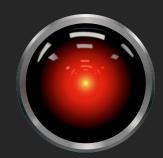
Language and Vision: Learning Knowledge about the World

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Goal: Intelligent Communication

Intelligent Communication

Reading between the lines

Understanding what is said +

what is <u>not</u> said



language in physical context



Procedure

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Intelligent Communication

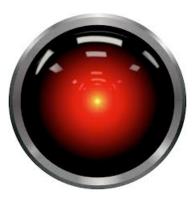
Reading between the lines

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Language is contextual:

- social / emotional context
- visual / physical context





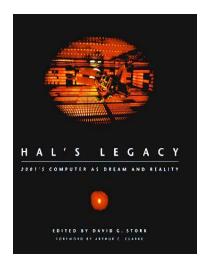
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- David Stork (HAL's Legacy, 1998)

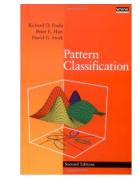
"Imagine, for example, a computer that could look at an arbitrary scene anything from a sunset over a fishing village to Grand Central Station at rush hour and produce a verbal description.

This is a problem of overwhelming difficulty, relying as it does on finding solutions to both vision and language and then integrating them.

I suspect that scene analysis will be one of the last cognitive tasks to be performed well by computers"







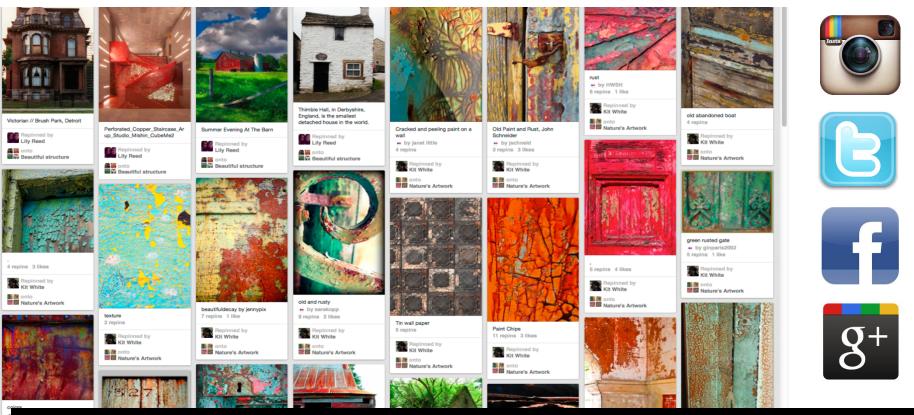
Web in 1995



EYES & EDITORS, A PERSONAL NOTIFICATION SERVICE

Like to know when that book you want comes out in paperback or when your favorite author

Web Today: Increasingly Visual **flickr** -- social media, news media, online shopping *Pinterest*



Facebook.com has over 250 billion images uploaded as of Jun 2013
1.15 billion users uploading 350 million images a day on average









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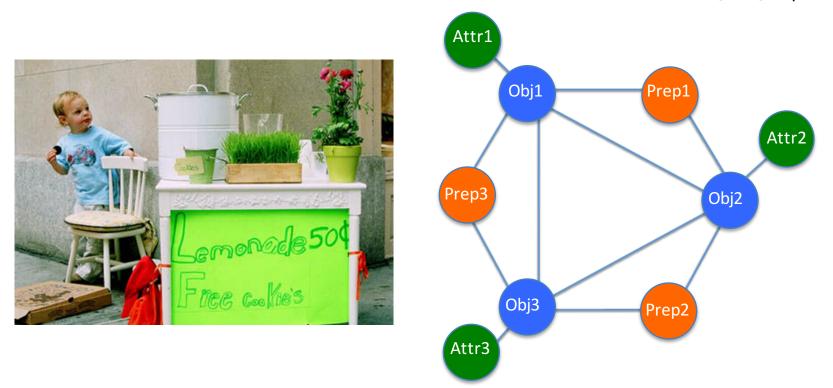






Image Captioning - Take I - Baby Talk (CVPR 2011)

Conditional random fields (CRF) model to combine visual detection with language priors



"This picture shows one person, one grass, one chair, and one potted plant. The person is near the green grass, and in the chair. The green grass is by the chair, and near the potted plant."

Image Captioning - Take II – Tree Talk (TACL 2014)



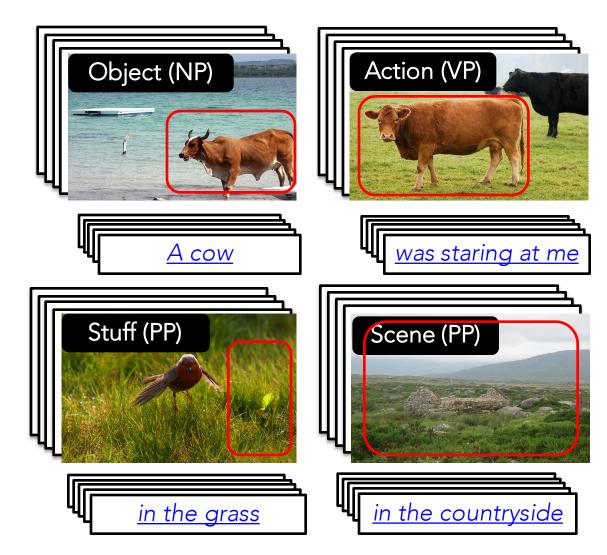


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A cow in the grass was staring at me in the countryside

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Tree Structure --- Probabilistic Context Free Grammars (PCFG)

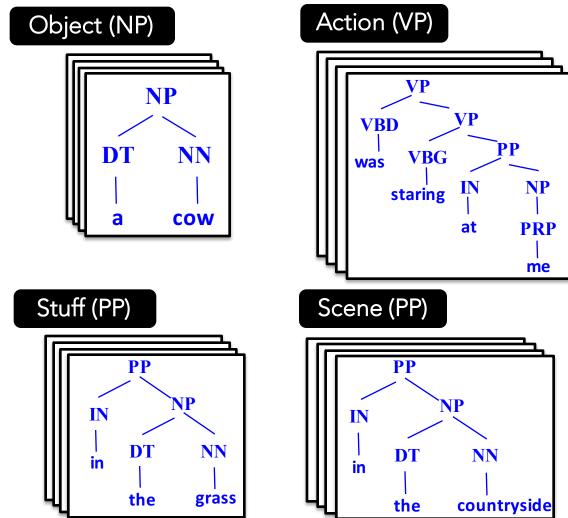


Image Captioning - Take II – Tree Talk (TACL 2014)





Blue flowers have no scent. Small white flowers have no idea what they are.





<u>My cat</u> laying <u>in my duffel bag</u>.





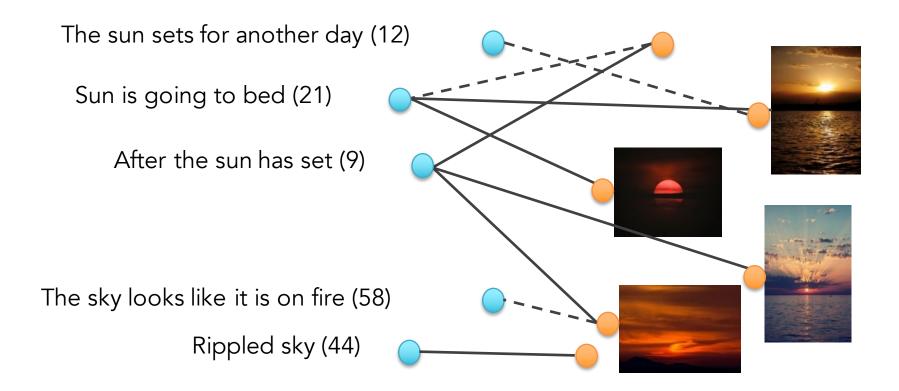
Blue flowers are running rampant in my garden.

Mini Turing Test: our system wins in ~ 24 % cases!

Image Captioning - Take III – Deja Captions (NAACL 2015)

Deja Image-caption corpus (NAACL 2015):

- Of 750 million pairs of image-caption pairs from Flickr
- Retain only those captions that are repeated verbatim by more than one user
- Yielding 4 million images with 180K unique captions



Related Work

- Donahue et al., 2015, Vinyals et al, 2015, Fang et al., 2015, Karpahty et al, 2015, Xu et al, 2015, Delvin et al., 2015, ...
- MS CoCo Dataset
 - 120,000 images, 5 captions per image
 - 80 objects

Data problem? Or Modeling problem?

