

Position-aware Attention and Supervised Data Improve Slot Filling



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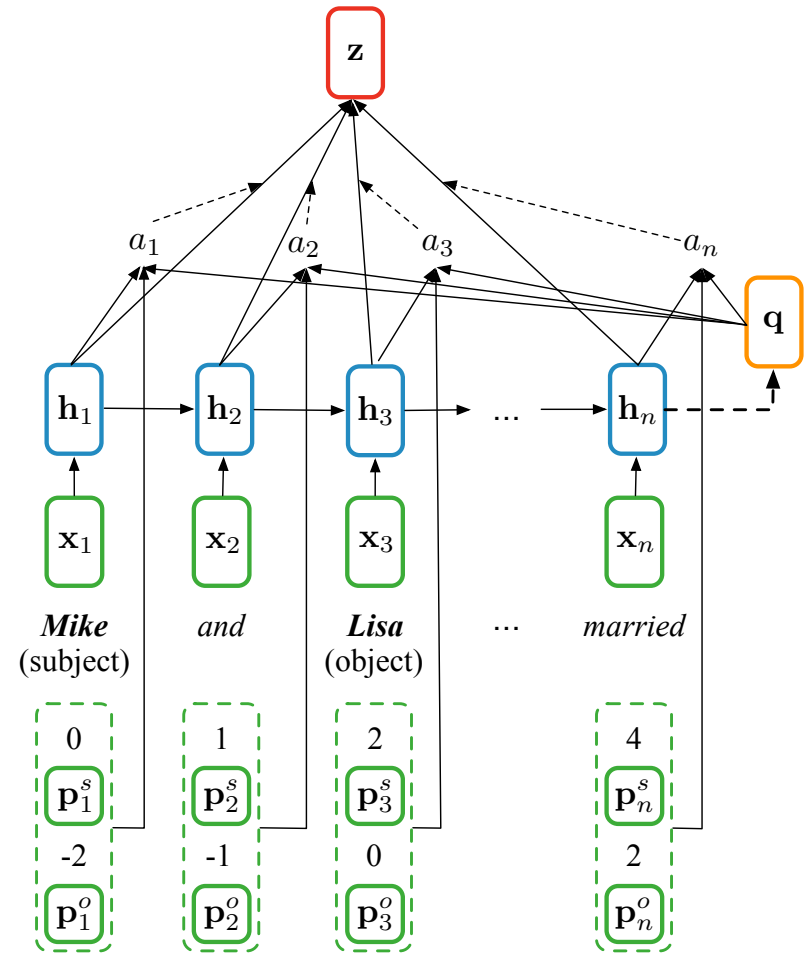
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- Context (relevant + irrelevant)
- Entities (types + positions)

