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Task: Multimodal Intent Recognition

Leverage Multimodal Information (text, video, audio) to Recognize Human Intentions in Conversations



Fig 1. Examples from our MIntRec2.0 Dataset.

Challenges in the Literature

Disadvantages in Existing Multimodal Intent Resources:

- The dataset scale is small.
- There is a lack of multimodal context and multi-party information.
- Out-of-scope (OOS) utterances in multimodal conversations are neglected.

| Datasets | #I | #U | Conv. Scenes | Conv. Type | OOS | Multi-Party | T | V | A |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------|--------------|-------------|-----|-------------|---|---|---|
| ATIS (Tür et al., 2010) | 17 | 6,371 | ✓ | Single-turn | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Snips (Coucke et al., 2018) | 7 | 14,484 | ✓ | Single-turn | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| CLINC150 (Larson et al., 2019) | 150 | 23,700 | ✓ | Single-turn | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| MDID (Kruk et al., 2019) | 7 | 1,299 | ✗ | - | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Intentionomy (Jia et al., 2021) | 28 | 14,455 | ✗ | - | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| MIntRec (Zhang et al., 2022a) | 20 | 2,224 | ✓ | Single-turn | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| MIntRec2.0 | 30 | 15,040 | ✓ | Multi-turn | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Tab 1. Comparison between Different Multimodal Intent Datasets.

The MIntRec2.0 Dataset

Key Features:

- Large scale: MIntRec: 2K→MIntRec2.0: 15K.
- Multiple speakers: 34 main characters from 3 TV series.
- Multi-turn conversations: Involves 30 intents and one OOS tag.
- Multimodal information: Text, video, and audio modalities.

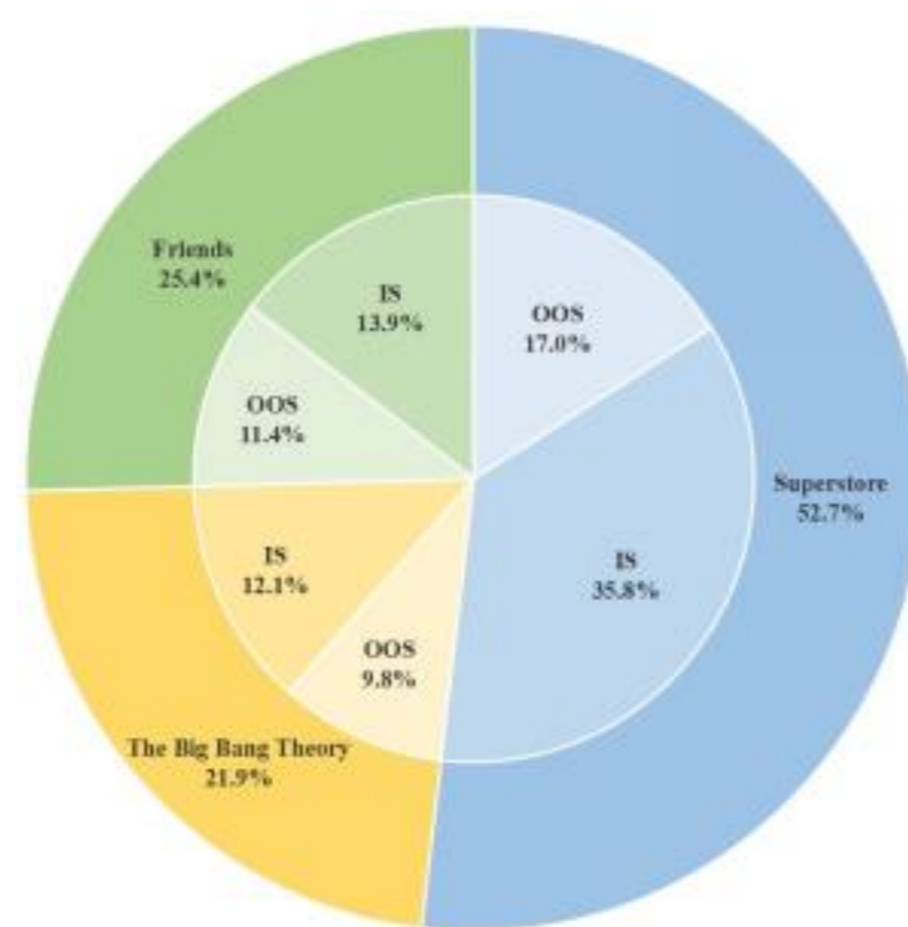


Fig 2. In-scope and Out-of-scope Data Distribution.

