A Neural Attention Model for Abstractive Sentence Summarization

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- Deletion
- **Paraphrase**

Types of Sentence Summary
[Not Standardized]

- **Compressive**: deletion-only

  *Russian Defense Minister **Ivanov called** Sunday **for** the creation of **a** joint front **for combating** global **terrorism**.*

- **Extractive**: deletion and reordering

- **Abstractive**: arbitrary transformation

  Russia calls for joint front against terrorism.

Elements of Human Summary
Jing 2002

|	Phenomenon	Abstract	Compress	Extract
(1)	Sentence Reduction	✓	✓	✓
(2)	Sentence Combination	✓	✓	✓
(3)	Syntactic Transformation	✓		✓
(4)	Lexical Paraphrasing	✓		
(5)	Generalization or Specification	✓		
(6)	Reordering	✓		✓

Related Work: Ext/Abs Sentence Summary

- **Syntax-Based** [Dorr, Zajic, and Schwartz 2003; Cohn and Lapata 2008; Woodsend, Feng, and Lapata 2010]

- **Topic-Based** [Zajic, Dorr, and Schwartz 2004]

- **Machine Translation-Based** [Banko, Mittal, and Witbrock 2000]

- **Semantics-Based** [Liu et al. 2015]

Related Work: Attention-Based Neural MT
Bahdanau, Cho, and Bengio 2014

- Use attention ("soft alignment") over source to determine next word.

- Robust to longer sentences versus encoder-decoder style models.

- No explicit alignment step, trained end-to-end.
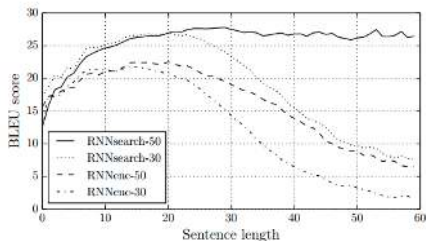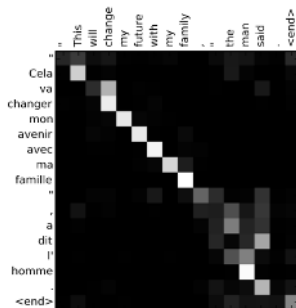
A Neural Attention Model for Summarization

Question: Can a data-driven model capture abstractive phenomenon necessary for summarization without explicit representations?

Properties:

- Utilizes a simple attention-based neural conditional language model.

- No syntax or other pipelining step, strictly data-driven.

- Generation is fully abstractive.

Attention-Based Summarization (ABS)
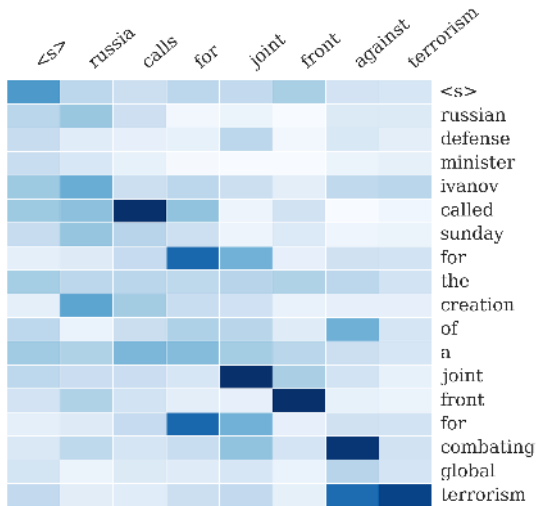
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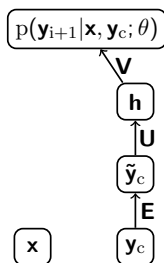**Neural machine translation:** Direct neural-network parameteriziation

$$p(\mathbf{y}_{i+1}|\mathbf{y}_c, \mathbf{x}; \theta) \propto \exp(\mathrm{NN}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_c; \theta))$$

where $\mathbf{y}_{i+1}$ is the current word and $\mathbf{y}_c$ is the context

Most neural MT is non-Markovian, i.e. $\mathbf{y}_c$ is full history (RNN, LSTM)
[Kalchbrenner and Blunsom 2013; Sutskever, Vinyals, and Le 2014; Bahdanau, Cho, and Bengio 2014]

Feed-Forward Neural Language Model
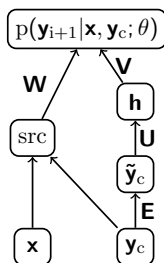**Bengio et al. 2003**

