

Text Understanding with the Attention Sum Reader Network

성유연

Text Understanding with the Attention Sum Reader Network

Rudolf Kadlec, Martin Schmid, Ondrej Bajgar & Jan Kleindienst

IBM Watson

V Parku 4, Prague, Czech Republic

{rudolf.kadlec, martin.schmid, obajgar, jankle}@cz.ibm.com

Abstract

Several large cloze-style context-question-answer datasets have been introduced recently: the CNN and Daily Mail news data and the Children’s Book Test. Thanks to the size of these datasets, the associated text comprehension task is well suited for deep-learning techniques that currently seem to outperform all alternative approaches. We present a new, simple model that uses attention to directly pick the answer from the context as opposed to computing the answer using a blended representation of words in the document as is usual in similar models. This makes the model particularly suitable for question-answering problems where the answer is a single word from the document. Ensemble of our models sets new state of the art on all evaluated datasets.

Document: What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride at Walt Disney World Speedway turned deadly when a Lamborghini crashed into a guardrail. The crash took place Sunday at the Exotic Driving Experience, which bills itself as a chance to drive your dream car on a racetrack. The Lamborghini’s passenger, 36-year-old Gary Terry of Davenport, Florida, died at the scene, Florida Highway Patrol said. The driver of the Lamborghini, 24-year-old Tavon Watson of Kissimmee, Florida, lost control of the vehicle, the Highway Patrol said. (...)
Question: Officials say the driver, 24-year-old Tavon Watson, lost control of a _____
Answer candidates: Tavon Watson, Walt Disney World Speedway, Highway Patrol, Lamborghini, Florida, (...)
Answer: Lamborghini

Figure 1: Each example consists of a context document, question, answer candidates and, in the training data, the correct answer. This example was taken from the CNN dataset (Hermann et al., 2015). Anonymization of this example that makes


Reading Comprehension Question

Task

Answering a cloze-style question

Document: What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride at Walt Disney World Speedway turned deadly when a **Lamborghini** crashed into a guardrail. The crash took place Sunday at the Exotic Driving Experience, which bills itself as a chance to drive your dream car on a racetrack. The **Lamborghini's** passenger, 36-year-old Gary Terry of Davenport, Florida, died at the scene, Florida Highway Patrol said. The driver of the **Lamborghini**, 24-year-old Tavon Watson of Kissimmee, Florida, lost control of the vehicle, the Highway Patrol said. (...)

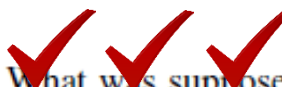
Question: Officials say the driver, 24-year-old Tavon Watson, lost control of a _____

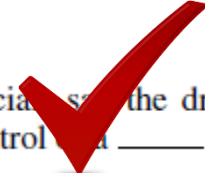
- A Tavon Watson
- B Highway Patrol
- C Walt Disney World Speedway
-  D Lamborghini

Reading Comprehension Question

Task

Detect relationship between the question and the words in given document


Document: What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride at Walt Disney World Speedway turned deadly when a Lamborghini crashed into a guardrail. The crash took place Sunday at the Exotic Driving Experience, which bills itself as a chance to drive your dream car on a racetrack. The Lamborghini's passenger, 36-year-old Gary Terry of Davenport, Florida, died at the scene, Florida Highway Patrol said. The driver of the Lamborghini 24-year-old Tavon Watson of Kissimmee, Florida, lost control of the vehicle, the Highway Patrol said. (...)


Question: Official said the driver, 24-year-old Tavon Watson, lost control of a _____

Words to Machine

Vector embedding

Covert every word in text data into one hot vector

Vocabulary:
Man, woman, boy,
girl, prince,
princess, queen,
king, monarch



One hot Vector

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
man	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
woman	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
boy	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
girl	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
prince	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
princess	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
queen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
king	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
monarch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Each word gets
a 1x9 vector
representation

Words to Machine

Vector embedding

Covert every word in text data into one hot vector

Vocabulary:
Man, woman, boy,
girl, prince,
princess, queen,
king, monarch



One hot Vector

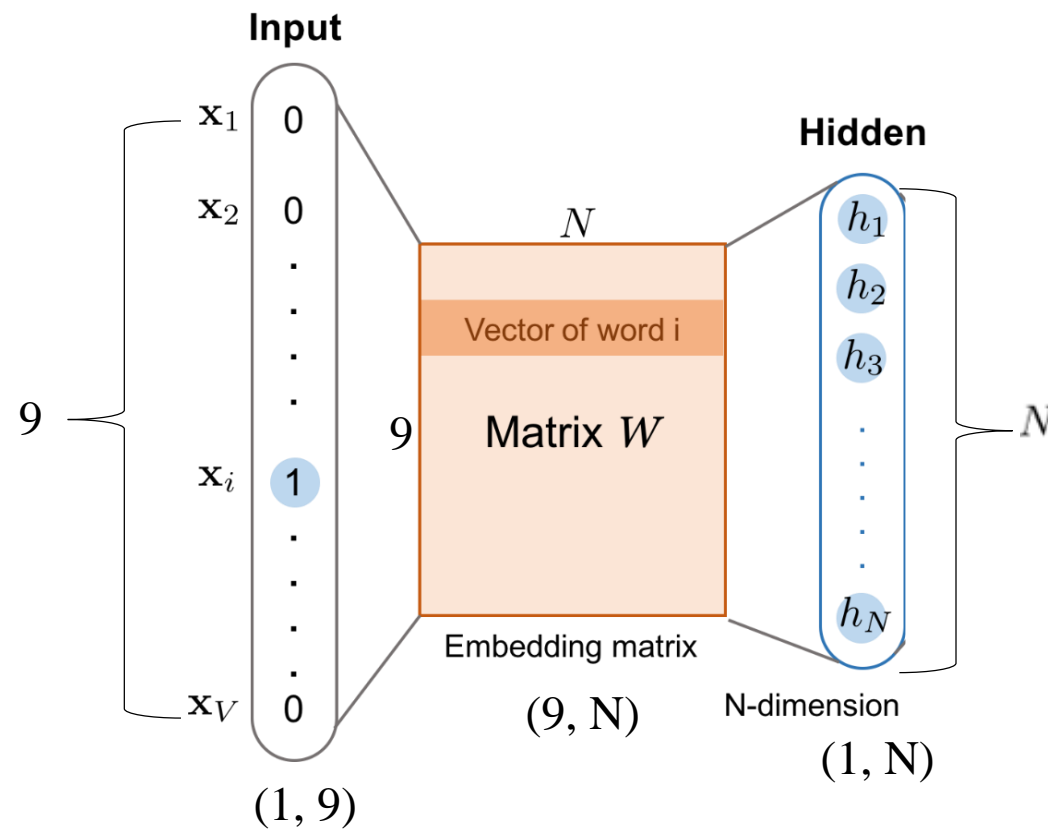
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
man	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
woman	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
boy	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
girl	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
prince	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
princess	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
queen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
king	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
monarch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Each word gets
a 1x9 vector
representation

