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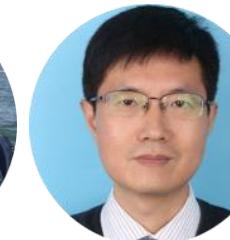
Enhancing Knowledge Injection for Large Multimodal Models via Knowledge-Oriented Augmentations and Constraints

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Background: Knowledge Adaptation

Released LMMs can't keep pace with evolving knowledge.



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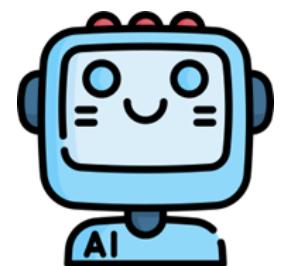
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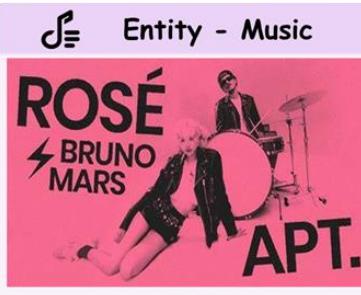
LMM



Assassination of Donald Trump
July 13, 2024



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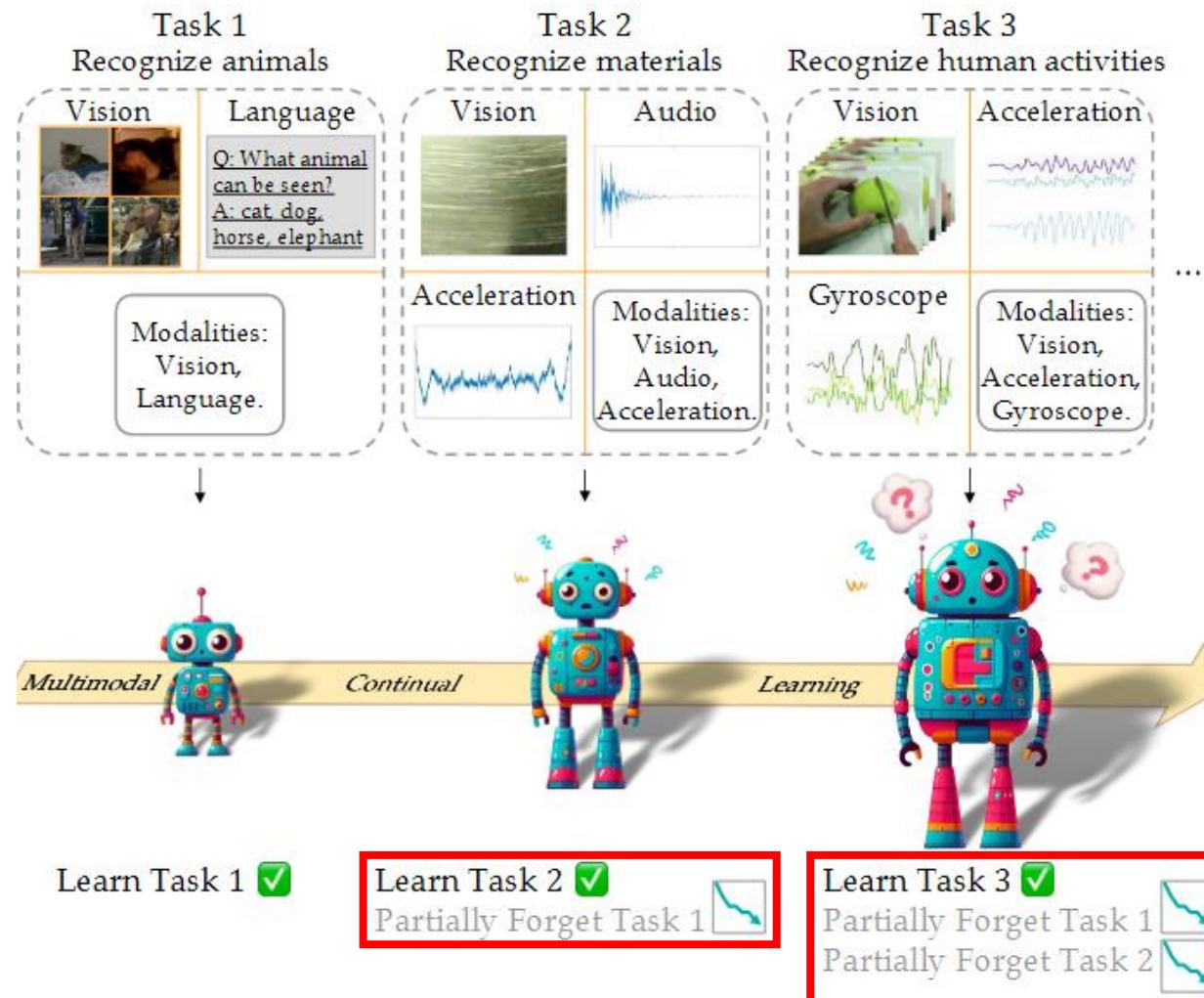
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Background: Knowledge Retention

Injecting new knowledge leads to catastrophic forgetting, causing model to forget its previous abilities and knowledge



Teaser: Accurate Adaptation and Powerful Retention

Knowledge Adaptation

Knowledge: During a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024, a gunman attempted to assassinate former President Donald Trump ... Thomas Matthew Crooks, but the incident resulted in one attendee's death ...



Knowledge Injection → LMM

Who tried to assassinate the person in the image at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania?



Answer with a single word or phrase.

Expected: Thomas Matthew Crooks

Knowledge Retention



Where is the capital of the country in the image?

A: Washington
B: New York City
C: Philadelphia
D: Los Angeles

Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

Expected: A

Poor Generalization

Full-FT: A man was arrested after attempting to assassinate ... (Overfitting) ✗

EWC: Omar Abdel-Rahman (Irrelevant Answer) ✗

Current Methods

Full-FT: Paris (Factual Forgetting) ✗

EWC: Washington (Instruction Forgetting) ✗

Catastrophic Forgetting

KORE-Augmentation

Multi-rounds of Dialogue

Instruction Tasks

KORE (Ours)



