

Introduction to NL2SQL

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What is NL2SQL

Semantic Parsing : NL2SQL

- 输入: [自然语言, 要查询的schema]
- 输出: SQL语句

Table					
Player	No.	Nationality	Position	Years in Toronto	School/Club Team
Antonio Lang	21	United States	Guard-Forward	1999-2000	Duke
Voshon Lenard	2	United States	Guard	2002-03	Minnesota
Martin Lewis	32, 44	United States	Guard-Forward	1996-97	Butler CC (KS)
Brad Lohaus	33	United States	Forward-Center	1996	Iowa
Art Long	42	United States	Forward-Center	2002-03	Cincinnati

Question:

Who is the player that wears number 42?

SQL:

**SELECT player
WHERE no. = 42**

Result:

Art Long

Figure 1: An example of the WikiSQL task.

How to NL2SQL

Implication: NL2SQL

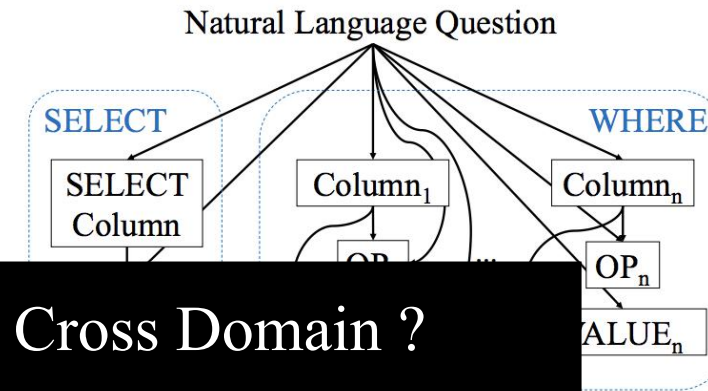
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How to NL2SQL: Sketch-Based

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What about Complex SQL with Cross Domain ?

(a) SQL Sketch

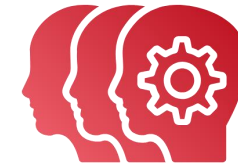
(b) Graphical illustration of the dependency in a sketch

Figure 2: Sketch syntax and the dependency in a sketch

$$R(q(y), q_g) = \begin{cases} -2, & \text{if } q(y) \text{ is not a valid SQL query} \\ -1, & \text{if } q(y) \text{ is a valid SQL query and executes to an incorrect result} \\ +1, & \text{if } q(y) \text{ is a valid SQL query and executes to the correct result} \end{cases}$$

How to NL2SQL: Spider DateSet

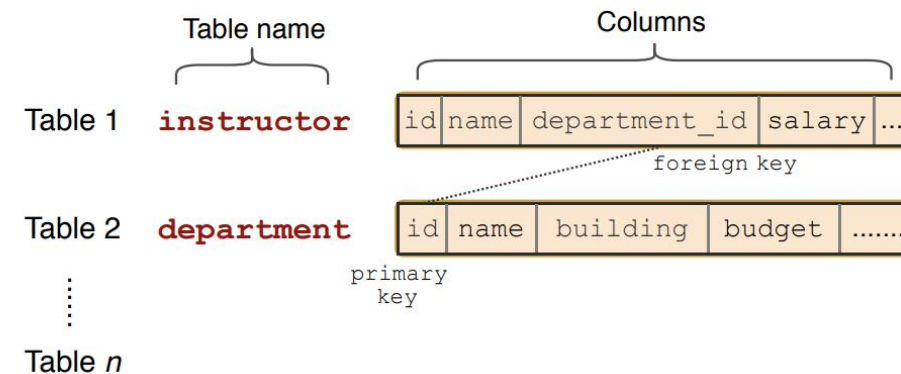
Yale Semantic Parsing and Text-to-SQL Challenge



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- Complex SQL queries
 - Different SQL Components
 - GroupBy;OrderBy;Limit;Having
 - Nested Query (Sub-query)
- Cross Domain Databases
 - Multi-Table

Annotators check database schema (e.g., database: college)



Annotators create:

Complex question What are the name and budget of the departments with average instructor salary greater than the overall average?

