

Symbol	DESCRIPTION
$A_S$	sender agent
$A_R$	receiver agent
$S$	set of all possible messages used for communication by both agents
$O$	set of mammal classes
$O_S$	set of mammal images available to the sender
$O_R$	set of mammal descriptions available to the receiver
$s^*$	ground-truth map between $O_S$ and $O_R$ , namely $s^*: O_S \times O_R \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
$o_s$	element of $O_S$
$o_r$	element of $O_R$
$o_r^*$	element of $O_R$ corresponding to the correct object in a sender-receiver exchange
$o_r^t$	the receiver's predicted distribution over objects in $O_R$ at timestep $t$
$\hat{o}_r$	the receiver's prediction
$m_s$	binary message sent by the sender
$m_r$	binary message sent by the receiver
$\Xi$	set of binary indicators for terminating a conversation $\{0, 1\}$
$s$	value of indicator for terminating conversation yielded by the receiver
$s^t$	value of indicator for terminating conversation yielded by the receiver at time step $t$
$T_{max}$	maximal value for number of time steps in a conversation
$t$	time step in conversation between sender and receiver
$m_s^t$	binary message generated by sender at time step $t$
$m_r^t$	binary message generated by receiver at time step $t$
$h_s$	hidden state vector of the sender
$h_r$	hidden state vector of the receiver
$h_r^t$	hidden state of receiver at time step $t$
$f_s(o_s, m_r)$	function computing hidden state $h_s$ of sender
$f_{s,att}(o_s, m_r)$	function computing hidden state $h_s$ of attention-based sender
$f_r(m_s, h_r^{t-1})$	the receiver's recurrent activation function computing $h_r^t$
$B_s$	baseline feedforward network of the sender
$B_r$	baseline feedforward network of the receiver
$m_{s,j}$	the $j$ -th coordinate of the sender's message
$w_{s,j}$	the $j$ -th column of the sender's weight matrix
$b_{s,j}$	the $j$ -th coordinate of the sender's bias vector
$g_r(o_r)$	embedding of an object $o$ by the receiver's view $o_r$
$m_{r,j}^t$	the $j$ -th coordinate of the receiver's message
$W_r$	the receiver's weight matrix for its hidden space
$U_r$	the receiver's weight matrix for embeddings of $o_r \in O_R$
$c_r$	the receiver's bias vector for embeddings of $o_r \in O_R$
$w_{r,j}$	the $j$ -th column of the receiver's weight matrix $W_r$
$b_{r,j}$	the $j$ -th coordinate of the receiver's bias vector for hidden state
$v^T$	the transpose of vector $v$
$L^i$	per-instance loss
$L_R^i$	per-instance reinforcement learning loss
$L_B^i$	per-instance baseline loss
$R$	reward from ground-truth mapping $s^*$
$H$	entropy
$\lambda_m$	entropy regularization coefficient for the binary messages distributions of both agents
$\lambda_s$	entropy regularization coefficient for the receiver's termination distribution