

OpenVLA - An Open-Source Vision-Language-Action Model for Robots

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This video introduces OpenVLA which is a 7B parameter open-source vision-language-action model (VLA), pretrained on 970k robot episodes from the Open X-Embodiment dataset.

@leptok3736 1 year ago

Awesome. I've been tinkering with something similar since the RT-2 paper came out using Llava. The neat thing I think is making really dumb and simple hardware intelligent. Those simple dc motor cars, cam + pi client. Simple commands like Forward 1.5, rotate_right 0.3 etc. I wonder if I can just prompt it to use those commands instead. Might work better than native vision language models. Have it record successful sequences to generate more data

@pasamanula6758 1 year ago

Looks like this openvla/openvla-7b is a very memory intensive model. I was trying to run this model on my local machine (which has only 4 gb of GPU memory) and failed. Do you know any smaller model version to test this out?

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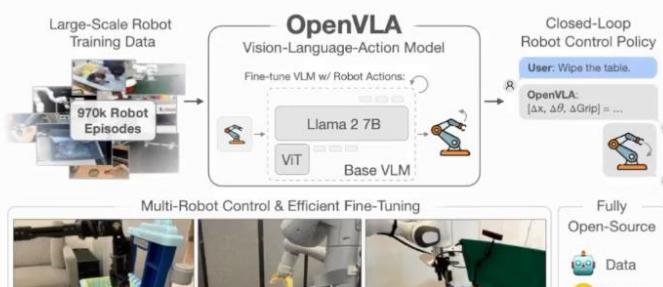
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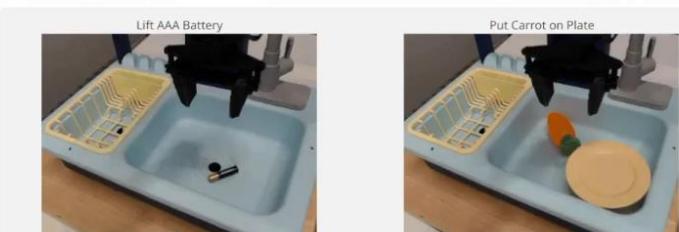
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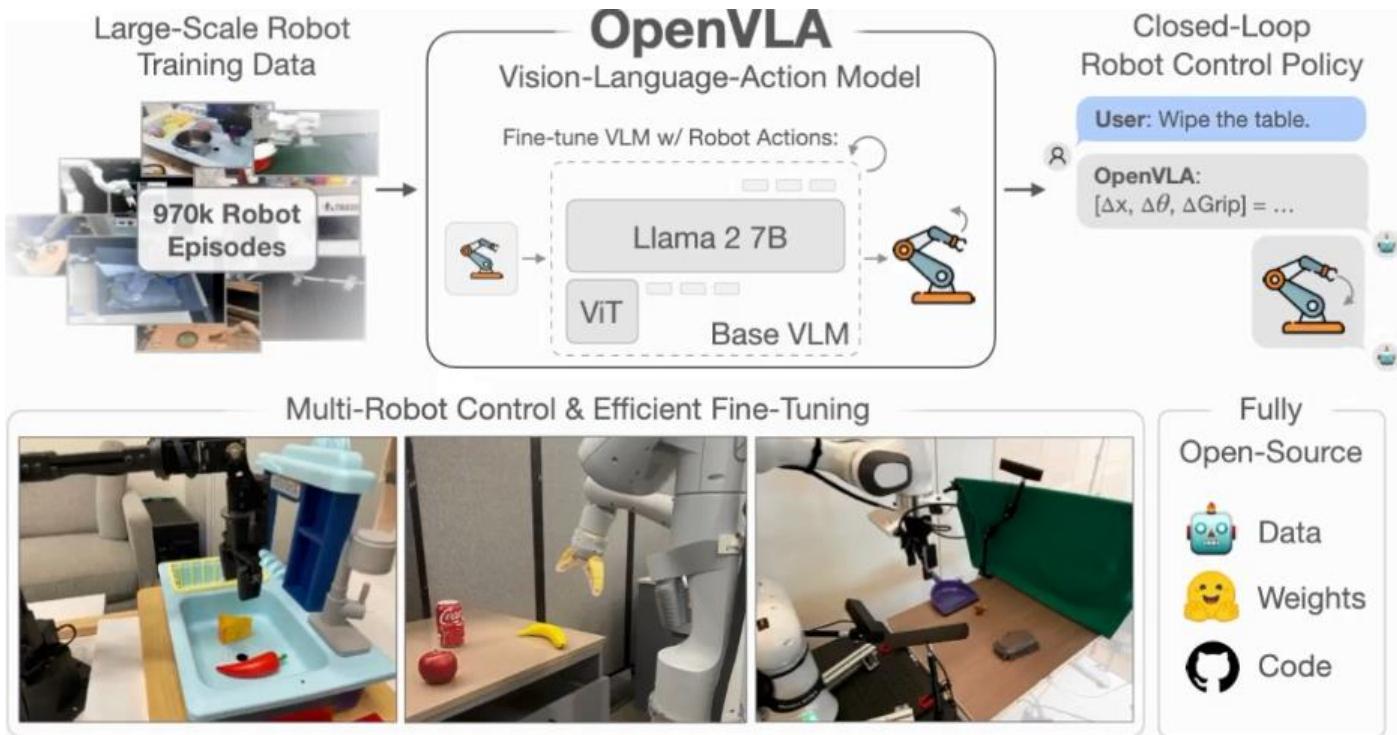


Similarly, we assess the policy's language grounding by prompting it to manipulate different target objects given the same initial states. We find that OpenVLA reliably targets the correct object in most cases.

