

# Three Paradigms of Deep Learning for Wide-Ranging AI Applications with Big Data

驱动大数据人工智能多种应用的三类深度学习模式

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## Definition

Deep learning is a class of machine learning algorithms that

- use a cascade of **many layers of nonlinear processing**
- are part of the broader machine learning field of learning representations of data facilitating **end-to-end optimization**
- learn multiple levels of representations that correspond to **different levels of abstraction**
- ..., ...

# Three Paradigms of Deep Learning

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- Deep **Supervised** Learning
  - Paired input-output **big** training data for prediction
  - Paired output serves as “teacher” for corresponding input
- Deep **Reinforcement** Learning
  - Very weak “teacher” in the form of rewards; i.e. feedbacks (often distant) from environments
  - Q-learning computes “teaching signal” for training DNNs
- Deep **Unsupervised** Learning
  - Unpaired input-output **bigger** training data for prediction
    - but no teacher/label per se for each input token
  - Non-prediction tasks (clustering, dimensionality reduction, interpretation & understanding of data for transfer/multitask learning ...)

# Two Types of Big Data for Deep Learning

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- Deep Supervised Learning
  - **Paired input-output big training data** (costly)
  - Paired output serves as “teacher” for corresponding input
- Deep Reinforcement Learning
  - Very weak “teacher” in the form of rewards (often distant)
- Deep Unsupervised Learning
  - **Unpaired input-output bigger training data** (almost no cost; everywhere --- 取之不尽用之不竭)
  - but no teacher for each input token
  - Non-prediction tasks (clustering, interpretation & understanding of data...)

# AI = 感知+认知

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**AI = machine perception** (*speech, image, video, gesture, touch...*)

**+ machine cognition** (*natural language, reasoning, attention, memory/learning, knowledge, decision making, action/planning/robotics, interaction/conversation/ChatBot,...*)

# Deep Learning for AI Applications

- Current Successes of Deep Learning

- Speech (recognition), 2010 (supervised, brute-force)
- Image (recognition), 2012 (supervised, brute-force)
- NLP (translation, understanding, text QA), 2014 (supervised)
- Multimodal image-text (image captioning/QA), 2015 (supervised)
- Games (AlphaGo), 2016 (reinforcement)



Unsupervised  
(in the future)

- Deep Learning --- Next waves upon us

- Information retrieval (2017, predicted by Chris Manning at SIGIR 2016)
- Mobile UI and dialogues (conversational AI bots, chatbots) --- reinforcement learning
- Practically useful personal assistants (next-generation Cortana, SIRI, GoogNow, Alexa)
- Business analytics (e.g. sales and marketing)
- Finance (hedge funds, excluding “flash boy” type)
- Robotic/car control, and physical plant control (e.g. energy saving, logistics optimization)
- Medical and health
- Security
- Art and science; video transcription, AI-generated movie scripts
- Automated journalism and legal assistance
- Communication networks (e.g. optimal routing)
- A full range of enterprise scenarios ..., ...

# Deep Supervised Learning for Speech Recognition

- with massive paired input(acoustics)-output(text) big data for training speech recognizers



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**Deep Learning for Speech Recognition and Related Applications**

7:30am - 6:30pm Saturday **December 12, 2009**

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**Abstract:** Over the past 25 years or so, speech recognition technology has been dominated by a "shallow" architecture — hidden Markov models (HMMs). Significant technological success has been achieved using complex and carefully engineered HMMs. The next generation of the technology requires solutions to remain robust to the challenges under diversified deployment environments. These challenges, not addressed in the past, arise from the many types of variability present in the signal generation process. Overcoming these challenges is likely to require "deep" architectures with efficient learning algorithms. For speech recognition and related sequential recognition applications, some attempts have been made in the past to develop alternative computational architectures that are "deeper" than conventional HMMs, such



The Universal Translator .comes true!



# The New York Times

Scientists See Promise in Deep-Learning Programs

John Markoff

November 23, 2012



Tianjin, China, October, 25, 2012



Deep learning technology enabled speech-to-speech translation



- Investigation of full-sequence training of DBNs for speech recognition*, Interspeech, Sept 26
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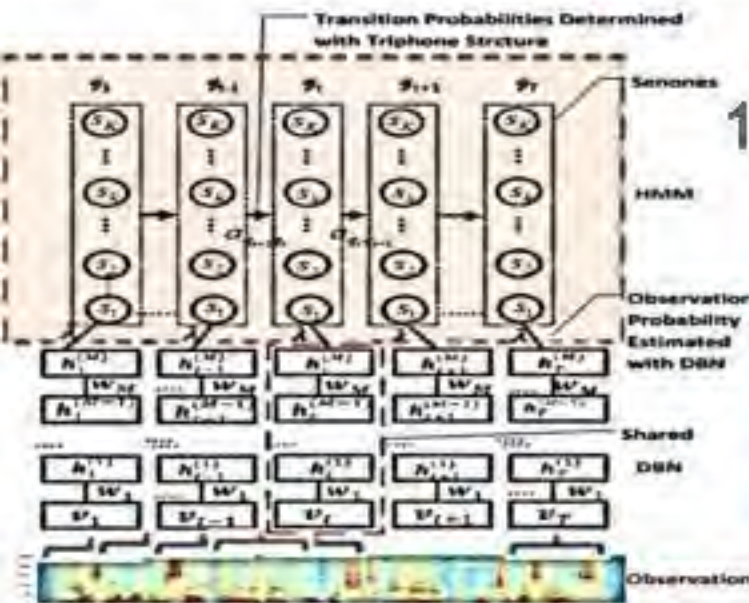
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Google

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Later years with rapid progress, **Baidu Research**



### Progress of spontaneous speech recognition

CD-DNN-HMM invented, 2010



# Across-the-Board Deployment of DNN in Speech Industry

(+ in university labs & DARPA programs)

(2012-2014)

Skype to get 'real-time' translator



Analysts say the translation feature could have wide ranging applications



# Enabling Cross-Lingual Conversations in Real Time

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View milestones on the path to Skype Translator  
#speech2speech



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“This joint paper (2012) from the major speech recognition laboratories details the first major industrial application of deep learning.”



