Joint Models for Concept-to-Text Generation

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Wind Chill			
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Sky Cover

Temperature Time Min Mean Max 06-21 52 Rain Chance

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Showers and thunderstorms. High near 70.

Cloudy, with a south wind around 20mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Concept-to-Text Generation

Chance of precipitation is 100%.

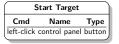
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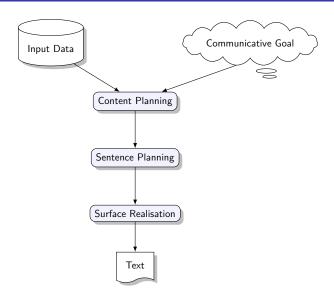
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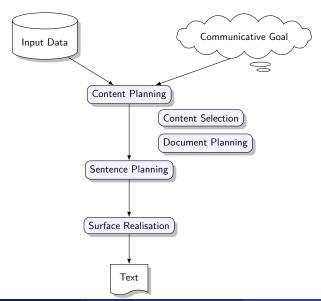
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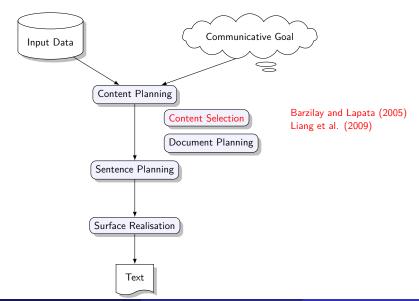
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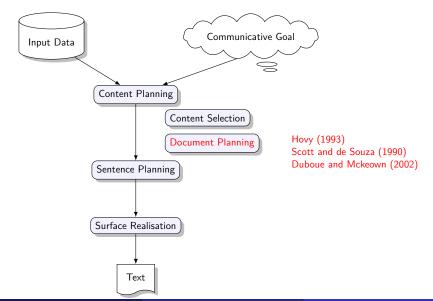
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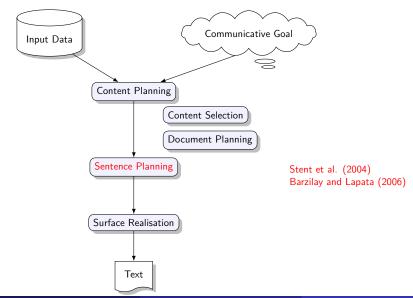
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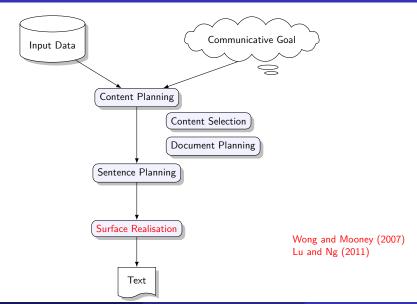


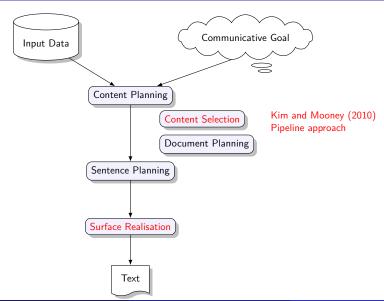


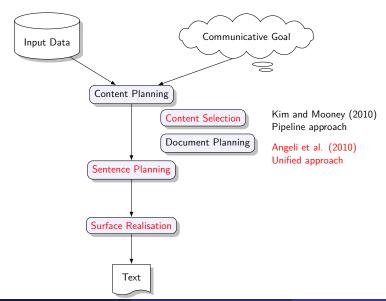


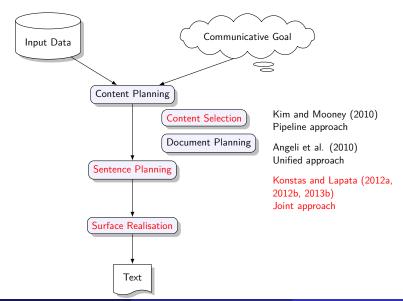












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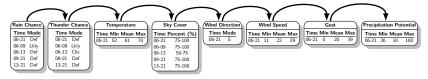
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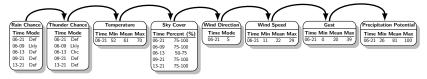
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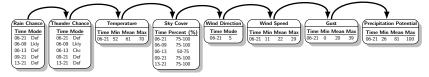


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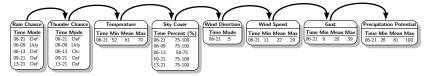
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EM Training: dynamic program similar to the inside-outside algorithm

