Squashing Computational Linguistics

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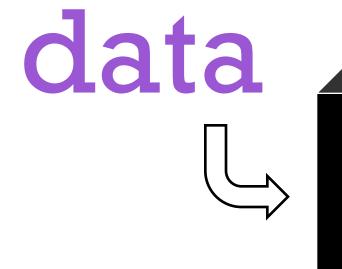
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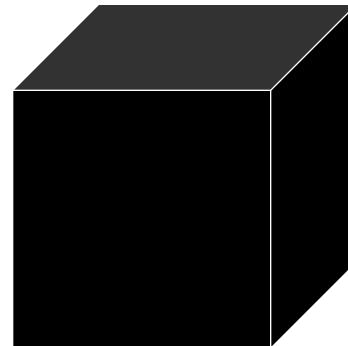
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Chenhao Tan

Revise your message with help from NLP

tremoloop.com



Elizabeth Clark

Collaborate with an NLP model through an "exquisite corpse" storytelling game

Applications of NLP in 2017

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- Machine-in-the-loop tools for (human) authors
- Analysis tools for measuring social phenomena



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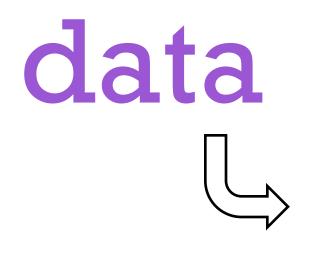
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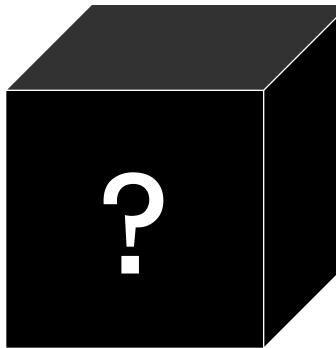
bit.ly/sensational-news ... bookmark this survey!



Dallas Card

Track ideas, propositions, frames in discourse over time







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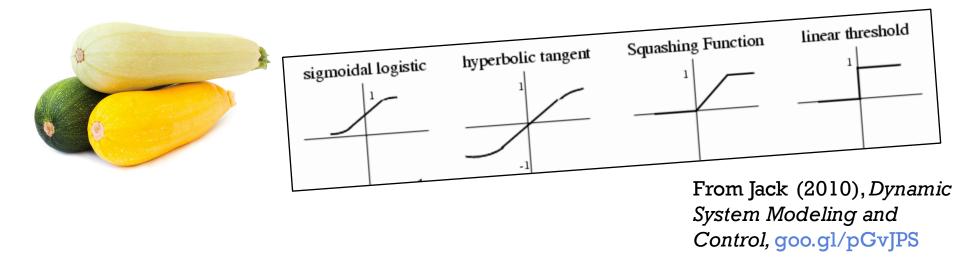
Squash Networks

• Parameterized differentiable functions composed out of simpler parameterized differentiable functions, some nonlinear



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*Yes, rectified linear units (relus) are only half-squash; hat-tip Martha White.

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From existentialcomics.com

• Estimate parameters using Leibniz (1676)

Who wants an all-squash diet?



many dropout



wow



















output (structure)