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FUNDAMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES  
IN MODERN SPEECH RECOGNITION



**Deep Neural Networks  
for Acoustic Modeling  
in Speech Recognition**

The shared views of four research groups



## **Deep Supervised Learning also Shattered Image Recognition (in the same way)**

(since 2012)

# IMAGENET Competition

## Progress of object recognition (1k ImageNet)



Announced  
Dec. 2015

2012 - 2015

Super-deep: 152 layers



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# MICROSOFT NEURAL NET SHOWS DEEP LEARNING CAN GET WAY DEEPER

## Microsoft beats Google, Intel, Tencent, and Qualcomm in image recognition competition

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Popularity  
Percentile

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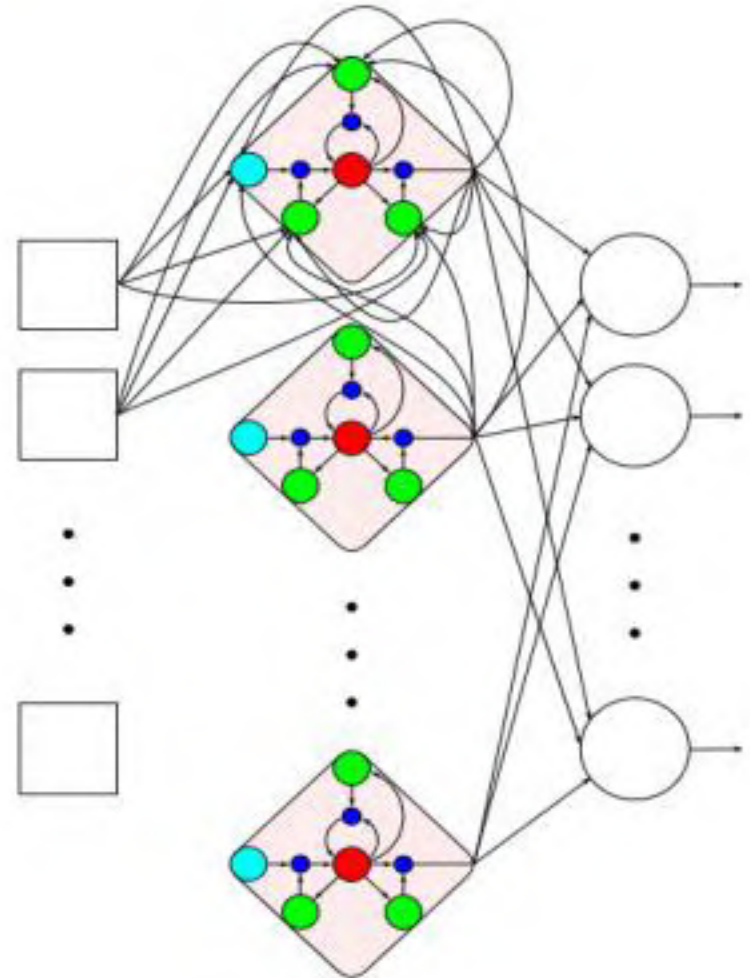
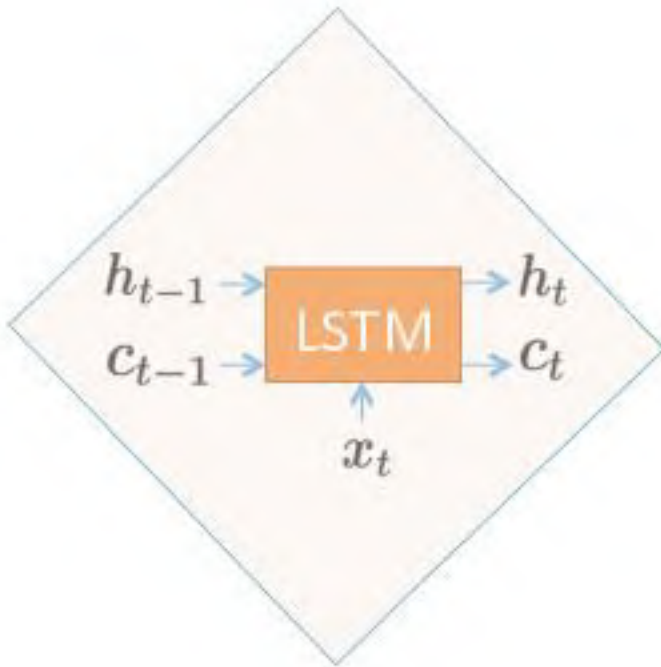




