

# Semantic Parsing with Dual Learning

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# What is Semantic Parsing

**Question:** show me all flights from washington

**Logical form:**

( lambda \$0 e ( and  
    ( from \$0 washington:ci ) ( flight \$0 ) ) )

**semantic  
parsing**

Execution

results

**Knowledge Base  
(KB)**

# Bottlenecks 1: data hungry

- Semantic annotation is labor-intensive and time-consuming

**Question:**

which players played more games than *kobe bryant* the seasons he played

**Logical form:**

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( call SW.listValue ( call SW.getProperty ( ( lambda s ( call SW.filter ( var  
s ) ( call SW.ensureNumericProperty ( string num_games_played ) ) ( string > )  
( call SW.ensureNumericEntity ( call SW.getProperty ( call SW.getProperty  
en.player.kobe_bryant ( call SW.reverse ( string player ) ) ) ( string  
num_games_played ) ) ) ) ( call SW.domain ( string player ) ) ) ( string player ) ) )
```

Figure: Training example from dataset OVERNIGHT

## Bottlenecks 2: constrained decoding

- Output space should be strictly constrained

### Question:

show me all flights from washington

### Correct logical form:

( lambda \$0 e ( and ( from \$0 washington:ci ) ( flight \$0 ) ) )

### Error at structure level:

missing parentheses

( lambda \$0 e ( and ( from \$0 washington:ci ✗ ( flight \$0 ) ) )

