Selection and Generation: Learning towards Multi-Product Advertisement Post Generation

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- A good AD post can highlight the characteristics of each product,
 thus helps customers make a good choice among candidate products
- all the previous studies focus on copywriting generation for a single product, consumers need to compare among products and summarize the advantages and disadvantages of each product by themselves.

- A multi-product AD post contains several related products that either function similarly or match each other. Each product has its own copywriting
- Each product's copywriting will take full account of the topic of the post and other product's information; meanwhile, it also contains it's unique features.
- The multi-product AD post writing is more difficult, first, it needs to select suitable products for writing in a post; to describe the unique characteristics of each product, the copywriter should also consider the information of other products in the post

6款网红麦片,哪个好吃又不胖

6単品

一向注重饮食的超模们,早上都会毫不犹豫来一顿麦 片餐,比如刘雯。各种美食博主,都爱 Po 燕...







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家乐氏玫瑰麦片

这款开袋就有浓郁的玫瑰香气扑鼻而来,干吃的话很合适,一天一袋,吃起来香甜爽脆。当早餐配牛奶、配酸奶也可以,泡发之后能增加玫瑰的香气,里面有椰蓉,白白的、细细的、小小的,是清新的椰子味。不过它的热量和含糖量很高,想减肥的宝宝不要入手啊。

ICA什锦燕麦片

这款麦片里面除了酸奶球,还有酸甜的草莓干、脆脆的玉米片等等,量大而足。泡牛奶也非常 nice,麦片很脆,牛奶变得粉粉的,这不是草莓干掉色,而是草莓粉末溶在了牛奶里。整体吃起来,带着草莓的酸甜,如果不小心吃到了酸奶片,还有种隐秘的小惊喜感。

Six oatmeals which are popular now, let's find the one is yummy but will not let you be fat.

Kellogg's Tasty Granola-Rose

You'll be showered with a rich fragrant of roses when you tear open a bag of this granola. It is a great snack on its own, and with its crispy, sweet taste, you'll find it easy to finish a whole bag in one day. It also makes a delicious breakfast if you eat it with milk or yogurt, which will bring out the sweet smell of the roses even more. The granola also contains fine desiccated coconut that adds a refreshing coconut flavor to the taste. However, this type of granola is high in both calories and sugar, so it's probably not the best choice for those of you who are on a diet.

ICA oatmeal-crunchy jordgubbar & yogurt
This oatmeal contains not only a satisfying
amount of yogurt balls, but also sour-sweet
dried strawberries and crispy corn flakes. The
crispy cereal goes great with milk, which turns
into a pretty pink as powders of strawberries
dissolve. (Don't worry, the strawberries are not
dyed and do not bleed). Overall, it has a
sour-sweat flavor that comes from the
strawberries, and the yogurt flakes that
occasionally pop into a bite will make a nice
little surprise,

Problem Formulation

• Use P to denote a product candidate set which contains a lot of productions, namely $P = \{u_1^p, u_2^p, \dots, u_n^p\}$, where u_i^p indicates the information of i-th product in the set. Specifically, $u_i^p = \{w_{i,1}^p, w_{i,2}^p, \dots, w_{i,n_{p,i}}^p\}$ is a text sequence that contains $n_{p,i}$ words. $T = \{w_1^t, w_2^t, \dots, w_{n_t}^t\}$ is the topic sentence. The goal of our model is to generate a multi-product AD-post $\hat{C} = \{\hat{u}_1^c, \hat{u}_2^c, \dots, \hat{u}_n^c\}$ where \hat{u}_i^c represents the copywriting of the i-th product in post.

Method

• In this model, we split the multi-product AD post generation task into two sub processes: (1) select a set of products via the SelectNet (Selection Network). (2) generate a post including selected products via the MGenNet (Multi-Generator Network). It generate each product's copywriting considering the topic and other products

