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CVPR 2016 Spotlight

#### MovieQA

# Understanding Stories in Movies through Question-Answering



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# Visual QA Understanding images

The best way to show that our "robots" really *understand* the scene is to check whether they can answer questions about it



What color are her eyes?
What is the mustache made of?



Is this person expecting company? What is just under the tree?



How many slices of pizza are there? Is this a vegetarian pizza?



Does it appear to be rainy?

Does this person have 20/20 vision?

What is ...
What color ...
What type ...
Is the ...
Are there ...
How many ...
Where is ...
Does the ...

[Antol, 2015 Malinowski, 2014]

### MovieQA Understanding *stories*

The Matrix has you



00:25:52 --> 00:25:57 Welcome, Neo. As you no doubt have guessed... I am Morpheus



00:40:42 --> 00:40:47

It exists now only as part of a neural-interactive simulation that we call the Matrix.

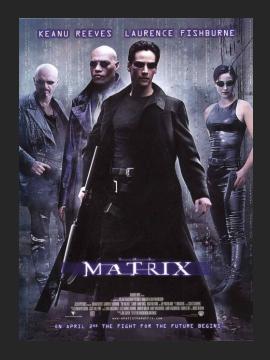


01:04:08 --> 01:04:09 ... you know what I realize? Ignorance is bliss.



02:08:38 --> 02:08:39 Where we go from there is a choice I leave to you

Questions: Why does Cypher betray Morpheus? How does Trinity save Neo?



#### Movie:

- 200,000 frames
- 2,000 shots
- 1,000 dialogs
- Long temporal dependencies
- Actions, interactions, emotions, intent

### MovieQA multiple sources of information (video and text)

Who makes Indy return the crucifix after escaping from the grave robbers?

#### A1. The local sheriff

- A2. Coronado
- A3. No one, he keeps it
- A4. The Boy Scout troop
- A5. The grave robbers



#### **PLOT**

Indy escapes, but the local **sheriff** makes him return the **crucifix**.

#### **DVS**

Indy shows the Cross, more or less handing it to the Sheriff to make his point.

The **Sheriff** takes it casually.

#### **SCRIPT**

SHERIFF: You still got it? INDY: Well, yes sir.

Indy shows the CROSS, more or less handing it to the SHERIFF to make his point. The Sheriff takes it casually.

SHERIFF: I'm glad to see that

#### **SUBTITLE**

00:10:50 --> 00:10:52

You still got it?

00:10:52 --> 00:10:53

Well, yes, sir.

00:10:55 --> 00:10:59

I'm glad to see that because the rightful owner of this **cross** 

## MovieQA answering with video clips

#### Titanic





#### Q: How does Jack meet his end?

A1: Drowns as he can't swim

A2: Freezes to death

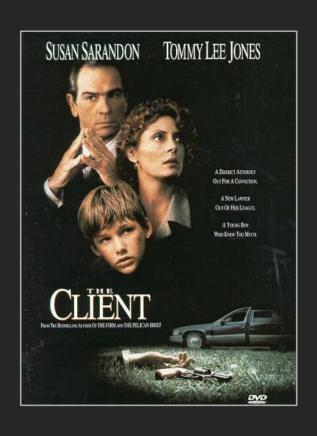
A3: He is rescued but dies from frostbite

A4: Dies as an old man in bed

A5: Dies later in his life after obstacles

### MovieQA answering with dialogs

#### The Client



- I wish. Sit here.
- Don't try to swallow the smoke yet.
- You're not ready for that.
- You'll just choke and puke all over the place.
- Suck a little and blow.

