



How and Why Computers Read the Web

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- Due to time constraints, I do not intend to cover all the algorithms and publications related to DBPedia, YAGO, KnowItAll and NELL. What I do intend, instead, is to give an overview of all four projects and what is the main approach used in each project.
- DBPedia, YAGO, KnowItAll and NELL are not the only research efforts focusing on “Reading the Web”. They were selected, to be presented in this tutorial, because they represent four different and very relevant approaches to this problem, but it **does not** mean they are the best (or the only relevant) ones.





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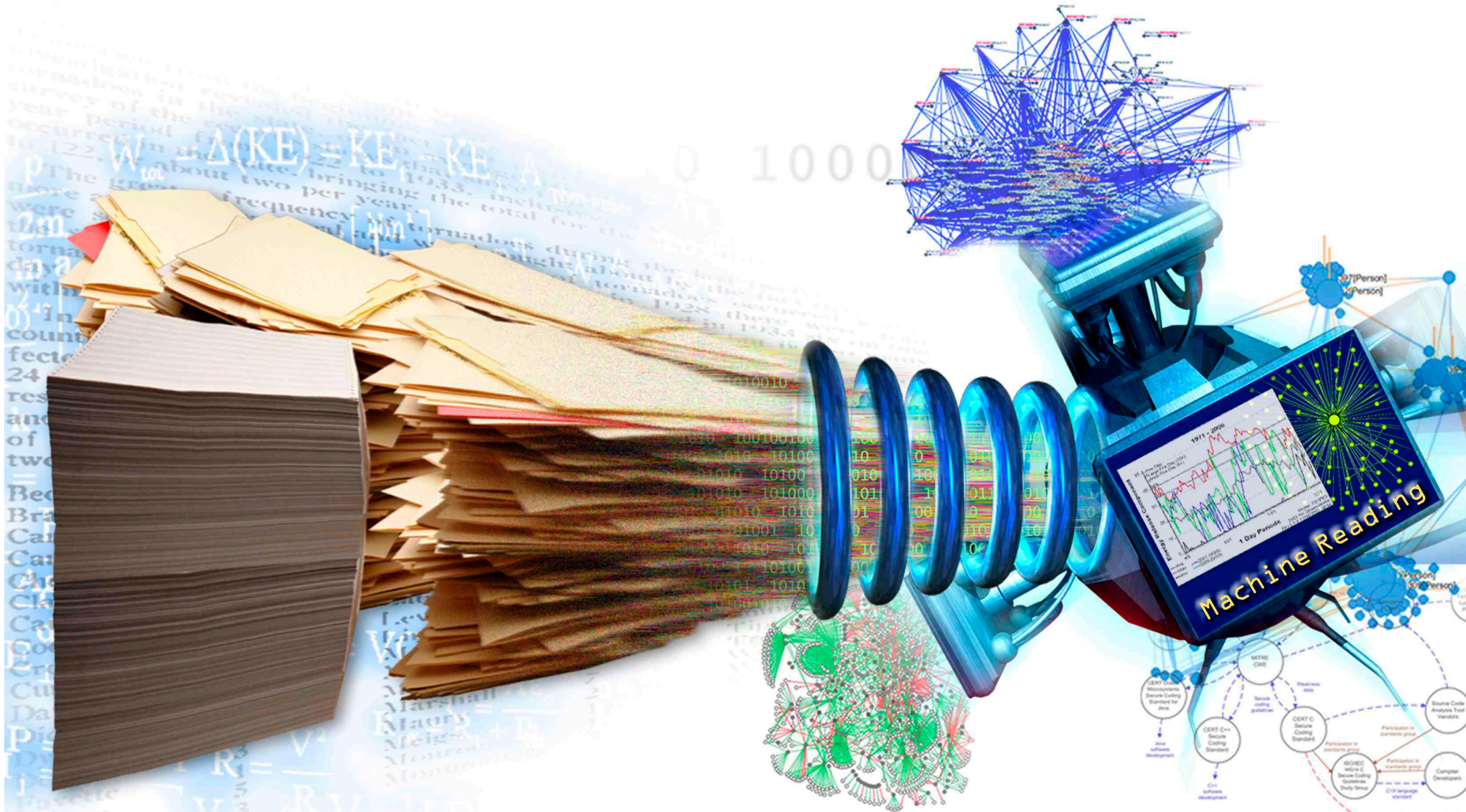




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Auto-Text to Knowledge

Picture taken from [DARPA, 2012]

Machine Reading



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William Shakespeare

Smart People

Intelligence

Learning New Things

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If you can't understand Shakespeare when you read it, are you dumb?

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Answer Wiki

No. Answers below note:

- Professional actors and directors need reference works to help them understand Shakespeare.
- It's easier to follow a Shakespeare play by watching it rather than reading it.
- Vocabulary, idiom and culture have changed since the 17th century. Seventeenth century British English is like a foreign language to many 21st century English speakers.
- Many people who say they understand Shakespeare are faking it because they don't want to appear dumb.
- Being able to read and understand Shakespeare is a particular kind of intelligence that you can develop.
- Reading the synopsis of a Shakespeare play can help you understand it better when you read the full play.



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Why don't I understand what I read?

I don't have dyslexia, and my English teacher says I am the best writer in my class (I am in the top stream). Yet still when I read something, I don't take it in.

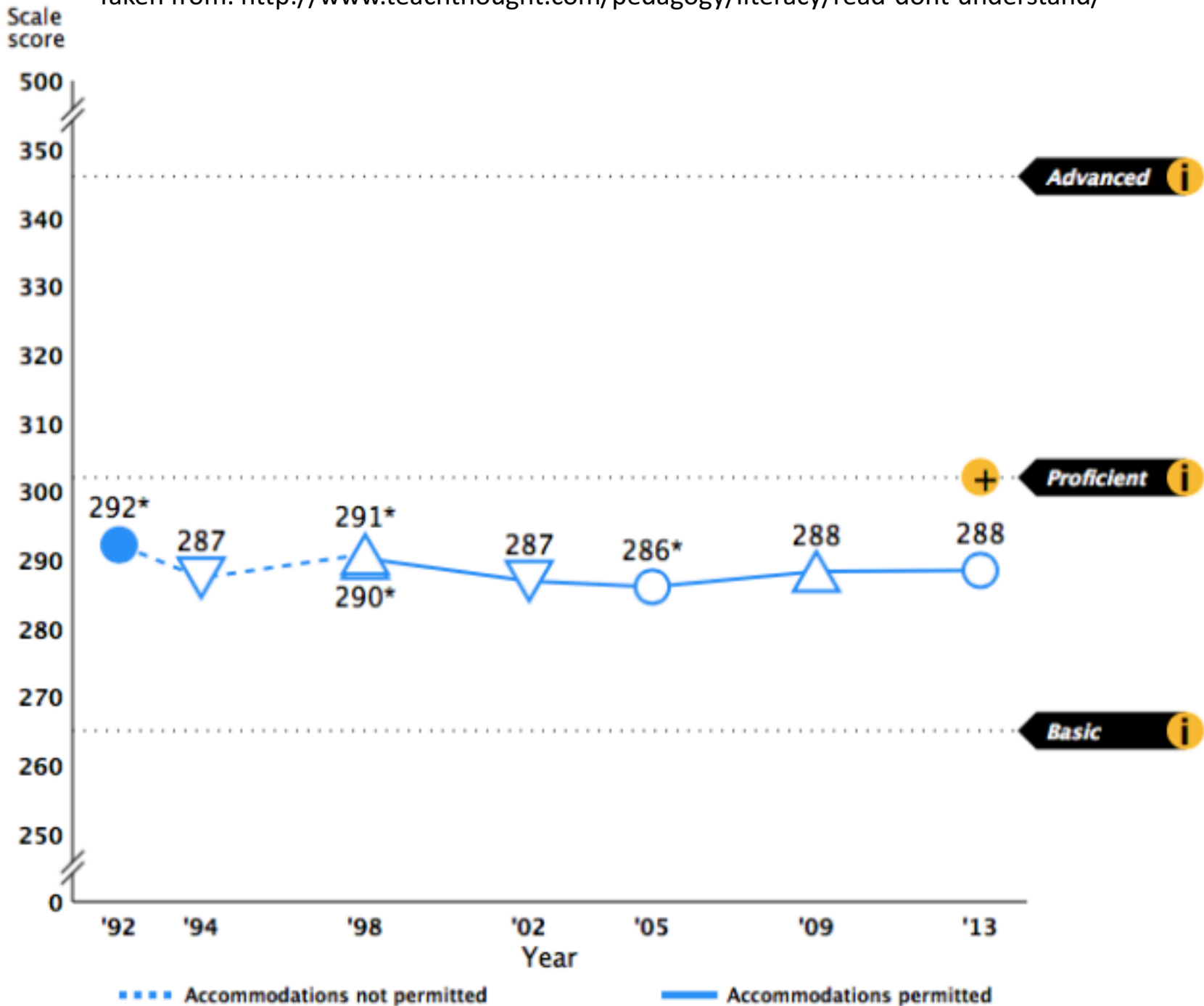
I normally have to read a paragraph and then go back and read it again.

One reading to hear it in my head, and the other to get the meaning. Why can't I simultaneously read and comprehend? Why must every sentence be read and then understood?



Trend in twelfth-grade NAEP reading average scores

Taken from: <http://www.teachthought.com/pedagogy/literacy/read-dont-understand/>





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DBpedia is a crowd-sourced community effort to extract structured information from Wikipedia and make this information available on the Web. DBpedia allows you to ask sophisticated queries against Wikipedia, and to link the different data sets on the Web to Wikipedia data. We hope that this work will make it easier for the huge amount of information in Wikipedia to be used in some new interesting ways. Furthermore, it might inspire new mechanisms for navigating, linking, and improving the encyclopedia itself. Further information

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The YAGO-NAGA Project: Harvesting, Searching, and Ranking Knowledge from the Web

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The YAGO-NAGA Project: Harvesting, Searching, and Ranking Knowledge from the Web

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The YAGO-NAGA project started in 2006 with the goal of building a conveniently searchable, large-scale, highly accurate knowledge base of common facts in a machine-processible representation.

We have already harvested knowledge about millions of entities and facts about their relationships, from Wikipedia and WordNet with careful integration of these two sources. The resulting knowledge base, coined YAGO, has very high precision and is freely available. The facts are represented as RDF triples, and we have developed methods and prototype systems for querying, ranking, and exploring knowledge. Our search engine NAGA provides ranked answers to queries based on statistical models.

Several interlinked sub-projects are growing on the YAGO-NAGA basis. Our vision is a confluence of Semantic Web (Ontologies), Social Web (Web 2.0), and Statistical Web (Information Extraction) assets towards a comprehensive repository of human knowledge. Our methodologies combine concepts, models, and algorithms from several fields, including database systems, information retrieval, statistical learning, and logical reasoning.

AIDA

AIDA is a method, implemented in an online tool, for disambiguating mentions of named entities that occur in natural-language text or Web tables.





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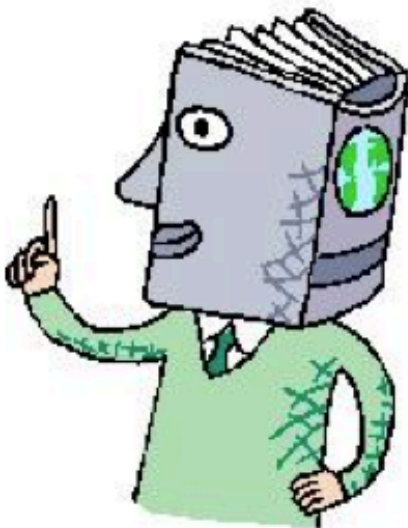
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KnowItAll



1. How can a computer accumulate a massive body of knowledge?
2. What will Web search engines look like in ten years?

To address the questions above, the KnowItAll project has been developing a variety of domain-independent systems that extract information from the Web in an autonomous, scalable manner.



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Open Information Extraction



How can a computer accumulate a massive body of knowledge? What will Web search engines look like in ten years?

To address these questions, the Open IE project has been developing a Web-scale information extraction system that reads arbitrary text from any domain on the Web, extracts meaningful information, and stores it in a unified knowledge base for efficient querying. In contrast to traditional information extraction, the Open Information Extraction paradigm attempts to overcome the knowledge acquisition bottleneck by extracting a large number of relations at once.

Demo: [TextRunner](#) extracted over 500,000,000 assertions from 100 million Web pages.

Software: [ReVerb](#) Open Information Extraction Software and additional information.

Data: [Horn-clause](#) inference rules learned by the Sherlock system.

Demo: [Selectional Preferences from Web Text](#) compute admissible argument values for a relation.

Data: [10,000 Functional Relations learned from Web Text](#) predict the functionality of a phrase.





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NELL

Read the Web

Research Project at Carnegie Mellon University

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NELL: Never-Ending Language Learning

Can computers learn to read? We think so. "Read the Web" is a research project that attempts to create a computer system that learns over time to read the web. Since January 2010, our computer system called NELL (Never-Ending Language Learner) has been running continuously, attempting to perform two tasks each day:

- First, it attempts to "read," or extract facts from text found in hundreds of millions of web pages (e.g., `playsInstrument(George_Harrison, guitar)`).
- Second, it attempts to improve its reading competence, so that tomorrow it can extract more facts from the web, more accurately.

So far, NELL has accumulated over 15 million candidate beliefs by reading the web, and it is considering these at different levels of confidence. NELL has high confidence in 1,888,984 of these beliefs — these are displayed on this website. It is not perfect, but NELL is learning. You can track NELL's progress below or [@cmunell on Twitter](#), browse and download its [knowledge base](#), read more about our [technical approach](#), or join the [discussion group](#).





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- **What is Machine Learning?**

The field of Machine Learning seeks to answer the question

“How can we build computer systems that automatically improve with experience, and what are the fundamental laws that govern all learning processes?” [Mitchell, 2006]





Machine Learning

- **What is Machine Learning?**

a machine *learns* with respect to a particular:

- task T
- performance metric P
- type of experience E

if the system reliably improves its performance P at task T , following experience E . [Mitchell, 1997]





Machine Learning

- **Examples of Machine Learning approaches for different tasks (T), performance metrics (P) and experiences (E)**
 - data mining
 - autonomous discovery
 - database updating
 - programming by example
 - Pattern recognition





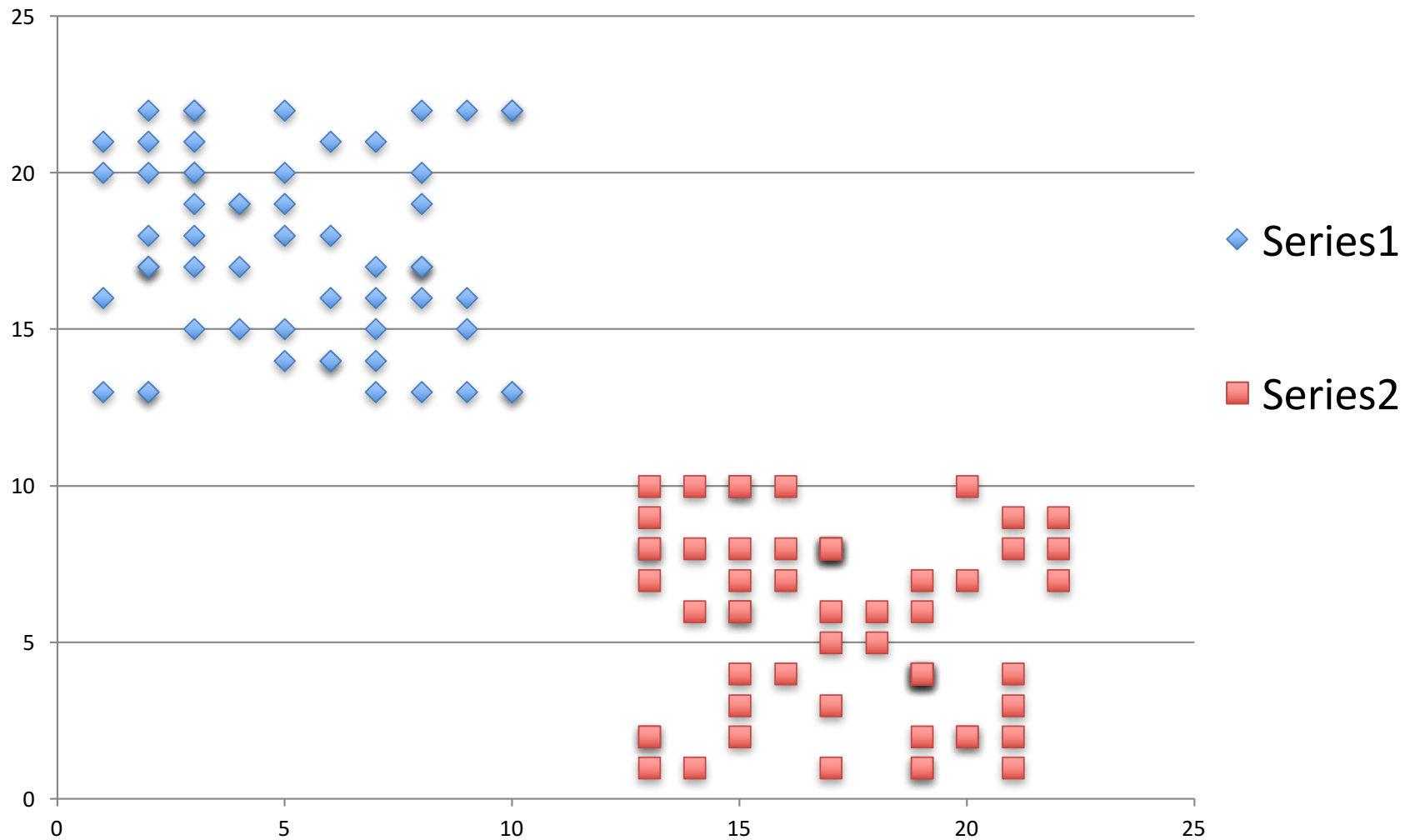
Machine Learning

- **Supervised Learning;**
- **Unsupervised Learning**
- **Semi-Supervised Learning**



Supervised Learning

(one simple anecdotal approach)



Supervised Learning

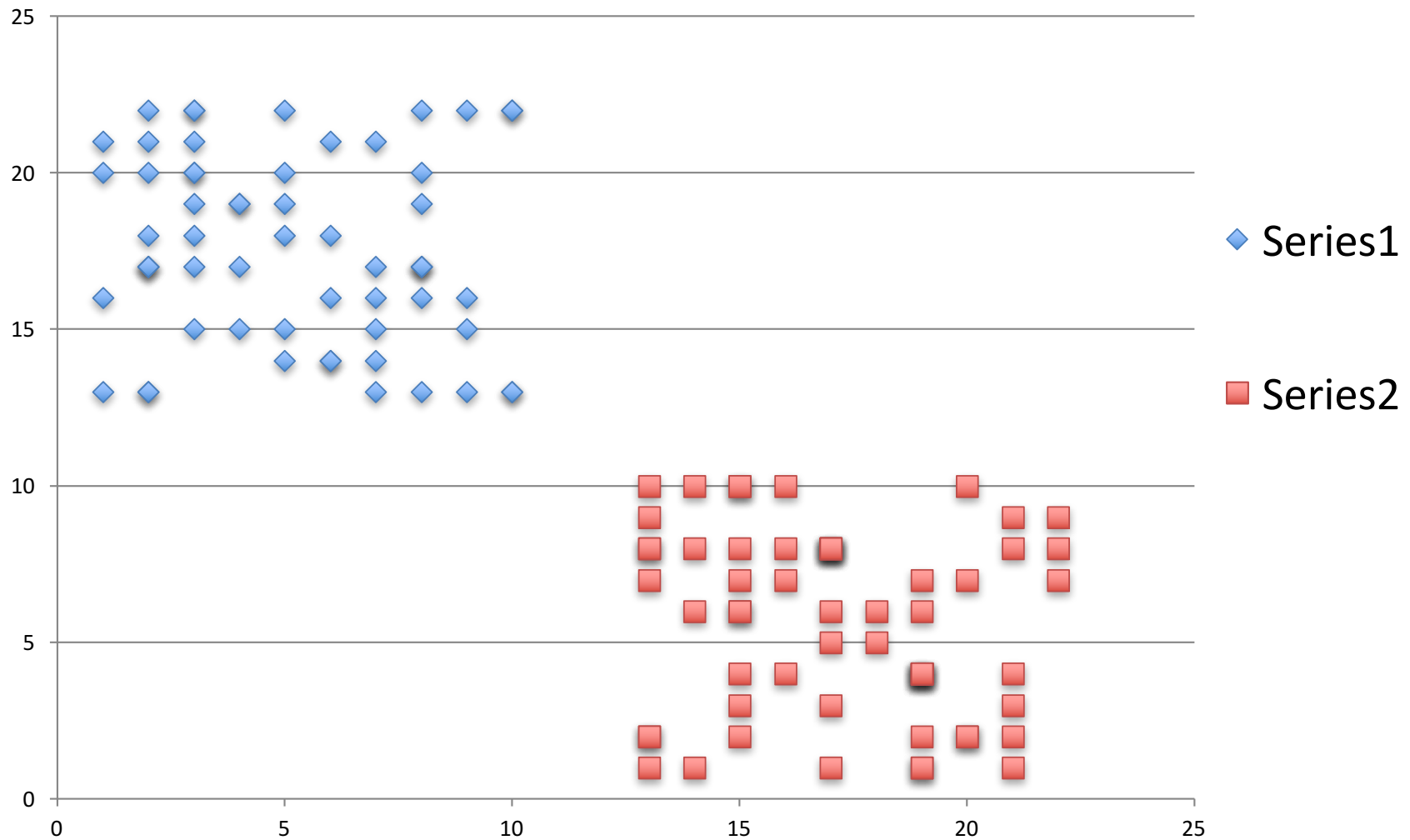
How supervised learning algorithms work [\[edit\]](#) [Wikipedia definition](#)

Given a set of N training examples of the form $\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$ such that x_i is the **feature vector** of the i -th example and y_i is its label (i.e., class), a learning algorithm seeks a function $g : X \rightarrow Y$, where X is the input space and Y is the output space. The function g is an element of some space of possible functions G , usually called the *hypothesis space*. It is sometimes convenient to represent g using a scoring function $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that g is defined as returning the y value that gives the highest score: $g(x) = \arg \max_y f(x, y)$. Let F denote the space of scoring functions.

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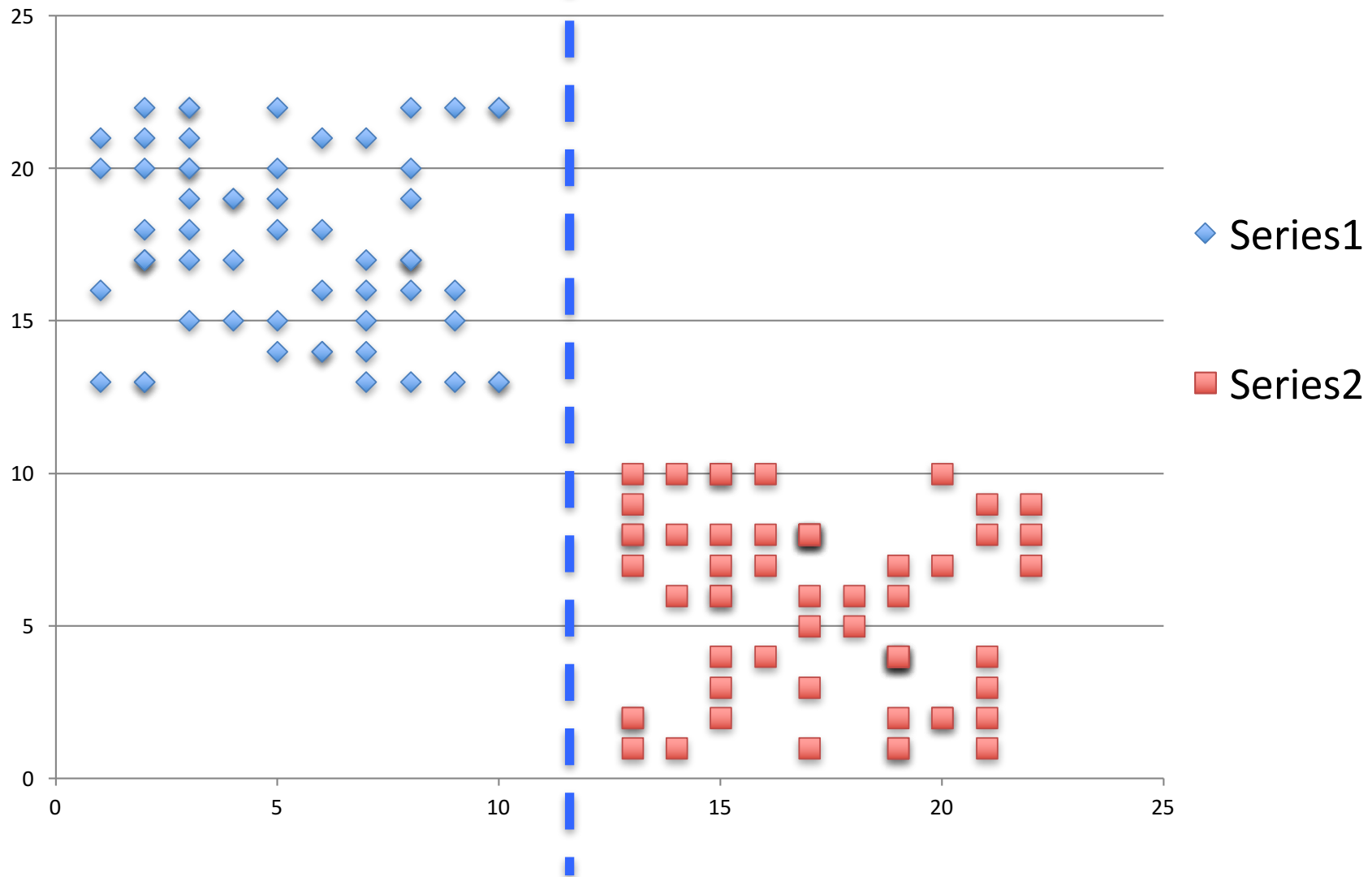
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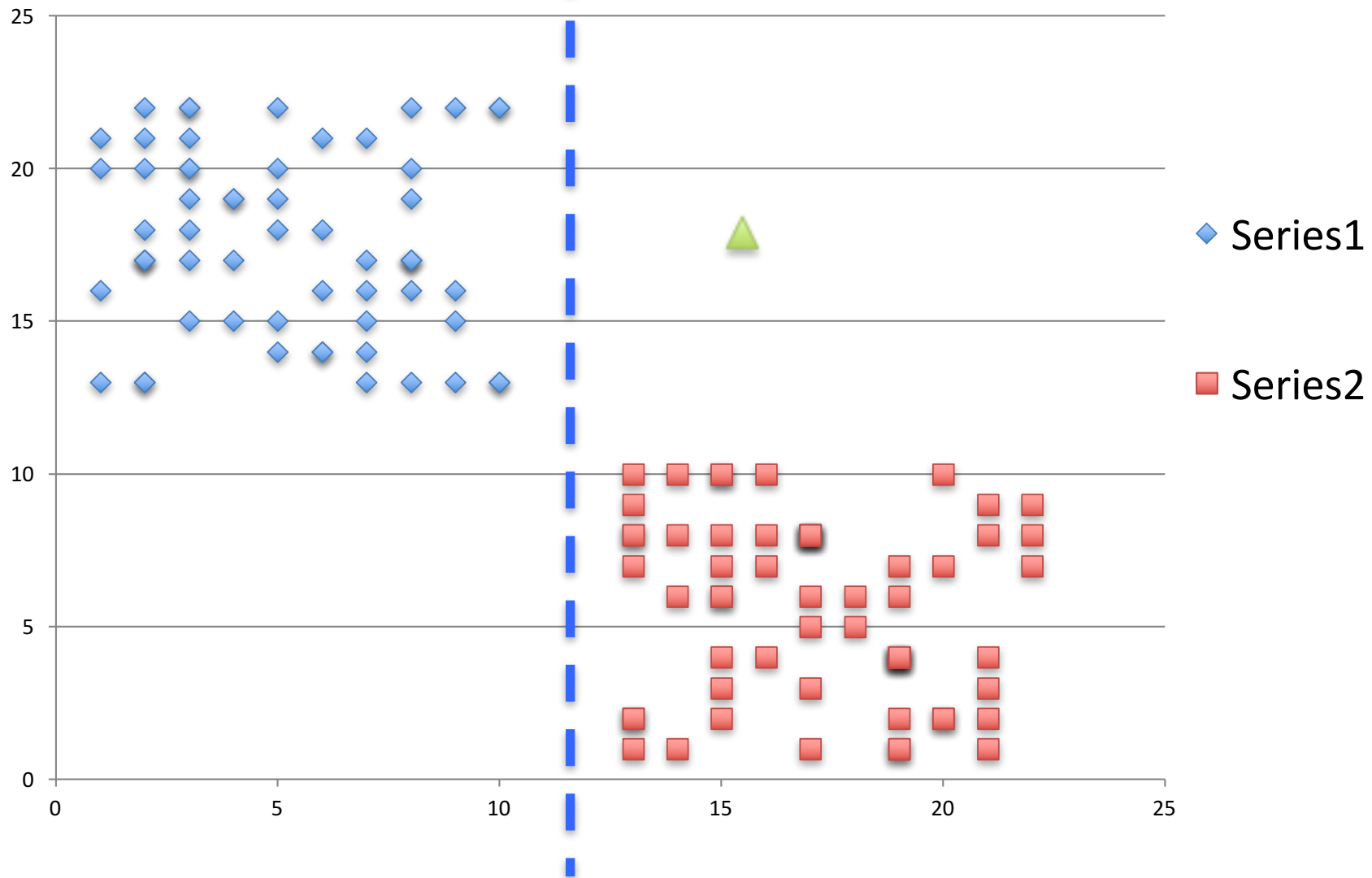
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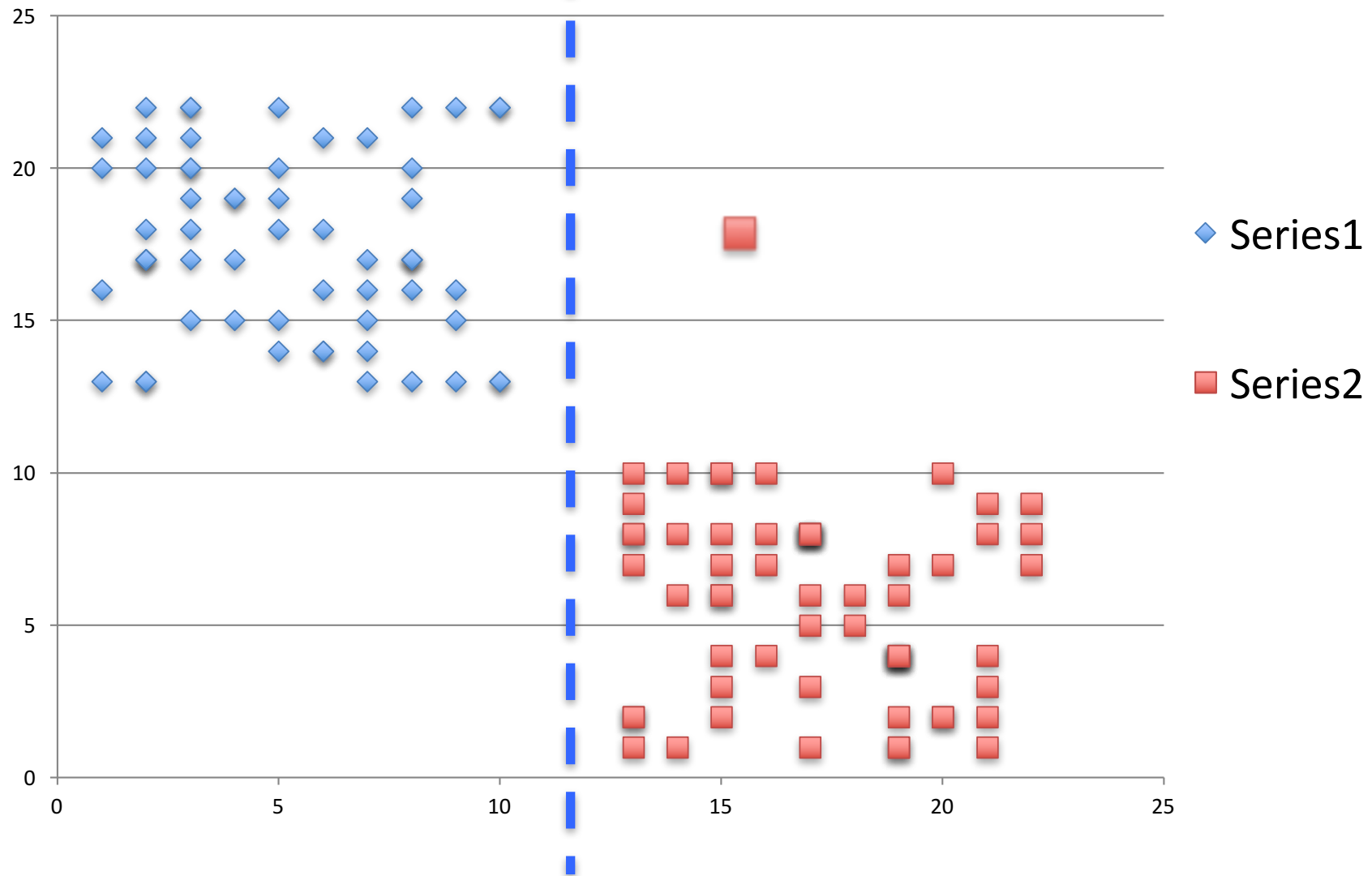
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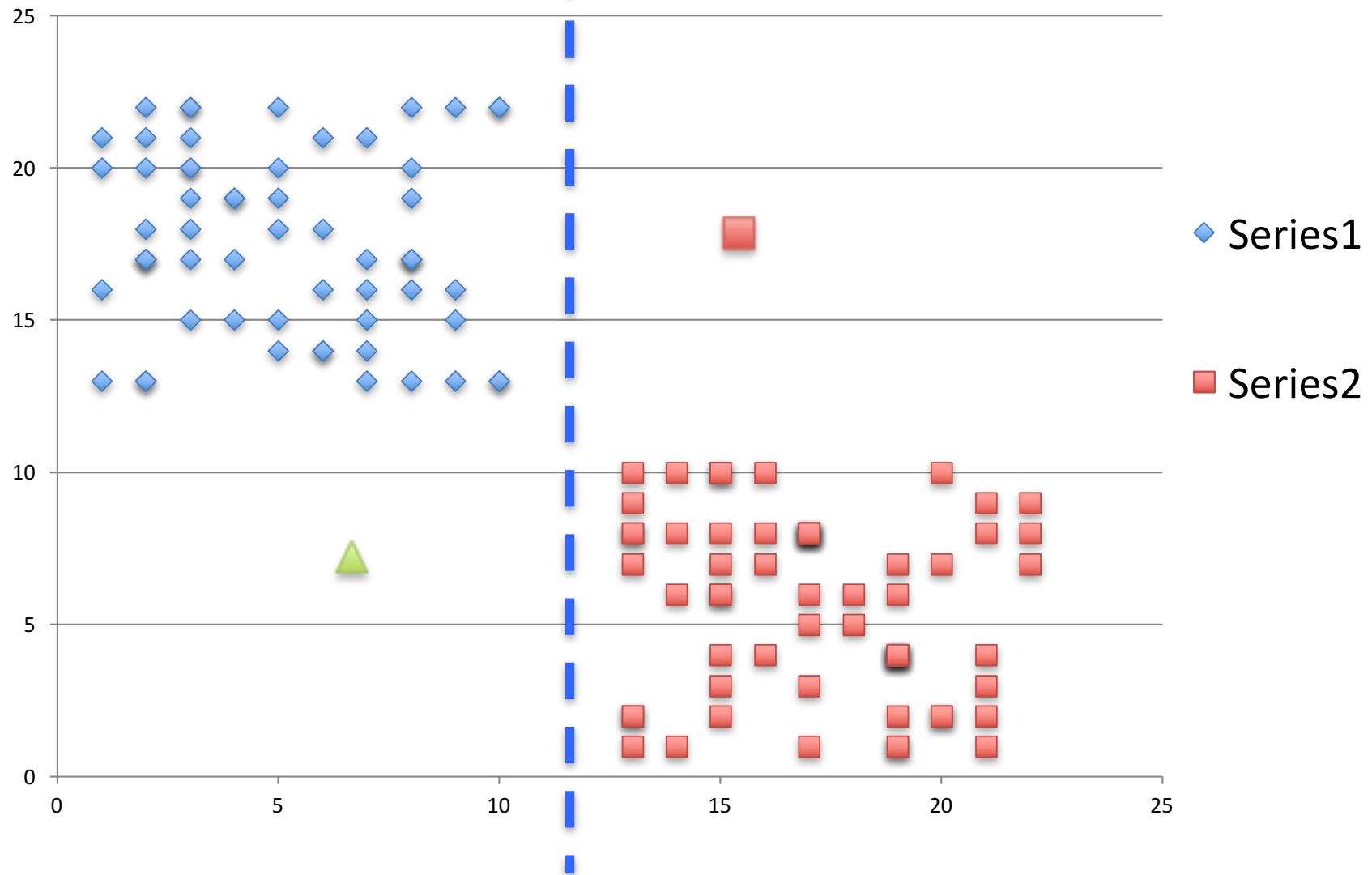
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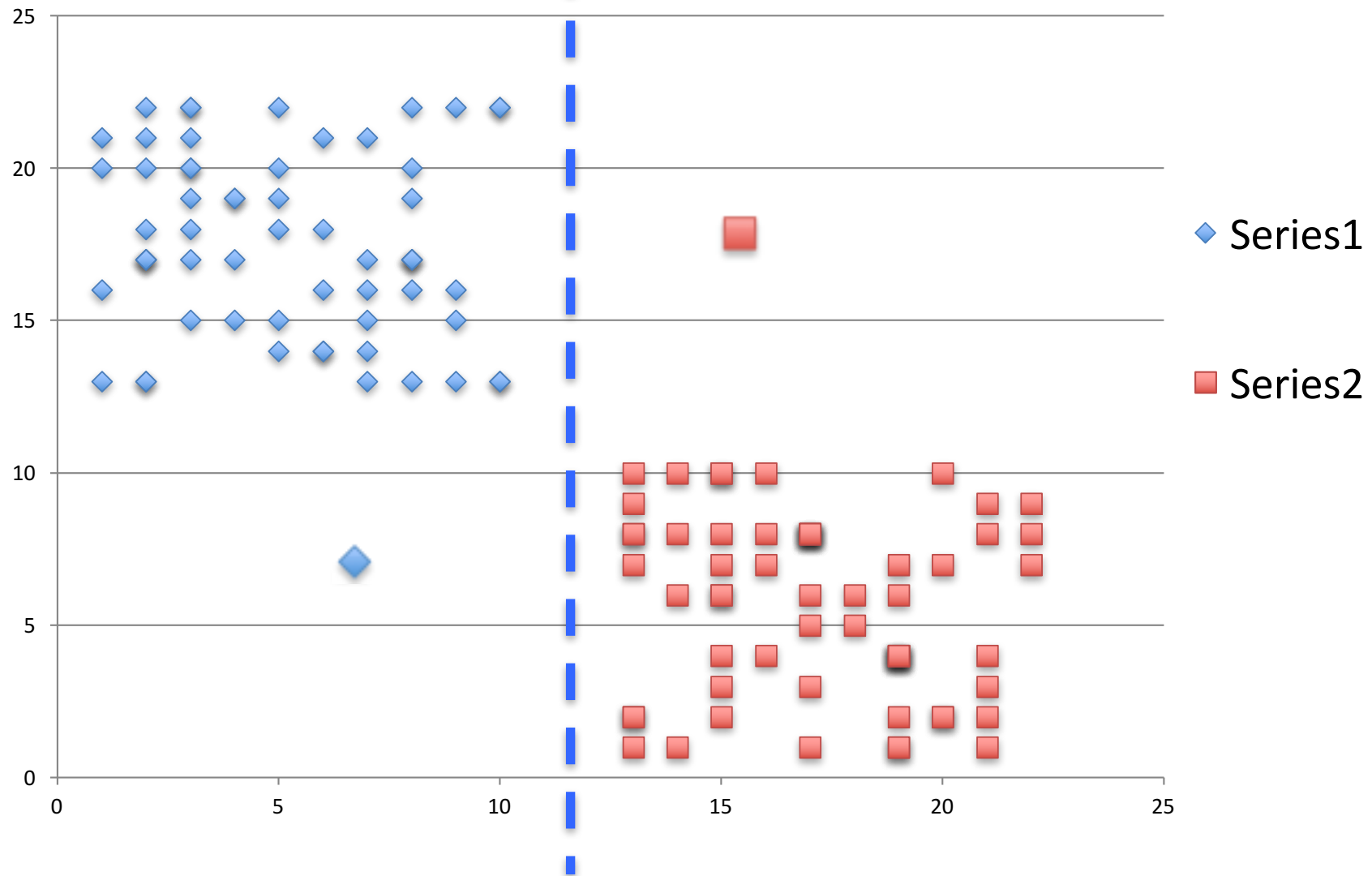
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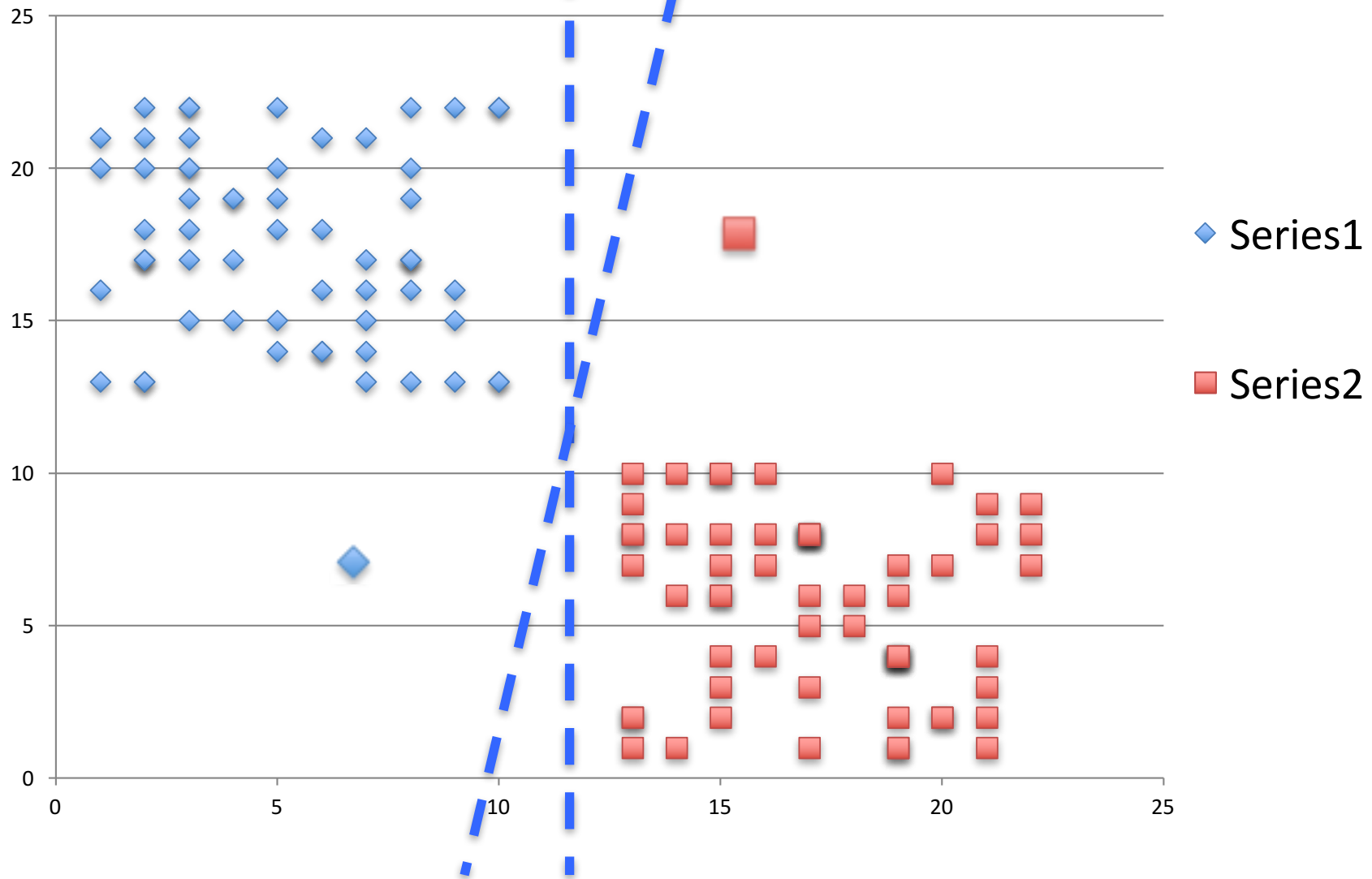
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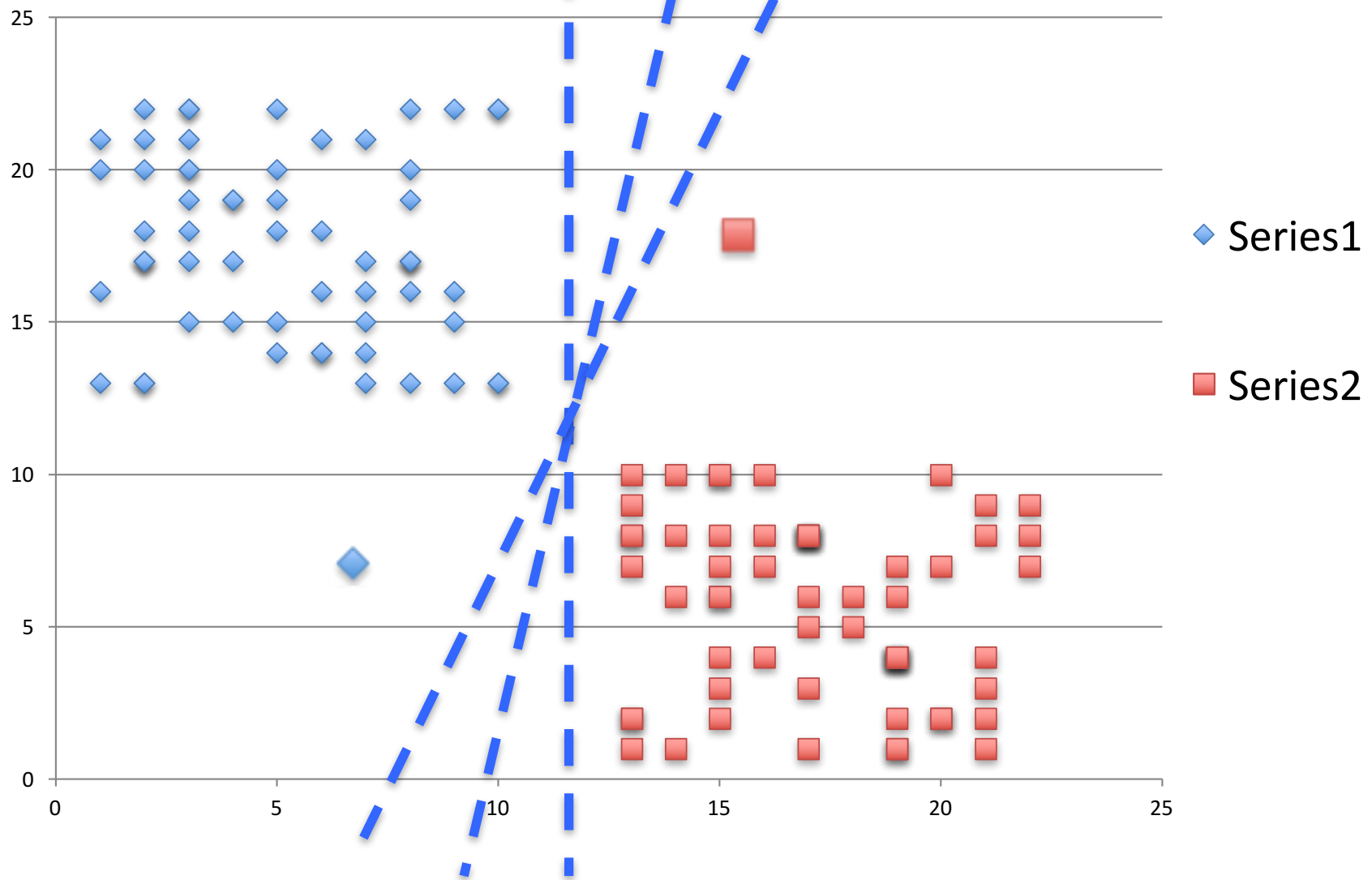
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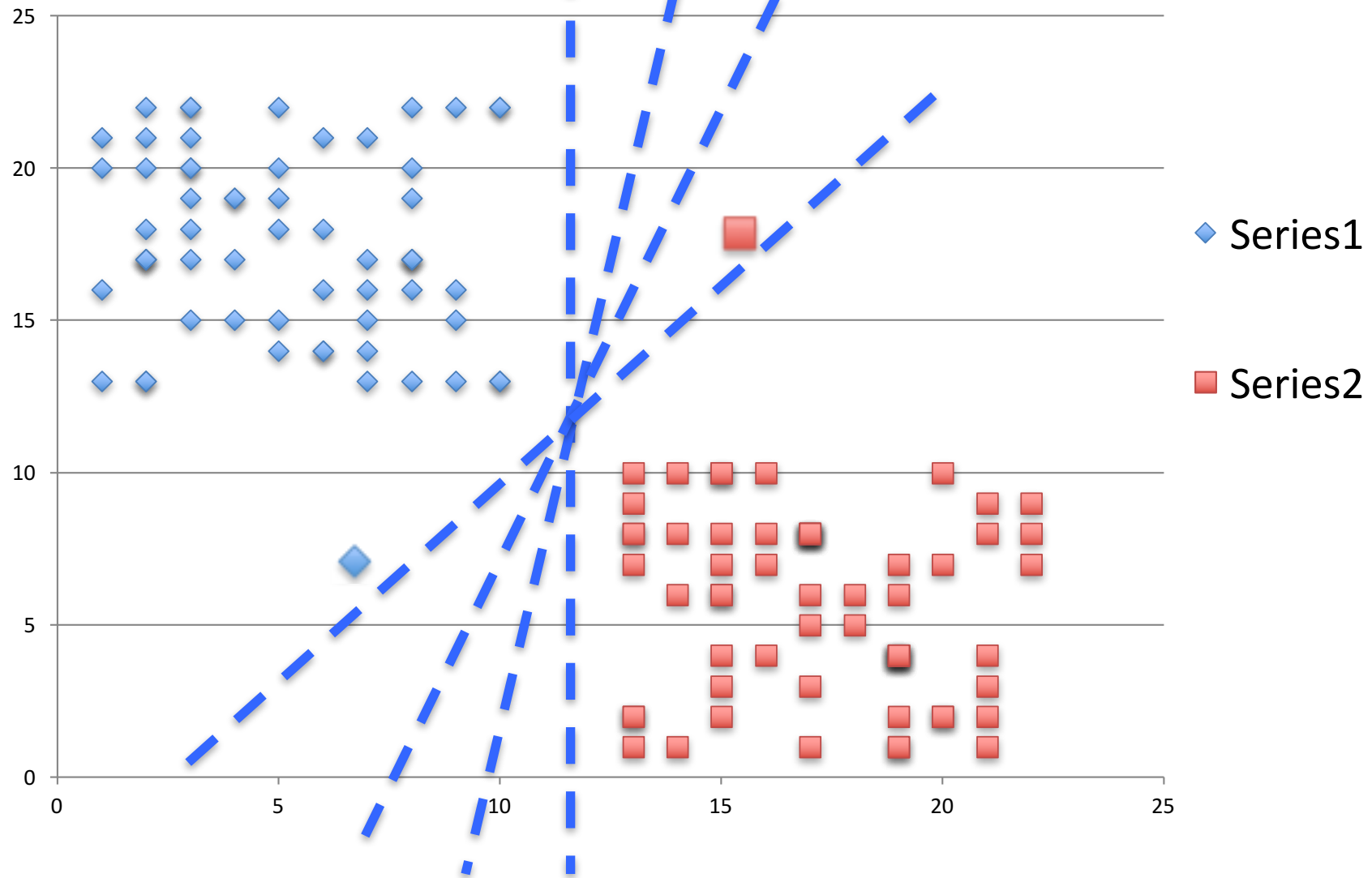
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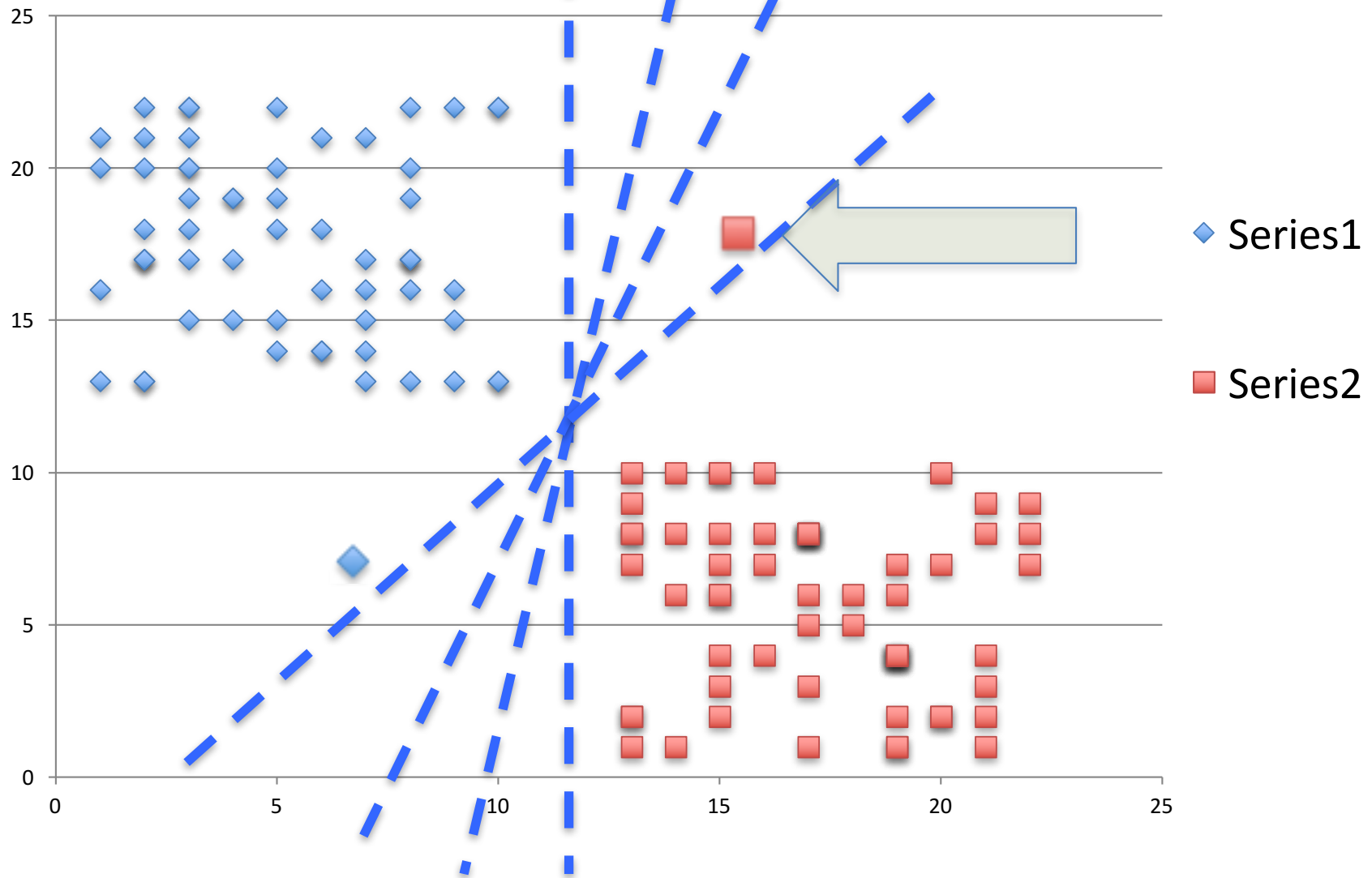
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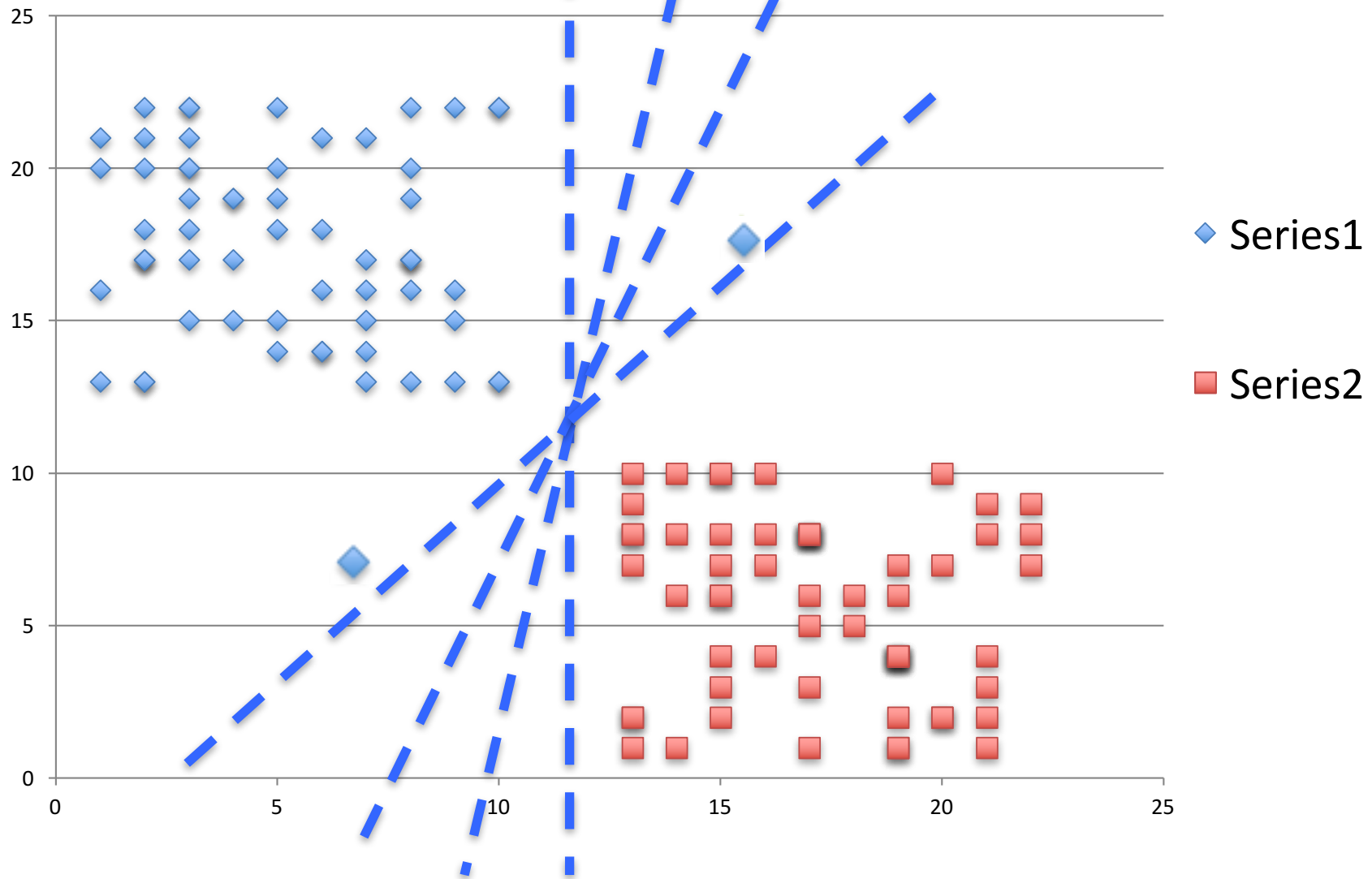
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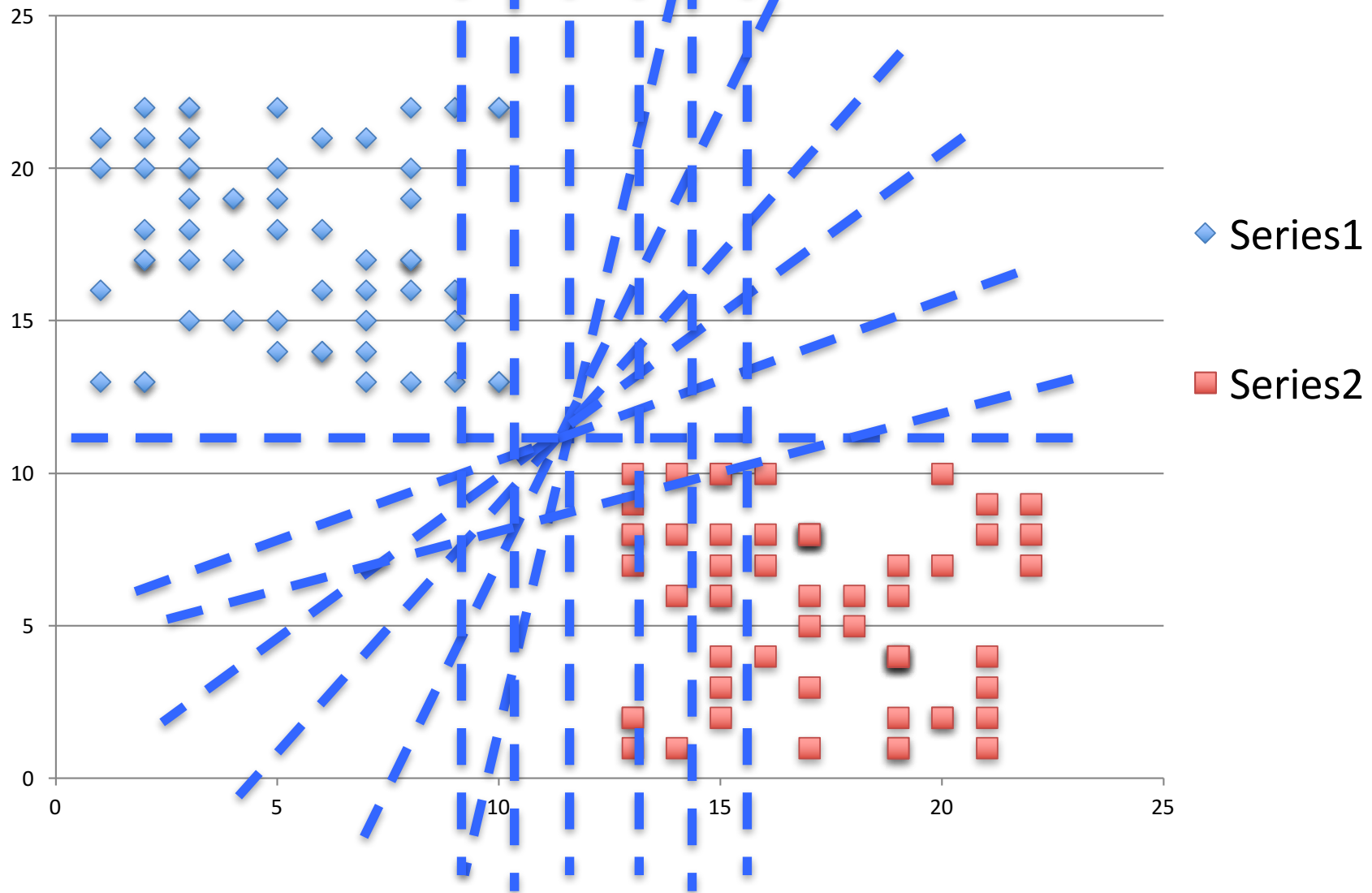
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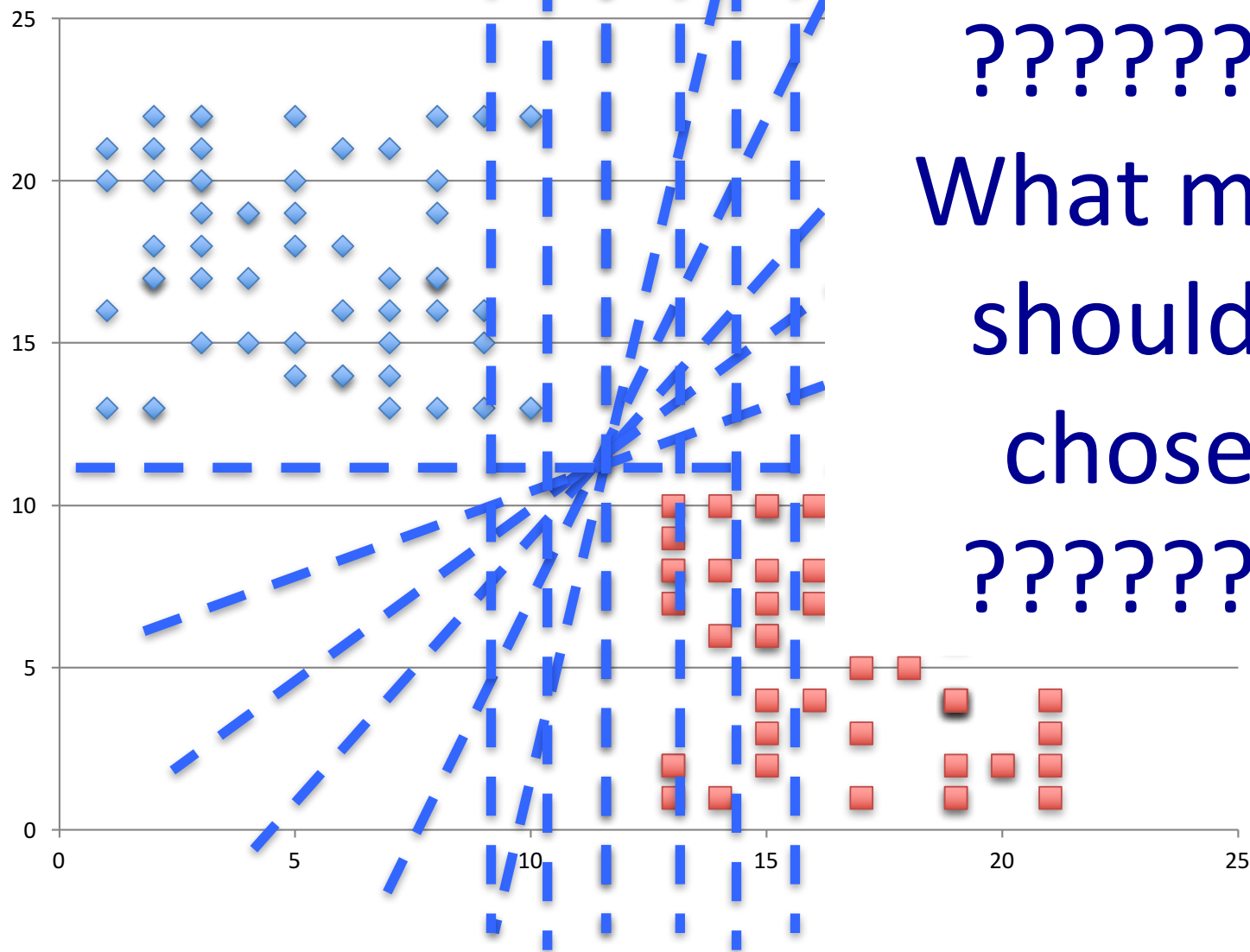
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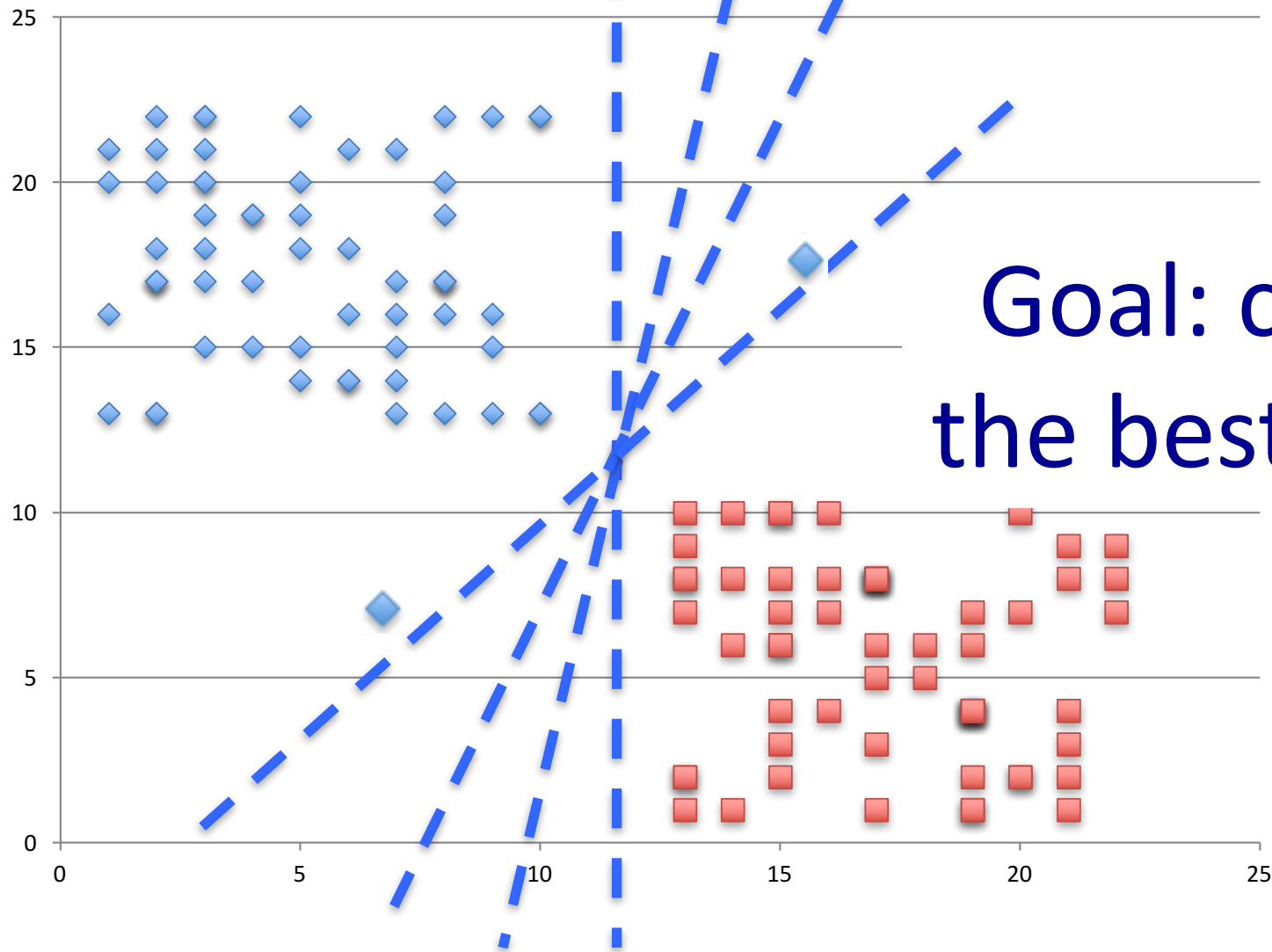


