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# Language Model as an Annotator: Exploring DialoGPT for Dialogue Summarization

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# Dialogue Summarization

- Dialogue summarization aims to generate a succinct summary while retaining essential information of the dialogue.

## Dialogue

Blair: Remember we are seeing the wedding planner after work  
Chuck: Sure, where are we meeting her?  
Blair: At Nonna Rita's  
Chuck: I want to order seafood tagliatelle  
Blair: Haha why not  
Chuck: We remember spaghetti pomodoro disaster from our last meeting  
Blair: Omg it was over her white blouse  
Chuck: :D  
Blair: :P



## Summary

Blair and Chuck are going to meet the wedding planner after work at Nonna Rita's. The tagliatelle served at Nonna Rita's are very good.

# A Good Summary?

**Peyrard (2019): a good summary is intuitively related to three aspects**

## Informativeness

Dialogue	
Blair:	Remember we are seeing the <b>wedding planner</b> after work
Chuck:	Sure, where are we meeting her?
Blair:	At <b>Nonna Rita's</b>
Chuck:	I want to order <b>seafood tagliatelle</b>
Blair:	Haha why not
Chuck:	We remmber <b>spaghetti pomodoro disaster</b> from our last meeting
Blair:	Omg it was over her white blouse
Chuck:	I'll make time for it
Blair:	Great!

(a) Keywords Extraction

## Redundancy

Dialogue	
Blair:	Remember we are seeing the wedding planner after work
Chuck:	Sure, where are we meeting her?
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Chuck:	We remmber spaghetti pomodoro disaster from our last meeting
Blair:	Omg it was over her white blouse
Chuck:	<i>I'll make time for it</i>
Blair:	<i>Great!</i>

(b) Redundancy Detection

## Relevance

Dialogue	
Blair:	Remember we are seeing the wedding planner after work
Chuck:	Sure, where are we meeting her?
Blair:	At Nonna Rita's [Topic 1]
Chuck:	I want to order seafood tagliatelle
Blair:	Haha why not
Chuck:	We remmber spaghetti pomodoro disaster from our last meeting [Topic 2]
Blair:	Omg it was over her white blouse
Chuck:	I'll make time for it [Topic 3]
Blair:	Great!

(c) Topic Segmentation

Summary	
Blair and Chuck are going to meet the <b>wedding planner</b> after work at <b>Nonna Rita's</b> . The <b>tagliatelle</b> served at <b>Nonna Rita's</b> are very good.	
[Topic 1]	[Topic 2]

# | Related Works

- For **informativeness**
  - Linguistically specific words
  - Domain terminologies
  - Topic words
- For **redundancy**
  - Similarity-based methods to annotate redundant utterances
- For **relevance**
  - Topic segmentation

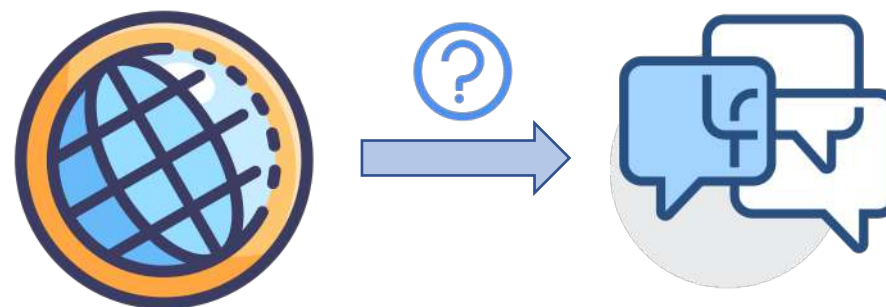


# Problems

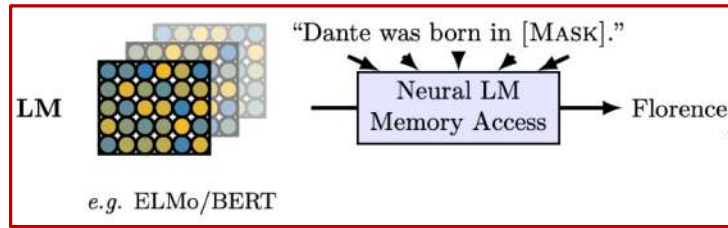
- Relied on human annotations.
  - labor-consuming



- Obtained via open-domain toolkits
  - Dialogue agnostic
  - not suitable for dialogues



