# Neural Natural Logic Inference for Interpretable Question Answering

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Open Domain QA의 Explainability 부족



Natural Logic 으로 설명 가능하게 하겠다!

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## Natural Logic

삼단논법

두 판단에서 그것들과는 다른 하나의 새로운 판단으로 이끄는 <mark>추론 방법</mark>

전제1	모든 사람은 죽는다.
전제2	소크라테스는 사람이다.
 결론	소크라테스는 죽는다.

## Natural Logic

## 형식화된 추론

← 문법적인 구조와 의미론적인 특징을 사용

드 모르간의 법칙

$$\sim (p \lor q) \equiv \sim p \land \sim q$$

p	오리는 악어가 아니다.	
q	고양이는 개가 아니다.	
$(p \lor q)$	오리는 악어가 아니거나 고양이는 개가 아니다.	
$\sim (p \lor q)$	오리는 악어가 아니거나 고양이는 개가 아닌 것은 거짓이다.	
~ p ∧~ q	오리는 악어이고 고양이는 개다.	

## Natural Logic

#### 형식화된 추론

dog  $\leq$  animal 라는 관계가 성립된다고 가정했을 때, ( $\leq$  ≈  $\subseteq$  )

not every animal barks.

not every dog barks.

not every dog barks. ≤ not every animal barks.

이런 관계를 표현한 것을 Monotonicity Calculus라 한다.

# Natural Logic 형식화된 추론

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Monotonic

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Antitonic

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더 general 하게 표현하는 것을 monotonic이라 한다.

# Natural Logic 형식화된 추론

#### Polarity

"dog ≤ animal" 이고 "not every dog barks. ≤ not every animal barks."

not every 1dog barks.

upward monotonic

"dog ≤ animal" 이고 "every dog barks ≥ every animal barks."
every Jdog barks.
downward monotonic

### Natural Logic 형식화된 추론

#### Polarity

All lexical items are positive polarity

some, several, or a few

preserve polarity

like no, not, and all (in its first argument)

– reverse polarity.

"no cats eat ↓mice"

"mice in no cats don't eat ↑mice"

## Natural Language Inference (NLI)

자연어 추론

Datasets: MNLI, SNLI, ···

determining whether a "hypothesis" is true (entailment), false (contradiction), or undetermined (neutral) given a "premise".

Premise	A senior is waiting at the window of a restaurant that serves sandwiches	
Relationship	entailment	
Hypothesis	A person waits to be served his food	

## Natural Language Inference (NLI)

An extended model of natural logic, ICCS, 2004, Bill MacCartney and Christopher D. Manning

6가지의 lexical간 relation symbol

Monotonicity calculus는 entailment만 표현 가능했다.

$symbol^5$	name	example	set theoretic definition <sup>6</sup>
$x \equiv y$	equivalence	$couch \equiv sofa$	x = y
$x \sqsubset y$	forward entailment	$crow \sqsubseteq bird$	$x \subset y$
$x \supset y$	reverse entailment	$European \square French$	$x\supset y$
$x \wedge y$	negation	$human \land nonhuman$	$x\cap y=\emptyset \wedge x\cup y=U$
$x \mid y$	alternation	$cat \mid dog$	$x\cap y=\emptyset \wedge x \cup y \neq U$
$x \smile y$	cover	$animal \sim nonhuman$	$x\cap y\neq\emptyset\wedge x\cup y=U$
x # y	independence	hungry # hippo	(all other cases)

## Natural Language Inference (NLI)

Natural Language Inference(NLI) task를 insertion, deletion, substitution 등으로 풀이 3개의 action은 앞선 6개의 relation으로 표현 가능

Substitution

Deletion

Insertion

crow⊏bird, sofa≡couch,

red car ⊏ car, former student | student

Sing  $\supset$  sing off-key

*Some rodents consume plants?* 

# Background

# Natural Language Inference (NLI)

Natural Language Inference(NLI) task를 insertion, deletion, substitution 등으로 풀이 (Upward monotone(general 한 관계가 유지되게) 방향으로 확장)

Premise	Some squirrels eat nuts.	$Some$ <b>gnawers</b> consume plants $\exists$	✓	Some rodents consume crops
Hypothesis	Some rodents consume plants.	Some gnawers consume <b>houseplants</b>	Some rodents  eat crops  Some squirres eat crops	Some rodents ingest crops  Is
			∃/ Some squirrels eat <b>nuts</b>	

# Problem Setup

# QA as Natural Language Inference(NLI)

Premise가 true라면 hypothesis또한 true인 것

- =Premise로 hypothesis를 추론할 수 있다.
- ≡Premise entails hypothesis

$$\equiv p \vDash h$$

premise	소크라테스는 사람이고 모든 사람은 죽는다.
hypothesis	소크라테스는 죽는다.

