

CS772: Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing (DL-NLP)

Attention and Alignment

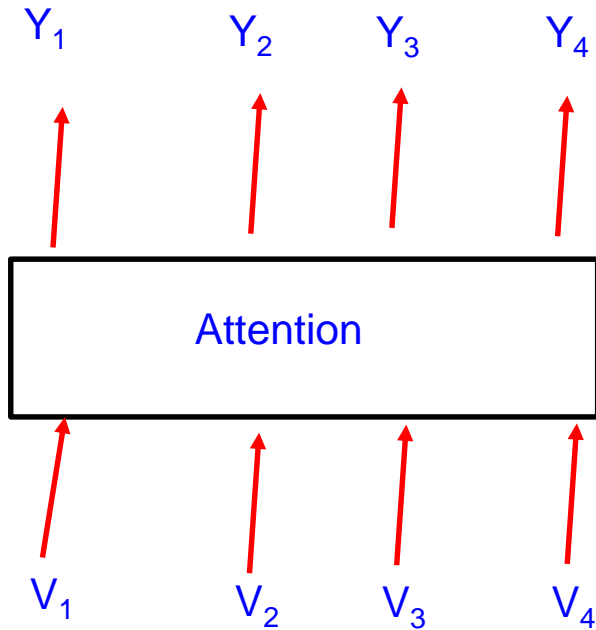
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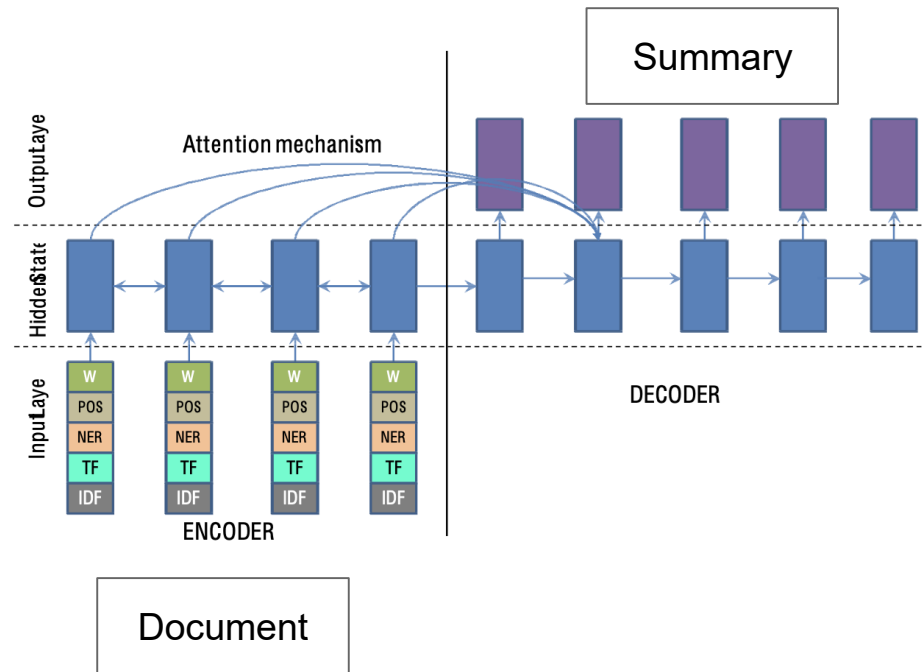
1-slide recap



Bank of the river

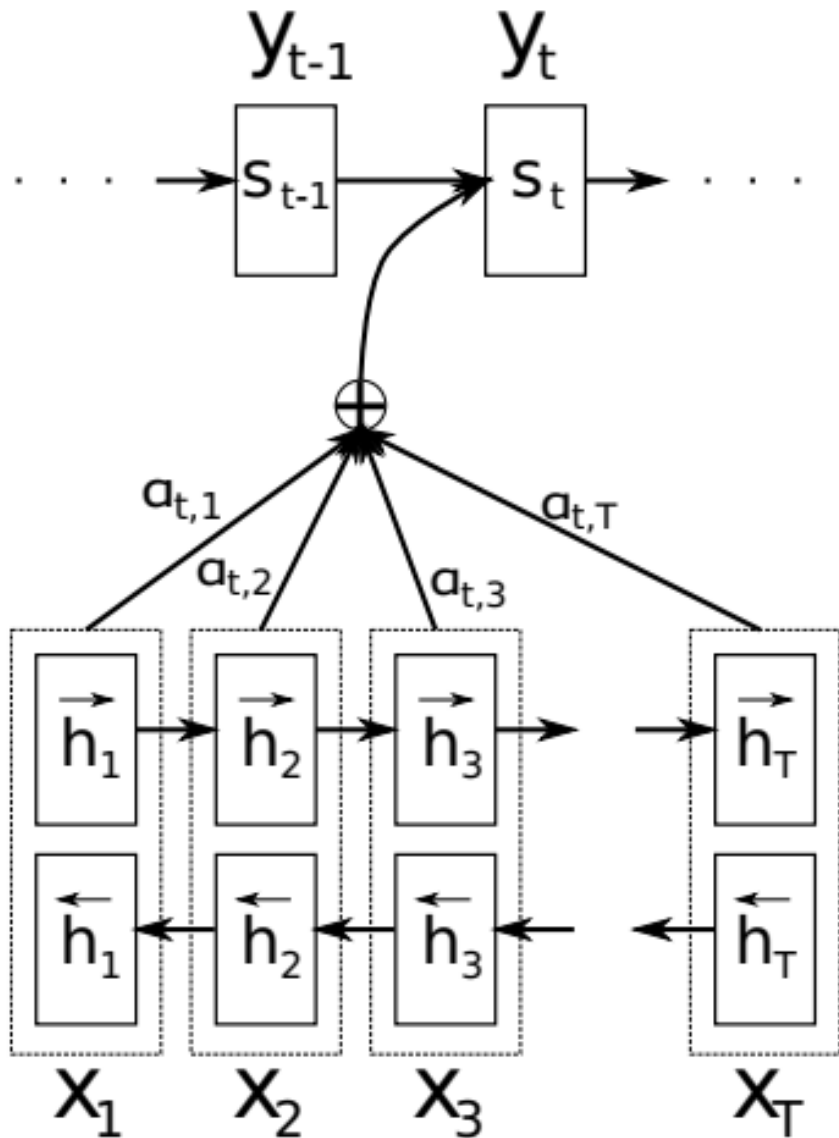
Y_i – vector

$$= w_{11} \cdot V_1 + w_{12} \cdot V_2 + w_{13} \cdot V_3 + w_{14} \cdot V_4$$



Neural Cross Attention
vs.
Statistical Alignment Learning
Non-neural

Recap of cross attention (Bahadanu et al, 2015)



$$h_t = f(x_t, h_{t-1})$$

$$c = g(\{h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_{T_x}\})$$

$$P(\bar{y}) = \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t | \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_{t-1}\}, c)$$

$$P(y_t | \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_{t-1}\}, c) = g(y_{t-1}, s_t, c)$$

$$p(y_i | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{i-1}) = g(y_{i-1}, s_i, c_i)$$

$$s_i = f(s_{i-1}, y_{i-1}, c_i)$$

$$c_i = \sum_{j=1}^{T_x} \alpha_{ij} h_j$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp(e_{ij})}{\sum_{k=1}^{T_x} \exp(e_{ik})}$$

$$e_{ij} = a(s_{i-1}, h_j)$$

Foundation

- Data driven approach
- Goal is to find out the English sentence e given foreign language sentence f whose $p(e|f)$ is maximum.

$$\tilde{e} = \operatorname{argmax}_{e \in e^*} p(e|f) = \operatorname{argmax}_{e \in e^*} p(f|e)p(e)$$

- Translations are generated on the basis of statistical model
- Parameters are estimated using bilingual parallel corpora

Different kinds of alignment

Correspondence between tokens across translations can be one to one, many to one or one to many e.g.

