

Toward General Linguistic Intelligence

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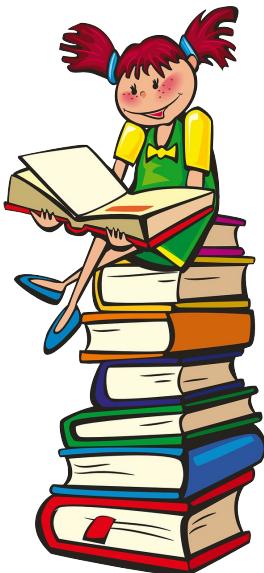
A uniquely human ability that is a **core component** of our **intelligence**,
independent of the **surface forms** it manifests in (Hockett, 1960).

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Language and Intelligence

A **primary medium** through which we **acquire** new skills and knowledge (+visual perception).



Language and Intelligence

The **most effective** form of communication to **transmit** information and knowledge to others.
(Language for communication; Wittgenstein, 1953; Austin, 1975)



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Language is key to **human intelligence** and is important
for **artificial intelligence**.



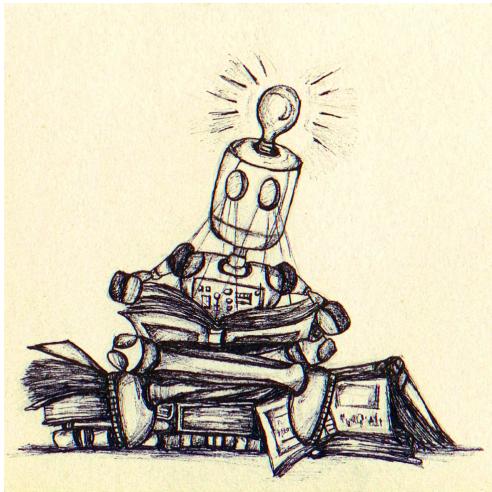
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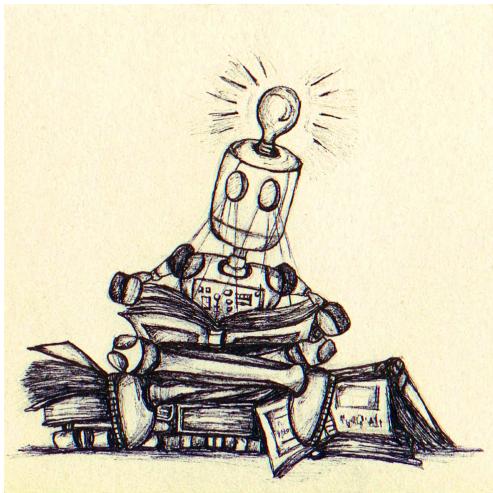
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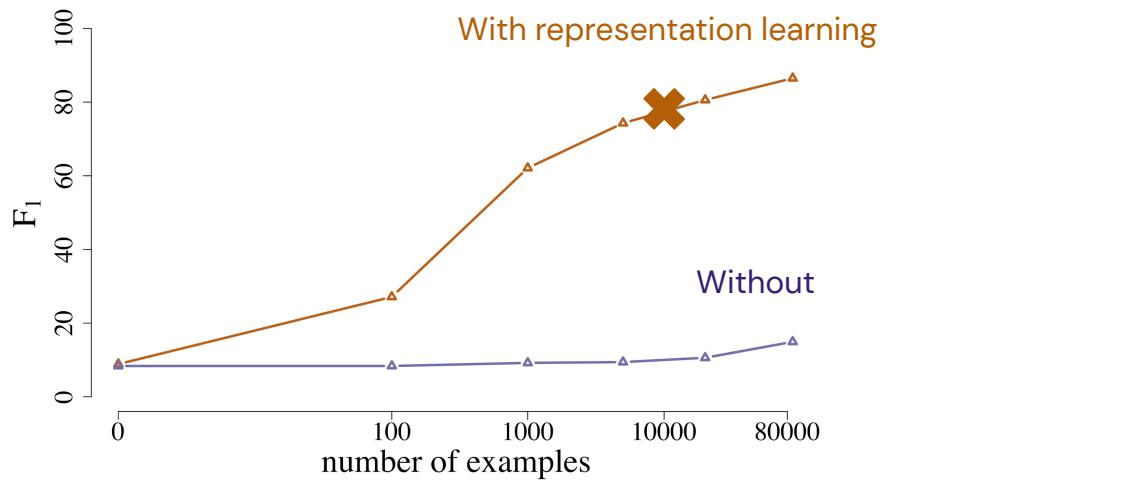


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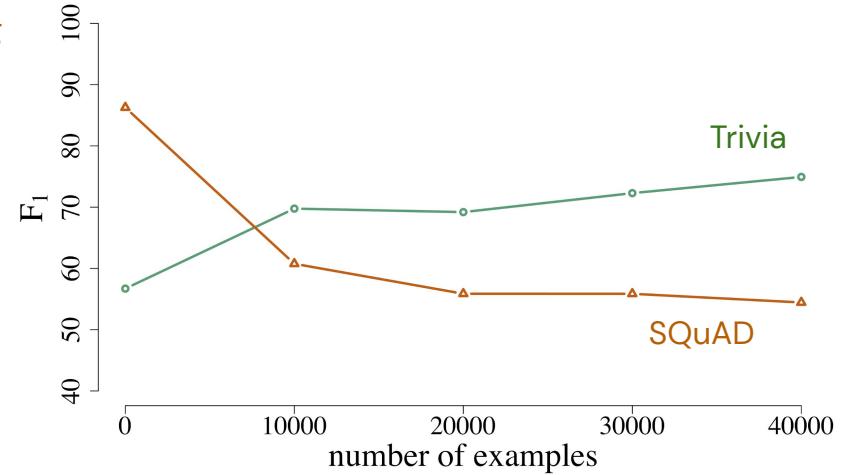
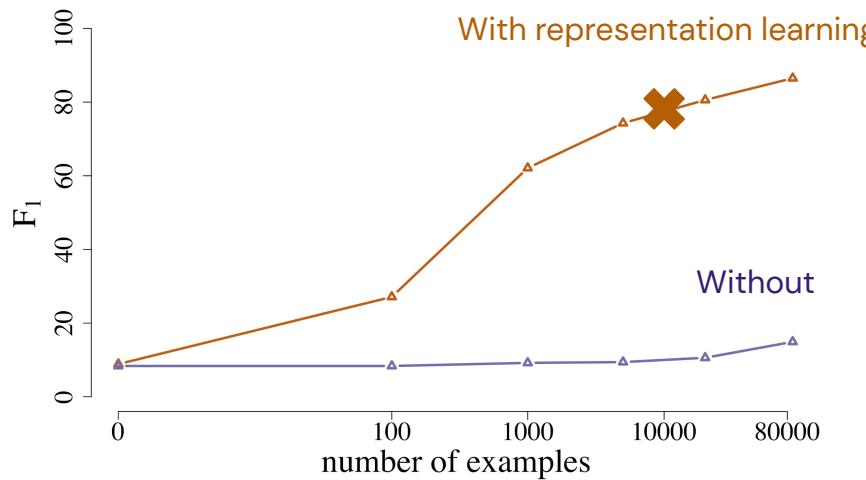
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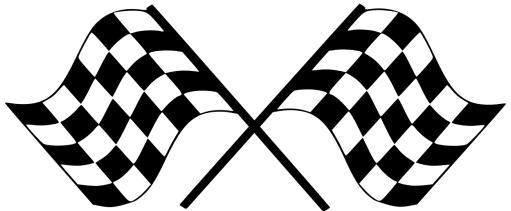
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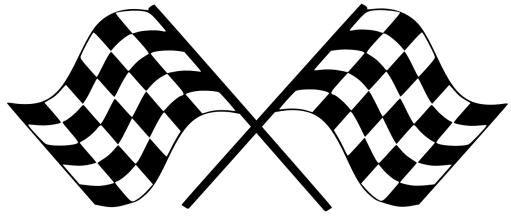
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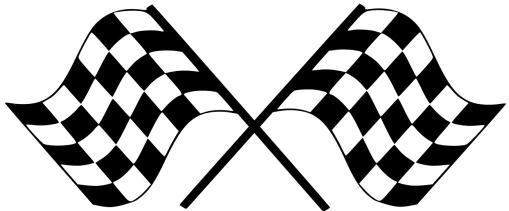
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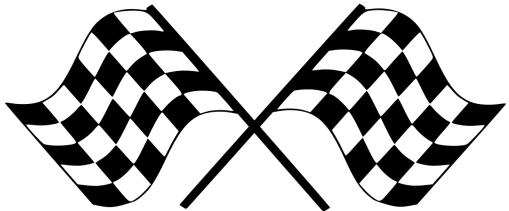
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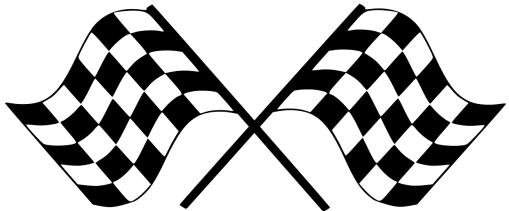
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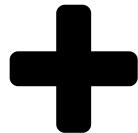
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Reasoning, interactions with other modalities,
robustness, fairness, and others.



This Talk

- Episodic memory in lifelong language learning.
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- A framework for self-supervised language representation learning methods.
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Episodic Memory in Lifelong Language Learning

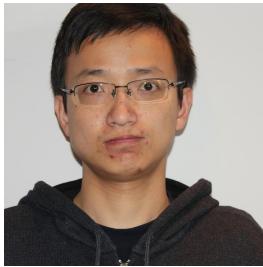
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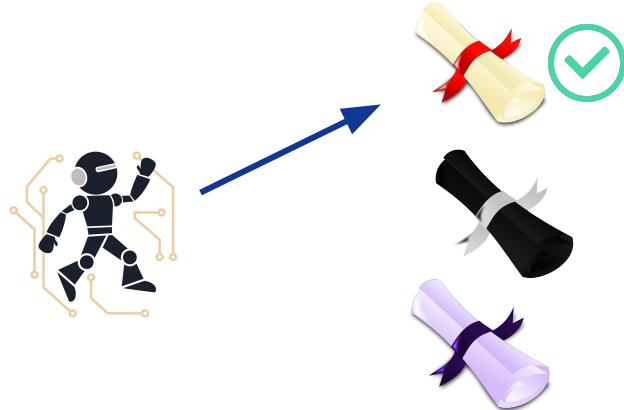
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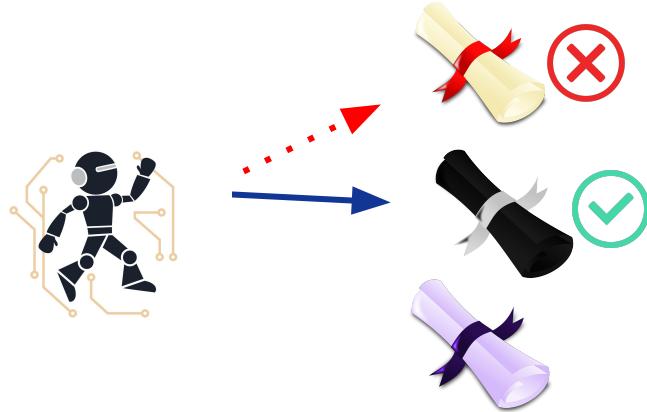
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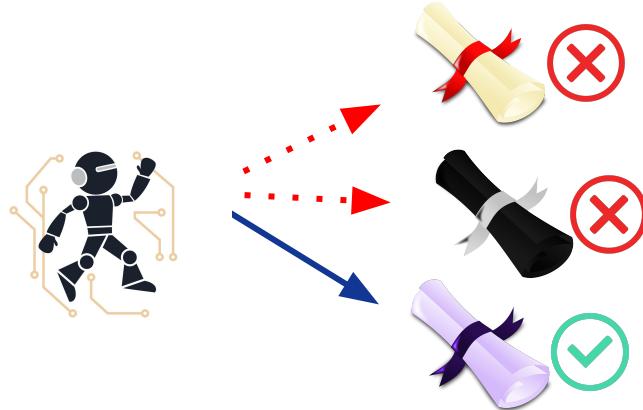
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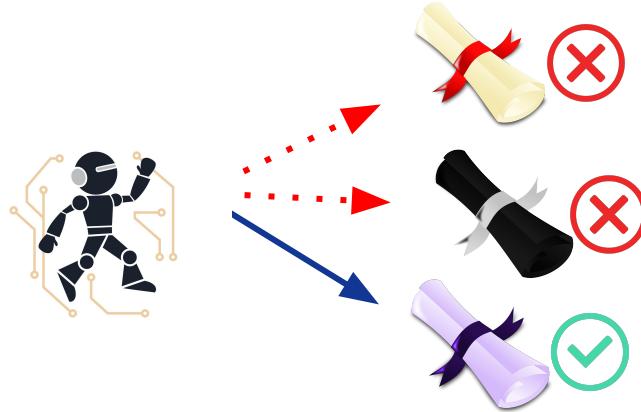
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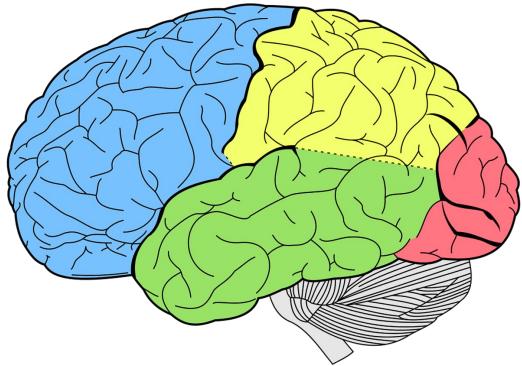
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Hypothesis: episodic memory mitigates catastrophic forgetting in language learning.



