A. Appendix Outline

In these supplementary materials, we provide:

- Technical details about VSI-Bench construction and our linguistic and visual analysis (Appendix B);
- Evaluation setup and full evaluation results for VSI-Bench sub-experiments (Appendix C);
- Analysis on input sequencing and repetition (Appendix D);
- Additional visualization results (Appendix E).

B. Technical Details for VSI-Bench Construction and Analysis

In this section, we provide more technical details on the construction of VSI-Bench and analyzing MLLM thinking via self-explanations, Chain-of-Thought-based methods, and cognitive maps.

B.1. VSI-Bench Construction Pipeline

Here, we discuss the concrete setup for each stage in the benchmark construction pipeline.

Dataset Collection and Unification. We curate our evaluation dataset by collecting 150 samples from ARKitScenes [5], 50 samples from ScanNet++ [97], and 88 samples from ScanNet [19]. For video processing, we convert ScanNet's individual frames into continuous videos at 24 FPS, while subsampling ScanNet++ and ARKitScenes videos to 30 FPS. All videos are standardized to a resolution of 640×480 pixels. Given that ARKitScenes contains videos with varying orientations, we normalize their rotation to maintain a consistent upward orientation across all samples.

Due to varying annotation structures across the three datasets, we unify them into a standardized metainformation format for each scene with the following attributes: *dataset*, *video path*, *room size*, *room center*, *object counts*, and *object bounding boxes*. The room size is calculated by the Alpha shape algorithm* with the scene's point cloud. The room center is calculated as the geometric center of the minimal bounding box of the scene's point cloud. Object counts record the number of instances for each category. As for the object bounding boxes, we unify different annotation formats to the format of OrientedBoundingBox in Open3D [106].

For the categories included in the meta-information, we carefully curate a subset of categories from the three source datasets. Since our benchmark aims to evaluate the visualspatial intelligence of MLLMs, we exclude both rare categories and those with extremely small object sizes to reduce perceptual challenges. Additionally, we implement category remapping to ensure vocabulary consistency and intuitive understanding across the benchmark. This category remapping is also iteratively refined during human review.

QA-Pair Generation. Each QA-pair contains the following attributes: *question ID*, *source dataset, task type, video path, question, multiple-choice options w/ letter answer*, and *verbal or numerical ground truth*. Of the eight tasks in VSI-Bench, the QA-pairs for seven tasks are derived from the unified meta-information and the Route Plan QApairs from human-annotated routes.

We evaluate the multiple-choice answer (MCA) tasks via accuracy and the numerical-answer (NA) tasks via mean relative accuracy (\mathcal{MRA}), but our VQA dataset also includes generated multiple-choice options and letter answers for the NA tasks. The generated multiple-choice options are sampled between a lower and upper bound factor of the ground truth numerical answer and are re-sampled if any two options are within a given threshold of each other. We sub-sample the number of questions for each scene for each task to prevent over-representation of any scene or task and to create a more balanced dataset. For MCA tasks, the letter answers are distributed as uniformly as possible.

For the *object counting* task, objects with counts of one are not included. For the relative distance task, only uniqueinstance objects are used for the primary category; multipleinstance objects are allowed for the object choices. If there are multiple instances of an object category, the minimum absolute distance to the primary object is used. If any of the four option distances are within a threshold (30 cm for rooms with size greater than 40 sq m, 15 cm otherwise) of each other, the question is considered ambiguous. For the relative direction task, to make sure the direction is clear, questions are considered ambiguous if they violate lower and upper bounds on the distance between any two objects or a threshold for proximity to angle boundaries. For the appearance order task, first appearance is considered to be the timestamp where the number of object pixels cross a set threshold, and timestamps too close together are considered ambiguous. For the object size task, the ground truth is taken as the longest dimension of the unique object's bounding box. For the *room size* task, room size is calculated by the alpha shape algorithm, as specified earlier. For the absolute distance task, we first uniformly sample points within the bounding boxes of the two objects. The distance is the minimum Euclidean distance among pairwise points. For the *route planning* task, humans construct routes given a template and instructions to choose any two unique objects as the start and end position, respectively, such that the route between them can be described in approximately two to five movements. Routes are comprised of two actions: "Go forward until [unique object]" and "Turn [left / right / back]". After collection, filtering and standardization are done. In the question, the "turn" directions are replaced with "[please fill in]".

^{*}https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha_shape

Task	Question Template
Object Counting	How many {category}(s) are in this room?
Relative Distance	Measuring from the closest point of each object, which of these objects ({choice a}, {choice b}, {choice c}, {choice d}) is the closest to the {category}?
Relative Direction	 To create a comprehensive test of relative direction, three difficulty levels were created: Easy: If I am standing by the {positioning object} and facing the {orienting object}, is the {querying object} to the left or the right of the {orienting object}? Medium: If I am standing by the {positioning object} and facing the {orienting object}, is the {querying object} to my left, right, or back? An object is to my back if I would have to turn at least 135 degrees in order to face it. Hard: If I am standing by the {positioning object} and facing the {orienting object}, is the {querying object} to my front-left, front-right, back-left, or back-right? Directions refer to the quadrants of a Cartesian plane (assuming I am at the origin and facing the positive y-axis).
Appearance Order	What will be the first-time appearance order of the following categories in the video: {choice a}, {choice b}, {choice c}, {choice d}?
Object Size	What is the length of the longest dimension (length, width, or height) of the {category}, measured in centimeters?
Absolute Distance	Measuring from the closest point of each object, what is the direct distance between the {object 1} and the {object 2} (in meters)?
Room Size	What is the size of this room (in square meters)? If multiple rooms are shown, estimate the size of the combined space.
Route Plan	You are a robot beginning at {the bed facing the tv}. You want to navigate to {the toilet}. You will perform the following actions (Note: for each [please fill in], choose either 'turn back,' 'turn left,' or 'turn right.'): {1. Go forward until the TV 2. [please fill in] 3. Go forward until the shower 4. [please fill in] 5. Go forward until the toilet.} You have reached the final destination.

