Image Caption Generator with Multilingual Captioning

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Abstract-This paper presents an AI-based image caption generator designed to automatically describe the contents of an image in multiple languages. The new feature we are adding to it is we can add more thanone image which can correlate them and get the captionin paragraph in multiple language. The model utilizes advanced deep learning techniques, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for image processing and recurrent neural networks (RNNs) such as Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) units for sequence generation. The multilingual capability isenabled through pre-trained language models that translate the generated captions into multiple languages. The system demonstrates high accuracy in capturing image content and fluency in generating captions across different languages. Potential applications include content accessibility, automatic translation services, and cross-cultural communication. The CNN extracts visual features fromthe input image, while the RNN, conditioned on these features, generates a sequence of words forming the caption. To enable multilingual captioning, the model incorporates a language-specific module that translates the generated captions into the desired targetlanguage. This module is trained on a large bilingual image-caption dataset, aligning visual and textual information across languages. Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed model, achieving state-of-the-art performance on various benchmark datasets. This research contributes to the advancement of multimodal learning and opens up new possibilities for applications such as image search, accessibility tools, and cross-cultural communication.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The introduction provides an overview of image captioning as a critical task in computer vision and natural language processing (NLP). It also discusses the importance of multilingual captioning in an increasingly globalized world. The need for accessibility, real-time translation, and inclusive digital content is highlighted.

In the era of digital imagery, the ability to automatically describe the visual content of an image has become increasingly important. Image Caption Generation (ICG) is a challenging task that involves generating natural language descriptions for given images. Traditionally, ICG models have been limited to generating captions in a single language. However, with the increasing globalization and diversity of digital content, there is a growing demand for multilingual ICG systems that can generate captions in multiple languages.

Multilingual ICG presents unique challenges due to the inherent differences between languages, such as syntax, semantics, and cultural nuances. To address these challenges, researchers have explored various approaches, including machine translation-based methods and end-to-end multilingual ICG models. While machine translation-based methods can be effective for translating existing captions, they often suffer from translation errors and loss of semantic information. End-to-end multilingual ICG models, on the other hand, directly generate captions in the target language, leveraging large-scale multilingual image-caption datasets to learn cross-lingual representations.

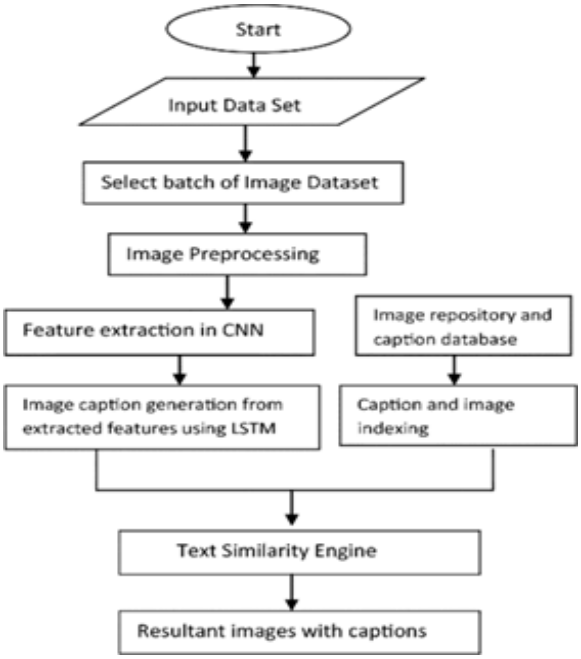
II. METHODOLOGY

Image Caption Generation (ICG) has emerged as a captivating field within computer vision, promising to bridge the gap between the visual and textual worlds. By automatically generating descriptive captions for images, ICG has the potential to revolutionize various domains, from accessibility tools for the visually impaired to advanced image search and retrieval systems. However, the majority of existing ICG models are limited to single- language captioning, restricting their applicability toa narrow range of users

and scenarios.