Method

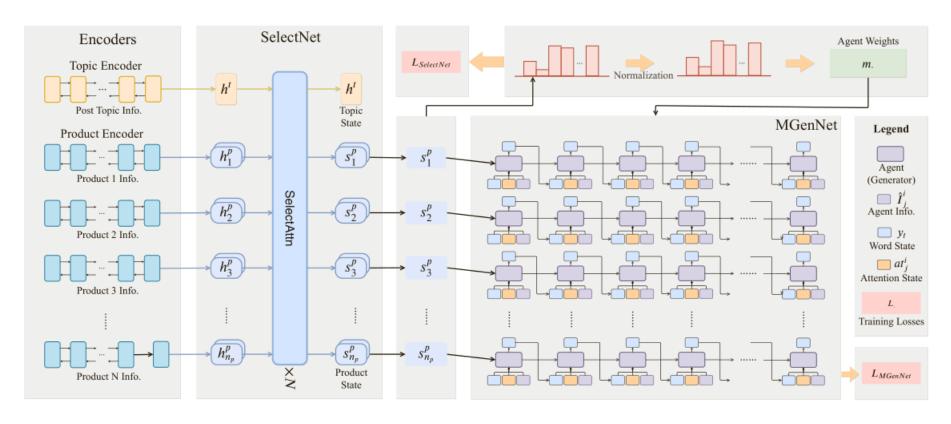


Figure 3: The overview of the end-to-end S-MG Net which is the combination of SelectNet and MGenNet model.

- Given the post topic T and the product candidate set P
- we use an RNN encoder named topic encoder to encode the embedded post topic e(T) to h^t
- Similarly, we use another RNN encoder called product encoder to encode each embedded product information sequence $e(u_i^p)$ as h_i^p . So we can obtain $h^P = \{h_1^P, h_2^P, \dots, h_{n_p}^P\}$ which indicates all products.

• To capture the relationship among the product candidates, we use the self-attention mechanism to conduct the interaction between $h^P = \{h_1^P, h_2^P, \dots, h_{n_p}^P\}$. We use three fully-connected layer to project h_i^P into three spaces: $Q_i = FC_q(h_i^P), K_i = FC_k(h_i^P), V_i = FC_v(h_i^P)$.

$$\alpha_{i,j} = \frac{\exp(Q_i K_j)}{\sum_{n=1}^{n_p} \exp(Q_i K_n)},$$

$$\beta_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \alpha_{i,j} v_j,$$

$$\hat{s}_i^p = \text{LayerNorm}(h_i^p + \beta_i),$$

• We then obtain a new representation $\widehat{s_i^p}$:

$$\hat{s}_i^p = \text{LayerNorm}(h_i^p + \beta_i),$$

• Next, we apply a feed-forward layer on $\widehat{s_i^p}$ to obtain $\widehat{s_i^p}$ and conduct the residential connection layer again:

$$\dot{s}_i^p = \text{ReLU}(\hat{s}_i^p \cdot W_1 + b_1) \cdot W_2 + b_2,$$

$$\dot{s}_i^p = \text{LayerNorm}(\dot{s}_i^p + \hat{s}_i^p),$$

• to target at utilizing the relationship between post topic and each product, we propose to integrate the information of post topic into each product presentation s_i^p :

$$g_{\cdot}^{p} = \operatorname{Sigmoid}([\dot{s}_{\cdot}^{p}; h^{t}] \cdot W_{g} + b_{g})$$

$$\tilde{s}_{\cdot}^{p} = g_{\cdot}^{p} \cdot h^{t} + (1 - g_{\cdot}^{p}) \cdot \dot{s}_{\cdot}^{p},$$

$$s_{\cdot}^{p} = \dot{s}_{\cdot}^{p} + \tilde{s}_{\cdot}^{p},$$

 After adding post topic information to product representation, we use the raw product information to polish the topic representation

$$\gamma_i = \frac{\exp\left(\dot{s}_i^p h^t\right)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \exp\left(\dot{s}_j^p h^t\right)},$$
$$\delta = \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \gamma_i \dot{s}_i^p.$$

• Inspired by GLU, we use the product and topic information to control the amount of information of δ .

$$g^{t} = \operatorname{Sigmoid}([\delta; h^{t}] \cdot W_{t} + b_{t}),$$
$$\widetilde{\delta} = g^{t} \cdot \delta,$$
$$h^{t} = h^{t} + \widetilde{\delta}$$

- We name the whole above operation as SelectAttn. We finally obtain new product representations $s^P = \left\{s_1^P, s_2^P, \dots, s_{n_p}^P\right\}$
- After interacting with the post topic and other products, the product representations can describe the matching degree of the product with the target post:

$$score. = Sigmoid(s_{\cdot}^{p} \cdot W_{c}),$$

Multi-Generator Network

• As mentioned before, we rank the selection scores $\{score_1, score_2, ..., score_{n_p}\}$ to get top M products as selection result $\overline{s^p} = \{\overline{s_1^p}, \overline{s_2^p}, ..., \overline{s_M^p}\}$. Where $\{\widehat{m_1}, \widehat{m_2}, ..., \widehat{m_M}\}$ is the corresponding scores. We normalize these scores as:

$$m_{\cdot} = \frac{\hat{m}_{\cdot} - \operatorname{Min}(\hat{m}_{\cdot})}{\operatorname{Max}(\hat{m}_{\cdot}) - \operatorname{Min}(\hat{m}_{\cdot})},$$

