

# VCode: A Multimodal Coding Benchmark with SVG as Symbolic Visual Representation

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## Abstract

*Code has emerged as a precise, executable medium for linguistic-centric tasks, leaving visual-centric coding underexplored. Conventional image representations rely on RGB pixels that capture visual appearance but offer limited symbolic abstraction. In this work, we advocate SVG code as a compact, interpretable, and executable visual representation. We introduce VCode, a benchmark that reframes multimodal understanding as code generation: given an image, a model must produce SVG that preserves symbolic meaning for downstream reasoning. VCode covers general commonsense, professional disciplines, and visual-centric perception. To assess symbolic fidelity, we propose CodeVQA, a novel evaluation protocol where a policy model answers questions over rendered SVGs; correct answers indicate faithful symbolic preservation. We also introduce VCoder, an agentic framework that augments VLMs via test-time revision and visual tool use, yielding substantial improvements over strong baselines. The models are available at <https://csu-jpg.github.io/VCode>.*

## 1. Introduction

To advance reasoning and agentic intelligence, code has emerged as a powerful medium for interacting with digital environments [12, 13, 23]. However, recent benchmarks predominantly emphasize *linguistic-centric* coding abilities (e.g. program synthesis and debugging) [2, 4, 10, 11, 21]. In the multi-modal regime, code is often leveraged to generate *synthetic* visual assets—such as charts [25, 28], diagrams [5, 15, 16], or websites [3, 17]—which are not directly grounded in the natural visual world.

When representing natural images, the dominant practice relies on dense pixels. In contrast, humans often perceive and reason through sparse symbolic sketches that em-

phasize spatial relationships, object counts, and structural outlines [8]. Building on this intuition, we propose using Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) code as an alternative visual representation, owing to its compact, interpretable, and executable nature [6, 15, 26, 29]. This motivates a fundamental question: **can code serve as a naive visual representation of natural images?**

In this work, we introduce VCode, a multimodal coding benchmark that explores this research problem. VCode is constructed by repurposing existing multimodal understanding benchmarks across three domains: General commonsense (MM-Vet [31]), College-level disciplines (MMMU [32]), and Visual-centric Perception (CV-Bench [22]). VCode reframes these tasks as visual coding: given an image, a model must generate SVG code that faithfully reconstructs its symbolic representation. To evaluate this transformation, we propose **CodeVQA**, a novel protocol in which a vision-language model (VLM) must answer core questions about the original image by reasoning *exclusively over the rendered SVG*. Experiments on VCode reveal that while coding quality improves with reasoning ability, existing coders still fail to preserve fine-grained visual relations (e.g. near vs. far).

To address this persistent gap, we augment existing coders with two complementary capabilities. **(i) Thinking with Revision:** the model compares intermediate renderings with the original image, explicitly articulates discrepancies, and iteratively refines the SVG. **(ii) Acting with Visual Tools:** we equip the coder with external perception toolboxes (e.g. detectors and segmenters [14, 27]) to supply structured cues (objects, shapes, text) as coding context. Together, these strategies yield a +12.3 overall gain over the top-performing Claude-4-Opus. Our contributions are summarized as follows:

- **VCode & CodeVQA:** We recast multimodal understanding as visual-centric coding. We introduce VCode and the CodeVQA protocol, which tests whether the generated SVG code serves as an adequate and faithful visual

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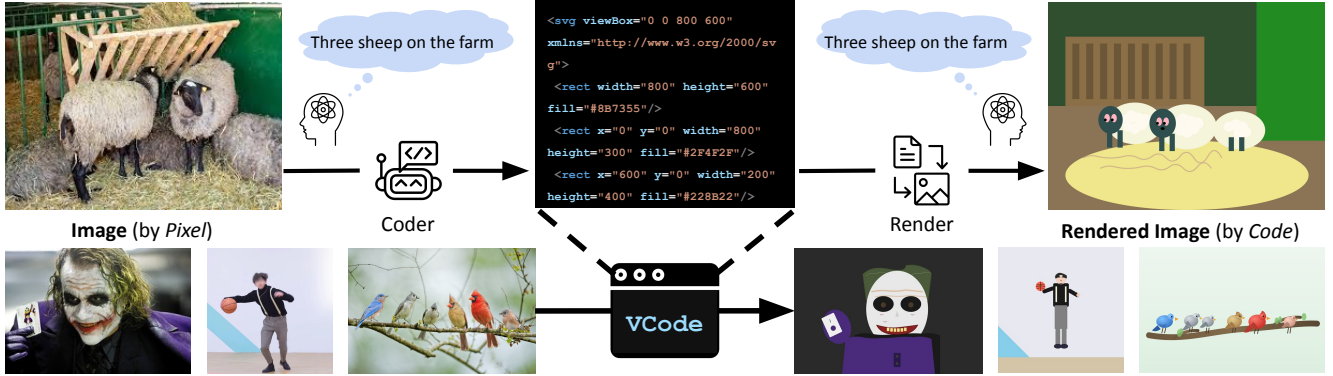


Figure 1. **Illustration of VCode.** An RGB image (left, represented by pixels) is translated into symbolic SVG code (middle) via VLM as Coder and rendered back into an image (right, represented by code), aiming to preserve symbolic meaning (e.g. “three sheep on the farm”). As shown at the bottom, VCode provides a compact, interpretable, and executable representation of original images.

representation for downstream reasoning.

- **VCoder:** An agentic framework that augments VLMs into strong multimodal coders via *Thinking with Revision* and *Acting with Visual Tools*, achieving significant gains over strong baselines.
- **Evaluation and Insights:** Extensive experiments expose the weaknesses of frontier VLMs in visual-centric coding. Human studies show consistent reasoning patterns between humans and VLMs on rendered SVGs, highlighting the promise of symbolic visual coding.

## 2. VCode Benchmark

### 2.1. Task Definitions

As illustrated in Fig. 2, given an input RGB image  $\mathcal{V}$ , a vision–language model  $\psi$  is tasked with generating SVG code  $\mathcal{C}$  that encodes the image. Rendering this code yields a rendered image  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ . The objective is to minimize the discrepancy between the symbolic information of the original and rendered images:

$$\mathcal{L} = \min \|I(\mathcal{V}) - I(\tilde{\mathcal{V}})\|, \quad (1)$$

where  $I(\cdot)$  denotes a representation of symbolic information. The challenge lies in defining an applicable measure for this symbolic information, which we elaborate on below.

### 2.2. Evaluation Metrics

The key to our evaluation lies in defining the correspondence between the input image  $\mathcal{V}$  and the rendered SVG image  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ .

**Visual Similarity.** An ideal SVG should faithfully preserve semantic content rather than merely matching pixels. We leverage a pretrained visual encoder  $f(\cdot)$ , such as SigLIP [33], to extract embeddings for both  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ , and compute their cosine similarity:

$$\mathcal{L}_{sim} = \max \cos(f(\mathcal{V}), f(\tilde{\mathcal{V}})). \quad (2)$$

Table 1. **Comparison of VCode with existing benchmarks.**

VCode differs by generating code directly from natural images without extra query guidance, focusing on broad natural domains (G: General, C: College, P: Perception), and introducing CodeVQA to evaluate symbolic meaning preservation.

Benchmarks	Domain	Inputs	Outputs	Evaluation
<i>Coding</i>				
HumanEval [4]	Algorithm	Text	Code	Execute Pass
ChartMimic [28]	Chart	Text & Img	Code	Similarity
Design2Code [17]	Web UI	Text & Img	Code	Similarity
SWE-Bench [11]	GitHub	Text & Code	Code	Execute Pass
<i>Multi-modal</i>				
MM-Vet [31]	General	Img & Text	Text	OpenQA
MMMU [32]	College	Img & Text	Text	OpenQA/MCQ
CV-Bench [22]	Perception	Img & Text	Text	MCQ
<b>VCode (Ours)</b>	<b>G&amp;C&amp;P</b>	<b>Img.</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Render→VQA</b>

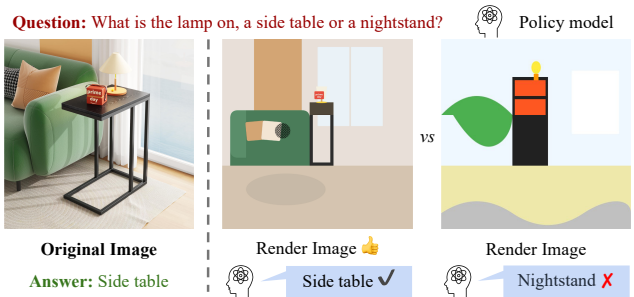


Figure 2. **Illustration of the CodeVQA prototype:** given an image and a question, the policy model answers based on the rendered image.

