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ABSTRACT

This final report describes the development and evaluation of an image caption generator, an innovative system that combines convolutional neural networks (CNN) and long short-term memory (LSTM) networks to generate descriptive text captions for images. This project aims to bridge the gap between computer vision and natural language processing and provide a comprehensive solution for automatic image understanding.

Image caption generators use pre-trained CNNs to extract high-level image features and capture the spatial information present in images. These features feed into LSTM networks that model sequential dependencies and leverage their ability to generate consistent labels. The LSTM is trained using a dataset of images combined with corresponding captions using both supervised and reinforcement learning techniques to optimize the language model goal. Standard metrics such as BLEU score are used to evaluate the performance of image caption generators. The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed model in generating accurate and meaningful captions for various image types. In addition, attentional mechanisms are investigated to improve the model's ability to focus on relevant image regions when generating captions, thereby improving the overall quality and contextual understanding of the generated captions.

The developed image caption generator has great potential for practical applications such as automatic image captioning, accessibility support for the visually impaired, and content search of image databases. This project contributes to advances in computer vision and natural language processing, providing a robust and versatile solution for image understanding and captioning tasks.

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CHAPTER-1

INTRODUCTION

This project focuses on constructing an Image Caption Generator using deep learning techniques, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for visual feature extraction and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for sequential modeling and language generation. The primary objective is to generate accurate and meaningful captions for images, bridging the gap between computer vision and natural language processing.

Automated image captioning has practical applications in various domains, including accessibility support, automated image description, and content retrieval in image databases. To achieve an effective and precise Image Caption Generator, the model is trained using a dataset comprising images and their corresponding captions. Evaluation metrics such as BLEU are employed to assess the quality and similarity of the generated captions compared to human-generated captions.

By combining CNNs for visual feature extraction and LSTM networks for sequential modeling, this project aims to develop a robust and efficient system capable of comprehending and interpreting visual content. The resulting Image Caption Generator will contribute to advancing the fields of computer vision and natural language processing, facilitating improved human-machine interaction and the development of intelligent systems with a comprehensive understanding of visual information.

1.1 OBJECTIVES

The Image Caption Generator project has two main objectives. Firstly, it aims to create a reliable and efficient system capable of generating descriptive image captions. This involves utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for extracting visual features and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for sequential modeling and language generation. The goal is to develop a robust model that can accurately interpret visual content and generate meaningful captions.

Secondly, the project aims to improve the quality and relevance of the generated captions. This will be achieved by exploring advanced techniques like attention mechanisms and beam search decoding. Attention mechanisms allow the model to focus on specific regions of the image, enhancing coherence and contextual understanding. Beam search decoding enables the generation of diverse and contextually rich captions by considering multiple caption hypotheses.

The project also emphasizes evaluating and optimizing the performance of the Image Caption Generator. This includes assessing caption quality using evaluation metrics such as BLEU. The objective is to continuously refine and enhance the model through iterative training and fine-tuning, incorporating techniques from supervised learning and reinforcement learning.

Overall, the project aims to develop a practical and adaptable Image Caption Generator applicable in various domains, such as automated image description and accessibility support. By achieving these objectives, the project contributes to advancing computer vision and natural language processing, enabling improved human-machine interaction and the development of intelligent systems.

1.2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Image caption generation has witnessed notable progress with the adoption of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. CNNs excel at extracting relevant visual features from images, while LSTM networks effectively model the sequential nature of language.

The integration of CNNs and LSTM networks has resulted in improved accuracy and coherency in generated captions. CNNs analyze image content to extract meaningful features, which are then used by LSTM networks to generate contextually relevant captions.

To evaluate caption quality, metrics such as BLEU are commonly used. These metrics compare generated captions with human-authored references, providing a quantitative measure of the performance of CNN and LSTM-based image caption generators.

Large-scale datasets like MSCOCO, Flickr30k and Flickr8k have played a crucial role in training and evaluating CNN and LSTM-based models. These datasets contain diverse image-caption pairs, enabling researchers to develop and benchmark their models effectively.

However, challenges persist in image caption generation, including generating diverse and accurate captions, handling rare objects or unseen scenarios, and addressing caption length variations. Ongoing research focuses on refining the integration of CNNs and LSTMs to enhance caption generation capabilities.

In summary, the integration of CNNs and LSTMs has significantly advanced image caption generation. The combination of visual feature extraction and sequential modeling has improved caption accuracy and coherence. Ongoing research aims to overcome challenges and further enhance CNN and LSTM-based image caption generators.

CHAPTER-2

IMAGE CAPTION GENERATOR

2.1 EXISTING SYSTEM:

The development of various existing systems has significantly advanced the field of image caption generation. These systems have played a crucial role in implementing deep learning techniques to generate descriptive captions for images. For example, "Show and Tell" introduced an end-to-end deep learning model that combined Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for visual feature extraction and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for language modeling, paving the way for further advancements.

Another notable system, the "Neural Image Caption" approach, incorporated attention mechanisms to improve the alignment between visual content and textual descriptions. By allowing the model to focus on different image regions during caption generation, it achieved more accurate and contextually relevant results.

Transformer-based models, inspired by their success in natural language processing, have also been applied to image captioning. These models replaced LSTM networks with Transformer layers, enabling parallel processing and capturing long-range dependencies in captions. Transformer-based models have shown promising results in generating coherent and contextually rich captions.

Reinforcement learning approaches have been explored to optimize caption generation by fine-tuning generated captions using reward-based training. These approaches directly optimize evaluation metrics or employ reinforcement learning techniques like Policy Gradient to enhance caption quality and diversity.

In summary, these existing systems demonstrate the progress achieved in image caption generation by incorporating deep learning, attention mechanisms, multimodal approaches, and reinforcement learning. They provide a solid foundation for the proposed Image Caption Generator project, which aims to further enhance caption accuracy, relevance, and diversity.

2.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM:

The proposed system for the Image Caption Generator utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for extracting image features and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for generating captions. CNNs are widely used in computer vision tasks and are effective in capturing visual patterns and structures from images. By extracting image features using CNNs, the proposed system can obtain a rich representation of the visual content, which serves as the foundation for generating descriptive captions.

In addition to CNNs, LSTM networks are employed for language modeling and caption generation. LSTM networks are a type of recurrent neural network that can capture the sequential nature of language and model the dependencies between words. By incorporating LSTM networks into the system, it can generate coherent and contextually relevant captions based on the extracted image features.

To train and evaluate the proposed system, the Flickr8k dataset is utilized. This dataset consists of a large collection of images paired with human-generated captions, providing a diverse and annotated set of data for training the model. The availability of such a dataset ensures that the system can learn from a wide range of images and generate captions that are representative and accurate.

