

Embodied Real-Time Emotion Recognition in Conversation

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Task Formulation

Given:

- a collection of speakers \mathcal{S} ,
- a set of emotion labels \mathcal{E} ,
- a conversation \mathcal{C} , $[(s_1, u_1), (s_2, u_2), \dots, (s_N, u_N)]$

Goal: identify the emotion label at each conversation turn

The diagram illustrates the task of emotion recognition in conversation. It shows two examples of conversation turns, each consisting of a speaker's audio waveform, a photo of the speaker, and a text box containing the spoken words and the identified emotion label.

Example 1: A male speaker says, "Umm, but I think if you give me umm, one chance I can, I can change your mind [fear]". The emotion label is [fear].

Example 2: A female speaker says, "Monica, you go to the head of the class [neutral]". The emotion label is [neutral].

Response: In both examples, the response is "Okay." with an emotion label: [neutral] for the first example and [joy] for the second example.

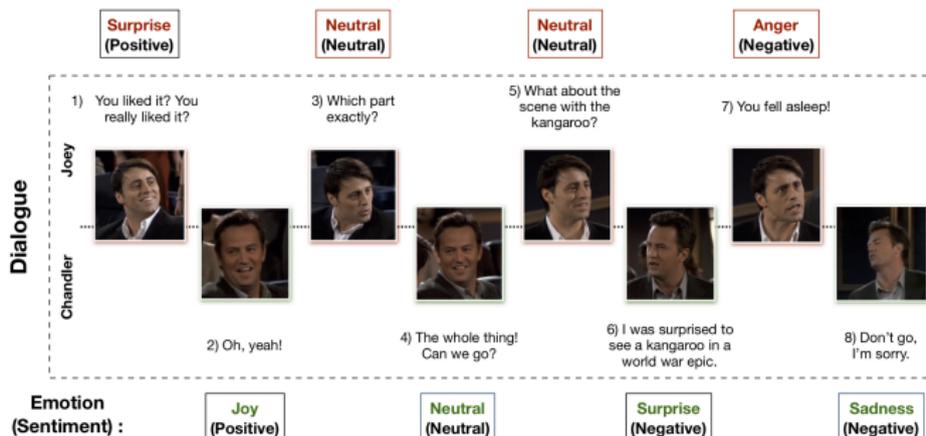
Datasets

Text-only:

- EmoryNLP

Multimodal:

- The Interactive Emotional Dyadic Motion Capture (**IEMOCAP**)
- Multimodal EmotionLines Dataset (**MELD**)



Context Modeling

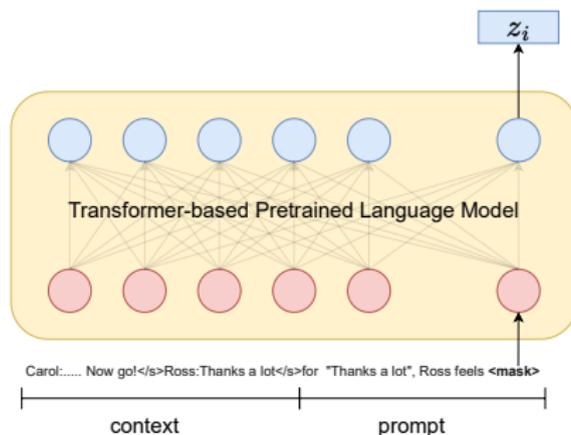
To get the text embedding of t -th turn in a dialogue:

- option 1: concatenate all contextual turns (not suitable in real-time setting)
- option 2: most recent k turns + prompt

$$C_t = [s_{t-k}, u_{t-k}, s_{t-k+1}, \dots, s_t, u_t] \quad (1)$$

$$P_t = \text{for } u_t, \langle s_t \rangle \text{ feels } \langle \text{mask} \rangle \quad (2)$$