• We use a linear layer to cover all the selected product representation $\{\overline{s_1^p}, \overline{s_2^p}, \dots, \overline{s_M^p}\}$ to initialize the corresponding agent (RNN Cell): $a_0 = \text{ReLU}(\overline{s_s^p} \cdot W_s) + b_s$,

 $a_1^{\cdot} = \operatorname{Agent}(a_0^{\cdot}, e(\langle \operatorname{BOS} \rangle)),$

Multi-Generator Network

• Let a_i represents the state of agent in the i-th step. During the generation, we let the agents communicate with each other.

$$\hat{a}_{j} = a_{j} \cdot m.,$$

$$I_{j}^{i} = \{\hat{a}_{j}^{1}, \cdots, \hat{a}_{j}^{i-1}, \hat{a}_{j}^{i+1}, \cdots, \hat{a}_{j}^{M}\}$$

• Where $\widehat{a_j^i}$ represents the information coming from the i-th agent when j-th step. We use the mean value of I_j^i as the practical information for the i-th agent in the j-th step as

$$\hat{I}_{j}^{i} = \frac{\text{sum}\{I_{j}^{i}\}}{M-1}.$$

$$y'_{t} = ([y_{t}; \hat{I}_{j}^{i}; at_{t}^{i}] \cdot W_{y}) + b_{y},$$

$$a'_{t+1} = \text{Agent}(a'_{t}, y'_{t}),$$

Training objective

 We launch the following objective to minimize the MLE loss between the ground truth and generated copywriting. Meanwhile, we minimize the loss between selected product ground truth in real multi-product AD post

$$\mathbb{L} = \lambda \mathbf{E}_{\theta} \log p(\hat{P}|P, T) + \gamma \mathbf{E}_{\phi} \log p(\hat{C}|\hat{P}, T),$$

Experiment

We construct a multi-product AD post dataset collected from Bimai Qingdan (which means a list of goods you must buy) in Taobao. Millions of posts are composed by professional copywriters to introduce and recommend different products for online shoppers. Each post consists of several products with their images, description copywriting, and a title that reflects the topic of this post.

Experiment

Models	Embedding Metrics			Inter-Distinct				Intra-Distinct			
	Average	Greedy	Extrema	Dist-1	Dist-2	Dist-3	Dist-4	Dist-1	Dist-2	Dist-3	Dist-4
Seq2seq	0.9197	548.69	0.4293	0.937	3.183	6.655	9.940	20.77	28.38	31.07	33.41
ConvSeq	0.6049	326.99	0.1123	1.308	2.796	3.970	4.951	-	-	-	-
Transformer	0.8662	537.69	0.3941	1.473	4.427	9.099	13.59	25.23	33.83	39.79	45.48
PCPG	0.8830	540.41	0.3713	1.409	3.943	7.423	10.43	22.43	29.98	36.80	40.31
KOBE	0.8783	539.23	0.4023	1.523	5.334	11.34	18.32	26.46	37.43	43.23	53.84
S-MG _C	0.9438	560.45	0.4481	1.763	8.051	18.37	28.30	44.66	66.22	73.57	78.96
S-SG	0.8774	566.86	0.4280	1.294	4.059	8.479	12.71	24.76	33.06	38.72	44.09
S-MG	0.9428	558.62	0.4440	1.713	7.502	17.21	26.60	44.49	65.97	73.26	78.64

Learning a Simple and Effective Model for Multi-turn Response Generation with Auxiliary Tasks

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- The existing state-of-the-art multi-turn response generation model addresses the problem with deep neural architectures
- While these models improved response quality, their complexity also hinders the application of the models in real systems.

- In this work, we pursue a model that has a simple structure yet can effectively leverage conversation contexts for response generation.
- To this end, we propose four auxiliary tasks including word order recovery, utterance order recovery, masked word recovery, and masked utterance recovery, and optimize the objectives of these tasks together with maximizing the likelihood of generation

Problem Formulation

• We have a dataset $D=\{(U_i,R_i)\}^{\wedge}N_{i=1}$, where $U_i=\{U_{i,1},U_{i,2},\ldots,U_{i,n}\}$ denotes a context with $U_{i,j}$ the j-th utterance. R_i is the response corresponding to U_i . A common practice is to learn P(R|U) by ma:ximizing the log-likelihood

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \log P(R_i|\mathcal{U}_i).$$

