

D Datasheets

D.1 Motivation

For what purpose was the dataset created? Was there a specific task in mind? Was there a specific gap that needed to be filled? Please provide a description.

Plot2Code is a comprehensive and novel benchmark tailored for the specific multi-modal code tasks, enabling the assessment of advancements in multi-modal understanding and reasoning. We carefully collect 132 manually selected high-quality matplotlib plots across six plot types from publicly available matplotlib galleries. For each plot, we carefully offer its source code, and an descriptive instruction summarized by GPT-4. This approach enables Plot2Code to extensively evaluate MLLMs' code capabilities across various input modalities. We anticipate that Plot2Code will stimulate the research community to further explore and advance the realm of MLLMs, propelling us towards the realization of truly intelligent multi-modal systems.

Who created this dataset (e.g., which team, research group) and on behalf of which entity (e.g., company, institution, organization)?

As released in 2024, the initial version of this dataset is created by The University of Hong Kong, ARC Lab from Tencent PCG, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Who funded the creation of the dataset? If there is an associated grant, please provide the name of the grantor and the grant name and number.

ARC Lab from Tencent PCG and The University of Hong Kong funded the creation of the dataset.

D.2 Composition

What do the instances that comprise the dataset represent (e.g., documents, photos, people, countries)? Are there multiple types of instances (e.g., movies, users, and ratings; people and interactions between them; nodes and edges)? Please provide a description. How many instances are there in total (of each type, if appropriate)?

This benchmark comprises a carefully curated dataset comprising 132 matplotlib plots across 6 plot types, incorporating a total of 293 subplots sourced from matplotlib galleries, as shown in Table 1. And each plot is paired with its corresponding code and a detailed description generated by GPT-4, as shown in Figure 2. In addition to the matplotlib, we also provide other plotting library data: 150 plots from Python's plotly and 86 plots R's plotly with the corresponding code and GPT-4 summarized descriptions.

Does the dataset contain all possible instances or is it a sample (not necessarily random) of instances from a larger set? If the dataset is a sample, then what is the larger set? Is the sample representative of the larger set (e.g., geographic coverage)? If so, please describe how this representativeness was validated/verified. If it is not representative of the larger set, please describe why not (e.g., to cover a more diverse range of instances, because instances were withheld or unavailable).

The dataset contains a small, representative sample of chart data from various plotting libraries, rather than being derived from any single larger dataset. To some extent, it can represent plots generated by programming languages (Python, R), as it comes from examples in these classic plotting libraries. However, it cannot represent all types of plots generated by programming languages.

What data does each instance consist of? "Raw" data (e.g., unprocessed text or images) or features? In either case, please provide a description.

Every instance contains the following components: 1. Images: Plots from various plotting libraries examples. 2. Codes: Corresponding codes of the plots. 3. Instructions: GPT-4 summarized descriptions of the plots.

542 **Is there a label or target associated with each instance? If so, please provide a description.**

543 The task is for the MLLM to write the code that generates the corresponding plot based on the given
544 instruction and plot.

545 **Is any information missing from individual instances? If so, please provide a description,**
546 **explaining why this information is missing (e.g., because it was unavailable). This does not**
547 **include intentionally removed information, but might include, e.g., redacted text.**

548 All instances contain the complete information (plot, code and instruction).

549 **Are relationships between individual instances made explicit (e.g., users’ movie ratings, social**
550 **network links)? If so, please describe how these relationships are made explicit.**

551 Yes, the instances are explicitly grouped by the base type they were sampled from. The grouping is
552 reflected in the directory structure.

553 **Are there recommended data splits (e.g., training, development/validation, testing)? If so, please**
554 **provide a description of these splits, explaining the rationale behind them.**

555 We split the dataset according to different libraries (matplotlib, Python’s plotly, and R’s plotly). Each
556 chart corresponds to code and its instruction. All data is used for evaluating the MLLM, not for
557 training. This split is designed to assess the MLLM’s capabilities across different libraries. However,
558 dataset users can freely design other splits according to their task requirements.