#### Q: What are Martin and Ricky doing in the woods?

A1: They are cutting woods

A2: They are trying to kill each other

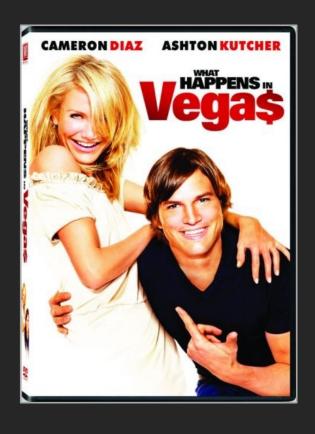
A3: They are smoking cigarrettes

A4: They are hunting deer

A5: They are picking up blueberries

## MovieQA answering by reasoning

#### What Happens in Vegas





Q: Why do Joy and Jack get married on that first night in Las Vegas?

A1: Because CVPR is the rest of the days

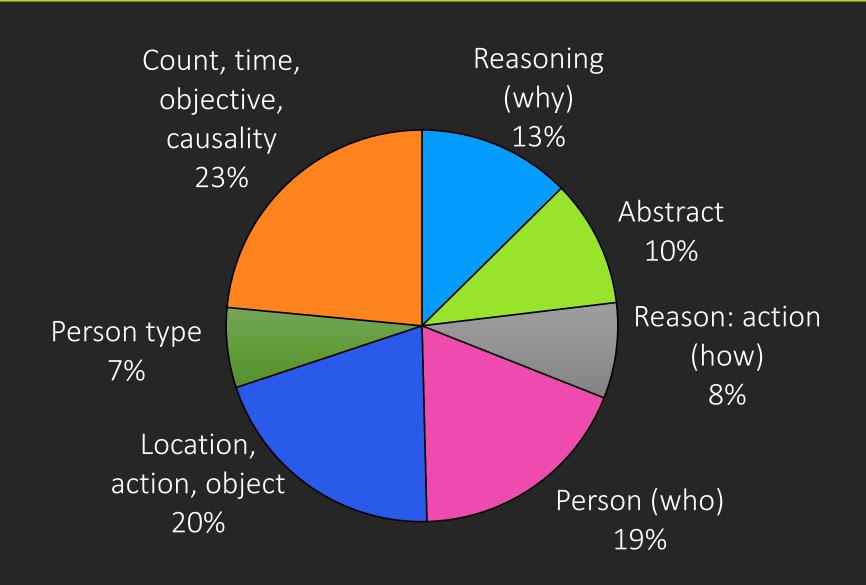
A2: They are vulnerable and drunk

A3: Because they love each other

A4: To please their parents

A5: Because everyone gets married in Vegas

#### MovieQA benchmark in numbers



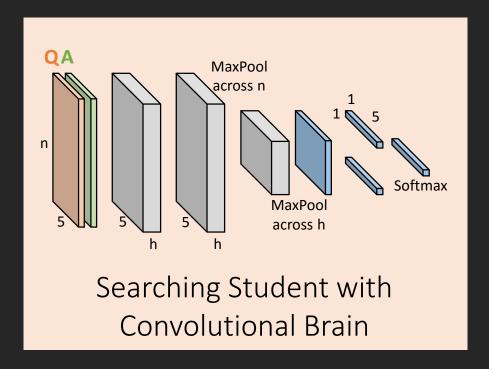
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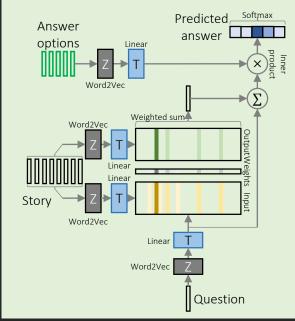
- 14,944 QAs
- 408 movies
- 1 correct, 4 deceiving answers per Q

- 6,462 QAs with video
- 6,771 video clips
- ~3m20s clip duration

### MovieQA answering methods

General framework for multiple-choice question-answering





Modified Memory Network

# MovieQA show me the numbers

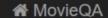
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Hasty Turker	None	24.7	
Convolutional brain	Plot	56.7	
MemN2N	Script	42.3	
	Video clips	23.1	

### MovieQA show me the numbers



Accuracy	
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# MovieQA Benchmark is Live show us what you got



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