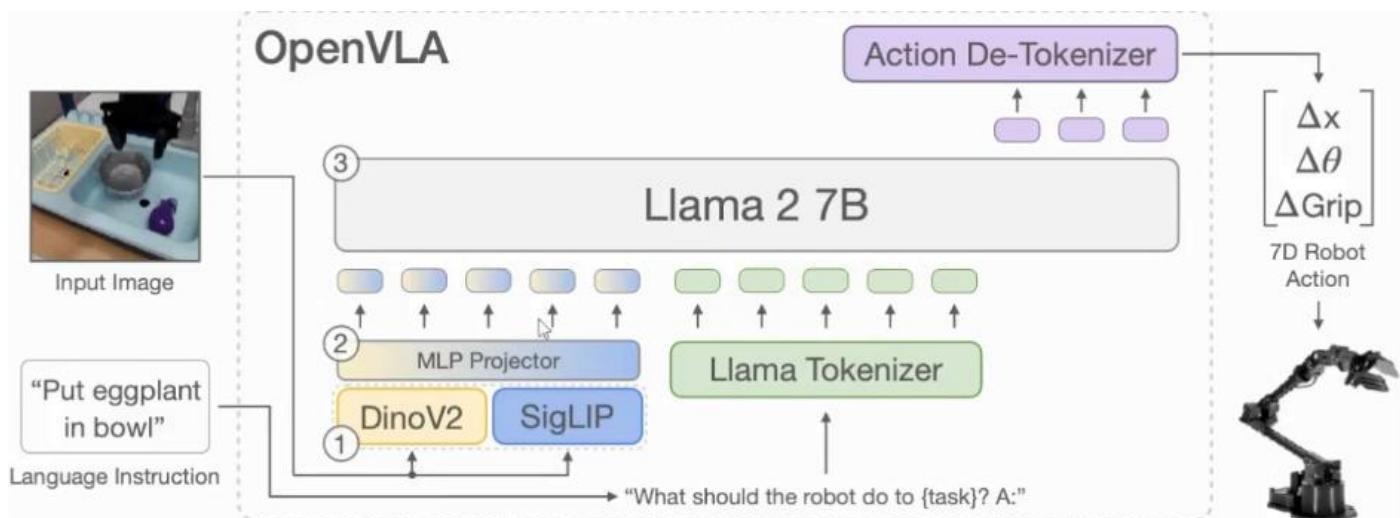


OpenVLA properly orients the robot's end-effector to align with the orientation of the target object before grasping it.





This OpenVLA model was trained on a cluster of 64 H100s for 15 days, the trained model checkpoints can be downloaded from HF. You can install this model if you have access to a robot arm.



```
# Install minimal dependencies (`torch`, `transformers`, `timm`, `tol` )
# > pip install -r https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openvla/openvla/
from transformers import AutoModelForVision2Seq, AutoProcessor
from PIL import Image

import torch

# Load Processor & VLA
processor = AutoProcessor.from_pretrained("openvla/openvla-7b", trust_remote_code=True)
vla = AutoModelForVision2Seq.from_pretrained(
    "openvla/openvla-7b",
    attn_implementation="flash_attention_2", # [Optional] Requires `flash_attn` package
    torch_dtype=torch.bfloat16,
    low_cpu_mem_usage=True,
    trust_remote_code=True
).to("cuda:0")

# Grab image input & format prompt
image: Image.Image = get_from_camera(...)
prompt = "In: What action should the robot take to {<INSTRUCTION>}?\nOut:"

DoF; un-normalize for BridgeV2)
```

Clone and run this in a virtual environment, install flash-attention to speed things up and the deps. You can run this command to control your robot arm.

```
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openvla/openvla/main/requirements-min.txt
port AutoModelForVision2Seq, AutoProcessor
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processor.from_pretrained("openvla/openvla-7b", trust_remote_code=True)
vision2Seq.from_pretrained(
    "openvla/openvla-7b",
    attn_implementation="flash_attention_2", # [Optional] Requires `flash_attn` package
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# Predict Action (7-DoF; un-normalize for BridgeV2)
inputs = processor(prompt, image).to("cuda:0", dtype=torch.bfloat16)
action = vla.predict_action(**inputs, unnorm_key="bridge_orig", do_sample=False)

# Execute...
robot.act(action, ...)

```

The robot is then going to predict the next action.

```

processor = AutoProcessor.from_pretrained("openvla/openvla-7b", trust_remote_code=True)
model = AutoModelForVision2Seq.from_pretrained(
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    attn_implementation="flash_attention_2", # [Optional] Requires `flash_attn` package
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