

How Can We Write Large Programs Without Thinking?

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1 #!/bin/bash
2 # This script starts the life of demumrun
3 #
4 # Usage: ./demumrun [options]
5 #
6 # Options:
7 # -c, --cache-dir DIR cache directory
8 # -d, --debug DIR debug directory
9 # -f, --font-size SIZE font size
10 # -i, --icon-size SIZE icon size
11 # -l, --language LANG language
12 # -m, --mouse-button BUTTON mouse button
13 # -n, --no-clipboard no clipboard
14 # -o, --output DIR output directory
15 # -p, --port PORT port
16 # -r, --root-dir DIR root directory
17 # -s, --scale-factor SCALE scale factor
18 # -t, --title TITLE title
19 # -v, --version VERSION version
20 # -w, --width WIDTH width
21 # -x, --height HEIGHT height
22 # -z, --z-index ZINDEX z-index
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24 # Environment variables:
25 # DEMUMRUN_CACHE_DIR cache directory
26 # DEMUMRUN_DEBUG_DIR debug directory
27 # DEMUMRUN_FONT_SIZE font size
28 # DEMUMRUN_ICON_SIZE icon size
29 # DEMUMRUN_LANGUAGE language
30 # DEMUMRUN_MOUSE_BUTTON mouse button
31 # DEMUMRUN_NO_CLIPBOARD no clipboard
32 # DEMUMRUN_OUTPUT_DIR output directory
33 # DEMUMRUN_PORT port
34 # DEMUMRUN_ROOT_DIR root directory
35 # DEMUMRUN_SCALE_FACTOR scale factor
36 # DEMUMRUN_TITLE title
37 # DEMUMRUN_VERSION version
38 # DEMUMRUN_WIDTH width
39 # DEMUMRUN_HEIGHT height
40 # DEMUMRUN_ZINDEX z-index
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Linux: 15 million lines of code

Windows: 7-40 million lines of code

Google: 2 billion lines of code

Where we are...

End-user programming

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Concatenate(ToLower(Substring(v,WordToken,1)), " ",
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Sketching

```
int[25] transpose5x5(int[25] mat){
    int[25] out;
    for(int i=0; i<5; ++i) for(int j=0; j<5; ++j){
        out[ ??*i + ??*j + ??] = mat[??*i + ??*j + ??];
    }
    return out;
}
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Set up the skeleton, only fill in ??

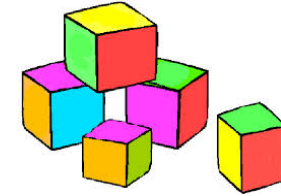
Stochastic superoptimization (STOKE)

Montgomery multiplication:

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STOKE code 16 lines shorter, 1.6x faster than gcc

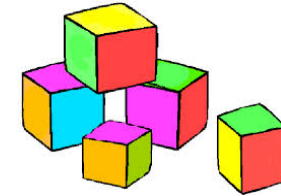
Modularity (model)



Natural language specifications



Modularity (search)



Final remarks



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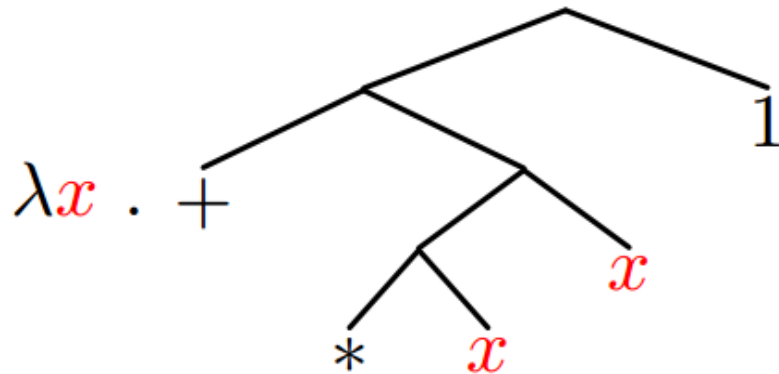
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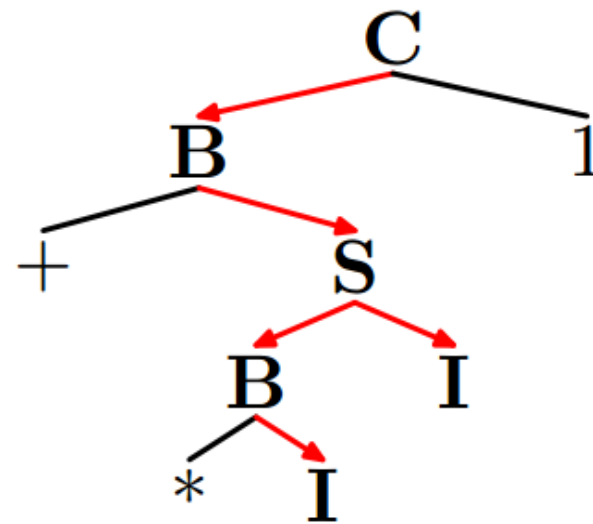
Problems:

- Part that changes embedded deeply in program
- Variables make it hard to extract subprograms

A new representation of programs