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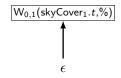
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- Bottom-up Viterbi search
- Keep k-best derivations at each node, cube pruning (Chiang, 2007)
- p(g) rescores derivations by linearly interpolating:
 - n-gram language model
 - dependency model (DMV; Klein and Manning, 2004)
- Implement using hypergraphs (Klein and Manning, 2001)

Leaf nodes ϵ emit a k-best list of words



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(mostly; RB) cloudy; JJ sunny; JJ
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\begin{array}{ll} \textit{mostly} & \textit{cloudy} ~\star~ \textit{after} ~11 \textit{am} \,; \textit{JJ} \\ \textit{mostly} & \textit{cloudy} ~\star~ \textit{then} & \textit{becoming} \,; \textit{JJ} \end{array}
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  mostly cloudy; RB
  mostly clouds; NNS cloudy ,; JJ
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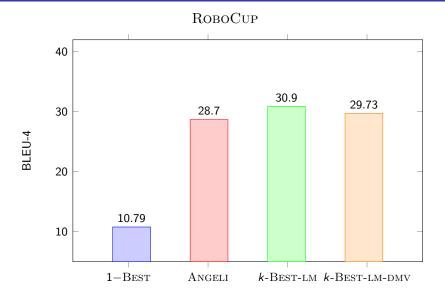
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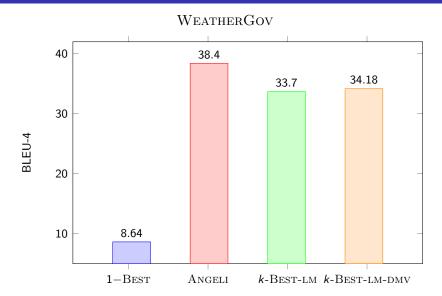
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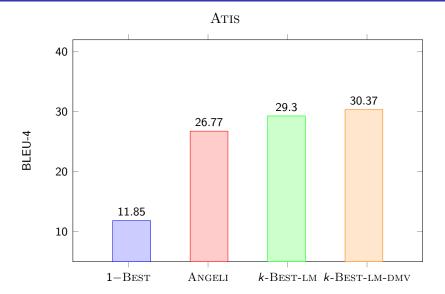
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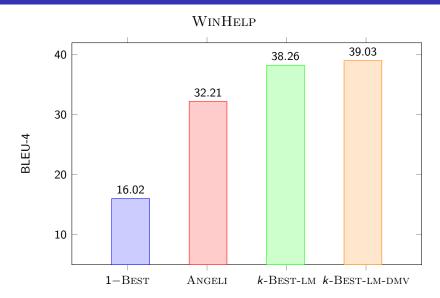
System Comparison

- 1-best, k-Best-lm, k-Best-lm-dmv
- Angeli et al. (2010)









Output

WeatherGov

	Temperature			
Time Min Mean Max		Max		
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Cloud Sky Cover				
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	Chance of Rain			
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Wind Speed				
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	Precipitation Potential (%)			
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k-Best: A chance of rain showers before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. East wind between 6 and 7 mph.

 ${\rm Angell:} \ A \ chance \ of \ showers. \ Patchy \ fog \ before \ noon. \ Mostly \ cloudy, \ with \ a \ high \\ near \ 44. \ East \ wind \ between \ 6 \ and \ 7 \ mph. \ Chance \ of \ precipitation \ is \ 35\%$

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m Human:}$ A 40 percent chance of showers before 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. East northeast wind around 7 mph.

Output

Atis

Input:

Flight	
from	to
milwaukee phoenix	

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day	dep/ar/ret		
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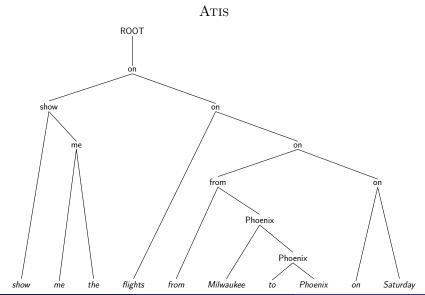
Search
type what query flight

