

Abstraction and Analogy in Artificial Intelligence

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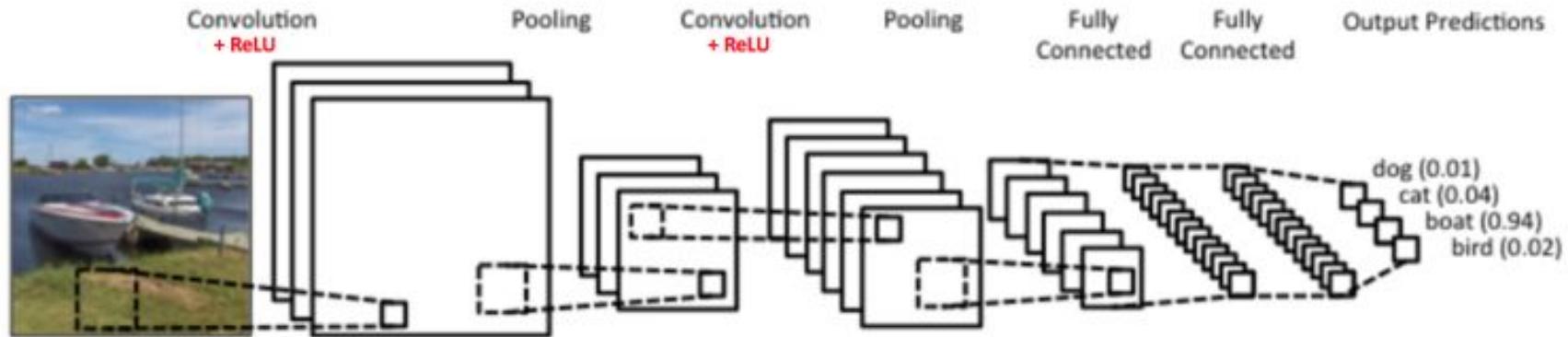
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Deep neural networks



<https://ujjwalkarn.me/2016/08/11/intuitive-explanation-convnets/>

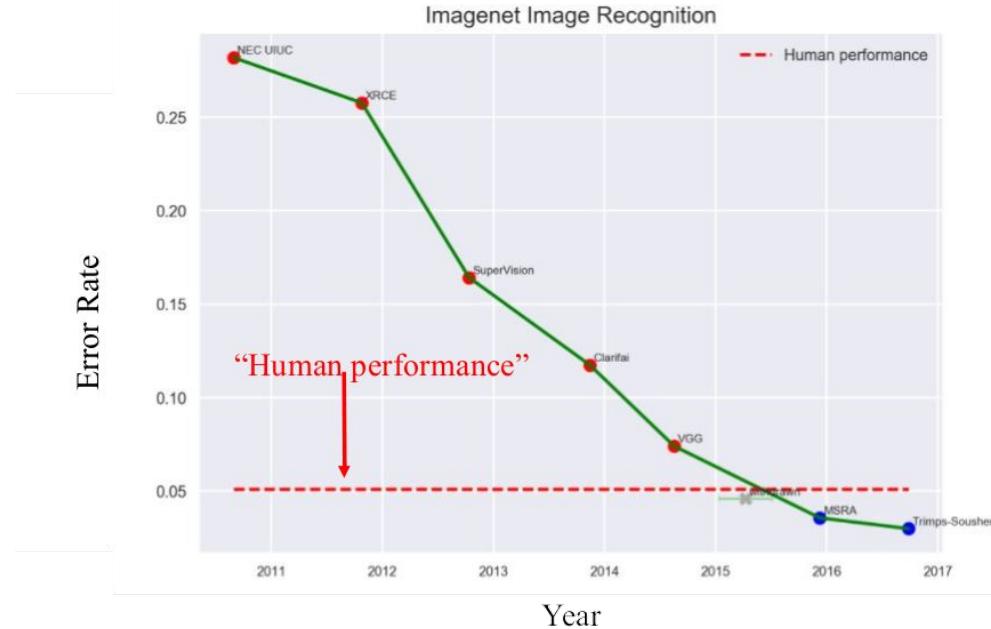


Train on 1.2 million human-labeled images,
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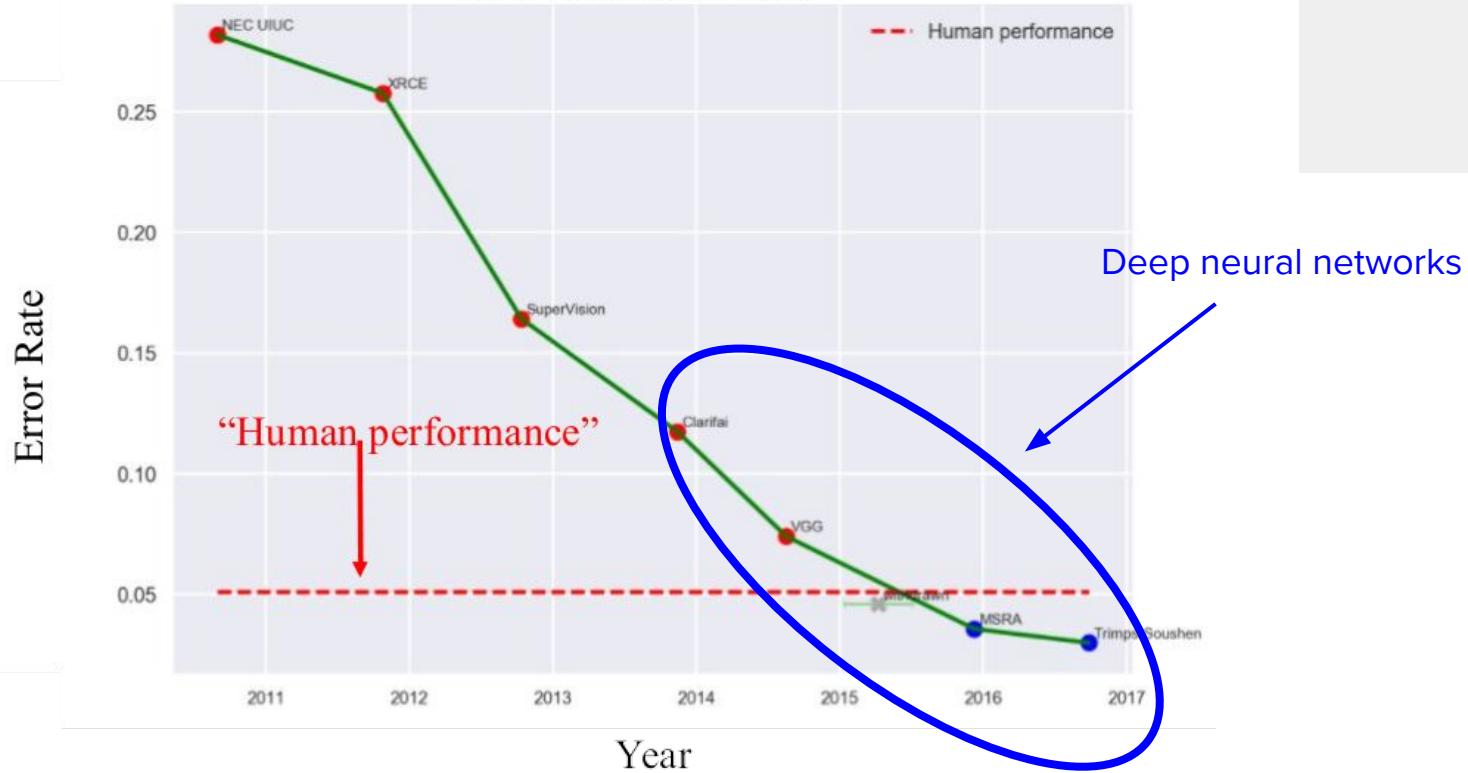


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ImageNet Object Recognition



Imagenet Image Recognition



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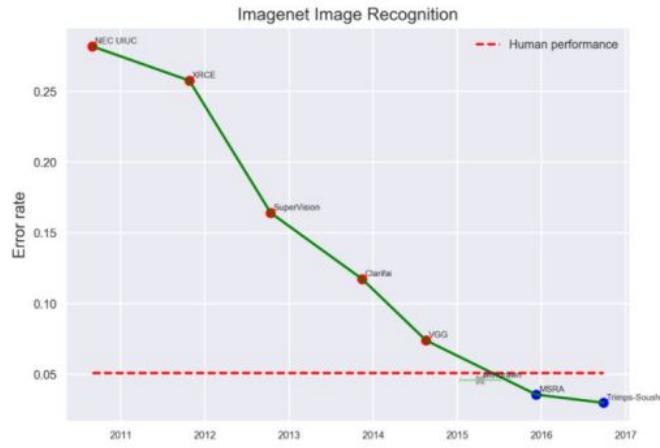


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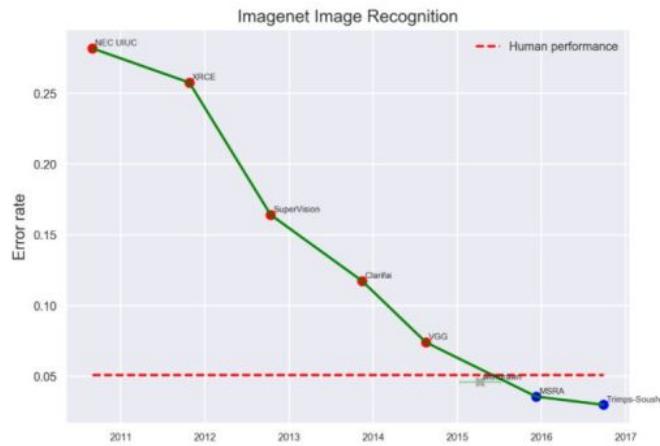


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Dataset		Network					Statistics	
Train on	Test on	CaffeNet	VGG-16	Inception-v2	ResNet-18	ResNet-50	Mean	Max
Web	Web	0.924	0.942	0.914	0.953	0.956	0.938	0.956
Web	Robot	0.268	0.297	0.282	0.282	0.388	0.303	0.388

Loghmani et al., 2017, “Recognizing Objects in the Wild: Where Do We Stand?”



