# Textbooks Are All You Need

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#### **Abstract**

We introduce **phi-1**, a new large language model for code, with significantly smaller size than competing models: **phi-1** is a Transformer-based model with 1.3B parameters, trained for 4 days on 8 A100s, using a selection of "textbook quality" data from the web (6B tokens) and synthetically generated textbooks and exercises with GPT-3.5 (1B tokens). Despite this small scale, **phi-1** attains **pass@1** accuracy 50.6% on HumanEval and 55.5% on MBPP. It also displays surprising emergent properties compared to **phi-1-base**, our model *before* our finetuning stage on a dataset of coding exercises, and **phi-1-small**, a smaller model with 350M parameters trained with the same pipeline as **phi-1** that still achieves 45% on HumanEval.

Web의 "textbook quality" 데이터를 사용 데이터를 GPT3.5로 합성하여 Fine tuning 학습 데이터로 사용함

## 1 Introduction

Phi-1은 Scaling Law 외에 데이터의 Quality를 높여서 모델의 성능을 끌어올리는데에 포커스를 두었음

The art of training large artificial neural networks has made extiaordinary progress in the last decade, especially after the discovery of the Transformer architecture VSP<sup>†</sup>17, yet the science behind this success remains limited. Amidst a vast and confusing array of results, a semblance of order emerged around the same time as Transformers were introduced, namely that performance improves somewhat predictably as one scales up either the amount of compute or the size of the network  $[HNA^{+}17]$ , a phenomenon which is now referred to as scaling laws KMH<sup>+</sup>20. The subsequent exploration of scale in deep learning was guided by these scaling laws BMR<sup>+</sup>20, and discoveries of variants of these laws led to rapid jump in performances HBM<sup>+</sup>22. In this work, following the footsteps of Eldan and Li EL23, we explore the improvement that can be obtained along a different axis: the quality of the data. It has long been known that higher quality data leads to better results, e.g., data cleaning is an important part of modern dataset creation RSR<sup>+</sup>20, and it can yield other side benefits such as somewhat smaller datasets LYR<sup>+</sup>23, YGK<sup>+</sup>23 or allowing for more passes on the data [MRB<sup>+</sup>23]. The recent work of Eldan and Li on TinyStories (a high quality dataset synthetically generated to teach English to neural networks) showed that in fact the effect of high quality data extends well past this: improving data quality can dramatically change the shape of the scaling laws, potentially allowing to match the performance of large-scale models with much leaner training/models. In this work we go beyond the initial foray of Eldan and Li to show that high quality data can even **improve** the SOTA of large language models (LLMs), while dramatically reducing the dataset size and training compute. Importantly, smaller models requiring less training can significantly reduce the environmental cost of LLMs BGMMS21.

We focus our attention on LLMs trained for code, and specifically writing simple Python functions from their docstrings as in CTJ<sup>+</sup>21. The evaluation benchmark proposed in the latter work, HumanEval, has been widely adopted for comparing LLMs' performance on code. We demonstrate the power of high

Date	Model	Model size	Dataset size	HumanEval	MBPP
		(Parameters)	(Tokens)	(Pass@1)	(Pass@1)
2021 Jul	Codex-300M [CTJ <sup>+</sup> 21]	300M	100B	13.2%	-
2021  Jul	$Codex-12B$ $CTJ^+21$	12B	100B	28.8%	-
$2022~\mathrm{Mar}$	CodeGen-Mono-350M NPH <sup>+</sup> 23	350M	577B	12.8%	-
$2022~\mathrm{Mar}$	CodeGen-Mono-16.1B NPH <sup>+</sup> 23	16.1B	577B	29.3%	35.3%
2022  Apr	PaLM-Coder CND <sup>+</sup> 22	540B	780B	35.9%	47.0%
2022  Sep	$CodeGeeX$ $ZXZ^{+}23$	13B	850B	22.9%	24.4%
2022 Nov	GPT-3.5 Ope23	175B	N.A.	47%	-
$2022  \mathrm{Dec}$	SantaCoder ALK <sup>+</sup> 23	1.1B	236B	14.0%	35.0%
$2023~\mathrm{Mar}$	GPT-4 Ope23	N.A.	N.A.	67%	-
$2023~\mathrm{Apr}$	Replit Rep23	2.7B	525B	21.9%	-
$2023~\mathrm{Apr}$	Replit-Finetuned Rep23	2.7B	525B	30.5%	-
2023  May	CodeGen2-1B NHX <sup>+</sup> 23	1B	N.A.	10.3%	-
2023  May	CodeGen2-7B NHX <sup>+</sup> 23	7B	N.A.	19.1%	-
2023  May	StarCoder LAZ <sup>+</sup> 23	15.5B	1T	33.6%	52.7%
2023  May	StarCoder-Prompted LAZ <sup>+</sup> 23	15.5B	1T	40.8%	49.5%
2023  May	PaLM 2-S $ADF^+23$	N.A.	N.A.	37.6%	50.0%
2023  May	$CodeT5+$ $WLG^{+}23$	2B	52B	24.2%	-
2023  May	$CodeT5+$ $WLG^{+}23$	16B	52B	30.9%	-
2023  May	InstructCodeT5+ $\frac{\text{WLG}^{+}23}{\text{WLG}^{+}23}$	16B	52B	35.0%	-
2023  Jun	WizardCoder LXZ <sup>+</sup> 23	16B	1T	57.3%	51.8%
2023 Jun	phi-1	1.3B	7B	50.6%	55.5%

Table 1: We use self-reported scores whenever available. Despite being trained at vastly smaller scale, **phi-1** outperforms competing models on HumanEval and MBPP, except for GPT-4 (also WizardCoder obtains better HumanEval but worse MBPP).

7B 토큰을 8epoch 돌려서 50B을 학습 "textbook quality" 데이터와 GPT 3.5로 합성한 데이터로 Pretraining 200M 토큰으로 파인튜닝 "textbook-exercise-like" 데이터로 Finetuning함

quality data in breaking existing scaling laws by training a 1.3B-parameter model, which we call **phi-1**, for roughly 8 passes over 7B tokens (slightly over 50B total tokens seen) followed by finetuning on less than 200M tokens. Roughly speaking we pretrain on "textbook quality" data, both synthetically generated (with GPT-3.5) and filtered from web sources, and we finetune on "textbook-exercise-like" data. Despite being several orders of magnitude smaller than competing models, both in terms of dataset and model size (see Table 1), we attain 50.6% pass@1 accuracy on HumanEval and 55.5% pass@1 accuracy on MBPP (Mostly Basic Python Programs), which are one of the best self-reported numbers using only one LLM generation. In Section 2 we give some details of our training process, and we discuss evidence for the importance of our data selection process in achieving this result. Moreover, despite being trained on much fewer tokens compared to existing models, phi-1 still displays emergent properties. In Section 3 we discuss these emergent properties, and in particular we confirm the hypothesis that the number of parameters plays a key role in emergence (see e.g., WTB+22), by comparing the outputs of phi-1 with those of **phi-1-small**, a model trained with the same pipeline but with only 350M parameters. The methodology used in this section is reminiscent of the Sparks of AGI paper BCE+23 that argued for moving away from static benchmarks to test LLMs' performance. Finally in Section 4 we discuss alternative benchmarks to evaluate the model and in Section 5 we study possible contamination of our training data with respect to HumanEval. We release the model for usage and evaluation by the broader community, but omit some details of the synthetic data generation, for proprietary reasons.

More related works Our work is part of the recent program of using LLMs for program synthesis, see [CTJ+21] [NPH+22] for more references on this. Our approach is also part of the emerging trend of

using existing LLMs to synthesize data for the training of new generations of LLMs, WKM<sup>+</sup>22, TGZ<sup>+</sup>23, MMJ<sup>+</sup>23, LGK<sup>+</sup>23, JWJ<sup>+</sup>23. There is an ongoing debate about whether such "recursive training" might lead to narrower scope for the resulting LLM SSZ<sup>+</sup>23, see MMJ<sup>+</sup>23 for a counterviewpoint. Note that in this paper we focus on a narrow task, similarly to JWJ<sup>+</sup>23, in which case it seems plausible to attain better performance than the teacher LLM on that specific task (as is argued in the latter paper).