# Pre-trained Language Models



Knowledge Base



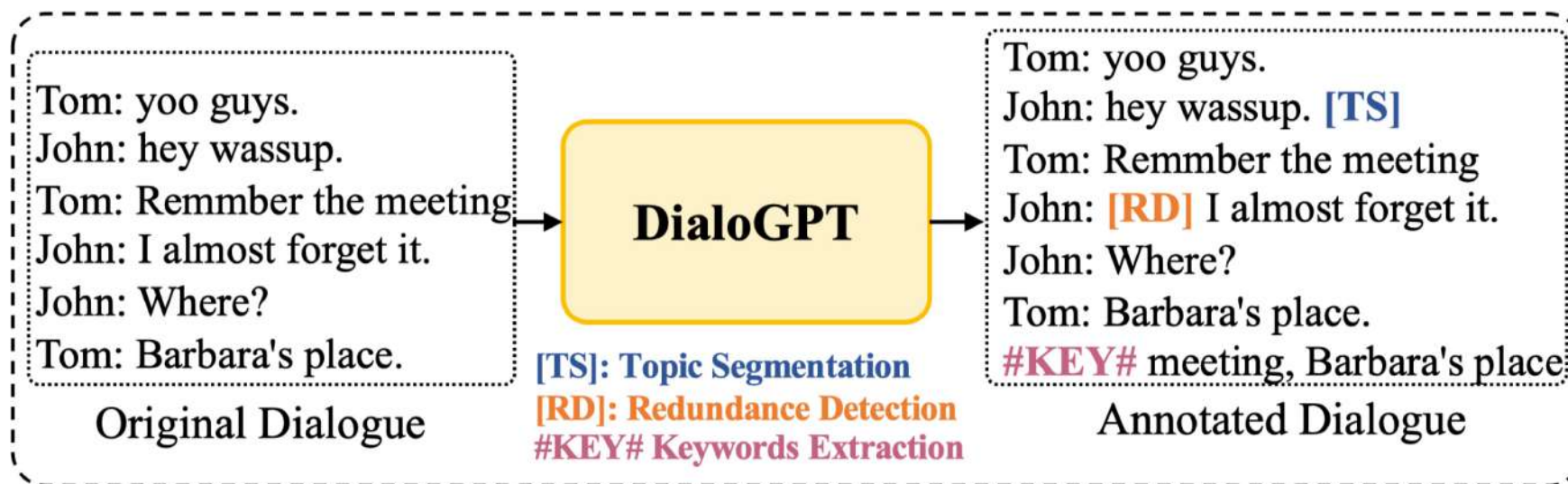
Prompt Tuning



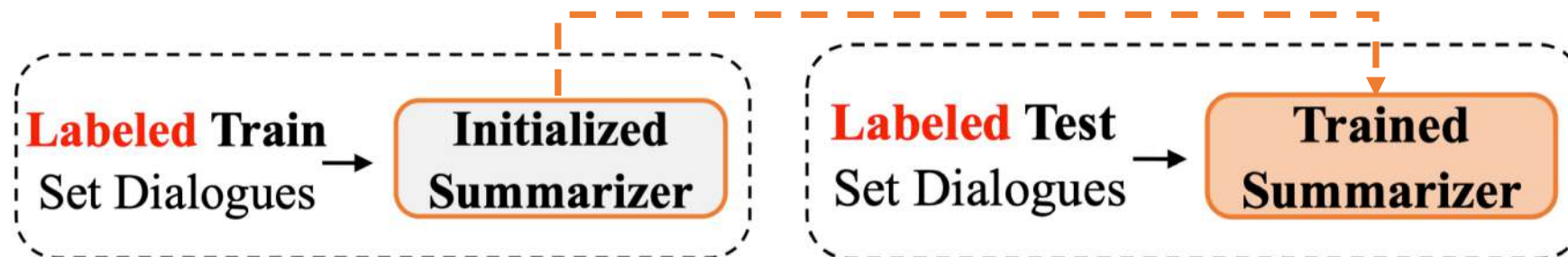
Zero-shot learning

Pre-encoded Knowledge

# DialoGPT Annotator



(a) Annotating

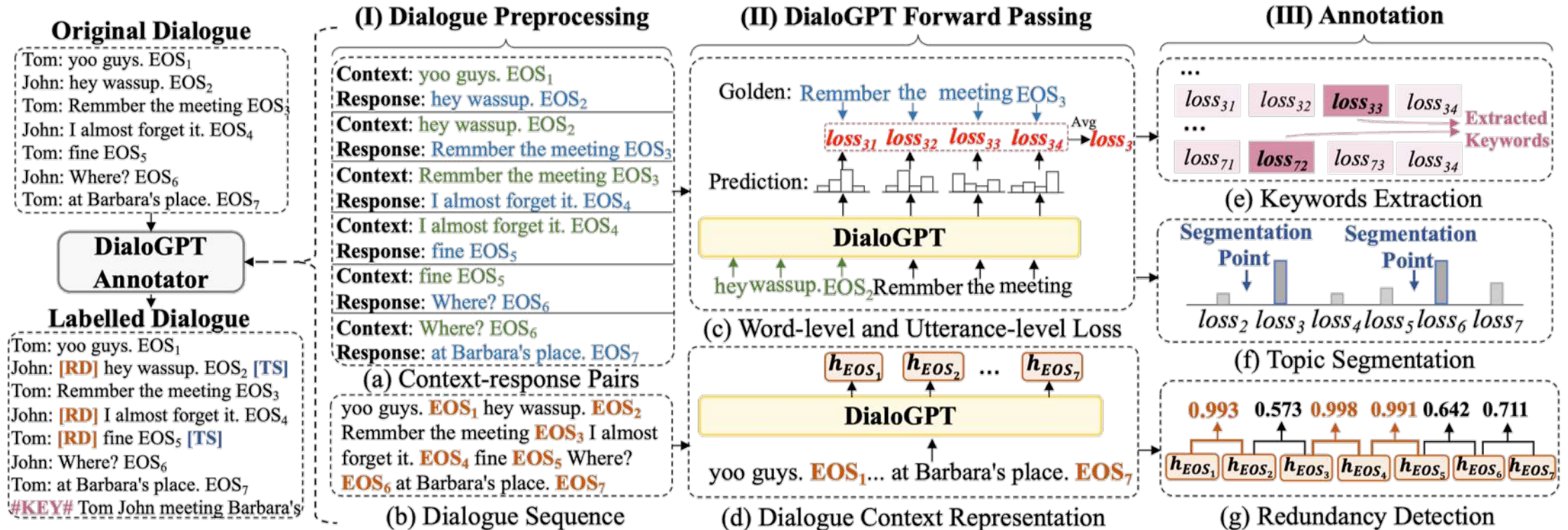


(b) Training

(c) Testing

# Overview

- **Keywords Extraction:** Extracts unpredictable words as keywords.
- **Topic Segmentation:** Inserts a topic segmentation point before one utterance if it is unpredictable.
