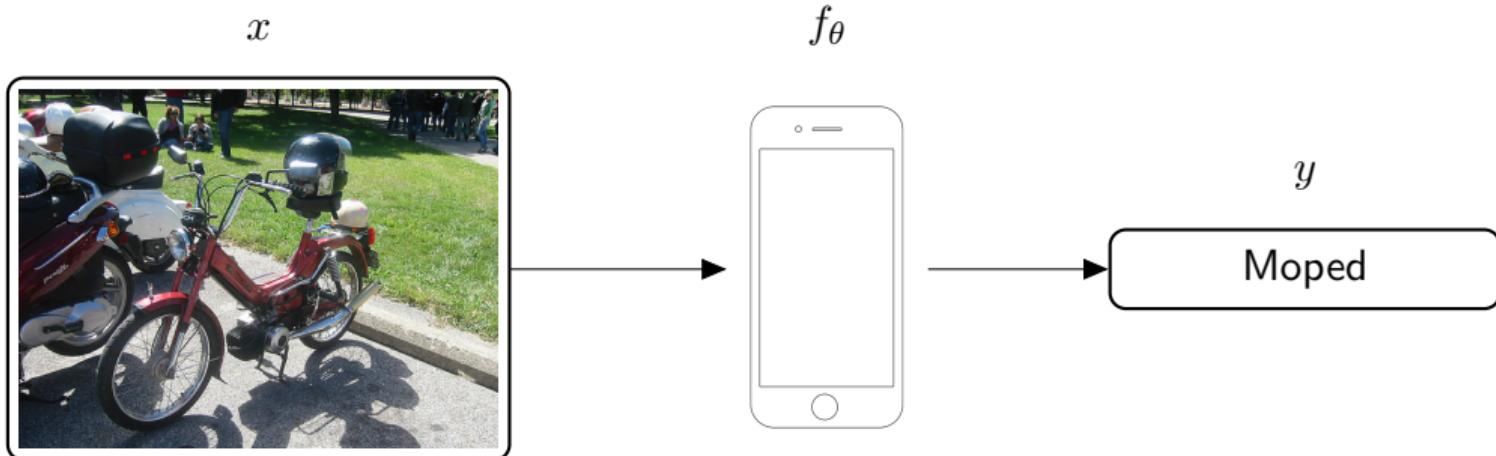


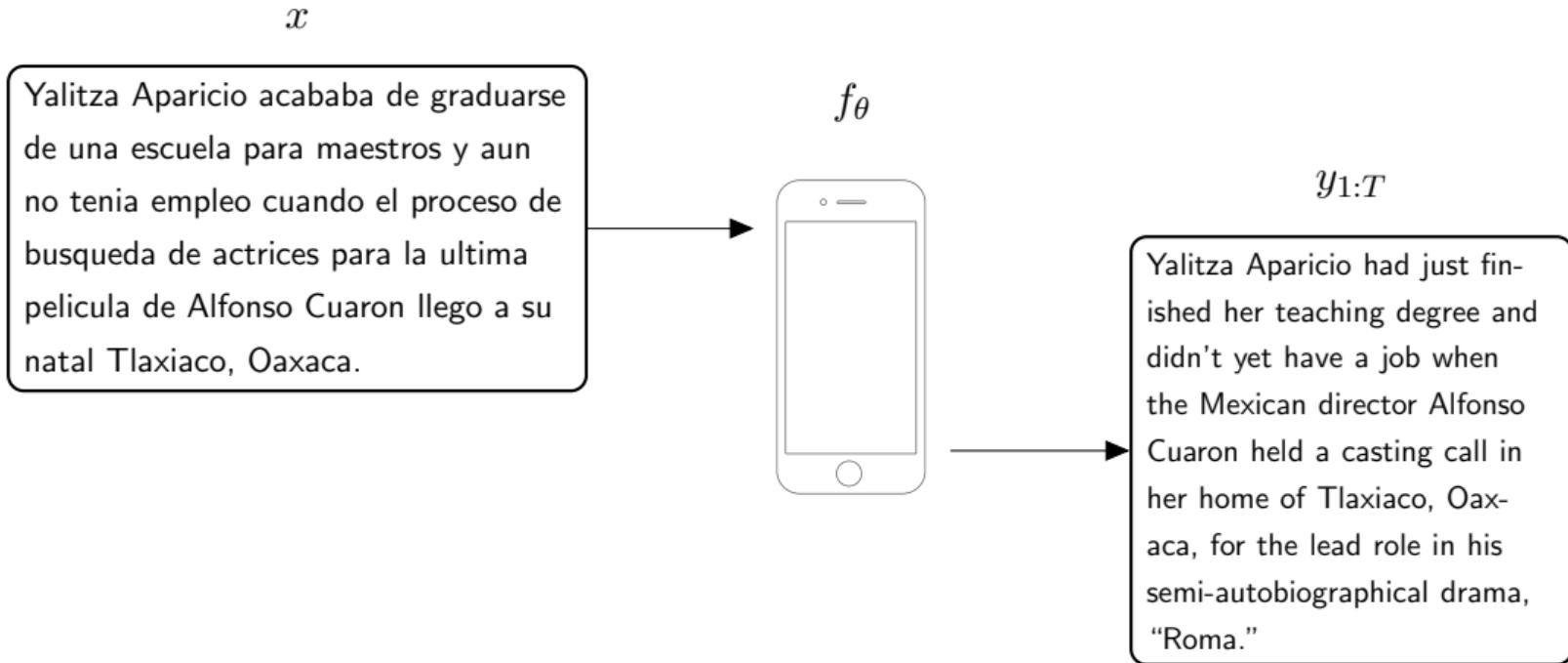
Learning How to Say It: Language Generation and Deep Learning

Alexander M Rush

Machine Learning for Multiclass Classification



Machine Learning for Text Generation: Translation



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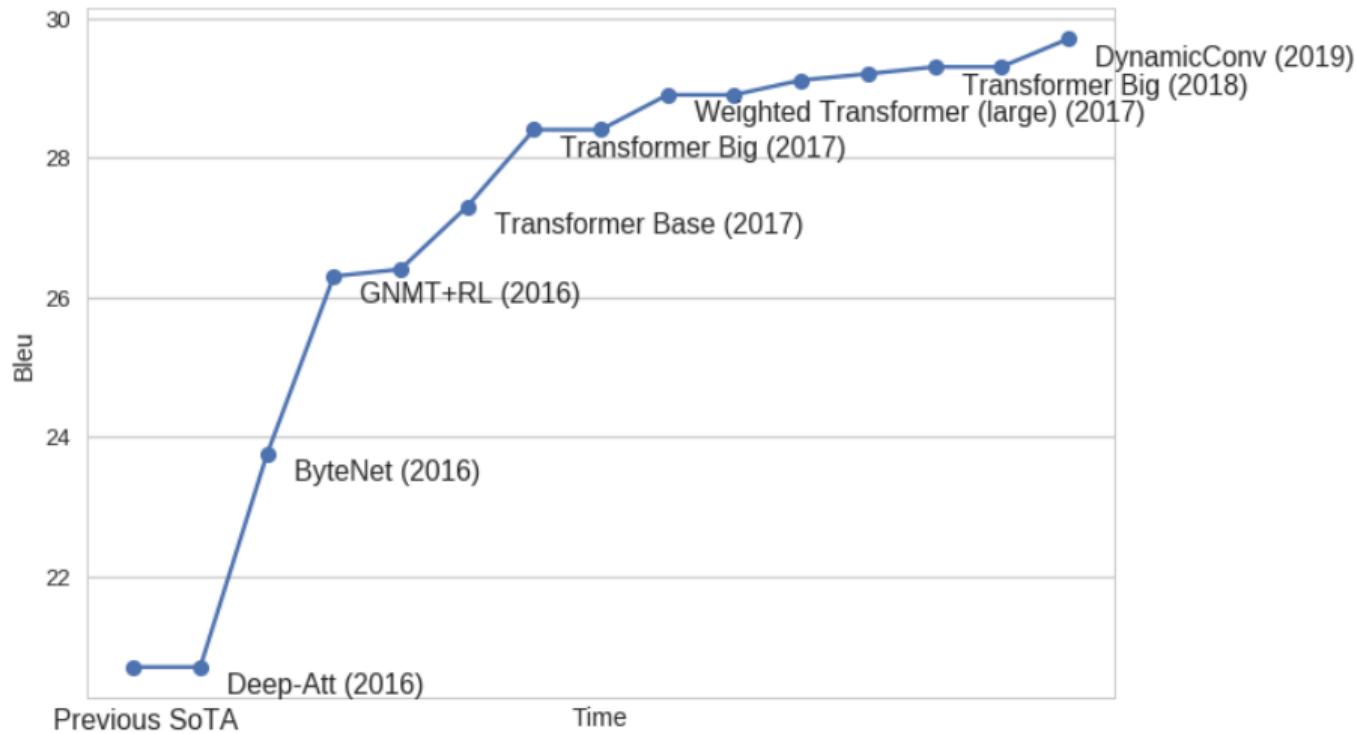
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Machine Translation Performance



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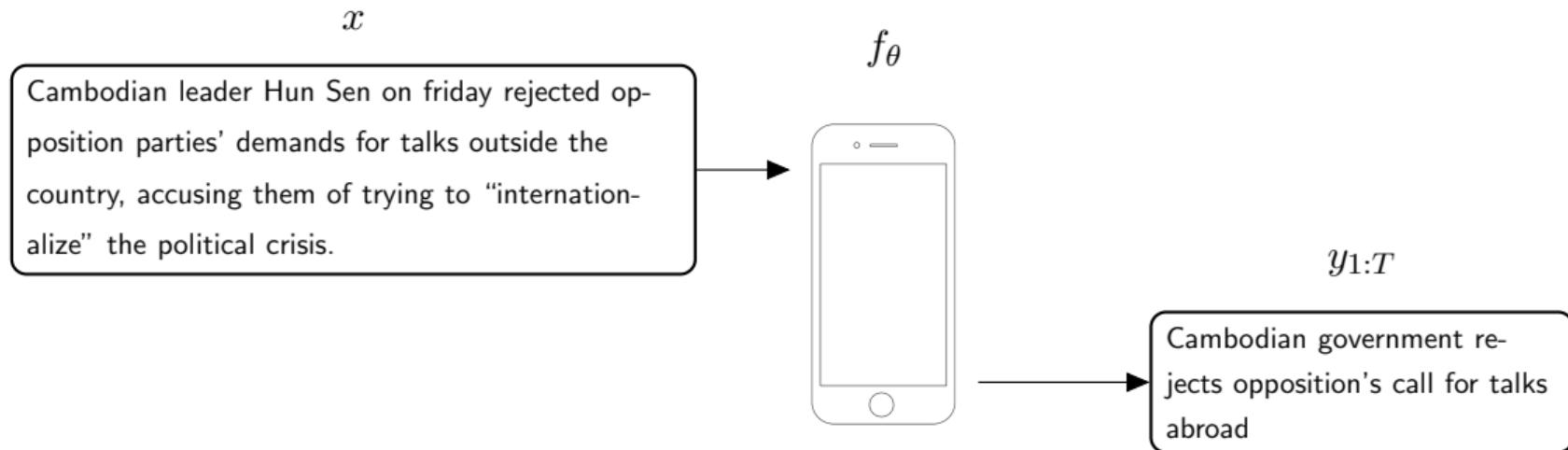
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Cambodian leader Hun Sen on Friday rejected opposition parties' demands for talks outside the country, accusing them of trying to "internationalize" the political crisis.

f_θ



Sentence Summarization



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GERMANY IMPLEMENTS TEMPORARY BORDER CHECKS TO LIMIT MIGRANTS

BY GEIR MOULSON AND SHAWN POGATCHNIK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN (AP) -- Germany introduced temporary border controls Sunday to stem the tide of thousands of refugees streaming across its frontier, sending a clear message to its European partners that it needs more help with an influx that is straining its ability to cope.



