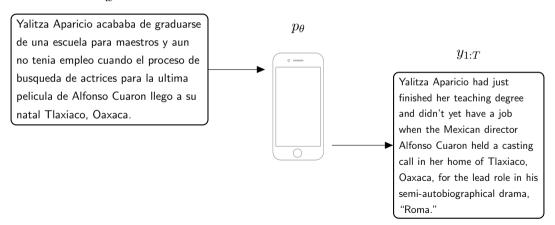
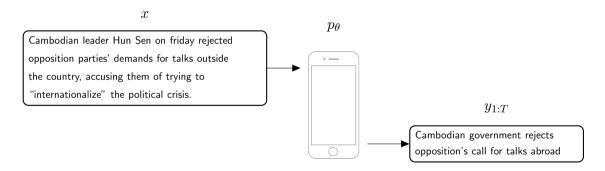
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Machine Learning for Text Generation: Translation



Sentence Summarization



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Regina King wins supporting actress Oscar for 'Beale Street'

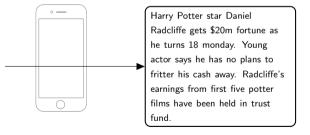
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LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Regina King won the Oscar for best supporting actress on Sunday for her role as a mother trying to look out for her pregnant daughter in "If Beale Street Could Talk."

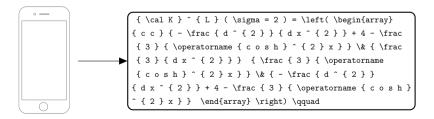
It was the first Oscar for King, 48, who began her career in Hollywood more than three decades ago as a teenager on the 1980s sitcom "227." It was also her first nomination.

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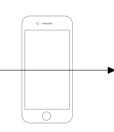
London, England (reuters) - Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe gains access to a reported \$20 million fortune as he turns 18 on monday, but he insists the money won't cast a spell on him. Daniel Radcliffe as harry potter in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" to the disappointment of gossip columnists around the world, the young actor says he has no plans to fritter his cash away on fast cars, drink and celebrity parties. "i do n't plan to be one of those people who , as soon as they turn 18 , suddenly buy themselves a massive sports car collection or something similar . " told an australian interviewer earlier this month. " i do n't think i 'Il be particularly extravagant", "the things i like buying are things that cost about 10 pounds - books and cds and dvds. " at 18, radcliffe will be able to gamble in a casino, buy a drink in a pub or see the horror film "hostel: part ii," currently six places below his number one movie on the uk box office chart. details of how he 'll mark his landmark birthday are under wraps his agent and publicist had no comment on his plans. "i'll definitely have some sort of party." he said in an interview...



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Paul Millsap		2	9	21	8	12	Atlanta
Goran Dragic		4	2	21	8	17	Miami
Wayne Ellington		2	3	19	7	15	Miami
Dennis Schroder		7	4	17	8	15	Atlanta
Rodney McGruder		5	5	11	3	8	Miami



The Atlanta Hawks defeated the Miami Heat. 103 -95. at Philips Arena on Wednesday. Atlanta was in desperate need of a win and they were able to take care of a shorthanded Miami team here. Defense was key for the Hawks, as they held the Heat to 42 percent shooting and forced them to commit 16 turnovers. Atlanta also dominated in the paint, winning the rebounding battle. 47 - 34, and outscoring them in the paint 58 - 26. The Hawks shot 49 percent from the field and assisted on 27 of their 43 made baskets. This was a near wire-to-wire win for the Hawks, as Miami held just one lead in the first five minutes. Miami (7 - 15) are as beat-up as anyone right now and it's taking a toll on the heavily used starters. Hassan Whiteside really struggled in this game. as he amassed eight points, 12 rebounds and one blocks on 4 - of - 12 shooting ...