Ram went to school to play.

राम खेलने के लिए पाठशाला गया

(raam khelne ke liye paathshaala gayaa)

Ram \Leftrightarrow राम (one to one)

to play \Leftrightarrow खेलने के लिए (many to many)

to school \Leftrightarrow पाठशाला (many to one)

SMT: Language Model

- To detect *good* English sentences
- Probability of an English sentence $w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$ can be written as $Pr(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n) = Pr(w_1) * Pr(w_2/w_1) * \dots * Pr(w_n/w_1 w_2 \dots w_{n-1})$
- Here $Pr(w_n/w_1 w_2 \dots w_{n-1})$ is the probability that word w_n follows word string $w_1 w_2 \dots w_{n-1}$.
 - N-gram model probability
- Trigram probability calculation

$$p(w_3|w_1 w_2) = \frac{count(w_1 w_2 w_3)}{count(w_1 w_2)}$$

SMT: Translation Model

- $P(f|e)$: Probability of some f given hypothesis English translation e
- How to assign the values to $p(e|f)$? Sentences are infinite, not possible to find pair (e,f) for all sentences

$$p(f|e) = \frac{\text{count}(f, e)}{\text{count}(e)} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Sentence level}$$

- Introduce a hidden variable \mathbf{a} , that represents alignments between the individual words in the sentence pair

$$\Pr(f|e) = \sum_{\mathbf{a}} \Pr(f, \mathbf{a}|e) \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Word level}$$

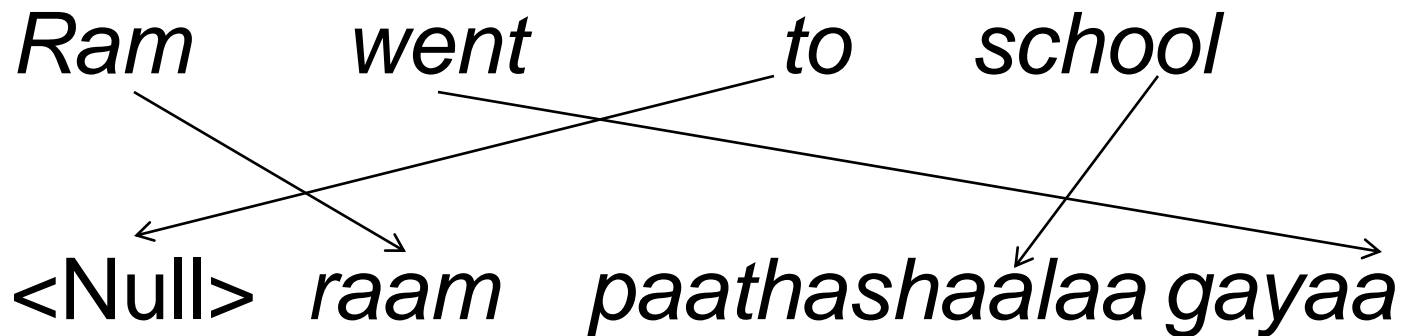
Alignment

- If the string, $e = e_1^l = e_1 e_2 \dots e_l$, has l words, and the string, $f = f_1^m = f_1 f_2 \dots f_m$, has m words,
- then the alignment, a , can be represented by a series, $\mathbf{a}_1^m = \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2 \dots \mathbf{a}_m$, of m values, each between 0 and l such that if the word in position j of the f -string is connected to the word in position i of the e -string, then
 - $\mathbf{a}_j = i$, and
 - if it is not connected to any English word, then $\mathbf{a}_j = 0$

Example of alignment

English: *Ram went to school*

Hindi: *raam paathashaalaa gayaa*



Translation Model: Exact expression

$$\Pr(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a} | \mathbf{e}) = \Pr(m | \mathbf{e}) \prod_{j=1}^m \Pr(a_j | a_1^{j-1}, f_1^{j-1}, m, \mathbf{e}) \Pr(f_j | a_1^j, f_1^{j-1}, m, \mathbf{e})$$



Choose the length of
foreign language string
given \mathbf{e}

Choose alignment given \mathbf{e}
and m

Choose the identity of
foreign word given $\mathbf{e}, m, \mathbf{a}$

- Five models for estimating parameters in the expression [2]
- Model-1, Model-2, Model-3, Model-4, Model-5

Proof of Translation Model: Exact expression

$$\Pr(f | e) = \sum_a \Pr(f, a | e) \quad ; \text{ marginalization}$$

$$\Pr(f, a | e) = \sum_m \Pr(f, a, m | e) \quad ; \text{ marginalization}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_m \Pr(f, a, m | e) &= \sum_m \Pr(m | e) \Pr(f, a | m, e) \\ &= \sum_m \Pr(m | e) \Pr(f, a | m, e) \\ &= \sum_m \Pr(m | e) \prod_{j=1}^m \Pr(f_j, a_j | a_1^{j-1}, f_1^{j-1}, m, e) \\ &= \sum_m \Pr(m | e) \prod_{j=1}^m \Pr(a_j | a_1^{j-1}, f_1^{j-1}, m, e) \Pr(f_j | a_1^j, f_1^{j-1}, m, e) \end{aligned}$$

m is fixed for a particular f , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_m \Pr(f, a, m | e) &= \Pr(m | e) \prod_{j=1}^m \Pr(a_j | a_1^{j-1}, f_1^{j-1}, m, e) \Pr(f_j | a_1^j, f_1^{j-1}, m, e) \\ \Pr(f | e) &= \Pr(m | e) \cdot \sum_a \left[\prod_{j=1}^m \Pr(a_j | a_1^{j-1}, f_1^{j-1}, m, e) \Pr(f_j | a_1^j, f_1^{j-1}, m, e) \right] \end{aligned}$$

EM for word alignment from sentence alignment: example

English

(1) three rabbits

a

b

(2) rabbits of Grenoble

b

c

d

French

(1) trois lapins

w

x

(2) lapins de Grenoble

x

y

z

Initial Probabilities:
each cell denotes $t(a \leftrightarrow w)$, $t(a \leftrightarrow x)$ etc.

	a	b	c	d
w	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
x	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
y	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
z	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4

Example of expected count

$$C[w \leftrightarrow a; (a \ b) \leftrightarrow (w \ x)]$$

$$= \frac{t(w \leftrightarrow a)}{t(w \leftrightarrow a) + t(w \leftrightarrow b)} \times \#(a \text{ in 'a b'}) \times \#(w \text{ in 'w x'})$$

$$= \frac{1/4}{1/4 + 1/4} \times 1 \times 1 = 1/2$$

“counts”

<i>a b</i>	a	b	c	d
\leftrightarrow				
<i>w x</i>				
w	1/2	1/2	0	0
x	1/2	1/2	0	0
y	0	0	0	0
z	0	0	0	0

<i>b c d</i>	a	b	c	d
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<i>x y z</i>				
w	0	0	0	0
x	0	1/3	1/3	1/3
y	0	1/3	1/3	1/3
z	0	1/3	1/3	1/3

Revised probability: example

$$t_{\text{revised}}(a \leftrightarrow w)$$

$$1/2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(1/2 + 1/2 + 0 + 0)_{(a \ b) \leftrightarrow (w \ x)} + (0 + 0 + 0 + 0)_{(b \ c \ d) \leftrightarrow (x \ y \ z)}$$