Words to machine

Vector embedding

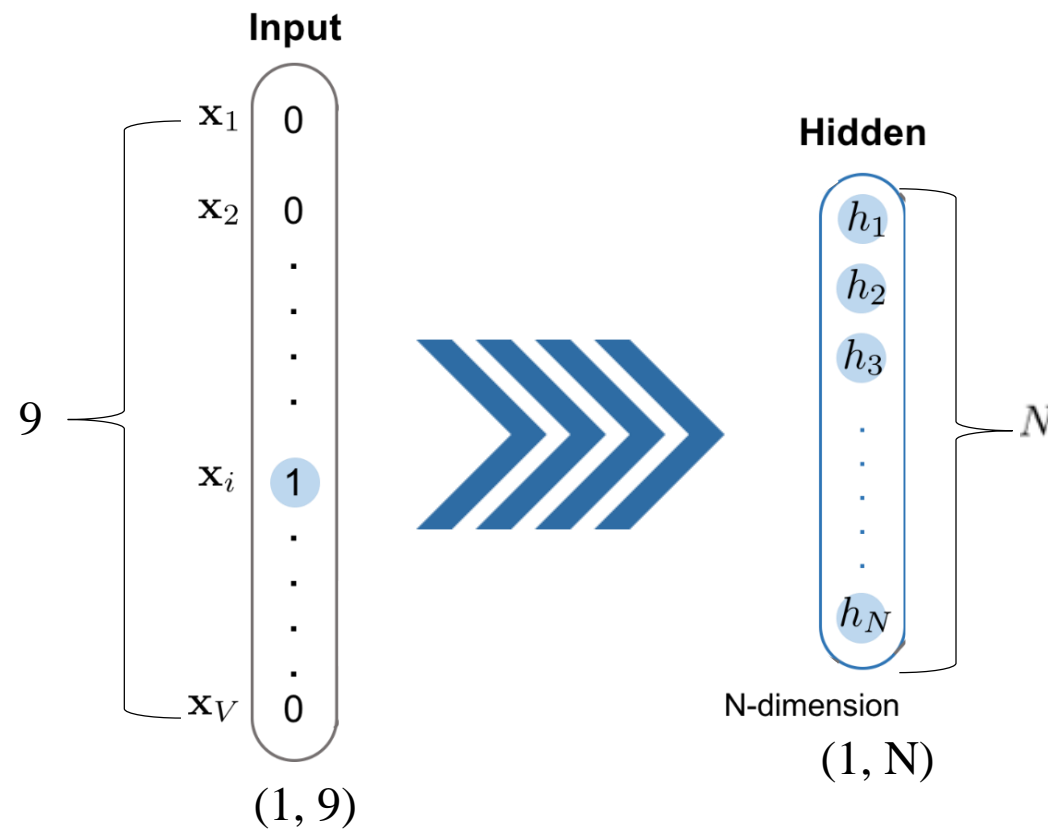
Embed one hot vector into the hidden size : 'princess'



Words to machine

Vector embedding

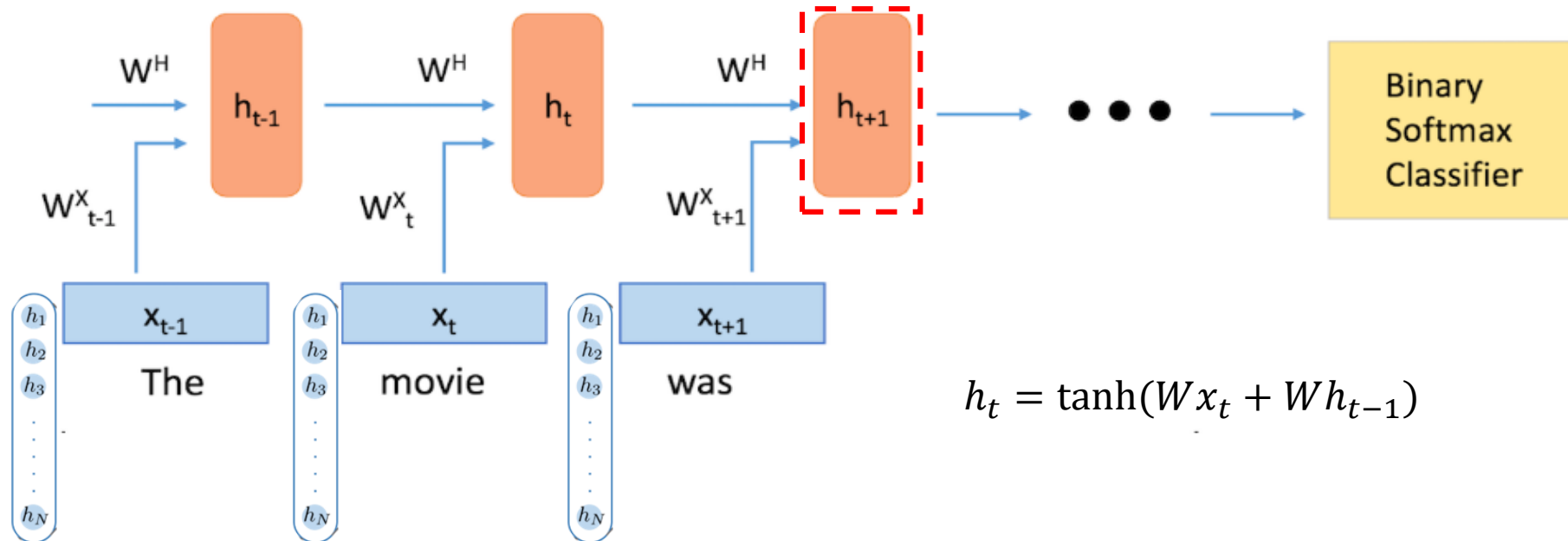
Embed one hot vector into the hidden size : 'princess'