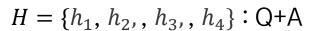
# **Problem Setup**

# QA as Textual Entailment determine premise that entails one of four hypothesis

#### Example-1:

Question: The main function of a fish's fins is to help the fish \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) reproduce (B) see (C) breathe (D) move Knowledge Base: ... A fish has a flipper or fin that helps them swim. The dorsal fin can help to keep the fish stable in the water. ...



$h_1$	The main function of a fish's fins is to help the fish <u>reproduce.</u>
$h_2$	The main function of a fish's fins is to help the fish see.
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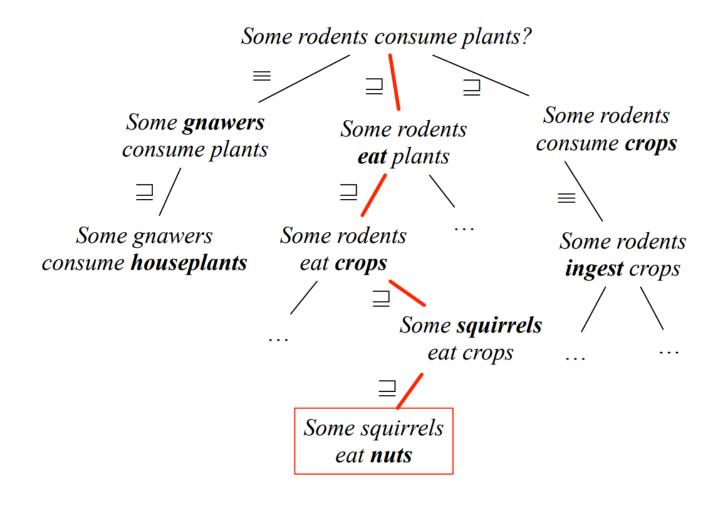


$$P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$$
: relevant premise from KB

$p_1$	A fish has a flipper or fin that helps them swim.
$p_2$	The dorsal fin can help to keep the fish stable in the water
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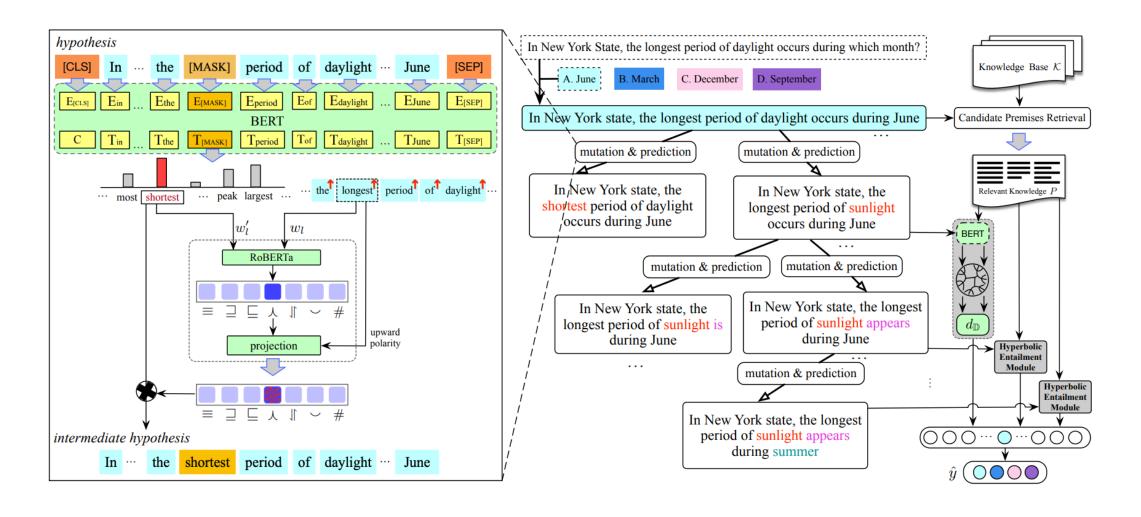
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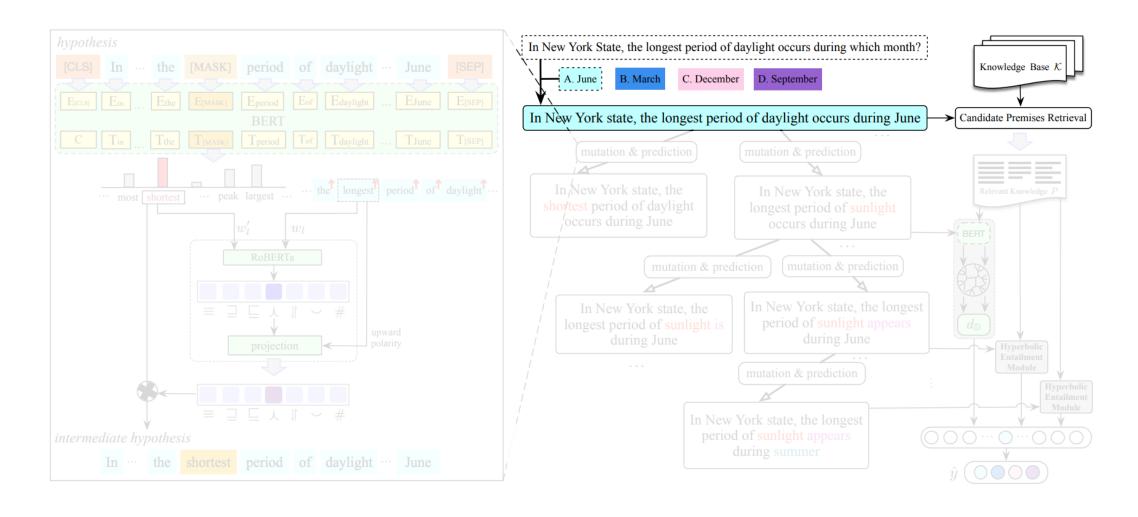
# Hypothesis로부터 Premise를 Search