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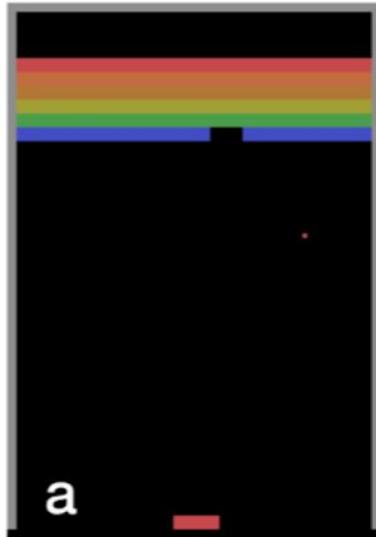
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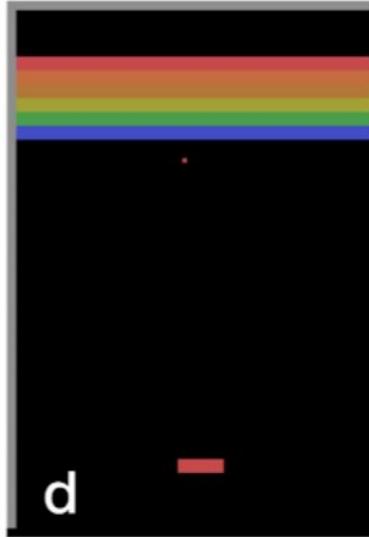
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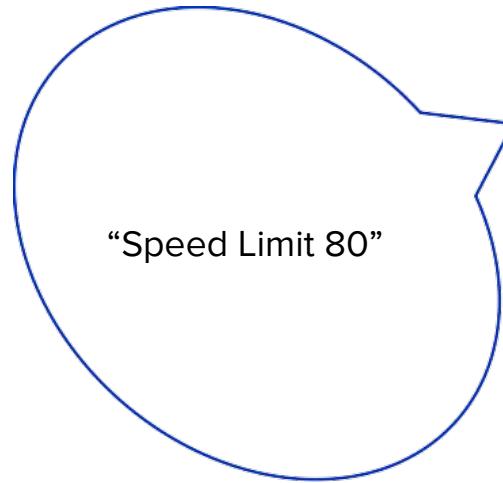


Breakout with
Paddle shifted up



Kansky, K. et al., 2017. Schema networks:
Zero-shot transfer with a generative causal
model of intuitive physics. arXiv preprint
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Evtimov et al., "Robust Physical-World Attacks on Deep Learning Models", 2017



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5' 15°



10' 0°

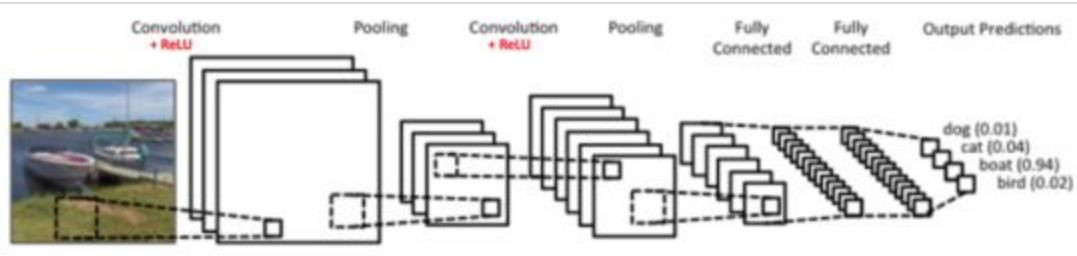


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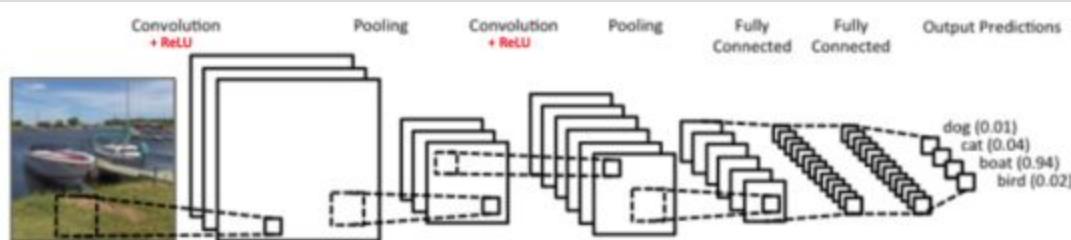


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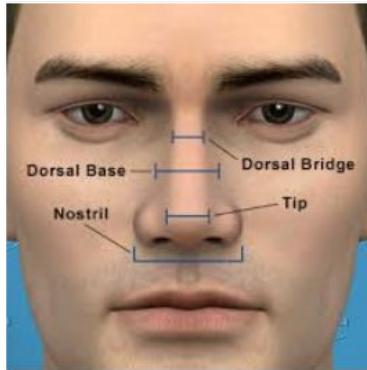
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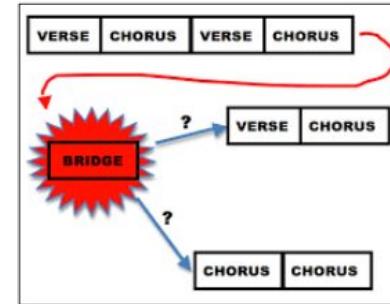
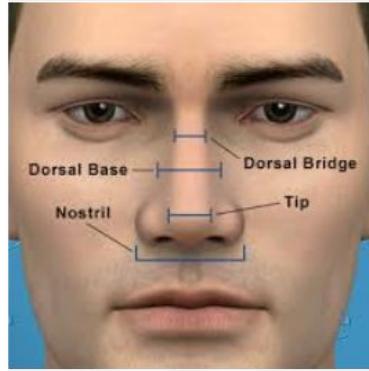












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BRIDGING THE GENDER GAP

Seven Principles for Achieving
Gender Balance



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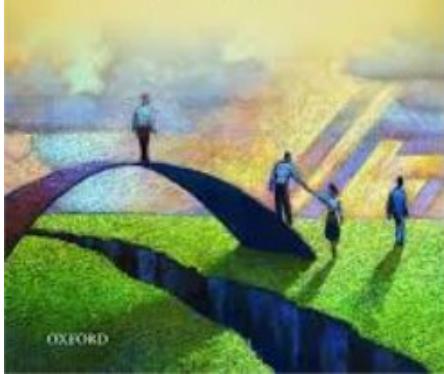
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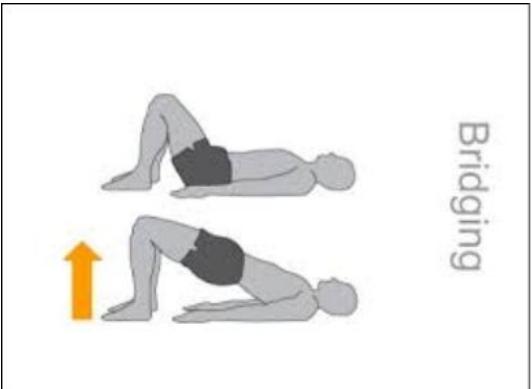
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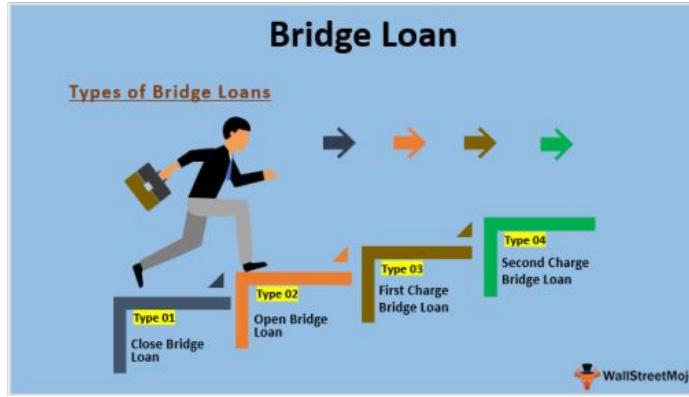
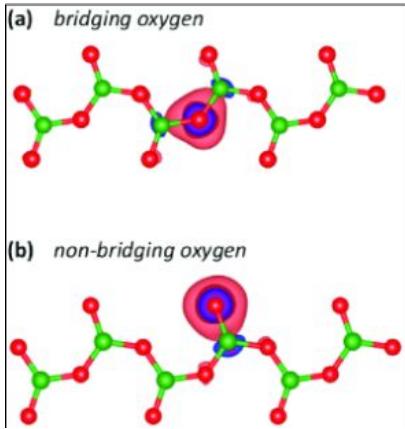
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Biden says he's a 'bridge' to new 'generation of leaders' while campaigning with Harris, Booker, Whitmer



"Don't burn your bridges"



“A concept is a package of analogies.”

