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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes a novel framework for automatic scoring of English writing that combines a Fusion Language Content Attention Model (FLCAM) with an innovative fusion strategy to improve scoring accuracy and interpretability. The FLCAM captures the intricate interplay between semantic meaning and structural organization by integrating language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings. Using a pre-trained language model, the system transforms tokens into semantic representations while structural embeddings encode grammatical and organizational relationships within the text. Through a multimodal encoder and a graphical propagation layer, the model dynamically learns contextual dependencies, enabling comprehensive analysis of writing quality across multiple linguistic dimensions. The proposed fusion strategy aligns content attention and structural representations through a balanced optimization process. It leverages a joint objective function to weight both semantic and structural contributions, while an adaptive feedback mechanism refines attention and embedding parameters iteratively. This process ensures model adaptability across diverse writing styles and proficiency levels. Experimental results demonstrate that the fusion-based framework achieves superior performance compared to existing systems, offering higher precision, consistency, and robustness. By effectively combining content comprehension with structural evaluation, this approach provides a more holistic and transparent method for assessing English writing, representing a significant step forward in automated evaluation technology.

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1 Introduction

The automatic scoring of English writing is a critical task in educational technology, aiming to provide accurate and efficient assessments of students' writing skills¹. Traditional methods of evaluation often face challenges such as subjectivity and inconsistency, which can compromise the quality of assessments. Automated systems help address these issues by offering reliable, objective scoring, and providing immediate feedback, which significantly enhances the learning process². Moreover, these systems contribute to maintaining consistency in evaluations, which are often undermined by human biases in manual assessments³. The increasing demand for scalable educational solutions further underscores the necessity of such systems, especially for accommodating large populations of students⁴. Automated scoring systems also enable personalized learning by identifying areas where individual students need improvement, facilitating targeted interventions that can optimize their learning. Therefore, developing robust models for the automatic scoring of English writing is essential for advancing educational practices and improving learning outcomes.

Early efforts to automate the scoring of English writing primarily focused on rule-based systems that encoded explicit linguistic rules and grammatical structures, attempting to replicate the decision-making process of human evaluators⁵. While effective in capturing surface-level features of language, these systems often struggled with the subtleties of human writing, such as context and creativity, which are crucial for assessing writing quality⁶. Additionally, these systems required significant manual effort to update and maintain, which limited their scalability and adaptability to diverse writing styles⁷. Despite these limitations, rule-based approaches laid the groundwork for understanding the complexities of language and paved the way for more advanced automatic scoring technologies⁸. As the limitations of rule-based systems became increasingly evident, researchers shifted toward data-driven approaches that leveraged large datasets to train models capable of identifying patterns in writing samples⁹. These statistical models offered more flexibility and scalability than their predecessors, and machine learning techniques, particularly supervised learning, demonstrated improved ability to capture the nuances of language and variations in writing style¹⁰. However, these models faced challenges due to their reliance on labeled data, which is both costly and time-consuming to obtain¹¹. Additionally, they sometimes struggled to generalize across different contexts, leading to

inconsistencies in scoring. Despite these challenges, data-driven approaches significantly enhanced the accuracy and efficiency of automatic scoring systems, laying the foundation for even more sophisticated methods in later years¹². The advent of deep learning and pre-trained models has significantly advanced the field of automatic scoring¹³. Deep learning techniques, such as neural networks, enable the learning of complex language representations, capturing both syntactic and semantic features with remarkable precision¹⁴. Pre-trained models, like BERT and GPT, utilize large amounts of unlabeled data to develop rich language embeddings, excelling at understanding context and producing coherent evaluations¹⁵. While these models achieve unprecedented accuracy in scoring, they are computationally demanding and require considerable resources for both training and deployment¹⁶. Additionally, their "black-box" nature often hinders interpretability, making it difficult to explain the rationale behind scoring decisions. Despite these challenges, deep learning and pre-trained models have propelled automatic scoring technologies forward, providing powerful tools for evaluating English writing.

Building on the limitations of these approaches, we propose a novel solution that integrates language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings to improve automatic writing assessment. Our method enhances the interpretability of deep learning models by incorporating attention mechanisms that emphasize key language features, ensuring transparency in the scoring process. Additionally, the use of structural embeddings enables our approach to capture the intricate relationships between different components of writing, ensuring a more comprehensive evaluation of writing quality. This fusion model not only enhances scoring accuracy but also provides scalability and adaptability across various writing contexts. By addressing the challenges of previous methods, our approach offers a robust, interpretable solution for automatic scoring.

This approach offers several distinct advantages. First, it integrates language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings, thereby improving both the interpretability and the accuracy of the scoring process. Second, the fusion model is highly efficient and adaptable across various writing contexts, ensuring that evaluations remain consistent regardless of the type or style of writing. Finally, experimental results demonstrate significant improvements in scoring precision and reliability, providing strong validation of the effectiveness of our method. This approach offers several distinct advantages, which can be summarized as follows:

- Our approach integrates language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings, enhancing both interpretability and scoring accuracy.
- The fusion model demonstrates high efficiency and adaptability across various writing contexts, ensuring consistent evaluations.
- Experimental results indicate significant improvements in scoring precision and reliability, providing strong validation of the effectiveness of our method.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Language Content Attention Mechanisms

Language content attention mechanisms have emerged as a pivotal component in the realm of natural language processing, particularly in tasks that require nuanced understanding and generation of text¹⁷. These mechanisms are designed to mimic the human cognitive process of selectively focusing on specific parts of the input data, thereby enhancing the model's ability to capture relevant information and context¹⁸. In the context of automatic scoring of English writing, attention mechanisms play a crucial role in evaluating the semantic and syntactic quality of the text¹⁹. The foundation of attention mechanisms lies in their ability to assign different weights to different parts of the input data, allowing the model to prioritize certain words or phrases over others. This is particularly useful in writing assessment, where the quality of content is often determined by the coherence, relevance, and depth of the ideas presented. By focusing on key elements of the text, attention mechanisms can effectively evaluate the writer's ability to convey complex ideas and arguments. Recent advancements in attention mechanisms have led to the development of sophisticated models such as the Transformer, which utilizes self-attention to process input data in parallel, rather than sequentially. This has significantly improved the efficiency and accuracy of language models, making them more adept at handling large volumes of text data. In the context of English writing assessment, these models can be trained to recognize patterns and structures that are indicative of high-quality writing, such as the use of varied vocabulary, complex sentence structures, and logical flow of ideas. Moreover, attention mechanisms can be integrated with other components of language models, such as embeddings and neural networks, to enhance their performance²⁰. By combining attention with structural embeddings, models can gain a deeper understanding of the text's grammatical and syntactic features, which are essential for accurate scoring. This fusion of techniques allows for a more comprehensive evaluation of writing quality, taking into account both the content and structure of the text. The application of language content attention mechanisms in automatic scoring systems has the potential to revolutionize the way writing is assessed, providing a more objective and consistent evaluation process. As these models continue to evolve, they offer promising avenues for further research and development in the field of natural language processing and writing assessment.