### Error at semantic level:

not type flight

( lambda \$0 e ( and ( from washington:ci \$0 ) ( flight \$0 ) ) )

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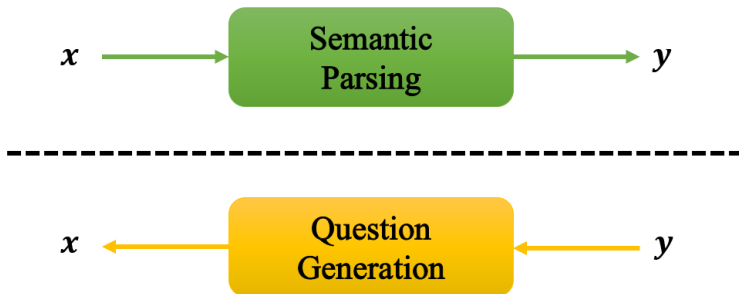
# Our method: Overview

$x$ : show me all flights from washington

$y$ : ( lambda \$0 e ( and ( from \$0 washington:ci ) ( flight \$0 ) ) )

*Question*

*Logical form*

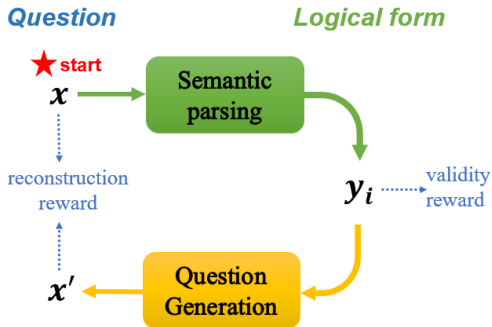


# Our method: Overview

$x$  : raw input question

$y_i$  : intermediate logical form

$x'$  : reconstructed question

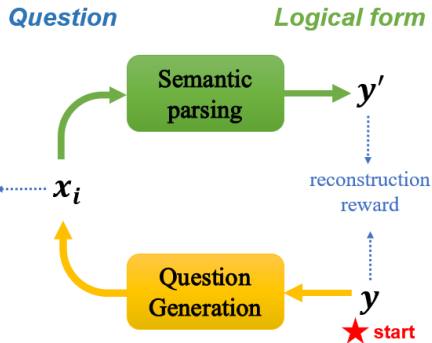


(a) question  $\rightarrow$  logical form  $\rightarrow$  question