$$H_t = \text{TextEncoder}(C_t \oplus P_t) \quad (3)$$



Context Modeling

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for _, dialogue in enumerate(dialogues):
    utterance_ids = []
    query = 'For utterance:'
    query_ids = tokenizer(query)['input_ids'][1:-1]
    for idx, turn_data in enumerate(dialogue):
        text_with_speaker = turn_data['speaker'] + ':' + turn_data['text']
        token_ids = tokenizer(text_with_speaker)['input_ids'][1:]
        utterance_ids.append(token_ids)
        if turn_data['label'] < 0:
            continue
        full_context = [CONFIG['CLS']]
        lidc = 0
        for lidc in range(idx): # lidc: curr utt_id in curr dialogue
            total_len = sum([len(item) for item in utterance_ids[lidc:]]) + 8
            if total_len + len(utterance_ids[idx]) <= CONFIG['max_len']:
                break
        lidc = max(lidc, idx - 8) # max dis=8
        for item in utterance_ids[lidc:]:
            full_context.extend(item)
        query_idx = idx
        prompt = dialogue[query_idx]['speaker'] + ' feels <mask>'
        full_query = query_ids + utterance_ids[query_idx] + tokenizer(prompt)['input_ids'][1:]
        input_ids = full_context + full_query
        input_ids = pad_to_len(input_ids, CONFIG['max_len'], CONFIG['pad_value'])
        ret_utterances.append(input_ids)
        ret_labels.append(dialogue[query_idx]['label'])
        self.all_utt_idx_with_extra.append(all_utt_idx + idx)

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Context Modeling

Prompt

Text Encoder

RoBERTa: A Robustly Optimized BERT Pretraining Approach

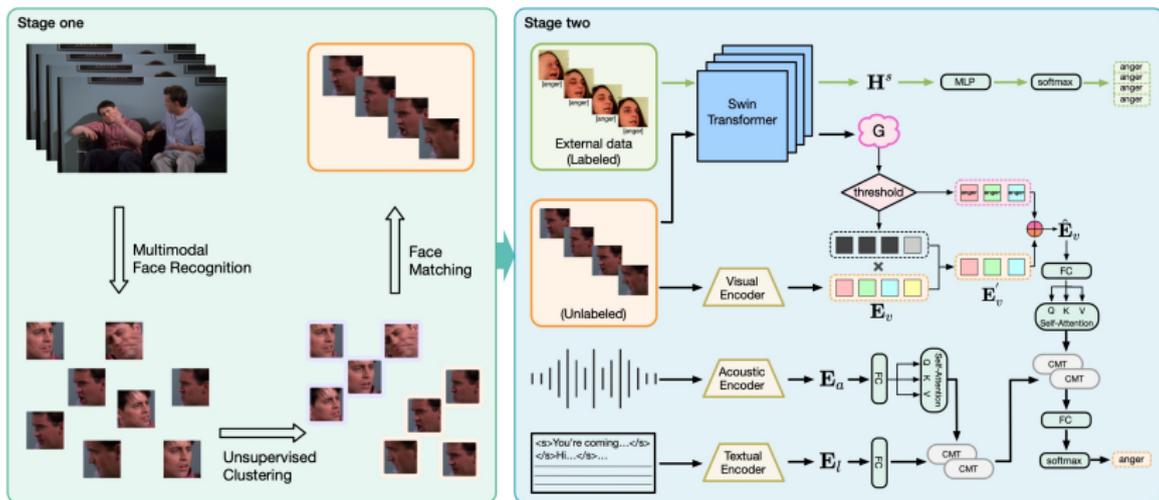
- How to use this model to get the features of a given text in PyTorch

```
from transformers import RobertaTokenizer, RobertaModel
tokenizer = RobertaTokenizer.from_pretrained('roberta-large')
model = RobertaModel.from_pretrained('roberta-large')
text = "Replace me by any text you'd like."
encoded_input = tokenizer(text, return_tensors='pt')
output = model(**encoded_input)

# encoded_input - "input_ids": torch.size([1, 12])
# tensor([[0, 9064, 6406, 162, 30, 143, 2788, 47, 1017, 101, 4, 2]])
# output - sequence output:
# torch.size([1, 12, 1024])
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Vision Encoding

- Video level: Timesformer
- Frame level: ResNet

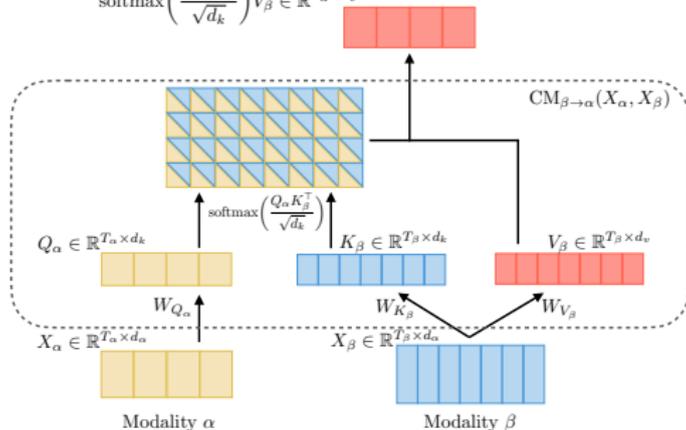


Cross-Modal Attention

- Latent adaptation from β to α , $Y_\alpha = \mathbf{CM}_{\beta \rightarrow \alpha}(X_\alpha, X_\beta)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_\alpha &= \text{softmax}\left(\frac{Q_\alpha K_\beta^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) V_\beta \\
 &= \text{softmax}\left(\frac{X_\alpha W_{Q_\alpha} W_{K_\beta}^T X_\beta^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) X_\beta W_{V_\beta}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\text{softmax}\left(\frac{Q_\alpha K_\beta^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) V_\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{T_\alpha \times d_v}$$



Cross-Modal Transformer

Given unimodal embeddings: $\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{E}_a, \mathbf{E}_v$

- intra-modal interactions: $\mathbf{H}_a = \text{Transformer}(\mathbf{E}_a), \mathbf{H}_v = \text{Transformer}(\mathbf{E}_v)$
- inter-modal interactions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{l-a} &= \text{CM-Transformer}(\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_a), \\ \mathbf{H}_{l-a-v} &= \text{CM-Transformer}(\mathbf{H}_{l-a}, \mathbf{H}_v) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

- emotion classification layer:

$$q(y) = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{H}_{l-a-v} + \mathbf{b}) \quad (6)$$

- pseudo code:

```
audio_emb=audio_transformer(audio_linear(audio_inputs),audio_mask)
vis_emb=vis_transformer(vis_linear(vision_inputs),vision_mask)
ta_feat=cm_ta_transformer(text_feat, audio_emb, audio_emb)
at_feat=cm_ta_transformer(audio_emb, text_feat, text_feat)
tat_feat=torch.cat((ta_feat, at_feat)) # concatenate
vta_feat=cm_tat_transformer(vis_emb, tat_feat, tat_feat)
tav_feat=cm_tat_transformer(tat_feat, vis_emb, vis_emb)
final_feat=torch.cat((vta_feat, tav_feat))
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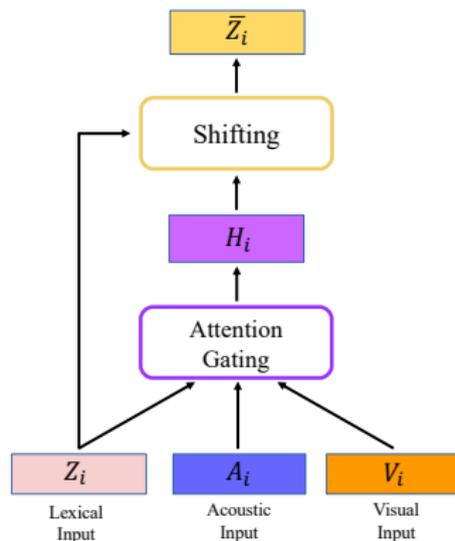
Multimodal Adaptation Gate (MAG)