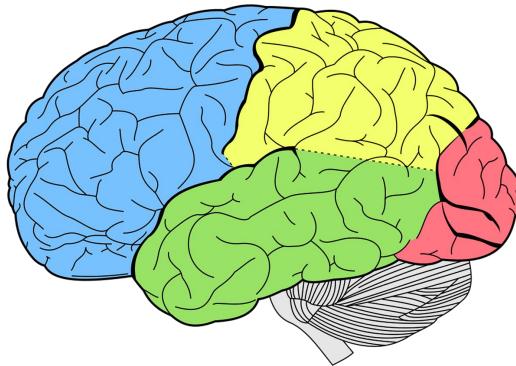
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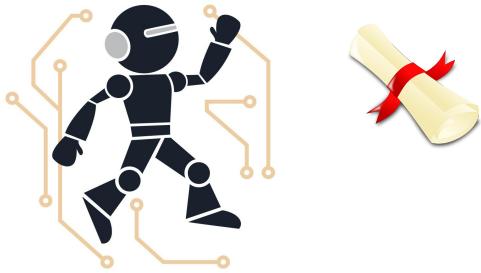
Contrast this with short-term **working memory** in LSTMs (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997) and DNCs (Graves et al., 2016) that e.g., remembers context.

See Yogatama et al., ICLR 2018 for comparisons of working memory models for language models.



Problem Setup

Training



TriviaQA: Joshi et al., 2017

Tanker leaks 6,000 tons of oil after running aground

The Independent, Friday 16 February 1996

A massive anti-pollution operation was underway last night after a 147,000-ton super tanker ran aground off Milford Haven, West Wales. [...]

Which super-tanker ran aground near Milford Haven in 1996?



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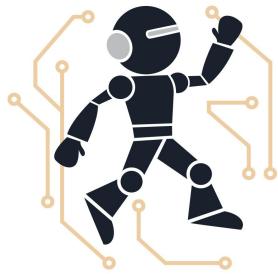
SQuAD: Rajpurkar et al., 2016

Computational Complexity Theory.
Computational complexity theory is a branch of the theory of computation in theoretical computer science that focuses on classifying computational problems according to their inherent difficulty [...]

What branch of theoretical computer science deals with broadly classifying computational problems by difficulty and class of relationship?



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QuAC: Choi et al, 2018

Augusto Pinochet --- Intellectual life ...

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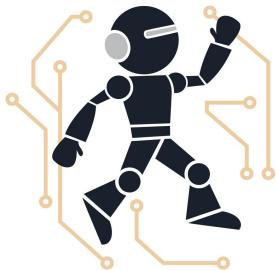
Was he known for being intelligent? No, Pinochet was publicly known as a man with a lack of culture.

Why did people feel that way?



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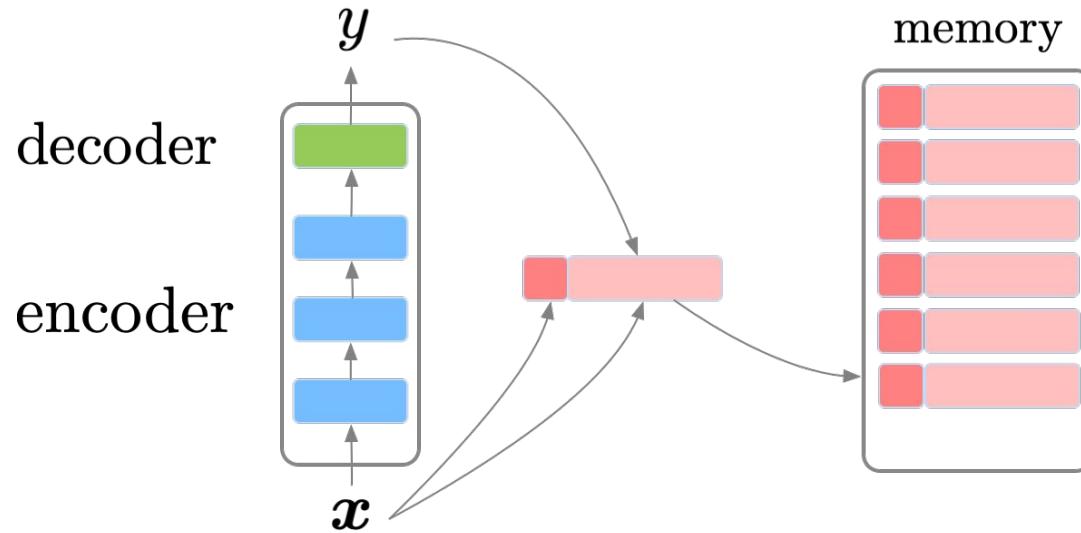
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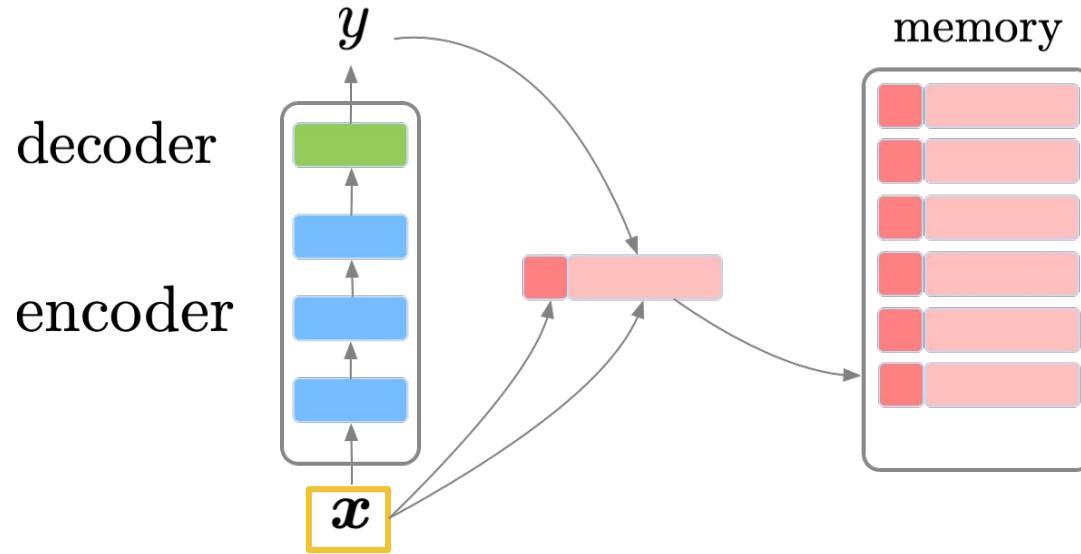
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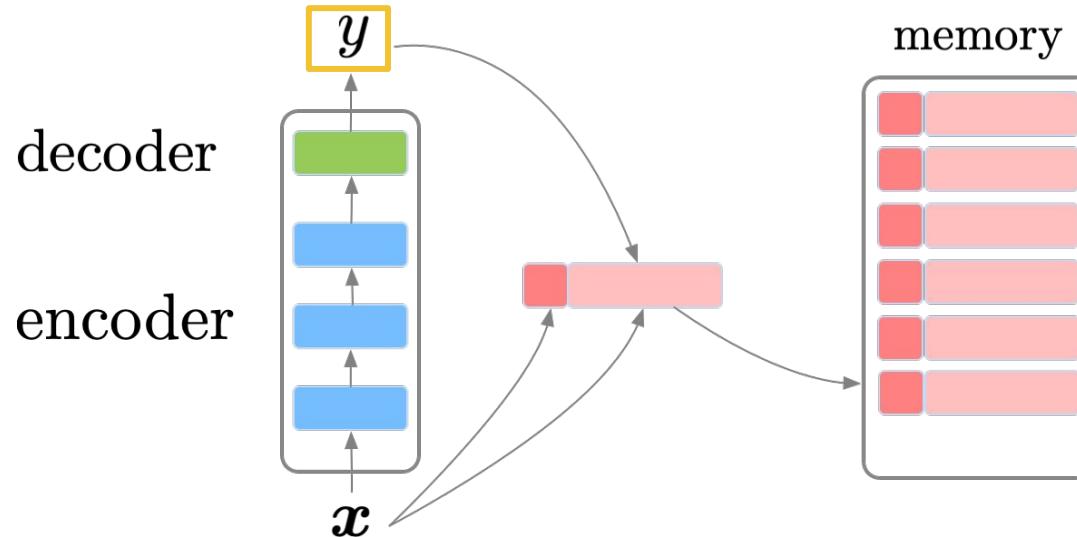


Input: a concatenation of a context (e.g., a Wikipedia article) and a question.



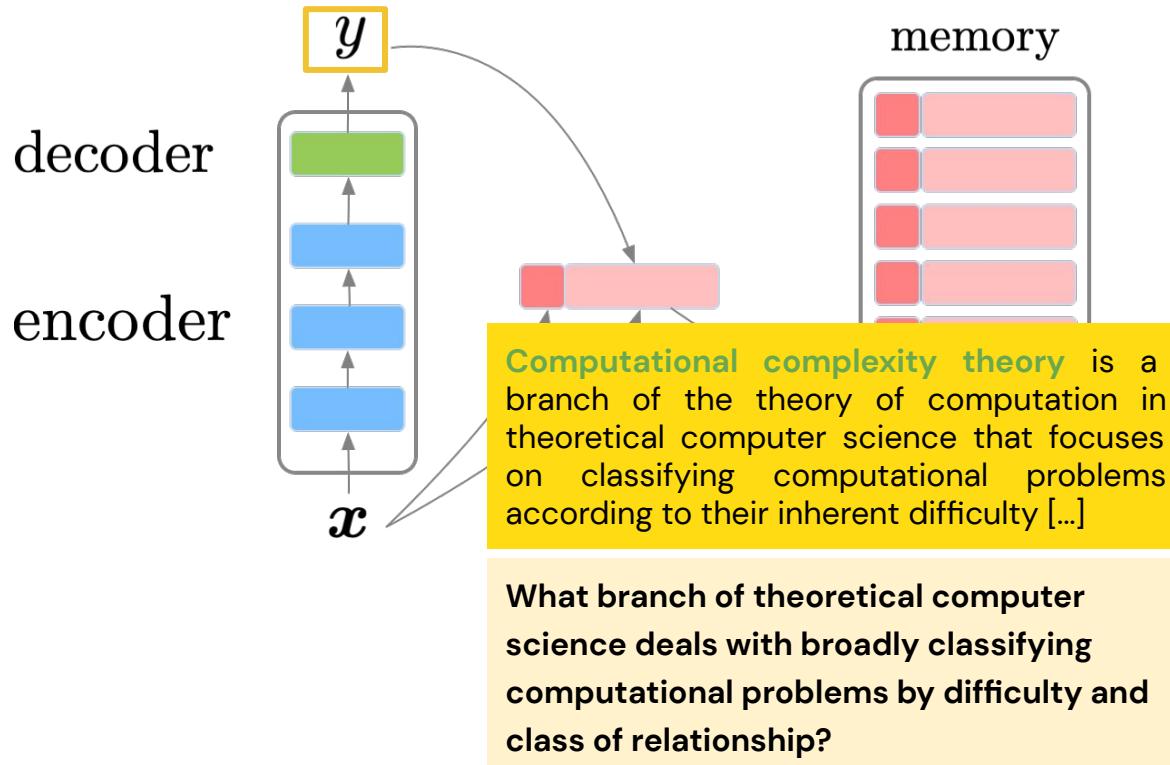
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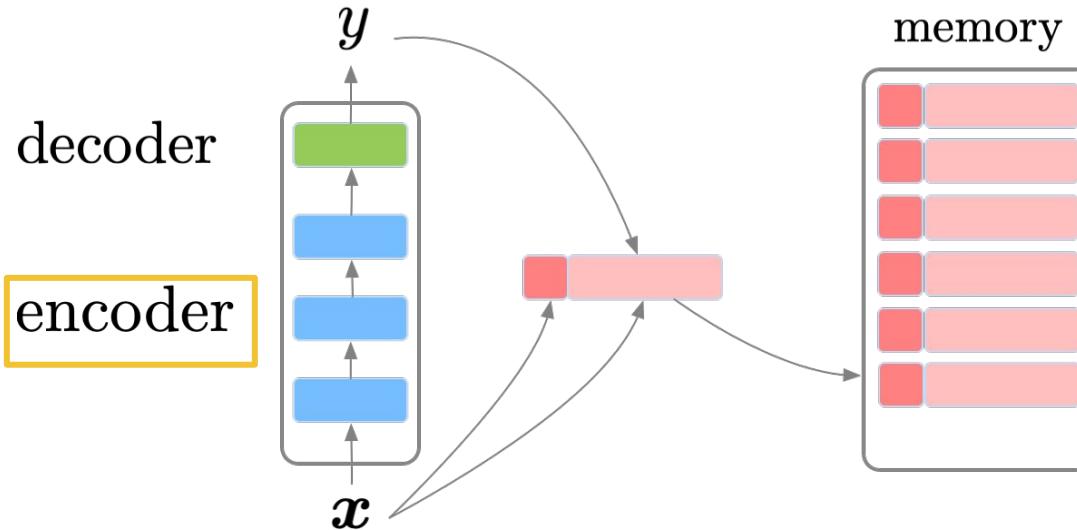