$y$  : raw input logical form

$x_i$  : intermediate question

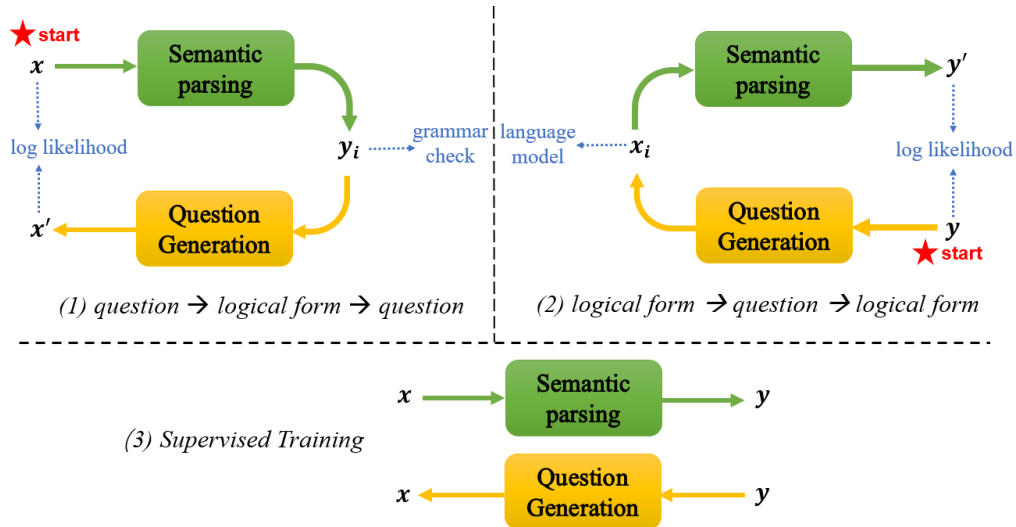
$y'$  : reconstructed logical form



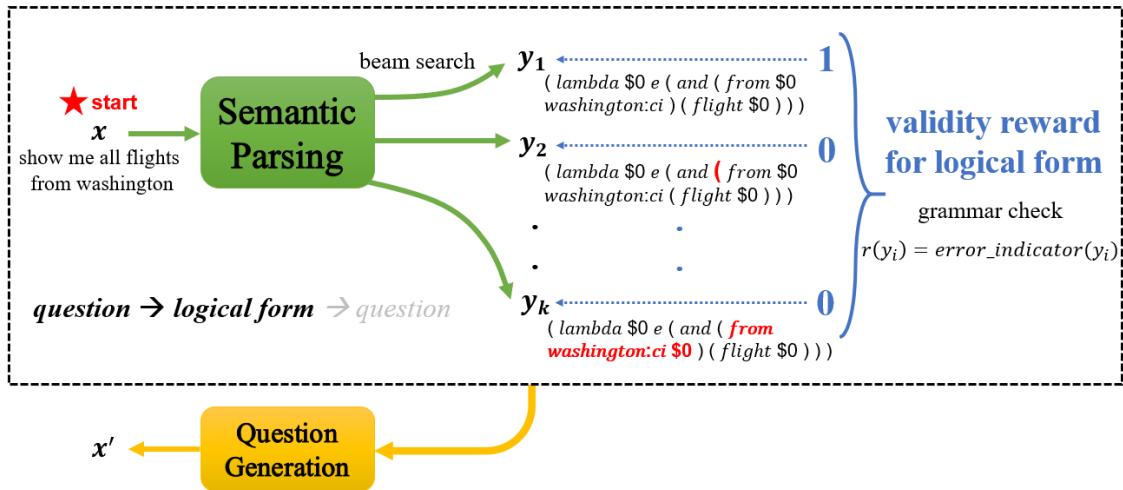
(b) logical form  $\rightarrow$  question  $\rightarrow$  logical form



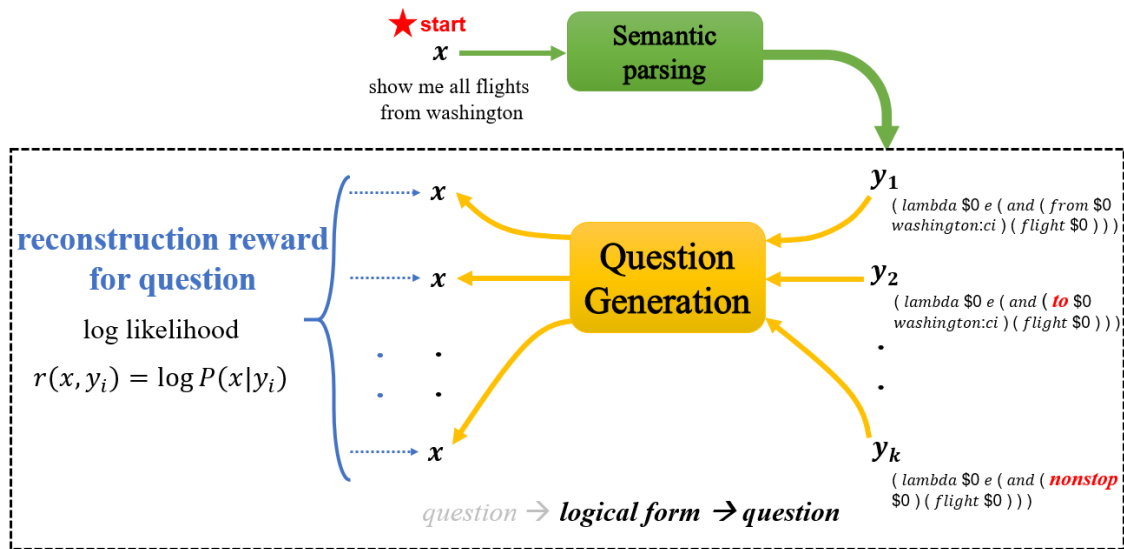
# Training Procedure: 3 stages



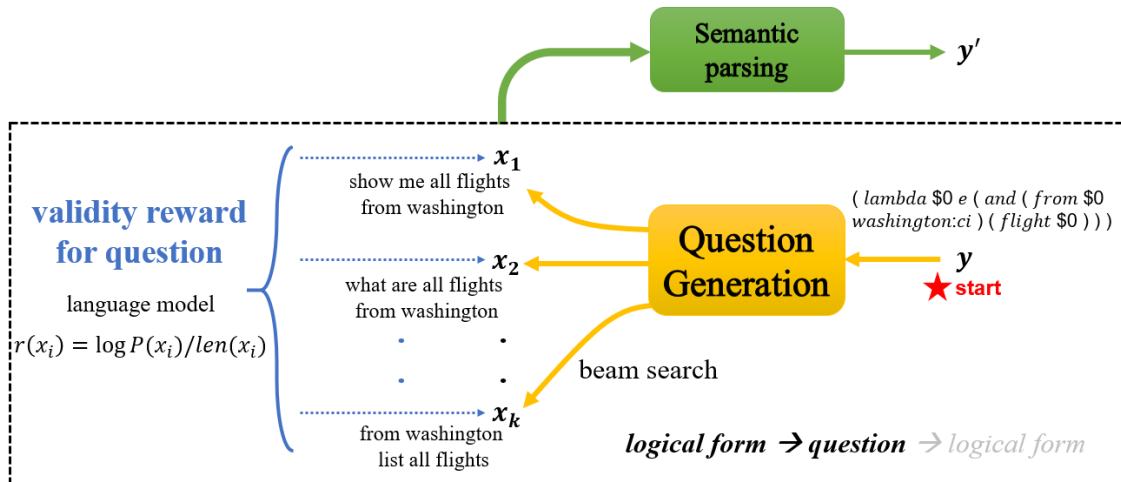
# 1. loop starts from question



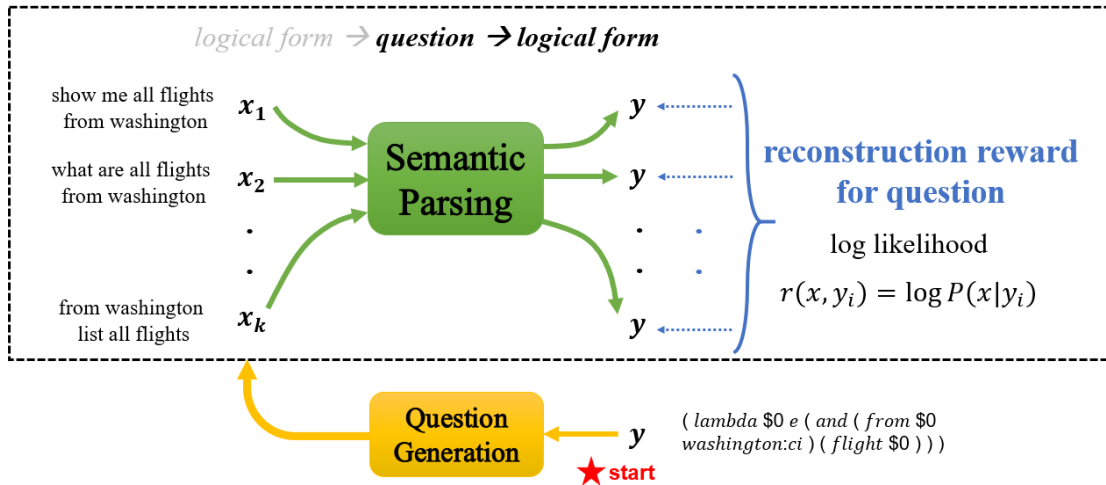
# 1. loop starts from question



## 2. loop starts from logical form



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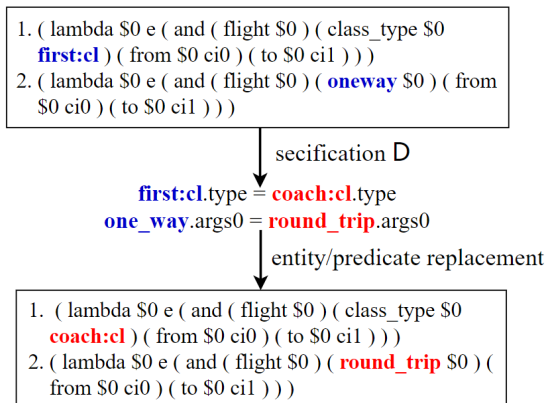
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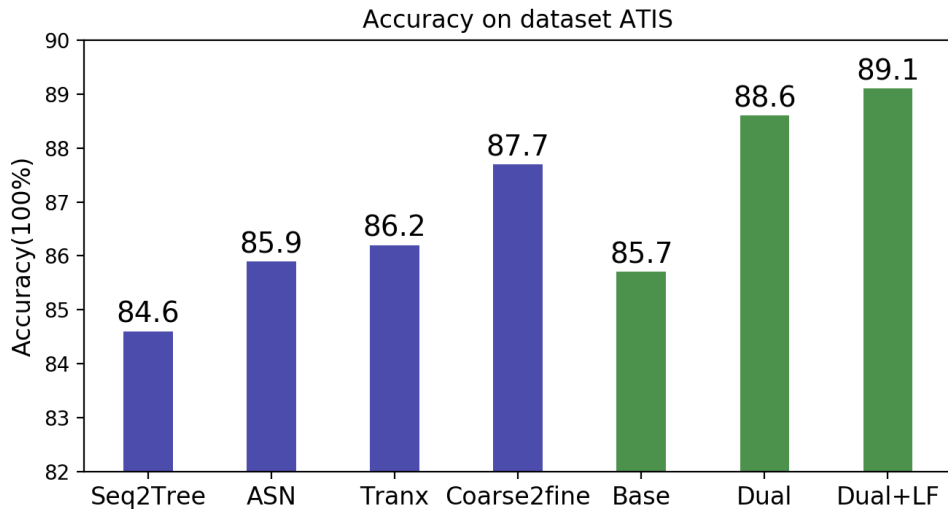
