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Master Projects

Developing Efficient Models for Solving Intelligence Quotient (IQ) Test

Introduction

Raven's Progressive Matrices (RPM) have been widely used for Intelligence Quotient (IQ) test of humans. It is widely believed that RPM problems are highly correlated with general intelligence. In the field of AI, one of the most important goals is to make machines with reasoning ability similar to that of humans, and hence RPM has received increasing attention in recent years. As a result, many computational models have been developed to study the reasoning ability of machines by solving RPM problems. These include end-to-end deep learning models (that blend perception and reasoning) as well as hybrid models combining various AI approaches.

Goal

We aim at developing AI models that can solve RPM with minimal training examples and highest execution efficiency especially on the emerging hardware fabrics.

Tasks and Type

There are several challenges that need to be overcome at algorithmic (60%), and hardware (40%) levels to realize such efficient RPM solvers including developing novel methods for visual perception, analogical reasoning, and their interactions. We are inviting applications from students to conduct their Master's thesis work on this exciting new topic. The work performed could span high-level algorithmic developments all the way to efficient realization on massively parallel hardware platforms. It also involves interactions with several researchers across IBM research focusing on various aspects of the project. The ideal candidate should have a multi-disciplinary background, strong mathematical aptitude and programming skills. Prior knowledge on machine learning and AI is a bonus but not necessary.