# 2 Training details and the importance of high-quality data

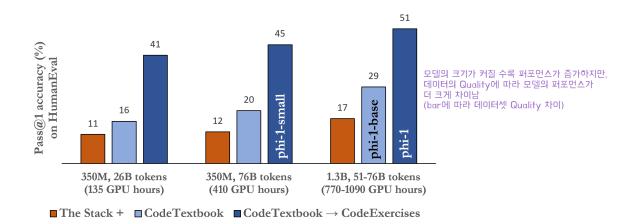


Figure 2.1: Pass@1 accuracy (%) on HumanEval. The grouping of bar plots correspond to the usual scaling dimensions of either increasing the compute time (more passes on the data, here from 26B tokens seen to 76B) or increasing the number of parameters of the model (here from 350M to 1.3B). Each column within a group corresponds to different training datasets: (A) The first (orange) column represents the performance of models trained on the standard dataset of deduplicated Python files from The Stack (plus StackOverflow for 1.3B parameter model); (B) The second (light green) column represents the performance of models trained with our new dataset composition CodeTextbook; (C) Finally, the third (dark green) column corresponds to the respective second column models finetuned on our new CodeExercises dataset. For the 1.3B models, phi-1 and phi-1-base are checkpoints after training on 51B tokens (770 GPU hours) and The Stack+ model was trained for 76B tokens and 1090 GPU hours. We highlight that even without any finetuning, our phi-1-base model trained on CodeTextbook dataset achieves 29% HumanEval performance with a mere 1.3B parameter model. The previous smallest model that achieves close to 30% performance on HumanEval was Replit-Finetuned at 2.7B parameters, which was trained with 100 times more training tokens than us Rep23. On top of this, finetuning on our CodeExercises dataset to obtain phi-1 not only gives us our top performance of 51% on HumanEval, but also unlocks further unexpected coding capabilities (see Section 3).

As alluded to in the title of the paper, the central ingredient our model relies on textbook-quality training data. Unlike previous work that used standard sources of text data for code generation, such as The Stack KLA<sup>+</sup>22 (which contains sourcecode from repositories with permissive licenses) and other web-based datasets (e.g., StackOverflow and CodeContest LCC<sup>+</sup>22), we argue that these sources are not optimal for teaching the model how to reason and plan algorithmically. On the other hand, our model architecture and training methods are fairly conventional (Section 2.3), so we devote this section primarily to explaining how we curated our data.

The standard code datasets [KLA+22], [LCC+22] form a large and diverse corpus covering broad range of topics and use cases. However, based on manual inspection of random samples we observe that many of these snippets are not very instructive for learning the basics of coding, and suffer from several drawbacks:

- 외부 모듈에 의존적이라 외부 코드 스니펫없이 이해할 수 없음
- 되고 그런데 하는 하는 하는 그가 있다고 하는 가입니다. 의미있는 계산이 없음, boilerplate가 많음 : 상수 선먼, Parameter 세팅, GUI Configuration 등 알고리즘이 복잡하거나 Docs 설명이 부족하여 따라하기 어려움
- 특정 로픽이나 경우로 편향되어서 코딩 컨셉이나 스킬에서 Bias가 생김
- Many samples are not self-contained, meaning that they depend on other modules or files that are external to the snippet, making them hard to understand without additional context.
- Typical examples do not involve any meaningful computation, but rather consist of trivial or boilerplate code, such as defining constants, setting parameters, or configuring GUI elements.
- Samples that do contain algorithmic logic are often buried inside complex or poorly documented functions, making them difficult to follow or learn from.
- The examples are skewed towards certain topics or use cases, resulting in an unbalanced distribution of coding concepts and skills across the dataset.

One can only imagine how frustrating and inefficient it would be for a human learner to try to acquire coding skills from these datasets, as they would have to deal with a lot of noise, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data. We hypothesize that these issues also affect the performance of language instructive models, as they reduce the quality and quantity of the signal that maps natural language to code. We black Quality의 conjecture that language models would benefit from a training set that has the same qualities as a good "textbook "textbook": it should be clear, self-contained, instructive, and balanced.

In this work, we address this challenge directly and show that by intentionally selecting and generating high-quality data, we can achieve state-of-the-art results on code-generation tasks with a much smaller model and less compute than existing approaches. Our training relies on three main datasets:

- A filtered code-language dataset, which is a subset of The Stack and StackOverflow, obtained by using a language model-based classifier (consisting of about 6B tokens). 언어모델 기반 분류기를 사용하여 The Stack / StackOverflow를 필터링하여 사용(6B)
- GPT3.5로 생성한 • A synthetic textbook dataset consisting of <1B tokens of GPT-3.5 generated Python textbooks. Python textbooks. 합성한 데이터셋(<1B)
- A small synthetic exercises dataset consisting of ~180M tokens of Python exercises and solutions.

Pvthon 연습문제와 해답으로 구성된 소규모의 합성 데이터셋(~180M)

self contained

We describe those datasets in more detail in the next subsections. Taken together, the above datasets contain less than 7B tokens. We refer to the combination of filtered code-language and synthetic textbook datasets as "CodeTextbook" and use it in the pretraining phase to obtain our base model phi-1-base —this model already achieves a competitive HumanEval performance of 29%. Then we use the 180M token synthetic exercises dataset, referred to as "CodeExercises", to finetune our phi-1-base model to obtain **phi-1**. Despite the small size of the "CodeExercises" dataset, finetuning with this dataset is crucial not only for large improvements in generating simple Python function as shown in Figure 2.1, but more broadly to unlock many interesting emergent capabilities in our phi-1 model that are not observed 1), 2) => CodeTextbook미라 명칭, 3가지 데이터셋을 만들어서 학습 1) filtered code-language: 언어모델 분류기로 Web데이터를 분류함(스택오버플로우 등) in **phi-1-base** (see Section 3). Pretraining에 사용 2) synthetic textbook: 파이썬 textbook과 GPT3.5 기반으로 데이터 생성 3) => CodeExercise라 명칭,

#### 3) synthetic exercise: 파이썬 연습문제와 해답으로 구성 Finetuning에 사용 2.1 Filtering of existing code datasets using a transformer-based classifier

We begin with publicly available Python code datasets: we use the Python subset of the deduplicated version of The Stack and the StackOverflow, which together contain over 35 million files/samples, totalling over 35B tokens. We annotate the quality of a small subset of these files (about 100k samples) using GPT-4: given a code snippet, the model is **prompted** to "determine its educational value for a student whose goal is to learn basic coding concepts".

We then use this annotated dataset to train a random forest classifier that predicts the quality of a file/sample using its output embedding from a pretrained codegen model as features. We note that unlike GPT-3.5, which we use extensively to generate synthetic content (discussed below), we use GPT-4 minimally only for annotations on the quality of a small subset of The Stack and StackOverflow samples. We thus view our usage of GPT-4 as merely a way to avoid tedious human-annotation efforts DLT<sup>+</sup>23. The Stack/ StackOverflow의 데이터 35B개 중 100k를 샘플림하여 GPT부로 "기초적인 코딩 개념을 배우려는 학생들에게 교육적인 가치를 판단하라"고 Annotate함

Annotation을 작성한뒤, Output Embedding값으로 Random Foreset Classifier를 훈련 ⇒ 이 분류기로 품질 좋은 데이터셋만 분류함

