



# KEML: A Knowledge-Enriched Meta-Learning Framework for Lexical Relation Classification

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# Introduction

## ✓ Lexical Relation Classification

- Task: Classifying a word pair into a finite set of relation types (e.g., synonymy, antonymy)

Relation	Tag	Template	Example
Synonymy	SYN	W2 can be used with the same meaning as W1	<i>candy-sweet, apartment-flat</i>
Antonymy	ANT	W2 can be used as the opposite of W1	<i>clean-dirty, add-take</i>
Hypernymy	HYPER	W1 is a kind of W2	<i>cannabis-plant, actress-human</i>
Part-whole meronymy	PART_OF	W1 is a part of W2	<i>calf-leg, aisle-store</i>
Random word	RANDOM	None of the above relations apply	<i>accident-fish, actor-mild</i>

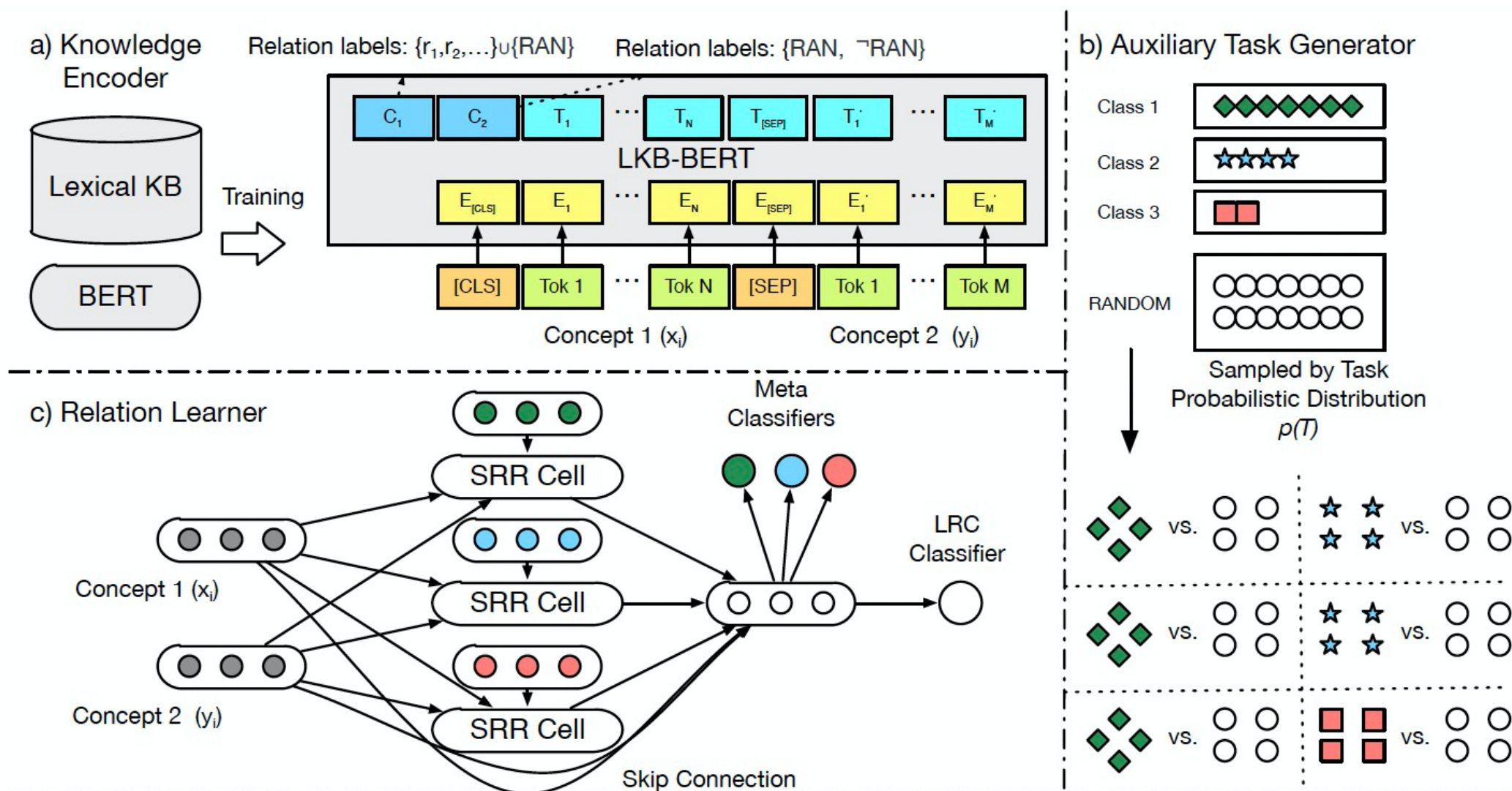
CogALex-V shared task

# Introduction

## ✓ Existing Approaches

- Path-based approaches: use dependency paths connecting two terms to infer lexical relations
  - “Low coverage” problem
- Distributional approaches: consider the global contexts of terms to predict lexical relations using word embeddings
  - “Lexical memorization” problem

# KEML: Our Solution



## Abbreviations

KEML: Knowledge-Enriched Meta-Learning  
 Lexical KB: Lexical Knowledge Base

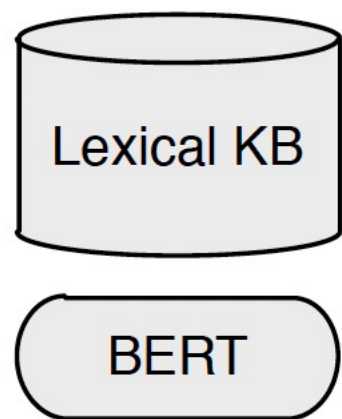
LKB-BERT: Lexical KB-BERT  
 SRR Cell: Single Relation Recognition Cell

# Knowledge Encoder

## ✓ Integrating lexical relations into BERT

- Task 1: Classifying concept pairs into multiple relation types.
- Task 2: Classifying concept pairs into RANDOM or non-RANDOM.

