# project4\_semantics

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```
[]: # Please do not change this cell because some hidden tests might depend on it.
     import os
     # Otter grader does not handle ! commands well, so we define and use our
     # own function to execute shell commands.
     def shell(commands, warn=True):
         """Executes the string `commands` as a sequence of shell commands.
            Prints the result to stdout and returns the exit status.
            Provides a printed warning on non-zero exit status unless `warn`
           flag is unset.
         file = os.popen(commands)
         print (file.read().rstrip('\n'))
         exit_status = file.close()
         if warn and exit_status != None:
             print(f"Completed with errors. Exit status: {exit_status}\n")
         return exit_status
     shell("""
     ls requirements.txt >/dev/null 2>&1
     if [ ! $? = 0 ]; then
     rm -rf .tmp
     git clone https://github.com/cs187-2020/project4.git .tmp
     mv .tmp/requirements.txt ./
     rm -rf .tmp
     fi
     pip install -q -r requirements.txt
```

```
[]: # Initialize Otter
import otter
grader = otter.Notebook()
```

## 1 Project 4: Semantic parsing for question answering

The goal of semantic parsing is to convert natural language utterances to a meaning representation such as a *logical form* expression or a *SQL query*. In the previous project segment, you built a parsing system to reconstruct parse trees from the natural-language queries in the ATIS dataset. However, that only solves an intermediary task, not the end-user task of obtaining answers to the queries.

In this the final project segment, you will go further, building a semantic parsing system to convert the English queries to SQL queries, so that by consulting a database you will be able to answer those questions. You will implement both a rule-based approach and an end-to-end sequence-to-sequence (seq2seq) approach. Both algorithms come with their pros and cons, and by the end of this segment you should have a basic understanding of the characteristics of the rule-based computational linguistic approach and the neural approach.

#### 1.1 Goals

- 1. Build a semantic parsing algorithm to convert text to SQL queries based on the syntactic parse trees from the last project.
- 2. Build an end-to-end seq2seq system to convert text to SQL.
- 3. Discuss the pros and cons of the rule-based system and the end-to-end system.
- 4. (Optional) Use the state-of-the-art pretrained transformers for text-to-SQL conversion.

This will be an extremely challenging project, so we recommend that you start early.

## 1.2 Setup

```
[]: import copy
     import datetime
     import math
     import re
     import sys
     import warnings
     import nltk
     import sqlite3
     import torch
     import torch.nn as nn
     import torchtext as tt
     from cryptography.fernet import Fernet
     from torch.nn.utils.rnn import pack_padded_sequence as pack
     from torch.nn.utils.rnn import pad_packed_sequence as unpack
     from tqdm import tqdm
     from func timeout import func set timeout
```

```
[]: # Set random seeds
seed = 1234
torch.manual_seed(seed)

# Turn off annoying torchtext warnings about pending deprecations
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", module="torchtext", category=UserWarning)

# Set timeout for executing SQL
TIMEOUT = 3 # seconds

# GPU check: Set runtime type to use GPU where available
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
print (device)
```

```
[]: ## Download needed scripts and data
     source_url = "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nlp-course/data/master"
     # Grammar to augment for this segment
     if not os.path.isfile('data/grammar'):
       shell(f"wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/grammar_distrib4.crypt")
       # Decrypt the grammar file
      key = b'bfksTY2BJ5VKKK9xZb1PDDLaGkdu7KCDFYfVePSEfGY='
       fernet = Fernet(key)
      with open('./data/grammar_distrib4.crypt', 'rb') as f:
         restored = Fernet(key).decrypt(f.read())
      with open('./data/grammar', 'wb') as f:
         f.write(restored)
     # Download scripts and ATIS database
     shell(f"""
       wget -nv -N -P scripts {source_url}/scripts/trees/transform.py
       wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/atis_sqlite.db
       """)
```

```
[]: # Import downloaded scripts for parsing augmented grammars
sys.path.insert(1, './scripts')
import transform as xform
```

## 1.3 Semantically augmented grammars

In the first part of this project segment, you'll be implementing a rule-based system for semantic interpretation of sentences. Before jumping into using such a system on the ATIS dataset – we'll

get to that soon enough – let's first work with some trivial examples to get things going.

The fundamental idea of rule-based semantic interpretation is the rule of compositionality, that the meaning of a constituent is a function of the meanings of its immediate subconstituents and the syntactic rule that combined them. This leads to an infrastructure for specifying semantic interpretation in which each syntactic rule in a grammar (in our case, a context-free grammar) is associated with a semantic rule that applies to the meanings associated with the elements on the right-hand side of the rule.

### 1.3.1 Example: arithmetic expressions

As a first example, let's consider an augmented grammar for arithmetic expressions, familiar from lab 3-1. We again use the function xform.parse\_augmented\_grammar to parse the augmented grammar. You can read more about it in the file scripts/transform.py.

```
[]: arithmetic_grammar, arithmetic_augmentations = xform.parse_augmented_grammar(
         ## Sample grammar for arithmetic expressions
         S -> NUM
                                                 : lambda Num: Num
            / S OP S
                                                 : lambda S1, Op, S2: Op(S1, S2)
         OP -> ADD
                                                 : lambda Op: Op
             I SUB
             / MULT
             / DIV
         NUM -> 'zero'
                                                 : lambda: O
              / 'one'
                                                 : lambda: 1
              / 'two'
                                                 : lambda: 2
              / 'three'
                                                 : lambda: 3
              / 'four'
                                                 : lambda: 4
              / 'five'
                                                 : lambda: 5
              / 'six'
                                                 : lambda: 6
              / 'seven'
                                                 : lambda: 7
              / 'eight'
                                                 : lambda: 8
              / 'nine'
                                                 : lambda: 9
              / 'ten'
                                                 : lambda: 10
         ADD -> 'plus' / 'added' 'to'
                                               : lambda: lambda x, y: x + y
         SUB -> 'minus'
                                                : lambda: lambda x, y: x - y
         MULT -> 'times' | 'multiplied' 'by'
                                               : lambda: lambda x, y: x * y
         DIV -> 'divided' 'by'
                                                : lambda: lambda x, y: x / y
         """)
```

Recall that in this grammar specification format, rules that are not explicitly provided with an augmentation (like all the OP rules after the first OP -> ADD) are associated with the textually most recent one (lambda Op: Op).

The parse\_augmented\_grammar function returns both an NLTK grammar and a dictionary that maps from productions in the grammar to their associated augmentations. Let's examine the returned grammar.