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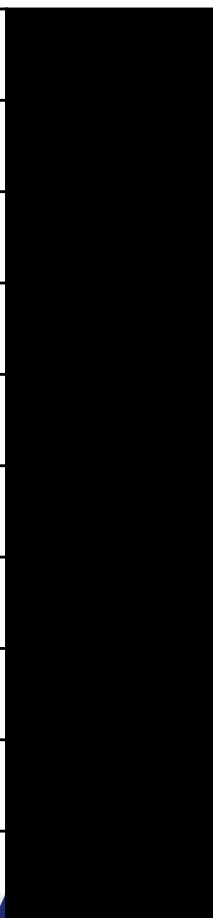
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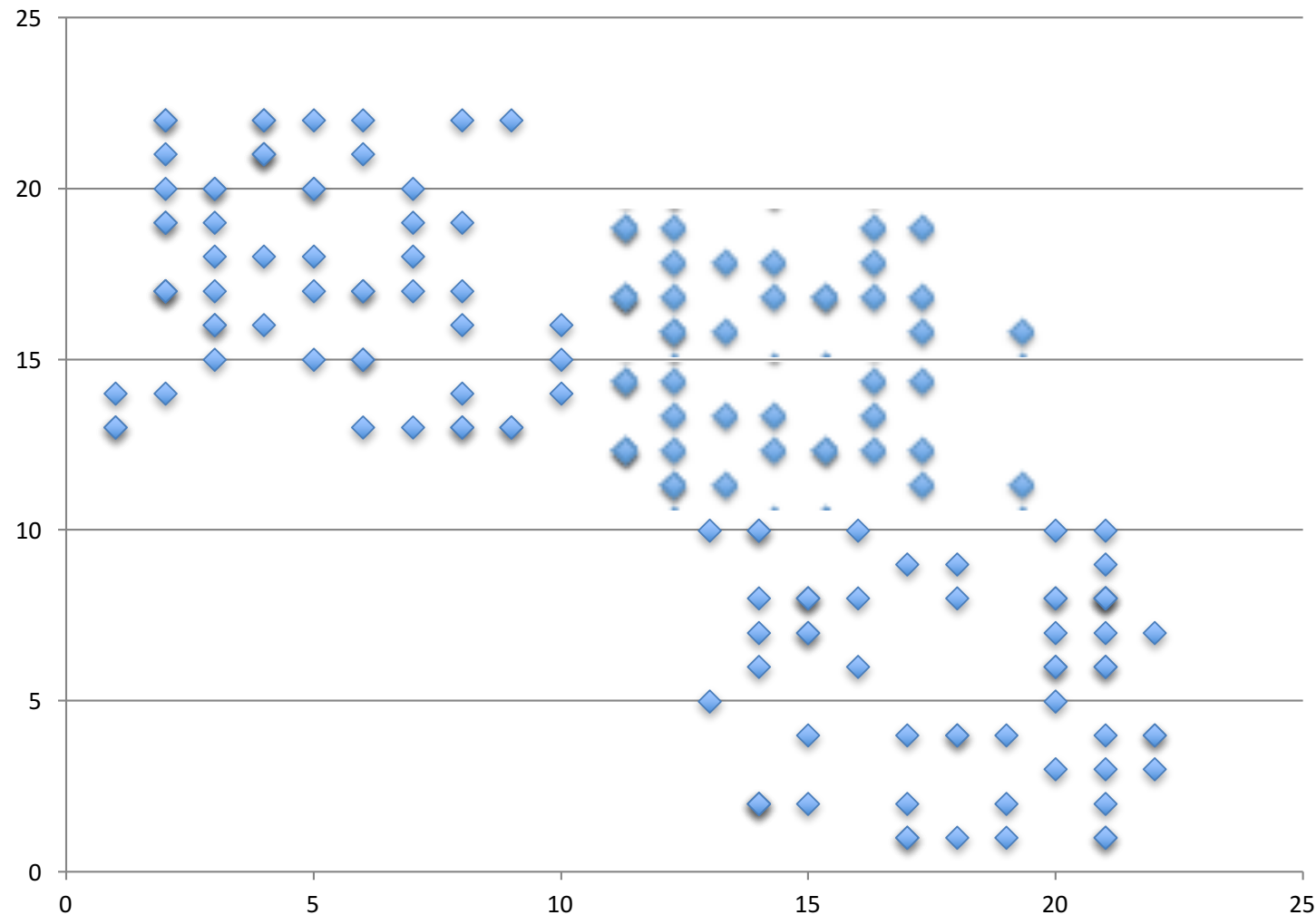
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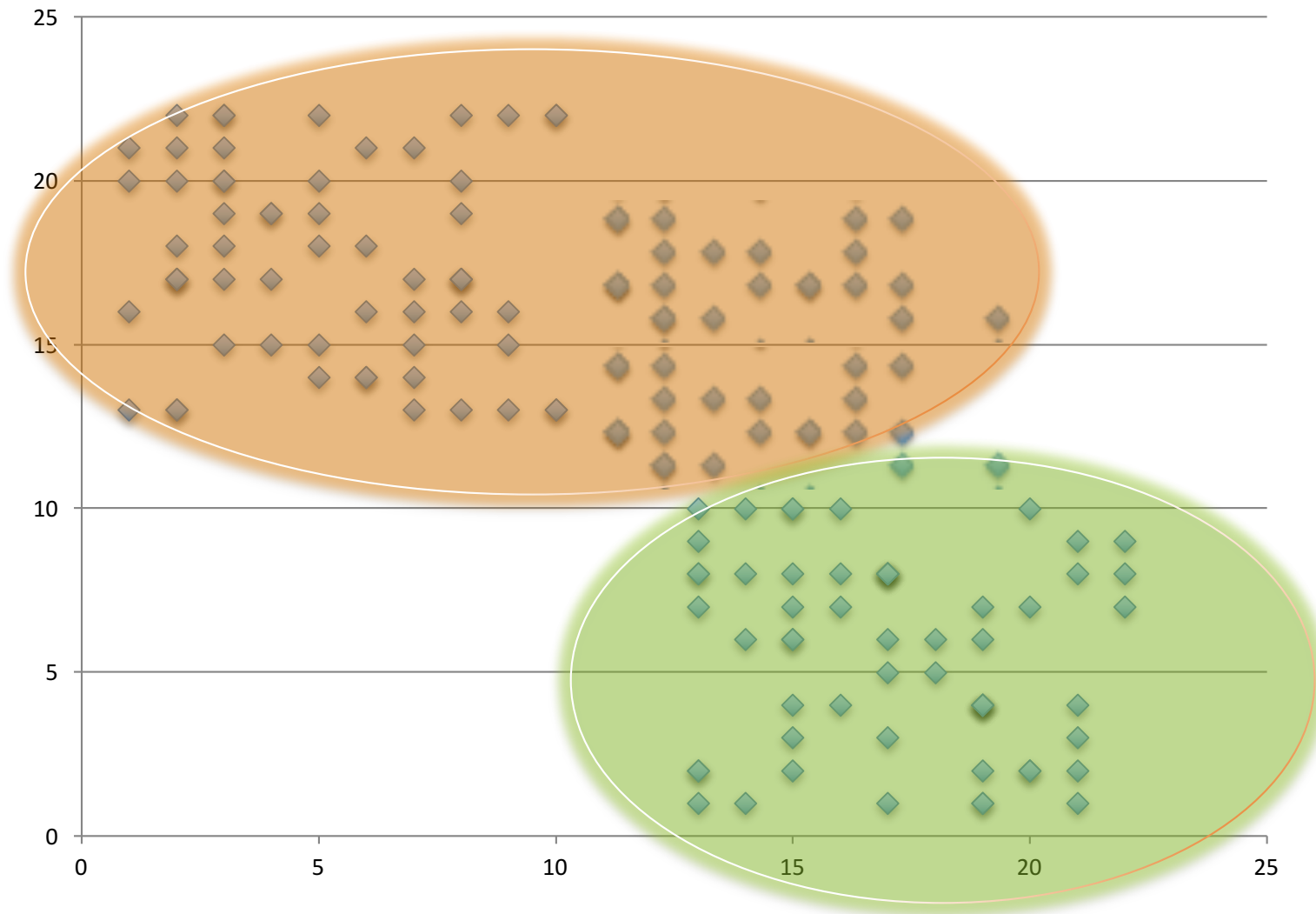
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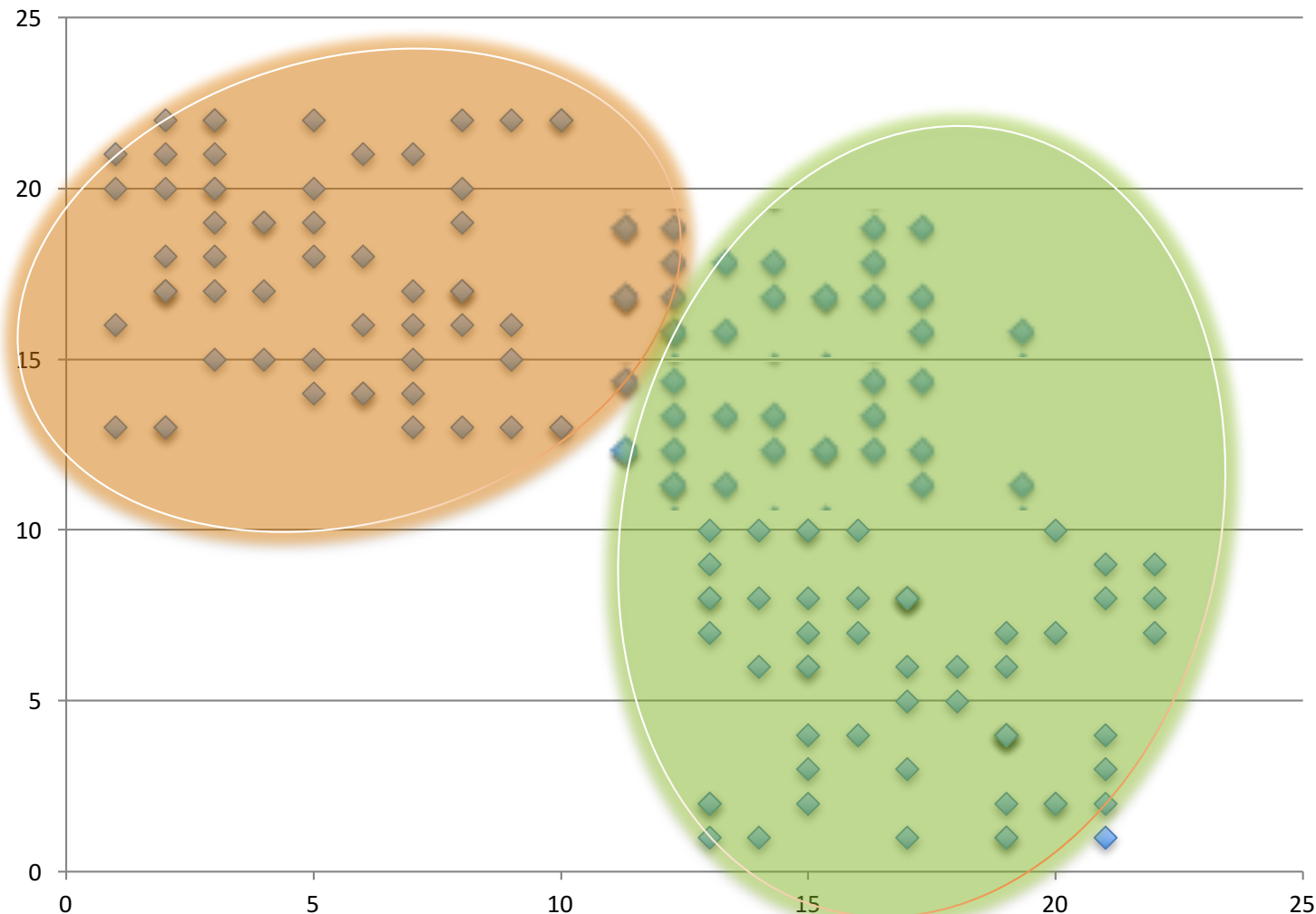
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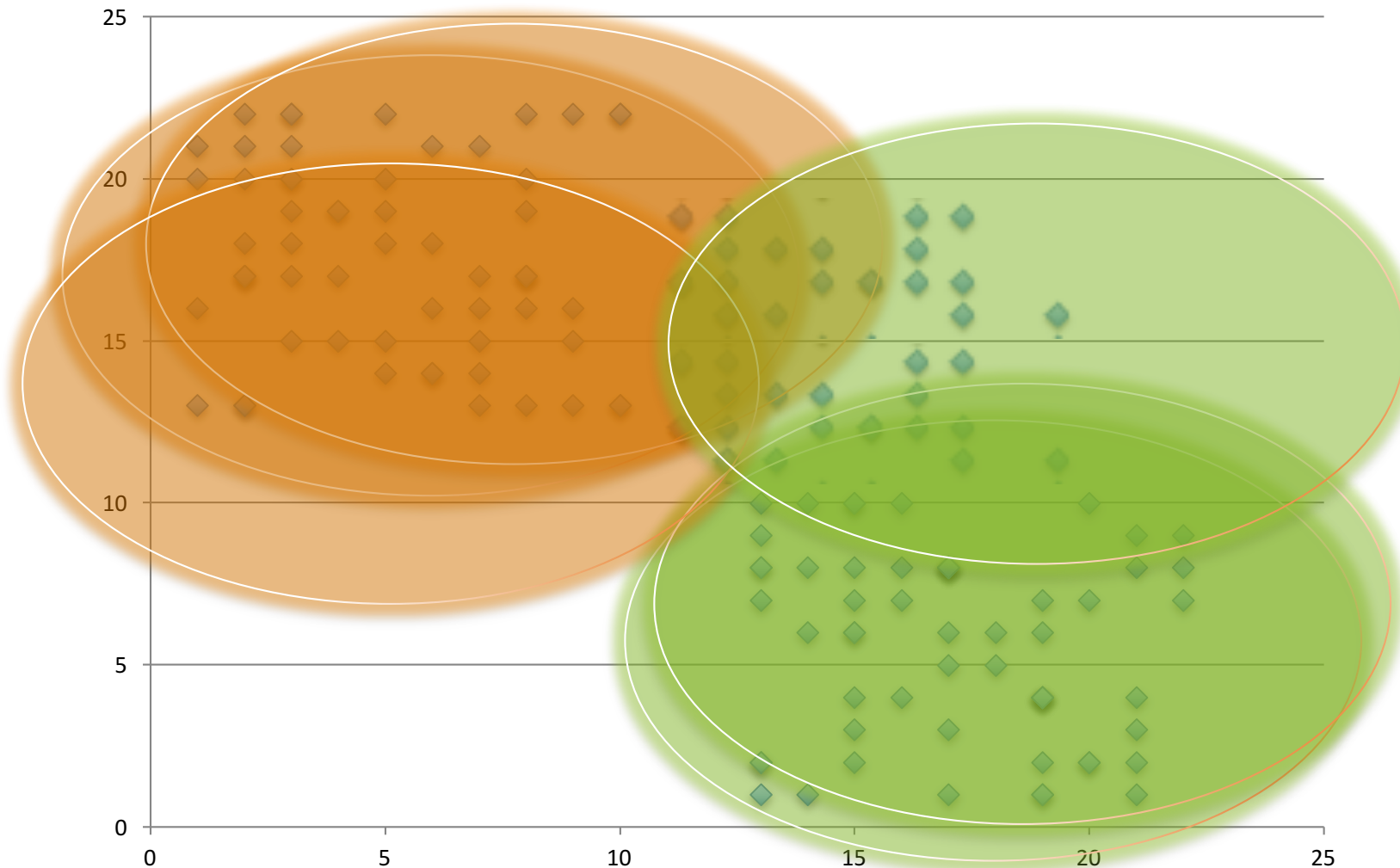
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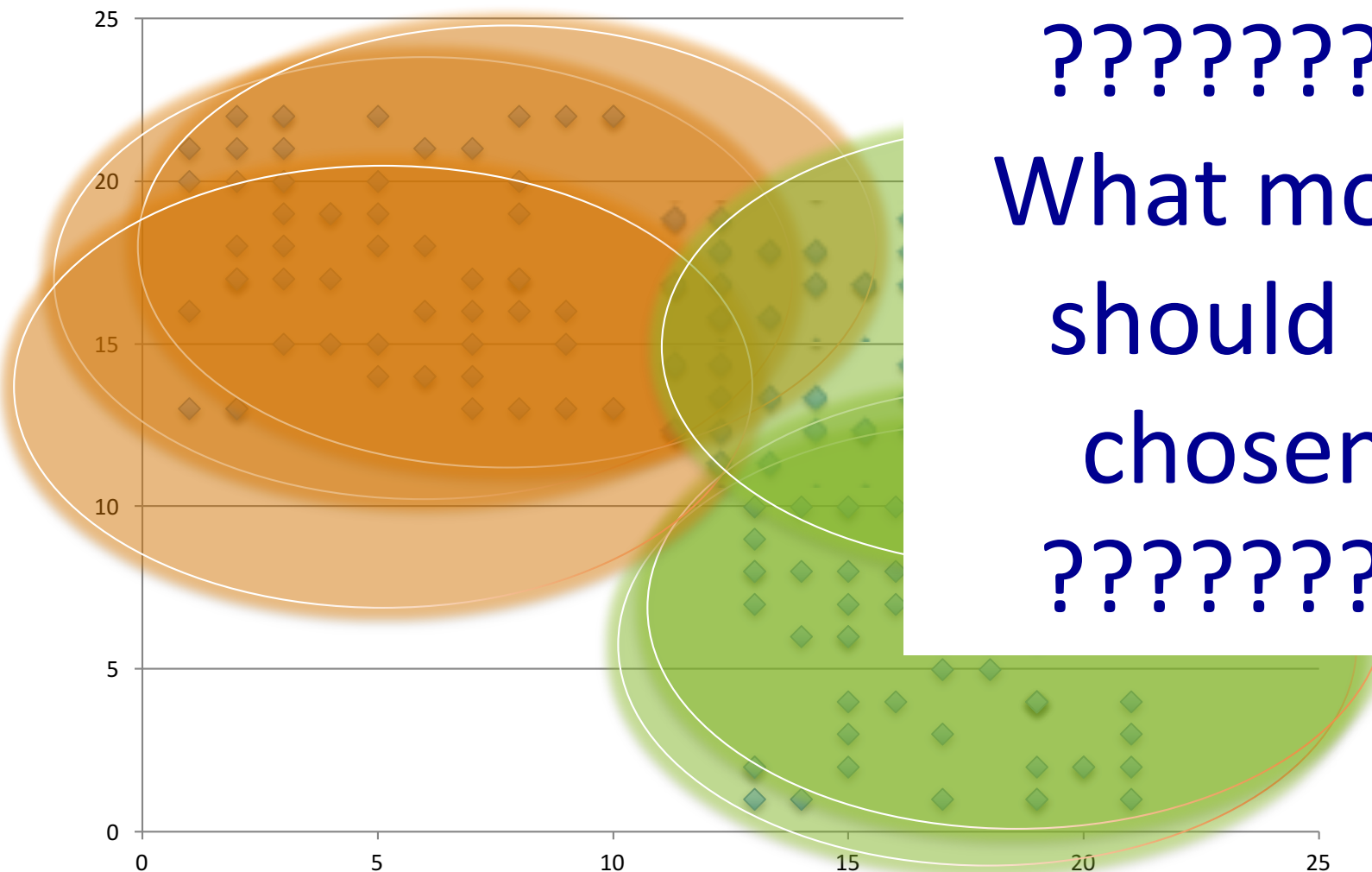
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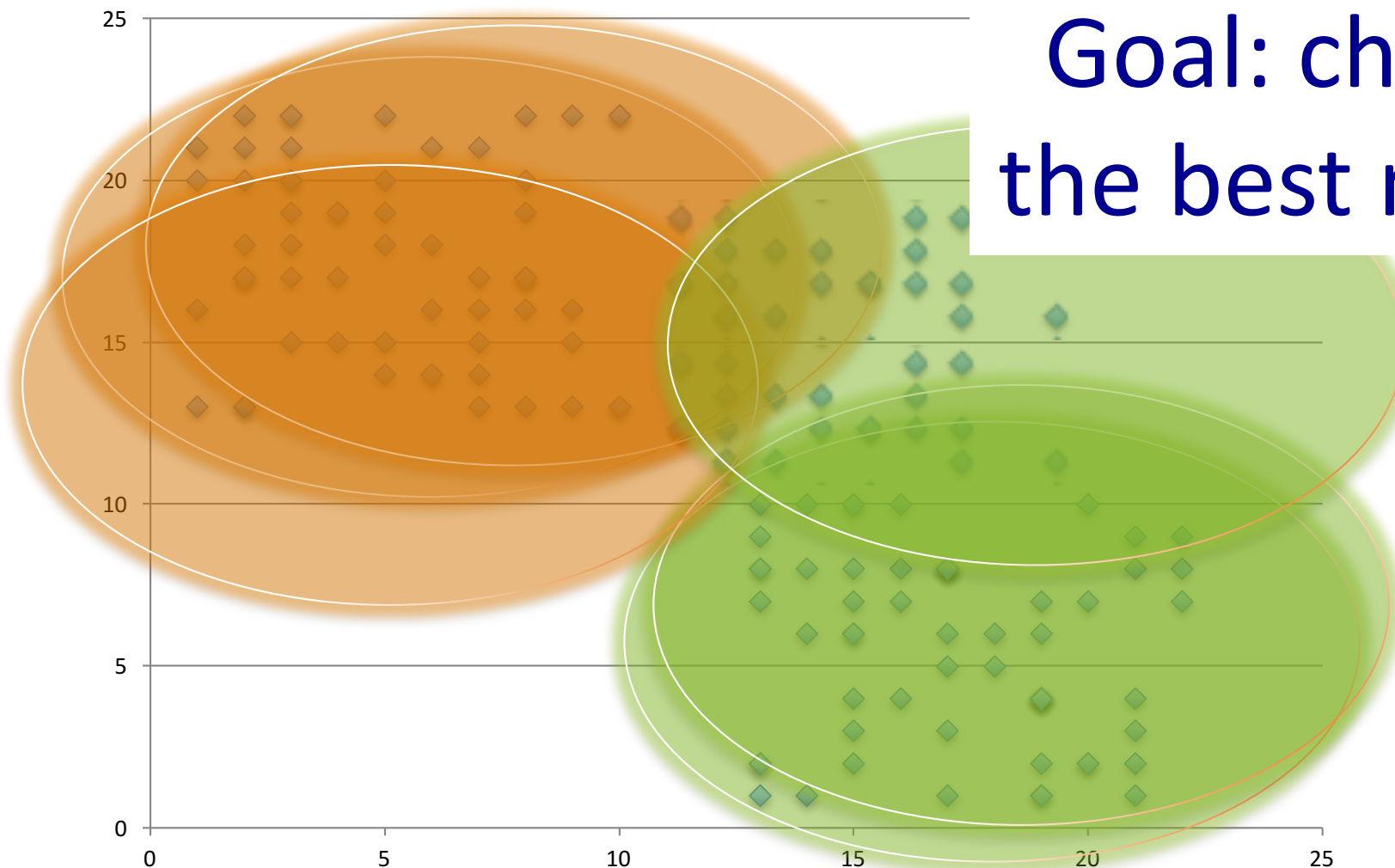




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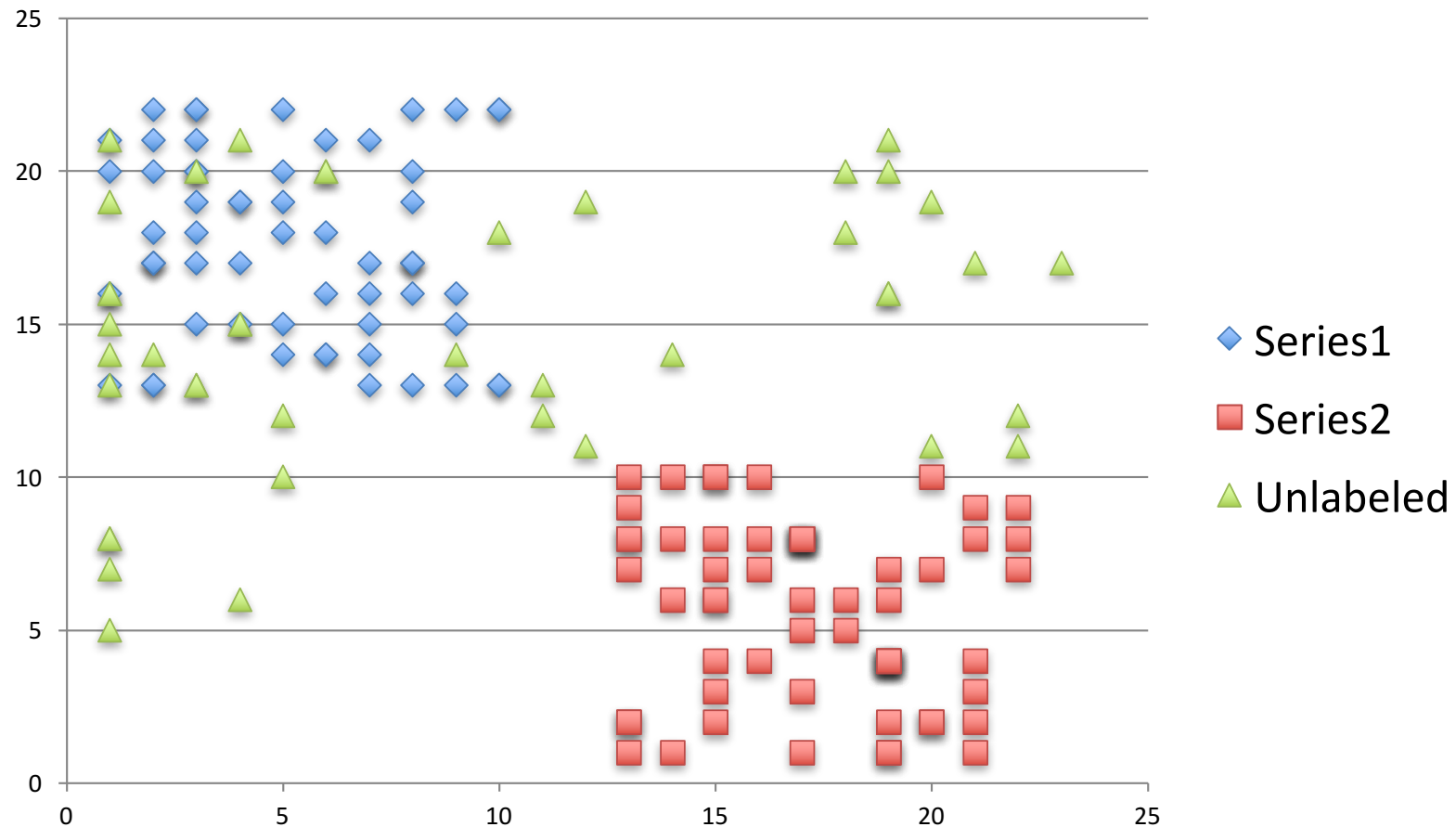
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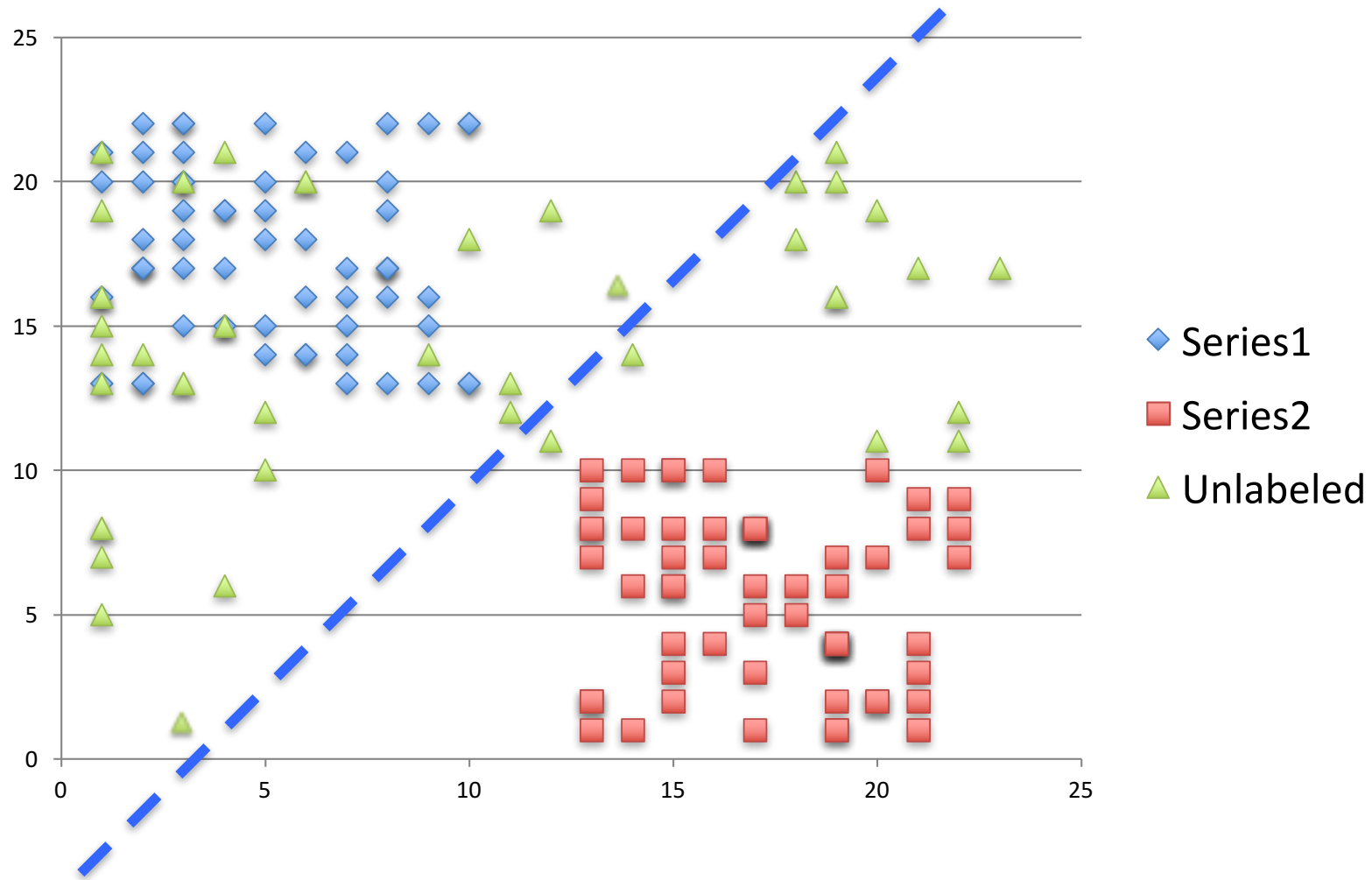
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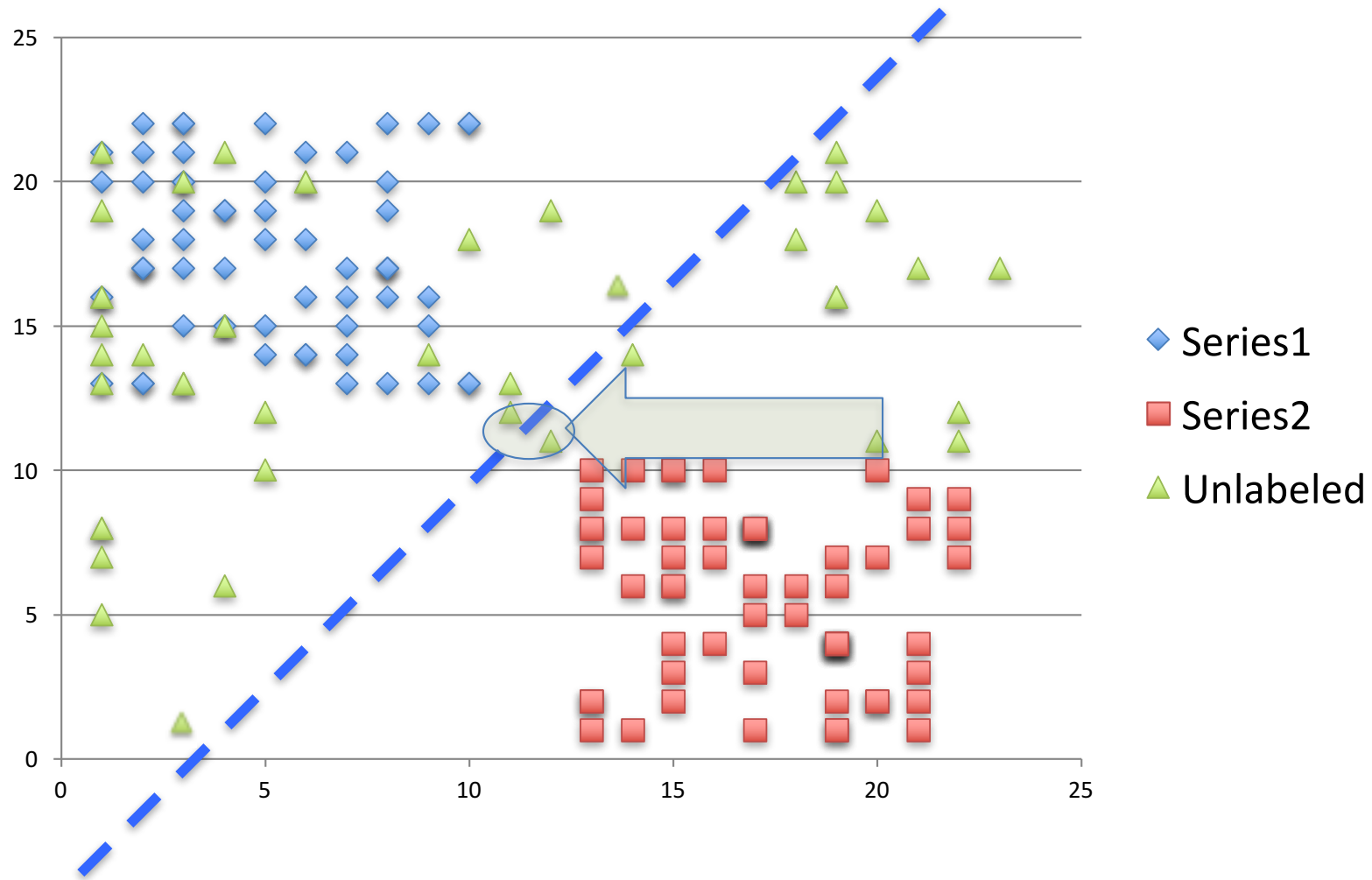
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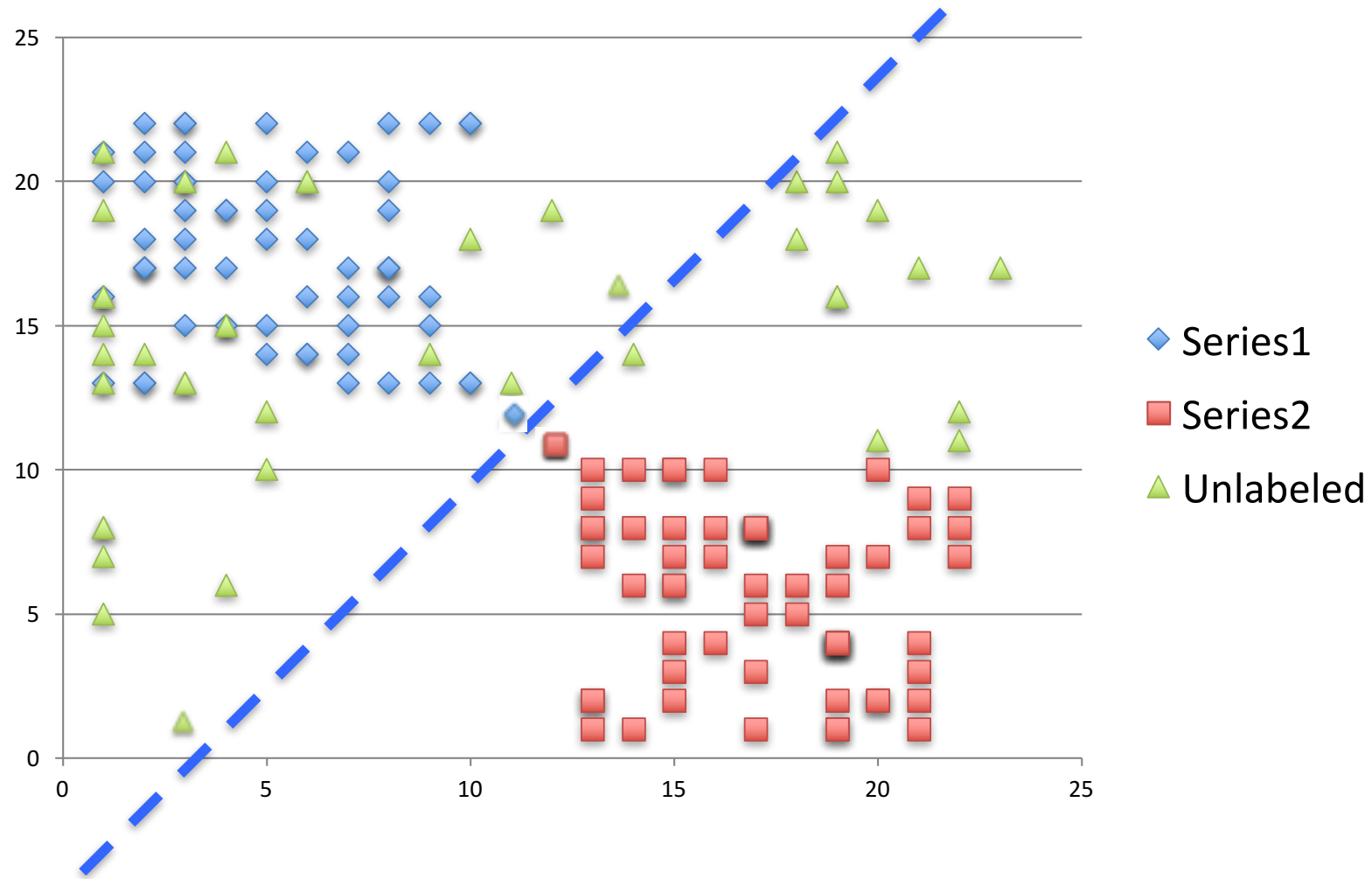
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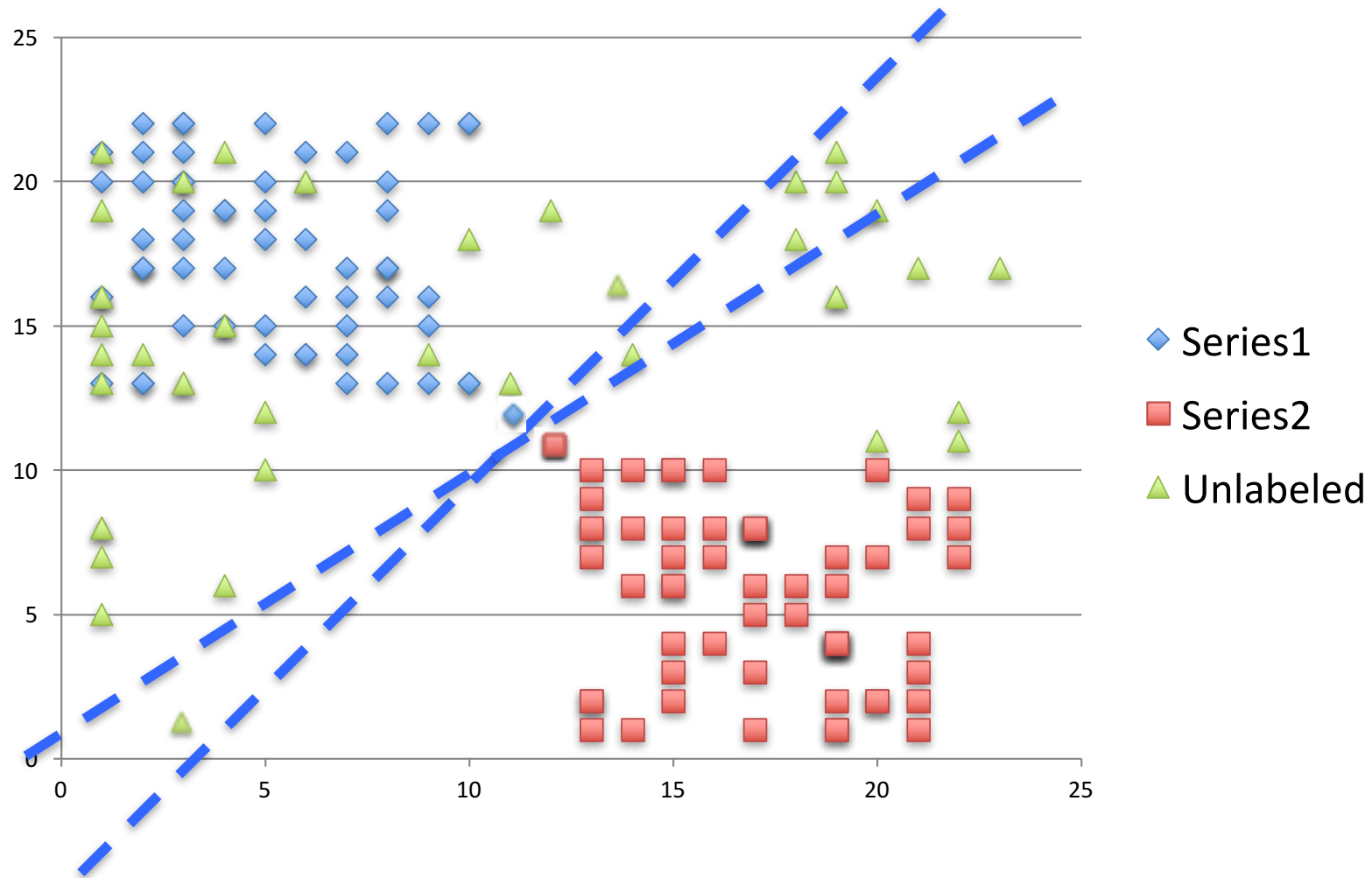
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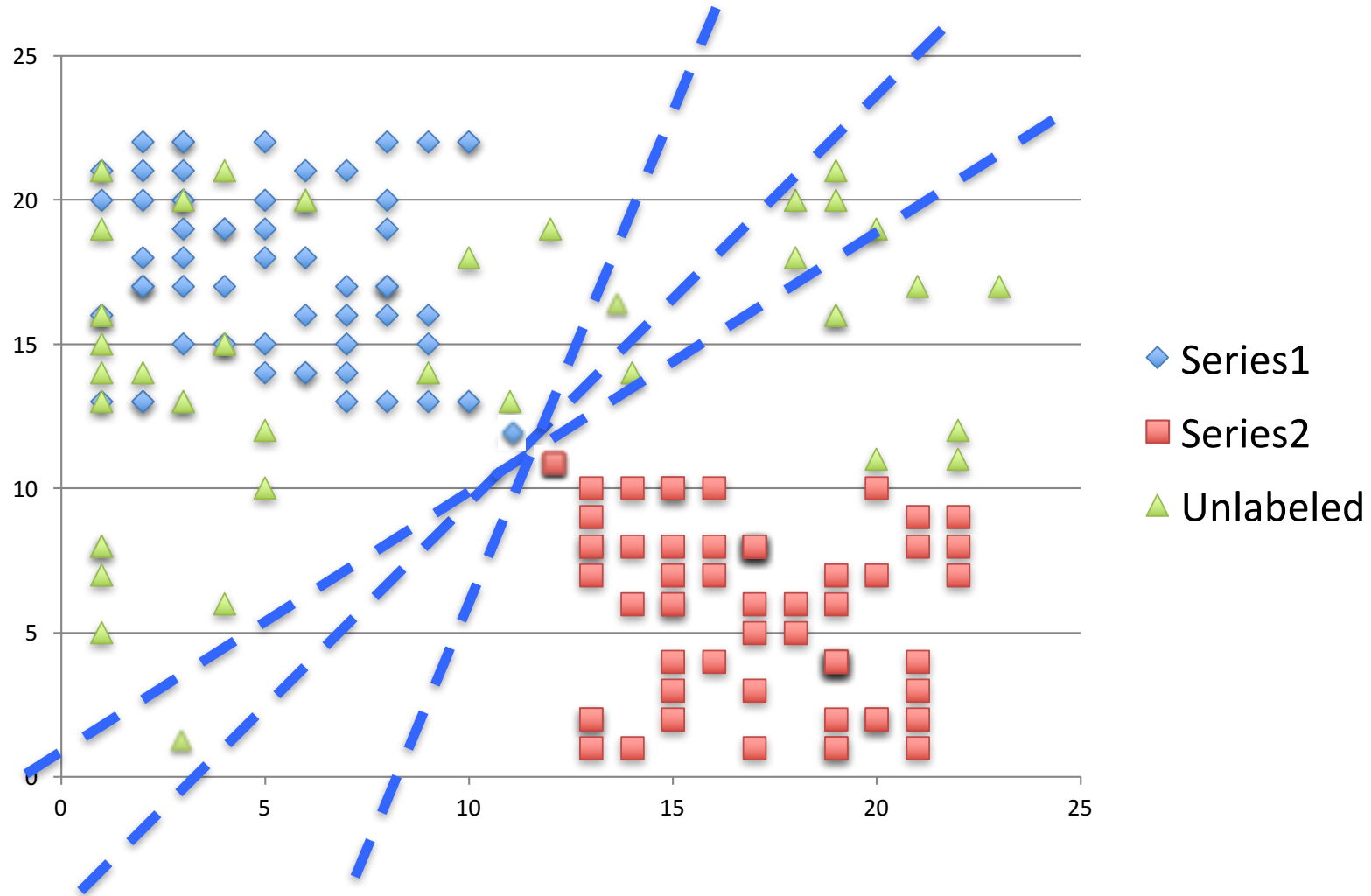
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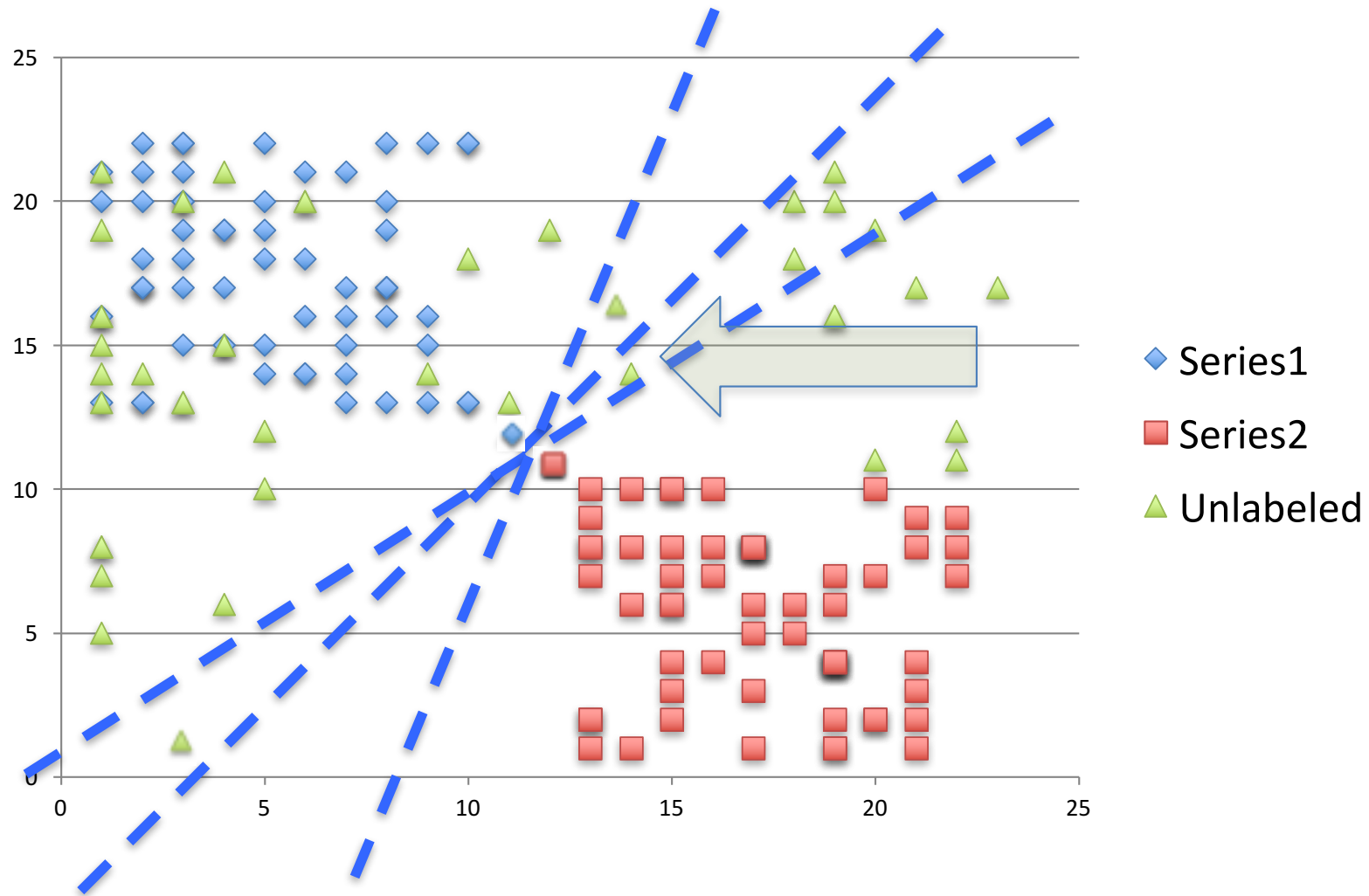
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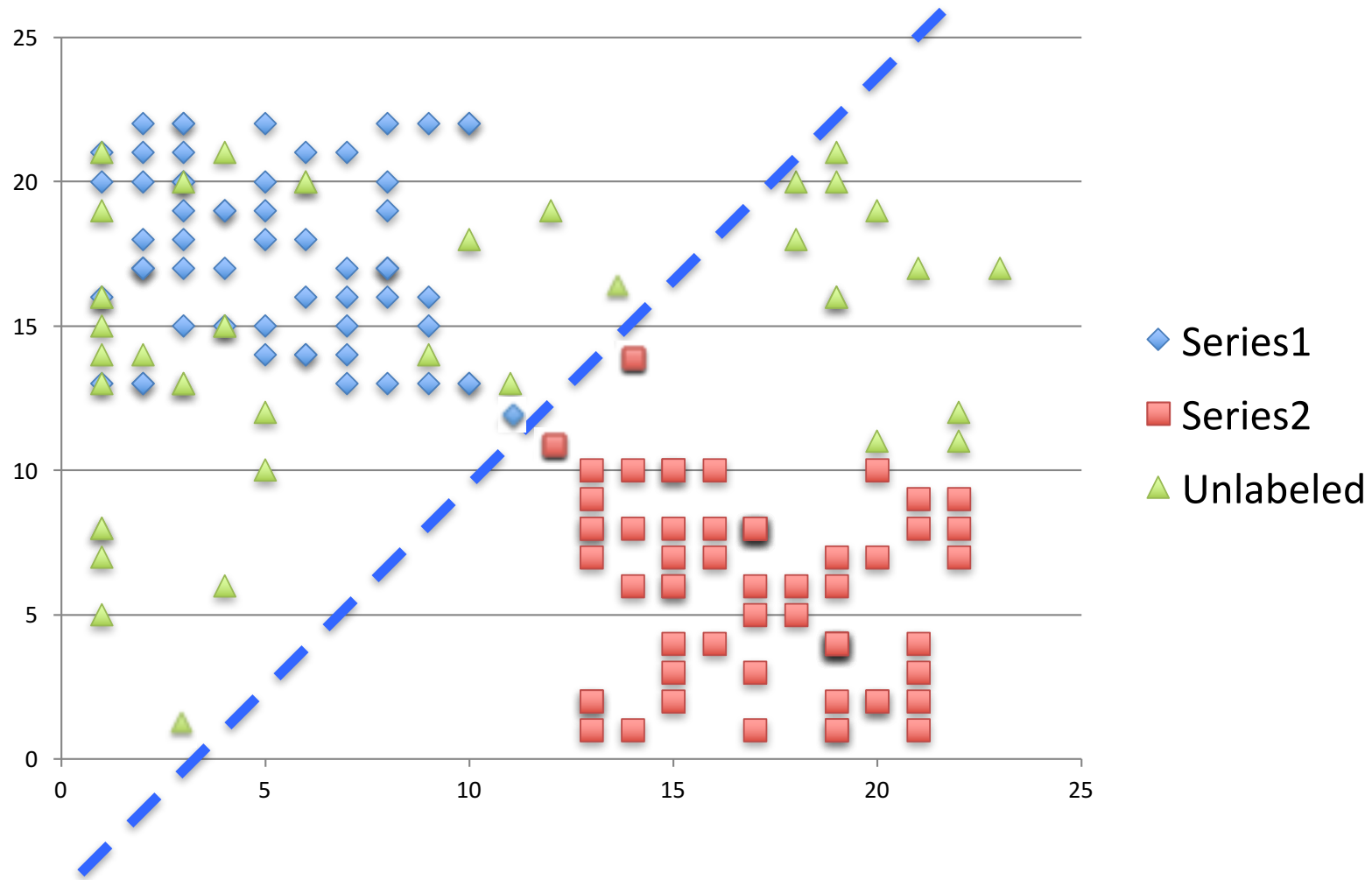
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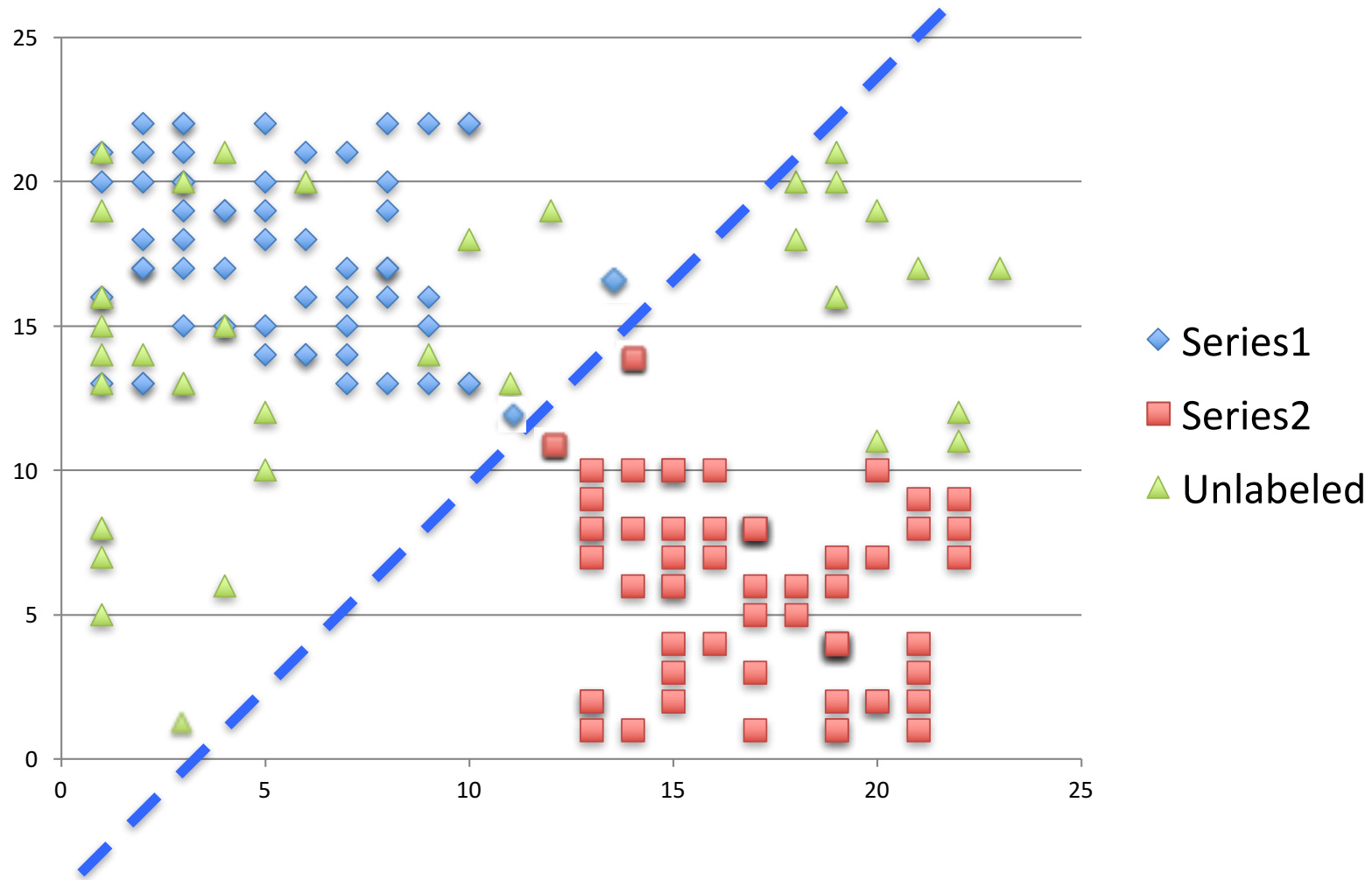
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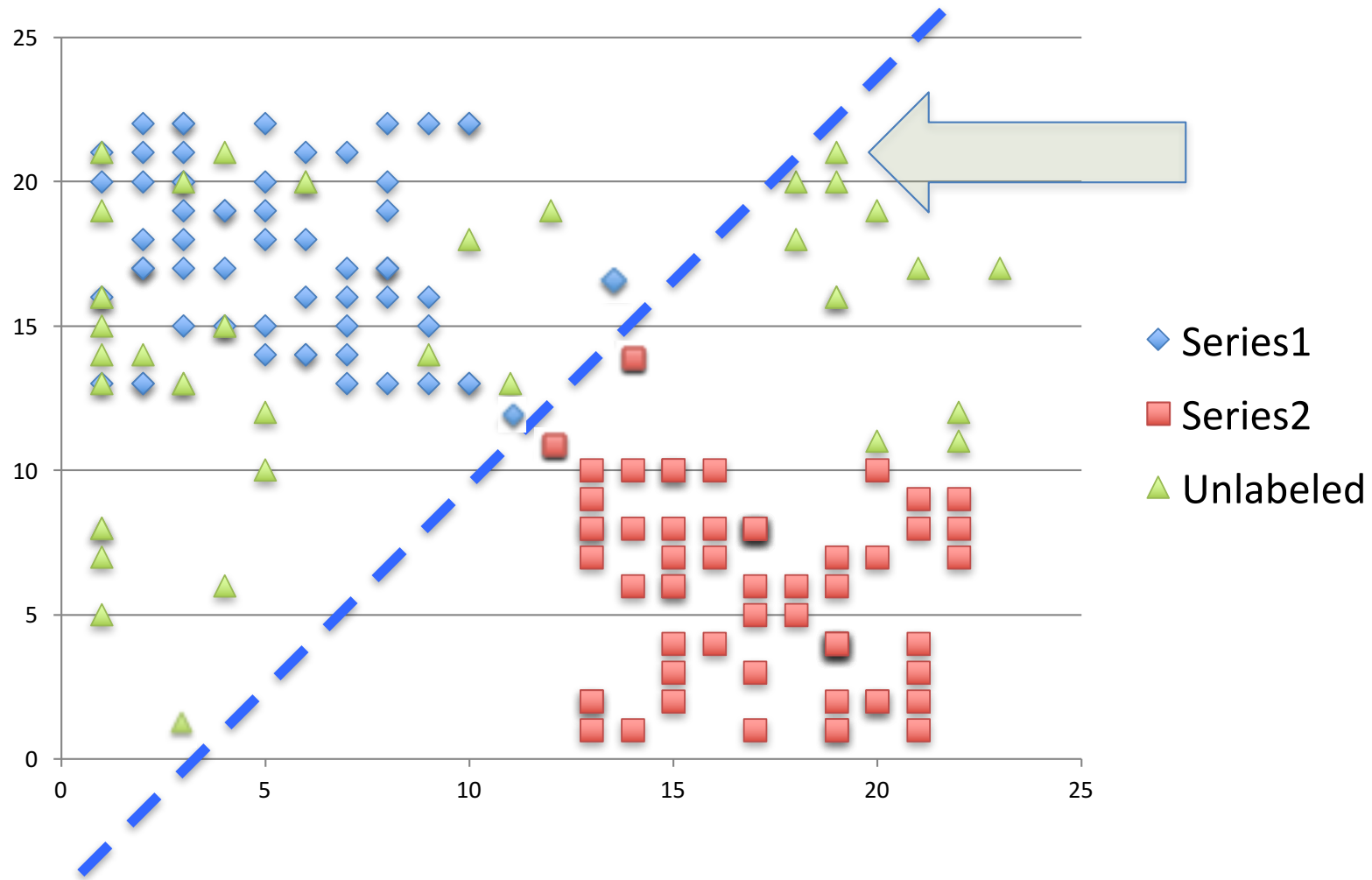
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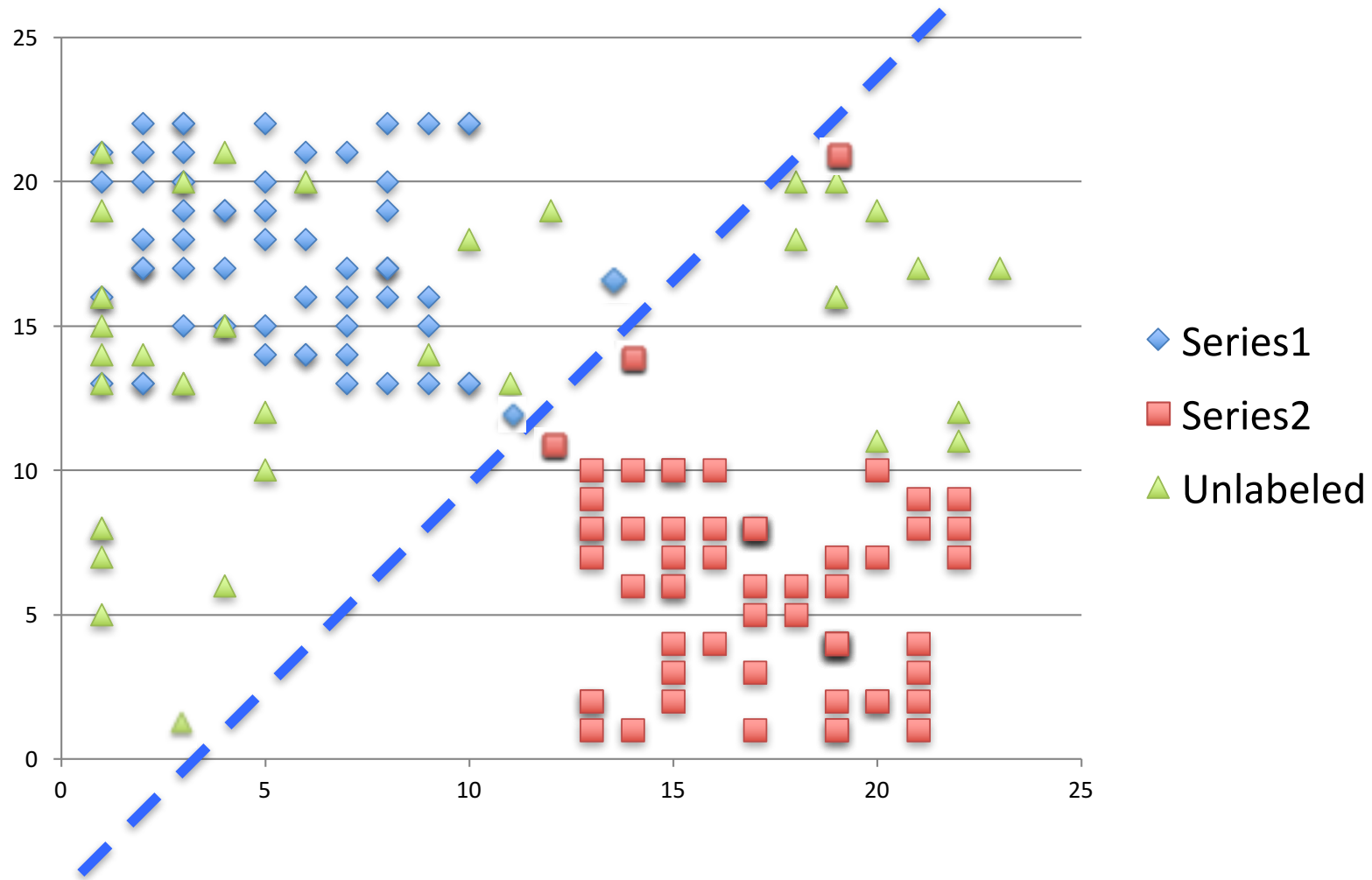
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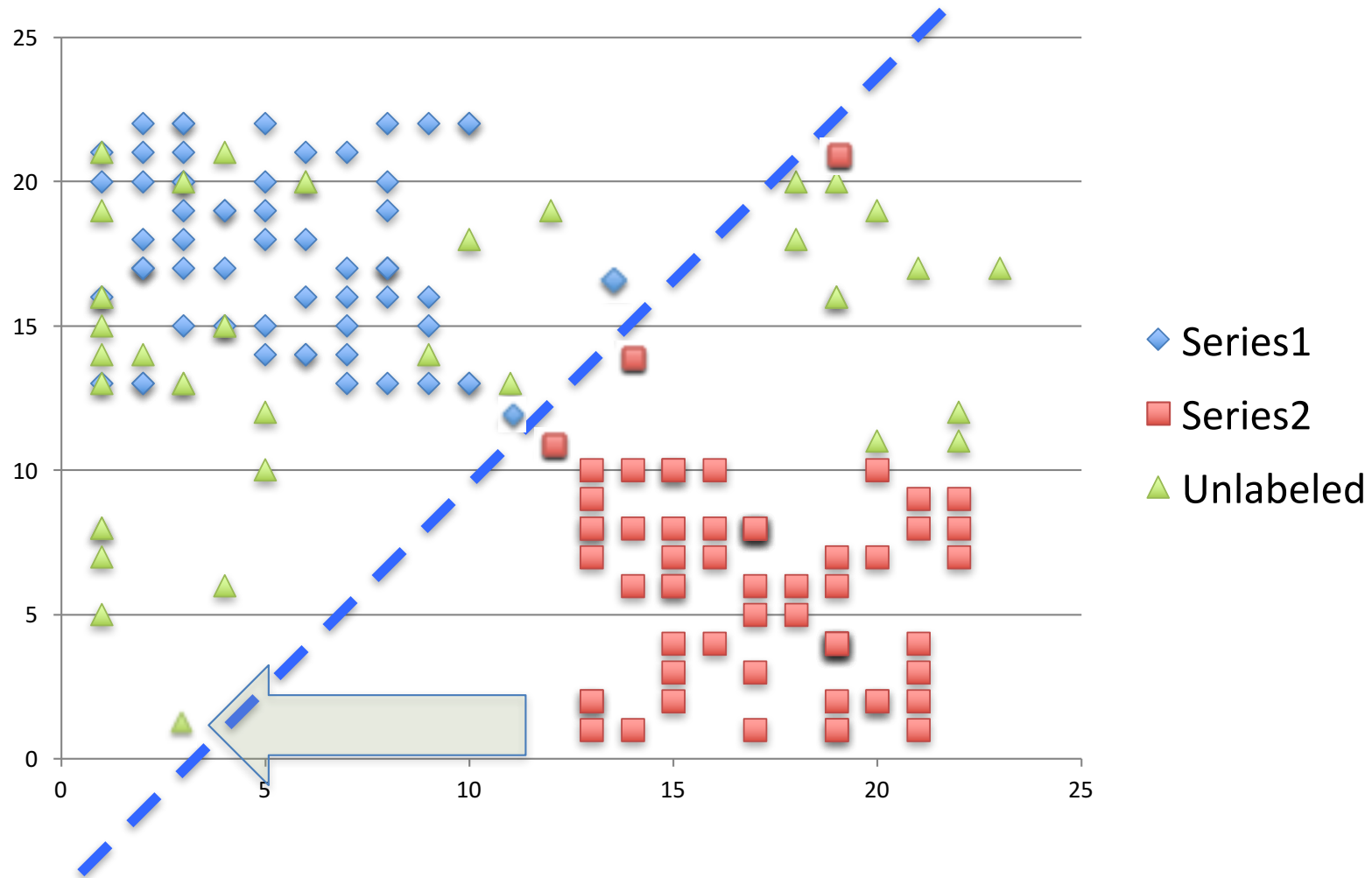
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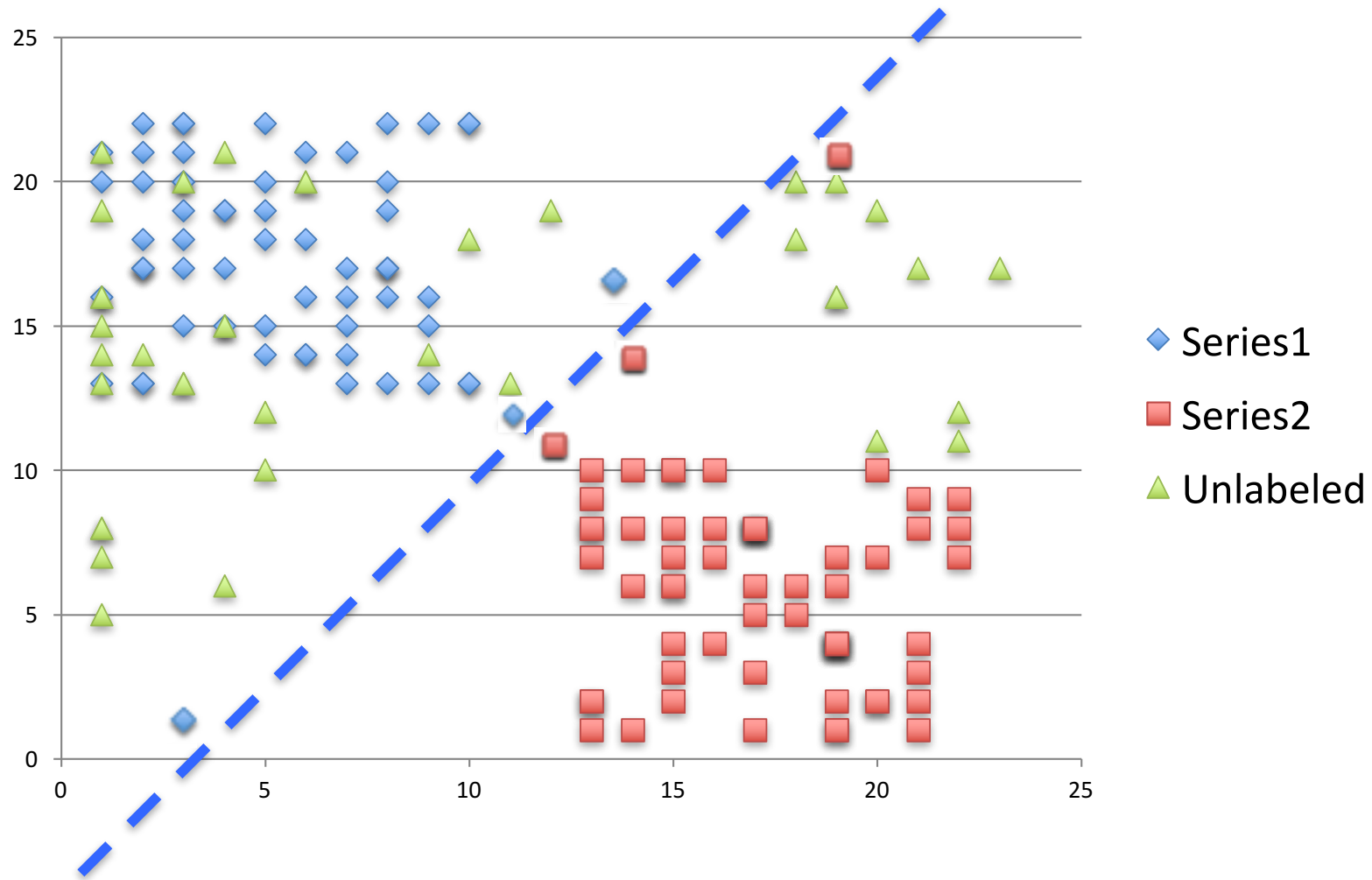
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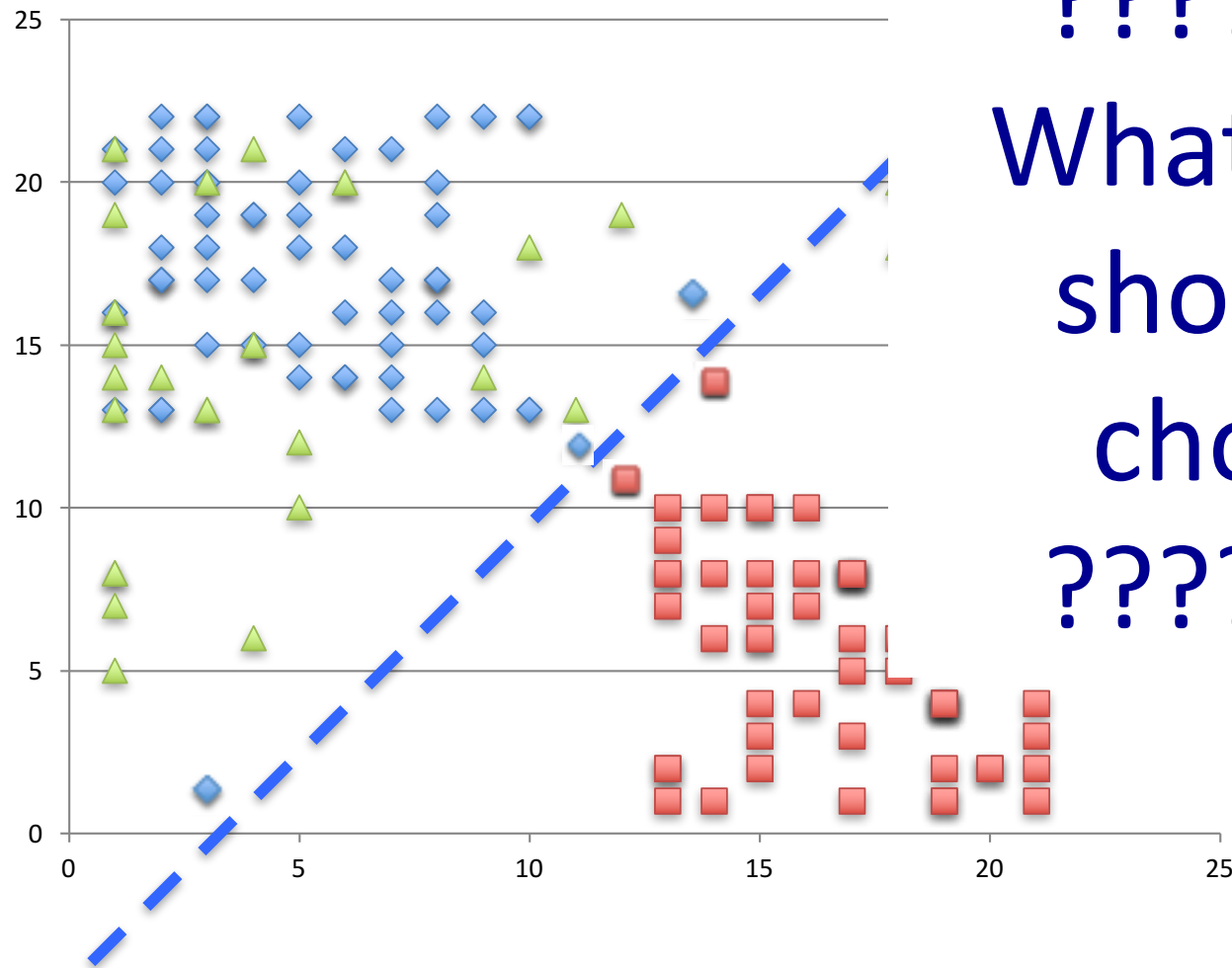
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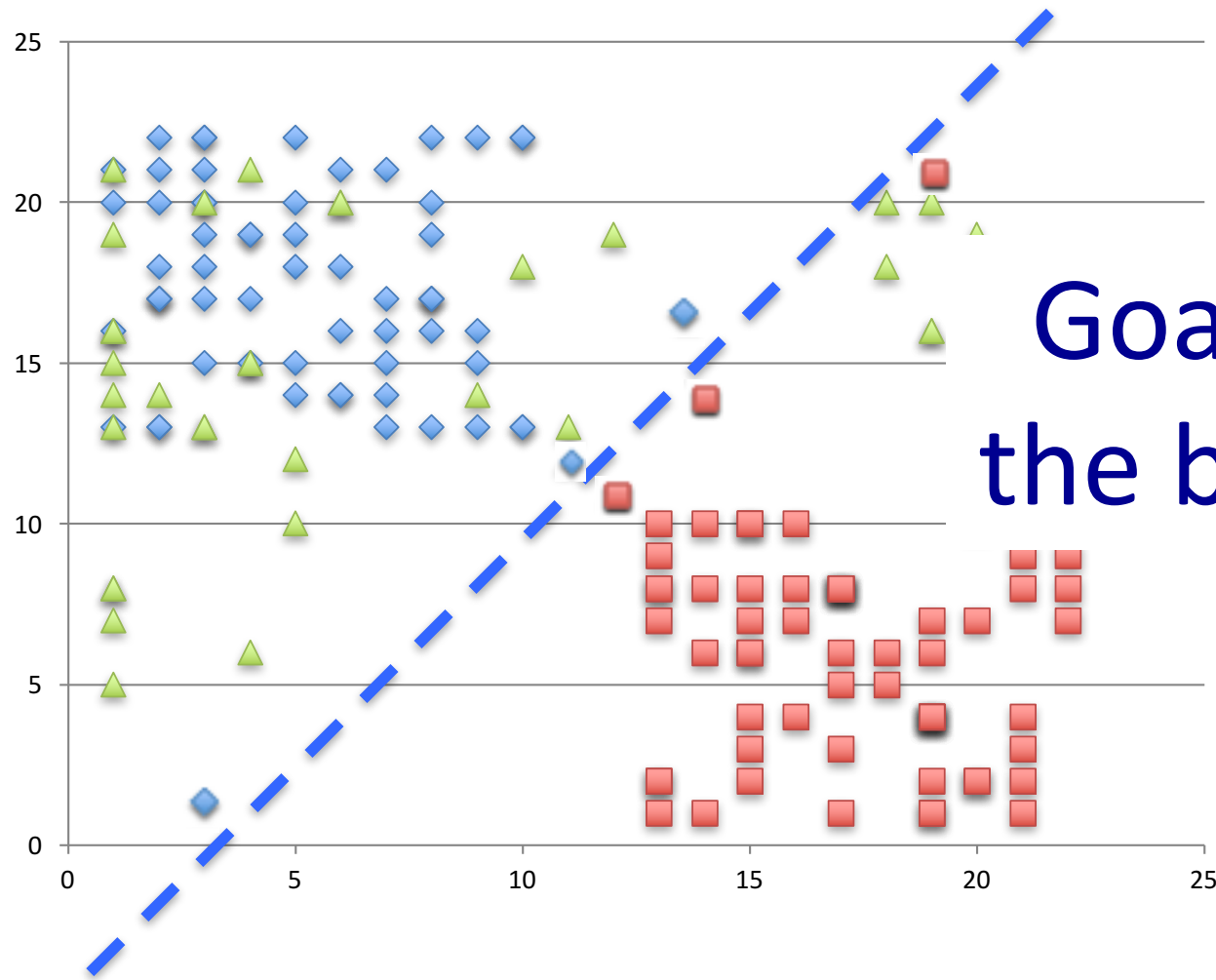
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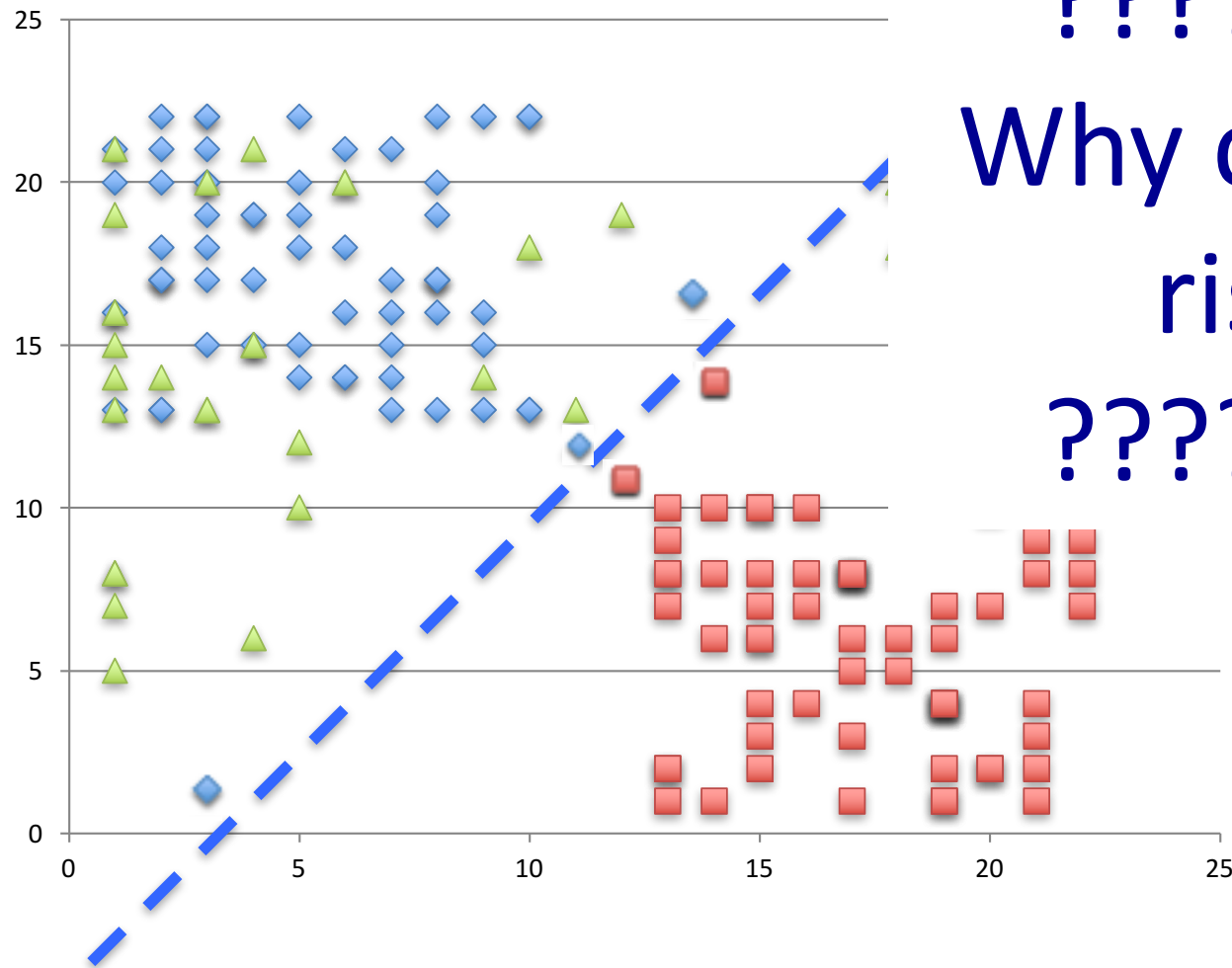
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Machine Reading

- “The autonomous understanding of text” [Etzioni et al., 2007]
- “One of the most important methods by which human beings learn is by reading” [Clark et al., 2007], thus why not building machines capable of learning by reading?





Machine Reading

- “The problem of deciding what was implied by a written text, of reading between the lines is the problem of inference.” [Norvig, 2007]
- Typically, Machine Reading is different from Natural Language Processing alone



Machine Reading

It's about the disappearance forty years ago of Harriet Vanger, a young scion of one of the wealthiest families in Sweden, and about her uncle, determined to know the truth about what he believes was her murder.

Blomkvist visits Henrik Vanger at his estate on the tiny island of Hedeby.

The old man draws Blomkvist in by promising solid evidence against Wennerström.

Blomkvist agrees to spend a year writing the Vanger family history as a cover for the real assignment: the disappearance of Vanger's niece Harriet some 40 years earlier. Hedeby is home to several generations of Vangers, all part owners in Vanger Enterprises. Blomkvist becomes acquainted with the members of the extended Vanger family, most of whom resent his presence. He does, however, start a short lived affair with Cecilia, the niece of Henrik.

After discovering that Salander has hacked into his computer, he persuades her to assist him with research. They eventually become lovers, but Blomkvist has trouble getting close to Lisbeth who treats virtually everyone she meets with hostility. Ultimately the two discover that Harriet's brother Martin, CEO of Vanger Industries, is secretly a serial killer.