# Supervised Deep Learning for Machine Cognition

--- Memory & attention applied to machine translation

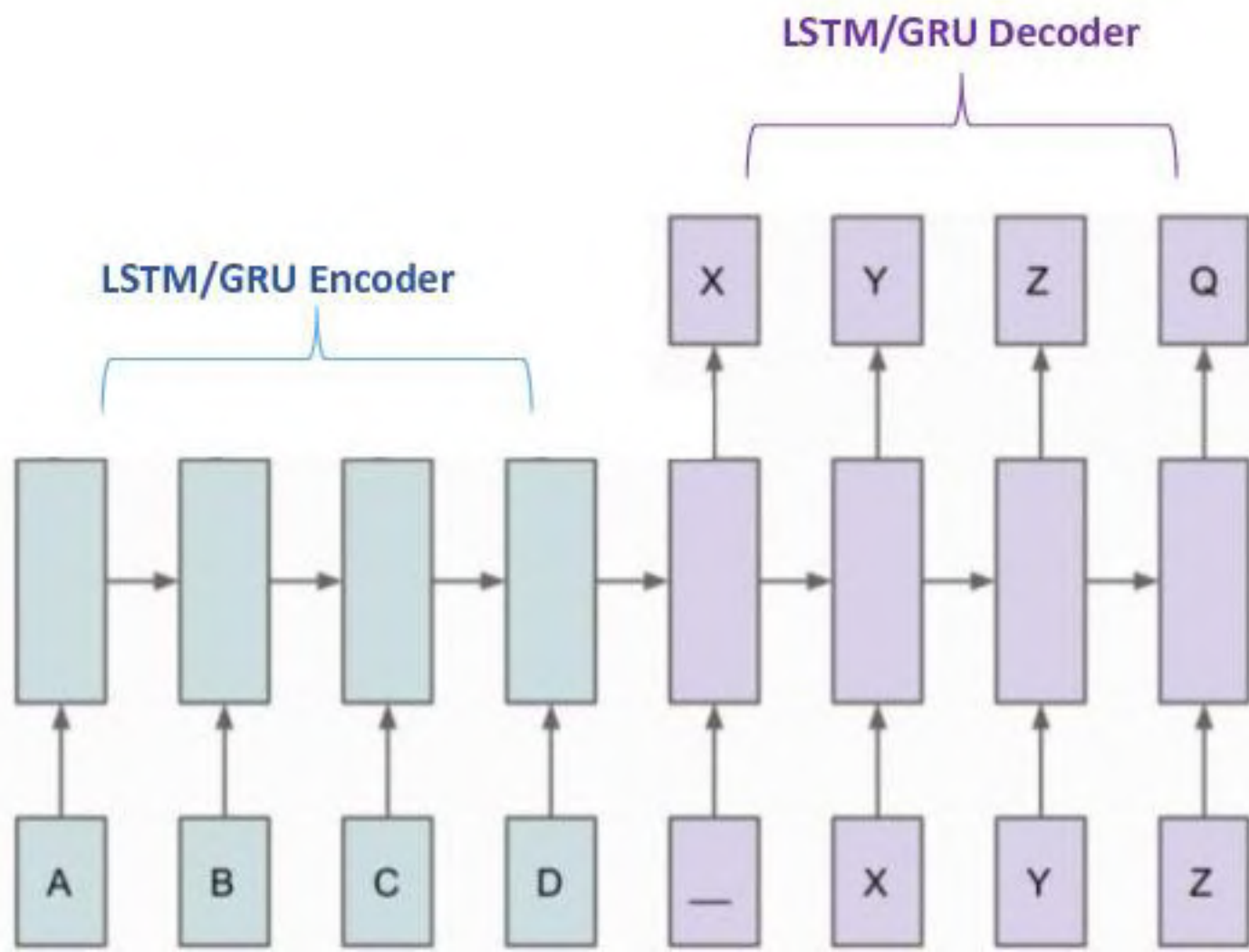
# Long Short-Term Memory RNN



(Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997)

# Seq-2-Seq Learning (Neural Machine Translation)

[Sutskever, Vinyals, Le, NIPS, 2014]