Table 4. Question Templates for tasks in VSI-Bench. We replace the highlighted part in the question template from scene to scene to construct our benchmark. Note that a complete example question is provided for Route Plan.

The question templates for the generation of each task are listed in Tab. 4.

Human-in-the-loop Quality Review. The quality review process occurs throughout two stages of our pipeline. During dataset collection, we manually filter the validation set by removing scenes with a high ratio of incomplete 3D mesh reconstruction that could misalign 3D annotations with visible video content. After generating scene meta-information, we manually verify its correctness, with a specific focus on ensuring the correctness of *object counts*.

In the QA pairs generation stage, we customize a web interface for human quality review. Human evaluators are asked to answer the benchmark questions without prior knowledge of the correct answers. They flag QA pairs where they believe the answers are incorrect. When evaluators identify ambiguous or erroneous questions, we trace the source of the errors and take corrective actions, such as removing problematic data samples or adjusting the metainformation, question templates, or modifying QA generation rules to prevent similar issues in the future. We iterate this procedure multiple times to ensure the quality.

B.2. Probing MLLM via Self-Explanations

Here, we provide more concrete implementations for the self-explanations and error analysis.

Self-Explanations. To conduct error analysis on a model's reasoning chains behind its predictions, we explicitly extract the reasoning chains that support the model's question-answering process. Specifically, after the model predicts an answer to a given question, it is further prompted with *"Please explain your answer step by step."* to generate the internal rationale leading to its prediction. It is important to note that this process is fundamentally different from *Chain-of-Thought* reasoning, where the model is asked to generate reasoning chains first and then predict the answer.

Error Analysis. For error analysis, we manually review within VSI-Bench (tiny) all error cases for tasks in multiple-choice answers and the bottom half of the worst-performing cases for tasks in numerical answers, which to-tals 163 samples. For each error case, human examiners are required to classify its primary error into one of four primary categories: *visual perception error, linguistic intel*-

ligence error, relational reasoning error, and *egocentric*allocentric transformation error. If an incorrect prediction is attributed to multiple reasons, it is proportionally assigned as $\frac{1}{n}$ to each applicable category, where *n* is the number of error categories.

B.3. Implementation Details of CoT Methods

As detailed in our paper, we evaluate several advanced linguistic prompting methods on our benchmark, including *Chain-of-Thought, Self-Consistency*, and *Tree-of-Thoughts*. In this section, we elaborate on the implementation details of these three methods.

- *Chain-of-Thought* prompting. Following Zero-shot-CoT [38, 89], we append the phrase "Let's think step by step." to each question to elicit step-by-step reasoning from the large language model. The temperature, top-p, and top-k parameters are set to 0, 1, and 1, respectively. After the model generates its prediction, we initiate an additional turn of dialogue to prompt the model to extract its answer explicitly (*e.g.*, the letter corresponding to the correct option for multiple-choice questions or a numerical value for numerical questions). This approach mitigates errors arising from fuzzy matching.
- Self-Consistency w/ CoT. In line with Self-Consistency [87], we prompt MLLMs to generate multiple answers for a given question under Zero-shot-CoT [38] prompting. To encourage diversity among runs, we set the temperature to 0.7, top-p to 1, and top-k to 40. Initially, the model is prompted to provide an answer with step-by-step reasoning (using Zero-shot-CoT). As with Zero-shot-CoT, an additional dialogue turn is added to explicitly extract the prediction from the model's response. For each question, we perform 5 independent runs and take the majority prediction as the final answer.
- Tree-of-Thoughts. Inspired by the "Creative Writing" practice in [95], we divide the problem-solving process into two steps: plan generation and answer prediction. The temperature, top-p, and top-k parameters remain consistent with the Self-Consistency setup. For the plan generation step, we ask the model to generate 3 distinct plans to answer the given question. We then start a new dialogue and prompt the model to select the most promising plan based on the video, the question and the generated plans. This voting process is repeated 3 times, with the majority-selected plan chosen for the next step. In the answer prediction step, based on the video and the selected plan, the model is asked to predict the answer. Similar to the previous step, 3 independent predictions are generated, and the model votes 3 times to determine the most confident answer. A majority vote determines the final prediction.

Fig. 16. Fig. 17, and Fig. 18 illustrate these three prompting techniques and model outputs under the different strategies.

B.4. Cognitive Map

Generation. To generate the cognitive map for each video, we specify the target categories of interest and prompt the MLLM to predict the central position for each of these categories. The following prompt is used:

Cognitive Map Prompt

[Task]

This video captures an indoor scene. Your objective is to identify specific objects within the video, understand the spatial arrangement of the scene, and estimate the center point of each object, assuming the entire scene is represented by a 10x10 grid.

[Rule]

1. We provide the categories to care about in this scene: {categories_of_interest}. Focus ONLY on these categories.

2. Estimate the center location of each instance within the provided categories, assuming the entire scene is represented by a 10x10 grid.

3. If a category contains multiple instances, include all of them.

4. Each object's estimated location should accurately reflect its real position in the scene, preserving the relative spatial relationships among all objects.

[Output]

Present the estimated center locations for each object as a list within a dictionary. STRICTLY follow this JSON format: {"category name": $[(x_1, y_1), ...], ...$

For the categories of interest, we include all potential categories as shown in Fig. 9 and Fig. 10. Such setup facilitates our focus on assessing the spatial awareness of the MLLM rather than its perceptual capabilities. In contrast, for benchmark tasks such as evaluating relative distance (as shown in Tab. 3), we restrict the provided categories to those explicitly mentioned in each question. This ensures that no additional information apart from the question is included.

Distance Locality Calculation. To quantitatively evaluate the cognitive maps, we measure inter-category distances as illustrated in Fig. 10. Specifically, for each category, we compute its Euclidean distance to all other categories. When a category contains multiple objects, we define the inter-category distance as the shortest distance between any two objects from the respective categories. We perform these distance calculations on both MLLM-predicted and ground truth cognitive maps and consider an MLLM's predicted distance between two categories to be correct if it differs from the ground truth distance by no more than one grid unit. We apply this evaluation process across all cognitive maps and group the distances into eight bins to calculate the average accuracy on different bins.