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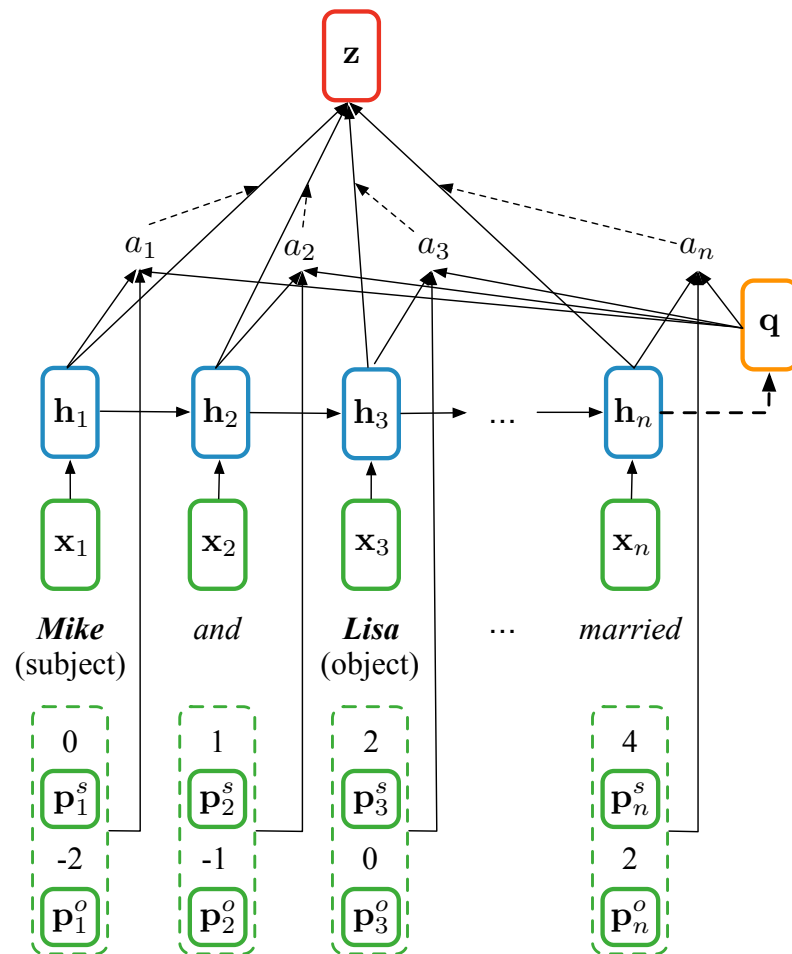
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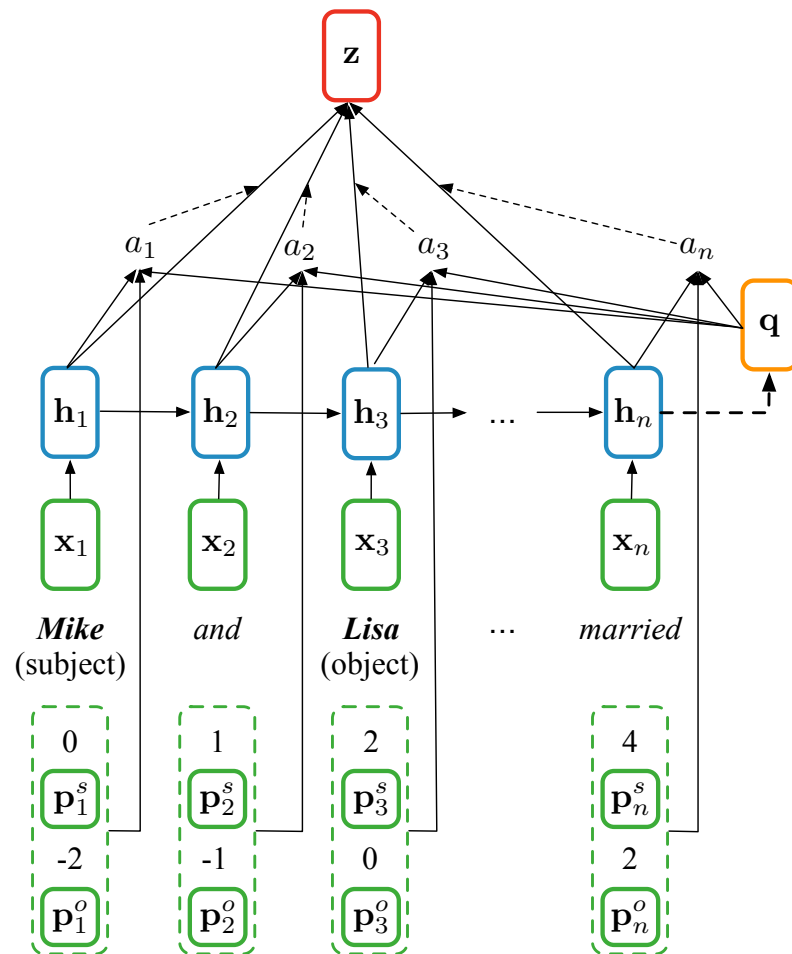