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\begin{aligned}
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\mathbf{h} &= \tanh(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\tilde{y}}_{\mathrm{c}}), \\
p(\mathbf{y}_{i+1}|\mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{c}}, \mathbf{x}; \theta) &\propto \exp(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h}).
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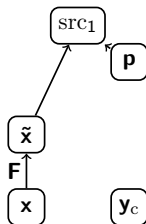# Feed-Forward Neural Language Model
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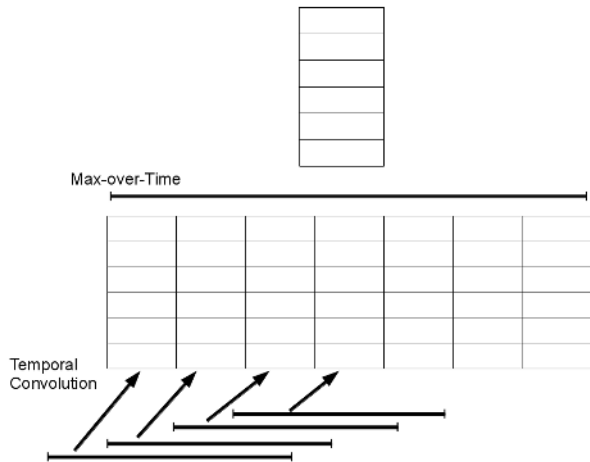
Source Model 1: Bag-of-Words Model

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = [\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_M],$$
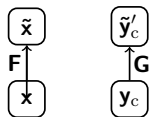$$\mathbf{p} = [1/M, \ldots, 1/M], \text{[Uniform Distribution]}$$
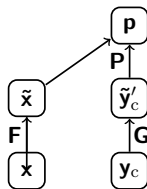$$\mathrm{src}_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_c) = \mathbf{p}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{x}}.$$

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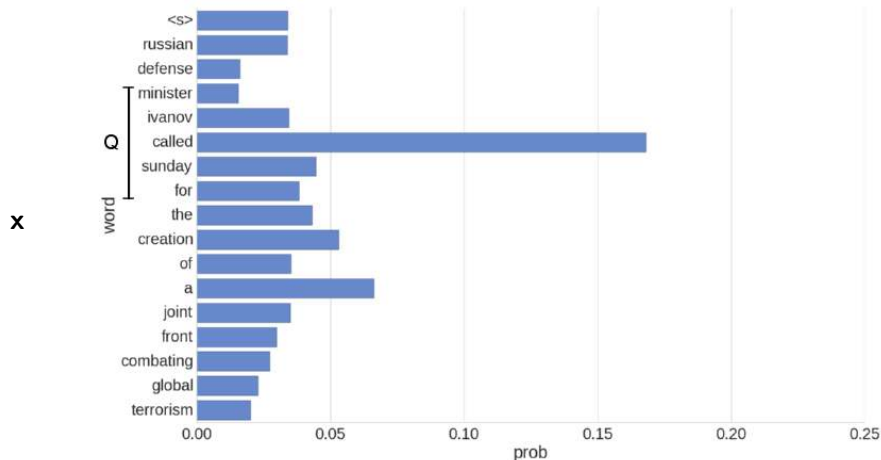$$\mathbf{p} \propto \exp(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{P}\tilde{\mathbf{y}}'_c), \quad \textbf{[Attention Distribution]}$$

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\mathbf{p} &\propto \exp(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{P}\tilde{\mathbf{y}}'_{\mathrm{c}}), \quad \textbf{[Attention Distribution]} \\
\forall i \quad \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i &= \sum_{q=i-(Q-1)/2}^{i+(Q-1)/2} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i/Q, \quad \textbf{[Local Smoothing]} \\
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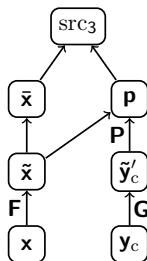
ABS Example