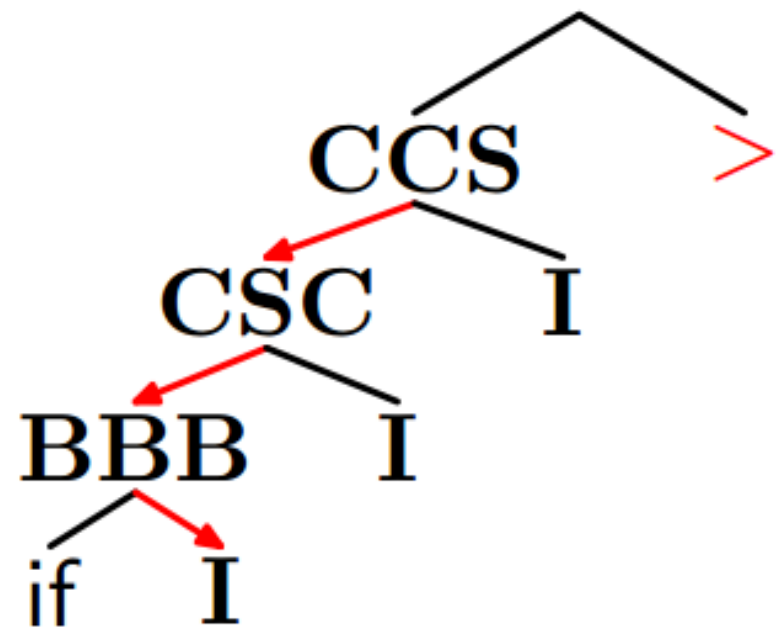
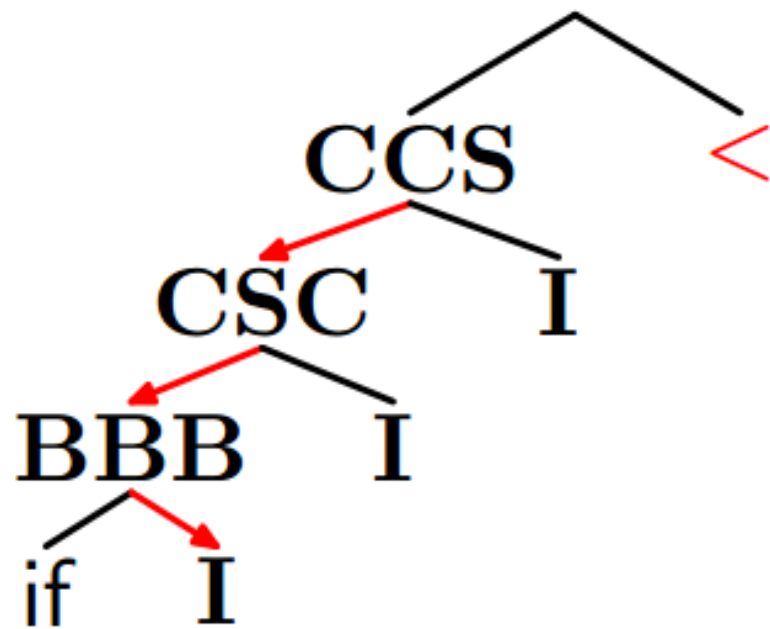
Lambda calculus



Combinatory logic

- Combinators B, C, S, I route encode how arguments get routed down
- Now subproblems are subtrees
- Extension of classic combinatory logic (Schönfinkel, 1924)

Representation of min and max



Adaptor grammars [Johnson, 2007]

$C_t \leftarrow []$ for each type t [cached list of combinators]
(notation: $\text{return}^* c$ adds c to C_t and returns c)

GENCACHE(t): [returns a combinator of type t]

With probability $\frac{\alpha_0 + N_t d}{\alpha_0 + |C_t|}$:

With probability λ_0 :

Return^* a random primitive combinator (e.g., $+$, 3 , \mathbf{I})

Else:

Choose a type s

$x \leftarrow \text{GENCACHE}(s \rightarrow t)$

$y \leftarrow \text{GENCACHE}(s)$

Return^* (x, y)

Else:

$\text{Return}^* z \in C_t$ with probability $\frac{M_z - d}{|C_t| - N_t d}$

Inference: MCMC

Experimental results

24 text editing tasks [Lau, 2003]

Cardinals 5, Pirates 2

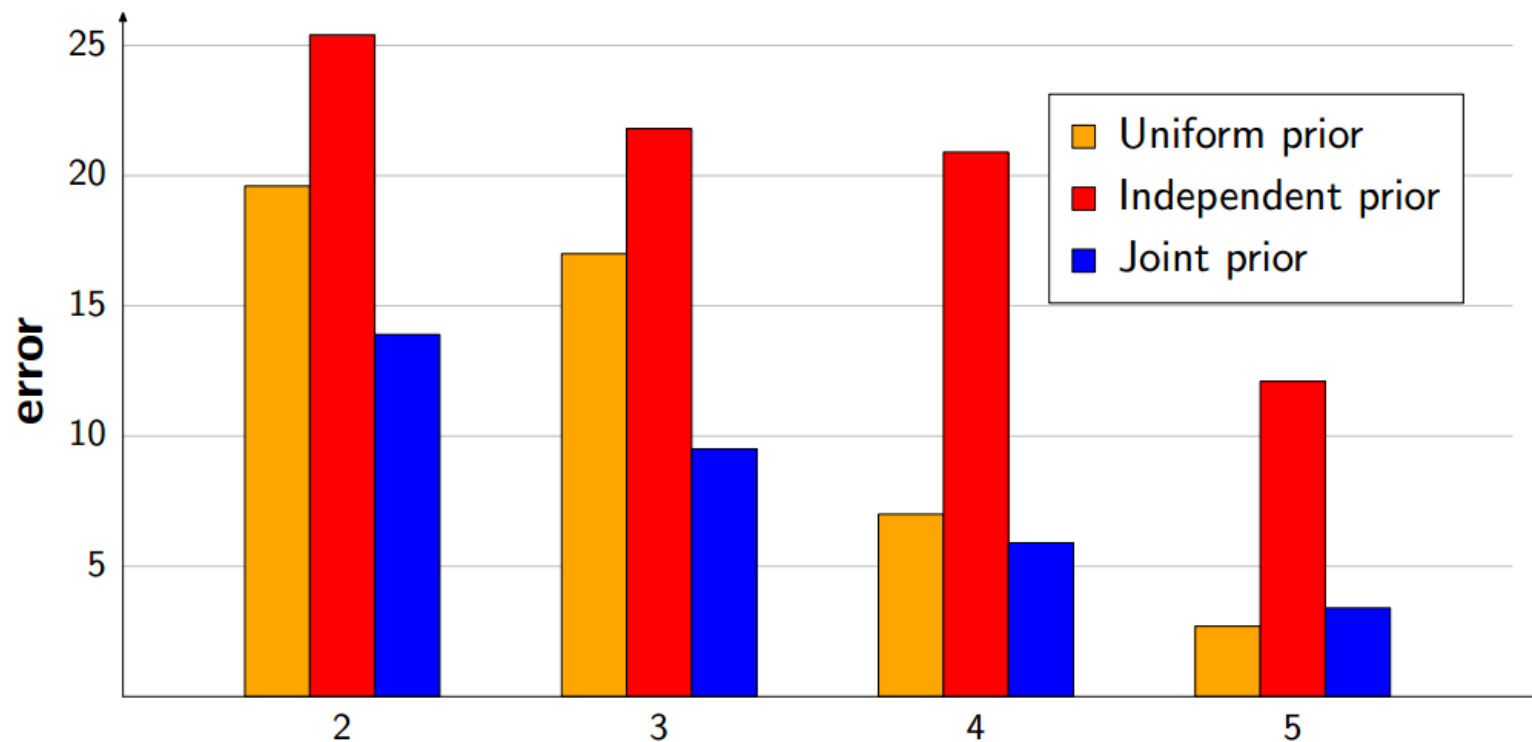


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GameScore[winner 'Cardinals'; loser 'Pirates'; scores [5, 2]]
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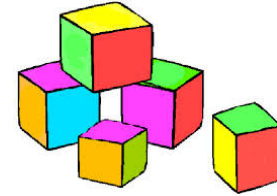


Summary so far



- Multi-task learning: if induce one program, should be easier to induce a related one
- Need to expose shared subprograms
- Use adaptor grammar over combinatory logic
- Cache becomes a library of useful primitives

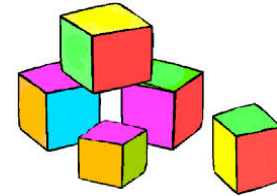
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Final remarks





[database]

Language to programs

What is the largest city in Europe by population?



[database]

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semantic parsing

Cities



[database]

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semantic parsing

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[database]

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semantic parsing

Cities

ContainedBy(Europe)



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semantic parsing

$\text{Cities} \cap \text{ContainedBy}(\text{Europe})$



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semantic parsing

Cities \cap ContainedBy(Europe) Population



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semantic parsing

$\text{argmax}(\text{Cities} \cap \text{ContainedBy}(\text{Europe}), \text{Population})$



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Language to programs

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semantic parsing

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execute

Istanbul



[calendar]

Language to programs

Remind me to buy milk after my last meeting on Monday.