AP Photo/Kay Nietfeld

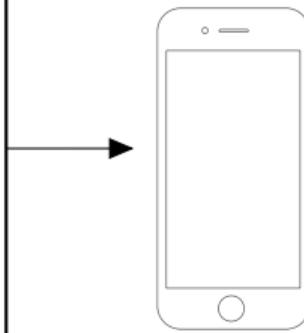
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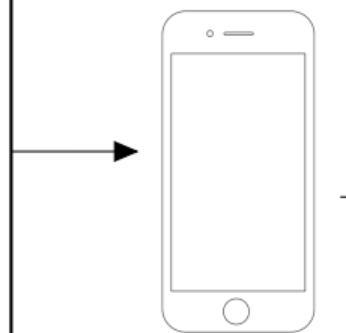
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Talk about Data

Wiseman et al. [2017a]

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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
Wayne Ellington	2	3	19	7	15	Miami
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Talk about the Diagrams

Deng et al. [2016] w/ Bloomberg

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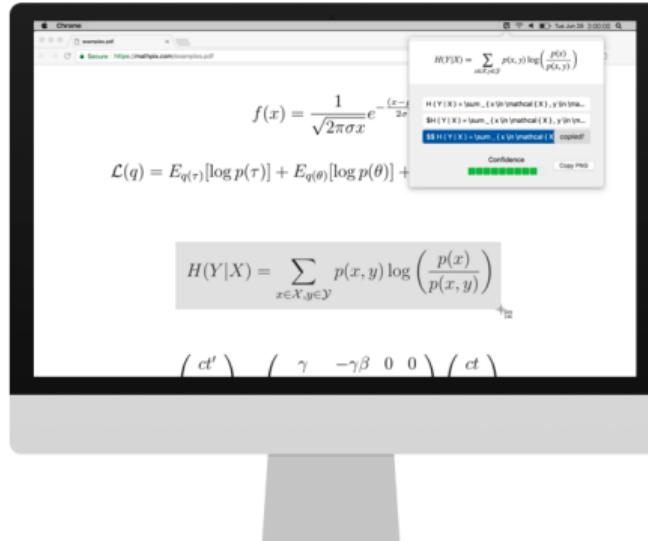
