Data representation for multimodal models

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Multimodality in machine learning



Application domains

.Robotics

- .Healthcare
- Multimedia
- .Human-computer interaction
- Interactive agents
- .etc

Principles of multimodality

- 1. Modalities are heterogenious
 - diverse in quality, structure, distributions, noise, and relevance
- 2. Modalities are connected
 - statistical and semantic relations, redundancy and uniqueness of information
- 3. Modalities interact

modalities processed together result in a novel

Unimodal representations

•Shift from hand-crafted features to data-driven, obtained as a result of self-supervised pretraining

- Visual features: convolutional networks, e.g. ResNet,
- Textual features: emebddings, LLMs
- Audio: neural acoustic models
- Graphs: either linearization and LLMs or graph networks

Representation



Fusion



Coordination



Fission

Modality-level fission



Fine-grained fission



(Liang et al., 2024)

Typical tasks

Frameworks	Applications	Modalities
Joint representation	Video classification	A + V
		A + V + T
	Event detection	A + V
		A + V + T
	Sentiment analysis	A + V + T
	Visual question answering	I + T
	Emotion recognition	A + V
		A + V + T
	Speech recognition	A + V
	Cross-modal retrieval	$I \sim T$
Coordinated	Image caption	$I \sim T$
representation	Cross-modal embeddings	$V \sim T$
		$I \sim T$
	Transfer learning	$I \sim T$
Encoder- decoder	Image caption	$\mathrm{I} \to \mathrm{T}$
	Video description	$V \to T$
	Text to image synthesis	$T \to I$

(Guo et al., 2019)

Document understanding



тне CHARTER of Forests (a) Granted by King John to his Subjects in the Year 1215*.



OHN, by the Grace of God, King of England, &c. Know ye, that for the Honour of God, and the Health of our Soul, and the Souls of our Anceftors and Succeffors, and for the Exaltation of Holy-Church, and for the Reformation of our Kingdom, We

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have of our free and good Will given and granted for Us and our Heirs, these *Liberties* hereafter specified, to be had and observ'd in our Kingdom of *England* for ever.

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(a) The Forefis belong'd originally to the Crown, and the Kings had granted feveral Parts and Parcels to private Men, who had grubb'd them up and made them Arable, or Pafture. But yet all that was thus grubb'd was ftill call d Forefis. Thefe Forells belonging to the King as his own Demefins, or as the Sovereign Lord, were a continual Source of vexatious Suits, as well againft thofe which held them of the King, as againft the neighbouring Freemen under pretence of the Rights of the Crown.

As it is to be found in Matthew Paris, p. 250.



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