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# MLDS HW2-1

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# HW2-1 Update (4/19)

1. baseline調降為BLEU@1 = **0.6** (Captions Avg.)
2. data format 調整
3. 更改hw2\_seq2seq.sh 的寫法

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所以只需要輸入資料夾名稱, 便可以直接生成該資料夾影片的captions

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# Outline

- ❖ **Timeline**
- ❖ **Task Descriptions**
- ❖ **Q&A**

# Timeline

# Two Parts in HW2

- (2-1) Video caption generation
  - Sequence-to-sequence model
  - Training Tips
- (2-2) Chat-bot

# Schedule

- 3/30:
  - Release HW2-1
- 4/13:
  - Release HW2-2
- 4/27:
  - Midterm
  - HW1 上台分享
- 5/4:
  - All HW2 due (including HW2-1, HW2-2)



# Task Descriptions

# HW2-1: Video caption generation

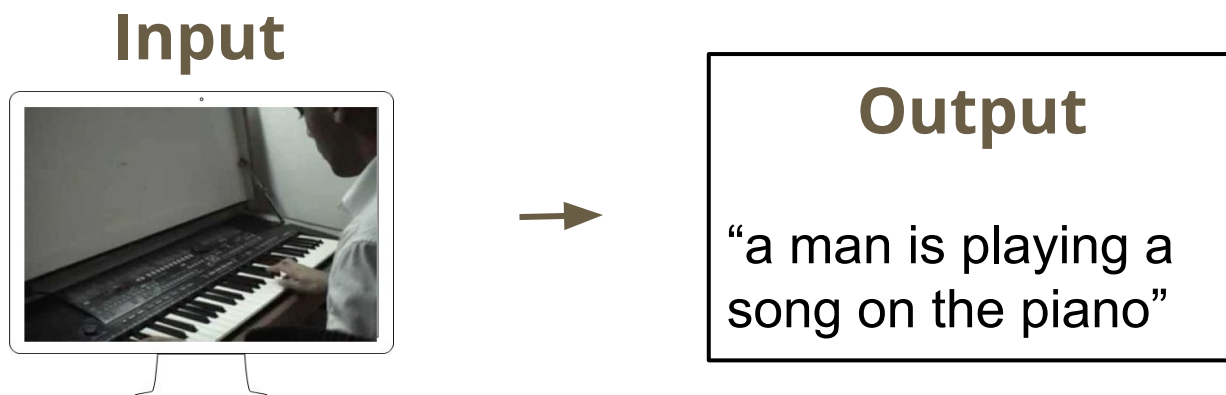
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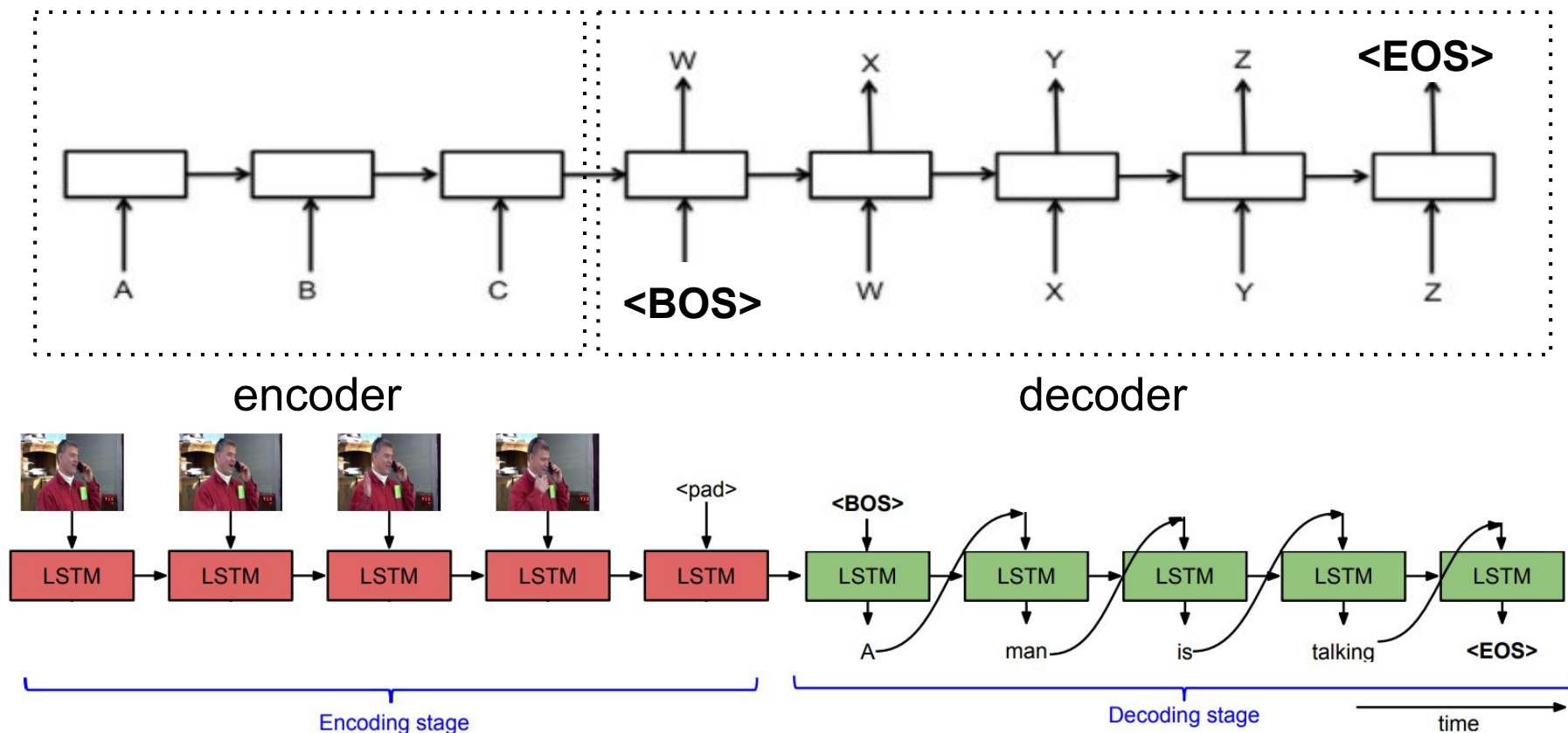
- Video Caption Generation
  - a. Input : A short video
  - b. Output: The corresponding caption that depicts the video