- **Redundancy Detection:** Detects utterances that are useless for context representation as redundant.





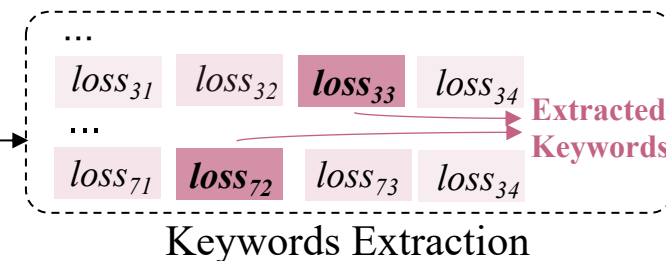
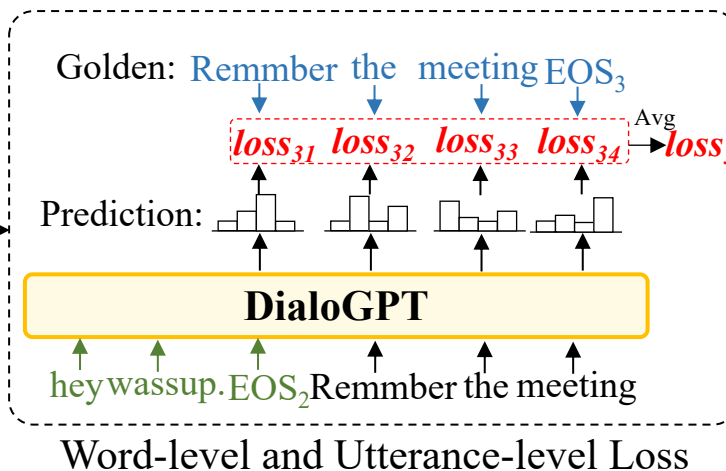
# Keywords Extraction: DialoGPT<sub>KE</sub>

- **Motivation:** if one word in the golden response is difficult to be inferred from DialoGPT, we assume that it contains high information and can be viewed as a keyword.
- Extracts unpredictable words as keywords.

