

Poetry Generation

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Overview

- Poetry obeys rhythmic and rhyme constraints, and the usage of the word includes more randomness than other text generation tasks
- In this work, we are training a language model to do **text generation tasks for poetry** in order to further explore the generation patterns.
- At the end, we are going to let the model use images and tags to generate poetry

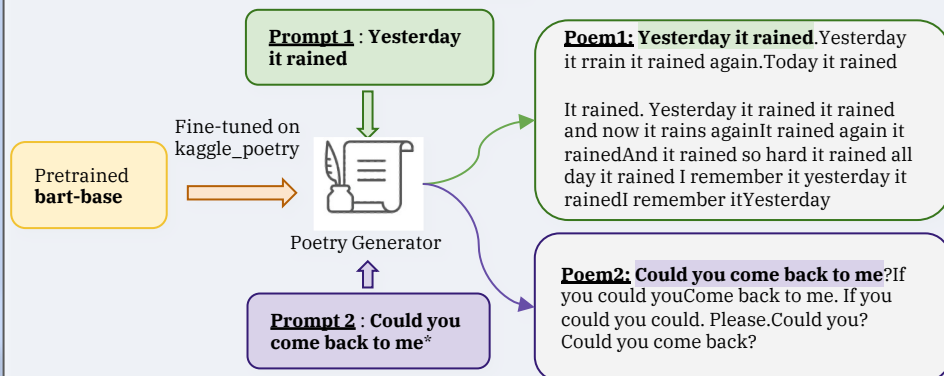
Background

- Prior works mainly focus on generating poems following certain meters and rhythm.
- This often includes with techniques to impose the meter and rhyme constraints at inference time like using finite-state automata to discard invalid candidates (Ghazvininejad et al., 2016) and using two different pretrained models separately for encoder and decoder (Hämäläinen et al., 2022).

Data

	Poems number	Features
kaggle.poetry	15652	Title, Author, Poems

Results

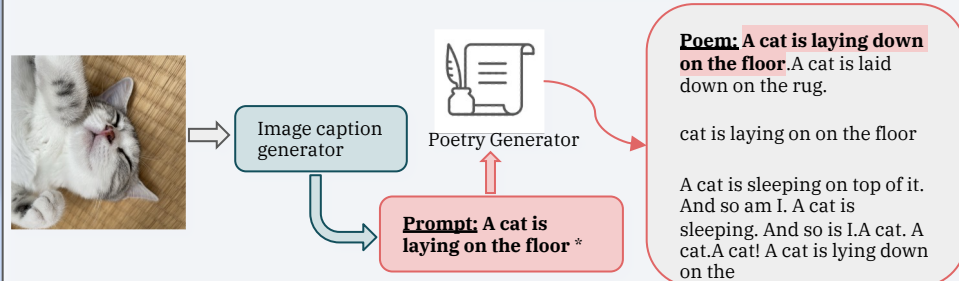


*first verse from Douglas, Douglas, Tender and True

Discussion

- The resulting poems of fine-tuning a pre-trained model is very repetitive, which is common in text generation tasks.
- Some conjectures think that it is caused by the model architectures (Holtzman et al. 2020; Vig 2018)
- Or the gap between sampling methods and the real human language (Holtzman et al. 2020)
- Or the trait of our language is repetitive (Fu et al., 2021)

Future Work



*generated by <https://huggingface.co/spaces/SRDdev/Image-Caption>

- Improve the model to generate prompts from images and use the prompts to write poems.
- Other pre-trained models can be tried to solve the repetition problems, as well as using two neural models for encoder and decoder. Also, rhythm and style of poems can be considered.