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Language Generation Grounded in Images

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Clue: Cross-modal Coherence Modeling for Caption Generation [ACL 2020]

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Image Captioning Task

 Given an image, generate a natural language description of the content observed in the image



by Joi Ito

the trail climbs steadily uphill most of the way.



by Danail Nachev

the stars in the night sky.



by Justin Higuchi

musical artist performs on stage during festival.



by Viaggio Routard

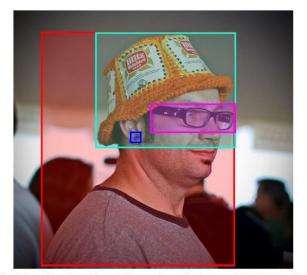
popular food market showing the traditional foods from the country.

Image from Conceptual Captions Website



Flickr(30K) Dataset

- 31,783 images from Flickr each with 5 captions [Young et al. 2014]
- Added correspondences [Plummer et al. 2017]

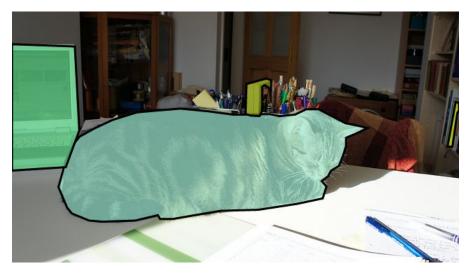


A man with pierced ears is wearing glasses and an orange hat. A man with glasses is wearing a beer can crotched hat. A man with gauges and glasses is wearing a Blitz hat. A man in an orange hat starring at something. A man wears an orange hat and glasses.



MS COCO Dataset

- Microsoft Common Objects in COntext
- ~330K images with 5 captions per image
- [Lin et al. 2014]



a cat is laying on a table near a laptop and papers there is a cat laying on the table enjoying the sun a cat is on papers on a computer desk. a close up of a cat laying on a desk a cat lying in the sun on a table.



Motivation: Object Hallucination

- Datasets are too small for training robust models
- Captions "hallucinate" things that aren't there
- [Rohrbach et al. 2018]



NBT: A woman talking on a cell phone while sitting on a *bench*. CIDEr: **0.87**, METEOR: 0.23, SPICE: **0.22**, CHs: **1.00**, CHi: **0.33**

TopDown: A woman is talking on a cell phone. CIDEr: 0.54, METEOR: 0.26, SPICE: 0.13, CHs: 0.00, CHi: 0.00



Object Hallucination Examples



TopDown: A pile of luggage sitting on top of a *table*. NBT: Several pieces of luggage sitting on a *table*.



TopDown: A group of people sitting around a *table* with laptops. NBT: A group of people sitting around a *table* with laptop.



TopDown: A kitchen with a stove and a *sink*. NBT: A kitchen with a stove and a *sink*.



TopDown: A couple of cats laying on top of a *bed*. NBT: A couple of cats laying on top of a *bed*.



TopDown: A cat sitting on top of a *laptop* computer. NBT: A cat sitting on a table next to a computer.



TopDown: A brown dog sitting on top of a *chair*. NBT: A brown and white dog sitting under an *umbrella*.



TopDown: Aa man and a woman are playing with a *frisbee*. NBT: A man riding a skateboard down a street.



TopDown: A man standing on a beach holding a surfboard. NBT: A man standing on top of a sandy beach.



Conceptual Captions Dataset

- 3.3M Image-Caption pairs generated from web images and associated alt text
- Diverse range of image and caption styles
- Reduced object
 hallucination
- [Sharma et al. 2018]



Alt-text: A Pakistani worker helps to clear the debris from the Taj Mahal Hotel November 7, 2005 in Balakot, Pakistan.

Conceptual Captions: a worker helps to clear the debris.

Alt-text: Musician Justin Timberlake performs at the 2017 Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival on September 23, 2017 in Franklin, Tennessee.

Conceptual Captions: pop artist performs at the festival in a city.



Conceptual Captions Data Extraction

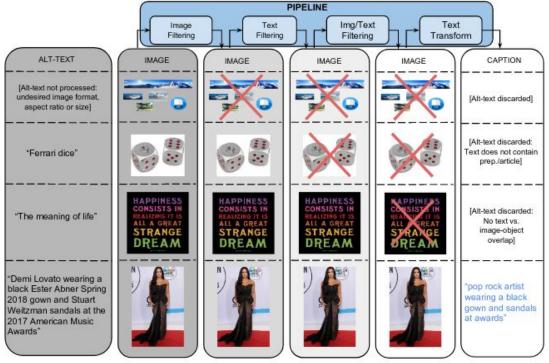


Image from [Sharma et al. 2018]



Context Hallucination

- Conceptual Captions Dataset has lower quality image-caption pairs
 - Contextual Background
 - "This is the new general manager of the team"
 - Subjective Evaluation
 - "This is stylish"
- Metrics compare against only the captions and disregards images
 - How can we tie the caption to the image?