## Original Dialogue

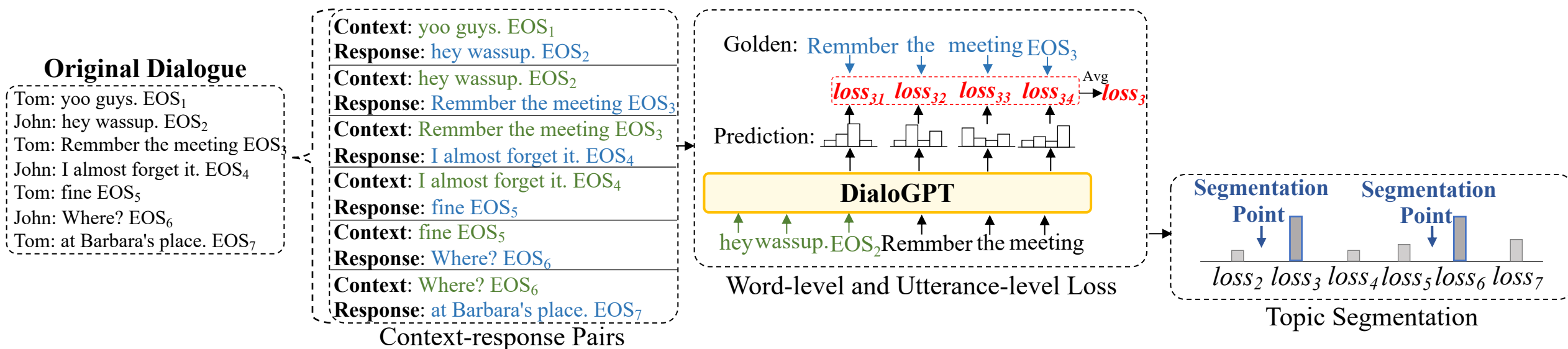
Tom: yoo guys. EOS<sub>1</sub>  
John: hey wassup. EOS<sub>2</sub>  
Tom: Remmber the meeting EOS<sub>3</sub>  
John: I almost forget it. EOS<sub>4</sub>  
Tom: fine EOS<sub>5</sub>  
John: Where? EOS<sub>6</sub>  
Tom: at Barbara's place. EOS<sub>7</sub>

Context: yoo guys. EOS<sub>1</sub>  
Response: hey wassup. EOS<sub>2</sub>  
Context: hey wassup. EOS<sub>2</sub>  
Response: Remmber the meeting EOS<sub>3</sub>  
Context: Remmber the meeting EOS<sub>3</sub>  
Response: I almost forget it. EOS<sub>4</sub>  
Context: I almost forget it. EOS<sub>4</sub>  
Response: fine EOS<sub>5</sub>  
Context: fine EOS<sub>5</sub>  
Response: Where? EOS<sub>6</sub>  
Context: Where? EOS<sub>6</sub>  
Response: at Barbara's place. EOS<sub>7</sub>  
Context-response Pairs



# Topic Segmentation: DialoGPT<sub>TS</sub>

- **Motivation:** if the response is difficult to be predicted given the context based on DialoGPT, we assume the response may belong to another topic and there is a topic segmentation between the context and response.
- Inserts a topic segmentation point before one utterance if it is unpredictable.



# Redundancy Detection: DialoGPT<sub>RD</sub>

- **Motivation:** If one utterance brings little information and has small effects on predicting the response, this utterance becomes a redundant utterance.
- Detects utterances that are useless for context representation as redundant.