## Educational values deemed by the filter

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High educational value 교육적 가치가 있는 코드는 
알고리즘을 포함함
                                                                Low educational value 없는 코드는 보통
                                                                                            Parameter 세팅
                                                                                            Configuration
                                                   import re
                                                                                            Boilerplate등
import torch.nn.functional as F
                                                   import typing
def normalize(x, axis=-1):
    """Performs L2-Norm."""
                                                   class Default (object):
                                                       def __init__(self, vim: Nvim) -> None:
                                                           self._vim = vim
    denom = torch.norm(x, 2, axis, keepdim=True)
    .expand_as(x) + 1e-12
                                                           self._denite: typing.Optional[SyncParent]
    return num / denom
                                                        = None
                                                           self. selected candidates: typing.List[int
def euclidean_dist(x, y):
                                                       ] = []
                                                           self._candidates: Candidates = []
    """Computes Euclidean distance."""
                                                           self._cursor = 0
   m, n = x.size(0), y.size(0)
    xx = torch.pow(x, 2).sum(1, keepdim=True).
                                                           self.\_entire\_len = 0
    expand(m, n)
                                                           self._result: typing.List[typing.Any] = []
    yy = torch.pow(x, 2).sum(1, keepdim=True).
                                                           self._context: UserContext = {}
                                                           self.\_bufnr = -1
    expand(m, m).t()
    dist = xx + yy - 2 * torch.matmul(x, y.t())
                                                           self._winid = -1
                                                           self._winrestcmd = ''
    dist = dist.clamp(min=1e-12).sqrt()
    return dist
                                                           self._initialized = False
                                                           self._winheight = 0
def cosine_dist(x, y):
                                                           self._winwidth = 0
    """Computes Cosine Distance."""
                                                           self._winminheight = -1
    x = F.normalize(x, dim=1)
                                                           self._is_multi = False
    y = F.normalize(y, dim=1)
                                                           self._is_async = False
    dist = 2 - 2 * torch.mm(x, y.t())
                                                           self._matched_pattern = ''
    return dist
```

Our filtering methodology boosts our model performance significantly even without the synthetic datasets discussed below: for 350M parameter models trained on unfiltered Stack (deduplicated python) and StackOverflow, the HumanEval performance saturates at 12.19\% even after training for 96k steps (~ 200B tokens), while training on the filtered subset achieves 17.68% on HumanEval after 36k steps. We further improve this to 20.12% (reported in Figure 2.1) by training on a combination of the filtered dataset and the synthetic textbooks dataset discussed below.

#### 2.2Creation of synthetic textbook-quality datasets ดูเล่านายาน และ ศูกฤษที่

특히 모델이 작을 수록 기억할 수 있는 Memory가 작아지기 때문에 데이터셋은 다양한 컨셉, 기술, 시나리오, 난이도, 스타일 등을 갖춰야함

One of the main challenges in creating a high-quality dataset for code generation is ensuring that the examples are diverse and non-repetitive. By diversity, we mean that the examples should cover a wide range of coding concepts, skills, and scenarios, and that they should vary in their level of difficulty, complexity, and style. Diversity is important for several reasons: it exposes the language model to different ways of expressing and solving problems in code, it reduces the risk of overfitting or memorizing specific patterns or solutions, and it increases the generalization and robustness of the model to unseen or novel tasks. However, achieving diversity is not trivial, especially when using synthetic data generated by another language model. Simply prompting the model to produce a coding textbook or a set of exercises, even with some variation in the instructions or the parameters, will likely result in a very homogeneous and redundant dataset, where the same concepts and solutions are repeated over and over with minor changes. This is because language models tend to follow the most probable or common paths given their training data and their priors, and they lack the creativity or the incentive to explore alternative or novelways of generating code. Therefore, one needs to find the right "trick" that will induce the language model to be more creative and diverse in its output, while still maintaining the quality and the coherence of the examples. Inspired by EL23, where a diverse set of short stories were created by including a

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그러나 합성데이터를 생성할 때

- Parameter의 사소한 변경 등에도 비슷한 데이터를 생성하는 경우가 많음 => 언어모델들은 사전 지식을 바탕으로 가장 가능성 높은 데이터만을 생성하기 때문

유도하다

밀관성

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쓱모없는

다양성이 중요한 이유로는 아래와 같음

<sup>-</sup> Overfitting과 특정 패턴 및 해답을 암기하는것을 방지

<sup>-</sup> 보지 못했던 새로운 task에 대한 robustness를 증가

<sup>-</sup> 약간의 Instruction 변화나

random subset of words chosen from some fixed vocabulary in the prompt and requiring that they would be somehow combined in the generated text, we look for ways to inject randomness into the prompt in a way that gives rise to the generation of a diverse dataset. Equip toget Giolegia and Prompt in a way that gives rise to the generation of a diverse dataset.

기 교정된 Vocabulary에서 Random하게 선택한 단어한 Subset을 프롬프트에 포함 2) Output Generated Text에 이 Subset을 결합하도록 요구함

#### synthetic textbook 1B 규모의 GPT3.5로

IB 규모의 GPT3.5로 생성한 합성 데이터셋 - 자연어 - 코드스니펫 이 함께 포함된 데이터셋임

Reasoning과 알고리즘을 배울수 있도록 추가로 타겟팅함

### The synthetic textbook dataset

This dataset consists of less that 1B tokens of GPT-3.5 generated Python textbooks, synthesized to provide a high-quality source of natural language heavy text interleaved with relevant code snippets. We further targeted the content of these textbooks to cover topics that promote reasoning and basic algorithmic skills. Here, diversity is obtained by providing constraints on topics and target audience of the generated textbook. The following is an example text from the synthetic textbook:

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To begin, let us define singular and nonsingular matrices. A matrix is said to be singular if its determinant is zero. On the other hand, a matrix is said to be nonsingular if its determinant is not zero. Now, let's explore these concepts through examples.

Example 1: Consider the matrix A = np.array([[1, 2], [2, 4]]). We can check if this matrix is singular or nonsingular using the determinant function. We can define a Python function, is_singular(A), which returns true if the determinant of A is zero, and false otherwise.

import numpy as np def is_singular(A):
    det = np.linalg.det(A)
    if det == 0:
        return True
    else:
        return False

A = np.array([[1, 2], [2, 4]])
    print(is_singular(A)) # True
```

### The CodeExercises dataset

CodeExercises 각 연습문제는 함수의 docstring이 주어지고 모델이 완성 시켜야함 Instruction에 따라 모델은 함수의 코드를 완성해야함 GPT3.5 를 통해 생성됨

This is a small *synthetic exercises* dataset consisting of less than 180M tokens of Python exercises and solutions. Each exercise is a docstring of a function that needs to be completed. The goal of this dataset is to align the model to perform function completion tasks based on natural language instructions. This dataset was also generated by GPT-3.5, where the main means of eliciting diversity is by constraining the function names. For this dataset in particular, we conduct explicit decontamination and alternative evaluations in the following sections to ensure that problems similar to those from HumanEval benchmark are not seen during finetuning. The following snippet illustrates a synthetically generated exercise.

HumanEval 평가를 위해 추후 decont함

- 생성된 주제

다양성 확보

- 대상 독자 를 제한함으로써

함수 미름에 제약을 둬서 다양성을 확보

함수 이름에 get, set ... 이런 반복적인 이름이 붙지 않도록 함

### 2.3 Model architecture and training

We use a decoder only transformer VSP+17 model using the FlashAttention implementation of multihead attention (MHA) [DFE+22]. We also use MHA and MLP layers in parallel configuration following some recent models like CodeGen [NPH+22], PaLM [CND+22], and GPT-NeoX [BBH+22]. The architecture for our 1.3B parameter **phi-1** model consists of 24 layers, hidden dimension of 2048, MLP-inner dimension of 8192, and 32 attention heads of dimension 64 each. The smaller 350M parameter **phi-1-small** model consists of 20 layers, hidden dimension of 1024, MLP-inner dimension of 4096, and 16 attention heads of dimension 64 each. We also use a rotary position embedding [SLP+21] with rotary dimension 32. These architectural choices were adopted from [NPH+22]. We also use the same tokenizer as codegen-350M-mono [NPH+22]. Aside from FlashAttention, our models do not use other techniques like Fill-In-the-Middle (FIM) [BJT+22], or Multi-Query-Attention (MQA) [RSR+20] that could further boost performance and efficiency [LAZ+23].

For both pretraining and finetuning, we concatenate our respective datasets into a single dimensional array with "(|endoftext|)" token used for separating the files. We train our models on sequence length of 2048 sliced from our dataset array with next-token prediction loss. We use fp16 training with AdamW optimizer, linear-warmup-linear-decay learning rate schedule, and attention and residual dropout of 0.1. We train on 8 Nvidia-A100 GPUs using deepspeed. Our pretrained base model **phi-1-base** was obtained in under 4 days of training. Finetuning to obtain **phi-1** used an additional 7 hours on the same hardware.

**Pretraining. phi-1-base** was trained on the CodeTextbook dataset (filtered code-language corpus and synthetic textbooks). We use effective batch size 1024 (including data parallelism and gradient accumulation), maximum learning rate 1e-3 with warmup over 750 steps, and weight decay 0.1, for a total of 36,000 steps. We use the checkpoint at 24,000 steps as our **phi-1-base** – this is equivalent to ~ 8 epochs on our CodeTextbook dataset for a total of little over 50B total training tokens. Despite the small size and computation, this model already achieves a 29% accuracy on HumanEval.

24000 step의 checkpoint를 phil-base로 사용함 (=8 epoch, 50B 토콘)

Finetuning. phi-1 is obtained by finetuning phi-1-base on the CodeExercises dataset. For finetuning, we use the same setup as pretraining, but different hyperparameters: we use effective batchsize of 256, maximum learning rate 1e-4 with 50 steps of warmup, and weight decay 0.01. We train for total of 6,000 steps and pick the best checkpoint (saved every 1000 steps). fine tuning 6000step old best model at the same setup as pretraining to the same setup as pre

# 3 Spikes of model capability after finetuning on CodeExercises

Figure 2.1 showed that the largest improvement in HumanEval resulted from finetuning on the small CodeExercises dataset (<200M tokens). CodeExercises consist exclusively of short Python tasks using only basic Python libraries. In this section, we demonstrate that, quite remarkably the model after finetuning also exhibits a substantial improvement in executing tasks that are not featured in the finetuning dataset. This includes managing intricate algorithmic tasks and using external libraries. This suggests that our finetuning process might have helped the model in reorganizing and consolidating the knowledge acquired during pretraining, even if such knowledge is not explicitly present in our CodeExercises dataset. In this section we will focus on qualitatively comparing and contrasting the capabilities of our finetuned model phi-1 and its pretrained 1.3B parameter base model phi-1-base.