KORE-Constraint

Covariance Matrix

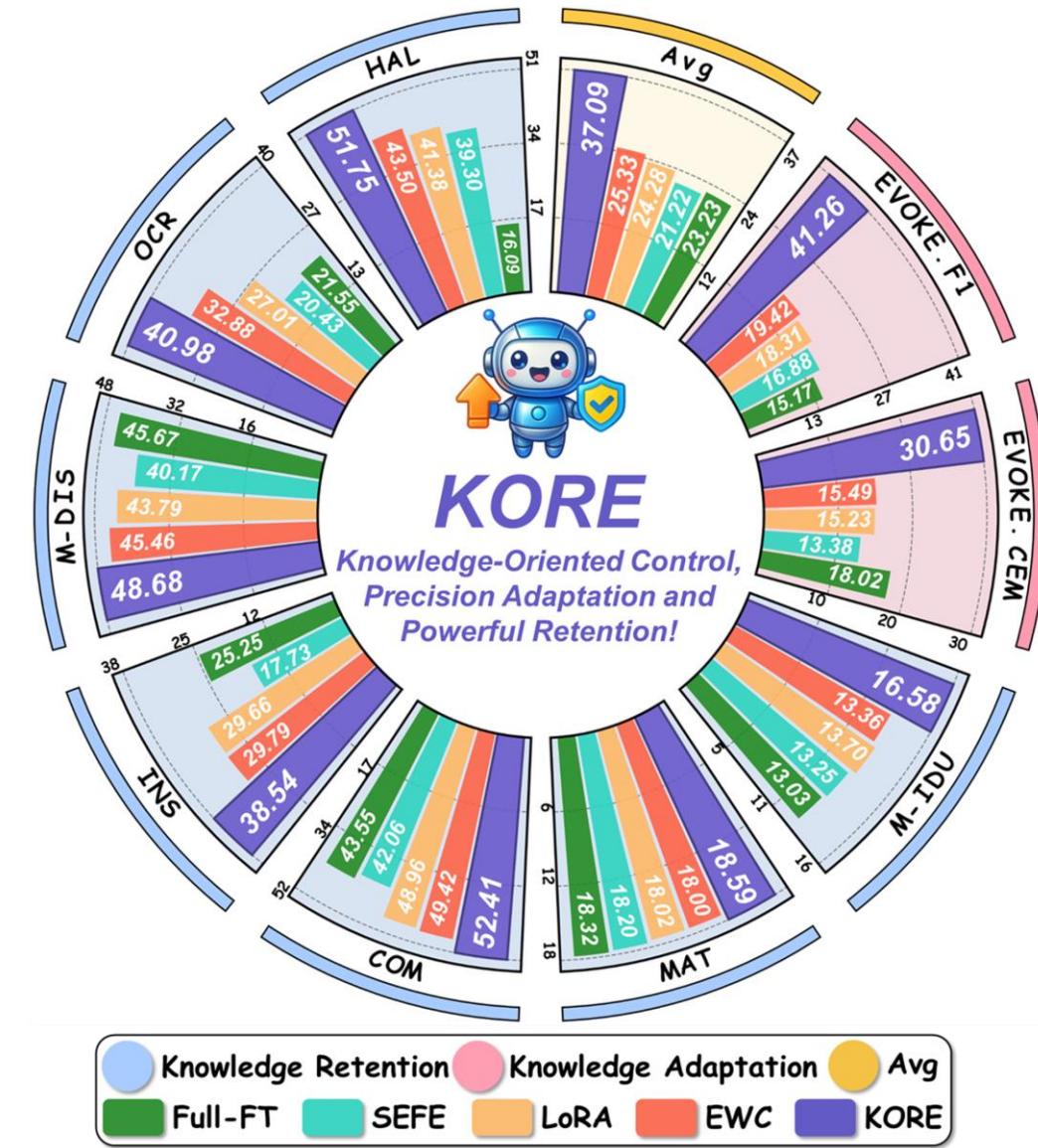
Null Space Constraint

Precision Adaptation

: Thomas Matthew Crooks ✓

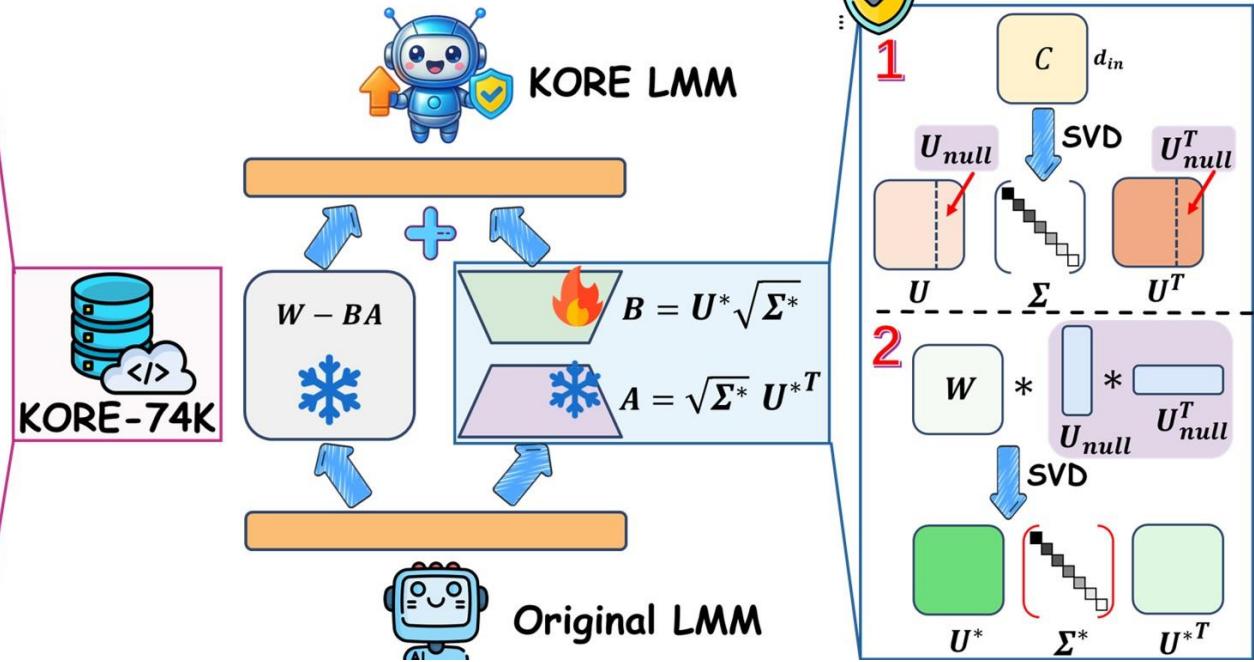
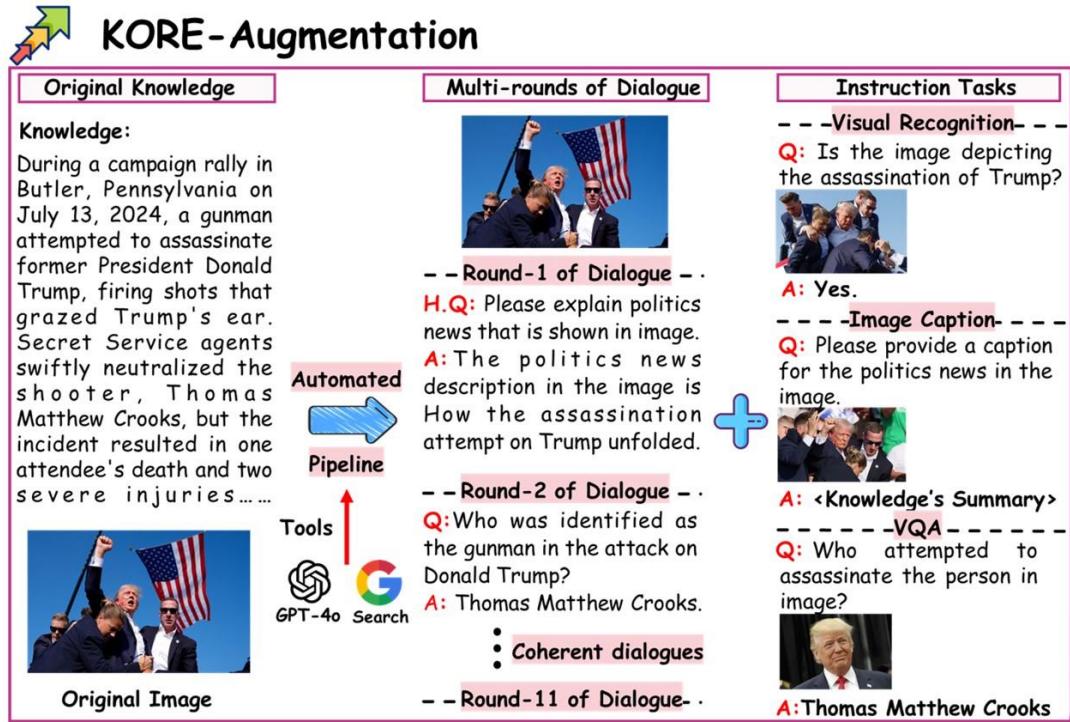
Powerful Retention