$[\langle s \rangle$ Russia calls$]$	**for**
$\mathbf{y}_c$	$\mathbf{y}_{i+1}$

ABS Example

[⟨s⟩ Russia calls for]	**joint**
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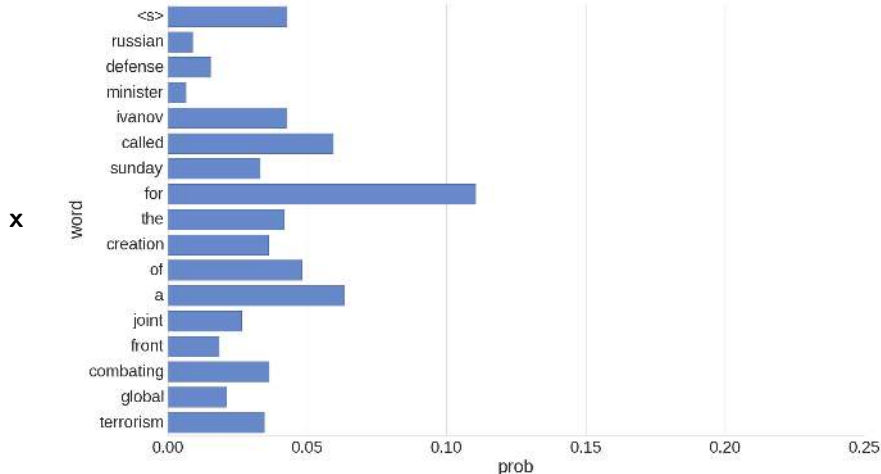
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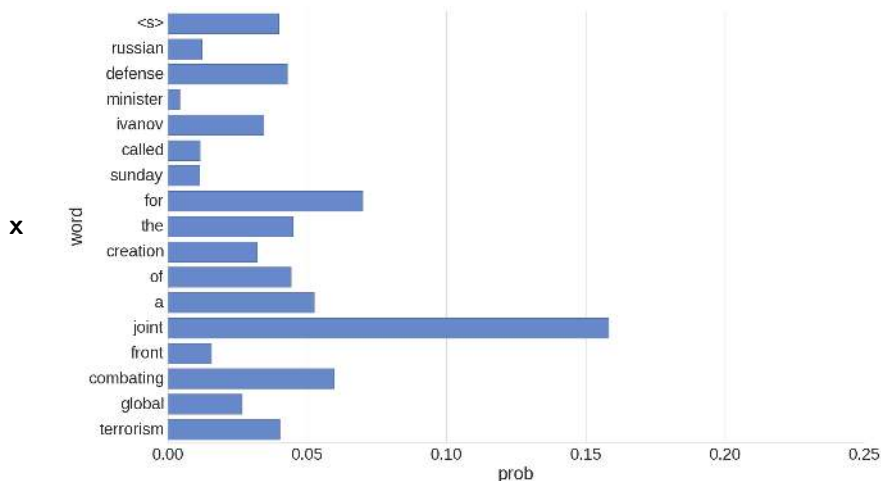
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	$\langle s \rangle$	[Russia calls for joint front]	**against**
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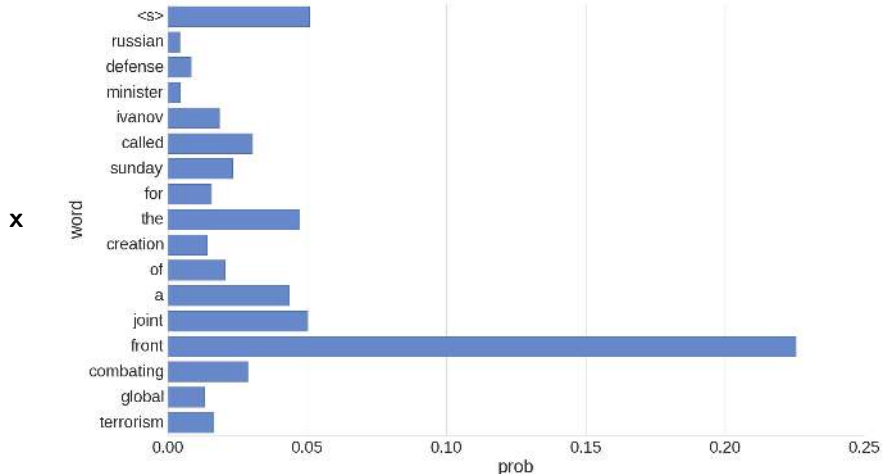
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$\langle s \rangle$ Russia	[calls for joint front against]	**terrorism**
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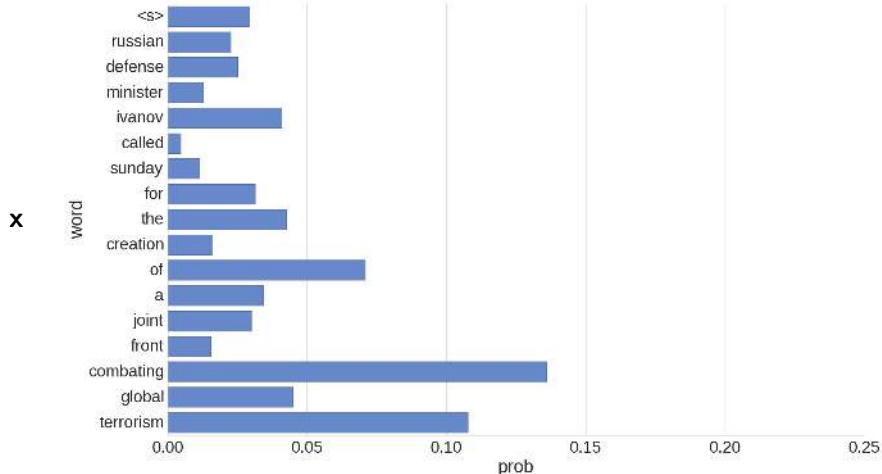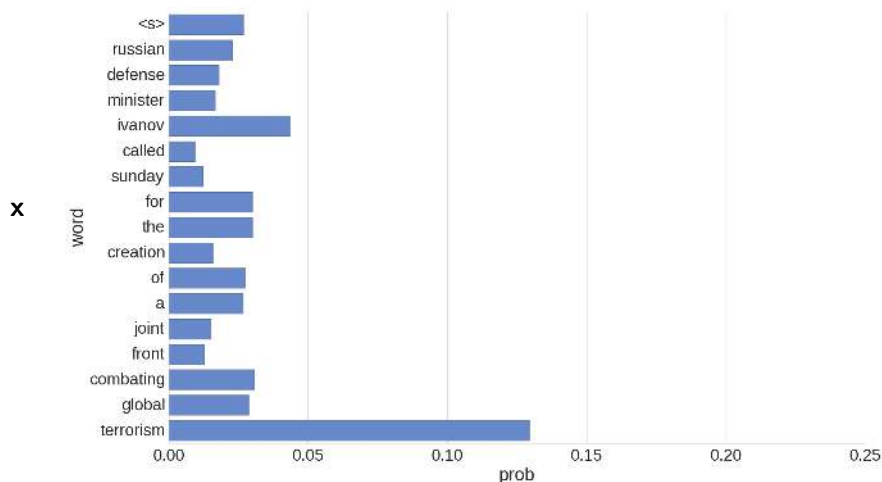
GERMANY IMPLEMENTS TEMPORARY BORDER CHECKS TO LIMIT MIGRANTS