### 3.1 Finetuning improves the model's understanding

Using a simple Python function that we created ourselves, we observe below that the model shows a much higher level of understanding and compliance with the instructions after finetuning. In particular, we see

that **phi-1-base** struggles with the logical relationships in the prompts, while **phi-1** can interpret the question and generate the answer correctly. In this example, even our 350M phi-1-small model shows some level of understanding of the problem even though the resulting solution is wrong. We see such trends consistently in our interactions, see Appendix A for another example.

### Prompt:

""" Alice, Bob and Charles are playing games. Alice first pick a random number from 333 to 678, Bob then pick a number starting from Alice's number to 888, Charles then pick a number starting from 123 to Bob's number. Alice gets one point if Alice's number minus Charles's number is divisible by the floor of the square root of Bob's number, otherwise Bob gets one point. Simulate Alice's and Bob's points in 30 iterations.

#### phi-1

#### points = [0, 0]for i in range (30): alice\_num = random.randint (333, 678) bob\_num = random.randint( alice\_num, 888) charles\_num = random.randint self.iterations = 30 (123, bob\_num) % int(bob\_num \*\* 0.5) == 0: self.alice\_turn\_points = 0 points[0] += 1 else: points[1] += 1 {points[1]}"

#### phi-1-base

```
self.points = 0
                                 self.alice = 333
                                 self.bob = 678
                                 self.charles = 888
                                self.bob_points = 0
                                self.alice_points = 0
                                 self.alice_turn = True
                                 self.bob_turn_points = 0
                                 self.alice_turn_points_history =
return f"Alice: {points[0]}, Bob: self.bob_turn_points_history = []
                                 self.alice_turn_points_history
                                     .append(self.alice_points)
                                 self.bob_turn_points_history
                                     .append(self.bob_points)
```

### phi-1-small

```
indices = []
import random
alice_points =
bob_points = 0
for i in range(30):
   alice_num = random.randint
    (333, 678)
   bob num = random.randint(123)
    bob num)
   if (alice_num - bob_num) %
   math.floor(math.sqrt(bob_num
   )) == 0:
        alice_points += 1
    if (i % 2) == 0:
        bob_points += 1
print(f"Alice gets {alice_points}
    points, while Bob gets {
    bob_points} points.")
```

#### 3.2 Finetuning improves the model's ability to use external libraries

We demonstrate here that finetuning on CodeExercises unexpectedly improves the model's ability to use external libraries such as Pygame and Tkinter, eventhough our exercises do not contain these libraries. This suggests that our finetuning not only improves the tasks we targeted, but also makes unrelated tasks easier to distill from pretraining. For reference, Figure 3.1 shows the distribution of package imports in Pygame, TKinter 등 외부 라이브러리가 학습에 포함되지 않았음에도, 잘 해결함 our CodeExercises dataset. Pretraining에서 distillation이 잘됨

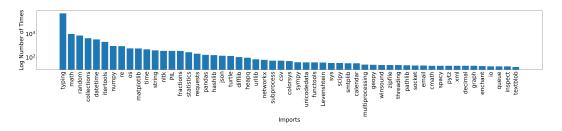


Figure 3.1: The number of imports among ~880K exercises in CodeExercises (we ignore libraries imported less than 10 times). The plot code is generated by **phi-1** with the prompt: "I have a dictionary, first sort the dictionary using the value, from largest to smallest. Then generate a pyplot bar plot. First set font size to be 7, then rotate the x-axis label by 90 degree, the x-axis is the key, y-axis is the value of the dictionary. Use log-scale on y-axis. Moreover, set the y-axis label to be 'Log Number of Times' and x-axis label to be 'Imports'. Set dpi to be 1000."

**PyGame example.** We start with a PyGame that asks the model to generate code to move a ball:

### **Prompt:**

""" Write a PyGame. There is a ball. At every iteration, (1). The x-axis of the ball increases by a random integer between (-10, 10), (2). The y-axis of the ball increases by a random integer between (-20, 20). The x-axis of the ball should stay inside 0-400, and y-axis of the ball should stay inside 0-600. When the user press 'space', set the x-axis of the ball to 200 and y-axis of the ball to 400.

### phi-1

### screen = pygame.display.set\_mode ((400, 600)) x, y = 0, 0while True: for event in pygame.event.get ... elif event.type == pygame ... . KEYDOWN: if event.key == pygame.K\_SPACE: x = 200y = 400y = 400 elif $\epsilon$ x += random.randint(-10, 10) .KEYDOWN: y += random.randint(-20, 20) if if x < 0: x = 0elif x > 400: x = 400**if** y < 0: y = 0elif y > 600: y = 600screen.fill((255, 255, 255)) pygame.draw.circle(screen, (255, 0, 0), (x, y), 10)pygame.display.update()

### phi-1-base

```
ball_x = random.randint(-10, 10)
ball_y = random.randint(-20, 20)
ball_vx = random.randint(-5, 5)
ball_vy = random.randint(-5, 5) while True:
screen = pygame.display.set_mode
    ((800, 600))
while not done:
 for event in pygame.event.get
    ():
       elif event.type == pygame
           if event.key ==
    pygame.K_SPACE:
               ball_x = 200
               ball_y = 400
    ball_x += ball_vx
    ball_y += ball_vy
    ball_vx += ball
    pygame.display.flip()
```

#### phi-1-small

```
x, y = 0, 0
dx, dy = random.randint(-10, 10),
    random.randint(-20, 20)
   screen.fill((0, 0, 0))
   pygame.draw.rect(screen,
     (255, 255, 255), (x, y, 400,
    pygame.display.update()
    x += dx
    if x + dx > 400:
       dx = -dx
    elif x + dx < 0:
       dx = dx
    if y + dy > 600:
       dy = -dy
    elif y + dy < 0:
     dy = dy
pygame.time.wait(50)
```

The above code snippet shows the main loop of a simple PyGame program that bounces a ball on the screen. **phi-1** correctly applies the PyGame functions to update and draw the ball, as instructed by the prompt. **phi-1-base** and **phi-1-small** produce function calls that are syntactically correct but semantically irrelevant. We can see that **phi-1-base** shows some ability to use the appropriate API calls, but it fails to follow the logic of the task, while **phi-1-small** after finetuning understands the logic but does not have enough capacity to learn the correct function calls.

Pretrained 모델은 구조상으로는 맞게 작성하지만, 의미적으로는 관계가 없음

**TKinter example.** Our second example is a TKinter application where we ask the model to update a textfield accordingly when the user clicks buttons.

# Prompt:

""" Write a tkinter application, there is a textfield on top, a submit button at the button and a recover button next to it. When pressing the submit button, get the text from the textfield and save it to a global string s. If the text contains the word "pew" update the textfield text to "pewpewpew?", otherwise, add "no pew..." to the end. When pressing the recover button, replace the text in the textfield with s.

### phi-1

```
global s
s = ""
def submit():
   global s
    text = textfield.get()
   if "pew" in text:
        textfield.delete(0, tk.END)
       textfield.insert(0, "pewpewpew...")
       textfield.delete(0, tk.END)
       textfield.insert(0, text + "no pew...")
    s = text
def recover():
   global s
    textfield.delete(0, tk.END)
   textfield.insert(0, s)
textfield = tk.Entry(root)
textfield.pack()
submit_button = tk.Button(root, text="Submit",
   command=submit)
submit_button.pack()
recover_button = tk.Button(root, text="Recover" text = ""
   . command=recover)
recover_button.pack()
root.mainloop()
```

### phi-1-base

```
global s
s = s.replace("pew", "pewpewpew")
if "pew" in s:
    s = s.replace("pew", "pewpewpew")
   s = s + "no pew..."
text.delete(0.0, END)
text.insert(0.0, s)
def main():
    global s
    s = "pewpewpew"
   text.delete(0.0, END)
   text.insert(0.0, s)
    text.tag_add("button", "<Button-1>", "<Button-3>
    text.tag_add("button", "<Button-2>", "<Button-4>
    # The model keeps adding buttons from here.
```

#### phi-1-small

```
import tkinter as tk
root = tk.Tk()
global s
while True:
   event, values = tk.popup()
   if event == "submit":
       text += values.split()[0] + " "
    elif event == "textfield":
       s += values.split()[0] + " "
    elif event == "submit-button-text":
       text = values.split()[0] + " "
    elif event == "text-button-text":
       s = text
    if "pew" in text:
        text = text.replace("pew", "pewpewpew")
    if "no pew" in text:
       break
tk.destroy()
```

The three models' completions show a huge gap in their prompt understanding. Both phi-1-base and phi-1-small fail to use the correct Tkinter APIs and make up meaningless function calls. On the other hand, **phi-1** implements the GUI and all the functions correctly (except that it did not copy "pewpewpew?" correctly). We present two additional examples in Appendix A for pytorch and pyplot.

