

# NLP Applications using Deep Learning

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# Agenda for the day

- Entailment
- Question Answering
- Named Entity Recognition

# Overview

- 1 Textual Entailment
- 2 Question Answering
- 3 Named Entity Recognition

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That is, Deep Understanding involves Knowledge, Reasoning, Learning, and Action

# Textual Entailment

- An example of a **positive TE** (text entails hypothesis) is:
  - *text*: If you help the needy, God will reward you.
  - *hypothesis*: Giving money to a poor man has good consequences.
- An example of a **negative TE** (text contradicts hypothesis) is:
  - *text*: If you help the needy, God will reward you.
  - *hypothesis*: Giving money to a poor man has no consequences.
- An example of a **non-TE** (text does not entail nor contradict) is:
  - *text*: If you help the needy, God will reward you.
  - *hypothesis*: Giving money to a poor man will make you a better person.

# Textual Entailment is required for many applications

- Question Answering
- Information Extraction
- Creation of Knowledge Bases

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# Textual Entailment Recognition using RBM

- Parse each sentence into a parse tree
- Represent each sentence by a *composite* representation similar to Recursive Tree Model
- Use a *Restricted Boltzmann Machine* to jointly learn a latent representation on top of these  $(T, H)$  representations
- Given a sentence pair, look at the reconstruction error and classify if they are entailed or not

# Textual Entailment Recognition using RBM

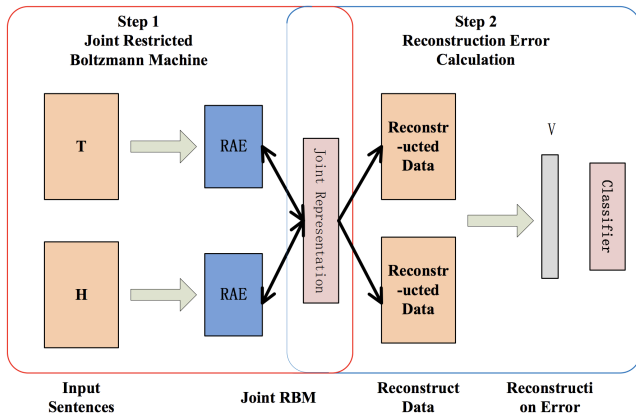


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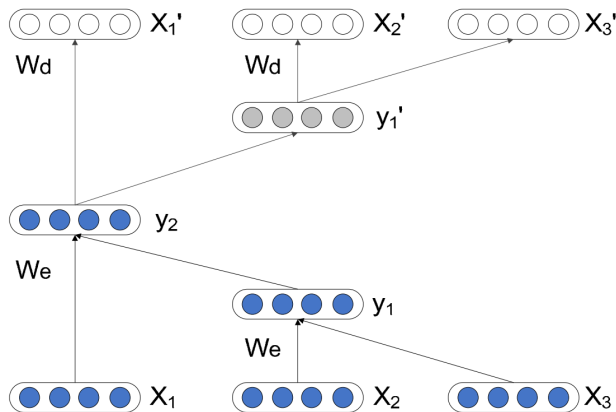


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**A Symmetrical, Bipartite, Bidirectional Graph with Shared Weights**

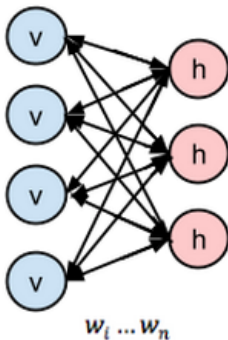


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# IBM Watson wins Jeopardy

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# Application of QA Systems

- Dialog Systems
- Chatbots
- Intelligent Assistants

# Type of QA Systems

- **Open** - Includes General knowledge in addition to questions, whose answers are in the text
- **Closed** - The answers can be found completely using the Context provided in the text and the question

# Conventional NLP Approaches to QA

- Parsing
- Part of speech tagging
- Named Entity extraction
- Encode rules. E.g. Jeopardy category, Daily Double

