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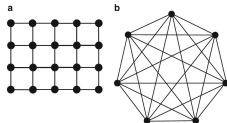
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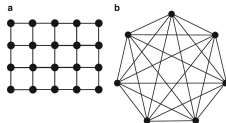
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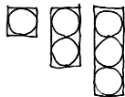
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Hand Drawing

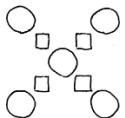
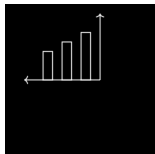
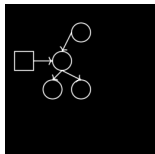
Program

Drawing



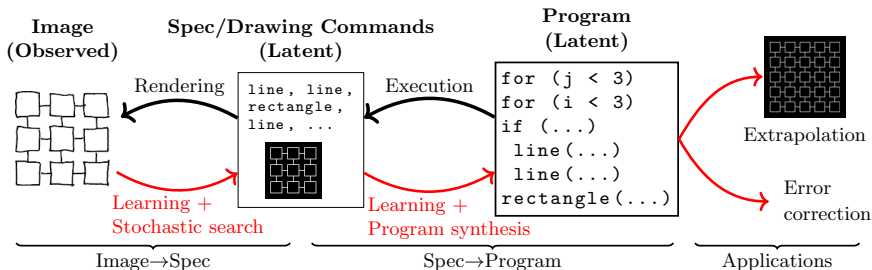
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  for (j < i + 1)
    circle(3*i+1, -2*j+5)
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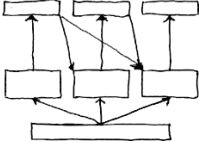
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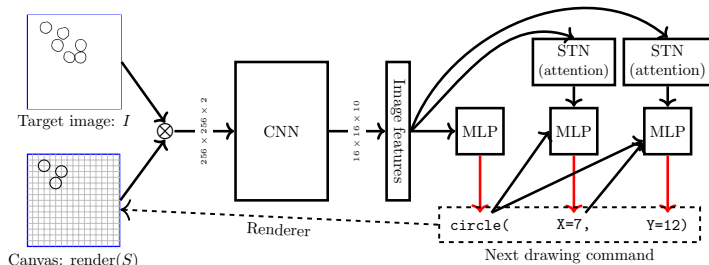
Image→Program Pipeline



Drawing	Spec	Program
	<pre>Line (3,10,3,14,arrow) Rectangle (11,8,15,10) Rectangle (11,14,15,15) Line (13,10,13,14,arrow) ... etc. ...; 16 lines</pre>	<pre>for (i<3) line (7,1,5*i+2,3,arrow) for (j<i+1) if (j>0) line (5*j-1,9,5*i,5,arrow) line (5*j+2,5,5*j+2,9,arrow) rectangle (5*i,3,5*i+4,5) rectangle (5*i,9,5*i+4,10) rectangle (2,0,12,1)</pre>