Related Work - Metric

 CHAIR [Rohrbach et al. 2018] - Metric penalizing hallucinations by checking against reference caption and if objects are actually in the image



Related Work - Dataset

- CITE [Alikhani et al. 2019] Image-Caption discourse coherence relations for a multi-modal recipe dataset
 - Crowd-Sourced various questions examining simple relations between instructions and images



Discourse

- Examines language "beyond the sentence"
 - Extension of "grammaticality" to the inter-sentence level
 - Analyzing how sentences (or other discourse units) relate to one another



Discourse Coherence Relations

- Describes relationships between discourse units (such as sentences or clauses)
 - Contingency
 - I was tired because I just ran 5 miles.
 - Comparison
 - She aced the test, but he barely passed.
 - Expansion
 - He likes cats. In particular, he loves ragdolls.
 - Temporal
 - They studied at the library. Afterwards, they went home.



Multi-Modal Coherence Relations

- Images as discourse unit
- Relations tie images and captions together
 - Visible, Subjective,
 Action, Story, Meta,
 Irrelevant

Visible, Action, Subjective



(b) CAPTION: young happy boy swimming in the lake.



Visible

- Text restates what can be found in the image
- A person on a mountain trail





Subjective

- Text is reaction / evaluation of image content
- A beautiful and stunning mountain range





Action

- Text describes process occurring within image
- A person hiking up a mountain trail





Story

- Text describes circumstances within image
- A person approaching their campsite





Meta

- Text discusses the manner in which the image was taken or created (<u>When</u>, <u>Where</u>, and <u>How</u> subcategories)
- A landscape of a person at 1550 elevation on the slopes





Irrelevant

- Text has nothing to do with the image
- A walrus rolls over for a tasty treat at SeaWorld





Clue Dataset

- 5,000 image-caption pairs from Conceptual Captions
- 5,000 image-caption pairs from the top 5 image captioning models on 1,000 images from the Open Images Dataset [Kutzenova et al. 2020]



Clue Dataset Relation Labeling

- Crowd-sourced non-expert labeling was
 unsatisfactory for general relations
- Relations for each image-caption pair labeled by experts (2 undergrad linguistics students) via authors' annotation interface
 - Cohen's $\kappa = 0.81$ indicating high agreement



Clue Dataset Relation Distribution

- Mostly **Visible** relations
- Models biased towards more Meta and Irrelevant (increased context hallucination)

	Visible	Subjective	Action	Story	Meta	Irrelevant
Ground-truth	64.97%	9.77%	18.77%	29.84%	24.59%	3.09%
Model output	69.72%	1.99%	11.22%	17.19%	58.94%	16.97%
Ground-truth + Model	66.91%	6.58%	15.68%	24.67%	38.65%	8.77%

Table 1: Distribution of coherence relations over the ground-truth and the model outputs.



Clue Dataset Meta Sub-Categories

- Models learn to generate locations and how things occur
- Not as good for
 Temporal relations

	When	How	Where
Ground-truth	33.74%	64.40%	28.60%
Model output	21.75 %	72.84%	41.03%

Table 2: Distribution of fine-grain relations in the Meta category over the ground-truth and the model outputs.



Clue Dataset Relation Co-Occurrence

- Significant Visible / Meta overlap
 - Increases by 32% in model output

		Subjective	Action	Story	Meta
h.	Visible	3.96%	16.71%	8.08%	22.49%
	Subjective		0.72%	2.96%	1.25%
Ground Truth	Action			2.72%	9.13%
	Story				2.89%
		Subjective	Action	Story	Meta
	Visible	1.01%	10.62%	9.67%	54.55%
Model	Subjective		0.00%	1.49%	0.76%
	Action			2.12%	7.96%
	Story				8.06%

Table 1: Rates of co-occurrences of different labels in groundtruth and the model outputs.



