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PART 01 Background

"Why do we need In Context Learning?"

The Development of GPT

1 Background | LM — ICL — Multimodal

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GPT-2's Capability of Prompt Engineering

- GPT-2 exhibits a distinctive feature known as "prompt engineering".
- This can be compared to the architecture of modern computers, where both data and commands exist in the form of 0s and 1s encoding.







GPT-3's Capability of In-Context Learning

- GPT-3 possesses a unique capability known as "In-context learning".
- It will learn the representation of tasks from the provided in-context examples.





Why In-Context Learning?



Dong, Qingxiu, et al. A survey for in-context learning.

Liu, Pengfei, et al. Pre-train, prompt, and predict: A systematic survey of prompting methods in natural language processing.



Why In-Context Learning?

"outside-in" methodologies to unravel the inner properties of LLMs



Pros of ICL

- Flexible controllability
- Encapsulate more information





1 Background | LM — ICL — Multimodal

GPT-4: Large Multimodal Model

What is LMM?

Process visual data & understand and generate natural language



What color is the purse?

Answer questions about the images

How about GPT-4?



These two images represent two different robots, respectively…

blue

Excellent Multimodal capabilities

Incorporate the understanding of visual content



How does this food taste?

Delicious, especially the cake!



Refer to visual information in conversations



Not open-source

internal workings and training processes are opaque



Why Multimodal Model In-Context Learning?

The development of large models from single-modal to multi-modal

Expands the application scope of the model: various image/video understanding tasks.



Imitate real humans and achieve multi-modal analogy capabilities





Why Multimodal Model In-Context Learning?

- Less research in the Multimodal Model In-Context Learning
- Most of the work only considers the field of Natural Language Processing
- Some large multimodal models are not well adapted to in-context learning, such as miniGPT-4, LLAVA, mPLUG owl, etc.
- Large multimodal model with good in-context learning: Flamingo, Otter, IDEFICS...







PART 02 Heuristic-based configuration strategies

"Take IC and VQA as examples"

2 Heuristic-based Caption — Answer



Exploring Diverse In-Context Configurations for Image Captioning (NIPS 2023)

Xu Yang, Yongliang Wu, Mingzhuo Yang, Haokun Chen, Xin Geng

arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.14800 code: https://github.com/yongliang-wu/ExploreCfg





Exploring Diverse In-Context Caption: Background and Motivation

- Transitioning from single-modal to multi-modal leads to increased complexity.
 - In image modality, which image optimizes testing?
 - In caption modality, what is the ideal choice for model generation?



2 Heuristic-based Caption — Answer

Given a test image, how to select the proper image?

- Random Selection (RS): Randomly select k examples for few-shot in-context learning.
- Similarity-based Image-Image Retrieval (SIIR)
- Similarity-based Image-Caption Retrieval (SICR)
- Diversity-based Image-Image Retrieval (DIIR)



2 Heuristic-based Caption — Answer

Given the selected image, how to choose the suitable caption?







Exploring Diverse In-Context Caption: Caption Assignment Strategies

- Model Generated Caption (MGC)
 - Given an image, we can use a VLM or an offline captioner to generate caption.
 - It might be helpful since the generated caption usually have the same pattern with the output.



A vision language model or offline caption to generate caption as in-context examples.





Exploring Diverse In-Context Caption: Caption Assignment Strategies

• Model Generated Caption as Anchor (MGCA)

Model Generated Caption

- Once get the generated caption, We can compute CIDEr scores to find the best caption.
- The selected one will have the advantages of both GTC and MGC, more precise expression and more consistent pattern.



Ground truth Caption

We can use the model-generated caption as anchor to select the best caption from human-annotated captions.





2 Heuristic-based | Caption — Answer

Exploring Diverse In-Context Caption: Conclusions

Similar Images lead to short-cut inference.

similarity

- (1) Same as test image (2) Similar images (3) Random images
- Ensure the captions are irrelevant to the images to avoid biased inferences.



performance

From top to bottom: The outputs start from imitation to inferencing from the vision cues.





Exploring Diverse In-Context Caption: Conclusions

- Simpler sentence patterns are more easily recognized by the VLM.
 - Ground truth captions use more diverse words and complex patterns Which have more precise expression
 - Model-generated captions have more salient objects and simple patterns Which have more consist patterns



The top: Model-generated captions. The bottom: Ground truth captions.