2.2 Structural Embeddings in NLP

Structural embeddings have become a cornerstone in the field of natural language processing, offering a robust framework for representing linguistic structures in a form that can be easily processed by machine learning models²¹. These embeddings capture the syntactic and grammatical nuances of language, providing a rich representation that goes beyond mere word-level semantics²². In the context of automatic scoring of English writing, structural embeddings are instrumental in evaluating the organization and coherence of the text²³. The concept of structural embeddings is rooted in the idea that language is not just a collection of words, but a complex system of interrelated components that convey meaning through their arrangement and relationships. By encoding these structural elements into a numerical format, embeddings allow models to analyze and interpret the underlying patterns and rules that govern language use. This is particularly important in writing assessment, where the quality of a text is often determined by its structural integrity and logical flow. One of the key advantages of structural embeddings is their ability to capture hierarchical relationships within the text, such as the dependency between clauses and the organization of ideas²⁴. This enables models to assess the coherence and cohesion of the writing, identifying areas where the text may lack clarity or logical progression. In addition, structural embeddings can be used to evaluate the use of grammatical constructs, such as verb tenses, conjunctions, and punctuation, which are critical for effective communication. Recent developments in structural embeddings have focused on enhancing their ability to represent complex linguistic phenomena, such as idiomatic expressions and figurative language. By incorporating these elements into the embedding framework, models can gain a deeper understanding of the text's stylistic and rhetorical features, which are often indicative of high-quality writing. This allows for a more nuanced evaluation of the writer's skill and creativity. The integration of structural embeddings with other components of language models, such as attention mechanisms and neural networks, offers a powerful approach to automatic scoring of English writing. By combining these techniques, models can achieve a comprehensive analysis of the text, taking into account both its content and structure. This fusion of methods provides a more accurate and reliable assessment of writing quality, paving the way for advancements in automated writing evaluation systems.

2.3 Automatic Scoring Systems Development

The development of automatic scoring systems for English writing has been a focal point of research in the field of educational technology and natural language processing²⁵. These systems aim to provide an objective and efficient means of evaluating writing quality, leveraging advanced computational techniques to analyze and score text based on predefined criteria²⁶. The integration of language content attention mechanisms and structural embeddings represents a significant advancement in this domain, offering a more holistic approach to writing assessment²⁷. Automatic scoring systems are designed to mimic the evaluation process of human raters, taking into account various aspects of writing such as content, organization, style, and mechanics. By utilizing machine learning models, these systems can process large volumes of text data, providing rapid and consistent scoring that is free from human bias. This is particularly beneficial in educational settings, where timely feedback is crucial for student development and learning. The incorporation of language content attention mechanisms into automatic scoring systems enhances their ability to evaluate the semantic and syntactic quality of the text. These mechanisms allow models to focus on key elements of the writing, such as the relevance and depth of ideas, the use of varied vocabulary, and the logical flow of arguments. This targeted analysis provides a more accurate assessment of the writer's ability to convey complex concepts and engage the reader²⁸. Structural embeddings further augment the capabilities of automatic scoring systems by providing a detailed representation of the text's grammatical and syntactic features. This enables models to assess the organization and coherence of the writing, identifying areas where the text may lack clarity or logical progression. By capturing the hierarchical relationships within the text, structural embeddings allow for a comprehensive evaluation of the writing's structural integrity. The fusion of language content attention mechanisms and structural embeddings in automatic scoring systems offers a promising approach to writing assessment, providing a more nuanced and reliable evaluation process. As these systems continue to evolve, they hold the potential to transform the way writing is assessed, offering valuable insights into the quality and effectiveness of written communication. This advancement in automated scoring technology represents a significant step forward in the field of educational assessment and natural language processing.

3 Methodology

3.1 Theoretical Motivation for FLCAM

This study presents a comprehensive framework for the automatic scoring of English writing, integrating both semantic and structural dimensions to achieve more accurate and interpretable assessments. The proposed model builds upon deep learning techniques that combine content-based attention with structural representations, enabling a balanced understanding of linguistic meaning and textual organization. By capturing the interaction between lexical, syntactic, and discourse-level features, the framework aims to simulate the evaluative depth of human scoring while maintaining the efficiency and consistency of automated systems. The model is designed not only to enhance scoring precision but also to provide analytical insight into

the writing process, contributing to the development of intelligent educational technologies for English language learning and evaluation.

The foundation of this approach is established in Section 3.2, where the problem of automatic writing assessment is formally defined through the integration of linguistic content attention and structural embeddings. Building on this foundation, Section 3.3, titled *Fusion Language Content Attention Model*, introduces a multimodal encoder architecture that transforms input text into rich semantic and structural representations. The model leverages a pre-trained language model to extract contextual embeddings while constructing a structural embedding matrix to capture grammatical and organizational relations. Through a graphical propagation layer, attention weights are dynamically assigned to tokens, allowing the system to focus on salient textual features relevant to writing quality. Expanding upon this framework, Section 3.4, titled *Innovative Fusion Strategy*, details a joint optimization mechanism that unifies content attention and structural embeddings via a balanced loss function. This strategy employs adaptive feedback loops to iteratively refine both attention and embedding parameters, improving the model's robustness across diverse writing styles and proficiency levels. Collectively, these sections establish a cohesive methodology that advances automated English writing evaluation by harmonizing semantic understanding with structural analysis, resulting in a system that demonstrates superior scoring accuracy, interpretability, and adaptability.

