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Context-Aware Background Music Recommendation System for Everyday Conversations Using Generative

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Abstract: With the increasing use of music software, many users prefer integrating background music into everyday conversations to enhance emotional interaction. However, traditional music recommendation systems fail to capture the subtle contextual nuances of conversations in real-time for BGM recommendations. This paper proposes a novel system that transcribes spoken dialogues into text and leverages the contextual understanding capabilities of AI large models to match conversation content with real-life interaction scenarios, recommending appropriate BGMs from a curated dataset. In this way, the system provides dynamic BGM recommendations for conversations, which not only enhance user immersion but also open up new avenues for further exploring the role of AI in enhancing human experiences through contextual music recommendations.

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1. Introduction

In recent years, music has emerged as an essential component in enhancing emotional engagement across various forms of communication. Background music (BGM), in particular, has shown significant potential in enriching the atmosphere of everyday conversations. However, traditional music recommendation systems are typically limited by their reliance on user-defined preferences or predefined emotional categories, making it difficult for them to account for the dynamic and complex nature of human interactions. [1]This limitation becomes evident in everyday dialogues, where context, tone, and emotional undercurrents constantly evolve.In light of this, we propose an innovative system that integrates generative AI to dynamically recommend BGM based on real-time conversation analysis. Unlike conventional systems, which predominantly focus on static emotion-based inputs, our approach aims to capture the shifting dynamics of conversation. The system transcribes spoken dialogues into text and then leverages the contextual understanding capabilities of large AI models, such as GPT-3, to match conversation content with corresponding themes derived from a diverse dataset.[2]For our model's training, we utilize a dataset derived from TED Talks, a collection that offers a wide range of conversational contexts from public speaking engagements. TED Talks feature speakers addressing diverse topics with varying emotional tones and conversational flow, making the dataset an ideal choice for capturing the multifaceted nature of real-world dialogues.[3] By analyzing these talks, the system is trained to detect conversational patterns and emotional shifts, allowing it to recommend music that fits the mood and context of a given interaction.

The uniqueness of this approach lies not just in the AI model's capacity to understand and generate responses to conversations, but also in its ability to provide a seamless music recommendation that adapts to these shifts. This shift towards using dynamic, context-aware recommendations marks a significant departure from traditional systems, enhancing immersion and emotional resonance in everyday communication.[4]

2. Related Work

The realm of music recommendation systems has seen remarkable progress due to advancements in machine learning and artificial intelligence. However, traditional systems that rely on static features like user preferences or predefined emotional categories often fall short in capturing the dynamic, real-time context of conversations. This limitation underscores the necessity for more adaptive, context-aware recommendation systems that can respond to the changing nature of human interactions.[5]

The evolution of recommendation systems has been primarily dominated by two types of methodologies: content-based filtering and collaborative filtering. Content-based systems recommend music based on the intrinsic attributes of the items, such as tempo, genre, or mood. These systems can be highly effective in helping users discover tracks that match their static preferences, such as a specific genre or artist. [6]However, these systems are typically unable to adjust dynamically to real-time conversational context, which is essential for conversational BGM recommendations. Furthermore, they struggle when users do not have a clear idea of what they want to listen to, often limiting exploration to known preferences.[7]Collaborative filtering, another dominant method, uses data from similar users to make recommendations. For example, platforms like Spotify and YouTube leverage user behavior, such as liked songs, playlist activities, and viewing patterns, to suggest tracks or videos. While collaborative filtering can offer highly personalized results based on previous behaviors, it also suffers from the "cold start" problem. This occurs when there is insufficient data for new users or items, hindering accurate recommendations. Moreover, collaborative filtering often leads to a "filter bubble," where users are repeatedly exposed to content similar to what they have already consumed, limiting diversity in their recommendations.[8]In recent years, there has been increasing interest in incorporating emotional and affective information into recommendation systems. These systems aim to match users' emotional states with appropriate music, based on methods such as sentiment analysis or mood recognition. While affective computing has shown promise, it still largely relies on predefined emotional labels or affective terms, which may not fully capture the complexity and subtleties of emotions expressed during live interactions. As a result, these systems often fail to provide a satisfactory user experience in dynamic, real-time scenarios.[9]

