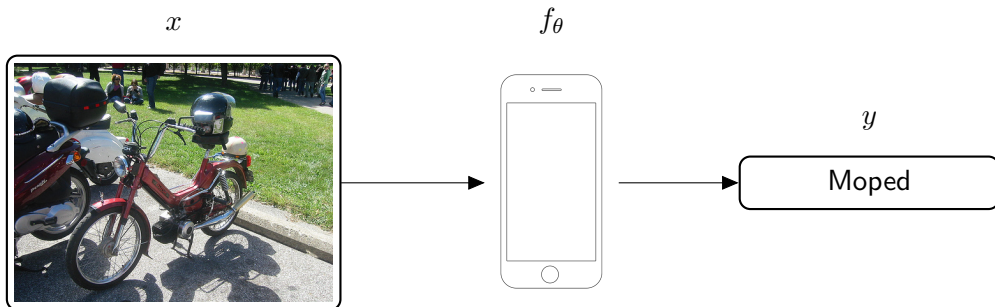


# Learning How to Say It: Language Generation and Deep Learning

Alexander M Rush

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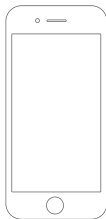


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$f_{\theta}$



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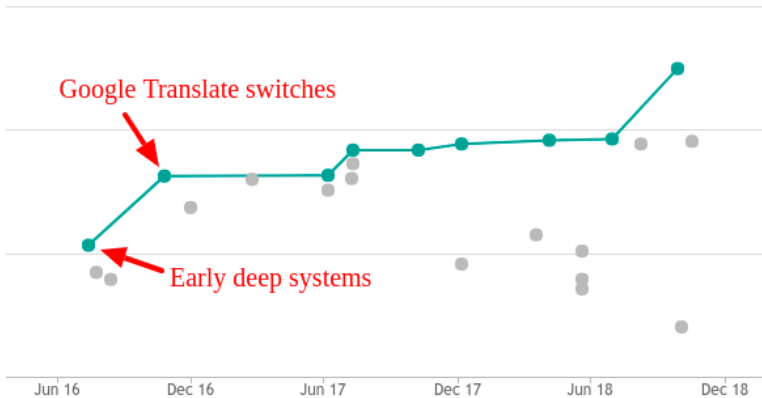
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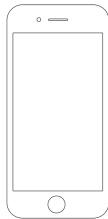


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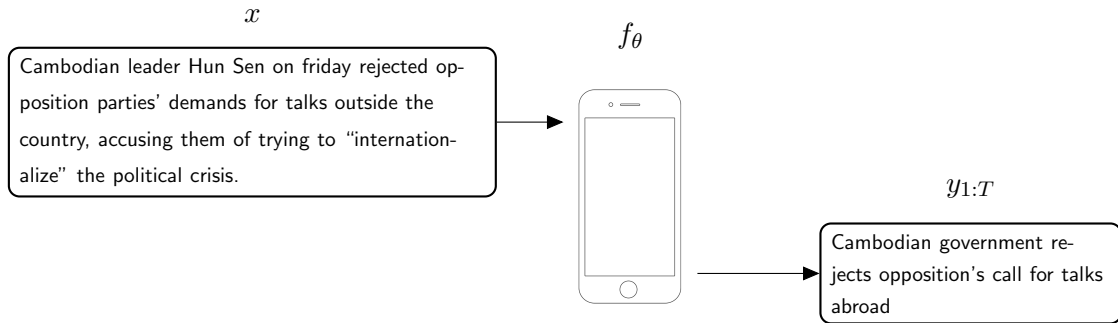
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Cambodian leader Hun Sen on friday rejected opposition parties' demands for talks outside the country, accusing them of trying to "internationalize" the political crisis.

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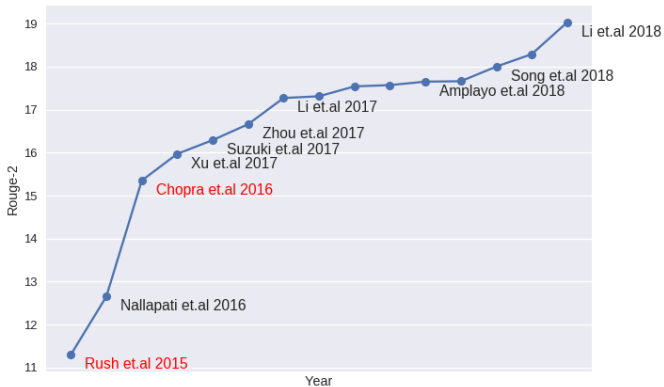
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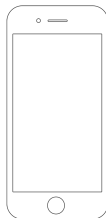
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# Talk about Data

Wiseman et al. [2017a]

TEAM						
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Heat	11	12	103	49	47	27
Hawks	7	15	95	43	33	20

PLAYER						
	AS	RB	PT	FG	FGA	CITY ...
Tyler Johnson	5	2	27	8	16	Miami
Dwight Howard	11	17	23	9	11	Atlanta
Paul Millsap	2	9	21	8	12	Atlanta
Goran Dragic	4	2	21	8	17	Miami
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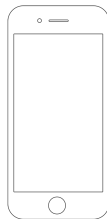