Vector Embedding to RNN

Vector embedding to RNN model

h_{t+1} remembers weights of h_{t-1} and h_t

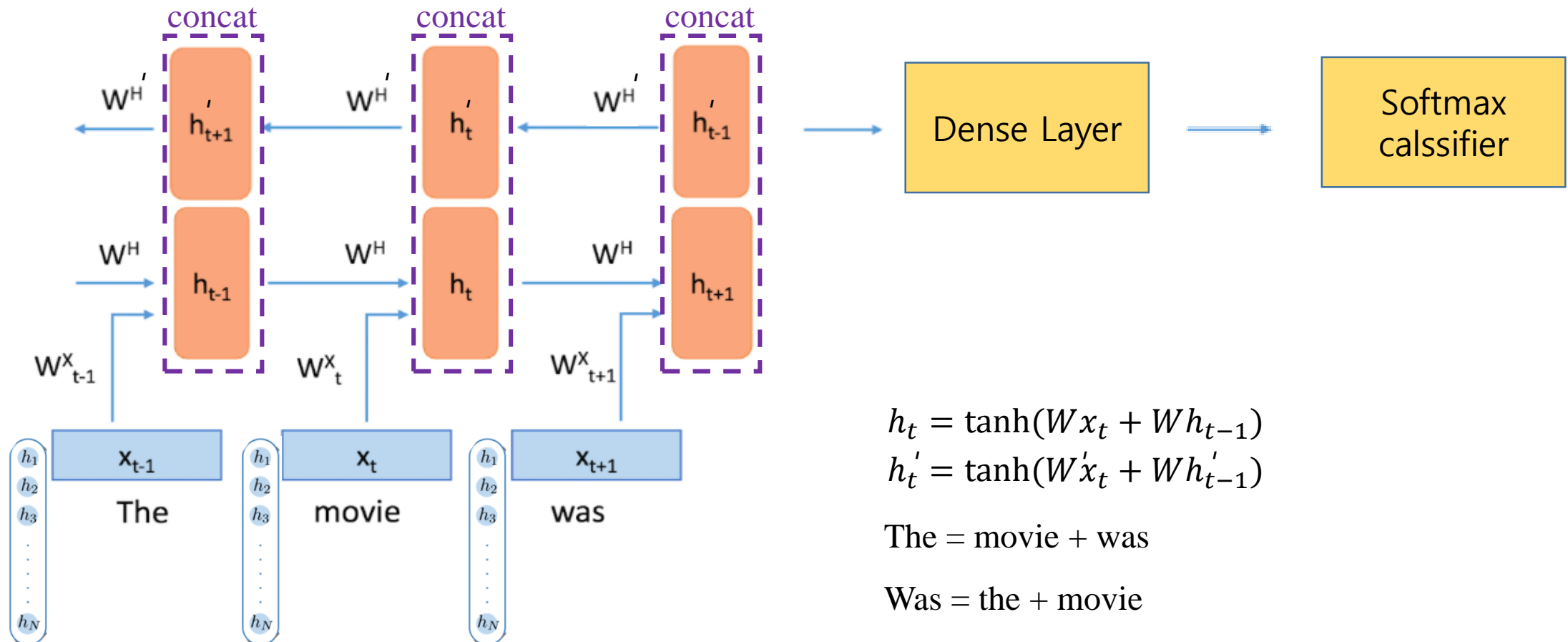


$$h_t = \tanh(Wx_t + Wh_{t-1})$$

Vector Embedding to RNN

Vector embedding to Bi directional RNN model

h_{t+1} remembers weights of h_{t-1} and h_t




Intuitive Explanation

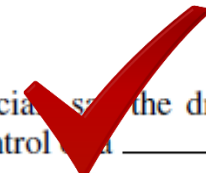
Task

Answering a cloze-style question

The answer to which depends on the **understanding of a context document provided with the question**

 **Document:** What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride at Walt Disney World Speedway turned deadly when a Lamborghini crashed into a guardrail. The crash took place Sunday at the Exotic Driving Experience, which bills itself as a chance to drive your dream car on a racetrack. The Lamborghini's passenger, 36-year-old Gary Terry of Davenport, Florida, died at the scene, Florida Highway Patrol said. The driver of the Lamborghini, 24-year-old Tavon Watson of Kissimmee, Florida, lost control of the vehicle, the Highway Patrol said. (...)



 **Question:** Official _____ the driver, 24-year-old Tavon Watson, lost control of a _____

Intuitive Explanation

Task

Detect relationship between the question and the words in given document

1. Embed the words in document
2. Embed the whole question
3. Calculate the similarity between the two embedded vectors

Document: **W**atson **s**upposed to be a fantasy sports car ride at Walt Disney World Speedway turned deadly when a Lamborghini crashed into a guardrail. The crash took place Sunday at the Exotic Driving Experience, which bills itself as a chance to drive your dream car on a racetrack. The Lamborghini's passenger, 36-year-old Gary Terry of Davenport, Florida, died at the scene, Florida Highway Patrol said. The driver of the Lamborghini, 24-year-old Tavon Watson of Kissimmee, Florida, lost control of the vehicle, the Highway Patrol said. (...)

Question: Officials say the driver, 24-year-old Tavon Watson, lost control of a **V**_____

Intuitive Explanation

Task

Detect relationship between the question and the words in given document

Model guideline: set of possible answers from the document

Model guideline

Lamborghini Walt Disney World Speedway
Highway Patrol Tavon Watson

Document: **W**alt **W**atson **s**upposed to be a fantasy sports car ride at Walt Disney World Speedway turned deadly when a Lamborghini crashed into a guardrail. The crash took place Sunday at the Exotic Driving Experience, which bills itself as a chance to drive your dream car on a racetrack. The Lamborghini's passenger, 36-year-old Gary Terry of Davenport, Florida, died at the scene, Florida Highway Patrol said. The driver of the Lamborghini, 24-year-old Tavon Watson of Kissimmee, Florida, lost control of the vehicle, the Highway Patrol **P**atrol **s**aid (...)

Question: Officials say the driver, 24-year-old Tavon Watson, lost control of a **V**_____

Input Data: CBT-CN example data set

Document

1 When she got home she shut herself up in her room and cried 2 There was nothing for her to do but resign , she thought dismally . 3 On the following **Saturday** Esther went for an afternoon walk , carrying her kodak with her . 4 It was a brilliantly fine autumn day , and woods and fields were basking in a mellow haze . 5 Esther went across lots to Mrs. Charley Cropper 's house , intending to make a call . 6 But the house was locked up and evidently deserted , so she rambled past it to the back fields . 7 Passing through a grove of maples she came out among leafy young saplings on the other side . 8 Just beyond her , with its laden boughs hanging over the line fence , was the famous plum tree . 9 Esther looked at it for a moment . 10 Then an odd smile gleamed over her face and she lifted her kodak . 11 Monday evening Esther called on Mr. Cropper again . 12 After the preliminary remarks in which he indulged , she said , with seeming irrelevance , that **Saturday** had been a fine day . 13 `` There was an excellent light for snapshots , " she went on coolly . 14 `` I went out with my kodak and was lucky enough to get a good negative . 15 I have brought you up a proof . 16 I thought you would be interested in it . " 17 She rose and placed the proof on the table before Mr. Cropper . 18 The plum tree came out clearly . 19 Bob and Alf Cropper were up among the boughs picking the plums . 20 On the ground beneath them stood their father with a basket of fruit in his hand .

Question

Mr. Cropper looked at the XXXXX and from it to Esther .