The primary evaluation metric used in the proposed system is the BLEU score. BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy) is a widely used metric for evaluating the quality of machine-generated text by comparing it to human-generated reference text. The BLEU score measures the similarity between the generated captions and the reference captions, providing a quantitative measure of the quality and accuracy of the generated captions.

Overall, the proposed system aims to leverage the power of deep learning, specifically CNNs and LSTM networks, along with the utilization of the Flickr8k dataset, to develop an accurate and contextually relevant Image Caption Generator. The evaluation of the system's performance using the BLEU score ensures that the generated captions are of high quality and comparable to human-generated captions.

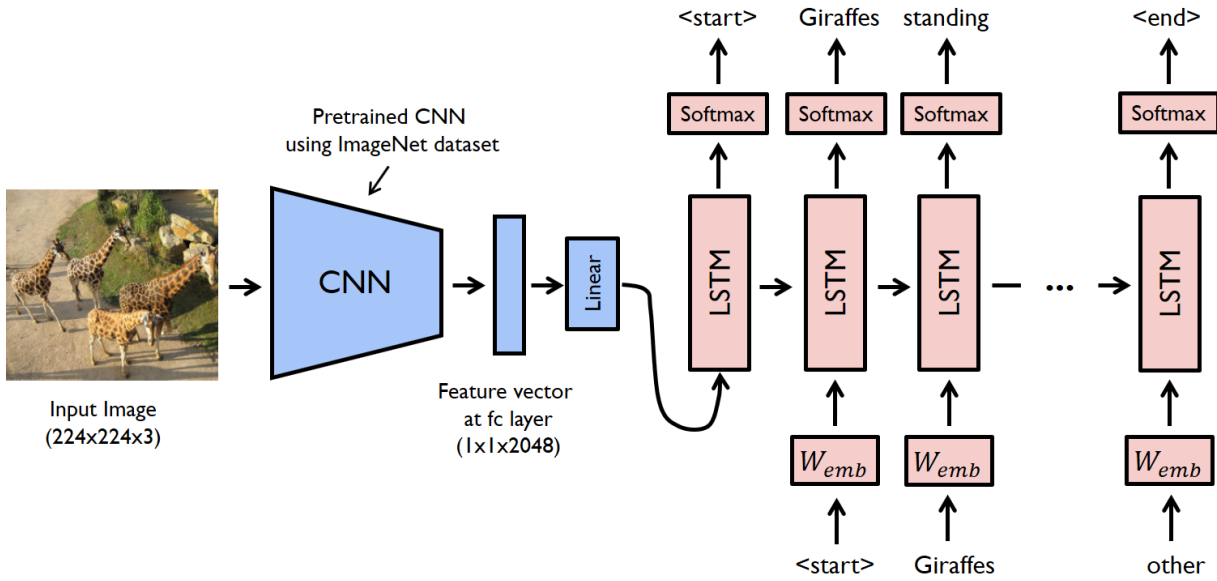


Fig 1: Image Caption Generator

2.3 REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS:

The proposed Image Caption Generator system has specific requirements to fulfill for effective functioning. Firstly, it should be capable of handling the Flickr8k dataset, which consists of diverse images paired with human-generated captions. This dataset serves as a valuable resource for training and evaluating the system's performance.

To extract relevant image features, the system will utilize the VGG model, a well-known Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture widely used for image processing tasks. Leveraging the capabilities of the VGG model, the system can extract high-level visual features from input images, enabling a comprehensive understanding of the visual content.

For generating captions, the system will employ an LSTM network or a similar architecture. LSTM networks excel in capturing the sequential nature of language and generating coherent and contextually relevant captions. Training the LSTM network on the extracted image features enables the system to produce descriptive captions that accurately represent the image content.

Efficiency is a key consideration, and the system will implement techniques such as batch processing and runtime optimizations to enhance speed and efficiency in image processing and caption generation.

The system will include a user interface that allows users to input images and view the generated captions. The interface should be intuitive, user-friendly, and provide a seamless experience, enabling easy interaction and caption generation for user-supplied images.

By addressing these requirements, the Image Caption Generator system aims to leverage the Flickr8k dataset and the VGG model for accurate and meaningful caption generation. With a focus on efficiency, usability, scalability, and ethical considerations, the system aims to provide a reliable and valuable tool for automated image captioning.

2.4 REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION:

2.4.1 Functional Requirements

Graphical User Interface: The Image Caption Generator should have a user-friendly graphical interface that allows easy interaction with the system. Users should be able to input images and view the generated captions in a visually appealing manner.

Caption Generation: The primary functionality of the system is to generate descriptive captions for images. It should be capable of processing images and generating accurate and contextually relevant captions using deep learning techniques.

2.4.2 Software Requirements

Python: The Image Caption Generator relies on the Python programming language as its development environment. Python offers a wide range of libraries and tools for machine learning, deep learning, and natural language processing tasks.

TensorFlow: TensorFlow, an open-source deep learning framework, is essential for implementing and training neural network models, including those used for image captioning. Its high-level APIs and computation capabilities support efficient deep learning processing.

Flickr8k Dataset: The Image Caption Generator utilizes the Flickr8k dataset, which provides a diverse collection of images paired with human-generated captions. The dataset should be integrated effectively to provide a representative set of images for caption generation.

VGG Model: The VGG model is employed for extracting visual features from images. It is an integral part of the Image Caption Generator, responsible for capturing meaningful and representative visual information used in generating accurate and descriptive captions.

2.4.3 Supported Operating Systems

The Image Caption Generator is compatible with the following operating systems:

Windows 7 and above: The system can be installed and run on Windows 7 and newer versions of the Windows operating system.

Linux: The system can be installed and operated on various Linux distributions, such as Ubuntu, Fedora, and CentOS.

2.4.4 Hardware Specifications

The Image Caption Generator requires the following hardware specifications:

Processor: A multi-core processor with a minimum clock speed of 2.0 GHz or higher is recommended for efficient image processing and deep learning computations.

Memory (RAM): At least 8 GB of RAM is recommended to handle the computational demands of the deep learning models and datasets.

Storage: Sufficient storage space is needed to store the dataset, pre-trained models, and generated captions. A minimum of 100 GB of free disk space is recommended.

Graphics Processing Unit (GPU): Although not mandatory, having a compatible GPU with CUDA support can significantly accelerate the training and inference processes in deep learning.

By meeting these software and hardware requirements, the Image Caption Generator can effectively utilize Python, TensorFlow, the Flickr8k dataset, and the VGG model to generate accurate and contextually relevant captions for images. The compatibility with multiple operating systems ensures flexibility and accessibility, while the recommended hardware specifications ensure optimal performance and resource utilization.