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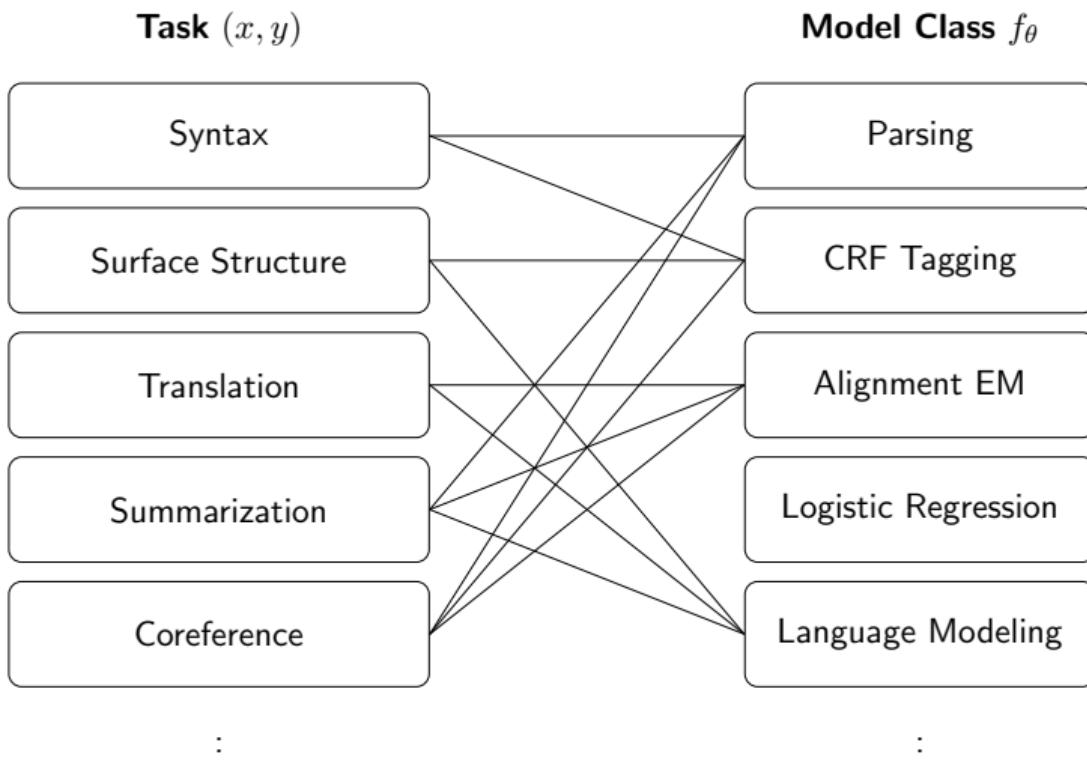
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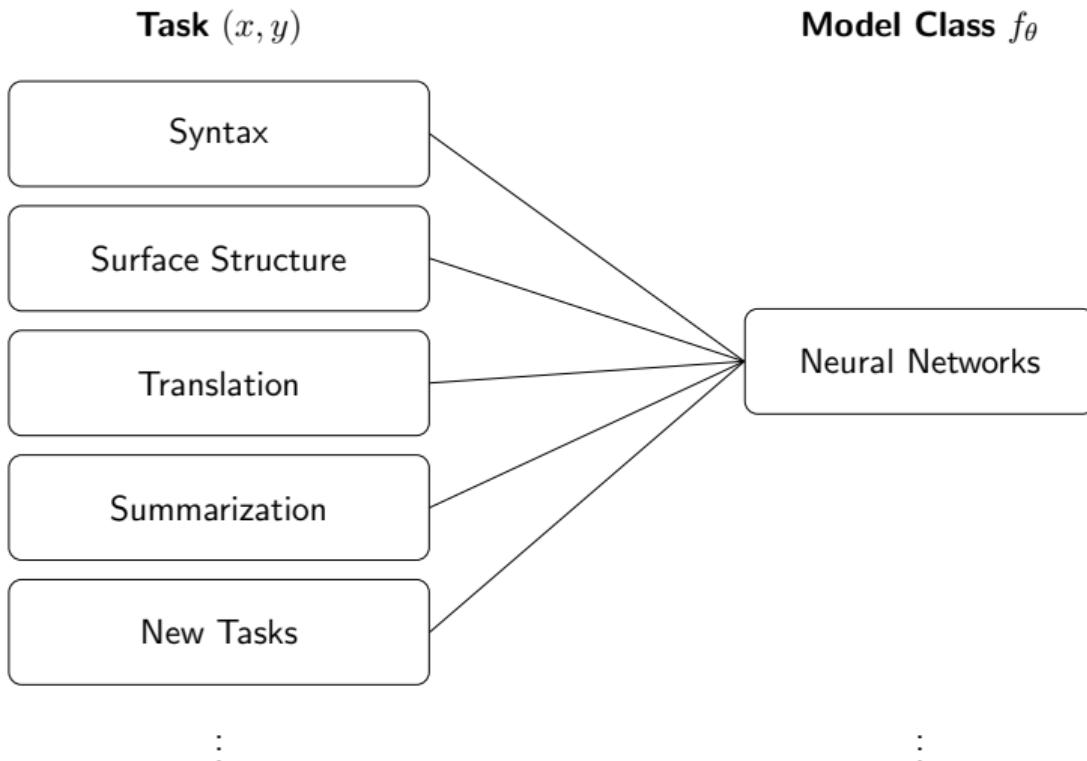
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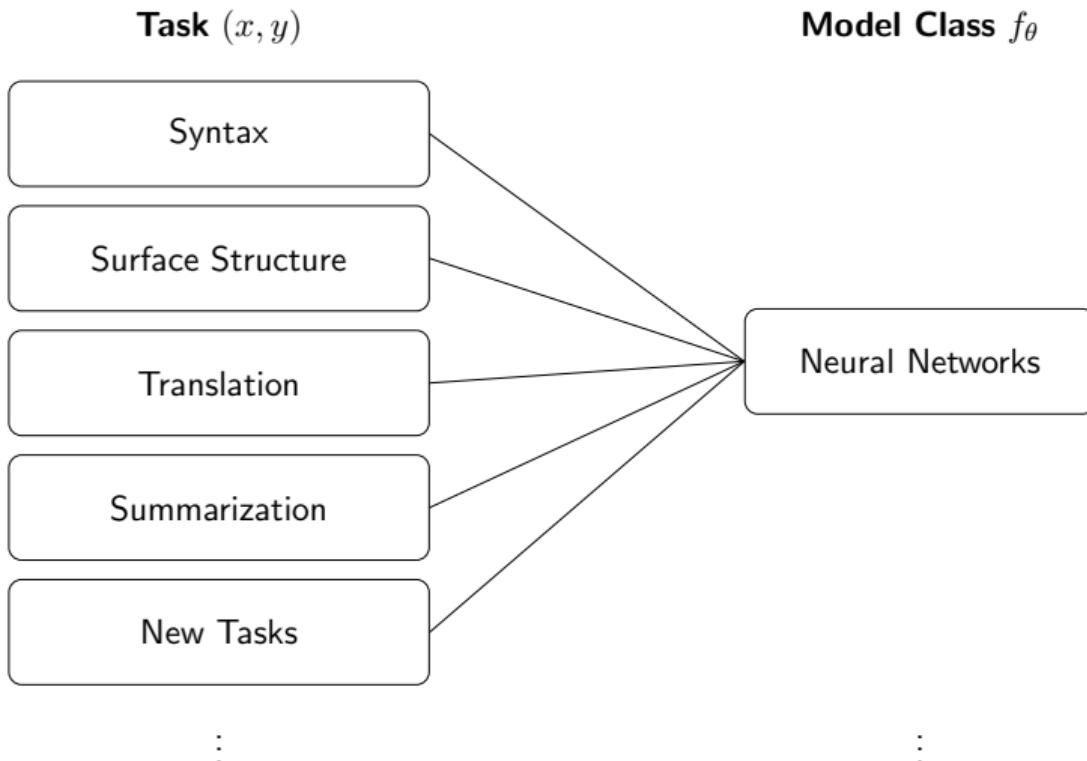
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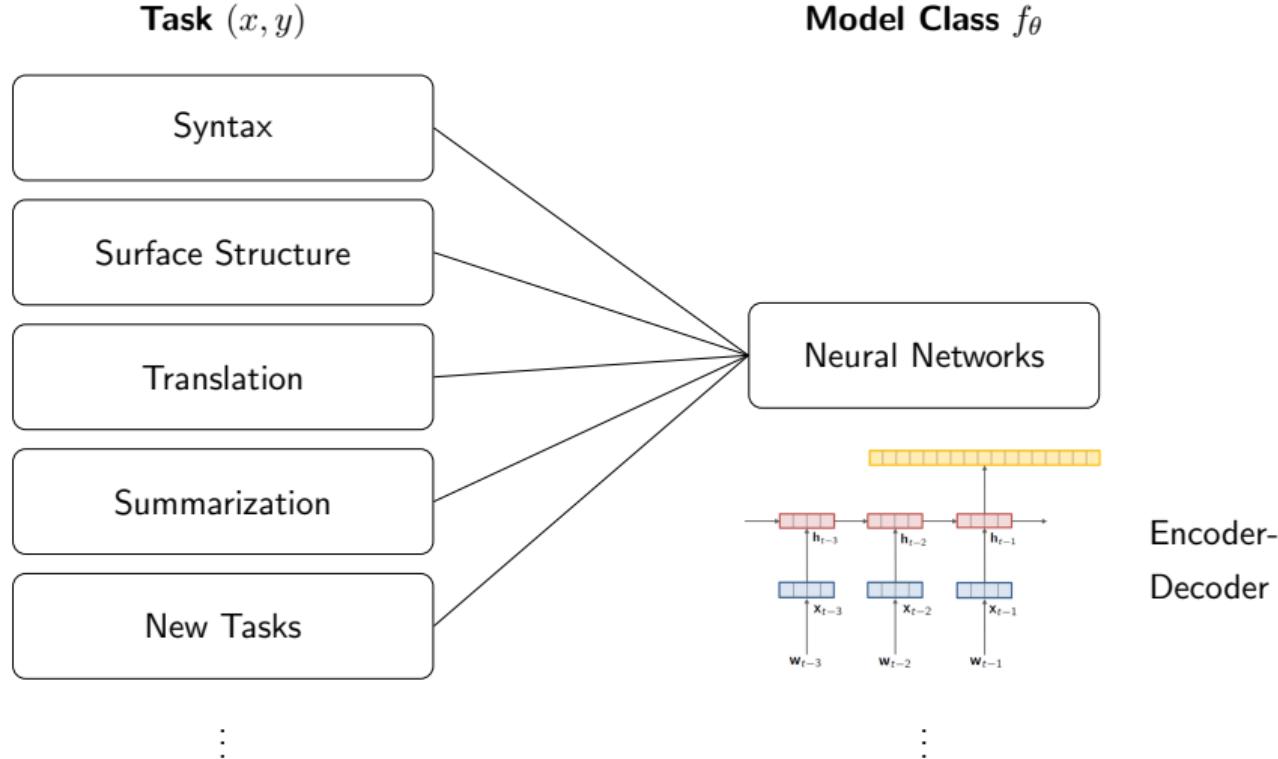
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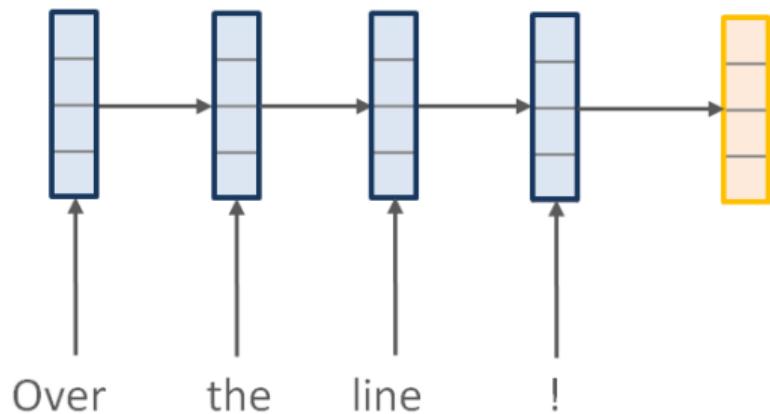
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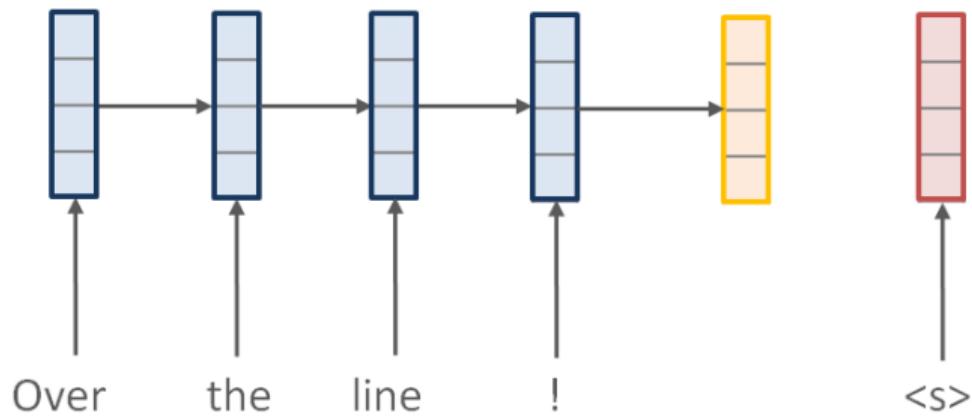