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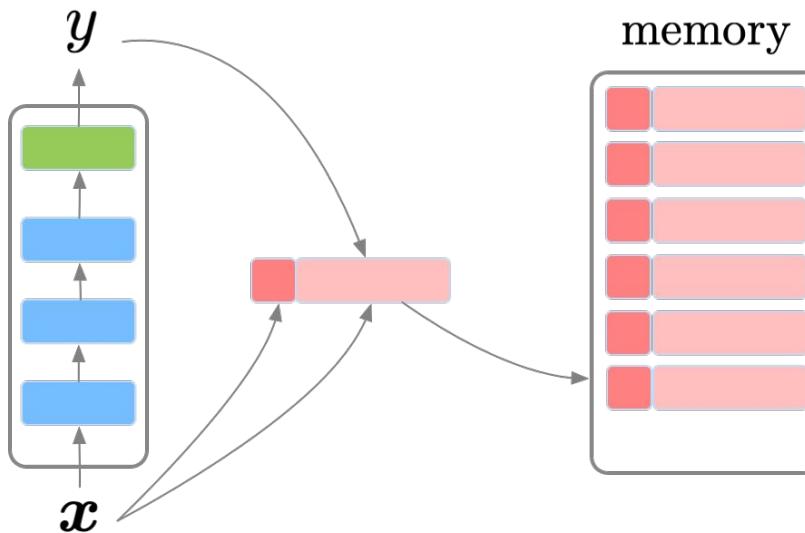


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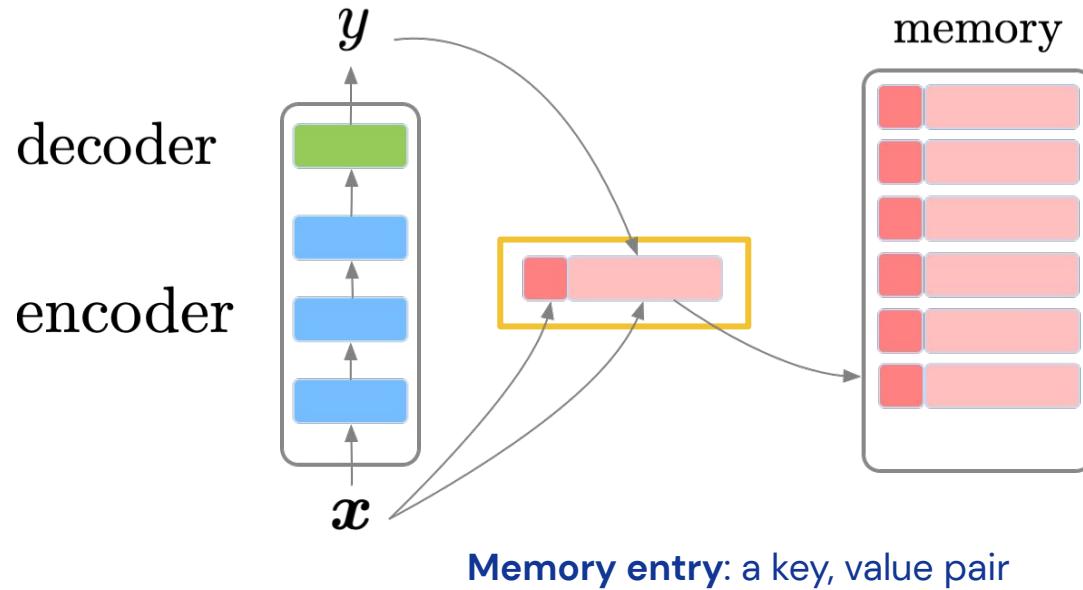
Decoder: a linear function that predicts start and end indices of the answer in the context.

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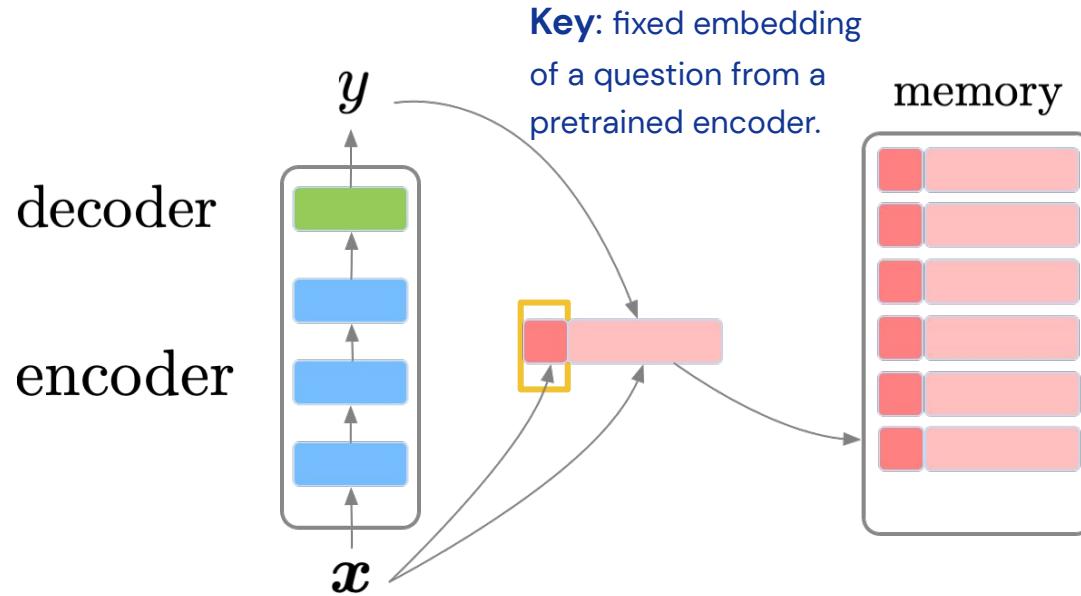
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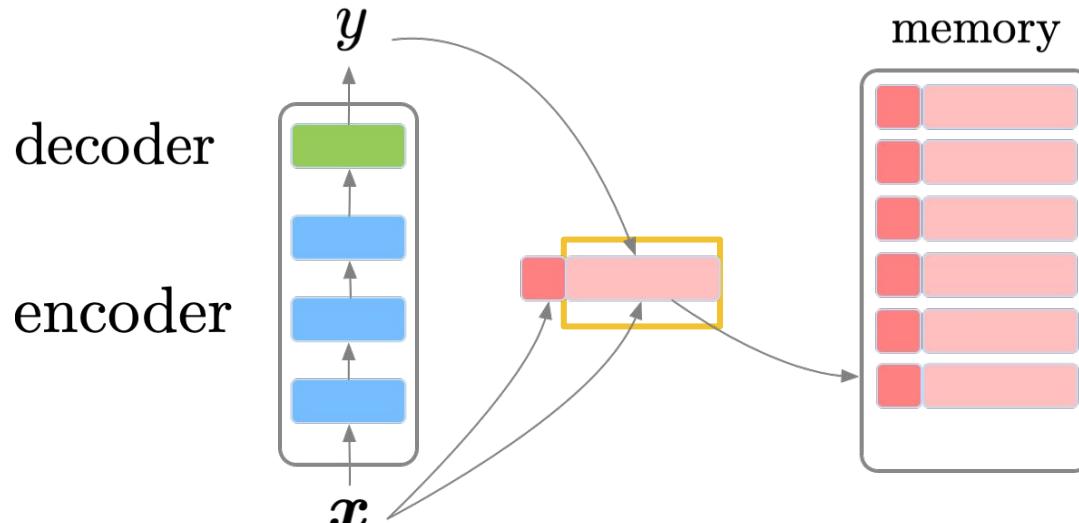
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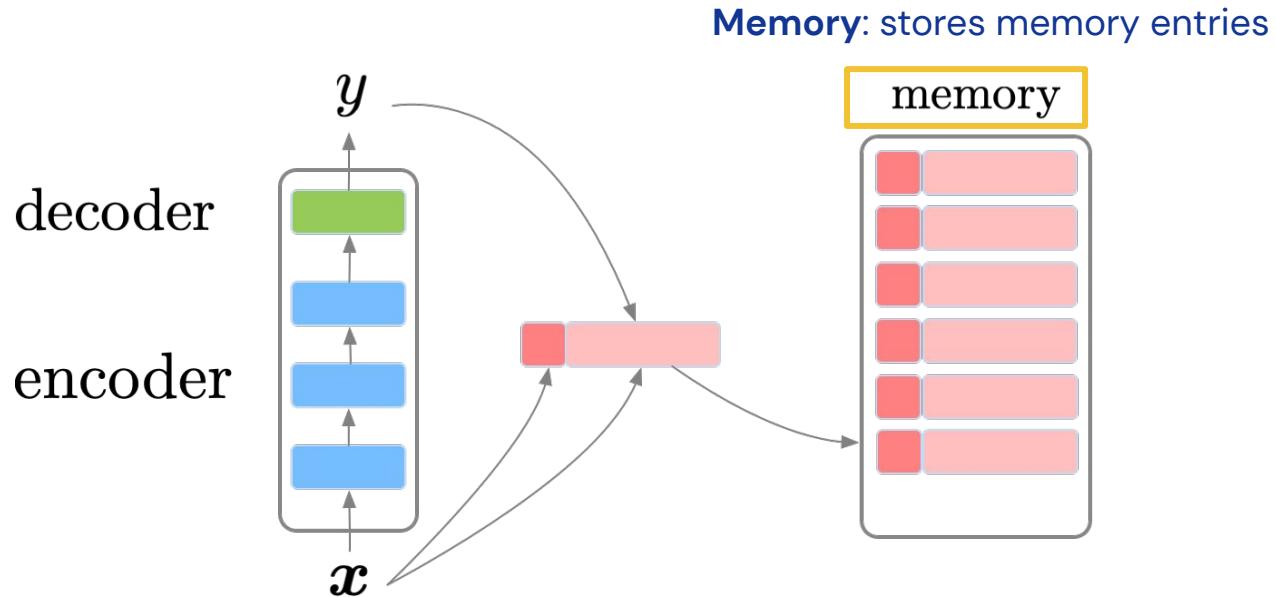
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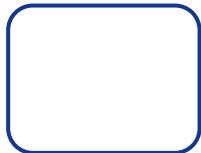
Value: context, question, and
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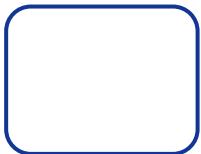
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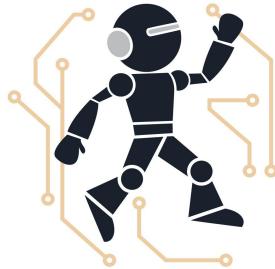


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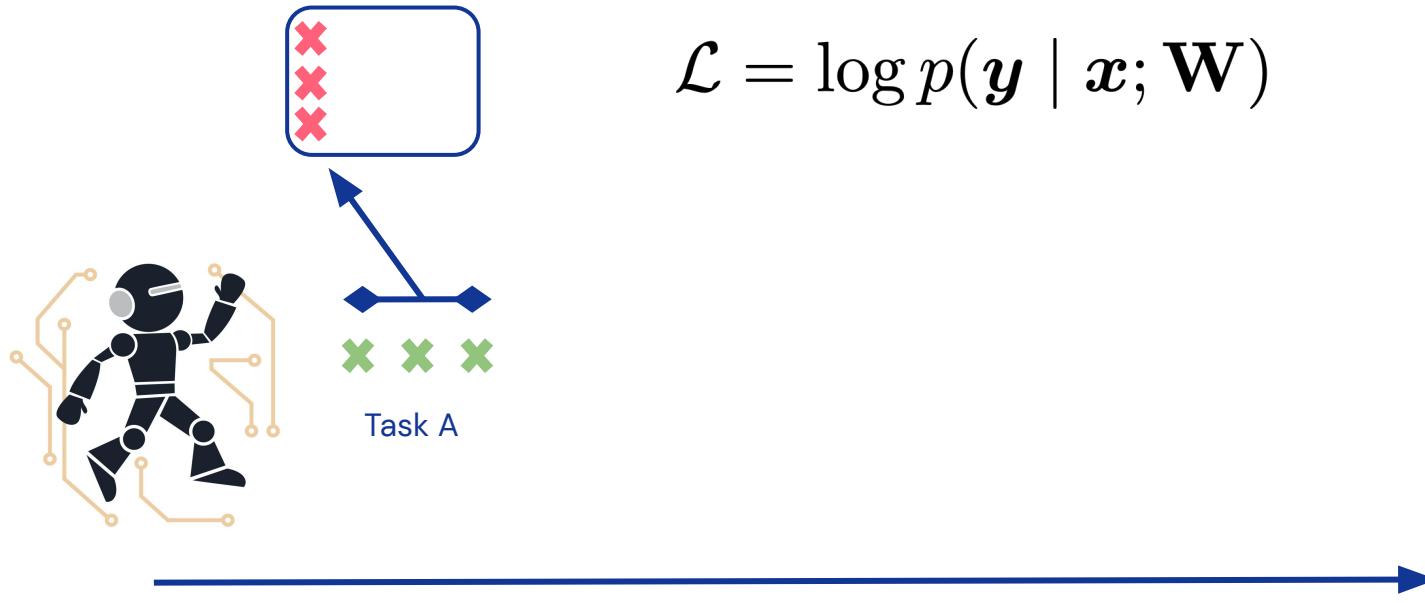