[calendar]

Language to programs

Remind me to buy milk after my last meeting on Monday.



semantic parsing

Add(Buy(Milk), argmax(Meetings \cap HasDate(2016-07-18), EndTime))



[calendar]

Language to programs

Remind me to buy milk after my last meeting on Monday.



semantic parsing

Add(Buy(Milk), argmax(Meetings \cap HasDate(2016-07-18), EndTime))



execute

[reminder added]

Language to programs



[context]

[sentence]



semantic parsing

[program]



execute

[behavior]

A brief history of semantic parsing

GeoQuery [Zelle & Mooney 1996]

Inductive logic programming [Tang & Mooney 2001]

String kernels [Kate & Mooney 2006]

Synchronous grammars [Wong & Mooney 2007]

Higher-order unification [Kwiatkowski et al. 2011]

Language + vision [Matsusek et al. 2012]

Large-scale KBs [Berant et al.; Kwiatkowski et al. 2013]

Reduction to paraphrasing [Berant & Liang 2014]

Compositionality on tables [Pasupat & Liang, 2015]

CCG [Zettlemoyer & Collins 2005]

Relaxed CCG [Zettlemoyer & Collins 2007]

Learning from world [Clarke et al. 2010]

Learning from answers [Liang et al. 2011]

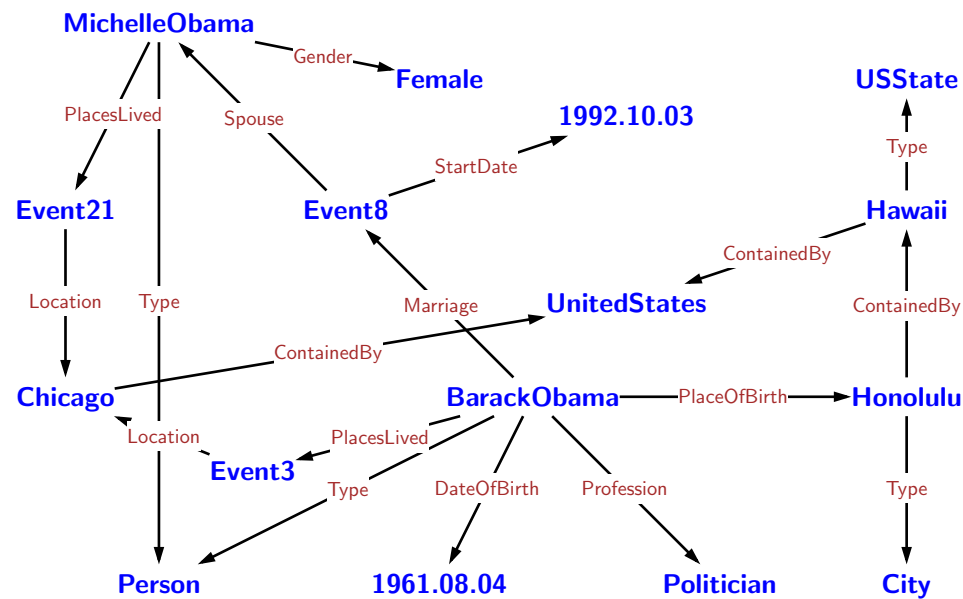
Regular expressions [Kushman et al. 2013]

Instruction following [Artzi & Zettlemoyer 2013]

Dataset from logical forms [Wang et al. 2015]

QA on Freebase

100M **entities** (nodes) 1B **assertions** (edges)



Barack Obama
44th U.S. President

Barack Hussein Obama II is the 44th and current President of the United States. He is the first African American to hold the office, as well as the first president born outside of the continental United States. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: August 4, 1961 (age 54), Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, Honolulu, HI

Height: 6' 1"

Spouse: Michelle Obama (m. 1992)

Parents: Ann Dunham, Barack Obama Sr.

Children: Malia Ann Obama, Natasha Obama

Siblings: Maya Soetoro-Ng, Auma Obama, More

WebQuestions [Berant et al., 2013]

QA on semi-structured data

154 million tables on the web [Cafarella et al. 2008]

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- A Bayesian Mixed Effects Model of Literary Character
David Benjamin, Ted Underwood and Noah A. Smith
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Ame Szigmat
- A Decision Theoretic Approach to Natural Language Generation
Nathan McKinley and Soumya Nay
- A Declarative Graph-Based Parser for the Abolished Meeting Report
Jeffrey Flanagan, Sam Thompson, Ruben Carbonell, Oreste Diano and Massimo
- A Generalized Language Model
Rene Plakhar, Thomas Goto
- A Joint Graph Model for Pinyin
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Alexander M. Rush, Michael Collins
- A Linear-Time Bottom-Up Discourse Parser
Vanesa Wei Feng and Graham
- A practical but linguistically-motivated parser
Denis Paperno, The Ngwa Pua
- A Provably Correct Learning Algorithm
Shay B. Cohen and Michael Collins

Most Popular Action Feature Films

- Godzilla (2014)**
★★★★★ 7.2/10
The world's most famous monster is (back) again; malevolent creatures who threaten humanity's scientific arrogance, threaten our very existence.
Dir: Gareth Edwards With: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Elizabeth Olsen, Bryan Cranston
Action | Sci-Fi | Horror
- X-Men: Days of Future Past**
★★★★★
The X-Men send Wolverine to the past in a desperate effort to change history and prevent a future that would destroy his kind.
Dir: Bryan Singer With: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence
Action | Adventure | Sci-Fi
- The Amazing Spider-Man 2**
★★★★★
Peter Parker runs into the green goblin villain again, this time as the Green Goblin.
Dir: Marc Webb With: Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Rhys Ifans
Action | Adventure | Sci-Fi
- Transformers: Age of Extinction**
An automobile mechanic discovers a secret about his car that leads to a war between humans and a new breed of alien.
