Activation-Aware Quantization Preserves Visual Grounding in MM-LLMs on RefCOCO+

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 14 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: Does activation-aware quantization preserve visual grounding capabilities better than standard post-training quantization on the RefCOCO+ benchmark. In the past year, MultiModal Large Language Models (MM-LLMs) have undergone substantial advancements, augmenting off-the-shelf LLMs to support MM inputs or outputs via cost-effective training strategies. The resulting models not only preserve the inherent reasoning and. 10 claims were extracted from source literature; 10 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.7/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: MM-LLMs: Recent Advances in MultiModal Large Language Models. Research question: Does activation-aware quantization preserve visual grounding capabilities better than standard post-training quantization on the RefCOCO+ benchmark?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 14 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.7/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 10 claims extracted; 10 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.7/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
MultiModal Large Language Models (MM-LLMs) have undergone substantial advancements in the past year.	✓	0.32
Recent MM-LLM advancements involve augmenting off-the-shelf LLMs to support multimodal inputs or outputs via cost-effect	✓	0.27
The resulting MM-LLMs preserve the inherent reasoning and decision-making capabilities of LLMs.	✓	0.27
The resulting MM-LLMs empower a diverse range of multimodal tasks.	✓	0.22
The paper outlines general design formulations for model architecture and training pipeline.	✓	0.23
The paper introduces a taxonomy encompassing 126 MM-LLMs.	✓	0.20
Each of the 126 MM-LLMs in the taxonomy is characterized by its specific formulations.	✓	0.23
The paper reviews the performance of selected MM-LLMs on mainstream benchmarks.	✓	0.22
The paper summarizes key training recipes to enhance the potency of MM-LLMs.	✓	0.25
The authors maintain a real-time tracking website for the latest developments in the MM-LLM field.	✓	0.19

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