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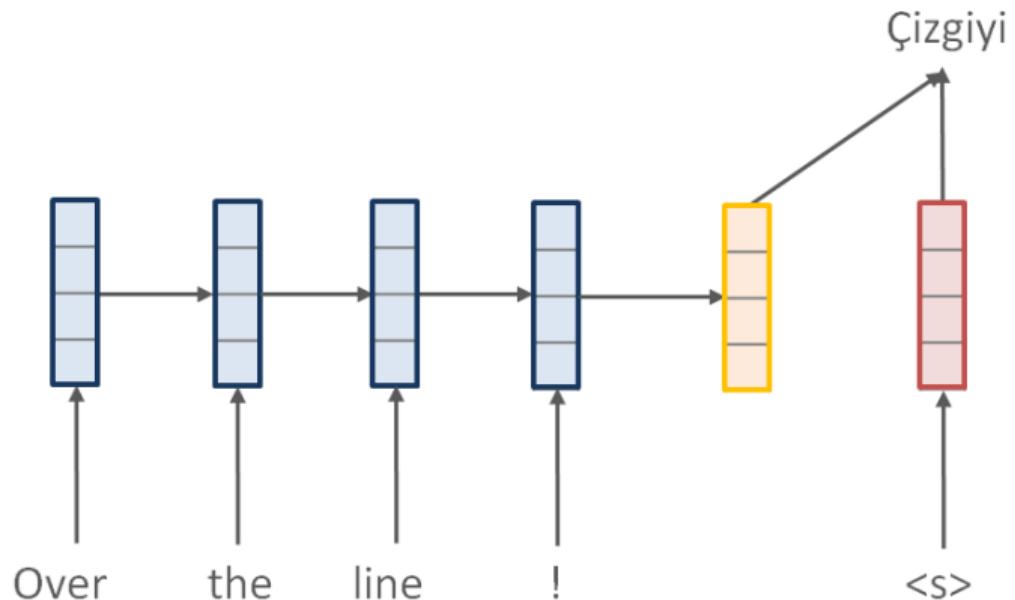
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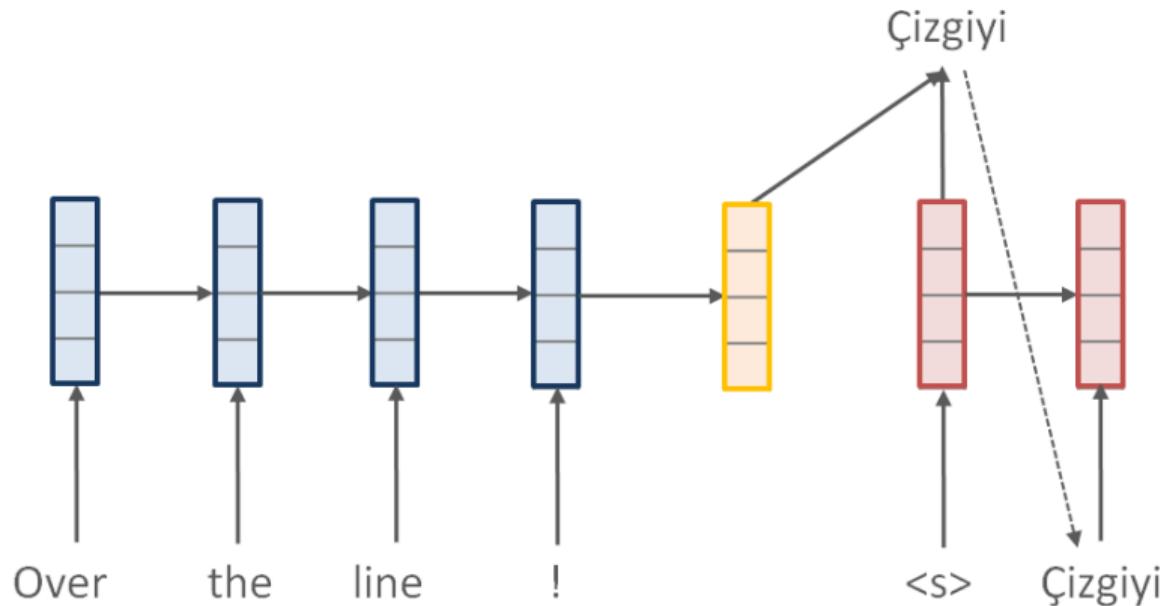
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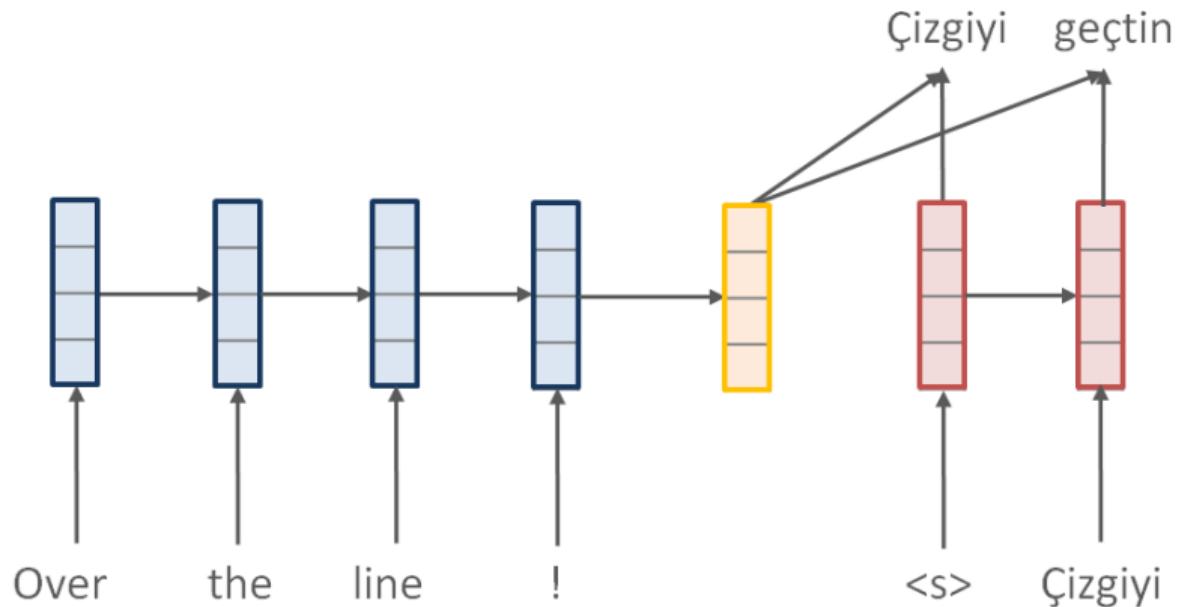
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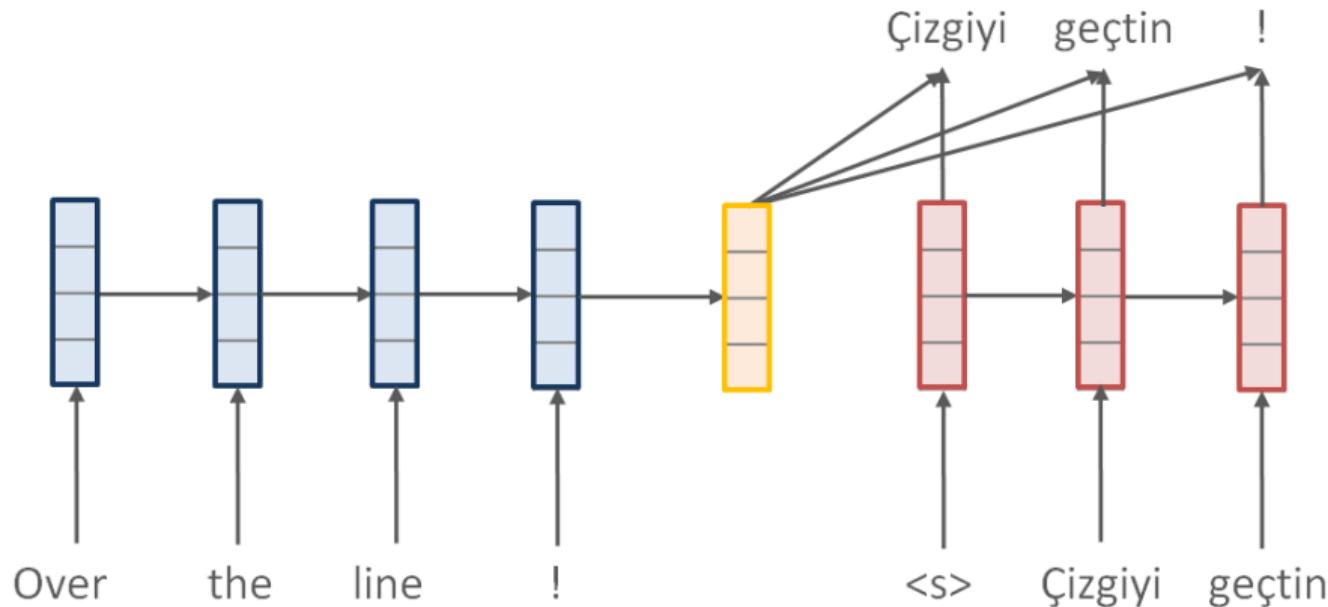
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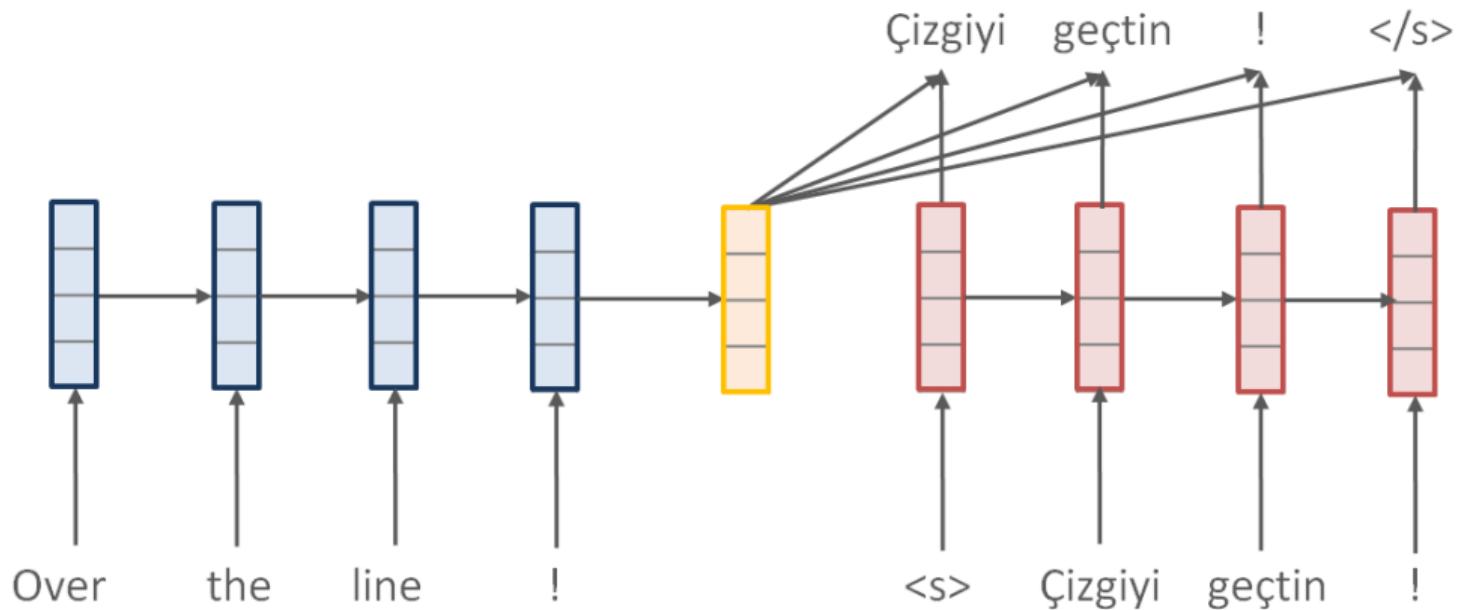
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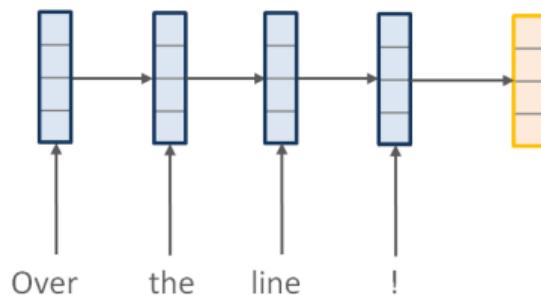
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Scoring Model Example

