Structuring Neural Representations with the Entity-Relation Meta-Prior

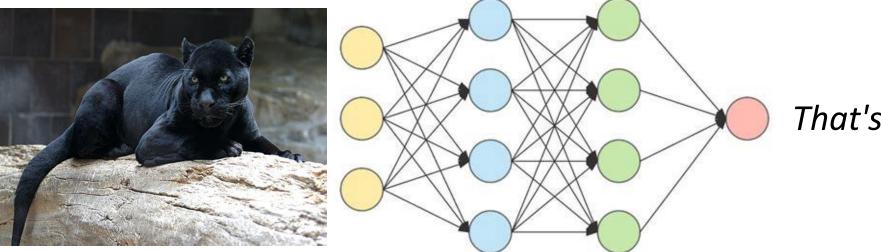
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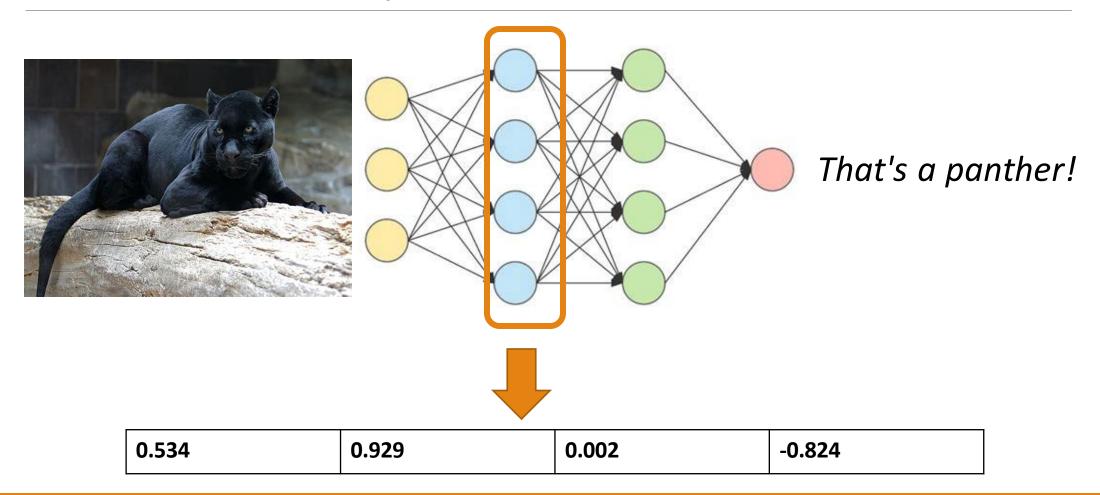


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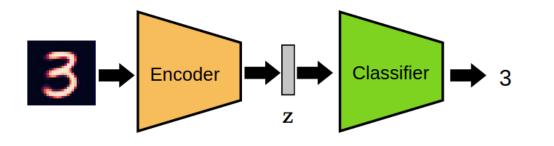
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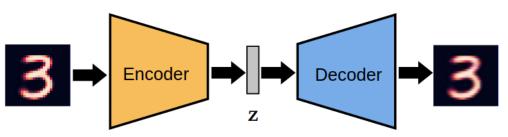


Distributed Representations

FULLY SUPERVISED LEARNING



UNSUPERVISED PRE-TRAINING



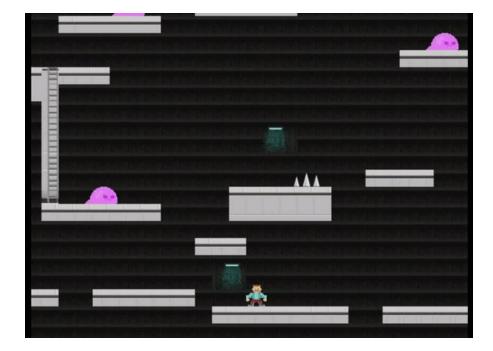
Effective, but very task-specific.