BY GEIR MOULSON AND SHAWN POGATCHNIK
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BERLIN (AP) -- Germany introduced temporary border
controls Sunday to stem the tide of thousands of refugees
streaming across its frontier, sending a clear message to its
European partners that it needs more help with an influx that is
straining its ability to cope.

Germany is a preferred destination for many people fleeing
Syria's civil war and other troubled nations in the migration

AP Photo/Kay Nietfeld

crisis that has bitterly divided Europe. They have braved dangerous sea crossings in flimsy

Headline Generation Training Set
Graff et al. 2003; Napoles, Gormley, and Van Durme 2012

- Use Gigaword dataset.

Total Sentences	3.8 M
Newswire Services	7
Source Word Tokens	119 M
Source Word Types	110 K
Average Source Length	31.3 tokens
Summary Word Tokens	31 M
Summary Word Types	69 K
Average Summary Length	8.3 tokens
Average Overlap	4.6 tokens
Average Overlap in first 75	2.6 tokens

Comp with [Filippova and Altun 2013] 250K compressive pairs (although Filippova et al. 2015 2 million)
Training done with mini-batch stochastic gradient descent.

Generation: Beam Search

russia	calls	for	joint
defense	minister	calls	joint
joint	front	calls	terrorism
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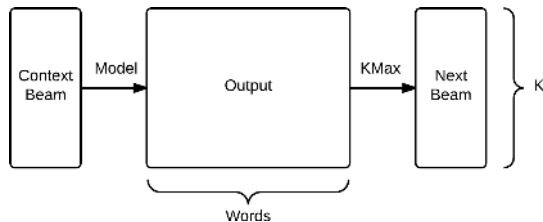
- Markov assumption allows for hypothesis recombination.

Extension: Extractive Tuning

- Low-dim word embeddings unaware of exact matches.

