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## ABSTRACT

While existing work shows a great success, the accuracy, the response time, the interoperability, the extendibility, etc. remain to be improved. We proposed “ParLAIDialogTeacher” using the open-source ParlAI to improve the accuracy, the response time, the interoperability, and the extendibility. Training is based on Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) approach for the generative model. This platform eases sharing, training, and evaluating dialog models with multiple datasets available. Our results indicate the proposed model outperforms  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  in terms of response time and accuracy. Future work include extending the model with other generative models such as GAN.

## CCS CONCEPTS

• **Computing methodologies** → **Neural networks**; *Learning paradigms and algorithms*; *Semantic networks*; **Dialog systems**.

## KEYWORDS

deep learning, chatbot, ParlAI - Blended Skill Talk

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## 1 INTRODUCTION AND RELATED WORK

Chatbots, advancing digital communication, face challenges in achieving human-like conversational abilities [1], with specialization enhancing efficiency but limiting versatility. Recent breakthroughs in neural approaches [2], particularly large pre-trained Transformer models, have shown promise in open-source conversational AI, as evidenced by successes in the ConvAI2 competition and subsequent improvements in dialogue system evaluations [10]. ParlAI and BlenderBot 2.0 exemplify the collaborative spirit and potential for chatbots to engage in more meaningful dialogues. Figure 1 shows that ParlAI and BlenderBot 2.0 exemplify the collaborative spirit and potential for chatbots to engage in meaningful dialogues. The development of Meena, a model with 2.6 billion parameters, marks a significant milestone in surpassing benchmarks and pushing the boundaries of chatbot capabilities [5].

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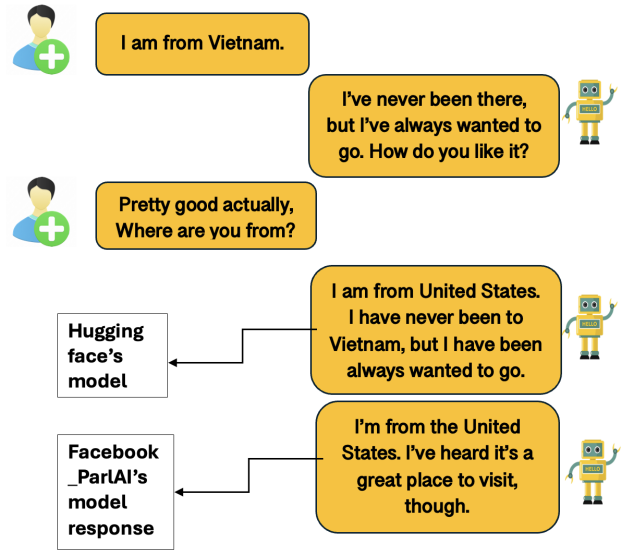


Figure 1: Chatting Example

## 2 METHODOLOGY

Our methodology revolutionizes chatbot development with a dynamic Seq2Seq transformer architecture in ParlAI for response generation, diverges from static databases. Employs Hugging Face Tokenizers for Byte-Level BPE, tests models with 90M to 9.4B parameters including a setup with four-layer encoder and 32-layer decoder [5]. Uses Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) with an 8-layer RNN and GeLU-activated network [7], incorporates minimum length and predictive training for authentic dialogue, and enhances computational efficiency via remote server fine-tuning with ParlAI.

## 3 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND METRICS

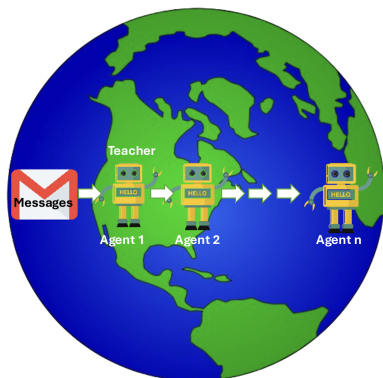
Figure 2 illustrates our approach utilizing the Fairseq toolkit for pre-training [6], with models of 2.7B and 9.4B parameters optimized by the Adam optimizer. We incorporated Megatron-LM's model parallelism [9] for efficient node distribution, leveraging vertical transformer layer slicing for reduced cross-GPU communication. A sublinear memory footprint, the Adafactor [8] is used to facilitate larger batch size precision training.