2.5 WORKING METHODOLOGY

Step-1 Dataset Preparation:

Download the Flickr8k dataset, which consists of a large collection of images paired with human-generated captions.

Preprocess the dataset by resizing the images to a specific resolution and extracting the captions associated with each image.

Step-2 Image Feature Extraction:

Utilize the VGG (Visual Geometry Group) model, pre-trained on a large image classification dataset, to extract visual features from the input images.

Preprocess the images by converting them into a suitable format and feed them into the VGG model.

Extract the features from the last fully connected layer of the VGG model and store them using a suitable data structure, such as NumPy arrays or pickle files.

Step-3 Text Preprocessing:

Preprocess the captions by removing unnecessary punctuation, converting words to lowercase, and splitting them into individual tokens.

Create a vocabulary from the captions by tokenizing the words and assigning unique numerical indices to each token.

Step-4 Model Training:

Build a deep learning model using TensorFlow, comprising an LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) network.

Initialize the model with the pre-trained VGG image features and the preprocessed captions.

Split the dataset into training and validation sets.

Train the model using the training data, adjusting the model parameters to minimize the loss function.

Monitor the model's performance on the validation set by calculating evaluation metrics such as loss, perplexity, and accuracy.

Step-5 Caption Generation:

Load the trained model and input an image for which a caption needs to be generated. Preprocess the image by resizing it to the appropriate resolution and extracting its visual features using the VGG model.

Initialize the LSTM network with the pre-trained model weights.

Generate captions by iteratively feeding the image features and previous word embeddings into the LSTM network, predicting the next word at each step.

Apply decoding techniques such as beam search to improve the diversity and coherence of the generated captions.

Step-6 Evaluation and Metrics:

Evaluate the quality of the generated captions by comparing them with the reference captions from the dataset.

Calculate metrics such as BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy) to assess the performance of the caption generator. Monitor and analyze the metrics to understand the strengths and limitations of the model.

Step-7 Fine-tuning and Iterative Training:

Perform fine-tuning on the model by adjusting hyperparameters, exploring different architectures, or incorporating regularization techniques.

Iterate the training process by repeating steps 4 to 7, incorporating any necessary modifications based on the evaluation results.

By following this detailed working procedure, the project can effectively utilize the Flickr8k dataset, VGG for image feature extraction, and TensorFlow for model training to generate accurate and contextually relevant captions for images.

2.6 FRAMEWORKS, LIBRARIES & MODULES:

TensorFlow:

- TensorFlow is an open-source machine learning framework widely recognized and utilized by developers worldwide. Developed by Google, it offers a comprehensive range of features and tools to facilitate the development, training, and deployment of machine learning models.
- TensorFlow simplifies the process of constructing and training neural networks and other machine learning models. Its high-level APIs, such as Keras, provide an intuitive interface that abstracts away the intricacies of low-level implementation, making it accessible even to users with limited machine learning expertise.
- An important advantage of TensorFlow is its ability to leverage both CPU and GPU resources efficiently. This allows for accelerated computation during model training and inference, enabling faster and more efficient processing. Additionally, TensorFlow provides visualizations and monitoring capabilities that aid in the analysis and evaluation of model performance.

OS:

- The OS module is a built-in Python library that provides a range of functions for interacting with the operating system. It allows you to perform tasks such as reading and writing files, creating and deleting directories, and interacting with the environment variables and command-line arguments.

NumPy:

- NumPy is a fundamental library in Python for numerical computing. It provides high-performance multidimensional array objects and a collection of mathematical functions to efficiently manipulate large datasets and perform complex mathematical operations.
- Multidimensional Arrays: NumPy's main feature is its ND array (n-dimensional array) object, which allows you to store and manipulate large arrays of homogeneous data

efficiently. These arrays can have any number of dimensions and provide a flexible data structure for representing and working with numerical data.

- **Mathematical Functions:** NumPy provides a vast collection of mathematical functions that operate element-wise on arrays. These functions cover a wide range of mathematical operations, including basic arithmetic, trigonometry, logarithmic functions, statistical computations, and linear algebra operations.

Tqdm:

- **tqdm.notebook** is a Python library that provides a progress bar for iterative tasks, allowing you to monitor the progress of a loop or operation in real-time. It offers a simple and intuitive way to visualize the progress of your code, making it easier to track the completion status and estimated time remaining.
- **Notebook Integration:** **tqdm.notebook** is specifically designed for integration with Jupiter Notebook, providing an interactive progress bar that can be displayed directly in the notebook environment. This allows you to monitor the progress of your code execution while working in a notebook, providing a convenient way to track the advancement of lengthy computations or data processing tasks.

VGG:

- **VGG16** is composed of 16 layers, including 13 convolutional layers and 3 fully connected layers. The network architecture is known for its simplicity and uniformity, with small 3x3 filters and max pooling layers used throughout the network. The convolutional layers are followed by three fully connected layers, which are responsible for classification.
- **Image Classification:** VGG16 is primarily used for image classification tasks. It has been trained on large-scale image classification datasets such as ImageNet, where it achieved state-of-the-art performance at the time of its introduction. The network is capable of recognizing a wide range of object categories in images with high accuracy.

PYTHON IMAGE LIBRARY(PIL):

- The Python Imaging Library (PIL) is a library for working with images in Python. It provides support for reading and writing a wide range of image file formats, as well as basic image manipulation functions such as cropping, resizing, and rotating image. Once you have installed the library
- You can use it in your Python code by importing the Image module.

NLTK:

- NLTK provides a wide range of tools and resources for various NLP tasks, including tokenization, stemming, lemmatization, part-of-speech tagging, parsing, and named entity recognition. These functionalities enable developers to perform advanced text processing and analysis on textual data.
- Corpus and Language Resources: NLTK offers a vast collection of corpora and language resources that facilitate language-specific analysis and modeling. These resources include pre-processed text collections, lexicons, wordlists, and grammars for different languages. NLTK allows users to access and utilize these resources for building NLP models and conducting linguistic research.

MATPLOTLIB:

- Data Visualization: Matplotlib provides a wide range of functions and tools for creating high-quality visualizations of data. It offers support for various types of plots, including line plots, scatter plots, bar plots, histograms, pie charts, and more. With Matplotlib, users can customize and enhance their plots with different colors, markers, line styles, and annotations.
- Publication-Quality Plots: Matplotlib allows users to create publication-ready plots with fine-grained control over plot elements. It provides options to adjust the figure size, aspect ratio, axis limits, and tick labels. Users can add titles, axis labels, legends, and annotations to make their plots informative and visually appealing.

