

Image-Text Representation and Image-Text Applications

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Outline

- Part I: Computer Vision Tasks Introduction
 - Image Detection
 - Image Text Tasks: Image Captioning, Phrase Localization, Image-Sentence Retrieval
- Part II: Foundation: How to represent image and text? \Rightarrow image-text representation.
- Part III: Three Image-Text Applications:
 - Learning to ground by reconstruction
 - Description generation and comprehension
 - Dense captioning

Tasks

Object Detection

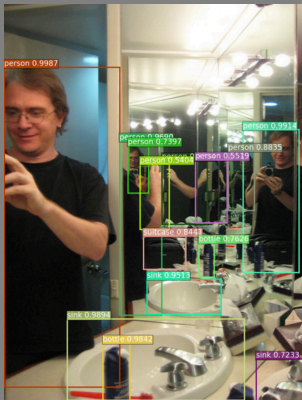


Image Captioning

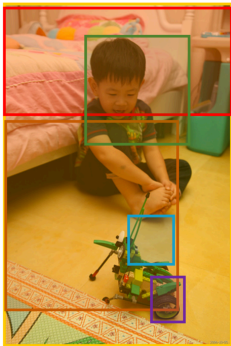


*A graying man in a suit is perplexed at a business meeting.
A businessman in a yellow tie gives a frustrated look.
A man in a yellow tie is rubbing the back of his neck.
A man with a yellow tie looks concerned.*

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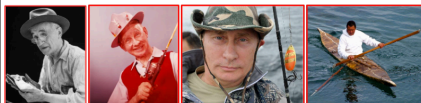
Phrase Localization



A small Asian boy [0.45] is sitting on the floor [0.82] of a bedroom [0.87] being entertained and smiling at a lego toy [0.77] that looks like a bug [0.87] on wheels [0.81] .

Retrieval

man holding fish and wearing hat on white boat



(a) Results for the query on a popular image search engine.



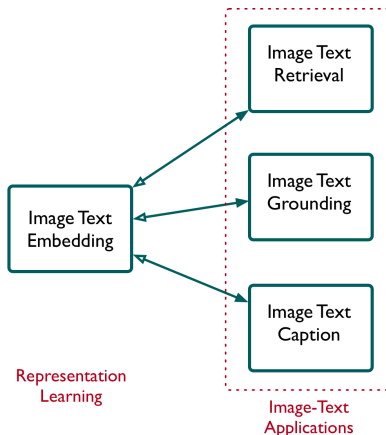
(b) Expected results for the query.

Figure 1: Image search using a complex query like “man holding fish and wearing hat on white boat” returns unsatisfactory results in (a). Ideal results (b) include correct *objects* (“man”, “boat”), *attributes* (“boat is white”) and *relationships* (“man on boat”).

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Learning Image-Text Representation

- Represents Image and Text $\implies \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Similar words/images \implies similar vectors.
- Challenges: Multi-modal Learning. (Semantic sparsity in image and text)



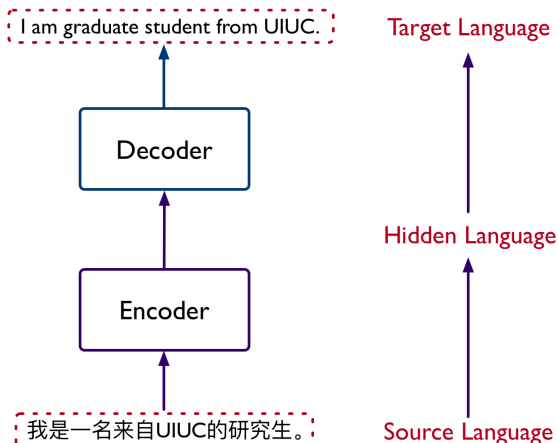
Overview: Image-Text Embedding

- Task: Similar Semantic Unit \implies Similar Vectors
- Define similarity:
 - Symmetric Similarity :
 - Cosine Similarity
 - Asymmetric Similarity : Order-Embedding
- Task to train on:
 - Image-Sentence Matching: Ranking Loss
 - Caption Generation etc.

Unifying Visual-Semantic Embeddings

Motivation

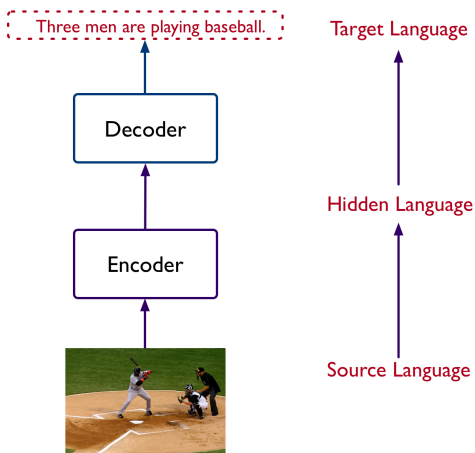
Motivation: Machine Translation



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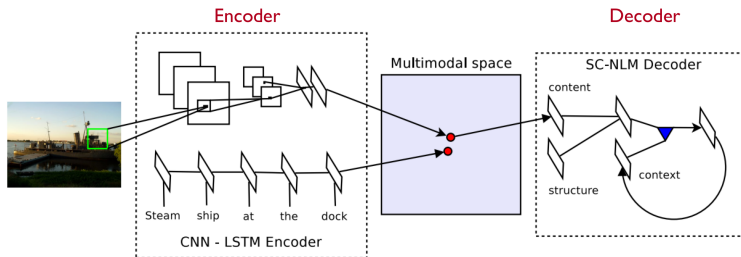
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Image as Source Language!