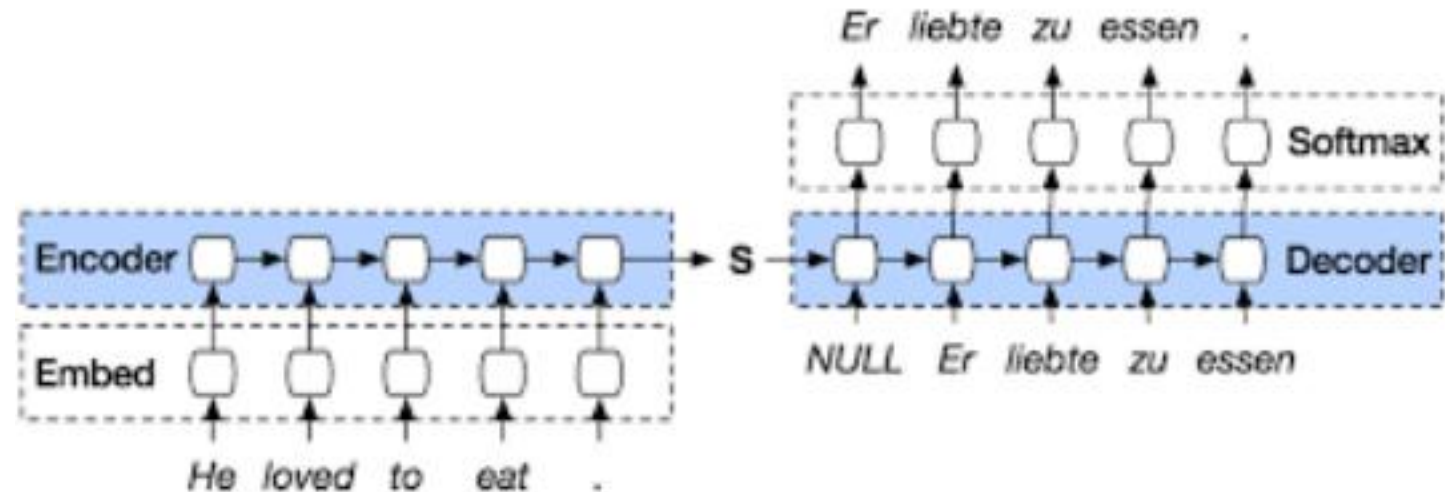
Complex SQL

```
SELECT T2.name, T2.budget
FROM instructor as T1 JOIN department as
T2 ON T1.department_id = T2.id
GROUP BY T1.department_id
HAVING avg(T1.salary) >
      (SELECT avg(salary) FROM instructor)
```

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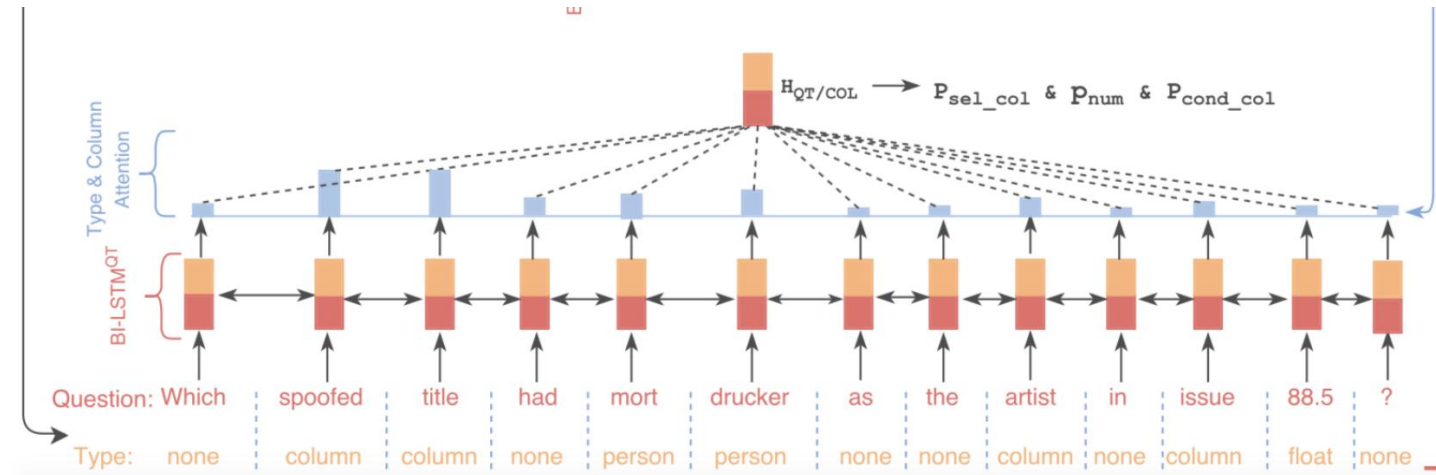
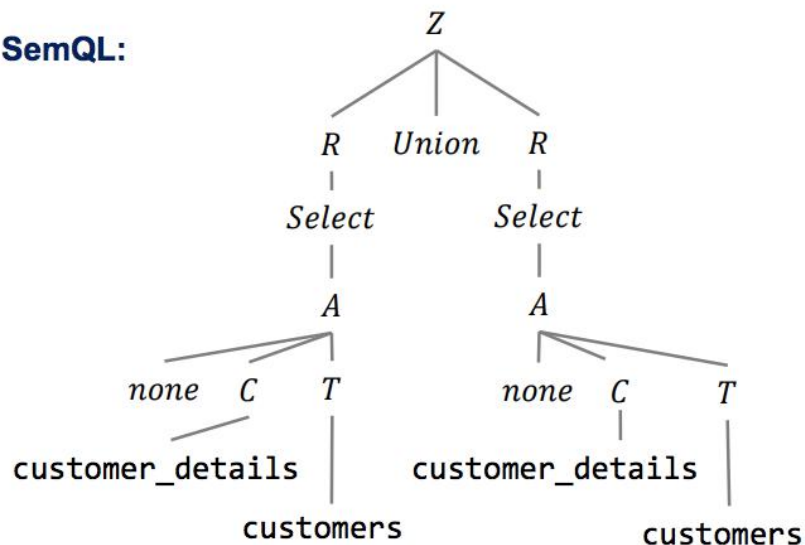
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NL: Find the names of all the customers and staff members.