CHAPTER – 3

3 IMPLICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Image caption generators are powerful tools that combine computer vision and natural language processing techniques to automatically generate textual descriptions for images. there are several implications and limitations associated with image caption generators:

Implications

Accessibility: Image caption generators can greatly improve accessibility for visually impaired individuals by providing them with textual descriptions of images. This enables them to perceive and understand visual content that would otherwise be inaccessible.

Content indexing and retrieval: Generating captions for images allows for better indexing and retrieval of visual content. By associating descriptive text with images, search engines can effectively index and categorize the content, making it easier for users to find relevant images based on their descriptions.

Content summarization: Image caption generators can be used to summarize the content of an image, providing a concise textual representation that captures the main elements and context. This can be particularly useful in applications where quick and efficient understanding of visual content is required, such as social media platforms.

Multimodal understanding: Image caption generators bridge the gap between visual and textual modalities, promoting research and development in multimodal understanding. This has implications for various applications, including human-robot interaction, content generation, and more.

Contextual understanding: Image caption generators may struggle with capturing the contextual nuances of images. Understanding the relationship between objects, their spatial arrangement, and the overall scene context can be challenging, leading to less accurate or contextually inappropriate captions.

Lack of real-time adaptability: Image caption generators typically require processing time to analyze an image and generate captions. This lack of real-time adaptability can be a limitation in applications that require immediate and dynamic captioning, such as

live video captioning or real-time object recognition.

Limitations

Subjectivity and ambiguity: Generating accurate and contextually appropriate captions for images is a challenging task. The interpretation of images and the generation of captions can be subjective and influenced by biases present in the training data. Different individuals may provide varying captions for the same image, leading to ambiguity.

Lack of detailed understanding: While image caption generators can provide high-level descriptions, they often lack fine-grained understanding and detailed analysis of the visual content. The generated captions may miss specific objects, attributes, or relationships present in the image, resulting in incomplete descriptions.

Limited creativity and adaptability: Image caption generators typically rely on pre-trained models and fixed datasets, which may limit their creativity and adaptability to novel or unseen images. They may struggle to generate captions for complex, abstract, or uncommon images that are not well-represented in the training data.

Vocabulary and language limitations: Image caption generators are constrained by the vocabulary and language used during training. If an image contains objects, scenes, or concepts that are not covered in the training data, the generator may struggle to accurately describe them or resort to generic or incorrect terms.

Sensitivity to input quality: The quality of the generated captions can be influenced by the quality and clarity of the input image. Poor image resolution, low contrast, or occluded objects may lead to less accurate or less informative captions.

Ethical considerations: Image caption generators can inadvertently reinforce biases present in the training data. If the training data contains biased or discriminatory content, the generator may generate captions that reflect those biases. Careful consideration and mitigation of biases are necessary to ensure fairness and inclusivity.

Understanding these implications and limitations is crucial for the responsible and effective use of image caption generators in various applications. Improve the performance and capabilities of these systems.

3.1 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE WORK

Enhanced context understanding: Develop techniques that enable image caption generators to better capture contextual information, spatial relationships, and scene understanding. This can involve integrating techniques from visual reasoning, commonsense reasoning, and incorporating contextual information from surrounding text or multimodal inputs.

Fine-grained image understanding: Improve the generators' ability to detect and describe fine-grained details, specific attributes, and relationships between objects in images. This can be achieved through more sophisticated object recognition, segmentation, and reasoning models.

Personalization and user preferences: Explore methods to personalize generated captions based on individual user preferences, taking into account their demographic information, cultural background, and language style. This can involve developing adaptive models that learn from user feedback and adapt the generated captions accordingly.

Real-time adaptation and dynamic captioning: Investigate techniques for real-time image captioning, enabling the generators to process and generate captions for images on the fly. This can be valuable for applications such as live video captioning, augmented reality, and interactive media

Mitigating biases: Address the issue of biases in training data and generated captions. Develop techniques to identify and mitigate biases, promote fairness, and ensure inclusivity in the generated captions. This can involve careful curation of training data, algorithmic approaches to debiasing, and incorporating ethical considerations throughout the development process.

Incorporating user feedback: Explore methods to incorporate user feedback on generated captions to improve their quality and relevance. This can involve interactive caption generation, where users can provide corrections or suggestions, and the model adapts based on this feedback.

Dataset diversity and benchmarking: Expand and diversify the datasets used for training and evaluation of image caption generators. Include a wider range of image types, scenes, and objects to ensure that the models generalize well to real-world scenarios. Develop standardized benchmarks and evaluation metrics that capture different aspects of caption quality and performance.

CHAPTER – 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

```
# load vgg16 model
model = VGG16()
# restructure the model
model = Model(inputs=model.inputs, outputs=model.layers[-2].output)
print(model.summary())
```

Model: "model"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 224, 224, 3)]	0
block1_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	1792
block1_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	36928
block1_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	0
block2_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 128)	73856
block2_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 128)	147584
block2_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	0
block3_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	295168
block3_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	590080
block3_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	590080
block3_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	0
...		
Trainable params: 134,260,544		

Fig 2: Restructuring the VGG Model for Extraction

```

# extract features from image
features = {}
directory = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, 'Images')

for img_name in tqdm(os.listdir(directory)):

    img_path = directory + '/' + img_name
    image = load_img(img_path, target_size=(224, 224))

    image = img_to_array(image)

    image = image.reshape((1, image.shape[0], image.shape[1], image.shape[2]))

    image = preprocess_input(image)

    feature = model.predict(image, verbose=0)

    image_id = img_name.split('.')[0]

    features[image_id] = feature

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Fig 3: Extracting the Features from the Image Dataset

```

# Before preprocess of text
mapping['_1000268201_693b08cb0e']

['A child in a pink dress is climbing up a set of stairs in an entry way .',
'A girl going into a wooden building .',
'A little girl climbing into a wooden playhouse .',
'A little girl climbing the stairs to her playhouse .',
'A little girl in a pink dress going into a wooden cabin .']

```

Fig 4: Before Preprocessing the Text data