Clue Dataset Source / Relation Distribution

- Most of Getty Images and Picdn have Visible relations
- Daily Mail, a news source, has a lot of Story relations

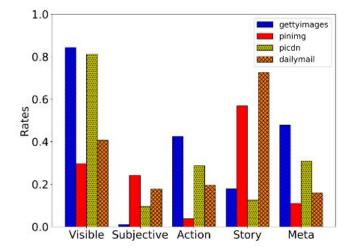


Figure 4: Different resources have different kinds image–caption pairs. The graph shows the distribution of labels in the top four domains present in the Conceptual Captions dataset.



Multi-Label Relation Prediction

- Given an image and a caption, predict all of the coherence relations for that image-caption pair
- 80 / 20 Train-Test split with 5-Fold Cross Validation



Multi-Label Models

- 1. **SVM**: 1-5 n-gram BoW classifier using text only
- 2. GloVe [Pennington et al. 2014] Encoder: LSTM + BN + FC + Tanh
- 3. **BERT** [Devlin et al. 2018] **Encoder**: Sentence embedding + <CLS>
- 4. ResNet-50 [He et al. 2016] Encoder: ResNet + BN + FC + ReLU
- 5. **GloVe + ResNet-50**: (2) + (4)
- 6. **BERT + ResNet-50**: (3) + (4)

Not entirely clear how (5) and (6) are constructed



Multi-Label Results

	Visible	Subjective	Action	Story	Meta	Irrelevant	Weighted
SVM (text-only)	0.83	0.12	0.32	0.21	0.19	0.00	0.48
GloVe (text-only)	0.80	0.44	0.58	0.57	0.44	0.08	0.63
BERT (text-only)	0.82	0.35	0.62	0.62	0.44	0.06	0.65
GloVe + ResNet	0.81	0.36	0.58	0.60	0.45	0.07	0.64
BERT + ResNet	0.83	0.36	0.69	0.62	0.44	0.06	0.67

Table 3: The F_1 scores of the multi-class classification methods described in Section 4.1; 80-20 train-test split; 5-fold cross validation.



Multi-Label Results

- Both BERT and GloVe models outperform the SVM baseline by a significant margin
- Results only slightly change when ResNet-50 image encoder is added to the text encoder



Single-Label Prediction

- Goal: Generate captions with a desired coherence relation
 - Need to distinguish different coherence relations for co-occurring types
- Reduce multiple coherence relation labels down to a single label and predict that



Single-Label Mapping

- Reduce each image down to one label
 - If it contains Meta, set the relation to Meta
 - If it contains Visible, but not Meta or Subjective, then set it to Visible
 - Otherwise randomly sample from the image's relations
- 3910 pairs with 3400 / 510 train-test split



Single-Label Models

- BERT + ResNet-50
- BERT + GraphRise [Juan et al. 2020]
 - GraphRise is pre-trained on 260M images with 40M labels and outputs 64-D representation
- USE [Cer et al. 2018] + GraphRise
 - Universal Sentence Encoder produces a 512-D representation of the sentence
- The above are fed into a 3 layer / 256 neuron fully connected network with ReLU activations + Softmax into 6 classes
- Dropout of 0.5 and trained with Adam with learning rate of 1e-6



Single-Label Results

	Visible	Subjective	Action	Story	Meta	Irrelevant	Weighted
Ground-truth Distribution	46.65%	7.07%	1.31%	19.09%	23.42%	2.46%	
BERT + ResNet	0.64	0.26	0.02	0.52	0.46	0.07	0.52
BERT + GraphRise	0.59	0.15	0.00	0.42	0.34	0.00	0.45
USE + GraphRise	0.69	0.45	0.00	0.57	0.48	0.00	0.57

Table 4: The F_1 scores of coherence relation classifiers with label mapping. The aggregated Weighted scores use the numbers in the first row as weights.



Single-Label Results

- New distribution of relations is less skewed towards **Visible**
- BERT + GraphRise does worse than BERT + ResNet across the board
- USE + GraphRise does the best overall
- Both GraphRise networks have 0 F₁ scores for Action and Irrelevant
- Multi-Label baseline models removed
 - Namely, no more text-only models



Coherence-Aware Caption Generation

- Generate captions for the rest of the Conceptual Captions dataset that do not have coherence relation labels
 - Predict the relation with USE + GraphRise for the image-caption pair
 - Feed it into the generation process as a target relationship