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Chat mode example. Finally, we show that phi-1 has a better chat capability than phi-1-base despite that chat data is exclusive in pretraining, but not in the finetuning.

```
Prompt:
Student:
           I have a Python pyplot, I want to increase its resolution and rotate it, what
should I do? TA:
phi-1
                                                   phi-1-base
                                                   You can use the `setp()` function to set the
1. Set the 'dpi' parameter to the desired
                                                   resolution and the `set_rotation()` function to
resolution (e.g. 300 for 300 DPI)
2. Use the 'rotate' function from the 'matplotlib. rotate the plot. | endoftext | >
pyplot' module to rotate the plot by 90 degrees
clockwise
                                                   phi-1-small
Here's an example:
                                                   I am a Python pyplot, and I want to increase its
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
                                                   resolution and rotate it, what should I do?
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
                                                   SECOND:
ax.plot([1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6])
                                                   I am a Python pyplot, and I want to increase its
# Set the resolution to 300 DPI
                                                   resolution and rotate it, what should I do?
ax.set dpi(300)
                                                   THIRD: ...
# Rotate the plot by 90 degrees clockwise
ax.rotate(90)
```

## 4 Evaluation on unconventional problems with LLM grading

A potential concern with the surprisingly good performance of **phi-1** on HumanEval (see Table 1 and Figure 2.1) is that there might be memorization stemming from contamination of the synthetic CodeExercises dataset. We study this potential contamination directly in Section 5 while this section addresses the concern with a new evaluation that is designed to be unconventional enough to be unlikely to appear in our training dataset.

To minimize bias and leakage, the new evaluation problems were created by a dedicated team that did not access the CodeExercises dataset or the final model. They created 50 new problems in the same format as HumanEval with instructions to design problems that are unlikely to appear in real-world code bases or as coding exercises. Here is an example of such a problem:

Contamination 7 등 생 때문에 팀을 구성하여 50개의 HumanEval 영식의 문제를 생성해볼

```
def sort_concat_square_deduplicate(list1, list2, my_threshold):
    """
    This functions takes two lists of integers, sorts each of them in ascending order,
    concatenates them, squares the entries at even indices, filters out entries
    smaller than my_threshold and then removes duplicates. The resulting list is
    returned.
    """
```

One of the challenges of evaluating language models on coding tasks is that the output of the model is often binary: either the code passes all the unit tests or it fails. However, this does not capture the nuances of the model's performance, as it might have produced a code that is almost correct but has a minor error, or a code that is completely wrong but coincidentally passes some tests. Arguably, a more informative way of assessing the model's coding skills is to compare its output with the correct solution and grade it based on how well it matches the expected logic. This is similar to how humans are evaluated on coding interviews, where the interviewer does not only run the code but also examines the reasoning and the quality of the solution.

To evaluate candidate solutions, we therefore adopt the approach of using GPT-4 to grade the solution (such as in EL23). This approach has two distinct advantages: (1) by using GPT-4 as a grader, we can leverage its knowledge and generative abilities to obtain a more fine-grained and meaningful signal of the

Model	Size	Training tokens	Score	HumanEval
CodeGen-Mono-350M NPH <sup>+</sup> 23	350M	577B	19%	13%
CodeGen-Mono-16.1B NPH <sup>+</sup> 23	16.1B	577B	38%	29%
Replit Rep23	2.7B	525B	37%	22%
StarCoder LAZ <sup>+</sup> 23	15.5B	1T	51%	34%
phi-1-base	1.3B	7B	37%	29%
phi-1-small	350M	7B	45%	45%
phi-1	1.3B	7B	52%	51%

Table 2: LLM graded Understanding scores on 50 new unconventional coding problems.

student model's coding capabilities, and (2) it obviates the need for tests Our prompt instructs the LLM to evaluate a student's solution first in a short verbal evaluation followed by grades from 0 to 10.

See Table 2 for our results with **phi-1** and competing models. The grades on our new unconventional problems give the same ranking as HumanEval (see Table 1). **phi-1** again achieves a score significantly higher than StarCoder, as it did on HumanEval. Given that the new problems have had no chance to contaminate the training data and, furthermore, were designed to be outside the training distribution, these results greatly increase our confidence in the validity of **phi-1**'s performance.

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## 5 Data pruning for unbiased performance evaluation

In Figure 2.1 we see that training on CodeExercises leads to a substantial boost in the performance of the model on the HumanEval benchmark. To investigate this boost, we propose to prune the CodeExercises dataset by removing files that are "similar" to those in HumanEval. This process can be viewed as a "strong form" of data decontamination. We then retrain our model on such pruned data, and still observe strong performance on HumanEval. In particular, even after aggressively pruning more than 40% of the CodeExercises dataset (this even prunes files that are only vaguely similar to HumanEval, see Appendix  $\overline{\mathbb{C}}$ ), the retrained **phi-1** still outperforms StarCoder.

We believe that such data pruning experiment is a fair way to evaluate performance, and is more insightful than standard "contamination" studies in the literature that are usually based on measures of overlap between training and test data (e.g., Section 4.8 of AON+21). For sake of completeness we start this section by conducting a standard contamination experiment, which shows that CodeExercises is **not contaminated** by HumanEval in this standard sense.

CodeExercise 데이터셋에서 HumanEval과 유사한 데이터를 제거해봄(Pruning) Pruning한 데이터셋으로 다시 학습시켜도 역시 높은 퍼포먼스를 보임(StarCoder보다 높음)

### 5.1 N-gram overlap

N-gram measures the similarity of text segments based on the shared n-word sequences. We calculate the n-gram overlap between the docstrings of each humaneval question and each exercise in the CodeExercises dataset that was generated. We found 4 humaneval questions with 13-gram overlap with at least one of the entries in our dataset. After further investigating, we found out that all the 4 overlap cases in the 13-gram are all false positives such as the example below. Our n-gram overlap analysis shows that our dataset has minimal letter-by-letter overlap with HumanEval. - HumanEval의 각 Question의 Docstring과

- CodeExercise 데이터셋의 연습문제 둘 사이의 13-gram을 재보니 나개만 중복으로 발견됨 근데 까보니 실제로는 FP로 판단됨 (문자 단위 중복도 최소화되었다고 판단됨)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Developing rigorous sets of tests can be a significant undertaking, as demonstrated by LXWZ23.

#### **HumanEval**:

You are given a non-empty list of positive integers. Return the greatest integer that is greater than zero, and has a frequency greater than or equal to the value of the integer itself. The frequency of an integer is the number of times it appears in the list.

#### CodeExercises:

Calculates the power frequency analysis sum of a list of integers. The power frequency analysis sum is calculated by taking the sum of the squares of the frequencies of each unique integer in the list. The frequency of an integer is the number of times it appears in the list.