Answer candidates

Saturday, boughs, face, father, home, nothing, proof, remarks, smile, woods

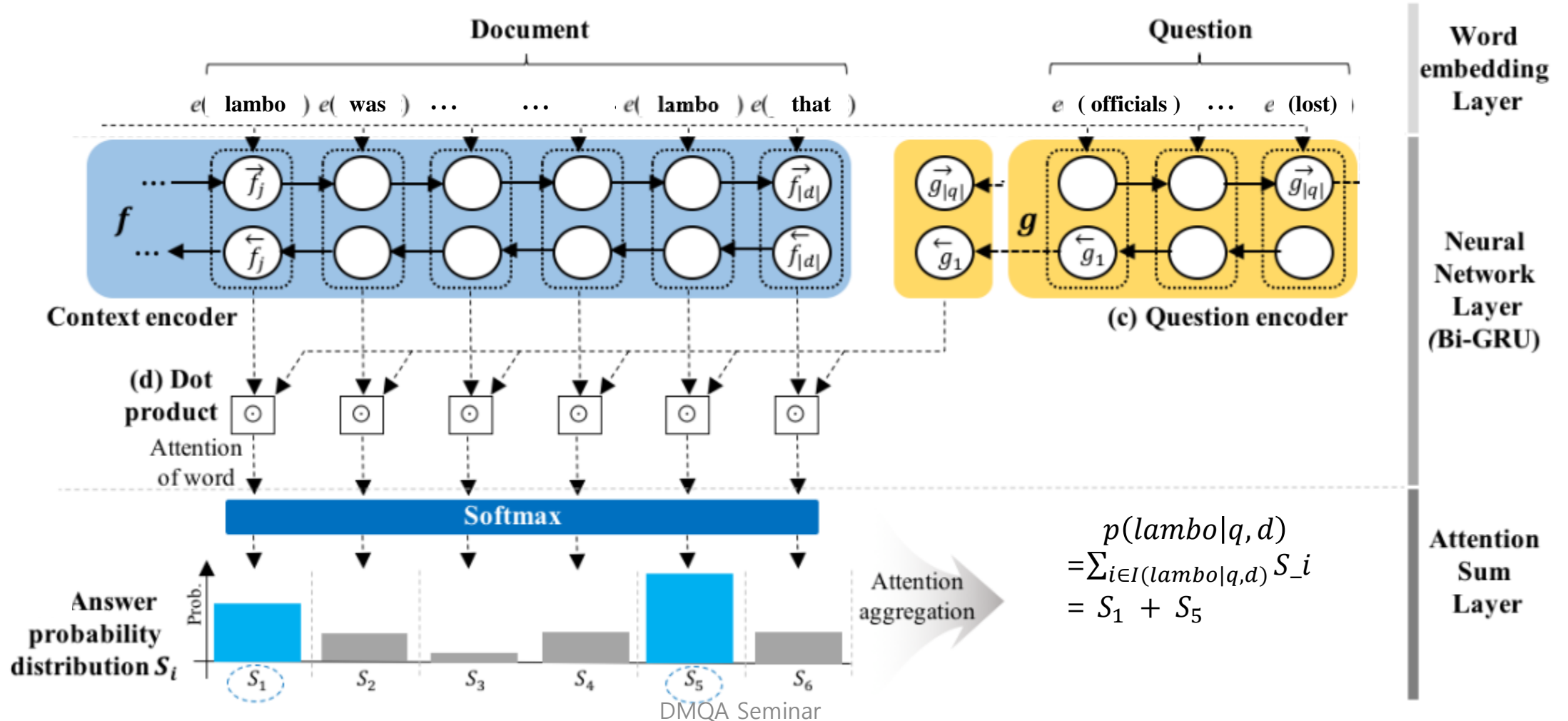
Attention Sum Reader Architecture

Document

What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride ...

Question

Officials say the driver ... lost control of a xxxxx



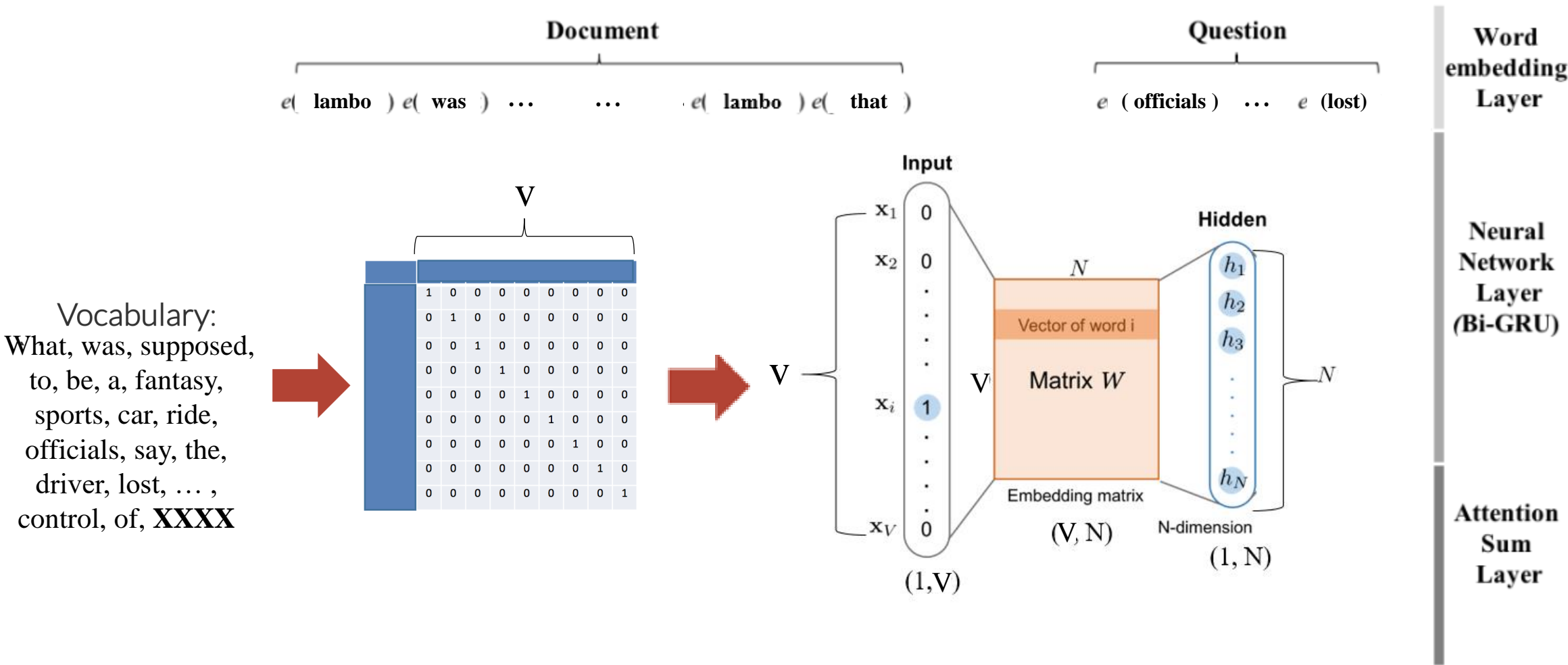
Attention Sum Reader Architecture

Document

What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride ...