We complement this with vision-only similarity metrics, including DINO [34], SSIM, and LPIPS.

**CodeVQA.** A more direct criterion is whether the rendered image  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$  alone supports correct reasoning. We propose CodeVQA, where the evaluation is not constrained by the original image, but focuses directly on the correctness of answers derived from  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ . Let  $\phi$  be a policy model that outputs an answer  $\mathcal{A}$  given an image and a question  $\mathcal{Q}$ . The

goal is formulated as:

$$\mathcal{A} = \phi(\tilde{\mathcal{V}}, \mathcal{Q}), \quad \mathcal{L}_{vqa} = \max 1[\text{Evaluator}(\mathcal{A})], \quad (3)$$

where  $1[\cdot]$  is the indicator function and  $\text{Evaluator}(\cdot)$  is a rule-based matcher (for multiple-choice) or an LLM-as-Judge (for open-ended tasks). If the answer is correct, the SVG suffices to convey the required semantics; otherwise, it reveals a gap in representational fidelity.

**Code Token Length.** Beyond faithful representation, an effective coder should be concise. To assess this efficiency, we evaluate the length of the generated SVG in terms of its token count  $|\mathcal{C}|$ .

### 2.3. Data Curation

To develop appropriate question sets  $\mathcal{Q}$  for each associated image  $\mathcal{V}$ , we repurpose existing multimodal visual question answering benchmarks. To ensure diversity in taxonomy and difficulty, we focus on three representative scenarios: **(i) Commonsense Perception:** Assesses the ability to capture everyday semantics and spatial relationships. We incorporate all 218 image-question pairs from MM-Vet [31]; **(ii) Professional Knowledge:** Targets domain-specific, diploma-level tasks demanding deep reasoning. We filter the MMMU [32] development set to retain 146 single-image VQA instances; **(iii) Visual-centric:** Evaluates visually intensive settings (e.g. counting, distance, depth). We create a balanced 100-pair subset from CV-Bench [22] through stratified sampling.

In total, VCode yields 464 image-question pairs. Although smaller than existing text-based benchmarks, VCode emphasizes predicting extended code sequences, which incurs higher computational costs. A dataset of 464 samples represents an affordable yet sufficient scale for evaluating executable visual representations.

## 3. VCoder Framework

In practice, we find that directly prompting vision-language models to generate SVG code from natural images remains challenging. This difficulty arises from three factors: **(i) Long-Context Code Inputs:** composing thousands of tokens demands strong code reasoning over complex elements; **(ii) Visually-Blind Outputs:** the rendered image is unseen until execution, requiring the model to anticipate visual consequences; and **(iii) Weak Visual Fineness:** language models struggle to capture low-level boundaries and precise coordinates.

To address these intertwined challenges, we propose VCoder, which augments coders at test time with two complementary capabilities: *Thinking with Revision* and *Acting with Visual Tools*.

### 3.1. Thinking with Revision

Since the initial reconstruction may not always yield a satisfactory result, we design a revision strategy that allows the model to iteratively refine its outputs. This follows a two-step loop:

**(i) Comment the Difference.** Given an intermediate rendering  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{(t)}$  at iteration  $t$ , the coder  $\psi$  first perceives its deviation from the original image  $\mathcal{V}$ . We compute a difference signal quantifying the visual discrepancy:

$$\Delta^{(t)} \leftarrow \psi(\mathcal{V}, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{(t)}). \quad (4)$$

**(ii) Revise with Render Feedback.** The difference signal  $\Delta^{(t)}$ , together with the current code  $\mathcal{C}^{(t)}$  and render  $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{(t)}$ , is provided back to the coder to generate revised code  $\mathcal{C}^{(t+1)}$ . Executing this code produces an updated reconstruction:

$$\mathcal{C}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \psi(\mathcal{V}, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{(t)}, \Delta^{(t)}, \mathcal{C}^{(t)}), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \text{Render}(\mathcal{C}^{(t+1)}). \quad (5)$$

This revision loop is repeated for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, T$ , progressively refining the reconstruction until a satisfactory visual outcome is reached.

### 3.2. Acting with Visual Tools

To overcome inherent limitations in low-level perception, we equip the Coder with external visual tools to extract fine-grained attributes and translate them into structured code signals.

- **Category and Location.** We rely on bounding boxes predicted by Florence-2 [27], expressed as absolute coordinates  $(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)$ . These semantic labels (e.g. `id='bird'`) and geometry cues allow the Coder to anchor elements accurately, preserving the layout.
- **Shape.** To represent irregular boundaries, we employ SAM-2 [14] to generate segmentation masks. These masks are downsampled into sparse coordinate points via an adaptive simplification strategy. The resulting polygonal paths provide compact yet faithful shape descriptions.
- **Text.** Text carries critical semantic information that cannot be replaced by shapes. We apply OpenOCR to detect and transcribe text regions, encoding them into SVG using the native `<text>` tag, thereby preserving both content and visual attributes without pixel-rendering issues.

## 4. Experiments

### 4.1. Baseline and Settings

We evaluate our framework against a comprehensive suite of state-of-the-art models. *Proprietary models* include the Claude and Gemini series [7], the GPT family (GPT-5/5.2, o3, 4o/mini) [1, 9], and Seed-1.6-thinking [18]. These models serve as competitive upper baselines due to their advanced multimodal reasoning. *Open-source* models encom-

Table 2. **Main results on VCode** across various top-performing frontier VLM coders. Top half is the proprietary models, while the bottom half is the open-source model. The best scores are in **bold** while the second best are in underline. The Overall score is calculated as an *instance-weighted average* of the three subtasks (MM-Vet, MMMU, and CV-Bench) using their respective question counts.