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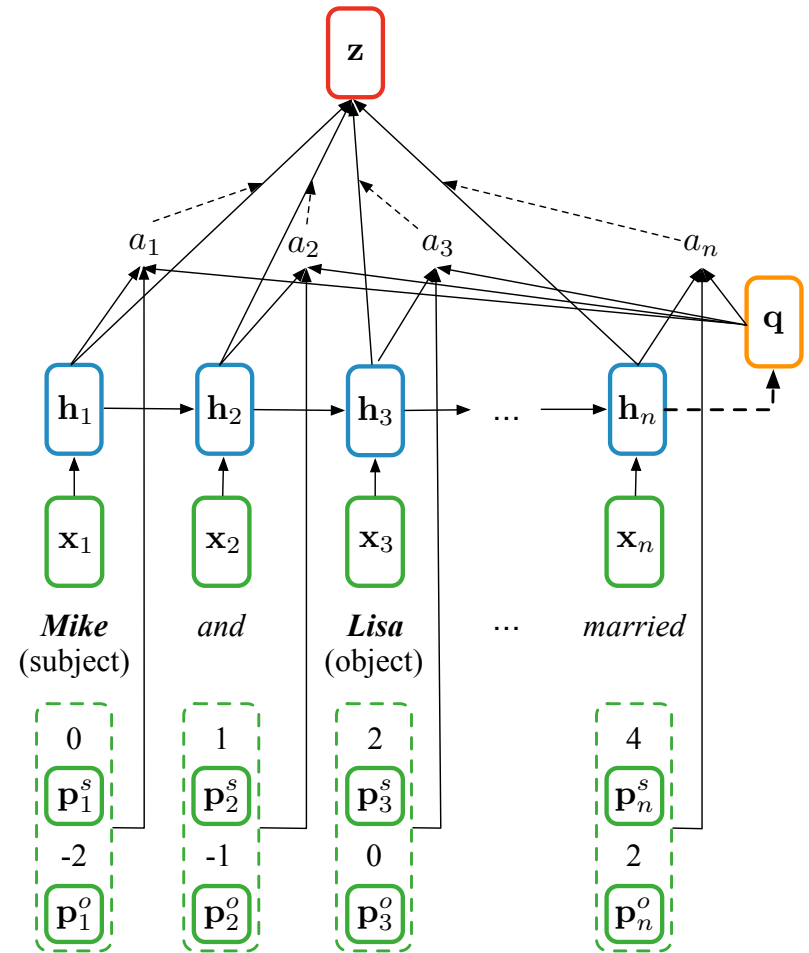
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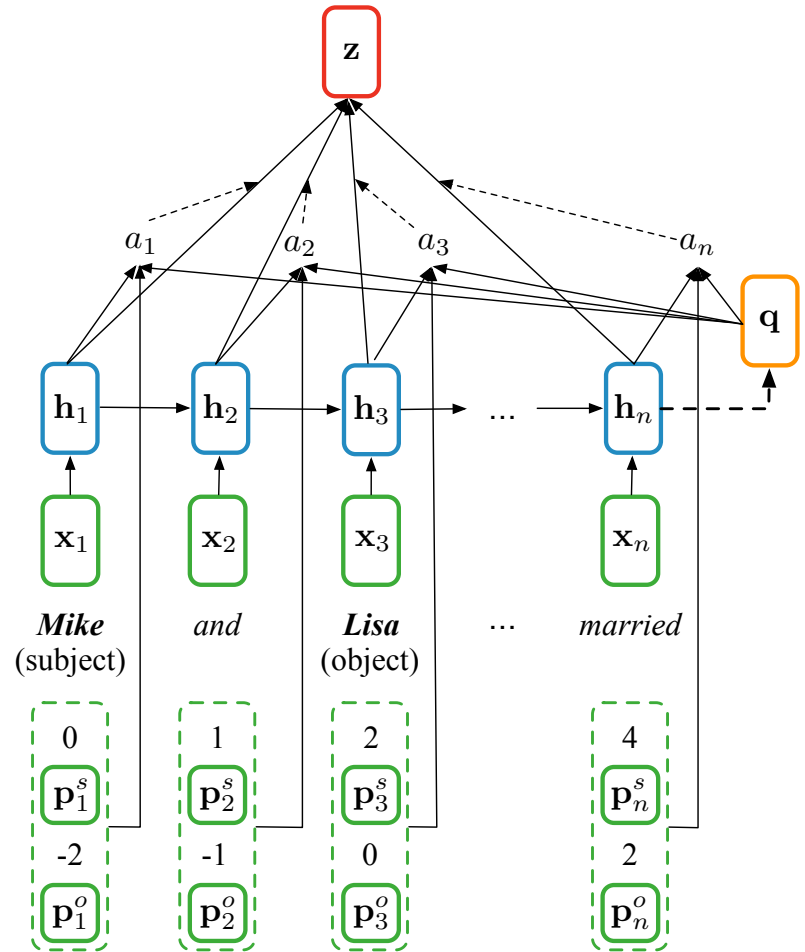
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$$u_i = \mathbf{v}^\top \tanh(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}_i + \mathbf{W}_q \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{p}_i^s + \mathbf{W}_o \mathbf{p}_i^o)$$