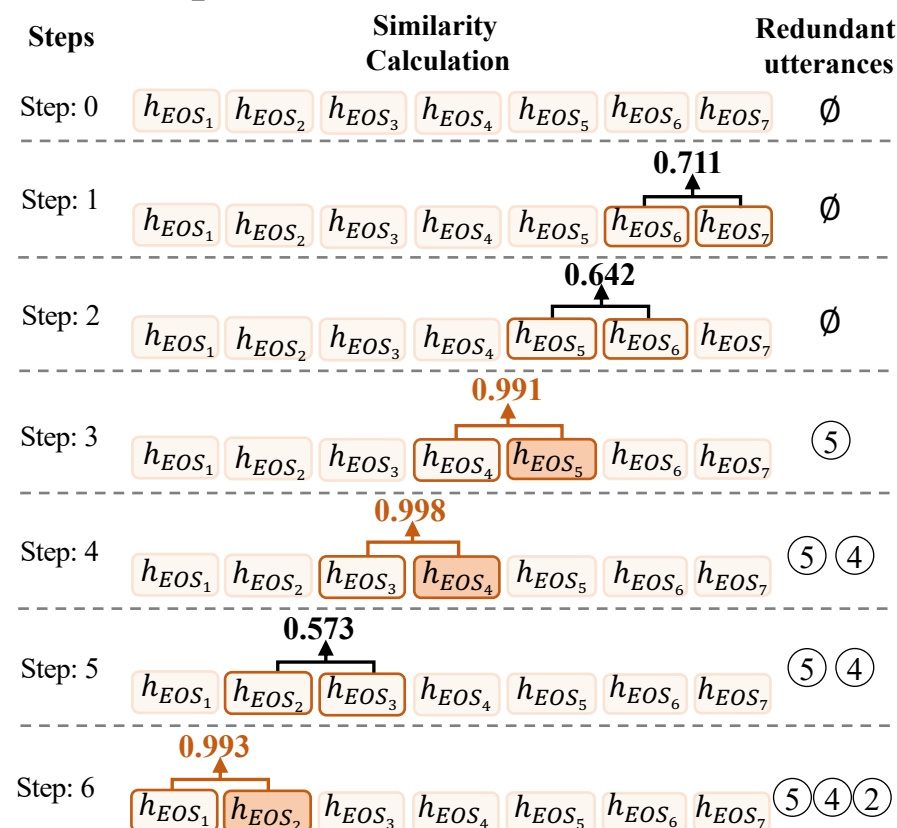
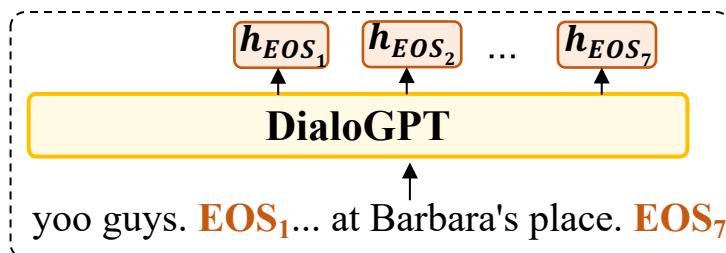
Original Dialogue

Tom: yoo guys. EOS<sub>1</sub>  
John: hey wassup. EOS<sub>2</sub>  
Tom: Remmber the meeting EOS<sub>3</sub>  
John: I almost forget it. EOS<sub>4</sub>  
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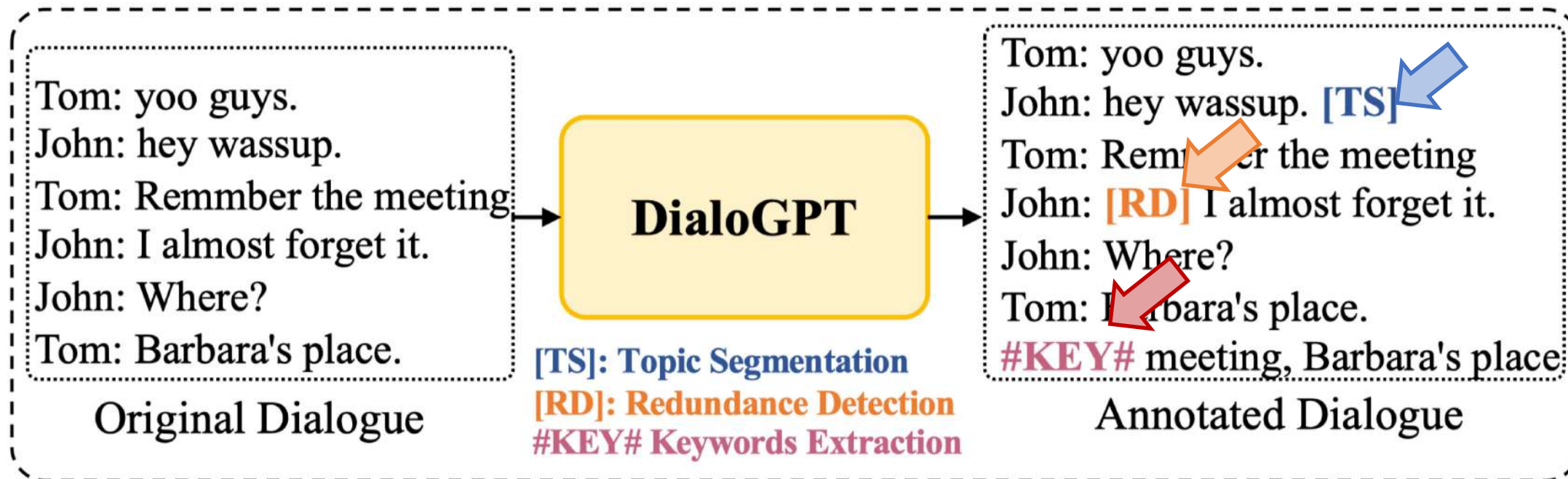
Dialogue Sequence