Model name	Success Rate (%)	SigLIP Score	Code Token (K)	CodeVQA											Overall
				Rec	Ocr	Know	MM-Vet			CodeVQA		CV-Bench			
				Gen	Spat	Math	Avg.	Avg.	2D	3D	Avg.				
Orig. Image (4o-mini)	NA	100.0	NA	60.5	78.9	58.5	59.5	70.9	84.2	67.1	50.0	77.4	63.3	70.3	61.7
Claude-4.5-Sonnet	99.1	66.8	1.9	29.7	57.6	11.9	17.0	57.3	52.7	39.0	42.5	50.4	55.0	52.7	43.1
Claude-4-Opus	98.2	65.9	1.5	30.4	52.3	13.9	18.5	49.5	50.4	37.5	42.5	41.6	58.3	49.9	41.7
Claude-4-Sonnet	98.2	65.5	1.6	31.8	51.2	<u>24.9</u>	<u>27.9</u>	44.8	34.6	37.8	39.0	49.0	53.3	51.2	41.1
GPT-5	100.0	<b>72.3</b>	2.3	<u>33.9</u>	<b>64.9</b>	20.5	23.8	<b>60.5</b>	65.4	<u>43.9</u>	42.5	51.8	<b>66.7</b>	<u>59.2</u>	<u>46.8</u>
GPT-4o	100.0	60.6	0.6	23.1	58.4	12.7	17.0	51.3	60.4	35.0	44.5	29.3	50.0	39.6	39.0
GPT-o3	100.0	64.1	1.1	31.3	55.2	17.7	19.7	48.5	61.5	39.8	39.0	47.4	56.7	52.1	42.2
GPT-4.1	100.0	68.6	1.6	30.8	62.0	15.5	20.4	56.0	55.8	40.9	44.5	48.2	<b>66.7</b>	57.4	45.6
GPT-4o-mini	100.0	61.1	<u>0.4</u>	20.7	58.4	13.2	18.9	46.8	63.5	33.5	44.5	27.7	48.3	38.0	37.9
Gemini-2.5-Pro	100.0	66.5	2.4	28.9	57.8	20.0	22.9	47.9	<u>68.5</u>	39.1	<u>45.2</u>	<u>56.1</u>	56.7	56.4	44.7
Gemini-2.5-Flash	98.0	63.7	1.9	29.3	56.7	17.4	21.1	46.3	53.8	39.1	39.7	48.8	58.3	53.6	42.4
Seed-1.6-Thinking	100.0	62.8	1.6	18.9	46.5	8.1	11.9	44.1	38.5	28.7	43.2	45.3	51.7	48.5	37.5
Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E	100.0	55.5	0.7	18.2	44.9	12.4	15.5	32.8	46.2	26.4	42.5	35.0	53.3	44.2	35.3
Qwen3-VL-235B-A22B	95.1	58.1	1.7	19.3	54.6	8.8	14.5	45.6	53.1	31.1	41.1	22.6	58.3	40.5	36.3
Qwen2.5-VL-72B	98.7	57.9	<b>0.3</b>	20.6	52.9	14.0	17.3	51.3	43.1	31.8	41.1	21.9	53.3	37.6	36.0
Qwen2.5-VL-7B	70.6	22.9	0.6	4.9	6.0	3.0	4.0	7.1	3.8	4.8	19.2	17.5	41.7	29.6	14.7
InternVL3.5-241B-A28B	100.0	60.2	1.0	20.4	52.4	11.9	15.7	39.2	42.3	31.1	43.8	45.3	50.0	47.6	38.7
Intern-S1	100.0	60.0	1.0	24.7	56.8	12.1	16.0	51.2	41.9	35.2	41.1	46.8	55.0	50.9	40.4
InternVL3-78B	100.0	57.7	0.7	16.9	52.7	8.3	13.9	40.5	55.0	29.1	41.8	18.3	50.0	34.1	34.2
MiniCPM-V-4.5	78.9	45.9	0.9	11.8	31.8	4.5	10.8	23.2	26.5	17.7	36.3	23.4	45.0	34.2	27.1
GLM-4.5V	99.8	63.8	1.6	22.4	54.4	7.1	15.6	46.0	56.9	33.1	40.4	43.1	<b>66.7</b>	54.9	40.1
GLM-4.1V-Thinking	100.0	61.7	1.2	21.1	52.0	10.4	13.7	44.8	58.8	31.9	43.2	37.9	56.7	47.3	38.8
OmniSVG	100.0	46.2	5.3	9.2	15.3	3.7	10.4	16.9	11.5	9.4	43.8	24.8	40.0	32.4	25.2
StarVector	8.3	18.1	1.3	0.0	3.4	0.0	1.6	4.4	0.0	1.5	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
<b>VCoder (Claude-4-Opus)</b>	99.3	<u>71.0</u>	2.0	<b>46.6</b>	<u>63.4</u>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<u>58.1</u>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>54.2</b> <sub>+16.7</sub>	<b>48.6</b> <sub>+6.2</sub>	<b>57.7</b>	<u>65.0</u>	<b>61.3</b> <sub>+11.4</sub>	<b>54.0</b> <sub>+12.3</sub>

pass LLaMA-4-Scout, the Qwen2.5/3-VL series [19], InternVL (3/3.5) [24, 35], Intern-S1, MiniCPM-V-4.5 [30], GLM-4.1/4.5V [20], and specialized models such as OmniSVG and StarVector [15, 29]. This selection covers a diverse range of parameter scales and training paradigms, enabling a robust comparison between leading commercial and open-source approaches.

## 4.2. Main Results and Analysis

Table 2 evaluates full baselines on VCode. We summarize the key observations below:

**Stronger reasoning yields better visual coding scores.** Closed-source models consistently outperform open-source counterparts. Gemini-3-Pro sets the strongest standalone baseline with the top SigLIP score (74.4) and the highest CodeVQA overall (52.1). This pattern indicates that stronger linguistic and multi-modal reasoning ability translates into more faithful symbolic renderings. We also observe a positive correlation between visual similarity (SigLIP) and CodeVQA.

**Challenges across different dimensions.** (i) *Best performer still trails the original-image upper bound.* Even Gemini-3-Pro (52.1) remains well below the raw-image upper bound (61.7), confirming that symbolic representation has ample room for improvement. (ii) *SVG specialists underperform.* OmniSVG and StarVector rank last due to low success rates for long-context natural images, highlighting the gap between neatly authored SVG corpora and SVGs derived from real-world images. (iii) *Knowledge and*

*Vision-centric perception are tough.* On MMMU, models cluster within a narrow, modest band, failing in demanding disciplinary settings. Similarly, CV-Bench scores hover near random guessing on 3D spatial relations, where fine structural abstraction is strictly required.

**Absolute gains with VCoder.** Built on Claude-4-Opus, VCoder lifts the Overall score from 41.7 to 54.0 (+12.3) via test-time revision and vision-tool assistance. It improves across all three domains, demonstrating an effective, agentic enhancement for visual-centric coding.

**Code token length correlates with expressiveness.** Models that emit short SVGs (*e.g.* 0.3K tokens by Qwen-2.5-VL) underperform significantly. By contrast, stronger models (GPT-5, Gemini-2.5-Pro) produce longer sequences (often > 1.5K tokens) and attain higher scores. While length is not sufficient on its own, performance scales with usable context, highlighting long-context generation as a central bottleneck for visual-centric coding.

**Qualitative analysis and more visualizations** can be seen in supplementary material.

## 5. Conclusion

We introduced VCode, offering a new perspective on visual-centric coding by benchmarking multimodal understanding with SVG as a naive visual representation. To assess symbolic fidelity, we proposed CodeVQA, a protocol that evaluates reasoning solely over rendered SVGs. Our extensive study reveals that frontier VLMs struggle

to produce faithful SVGs despite strong linguistic reasoning, exposing a persistent gap between language-driven and vision-driven code generation. To address this, we proposed VCoder, which integrates Test-time Revision and Acting with Visual Tools, yielding substantial absolute improvements. We hope this work pathways toward more human-aligned, interpretable multimodal intelligence.

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## Supplementary Material



Figure 3. **Qualitative examples from VCode.** **Top row (a–d):** an internet meme rendered progressively by initial decoding, visual-tool assistance, and revision. **Bottom row:** challenge samples from MMMU (Art-Theory) and CV-Bench (3D), alongside their SVG renderings by VCoder.

### A. Qualitative Analysis

Fig. 3 presents qualitative results by comparing original image and the rendered image by VCoder. **Top row.** Across four stages, the initial decoding misses layout and semantics. Adding *visual tools* recovers key geometry (e.g. the starfish character’s triangular body and facial features), while *revision* corrects fine details (character proportions, text alignment, spacing), yielding a rendering that closely matches the meme’s structure and intent. **Bottom row.** VCoder produces SVGs that are both more faithful to the source and more interpretable for downstream reasoning. The left example (MMMU) is knowledge-intensive: accurately depicting a multi-panel historical relief requires domain cues and fine structural abstraction, where base models often lose detail. The right example (CV-Bench) is vision-centric: success hinges on *visually grounded prompts* that localize and size objects correctly (e.g. monitor in front of keyboard, receding rows of chairs), after which revision tightens residual misalignments. These examples underscore the challenges posed by VCode.

### B. Implement Details

We implement our model using the PyTorch framework on an NVIDIA RTX 4090 GPU with 24GB of memory. The maximum output length is set to 16,384 tokens, while for the Qwen2.5-VL models we use 8,192 tokens.