# Neural Machine Translation with Attention

## Attention-based Model

- Encoder: Bidirectional RNN

- A set of *annotation* vectors

$$\{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_T\}$$

- Attention-based Decoder

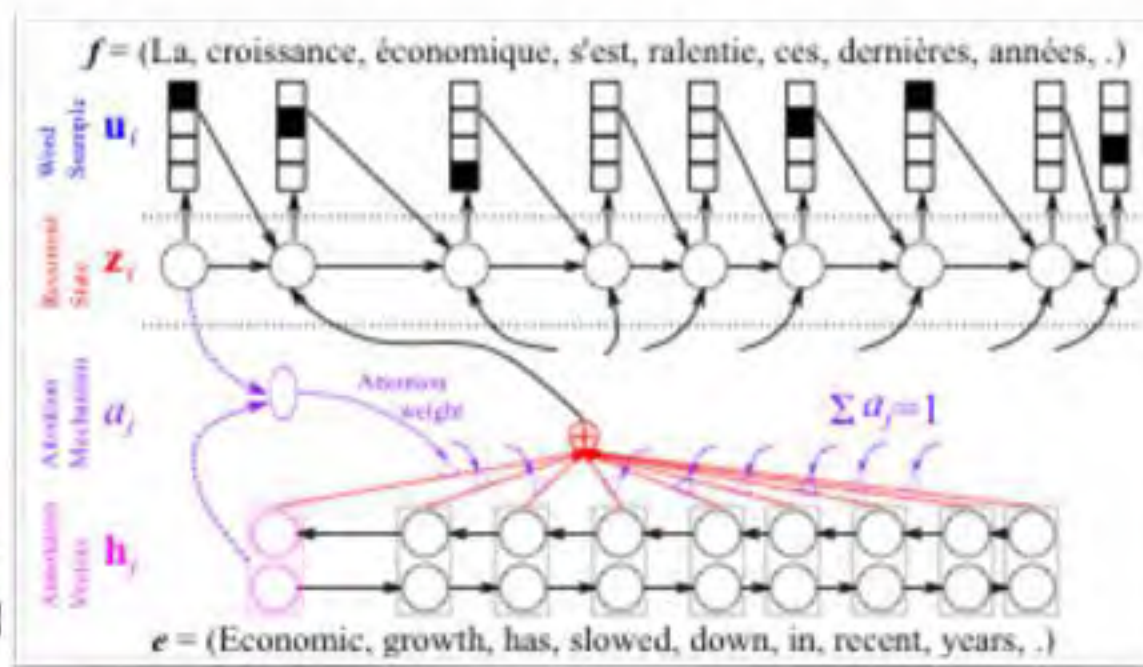
- (1) Compute attention weights

$$\alpha_{t',t} \propto \exp(e(z_{t'-1}, u_{t'-1}, h_t))$$

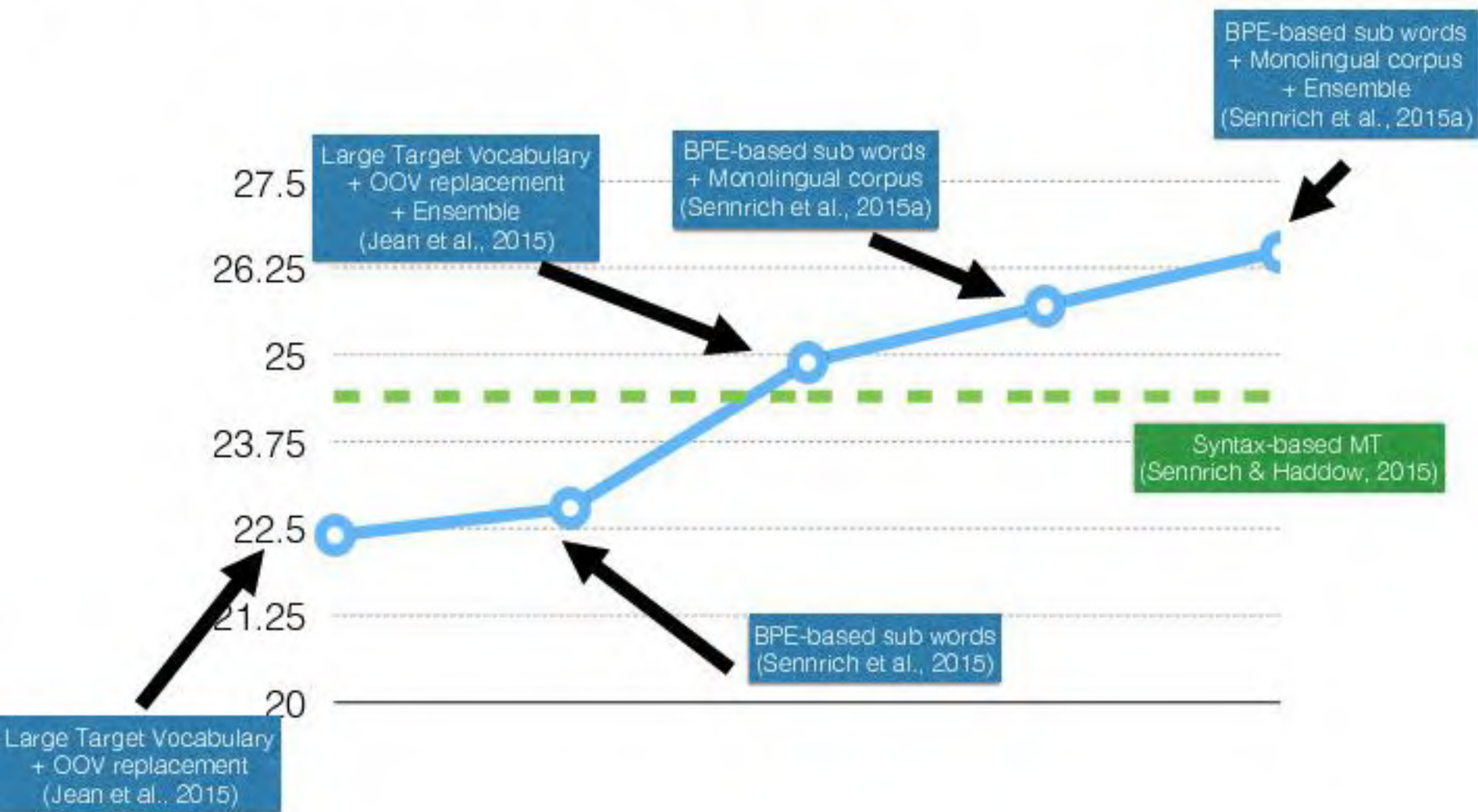
- (2) Weighted-sum of the annotation vectors