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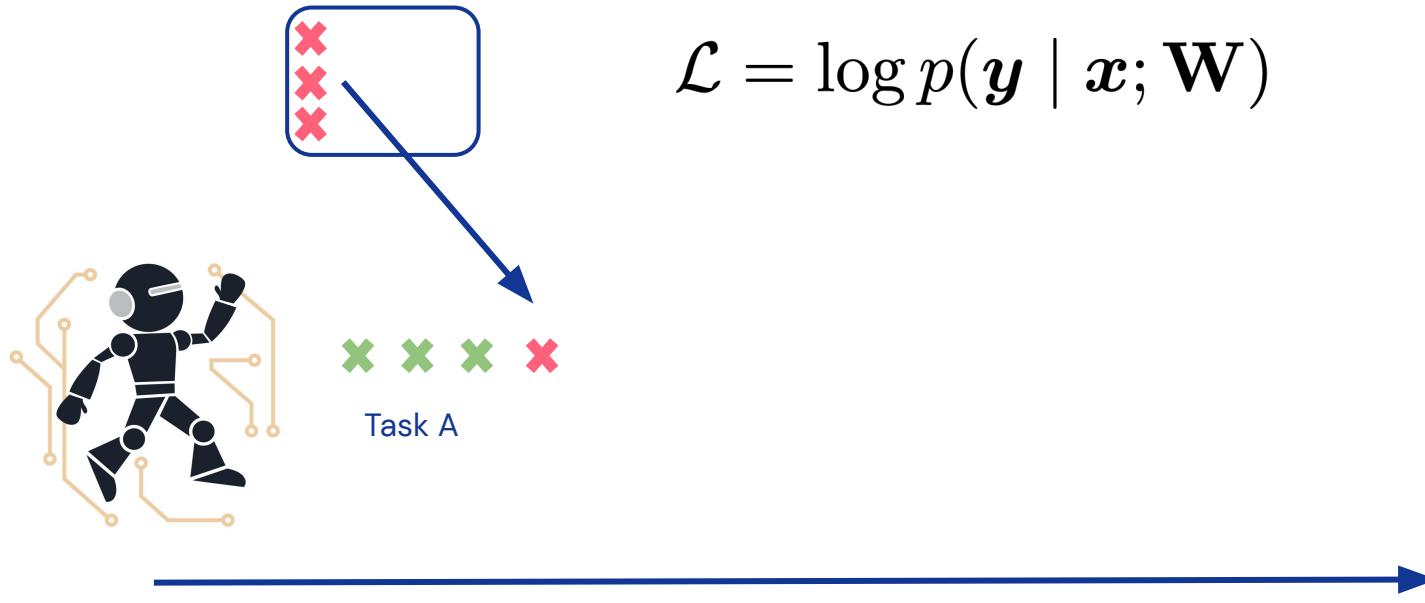
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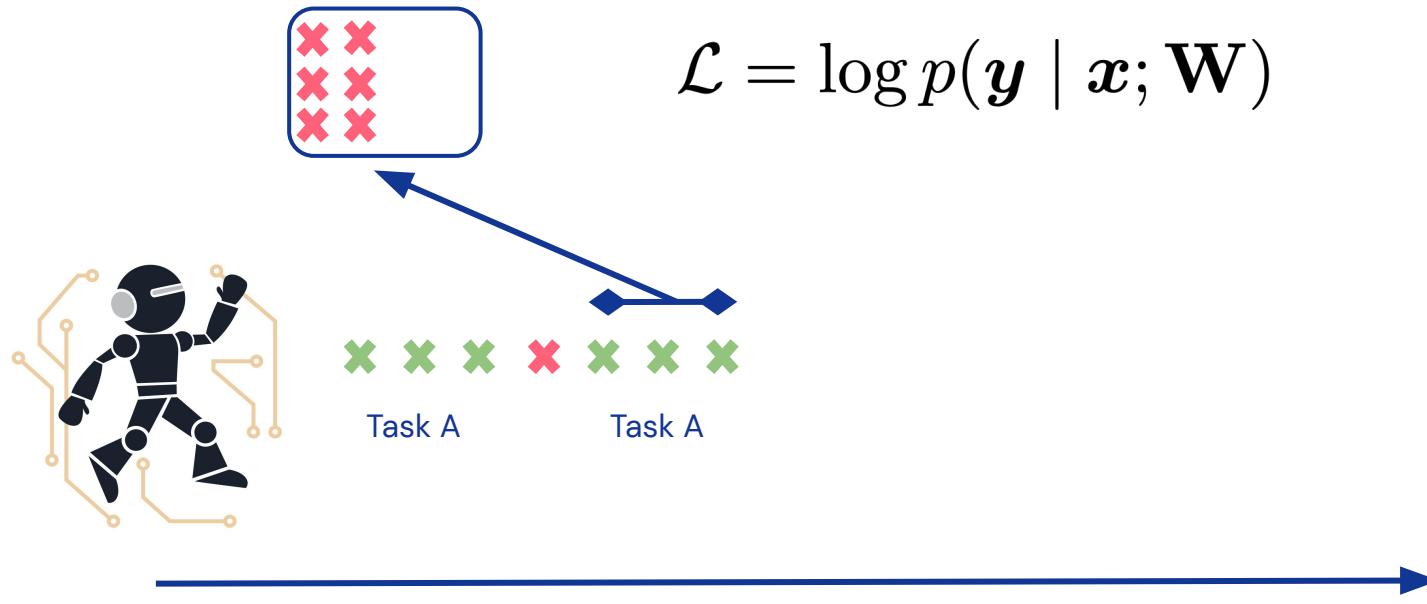
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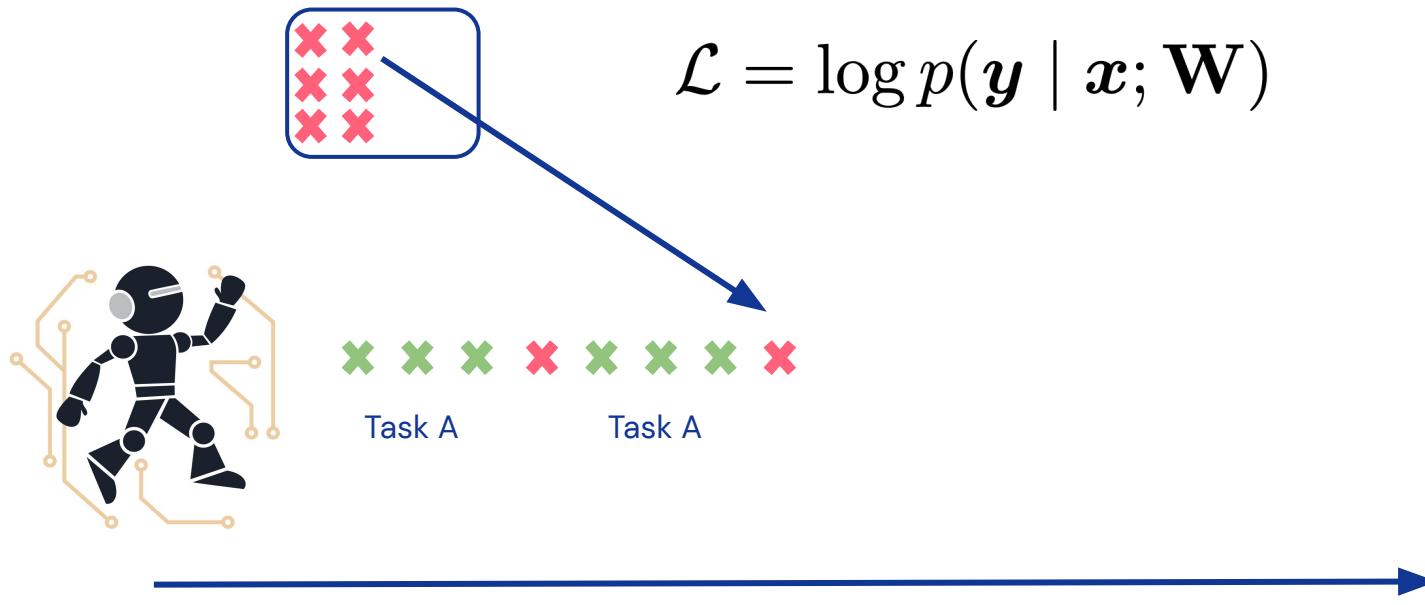
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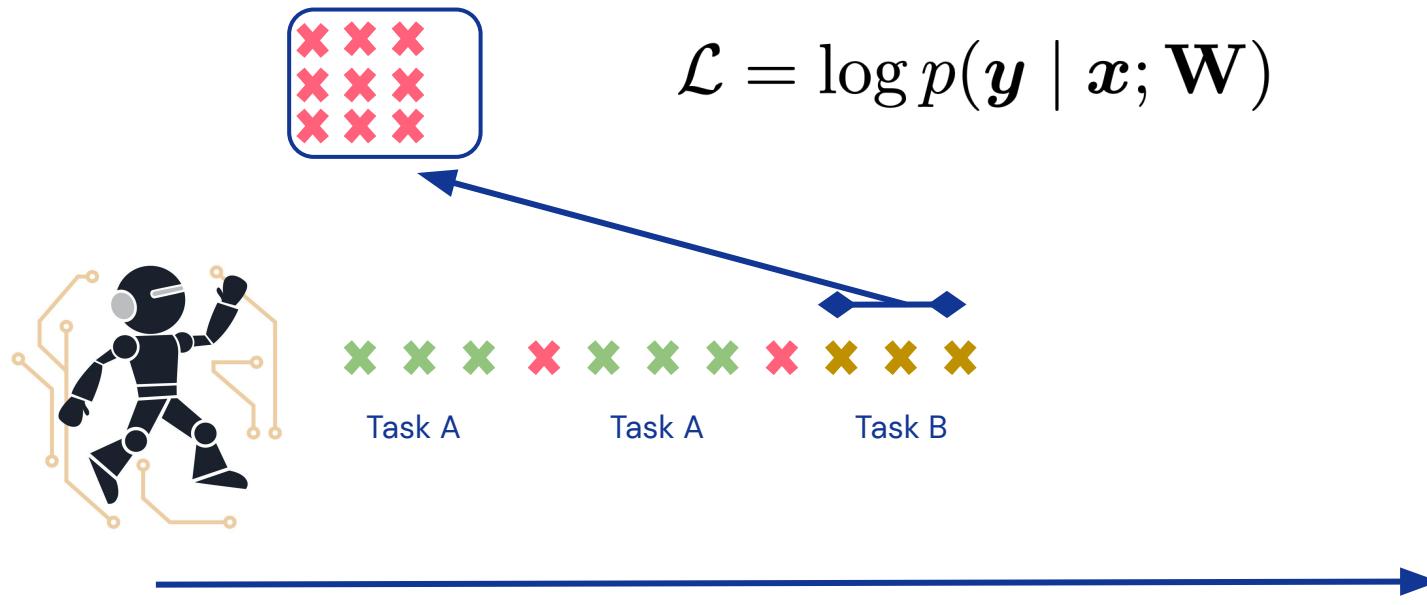
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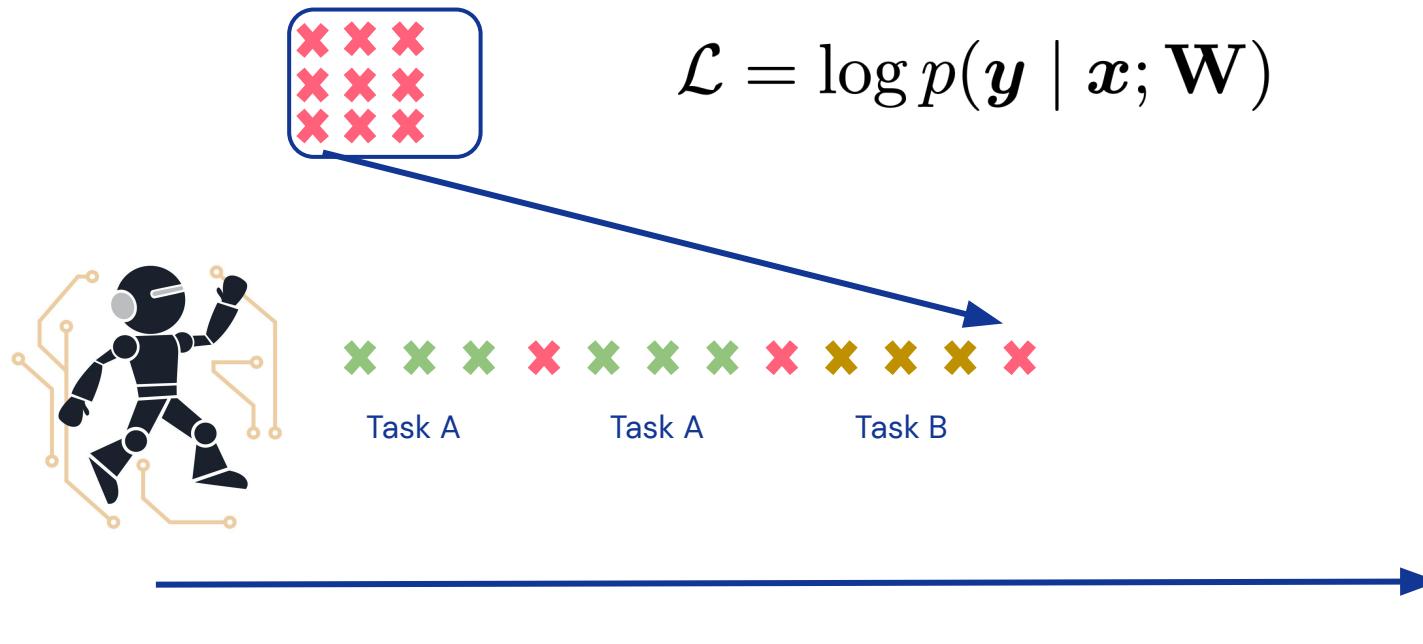
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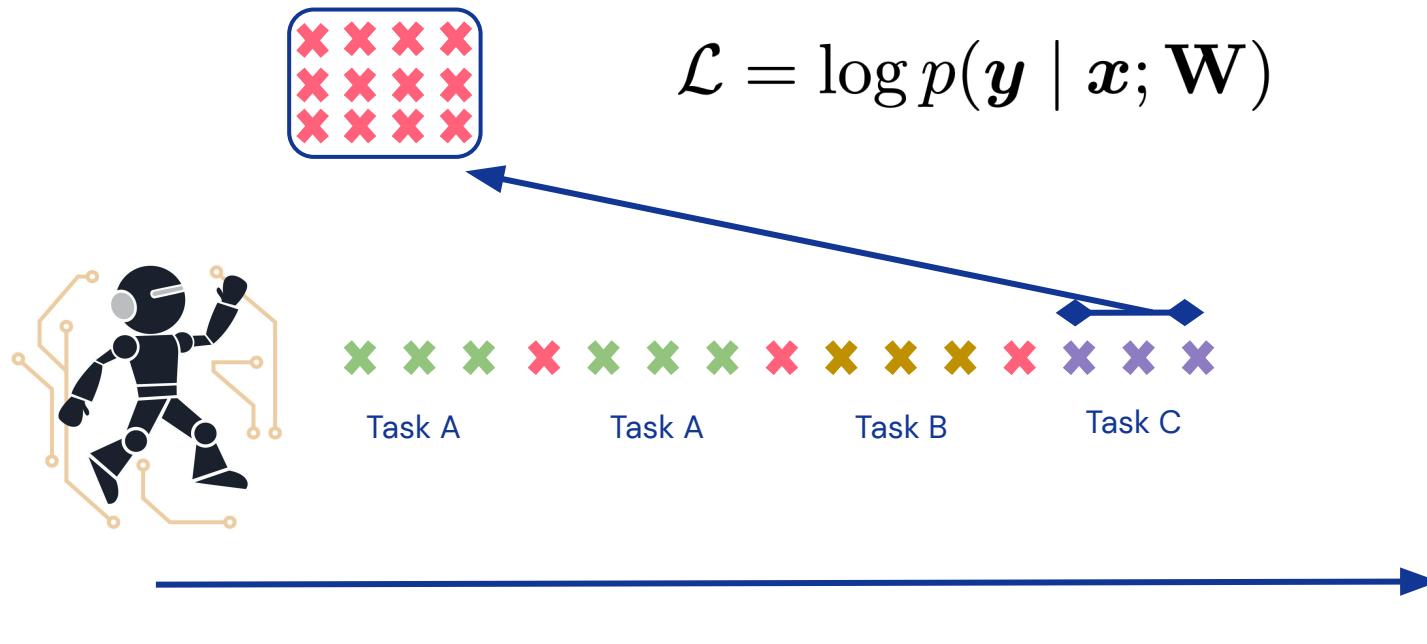
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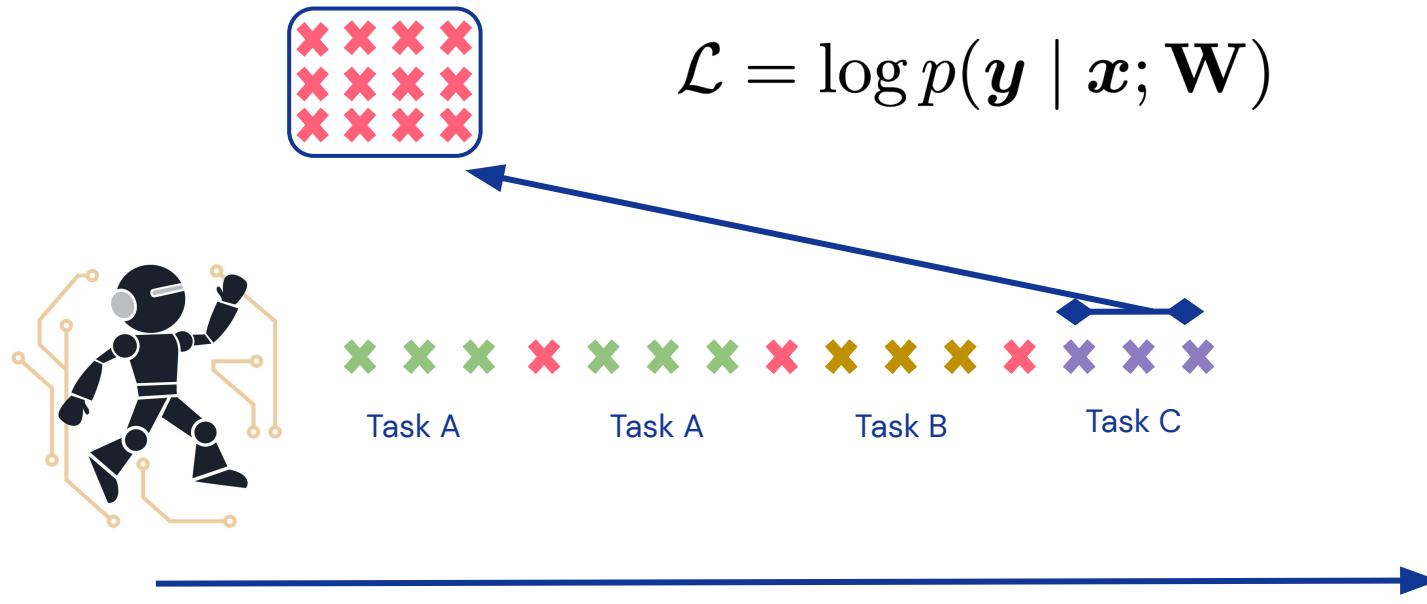
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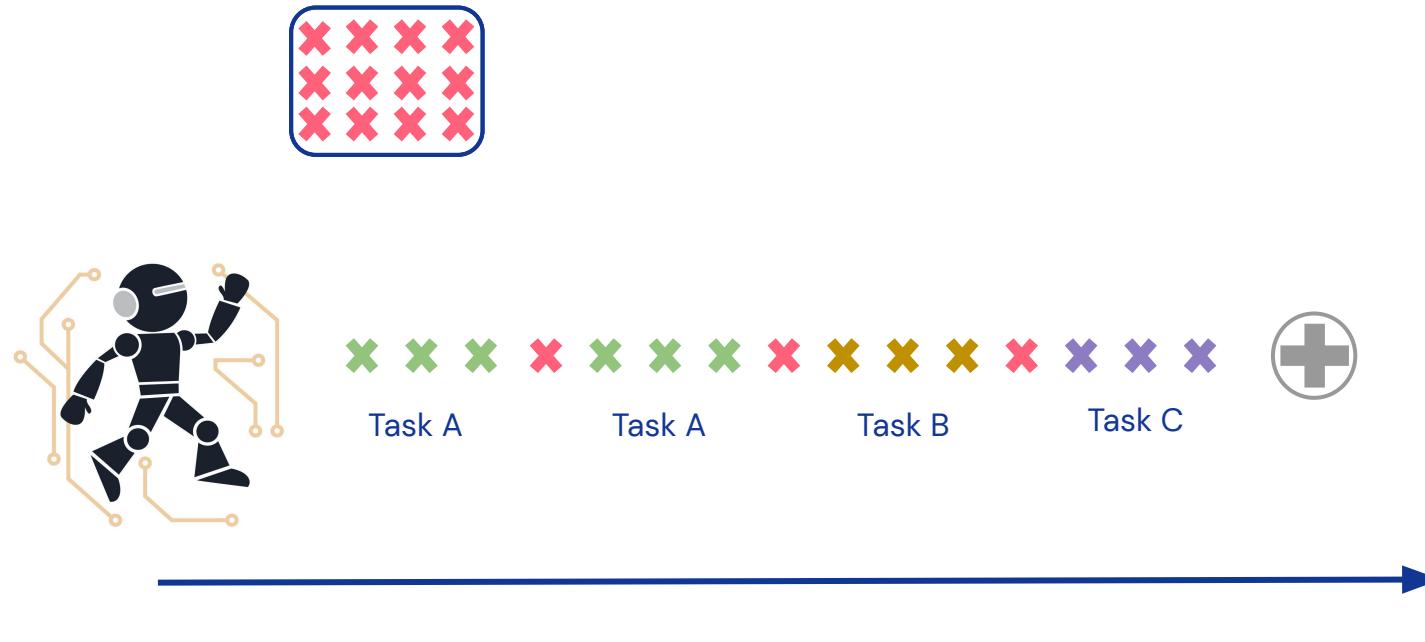
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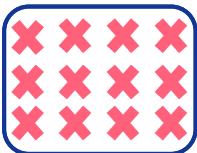
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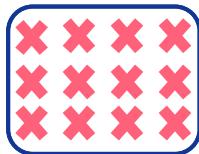
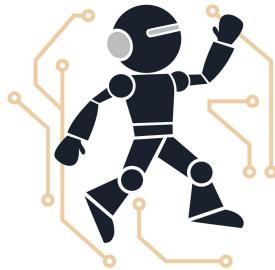
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In what country is St John's located?