yoo guys. EOS<sub>1</sub> hey wassup. EOS<sub>2</sub>  
Remmber the meeting EOS<sub>3</sub> I almost forget it. EOS<sub>4</sub> fine EOS<sub>5</sub> Where? EOS<sub>6</sub> at Barbara's place. EOS<sub>7</sub>

Dialogue Context Representation

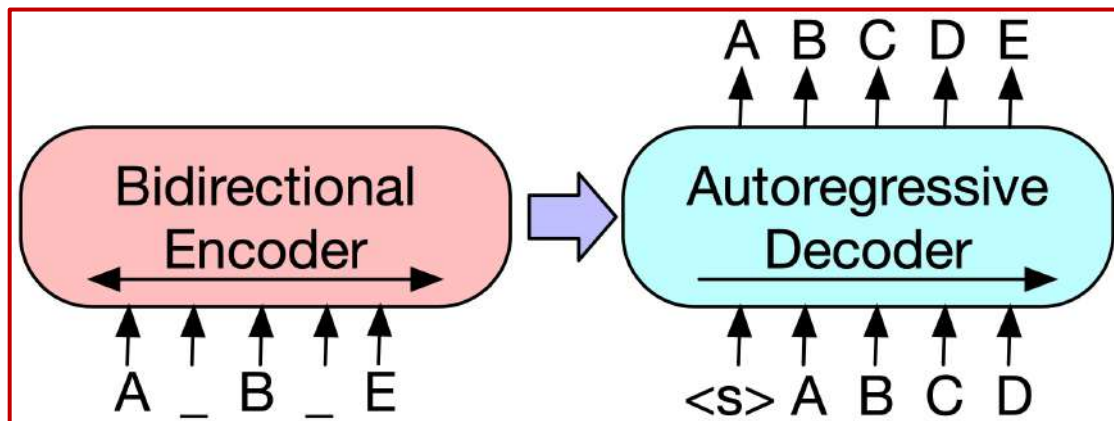


# Annotation Tags

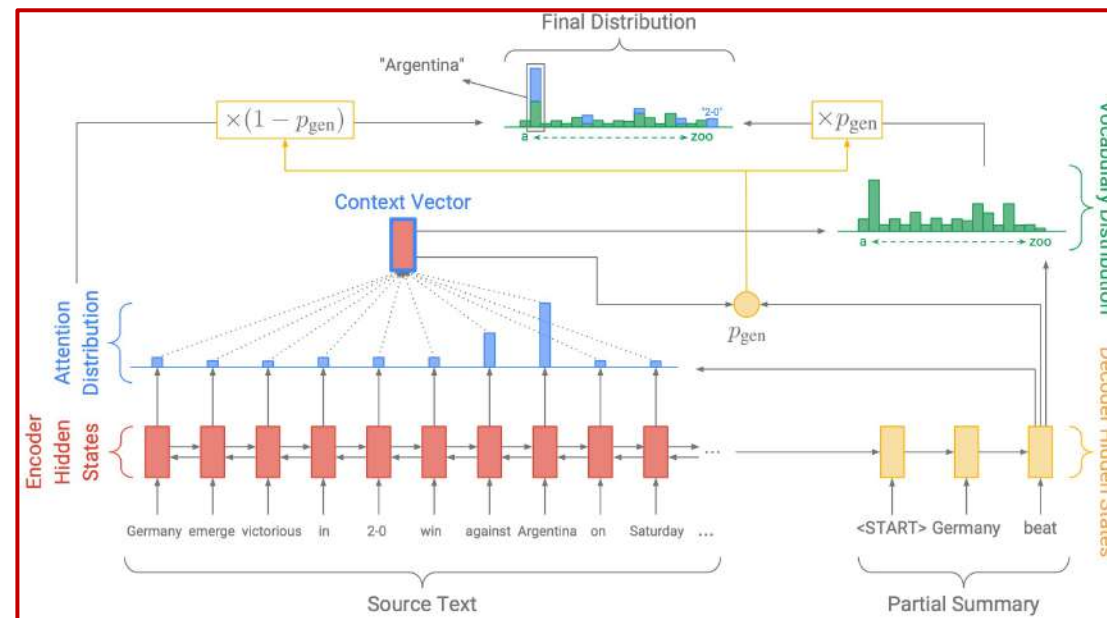




# Summarizer



**BART**  
Pre-trained



**PGN**  
Non pre-trained

# Dataset and Metrics

## • Datasets

- SAMSum
- AMI

		Train	Valid	Test
SAMSum	#	14732	818	819
	Avg.Turns	11.13	10.72	11.24
	Avg.Tokens	120.26	117.46	122.71
	Avg.Sum	22.81	22.80	22.47
AMI	#	97	20	20
	Avg.Turns	310.23	345.70	324.40
	Avg.Tokens	4859.52	5056.25	5257.80
	Avg.Sum	323.74	321.25	328.20

Statistics for SAMSum and AMI datasets

## • Evaluation Metrics

- ROUGE
- BERTScore

# Automatic Evaluation

Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
<i>Extractive</i>			
LONGEST-3	32.46	10.27	29.92
TextRank	29.27	8.02	28.78
<i>Abstractive</i>			
Transformer	36.62	11.18	33.06
D-HGN	42.03	18.07	39.56
TGDGA	43.11	19.15	40.49
DialoGPT	39.77	16.58	38.42
MV-BART	53.42	27.98	<b>49.97<sup>††</sup></b>
<i>Ours</i>			
BART	52.98	27.67	49.06
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{KE}$ )	<b>53.43<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>28.03<sup>††</sup></b>	49.93
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{RD}$ )	53.39	28.01	49.49
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{TS}$ )	53.34	27.85	49.64
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	<b>53.70<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>28.79<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>50.81<sup>†</sup></b>

Test set results on the SAMSum dataset

Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
<i>Extractive</i>			
TextRank	35.19	6.13	15.70
SummaRunner	30.98	5.54	13.91
<i>Abstractive</i>			
UNS	37.86	7.84	13.72
TopicSeg	<b>51.53<sup>††</sup></b>	12.23	<b>25.47<sup>†</sup></b>
HMNet	<b>52.36<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>18.63<sup>†</sup></b>	24.00