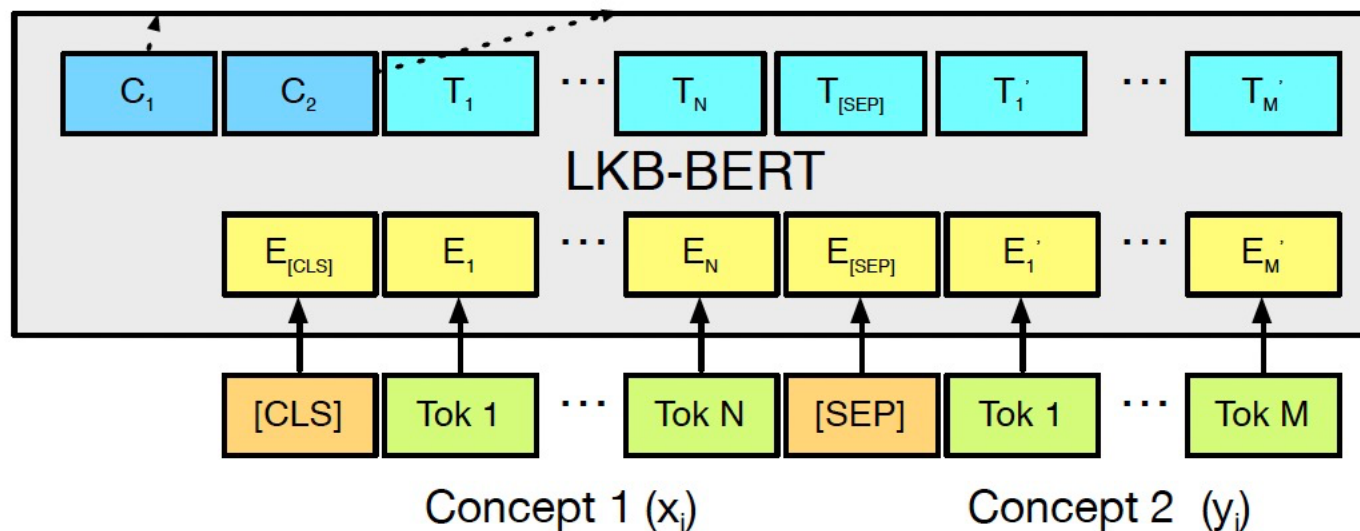
a) Knowledge Encoder



Training  


Relation labels:  $\{r_1, r_2, \dots\} \cup \{\text{RAN}\}$

Relation labels:  $\{\text{RAN}, \neg\text{RAN}\}$



LKB-BERT

# Auxiliary Task Generator

## ✓ Goal

- Enabling the neural network to recognize a specific type of lexical relation

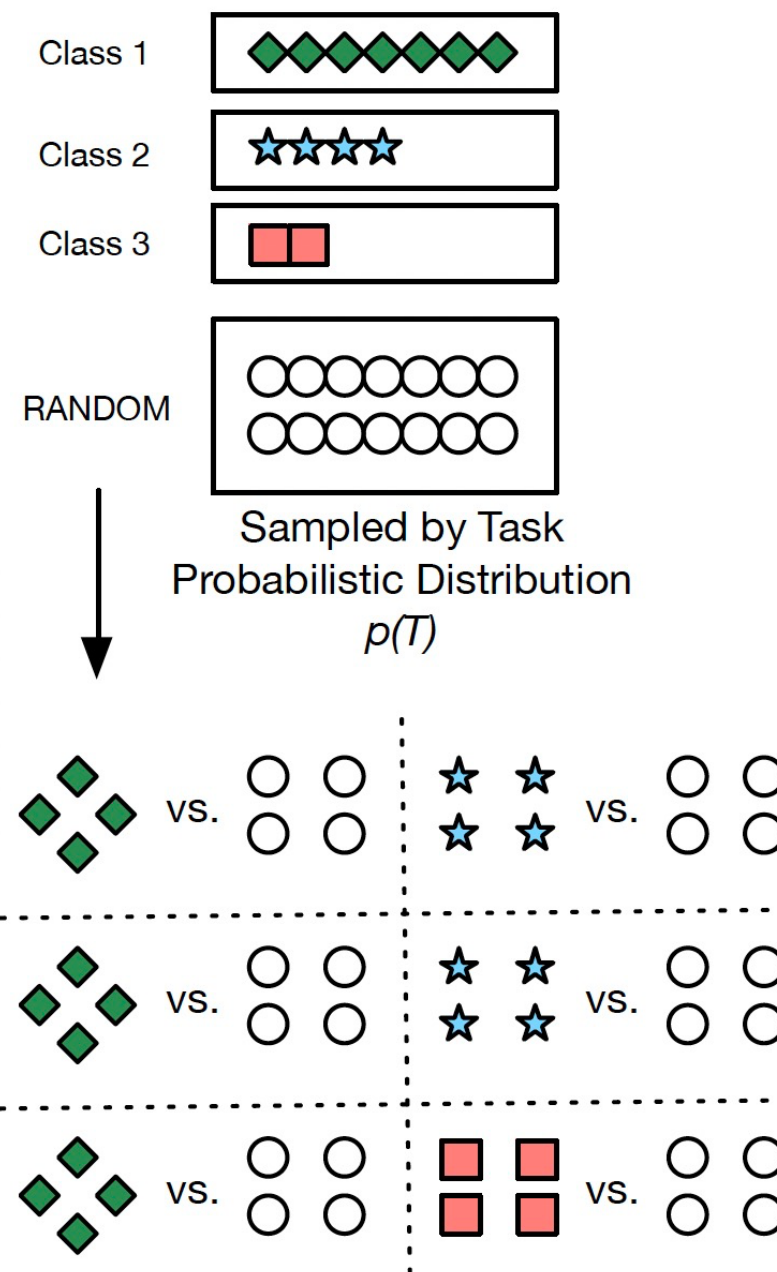
## ✓ Learning Objective

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{T}_r) = - \sum_{(x_i, y_i, r_i) \in \mathcal{S}_r \cup \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{RAN}}} (\mathbf{1}(r_i = r))$$

$$\cdot \log q_r(x_i, y_i) + \mathbf{1}(r_i = \mathbf{RAN}) \cdot \log q_{\mathbf{RAN}}(x_i, y_i))$$