Coherence-Aware Caption Model

 USE + GraphRise for coherence labels with NONE for Coherence-Agnostic evaluation

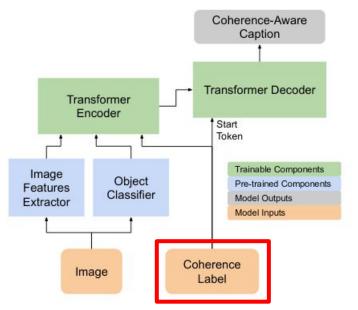


Figure 5: Coherence-aware image captioning model

Figure from [Alikhani et al. 2020]



Coherence-Aware Caption Model

- GraphRise as Image Feature
 Extractor
- Object labels from Google Cloud Vision API embedded like word2vec [Mikolov et al. 2013] for co-occurring objects in web pages

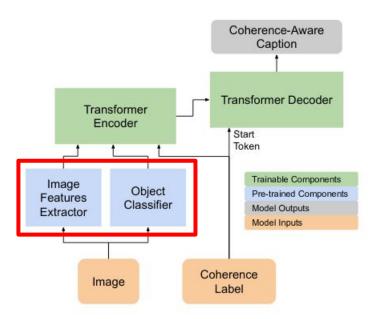


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Coherence-Aware Caption Model

 Transformer [Vaswani et al. 2017] with 6 enc/dec layers, 8 attention heads, 512-D embedding space

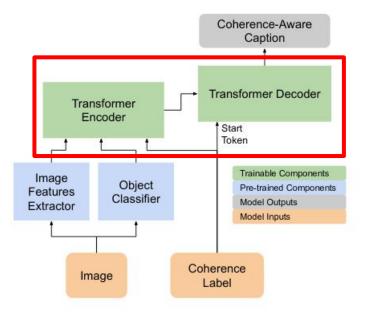


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Coherence-Aware Caption Results

	Coherence agnostic	Visible coherence-aware	Subjective coherence-aware	Story coherence-aware	Meta coherence-aware
Visible	52.1%	79.9%	31.7%	25.0%	42.80%
Subjective	11.4%	2.6%	24.4%	2.6%	1.9%
Action	10.7%	10.8%	6.3%	8.8%	11.4%
Story	51.3%	16.0%	45.0%	58.8%	17.34%
Meta	31.2%	32.8%	15.1%	17.7%	46.5%
Irrelevant	12.2%	12.3%	10.7%	9.9%	21.40%
When	9.5%	5.6%	4.1%	17.7%	9.6%
How	21.3%	21.3%	9.6%	25.0%	30.26%
Where	5.3%	8.6%	4.1%	8.8%	16.6%

Table 5: The distribution of coherence relations in image–caption pairs when captions are generated with the discourse–aware model vs the discourse agnostic model (the mode of the distribution in bold).



Coherence-Aware Caption Results

- Expert evaluation over 1500 image-caption pairs with 300 in each category
- The target coherence relation is generated more often when comparing the coherence-aware model with the coherence agnostic model
- Action / Irrelevant aware models are left out, likely because they are poorly predicted



Coherence-Aware Caption Examples



girl in the winter forest. ful girl in a red dress.

coherence-agnostic: beauti- coherence-agnostic: the best room. pizza in the world.

(a) coherence-aware Meta: A (b) coherence-aware Visible: (c) coherence-aware Subjec- (d) coherence-aware Story: the pizza at restaurant is seen. tive: beautiful chairs in a how to spend a day. coherence-agnostic: dogs coherence-agnostic: the liv- playing on the beach. ing room of the home.

Figure 6: Captions generated by the coherence-aware and coherence-agnostic models. (Photo credits: YesVideo; TinnaPong; Sok Chien Lim; GoPro)



Human Evaluation - "Good"

- Asked humans to determine if Visible outputs were "good" or not
- 86% of the coherence-aware outputs were "good" vs 74% of the coherence-agnostic approach outputs
- Under data for the Conceptual Caption Workshop at CVPR 2019, SOTA models obtain 67% "good" ratings



Human Evaluation - Preference

- Humans choose between coherence-agnostic and coherence-aware outputs
- 68.2% of the coherence-aware outputs were preferred as opposed to 31.8% of the coherence-agnostic



Human Evaluation - Quality / Relevance

- Humans were asked to evaluate quality and relevance to the image on a Likert scale
- Coherence-Aware: 3.44 Quality / 4.43 Relevance
- Coherence-Agnostic: 2.83 Quality / 4.40 Relevance
- Quality not reflected in CIDEr scores:
 - Coherence-Aware: 0.958
 - Coherence-Agnostic: 0.964



Discussion

- How often were the predicted coherence relation labels wrong? Would the coherence-aware expert labeled distribution change if they used gold label coherence relation labels?
- What would happen if the multi-label models were used and multiple coherence labels were fed into the coherence-aware generation approach?
 - At the very least, the Action F₁ score for the multi-label model was non-zero



Discussion

- Why was Action not preferred in the single-label mapping? The resulting distribution dropped Action prevalence from 18.77% to 1.31%
- Why did they only use 3910 of the 10K coherence relation labeled samples that they had?
- Why did they do human evaluation on the Visible coherence relation only? While Subjective would be harder to evaluate, Action, Story, and Meta would be similar to Visible to evaluate.