Dir: Michael Bay With: Mark Wahlberg, Will Bridges, Anthony Mackie
Action | Adventure | Sci-Fi

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Thursday 12 June

GROUP A	Time	GROUP B
BRAZIL	17:00	CROATIA

Friday 13 June

GROUP A	Time	GROUP B
MEXICO	13:00	CAMEROON
SPAIN	16:00	NETHERLANDS
CHILE	18:00	AUSTRALIA

Saturday 14 June

GROUP C	Time	GROUP D
COLOMBIA	13:00	GREECE
URUGUAY	16:00	COSTA RICA

President


No	President	Took office
1	George Washington (1732-1799) (22/09/1789)	April 30, 1789 (7-0)
2	John Adams (1735-1826) (4/03/1797)	March 4, 1797
3	Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) (22/03/1801)	March 4, 1801
4	James Madison (1751-1836) (22/03/1801)	March 4, 1809

Secretary of State

Secretary of State	Term
Thomas Jefferson	1801-1809
James Madison	1809-1817

Calendar

Date	Event
March 4, 1801	Democratic-Republican
April 28, 2012	Monday: Garry's 6
April 4, 2013	November 23, 2014
November 23, 2014	March 6, 1817

Year ↕	Competition ↕	Venue ↕	Position ↕	Event ↕	Notes ↕
Representing  Poland ↕					
2001	World Youth Championships	Debrecen, Hungary	2nd	400 m	47.12
			1st	Medley relay	1:50.46
	European Junior Championships	Grosseto, Italy	1st	4x400 m relay	3:06.12
2002	World Junior Championships	Kingston, Jamaica	4th	4x400m relay	3:06.25
2003	European Junior Championships	Tampere, Finland	3rd	400 m	46.69
			2nd	4x400 m relay	3:08.62
2005	European U23 Championships	Erfurt, Germany	11th (sf)	400 m	46.62
			1st	4x400 m relay	3:04.41
	Universiade	Izmir, Turkey	7th	400 m	46.89
			1st	4x400 m relay	3:02.57
2006	World Indoor Championships	Moscow, Russia	2nd (h)	4x400 m relay	3:06.10
	European Championships	Gothenburg, Sweden	3rd	4x400 m relay	3:01.73
2007	European Indoor Championships	Birmingham, United Kingdom	3rd	4x400 m relay	3:08.14
	Universiade	Bangkok, Thailand	7th	400 m	46.85