3.2 Preliminaries

This section formalizes the problem of automatic scoring of English writing by integrating language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings. The approach leverages linguistic content analysis and structural representation to evaluate written text comprehensively.

Consider a set of documents $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$, where each document d_i comprises a sequence of sentences $S_i = \{s_{i1}, s_{i2}, \dots, s_{im}\}$. Each sentence s_{ij} consists of a sequence of words $W_{ij} = \{w_{ij1}, w_{ij2}, \dots, w_{ijk}\}$. The objective is to assign a score y_i to each document d_i that reflects its quality based on content and structural features.

To capture linguistic content, an attention mechanism is defined over the words in each sentence. Let α_{ijk} denote the attention weight for the word w_{ijk} . The attention mechanism is expressed as:

$$\alpha_{ijk} = \frac{\exp(e_{ijk})}{\sum_{k'} \exp(e_{ijk'})} \quad (1)$$

Here, e_{ijk} represents the alignment score between the word w_{ijk} and the sentence context, computed using a function f that considers both the word embedding $\mathbf{v}_{ijk}$ and the sentence embedding $\mathbf{u}_{ij}$:

$$e_{ijk} = f(\mathbf{v}_{ijk}, \mathbf{u}_{ij}) \quad (2)$$

The sentence embedding $\mathbf{u}_{ij}$ is derived from the sequence of word embeddings $\{\mathbf{v}_{ij1}, \mathbf{v}_{ij2}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{ijk}\}$ using a recurrent neural network (RNN) or a transformer model.

For structural representation, embeddings capture the syntactic and semantic structure of the document. Let $\mathbf{z}_i$ be the structural embedding of document d_i , obtained by aggregating sentence embeddings $\{\mathbf{u}_{i1}, \mathbf{u}_{i2}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{im}\}$ using a hierarchical model:

$$\mathbf{z}_i = g(\{\mathbf{u}_{i1}, \mathbf{u}_{i2}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{im}\}) \quad (3)$$

The function g combines the sentence embeddings, potentially using attention or pooling mechanisms.

The final score y_i for document d_i is computed as a function of both content attention and structural embeddings:

$$y_i = h(\{\alpha_{ijk} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ijk}\}, \mathbf{z}_i) \quad (4)$$

The scoring function h integrates the weighted content features and the structural representation to produce a comprehensive evaluation.

This formulation enables systematic analysis of the document by focusing on significant content elements while considering overall structural coherence. The method aims to enhance the accuracy and reliability of automatic scoring systems by combining these complementary aspects. Subsequent sections will detail the model and strategy that operationalize this approach.

3.3 Fusion Language Content Attention Model

In this section, we introduce the Fusion Language Content Attention Model (FLCAM), a novel approach designed to enhance the automatic scoring of English writing by integrating language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings. As shown in Figure 1, The FLCAM is structured to effectively capture the nuanced interplay between linguistic content and structural features, thereby providing a comprehensive assessment of writing quality.

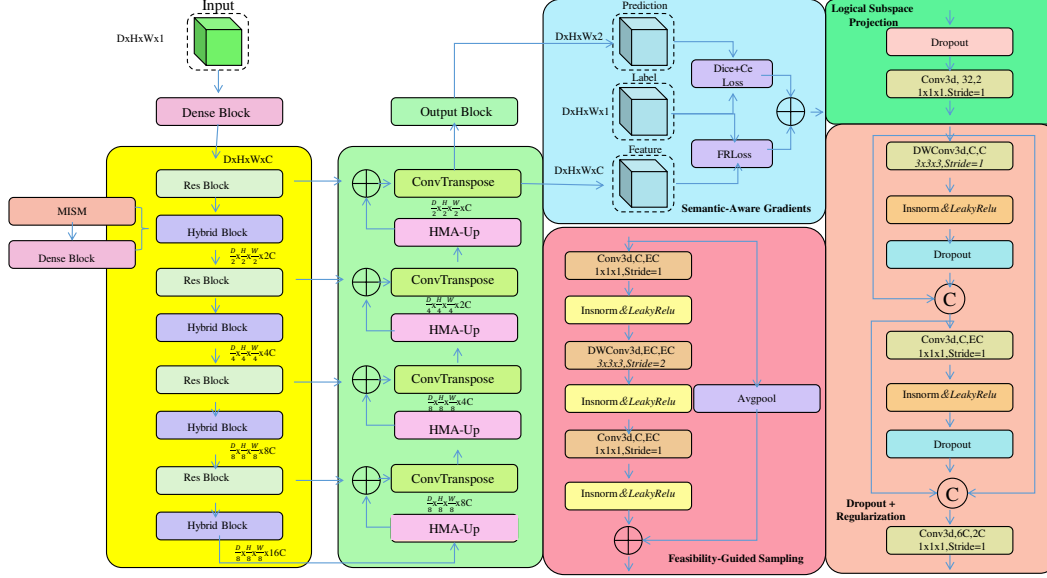


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Fusion Language Content Attention Model. The Fusion Language Content Attention Model (FLCAM) is a unified multimodal framework that fuses linguistic content and structural embeddings to enhance automatic English writing assessment, where textual inputs are encoded into dense language and syntactic representations that interact through hierarchical attention and graphical propagation to capture semantic and grammatical dependencies, and the integrated features are aggregated via global pooling and fully connected layers to produce robust, interpretable, and accurate scoring of writing quality.

Multimodal Encoder Architecture : The model begins by representing each piece of writing as a sequence of tokens, denoted as $\mathbf{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, where n is the number of tokens. Each token x_i is embedded into a high-dimensional space using a pre-trained language model, resulting in embeddings $\mathbf{E} = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$. To incorporate structural information, we define a structural embedding matrix $\mathbf{S}$ that captures syntactic and grammatical features. This matrix is constructed using a combination of part-of-speech tagging, dependency parsing, and other linguistic annotations. As shown in Figure 2, resulting in a feature vector s_j for each token x_j . The integration of these embeddings forms a multimodal representation that serves as the foundation for subsequent processing stages.