```

# preprocess the text
clean(mapping)

# After preprocess of text
mapping['_1000268201_693b08cb0e']

'startseq child in pink dress is climbing up set of stairs in an entry way endseq',
'startseq girl going into wooden building endseq',
'startseq little girl climbing into wooden playhouse endseq',
'startseq little girl climbing the stairs to her playhouse endseq',
'startseq little girl in pink dress going into wooden cabin endseq']

```

Fig 5: After Preprocessing the Text data

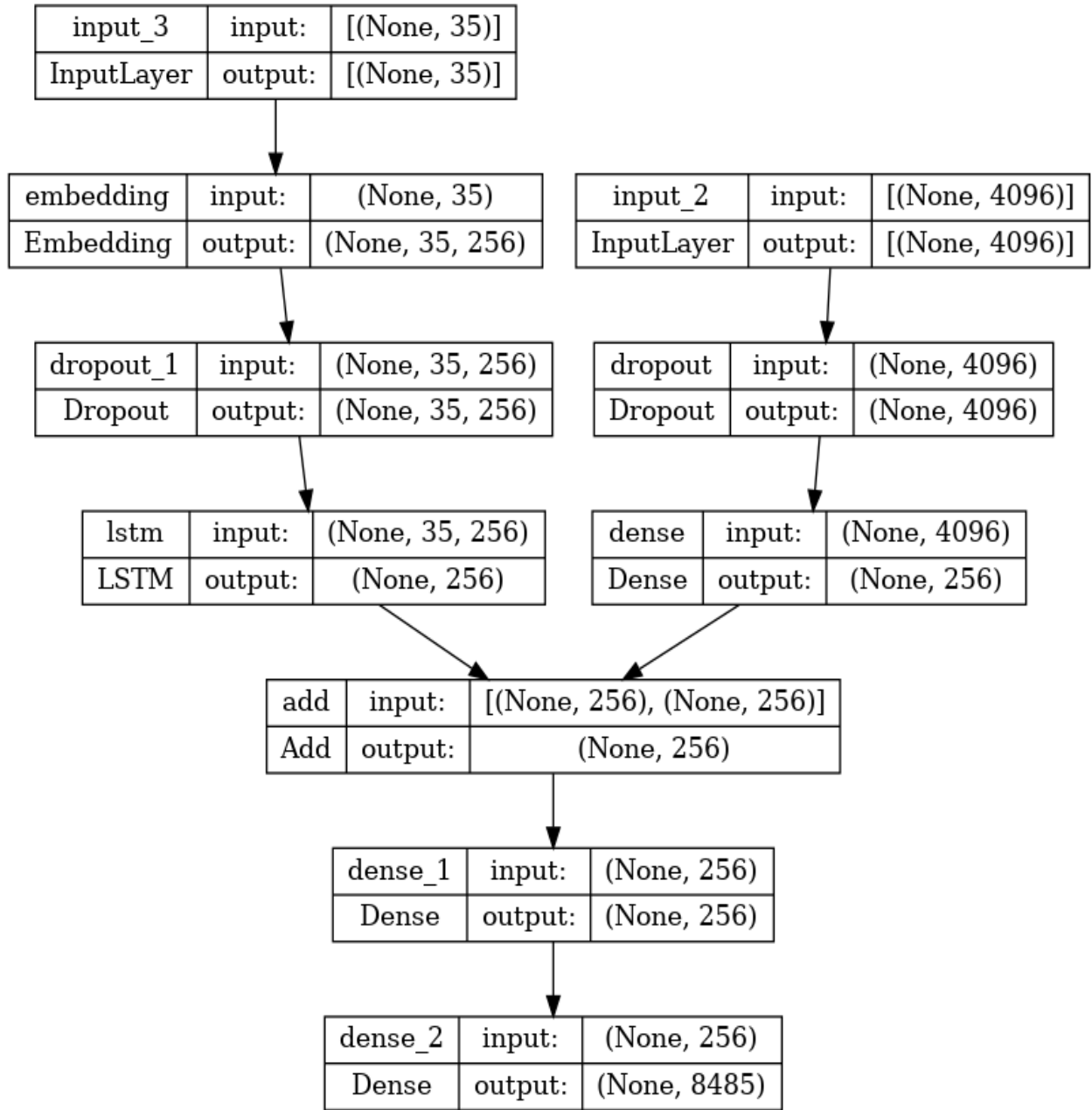


Fig 6: Representation of the Model in the Graph

```

# train the model
epochs = 20
batch_size = 32
steps = len(train) // batch_size

for i in range(epochs):
    # create data generator
    generator = data_generator(train, mapping, features, tokenizer, max_length, vocab_size, batch_size)
    # fit for one epoch
    model.fit(generator, epochs=1, steps_per_epoch=steps, verbose=1)

```

5]

```

227/227 [=====] - 692s 3s/step - loss: 5.2365
227/227 [=====] - 606s 3s/step - loss: 4.0376
227/227 [=====] - 567s 2s/step - loss: 3.5965
227/227 [=====] - 497s 2s/step - loss: 3.3268
227/227 [=====] - 503s 2s/step - loss: 3.1274
227/227 [=====] - 498s 2s/step - loss: 2.9783
227/227 [=====] - 504s 2s/step - loss: 2.8607
227/227 [=====] - 505s 2s/step - loss: 2.7592
227/227 [=====] - 502s 2s/step - loss: 2.6796
227/227 [=====] - 494s 2s/step - loss: 2.6093
227/227 [=====] - 533s 2s/step - loss: 2.5503
227/227 [=====] - 523s 2s/step - loss: 2.4912
227/227 [=====] - 521s 2s/step - loss: 2.4396
227/227 [=====] - 519s 2s/step - loss: 2.3947
227/227 [=====] - 520s 2s/step - loss: 2.3564
227/227 [=====] - 519s 2s/step - loss: 2.3141
227/227 [=====] - 521s 2s/step - loss: 2.2803
227/227 [=====] - 3092s 14s/step - loss: 2.2445
227/227 [=====] - 734s 3s/step - loss: 2.2147
227/227 [=====] - 763s 3s/step - loss: 2.1841

```

Fig 7: Training the Model with Approximately 20 Epochs

```

from nltk.translate.bleu_score import corpus_bleu
# validate with test data
actual, predicted = list(), list()

for key in tqdm(test):
    # get actual caption
    captions = mapping[key]
    # predict the caption for image
    y_pred = predict_caption(model, features[key], tokenizer, max_length)
    # split into words
    actual_captions = [caption.split() for caption in captions]
    y_pred = y_pred.split()
    # append to the list
    actual.append(actual_captions)
    predicted.append(y_pred)