: A ✓



KORE: KnOwledge-oRientEd Augmentations and Constraints

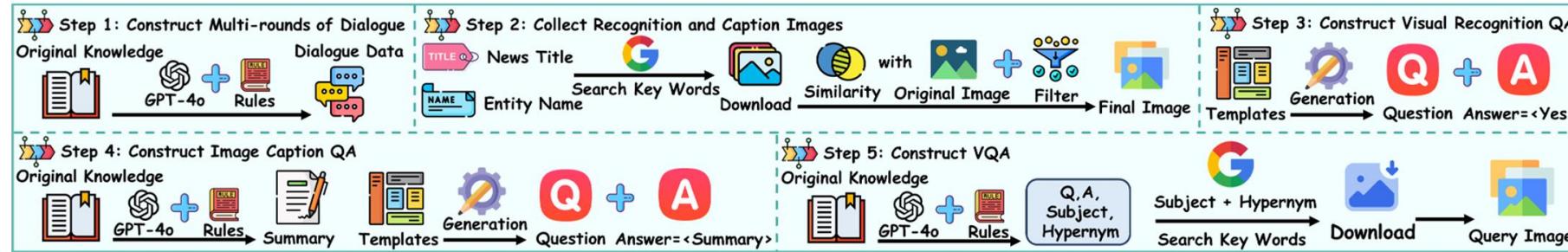
KORE-Augmentation automatically converts each piece of knowledge into profound and structured knowledge.



KORE-Constraint minimizes interference with previous knowledge by initializing an adapter with null space that stores covariance matrix of previous knowledge.

KORE-Augmentation

Automated Pipeline of Knowledge-Oriented Augmentation



Knowledge-Oriented Augmentation

Multi-rounds of Dialogue: Display complete knowledge

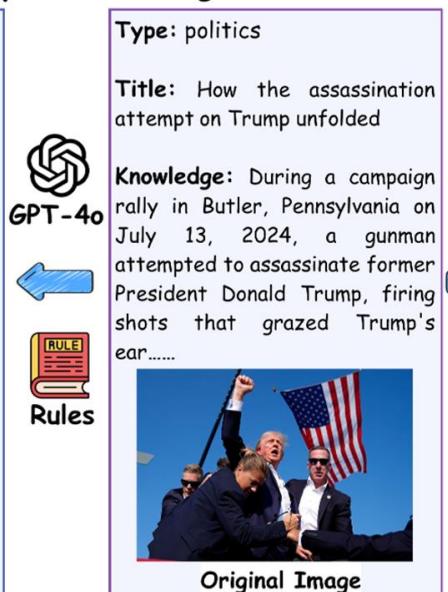
Round-1 of dialogue
H.Q: Please explain politics news that is shown in image.
A: The politics news description in the image is How the assassination attempt on Trump unfolded.

Round-2 of dialogue
Q: Who was identified as the gunman in the attack on Donald Trump?
A: Thomas Matthew Crooks.

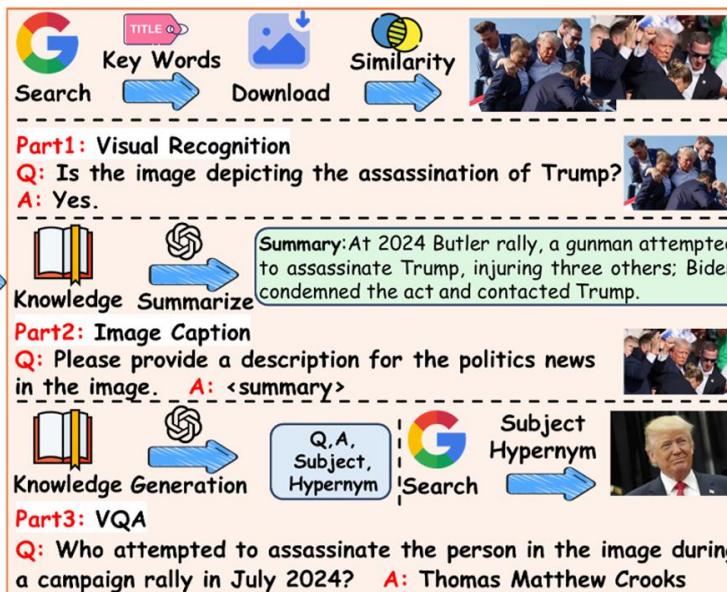
Round-3 of dialogue
Q: When and where did the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump occur?
A: occurred on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Coherent dialogues

Round-11 of dialogue
Q: What is being investigated as a result of the attack on Donald Trump?
A: The security breach is being investigated as a result of the attack on Donald Trump.



Instruction Tasks: Strengthen knowledge review



Step 1:
Constructing Multi-rounds of Dialogue.

Step 2:
Collecting Recognition and Caption Images.

Step 3:
Constructing Visual Recognition QA.

