



# Image-Question-Answer Synergistic Network for Visual Dialog

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## From VQA to Visual Dialog



Beyond Dialog History

What color are their jackets?



#### **VQA**

- Black and grey
- Grey and blue
- Dark grey
- Ray and red
- White and grey
- Yellow and grey
- Candidate answers of Visual Dialog are longer than VQA Blue, red, black, grey and green VS Black and grey
- Candidate answers of Visual Dialog are similar

  Blue, red, black, grey and green VS Red green grey and black

#### **Visual Dialog**

- Black and grey
- 1 is green and black and 1 is purple and black
- Black
- Red green grey and black
- Grey, black and white
- Dark blue
- Blue, red, black, grey and green

## **Motivation**



Transfer Ranking to Matching

What color are their jackets?

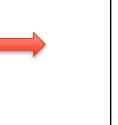




- Black and grey
- Red green grey and black
- Grey, black and white
- Dark blue
- Blue, red, black, grey and green

Hard

The color of their jackets are black and grey
The color of their jackets are red green grey and black
The color of their jackets are grey, black and white
The color of their jackets are dark blue
The color of their jackets are blue, red, black, grey and green



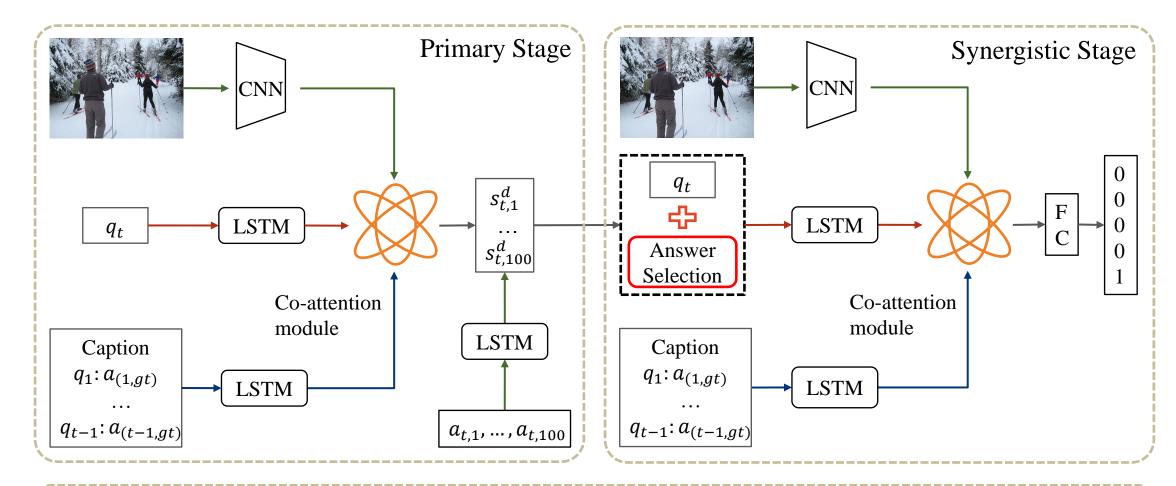
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Answers can also attend the image to collect related information for classification



### Framework

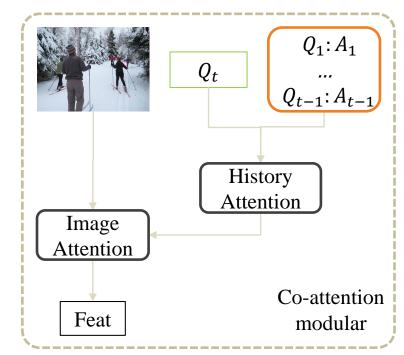


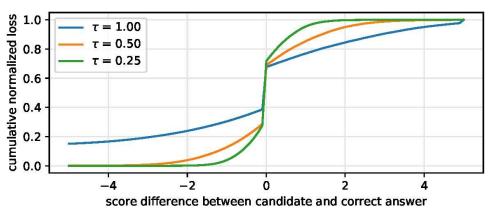
- In primary stage, the fusion of image, question and history scores the given candidate answers.
- In synergistic stage, fusion of the selected answers concatenated with question, image and history are re-ranked.