# calculate BLEU score
print("BLEU-1: %f" % corpus_bleu(actual, predicted, weights=(1.0, 0, 0, 0)))
print("BLEU-2: %f" % corpus_bleu(actual, predicted, weights=(0.5, 0.5, 0, 0)))

```

100%  810/810 [08:30<00:00, 1.29it/s]

BLEU-1: 0.538834

BLEU-2: 0.316640

Fig 8: Calculating the BLEU-1 and BLUE-2 Scores



Fig 9: Predicted Image Caption for the Image

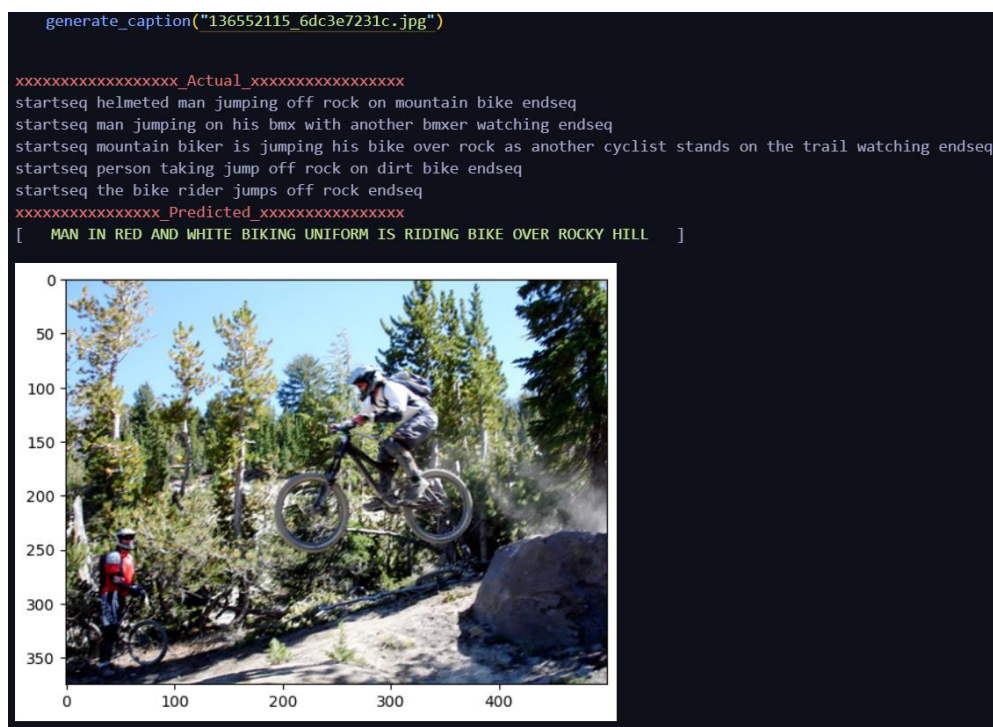


Fig 10: Image Caption Generation Actual vs Predicted



Fig 11: Another Example

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CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In conclusion, image caption generators have important implications in terms of accessibility, content indexing, retrieval, and content summarization. They bridge the gap between visuals and text, promoting multimodal understanding. However, they also come with limitations like subjectivity, lack of detailed understanding, and reliance on training data.

Future work for image caption generators includes improving contextual understanding, capturing finer image details, personalizing captions, enabling real-time adaptation, mitigating biases, incorporating user feedback, integrating multiple modalities, diversifying datasets, addressing ethical considerations, and supporting multilingual and cross-cultural captioning. These advancements aim to enhance the generators' accuracy, adaptability, fairness, and utility across various applications.

Continuous research and development in these areas are crucial for maximizing the potential of image caption generators, ensuring their reliability, inclusivity, and effectiveness in generating relevant and appropriate descriptions for images. By tackling these challenges, we can advance the capabilities of image caption generators and unlock new possibilities in the fields of computer vision and natural language processing.

Furthermore, future work for image caption generators should focus on addressing the challenge of generating captions that capture the overall narrative or story within a sequence of images. This involves developing methods for understanding temporal relationships and contextual coherence across multiple images, enabling the generators to generate captions that describe the sequence as a whole.

Lastly, it is crucial to continue refining and expanding benchmark datasets and evaluation metrics for image caption generation. This will facilitate fair and consistent evaluation of different models and approaches, fostering healthy competition and driving further advancements in the field.

By addressing these additional points, future work on image caption generators can further enhance their capabilities, leading to more accurate, creative, interpretable, and efficient systems that can cater to a wider range of applications and user needs.

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APPENDIX

Image Caption Generator.Py

```
import os

import pickle

import numpy as np

from tqdm.notebook import tqdm


from tensorflow.keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16, preprocess_input

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import load_img, img_to_array

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences

from tensorflow.keras.models import Model

from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical, plot_model

from tensorflow.keras.layers import Input, Dense, LSTM, Embedding, Dropout, add


# In[2]:

import tensorflow as tf

print(tf.__version__)
```

```
# In[2]:
```

```
BASE_DIR = 'Dataset'
```

```
WORKING_DIR = 'Working dir'
```

```
# In[4]:
```

```
print(BASE_DIR)
```

```
# ## Extract Image Features
```

```
# In[4]:
```

```
# load vgg16 model
```

```
model = VGG16()
```

```
# restructure the model
```

```
model = Model(inputs=model.inputs, outputs=model.layers[-2].output)
```

```
print(model.summary())
```

```
# In[5]:
```

```
# extract features from image
```

```
features = { }
```

```
directory = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, 'Images')
```

```

for img_name in tqdm(os.listdir(directory)):

    img_path = directory + '/' + img_name

    image = load_img(img_path, target_size=(224, 224))

    image = img_to_array(image)

    image = image.reshape((1, image.shape[0], image.shape[1], image.shape[2]))

    image = preprocess_input(image)

    feature = model.predict(image, verbose=0)

    image_id = img_name.split('.')[0]

    features[image_id] = feature

```

In[6]:

store features in pickle

```

pickle.dump(features, open(os.path.join(WORKING_DIR, 'features.pkl'), 'wb'))

```

In[11]:

load features from pickle

```

with open(os.path.join(WORKING_DIR, 'features.pkl'), 'rb') as f:

```

```

    features = pickle.load(f)

```

```
# ## Load the Captions Data
```

```
# In[ ]:
```

```
with open(os.path.join(BASE_DIR, 'captions.txt'), 'r') as f:
```

```
    next(f)
```

```
    captions_doc = f.read()
```

```
# In[9]:
```

```
# create mapping of image to captions
```

```
mapping = { }
```

```
# process lines
```

```
for line in tqdm(captions_doc.split("\n")):
```

```
    tokens = line.split(',')
```

```
    if len(line) < 2:
```

```
        continue
```

```
    image_id, caption = tokens[0], tokens[1:]
```

```
    # remove extension from image ID
```

```
image_id = image_id.split('.')[0]

# convert caption list to string
caption = " ".join(caption)

# create list if needed

if image_id not in mapping:

    mapping[image_id] = []