Generation Model

• We unfold all words in (U,R) into $W=(w_1,\ldots,w_m,w_{m+1},\ldots,w_{m+t})$, where m is the number of words in context U. Suppose $(w_{m+1},\ldots,w_{m+l-1})$ are words generated until step l-1, the next word is predicted according to:

$$P(w_{m+l}|w_1,...,w_{m+l-1}) = \text{softmax}(W_sO(w_{m+l-1})),$$

Generation Model

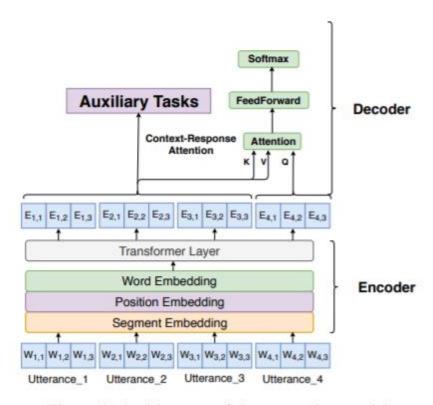


Figure 1: Architecture of the generation model.

Auxiliary Tasks

Word order recovery:

Word order recovery: Figure 2 (a) illustrates the task. Given a randomly sampled utterance $U=(w_1,\ldots,w_k)$ from a context \mathcal{U} , we randomly shuffle the words in U and obtain a disordered utterance $\bar{U}=(\bar{w}_1,\ldots,\bar{w}_k)$. Then, we replace U in \mathcal{U} with \bar{U} and form a corrupt context $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$. The goal of the task is to predict U from \bar{U} . The loss of the task can be formulated as

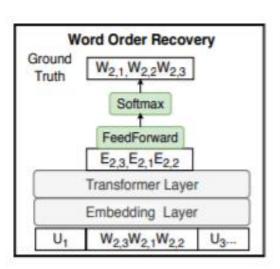
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{wor}} = -\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} \log(p(w_i|\bar{U})),$$

$$p(w_i|\bar{U}) = \text{softmax}(W_s E(\bar{w}_i)),$$
(7)

where $E(\bar{w}_i)$ is obtained from $E(\bar{\mathcal{U}})$ which is the representation of $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$ given by the encoder of the generation model, W_s is shared with Equation (6).

For this task, the mask matrix M in Equation (4) is defined by:

$$M_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & w_i \text{ and } w_j \text{ are in the same utterance,} \\ -\infty, & w_i \text{ and } w_j \text{ are in different utterances.} \end{cases}$$



Auxiliary Tasks

• Utterance order recovery:

Utterance order recovery: Figure 2 (d) illustrates the task. Given context $\mathcal{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$, we randomly shuffle the utterances and obtain a disordered context $\bar{\mathcal{U}} = (U_{o_1}, \dots, U_{o_n})$. The goal is to predict the correct positions for utterances in $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$. The prediction model falls in a read-processwrite framework (Vinyals et al., 2015). In the reading module, the model first represents $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$ as $\bar{E} = (\bar{E}(w_{1,1}), \dots, \bar{E}(w_{n,m}))$ via the encoder of the generation model, where $w_{i,j}$ is the j-th word in utterance U_{o_i} (words within an utterance are ordered), and then obtains the representation of utterance U_{o_i} through

$$S_i = \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} \bar{E}(w_{i,j}),$$
 (9)

where k_i is the number of words in U_{o_i} . $S = \{S_i\}_{i=1}^n$ forms a sentence memory that is accessible by the processing module. The processing module exploits multi-head self-attention and GRU to guarantee the property that vectors retrieved from memory S will not change if the memory is randomly shuffled. Formally, the processing module

We then apply another GRU decoder to decode $\{o_1, o_2, ..., o_n\}$ one by one.

$$\bar{h}_i = \text{GRU}(\bar{h}_{i-1}, [c_i \oplus x_i]), \tag{11}$$

where \bar{h}_{i-1} is the hidden state at step i-1 with $\bar{h}_0 = h_n$, x_i is the embedding of o_{i-1} (i.e., the embedding of the ground-truth position of $U_{o_{i-1}}$ in \mathcal{U}), and c_i is a context vector which is defined via attention over $\{h_t\}_{t=1}^n$:

$$c_{i} = \sum_{t=1}^{n} a_{i,t} h_{t},$$

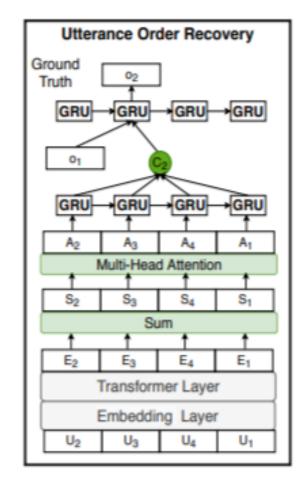
$$\{a_{i,t}\}_{t=1}^{n} = \operatorname{softmax}(\{e_{i,t}\}_{t=1}^{n}),$$

