Graph Neural Network Fusion Effects on Vision-Language Model Robustness in Fairness-Focused Multimodal Datasets

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Abstract

Robot vision has greatly benefited from advancements in multimodal fusion techniques and vision-language models (VLMs). We adopt a task-oriented perspective to systematically review the applications and advancements of multimodal fusion methods and VLMs in the field of robot vision. For semantic scene understanding tasks, we categorize fusion approaches into encoder-decoder frameworks, attention-based architectures, and graph neural networks. Meanwhile, we also analyze the architectural characteristics and practical implementations of these fusion strategies in key tasks such as simultaneous l

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Multimodal Fusion and Vision-Language Models: A Survey for Robot Vision. Research question: What is the effect of graph neural network-based fusion techniques on the robustness scores of vision-language models when evaluated on fairness-focused multimodal datasets?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 15 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 9.0/10.

3 Results

15 papers retrieved. 15 claims extracted; 15 independently verified. Quality review score: 9.0/10.

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
Early fusion directly fuses data from different modalities before feature extraction.	✓	0.28
Mid-term fusion combines modal features through specific mechanisms such as feature concatenation or weighting after ext	✓	0.25
Late stage fusion is achieved by integrating the decision results of each modality after independent decision-making is	✓	0.22
Transformer structures have been proposed to improve the applicability of different modal data and capture local feature	✓	0.15
Adversarial representation learning is used to create modality invariant embedding spaces, reduce modal gaps, and improv	✓	0.24
Post fusion combines the results of decision level independent processing of modalities.	✓	0.17
Common techniques in post fusion include weighted averaging, voting mechanisms, and logical rules.	✓	0.17
Post fusion offers advantages such as strong modal independence, ease of individual optimization, and scalability of mul	✓	0.20
Roitberg et al. compared and analyzed seven decision-level fusion strategies for driver behavior understanding.	✓	0.23
Traditional multimodal fusion methods struggle with complex data compared to deep neural networks.	✓	0.16
Deep neural networks have driven a shift from explicit to implicit fusion where network design inherently captures modal	✓	0.17
Multimodal fusion approaches in semantic scene understanding are categorized into encoder-decoder frameworks, attention-	✓	0.32
The encoder-decoder method represents scene semantics through encoding, interaction, and decoding.	✓	0.19
Various sensory inputs such as RGB, Depth, LiDAR, GPS, and IMU are processed through multimodal fusion strategies to enh	✓	0.24
Fused features support core robotic vision tasks including 3D semantic scene understanding, SLAM, 3D object detection, n	✓	0.31

References

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