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# Talk about the Diagrams

Deng et al. [2016] w/ Bloomberg

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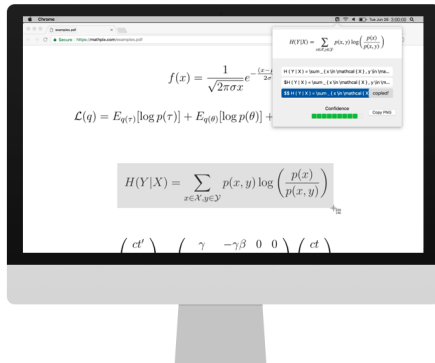
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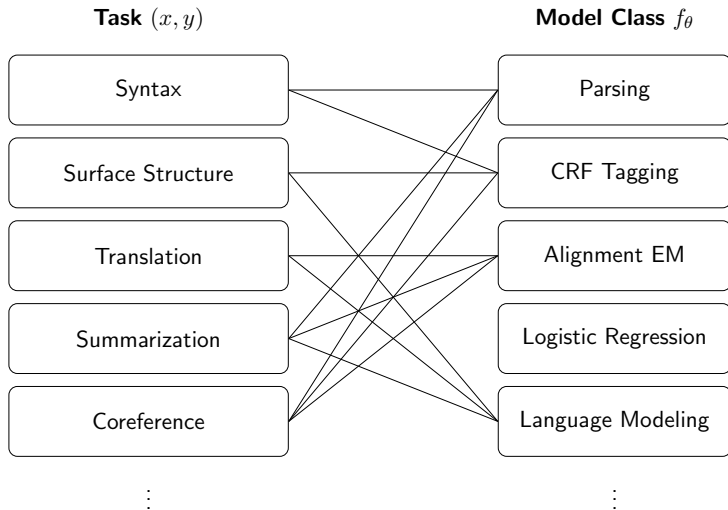
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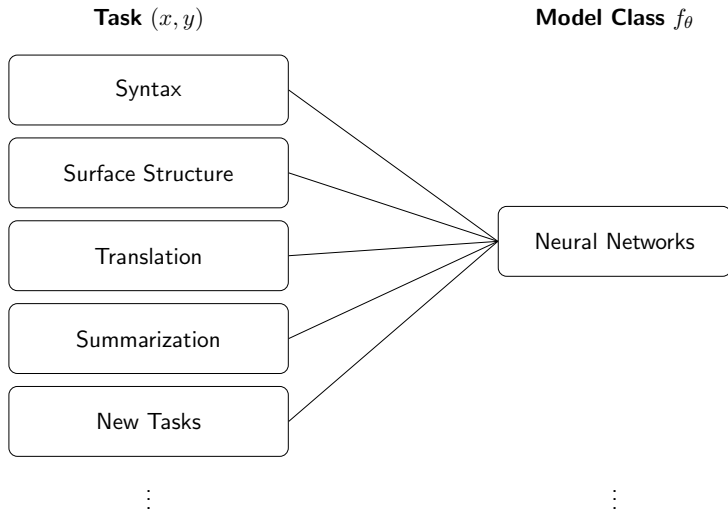
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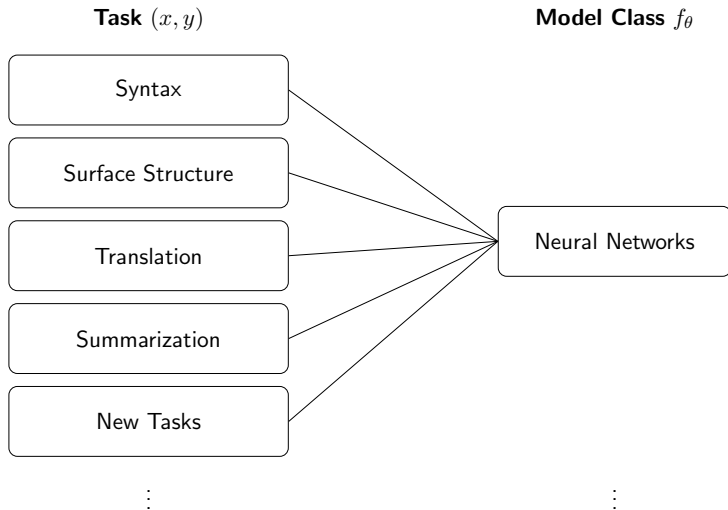


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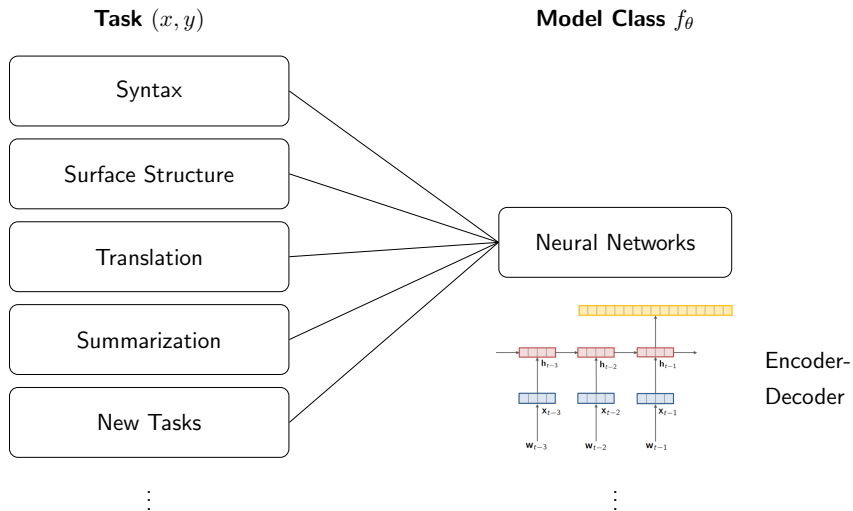