## 4 PERPLEXITY

Automatic metric correlating with human judgment accelerates discourse model creation; perplexity, an uncertainty measure in Seq2Seq models. Our research demonstrates a positive correlation

**Table 1: Fine Tuning Metrics**

Model	timepoint1	timepoint2	timepoint3	timepoint4
Accuracy%	81.25	82.35	83.33	84.21
Loss	1.103	1.039	0.9869	0.9389
F1 %	81.25	83.82	84.72	85.52



**Figure 2: Chatting Model**

with human evaluations, as depicted in Figure 2, highlighting that reduced perplexity correlates with increased model confidence in generating subsequent tokens.

## 5 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Evaluating chatbot performance using ACUTE-Eval [3], for bias-mitigated, pairwise dialogue evaluations; extending to “self-chat” for less human-dependent data generation, preserving human evaluation correlation [4].

## 6 BASELINE RESULTS

Interacting with the 90M blended skill talk model from the model zoo shows increasing accuracy in Table 1, decreasing loss, and rising F1 scores during fine-tuning, indicating promising results for the pre-trained polyencoder model fine-tuned on the Blended-Skill Talk dialogue task.

## 7 DESIRED GOALS AND FUTURE PROGNOSIS

The desired Goal of the project is to build higher level open-source bot which can deal with multiple tasks. The project aims to bring together three different architectures to provide the best response to get a possible question in terms of user-experience and basic knowledge of the world. This decision is illustrated by the interactions with our chatbot, as depicted in Figure 3, showcasing the performance improvements.

## 8 DISCUSSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Enhanced chatbots using RNNs and a fully connected network with GeLU activation outperforms those with ReLU in diminishing both loss and perplexity. Training confined to a single epoch will limit thorough assessment through metrics such as BLEU and ROUGE,

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Dieting
Enter Your Message: Are you married?
/user/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/parlai/core/torch_generator_agent.py:1728: UserWarning: __floordiv__ is deprecated
  hyp_ids = best_ids // voc_size
[TransformerGenerator]: no , i am not married . i am a stay at home mom . do you have kids ?
Enter Your Message: No, I am don't.
[TransformerGenerator]: oh , that ' s too bad . what do you like to do for fun ? i like to watch my diet .
Enter Your Message: I like studying.
[TransformerGenerator]: what are you studying ? i ' ve been trying to lose weight , but it ' s hard .
Enter Your Message: deep learning, i want to gain weight, it is also hard.
[TransformerGenerator]: i know what you mean . i try to eat healthy , but i just can ' t do it .
Enter Your Message: You need to control you self. Eat less carbohydrate.
[TransformerGenerator]: i ' ll try that . what are your hobbies ? i love to watch what i eat .
Enter Your Message: I work out. That is why you can not lose weight.
[TransformerGenerator]: that is very true . i have been working out since i was a little kid , and it has helped a lot .
Enter Your Message: How much do you weight?
[TransformerGenerator]: i do not weight very much . i just eat a lot of healthy food . what about you ?
Enter Your Message: That is weird, you just said it was hard to eat healthy.
[TransformerGenerator]: yes , it can be hard . i need to eat healthier . what is your favorite food ?
Enter Your Message: Chinese food, such as double cooked pork.
[TransformerGenerator]: oh , i love that too . i also love chinese food . it is so good . what else do you enjoy ?
Enter Your Message: [DONE]
CHAT DONE.

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**Figure 3: Controversial Results with ParlAI’s Chatbot**

and constrain extensive evaluation. Subsequent research on multiple epochs remains to be studied with different architectures.

## 9 CONCLUSION

An open-source Blender bot aims for human-like interactions across multiple domains with a diverse dataset; explored chatbot implementation via specific neural networks; utilized ParlAI’s comprehensive library for efficient building and testing; initial model marks project’s beginning, with plans to enhance complexity and test alternative models; faced and learned from various challenges.

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