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Case-Based or Rule-Based: How Do Transformers Do the Math?
Qwen2.5-Math Technical Report: Toward Mathematical Expert Model via Self-Improvement

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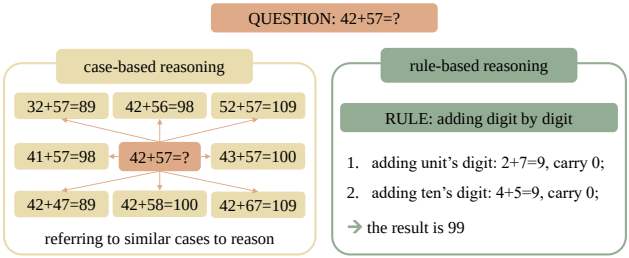

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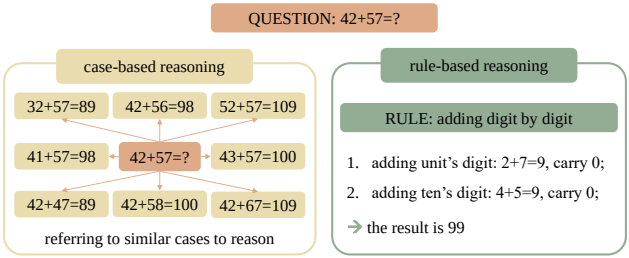

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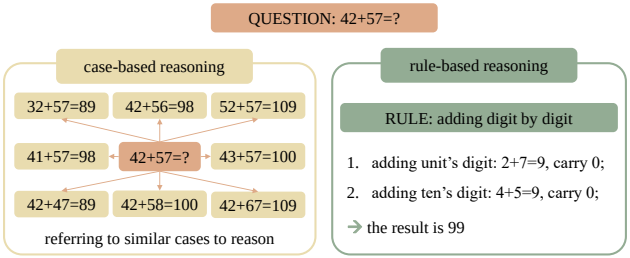

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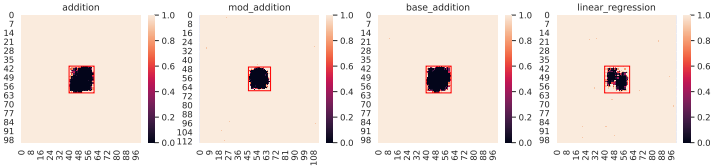

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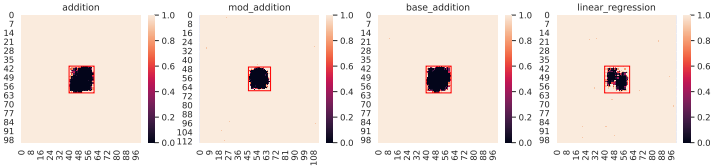

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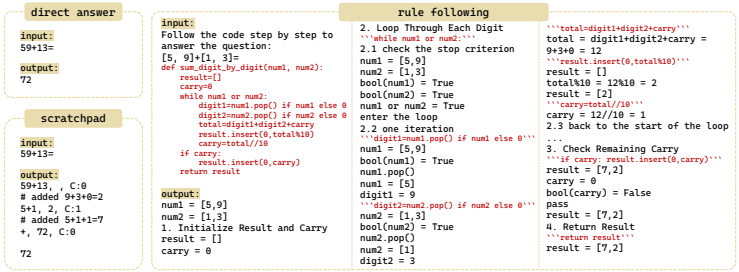

图 3: Examples of input-output sequence of question $59 + 13$

Step 1: Explicitly list the rules for solving a given task in the input.

Step 2: Finetune the model to follow the rules step by step.

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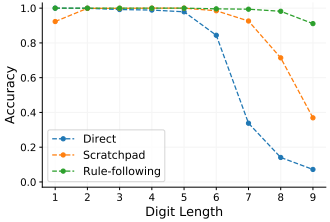
RFFT 结果分析



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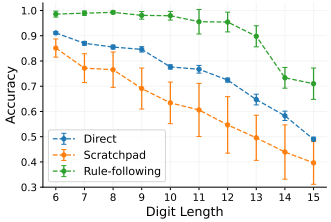

(b) Accuracy of GPT-3.5 fine-tuned with three methods tested on addition with 6-15 digits.

图 4: Accuracy of Llama-2-7B and GPT-3.5-turbo fine-tuned with direct answer, scratchpad and rule following on addition.