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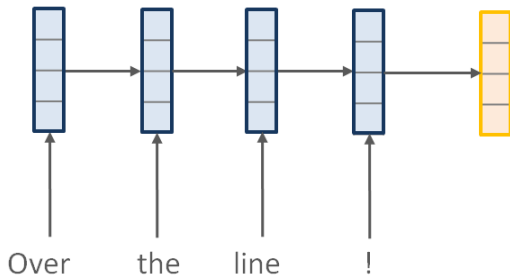
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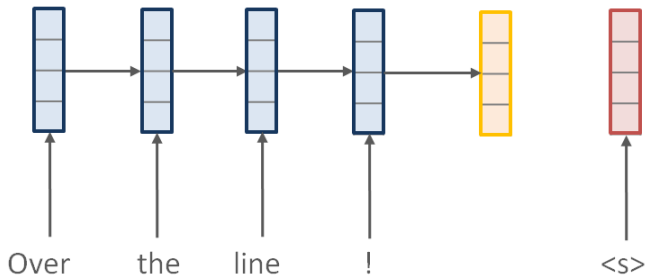
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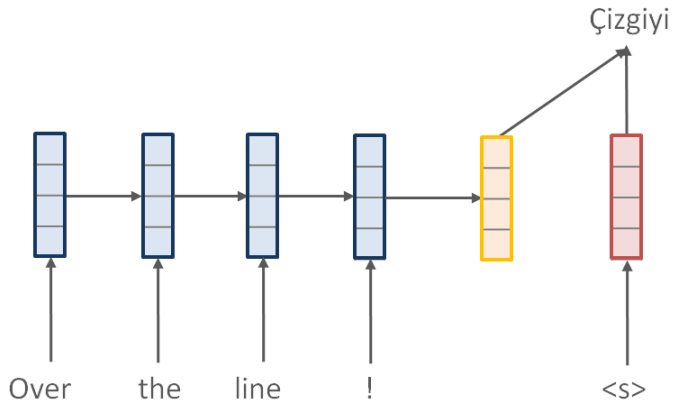
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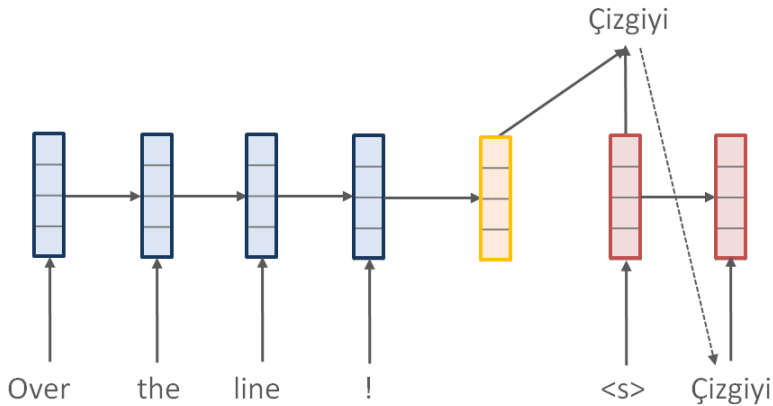
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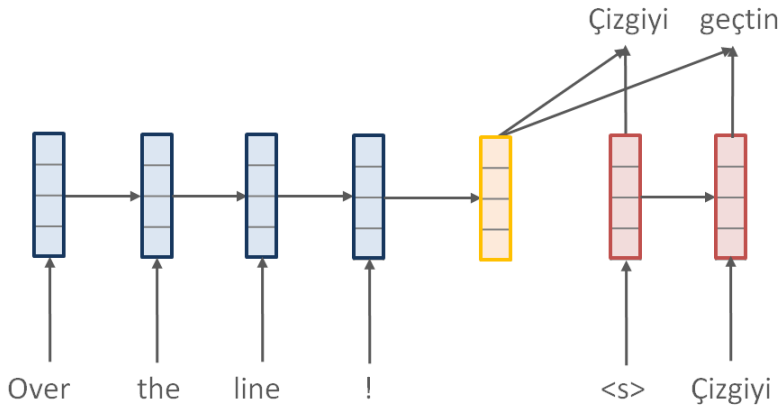
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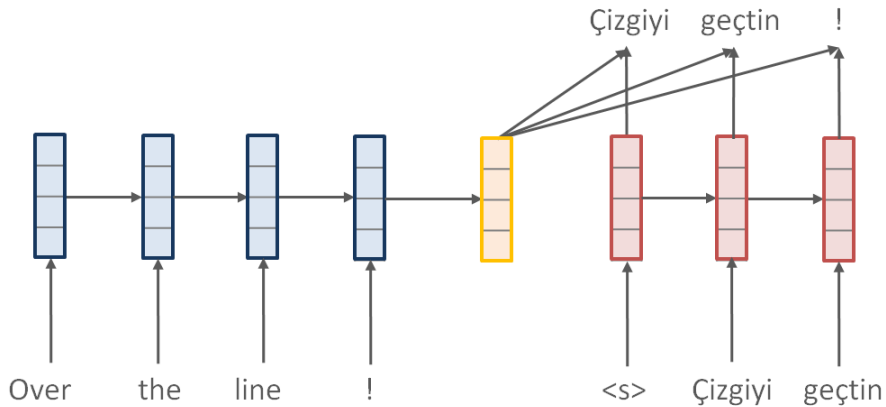
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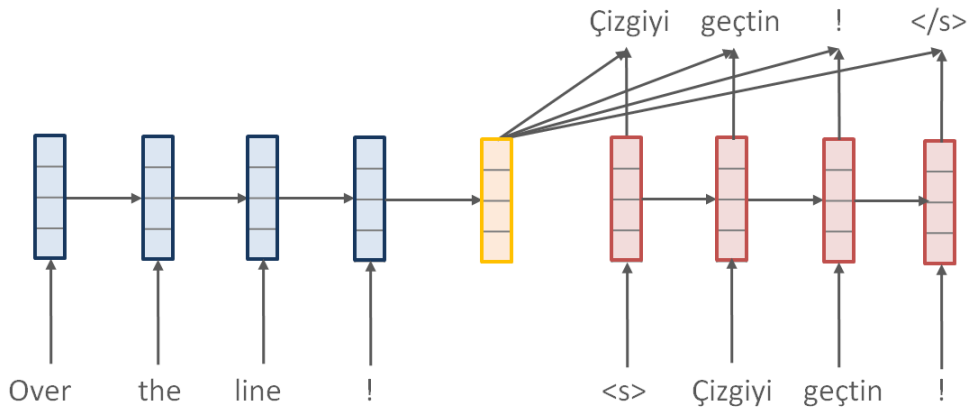
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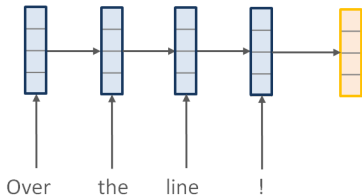
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$$f_\theta(y_{1:T}, x) = \sum_{t=1}^T \log p(y_t \mid y_{1:t-1}, x; \theta)$$

# Scoring Model Example

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**Language** : Well-balanced parentheses (Dyck-1 Language) with nesting-levels,

- Vocabulary: ( ) 0 1 2 3 4
- Example Good String: 0 ( ( 2 ) ( ( ( 4 4 4 ) 3 ) ...
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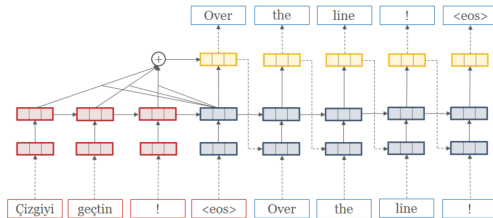
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# Research Overview

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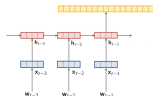
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# Beam Search Optimization

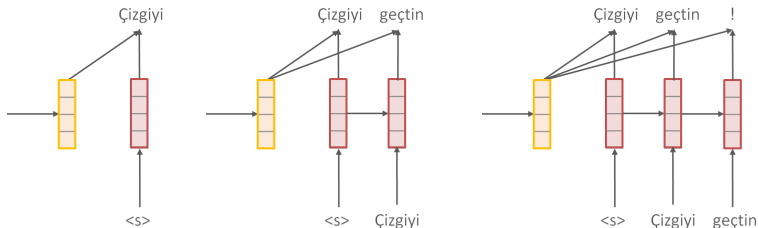
Can we learn parameters  $\theta$  to better target text generation applications?

Training Setup:

- $(x, \hat{y}_{1:T})$  - input, output sentence pair
- $\mathcal{L}(\theta)$  - loss function
- $f_{\theta}$  - learned scoring function

# Baseline: Training Encoder-Decoder

Parameters  $\theta$  are trained to score the next word given the *true* history,  $\hat{y}_{1:t-1}$

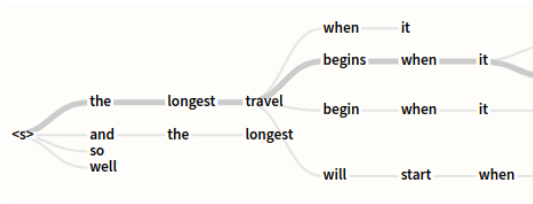
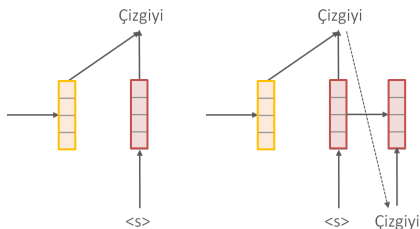


Training loss is identical to **multiclass classification**,

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# Generating with Encoder-Decoder

Parameters  $\theta$  are used to score the next word given *any* history,  $y_{1:t-1}$ .