- sports (10 categories):
 - tennis racket (3561 images), baseball bat, baseball gloves, snowboard, skateboard, surf board,...
- street (5 categories)
 - traffic light (4330 images), fire hydrant (1797 images), stop sign (1803 images), parking meters (742 images), bench (5805 images)
- person (6 categories)
 - tie (3955 images), umbrella (4142 images)

Moving Forward ...

- Image captioning is an emblematic task, not the end goal
- Seeing beyond the literal content



- Why did this happen?
- How do they feel?
- Reasoning about the situation
- Need knowledge about the world



Learning Knowledge about the World I: Size II: Entailment III: Cooking IV: Event

Learning Knowledge about the World Take I: Size



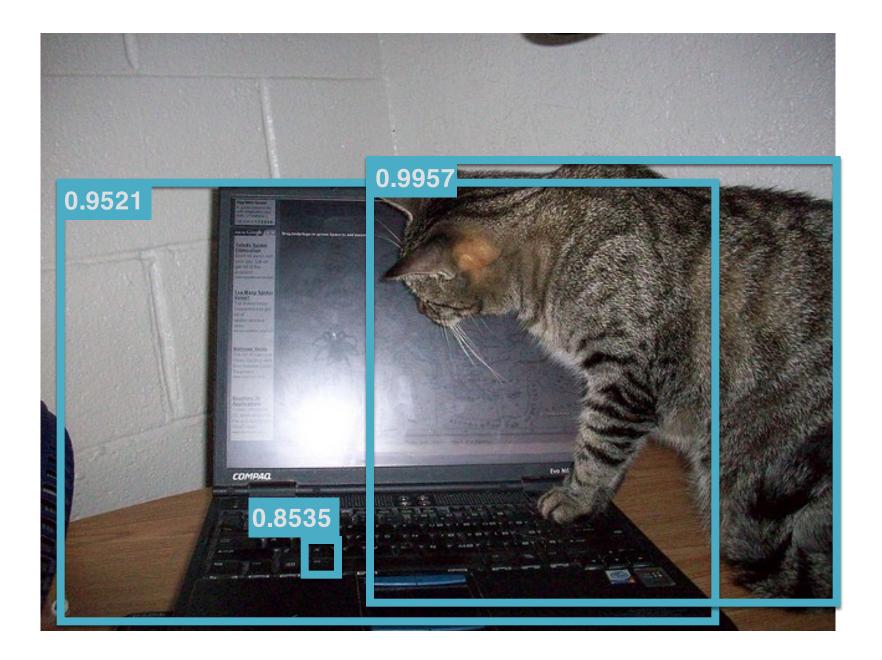
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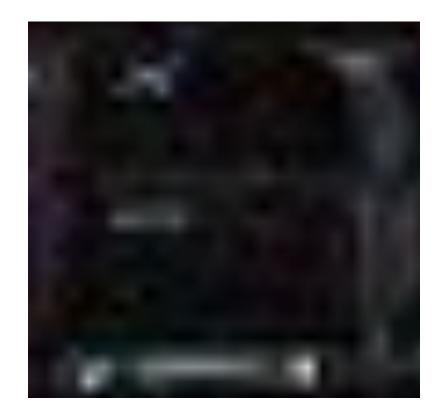
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Knowledge on Size Useful for

- Vision:
 - Prune out implausible detections
- Language:
 - The trophy would not fit in the brown suitcase because it was too **big**. What was too **big**? Answer 0: the trophy Answer 1: the suitcase

Related Work

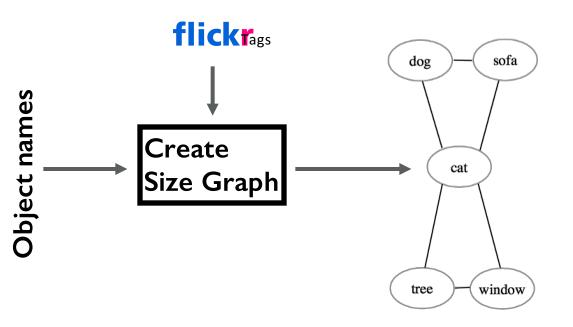
- Narisawa et al. 2013 -- Is a 204 cm Man Tall or Small?
- Tandon et al. 2014 -- WebChild
- Takamura et al. 2015
- ➔ Text only



Elephants Bigger than People?

- Reporting bias: do not state the obvious
- Use both language and images!
- Elephants bigger than butterflies?
- ➔ Need multi-hop inference

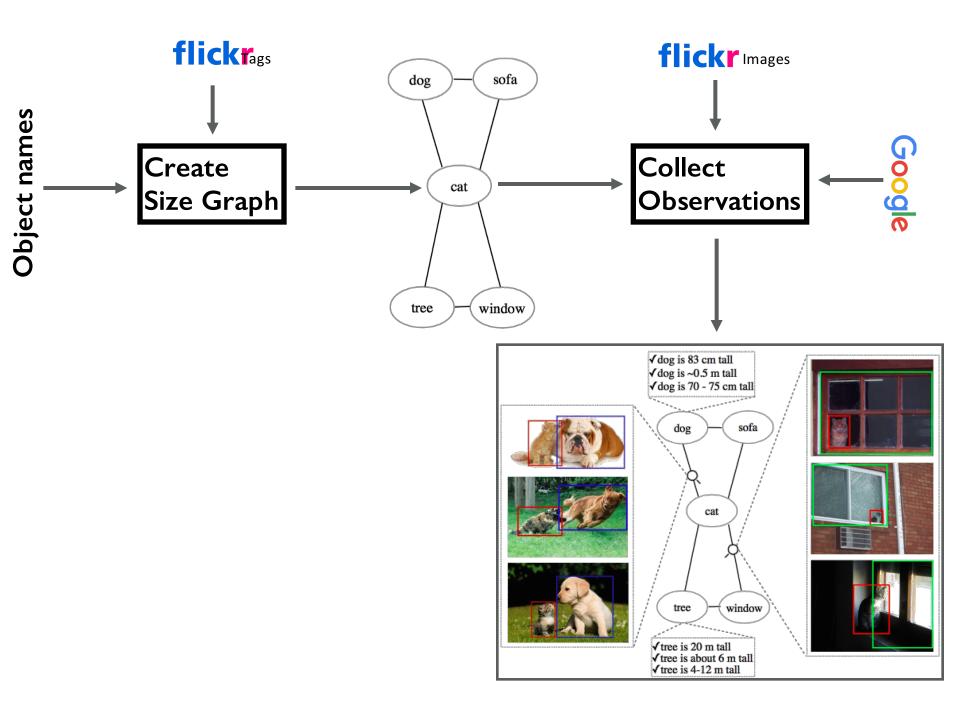




Construction of size graph

- Not all object pairs co-occur in many images.
 - e.g. "airplane" and "watermelon"
- It is not scalable to see images for all object pairs.
- An edge (A,B) only if A and B co-occur in many images.
- 2 edge connected (2 disjoint edge paths between every pair)

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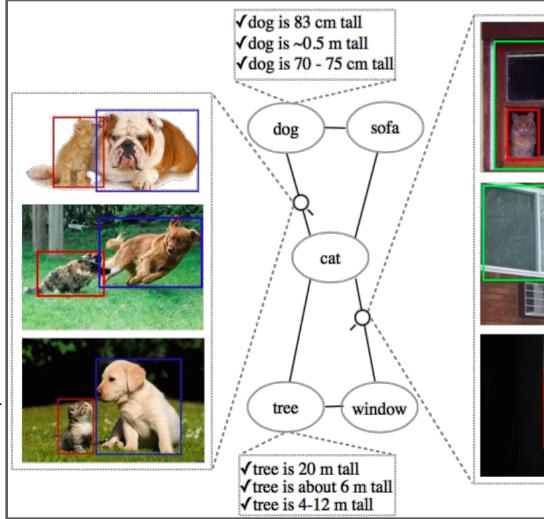
Language – absolute estimation

