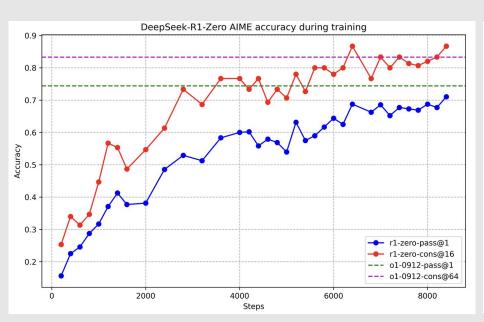
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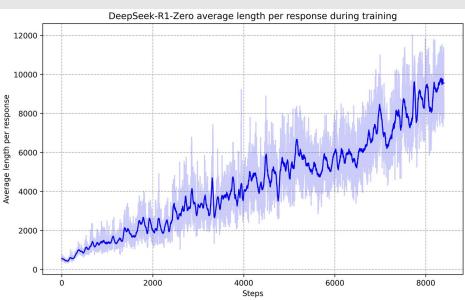
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### Large Reasoning Models

#### Long sequential Chains-of-Thoughts, Higher accuracy in the reasoning tasks

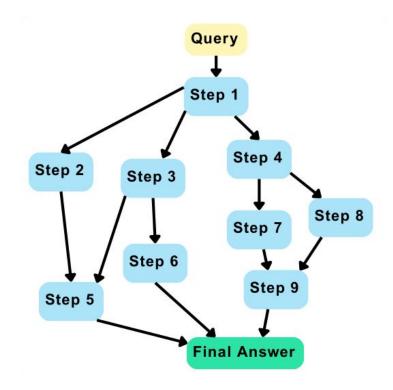




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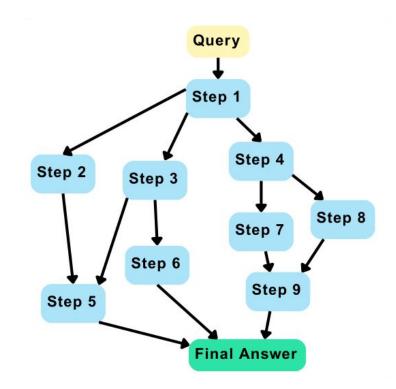
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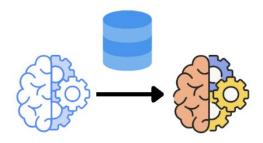
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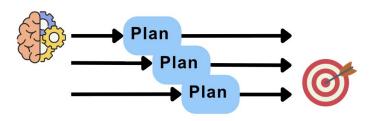


### **SPRINT Framework**

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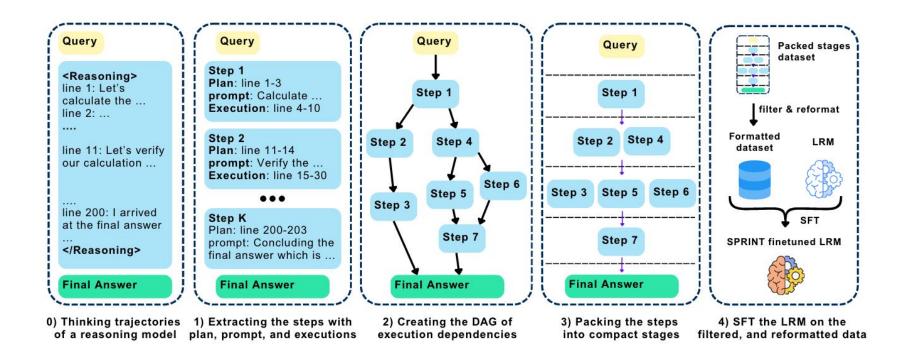