$$c_{t'} = \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_{t',t} h_t$$

- (3) Use  $c_{t'}$  to replace “though vector”  $h_T$



# Benchmark: WMT'15 En-De

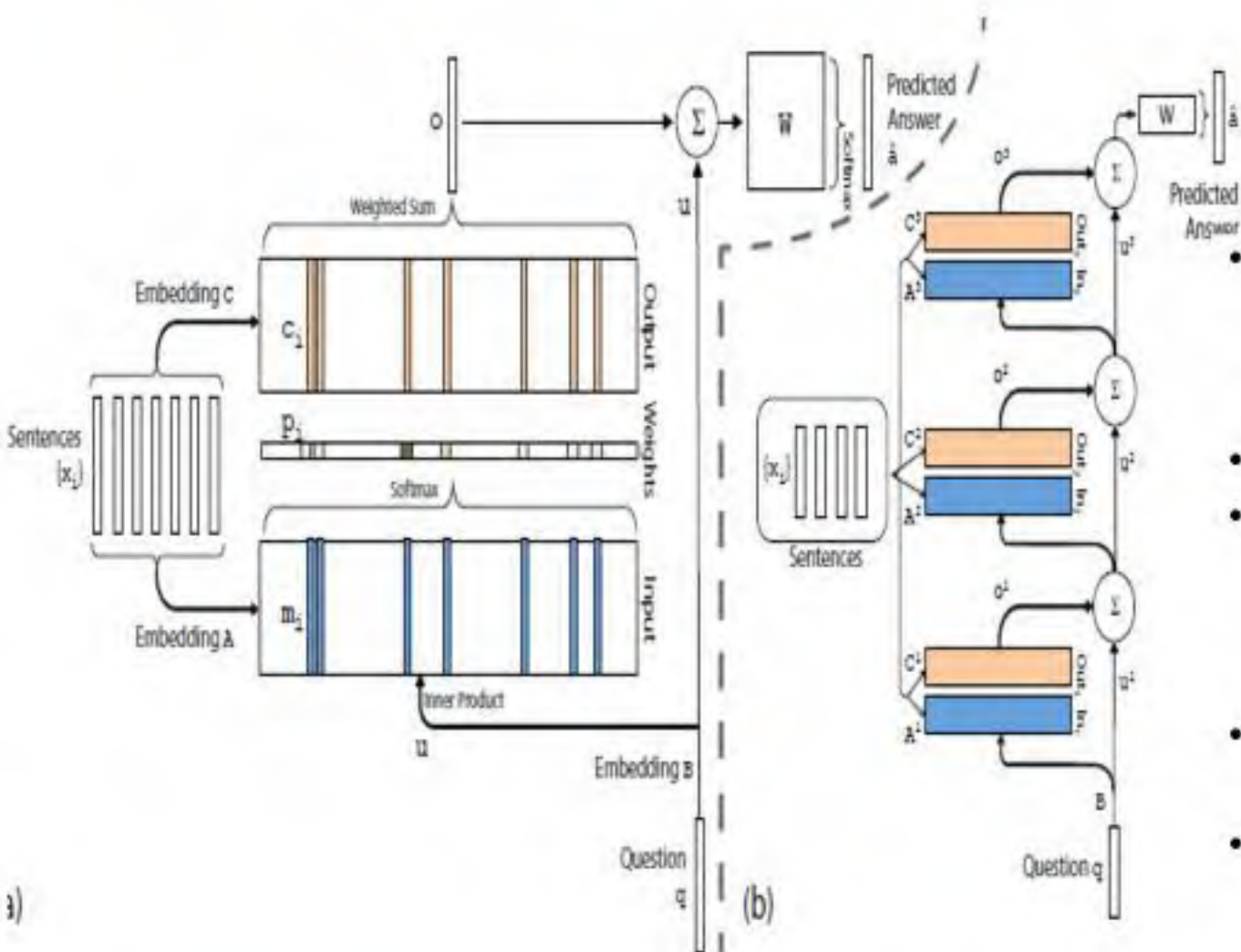


(modified from: Kyunghyun Cho)

# Supervised Deep Learning for Machine Cognition

--- Neural reasoning: memory networks

# Memory Networks for Reasoning



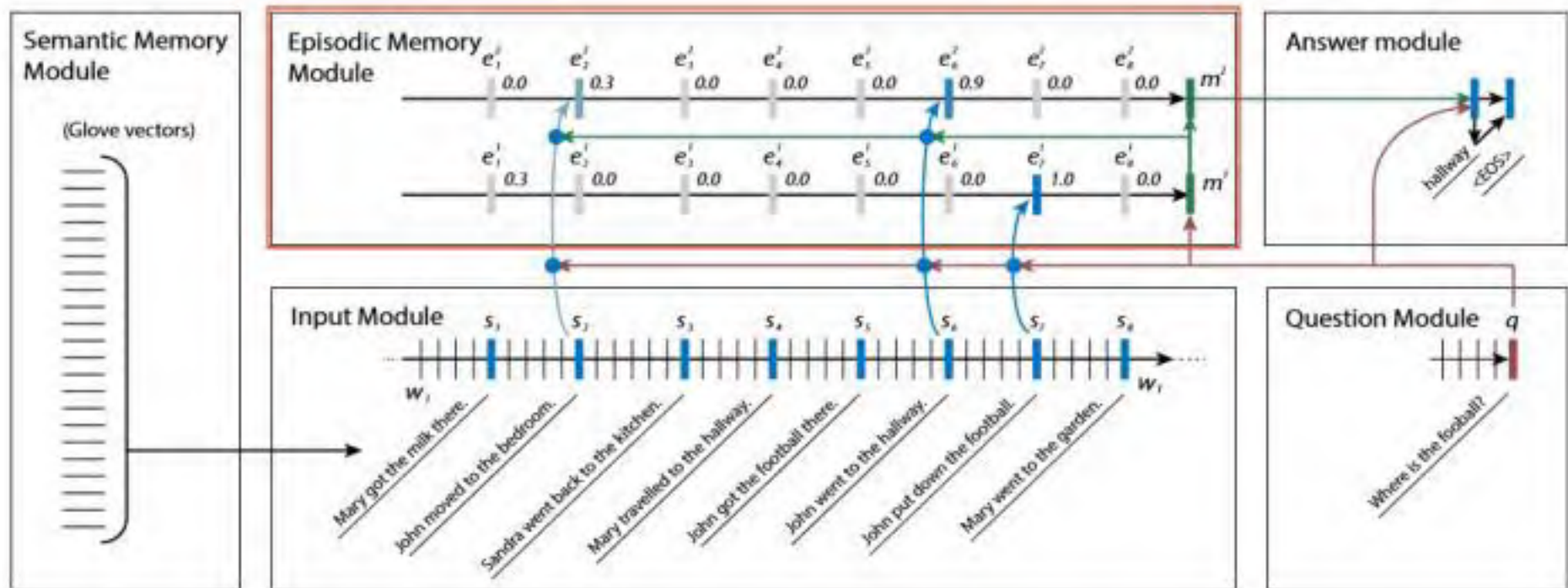
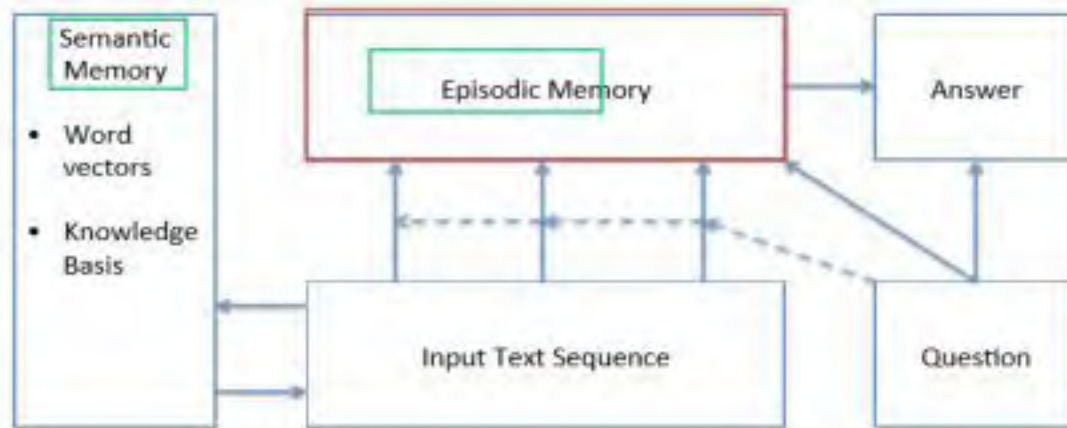
- Rather than placing “attention” to part of a sentence, it can be placed to cognitive space with many sentences
- This allows “reasoning”
- Embedding input
 