- Log-linear parameterization:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}; \theta, \alpha) \quad \propto \quad \exp(\alpha^\top \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(\mathbf{y}_{i+1}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_c)).$$

Features f :

1. Model score (neural model)
2. Unigram overlap
3. Bigram overlap
4. Trigram overlap
5. Word out-of-order

- Similar to rare-word issue in neural MT [Luong et al. 2015]
- Use MERT for estimating α as post-processing (not end-to-end)

Results

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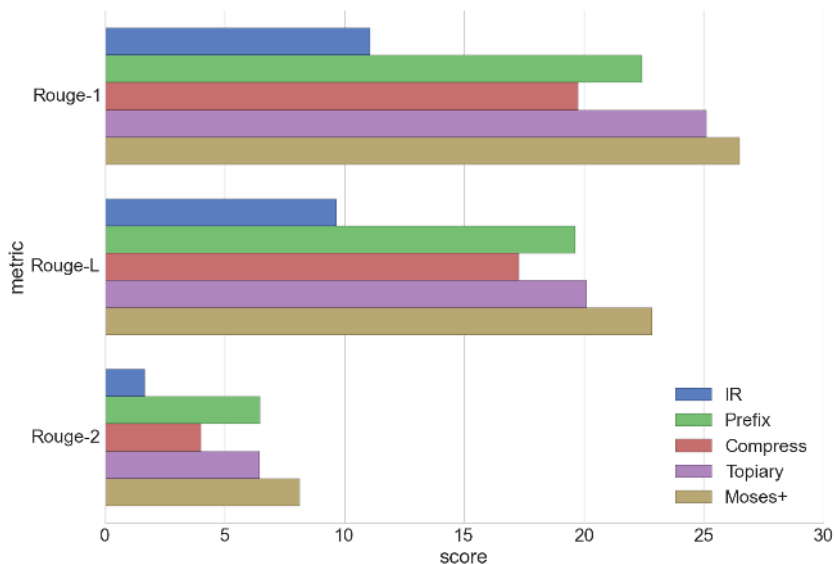
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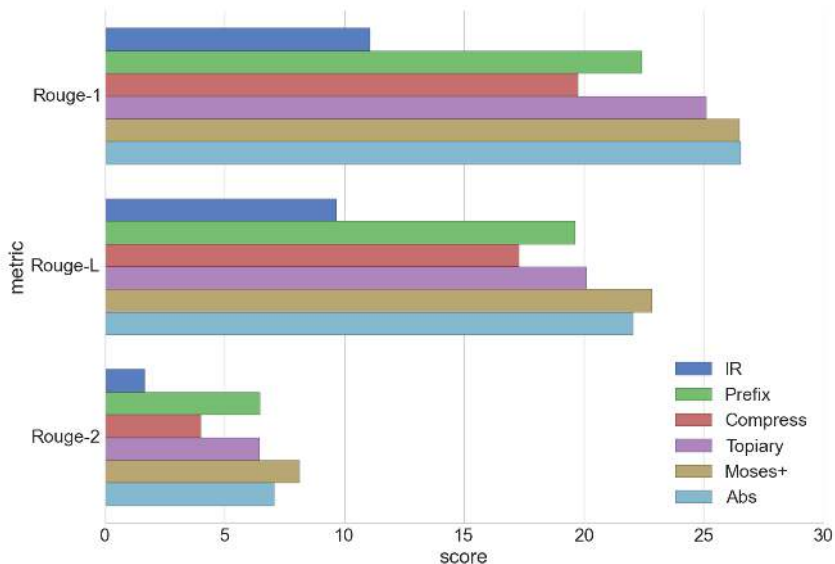
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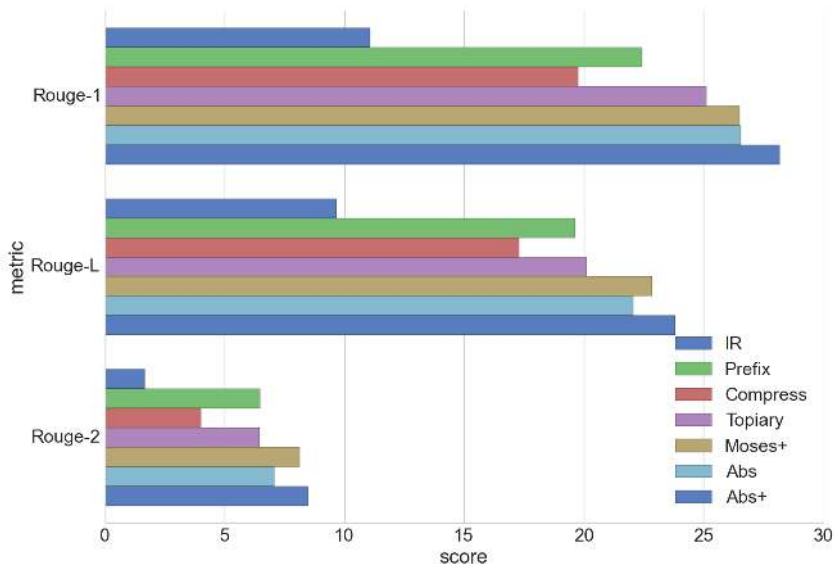
Summarization Results: Gigaword Test
(2000 pairs, 1 reference, 8 words)
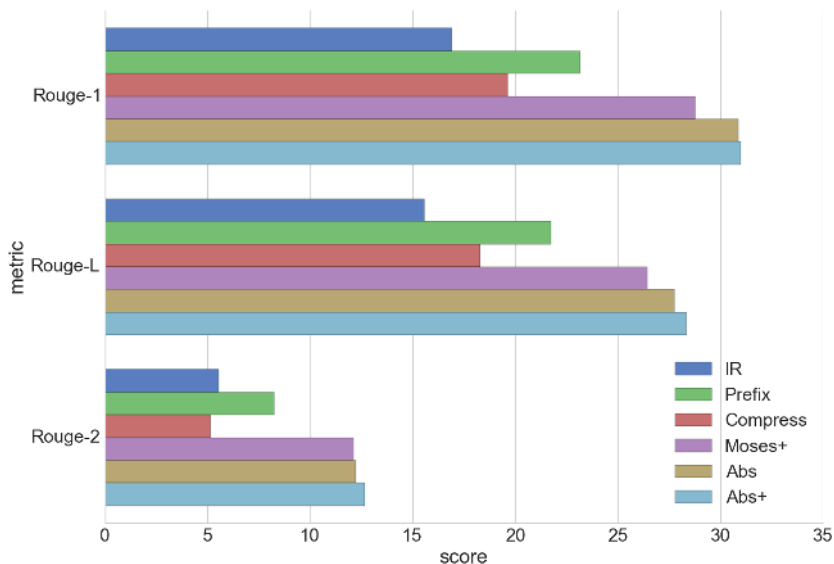
Model Comparison
Perplexity Gigaword Development Set