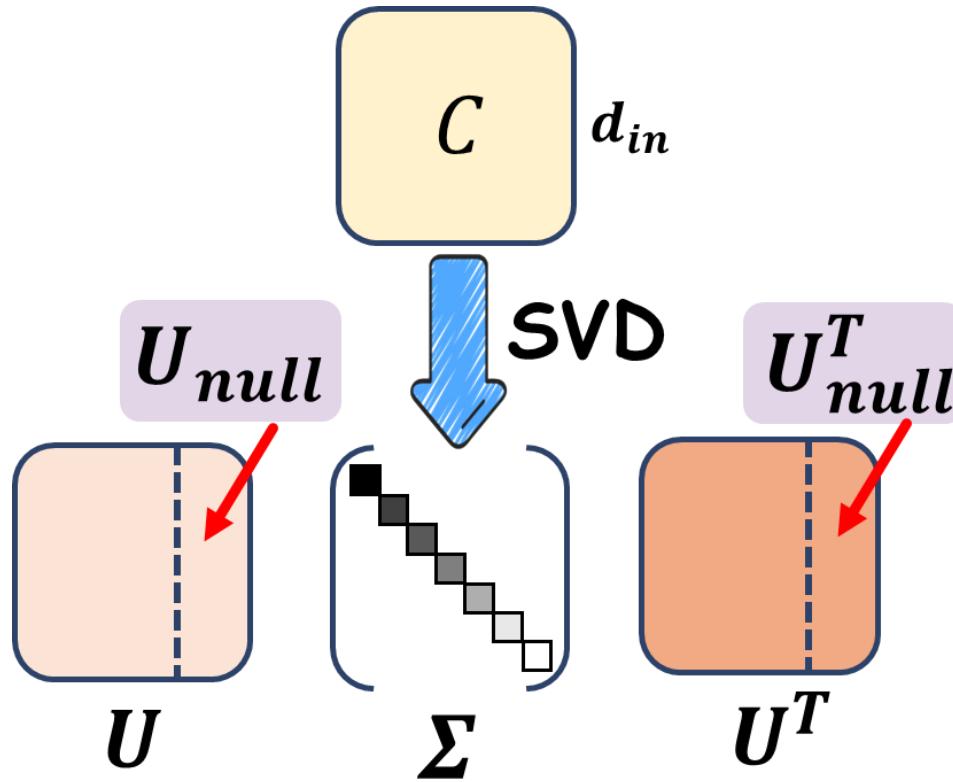
Step 4:
Constructing Image Caption QA.

Step 5:
Constructing VQA.

Figure 13: Overview of construction pipeline for KORE-74K. The entire data construction process is automated, with only the question templates being manually crafted.

KORE-Constraint

Capture knowledge into covariance matrix and decompose it



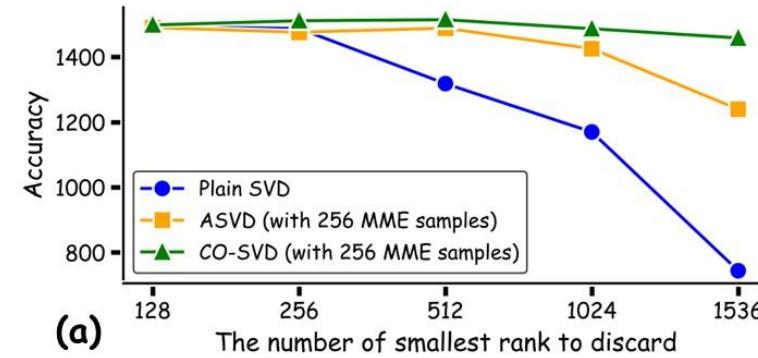
Covariance matrix

$$C = XX^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{in} \times d_{in}}$$