- There are several difficulties including:
    - a. Different attributes of video (object, action)
    - b. Variable length of I/O
- ( In this task, video features will be provided )

# HW2-1 Sequence-to-sequence <sup>1/5</sup>

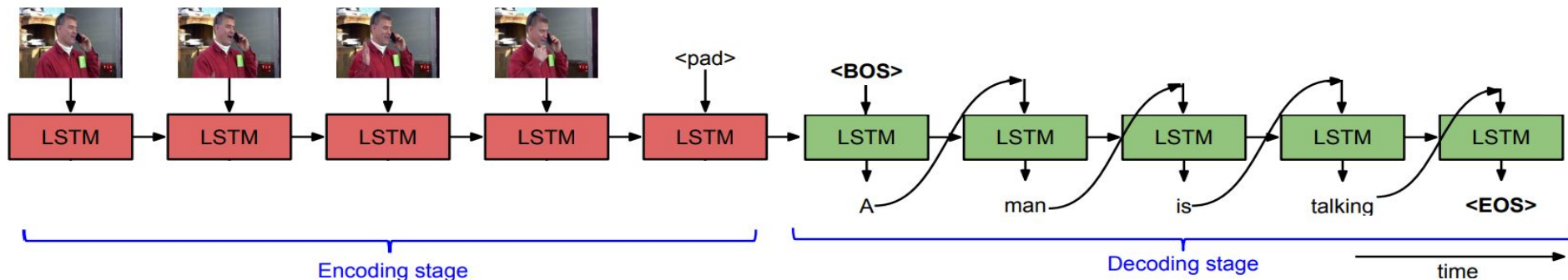
- Two recurrent neural networks (RNNs)
  - an encoder that processes the input
  - a decoder that generates the output



