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1 Introduction

This configuration manual will discuss steps followed in the implementation of this research in detail. The document covers steps from data collection to the evaluation of the implemented remote sensing image captioning framework. It includes system configuration, code snippets and directions to execute to ensure that this work can be reproduced in future easily.

2 Hardware and Software configurations

All the execution for this research is done on the local machine. To track progress and save time, processed data and models were saved locally as pickle files. Table 1 and Table 2 presents hardware and software specifications for this research. It is also suggested to use the latest version of Tensorflow and Keras for this implementation.

Table 1: Hardware specifications

Host machine/Operating System	MacBook Pro/MacOS Mojave
RAM	8GB, 2.7 GHz Intel Core i5
Hard Disk	256GB
GPU	Intel Iris Graphics 6100 1536 MB

Table 2: Software specifications

Programming language	Python (Anaconda distribution)
IDE	Jupyter notebook
Browser	Google chrome

3 Data Preparation

3.1 Collecting Data

Download the RSICD dataset on your local machine from GitHub using the URL https://github.com/201528014227051/RSICD_optimal. The dataset includes images folder

and a JSON file with key as image name and value as an array of text descriptions.

3.2 Reading Data

1. Create a new Jupyter notebook environment in the same folder where the dataset is stored.
2. Import all required libraries for data processing.

```
Importing all libraries  
  
In [3]: 1 # Load libraries  
2 import os  
3 import cv2  
4 import json  
5 from PIL import Image  
6 import numpy as np  
7 from numpy import array, prod  
8 import random  
9 from collections import defaultdict  
10 from collections import OrderedDict  
11 import pickle  
12 from pickle import load, dump  
13 import tensorflow as tf  
14 from tensorflow.keras import backend as K  
15 from tensorflow.keras.applications.inception_v3 import InceptionV3  
16 from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential, Model  
17 from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Flatten, Input, Convolution2D, Dropout, LSTM, \\  
18 TimeDistributed, Embedding, Bidirectional, Activation, RepeatVector, Concatenate  
19 from tensorflow.keras.layers import add  
20 from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam  
21 from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, EarlyStopping  
22 from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image, sequence  
23 from keras.preprocessing.image import img_to_array, load_img  
24 from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical  
25 from keras.utils.vis_utils import plot_model  
26 from tensorflow.python.keras.utils import np_utils  
27 from keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
```

Figure 1: Import required libraries.

3. Define directory path for images and json file to read data.

```
Reading image and text data  
  
In [4]: 1 images_folder = 'RSICD/RSICD_images/'  
2 annotations_name = 'RSICD/dataset_rsicd.json'  
3  
4 images = [] # save images  
5 annotations = [] # save five sentences for every image.  
6 images_list = []  
7 train_list = [] # image index for train  
8 val_list = [] # image index for validation  
9 test_list = [] # image index for test
```

Figure 2: Defing directory paths for the data.

4. Load images into notebook using OS package of python. The get_image function defined in Figure 3 creates a global list containng names of the images in the given directory. Also, a list of images and empty list of same length is also created to store reference descriptions.
5. To load text data into notebook use JSON package of python. Split the loaded data into three parts using the 'split' key of the json for training, testing, and validation of the model. The fuction get_annotations is used to parse json data and create three lists containing index of the image in the global image_list for training, testing and validation.

```

In [5]: 1 def get_images():
2         """
3         Get names of all images to a list.
4         """
5         global images_list
6         images_list = os.listdir(images_folder)
7         image_number = len(images_list)
8         # Create annotations_list for all images.
9         print('Load images...')
10        for image_name in images_list:
11            image_name = os.path.join(images_folder, image_name)
12            images.append(cv2.imread(image_name))
13            annotations.append({})
14        print(
15            'Images path:', images_folder,
16            '\nGot', image_number, 'images.',
17            '\nAnnotations length:', len(annotations))