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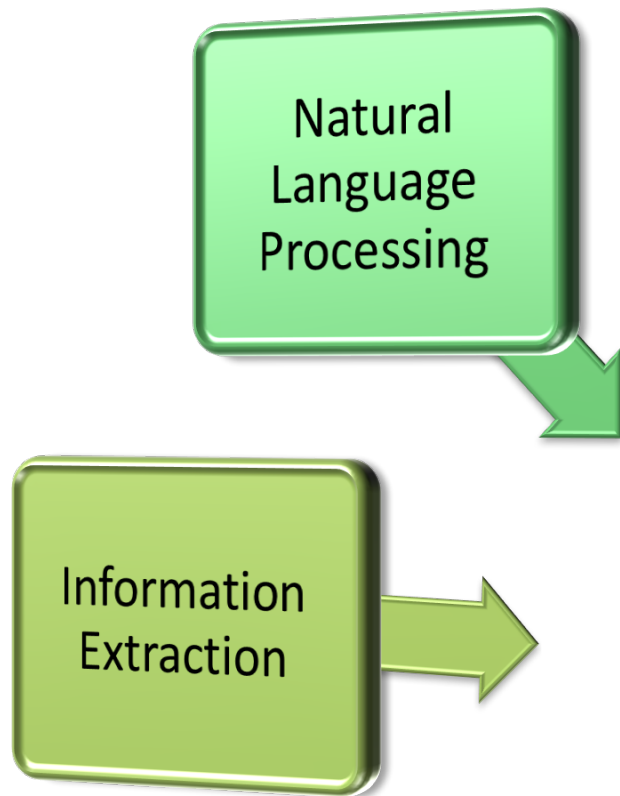
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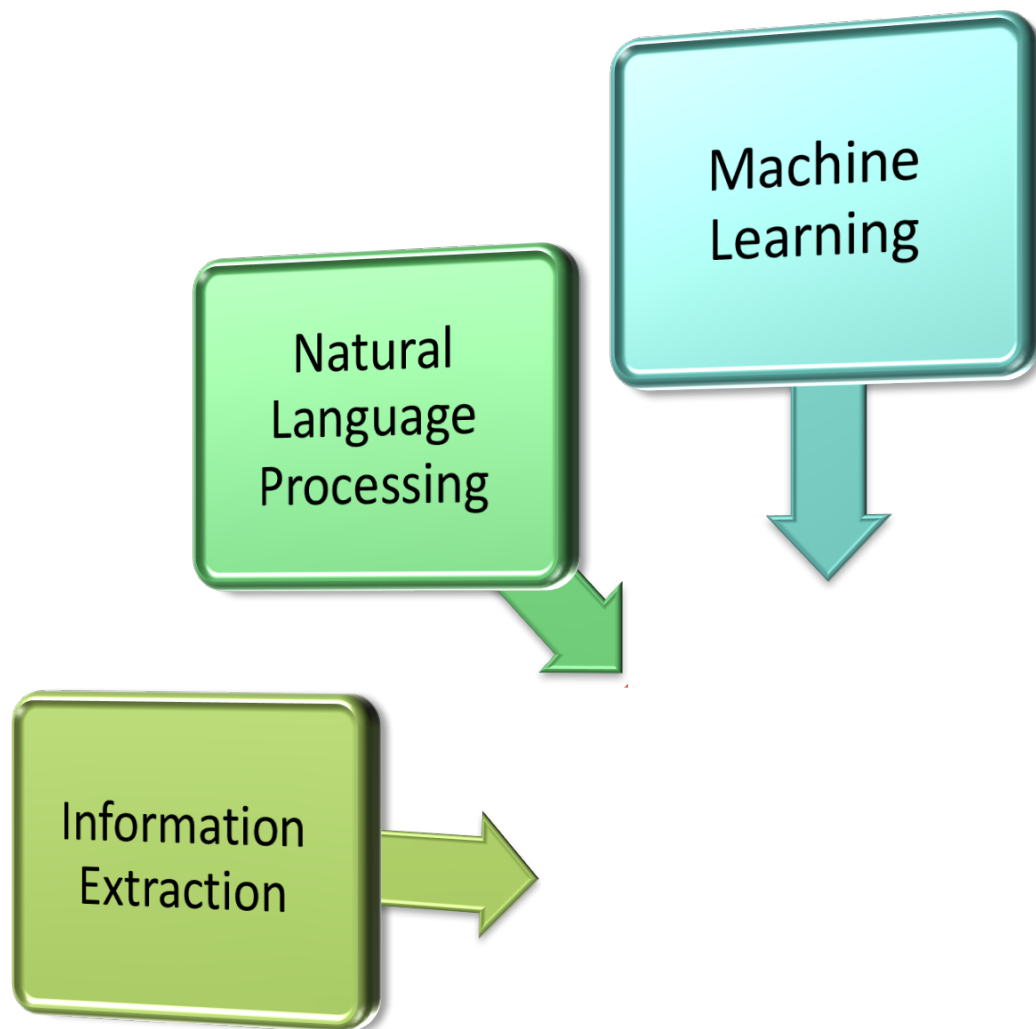
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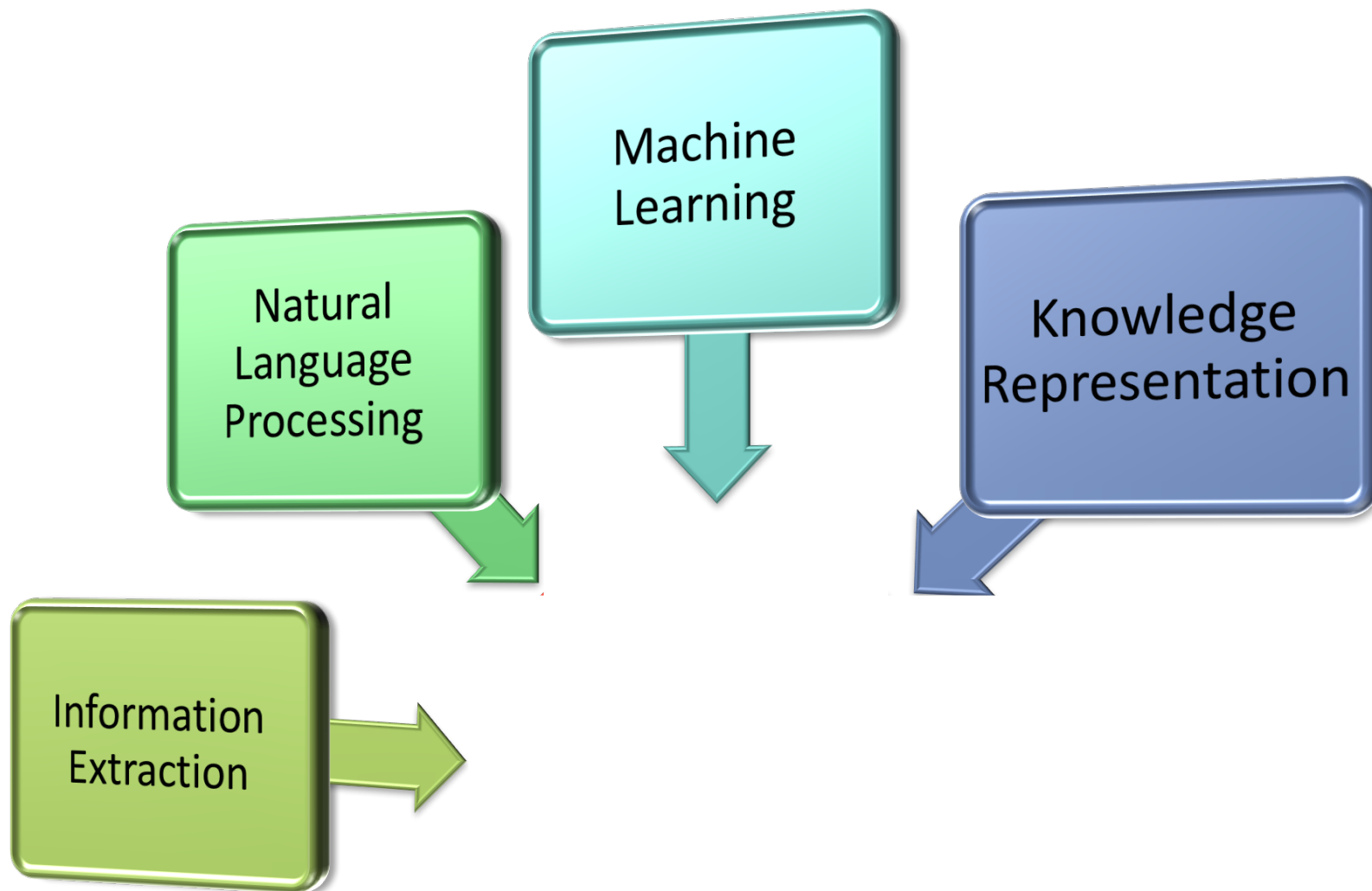
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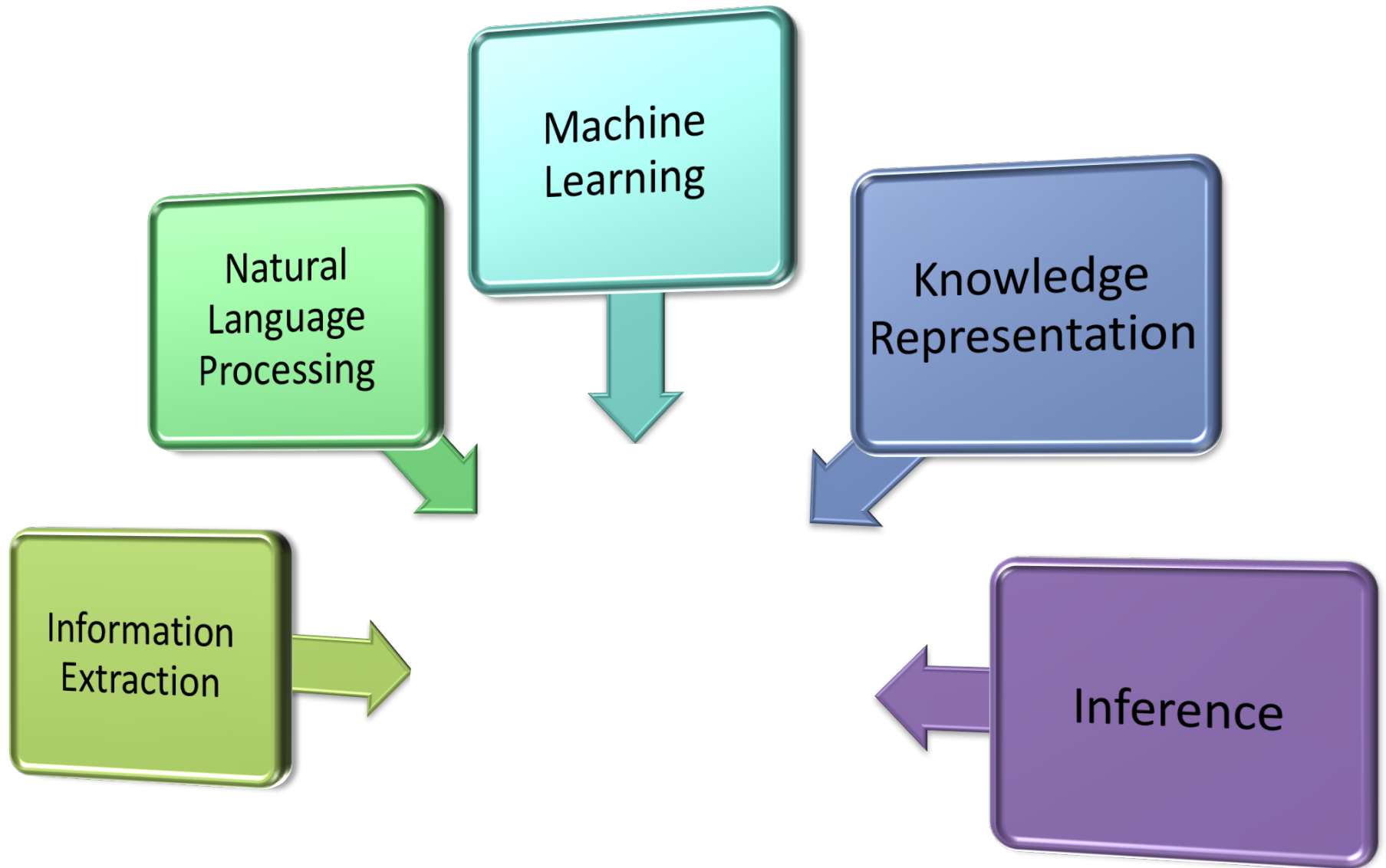
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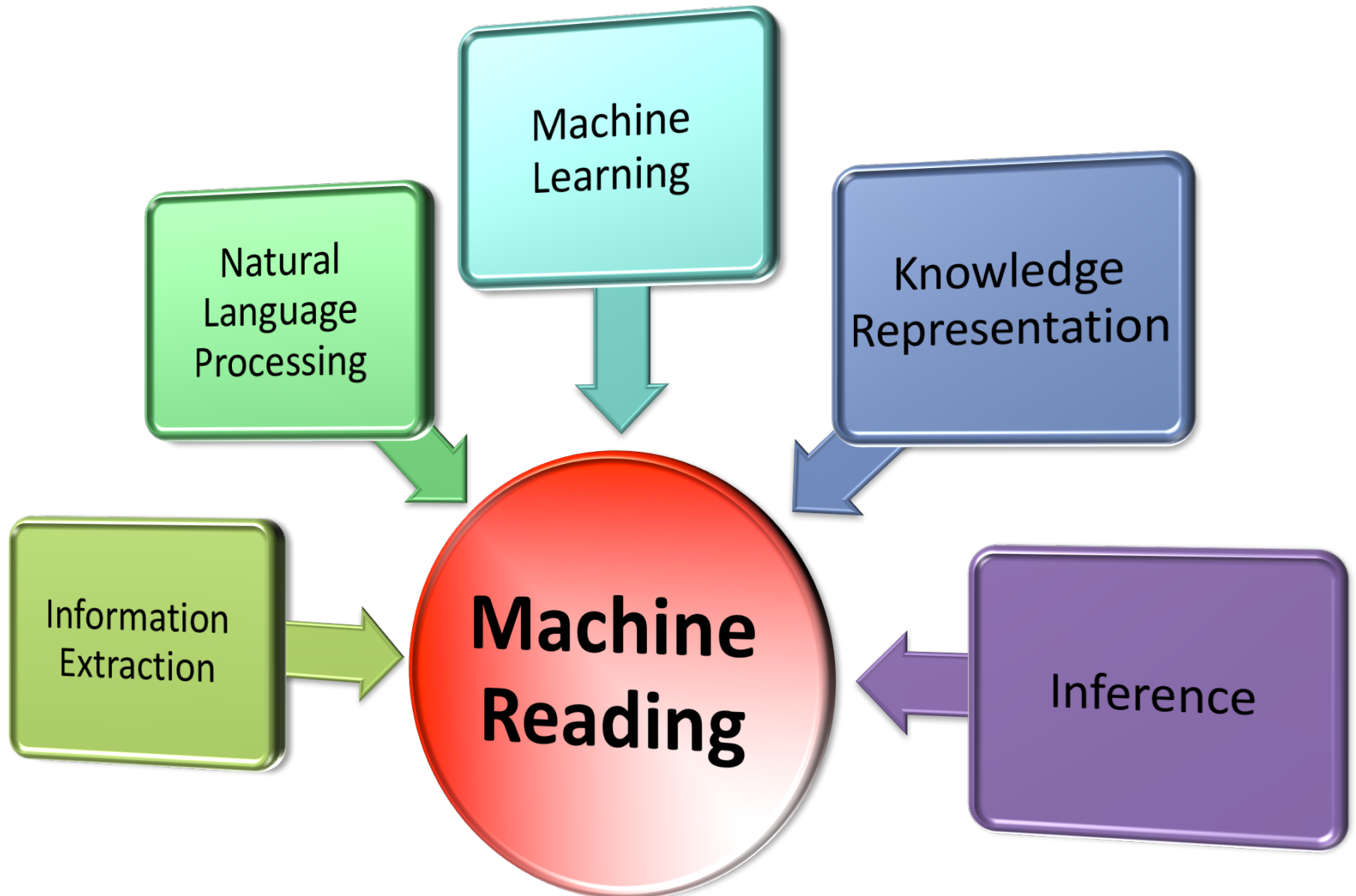
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- One important *(initial)* approach to machine reading is to extract facts from text and store them in a structured form.
- Facts can be seen as entities and their relations
- Ontology is one of the most common representation for the extracted facts





Machine Reading

Some possible subtasks

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- Named Entity Recognition [Nadeau & Sekine, 2007]
 - term “Named Entity” coined for the Sixth Message Understanding Conference (MUC-6) (R. Grishman & Sundheim 1996).
 - important sub-tasks of IE called “Named Entity Recognition and Classification (NERC)”.





Named Entity Recognition

[Nadeau & Sekine, 2007]

- recognize information units like names, including **person**, **organization** and **location** names, and numeric expressions including **time**, **date**, **money** and **percent expressions**.
- In Machine Reading, many other entities: **product**, **kitchen item**, **sport**, etc.





Named Entity Resolution

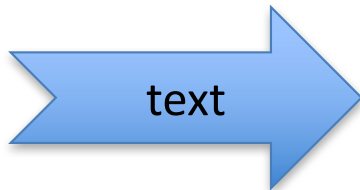
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 - Which individual entities belong to which classes?
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 - *instanceOf (Barbara Liskov, female humans), ...*





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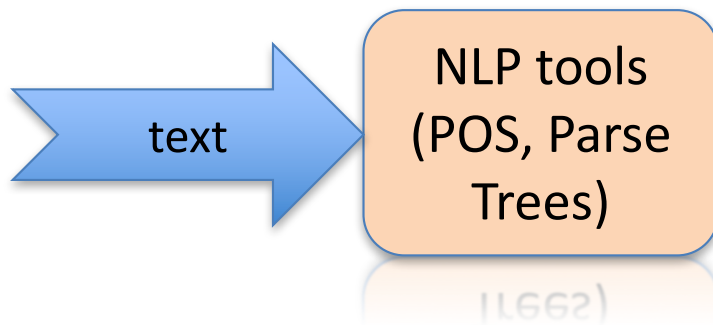
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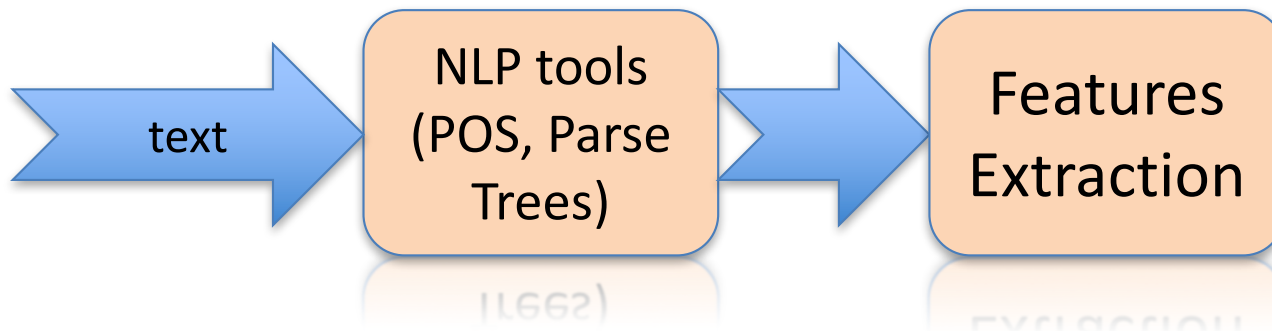
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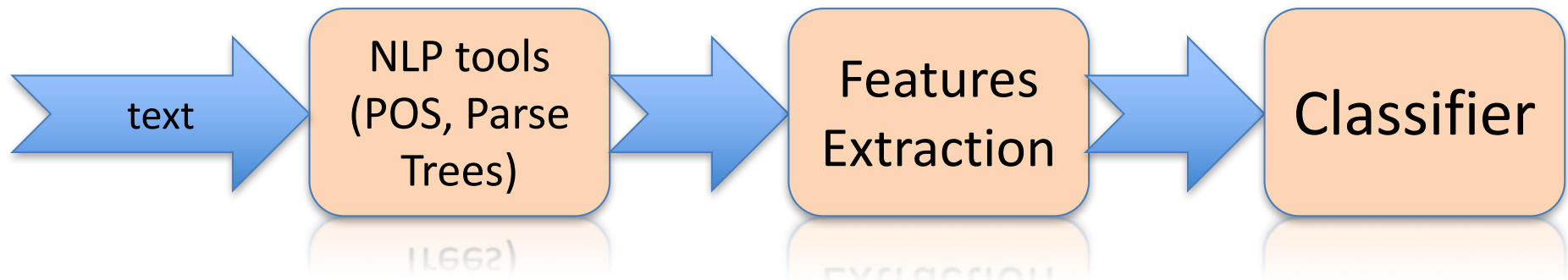
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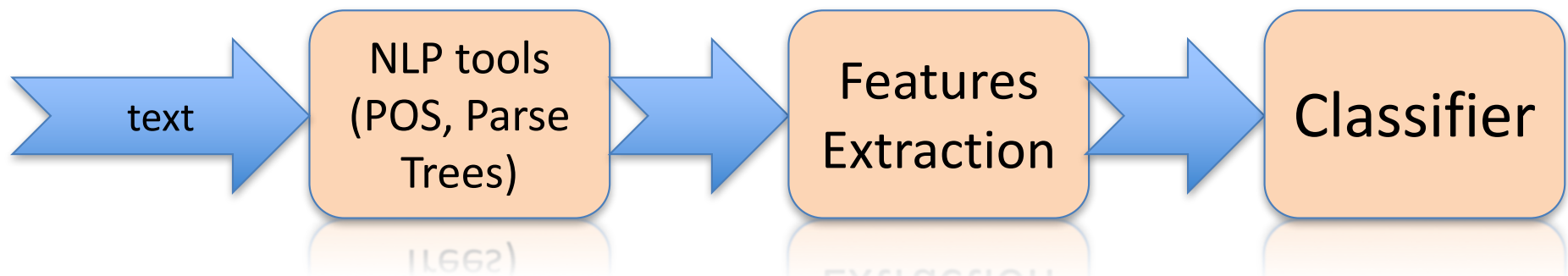
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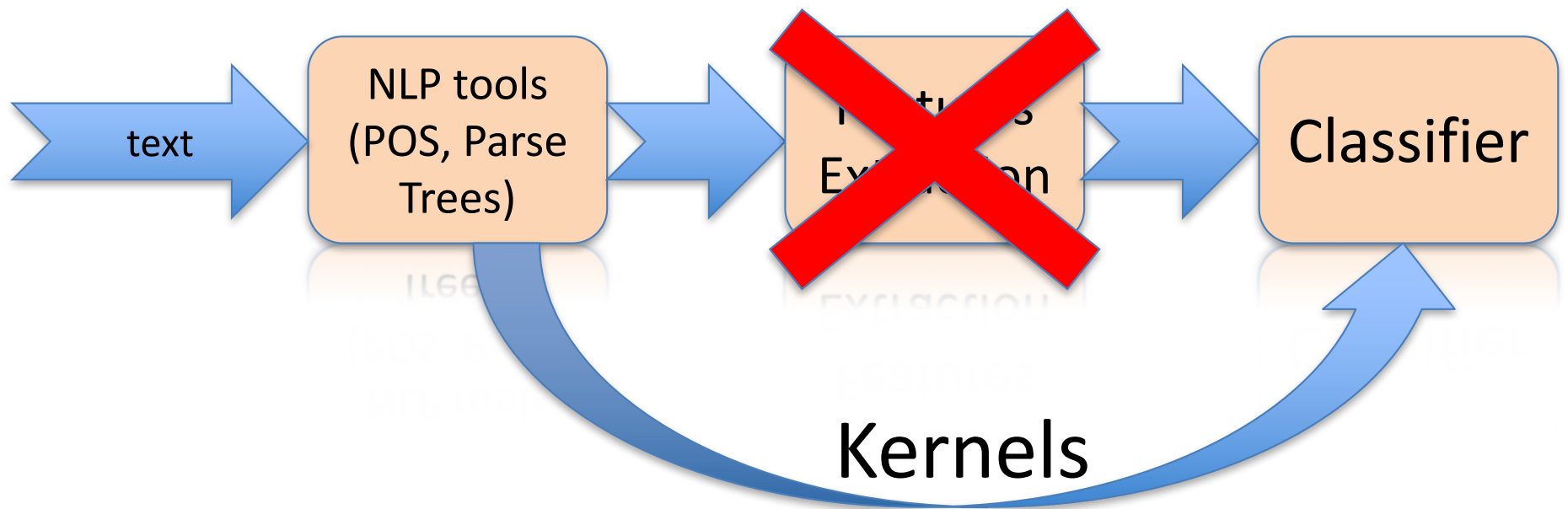
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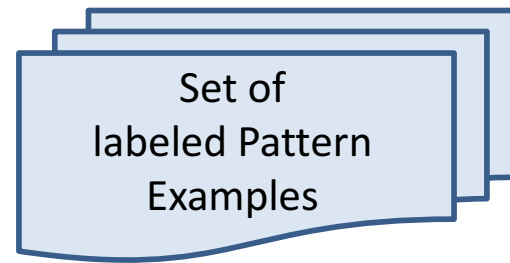
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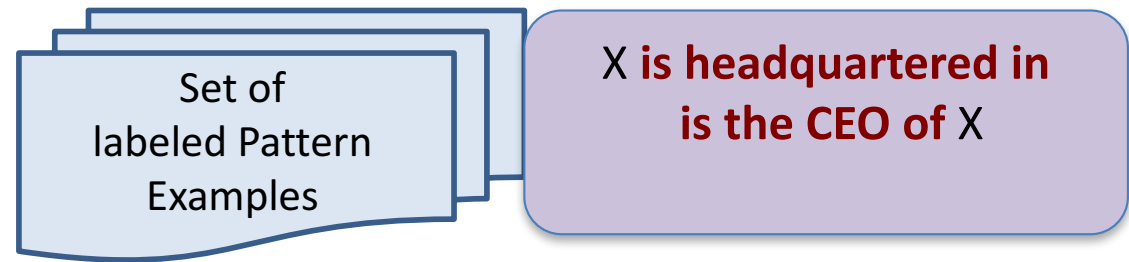
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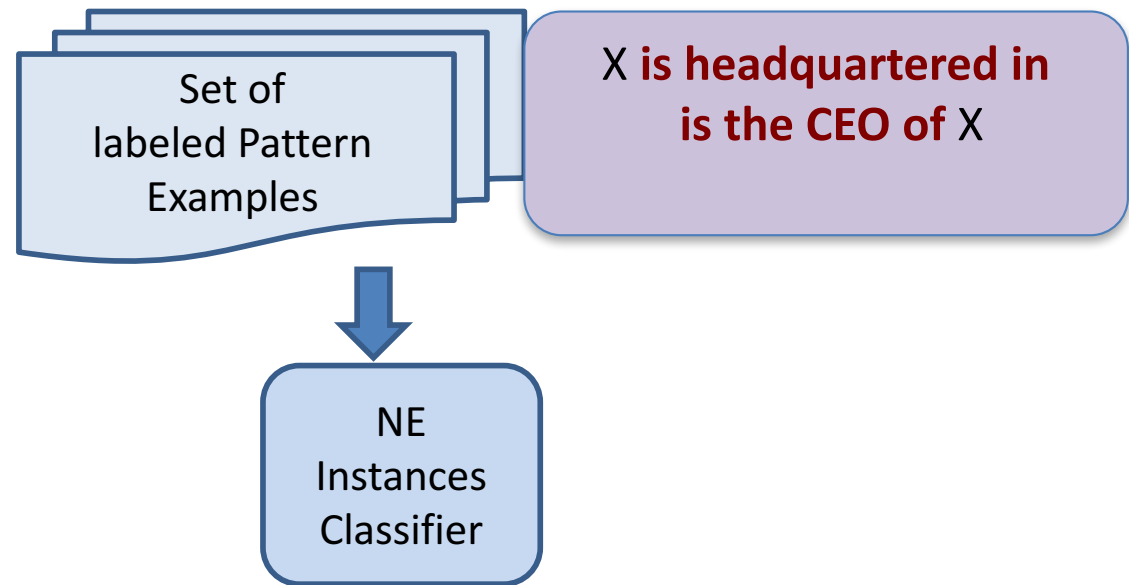
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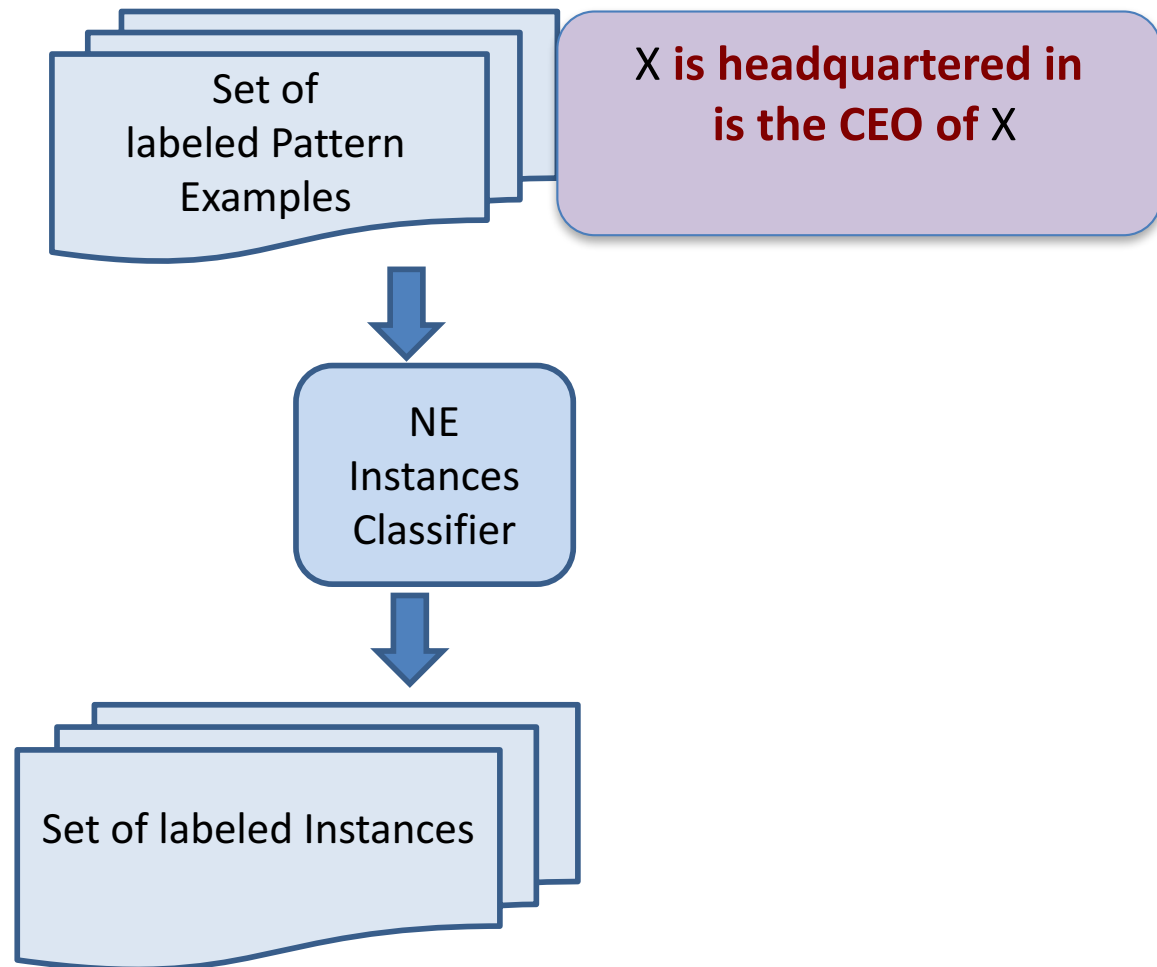
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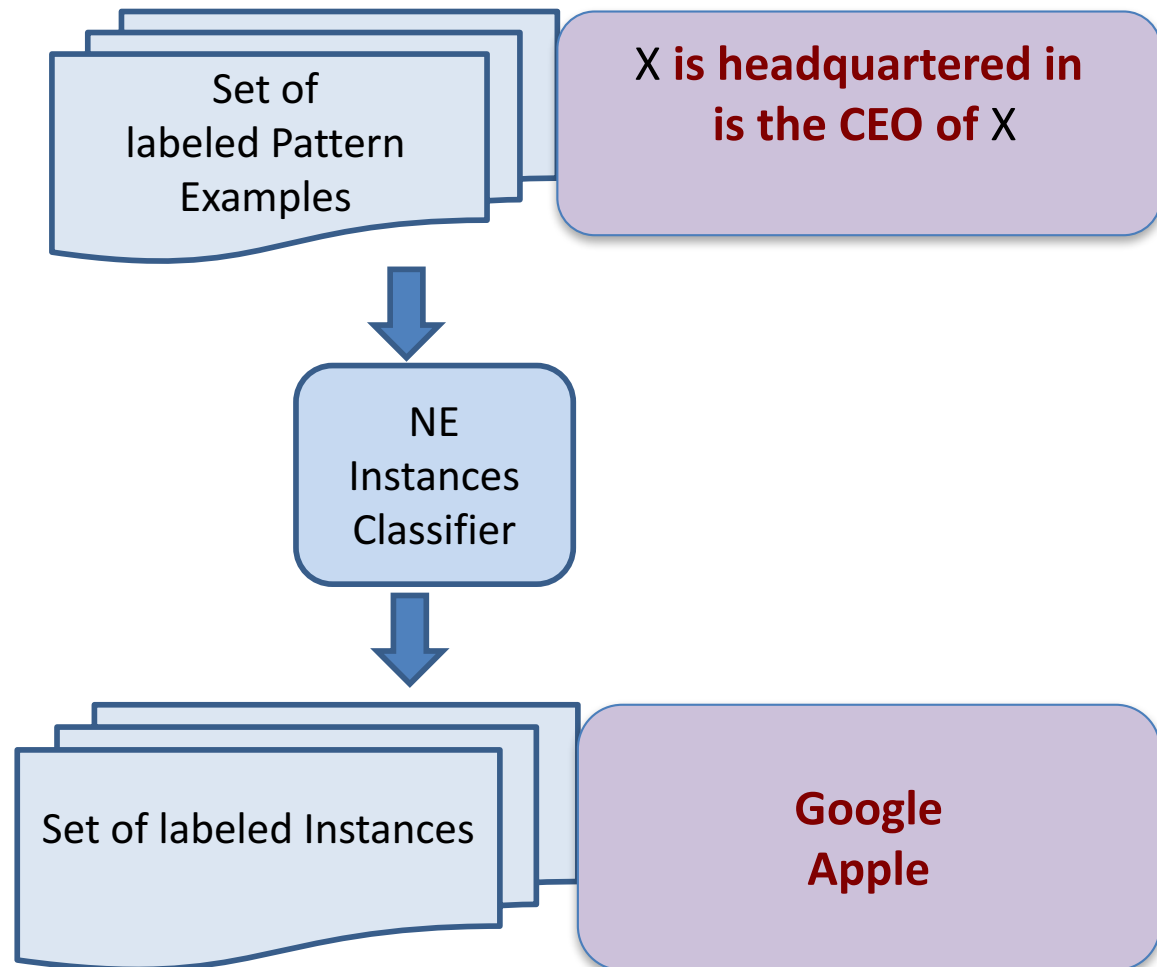
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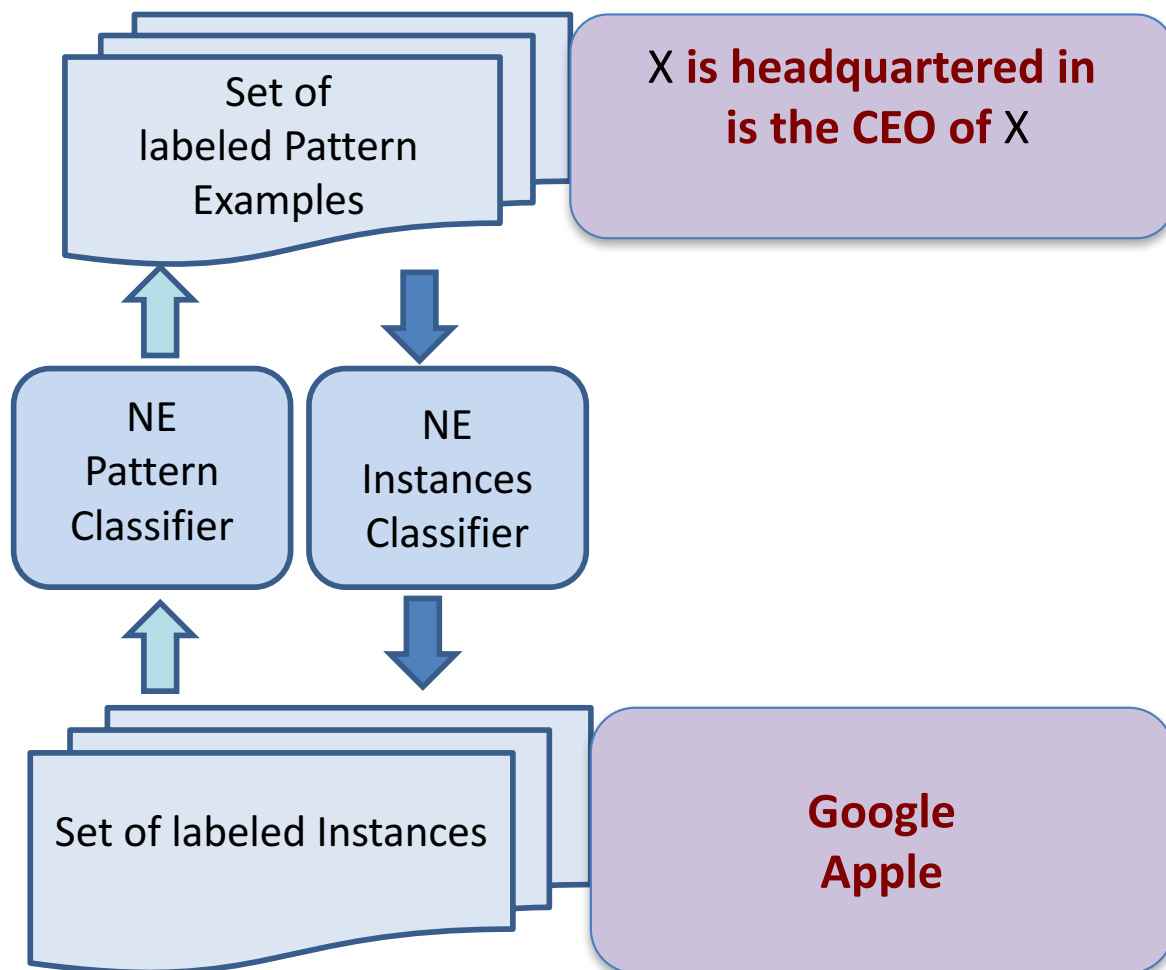
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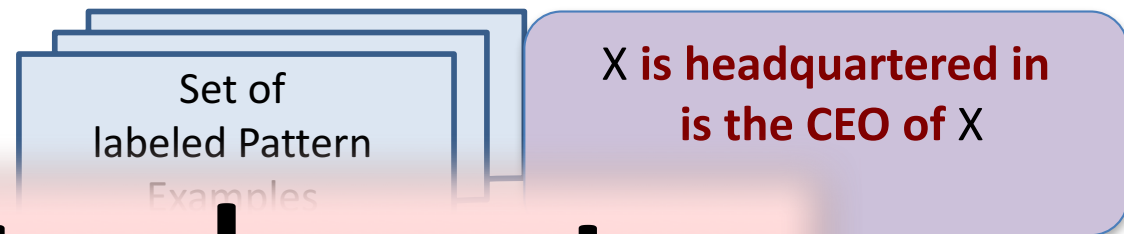
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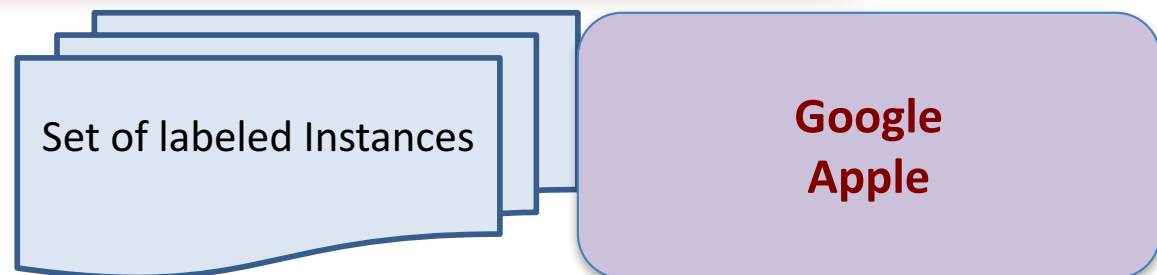
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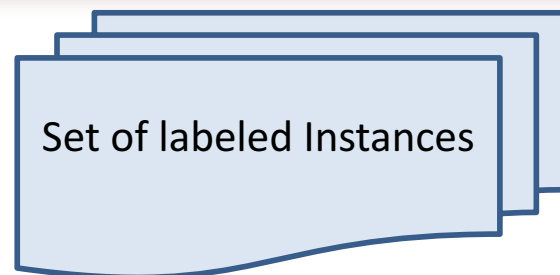
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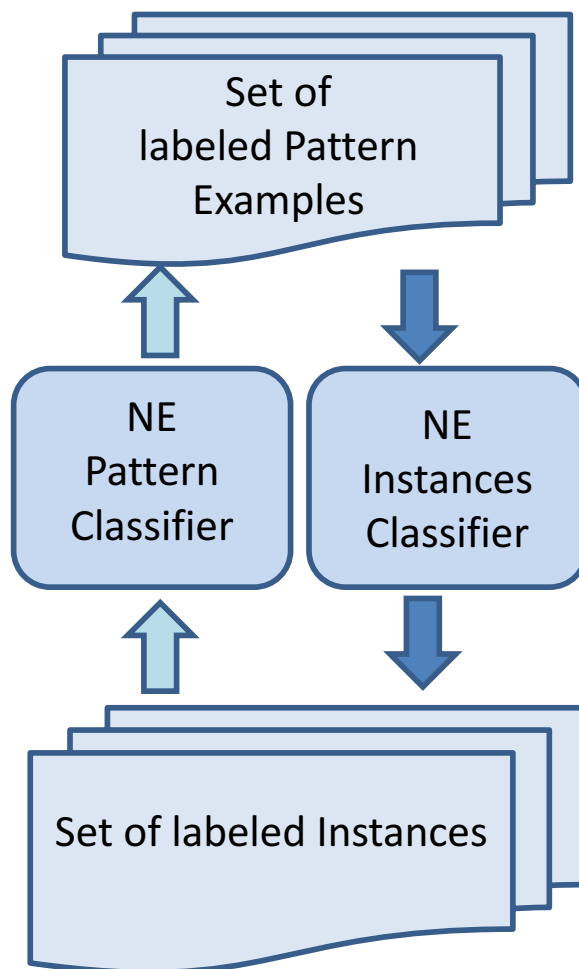


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+	LBJ-NER	Wikipedia, Nonlocal Features, Word-class Model	90.80
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SVD-S	91.0	85.5	77.6	74.3
SVD-L	90.5	84.8	73.6	71.5
HPCA	92.6	88.7	81.7	80.7
HSMN	90.5	85.7	78.7	74.7
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 - hasAdvisor (HectorGarcia-Molina, Gio Wiederhold)
 - hasAdvisor (Susan Davidson, Hector Garcia-Molina)
 - graduatedAt (JimGray, Berkeley)
 - graduatedAt (HectorGarcia-Molina, Stanford)
 - hasWonPrize (JimGray, TuringAward)
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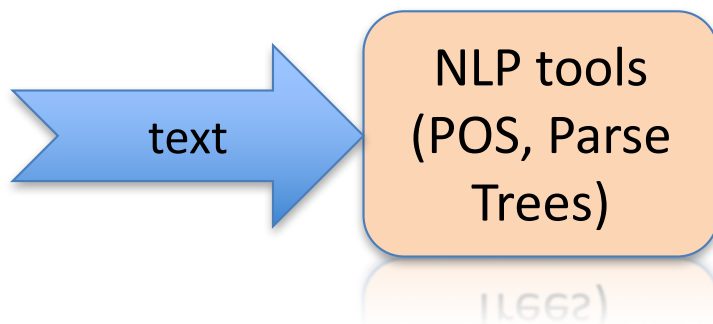




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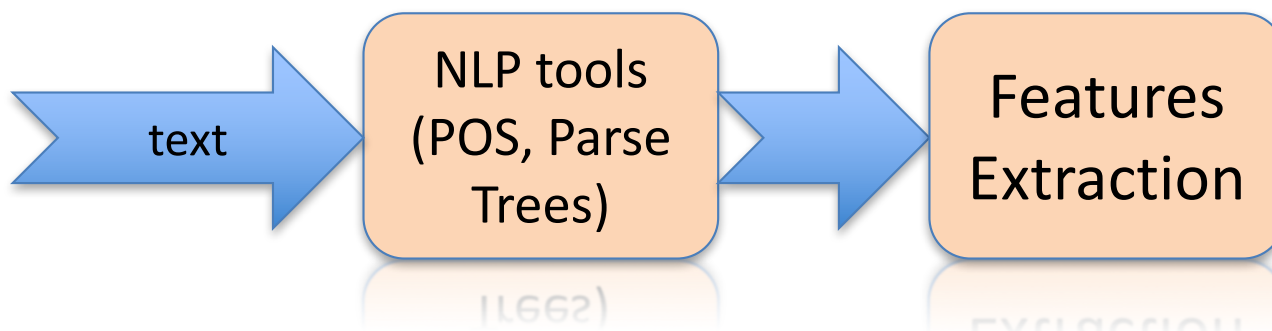




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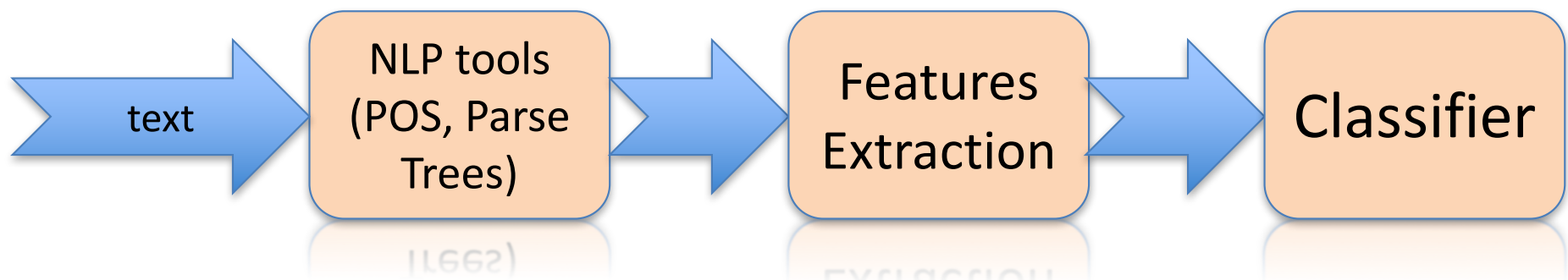




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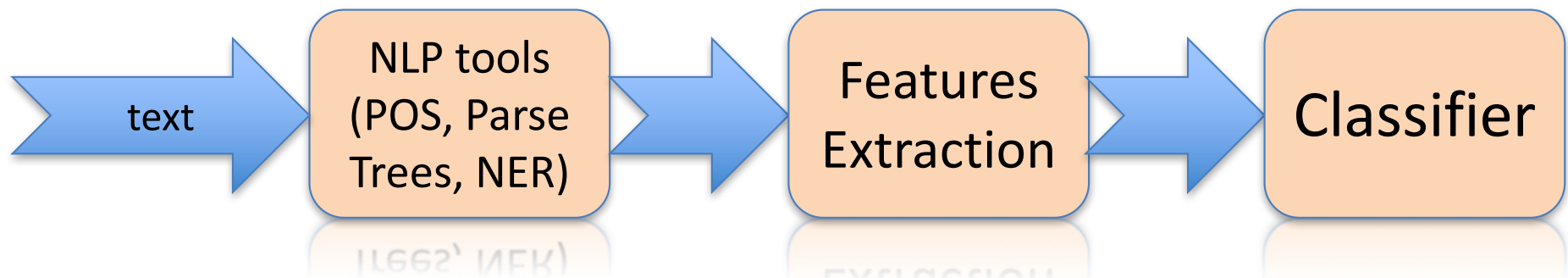




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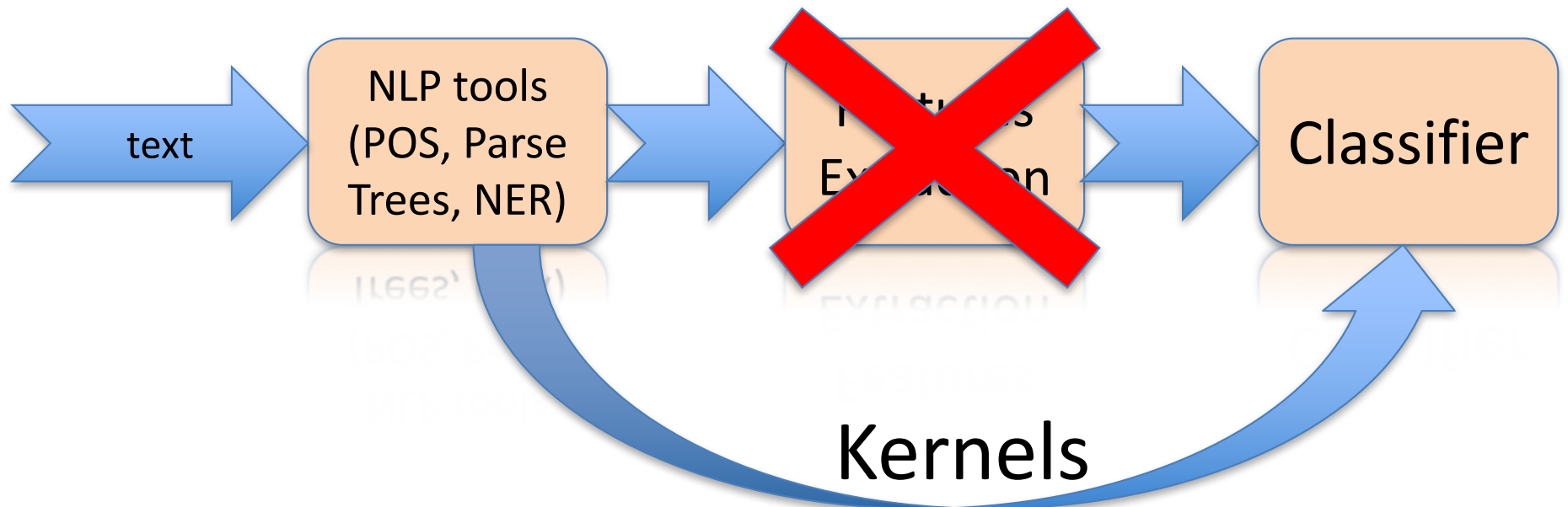
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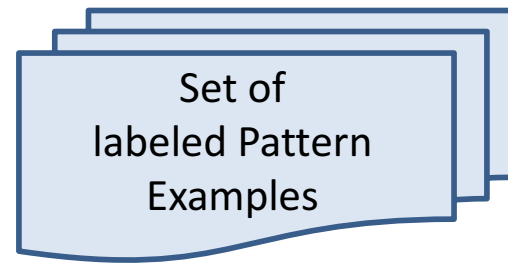
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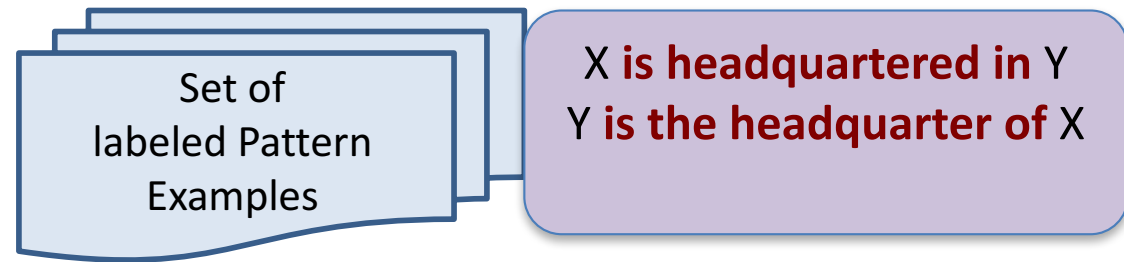
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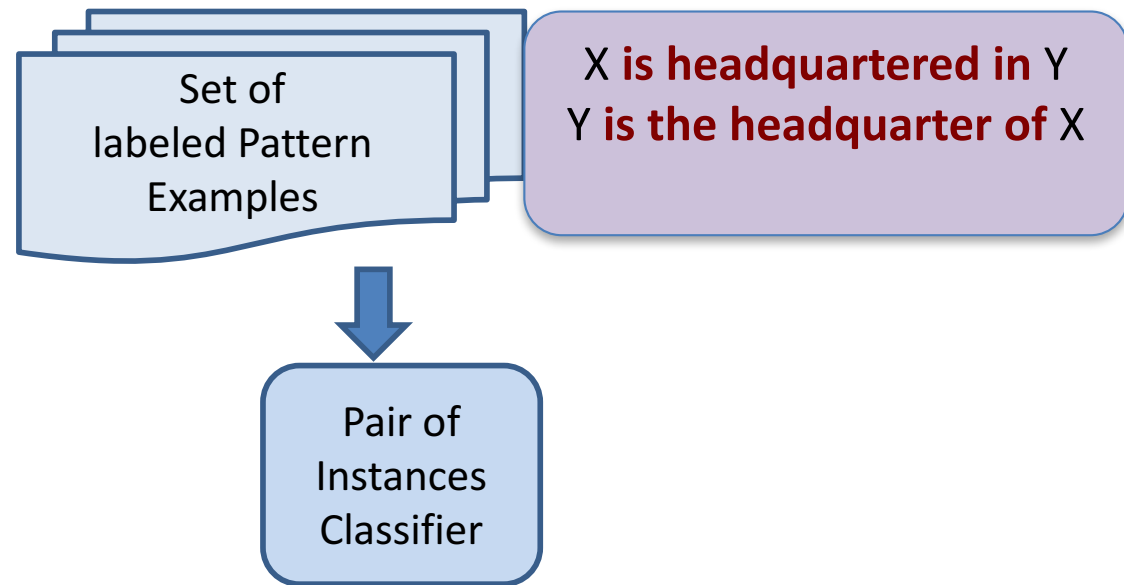
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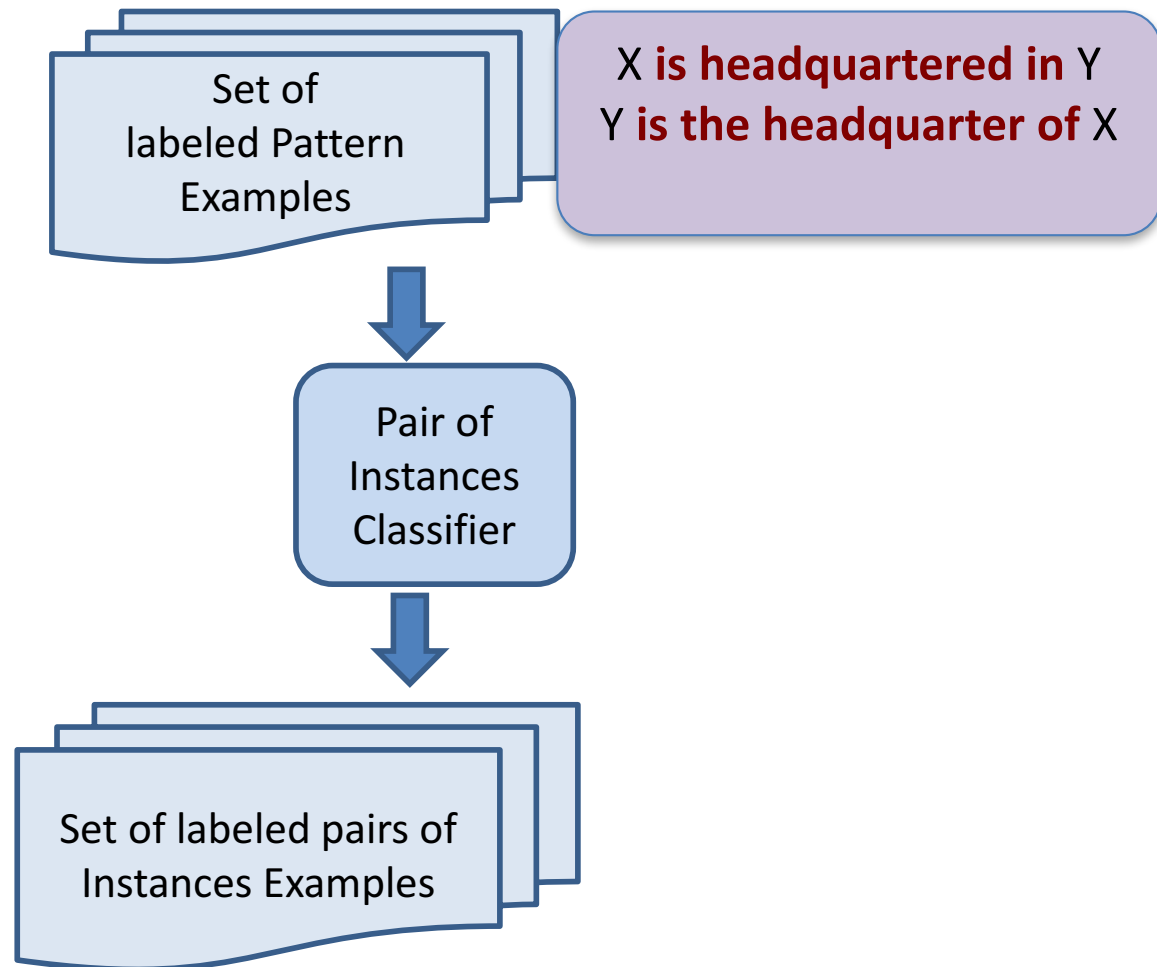
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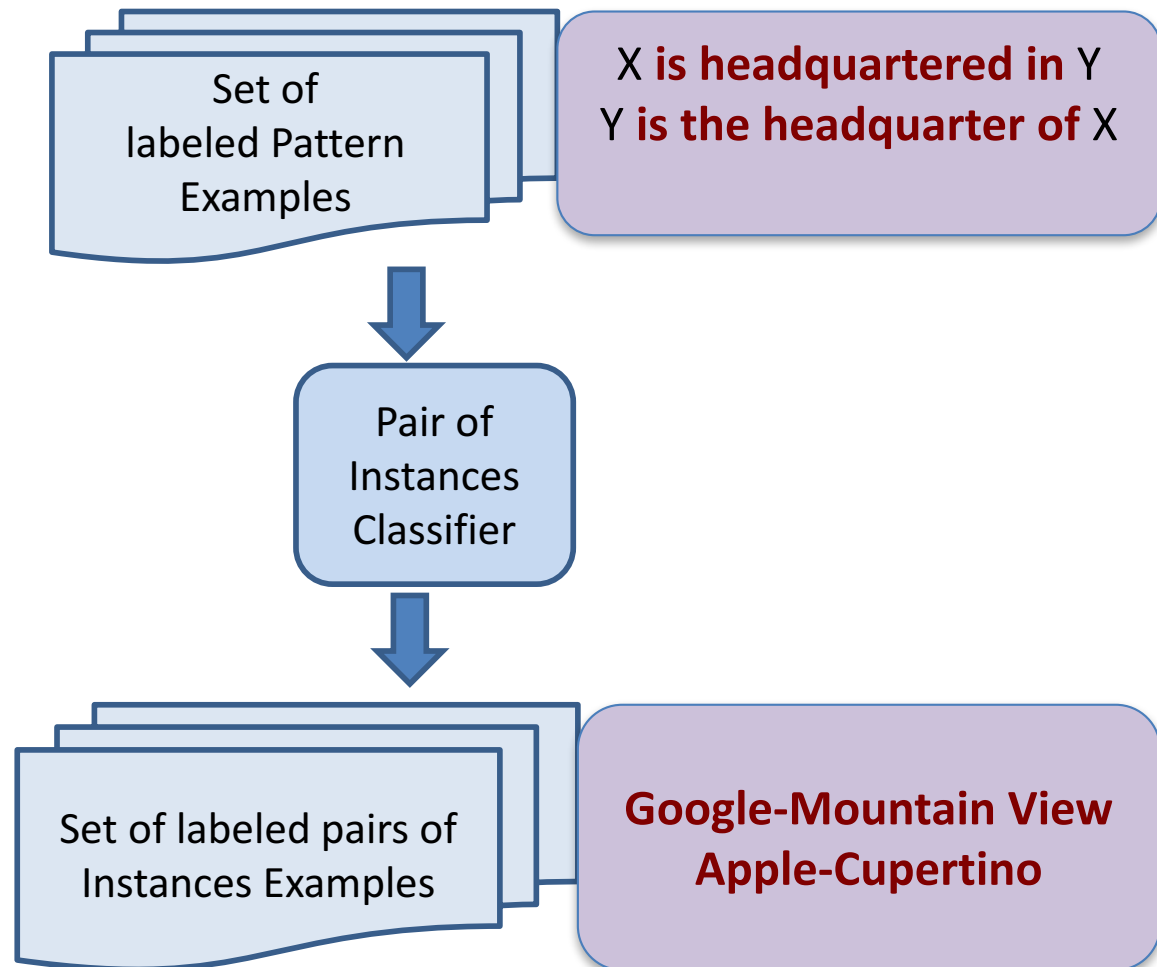
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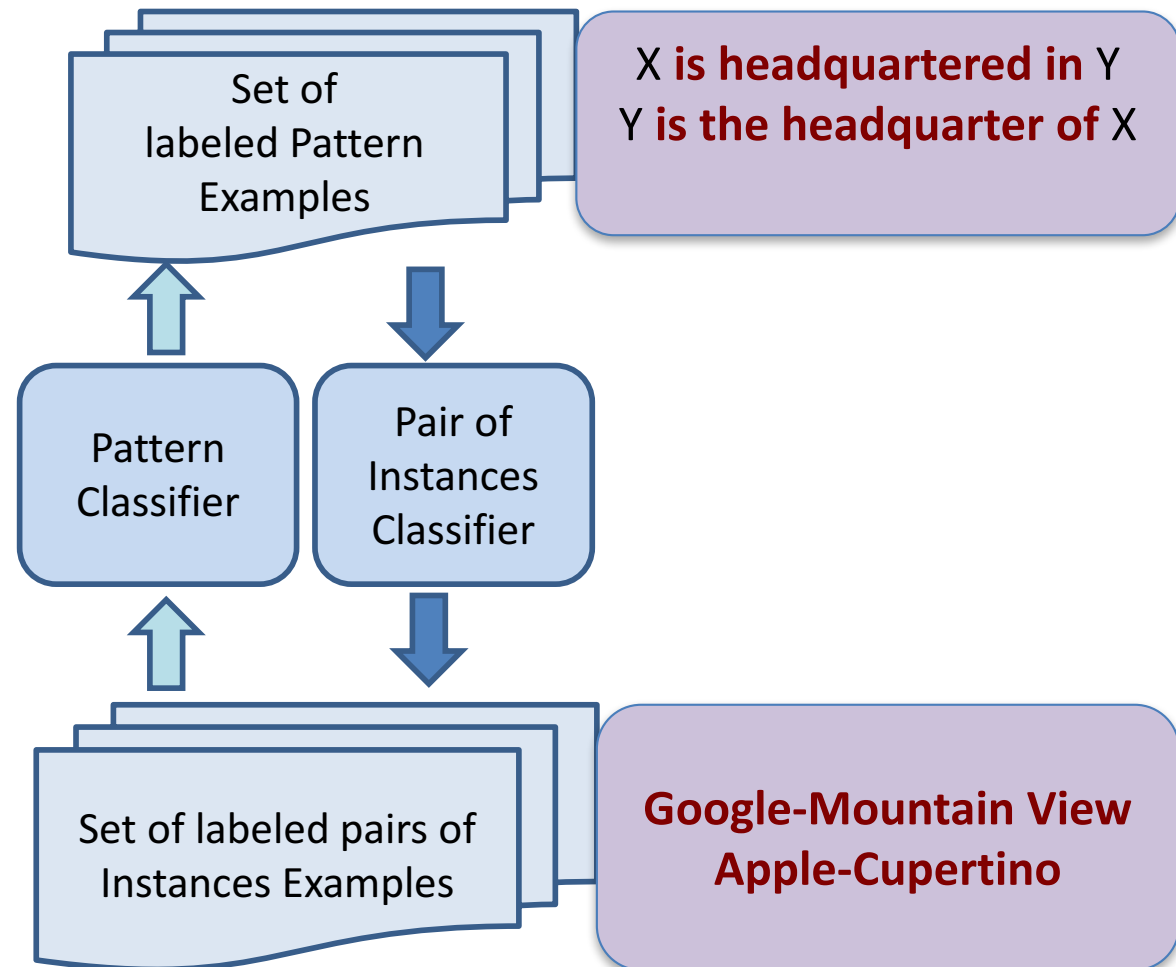
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Set of
labeled Pattern
Examples

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Y is the headquarter of X

Set of labeled pairs of
Instances Examples

Google-Mountain View
Apple-Cupertino

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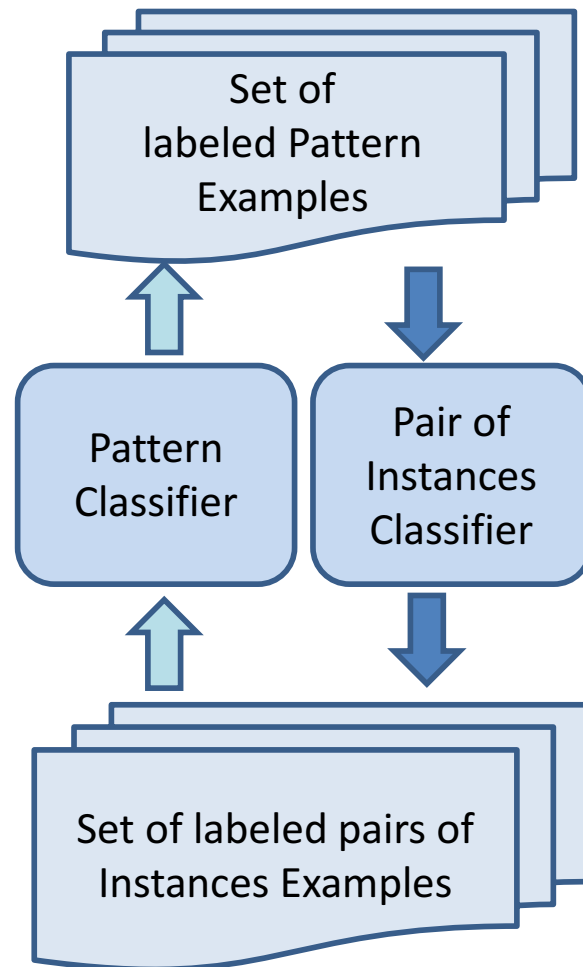
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- Supervised learning [Bunescu & Mooney, 2005]
- Distant and Partial Supervised [Angeli & Tibshirani & Wu & Manning, 2014]





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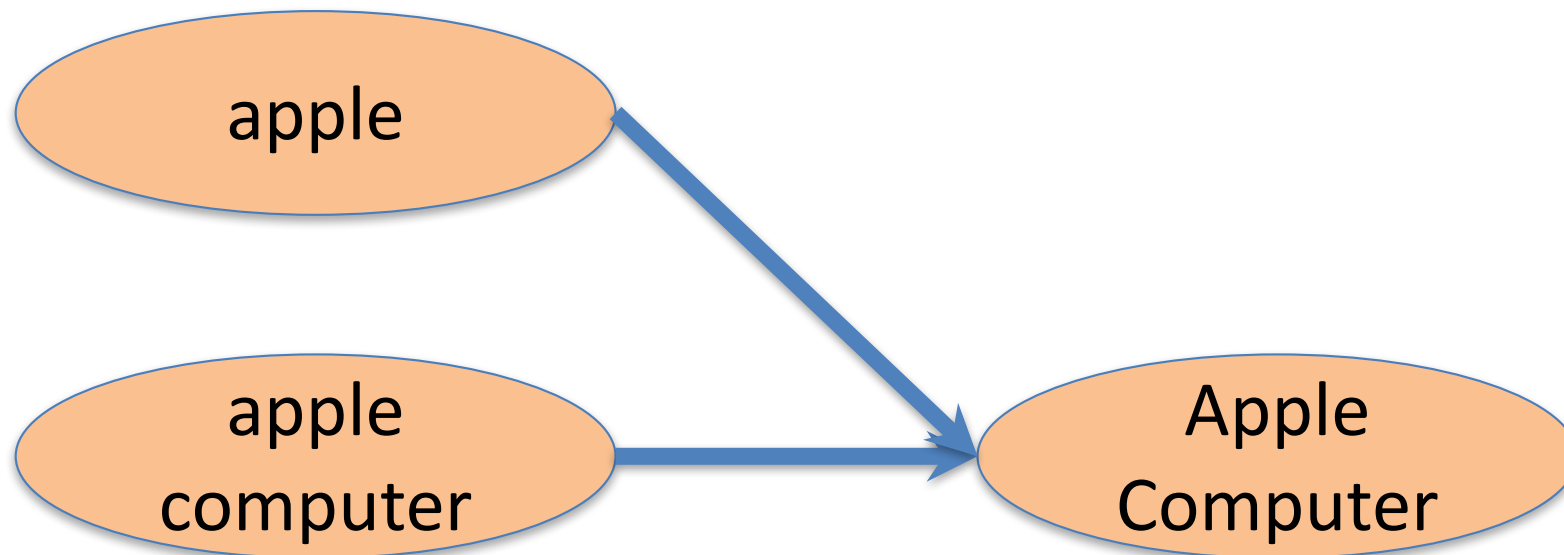
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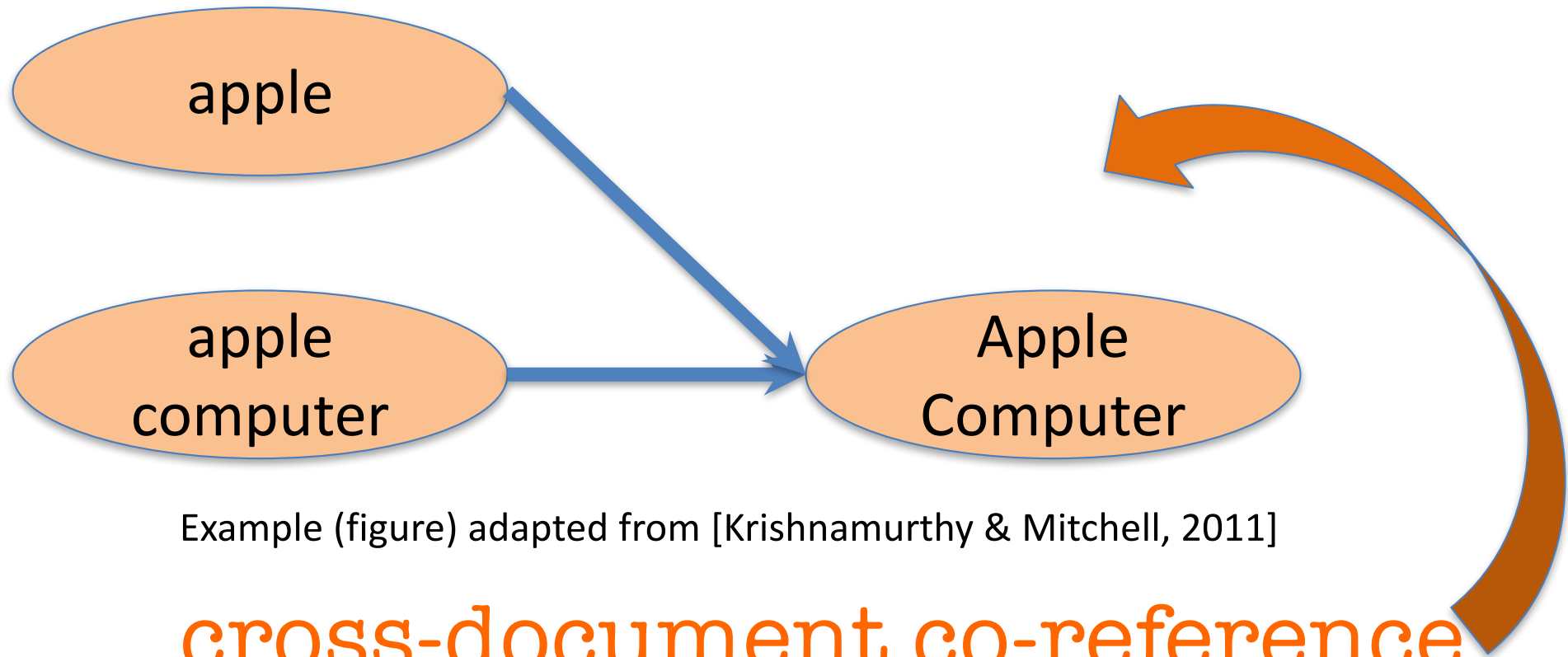
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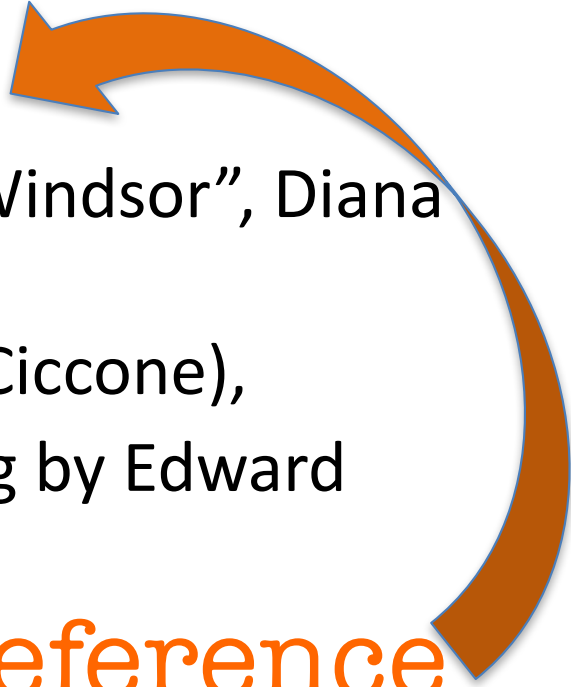
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- Which names denote which entities? [Theobald & Weikum, 2012]
 - means (“Lady Di”, Diana Spencer),
 - means (“Diana Frances Mountbatten-Windsor”, Diana Spencer), ...
 - means (“Madonna”, Madonna Louise Ciccone),
 - means (“Madonna”, Madonna(painting by Edward Munch)), ...