$$m_i = Ax_i$$

$$c_i = Cx_i$$

$$u = Bq$$
- Attention over memories
 
$$p_i = \text{softmax}(u^T m_i)$$
- Generating the final answer

$$\sigma = \sum_i i^* p_i c_i$$

$$a = \text{softmax}(W(\sigma + u))$$



[Kumar, Irsoy, ... Socher: "Ask me anything: **Dynamic Memory Networks** for NLP," NIPS, 2015]



# Deep Reinforcement Learning

== Deep Learning (for representing gigantic “state-space”)  
+ Reinforcement Learning (optimal decision making)

- Distant, weak teacher via “evaluative” rewards
- Need for exploration (not for supervised learning)
- More important AI applications to come (than supervised learning)

# Human-level control through deep reinforcement learning

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The theory of reinforcement learning provides a normative account<sup>1</sup>, deeply rooted in psychological<sup>2</sup> and neuroscientific<sup>3</sup> perspectives on animal behaviour, of how agents may optimize their control of an environment. To use reinforcement learning successfully in situations approaching real-world complexity, however, agents are confronted



agent is to select actions in a fashion that maximizes cumulative future reward. More formally, we use a deep convolutional neural network to approximate the optimal action-value function

$$Q^*(s,a) = \max_{\pi} \mathbb{E}[r_t + \gamma r_{t+1} + \gamma^2 r_{t+2} + \dots | s_t = s, a_t = a, \pi],$$

Reinforcement learning from “non-working” to “working”, due to Deep Learning (much like DNN for speech)

# Deep Reinforcement Learning for Games

--- optimizing long-term values

	Short-term	Long-term
Playing the Breakout game		
Optimizing Business Decision Making	<i>Maximize immediate reward</i>	<i>Optimize life-time revenue, service usages, and customer satisfaction</i>

# Deep Q-Network (DQN)

mapping raw  
screen pixels



to predictions  
of final score  
for each of 18  
joystick actions

- Input layer: image vector of  $s$
- Output layer: a single output Q-value for each action  $a$ ,  $Q(s,a,\theta)$
- DNN parameters:  $\theta$

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# Mastering the game of Go with deep neural networks and tree search

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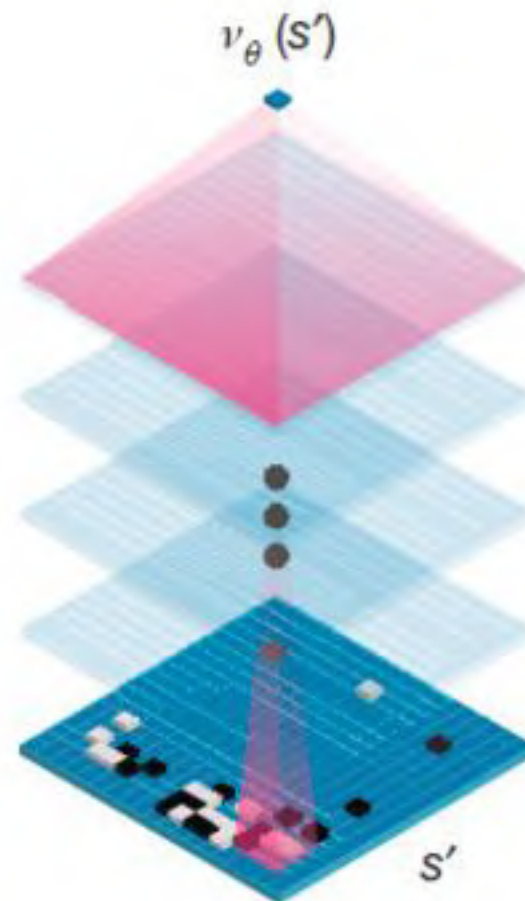
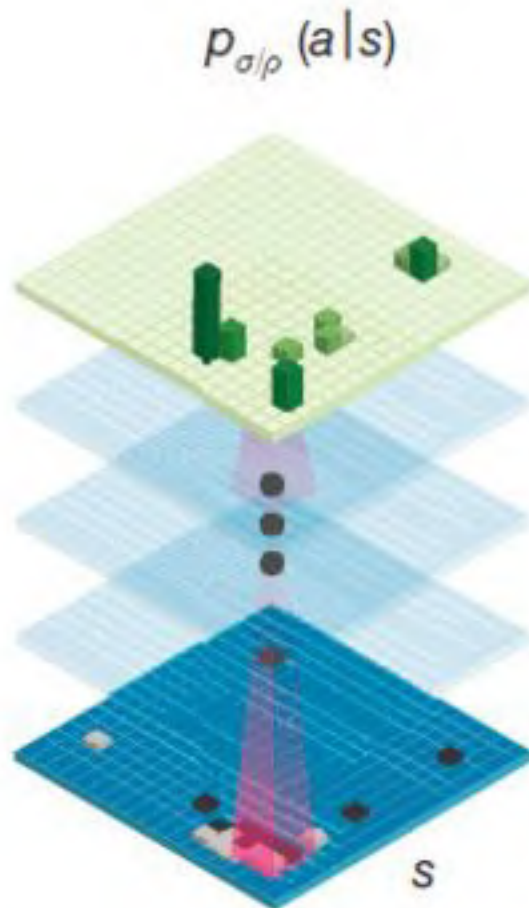
# DNN architecture use