Revised probabilities table

	a	b	c	d
w	$1/2$	$1/2$	0	0
x	$1/4$	$5/12$	$1/6$	$1/6$
y	0	$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$
z	0	$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$

“revised counts”

<i>a b</i>	a	b	c	d
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w	1/2	3/8	0	0
x	1/2	5/8	0	0
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z	0	0	0	0

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z	0	2/9	1/3	1/3

Re-Revised probabilities table

	a	b	c	d
w	$1/2$	$1/2$	0	0
x	$3/16$	$85/144$	$1/9$	$1/9$
y	0	$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$
z	0	$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$

*Continue until convergence; notice that (b,x) binding gets progressively stronger;
b=rabbits, x=lapins*

RLHF

Presented by Swaroop

Reinforcement Learning in Natural Language Generation

Swaroop Nath

Why Reinforcement Learning? | Key

Insight

Token-by-Token match

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{ML}\mathcal{E}} = - \sum_{t=1}^n \left\{ \boxed{\mathbb{1}[y_t = y_t^*]} \log \mathcal{P}(y_t^* | y_1^*, y_2^*, \dots, y_{t-1}^*, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{d}) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{PG}} = - \sum_{t=1}^n \left\{ \boxed{(R(\tau) - b)} \log \mathcal{P}(y_t^* | y_1^*, y_2^*, \dots, y_{t-1}^*, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{d}) \right\}$$

Any Generic Reward

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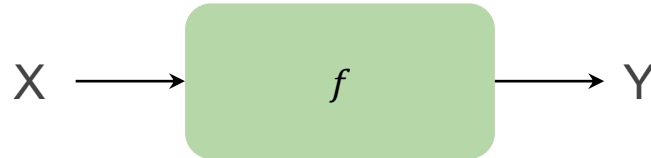
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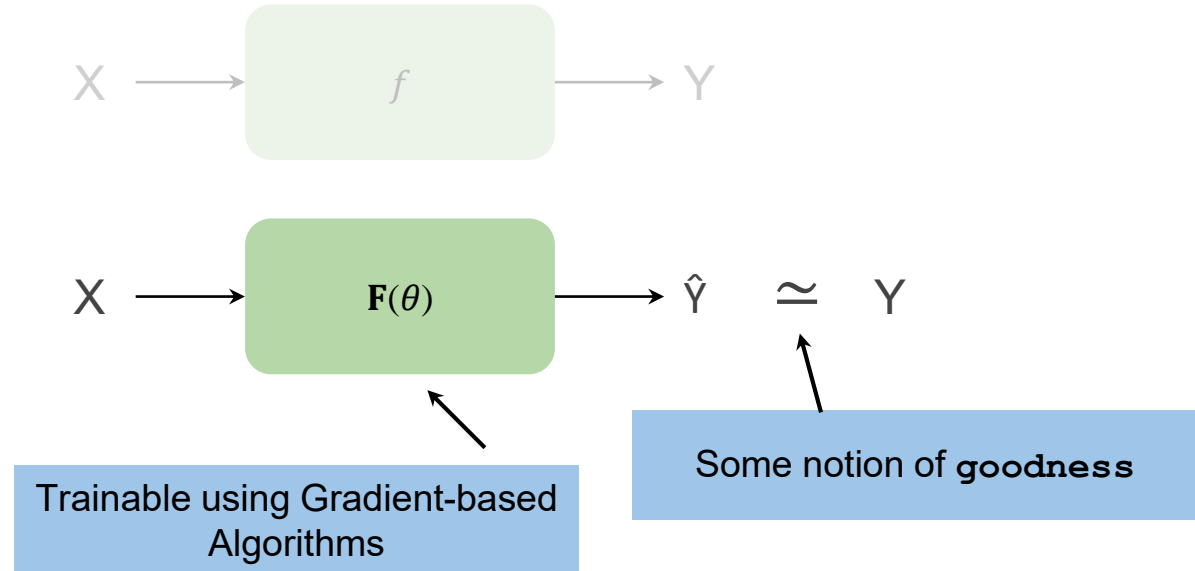
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Text Generation

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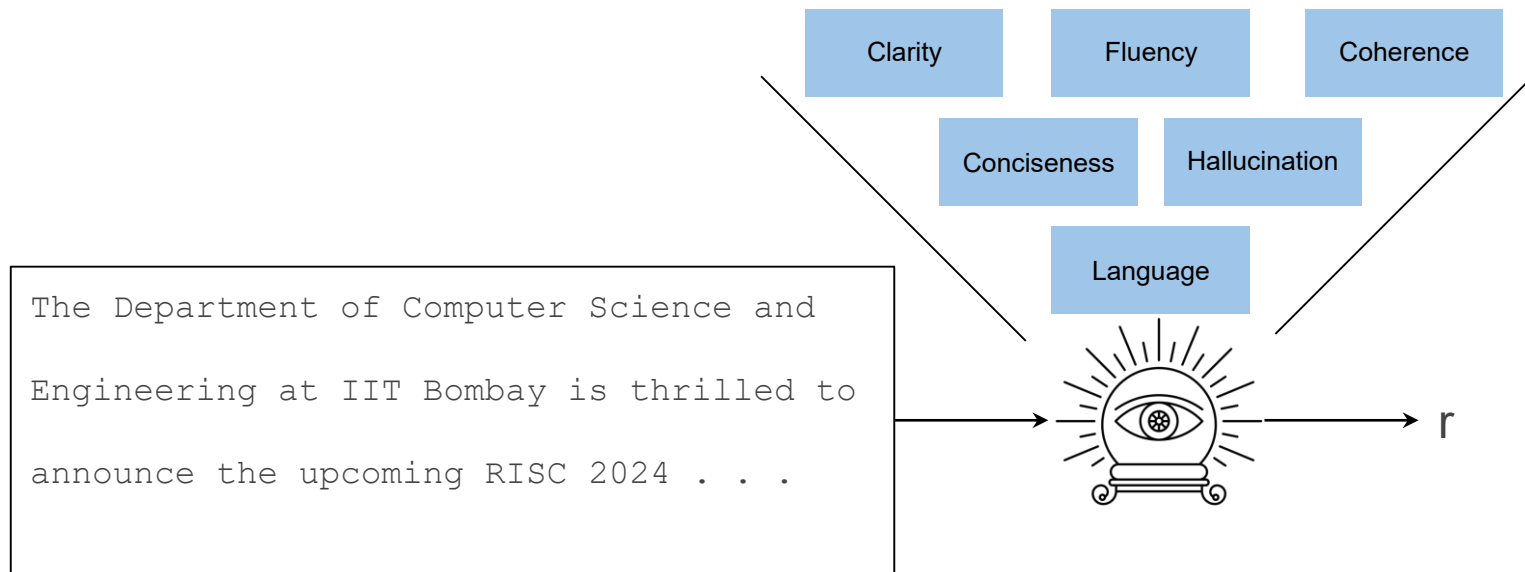
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An Oracle

Oracle takes all factors into account and scores the text



An Oracle

Typically humans play the role of Oracle!