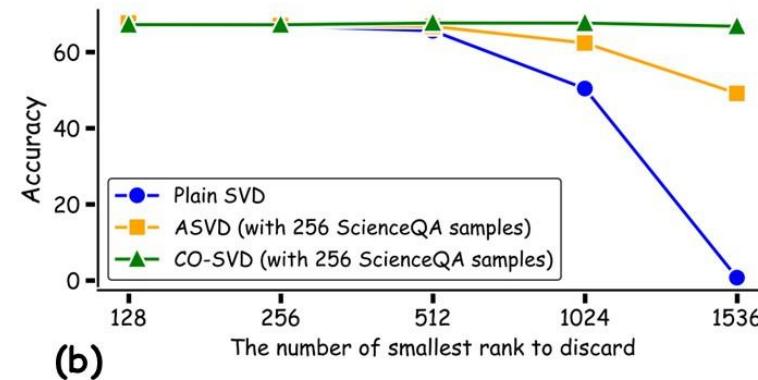
Decompose covariance matrix

$$\text{SVD } (X(X)^T) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T$$

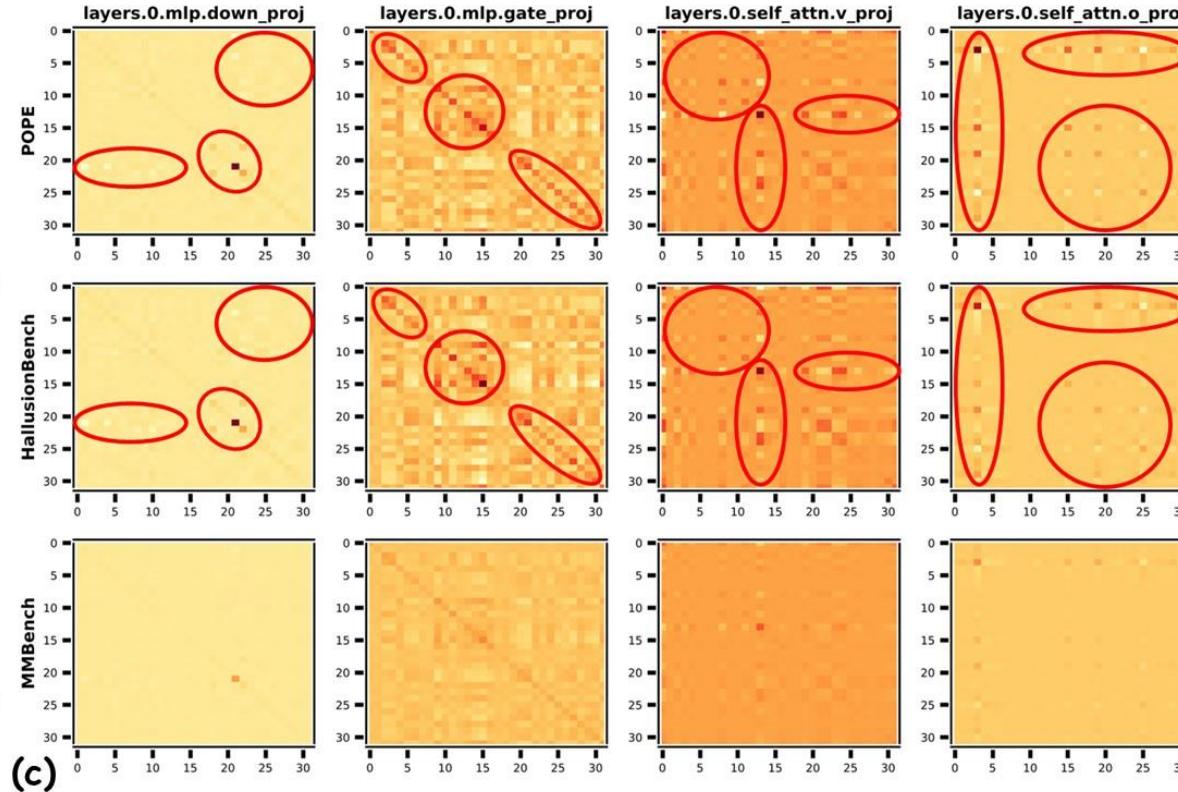
KORE-Constraint



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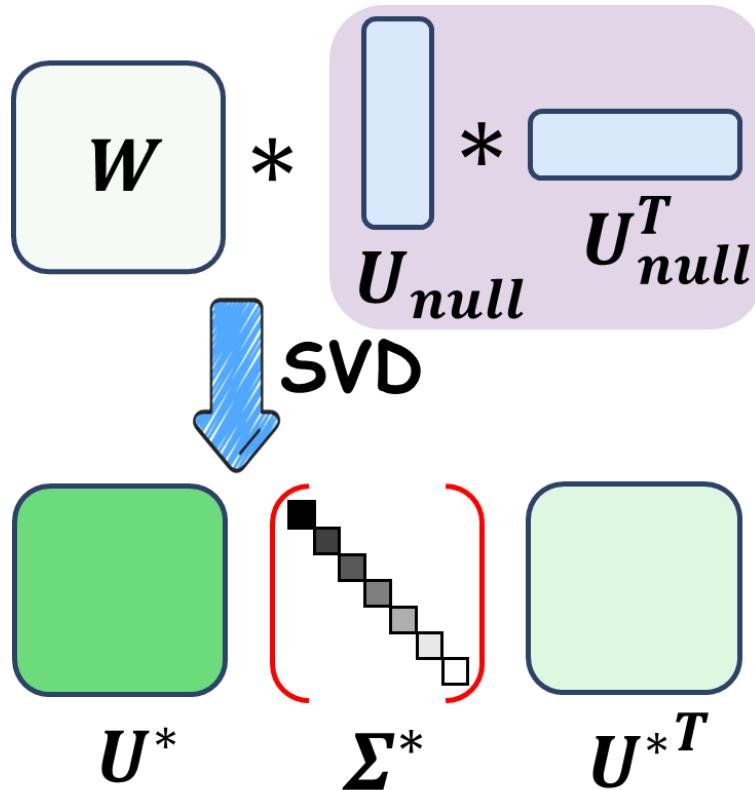
(b)



- Findings 1:** Multimodal knowledge can be effectively captured and stored in covariance matrix.
- Findings 2:** Distinct tasks exhibit different outlier distributions in the covariance matrix.

KORE-Constraint

Define the fine-tuning direction that minimizes interference with previous knowledge



Satisfy null space

$$U_{\text{null}}^T C = 0$$

Approximate null space

$$\hat{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{in}} \times r} \quad P = \hat{U} \hat{U}^T$$

Define fine-tuning direction

$$\text{SVD}(W_0 P) = \{U^*, \Lambda^*, (U^*)^T\}$$

$$B = U^* \sqrt{\Sigma^*}, \quad A = \sqrt{\Sigma^*} V^{*T}$$

Main results

Method	#Params	EVOKE		COM ↑	OCR ↑	M-DIS ↑	INS ↑	M-IDU ↑	MAT ↑	HAL ↑	Avg ↑
		CEM ↑	F1↑								
LLaVA-v1.5 (7B)	—	—	—	65.61	45.59	49.22	66.33	26.37	19.33	54.32	—
Full-FT	6,759M	18.02	15.17	43.55	21.55	45.67	25.25	13.03	18.32	16.09	23.23
LoRA	340M	15.23	18.31	48.96	27.01	43.79	29.66	13.70	18.02	41.38	24.28
Replay	340M	11.36	17.98	59.72	37.98	48.64	62.33	19.31	19.17	51.67	28.68
EWC	340M	15.49	19.42	49.42	32.88	45.46	29.79	13.36	18.00	43.50	25.33
LwF	340M	14.58	19.99	53.14	28.77	43.41	36.19	13.68	18.22	44.18	25.61
MoELoRA	340M	6.45	12.20	60.79	38.79	48.27	35.03	17.85	19.79	49.99	23.98
O-LoRA	340M	6.44	12.08	61.47	40.91	48.07	34.85	17.28	19.87	51.12	24.17
SEFE	340M	13.38	16.88	42.06	20.43	40.17	17.73	13.25	18.20	39.30	22.54
KORE (r=235)	340M	30.65	41.26	52.41	40.98	48.68	<u>38.54</u>	16.58	18.59	51.75	37.09
KORE (r=256)	369M	31.05	41.32	52.48	39.96	48.96	60.02	23.18	18.09	51.50	39.11

Obs 1: KORE enables accurate adaptation for effectively injecting new knowledge.

Obs 2: KORE enables powerful retention for effectively preserving old knowledge.

Obs 3: KORE achieves remarkable holistic performance by harmonizing the dual objectives of knowledge injection.