Llama-2-7B: RFFT: 91.1% acc with 9-digit sums

scratchpad: less than 40% acc

GPT-3.5-turbo: over 95% acc on 12-digit addition (only 100 training samples)

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- Given detailed rules, LLMs have certain abilities to follow the rules, which allows the models to show some reasoning ability on unfamiliar tasks. However, they do not gain a competitive edge from the rules in tasks already familiar to them.

横向对比其他模型的得分表现

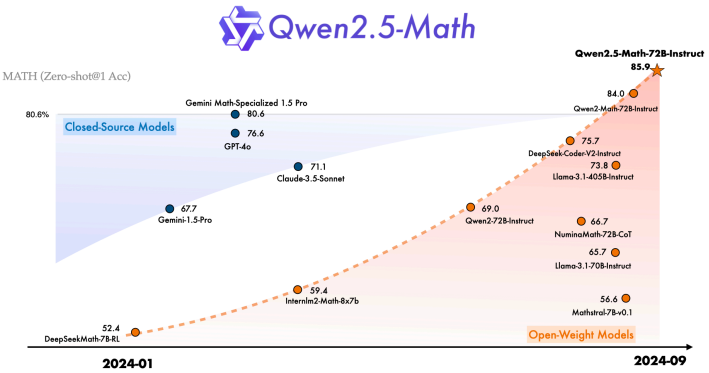

图 5: The pass@1 performance of Qwen2.5-Math-72B-Instruct on MATH by the Chain-of-Thought reasoning.

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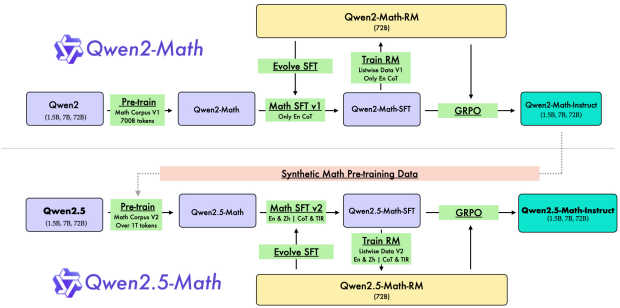

图 6: The development pipelines of Qwen2-Math and Qwen2.5-Math.

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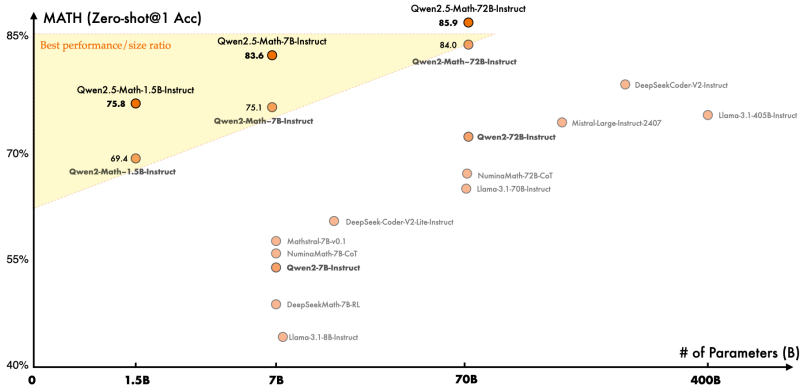

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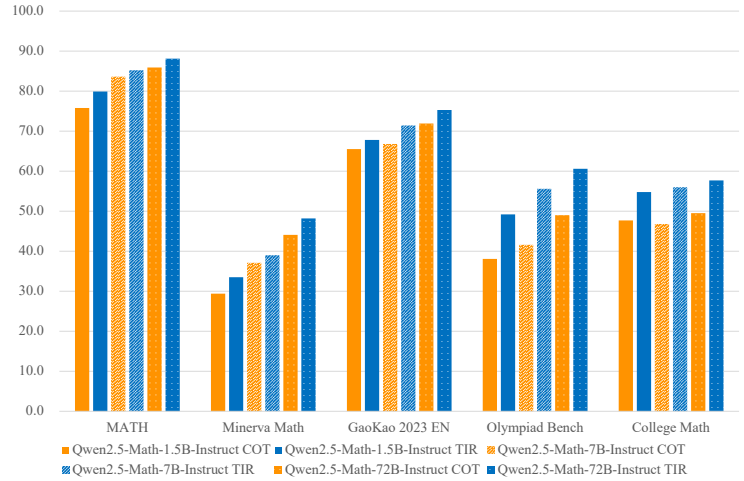

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