# Deep Learning approaches to closed QA

## Closed QA task

- I: Jane went to the hallway.
- I: Mary walked to the bathroom.
- I: Sandra went to the garden.
- I: Daniel went back to the garden.
- I: Sandra took the milk there.
- Q: Where is the milk?
- A: garden
- I: It started boring, but then it got interesting.
- Q: What's the sentiment?
- A: positive

# SQuAD: Stanford Question Answering Dataset

The **Normans** (Norman: Nourmands; French: Normands; Latin: Normanni) were the people who in the **10th and 11th centuries** gave their name to **Normandy**, a region in France. They were descended from Norse ("Norman" comes from "Norseman") raiders and pirates from Denmark, Iceland and Norway who, under their leader Rollo, agreed to swear fealty to King Charles III of West Francia. Through generations of assimilation and mixing with the native Frankish and Roman-Gaulish populations, their descendants would gradually merge with the Carolingian-based cultures of West Francia. The distinct cultural and ethnic identity of the **Normans** emerged initially in the first half of the 10th century, and it continued to evolve over the succeeding centuries.

In what country is Normandy located?

Ground Truth Answers: France France France France

When were the Normans in Normandy?

Ground Truth Answers: **10th and 11th centuries** in the 10th and 11th centuries 10th and 11th centuries 10th and 11th centuries

From which countries did the Norse originate?

Ground Truth Answers: Denmark, Iceland and Norway Denmark, Iceland and Norway Denmark, Iceland and Norway Denmark, Iceland and Norway

Figure: Source - Rajpurkar 2016

# GRU for QA

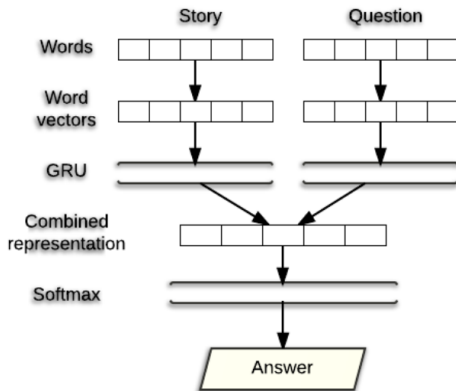


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# Seq2Seq for QA

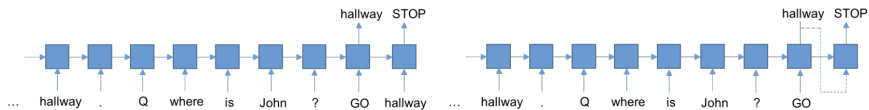


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# Dynamic Memory Networks for QA