## ✓ Task Distribution

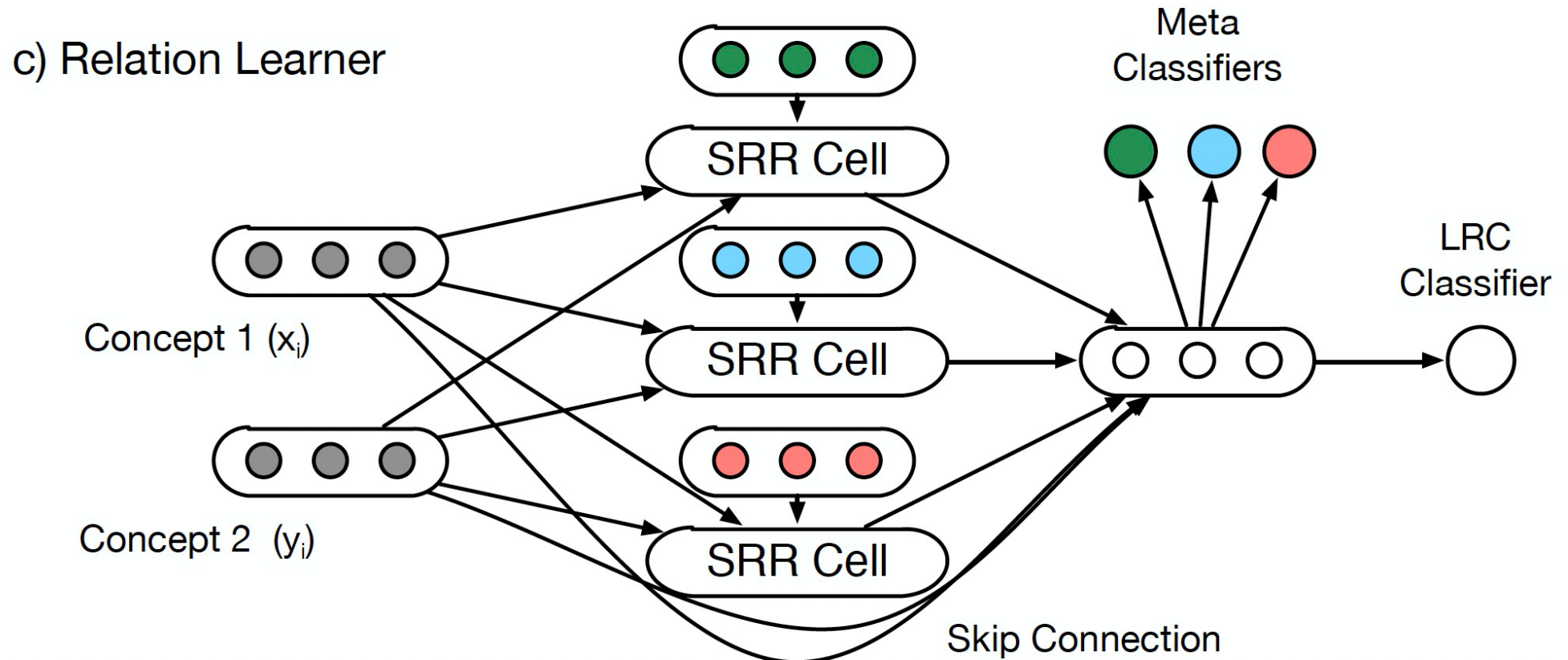
$$p(\mathcal{T}_r) = \frac{\ln |\mathcal{D}_r| + \gamma}{\sum_{r' \in \mathcal{R} \setminus \{\mathbf{RAN}\}} (\ln |\mathcal{D}_{r'}| + \gamma)}$$