```
[]: for production in arithmetic_grammar.productions():
    print(f"{repr(production):25} {arithmetic_augmentations[production]}")
```

We can parse with the grammar using one of the built-in NLTK parsers.

Now let's turn to the augmentations. They can be arbitrary functions applied to the semantic representations associated with the right-hand-side nonterminals, returning the semantic representation of the left-hand side. To interpret the semantic representation of the entire sentence (at the root of the parse tree), we can use the following pseudo-code:

```
to interpret a tree:
```

```
interpret each of the nonterminal-rooted subtrees
find the augmentation associated with the root production of the tree
(it should be a function of as many arguments as there are nonterminals on the right-hand side)
return the result of applying the augmentation to the subtree values
```

(The base case of this recursion occurs when the number of nonterminal-rooted subtrees is zero, that is, a rule all of whose right-hand side elements are terminals.)

Suppose we had such a function, call it interpret. How would it operate on, for instance, the tree (S (S (NUM three)) (OP (ADD plus)) (S (NUM one)))?

```
interpret (S (S (NUM three)) (OP (ADD plus)) (S (NUM one)))
    |->interpret (S (NUM three))
           |->interpret (NUM three)
                   |->(no subconstituents to evaluate)
             |->apply the augmentation for the rule NUM -> three to the empty set of values
                          (lambda: 3) () ==> 3
                  \==> 3
           |->apply the augmentation for the rule NUM -> NUM to the value 3
                   (lambda NUM: NUM)(3) ==> 3
           \==> 3
    |->interpret (OP (ADD plus))
           => lambda x, y: x + y
    |->interpret (S (NUM one))
           1...
           \==> 1
   |->apply the augmentation for the rule S -> S OP S to the values 3, (lambda x, y: x + y), and 1
```

```
| (lambda S1, Op, S2: Op(S1, S2))(3, (lambda x, y: x + y), 1) ==> 4 \==> 4
```

Thus, the string "three plus one" is semantically interpreted as the value 4.

Now, all you need to do is to write the interpret function. (Lab 4-2 ought to come in handy.)

```
[]: #TODO - Write the `interpret` function
def interpret(tree, augmentations):
    result = ...
    return result
```

Now we should be able to evaluate the arithmetic example from above.

```
[]: interpret(parses[0], arithmetic_augmentations)
```

And we can even write a function that parses and interprets a string. We'll have it evaluate each of the possible parses and print the results.

```
def parse_and_interpret(string, grammar, augmentations):
    parser = nltk.parse.BottomUpChartParser(grammar)
    parses = parser.parse(string.split())
    for parse in parses:
        parse.pretty_print()
        print(parse, "==>", interpret(parse, augmentations))
```

```
[]: parse_and_interpret("three plus one times four", arithmetic_grammar, □ → arithmetic_augmentations)
```

Since the string is syntactically ambiguous according to the grammar, it is semantically ambiguous as well.

#### 1.3.2 Some grammar specification conveniences

Before going on, it will be useful to have a few more conveniences in writing augmentations for rules. First, since the augmentations are arbitrary Python expressions, they can be built from and make use of other functions. For instance, you'll notice that many of the augmentations at the leaves of the tree took no arguments and returned a constant. We can define a function constant that returns a function that ignores its arguments and returns a particular value.

```
[]: def constant(value):
    return lambda *args: value
```

Similarly, several of the augmentations are functions that just return their first argument. Again, we can define a generic form first of such a function:

```
[]: def first(*args):
    return args[0]
```

We can now rewrite the grammar above to take advantage of these shortcuts.

In the call to parse\_augmented\_grammar below, we pass in the global environment, extracted via a globals() function call, via the named argument globals. This allows the parse\_augmented\_grammar function to make use of the global bindings for constant, first, and the like when evaluating the augmentation expressions to their values. You can check out the code in transform.py to see how the passed in globals bindings are used. To help understand what's going on, see what happens if you don't include the globals=globals().

```
[]: arithmetic_grammar_2, arithmetic_augmentations_2 = xform.
     →parse_augmented_grammar(
        ## Sample grammar for arithmetic expressions
        S -> NUM
           / S OP S
                                            : lambda S1, Op, S2: Op(S1, S2)
        NP -> ADD
                                            : first
           / SUB
           / MULT
           / DIV
        NUM -> 'zero'
                                            : constant(0)
             I 'one'
                                            : constant(1)
             / 'two'
                                            : constant(2)
             / 'three'
                                            : constant(3)
             / 'four'
                                            : constant(4)
             / 'five'
                                            : constant(5)
             / 'six'
                                            : constant(6)
             / 'seven'
                                            : constant(7)
             / 'eight'
                                            : constant(8)
             / 'nine'
                                            : constant(9)
             / 'ten'
                                            : constant(10)
        : constant(lambda x, y: x - y)
        SUB -> 'minus'
        MULT -> 'times' | 'multiplied' 'by' : constant(lambda x, y: x * y)
        DIV -> 'divided' 'by'
                                           : constant(lambda x, y: x / y)
        nnn
        globals=globals())
```

Finally, it might make our lives easier to write a template of augmentations whose instantiation depends on the right-hand-side of the rule.

We use a reserved keyword \_RHS to denote the right-hand side of the syntactic rule, which will be replaced by a **list** of the right-hand-side strings. For example, an augmentation numeric\_template(\_RHS) would be as if written as numeric\_template(['zero']) when the rule is NUM -> 'zero', and numeric\_template(['one']) when the rule is NUM -> 'one'. The details

of how this works can be found at scripts/transform.py.

This would allow us to use a single template function, for example,

and then further simplify the grammar specification:

```
[]: arithmetic_grammar_3, arithmetic_augmentations_3 = xform.
      →parse_augmented_grammar(
         11 11 11
        ## Sample grammar for arithmetic expressions
        S -> NUM
                                               : first
           / S OP S
                                               : lambda S1, Op, S2: Op(S1, S2)
        OP -> ADD
                                              : first
            1 SUB
            / MULT
            / DIV
        NUM -> 'zero' | 'one' | 'two' : numeric_template(_RHS)
              | 'three' | 'four' | 'five'
              / 'nine' / 'ten'
        ADD \rightarrow 'plus' \mid 'added' 'to' : constant(lambda x, y: x + y)
        SUB -> 'minus'
                                             : constant(lambda x, y: x - y)
        \textit{MULT} \rightarrow 'times' \mid 'multiplied' 'by' : constant(lambda x, y: x * y)
        DIV -> 'divided' 'by'
                                             : constant(lambda x, y: x / y)
         nnn
        globals=globals())
```

```
[]: parse_and_interpret("six divided by three", arithmetic_grammar_3, ⊔
→arithmetic_augmentations_3)
```

## 1.3.3 Example: Green Eggs and Ham revisited

This stuff is tricky, so it's useful to see more examples before jumping in the deep end. In this simple GEaH fragment grammar, we use a larger set of auxiliary functions to build the augmentations.