# HW2-1 Sequence-to-sequence <sup>2/5</sup>

- **Data preprocess:**

- Dictionary - most frequently word or min count
- other tokens: <PAD>, <BOS>, <EOS>, <UNK>
  - <PAD> : Pad the sentences to the same length
  - <BOS> : Begin of sentence, a sign to generate the output sentence.
  - <EOS> : End of sentence, a sign of the end of the output sentence.
  - <UNK> : Use this token when the word isn't in the dictionary or just ignore the unknown word.



# HW2-1 Sequence-to-sequence <sup>3/5</sup>

- **Text Input:**

reference

- One-hot Vector encoding

( 1-to-N coding, N is the size of the vocabulary in dictionary )

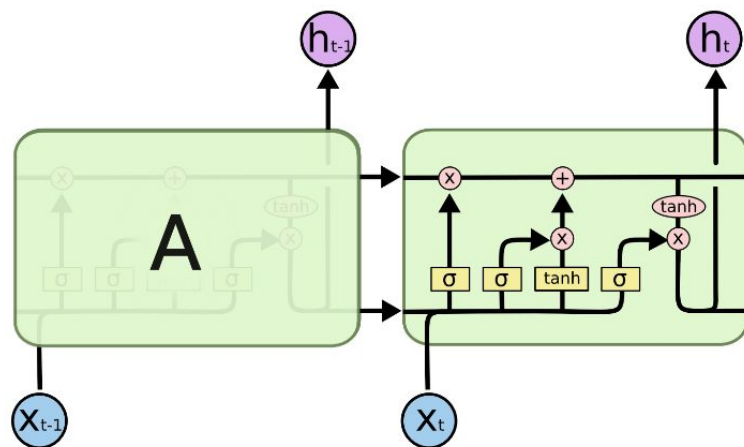
- e.g.

- neural =  $[0, 0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0]$

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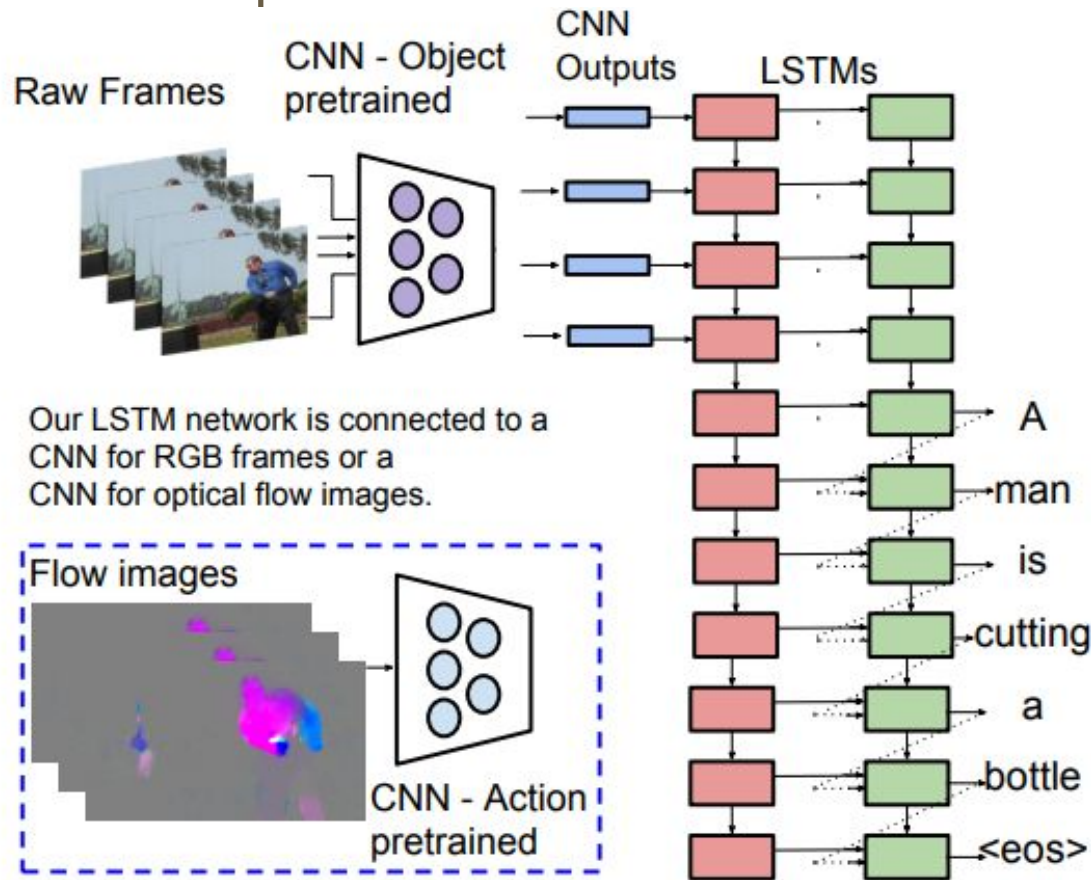
- **LSTM unit:**