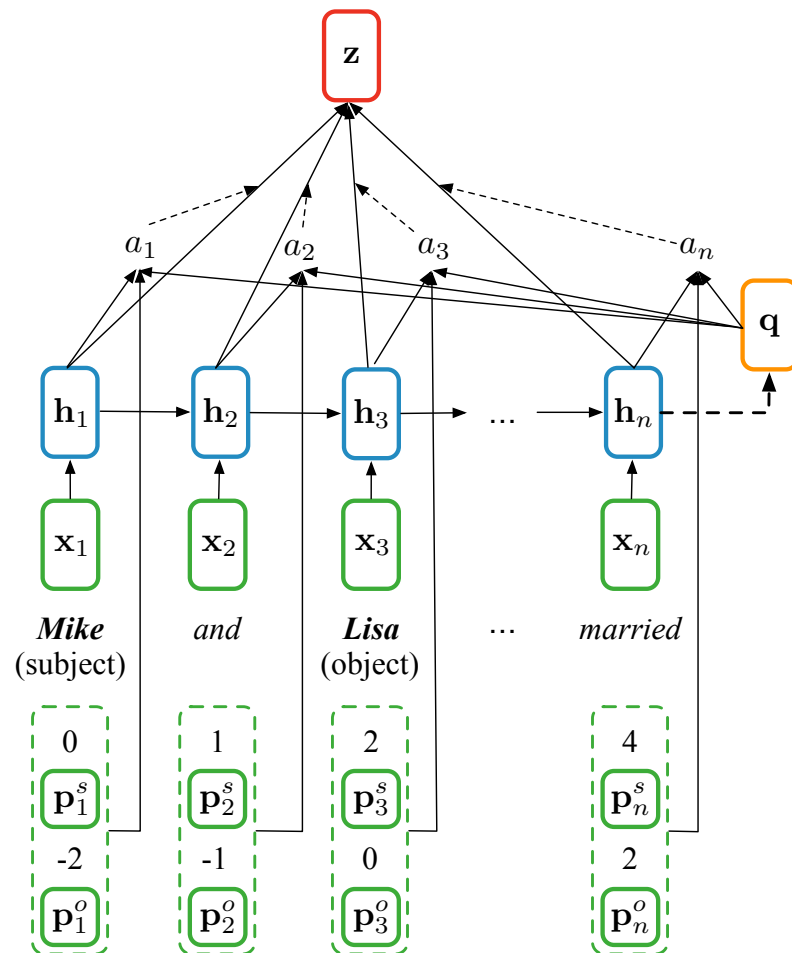
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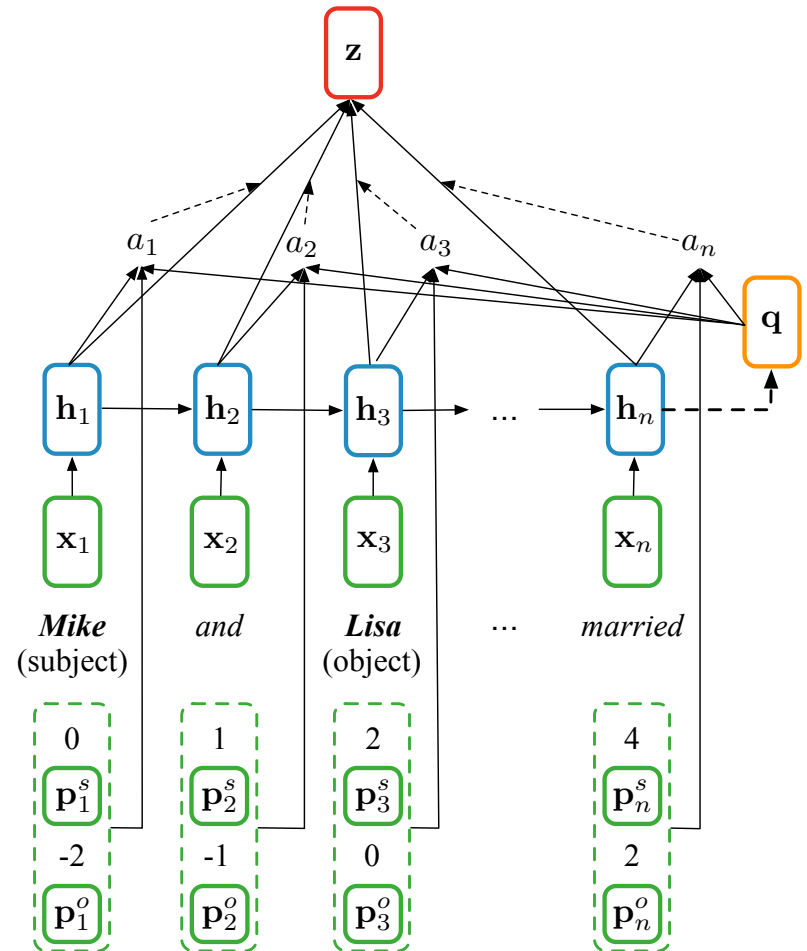
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Softmax Layer