```
[]: def constant(value):
    """Return `value`, ignoring any arguments"""
```

```
return lambda *args: value
def forward(F, A):
  """Forward application: Return the application of the first
     argument to the second"""
 return F(A)
def backward(A, F):
  """Backward application: Return the application of the second
     argument to the first"""
  return F(A)
def first(*args):
  """Return the value of the first (and perhaps only) subconstituent,
     ignoring any others"""
  return args[0]
def second(*args):
  """Return the value of the second subconstituent, ignoring any others"""
 return args[1]
def ignore(*args):
  """Return `None`, ignoring everything about the constituent. (Good as a
     placeholder until a better augmentation can be devised.)"""
  return None
```

Using these, we can build and test the grammar.

```
[]: geah_grammar, geah_augmentations = xform.

→parse_augmented_grammar(geah_grammar_spec,

globals=globals())
```

```
[]: parse_and_interpret("Sam likes ham", geah_grammar, geah_augmentations)
```

## 1.4 Semantics of ATIS queries

Now you're in a good position to understand and add augmentations to a more comprehensive grammar, say, one that parses ATIS queries and generates SQL queries.

In preparation for that, we need to load the ATIS data, both NL and SQL queries.

## 1.4.1 Loading and preprocessing the corpus

To simplify things a bit, we'll only consider ATIS queries whose question type (remember that from project segment 1?) is flight\_id. We download training, development, and test splits for this subset of the ATIS corpus, including corresponding SQL queries.

```
[]: # Acquire the datasets -- training, development, and test splits of the
    # ATIS queries and corresponding SQL queries
    shell(f"""
        wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/test_flightid.nl
        wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/test_flightid.sql
        wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/dev_flightid.nl
        wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/dev_flightid.sql
        wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/train_flightid.nl
        wget -nv -N -P data {source_url}/ATIS/train_flightid.sql
        """")
```

Let's take a look at the data: the NL queries are in .nl files, and the SQL queries are in .sql files.

```
[]: shell("head -1 data/dev_flightid.nl")
shell("head -1 data/dev_flightid.sql")
```

## 1.4.2 Corpus preprocessing

We'll use torchtext to process the data. We use two Fields: SRC for the questions, and TGT for the SQL queries. We'll use the tokenizer from project segment 3.

```
[]: ## Tokenizer

tokenizer = nltk.tokenize.RegexpTokenizer('\d+|st\.|[\w-]+|\$[\d\.]+|\S+')

def tokenize(string):
    return tokenizer.tokenize(string.lower())

## Demonstrating the tokenizer

## Note especially the handling of `"11pm"` and hyphenated words.

print(tokenize("Are there any first-class flights from St. Louis at 11pm for⊔

→less than $3.50?"))
```

```
[]: SRC = tt.data.Field(include_lengths=True, # include lengths

batch_first=False, # batches will be max_len x

→ batch_size
```

Note that we specified batch\_first=False (as in lab 4-3), so that the returned batched tensors would be of size max\_length X batch\_size, which facilitates seq2seq implementation.

Now, we load the data using torchtext. We use the TranslationDataset class here because our task is essentially a translation task: "translating" questions into the corresponding SQL queries. Therefore, we also refer to the questions as the *source* side (SRC) and the SQL queries as the *target* side (TGT).

Next, we batch our data to facilitate processing on a GPU. Batching is a bit tricky because the source and target will typically be of different lengths. Fortunately, torchtext allows us to pass in a sort\_key function. By sorting on length, we can minimize the amount of padding on the source side, but since there is still some padding, we need to handle them with pack later on in the seq2seq part (as in lab 4-3).

```
[]: BATCH_SIZE = 32 # batch size for training/validation

TEST_BATCH_SIZE = 1 # batch size for test, we use 1 to make beam search_

implementation easier

train_iter, val_iter = tt.data.BucketIterator.splits((train_data, val_data),
```

Let's look at a single batch from one of these iterators.

Alternatively, we can directly iterate over the raw examples:

```
[]: for example in train_iter.dataset[:1]:
    train_text_1 = example.src
    train_text_1 = ' '.join(train_text_1) # detokenized question
    train_sql_1 = ' '.join(example.tgt) # detokenized sql
    print (f"Question: {train_text_1}\n")
    print (f"SQL: {train_sql_1}")
```

#### 1.4.3 Establishing a SQL database for evaluating ATIS queries

The output of our systems will be SQL queries. How should we determine if the generated queries are correct? We can't merely compare against the gold SQL queries, since there are many ways to implement a SQL query that answers any given NL query.

Instead, we will execute the queries – both the predicted SQL query and the gold SQL query – on an actual database, and verify that the returned responses are the same. For that purpose, we need a SQL database server to use. We'll set one up here, using the Python sqlite3 module.

To run a query, we use the cursor's execute function, and retrieve the results with fetchall. Let's get all the flights that arrive at General Mitchell International – the query train\_text\_1 above. There's a lot, so we'll just print out the first few.

```
[]: predicted_ret = execute_sql(train_sql_1)

print(f"""
Executing: {train_sql_1}

Result: {len(predicted_ret)} entries starting with

{predicted_ret[:10]}
""")
```

The SQL database we are using has a database schema described at https://github.com/jkkummerfeld/text2sql-data/blob/master/data/atis-schema.csv, and is consistent with the SQL queries provided in the various .sql files loaded above.

## 1.5 Rule-based parsing and interpretation of ATIS queries

First, we will implement a rule-based semantic parser using a grammar like the one you completed in the third project segment. We've placed an initial grammar in the file data/grammar. In addition to the helper functions defined above (constant, first, etc.), it makes use of some other simple functions. We've included those below, but you can (and almost certainly should) augment this set with others that you define as you build out the full set of augmentations.

