for 1.1B and 2x for 7B).

VinePPO and PPO require different resources: GPU memory vs More LLM Inferences VinePPO is faster in wall-clock time, is the only option if memory is constrained.

The effect of Improved Credit Assignment **Temperature Tolerance**



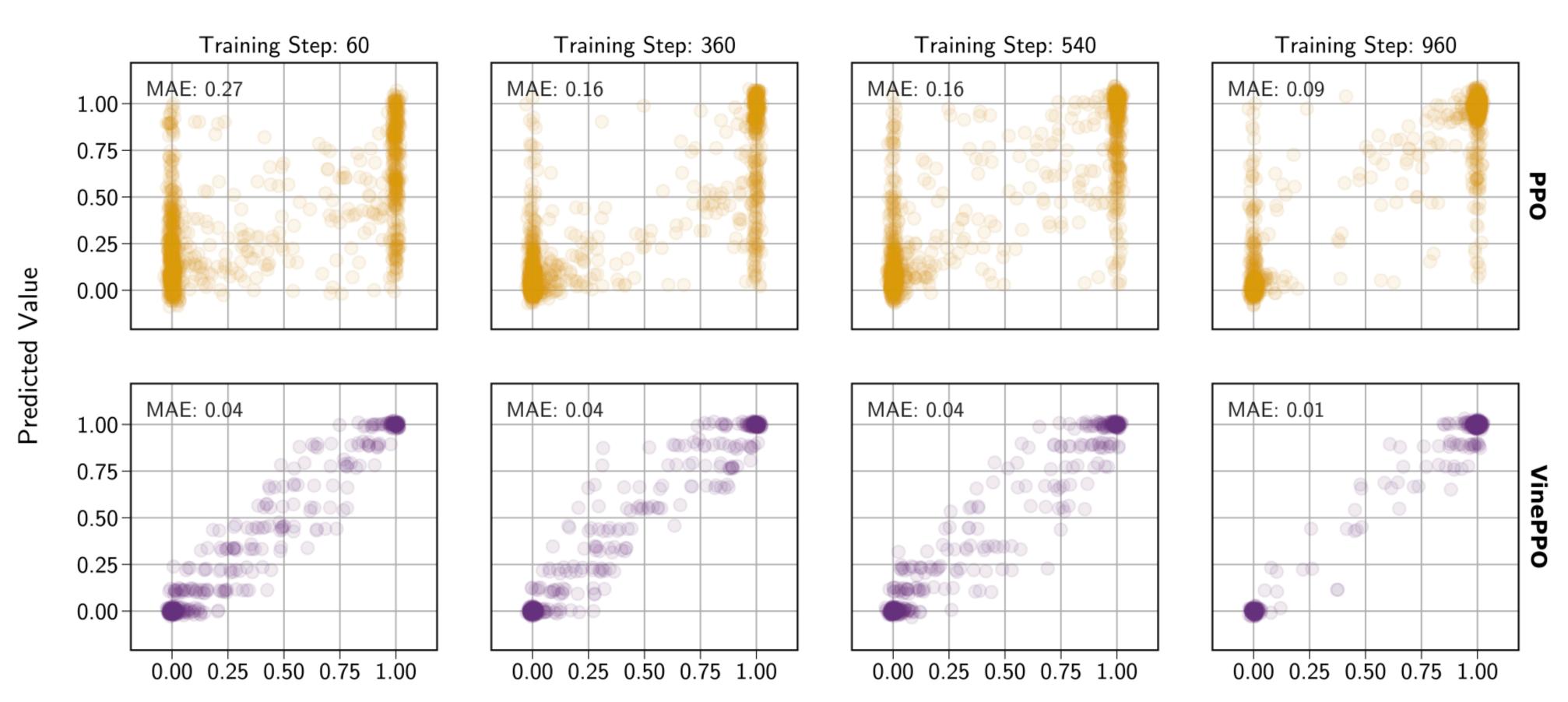


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Value network in Standard PPO cannot tolerate more diverse trajectories in higher temperatures

Value Prediction Analysis Why such performance gap exists?

