

Cheap Tricks and the Perils of Machine Learning

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Reading Comprehension (SQuAD)

In meteorology, precipitation is any product of the condensation of atmospheric water vapor that falls under **gravity**. The main forms of precipitation include drizzle, rain, sleet, snow, **graupel** and hail... Precipitation forms as smaller droplets coalesce via collision with other rain drops or ice crystals **within a cloud**. Short, intense periods of rain in scattered locations are called "showers".

What causes precipitation to fall?

gravity

What is another main form of precipitation besides drizzle, rain, snow, sleet and hail?

graupel

Where do water droplets collide with ice crystals to form precipitation?

within a cloud



Rank	Model	EM	F1
	Human Performance <i>Stanford University</i> (Rajpurkar et al. '16)	82.304	91.221
1 Mar 19, 2018	QANet (ensemble) <i>Google Brain & CMU</i>	83.877	89.737
2 May 10, 2018	MARS (ensemble) <i>YUANFUDAO research NLP</i>	83.520	89.612
3 Mar 06, 2018	QANet (ensemble) <i>Google Brain & CMU</i>	82.744	89.045
4 May 09, 2018	MARS (single model) <i>YUANFUDAO research NLP</i>	82.587	88.880
4 Jan 22, 2018	Hybrid AoA Reader (ensemble) <i>Joint Laboratory of HIT and iFLYTEK Research</i>	82.482	89.281
4 Feb 19, 2018	Reinforced Mnemonic Reader + A2D (ensemble model) <i>Microsoft Research Asia & NUDT</i>	82.849	88.764
5 Jan 03, 2018	r-net+ (ensemble) <i>Microsoft Research Asia</i>	82.650	88.493
5 Feb 02, 2018	Reinforced Mnemonic Reader (ensemble model) <i>NUDT and Fudan University</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.02798	82.283	88.533
5 Feb 27, 2018	QANet (single model) <i>Google Brain & CMU</i>	82.209	88.608
5 Jan 05, 2018	SLQA+ (ensemble) <i>Alibaba iDST NLP</i>	82.440	88.607
6 Dec 17, 2017	r-net (ensemble) <i>Microsoft Research Asia</i> http://aka.ms/rnet	82.136	88.126

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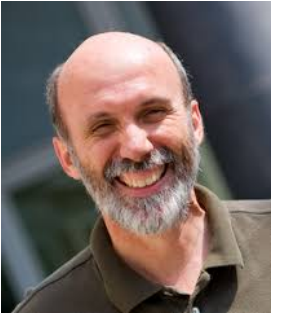


troubling

Humans versus machines



Harder tests?



*We want multiple-choice questions that people can answer easily. But we also want to avoid as much as possible questions that can be answered using **cheap tricks** (aka heuristics).*

— Hector Levesque, 2013

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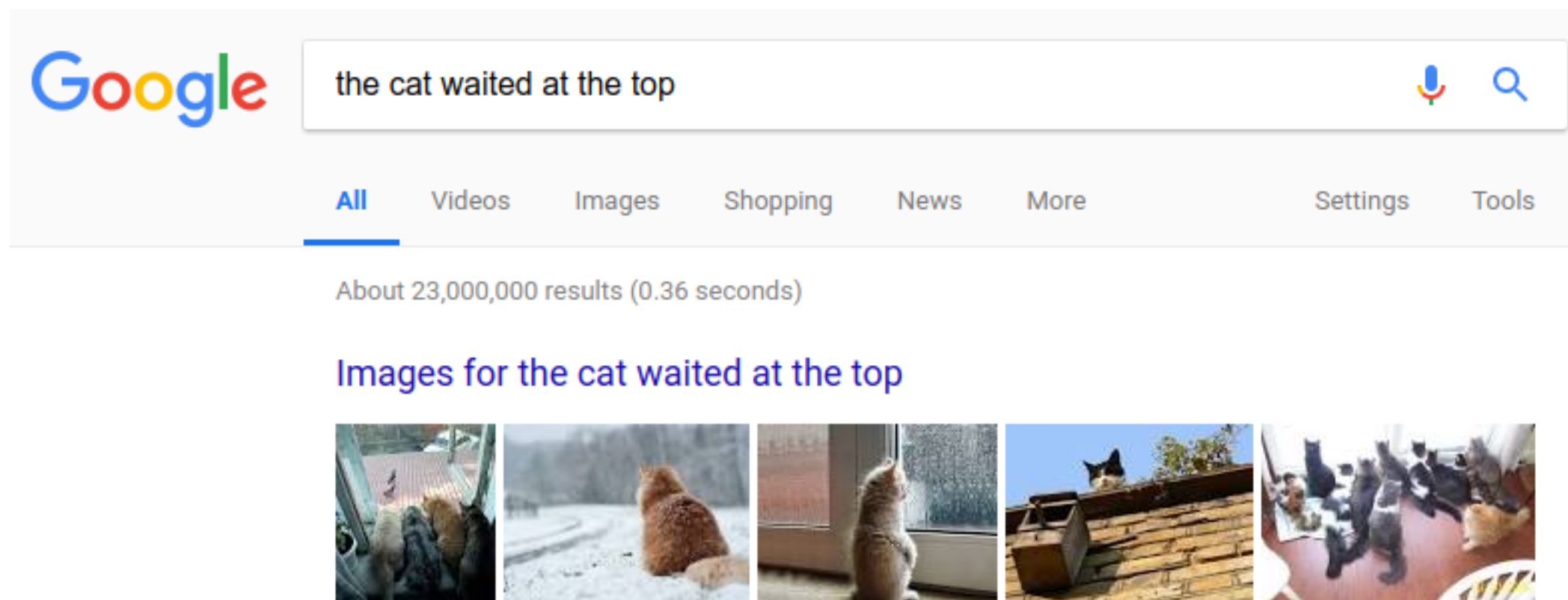
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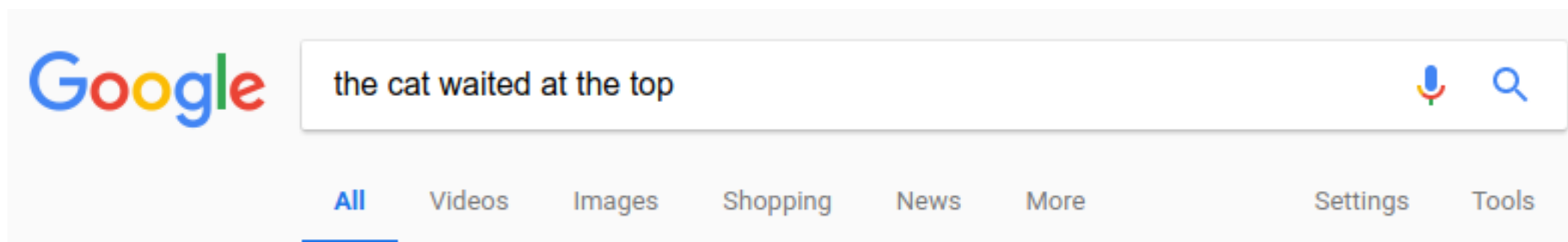
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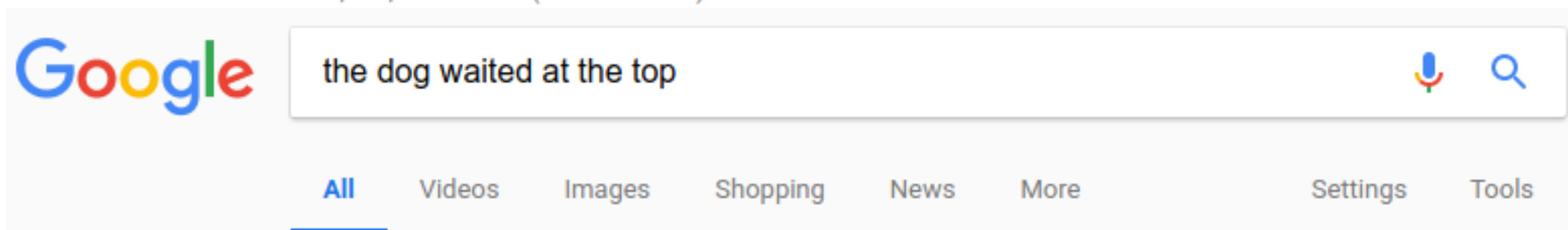