```
'MARCH' : 3,
          'APRIL' : 4,
          'MAY':5,
          'JUNE' : 6,
          'JULY' : 7,
          'AUGUST' : 8,
          'SEPTEMBER' : 9,
          'OCTOBER' : 10,
          'NOVEMBER' : 11,
          'DECEMBER' : 12} [month.upper()]
def airports_from_airport_name(airport_name):
 return f"(SELECT airport.airport_code FROM airport WHERE airport.airport_name∪
→= {upper(airport_name)})"
def airports_from_city(city):
 return f"""
    (SELECT airport_service.airport_code FROM airport_service WHERE_
→airport_service.city_code IN
      (SELECT city.city_code FROM city WHERE city.city_name = {upper(city)}))
def null_condition(*args, **kwargs):
 return 1
def depart_around(time):
 return f"""
    flight.departure_time >= {add_delta(miltime(time), -15).strftime('%H%M')}
    AND flight.departure_time <= {add_delta(miltime(time), 15).strftime('%H%M')}
    """.strip()
def add_delta(tme, delta):
    # transform to a full datetime first
    return (datetime.datetime.combine(datetime.date.today(), tme) +
            datetime.timedelta(minutes=delta)).time()
def miltime(minutes):
  return datetime.time(hour=int(minutes/100), minute=(minutes % 100))
```

We can build a parser with the augmented grammar:

```
[]: atis_grammar, atis_augmentations = xform.read_augmented_grammar('data/grammar', □

→globals=globals())

atis_parser = nltk.parse.BottomUpChartParser(atis_grammar)
```

We'll define a function to return a parse tree for a string according to the ATIS grammar (if available).

```
[]: def parse_tree(sentence):
    """Parse a sentence and return the parse tree, or None if failure."""
    try:
        parses = list(atis_parser.parse(tokenize(sentence)))
        if len(parses) == 0:
            return None
        else:
            return parses[0]
    except:
        return None
```

and use it to parse the sample query "flights to boston":

```
[]: sample_query = "flights to boston"
    print(tokenize(sample_query))
    parse_tree(sample_query).pretty_print()
```

We can check the overall coverage of this grammar on the training set by using the parse\_tree function to determine if a parse is available. The grammar that we provide should get about a 40% coverage of the training set.

```
[]: # Check coverage on training set
parsed = 0
with open("data/train_flightid.nl") as train:
    examples = train.readlines()[:]
for sentence in tqdm(examples):
    if parse_tree(sentence):
        parsed += 1
    else:
        next

print(f"Parsed {parsed} of {len(examples)} ({parsed*100/(len(examples)):.2f}%)")
```

#### 1.5.1 Goal 1: Construct SQL queries from a parse tree and evaluate the results

It's time to turn to the first major part of this project segment, implementing a rule-based semantic parsing system to answer flight-ID-type ATIS queries.

Recall that in rule-based semantic parsing, each syntactic rule is associated with a semantic composition rule. The grammar we've provided has semantic augmentations for some of the low-level phrases – cities, airports, times, airlines – but not the higher level syntactic types. You'll be adding those.

In the ATIS grammar that we provide, as with the earlier toy grammars, the augmentation for a rule with n nonterminals and m terminals on the right-hand side is assumed to be called with n positional arguments (the values for the corresponding children). The **interpret** function you've already defined should therefore work well with this grammar.

Let's run through one way that a semantic derivation might proceed, for the sample query "flights to boston" that we parsed above.

Given a sentence, we first construct its parse tree using the syntactic rules, then compose the corresponding semantic rules bottom-up, until eventually we arrive at the root node with a finished SQL statement. For this query, we will go through what the possible meaning representations for the subconstituents of "flights from boston" might be. But this is just one way of doing things; other ways are possible, and you should feel free to experiment.

Working from bottom up:

1. The TERM\_PLACE phrase "boston" uses the composition function template constant(airports\_from\_city(' '.join(\_RHS))), which will be instantiated as constant(airports\_from\_city(' '.join(['boston']))) (recall that \_RHS is replaced by the right-hand side of the rule). The meaning of TERM\_PLACE will be the SQL snippet

```
SELECT airport_service.airport_code
FROM airport_service
WHERE airport_service.city_code IN
(SELECT city.city_code
FROM city
WHERE city.city_name = "BOSTON")
(This query generates a list of all of the airports in Boston.)
```

2. The N PLACE phrase "boston" can have the same meaning as the TERM PLACE.

- 3. The P\_PLACE phrase "to" might be associated with a function that takes a SQL query for a list of airports to a SQL condition (WHERE body) that holds of flights that go to one of those airports.
- 4. The PP\_PLACE phrase "to boston" might apply the P\_PLACE meaning to the TERM\_PLACE meaning, thus generating a SQL condition (WHERE body) that holds of flights that go to one of the Boston airports:

- 5. The PP phrase "to Boston" can again get its meaning from the PP\_PLACE.
- 6. The TERM\_FLIGHT phrase "flights" might also return a condition on flights, this time the "null condition", represented by the SQL truth value 1. Ditto for the N\_FLIGHT phrase "flights".
- 7. The N\_FLIGHT phrase "flights to boston" can conjoin the two conditions, yielding the SQL condition

```
flight.to_airport IN
(SELECT airport_service.airport_code
  FROM airport_service
```

```
WHERE airport_service.city_code IN

(SELECT city.city_code
FROM city
WHERE city.city_name = "BOSTON")
AND 1
```

which can be inherited by the NOM\_FLIGHT and NP\_FLIGHT phrases.

8. The S phrase "flights to boston" can use the condition provided by the NP\_FLIGHT phrase to select all flights satisfying the condition with a SQL query like

```
SELECT DISTINCT flight.flight_id
FROM flight
WHERE flight.to_airport IN
    (SELECT airport_service.airport_code
    FROM airport_service
    WHERE airport_service.city_code IN
         (SELECT city.city_code
         FROM city
         WHERE city.city_name = "BOSTON")
AND 1
```

This SQL query is then taken to be a representation of the meaning for the NL query "flights to boston", and can be executed against the ATIS database to retrieve the requested flights.

The augmentations that we have provided for the grammar make use of a set of auxiliary functions that we defined above. You should feel free to add your own auxiliary functions that you make use of in the grammar.

**Verification on some examples** With a rule-based semantic parsing system, we can generate SQL queries given questions, and then execute those queries on a SQL database to answer the given questions. To evaluate the performance of the system, we compare the returned results against the results of executing the ground truth queries.

We provide a function verify to compare the results from our generated SQL to the ground truth SQL. It should be useful for testing individual queries.

```
[]: def verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=True):
    """
    Compare the correctness of the generated SQL by executing on the
    ATIS database and comparing the returned results.
    Arguments:
        predicted_sql: the predicted SQL query
        gold_sql: the reference SQL query to compare against
        silent: print outputs or not
    Returns: True if the returned results are the same, otherwise False
    """

# Execute predicted SQL
try:
    predicted_result = execute_sql(predicted_sql)
```

```
except BaseException as e:
  if not silent:
    print(f"predicted sql exec failed: {e}")
  return False
if not silent:
  print("Predicted DB result:\n\n", predicted_result[:10], "\n")
# Execute gold SQL
try:
  gold_result = execute_sql(gold_sql)
except BaseException as e:
  if not silent:
    print(f"gold sql exec failed: {e}")
 return False
if not silent:
  print("Gold DB result:\n\n", gold_result[:10], "\n")
# Verify correctness
if gold_result == predicted_result:
  return True
```

Let's try this methodology on a simple example: "flights from phoenix to milwaukee". we provide it along with the gold SQL query.