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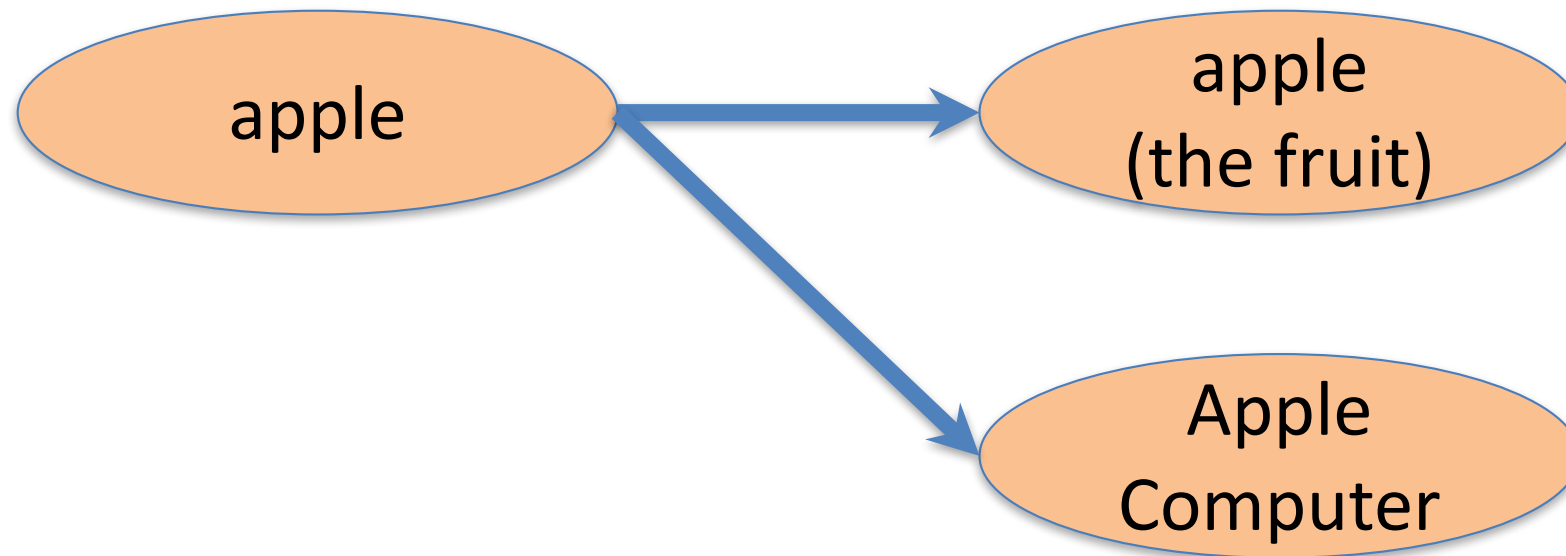
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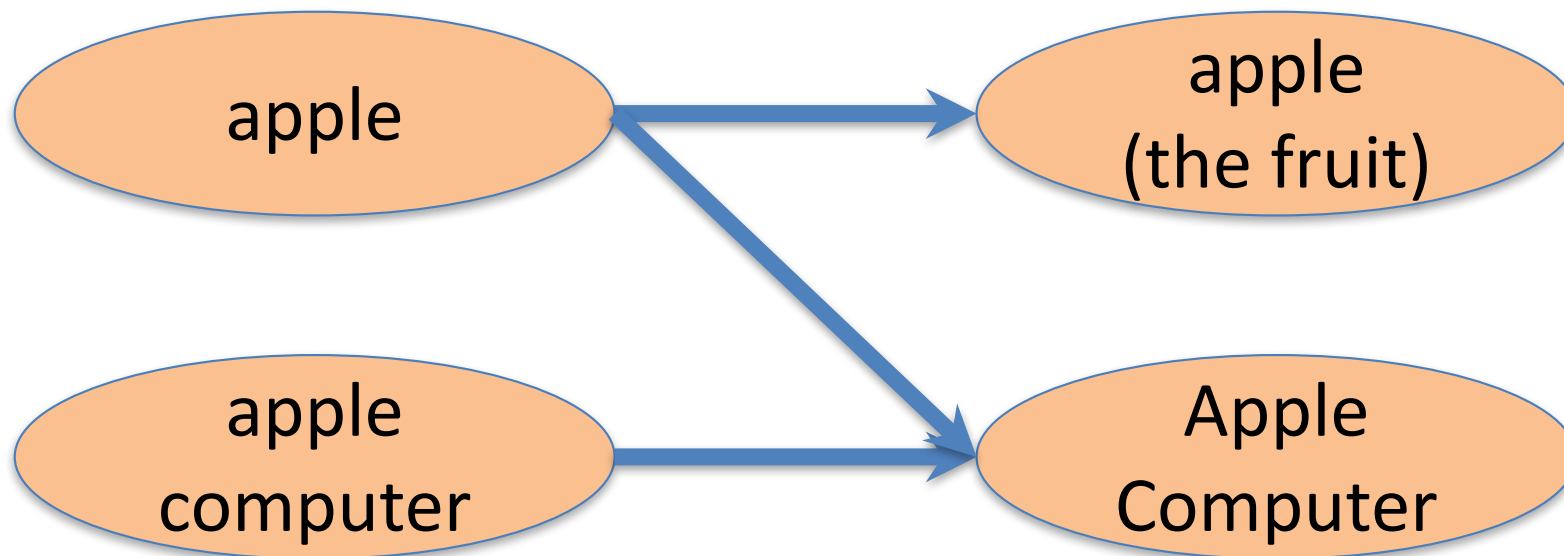
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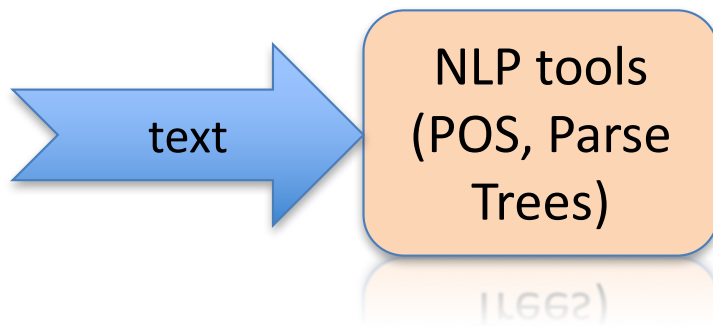


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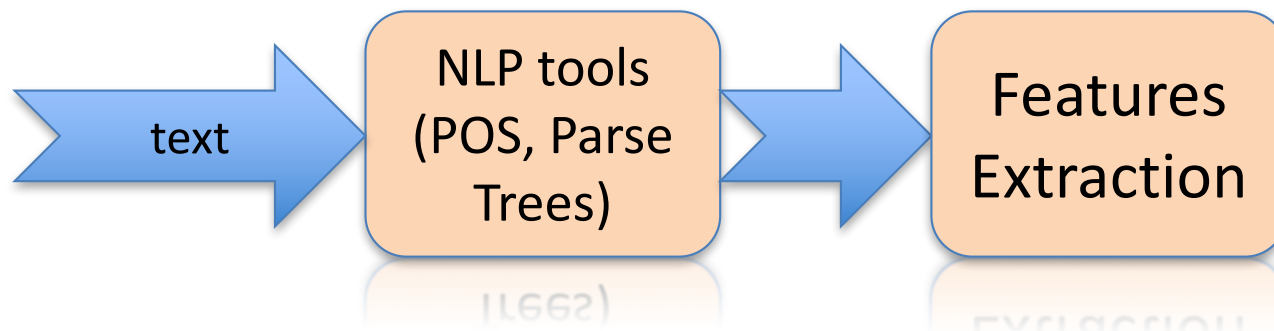
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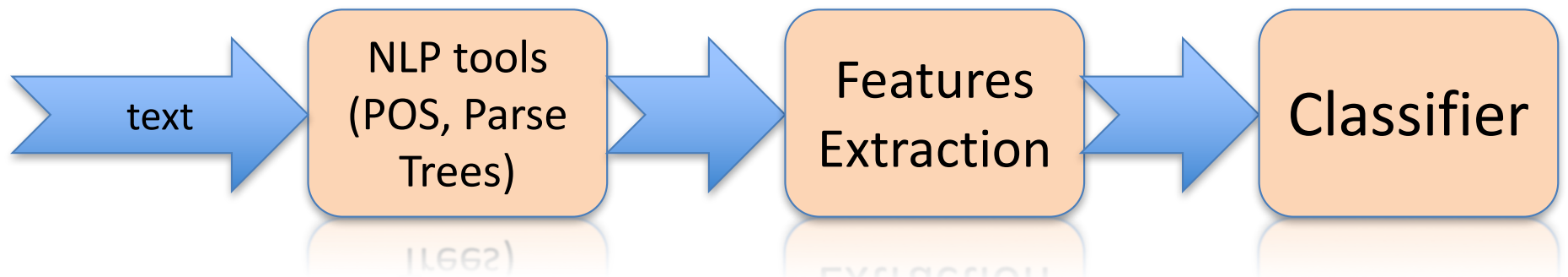
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Co-Reference and Polysemy Resolution

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 - Possible features [Bengtson & Roth, 2008]

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String Relations	Head Match	Tokens
	Extent Match	Tokens
	Substring	Tokens
	Modifiers Match	Tokens
	Alias	Tokens and lists
Semantic	Gender Match	WordNet and lists
	Number Match	WordNet and lists
	Synonyms	WordNet
	Antonyms	WordNet
	Hypernyms	WordNet
	Both Speak	Context
Relative Location	Apposition	Positions and context
	Relative Pronoun	Positions and tokens
	Distances	Positions
Learned	Anaphoricity	Learned
	Name Modifiers Predicted Match	Learned
Aligned Modifiers	Aligned Modifiers Relation	WordNet and lists
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	Entity Type Pair	WordNet and tokens



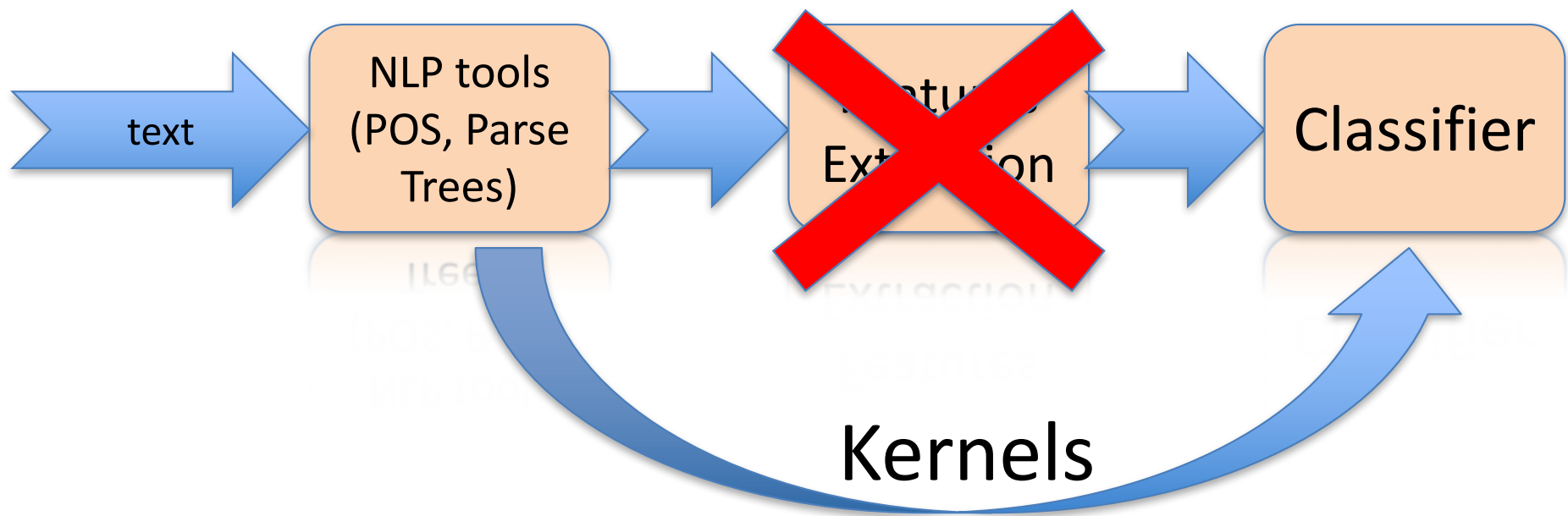
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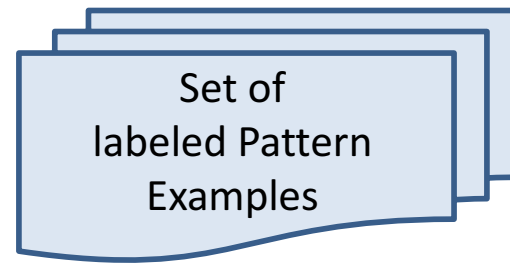
- Supervised Learning using Kernels
 - A Kernel defines similarity implicitly in a higher dimensional space
 - Can be based on Strings, Word Sequences, Parse Trees, etc.
 - For strings similarity  number of common substrings (or subsequences)
 - Recommended reading on string kernels [Lodhi et. al., 2002]





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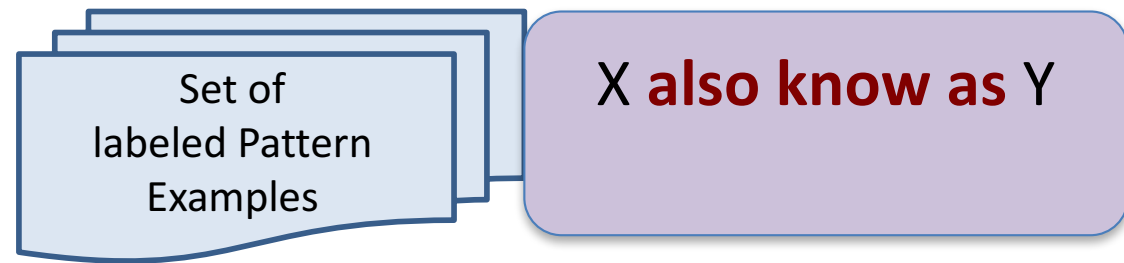
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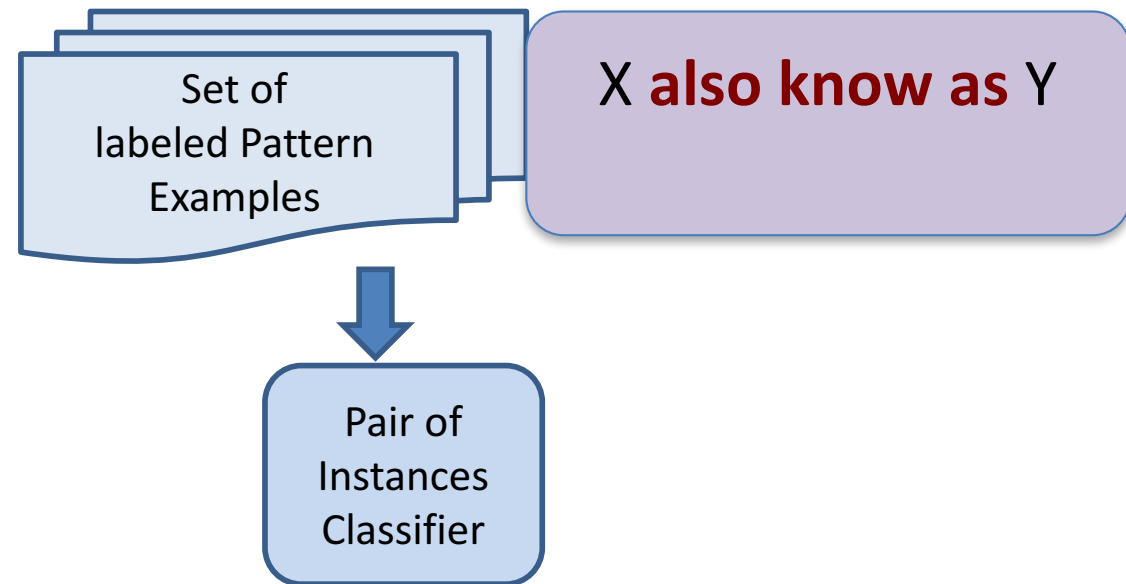
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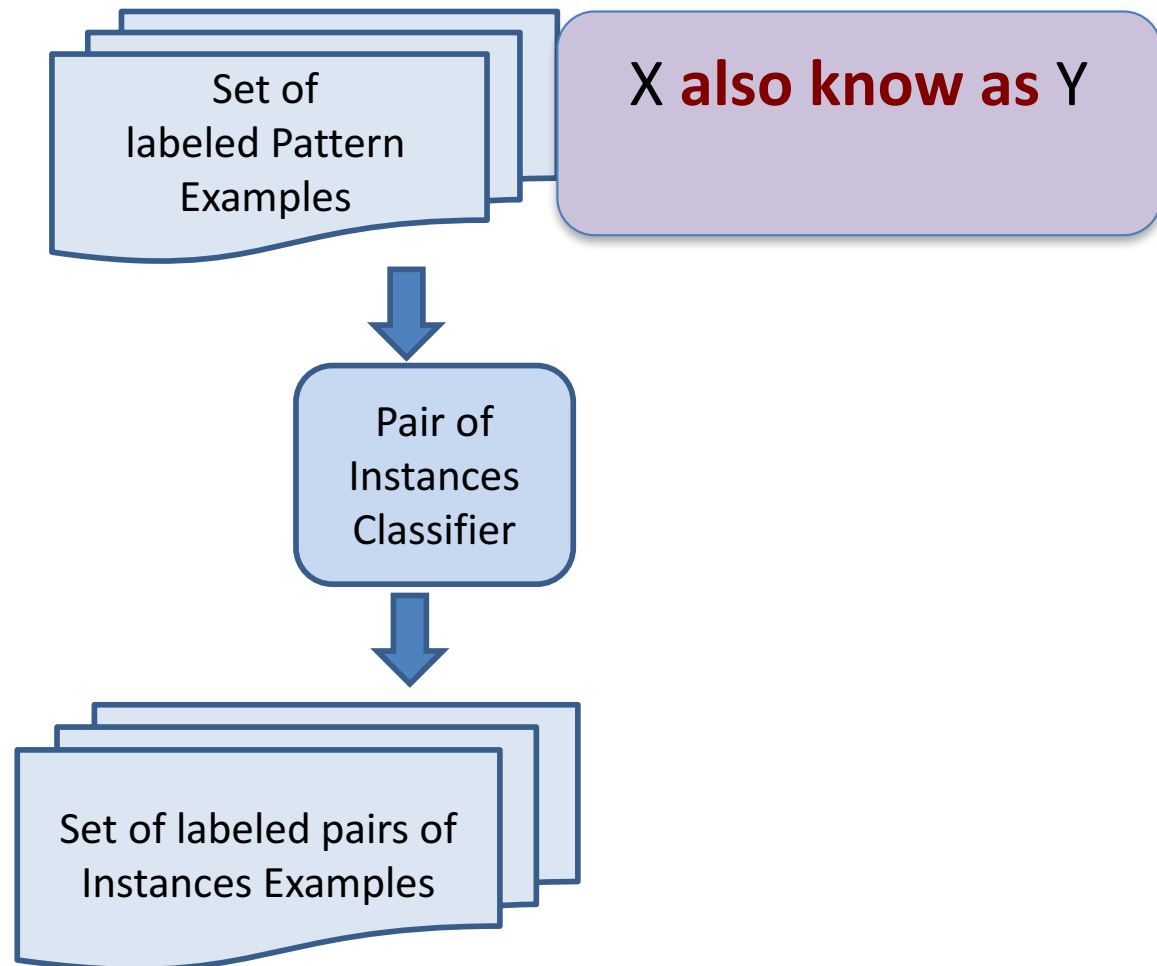
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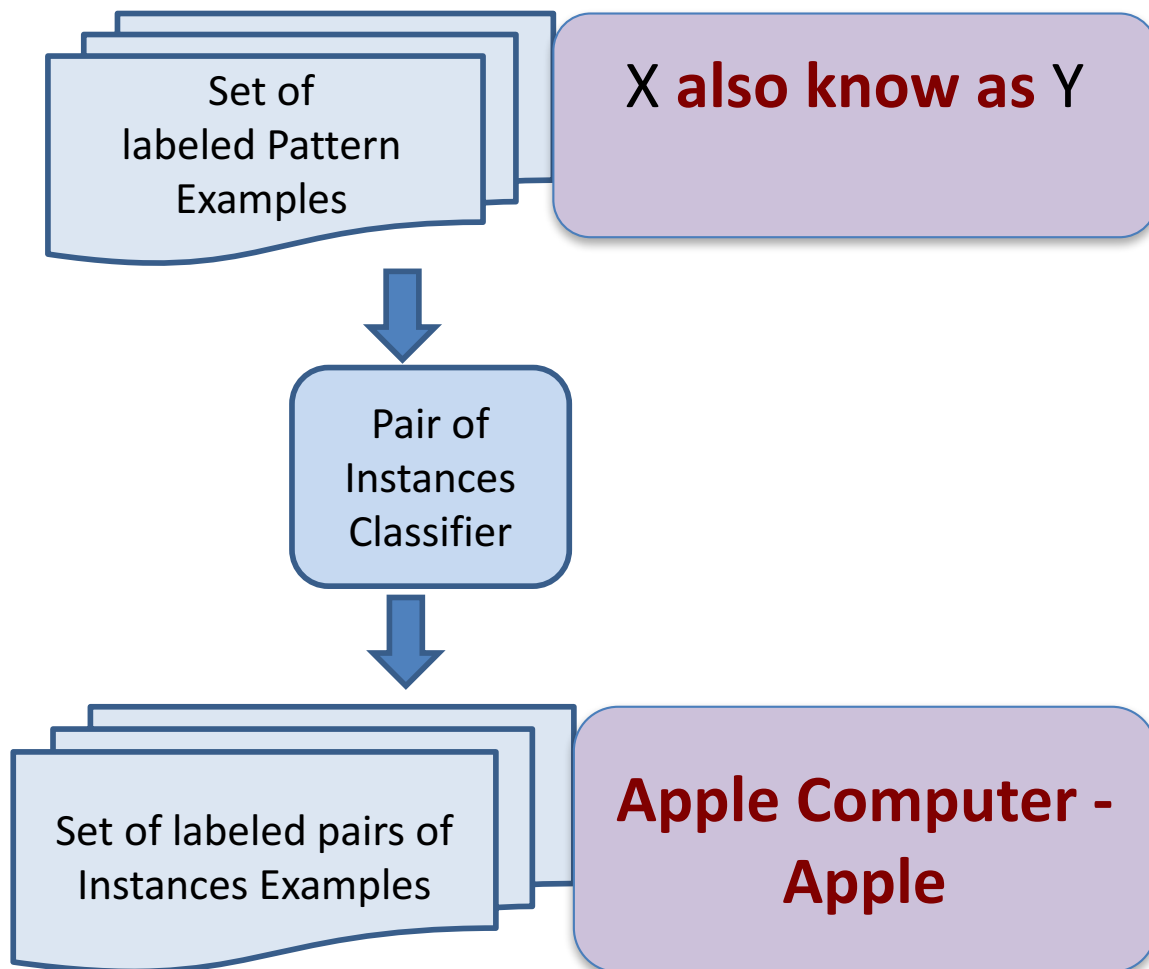
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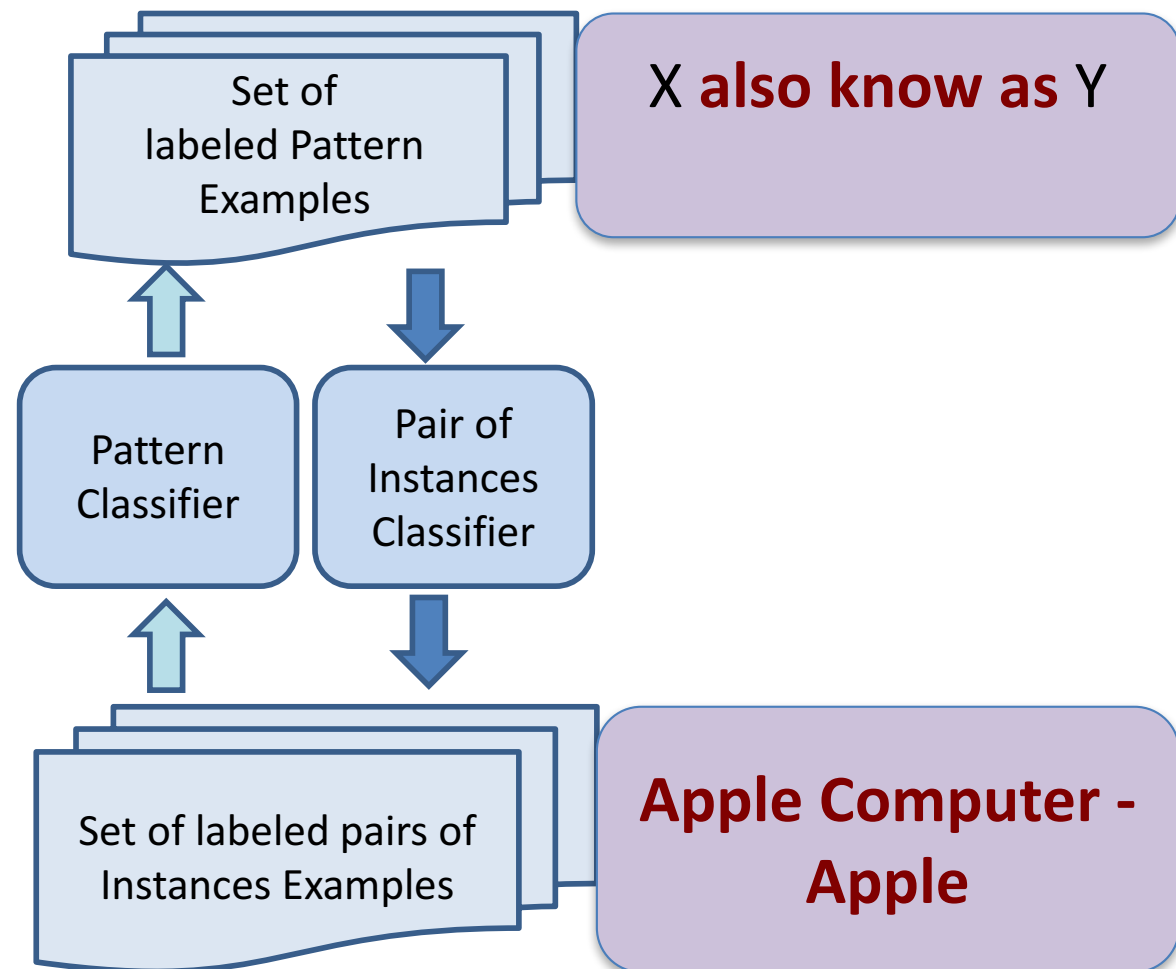
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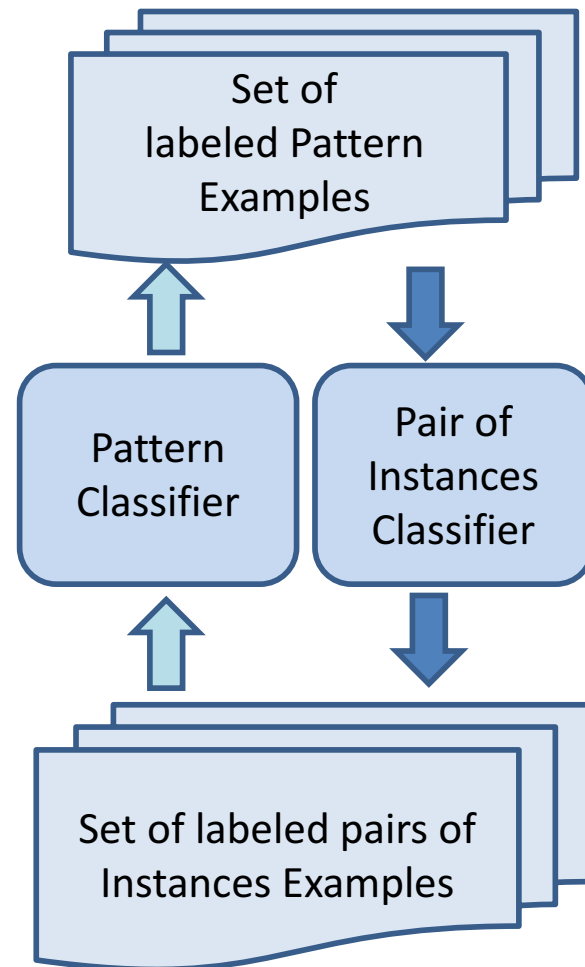
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- Co-Reference Resolution:

[Singh et al., 2011], [Krishnamurthy & Mitchell, 2011], [Dutta & Weikum, 2015]

- Polysemy Resolution:

[Krishnamurthy & Mitchell, 2011], [Galárraga et al., 2014]





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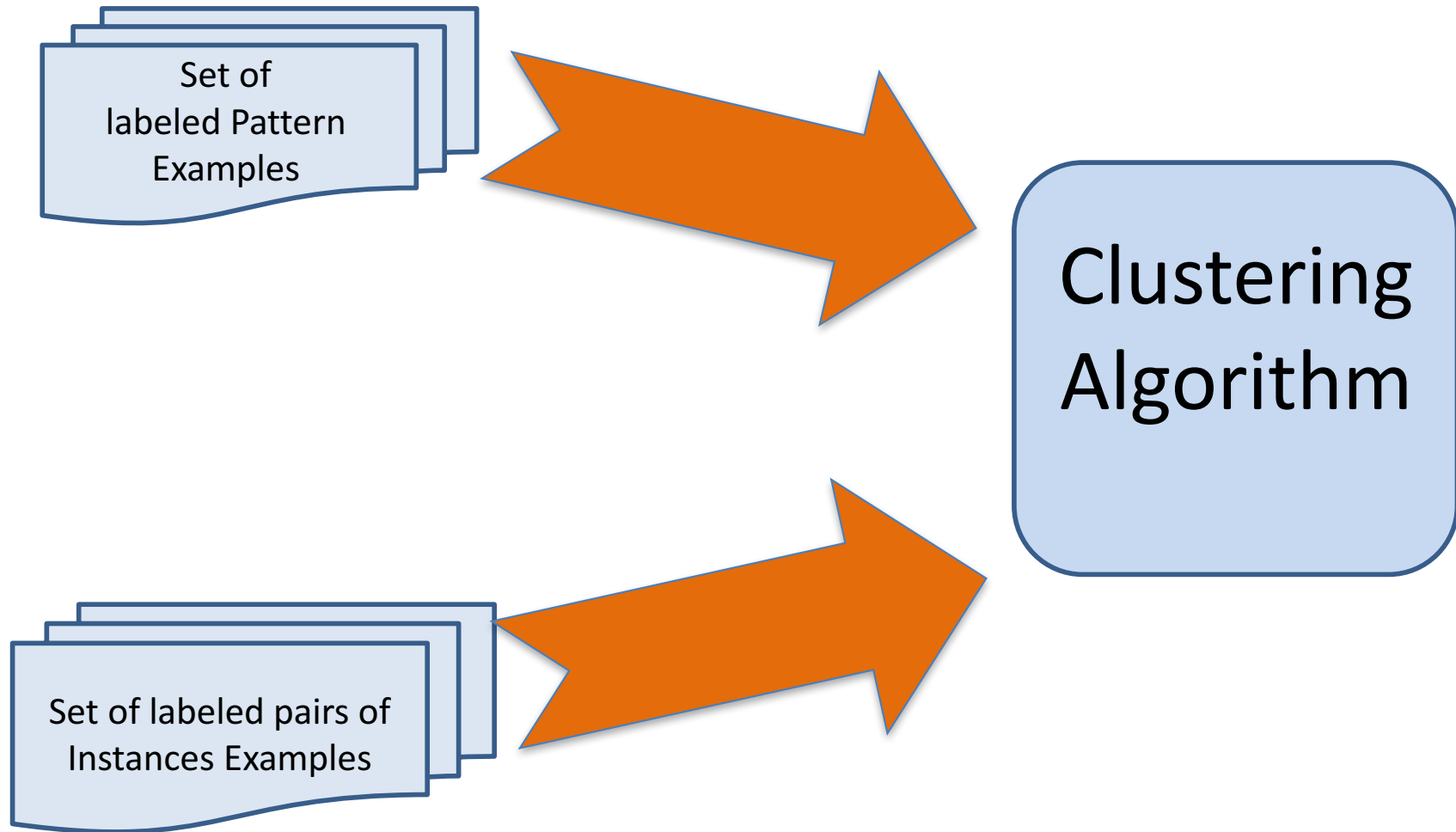


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Relation Discovery





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Inference

- **Inference** is the act or process of deriving logical conclusions from premises known or assumed to be true [Wikipedia]





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- Manually crafted inference rules
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- Ontology Representation

Facts (RDF triples)

- 1: (Jim, hasAdvisor, Mike)
- 2: (Surajit, hasAdvisor, Jeff)
- 3: (Madonna, marriedTo, GuyRitchie)
- 4: (Nicolas, marriedTo, Carla)
- 5: (ManchesterU, wonCup, ChampionsLeague)

Reification:

“Facts about Facts”:

- 6: (1, inYear, 1968)
- 7: (2, inYear, 2006)
- 8: (3, validFrom, 22-Dec-2000)
- 9: (3, validUntil, Nov-2008)
- 10: (4, validFrom, 2-Feb-2008)
- 11: (2, source, SigmodRecord)
- 12: (5, inYear, 1999)
- 13: (5, location, CampNou)
- 14: (5, source, Wikipedia)





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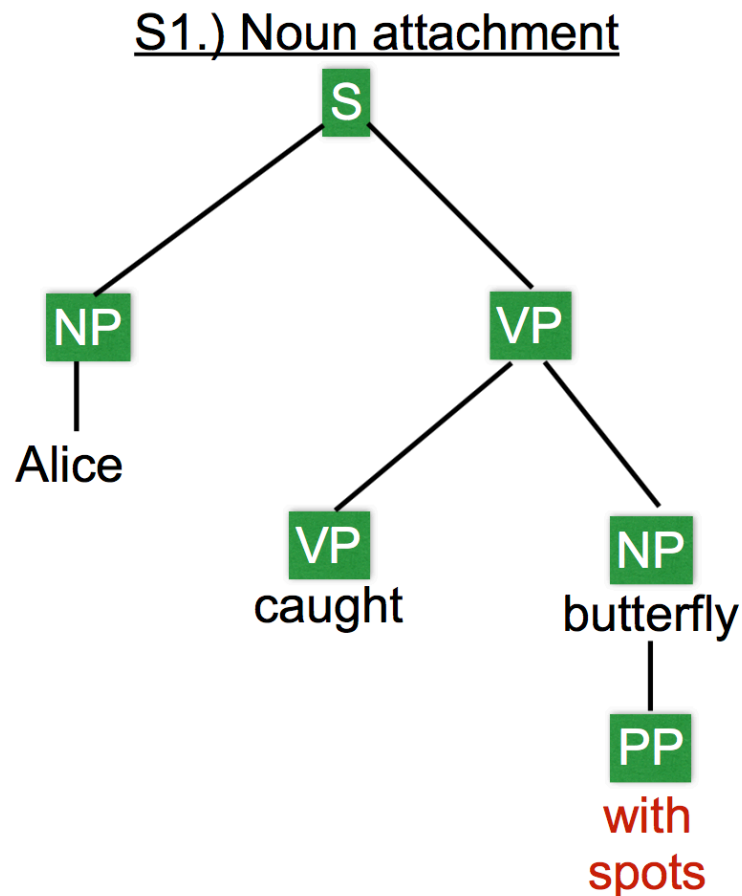




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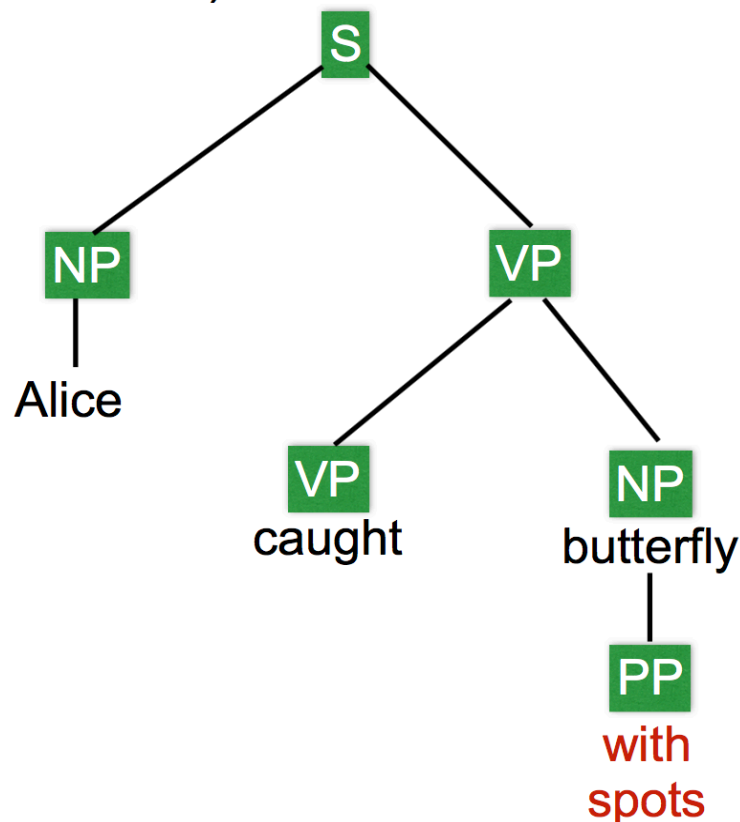
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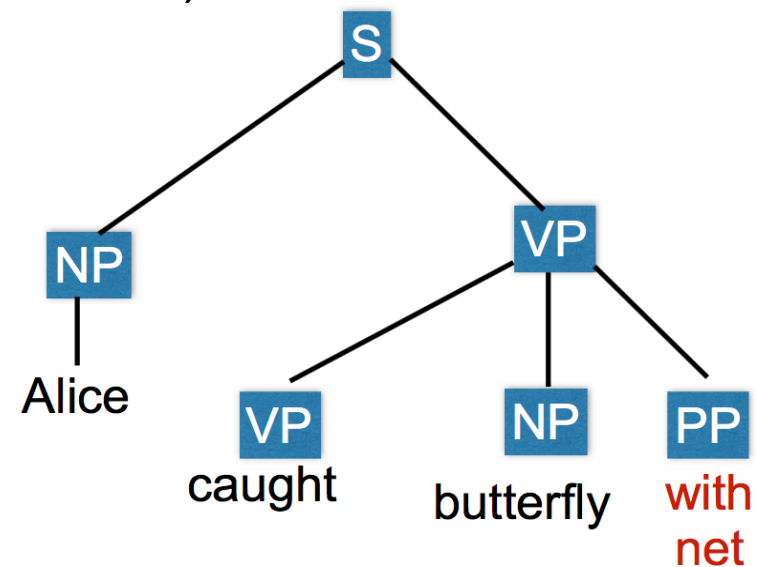
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Categories:

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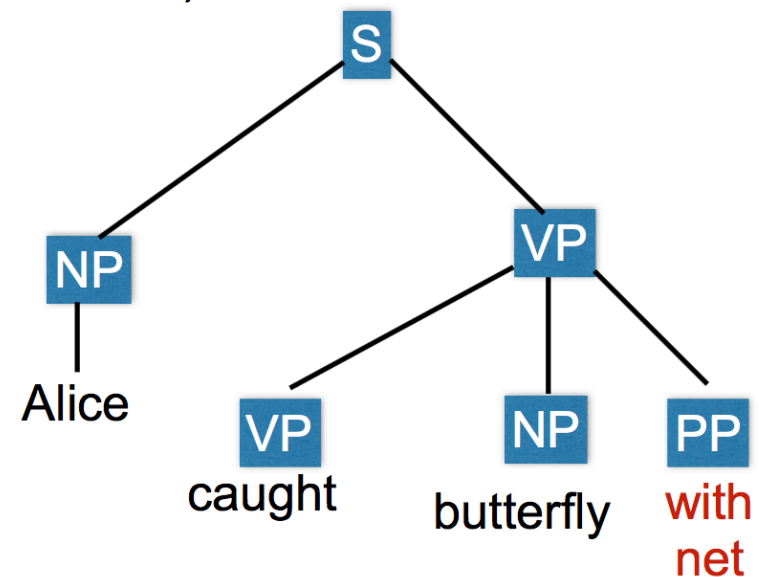
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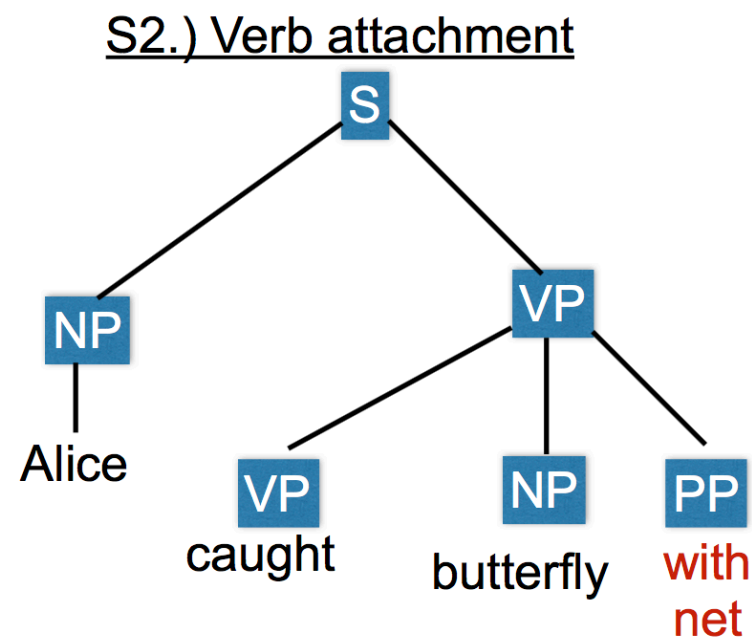
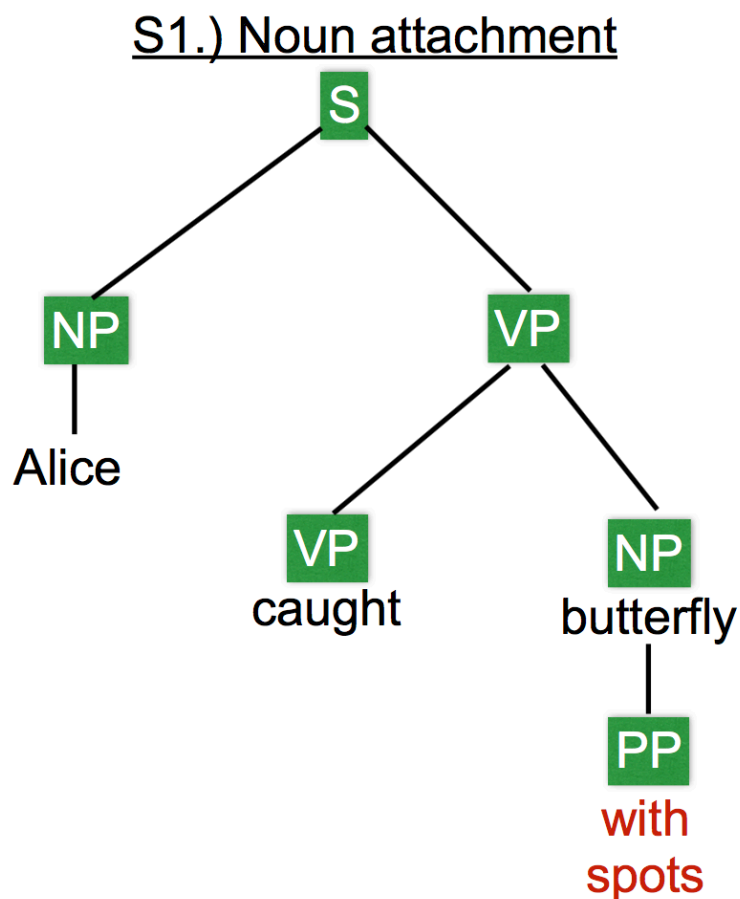


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About: Porto

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The YAGO-NAGA project started in 2006 with the goal of building a conveniently searchable, large-scale, highly accurate knowledge base of common facts in a machine-processable representation.

We have already harvested knowledge about millions of entities and facts about their relationships, from Wikipedia and WordNet with careful integration of these two sources. The resulting knowledge base, coined YAGO, has very high precision and is freely available. The facts are represented as RDF triples, and we have developed methods and prototype systems for querying, ranking, and exploring knowledge. Our search engine NAGA provides ranked answers to queries based on statistical models.

Several interlinked sub-projects are growing on the YAGO-NAGA basis. Our vision is a confluence of Semantic Web (Ontologies), Social Web (Web 2.0), and Statistical Web (Information Extraction) assets towards a comprehensive repository of human knowledge. Our methodologies combine concepts, models, and algorithms from several fields, including database systems, information retrieval, statistical learning, and logical reasoning.



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YAGO: A High-Quality Knowledge Base

Overview

YAGO is a huge semantic knowledge base, derived from [Wikipedia](#) [WordNet](#) and [GeoNames](#). Currently, YAGO has knowledge of more than 10 million entities (like persons, organizations, cities, etc.) and contains more than 120 million facts about these entities.

YAGO is special in several ways:

1. The accuracy of YAGO has been manually evaluated, proving a confirmed accuracy of 95%. Every relation is annotated with its confidence value.
2. YAGO combines the clean taxonomy of [WordNet](#) with the richness of the Wikipedia category system, assigning the entities to more than 350,000 classes.
3. YAGO is an ontology that is anchored in time and space. YAGO attaches a temporal dimension and a spacial dimension to many of its facts and entities.
4. In addition to a taxonomy, YAGO has thematic domains such as "music" or "science" from [WordNet Domains](#).
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YAGO is developed jointly with the [DBWeb group](#) at [Télécom ParisTech University](#).





YAGO

- Turn Web into Knowledge Base [Weikum et al., 2009]
 - Building a comprehensive Knowledge Base of human knowledge
 - knowledge from Wikipedia and WordNet
 - the ontology check itself for precision





YAGO

- The knowledge base is automatically constructed from Wikipedia
- Each article in Wikipedia becomes an entity in the kb (e.g., since Leonard Cohen has an article in Wikipedia, LeonardCohen becomes an entity in YAGO).



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In a speech at Cohen's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on March 10, 2008, [Lou Reed](#) described Cohen as belonging to the "highest and most influential echelon of songwriters."^[2]

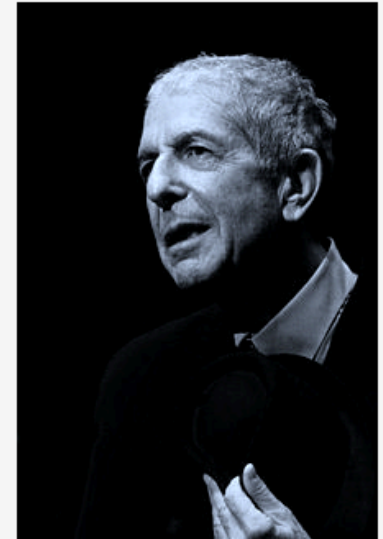
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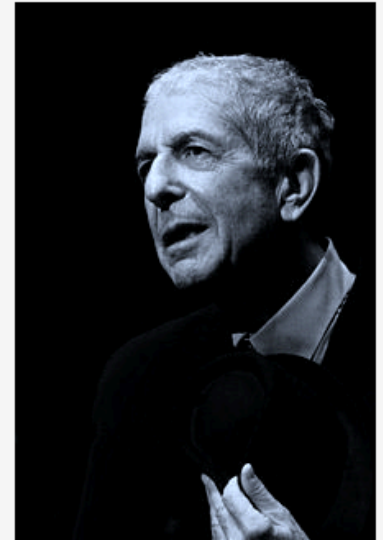
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Categories: Leonard Cohen | 1934 births | Anglophone Quebec people | Ashkenazi Jews | Canadian buskers | Canadian folk singers | Canadian male singers | Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductees | Canadian male novelists | Canadian people of Lithuanian-Jewish descent | Canadian people of Polish-Jewish descent | Canadian singer-songwriters | Canadian soft rock musicians | Canadian Zen Buddhists | Companions of the Order of Canada | Buddhists of Jewish descent | Genie and Canadian Screen Award winning people | Governor General's Award winning poets | Grammy Award winners | Grand Officers of the National Order of Quebec | Jewish Canadian musicians | Jewish songwriters | Jewish poets | Jewish singers | Jewish Canadian writers | Juno Award winners | Governor General's Performing Arts Award winners | Kohanim | Living people | McGill University alumni | Musicians from Montreal | Mystics | Rinzai Buddhists | Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees | People from Westmount, Quebec | Writers from Montreal | Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences | Converts to Buddhism | Canadian Buddhists | 20th-century Canadian novelists | 20th-century Canadian singers | 21st-century Canadian singers | 20th-century Canadian poets | Canadian male poets | Columbia Records artists | Genie Award winners for Best Achievement in Music - Original Song | Canadian screenwriters | Male screenwriters



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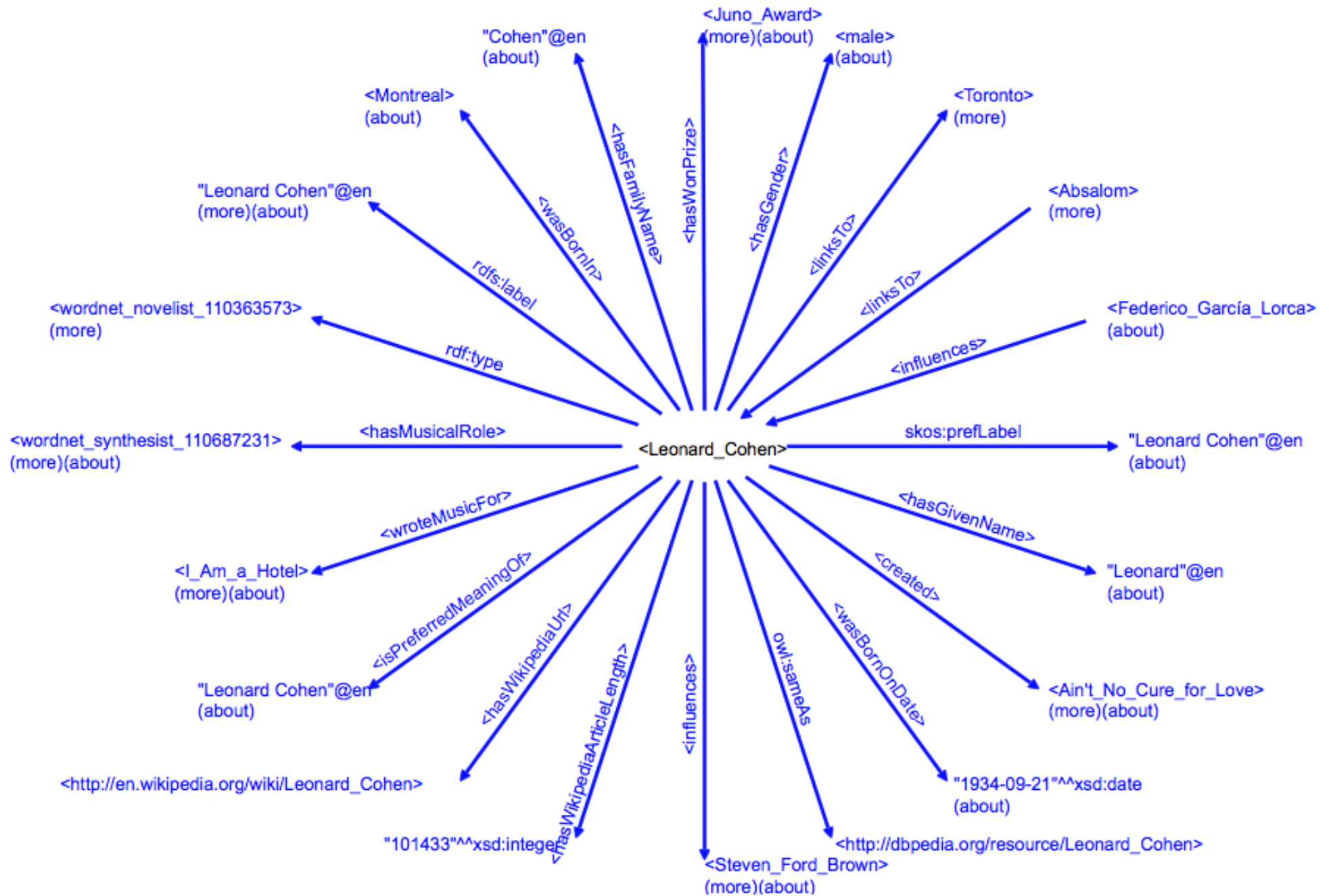
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- About 100 manually defined relations
 - wasBornOnDate
 - locatedIn
 - hasPopulation
- Categories and infoboxes are exploited to deliver facts (instances of relations).





YAGO

- Manually defined patterns that map categories and infobox attributes to fact templates
 - infobox attribute born=Montreal, thus wasBornIn(LeonardCohen, Montreal)
- Pattern-based extractions resulted in 2 million extracted entities and 20 million facts





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 - Soft Constraint
 - $\text{firstPaper}(x,p) \wedge \text{firstPaper}(y,q) \wedge \text{author}(p,x) \wedge \text{author}(p,y) \wedge \text{inYear}(p) > \text{inYear}(q) + 5\text{years} \Rightarrow \text{hasAdvisor}(x,y) [0.6]$





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Inference





YAGO

- Ontology Representation
 - Entities and Relations of public interest
 - Format: TSV, RDF, XML, N3, Web Interface
 - Learns
 - Instances and patterns from Wikipedia;
 - Taxonomy from WordNet;
 - Geotags information from Geonames.





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- YAGO2: Exploring and Querying World Knowledge in Time, Space, Context, and Many Languages
 - New relations specifically designed to cover time, space and context
 - Wikipedia translated pages as sources for other languages





YAGO

- YAGO3 [Mahdisoltani & Biega & Suchanek, 2015]
 - an extension of the YAGO knowledge base;
 - built from the Wikipedias in multiple languages.
 - fuses the multilingual information with the English WordNet
 - categories, infoboxes, and Wikidata, to learn the meaning of infobox attributes across languages
 - 10 different languages
 - precision of 95%-100% in the attribute mapping
 - enlarges YAGO by 1m new entities and 7m new facts.





YAGO

- More on YAGO:
 - Very nice tutorials:
 - [“Knowledge Bases for Web Content Analytics”](#) at WWW 2015, Florence, May 2015.
 - ["Semantic Knowledge Bases from Web Sources"](#) at IJCAI 2011, Barcelona, July 2011
 - ["Harvesting Knowledge from Web Data and Text"](#) at CIKM 2010, Toronto, October 2010
 - ["From Information to Knowledge: Harvesting Entities and Relationships from Web Sources"](#) at PODS 2010, Indianapolis, June 2010
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Results

Runtime information

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<https://suchanek.name/work/publications/cidr2015.pdf>

* Automatically find rules such as “if you are married then you live in the same city as your spouse” in YAGO:

<http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/departments/databases-and-information-systems/research/yago-naga/amie/>

* Plans to add commercial products to YAGO:

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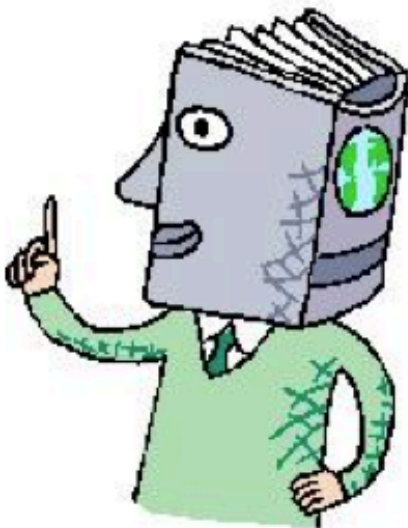
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Open Information Extraction



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To address these questions, the Open IE project has been developing a Web-scale information extraction system that reads arbitrary text from any domain on the Web, extracts meaningful information, and stores it in a unified knowledge base for efficient querying. In contrast to traditional information extraction, the Open Information Extraction paradigm attempts to overcome the knowledge acquisition bottleneck by extracting a large number of relations at once.

Demo: [TextRunner](#) extracted over 500,000,000 assertions from 100 million Web pages.

Software: [ReVerb](#) Open Information Extraction Software and additional information.

Data: [Horn-clause](#) inference rules learned by the Sherlock system.

Demo: [Selectional Preferences from Web Text](#) compute admissible argument values for a relation.

Data: [10,000 Functional Relations learned from Web Text](#) predict the functionality of a phrase.



KnowItAll: Open Information Extraction



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KnowItAll

- Motivation: New Paradigm for Search [Etzioni, 2008]
 - The future of Web Search
 - Read the Web instead of retrieving Web pages to perform Web Search





KnowItAll

- Information Extraction (IE) + tractable inference
 - IE(sentence) = who did what?
 - speaker(Sheila McIlraith, IJCAI-16)
 - Inference = uncover implicit information
 - Will Pittsburgh Steelers be champions again?
- Open Information Extraction [Banko et al., 2007]





Machine Reading

- Named Entity Resolution/Extraction
- Relation Extraction
- Co-reference and Synonym Resolution
- Relation Discovery
- Inference
- Knowledge Base Representation
- Document/Sentence Understanding (Micro-Reading)





Open Information Extraction

[Banko et al., 2007]

- Open IE systems avoid specific nouns and verbs
- Extractors are unlexicalized—formulated only in terms of:
 - syntactic tokens (e.g., part-of-speech tags)
 - closed-word classes (e.g., of, in, such as).
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 - **3. Extract:** given a sentence as input, identifies a candidate pair of NP arguments (Arg1, Arg2) from the sentence, and then uses the learned extractor to label each word between the two arguments as part of the relation phrase or not.





Open Information Extraction

- TextRunner [Banko et al., 2007] was the first OIE system;
- OIE became the main focus of the KnowItAll project;
- Two main problems:
 - incoherent extractions;
 - uninformative relations





Open Information Extraction

- incoherent extractions

Sentence	Incoherent Relation
The guide <i>contains</i> dead links and <i>omits</i> sites.	contains omits
The Mark 14 <i>was central</i> to the <i>torpedo</i> scandal of the fleet.	was central torpedo
They <i>recalled</i> that Nungesser <i>began</i> his career as a precinct leader.	recalled began





Open Information Extraction

- uninformative relations

is	is an album by, is the author of, is a city in
has	has a population of, has a Ph.D. in, has a cameo in
made	made a deal with, made a promise to
took	took place in, took control over, took advantage of
gave	gave birth to, gave a talk at, gave new meaning to
got	got tickets to see, got a deal on, got funding from



Open Information Extraction

- TextRunner was based on

Relative Frequency	Category	Simplified Lexico-Syntactic Pattern
37.8	Verb	E ₁ Verb E ₂ <i>X established Y</i>
22.8	Noun+Prep	E ₁ NP Prep E ₂ <i>X settlement with Y</i>
16.0	Verb+Prep	E ₁ Verb Prep E ₂ <i>X moved to Y</i>
9.4	Infinitive	E ₁ to Verb E ₂ <i>X plans to acquire Y</i>
5.2	Modifier	E ₁ Verb E ₂ Noun <i>X is Y winner</i>
1.8	Coordinate _n	E ₁ (and , - :) E ₂ NP <i>X-Y deal</i>
1.0	Coordinate _v	E ₁ (and ,) E ₂ Verb <i>X, Y merge</i>
0.8	Appositive	E ₁ NP (: ,)? E ₂ <i>X hometown : Y</i>



OIE: the second generation

- New syntactic constraint based on POS tag patterns

$V \mid VP \mid VW^*P$
 $V = \text{verb particle? adv?}$
 $W = (\text{noun} \mid \text{adj} \mid \text{adv} \mid \text{pron} \mid \text{det})$
 $P = (\text{prep} \mid \text{particle} \mid \text{inf. marker})$

- simple verb phrase (e.g., invented)
- verb phrase followed immediately by a preposition or particle (e.g., located in)
- verb phrase followed by a simple noun phrase and ending in a preposition or particle (e.g., has atomic weight of)
- multiple possible matches, then the longest possible match is chosen.





OIE: the second generation

- New lexical constraint to separate valid relation phrases from over-specified relation phrases
- The lexical constraint is based on the intuition that a valid relation phrase should take many distinct arguments in a large corpus.





OIE: the second generation

- New OIE System: ReVerb [Fader et al., 2011]
 - Input: a POS-tagged and NP-chunked sentence
 - Output: a set of (x,r,y) extraction triples
 - Based on two extraction algorithm:
 - 1. Relation Extraction: based on the new constraints
 - 2. Argument Extraction: For each relation phrase r identified in Step 1, find the nearest noun phrase x to the left and the nearest noun phrase y to the right of r in s.



OIE: the second generation

- New OIE System: ReVerb [Fader et al., 2011]

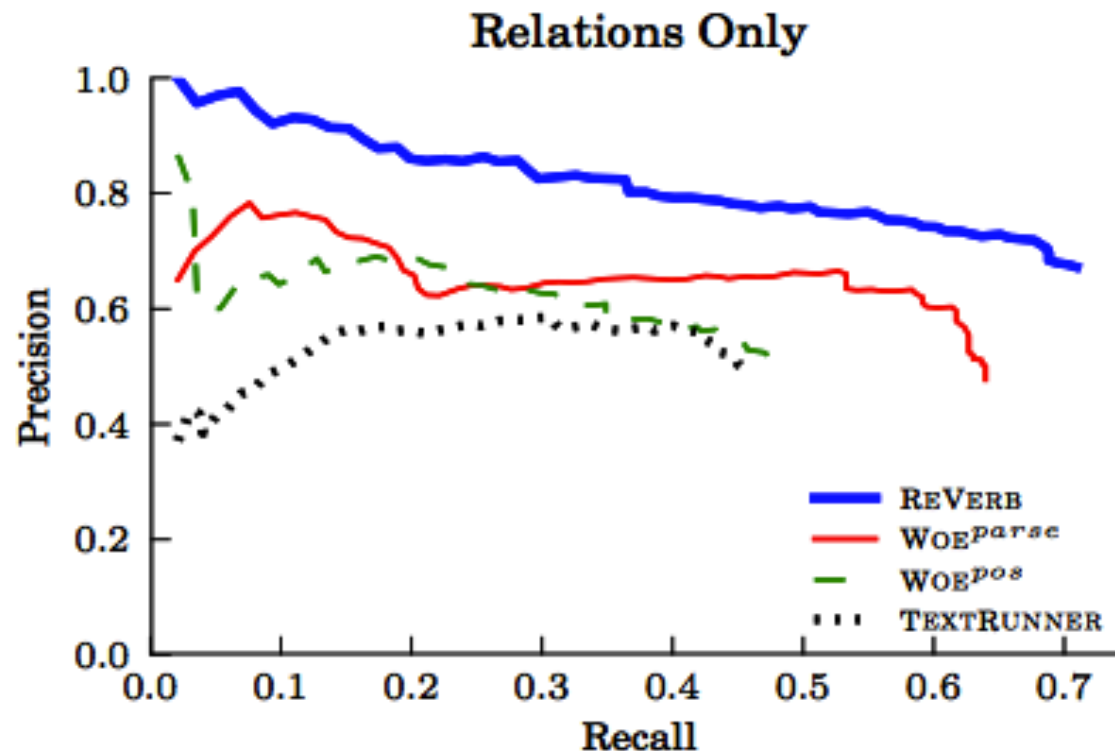


Figure 2: REVERB identifies correct relation phrases with substantially higher precision and recall than state-of-the-art open extractors, including WOE^{parse} that uses patterns learned over dependency parse paths.

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Open Information Extraction

Argument 1:

Relation:

Argument 2:

All

Search

286 answers from 886 sentences (cached)

Do you mean...

Porto (78)



Porto (Portuguese pronunciation: [ˈportu]), also known as Oporto in English, is the second largest city in Portugal, after Lisbon, and one of the major urban areas in Southern Europe. Its administrative limits (an area of 41.66 km²/16 sq.mi) include a population of 237,584 (2011) inhabitants distributed within 15 civil parishes. The urbanized area of Porto, which extends beyond the administrative limits of the city, has a population of 1.3 million (2011) in an area of 389 km (150 sq mi),...[read more](#)

F.C. Porto (14)



Futebol Clube do Porto MH IH MH OM (Portuguese pronunciation: [futeboɫ ˈklube du ˈportu]) (Euronext: FCP), commonly known as FC Porto, Porto, or FCP, is a Portuguese multi-sports club from the city of Porto, in the northern region of the country. Although they successfully compete in a number of different sports, FC Porto is mostly known for its association football team. Founded in Porto in September 28, 1893, it is one of the "Três Grandes" (Big Three, in English), football clubs in...[read more](#)



OIE: the second generation

Table extracted from [Etzioni et al., 2011]

Category	Patterns	Frequency Arg1	Frequency Arg2
Basic NP	NN, JJ NN, etc	65% Chicago <i>was founded in</i> 1833.	60% Calcium <i>prevents</i> osteoporosis .
Prepositional Attachments	NP PP ⁺	19% The forest in Brazil <i>is threatened by</i> ranching.	18% Lake Michigan <i>is one of the five</i> Great Lakes of North America .
List	NP (,NP)* ,? and/or NP	15% Google and Apple <i>are headquartered in</i> Silicon Valley.	15% A galaxy <i>consists of</i> stars and stellar remnants .
Independent Clause	(that WP WDT)? NP VP NP	0% Google will acquire YouTube, <i>announced</i> the New York Times.	8% Scientists <i>estimate that</i> 80% of oil remains a threat .
Relative Clause	NP (that WP WDT) VP NP?	<1% Chicago, which is located in Illinois, <i>has</i> three million residents.	6% Most galaxies <i>appear to be</i> dwarf galaxies, which are small .

Table 4: Taxonomy of arguments for binary relationships. In each sentence, the argument is bolded and the relational phrase is italicized. Multiple patterns can appear in a single argument so percentages do not need to add to 100. In the interest of space, we omit argument structures that appear in less than 5% of extractions. Upper case abbreviations represent noun phrase chunk abbreviations and part-of-speech abbreviations.



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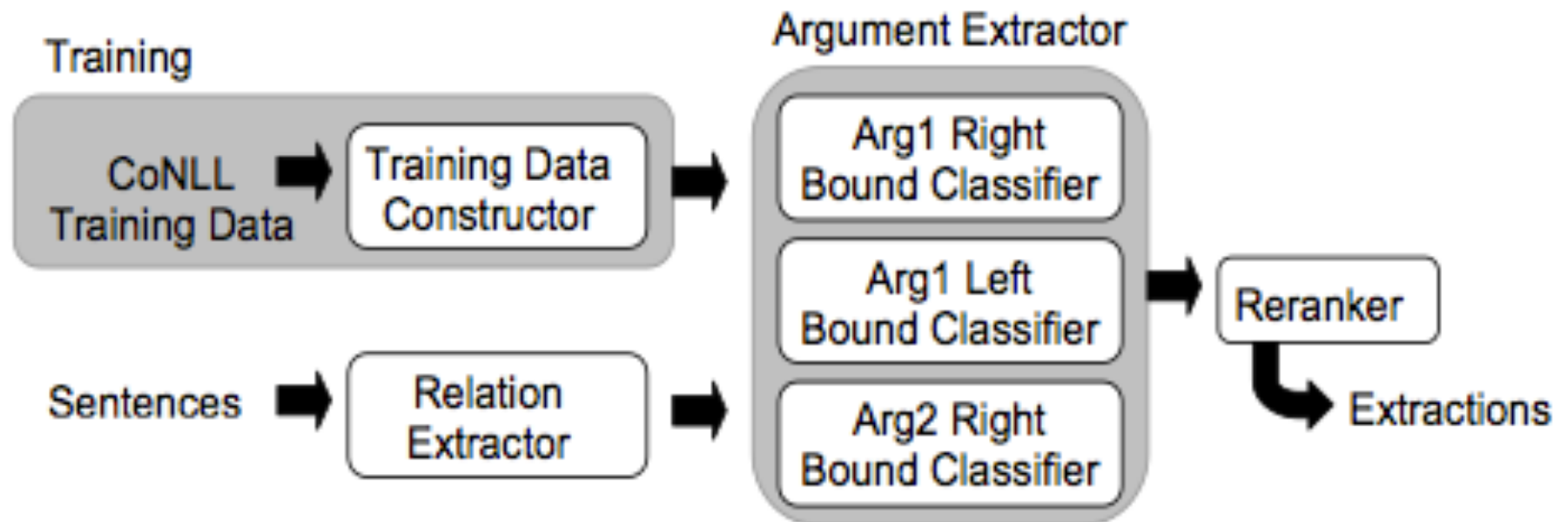


Figure 4: ARGLEARNER's system architecture.



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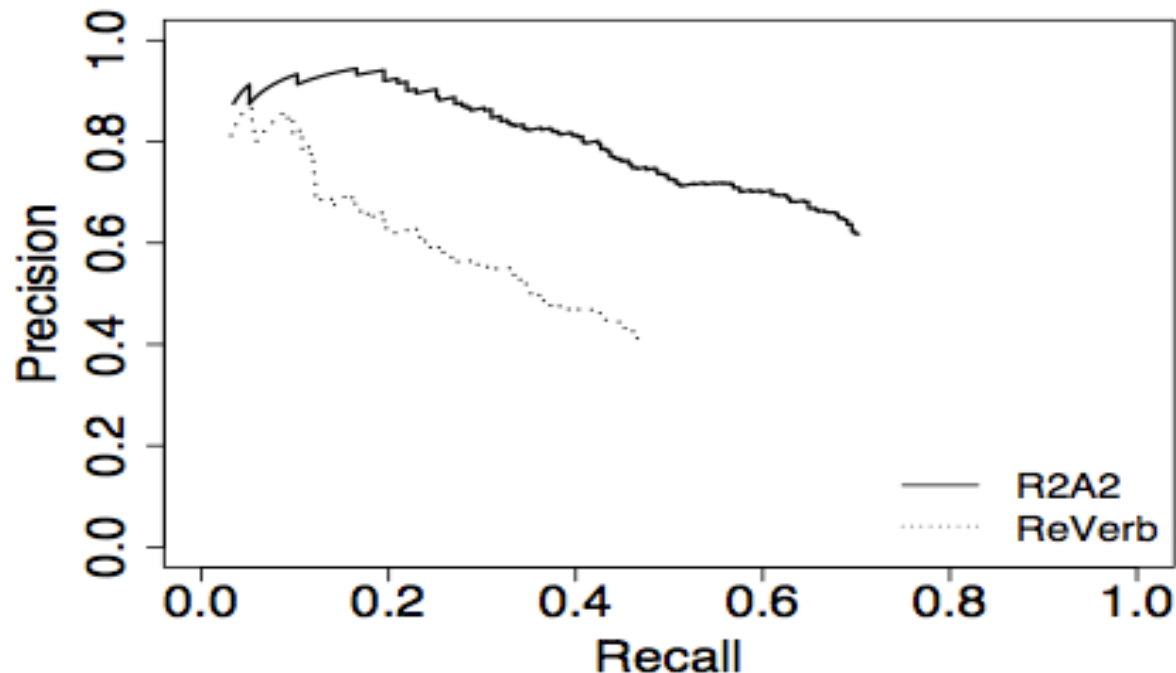


Figure 5: R2A2 has substantially higher recall and precision than REVERB.





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Free text

Hearst-patterns; clustering by verbal phrases

Natural-language processing

Advanced patterns & iterative bootstrapping

(“Dual Iterative Pattern Relation Extraction”)

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REVERB.



Machine Reading

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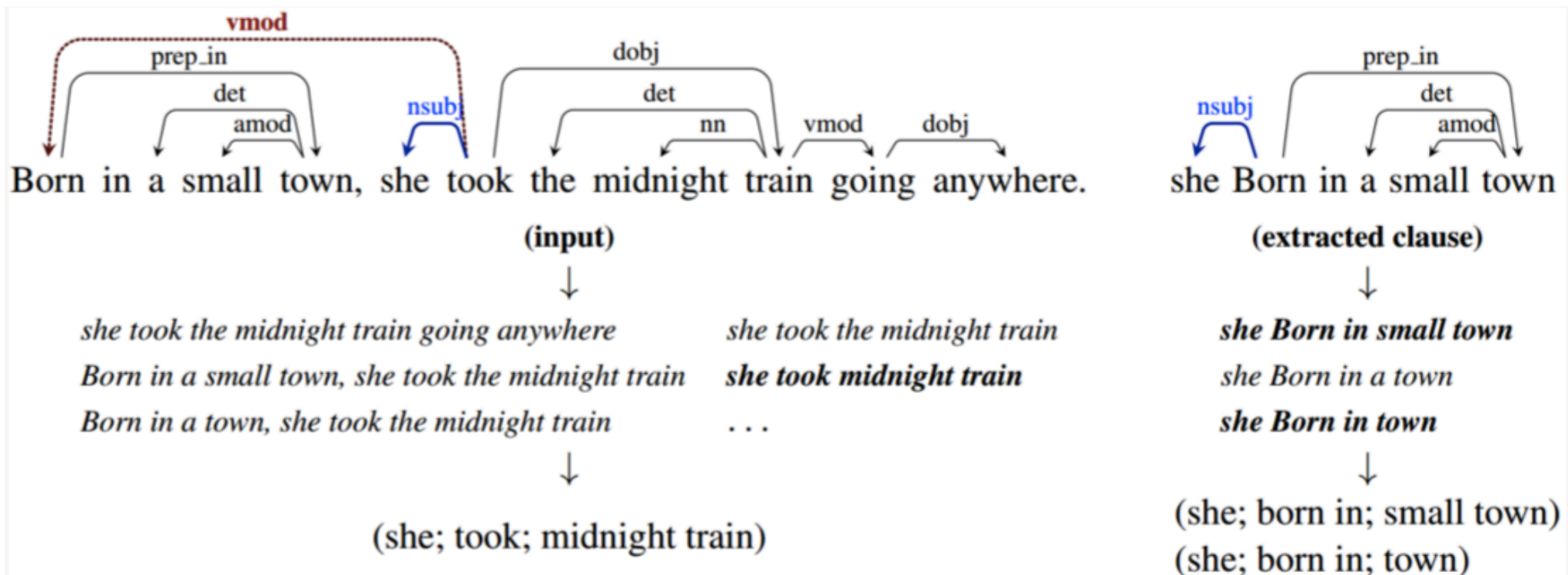
- Named Entity Resolution/Extraction
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About

Open information extraction (open IE) refers to the extraction of structured relation triples from plain text, such that the *schema* for these relations does not need to be specified in advance. For example, *Barack Obama was born in Hawaii* would create a triple (Barack Obama; was born in; Hawaii), corresponding to the open domain relation "was born in". This software is a Java implementation of an open IE system as described in the paper:

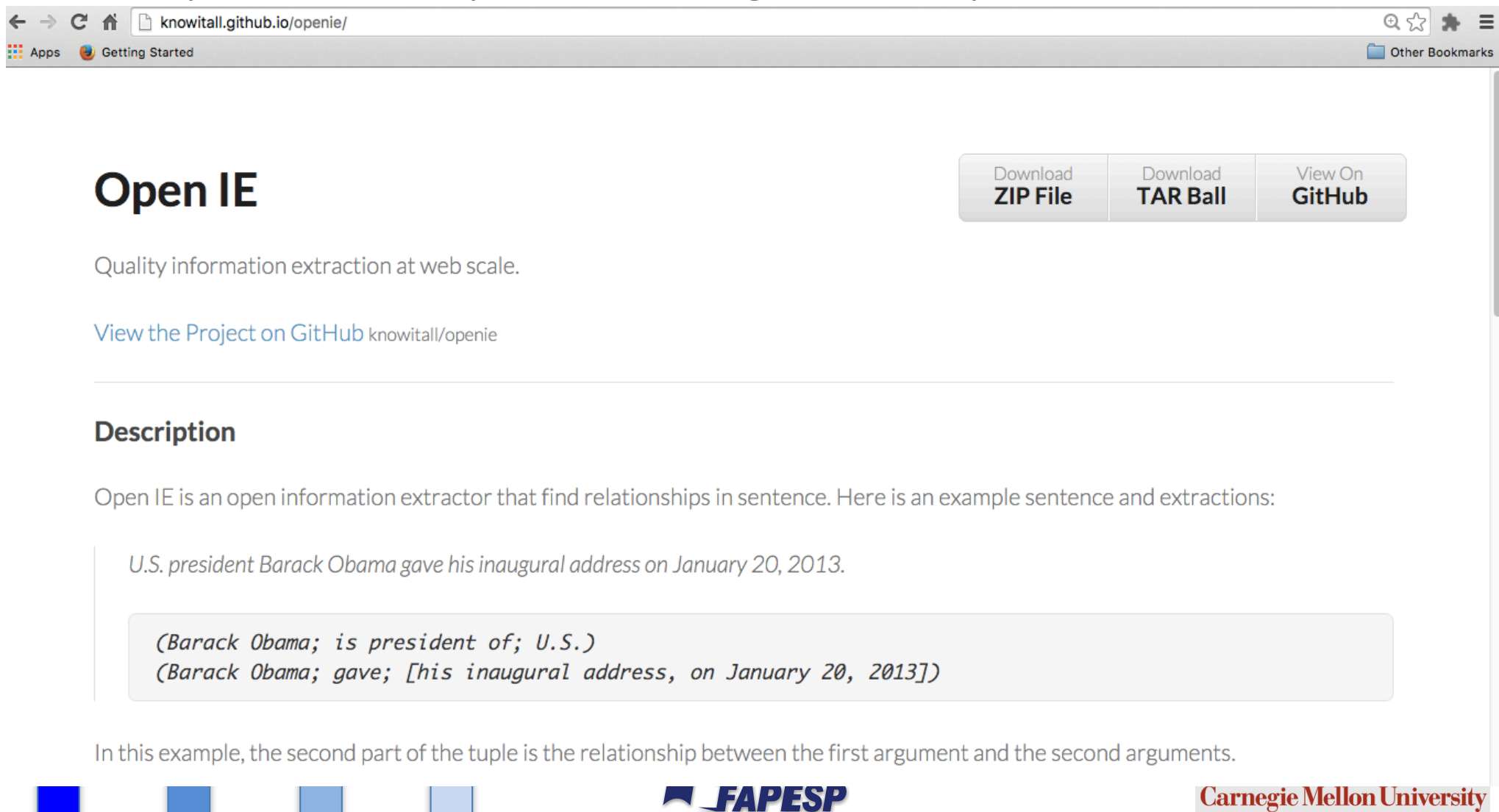
Gabor Angeli, Melvin Johnson Premkumar, and Christopher D. Manning. [Leveraging Linguistic Structure For Open Domain Information Extraction](#). In *Proceedings of the Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, 2015.

The system first splits each sentence into a set of entailed clauses. Each clause is then maximally shortened, producing a set of entailed shorter sentence fragments. These fragments are then segmented into OpenIE triples, and output by the system. An illustration of the process is given for an example sentence below:



More on KnowItAll

- Open IE 4.0: <http://knowitall.github.io/openie/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `knowitall.github.io/openie/`. The page content includes a header with navigation links (Apps, Getting Started, Other Bookmarks) and a main section titled "Open IE". To the right of the title are three buttons: "Download ZIP File", "Download TAR Ball", and "View On GitHub". Below the title is a subtitle "Quality information extraction at web scale." and a link "View the Project on GitHub knowitall/openie". A section titled "Description" follows, containing a sample sentence and its extracted relationships. The relationships are shown as two lines of text in a light gray box: `(Barack Obama; is president of; U.S.)` and `(Barack Obama; gave; [his inaugural address, on January 20, 2013])`. At the bottom, a paragraph explains that the second part of the tuple is the relationship between the first argument and the second arguments. The footer of the browser window shows logos for FAPESP and Carnegie Mellon University.

Open IE

Quality information extraction at web scale.

[View the Project on GitHub](#) knowitall/openie

Description

Open IE is an open information extractor that find relationships in sentence. Here is an example sentence and extractions:

U.S. president Barack Obama gave his inaugural address on January 20, 2013.

(Barack Obama; is president of; U.S.)
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In this example, the second part of the tuple is the relationship between the first argument and the second arguments.

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- Open IE in Chinese:
<https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/19f83e125aa6384197>

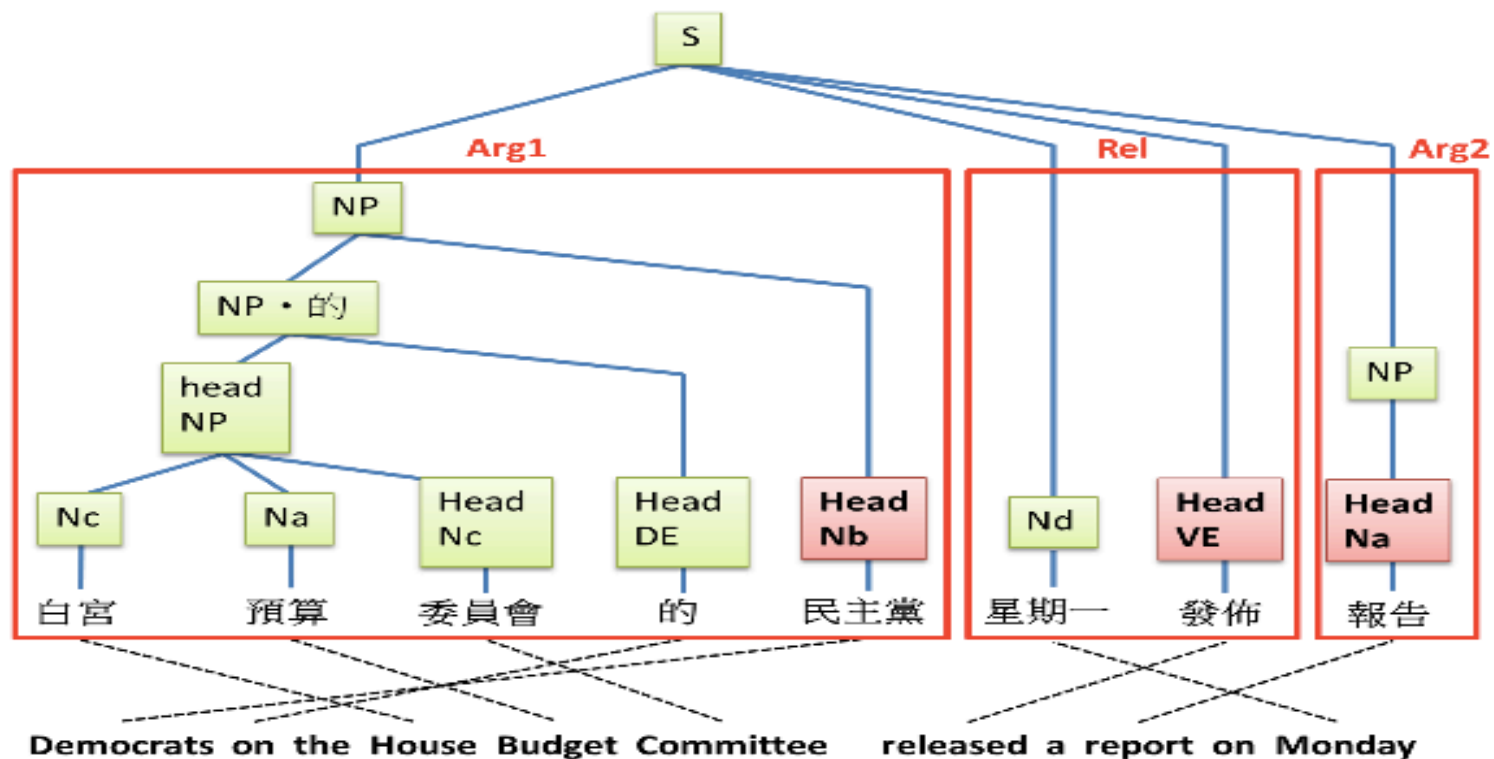


Figure 1: The parsed tree of a Chinese sentence.



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Chinese Open IE		Precision	Recall	F1
Exact Match	ReVerb	0.5820	0.0987	0.1688
	CORE	0.5579	0.3291	0.4140
Relation Only	ReVerb	0.8361	0.1425	0.2435
	CORE	0.8463	0.5000	0.6286

Table 1: Performance evaluation on Chinese Open IE.





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Never-Ending Language Learner



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Humans learn many things, for years, and
become better learners over time

Why not machines?





Never-Ending Learning

We'll never really understand learning until we build machines that

- learn many different things,
- over years,
- and become better learners over time.





Never-Ending Learning

We'll never produce natural language understanding systems until we have systems that react to arbitrary sentences by saying one of:

- I understand, and already knew that
- I understand, and didn't know, but accept it
- I understand, and disagree because ...





NELL: Never-Ending Language Learner

•Inputs:

- initial ontology
- handful of examples of each predicate in ontology
- the web
- occasional interaction with human trainers

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- Today...
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 - • 10-20 seed examples of each
 - • 1 billion web pages (ClueWeb – Jamie Callan)
- Result:
 - • continuously growing KB with +90.000,000 extracted beliefs (different levels of confidence)



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Can computers learn to read? We think so. "Read the Web" is a research project that attempts to create a computer system that learns over time to read the web. Since January 2010, our computer system called NELL (Never-Ending Language Learner) has been running continuously, attempting to perform two tasks each day:

- First, it attempts to "read," or extract facts from text found in hundreds of millions of web pages (e.g., `playsInstrument(George_Harrison, guitar)`).
- Second, it attempts to improve its reading competence, so that tomorrow it can extract more facts from the web, more accurately.

So far, NELL has accumulated over 15 million candidate beliefs by reading the web, and it is considering these at different levels of confidence. NELL has high confidence in 1,471,011 of these beliefs — these are displayed on this website. It is not perfect, but NELL is learning. You can track NELL's progress below or [@cmunell on Twitter](#), browse and download its [knowledge base](#), read more about our [technical approach](#), or join the [discussion group](#).





