

Generating Question Relevant Captions to Aid Visual Question Answering

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Visual Question Answering

- Top-down (Ren et al., 2015a; Fukui et al., 2016; Wu et al., 2016; Goyal et al., 2017; Li et al., 2018a)
- Bottom-up attentions (Anderson et al., 2018; Li et al., 2018b; Wu and Mooney, 2019)
- Enriching knowledge base (Li et al., 2018a; Narasimhan et al. 2018)

Image Captioning

- <http://dbs.cloudcv.org/captioning>
- Attention-based deep-learning models (Donahue et al., 2015; Karpathy and Fei-Fei, 2015; Vinyals et al., 2015; Luo et al., 2018; Liu et al., 2018)
- Encode the image using a CNN
- Build an attentional RNN, LSTM on top of the image features



Human Captions :

- 1) A man on a blue surfboard on top of some rough water.
- 2) A young surfer in a wetsuit surfs a small wave.
- 3) A young man rides a surf board on a small wave while a man swims in the background.
- 4) A young man is on his surf board with someone in the background.
- 5) A boy riding waves on his surf board in the ocean.

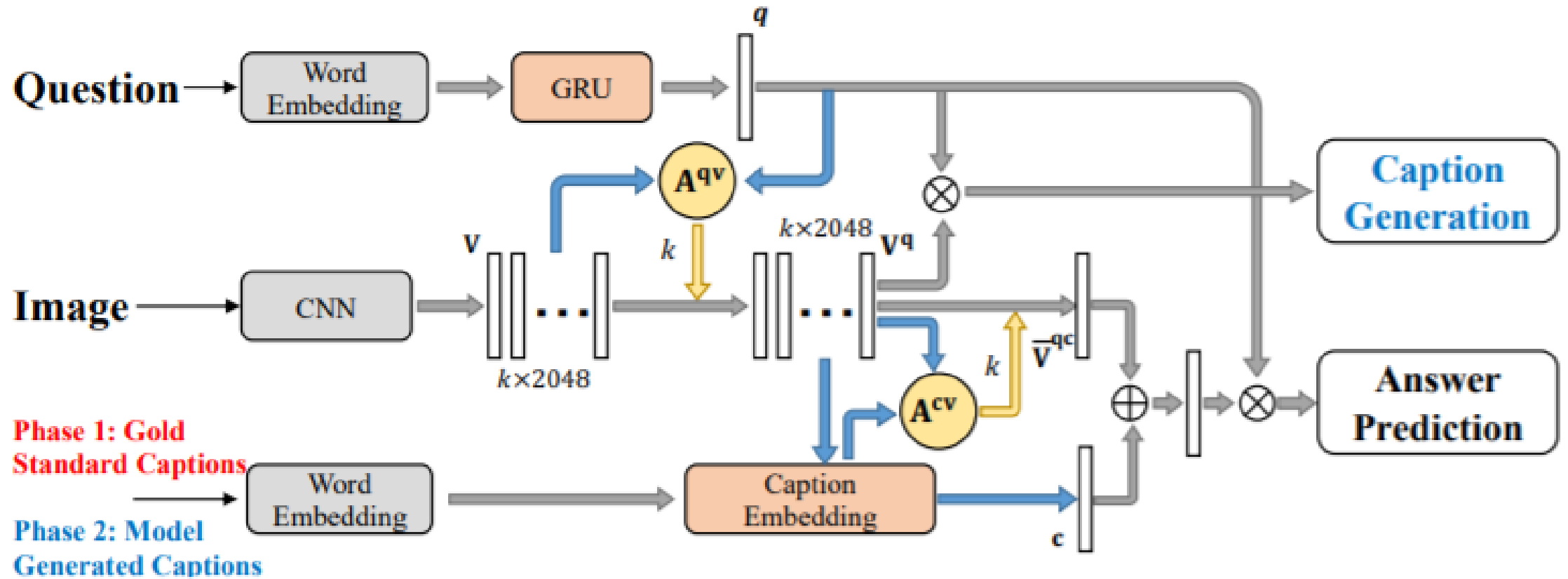
Question 1: Does this boy have a full wetsuit on?

Caption: A young man wearing **wetsuit** surfing on a wave.