SQL: `SELECT customer_details FROM customers
UNION SELECT staff_details FROM staff`

SemQL:



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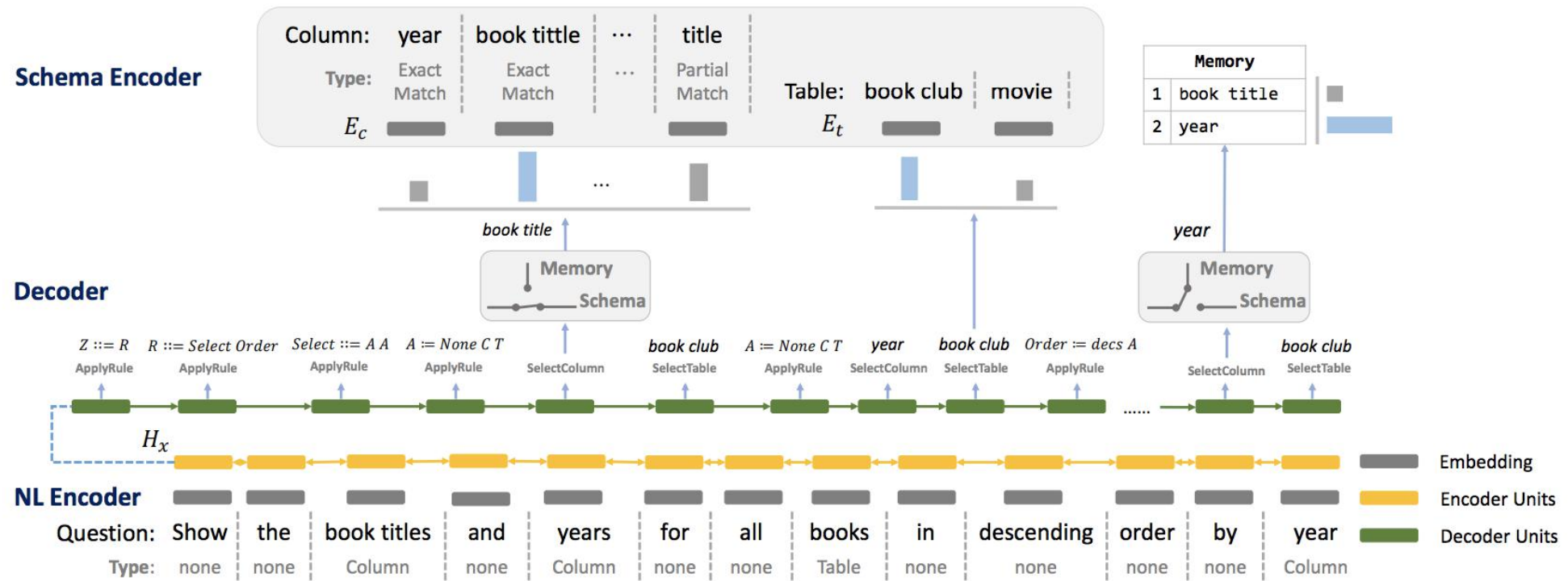


Figure 4: An overview of the neural model to synthesize SemQL queries. Basically, IRNet is constituted by an NL encoder, a schema encoder and a decoder. As shown in the figure, the column 'book title' is selected from the schema, while the second column 'year' is selected from the memory.

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Thanks