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Recently-Learned Facts

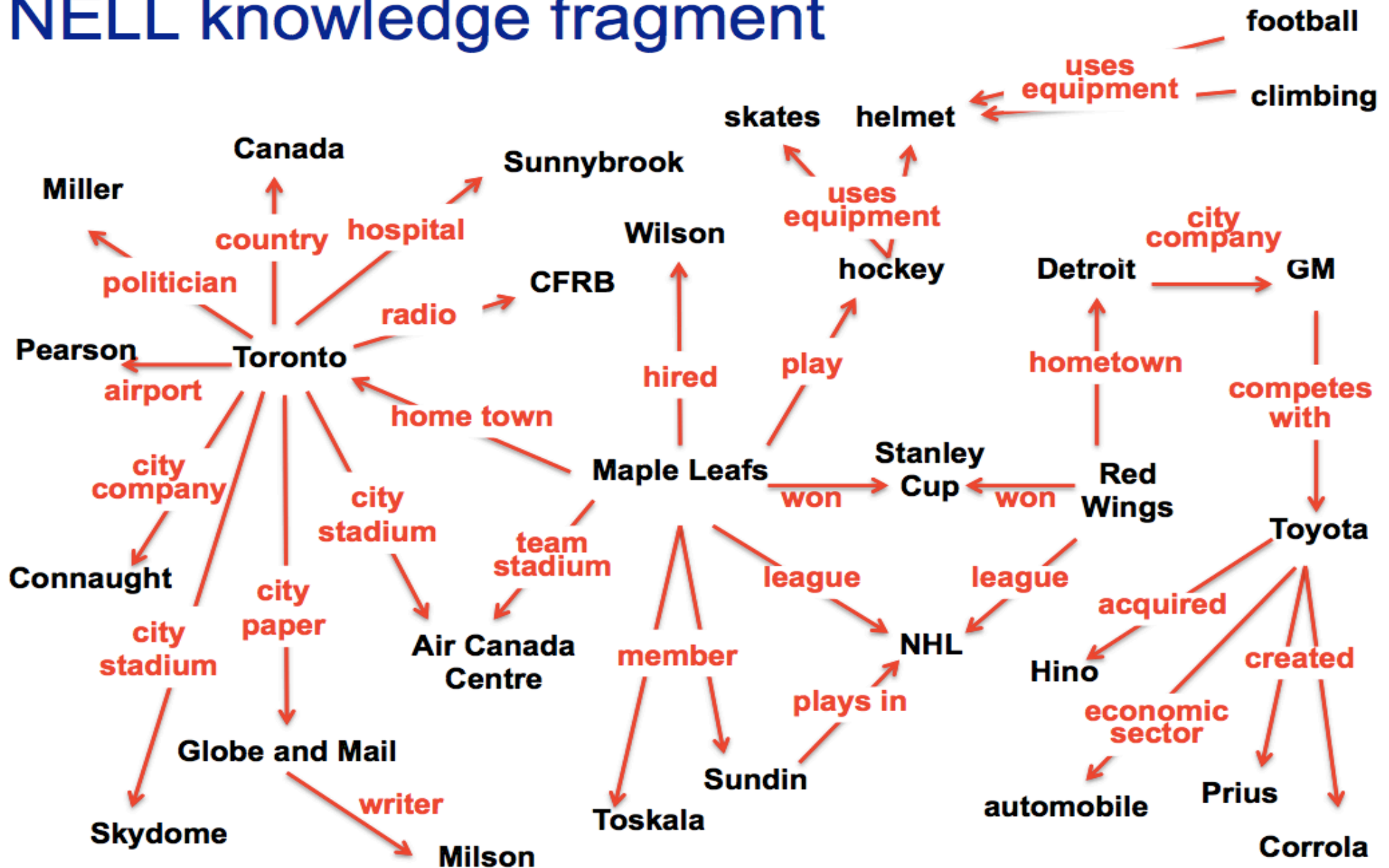


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<u>unnamed_subpeak_of_long_valley_peak</u> is a <u>mountain</u>	991	27-apr-2016	91.4		
<u>currency_funding</u> is an <u>economic sector</u>	989	10-apr-2016	98.9		
<u>snow_mountains_grassland_melomys</u> is a <u>mammal</u>	989	10-apr-2016	90.5		
<u>the_paramus_post</u> is a <u>blog</u>	989	10-apr-2016	91.3		
<u>aashto</u> is <u>headquartered in</u> the country <u>u_s</u>	994	15-may-2016	100.0		
<u>division</u> is an organization <u>also known as</u> <u>us_department</u>	992	02-may-2016	93.8		
<u>dome</u> is an attraction <u>made of</u> <u>bronze</u>	994	15-may-2016	100.0		
<u>jeff_bezos</u> is the <u>CEO of</u> <u>amazon</u>	994	15-may-2016	100.0		
<u>tomato</u> <u>is an agricultural product</u> that is usually cooked with <u>salt</u>	991	27-apr-2016	99.6		



NELL knowledge fragment





Learning to Read and Learning by Reading

1. Classify noun phrases (NP's) by category





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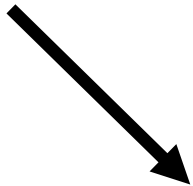
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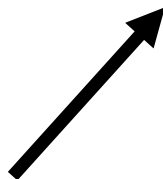
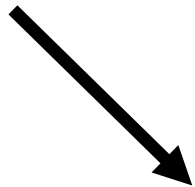




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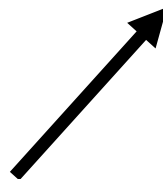
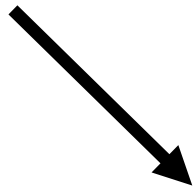




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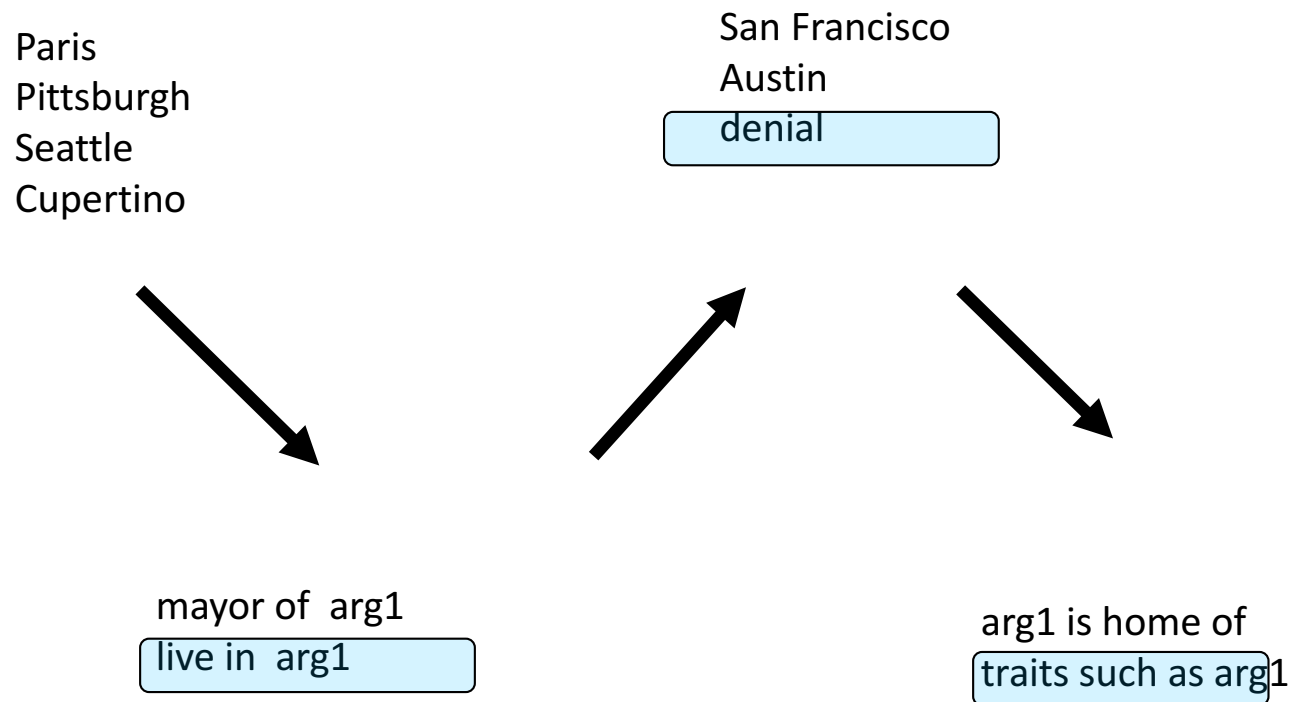
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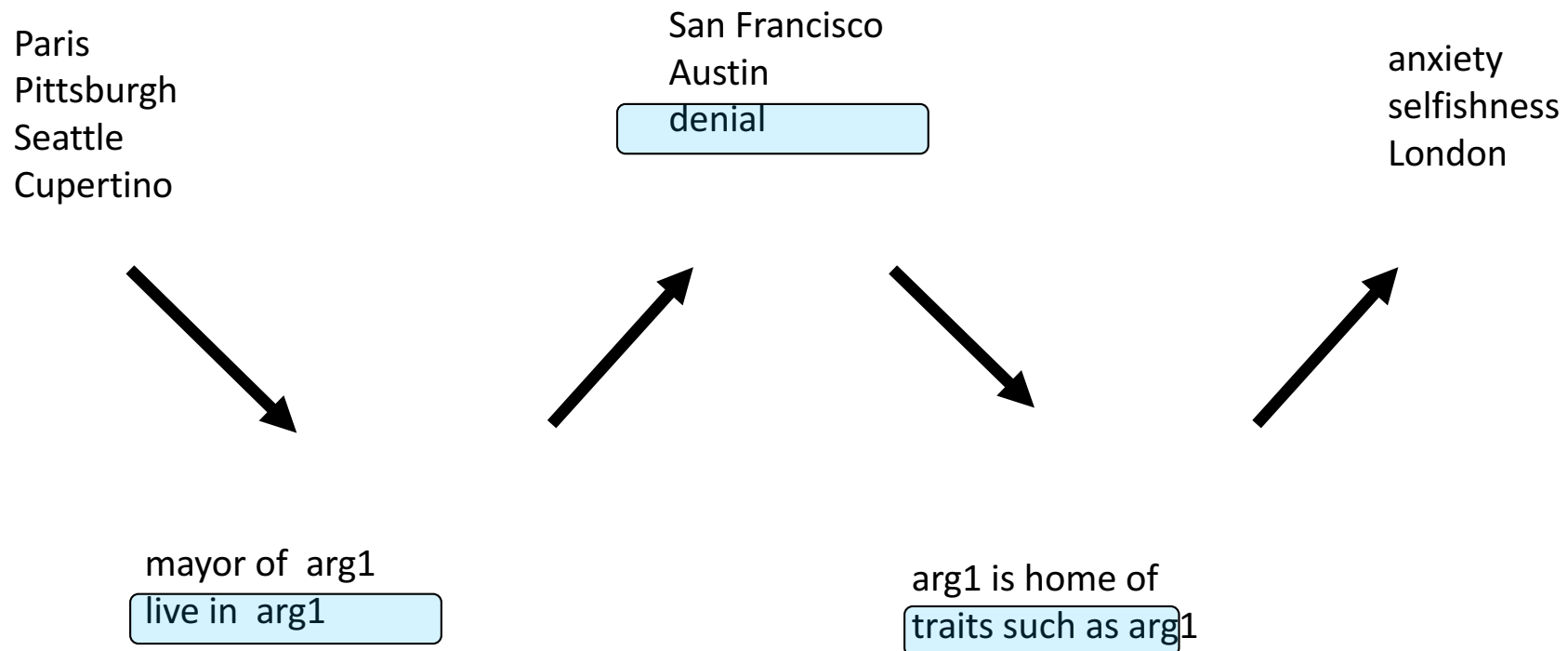


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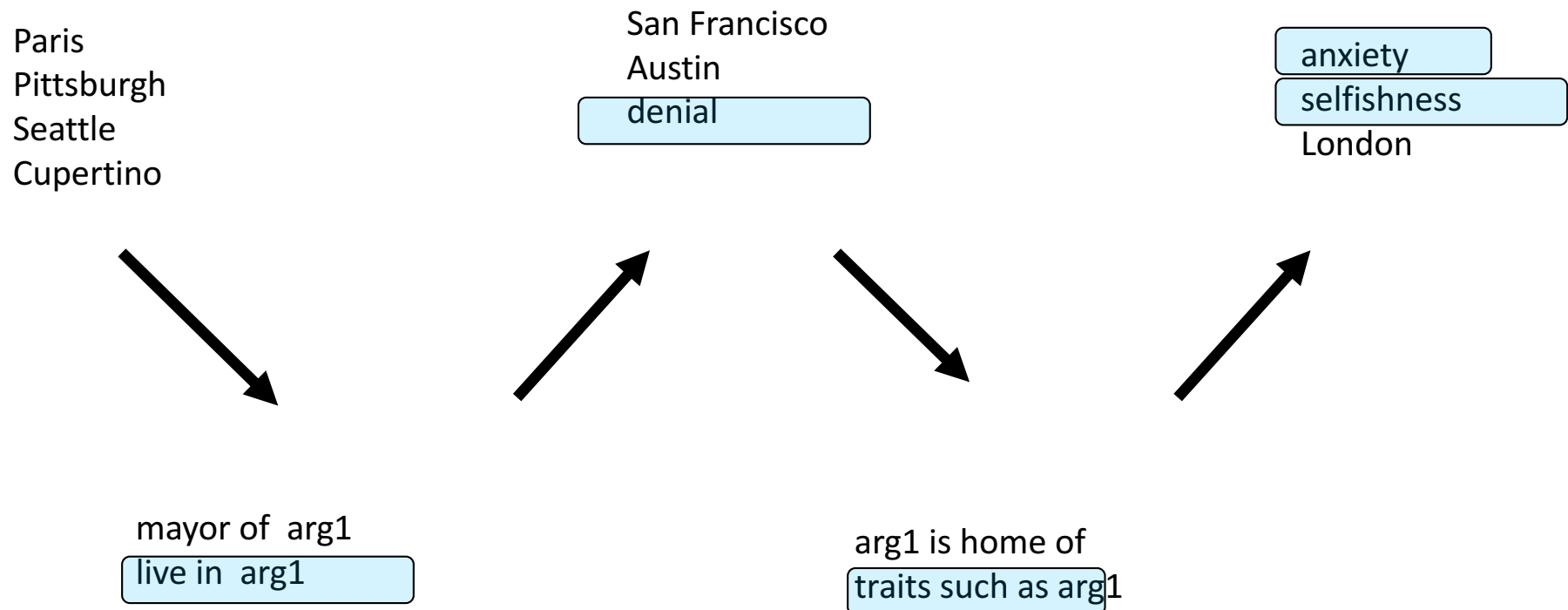


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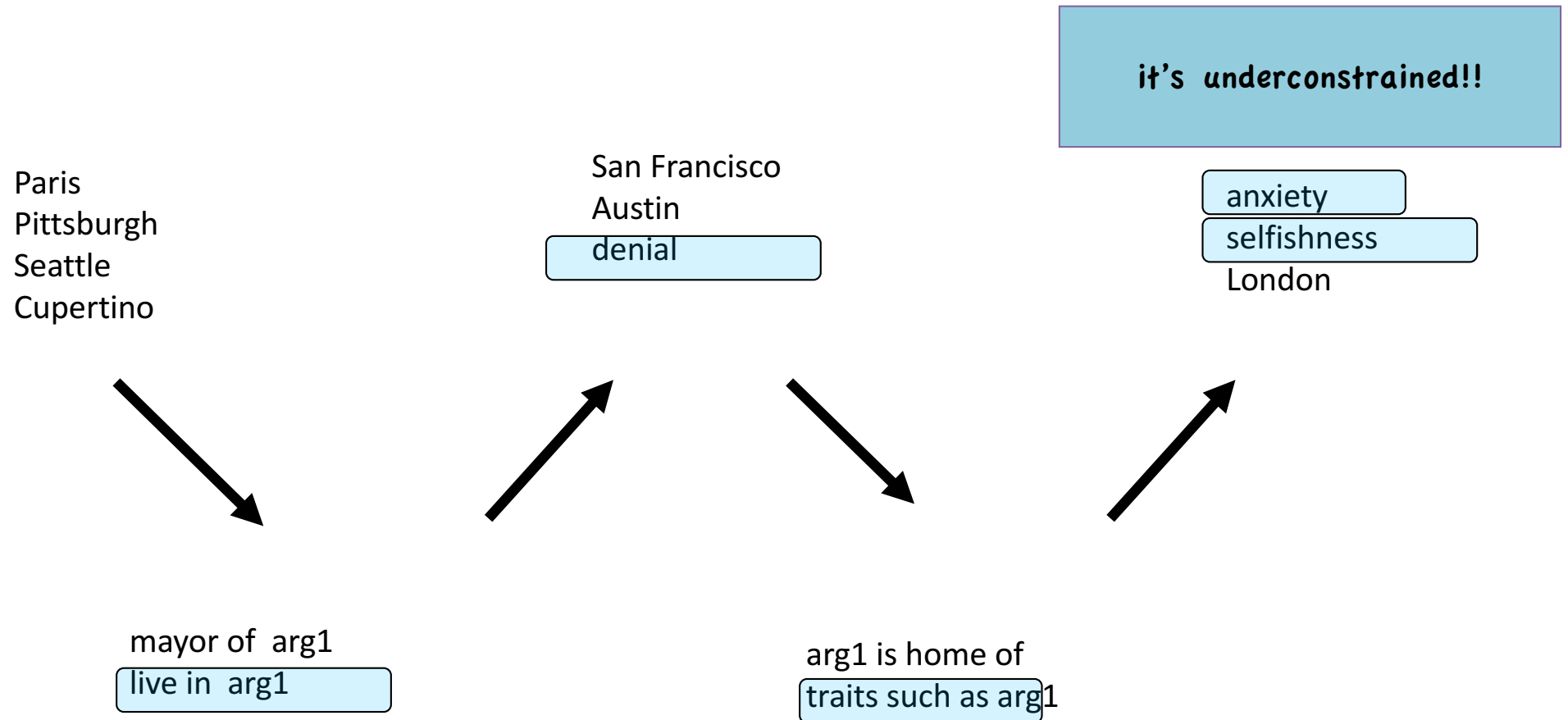


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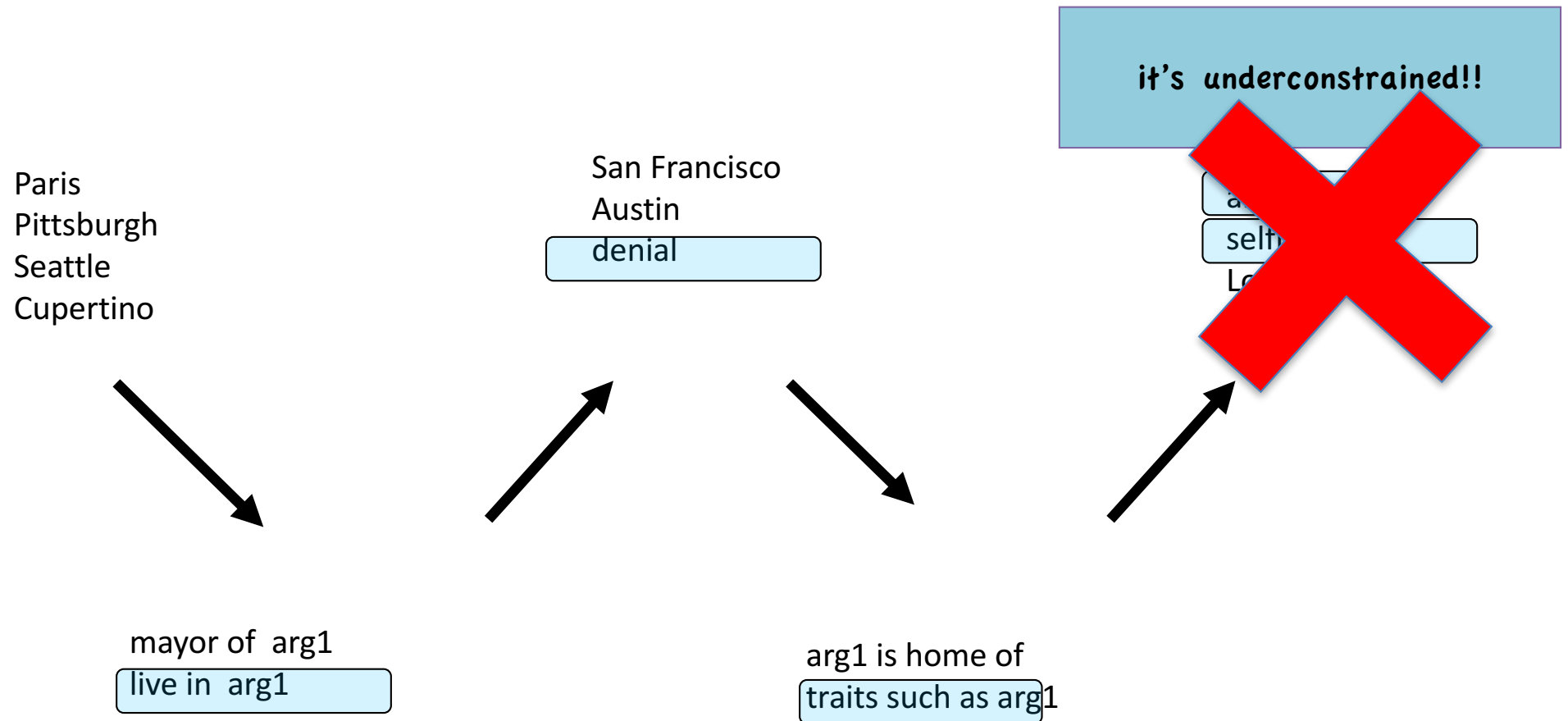


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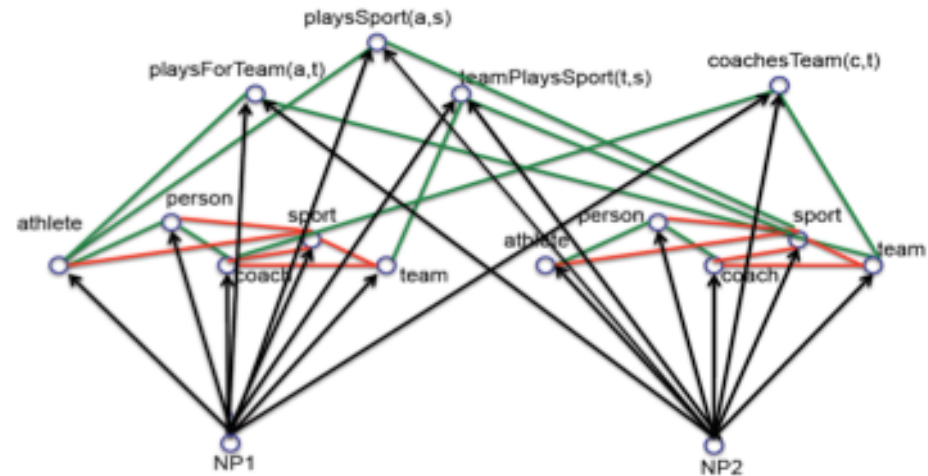




Key Idea 1: Coupled semi-supervised training of many functions



hard
(underconstrained)
semi-supervised
learning problem



much easier (more constrained)
semi-supervised learning problem





Coupled Training Type 1: Co-training, Multiview, Co-regularization

[Blum & Mitchell; 98]

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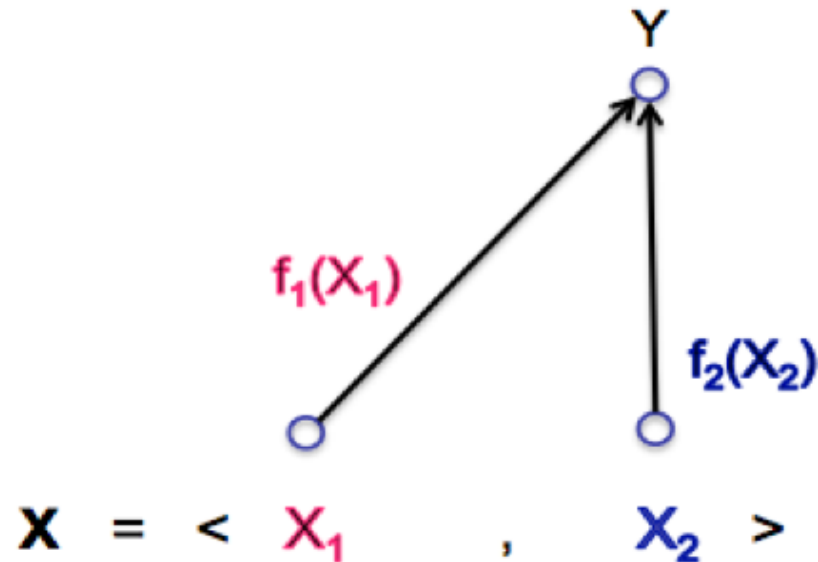
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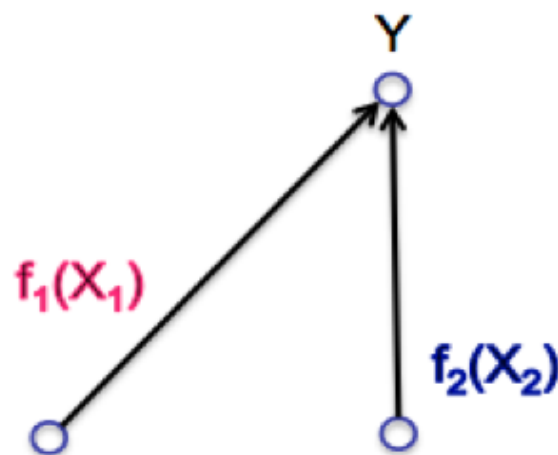


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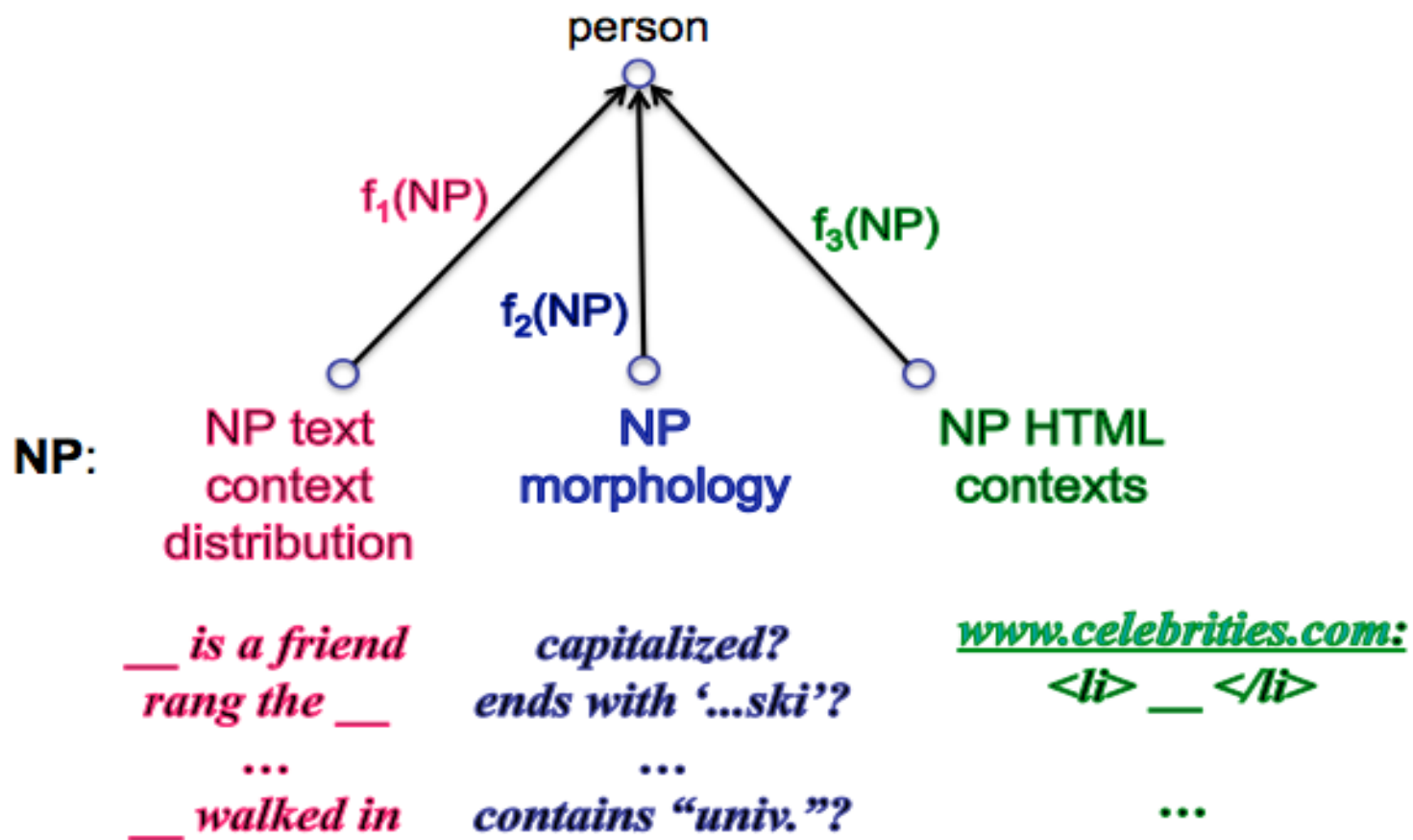
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unlabeled data and
 weak initial learner

and disagreement between
 f_1, f_2 bounds error of each



Type 1 Coupling Constraints in NELL



Coupled Training Type 2:

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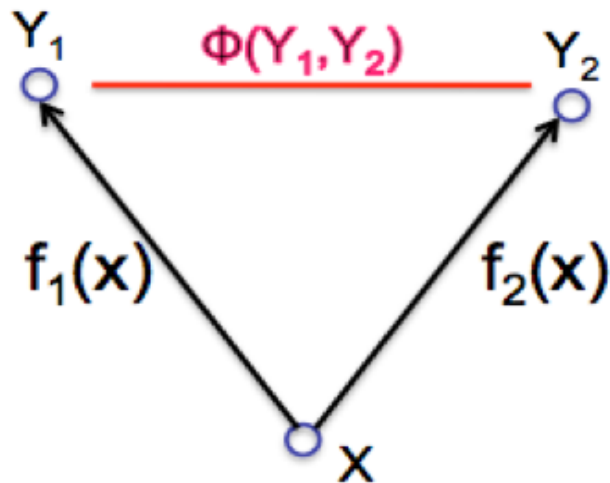
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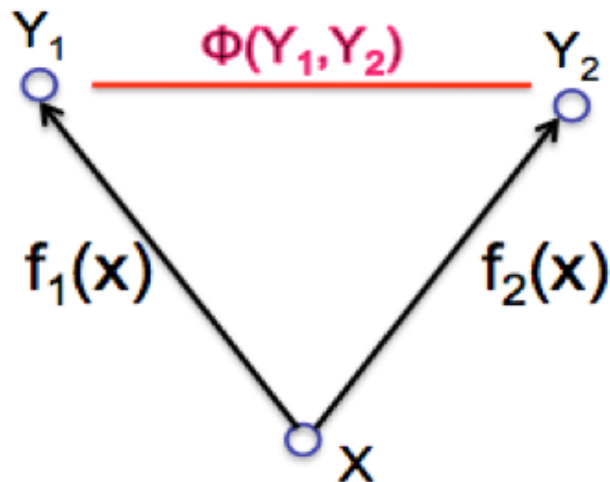
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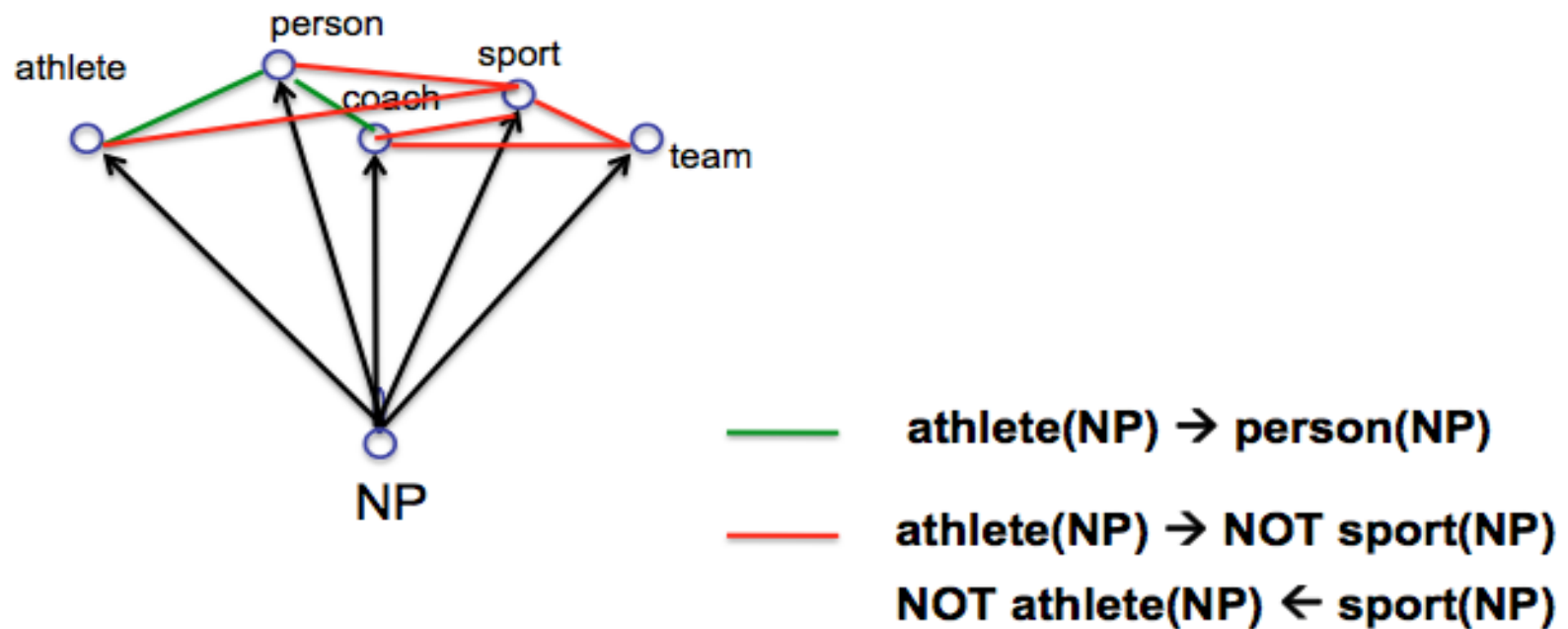
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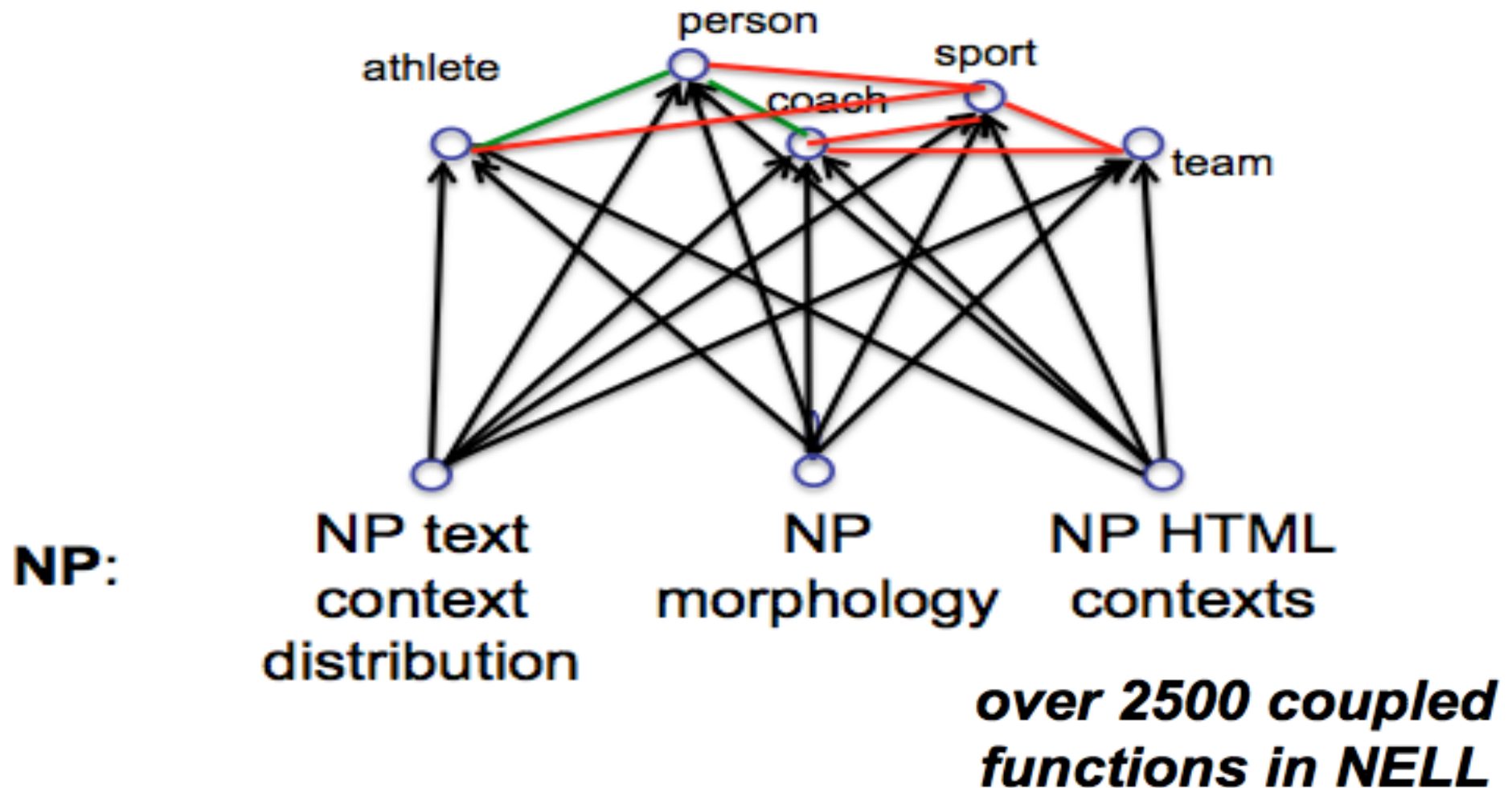
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Type 2 Coupling Constraints in NELL



Multi-view, Multi-Task Coupling





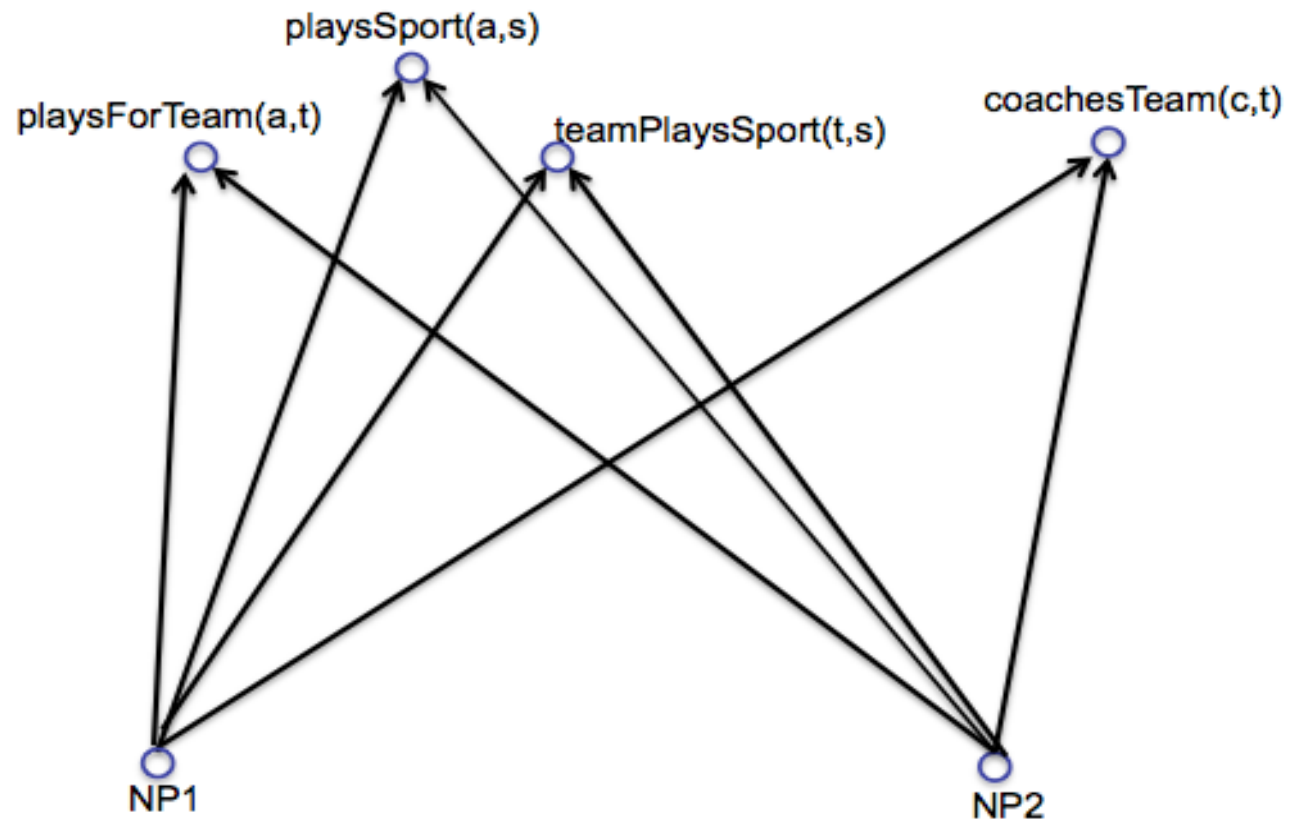
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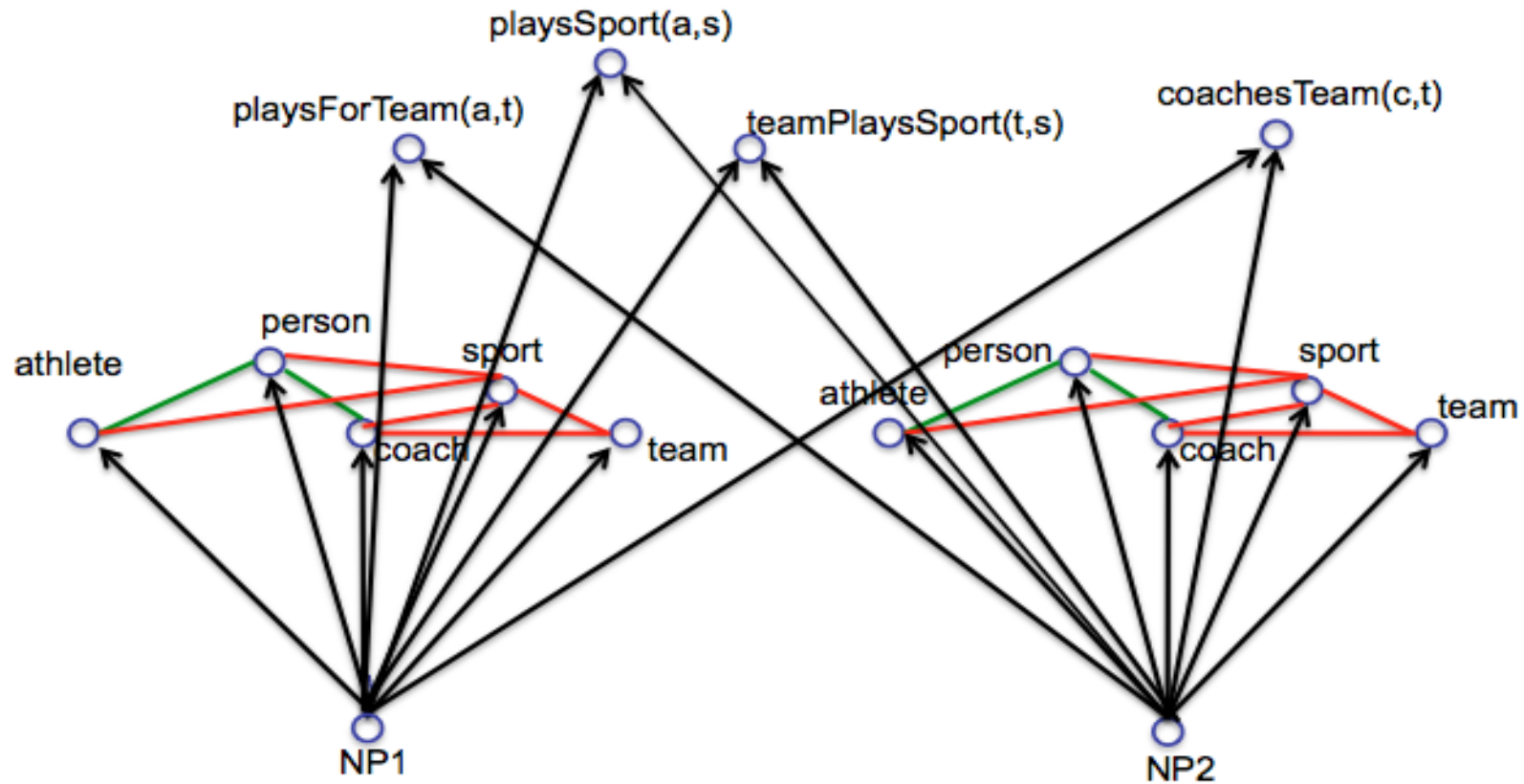




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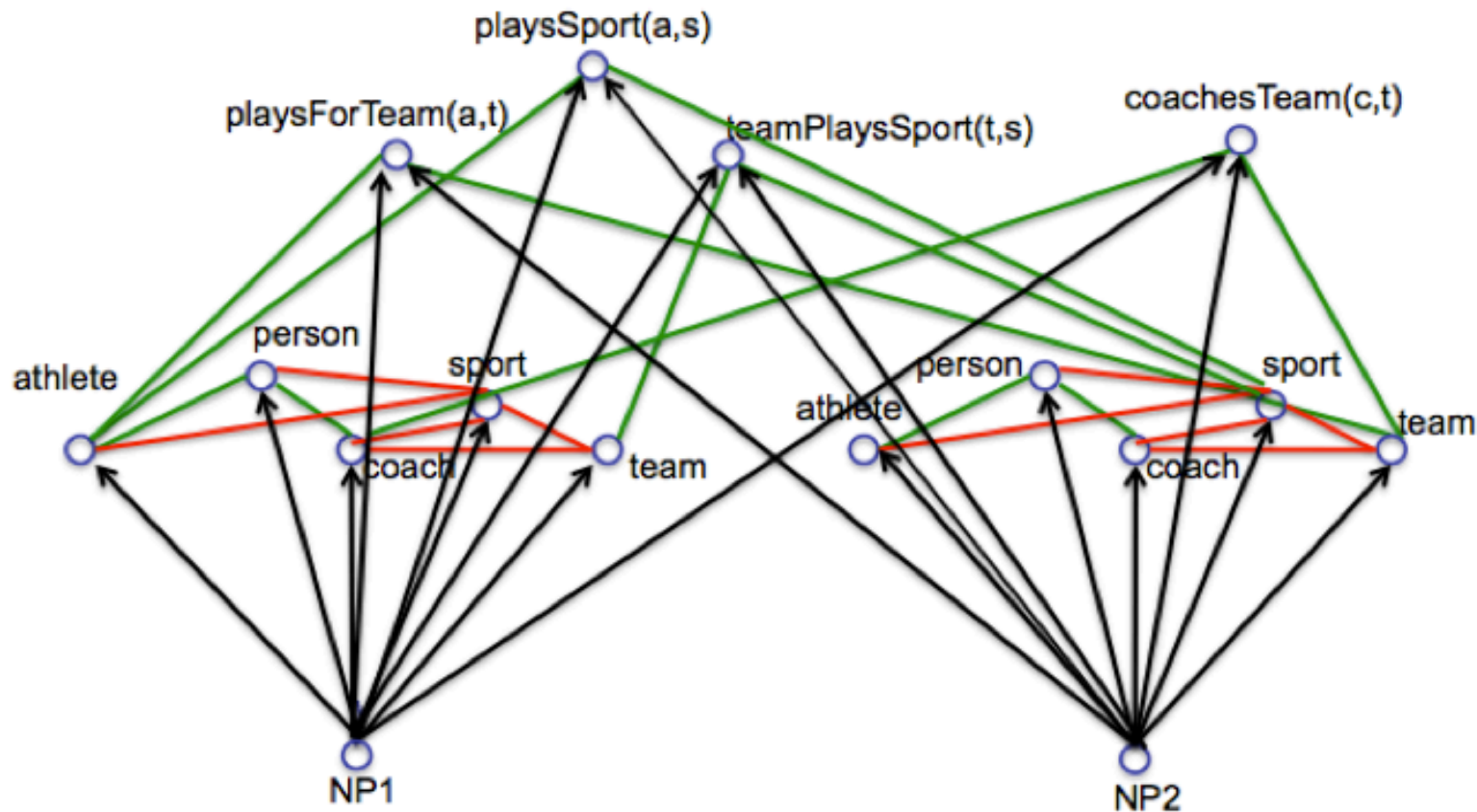


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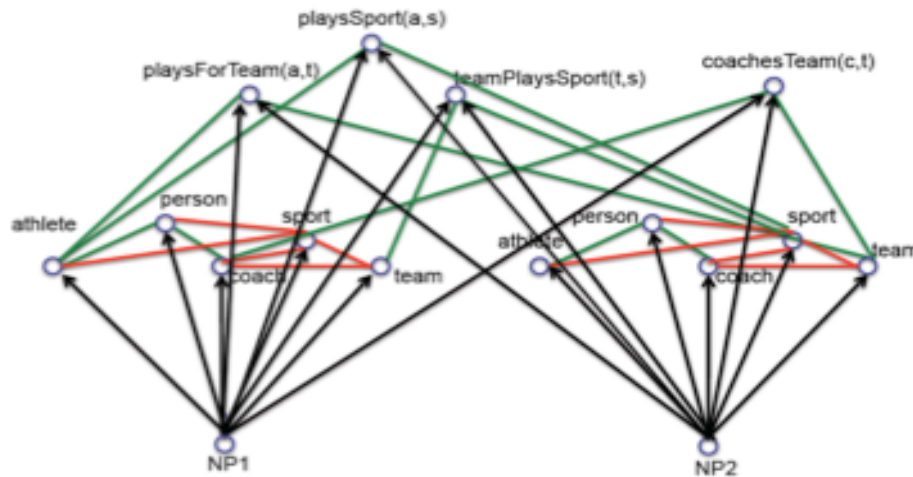
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— $\text{playsSport}(\text{NP1}, \text{NP2}) \rightarrow \text{athlete}(\text{NP1}), \text{sport}(\text{NP2})$

Pure EM Approach to Coupled Training



- **E**: jointly estimate latent labels for each function of each unlabeled example
- **M**: retrain all functions, based on these probabilistic labels

Scaling problem:

- **E** step: 20M NP's, 10^{14} NP pairs to label
- **M** step: 50M text contexts to consider for each function $\rightarrow 10^{10}$ parameters to retrain
- even more URL-HTML contexts..



NELL's Approximation to EM

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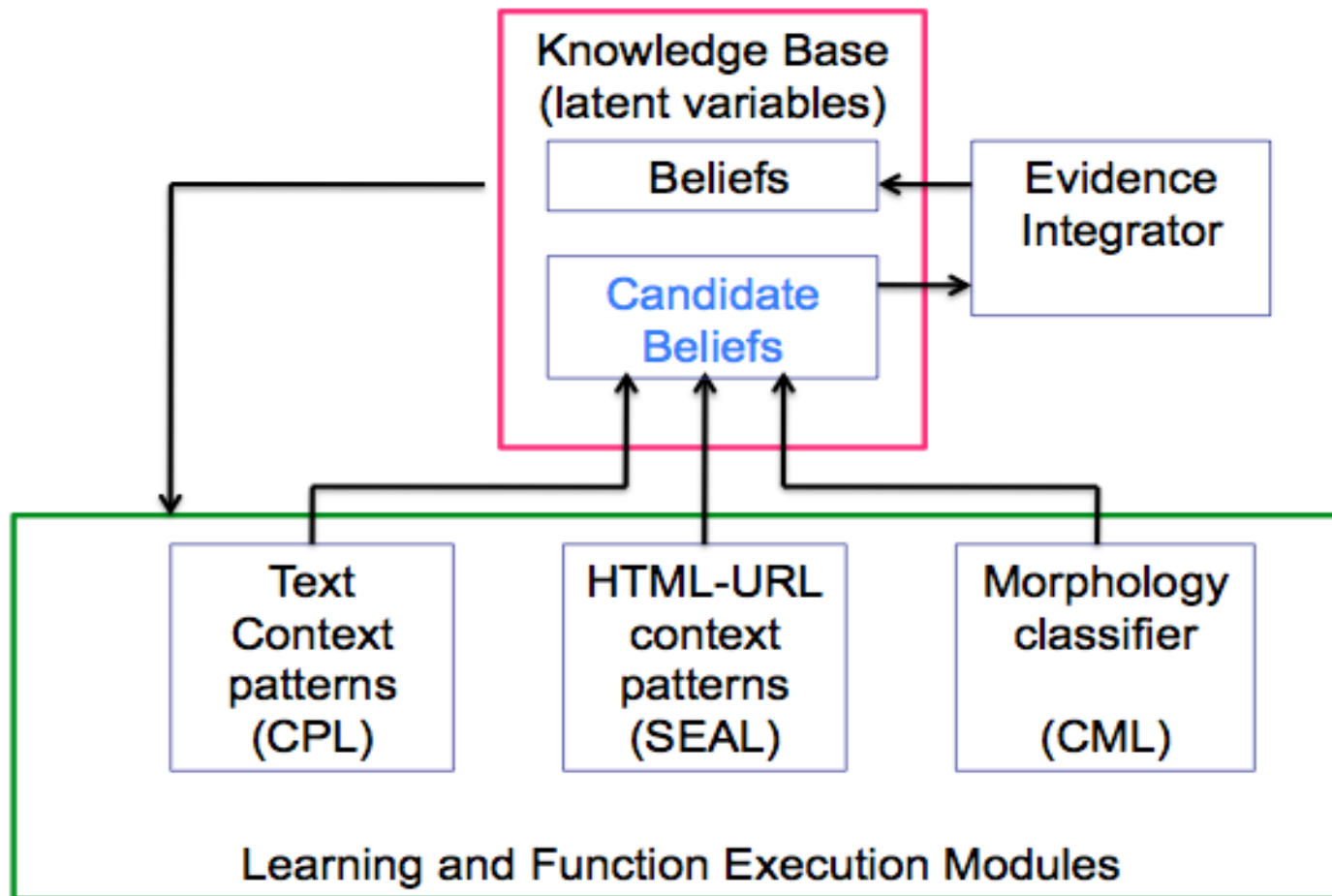
- Consider only a growing subset of the latent variable assignments
 - category variables: up to 250 NP's per category per iteration
 - relation variables: add only if confident and args of correct type
 - this set of explicit latent assignments ***IS*** the knowledge base

M' step:

- Each view-based learner retraines itself from the updated KB
- “context” methods create growing subsets of contexts

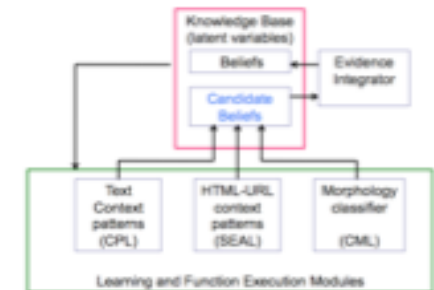


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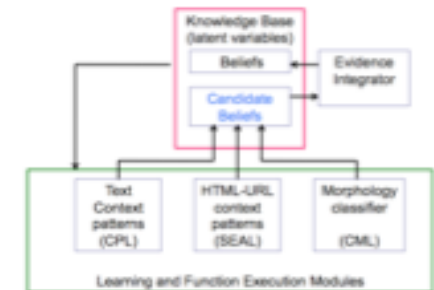


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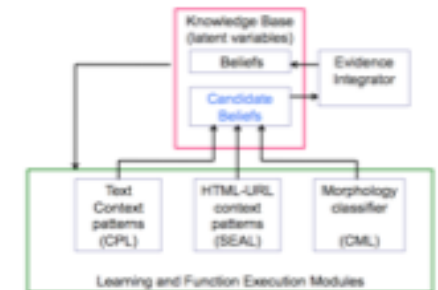


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Key Idea 2: Discover New Coupling Constraints

- first order, probabilistic horn clause constraints
- $0.93 \text{ athletePlaysSport}(?x, ?y) \text{ :- } \text{athletePlaysForTeam}(?x, ?z), \text{teamPlaysSport}(?z, ?y)$
- – connects previously uncoupled relation predicates
- – infers new beliefs for KB



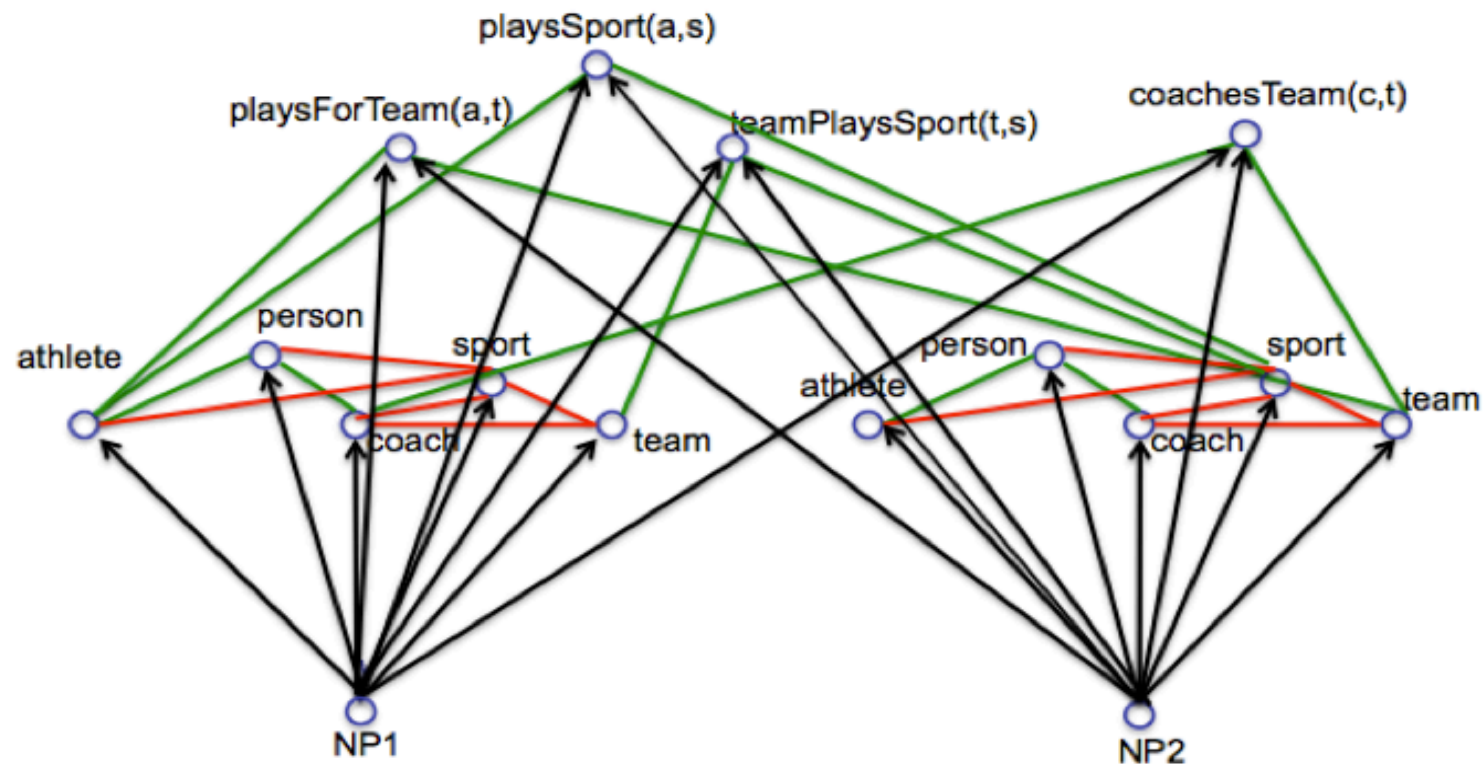


Example Learned Horn Clauses

- 0.95 athletePlaysSport(?x,basketball) :- athleteInLeague(?x,NBA)
- 0.93 athletePlaysSport(?x,?y) :- athletePlaysForTeam(?x,?z)
• teamPlaysSport(?z,?y)
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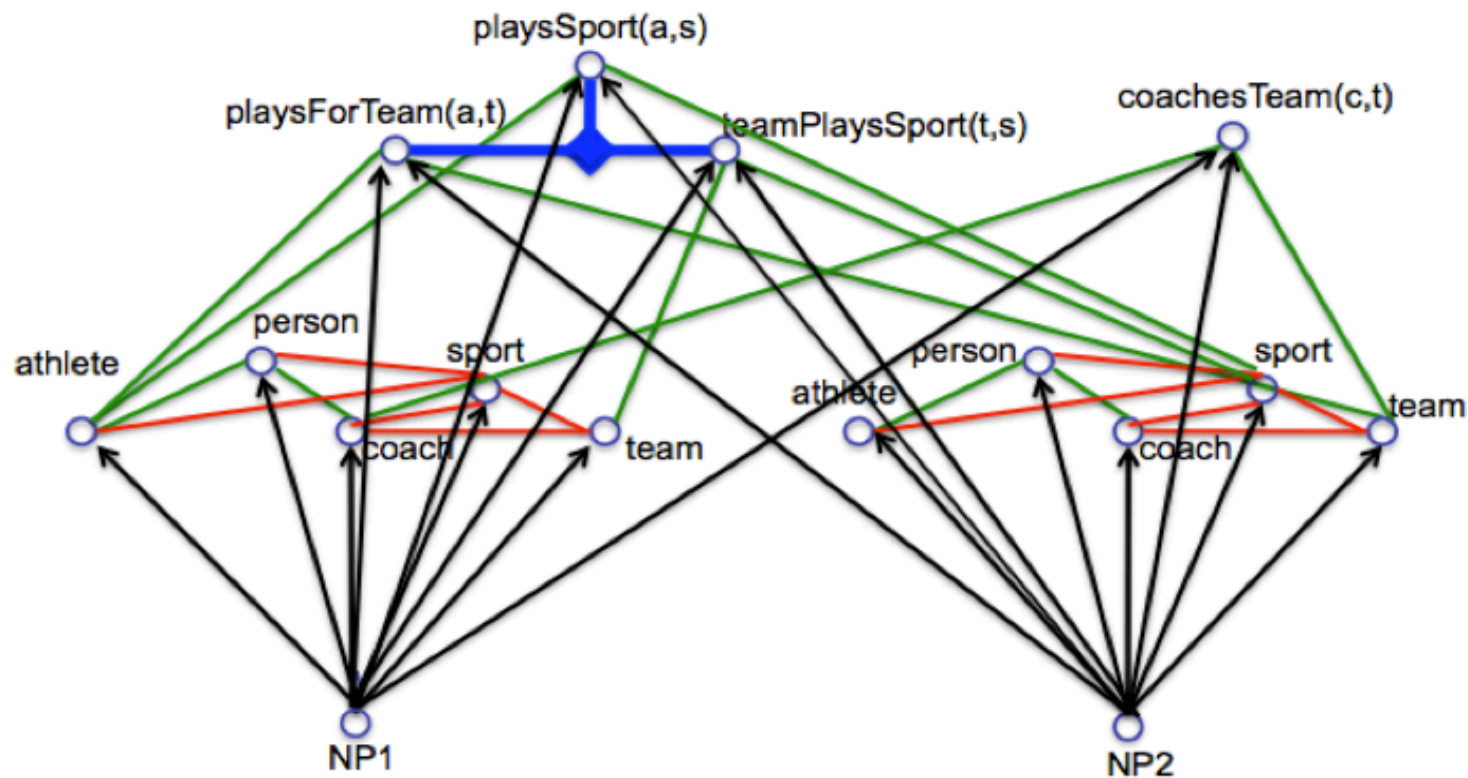


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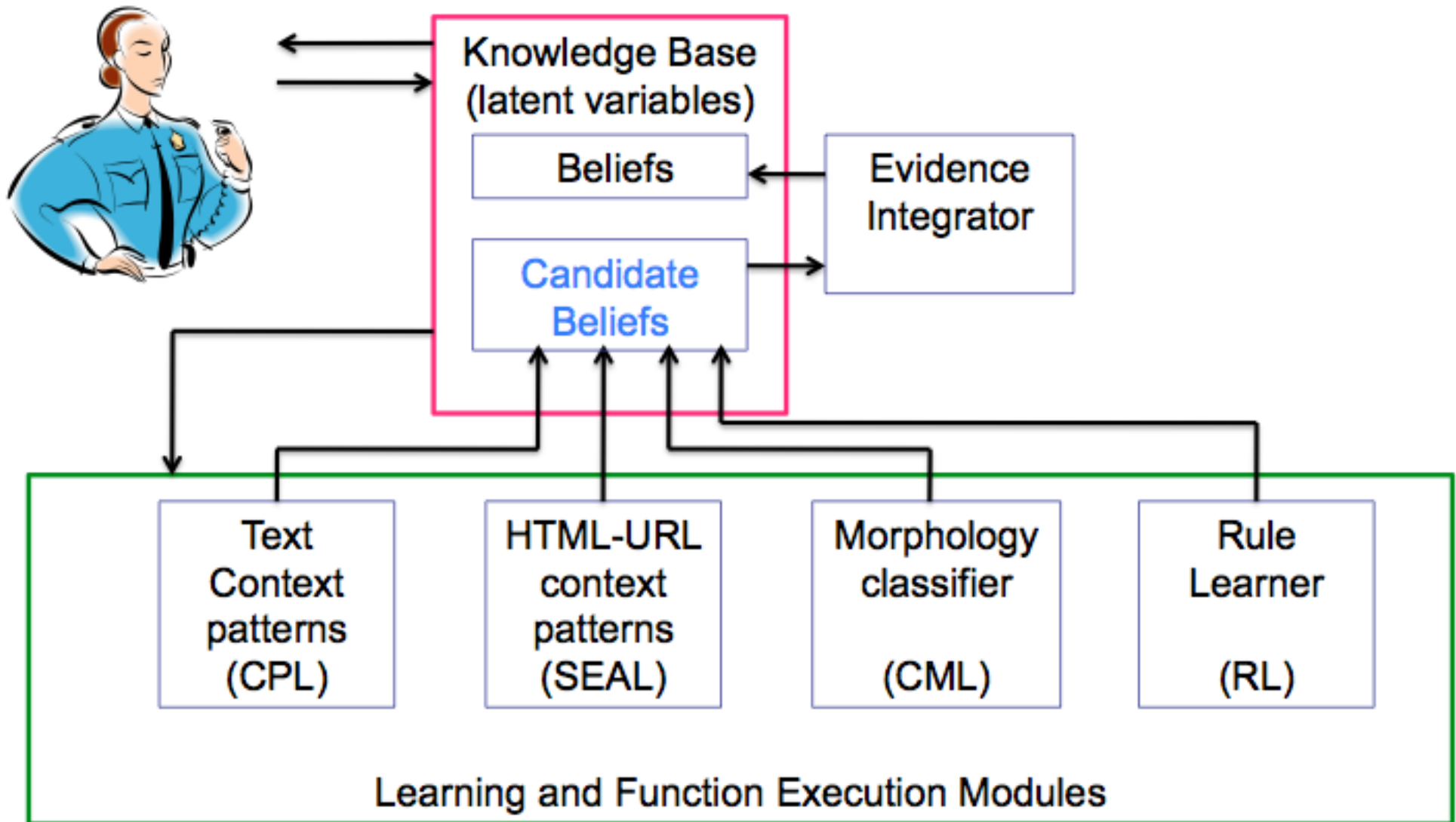


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Distinguish Text Tokens from Entities

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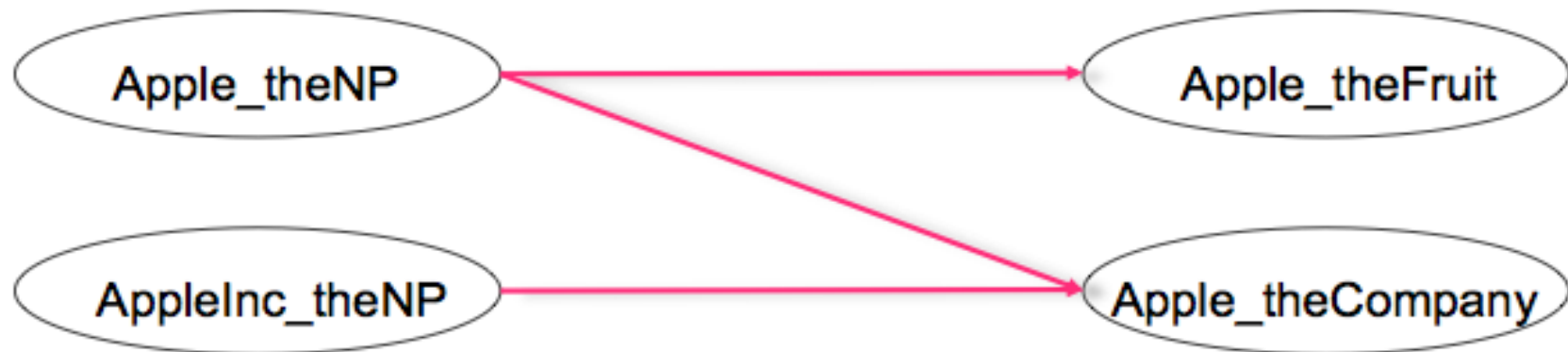
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Entities

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Coreference Resolution:

- Co-train classifier to predict coreference as $f(\text{string similarity, extracted beliefs})$
- Small amount of supervision: ~ 10 labeled coreference decisions
- Cluster tokens using f as similarity measure



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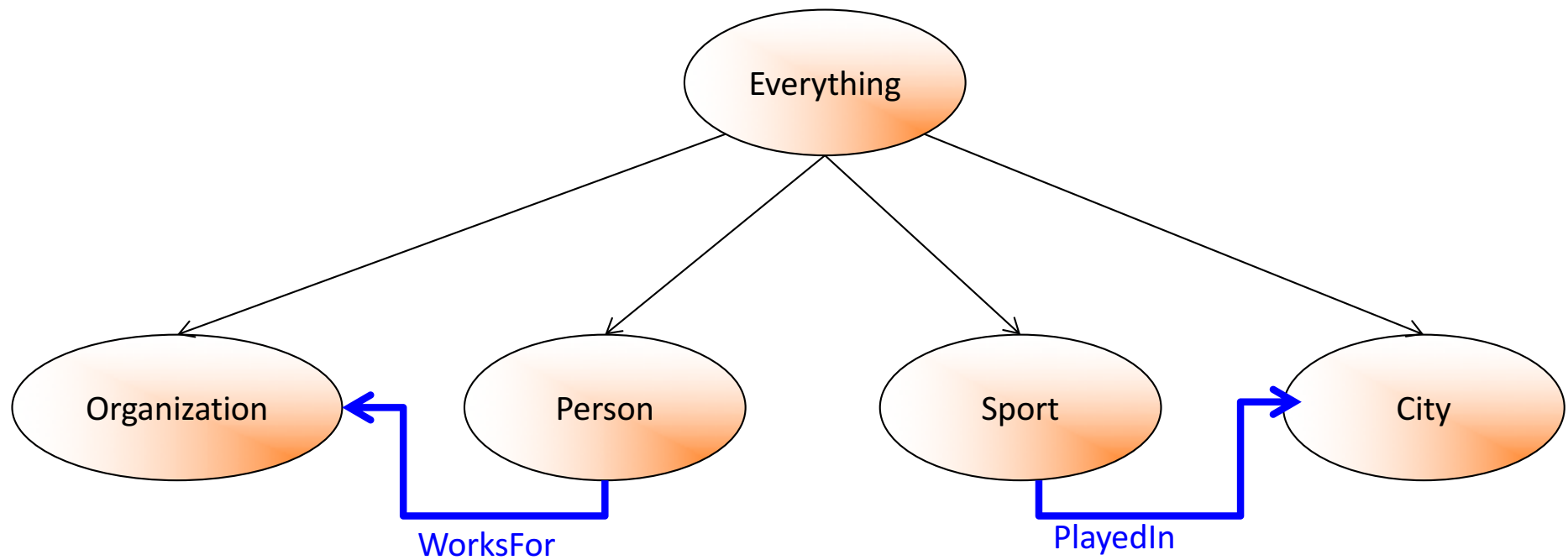


Key Idea 3: Automatically Extending the Ontology



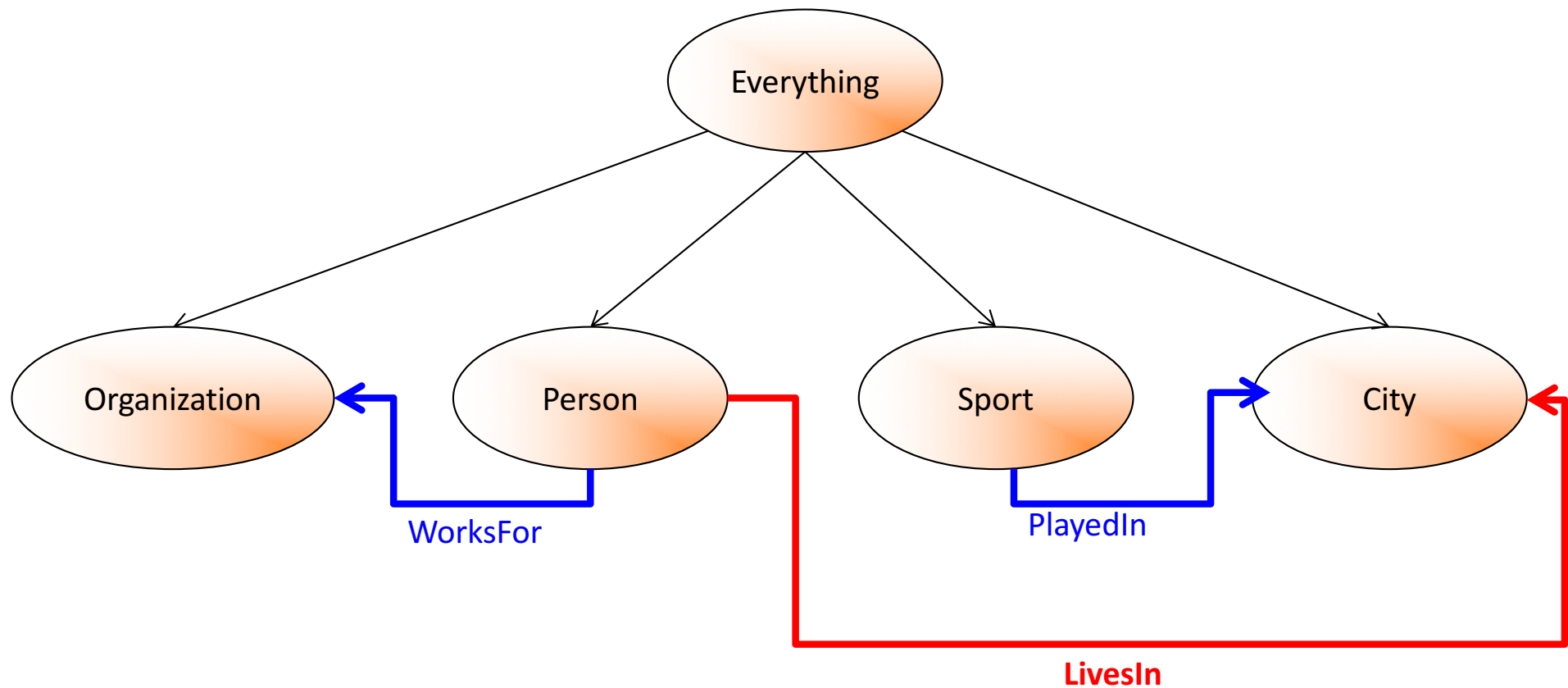


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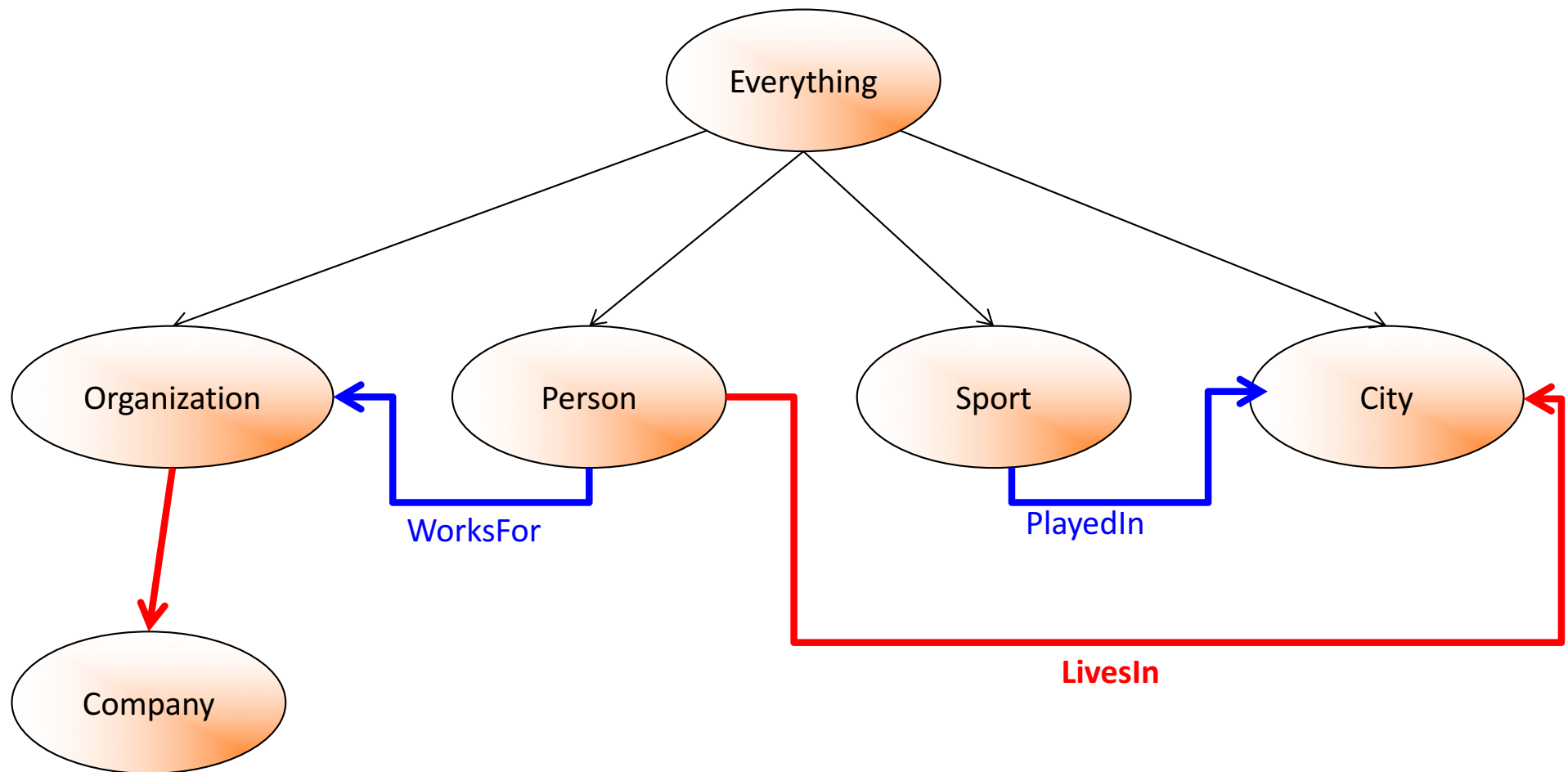


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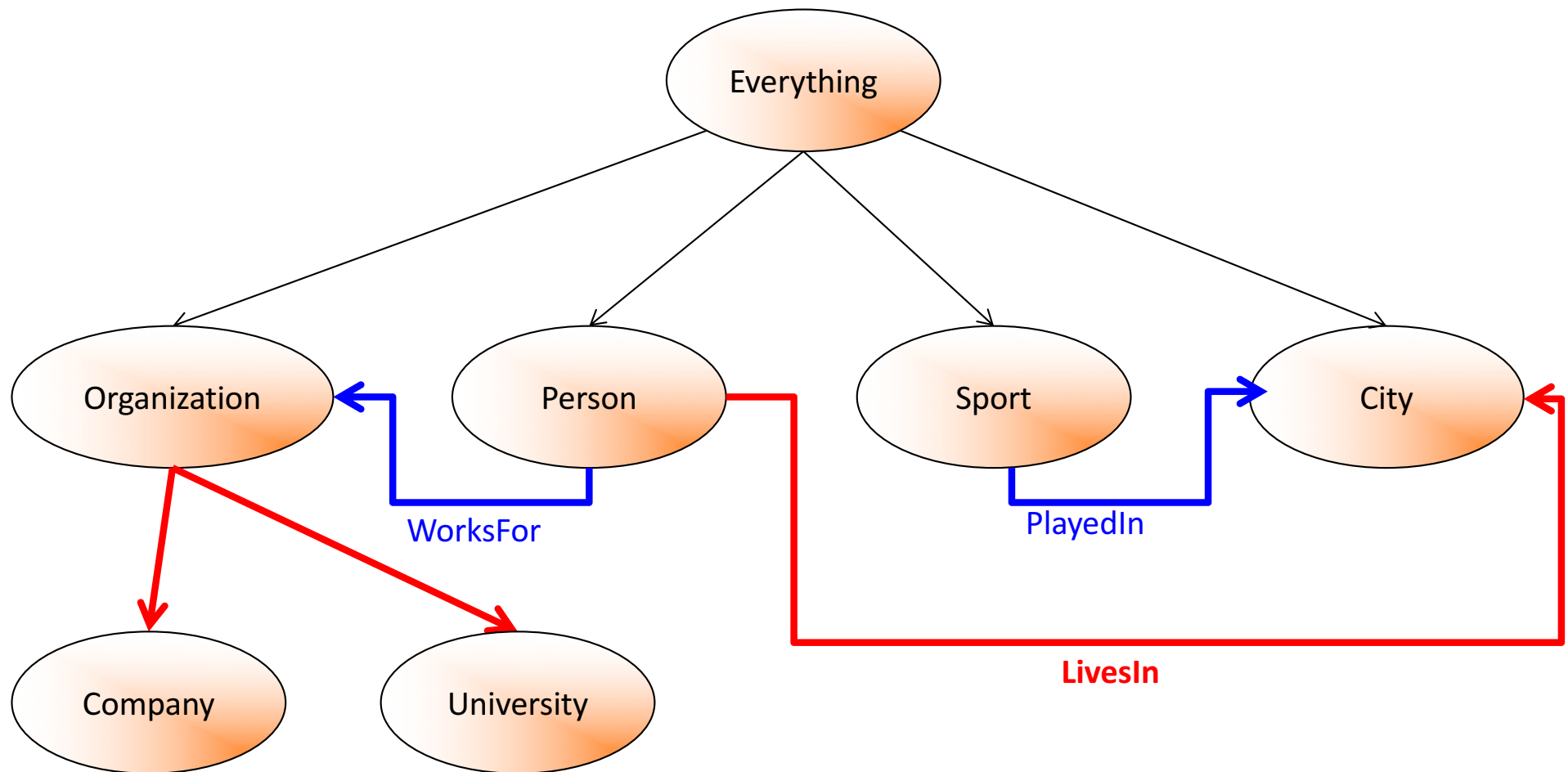