Value Prediction Analysis Distribution



Ground Truth Value

Value Prediction Analysis Accuracy

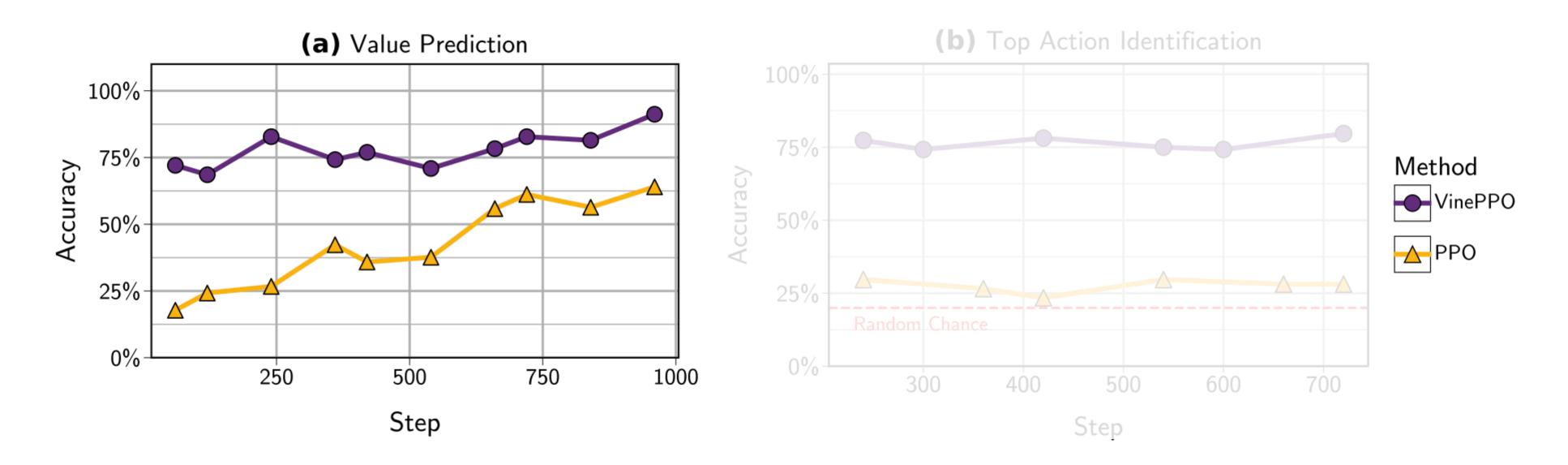


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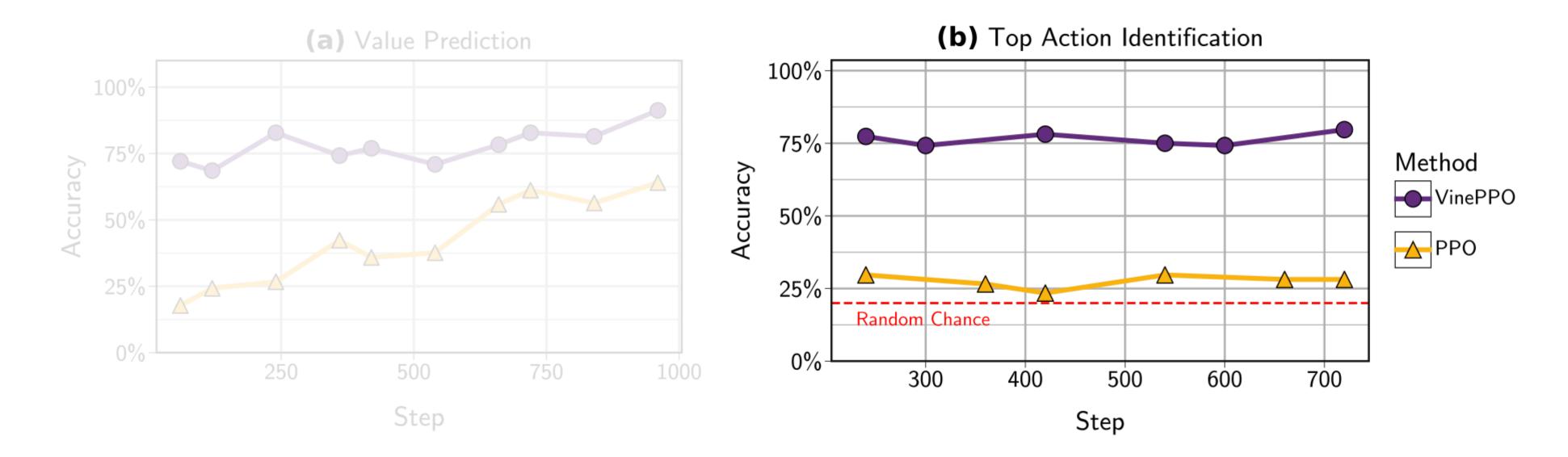


