

Reinforced Mnemonic Reader for Machine Reading Comprehension

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In this paper, we introduce the Reinforced Mnemonic Reader for machine reading comprehension tasks, which enhances previous attentive readers in two aspects. First, a reattention mechanism is



<https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.02798>

CMU Neural Nets for NLP 2018 (14): Reinforcement
Uploaded by Graham Neubig on 2018-03-08.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isxzsAelQX0&t=8s>

• Sample or argmax according to the current model

$$\hat{Y} \sim P(Y | X) \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{Y} = \operatorname{argmax}_Y P(Y | X)$$

• Use this sample (or samples) to maximize likelihood

$$\ell_{\text{self}}(X) = -\log P(\hat{Y} | X)$$

MRC with Reattention (machine reading comprehension)

Alignment Architecture for MRC

Single-round alignment architecture

$$E_{ij} = f(v_i, u_j) \quad (1)$$

- V_i : question
- U_j : context
- E_{ij} : similarity matrix (similarity between i -th question word and j -th context word)

$$B_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_{\{i \neq j\}} f(h_i, h_j) \quad (2)$$

- H_{ij} : question-aware context representation
- B_{ij} : another similarity matrix

Single-round alignment architecture limited in its capability to capture complex interactions among question and context.

Multi-round alignment architectures

stacking several identical aligning layers

$$E_{ij}^t = f(v_i^t, u_j^t), \quad B_{ij}^t = \mathbb{1}_{\{i \neq j\}} f(h_i^t, h_j^t) \quad (3)$$

- V_t : t-th hidden representations of question
- U_t : t-th hidden representations of context
- H_t : t-th question-aware context representation

Reattention Mechanism

1. **the attention redundancy**: where multiple attention distributions are highly similar.

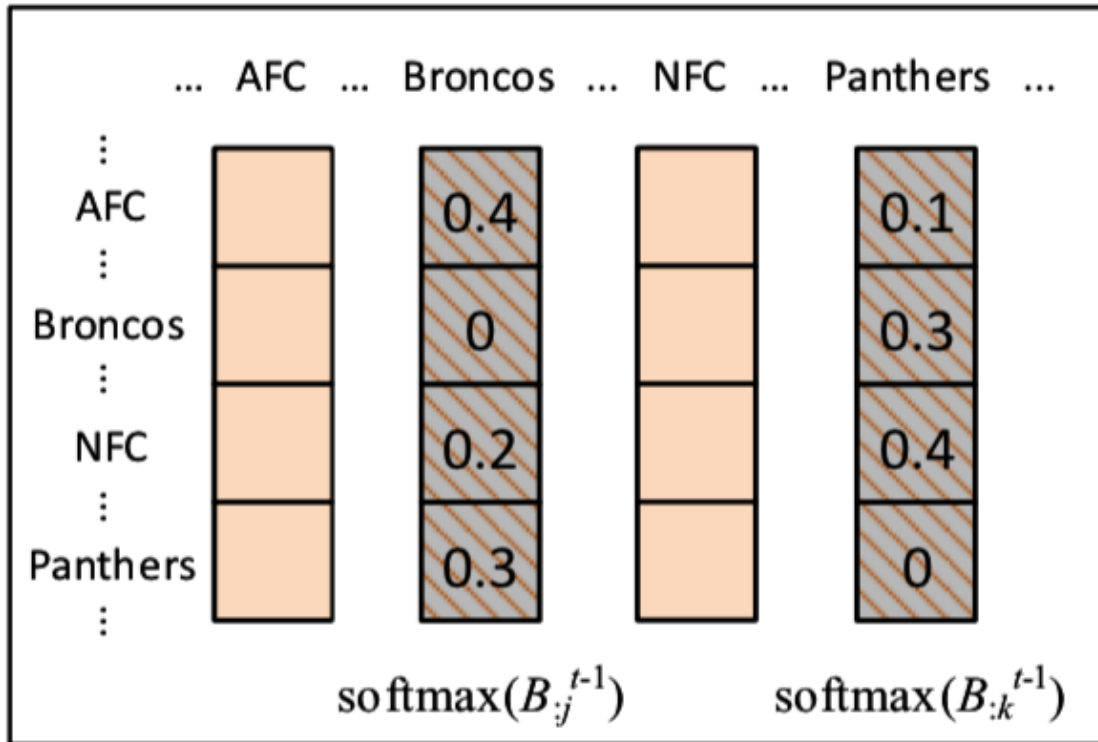
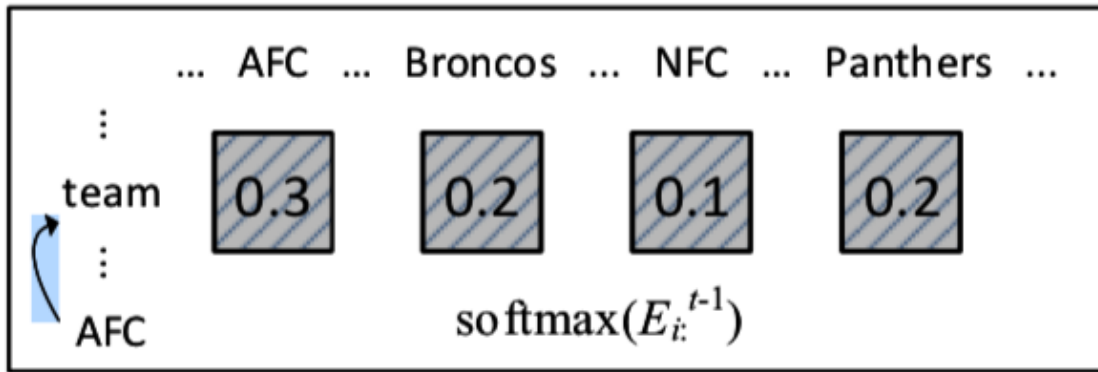
$$D(\text{softmax}(E_{:,j}^t) \parallel \text{softmax}(E_{:,j}^k)) < \sigma(t \neq k).$$

