







Look Twice as Much as You Say: Scene Graph Contrastive Learning for Self-Supervised Image Caption Generation

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Motivation

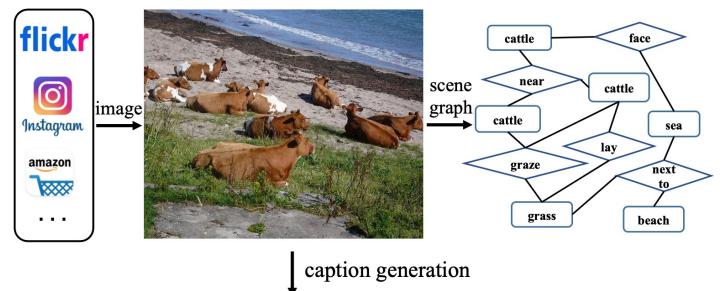
1. Background: Improving image captioning via leveraging unlabeled images from unpaired web sources.

2. Challenge:

- Cross-modal data Unlike previous studies working on single- modal data (e.g., image, text, or graph), image caption generation is a cross-modal task on the intersection of image and text;
- Complex task Image caption generation is a complex task that has to generate new content rather than simple classification or prediction task studied in previous work.

Motivation

3. Target:



GT: A herd of cattle laying on top of a sandy beach.

1% labels are used:

C-GAT: A group standing a a a a.

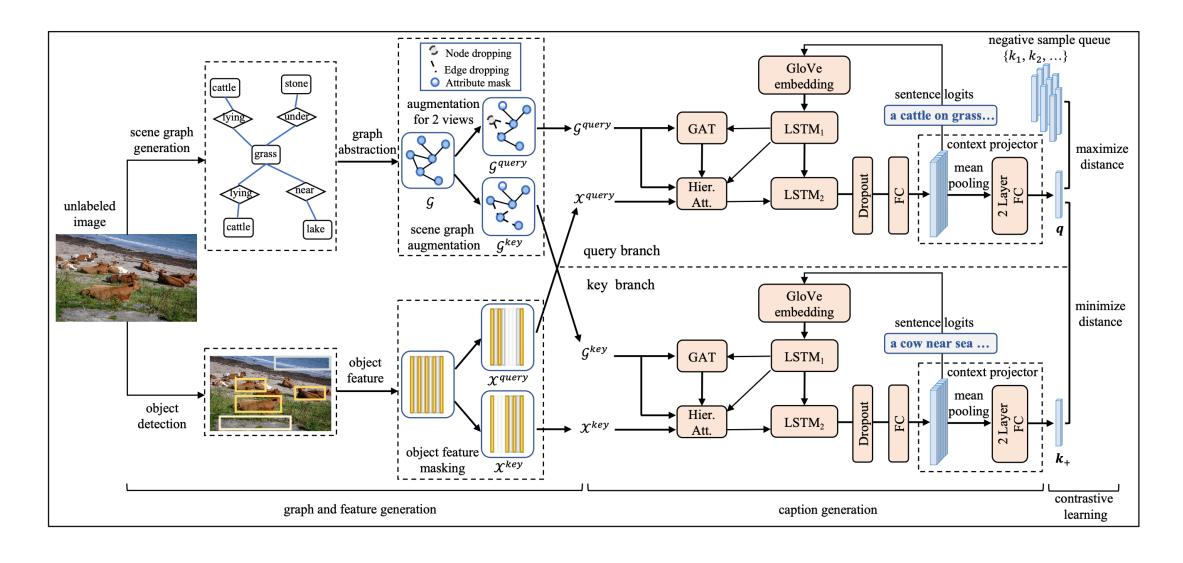
VSUA: A cattle a a a a.

SGAE: A cow is a a a a.