## **Implement Details**

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- Image Feature
  - Bottom-Up and Top-Down
- Attention and Fusion Method
  - Multi-modal Factorized Bilinear Pooling
    - Question and history fusion
    - Question, history and image fusion
- Discriminator Loss
  - In primary stage, N-pair loss with temperature  $\tau = 0.25$
  - In synergistic stage, Softmax with cross entropy loss
- Training
  - Only primary stage for 7 epochs
  - Both primary and review stage for 17 epochs
  - Initial learning rate 1e-3, decay every 7 epoch









## Result on v1.0 test-std dataset

Model	NDCG	MRR	R@1	R@5	R@10	Mean
LF[4]	45.31	55.42	40.95	72.45	82.83	5.95
HRE[4]	45.46	54.16	39.93	70.45	81.50	6.41
MN[4]	47.50	55.49	40.98	72.30	83.30	5.92
MN-att[4]	49.58	56.90	42.43	74.00	84.35	5.59
LF-att[4]	49.76	57.07	42.08	74.83	85.05	5.41
Technion	54.46	67.25	53.40	85.28	92.70	3.55
MS AI	55.35	63.27	49.53	80.40	89.60	4.15
USTC-YTH	56.47	61.44	47.65	78.13	87.88	4.65
Single (ours)	57.32	62.20	47.90	80.43	89.95	4.17
Ensemble (ours)	57.88	63.42	49.30	80.77	90.68	3.97





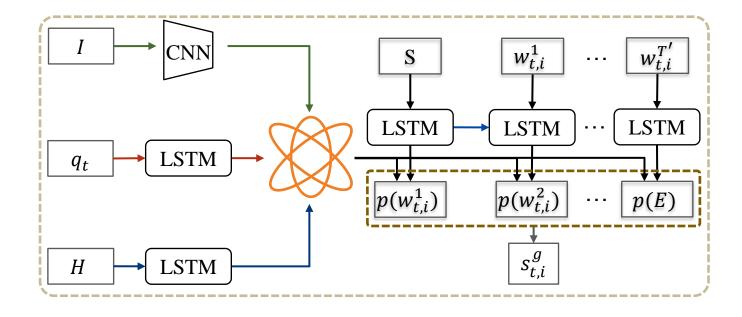
## Result on v1.0 validation dataset

N	M	au	MRR	R@1	R@5	R@10	Mean
-	-	1.00	61.92	47.53	79.78	89.28	4.42
-	-	0.50	62.51	48.30	80.05	89.57	4.27
-	-	0.25	62.63	48.31	80.39	89.65	4.23
10	10	0.25	62.31	48.18	79.45	90.21	4.22
10	20	0.25	62.83	48.45	80.70	90.28	4.11
10	30	0.25	63.54	49.21	81.01	90.32	4.09
10	40	0.25	63.14	48.77	80.97	90.02	4.13
15	30	0.25	63.16	48.91	80.75	90.22	4.12





- Framework for primary stage







## Result on v1.0 validation dataset

Model	N	$\mathbf{M}$	MRR	R@1	R@5	R@10	Mean
MN-att [4]	-	-	47.94	37.48	58.56	65.57	17.61
Primary (ours)	-	-	49.01	38.54	59.82	66.94	16.69
Synergistic (ours)	10	30	51.62	40.77	63.58	67.00	16.51
Synergistic (ours)	20	30	53.23	41.42	67.22	72.91	15.87
Synergistic (ours)	30	30	53.73	41.28	69.01	75.85	15.12





#### Is there any signs around?

#### **Primary**

A1:No signs
A2:No signs present
A3:There are no signs
A4:No
A5:No I do not see any signs
A6:No, only the giraffe

#### **Synergistic**

A1:No, only the giraffe
A2:No I do not see any signs
A3:No signs
A4:No signs present
A5:There are no signs
A6:No