- σ : is a small bound
 - D : is a function measuring the distribution distance
2. **the attention deficiency**: which means that the attention fails to focus on salient parts of the input

$$D(\text{softmax}(E_{:,j}^{t*}) \parallel \text{softmax}(E_{:,j}^t)) > \delta,$$

- E^{t*} : ground truth attention distribution.

We propose to **temporally memorize past attentions** and explicitly use them to refine current attentions.



$$\text{softmax}(E_{i:}^{t-1}) \cdot \text{softmax}(B_{:j}^{t-1}) \approx 0.2$$

$$\text{softmax}(E_{i:}^{t-1}) \cdot \text{softmax}(B_{:k}^{t-1}) \approx 0.13$$

- The similarity of word pair (*team*, *Broncos*) is higher than (*team*, *Panthers*).

$$\tilde{E}_{ij}^t = \text{softmax}(E_{i:}^{t-1}) \cdot \text{softmax}(B_{:j}^{t-1})$$

$$E_{ij}^t = f(v_i^t, u_j^t) + \gamma \tilde{E}_{ij}^t \quad (4)$$

- $\text{softmax}(E_{i:}^{t-1})$: the past context attention distribution for the i -th question word
- $\text{softmax}(B_{:j}^{t-1})$: the past self attention distribution for the j -th context word
- γ : s a trainable parameter

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{B}_{ij}^t &= \text{softmax}(B_{i,:}^{t-1}) \cdot \text{softmax}(B_{:,j}^{t-1}) \\ B_{ij}^t &= \mathbb{1}_{(i \neq j)} \left(f(h_i^t, h_j^t) + \gamma \tilde{B}_{ij}^t \right)\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

Dynamic-critical Reinforcement Learning

- standard maximum-likelihood (ML)

$$p(A|C, Q; \theta) = p_1(i|C, Q; \theta) p_2(j|i, C, Q; \theta) \quad (6)$$

- p_1 : predicting the start position i
- p_2 : predicting the end position j
- θ : all trainable parameters

$$\mathcal{L}_{ML}(\theta) = - \sum_k \log p_1(y_k^1) + \log p_2(y_k^2 | y_k^1) \quad (7)$$