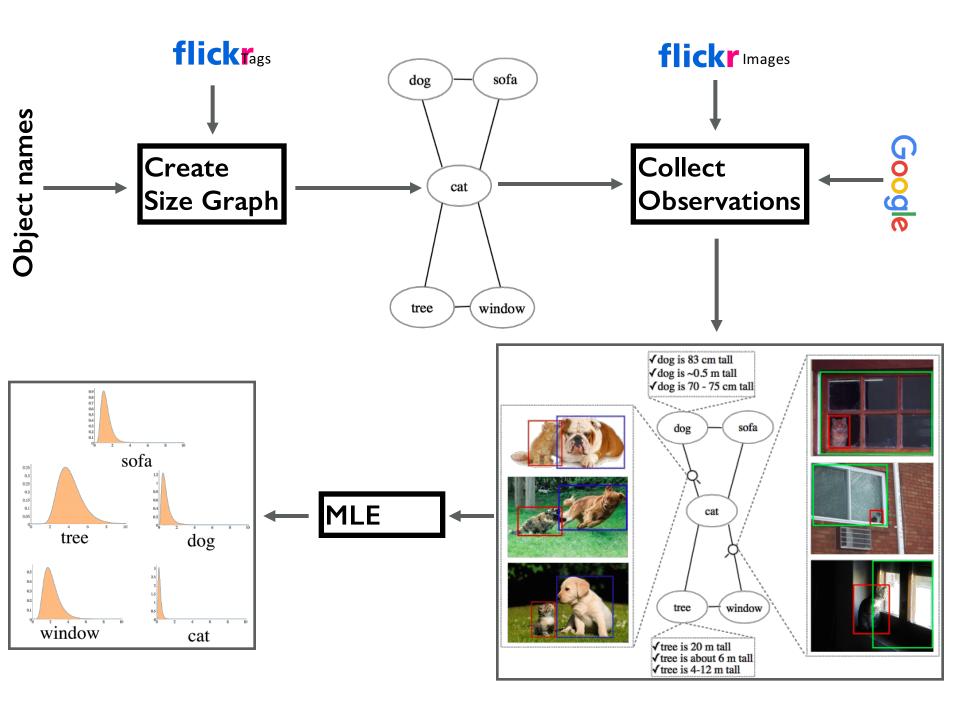
- "car is * x * m"
- "person is * m tall"

Vision – relative estimation

- From Flickr images that are tagged with both objects
- LEVAN [CVPR14], a webly supervised object detector.
- Run a depth estimator to infer the object distances

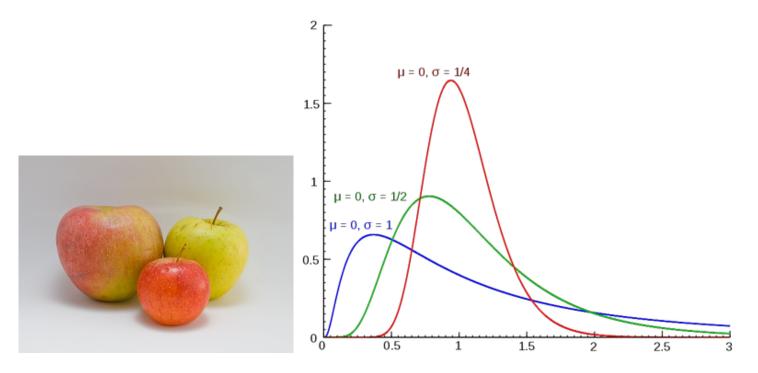
$$\frac{size(O_i)}{size(O_j)} = \frac{area(box_1)}{area(box_2)} \times \frac{depth(box_1)^2}{depth(box_2)^2}$$





Collective Inference

- Resolving potential inconsistencies across different language and vision estimates
- Assumption: size follows log-normal distribution
- Size is always positive, thus log-normal instead of normal
- Also motivated by a psychology study (Konkle and Olivia 2011)



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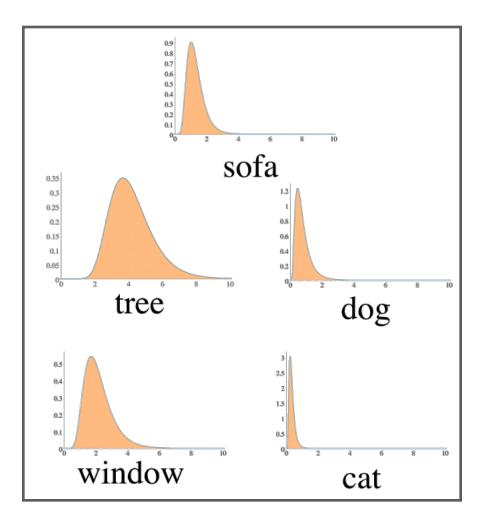
- By optimizing LL over the entire graph (MLE)

$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E} \sum_{r=1}^{n_{ij}} \log f(g_i - g_j = y_{ij}^{(r)} | g_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2), g_j \sim N(\mu_j, \sigma_j^2))$$

+
$$\sum_{i \in V} \sum_{r=1}^{n_i} \log f(g_i = y_i^{(r)} | g_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2))$$

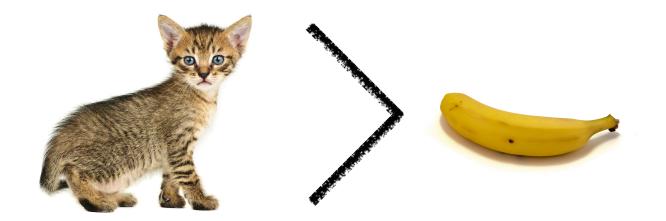
- Coordinate ascent (not convex)

Final output: log-normal dist of sizes



Evaluation

Dataset: annotated labels for 41 physical objects with 486 comparisons.



Baselines

- Text Baseline (inspired by Davidov et al. ACL 2010): Search for some fixed templates and get the mean for each object.
 - e.g. "object is * x * m" and "object's width is * m"
- Vision Baseline: To answer query (A < B) find a *reliable* path between A and B in in the complete graph and multiply ratios.

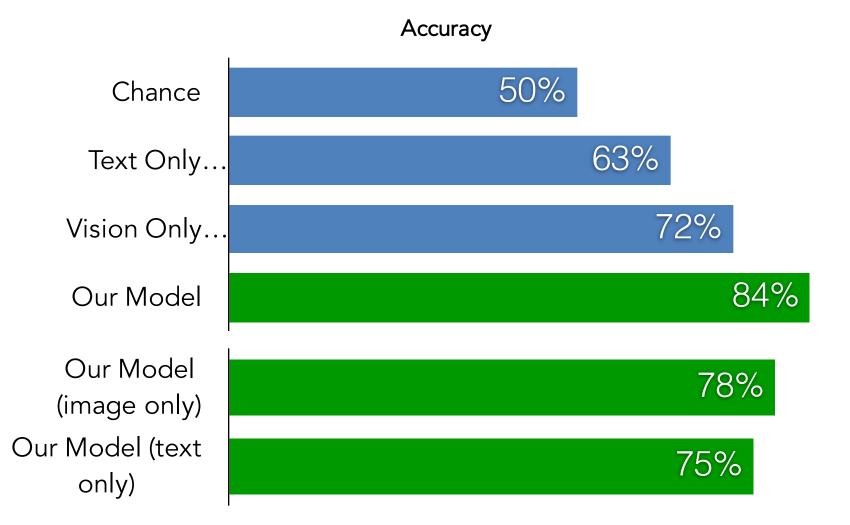








Which of objects A or B is bigger?



To Conclude

- Learning size of objects
- Integrating language and vision

 to overcome the reporting bias
- Future work: learning physical knowledge





Izadinia et al. @ ICCV 2015

A horse is eating. Is that horse standing or sitting?

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Inspiration: Visual Dictionary



peccary Wild unputate found in the forests of the American having a donal gland that emits a nanemoust secretion; it is hanted for its hide.



Wild ungulate Roard in Rorests and marshes with sharp canines that it uses to defend itself, it is hunted for its hide.



Donvestic ommonorous unguiste raised mainly for its meat and its hide.



Digulate runinant covered with a thick woolly coal domesticated for to milk, mest and work.