# Relation Learner

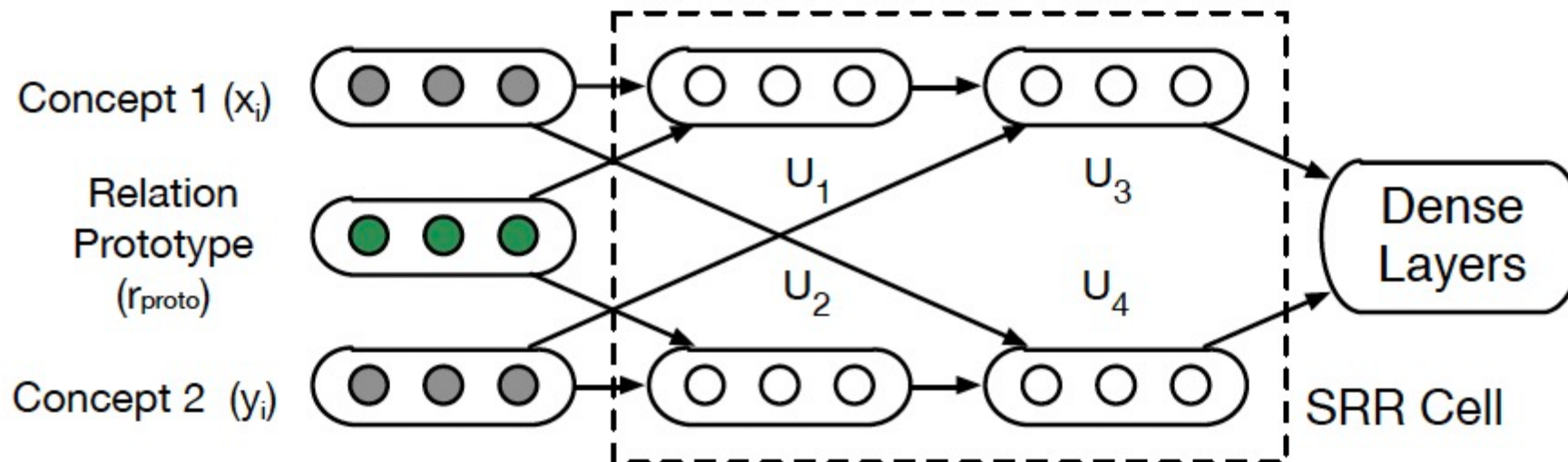
## ✓ Design of the Neural Network

- For each type of lexical relation, use an SRR Cell to recognize such relations



# Relation Learner

## ✓ Design of the SRR (Single Relation Recognition) Cell



- U1, U2: Inferring the embeddings of relation objects or subjects
- U3, U4: Predicting the existence of the lexical relation

$$\vec{U}_1 = \tanh((\vec{x}_i \oplus \vec{r}_{proto}) \cdot \mathbf{W}_1 + \vec{b}_1) \quad \vec{U}_3 = \tanh((\vec{U}_1 - \vec{y}_i) \cdot \mathbf{W}_3 + \vec{b}_3)$$

$$\vec{U}_2 = \tanh((\vec{y}_i \oplus \vec{r}_{proto}) \cdot \mathbf{W}_2 + \vec{b}_2) \quad \vec{U}_4 = \tanh((\vec{U}_2 - \vec{x}_i) \cdot \mathbf{W}_4 + \vec{b}_4)$$



# Relation Learner

## ✓ Meta-learning Algorithm for LRC

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### Algorithm 1 Meta-Learning Algorithm for LRC

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- 1: Initialize model parameters  $\theta$ ;
  - 2: **while** not converge **do**
  - 3:     Sample  $N$  auxiliary tasks  $\mathcal{T}_{r_1}, \mathcal{T}_{r_2}, \dots, \mathcal{T}_{r_N}$  from the task distribution  $p(\mathcal{T})$ ;
  - 4:     **for** each auxiliary task  $\mathcal{T}_r$  **do**
  - 5:         Sample a batch (positive samples  $\mathcal{S}_r$  and negative samples  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{RAN}}$ ) from the training set  $\mathcal{D}$ ;
  - 6:         Update adapted parameters:  $\theta_r \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{T}_r)$  based on  $\mathcal{S}_r$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{RAN}}$ ;
  - 7:     **end for**
  - 8:     Update meta-parameters:  $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \epsilon \nabla \sum_{\mathcal{T}_r} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{T}_r)$ ;
  - 9: **end while**
  - 10: Fine-tune  $\theta$  over  $\mathcal{D}$  by standard supervised learning LRC;
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# Experiments

