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Analyzing Predicted Captions with BLEU Scores

Bilingual evaluation understudy (BLEU) "is an algorithm for evaluating the quality of text which has been machine-translated from one natural language to another."

BLEU-n scores range between 0 and 1, 0 being a mismatch and 1 being a perfect match. For each image, we calculate the independent and cumulative BLEU scores (with a method 1 smoothing function) of all 5 reference captions to the predicted candidate caption.

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```
In []: import os
    import pandas as pd
    pd.options.display.float_format = "{:,.2f}".format
    %matplotlib inline
    from src.analysis.visualize import show lo_images_and_captions_grid, bleu_score_histogram
    from src.data.load_data import load_test, load_predictions, load_idx_word_dicts

In []:
    _, captions_test, images_test = load_test()
    idx_to_word, _ = load_idx_word_dicts()
    captions_word = [[idx_to_word.get(key) for key in caption] for caption in captions_test]
    predictions_word = load_predictions()

In []: show_lo_images_and_captions_grid(images_test, predictions_word, encoded=False, file_name='predictions.png')
```

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Conclusions

The independent BLEU-1 scores (using 1-grams) are the highest with a mean of 0.72 and maximum of 0.97. As BLEU-n increases, the scores decrease slightly. This means that the model is slightly better at replicating certain key words than at replicating the word order or set of 2-4 words in a row.

The distribution of the scores can be seen in the histograms below. The cumulative BLEU-n scores have a similar distribution.

```
print("Summary of Independent scores")
print(independent_bleu_scores.describe().loc[['mean','max'],:])

print("Summary of Cumulative scores")
print(cumulative_bleu_scores.describe().loc[['mean','max'],:])
```

Summary of Independent scores

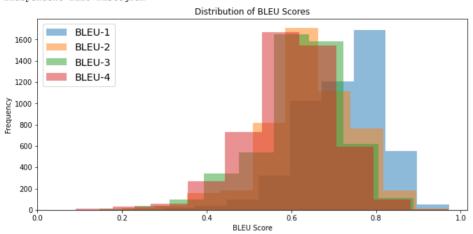
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```
BLEU-1 BLEU-2 BLEU-3 BLEU-4
       0.72
              0.65
                     0.62
                             0.60
mean
                      0.97
                             0.97
       0.97
              0.97
Summary of Cumulative scores
     BLEU-1 BLEU-2 BLEU-3 BLEU-4
                      0.66
                             0.64
       0.72
              0.68
mean
       0.97
              0.97
                      0.97
                             0.97
max
```

In []:

```
print("Independent BLEU Histogram")
bleu_score_histogram(independent_bleu_scores, "independent_bleu.png")
print("Cumulative BLEU Histogram")
bleu_score_histogram(cumulative_bleu_scores, "cumulative_bleu.png")
```

Independent BLEU Histogram



Cumulative BLEU Histogram