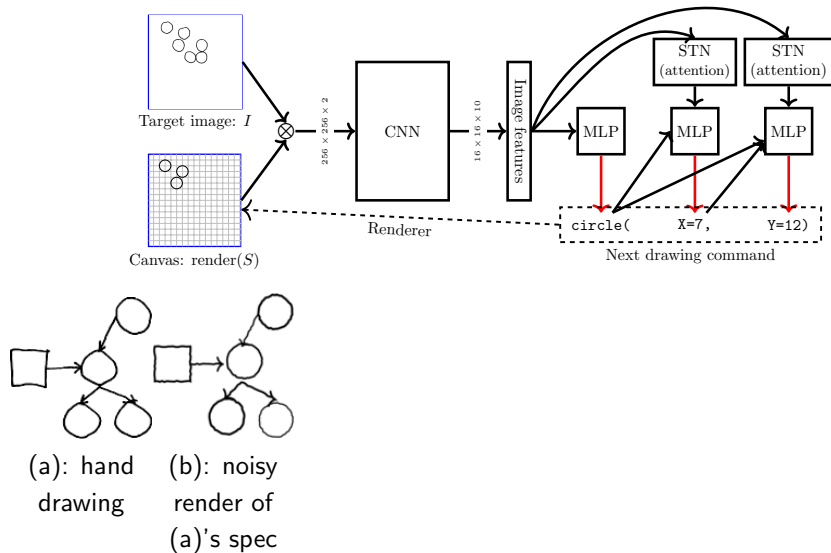
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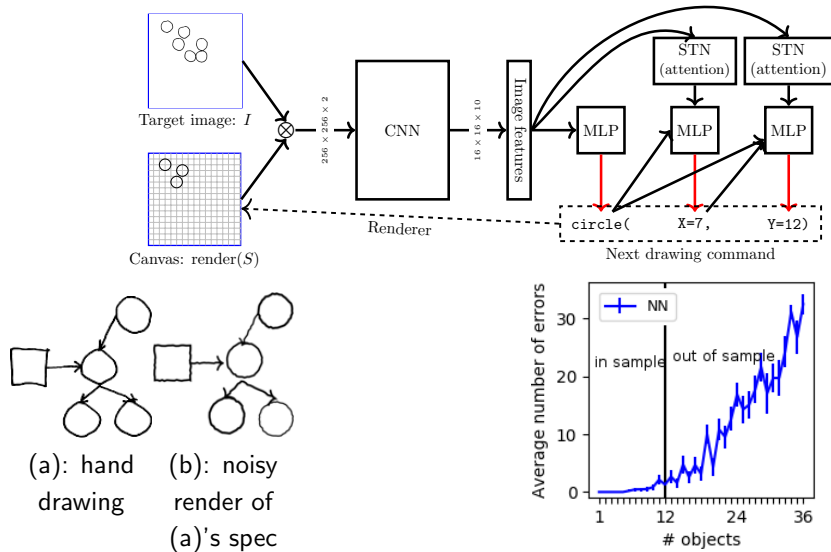
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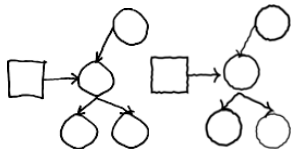
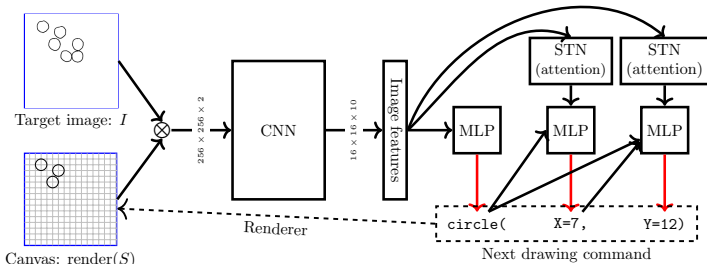
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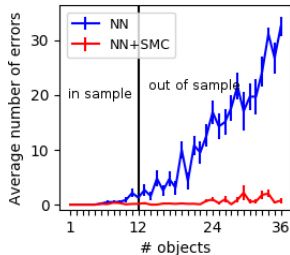


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(a): hand drawing
(b): noisy render of (a)'s spec



Synthesizing high-level programs from specs (spec=drawing commands)

Constraint-based program synthesis; SAT solver (Solar-Lezama 2008)

$$\text{program}(S) = \underset{\substack{p \in \text{DSL} \\ p \text{ consistent w/ } S}}{\arg \min} \quad \text{cost}(p)$$

min cost \approx simple + short

DSL: **D**omain **S**pecific **L**anguage: variables, arithmetic, loops, conditionals

Program \rightarrow	Statement; \dots ; Statement
Statement \rightarrow	circle(Expression, Expression)
Statement \rightarrow	rectangle(Expression, Expression, Expression, Expression)
Statement \rightarrow	line(Expression, Expression, Expression, Expression, Boolean, Boolean)
Statement \rightarrow	for($0 \leq \text{Var} < \text{Expression}$) { if ($\text{Var} > 0$) { Program }; Program }
Statement \rightarrow	reflect(Axis) { Program }
Expression \rightarrow	$\mathbb{Z} \times \text{Var} + \mathbb{Z}$
Axis \rightarrow	$x = \mathbb{Z} \mid y = \mathbb{Z}$
$\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$	an integer