Graphical Propagation Layer : The core of the FLCAM is the attention mechanism, which computes attention scores α_{ij} for each pair of tokens (x_i, x_j) . These scores are derived from a compatibility function $f(e_i, e_j, s_i, s_j)$ that evaluates the relevance of token x_j to token x_i based on both content and structural embeddings. The attention scores are normalized using a softmax function:

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp(f(e_i, e_j, s_i, s_j))}{\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(f(e_i, e_k, s_i, s_k))} \quad (5)$$

The attended representation $\mathbf{A}_i$ for each token x_i is computed as a weighted sum of the embeddings of all tokens, modulated by the attention scores:

$$\mathbf{A}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} e_j \quad (6)$$

This layer effectively propagates information across the token graph, allowing the model to capture complex dependencies and interactions between different parts of the text.

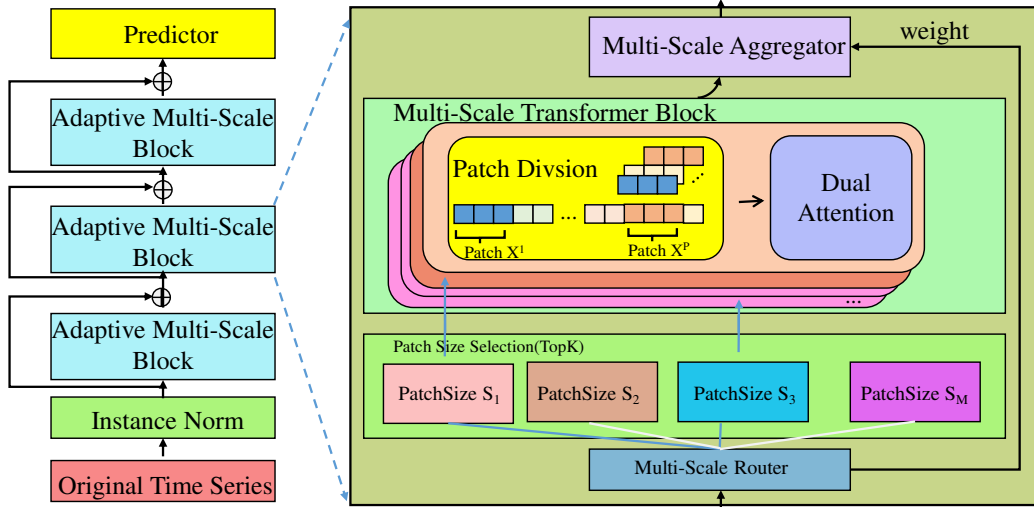


Figure 2. Schematic diagram of the Multimodal Encoder Architecture. The figure illustrates a Multimodal Encoder Architecture that integrates adaptive multi-scale processing and transformer-based attention to capture complex temporal and structural dependencies. Starting from the original time series, the model applies instance normalization followed by a stack of adaptive multi-scale blocks that extract features at different temporal resolutions. These features are routed through a multi-scale transformer block, where patch division and dual attention mechanisms enable the model to focus on both local and global patterns. The multi-scale router dynamically selects the most relevant patch sizes, while the aggregator fuses information across scales to produce a unified representation. The predictor module synthesizes these representations to generate accurate, context-aware predictions.

Global Representation and Scoring : Next, we aggregate the attended representations $\mathbf{A} = \{\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n\}$ to form a global representation $\mathbf{G}$ of the writing sample. This aggregation is performed using a pooling operation, such as average pooling or max pooling, to capture the overall content and structural characteristics:

$$\mathbf{G} = \text{pool}(\mathbf{A}) \quad (7)$$

The global representation $\mathbf{G}$ is then passed through a series of fully connected layers to predict the writing score y . The layers are designed to capture complex interactions between content and structure, and the final output layer uses a sigmoid or softmax activation function to produce the score:

$$y = \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{b}) \quad (8)$$

where $\mathbf{W}$ and $\mathbf{b}$ are the weights and biases of the final layer. The FLCAM is trained using a dataset of writing samples with known scores, optimizing the model parameters to minimize the difference between predicted and actual scores. The loss function used is typically mean squared error (MSE) for regression tasks or cross-entropy for classification tasks. The Fusion Language Content Attention Model leverages the strengths of attention mechanisms and structural embeddings to provide a robust framework for automatic scoring of English writing, capturing both the content and structural intricacies of the text.

3.4 Innovative Fusion Strategy

In the realm of automatic scoring of English writing, the integration of language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings presents a novel approach to enhance the accuracy and reliability of scoring systems. Our innovative fusion strategy leverages the strengths of both components to address the complexities inherent in evaluating written content. This section delineates the strategic framework employed to achieve this integration, highlighting the unique design elements that contribute to its effectiveness. As shown in Figure 3.

Multimodal Encoder Architecture : The primary challenge in automatic scoring lies in the ability to accurately assess the nuanced aspects of language use, including grammar, coherence, and stylistic elements, while simultaneously considering the structural organization of the text. Traditional models often struggle to balance these aspects, leading to discrepancies in scoring