B.5. Cognitive Map on More MLLMs

We evaluate two more MLLMs, LLaVA-Video-7B and LLaVA-Video-72B. Tab. 5 validates our Sec. 6.1 finding of significantly stronger local than global accuracy. Regarding Sec. 6.2, as shown in Tab. 6, LLaVA-Video-72B achieves an 8% performance gain. In contrast, LLaVA-Video-7B performance decreases, likely due to its limited model capacity, which impairs cog. map prediction (Tab. 5 shows its suboptimal acc. on cog. map compared to Gemini-1.5 Pro and LLaVA-Video-72B).

Distance	[1.0, 2.1]	(2.1, 3.3]	(3.3, 4.4]	(4.4, 5.5]	(5.5, 6.6]	(6.6, 7.8]	(7.8, 8.9]	(8.9, 10.0]
Gemini-1.5 Pro	0.64	0.48	0.35	0.35	0.28	0.12	0.06	0.00
LLaVA-Video-72B	0.59	0.45	0.42	0.30	0.15	0.23	0.16	0.00
LLaVA-Video-7B	0.50	0.43	0.34	0.29	0.19	0.18	0.14	0.00

Table 5. Locality of cognitive maps.

Models	LLaVA-Video-72B	LLaVA-Video-7B
w/o. Cog. Map	36.0	40.0
w/. Cog. Map	42.0	32.0

Table 6. Rel. dist. task with cognitive maps.

C. Evaluation Details

C.1. General Evaluation Setup

Our evaluation processes are primarily conducted using the LMMs-Eval project [100]. To ensure reproducibility, unless otherwise specified, we adopt a greedy decoding strategy for all models (*i.e.*, the temperature is set to 0, and both top-p and top-k are set to 1). The input for the models is formatted as follows: [Video Frames][Pre-prompt][Question][Post-prompt], where Question includes the question and any available options. The specific Pre-prompt and Post-prompt for different models and question types are detailed in Tab. 10.

C.2. Human Evaluation Setup

During the evaluation of human-level performance on VSI-Bench (tiny), human evaluators are allowed unlimited time to answer questions to the best of their ability. They receive both the questions and corresponding videos simultaneously and can review the videos multiple times to gather comprehensive information. We do not restrict the number of times evaluators can review videos for two key reasons. First, MLLMs auto-regressively generate answers, enabling them to analyze videos repeatedly during the response generation process. Second, MLLMs are designed to achieve and exceed typical human-level performance for practical real-world applications.

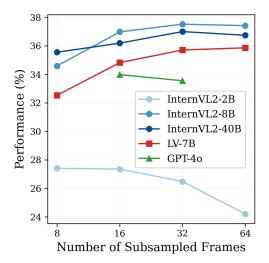


Figure 11. Analysis of different # sampled frames.

In addition, we provide the human evaluation on another VSI-Bench subset with 560 samples optimized to minimize the average performance gap between this subset and full set for all MLLMs. As shown in Tab. 11, this subset has an average performance discrepancy compared to full set (see Tab. 1) just 0.5% and a maximum of 2.9%.

C.3. Number of Frames Setup

Typically, MLLMs subsample a fixed number of frames for evaluation. For all open-source models and the GPT-4 API, following [100], we manually sample video frames from the entire video at evenly spaced time intervals. For the Gemini API, we follow its instructions, uploading and feeding the entire video to the model. The number of frames used for each model are provided in Tab. 9. We believe that frame sampling strategies are a model design choice separate from the benchmark design. Established benchmarks (*e.g.*, VideoMME [24] and EgoSchema [55]) also employ default sampling, reinforcing this perspective. In addition, as shown in the Fig. 11, the # of sampled frames only marginally affects performance—it is not the primary bottleneck.

C.4. More Evaluation Results

Here, we provide more evaluation results on our benchmark, including blind evaluation results, the Socratic LLMs, the full evaluation results of VSI-Bench (tiny), and vision-enabled – vision-disabled results.

Blind Evaluation. We compare MLLMs' performance against "Chance Level (frequency)" and "Vision Disabled" (blind) results, using averages across six of the strongest models (3 open-source and 3 closed-source). As shown in Fig. 12, the consistent improvements in "Enabled–Disabled" and general degradation in "Disabled–Chance" demonstrates that video is essential

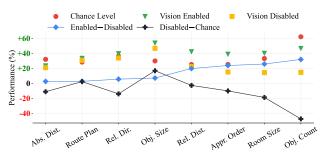


Figure 12. Performance comparisons between Vision Enabled (w/ video), Vision Disabled (w/o video) and Chance Level (Freq.). Enabled–Disabled indicates the gap between Vision Enabled and Vision Disabled, and Disabled–Chance betokens the gap between Vision Disabled and Chance Level (Freq.). Tasks are sorted by Enable–Disable for better understanding.

and beneficial for our VSI-Bench, with blind models performing below chance level. Meanwhile, MLLMs struggle to improve beyond chance level in the absolute distance estimation, route plan, and relative direction tasks, whether vision is enabled or not, underscoring the difficulty of these tasks. Note that on object size, "Vision Disabled" models already significantly outperform chance level, likely due to common-sense knowledge learned during language model training.

In addition, as shown in Tab. 13, we present the evaluation results for all MLLMs on VSI-Bench. Generally, larger variants within the same model family often demonstrate better performance in blind evaluations, as seen in comparisons such as Gemini-1.5 Flash vs. Gemini-1.5 Pro and VILA-1.5-8B vs. VILA-1.5-40B. The blind evaluation also highlights LLM biases across tasks. For instance, LongVILA-8B achieves 47.5% accuracy on the object count task, benefiting from a bias that frequently leads it to predict 2 as the answer.