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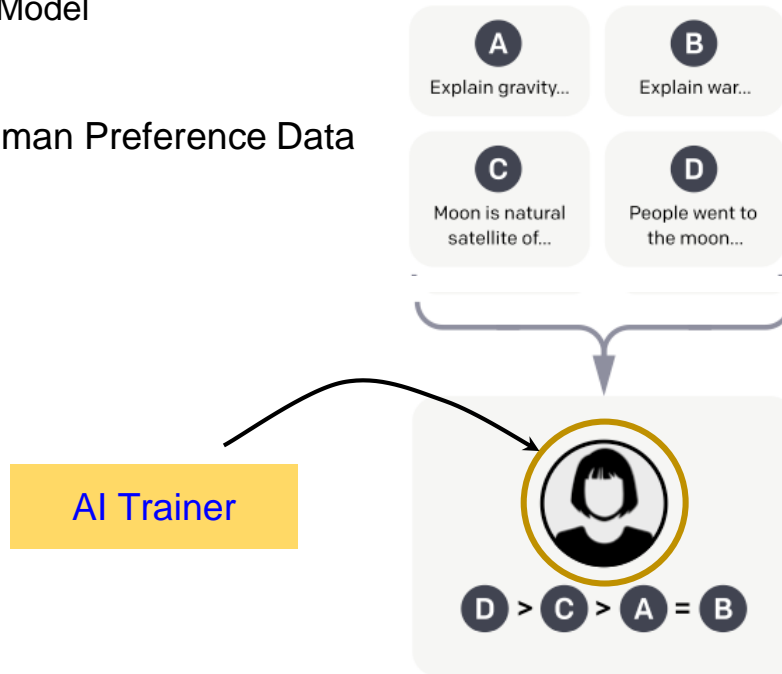


Various Possible
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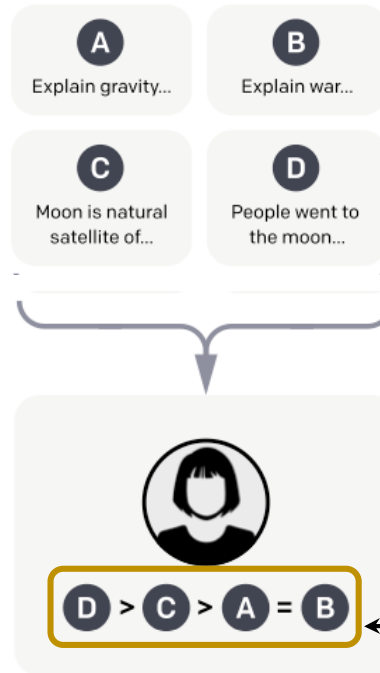
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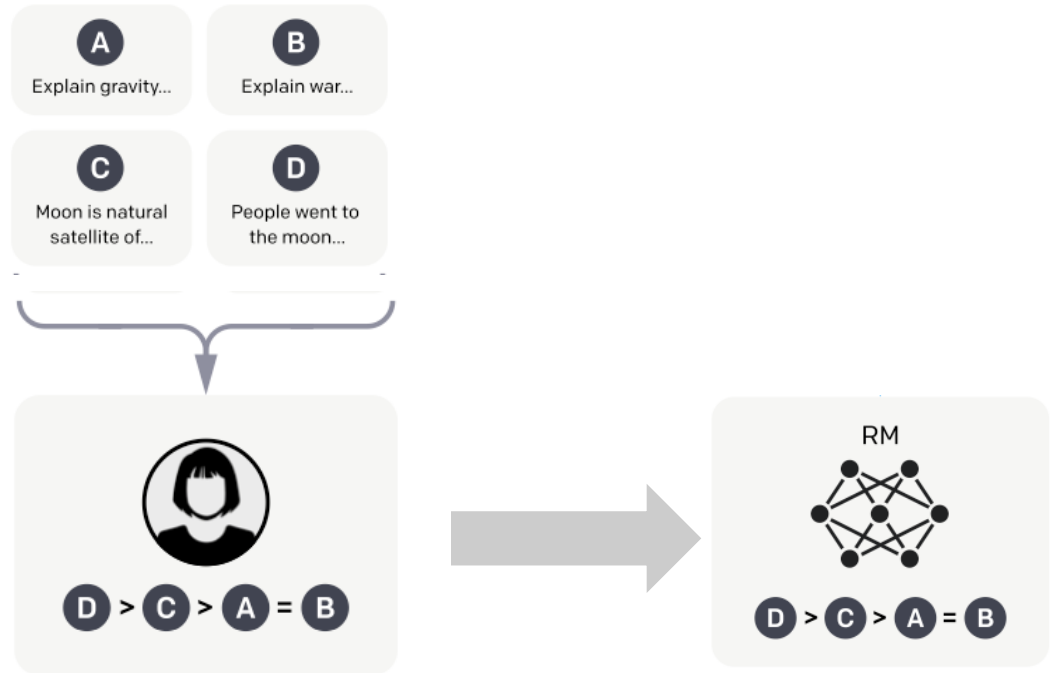


AI Trainer ranks outputs

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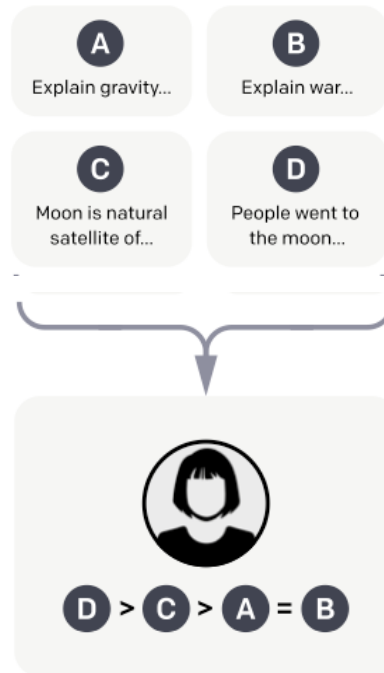


Train Preference Reward Model on this data

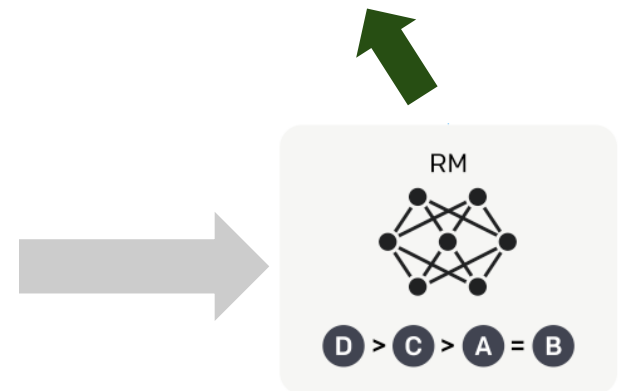
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Preference Feedback Model
Acts as **Human Feedback**



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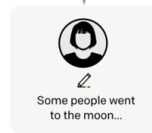
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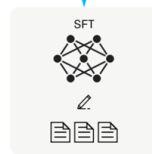
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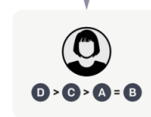
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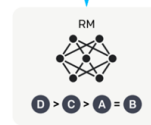
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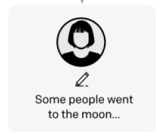
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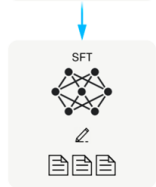
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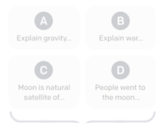
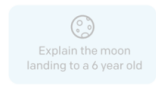
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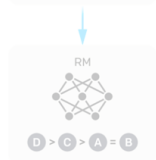
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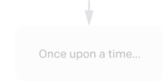