General, but not very effective on any specific task.

Is there a way to get around this trade-off?

Natural Intelligence as Inspiration

Natural intelligence is incredibly effective at re-using **prior knowledge** for new tasks.

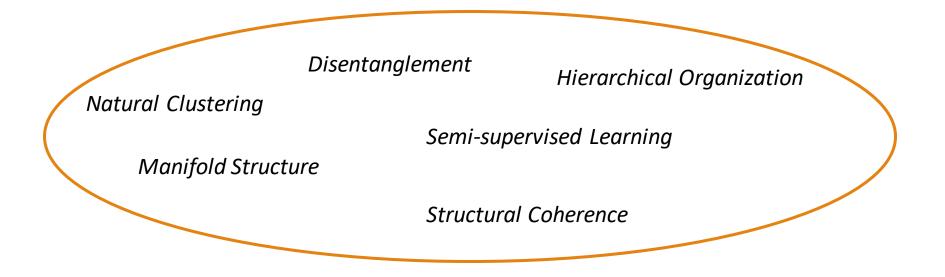




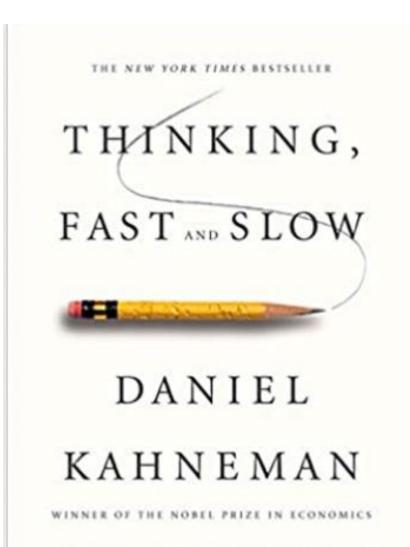
[2018, R. Dubey et al., Investigating Human Priors for Playing Video Games]

Meta-Priors

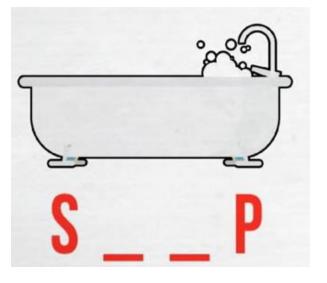
Meta-priors are generic properties of the learned representations, reflecting assumptions that are expected to hold for all the possible downstream tasks [2013, Bengio et al.].

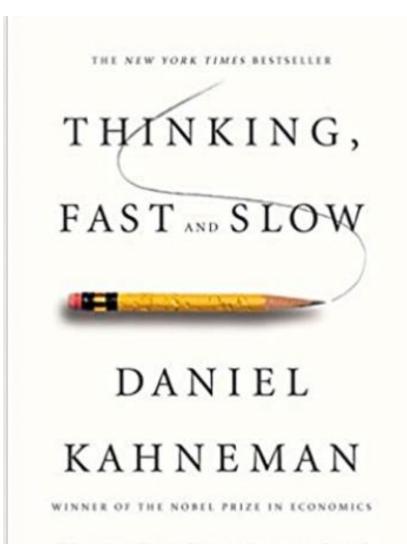


Imposing the appropriate meta-priors can increase generality without a loss in effectiveness.



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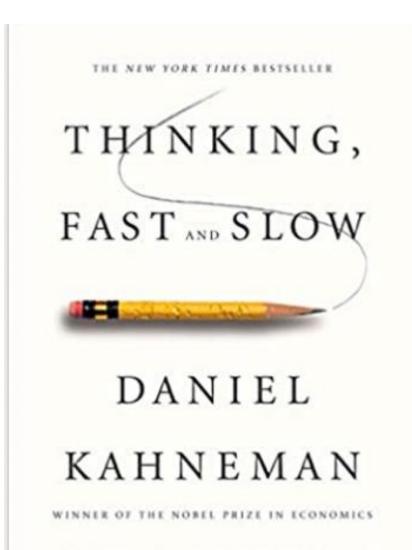