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z})$$

$$c = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}}(y_i);$$

$$c \in \{per:spouse, org:founded, \dots\}$$



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Instrument-Agency

The **TAC** Relation **Extraction** **Dataset**

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- Crowdsourced
- Tailored for TAC KBP slot filling
- Four explicit goals
 - Large-scale
 - Real-world corpus
 - Negative examples
 - Fully supervised

Goal 1: Large-scale

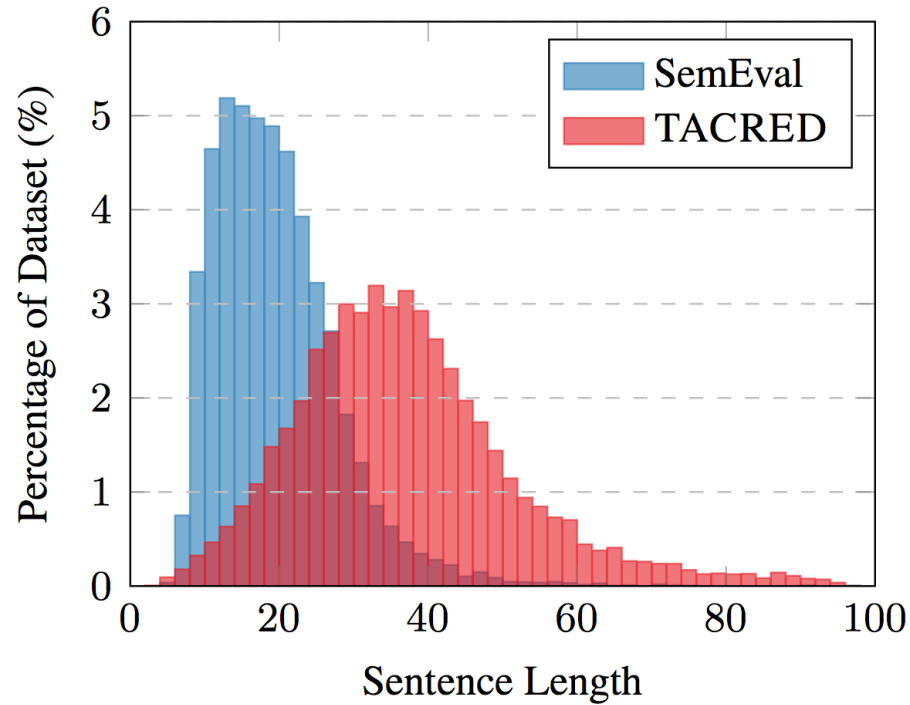
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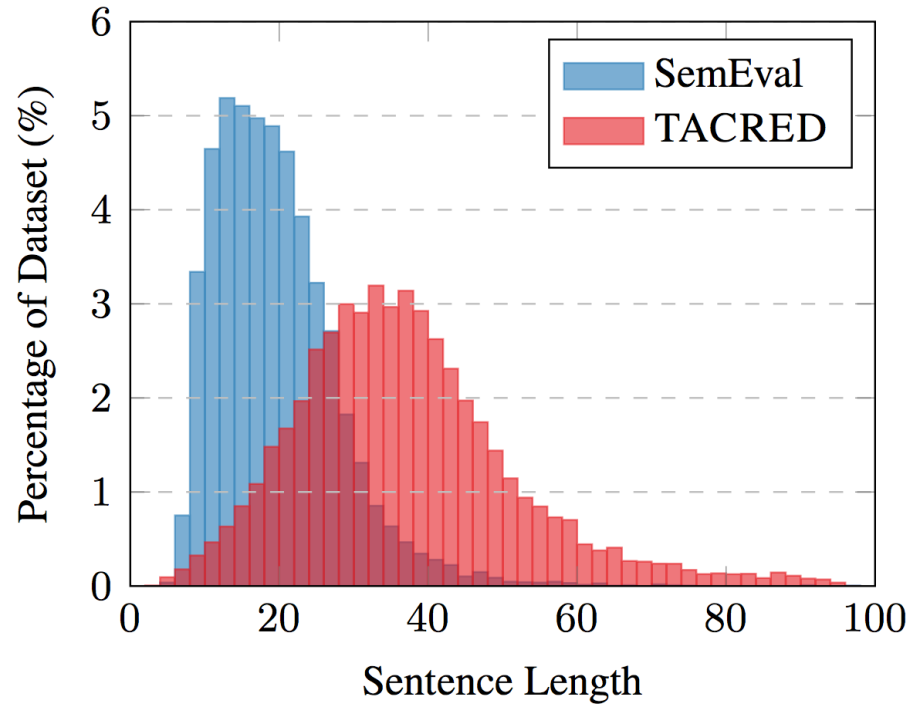
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Longer and more complex context!

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- Task 1: Relation Extraction on TACRED

Q: How well can we do on relation extraction?

VS: Baseline traditional and neural models.

- Task 2: End-to-end TAC KBP Slot Filling Task

Q: Does it improve slot filling?

VS: SOTA slot filling system.