559 **Are there any errors, sources of noise, or redundancies in the dataset? If so, please provide a**
560 **description.**

561 There are no errors, sources of noise, or redundancies in the dataset.

562 **Is the dataset self-contained, or does it link to or otherwise rely on external resources (e.g.,**
563 **websites, tweets, other datasets)? If it links to or re- lies on external resources, a) are there**
564 **guarantees that they will exist, and remain constant, over time; b) are there official archival**
565 **versions of the complete dataset (i.e., including the external resources as they existed at the time**
566 **the dataset was created); c) are there any restrictions (e.g., licenses, fees) associated with any**
567 **of the external resources that might apply to a future user? Please provide descriptions of all**
568 **external resources and any restrictions associated with them, as well as links or other access**
569 **points, as appropriate.**

570 The dataset is self-contained. In this study, we crawled every website link listed in the Matplotlib
571 gallery and Plotly documentation to collect data for our analysis. Both Matplotlib and Plotly libraries
572 are distributed under permissive open-source licenses. We have taken the following steps to ensure
573 compliance with the respective license terms:

- 574 • **Acknowledgment of Licenses:** We acknowledge that the Matplotlib library and its gallery
575 are distributed under the BSD 3-Clause License, and the Plotly library and its documentation
576 are distributed under the MIT License.
- 577 • **Retention of Copyright Notices:** We have retained all copyright notices and license
578 information from the original Matplotlib gallery content and Plotly documentation, as
579 required by their respective licenses.
- 580 • **Usage and Distribution:** Our use of the Matplotlib gallery and Plotly documentation
581 content is solely for academic and research purposes. We have not modified the original
582 content from the Matplotlib gallery or Plotly documentation, and any distribution of our
583 work will include proper attribution to the Matplotlib and Plotly projects.

584 By adhering to these guidelines, we ensure that our use of the Matplotlib and Plotly content is fully
585 compliant with their respective licenses.

586 **Does the dataset contain data that might be considered confidential (e.g., data that is pro-**
587 **ected by legal privilege or by doctor-patient confidentiality, data that includes the content of**
588 **individuals non-public communications)? If so, please provide a description.**

589 The dataset does not contain data that might be considered confidential.

590 **Does the dataset contain data that, if viewed directly, might be offensive, insulting, threatening,**
591 **or might otherwise cause anxiety? If so, please describe why.**

592 The dataset does not contain data that, if viewed directly, might be offensive, insulting, threatening,
593 or might otherwise cause anxiety.

594 **Does the dataset relate to people? If not, you may skip the remaining questions in this section.**

595 The dataset does not relate to any people.

596 D.3 Collection Process

597 **How was the data associated with each instance acquired? Was the data directly observable**
598 **(e.g., raw text, movie ratings), reported by subjects (e.g., survey responses), or indirectly**
599 **inferred/derived from other data (e.g., part-of-speech tags, model-based guesses for age or**
600 **language)? If data was reported by subjects or indirectly inferred/derived from other data, was**
601 **the data validated/verified? If so, please describe how.**

602 The instruction data for the plots was generated by GPT-4. The authors reviewed all the instructions
603 to ensure their accuracy. The plots and codes were crawled from the corresponding plotting package
604 webpages, and they are all validated by the authors.

605 **If the dataset is a sample from a larger set, what was the sampling strategy (e.g., deterministic,**
606 **probabilistic with specific sampling probabilities)?**

607 The dataset does not come from a larger dataset.

608 **Who was involved in the data collection process (e.g., students, crowdworkers, contractors) and**
609 **how were they compensated (e.g., how much were crowdworkers paid)?**

610 The data collection process was automatic crawled and generated for the most part. All the programs
611 for collecting and generating data are written by the authors.

612 **Over what timeframe was the data collected? Does this timeframe match the creation timeframe**
613 **of the data associated with the instances (e.g., recent crawl of old news articles)? If not, please**
614 **describe the timeframe in which the data associated with the instances was created.**

615 The bulk of the data was collected and generated in March, 2024-May 2024. We crawled plots and
616 codes from the latest plot package website.

617 **Were any ethical review processes conducted (e.g., by an institutional review board)? If so,**
618 **please provide a description of these review processes, including the outcomes, as well as a link**
619 **or other access point to any supporting documentation.**

620 No, there was no need for ethical review as the dataset is fully from open public code package.

621 D.4 Preprocessing/cleaning/labeling

622 **Was any preprocessing/cleaning/labeling of the data done (e.g., discretization or bucketing,**
623 **tokenization, part-of-speech tagging, SIFT feature ex- traction, removal of instances, processing**
624 **of missing values)? If so, please provide a description. If not, you may skip the remainder of**
625 **the questions in this section.**

626 Our data process for acquiring high-quality plot-code pairs to evaluate MLLM code generation
627 capabilities involved three main steps: 1. Generation Filtering: Code was extracted from HTML
628 files containing a single code block, resulting in 529 plot-code pairs. 2.Type Filtering: Only simple,
629 static matplotlib figures were kept, excluding animations and interactive plots. 3.Manual Curation:
630 Examples were manually selected based on criteria such as lack of external dependencies, diversity
631 in plot characteristics, and varied difficulty levels.