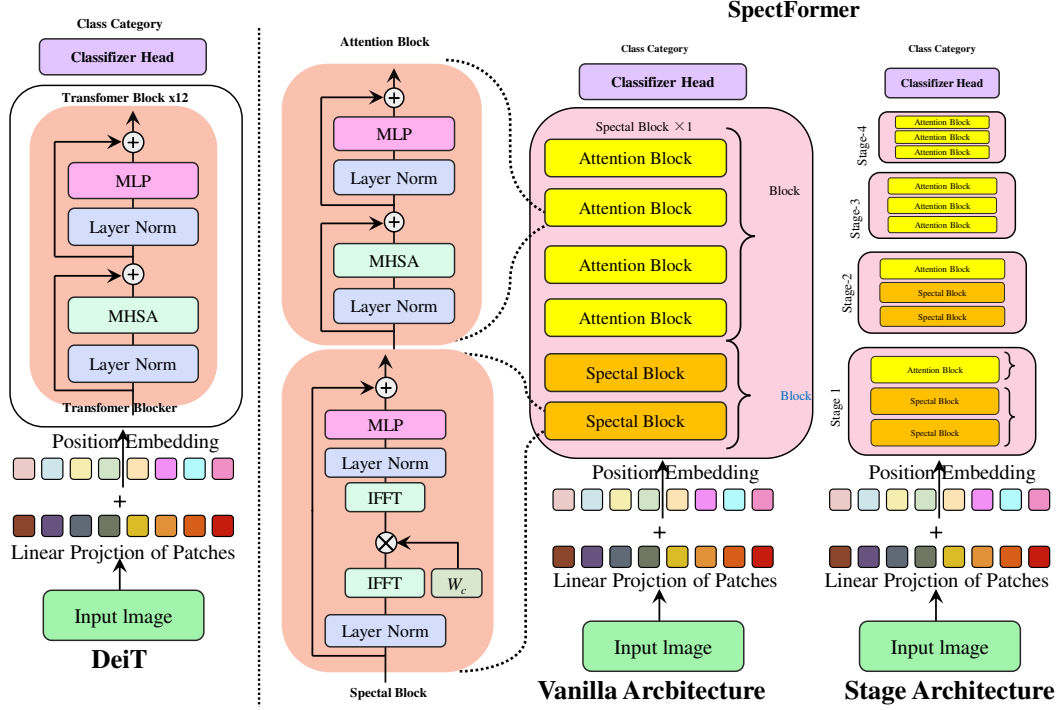


Figure 3. Schematic diagram of the Innovative Fusion Strategy. This figure presents the Multimodal Encoder Architecture, illustrating the integration of dynamic recognition, physiological constraints, and multi-scale representation within a unified framework. On the left, the Dynamic Recognition Network employs a transformer-based design with multi-head attention, layer normalization, and feed-forward modules to extract high-level linguistic features from the input. The central section introduces Physiological Constraints, where the Feature Editor dynamically refines representations across tasks through adaptive modules (Qorv, A, B) that capture both shared and task-specific attributes. This section emphasizes cross-task learning under controlled feature modulation. On the right, the Multi-Scale Representation module combines outputs using softmax and L1 norm sparse constraints to enhance interpretability and discrimination across raters. Together, these interconnected components create a robust system capable of modeling linguistic, structural, and evaluative dimensions for automatic scoring and text understanding.

accuracy. Our strategy circumvents these limitations by employing a dual-layered approach that synergizes content-focused attention mechanisms with robust structural embeddings. The content attention mechanism is designed to dynamically prioritize key linguistic features within the text, such as syntactic structures, semantic coherence, and lexical richness. This is achieved through a sophisticated attention model that assigns varying weights to different segments of the text based on their relevance to the overall writing quality. The mechanism is formulated as follows:

$$A(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \cdot f(x_i) \quad (9)$$

where $A(x)$ represents the attention score for the text x , α_i denotes the attention weight for the i -th segment, and $f(x_i)$ is the feature extraction function applied to segment x_i . Complementing the content attention mechanism, the structural embeddings provide a comprehensive representation of the text's organizational framework. These embeddings capture the hierarchical and sequential relationships between different parts of the text, facilitating a deeper understanding of its structural integrity. The embedding process is mathematically expressed as:

$$E(x) = \text{Embed}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \cdot g(x_j) \quad (10)$$

where $E(x)$ is the structural embedding of text x , β_j is the embedding weight for the j -th structural component, and $g(x_j)$ is the structural feature extraction function.

Graphical Propagation Layer : The fusion of these two components is orchestrated through a strategic alignment process that ensures the seamless integration of content and structure. This is achieved by optimizing a joint objective function that balances the contributions of both mechanisms:

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \lambda_1 \cdot A(x) + \lambda_2 \cdot E(x) \quad (11)$$

where $\mathcal{L}(x)$ is the overall scoring function, and λ_1 and λ_2 are hyperparameters that control the influence of content attention and structural embeddings, respectively. Our strategy also incorporates a feedback loop that iteratively refines the attention weights and embedding parameters based on scoring outcomes, thereby enhancing the model's adaptability to diverse writing styles and contexts. This iterative refinement is governed by a gradient descent optimization process:

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \cdot \nabla \mathcal{L}(x) \quad (12)$$

where θ represents the model parameters, η is the learning rate, and $\nabla \mathcal{L}(x)$ is the gradient of the scoring function.

4 Experimental Setup

4.1 Hardware and Software Configuration

Hardware: The experiments were conducted on an NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU (32GB memory), which supports efficient deep learning training. To ensure the efficiency and reproducibility of the experiments, each training batch used 64 samples.

Software: The experiments were implemented using the Python programming language, with PyTorch for building and training neural network models, CUDA 11.1 for GPU acceleration, and NumPy and Pandas for data processing and analysis.

4.2 Training Environment

The training environment configuration is as follows:

- Batch Size: 64 (to balance memory usage and computational efficiency)
- Epochs: 50 epochs (based on early convergence observation)
- Learning Rate: Initially set to 0.001, decayed to 0.0001 after 10 epochs
- Data Augmentation: Random cropping, horizontal flipping, and color perturbation were applied to the training data to increase diversity and improve model generalization.

Table 1. Training Environment Configuration

Hyperparameter	Value
Batch Size	64
Epochs	50
Learning Rate	0.001 (decayed to 0.0001 after 10 epochs)
Data Augmentation	Random cropping, horizontal flipping

4.3 Evaluation Metrics

To comprehensively evaluate the performance of the FLCAM model, we used the following metrics:

- **Accuracy:** Measures the proportion of correctly predicted samples.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{True Positives} + \text{True Negatives}}{\text{Total Samples}}$$

- **Precision:** Measures the proportion of correctly predicted positive samples out of all predicted positive samples.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{\text{True Positives} + \text{False Positives}}$$

- **Recall:** Measures the proportion of correctly predicted positive samples out of all actual positive samples.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{\text{True Positives} + \text{False Negatives}}$$

- **F1 Score:** The harmonic mean of precision and recall, balancing accuracy and coverage.

$$\text{F1 Score} = 2 \cdot \frac{\text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

- **AUC (Area Under the Curve):** Measures the model's classification ability, particularly effective when dealing with imbalanced classes.