Ablations

Decoder	Model	Cons.	R-1	R-2	R-L
Greedy	ABS+	Abs	26.67	6.72	21.70
Beam	BoW	Abs	22.15	4.60	18.23
Beam	ABS+	Ext	27.89	7.56	22.84
Beam	ABS+	Abs	28.48	8.91	23.97

Generated Sentences on Gigaword I

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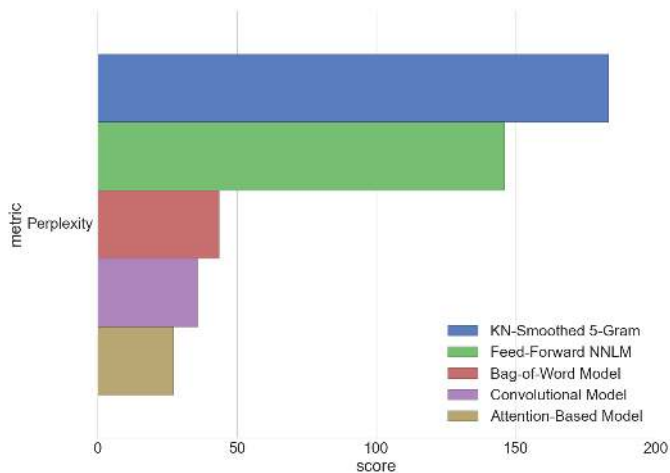*a detained iranian-american academic accused of acting against national security has been released from a tehran prison after a hefty bail was posted , a to p judiciary official said tuesday .*

Ref: iranian-american academic held in tehran released on bail

Abs: detained iranian-american academic released from jail after posting bail

Abs+: detained iranian-american academic released from prison **after hefty bail**

Source:

ministers from the european union and its mediterranean neighbors gathered here under heavy security on monday for an unprecedented conference on economic and political cooperation .

