

Do Boat and Ocean Suggest Beach? Dialogue Summarization with External Knowledge

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Introduction

- Human can infer meaning from the situational context even though the meaning is not literally expressed.
- In human dialogues, we may think of *beach* when the scene is describing *ocean* and *abandoned boat*.
- Neural summarization models should take such inference into account.



A: Does the **ocean** appear calm or choppy?

B: Calm.

A: Can you see any other **boats**?

B: One, also **abandoned**.

Ground : A boat sitting on a **beach** next to an ocean



A: Is **boat** on fire?

B: no , it 's exhaust I think.

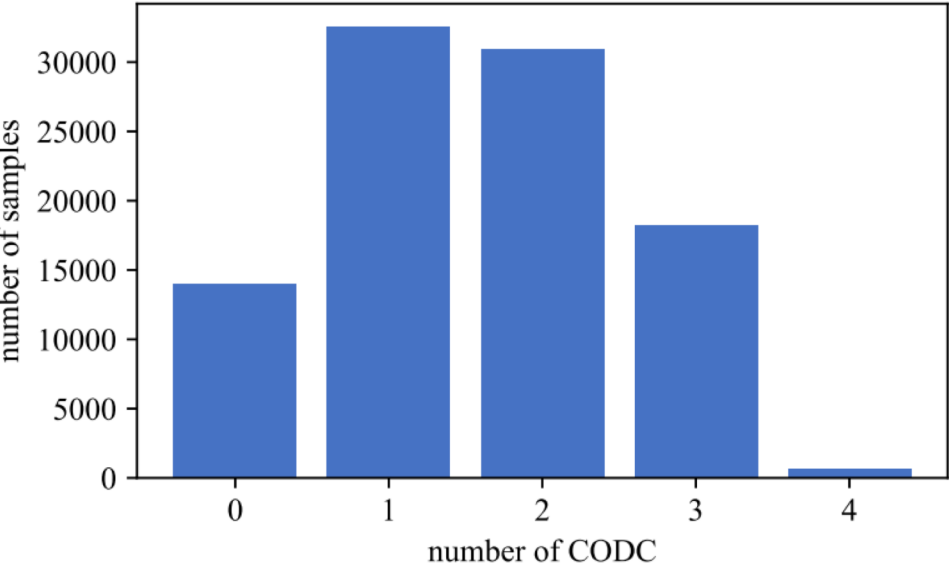
A: what kind of water is it on , **ocean** , **lake**?


B: **ocean**.

Ground : A small boat is sailing through the ocean

Dataset

- Dialogues from VisDial dataset and image captions from MSCOCO. Aligned together.
- Define Concepts Out of Dialogue Context (CODC) as concepts that appears in the summarization while not appeared in the dialogue.



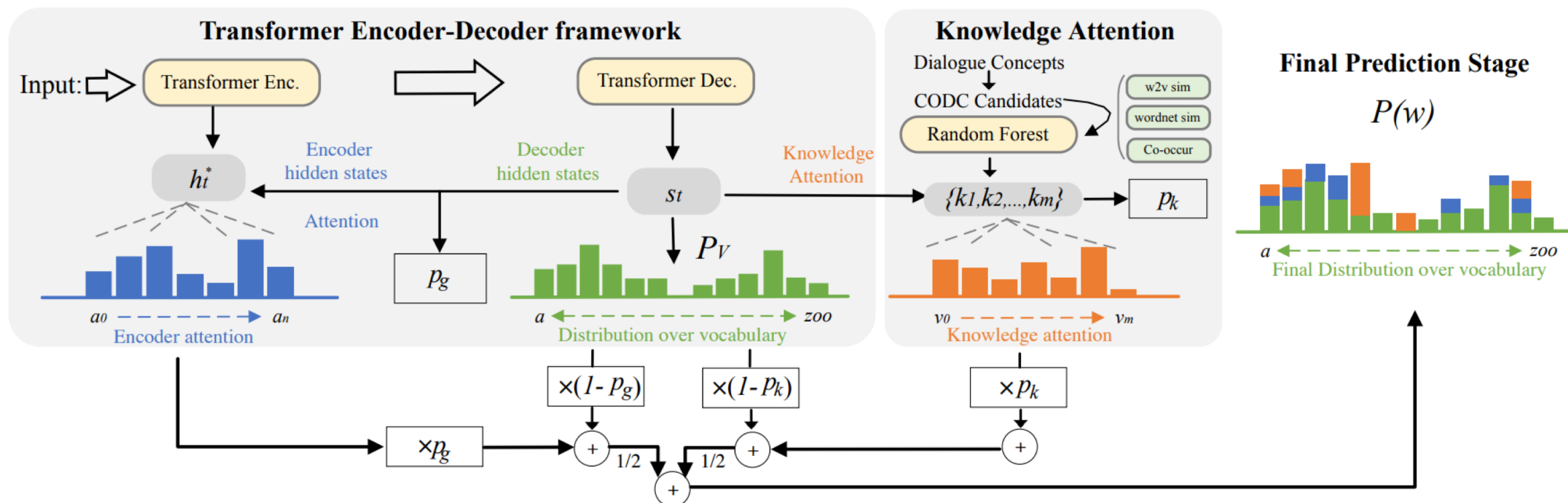


Description	
Two small planes flying with each other in the <i>sky</i>	

Dialogue Concepts	CODC
<i>plane, propeller, wing, ...</i>	<i>sky</i>

Dialogue	
A:	What color is the closest <i>plane</i> ?
B:	Blue.
A:	What color is the other <i>plane</i> ?
B:	Yellow.
A:	Are they flying side by side?
B:	Yes.
A:	Do you see any people?
B:	No.
A:	Do you see <i>propeller</i> on the closet <i>plane</i> ?
B:	No.
A:	Do you see both <i>wings</i> on furthest <i>plane</i> ?
B:	Yes.
A:	Do you see both <i>wings</i> on blue <i>plane</i> ?
B:	Yes.
A:	Can you see the <i>ground</i> ?
B:	<i>No</i> .
A:	Are there any other <i>planes</i> ?
B:	No.
A:	Do you see any <i>clouds</i> ?
B:	No.

Model



Experiments

- The proposed Trans-KnowAttn model can outperforms it's baseline Trans-Copy in terms of both conventional automatic evaluation metrics, but also metrics regarding CODC inference.

Method	BLEU-4	METEOR	ROUGE-1	CIDEr	P_{CODC}	R_{CODC}	$F1_{CODC}$
BertSum	23.49	22.89	49.38	79.94	36.48	38.90	37.65
S2S-Attn	29.90	24.51	52.45	96.55	44.32	42.46	43.37
PGN	30.12	24.58	52.66	97.97	45.36	42.49	43.88
Pair-encoder	31.26	25.34	53.26	101.04	45.10	44.39	44.74
Trans-Copy	31.09	25.54	53.38	102.81	46.20	44.55	45.36
Trans-KnowAttn	31.22	25.93	53.70	104.00*	46.31	45.66*	45.98*