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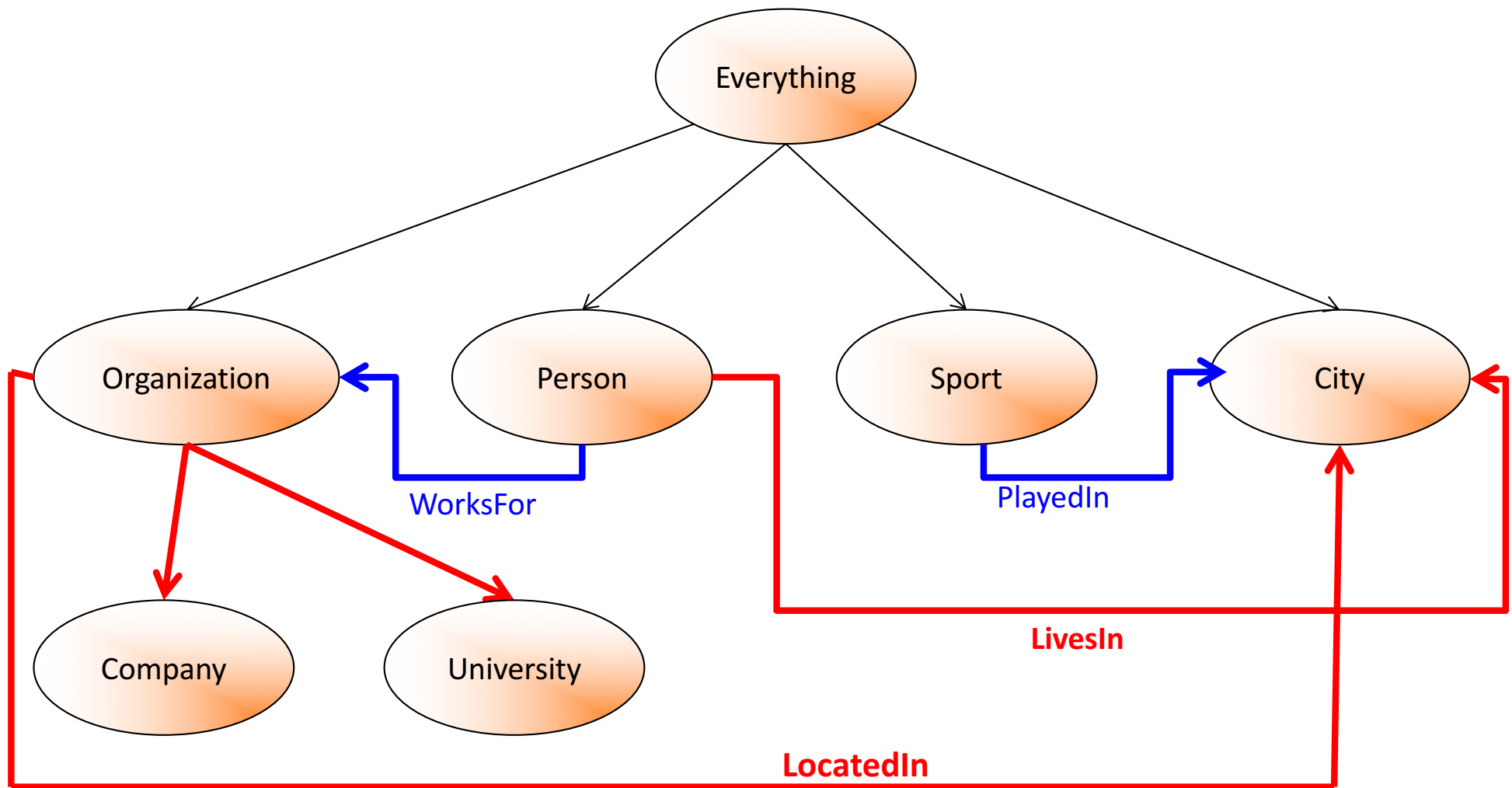


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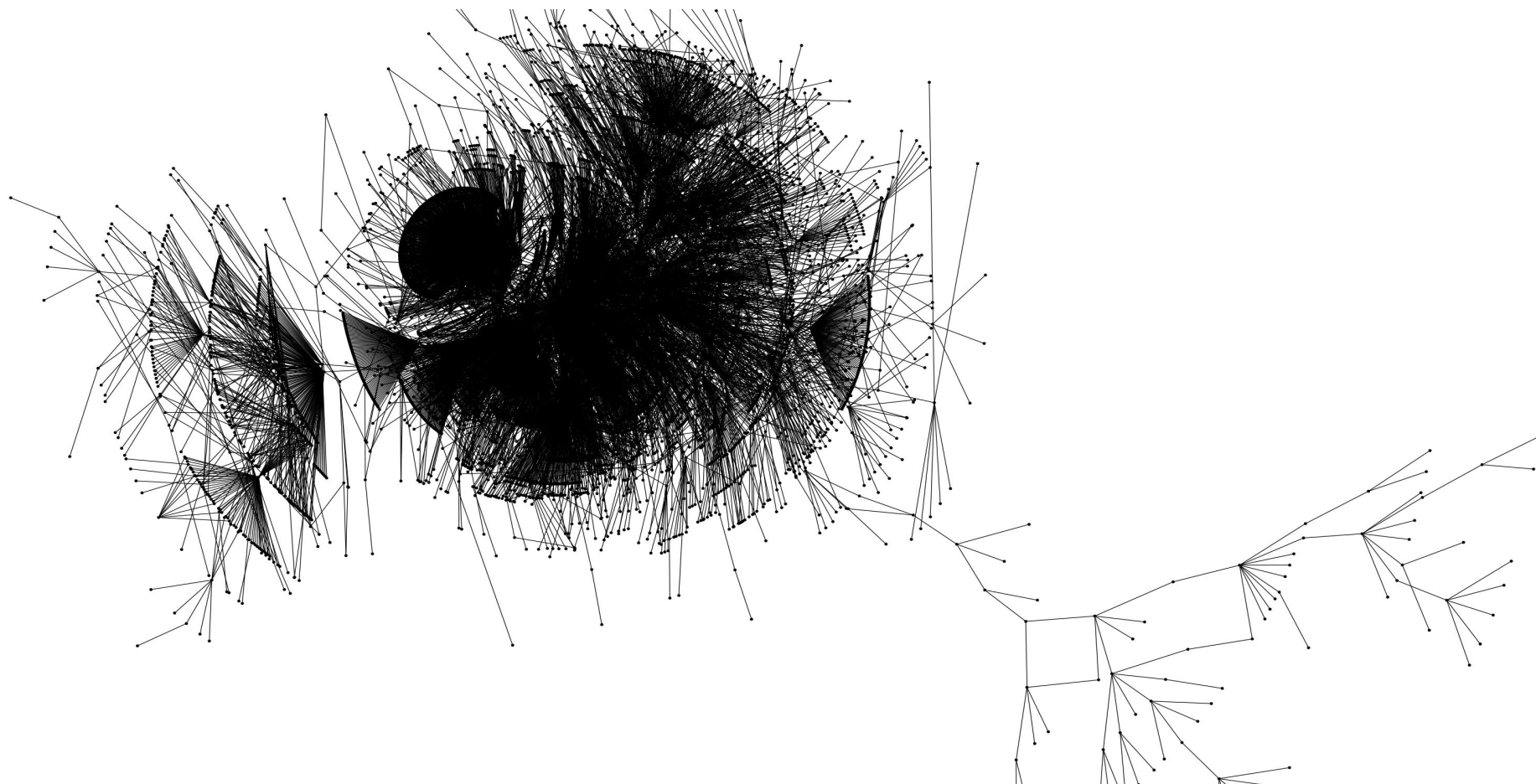
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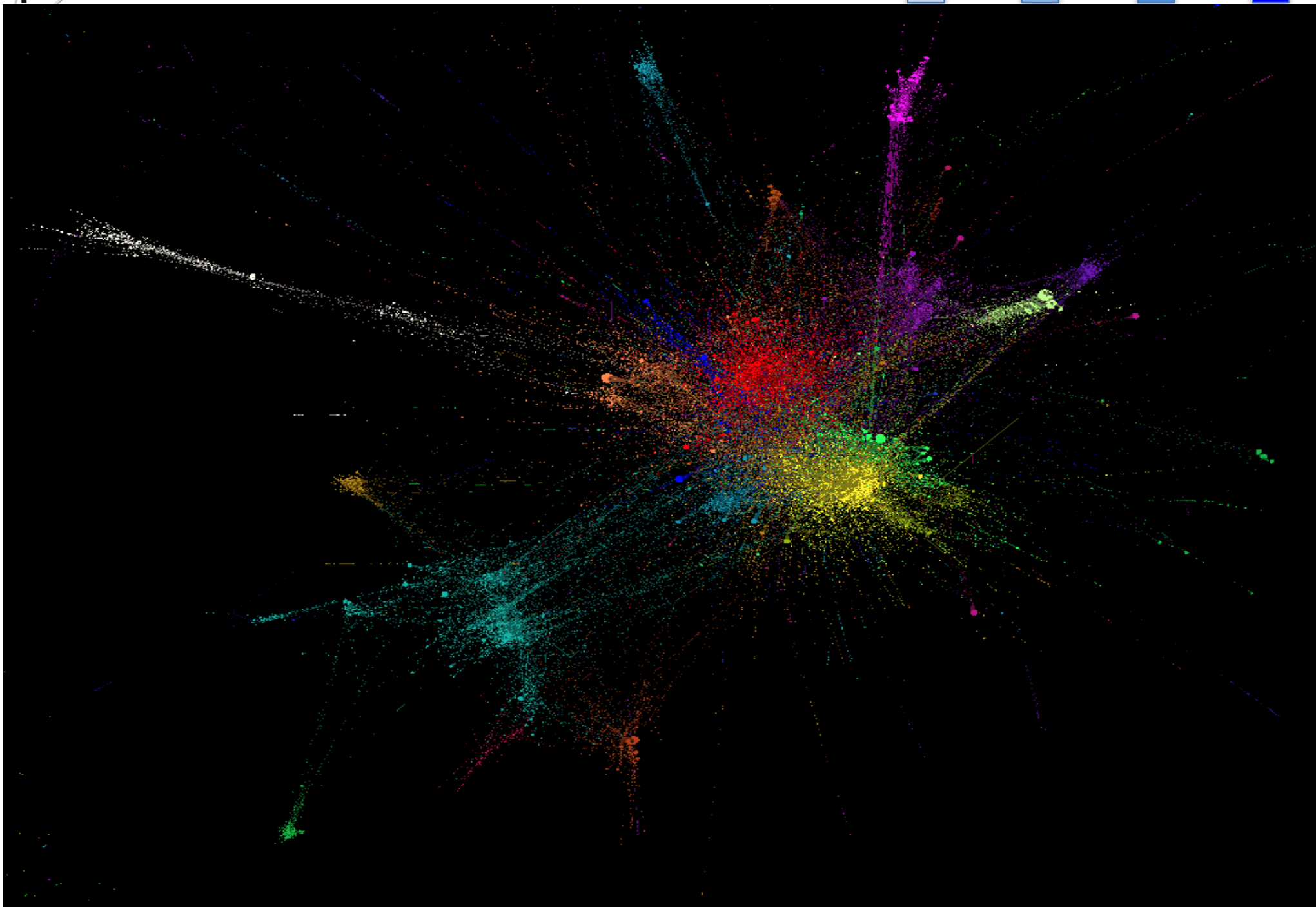


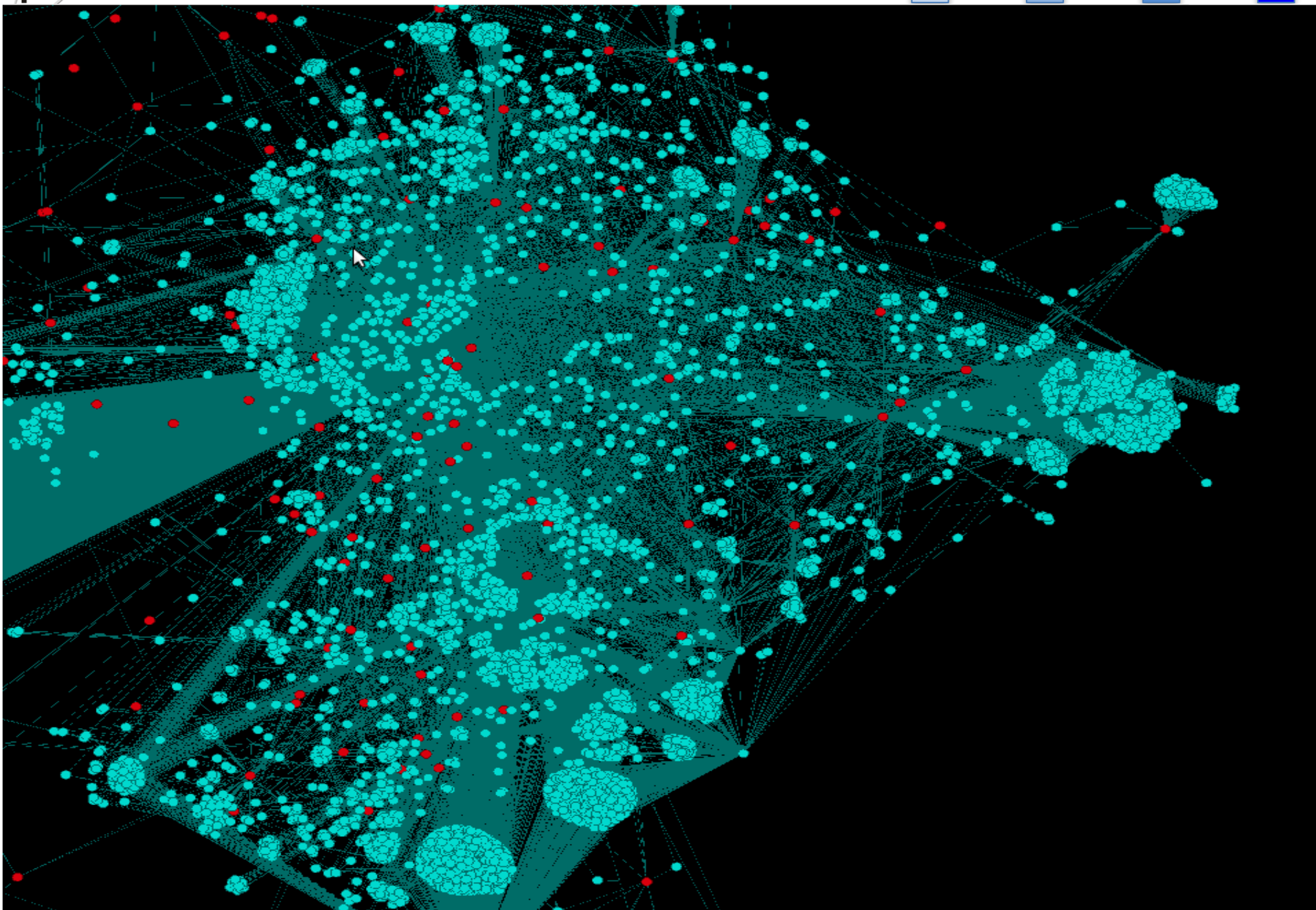


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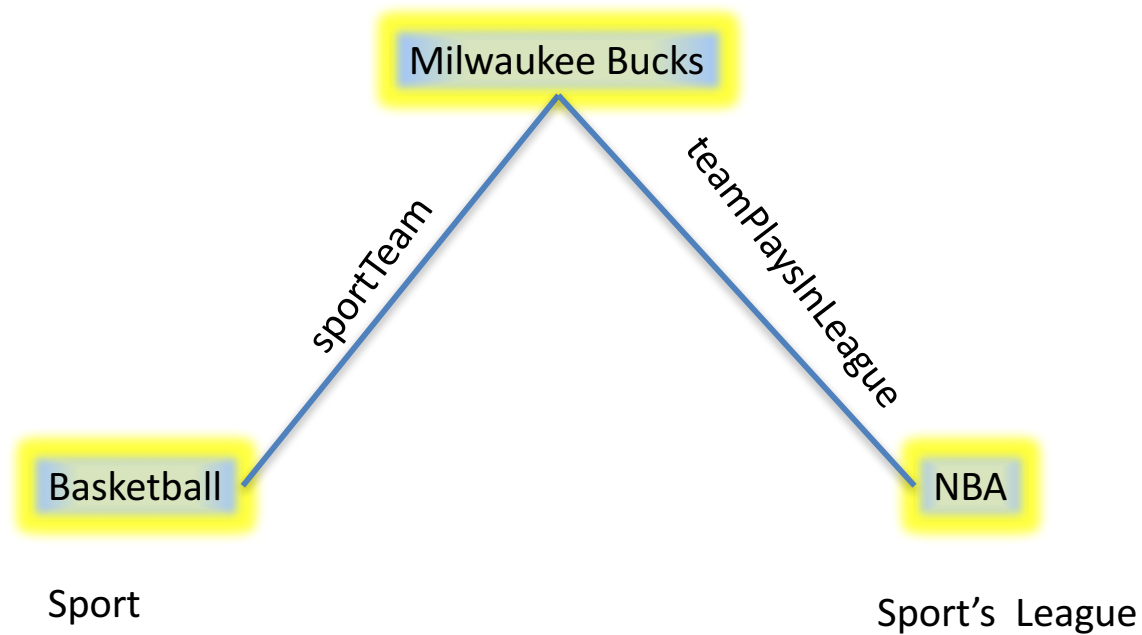






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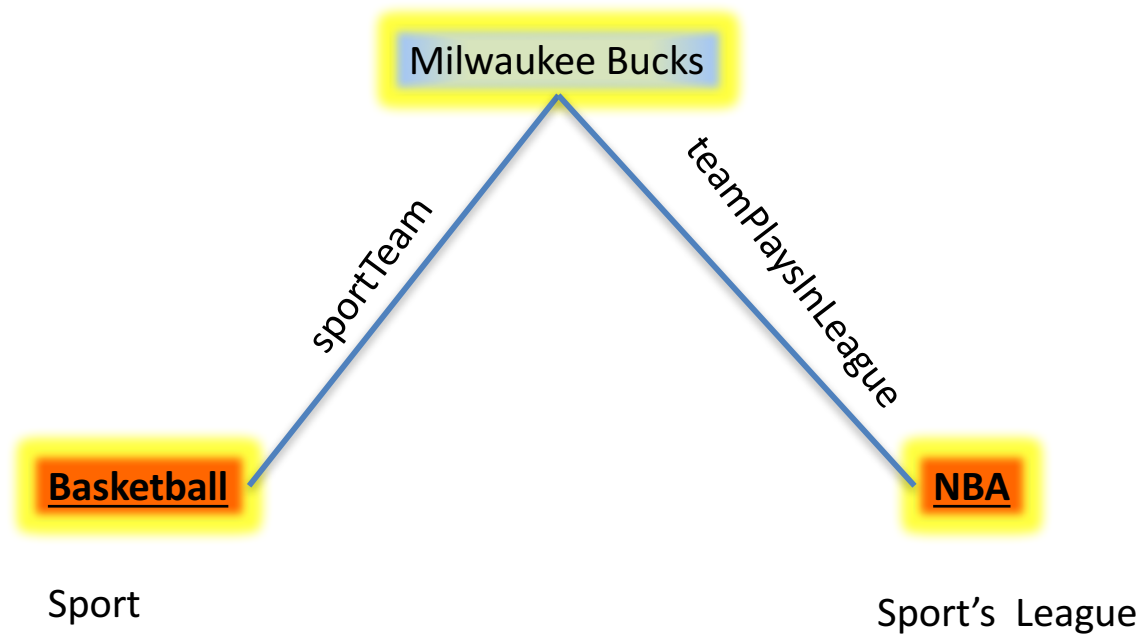
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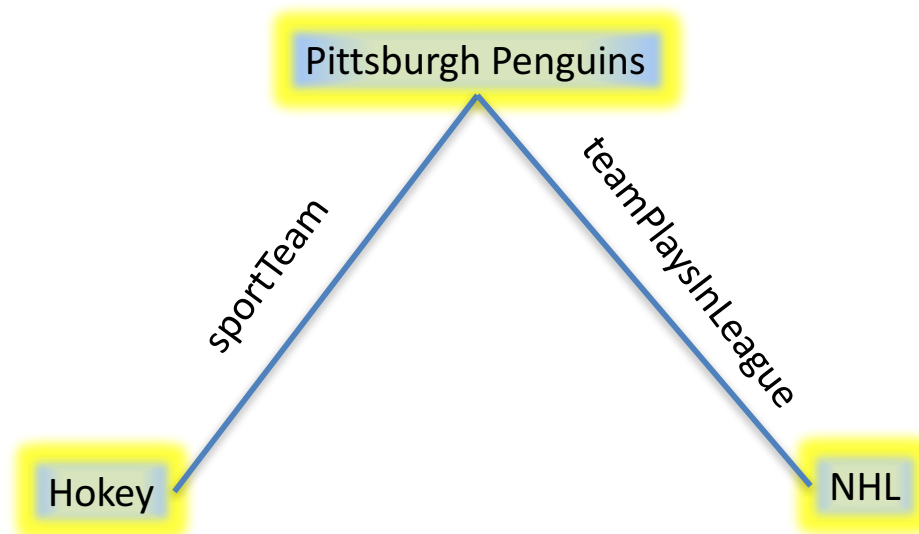
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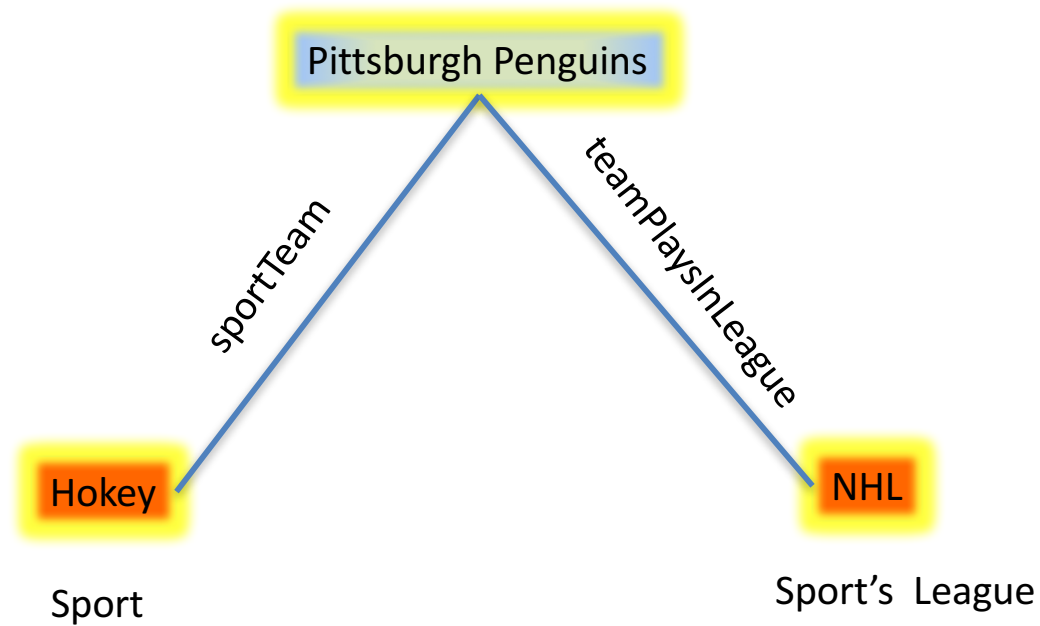
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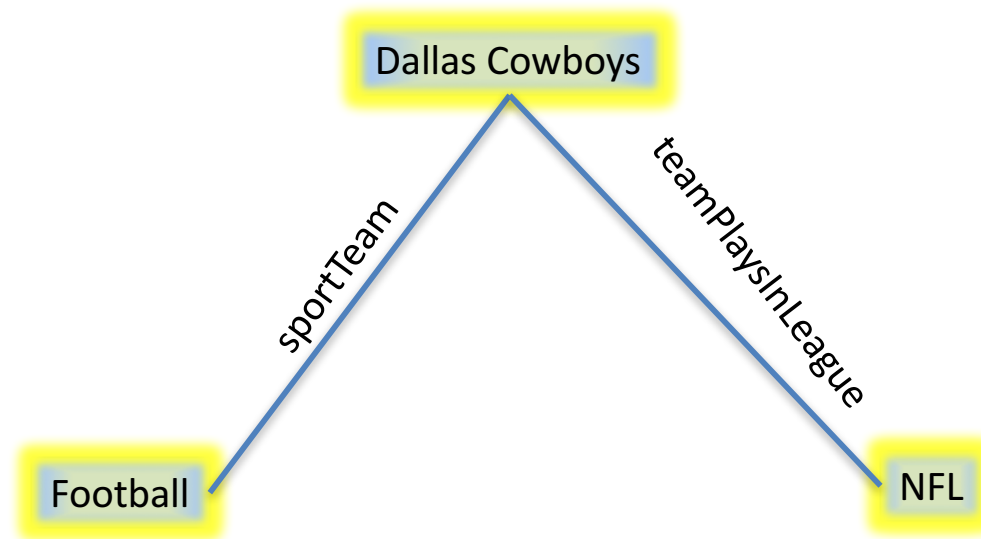
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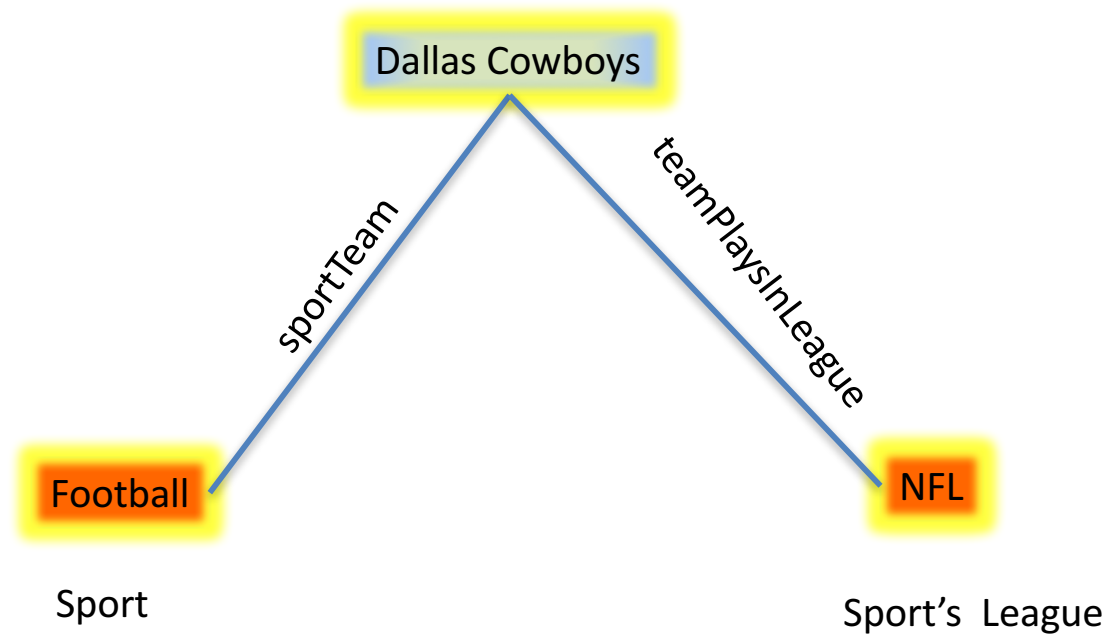
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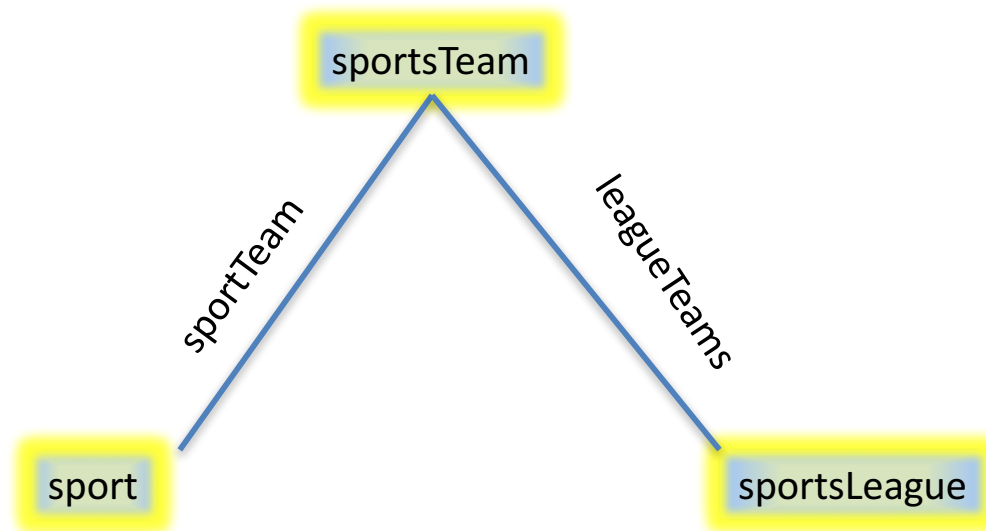
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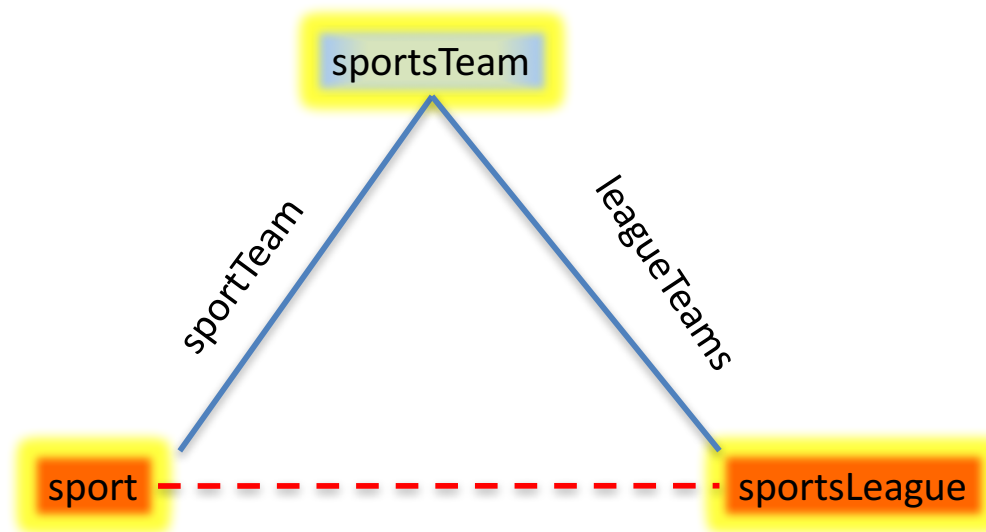
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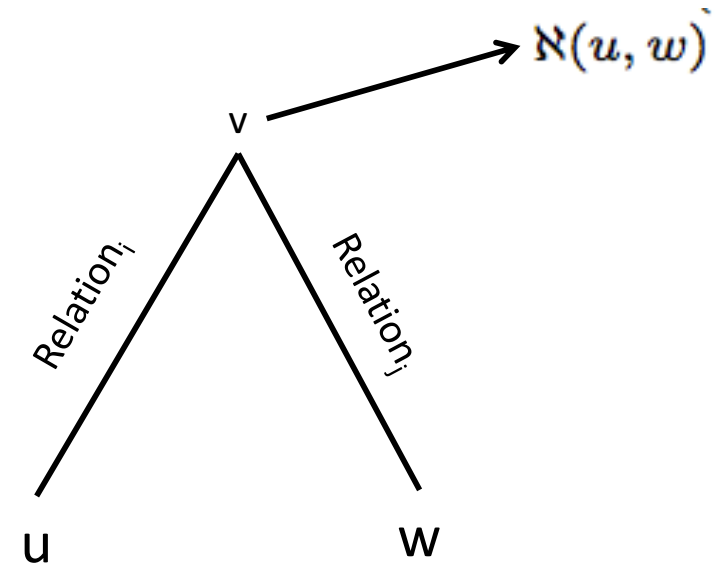
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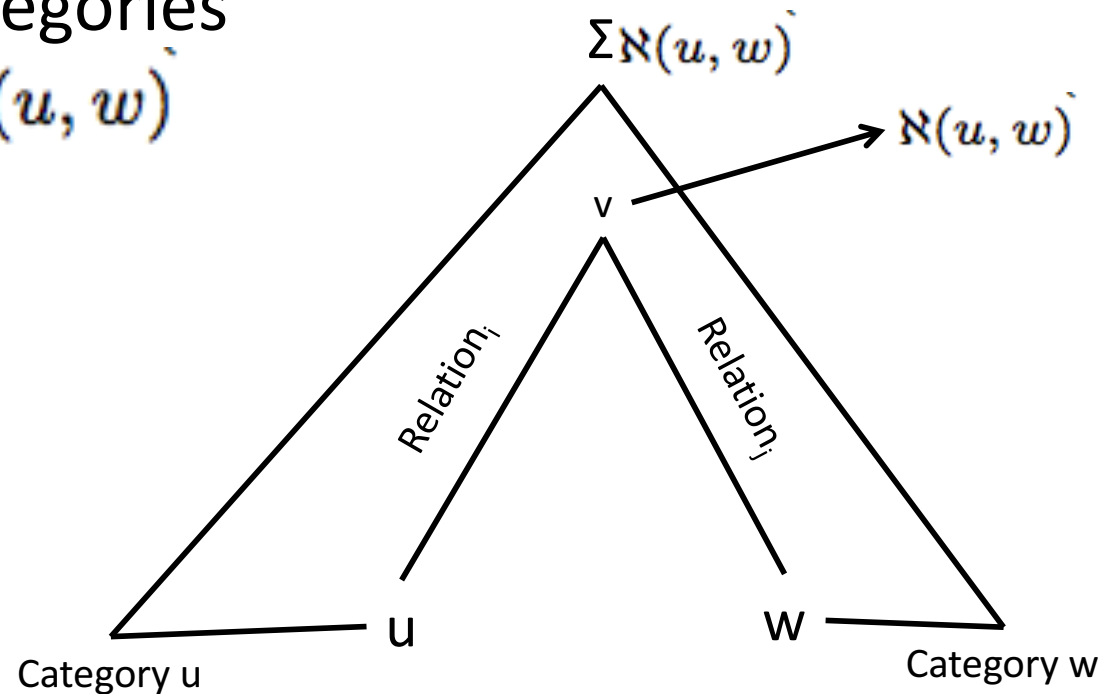
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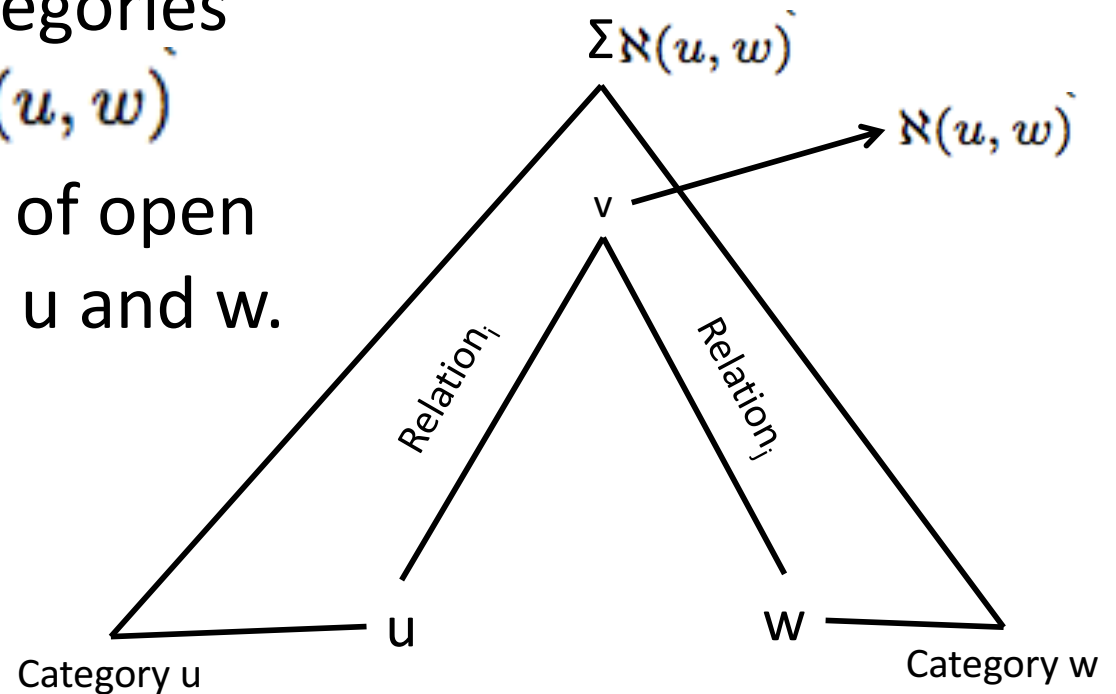


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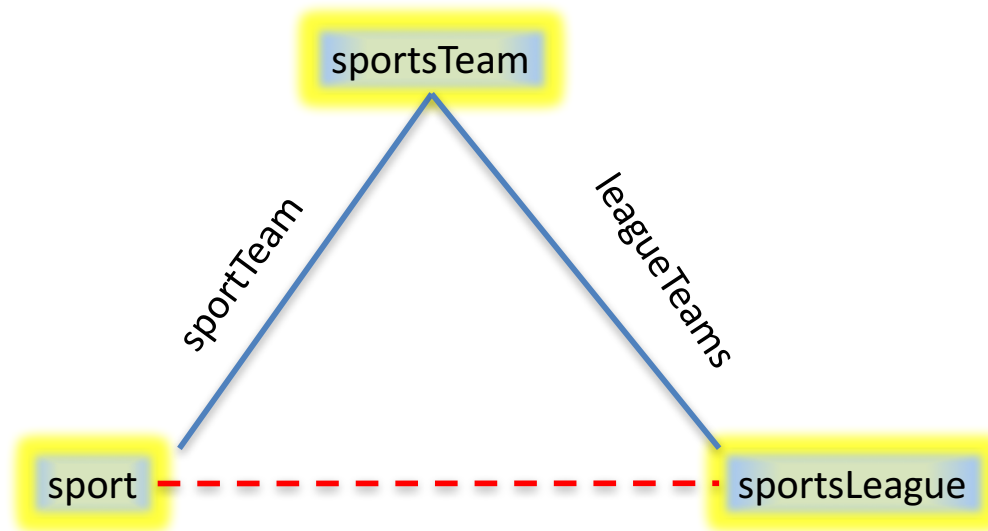
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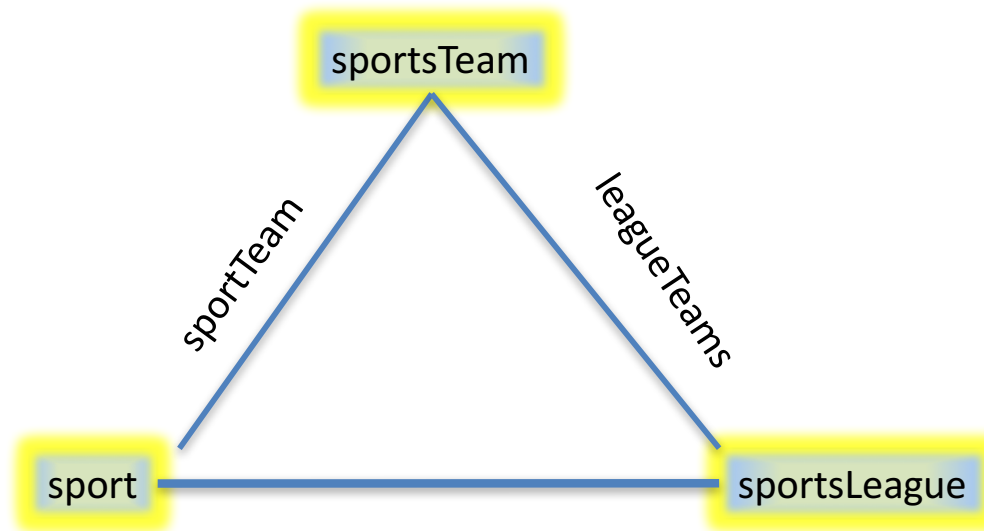




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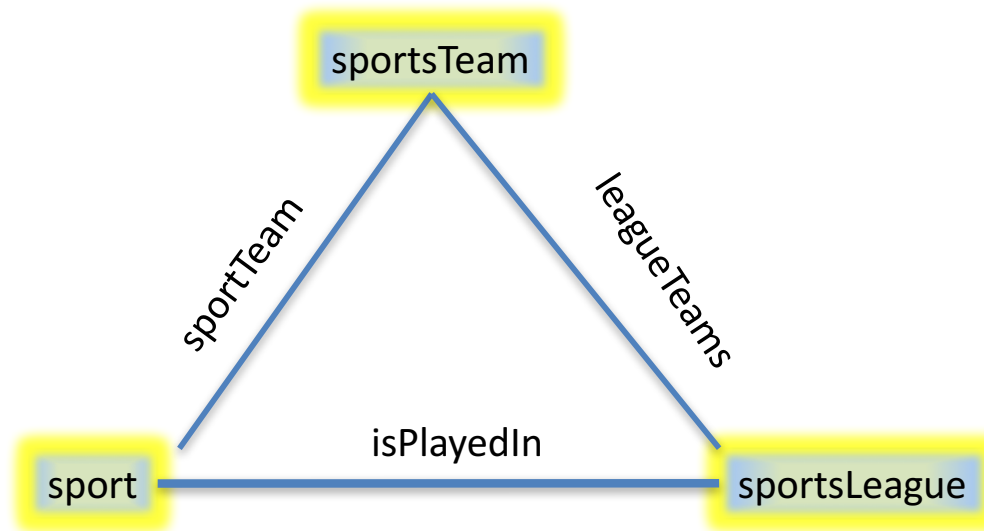




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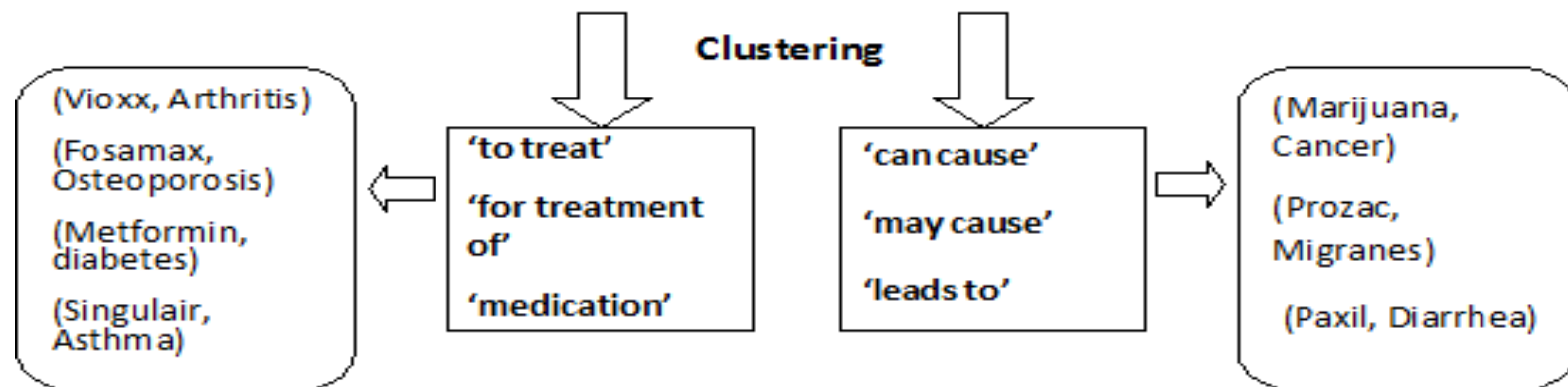
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- Name the new relation based on text



OntExt

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can cause	0.051	0.150	0.039	0.018	0.013	0.010
can lead to	0.034	0.064	0.189	0.019	0.021	0.018
to treat	0.006	0.011	0.007	0.109	0.043	0.015
for treatment of	0.005	0.008	0.008	0.045	0.086	0.023
medication	0.000	0.011	0.009	0.030	0.036	0.111





NELL: sample of self-added relations

- athleteWonAward
- animalEatsFood
- languageTaughtInCity
- clothingMadeFromPlant
- beverageServedWithFood
- fishServedWithFood
- athleteBeatAthlete
- athleteInjuredBodyPart
- arthropodFeedsOnInsect
- animalEatsVegetable
- plantRepresentsEmotion
- foodDecreasesRiskOfDisease
- clothingGoesWithClothing
- bacteriaCausesPhysCondition
- buildingMadeOfMaterial
- emotionAssociatedWithDisease
- foodCanCauseDisease
- agriculturalProductAttractsInsect
- arteryArisesFromArtery
- countryHasSportsFans
- bakedGoodServedWithBeverage
- beverageContainsProtein
- animalCanDevelopDisease
- beverageMadeFromBeverage





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Pittsburgh

Feature = Typed Path

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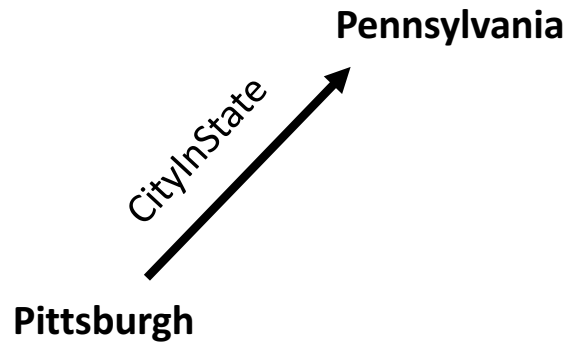
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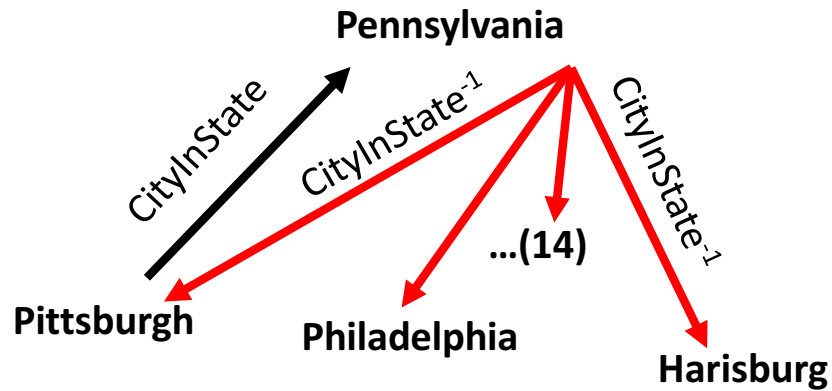
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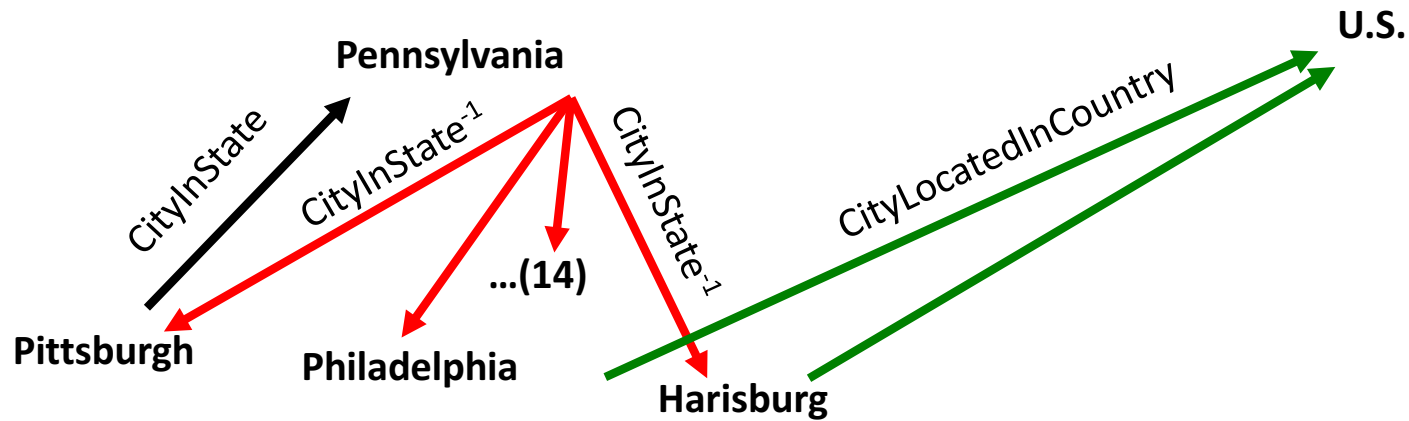
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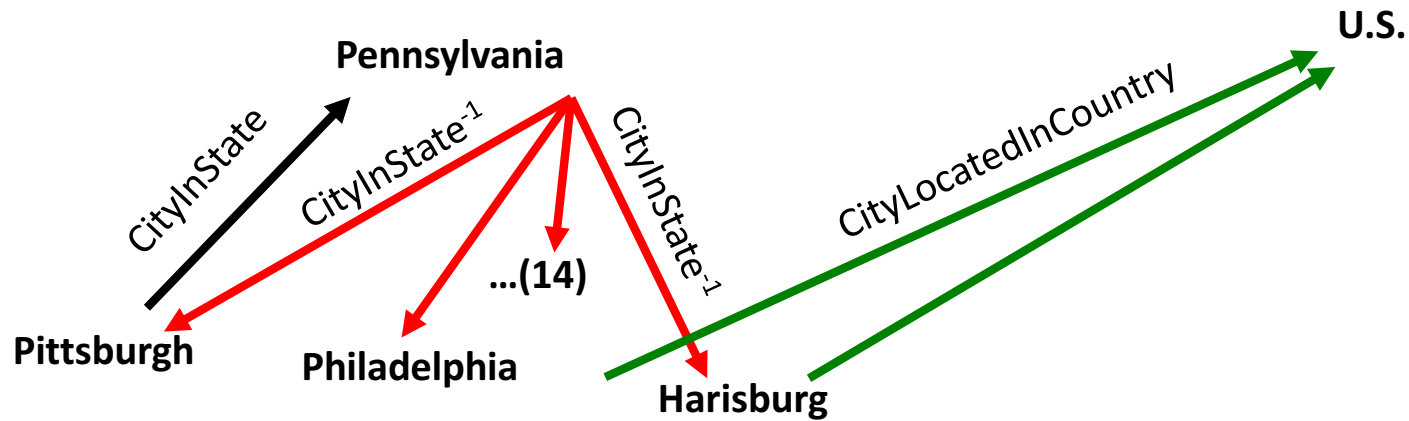
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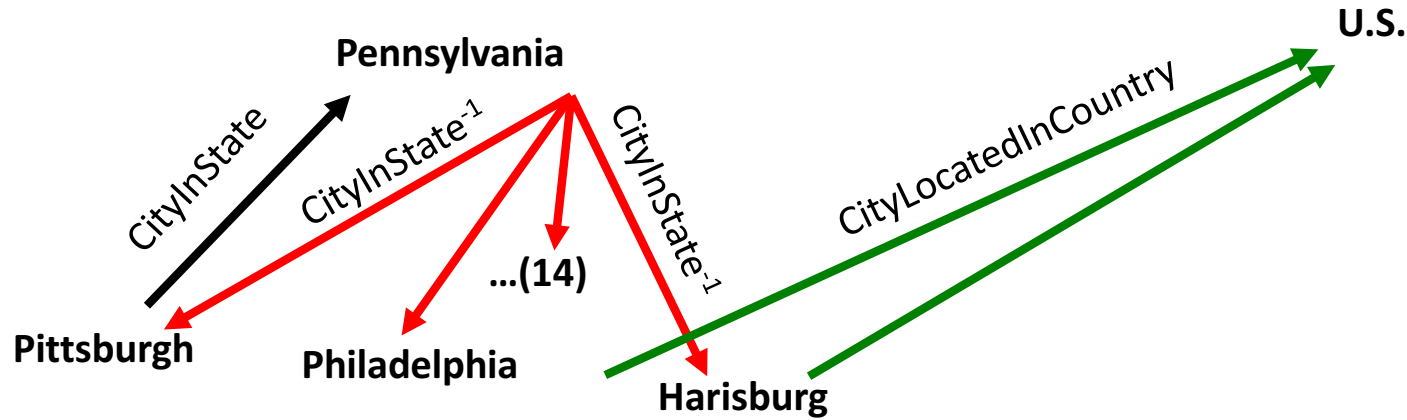
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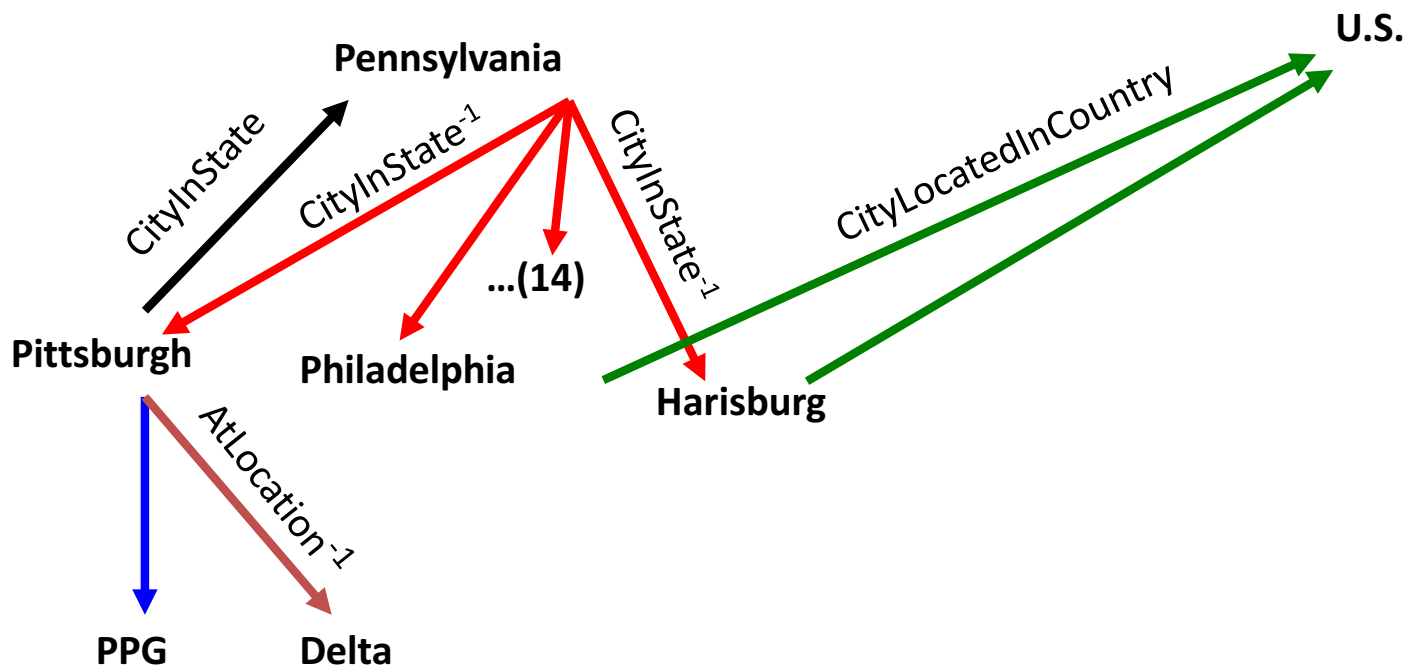
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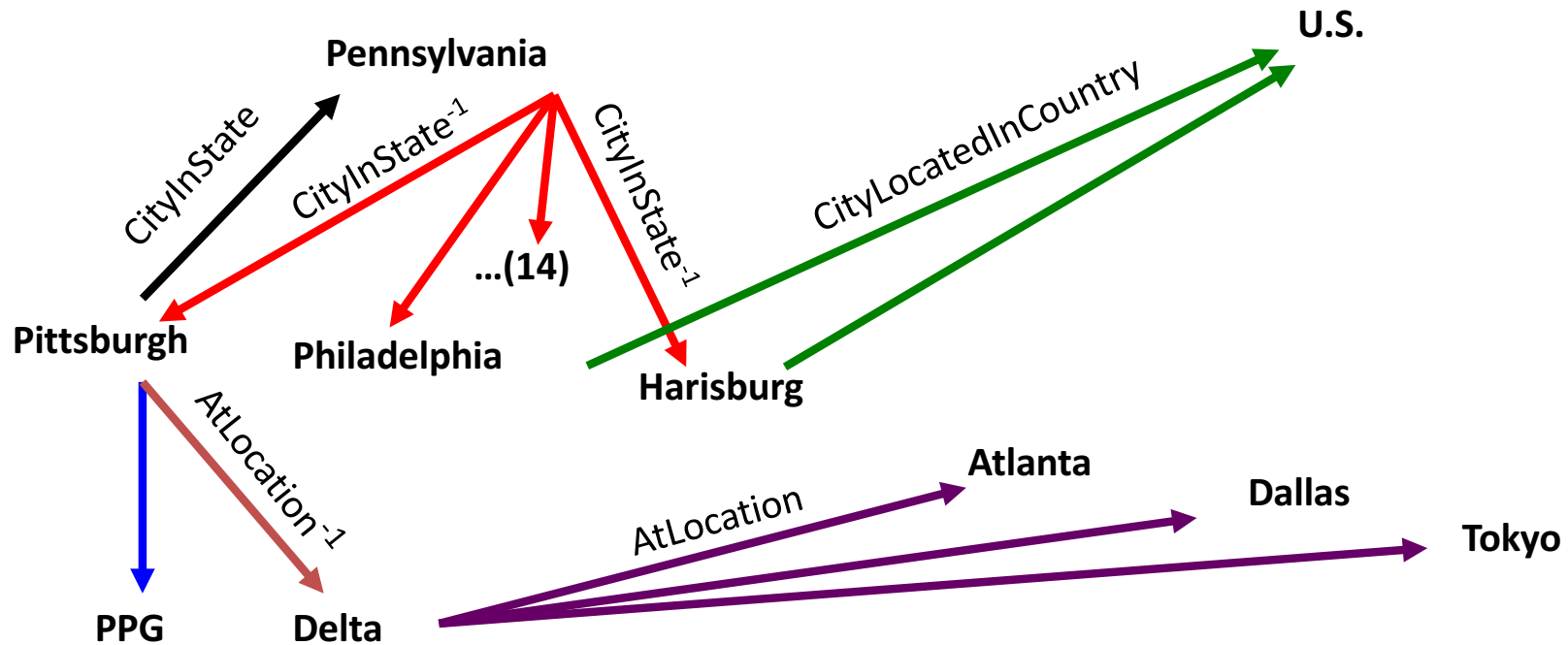
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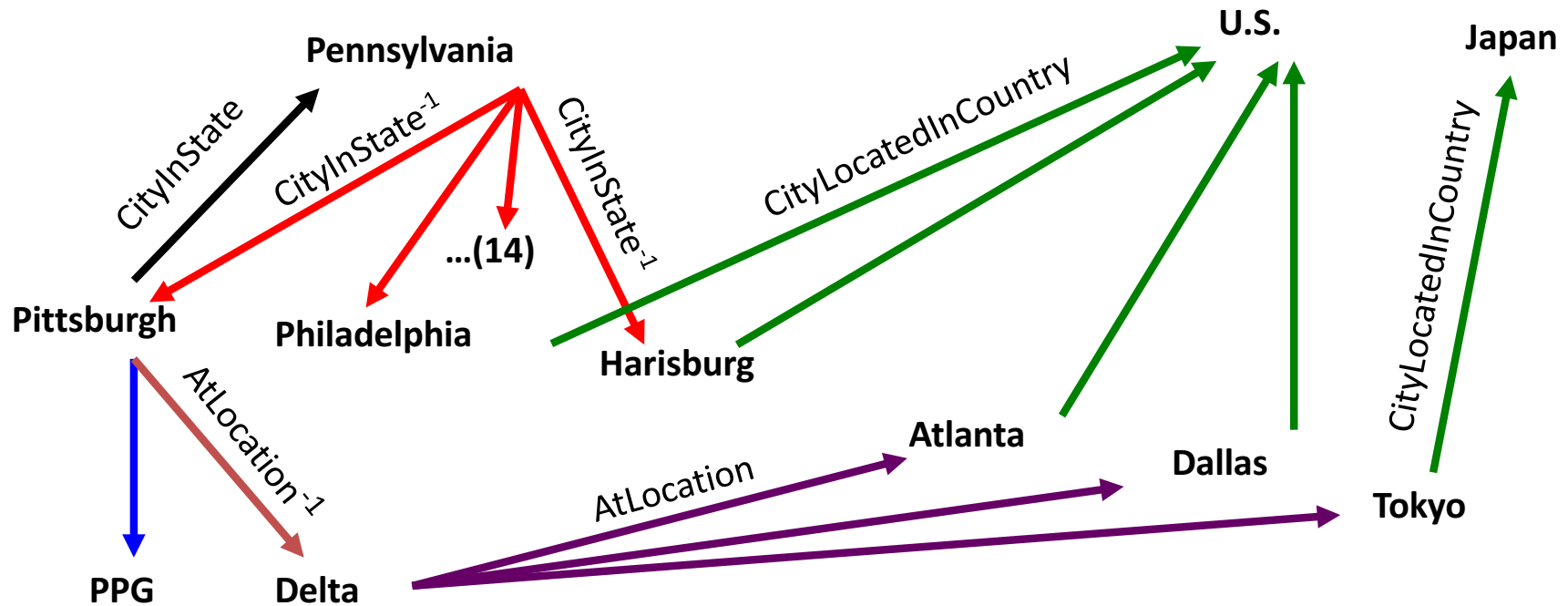
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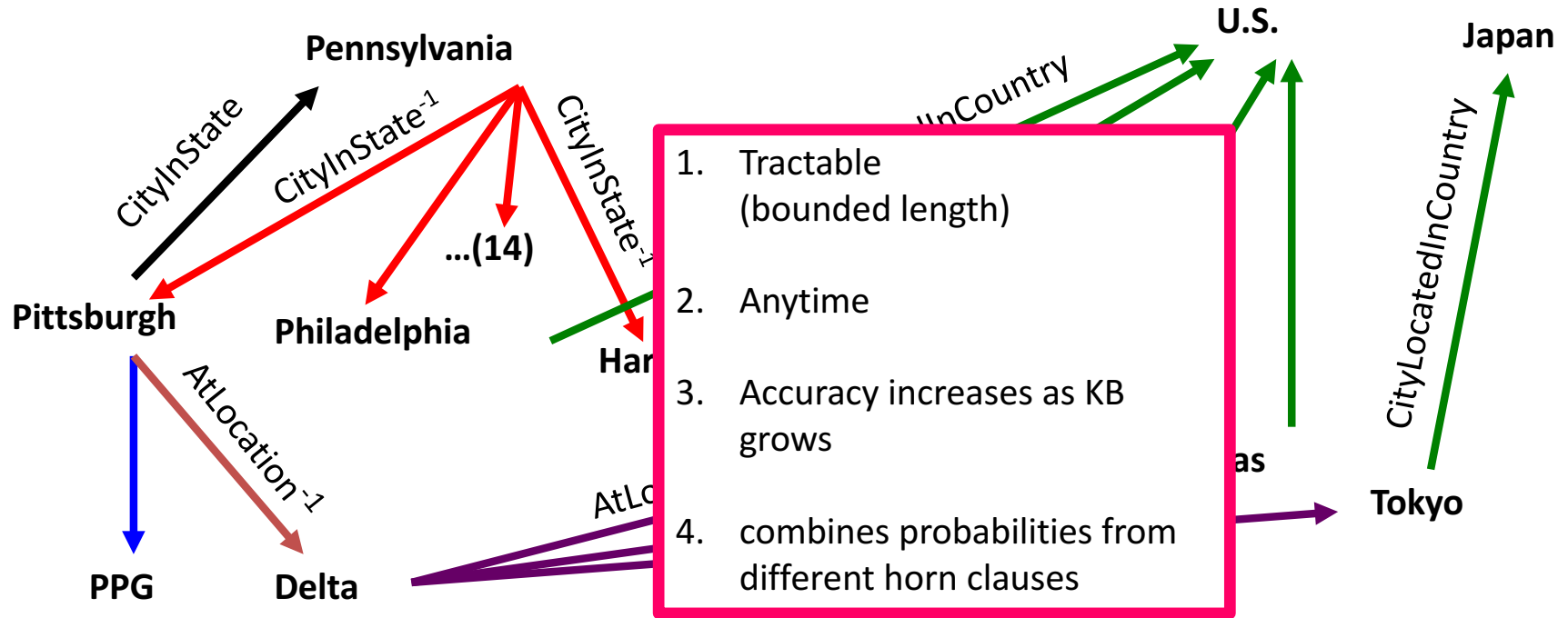
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...

0.8

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Feature Value

0.32

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...

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CityLocatedInCountry(Pittsburgh) = U.S. $p=0.58$





Random walk inference: learned rules

- $\text{CityLocatedInCountry}(\text{city}, \text{country})$:
- 8.04 cityliesonriver, cityliesonriver⁻¹, citylocatedincountry
- 5.42 hasofficeincity⁻¹, hasofficeincity, citylocatedincountry
- 4.98 cityalsoknownas, cityalsoknownas, citylocatedincountry
- 2.85 citycapitalofcountry, citylocatedincountry⁻¹, citylocatedincountry
- 2.29 agentactsinlocation⁻¹, agentactsinlocation, citylocatedincountry
- 1.22 statehascapital⁻¹, statelocatedincountry
- 0.66 citycapitalofcountry
- .
- .
- .

7 of the 2985 learned rules for CityLocatedInCountry





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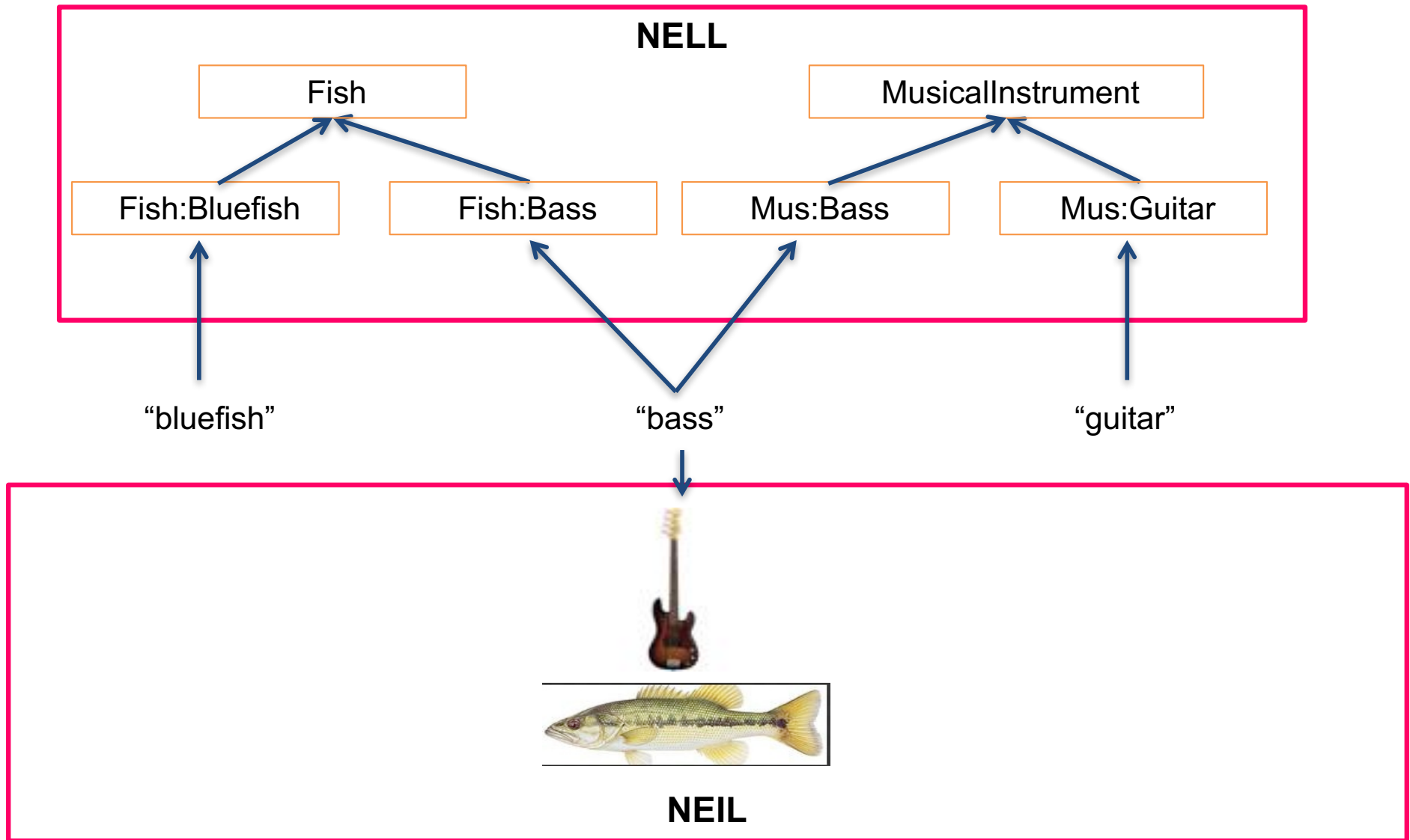


New Direction: Integrate Vision with Text

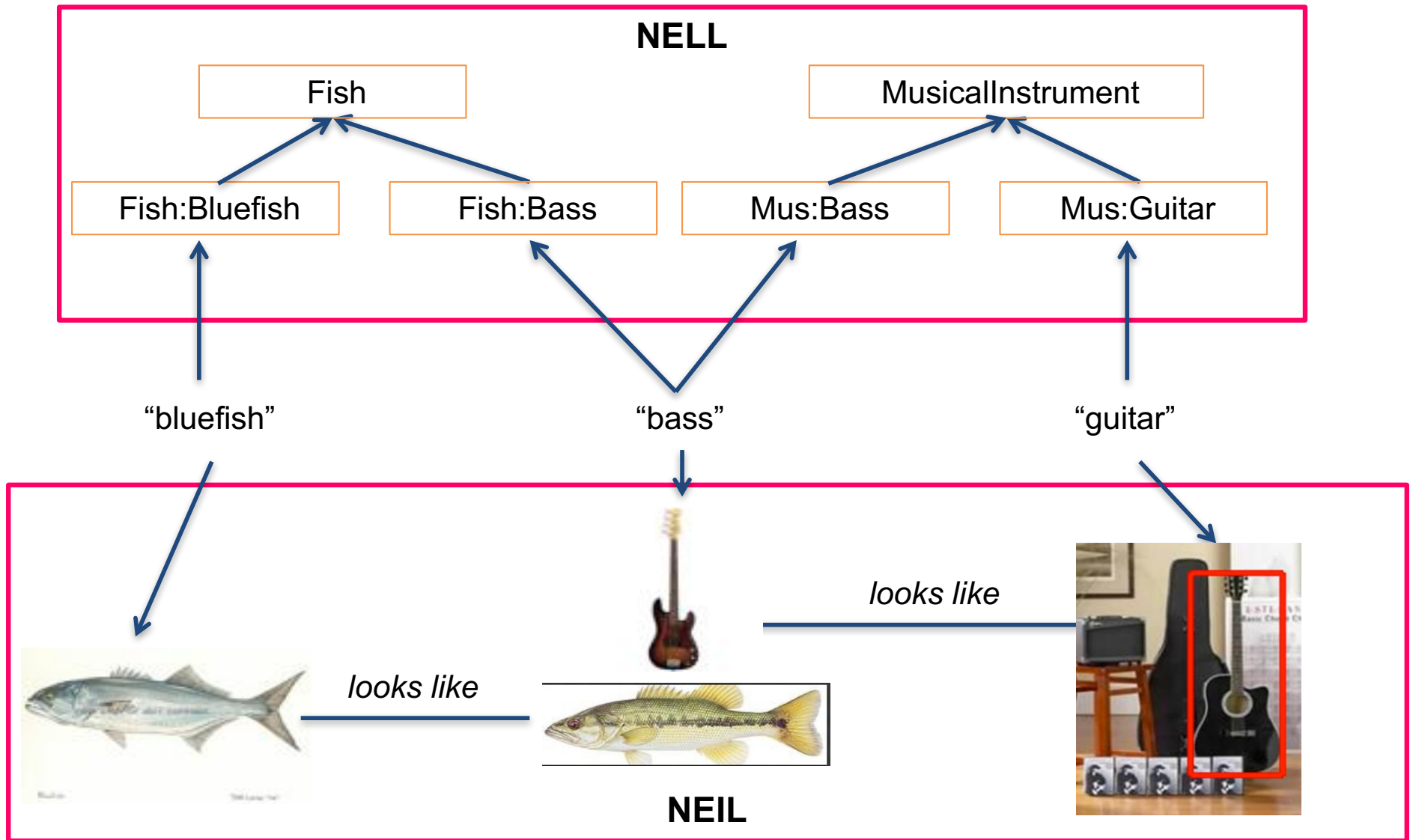
- The problem:
 - Many things not learnable from text
- New direction:
 - integrate NELL with NEIL (Never Ending Image Learner) [Gupta, Chen, 2013]
 - NELL gives noun phrases it understands to NEIL
 - NEIL collects images associated with these, and analyzes
 - NELL, NEIL cotraining



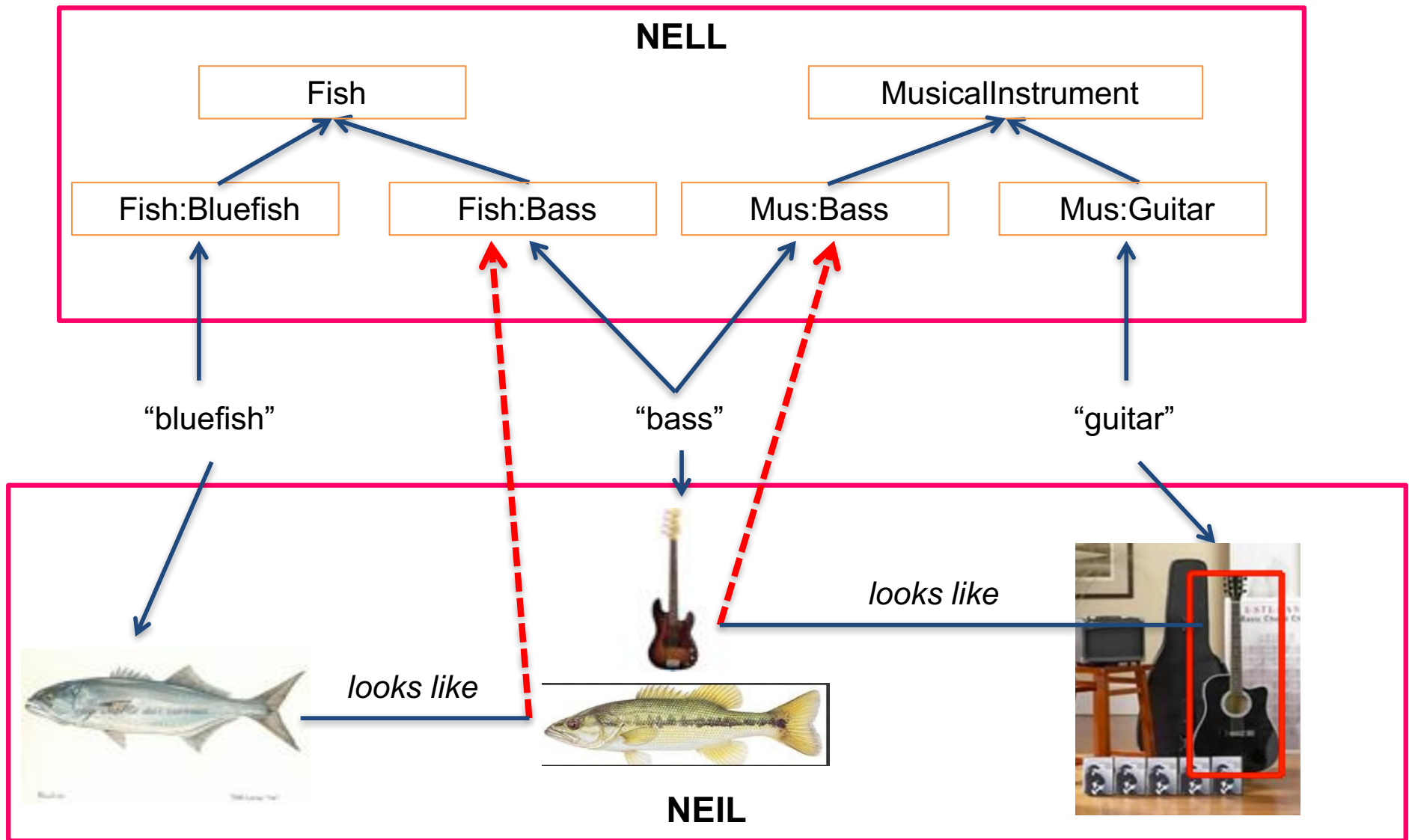
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8. Multilingual NELL (English, Portuguese, Spanish, ...)