- Shifting by a displacement vector: $\bar{Z}_i = Z_i + \alpha H_i$

$$H_i = g_i^a \cdot (W_a A_i) + g_i^v \cdot (W_v V_i) + b_H \quad (7)$$

$$g_i^a = R(W_{ga}[Z_i; A_i] + b_a), \quad (8)$$

$$g_i^v = R(W_{gv}[Z_i; V_i] + b_v)$$

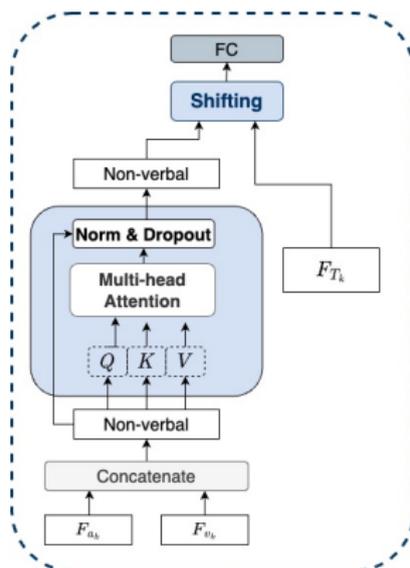


Attention-based Modality Shifting Fusion

- Fusion by the displacement vector based on non-verbal information

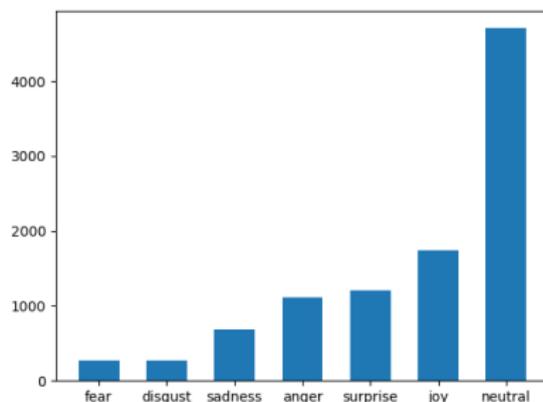
$$Z_k = F_{T_k} + \lambda \cdot H_k \quad (9)$$

where $H_k = g_{AV}^k \cdot (W_2 \cdot F_{\text{attn}}^k + b_2)$, $g_{AV}^k = R(W_1 \cdot [F_{T_k}; F_{\text{attn}}^k] + b_1)$



Class Imbalance

- Emotion distribution on the training set of MELD dataset



- Evaluation metric: weighted-F1 score

$$\text{weighted-F1} = \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{E}|} w_i \times F1_i \quad (10)$$

$$F1 = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

Supervised Contrastive Learning

- Self-supervised contrastive loss

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{self}} = \sum_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i^{\text{self}} = - \sum_{i \in I} \log \frac{\exp(z_i \cdot z_{j(i)}/\tau)}{\sum_{a \in A(i)} \exp(z_i \cdot z_a/\tau)} \quad (11)$$

- Supervised contrastive losses

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{out}}^{\text{sup}} = \sum_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{\text{out},i}^{\text{sup}} = \sum_{i \in I} \frac{-1}{|P(i)|} \sum_{p \in P(i)} \log \frac{\exp(z_i \cdot z_p/\tau)}{\sum_{a \in A(i)} \exp(z_i \cdot z_a/\tau)} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{in}}^{\text{sup}} = \sum_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{\text{in},i}^{\text{sup}} = \sum_{i \in I} - \log \left\{ \frac{1}{|P(i)|} \sum_{p \in P(i)} \frac{\exp(z_i \cdot z_p/\tau)}{\sum_{a \in A(i)} \exp(z_i \cdot z_a/\tau)} \right\} \quad (13)$$

where

$$i \in I \equiv \{1 \dots 2N\}, \quad z_l = \text{Proj}(\text{Enc}(\tilde{x}_l)), \quad A(i) \equiv I \setminus \{i\}, \quad P(i) \equiv \{p \in A(i) : \tilde{y}_p = \tilde{y}_i\}$$

given

$$\{x_k, y_k\}_{k=1 \dots N}, \quad \{\tilde{x}_l, \tilde{y}_l\}_{l=1 \dots 2N}, \quad \tilde{y}_{2k-1} = \tilde{y}_{2k} = y_k$$

Supervised Prototypical Contrastive Learning

Issue: limited batch size + class imbalance

- representation queue for each category: $Q_c = [z_1^c, z_2^c, \dots, z_M^c]$
- support set by random selection: $S_K = \text{RANDOMSELECT}(Q_c, K)$
- prototype vector for each category: $\mathbf{T}_c = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{z_j^c \in S_K} z_j^c$
- supervised prototypical loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_i^{\text{spcl}} = -\log \left\{ \frac{1}{|P(i)| + 1} \cdot \frac{\sum_{p \in P(i)} \mathcal{F}(z_i, z_p) + \mathcal{F}(z_i, \mathbf{T}_{y_i})}{\sum_{a \in A(i)} \mathcal{F}(z_i, z_a) + \sum_{c \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{y_i\}} \mathcal{F}(z_i, \mathbf{T}_c)} \right\} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}(z_i, z_j) = \exp(\mathcal{G}(z_i, z_j)/\tau)$$

Challenges

- Embody the multimodal emotion recognition model
 - complementing it with sensor data from a robot agent
- End-to-end training
 - train on sensor data directly
 - discern good features from noisy inputs
- Real-time inference
 - reference speed: minimum of 1-3 HZ
 - cannot run large models directly on the robot
 - backend server/cloud service: round-trip delay

Progress and Future Work

Progress:

- illustration of our framework
- preliminary results

Future work:

- deploy on Ameca
- collect more data and co-fine-tune

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Thank you very much!
Q&A