Question

Officials say the driver ... lost control of a xxxxx



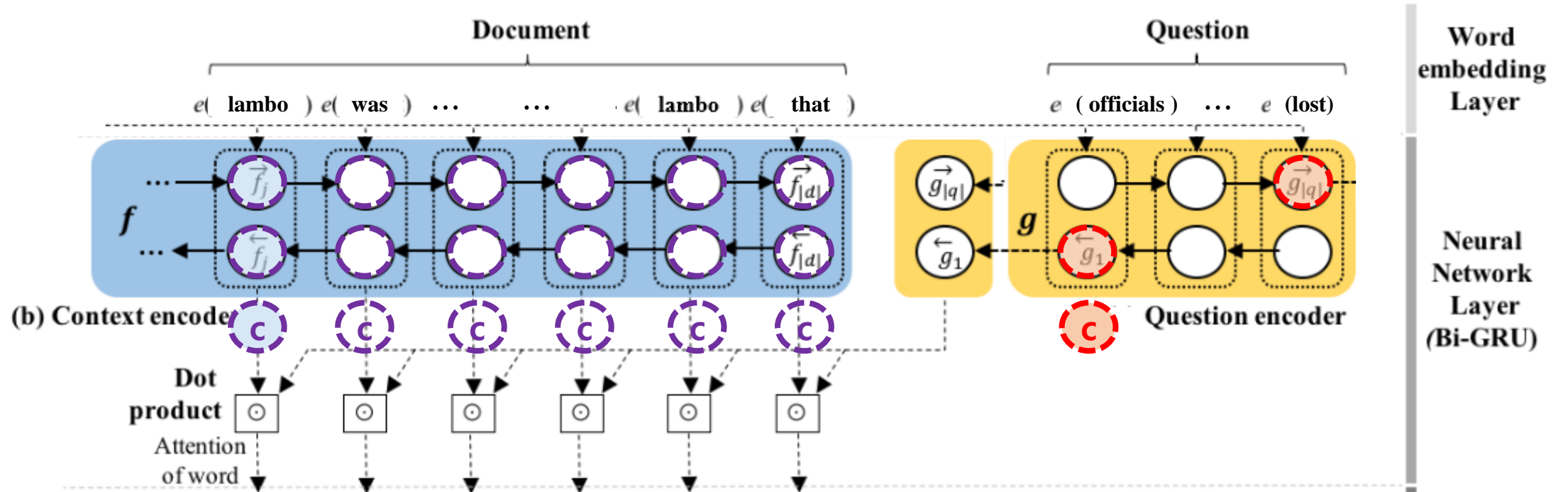
Attention Sum Reader Architecture

Document

What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride ...

Question

Officials say the driver ... lost control of a xxxxxx



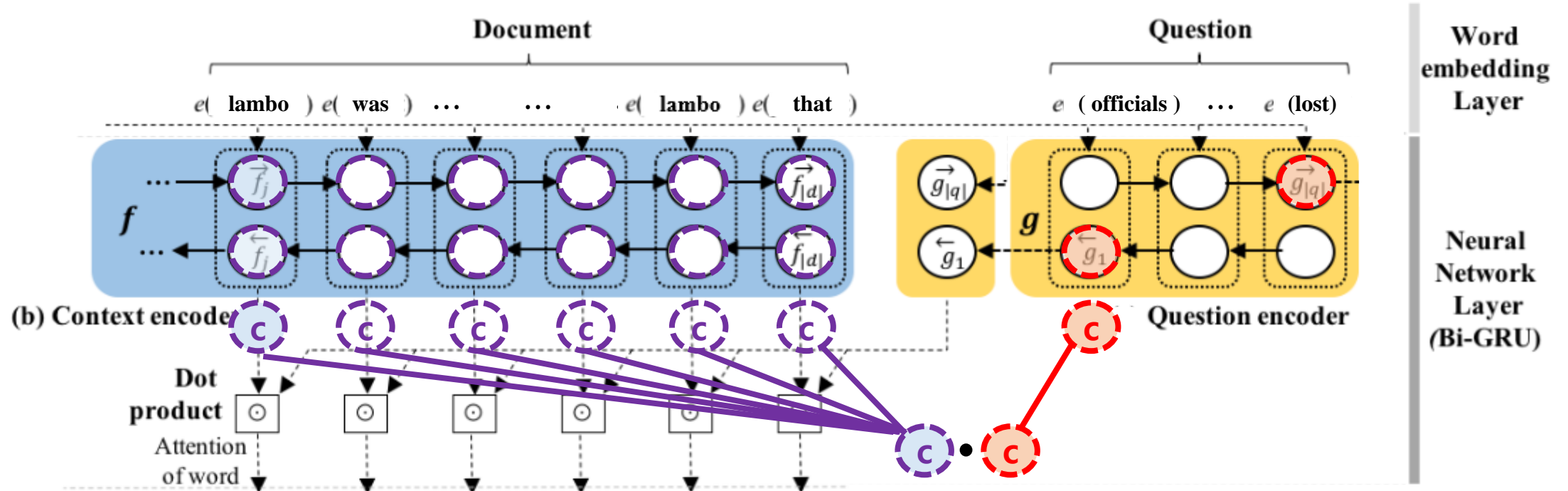
Attention Sum Reader Architecture

Document

What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride ...

Question

Officials say the driver ... lost control of a xxxxx



$$f_i(d) = \vec{f}_i(d) \parallel \overleftarrow{f}_i(d)$$

$$g(q) = \vec{g}_{|q|}(q) \parallel \overleftarrow{g}_1(q)$$

Similarity calculation
between the question embedding and
word embeddings of documents

