Supplementary material of Can Pre-training help VQA with Lexical Variations?

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1 Question Length Analysis on VQA2.0 and VQA-Rephrasing dataset

As described in Section 4 of the paper, we computed question lengths for samples in training data of VQA2.0, validation data of VQA2.0, and VQA-Rephrasings. Fig. 1 presents question length distribution for all three subsets. It can be seen that the data distribution of VQA2.0-train is similar to VQA2.0-val as compared to the distribution of VQA-Rephrasings. Therefore, current VQA models perform well for samples drawn from VQA2.0val and fail to perform well on rephrasings split of VQA-Rephrasings.



Figure 1: Dataset statistics about the number of questions (in percentage) with varying lengths for three subsets of VQA namely training and validation data of VQA2.0, and VQA-Rephrasings.

2 Comparison of full question and only keywords from question embeddings.

As described in Section 4.3 of the paper, we compared SBERT and GRU embeddings for S1 with S2 using cosine similarity. S1 is a question from

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VQA-Rephrasing dataset and S2 is an ordered sequence of keywords obtained from S1. Fig 2 shows the distribution of number of samples in similarity range defined on x-axis. It can be clearly seen that SBERT embeddings are more in higher ranges of cosine similarity as compared to GRU embeddings. Therefore, it can be concluded that pre-trained language encoders (SBERT) latch on keywords.



Figure 2: Distribution of cosine similarity of sentence S1 and S2. S1 is a question from VQA-Rephrasing dataset and S2 is an ordered sequence of keywords obtained from S1.