$$e_{i,t} = V^{\top} \operatorname{tanh}(W_{1} \bar{h}_{i-1} + W_{2} h_{t} + b_{1}),$$
(12)

where V_1 , W_1 , W_2 , and b_1 are parameters. The prediction model is finally formulated as

$$P(o_i|\{o_1, \dots o_{i-1}\}, \bar{\mathcal{U}}) = \operatorname{softmax}(u_i),$$

$$u_i = \operatorname{FNN}(\bar{h}_i \oplus x_i \oplus c_i).$$
(13)



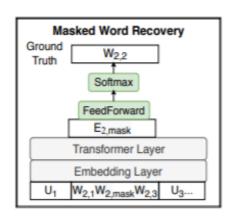
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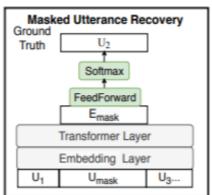
• Masked content recovery: word level and Utterance level, Given a context $U=(w_1,w_2,\ldots,w_m)$, suppose the masked context is $\overline{U}=(w_1^*,w_2^*,\ldots,w_m^*)$. Where $w_i^*=[MASK]$ if w_i is masked, otyherwise $w_i^*=w_i$. The loss is formulated as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{x} = -\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{I}[w_{i}^{*} = [\text{MASK}]] \log(p(w_{i}|\bar{\mathcal{U}})),$$

$$k = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{I}[w_{i}^{*} = [\text{MASK}]],$$

$$p(w_{i}|\bar{\mathcal{U}}) = \text{softmax}(W_{s}E(w_{i}^{*})),$$
(15)





Experiments

 We conduct experiments on DailyDialog (Li et al., 2017), PERSONA-CHAT (Zhang et al., 2018), and the Ubuntu Dialogue Corpus (UDC) (Lowe et al., 2015), and compare our model with state-of-the-art baselines in terms of response quality, parameter size, and decoding speed

Experiments

Dataset	Model	PPL	BLEU	Distinct-1	Distinct-2	Average	Greedy	Extrema	Parameter size	Decoding speed
	HRED	56.22	0.535	1.553	3.569	81.393	65.546	48.109	34.5M	14.79ms
DailyDialog	HRAN	47.23	0.447	1.953	7.400	83.460	67.239	49.599	38.2M	17.15ms
	VHRED	44.79	0.997	1.299	6.113	83.866	67.186	48.570	34.8M	15.67ms
	SSN	44.28	1.250	2.309	7.266	72.796	73.069	44.260	20.0M	12.69ms
	ReCoSa	42.34	1.121	1.987	10.180	84.763	67.557	48.957	73.8M	40.89ms
	Our Model	38.60	1.658	3.457	14.954	85.224	69.518	49.069	20.3M/14.4M	12.15ms
PERSON-CHAT	HRED	46.04	1.279	0.164	0.450	83.329	64.486	47.132	28.3M	13.14ms
	HRAN	41.94	1.997	0.235	0.771	82.850	65.556	47.882	33.1M	18.43ms
	VHRED	42.07	2.181	0.312	1.915	82.995	65.578	46.810	28.8M	20.27ms
	SSN	47.90	2.288	0.637	2.623	85.002	66.752	47.461	15.2M	15.82ms
	ReCoSa	34.19	2.258	0.915	4.217	83.963	66.498	48.163	68.7M	39.38ms
	Our Model	33.23	2.434	1.279	5.816	83.632	66.778	48.552	18.4M/12.5M	13.89ms
Ubuntu	HRED	58.23	0.874	0.602	2.724	76.187	62.869	37.508	24.1M	25.09ms
	HRAN	48.14	0.922	0.472	2.217	76.654	62.145	37.282	29.5M	31.07ms
	VHRED	52.34	0.906	0.571	2.933	76.496	63.051	36.039	24.7M	30.47ms
	SSN	57.82	1.681	0.557	2.370	76.431	61.597	35.976	12.3M	21.11ms
	ReCoSa	43.67	0.911	0.722	4.439	77.619	63.239	36.742	60.6M	45.34ms
	Our Model	40.94	1.625	0.783	5.151	78.754	62.738	38.538	14.4M/8.5M	22.98ms

Table 2: Evaluation results on automatic metrics. Numbers in bold indicate the best performing model on the corresponding metrics.