Master Artificial Intelligence

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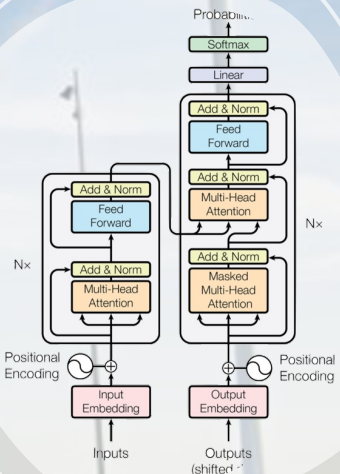

Overview

About Me
Master AI at UvA
Opportunities after Master
General tips

My Journey so far

Bachelor Computer Science
- Cooperative study program with Mercedes Benz (Germany)
- Focus on autonomous driving

Master Artificial Intelligence
- Focus on NLP and generative ML

PhD AI/ML
- Cooperation Qualcomm/UvA
- Causal ML

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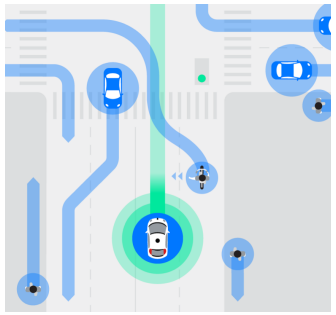

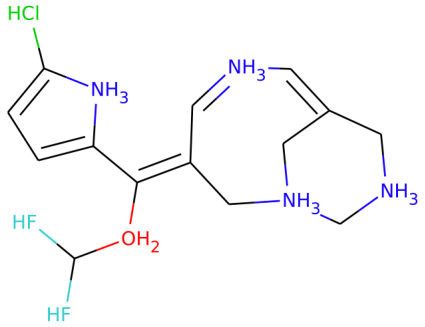

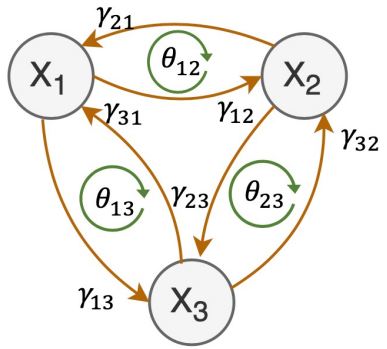

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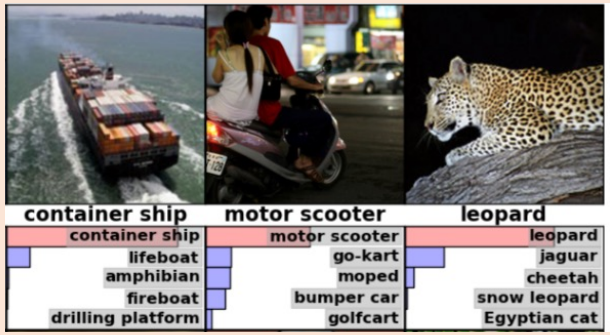

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- ResNet
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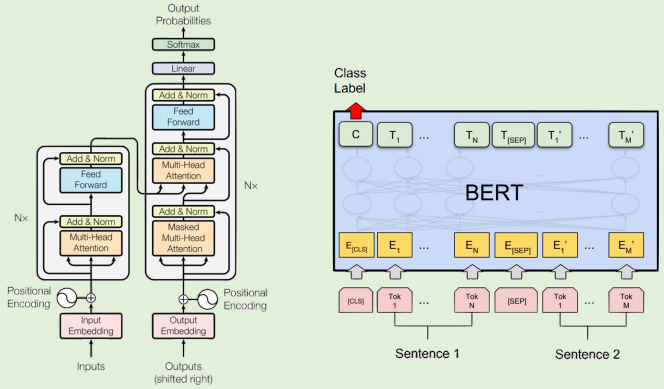

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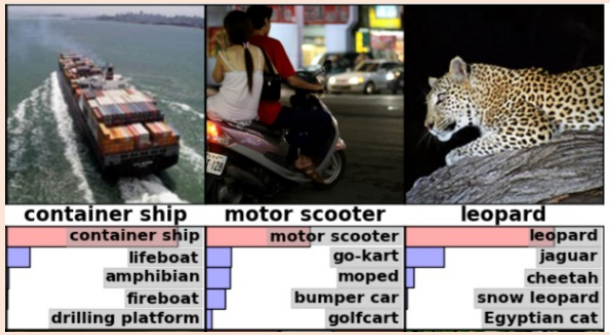

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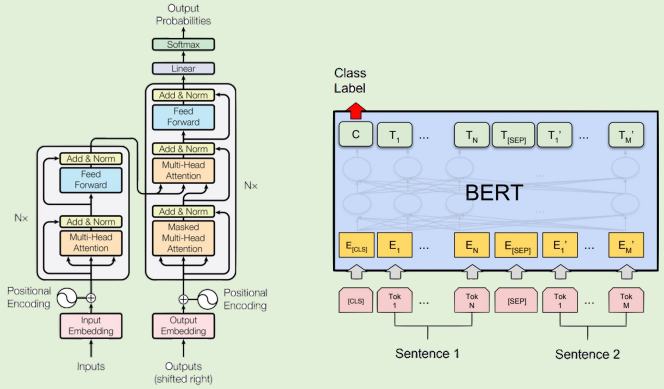