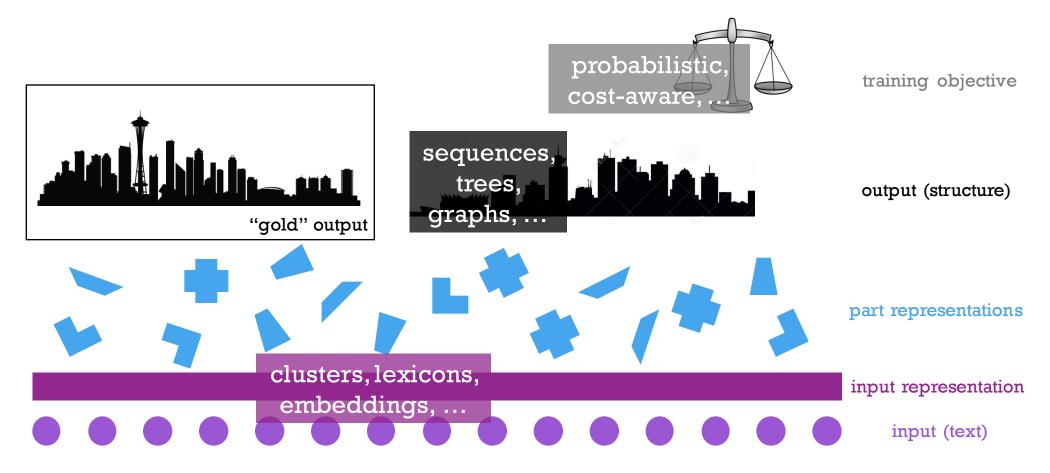


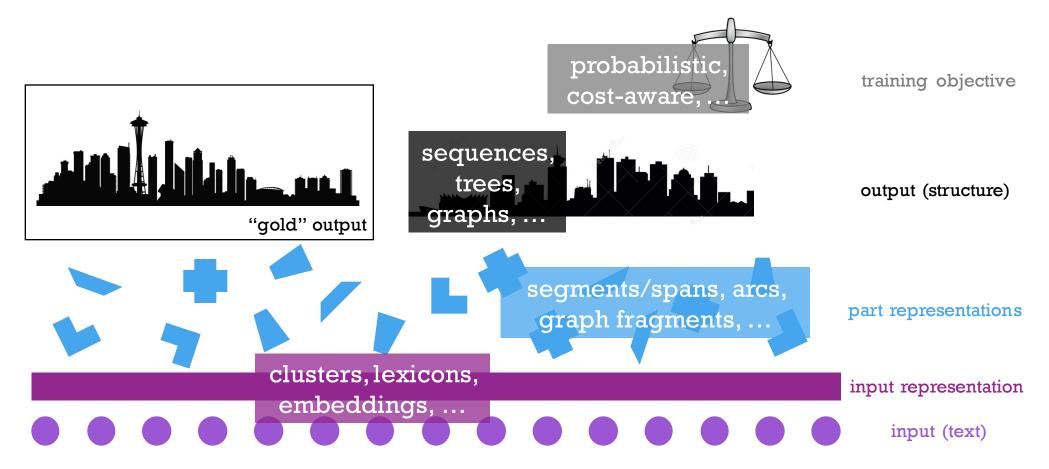


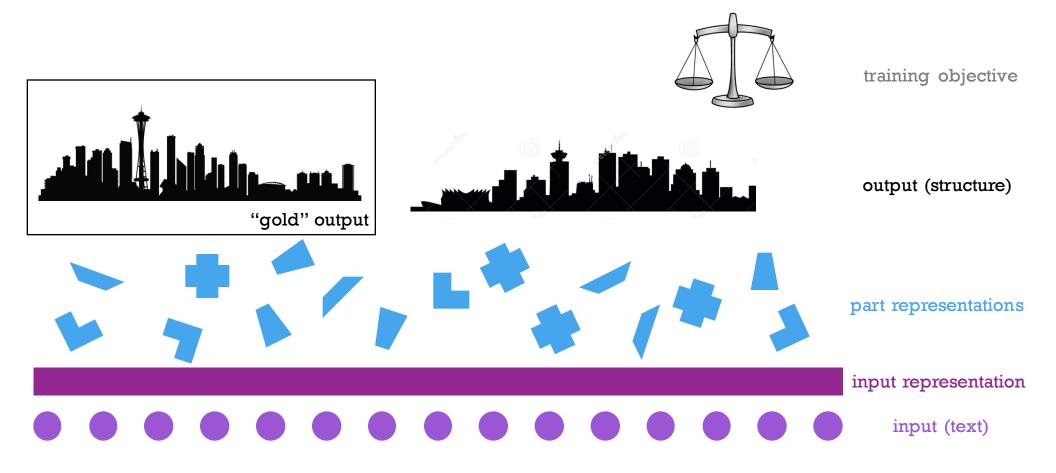


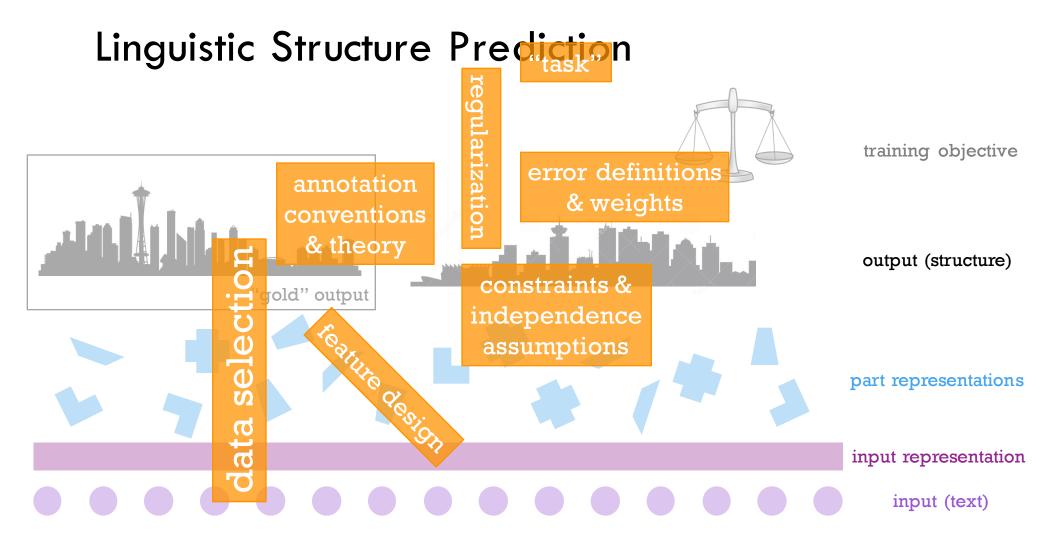










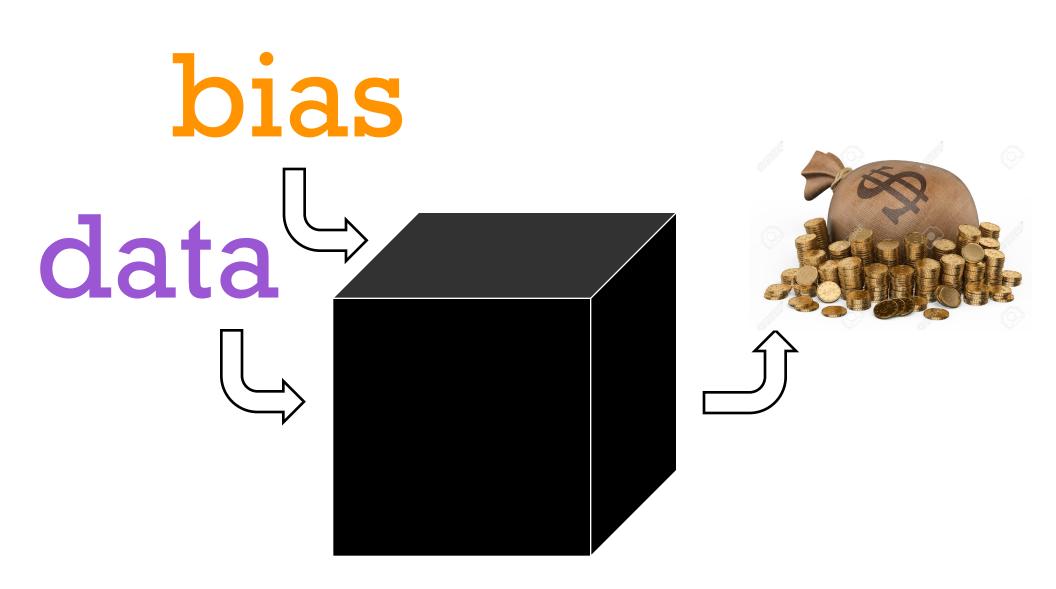


Inductive Bias

- What does your learning algorithm assume?
- How will it choose among good predictive functions?

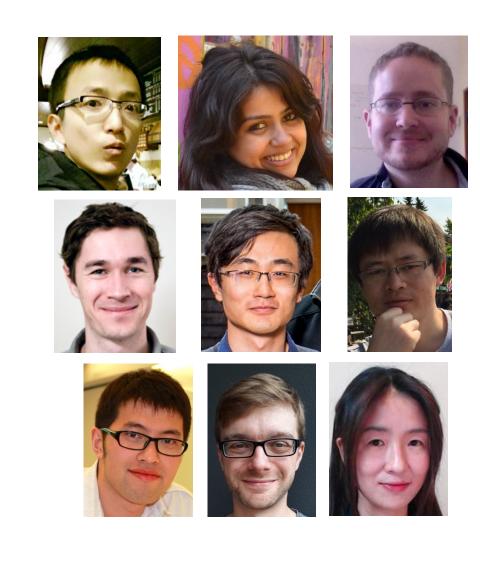
See also: No Free Lunch Theorem (Mitchell, 1980;Wolpert, 1996)





Three New Models

- Parsing sentences into predicate-argument structures
 - Fillmore frames
 - Semantic dependency graphs
- Language models that dynamically track entities

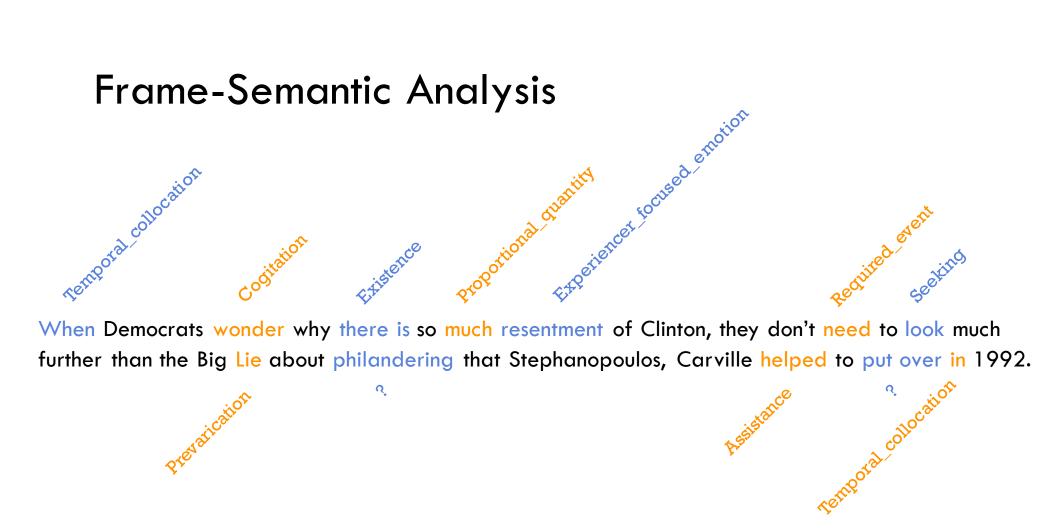


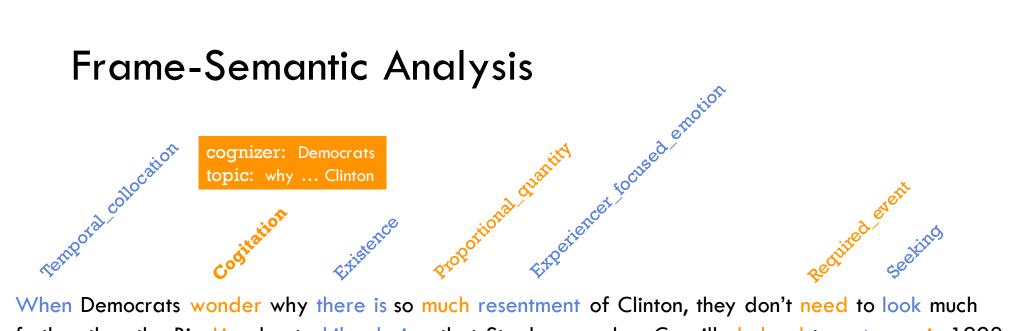
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Original story on Slate.com: http://goo.gl/Hp89tD

Frame-Semantic Analysis

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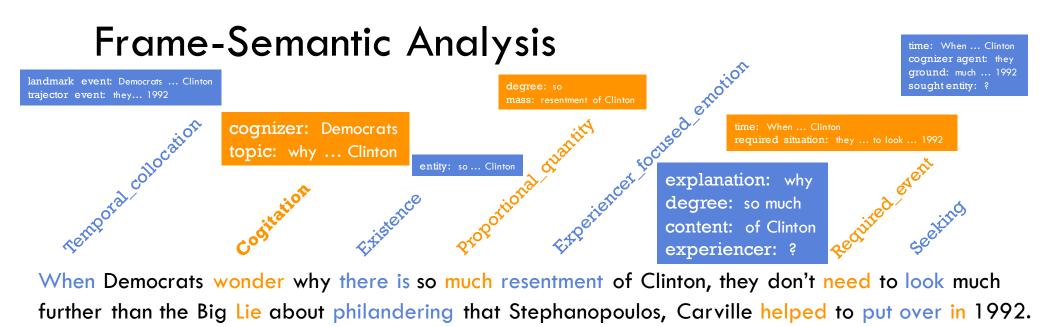


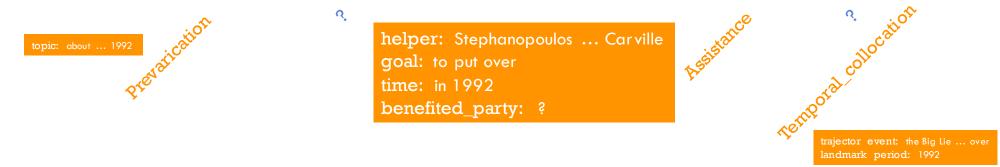


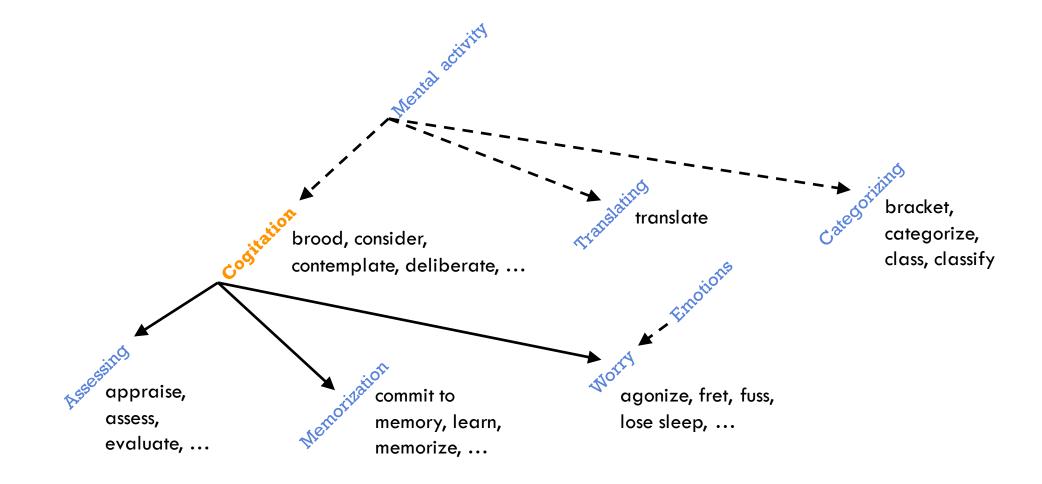
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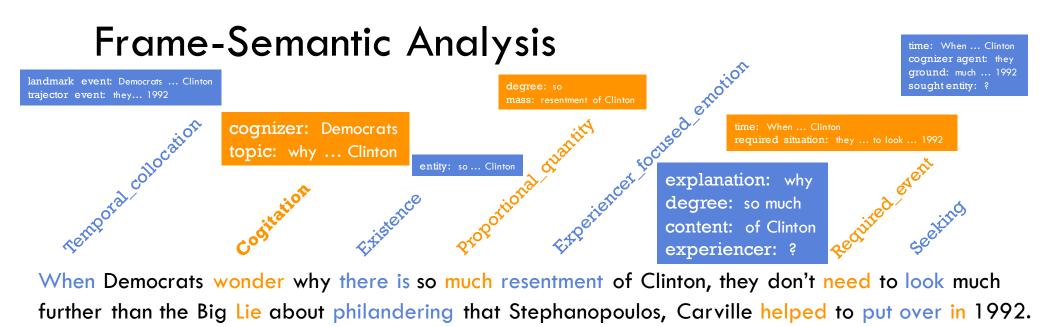
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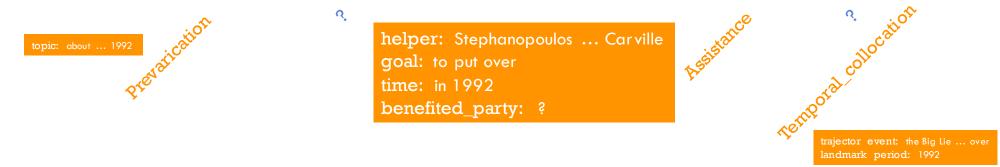