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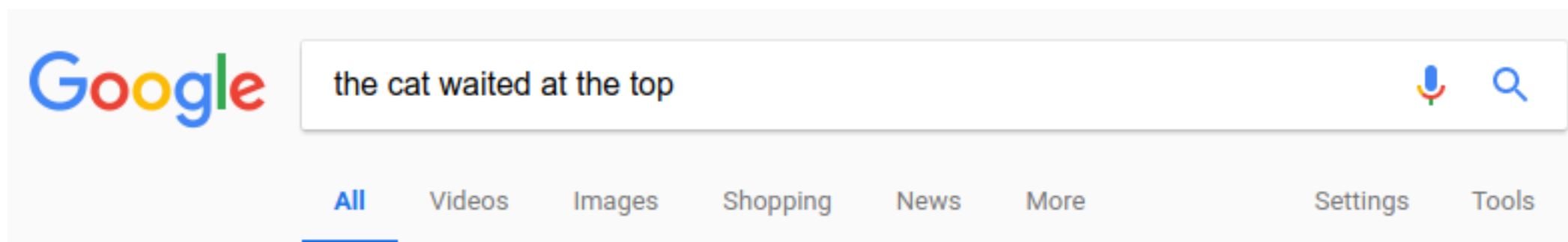
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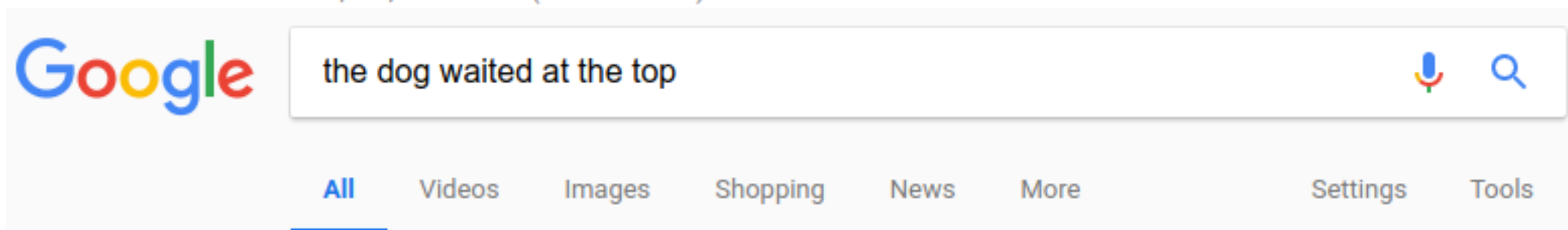
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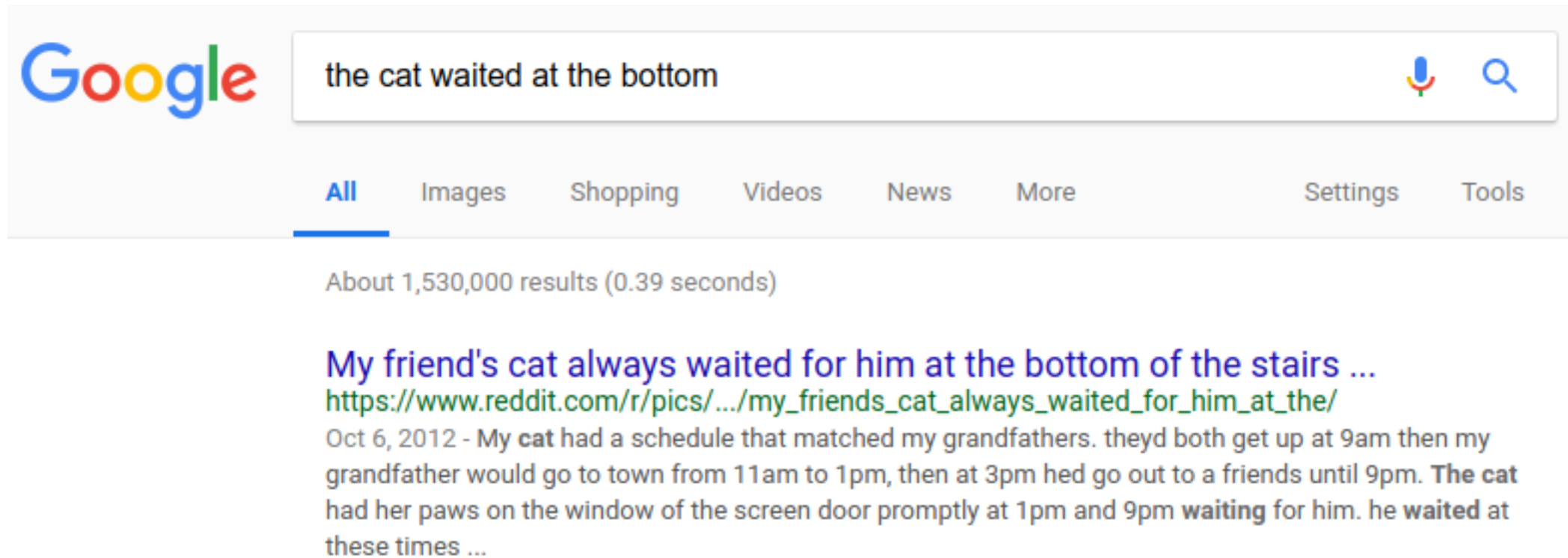
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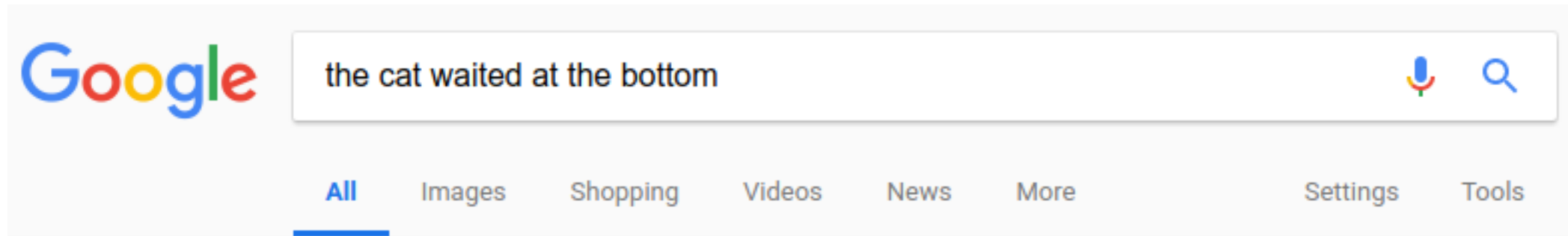
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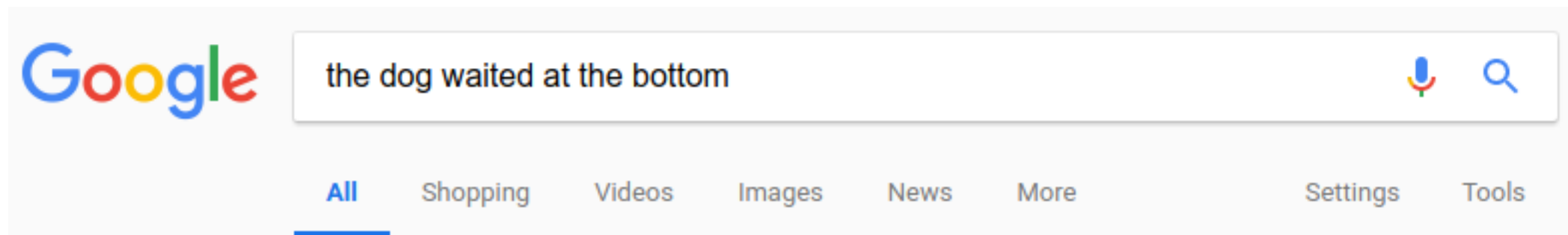


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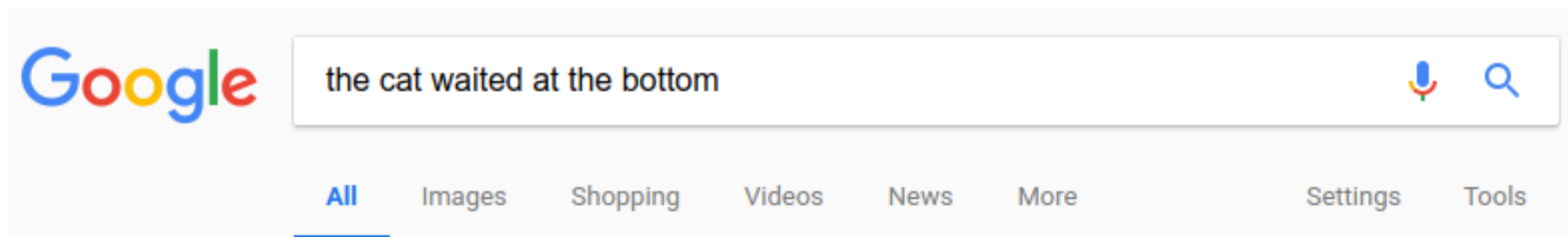
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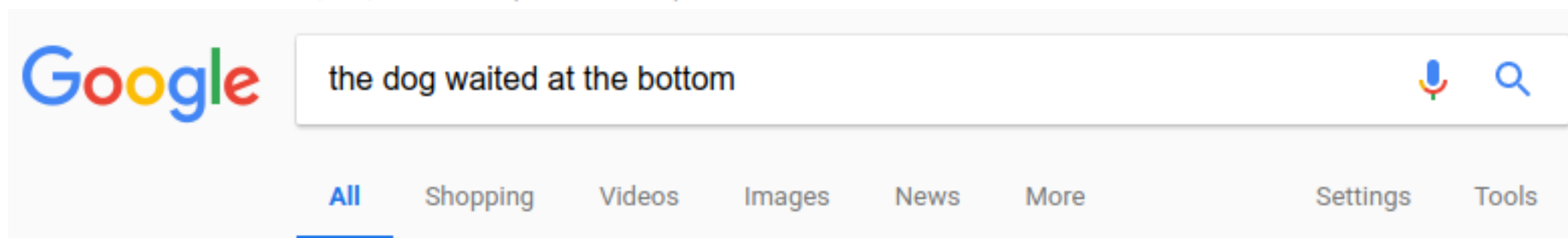
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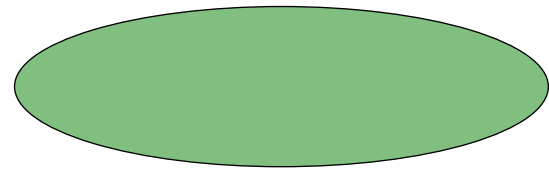
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MACHINE LEARNING DOESN'T CARE