k-Best: What are the flights from Milwuakee to Phoenix on Saturday

Angeli: Show me the flights between Milwuakee and Phoenix on Saturday

HUMAN: Milwuakee to Phoenix on Saturday

Dependency Output



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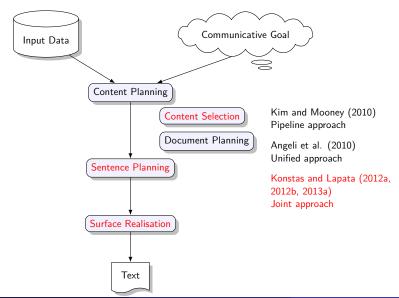
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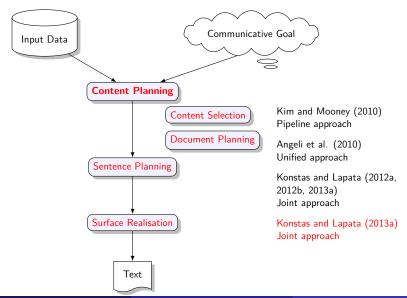
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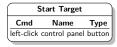
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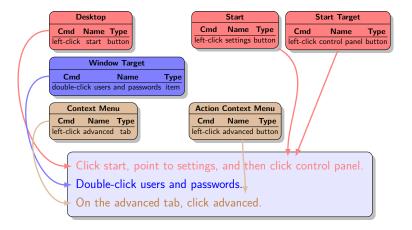
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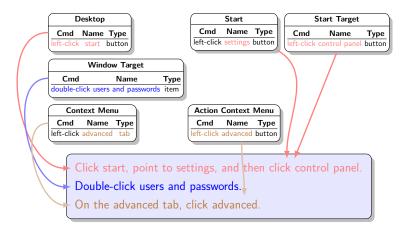
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Patterns of record sequences within a sentence and among sentences

Rhetorical Structure Theory (Mann and Thompson, 1988) inspired plans

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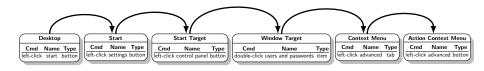
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Goal: Learn patterns of record type sequences within and among sentences

Extended Grammar



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Straightforward solution: Embed the parameters with the original grammar and train using ${\sf EM}$

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Plan B: Extract grammar rules from training data

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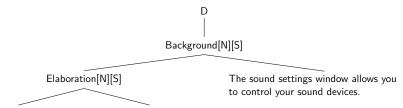
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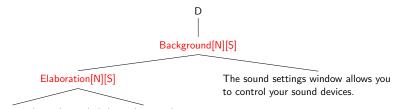
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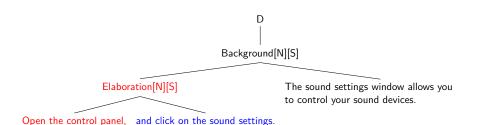
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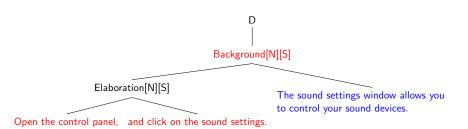


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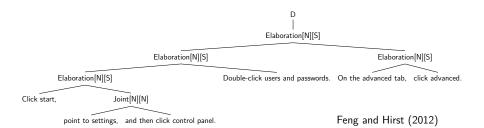
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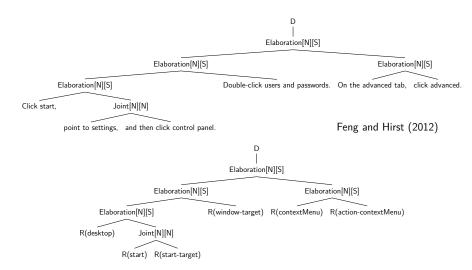


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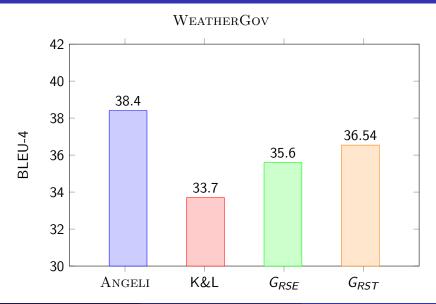
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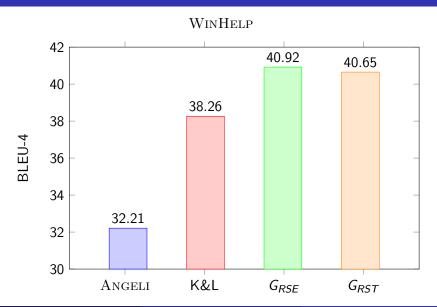
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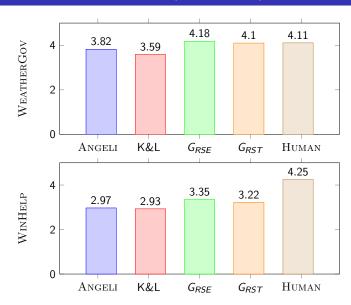
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Conclusions

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- Provide two solutions for document plans:
 - Linguistically naive record sequence grammar (G_{RSE})
 - RST-inspired grammar (G_{RST})
- How about a more sophisticated content selection model on the field level?

