Siamese recurrent networks can learn first-order logic reasoning and exhibit zero-shot generalization to novel expressions

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- ▶ Do they apply compositional generalization, or just memorization?

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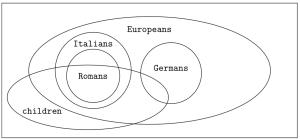
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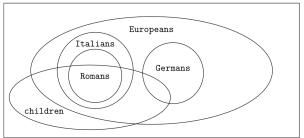
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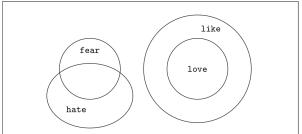
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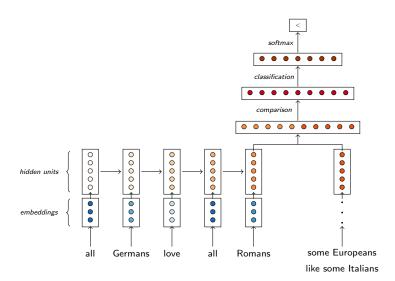
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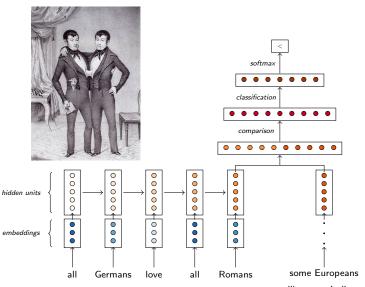
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Only 0.07% of the data space is seen during training.

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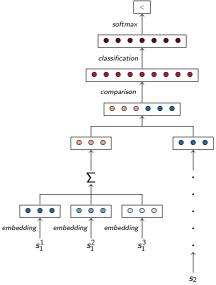


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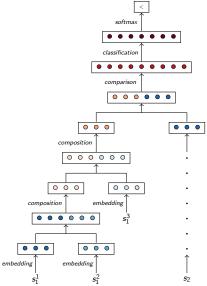


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- ► Three types:
 - Simple Recurrent Network (SRN)
 - ► Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)
 - Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

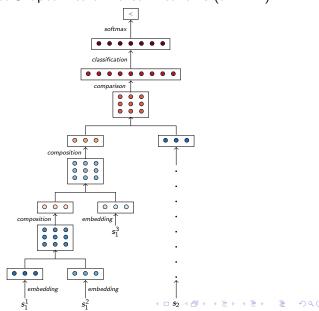
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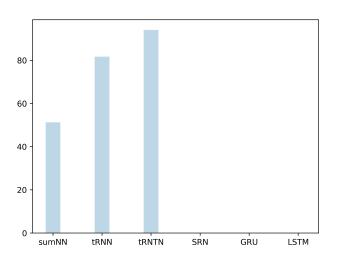
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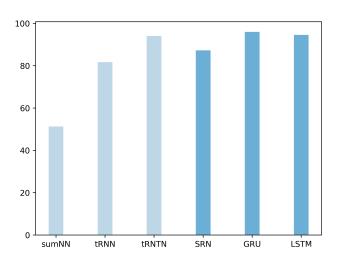
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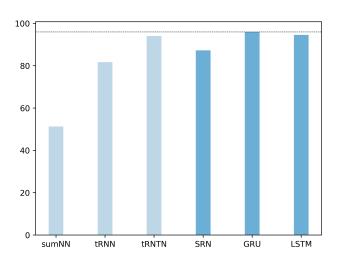
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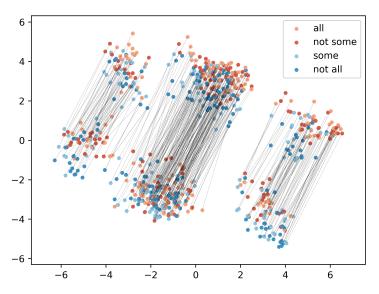
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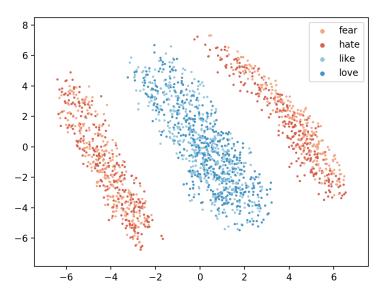
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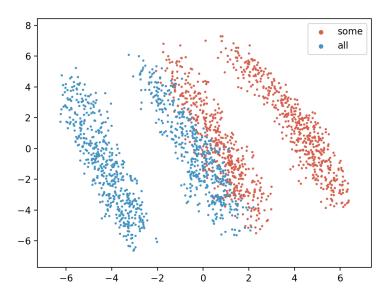
Negated sentence vectors (GRU)



Sentence vectors cluster according to verb...



... and second quantifier



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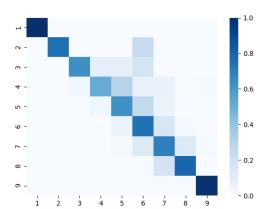
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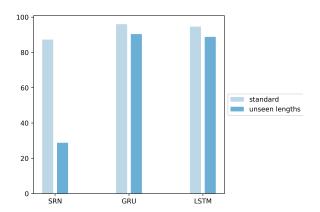
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 - Train GRU with fixed GloVe embeddings
 - At testing time, replace words in data with unseen ones, and add corresponding word embeddings to models

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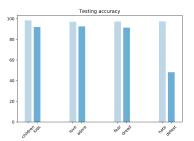
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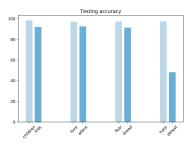
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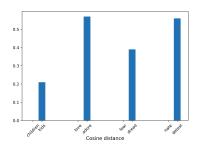
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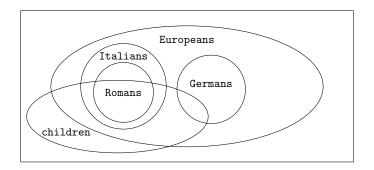


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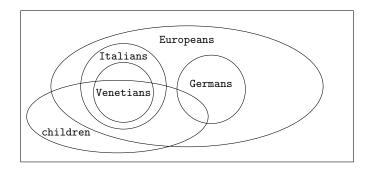




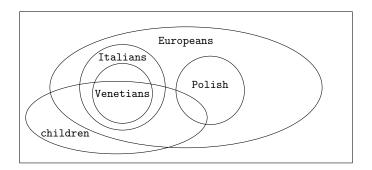
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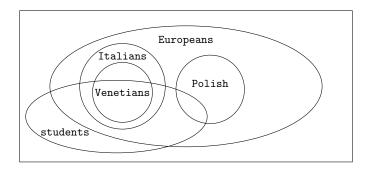
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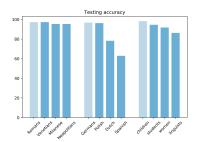
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