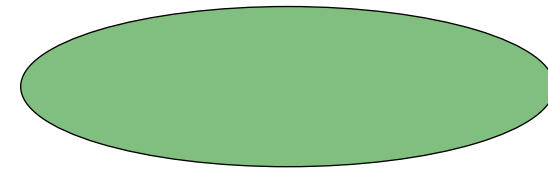


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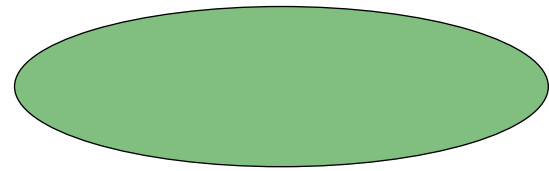
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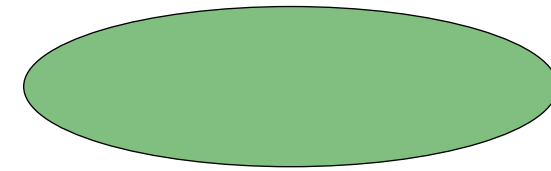
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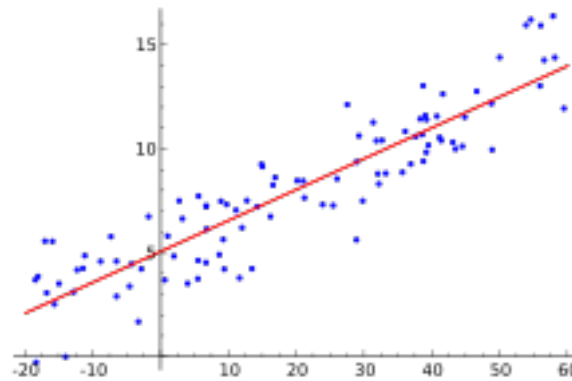


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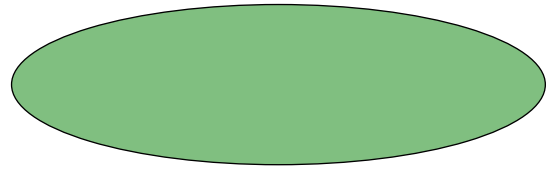


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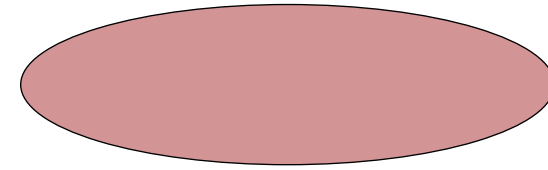
Any expressive model with enough data will do the job

Extrapolation is harder



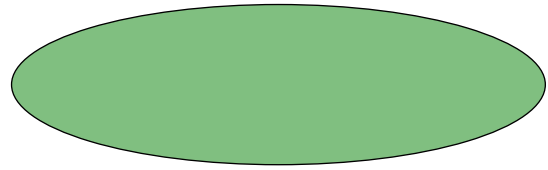
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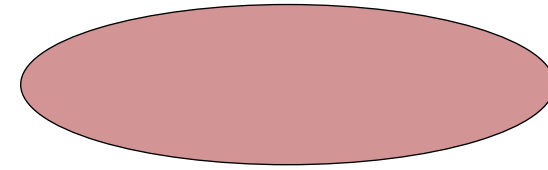
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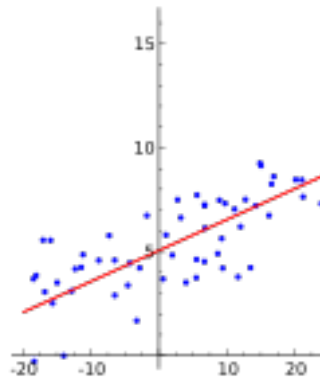


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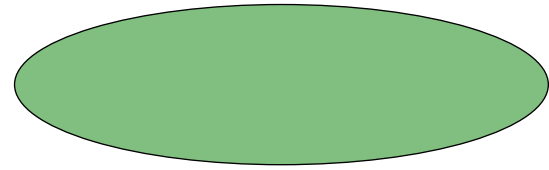
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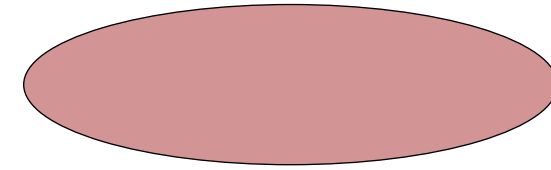


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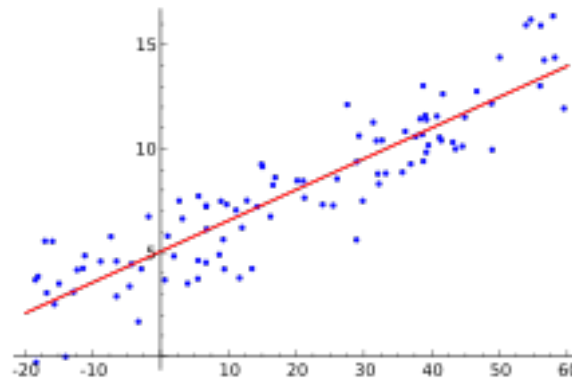


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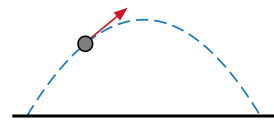


To extrapolate (and be robust), must get a more "correct" model

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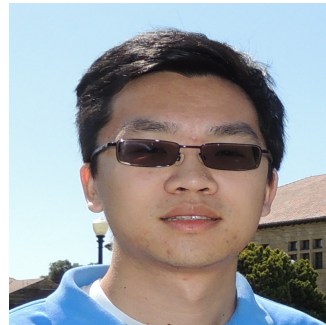


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Stronger models

Adversarial evaluation of reading comprehension (EMNLP 2017)



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worksheets.codalab.org



submit model to evaluate on hidden test set

Results on SQuAD models

Model	Original F1	Adversarial F1
SLQA+	88.6	64.2
r-net+	88.5	63.4
ReasoNet-E	81.1	49.8
SEDT-E	80.1	46.5
BiDAF-E	80.0	46.9
Mnemonic-E	79.1	55.3
Ruminating	78.8	47.7
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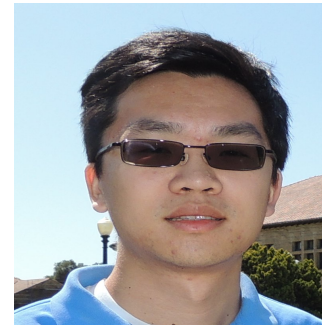
Question: can we supply stronger information with the help of humans?



Know What You Don't Know: Unanswerable Questions for SQuAD (ACL 2018)



Pranav Rajpurkar



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Cheap tricks

Who was ...?

... Jefferson ...

When was ...?

... In 1812, ...

Cheap tricks

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Can find plausible answers by just detecting entities

Unanswerable questions

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human



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BiDAF + self-attention [Clark/Gardner 2017]



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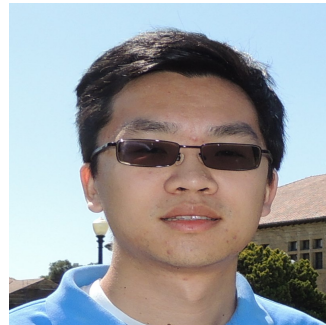
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- Automatically generated questions are too easy

TF-IDF questions	Rule-based questions	Crowdsourced
83.0	89.6	62.6

Need humans to give us information!