Socratic LLMs with Frame Captions. Following OpenEQA [54] and HourVideo [12], we implement a Socratic variant of GPT-40 using LLaVA-Video-72B as the captioner and GPT-40 as the answering LLM. As shown in Tab. 7, Socratic lags behind the standard GPT-40 by 4.7%.

GPT-40	Standard	Socratic	Blind
Avg.	34.0	29.3	14.5

Table 7. Socratic LLMs	with Frame	Captions.
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VSI-Bench (tiny) Results. As shown in Tab. 12, we provide the evaluation results of all models on VSI-Bench (tiny). The rankings and average accuracy of MLLMs on VSI-Bench (tiny) remain consistent to the results reported in Tab. 1. This consistency suggests that the human evaluation and analysis results conducted on VSI-Bench (tiny) are reliable.

Vision Enabled – Vision Disabled. Tab. 14 presents the

Order	Avg.	# Times	Avg.
Video first	48.8	1	48.8
Question f	irst 46.3	2	50.9
(a) Input	Sequence	(b) Video Repe	etition Times

Table 8. Ablations on the video input sequence and repetition.

improvement of MLLMs from using visual signals to answer VSI-Bench. Almost all MLLMs obtain improvements from visual signals, with notable improvements in tasks such as object count, room size, relative distance and appearance order.

D. Input Sequencing and Repetition Analysis

Human performance in visual problem-solving improves when they know the question before viewing the visual content, as it helps direct their attention to relevant visual cues. However, current MLLMs typically rely on a visualfirst paradigm [49, 78], leading us to examine how the presentation order of video-question pairs impacts model performance. To investigate, we conduct experiments using Gemini-1.5 Pro on VSI-Bench (tiny).

MLLM's performance degrades with question-first paradigm. As shown in Tab. 8 (a), switching to a video-first approach results in a 2.5% decrease in overall performance for Gemini compared to the question-first approach.

MLLM benefits from multiple video views. In addition, humans often improve their VQA performance by reviewing visual content multiple times, inspiring us to implement a similar setup for MLLMs. Specifically, input is formatted as: [Video] [Context] [Video] with identical video, where the system prompt explicitly informs the model of the redundancy of input video. As shown in Tab. 8 (b), Gemini achieves a notable 2.1% performance gain with two repeated videos as input. This is surprising, as autoregressive MLLMs theoretically have the capability to revisit the video multiple times during answer generation, even if the video is only presented once. This finding suggests that, despite its remarkable capabilities, a powerful MLLM like Gemini still has suboptimal reasoning processes for Video QA.

E. Visualization Results

In this section, we present more qualitative results, including more examples of VSI-Bench, further error analysis case studies, examples of Chain-of-Thought promptings, and additional cognitive maps.

E.1. VSI-Bench Examples

In Fig. 13 and Fig. 14, we provide more examples from VSI-Bench to illustrate the structure and format of tasks, questions, and answers.

Methods	# of Frames
Proprietary Models (API)	
GPT-40	16
Gemini-1.5 Flash	-
Gemini-1.5 Pro	-
Open-source Models	
InternVL2-2B	32
InternVL2-8B	32
InternVL2-40B	32
LongVILA-8B	32
VILA-1.5-8B	32
VILA-1.5-40B	32
LongVA-7B	32
LLaVA-Video-7B	32
LLaVA-Video-72B	32
LLaVA-OneVision-0.5B	32
LLaVA-OneVision-7B	32
LLaVA-OneVision-72B	32

 Table 9. Number of frames used in evaluation.

E.2. Error Analysis Examples

In Fig. 15, we present more case studies for our humanconducted error analysis on VSI-Bench. In the error analysis, we identify the categorized error types and highlight the relevant parts of the explanation.

E.3. Linguistic Prompting Examples

We provide examples for the three CoT prompting methods discussed in Sec. 5.2 to illustrate their concrete reasoning procedure in detail. We include examples of three selected tasks: object count, object size, and room size. For Zero-Shot Chain of Thought, as shown in Fig. 16, we highlight each step of the MLLM's reasoning process to offer insights into how it arrives at its final decision. For Self-Consistency w/CoT, as illustrated in Fig. 17, each example is paired with five independent responses. The final answer is then determined by a majority vote. For Tree-of-Thought, Fig. 18 details how each depth of the decision tree is reached. At the first depth, the MLLM generates three potential plans and conducts a choice analysis to select the optimal plan. At the second and final depth, the selected plan is used to generate three potential answers, with the final output determined through a majority vote.

E.4. Cognitive Map Examples

In Fig. 19, we include 10 additional cognitive maps and pair each prediction with its corresponding ground truth map to provide insight into the alignment between predicted and ground truth layouts.

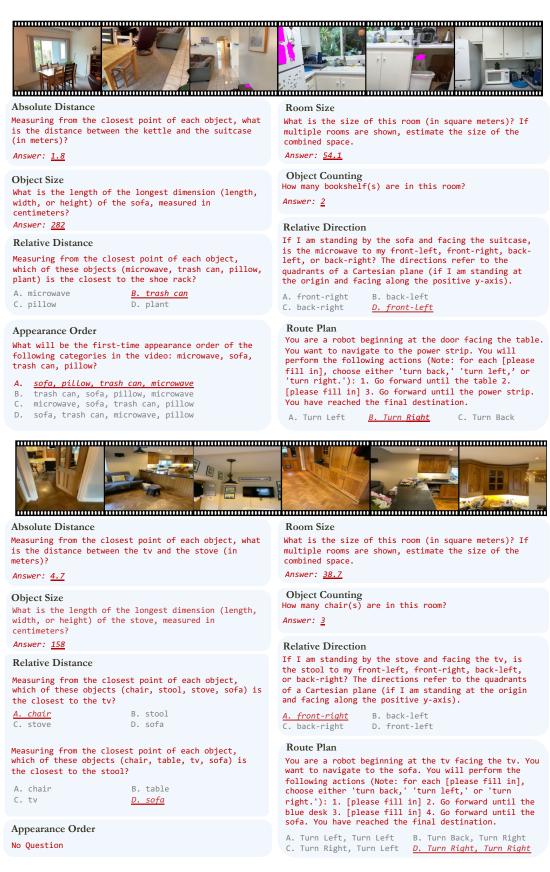


Figure 13. VSI-Bench Examples (Part 1).