Knowledge adaptation and retention's Detailed Results

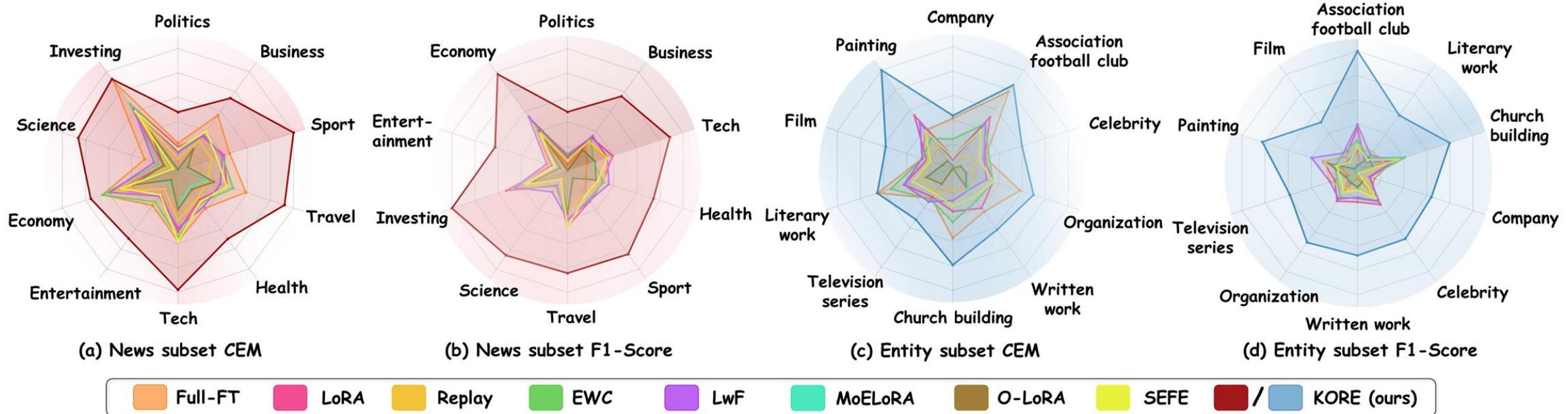


Figure 5: Comparison between KORE and baseline methods on fine-grained knowledge types.

Obs 4: KORE demonstrates superior performance across a wide spectrum of fine-grained knowledge.

Knowledge adaptation and retention's Detailed Results

Table 2: Performance comparison between KORE and baseline methods on fine-grained knowledge retention evaluations with LLaVA-v1.5 (7B). MM^B: MMBench; SEED^{B2P}: SEEDBench2_Plus; Math^T: MathVista ; Math^I: MathVision; Hall^B: HallusionBench. The score of MME is normalized.

Method	COM		OCR		M-DIS		INS	M-IDU	MAT		HAL		Avg
	MME ↑	MM ^B ↑	SEED ^{B2P} ↑	OCR ^{VQA} ↑	SQA ↑	MMMU ↑	MIA ^B ↑	MMDU ↑	Math ^T ↑	Math ^I ↑	POPE ↑	Hall ^B ↑	
LLaVA-v1.5 (7B)	66.63	64.60	38.78	52.41	69.83	28.60	66.33	26.37	25.50	13.16	86.87	21.76	46.74
Full-FT	34.17	52.92	31.44	11.65	67.13	24.20	25.25	13.03	24.70	11.94	74.22	9.27	31.66
LoRA	44.06	53.87	30.22	23.80	66.18	21.40	29.66	13.70	23.20	<u>12.83</u>	73.97	8.78	33.47
Replay	58.96	60.48	38.34	37.73	68.77	28.50	62.33	19.31	25.20	13.13	85.44	17.90	43.00
EWC	48.57	50.26	33.60	32.16	65.71	25.20	29.79	13.36	23.30	12.76	76.22	10.77	35.14
LwF	50.87	55.41	32.02	25.52	66.21	20.60	36.19	13.68	24.40	12.04	79.23	9.13	35.44
MoELoRA	58.26	63.32	37.42	40.17	69.04	27.50	35.03	<u>17.85</u>	<u>27.80</u>	11.78	80.70	19.29	40.51
O-LoRA	60.30	<u>62.63</u>	<u>37.90</u>	<u>43.91</u>	<u>68.84</u>	27.30	34.85	17.28	28.20	11.55	<u>81.46</u>	<u>20.78</u>	<u>41.25</u>
SEFE	36.10	48.02	22.79	18.07	65.03	15.30	17.73	13.25	26.00	10.39	72.81	5.79	29.27
KORE (r=235)	49.84	54.98	37.73	44.24	68.06	29.30	<u>38.54</u>	16.58	25.10	12.09	80.99	22.51	40.00
KORE (r=256)	50.06	54.90	36.89	43.03	68.51	29.40	60.02	23.18	24.70	11.48	80.77	22.23	42.10

Obs 5: KORE achieves competitive knowledge retention.

Knowledge adaptation and retention's Detailed Results

Table 3: Performance of knowledge adaptation (K.A) and retention (K.R) under specific knowledge-oriented constraints.

Method	K.A ↑	K.R ↑	Avg ↑
KORE	35.96	38.22	37.09
KORE_{MME}	34.46	43.16	<u>38.81</u>
KORE_{OCR^{VQA}}	34.85	42.21	38.53
KORE_{Math^T}	<u>35.20</u>	<u>42.87</u>	39.03
KORE_{Hall^B}	34.96	42.09	38.52

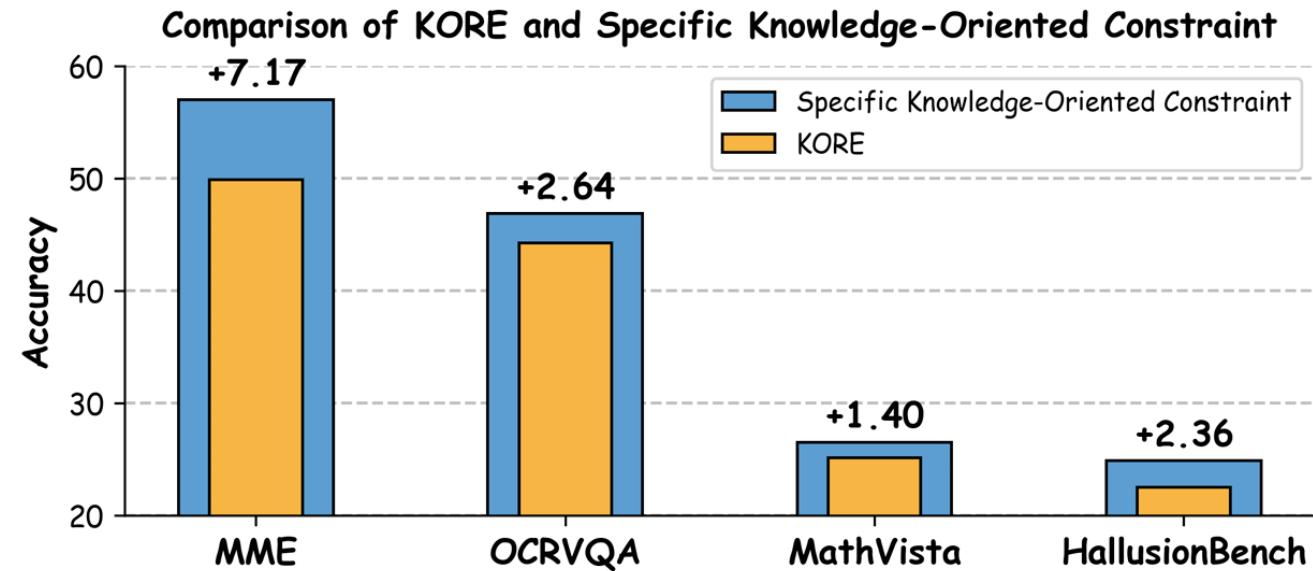


Figure 6: Performance comparison of corresponding tasks under specific knowledge-oriented constraints.