# Synthesize more logical forms

- Sampling and modification based on ontology (4592 more logical forms for ATIS)



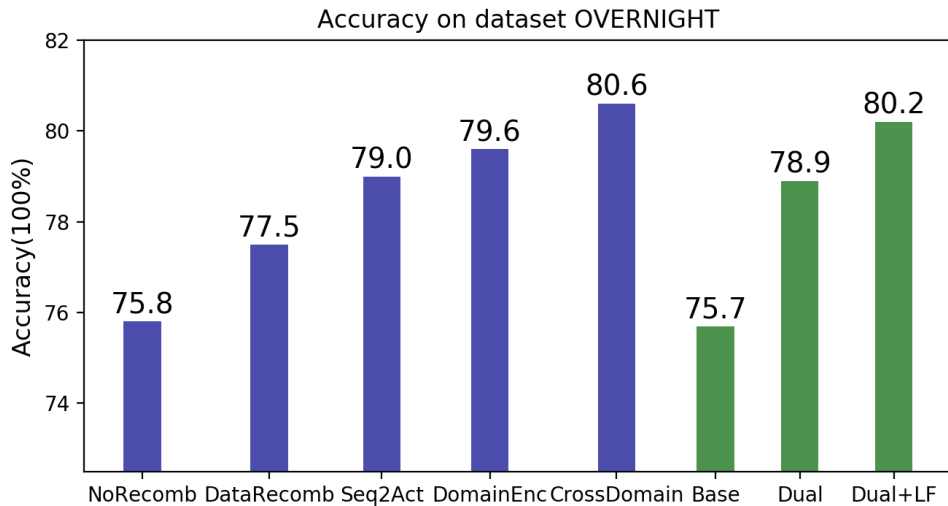
- Directly revise grammar rules on OVERNIGHT (500 more logical forms on avg)

# Results: ATIS

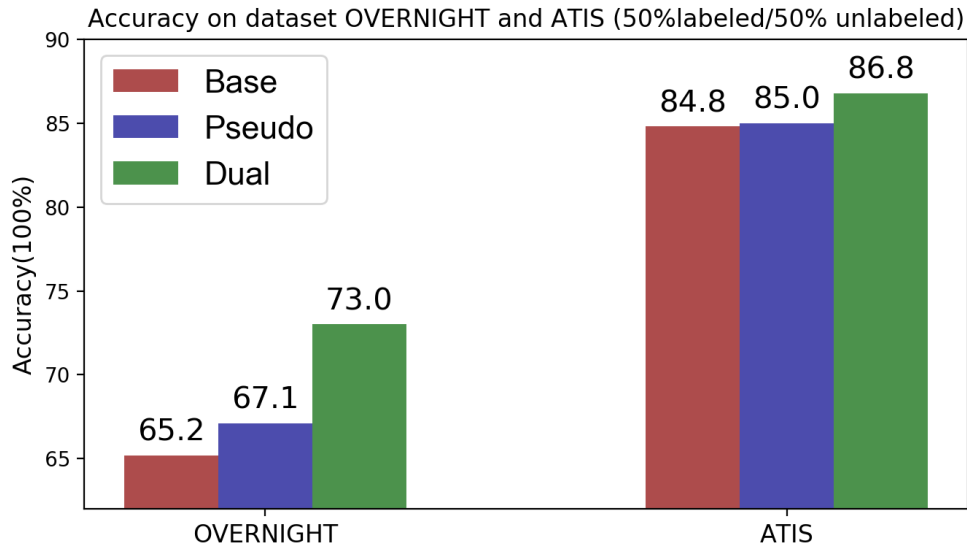




# Results: OVERNIGHT



# Semi-supervised experiment: 50%labeled/50%unlabeled



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## Core idea

Leverage query generation model and obtain effective feedback signals to enhance the semantic parsing process.

- Semantic parsing framework based on dual learning algorithm
- Utilize both labeled and unlabeled samples