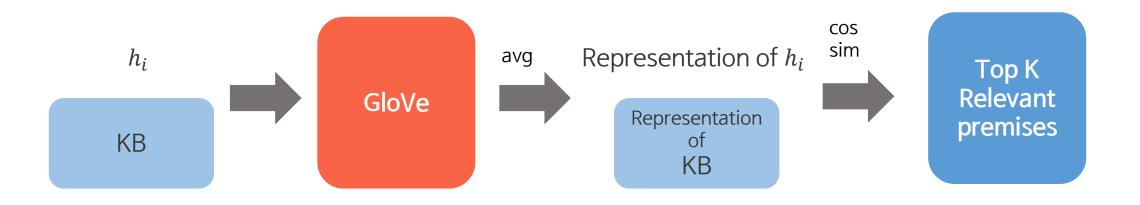
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#### Architecture

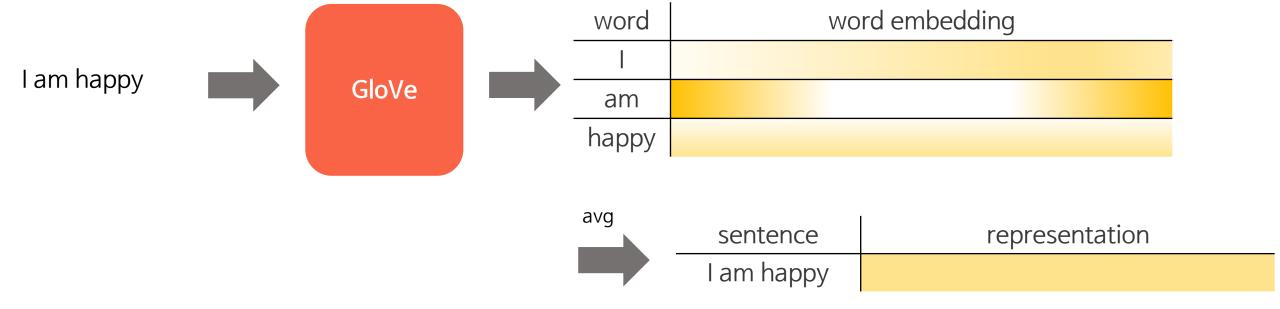




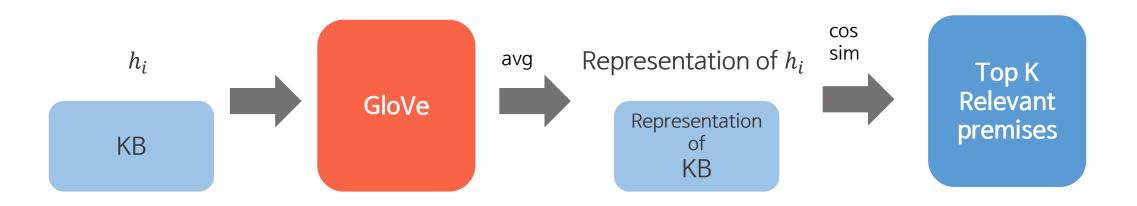
- 1. representation of  $h_i$  and each  $p_j$  in KB by computing the average Glove word embeddings
- 2. calculate the cosine similarity between  $h_i$  and each  $p_i$  to find the top k relevant candidate premises