Evaluating Reading Comprehension Models based on Reductions



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Reductions

slotfilling

semantic parsing

relation extraction



question answering



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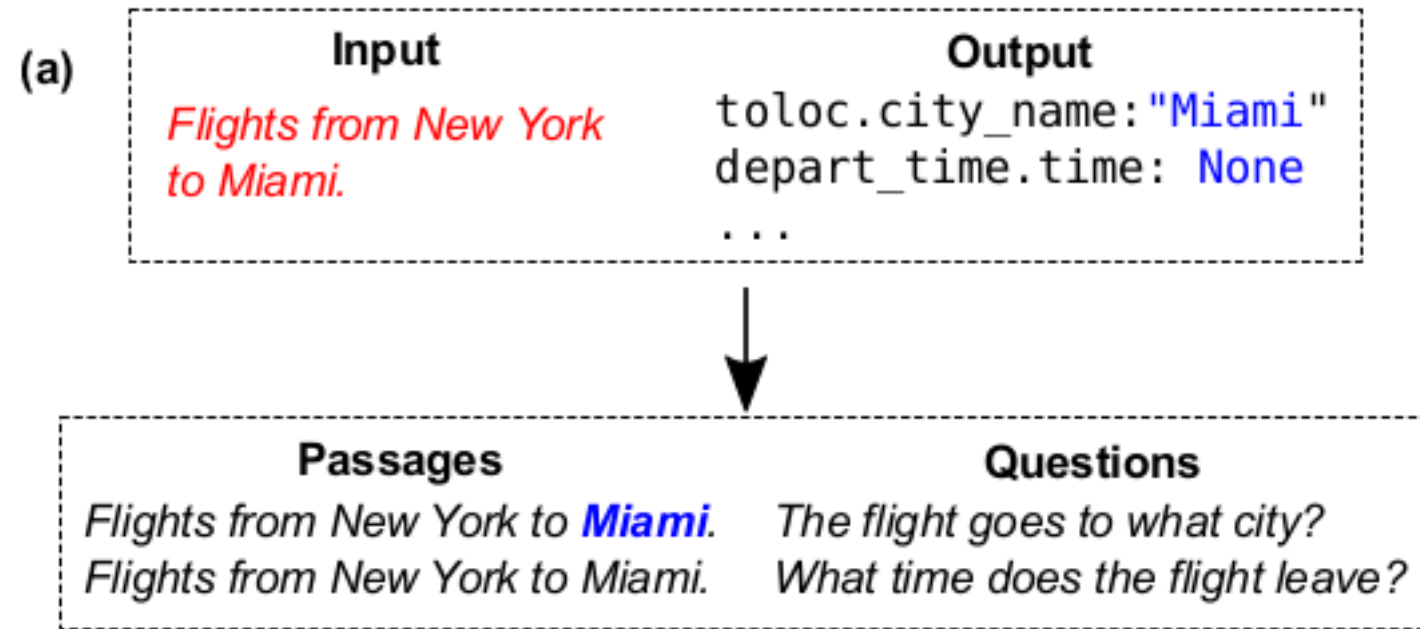
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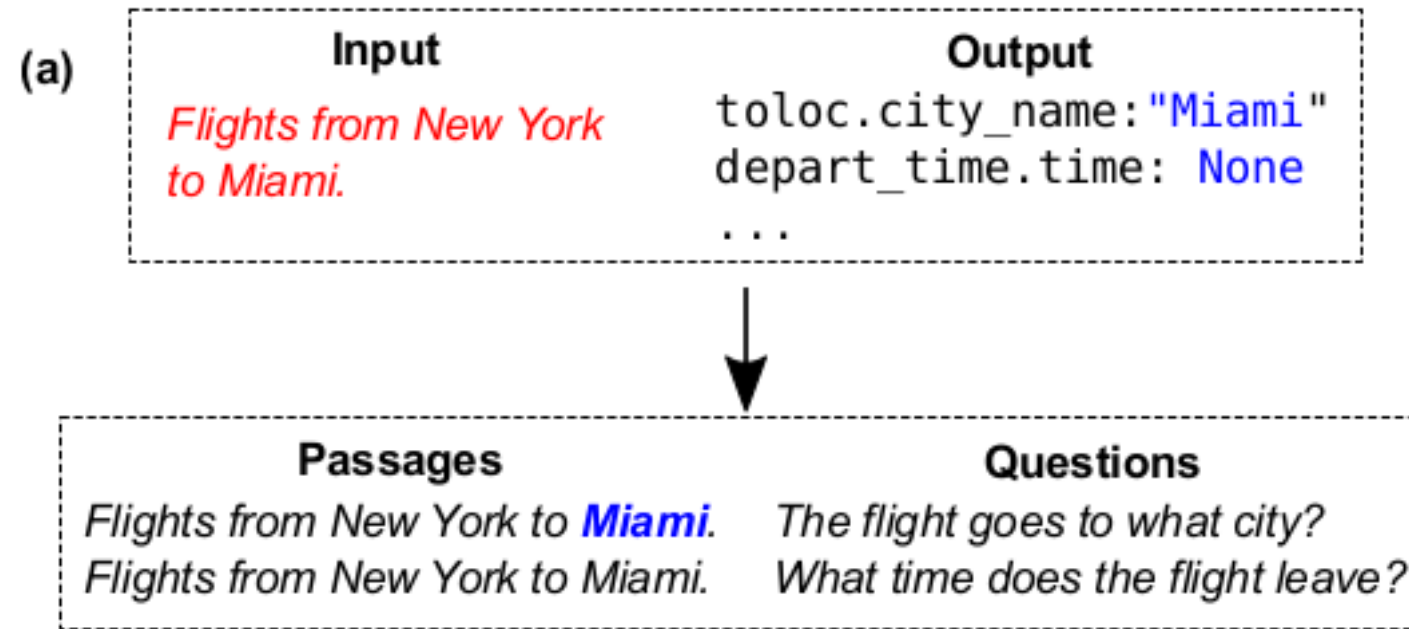
If it works: solve many other NLP tasks

If it doesn't work: evaluation benchmark for question answering

Slotfilling to question answering



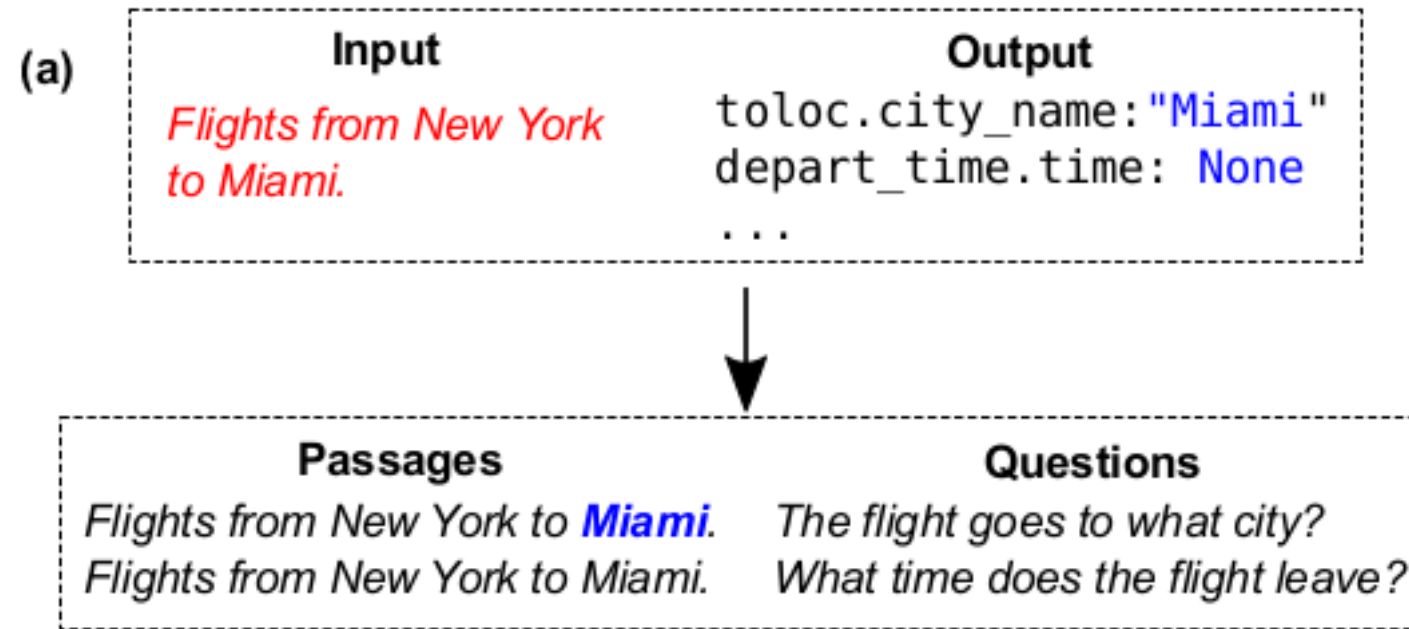
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Results:

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Baseline + 4 rules	83.2
Zhai et al. (2017)	95.9



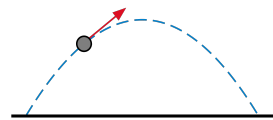
Summary

- **Adversarial examples** for question answering expose problems quickly
- Need **humans** to cover the space, but space is still too big
- **Reductions** as a way of evaluating systems in a useful way

