

Responsible NLP Checklist

Paper title: *Sparse-RL: Breaking the Memory Wall in LLM Reinforcement Learning via Stable Sparse Rollouts*

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How to read the checklist symbols:

- the authors responded 'yes'
- the authors responded 'no'
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A. Questions mandatory for all submissions.

- A1. Did you describe the limitations of your work?

This paper has a Limitations section.

- A2. Did you discuss any potential risks of your work?

Our work focuses on improving the memory and computational efficiency of reinforcement learning algorithms for LLMs. As a fundamental algorithmic optimization, it does not introduce new societal, ethical, or safety risks beyond those already inherent in general LLM training.

B. Did you use or create scientific artifacts? (e.g. code, datasets, models)

- B4. Did you discuss the steps taken to check whether the data that was collected/used contains any information that names or uniquely identifies individual people or offensive content, and the steps taken to protect/anonymize it?

Our research exclusively utilizes standard, publicly available mathematical reasoning benchmarks (e.g., GSM8K, MATH). These datasets consist of mathematical word problems and strictly factual text, which inherently do not contain personally identifiable information or offensive content.

- B6. Did you report relevant statistics like the number of examples, details of train/test/dev splits, etc. for the data that you used/created?

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C. Did you run computational experiments?

- C2. Did you discuss the experimental setup, including hyperparameter search and best-found hyperparameter values?

Section 5.1 and Appendix A

- C3. Did you report descriptive statistics about your results (e.g., error bars around results, summary statistics from sets of experiments), and is it transparent whether you are reporting the max, mean, etc. or just a single run?

Section 5.1

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D. Did you use human annotators (e.g., crowdworkers) or research with human subjects?

D1. Did you report the full text of instructions given to participants, including e.g., screenshots, disclaimers of any risks to participants or annotators, etc.?

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D2. Did you report information about how you recruited (e.g., crowdsourcing platform, students) and paid participants, and discuss if such payment is adequate given the participants' demographic (e.g., country of residence)?

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D3. Did you discuss whether and how consent was obtained from people whose data you're using/curating (e.g., did your instructions explain how the data would be used)?

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D4. Was the data collection protocol approved (or determined exempt) by an ethics review board?

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E. Did you use AI assistants (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot) in your research, coding, or writing?

E1. If you used AI assistants, did you include information about their use?

We used AI assistants solely for proofreading, polishing the English phrasing of the manuscript, and assisting with minor script generation for data formatting.