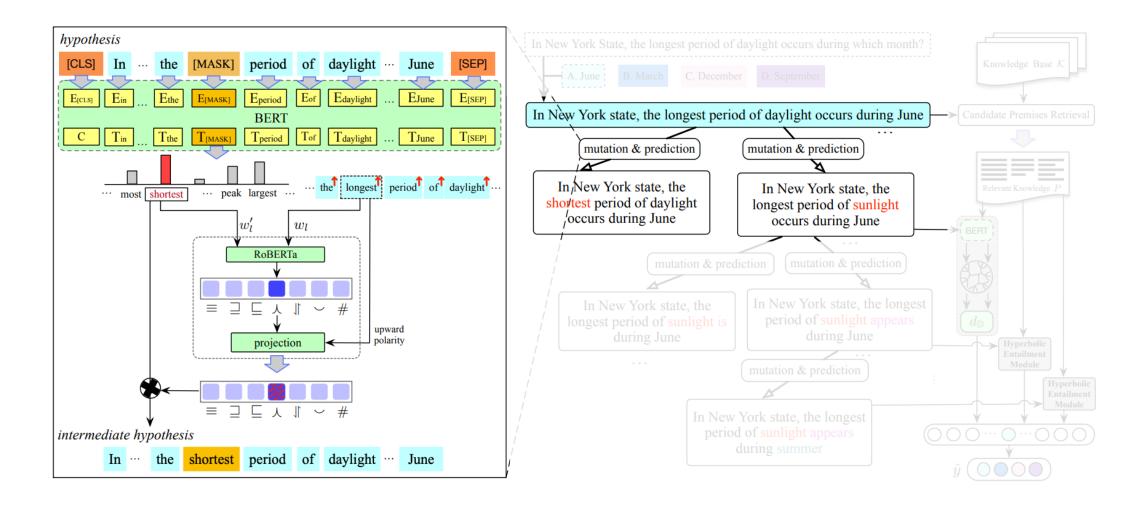
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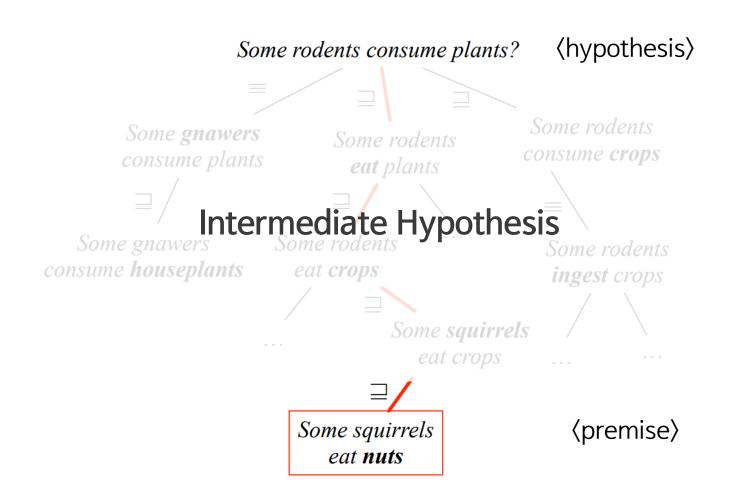
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#### Candidate Proof Path Generation



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Intermediate Hypothesis ☐ Hypothesis

Premise ☐ Intermediate Hypothesis

Premise ☐ Hypothesis

Filter out little influence on the semantics of the hypothesis

NLTK (Bird et al., 2009) toolkit

preposition, determiner, coordinating conjunction, cardinal numbers, personal pronoun, modal verb, punctuation words, stop words

### Mutation for Intermediate Hypothesis

#### 1. Substitution

Hypothesis	In New York state, the longest period of daylight occurs during June
Masked Hypothesis	In New York state, the [MASK] period of daylight occurs during June

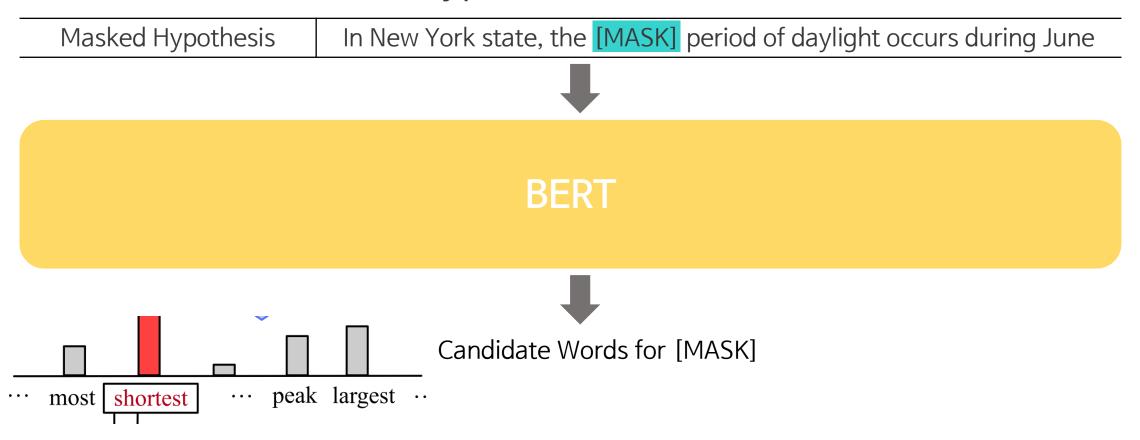
#### 2. Insertion/Deletion

Adjective을 inset or delete

Noun 앞에 [mask]