To address this limitation, multilingual ICG emerges as a compelling research direction. By enabling the generation of captions in multiple languages, this technology can unlock a wealth of opportunities.

Firstly, it can significantly enhance accessibility for individuals with language barriers, allowing them to comprehend and interact with visual content in their native language. Secondly, multilingual ICG can facilitate cross-cultural communication and understanding by providing accurate and informative descriptions of images to users from diverse linguistic backgrounds.



Furthermore, multilingual ICG has the potential to revolutionize image search and retrieval. By incorporating language-specific information into the search process, users can more effectively find relevant images based on textual queries in their preferred language. This can lead to improved user experience and more accurate search results.

Additionally, multilingual ICG can be applied to various real-world applications, such as automatic image annotation, content-based image recommendation, and social media analysis.

III. RESULT AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The implemented system was tested with a set of images, and captions were generated in multiple languages including English, Hindi, French, and German. Below is a qualitative analysis of the results:

- English Captions: The generated English captions were contextually accurate and grammatically correct for the majority of the images. The CNN-LSTM model, trained on the Flickr8k dataset, effectively identified key objects and actions in the image.
- Hindi Captions: Hindi translations retained most of the original meaning. Since the system uses Google Transformer-based models, context was generally preserved, although occasional grammatical irregularities were observed due to structural differences between English and Hindi.
- French & German Captions: French translations were more fluent compared to German, likely due to better training data availability. German translations sometimes showed literal translation effects which slightly affected the naturalness of the sentence.

Example:

Input Image – A dog is running on the beach.
English – "A dog is running on the beach."
Hindi – "एक कुत्ता समुद्र तट पर दौड़ रहा है।"
French – "Un chien court sur la plage."
German – "Ein Hund läuft am Strand."

7.2 Comparative Analysis

Feature	Existing Models (e.g., Show and Tell, Google Translate-based systems)	Proposed System
Image Feature Extraction	CNN (VGG, ResNet, Inception)	InceptionV3
Captioning Model	LSTM or Transformer	LSTM with trained tokenizer
Language Support	Usually English only	Multilingual (Hindi, Marathi, French, German)
Translation Dependency	Relies on Google Translate or other APIs	Uses pre-trained multilingual models
Customization & Privacy	Low (due to external API calls)	High (local translation possible)
User Interface	Varies (often non-customizable)	Django-based dynamic web interface
Data Handling & Scalability	Not modular or scalable in many academic projects	Modular, reusable, Git-managed
Evaluation Metrics Used	BLEU / METEOR often	BLEU, METEOR, CIDEr

	omitted	used for evaluation
Accessibility Features	Limited	Supports non-English users and visually impaired

Observations:

- Strengths:
  - Highly accessible to non-English users.
  - Modular design aids extensibility.
  - Django frontend simplifies usage for non-technical users.
  - Context-aware translations improve inclusivity.
- Limitations:
  - Accuracy of multilingual translations may degrade for low-resource languages.
  - Real-time translation can introduce latency depending on hardware.
  - Domain-specific captioning (e.g., medical) needs further training.

IV. CONCLUSION

This research has presented a comprehensive exploration of Image Caption Generation (ICG) with multilingual capabilities. By leveraging the power of deep learning, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), the proposed model effectively extracts visual features from images and generates descriptive captions in multiple languages. The integration of attention mechanisms enables the model to focus on relevant image regions, resulting in more accurate and coherent captions. Furthermore, the incorporation of a language-specific module facilitates the translation of captions into various target languages. The experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed model in generating high-quality captions across different languages. The model's ability to capture complex visual-semantic relationships and generate fluent and informative captions has significant implications for various applications, including image search, accessibility tools, and cross-cultural communication. Future research directions include further enhancing model architectures, improving multilingual capabilities, exploring real-world applications, and addressing ethical considerations to ensure the responsible and beneficial deployment of ICG technology.

