

# Learning to Write with Cooperative Discriminators



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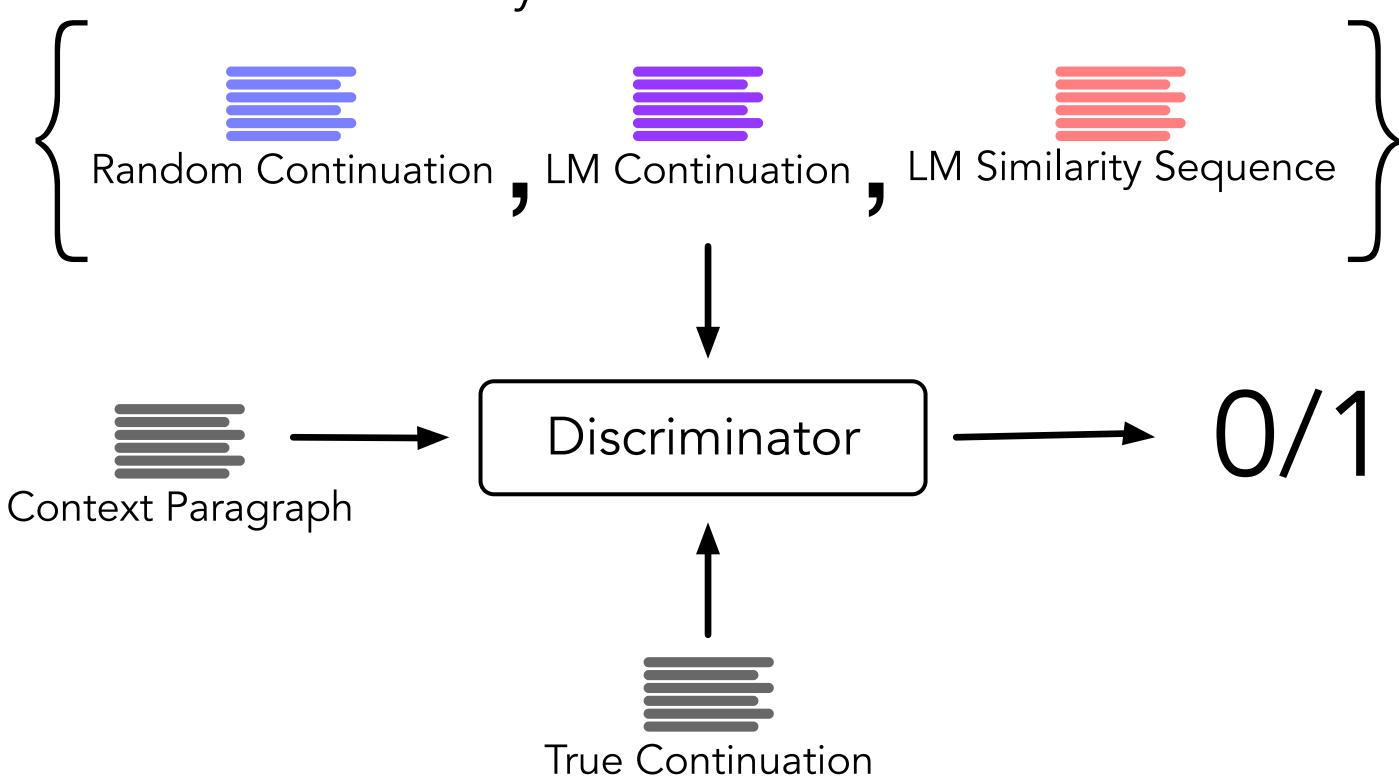
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### SYNOPSIS

- Generations from RNN-based models tend to be generic, repetitive, and contradictory.
- The current loss scheme used for RNNs (cross-entropy & teacher-forcing) is fundamentally **shallow** & **passive**.
- To capture more abstract **communicative goals** we train discriminators to express elements of **Grice's Maxims** [5]
- These discriminators learn to cooperate by practicing writing text and then comparing the result to human text