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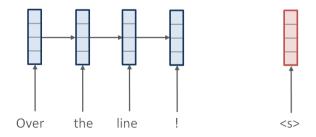
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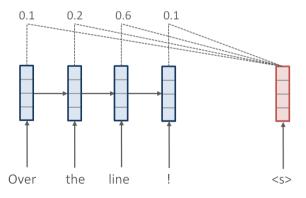
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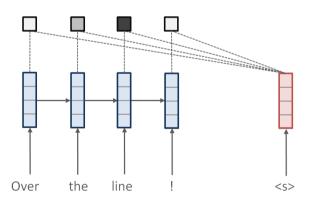
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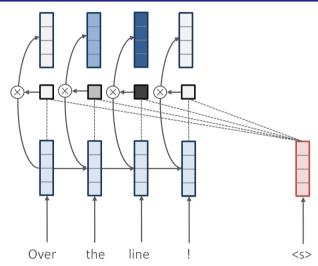
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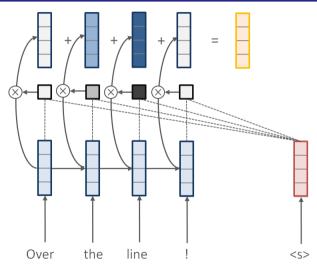
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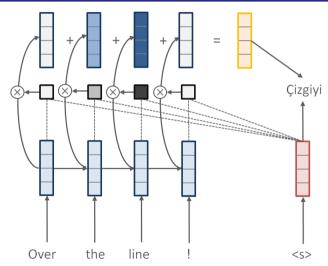
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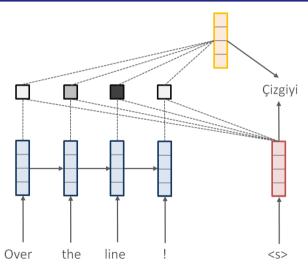
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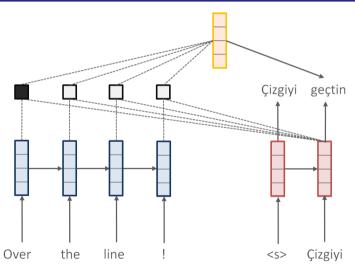
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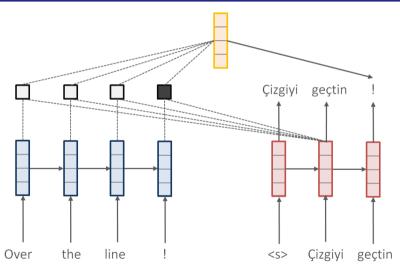
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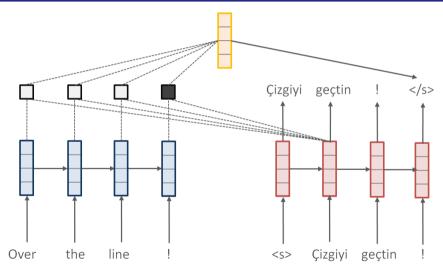
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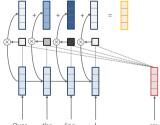
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An open-source neural machine translation system.

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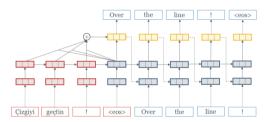
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OpenNMT is used as provided in production by major translation providers. The system is designed to be simple to use and easy to extend, while maintaining efficiency and state-of-the-art translation accuracy.

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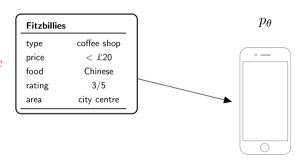
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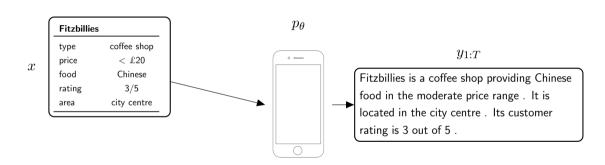
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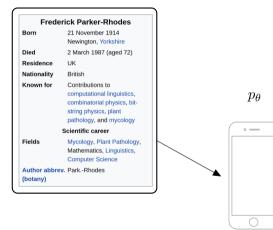
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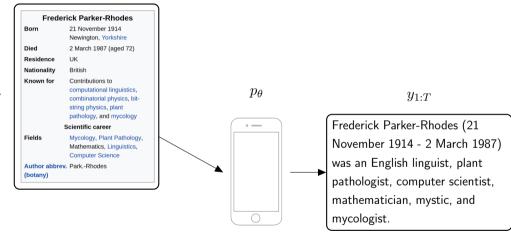


