Input **Prompt** You are an advanced multimodal assistant. Given an input image and a related question, perform the following tasks: 1. Generate a detailed rationale: explaining the reasoning process to derive the correct answer based on the image contents and question. 2. Provide the final answer: in 1-3 words, directly **VQA Answer Cross Entropy** addressing the question. Loss ### Format your output: Generate a single string output with the following **Rational Cross Entropy** structure: Rational: {Generated rational for answer} Loss <SEP>Answer: {Direct Answer in 1-3 Words} User: {Q: how many people will dine at this table?} Assistant: **Ground Truth** There is only one cup of There is only one cup of water and no more chairs at **Answer** water and main dish at this table.<SEP> Predicted Answer <END> table. Vision **Tokenizer** Transformer Total **Pooled** Loss Text Linear Representation Projection a1, a2, ..., Embedding of Rational (Visual Mapper) Tokens Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct t1 , t2, ..., p1 , p2, ..., p1, p2, ... - Patch embeddings t1, t2, ... - Prompt embeddings c1, c2, ... - Rational embedding a1, a2, ... - Answer embeddings **Self Refining**

Pooled Image Representation Loss