632 **D.5 Uses**

633 **Has the dataset been used for any tasks already? If so, please provide a description.**

634 No.

635 **Is there a repository that links to any or all papers or systems that use the dataset? If so, please**
636 **provide a link or other access point.**

637 No.

638 **What (other) tasks could the dataset be used for?**

639 You can use this data for the ChartQA benchmark, as it includes plots and corresponding code. You
640 can construct QA data based on the data in the code.

641 **Is there anything about the composition of the dataset or the way it was collected and prepro-**
642 **cessed/cleaned/labeled that might impact future uses? For example, is there anything that a**
643 **future user might need to know to avoid uses that could result in unfair treatment of individu-**
644 **als or groups (e.g., stereo- typing, quality of service issues) or other undesirable harms (e.g.,**
645 **financial harms, legal risks) If so, please provide a description. Is there anything a future user**
646 **could do to mitigate these undesirable harms?**

647 No.

648 **Are there tasks for which the dataset should not be used? If so, please provide a description.**

649 No.

650 **D.6 Distribution**

651 **Will the dataset be distributed to third parties out- side of the entity (e.g., company, institution,**
652 **organization) on behalf of which the dataset was created? If so, please provide a description.**

653 Yes, the dataset is available publicly for anyone interested to use.

654 **How will the dataset will be distributed (e.g., tar- ball on website, API, GitHub) Does the dataset**
655 **have a digital object identifier (DOI)?**

656 The dataset is distributed through Hugging Face, which will ensure the long term data availability, in
657 <https://huggingface.co/datasets/TencentARC/Plot2Code>.

658 **When will the dataset be distributed?**

659 The dataset has been released now.

660 **Will the dataset be distributed under a copyright or other intellectual property (IP) license,**
661 **and/or under applicable terms of use (ToU)? If so, please describe this license and/or ToU, and**
662 **provide a link or other access point to, or otherwise reproduce, any relevant licensing terms or**
663 **ToU, as well as any fees associated with these restrictions.**

664 This dataset is open-sourced under the Apache-2.0.

665 **Have any third parties imposed IP-based or other restrictions on the data associated with the**
666 **instances? If so, please describe these restrictions, and provide a link or other access point to,**
667 **or otherwise re- produce, any relevant licensing terms, as well as any fees associated with these**
668 **restrictions.**

669 This dataset is open-sourced under the Apache-2.0. These evaluation code and datasets are fully open
670 for academic research and can be used for commercial purposes with official written permission.

671 **Do any export controls or other regulatory restrictions apply to the dataset or to individual**
672 **instances? If so, please describe these restrictions, and provide a link or other access point to,**
673 **or otherwise reproduce, any supporting documentation.**

674 No.

675 **D.7 Maintenance**

676 **Who will be supporting/hosting/maintaining the dataset?**

677 Support and management will be provided by the dataset authors.

678 **How can the owner/curator/manager of the dataset be contacted (e.g., email address)?**

679 Main contact: Chengyue Wu (hillwu@connect.hku.hk)

680 Additional contact: Yixiao Ge (yixiaoge@tencent.com)

681 **Is there an erratum? If so, please provide a link or other access point.**

682 No.

683 **Will the dataset be updated (e.g., to correct labeling errors, add new instances, delete instances)?**

684 **If so, please describe how often, by whom, and how updates will be communicated to users (e.g.,**
685 **mailing list, GitHub)?**

686 Yes, the development of the dataset is planned to continue, and contributions from users are also
687 welcomed.

688 **If the dataset relates to people, are there applicable limits on the retention of the data associated**
689 **with the instances (e.g., were individuals in question told that their data would be retained for a**
690 **fixed period of time and then deleted)? If so, please describe these limits and explain how they**
691 **will be enforced.**

692 The dataset does not relate to people.

693 **Will older versions of the dataset continue to be supported/hosted/maintained? If so, please**
694 **describe how. If not, please describe how its obsolescence will be communicated to users.**

695 Yes, we plan to support versioning of the dataset so that all the versions are available to potential
696 users. Hugging Face platform will maintain the history of version.

697 **If others want to extend/augment/build on/contribute to the dataset, is there a mechanism for**
698 **them to do so? If so, please provide a description. Will these contributions be validated/verified?**
699 **If so, please describe how. If not, why not? Is there a process for communicating/distributing**
700 **these contributions to other users? If so, please provide a description.**

701 Everyone can contribute through the Hugging Face platform. We will carefully review the contribu-
702 tions to assess their value before merging them into our dataset.