







Question Asked: Machine Learning

## Can we detect duplicate questions on Quora?



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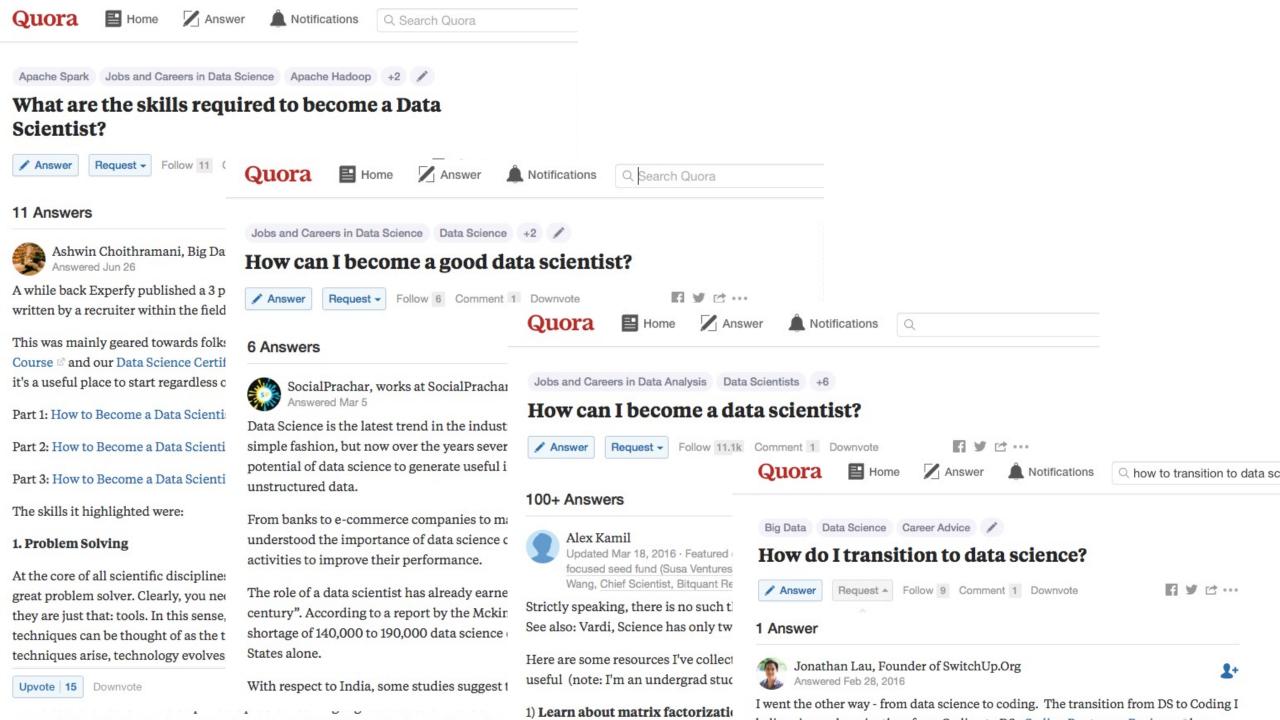
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### **OBJECTIVE**

To detect duplicate questions on Quora using Deep Learning techniques

#### **OVERVIEW**

Raw Data

Text Cleaning

- Quora dataset
- 400K+ question pairs
- Every pair is labeled as duplicate or not by Quora moderators
- Removed non-ascii chars (e.g.  $\ddot{a}$ ,  $\dot{a}$ ,  $\hat{a}$ ), stop words (e.g the, is, or)
- Lemmatization {danced, dancing, dances} →
  dance

Naive Model

Deep Learning Model

# NAÏVE MODEL

Step 1: Vectorizes the sentences

Step 2: Measure the similarity

# ISSUES WITH NAÏVE MODEL

- Falters when synonyms or associated concepts are used
- Doesn't consider the ordering of the words

## DEEP LEARNING MODEL

Step 1: Use word embeddings from pre-trained model

Step 2: Feed word embeddings to LSTM network

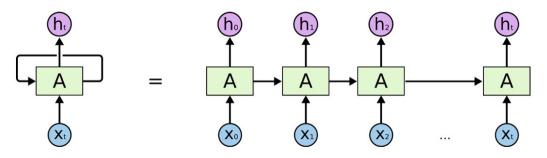
Word embeddings map words to their underlying meaning



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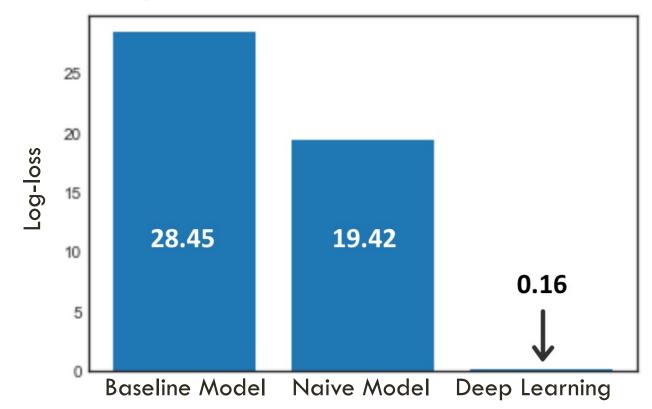
- Long-short term memory
- Special cells in Recurrent Neural Networks that remembers values over arbitrary intervals



An unrolled recurrent neural network.

#### MODEL EVALUATION

- Kaggle competition evaluated on log-loss
- \* Model is in the top 15% of all submissions



## **APPLICATIONS**

Similar framework of Word Embeddings and LSTMs could be used for

- Sentiment Analysis
- Smarter plagiarism tools

## THANK YOU





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