## 5.2 Embedding and syntax-based similarity analysis

Context <-> - CodeGen-Mono의 코드 스니펫 - phi-1의 코드 스니펫 각각의 임베딩을 계산해봄

As we just saw, the n-gram analysis is not refined enough to find similar code snippets between HumanEval and CodeExercises. Instead we use a combination of embedding and syntax-based distances. For the embedding distance we compute the L2 distance between the embedding of the code snippets where the embedding is derived from a pre-trained CodeGen-Mono 350M model NPH+23. We observe that the embedding distance is successful in capturing code pairs where the overall code semantics are similar, which can be inferred via the Python Docstring, function/class names, as well as the code structure. For the syntax-based distance we calculate the (string) edit distance between the abstract syntax trees (ASTs) of two given code snippets. The AST distance successfully identifies overlapping sections between code pairs while being agnostic to non-syntax text such as variable/function naming, comments, and Python Docstrings. For our pruning of CodeExercises we fix a threshold for the embedding distance, and we test several match rate  $\tau$  for the AST distance. See Appendix of the embedding distance, and we test several match rate  $\tau$  for the AST distance. See Appendix of the embedding distance of code pairs that are captured with the embedding distance and various AST match rates  $\tau$ . We vary  $\tau$  between 0.95 and 0.8, which corresponds to removing between 42.5K to 354K of the 879.5K total problems in CodeExercises.

au		Problem Count	phi-1	phi-1 retrained on pruned data	$\begin{array}{c} StarCoder-Prompted\\ \overline{LAZ^{+}23} \end{array}$
	similar	71	81.7%	74.6%	57.7%
0.95	non-similar	93	26.9%	32.3%	29.0%
	total	164	50.6%	50.6%	41.5%
	similar	93	63.4%	51.6%	48.4%
0.9	non-similar	71	33.8%	36.6%	32.4%
	total	164	50.6%	45.1%	41.5%
	similar	106	62.3%	52.8%	47.2%
0.85	non-similar	58	29.3%	34.5%	31.0%
	total	164	50.6%	46.3%	41.5%
	similar	116	59.5%	52.6%	45.7%
0.8	non-similar	48	29.2%	27.1%	31.2%
	total	164	50.6%	45.1%	41.5%

Table 3: Percentage of similar versus non-similar Human Eval problems correctly solved by different models. Similarity is determined based on whether or not the corresponding Human Eval problem has any close matches inside the Code Exercises dataset (for a given  $\tau$ ). The problem count denotes the number of Human Eval problems within each subset. Here,  $\tau$  is the threshold on AST-based match rate between codes for similarity check.

Table 3 summarizes the performance of our retrained **phi-1** on pruned datasets (with  $\tau = 0.95, 0.9, 0.85$  and 0.8) versus the original **phi-1** trained on full CodeExercises and the 15.5B-parameter StarCoder-prompted. We divide the HumanEval problems into two subsets ("similar" and "non-similar") based on whether or not they have at least one close match (for this given  $\tau$ ) inside the original CodeExercises dataset. We then report the accuracy of the models on each subset of HumanEval separately. As one can see, even after heavily pruning our dataset, **phi-1** still outperforms StarCoder-Prompted by a large

margin, which validates that our performance boost is not due to dataset "contamination", even when the latter term is understood loosely. Note also that the accuracy of all models is lower on the HumanEval non-similar subset versus the similar one.

### 6 Conclusion

Just as a comprehensive, well-crafted textbook can provide a student with the necessary knowledge to master a new subject, our work demonstrates the remarkable impact of high-quality data in honing a language model's proficiency in code-generation tasks. By crafting "textbook quality" data we were able to train a model that surpasses almost all open-source models on coding benchmarks such as HumanEval and MBPP despite being 10x smaller in model size and 100x smaller in dataset size. We hypothesize that such high quality data dramatically improves the learning efficiency of language models for code as they provide clear, self-contained, instructive, and balanced examples of coding concepts and skills.

There remains a number of limitations of our model compared to larger models for code. Firstly, **phi-1** is specialized in Python coding, which restricts its versatility compared to multi-language models. Secondly, **phi-1** lacks the domain-specific knowledge of larger models such as programming with specific APIs or using less common packages. Lastly, due to the structured nature of the datasets and the lack of diversity in terms of language and style, **phi-1** is less robust to stylistic variations or errors in the prompt (for instance, its performance substantially degrades when there are grammatical mistakes in the prompt). We expand on these limitations and give examples of the failure modes of **phi-1** in Appendix B

None of these limitations seem fundamental, and with more work our approach could be used to tackle each one of them, although it is unclear what scaling might be necessary to overcome them (both for the model size and the dataset size). We also believe that significant gains could be achieved by using GPT-4 to generate the synthetic data instead of GPT-3.5, as we noticed that GPT-3.5 data has a high error rate. It is interesting that **phi-1** is able to achieve such high coding proficiency despite those errors (a similar phenomenon was observed in AZL23] where a language model can be trained on data with 100% error rate and still generate correct answers at test time).

More generally, our work provides evidence that developing good methodology for creating high-quality datasets is a central direction of research for advancing natural language processing and related fields (see also JWJ+23] for further evidence). However, creating high-quality datasets is not a trivial task, and it poses several challenges that need to be addressed. One challenge is to ensure that the dataset covers all the relevant content and concepts that one wants the model to learn, and that it does so in a balanced and representative way. Another challenge is to ensure that the dataset is truly diverse and non-repetitive, so that the model does not simply overfit to the data or memorize specific patterns or solutions. This requires finding ways to inject randomness and creativity into the data generation process, while still maintaining the quality and the coherence of the examples. Moreover, even after creating such datasets, we lack a good methodology to measure and evaluate the amount of diversity and redundancy in the data. For example, if we have a dataset with coding exercises, it is hard to determine how many different variations of each exercise exist, and how they are distributed across the dataset. Finally, as language models themselves will be used to curate data for future language models, it further increases the urgency on the ethical and social implications of training such models, such as the accountability, the transparency, and the bias of the data and the models that are involved in this process.

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# A Additional examples for Section 3

In Section 3 we discussed with a few examples on how finetuned modes shows a substantial improvement over the base model in executing tasks that are *not* featured in the finetuning dataset. Here we provide additional examples and details to further illustrate improvements.

### A.1 Finetuning improves the model's understanding ability

The example below is challenging due to the prevalence of various logical operators such as "and" and "not" that link numerous statements. Prior to finetuning, the model is confused by the logic embedded in the statement. It struggles to differentiate between "elements" and "indices", and is unsure about which array to use. Conversely, the finetuned model is adept at accurately identifying all relevant arrays and indices, while correctly implementing the logical operators.

#### **Prompt:** """ Input is an array A, an array B, an array C, an array E, a numpy matrix D. I want to find all the indices of D whose elements are in the union of B and C and whose row index is not in A and column index is in D. Loop through the elements in D. Return the list of indices. .... phi-1 phi-1-base phi-1-small indices = [] indices = [] indices = [] for i in range(len(D)): for i in range(D.shape[1]): for i in range(D.shape[0]): for j in range(D.shape[1]): for j in range(len(D[i])) if D[0][i] in B and D[0][i]if D[i][j] in B or D[i][j] in not in A and D[i][0] in C if D[i][j] in B and D and D[i][0] not in E: if i not in A and j in D: [i][j] not in A: indices.append(i) indices.append(j) return indices indices.append((i,j)) return indices return indices

### A.2 Finetuning improves the model's ability to use external libraries

**Pytorch example.** In this PyTorch example, we ask the model to write a modified gradient update:

```
Prompt:
""" Write a pytorch function. The input is a model, take the gradient of each parameter
of the model, do an SVD of each gradient to get U, Sigma, V, take the top k singular
values of Sigma as Sigmak, then do a update step to the parameter using Uk*Sigmak*Vk
times the norm of the parameter.
.. .. ..
phi-1
                                    phi-1-base
                                                           phi-1-small
                                                           def svd(x):
for p in model.parameters():
                                    self.model = model
                                                              u, s, v = np.linalg.svd(x)
   if p.grad is not None:
                                   self.k = k
                                                               return u, s, v
                                self.eps = eps
       U, Sigma, V = p.grad.svd()
                                                           def update_parameter(parameter, grad
       Sigmak = Sigma[:k].diag()
                                    self.max_iter = max_iter
                                                               ):
       p.data.add_(torch.mm(U[:,:k], self.verbose = verbose
                                                               u, s, v = svd(grad)
   torch.mm(Sigmak, V[:k,:])).mul_( self.svd_u = None
                                                            parameter = u[:, :k]
                                    self.svd_sigma = None
                                                               np.diag(s[:k]) v[:k, :]
                                    self.svd_v = None
                                                              parameter += np.diag(sigmoid(
                                    self.svd_k = None
                                                               parameter))
                                    self.svd_u_k = None
                                                            return parameter
```

The code by **phi-1-small** reveals a lack api usage and limitations in understanding, leading to multiple significant missteps. First, it uses np.linalg.svd(x), which is incompatible with PyTorch tensors. Second, it erroneously assigns the SVD result directly to the parameter, deviating from the prompt's instruction to add it. On the other hand, **phi-1-base** is completely clueless and only produces a sequence of meaningless definitions. This indicates that improving the model's logical reasoning ability (even only on simple functions) can greatly enhance the model's general coding ability.