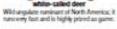


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Ungulate naminantiw ith hollow have loand broughout Africa and Asia: it runsivery fast and is prired for its meat and hide.



is domesticated for its milk, meat and work





mountains of South America: 8 can be wild or domesticated and is highly priced for its wool.



akapi

moose Remittant angulate loand in the cold regions of the northern hemisphere with wide howes that allow it to wade through manifest and pends.

mouffion Extensely aple ungulate naminant found in the wild in mountainous mapleme.



Ungulate ruminant found in cold regions of the northern hemisphere; it is domenticated by some peoples for its meat, hide and mik, and as a shaft animal.



Wild ungulate runningst of cold regions: a good sommer and namer, it is prived for its mest and arthers and is sometimes takent in captivity.





horse



Inspiration: Visual Dictionary

Walk TO TO TO TO R R R Gallop A A A

Segment-Phrase Table: Webly supervised over 50000 instances

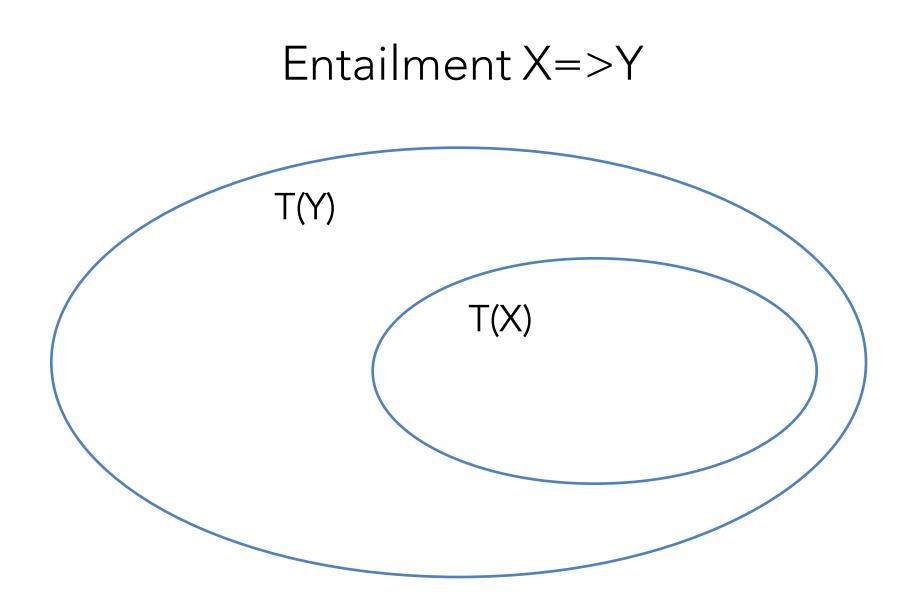
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Dog sitting		Sheep lying		Cow fighting	(Can	Cat jumping	June
Chimpanzee sleeping		Person jumping	<u>X</u>	Bear standing up	A	Bird sitting	Ø
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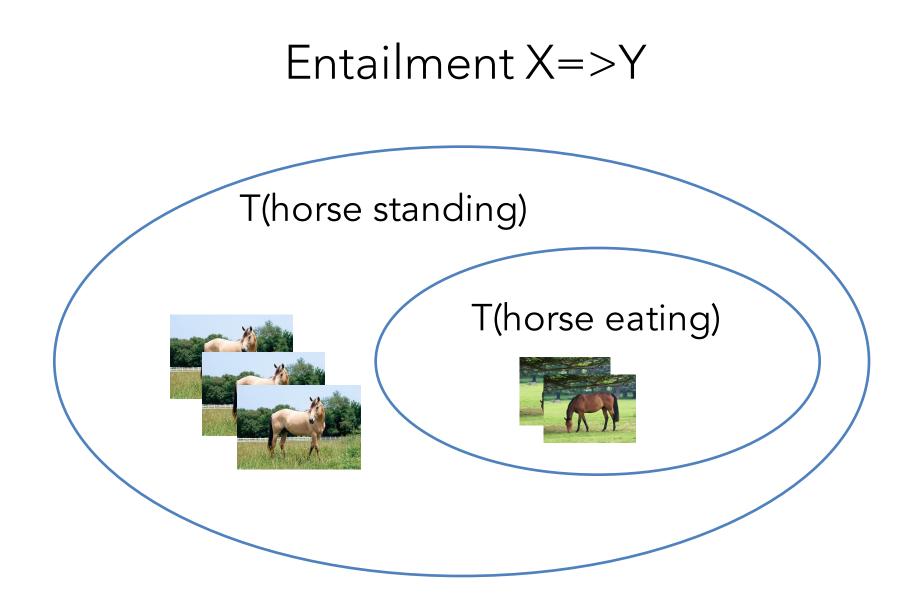
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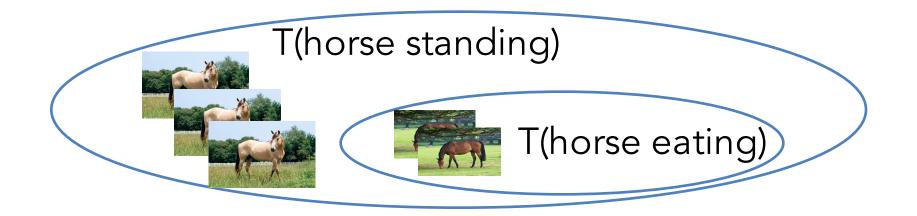
a horse eating => a horse standing

- Reporting bias: do not state the obvious
- Another case where language + vision can help!





Entailment X=>Y



$\operatorname{entail}(X \vDash Y) := Sim_{R2I}^{\rightarrow}(X, Y) - Sim_{R2I}^{\rightarrow}(Y, X)$

 $Sim_{R2I}^{\rightarrow}(X,Y)$ = average asymmetric region-to-image similarity measure (Kim and Grauman 2010) using top K segmentation masks

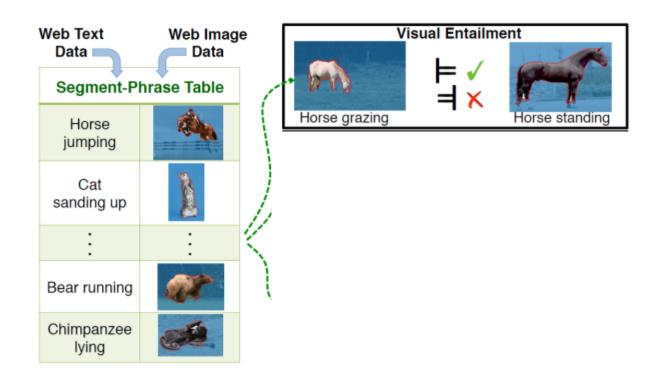
Global Inference

• Transitivity of entailment relations

$$\max \sum_{\substack{x \neq y \\ \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{V}, W_{xy} + W_{yz} - W_{xz} \leq 1} \text{ for all } x_{y} W_{xy} - \lambda |W| \quad s.t. \quad W_{xy} \in \{0, 1\}$$

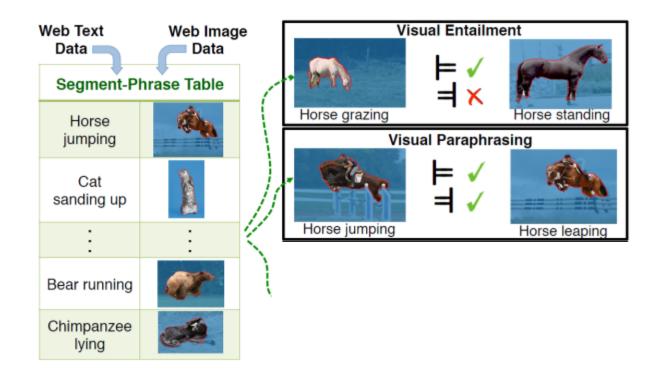
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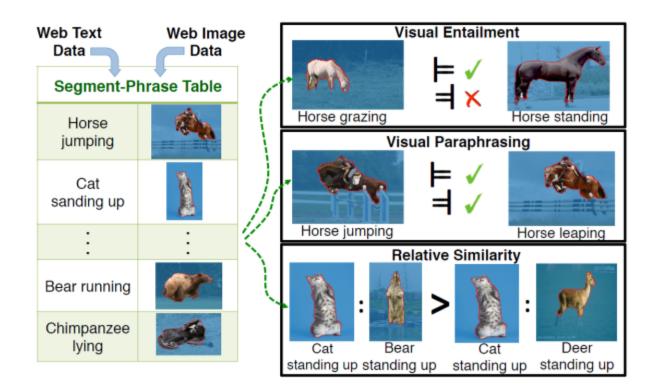
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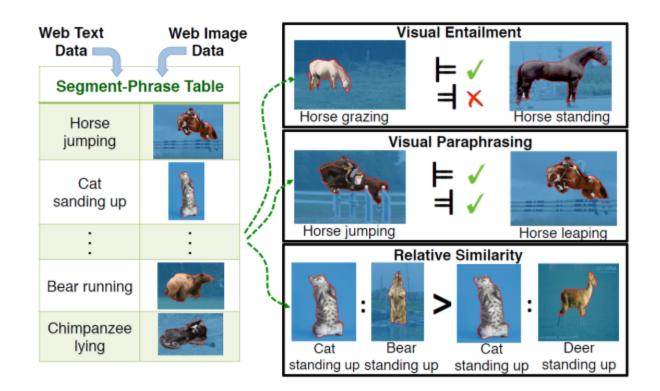
Visual Semantic Tasks