Outline



Harder data



Stronger models

Example 1: laws of physics

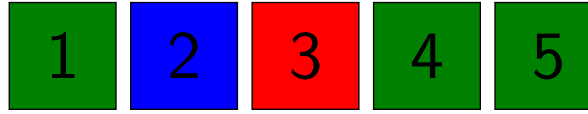


Train: small objects, the past

Test: large objects, the future

Extrapolate to novel configurations

Example 2: compositional semantics

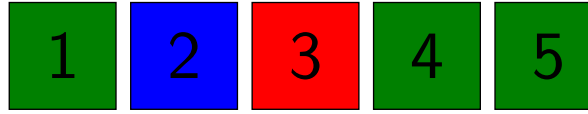


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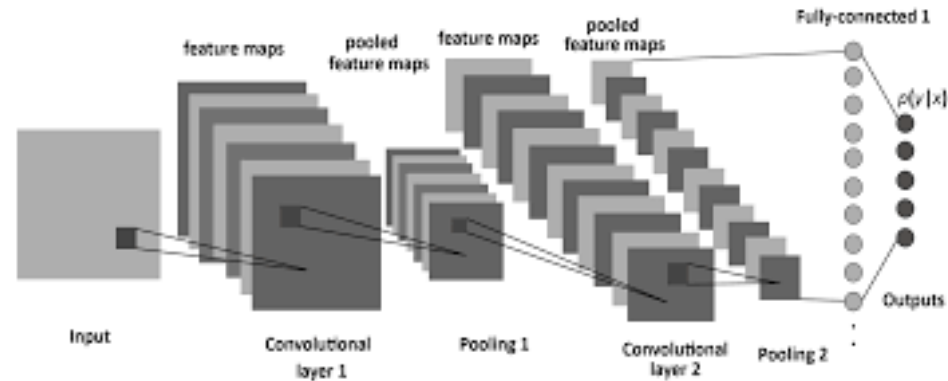
Test:

right of the blue block and left of the green block

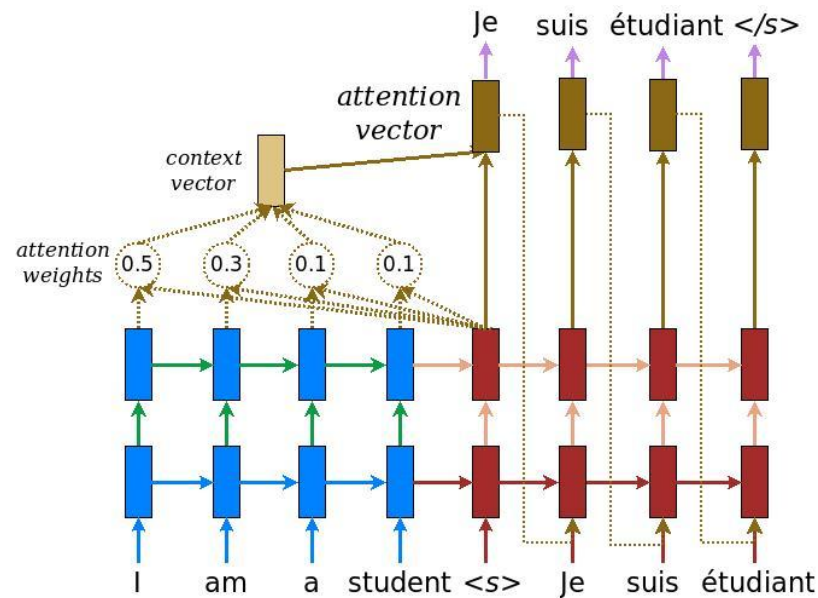
Extrapolate to longer sentences

Inductive bias in neural networks

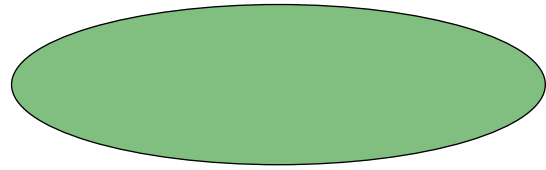
Convolutional neural networks:



Attention-based mechanisms:

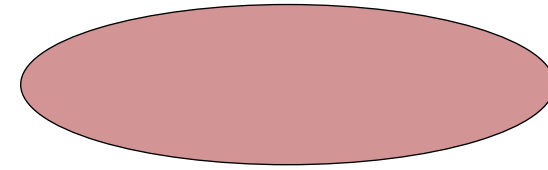


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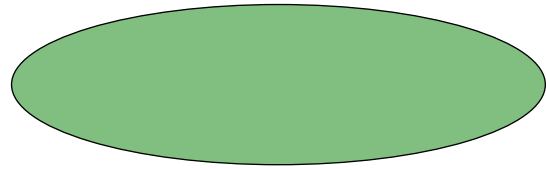
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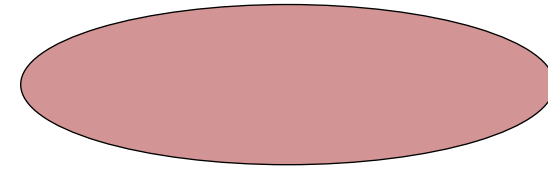
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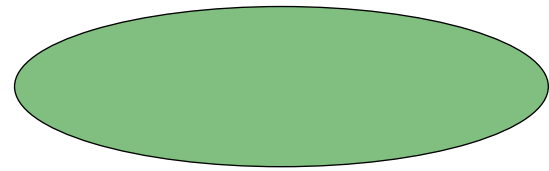
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Domain adaptation (unseen distribution):

Train: input  output

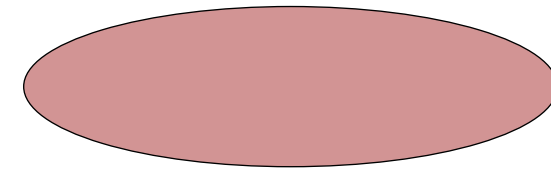
Test: input'  output'

Extrapolation



Train

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Test

Domain adaptation (unseen distribution):

Train: input  output

Test: input'  output'

Unsupervised learning (unseen task):

Train: input  side information

Test: input  output

Style / attribute transfer in natural language (NAACL 2018)



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Task setup

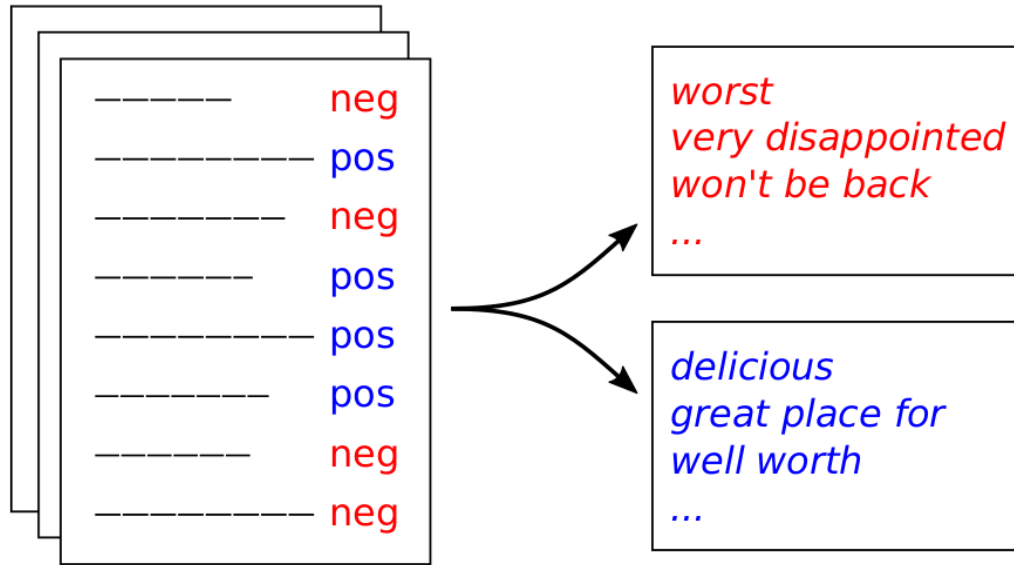
Train (review \Rightarrow sentiment):

<i>very tasty burritos, and cheap too!</i>	\Rightarrow positive
<i>found hair in my soup, would never go back again</i>	\Rightarrow negative
...	...