Ref: european mediterranean ministers gather for landmark conference by julie bradford

Abs: mediterranean neighbors gather for unprecedented conference **on heavy security**

Abs+: mediterranean neighbors gather under heavy security for unprecedented conference

Source:

the death toll from a school collapse in a haitian shanty-town rose to ## after rescue workers uncovered a classroom with ## dead students and their teacher , officials said saturday .

Ref: toll rises to ## in haiti school unk : official

Abs: death toll in haiti school **accident** rises to ##

Abs+: death toll in haiti school to ## **dead** students

Source:

australian foreign minister stephen smith sunday congratulated new zealand 's new prime minister-elect john key as he praised ousted leader helen clark as a " gutsy " and respected politician .

Ref: time caught up with nz 's gutsy clark says australian fm

Abs: australian foreign minister congratulates **new nz pm** **after election**

Abs+: australian foreign minister congratulates **smith new zealand** as leader

Source:

two drunken south african fans hurled racist abuse at the country 's rugby sevens coach after the team were eliminated from the weekend 's hong kong tournament , reports said tuesday .

Ref: rugby union : racist taunts mar hong kong sevens : report

Abs: south african fans hurl racist **taunts at rugby sevens**

Abs+: south african fans **racist** abuse at rugby sevens tournament

Generated Sentences on Gigaword VI

Source:

christian conservatives – kingmakers in the last two us presidential elections – may have less success in getting their pick elected in #### , political observers say .

Ref: christian conservatives power diminished ahead of #### vote

Abs: christian conservatives may have less success in #### election

Abs+: christian conservatives **in the last two** us presidential elections

Source:

the white house on thursday warned iran of possible new sanctions after the un nuclear watchdog reported that tehran had begun sensitive nuclear work at a key site in defiance of un resolutions .

Ref: us warns iran of step backward on nuclear issue

Abs: **iran** warns of possible new sanctions on nuclear work

Abs+: **un nuclear watchdog** warns iran of possible new sanctions

Source:

thousands of kashmiris chanting pro-pakistan slogans on sunday attended a rally to welcome back a hardline separatist leader who underwent cancer treatment in mumbai .

Ref: thousands attend rally for kashmir hardliner

Abs: thousands **rally in support** of hardline **kashmiri** separatist leader

Abs+: thousands of kashmiris rally to welcome back **cancer treatment**

Generated Sentences on Gigaword IX

Source:

an explosion in iraq 's restive northeastern province of diyala killed two us soldiers and wounded two more , the military reported monday .

Ref: two us soldiers killed in iraq blast december toll $\#\#\#$

Abs: $\#$ us two soldiers killed in restive northeast province

Abs+: explosion in restive northeastern province kills two us soldiers

Generated Sentences on Gigaword X

Source:

russian world no. # nikolay davydenko became the fifth withdrawal through injury or illness at the sydney international wednesday , retiring from his second round match with a foot injury .

Ref: tennis : davydenko pulls out of sydney with injury

Abs: davydenko **pulls out** of sydney international with foot injury

Abs+: russian world no. # davydenko **retires at sydney international**

Generated Sentences on Gigaword XI

Source:

russia 's gas and oil giant gazprom and us oil major chevron have set up a joint venture based in resource-rich northwestern siberia , the interfax news agency reported thursday quoting gazprom officials .

Ref: gazprom chevron set up joint venture

Abs: **russian oil giant chevron** set up **siberia joint venture**

Abs+: **russia 's gazprom** set up joint venture in siberia

Open-Source

- Torch/Lua

- Important optimizations (heavily CUDA/GPU dependent)
  - Source-length grouped for batching
  - Batch matrix multiply
  - GPU full soft max

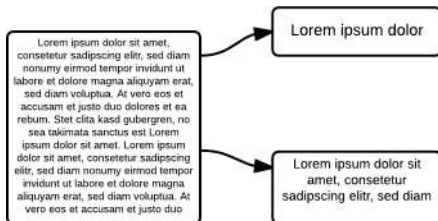- Code, dataset construction, tuning, and evaluation available:
  http://www.github.com/facebook/NAMAS/

Conclusion

Qualitative Issues:

- Repeating semantic elements.
- Altering semantic roles.
- Improper generalization.

Future Work:

- Move from Feed-Forward NNLM to RNN-LM.
- Summarizing longer documents.
- Incorporating syntactic evaluation.

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