Absolute Distance

Measuring from the closest point of each object, what is the distance between the door and the cup (in meters)?

Answer: 1.6

Object Size What is the length of the longest dimension (length, width, or height) of the heater, measured in

centimeters? Answer: 152

Relative Distance

Measuring from the closest point of each object which of these objects (heater, cup, ceiling light, toilet) is the closest to the door?

A. heater B. cup C. ceiling light D. toilet

Appearance Order

What will be the first-time appearance order of the following categories in the video: ceiling light, cup, heater, door?

Α. <u>cup, door, heater, ceiling light</u>

ceiling light, door, cup, heater Β.

C. heater, cup, door, ceiling light ceiling light, cup, heater, door D.

Room Size

What is the size of this room (in square meters)? If multiple rooms are shown, estimate the size of the combined space.

Answer: 5.8

Object Counting No guestion

Relative Direction

If I am standing by the ceiling light and facing the door, is the cup to my front-left, front-right, back-left, or back-right? The directions refer to the quadrants of a Cartesian plane (if I am standing at the origin and facing along the positive y-axis).

Α.	back-left	В.	front-right
с.	front-left	D.	back-right

If I am standing by the heater and facing the cup, is the toilet to my left, right, or back? An object is to my back if I would have to turn at least 135 degrees in order to face it.

A. <u>left</u>

Β. back right С.

Route Plan

No question



Absolute Distance

Measuring from the closest point of each object, what is the distance between the bed and the chair (in meters)?

Answer: 2.0

Object Size

What is the length of the longest dimension (length, width, or height) of the toilet, measured in centimeters? Answer: <u>105</u>

Relative Distance

Measuring from the closest point of each object, which of these objects (basket, pillow, door, heater) is the closest to the ceiling light?

B. pillow

D. heater

A. basket door

Appearance Order

What will be the first-time appearance order of the following categories in the video: basket, blanket, toilet, ceiling light?

- basket, blanket, toilet, ceiling light
- B. blanket, toilet, basket, ceiling lightC. toilet, ceiling light, basket, blanket
- D. toilet, basket, blanket, ceiling light

Room Size

What is the size of this room (in square meters)? If multiple rooms are shown, estimate the size of the combined space. Answer: 26.5

Object Counting How many pillow(s) are in this room? Answer: 4

Relative Direction

If I am standing by the sofa and facing the chair, is the tv to my front-left, front-right, back-left, or back-right? The directions refer to the quadrants of a Cartesian plane (if I am standing at the origin and facing along the positive y-axis).

A. front-left B. front-right C. back-right

D. back-left If I am standing by the toilet and facing the basket,

is the tv to my front-left, front-right, back-left, or back-right? The directions refer to the quadrants of a Cartesian plane (if I am standing at the origin and facing along the positive y-axis)

front-left B. back-left Α. C. back-right D. front-right

Route Plan

No question

Figure 14. VSI-Bench Examples (Part 2).





MLLM: 3.5 Meters GT: 1.4 Meters Measuring from the closest point of each object, what is the distance between Q the table and the sofa (in meters)?

.. 1. Establish a Reference: The video pans across the room, showing both the sofa and the table. The wooden floor planks provide a consistent unit of measurement. 2. Count the <u>Planks</u>: Observe how many floor planks separate the closest points of the <u>sofa</u> and the <u>table</u>. It appears to be approximately 7

- **Closest points of the <u>sord</u> and the table. It appears to be upproximately , planks. 3. Estimate <u>plank</u> width: Standard wooden <u>floor planks</u> are often around 0.5 meters wide. 4. Calculate Distance: Multiply the number of <u>planks</u> (7) by the estimated width of each plank (0.5 meters). 7 * 0.5 = 3.5 meters.** Σ
- the estimated width of each <u>plank</u> (0.5 meters). 7 * 0.5 = 3.5 meters. Therefore, the estimated distance between the <u>table</u> and the <u>sofa</u> is 3.5 meters. Error Analysis MLLM misestimated the number and width of the wood planks.

Linguistic Intelligence Error



- .1. Starting Point: The prompt states you begin at the sink, facing the
- Σ ₹
- mirror. In the video, this position is shown around the 0:13 mark. 2. Destination: The goal is to reach the <u>bathtub</u>. The <u>bathtub</u> is located behind the initial position at the <u>sink</u>. 3. Determining the Turn: **Since the <u>bathtub</u>** is <u>behind the starting position</u>, the robot needs to turn back from its position facing the <u>mirror</u> to head towards the <u>bathtub</u>. 4. Moving to the Destination: After turning back, the robot needs to go forward to reach the <u>bathtub</u>. Therefore, the correct first action is to turn back.

Error Analysis MLLM followed video's perspective instead of the given direction.



MLLM: Left GT: Right

If I am standing by the sofa and facing the tv, is the chair to the left or

Here's how to figure out the chair's position relative to the TV: 1. Locate

The soft and TV: The video starts in a hallway, then enters a bedroom. The soft and TV: are video starts in a hallway, then enters a bedroom. The soft and TV are visible at [00:00:16]. 2. Orient yourself: Imagine you are standing by the soft, facing the TV. The camera pans across the room, passing the bed and then the desk. 3. Find the chair: The chair is visible next to the desk at [00:00:16] and again at [00:00:35]. 4. Determine left or right: From your imagined position facing the TV, the chair is on your left.

MLLM failed to identify the sofa in question.



Absolute Distance MLLM: 2.5 Meters GT: 1.6 Meters Measuring from the closest point of each object, what is the distance between o the stool and the fireplace (in meters)?