Hypothesis	In New York state, the longest period of daylight occurs during June
Masked Hypothesis	In [MASK] New York state, the longest period of daylight occurs during June

## Mutation for Intermediate Hypothesis



# Methods: Proof Path Filtering

## Proof Path Filtering

Mask mechanism does not guarantee semantic coherence

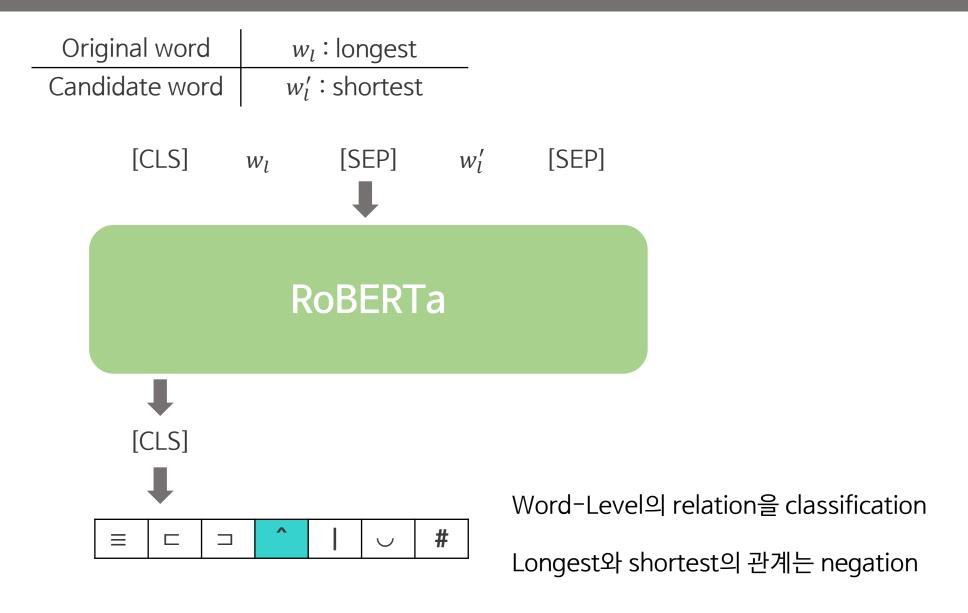
Hypothesis	In New York state, the longest period of daylight occurs during June
Highest Prob	In New York state, the shortest period of daylight occurs during June

→ Substitution, Insertion, Deletion 문맥적으로 뜻이 달라질 수 있다.

우리는 비슷한 Semantic으로 추론해가고 있다.

Original hypothesis의 semantic을 지켜야 한다!

# Methods: Proof Path Filtering



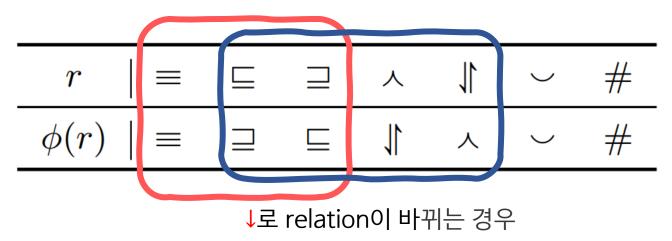
# Methods: Proof Path Filtering

#### Semantic을 유지하는 가를 보기 위해 sentence-level 확인

Original word가 positive polarity면 sentence level에서 semantic이 변하지 않을 것이다.

Original word의 ↓polarity와 predicted relation으로 결정 Polarity tagging은 stanford의 natlog 사용

