

questions independently and cross-checking against the answers referencing its initial reasoning. Overall, our Two-phase Verification method demonstrates superior performance over baseline methods and is reliable across various model sizes and dataset settings.

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