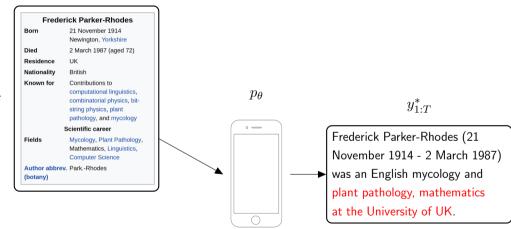
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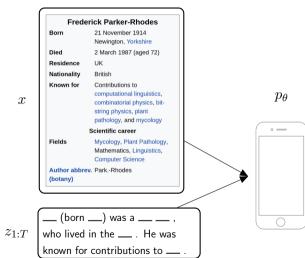
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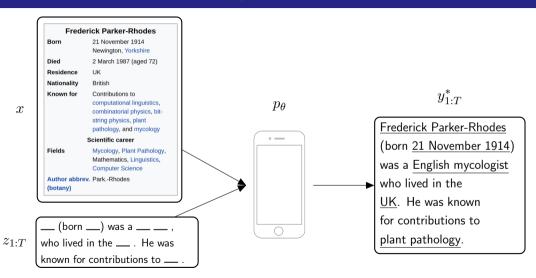












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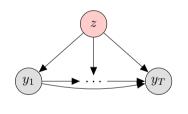
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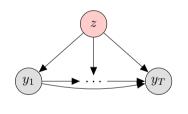
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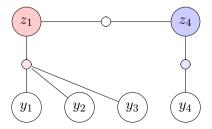
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Time-Series Clustering

Similar approach can be employed with other probabilistic models.

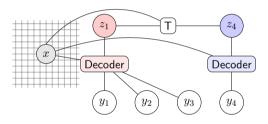
Hidden Semi-Markov Model

- Each discrete cluster produces multiple emissions (e.g. phrases).
- Parameterized with transition and emission distributions.



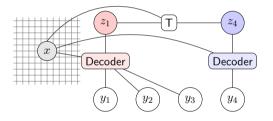
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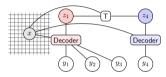
Step 1: Technical Methodology

Training is end-to-end, i.e. clusters and segmentation are learned simultaneously with encoder-decoder model on GPU.

- Backpropagation through dynamic programming.
- Parameters are trained by exactly marginalizing over segmentations.
- Utilize HSMM backward algorithm within standard training.

Step 2: Template Matching

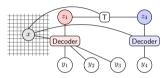
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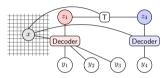
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Step 3: Template Extraction

Find identical cluster sequences $z_{1:T}$ that occur most often.

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Frederick Parker-Rhodes was an English linguist, plant pathologist ...
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                              \downarrow \arg \max_{z_{1,T}}
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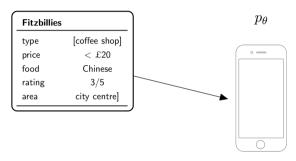
Example Templates: Wikipedia

Example common extracted "templates".