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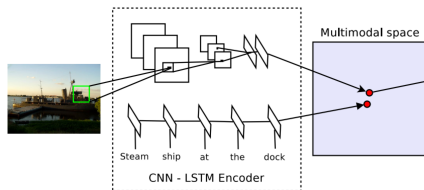
Method Framework



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Encoder



- Input:

- Image feature: \mathbf{q}
- Sentence: w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N

Image Representation: $\mathbf{W}_I \cdot \mathbf{q}$

$$\text{score}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{v}\|_2}$$

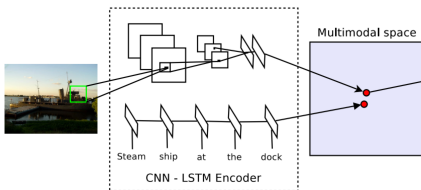
$\mathbf{v} = \text{LSTM}(w_1, w_2, w_3 \dots w_N)$

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Encoder Loss

- Loss Function: Ranking Loss

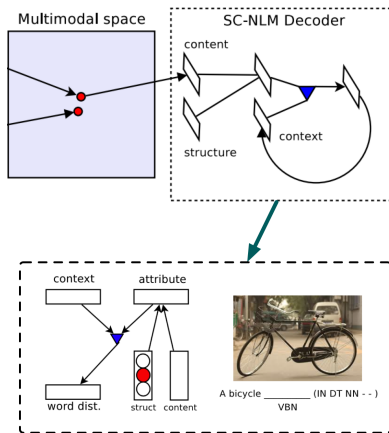


$$\min_{\theta} \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_k \max(0, \alpha - s(x, v) + s(x, v_k))}_{\text{rank sentences}} + \underbrace{\sum_v \sum_k \max(0, \alpha - s(v, x) + s(v, x_k))}_{\text{rank images}}$$

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Method Framework



- \mathbf{u} : content embedding
- w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N : word sequence
- t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N : POS-tagging

$$Pr(w_n = i | w_{1:n-1}, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\max \log Pr(w_n = i | w_{1:n-1}, \mathbf{u})$$

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Evaluation Result

- Dataset: Flickr30K
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Unifying Visual-Semantic Embeddings

Multimodal linguistic regularities

Word Analogy

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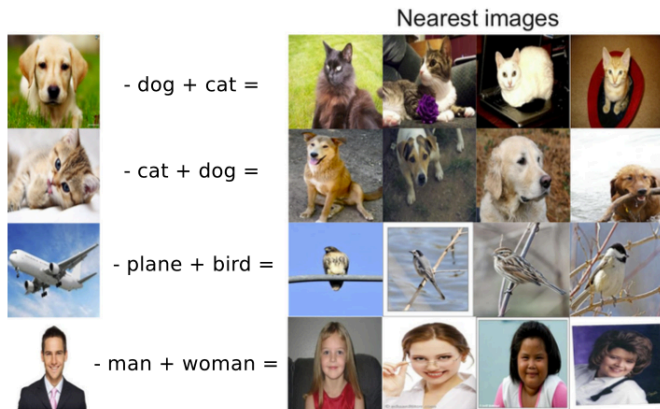


Figure: Object Transferring

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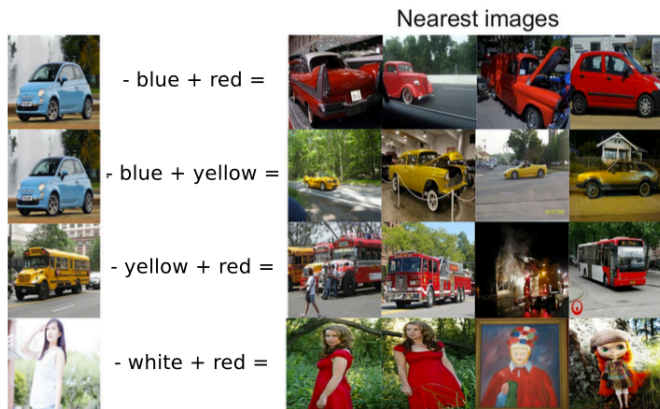


Figure: Color Transferring

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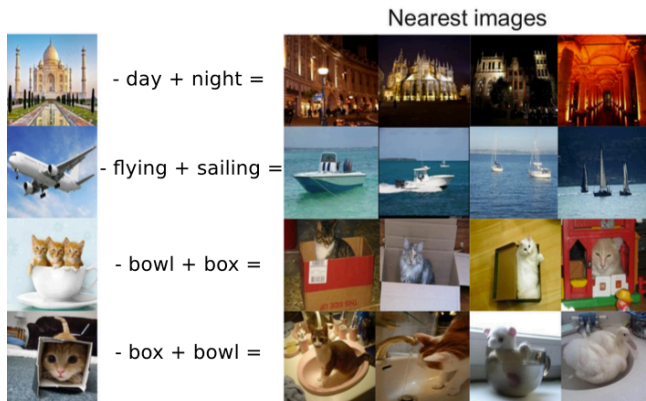


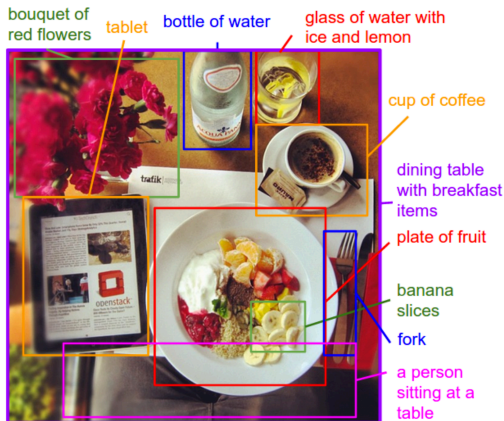
Figure: Structure Transferring

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Beyond one object

It is hard to describe an image with one caption!