The most promising solution appears to lie in the development of context-aware systems. Recent studies have explored the use of natural language processing (NLP) and generative AI models to analyze conversations and recommend BGM based on the conversational content and emotional tone. [10]These systems aim to dynamically interpret conversational shifts, identifying key themes and matching them with appropriate music. However, challenges remain in ensuring that such systems can handle the variety of human emotions, conversational nuances, and unexpected shifts in real-time interactions.[11]Our research builds on this emerging body of work by proposing a system that uses generative AI to analyze the context of a conversation and recommend dynamic BGM in real time. This approach is intended to overcome the limitations of traditional methods by utilizing more flexible and adaptive models that can accommodate the complexity of human communication. Furthermore, this study aims to bridge the gap between predefined emotional categories and real-time contextual shifts, offering a more intuitive and effective music recommendation experience. While the system shows great potential, further research is needed to refine its ability to interpret more subtle emotional cues and enhance its adaptability to a broader range of conversational contexts.[12]

3. Methodology

The design of the background music (BGM) recommendation system presented in this study is grounded in the need to bridge the gap between traditional music recommendation systems and the dynamic, real-time nature of everyday conversations. In contrast to static approaches that focus on predefined preferences or emotional categories, our system seeks to dynamically adapt to the ongoing conversation by leveraging speech-to-text transcription, context analysis using generative AI, and a curated dataset of music tracks.[13]The system operates in three distinct stages: speech-to-text transcription, context analysis, and music recommendation. Each stage serves a crucial role in the overall workflow, contributing to the system's ability to recommend music that is contextually relevant to the conversation at hand.[14]Speech-to-Text Transcription: The first stage involves converting spoken dialogue into text using advanced transcription models, such as Google Cloud Speech-to-Text. This is a critical step, as accurate transcription directly affects the quality of the subsequent context analysis. While speech-to-text technology has made significant advancements, challenges such as background noise, unclear speech, or non-standard accents can still lead to errors in transcription, which may impact the system's performance.[15]Context Analysis (Generative AI): Once the dialogue is transcribed, the system uses a generative AI model like GPT-3 to analyze the text and extract contextual information. The AI model identifies key themes, emotional undertones, and shifts in tone throughout the conversation. For example, it can detect when the conversation shifts from casual chatting to a more serious discussion, which is crucial for recommending BGM that matches the evolving mood. This context analysis ensures that the music recommended aligns not only with the content of the conversation but also with its emotional intensity and flow.[16]Music Recommendation: The final stage involves recommending BGM that aligns with the identified conversation context. The system compares the conversation's emotional tone and themes to a curated dataset of music tracks, which includes a wide range of music categorized by emotional tone, genre, and context. For this study, the dataset is derived from TED Talks, which provides a diverse set of real-world conversations. [17]By matching the conversation's context with music that corresponds to similar emotional and thematic elements, the system ensures that the recommended BGM is both relevant and emotionally resonant.While the system shows promise in enhancing the user experience by recommending BGM that complements the conversation, there are several challenges. One of the primary issues lies in the accuracy of speech-to-text transcription, as errors can introduce noise into the system's analysis. [18]Additionally, while generative AI models like GPT-3 are powerful, they are not without limitations, particularly in their ability to detect more subtle or ambiguous conversational cues, such as sarcasm or indirect emotional expressions. These issues highlight the need for continued refinement and testing of the system to improve its reliability and adaptability.[19]

4. Experiments

In the context of human-computer interaction (HCI), the performance of a system can only be truly assessed through comprehensive, real-world testing. The evaluation of the background music (BGM) recommendation system proposed in this study involved a human-centered experiment designed to test its ability to provide contextually appropriate music recommendations during live conversations. This chapter outlines the experimental design, methodology, results, and an in-depth discussion of the findings, focusing on the system's accuracy, the relevance of its recommendations, and user satisfaction.[20]

The primary objective of the experiment was to evaluate the system's ability to analyze real-time conversations and recommend BGM that complements the ongoing emotional and thematic context. [21]The experiment involved 30 participants, who were randomly assigned to either the experimental group (using the proposed context-aware recommendation system) or the control group (using a traditional music recommendation system). The conversations were audio-recorded and transcribed, and the system was tasked with generating music recommendations based on the transcribed dialogue.[22]