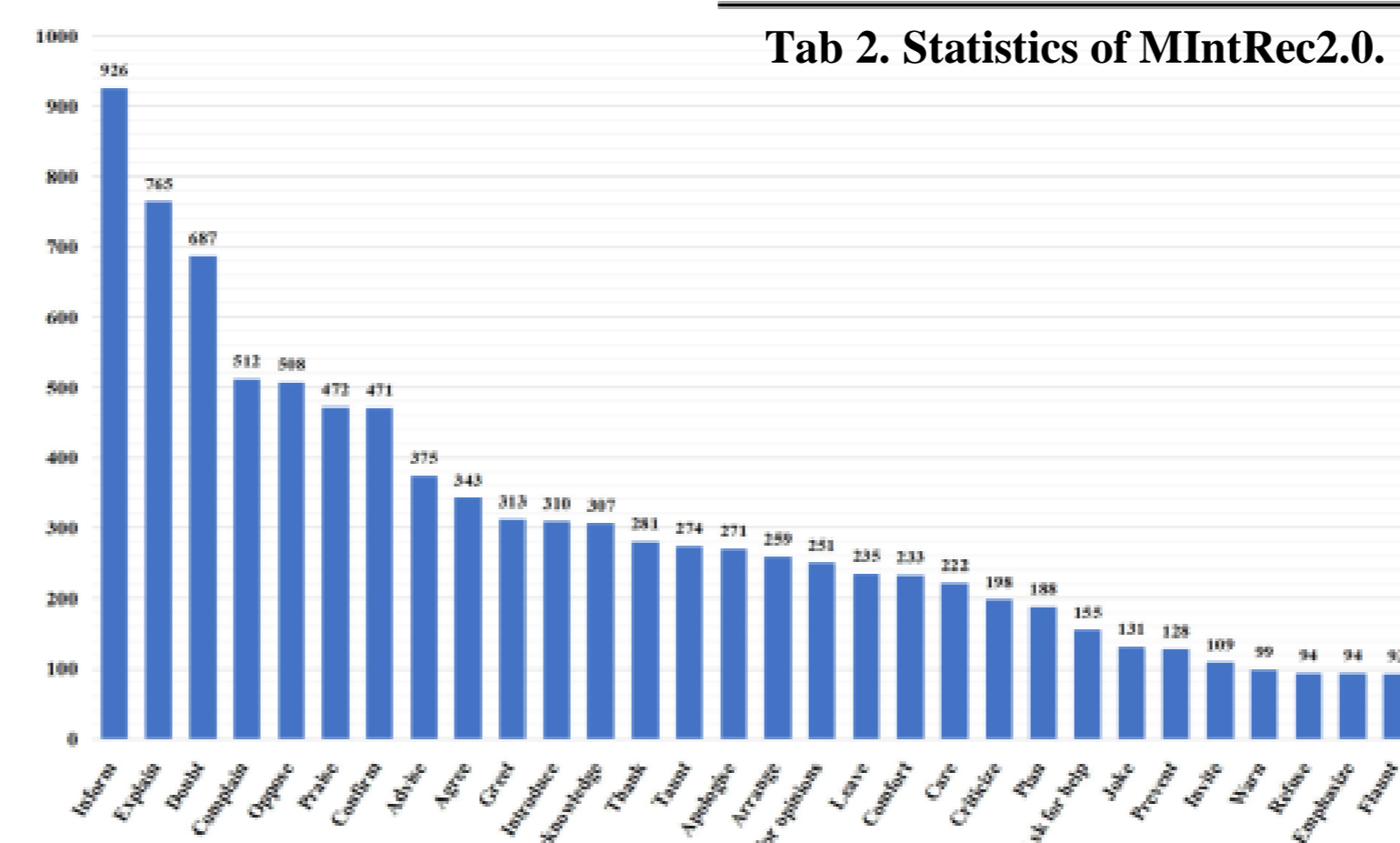


Fig 3. Intent Distribution.

| Item | #D | #U | #U (In-scope) | #U (Out-of-scope) |
|------------|-------|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total | 1,245 | 15,040 | 9,304 | 5,736 |
| Training | 871 | 9,989 | 6,165 | 3,824 |
| Validation | 125 | 1,821 | 1,106 | 715 |
| Testing | 249 | 3,230 | 2,033 | 1,197 |

Tab 2. Statistics of MIntRec2.0.