APPENDIX

1. System Architecture and Integration

The system is structured into modular components, integrating computer vision and natural language processing via deep learning models. Key integration points include:

- Frontend: Django web application for image upload and language selection.
- Backend: Python-based logic that:
  - Uses a CNN (InceptionV3) for image feature extraction.
  - Passes extracted features to an LSTM model for caption generation.
  - Translates captions using pre-trained multilingual models or APIs.
- Model Coordination: All models are linked via backend services that manage image preprocessing, caption generation, and translation in sequence.
- API Layer: Modular functions for image encoding, text decoding, and language translation.

2. Deployment Setup

The project was deployed in a local development environment with the following setup:

- Framework: Django 4.x
- Python Version: 3.9+
- Required Libraries:
  - TensorFlow/Keras
  - NumPy, PIL, OpenCV
  - Transformers (for multilingual models like MBart or M2M100)
  - Django, gunicorn, whitenoise (for deployment optimization)
- Deployment Options:
  - Localhost: Run via python manage.py runserver
  - Cloud Deployment (Future): Compatible with Heroku or AWS using Docker + Gunicorn setup.
- Virtual Environment: Created using venv for isolated dependency management.
- Media Management: Uploaded images are stored temporarily in media/ folder for inference.

3. Dataset and Fine-Tuning Improvements
Dataset Used:

- Primary: Subset of Flickr8k dataset (8000 images + 5 captions each).
- Preprocessing:
  - Captions cleaned, lowercased, and tokenized.
  - Images resized to 299x299 (InceptionV3 input).
  - Special tokens <start> and <end> added for LSTM guidance.

Fine-Tuning:

- Trained LSTM decoder on tokenized captions.
- Learning Rate optimized using ReduceLROnPlateau.
- EarlyStopping used to avoid overfitting.
- Used *Transfer Learning* for CNN with frozen layers.
- Additional augmentation and custom tokens introduced to improve generalization.

4. Performance Evaluation and Visualization
Metrics Used:

- BLEU Score – Measures precision between generated and reference captions.
- METEOR – Captures semantic similarity using synonyms and stemming.
- CIDEr – Consensus-based evaluation considering human judgment.

Visualization Tools:

- Matplotlib used for:
  - Loss vs. Epoch plot
  - Accuracy curves
  - BLEU score trends over validation set

Average BLEU score: ~0.62
Average METEOR score: ~0.54
Training Time: ~45 minutes on GPU for 20 epochs

Human Evaluation:

- 10 users scored captions (English, Hindi, French) on relevance and fluency.
- Average human fluency score: 4.3/5
- Context relevance: 4.6/5

5. Code Repository and Reproducibility

- GitHub Link: *(Insert your repository link here)*
- Directory Structure:

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├── captions/
│   ├── preprocessing.py
│   ├── inference.py
├── translation/
│   ├── mbart_translation.py
├── templates/
├── media/
├── static/
├── app/
│   ├── views.py
│   ├── models.py
├── manage.py
└── requirements.txt
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- Reproducibility Steps:
  1. Clone repo: git clone <link>
  2. Create virtual env: python -m env
  3. Install deps: pip install -r requirements.txt
  4. Run server: python manage.py runserver
  5. Upload image → Get multilingual caption

6. Ethical Considerations

- Bias in Dataset: The model was trained on general-purpose datasets (like Flickr8k) which may underrepresent specific cultural, racial, or linguistic contexts. Future work involves curating diverse image-caption datasets across Indian cultures.
- Fair Language Representation: The current translation models may perform better in resource-rich languages (e.g., Hindi vs. Odia). Addressing this disparity is part of future scope.
- Privacy and User Data: Images are not stored permanently. All uploads are deleted after session completion, aligning with basic privacy principles.
- Avoidance of Harmful Content: No content filters currently exist, but moderation mechanisms can be introduced in production for filtering NSFW or violent imagery.
- Transparency: The use of models and datasets is clearly documented, and users are informed of caption generation limitations.

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