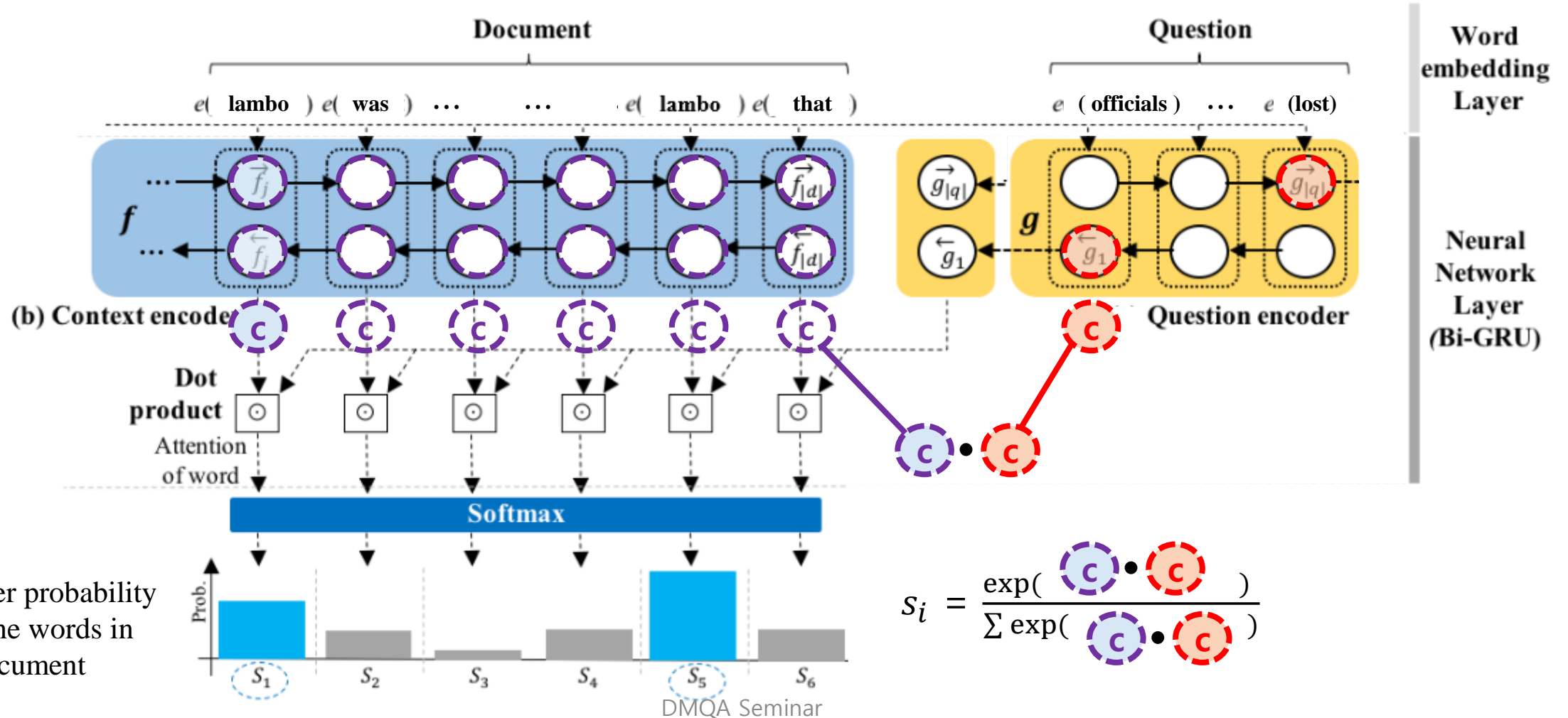
Attention Sum Reader Architecture

Document

What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride ...

Question

Officials say the driver ... lost control of a xxxxxx



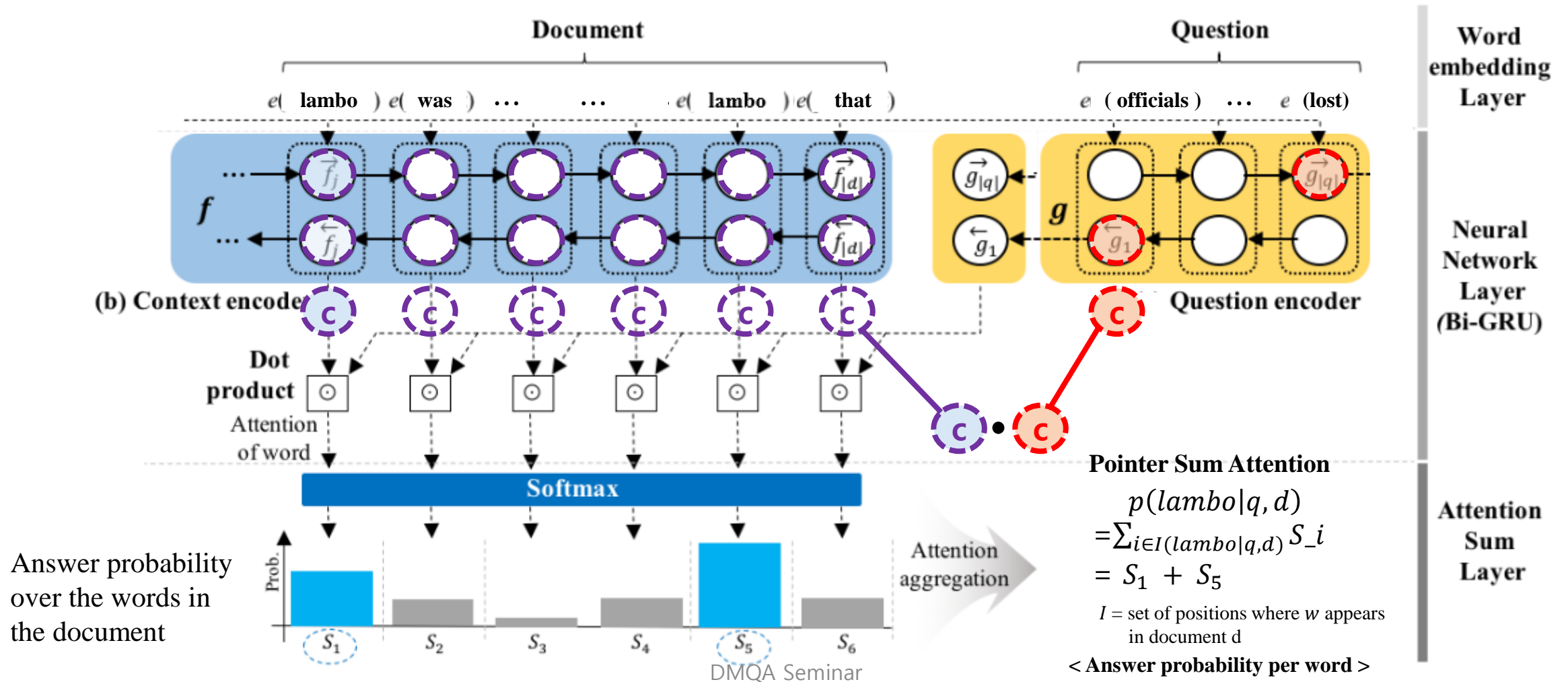
Attention Sum Reader Architecture

Document

What was supposed to be a fantasy sports car ride ...