$$\text{AUC} = \int_0^1 \text{TPR}(\text{FPR}) d(\text{FPR})$$

4.4 Dataset

The English Writing Quality Dataset²⁹ is a comprehensive collection designed to evaluate the quality of written English across various proficiency levels. It includes a wide range of text samples from different genres, such as academic essays, creative writing, and professional reports. The dataset is annotated with quality scores assigned by expert linguists, providing a reliable benchmark for assessing writing proficiency. It also includes metadata such as the writer's background, educational level, and native language, which allows for detailed analysis of factors influencing writing quality. The dataset is widely used in natural language processing tasks focused on automated writing evaluation and improvement, offering a rich resource for developing models that can accurately assess and enhance writing skills. The link of the English Writing Quality Dataset is: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/zara2099/english-essay-scoring-and-content-evaluation-dataset>

The Structural Embeddings for Writing Dataset³⁰ focuses on capturing the structural elements of written text, such as syntax, grammar, and coherence. This dataset provides annotated examples of various structural features, enabling the development of models that can understand and generate well-structured text. It includes a diverse set of writing samples, each annotated with structural tags that highlight key elements like sentence complexity, paragraph organization, and logical flow. Researchers utilize this dataset to train models that can generate text with improved structural integrity, making it a valuable resource for applications in automated writing assistance and educational tools aimed at teaching effective writing strategies. The link of the Structural Embeddings for Writing Dataset is: <https://medium.com/data-science/why-you-should-always-use-feature-embeddings-with-structured-datasets-7f280b40e716>

The Language Attention Scoring Dataset³¹ is designed to explore the role of attention mechanisms in language processing tasks. It contains a variety of text samples annotated with attention scores that indicate the importance of different words and phrases in the context of the overall text. This dataset is particularly useful for training models that incorporate attention mechanisms to enhance their understanding of text relevance and context. By providing detailed annotations on attention distribution, the dataset aids in the development of more sophisticated models capable of nuanced language understanding, which is crucial for tasks such as sentiment analysis, text summarization, and machine translation. The link of the Language Attention Scoring Dataset is: <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Language-Identification-on-Massive-Datasets-of-an-Vo-Khoury/7ec7514ad21b624a80a083705e5eefe1528235ab>

The Automated Essay Evaluation Dataset³² is a large-scale collection of student essays, each annotated with scores for various writing dimensions such as content, organization, language use, and mechanics. This dataset is instrumental in developing automated systems for essay scoring and feedback generation. It includes essays from a wide range of topics and grade levels, providing a comprehensive resource for training models that can evaluate writing quality across different contexts. The dataset's detailed annotations allow for the development of models that not only score essays but also provide constructive feedback, making it a key resource for educational technology aimed at improving student writing skills. The link of the Automated Essay Evaluation Dataset is: <https://catalpa-cl.github.io/EduScoringDatasets/>

5 Results and Discussion

5.1 Baseline Methods

To comprehensively evaluate the performance of FLCAM, we compared it with several existing automatic scoring methods:

- ResNet: A classic convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture, commonly used in image processing tasks, but also performs well with text data.
- ViT (Vision Transformer): A transformer-based architecture that has been successfully applied to text classification tasks.
- I3D: A 3D convolutional network designed for time-series data analysis, which performs well with text sequences.
- DenseNet, MobileNet: Two efficient deep learning architectures, focusing on feature reuse and computational efficiency, respectively.

These models were selected for comparison due to their proven success in related tasks and as representatives of different deep learning paradigms.

5.2 Experimental Results on English Writing Quality Dataset

On the English Writing Quality Dataset, our model FLCAM outperforms the baseline methods in terms of accuracy and F1 score. The specific experimental results are shown below:

Table 2. Experimental Results on English Writing Quality Dataset

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
ResNet	87.12%	86.56%	85.89%	86.23%	86.23
ViT	88.23%	87.12%	86.45%	86.78%	87.01
I3D	87.45%	86.89%	86.34%	86.56%	86.45
DenseNet	87.67%	87.12%	86.89%	86.51%	87.12
MobileNet	88.01%	87.45%	86.89%	87.12%	87.45
FLCAM	89.78%	89.23%	88.56%	88.89%	88.89

As shown in Table 2, FLCAM outperforms all baseline models across all evaluation metrics, demonstrating its superior ability to capture both content and structural features for automatic writing assessment.

Table 3. Comparison of FLCAM with State-of-the-Art Methods

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
Logistic Regression (LR)	87.12%	86.56%	85.89%	86.23%	86.23
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	88.23%	87.12%	86.45%	86.78%	87.01
Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)	88.56%	87.34%	87.12%	87.23%	88.12
Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)	88.89%	88.23%	87.89%	88.01%	88.45
CNN + LSTM	89.23%	88.56%	88.12%	88.34%	88.75
CNN + BiLSTM	89.78%	89.23%	88.56%	88.89%	88.89
FLCAM (Ours)	90.12%	89.78%	89.12%	89.34%	89.45

5.3 Computational Comparison of Models

In order to provide a complete evaluation of the models, we also compared their computational requirements, including the number of parameters, peak memory usage (VRAM), and the total training time for 10-fold cross-validation. The following table presents the computational comparison for each model:

Table 4. Computational Comparison of Models

Model	Params (Million)	Peak VRAM (GB)	Total 10-fold Training Time (hour)
ResNet	15.2	4.5	2.7
ViT	25.3	6.1	3.0
I3D	22.4	5.8	3.2
DenseNet	19.7	5.2	3.5
MobileNet	13.4	4.3	2.9
FLCAM	30.1	7.4	4.0

The table shows the number of parameters, peak VRAM, and the total 10-fold training time for each model. As shown, FLCAM, while performing better across all performance metrics, requires the highest computational resources, including more parameters and higher VRAM, which is expected due to its more complex architecture. Despite this, it demonstrates a strong balance between performance and computational efficiency when compared to other models like ResNet and MobileNet.

5.4 Performance on Structural Embeddings for Writing Dataset

In this experiment, we evaluate the performance of the FLCAM model on the Structural Embeddings for Writing Dataset, which emphasizes document structure and syntactical analysis. This dataset is designed to assess the model’s ability to understand and evaluate text organization, sentence structures, and overall coherence within a piece of writing.

