

CS 585 – Intro to NLP

Yes/No Question Answering

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Problem

Answering Question using supporting data.

Solution

- FCNN (Baseline)
- MemN2N^[2]

Dataset

Facebook bAbI dataset ^[1]:

- Simulated
- Human-readable
- Limited Vocabulary
- 1000 Train / 1000 Test
- Balanced

John went to the bathroom.
Sandra took the football there.
Mary journeyed to the kitchen.
John journeyed to the bedroom.

1 Story

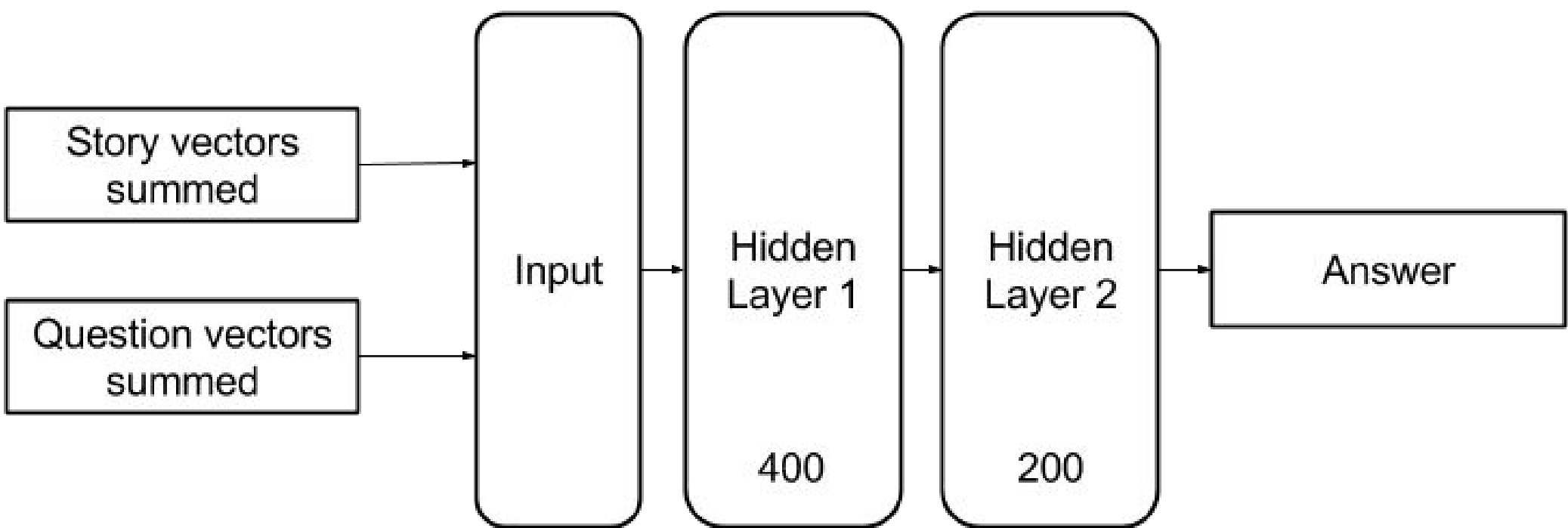
Is John in the Bedroom?

2 Question

YES

3 Answer

FCNN (Baseline)



- 50-dimensional GloVe^[3] vectors
- Log loss
- 20 epochs

MemN2N

- Smooth version of Memory Networks
- Easy to train as they can be trained end-to-end.
- Trained for 100 epochs
- 3 hops
- 0.01 learning rate
- Cross-entropy loss

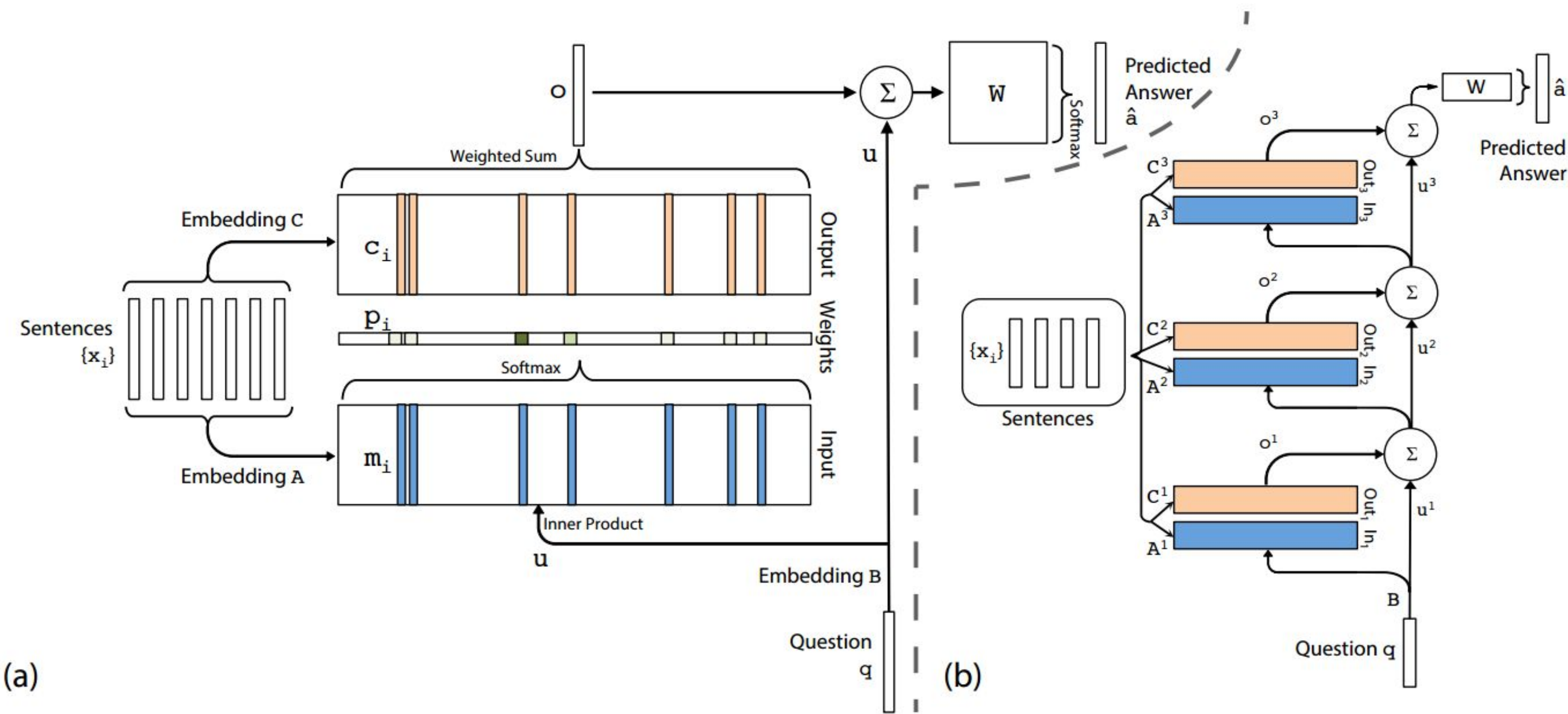


Figure 1: (a): A single layer version of our model. (b): A three layer version of our model. In practice, we can constrain several of the embedding matrices to be the same (see Section 2.2).

- Position Encoding:** Encode order of words in a sentence
- Temporal Encoding:** Encode order of sentences in story.
- Random noise regularization:** Add dummy memories

Results

Model	Classification Accuracy
FCNN	50.3%
MemN2N	87.4%

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