For evaluation, different protocols are used depending on the benchmark. In MM-Vet, we employ gpt-4-0613 as the evaluator to score model responses. In CV-Bench and MMMU experiments, we adopt a rule-based string matching parser to determine correctness.

For SigLip2, we use the siglip2-so400m-patch14-384. The token cost reported in our tables is measured using the tiktoken library with the cl100k\_base encoding.

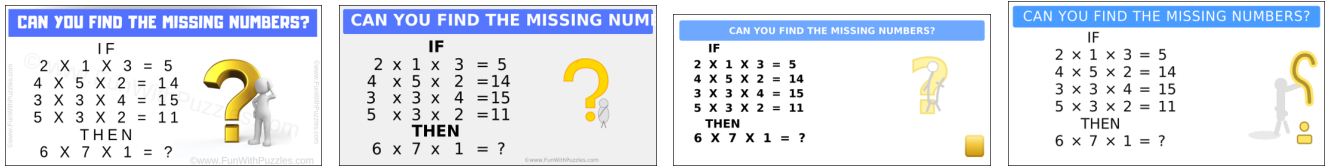
It is worth noting that in the *img2svg* experiments, StarVector cannot take textual prompts as input. It directly performs image-to-SVG generation.

## C. More Visualizations

### C.1. VCoder vs. Baselines

In this section, we present qualitative comparisons between VCoder and baseline models on representative examples from three benchmarks. For each case, we display: (a) the original reference image, (b) the output generated by VCoder, and (c–d) the visual results produced by the two strongest baseline models. These comparisons clearly illustrate VCoder’s superior ability to faithfully interpret and reconstruct visual content while preserving semantic consistency with the reference images.

#### C.1.1. MM-VET



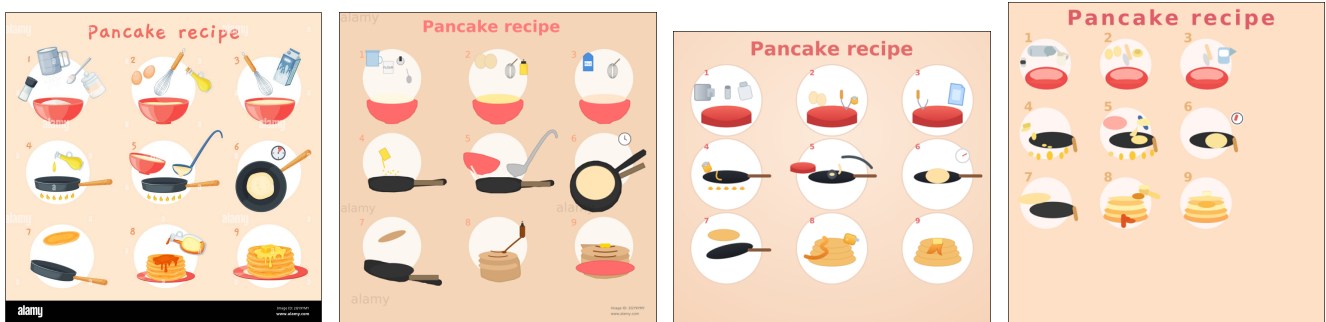
(a) Original image

(b) VCoder

(c) GPT-5

(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Find the pattern of how the "X" operator is redefined, and answer the given equation in the image. **Answer:** 13



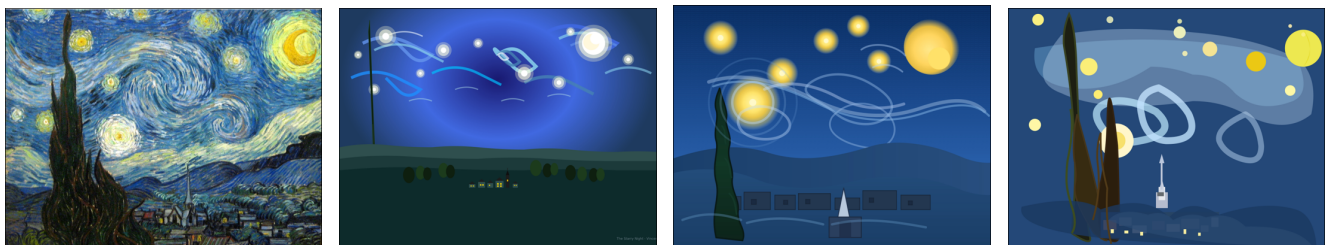
(a) Original image

(b) VCoder

(c) GPT-5

(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** What should we add in the third step? **Answer:** milk



(a) Original image

(b) VCoder

(c) GPT-5

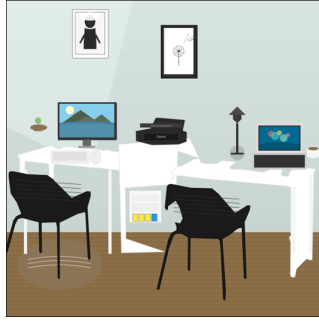
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Can you give a short introduction to this painting?

**Answer:** The Starry Night is an oil-on-canvas painting by the Dutch Post-Impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh. Painted in June 1889, it depicts the view from the east-facing window of his asylum room at Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, just before sunrise, with the addition of an imaginary village. It has been in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City since 1941, acquired through the Lillie P. Bliss Bequest. Widely regarded as Van Gogh’s magnum opus, The Starry Night is one of the most recognizable paintings in Western art.



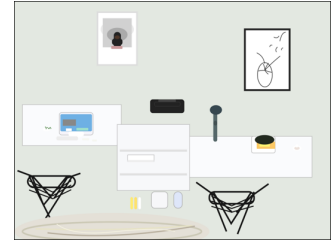
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) GPT-5

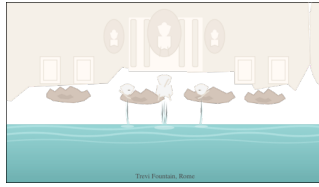


(d) GPT-4.1

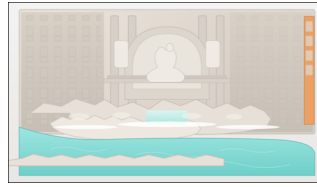
**Question:** On the right desk, what is to the left of the laptop? **Answer:** table lamp/desk lamp



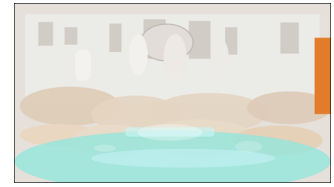
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(c) GPT-5



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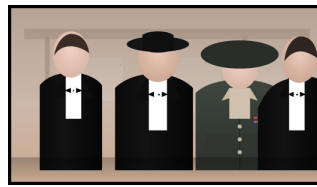
**Question:** What is the name of this landmark? **Answer:** Trevi Fountain



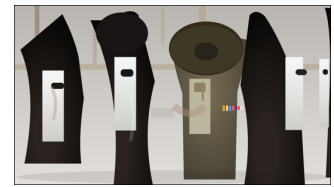
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(c) GPT-5



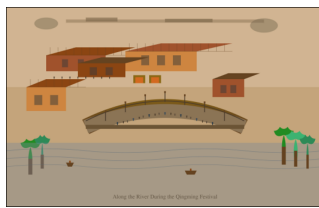
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Can you give a short introduction to this movie?

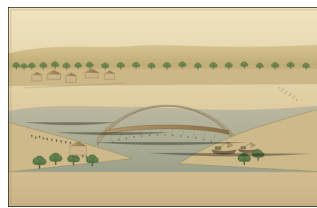
**Answer:** The Godfather is a 1972 American crime film[2] directed by Francis Ford Coppola, who co-wrote the screenplay with Mario Puzo, based on Puzo's best-selling 1969 novel of the same title. The film stars Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan, Richard Castellano, Robert Duvall, Sterling Hayden, John Marley, Richard Conte, and Diane Keaton. It is the first installment in The Godfather trilogy, chronicling the Corleone family under patriarch Vito Corleone (Brando) from 1945 to 1955. It focuses on the transformation of his youngest son, Michael Corleone (Pacino), from reluctant family outsider to ruthless mafia boss.