Exploring Diverse In-Context Caption: Conclusions

- There is a **synergy effect** between the two modalities.
 - When similar images are used, lower-quality captions can become toxic examples
 - When dissimilar images are used, the negative effects of these low-quality captions are diminished.

Image Similarity	Caption Quality	4-shot	8-shot	16-shot	32-ahot	mean
High	High	95.64	96.62	97.66	98.32	97.06
Low	High	72.35	70.10	72.73	77.76	73.23
High	Low	65.98	69.52	71.88	73.49	70.22
Low	Low	70.45	73.92	74.83	77.00	74.05





How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for Visual Question Answering

Li Li, Jiawei Peng, Huiyi Chen, Chongyang Gao, Xu Yang

arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.01571 code: https://github.com/GaryJiajia/OFv2_ICL_VQA





How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for VQA: Background

Explore effective In-context examples configuration strategies







How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for VQA: Background

Gain a better understanding of the inner properties of LVLM





2 Heuristic-based Caption — Answer

How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for VQA: Approach

Retrieving In-context examples





How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for VQA: Approach

Manipulating examples



2 Heuristic-based | Caption — Answer How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for VQA: Approach

Extend TR and TL Hypothesis in the VL domain





How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for VQA: Approach

Extend TR and TL Hypothesis in the VL domain

Task Learning

Learn the **mapping relationship** between QA pairs from the demonstrations



- Treats QAs from demonstrations as "training samples"
- Implicit learning process analogous to explicit fine-tuning





How to Configure Good In-Context Sequence for VQA: Approach

Extend TR and TL Hypothesis in the VL domain

In ICL, TR and TL coexist simultaneously







Three important inner properties of LVLM during ICL

1. Limited TL capabilities







- As the number of shots increases, the improvement of the model diminishes
- Replacing incorrect answers in demonstrations did **not** significantly **impact** the model's performance.
- Disentangle TR and TL and find that the accuracy of **TR** is significantly **higher than TL**



Three important inner properties of LVLM during ICL

2. The presence of a short-cut effect

SQ		Copy rate(%)	OFv1	OFv2
		RS	43.64	37.34
Q: What is the design on the sheets? A: alligators and bears	Q: What is the design of the bed cover? A: alligators and bears	SI	50.44	54.38
	GI: zebra	SQ	77.26	79.84
SQ		SQA	87.74	89.47
		SQA(sole)	47.39	45.82
Q: What is the scientific name of this leaf? A: tulip	Q: What is the scientific name of this leaf? ► A: tulip	SQA(sole wrong)	37.07	45.71
	GT: camellia			*////* * * · ·





Three important inner properties of LVLM during ICL

3. Partial compatibility between vision and language modules



linguistic TR plays a more substantial role than visual TR





Three important inner properties of LVLM during ICL

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	Dataset	4-shot	8-shot	16-shot
RS(OFv1)	VQAv2	44.56	47.38	48.71
instruct1(OFV1)	VQAv2	43.75	46.91	48.67
RS(OFv2)	VQAv2	48.82	51.05	50.89
instruct1(OFv2)	VQAv2	49.93	52.71	50.95

Some language reasoning ability lose efficacy in the VL case





Effective Configuration Strategies

- Similar images and texts lead to better performance
 - Similar images compensate visual information missed or incorrectly recognized
 - Similar texts brings unstable improvements due to the presence of the short-cut







Effective Configuration Strategies

- Instruction enhances the performance of linguistically advanced model
 - increasing information density in demonstrations
 - do not yield significant improvements in inferior language encoder

Instruct1: According to the previous question and answer pair, answer the final question.

Instruct2: Consider the semantic relationship between the question and the image.

Instruct3: You will be engaged in a two-phase task. Phase 1: Absorb the information from a series of image-text pairs. Phase 2: Use that context, combined with an upcoming image and your own database of knowledge, to accurately answer a subsequent question.