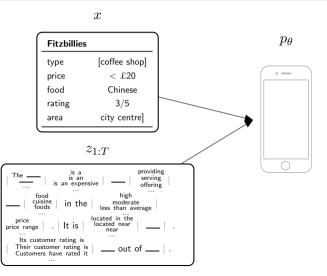
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Neural Template Generation Approach

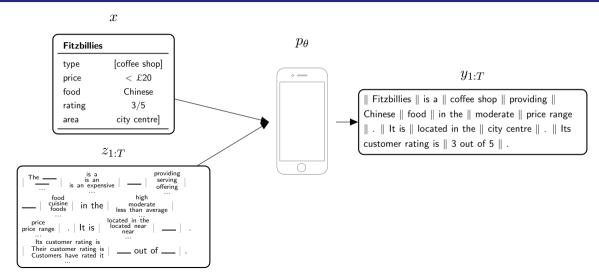
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Neural Template Generation Approach



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Interpretable Output

kenny warren

name: kenny warren, birth date: 1 april 1946,

birth name: kenneth warren deutscher, birth place: brooklyn, new york,

occupation: ventriloquist, comedian, author,

notable work: book - the revival of ventriloquism in america

- 1. kenny warren deutscher (april 1, 1946) is an american ventriloquist.
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Controllable Style

The Golden Palace

name[The Golden Palace], type[coffee shop], food[Chinese], priceRange[cheap] custRating[5 out of 5], area[city centre],

- 1. The Golden Palace is a coffee shop located in the city centre.
- 2. In the city centre is a cheap Chinese coffee shop called The Golden Palace.
- 3. The Golden Palace is a Chinese coffee shop.
- 4. The Golden Palace is a Chinese coffee shop with a customer rating of 5 out of 5.
- The Golden Palace that serves Chinese food in the cheap price range. It is located in the city centre. Its customer rating is 5 out of 5.

Automatic Metrics

	Reviews (ROUGE)
Template	54.6
Neural Template	65.0
Best Model	68.5
	WikiBio (BLEU)
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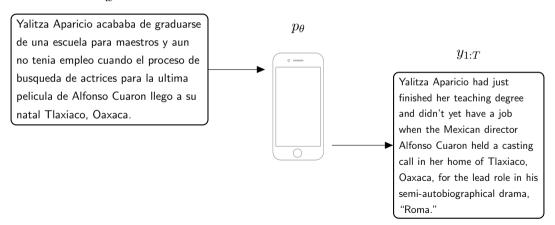
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Can we learn to control what facts are used?

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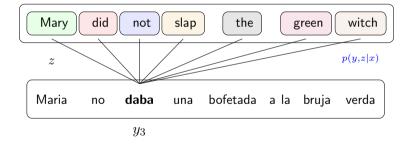


Six Challenges for NMT (Koehn and Knowles 2017)

• 2: Requires large sample complexity

• 5: The alignments learned by soft attention may not be interpreted as word alignments

Latent-Variable Alignment Model



Latent Alignment: Motivation

If attention works so well, why study alignment?

A latent variable approach facilitates composibility in a principled probabilistic manner.
 (Cohn et al, 2016)

- Posterior inference provides better post-hoc interpretability and analysis
- Modeling uncertainties might lead to better performance

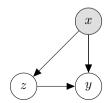
Problem Setup

- Let a be the prior alignment distribution of z
- Let $f(x, z; \theta)$ be the likelihood of x given z

$$z \sim a(x; \theta)$$
 $y \sim f(x, z; \theta)$

• Training Objective (maximizing marginal log-likelihood)

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \log \sum_{x} p(y = \hat{y}, z \mid x) = \log \mathbb{E}_z[f(x, z; \theta)_{\hat{y}}]$$



Key Issue: Computational Cost

• Direct optimization is computationally expensive

$$\log \mathbb{E}_z[f(x,z;\theta)_{\hat{y}}]$$

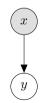
- Computing expectation requires summing over source for each target.
- Translation bottlenecked by training scale.