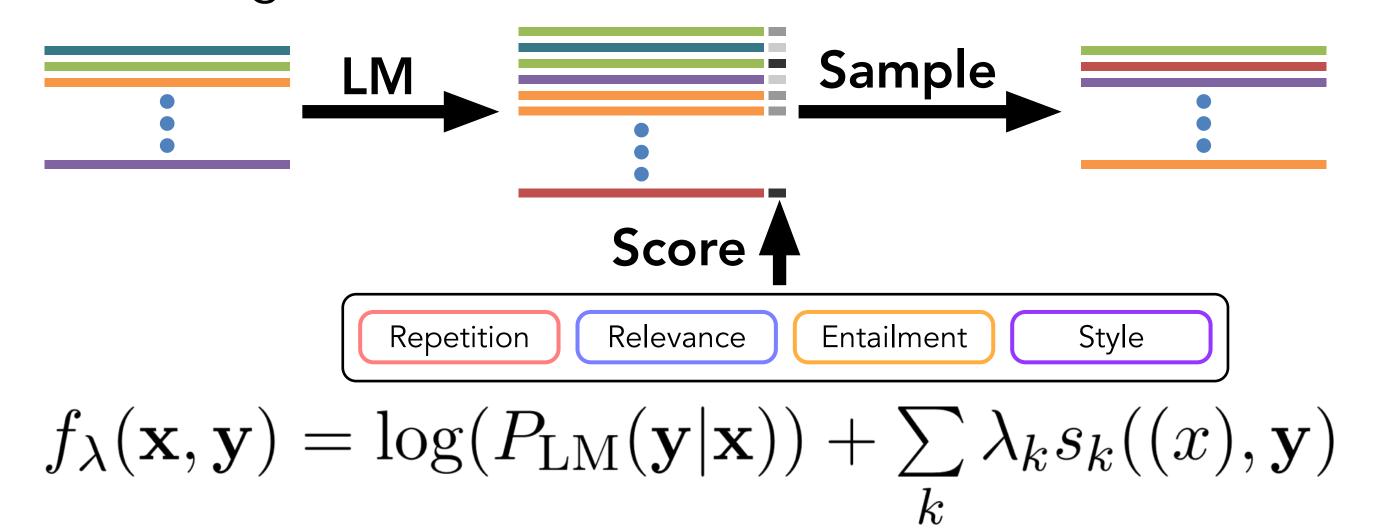
## Communicative Goals

Discriminators are trained to identify abstract properties of text from adversarially extracted data:

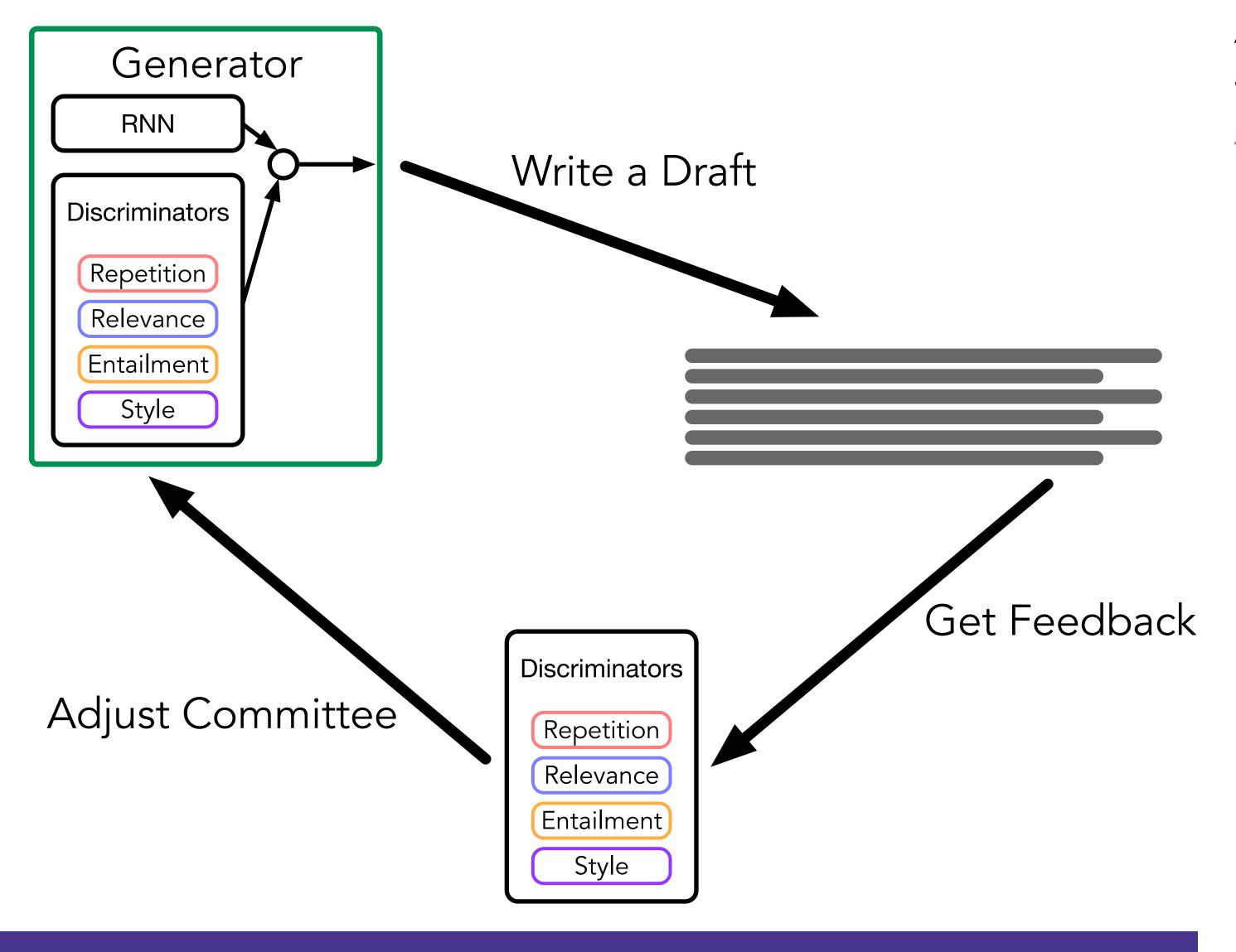


# Cooperative Discriminators

A generalization of **Product of Experts** [4] is used to combine signals from different discriminators



# Learning by Practice



## Discussion

#### GAN vs L2W

Modeling space is constrained by RNN limitations cooperative discriminators

Word level only loss Word & paragraph loss

#### RNN vs L2W

Teacher-forcing means RNNs only learn to <b>read</b> passively  Cross-entropy only measures	Learning by practice means generators learn to write  L2W loss enhances generator
word prediction error	with communicative goals

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# RNN Deficiencies

All in all, I would highly recommend this hotel to anyone who wants to be in the heart of the action, and want to be in the heart of the action. If you want to be in the heart of the action, this is not the place for you. However, If you want to be in the middle of the action, this is the place to be.

# TripAdvisor L2W Example

The bed was super comfortable! I can't think of a single thing that wasn't perfect. We didn't have breakfast at the hotel, but there are plenty of cafes and patisseries nearby. It's a bit of a walk to the nearest metro, but I'm sure that's the best way to see Paris!!

# BookCorpus L2W Example

It was the voice of a man who had never heard him speak before. He didn't even know what to say, so he just nodded and turned away. The rest of the congregation gathered around him. There were so many people in their midst now that they were all looking at him. He felt a little sick.

#### Results

L2W is preferred over competitive baselines by **human evaluators**, on specific criteria (left) and overall quality (right)

