

# Visual Attention Model for Name Tagging in Multimodal Social Media

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### Introduction



# **Trending of Social Media**

#### TOP SOCIAL PLATFORMS







# Name Tagging

• What is Name Tagging?

[org France] defeated [org Croatia] in [мізс World Cup] final at [Loc Luzhniki Stadium].

### • Why important?

- Provide inputs to downstream applications
- Searching
- Recommendation
- Knowledge graph construction





# Challenges of Name Tagging in Social Media



Real Madrid midfielder Toni Kroos has revealed why he snubbed Cristiano Ronaldo's birthday party, following their humiliating derby defeat to Atletico Madrid.

#### Read: Khedira Doesn't Regret Attending CR7's Party

Ronaldo received a lot of criticism for hosting his birthday party just hours after his side lost 4-0 to Atletico, and although Kroos understands it was difficult to cancel the party, he feels the timing wasn't right.

"I was invited to Cristiano Ronaldo's party. I didn't go because I knew what could happen," he told German TV station ZDF.

"It wasn't the moment to have a party after losing 4-0 against Atletico. It's also true that many people had been invited and cancelling it wouldn't have been easy."

The 25-year-old, who won the World Cup with Germany in Brazil, also insisted that recent media reports of a Real Madrid 'crisis' were thrown out of proportion.

"We should take a step back and look at the whole picture in the face of what is being said. We have only lost the one game," Kroos added.

"I think that many teams would love to suffer a crisis like ours. Of course we should be criticised if we play a bad game, as we did that day, without doubt."

#### Read: Barca in Trouble For "Drunk Ronaldo" Chants?

Kroos joined Los Blancos for €30 million last summer and started all but two games for Real, assisting 12 goals and scoring one.

Do you think Real Madrid will return to their form from before Christmas? Have your say in the comments section below.

#### **News VS Tweet**

 Limited Textual Context
 Performs much worse on social media data



#### CR7 or TK8





# Challenges of Name Tagging in Social Media

- Language Variations
  - I luv juuustin 오
- Bad segmentation
- Alison wonderlandxDiploxjuaz B2B ayee'
  - Within word white spaces

#### LETS GO L A K E R S





# Utilization of Vision





Modern Baseball played an intimate surprise set at Shea

Karl-Anthony Towns named unanimous 2015-2016 NBA Rookie of the Year

#### Difficult cases based on text only





### **Task Definition**



Colts Have 4th Best QB Situation in NFL with Andrew Luck #ColtStrong

Multimedia Input: image-sentence pair

[ORG Colts] Have 4th Best QB Situation in [ORG NFL] with [PER Andrew Luck] #ColtStrong

Output: tagging results on sentence





### Overview



# Our work

- Sequence Labeling Model
  - Bidirectional Long-short-term-memory-networks (BLSTM)
    - Word representations Generations
  - Conditional-random-fields (CRF)
    - Joint tags prediction
  - State-of-the-art for news articles (Lample et al. 2016)
- Visual attention model (Bahdanau et al., 2014)
  - Extract visual features from image regions that are most related to accompanying sentence
- Modulation Gate before CRFs
  - Combine word representation with visual features based on their relatedness





### Model



# **Overall Framework**





#### Sequence Labeling—BLSTM-CRF (Lample et al. 2016)



$$i_t = \sigma(W_{xi}x_t + W_{hi}h_{t-1} + b_i)$$

$$f_t = \sigma(W_{xf}x_t + W_{hf}h_{t-1} + b_f)$$

$$\tilde{c}_t = tanh(W_{xc}x_t + W_{hc}h_{t-1} + b_c)$$

$$c_t = f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tilde{c}_t$$

$$o_t = \sigma(W_{xo}x_t + W_{ho}h_{t-1} + b_o)$$

$$h_t = o_t \odot tanh(c_t)$$

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 $x_t, c_t$  and  $h_t$  are the input, memory and hidden state at time t respectively.  $W_{xi}, W_{hi}, W_{xf}, W_{hf}, W_{xc}, W_{hc}, W_{xo}$  and  $W_{ho}$  are weight matrices.  $\odot$  is the element-wise product functions and  $\sigma$ is the element-wise sigmoid function



#### Attention Model for Text Related Visual Features Localization





## Modulation Gate





### Experiments



### Dataset

- Snap Caption Dataset and Twitter DataSet (image+text)
- Topics: Sports, concerts and other social events
- Named Entity Types: Person, Organization, Location and MISC

		Training	Develement	Testing
Snap	Sentence	4,817	1,032	1,033
	Tokens	39,035	8,334	8,110
Twitter	Sentence	4,290	1,432	1,459
	Tokens	68,655	22,872	23,051

Size of the dataset in numbers of sentences and tokens





### Results

Model	Snap Captions			Tweets		
	Precision	Recall	F1	Precision	Recall	F1
BLSTM-CRF	57.71	58.65	58.18	78.88	77.47	78.17
+Global Image Vector	61.49	57.84	59.61	79.75	77.32	78.51
+Visual Attention	65.53	57.03	60.98	80.81	77.36	79.05
Gate controlled visual attention	66.67	57.84	61.94	81.62	79.90	80.75



### **Attention Visualization**



 (a). [PER Klay Thompson] [ORG Warriors] overwhelm [ORG TrailBlazers] 110-99 go up 2-0 in series



(b). [PER Radiohead] offers old and new at first concert in four years...



(c). [MISC Cannes] just became the [PER Blake Lively] show #Cannes2016 @[PER blakelively]



(d). #iPhoneAt10: How [PER Steve Jobs] and [ORG Apple] changed modern society



(e). [PER Florence and the Machine] surprises ill teen with private concert



(f). [ORG Warriorette] Basketball Campers ready for Day 2



(g). Is defending champ [PER Sandeul] able to win for the third time on '[MISC Duet Song Festival]'?



(h). Shirts at the ready for our hometown game today #[ORG Leicester] #pgautomotive #[ORG premierleague]



(i). ARMY put up a huge ad in [LOC Times Square] for [PER BTS] '4th anniversary!





# Error analysis







Very drunk in a #magnum concert





Looking forward to editing some SBU baseball shots from Saturday.

Poor Alignment between Image and Sentence

Korver] during 1st half #NBAFinals #Cavsin9 # [LOC Cleveland]

#### Blur Images

#### Wrong Visual Attention





### Future Work



#### Joint Multimodal Grounding and Name Tagging



#### [PER CR7] & [PER Messi] shake hands

#### • Fine Grained Name Tagging



San Francisco Giants



New York Giants Giants won the game



**Belfast Giants** 





# **Thank You.**



### **Questions?**