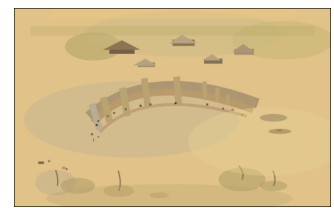
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(c) GPT-5

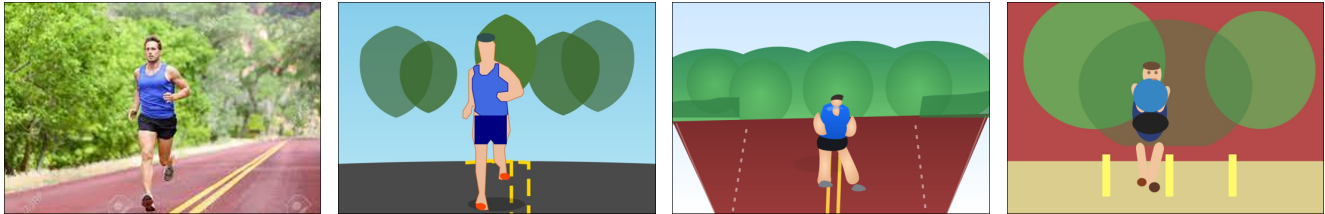


(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Can you give a short introduction to this painting?

**Answer:** Along the River During the Qingming Festival (Qingming Shanghe Tu) is a handscroll painting by the Song dynasty painter Zhang Zeduan (1085–1145) and copied many times in the following centuries. It captures the daily life of people and the landscape of the capital, Bianjing (present-day Kaifeng) during the Northern Song. The theme is often said to celebrate the festive spirit and worldly commotion at the Qingming Festival, rather than the holiday's ceremonial aspects,

such as tomb sweeping and prayers. Read right to left, as a viewer unrolled it, successive scenes reveal the lifestyle of all levels of the society from rich to poor as well as economic activities in rural areas and the city, and offer glimpses of period clothing and architecture. The painting is considered to be the most renowned work among all Chinese paintings, and it has been called "China's Mona Lisa."



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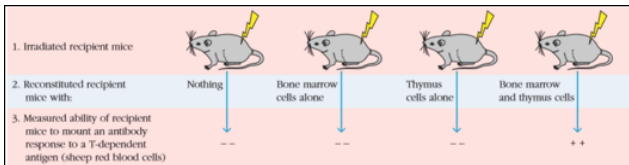
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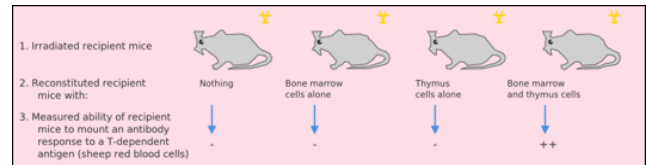
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Is the man going to fall down? **Answer:** no

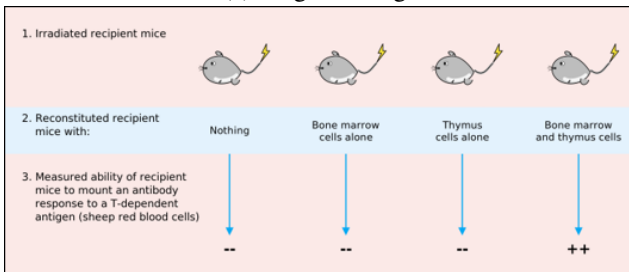
**C.1.2. MMMU**



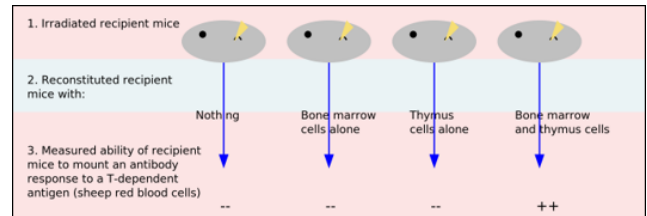
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) Gemini-2.5-Pro



(d) GPT-4o

**Question:** For your independent research, you transferred lymphocyte populations between syngeneic mice. You irradiated recipients first to ablate (get rid of) existing lymphocytes, then transferred defined cell populations from donors of same genetic background. The result is shown in . What does this experiment tell us? (A) Both B cells and T cells can produce antibodies. (B) Both B cells and T cells have memory functions. (C) Both B cells and T cells are required for an antibody response. (D) B cells are required for an antibody response in the absence of T cells. (E) B cells and T cells are co-localized and produce synergetic effects in bone marrow and thymus.

Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

**Answer:** C

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6.520	2.724	Outside the figure	The zero of the counting disc crossed the fixed index mark once in the clockwise direction.
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(c) Gemini-2.5-Pro

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(d) GPT-4o

**Question:** Calculate the area of the zero circle with the following data: Assume that the tracing arm of the planimeter was so set that one revolution of the measuring wheel measures  $100 \text{ cm}^2$  on the paper. Answer the question using a single word or phrase.

**Answer:** 1970.6

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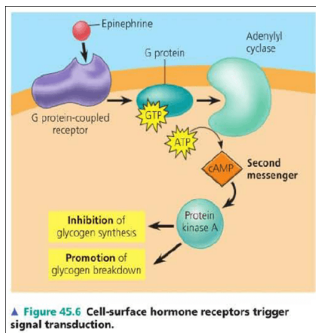
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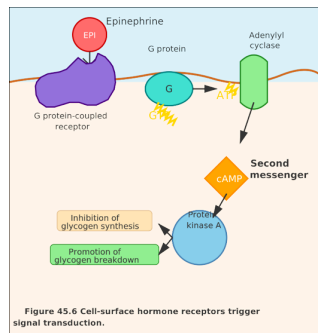
**Question:** For 2015, calculate the cash flow from assets(1) -----, cash flow to creditors(2) -----, and cash flow to stockholders(3) ----- . (A) 1): -\$493.02 (2):-\$2,384 (3):\$1,890.98 (B) 1): \$1843.98 (2):-\$2,384 (3):\$493.02 (C) 1): -\$493.02 (2):-\$2,384 (3):-\$1,890.98

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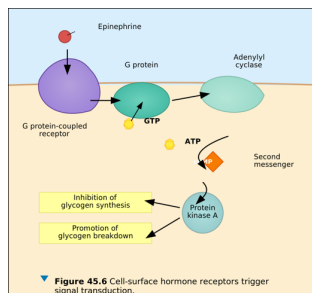
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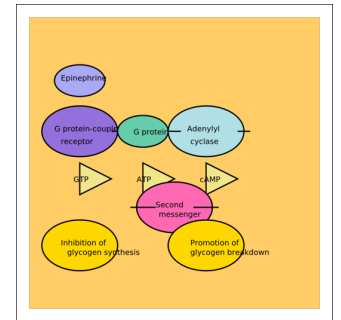
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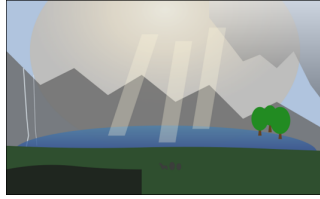
**Question:** Which of the following correctly describes the reception stage of this signal transduction pathway? (A) epinephrine binds to a g-protein coupled receptor protein present in the cell membrane (B) the g protein changes shape, is activated, activates adenylyl cyclase, which activates cAMP, which activates protein kinases (C) protein kinases phosphorylate molecules (D) glycogen synthesis is inhibited and glycogen breakdown is promoted

Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

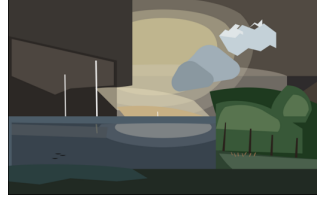
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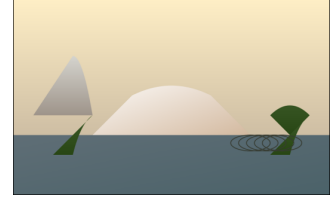
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) Gemini-2.5-Pro