—D. Hofstadter, *Analogy as the Core of Cognition*



How can we get machines to learn concepts
(rather than perceptual categories) and make
analogies?



This Talk

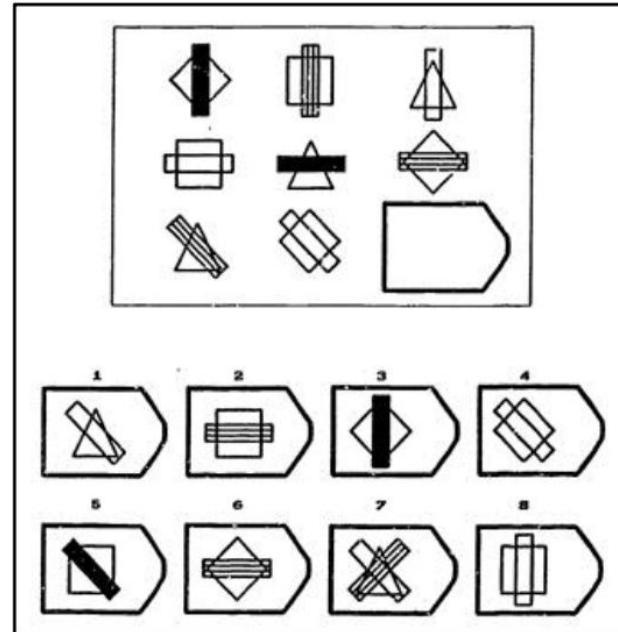
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 - o Deep learning
 - o Probabilistic program induction
 - o Copycat architecture
2. Open questions on how to make progress in this area