Grounded Situation Recognition [ECCV 2020]

By Sarah Pratt, Mark Yatskar, Luca Weihs, Ali Farhadi, and Aniruddha Kembhavi



- From language to structure
- Given an image, generate a structured summary
 - main activity
 - participating actors, objects, substances, and locations
 - roles of participants



JUMPING									
ROLE VALUE			ROLE	VALUE					
AGENT	BOY		AGENT	BEAR					
SOURCE	CLIFF		SOURCE	ICEBERG					
OBSTACLE -			OBSTACLE	WATER					
DESTINATION	WATER		DESTINATION	ICEBERG					
PLACE LAKE			PLACE	OUTDOOR					



FrameNet

- Linguist-authored verb lexicon
- Describe possible situations
- QA, Information Extraction, Semantic Role Labeling
- Built/Being built for many languages
 - French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Swedish, German



JUMPING									
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imSitu dataset (Yatskar et. al.)

- Filter verbs from FrameNet for describing image events
- Collect related images from Google search
- Annotate roles using crowdsourcing



JUMPING										
ROLE	VALUE		ROLE	VALUE						
AGENT	BOY		AGENT	BEAR						
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DESTINATION	WATER		DESTINATION	ICEBERG						
PLACE	LAKE		PLACE	OUTDOOR						



What situation recognition answers:

- what is happening?
- who are participants?
- what are their roles?

What it does not answer:

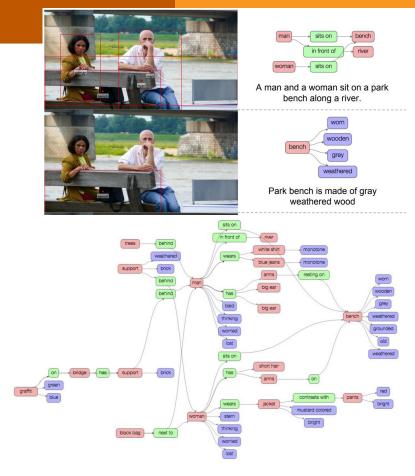
• where are the entities in the image?

Grounded Situation Recognition (GSR)



Related Work

- Flickr30k Entities
 - Grounded captioning
 - Human centric
- v-COCO [Gupta et. al., 2015]
 - Much smaller scale
- Visual Genome
 - Dense scene graphs
 - Most relations are binary and positional



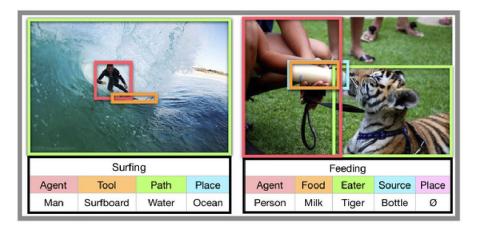
Source: Visual Genome Connecting Language and Vision Using Crowdsourced Dense Image Annotations, Krishna, Ranjay, et al.



Grounded Situation Recognition

Given an image, produce three outputs:

- Verb
 - classify among 504 verbs
- Frame
 - 1 to 6 semantic roles associated with the verb
 - match roles with related nouns
- Groundings
 - Identify bounding boxes for identified nouns





SWiG : Situations With Groundings

Dataset for GSR

- Retain from imSitu
 - images
 - frame annotations (three for each image)
 - data splits
- Obtain bounding boxes
 - using AMT
 - each role annotated by three workers
 - use average for truth value