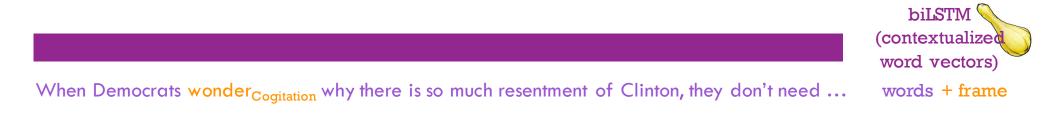


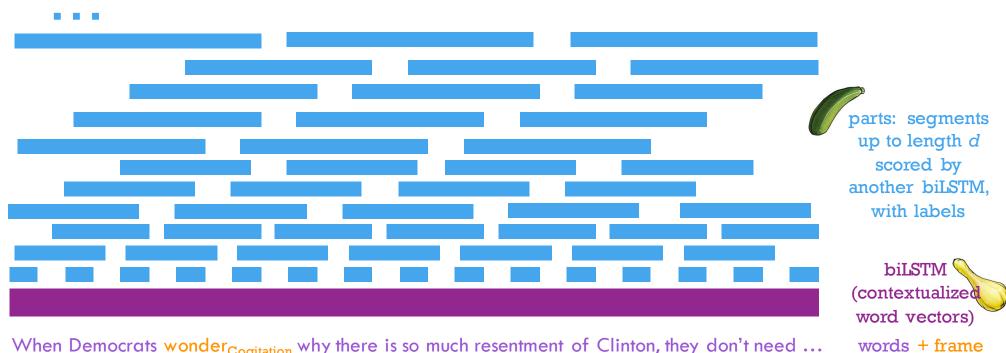




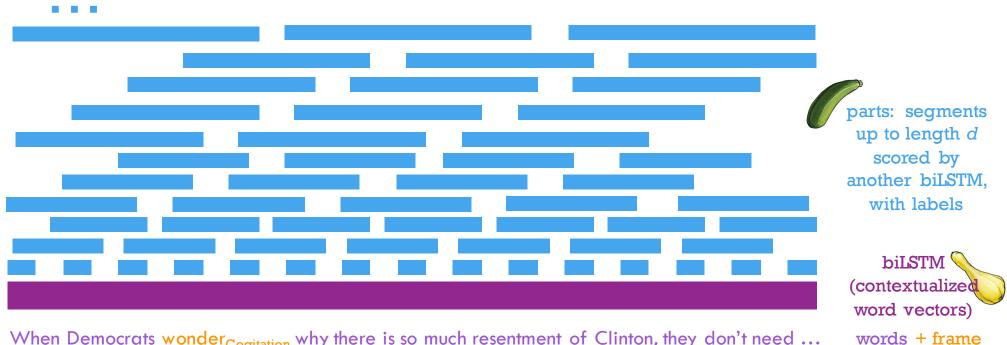


When Democrats wonder_{Cogitation} why there is so much resentment of Clinton, they don't need ... words + frame





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output: covering sequence of nonoverlapping segments

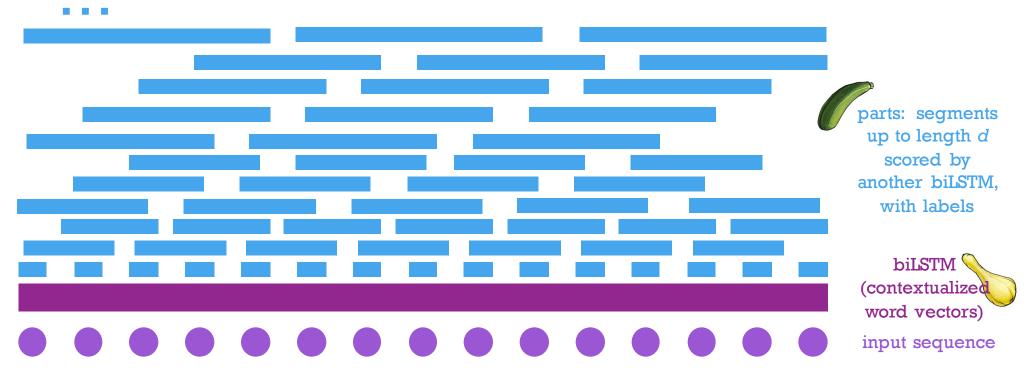


Segmental RNN (Lingpeng Kong, Chris Dyer, N.A.S., ICLR 2016)

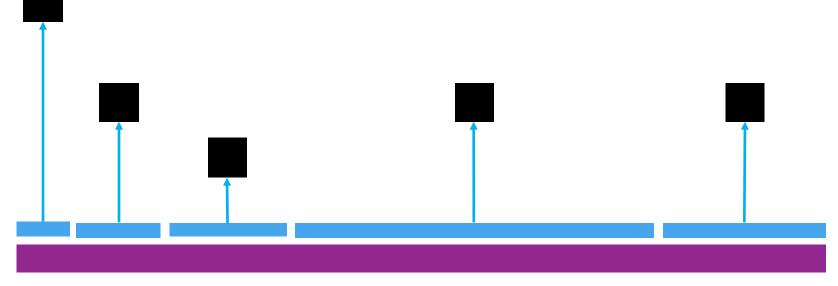


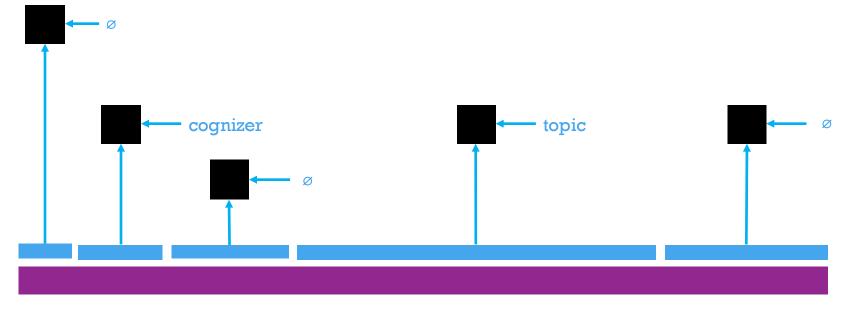
training objective: log loss

output: covering sequence of nonoverlapping segments, recovered in O(Ldn); see Sarawagi & Cohen, 2004

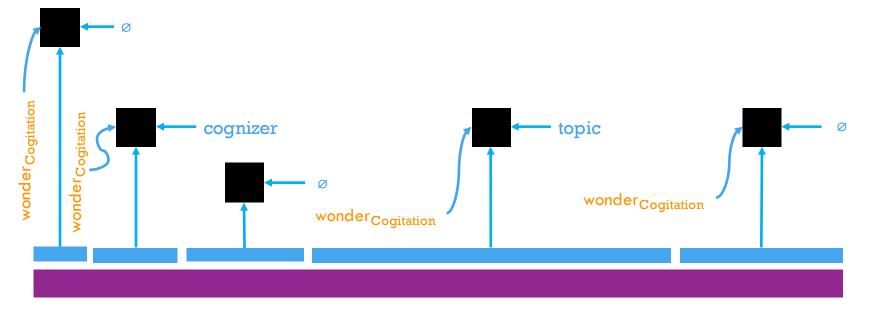




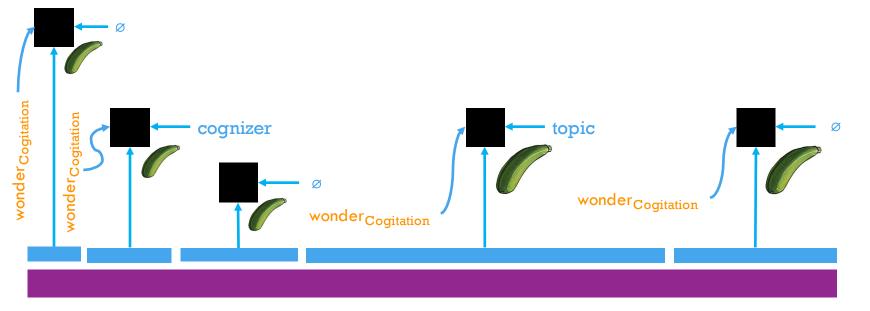




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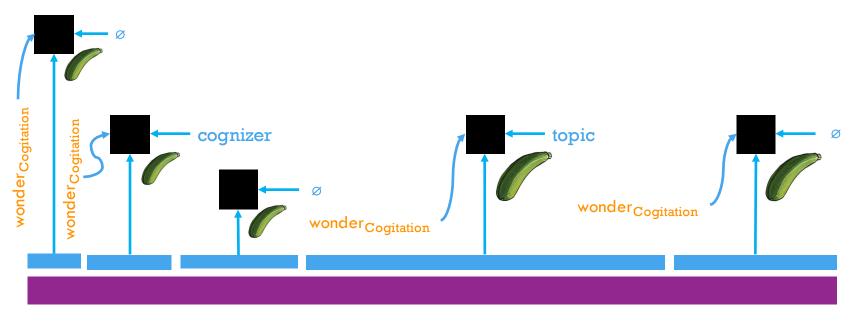


