

MIAIS: A Multimedia Recipe Dataset with Ingredient Annotation at Each Instructional Step



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RESEARCH BACKGROUND

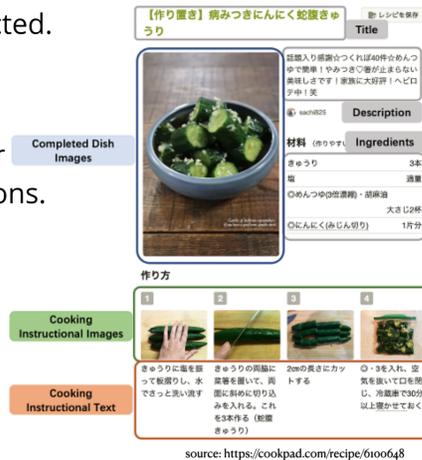
More and more datasets on recipes are constructed.

Food-101 dataset, Recipe1M+, UECFood256:

- mainly focus on **completed dish images** after cooking rather than images in recipe instructions.

Cookpad dataset:

- 1, 642, 450 images of completed dishes
- 3, 105, 594 **instructional images**



RESEARCH PROBLEM AND PURPOSE

Most of the datasets:

- No sufficient **multimedia information (text and image)** on the **cooking instructions** of the recipe.

However, the **instructional information** is one of the most important and unique characteristics of recipe data.

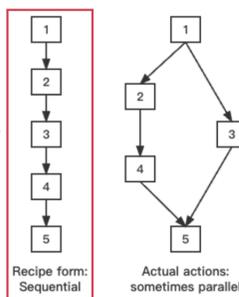
MIAIS Dataset

- **Goal:** construct a recipe dataset with sufficient **multimedia data** and the **annotations** to them for every cooking step (based on Cookpad dataset)
- **Applications:** cooking flow graph generation, recipe text generation, and cooking action recognition

ANNOTATION AND COOKING FLOW GRAPH

Challenge and Common Solutions

The original form sometimes makes it difficult to understand recipes directly and efficiently.



- A **challenge** in understanding the cooking process from recipes:
 - present the complicated operations of cooking activities in a succinct workflow.
- A **common solution** is to **generate a flow graph** to help them understand the cooking process.
 - Focus on the flow of ingredients in recipes.
- However, the ingredient information in text tends to be insufficient or omitted when written by users.

Quick and moist Nikujaga (meat and potatoes)

Ingredients

- potato
- water
- olive oil
- sugar
- salt
- Shirataki
- Mirin
- soy sauce
- honey

Cooking Instructions

- 1 Wash the **potatoes** with a bowl.
- 2 Roughly cut all the **potatoes** into quarters. After washing with water, add 4 tablespoons of **water** and cover over with a wrap.
- 3 Microwave for 6 minutes. Meanwhile, heat a frying pan and sauté the **beef** in **olive oil**.
- 4 After boiling, the **potatoes** are placed in a bowl of water and peeled them by hand.
- 5 Sprinkle 4 tablespoons of **sugar** on the **beef**. When blended, add a teaspoon of **salt**. Season the **beef** well.
- 6 Add **Shirataki**. Add 4 tablespoons of **mirin** and **soy sauce**.
- 7 When blended, add all the **potatoes** and shake the whole to let the **potatoes** soak in the flavor.
- 8 Taste and if it seems too thin, add **soy sauce** and **honey** to taste. Ready to serve.

The Original Multimedia Recipe

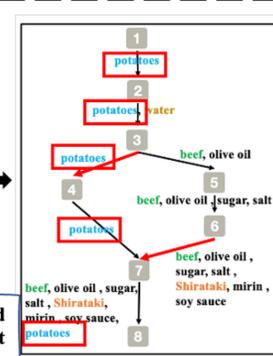
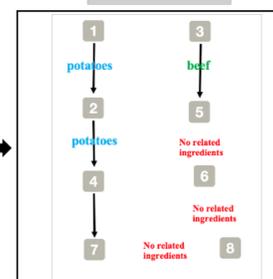
Annotation based on the appearance in text

- 1 potatoes
- 2 potatoes, water
- 3 **beef, olive oil**
- 4 potatoes
- 5 **beef, sugar, salt**
- 6 **Shirataki, mirin, soy sauce**
- 7 potatoes
- 8 soy sauce, honey

"Potatoes" is omitted.

Beef and seasonings in Step 5 are not mentioned in Step 6, but in fact, they remain in the food.

Cooking flow graph



Our proposed annotation method

Our method complement those omitted information

Cooking flow graph

Our new annotation rule

Each instructional step is annotated with all ingredients that physically exist in the intermediate products processed in the step no matter whether they are mentioned in the instructional text or not.

Flow Graph Generation

- We **track the paths of ingredients** in order to generate the cooking flow graph.
- If a specific ingredient
 - is contained in a previous step;
 - can also be detected in one of the subsequent steps
- we can consider that there is continuity between the two steps.
- The path is created for each ingredient and the final flow graph is a union set of all the paths.

- The flow graph of this recipe can be generated based on the above tracking information.
- The order in which the actual cooking is performed is **not sequential, but with several branches**.

- E.g.,
- **"Potato"**: 1-2-3-4-7-8;
- **"Beef"**: 3-5-6-7-8

MIAIS DATASET

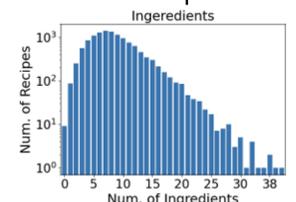
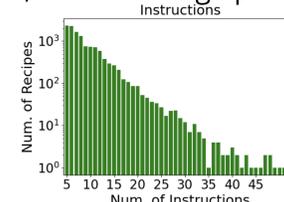
Multimedia recipe data

12,000 recipes in Japanese

The text and image data are originated from Cookpad.

- Recipe selection **rule**:
 - Recipes that have at least **five** cooking steps
 - Recipes that contain a text description and an image for **every step**

- 109,547 text-image paired instructional steps in total



CONCLUSION

- A multimedia recipe dataset with ingredient annotation for every instructional step
 - Containing **both text and image data for every cooking step**
 - Supplementary information about text-image pair of every step
- Cooking flow graphs
 - Directly derived based on the annotation information
 - These flow graphs can become the ground truth for the method of recipe flow graph generation