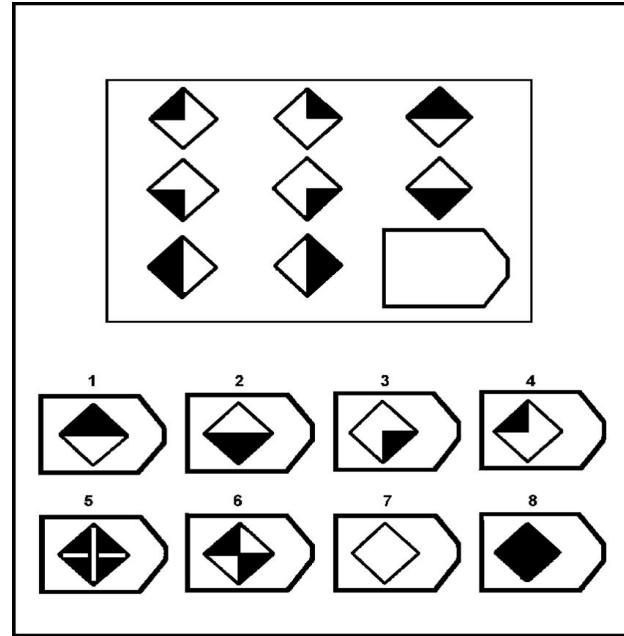


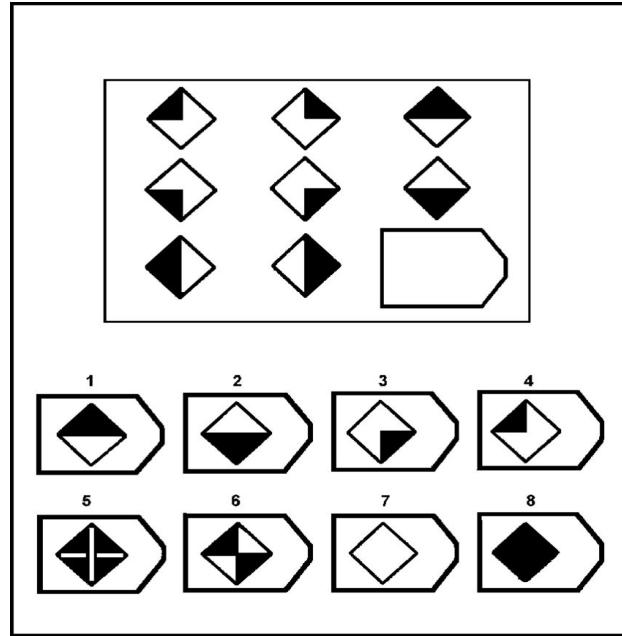
Deep Learning Approaches



Raven's Progressive Matrices



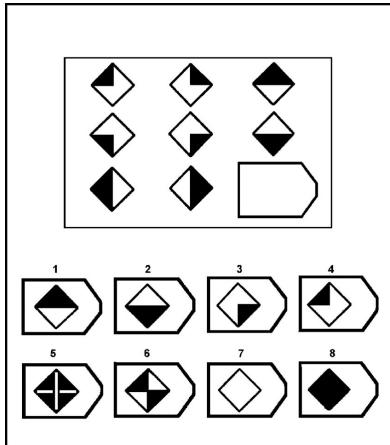




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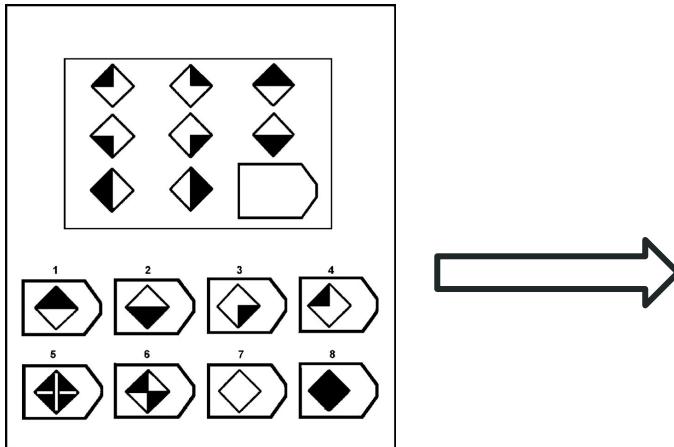
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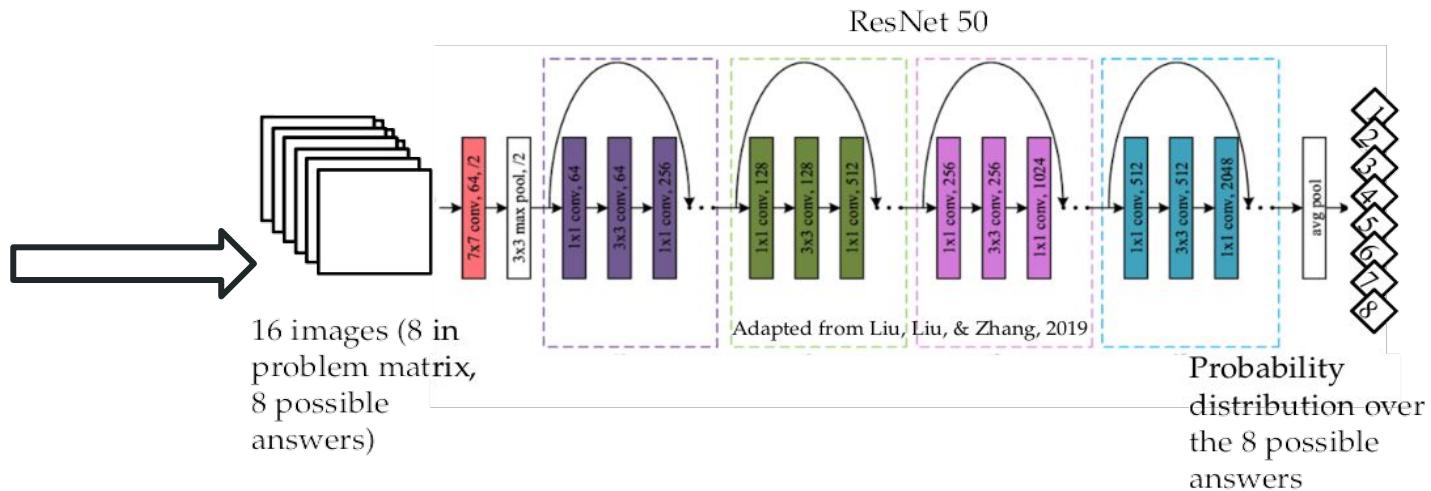
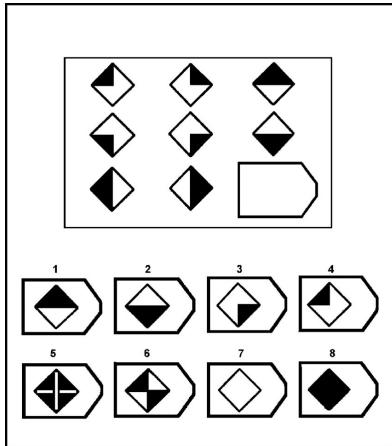
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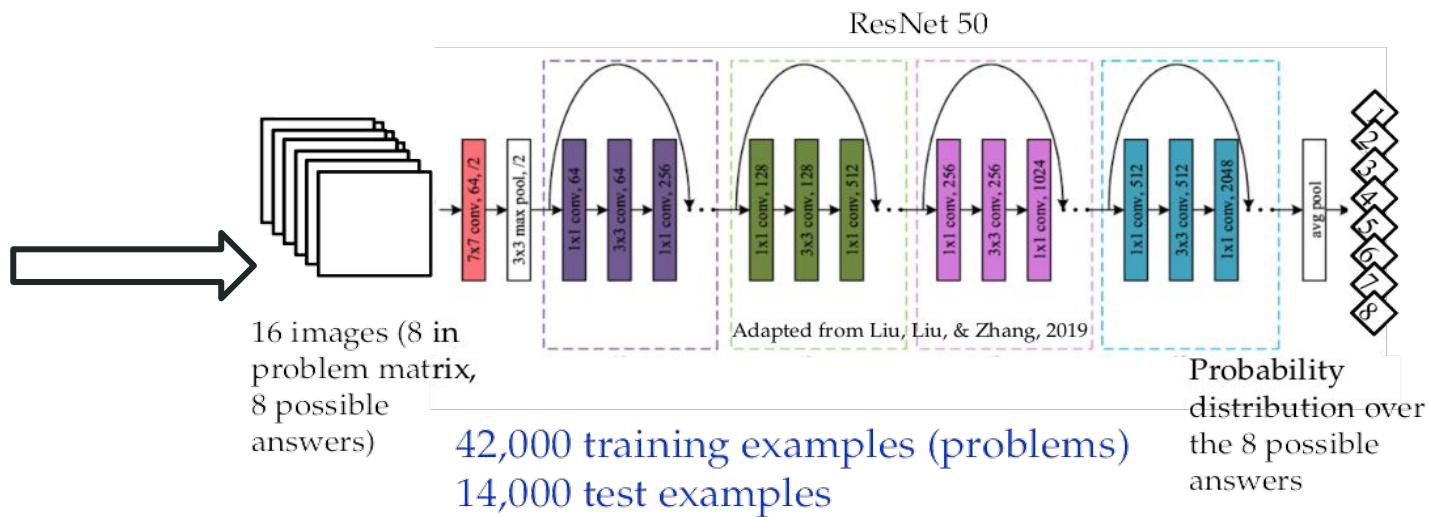
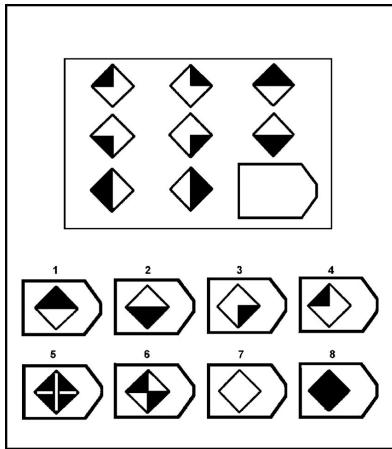
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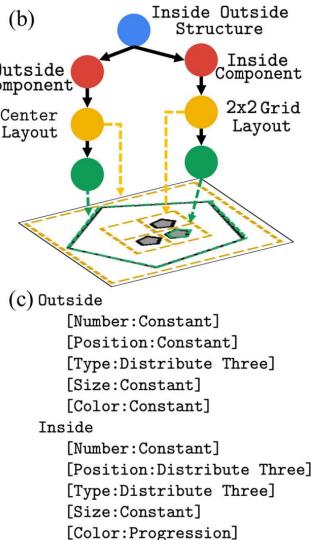
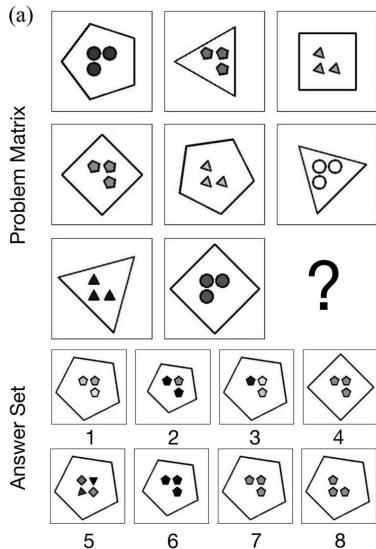
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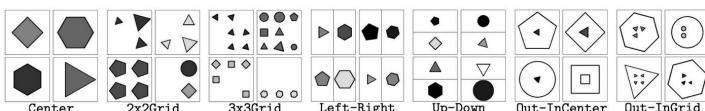


Dataset

The dataset is generated using the attributed stochastic image grammar. An example is shown below.



The grammatical design makes the dataset flexible and extendable. In total, we come up with 7 different figural configurations.



RAVENS dataset is generated using a stochastic image grammar

<https://github.com/WellyZhang/RAVEN>



Results:

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Table 2. Testing accuracy of different models in supervised manner. *Avg* denotes the average accuracy of each model.

Method	<i>Avg</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>2*2Grid</i>	<i>3*3Grid</i>	<i>L-R</i>	<i>U-D</i>	<i>O-IC</i>	<i>O-IG</i>
LSTM	13.07	13.19	14.13	13.69	12.84	12.35	12.15	12.99
WReN	14.69	13.09	28.62	28.27	7.49	6.34	8.38	10.56
CNN	36.97	33.58	30.30	33.53	39.43	41.26	43.20	37.54
ResNet-18+MLP	53.43	52.82	41.86	44.29	58.77	60.16	63.19	53.12
LSTM+DRT	13.96	14.29	15.08	14.09	13.79	13.24	13.99	13.29
WReN+DRT	15.02	15.38	23.26	29.51	6.99	8.43	8.93	12.35
CNN+DRT	39.42	37.30	30.06	34.57	45.49	45.54	45.93	37.54
ResNet-18+MLP+DRT	59.56	58.08	46.53	50.40	65.82	67.11	69.09	60.11
RseNet-18 (ours, w/o pre-train)	77.18	72.75	57.00	62.65	91.00	89.60	88.40	78.85
RseNet-50 (ours, w pre-train)	<u>86.26</u>	<u>89.45</u>	<u>66.60</u>	<u>67.95</u>	<u>97.85</u>	<u>98.15</u>	<u>96.60</u>	<u>87.20</u>
CoPINet	91.42	95.05	77.45	78.85	99.10	99.65	98.50	91.35
Human	84.41	95.45	81.82	79.55	86.36	81.81	86.36	81.81

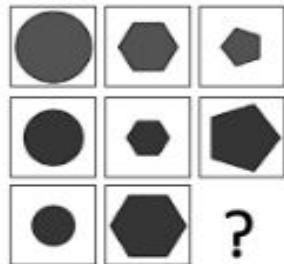


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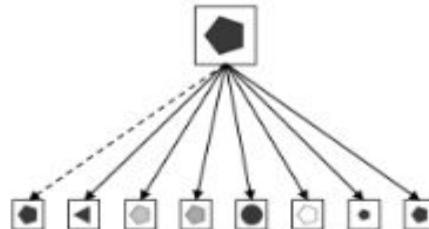
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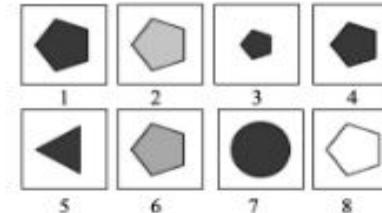
Context Matrix



(a)