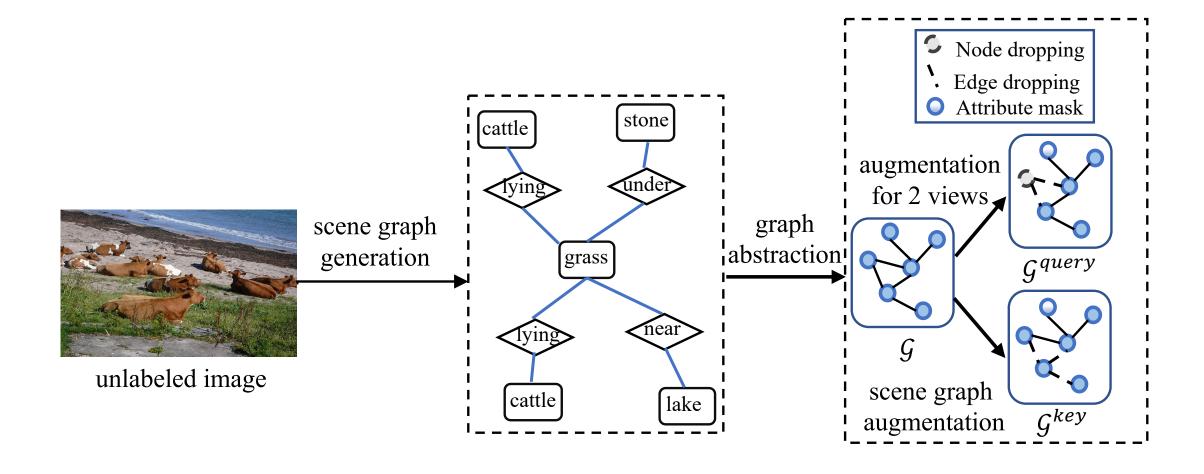
 M^2 -T: A herd of sheep standing a a a a a a.

SGCL: A group of cattle grazing in the beach in front of the water.