```

Figure 3: Parsing image data.

```

In [6]: 1 def get_annotations():
2         """
3         Get five sentences of every image in the '.json' file.
4         """
5         global sentence_length
6         global train_list
7         global val_list
8         global test_list
9
10        file = open(annotations_name, encoding='utf-8')
11        load_dict = json.load(file)
12
13        # The file has two element: dataset, and images, we take images.
14        for element in load_dict:
15            print(annotations_name, 'has element', '[' + element + ']')
16
17        print('Getting annotations for [ images ]')
18        for image in load_dict['images']:
19            """
20            # 'images' element has many key.
21            # key filename: save the name of image's.
22            # key sentences: save five captions for the image(filename)
23            # key sentences['raw']: five str.
24            # key sentences['tokens']: five list.
25            """
26            filename = image['filename']
27            if filename not in images_list:
28                continue
29            index = images_list.index(filename)
30            if image['split'] == 'train':
31                train_list.append(index)
32            elif image['split'] == 'val':
33                val_list.append(index)
34            else:
35                test_list.append(index)
36            for sentence in image['sentences']:
37                """
38                # In sentences['raw'], a word may be connected by a ','.
39                # For example, 'I am fine, and you.', 'fine,' is a word.
40                # But, we want divide 'fine,' to two words: ['fine', ',']
41                # So, we add a ' ' into 'fine' and ','.
42                """
43                sentence_temp = ''
44                for word in sentence['raw']:
45                    if ',' in word:
46                        word = ' ' + word
47                    sentence_temp += word
48                annotations[index].append(sentence_temp)
49
50        print('The number of train data: ', len(train_list))
51        print('The number of validation: ', len(val_list))
52        print('The number of test data: ', len(test_list))

```

Figure 4: Parsing text data.

6. Figure 5 represents a sample image from the loaded RSICD dataset along with references text descriptions.

```
In [8]: 1 #view an image from the training set
        2 image = Image.open(os.path.join(images_folder, 'sparseresidential_150.jpg'))
        3 image

Out[8]: 

In [9]: 1 index = images_list.index('sparseresidential_150.jpg')
        2 annotations[index]

Out[9]: ['a building with a swimming pool is near many green trees .',
         'a building with a swimming pool is near many green trees .',
         'a building with a swimming pool is near many green trees .',
         'a building with a swimming pool is near many green trees .',
         'a building with a swimming pool is near many green trees .']
```

Figure 5: Model Architecture.

4 Image Processing

The next step is image processing and transformation to generate image feature vectors. In image processing, loaded image are resized as required by the encoder model. Figure 6 shows the code for feature extraction including resizing and getting feature vector from the model.

```
In [26]: 1 images_features = {}
        2
        3 count = 0
        4 for i in train_list:
        5     img_name = images_list[i]
        6     img = cv2.imread(images_folder + img_name)
        7     img = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
        8     img = cv2.resize(img, (299,299))
        9
        10    img = img.reshape(1,299,299,3)
        11    pred = img_encoder.predict(img).reshape(2048,)
        12    images_features[img_name] = pred
        13
        14    count += 1
```

Figure 6: Image feature extraction process.

This research used two type of encoder model CNN and Capsule Network. For the CNN, a pre-trained InceptionV3 model is used which is available in keras applications¹. For Capsule Network, a encoder model is created including 4 casule units which are

¹<https://keras.io/api/applications/inceptionv3/>

flatten together in a layer. The architecture of the capsule network is inspired from the model proposed in the study Deka (2020), which is available on GitHub ².

5 Text Processing

1. In this step, text descriptions are cleaned and transformed for modelling. For cleaning text descriptions first each word is converted into the lower case to avoid replication of words in the vocabulary and <START> and <END> tokens are added to mark the beginning and ending of a sentence. Figure 7 presents the code for this part.

Text processing

```
In [10]: 1 # Create a dictionary with key as name of the image and value as array of a
2 def list_all_text():
3     image_descriptions = defaultdict(list)
4
5     for index in range(len(images_list)):
6         filename = images_list[index]
7         sentences = annotations[index]
8         sentence_list = []
9         for sentence in sentences:
10            val = sentence.split()
11            new_val = []
12            for word in val:
13                new_val.append(word.lower())
14            new_val.insert(0, "<START>")
15            new_val.append("<END>")
16            sentence_list.append(new_val)
17            image_descriptions[filename] = sentence_list
18    return image_descriptions
```

Figure 7: Covertng to lower case and adding start and end tokens.