Workaround 1: Soft Attention

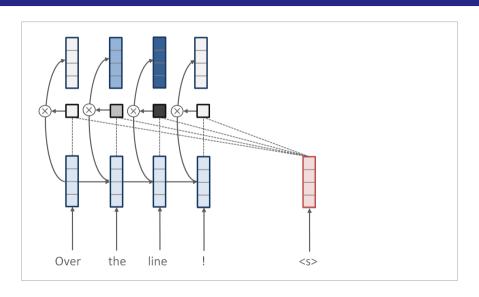
• Replace the joint distribution with a nested expectation [Bahdanau et al 2014]

$$\log \mathbb{E}_z[f(x,z)_{\hat{y}}] \approx \log f(x,\mathbb{E}_z[z])_{\tilde{y}}$$

• The corresponding graphical model is



Soft Attention



Workaround 2: Hard Attention

• [Xu et al 2015]: Directly apply Jensen's inequality and optimize with REINFORCE by sampling from the prior

$$\log \mathbb{E}_z[f(x,z)_{\hat{y}}] \ge \mathbb{E}_z \log[f(x,z)_{\hat{y}}] \approx \log f(x,\tilde{z})_{\hat{y}}$$

- Problems:
 - The use of the prior in the expectation may result in a poor bound
 - Cannot directly use for posterior estimation $p(z \mid y, x)$

Marginal Likelihood: Variational Decomposition

For any* distribution q(z) over z,

$$\begin{split} L(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_q \Big[\log p(y \,|\, x, z) \Big] - \mathrm{KL}[q(z) \,\|\, p(z \,|\, x)] \\ &+ \mathrm{KL}[q(z) \,\|\, p(z \,|\, y, x)] \\ \\ & \Big\} \quad \text{posterior gap} \\ \\ & \Big\} \quad \text{ELBO (evidence lower bound)} \end{split}$$

Since KL is always non-negative, $L(\theta) \ge \mathsf{ELBO}(\theta, \lambda)$.

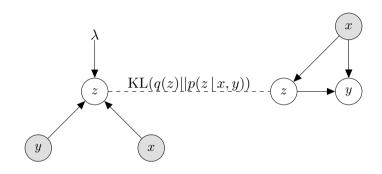
Variational Attention

 \bullet Learn model and q to maximize the following lower bound

$$\begin{split} \log & \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z \mid x,)}[p(y \mid x, z)] \\ & \geq \mathbb{E}_{z \sim q(z)}[\log p(y \mid x, z)] - \mathrm{KL}[q(z) \parallel p(z \mid x)] \end{split}$$

- We choose a q(z) that affords analytic KL
- At test time, marginalize over z.

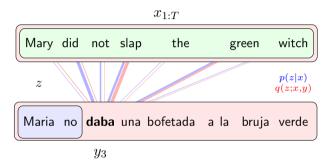
Example Form of q: Amortized Parameterization



 λ parameterizes a global network (encoder) that is run over x,y to produce the local variational distribution, e.g.

$$q(z; \lambda) = enc(x, y; \lambda)$$

Full Method



- ullet The blue prior p is restricted to past information,
- ullet The red variational posterior q may take into account future observations.

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- Relaxed (Mixture Source Alignment)
 - z and q(z): Dirichlet
 - Use reparameterization [Kingma et al 2013]
 - Sample u from a simple distribution \mathcal{U} , Apply transformation $g_{\phi}(\cdot)$ to obtain $z=g_{\phi}(u)$
 - The gradient estimator takes the form

$$\mathbb{E}_{u \sim \mathcal{U}} \left[\nabla_{\theta, \phi} \log f(x, g_{\phi}(u)) \right]$$

Concurrent Experimental Work

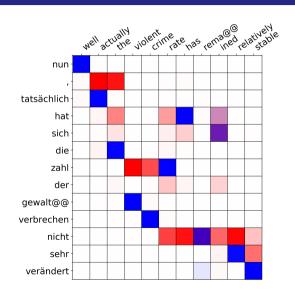
Many different researchers have recently explored the benefits of marginalization. Very similar results.