```
[ ]:  # Example 1
     question = 'flights from phoenix to milwaukee'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city 1.city name = 'PHOENIX'
             AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
             AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
             AND city_2.city_name = 'MILWAUKEE'
       0.00
     tree = parse_tree(question)
     print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")
     predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
```

```
if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
    print ('Correct!')
else:
    print ('Incorrect!')
```

To make development faster, we recommend starting with a few examples before running the full evaluation script.

```
[]: # Example 2
question = 'i would like a united flight'
gold_sql = """
    SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
    FROM flight flight_1
    WHERE flight_1.airline_code = 'UA'
    """

tree = parse_tree(question)
print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")

predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")

if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
    print ('Correct!')
else:
    print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
[]:  # Example 3
     question = 'i would like a flight between boston and dallas'
     gold sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'BOSTON'
             AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
             AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
             AND city_2.city_name = 'DALLAS'
       11 11 11
     tree = parse_tree(question)
     print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")
```

```
predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
[]:  # Example 4
     question = 'show me the united flights from denver to baltimore'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city 2
       WHERE flight_1.airline_code = 'UA'
             AND (flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
                   AND city_1.city_name = 'DENVER'
                   AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'BALTIMORE' )
       0.00
     tree = parse_tree(question)
     print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")
     predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
[ ]:  # Example 5
     question = 'show flights from cleveland to miami that arrive before 4pm'
     gold sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
      FROM flight flight_1 ,
```

airport\_service airport\_service\_1 ,

airport\_service airport\_service\_2 ,

city city 1,

city city 2

```
WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
        AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
        AND city_1.city_name = 'CLEVELAND'
        AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
              AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
              AND city_2.city_name = 'MIAMI'
              AND flight_1.arrival_time < 1600 )
  0.00
tree = parse_tree(question)
print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")
predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
    print ('Correct!')
else:
    print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
[]:  # Example 6
     question = 'okay how about a flight on sunday from tampa to charlotte'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2,
            days days_1 ,
            date day date day 1
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'TAMPA'
             AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'CHARLOTTE'
                   AND flight_1.flight_days = days_1.days_code
                   AND days_1.day_name = date_day_1.day_name
                   AND date_day_1.year = 1991
                   AND date_day_1.month_number = 8
                   AND date_day_1.day_number = 27 )
       0.00
     # You might notice that the gold answer above used the exact date, which is
     # not generally implementable. A more implementable way is:
     gold sql 2 = """
```

```
WHERE (((1
                AND flight.flight_days IN (SELECT days.days_code
                                         FROM days
                                         WHERE days.day_name = 'SUNDAY')
                )
               AND flight.from_airport IN (SELECT airport_service.airport_code
                                         FROM airport service
                                        WHERE airport_service.city_code IN (SELECT_
     ⇒city.city code
                                                                       FROM city
                                                                           WHERE
     AND flight.to_airport IN (SELECT airport_service.airport_code
                                      FROM airport_service
                                       WHERE airport_service.city_code IN (SELECT_
     FROM city
                                                                      WHERE city.
     tree = parse_tree(question)
    print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")
    predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
    print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
    if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
        print ('Correct!')
    else:
        print ('Incorrect!')
[]:  # Example 7
    question = 'list all flights going from boston to atlanta before 7 am on_{\sqcup}
     →thursday'
    gold_sql = """
      SELECT DISTINCT flight 1.flight id
      FROM flight flight_1 ,
           airport_service airport_service_1 ,
           city city_1 ,
           airport_service airport_service_2 ,
           city city_2 ,
           days days_1 ,
           date_day date_day_1
      WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
```

SELECT DISTINCT flight.flight\_id

FROM flight

```
AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
        AND city_1.city_name = 'BOSTON'
        AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
              AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
              AND city_2.city_name = 'ATLANTA'
              AND (flight_1.flight_days = days_1.days_code
                    AND days_1.day_name = date_day_1.day_name
                    AND date_day_1.year = 1991
                    AND date day 1.month number = 5
                    AND date_day_1.day_number = 24
                    AND flight 1.departure time < 700 ) )
  0.00
# You might notice that the gold answer above used the exact date, which is
# not generally implementable. A more implementable way is:
gold_sql_2 = """
  SELECT DISTINCT flight.flight_id
  FROM flight
 WHERE ((1
          AND (((1
                 AND flight.from_airport IN (SELECT airport_service.airport_code
                                               FROM airport service
                                               WHERE airport_service.city_code IN_
→(SELECT city.city code
                                                                                  Ш
\hookrightarrow FROM city
→WHERE city.city_name = "BOSTON")))
                 AND flight.to_airport IN (SELECT airport_service.airport_code
                                            FROM airport_service
                                            WHERE airport_service.city_code IN_{\sqcup}

→ (SELECT city.city_code)
                                                                         FROM city
⇔WHERE city.city name = "ATLANTA")))
                AND flight.departure_time <= 0700)
               AND flight.flight_days IN (SELECT days.days_code
                                           FROM days
                                           WHERE days.day_name = 'THURSDAY'))))
  11 11 11
tree = parse_tree(question)
print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")
predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
```

```
if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
    print ('Correct!')
else:
    print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
[]:  # Example 8
     question = 'list the flights from dallas to san francisco on american airlines'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight_1.airline_code = 'AA'
             AND (flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
                   AND airport service 1.city code = city 1.city code
                   AND city_1.city_name = 'DALLAS'
                   AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'SAN FRANCISCO' )
       0.00
     tree = parse_tree(question)
     print("Parse:\n\n", tree, "\n")
     predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
```

**Systematic evaluation on a test set** We can perform a more systematic evaluation by checking the accuracy of the queries on an entire test set for which we have gold queries. The evaluate function below does just this, calculating precision, recall, and F1 metrics for the test set. It takes as argument a "predictor" function. We've provided a predictor function for the rule-based model in the next cell (and a predictor for the seq2sea system below when we get to that system).

The rule-based system does not generate predictions for all queries; many queries won't parse. The precision and recall metrics take this into account in measuring the efficacy of the method. Recall captures what proportion of all of the test examples the system generates a correct query. Precision captures what proportion of all of the test examples for which a prediction is generated the system generates a correct query. (Recall that F1 is just the geometric mean of precision and recall.)

Once you've made some progress on adding augmentations to the grammar, you can evaluate your

progress by seeing if the precision and recall have improved. For reference, the solution code achieves precision of about 71% and recall of about 27% for an F1 of 40%.