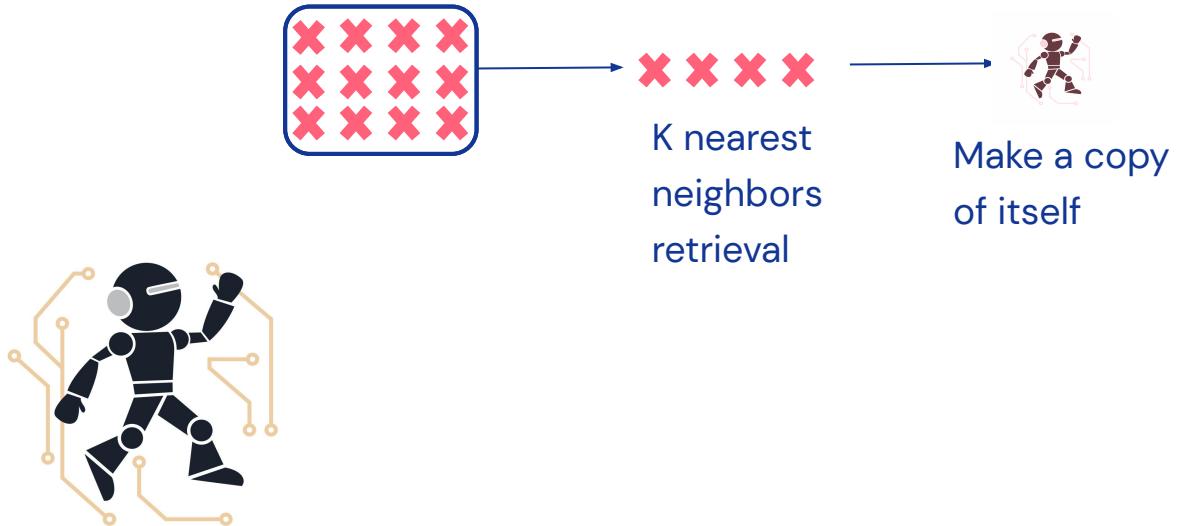
In what country is Spoleto located?

In what part of Africa is Palermo located?