cell output than project to a vocabulary-size vector



# HW2-1 Sequence-to-sequence - S2VT <sup>4/5</sup>

- Sequence-to-Sequence Based Model: S2VT



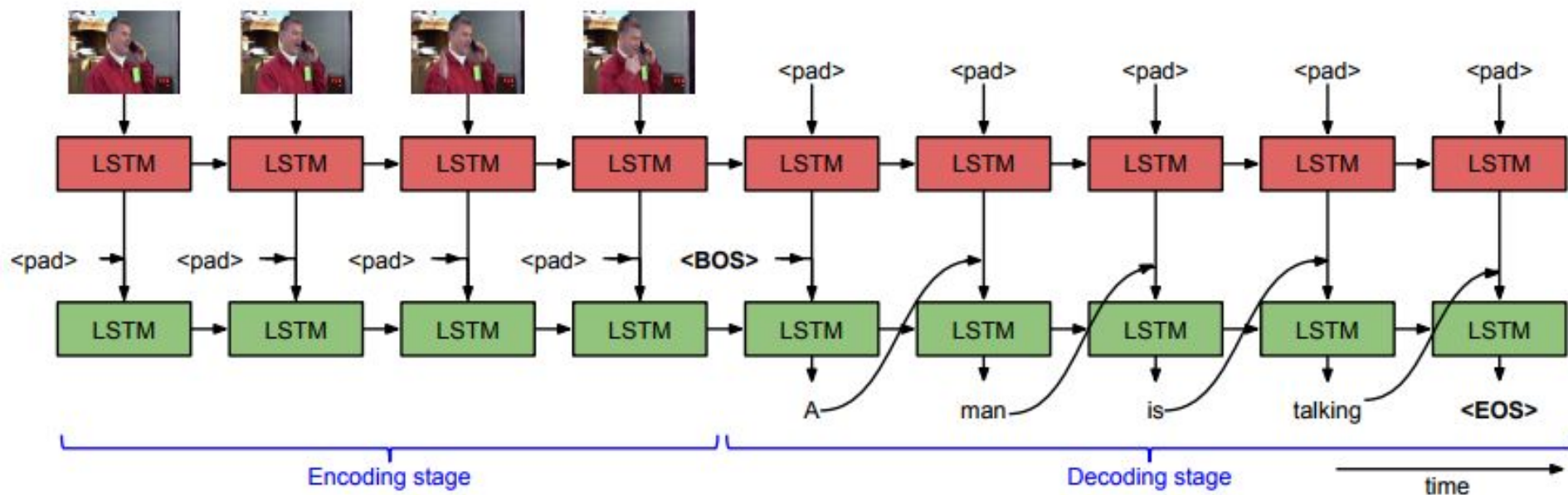
Refer to the following paper for detailed info:

