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Recursive Narrative Alignment for Movie Narrating (循环情节配准的电影叙述)

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Definition

Movie narrating aims to capture not only the subject matter but also the emotive essence of film frames into a story.



He finally asks, staring at me, his legs still wrapped with tears. He gives me get away from the situation with his face out. Allow repeating my question furthermore and find ways to comfort me. Lay a while, then, by the end.

Significance

- **Human-like expressivity** of movie shots (i.e. sets of film frames) into a **cohesive and coherent narrative**
- **Human-like understanding** of images
- Opens up numerous **new applications**
- It is an **interdisciplinary field** spanning computer vision, natural language processing, and philosophy

Challenges

- **The latent relatedness**

For instance, in the sentence “The sky was illuminated with a brilliance of orange hues”, it is imperative to correlate the key words “brilliance” and “orange hues” to the imagery of a picturesque sunset.

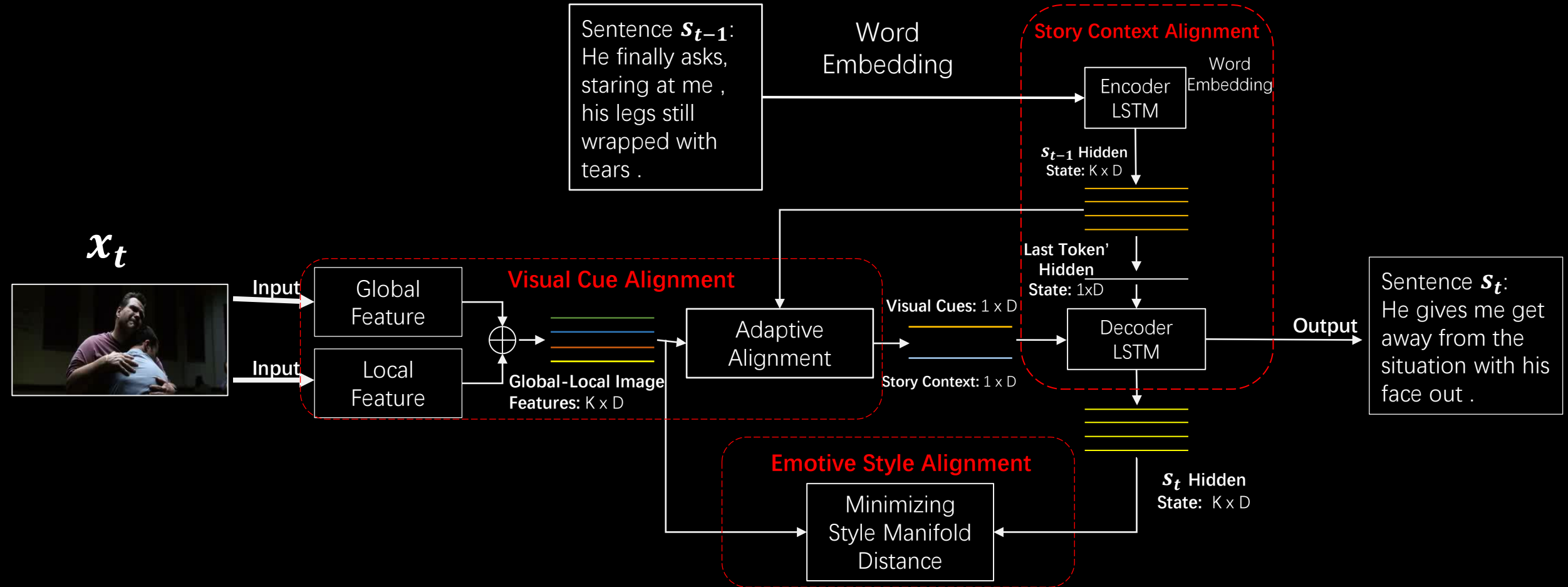
- **The weak consistency**

Movie narrating requires film frames be described with cohesive sentences to reason about the semantic content of images.

- **The emotive state conflict**

Movie narrating requires consistency in the emotive state between the frames and narrative. For example, frames depicting the brilliance of sunset should correspond to positive sentiment whereas images of war should be described with a negative connotation.

Recursive Narrative Alignment Framework



A movie shot (X_i)

x_{t-1}



Recursive Narrative Alignment

A panoramic story (S_i)

(S_i)

Sentence s_{t-1} :
He finally asks,
staring at me ,
his legs still
wrapped with
tears .