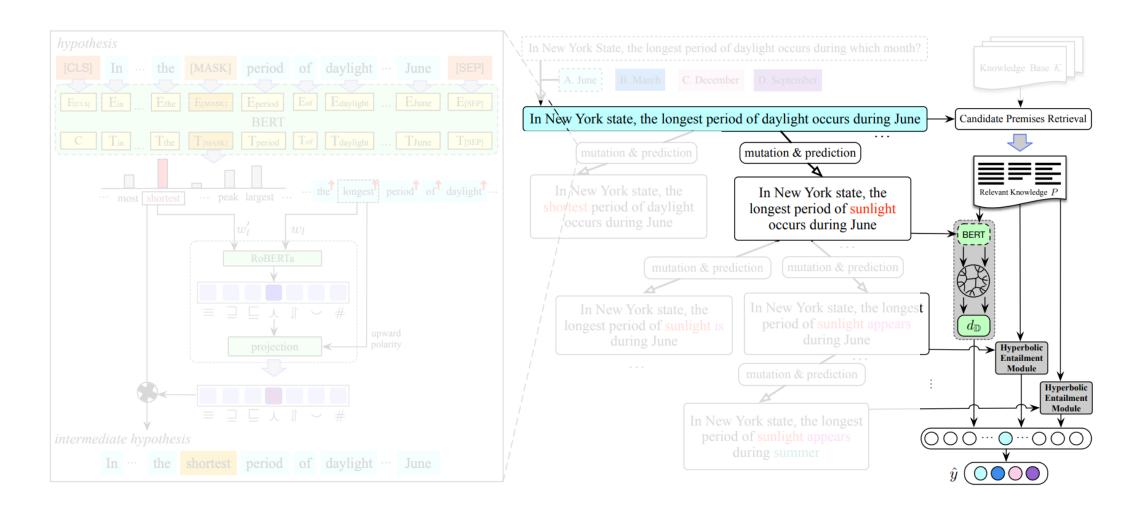
실제 inference에 사용하는 relation



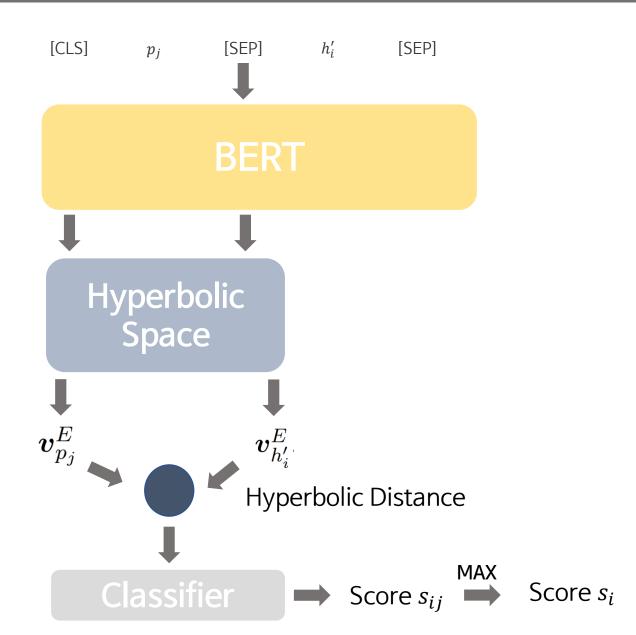


(hypothesis) the 1 longest period of daylight occurs during June

#### Candidate Proof Path Generation

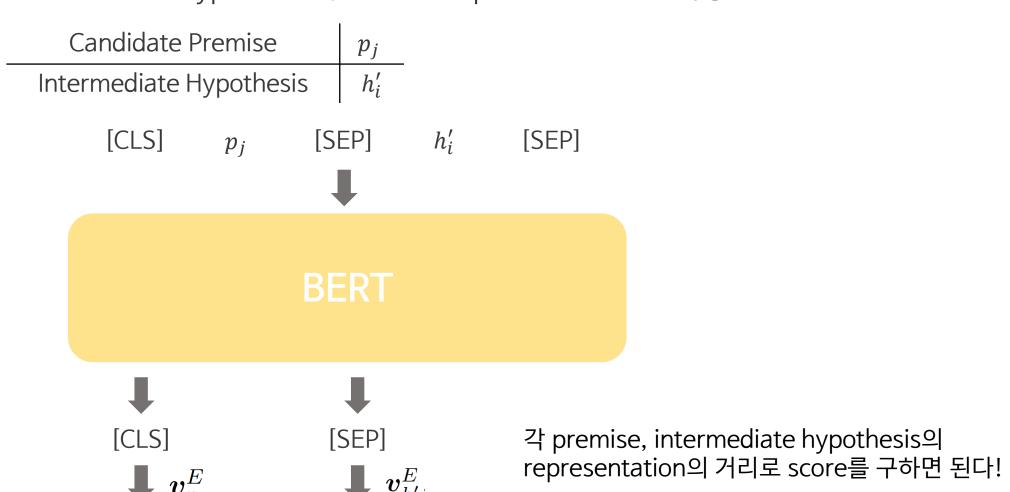


Candidate Premise	$p_{j}$
Intermediate Hypothesis	$h_i'$

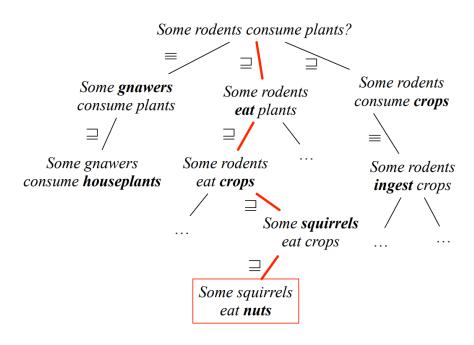


## Entailment Score Estimation in Hyperbolic Space

Intermediate hypothesis와 candidate premise간 score 측정



Intermediate Hypothesis grows **exponentially** but Euclidean space grows **polynomially** 