Recently learned beliefs (from English text)

instance	iteration	date learned	confidence		
<u>actimmune</u> is a <u>product</u>	890	11-dec-2014	100.0		
<u>dogwood_drive</u> is a <u>street</u>	892	30-dec-2014	100.0		
<u>the_news_progress</u> is a <u>newspaper</u>	892	30-dec-2014	100.0		
<u>university_of_washington</u> is a <u>train station</u>	892	30-dec-2014	100.0		
<u>iranian_real</u> is a <u>currency</u>	892	30-dec-2014	91.5		
<u>lotronex</u> is a drug <u>worked on</u> by <u>glaxosmithkline</u>	892	30-dec-2014	93.8		
<u>peter_finch</u> <u>starred in</u> the movie <u>network</u>	892	30-dec-2014	100.0		
<u>bmw</u> is a specific automobile maker dealer <u>in tampa_bay</u>	893	02-jan-2015	100.0		
<u>jeremy</u> is a person who <u>died at the age of</u> 5	895	22-jan-2015	98.4		
<u>johannes_brahms</u> is a person <u>born on</u> the date <u>n1833</u>	895	22-jan-2015	100.0		

Recently learned beliefs (from Portuguese text)

instance	iteration	date learned	confidence		
<u>william_maxwell</u> is a <u>South American person</u>	105	17-oct-2016	99.4		
<u>emily_procter</u> is an <u>actor</u>	105	17-oct-2016	97.7		
<u>five_petalled_flowers</u> is a <u>plant</u>	105	17-oct-2016	99.3		
<u>detergent_compatible_protein_assay</u> is a <u>chemical</u>	107	19-oct-2016	99.5		
<u>southern_us</u> is a <u>geopolitical entity</u> that is an organization	106	18-oct-2016	98.3		
<u>edgar_degas</u> is <u>part of</u> the visual art movement <u>realismo</u>	110	21-oct-2016	100.0		
<u>suzano</u> is a sports team that <u>plays in</u> the league <u>superliga_de_volei_volei</u>	110	21-oct-2016	100.0		
<u>adobe</u> has <u>acquired</u> <u>macromedia</u>	110	21-oct-2016	99.9		
<u>ryan_giggs</u> <u>plays for</u> the team <u>manchester_united</u>	110	21-oct-2016	100.0		
<u>ponta_grossa</u> is a city <u>located in</u> the state or province <u>paran</u> 📍	110	21-oct-2016	99.2		



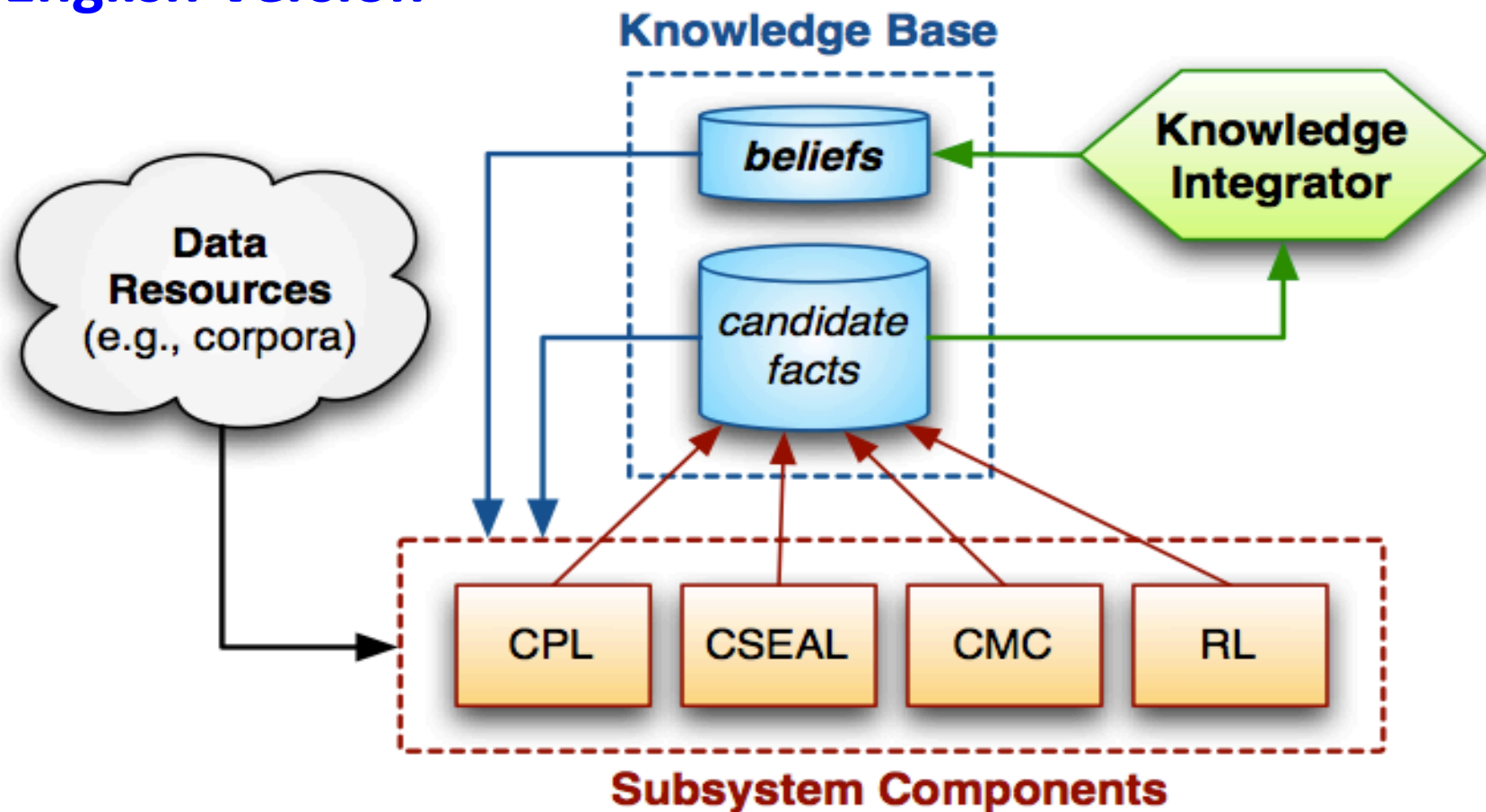


How to Read the Web in Many Languages?



NELL: Never-Ending Language Learner

English Version



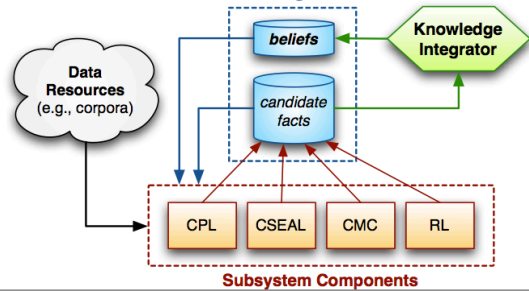


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English

NELL

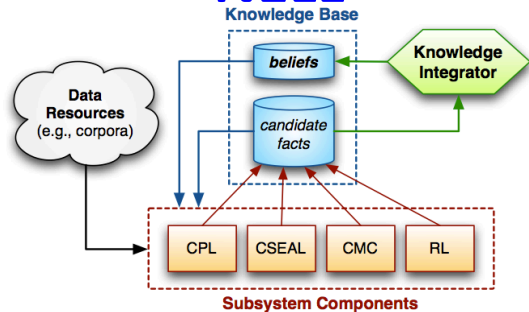
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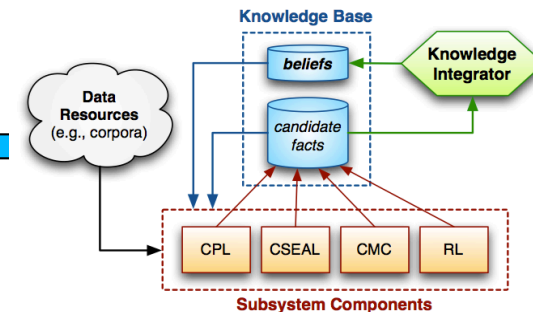


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English NELL



Portuguese NELL

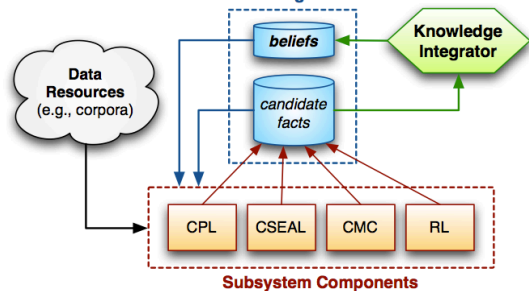




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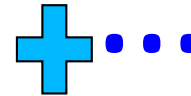
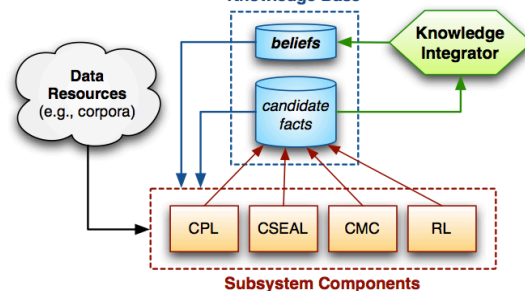
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Knowledge Base



Portuguese NELL

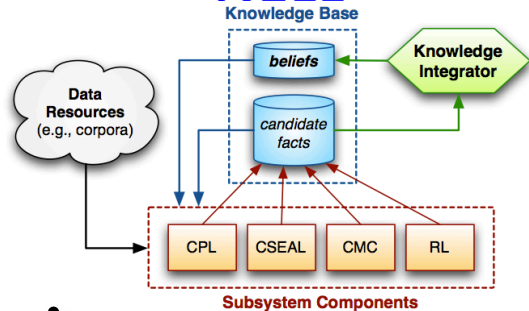
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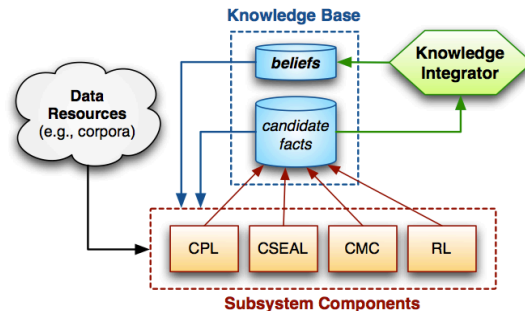


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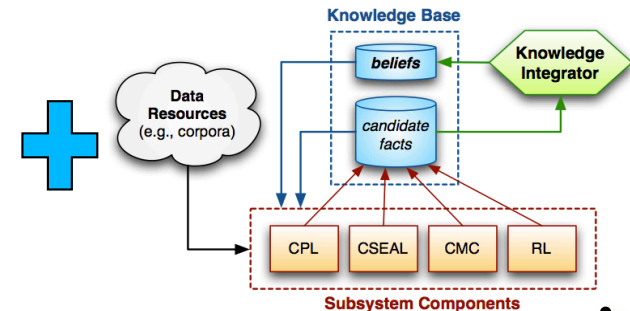


Portuguese NELL



+ ...

French NELL

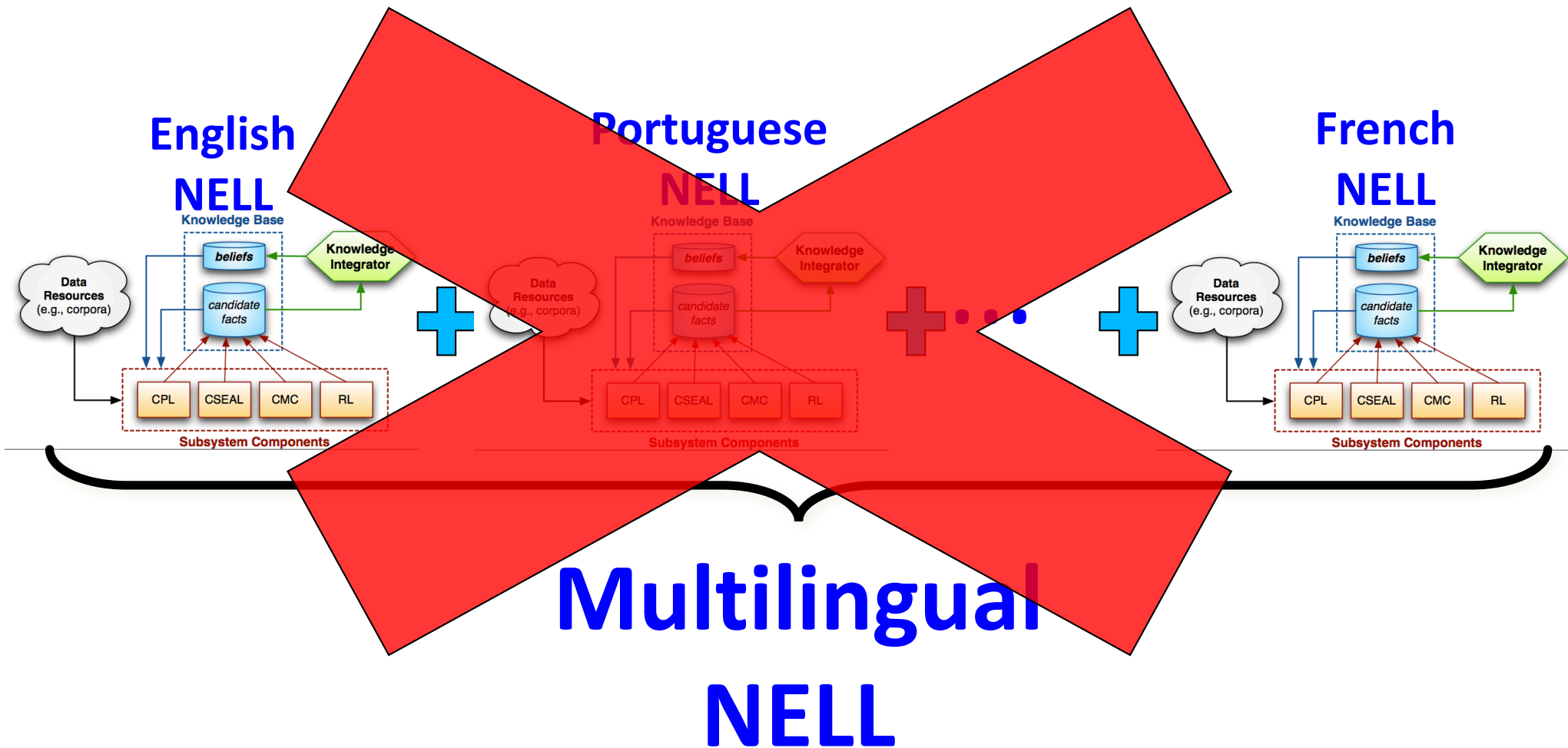


Multilingual NELL

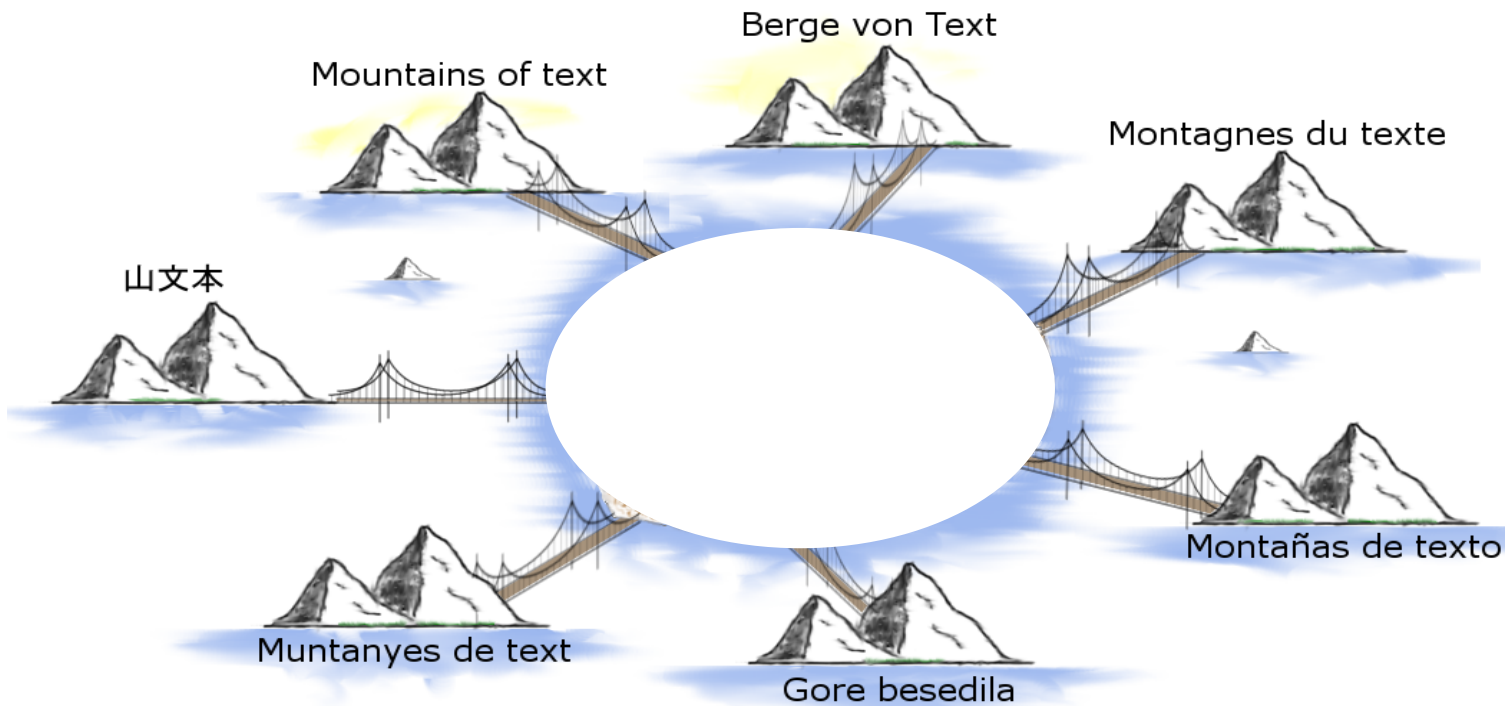




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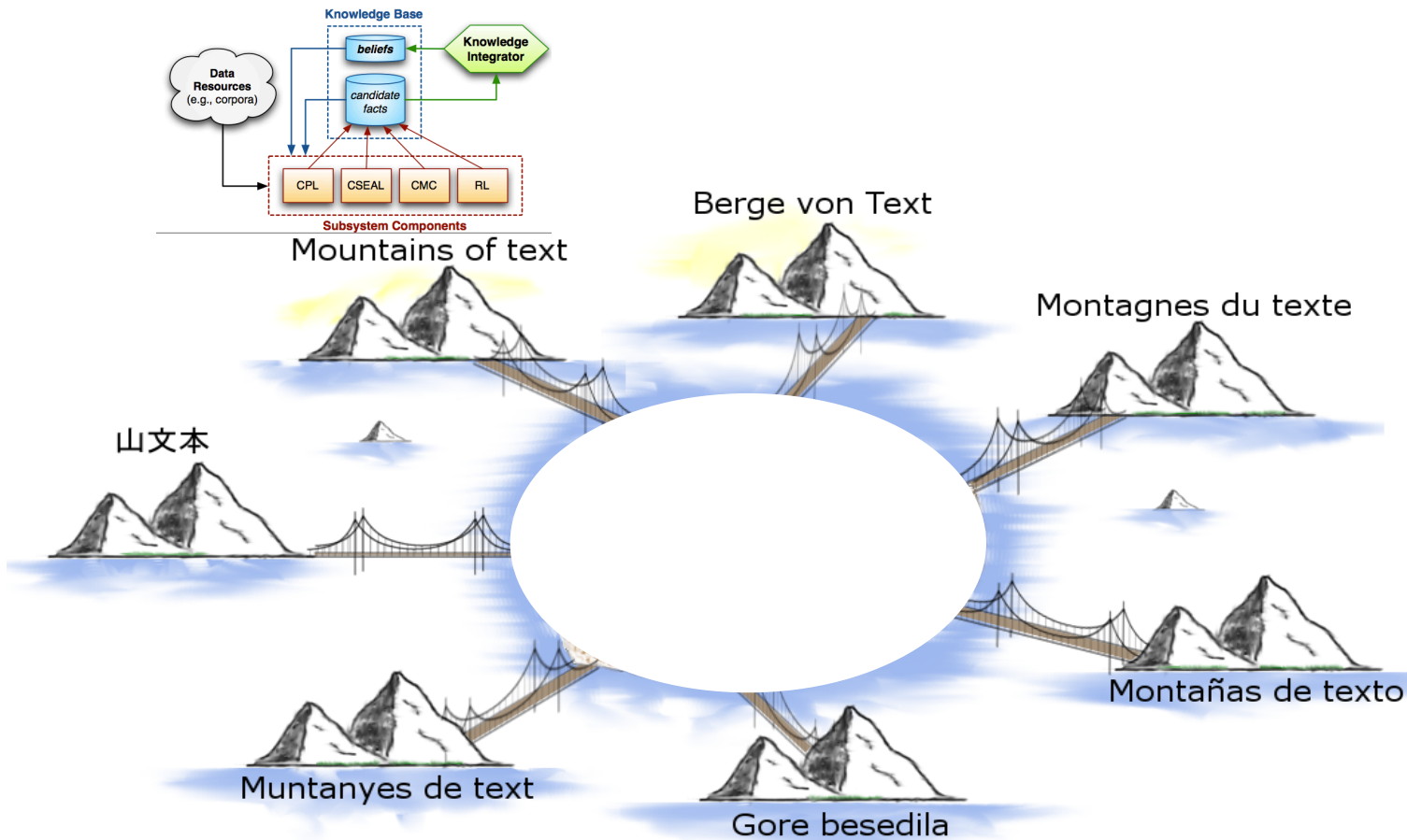


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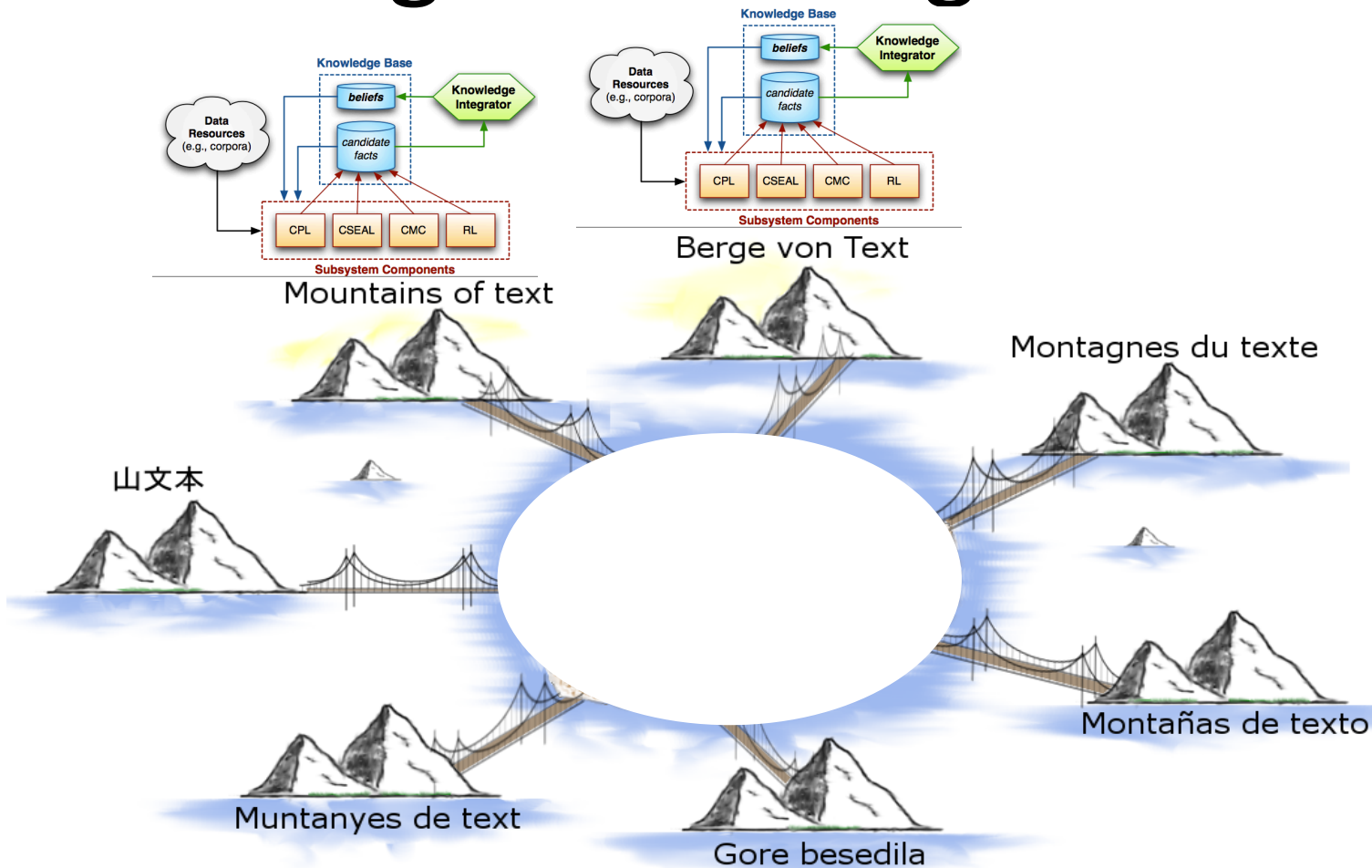
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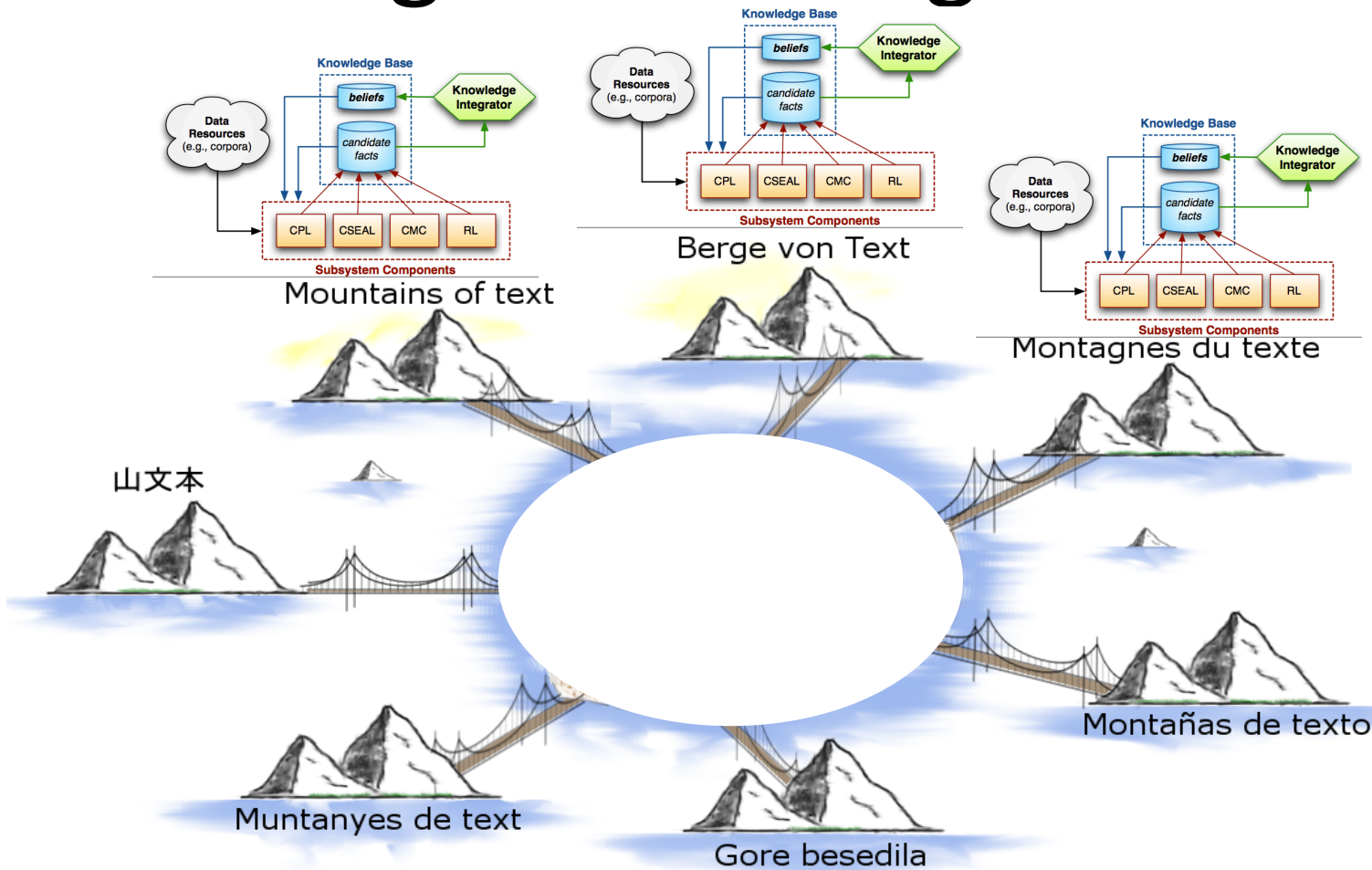
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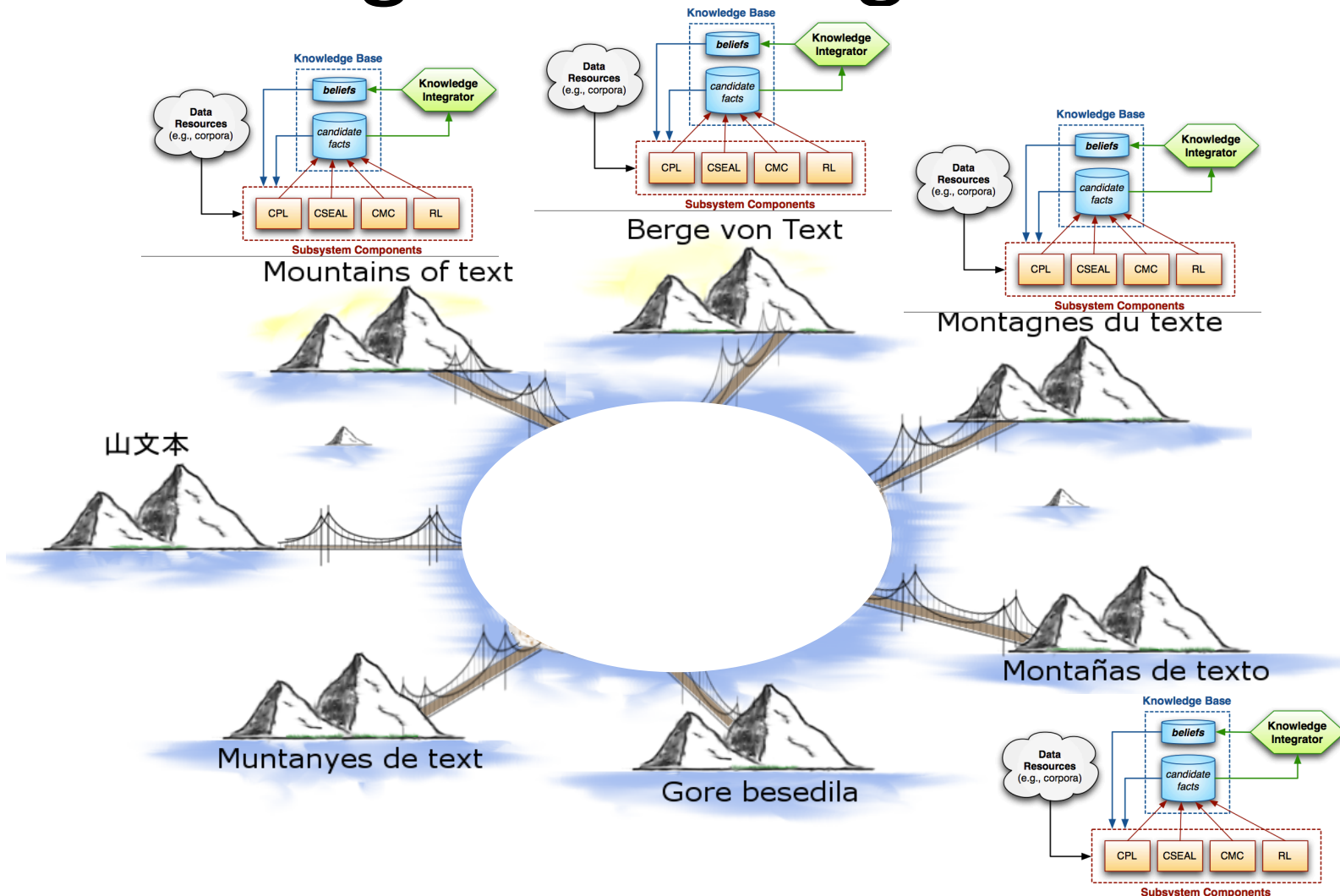
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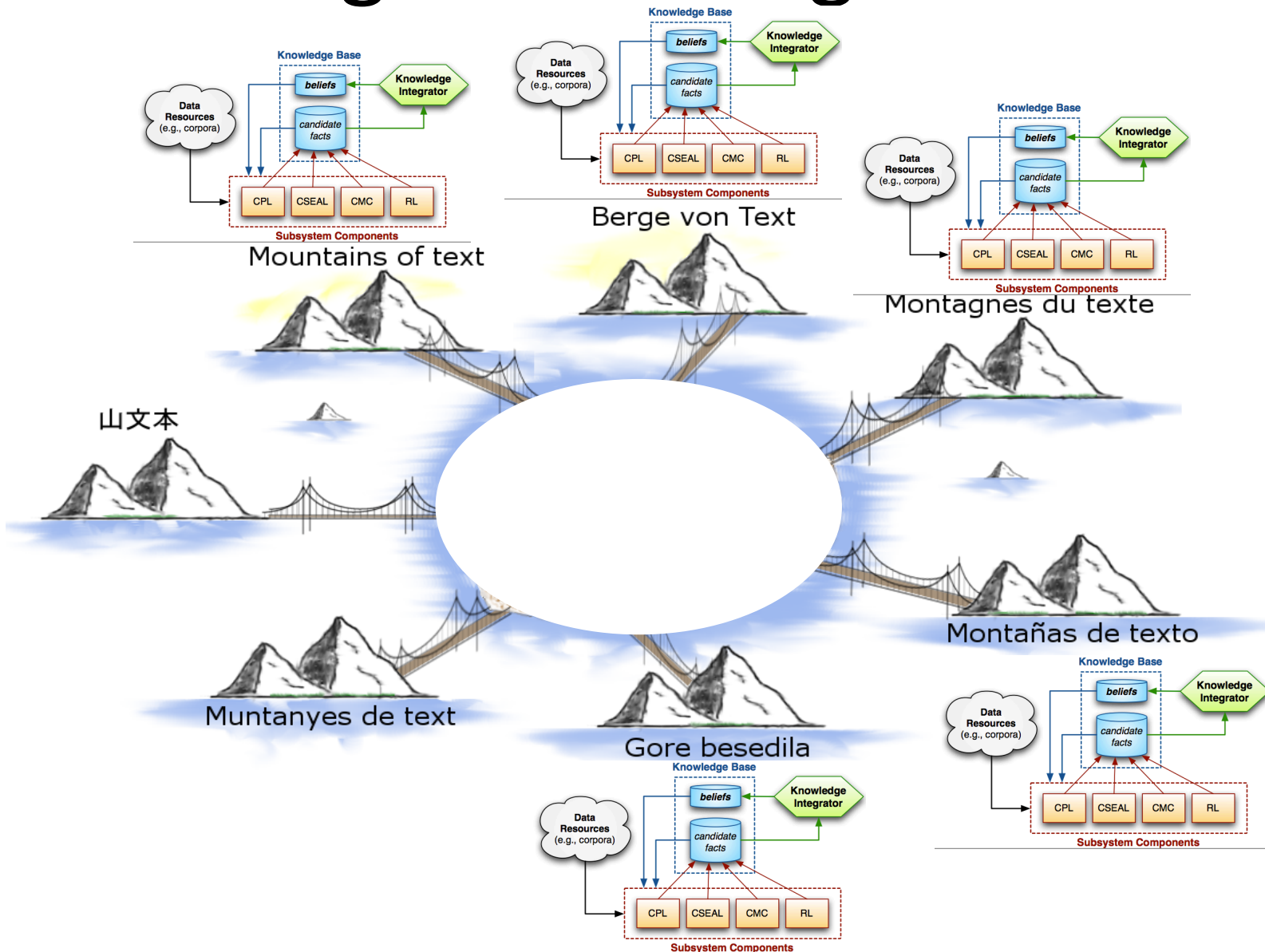
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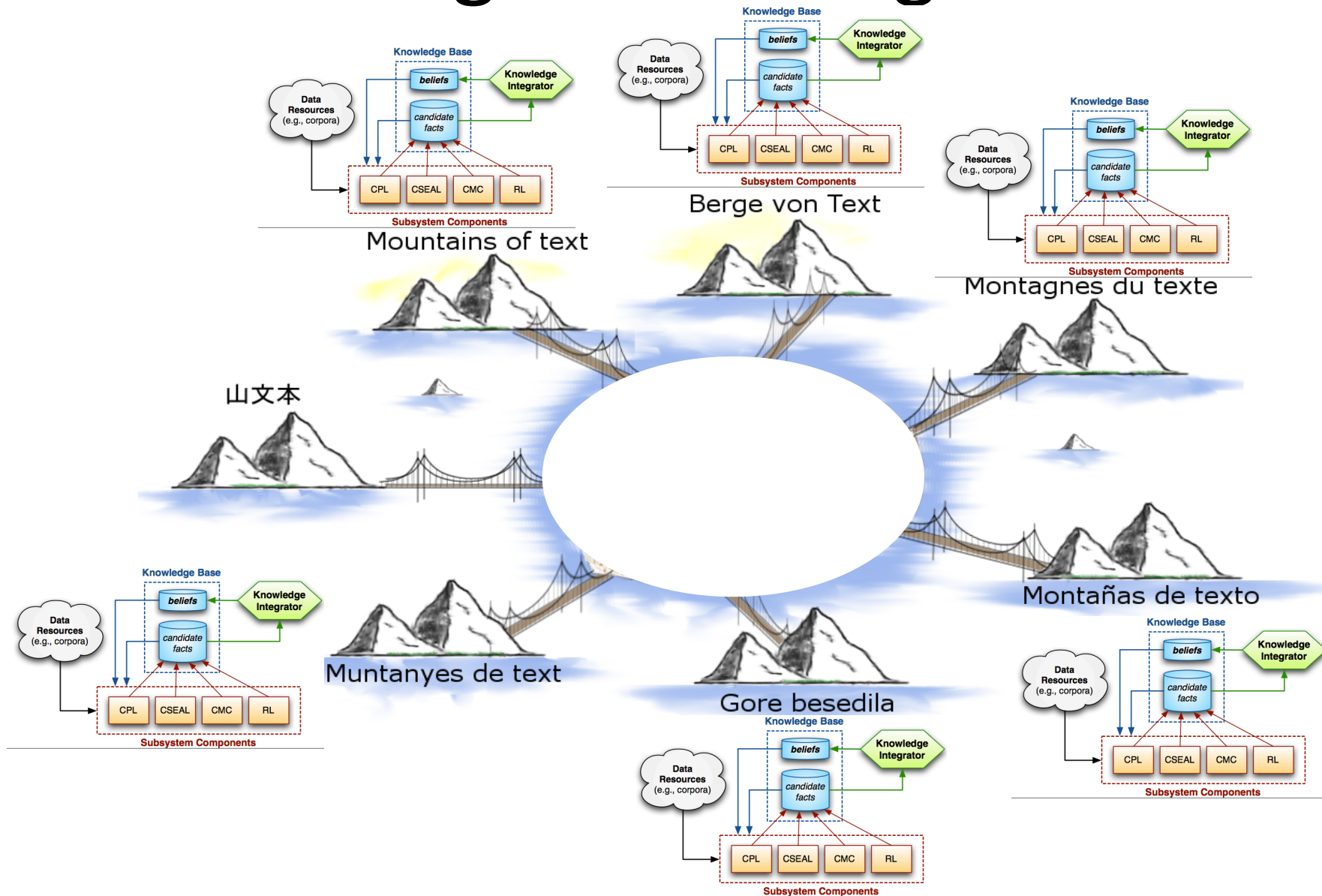
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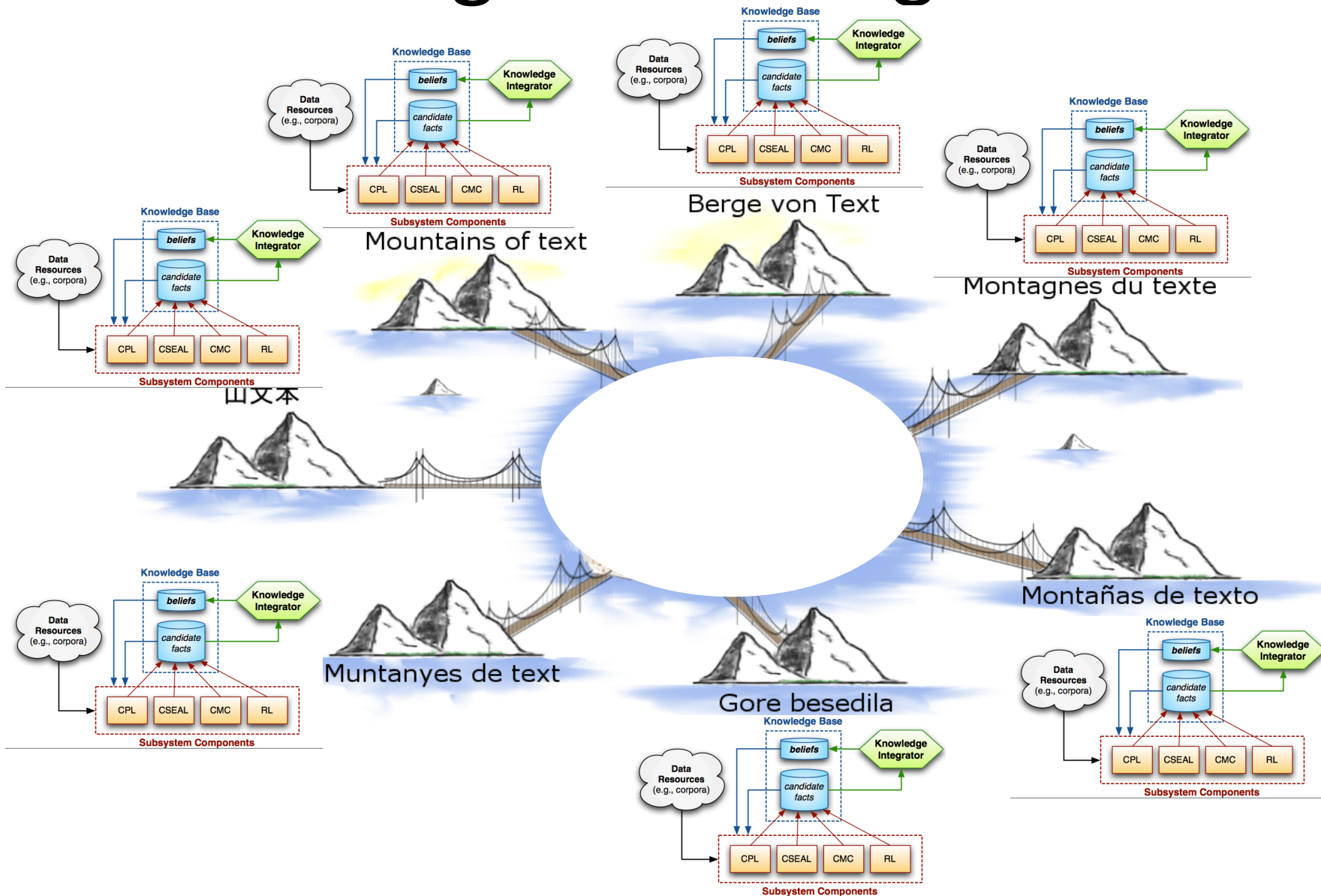
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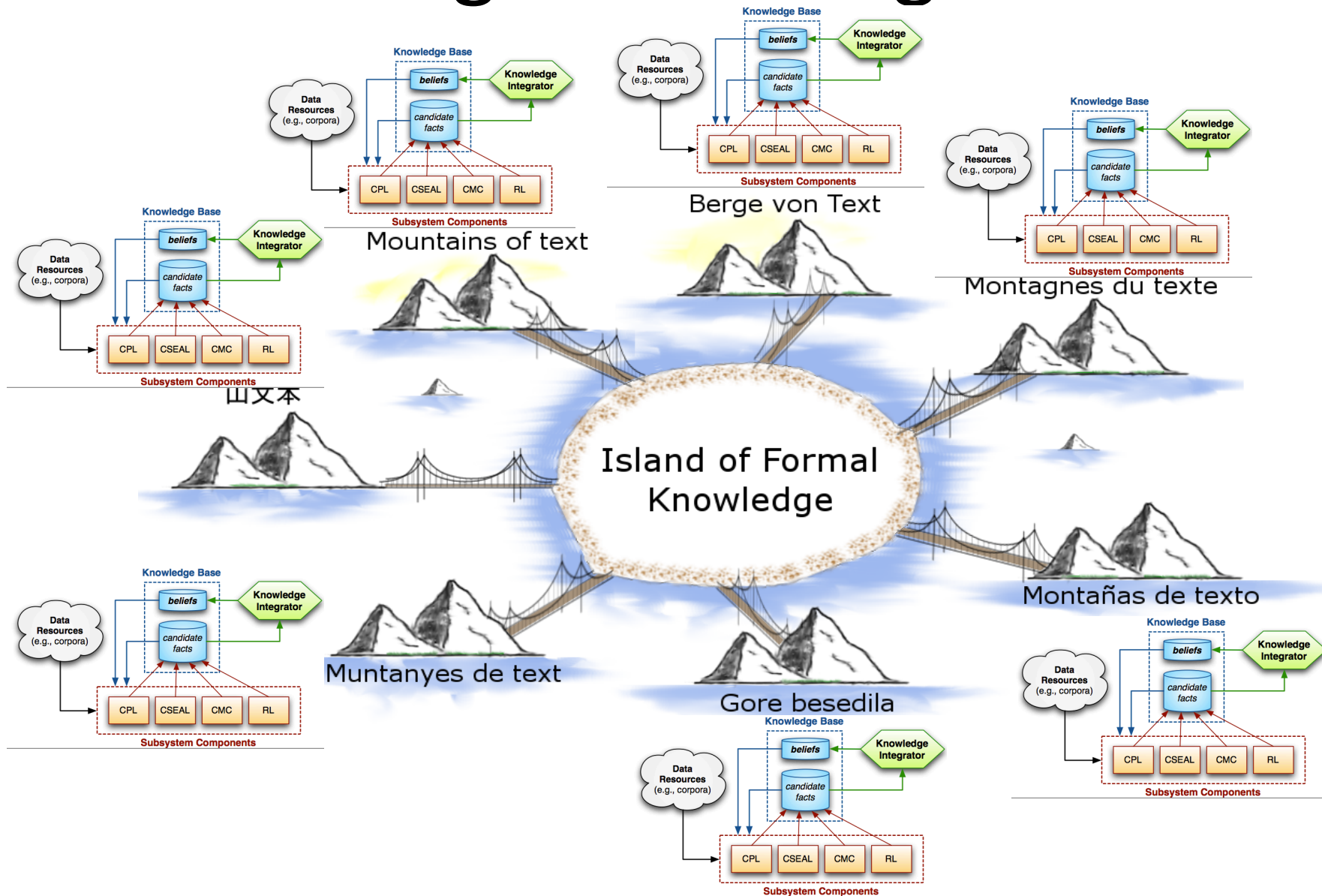
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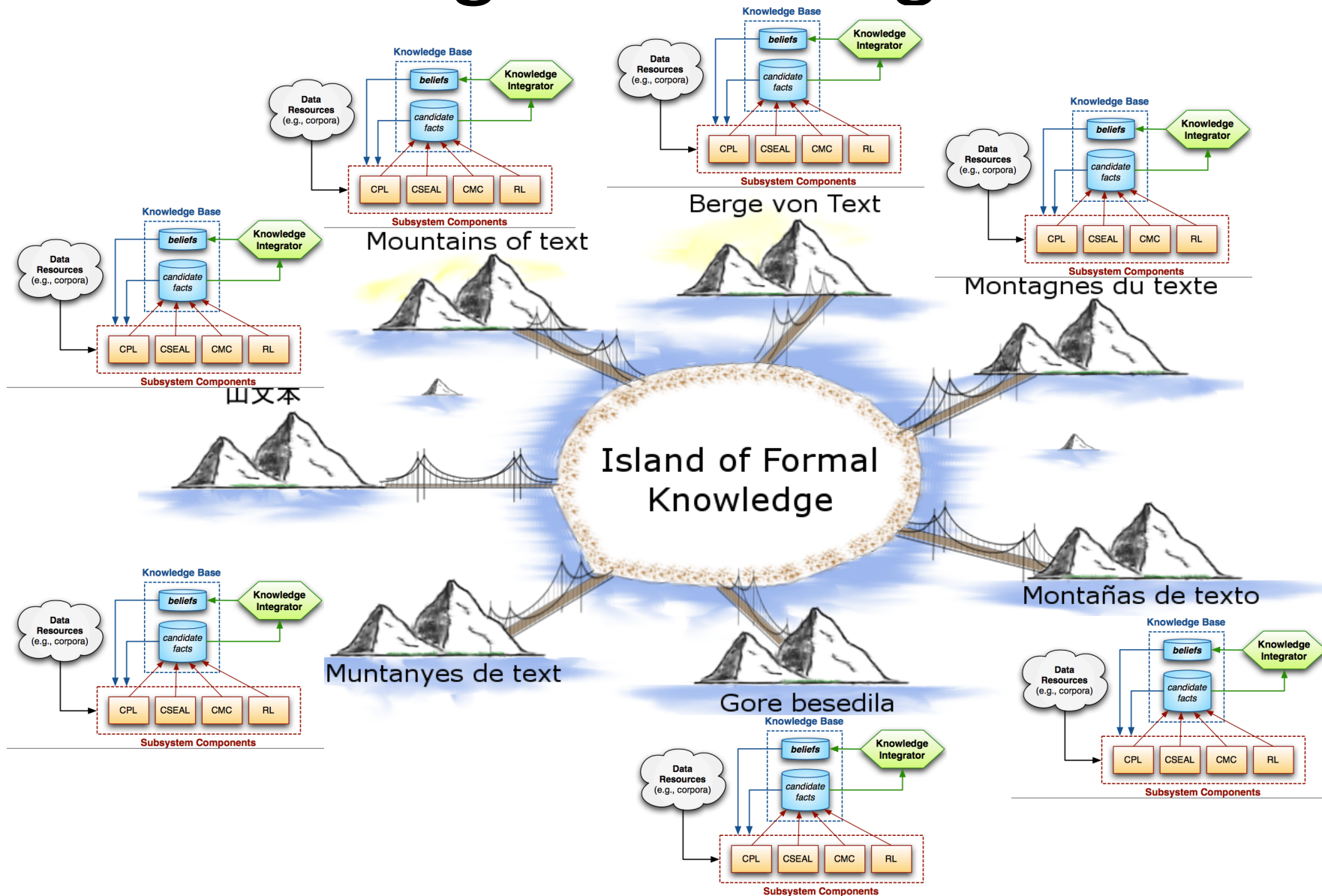
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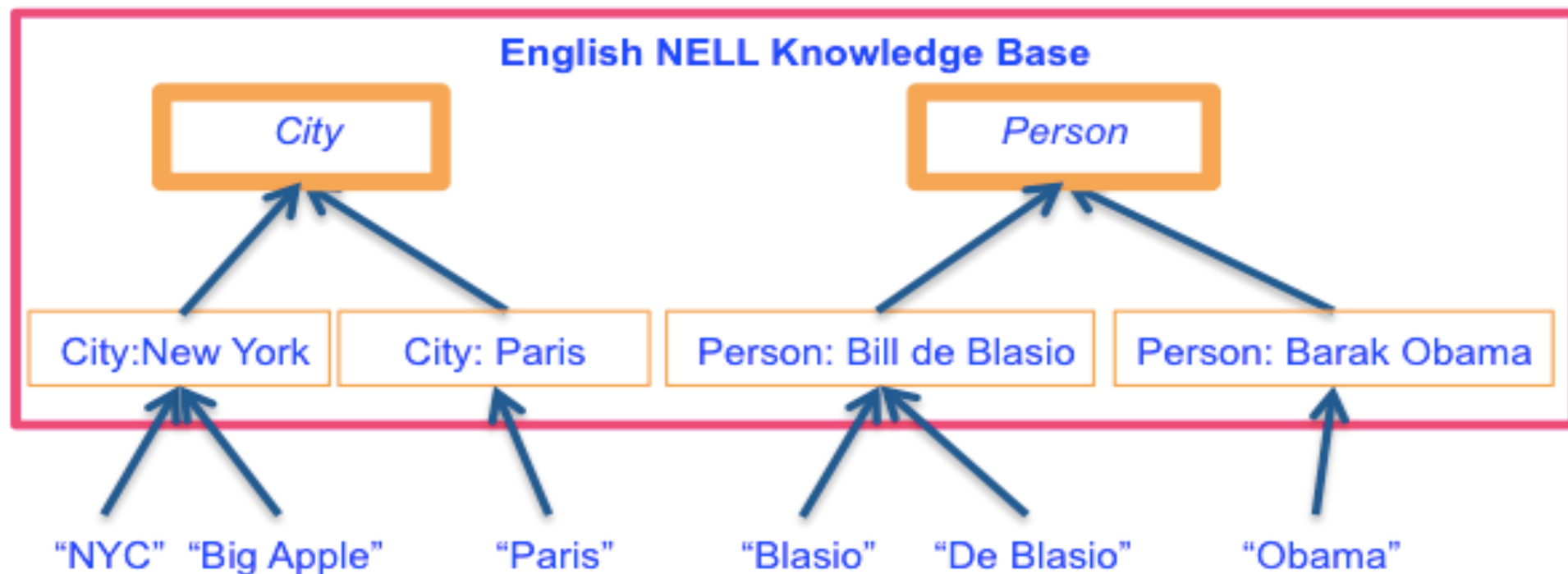
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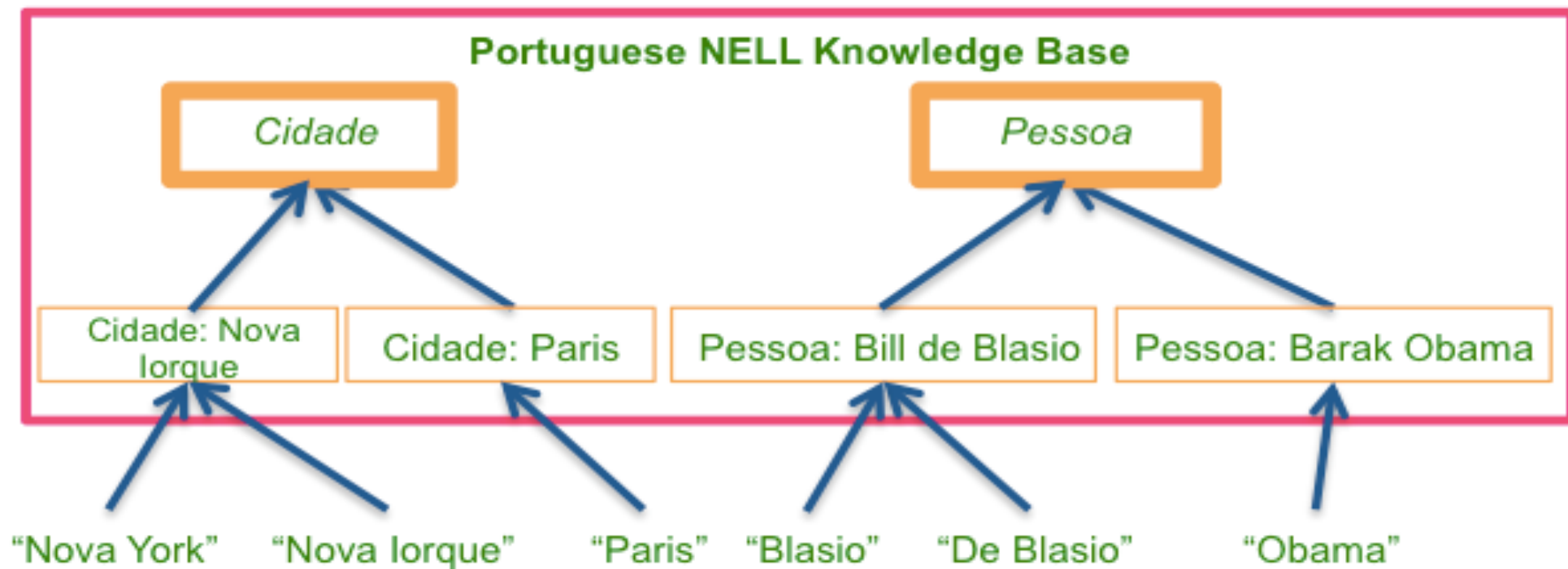


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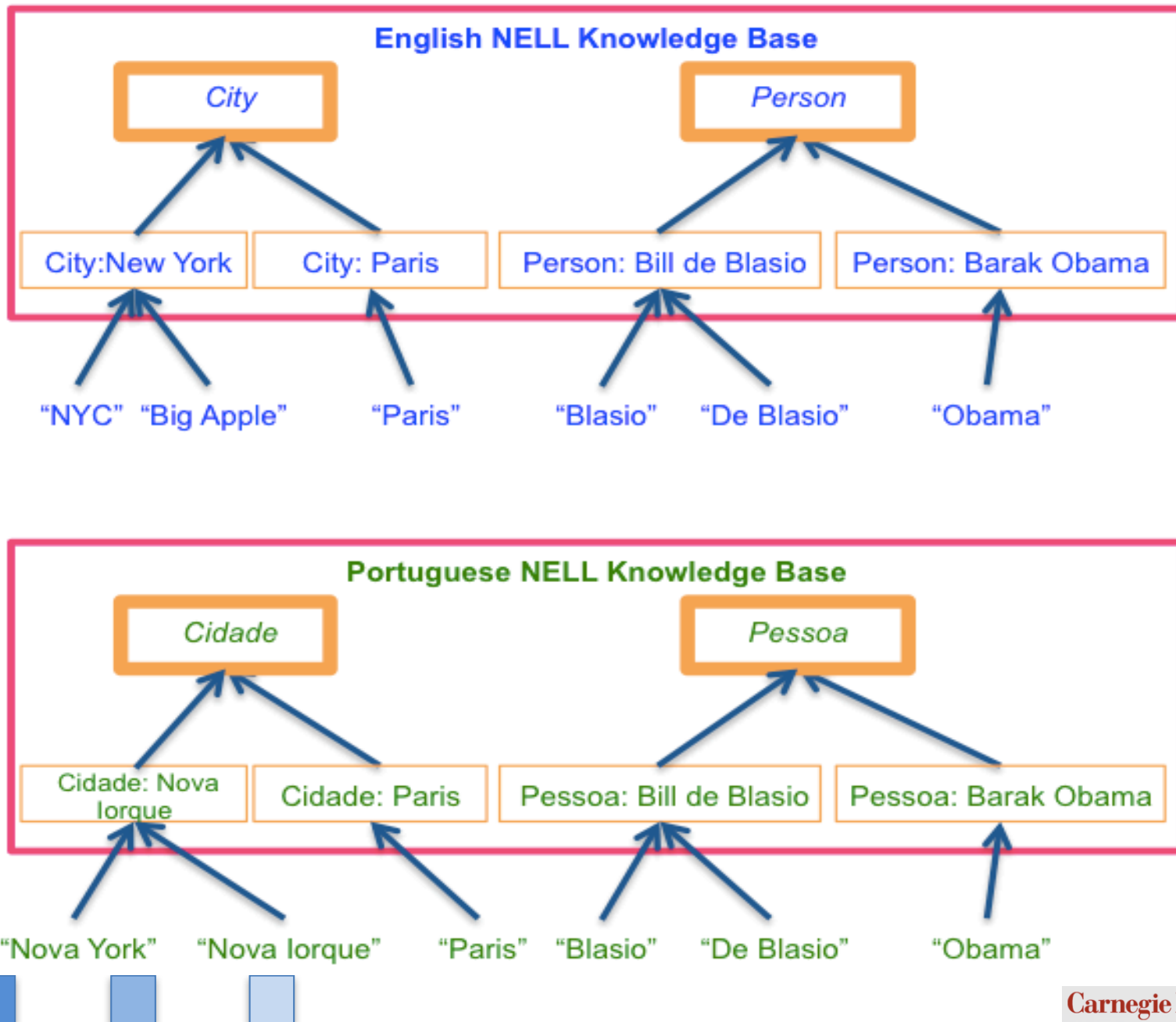
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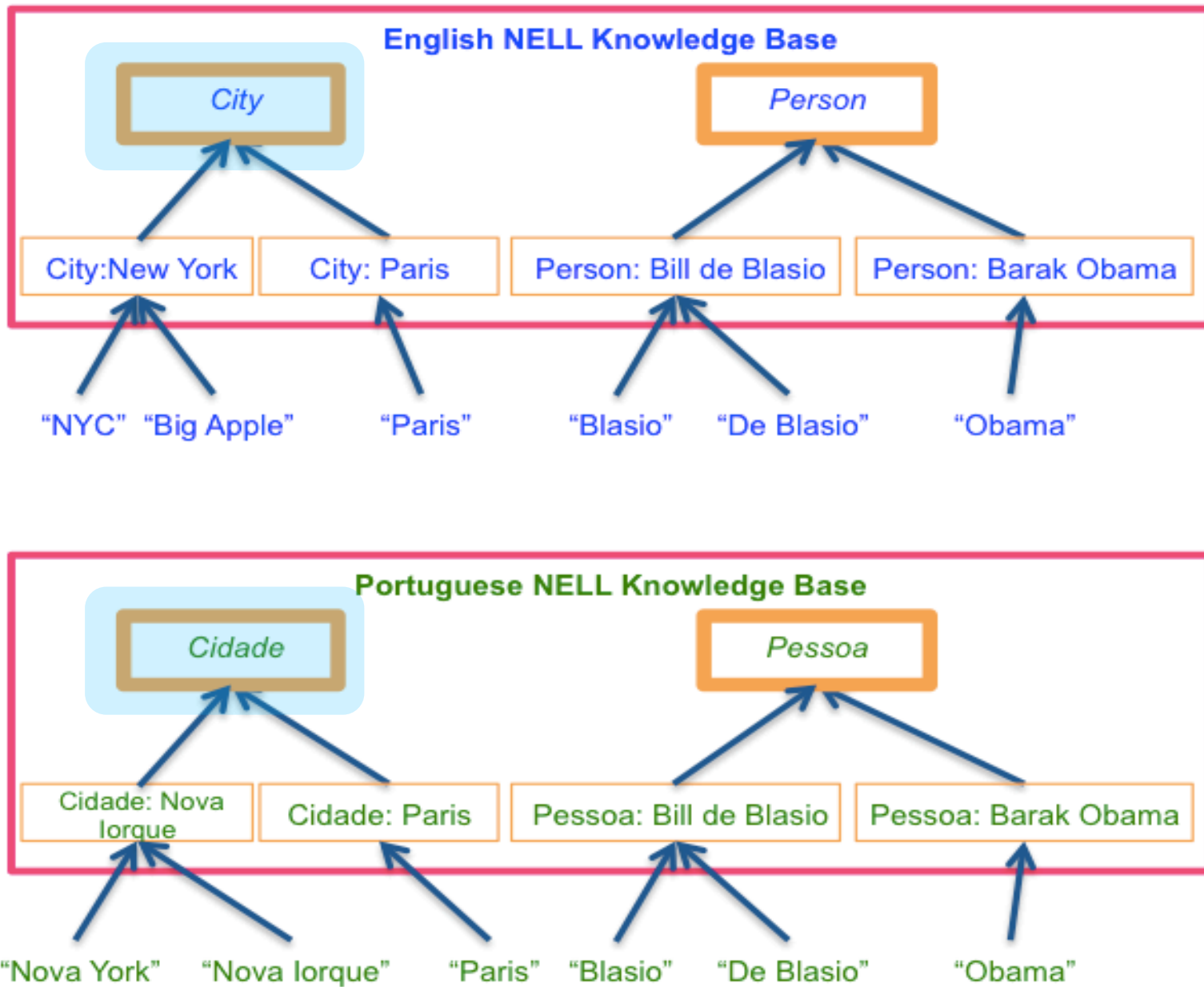
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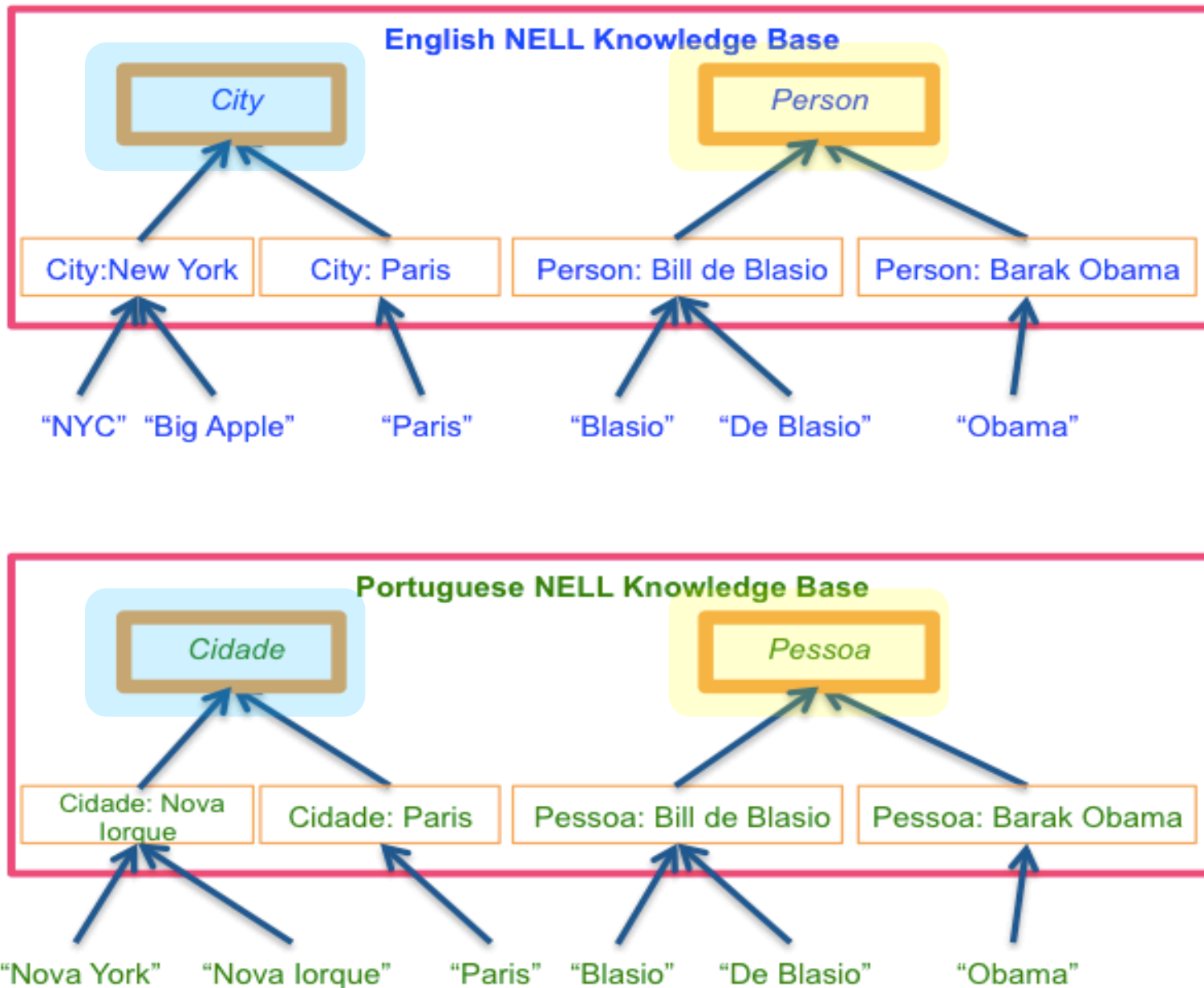
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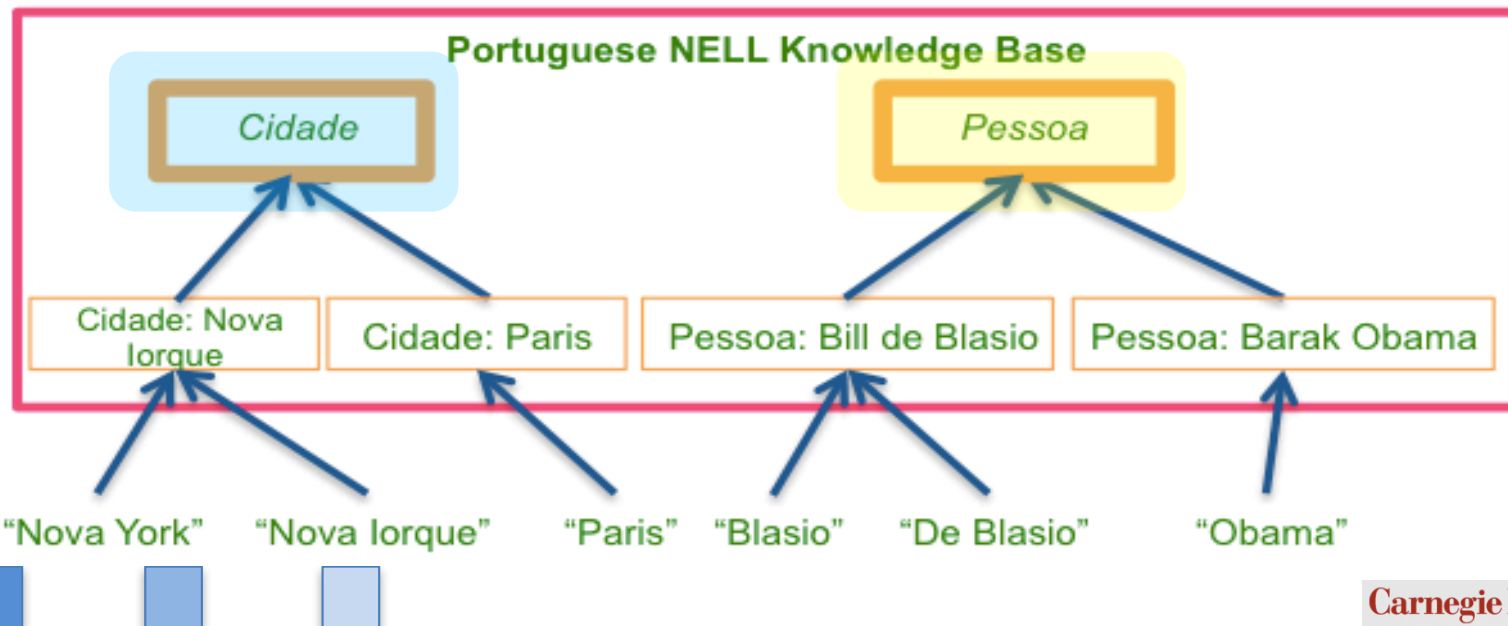
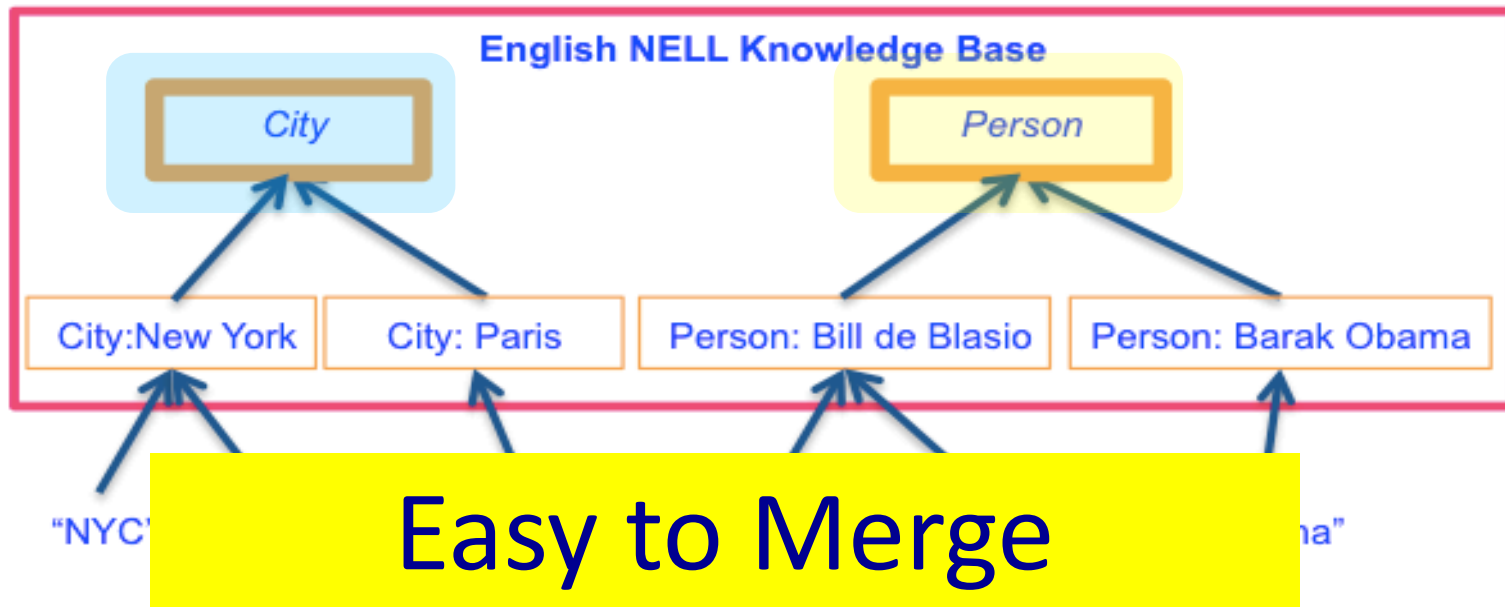
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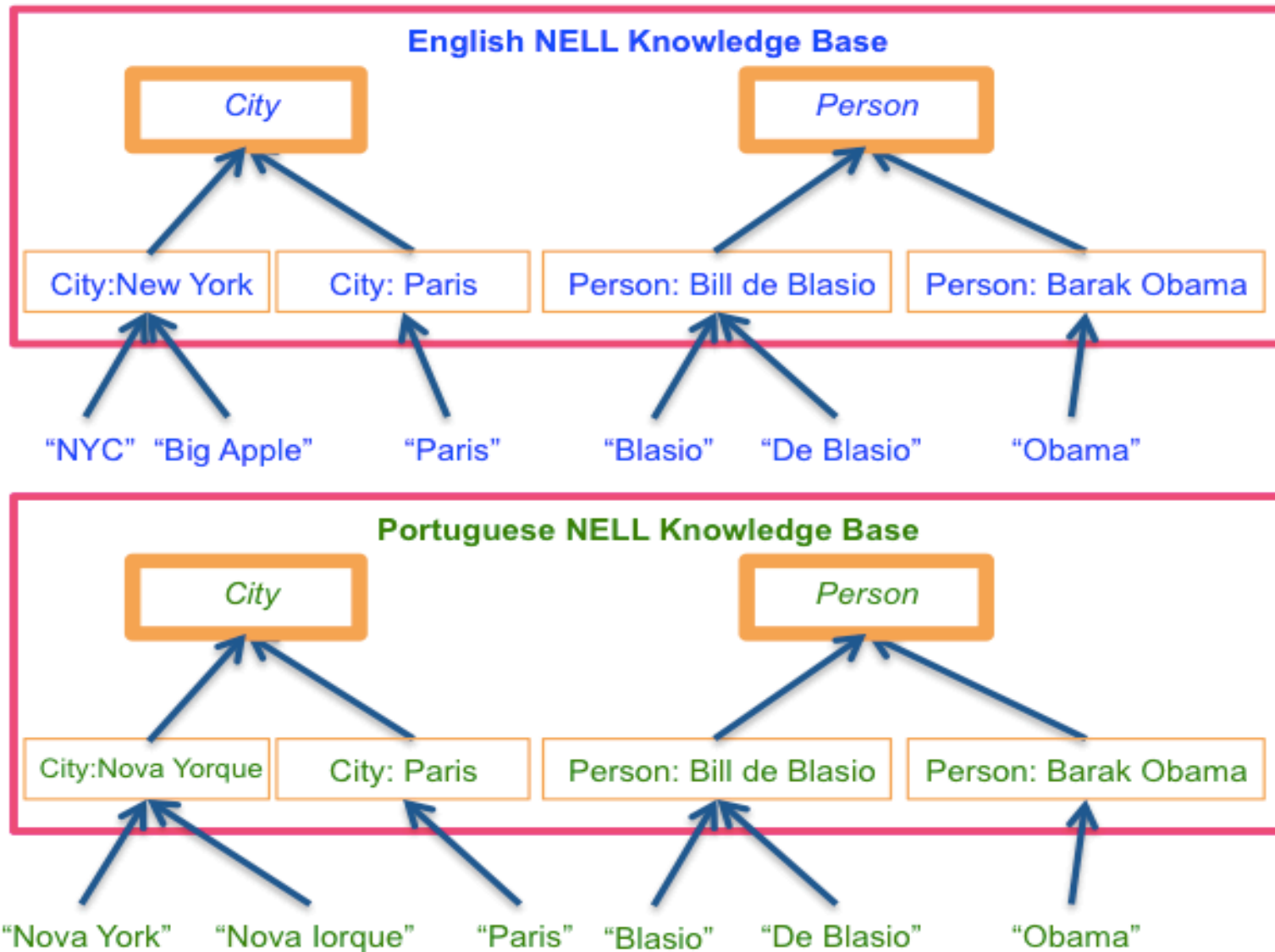
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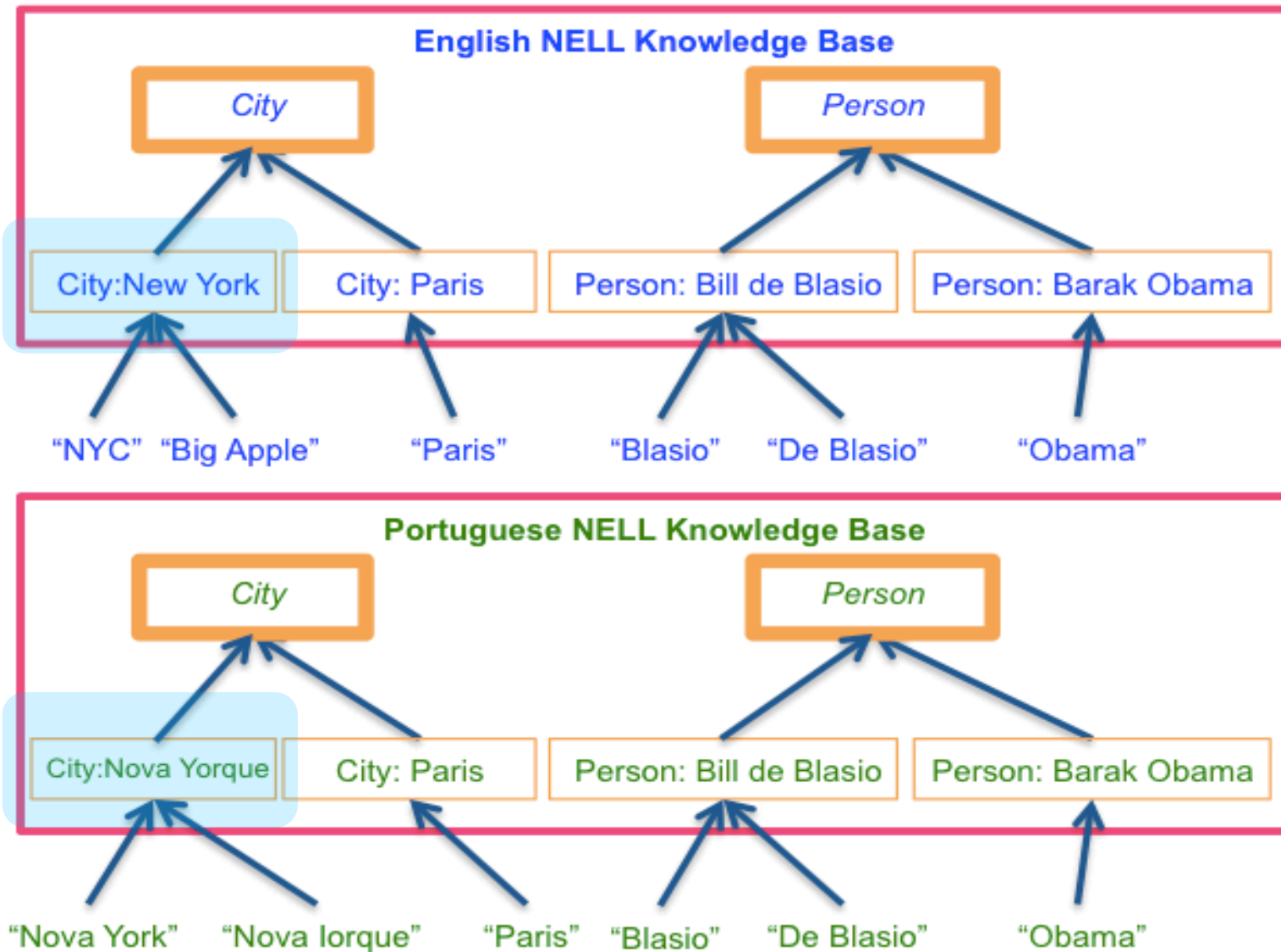
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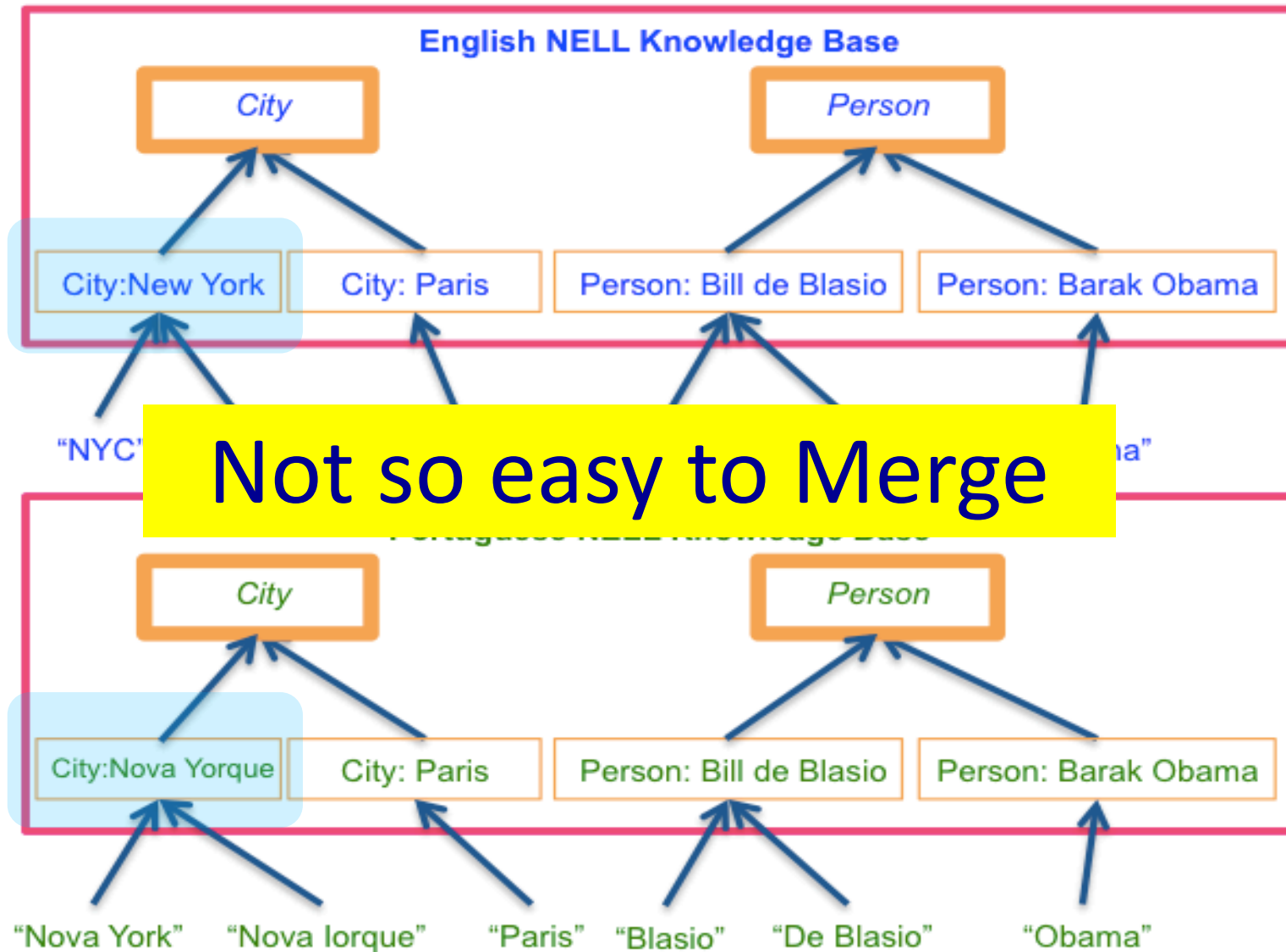
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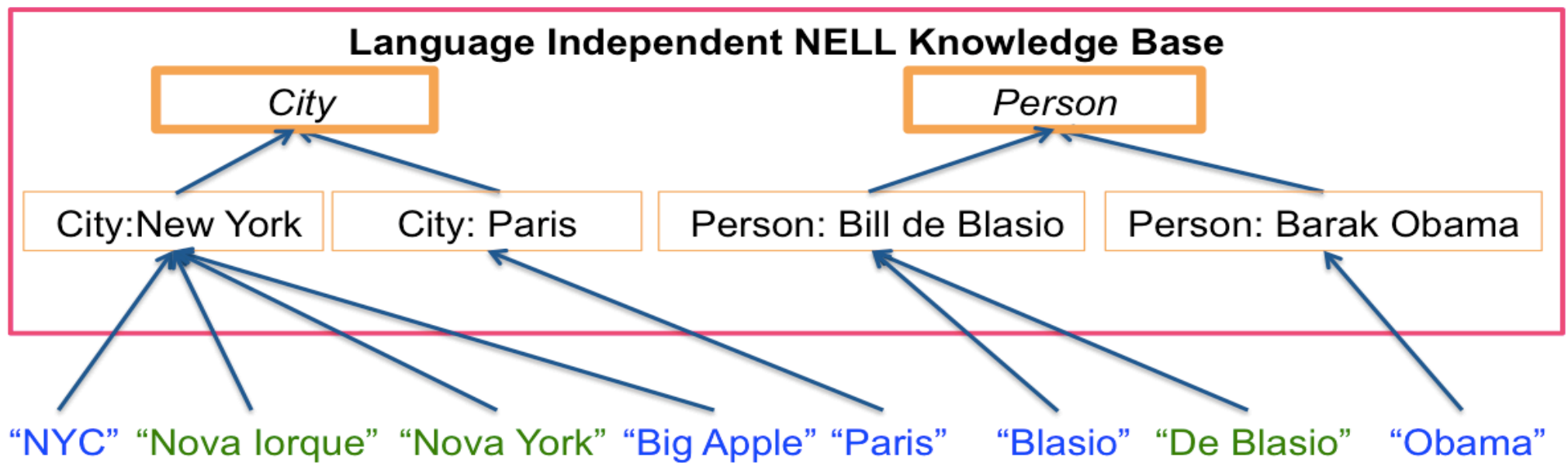
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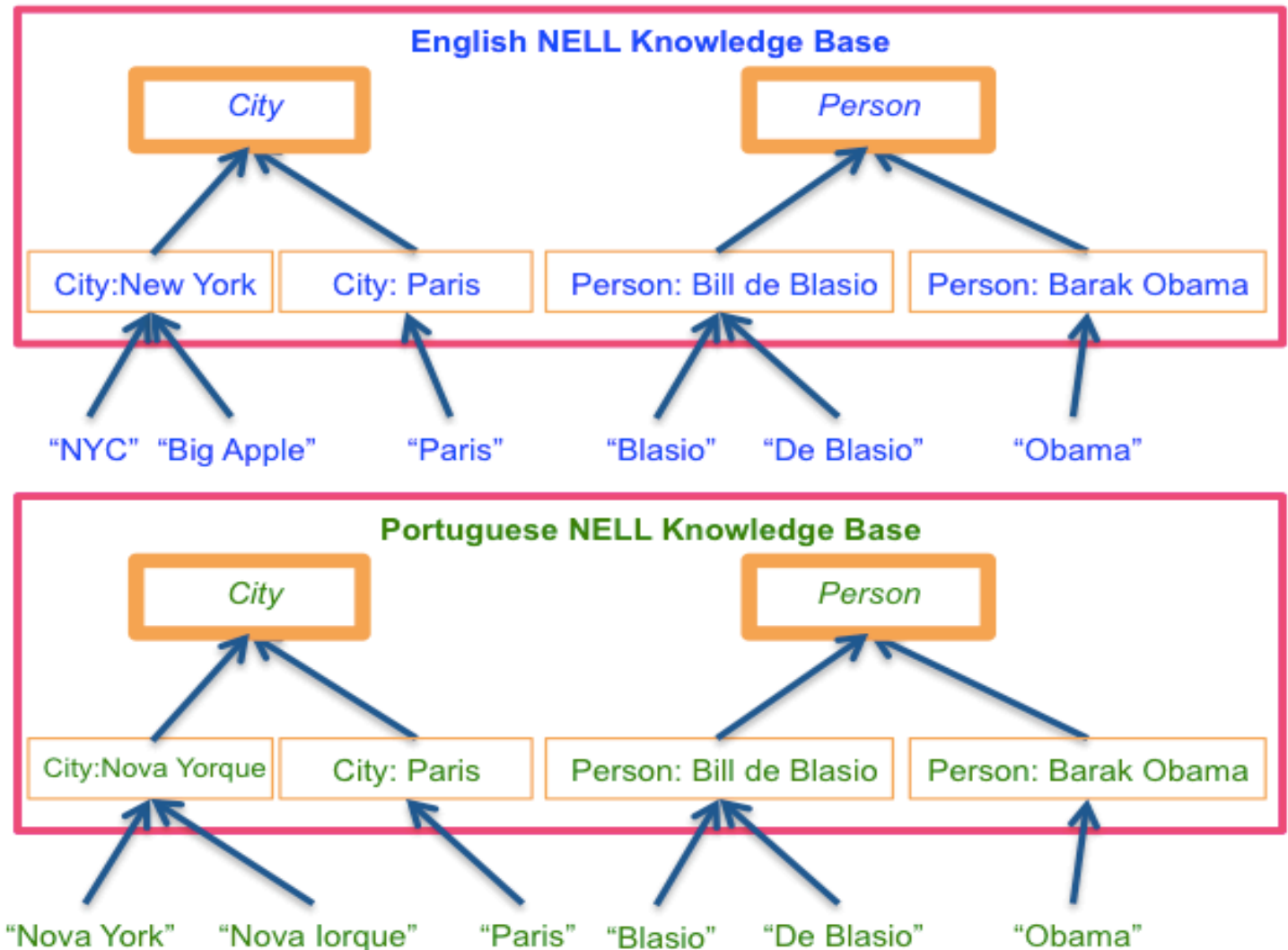
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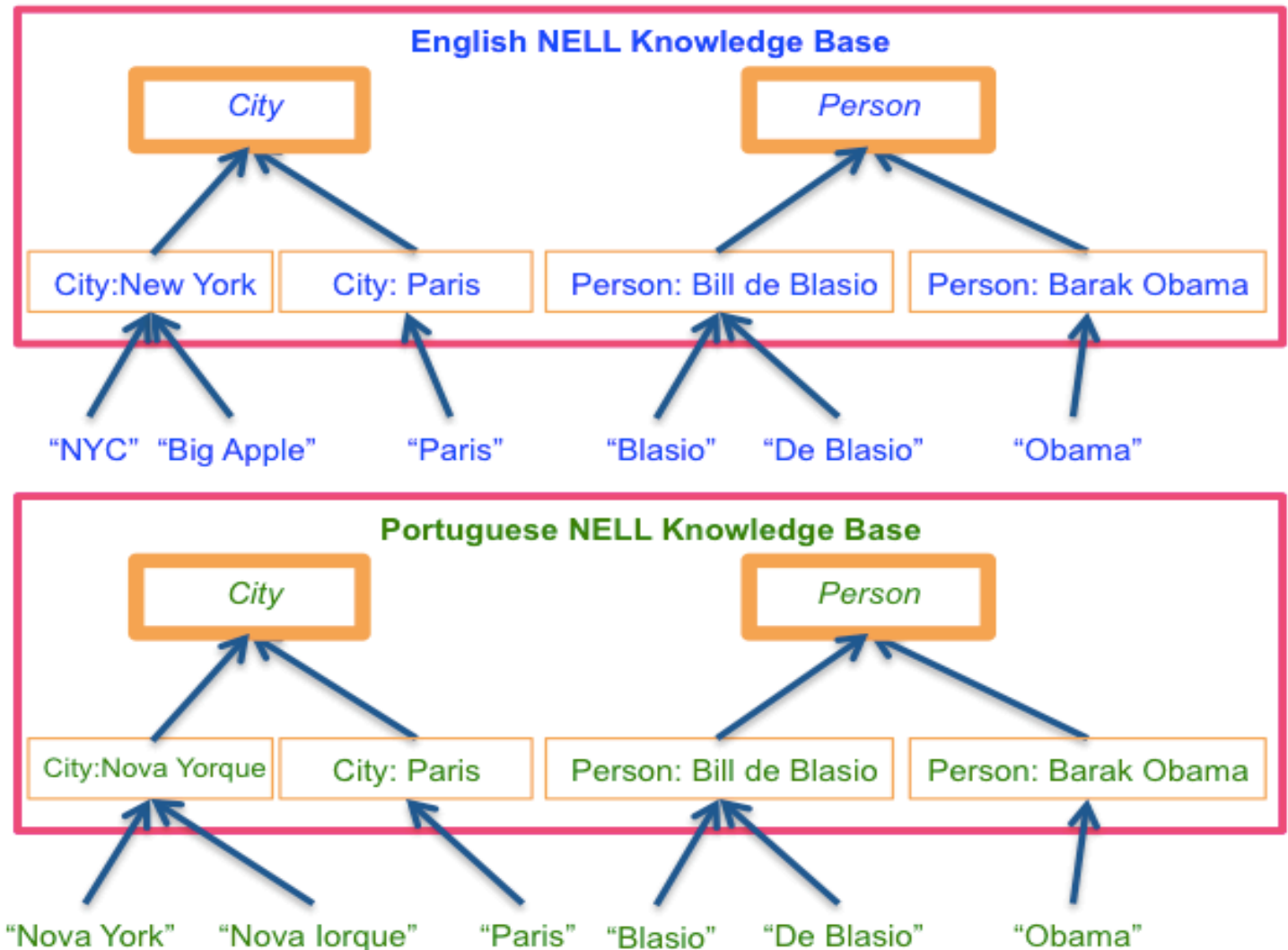