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- **CNN** with positional encodings (Nguyen and Grishman, 2015)
- **Dependency-based RNN** (Xu et al., 2015)
- **LSTM**: 2-layer Stacked-LSTM

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- Our model: **+2.4** improvement on F1

Slot Filling Evaluation

- **Input:** 50k docs + 2-hop queries
- **Output:** slot fillers

query entity: **Mike Penner**

hop-0 slot: *per:spouse* -----> **Lisa Dillman**

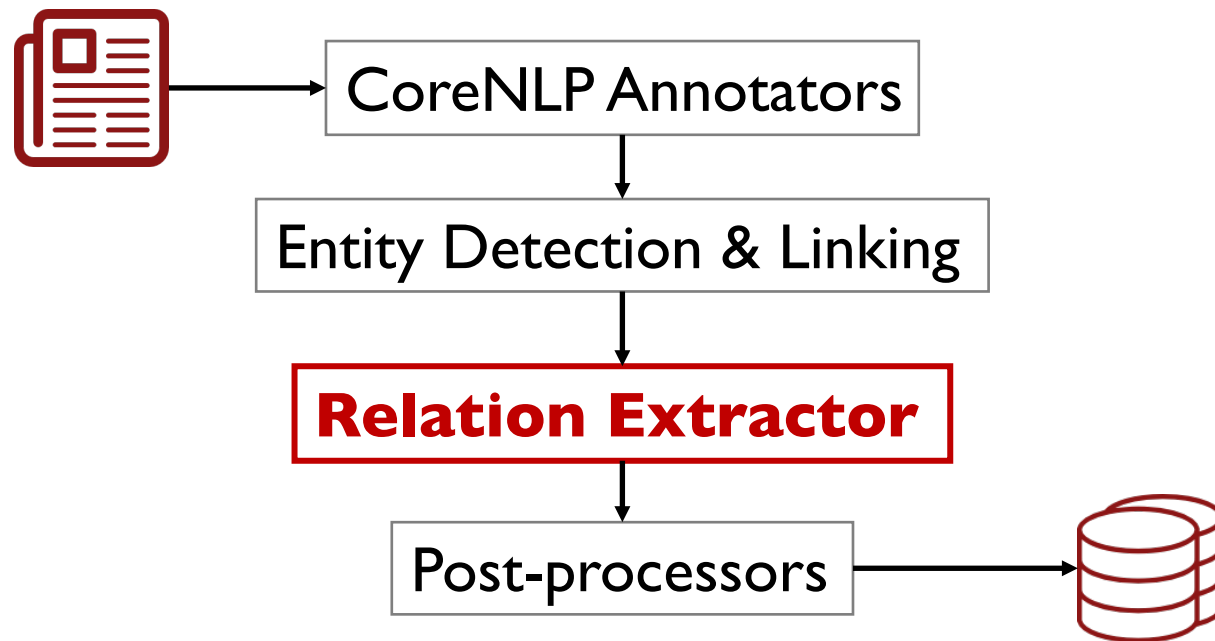
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- Stanford's 2015 winning system + new extractor



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- Neural vs LR: **+7.9** hop-0, **+8.4** hop-all!
- Best vs 2015 winning: **+5.6** hop-0, **+4.5** hop-all!