2. The next step is to remove punctuations from the description. Code used for removing punctuations is shown in Figure 8.

```
In [12]: 1 # Clean descriptions
2
3 import string
4 des = {}
5 for image, caps in descriptions.items():
6     cap_list = []
7     for cap in caps:
8         clean_cap =[word for word in cap if word not in string.punctuation]
9         for word in clean_cap:
10            try:
11                int(word)
12                clean_cap.remove(word)
13            except:
14                continue
15        cap_list.append(clean_cap)
16    des[image] = cap_list
```

Figure 8: Removing punctuations.

3. After cleaning the text descriptions, the next step is to calculate vocabulary size for modelling. The code in Figure 9 is followed for this step.
4. The last step in text processing is the tokenization of the text descriptions. A dictionary is created to convert words to numbers as showing in Figure 10.

²https://github.com/jaydeepdeka/Flickr8k_image_captioning_using_CapsNet

Create Vocabulary

```
In [15]: 1 count_words = {}
2 for image, desc_list in des.items():
3     for desc in desc_list:
4         for word in desc:
5             if word not in count_words:
6                 count_words[word] = 0
7             else:
8                 count_words[word] += 1
```

Figure 9: Counting total words in vocabulary.

```
In [17]: 1 THRESH = -1
2 count = 1
3 new_dict = {}
4 for k,v in count_words.items():
5     if count_words[k] > THRESH:
6         new_dict[k] = count
7         count += 1
```

Figure 10: Creating word to number dictionary.

6 Modelling

1. Importing remaining libraries required for modelling.

```
In [41]: 1 from tensorflow.keras import layers, initializers, regularizers, constraints, models
2 from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential, Model
3 from tensorflow.python.keras.utils import conv_utils
4 from tensorflow.keras.layers import InputSpec
5 from tensorflow.python.keras.utils.conv_utils import conv_output_length, normalize_data_format
6 from tensorflow.keras.layers import Input, Conv2D, Activation, Dense, Reshape
7 from tensorflow.keras.layers import BatchNormalization, Conv2DTranspose
8
9 cf = K.image_data_format() == '...'
10 useGPU = True
```

Figure 11: Importing libraries for modelling.

2. Creating a model as shown in Figure 12, which takes image feature vector and word vector to generate a description. The architecture of this model is inspired by the study of (Agughalam et al.; 2021).
3. For the second experiment, an encoder-decoder framework uses a feature vector generated by CapsNet encoder to generate text sequences. The architecture of the model is presented in Figure 13.
4. For using CNN and CapsNet features together for generating text descriptions in experiment three, the architecture in Figure 14 is implemented. It takes three inputs, first for CNN feature vector, second for CapsNet feature vector and third for word vector.
5. In the training of the models 10 epochs are used. The model with the lowest validation loss is saved and used for generating text sequences. The code in Figure 15 is used for the training of models.