(d) GPT-4o

**Question:** The painting on the right focuses on the (A) contribution of Native Americans to landscape preservation (B) implementation of the Homestead Act (C) impact of the gold rush on landscape development (D) idea of Manifest Destiny  
Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

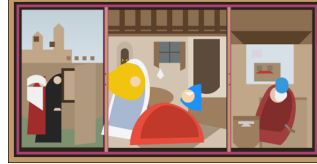
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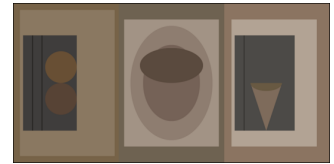
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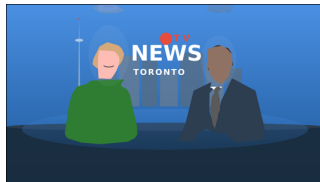
(d) GPT-4o

**Question:** Both works come from which art-historical period? (A) Baroque (B) Renaissance (C) Rococo (D) Classical  
Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

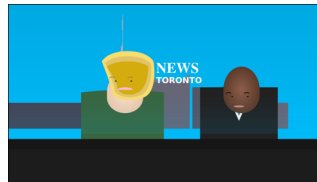
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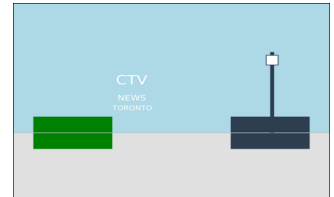
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) Gemini-2.5-Pro



(d) GPT-4o

**Question:** Refer to the figure, which term best describes the practice where students take on the role of television or newspaper reporters and interview characters from the book to retell an event from a range of perspectives? (A) News Program (B) Readers Theatre (C) Hot Seat (D) News  
Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

**Answer:** A



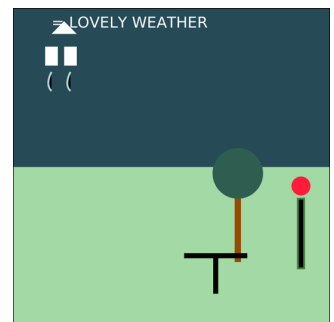
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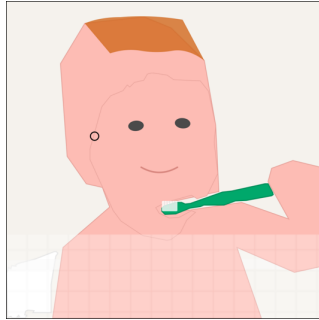
**Question:** Refer to the description, which type of irony is depicted when a person says or writes one thing and means another, or uses words to convey a meaning opposite to the literal meaning? (A) verbal irony (B) situational irony (C) foreshadowing (D) dramatic irony  
Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

**Answer:** A

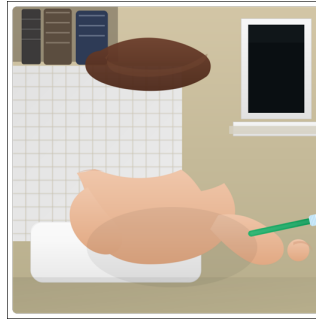
C.1.3. CV-Bench



(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) GPT-5



(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** How many persons are in the image? Select from the following choices. (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 0 (D) 1 Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

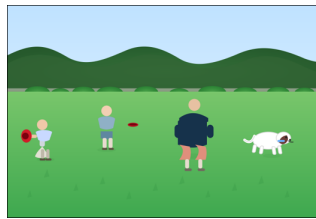
**Answer: D**



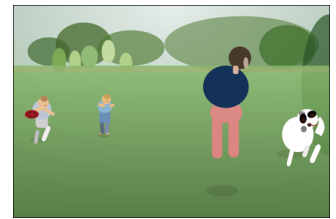
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(c) GPT-5



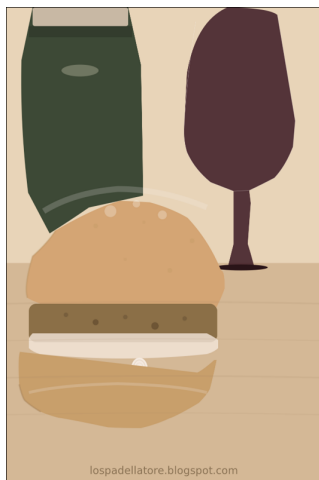
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** How many dogs are in the image? Select from the following choices. (A) 1 (B) 3 (C) 2 (D) 0 Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

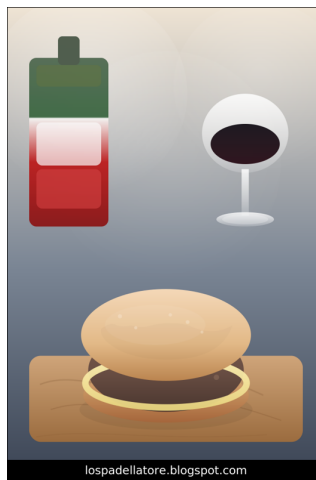
**Answer: A**



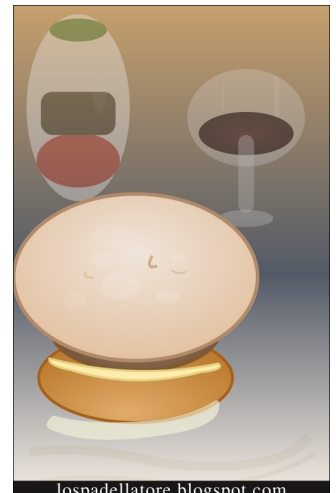
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) GPT-5



(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Considering the relative positions of the bottle and the wine glass in the image provided, where is the bottle located with respect to the wine glass? Select from the following choices. (A) left (B) right Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

**Answer: A**



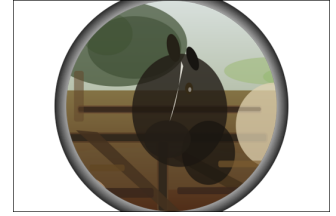
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



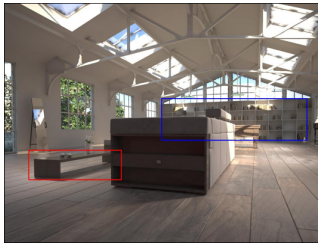
(c) GPT-5



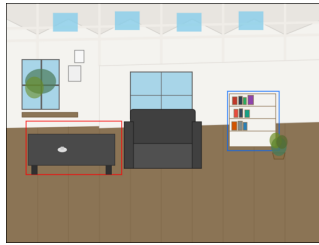
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Considering the relative positions of the sheep and the horse in the image provided, where is the sheep located with respect to the horse? Select from (A) left (B) right  
Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

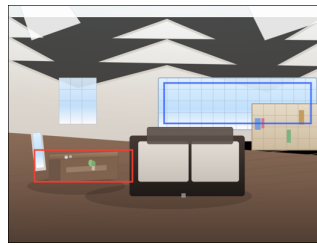
**Answer: B**



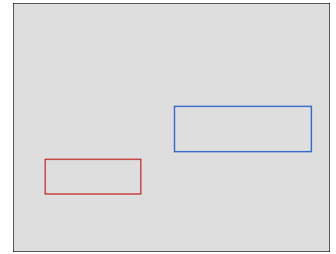
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) GPT-5



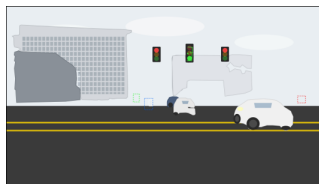
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Which object is closer to the camera taking this photo, the table (highlighted by a red box) or the bookcase (highlighted by a blue box)? (A) table (B) bookcase  
Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

**Answer: A**



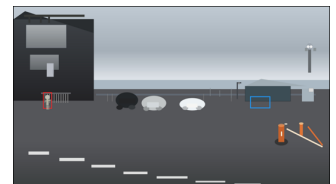
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) GPT-5