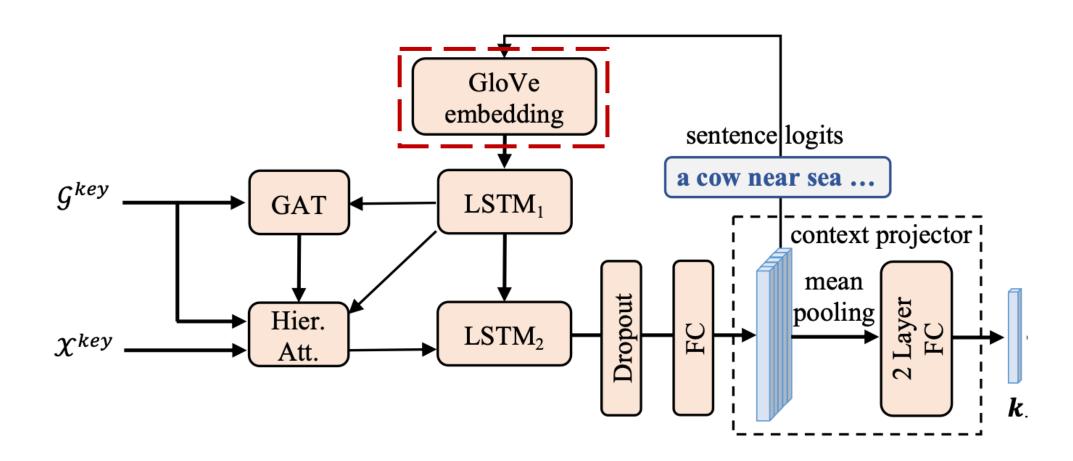
The pipeline of Our Model



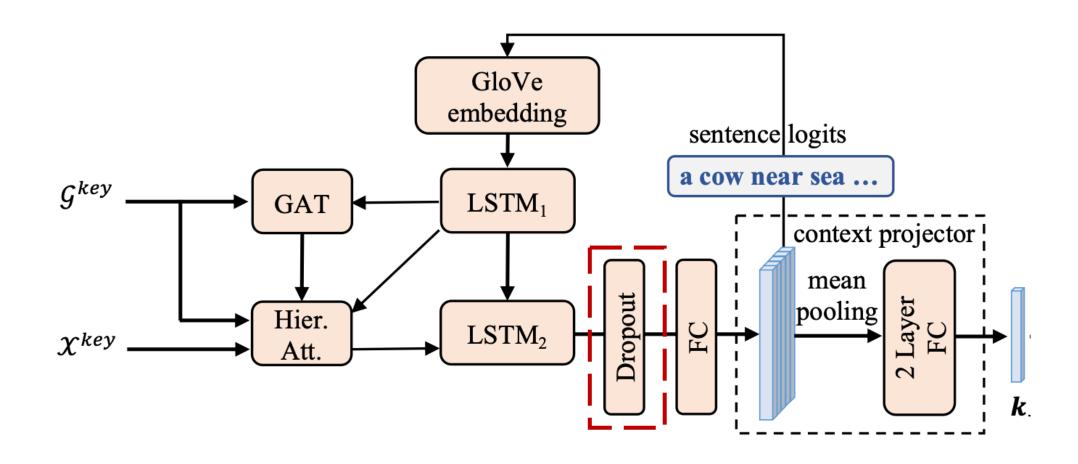
Scene Graph Augmentation



Pretrained Word Embedding for NLP Information



Big Dropout Rate as Semantics Augmentations



Experiment

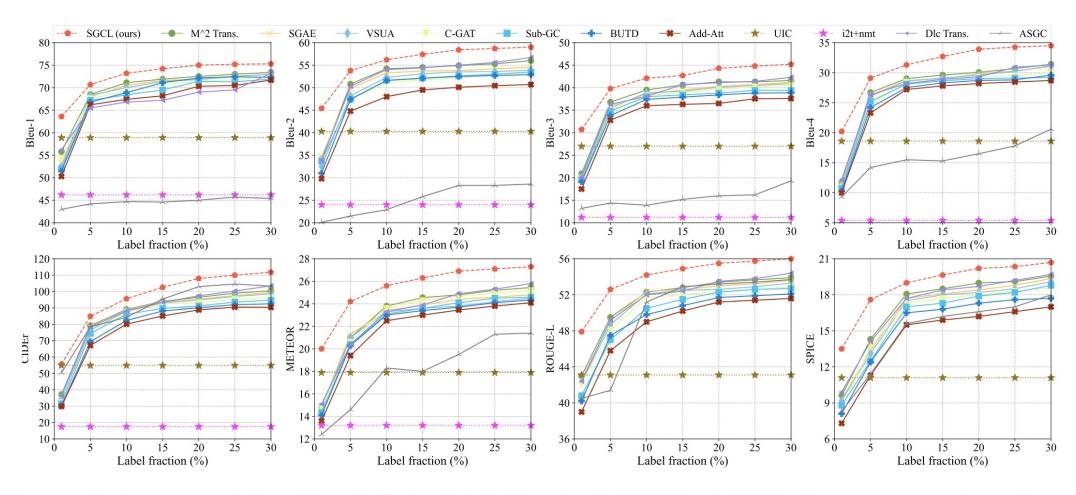


Figure 3: Performances of all models with limited labels (Note that ROUGE-L and SPICE of i2t+nmt are not shown due to missing values in the original work).

Ablation Study

Table 1: Performances of different model variants with various graph augmentation strategies (Note: N - node dropping, E - edge dropping, A - node attribute masking, O - object feature masking).

Label	N	E	A	O	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	C.	M.	RL	S.
					61.8	43.8	28.9	18.2	47.7	18.5	46.3	11.9
				✓	62.5	44.6	30.0	19.1	49.2	19.9	47.0	13.1
1 07	1			✓	62.5	44.5	29.0	18.5	52.9	19.1	47.3	13.2
1%		1		✓	63.1	44.3	28.8	18.6	52.2	19.3	47.2	13.0
			1	✓	63.0	45.1	29.9	19.3	53.3	19.6	47.5	13.3
	1	✓	✓	✓	63.6	45.4	30.7	20.2	55.0	20.0	47.9	13.5
					69.4	51.7	36.6	26.2	75.9	22.2	49.4	16.3
				✓	70.3	53.0	38.6	27.9	79.4	23.9	51.9	17.3
E oz	1			✓	62.5	52.8	38.9	28.5	81.4	19.1	51.9	17.2
5%		1		✓	63.1	53.5	38.7	28.6	82.2	19.3	52.0	17.1
			✓	✓	70.3	53.3	39.2	28.1	82.3	24.1	52.2	17.4
	✓	✓	✓	✓	70.7	53.8	39.8	29.1	84.9	24.2	52.6	17.6

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Table 2: Effectiveness of loading pre-trained word embedding (P) and freezing word embedding (F).