- 1. Visual Entailment
- 2. Visual Paraphrasing
- 3. Semantic Similarity



To Conclude

- Segmant-Phrase Table
 - Translation dictionary between images and text
- Can learn visual entailment and paraphrases



Learning Knowledge about the World Take III: Cooking with Action Diagrams



Kiddon et al. @ EMNLP 2015

Interpreting Natural Language Instructions as Action Diagrams

Smart devices and personal robots executing commands in natural language instructions not just one line command, but a sequence of commands

Step 1: interpret instructions as action diagrams



Instructional Recipes

Blueberry Muffins

Ingredients

1 cup milk

1 egg
 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 cup white sugar
 1/2 cup fresh blueberries



Procedure

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From Kitchen to Biology Labs

DNA Precipitation

Materials 3M NaOAc pH 5.2 EtOH 95% Glycogen (optional)

Procedure

1. Add 0.1 volumes of 3M Sodium Acetate solution to 1 volume of DNA sample.

- 2. Add 1ul Glycogen to the DNA sample.
- 3. Add 2 volumes of 95% EtOH to the DNA Sample.
- 4. Store the solution overnight at -20°C or for 30 minutes at -80°C.
- 5. Centrifuge the solution at maximum speed for least 15 minutes.
- 6. Decant and discard the supernatant.
- 7. (Optional) Add 1 ml of 70% EtOH to the pellet and let sit for 5 minutes.
- 8. (Optional) Centrifuge the sample at maximum speed for 5 minutes.
- 9. (Optional) Decant and Discard the supernatant.
- 10. Air-dry the pellet for 10-15 minutes at room temperature until all liquid is gone.
- 11. Resuspend in desired volume of water or buffer

http://openwetware.org/wiki/DNA_Precipitation

Action graph for blueberry muffins

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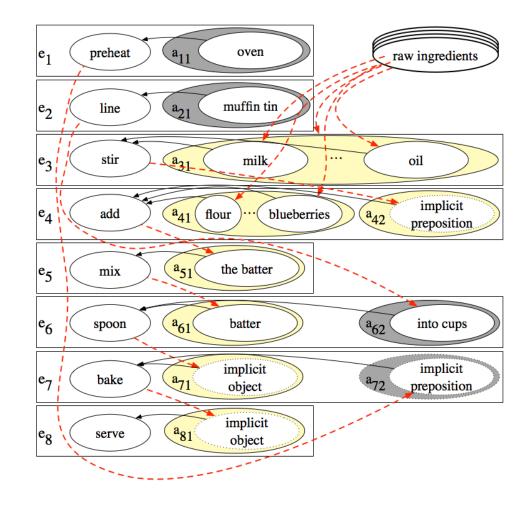
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Finding best action graph

Stir together milk, egg, and oil.

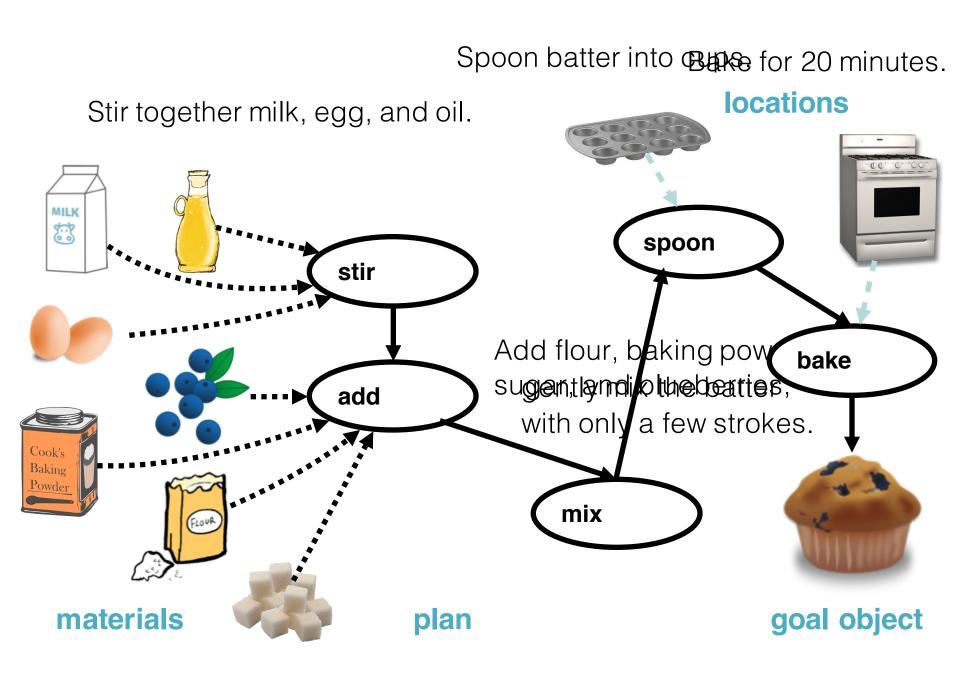
Add flour, baking powder, sugar, and blueberries;

Gently mix the batter with only a few strokes.

Spoon batter into cups.

Bake for 20 minutes.





Semantic challenges

- Traditional parsers have trouble with imperatives
 - <u>Grease</u> with butter. Grease = noun?
- Elided arguments are common.
 - Bake for 30 minutes.
 Bake what? Bake where?
- Referring expressions use physical properties
 - Whisk eggs. Add flour. Fold sugar into <u>the wet</u> <u>mixture.</u>