✓ LRC results over four benchmark datasets

- Pre-trained model: BERT
- Lexical KB: Subset of WordNet

Method	K&H+N			BLESS			ROOT09			EVALution		
	Pre	Rec	F1	Pre	Rec	F1	Pre	Rec	F1	Pre	Rec	F1
Concat	0.909	0.906	0.904	0.811	0.812	0.811	0.636	0.675	0.646	0.531	0.544	0.525
Diff	0.888	0.886	0.885	0.801	0.803	0.802	0.627	0.655	0.638	0.521	0.531	0.528
NPB	0.713	0.604	0.55	0.759	0.756	0.755	0.788	0.789	0.788	0.53	0.537	0.503
NPB+Aug	-	-	0.897	-	-	0.842	-	-	0.778	-	-	0.489
LexNET	0.985	0.986	0.985	0.894	0.893	0.893	0.813	0.814	0.813	0.601	0.607	0.6
LexNET+Aug	-	-	0.970	-	-	0.927	-	-	0.806	-	-	0.545
SphereRE	0.990	0.989	0.990	0.938	0.938	0.938	0.860	0.862	0.861	0.62	0.621	0.62
<b>LKB-BERT</b>	0.981	0.982	0.981	<b>0.939</b>	0.936	0.937	<b>0.863</b>	<b>0.864</b>	<b>0.863</b>	<b>0.638</b>	<b>0.645</b>	<b>0.639</b>
<b>KEML-S</b>	0.984	0.983	0.984	<b>0.942</b>	<b>0.940</b>	<b>0.941</b>	<b>0.877</b>	<b>0.871</b>	<b>0.873</b>	<b>0.649</b>	<b>0.651</b>	<b>0.644</b>
<b>KEML</b>	<b>0.993</b>	<b>0.993</b>	<b>0.993</b>	<b>0.944</b>	<b>0.943</b>	<b>0.944</b>	<b>0.878</b>	<b>0.877</b>	<b>0.878</b>	<b>0.663</b>	<b>0.660</b>	<b>0.660</b>

# Experiments

## ✓ How Lexical KB Helps the Learning Process?

- Binary: only binary classification
- Multi: only lexical relation classification
- Full: full implementation

Dataset	Binary	Multi	Full
K&H+N	0.964	0.972	<b>0.983</b>
BLESS	0.921	0.929	<b>0.939</b>
ROOT09	0.854	0.861	<b>0.863</b>
EVALution	0.630	0.632	<b>0.641</b>
CogALex-V	0.464	0.467	<b>0.472</b>

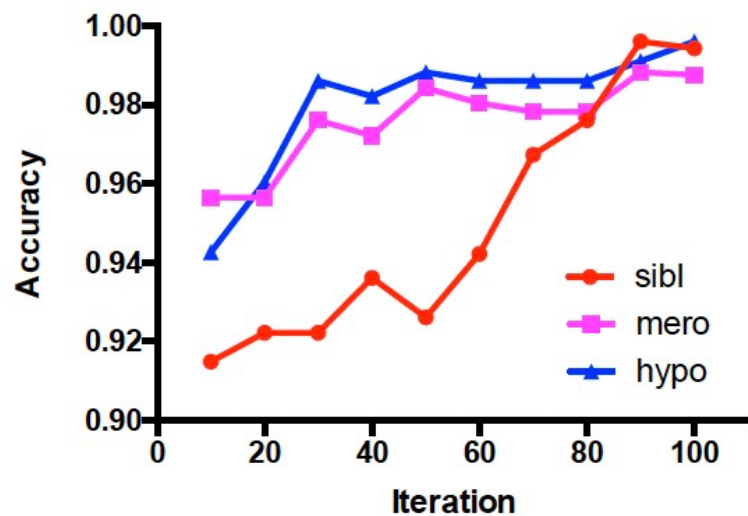
## ✓ How KEML Deals with Each Type of Relations?

