Dynamic Demonstration
Retrieval and Cognitive
Understanding for Emotional
Support Conversation

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Problem Overview:

Emotional support conversation (ESC) models struggle with contextual coherence and personalization, often selecting demonstrations independently and ignoring emotional dependencies. Key Challenges:

- Ineffective Demonstration Selection: Models retrieve examples independently, ignoring emotional context.
- Lack of Emotional Dependency Awareness: Selected demonstrations fail to capture nuanced emotional shifts.
- Limited Adaptability in Low-Resource Settings: Insufficient data leads to inconsistent response quality.



Objectives

- 1. Develop an emotion-aware demonstration ranking framework that optimizes in context learning for ESC.
- 2. Implement a ranking-based selection mechanism to prioritize emotionally relevant demonstrations.
- 3. Enhance contextual coherence and personalization in ESC using retrieval augmented generation (RAG).
- 4. Improve low-resource NLP adaptability by refining demonstration selection for better model performance.



Proposed Solution

→ 1. Hybrid Retrieval-Augmented Response Generator

- Leverages retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) for fact-based, emotionally intelligent responses.
- Combines retrieved memory with GPT-based fine-tuned generation for con textual coherence.

2. Emotion-Aware Demonstration Ranking Module

- Ranks retrieved demonstrations based on emotional relevance rather than static similarity.
- · Uses dependency-aware ranking techniques inspired by DemoRank to optimize ICL.

→ 3. Memory-Augmented Personalization

- Stores user-specific emotional contexts to personalize future responses.
- Prevents repetitive or inconsistent emotional support by recalling past interactions.



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