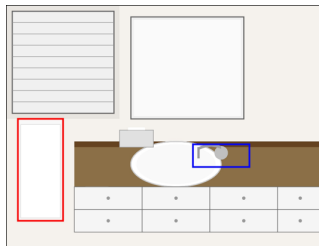
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Estimate the real-world distances between objects in this image. Which object is closer to the traffic cone (highlighted by a red box), the trailer (highlighted by a blue box) or the bus (highlighted by a green box)? (A) trailer (B) bus  
Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

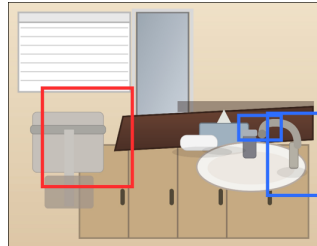
**Answer: A**



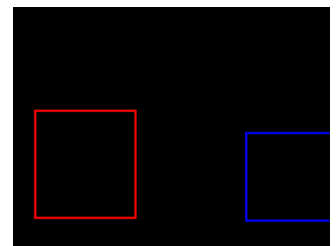
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



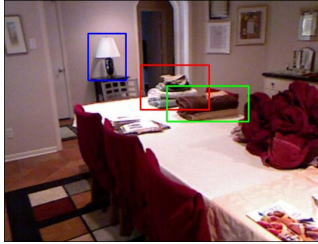
(c) GPT-5



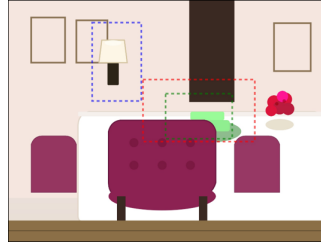
(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Which object is closer to the camera taking this photo, the towel (highlighted by a red box) or the faucet (highlighted by a blue box)? (A) towel (B) faucet  
 Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

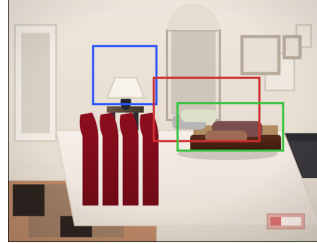
**Answer:** B



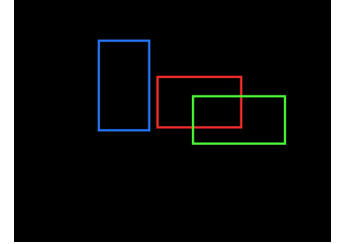
(a) Original image



(b) VCoder



(c) GPT-5



(d) GPT-4.1

**Question:** Estimate the real-world distances between objects in this image. Which object is closer to the clothes (highlighted by a red box), the lamp (highlighted by a blue box) or the towel (highlighted by a green box)? (A) lamp (B) towel  
 Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly.

**Answer:** B

### C.2. VCoder Individual Components

In this section, we present ablation studies visualizing the contribution of individual components in VCoder. For each example, we show: (a) the original reference image, (b) the initial rendered output without any refinement, (c) the output after applying visual tools, and (d) the final output after the revision module. These progressive visualizations demonstrate how each component incrementally improves the quality and accuracy of the generated images.

**Solve the following equations:**

1)  $8x + 11 = 4x + 14$

2)  $7d - 4 = 11d - 9$

(a) Original image

**Solve the following equation:**

1)  $8\square + 11 = 4\square + 14$

2)  $7\square - 4 = 11\square - 9$

(b) Initial rendered

**Solve the following equation:**

1)  $8x + 11 = 4x + 14$

2)  $7d - 4 = 11d - 9$

(c) w. visual tools

**Solve the following equation:**

1)  $8x + 11 = 4x + 14$

2)  $7d - 4 = 11d - 9$

(d) w. revision

**Question:** What is  $d$  in the last equation? **Answer:**  $1.25 / \frac{5}{4}$ .

$4 + 7 =$	$7 + 2 =$
$2 + 2 =$	$6 + 1 =$
$9 + 3 =$	$3 + 8 =$

(a) Original image

$4 + 7 =$	$7 + 2 =$
$2 + 2 =$	$6 + 1 =$
$9 + 3 =$	$3 + 8 =$

(b) Initial rendered

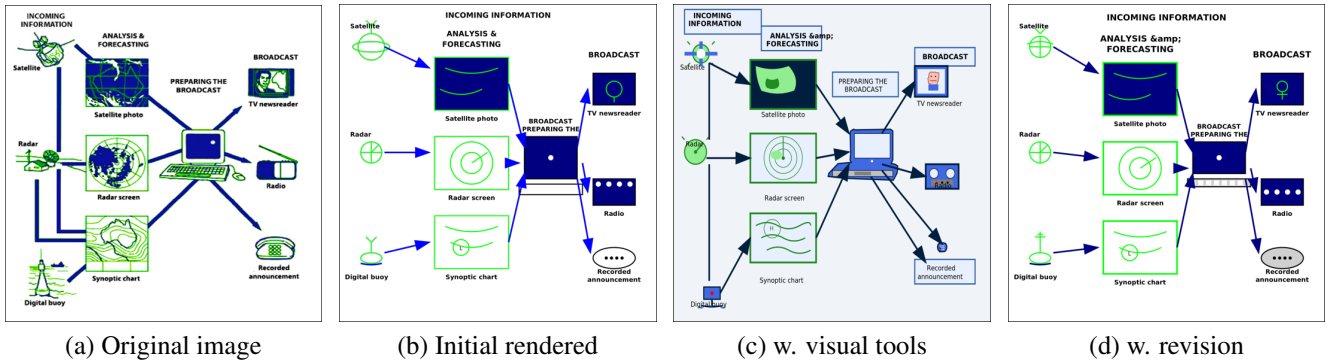
$4 + 7 =$	$7 + 2 =$
$2 + 2 =$	$6 + 1 =$
$9 + 3 =$	$3 + 8 =$

(c) w. visual tools

$4 + 7 = 11$	$7 + 2 = 9$
$2 + 2 = 4$	$6 + 1 = 7$
$9 + 3 = 12$	$3 + 8 = 11$

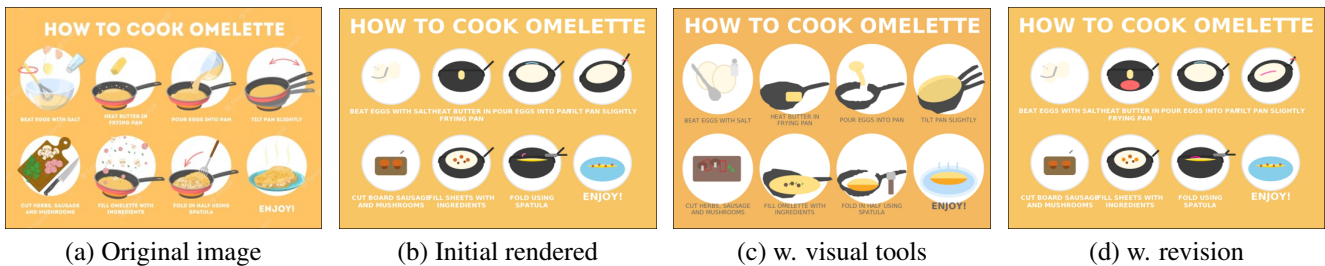
(d) w. revision

**Question:** What is the answer to the second equation on the right? **Answer:** 12

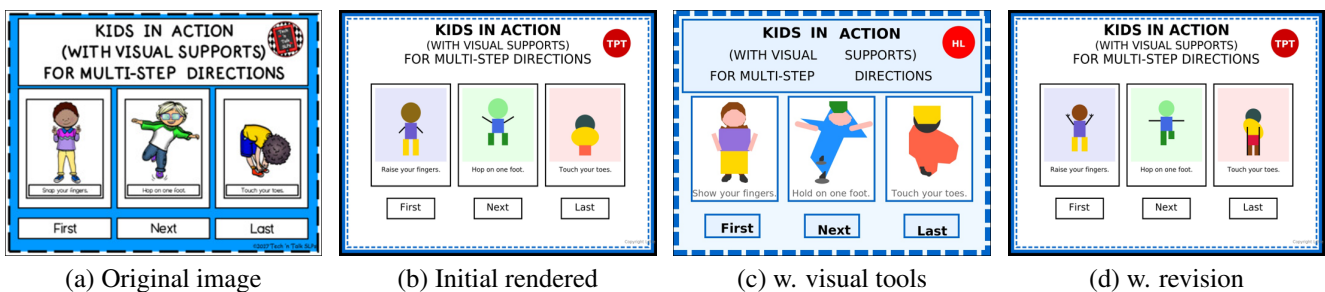


**Question:** The diagram below shows how the Australian Bureau of Meteorology collects up-to-the-minute information on the weather in order to produce reliable forecasts. Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information shown below. Write at least 150 words.