- CogALex-V shared task

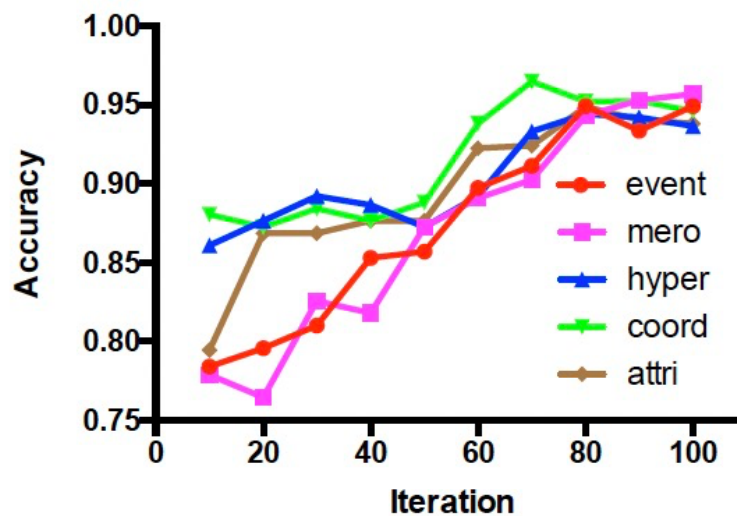
Method	SYN	ANT	HYP	MER	All
GHHH	0.204	0.448	0.491	0.497	0.423
LexNET	0.297	0.425	0.526	0.493	0.445
STM	0.221	<b>0.504</b>	0.498	0.504	0.453
SphereRE	0.286	0.479	0.538	0.539	0.471
<b>LKB-BERT</b>	0.281	0.470	0.532	0.530	0.464
<b>KEML-S</b>	0.276	0.470	<b>0.542</b>	<b>0.631</b>	<b>0.485</b>
<b>KEML</b>	<b>0.292</b>	0.492	<b>0.547</b>	<b>0.652</b>	<b>0.500</b>

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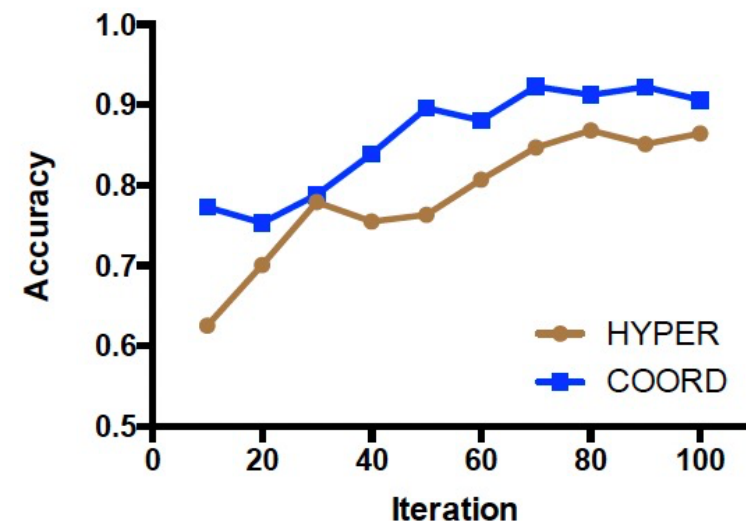
✓ How the Meta-learning Process Helps the Learning Process?



(a) Dataset: K&H+N



(b) Dataset: BLESS



(c) Dataset: ROOT09

# Experiments

✓ Error Analysis: it is still difficult to distinguish some “blurry” lexical relations.

Dataset: ROOT09	Prediction↓ True→	Co-hyponym	Hypernym	Random
	Co-hyponym	<i>83.8%</i>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
	Hypernym	10.2%	<i>86.5%</i>	2.4%
	Random	<b>6.0%</b>	5.3%	<i>90.4%</i>

Dataset: K+H&N	Prediction↓ True→	Co-hyponym	Hypernym	Meronym	Random
	Co-hyponym	<i>99.4%</i>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	0.2%
	Hypernym	0.2%	<i>97.5%</i>	0.3%	0.1%
	Meronym	0.1%	0.2%	<i>96.5%</i>	0.1%
	Random	0.3%	0.5%	<b>2.2%</b>	<i>99.6%</i>

# Conclusion

- ✓ We present the KEML framework for lexical relation classification.
- ✓ Experiments show that KEML achieves SOTA results.
- ✓ Future work includes:
  - Improving relation representation learning with deep neural language models
  - Integrating richer linguistic and commonsense knowledge into KEML
  - Applying KEML to downstream tasks such as taxonomy learning



# THANKS

----- Q&A Section -----