



# KGR<sup>4</sup>: Retrieval, Retrospect, Refine and Rethink for Commonsense Generation

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**GPT2:** A dog throws a frisbee at a football player. [Machines]

**UniLM:** Two dogs are throwing frisbees at each other .

**BART:** A dog throws a frisbee and a dog catches it.

**T5:** dog catches a frisbee and throws it to a dog

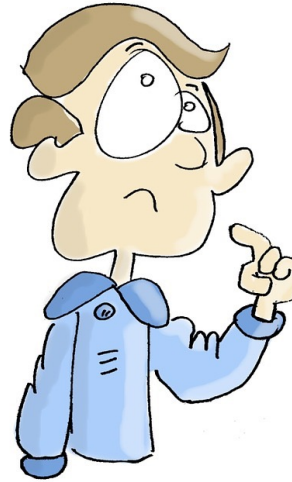


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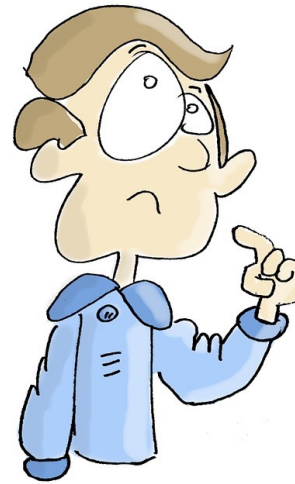
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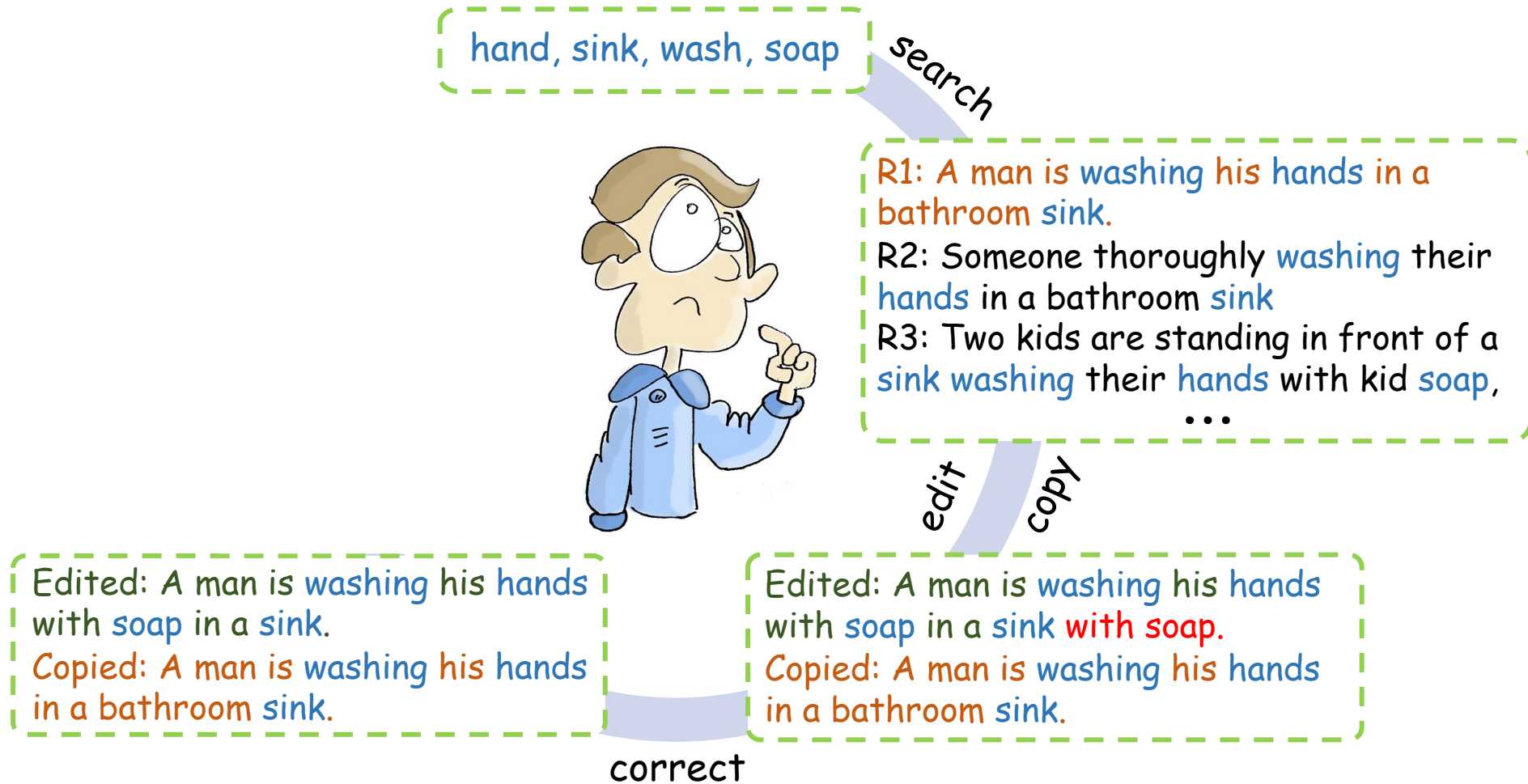
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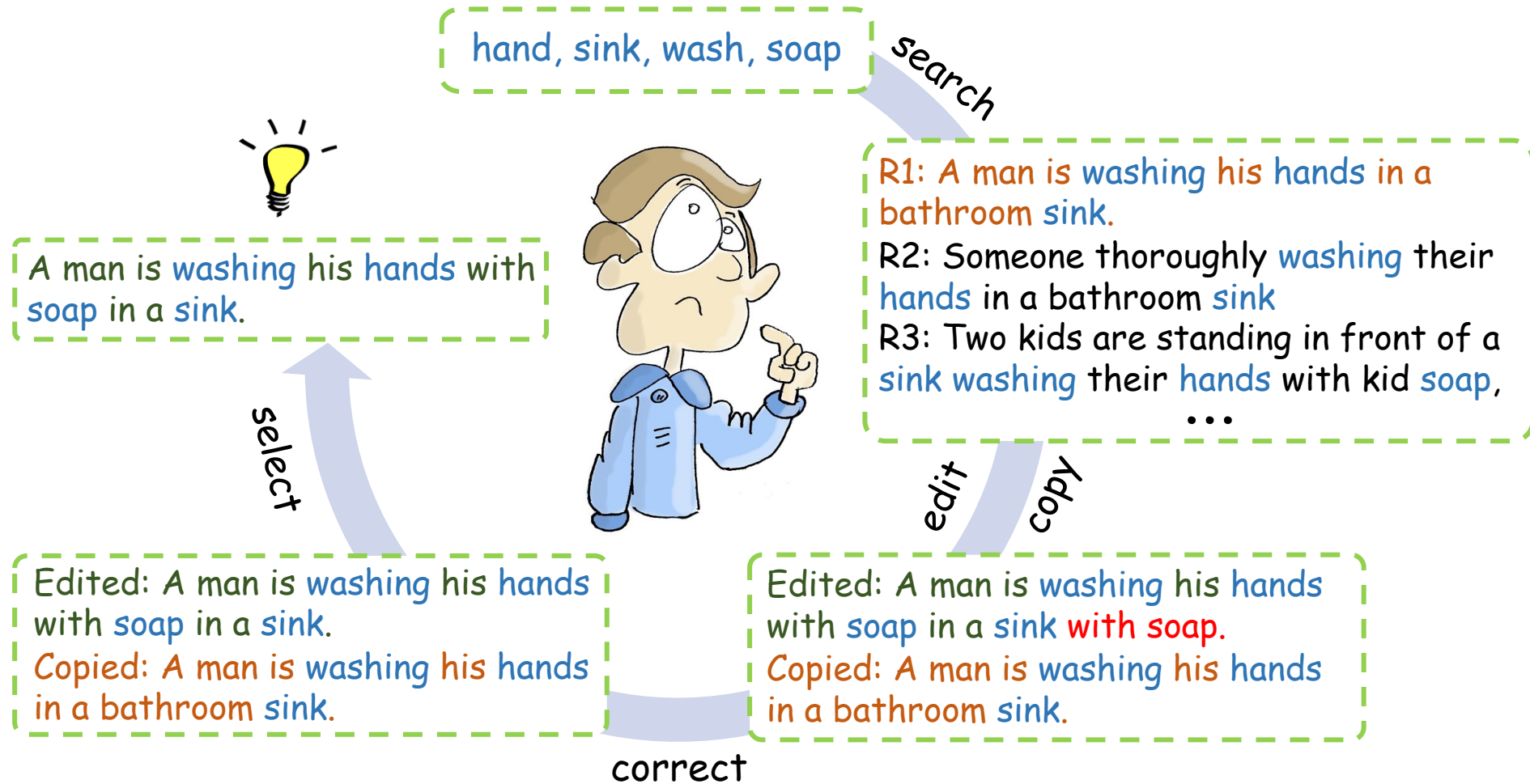