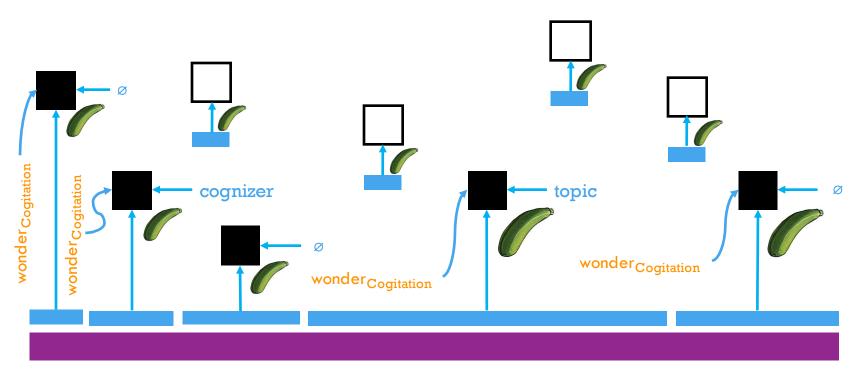
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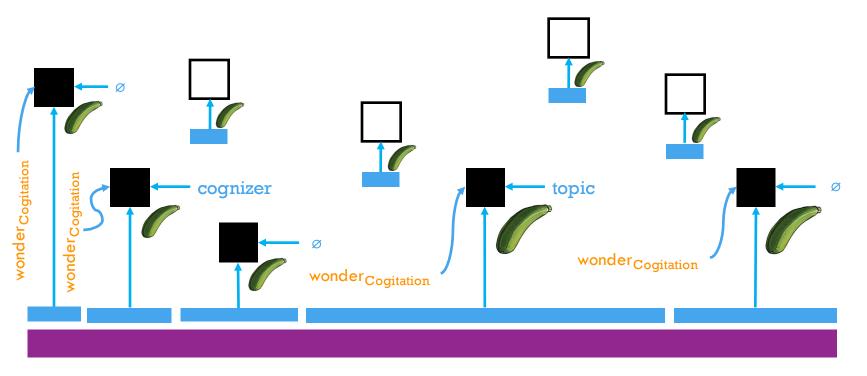


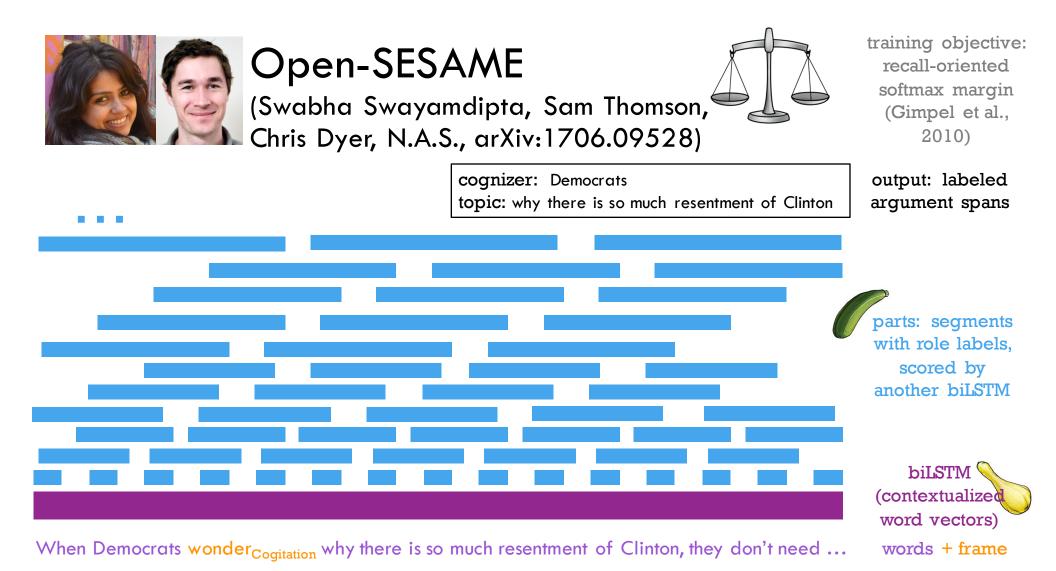


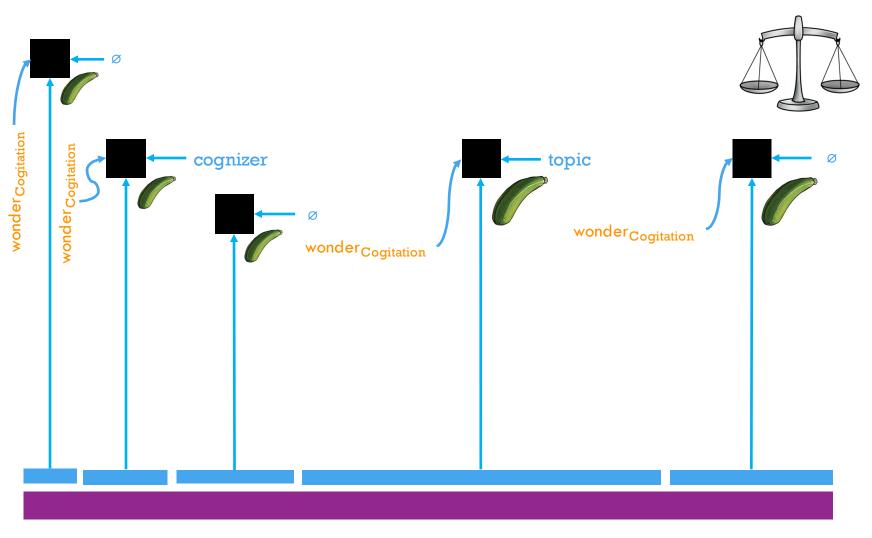


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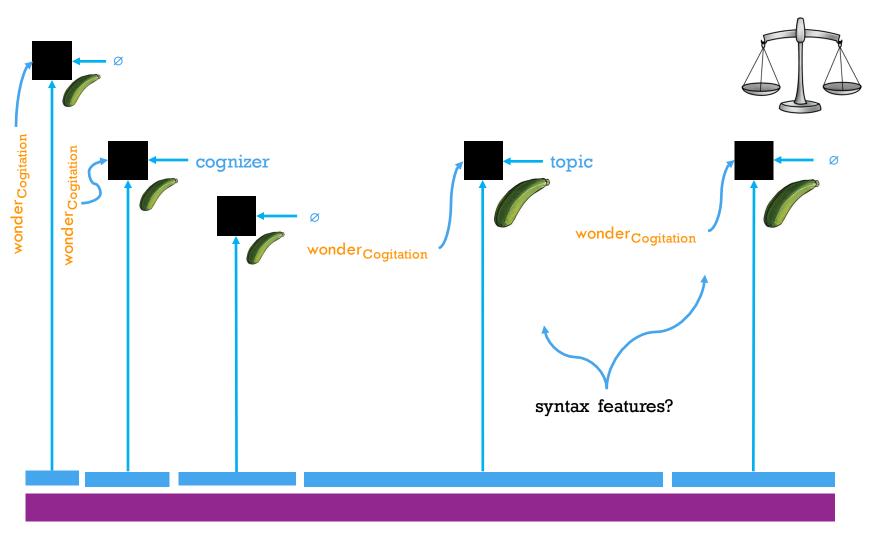
Inference via dynamic programming in O(Ldn)