Generation aims to maximize over all sequences,

$$y_{1:T}^* = \arg \max_{y_{1:T}} f_{\theta}(y_{1:T}, x) = \arg \max_{y_{1:T}} \sum_t \log p(y_t | y_{1:t-1}, x; \theta)$$

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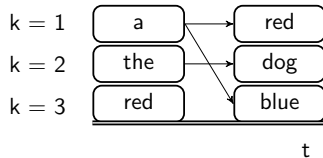
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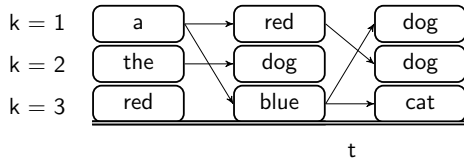
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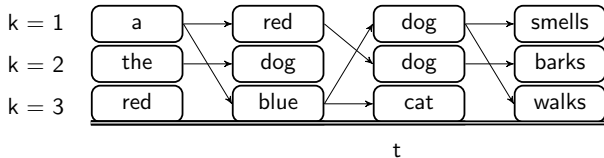
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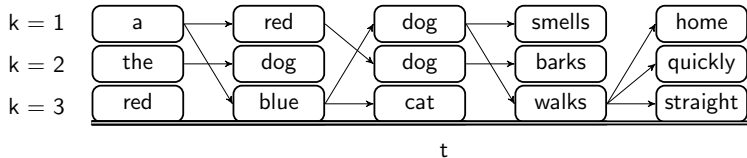
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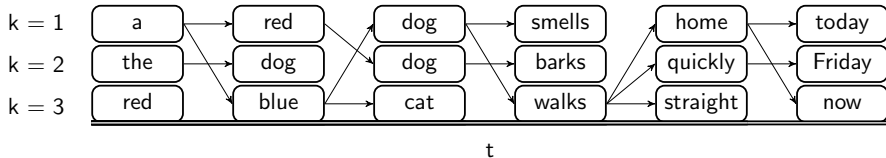
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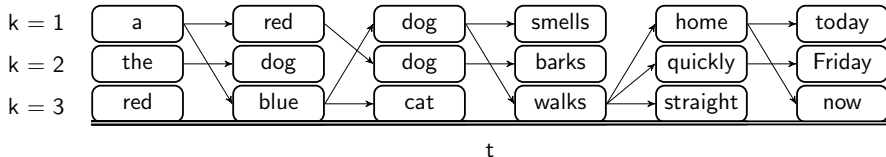
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$$f_{\theta}(\langle y_t, y_{1:t-1}^{(k)} \rangle, x) \leftarrow \log p(y_t \mid y_{1:t-1}^{(k)}, x) + \log p(y_{1:t-1}^{(k)} \mid x)$$

- 2 Prune to only the  $K$  highest-scoring of  $(K \times \text{vocab})$  choices,

$$y_{1:t}^{(1:K)} \leftarrow K \arg \max_{y_t, k} f_{\theta}(\langle y_t, y_{1:t}^{(k)} \rangle, x)$$

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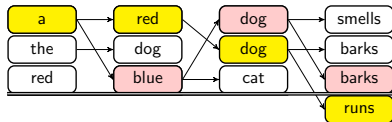
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- Run our beam search procedure during training (structured training)
- Loss tied to mistakes, e.g. true sequence  $\hat{y}_{1:t}$  is *violated* by  $y_{1:t}^{(K)}$  worst beam

## Modification 2: Global Scoring Function

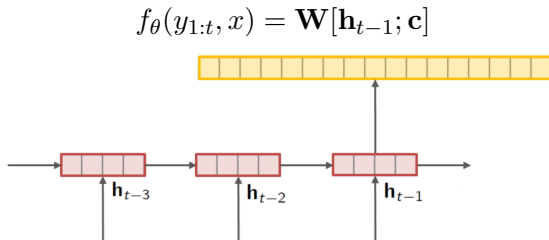
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- Replace local  $\log p(y_t | y_{1:t-1}, x; \theta)$  with a global scoring model  $f_{\theta}(y_{1:t}, x)$ .

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- Positive if true sequence  $\hat{y}_{1:t}$  within margin of worst beam sequence  $y_{1:t}^{(K)}$
- Slack-rescaled margin takes problem-specific  $\Delta$  into account



# Extension: Training with Hard Constraints

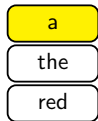
## Bonus: Hard Constraints

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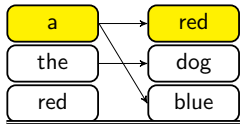
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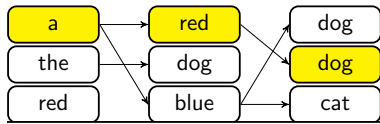
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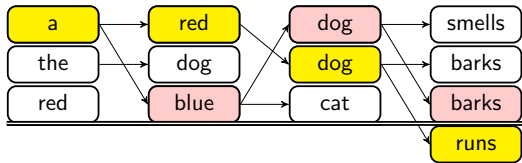
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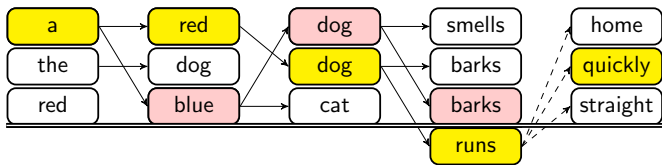
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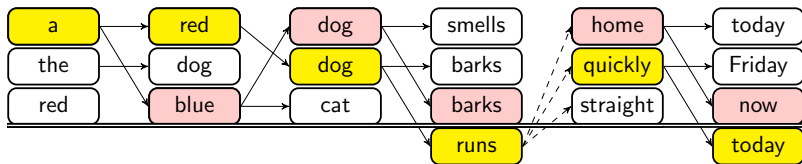
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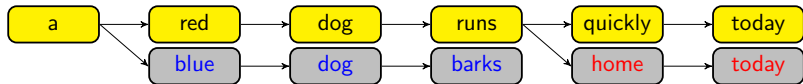
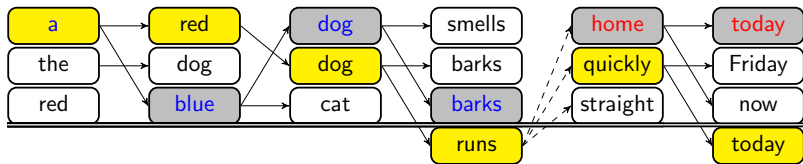
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# Parameter Updates: Structured Backpropagation