			1st	4x400 m relay	3:02.05
2008	World Indoor Championships	Valencia, Spain	4th	4x400 m relay	3:08.76
	Olympic Games	Beijing, China	7th	4x400 m relay	3:00.32
2009	Universiade	Belgrade, Serbia	2nd	4x400 m relay	3:05.69

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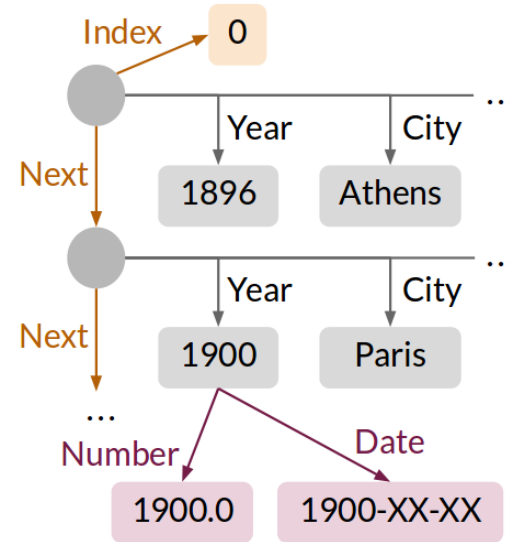
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Challenges:

- High logical complexity (conjunction, disjunction, superlatives, comparatives, aggregation, arithmetic)
- Tables are unnormalized
- Train and test tables are distinct; need to generalize!

Model framework

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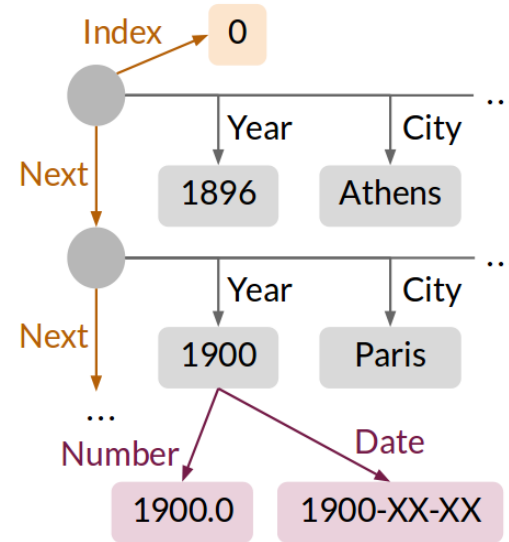


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Model details

Generate programs recursively of increasing size:

Greece

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Year

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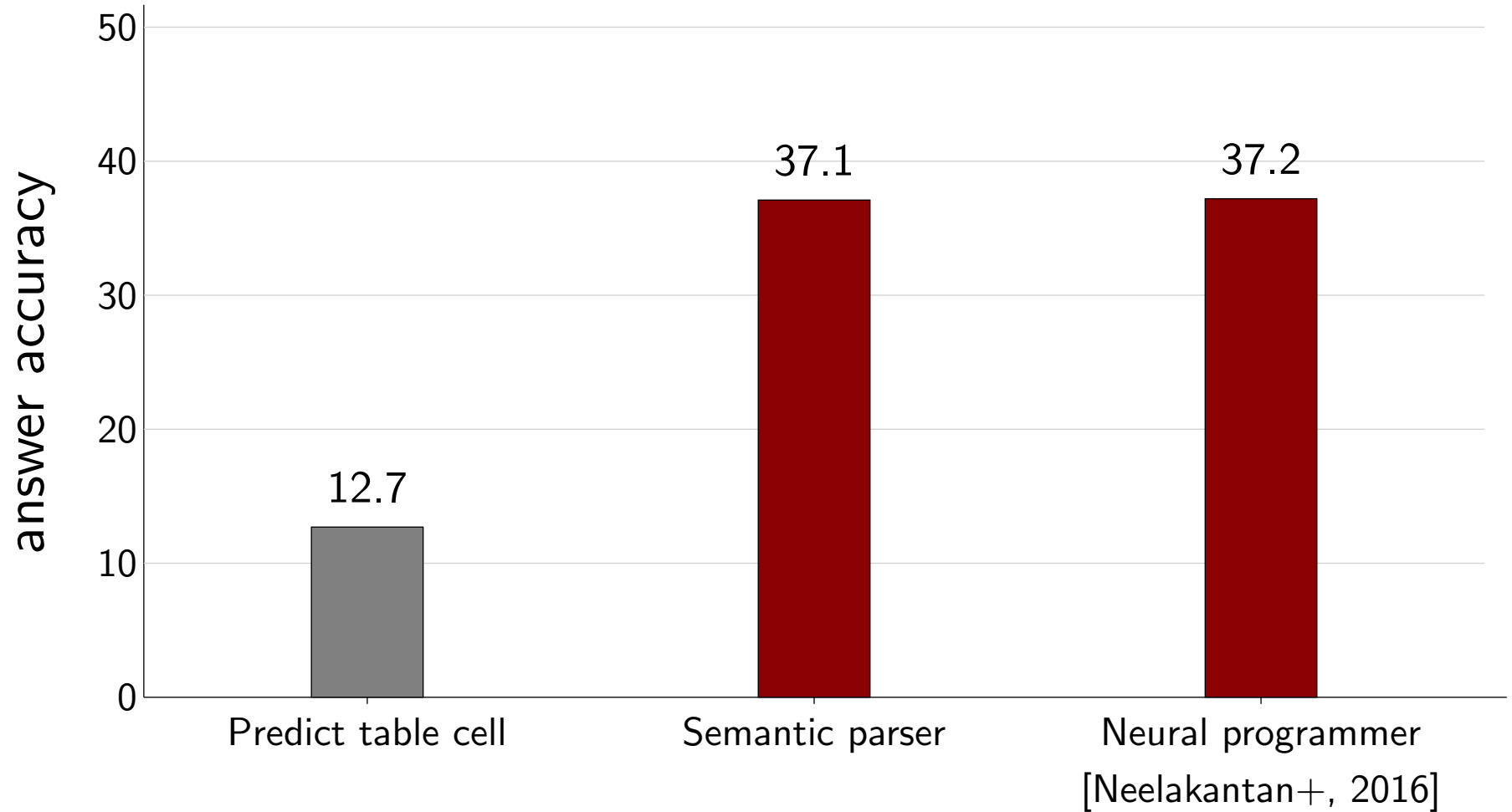
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Training:

$$\max_{\theta} \log \sum_{\text{Exec}(\text{program})=\text{answer}} p_{\theta}(\text{program} \mid \text{question})$$

Results on WikiTableQuestions



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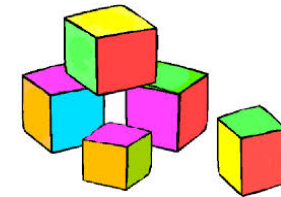
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- *In what city did Piotr's last 1st place finish occur? ...[Bangkok, Thailand]...*
- *How long does the show defcon 3 last? ...[2pm-3pm]...*

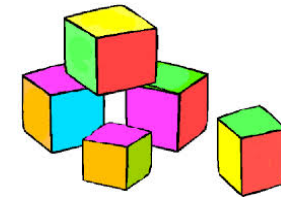
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Final remarks



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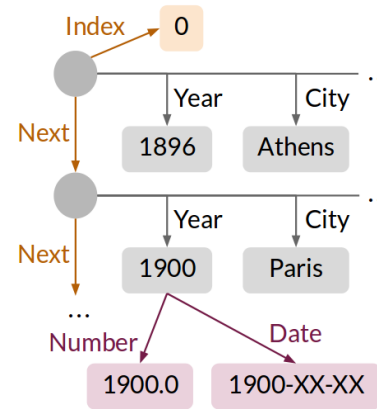
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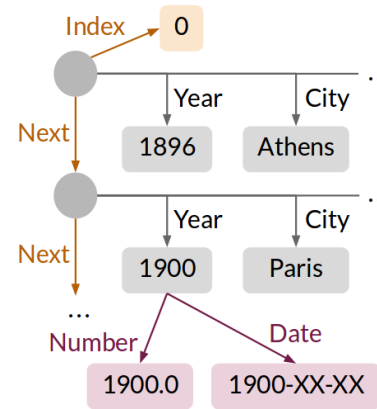