Deep Visual-Semantic Alignment Model

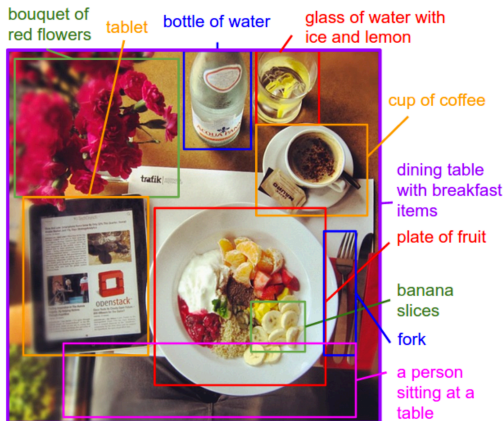


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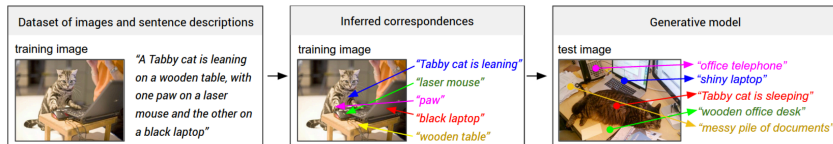
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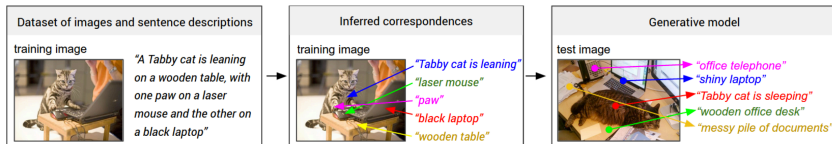
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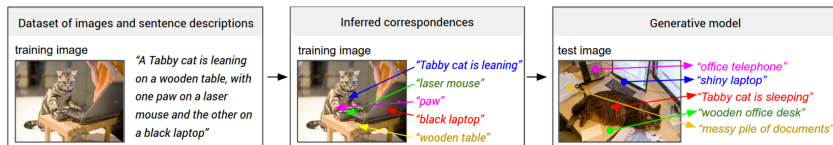
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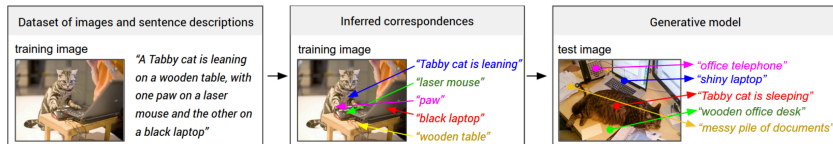
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DVSA Model: Learning MultiModal Embedding

Image Representation

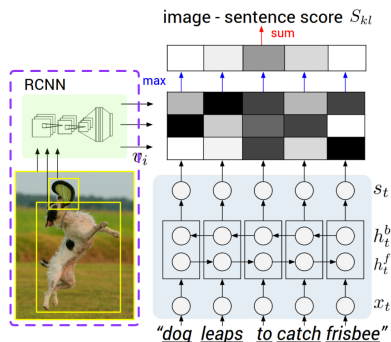


Figure: Aligning Image with Text

Transformed image embedding

$$v = W_m \cdot \left[CNN_{\theta_c} \left(I_b \right) \right] + b_m$$

Pre-trained CNN Model with θ_c .

Input : image + top 19 bounding boxes

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Sentence Representation

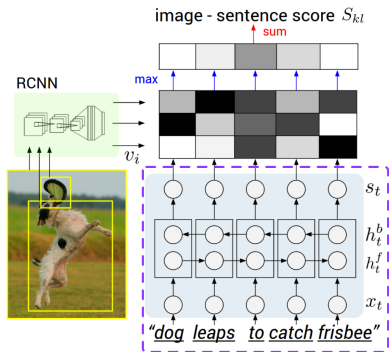


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Semantic Word Representation

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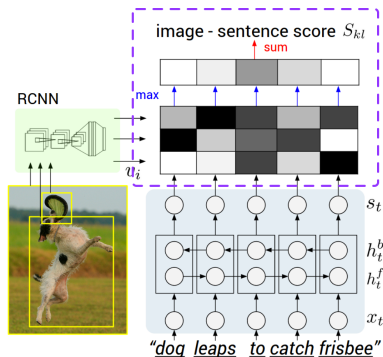
$$h_t^b = \text{LSTM}(h_{t+1}^b, x_t)$$

$$s_t = f(W_d(h_t^f + h_t^b)) + b_d$$

sentence representation at word t

DVSA Model: Learning MultiModal Embedding

Aligning Image with Text



$$S_{kl} = \sum_{t \in g_l} \sum_{i \in g_k} \max(0, v_i^T \cdot s_t)$$

terms in one sentence

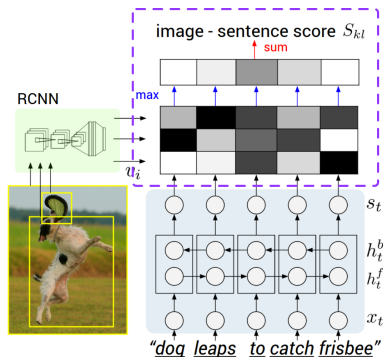
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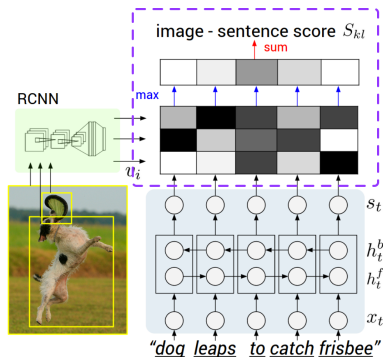
Every word just aligns to **single** best image region!

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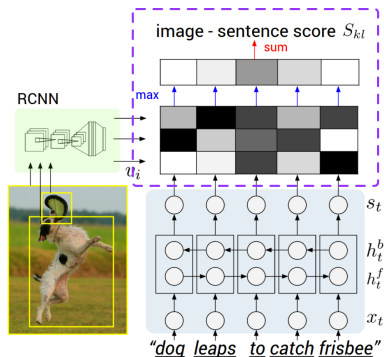
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- Total Loss Function:

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DVSA Model: Description Generation