<i>Ours</i>			
PGN	48.34	16.02	23.49
PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{KE}$ )	50.22	17.74	24.11
PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{RD}$ )	50.62	16.86	24.27
PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{TS}$ )	48.59	16.07	24.05
PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	50.91	<b>17.75<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>24.59<sup>††</sup></b>

Test set results on the AMI dataset

SAMSum		AMI	
Model	BS	Model	BS
BART	86.91	PGN	80.51
MV-BART	88.46	HMNet	82.24
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	<b>90.04</b>	PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	<b>82.76</b>

BERTScore

# Human Evaluation

	Model	Info.	Conc.	Cov.
SAMSum	Golden	4.37	4.26	4.27
	BART	3.66	3.65	3.66
	MV-BART	3.85	3.76	3.88
	BART( $\mathcal{D}_{KE}$ )	3.88	3.77	3.79
	BART( $\mathcal{D}_{RD}$ )	3.74	<b>3.98<sup>†</sup></b>	3.89
	BART( $\mathcal{D}_{TS}$ )	<b>3.95<sup>††</sup></b>	3.76	<b>4.01<sup>††</sup></b>
	BART( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	<b>4.05<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>3.78<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>4.08<sup>†</sup></b>
AMI	Golden	4.70	3.85	4.35
	PGN	2.92	3.08	2.70
	HMNet	<b>3.52<sup>†</sup></b>	2.40	<b>3.40<sup>†</sup></b>
	PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{KE}$ )	3.20	3.08	3.00
	PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{RD}$ )	3.15	<b>3.25<sup>†</sup></b>	3.00
	PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{TS}$ )	3.05	<b>3.10<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>3.17<sup>††</sup></b>
	PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	<b>3.33<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>3.25<sup>†</sup></b>	3.10

model can perform better in coverage

model can get the best score in conciseness



# Effect of DialoGPT<sub>KE</sub>

- Entities play an important role in the summary generation.
- Combined with DialoGPT embeddings, KeyBERT can get better results.