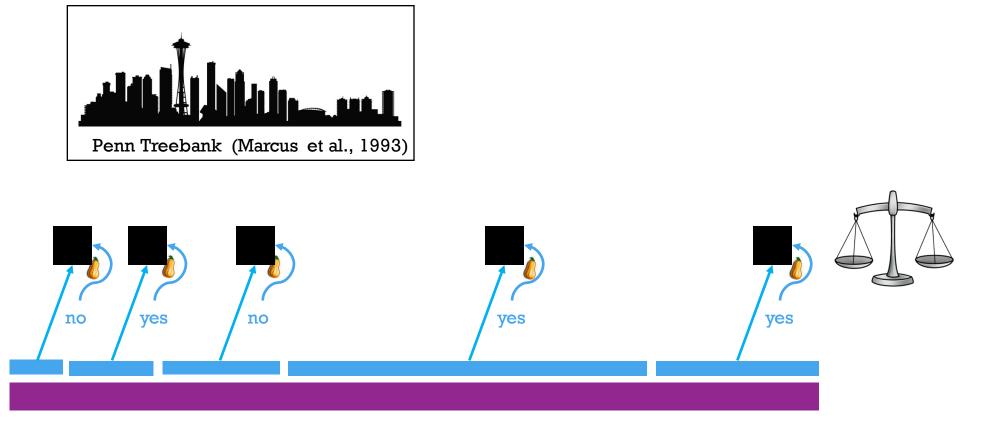




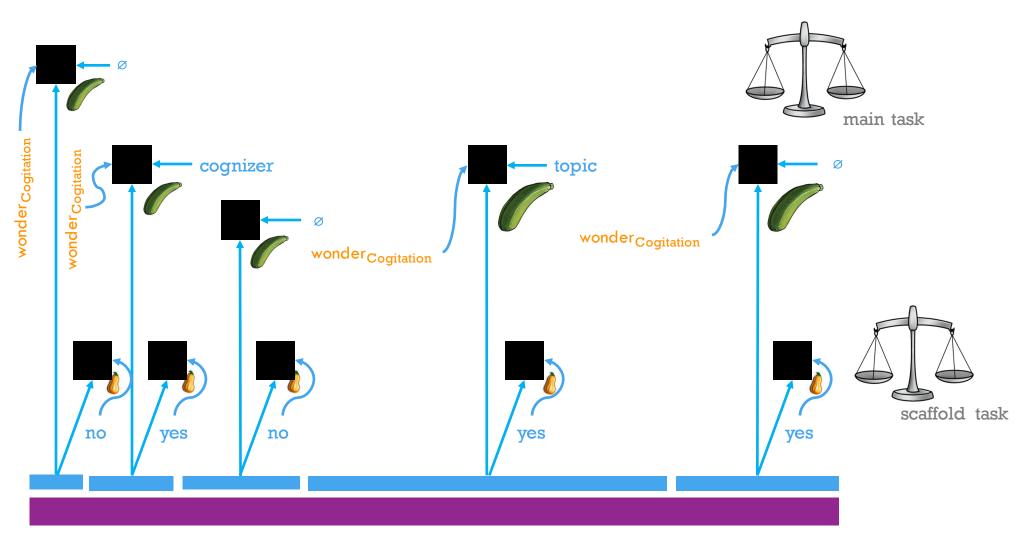
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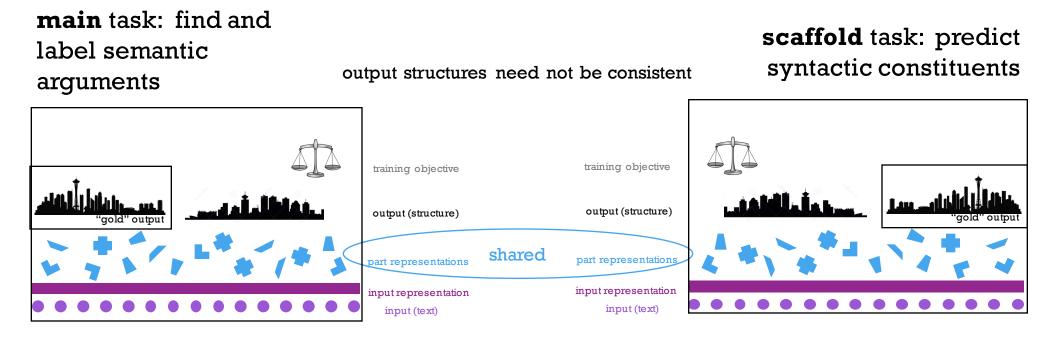


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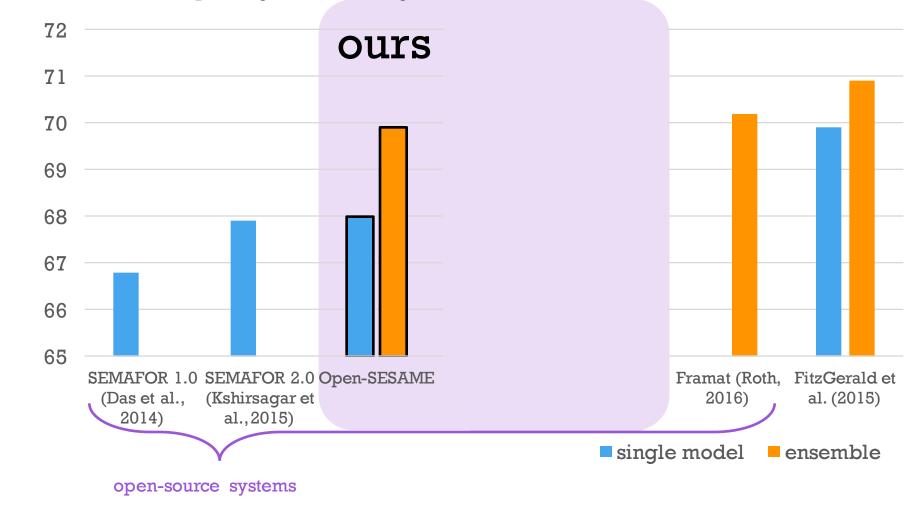


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Multitask Representation Learning (Caruana, 1997)



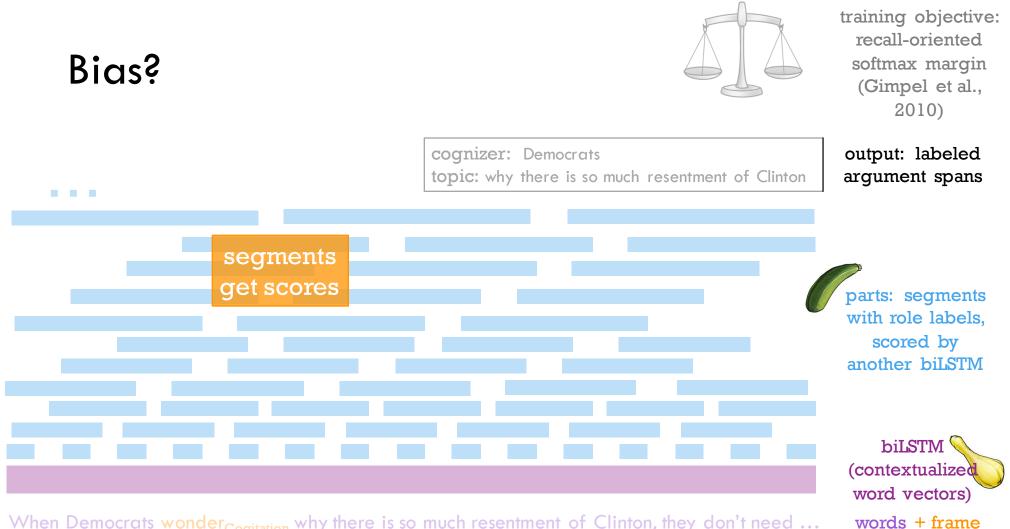
training datasets need not overlap

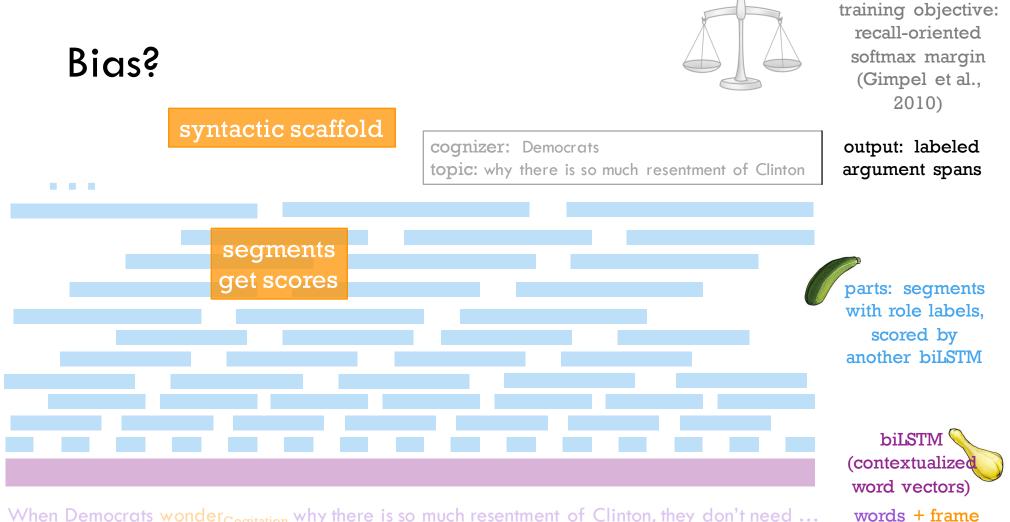


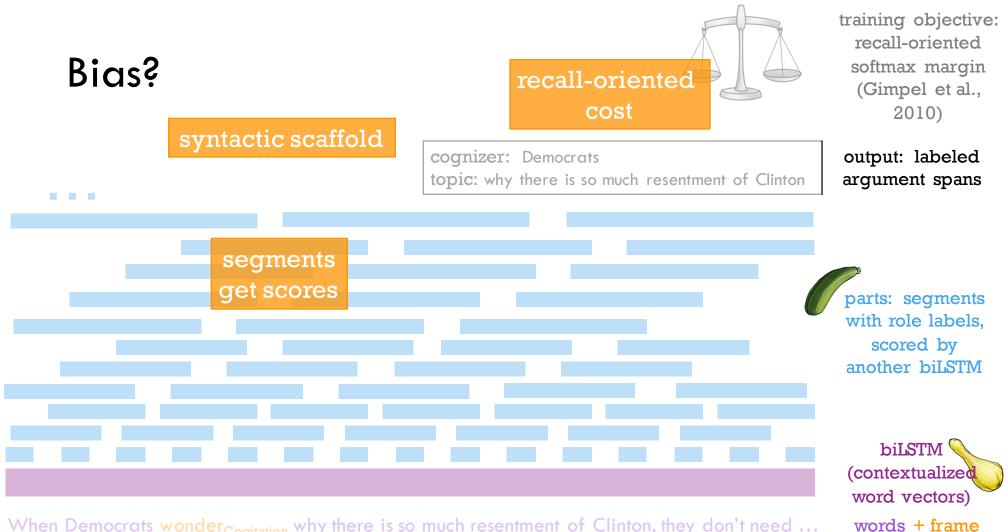
 F_1 on frame-semantic parsing (frames & arguments), FrameNet 1.5 test set.