Benchmark Framework

Supports:

- Processing of multimodal information in both single-turn and multi-turn conversations.
- Various multimodal fusion methods.
- In-scope classification and out-of-scope detection.

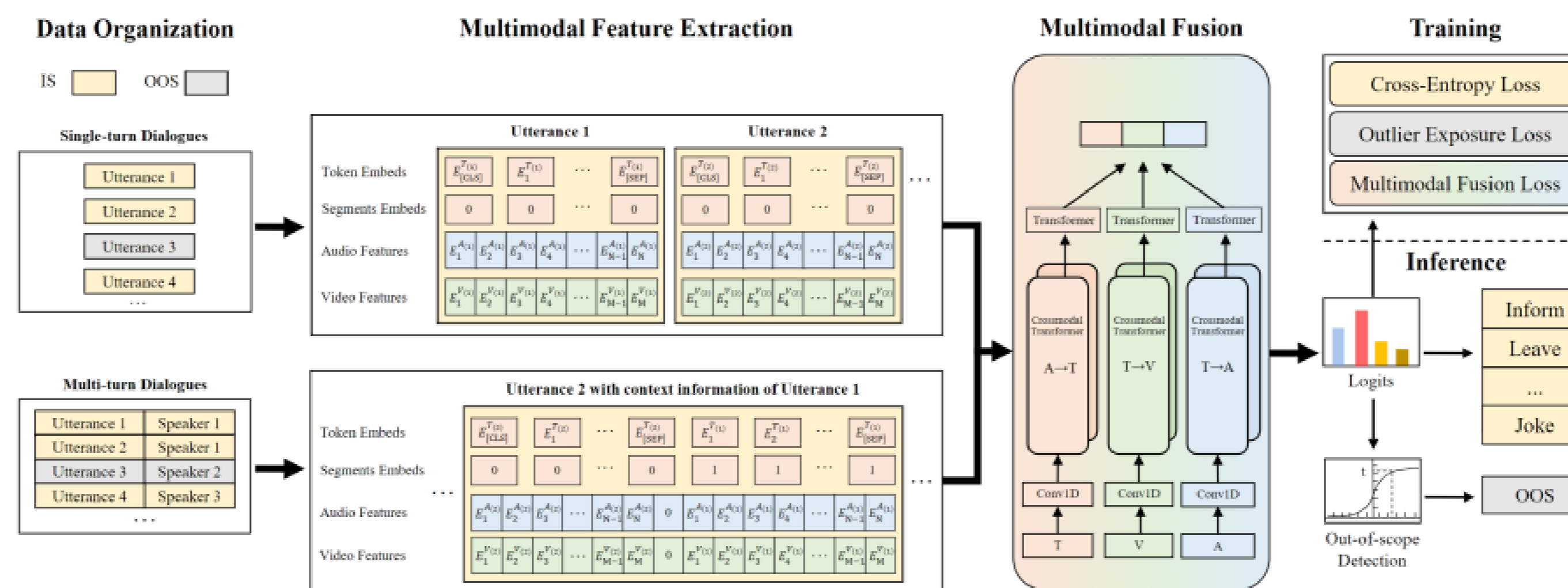


Fig 4. A Pipeline of our Algorithm Framework for Multimodal Intent Recognition.