Simple multi-modal RNN

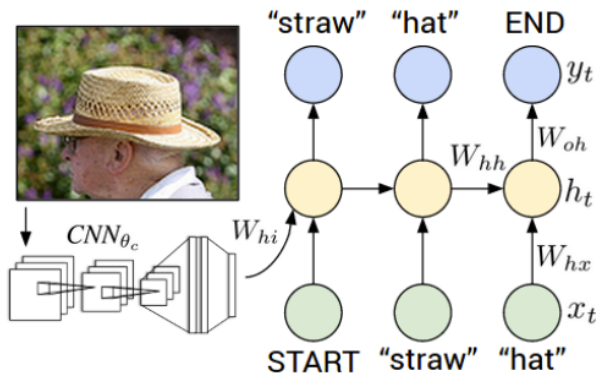


Figure: Multimodal Recurrent Neural Network

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Experiments: Image-Sentence Alignment

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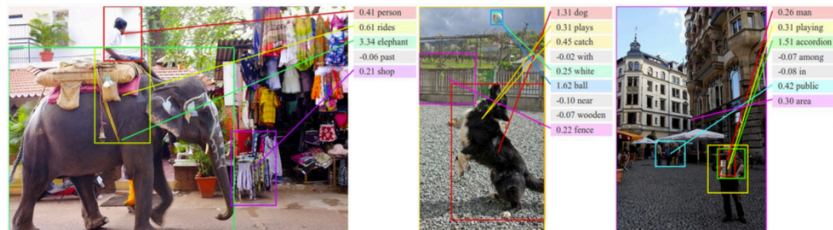


Figure: Example alignments

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Experiments: Description Generation



man in black shirt is playing guitar.



construction worker in orange safety vest is working on road.



two young girls are playing with lego toy.



boy is doing backflip on wakeboard.

Figure: Result for Description Generation

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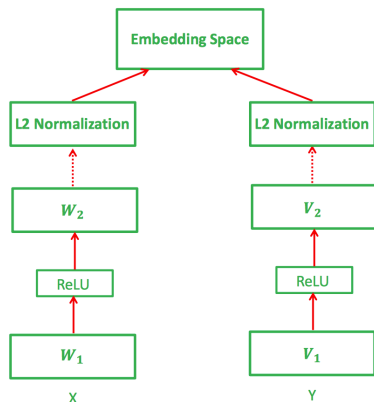
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- How to go beyond naive baseline?

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Structure-Preserving Image-Text Embedding



- Two Branch Network Embeddings
- Minimize the ranking loss

Figure: Network Structure

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Structure-Preserving Image-Text Embedding

Bi-directional Ranking Constraints

Image Embedding

$$d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) + m < d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_k) \quad \forall \mathbf{y}_j \in \mathbf{Y}_i^+, \quad \forall \mathbf{y}_k \in \mathbf{Y}_i^-$$

matching sentences of image i

non-matching sentences of image i

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Structure-Preserving Image-Text Embedding

Structure Preserving Constraints

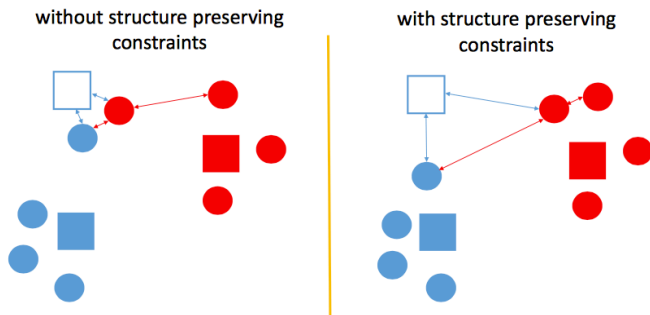



Figure: Illustration of Structure-Preserving

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Structure Preserving Constraints

Image Embedding


$$d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + m < d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_k) \forall \mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x}_i), \forall \mathbf{x}_k \notin \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x}_i)$$



neighborhood of x_i : images sharing same meaning

Structure-Preserving Image-Text Embedding

Loss Function

$$\begin{aligned} L(X, Y) = & \sum_{i,j,k} \max[0, m + d(x_i, y_j) - d(x_i, y_k)] \\ & + \lambda_1 \sum_{i',j',k'} \max[0, m + d(x_{j'}, y_{i'}) - d(x_{k'}, y_{i'})] \\ & + \lambda_2 \sum_{i,j,k} \max[0, m + d(x_i, x_j) - d(x_i, x_k)] \\ & + \lambda_3 \sum_{i',j',k'} \max[0, m + d(y_{i'}, y_{j'}) - d(y_{i'}, y_{k'})] \end{aligned}$$

Figure: Total Loss Function

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Structure-Preserving Image-Text Embedding

Experiment

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- Task: Image-Sentence Retrieval
- Features:
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 - Sentence: Fisher Vector
- Training: SGD with momentum

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BRNN(AlexNet)	22.2	48.2	61.4	15.2	37.7	50.5
MNLM(AlexNet)	22.2	48.2	61.4	15.2	37.7	50.5
CCA(VGGNet,FV)	36.5	62.2	73.3	24.7	53.4	66.8
Wang et al.(VGGNet, FV)	40.3	68.9	79.9	29.7	60.1	72.1

Wang, Liwei, Yin Li, and Svetlana Lazebnik. "Learning deep structure-preserving image-text embeddings."

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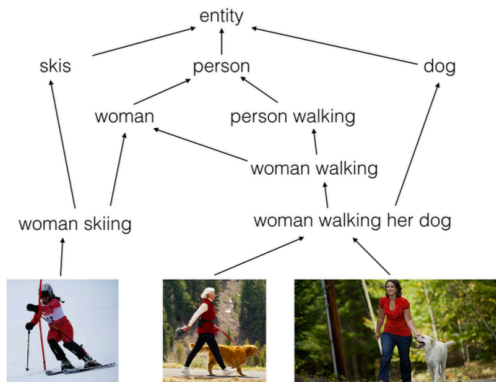


Figure: Order-Embedding: Motivation

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Order-Embedding: Definition

- Order embedding function $f : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$:

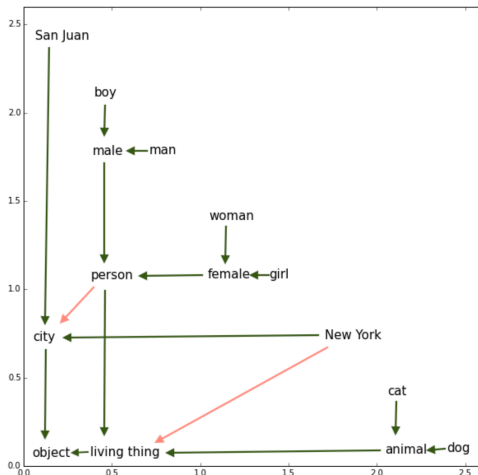
$$f(u) \preceq f(v) \iff u \preceq v, \forall u, v \in \mathbf{X}$$

- How to define \preceq ?

$$x \preceq y \iff \bigwedge_{i=1}^N x_i \geq y_i$$
$$x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$$

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Order-Embedding: Example Embedding on WordNet



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Order-Embedding: Define Loss Function

- Penalty given ordered pair (x, y) :

$$E(x, y) = ||\max(0, (y - x))||^2$$

- Loss Function:

$$\sum_{(u,v) \in P} E(f(u), f(v)) + \sum_{(u',v') \in N} \max\{0, \alpha - E(f(u'), f(v'))\}$$

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Order-Embedding: Performance on WordNet

- Positive Set: All $(u, v) \in \text{WordNet}$.
- Negative Set: Corrupted version of (u, v) .

Table: Performance on WordNet Prediction

Algorithm	Accuracy
transitive closure	88.2
word2gauss	86.6
order-embeddings(symmetric)	84.2
order-embeddings(bilinear)	86.3
order-embeddings	90.6

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Order-Embedding: For Image Caption

- Caption-image pairs are two-level partial order
- Similarity Score: $s(c, i) = -E(f_i(i), f_c(c))$
- Performance on MS-COCO (1k test)

Table: Performance on Image-Sentence Retrieval

Model	Image Annotation			Image Search		
	R@1	R@10	Med r	R@1	R@10	Med r
MNLM(AlexNet)	43.4	85.8	2	31.0	79.9	3
DVSA(AlexNet)	38.4	80.5	1	27.4	74.8	3
order-embeddings symm. (VGGNet)	45.4	88.7	2.0	36.3	85.8	2.0
order-embeddings(VGGNet)	46.7	88.9	2.0	37.9	85.9	2.0

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Order-Embedding: For Image Caption



Captions

Image rank
cosine order-emb

a sitting area with furniture and flowers makes a backdrop for a boy with headphones sitting in the foreground at one of the chairs at a dining table that holds glasses and a handbag working at a laptop

4 8

a kid is wearing headphone while on a laptop

286 24



view of top of a white building with tan speckled area an uncovered awning with a pigeon in flight below and a red umbrella behind balcony wall

3 5

a pigeon flying near white beams of a building

91 6

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Image-Text Representation: Summary

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Takeaway Questions

How to develop new image-text embedding algorithms?

- New Similarity Score?
- Work on new Task like VQA? New Loss?
- Optimizing ranking loss more effectively?

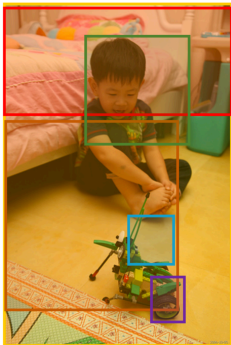
Go beyond Image-Text Representation...

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Applications

Tasks

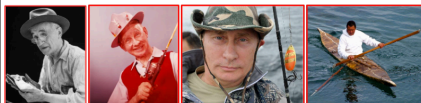
Phrase Localization



A small Asian boy [0.45] is sitting on the floor [0.82] of a bedroom [0.87] being entertained and smiling at a lego toy [0.77] that looks like a bug [0.87] on wheels [0.81] .

Retrieval

man holding fish and wearing hat on white boat



(a) Results for the query on a popular image search engine.



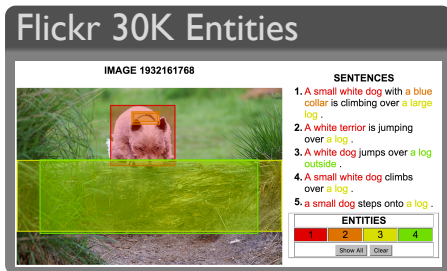
(b) Expected results for the query.

Figure 1: Image search using a complex query like “man holding fish and wearing hat on white boat” returns unsatisfactory results in (a). Ideal results (b) include correct *objects* (“man”, “boat”), *attributes* (“boat is white”) and *relationships* (“man on boat”).

Plummer, Bryan A., et al. “Flickr30k entities: Collecting region-to-phrase correspondences for richer image-to-sentence models.” Johnson, Justin, et al. “Image retrieval using scene graphs.”

Dataset

Flickr 30K Entities



- Augments the 158k captions from Flickr30k with 244k co-reference chains
- Links mentions of the same entities across different captions
- Associates the entities with 276k manually annotated bounding boxes

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Datasets

ReferIt Game



- The blue truck in the bottom right corner
- The light blue truck
- The blue truck on the right

- 130k expressions
- 96k objects
- 19k photos

Kazemzadeh, Sahar, et al. "ReferItGame: Referring to Objects in Photographs of Natural Scenes."

Grounding by reconstruction

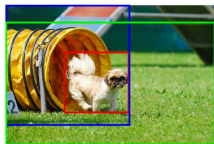
- Localization annotation is costly
 - Flickr30k Entities only has 31k images with 158k captions
 - ReferIt Game has only 19k images with 130k expressions
- Needs to develop an unsupervised/semi-supervised method
 - GroundR: Learn to localize phrases relying only on sentence/visual data without localization annotations

Rohrbach, Anna, et al. "Grounding of textual phrases in images by reconstruction."

Grounding by reconstruction

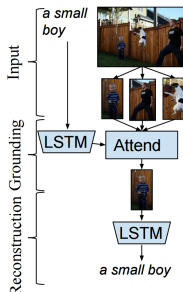
- Method:

- Learning to ground: Selecting a bounding box from region proposals
- Learning to reconstruct: Reconstructing the phrase only from the attended boxes

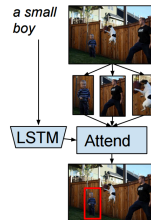


A little brown and white dog emerges from a yellow collapsible toy tunnel onto the lawn.