# Main Results

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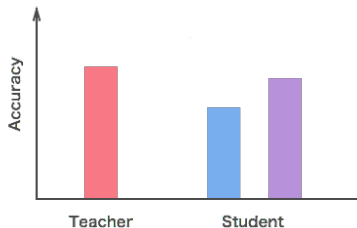
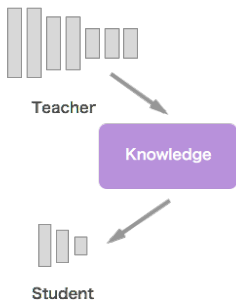
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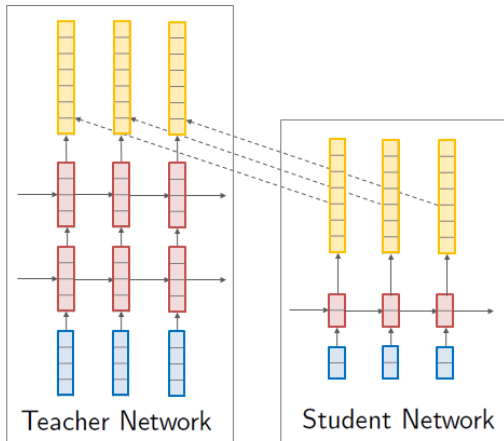
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Machine Translation (BLEU)			
Encoder-Decoder	22.53	24.03	23.87
Beam-Search Optimization, $\Delta$	<b>23.83</b>	<b>26.36</b>	<b>25.48</b>

**Goal:** Shrink the size of text generation models.

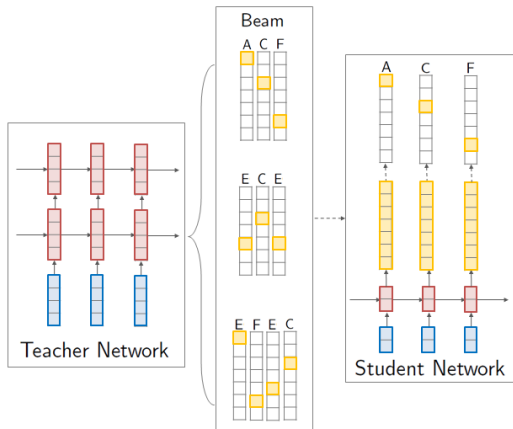
- Knowledge Distillation: Train a *student* model to learn from a *teacher* model.



# Word-Level Knowledge Distillation (Multiclass)



# Sequence-Level Knowledge Distillation



## Results: WMT English $\rightarrow$ German Translation

Model	$\text{BLEU}_{K=1}$	$\Delta_{K=1}$	$\text{BLEU}_{K=5}$	$\Delta_{K=5}$
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2 $\times$ 500				
Student	14.7	—	17.6	—
Word-KD	15.4	+0.7	17.7	+0.1



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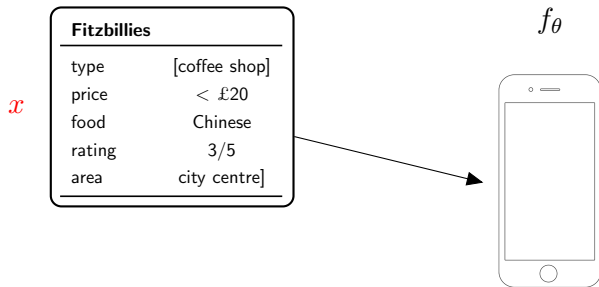
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# Application

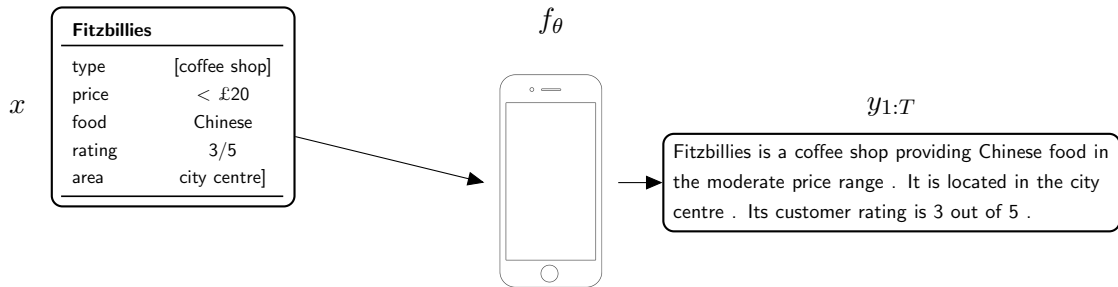
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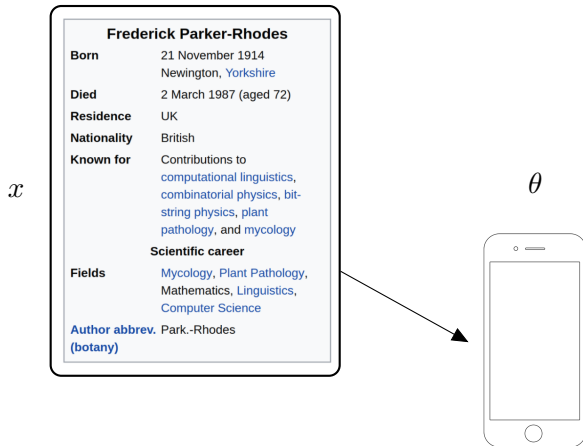
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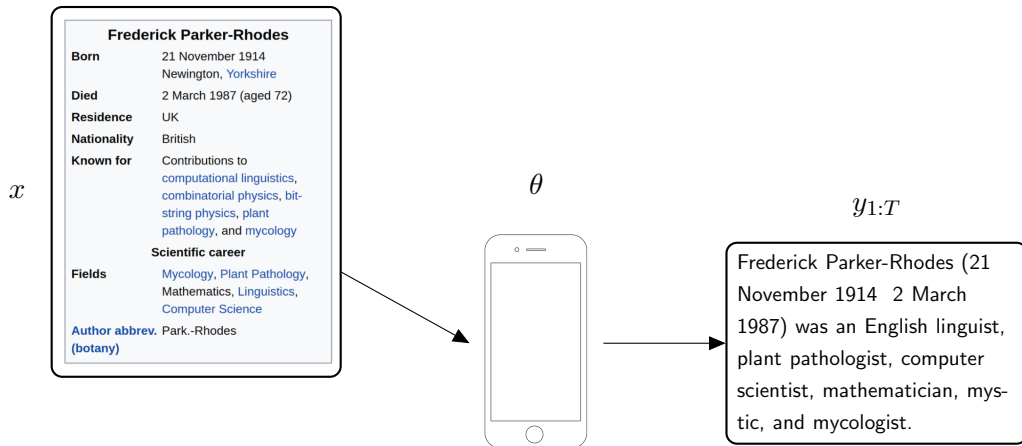
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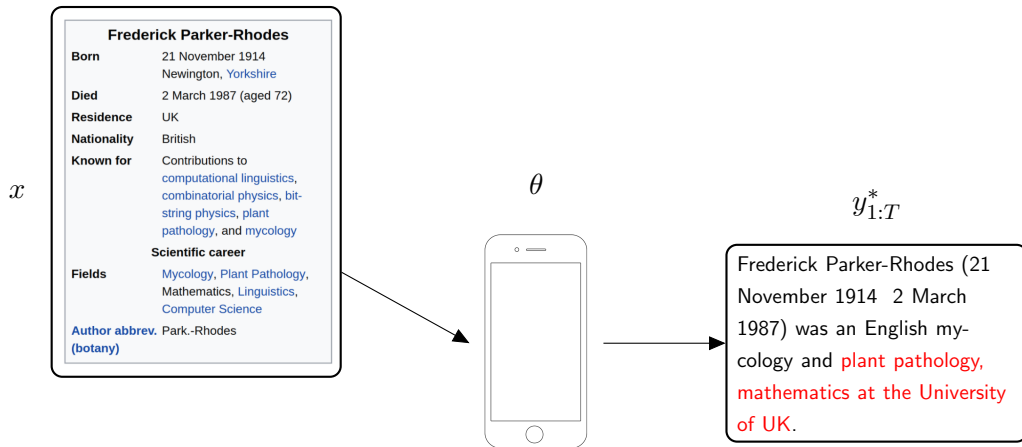
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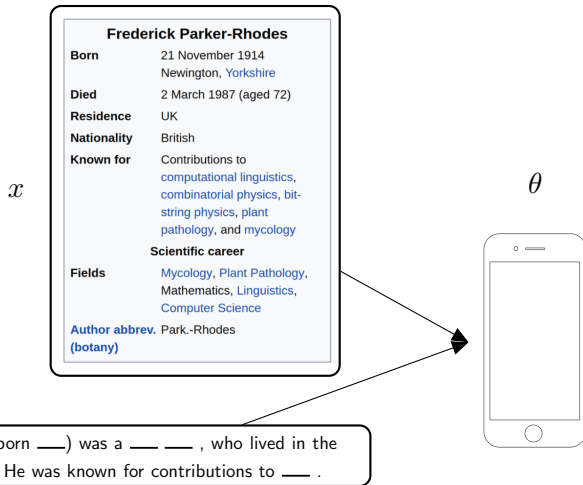