- Implicit constraint signal incorporated into reward

**Thanks & QA**

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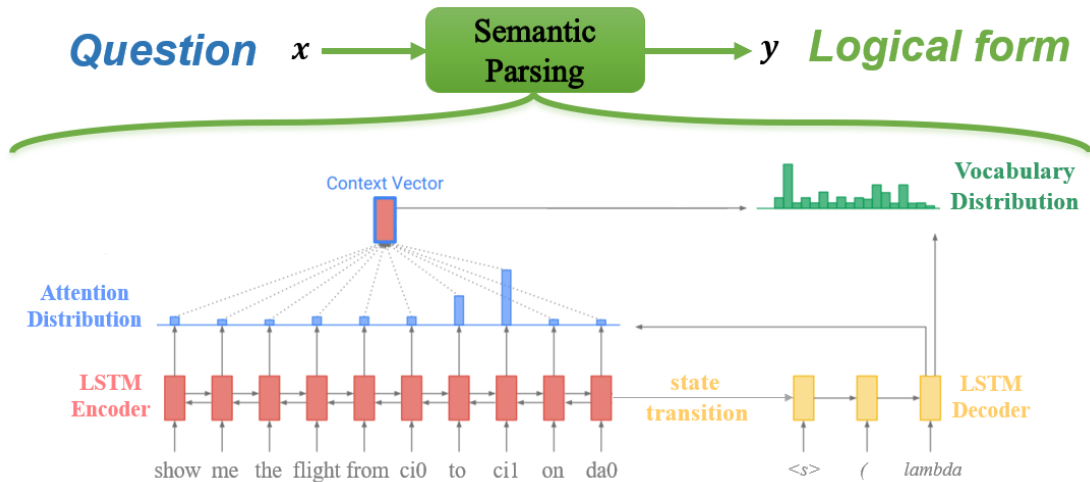


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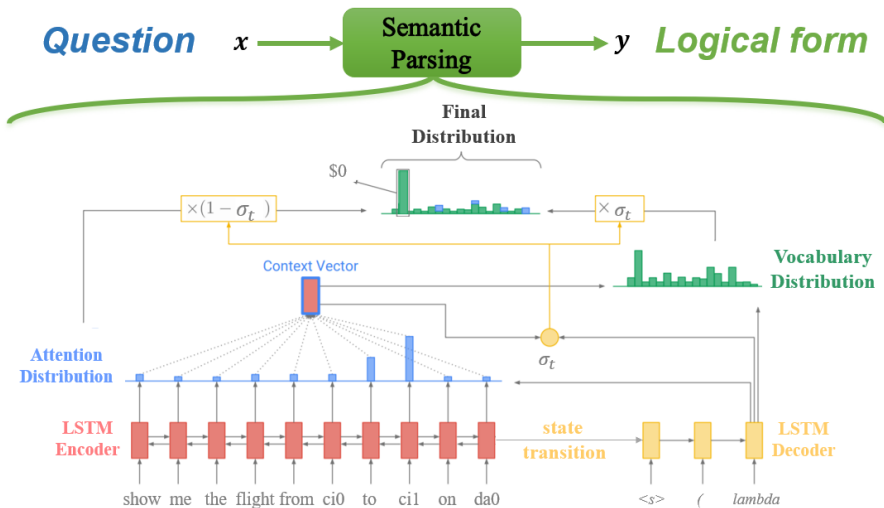
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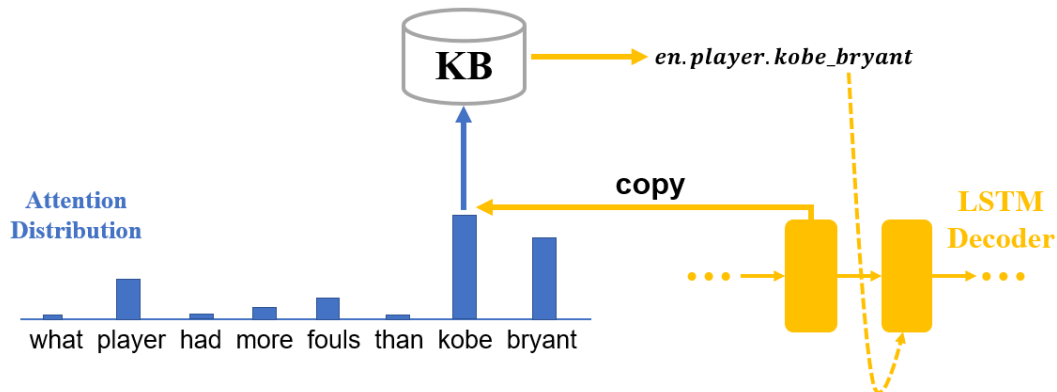


# Semantic Parsing (Entity Mapping)

- Entities are identified by Universal Resource Identifier (URI) in Knowledge Base (KB)

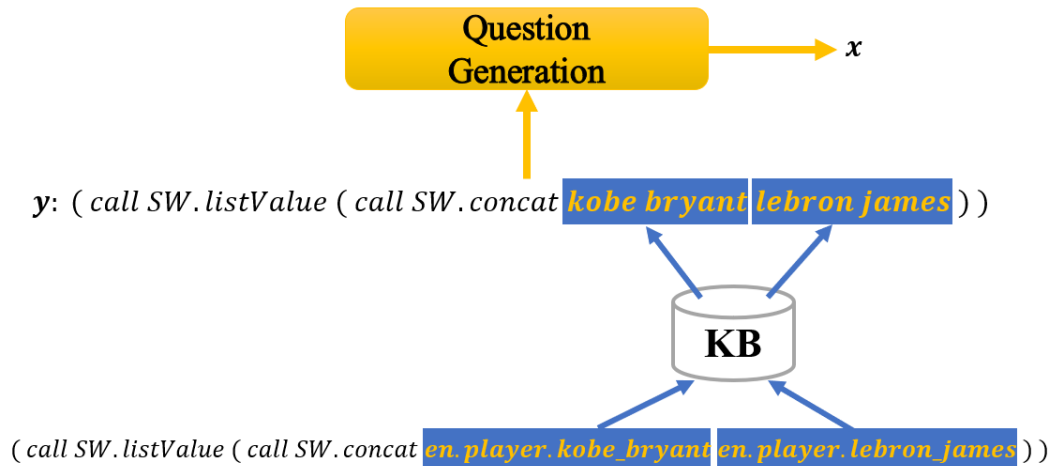
*kobe bryant*  $\rightarrow$  *en.player.kobe\_bryant*

- After copying, map words to corresponding URI

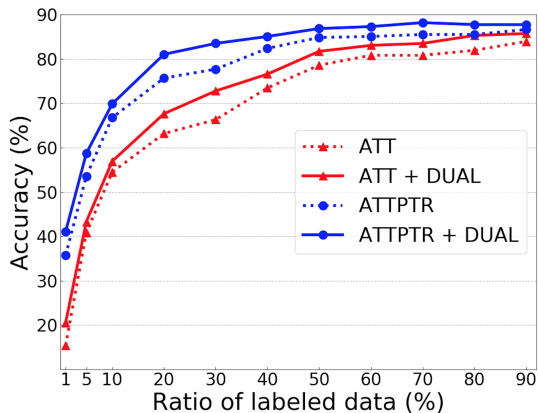