<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/ml/papers/venugopalan.iccv15.pdf>



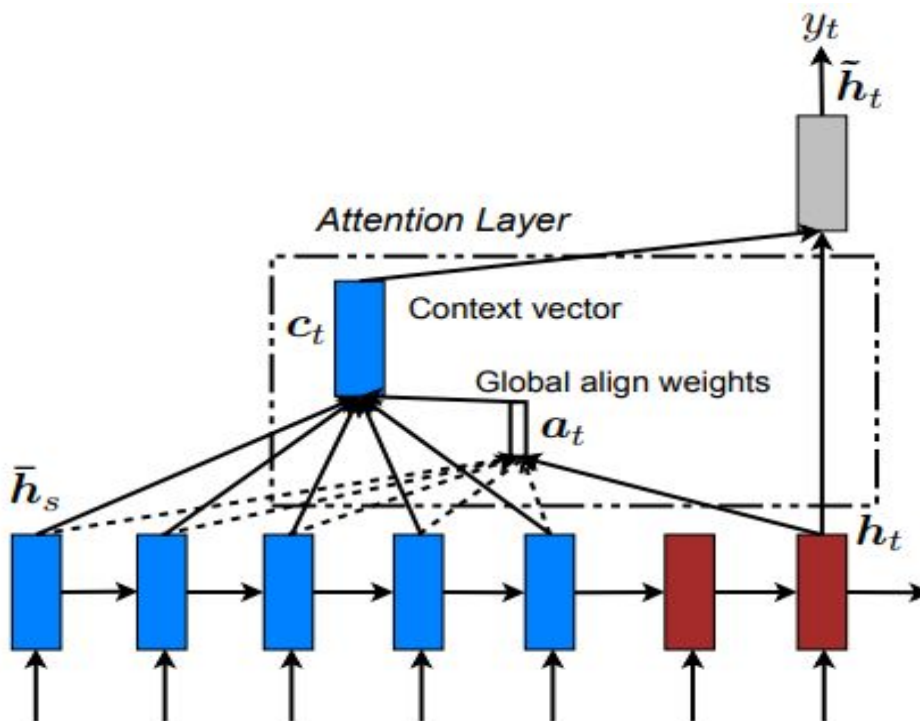
# HW2-1 Sequence-to-sequence - S2VT <sup>5/5</sup>