	Dataset	4-shot	8-shot	16-shot
RS	VQAv2	48.82	51.05	50.89
instruct1	VQAv2	49.93	52.71	50.95
RS	OK-VQA	34.82	38.54	39.55
instruct1	OK-VQA	35.72	39.38	40.46
instruct2	OK-VQA	36.45	40.17	41.11
instruct3	OK-VQA	35.53	40.19	40.02



Effective Configuration Strategies

• Pseudo answers have potential for expeditious enhancement of performance



	Dataset	4-shot
RS	VQAv2	48.82
SQPA(RS-4)	VQAv2	49.85
SI	VQAv2	50.36
SQPA(SI-4)	VQAv2	50.57
RS	VizWiz	22.07
SQPA(RS-4)	VizWiz	30.02
SI	VizWiz	36.30
SQPA(SI-4)	VizWiz	38.37
RS	OK-VQA	34.82
SQPA(RS-4)	OK-VQA	38.92
SI	OK-VQA	36.46
SQPA(SI-4)	OK-VQA	39.34



PART 03 Learning-based configuration strategies

"Take IC, and VQA as examples"



ICD-LM: Configuring Vision-Language In-Context Demonstrations by Language Modeling

Yingzhe Peng, Xu Yang, Haoxuan Ma, Shuo Xu, Chi Zhang, Yucheng Han, Hanwang Zhang

arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.10104 code: https://github.com/ForJadeForest/ICD-LM





ICD-LM: Traditional Configure ICD Methods



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- Different LVLMs have different optimal ICD sequence.





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ICD-LM: ICD Language Model



Based on the following observation:

Obtaining an optimal ICD sequence can be likened to sentence generation in a language model.





ICD-LM: ICD Language Model



- One selects the most fluent word (ICD) from a vocabulary (ICD set) one by one.
- Using a language model enables learning to select and arrange optimal ICDs.





ICD-LM: Dataset Construction



a) Anchor set selection.

- Anchor sample simulate a query sample during testing.
- Other train data samples will be used as supporting set.

b) Sub-Supporting set sampling.

- To reduce the time complexity.
- c) Use I_M to evaluate the ICD sequence.
 - Obtain the optimal ICD sequence using a greedy algorithm.





3 Learning-based

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 $d \in \mathcal{D}_S$





ICD-LM: Training LM



We use CLIP to extract multimodal features as the embedding of LM.

The final Embedding is sum of:

- a) Learnable Embedding: Randomly initialized
- b) Image Embedding
- c) Text Embedding







ICD-LM: Experiments Setting

Compared Methods

- 1. Random Sample (RS)
- 2. Similarity-based Retrieval methods:
 - 1. Similarity-based Image-Image Retrieval (SIIR)
 - 2. Similarity-based Text-Text Retrieval (STTR)
 - 3. Similarity-based Image-Text Retrieval (SITR)



3 Learning-based



We construct 2-shot ICD configurations dataset to train the ICD-LM.

- ICD-LM achieve **the best performance** compared with other methods.
- The trained ICD-LM excels in configuring 4-shot ICDs with strong length extrapolation ability.







We select three factors for our ablation studies:

- 1. Beam size b.
- 2. The number *n* of samples in anchor set.
- 3. The sampling method of sub-supporting set:
 - Random: Selecting randomly from total supporting set.
 - Similar Text (Sim-T): Selecting the highest textual similarity sample with anchor sample *a* from total supporting set.
 - Similar Image (Sim-I): Selecting the highest visual similarity sample with anchor sample *a* from total supporting set.





1. Beam size b .

- Increasing the beam size has a positive correlation with ICD-LM performance.
- An excessively large beam size can negatively impact performance.
 - The performance drop is due to lowerscoring ICD sequences introduced with a large beam size, misleading the ICD-LM during training.







2. The number *n* of samples in anchor set.

- Using more anchor samples can improve the interpolation performance in both IC and VQA
- However, on IC, the extrapolation performance decay when n changes from 3000 to 5000.



■ n = 1000 ■ n = 3000 ■ n = 5000



3. The sampling method of sub-supporting set.

- We find *Random* is the best in both IC and VQA.
 - We suppose this is because selecting similar ICDs with the anchor sample will damage the diversity of ICD sequence.









ICD-LM: Ablation Result: Diverse scorers structure

• Using **task-specifical scorers** will increase the interpolation performance.

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{d}}_k = rgmax_{\boldsymbol{d}\in\mathcal{D}_S} I_{\mathcal{M}}(\{\boldsymbol{d},\mathcal{S}^{k-1}\},\boldsymbol{a}) - I_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{S}^{k-1},\boldsymbol{a})$$

- Accuracy is not suitable for I_M
 - Binary Metric



CIDEr of diverse scorers on IC



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