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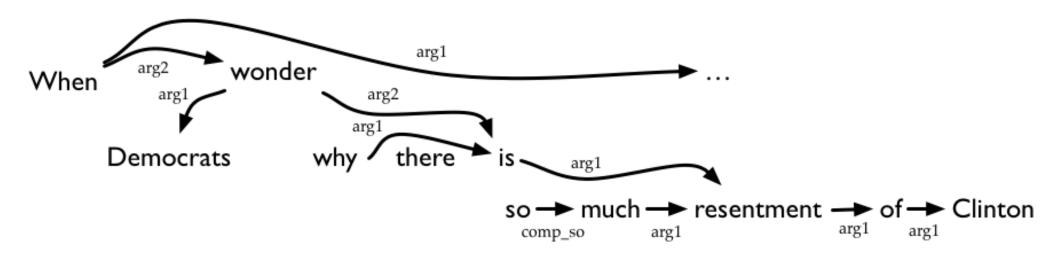




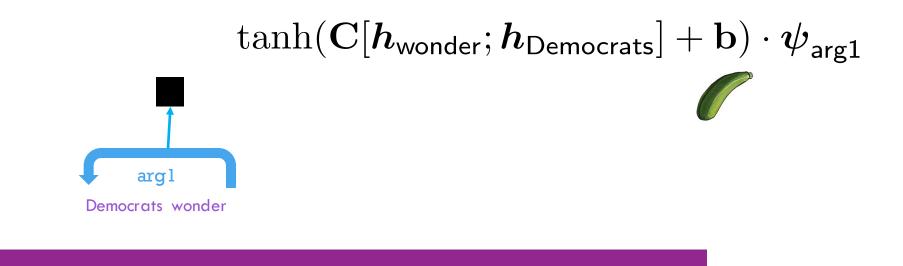


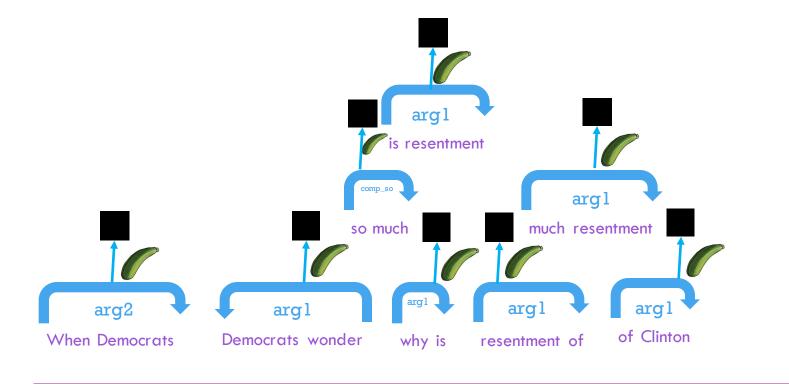
Semantic Dependency Graphs

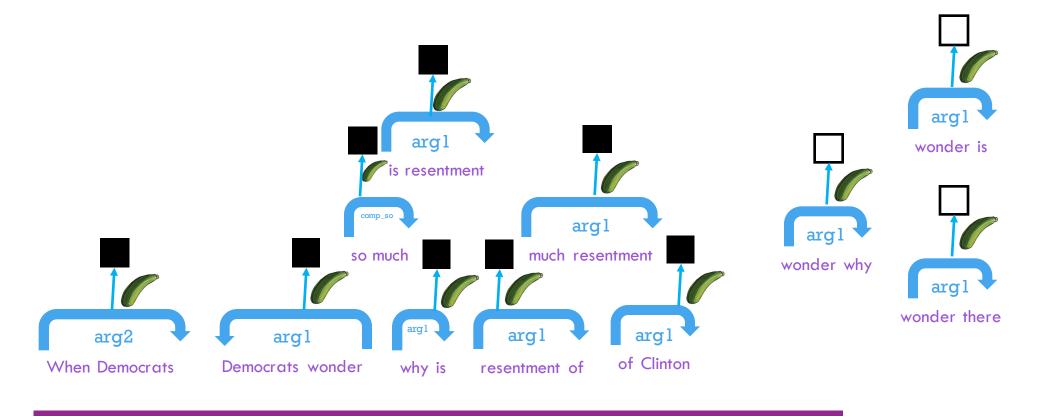
(DELPH-IN minimal recursion semantics-derived representation; "DM")

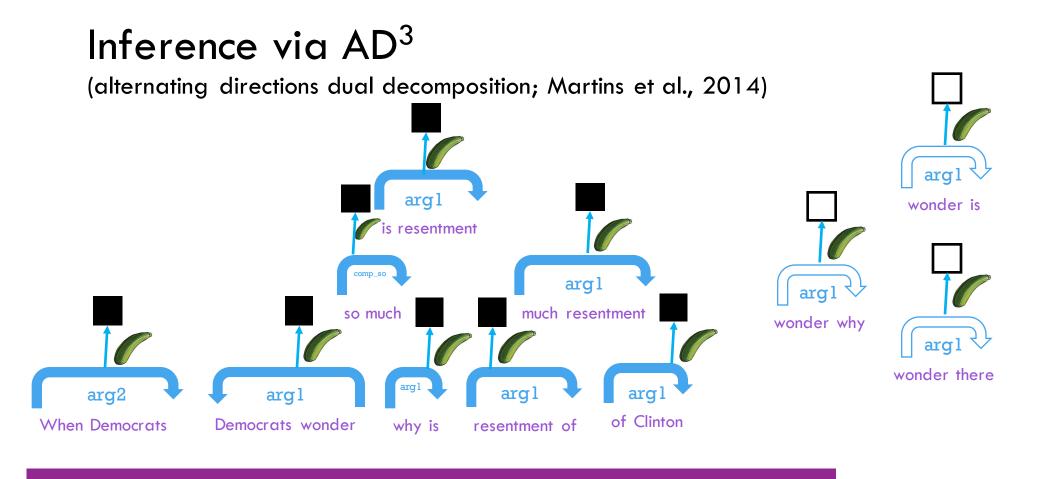


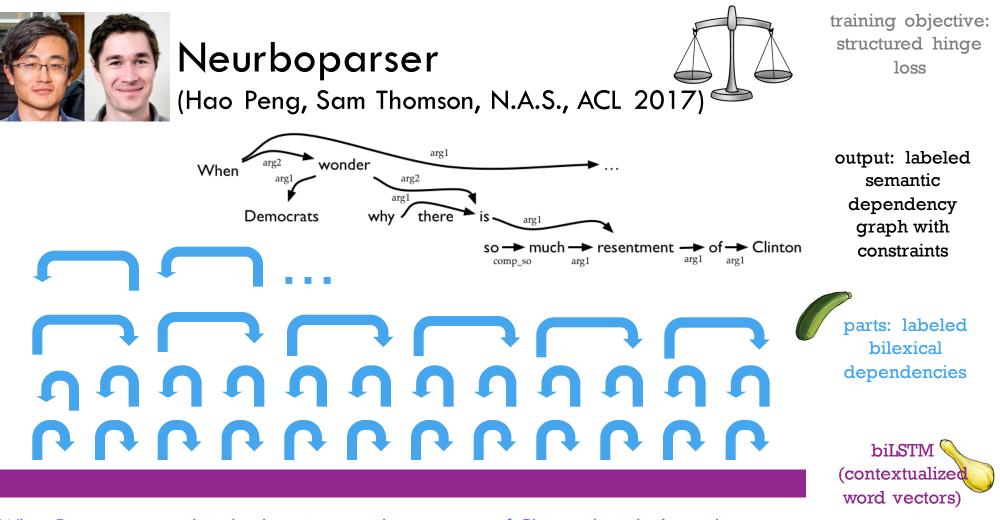
Oepen et al. (SemEval 2014; 2015), see also http://sdp.delph-in.net