- self-critical sequence training (SCST)

$$\mathcal{L}_{SCST}(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}_{A^s \sim p_\theta(A)} [R(A^s) - R(\hat{A})] \quad (8)$$

$$\hat{A} = \arg \max_A p(A|C, Q; \theta)$$

- R_s : sampled answer
- \hat{A} : A baseline is obtained by running greedy inference with the current model
- $R(A_s)$: F1 score between a sampled answer A_s and the ground truth A^*
- $R(\hat{A})$: F1 score between a greedy inference answer \hat{A} and the ground truth A^*

- Gradient

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{SCST}(\theta) &= -\mathbb{E}_{A^s \sim p_{\theta}(A)} [(R(A^s) - b) \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(A^s)] \\ &\approx -\left(R(A^s) - R(\hat{A})\right) \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(A^s) \quad (9)\end{aligned}$$

Context: The American Football Conference (AFC) champion **Denver Broncos** defeated the National Football Conference (NFC) champion **Carolina Panthers** 24–10 to earn their third Super Bowl title.

Question: Which NFL team represented the AFC at Super Bowl 50?

Answer: Denver Broncos

- A^s : champion Denver Broncos:
- \hat{A} : Denver Broncos
- the normalized reward would be negative and the prediction for end position would be suppressed. *convergence suppression problem*.
- dynamic-critical reinforcement learning (DCRL)

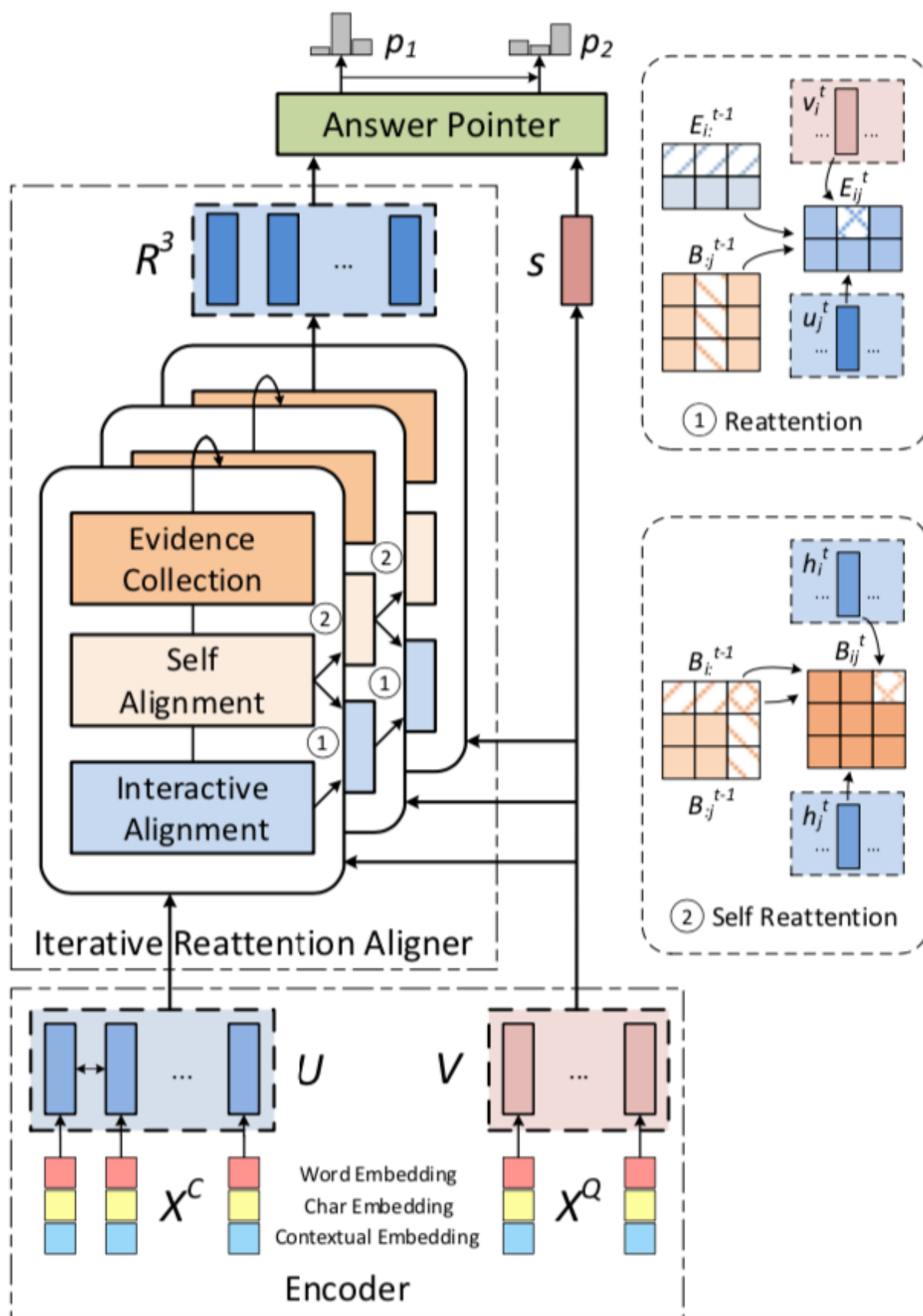
$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{DCRL}(\theta) &= -\mathbb{E}_{A^s \sim p_{\theta}(A)} [(R(A^s) - b) \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(A^s)] \\ &\approx -\mathbb{1}_{\{R(A^s) \geq R(\hat{A})\}} \left(R(A^s) - R(\hat{A})\right) \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(A^s) \\ &\quad - \mathbb{1}_{\{R(\hat{A}) > R(A^s)\}} \left(R(\hat{A}) - R(A^s)\right) \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(\hat{A}) \quad (10)\end{aligned}$$