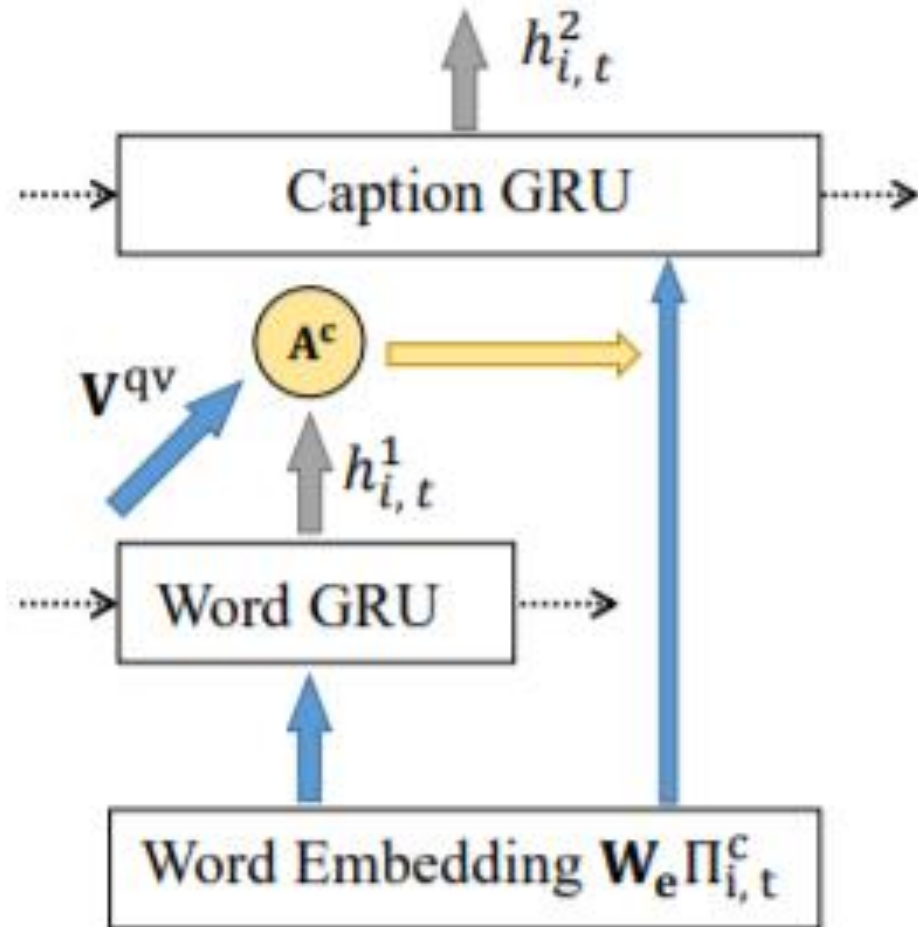
Question 2: What color is the board?

Caption: A young man riding a wave on a **blue surfboard**.

Approach



Caption Embedding



$$h_{i,t}^1 = \text{GRU}(\mathbf{W}_e \Pi_{i,t}^c, h_{i,t-1}^1) \quad (1)$$

$$h_{i,t}^2 = \text{GRU}(\alpha_{i,t}^c \mathbf{W}_e \Pi_{i,t}^c, h_{i,t-1}^2) \quad (5)$$

Other Modules

- VQA Module

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{q} \circ (f(\bar{\mathbf{v}}^{qc}) + f(\mathbf{c}))$$

- Image Captioning Module

Datasets and Evaluation Metrics

- VQA Dataset:
 - VQA v2.0



What color are her eyes?
What is the mustache made of?



How many slices of pizza are there?
Is this a vegetarian pizza?



Is this person expecting company?
What is just under the tree?



Does it appear to be rainy?
Does this person have 20/20 vision?

Fig. 1: Examples of free-form, open-ended questions collected for images via Amazon Mechanical Turk. Note that commonsense knowledge is needed along with a visual understanding of the scene to answer many questions.

Datasets and Evaluation Metrics

- Image Captioning Dataset
 - MSCOCO 2014 dataset



The man at bat readies to swing at the pitch while the umpire looks on.



A large bus sitting next to a very tall building.



A horse carrying a large load of hay and two people sitting on it.



Bunk bed with a narrow shelf sitting underneath it.

Fig. 1: Example images and captions from the Microsoft COCO Caption dataset.

Results

	Test-standard			
	Yes/No	Num	Other	All
Prior (Goyal et al., 2017)	61.20	0.36	1.17	25.98
Language-only (Goyal et al., 2017)	67.01	31.55	27.37	44.26
MCB (Fukui et al., 2016)	78.82	38.28	53.36	62.27
Up-Down (Anderson et al., 2018)	82.20	43.90	56.26	65.32
VQA-E (Li et al., 2018b)	83.22	43.58	56.79	66.31
Ours(single)	84.69	46.75	59.30	68.37
Ours(Ensemble-10)	86.15	47.41	60.41	69.66

Results



Q: What is he doing?

Caption: A man is taking a picture of himself with a phone.

A: Taking picture.



Q: Is the cat watching TV?

Caption: A cat is watching a bird on the screen.

A: Yes.



Q: What colors are on the couch?

Caption: A living room with a blue and white bed.

A: Purple and white.



Q: What color is the vase?

Caption: A white vase filled with lots of flowers.

A: White.



Q: Is he wearing a hat?

Caption: A man with glasses and a hat on.

A: Yes.



Q: Is the tv on?

Caption: A bird flying on a large television screen.

A: Yes.



Q: Is there a picture on the wall?

Caption: A bedroom with pictures on the wall.

A: Yes.



Q: What color are the flowers?

Caption: A vase filled with lots of red roses.

A: Red.

Results

Question: What colors is the surfboard?

Answer: yellow and red

Caption: A group of people standing next to yellow board.

Visual attention



Answer: Yellow and blue

Caption adjusted visual attention



Answer: Yellow and red