Decoder:

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

- Vocabulary: () 0 1 2 3 4

$$f(\text{"0 ((2) (((4 4 4) 3) ..."}, x)$$

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LSTMVis - Parenthesis Language Strobelt et al. [2016] w/ IBM

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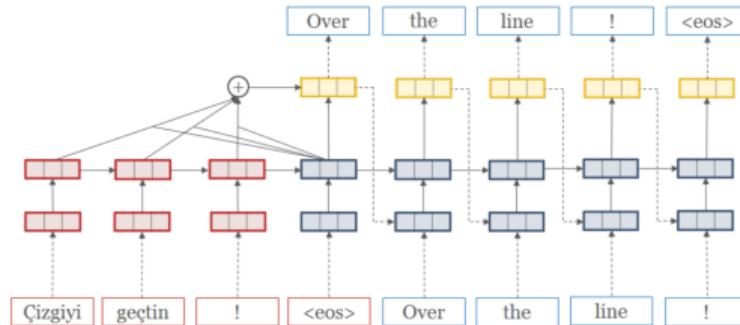
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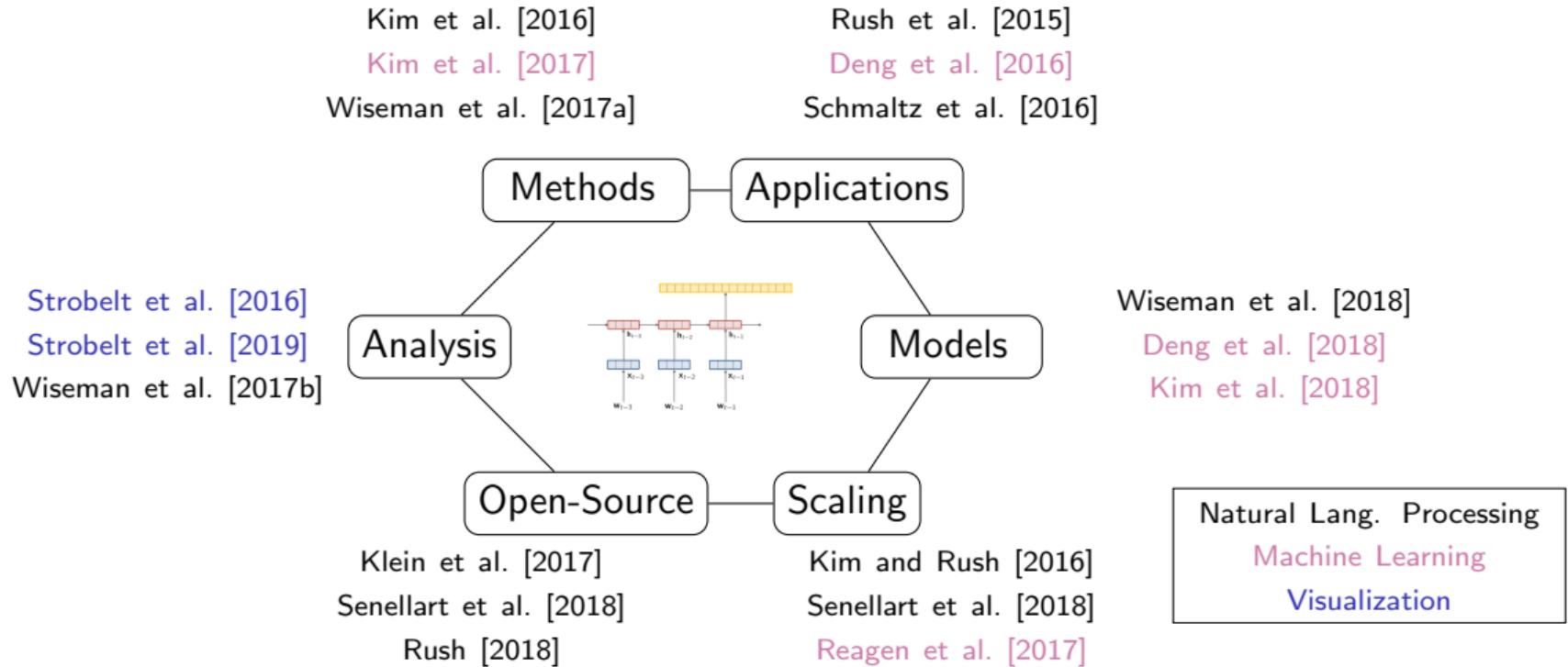
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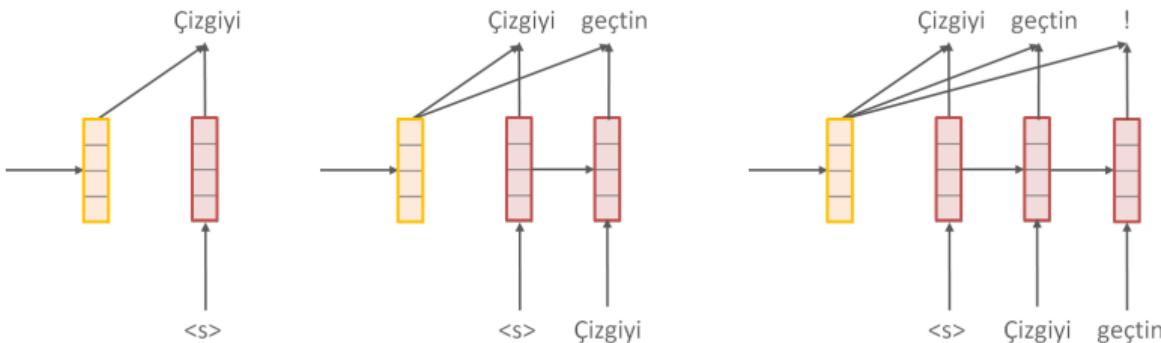
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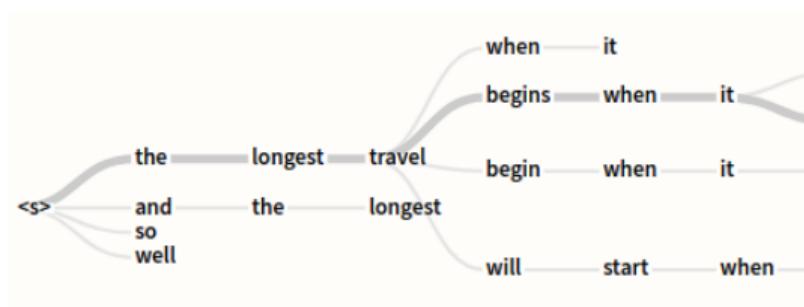
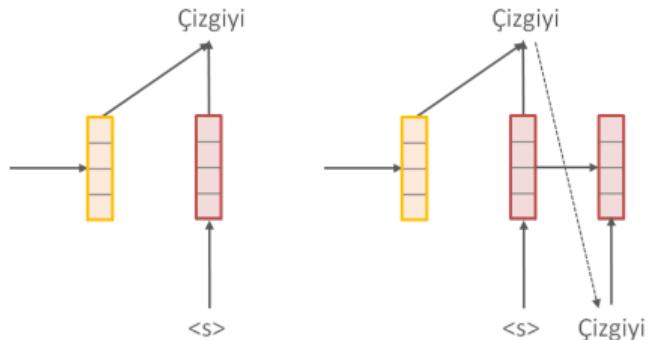


Training loss is identical to **multiclass classification**,

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = - \sum_t \log p(\hat{y}_t \mid \hat{y}_{1:t-1}, x; \theta)$$

Generating with Encoder-Decoder

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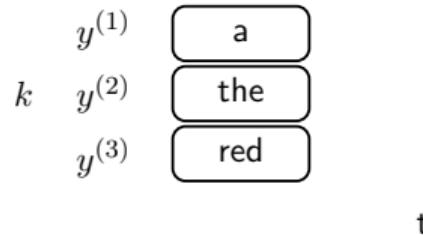


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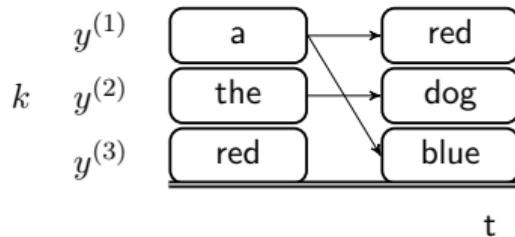
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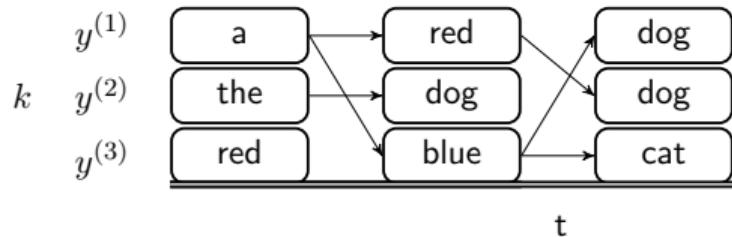
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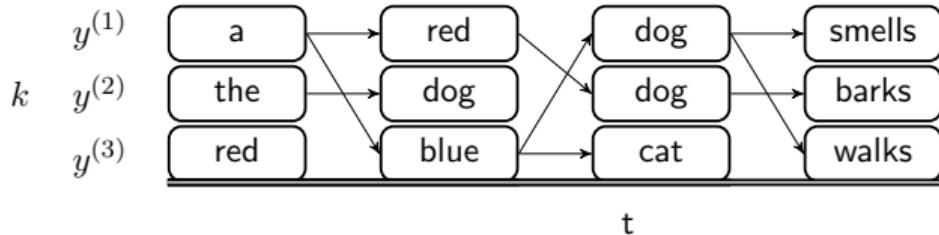
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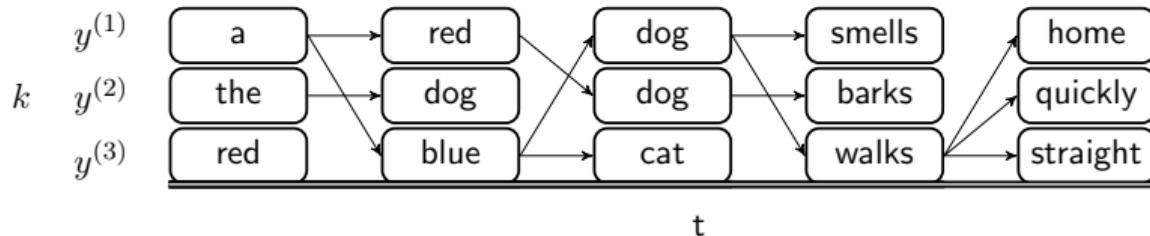
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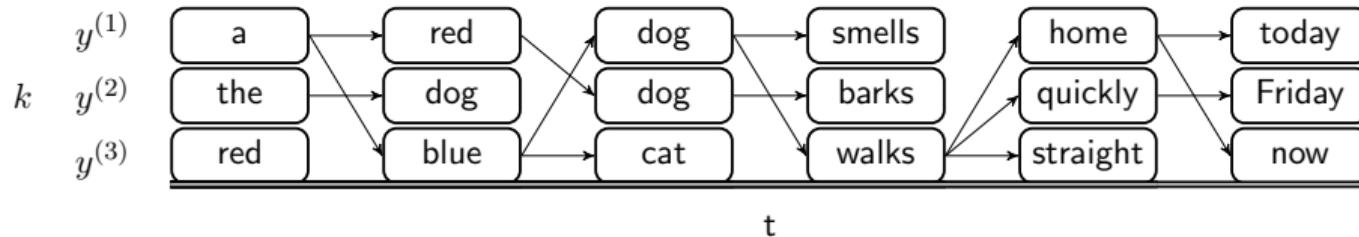
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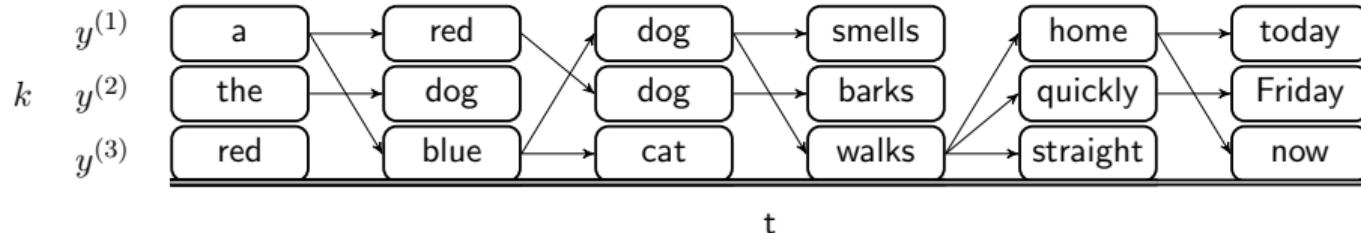
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- ② Prune $(K \times \text{vocab})$ expansions to top K ,

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

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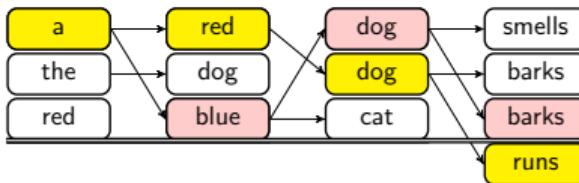
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- Run our beam search procedure during training (structured training)
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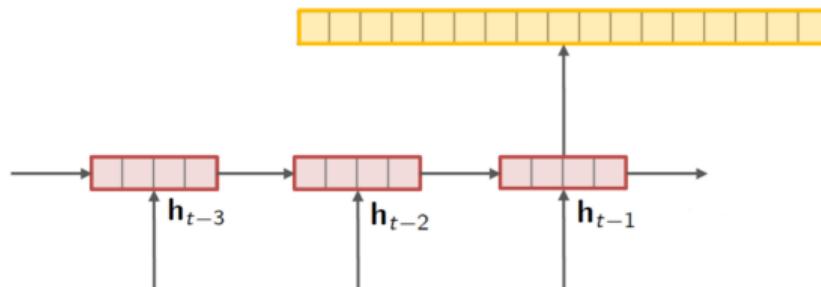
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- Positive if true sequence $\hat{y}_{1:t}$ within margin of worst beam sequence $y_{1:t}^{(K)}$.
- Slack-rescaled margin takes problem-specific Δ into account.

