# Visual Question Answering for Relational Reasoning

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#### Objective

To develop a model capable of Visual and Relational Reasoning on the Figure QA dataset

# Task and Background

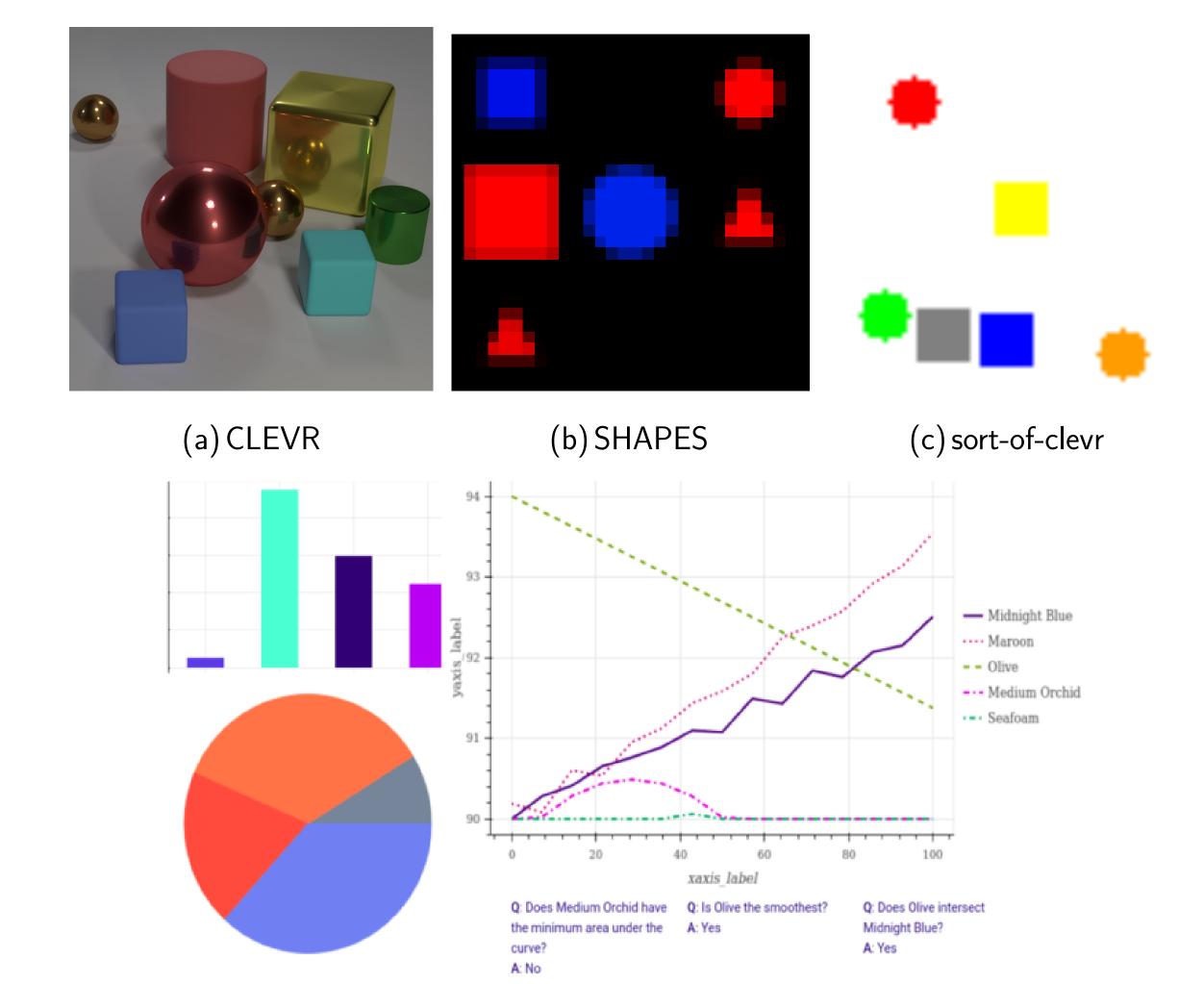
The VQA task deals with answering natural language queries about objects in images. Relational reasoning in VQA focuses specifically on queries involving relationships between objects in images. Performance on such a task hinges primarily on how interaction between image and language representations is modeled. Queries in below mentioned datasets concern spatial relations, color, texture, shape and statistical properties of objects in an image.

#### Sample Questions:

Are there an equal number of large things and metal spheres? How many objects are either small cylinders or red things?