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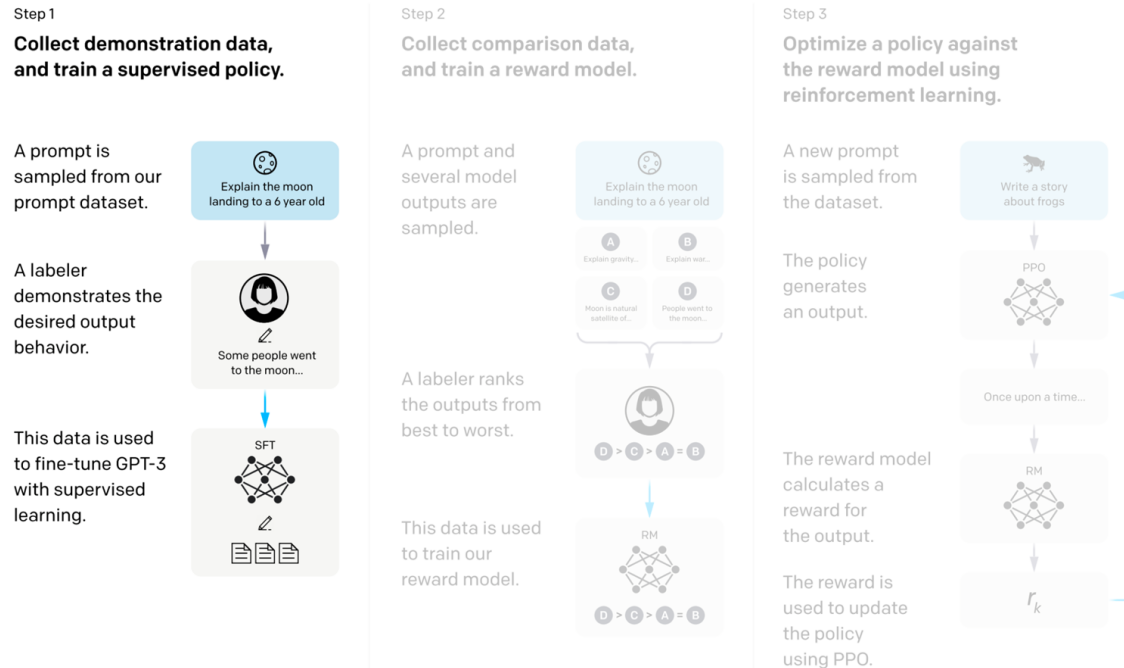


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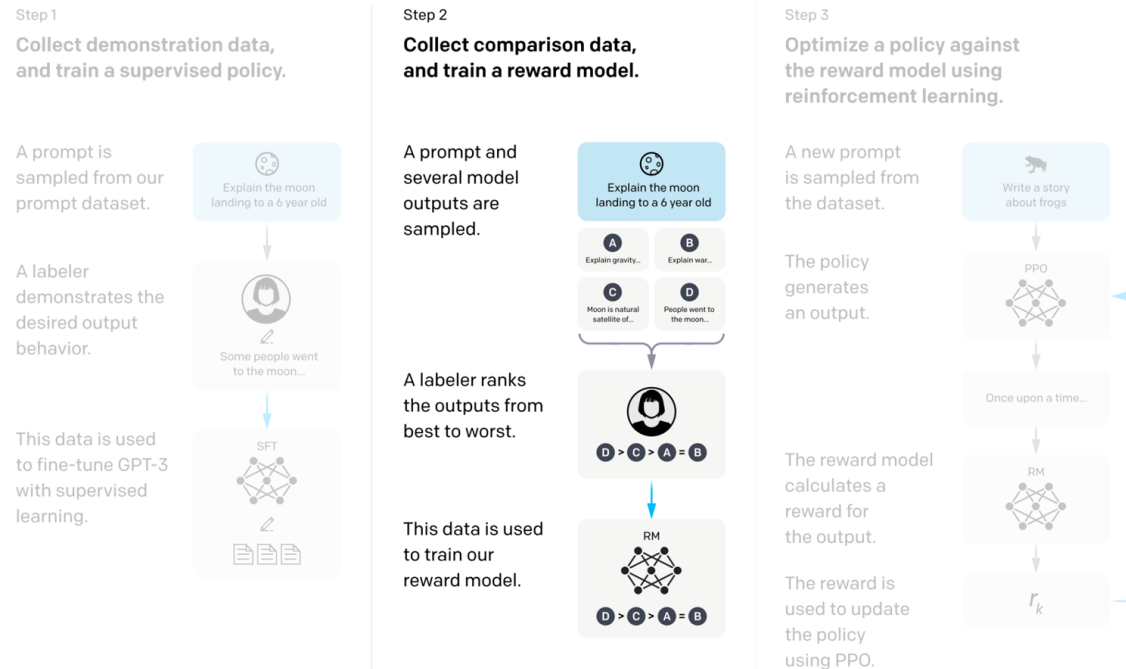
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Subtle Difference

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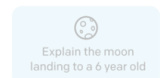
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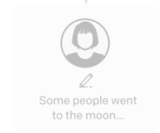
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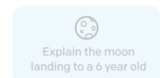
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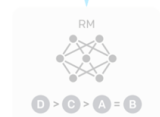
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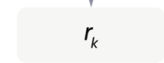
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RLHF Training using Preference Model
to reward generations

Preference Modeling | Underlying Math

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Requires a lot of human-preference data