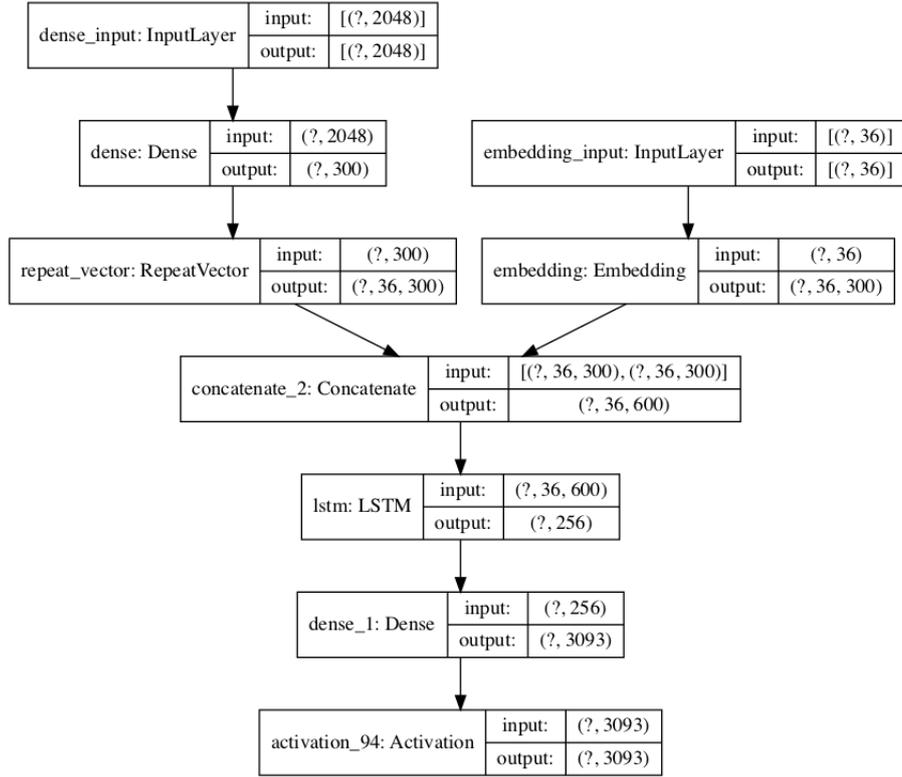


Figure 12: CNN-LSTM encoder-decoder architecture.

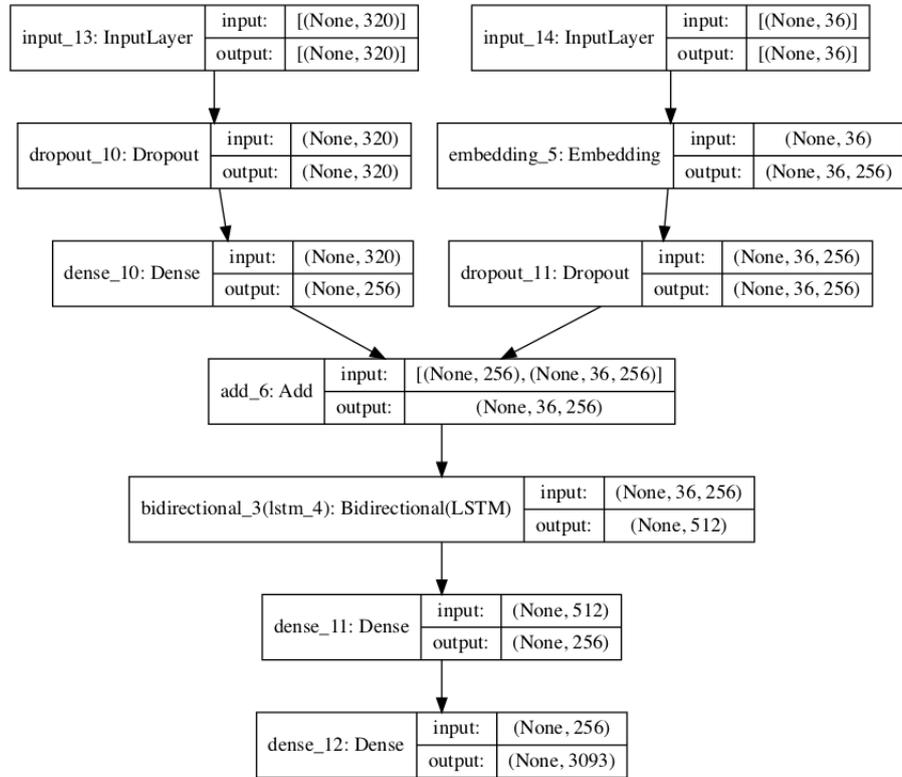


Figure 13: CapsNet-BiLSTM encoder-decoder architecture.