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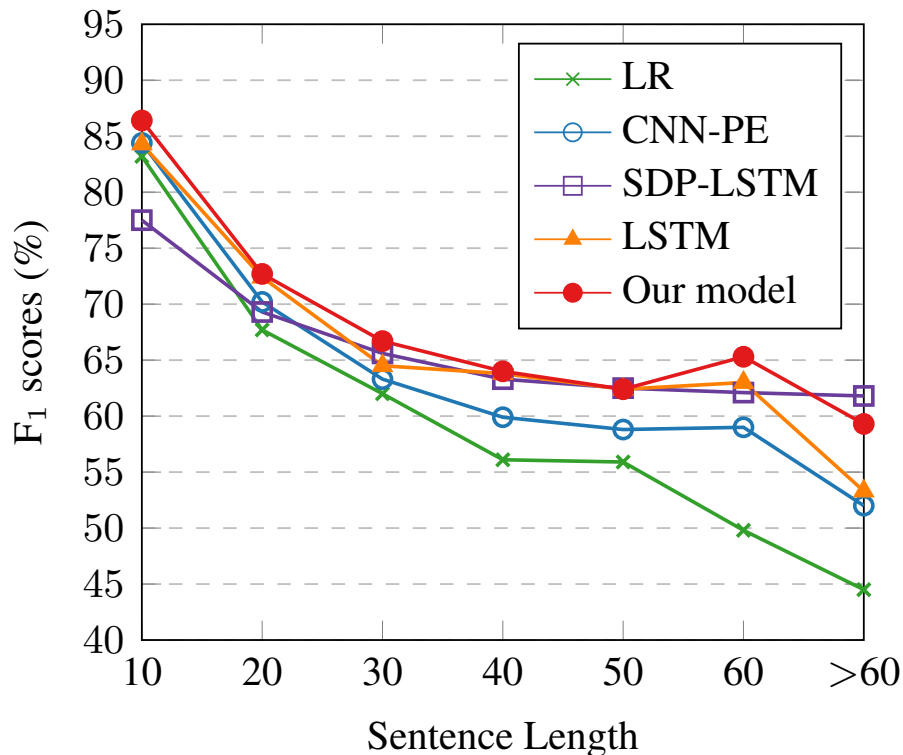
- Model Ablation

Model	Dev F1
Our model (single)	66.0
- Position-aware attention	65.2
- All attention	64.1
- Word dropout	65.4
- All Above	62.2

Attention plays an important role!

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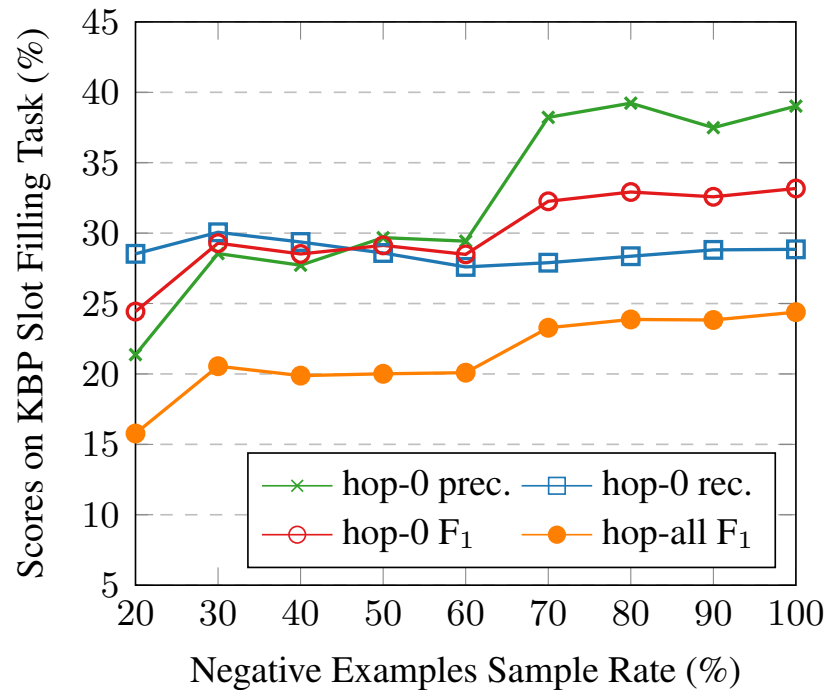
- Performance by sentence length



- LR and CNN drops drastically
- SDP-LSTM least sensitive to lengths
- Our model achieves best performance

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- Impact of negative examples



- Hop-0 precision increases
- Hop-0 recall stays
- Hop-0 and hop-all F1 increases

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- Attention visualization

PER-SUBJ graduated from North Korea 's elite Kim Il Sung University and ORG-OBJ
ORG-OBJ .

per:schools_attended

The cause was a heart attack following a case of pneumonia , said PER-SUBJ 's niece ,
PER-OBJ PER-OBJ .

per:other_family

Independent ORG-SUBJ ORG-SUBJ ORG-SUBJ (ECC) chairman PER-OBJ PER-OBJ refused
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