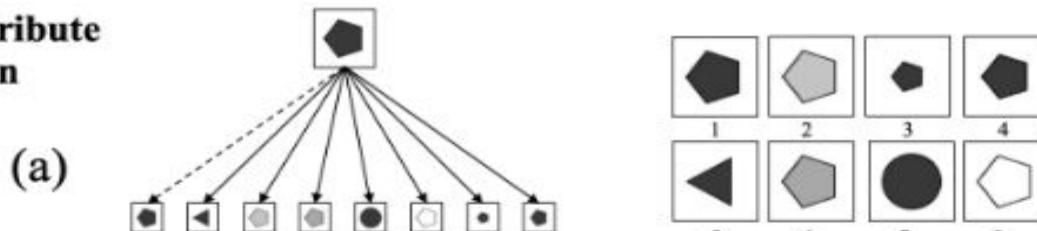
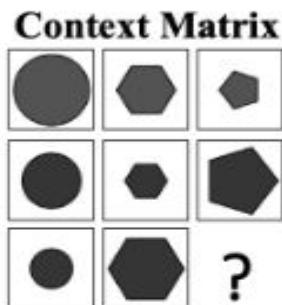
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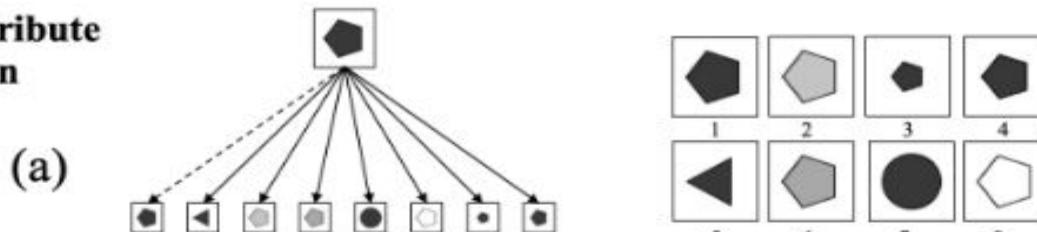
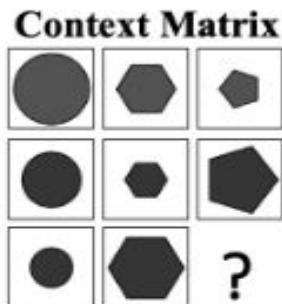
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Many types of deep learning approaches for Ravens-like problems

- **Wild Relation Network**, Barrett et al. 2018
- **Disentangled Feature Representations**, Steenbrugge et al. 2018
- **Attention Relation Network**, Hahne et al. 2019
- **Contrastive Perceptual Inference Network**, Zhang et al, 2019
- **Logic Embedding Network**, Zheng et al., 2019
- **Multi-Layer Relation Network**, Jahrens & Martinetz, 2020
- **Hierarchical Rule Induction Network**, Hu et al., 2020



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The essence of abstraction and analogy is few-shot learning!



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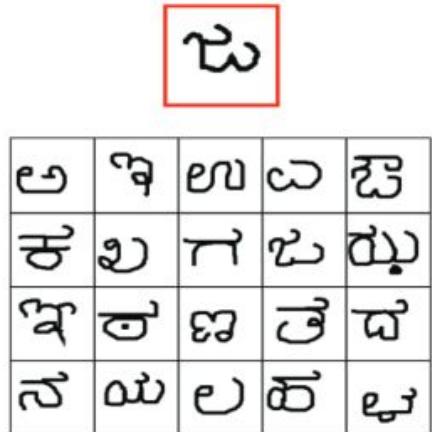
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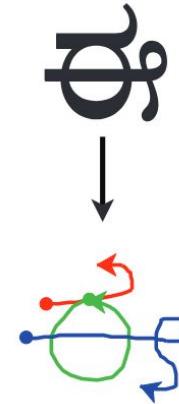


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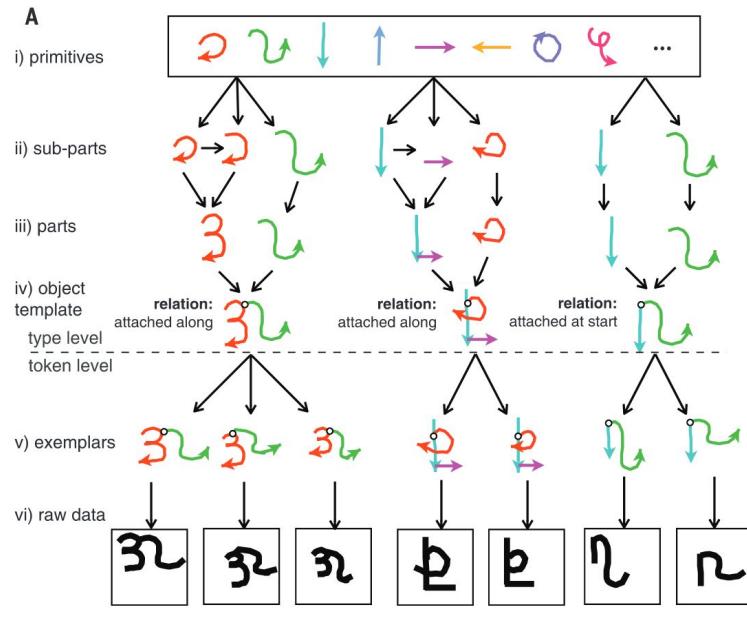


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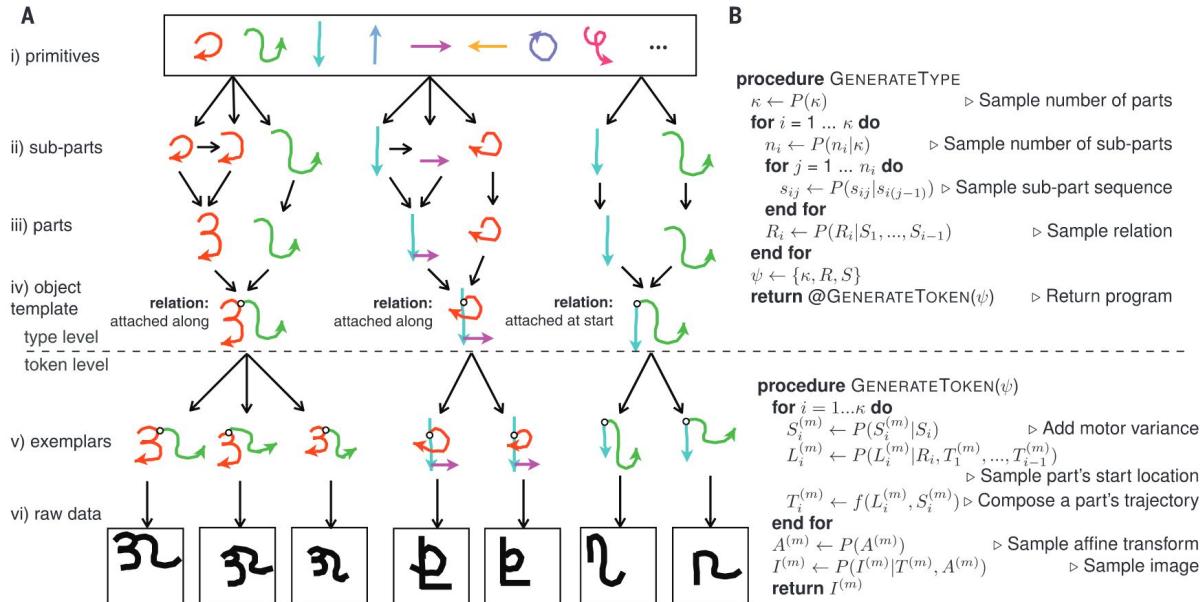
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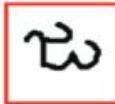
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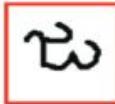
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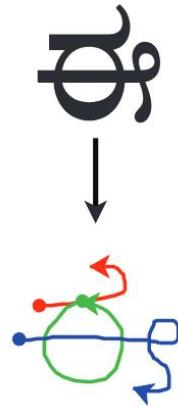
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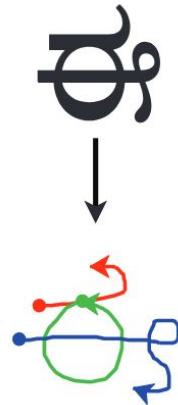
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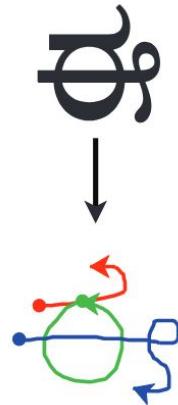
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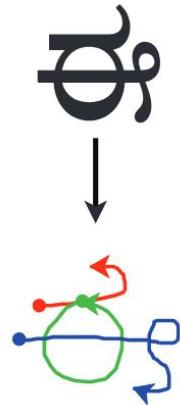
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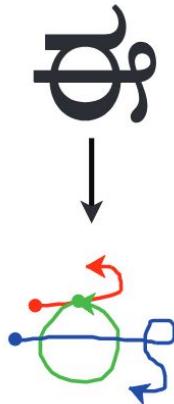
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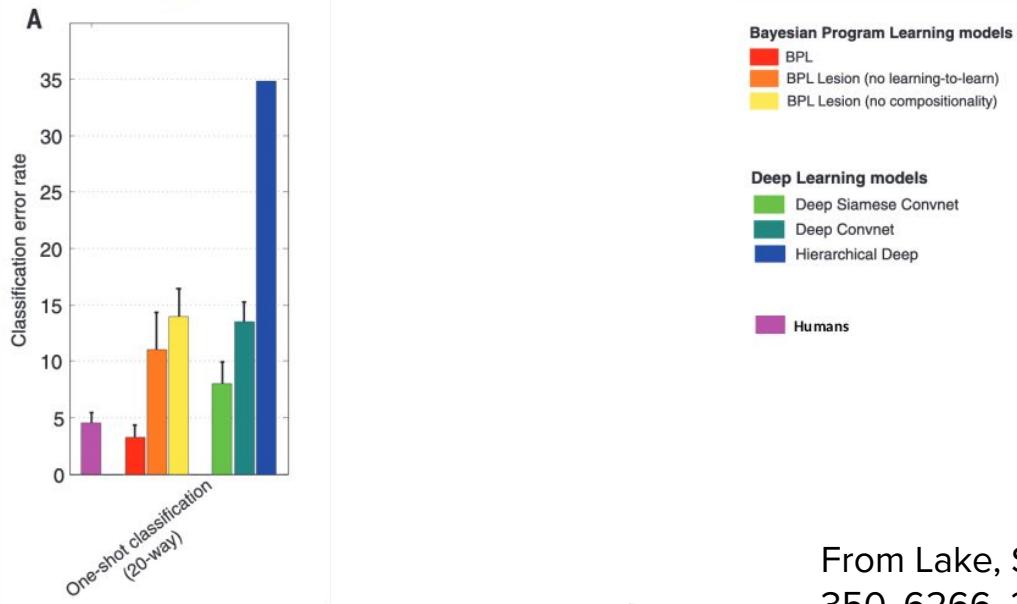


