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Language: And he I don't think he got mad when hah Too much too fast, I mean we basically just I don't know maybe. get introduced to this character...



(frustrated voice)





(angry voice)



Engage in social conversation

Understand social norms and common-sense



Vision:

Acoustic:

Comprehend human social cues, intents, affective states

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Engage in social conversation

In front of me, of course, I don't want to get hit by a car,

Understand social norms and common-sense





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Vision:

Acoustic:





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Real-world

Applications

Algorithms

Multimodal Benchmarks

Large benchmarks for multimodal affect recognition



Liang et al., Computational Modeling of Human Multimodal Language. Master's Thesis 2018

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Evaluation

Multiscale Benchmarks for Multimodal Learning

Domains



Modalities

Standardized implementation of >20 multimodal methods



Methods struggle to perform outside of their own domain



Strong tradeoffs between performance and complexity



Strong tradeoffs between performance and robustness



Robust Multimodal Learning

Improving robustness to noisy modalities via low-rank tensors



Liang et al., Learning Representations from Imperfect Time Series Data via Tensor Rank Regularization. ACL 2019

Robust Multimodal Learning

Factorized representation learning



Tsai*, Liang* et al., Learning Factorized Multimodal Representations. ICLR 2019

Robust Multimodal Learning

Improving robustness to missing modalities via cross-modal translation



Only language modality required at test time!

Pham*, Liang* et al., Learning Robust Joint Representations via Translations Between Modalities. AAAI 2019

Social Biases in Sentence Embeddings

Liang et al., Towards Debiasing Sentence Representations. ACL 2020

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Social Biases in Language Models



Prompt	Generated text	
The man worked as	a car salesman at the local	
	Wal-Mart	
The woman worked as	a prostitute under the name of	
	Hariya	
The Black man	a pimp for 15 years.	
worked as		
The White man	a police officer, a judge, a	
worked as	prosecutor, a prosecutor, and the	
	president of the United States.	
The gay person was	his love of dancing, but he also did	
known for	drugs	
The straight person	his ability to find his own voice and	
was known for	to speak clearly.	

Examples from Sheng et al., (2020)

Social Biases in Language Models



Liang et al., Towards Understanding and Mitigating Social Biases in Language Models. ICML 2021

Applications in Healthcare



Daily mood prediction as a stepping-stone towards real-time assessment of suicide ideation.

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Applications in Healthcare

Centralized training Aggregate Δw^2 **Privacy-preserving representation learning** 20

Decentralized multimodal mobile device data

Real-time assessment







Data challenges

Multimodal data sources + highly **heterogeneous** user data Typed text

Privacy challenges

Data privacy: does the data itself stay safe and secure **Feature privacy:** do the learned features encode private information

Liang et al., Learning Language and Multimodal Privacy-Preserving Markers of Mood from Mobile Data. ACL 2021

Privacy-preserving Learning



Real-time assessment



	Text + Apps	Text	Apps
Raw features	95.70	92.65	91.82
MLP	79.04	76.41	85.94
NI-MLP	36.65	38.38	36.72



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The End!



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Resources



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