Reward Model

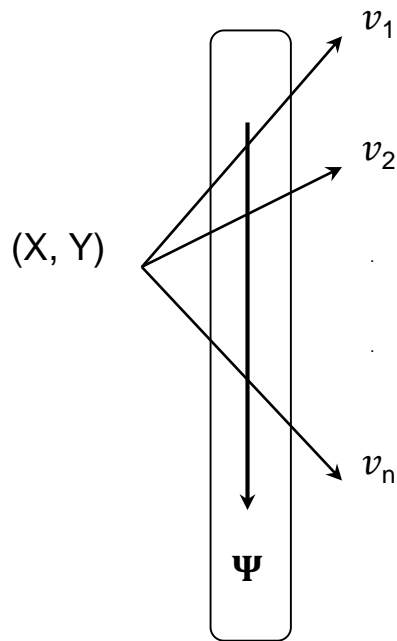
$X \rightarrow$ input text

$Y \rightarrow$ output from LLM

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Hallucination

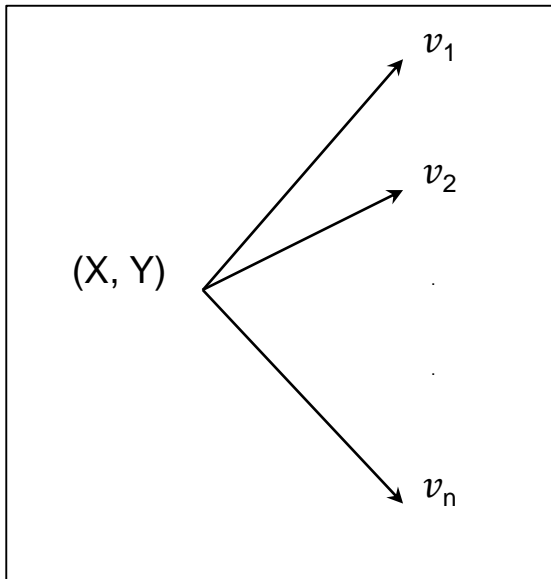
For the task of creative writing

v_i 's are specified by domain experts

Signifies what features are important in the reward

Reward Model

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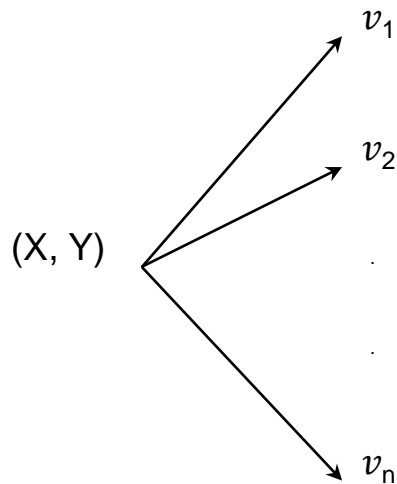
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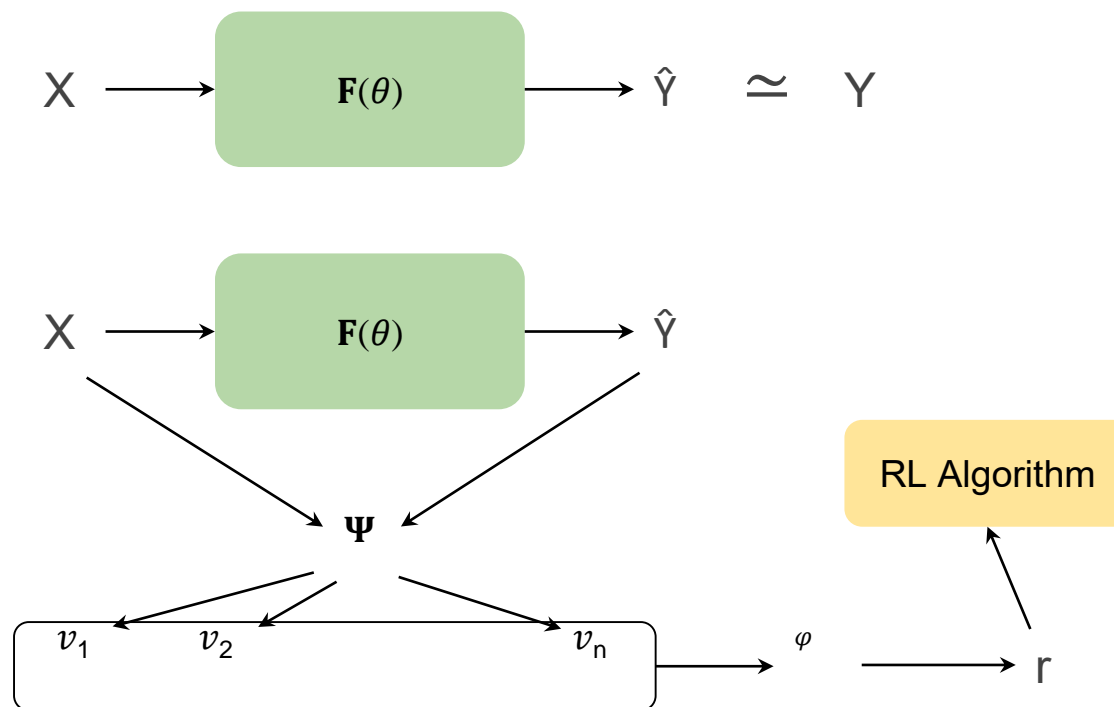
$$\varphi = f(v)$$

Domain Knowledge gives me features

These features compress variability in data

Thus effectively reducing the data requirement

Putting it all together -- RLHF



Ok, but how does it perform on a domain?

E-Commerce Opinion Summarization

Input: Reviews

Output: Opinion Summary



Allen Pinto

★★★★★ **Clearness and beautiful performance**

Reviewed in India on 5 January 2024

Size: 75 Hz | Style Name: 21.5-Inch Full HD | **Verified Purchase**

It's HDMI facility and its clarity which helps decipher the print the screen.

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Report



Sanwar Mal

★★★★★ **Immersive Excellence: Unveiling the HP M24f 23.8-Inch Full HD Monitor**

Reviewed in India on 24 December 2023

Size: 75 Hz | Style Name: 23.8-Inch Full HD | **Verified Purchase**

The HP M24f 23.8-Inch Full HD Monitor delivers a visually stunning experience with vibrant colors and sharp resolution. Its sleek design and thin bezels add a touch of sophistication, making it a versatile choice for work or play. With user-friendly features and AMD FreeSync technology for gaming, this monitor combines performance and style seamlessly.

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Customers say

Customers like the quality, color, value, speed and appearance of the monitor. They mention that its a very good product, works great for Coding, Gaming and Casual Movie watching and that its pretty good for the price value. They are also satisfied with the thickness, and picture quality. That said, opinions are mixed on brightness.

AI-generated from the text of customer reviews

Domain Specification

E-Commerce Opinion Summarization

Input: Reviews

Output: Opinion Summary

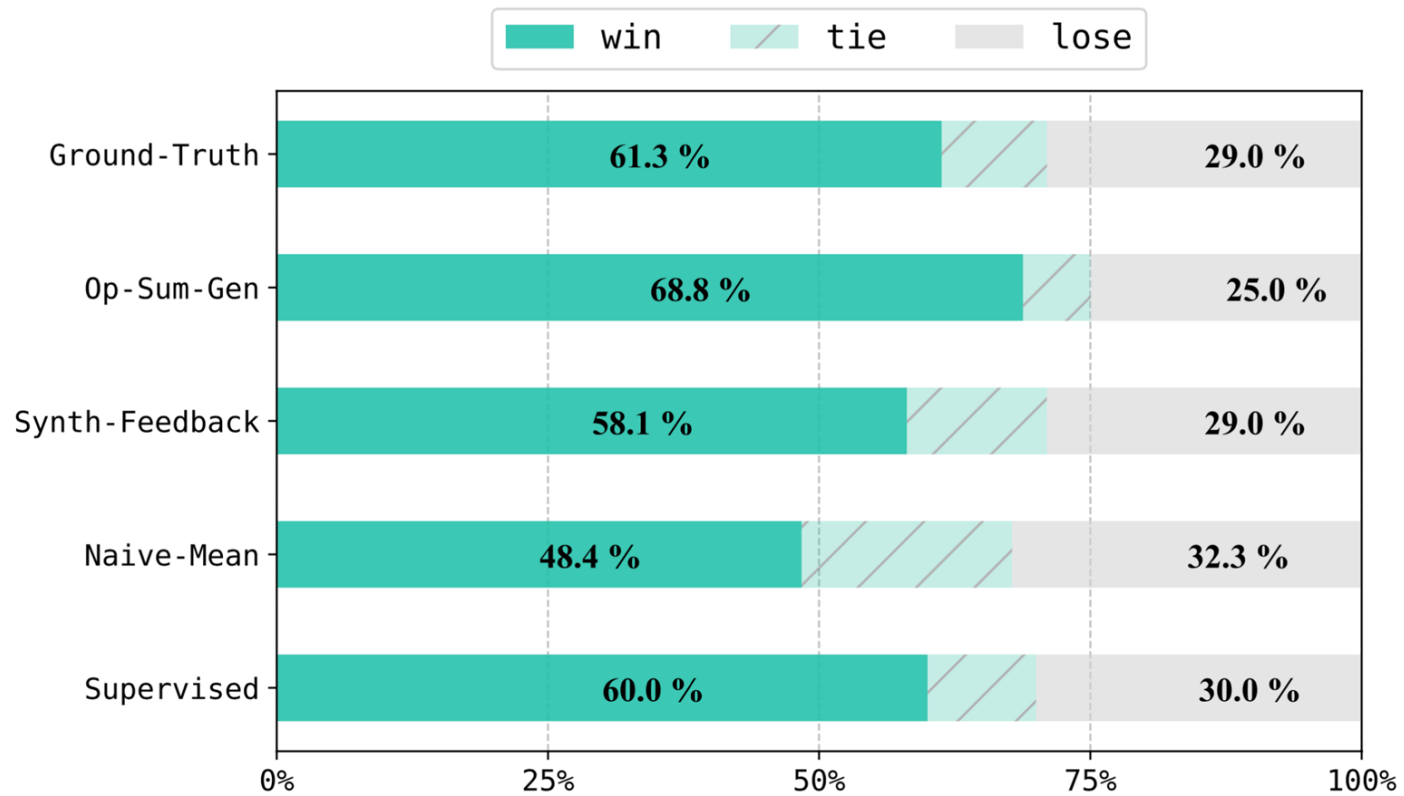
Preference Annotations for only **940** pairs!