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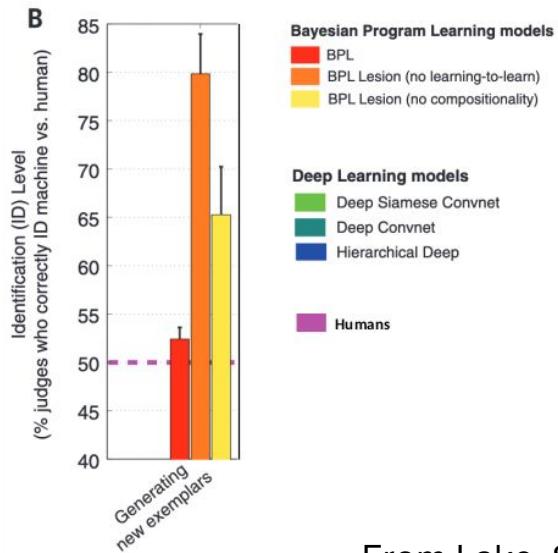
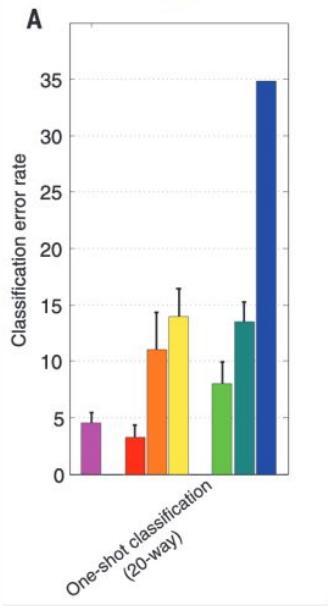


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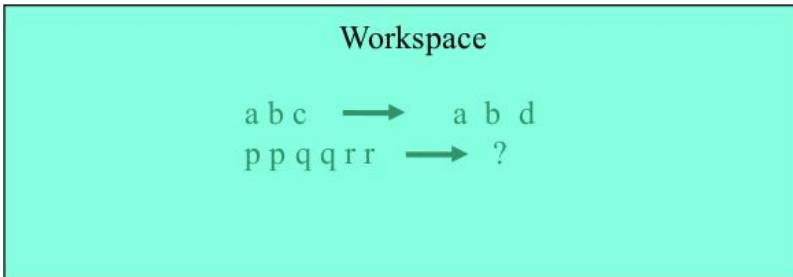
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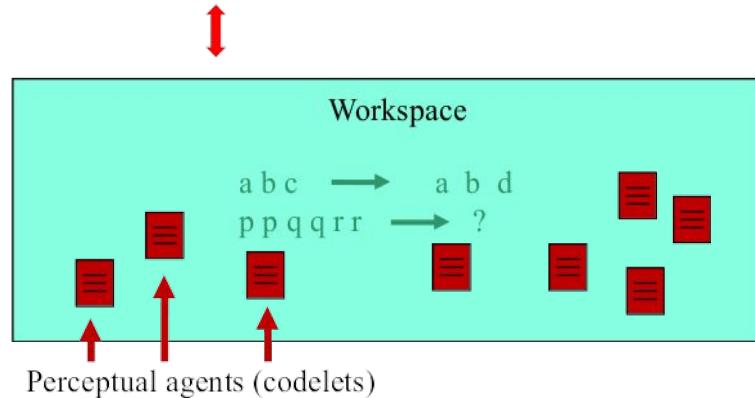
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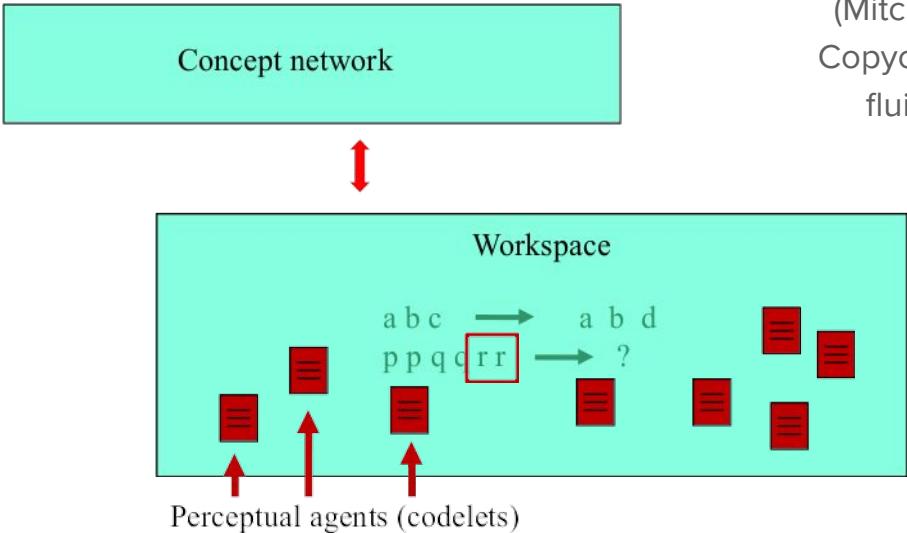


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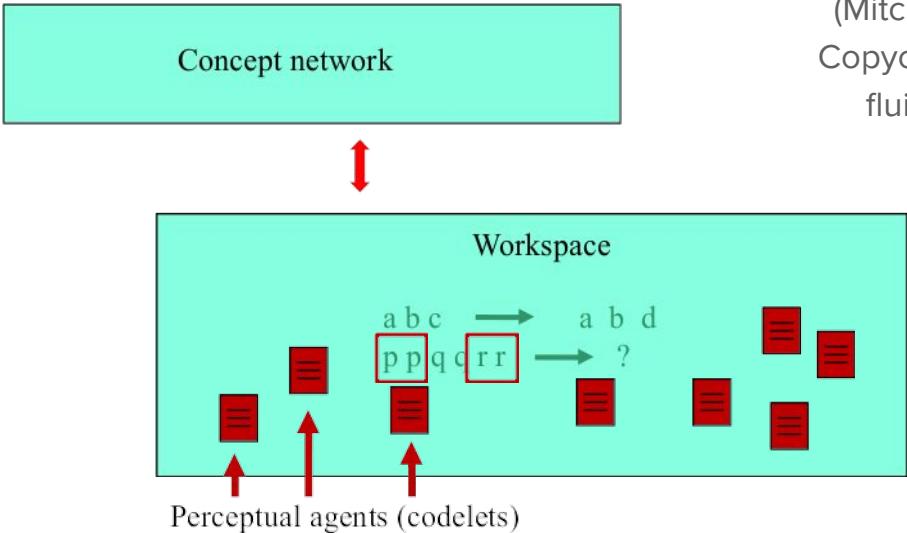


