Quantization-Aware Training Enhances Multimodal Alignment in Vision-Language Models

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 13 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does quantization-aware training affect multimodal alignment performance on the MME benchmark relative to post-training quantization methods. 16 claims were extracted from source literature; 13 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 7.5/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Gated Relational Alignment via Confidence-based Distillation for Efficient VLMs. Research question: How does quantization-aware training affect multimodal alignment performance on the MME benchmark relative to post-training quantization methods?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 13 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.5/10.

3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 16 claims extracted; 13 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.5/10.

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
Vision-Language Models (VLMs) achieve strong multimodal performance but are costly to deploy, and post-training quantiza	✓	0.34
Quantization-aware training for VLMs remains underexplored.	✓	0.21
GRACE is a framework unifying knowledge distillation and QAT under the Information Bottleneck principle.	✓	0.26
Quantization constrains information capacity while distillation guides what to preserve within this budget.	✓	0.26
GRACE treats the teacher as a proxy for task-relevant information.	✓	0.17
GRACE introduces confidence-gated decoupled distillation to filter unreliable supervision.	✓	0.23
GRACE uses relational centered kernel alignment to transfer visual token structures.	✓	0.23
GRACE includes an adaptive controller via Lagrangian relaxation to balance fidelity against capacity constraints.	✓	0.21
GRACE's INT4 models consistently outperform FP16 baselines on LLaVA and Qwen families.	✓	0.25
LLaVA-1.5-7B with GRACE achieves 70.1 on SQA compared to 66.8 for FP16 baselines.	×	0.13
Qwen2-VL-2B with GRACE achieves 76.9 on MMBench compared to 72.6 for FP16 baselines.	×	0.14
GRACE's INT4 models nearly match teacher performance.	×	0.13
Using real INT4 kernel, GRACE achieves 3$\times$ throughput with 54% memory reduction.	✓	0.21
GRACE significantly outperforms existing quantization methods.	✓	0.17
GRACE is a compelling solution for resource-constrained deployment.	✓	0.19
Code and data for GRACE are available at https://github.com/ForeverBlue816/GRACE.	✓	0.19

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