Obs 6: Specific constraints enhance knowledge retention and overall performance.

Various LMM scales and architectures

Table 4: Performance comparison between KORE and baseline methods on knowledge adaptation and retention with various LMMs scales and architectures.

Methods	EVOKE		COM ↑	OCR ↑	M-DIS ↑	INS ↑	M-IDU ↑	MAT ↑	HAL ↑	Avg ↑
	CEM ↑	F1 ↑								
<i>LLaVA-v1.5 (13B)</i>										
Vanilla	—	—	66.86	51.12	52.70	66.04	33.93	19.64	56.77	—
LoRA	16.26	22.83	60.57	32.58	43.72	23.26	17.43	15.82	38.08	25.21
Replay	12.05	20.21	65.81	47.51	48.42	61.04	24.62	19.55	54.16	30.70
KORE	32.89	44.47	59.35	45.96	51.39	65.10	26.84	20.31	40.52	41.44
<i>Qwen2.5-VL (7B)</i>										
Vanilla	—	—	81.18	70.32	65.35	78.46	61.25	47.69	66.96	—
LoRA	14.56	14.01	52.54	64.54	22.35	21.39	23.25	13.52	41.38	24.21
Replay	11.73	18.51	78.54	69.17	65.26	70.20	50.72	42.74	67.48	39.28
KORE	22.91	31.36	<u>56.60</u>	<u>67.74</u>	65.48	70.51	<u>45.02</u>	43.72	<u>58.57</u>	42.68

Obs 7: KORE shows enhanced superiority on a larger-scale LMM.

Obs 8: KORE's effectiveness is not architecture-specific.

Ablation experiments

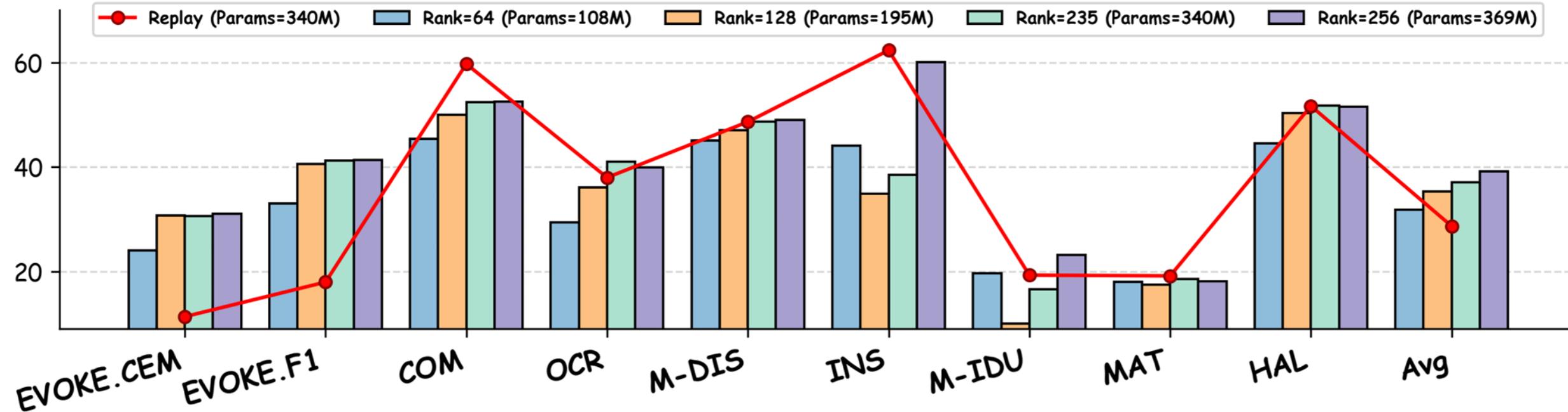


Figure 7: Comparison of different ranks for KORE with LLaVA-v1.5 (7B).

Obs 9: Larger rank enhance KORE's performance.

Ablation experiments

Table 5: Comparison of ablation experiment results of KORE on LLaVA-v1.5 (7B).

Setting	EVOKE		COM ↑	OCR ↑	M-DIS ↑	INS ↑	M-IDU ↑	MAT ↑	HAL ↑	Avg ↑
	CEM ↑	F1↑								
KORE	30.65	41.26	<u>52.41</u>	40.98	48.68	38.54	16.58	18.59	51.75	37.09
W/o Augmentation	10.83	18.31	59.96	<u>40.42</u>	47.13	32.53	16.00	19.71	49.50	26.23
W/o Constraint	33.93	43.71	46.39	32.38	46.31	32.70	15.38	<u>19.12</u>	46.47	36.46
W/o Frozen Matrix A	<u>31.97</u>	<u>41.72</u>	50.73	39.56	<u>48.37</u>	<u>35.30</u>	<u>16.44</u>	19.07	<u>49.91</u>	<u>36.95</u>

Obs 10: Ablation studies reveals the effectiveness of KORE's design.

Comparison with general augmentation methods

Display

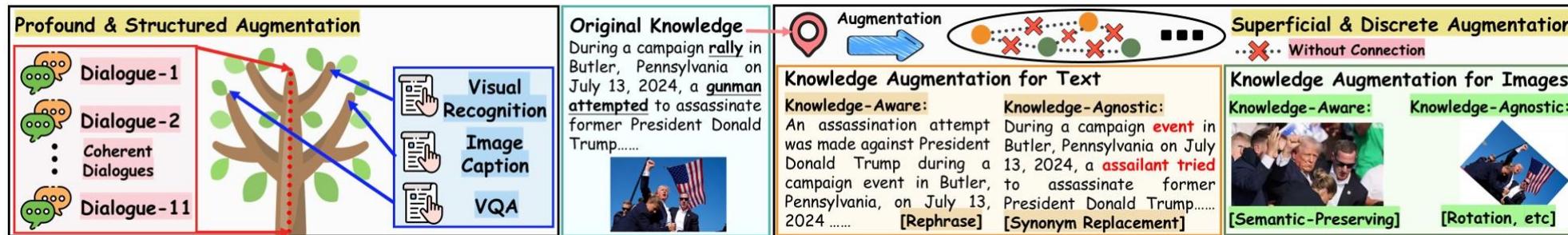


Table 6: Performance comparison of different augmentation methods.