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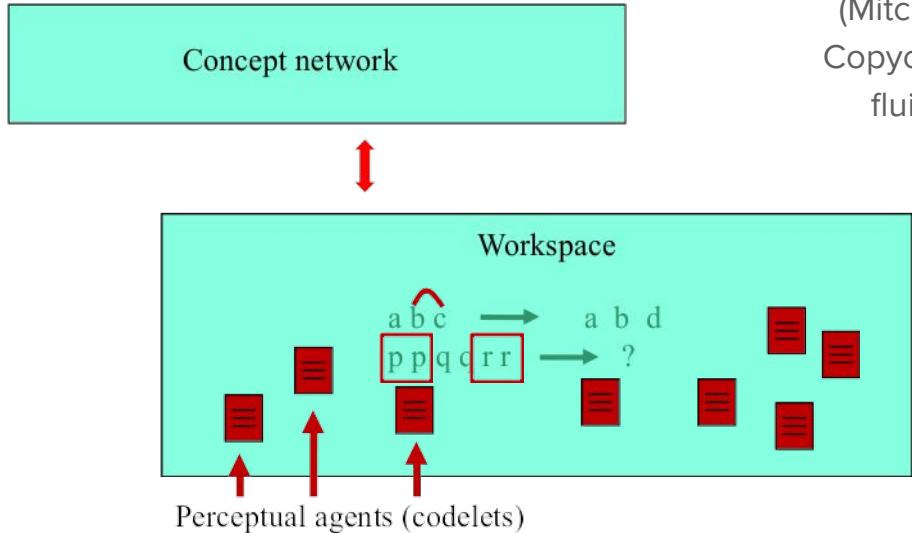
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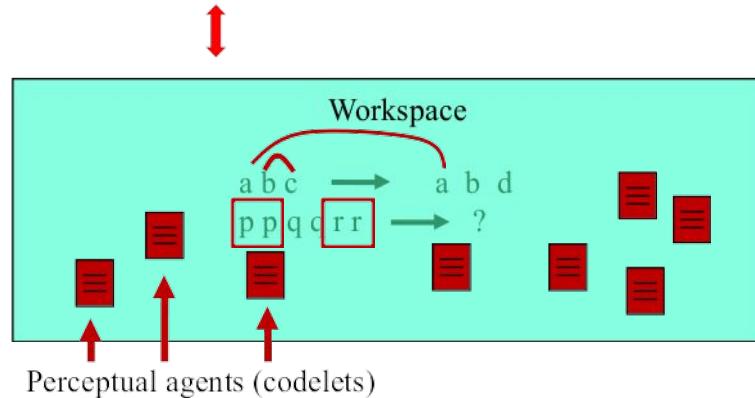


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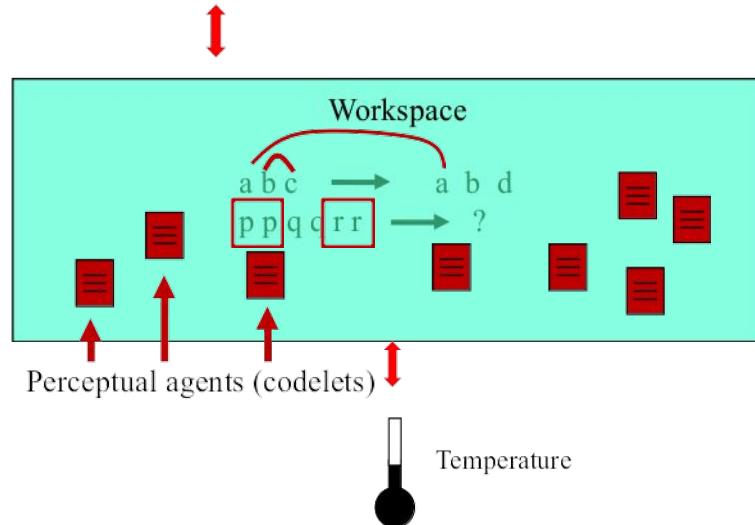
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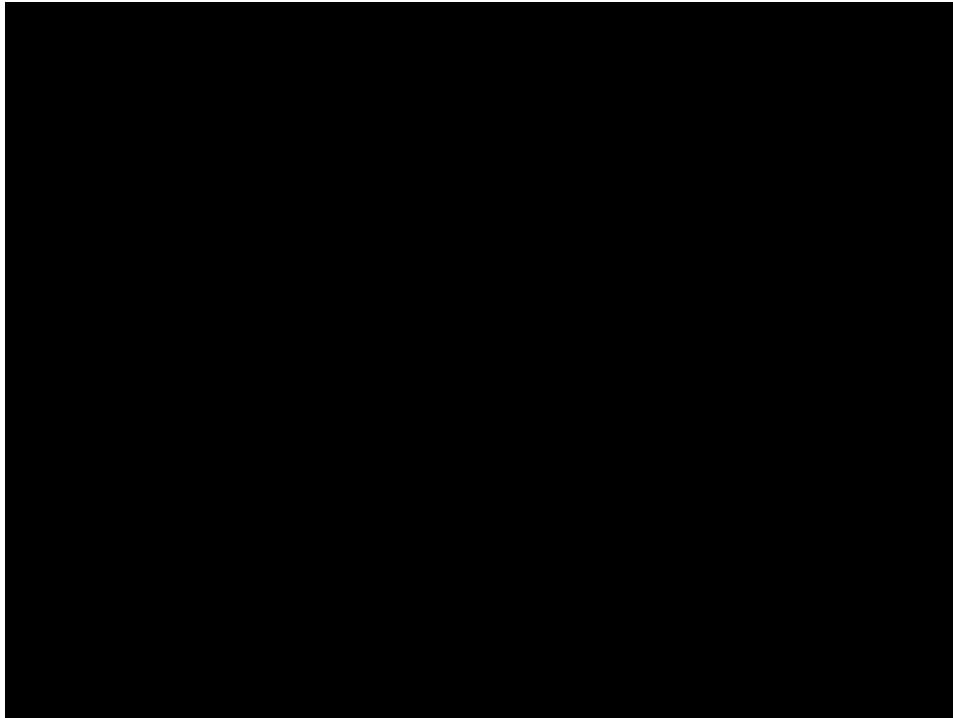


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Copycat (Metacat) demo



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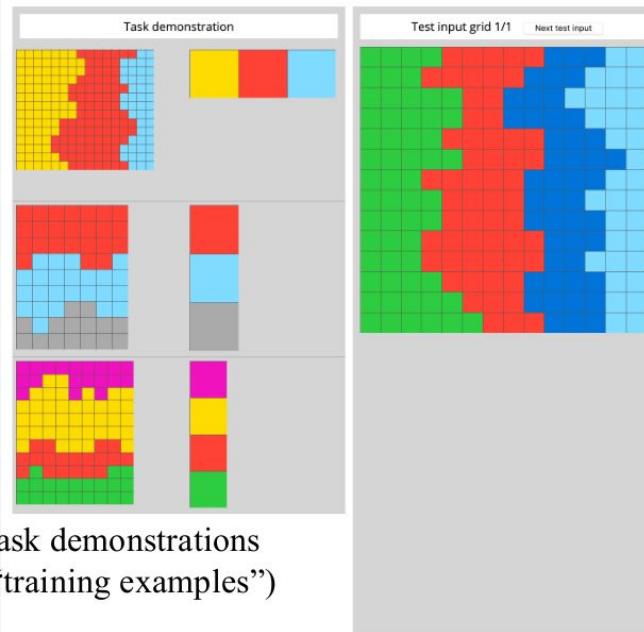
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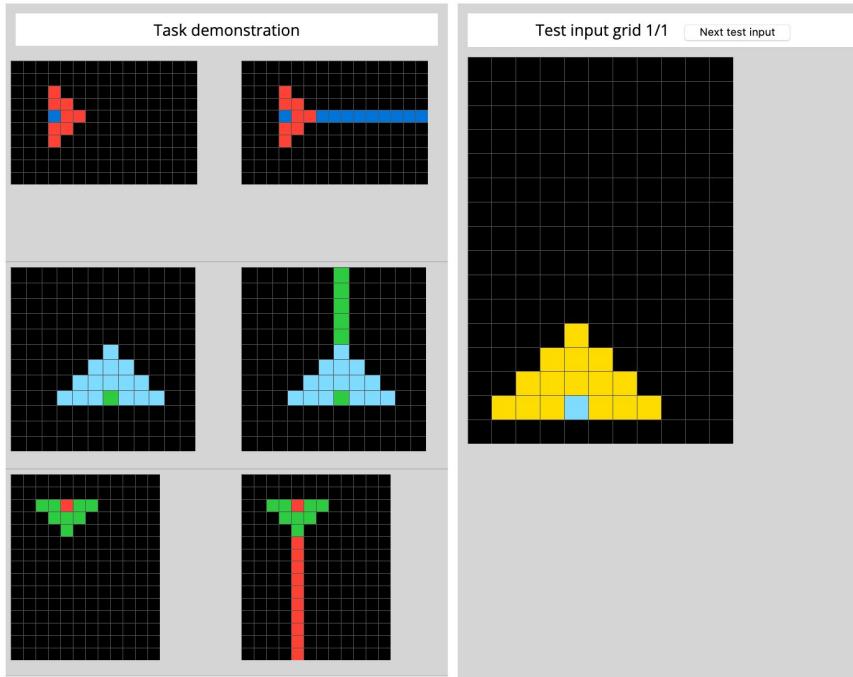
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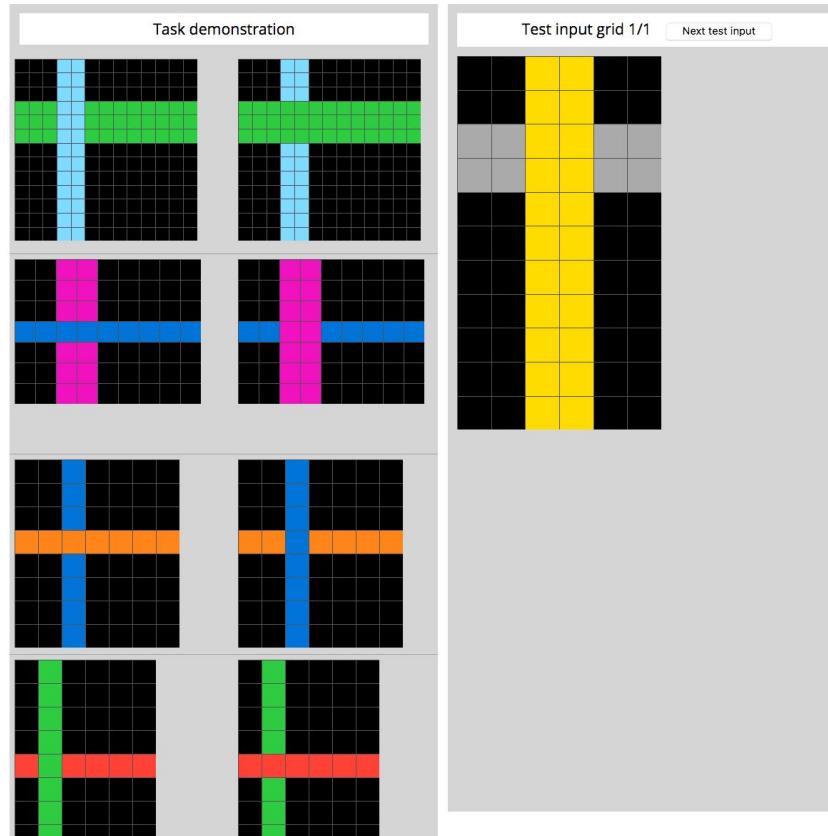