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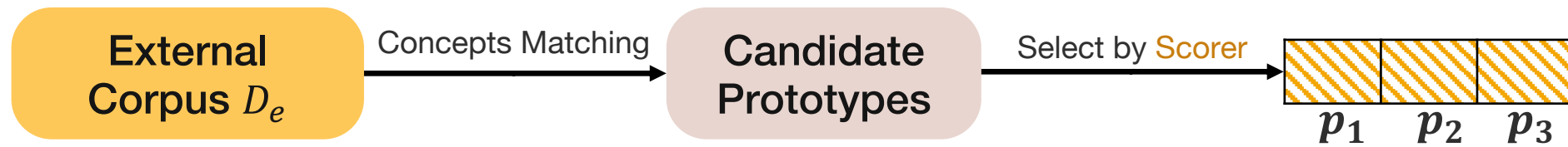
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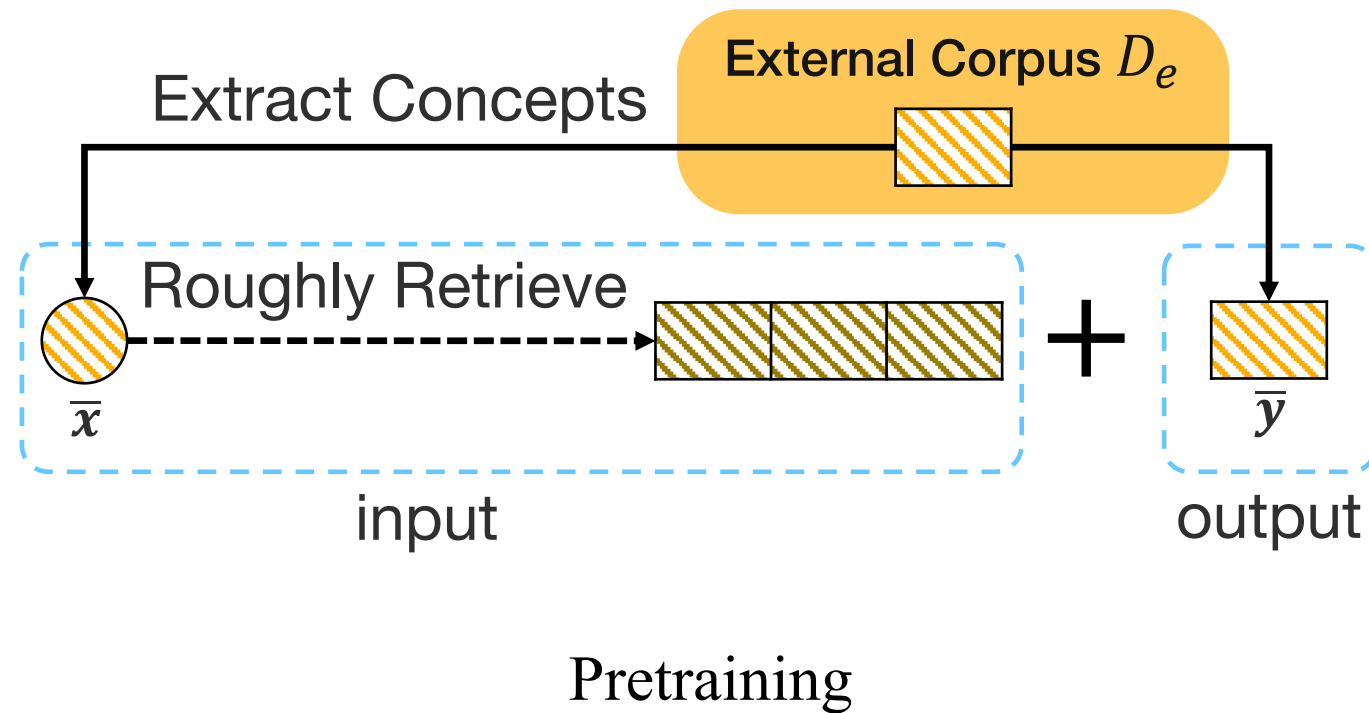
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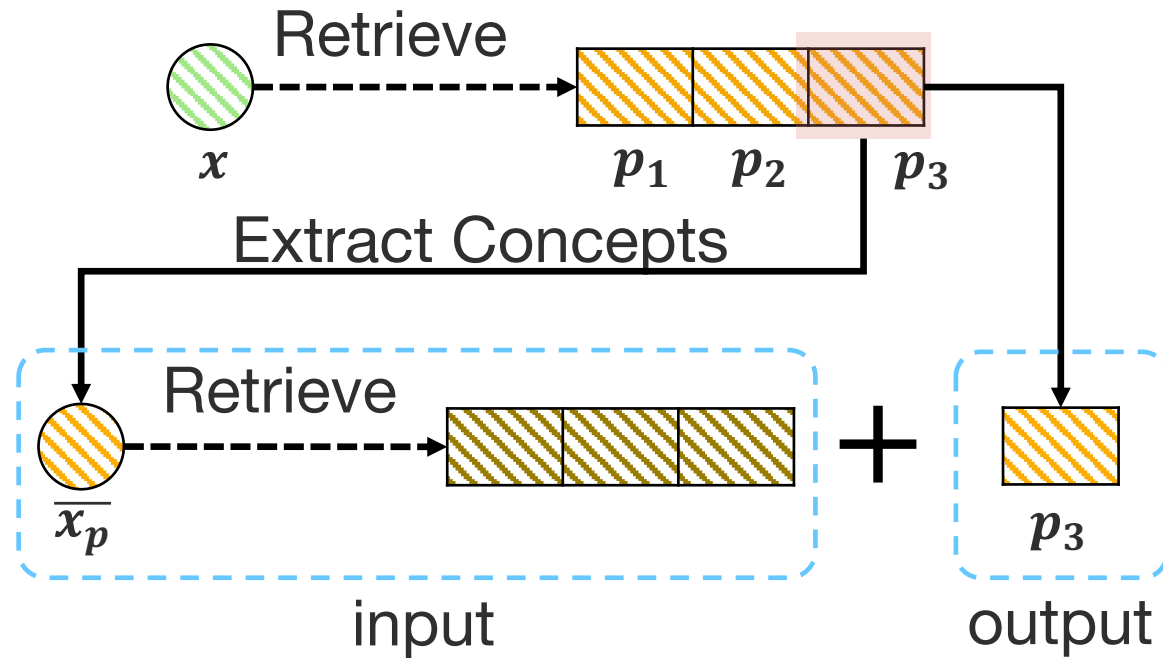