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Policy network

Value network

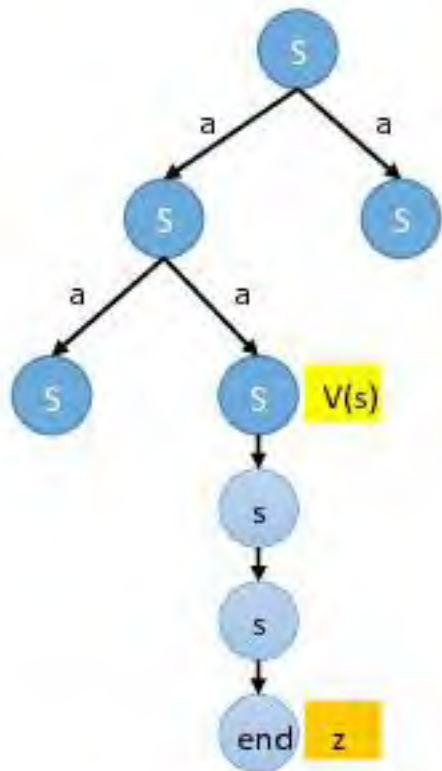


# Analysis of four DNN



DNNs	Properties	Architecture	Additional details
$\pi \downarrow SL \ aS$	Slow, accurate stochastic supervised learning policy, trained on 30M (s,a) pairs	13 layer network; alternating ConvNets and rectifier non-linearities; output dist. over all legal moves	Evaluation time: 3 ms Accuracy vs. corpus: 57% Train time: 3 weeks
$\pi \downarrow SL \ aS$	Fast, less accurate stochastic SL policy, trained on 30M (s,a) pairs	Linear softmax of small pattern features	Evaluation time: 2 us Accuracy vs. corpus: 24%
$\pi \downarrow RL \ aS$	Stochastic RL policy, trained by self-play	Same as $\pi \downarrow SL$	Win vs. $\pi \downarrow SL$ : 80%
$V(s)$	Value function: % chance of winning by starting in state $s$	Same as $\pi \downarrow SL$ but with one output (% chance of winning)	15K less computation than evaluating $\pi \downarrow RL$ with roll-outs

# Monte Carlo Tree Search



$$\pi(s) = \operatorname{argmax}_a Q(s, a)$$

$$Q(s, a) = \underbrace{Q^*(s, a)}_{\text{Roll-out estimate}} + \underbrace{u(s, a)}_{\text{Exploration bonus}}$$

$$Q^*(s, a) = 1/N(s, a) \sum_{i=1}^N [(1-\lambda)V(s|L^i) + \lambda z|L^i]$$

# of times action  $a$  taken in state  $s$

Value function computed in advance

Win/loss result of 1 roll-out with  $\pi$  as

$$u(s, a) = c \cdot \pi(s|a) \sqrt{\sum_{b=1}^B N(s, b) / (1 + N(s, a))}$$

- Think of this MCTS component as a highly efficient “decoder”, concept familiar to ASR
- -> A\* search and fast match in speech recognition literature in 80's-90's
- This is tree search (GO-specific), not graph search (A\*)
- Speech is a relatively simple signal → sequential beam search sufficient, not need for A\* or tree
- Key innovation in AlphaGO: “scores” in MCTS computed by DNNs with RL



# How deep reinforcement learning can help chatbots

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**What is wrong with apps and web models?**

**Conversation as an emerging paradigm for mobile UI**

**Bots as intelligent conversational interface agents**

**Three types of A.I. conversational bots**



# Deep Reinforcement vs. Supervised Learning

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- Ostensible similarity to structured supervised learning
- Use of dynamic programming (DP) by both
- DP in Reinforcement Learning: Q-learning for credit assignment over long distance
- DP for Structured SL: efficient alignment for matching sequence targets (teachers)
- Different ways of DP approximation
- Need for exploration or otherwise

# Deep UNsupervised Learning

- Input-output samples do not need to match for training
- Huge practical benefit: No cost to create training data
- Both input and output data are found naturally
- E.g. use of millions of hrs of speech for speech recognition
- Millions of hrs of video for video story telling
- All images in the web for image captioning
- Etc, etc.

