

# Memory Network For Question Answering

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# Supporting Facts

## Story

Mary went to the bathroom.  
John moved to the hallway.  
Mary travelled to the office.

**Q** Where is Mary? **A** office

## Story

John picked up the apple.  
John went to the office.  
John went to the kitchen.  
John dropped the apple.

**Q** Where was the apple before the kitchen? **A** office

# Reasoning

## Story

Sheep are afraid of wolves.  
Cats are afraid of dogs.  
Mice are afraid of cats.  
Gertrude is a sheep.

**Q** What is Gertrude afraid of? **A** wolves

## Story

Lily is a swan.  
Lily is white.  
Bernhard is green.  
Greg is a swan.

**Q** What color is Greg? **A** white

# Intuition

How do Humans build their answer?

- ① Type of question
- ② Occurrence of the words from the question
- ③ Associations of words (*memory*)
- ④ Meaning of words (*reasoning, interpretation*)

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# Count Based Model

Prediction based on two features:

$$\hat{y}(X, Q) = \operatorname{argmax}(\log(f_1(X)) + \log(f_2(Q)))$$

with

- $(X, Q)$  tuple story, question
- $f_1(X)$ : answer words counts in the story (weighted by order of appearance)
- $f_2(Q)$ : embedding of the question based on possible answers question word



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# Single Hop Architecture

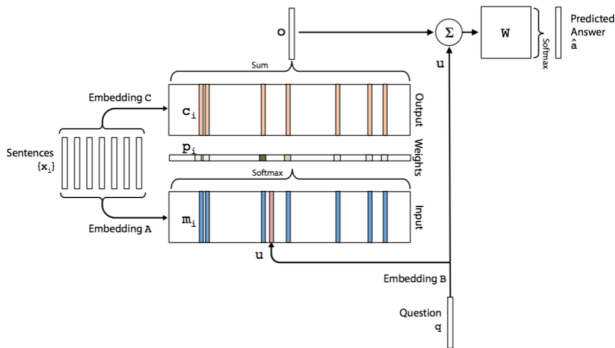


Figure: Single Hop architecture

Source: End-To-end Memory Networks

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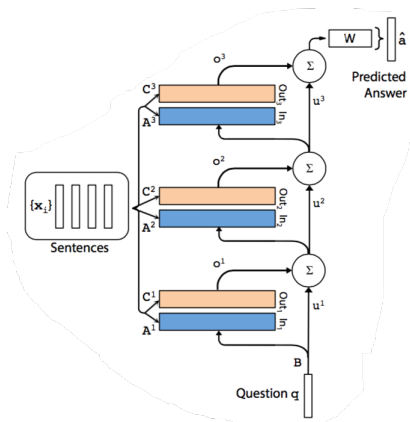


Figure: Multiple Hops architecture

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# Parameters Tying

Two Approaches to reduce the number of parameters:

- **Adjacent**

- $A^{k+1} = C^k$
- $B = A^1$

- **RNN-like**

- $A^1 = A^2 = \dots = A^k$
- $C^1 = C^2 = \dots = C^k$
- $u^{k+1} = Hu^k + o^k$

# Implementation Tricks

- bag-of-words representation  $x_i = \{x_{i1}, \dots, x_{is}\}$  becomes  $m_i = \sum_j A x_{ij}$
- Temporal encoding  $m_i = \sum_j A x_{ij} + T_A(i)$
- high variance, best model over several training

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# Accuracy Results on Train

Task	MemNN 1 hop adjacent	MemNN 3 hops adjacent	Baseline
1: 1 supporting fact	100	99	50
2: 2 supporting facts	16	90	40
3: 3 supporting facts	25	85	26
4: Two arg relation	71	79	34
5: Three arg relation	86	89	48
6: Yes/No	51	97	50
7: Counting	87	80	49
8: Lists/Sets	90	90	0
9: Simple Negation	64	86	64
10: Indefinite Knowledge	61	85	44
11: Basic coreference	80	87	63
12: Conjunction	100	100	60
13: Compound Coref	93	93	68
14: Time Reasoning	72	94	29
15: Basic Deduction	39	39	14
16: Basic Induction	50	54	52
17: Size Reasoning	53	62	48
18: Positional Reasoning	61	63	53
19: Path Finding	24	24	0
20: Agent's Motivation	92	92	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>42.2</b>

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Task	MemNN 1 Hop	MemNN 3 Hop
1	99.7	99
2	17	83.9
3	19	65.2
4	66.4	66.9
5	82	81.5
6	49.6	92
7	85	78.2
8	89.3	NAN
9	63.5	82.3
10	57.4	83.2
11	83	88.3
12	99.9	100
13	94.4	94.4
14	65.6	84.8
15	23.1	23.3
16	46.9	46.6
17	47.5	54.3
18	51.6	52.4
19	15.8	NAN
20	90.8	0.91
TOTAL	62.36	75.9

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- Positional Encoding
- MC Test dataset
- Dynamic Memory