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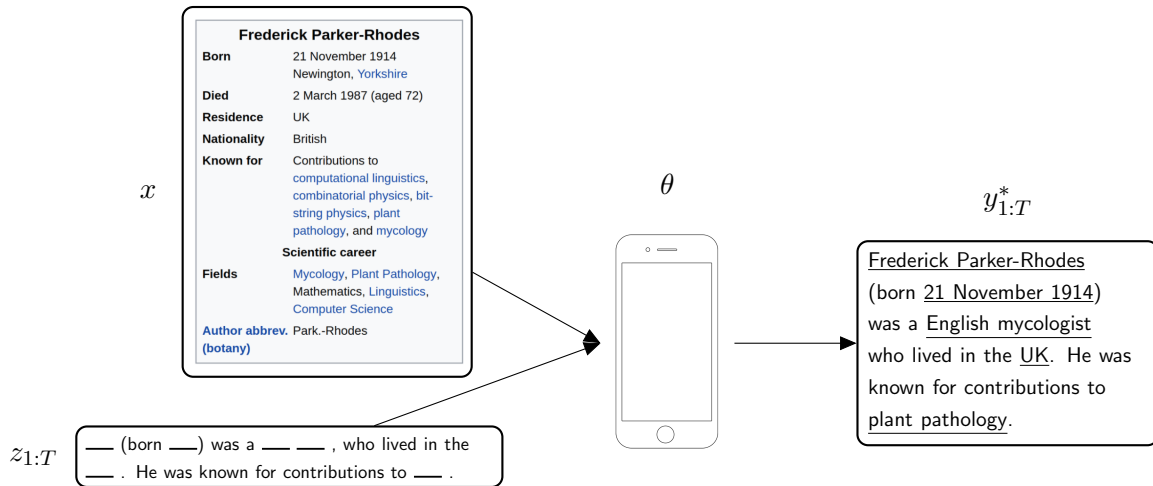




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# Arguments for Templated Generation

Guarantees about the quality, in particular,

- ① Interpretable in its factual content.
- ② Controllable in terms of style.

Goal: Can we achieve this with a deep-learning based system?

# Technical Approach: Deep Latent-Variable Models

Expose specific choices as latent variables  $z$ .

$$p(y, z \mid x; \theta)$$

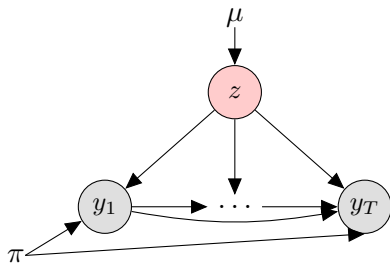
- $x, y, \theta$  as before, *what to talk about / how to say it*
- $z$  is a collection of latent variables

# Preliminary Model 1: Sentence Clusters

Generative process:

- 1 Draw cluster  $z \in \{1, \dots, Z\}$  from a Categorical.
- 2 Draw words  $y_{1:T}$  from decoder RNN with parameters  $\pi_z$ .

$$p(y, z \mid x; \theta) = \mu_z \times \text{RNN}(y_{1:T}; \pi_z)$$



The film is the first from ...  $z = 1$

Allen shot four-for nine ...  $z = 2$

In the last poll Ericson led ...  $z = 3$

## Preliminary Model 2: Neural Copy Models

Generative process:

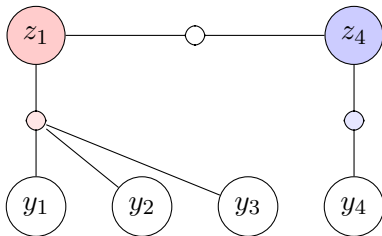
- ① Draw copy switch  $z \in \{0, 1\}$  from a Bernoulli.
- ② Draw words  $y_{1:T}$  from decoder RNN where
  - If  $z = 0$ , let the model generate a new word.
  - If  $z = 1$ , let the model copy a word from the source.

Example:

Frederick Parker-Rhodes (born 21 November 1914) was a English linguist ...

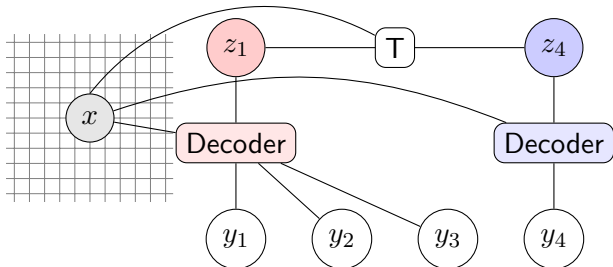
# Classical Model: Hidden Semi-Markov Model

- Hidden Markov Model: discrete latent states with single emissions (e.g. words).
- Extension: discrete latent states produce multiple emissions (e.g. phrases).
- Parameterized with *transition*, *emission*, and *length* distributions.



