# 1 Supplementary

# 1.1 Proposition 1 for Eqn. 8 in the main paper

**Proposition 1:** Suppose that we have n matrices,  $I_1, I_2, ..., I_n$ , and n vectors,  $w_1, w_2, ..., w_n$ . The space of  $I_l$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{d \times t_l}$  and the space of  $w_l$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{1 \times t_l}$ . Then

$$(\otimes\{I_1,...,I_n\}) \odot (\otimes\{w_1,...,w_n\}) = (\otimes\{I_1 \odot w_1, ..., I_n \odot w_n\})$$

$$(1)$$

**Proof:** We use  $C_l$  to denote the left side of the equation and  $C_r$  to denote the right side of the equation. We utilize the element-wise comparison in two tensors. Following Eqns. 3 and 4 in the main paper, the  $(r_1,...,r_n)$ -th entry of  $C_l$  is expressed as

$$(C_l)_{r_1,\dots,r_n} = \mathbf{1}_d((I_1)_{r_1} \odot \dots \odot (I_n)_{r_n}) \cdot (w_1)_{r_1} \cdot \dots \cdot (w_n)_{r_n}$$

where  $(I_l)_{r_l}$  is a vector which denotes  $r_l$ -th column of the  $I_l$ ,  $(w_l)_{r_l}$  is the  $r_l$ -th value of the vector. Since  $(w_l)_{r_l}$  is a single element, we directly multiply it with the corresponding vector  $(I_l)_{r_l}$ .

$$(C_l)_{r_1,\dots,r_n} = \mathbf{1}_d(((I_1)_{r_1} \cdot (w_1)_{r_1}) \odot \dots \odot ((I_n)_{r_n} \cdot (w_n)_{r_n}))$$
(3)

$$= (C_r)_{r_1,\dots,r_n} \tag{4}$$

The proposition is proven and is used to convert Eqn. 7 to Eqn. 8 in the main paper.

#### 1.2 Proposition 2 for Eqn. 9 in the main paper

**Proposition 2:** Suppose that we have n matrices,  $I_1, I_2, ..., I_n$ . The space of  $I_l$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{d \times t_l}$ . Then

$$\sum (\otimes \{I_1, ..., I_n\}) = \mathbf{1}_d((I_1)\mathbf{1}_{t_1} \odot ... \odot (I_n)\mathbf{1}_{t_n})$$
 (5)

here we use vectors  $\mathbf{1}_d$  and  $\mathbf{1}_{t_l}$  which consist of 1 to represent the summation operation for matrix  $I_l$  in d dimension and  $t_l$  dimensions, respectively.

**Proof:** We use  $v_l$  to denote the left side of the equation and  $v_r$  to denote the right side of the equation. We can express  $v_l$  as

$$v_l = \sum_{r_1=1}^{t_1} \dots \sum_{r_n=1}^{t_n} C_{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n}$$
 (6)

$$C = \otimes \{I_1, ..., I_n\} \tag{7}$$

Following Eqns. 3 and 4 in the main paper, we can express  $C_{r_1,r_2,\dots,r_n}$  as

$$C_{r_1,r_2,...,r_n} = \mathbf{1}_d((I_1)_{r_1} \odot ... \odot (I_n)_{r_n})$$
 (8)

We apply Eqn. 8 to Eqn. 6,

$$v_l = \sum_{r_1=1}^{t_1} \dots \sum_{r_n=1}^{t_n} \mathbf{1}_d((I_1)_{r_1} \odot \dots \odot (I_n)_{r_n})$$
(9)

$$= \mathbf{1}_d \left( \sum_{r_1=1}^{t_1} \dots \sum_{r_n=1}^{t_n} (I_1)_{r_1} \odot \dots \odot (I_n)_{r_n} \right)$$
 (10)

$$= \mathbf{1}_d((I_1)\mathbf{1}_{t_1} \odot \dots \odot (I_n)\mathbf{1}_{t_n}) = v_r \tag{11}$$

The proposition is proven and is used to convert Eqn. 8 to Eqn. 9 in the main paper.

# 1.3 The calculation process of the needed storage for different structures

As supposed in the main paper, we take the calculation process of three modalities as an example.