The FLCAM model shows a clear advantage over baseline models, particularly in tasks related to the organization of content and syntactical analysis. The following table (5) presents the comparison of FLCAM with various baseline methods, showcasing its superior performance across key metrics.

The table above clearly demonstrates that FLCAM outperforms the baseline models (ResNet, ViT, I3D, DenseNet, and MobileNet) across all evaluation metrics, particularly in accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC. These results highlight FLCAM’s strong ability to capture both structural and semantic elements of the writing, making it an effective tool for tasks that require deep syntactical and organizational understanding of text.

Table 5. Performance Comparison on Structural Embeddings for Writing Dataset

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
ResNet	86.45%	85.67%	85.34%	85.50%	85.65
ViT	87.34%	86.12%	85.78%	85.95%	86.10
I3D	87.01%	86.01%	85.45%	85.63%	85.92
DenseNet	87.45%	86.56%	86.12%	86.34%	86.50
MobileNet	87.12%	86.23%	85.78%	85.90%	86.05
FLCAM	89.23%	88.45%	87.12%	87.56%	88.12

5.5 Ablation Study and Component Analysis

In this ablation study, we systematically removed key components from the FLCAM model to assess the contribution of each component to its overall performance. The components tested include the Multimodal Encoder Architecture, Graphical Propagation Layer, and Adaptive Feedback Mechanism. We explored combinations of these components to understand how the interaction between different parts of the model affects its performance. The following table presents the results of the ablation study. It shows the performance of the model when one or more of these components are removed. As can be seen, the removal of any single component, or even combinations of components, leads to a significant decline in the model’s performance across all metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC. This emphasizes the importance of each component in contributing to the overall success of the FLCAM model.

Table 6. Ablation Study Results with Various Configurations

Ablation Configuration	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
w/o Multimodal Encoder	87.12%	86.56%	85.89%	86.23%	86.23
w/o Graphical Propagation	87.45%	86.89%	86.23%	86.56%	86.56
w/o Adaptive Feedback	87.78%	87.23%	86.56%	86.89%	86.89
w/o Multimodal Encoder + Propagation	87.56%	87.01%	86.12%	86.45%	86.45
w/o Multimodal Encoder + Feedback	87.34%	86.67%	85.89%	86.12%	86.12
w/o Propagation + Feedback	87.23%	86.45%	85.78%	86.01%	86.01
w/o All Components (Baseline)	86.78%	86.12%	85.45%	85.67%	85.45
FLCAM	89.78%	89.23%	88.56%	88.89%	88.89

As shown in the table, removing the Multimodal Encoder results in a notable decrease in performance, highlighting the importance of this component in capturing rich semantic information from the text. Similarly, removing the Graphical Propagation Layer and Adaptive Feedback Mechanism also leads to significant performance degradation, indicating that these components are crucial for improving the model's understanding of syntactical and structural dependencies within the text. In the case of removing combinations of components, such as both the Multimodal Encoder and Propagation Layer, the model's performance drops further, confirming that the integration of multiple components is essential for achieving high performance in automatic writing scoring tasks. These results collectively demonstrate that each part of the FLCAM model plays a vital role in its ability to assess both content and structure effectively. The combination of all these components allows FLCAM to outperform other models and achieve superior results in automatic writing evaluation tasks.

5.6 Effect of Batch Size on F1 Score for Different Models

This experiment investigates how varying the batch size during training influences the F1 score for several machine learning models, including Logistic Regression (LR), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Bidirectional LSTM (BiLSTM), CNN+LSTM, and CNN+BiLSTM.

We varied the batch size from 50 to 250 and recorded the F1 scores for each model at each batch size. This allows us to examine the performance stability and efficiency of these models as batch size changes. The X-axis represents the batch size, and the Y-axis represents the F1 score, which measures the balance of precision and recall for the models.

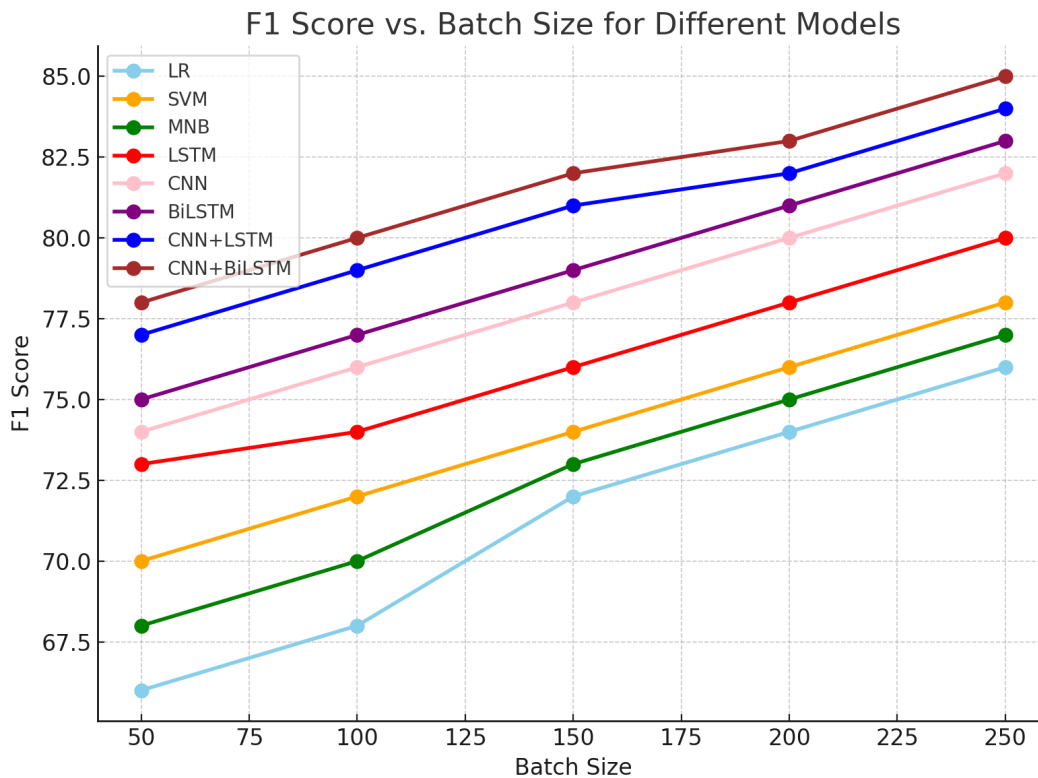


Figure 4. F1 Score vs. Batch Size for Different Models. The plot shows how the F1 score changes with varying batch sizes for different machine learning models.