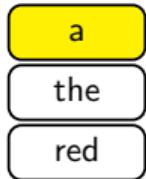
Extension: Training with Hard Constraints

Beam Search Optimization supports hard constraints at training.

Example: Code generation with a known grammar,

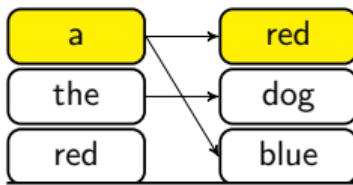
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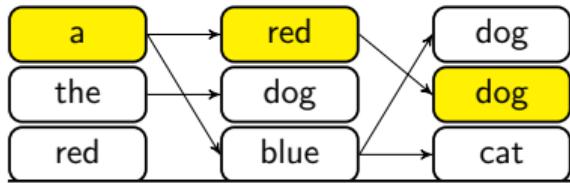
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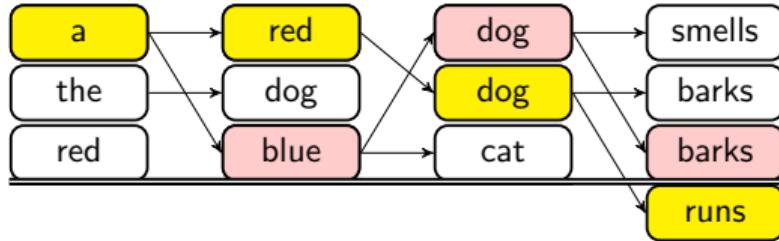
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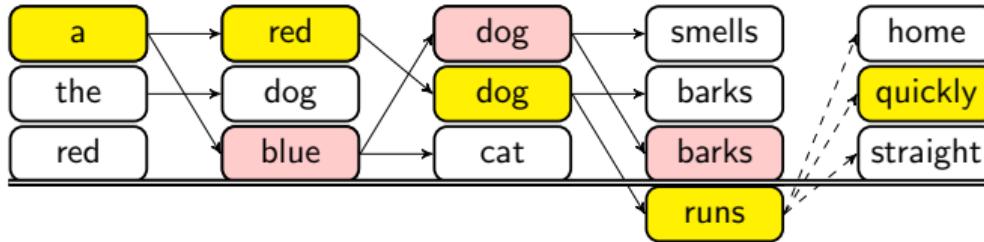
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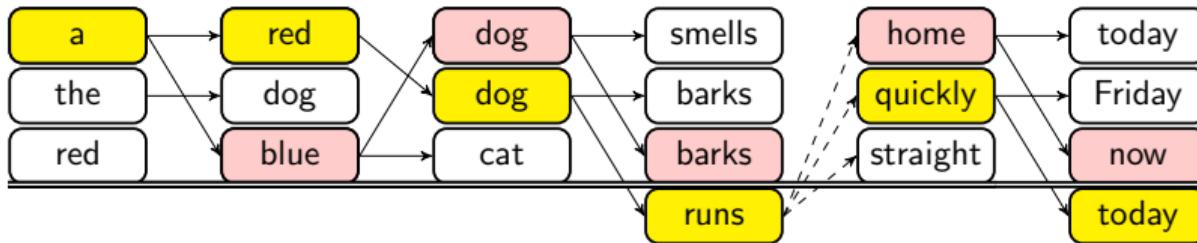
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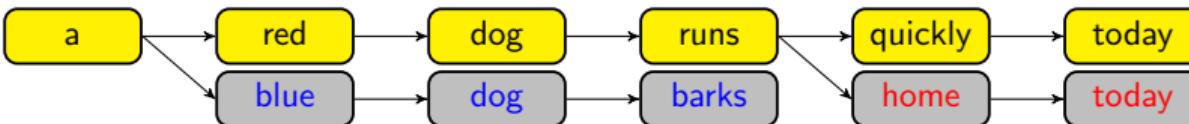
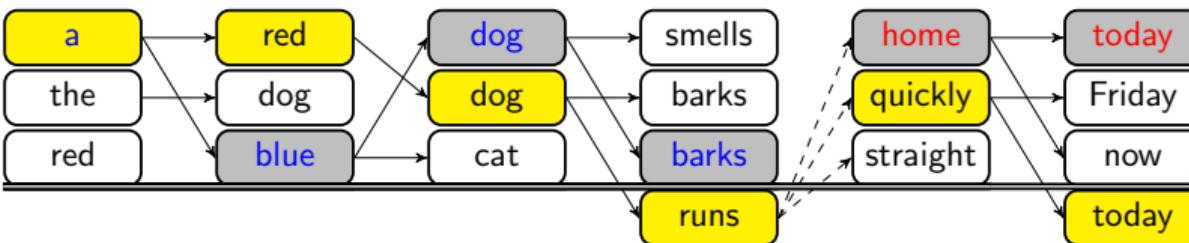
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Parameter Updates: Structured Backpropagation



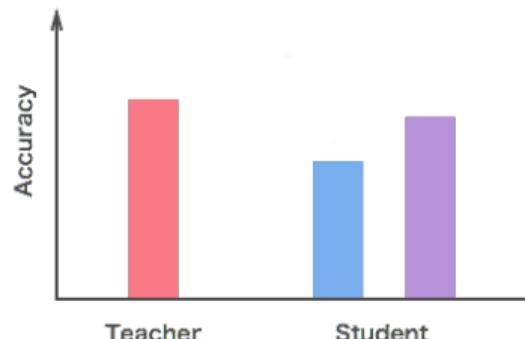
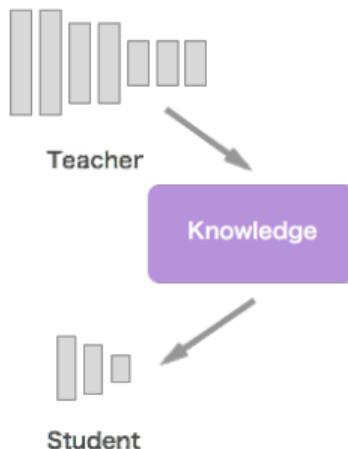
Results

Train Beam	$K = 5$	$K = 10$
Word Ordering (BLEU)		
Encoder-Decoder	29.8	31.0
Beam Search Optimization	33.2	34.3
Beam Search Optimization-Constraints	34.3	34.5
IWSLT Machine Translation (BLEU)		
Encoder-Decoder	24.0	23.9
Beam-Search Optimization, Δ	26.4	25.5

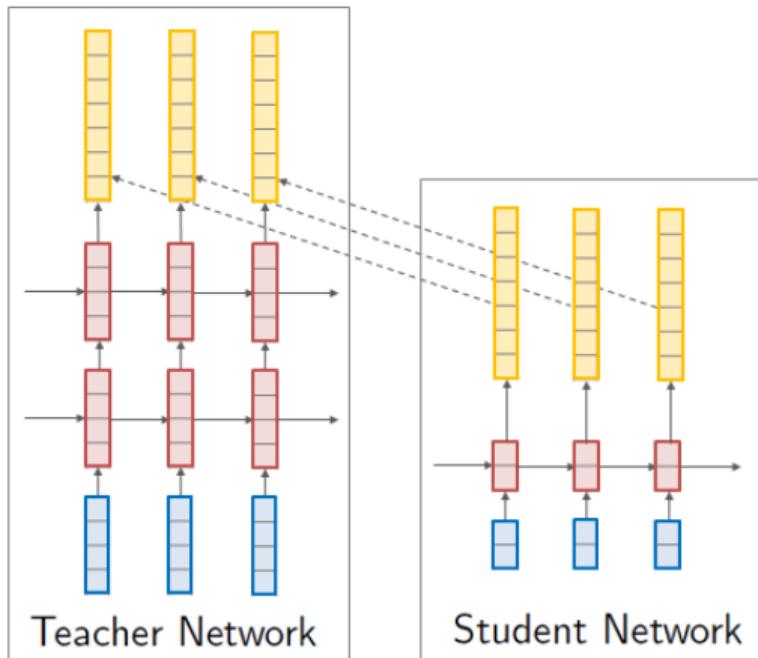
Application: Model Compression

Kim and Rush [2016]

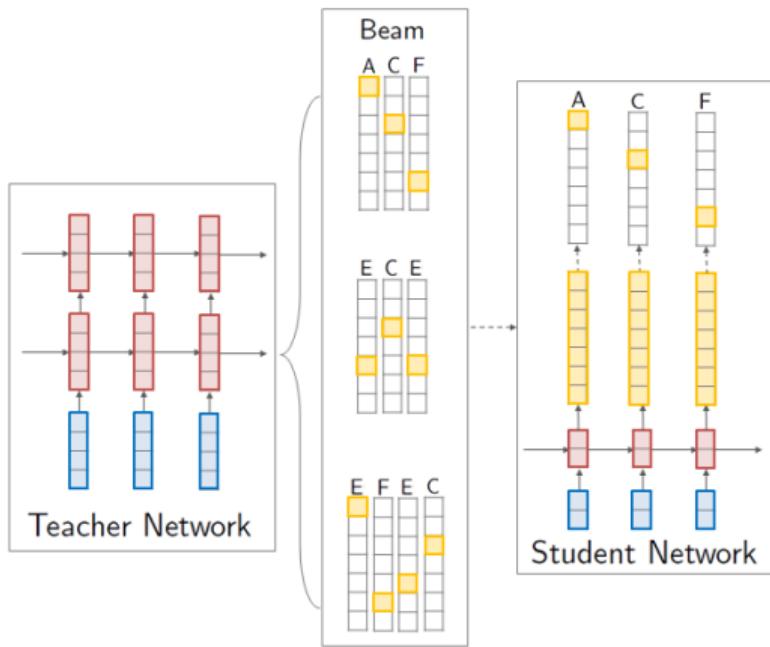
Knowledge Distillation: Train a *student* model to learn from a *teacher* model.



Baseline: Word-Level Knowledge Distillation (Multiclass)



Sequence-Level Knowledge Distillation



Results: WMT English → German Translation

Model	$\text{BLEU}_{K=1}$	$\Delta_{K=1}$	$\text{BLEU}_{K=5}$	$\Delta_{K=5}$
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Scaling Translation Models

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Can we learn interpretable and controllable target text generation models?