Question

Officials say the driver ... lost control of a xxxxx



Attention Sum Reader Training Details

1. Answer Candidate and pointer sum attention (word probability among document)

Lambo, Walt Disney, World Speedway, Highway Patrol, Tavon Watson, nothing, proof, remarks, smile, woods

answer	model output
[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0, 0]	[0.6, 0.05, 0.1, 0.0, ..., 0.1, 0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0]
# of answer candidates (10)	# of answer candidates (10)

2. Minimize negative log likelihood

$$- \log P_{\theta}(a|\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{d}),$$

where a is the correct answer probability for the question q and document d ,

P_{θ} is the word probability of the word from answer candidate

Attention Sum Reader Evaluation

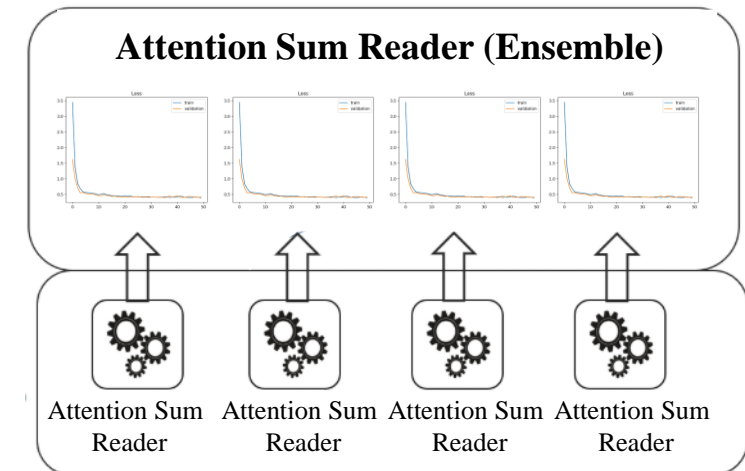
1. Single model
2. Ensemble model : use simple averaging of the answer probabilities predicted by ensemble members

Average Ensemble (average weight)

Choose top 20% of all trained models from validation

Greedy Ensemble (average weight through greedy learning)

Add the 70% of best performing model that had not been previously tried



Attention Sum Reader Datasets


CBT Data set

growing increasingly alarmed at the likelihood of their neoconservative falling to English-speaking rebels. In mid-June, just as my hotel was being evacuated, the French announced plans to send a peace-keeping mission to the western part of Rwanda for "humanitarian" reasons. This gave the génocidaires the chance to look like victims instead of aggressors, and they started to pack up and leave for the protected area that became known as "the Turquoise Zone."

KITLM radio then performed its final disservice to the nation by scaring the living daylight out of the people remaining in Rwanda. A considerable number of whom had just spent two months murdering their neighbors and chasing the less compliant ones through swamps. The radio told them that the RPF would kill any Hutus they found in their path and encouraged all its listeners to pack up their belongings and head for the west. The radio broadcasted the western part of the country and the town of Kigali. The Republic of Congo (what used to be called Zaire), where the French soldiers would. Nearly 1.7 million people heeded the call. Entire hills and cities mobilized into caravans: men carrying sacks of bananas, some with bloody machetes in their belt loops; women with baskets of grain on their heads; children hugging photo albums to their chests. They were walking in a line, in front of looted houses. I am sorry to say that the dire predictions of the radio were not rooted in fantasy, as the rebels did conduct crimes against humanity in revenge for the genocide and to make people fear them. In any case, what was left of Rwanda emptied out within days.

The U.N. Security Council, so ineffective in the face of the genocide, lent its sponsorship to the camps the French set up to protect the "refugees." The main place of comfort to the killers was at a hotel called Goma, just over the border into the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is a black area at the foot of a chain of vol-

cans and a hellish land equipped with jets, tanks, and pathetic UN height in Africa shelter some. Many of them then attack the refugees in the camps, keep filling it camp so that faithful. It is a comfort was. In a step needed to act. no admission for the camps. people who occ initiative to c over into Uga times what it's which would corpses. On July 4, RPF captured captured a 1 were knocked were empty at



Story understanding dataset based on 118 children books from project Gutenberg

Context

Question

1 "phebe beckoned to him; i saw her," cried rose, staring hard at the door.
2 "is it more presents coming?"
3 asked jemie, just as his brother re-appeared, looking more excited than ever.
4 "yes; a present for mother, and here it is!"
5 roared archie, flinging wide the door to let in a tall man, who cried out, "where's my little woman?"
6 the first kiss for her, then the rest may come on as fast as they like."
7 before the words were out of his mouth, mrs. jessie was half-hidden under his rough great-coat, and four boys were prancing about him clamouring for their turn.
8 of course, there was a joyful tumult for a time, during which rose slipped into the window recess and watched what went on, as if it were a chapter in a christmas story.
9 it was good to see bluff uncle jem look proudly at his tall son, and fondly hug the little ones.
10 it was better still to see him shake his brothers' hands as if he would never leave off, and kiss all the sisters in a way that made even solemn aunt myra brighten up for a minute.

11 but it was best of all to see him finally established in grandfather's chair, with his "little woman" beside him, his three youngest boys in his lap, and _____ hovering over him like a large-sized cherub.

faith | brothers | rose | archie | rest | mouth | way | mother | sisters | george

CNN data set

Question	Passage
<i>it 's clear @entity0 is leaning toward @placeholder</i> , says an expert who monitors @entity0	... @entity116 , who follows @entity0 's operations and propaganda closely , recently told @entity3 , <i>it 's clear @entity0 is leaning toward @entity60</i> in terms of doctrine , ideology and an emphasis on holding territory after operations
@placeholder says he understands why @entity0 wo n't play at his tournament	... @entity0 called me personally to let me know that he would n't be playing here at @entity23 , " @entity3 said on his @entity21 event 's website
a tv movie based on @entity2 's book @placeholder casts a @entity76 actor as @entity5	... to @entity12 @entity2 professed that his @entity11 is not a religious book
he 's doing a his - and - her duet all by himself , @entity6 said of @placeholder	... we got some groundbreaking performances , here too , tonight , @entity6 said . we got @entity17 , who will be doing some musical performances . he 's doing a his - and - her duet all by himself
rapper @placeholder " disgusted , " cancels upcoming show for @entity280	... with hip - hop star @entity246 saying on @entity247 that he was canceling an upcoming show for the @entity249 (but @entity249 = @entity280 = SAEs)
pilot error and snow were reasons stated for @placeholder plane crash	... a small aircraft carrying @entity5 , @entity6 and @entity7 the @entity12 @entity3 crashed a few miles from @entity9 , near @entity10 , @entity11

Daily mail data set

Passage	Question	Answer
(@entity4) if you feel a ripple in the force today , it may be the news that the official @entity6 is getting its first gay character . according to the sci-fi website @entity9 , the upcoming novel " @entity11 " will feature a capable but flawed @entity13 official named @entity14 who " also happens to be a lesbian . " the character is the first gay figure in the official @entity6 -- the movies , television shows , comics and books approved by @entity6 franchise owner @entity22 -- according to @entity24 , editor of " @entity6 " books at @entity28 imprint @entity26 .	characters in " @placeholder " movies have gradually become more diverse	@entity6