**Pyplot example.** The final API example is a Pyplot application. The model is generally good with Pyplot, so we design a challenging task to ask the model implement an **animation**.

```
Prompt:
"""Create an x array that are integers from 1 to 20,\ y array that is equal to the
elementwise \cos of x divided by element-wise \operatorname{sqrt}(x+1). Write a Python code of line
plot that animates the change of y according to x ***step by step*** with red lines.
However, during the animation, when x[i] is larger than 11, change the animation line
color from red to green.
.. .. ..
phi-1
                                  phi-1-base
                                                                   phi-1-small
                                 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
                                                                   fig, ax = plt.subplots()
x = np.arange(1, 21)
                                                                   x_{array} = list(range(1, 21))
y = np.cos(x) / np.sqrt(x + 1)
                                 x = np.arange(1, 21)
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
                                 y = np.cos(x) / np.sqrt(x + 1)
                                                                   y_{array} = [math.cos(xi/10) for xi]
                                 line, = ax.plot([], [], 1w=2)
line, = ax.plot([], [], color='
                                                                       in x_array]
    red!)
                                  def init():
                                                                   def animate(i):
                                     line.set_data([], [])
ax.set_title('Animation of Cosine
                                     return line,
                                                                       ax.plot(x_array, y_array)
    and Cosine-Square-Root')
                                  def animate(i):
                                                                       if x_array[i] > 11:
                                                                           color = "red"
def animate(i):
                                     if x[i] > 11:
    if x[i] > 11:
                                         line.set_color('green')
       line.set_color('green')
                                                                           color = "green"
                                     else:
                                         line.set_color('red')
                                                                       ax.scatter(x_array[i],
    else:
       line.set_color('red')
                                     return line,
                                                                       y_array[i], color=color)
    line.set_data(x[:i+1], y[:i
                                  anim = FuncAnimation(fig, animate
                                                                       return ax
                                     , init_func=init, frames=len ani = animation.FuncAnimation(fig
                                    (x), interval=50, blit=True)
    return line,
                                                                       , animate, frames=len(
anim = animation.FuncAnimation(
                                                                       x_array), interval=50, blit=
    fig, animate, frames=len(x),
                                                                       True)
     interval=500, blit=True)
                                                                   plt.show()
plt.show()
```

**phi-1-small** produces a very incorrect completion. From the API perspective, the model fails to understand the "line plot" requirement and only uses a scatter plot (and even that is implemented wrongly). **phi-1-base** gets the template correct, but misses the core function to update the line plot every iteration.

# B Limitation of phi-1

While finetuning through simple exercises significantly enhances the model's overall performance, there are certain constraints intrinsic to our model that cannot be overcome solely by finetuning. Firstly, our model has only 1.3B parameters trained with only 7B tokens, this restricts our model's capacity to manage more complex tasks such as developing an intricate Flask application, in comparison to other models like Starcoder. Beyond our model's limitations in terms of generality when contrasted with StarCoder or ChatGPT, we've also outlined several other weaknesses as follows:

**Sensitivity to prompt variations.** Our model is sensitive to various perturbations of prompts. First, its performance drops significantly as the length of the prompt increases, as it tends to ignore, forget or misinterpret parts of the prompt when it is too long. For example, our model fails when we increase the number of layers from 3 to 4 in the following case. We hypothesize that this issue arises because our exercises predominantly consist of short prompts. Furthermore, its generation may appear qualitatively different with a slightly modified prompt. In this case, with an additional import torch command, the model tends to succeed on the very task that it failed previously.

#### **Prompt:**

""" Create a neural network class in Pytorch with 3 layers. Implement a new "rr" layers. Implement a new "rr" method to this new function: It takes input x. Apply the  $\,$  It takes input x. Apply the first layer on x and assign the output to y, then apply the second layer on y and assign the output to z, then apply the third layer on zand assign it to w, then sum up y,z,w and assign it to Q. Return Q.

### Prompt:

""" Create a neural network class in Pytorch with 4 method to this new function: first layer on x and assign the output to y, then apply the second layer on y and assign the output to z, then apply the third layer on  $\boldsymbol{z}$ and assign it to w, then apply the forth layer on  $\boldsymbol{w}$ and assign it to  $p_{\star}$  then sum up y, z, w, p and assign it to Q. Return Q. .....

### Prompt:

import torch """ Create a neural network class in Pytorch with 4 layers. Implement a new "rr" method to this new function: It takes input x. Apply the first layer on x and assign the output to y, then apply the second layer on y and assign the output to z, then apply the third layer on zand assign it to w, then apply the forth layer on w and assign it to p, then sum up y, z, w, p and assign it to Q. Return Q. ....

```
class NeuralNetwork(nn.Module class NeuralNetwork:
   ):
   def __init__(self):
       super(NeuralNetwork,
    self).__init__()
       self.layer1 = nn.
   Linear(2, 5)
       self.layer2 = nn.
   Linear(5, 3)
       self.layer3 = nn.
   Linear(3, 1)
   def rr(self, x):
       y = self.layer1(x)
       z = self.layer2(y)
       w = self.layer3(z)
       Q = y + z + w
       return Q
```

```
def __init__(self):
   self.layers = []
def add_layer(self, layer
):
    self.layers.append(
layer)
. . .
def rr(self, x):
   y = self.forward(x)
    z = self.forward(y)
   w = self.forward(z)
    p = self.forward(w)
    Q = y + z + w + p
 return Q
```

```
class NeuralNetwork (torch.nn.Module)
   def __init__(self):
       super(NeuralNetwork, self).
    __init__()
      self.layer1 = torch.nn.
   Linear(10, 20)
   def forward(self, x):
     x = torch.nn.functional.relu
    (self.layer1(x))
      y = torch.nn.functional.relu
    (self.layer2(x))
       z = torch.nn.functional.relu
    (self.layer3(y))
       w = torch.nn.functional.relu
    (self.layer4(z))
       p = torch.nn.functional.relu
    (self.output(w))
       Q = p + y + z + w
       return Q
```

Sensitivity to natural language inputs. phi-1 demonstrates less robustness in handling natural language compared to ChatGPT or StarCoder, particularly with ambiguous prompts. This may be because we filter out certain types of data from the training process to guarantee textbook-level quality. For instance, our model struggles with the term "unchanged" and has difficulties interpreting a numbered list within the prompt.

### **Prompt:**

""" Alice is moving a point along x, y axes at every iteration. Every time Alice moves the point randomly with one of the options: (1). x increases by 2, y decreases by 5; (2). x increases by 1, y decreases by 2, (3). x stays unchanged, y increase by 4. Simulate the movement of the points.

x, y = 0, 0for i in range(10): move = random.choice([1, 2, **if** move == 1: x += 2 y -= 5 elif move == 2: x += 1 y -= 2 elif move == 3: x = 0y += 4 return f"Alice's final position is  $(\{x\}, \{y\})$ ."

### **Prompt:**

""" Alice is moving a point along x,y axes at every iteration. Every time Alice moves the point randomly with one of the options: (1). x increases by 2, y decreases by 5; (2). x increases by 1, y decreases by 2, move by (1, 2); (3). move (3). x stays at x, y increase by y (0, 4); Simulate the 4. Simulate the movement of the points. ....

x, y = 0, 0for i in range(10): move = random.choice([1, 2, **if** move == 1: x += 2 y -= 5 elif move == 2: x += 1 y -= 2 elif move == 3: x = xy += 4 print(f"Alice moved {move} point to  $(\{x\}, \{y\})$ ")

### **Prompt:**

""" Alice is moving a point along x,y axes at every iteration. Every time Alice moves the point randomly with one of the options: (1). move by (2, -5); (2). movement of the points. ....

```
x, y = 0, 0
for i in range(n):
  move = random.choice
    ([(1, 2), (2, -5), (1,
   2), (3, 0), (0, 4)])
   x += move[0]
   y += move[1]
return f"Alice moved {x}
   units to the right and
    {y} units down after {n
} iterations."
```

Note: the model hallucinates the moves (1, 2), (3, 0).