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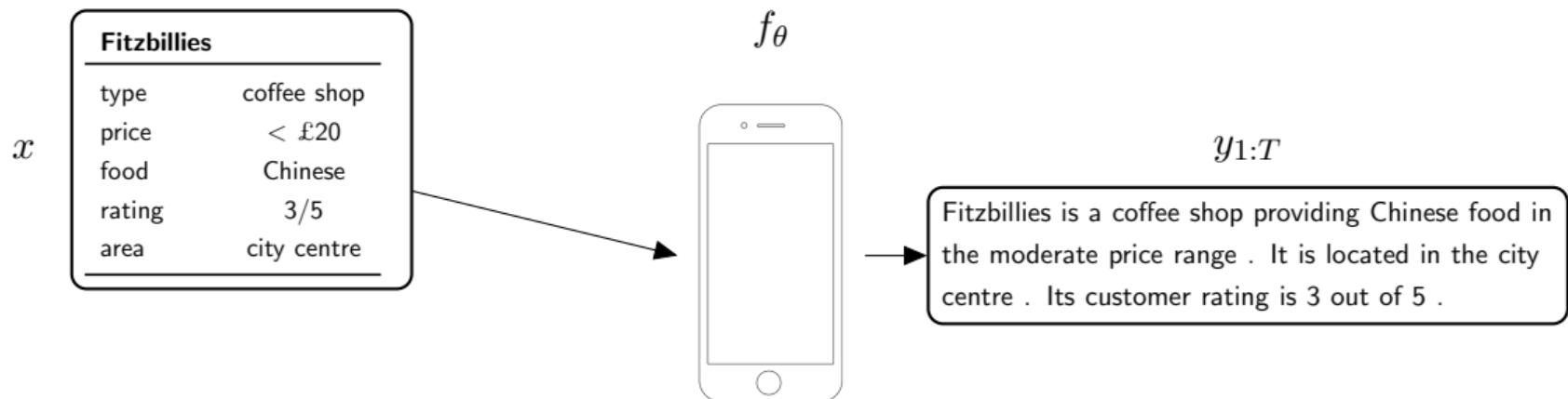
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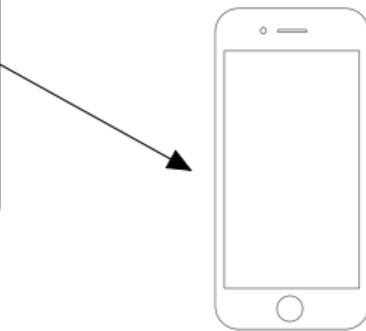


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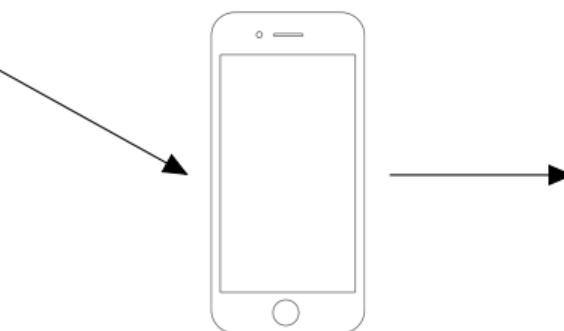
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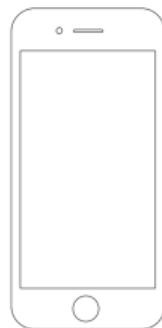
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Arguments for Templated Generation

Guarantees about the quality, in particular,

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

Can we achieve these criteria with a deep learning system?

Technical Approach: Deep Latent-Variable Models

Expose specific choices as latent variables z .

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

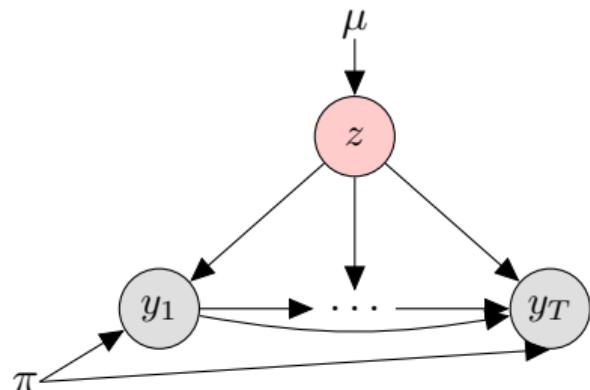
- x, y, θ as before, *what to talk about, how to say it*
- z is a collection of problem-specific latent variables

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 π_z .

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



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: Copy Model

Generative process:

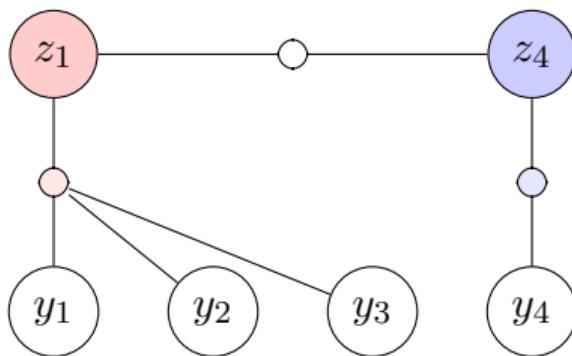
- ① Draw copy switch $z_t \in \{0, 1\}$ from a Bernoulli.
- ② Draw words y_t where
 - If $z = 0$, generate a new word from the decoder.
 - If $z = 1$, copy a word from the source data.

Example:

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

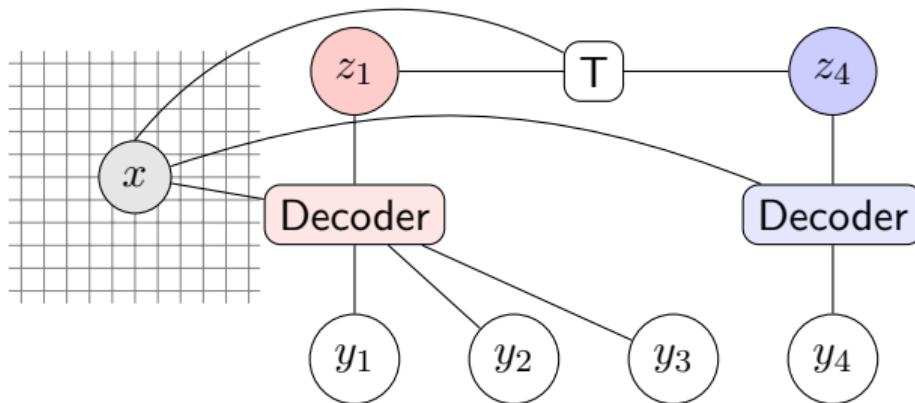
Classical Model: Hidden Semi-Markov Model

- Extension of Hidden Markov Model where discrete latent states produce multiple emissions (e.g. phrases).
- Parameterized with *transition* and *emission* 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.

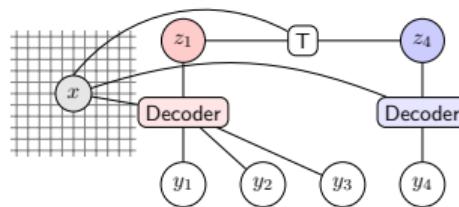
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = -\log \sum_{z_{1:T}} p(\hat{y}_{1:T}, z_{1:T} \mid x; \theta)$$

- Requires summing over all clusters and segmentation.
- Approach: backprop through HSMM dynamic programming algorithm, exact gradient.
- Gives a new definition for $f_\theta(y_{1:T}, x)$

However, this model alone does not give templates.

From Neural HSMM to Templates

Extract templates by finding most common, best latent sequences from training.



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

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.

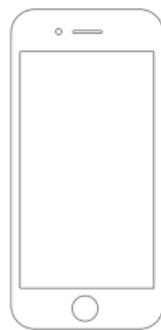
1. aftab ahmed
anderson da silva | (born 1951) | is an american actor
david jones | ; | born on 1970 | 1974 | was an american actress
... | ... | ... | ... | is an english cricketer | .
2. aftab ahmed
anderson da silva | is a former world war i austrian house of representatives
david jones | is a liberal member of the pennsylvania legislature
... | baseball party member of the montana senate | .
3. adjutant aftab ahmed
lieutenant anderson da silva | is a former world war i member of the knesset
captain david jones | is a liberal party member of the scottish parliament
... | baseball party member 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 australian 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
who played with carlton and the australian football league nfl | (|) | .
5. aftab ahmed is a member of the knesset
anderson da silva | is a former party member of the scottish parliament
david jones | is a female recipient of the fc lokomotiv liski | .
... | ... | ... | .

Neural Template Generation Approach

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$z_{1:T}$

The _____ is a _____ providing
is an	serving	offering
is an expensive	_____	
...	...	
food	...	
cuisine	...	
foods	...	
in the	...	
...		
moderate	...	
less than average	...	
price	...	
price range	...	
located in the	...	
located near	...	
near	...	
Its customer rating is	...	
Their customer rating is	...	
Customers have rated it	...	
out of	...	

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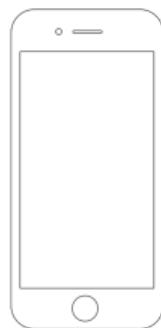
The _____ is a _____ providing
_____ is an expensive _____ serving
... _____ offering

food high
cuisine moderate
foods less than average

price located in the
price range located near
... near

Its customer rating is
Their customer rating is | _____ out of _____
Customers have rated it
...

$$f_\theta$$



$y_{1:T}$

|| Fitzbillies || is a || coffee shop || providing ||
Chinese || food || in the || moderate || price range
|| . || It is || located in the || city centre || . || Its
customer rating is || 3 out of 5 || .

Issue 1: Interpretability

kenny warren

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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3. kennedy warren deutscher (april 1, 1946) is an american

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4. "kenny" warren is an american ventriloquist.

5. kenneth warren "kenny" warren (born april 1, 1946) is an american ventriloquist, and author.

Issue 2: Controllability

The Golden Palace

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

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.
-

Results

E2E

(Val)	BLEU	NIST	ROUGE	CIDEr	METEOR
D&J (2017)	65.93	8.59	68.50	2.23	44.83
Substitution BL	43.78	6.88	54.64	1.39	37.35
Neural Template	59.80	7.56	65.01	1.95	38.75

WikiBio

	BLEU	NIST	ROUGE-4
Template KN	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	34.8	7.59	38.6

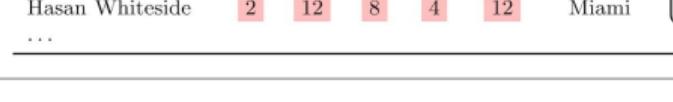
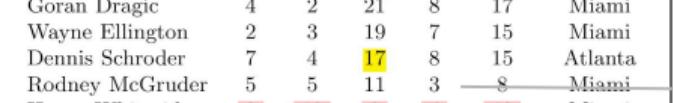
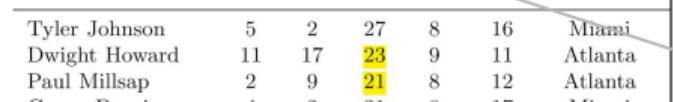
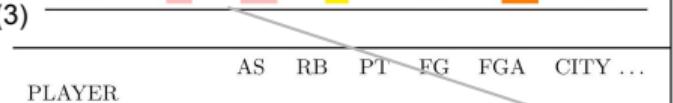
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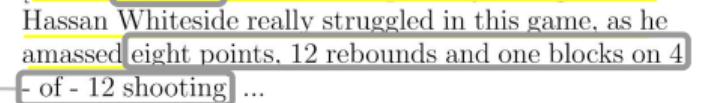
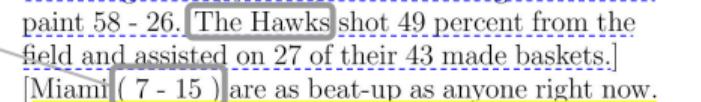
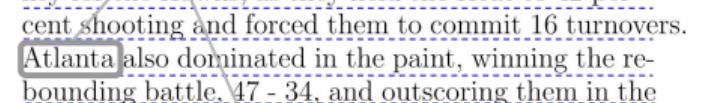
1) Long-Form Generation with Explicit Reasoning

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	PTS	FG_PCT	RB	AS ...
Hawks	11	12	103	49	47	27
Heat	7	15	95	43	34	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
Wayne Ellington	2	3	19	7	15	Miami
Dennis Schroder	7	4	17	8	15	Atlanta
Rodney McGruder	5	5	11	3	8	Miami
Hasan Whiteside	2	12	8	4	12	Miami
...						