Attention Sum Reader Results

Accuracy Measure

	CNN		Daily Mail	
	valid	test	valid	test
Attentive Reader [†]	61.6	63.0	70.5	69.0
Impatient Reader [†]	61.8	63.8	69.0	68.0
MemNNs (single model) [‡]	63.4	66.8	NA	NA
MemNNs (ensemble) [‡]	66.2	69.4	NA	NA
Dynamic Entity Repres. (max-pool) [#]	71.2	70.7	NA	NA
Dynamic Entity Repres. (max-pool + byway) [#]	70.8	72.0	NA	NA
Dynamic Entity Repres. + w2v [#]	71.3	72.9	NA	NA
Chen et al. (2016) (single model)	72.4	72.4	76.9	75.8
AS Reader (single model)	68.6	69.5	75.0	73.9
AS Reader (avg for top 20%)	68.4	69.9	74.5	73.5
AS Reader (avg ensemble)	73.9	75.4	78.1	77.1
AS Reader (greedy ensemble)	74.5	74.8	78.7	77.7

	Named entity		Common noun	
	valid	test	valid	test
Humans (query) ^(*)	NA	52.0	NA	64.4
Humans (context+query) ^(*)	NA	81.6	NA	81.6
LSTMs (context+query) [‡]	51.2	41.8	62.6	56.0
MemNNs (window memory + self-sup.) [‡]	70.4	66.6	64.2	63.0
AS Reader (single model)	73.8	68.6	68.8	63.4
AS Reader (avg for top 20%)	73.3	68.4	67.7	63.2
AS Reader (avg ensemble)	74.5	70.6	71.1	68.9
AS Reader (greedy ensemble)	76.2	71.0	72.4	67.5

Attention Sum Reader Evaluation

Good case

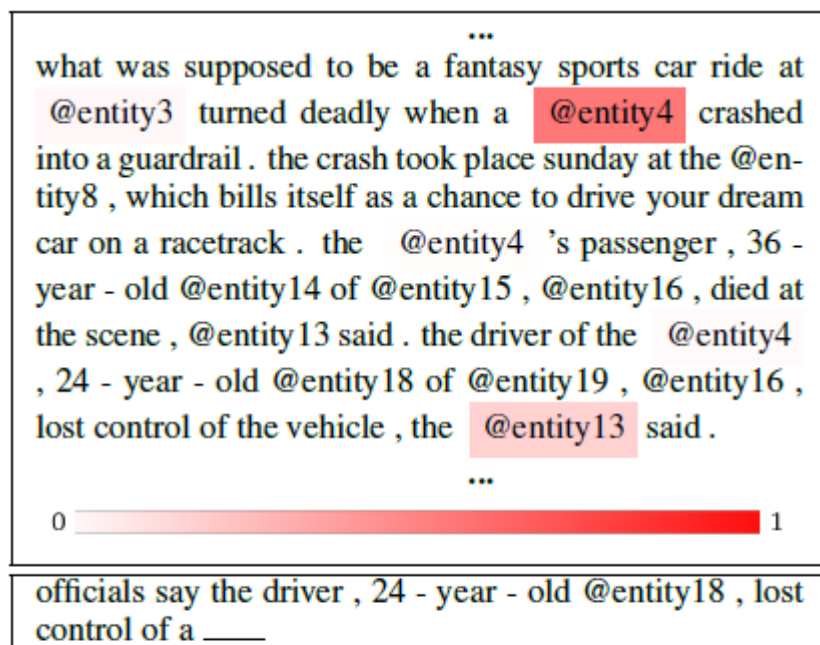


Figure 3: Attention in an example with anonymized entities where our system selected the correct answer. Note that the attention is focused only on named entities.

Fine case

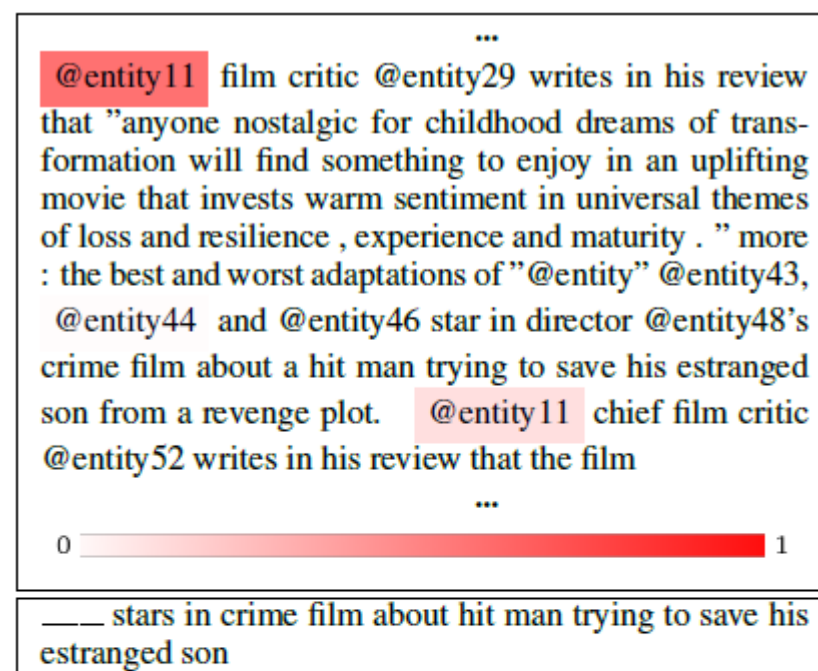


Figure 4: Attention over an example where our system failed to select the correct answer (entity43). The system was probably misled by the co-occurring word 'film'. Namely, entity11 occurs 7 times in the whole document and 6 times it is together with the word 'film'. On the other hand, the correct answer occurs only 3 times in total and only once together with 'film'.

Conclusion

1. Natural Language text comprehension task

Answer to cloze-style question from a document

2. Simple but explicit neural model

3. An analysis by Chen et al., 2016 suggests that CNN and Daily Mail dataset are difficult to understand for humans and the model may achieve the maximal accuracy

Thank you

Appendix

	CNN			Daily Mail			CBT CN			CBT NE		
	train	valid	test	train	valid	test	train	valid	test	train	valid	test
# queries	380,298	3,924	3,198	879,450	64,835	53,182	120,769	2,000	2,500	108,719	2,000	2,500
Max # options	527	187	396	371	232	245	10	10	10	10	10	10
Avg # options	26.4	26.5	24.5	26.5	25.5	26.0	10	10	10	10	10	10
Avg # tokens	762	763	716	813	774	780	470	448	461	433	412	424
Vocab. size	118,497			208,045			53,185			53,063		

CBT CN : CBT Common Nouns

CBT NE : CBT Named Entities

Appendix

Vocab dimension 52,263

Embedding dimension 200

Hidden dimension 128

RNN type GRU

Gradient clipping 10

Embedding matrix initialization: uniformly random