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$$\overline{\mathbf{m}}_{p_j} = \psi_{\text{dir}} \left( \mathbf{v}_{p_j}^E \right), \qquad \mathbf{m}_{p_j} = \frac{\overline{\mathbf{m}}_{p_j}}{\|\overline{\mathbf{m}}_{p_j}\|} \qquad \qquad \psi_{dir} : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^{d_H} \text{ is a multi-layer}$$

$$\bar{\mu}_{p_j} = \psi_{\text{norm}} \left( \mathbf{v}_{p_j}^E \right), \qquad \mu_{p_j} = \sigma \left( \bar{\mu}_{p_j} \right) \qquad \qquad \psi_{norm} : \mathbb{R}^a \to \mathbb{R} \text{ is a linear function}$$

$$oldsymbol{v}_{p_j}^H = \mu_{p_j} \mathbf{m}_{p_j}$$

### Methods: Entailment Score Estimation in Hyperbolic Space/49

#### Hyperbolic distance

$$egin{aligned} d_{\mathbb{D}}(m{v}_{p_{j}}^{H}, m{v}_{h_{i}'}^{H}) \ &= \cosh^{-1}(1+2rac{\|m{v}_{p_{j}}^{H} - m{v}_{h_{i}'}^{H}\|^{2}}{(1-\|m{v}_{p_{j}}^{H}\|^{2})(1-\|m{v}_{h_{i}'}^{H}\|^{2})}) \end{aligned} ext{ vector}$$



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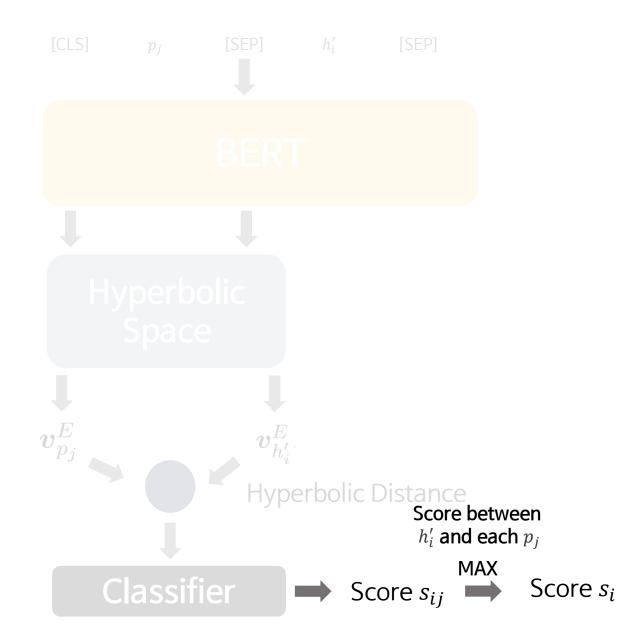


Scalar (Score)

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# entailmentscore
self.hyperdis_prob_classify = nn.Linear(1, 1)
output = self.poincare_distance(CLS_hyperbolic_vector, SEP_hyperbolic_vector)
sim_score = self.hyperdis_prob_classify(output.unsqueeze(dim=1))
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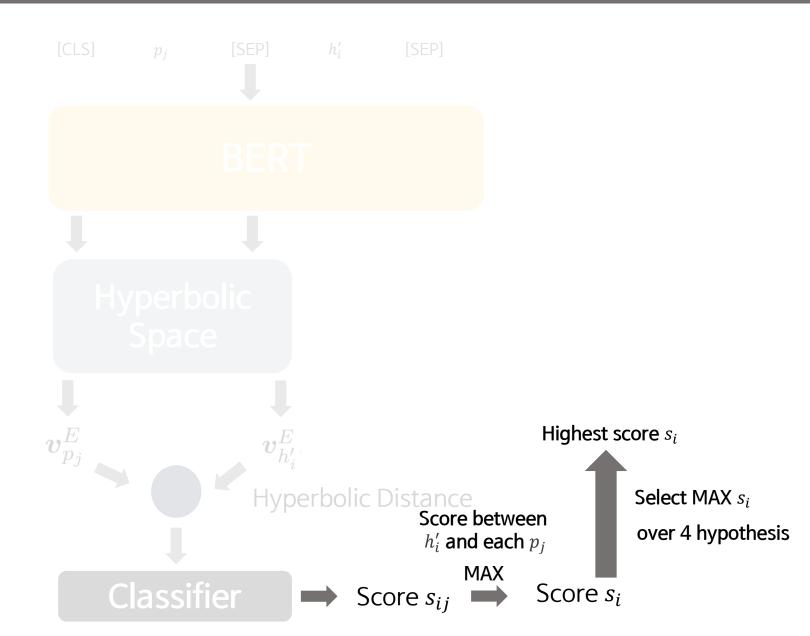
### Methods: Entailment Score Estimation in Hyperbolic Space/49