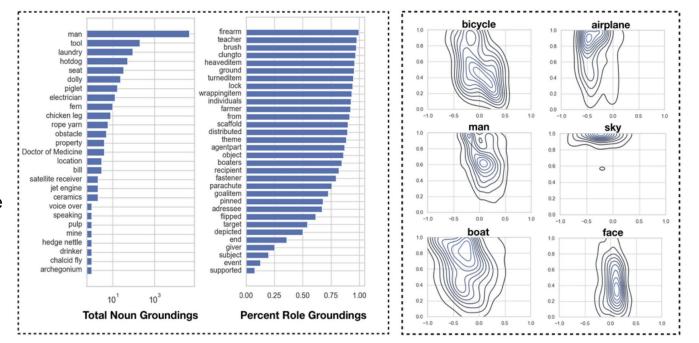
SWiG analysis

- 126,102 images
- 504 verbs
- ~10,000 nouns
- 451,916 noun slots
 - 435,566 are non empty
 - 278,336 (63.9%) have bounding boxes
 - Missing boxes for objects not visible or 'Place'



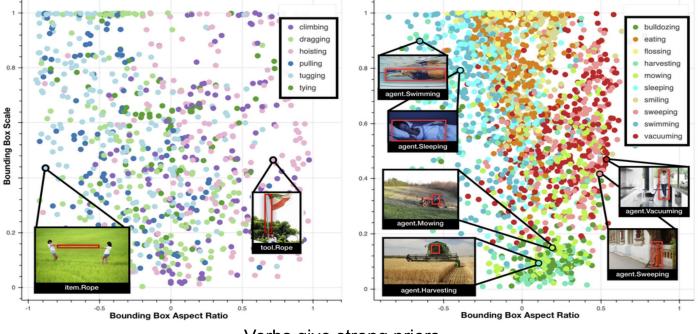
SWiG analysis

- Long tail noun groundings
- Different roles have different ratios of occurrences grounded
- Some nouns have strong priors w.r.t. scale and aspect ratio while many are diverse





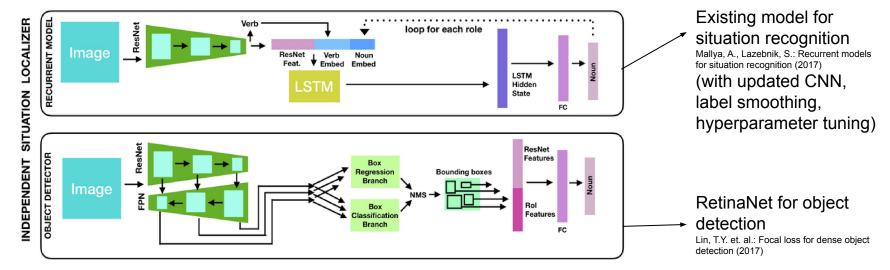
SWiG analysis



Verbs give strong priors



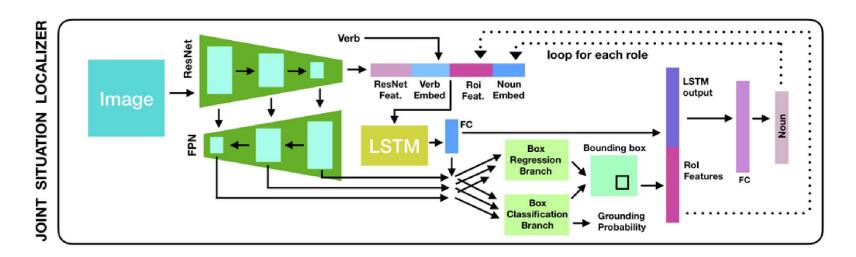
ISL: Independent Situation Localization



- Situation recognition and object detection run independently
- Each generated noun matched with bounding box which scores that noun the most