- ... 1. Identify the objects: Locate the <u>stool</u> and the <u>fireplace</u>. The <u>stool</u> is a small, square, blue upholstered piece of furniture with wooden legs. The <u>fireplace</u> is a brick structure with a metal fire screen. 2. Find the closest points: Determine the points on the <u>stool</u> and the <u>fireplace</u> that are closest to each other. This appears to be the front edge of the <u>stool</u> and the fireplace hearth. 3. Estimate the distance: Estimate the distance between the function for the store of the notice for the store of the store for the store of t
- between these two closest points. Based on the size of the other furniture and the room's dimensions, the distance appears to be roughly 2.5 meters.

Error Analysis MLLM misjudged the distance between the stool and the fireplace.



Relative Direction

MLLM: Front-Left GT: Front-Right

If I am standing by the <u>stove</u> and facing the <u>tv</u>, is the <u>table</u> to my frontleft, front-right, back-left, or back-right? The directions refer to the ð quadrants of a Cartesian plane (if I am standing at the origin and facing along the positive y-axis)

1. Orient yourself: Imagine you are standing by the <u>stave</u>, facing the <u>TV</u>. The <u>TV</u> is directly in front of you. 2. Visualize the layout: Recall the video's layout. The dining <u>table</u> is situated between the <u>stave/kitchen island area and</u> the seating area with the sofa. 3. Determine the direction: Since the table is between you (at the <u>stave</u>) and the sofa, and the sofa is to your right, the <u>table</u> must be on your left. Because it's in the space between you and the <u>TV</u> ₽ (which is in front of you), the <u>table</u> is to your front-left.

Error Analysis Identified object positions then did not linguistically reason correctly.



Route Plan

NLLM: Turn Right GT: Turn Left

- You are a robot beginning at the <u>door</u> and facing the display <u>cabinet</u>. You want to navigate to the <u>3-seater sofa</u>. You will perform the following actions (Note: for each [please fill in], choose either 'turn back,' 'turn left,' or 'turn right.'): 1. Go forward until the display cabinet 2. [please fill in] O 3. Go forward until the <u>3-seater sofa</u>.
- So to which which is <u>product</u> which is the <u>structure</u> which is the <u>structure</u> which is the <u>structure</u> which is the <u>structure</u> which is located to the display cabinet. To reach the <u>structure</u> sofa, which is located to the right of <u>the display cabinet</u> from the robot's <u>perspective</u> [00:00:10], the robot must turn right. After turning right, moving forward takes the robot directly to the sofa. Therefore, only turning right allows the robot to reach the destination.

Error Analysis MLLM followed video's perspective instead of the given direction.

Figure 15. Additional Error Analysis Examples.



Figure 16. Zero-Shot CoT Examples.

Object Count

Question



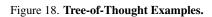
These are frames of a video. How many sofa(s) are in this room? Let's think step by step.

MLLM Responses



Figure 17. Self-Consistency w/ CoT Examples.

Object Count		Tree-of-Thought				
Question		Question Plan 1 Plan 2 Plan 3				
	w many sofa(s) are in this room?	Answer 1 Answer 2 Answer 3				
Plan Generations						
 Review the video. Count the number of sofas in the room. 	 Watch the video and focus on the living area. Count the number of sofas present. 	 ea. 1. Examine the room as the camera enters and pans. 2. Count the number of sofas that are visible. 				
Plan 1 (0/3 Votes) Choice Analysis	Plan 2 (3/3 Votes)	Plan 3 (0/3 Votes)				
correct answer. Choice 2 is more specific need to be taken to find the sofas and how		the room, but it still lacks details about what actions follow the camera as it enters and pans around the room,				
Final Answer	One Sofa Answer 1-3 (3/3 Votes)					
Object Size Questionfireplace		Tree-of-Thought Question				
		Plan 1 Plan 2 Plan 3				
	the length of the longest dimension (length,					
or height) of the fireplace, measured Plan Generations	d in centimeters?	Answer 1 Answer 2 Answer 3				
Estimate the fireplace's length relative to known object. The flatscreen television is the same length as the <u>fireplace</u> . 3. Resear typical <u>flatscreen TV</u> dimensions. 4. Assume is a typical size and has a standard 16:9 a ratio. This would suggest a width of 124cm height of 69cm. 5. Since the TV and <u>fireplace</u> appear similar in length, approximate the fireplace's longest dimension to be around	roughly approximately length = 115 cm and width = as indicated in the original listing. 2. B the TV the length of the <u>fireplace</u> relative to th table. The fireplace's longest dimension a roughly the same as that of the <u>coffee tab</u> Estimate the length of the fireplace. The dimension is approximately the same as the	using the available video frames. 2. Since the video doesn't provide a reference object istimate with known dimensions near the fireplace, be coffee it's not possible to directly measure its length. 3. Due to the lack of information in the video frames, attempt to estimate the length in centimeters using visual clues. 4. compare the size of the fireplace to elements of known or estimated size.				
Plan 1 (0/3 Votes) Choice Analysis	Fian 2 (5/5 votes)	Plan 3 (0/3 Votes)				
be different, leading to inaccuracies. Ch table. Comparing the fireplace's length t						
Final Answer	115 centimeters Answer 1-3 (3/3 Votes)					
Room Size						
Question Toilet		Tree-of-Thought				
What is the size of this room (in	square meters)? If multiple rooms	Question Plan 1 Plan 2 Plan 3				
are shown, estimate the size of t Plan Generations	he combined space.	Answer 1 Answer 2 Answer 3				
 Identify the dimensions using the toiled and tiles as reference. 2. The toilet appears to be a standard size (0.4m wide). The tiles seem to be square and roughly 0.3m wide. 4. Multiply the number of tiles by the tile width to estimate length and width. 5. Multiply the length and width to get an approximate area in square meters. Plan 1(1/3 Votes) 	I. Identify the shape of the fount 2. Observe the dimensions of the room's features (toilet, sink, shower stall) to estimate the lengths of walls, recognizing that some objects may visually distort the room's size. 3. Estimate length and width in meters. 4. Calculate area in square meters: length x width.	Adjust the area calculation slightly downwards to account for the narrow shower.				
Choice Analysis	Plan 2 (0/3 Votes)	Plan 3 (2/3 Votes)				
is overly simplistic. While it encourages Choice 3 offers a more detailed and seemin	estimating the lengths of walls using room features	e square. This assumption might be inaccurate. Choice 2 s, it doesn't provide a concrete method for doing so. ixtures (toilet) and the floor tiles for estimation. The e calculation. The best choice is 3.				
		Square Meters				
Answer	I-2 (2/3 Votes) Answ	er 3 (1/3 Votes)				