Experiments and Results

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Tab 3. Data Splits of MIntRec2.0.

| Methods | In-scope | | | In-scope + Out-of-scope | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | ACC | WFI | WP | ACC | F1-OOS | F1 |
| MAG-BERT-10 | 9.82 | 11.58 | 13.34 | 34.28 | 50.57 | 3.75 |
| ChatGPT-0 | 35.27 | 37.10 | 48.22 | 27.68 | 21.21 | 28.34 |
| ChatGPT-10 | 34.53 | 36.39 | 49.27 | 29.72 | 27.85 | 28.41 |
| Humans-10 | 64.34 | 67.82 | 72.80 | 60.43 | 62.83 | 57.83 |
| Humans-100 | 71.03 | 75.63 | 81.83 | 71.86 | 75.41 | 69.49 |

Tab 4. Performance of ChatGPT and humans.

| Train | Methods | In-scope Classification | | | | | | In-scope + Out-of-scope Classification | | | |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | F1 | P | R | ACC | WFI | WP | F1-IS | ACC | F1-OOS | F1 |
| w/o OOS | TEXT | 51.60 | 55.47 | 51.31 | 59.30 | 58.01 | 58.85 | 43.37 | 43.24 | 30.40 | 42.96 |
| | MAG-BERT | 55.17 | 57.78 | 55.10 | 60.58 | 59.68 | 59.98 | 46.48 | 44.80 | 34.03 | 46.08 |
| | Δ(MAG-BERT) | 3.57↑ | 2.31↑ | 3.79↑ | 1.28↑ | 1.67↑ | 1.13↑ | 3.11↑ | 1.56↑ | 3.63↑ | 3.12↑ |
| | MuT | 54.12 | 58.02 | 53.77 | 60.66 | 59.55 | 60.12 | 45.65 | 46.14 | 38.57 | 45.42 |
| w OOS | TEXT | 52.08 | 54.57 | 52.11 | 59.99 | 58.62 | 58.65 | 45.83 | 55.61 | 61.54 | 46.34 |
| | MAG-BERT | 53.64 | 54.84 | 53.79 | 60.12 | 59.11 | 58.83 | 47.52 | 56.20 | 62.47 | 48.00 |
| | Δ(MAG-BERT) | 1.56↑ | 0.27↑ | 1.68↑ | 0.13↑ | 0.49↑ | 0.18↑ | 1.69↑ | 0.59↑ | 0.93↑ | 1.66↑ |
| | MuT | 52.72 | 56.45 | 52.56 | 60.18 | 58.82 | 59.38 | 46.88 | 56.00 | 61.66 | 47.35 |
| w OOS | Context TEXT | 53.61 | 54.46 | 54.10 | 59.04 | 58.69 | 59.27 | 46.42 | 56.12 | 63.56 | 46.98 |
| | Context MAG-BERT | 53.89 | 55.72 | 54.21 | 59.84 | 59.41 | 60.22 | 46.74 | 56.20 | 62.52 | 47.25 |
| | Δ(Context MAG-BERT) | 0.28↑ | 1.26↑ | 0.11↑ | 0.80↑ | 0.72↑ | 0.95↑ | 0.32↑ | 0.08↑ | 1.04↓ | 0.27↑ |
| | Context MuT | 53.96 | 54.91 | 54.15 | 59.48 | 59.33 | 60.04 | 46.45 | 56.07 | 62.93 | 46.98 |
| w OOS | Δ(Context MuT) | 0.35↑ | 0.45↑ | 0.05↑ | 0.44↑ | 0.64↑ | 0.77↑ | 0.03↑ | 0.05↓ | 0.63↓ | 0.00 |

Findings:

Tab 5. Benchmark Baseline Results.

- Multimodal information can enhance in-scope classification and out-of-scope detection in single-turn conversations.
- Existing methods struggle to fully leverage multimodal contexts and out-of-scope utterances as prior knowledge.
- Humans can achieve significant improvements (over 30% accuracy) compared to ChatGPT in the same few-shot scenarios.

Resources and Contacts

MIntRec2.0: A LARGE-SCALE BENCHMARK DATASET FOR MULTIMODAL INTENT RECOGNITION AND OUT-OF-SCOPE DETECTION IN CONVERSATIONS

Paper Link:

Datasets and codes are Opensourced! Welcome stars and forks!

GitHub Link:

MIntRec2.0 is the first large-scale dataset for multimodal intent recognition and out-of-scope detection in multi-party conversations (ICLR 2024)

Python

Hi! I am Hanlei Zhang, a fourth-year PhD candidate at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

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