



# Final Exam Review

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CS 421: Natural Language  
Processing

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# Exam Format

## True/False (30%)

- 20 questions, 1.5 points each
- No partial credit (autograded)

## Multiple Choice (40%)

- 16 questions, 2.5 points each
- No partial credit (autograded)

## Problem Solving (30%)

- 4 questions, 7.5 points each
- Show work for partial credit (graded manually)

## Bonus Question (10%)

- Problem-solving question
- Points added to exam score (max exam score = 100)

# Sample Final Exam

- Currently available on Piazza (@264)
- Solution will be posted after class

# What should I study?

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- Questions designed based on **slides**, **assignments**, **previous midterms**, and **previous midterm reviews**
- Problem solving questions similar but not identical to **problem solving examples** (e.g., computing evaluation metrics) in slides

# What content will the exam cover?

- Everything!
- Final exam is **comprehensive**
- Sample final exam reflects the distribution of new (after Midterm 2) versus previous (prior to Midterm 2) material

# Midterm 1

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Text preprocessing (including regular expressions)

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Edit distance

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Finite state automata

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Finite state transducers

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Hidden Markov models

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Part of speech tagging

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Formal grammars

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Syntactic parsing

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Dependency parsing

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First-order logic

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# Midterm 2

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N-Grams

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Language Modeling

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Word Embeddings

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Cosine Similarity

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Naive Bayes

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Text Classification

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Evaluation Metrics

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Feedforward Neural Networks

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Recurrent Neural Networks

# New Material

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Information extraction

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Named entity recognition

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Temporal analysis

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Chatbots

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Task-based dialogue systems

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Question answering

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Summarization

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Machine translation



# What will I for sure *not* need to memorize?

- Forward-backward algorithm
- Part-of-speech tags associated with specific treebanks
  - Know major parts of speech like nouns and verbs, but no need to know treebank-specific things like NN, NNP, NNS, and NNPS
- Dependency relations associated with specific treebanks
  - Have a basic understanding of things like direct objects, but no need to know treebank-specific things like csubj, xcomp, cop, etc.
- Computational complexities
- Derivatives
- Log values
- Language model interpolation
- Word embedding visualization techniques
- Implementation details for GloVe, ELMo, or BERT
- Backpropagation equations
  - Do have a general sense of how backpropagation works
- Implementation details for LSTM and GRU gates
- Rhetorical structure theory
- Bayesian noisy channel model

# What should I bring to the exam?

- Pen or pencil
- UIN (you'll need to write it on the first page of the exam)
- This exam will be:
  - Closed note
  - Closed book
  - Closed device
- You will not need a calculator