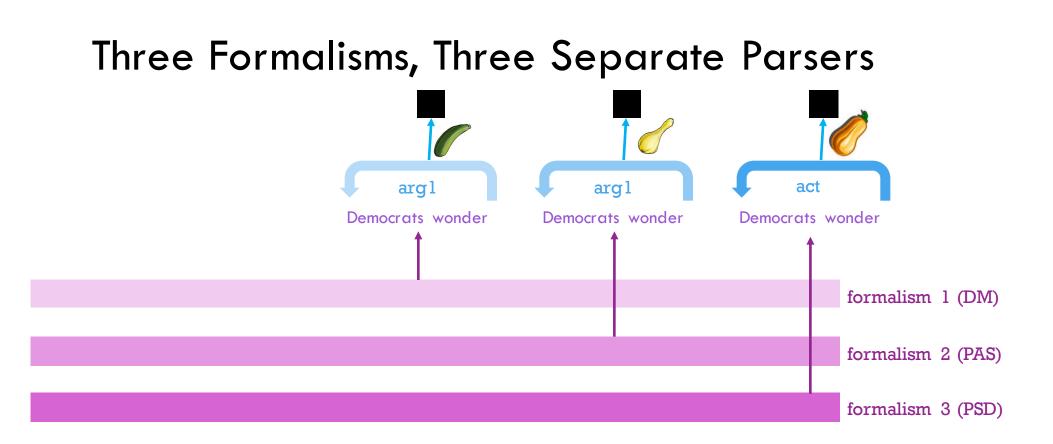


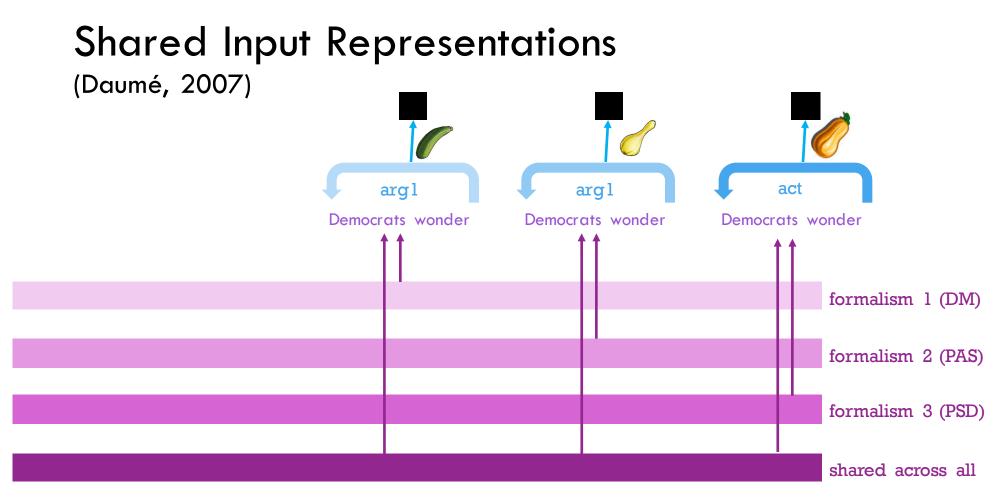


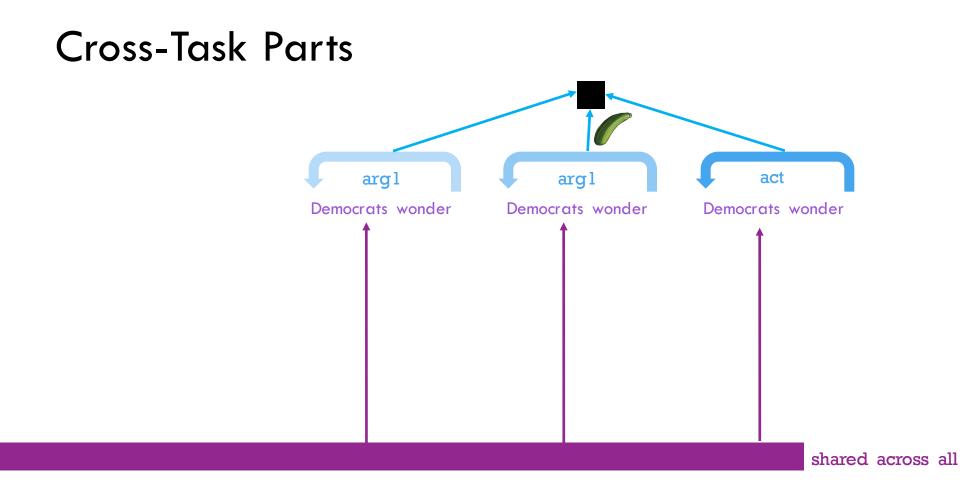


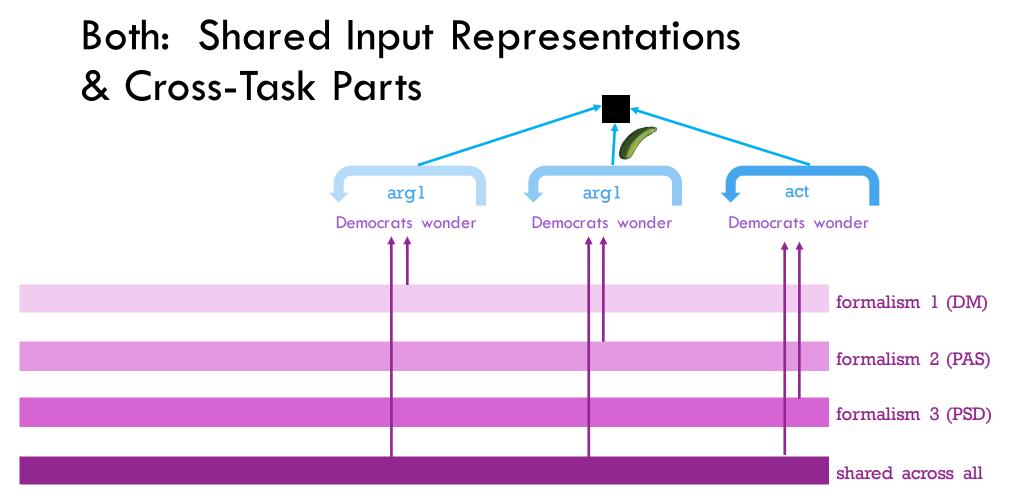


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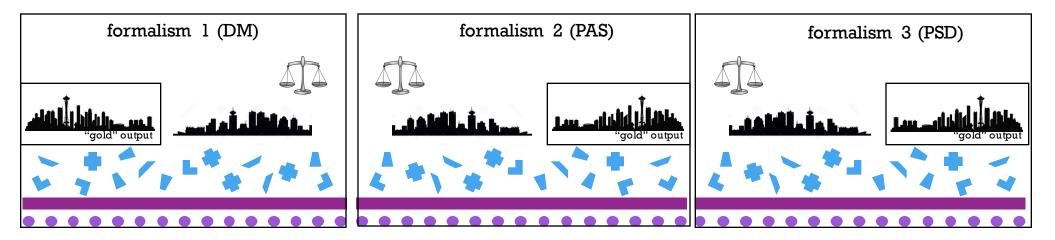


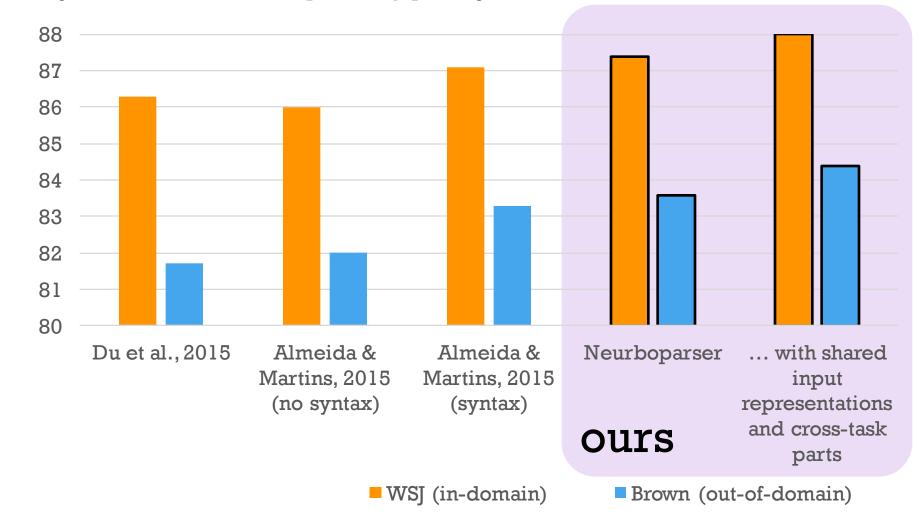




Multitask Learning: Many Possibilities

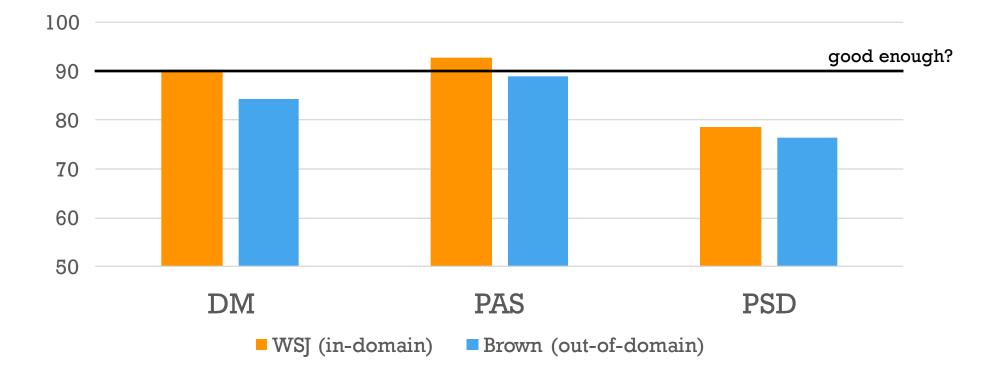
- Shared input representations, parts? *Which* parts?
- Joint decoding?
- Overlapping training data?
- Scaffold tasks?

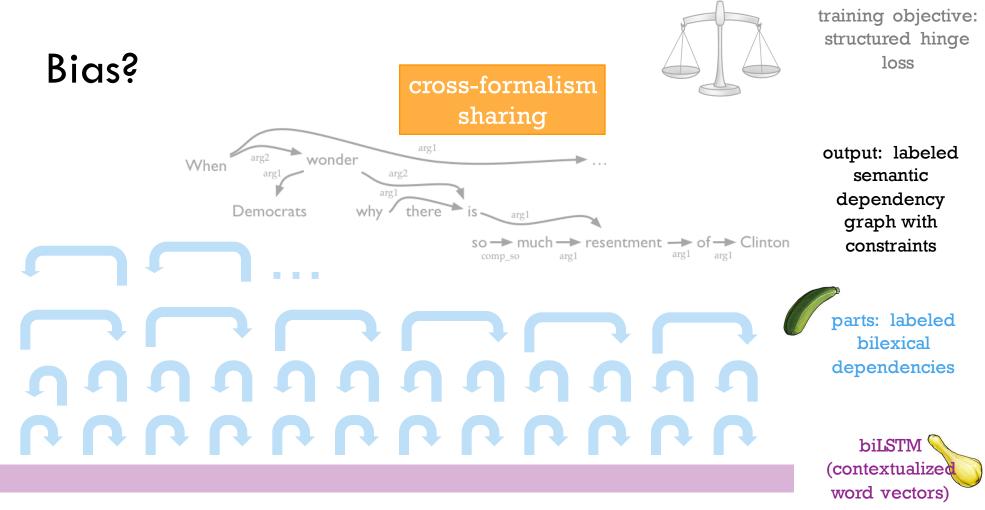




 F_1 averaged on three semantic dependency parsing formalisms, SemEval 2015 test set.

Neurboparser F_1 on three semantic dependency parsing formalisms, SemEval 2015 test set.