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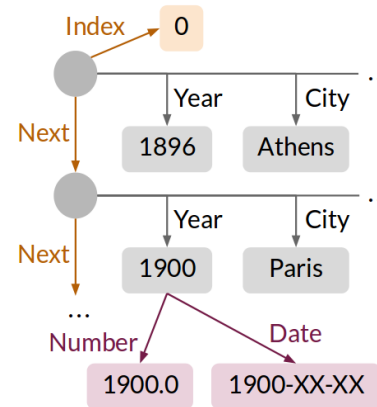
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How many times did Greece hold the Summer Olympics?

```
count(Country.Greece)
```

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`count(Country.Greece) – count(Country.Norway)`

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Recovering program is unsupervised problem

Challenge

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Can we efficiently generate **all** programs (up to some size) that produce the correct answer?

Intuition: dynamic programming

PopulationOf.CapitalOf.Colorado

PopulationOf.argmax(Type.City \sqcap ContainedBy.Colorado, Population)



PopulationOf.Denver

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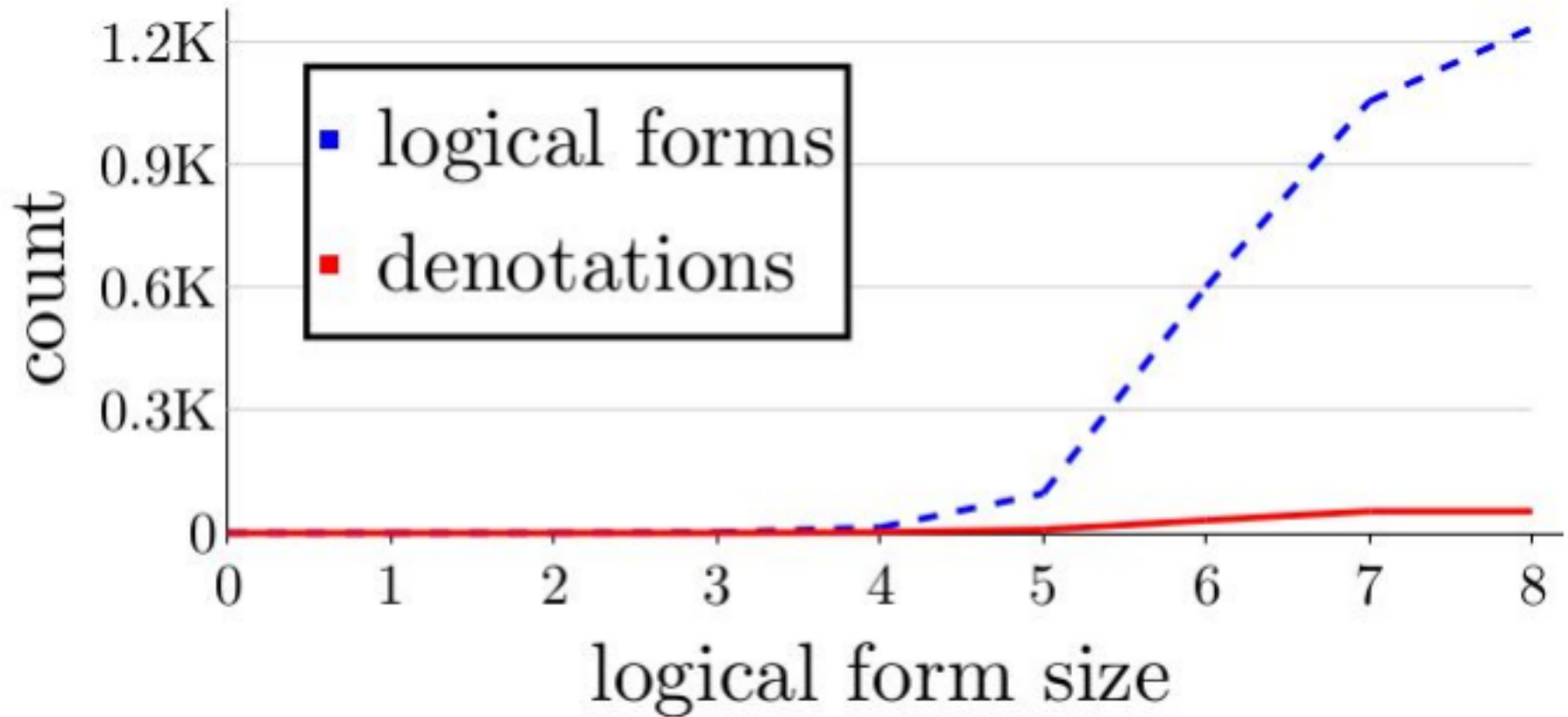
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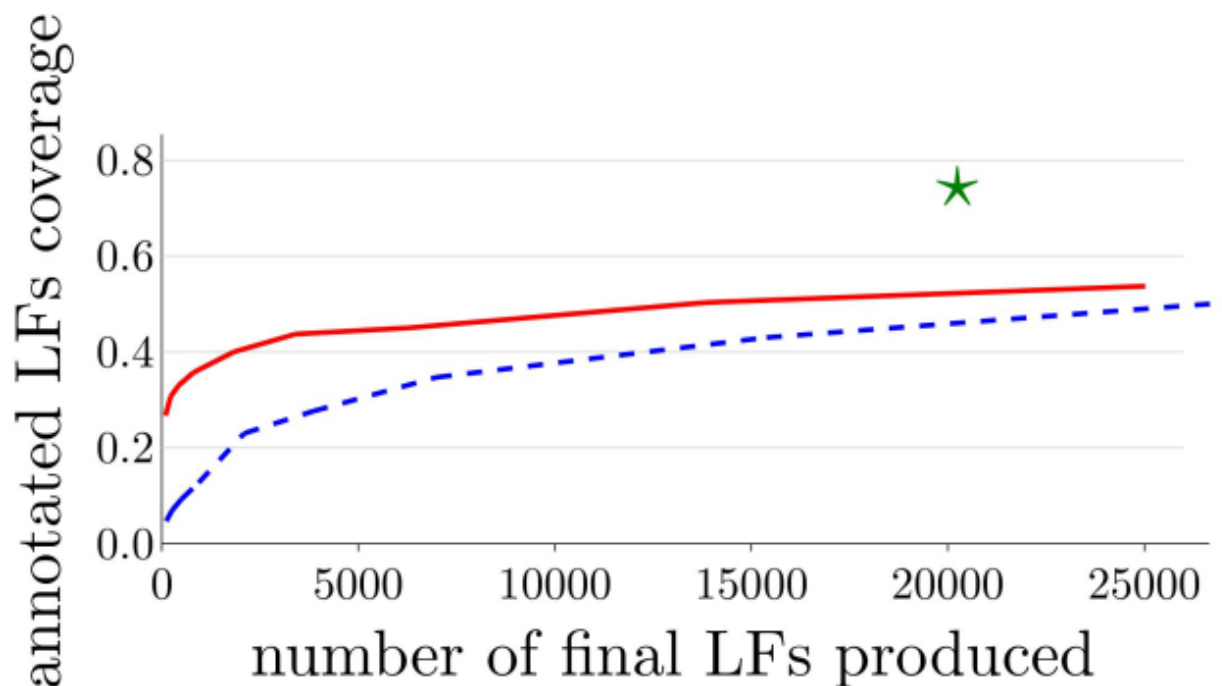
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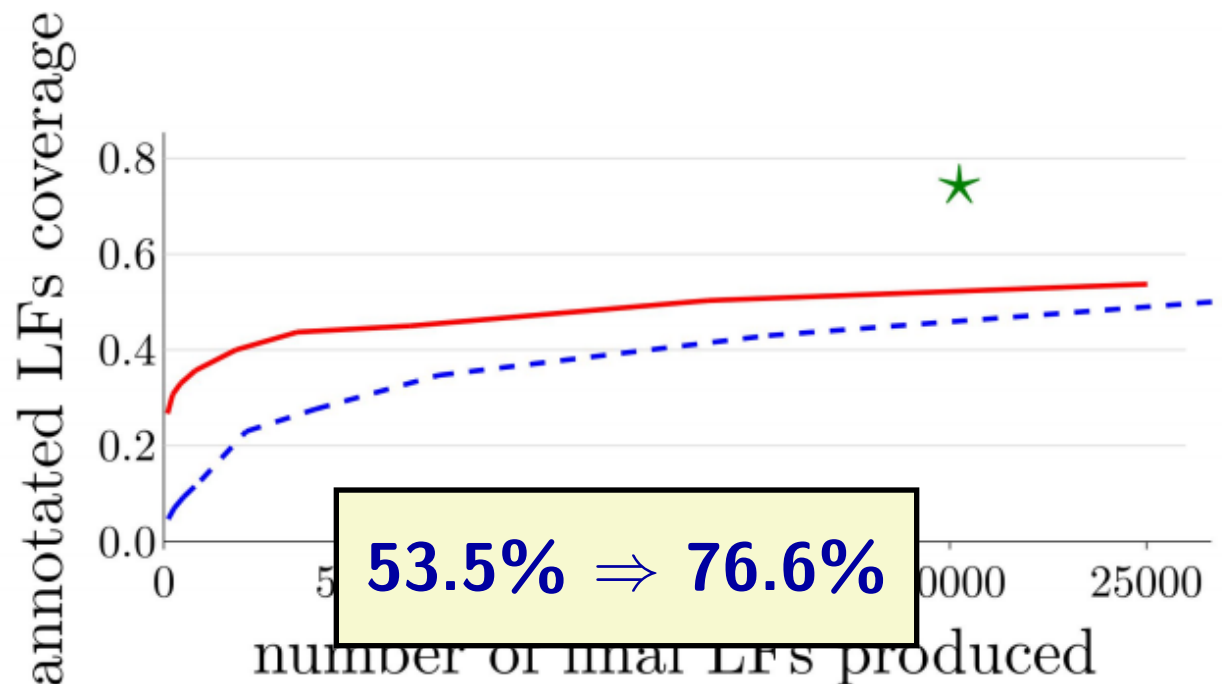


★ Dynamic programming
on denotations

■ Uninitialized beam search

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Learning macros

the same number of #0

`!=.cell1 AND R[col2].col0.R[col0].col2.cell1`

how many more #0

`R[Number].R[col0].col2.cell1 - R[Number].R[col0].col2.cell3`

at least NUM #0

`NUM \geq @num #col:0`

when was the last

`max(R[Date].....)`

after #0

`R[col1].R[Next].col1.cell0`

Ongoing work: use these in learning the semantic parser

Summary so far



What is the largest city in Europe by population?



semantic parsing

$\text{argmax}(\text{Cities} \cap \text{ContainedBy}(\text{Europe}), \text{Population})$

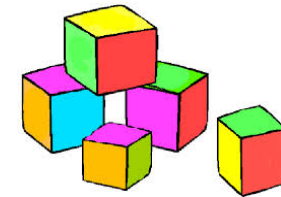


execute

Istanbul

- Semantic parsing converts language to programs
- When we have learned the language, search is easy!