- Sequence-to-Sequence Based Model: S2VT
  - Two layer LSTM structure



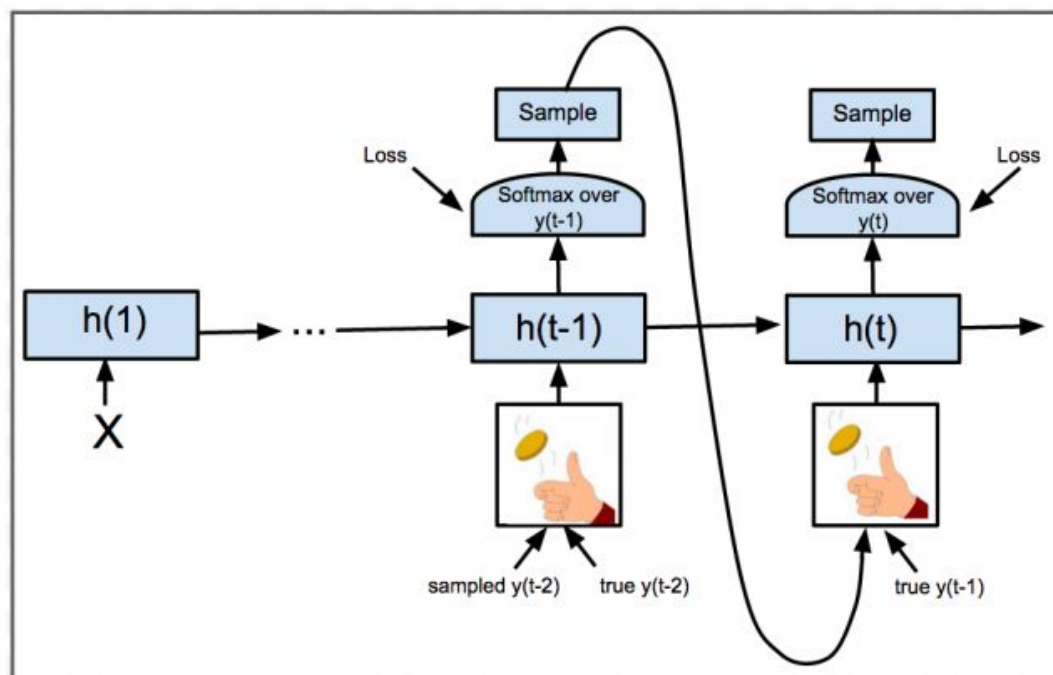
# HW2-1 Training Tips - Attention <sup>1/3</sup>

- Attention on encoder hidden states :
  - Allow model to peek at different sections of inputs at each decoding time step



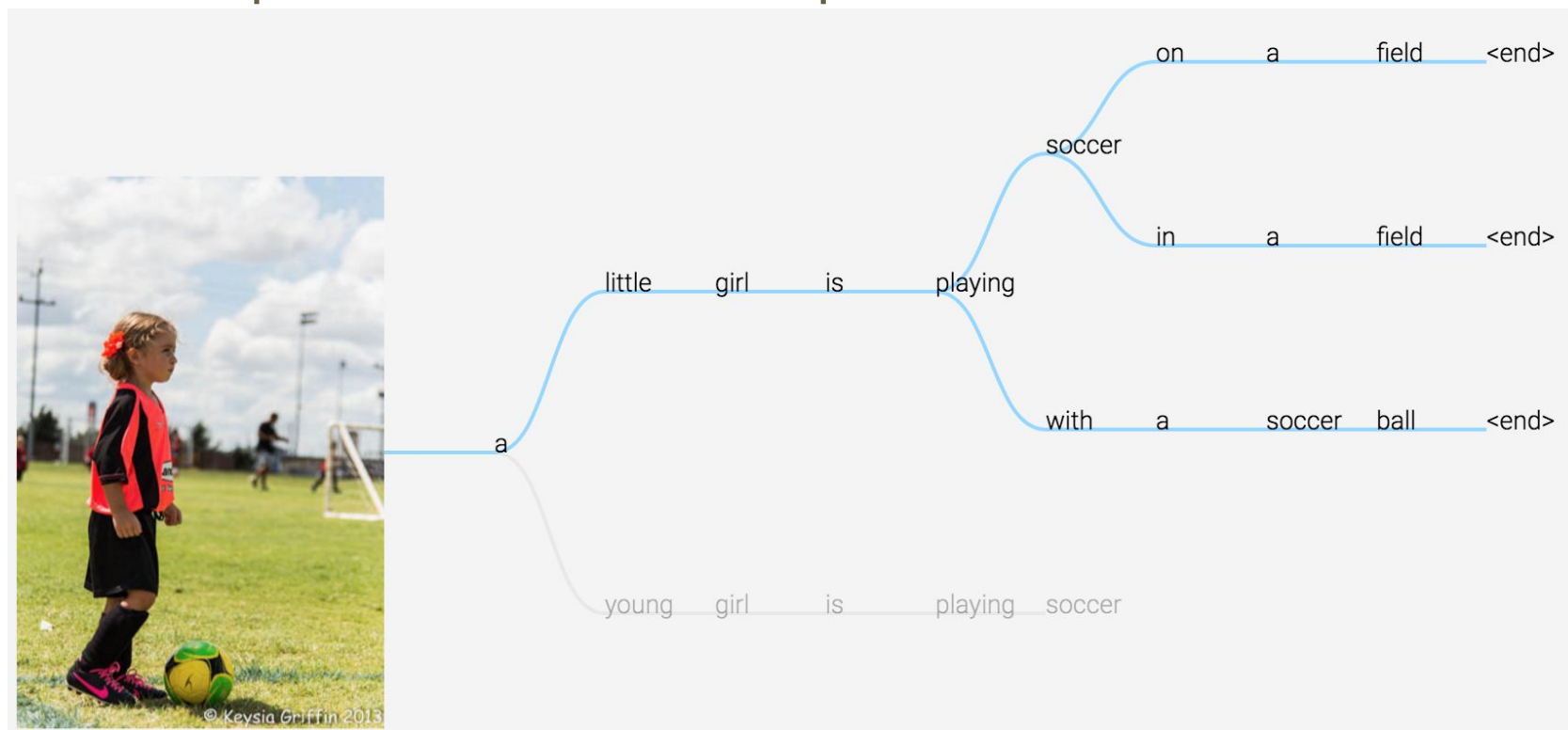
# HW2-1 Training Tips - Schedule Sampling <sup>2/3</sup>

