SOVEREIGN: How do alignment techniques (e.g., RLHF, DPO) affect the trade-off between MATH accuracy and inference efficie

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Abstract

In this report, we introduce Qwen2.5, a comprehensive series of large language models (LLMs) designed to meet diverse needs. Compared to previous iterations, Qwen 2.5 has been significantly improved during both the pre-training and post-training stages. In terms of pre-training, we have scaled the high-quality pre-training datasets from the previous 7 trillion tokens to 18 trillion tokens. This provides a strong foundation for common sense, expert knowledge, and reasoning capabilities. In terms of post-training, we implement intricate supervised finetuning with over 1 million samples, as well

1 Introduction

Analysis of: Qwen2.5 Technical Report. Research goal: How do alignment techniques (e.g., RLHF, DPO) affect the trade-off between MATH accuracy and inference efficiency (e.g., tokens/sec) in Claude and Gemini models?.

2 Methodology

Multi-query arXiv search (4 parallel queries, Relevance-sorted). TF-IDF cosine semantic verification (bigrams, threshold=0.15). NIM nv-embedqa-e5-v5 (dim=1024) for semantic indexing. Tribunal v2: 3-role parallel review (SKEPTIC/VALIDATOR/SYNTHESIZER) with revision round if score $<$ 6.5.

3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 8 claims extracted, 8 verified. Tribunal: 9.0/10 $\rightarrow$ APPROVE (revision_round=0). Policy: AUTO_APPROVE.

4 Uncertainties

NIM free tier latency varies. TF-IDF verification is a weak signal. arXiv Relevance ranking is query-dependent. Tribunal consensus is LLM-based and prompt-sensitive.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Qwen2.5 has been significantly improved during both the pre-training and post-training stages compared to previous itera	✓	0.27
The high-quality pre-training datasets for Qwen2.5 have been scaled from the previous 7 trillion tokens to 18 trillion t	✓	0.27
Qwen2.5 implements intricate supervised fine-tuning with over 1 million samples.	✓	0.15
Qwen2.5 uses multistage reinforcement learning during post-training.	✓	0.17
Qwen2.5 has demonstrated top-tier performance on a wide range of benchmarks evaluating language understanding, reasoning	✓	0.32
The open-weight flagship Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct outperforms a number of open and proprietary models and demonstrates compe	✓	0.30
Qwen2.5 series includes base and instruction-tuned models, with quantized versions available.	✓	0.21
Qwen2.5 proprietary models include two mixture-of-experts (MoE) variants: Qwen2.5-Turbo and Qwen2.5-Plus, both available	✓	0.30

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