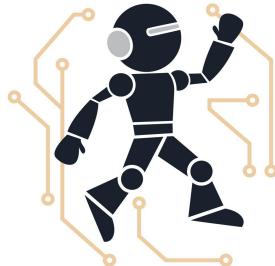
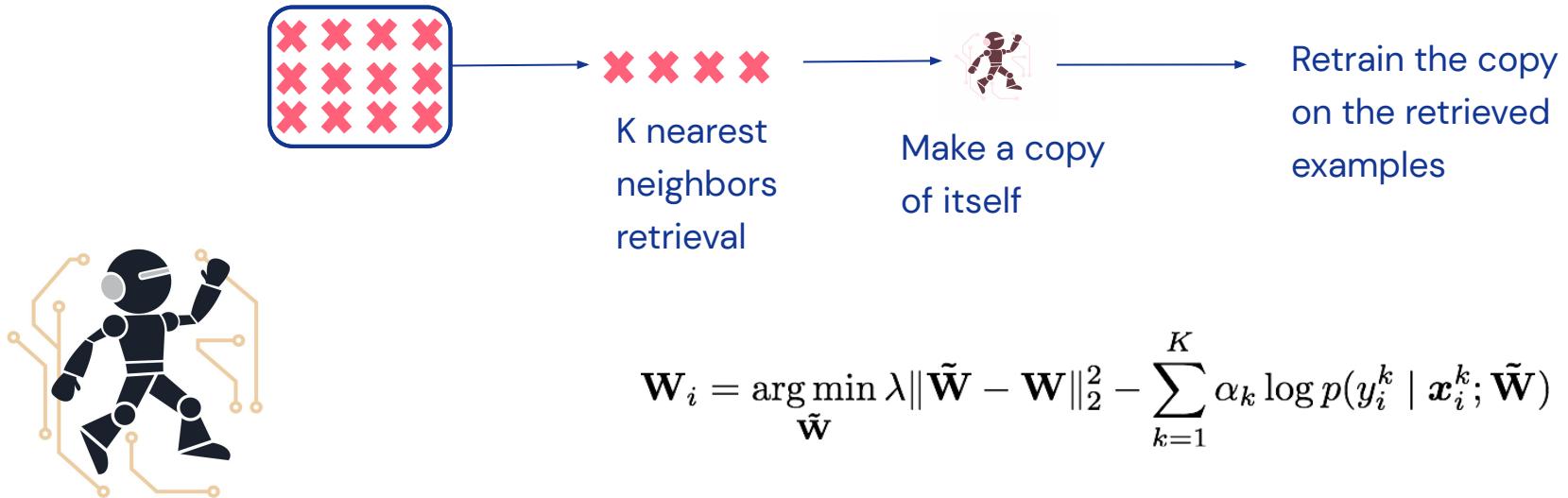
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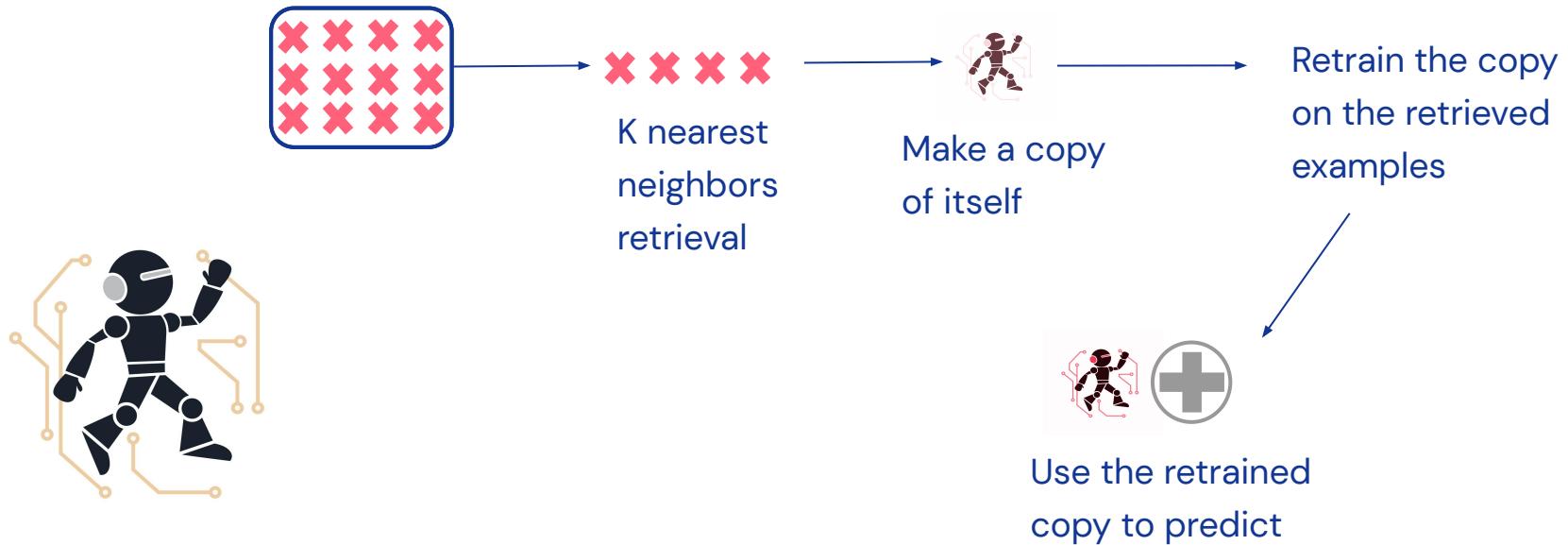


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Experiments

- Four question answering datasets.
 - SQuAD: Rajpurkar et al., 2016.
 - TriviaQA-Web: Joshi et al., 2017.
 - TriviaQA-Wiki: Joshi et al., 2017.
 - QuAC: Choi et al., 2018.
- The contexts come from **different domains** (e.g., Wikipedia articles, web pages).
- The questions are posed in **different styles** (e.g., information seeking, trivia questions).



Experiments

F1 scores (0-100), higher is better

	Enc-Dec	A-GEM	MbPA	Ours
QA	53.1	56.2	60.3	62.4

A-GEM: Chaudhry et al., 2019

MbPA: Sprechmann et al., 2018



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% of stored examples in memory	10%	100%
Performance	61.5	62.0

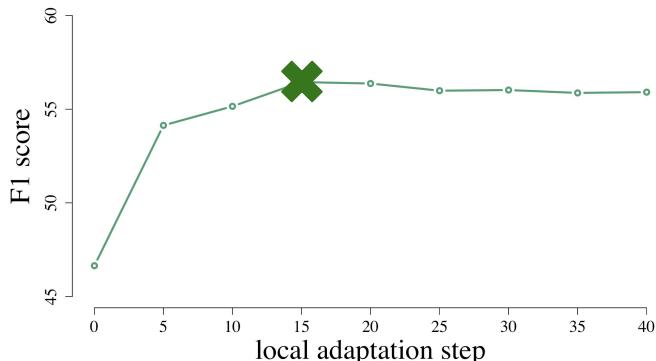


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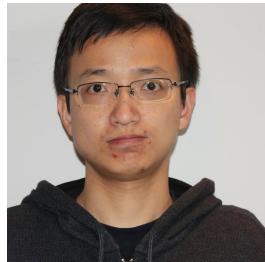
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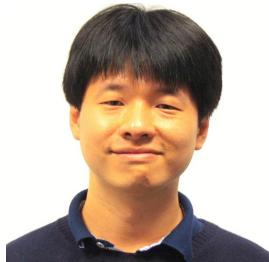
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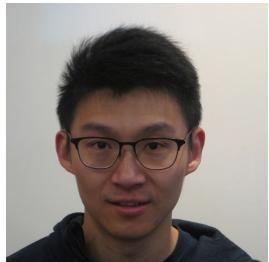
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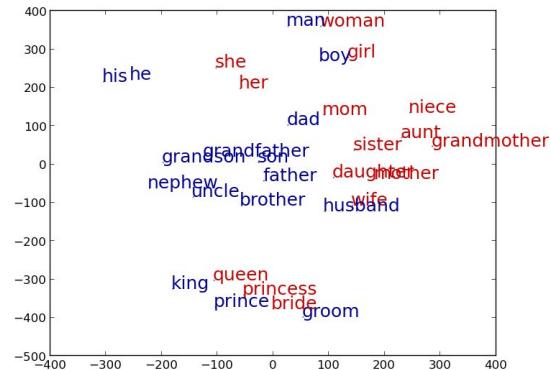


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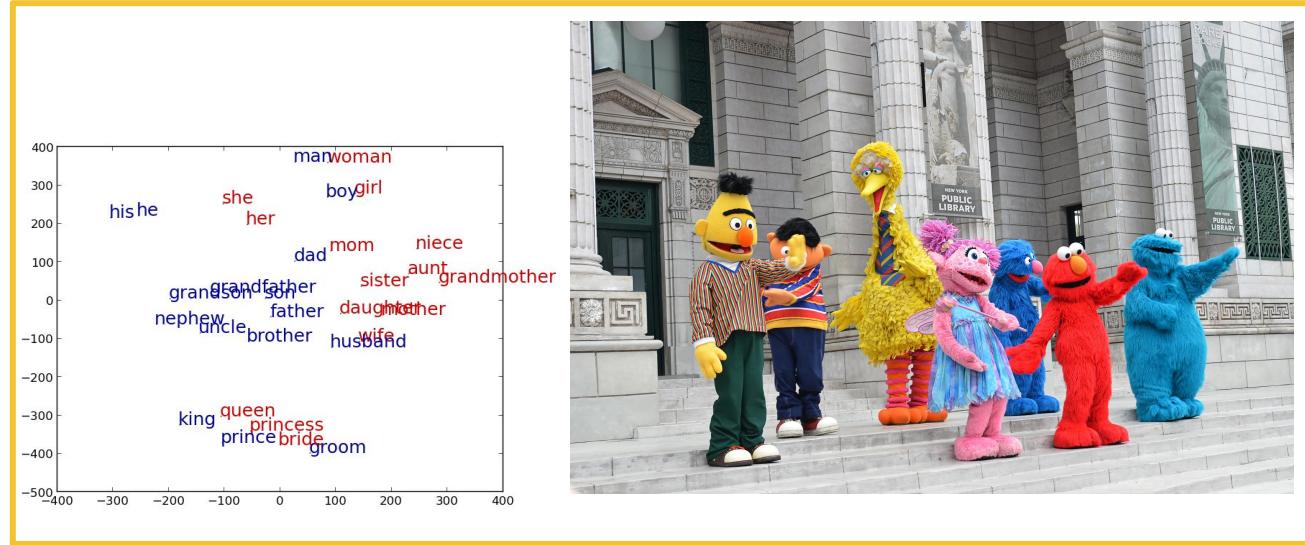


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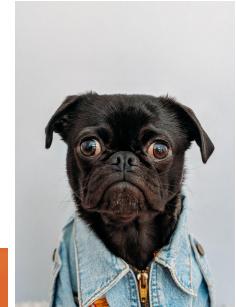
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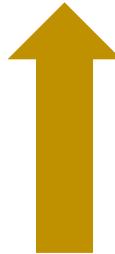
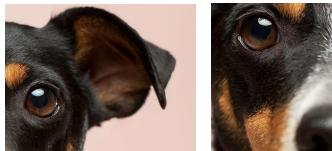


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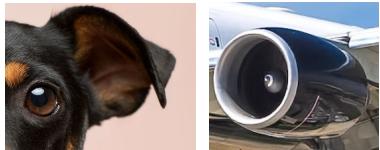