# Question Generation (Reverse Entity Mapping)

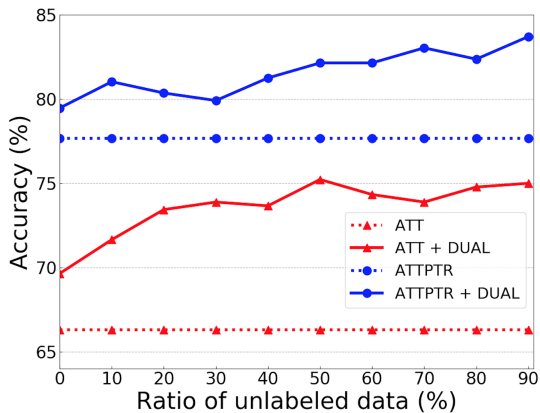
- Reversely map KB entity to possible noun phrase before QG



# Semi-supervised: vary ratio between labeled and unlabeled data



- unlabeled data = train set - labeled data



- labeled data = 30%, fixed

## Different choice for logical form validity reward

Method	Validity	ATIS	OVERNIGHT
ATT + DUAL	$LM_{lf}$	80.6	71.5
	grammar check	<b>81.7</b>	<b>72.9</b>
ATTPTR + DUAL	$LM_{lf}$	86.2	71.4
	grammar check	<b>86.8</b>	<b>73.0</b>

- labeled data = 50%, unlabeled data = 50%
- $LM_{lf}$  means using a logical form language model for validity reward
- “grammar check” means using the structure and semantic check