```
[]: def evaluate(predictor, dataset, num_examples=0, silent=True):
       """Evaluate accuracy of `predictor` by executing predictions on a
       remote MySQL database and comparing returned results and against gold queries.
       Arguments:
           predictor:
                       a function that maps a token sequence (reversed, as
                         provided by torchtext) to a predicted SQL query string
                        the dataset of token sequences and gold SQL queries
           dataset:
           num_examples: number of examples from `dataset` to use; all of
                         them if O
           silent: if set to False, will print out logs
       Returns: precision, recall, and F1 score
       # Prepare to count results
       if num_examples <= 0:</pre>
        num_examples = len(dataset)
       example_count = 0
       predicted_count = 0
       correct = 0
       incorrect = 0
       # Process the examples from the dataset
       for example in tqdm(dataset[:num_examples]):
         example count += 1
         # obtain query SQL
         predicted_sql = predictor(example.src)
         if predicted_sql == None:
           continue
         predicted_count += 1
         # obtain gold SQL
         gold_sql = ' '.join(example.tgt)
         # check that they're compatible
         if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql):
           correct += 1
         else:
           incorrect += 1
       # Compute and return precision, recall, F1
      precision = correct / predicted_count if predicted_count > 0 else 0
       recall = correct / example count
      f1 = (2 * precision * recall) / (precision + recall) if precision + recall > 0_U
      ⊶else 0
       return precision, recall, f1
```

```
[]: def rule_based_predictor(tokens):
    query = ' '.join(tokens) # detokenized query
    tree = parse_tree(query)
    if tree is None:
        return None
    try:
        predicted_sql = interpret(tree, atis_augmentations)
    except Exception as err:
        return None
    return Predicted_sql
```

```
[]: precision, recall, f1 = evaluate(rule_based_predictor, test_iter.dataset, u → num_examples=0)

print(f"precision: {precision:3.2f}")

print(f"recall: {recall:3.2f}")

print(f"F1: {f1:3.2f}")
```

## 1.6 End-to-End Seq2Seq Model

In this part, you will implement a seq2seq model with attention mechanism to directly learn the translation from NL query to SQL. You might find labs 4-3 and 4-4 particularly helpful, as the only difference here is that we are using a different dataset.

**Note:** We recommend using GPUs to train the model in this part (one way to get GPUs is to use Google Colab, by clicking Menu -> Runtime -> Change runtime type), as we need to use a very large model to solve the task well. For development we recommend starting with a smaller model and training for only 1 epoch.

#### 1.6.1 Goal 2: Implement a seq2seq model (with attention)

For the sequence-to-sequence model, you need to implement the class AttnEncoderDecoder. A reasonable way to proceed is to implement the following methods:

## Model

- 1. \_\_init\_\_: an initializer where you create network modules.
- 2. forward: given source word ids of size (max\_src\_len, batch\_size), source lengths of size (batch\_size) and decoder input target word ids (max\_tgt\_len, bsz), returns logits (max\_tgt\_len, bsz, V\_tgt). For better modularity you might want to implement it by implementing two functions forward\_encoder and forward\_decoder.

## Optimization

3. train\_all: compute loss on training data, compute gradients, and update model parameters to minimize the loss.

4. evaluate\_ppl: evaluate the current model's perplexity on a given dataset iterator, we use the perplexity value on the validation set to select the best model.

## Decoding

5. predict: Generates the target sequence given a list of source tokens using beam search decoding. Note that here you can assume the batch size to be 1 for simplicity.

This implementation is essentially building an entire neural seq2seq system, so expect it to be very challenging. The code you write here can also be used for other seq2seq tasks such as machine translation and document summarization.

```
[]: #TODO - implement the `AttnEncoderDecoder` class.
class AttnEncoderDecoder(nn.Module):
...
```

```
[]:[...
```

We provide the recommended hyperparameters for the final model in the script below, but you are free to tune the hyperparameters or change any part of the provided code.

For quick debugging, we recommend starting with smaller models (by using very small hidden\_size), and only a single epoch. If the model runs smoothly, then you can train the full model on GPUs.

With a trained model, we can convert questions to SQL statements. We recommend making sure that the model can generate at least reasonable results on the below examples before evaluating on the full test set.

```
[]: # Example 1
question = 'flights from phoenix to milwaukee'
gold_sql = """
    SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
```

```
FROM flight flight 1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'PHOENIX'
             AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
             AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
             AND city_2.city_name = 'MILWAUKEE'
       0.000
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
        print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
[]:  # Example 2
     question = 'i would like a united flight'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
      FROM flight flight_1
      WHERE flight_1.airline_code = 'UA'
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted sql = model.predict(tokens, K=1, max T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
[ ]:  # Example 3
     question = 'i would like a flight between boston and dallas'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
```

```
[]: # Example 4
     question = 'show me the united flights from denver to baltimore'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight_1.airline_code = 'UA'
             AND (flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
                   AND city 1.city name = 'DENVER'
                   AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'BALTIMORE' )
       11 11 11
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
[]:  # Example 5
     question = 'show flights from cleveland to miami that arrive before 4pm'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city 2
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport service 1.city code = city 1.city code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'CLEVELAND'
             AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'MIAMI'
                   AND flight_1.arrival_time < 1600 )
       0.00
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
[]:  # Example 6
     question = 'okay how about a flight on sunday from tampa to charlotte'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2 ,
            days days_1 ,
            date_day date_day_1
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'TAMPA'
             AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'CHARLOTTE'
                   AND flight_1.flight_days = days_1.days_code
                   AND days_1.day_name = date_day_1.day_name
```

AND date\_day\_1.year = 1991

```
[]:  # Example 7
     question = 'list all flights going from boston to atlanta before 7 am on_
     →thursday¹
     gold sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2,
            days days_1 ,
            date_day date_day_1
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'BOSTON'
             AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'ATLANTA'
                   AND (flight_1.flight_days = days_1.days_code
                         AND days_1.day_name = date_day_1.day_name
                         AND date_day_1.year = 1991
                         AND date_day_1.month_number = 5
                         AND date_day_1.day_number = 24
                         AND flight_1.departure_time < 700 ) )
       0.00
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
[]: # Example 8
     question = 'list the flights from dallas to san francisco on american airlines'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight_1.airline_code = 'AA'
             AND (flight 1.from airport = airport service 1.airport code
                   AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
                   AND city_1.city_name = 'DALLAS'
                   AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'SAN FRANCISCO' )
       0.00
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
```

**Evaluation** Now we are ready to run the full evaluation. A proper implementation should reach more than 35% precision/recall/F1.