Set of features:

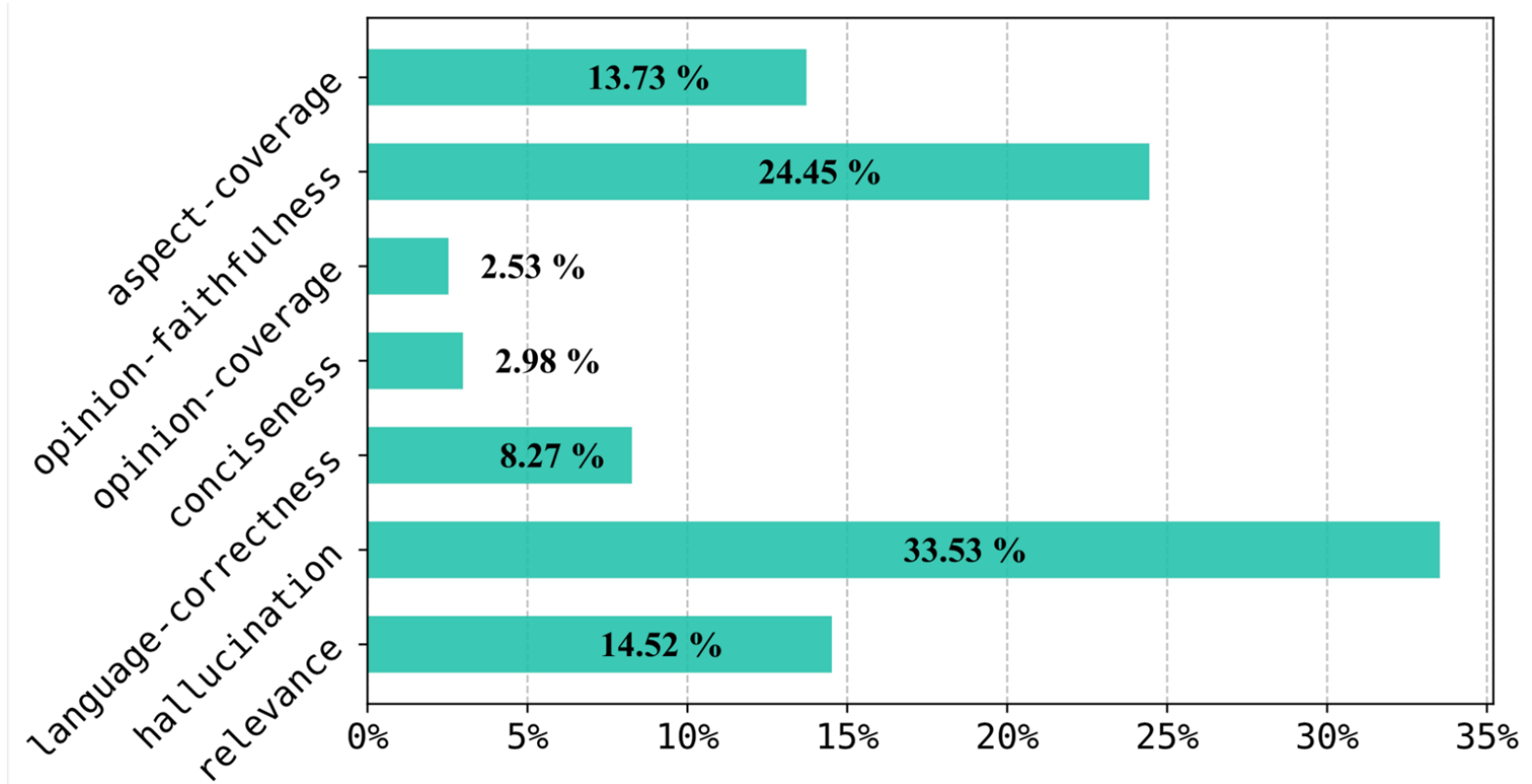
- Aspect Coverage
- Opinion Faithfulness
- Opinion Coverage
- Conciseness
- Relevance
- Hallucination
- Language Correctness

> **20x** reduction in dataset size!

Results



Analysis



Conclusion

We show a new way to do RLHF, by leveraging domain knowledge

We show one way to reduce human preference requirement (>20x)

We see that our approach leads to better performance

We see that our approach actually provides alignment too

THANK YOU!!



Pushpak Bhattacharyya



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Swaroop Nath

Back to *Alignment*

Derivation of EM based Alignment Expressions

V_E = vocabulary of language L_1 (Say English)

V_F = vocabulary of language L_2 (Say Hindi)

E¹ *what is in a name ?*

नाम में क्या है ?

naam meM kya hai ?

F¹ *name in what is ?*

E² *That which we call rose, by any other name will smell as sweet.*

जिसे हम गुलाब कहते हैं, और भी किसी नाम से उसकी कुशबू समान मीठा होगी

F² *Jise hum gulab kahte hai, aur bhi kisi naam se uski khushbu samaan mitha hogii*

That which we rose say , any other name by its smell as sweet

That which we call rose, by any other name will smell as sweet.

Vocabulary mapping

Vocabulary

V _E	V _F
<i>what , is , in, a , name , that, which, we , call ,rose, by, any, other, will, smell, as, sweet</i>	<i>naam, meM, kya, hai, jise, ham, gulab, kahte, aur, bhi, kisi, bhi, uski, khushbu, saman, mitha, hogii</i>

Key Notations

English vocabulary : V_E

French vocabulary : V_F

No. of observations / sentence pairs : S

$$e^1_1, e^1_2, \dots, e^1_{l^1} \Leftrightarrow f^1_1, f^1_2, \dots, f^1_{m^1}$$

$$e^2_1, e^2_2, \dots, e^2_{l^2} \Leftrightarrow f^2_1, f^2_2, \dots, f^2_{m^2}$$

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$$e^s_1, e^s_2, \dots, e^s_{l^s} \Leftrightarrow f^s_1, f^s_2, \dots, f^s_{m^s}$$

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$$e^S_1, e^S_2, \dots, e^S_{l^S} \Leftrightarrow f^S_1, f^S_2, \dots, f^S_{m^S}$$

No. words on English side in s^{th} sentence : l^s

No. words on French side in s^{th} sentence : m^s

$index_E(e^s_p)$ = Index of English word e^s_p in English vocabulary/dictionary

$index_F(f^s_q)$ = Index of French word f^s_q in French vocabulary/dictionary

Hidden variables and parameters

Hidden Variables (\mathbf{Z}) :

Total no. of hidden variables = $\sum_{s=1}^S l^s m^s$ where each hidden variable is as follows:

$z_{pq}^s = 1$, if in s^{th} sentence, p^{th} English word is mapped to q^{th} French word.