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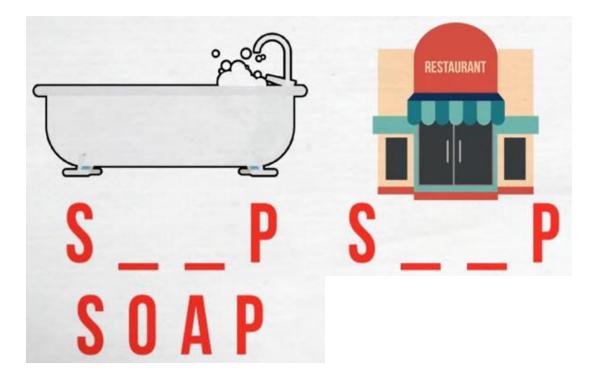
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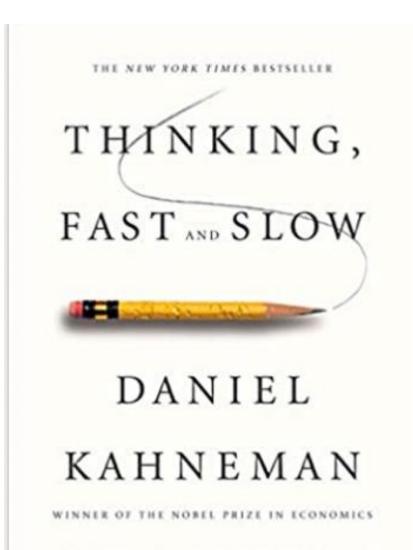




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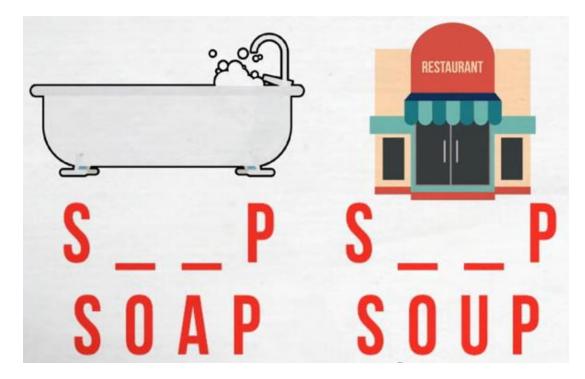
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Two systems of Thinking

SYSTEM 1: FAST THINKING

Quick, intuitive, instinctive.



SYSTEM 2: SLOW THINKING

Slow, effort-taking, deliberate.