```
[]: def seq2seq_predictor(tokens):
    prediction = model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
    return prediction
```

```
[]: precision, recall, f1 = evaluate(seq2seq_predictor, test_iter.dataset, □ → num_examples=0)

print(f"precision: {precision:3.2f}")

print(f"recall: {recall:3.2f}")

print(f"F1: {f1:3.2f}")
```

#### 1.7 Discussion

## 1.7.1 Goal 3: Compare the pros and cons of rule-based and neural approaches.

Compare the pros and cons of both approaches with relevant examples from your experiments above. Concerning the accuracy, which approach would you choose to be used in a product? Explain.

Type your answer here, replacing this text.

## 1.8 (Optional) Goal 4: Use state-of-the-art pretrained transformers

The most recent breakthrough in Natural Language Processing stems from the usage of pretrained transformer models. For example, you might have heard of pretrained transformers such as GPT-3 and BERT (BERT is already used in Google search), These models are usually trained on vast amount of text data using varaints of language modeling objectives, and people found that finetuning them on downstream tasks usually result in better performance compared to training a model from scratch.

In the previous part, you have implemented an LSTM-based sequence-to-sequence approach. To "upgrade" the model to be a state-of-the-art pretrained transformer only requires minor modifications.

The pretrained model that we will use is BART, which uses a bidiretional transformer encoder and a unidirectional transformer decoder, as illustrated in the below diagram (image courtesy https://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.13461):

We can see that this model is strikingly similar to the LSTM-based encoder-decoder model we've been using. The only difference is that they use transformers instead of LSTMs. Therefore, we only need to change the modeling parts of the code, as we will see later.

First, we download and load the pretrained BART model from the transformers package by Huggingface. Note that we also need to use the "tokenizer" of BART, which is actually a combination of a tokenizer and a mapping from strings to word ids.

Below we demonstrate how to use BART's tokenizer to convert a sentence to a list of word ids, and vice versa.

```
[]: # BART uses a predefined "tokenizer", which directly maps a sentence
# to a list of ids
def bart_tokenize(string):
    return bart_tokenizer(string)['input_ids'][:1024] # BART model can process at
    →most 1024 tokens

def bart_detokenize(token_ids):
    return bart_tokenizer.decode(token_ids, skip_special_tokens=True)
```

We need to reprocess the data using our new tokenizer. Note that here we set batch\_first to True, since that's the expected input shape of the transformers package.

```
[]: SRC_BART = tt.data.Field(include_lengths=True, # include lengths
                              batch_first=True, # batches will be batch_size x_
     \rightarrow max_len
                               tokenize=bart_tokenize, # use bart tokenizer
                              use_vocab=False, # bart tokenizer already_
     →converts to int ids
                              pad_token=bart_tokenizer.pad_token_id
     TGT_BART = tt.data.Field(include_lengths=False,
                                                      # batches will be batch_size x_{\sqcup}
                              batch_first=True,
      \hookrightarrow max_len
                               tokenize=bart_tokenize, # use bart tokenizer
                                                       # bart tokenizer already
                              use_vocab=False,
      \rightarrow converts to int ids
                              pad_token=bart_tokenizer.pad_token_id
     fields_bart = [('src', SRC_BART), ('tgt', TGT_BART)]
     # Make splits for data
     train_data_bart, val_data_bart, test_data_bart = tt.datasets.TranslationDataset.
      →splits(
         ('_flightid.nl', '_flightid.sql'), fields_bart, path='./data/',
         train='train', validation='dev', test='test')
     BATCH SIZE = 1 # batch size for training/validation
     TEST_BATCH_SIZE = 1 # batch size for test, we use 1 to make beam search_
      \rightarrow implementation easier
     train_iter_bart, val_iter_bart = tt.data.BucketIterator.
      →splits((train_data_bart, val_data_bart),
                                                           batch size=BATCH SIZE,
                                                            device=device,
                                                           repeat=False,
                                                         sort_key=lambda x: len(x.src),
```

Let's take a look at the batch. Note that the shape of the batch is batch\_size x max\_len, instead of max\_len x batch\_size as in the previous part.

```
batch = next(iter(train_iter_bart))
train_batch_text, train_batch_text_lengths = batch.src
print (f"Size of text batch: {train_batch_text.shape}")
print (f"First sentence in batch: {train_batch_text[0]}")
print (f"Length of the third sentence in batch: {train_batch_text_lengths[0]}")
print (f"Converted back to string: {bart_detokenize(train_batch_text[0])}")

train_batch_sql = batch.tgt
print (f"Size of sql batch: {train_batch_sql.shape}")
print (f"First label in batch: {train_batch_sql[0]}")
print (f"Converted back to string: {bart_detokenize(train_batch_sql[0])}")
```

Now we are ready to implement the BART-based approach for the text-to-SQL conversion problem. In the below BART class, we have provided the constructer <code>\_\_init\_\_</code>, the forward function, and the predict function. You job is to implement the main optimization train\_all, and evaluate\_ppl for evaluating validation perplexity for model selection.

Hint: you can use almost the same train\_all and evaluate\_ppl function you implemented before, but here a major difference is that due to setting batch\_first=True, the batched source/target tensors are of size batch\_size x max\_len, as opposed to max\_len x batch\_size in the LSTM-based approach.

```
[]: #TODO - finish implementing the `BART` class.
class BART(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, tokenizer, pretrained_bart):
        """
        Initializer. Creates network modules and loss function.
        Arguments:
            tokenizer: BART tokenizer
            pretrained_bart: pretrained BART
        """
        super(BART, self).__init__()
        self.V_tgt = len(tokenizer)

        # Get special word ids
        self.padding_id_tgt = tokenizer.pad_token_id
```

```
# Create essential modules
   self.bart = pretrained_bart
   # Create loss function
   self.loss_function = nn.CrossEntropyLoss(reduction="sum",
                                             ignore_index=self.padding_id_tgt)
 def forward(self, src, src lengths, tgt in):
   Performs forward computation, returns logits.
   Arguments:
       src: src batch of size (batch_size, max_src_len)
       src_lengths: src lengths of size (batch_size)
       tqt_in: a tensor of size (tqt_len, bsz)
   .....
   # BART assumes inputs to be batch-first
   logits = self.bart(input_ids=src,
                      decoder_input_ids=tgt_in,
                      use_cache=False
                     ).logits
   return logits
 def evaluate ppl(self, iterator):
   """Returns the model's perplexity on a given dataset `iterator`."""
   #TODO - implement this function
   . . .
   ppl = ...
  return ppl
 def train_all(self, train_iter, val_iter, epochs=10, learning_rate=0.001):
   """Train the model."""
   #TODO - implement this function
 def predict(self, tokens, K=1, max_T=400):
   Generates the target sequence given the source sequence using beam search \sqcup
\hookrightarrow decoding.
   Note that for simplicity, we only use batch size 1.
   Arguments:
       tokens: a list of strings, the source sentence.
       max_T: at most proceed this many steps of decoding
   Returns:
       a string of the generated target sentence.
   string = ' '.join(tokens)
```

The below code will kick off training, and evaluate the validation perplexity. You should expect to see a value very close to 1.

As before, make sure that your model is making reasonable predictions on a few examples before evaluating on the entire test set.