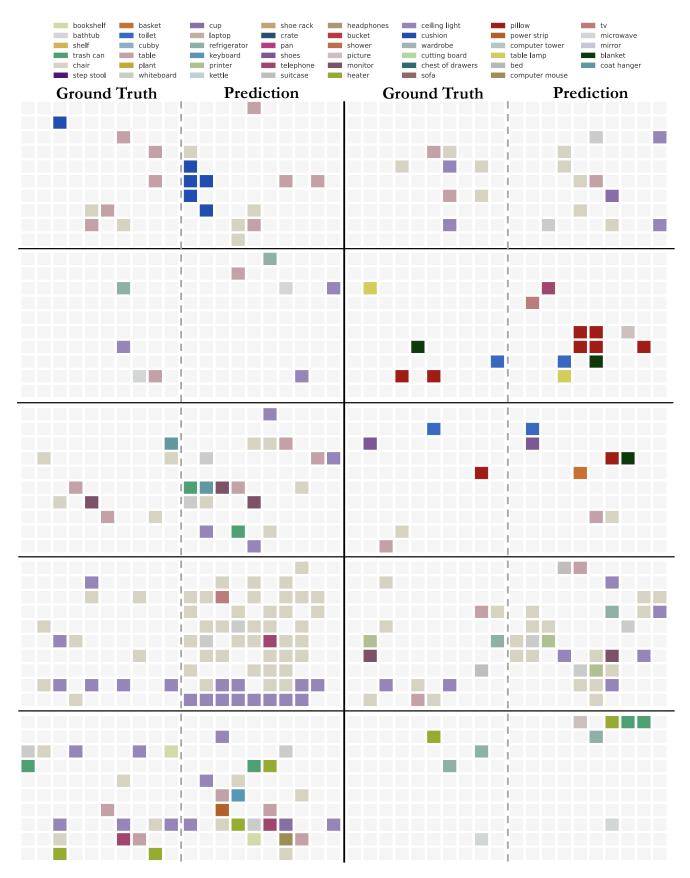


Figure 19. Additional predicted cognitive map examples.

	Models	QA. Type	Prompt
Pre-Prompt	-	-	These are frames of a video.
	Open-source Models	NA	Please answer the question using a single word or phrase.
Post-Prompt	Open-source models	MCA	Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.
rost-riompt	Proprietary Models	NA	Do not respond with anything other than a single number!
	r toprietary widders	MCA	Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

Table 10. Prompts used in evaluation. NA and MAC indicates questions with *Numerical Answer* and *Multiple Choice Answer* respectively.

		Obj. Count	Abs. Dist.	Obj. Size	Room Size	Rel. Dist.	Rel. D _{ir.}	Route Plan	Appr. Order
Methods	Avg.	1	Numerica	l Answer	r	Mu	ıltiple-Cł	noice Ans	swer
Proprietary Models (API)									
Gemini-1.5 Flash	41.6	49.1	30.3	52.7	53.7	37.1	40.8	31.4	37.1
Gemini-1.5 Pro	44.9	55.1	30.3	63.1	43.3	50.0	45.9	35.7	35.7
Open-source Models									
InternVL2-2B	27.0	22.4	24.9	21.1	34.1	32.9	43.5	30.0	7.1
InternVL2-8B	34.1	22.6	28.3	47.6	39.6	35.7	30.4	30.0	38.6
InternVL2-40B	35.5	34.4	26.9	45.6	31.3	41.4	31.7	32.9	40.0
LongVILA-8B	21.0	28.7	8.6	16.3	0.0	28.6	30.5	31.4	24.3
VILA-1.5-8B	28.4	17.3	21.6	49.9	18.6	31.4	34.4	30.0	24.3
VILA-1.5-40B	30.8	21.4	24.4	48.3	21.9	40.0	25.0	30.0	35.7
LongVA-7B	29.0	38.1	16.9	38.1	21.7	32.9	42.8	25.7	15.7
LLaVA-Video-7B	34.9	47.9	13.4	46.7	23.9	42.9	41.9	32.9	30.0
LLaVA-Video-72B	40.5	48.3	22.6	56.7	34.6	41.4	36.5	35.7	48.6
LLaVA-OneVision-0.5B	27.6	45.1	27.9	14.7	27.9	28.6	37.0	34.3	5.7
LLaVA-OneVision-7B	32.1	46.9	19.9	46.9	12.1	41.4	35.1	30.0	24.3
LLaVA-OneVision-72B	39.6	42.7	23.7	56.7	36.9	41.4	39.5	31.4	44.3

Table 11. Evaluation results on VSI-Bench 560 samples subset.