4.1 Experiment Design

The experiment was designed to simulate natural, everyday conversations, each focusing on a distinct topic (e.g., casual chat, emotional storytelling, motivational speech, etc.). Participants were instructed to engage in free-form conversations with a partner, with each conversation lasting approximately 10 minutes. The conversations covered a broad range of topics to ensure the system's ability to handle varying emotional tones and conversational dynamics.[23]After completing the conversations, participants rated the system's performance on a Likert scale (1-5), which assessed how well the recommended BGM matched the conversation's emotional tone and context. The evaluation focused on several factors, including the emotional appropriateness of the music, the relevance to the conversation topic, and user engagement with the BGM recommendation.

4.2 Evaluation Metrics

The experiment used a combination of objective and subjective metrics to assess the system's performance:
Accuracy of Music Recommendations: This metric measured the percentage of times the system correctly identified and recommended the expected BGM based on the conversation's tone and theme. The expected BGM was determined by a group of human evaluators who rated the music choice they felt best matched the conversation.
User Satisfaction: After each interaction, participants completed a survey assessing their satisfaction with the BGM recommendation. This survey included questions on the perceived relevance of the music, its emotional alignment with the conversation, and overall satisfaction with the system.[24]
Response Time: The time taken by the system to analyze the conversation and generate a recommendation was recorded, as real-time performance is crucial for a smooth user experience in live settings.

4.3 Results

The results of the experiment provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of the context-aware BGM recommendation system:
Accuracy: The system correctly recommended the expected BGM in 82% of the conversations. In comparison, the control group using the traditional music recommendation system achieved only a 60% success rate. The experimental group was significantly more accurate in providing music that matched the conversational tone and context.[25]User Stisfaction: Participants in the experimental group expressed significantly higher satisfaction with the system, with an average rating of 4.4 out of 5. In contrast, the control group rated their satisfaction at 3.2 out of 5. Participants appreciated the dynamic nature of the recommendations, noting that the music felt more "in tune" with the emotional flow of the conversation.[26]Response Time: The system's average response time was 3.1 seconds, which is relatively fast for real-time analysis. While this was slightly slower than the traditional system (2.3 seconds), it was still within an acceptable range, especially considering the complexity of real-time contextual analysis.[27]The evaluation results suggest that the proposed context-aware BGM recommendation system significantly outperforms traditional methods in terms of accuracy and user satisfaction. The ability of the system to adapt to the dynamic nature of conversations—by analyzing the emotional tone and thematic context—was well-received by participants. However, there were still instances where the system struggled with more ambiguous conversational cues, such as sarcasm or mixed emotional tones.[28] These challenges highlight the need for further development in improving the system's understanding of more complex conversational nuances.Moreover, while the system demonstrated impressive performance in terms of accuracy and user engagement, there is room for improvement in reducing response times. Although the system's performance was generally acceptable, future work could focus on optimizing processing speeds to ensure even more seamless integration in real-time settings.[29]To refine and enhance the system, future research should address some of the identified challenges, particularly the accurate detection of more subtle emotional shifts, such as sarcasm or indirect emotional expression. Additionally, more diverse datasets, including those with a broader variety of emotional and conversational contexts, could help improve the system's adaptability to different dialogue styles. Further exploration into the system's ability to handle multilingual or culturally diverse conversations could also extend its usability to global contexts, providing more personalized and contextually relevant music recommendations.

5. Conclusion

This paper presents a context-aware background music (BGM) recommendation system that utilizes generative AI and natural language processing to provide real-time music recommendations based on the emotional tone and thematic flow of conversations. The evaluation results demonstrate that the proposed system significantly outperforms traditional methods in both accuracy (85% success rate) and user satisfaction, with participants appreciating the system's ability to dynamically adapt to the changing context of the conversation. However, challenges such as interpreting subtle emotional cues and improving response times remain. Future research should focus on refining the system's ability to handle complex conversational nuances and diversifying the training dataset to improve adaptability across different contexts. The system holds considerable potential for enhancing user experience in digital assistants and entertainment, suggesting a future where dynamic, context-aware music recommendations become standard in interactive AI.

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