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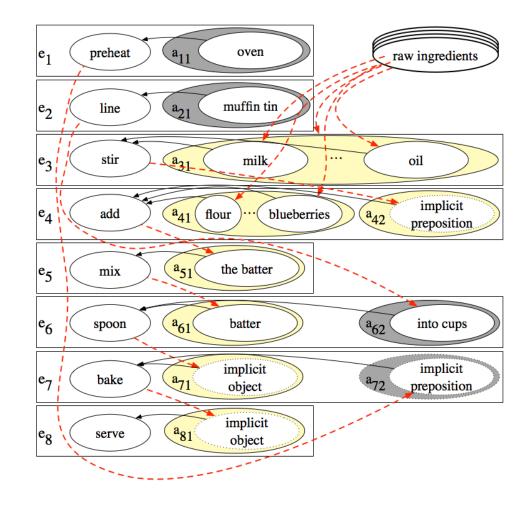
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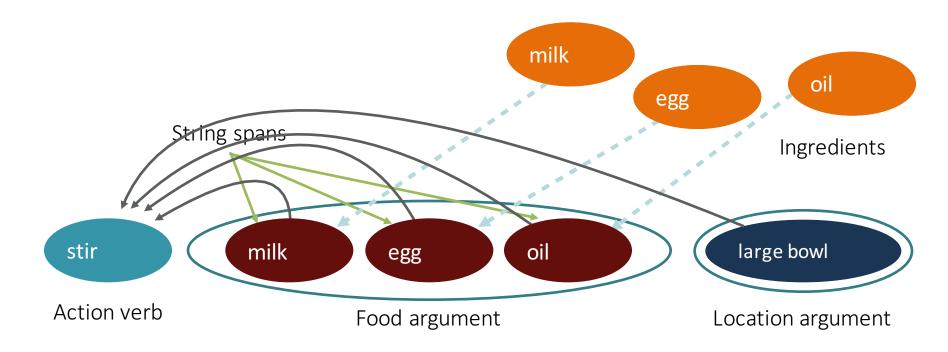
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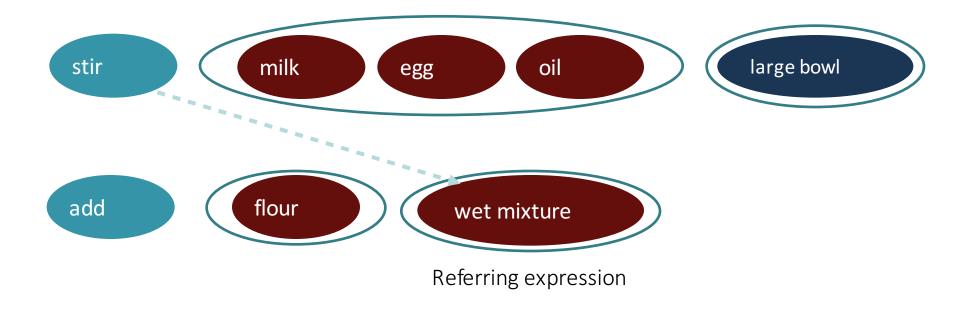
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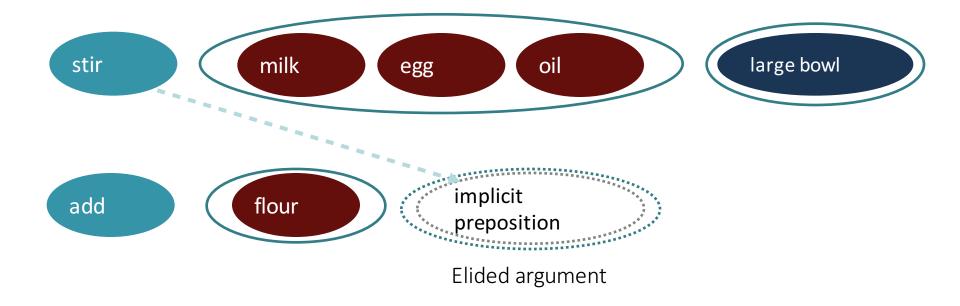
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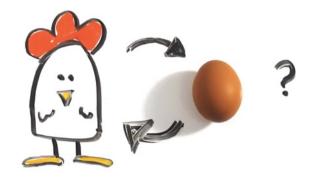
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Related Work

- Maeta et al. 2015,
- Mori et al. 2014
- Tasse and Smith 2008

Unsupervised Learning (Kiddon et al. 2015)

- Chicken and Egg
 - Parsing (unstructured text ightarrow action graph) requires knowledge
 - Knowledge requires parsing
- Model:
 - Probabilistic Model
- Learning:
 - Expectation-Maximization



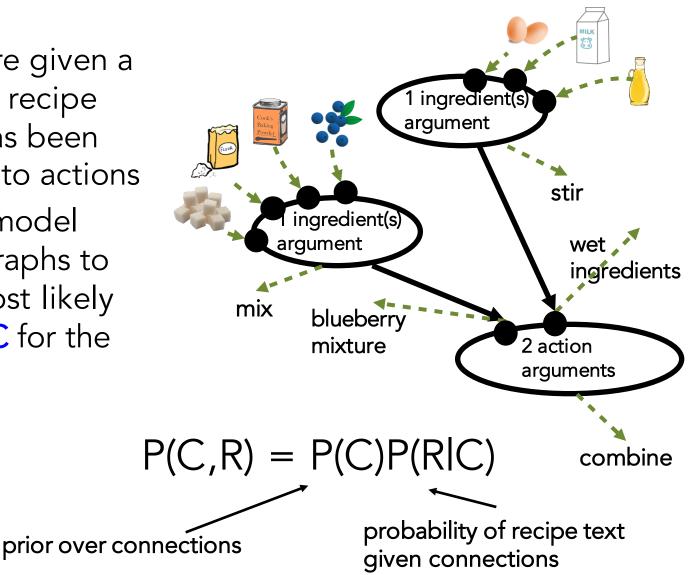
Probability model P(C,R) (Kiddon et al. 2015)

- Input: A set of connections C and a recipe R segmented (Sec. 6) into its actions $\{e_1 = (v_1, \mathbf{a}_1), \dots, e_n = (v_n, \mathbf{a}_n)\}$
- The joint probability of C and R is P(C, R) = P(C)P(R|C), each defined below:
- 1. Connections Prior (Sec. 3.1): $P(C) = \prod_i P(\mathbf{d}_i | \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_{i-1})$ Define \mathbf{d}_i as the list of connections with destination index *i*. Let $c_p = (o, i, j, k, t^{syn}, t^{sem}) \in \mathbf{d}_i$. Then,
 - $P(\mathbf{d}_i | \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_{i-1}) = P(vs(\mathbf{d}_i)) \prod_{c_p \in \mathbf{d}_i} P(\mathbb{1}(o \to s_{ij}^k) | vs(\mathbf{d}_i), \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_{i-1}, c_1, \dots, c_{p-1})$
 - (a) $P(vs(\mathbf{d_i}))$: multinomial verb signature model (Sec. 3.1.1)
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- 2. Recipe Model (Sec. 3.2): $P(R|C) = \prod_i P(e_i|C, e_1, \dots, e_{i-1})$ For brevity, define $\mathbf{h}_i = (e_1, \dots, e_{i-1})$.
 - $P(e_i|C, \mathbf{h}_i) = P(v_i|C, \mathbf{h}_i)P(a_{ij}|C, \mathbf{h}_i)$ (Sec. 3.2) Define argument a_{ij} by its types and spans, $a_{ij} = (t_{ij}^{syn}, t_{ij}^{sem}, S_{ij})$.
 - (a) $P(v_i|C, \mathbf{h}_i) = P(v_i|g_i)$: multinomial verb distribution conditioned on verb signature (Sec. 3.2)
 - (b) $P(a_{ij}|C, \mathbf{h}_i) = P(t_{ij}^{syn}, t_{ij}^{sem}|C, \mathbf{h}_i) \prod_{s_{ij}^k \in S_{ij}} P(s_{ij}^k|t_{ij}^{syn}, t_{ij}^{sem}, C, \mathbf{h}_i)$
 - i. $P(t_{ij}^{syn}, t_{ij}^{sem} | C, \mathbf{h}_i)$: deterministic argument types model given connections (Sec. 3.2.1)
 - ii. $P(s_{ij}^k|t_{ij}^{syn}, t_{ij}^{sem}, C, \mathbf{h}_i)$: string span model computed by case (Sec. 3.2.2):
 - A. $t_{ij}^{sem} = food \text{ and } origin(s_{ij}^k) \neq 0$: IBM Model 1 generating composites (**Part-composite model**)
 - B. $t_{ij}^{sem} = food$ and $origin(s_{ij}^k) = 0$: naïve Bayes model generating raw food references (**Raw food model**)
 - C. $t_{ij}^{sem} = location$: model for generating location referring expressions (Location model)

Figure 2: Summary of the joint probabilistic model P(C, R) over connection set C and recipe R.