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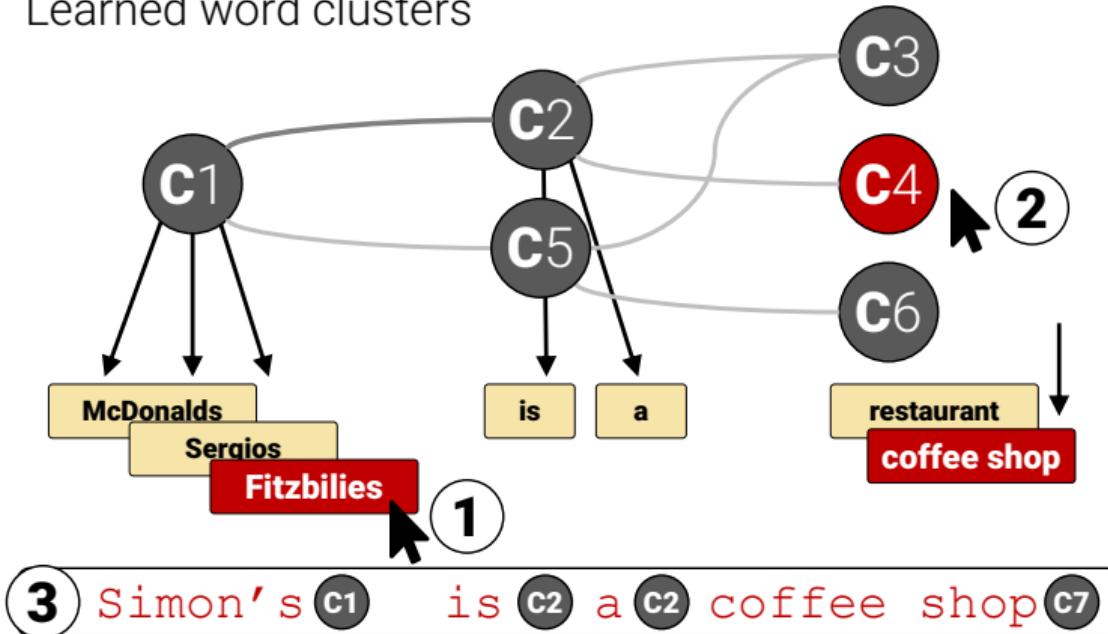
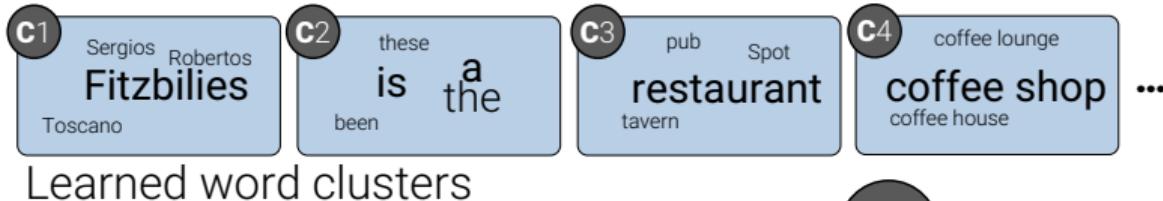
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[The Atlanta Hawks defeated the Miami Heat, 103 - 95, at Philips Arena on Wednesday.] [Defense was key for the Hawks, as they held the Heat to 42 percent shooting and forced them to commit 16 turnovers. Atlanta also dominated in the paint, winning the rebounding battle, 47 - 34, and outscoring them in the paint 58 - 26. The Hawks shot 49 percent from the field and assisted on 27 of their 43 made baskets.] [Miami (7 - 15) are as beat-up as anyone right now. Hassan Whiteside really struggled in this game, as he amassed eight points, 12 rebounds and one blocks on 4 - of - 12 shooting] ...

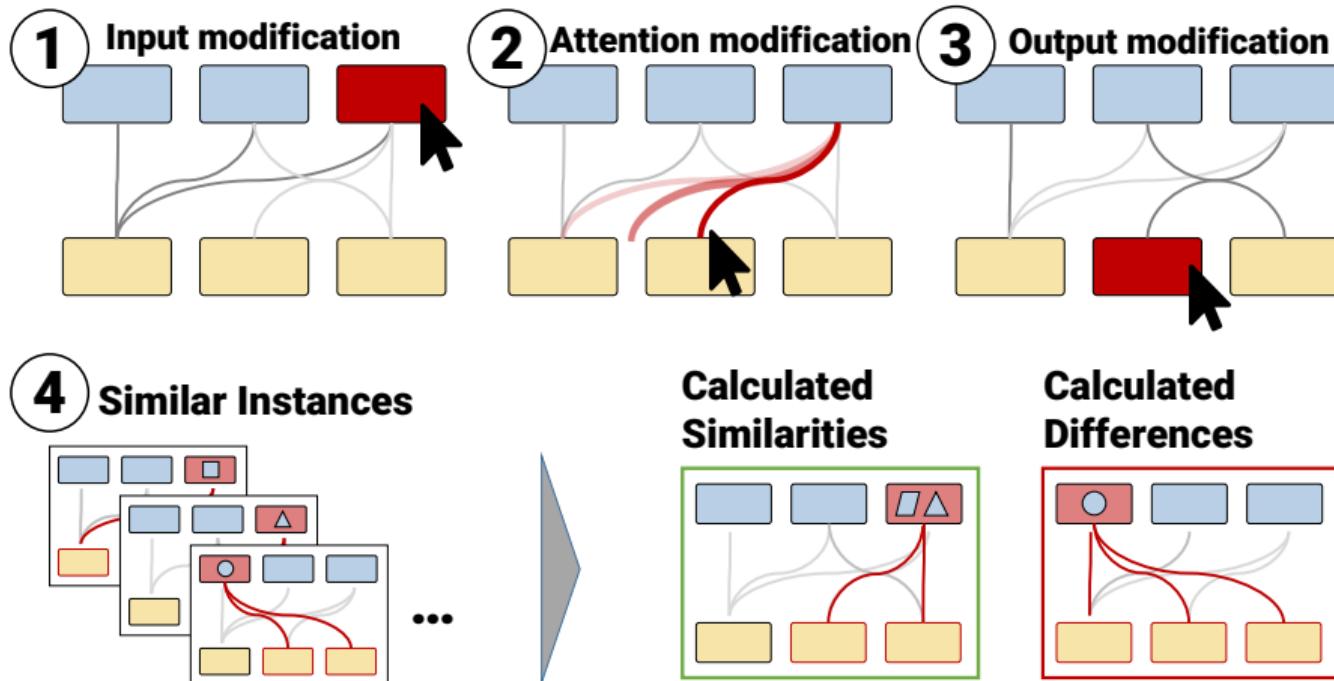
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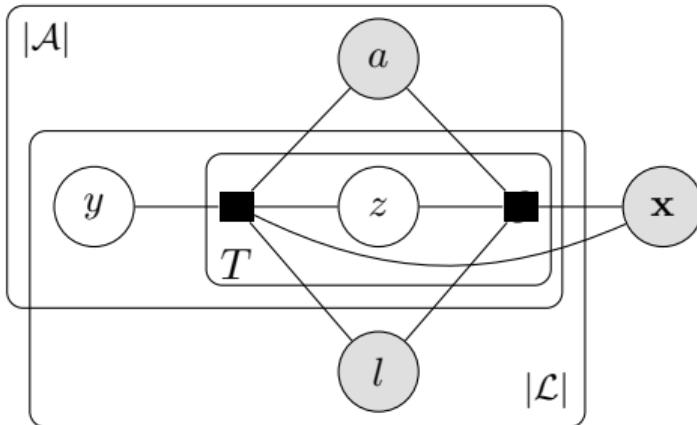


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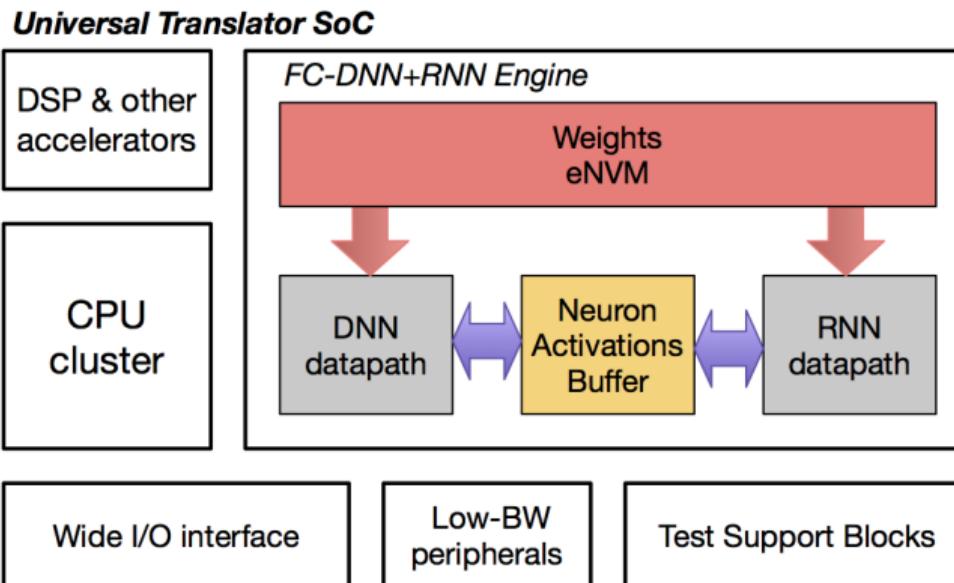


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def model(z):
    I, J = z.shape
    x = pyro.sample("x", Bernoulli(Px))
    with pyro.plate("I", I, dim=-2):
        y = pyro.sample("y", Bernoulli(Py))
        with pyro.plate("J", J, dim=-1):
            pyro.sample("z", Bernoulli(Pz[x,y]),
                        obs=z)
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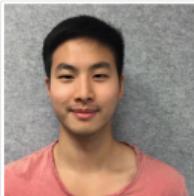
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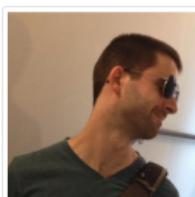


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