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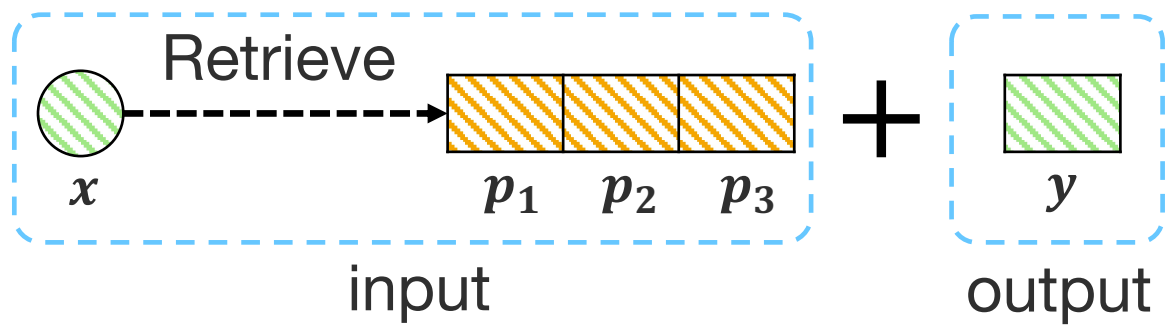
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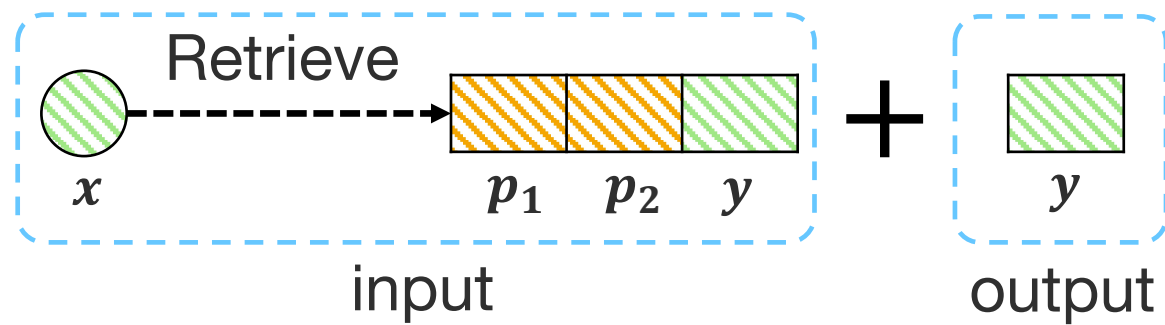
Retrospective Augmentation