# store the caption

mapping[image_id].append(caption)
```

```
# In[10]:
```

```
len(mapping)
```

```
# ## Preprocess Text Data
```

```
# In[11]:
```

```
def clean(mapping):
```

```
    for key, captions in mapping.items():
```

```
        for i in range(len(captions)):
```

```
            caption = captions[i]
```

```
            # preprocessing steps
```

```
caption = caption.lower()

caption = caption.replace('[^A-Za-z]', '')

caption = caption.replace('\s+', ' ')

caption = 'startseq ' + " ".join([word for word in caption.split() if len(word)>1]) + ' endseq'

captions[i] = caption
```

```
# In[12]:
```

```
# Before preprocess of text
```

```
mapping['1000268201_693b08cb0e']
```

```
# In[13]:
```

```
# preprocess the text
```

```
clean(mapping)
```

```
# In[14]:
```

```
# After preprocess of text
```

```
mapping['1000268201_693b08cb0e']
```

```
# In[15]:
```



```
all_captions = []

for key in mapping:

    for caption in mapping[key]:

        all_captions.append(caption)
```

```
# In[16]:

len(all_captions)
```

```
# In[17]:

all_captions[:10]
```

```
# In[9]:

# Tokenize the text

get_ipython().run_line_magic('store', '-r all_captions')

tokenizer = Tokenizer()

tokenizer.fit_on_texts(all_captions)

vocab_size = len(tokenizer.word_index) + 1
```

```
# In[19]:
```

```
vocab_size
```

```
# In[11]:
```

```
# get maximum length of the caption available
```

```
max_length = max(len(caption.split()) for caption in all_captions)
```

```
max_length
```

```
# ## Train Test Split
```

```
# In[21]:
```

```
image_ids = list(mapping.keys())
```

```
split = int(len(image_ids) * 0.90)
```

```
train = image_ids[:split]
```

```
test = image_ids[split:]
```

```
# In[23]:
```

```
# create data generator to get data in batch (avoids session crash or the Kernal Crash)
```

```
def data_generator(data_keys, mapping, features, tokenizer, max_length, vocab_size, batch_size):
```

```
    # loop over images
```

```

X1, X2, y = list(), list(), list()

n = 0

while 1:

    for key in data_keys:

        n += 1

        captions = mapping[key]

        # process each caption

        for caption in captions:

            # encode the sequence

            seq = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences([caption])[0]

            # split the sequence into X, y pairs

            for i in range(1, len(seq)):

                # split into input and output pairs

                in_seq, out_seq = seq[:i], seq[i]

                # pad input sequence

                in_seq = pad_sequences([in_seq], maxlen=max_length)[0]

                # encode output sequence

                out_seq = to_categorical([out_seq], num_classes=vocab_size)[0]

            # store the sequences

            X1.append(features[key][0])

            X2.append(in_seq)

```

```

        y.append(out_seq)

    if n == batch_size:

        X1, X2, y = np.array(X1), np.array(X2), np.array(y)

        yield [X1, X2], y

        X1, X2, y = list(), list(), list()

        n = 0

```

Model Creation

In[24]:

encoder model

image feature layers

```
inputs1 = Input(shape=(4096,))
```

```
fe1 = Dropout(0.4)(inputs1)
```

```
fe2 = Dense(256, activation='relu')(fe1)
```

sequence feature layers

```
inputs2 = Input(shape=(max_length,))
```

```
se1 = Embedding(vocab_size, 256, mask_zero=True)(inputs2)
```

```
se2 = Dropout(0.4)(se1)
```

```
se3 = LSTM(256)(se2)
```

```

# decoder model

decoder1 = add([fe2, se3])

decoder2 = Dense(256, activation='relu')(decoder1)

outputs = Dense(vocab_size, activation='softmax')(decoder2)


model = Model(inputs=[inputs1, inputs2], outputs=outputs)

model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer='adam')


# plot the model

plot_model(model, show_shapes=True)


# In[25]:

# Train the model

epochs = 20

batch_size = 32

steps = len(train) // batch_size


for i in range(epochs):

    # create data generator

    generator = data_generator(train, mapping, features, tokenizer, max_length, vocab_size,
batch_size)

```

```
# fit for one epoch
```

```
model.fit(generator, epochs=1, steps_per_epoch=steps, verbose=1)
```

```
# In[26]:
```

```
# Save the Best model
```

```
model.save(WORKING_DIR+'/best_model.h5')
```

```
### Generate Captions for the Image
```

```
# In[13]:
```

```
def idx_to_word(integer, tokenizer):
```

```
    for word, index in tokenizer.word_index.items():
```

```
        if index == integer:
```

```
            return word
```

```
    return None
```

```
# In[8]:
```

```
# generate caption for an image
```

```
def predict_caption(model, image, tokenizer, max_length):
```

```
    # add start tag for generation process
```

```

in_text = 'startseq'

# iterate over the max length of sequence

for i in range(max_length):

    # encode input sequence

    sequence = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences([in_text])[0]

    # pad the sequence

    sequence = pad_sequences([sequence], max_length)

    # predict next word

    yhat = model.predict([image, sequence], verbose=0)

    # get index with high probability

    yhat = np.argmax(yhat)

    # convert index to word

    word = idx_to_word(yhat, tokenizer)

    # stop if word not found

    if word is None:

        break

    # append word as input for generating next word

    in_text += " " + word

    # stop if we reach end tag

    if word == 'endseq':

        break

return in_text

```

```

# In[31]:

from nltk.translate.bleu_score import corpus_bleu

# validate with test data

actual, predicted = list(), list()


for key in tqdm(test):

    # get actual caption

    captions = mapping[key]

    # predict the caption for image

    y_pred = predict_caption(model, features[key], tokenizer, max_length)

    # split into words

    actual_captions = [caption.split() for caption in captions]

    y_pred = y_pred.split()

    # append to the list

    actual.append(actual_captions)

    predicted.append(y_pred)


# calculate BLEU score

print("BLEU-1: %f" % corpus_bleu(actual, predicted, weights=(1.0, 0, 0, 0)))

print("BLEU-2: %f" % corpus_bleu(actual, predicted, weights=(0.5, 0.5, 0, 0)))

```



```

# ## Visualize the Results

# In[9]:

from PIL import Image

import os

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def generate_caption(image_name):

    # load the image

    # for Example : image_name = "101654506_8eb26cfb60.jpg"

    image_id = image_name.split('.')[0]

    img_path = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, "Images", image_name)

    image = Image.open(img_path)

    captions = mapping[image_id]

    print('-----Actual-----')

    for caption in captions:

        print(caption)

    # prediction of the caption

    y_pred = predict_caption(model, features[image_id], tokenizer, max_length)

    print('-----Predicted-----')

    print(y_pred)

    plt.imshow(image)

```

```
# In[ ]:
```

```
get_ipython().run_line_magic('store', '-r mapping')
```

```
generate_caption("1002674143_1b742ab4b8.jpg")
```

```
# In[13]:
```

```
generate_caption("101654506_8eb26cfb60.jpg")
```

```
# In[35]:
```

```
generate_caption("101669240_b2d3e7f17b.jpg")
```

```
# ## Test with Real Image
```

```
# In[4]:
```

```
vgg_model = VGG16()
```

```
vgg_model = Model(inputs=vgg_model.inputs, outputs=vgg_model.layers[-2].output)
```