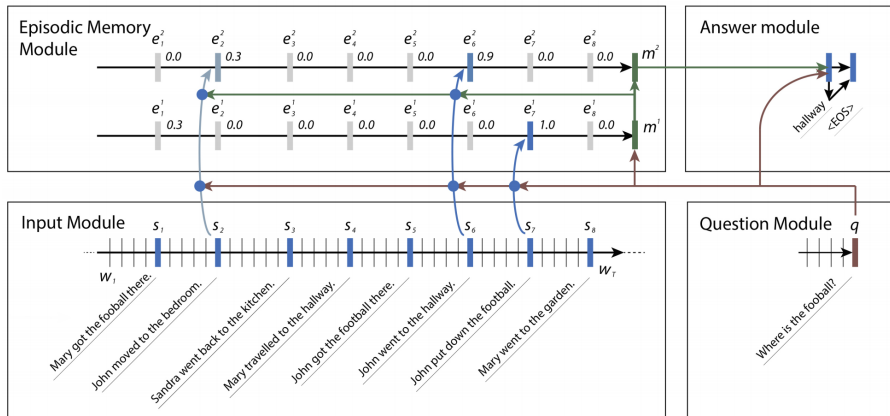


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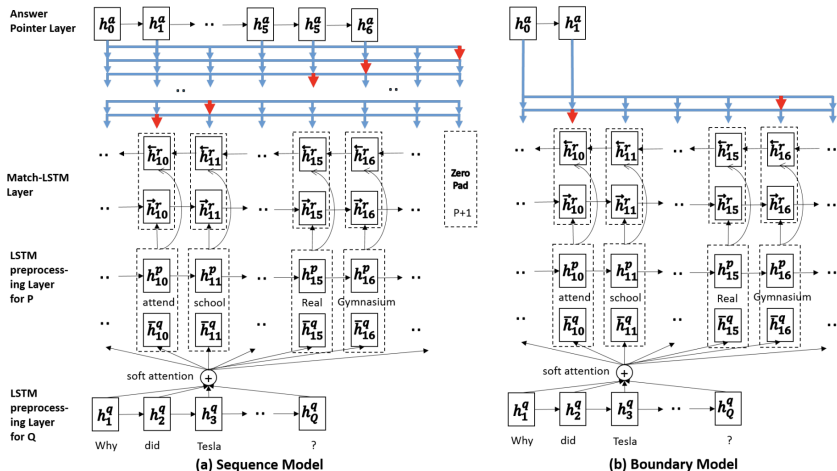


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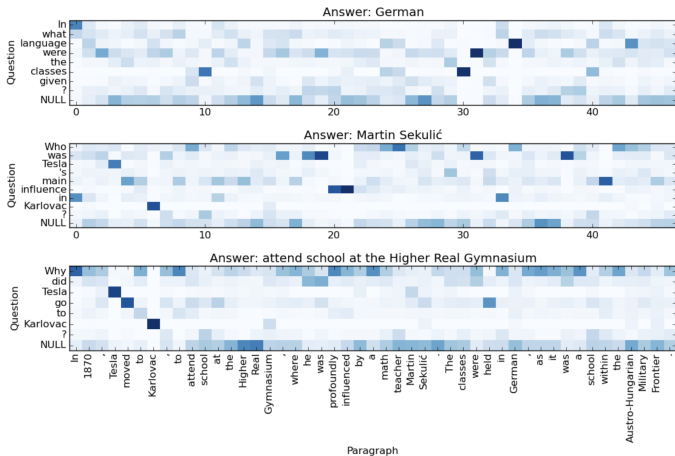


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# Named Entity Recognition

- Names (e.g. John Smith, New York Times)
- Places (e.g. Boston, Seattle, Sarajevo)
- Titles (e.g. Dr., PhD, Justice)
- Dates (e.g. Sept 11th, Veterans Day, Memorial Day)

# State of the Art conventional NER

- Hand-crafted features
- Domain-specific knowledge
- Gazetteers for each domain, language etc
- Capitalization patterns

# biLSTM+CRF for NER

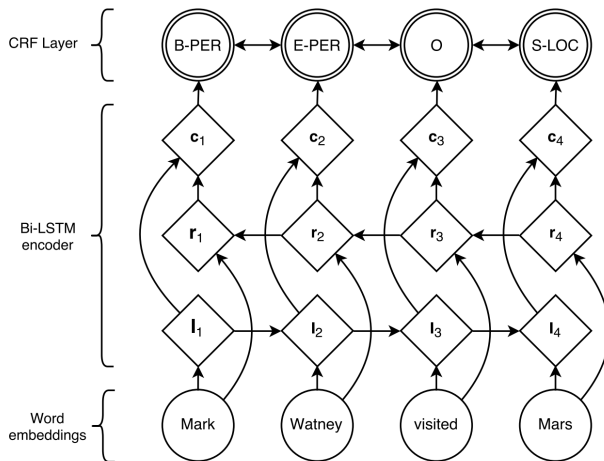


Figure: Source - Lample et al, 2016

# biLSTM + CRF

- Start with GloVe / word2vec embeddings
- Capture both left and right contexts for each word using LSTMs
- Impose adjacency constraints using CRF that learns a transition matrix between adjacent states