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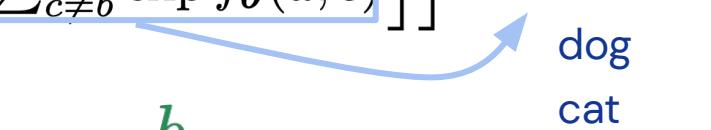
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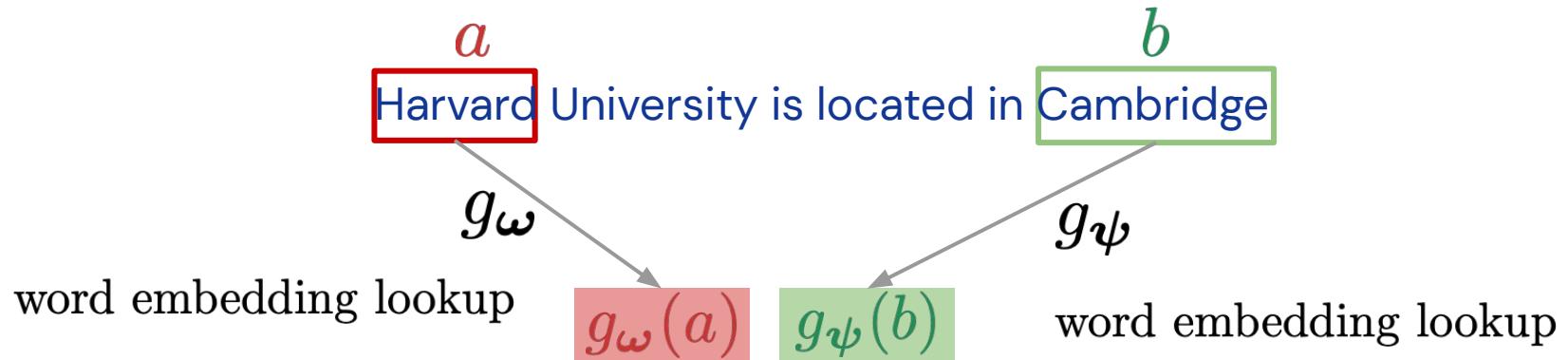
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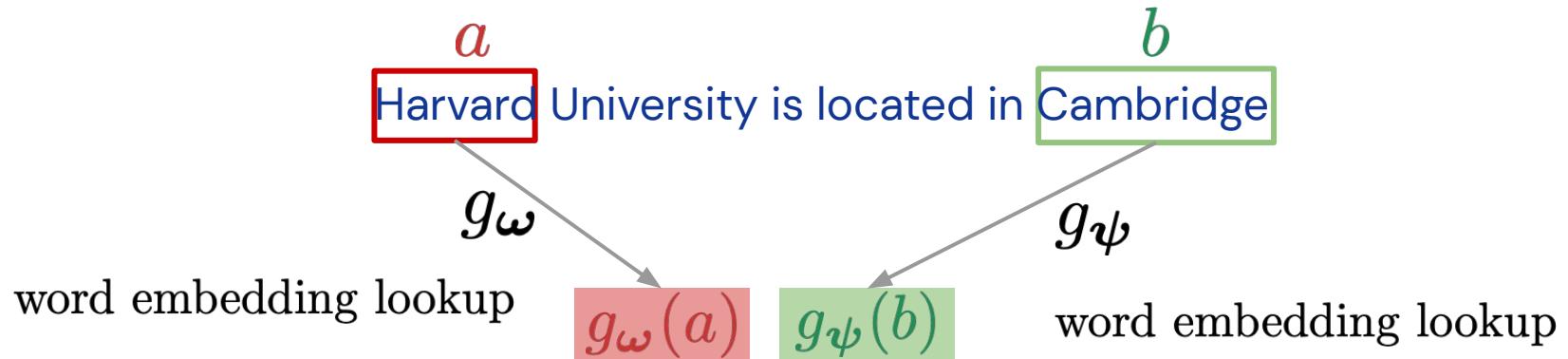
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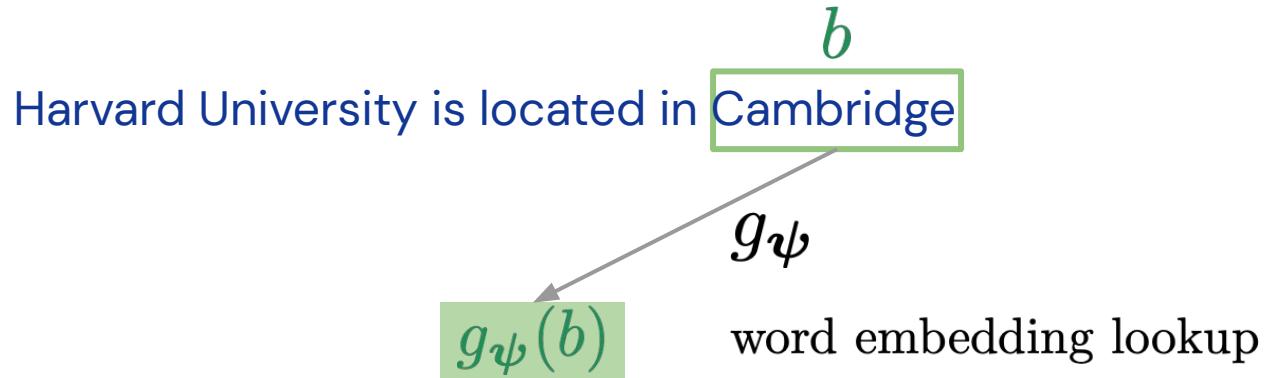
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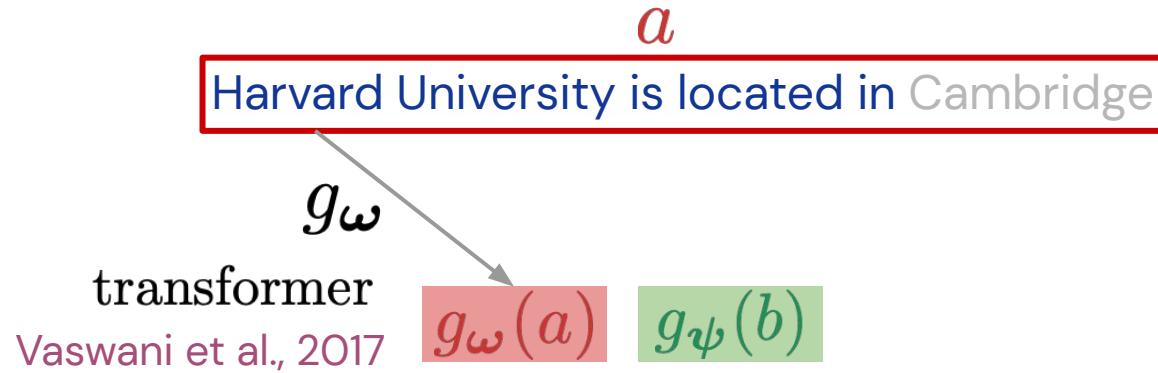
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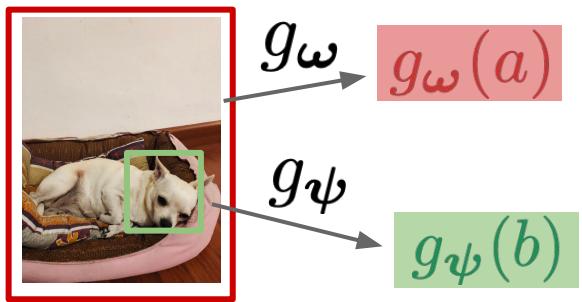
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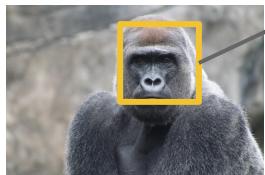


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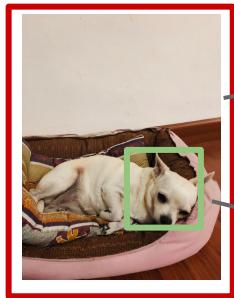


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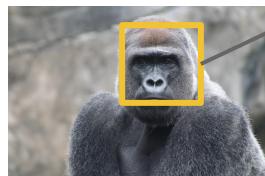
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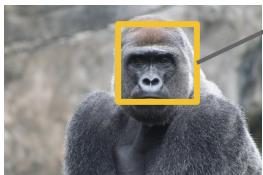


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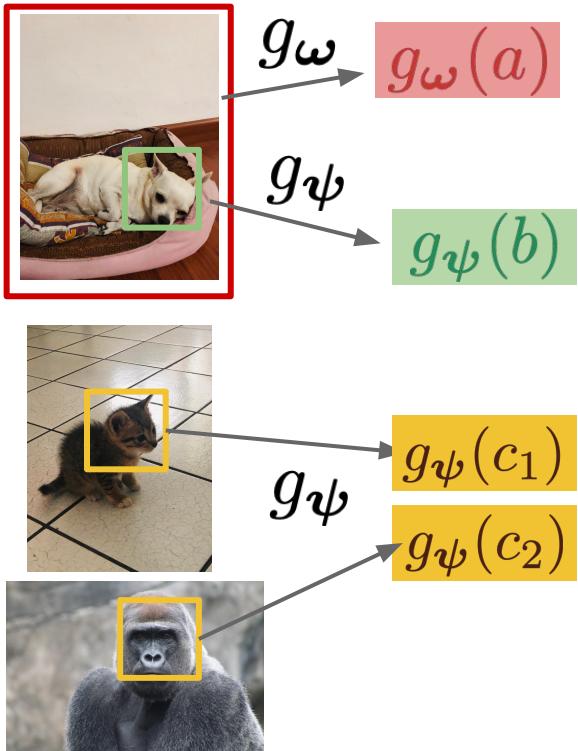
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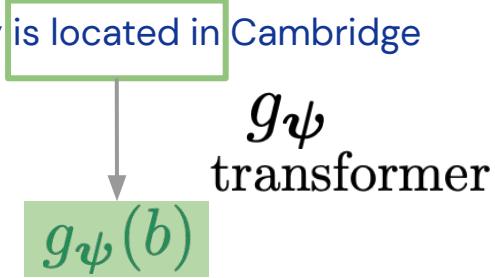


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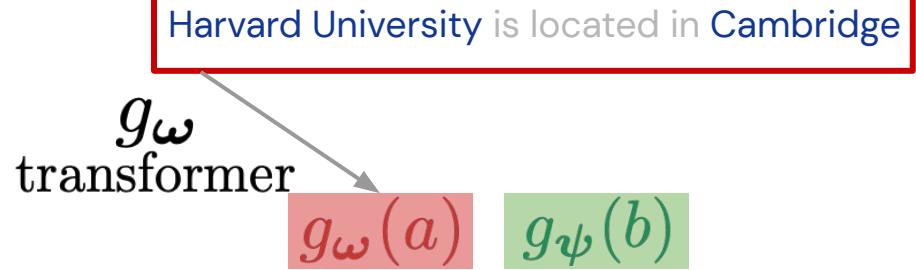
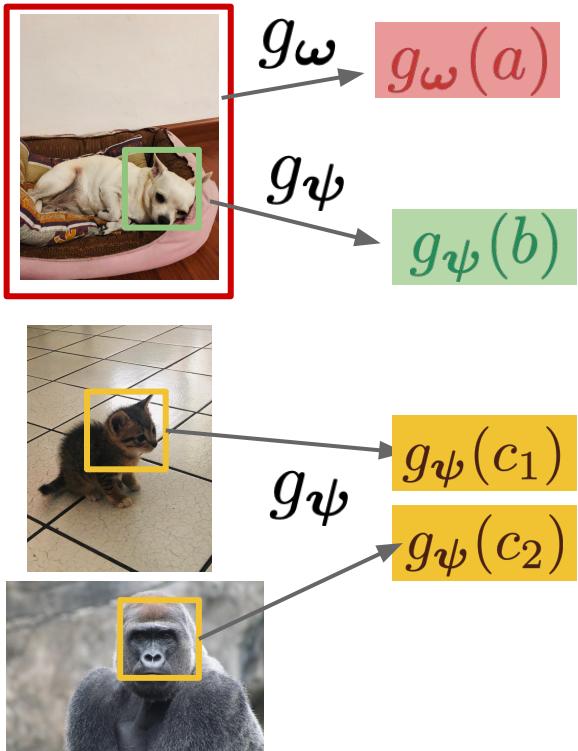


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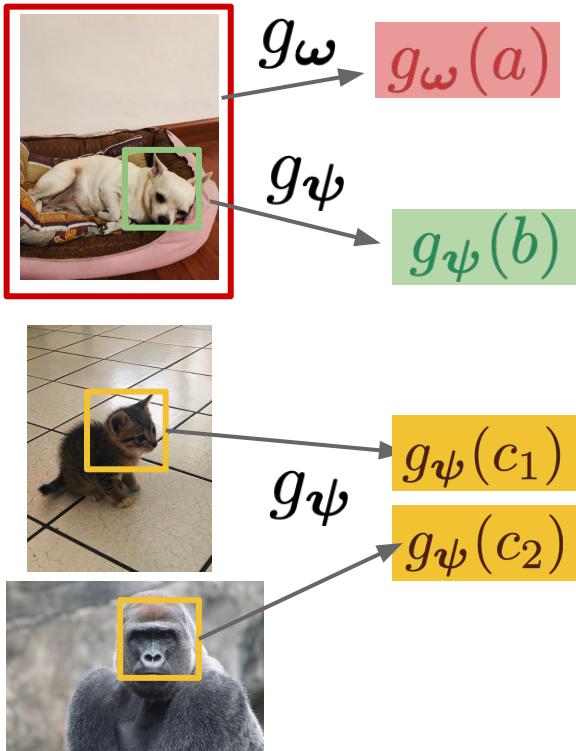
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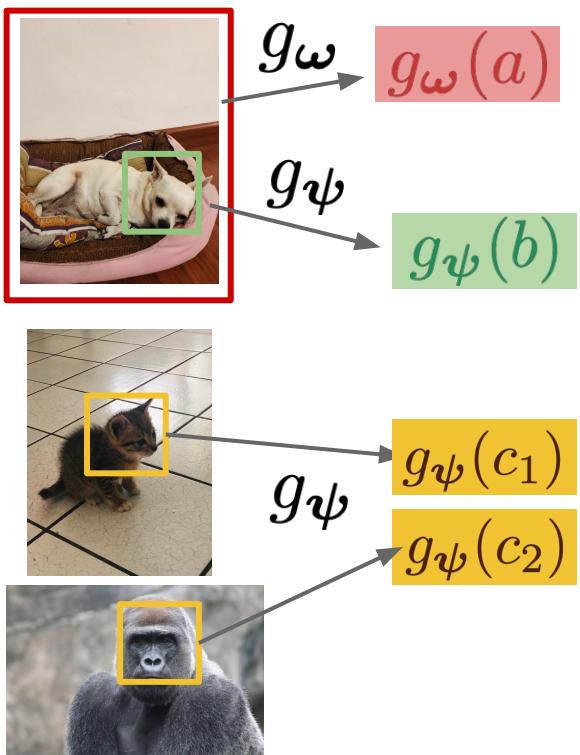
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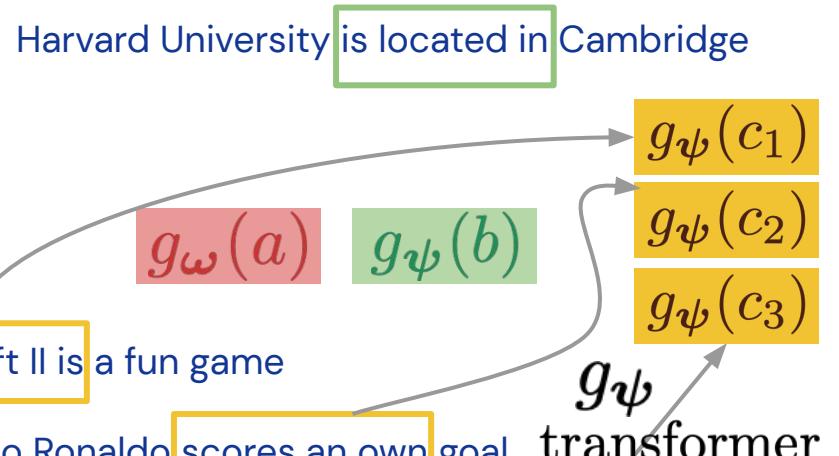