```
[]: # Example 1
    question = 'flights from phoenix to milwaukee'
    gold_sql = """
        SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
        FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2

WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
            AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
            AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
            AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
            AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
            AND city_2.city_name = 'MILWAUKEE'
```

```
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     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=300)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
[]:  # Example 2
     question = 'i would like a united flight'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1
      WHERE flight 1.airline code = 'UA'
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
     question = 'i would like a flight between boston and dallas'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight 1.flight id
```

```
[]: # Example 3
    question = 'i would like a flight between boston and dallas'
    gold_sql = """
        SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
        FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2

WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
            AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
            AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
            AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
            AND city_2.city_name = 'DALLAS'

"""

tokens = tokenize(question)
    predicted_sql = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
```

```
print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")

if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
    print ('Correct!')

else:
    print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
[]:  # Example 4
     question = 'show me the united flights from denver to baltimore'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight 1.airline code = 'UA'
             AND (flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
                   AND city_1.city_name = 'DENVER'
                   AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'BALTIMORE' )
       11 11 11
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
[]: # Example 5
question = 'show flights from cleveland to miami that arrive before 4pm'
gold_sql = """
    SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
    FROM flight flight_1 ,
        airport_service airport_service_1 ,
        city city_1 ,
        airport_service airport_service_2 ,
        city city_2
    WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
        AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
        AND city_1.city_name = 'CLEVELAND'
```

```
[]:  # Example 6
     question = 'okay how about a flight on sunday from tampa to charlotte'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2,
            days days_1 ,
            date_day_date_day_1
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'TAMPA'
             AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code
                   AND city 2.city name = 'CHARLOTTE'
                   AND flight_1.flight_days = days_1.days_code
                   AND days_1.day_name = date_day_1.day_name
                   AND date_day_1.year = 1991
                   AND date_day_1.month_number = 8
                   AND date_day_1.day_number = 27 )
       0.00
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
        print ('Incorrect!')
```

```
question = 'list all flights going from boston to atlanta before 7 am on_{\sqcup}
      →thursday'
     gold sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2 ,
            days days_1 ,
            date_day date_day_1
       WHERE flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
             AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
             AND city_1.city_name = 'BOSTON'
             AND (flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code
                   AND airport service 2.city code = city 2.city code
                   AND city_2.city_name = 'ATLANTA'
                   AND (flight_1.flight_days = days_1.days_code
                         AND days_1.day_name = date_day_1.day_name
                         AND date_day_1.year = 1991
                         AND date_day_1.month_number = 5
                         AND date_day_1.day_number = 24
                         AND flight_1.departure_time < 700 ) )
       11 11 11
     tokens = tokenize(question)
     predicted_sql = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)
     print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")
     if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):
         print ('Correct!')
     else:
         print ('Incorrect!')
[]: # Example 8
     question = 'list the flights from dallas to san francisco on american airlines'
     gold_sql = """
       SELECT DISTINCT flight_1.flight_id
       FROM flight flight_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_1 ,
            city city_1 ,
            airport_service airport_service_2 ,
            city city_2
       WHERE flight 1.airline code = 'AA'
             AND (flight_1.from_airport = airport_service_1.airport_code
                   AND airport_service_1.city_code = city_1.city_code
```

[]: # Example 7

```
AND city_1.city_name = 'DALLAS'

AND flight_1.to_airport = airport_service_2.airport_code

AND airport_service_2.city_code = city_2.city_code

AND city_2.city_name = 'SAN FRANCISCO' )

"""

tokens = tokenize(question)

predicted_sql = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=1, max_T=400)

print("Predicted SQL:\n\n", predicted_sql, "\n")

if verify(predicted_sql, gold_sql, silent=False):

    print ('Correct!')

else:
    print ('Incorrect!')
```

#### 1.8.1 Evaluation

The below code will evaluate on the entire test set. You should expect to see precision/recall/F1 greater than 40%.

```
[]: def seq2seq_predictor_bart(tokens):
    prediction = bart_model.predict(tokens, K=4, max_T=400)
    return prediction

[]: precision, recall, f1 = evaluate(seq2seq_predictor_bart, test_iter.dataset, u → num_examples=0)
    print(f"precision: {precision:3.2f}")
```

### 1.9 Debrief

print(f"F1:

print(f"recall:

Question: We're interested in any thoughts you have about this project segment so that we can improve it for later years, and to inform later segments for this year. Please list any issues that arose or comments you have to improve the project segment. Useful things to comment on include the following:

• Was the project segment clear or unclear? Which portions?

{recall:3.2f}")

{f1:3.2f}")

- Were the readings appropriate background for the project segment?
- Are there additions or changes you think would make the project segment better?

Type your answer here, replacing this text.

## 1.10 Instructions for submission of the project segment

This project segment should be submitted to Gradescope at http://go.cs187.info/project4-submit-code and http://go.cs187.info/project4-submit-pdf, which will be made available some time before the due date.

Project segment notebooks are manually graded, not autograded using otter as labs are. (Otter is used within project segment notebooks to synchronize distribution and solution code however.) We will not run your notebook before grading it. Instead, we ask that you submit the already freshly run notebook. The best method is to "restart kernel and run all cells", allowing time for all cells to be run to completion. You should submit your code to Gradescope at the code submission assignment at http://go.cs187.info/project4-submit-code. Make sure that you are also submitting your data/grammar file as part of your solution code as well.

We also request that you **submit a PDF of the freshly run notebook**. The simplest method is to use "Export notebook to PDF", which will render the notebook to PDF via LaTeX. If that doesn't work, the method that seems to be most reliable is to export the notebook as HTML (if you are using Jupyter Notebook, you can do so using File -> Print Preview), open the HTML in a browser, and print it to a file. Then make sure to add the file to your git commit. Please name the file the same name as this notebook, but with a .pdf extension. (Conveniently, the methods just described will use that name by default.) You can then perform a git commit and push and submit the commit to Gradescope at http://go.cs187.info/project4-submit-pdf.

## 2 End of project segment 4