```
# In[ ]:
```

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model
```

```
# load the saved model
```

```
model = load_model(r'Working dir\best_model.h5')
```

```

image_path = r"C:/Users/SabareeshReddy/Desktop/rainbow.png"

# load image

image = load_img(image_path, target_size=(224, 224))

image = img_to_array(image)

image = image.reshape((1, image.shape[0], image.shape[1], image.shape[2]))

image = preprocess_input(image)

feature = vgg_model.predict(image, verbose=0)

result = predict_caption(model, feature, tokenizer, max_length)

result = result.replace("startseq", "").replace("endseq", "")

print(result)

image = Image.open(image_path)

image.show()


### Store all the Variables Present in the Session & Use it for later use.

# In[69]:

get_ipython().run_line_magic('store', 'model mapping all_captions')

get_ipython().run_line_magic('store', "")


# # Run Final code

# ## Run with Real Time Image

```

```

# In[1]:

import os

import pickle

import numpy as np

from tqdm.notebook import tqdm


from tensorflow.keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16, preprocess_input

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import load_img, img_to_array

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences

from tensorflow.keras.models import Model

from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical, plot_model

from tensorflow.keras.layers import Input, Dense, LSTM, Embedding, Dropout, add

from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model


vgg_model = VGG16()

# restructure the model

vgg_model = Model(inputs=vgg_model.inputs, outputs=vgg_model.layers[-2].output)


get_ipython().run_line_magic('store', '-r all_captions')

tokenizer = Tokenizer()

```

```

tokenizer.fit_on_texts(all_captions)

vocab_size = len(tokenizer.word_index) + 1

max_length = max(len(caption.split()) for caption in all_captions)


from PIL import Image

import os

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def generate_caption(image_name):

    # load the image

    image_id = image_name.split('.')[0]

    img_path = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, "Images", image_name)

    image = Image.open(img_path)

    captions = mapping[image_id]

    print('-----Actual-----')

    for caption in captions:

        print(caption)

    # predict the caption

    y_pred = predict_caption(model, features[image_id], tokenizer, max_length)

    print('-----Predicted-----')

    print(y_pred)

    plt.imshow(image)

```

```

def idx_to_word(integer, tokenizer):

    for word, index in tokenizer.word_index.items():

        if index == integer:

            return word

    return None


def predict_caption(model, image, tokenizer, max_length):

    # add start tag for generation process

    in_text = 'startseq'

    # iterate over the max length of sequence

    for i in range(max_length):

        # encode input sequence

        sequence = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences([in_text])[0]

        # pad the sequence

        sequence = pad_sequences([sequence], max_length)

        # predict next word

        yhat = model.predict([image, sequence], verbose=0)

        # get index with high probability

        yhat = np.argmax(yhat)

        # convert index to word

        word = idx_to_word(yhat, tokenizer)

        # stop if word not found

```

```

    if word is None:

        break

    # append word as input for generating next word

    in_text += " " + word

    # stop if we reach end tag

    if word == 'endseq':

        break


return in_text


# load the saved model

model = load_model(r'Working dir\best_model.h5')


image_path = r"C:\Users\SabareeshReddy\Desktop\download.jpeg"

# load image

image = load_img(image_path, target_size=(224, 224))

image = img_to_array(image)

image = image.reshape((1, image.shape[0], image.shape[1], image.shape[2]))

image = preprocess_input(image)

feature = vgg_model.predict(image, verbose=0)

result = predict_caption(model, feature, tokenizer, max_length)

result = result.replace("startseq", "").replace("endseq", "")

```

```
result = result.upper()

red_start = "\033[31m"

reset_color = "\033[0m"

output = f"Predicted Caption:- [{red_start}{result}{reset_color}]"

print(output)
```

```
image = Image.open(image_path)

image.show()
```

```
# # Actual Vs Predicted
```

```
# In[3]:
```

```
from PIL import Image

import os

import pickle

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

get_ipython().run_line_magic('store', '-r all_captions')
```



```

tokenizer = Tokenizer()

tokenizer.fit_on_texts(all_captions)

vocab_size = len(tokenizer.word_index) + 1

max_length = max(len(caption.split()) for caption in all_captions)

with open(os.path.join(WORKING_DIR, 'features.pkl'), 'rb') as f:

    features = pickle.load(f)

def idx_to_word(integer, tokenizer):

    for word, index in tokenizer.word_index.items():

        if index == integer:

            return word

    return None

def predict_caption(model, image, tokenizer, max_length):

    # add start tag for generation process

    in_text = 'startseq'

    # iterate over the max length of sequence

    for i in range(max_length):

        # encode input sequence

        sequence = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences([in_text])[0]

        # pad the sequence

```

```

sequence = pad_sequences([sequence], max_length)

# predict next word

yhat = model.predict([image, sequence], verbose=0)

# get index with high probability

yhat = np.argmax(yhat)

# convert index to word

word = idx_to_word(yhat, tokenizer)

# stop if word not found

if word is None:

    break

# append word as input for generating next word

in_text += " " + word

# stop if we reach end tag

if word == 'endseq':

    break

return in_text

```

```

def generate_caption(image_name):

    # load the image

    # image_name = "1001773457_577c3a7d70.jpg"

    image_id = image_name.split('.')[0]

```

```

img_path = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, "Images", image_name)

image = Image.open(img_path)

captions = mapping[image_id]

red_start = "\033[31m"

reset_color = "\033[0m"

print(red_start + 'xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx_Actual_xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx'+ reset_color)

for caption in captions:

    print(caption)

# predict the caption

y_pred = predict_caption(model, features[image_id], tokenizer, max_length)

print(red_start + 'xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx_Predicted_xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx'+ reset_color)

y_pred= y_pred.replace("startseq", "").replace("endseq", "")

y_pred = y_pred.upper()

yellow_start = "\033[32m"

reset_color = "\033[0m"

output = f"[{yellow_start} {y_pred} {reset_color}]"

print(output)

plt.imshow(image)

```

```
BASE_DIR = 'Dataset'
```

```
WORKING_DIR = 'Working dir'
```

```
directory = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, 'Images')  
  
get_ipython().run_line_magic('store', '-r mapping')  
  
generate_caption("95728664_06c43b90f1.jpg")
```

```
# In[4]:
```

```
generate_caption("136552115_6dc3e7231c.jpg")
```

```
# In[5]:
```

```
generate_caption("113678030_87a6a6e42e.jpg")
```

CHAPTER – 7

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