$z_{pq}^s = 0$, otherwise

Parameters (Θ) :

Total no. of parameters = $|V_E| \times |V_F|$, where each parameter is as follows:

$P_{i,j}$ = Probability that i^{th} word in English vocabulary is mapped to j^{th} word in French vocabulary

Likelihoods

Data Likelihood $L(D; \Theta)$:

$$L(D; \Theta) = \prod_{s=1}^S \prod_{p=1}^{l^s} \prod_{q=1}^{m^s} \left(P_{index_E(e_p^s), index_F(f_q^s)} \right)^{z_{pq}^s}$$

Data Log-Likelihood $LL(D; \Theta)$:

$$LL(D; \Theta) = \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} z_{pq}^s \log \left(P_{index_E(e_p^s), index_F(f_q^s)} \right)$$

Expected value of Data Log-Likelihood $E(LL(D; \Theta))$:

$$E(LL(D; \Theta)) = \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} E(z_{pq}^s) \log \left(P_{index_E(e_p^s), index_F(f_q^s)} \right)$$

Constraint and Lagrangian

$$\sum_{j=1}^{|V_F|} P_{i,j} = 1 \text{ , } \forall i$$

$$\sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} E(Z_{pq}^s) \log \left(P_{index_E(e_p^s), index_F(f_q^s)} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{|V_E|} \lambda_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^{|V_F|} P_{i,j} - 1 \right)$$

Differentiating wrt P_{ij}

$$\sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} \delta_{\text{index}_E(e_p^s), i} \delta_{\text{index}_F(f_q^s), j} \left(\frac{E(z_{pq}^s)}{P_{i,j}} \right) - \lambda_i = 0$$

$$P_{i,j} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} \delta_{\text{index}_E(e_p^s), i} \delta_{\text{index}_F(f_q^s), j} E(z_{pq}^s)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{|V_F|} P_{i,j} = 1 = \sum_{j=1}^{|V_F|} \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} \delta_{\text{index}_E(e_p^s), i} \delta_{\text{index}_F(f_q^s), j} E(z_{pq}^s)$$

Final E and M steps

M-step

$$P_{i,j} = \frac{\sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} \delta_{\text{index}_E(e_p^s), i} \delta_{\text{index}_F(f_q^s), j} E(z_{pq}^s)}{\sum_{j=1}^{|V_F|} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{p=1}^{l^s} \sum_{q=1}^{m^s} \delta_{\text{index}_E(e_p^s), i} \delta_{\text{index}_F(f_q^s), j} E(z_{pq}^s)}, \forall i, j$$

E-step

$$E(z_{pq}^s) = \frac{P_{\text{index}_E(e_p^s), \text{index}_F(f_q^s)}}{\sum_{q'=1}^{m^s} P_{\text{index}_E(e_p^s), \text{index}_F(f_{q'}^s)}}, \forall s, p, q$$

Self Attention

Linguistics of

Sound-Structure-Meaning continuum

Sound:

Phonetics, Phonology

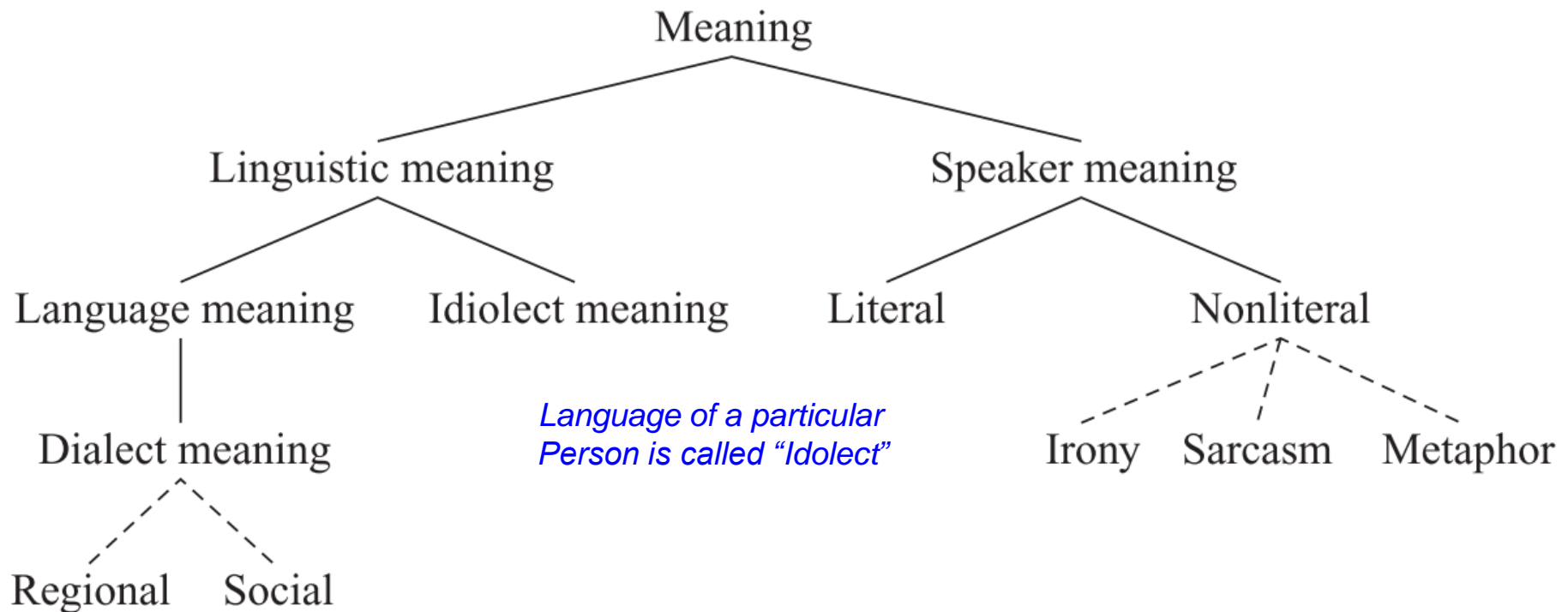
Structure:

Morphology, Syntax

Meaning:

Semantic, Pragmatics

The “meaning” ontology



From: Akmajian et al. 2010

Meaning of words

Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic Relations

- Syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations
 - Lexico-semantic relations: synonymy, antonymy, hypernymy, meronymy, troponymy etc. **CAT is-a ANIMAL**
 - Cooccurrence: **CATS MEOW**
- Resources to capture semantics:
 - Wordnet: primarily paradigmatic relations
 - ConceptNet: primarily Syntagmatic Relations

Selectional Preferences (Indian Tradition)

(1/2)

- “Desire” of some words in the sentence (“aakaangksha”).
 - I saw the boy with long hair.
 - The verb “saw” desires an object here.
- “Appropriateness” of some other words in the sentence to fulfil that desire (“yogyataa”).
 - I saw the boy with long hair.
 - The PP “with long hair” can be appropriately connected only to “boy” and not “saw”.

Selectional Preferences (Indian Tradition)

(2/2)

- In case, the ambiguity is still present, “proximity” (“sannidhi”) can determine the meaning.
 - E.g. I saw the boy with a telescope.
 - The PP “with a telescope” can be attached to both “boy” and “saw”, so ambiguity still present. It is then attached to “boy” using the proximity check.

Selectional Preference (Recent Linguistic Theory) (1/2)

- There are words which demand arguments, like, verbs, prepositions, adjectives and sometimes nouns. These arguments are typically nouns.
- Arguments must have the property to fulfil the demand. They must satisfy Selectional preferences.

Selectional Preference (Recent Linguistic Theory) (2/2)

- Example
 - Give (verb)
 - » agent – animate
 - » obj – direct
 - » obj – indirect
 - I gave him the book
 - I gave him the book (yesterday in the school)
 - adjunct

Argument frame and Selectional Preference

- Structure expressing the desire of a word is called the Argument Frame
- Selectional Preference
 - Properties of the “Words that meet the demand”

Verb Argument frame (example)

- Verb: give
- Give
 - Agent: <the giver>: animate
 - direct object: <the given>
 - indirect object: <the givee>:
personifiable
- *I_agent gave a book_dobj to John_iobj*