- Until then, search is hard, use dynamic programming

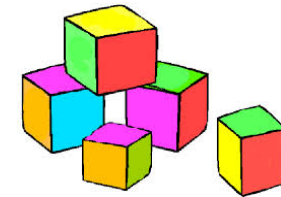
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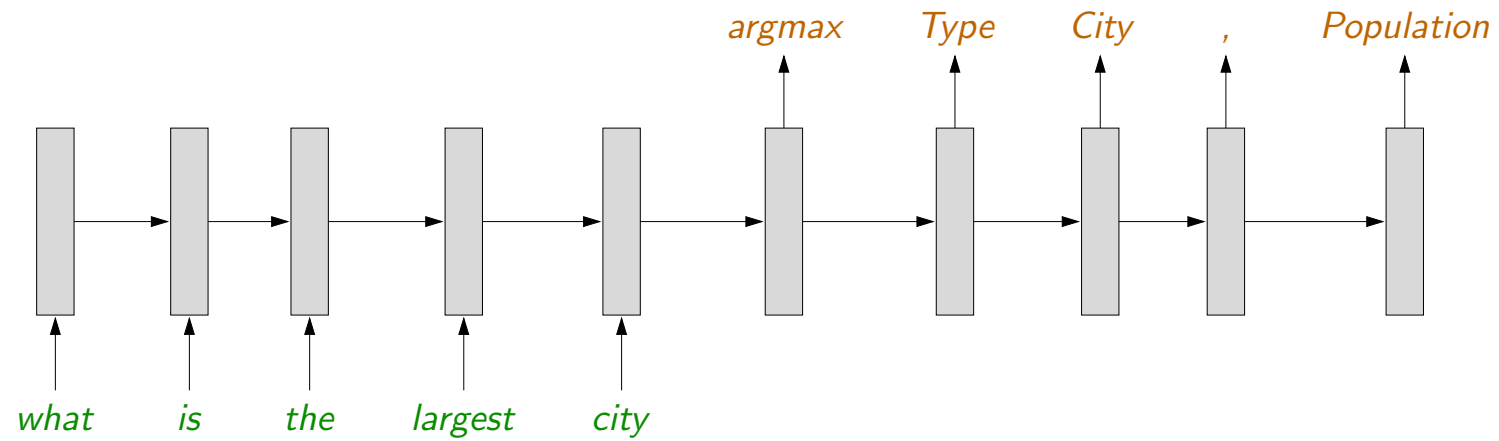


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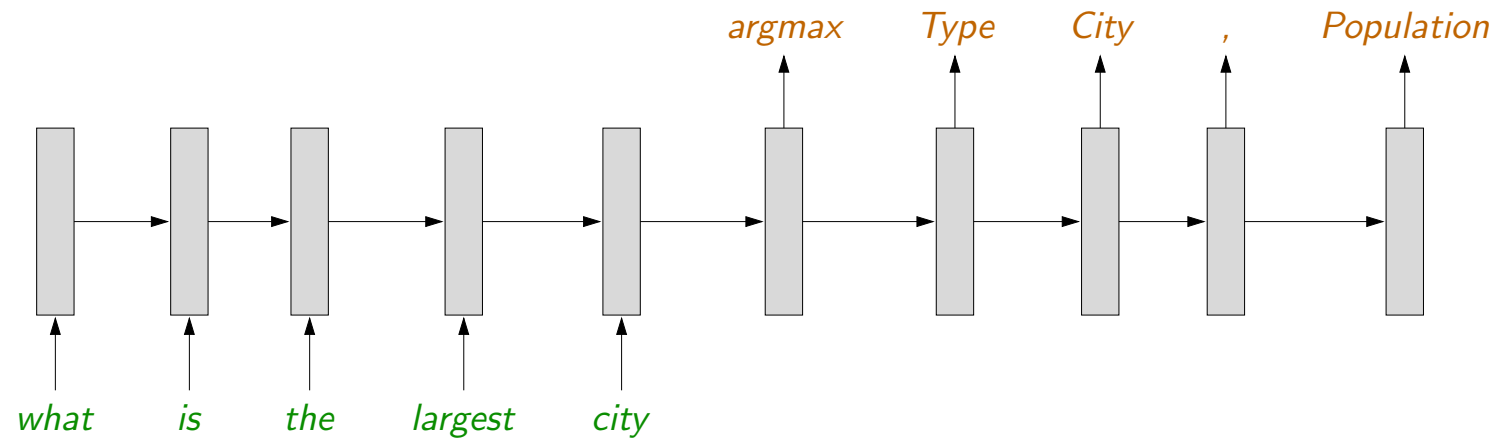


Where's the neural stuff?

Neural semantic parsing

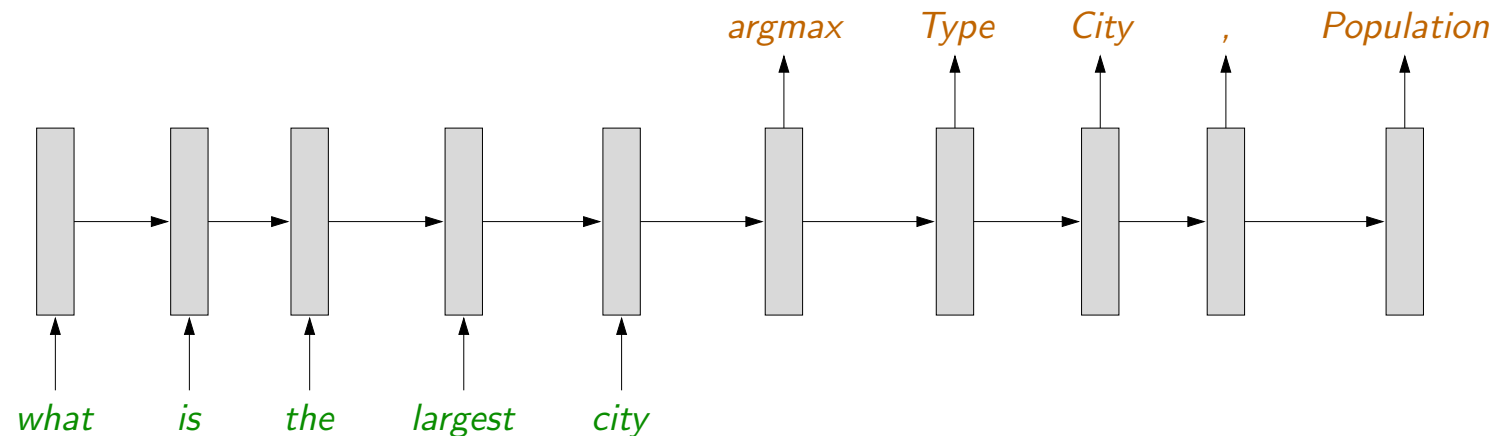


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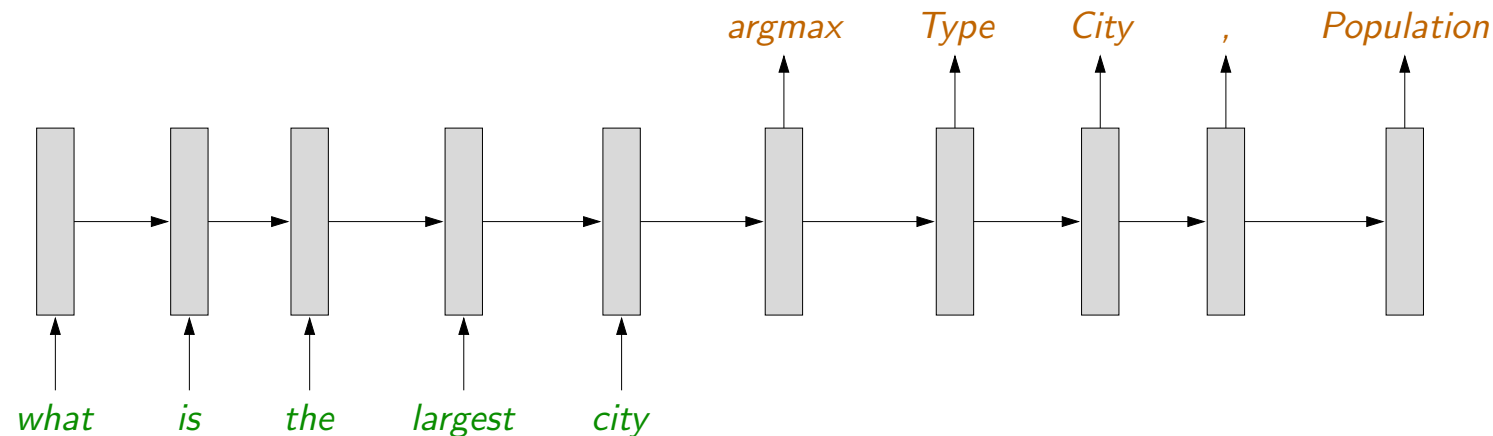
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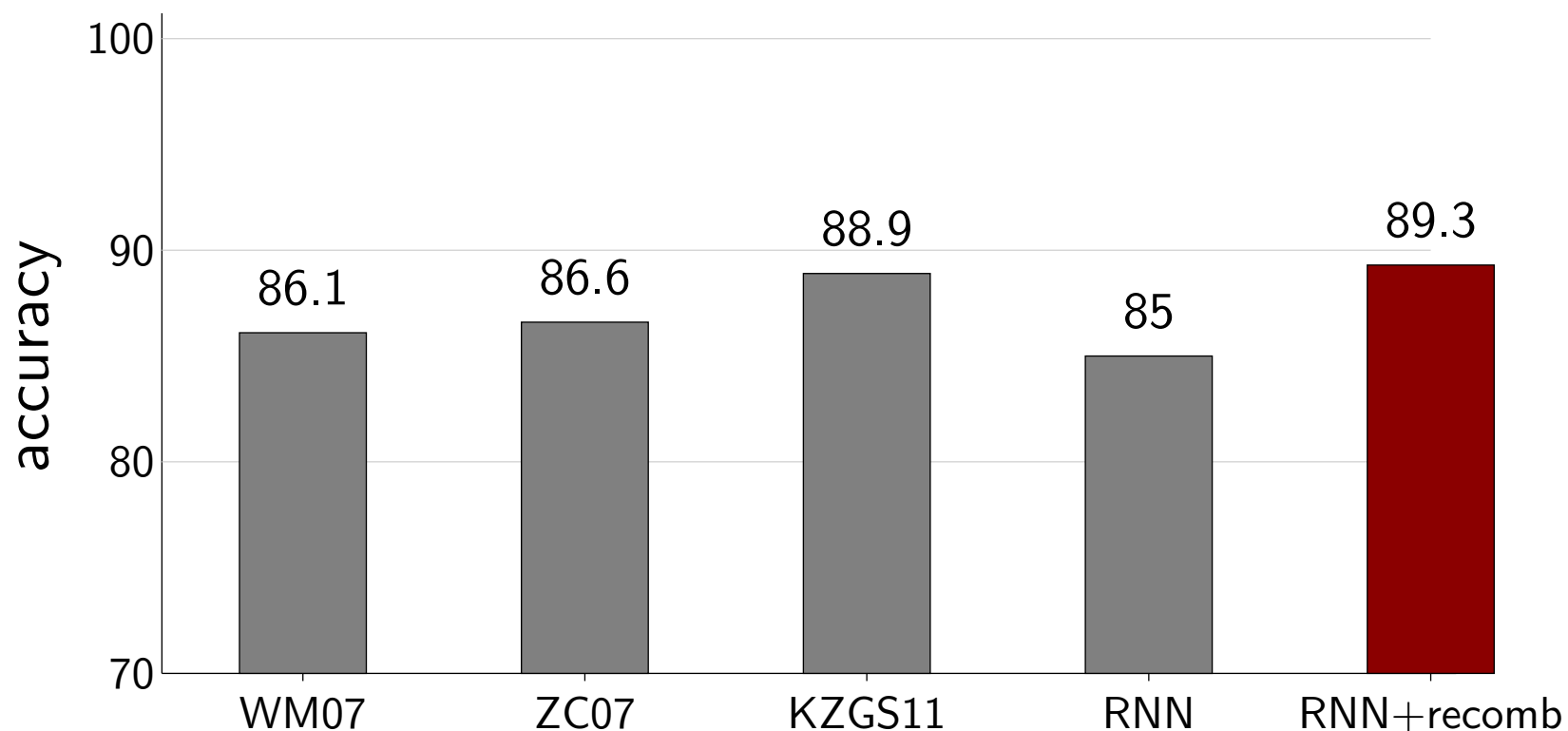
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Neural semantic parsing

Dataset: US Geography dataset (Zelle & Mooney, 1996)

What is the highest point in Florida?



state-of-art, simpler

Point 1/2: factorization

question answering

Point 1/2: factorization

understanding

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What is the largest city in Missouri?

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Kansas City

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Generalize robustly to all worlds!

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- Avoid combinatorial search

