

# Supplementary Materials for Fine-Grained is Too Coarse: A Novel Data-Centric Approach for Efficient Scene Graph Generation

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## A. Imbalance of Predicates

After removing invariant relations, we noticed a slightly better balance in the predicate distribution of VG150-cur. In Table 1, we compare the Imbalance Ratio (IR) [10] and Imbalance Degree (ID) [9] of the different splits of Visual Genome. IR compares the distribution between head and tail classes only while ID compares the normalized distance between the actual distribution and a perfect distribution across all classes. However, as highlighted in [12], this metric is highly dependent on the type of distance chosen as well as the number of minority classes. As neither of the Imbalance Ratio nor Imbalance Degree gives a full picture of the imbalance in multi-class distribution, we also measure the likelihood-ratio imbalance degree (LRID) [12] as follows:

$$LRID = -2 \sum_{c=1}^C n_c \log \frac{N}{Cn_c} \quad (1)$$

Where  $C$  is the number of unique classes,  $n_c$  is the frequency of each class and  $N$  is the perfect distribution. This metric tests the actual distribution against a complete balance distribution of the data, and is reported to be more accurate for multi-class problems [12]. From Table 1 we observe that the difference between head and tail classes is lower by a strong margin when looking at IR between VG150 and VG150-cur. However, when looking at ID and LRID, we see that the imbalance over the global distribution is slightly similar, with a small advantage for VG150-cur. As unbiased SGG models are very sensitive to the imbalance of the dataset, this small difference could be a factor of the global improvement observed by training baseline models on VG150-cur.

## B. Training Strategy

For training on the task of Scene Graph Generation, we kept the same ratio of Training and Test images as VG150 with 0.7 and 0.3, respectively. In contrast to VG150 which set a fixed amount of 5000 validation images, we decided

Dataset	IR ↓	ID ↓	LRID ↓
VG80K	600,210	29,278	13.75
VG150	6,549	40.7	2.99
VrR-VG	619	95.61	2.50
VG150-con	1,697	40.69	2.98
VG150-cur	1,319	39.68	2.79

Table 1: Imbalance distribution measurement for different splits of the Visual Genome dataset.

to split the Training set between Train and Validation sets such as the validation set will have a ratio of 0.05 of the total amount of annotated images. Furthermore, the training strategy of VG150 is to keep the same split for both the training of Faster-RCNN and the relations training. However, a consequent amount of images are skipped when training the relation head due to the fact that they only have bounding boxes annotations. To preserve the train/val/test ratio, we then created a second split with images that contains at least one relation per image. This split is used exclusively when training the relation head while the first split is used for the training of the object detection backbone, see Table 2.

Dataset	Object	Relationship
	Train/Val/Test	Train/Val/Test
VG150	68,538/5,000/31,876	68,538/5,000/31,876
VG150-con	68,375/5,386/32,033	61,982/5,021/28,398
VG150-cur	68,380/5,385/32,049	59,948/4,875/26,980

Table 2: Statistics of the different training splits.

## C. Advanced Statistics

### C.1. Class Similarity

To give a fair comparison between VG150 and our approach, we also computed the similarities between predicate and object class distribution. VG150-cur possesses 88%

of similar predicate classes to VG150 while VG150-con possesses 92% similarity. Regarding object classes, both VG150-cur and VG150-con possess a 77% similarity with VG150. These statistics show that a comparison between VG150 and our approach makes sense as the distribution of classes is very similar.

### C.2. Scene Graph Generation Datasets

Even if Visual Genome is the largest and most widely adopted dataset in SGG, other datasets have been used such as VRD [11], Open Image [6] or GQA [1]. Table 3 shows a comparison between these datasets and Visual Genome. The Scene Graph [3] and VRD datasets [8] are too small and do not contain enough samples for efficient learning. On the other hand, OpenImage is a large-scale dataset but with very sparse annotations (e.g. average graph size of 2.7558) and a small number of predicate classes. Finally, the GQA dataset [2] is a subset of Visual Genome with the addition of Question-Answer pairs. Regarding scene graph annotations, GQA sees the addition of *to the left* and *to the right* relations and some manual refinement compared to Visual Genome. In the end, GQA possesses only 112,148 relationships other than *to the left* and *to the right*, making it less diverse and more sparse than Visual Genome or VG150. The manual refinement also did not cover the removal of any irrelevant relation. Because GQA annotations are based on Visual Genome, we did not create a GQA-con and GQA-cur splits. However, our method could be easily applied to the GQA dataset to remove irrelevant relations.

Dataset	Images	Obj.	Pred.	# Rel.	Irr.
Visual Genome [4]	108,073	95,394	33,121	2,316,063	Yes
Scene Graph [3]	5,000	6,745	1,310	112,707	No
VRD [8]	5,000	100	70	37,993	No
OpenImage [5]	133,503	601	30	367,914	No
GQA [2]	85,638	1,703	310	471,614	Yes

Table 3: Comparison of different Scene Graph datasets, # Rel. displays the total number of relationships and Irr. outlines the presence of irrelevant relations.

