REINFORCEMENT LEARNING FOR FINE-TUNING MULTI-MODAL INTERACTIONS

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ABSTRACT

Creating robust and contextually aware multi-modal systems requires finely tuned interaction between visual and logical representations, which is challenging due to the complexity of multi-modal data alignment. In this paper, we propose a reinforcement learning framework for fine-tuning these interactions. Our contributions include a task-specific reward function based on accuracy and response time metrics. We use the Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) algorithm to iteratively update model parameters, incorporating reward normalization and entropy regularization for stability. We evaluate our approach on VQA and visual reasoning benchmarks, demonstrating significant improvements in accuracy and response time over baseline models. This approach ensures that model enhancements align directly with task performance, resulting in more robust and effective multi-modal systems.

1 INTRODUCTION

Multi-modal systems, which integrate and process information from multiple sensory modalities such as visual and logical inputs, are critical for applications including visual question answering (VQA) and visual reasoning. Effectively combining and interpreting data from these distinct sources is essential for developing robust AI systems. However, achieving optimal interaction between these modalities is challenging due to the complexity of aligning multi-modal data.

Traditional approaches to multi-modal learning often struggle with the alignment of visual and logical representations, leading to suboptimal performance in complex tasks. This difficulty arises from inherent differences in data types and the intricate dependencies between them. Reinforcement learning offers a promising solution by providing a framework where model interactions can be fine-tuned based on performance metrics.

In this paper, we present a reinforcement learning framework for fine-tuning the interaction between visual and logical representations in multi-modal models. Our approach uses a task-specific reward function that evaluates model performance based on accuracy and response time. By employing the Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) algorithm, we iteratively adjust model parameters to enhance the synergy between different modalities.

To ensure stability and effectiveness during training, we incorporate techniques such as reward normalization and entropy regularization. We validate our framework using established benchmarks, including VQA and visual reasoning datasets. Our extensive experiments demonstrate that our method significantly improves both accuracy and response time compared to baseline models, verifying the efficacy of our approach.

Our key contributions are:

- Developed a reinforcement learning framework for fine-tuning multi-modal interactions.
- Implemented a reward function based on accuracy and response time.
- Utilized the Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) algorithm for iterative model updates.
- Incorporated reward normalization and entropy regularization to stabilize training.
- Demonstrated significant improvements in accuracy and response time over baselines using VQA and visual reasoning benchmarks.

While our current framework shows promising results, future work could explore the integration of additional sensory modalities and more sophisticated reinforcement learning algorithms. Extending our approach to other multi-modal tasks could further attest to its generalizability and robustness.

2 Related Work

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3 Background

Multi-modal systems integrate sensory inputs such as visual and logical data to perform tasks like visual question answering (VQA) and visual reasoning. These systems aim to mimic human-like understanding by processing diverse data sources simultaneously. The core challenge lies in effectively aligning these disparate data types to produce coherent responses.

Previous research in multi-modal learning has used attention mechanisms and fusion techniques to combine visual and textual information. Despite these advances, achieving precise alignment between modalities remains difficult, often leading to suboptimal performance. These limitations are primarily due to the complex interactions between visual and logical data, which are frequently addressed through heuristic or manually defined integration strategies.

Reinforcement learning (RL) offers a framework for fine-tuning multi-modal interactions by optimizing models based on performance metrics. RL has been successfully applied in decision-making and continuous improvement tasks, making it suitable for enhancing multi-modal system responses. The goal is to use RL to learn optimal strategies for combining modalities without relying on pre-defined rules.

3.1 Problem Setting

We formally define the problem of fine-tuning multi-modal interactions for tasks such as VQA and visual reasoning. The objective is to improve response accuracy and speed using a reward-based RL approach. The RL agent observes multi-modal inputs and receives feedback based on the quality of its responses.

Let x represent the set of multi-modal inputs, a be the actions taken by the model, and r denote the reward received. The task-specific reward function $R(x, a)$ evaluates the model's performance based on accuracy and response time. We assume that properly aligned multi-modal data leads to more accurate and efficient responses.

We use the Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) algorithm (Lu et al., 2024) for fine-tuning. PPO is known for its stability and efficiency in updating policy networks. By iteratively adjusting the model parameters using PPO, we aim to improve the alignment and performance of multi-modal interactions.

4 Method

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7 Conclusions and Future Work

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