Dataset	$\#\mathrm{Img}$	#Qn	#Cat	Desc.
FigureQA	120K	1.5M	2	Plots & Charts
CLEVR	100K	850M	28	3D shapes
SHAPES	15K	300	2	2D shapes

Table 1: Dataset Overview



## Approaches

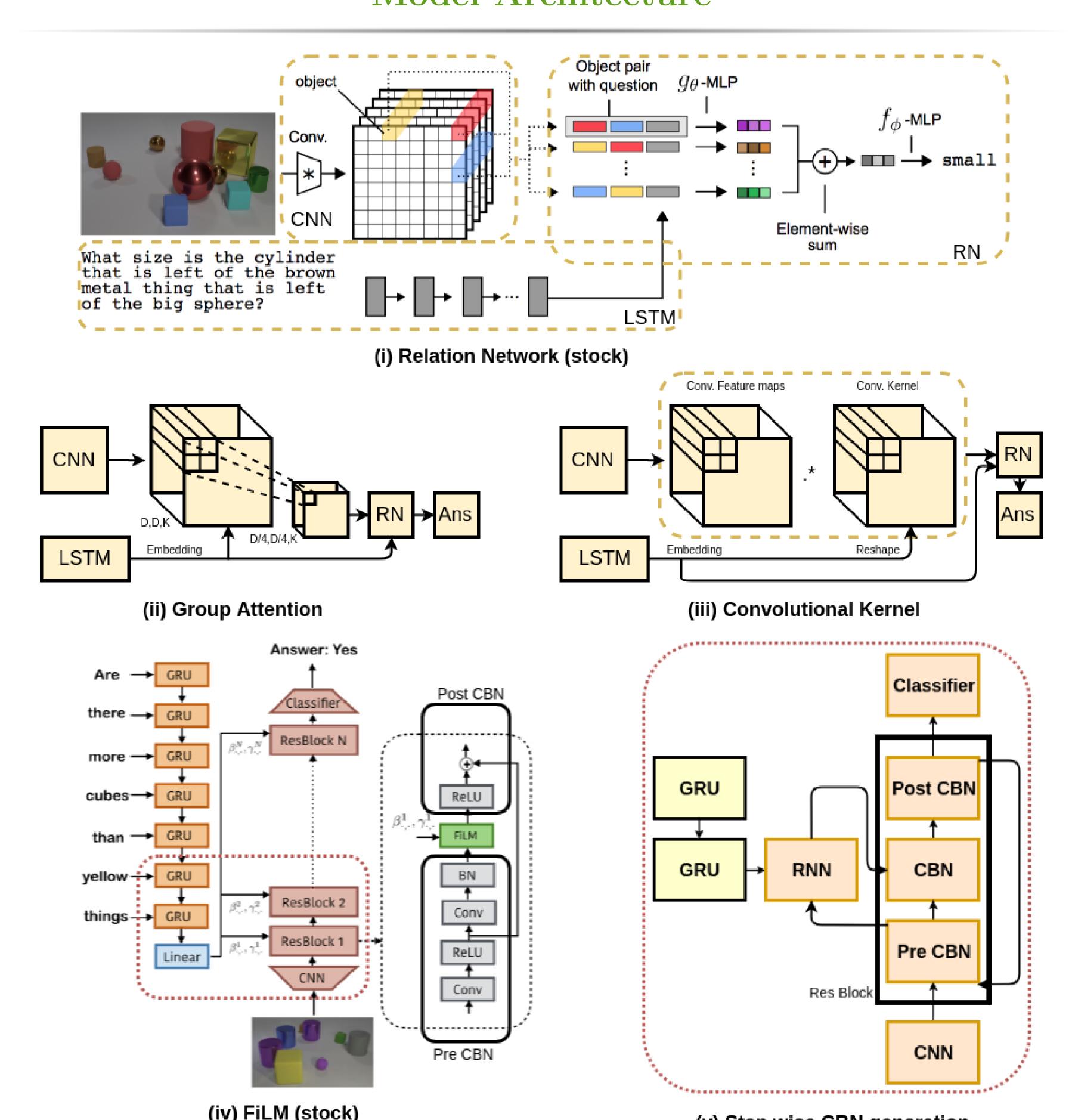
### Relation Nets: Exhaustive Pair-wise Object Comparison

- -Group Attention to Reduce Object pairs
- -Convolutional Attention on image features
- -Conditional Batch Norm on intermediate features