Konstas and Lapata, ACL 2012

Concept-to-text Generation via Discriminative Reranking

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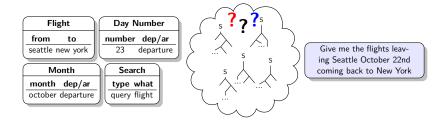
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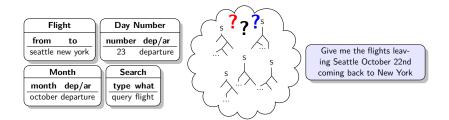
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- Use decoder of the original model as a baseline
- Introduce lexical and structural features up to the field level
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- Train using an online learning algorithm



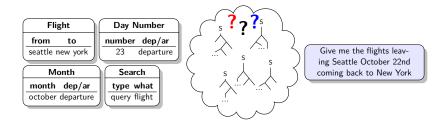
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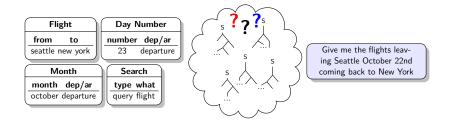
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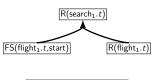
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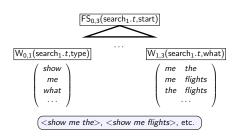
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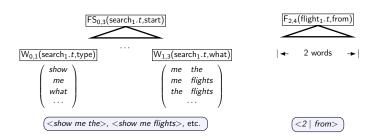
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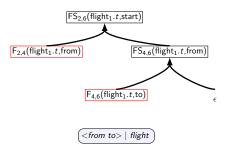


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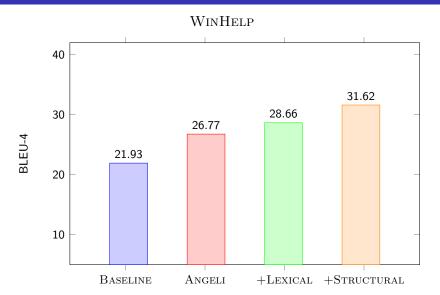
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- k-best (+Structural): k-BEST+BASE+ALIGN+LEX+STR
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Results: Automatic Evaluation



Conclusions

- Discriminative reranking using the structured perceptron
- Introduced local and non-local features
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Where do we go from here?

- More challenging factual domains: biographies from Wikipedia
- More sophisticated sentence planning: aggregation, coreference resolution
- Real induction for document planning grammar G_{RSE} : ID/LP grammars
- Discriminative reranking: use of parallelisable online learning algorithms
- More engineering: scaling can be an issue for large documents
- Apply document planning grammars to summarisation

Thank you

Questions?



Original Model Results: Human Evaluation (LM+DMV)

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A	Angeli	3.56	3.33
	Human	4.10	4.01

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HE	3	$k ext{-Best}$	3.92	3.30
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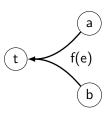
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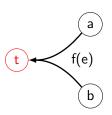
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Angeli	3.74	3.17
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- k-Best significantly better than 1-best and Angeli ($\alpha < 0.01$)
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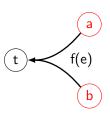
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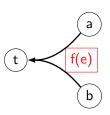
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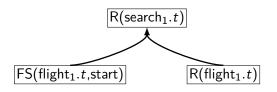


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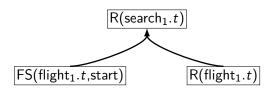
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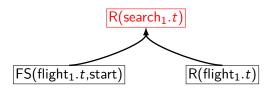
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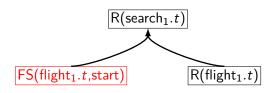
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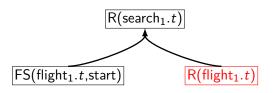
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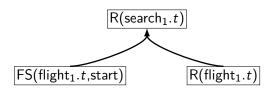
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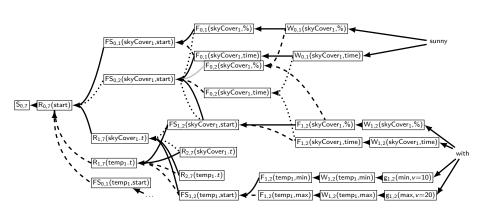
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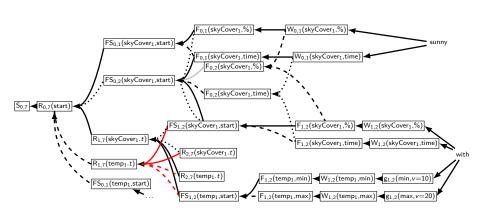
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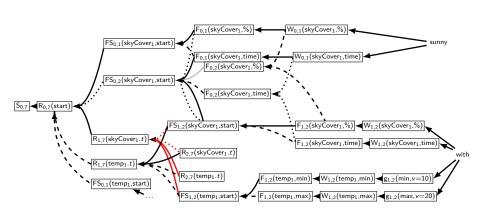
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- Feature values: Values vs Counts of Fields