- combine ML and DCRL objectives

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2\sigma_a^2} \mathcal{L}_{ML} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_b^2} \mathcal{L}_{DCRL} + \log \sigma_a^2 + \log \sigma_b^2 \quad (11)$$

- combine ML and DCRL objectives
- σ_a, σ_b : trainable parameters

End-to-end Architecture



Encoder

builds contextual representations for question and context jointly

$$v_i = \text{BiLSTM}(x_i^q), \quad u_j = \text{BiLSTM}(x_j^c) \quad (12)$$

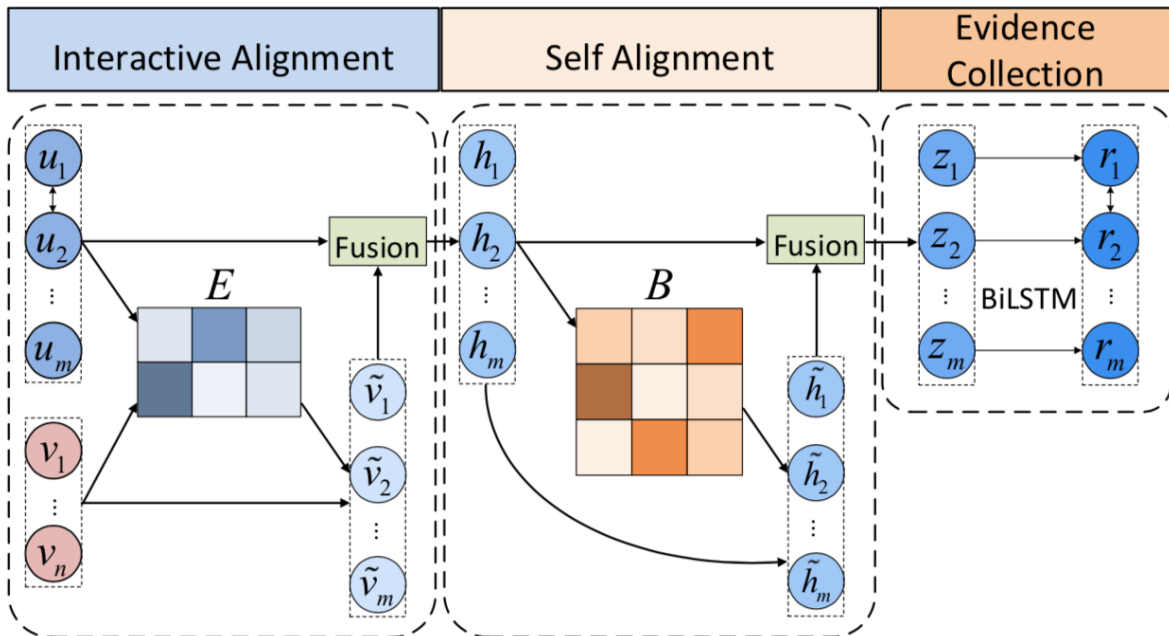
- 100-dim GloVe embedding (소스에는 CoVe?)
- 1024-dim ELMo embedding
- character-level embedding by encoding the character sequence with a BiLSTM
- POS embedding
- NER embedding
- weight-shared BiLSTM