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num_rectangles = 1000000000
delta_x = (1 - 0) / num_rectangles
x = 0
pi = 0
while x < 1:
    f_x = math.sqrt(1 - math.pow(x, 2))
    pi += f_x * delta_x
    x += delta_x
pi = 4 * pi</pre>
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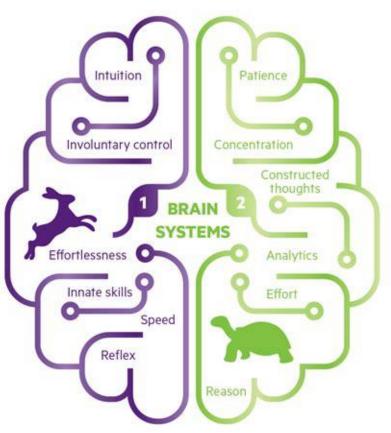
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print("Estimate: " + str(pi))
print("Actual: " + str(math.pi))
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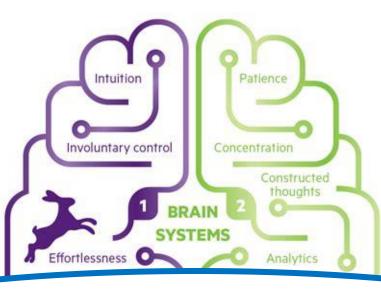
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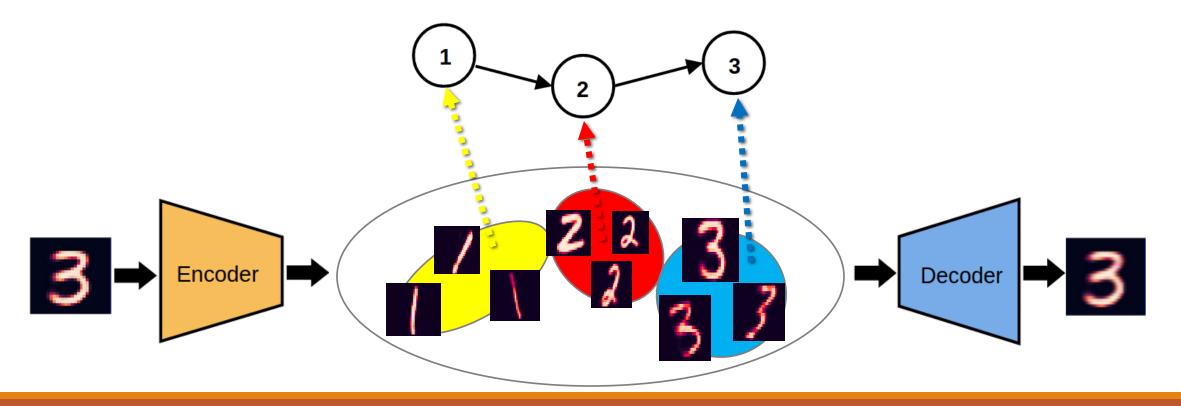
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Can we use meta-priors to make deep learning models better at System 2 tasks?

A New Meta-Prior

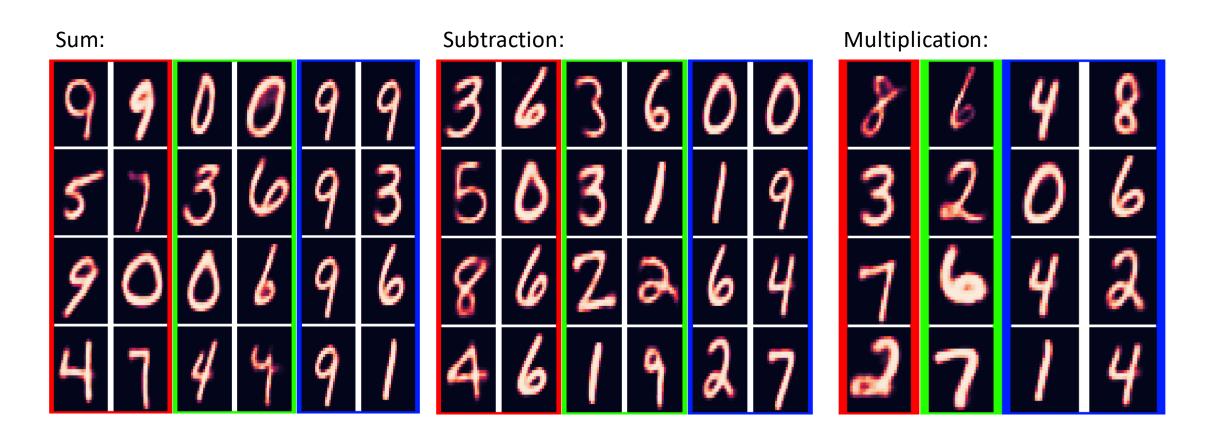
Entity-Relation (ER) Meta-prior. A good representation should be able to extract the symbolic entities that are involved in a set of tasks, along with the relations between them.



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Wrap-up and Conclusion

Appropriate **meta-priors** can be used for enforcing specific properties on the learned representation.

The **integration of symbolic and sub-symbolic representations** can enable machine learning to tackle new, more advanced tasks (System 2 tasks).

The **ER Meta-prior** can provide a guide on how to reach such integration.

Thank you for your attention!