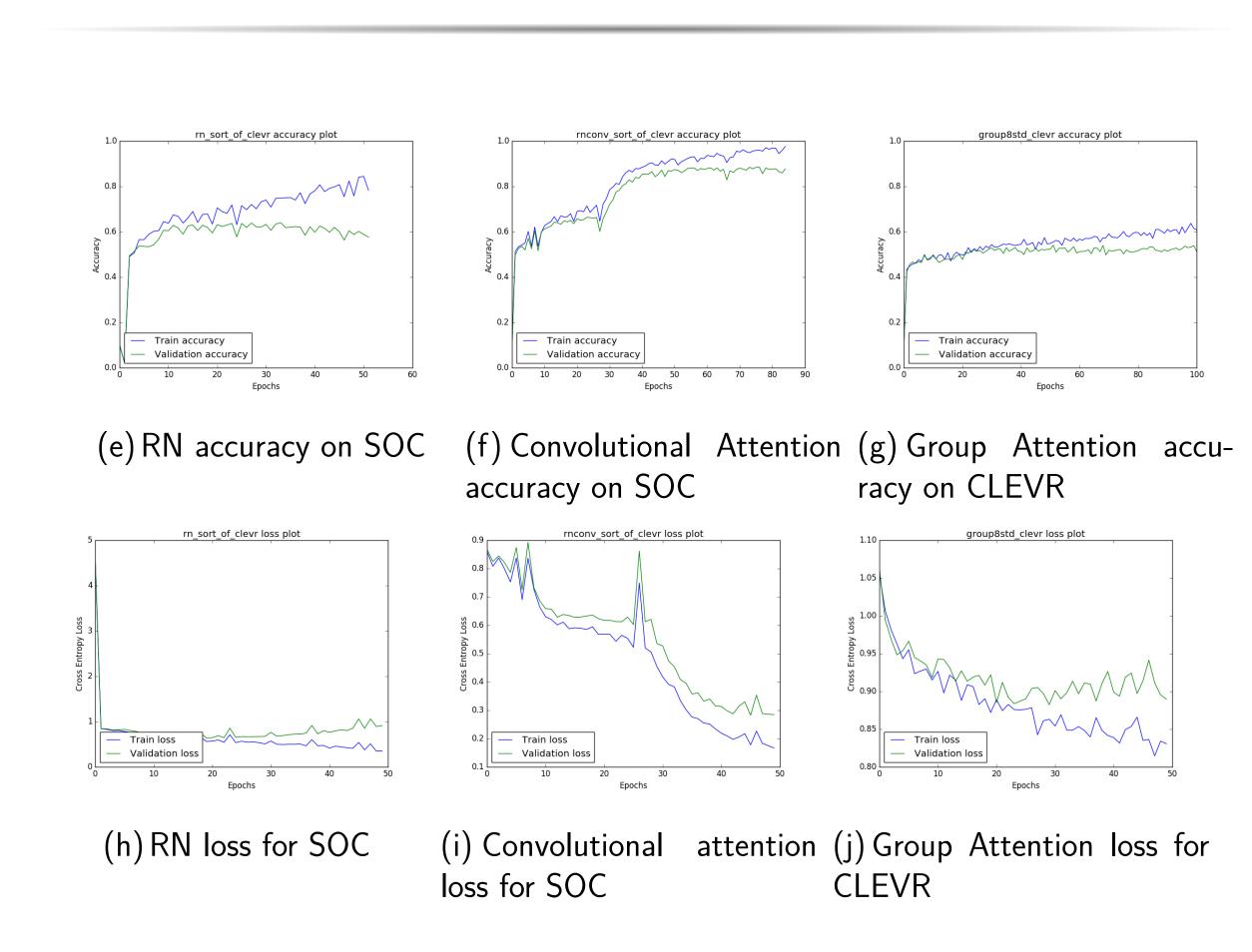
FiLM: Feature-wise Linear Modulation for Conditioning

-Stepwise generation of CBN layers

## Model Architecture



### Experiments & Results



Models	SOC	CLEVR	FigureQA
CNN + LSTM	N/A	51.2	50.5
Relation Network	64.9	51.9	53.3
Group Attention	79.1	54.1	56.3
Convolutional Attention	87.8	53.3	55.2
CBN in RN	66.4	52.4	54.9

Table 2: Performance of models on different datasets

# Future Work

- Evaluate on complete FigureQA dataset
- Reduce pairwise object comparisons in Relation Networks
- Stacked co-attention model
  Tournament structured RN

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