# “No Free Lunch” for Deep Unsupervised Learning

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- Intensive research is needed --- How the human mind works
- Major frontier for deep learning and AI
- Our approach: integrate diverse sources of world knowledge and application-domain knowledge into a single, consistent framework
  
- To effectively exploit and integrate knowledge of:
  - **Strong output statistics and structure** (motivated by cryptography research)
  - **Strong input statistics and structure**
    - traditional unsupervised learning
  - **Relationship/Mapping from output to input**
    - generative model world; Bayesian learning, etc.
  - **Relationship/Mapping from input to output**
    - discriminative model world; deep neural nets
  - **Relationship between input/output from another domain**
    - transfer learning; compositionality of in much of real world data
  - **Distributional properties of input and output sequences**
    - smart sequence prediction exploiting motion/temporal cues (video, word embedding)

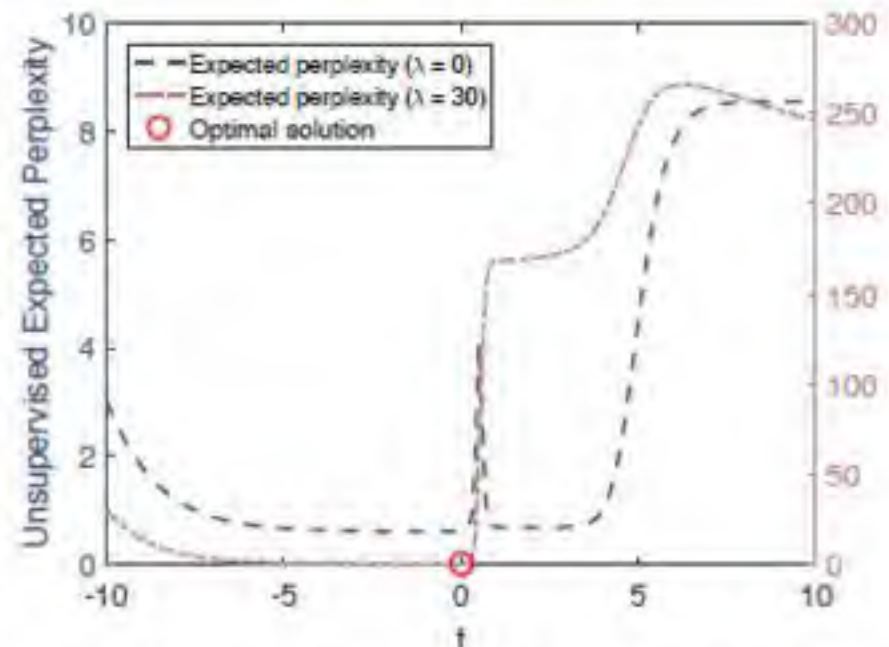
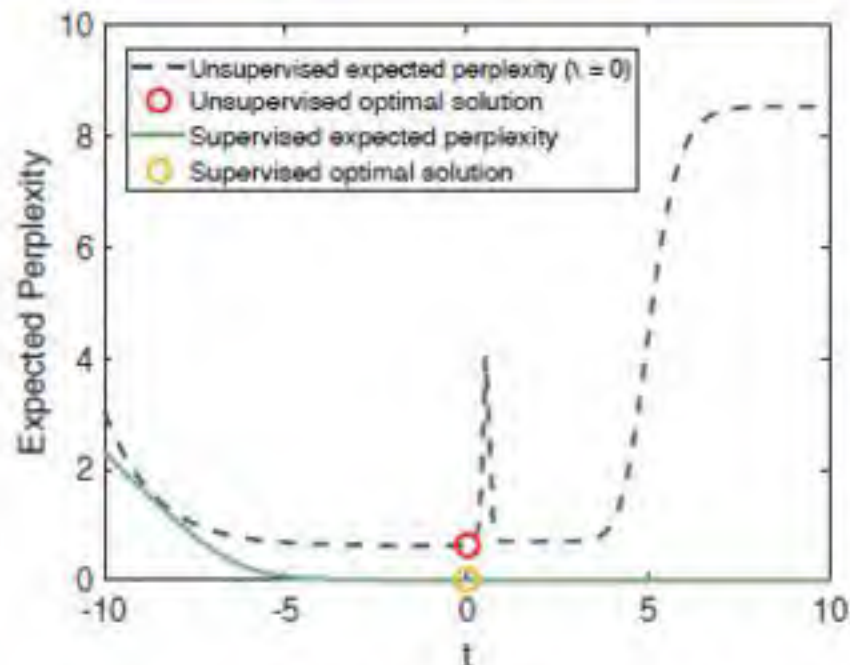
# Exploiting output statistics and structure

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [\ln p(y_1, \dots, y_T) | x_1, \dots, x_T] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \ln p(y_t | y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1) \middle| x_t, \dots, x_1 \right] \\ &= \sum_{(y_t, y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1)} \prod_{t=1}^T p(y_t | x_t, W_d) \sum_{t=1}^T \ln p(y_t | y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1) \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^T \prod_{\tau=1}^{t-1} p(y_\tau | x_\tau) \sum_{y_t} p(y_t | x_t) \ln p(y_t | y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1) \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{y_t} p(y_t | x_t) \ln p(y_t | y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1) \middle| x_{t-1}, \dots, x_1 \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\max_{W_d, W_g} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\{ \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{y_t} p(y_t | x_t) \ln p(y_t | y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1) \middle| x_{t-1}, \dots, x_1 \right] + \lambda \sum_{y_t} p(y_t | x_t, W_d) \ln p(x_t | y_t, W_g) \right\}$$

(Chen et al., ArXiv 2016)

# Looking into the nature of the difficulty of UL



(a) Unsupervised vs supervised costs

(b) The importance of regularization

- Much more difficult optimization problem in UL than SU
- Huge barrier that prevents from reaching the global optimum
- Quantum computing comes to rescue? (tunneling effect?)

# The Future of AI

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- One AI engine that solves a wide range of AI problems with a unified first principle (general AI)
- Based on deep unsupervised, reinforcement, and transfer learning with little or no human labels
- Harmonize symbolic and neural representations & computation
- Automatically acquire, create, and grow knowledge through interactions with the world
- Better than human intelligence in many ways (due to much stronger computing power)
- Many successful applications along the way

Thank you!  
Q/A





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