Teach the model how to identify the parallelization opportunities Inference

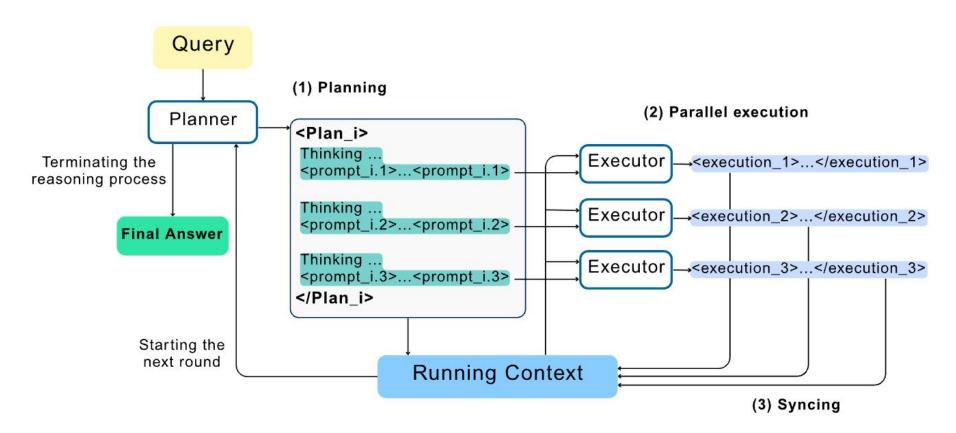


Propose independent plans and execute them in parallel

# **SPRINT Post-Training Process**

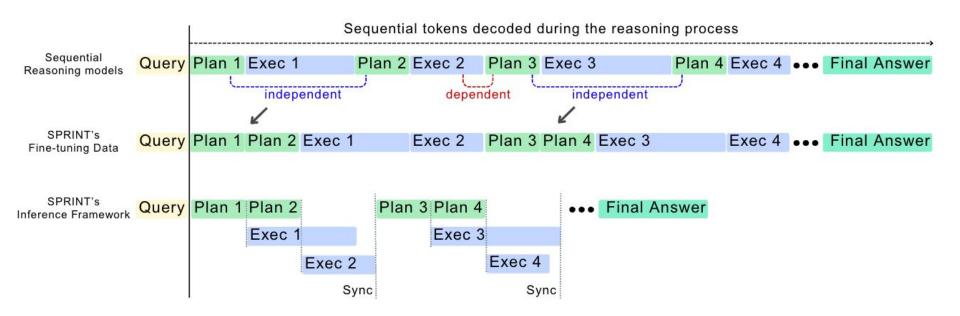


### **SPRINT Inference Process**



# Overlapping Execution Steps

SPRINT would save on the **sequential decoding steps** by overlapping **concurrent execution** of **independent plans**.



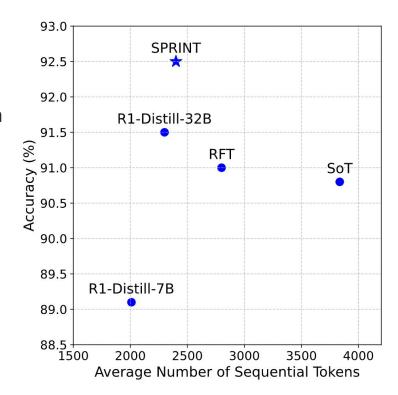
### Higher Accuracy with Fewer Decoding Steps

#### • **Iraining recipe**

- Starting from 6k Deepseek-R1 thinking trajectories on MATH train set
- Filtering the samples with low parallelization opportunities
- SFT DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B on the reformatted reasoning trajectories

#### Results

- On MATH test set SPRINT improves the pareto frontier of accuracy vs seq. tokens
- Beating x4 larger model

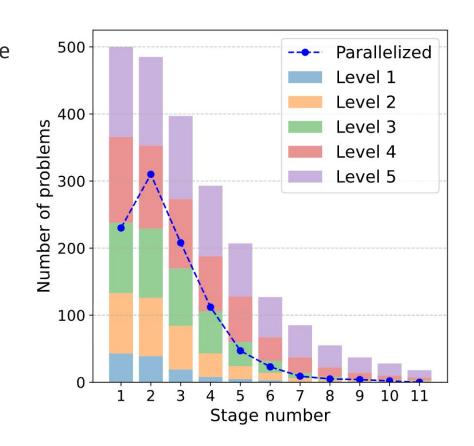


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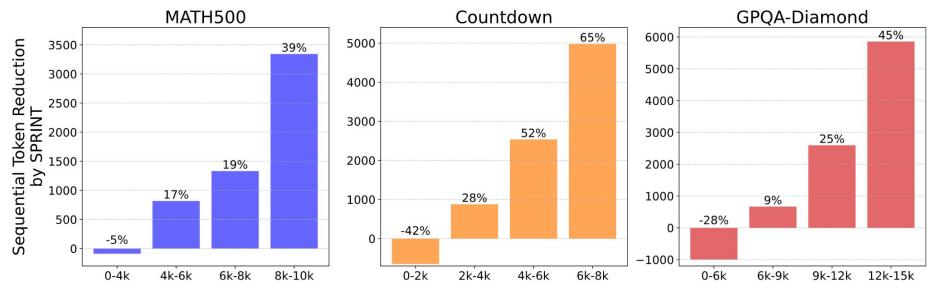
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	MATH500		Countdown		GPQA-Diamond	
Method	Acc↑	Seq. Tokens↓	Acc↑	Seq. Tokens↓	Acc↑	Seq. Tokens↓
Self-consistency	80.5	590	78.5	2845	45.4	4735
SoT-chat	47.3	256	80.0	2367	49.4	3526
SoT-reasoning	90.8	3836	82.4	5823	48.0	7560
RFT	91.0	2880	84.9	4917	50.5	7103
SPRINT	92.5	2440	85.9	2284	51.0	6336

### Parallelization Patterns by SPRINT

- Harder problems require more iterative planning and execution.
- SPRINT introduces more parallelism in the early stages.
- Early parallelism explores multiple approaches before converging to a reliable solution.



### Even Larger Relative Saving for Longer Sequences



Number of Tokens generated by RFT model

## Next Steps

- Improving beyond data quality → Use GRPO to let the model find parallelization strategies beyond supervised samples.
- Parallelizing tool-use in reasoning models → Overlap independent, time-consuming tool calls through parallelized planning.
- Realizing the wall-clock speedups → Employ hardware-optimized implementations that convert sequential token reduction into lower latency.



Questions?