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But get nasty non-convex optimization problem instead!



Point 2/2: discrete execution

- Real gains might be **overprovisioning** (many hidden units)
- Happens in discrete search too (many registers) [Schkufza+, 2013]

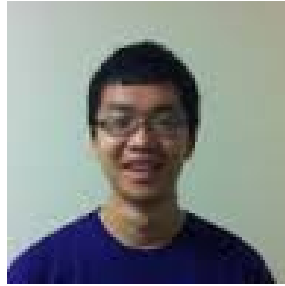
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.L0
movq   rsi, r9
mov    ecx, ecx
shrq   32, rsi
andl   c1, r9d
movq   rcx, rax
mov    edx, edx
imulq  r9, rax
imulq  rdx, r9
imulq  rsi, rdx
imulq  rsi, rcx
addq   rdx, rax
jae    .L2
movabsq c1, rdx
addq   rdx, rcx
.L2
movq   rax, rsi
movq   rax, rdx
shrq   32, rsi
salq   32, rdx
addq   rsi, rcx
addq   r9, rdx
adcq   0, rcx
addq   r8, rdx
adcq   0, rcx
addq   rdi, rdx
adcq   0, rcx
movq   rcx, r8
movq   rdx, rdi
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.L0
shlq   32, rcx
mov    edx, edx
xorq   rdx, rcx
movq   rcx, rax
mulq   rsi
addq   r8, rdi
adcq   0, rdx
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movq   rdx, r8
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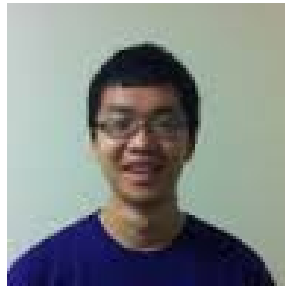
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