#### Is there trees and animals?



#### **Primary**

A1:Just rocks and grass
A2:No grass
A3:No plants or trees
A3:Dried
A4:Dried up grass or weeds, yes
A5:Just dirt
A6:I see some grass
A1:No p
A3:Dried
A3:Dried
A4:Just
A5:No p
A6:Just

#### Synergistic

A1:No plants or trees
A2:I see some grass
A3:Dried up grass or weeds, yes
A4:Just rocks and grass
A5:No grass
A6:Just dirt

**Synergistic** 

#### Is there anyone near him?



#### **Primary**

A1:No one else is visible A2:No A3:Nobody in the photo A4:Not that I can see A5:Yes, there are another pair of feed

#### **Synergistic**

A1:Yes, there are another pair of feed
A2:Not that I can see
A3:No one else is visible
A4:No
A5:Nobody in the photo

## Can you tell if it's day or night?



#### **Primary**

A1:Day
A2:Daytime
A2:Night
A3:It is day
A4:Night
A4:Daytime
A5:Evening
A5:It is day

## What's the desk made out of?



#### **Primary**

A1:Wood A2:Laminate A3:Dark brown A4:Cheap plastic or wood

#### Synergistic

A1:Wood
A2:Cheap plastic or wood
A3:Laminate
A4:Dark brown

## Are they both wearing a hat?



#### **Primary**

A1:0 of the 3 guys are wearing hats
A2:Yes, the man is wearing a hat
A3:2 of them are wearing hats
A4:Only 1 is wearing a hat

#### **Synergistic**

A1:Only 1 is wearing a hat A2:2 of them are wearing hats A3:0 of the 3 guys are wearing

hats

A4:Yes, the man is wearing a

hat

## **Qualitative Results for Generative Model**

(without Candidate Answers)



#### O:Is this outdoors? A:No, a beach



#### **Primary**

A1:Yes A2:Yes, it is A3:Yes, it is outdoor A4:Yes, on a beach A5:No A6:Yes, in a park

#### **Synergistic**

A1:Yes A2:Yes, on a beach A3:Yes, it is outdoor A4:Yes, it is outdoors A5, Yes, it is

**Synergistic** 

#### Q:What color is the jet? A:White and blue



#### **Primary**

A1:White A1:White A2:Gray A2:White and blue A3:Grey A3:White with a blue tail A4:White and blue A4:White and black A5:Silver A5:Blue and white A6:Blue and white A6:Grey and blue

Q:Is she wearing a hat?



#### **Primary Synergistic**

A6:No

A1:Visor A1:Yes, a white visor A2:Yes A2:Visor, yes A3:A visor A3:A visor A4:Yes, a visor A4:Yes, a visor A5:No, a visor A5:Visor A6:No A6:No, a visor

#### O:Is the church brick? A:It looks made of stone



#### **Primary**

A1:No, it looks like its made of stone A1:Yes A2:No, it looks like stone A2:Yes, it looks like it A3:Yes, it appears to be brick A3:Yes, it is A4:No. it looks like concrete A4:No, it looks like stone A5: Yes, it is brick A5:No A6:Yes A6:I can't tell

#### O:Can you see any people? A:Part of a person



#### **Primary**

someone

A1:Just the legs of someone A1:Yes A2:Just the legs of 1 person A2:Just 1 A3:I can see the legs of 1 person A3:Part of 1 A4:Just legs A4:1 A5:Just the legs of 1 A5:Yes 1 A6: Yes A6:Just the legs of

#### Q:Are there any buildings? A:In the background, I



#### **Primary**

A1:Yes, in the background A2:Yes, there are A3: Yes, in the distance A4: Yes, there 1 in the background A5:Yes, there are

#### **Synergistic**

**Synergistic** 

**Synergistic** 

A1:Yes, there is 1 behind the truck A2:Yes, I see a few A3:Yes, there is a building behind it A4: Yes, there is 1 behind the bus A5:Yes, I see 1



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