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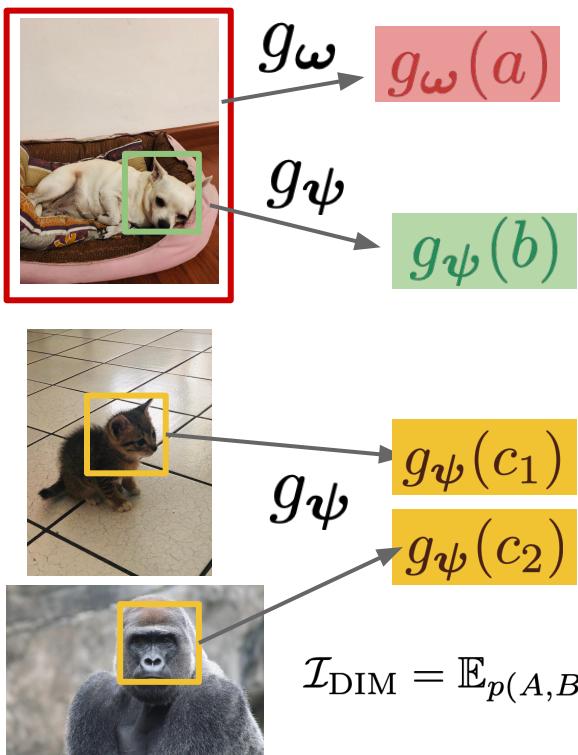
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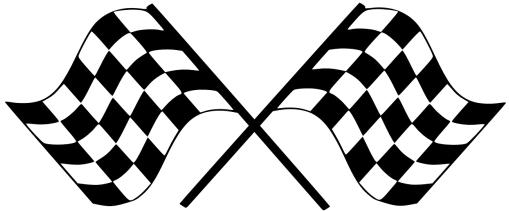


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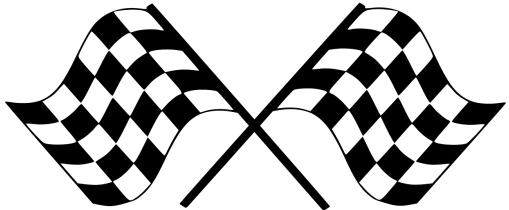
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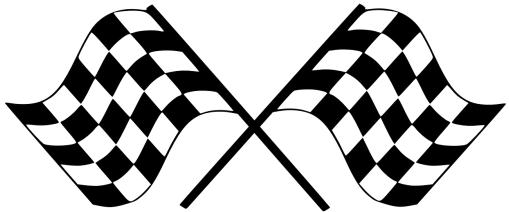


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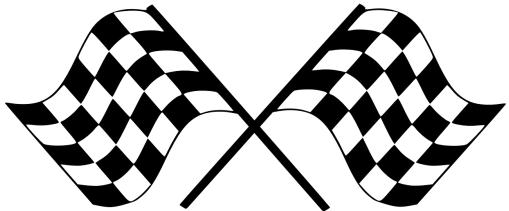
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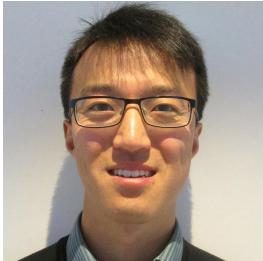
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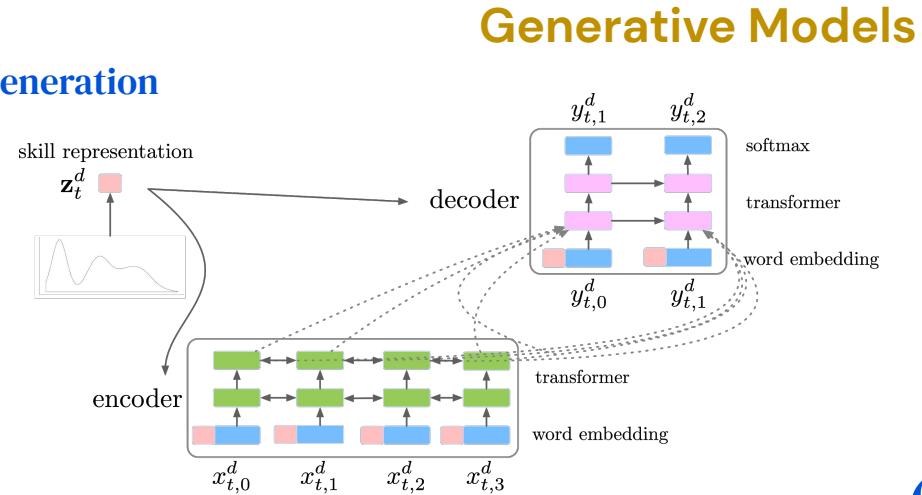
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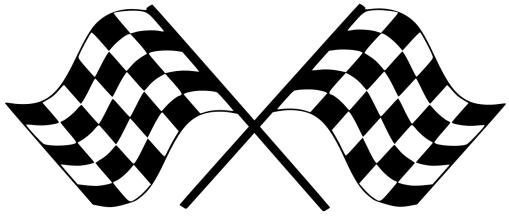
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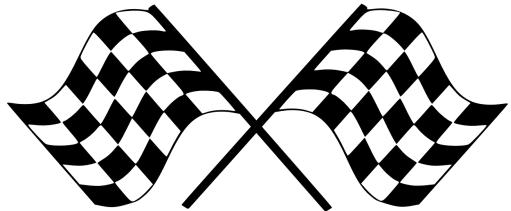


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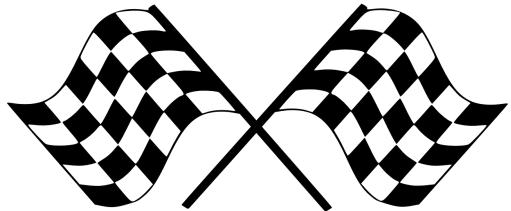
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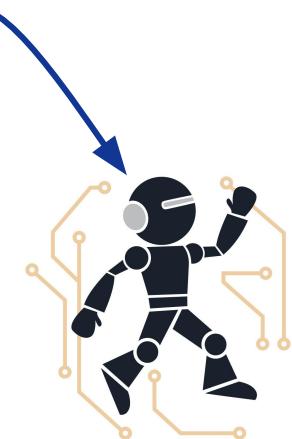
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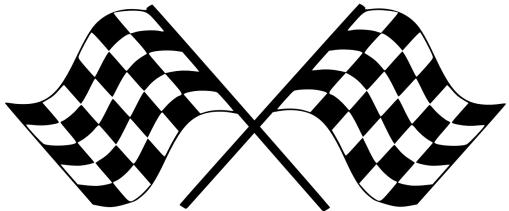
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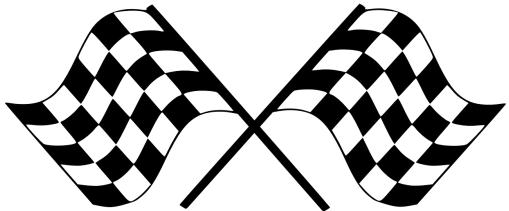


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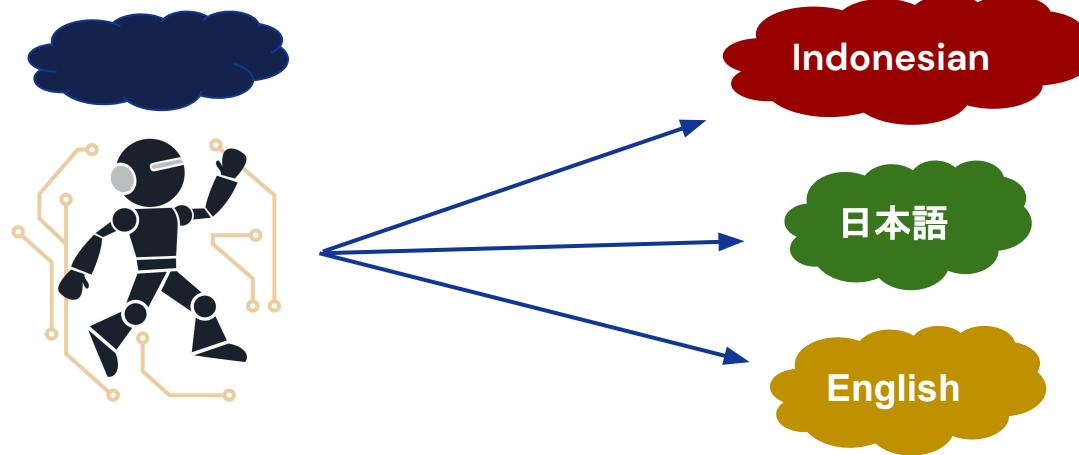


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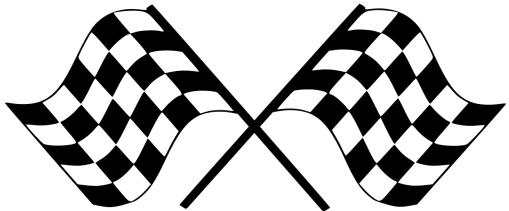


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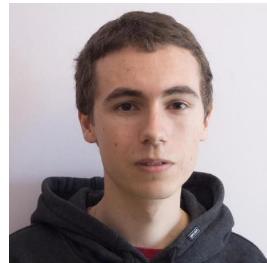


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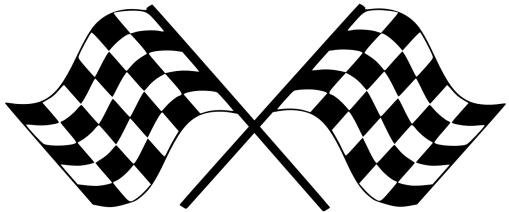
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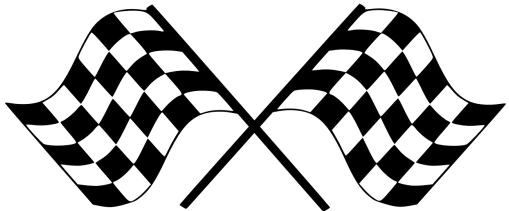
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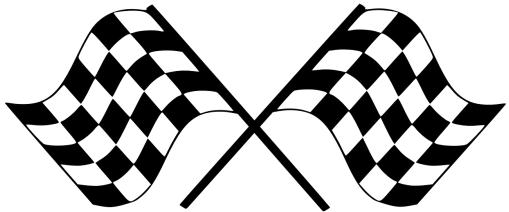
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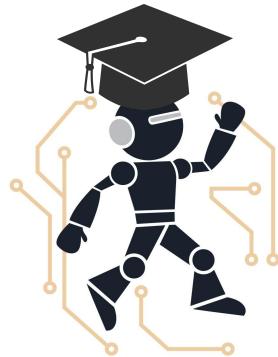


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Language and Intelligence

A **mechanism** with which we formulate our thought process.
(Language for thinking; Spelke, 2003)



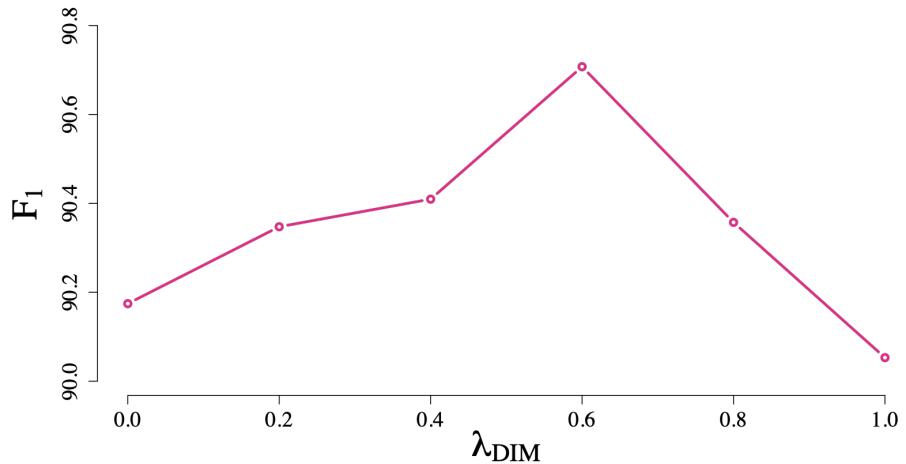
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Experiments

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	Enc-Dec	A-GEM	MbPA	Ours	Multitask (upper bound)
QA	53.1	56.2	60.3	62.4	67.8

A-GEM: Chaudhry et al., 2019

MbPA: Sprechmann et al., 2018