Method	R-1	R-2	R-L
<i>Rule-Based Methods</i>			
Entities	53.36	27.71	49.69
Nouns and Verbs	52.75	27.48	48.82
<i>Traditional Methods</i>			
TextRank	53.29	27.66	49.33
Topic words	53.28	27.76	49.59
<i>Pre-trained Language Model-Based Methods</i>			
KeyBERT			
w/ BERT emb	52.39	27.14	48.52
w/ DialoGPT emb	53.14	27.25	49.42
<i>Ours</i>			
DialoGPT <sub>KE</sub>	<b>53.43</b>	<b>28.03</b>	<b>49.93</b>

## Intrinsic Evaluation For Keywords

- View reference summary words as golden keywords
- Both TextRank and Entities perform poorly in recall
- Our method can extract more diverse keywords.

Method	Precision	Recall	F <sub>1</sub>
TextRank	47.74%	17.44%	23.22%
Entities	<b>60.42%</b>	17.80%	25.38%
DialoGPT <sub>KE</sub>	33.20%	<b>29.49%</b>	<b>30.31%</b>

# Effect of DialoGPT<sub>RD</sub>

- Rule-based method: annotates utterances without noun, verb and adjective as redundant.
- Our method shows more advantages for long and verbose meeting transcripts in the AMI.

Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
<b>SAMSum</b>			
Rule-based	53.00	27.71	<b>49.68</b>
DialoGPT <sub>RD</sub>	<b>53.39</b>	<b>28.01</b>	49.49
<b>AMI</b>			
Rule-based	50.19	16.45	23.95
DialoGPT <sub>RD</sub>	<b>50.62</b>	<b>16.86</b>	<b>24.27</b>

# Effect of DialoGPT<sub>TS</sub>

- Our method can get comparable results with the strong baseline C99(w/ DialoGPT emb).

Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
<b>SAMSum</b>			
C99			
w/ BERT emb	52.80	27.78	49.50
w/ DialoGPT emb	53.33	<b>28.04</b>	49.39
DialoGPT <sub>TS</sub>	<b>53.34</b>	27.85	<b>49.64</b>
<b>AMI</b>			
Golden	50.28	19.73	24.45
C99			
w/ BERT emb	48.53	15.84	23.63
w/ DialoGPT emb	<b>49.22</b>	<b>16.79</b>	23.88
DialoGPT <sub>TS</sub>	48.59	16.07	<b>24.05</b>

# Ablation Studies for Annotations

- For both datasets, training summarizers based on datasets with two of three annotations can surpass corresponding summarizers that are trained based on datasets with one type of annotation.
- Summarizers that are trained on  $D_{KE+TS}$  still get improvements on both datasets.

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BART( $\mathcal{D}_{RD}$ )	53.39	28.01	49.49
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{TS}$ )	53.34	27.85	49.64
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{KE+RD}$ )	53.56	28.65	50.55
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{KE+TS}$ )	53.51	28.13	50.00
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{RD+TS}$ )	53.64	28.33	50.13
BART( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	<b>53.70</b>	<b>28.79</b>	<b>50.81</b>

Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
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PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{KE+RD}$ )	50.74	17.11	24.52
PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{KE+TS}$ )	50.69	16.83	24.33
PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{RD+TS}$ )	50.70	16.96	24.38
PGN( $\mathcal{D}_{ALL}$ )	<b>50.91</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>24.59</b>



# Conclusion

- We investigate to use DialoGPT as unsupervised annotators for dialogue summarization, including keywords extraction, redundancy detection and topic segmentation.
- Experimental results show that our method consistently obtains improvements upon pre-trained summarizer (BART) and non pre-trained summarizer (PGN) on both datasets.
- Combining all three annotations, our summarizer can achieve new state-of-the-art performance on the SAMSum dataset.



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