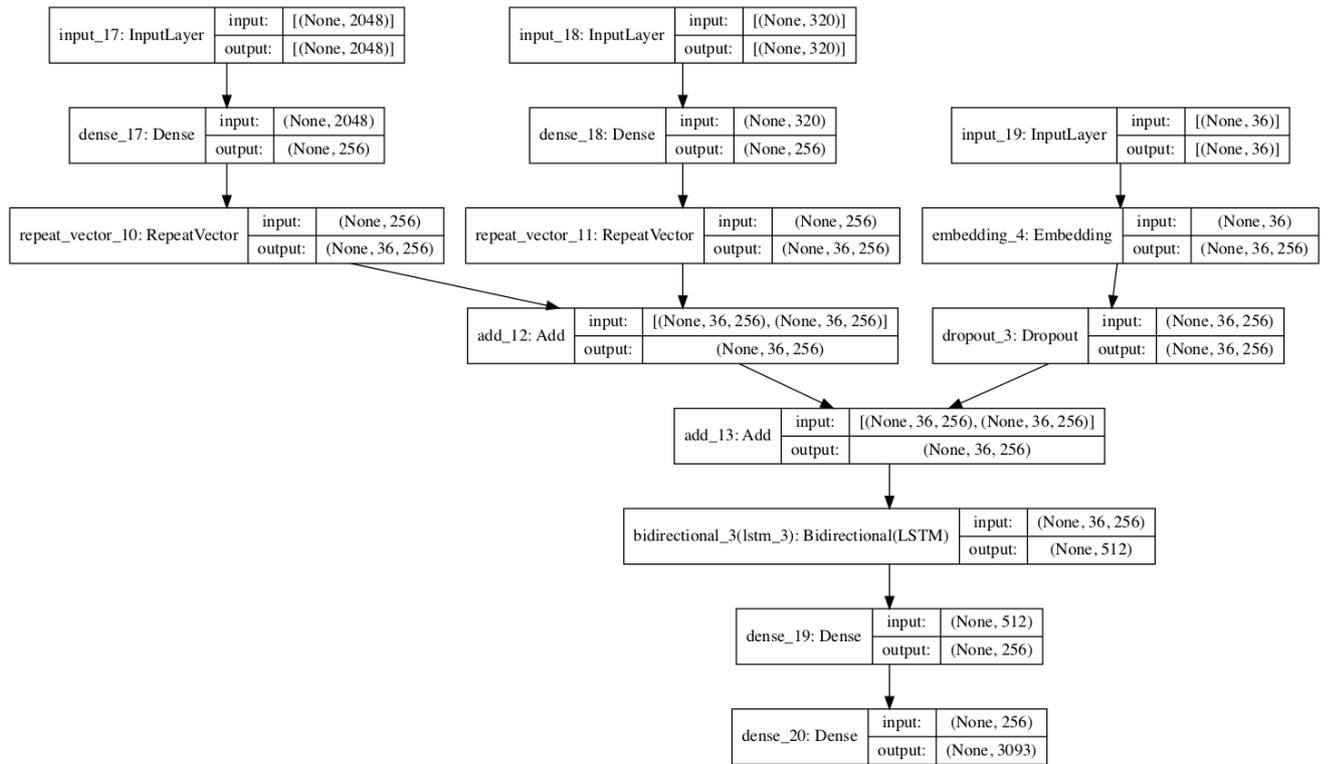


Figure 14: CNN-CapsNet-BiLSTM encoder-decoder architecture.

```
In [141]:
1 # Train model for CapsNet
2 epochs = 10
3 train_steps = len(train_desc)
4 val_steps = len(val_desc)
5 filepath = 'model-loss{loss:.3f}-val_loss{val_loss:.3f}_Per_CapsNet_par.h5'
6 checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint(filepath, monitor='val_loss', verbose=1, save_best_only=True, mode='min')
7
8 # fit for one epoch
9 history = capsule_bilstm_model.fit(train_generator, epochs=epochs, steps_per_epoch=train_steps, \
10 verbose=1, validation_data=valid_generator, validation_steps=val_steps, callbacks=[checkpoint])
```

Figure 15: Training model.