P	F	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	C.	M.	RL	S.
		62.9	44.8	30.1	19.8	54.1	19.3	47.0	13.0
1		63.0	45.1	30.2	19.9	54.4	19.6	47.3	13.0
1	✓	63.6	45.4	30.7	20.2	55.0	20.0	47.9	13.5
		69.8	53.2	38.8	28.3	80.0	23.6	52.1	16.9
1		70.1	53.6	39.0	28.3	79.8	23.8	52.3	17.1
1	✓	70.7	53.8	39.8	29.1	84.9	24.2	52.6	17.6
		71.8	58.3	41.1	33.5	91.7	23.5	52.9	17.5
1		72.4	58.3	41.5	33.7	92.6	23.6	53.4	18.3
1	✓	73.2	56.2	42.1	31.3	94.6	25.6	54.2	19.0
		74.1	57.8	43.2	33.1	103.9	26.4	54.5	19.6
1		74.6	58.0	43.5	33.5	105.5	26.4	55.1	20.0
1	✓	75.0	58.4	44.3	33.9	108.0	26.9	55.5	20.2
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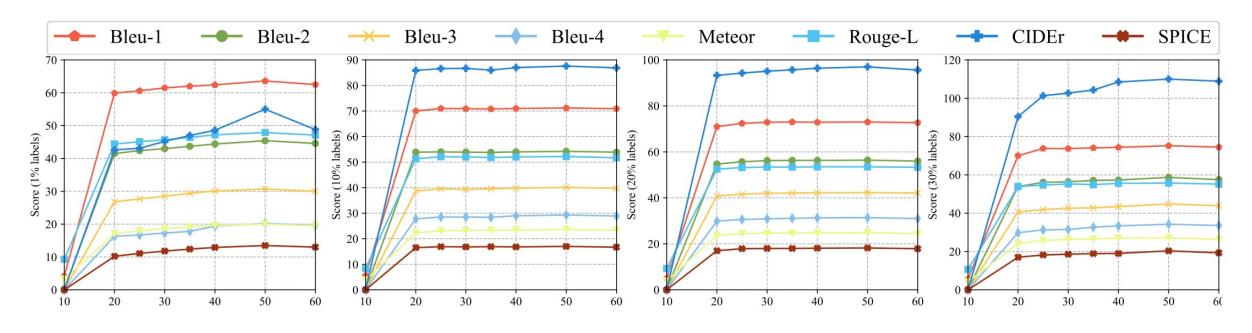
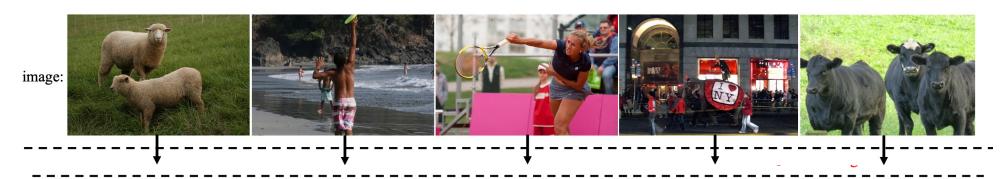


Figure 4: Impact of dropout rate at the output layer on model performance.

Case Show



1% labels are used:

M^2 -T:	A sheep standing in a a a.	A man girl a a a a a.	A girl tennis a a tennis tennis	A elephant of in a a a.	A cow standing standing a a a.
SGAE:	A sheep of standing a a a.	A man is a a a a a.	A man girl a a a a a.	A man is a a a a a.	A sheep of in a a a a a.
VSUA:	A sheep of in a a a.	A man standing a a a a.	A girl girl a a a a a.	A people of a a a a a a.	A cow cow cow a a a a a.
C-GAT:	A group of a a a a.	A man is a a a a a.	A man girl a a a a a.	A street of a a a a.	A sheep of a a a.
SGCL:	A couple of sheep standing in the grass in a field.	A group of people playing a frisbee standing by the sea.	A woman is holding a tennis racket on a tennis ball.	A group of people standing in a street with a building.	A herd of cows walking down a road in the grass.
30% lab	<u>els</u> are used:				
<i>M</i> ² -T:	A group of sheep standing in a fenced area.	Two men playing frisbee on a dirt field.	A woman is holding a tennis racket in her hand.	A man riding an elephant in front of a building.	A group of cows standing next to each other on a field.
SGAE:	A white sheep is standing in the grass.	A group of men playing a game of frisbee.	e A man hitting a tennis ball on a tennis court.	A group of people standing next to an elephant.	A cow standing on top of a lush green field.
VSUA:	A couple of sheep standing next to each other.	A man holding a frisbee in his hand.	Two men playing frisbee on a dirt field.	An elephant standing in front of a building.	A group of cows are standing in the grass.
C-GAT:	A group of sheep grazing in a grassy field.	A man holding a frisbee in his hand.	A woman is playing tennis on the court.	A man riding on the back of an elephant.	A brown cow standing next to a brown cow.
SGCL:	A couple of sheep standing on a lush green field near a fence.	A man is jumping in the air to catch a frisbee on a sea beach.	A woman is trying to hitting a tennis ball on a tennis court.	An elephant walking down a street with people in the background.	A herd of black cows standing next to each other on a lush green field.









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