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Retrospective Training (Edit)



Retrospective Training (Copy)

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{ft} = (1 - \lambda)\mathcal{L}_{edit} + \lambda\mathcal{L}_{copy},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{edit} = - \sum_{t=1}^{|y|} \log p(y_t | x, \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}, y_{<t}),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{copy} = - \sum_{t=1}^{|y|} \log p(y_t | x, \{p_1, p_2, y\}, y_{<t}),$$



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  - Generate perturbed sentences according to two types of errors:
    1. Repetition Error: *in a sink a sink*
    2. Misspelling: *wsh hands* and *washhands*
  - Train the BART-based **Refiner** following **denoising auto-encoding** training objective:

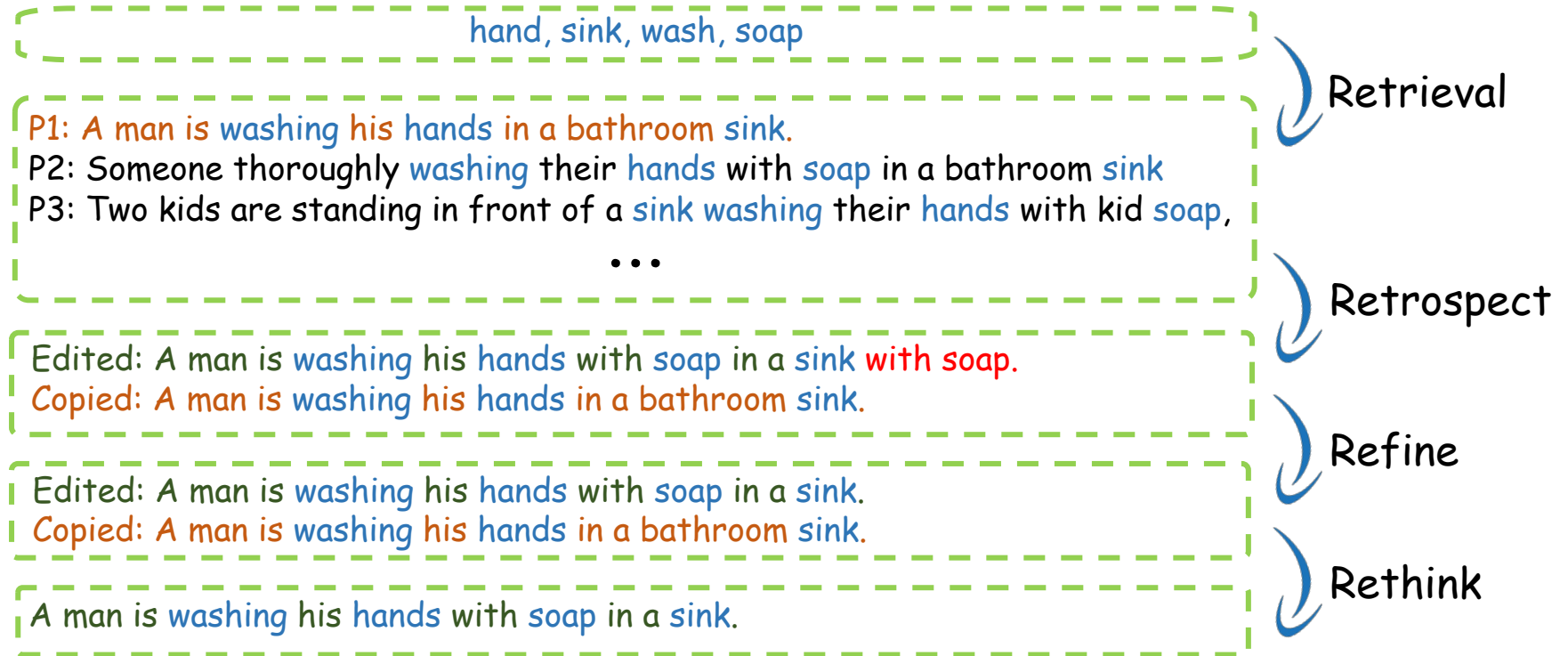
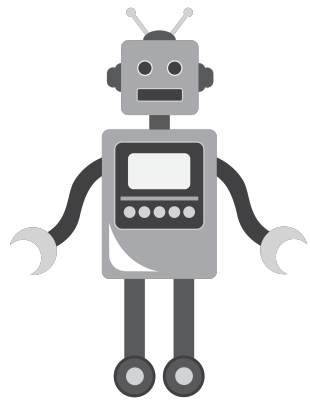
$$\mathcal{L}_R = -\log p(\bar{\mathbf{y}}|\hat{\mathbf{y}}) = -\sum_{t=1}^{|\bar{\mathbf{y}}|} \log p(\bar{y}_t|\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}_{<t})$$