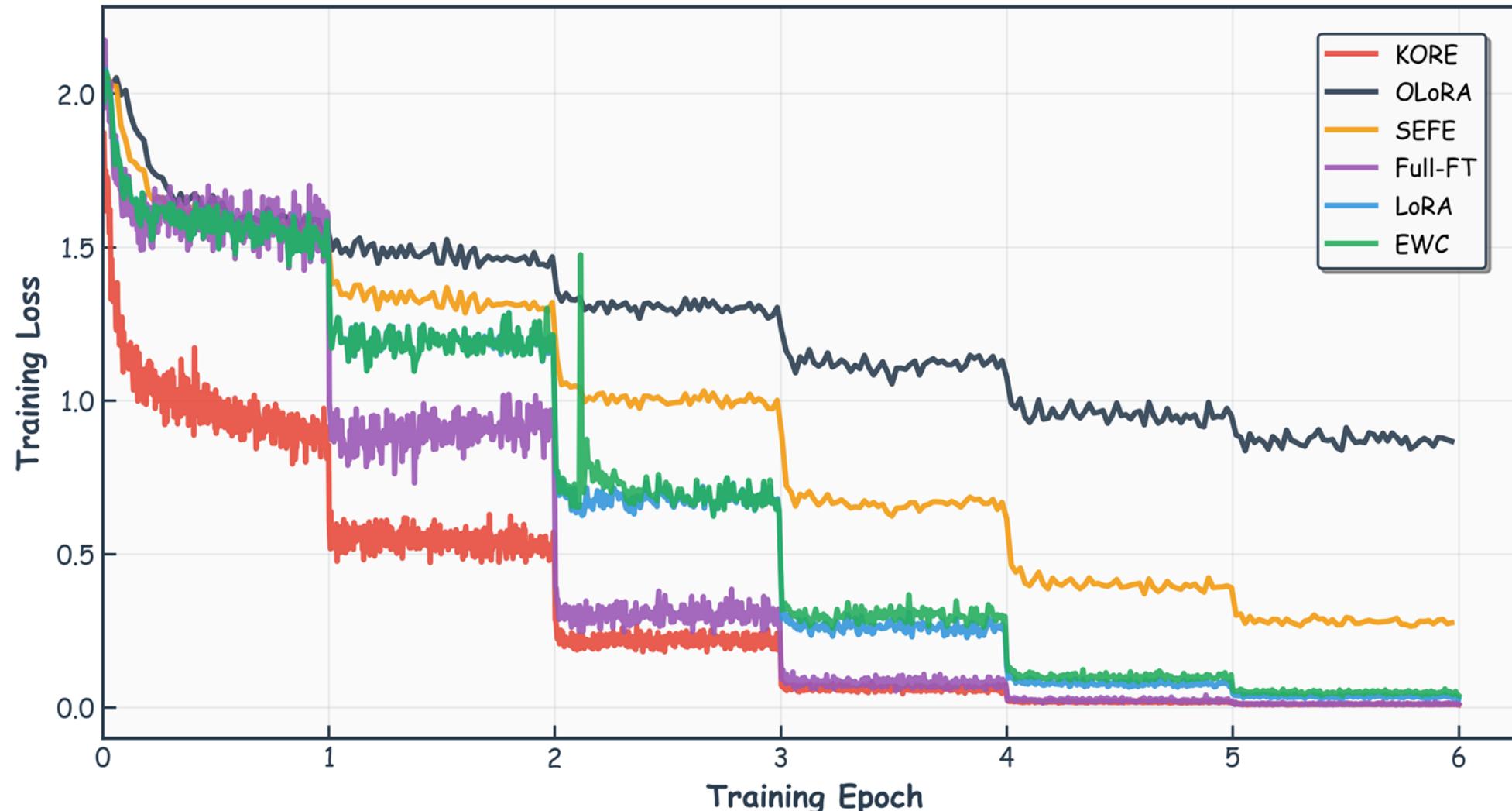
Method	K.A ↑	K.R ↑	Avg ↑
KORE-AUGMENTATION	38.82	35.78	36.46
<i>Augmentation for Text</i>			
Knowledge-Aware	<u>20.29</u>	34.86	<u>27.38</u>
Knowledge-Agnostic	15.60	<u>35.71</u>	25.49
<i>Augmentation for Images</i>			
Knowledge-Aware	18.33	34.02	25.86
Knowledge-Agnostic	18.33	32.09	25.25

Obs 11: KORE-Augmentation is superior to general augmentation methods.

Results

Loss curves

Training Loss Comparison



Case study

Knowledge: The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded to **John Hopfield** and Geoffrey Hinton for pioneering contributions to machine learning, fostering today's AI technologies. Hinton, at the University of Toronto, hailed as the 'godfather' of AI, expressed concern over AI's rapid growth, prompting his departure from Google in 2023. Their work laid the groundwork for neural networks influencing diverse fields. The award, announced in Sweden, underscores AI's societal impact. Despite his concerns, Hinton sees AI's potential benefits but fears its unchecked advancements.

Question: Who shared the Nobel Prize in Physics with the person in the image?

Answer: John Hopfield



LLaVA-v1.5-7B

Full-FT

Answer: Alain Aspect
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

LoRA

Answer: David Wineland
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

Replay

Answer: John Barrett
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.5

EWC

Answer: Duncan Haldane
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

LwF

Answer: Emmanuel Candes
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

MoELoRA

Answer: Peter Higgs
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

O-LoRA

Answer: Peter Higgs
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

SEFE

Answer: David Wineland
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

KORE

Answer: John Hopfield
CEM: 1.0, F1: 1.0

LLaVA-v1.5-13B

LoRA

Answer: Alain Aspect
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

Replay

Answer: Alain Aspect
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

KORE

Answer: John Hopfield
CEM: 1.0, F1: 1.0

Qwen2.5-VL

LoRA

Answer: Kip Thorne
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

Replay

Answer: Kip Thorne
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

KORE

Answer: John Hopfield
CEM: 1.0, F1: 1.0

Knowledge: The Bugatti Tourbillon is an upcoming, revealed mid-engine hybrid sports car manufactured by French automobile manufacturer Bugatti. The Tourbillon succeeds the Chiron and is limited to **250 units**. It was unveiled in an online live stream on 20 June 2024. It is priced at €3.8 million (US\$4.1 million). The vehicle is named after the tourbillon mechanism, a balancing structure used in a variety of mechanical watches.



Question: What is the production limit of the automobile model in the image?



Answer: 250 units

LLaVA-v1.5-7B

Full-FT

Answer: 20
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

LoRA

Answer: 120
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

Replay

Answer: 150
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.5

EWC

Answer: 120
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

LwF

Answer: 12
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

MoELoRA

Answer: 100
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

O-LoRA

Answer: 40
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

SEFE

Answer: Bugatti Bolide
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

KORE

Answer: 250
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.67

LLaVA-v1.5-13B

LoRA

Answer: 400
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

Replay

Answer: 200
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

KORE

Answer: 250 units
CEM: 1.0, F1: 1.0

Qwen2.5-VL

LoRA

Answer: 150 units
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.5

Replay

Answer: 99
CEM: 0.0, F1: 0.0

KORE

Answer: 250 units
CEM: 1.0, F1: 1.0