Test (negative review \Rightarrow positive review):

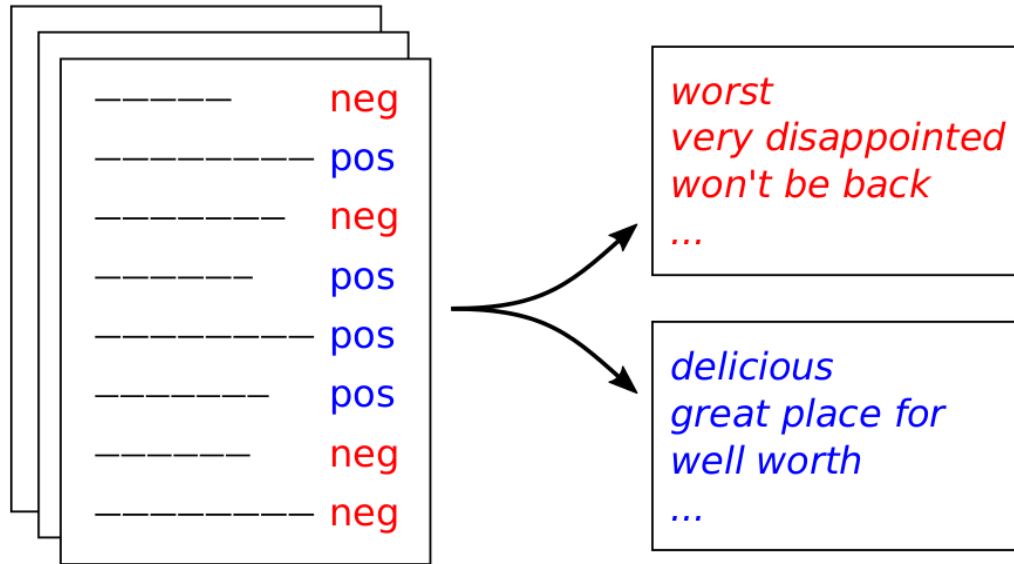
*great food but very **rude** workers \Rightarrow great food and very **friendly** staff*

Deletion-based model

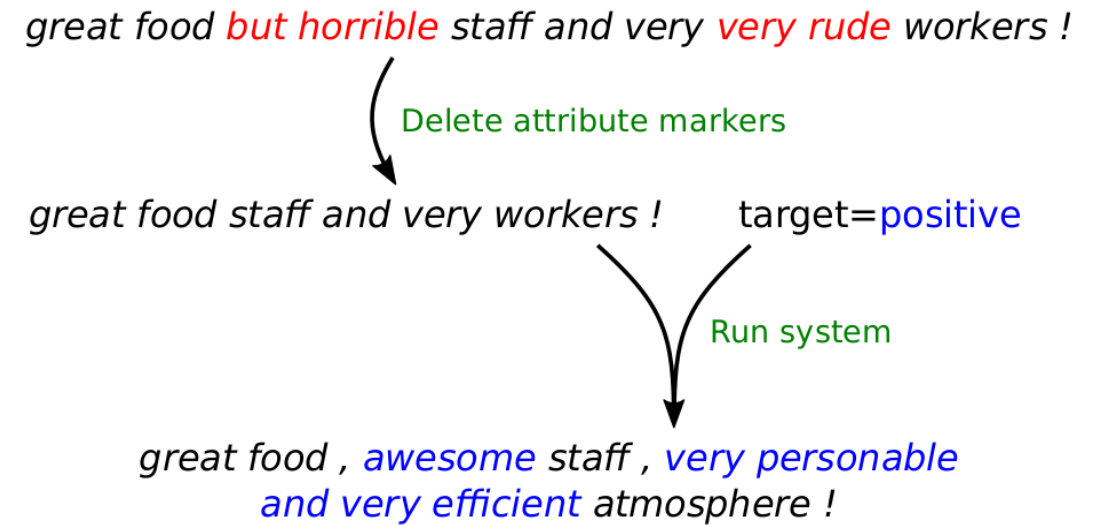


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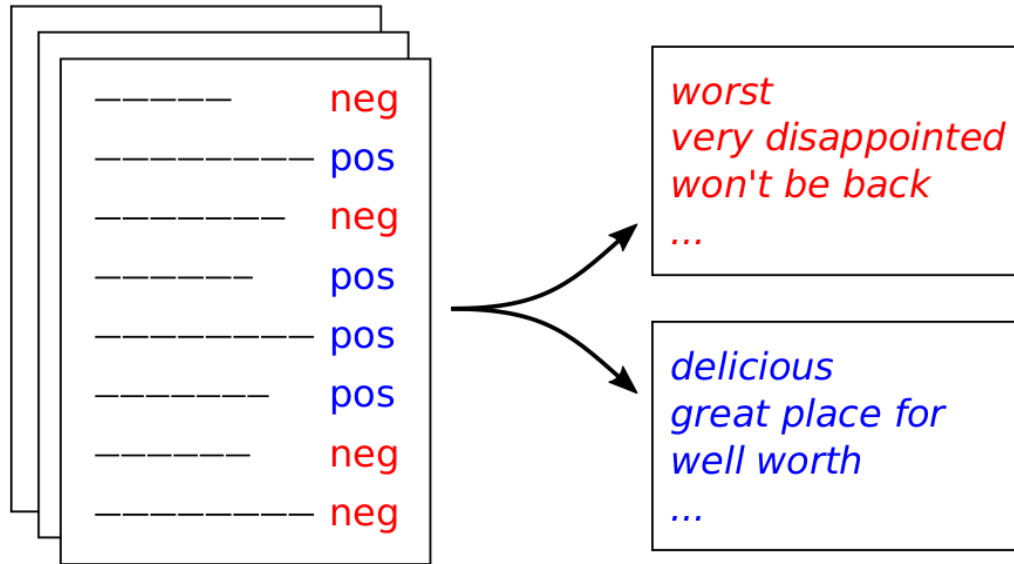


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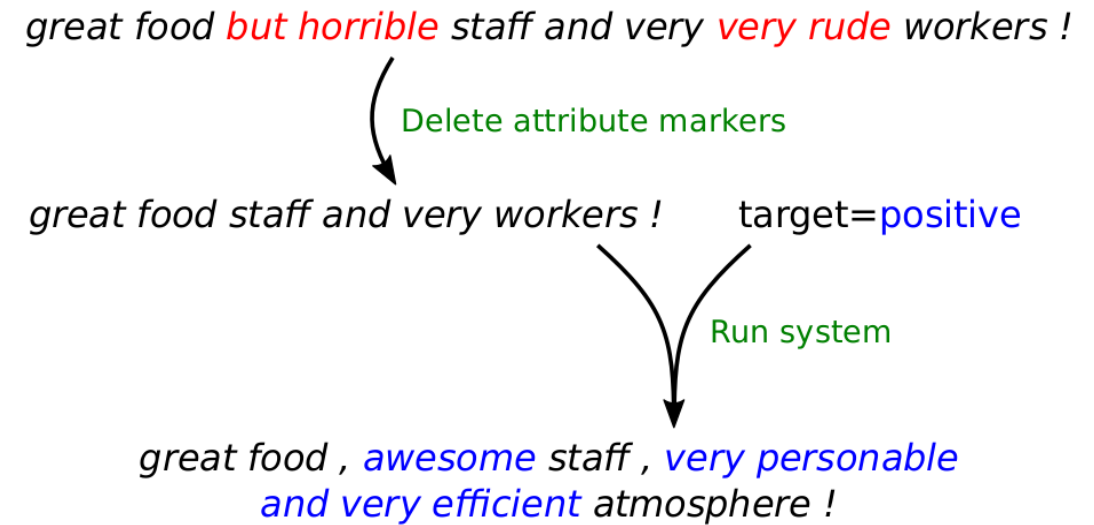


Step 2: delete + predict

Deletion-based model



Step 1: extract attributes



Step 2: delete + predict

Inductive bias: attribute/style is localized in the text

Datasets

Dataset	Attributes	Train	Dev	Test
YELP	Positive	270K	2000	500
	Negative	180K	2000	500
CAPTIONS	Romantic	6000	500	0
	Humorous	6000	500	0
	Factual	0	0	500
AMAZON	Positive	277K	985	500
	Negative	278K	1015	500

[Shen+ 2017; Fu+ 2018; Gan+ 2017]

Results

Human evaluation: grammatical, preserve content, has target attribute

	YELP				AMAZON				CAPTIONS			
	Gra	Con	Att	Suc	Gra	Con	Att	Suc	Gra	Con	Att	Suc
CROSSALIGNED	2.8	2.9	3.5	14%	3.2	2.5	2.9	7%	3.9	2.0	3.2	16%
STYLEEMBEDDING	3.5	3.7	2.1	9%	3.2	2.9	2.8	11%	3.3	2.9	3.0	17%
MULTIDECODER	2.8	3.1	3.0	8%	3.0	2.6	2.8	7%	3.4	2.8	3.2	18%
RETRIEVEONLY	4.2	2.7	4.2	25%	3.8	2.8	3.1	17%	4.2	2.6	3.8	27%
TEMPLATEBASED	3.0	3.9	3.9	21%	3.4	3.6	3.1	19%	3.3	4.1	3.5	33%
DELETEONLY	3.0	3.7	3.9	24%	3.7	3.8	3.2	24%	3.6	3.5	3.5	32%
DELETEANDRETRIEVE	3.3	3.7	4.0	29%	3.9	3.7	3.4	29%	3.8	3.5	3.9	43%
Human	4.6	4.5	4.5	75%	4.2	4.0	3.7	44%	4.3	3.9	4.0	56%

[Shen+ 2017; Fu+ 2018]

Results

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MultiDecoder: we sit down and we got some really and *fast* food .

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- MultiDecoder:** we sit down and we got some really and *fast* food .
- Delete:** we sit down and we got some *great* and *quick* service .
- Delete+Retrieve:** we got *very nice* place to sit down and we got some service .

Locality inductive bias helps!