# A Deep Hidden Semi-Markov Model

- Employ HSMM as a conditional latent variable language model,  $p(y_1, \dots, y_T, z \mid x)$ .
- Transition Distribution: neural network between clusters.
- Emission Distribution: Encoder-Decoder+Copy, specialized per cluster  $\{1, \dots, Z\}$ .





# Technical Methodology: Training Model

Fit model by minimizing negative log-marginal likelihood on training data.

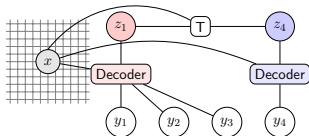
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = -\log \sum_{z_{1:T}} p(\hat{y}_{1:T}, z_{1:T} \mid x; \theta)$$

- Dynamic programming to efficiently compute HSMM forward algorithm for sum
- Backpropagation with autograd, sum computation is exact.

However, this just gives another score model  $f_{\theta}(y_{1:T}, x)$ . Want templates.

# From Neural HSMM to Templates

Extract “templates” by finding most common, best sequences of training sentences.



$$z_{1:T}^* = \arg \max_{z_{1:T}} p(y_{1:T}, z_{1:T} \mid x; \theta)$$

The Wrestlers is a coffee shop that serves English ...

$\Downarrow z^*$

The Wrestlers

is a

coffee shop

that serves

English

...

# Example Templates: Wikipedia

Sentences grouped by the same  $z_{1:T}^*$  and their splits.

1.     |     aftab ahmed     (     born     1951     )     is an american     actor  
        |     anderson da silva     ;     born on     1970     ]     was an american     actress |  
        |     david jones         born 1     1974     ]     is an english     cricketer |  
        |     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...
2.     |     aftab ahmed     was a     world war i     member of the     austrian     house of representatives  
        |     anderson da silva     is a former     liberal     party member of the     pennsylvania     legislature  
        |     david jones     is a     baseball     recipient of the     montana     senate |  
        |     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...
3.     |     adjutant     aftab ahmed     was a     world war i     member of the     kneset  
        |     lieutenant     anderson da silva     is a former     liberal     party member of the     scottish parliament |  
        |     captain     david jones     is a     baseball     recipient of the     fc lokomotiv liski |  
        |     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...
4.     |     william     " billy " watson     1913     -     1917     was an american     football player  
        |     john william     smith     (     c. 1900     in     surrey, england     )     was an american     rules footballer  
        |     james "     jim " edward     1913     -     british columbia     )     is an american     defenceman  
        |     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...  
        |     who plays for     collingwood     in the     victorial football league     vfl  
        |     who currently plays for     st kilda     of the     national football league     afl  
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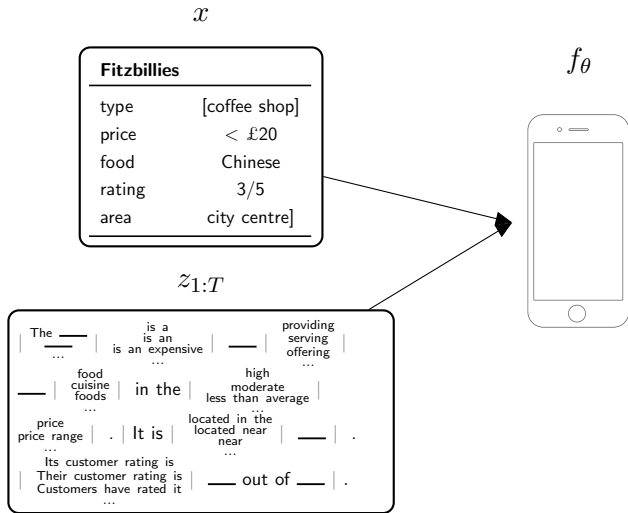
$x$

Fitzbillies	
type	[coffee shop]
price	< £20
food	Chinese
rating	3/5
area	city centre]

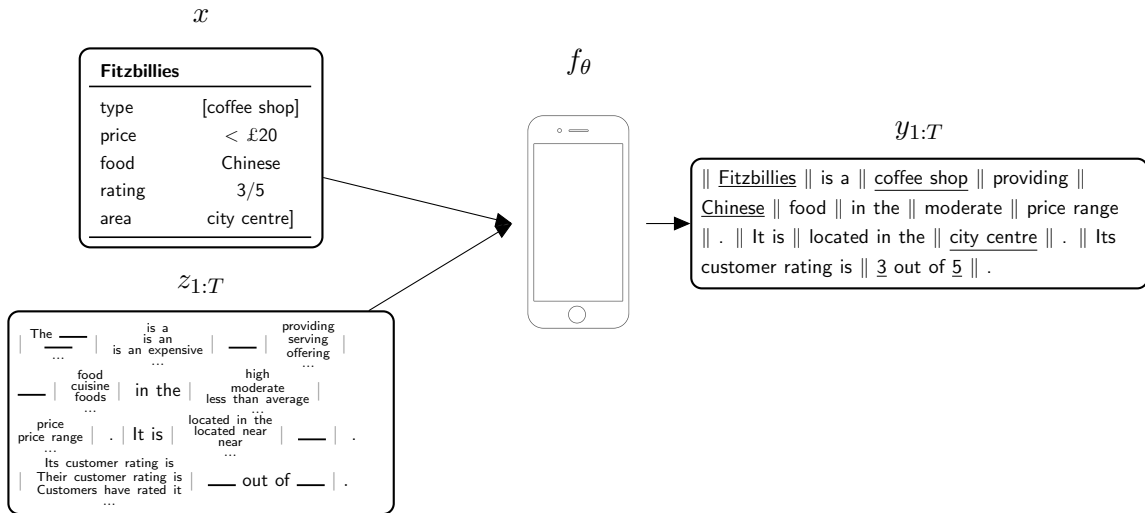
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# Neural Template Generation Approach



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# Issue 1: Interpretability

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## kenny warren

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**name:** kenny warren, **birth date:** 1 april 1946,

**birth name:** kenneth warren deutscher, **birth place:** brooklyn, new york,

**occupation:** ventriloquist, comedian, author,

**notable work:** book - the revival of ventriloquism in america

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1. kenny warren deutscher ( april 1, 1946 ) is an american ventriloquist.
  2. kenny warren deutscher ( april 1, 1946 , brooklyn,) is an american ventriloquist.
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## Issue 2: Controllability

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### The Golden Palace

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name[The Golden Palace], type[coffee shop], food[Chinese],  
priceRange[cheap] custRating[5 out of 5], area[city centre],