- Schedule Sampling:
  - To solve “exposure bias” problem,  
When training, we feed (groundtruth) or (last time step’s output) as input at odds



# HW2-1 Training Tips - Beam search <sup>3/3</sup>

- Beam search:
  - keep a fixed number of paths



Demo: <http://dbs.cloudcv.org/captioning>

# HW2-1 How to reach the baseline ? <sup>1/2</sup>

- Evaluation: BLEU@1

- Precision = correct words / candidate length

- $$\text{BP} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } c > r \\ e^{(1-r/c)} & \text{if } c \leq r \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  = candidate length,  $r$  = reference length

- BLEU@1 = BP \* Precision

- e.g.:

**Ground Truth** : *a man is mowing a lawn*

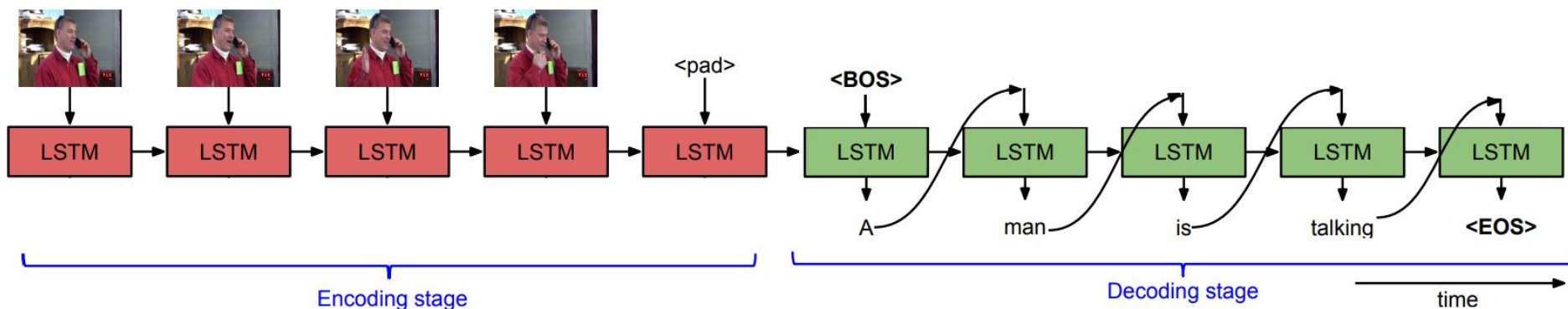
**Prediction** : *a man is riding a man on a woman is riding a motorcycle*

**BLEU**:  $1 * 4/13 = 0.308$

- [paper](#)