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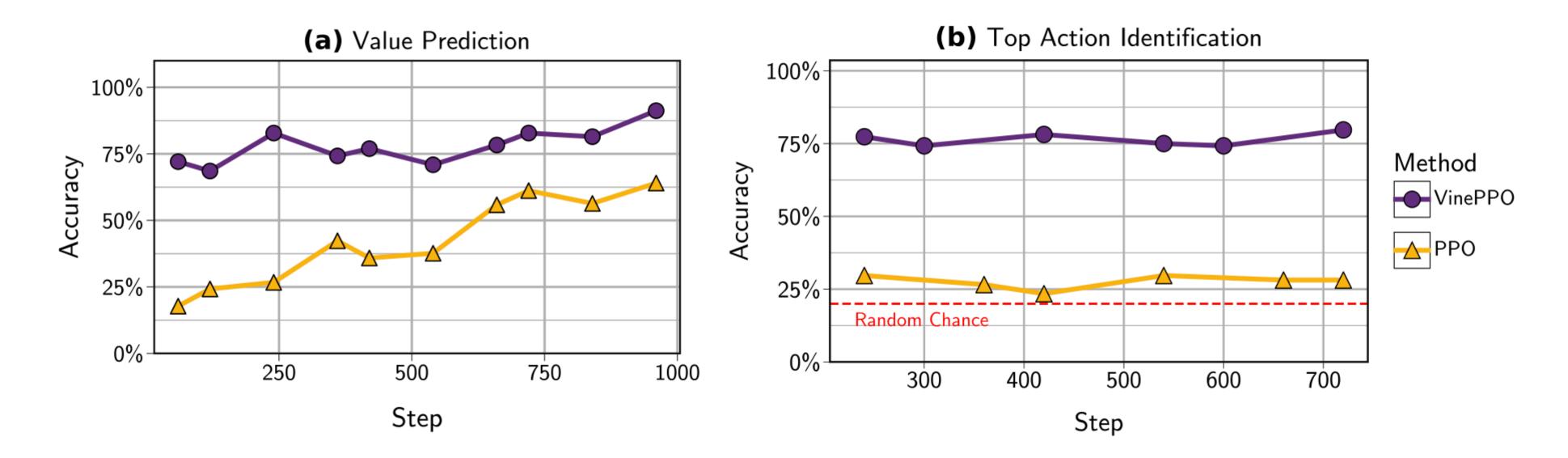
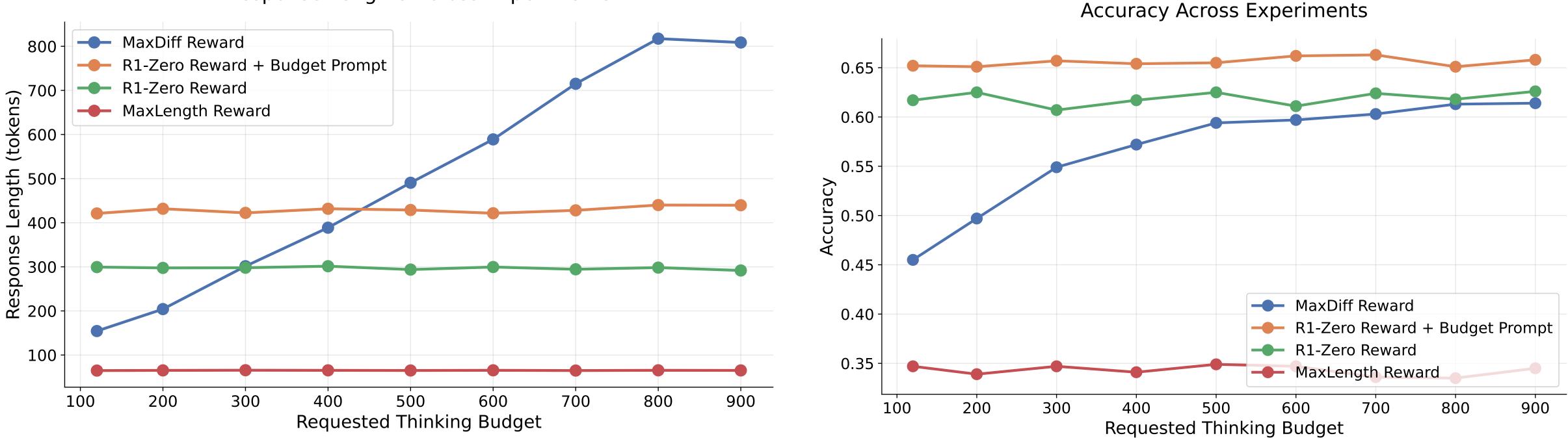


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Fixing length budget

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