(a) Predicted grounding.

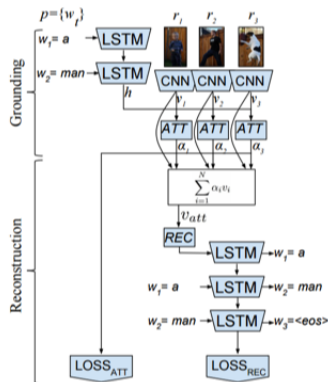


(b) Training time.



(c) Test time.

Grounding by reconstruction



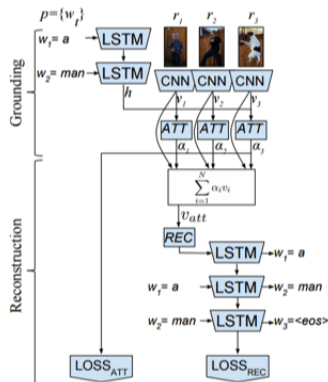
(b) Semi-supervised

$$\bar{\alpha}_i = f_{ATT}(p, r_i)$$

$$L_{att} = -\frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B \log(P(\hat{j}|\bar{\alpha}))$$

- Needs an objective function to attend the correct region
- Use two layer perceptron to compute the attention on the phrase and region
- Use softmax to obtain normalized attention weights

Grounding by reconstruction

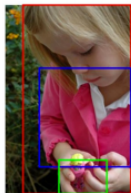
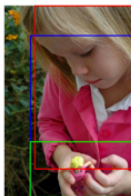


(b) Semi-supervised

$$L_{rec} = -\frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B \log(P(p|v'_{att}))$$

Grounding by reconstruction

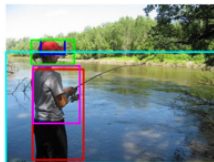
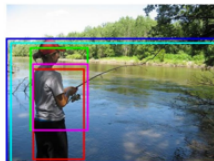
- Qualitative study on Flickr30K Entities
- Top is unsupervised and bottom is unsupervised. Note that the top one is much more accurate



A little girl in a pink shirt is looking at a toy doll.



A woman is riding a bicycle on the pavement.



A girl with a red cap, hair tied up and a gray shirt is fishing in a calm lake.

Grounding by reconstruction

- Qualitative study on ReferItGame
- Red box is the predicted box, green is the ground truth



two people on right



picture of a bird flying
above sand



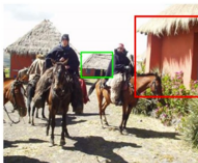
dat alpaca up in front,
total coffeelatte swag



palm tree coming out of
the top of the building



guy with blue shirt and
yellow shorts



hut to the nearest left of
the person on the right

Grounding by reconstruction

Table: Accuracy on the Flickr30k Entities Dataset

Approach	Accuracy VGG-CLS	VGG-DET
Unsupervised training		
GroundR	24.66	28.94
Supervised training		
CCA	27.42	-
GroundR	41.56	47.81
Proposal upperbound	77.90	77.90

Table: Accuracy on ReferItGame

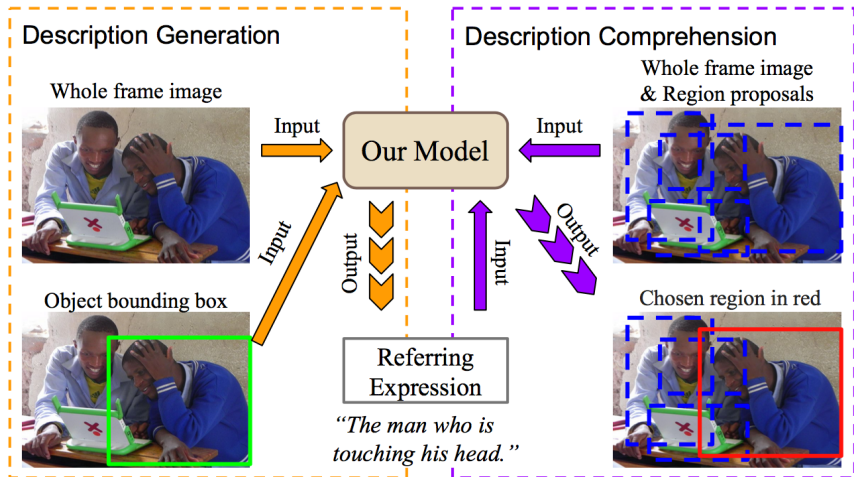
Approach	Accuracy VGG-CLS	VGG-DET
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GroundR	10.69	10.70
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Proposal upperbound	59.38	59.38

Description Generation and Comprehension

- Despite the recent interest in tasks such image caption, it is difficult to evaluate
- We will formulate the problem into two problems that can be objectively evaluated
 - Description generation: Generate a text expression that uniquely pinpoints a highlighted object
 - Description comprehension: Select an object given a text expression that refers to the object
- Hopefully, by modelling a listener, we can achieve better performance in both tasks by discriminate the object of interest from other objects in the image

Mao, Junhua, et al. "Generation and comprehension of unambiguous object descriptions."

Description Generation and Comprehension



Description Generation and Comprehension

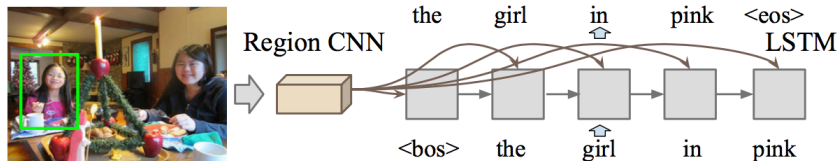
- Description Generation:
 - Compute $\operatorname{argmax}_S P(S|R, I)$
 - S is a sentence, R is a region and I is an image
- Comprehension:
 - Needs to compute $R^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{R' \in \mathcal{C}} p(R|S, I)$
 - $$P(R|S, I) = \frac{P(S|R, I)p(R|I)}{\sum_{R' \in \mathcal{C}} P(S|R', I)P(R'|I)}$$
- We need a method to model $p(S|R, I)$.