7 Inference and Evaluation

7.1 Inference

1. The function `evaluate_model` takes a list of test images and generate a text description for each image. First, the image is resized as required for the encoder model and the feature vector is generated. Then text sequence is predicted using that feature vector.

```
In [39]: 1 def evaluate_model(test_list):
2
3     actual, predicted = list(), list()
4
5     for index in range(len(test_list)):
6
7         test_img_path = images_folder + images_list[test_list[index]]
8         test_img = cv2.imread(test_img_path)
9         test_img = cv2.cvtColor(test_img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
10        test_image = cv2.resize(test_img, (299,299))
11        test_image = np.reshape(test_image, (1,299,299,3))
12
13        test_features = img_encoder.predict(test_image).reshape(1,2048)
14
15        text_inp = ['<START>']
16
17        count = 0
18        caption = ''
19        while count < MAX_LEN:
20            count += 1
21
22            encoded = []
23            for i in text_inp:
24                encoded.append(new_dict[i])
25
26            encoded = [encoded]
27            encoded = pad_sequences(encoded, padding='post', truncating='post', maxlen=MAX_LEN)
28            prediction = np.argmax(model_1_10.predict([test_features, encoded]))
29            sampled_word = inv_dict[prediction]
30            caption = caption + ' ' + sampled_word
31            text_inp.append(sampled_word)
32
33            if sampled_word == '<END>':
34                break
35
36            image = images_list[test_list[index]]
37            references = [d for d in reference_list[image]]
38            actual.append(references)
39            predicted.append(caption)
40
41        return actual, predicted
```

Figure 16: .

2. The word with the highest probability is selected as the next word in a sentence. Like this, all words are appended together to form a sentence.
3. For all three experiments predicted text description is generated for the test images and stored in pickle files.

7.2 Evaluation

1. Remove `<START>` and `<END>` tokens from beginning and ending of predicted descriptions for evaluation.
2. Calculate BLEU and ROUGE-L scores for each model. Figure 17 and Figure 18 presents the code for BLEU and ROUGE metrics.
3. For qualitative analysis of the research results, predicted sentences by all models are compared with respect to the content of test image. Figure 19 shown one of test image with actual and predicted sentences by each model.

```
In [44]: 1 print('BLEU-1: %f' % corpus_bleu(act_1_10, pred_1_10, weights=(1.0, 0, 0, 0)))
2 print('BLEU-2: %f' % corpus_bleu(act_1_10, pred_1_10, weights=(0.5, 0.5, 0, 0)))
3 print('BLEU-3: %f' % corpus_bleu(act_1_10, pred_1_10, weights=(0.3, 0.3, 0.3, 0)))
4 print('BLEU-4: %f' % corpus_bleu(act_1_10, pred_1_10, weights=(0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25)))
```

BLEU-1: 0.874560
BLEU-2: 0.766410
BLEU-3: 0.691050
BLEU-4: 0.586885

Figure 17: Model Architecture.

```
In [115]: 1 from rouge_score import rouge_scorer
2 scorer = rouge_scorer.RougeScorer(['rouge1', 'rougeL'], use_stemmer=True)
3
4 def calc_rouge(reference, pred):
5     vals = []
6     for i in range(len(pred)):
7         text = ' '.join(pred[i])
8         refs = reference[i]
9         rouges = []
10        for ref in refs:
11            scores = scorer.score(' '.join(ref), text)
12            rouges.append(scores['rougeL'].fmeasure)
13        vals.append(np.mean(rouges))
14
15    return np.mean(vals)
```

Figure 18: Model Architecture.



Reference Descriptions

1. a rectangular church with a big and four small round roofs is located on a rounded triangle red square enclosed by three roads with trees planted along
2. a rectangle church with a big and four small round roofs is located on a rounded triangle red square enclosed by three roads with trees planted along
3. the long black church with a umbelliform roof is in a delta region between two rows of trees
4. it is an i shaped church in the middle of two roads
5. three lines of green trees are near a church

CNN (InceptionV3)-LSTM

many buildings and green trees are in a medium residential area

CapsNet-BiLSTM

many green trees are around a building

Figure 19: Model Architecture.

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