Candidate Premise	$p_j$
Intermediate Hypothesis	$h'_i$



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#### Dataset

: QA-S & QA-L

multiple-choice science questions

from the New York Regents 4th Grade Science Exams

	QA-S	QA-L
Train	108	500
Val	61	249
Test	68	250

### knowledge bases

: Barron's and SCITEXT

#### QA-S

#### Accuracy (%)

Model	Barron's	SCITEXT
Solr Only	42	58
Classifier	52	60
+ Solr	48	64
Evaluation Function	54	63
+ Solr	45	58
NaturalLI (Angeli et al., 2016)	51	61
+ Solr	49	61
+ Solr + Classifier	49	67
HyperQA (Tay et al., 2018)	54	62
SemBERT (Zhang et al., 2020)	53	59
NeuNLI-E (Ours)	57	67
NeuNLI (Ours)	64*	72*

#### QA-L

Model	Accuracy
Solr Only	46.8
Classifier	43.6
NaturalLI (Angeli et al., 2016)	46.4
+ Solr	48.0
HyperQA (Tay et al., 2018)	47.6
SemBERT (Zhang et al., 2020)	47.2
NeuNLI-E (Ours)	48.8
NeuNLI (Ours)	<b>50.8</b> *

Relation Prediction between masked words and original word BERT보다 RoBERTa가 더 좋았다.

Relation	BERT			RoBERTa		
	P	R	F1	P	R	F1
equivalence	0.79	0.83	0.81	0.81	0.85	0.83
forward entailment	0.75	0.69	0.72	0.75	0.74	0.75
reverse entailment	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.70	0.72	0.71
negation	0.74	0.58	0.65	0.85	0.63	0.72
alternation	0.54	0.64	0.58	0.57	0.61	0.59
cover	0.42	0.32	0.36	0.48	0.32	0.39
independence	0.63	0.58	0.60	0.66	0.62	0.64

Table 6: Performance of lexical relation prediction.

Human Evaluation for Explainability on the QA-S dataset with the Barron's knowledge base

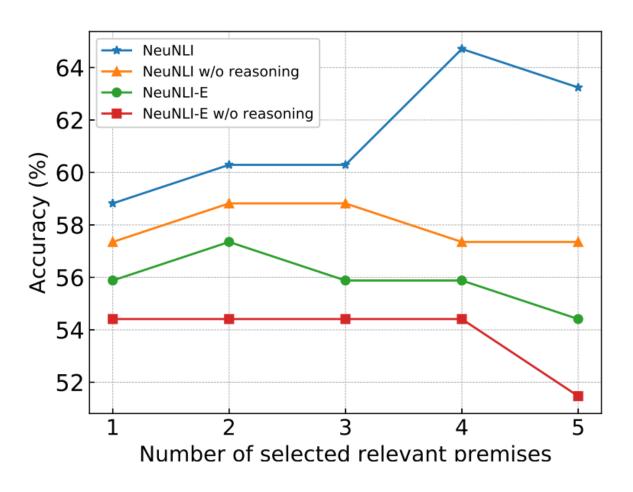
3명의 NLP 전공 졸업생 {0, 1, 2} inference path에 점수를 주었다.

Path가 설명을 잘했다면 2 아니라면 0 그 사이는 1

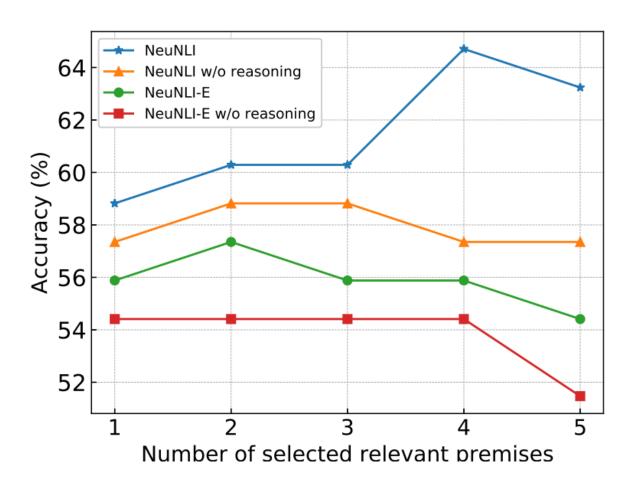
Baseline(NaturalLI)와 our model(NeuNLI)의 inference path 점수 비교

	NaturalLI	NeuNLI
Avg. Explainability Score	1.09	1.31*

(1) Effect of Number of Relevant



(2) Effectiveness of Natural Logic-based Reasoning Inference path의 효과 확인



## Summary

### Natural Logic을 사용한 Open Domain QA

- Retrieve Relevant Premise
   K premises, Corresponding hypothesis
- 2. Get Intermediate Hypothesis by using natural logic
- 3. Calculate Semantic Score between intermediate hypothesis and each premise

### Critiques

### Strength

- 전통적인 추론 풀이 방식인 Natural Logic을 Neural Net을 쓰면서 적용함
- Natural Logic을 이용하여 모델이 어떤 논리로 추론을 하는지 쉽게 알 수 있다.

#### Weakness

- Baseline benchmark의 benchmark 성능 확인 없음
- 사용하지 않는 예시를 들어 논문으로 보았을 때 실제로 그 explanability를 확인하기 힘

# Question?

# Thank You!