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AI in Amsterdam

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European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems

ICAI

AMLAB
Amsterdam
Machine Learning Lab

IRLab

UvA - BOSCH
DELTA LAB

AIR
THE AI FOR RETAIL LAB
AMSTERDAM

Mercury
machine learning lab

POP MART

computer
vision lab

VIS
LAB
VIDEO & IMAGE SENSE LAB

ILLC

QUVA
Deep Vision Lab

CAIL

aimlab
artificial intelligence
for medical imaging lab

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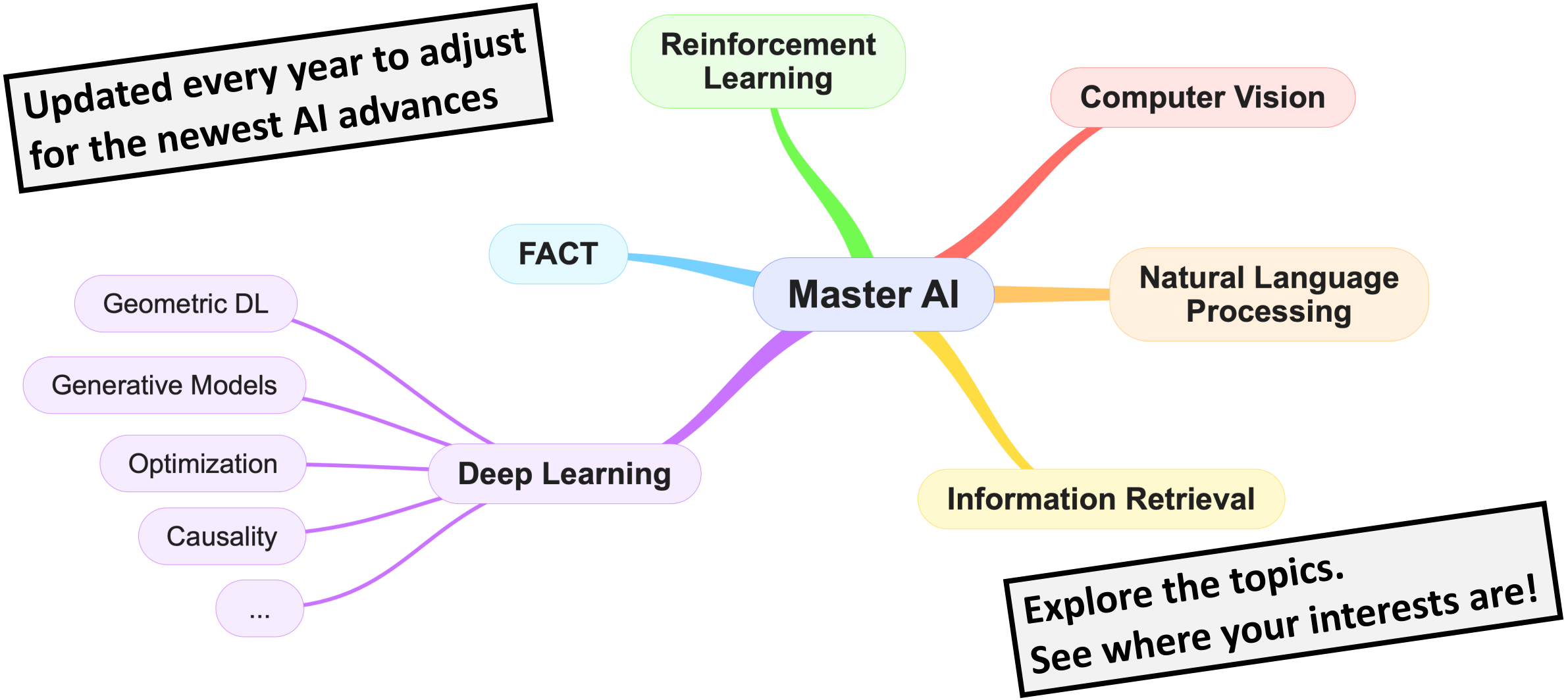
Breadth of topics in the master



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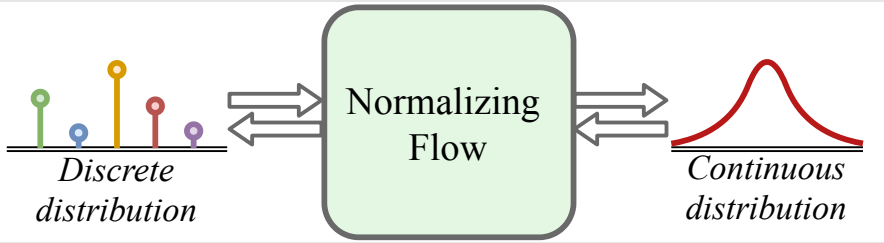