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1. The Golden Palace is a coffee shop located in the city centre.
  2. In the city centre is a cheap Chinese coffee shop called The Golden Palace.
  3. The Golden Palace is a Chinese coffee shop.
  4. The Golden Palace is a Chinese coffee shop with a customer rating of 5 out of 5.
  5. The Golden Palace that serves Chinese food in the cheap price range. It is located in the city centre. Its customer rating is 5 out of 5.
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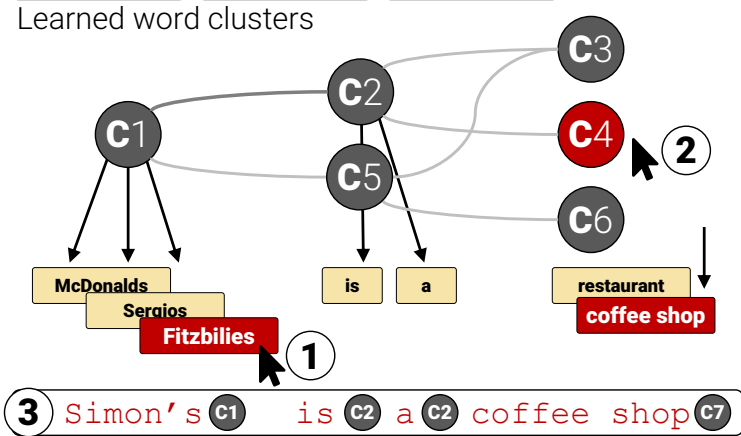
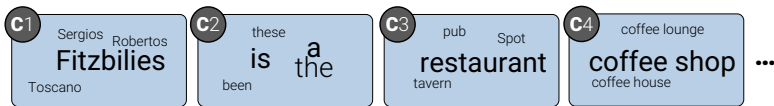


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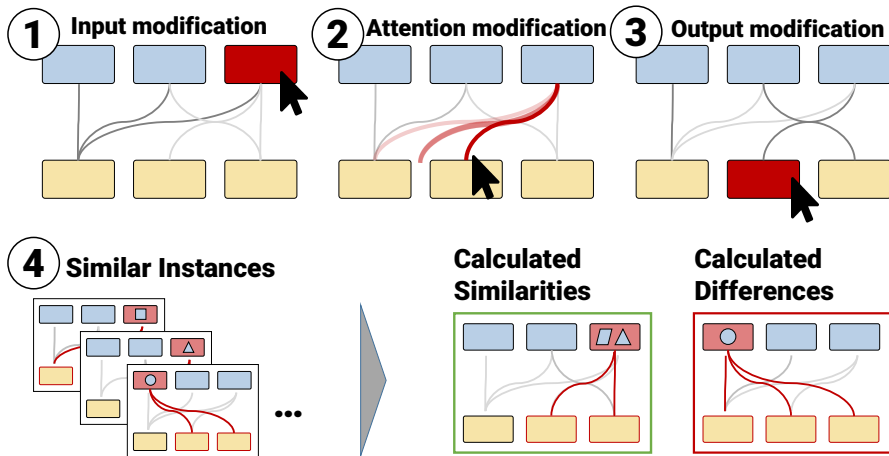
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Test		
Substitution	43.78	6.88
Neural Template	56.72	7.63
Full Neural Model	65.93	8.59

	BLEU	NIST	ROUGE-4
Conditional KN-LM	19.8	5.19	10.7
NNLM (field)	33.4	7.52	23.9
NNLM (field & word)	34.7	7.98	25.8
Neural Template	33.8	7.51	28.2

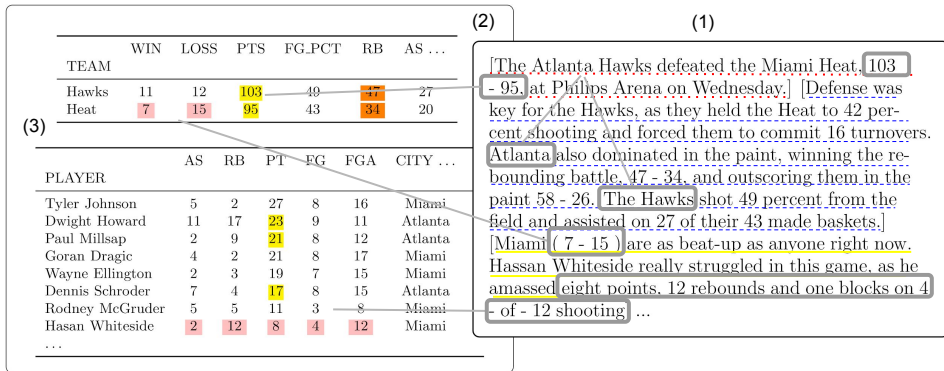
# Controllable Interactive Deep Learning Systems



## Another Application: Understanding Model Selection



# Long-Form Generation with Explicit Reasoning



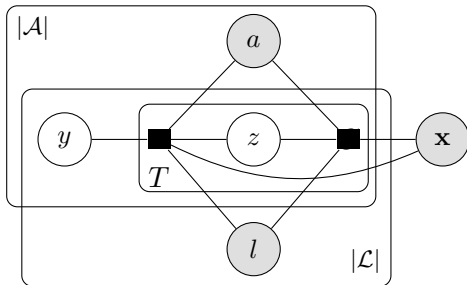
- 1 Discourse-aware structure in generation
- 2 Explicit Linking and coreference
- 3 Aggregation of factual information before generation

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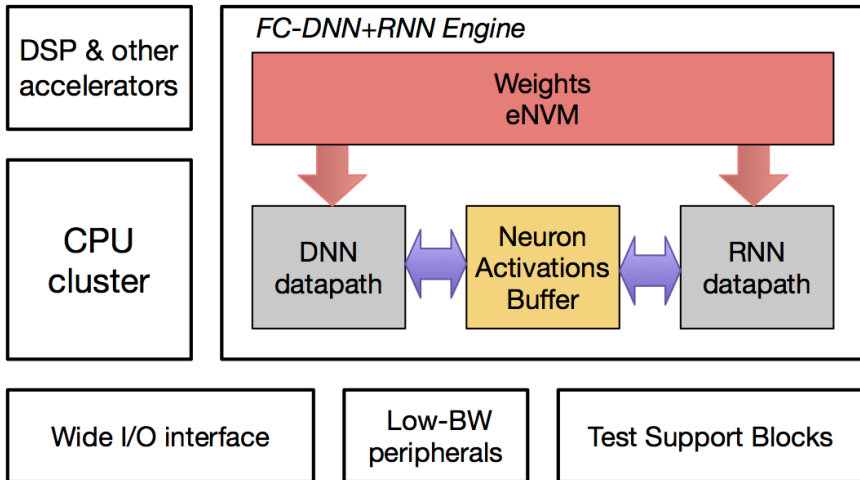
## Simpler and Cleaner Open-Research





# Hardware Co-Design for Generation and Understanding print

## ***Universal Translator SoC***



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