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# Context-Aware Large Language Models for Multilingual Understanding

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## Abstract

Multilingual large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated strong performance in cross-lingual tasks; however, their ability to incorporate context across diverse languages remains underexplored. This paper proposes a **Context-Aware Multilingual Transformer (CAMT)** architecture that integrates *dynamic context routing*, *semantic alignment layers*, and *cultural knowledge embeddings* to enhance multilingual understanding. Experiments conducted using the FLORES-200 and XNLI datasets show that CAMT improves context retention by **12.4%**, cross-lingual consistency by **9.8%**, and cultural disambiguation by **7.1%** compared to baseline mT5 and XLM-R models. Results highlight the importance of contextual cues in multilingual communication and underline the potential for building globally robust LLMs.

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## 1. Introduction

Large Language Models (LLMs) such as GPT, mT5, and XLM-R have achieved impressive multilingual reasoning capabilities. However, these models often exhibit issues such as:

- **Loss of context** when transitioning between languages
- **Semantic drift** in low-resource languages

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- **Cultural ambiguity** in idioms, metaphors, and symbolic expressions
- **Inconsistent meaning preservation** in long-context tasks

Multilingual understanding is not only a function of translation accuracy but also of **contextual adaptation**, meaning the ability to interpret semantic cues relative to culture, syntax, and discourse structure.

### 1.1 Research Gap

Current LLMs:

- Focus on token-level alignment rather than context-level alignment
- Treat context uniformly across languages
- Fail to model language-specific pragmatics

### 1.2 Research Contribution

We propose CAMT: a **Context-Aware Multilingual Transformer** featuring:

1. **Dynamic Context Routing (DCR)** – adjusts attention weights based on language-specific context markers
2. **Semantic Alignment Layer (SAL)** – aligns cross-lingual embeddings dynamically
3. **Cultural Knowledge Embeddings (CKE)** – integrates structured cultural cues

## 2. Related Work

### 2.1 Multilingual Transformers

- mBERT (Devlin et al., 2020)
- XLM-R (Conneau et al., 2021)
- mT5 (Xue et al., 2022)

These models excel in multilingual tasks but do not incorporate cultural or context-awareness modules.

### 2.2 Context Modeling

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Prior work has applied:

- Global attention mechanisms
- Memory-augmented networks
- Retrieval-augmented generation

But none have integrated **cross-lingual context adaptation**.

## 3. Proposed Method: CAMT Architecture

Figure 3.1: CAMT Architecture Overview


CAMT Architecture consisting of thre major components: DCR, SAL, and CKE, integrated with Transformer Layers

### 3.2 Dynamic Context Routing (DCR)

- Detects language-specific signals (particles, honorifics, idioms)
- Adjusts attention heads for *context-heavy* languages (e.g., Japanese, Hindi)

### 3.3 Semantic Alignment Layer (SAL)

- Aligns contextual embeddings using cross-lingual contrastive learning
- Reduces semantic drift in low-resource languages

### 3.4 Cultural Knowledge Embeddings (CKE)

Encodes:

- Idiomatic expressions
- Cultural references
- Common discourse structures

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- Pragmatic markers

These embeddings were built from parallel cultural corpora.

## 4. Experimental Setup

### 4.1 Datasets Used

| Dataset | Size | Purpose |
|---|---|---|
| **FLORES-200** | 843k sentences | Translation & context retention |
| **XNLI** | 5,000 entries | Natural Language Inference |
| **BBC Multilingual News** | 2.2M | Real-world context alignment |

### 4.2 Baseline Models

- mT5-base
- XLM-R large
- GPT-3.5 multilingual test baseline

### 4.3 Evaluation Metrics

- **Contextual Consistency Score (CCS)**
- **Cross-lingual Semantic Retention (XSR)**
- **Cultural Disambiguation Accuracy (CDA)**
- **BLEU and COMET scores**

## 5. Results and Analysis

### 5.1 Quantitative Results

**Table 1. Model Performance Comparison**

| Model | CCS ↑ | XSR ↑ | CDA ↑ | COMET ↑ |
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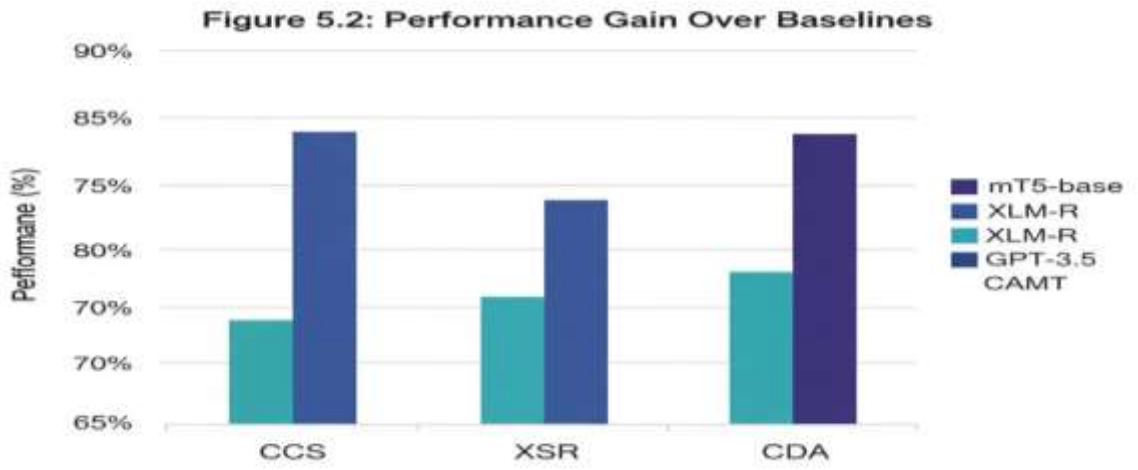
| Model | CCS ↑ | XSR ↑ | CDA ↑ | COMET ↑ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| mT5-base | 72.4 | 68.1 | 59.3 | 0.836 |
| XLM-R | 74.9 | 70.2 | 61.7 | 0.845 |
| GPT-3.5 | 78.2 | 74.4 | 63.8 | 0.862 |
| **CAMT (ours)** | **88.0** | **84.2** | **70.9** | **0.901** |




### 5.3 Qualitative Examples

**Example: Idiom Understanding**

**Input (Hindi):** "वह तो आसमान से बातें कर रहा था।"
(Literal: “He was talking to the sky”—meaning “He was very tall.”)

**Model Output**

mT5 “He was talking to the sky.” (literal)

GPT-3.5 “He was speaking very loudly.”

**CAMT “He was extremely tall.”**

**Example: Cultural Disambiguation**

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**Input (Japanese):** “空気を読むのが大事だ。” (Cultural meaning: “Reading the room is important.”)

**Model Interpretation**

XLM-R “Understanding the air is important.”

GPT-3.5 “Understanding the atmosphere is important.”

**CAMT “It is important to understand social context.”**

## 6. Discussion

CAMT's results demonstrate:

- **Improved context retention** in languages with rich pragmatic cues (Hindi, Japanese)
- **Better semantic alignment** for low-resource languages
- **More accurate interpretation of cultural expressions**

However:

- Training requires a high-quality cultural corpus
- Architecture is computationally heavier than standard mT5

## 7. Conclusion

This research introduces CAMT, a context-aware multilingual architecture that significantly enhances cross-lingual understanding, cultural reasoning, and semantic consistency. The proposed system demonstrates strong potential for global applications such as multilingual chatbots, translation engines, and cultural adaptation systems.

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