		Obj. Count	Abs. D _{ist.}	Obj. Size	Room Size	Rel. D _{ist.}	D _{ir.}	Route Plan	Appr. Order
		Obj.	$Ab_{S.}$	Ob_{j_i}	Roor	Rel.	Rel. D _{ir:}	Rout	Appı
Methods	Avg.]	Numerica	l Answei	:	Mu	ltiple-Ch	noice Ans	swer
Proprietary Models (API)									
GPT-4o	35.6	36.2	4.6	47.2	40.4	40.0	46.2	32.0	38.0
Gemini-1.5 Flash	45.7	50.8	33.6	56.5	45.2	48.0	39.8	32.7	59.2
Gemini-1.5 Pro	48.8	49.6	28.8	58.6	49.4	46.0	48.1	42.0	68.0
Gemini-2.0 Flash	45.4	52.4	30.6	66.7	31.8	56.0	46.3	24.5	55.1
Open-source Models									
InternVL2-2B	25.5	30.6	20.4	26.0	29.6	28.0	39.2	28.0	2.0
InternVL2-8B	32.9	26.4	25.4	43.8	41.6	30.0	32.2	20.0	44.0
InternVL2-40B	37.6	40.8	23.8	48.0	26.0	46.0	30.1	42.0	44.0
LongVILA-8B	19.1	23.4	10.8	11.4	0.0	20.0	33.1	28.0	26.0
VILA-1.5-8B	31.4	12.2	23.4	51.4	18.6	36.0	41.5	42.0	26.0
VILA-1.5-40B	32.3	14.6	21.0	48.0	20.6	42.0	22.0	40.0	50.0
LongVA-7B	31.8	41.2	17.4	39.6	25.4	30.0	52.8	34.0	14.0
LLaVA-Video-7B	35.7	49.0	12.8	48.6	21.4	40.0	43.5	34.0	36.0
LLaVA-Video-72B	39.3	41.4	26.6	55.6	31.6	36.0	25.6	42.0	56.0
LLaVA-OneVision-0.5B	27.7	44.0	23.0	18.8	28.4	30.0	33.4	36.0	8.0
LLaVA-OneVision-7B	33.8	48.2	22.0	44.4	14.0	44.0	31.9	34.0	32.0
LLaVA-OneVision-72B	41.6	38.0	31.6	54.4	35.2	44.0	39.7	32.0	58.0

 Table 12. Complete VSI-Bench (tiny) evaluation results.

		Obj. Count	Abs. D _{ist.}	Obj. Size	R ^{oom} Size	Rel. Dist.	Rel. D _{it:}	Route Plan	Appr. Order	
		Ô	Ab	Ô	R_0	$R_{\rm e}$	$R_{\rm e}$	R_0	A_{D}	
Methods	Avg.	Numerical Answer				Multiple-Choice Answer				
Proprietary Models (API)										
GPT-4o	14.5	0.1	5.2	36.7	0.0	10.8	23.2	26.9	13.1	
Gemini-1.5 Flash	19.9	25.0	30.3	52.5	0.0	0.0	21.2	29.9	0.2	
Gemini-1.5 Pro	32.3	30.6	11.5	51.5	33.1	33.8	44.6	33.5	20.2	
Open-source Models										
InternVL2-2B	17.8	5.4	23.7	9.2	0.0	26.9	41.2	27.9	7.9	
InternVL2-8B	27.6	31.9	26.8	38.3	0.7	27.1	39.2	33.0	23.6	
InternVL2-40B	24.4	5.4	29.1	39.2	0.7	30.3	37.7	27.9	24.7	
LongVILA-8B	20.2	47.4	12.6	8.7	0.6	24.3	27.0	27.4	13.9	
VILA-1.5-8B	21.5	7.4	7.6	45.7	0.0	25.4	39.1	29.4	17.6	
VILA-1.5-40B	25.5	5.3	27.6	46.5	0.7	30.2	37.1	31.5	25.0	
LongVA-7B	21.9	5.1	18.1	27.4	26.1	23.4	39.8	26.9	8.7	
LLaVA-Video-7B	25.2	14.8	14.6	32.5	26.1	26.8	45.0	33.0	8.5	
LLaVA-Video-72B	29.1	19.0	25.4	46.3	26.1	29.0	38.8	33.0	15.5	
LLaVA-OneVision-0.5B	28.6	38.4	30.1	32.0	24.3	22.0	41.8	34.5	5.4	
LLaVA-OneVision-7B	25.3	13.8	8.5	45.5	26.1	28.6	41.2	27.9	11.1	
LLaVA-OneVision-72B	28.9	8.2	23.8	54.1	26.1	30.4	38.1	33.0	17.1	

Table 13. Complete blind evaluation results.

		Obj. Count	Abs. D _{ist.}	Obj. Size	Room Size	Rel. Dist.	Rel. D _{it:}	Route Plan	Appr. Order
		<i>f</i> O	Al	<i>î</i> 0	$R_{\rm O}$				
Methods	Avg.	Numerical Answer				Multiple-Choice Answer			
Proprietary Models (API)									
GPT-4o	19.5	46.1	0.1	7.1	38.2	26.2	18.0	4.6	15.4
Gemini-1.5 Flash	22.2	24.9	0.5	1.0	54.4	37.7	19.9	1.5	37.7
Gemini-1.5 Pro	13.0	25.5	19.5	12.6	10.6	17.5	1.7	2.5	14.4
Open-source Models									
InternVL2-2B	8.7	20.3	0.3	10.8	29.2	5.2	2.9	2.5	-1.6
InternVL2-8B	9.9	-0.6	2.2	10.6	43.5	10.9	-5.8	-4.1	22.8
InternVL2-40B	12.6	35.9	-2.9	9.0	26.8	17.3	-5.0	9.9	20.0
LongVILA-8B	1.4	-18.2	-3.5	7.9	-0.6	5.3	3.7	5.1	11.5
VILA-1.5-8B	7.3	10.0	14.2	4.6	18.8	6.7	-4.4	1.5	7.2
VILA-1.5-40B	5.7	17.1	-2.8	2.2	22.0	10.4	-11.4	0.0	7.9
LongVA-7B	7.2	32.9	-1.5	11.5	-3.9	9.7	3.5	-1.5	7.1
LLaVA-Video-7B	10.5	33.8	-0.6	15.2	-1.9	16.7	-2.7	1.0	22.1
LLaVA-Video-72B	11.7	29.9	-2.6	11.1	9.2	13.3	-2.0	2.0	33.0
LLaVA-OneVision-0.5B	-0.5	7.8	-1.7	-16.6	4.0	6.9	-5.0	0.0	0.3
LLaVA-OneVision-7B	7.0	33.9	11.7	1.9	-13.9	13.9	-6.0	1.5	13.3
LLaVA-OneVision-72B	11.4	35.4	0.1	3.5	11.4	12.1	1.8	-0.5	27.4

Table 14. Results of Vision Enabled – Vision Disabled.