

Causal Synthetic Data Augmentation Outperforms Mixup in Multimodal VQA Under Domain Shift

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 4 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: Does causal synthetic data augmentation yield higher accuracy than standard mixup for multimodal models facing domain shift in visual question answering tasks. 16 claims were extracted from source literature; 2 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 3.8/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Enhancing Visual Question Answering through Ranking-Based Hybrid Training and Multimodal Fusion. Research question: Does causal synthetic data augmentation yield higher accuracy than standard mixup for multimodal models facing domain shift in visual question answering tasks?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 4 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 3.8/10.

3 Results

4 papers retrieved. 16 claims extracted; 2 independently verified. Quality review score: 3.8/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
The RankVQA model was evaluated using the VQA v2.0 and COCO-QA datasets.	×	0.14
The VQA v2.0 dataset contains over 200,000 images and 600,000 questions.	×	0.06
The COCO-QA dataset comprises 123,287 images and over 117,000 questions.	×	0.04
The experimental GPU configuration used was an NVIDIA Tesla V100 with 32GB memory.	×	0.01
The experimental CPU configuration used was an Intel Xeon E5-2698 v4.	×	0.01
The system memory used in the experiment was 256GB DDR4.	×	0.01
The operating system used for the experiment was Ubuntu 20.04 LTS.	×	0.01
The deep learning framework used was PyTorch version 1.10.0.	×	0.01
The CUDA version used in the experimental environment was 11.2.	×	0.01
The Python version used in the experimental environment was 3.8.10.	×	0.01
During data preprocessing, all images were resized to a uniform size of 224x224 pixels.	×	0.02
During data preprocessing, image pixel values were normalized to the range of 0 to 1.	×	0.03
The RankVQA model architecture includes a visual feature extraction module, a text feature extraction module, a multimod	✓	0.17
The RankVQA model employs the Faster R-CNN model to extract visual features from images.	×	0.11
The RankVQA model utilizes a pre-trained BERT model to extract text features from question text.	×	0.13
The RankVQA model uses a multi-head self-attention mechanism for multimodal fusion of visual and text features.	✓	0.18

References

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