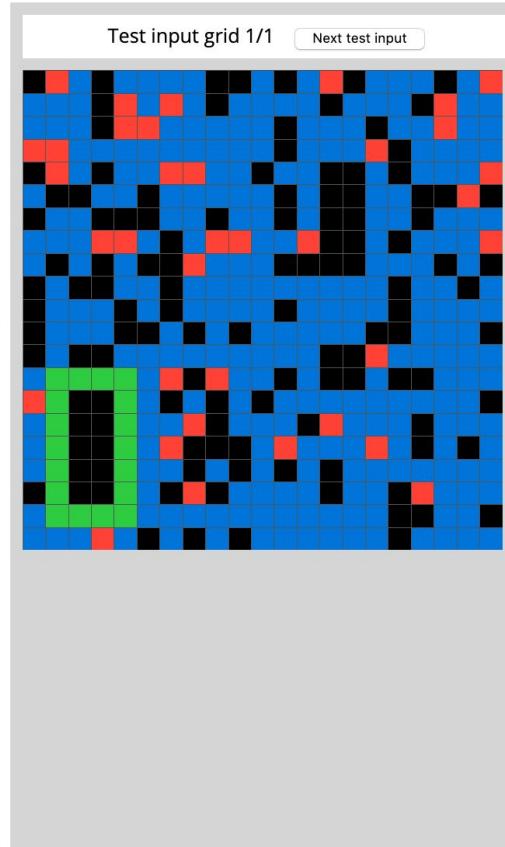
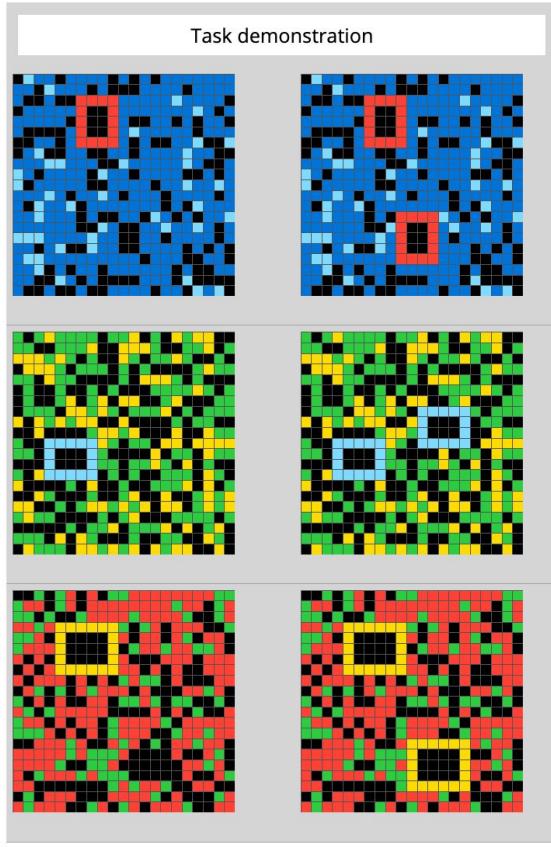
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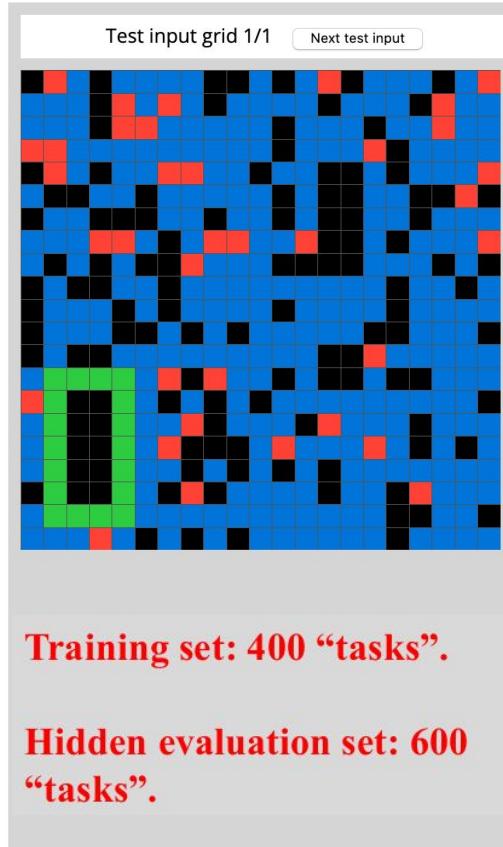
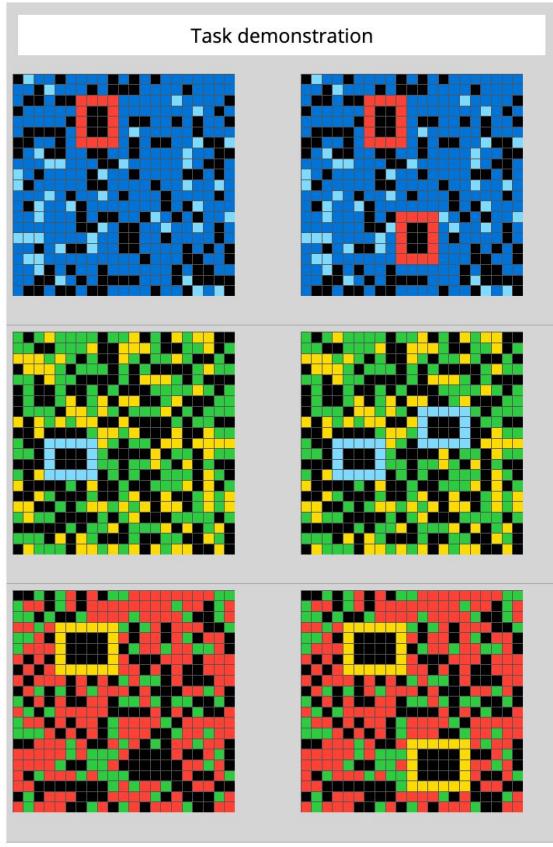
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Research Code Competition

Abstraction and Reasoning Challenge

Create an AI capable of solving reasoning tasks it has never seen before

Abstraction and Reasoning Corpus · 316 teams · 3 months to go (3 months to go until merger deadline)

\$20,000
Prize Money

Overview Data Notebooks Discussion Leaderboard Rules Join Competition

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Evaluation				
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