Learning to quickly synthesize programs

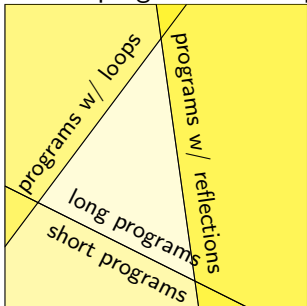
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Entire program search space



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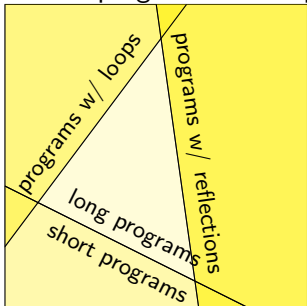
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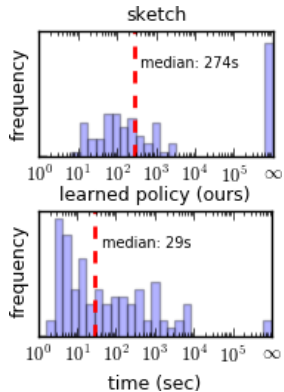
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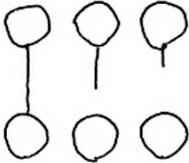
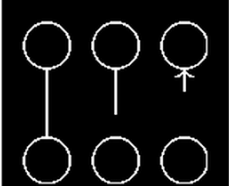
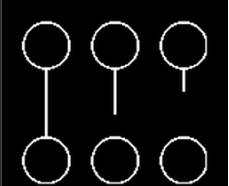
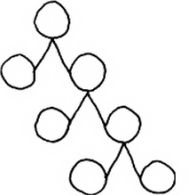
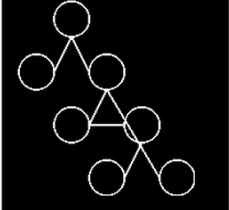
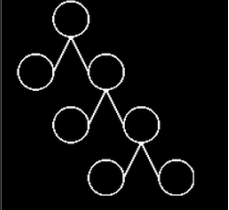
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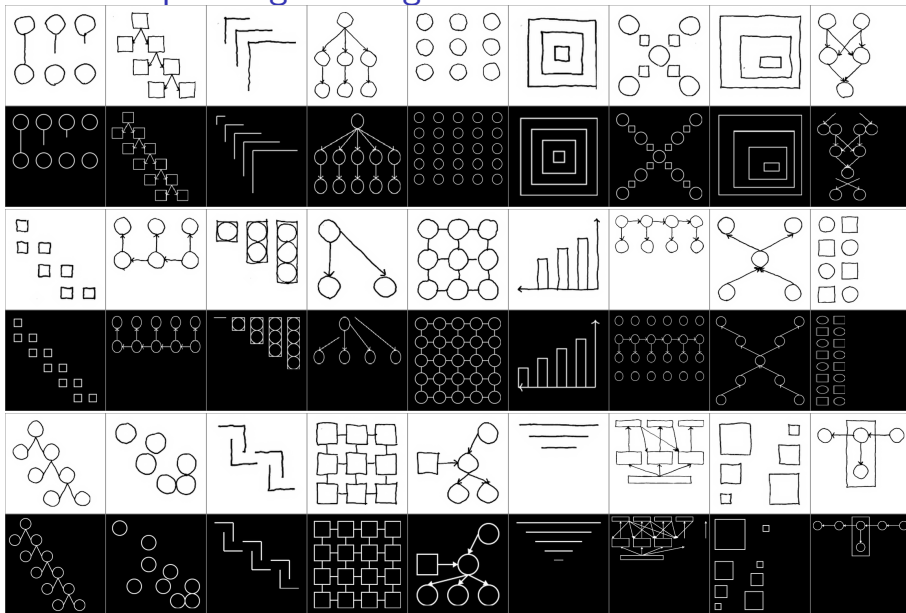
Application: Error correction

learn prior over programs (simple \approx better), jointly infer likely parse+program

Top-down influence upon perception

Drawing	Neural net output	Corrected output
		
		

Application: Extrapolating drawings

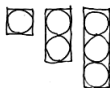


Visual input → Program: Poster AB #25

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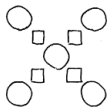
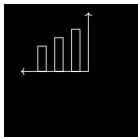
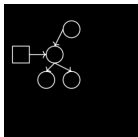
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