**How long  
will the  
exam  
last?**

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**Two hours**



**True/False**

**Multiple  
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**Solution Time!**

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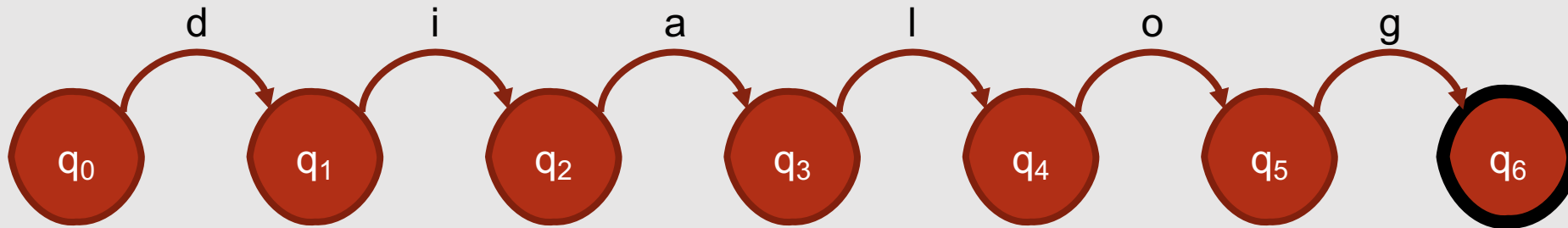
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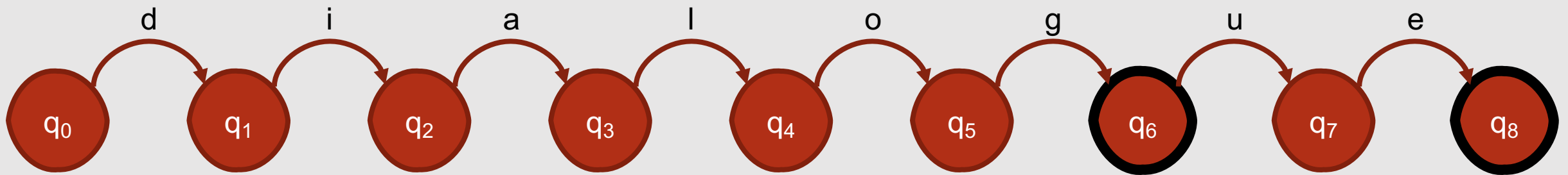
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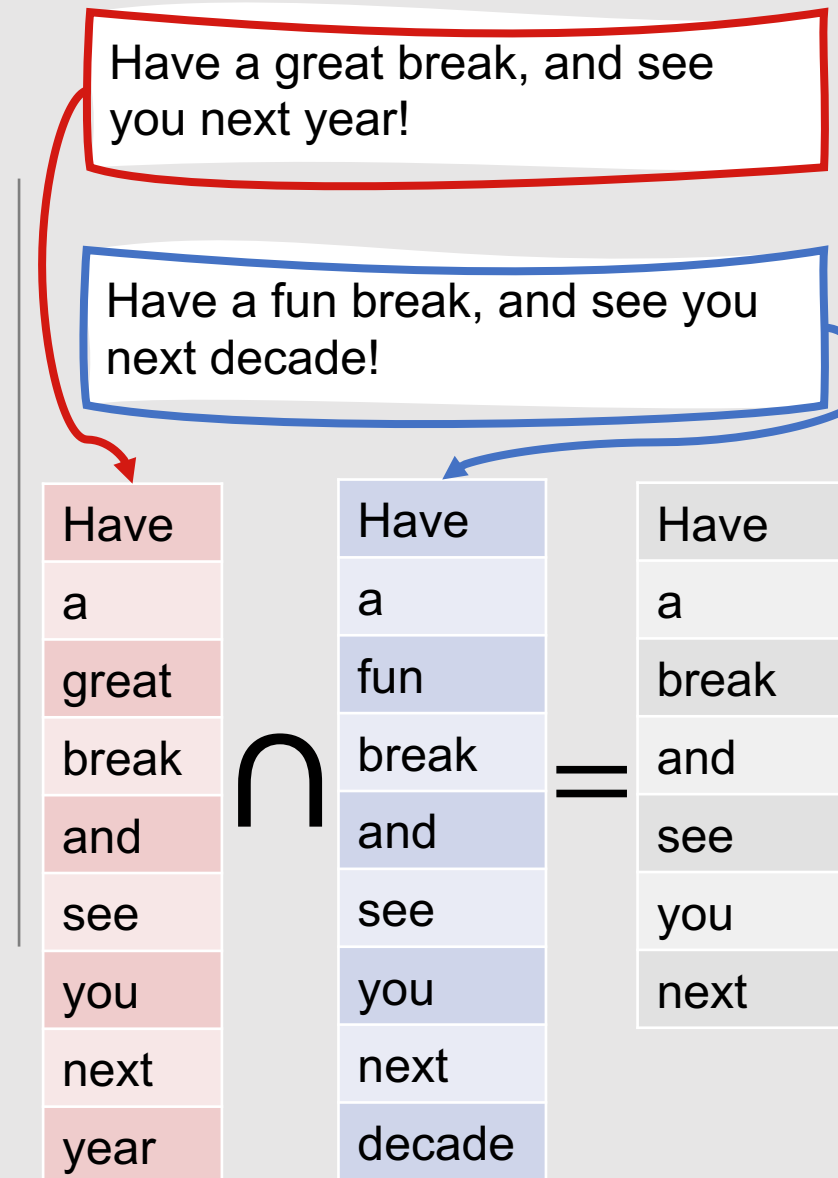
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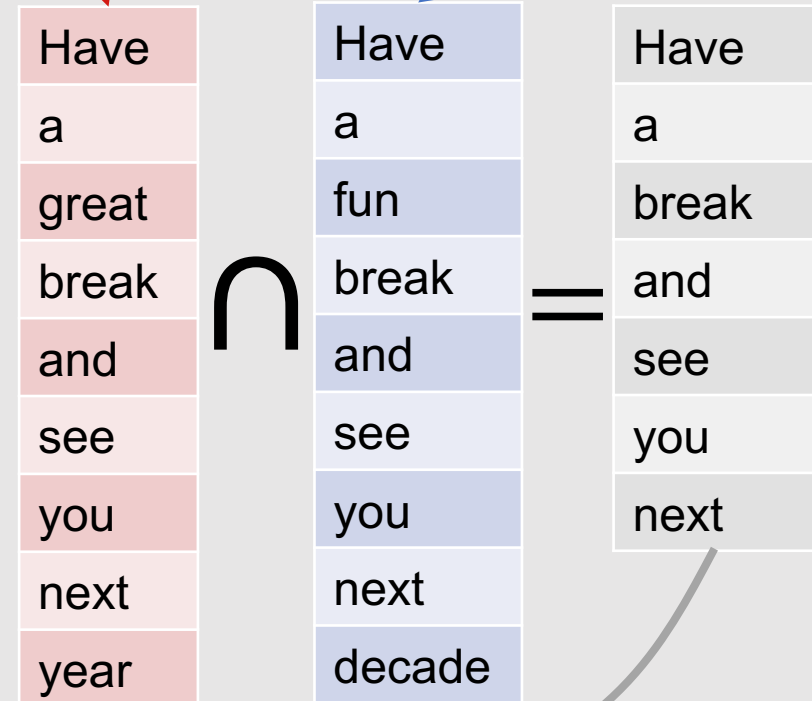


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# A few remaining details....



Exam Location: Same classroom as always (TBH 180G)



Exam Time:

**Wednesday, December 11,**  
from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Good luck!**

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