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  - Reuse the **scorer** at Retrieval stage to select the best sentence among those produced by generators with various  $\lambda$ .

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Model	BLEU-4(lb)	CIDEr(lb)	<b>SPICE(lb)</b>	SPICE(v1.0)
GPT-2 (Radford et al. 2019)	26.833	12.187	23.567	25.90
BERT-Gen (Bao et al. 2020)	23.468	12.606	24.822	27.30
UniLM (Dong et al. 2019)	30.616	14.889	27.429	30.20
BART (Lewis et al. 2020)	31.827	13.976	27.995	30.60
T5-base (Raffel et al. 2020b)	18.546	9.399	19.871	22.00
T5-large (Raffel et al. 2020b)	31.962	15.128	28.855	31.60
EKI-BART (Fan et al. 2020)	35.945	16.999	29.583	32.40
KG-BART (Liu et al. 2021)	33.867	16.927	29.634	32.70
CALM(T5-base) (Zhou et al. 2021)	-	-	-	33.00
RE-T5 (Wang et al. 2021)	40.863	17.663	31.079	34.30
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Overall Performance

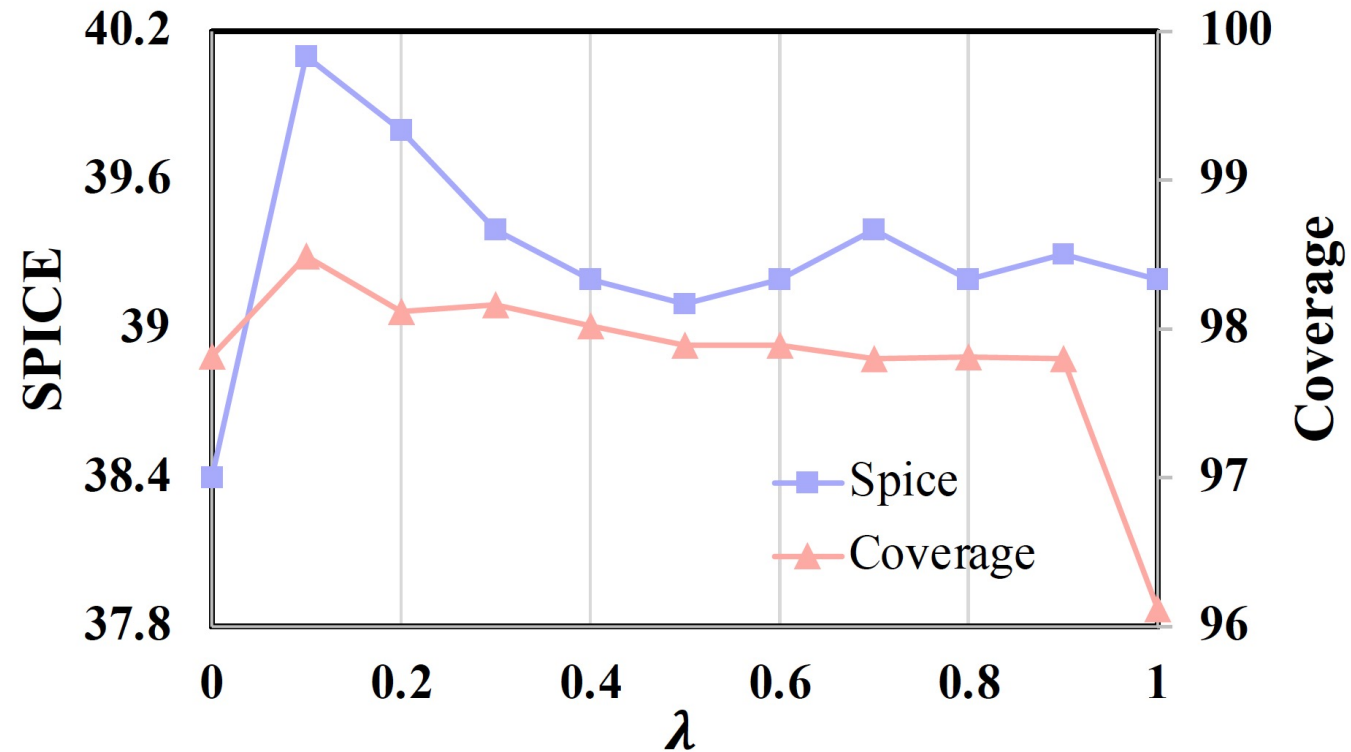
model	SPICE(v1.0)
BART	30.60
+pretraining	33.10
+retrieval	36.60
+retrospective training	38.30
+retrospective augmentation	39.20
+refine	39.40
+rethink	<b>39.70</b>