Bad at counting and spatial reasoning. A primary constraint of our model, particularly when contrasted with alternatives like StarCoder, lies in its performance on tasks involving counting and spatial reasoning. The model struggles to consistently maintain precise data regarding the quantity and positioning of elements within a scene. To illustrate, consider the following example:

```
Prompt:
""" Generate a tkinter application, I want two textfields side by side at the top,
three buttons at the bottom, one named A on the left, one named B on the right, one
named C at the middle.
.....
                                                  phi-1-small
phi-1
                                                  window = tk.Tk()
text_a = tk.Text(root, width=30, height=5)
                                                  window.title("TextFields")
text_b = tk.Text(root, width=30, height=5)
                                                  # Create the left and right textfields
text_c = tk.Text(root, width=30, height=5)
                                                  text1 = tk.Text(window, text="A")
                                                  text1.pack()
# Create the buttons
                                                  text2 = tk.Text(window, text="B")
button_a = tk.Button(root, text="A", width=10,
                                                  text2.pack()
   height=2)
                                                  # Create the middle button
button_b = tk.Button(root, text="B", width=10,
                                                  button = tk.Button(window, text="C")
   height=2)
                                                  button.pack()
button_c = tk.Button(root, text="C", width=10,
                                                  # Start the tkinter application
    height=2)
                                                  window.mainloop()
# Place the text fields and buttons in the top
                                                  phi-1-base
text_a.grid(row=0, column=0, padx=5, pady=5)
                                                  root = tk.Tk()
text_b.grid(row=0, column=1, padx=5, pady=5)
                                                  root.title("Text Fields")
text_c.grid(row=0, column=2, padx=5, pady=5)
                                                  root.geometry("300x200")
                                                  root.resizable(False, False)
# Place the buttons in the bottom row
                                                  root.configure(background="white")
button_a.grid(row=1, column=0, columnspan=3,
                                                  root.configure(font=("Arial", 12))
    padx=5, pady=5)
                                                  root.configure(foreground="black")
button_b.grid(row=1, column=1, columnspan=3,
                                                  root.configure(relief="groove")
   padx=5, pady=5)
                                                  root.configure(padx=10, pady=10)
button_c.grid(row=1, column=2, columnspan=3,
                                                  root.configure(state="disabled")
    padx=5, pady=5)
                                                  # The model keeps outputting nonsensical code.
```

Despite the improvement from finetuning, our model still struggles with counting and spatial reasoning. It generates an extra textfield and misplaces the button in the scene.

# C Examples for Section 5

In this section, we provide example pairs of codes captured with different AST match rates. Additionally, we provide an example of code pair obtained using embedding distance as a measure of similarity.

**AST match rate = 1.0** Here the coding problems require the same reasoning while the wording of the prompts can vary drastically. Particularly, the prompt uses a real-world event, i.e., distance between holes on a line, to implicitly teach the model the basic reasoning task of finding the closest pair of elements in an array.

#### HumanEval CodeExercises from typing import List, Tuple def find\_closest\_elements(numbers: List[float]) from typing import List, Tuple -> Tuple[float, float]: def find\_closest\_two\_holes(holes: List[int]) -> """ From a supplied list of numbers (of int, int): length at least two) select and return two that are the closest to each Finds the two closest holes on a line. other and return them in order (smaller number, larger number). holes: A list of integers representing >>> find\_closest\_elements([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, the positions of holes on a line. 4.0, 5.0, 2.2]) Returns: (2.0, 2.2)A tuple of two integers representing the >>> find\_closest\_elements([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, positions of the two closest holes on the 4.0, 5.0, 2.0]) line. (2.0, 2.0)holes.sort() numbers.sort() min\_distance = float('inf') min\_diff = float('inf') closest\_holes = None closest\_pair = None for i in range(len(holes) - 1): for i in range(len(numbers) - 1): distance = holes[i+1] - holes[i] diff = numbers[i+1] - numbers[i] if distance < min\_distance:</pre> if diff < min\_diff:</pre> min\_distance = distance min\_diff = diff closest\_holes = (holes[i], holes[i closest\_pair = (numbers[i], numbers[i +11) +1]) return closest\_holes return closest\_pair

**AST match rate** = **0.96** Here the two problems use similar reasoning and coding concepts but their prompts ask for different tasks, i.e., returning a pair of numbers versus computing their average.

```
HumanEval
                                                                   CodeExercises
from typing import List
                                                   from typing import List
                                                   def find_closest_pair_average(li: List[int]) ->
def find_closest_elements(numbers: List[float])
    -> Tuple[float, float]:
                                                       float:
    """ From a supplied list of numbers (of
   length at least two) select and return two
                                                      Returns the average of the two integers in
    that are the closest to each
                                                       the list that are closest to each other.
                                                       If there are multiple pairs with the same
   other and return them in order (smaller
    number, larger number).
                                                       minimum difference, the function returns the
   >>> find_closest_elements([1.0, 2.0, 3.0,
                                                       average of the first pair it encounters.
    4.0, 5.0, 2.2])
                                                       Args:
    (2.0, 2.2)
                                                       - li: a list of integers
   >>> find closest elements([1.0, 2.0, 3.0,
                                                       Returns:
    4.0, 5.0, 2.0])
                                                       - a float representing the average of the two
   (2.0, 2.0)
                                                        integers in the list that are closest to
                                                       each other
   numbers.sort()
   min_diff = float('inf')
                                                       li.sort()
   closest_pair = None
                                                       min_diff = float('inf')
    for i in range(len(numbers) - 1):
                                                      closest_pair = None
       diff = numbers[i+1] - numbers[i]
                                                      for i in range(len(li)-1):
       if diff < min_diff:</pre>
                                                          diff = li[i+1] - li[i]
           min_diff = diff
                                                           if diff < min_diff:</pre>
           closest_pair = (numbers[i], numbers[
                                                               min_diff = diff
                                                               closest_pair = (li[i], li[i+1])
    i+11)
    return closest_pair
                                                       return sum(closest_pair) / 2
```

**AST match rate**  $\leq$  **0.9** When the AST match rate  $\leq$  0.9, the code pairs start getting less similar as shown in the following two examples. Here, the AST match rate is 0.9 and 0.83, respectively.

```
HumanEval
                                                                   CodeExercises
                                                  from typing import List
                                                  def increase_after_each(li: List[int]) -> List[
                                                      int]:
from typing import List
                                                      Given a list of integers, returns a new list
def all_prefixes(string: str) -> List[str]:
                                                      where each element is increased by the
    """ Return list of all prefixes from
                                                      number of elements in the original list that
    shortest to longest of the input string
                                                       come after it.
   >>> all_prefixes('abc')
                                                      Args:
    ['a', 'ab', 'abc']
                                                      - li: A list of integers
                                                      Returns:
                                                      - A new list of integers where each element
    prefixes = []
                                                      is increased by the number of elements in
   for i in range(len(string)):
                                                      the original list that come after it.
       prefixes.append(string[:i+1])
   return prefixes
                                                      result = []
                                                      for i in range(len(li)):
                                                          result.append(li[i] + len(li[i+1:]))
                                                      return result
```

#### HumanEval CodeExercises from typing import List def frequency\_ranges\_plot(values: List[float]) -> List[List[int]]: Returns a list of lists where each inner list represents a frequency range and contains the count of values that fall within that range. The ranges are determined by dividing the range of values from typing import List into 10 equal parts. def rescale\_to\_unit(numbers: List[float]) -> Args: List[float]: - values: A list of float values """ Given list of numbers (of at least two Returns: elements), apply a linear transform to that - A list of lists where each inner list list, such that the smallest number will contains two integers representing the lower become 0 and the largest will become 1 and upper bounds of the range >>> rescale\_to\_unit([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, and the count of values that fall within that 5.0]) range. [0.0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0] $min_val = min(values)$ $min_num = min(numbers)$ max val = max(values)max\_num = max(numbers) range\_size = (max\_val - min\_val) / 10 return [(num - min\_num) / (max\_num - min\_num) ranges = [[min\_val + i\*range\_size, min\_val + ) for num in numbers] (i+1) \*range\_size, 0] for i in range(10)] for val in values: for i, r in enumerate(ranges): if r[0] <= val < r[1]:</pre> ranges[i][2] += 1break return [[int(r[0]), int(r[1]), r[2]] for r in rangesl

Embedding Distance = 0.16 Here the two problems have similar Python Docstrings, function names, as well as the code structure which can be extracted with using the L2 distance between the normalized CodeGen-Mono 350M embedding for each of them.

```
HumanEval
                                                                    CodeExercises
                                                    from typing import List, Tuple
def sum_product(numbers: List[int]) -> Tuple[int,
                                                    def all_numbers_sum_product(numbers: List[int])
    intl:
                                                        -> Tuple[int,int]:
    """ For a given list of integers, return a
   tuple consisting of a sum and a product of
                                                        Returns a tuple containing the sum and
    all the integers in a list.
                                                        product of all the numbers in the input list
   Empty sum should be equal to 0 and empty
                                                        Args:
   product should be equal to 1.
                                                        - numbers (List[int]): a list of integers
    >>> sum_product([])
    (0, 1)
                                                        - a tuple containing two integers:
    >>> sum_product([1, 2, 3, 4])
                                                             - the sum of all the numbers in the input
    (10, 24)
                                                            - the product of all the numbers in the
                                                        input list
    sum_value = 0
   prod_value = 1
                                                        sum\_of\_numbers = 0
                                                        product_of_numbers = 1
    for n in numbers:
                                                        for num in numbers:
        sum_value += n
                                                            sum of numbers += num
        prod_value *= n
                                                            product_of_numbers *= num
    return sum_value, prod_value
                                                        return (sum_of_numbers, product_of_numbers)
```