# HW2-1 How to reach the baseline ? <sup>2/2</sup>

- **Baseline: BLEU@1 = 0.65 (Captions Avg.)**
- baseline model:



- Training Epoch = 200
- LSTM dimension = 256
- Learning rate = 0.001
- vocab size = min count > 3
- AdamOptimizer
- Training time = 72 mins, using 960 TX

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- Please implement **one seq-to-seq model** (or it's variant) to fulfill the task
- Extra dataset is allowed to use.
- Allow package:
  - python 3.6
  - **TensorFlow r1.6 ONLY** (CUDA 9.0)
  - PyTorch 0.3 / torchvision
  - Keras 2.0.7 (TensorFlow backend only)
  - MXNet 1.1.0, CNTK 2.4
  - matplotlib, Python Standard Library
  - If you want to use other packages, please ask TAs for permission first!
  - **new allowed package: pandas, tensorlayer, gensim, nltk**



# Submission & Rules

- Deadline : **2018/5/4 23:59 (GMT+8)**
- Upload **code** and **report** of HW2-1, HW2-2 to Github in **different** directory.
- For HW2-1 :
  - Your github must have directory **hw2/hw2\_1/**, and there should be:  
**(1) report.pdf** **(2) your\_seq2seq\_model** **(3) hw2\_seq2seq.sh**  
**(4) model\_seq2seq.py** ( *training code should include* )
  - If your model are too big for github, upload to a cloud space and **write it in your script to download the model.**
  - **Please do not upload any dataset to Github (include external dataset).**

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# Grading Policy

- HW2-1 : 15%
  - Baseline (4%):
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  - TAs review (4%):
    - Grammar score (2%)
    - Relative score (2%)
  - Report (7%)
- HW2-2 : 10%
- 分工表 : 0.5%
- 上台分享 : 1%
- 上台分享前三名 : 1%

# Grading Policy - Report (7%)

- Do not exceed 4 pages and written in Chinese.
- Model description (3%)
  - Describe your seq2seq model
- How to improve your performance (3%)  
(e.g. Attention, Schedule Sampling, Beamsearch...)
  - Write down the method that makes you outstanding (1%)
  - Why do you use it (1%)
  - Analysis and compare your model without the method. (1%)
- Experimental results and settings (1%)
  - parameter tuning, schedual sampling ... etc
- README : please specify library and the corresponding version in README

# Grading Policy - NOTICE

- Late submission (link):
  - Please fill the late submission form first only if you will submit HW late.
  - Please push your code before you fill the form
  - There will be **25% penalty per day** for late submission, so you get 0% after **four days**
- Bug:
  - You will get **0%** in Baseline and TAs review if the required script has bug.
  - If the error is due to the format issue, please come to fix the bug at the announced time, or you will get **10% penalty** afterwards.

# Q&A

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**Q1: 請問助教會跑training的程式嗎？**

A: 不會。我們所規定的十分鐘只包含testing。除非我們認為有必要就會請你們來跑training的code。

## Q2: 有推薦上傳model的平台嗎？

A: dropbox, google drive都是大家常用的平台。不過推薦大家可以使用gitlab, 操作方法與github類似, 但是可以上傳大容量的檔案。

p.s. github 單一檔案上傳上限為100MB, 若超過50MB則會出現警告, 但依舊能上傳。也可參考網路上的教學 ([ref](#))。



## Q3: test set 的答案怎麼一起給了？

A: 因為沒有Kaggle, 方便大家validation 和測準確率, 因此也給大家testset 的答案。

## Q4: data 裡的feature是怎麼抽的呢？

A: pretrain在ILSVRC的VGG19。

80\*4096維的feature, 是指每個影片抽80個frame, 每個frame有4096維feature。

## Q5: Average bleu score 是怎麼算的呢？

A: 對於每個影片，你的答案會對他的所有的字幕算bleu score。  
將所有影片的分數取平均後，就是你的總bleu score。

p.s. 詳細演算法請見 `bleu_eval.py`