Ablation Study

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## ■ Effect of Hyper-parameter $\lambda$

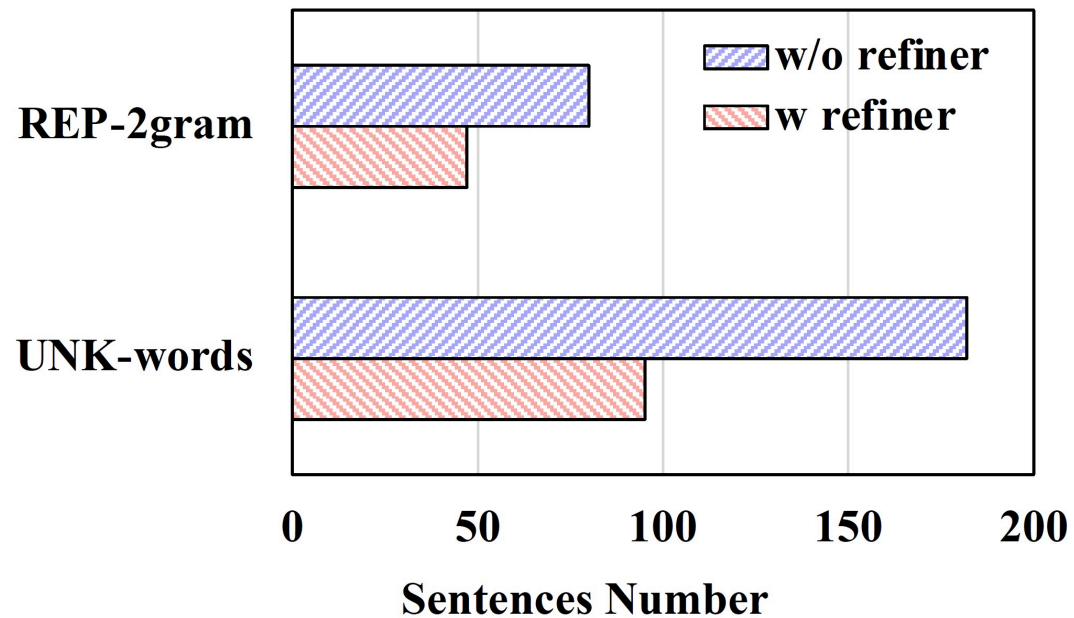




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## ■ Impact of the Refine Stage



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**w/o refiner:**

*A dog splashes through a puddle of water in a puddle in the rain .*

**w refiner:**

*A dog splashes through a puddle of water in the rain .*

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**w/o refiner:**

*Bearded manin white shirt demonstrates steps to tying necktie.*

**w refiner:**

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