Recursive Narrative Alignment

x_t



Input

Input

Global
Feature

Local
Feature

Visual Cue Alignment

Global-Local Image
Features: $K \times D$

Adaptive
Alignment

Visual Cues: $1 \times D$

Story Context: $1 \times D$

Story Context Alignment

Encoder
LSTM

Word
Embedding

Input

s_{t-1} Hidden
State: $K \times D$

Last Token'
Hidden
State: $1 \times D$

Decoder
LSTM

Output

Sentence s_t :
He gives me get
away from the
situation with his
face out .

x_{t+1}



Recursive Narrative Alignment

Emotive Style Alignment

Minimizing
Style Manifold
Distance

s_t Hidden
State: $K \times D$

Sentence s_{t+1} :
Allow repeating
my question
furthermore and
find ways to
comfort me.

Recursive Narrative Alignment

- **Visual Cue Alignment**

- It uses a semantic attention mechanism to adaptively align visual cues with keywords for a better frame-narrative coherence.
- The attention mechanism comprises global and local information from each frame. It is adaptively combined into objective keywords and subjective emotive words.

- **Story Context Alignment**

- The framework then recursively applies the contextual expression of previous frames into the current frame to improve the cohesion of the narrative.

- **Emotive Style Alignment**

- The emotive conflict between frame and story is resolved by our newly-designed style regularizer, which minimizes the style manifold distance between the frame and story.

Visual Cue Alignment

$$V_t^{GL} = f(W^G V_t^G + b^G) + f(W^L V_t^L + b^L),$$

$$C_t^V = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_t V_{t_k}^{GL}, \quad C_t^T = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_t H_{(t-1)_k},$$

$$\alpha_t = \frac{\exp(z_{t_k})}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp(z_{t_k})}, \forall t \in (1, \dots, T), \text{ in which } z_{t_k} = W^z \tanh(W^V V_{t_k}^{GL} + W^H H_{(t-1)_k}).$$

Story Context Alignment

- Encoder LSTM

$$h_k = LSTM^{enc}(w_1, \dots, w_{k-1}).$$

- Decoder LSTM

$$p(y_k) = LSTM^{dec}(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{k-1}; C^T; C^V),$$

Emotive Style Alignment

$$\mathcal{L}_{style} = \|\mathcal{G}_V - \mathcal{G}_S\|^2,$$

$$\mathcal{G}_V(V^{GL}) = V^{GL}(V^{GL})^T, \mathcal{G}_S(H) = HH^T.$$

Hybrid Training Strategy

$$\mathcal{L}(x_t; s_t, s_{t-1}) = \mathcal{L}_{text}(x_t; s_{t-1}) + \phi \mathcal{L}_{style}(x_t; s_t),$$

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} - \sum_{t=1}^T \log p(s_t | LSTM(C_t^V(x_t), C_t^T(s_{t-1})); \theta) + \|\mathcal{G}_V - \mathcal{G}_S\|^2,$$

Results

Movie narratives generated using the Gone Girl film of the Movie-Book Data



RNA: He finally asks , as if he'd been putting off the whole week. He had some hard to be any of this way to pay the other. He looks up in a low , young , while we don't see. The door was pressed against the wall , he looked at the room. "She has a good job ", he said uplifting his arms.

RNA-noattention: And she'd got it off a man's his *** stare , either in. To his moment going right with him pulled at all with laughter? Nobody bang bang used over 22 about - or slow down wall just chuckled. "Warn counter he will never strikes at the explanation room so" he said. Swings please , huh ? open light beautiful *** by this other cup yet.

RNA-nocontext: Them months he says why wanted stay over , sat grinning how followed *****. Not very enough given quickly opened the money card back in and other eye. `` annoyed in hell shook roof here or ? Stock Her standing an sort of ice else to know both of here who here. People good lot in on an side was about more to keep years ?

RNA-nostyle: Of the magazines be road ?" upward a good fifth white upward. Manager Feet , and he looked at the boy said , a good fathern't. `` , he looked up at the boy , and then he said. The road and then , and then looked at the road the boy said. And stood looking at the road , and then he said the road road.

Reference: He asks the girl if he should wait another whole week. He is so depressed that he want to say anymore. He looks up a young girl, while we cannot see. He looked at the room through the door. "She has a good job and please to find her", he said throwing up his arms in despair.

Results

Movie narratives generated using the Fight Club film of the Movie-Book Data



He finally asks , staring at me , her legs still wrapped in tears. Doing the riverbank in a faded and lay a while , then , by the end. she gives me get away from the situation with his face out. Allowed to rephrase my question and found ways to spend out of her face.

Thanks