

# Improved Neural Relation Detection for Knowledge Base Question Answering

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# Motivation

Relation information can revise the entity-linking error  
(ex.homonymy entity, actor Jack and writer Jack).

# Different Granularity in KB Relations

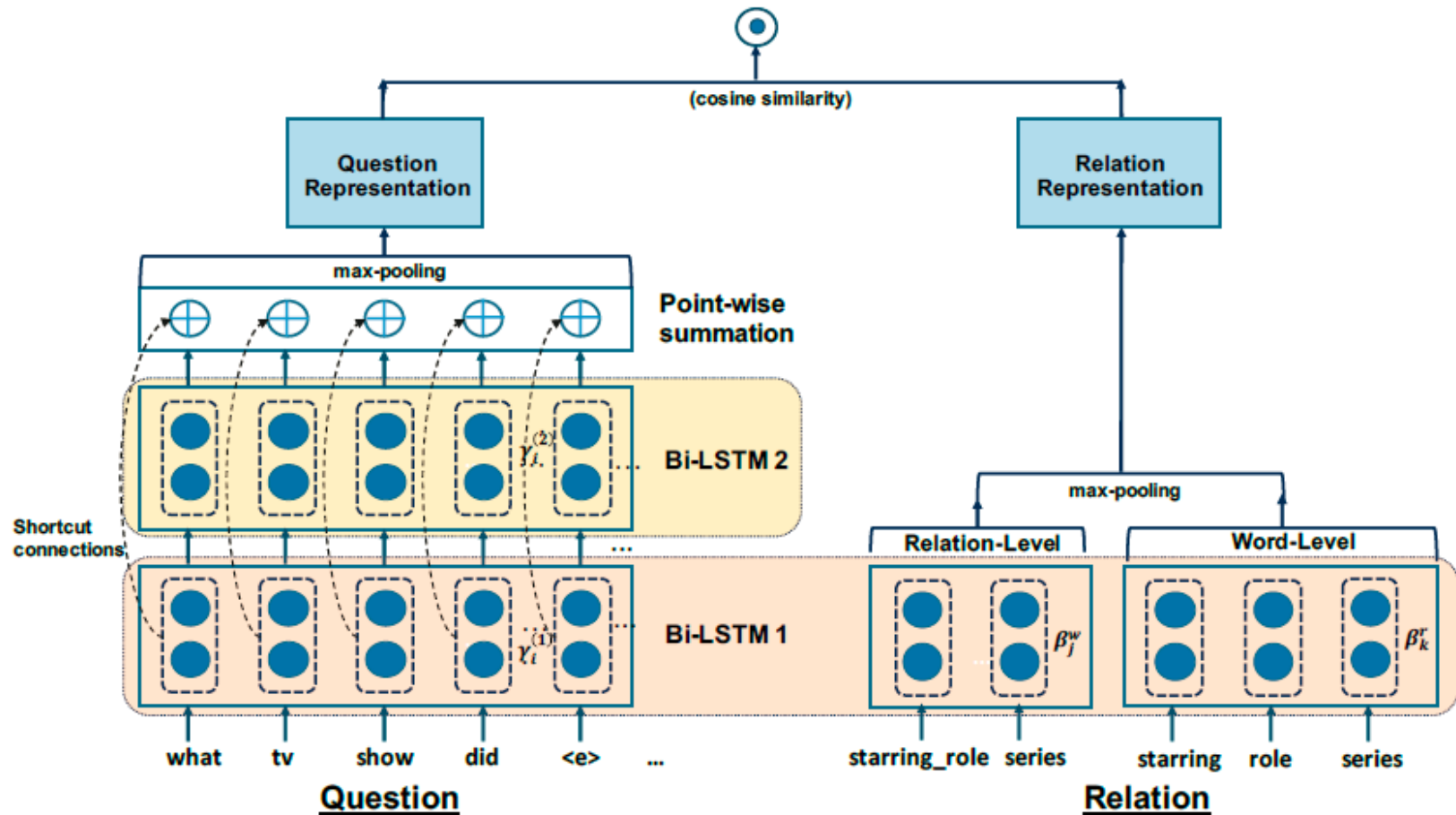
**Relation Name as a Single Token (Relation Level):** this method can learn the relation representation better, but it is weak to unseen relations.

**Relation as Word Sequence (word-level):** this method can represent unseen relations.

# KB Relation Level

	<b>Relation Token</b>
<b>relation-level</b>	episodes_written
<b>word-level</b>	episodes
	written

# Model (HR-BiLSTM)



2-layer BiLSTM+residual network + max pooling + hierarchical matching score

# KBQA Enhanced by Relation Detection

1. Entity Re-Ranking: 对于候选实体，会先有个  $s_{linker}(e; q)$  实体链接得分。然后，对与每个候选相连的 relation 带入 HR-BiLSTM 进行评分，得到  $s_{rel}$ 。最终，对于每一个实体都有一个  $s_{rerank}$  评分。

$$s_{rerank}(e; q) = \alpha \cdot linker(e; q) + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \max_{r \in R_q^l \cap R_e} S_{rel}(r; q).$$

我们选取  $K' < K$  个实体根据  $s_{rerank}$  评分。

2. Relation Detection: 选取好候选实体后，对每个候选实体的相连 relation 带入 HR-BiLSTM 中计算评分。得到  $s_{rel}(r; e, q)$ 。
3. Query Generation: 选取最终的实体和关系。

$$s(\hat{e}, \hat{r}; q) = \max_{e \in EL'_{K'}(q), r \in R_e} (\beta \cdot s_{rerank}(e; q) + (1 - \beta) \cdot s_{rel}(r; e, q)),$$

4. Constraint Detection: 计算问题  $q$  与关系链上实体相邻实体的相似度评分，将高分的相邻实体和实体关系加入到 query 中。

# Experiments

Model	Relation Input Views	Accuracy	
		SimpleQuestions	WebQSP
AMPCNN (Yin et al., 2016)	words	91.3	-
BiCNN (Yih et al., 2015)	char-3-gram	90.0	77.74
BiLSTM w/ words	words	91.2	79.32
BiLSTM w/ relation names	rel_names	88.9	78.96
Hier-Res-BiLSTM (HR-BiLSTM)	words + rel_names	<b>93.3</b>	<b>82.53</b>
w/o rel_name	words	91.3	81.69
w/o rel_words	rel_names	88.8	79.68
w/o residual learning (weighted sum on two layers)	words + rel_names	92.5	80.65
replacing residual with attention (Parikh et al., 2016)	words + rel_names	92.6	81.38
single-layer BiLSTM question encoder	words + rel_names	92.8	78.41
replacing BiLSTM with CNN (HR-CNN)	words + rel_names	92.9	79.08

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System	Accuracy	
	SQ	WQ
STAGG	72.8	<b>63.9</b>
AMPCNN (Yin et al., 2016)	<b>76.4</b>	-
Baseline: Our Method w/ baseline relation detector	75.1	60.0
Our Method	<b>77.0</b>	63.0
w/o entity re-ranking	74.9	60.6
w/o constraints	-	58.0
Our Method (multi-detectors)	<b>78.7</b>	<b>63.9</b>