Probabilistic model

- Assume we are given a preprocessed recipe text R that has been segmented into actions
- Probabilistic model over action graphs to determine most likely connections C for the recipe

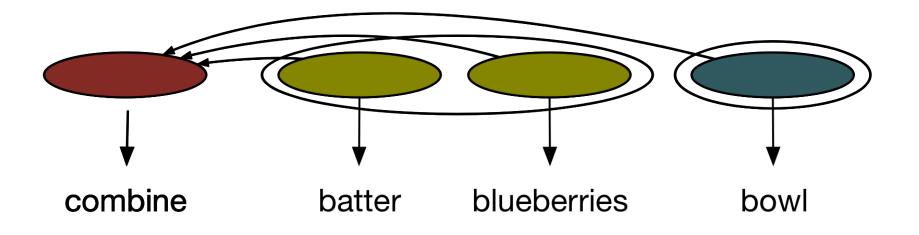


Recipe distribution: P(R|C)

• R is a sequence of actions e1, ..., en

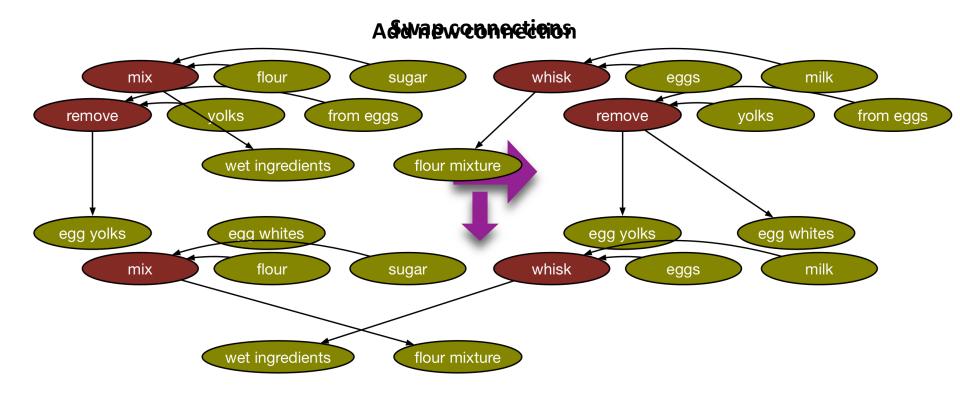
$$P(R|C) = \prod_{i} P(e_i|C, e_1, \dots, e_{i-1})$$

 Actions decompose into the probability of the verbs, arguments, and spans



Local search

- Initialize with sequential connections
- Score local search operators and greedily apply



Model learning

- Unsupervised hard EM method
- First, initialize models. Then:

Recurse:

- E-step: Update C rgmaxc P(C,R) for each R in dataset using local search
- **M-step**: Update parameters of P(C,R) using action graphs generated in E-step

Knowledge in the Model

- Part-composite model: how likely it is to generate a composite word given the incoming ingredients/raw materials
 - P("dressing" | "oil" "vinegar") > P("batter" | "oil" "vinegar")
- * Raw materials model: how likely a word is to be a initial reference
 - P("batter" | initial reference) < P("flour" | initial reference)
- Location model: how likely a location is given the action verb

Learned cooking knowledge

Learned good composite words for different ingredients

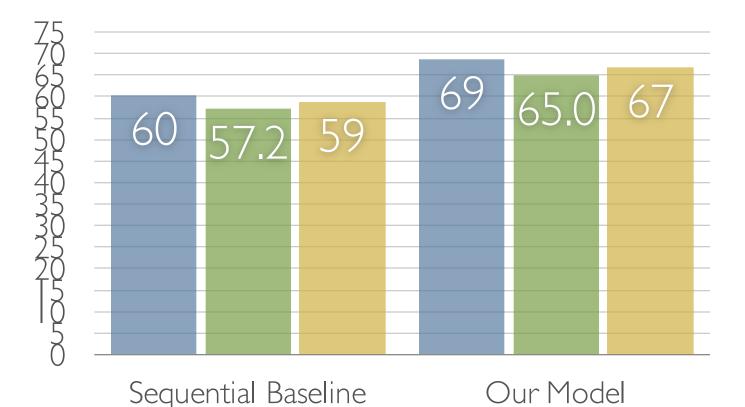
eggs	egg, yolk, mixture, noodles, whites
beef	beef, mixture, grease, meat, excess
flour	flour, mixture, dough, batter, top, crust

Learned selectional preferences for verb

- add is 58% likely to have two arguments that are not both raw materials
- bake is 95% likely to have one non-raw material argument

Evaluation

- Cooking recipe domain, 2456 recipes, 20 dish types
- 100 manually-annotated gold-standard recipes



To Conclude

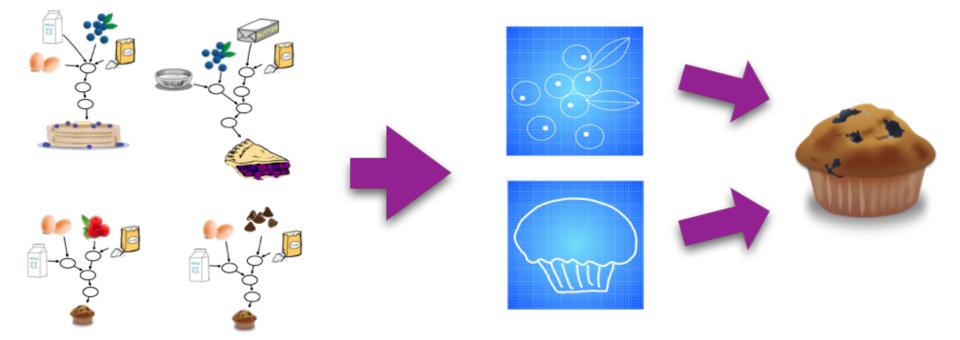
- Unsupervised parsing of instructional recipes to action diagrams
- Possible due to repeated patterns in naturally existing data
- Knowledge is a recurring theme.

What's Next: Composing a New Recipe

Compose new recipes given a recipe title (or what's in the fridge)!

- With or without explicit meaning representation
- New challenge: generating a **cohesive discourse**
- zero-shot learning for recipes

Grounding instructions with multimodal perception



Learning Knowledge about the World Take IV: Prototypical Events



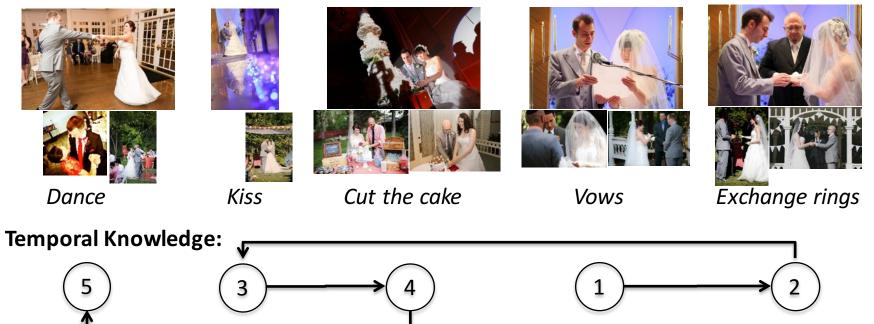
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Learned Events:



Prototypical Captions:

- -Dancing excitement. -Our first ever kiss.
- -First dance.
- -Ballroom dancing.
- -You may kiss the bride. -Sealed with a kiss.

-Cake cutting.

-The cake was so solid.

- -Reading our vows. -F -Our vows. -E
- -Ring time.
 - -Exchanging our rings. -Rings and promises.

Circular Dependency

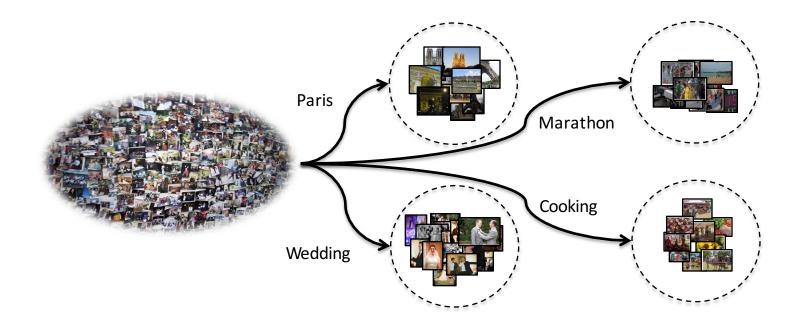
Better knowledge about stereotypical event structure

Better understanding of a new photo album



Data Compilation

- 12 common life scenarios
 - Wedding, Paris Trip, New York Trip, Barbecue, Funeral, Independence Day, Cooking, Camping, Marathon, Baby Birth, Christmas, Thanksgiving



Learning Prototypical Events

- k-means clustering (on language only)
- Multimodal cluster representation
 - Weighted unigram features of content words
 - Visual Features from VGGNet
- Name each cluster with the most common word

Sample Events and Prototypical Captions

Wedding		Camping		Funeral	
aisle	Walking down the aisle	tent	Inside out tent	service	Graveside service
	Bride walking down the aisle		Setting up the tent		The service
vow	Exchanging vows	fire	Building the fire	рау	Paying Respects
	Reading the vows		Around the fire	Pay	Respect
	Reciting vows to each other		Getting the fire going		
dance	First dance	sunset	Sunset from camp	goodbye	Saying goodbye
adhee	Everybody dancing		Watching the sunset		
	Dancing the night away		Sunset on the first night		

Learn Temporal Knowledge

 Local transition probabilities – Probability that a photo assigned event A being followed by a photo assigned to event B.