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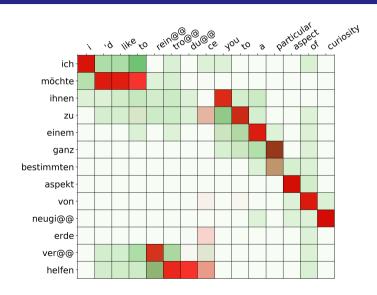
Experiments

- Full experiments on IWSLT and WMT using LSTM based NMT system.
- Model: Two layer attention based LSTM.
- Variational Model: Bidirectional LSTM model.

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Results (MT: IWSLT)

Model	Objective	Exp	PPL	BLEU
Soft Attn	$\log p(y \mathbb{E}[z])$	Softmax	7.17	32.77
Marg. Likelihood	$\log \mathbb{E}[p]$	Enum	6.34	33.29
Hard Attn	$\mathbb{E}_p[\log p]$	Enum	6.77	31.40
Hard Attn	$\mathbb{E}_p[\log p]$	Sample	6.78	30.42
Var Relaxed Attn	$\mathbb{E}_q[\log p] - \mathrm{KL}$	Sample	7.58	30.05
Var Attn	$\mathbb{E}_q[\log p] - \mathrm{KL}$	Enum	6.08	33.69
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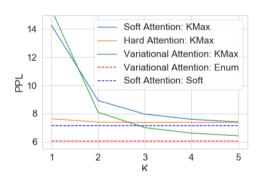
Results (MT: WMT)

Model	Objective	Exp	PPL	BLEU
Soft Attn	$\log p(y \mathbb{E}[z])$	Softmax	-	24.10
Var Attn	$\mathbb{E}_q[\log p] - \mathrm{KL}$	Sample	-	24.98

Results (VQA)

Model	Objective	Exp	NLL	Eval
Soft Attn	$\log p(y \mathbb{E}[z])$	Softmax	1.76	58.93
Marg. Likelihood	$\log \mathbb{E}[p]$	Enum	1.69	60.33
Hard Attn	$\mathbb{E}_p[\log p]$	Enum	1.78	57.60
Hard Attn	$\mathbb{E}_p[\log p]$	Sample	1.82	56.30
Var Attn	$\mathbb{E}_q[\log p] - \mathrm{KL}$	Enum	1.68	58.44
Var Attn	$\mathbb{E}_q[\log p] - \mathrm{KL}$	Sample	1.74	57.52

Inference



Discussion: Alternative Inference Methods

Inference Method	#Samples	PPL	BLEU
REINFORCE	1	6.17	33.30
RWS	5	6.41	32.96
Gumbel-Softmax	1	6.51	33.08

- Gumbel-Softmax is a viable alternative
- RWS incurs higher memory cost

Outline

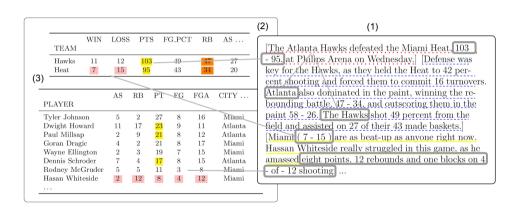
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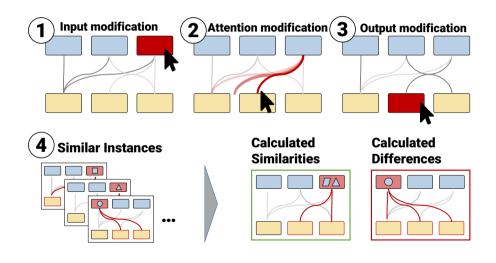
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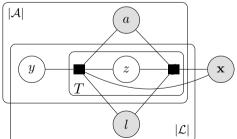
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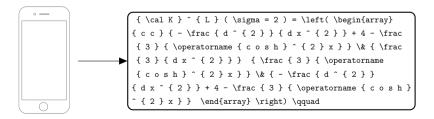
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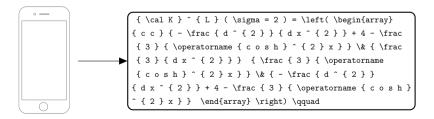
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