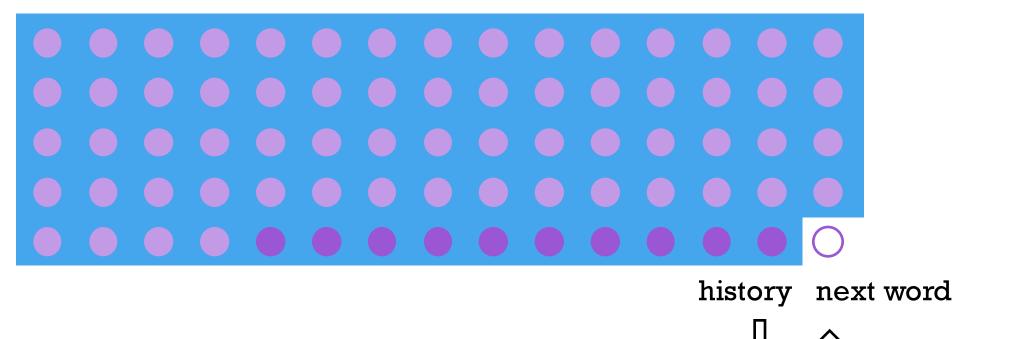


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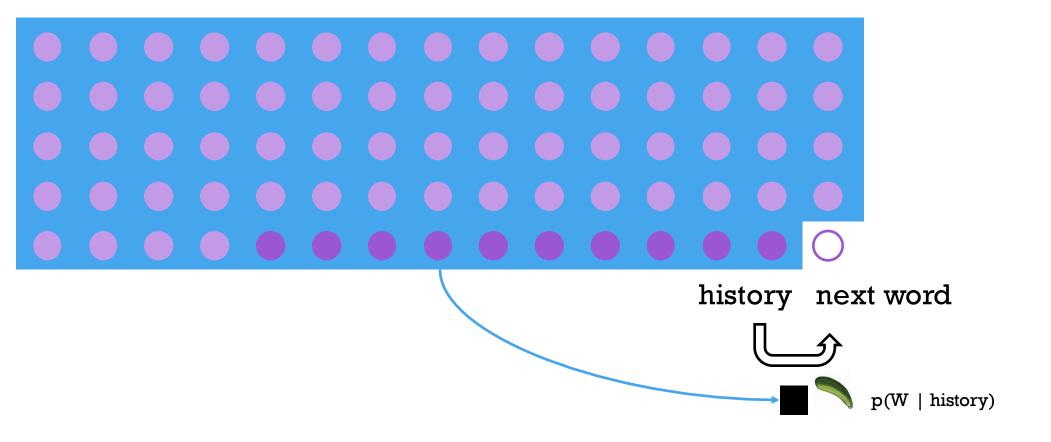
Text \neq Sentences larger context

Generative Language Models



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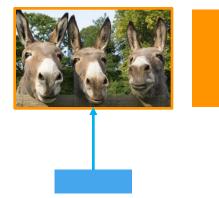
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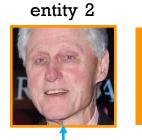


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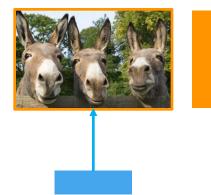


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- 1. new entity with new vector
- 2. mention word will be "Clinton"

entity 1



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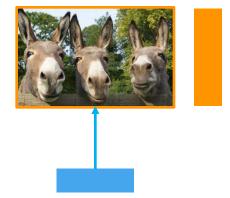


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entity 2



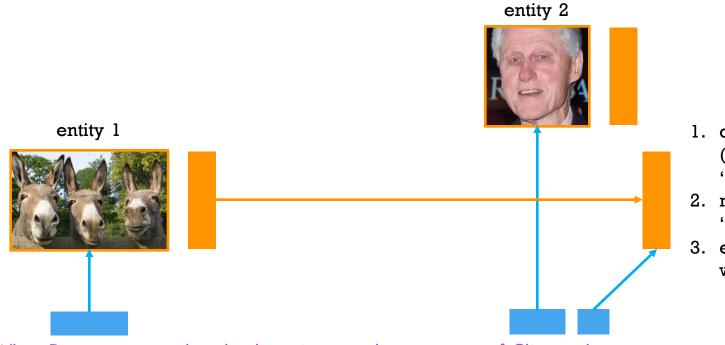
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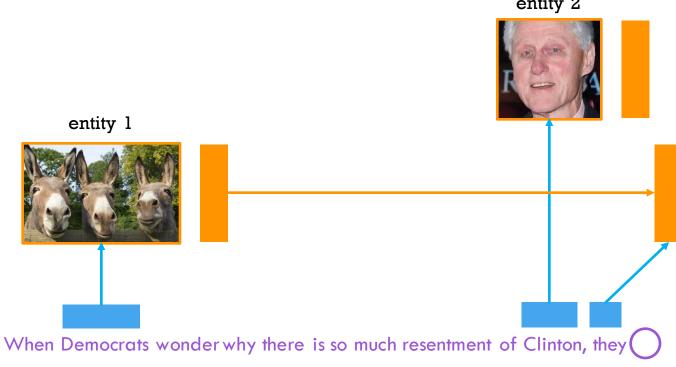


- coreferent of entity 1 (previously known as "Democrats")
- 2. mention word will be "they"
- 3. embedding of entity 1 will be updated

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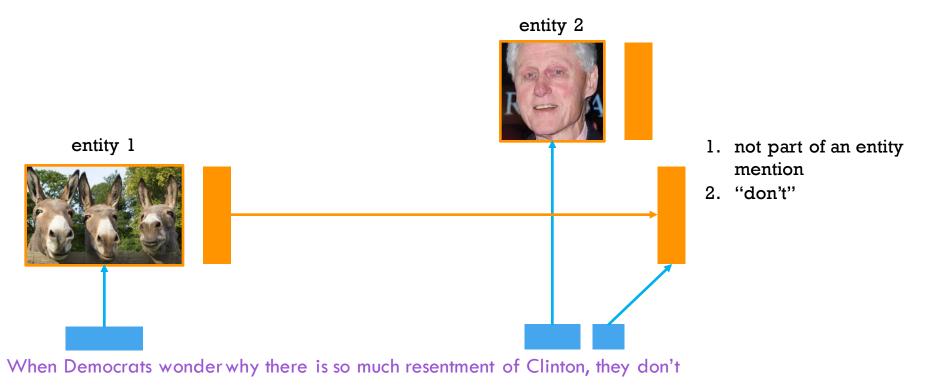
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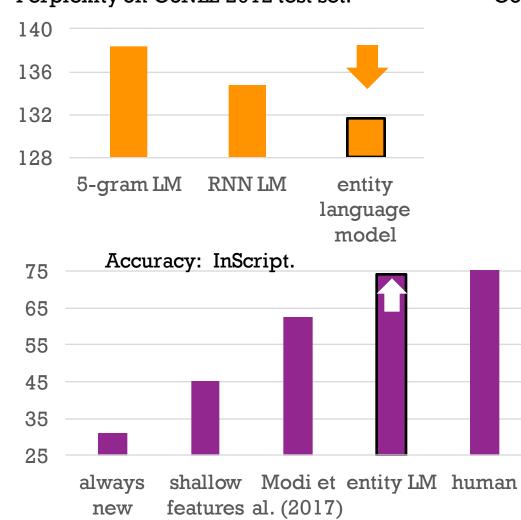


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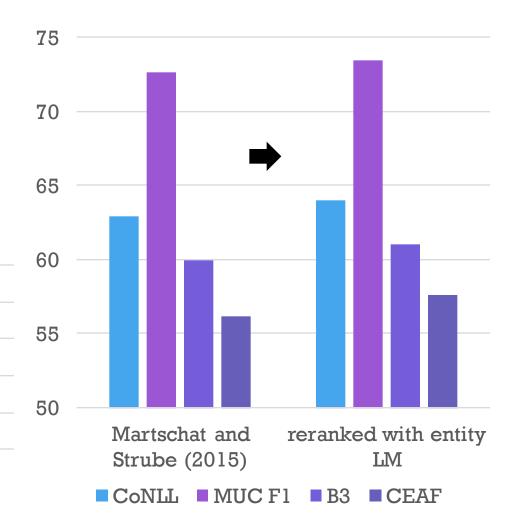


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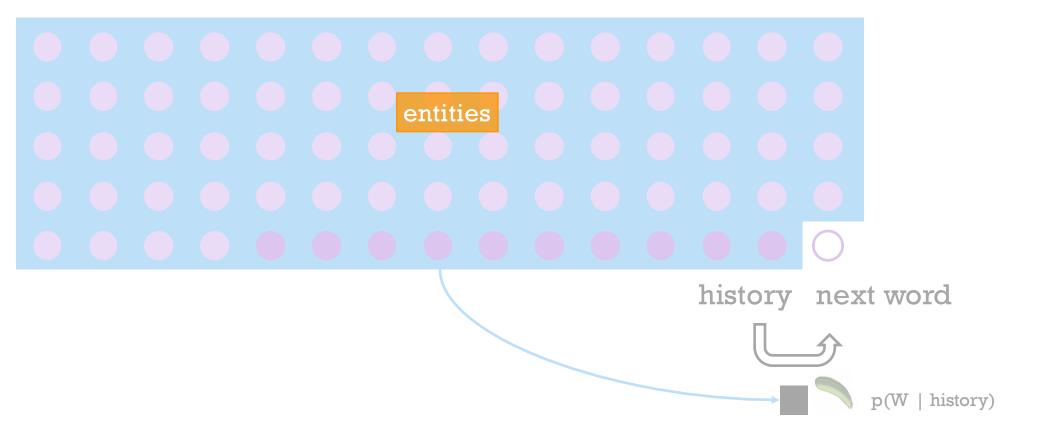


CoNLL 2012 coreference evaluation.



Perplexity on CoNLL 2012 test set.

Bias?



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- **Polyglot** learning.