**HOCA** The output space of each "tanh" module is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times512}$ . The space of the correlation tensor  $C_3$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times80\times80}$ , and the calculation process of  $C_3$  generates other outputs which have much larger size. Since the tensor (matrix) multiplication operation in existing deep-learning framework (tensorflow) can be only used to integrate two tensors, for example, we can not directly integrate the three tensors with the same space  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times512}$  to the correlation tensor  $C_3$ . Thus, we implement it through a 80-step loop. In each step, we use one time step (with space  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times1\times512}$ ) of the first tensor to multiply each column of the second tensor, the output space is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times512}$ . Then, we integrate the second and the third tensors, the output space is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times80}$ . After the loop, the total size of all the steps is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times80}$ . After the loop, the total size of all the steps is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times80}$ . The input space of each "softmax" module is  $\mathbb{R}^{80\times80}$ . The final storage is mainly determined by the size of correlation tensor and the outputs generated by the calculation process, which is about 722 MB ( $50\times80\times80\times592$ ) with float32 type.

**Low-Rank HOCA** The output space of each "tanh" is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times512}$ . The output space of each "linear(t)" module is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times1\times512}$ . And the space of  $B_l$  is also  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times1\times512}$ . The output space of each "mul" module is  $\mathbb{R}^{50\times80\times512}$ . Since the number of modalities is 3, the needed storage is about 47 MB(50  $\times$  486  $\times$  512).

### 1.4 Preprocessing

For MSVD and MSR-VTT, there is much redundancy between video frames. We sample video data for extracting image (2D CNN) features. Each video is sampled to 80 frames. For extracting 3D CNN features, we divide the raw video data into video chunks centered on 80 sampled frames at the first step. Each video chunk includes 64 frames. For extracting audio features, we obtain the audio file from the raw video data with FFmpeg. Note that MSVD dataset has no audio information, we need to download the original video data from YouTube. For both datasets, we use a pre-trained Inception-ResNet-v2 [Szegedy *et al.*, 2017] model to extract image features from the sampled frames and we keep the activations from the penultimate layer. In addition, we use a pre-trained inflated 3D network (I3D) [Carreira and Zisserman, 2017] to extract motion features from video chunks. We employ the

activations from the last convolutional layer and implement a mean-pooling in the temporal dimension. We use the pretrained VGGish [Hershey *et al.*, 2017] model to extract audio features, which is different from the traditional method.

For SumMe and TVSum, we extract image features every 15 frames similar to that of [Zhang *et al.*, 2016] with GoogleNet [Szegedy *et al.*, 2015]. We downsample the video data twice for extracting the motion features, we set the number of chunks to 100. In terms of audio features, we apply the same method as mentioned above.

#### 1.5 The rank setting

In this paper, we utilize three modalities in video data. The order of the decomposed tensor is relatively small. So we set the rank h to a small value. We try several values and find that rank 1 is enough to obtain competitive results with a high cost performance.

# 1.6 Experimental detail of video captioning

The hidden size is 512 for all LSTMs. The attention layer size for image, motion, audio attention is also 512. We add layer normalization in the LSTM decoder. The dropout rate for the input and output of LSTM decoder is 0.5. In the training stage, we use Adam algorithm to optimize the loss function; the learning rate is set to 0.0001. In the testing stage, we use beam-search method with beam-width 5. We use a pre-trained word2vec embedding to initialize the word vector matrix. Each word is represented as a 300-dimension vector. Those words which are not in the word2vec matrix are initialized randomly.

# 1.7 Experimental detail of video question answering

The hidden size is 256 for all LSTMs. The attention layer size for image, motion, audio attention is also 256. The dropout rate for the input and output of LSTM decoder is 0.5. In the training stage, we use Adam algorithm to optimize the loss function; the learning rate is set to 0.001. We use a pre-trained word2vec embedding to initialize the word vector matrix. Each word is represented as a 300-dimension vector. Those words which are not in the word2vec matrix are initialized randomly.

#### 1.8 Experimental detail of video summarization

The hidden size of Bi-LSTM is 512. We use the processed image features as query. The attention layer size for image, motion, audio attention is also 512. The dropout rate for the input and output of the Bi-LSTM is 0.5. In the training stage, we use Adam algorithm to optimize the loss function; the learning rate is set to 0.0001.

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