Iterative Aligner

performs multi-round alignments between question and context with the reattention mechanism

1. interactive alignment: attend the question into the context;
2. self alignment: attend the context against itself;
3. evidence collection: model the context representation with a BiLSTM.

Single Aligning Block.



- compute question attention for the j -th context word is then: $\text{softmax}(E_{:j})$

- $f(u, v) = \text{relu}(W_u u)^T \text{relu}(W_v v)$

- $\tilde{v}_j = V \cdot \text{softmax}(E_{:j})$

- heuristic fusion function: $o = \text{fusion}(x, y)$

$$\tilde{x} = \text{relu}(W_r[x; y; x \circ y; x - y])$$

$$g = \sigma(W_g[x; y; x \circ y; x - y])$$

$$o = g \circ \tilde{x} + (1 - g) \circ x \quad (13)$$

- σ : sigmoid activation function
- \circ : element-wise multiplication
- bias term: omitted
- gate g : similar to the highway networks, used to control the composition degree to which the intermediate vector (x, \tilde{x}) is exposed.
- self alignment: applied to capture the long-term dependencies among context words

- $h_j = \text{fusion}(u_j, \tilde{v}_j)$

- $\tilde{h}_j = H \cdot \text{softmax}(B_{:j})$

- BiLSTM is used to perform the evidence collection

- $z_j = \text{fusion}(h_j, \tilde{h}_j)$

- $r_j = \text{BiLSTM}(z_j)$

Multi-round Alignments with Reattention.

$$R^1, Z^1, E^1, B^1 = \text{align}^1(U, V)$$

$$R^2, Z^2, E^2, B^2 = \text{align}^2(R^1, V, E^1, B^1)$$

$$R^3, Z^3, E^3, B^3 = \text{align}^3(R^2, V, E^2, B^2, Z^1, Z^2) \quad (14)$$

Answer Pointer.

- p1

$$p_1(i) \propto \exp \left(w_1^T \tanh(W_1[r_i^3; s; r_i^3 \circ s; r_i^3 - s]) \right) \quad (15)$$

- $s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$
- $a_i \propto \exp(w^T v_i)$

- p2

$$p_2(j|i) \propto \exp \left(w_2^T \tanh(W_2[r_j^3; \tilde{s}; r_j^3 \circ \tilde{s}; r_j^3 - \tilde{s}]) \right) \quad (16)$$

- $\tilde{s} = \text{fusion}(s, l)$
- $l = R^3 \cdot p_1$

Experiments

- The performance of Reinforced Mnemonic Reader and other competing approaches on the SQuAD dataset

<i>Single Model</i>	Dev		Test	
	EM	F1	EM	F1
LR Baseline ¹	40.0	51.0	40.4	51.0
DCN+ ²	74.5	83.1	75.1	83.1
FusionNet ³	75.3	83.6	76.0	83.9
SAN ⁴	76.2	84.1	76.8	84.4
AttentionReader+ [†]	-	-	77.3	84.9
BSE ⁵	77.9	85.6	78.6	85.8
R-net+ [†]	-	-	79.9	86.5
SLQA+ [†]	-	-	80.4	87.0
Hybrid AoA Reader+ [†]	-	-	80.0	87.3
R.M-Reader	78.9	86.3	79.5	86.6
<i>Ensemble Model</i>				
DCN+ ²	-	-	78.8	86.0
FusionNet ³	78.5	85.8	79.0	86.0
SAN ⁴	78.6	85.8	79.6	86.5
BSE ⁵	79.6	86.6	81.0	87.4
AttentionReader+ [†]	-	-	81.8	88.2
R-net+ [†]	-	-	82.6	88.5
SLQA+ [†]	-	-	82.4	88.6
Hybrid AoA Reader+ [†]	-	-	82.5	89.3
R.M-Reader	81.2	87.9	82.3	88.5
Human ¹	80.3	90.5	82.3	91.2

- Performance comparison on two adversarial datasets.