Description Generation and Comprehension

- Model:
 - Uses VGGNet and a 5 dimensional vector encoding the bounding box to generate the image features of 2005 dimensions
 - Feed the feature vector into an LSTM sequence model to parameterized the distribution $p(S|R, I)$

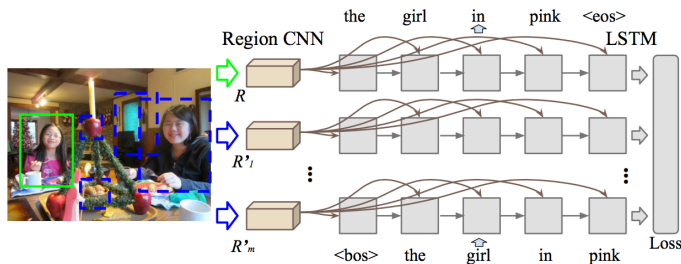
Description Generation and Comprehension

- Training: Maximum Likelihood Training
 - Minimize the negative log probability over the entire dataset
 - Objective: $J(\theta) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \log p(S_n | R_n, I_n, \theta)$



Description Generation and Comprehension

- Training: Maximum Likelihood Training
 - Drawback: only generate description on the target object
 - We need to introduce negative examples
- Instead we will use a “softmax” loss to discriminate the target object against other objects
- Discriminative Training (softmax loss)
 - $J'(\theta) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \log p(R_n|S_n, I_n, \theta)$
 - $\log p(R_n|S_n, I_n, \theta) = \log \frac{p(S_n|R_n, I_n, \theta)}{\sum_{R' \in \mathcal{C}(I_n)} p(S_n|R', I_n, \theta)}$

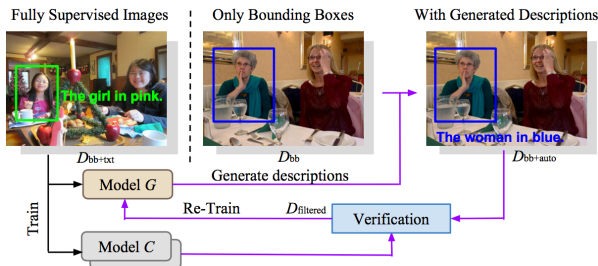


Description Generation and Comprehension

- Discriminative Training (softmax loss)
 - The softmax loss is computational expensive to calculate so we use a max-margin instead
 - $\max(0, M - \log p(S_n|R_n, I_n, \theta) + \log p(S_n|R'_n, I_n, \theta))$
 - R' is a negative example

Description Generation and Comprehension

- Semi-supervised learning
 - For training with a small dataset D_{bb+txt} with bounding box and description and a large dataset D_{bb} of images with bounding boxes but no descriptions
 - First train a model G on D_{bb+txt} and generate description on D_{bb} to get a new dataset $D_{bb+auto}$
 - Retrain G on $D_{bb+txt} \cup D_{bb+auto}$
- Also, train an ensemble of different models C on the dataset D_{bb+txt} for verification



Description Generation and Comprehension

- Performance of full model vs base model
- GT(Comprehension) ground truth is based on Intersection over Union
- GEN(Generation) is manually labeled but Amazon

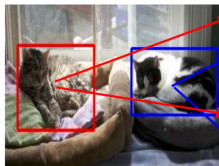
Mechanical Turk workers

Proposals Descriptions	GT		multibox	
	GEN	GT	GEN	GT
Google Refexp-Val				
Baseline	0.751	0.579	0.468	0.425
Full Model	0.799	0.607	0.500	0.445
Google Refexp-Test				
Baseline	0.769	0.545	0.485	0.406
Full Model	0.811	0.606	0.513	0.446

- Performance of the full model on a small labeled dataset vs wuth automatically labeled data

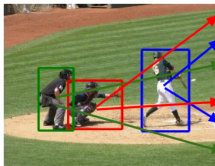
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	GEN	GT	GEN	GT
Google Refexp				
D_{bb+txt}	0.791	0.561	0.489	0.417
$D_{bb+txt} \cup D_{bb}$	0.793	0.577	0.489	0.424

Description Generation and Comprehension



A cat laying on the left.
A black cat laying on the right.

A cat laying on a bed.
A black and white cat.



A baseball catcher.
A baseball player swing a bat.
The umpire in the black shirt.
The catcher.
The baseball player swing a bat.
An umpire.

Image

Multibox Proposals

Description Comprehension Results



A black carry-on suitcase with wheels



A black suitcase.



A red suitcase.



The truck in the background.



A dark brown horse with a white stripe wearing a black studded harness.



A white horse carrying a man.



A dark horse carrying a woman.



A woman on the dark horse.



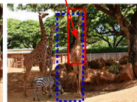
The giraffe behind the zebra that is looking up.



The giraffe with its back to the camera



The giraffe on the right.

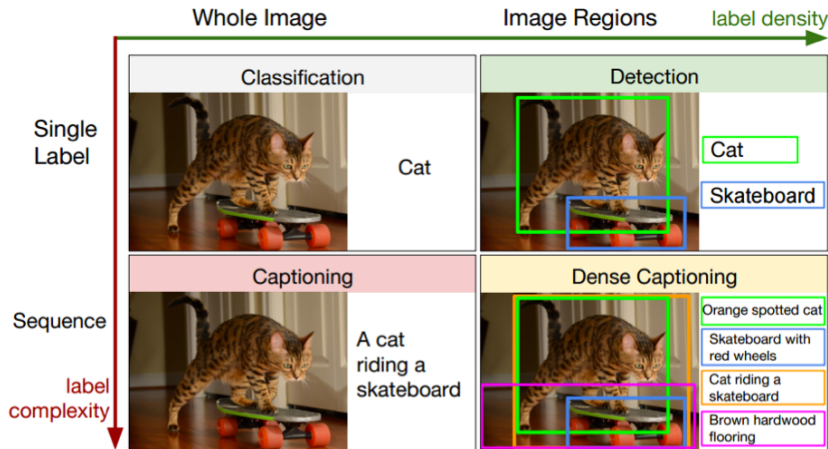


A zebra.