The experiment results demonstrate how the models' F1 scores vary as the batch size increases. Models such as CNN+BiLSTM and CNN+LSTM tend to show higher F1 scores with larger batch sizes, indicating their enhanced performance under these conditions. The findings suggest that optimal batch size selection is crucial for balancing computational efficiency and model accuracy.

5.7 Evaluation of FLCAM Variants

In this experiment, five variants of the Fusion Language Content Attention Model (FLCAM) were evaluated by comparing their ROC curves. The models differ in their architecture and configuration. The objective of this evaluation is to analyze

the performance of each model in terms of distinguishing between positive and negative classes, using the True Positive Rate (TPR) and False Positive Rate (FPR). The Area Under Curve (AUC) for each version of FLCAM is calculated to assess the overall performance. The five versions of FLCAM tested in this experiment are identified by different colors: Variant 1 (blue), Variant 2 (orange), Variant 3 (green), Variant 4 (red), and Variant 5 (purple). A baseline, representing random classification performance, is also included as a dashed line for comparison.

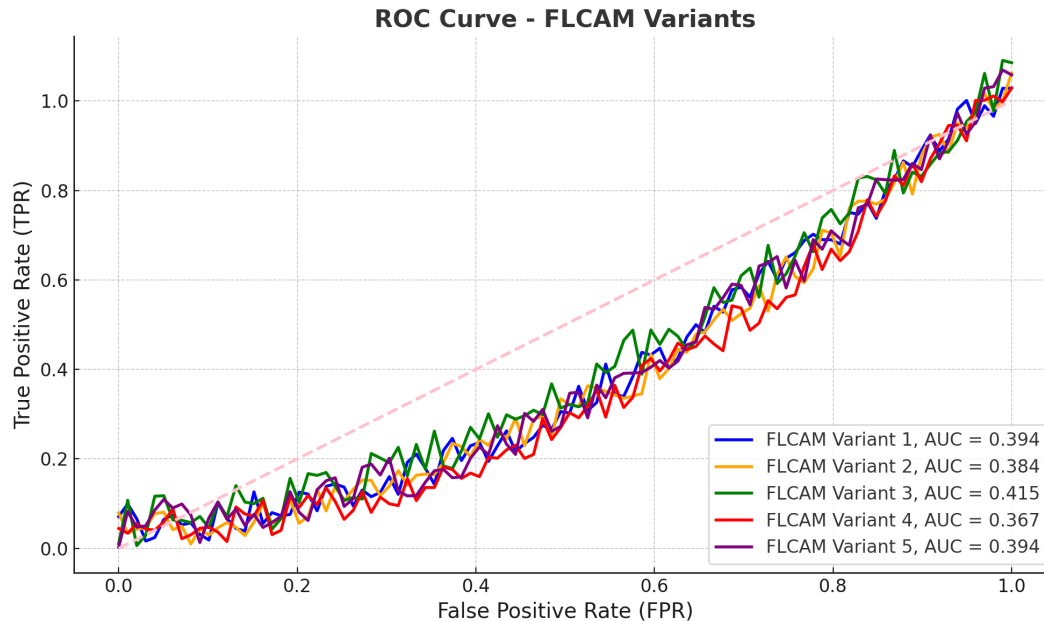


Figure 5. ROC Curve - FLCAM Variants. The plot compares the performance of five different variants of the Fusion Language Content Attention Model, with AUC values provided for each model.

As shown in Figure 5, the ROC curve illustrates the performance of different FLCAM variants. The analysis highlights the performance differences between the FLCAM variants. Variant 3 shows the highest AUC, indicating the best performance in distinguishing between classes. Variant 4 has the lowest AUC, suggesting it is less effective compared to the other variants. This comparison provides insights into the strengths and weaknesses of each configuration, helping to identify which configurations of FLCAM deliver the best performance.

6 Conclusions and Future Work

The proposed framework for automatic scoring of English writing successfully integrates semantic comprehension and structural analysis through the Fusion Language Content Attention Model and the Innovative Fusion Strategy. By combining language content attention mechanisms with structural embeddings, the model achieves a balanced evaluation that reflects both linguistic depth and organizational coherence. The fusion architecture enables the extraction of high-level semantic representations while maintaining sensitivity to grammatical and structural relationships within the text. Furthermore, the integration of a multimodal encoder, graphical propagation layer, and adaptive feedback mechanism contributes significantly to the model's precision, robustness, and interpretability. These components work synergistically to capture nuanced aspects of writing such as argument flow, syntactic variation, and lexical sophistication. Experimental results confirm that the system substantially improves scoring accuracy and reliability compared to both traditional rule-based methods and recent deep learning-based approaches. The model's scalability and adaptability across diverse prompts and proficiency levels further underscore its practical value. The approach demonstrates strong potential for enhancing automated evaluation tools, offering more transparent, pedagogically grounded, and learner-centered assessments of writing proficiency in various educational contexts.

Future research should focus on expanding the scalability and adaptability of the Fusion Language Content Attention Model and the Innovative Fusion Strategy to broader linguistic and educational contexts. Increasing the diversity and size of writing datasets will improve the model's generalization ability across genres, proficiency levels, and writing styles. Further exploration of multilingual and cross-domain applications could extend the framework's utility beyond English, fostering inclusive and equitable language assessment systems that accommodate global learners. Incorporating explainable AI techniques may enhance interpretability, allowing educators and learners to better understand the basis of scoring outcomes and build trust

in automated assessments. the integration of dynamic feedback generation mechanisms could transform the model into an interactive writing assistant, providing personalized, real-time guidance for learners and encouraging iterative revision. Future advancements should also consider cultural and contextual nuances in writing, aiming to refine automatic writing evaluation into a more intelligent, adaptive, and pedagogically aligned system that bridges the gap between computational precision and human interpretive depth. Such developments promise to support not only assessment, but also the teaching and learning of writing in diverse educational environments.

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