<i>Model</i>	AddSent		AddOneSent	
	EM	F1	EM	F1
LR Baseline	17.0	23.2	22.3	41.8
Match-LSTM ^{1*}	24.3	34.2	34.8	41.8
BiDAF ^{2*}	29.6	34.2	40.7	46.9
SEDT ^{3*}	30.0	35.0	40.0	46.5
ReasoNet ^{4*}	34.6	39.4	43.6	49.8
FusionNet ^{5*}	46.2	51.4	54.7	60.7
R.M-Reader	53.0	58.5	60.9	67.0

- Ablation study on SQuAD dev set.

Configuration	EM	F1	Δ EM	Δ F1
R.M-Reader	78.9	86.3	—	—
(1) - Reattention	78.1	85.8	-0.8	-0.5
(2) - DCRL	78.2	85.4	-0.7	-0.9
(3) - Reattention, DCRL	77.1	84.8	-1.8	-1.5
(4) - DCRL, + SCST	78.5	85.8	-0.4	-0.5
(5) Attention: Dot	78.2	85.9	-0.7	-0.4
(6) - Heuristic Sub	78.1	85.7	-0.8	-0.6
(7) - Heuristic Mul	78.3	86.0	-0.6	-0.3
(8) Fusion: Gate	77.9	85.6	-1.0	-0.7
(9) Fusion: MLP	77.2	85.2	-1.7	-1.1
(10) Num of Blocks: 2	78.7	86.1	-0.2	-0.2
(11) Num of Blocks: 4	78.8	86.3	-0.1	0
(12) Num of Blocks: 5	77.5	85.2	-1.4	-1.1

- Effectiveness of Reattention

KL divergence	- Reattention	+ Reattention
<i>Redundancy</i>		
E^1 to E^2	0.695 ± 0.086	0.866 ± 0.074
E^2 to E^3	0.404 ± 0.067	0.450 ± 0.052
B^1 to B^2	0.976 ± 0.092	1.207 ± 0.121
B^2 to B^3	1.179 ± 0.118	1.193 ± 0.097
<i>Deficiency</i>		
E^2 to E^{2*}	0.650 ± 0.044	0.568 ± 0.059
E^3 to E^{3*}	0.536 ± 0.047	0.482 ± 0.035

- Predictions with DCRL (red) and with SCST (blue) on SQuAD dev set

Context: Carolina's secondary featured Pro Bowl safety Kurt Coleman, who led the team with a career high seven interceptions, while also racking up 88 tackles and Pro Bowl cornerback Josh Norman, who developed into a shutdown corner during the season and had **four** interceptions, **two** of which were returned for touchdowns.

Question: How many interceptions did Josh Norman score touchdowns with in 2015?

Answer: two

Context: The further decline of Byzantine state-of-affairs paved the road to a third attack in 1185, when a large Norman army invaded Dyrrachium, owing to the betrayal of high Byzantine officials. Some time later, Dyrrachium—**one of the most important naval bases of the Adriatic**—fell again to Byzantine hands.

Question: Where was Dyrrachium located?

Answer: the Adriatic

Context: The motor used polyphase current which generated a rotating magnetic field to turn the motor (a principle Tesla claimed to have conceived in 1882). This innovative electric motor, patented in May 1888, was a simple self-starting design that did not need a commutator, thus avoiding sparking and the high maintenance of **constantly servicing and replacing mechanical brushes**.


Question: What high maintenance part did Tesla's AC motor not require?

Answer: mechanical brushes

Source Code

ewrfcas/Reinforced-Mnemonic-Reader

Reinforced Mnemonic Reader for Machine Reading
Comprehension with reinforcement loss in tensorflow -

 <https://github.com/ewrfcas/Reinforced-Mnemonic-Rea...>

