Semantic Compositional Networks for Visual Captioning

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Traditional Image Captioning

Baseline:

- Suboptimal quality
- Not interpretable; not easy to control the caption
Image Captioning with Control

Conceptually, learn 1000 LSTMs, one for each semantic attribute. Combine these 1000 LSTMs, weighted by the attributes’ likelihood. Run tensor decomposition to reduce # parameters to fit GPU.
Image Captioning with Control

**Detected semantic concepts:**
- person (0.998), baby (0.983), holding (0.952), small (0.697),
- sitting (0.638), toothbrush (0.538), child (0.502), mouth (0.438)

**Overall caption generated by the SCN:**

*a baby holding a toothbrush in its mouth*

**Influence the caption by changing the tag:**

1. Replace “baby” with “girl”: *a little girl holding a toothbrush in her mouth*
2. Replace “toothbrush” with “baseball”: *a baby holding a baseball bat in his hand*
3. Replace “toothbrush” with “pizza”: *a baby holding a piece of pizza in his mouth*
### Quantitative results

**State-of-the-art results on both image and video captioning**

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Summary

• Our SCN can be considered as efficiently learning an ensemble of 1000 LSTMs, one for each semantic concept.

• Our SCN provides an interpretable way to control the generation of captions.
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https://github.com/zhegan27/Semantic_Compositional_Nets

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