SAT solving with neural networks



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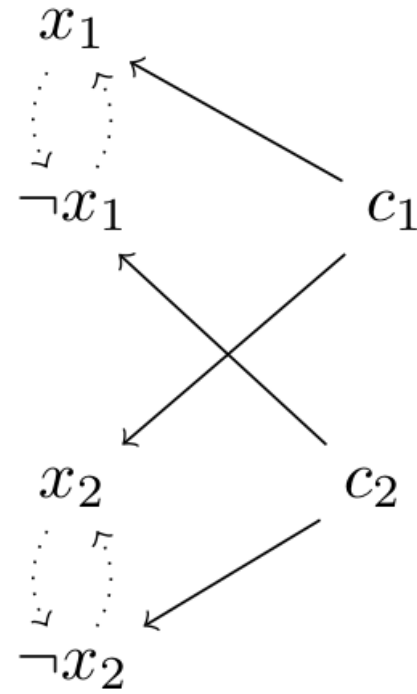
SAT solving

$$(x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_3) \Rightarrow x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 \wedge \neg x_1 \Rightarrow \text{unsat}$$

Can neural networks do logical reasoning?

Model



- Embedding for each literal, clause and time step
- Literals and clauses exchange messages
- At the end, predict vote for each literal, and average

Captures inductive bias of survey propagation

Predicting satisfiability

Train: random instances of sat/unsat minimal pairs

$$\underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_2) \cdots}_{\text{sat}} \Rightarrow 1$$

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Test: random instances (same distribution)

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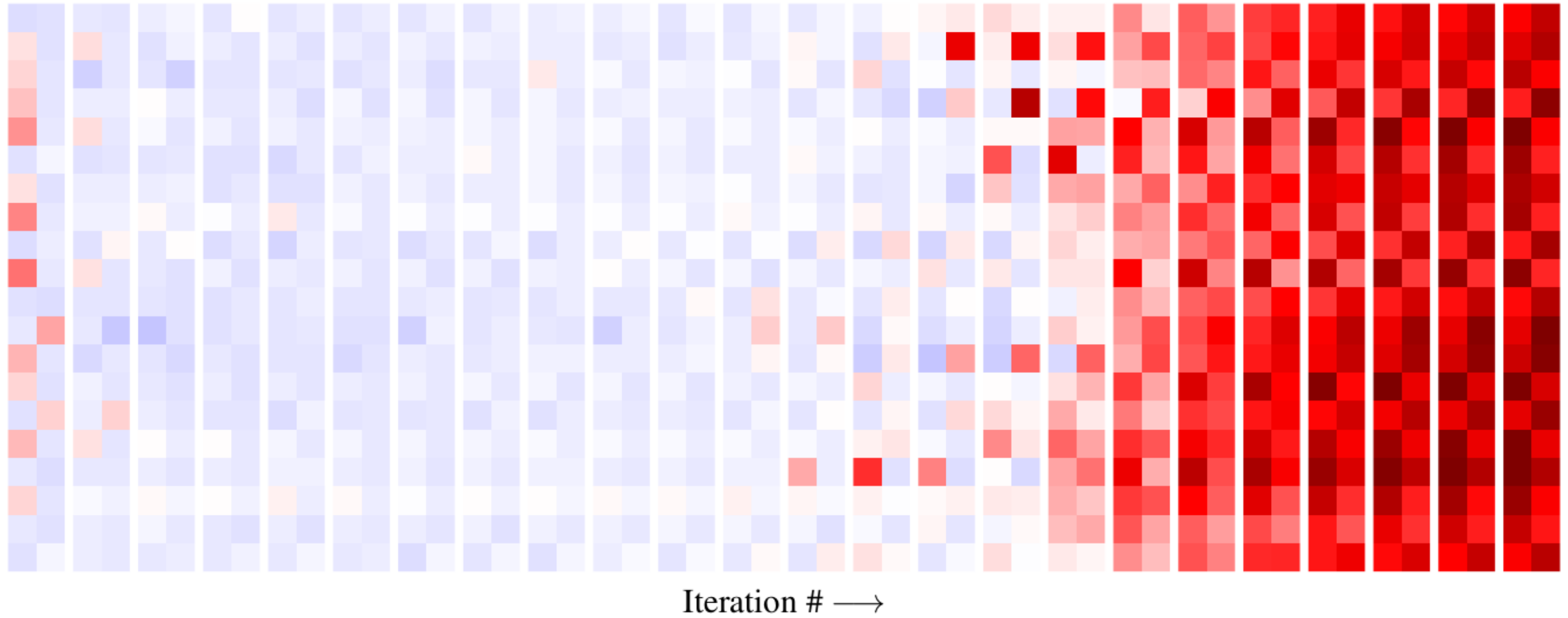
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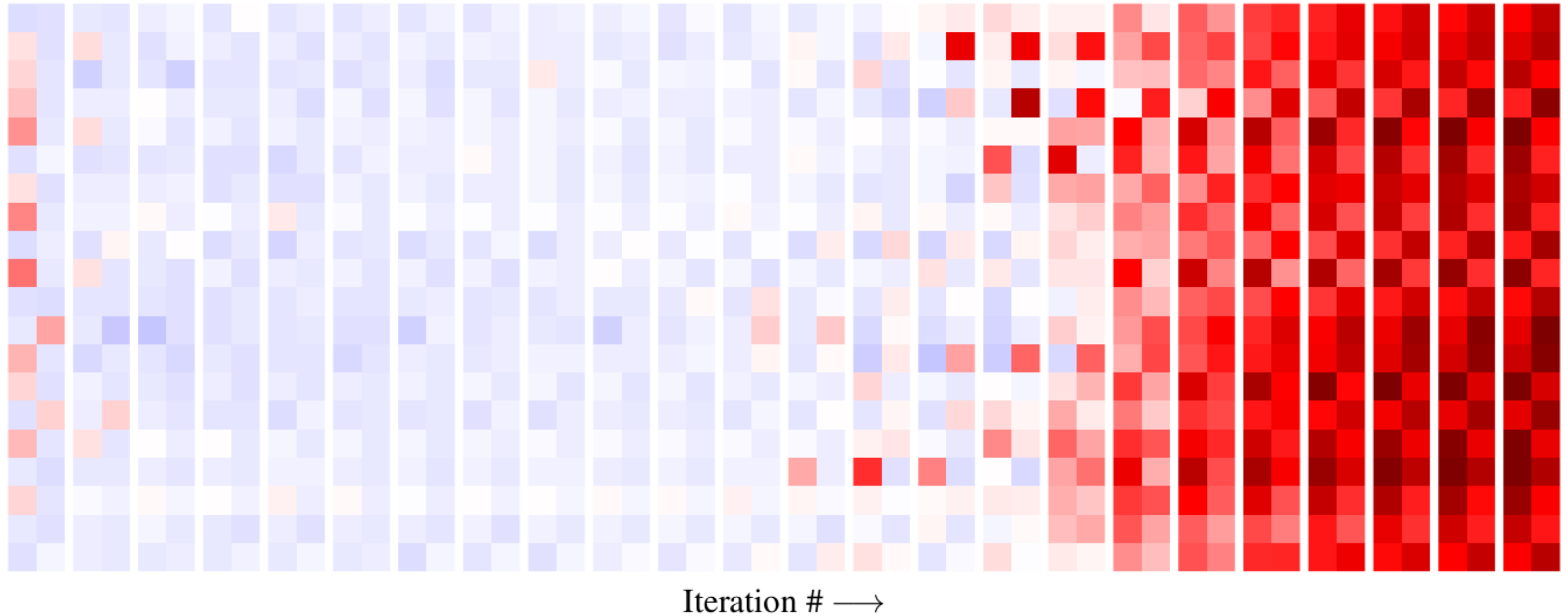
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Test accuracy: 88%