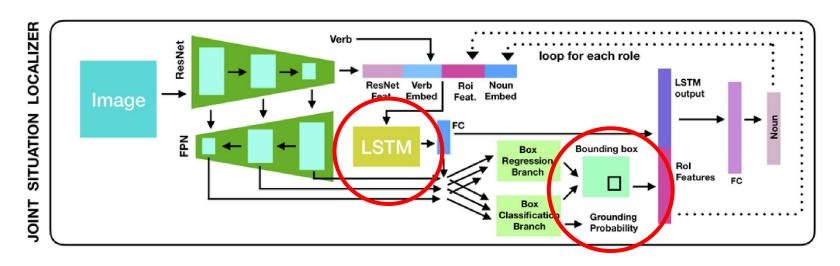
JSL: Joint Situation Localization



Generate nouns and boxes simultaneously



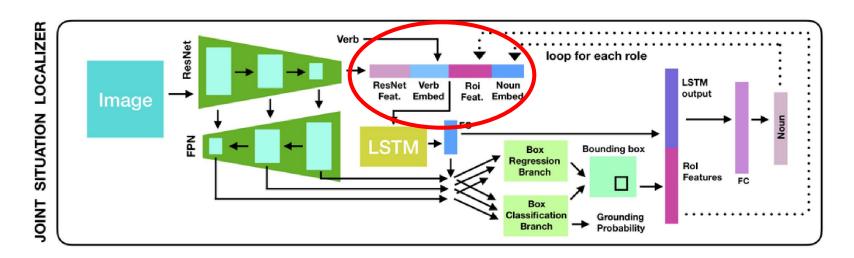
JSL: Joint Situation Localization



JSL localizes objects recurrently while ISL does it in independently



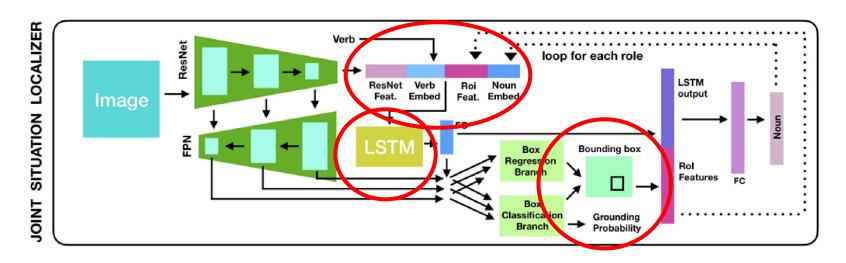
JSL: Joint Situation Localization



Additional input to the LSTM (ResNet features of previous bounding box)



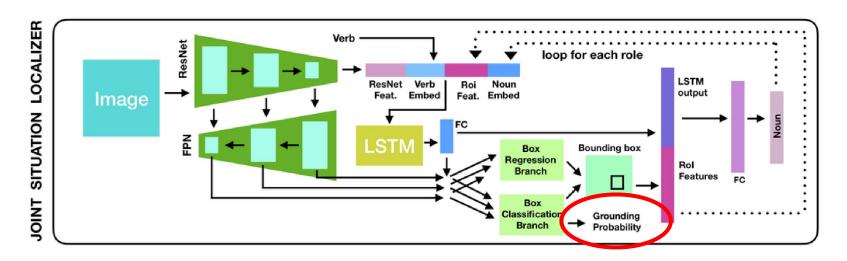
JSL: Joint Situation Localization



Object Detector conditioned on verb and role



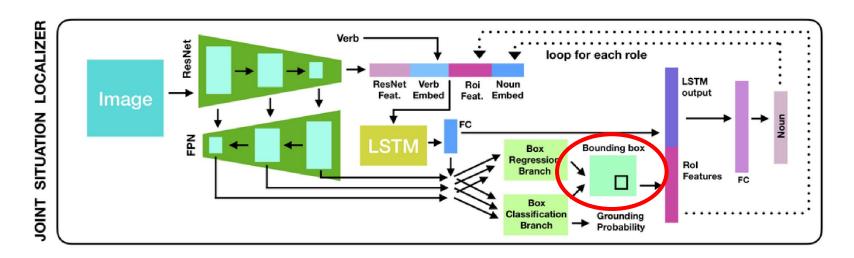
JSL: Joint Situation Localization



JSL explicitly generates grounding probability



JSL: Joint Situation Localization



Only one box generated per noun generation



Experiments

- Both ISL and JSL use ResNet-50 for backbone
- Both have 108M parameters
- Gradient Descent with Adam
- 20h training on 4 24GB TITAN RTX GPUs



Metrics

- **VERB**: Verb accuracy
- Value: Noun accuracy for given role
- Value-all: Whole Frame accuracy
- **Grounded-value**: Noun accuracy with grounding
- **Grounded-value-all**: Frame accuracy with grounding



Results

Dev Set

- JSL improves all metrics

- Joint modeling helps better grounding, grounding metrics improve the most

- Interestingly, joint modeling helps improve frame metrics, indicating better understanding

- JSL achieves SOTA on GroundTruthVerbValue

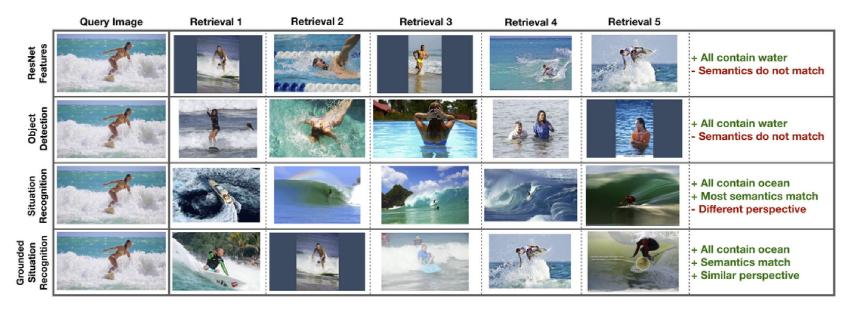
- JSL betters on value but worse on value-all, indicating it can work with partial information