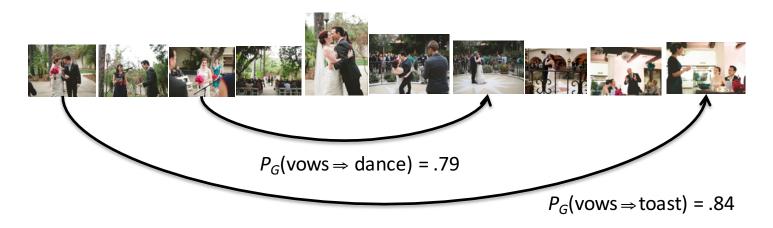
$$P_L(e_k \to e_l) = \frac{C(e_k \to e_l)}{\sum_{m=1}^N C(e_k \to e_m)}$$



Learn Temporal Knowledge

 Global pairwise ordering probabilities – Probability that a photo assigned event A precedes a photo assigned event B anywhere in the album

$$P_G(e_k \Rightarrow e_l) = \frac{C(e_k \Rightarrow e_l)}{C(e_k \Rightarrow e_l) + C(e_l \Rightarrow e_k)}$$



Circular Dependency

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Individual Photo Album Analysis

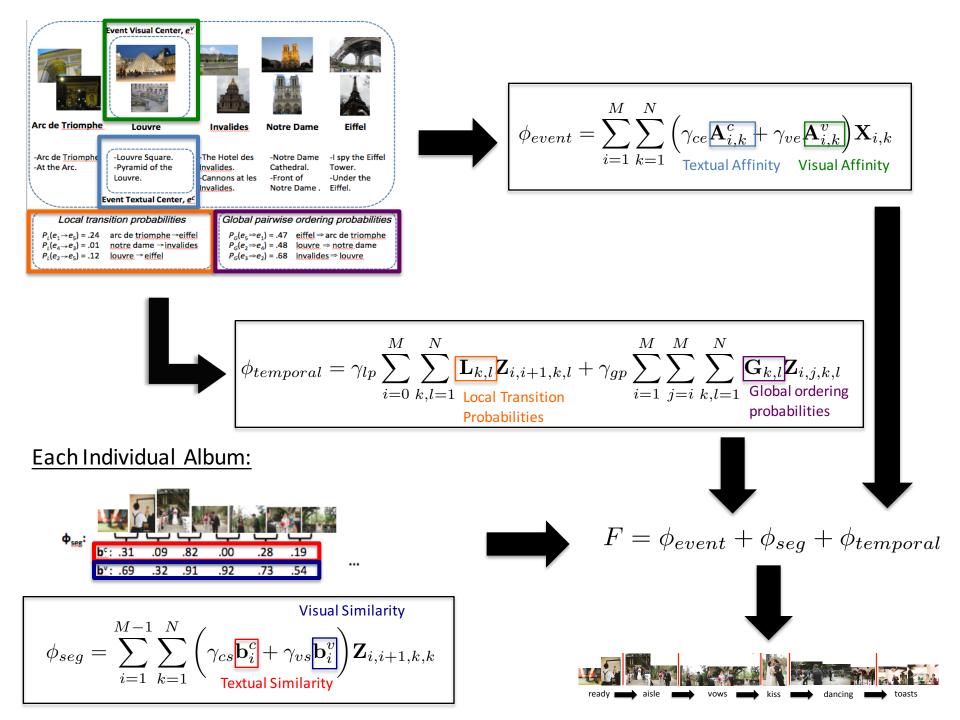
- Input: An album of photos
- Output: An album partitioned by the scenario's compositional events



Inference

 Constrained Optimization to decode assignment and ordering of events

$$F = \phi_{event} + \phi_{seg} + \phi_{temporal}$$



Experiments

- Temporal Ordering
- Album Segmentation
- Learned Knowledge
 - Summarization
 - Captioning

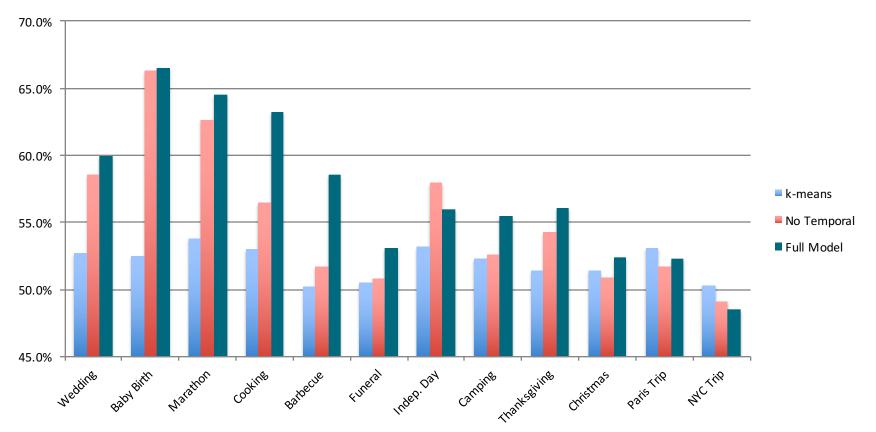
Temporal Ordering

- Compile pairwise event training set ordering statistics between all events
- In every album of the test set, pick two photos
- Based on the events assigned to those photos, predict which photo was taken before the other



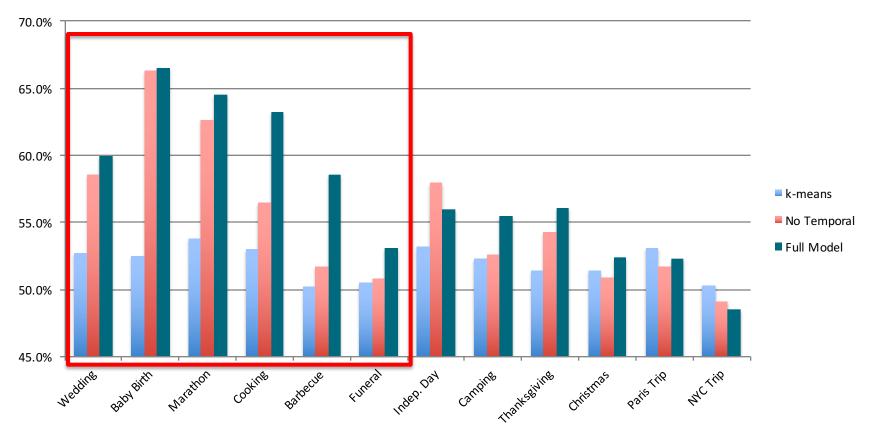
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Pairwise Event Ordering Accuracy



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Pairwise Event Ordering Accuracy



Learned Knowledge: Summarization

• Pick a set of *b* photos from an album as a summary



- Choose photos from *b* different events
- Choose photo with highest affinity for event
- Replace caption with a prototypical caption

Wedding Summaries











Watching the ceremony

Getting married

Greeting guests

Mother of the bride

Eating cake Listening to speeches





... heading for the reception

Reciting vow 's to each other

Listening to the toasts

Baby Birth Summaries













Contraction

W/ mom

First feed

Dad

Sleeping

Just born





To Conclude

- Multimodal script learning from photo albums
- Prototypical event structure of 12 common scenarios
- Future work: integration of videos, and scaling up the knowledge

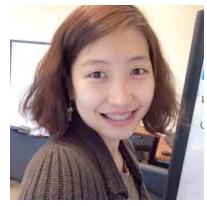
In this talk

- Toward Intelligent Communication
- Learning knowledge about the world
 - Physical Knowledge (size)
 - Visual Entailment
 - Recipe Parsing with Cooking Knowledge
 - Prototypical Event Knowledge
- From naturally existing data
 - No manually curated data for training

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