Decoding satisfying assignments

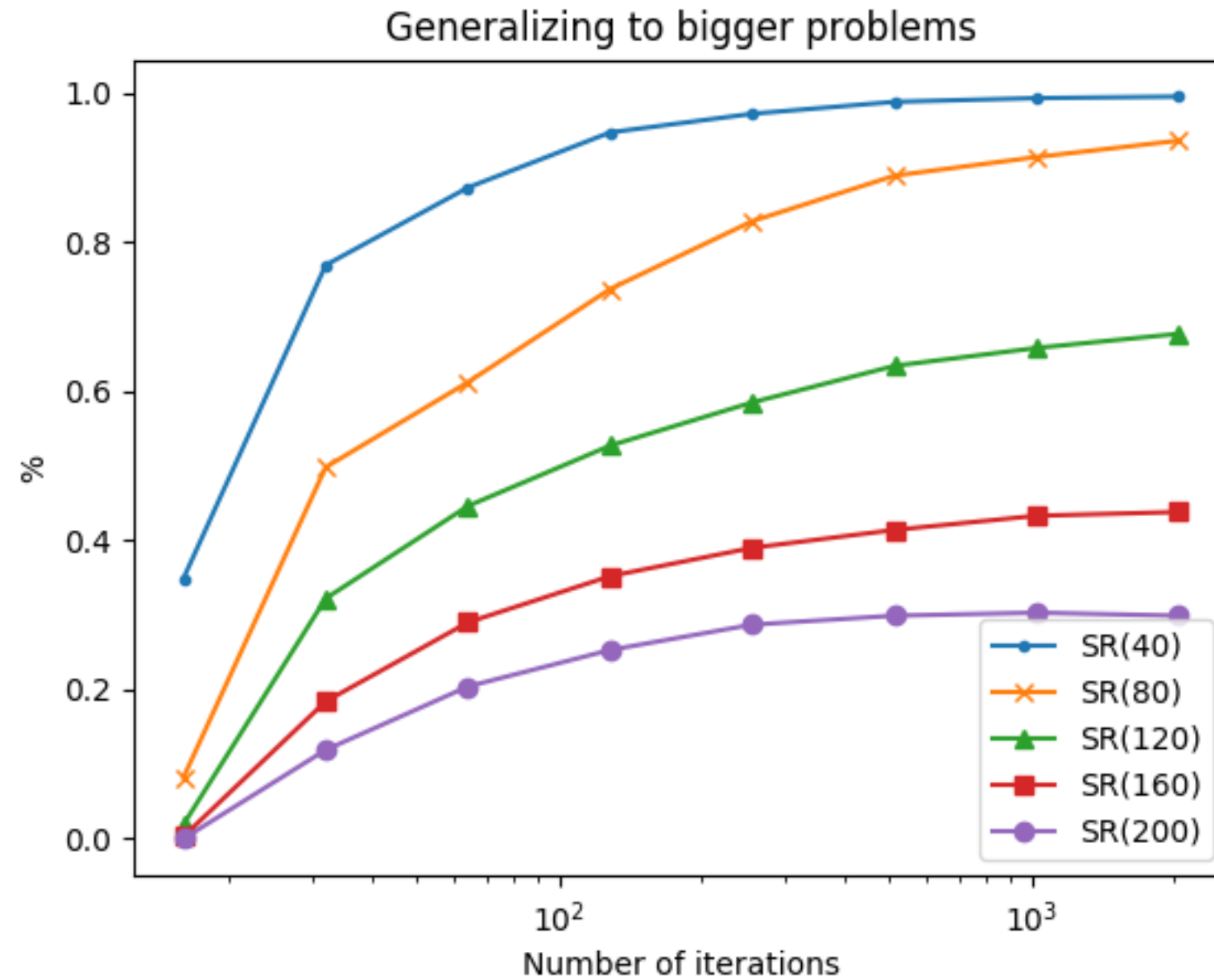


Decoding satisfying assignments



Can decode 90% of instances where model predicts sat — extrapolation!

Extrapolation to larger instances, more iterations



Transferring to different problems

Task	μ_{vars}	μ_{clauses}	#sat	%solved
3-color	30	89	350	64%
4-color	40	135	557	69%
5-color	50	191	590	54%
3-clique	30	389	586	88%
4-clique	40	686	241	96%
5-clique	50	1067	43	28%
2-domset	30	264	278	99%
3-domset	40	454	574	95%
4-domset	50	689	600	100%
4-cover	50	696	128	100%
5-cover	60	976	357	100%
6-cover	70	1301	584	96%
all	45	532	4888	85%



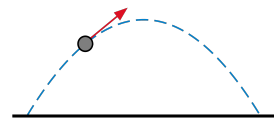
Summary

- Unsupervised learning: evaluate on structurally **unseen task**
- Strong **inductive bias** permits this unsupervised learning

Outline



Harder data



Stronger models

Tasks that require understanding?



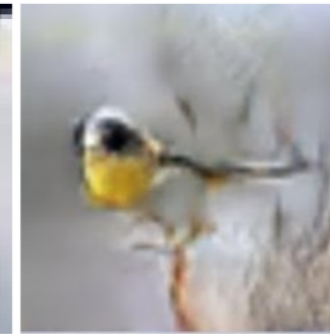
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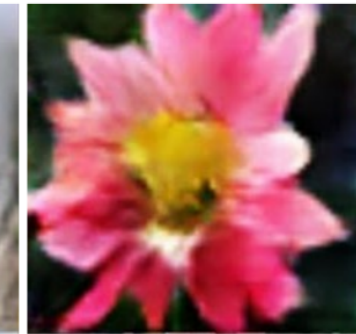
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This bird has a yellow belly and tarsus, grey back, wings, and brown throat, nape with a black face



This flower has overlapping pink pointed petals surrounding a ring of short yellow filaments



[Karpathy+ 2014; Zhang+ 2016]

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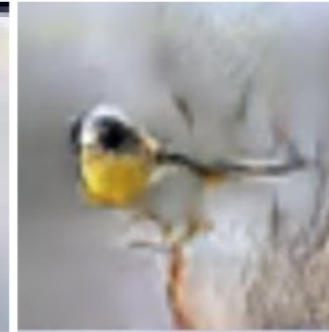
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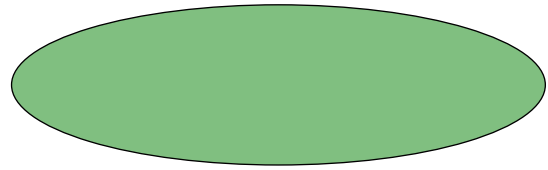


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If want to evaluate ML, need to think statistically...

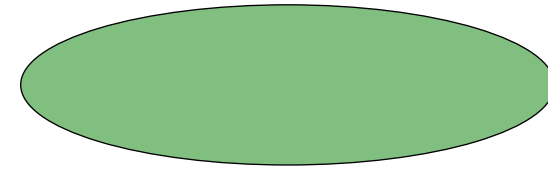
Challenge to the community

Today:



Training set

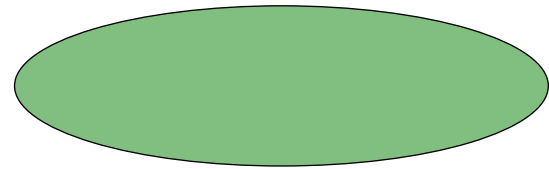
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Held out test set

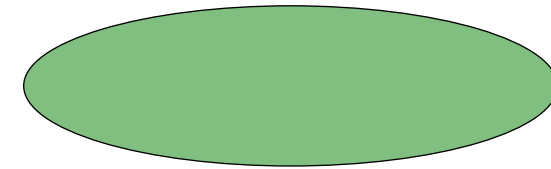
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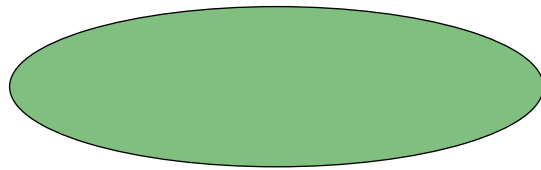
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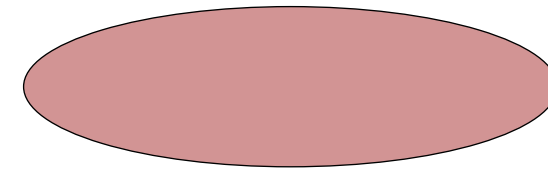
Held out test set

Tomorrow (hopefully):



Training distribution

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Held out test distribution/task

Every paper should evaluate on a **novel distribution or novel task**.



Final message

Need to think like **machine learning** when using machine learning



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Just playing around with RNNs on some toy data...

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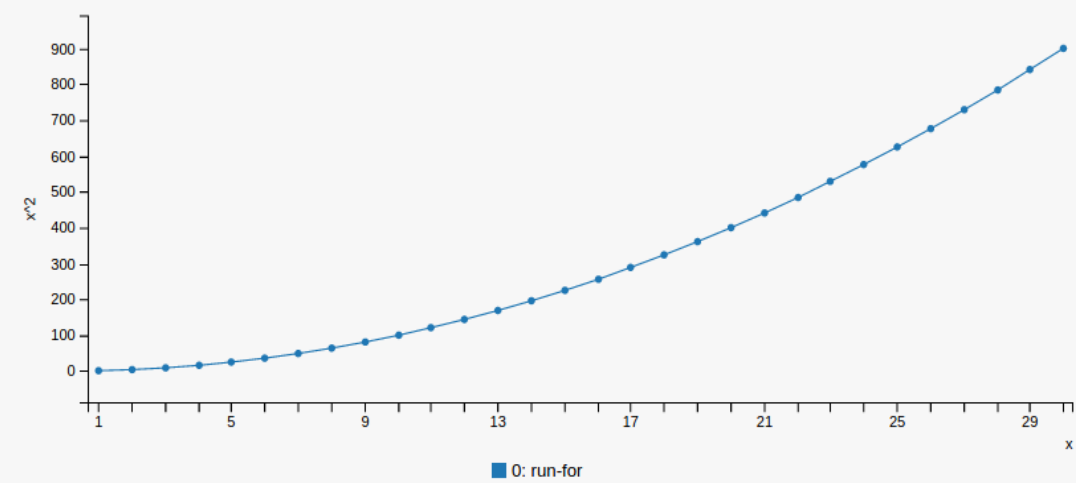
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One of the boats was owned by Harrah 's Jazz partner Christopher Hemmeter .

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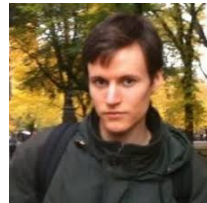
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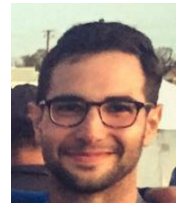
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Thank you!