	top-1 predicted verb						top-5 predicted verbs				ground truth verbs			
				grnd	grnd				grnd	grnd			grnd	grnd
Method	verb	value	value-all	value	value-all	verb	value	value-all	value	value-all	value	value-all	value	value-all
	Prior Models for Situation Recognition													
CRF [60]	32.25	24.56	14.28	-	-	58.64	42.68	22.75	-	-	65.90	29.50	-	-
CRF+Aug [59]	34.20	25.39	15.61	-	-	62.21	46.72	25.66	-	-	70.80	34.82	-	-
RNN w/o Fusion[36]	35.35	26.80	15.77	-	-	61.42	44.84	24.31	-	-	68.44	32.98	-	-
RNN w/ Fusion[36]	36.11	27.74	16.60	-	-	63.11	47.09	26.48	-	-	70.48	35.56	-	-
GraphNet [31]	36.93	27.52	19.15	-	-	61.80	45.23	29.98	-	-	68.89	41.07	-	-
Kernel GraphNet[51]	43.21	35.18	19.46	-	-	68.55	56.32	30.56	-	-	73.14	41.48	-	-
	RNN based models													
RNN w/o Fusion [36]	35.35	26.80	15.77	-	-	61.42	44.84	24.31	-	-	68.44	32.98	-	-
Updated RNN [*]	38.83	30.47	18.23	-	-	65.74	50.29	28.59	-	-	72.77	37.49	-	-
ISL*	38.83	30.47	18.23	22.47	7.64	65.74	50.29	28.59	36.90	11.66	72.77	37.49	52.92	15.00
JSL*	39.60	31.18	18.85	25.03	10.16	67.71	52.06	29.73	41.25	15.07	73.53	38.32	57.50	19.29



Future Work

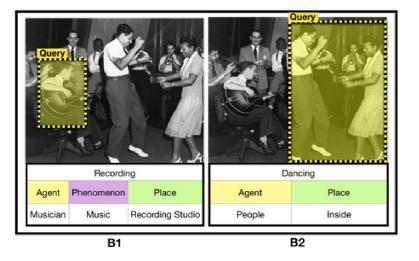
Grounded Semantic aware Image Retrieval

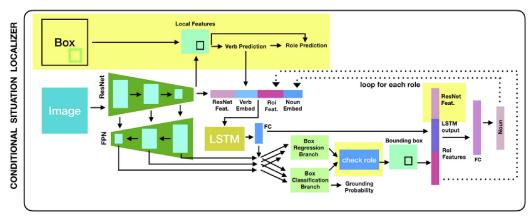




Future Work

Conditional Grounded Situation Recognition



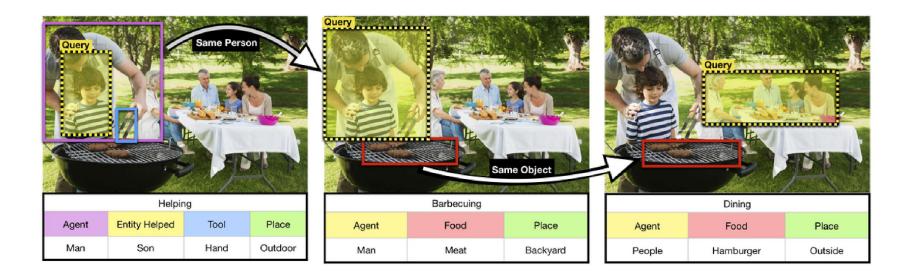


Example

Modified JSL



Future Work Grounded Semantic Chaining (Future work)





Discussion

- The task seems very dependent on formal lexicons. How can it be made more flexible?
- Is detecting and grounding multiple frames a worthwhile task to pursue? What are the complexities involved?
- What about verbs having different meanings in different context? Current modeling proposes to predict verb first, but in those cases, can predicting 'participants' first be helpful?



Discussion

- Is conditional generation (on verb) the only practical way of generation?
- What is the relevance of this task compared to other image grounding problems? How do we rate them in terms of importance or applications?
- What are the benefits and shortcoming of structural generation vs natural language generation?







Questions?