### C.3. Connectivity

Apart from average node degree or average graph size, looking at the average density of graphs across the different datasets gives some insight about the connectivity and inter-dependencies of samples. In table 4 we compare the average graph density to the number of annotated images. We see that VG150-cur possesses a higher density than VG150 while having more images.

The average density is a good metric however it does not provide a clear overview of inter-dependencies. In fact, all the relations on an image are not always dependent on each other (for instance between foreground/background regions). Thus, the average node degree metric used in the

paper is more reliable. Table 4 also highlights the strong sparsity of VrR-VG [7] discussed in the paper when looking at both the average graph size and average node degree. This makes the VrR-VG unsuitable to evaluate the performance of context-aware models.

### D. Annotations Comparison

Figure 1 gives an overview of the difference in annotations between the original dataset, VG150, VG150-connected, and VG150-curated.

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Dataset	Graph Size	Node Degree	Subgraphs	Subgraph Size	Density	# Images
VG80K	19.0267	2.3474	3.4352	6.0786	0.1348	104,832
VG150	6.9834	2.0262	1.9719	3.8775	0.2965	89,168
VrR-VG	3.1372	1.5547	1.5368	2.6451	0.3873	56,254
VG150-con	8.3794	2.1909	2.1018	4.1092	0.2752	95,400
VG150-cur	7.1453	2.1248	1.9487	3.6624	0.3219	91,803

Table 4: Comparison of connectivity and number of images in the different datasets. # Images represent the number of annotated images with at least one relation, different than the global number of annotated images as some images have only bounding boxes annotations.

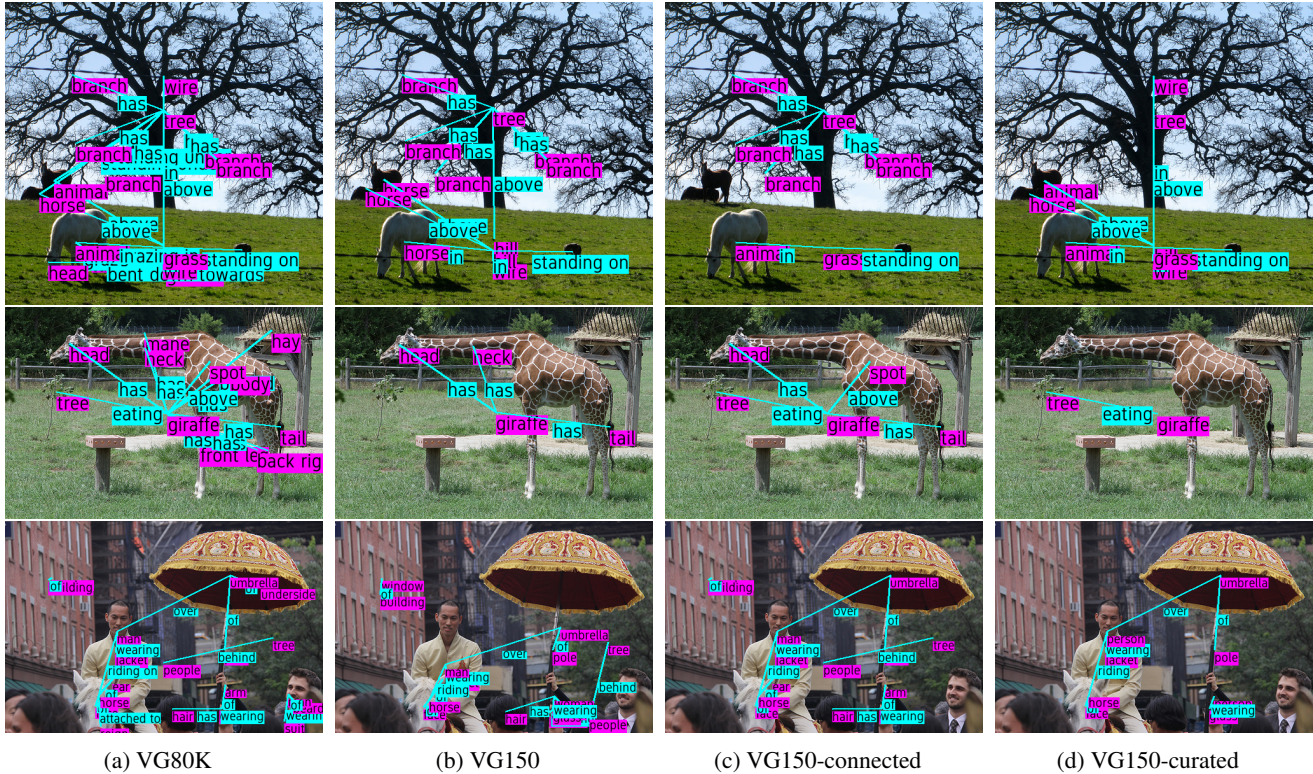


Figure 1: A few examples of the difference between annotations in the original dataset VG80K, VG150, VG150-connected, and VG150-curated. We can easily see that annotation from VG150-curated (right) only detail informative relations, while irrelevant annotations are heavily present in the other data splits.

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