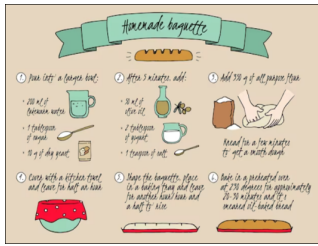
**Answer:** The figure illustrates the process used by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology to forecast the weather. There are four stages in the process, beginning with the collection of information about the weather. This information is then analysed, prepared for presentation, and finally broadcast to the public. Looking at the first and second stages of the process, there are three ways of collecting weather data and three ways of analysing it. Firstly, incoming information can be received by satellite and presented for analysis as a satellite photo. The same data can also be passed to a radar station and presented on a radar screen or synoptic chart. Secondly, incoming information may be collected directly by radar and analysed on a radar screen or synoptic chart. Finally, drifting buoys also receive data which can be shown on a synoptic chart. At the third stage of the process, the weather broadcast is prepared on computers. Finally, it is delivered to the public on television, on the radio, or as a recorded telephone announcement.



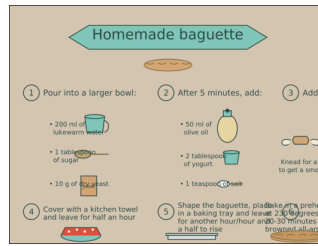
**Question:** What should I do before cutting herbs, sausage, and mushrooms? **Answer:** milk



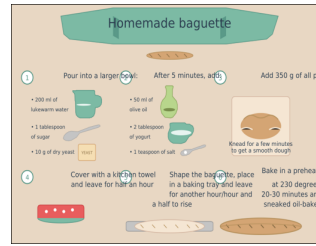
**Question:** What should kids do after snap fingers? **Answer:** hop on one foot



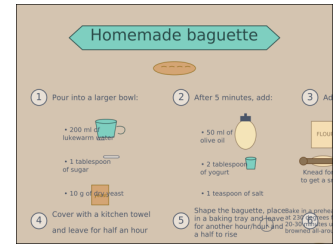
(a) Original image



(b) Initial rendered



(c) w. visual tools

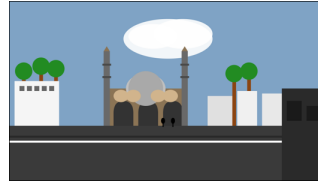


(d) w. revision

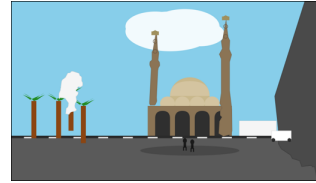
**Question:** What is the index of the step when we need to add all purpose flour? **Answer:** third / 3



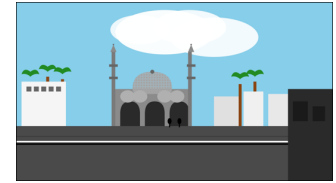
(a) Original image



(b) Initial rendered



(c) w. visual tools

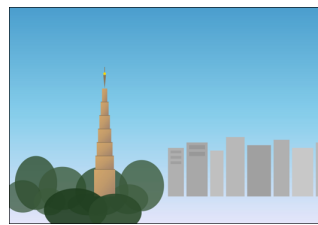


(d) w. revision

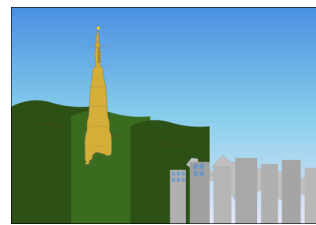
**Question:** What is the name of this landmark? **Answer:** Anbariya Mosque



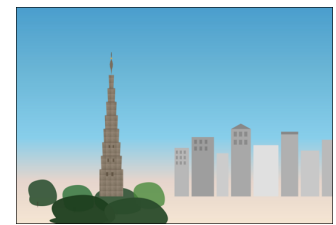
(a) Original image



(b) Initial rendered



(c) w. visual tools



(d) w. revision

**Question:** What is the name of this landmark? **Answer:** baochu pagoda



(a) Original image



(b) Initial rendered



(c) w. visual tools



(d) w. revision

**Question:** Can you give a short introduction to this painting?

**Answer:** Girl With A Pearl Earring (Dutch: Meisje met de parel) is an oil painting by Dutch Golden Age painter Johannes Vermeer, dated c. 1665. Going by various names over the centuries, it became known by its present title towards the end of the 20th century after the earring worn by the girl portrayed there. The work has been in the collection of the Mauritshuis in The Hague since 1902 and has been the subject of various literary and cinematic treatments..



(a) Original image



(b) Initial rendered



(c) w. visual tools

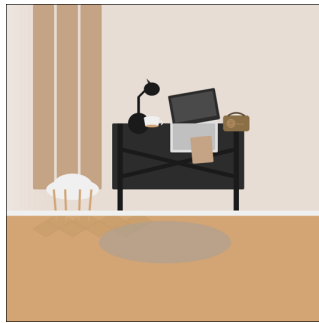


(d) w. revision

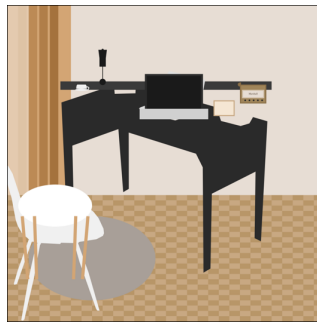
**Question:** What is located to the right of the shampoo? **Answer:** conditioner



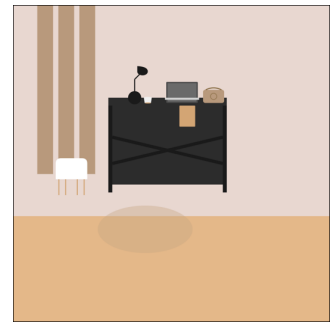
(a) Original image



(b) Initial rendered



(c) w. visual tools

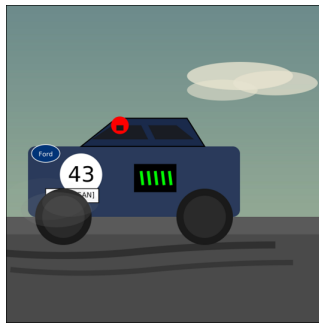


(d) w. revision

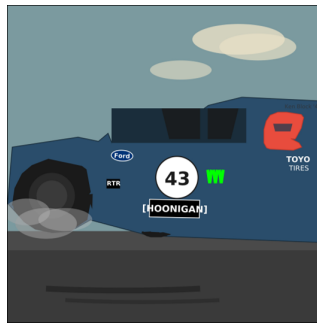
**Question:** Is the curtain on the right side or on the left of the picture? **Answer:** left



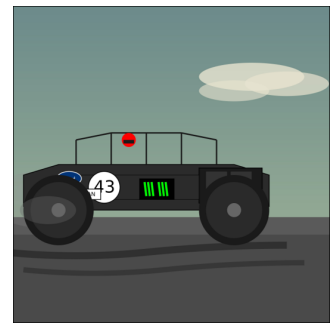
(a) Original image



(b) Initial rendered



(c) w. visual tools



(d) w. revision

**Question:** what is the green logo on the car? **Answer:** monster.