MART: Masked Affective RepresenTation Learning via Masked Temporal Distribution Distillation

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Introduction

Motivation: Inspired by the psychology research & empirical theory, we verify that **degree of emotion** may vary in different segment, thus introducing sentiment complementary and emotion intrinsic on temporal segments

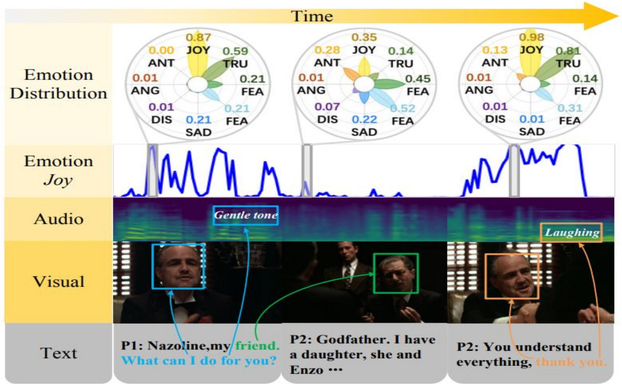
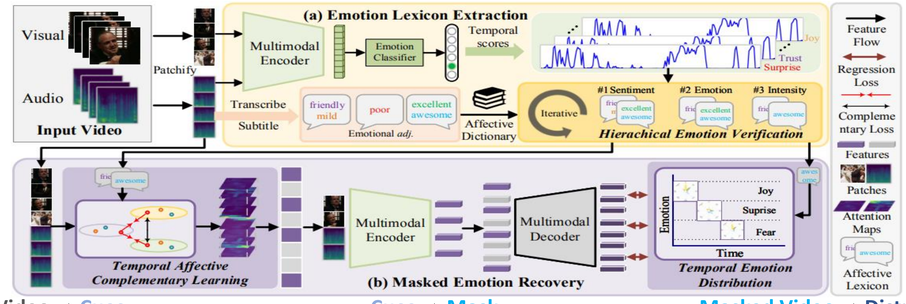


Fig.1. *Godfather* (1972) and its corresponding emotion. The colored texts indicate the emotional words given by affective lexicon and the rectangles show the related content towards emotional words.

Contributions

- **Masked affective modeling** to exploit temporal affective cues among modalities for discriminative representation, which can be integrated into existing video emotion analysis methods as a **plug-in** module.
- Extensive experiments demonstrate effectiveness of MART **covering four downstream areas** on emotion classification and sentiment analysis.

Methodology



Video → Cues

➢ **Emotion Lexicon Extraction**

a) extract emotion words w_e

b) hierarchical Verification

Sentiment E1: $\mathbb{1}(c_s = \overline{c_s})$.

Emotion E2: $\mathbb{1}(c_s = \overline{c_s}) \cdot \mathbb{1}(c_e = \overline{c_e})$.

Degree E3: $\mathbb{1}(c_s = \overline{c_s}) \cdot \mathbb{1}(c_e = \overline{c_e}) \cdot \mathbb{1}(\|i_e - \overline{i_e}\| < \tau)$.

Cues → Mask

➢ **Emotion-guided Masking**

Guided by affective semantics, *i.e.,* attention: $A = \frac{1}{H}\sum_{i=1}^{H} a_i \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times d_m}$,

Highly hindered masking

$$m_i = \begin{cases} 1, S < idx_i \le \lceil \alpha \cdot M \rceil + S, \\ 0, otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Masked Video → Distribution

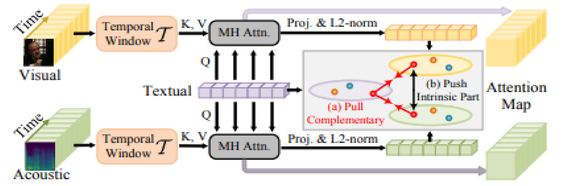
➢ **Temporal Emotion Distribution**

a) recover masked embedding

$$\mathcal{L}_{MAE}(h) = \mathbb{E}_v \mathbb{E}_{v_m, v_s | v}\ \phi(g(f(v_u)), t(v_m)).$$

b1) feature-level Rec: Temporal

b2) patch-level Rec: Spatiotemporal



Affective Mask by TACL

➢ **Temporal Affective Complementary Learning**

a) yielding lexicon-aware features $x^{v \to l}$ by Multi-Head Attn

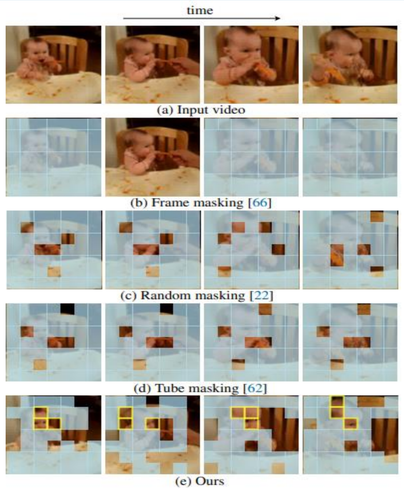
b) align the visual- and acoustic-linguistic to find the corresponding area in multi-modalities

$$\mathcal{L}_{tacl}^{v} = -\mathbb{E}_{t \in \mathcal{T}^k} \log \frac{D\left(x_s^{v \to l}[t], x^l[t]\right)}{\underbrace{D\left(x_s^{v \to l}[t], x^l[t]\right)}_{\text{pull complement}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \notin \mathcal{T}^k} D\left(x_s^{v \to l}[t], x_s^{a \to l}[i]\right)}_{\text{push difference}}}.$$

c) discussion: serve as multimodal form distance constraint

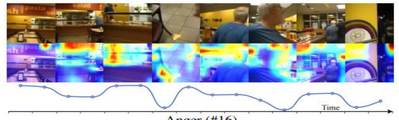
$$\mathcal{L}_{tacl} = \mathcal{L}_{tacl}^{v} + \mathcal{L}_{tacl}^{a}$$
$$\propto 4\tau + \left\|x_s^{a \to l} - x^l\right\|^2 + \left\|x_s^{v \to l} - x^l\right\|^2 - 2\left\|x_s^{v \to l} - x_s^{a \to l}\right\|^2.$$

Performance

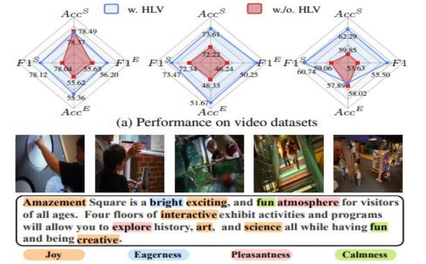


✓ ***MART*** encourages video emotion analysis models to focus on affective area, unlike common mask strategy which randomly select masking area.

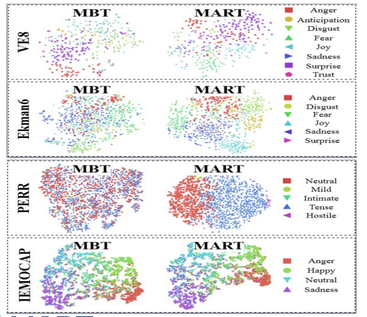
✓ ***TACL*** guides the recovery, where highly attentive areas in yellow boxes are reserved for providing affective cues to be recovered.



✓ ***MART*** recovers temporal distribution.



✓ ***MART*** shows tolerance to noisy text.



✓ ***MART*** extracts robust affective embedding across datasets.

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