Dense Captioning

- The Task



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Justin, Andrej Karpathy, and Li Fei-Fei. "Densecap: Fully convolutional localization networks for dense captioning."

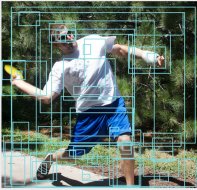
Datasets

Visual Genome

Regions	Attributes	Relationships
small round yellow frisbee	sandals is blue	man WEARING sandals
man wearing blue shorts	tree is pine	man has bare leg
man wearing blue sandals	trail is dirt	arm has cast
bare leg of man playing frisbee	path is concrete	tree behind man
man has cast on his arm	trail is path	trail has bark
pine tree behind man	sunglasses is black	path IN park
bark and dirt next to trail	t-shirt is white	man WEARING sunglasses
	frisbee is yellow	man WEARING shirt
	man is throwing shirt is white	floor ON ground
	shirt is tee	knee ON leg
	man is playing	edge OF short

Question Answers

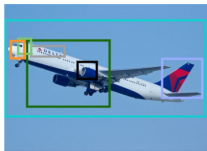
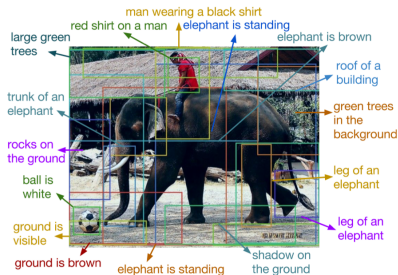
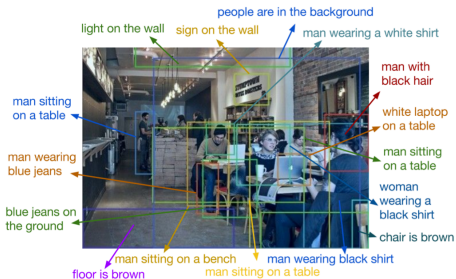
When was the picture taken?	Daytime.
What kind of light is shining down?	Sunlight.
How many people are there?	One.
What is the man playing?	Frisbee.
What color is the frisbee?	Yellow.



- A dataset with 108k images
- 5.4M Regional description
- 1.7M Visual question Answering
- 3.8M Object instances
- 2.8M attributes
- 2.3M relationships

Krishna, Ranjay, et al. "Visual genome: Connecting language and vision using crowdsourced dense image annotations."

Dense Captioning



plane is flying, tail of the plane, red and white plane, plane is white, engine on the plane, windows on the plane, nose of the plane.

Our Model:

Full Image RNN:

A large jetliner flying through a blue sky.



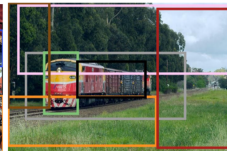
woman wearing a black shirt, teddy bear is brown, chair is black, glass of wine, table is brown, woman with brown hair, paper on the table.

A man and a woman sitting at a table with a cake.



teddy bear is wearing a red shirt, red and white teddy bear, bear is wearing a red hat, red and white shirt, table is brown, black nose of a bear.

A teddy bear with a red bow on it.







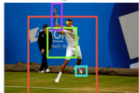

















train on the tracks, trees are green, front of the train is yellow, grass is green, green trees in the background, photo taken during the day, red train car.

A train is travelling down the tracks near a forest.

Dense Captioning

Region source	Language (METEOR)			Dense captioning (AP)		
	EB	RPN	GT	EB	RPN	GT
Full image RNN [22]	0.173	0.197	0.209	2.42	4.27	14.11
Region RNN [22]	0.221	0.244	0.272	1.07	4.26	21.90
FCLN on EB [14]	0.264	0.296	0.293	4.88	3.21	26.84
Our model (FCLN)	0.264	0.273	0.305	5.24	5.39	27.03

Dense Captioning

GT image	Query phrases	Retrieved Images
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">man playing tennis outsidelogo with red letterspair of white shoesred and black tennis racket	     
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">hand of the clockbig and little hand on front clockstone statue on the buildinglight fixture on left side	   
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">black seat on bikechrome exhaust pipewhite and black motorcyclewoman in a store	   
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">man is wetwater splashing under the boardtwo men standing in the waterwhite board being ridden	   

Dense Captioning

	Ranking			
	R@1	R@5	R@10	Med. rank
Full Image RNN [22]	0.10	0.30	0.43	13
EB + Full Image RNN [22]	0.11	0.40	0.55	9
Region RNN [14]	0.18	0.43	0.59	7
Our model (FCLN)	0.27	0.53	0.67	5

Summary

- Beyond embedding
 - GroundR: Learn to attend bounding box and reconstruct phrases
 - Can learn to ground semi-supervised or unsupervised
 - Suspicious evaluation
 - Mao et.al: Learn to train a “listener” to discriminate non-target regions against target regions
 - Can learn to generate descriptions in semi-supervised way
 - Can only select bounding boxes (as oppose to proposing bounding boxes).
 - No comparison against other models
 - DenseCap: Use a localization network to perform end-to-end training
 - Does not need external bounding box proposal
 - The localization network can be inserted into any neural network to enable localized predictions

Today's Summary

- Part I: Computer Vision Tasks Introduction
- Part II: Foundation: How to represent image and text? \implies image-text representation.
 - Similarity Definition: Both symmetric and asymmetric
 - Task: Image-Sentence Ranking (Retrieval, Grounding, Captioning, Question Answering...)
 - Objective Function: Ranking Loss, Reconstruction Loss
- Part III: Three Image-Text Applications:
 - GroundR: Grounding by reconstruction
 - Referring Expression: Description generation and comprehension
 - DenseCap: Generating captioning and perform localization

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