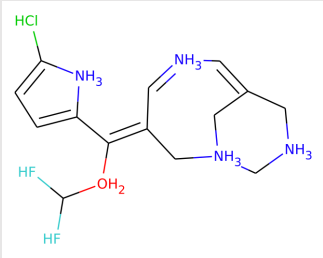

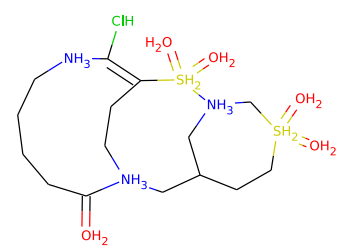

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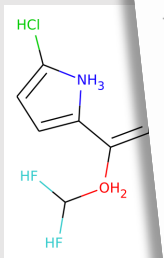

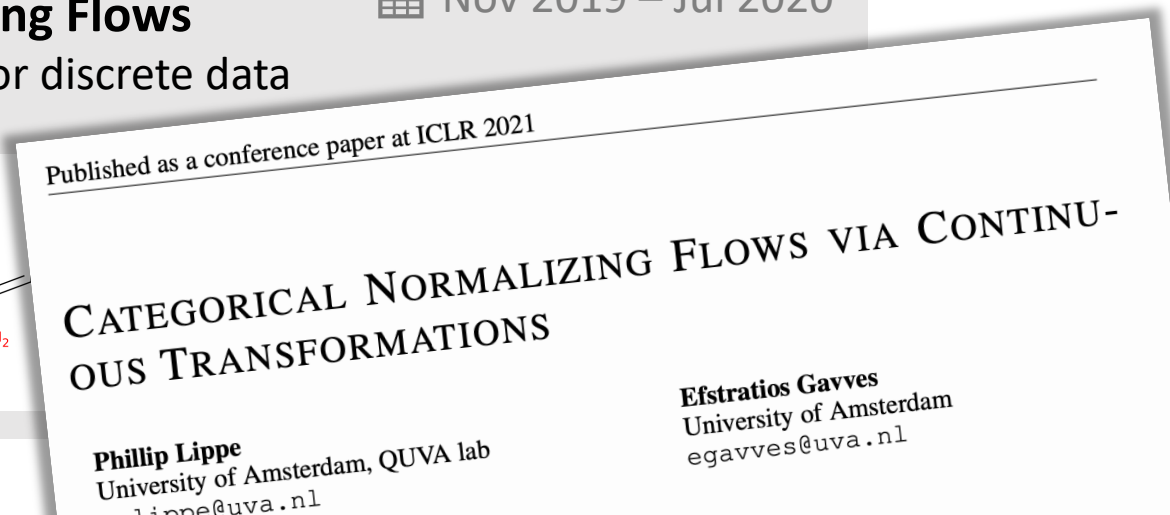
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CATEGORICAL NORMALIZING FLOWS VIA CONTINUOUS TRANSFORMATIONS

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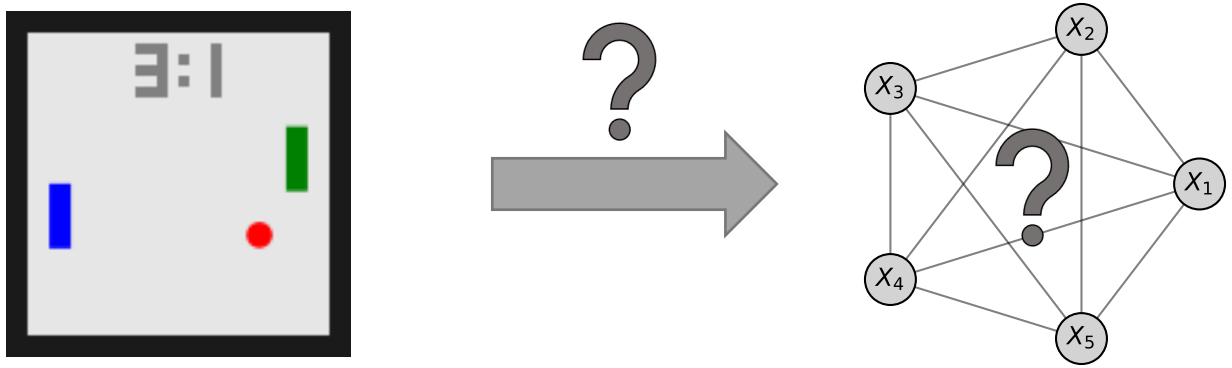
Opportunities after the Master AI

- PhD at UvA or other universities internationally
- Several AI companies are in Amsterdam (but not limited to)
  - You do many projects in the Master AI, make sure to show them!
- Start-up village

Google Research Qualcomm Microsoft TOMTOM sensity databricks BRAINCREATORS

My PhD

- QUVA lab (ELLIS), supervised by Efstratios Gavves and Taco Cohen
- Joined directly after Masters, 2 years in, 2 years to go
- Main topic: Intersection of Causality and ML/DL, Causal Representation Learning
- Great research environment, great opportunities



UAI 2022 – Eindhoven

ICML 2022 – Baltimore (USA)

Thanks!

Questions?

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Slides