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Positive Examples:
About 4000 manually
Defined equivalence
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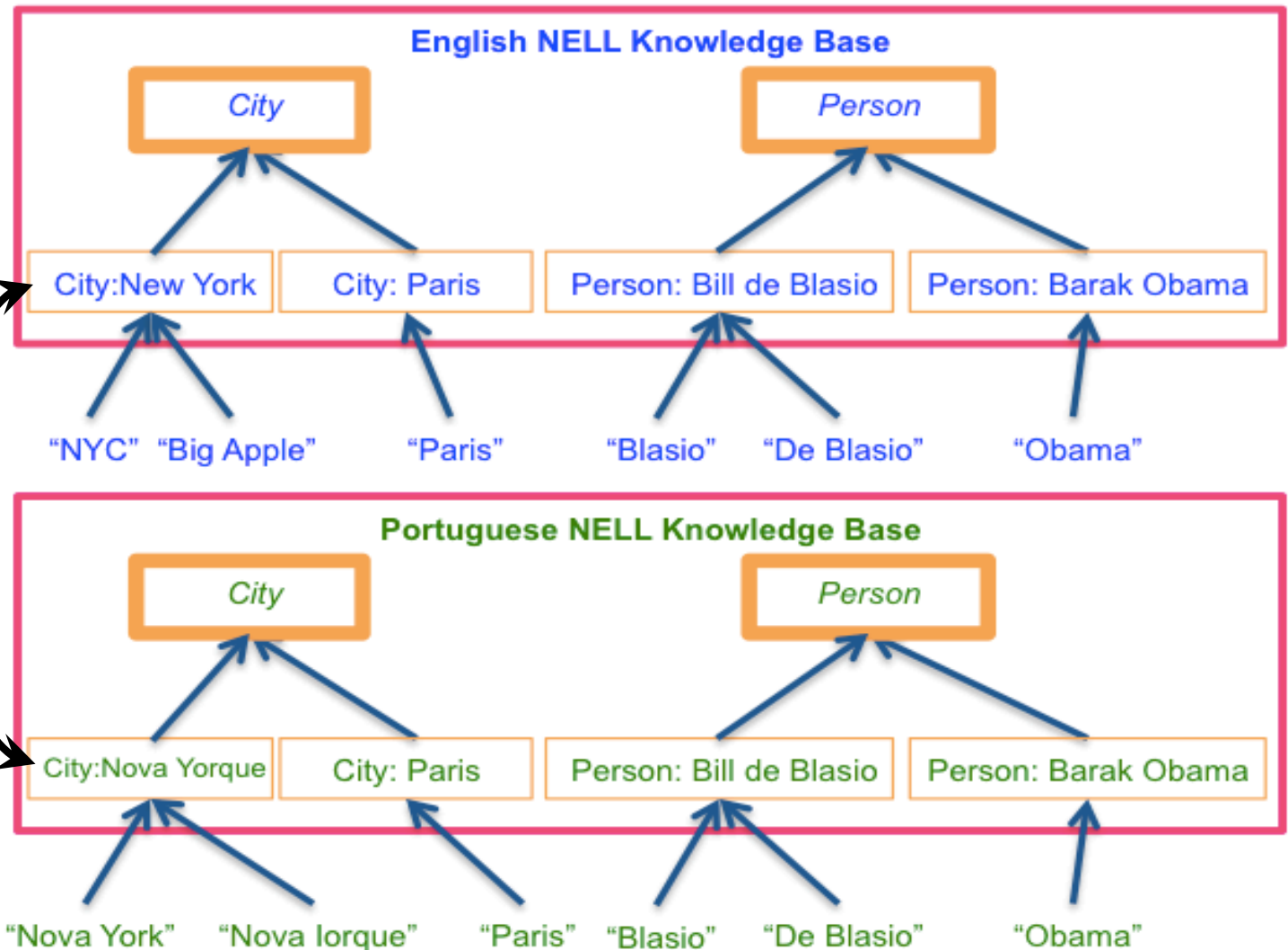
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EquivalentTo

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Input: Negative Examples: 8000 automatically defined non-equivalence relations

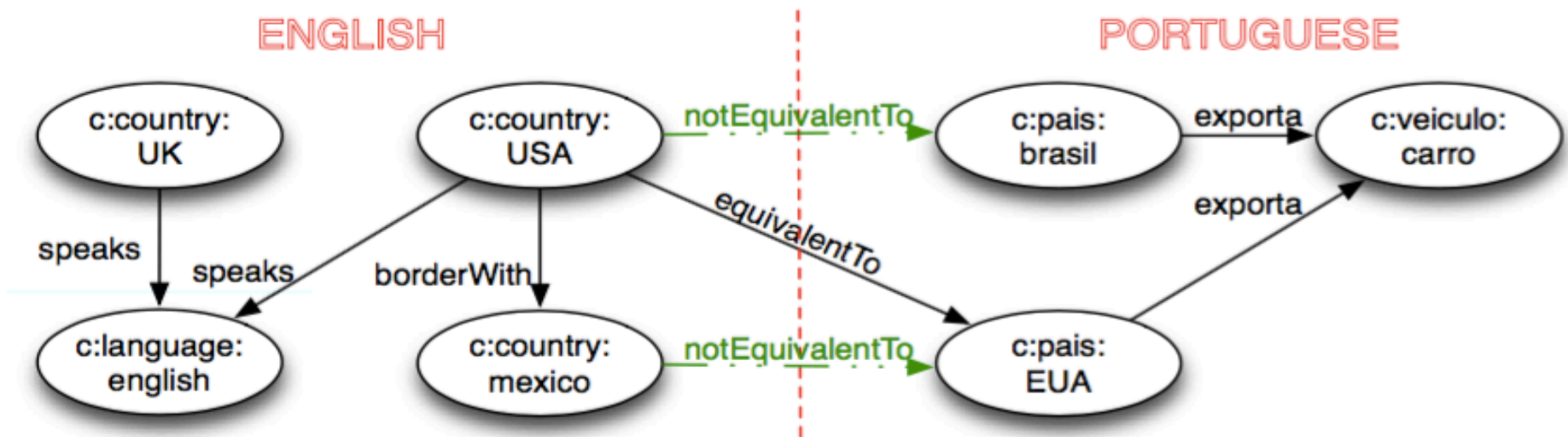


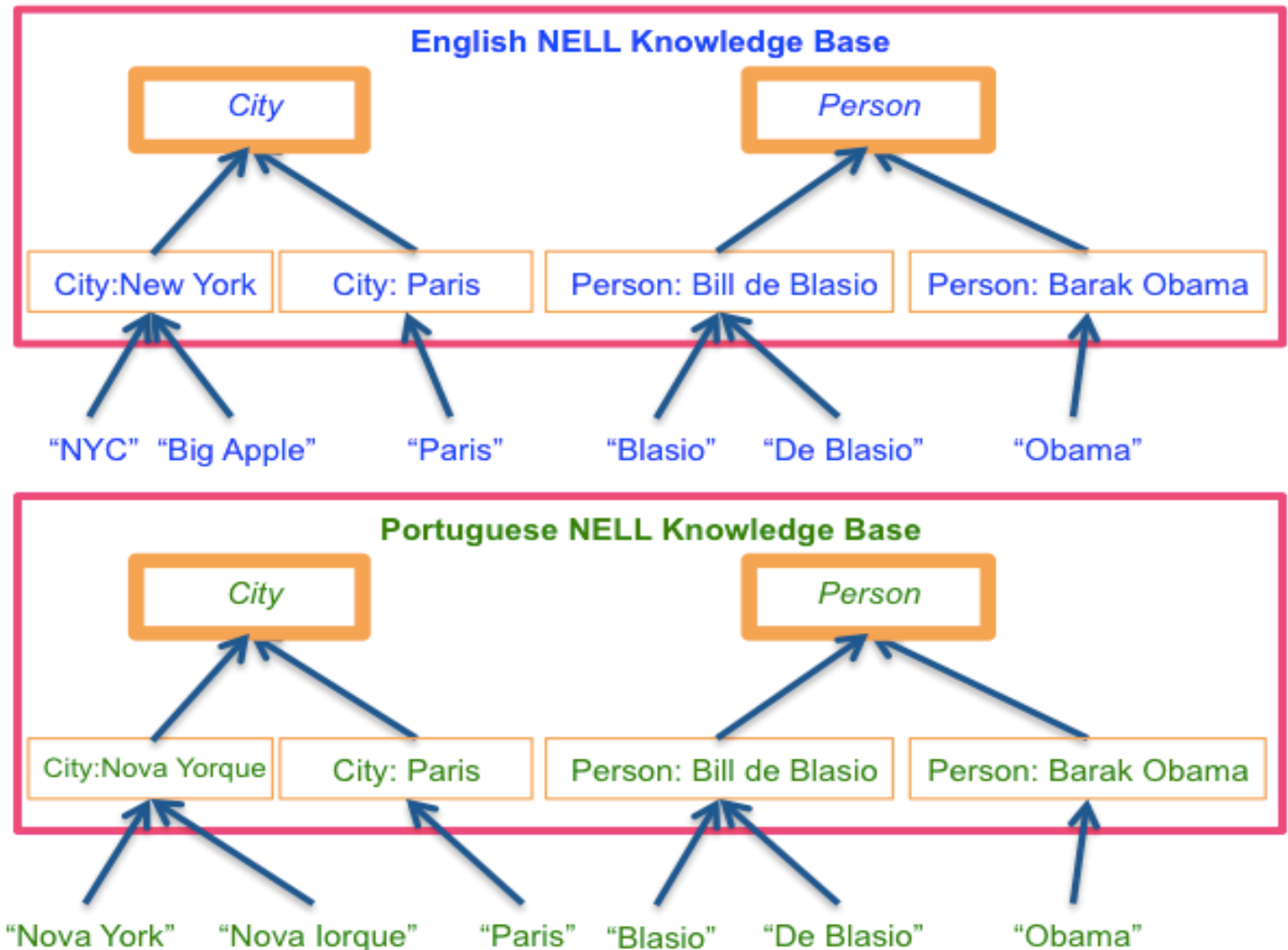
Figure 1: Graphical representation of the generation of negative examples. Given a positive pair (*USA*, *equivalentTo*, *EUA*), the relationship (*USA*, *borderWith*, *Mexico*) is followed to reach an entity with the same category (*Mexico*, *Country*), generating the negative example (*Mexico*, *notEquivalentTo*, *EUA*).

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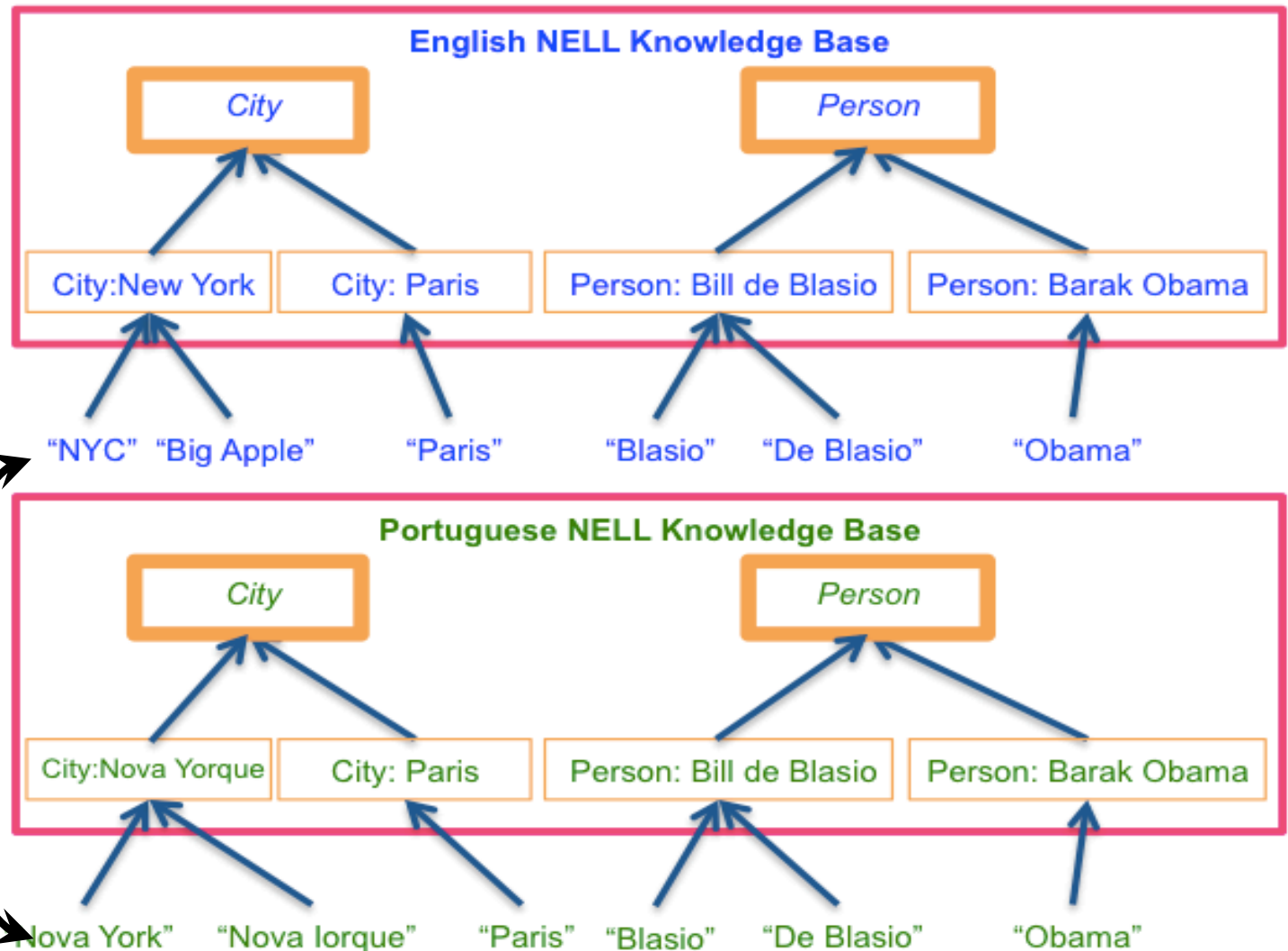
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CanBeTranslatedAs



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ML Task:

binary classifier (yes/no) for a given
“equivalentTo” Relation candidate

The Classifier:

If

sameCategory(concept1,concept2), and
differentLang(concept1,concept2), and
higherThanTreshold(score)

then, yes

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3 Approaches:

Personalized Page Rank – PPR

Path Ranking Algorithm – PRA

Dictionary-based – Baseline

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PPR configuration:

- 2,000 random walks
- walk length: 5
- probability of restart: 0.01

PRA configuration:

- breadth-first search
- depth: 2

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Category	English						Portuguese					
	In graph			In positive pairs			In graph			In positive pairs		
animal	12436	591	746	36	23	27	101	63	97	36	14	35
country	6031	443	460	106	93	93	153	94	136	106	87	103
city	18893	4437	5311	460	237	263	5767	483	1404	460	138	282
movie	7008	712	831	42	38	38	368	64	132	42	25	40
person	6693	2898	3050	403	395	399	621	611	614	403	304	376
writer	18911	1707	2143	61	39	40	114	26	63	61	23	37
actor	28361	794	1421	512	139	167	1870	129	793	512	36	208
sport	5022	205	381	109	66	75	153	34	125	109	29	94
<i>global</i>	1909339	66239	96086	4126	2112	2331	30401	5119	12930	4126	1827	2565

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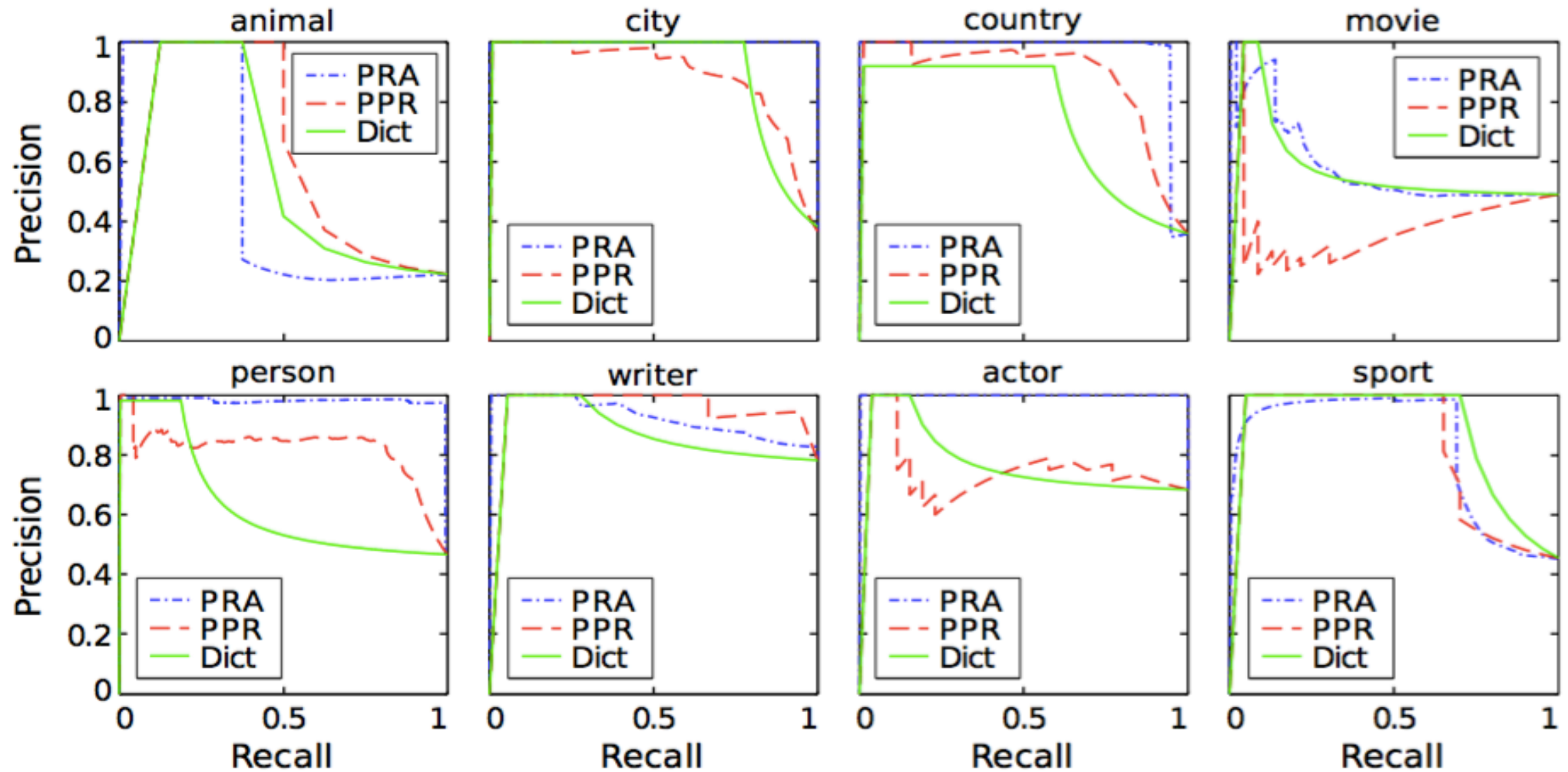


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Originally Sparse Graphs

Category	English		Portuguese	
	Pruned graph	SVO+pruned graph	Pruned graph	SVO+pruned graph
animal	13.32 $\pm$ 47.12	392.02 $\pm$ 1859.43	1.57 $\pm$ 1.17	27.23 $\pm$ 58.58
country	22.65 $\pm$ 68.60	289.97 $\pm$ 970.55	5.04 $\pm$ 15.99	180.79 $\pm$ 820.71
city	5.00 $\pm$ 22.31	134.72 $\pm$ 1176.05	1.71 $\pm$ 4.33	32.03 $\pm$ 135.13
movie	1.60 $\pm$ 1.69	88.95 $\pm$ 891.37	1.33 $\pm$ 0.79	34.77 $\pm$ 177.64
person	2.99 $\pm$ 6.76	244.10 $\pm$ 1394.07	1.18 $\pm$ 0.66	16.62 $\pm$ 101.67
writer	2.72 $\pm$ 4.75	43.50 $\pm$ 419.41	1.15 $\pm$ 0.46	6.40 $\pm$ 12.04
actor	2.19 $\pm$ 2.12	77.21 $\pm$ 819.10	1.67 $\pm$ 1.41	6.96 $\pm$ 11.40
sport	19.94 $\pm$ 132.71	256.49 $\pm$ 1430.06	3.88 $\pm$ 6.31	26.98 $\pm$ 83.30
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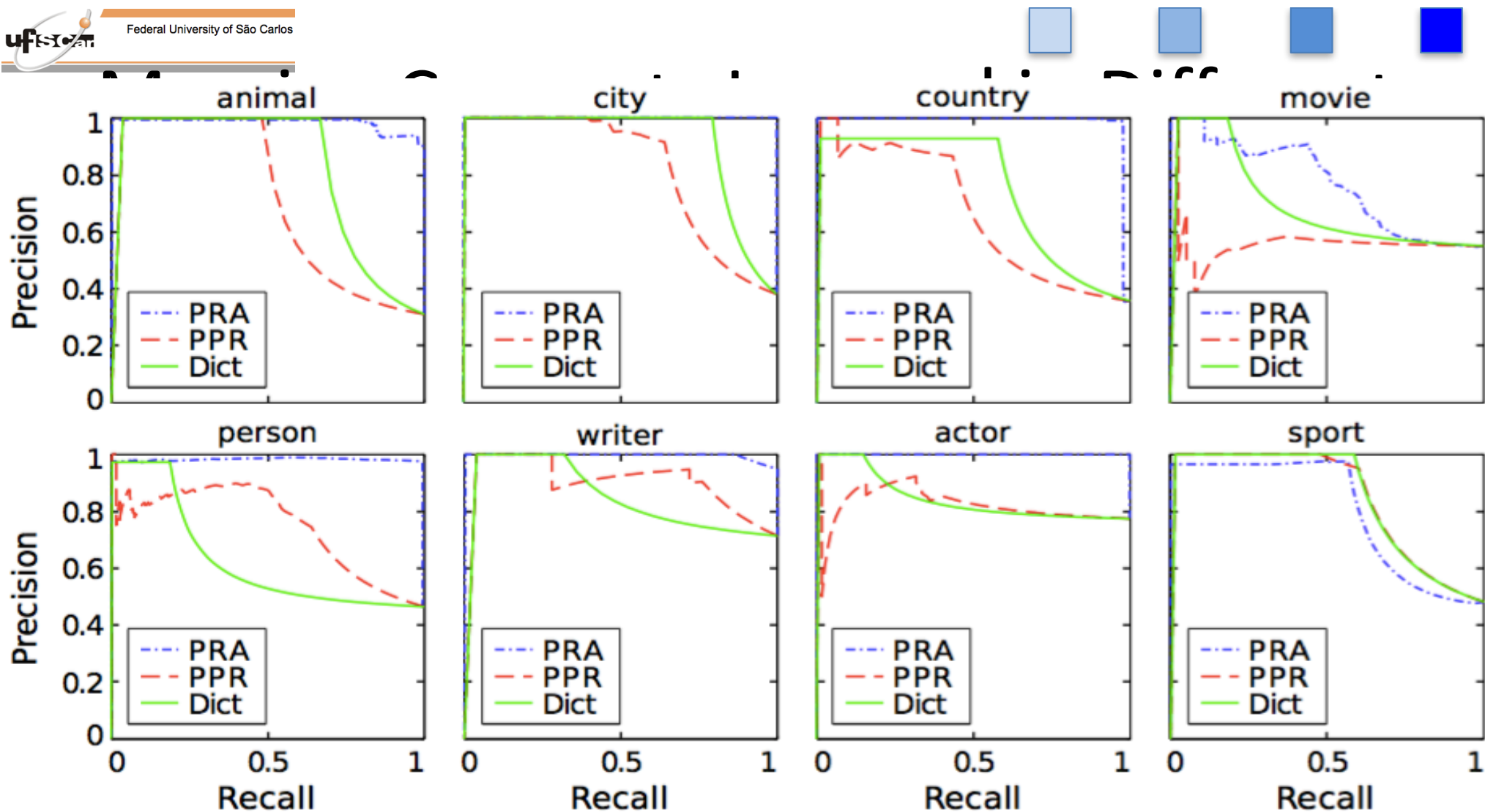


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- denser SVO+pruned graph enhances the performance of the PRA-based proposal
- PPR is less regular and changes considerably among categories

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- Dictionary is very competitive in categories we can find translations for their instances. In category sport, the performance was very good, but not in category Movie
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NELL: Never-Ending Language Learner

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To browse the knowledge base:

- Click on a category (or relation) from the list in the left-hand panel. This will bring up a list of facts that NELL has read that are relevant to that category (or relation).
- By default, facts are sorted by NELL's confidence that they are true. You may also sort alphabetically, by iteration, or by the date at which that fact was first read on the Web. To do so, simply click on the corresponding column heading.
- You may also search entities in the KnowledgeBase using the search box in the upper-right.
- Click on an entity (noun phrase) to bring up a detailed view of all the facts that are known about it.
- The "facts" that are shown in light grey (like this) are things that NELL has found some weak evidence for somewhere the Web, but doesn't quite believe to be true.
- For each fact in the detailed view, we also present some "source" information, describing which subsystems (e.g., CPL, SEAL, CMC, RL) were used in contributing to NELL's understanding of this fact. This includes the system iteration, confidence, and date at the time it was read, plus some details (e.g., web page links or text patterns).

For more technical details on the NELL system and how it reads the Web, see our [AAAI 2010 paper](#).

NEW: Knowledge on demand:

Try our new [Ask NELL](#) service to see what NELL can read and infer on the fly.





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Ask NELL:

You can now ask NELL what it believes about any noun phrase (e.g., rocking chair, chocolate). Try it!

What categories does belong to?

What is NELL Doing?

NELL is looking up your input noun phrase in its knowledge base, and also attempting to infer additional beliefs about it on the fly (by reasoning from other beliefs, and reading more). Therefore, it might take a minute or two.

Underlying API

The demos above are based on a public machine-friendly web-based API that returns a JSON object in response to an HTTP GET request. This underlying API is somewhat more complicated to use, and we offer both [detailed documentation](#) and a [test UI](#) for developers.





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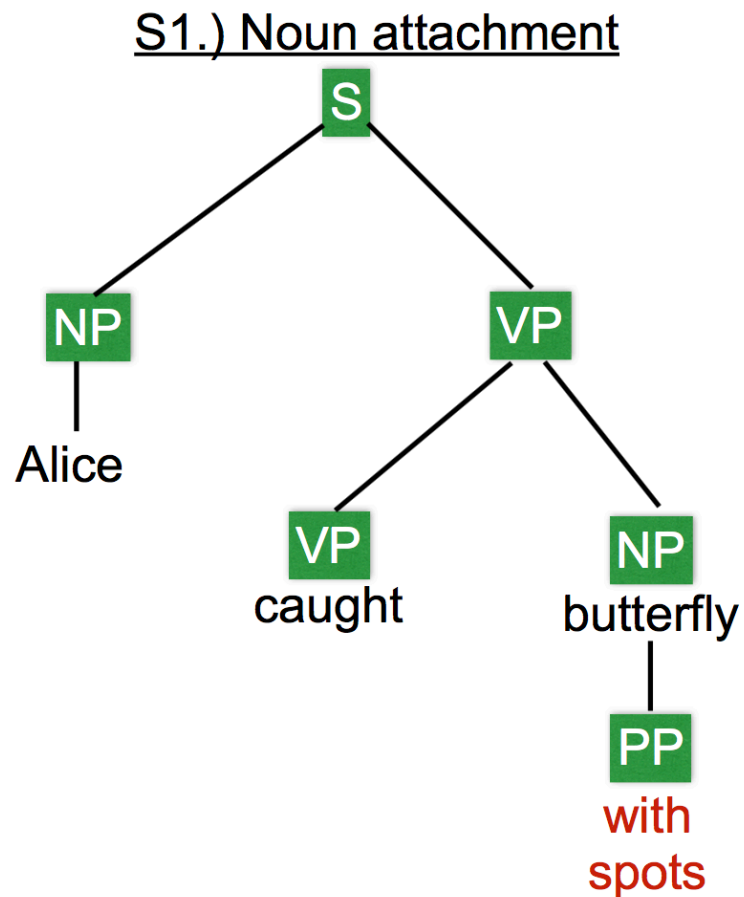




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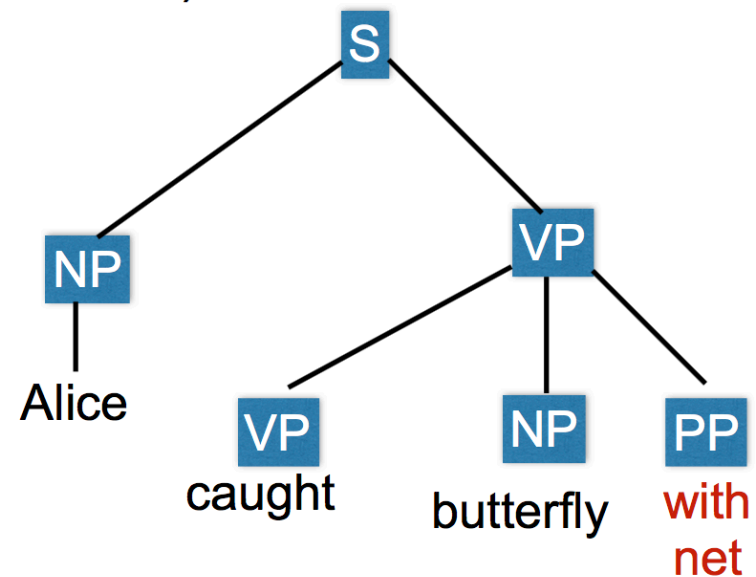
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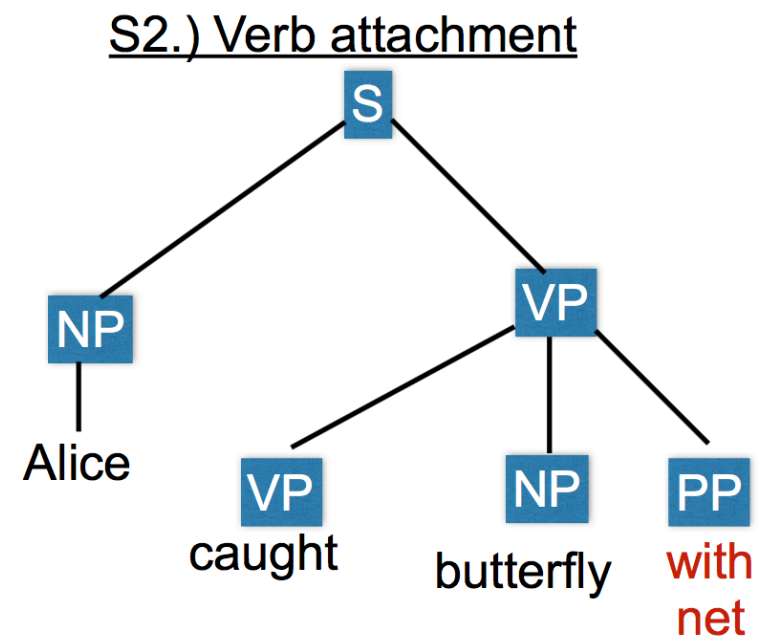
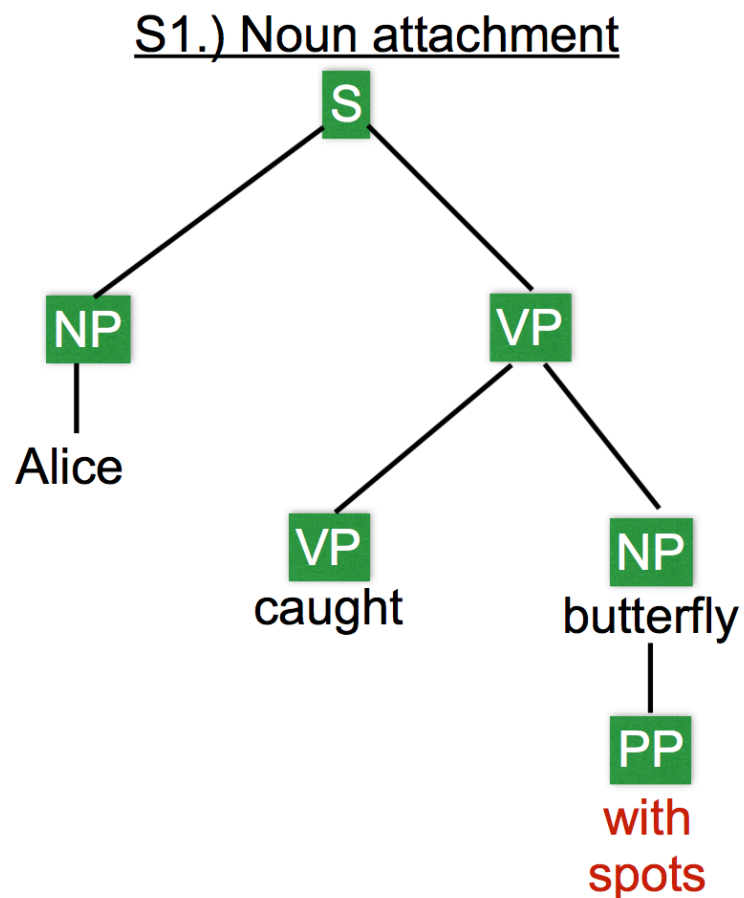


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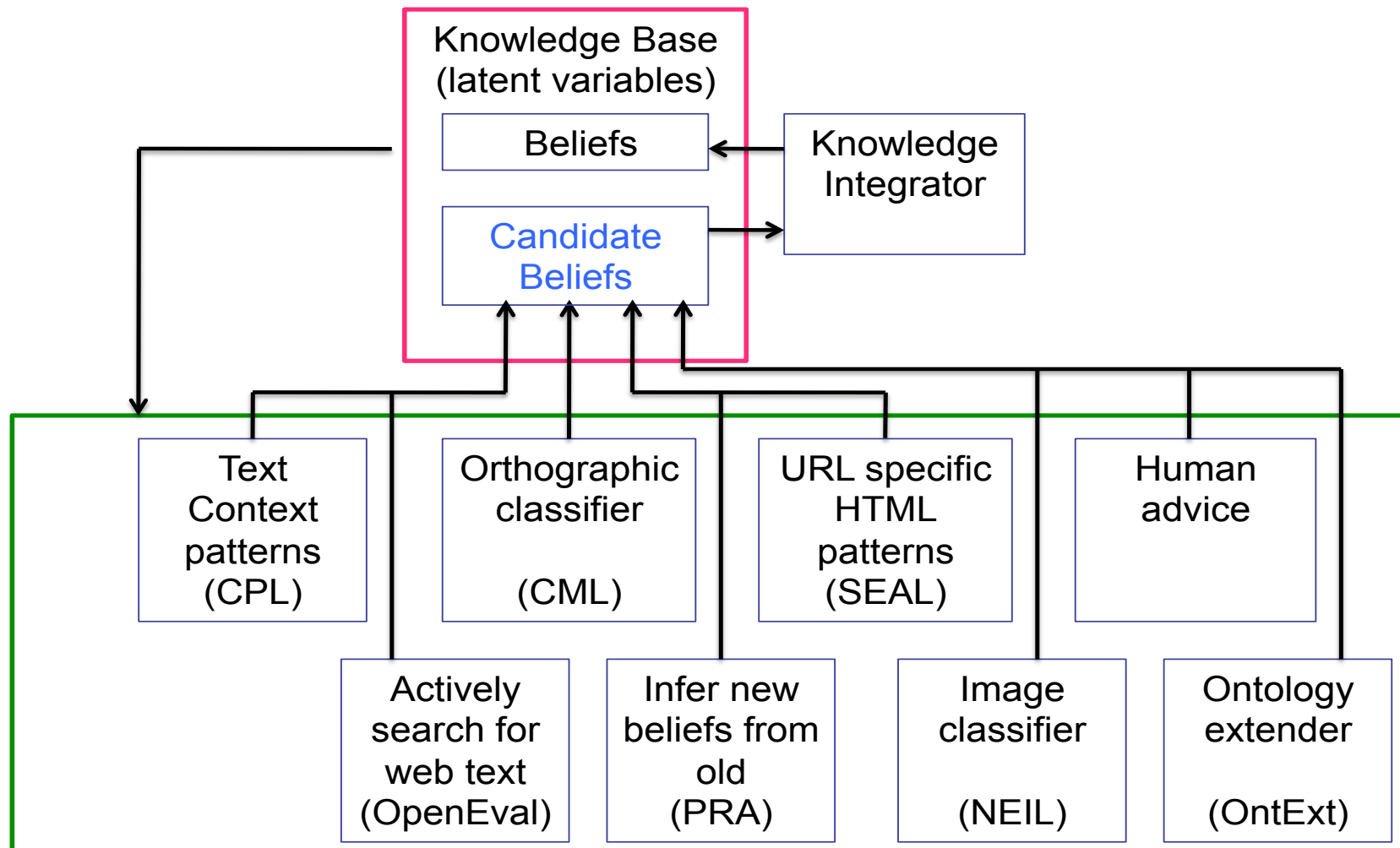
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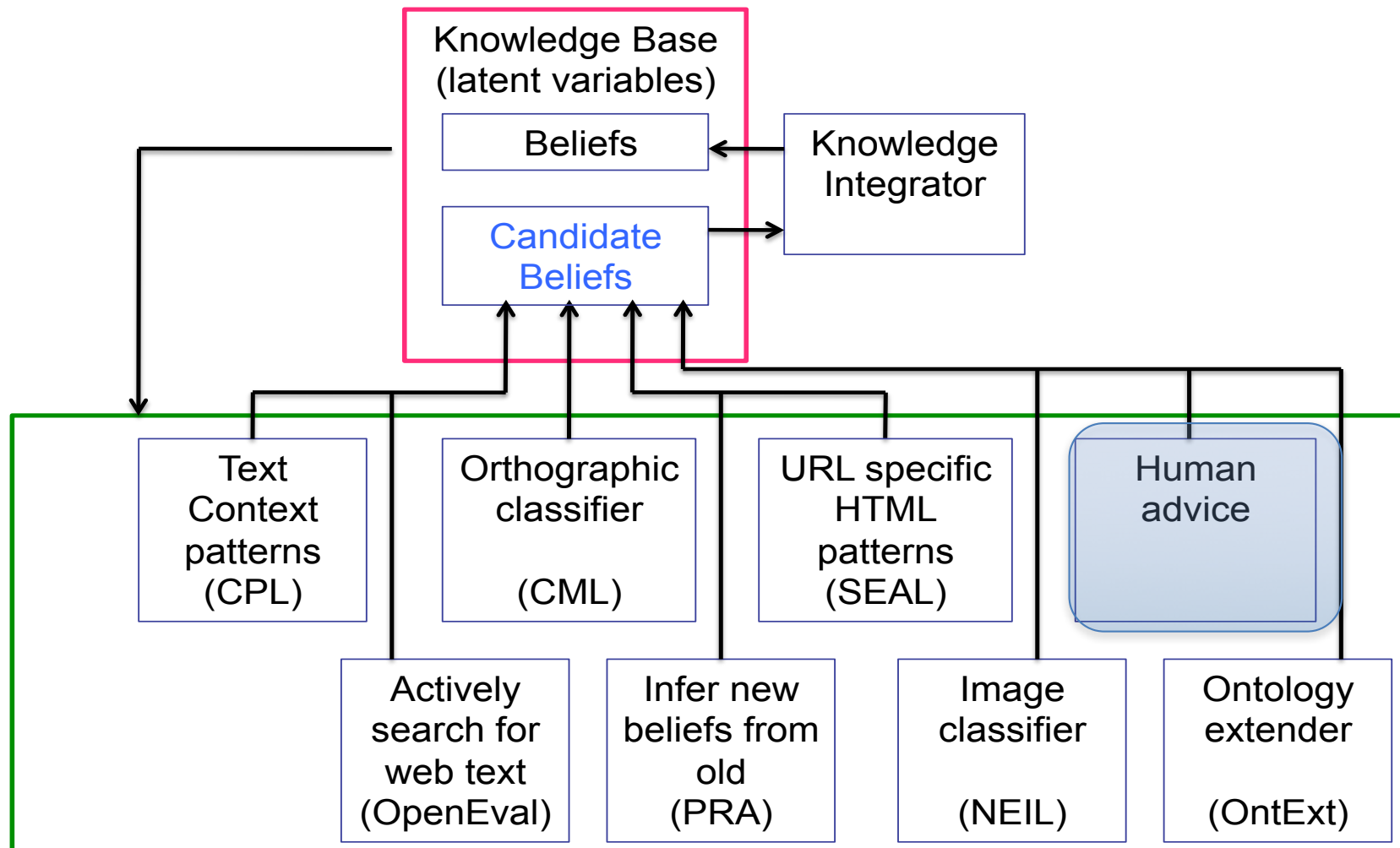
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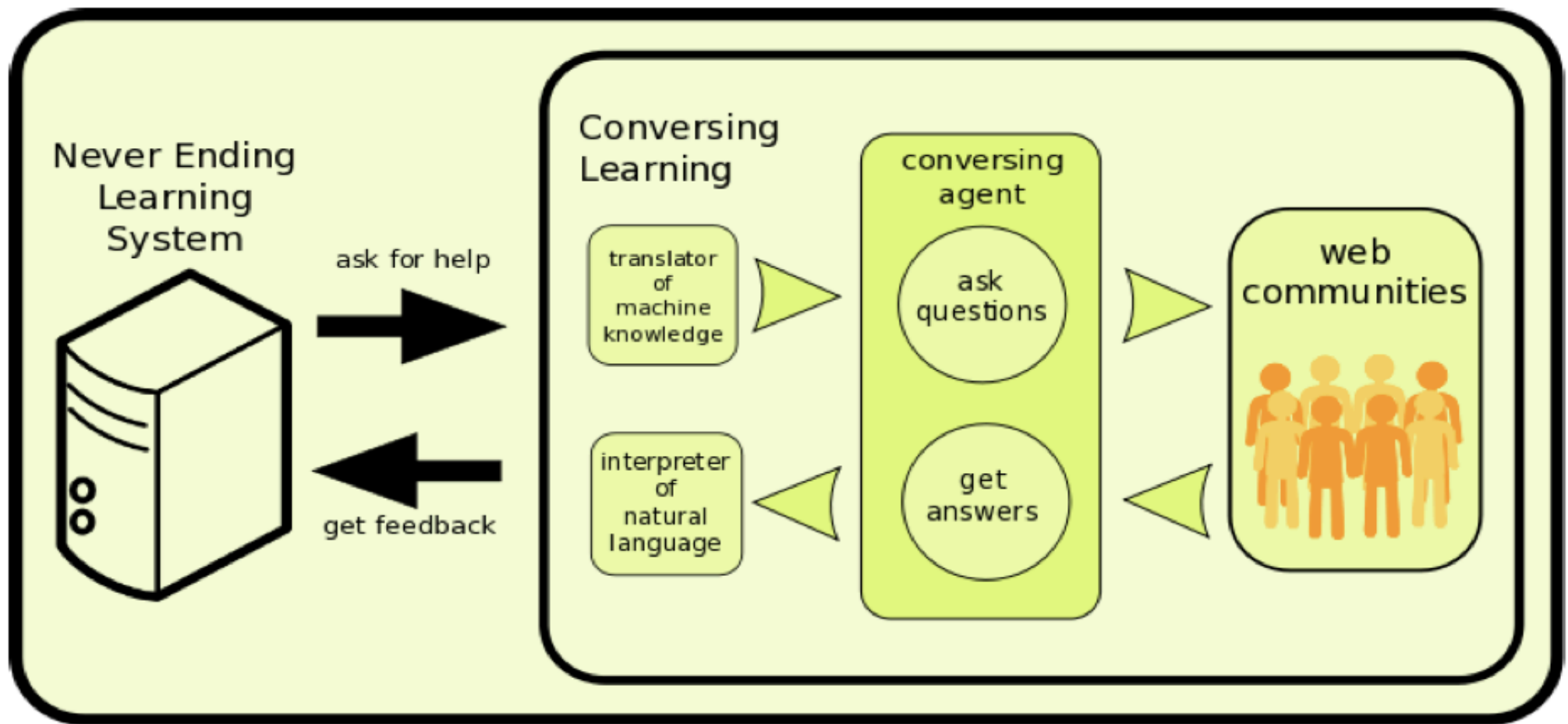
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Conversing Learning





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- **Decide which task is going to be asked**
- Learned facts
- Learned Inference Rules
- Metadata (mainly for automatically extending the ontology)





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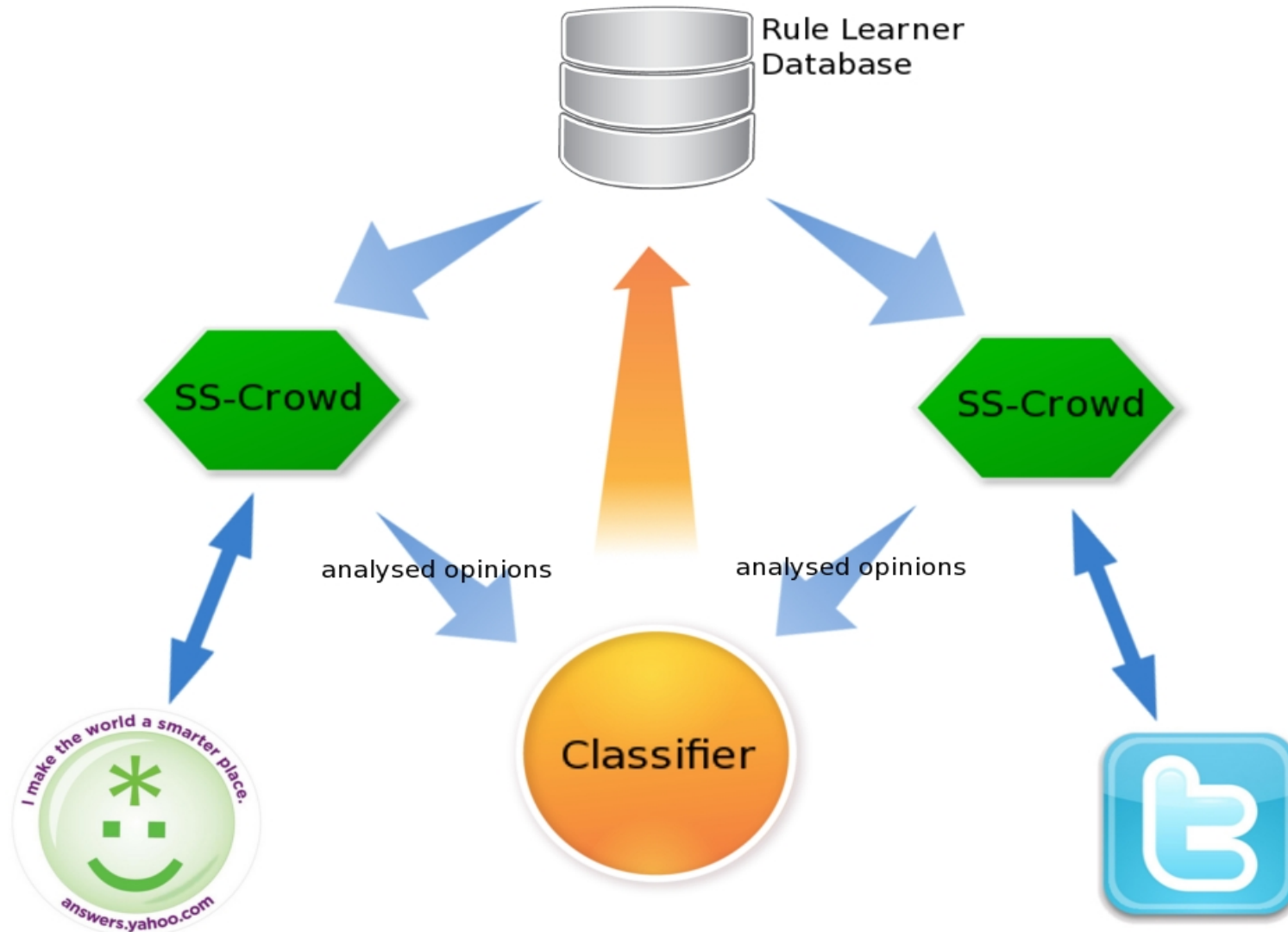


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- **who are the oracles the ML system is going to consult**
- Yahoo! Answers
 - very popular on the Web
 - a lot of metadata to harvest
- Twitter
 - millions of users worldwide
 - a system that was not designed to work as a QA environment
- Both web communities have API to connect to their database



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- **Propose a method of conversation with oracles, often humans**
- Macro Question-Answering
- For each posted question:
 - Ask for yes/no simple answers
 - Try to understand every answer
 - Discard answers too difficult to understand
 - Conclude based only on fully understood answers





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- **how to feedback the ML system with the community inputs?**
- Suggested actions to NELL:
 - Synonym/co-reference resolution
 - Automatically update the Knowledge Base
 - Feature Selection/Weighting





Conversing Learning

- Some Initial Results with First Order Rules:
- Take top 10% of rules from Rule Learner
- 60 rules were converted into questions and asked with both the regular and the Yes/No question approach
- The 120 questions received a total of 350 answers.





Conversing Learning

- Some Initial Results with First Order Rules:
- Rule extracted from NELL in PROLOG format
- `stateLocatedInCountry(x,y):-
statehascapital(x,z), citylocatedincountry(z,y)`
- converted into question:
- Is this statement always true? If state X has capital Z and city Z is located in country Y then state X is located in country Y.





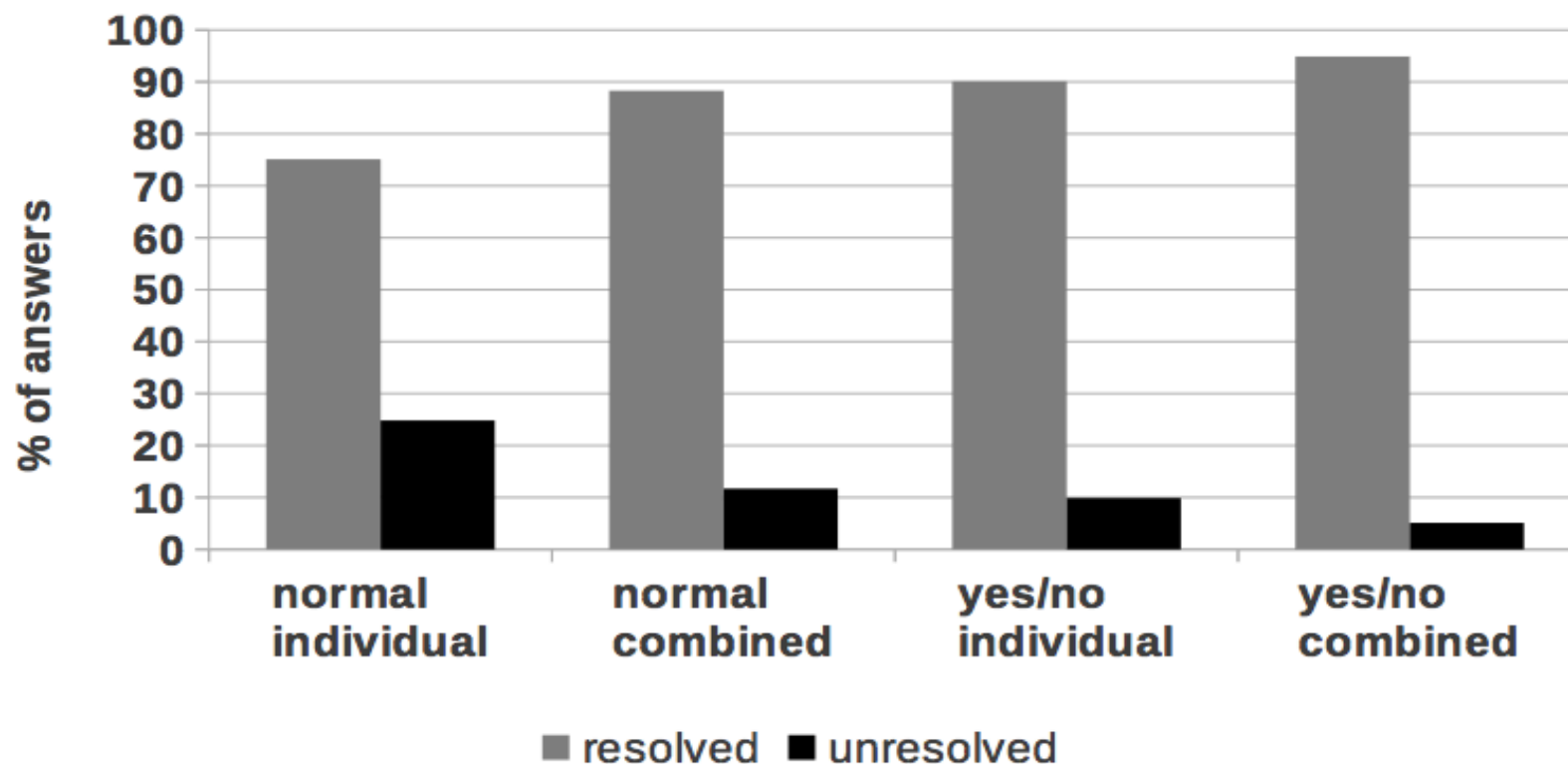
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- Question: (Yes or No?) If athlete Z is member of team X and athlete Z plays in league Y, then team X plays in league Y.
- Twitter answers sample:
 - **No. $(Z \text{ in } X) \wedge (Z \text{ in } Y) \rightarrow (X \text{ in } Y)$**
- Yahoo! Answers sample:
 - NO, Not in EVERY case. Athlete Z could be a member of football team X and he could also play in his pub's Friday nights dart team. The Dart team could play in league Y (and Z therefore by definition plays in league Y). This does not mean that the football team plays in the darts league!





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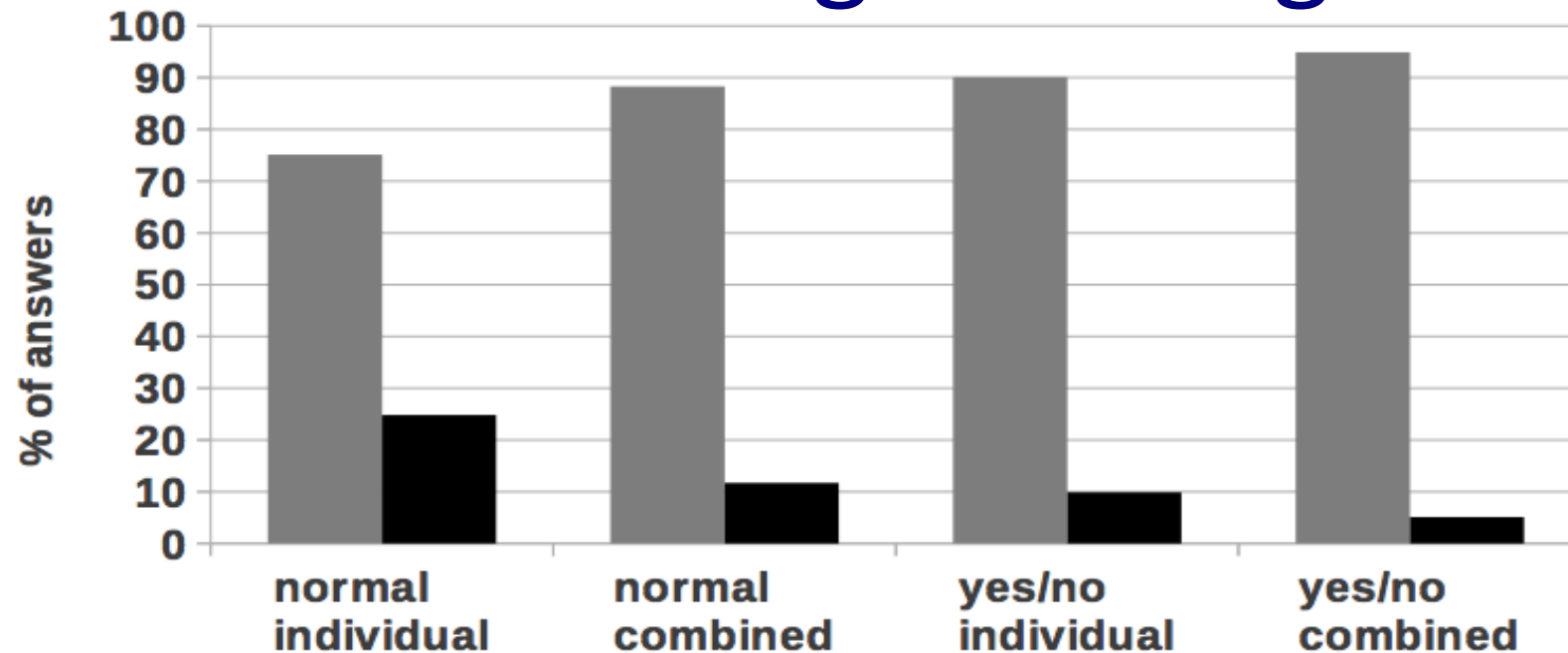


	Approved	Rejected	Unresolved
Twitter	51	17	4
Yahoo! Answers	124	168	58





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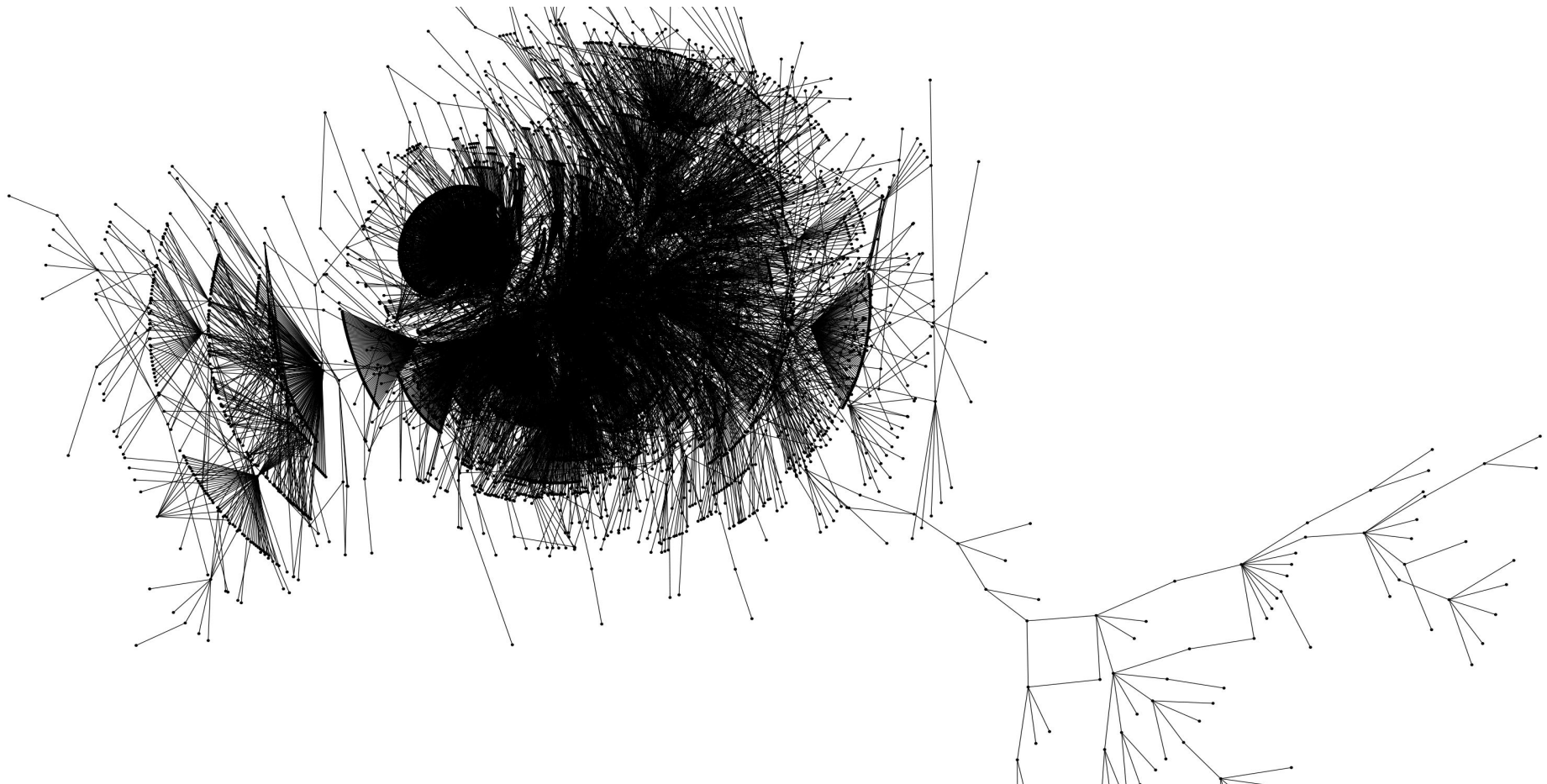
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Regular Individual	41	31	7	39	0.85	0.51	0.61	0.64
Regular Combined	27	2	17	7	0.61	0.79	0.54	0.69
Yes/No Individual	62	53	14	45	0.81	0.57	0.66	0.67
Yes/No Combined	27	7	11	11	0.71	0.71	0.60	0.71
Best Answers	19	28	3	29	0.86	0.39	0.59	0.54





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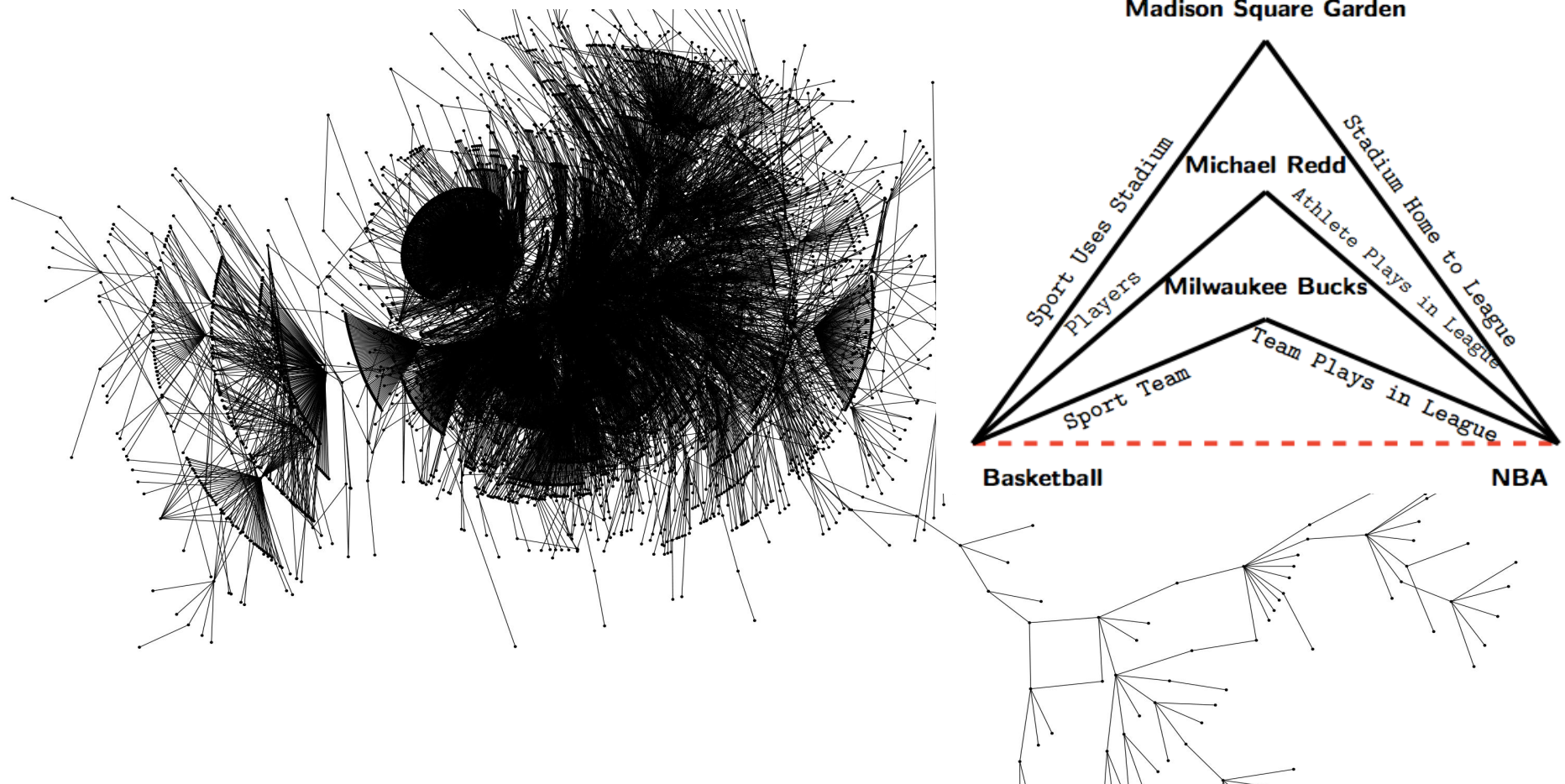
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Outliers

at least one wrong edge	39 (47.56%)
both edges correct	40 (48.19%)
unresolved edges	3 (03.65%)





Conversing Learning

- Some Initial Results with Metadata:

- Question: Could you please give me some examples of clothing?
- Answer 01: Snowshoes, rain ponchos, galoshes, sunhats, visors, scarves, mittens, and wellies are all examples of weather specific clothing!
- Answer 02: pants
- Answer 03: Training shoes can be worn by anyone for any purpose, but the term means to train in sports





Conversing Learning

- Some Initial Results with Metadata:
 - Users replied with 552 seeds for 129 categories
Total of 5900 promotions with seeds created by NELL's developers
 - Total of 5300 promotions with seeds extracted from answers of Twitter users (similar precision)





Conversing Learning

- Some Initial Results with Metadata:
- For Relation Discovery Components
 - Symmetry: Is it always true that if a person P1 is neighbor of a person P2, then P2 is neighbor of P1?
 - Anti-symmetry: Is it always true that if a person P1 is the coach of a person P2, then P2 is not coach of P1?





Conversing Learning

- Some Initial Results with Metadata:
- Feature Weighting/Selection for CMC
 - Logistic Regression features are based on noun phrase morphology
 - (true or false) hotel names tend to be compound noun phrases having “hotel” as last the word.
 - (true or false) a word having “burgh” as suffix (ex. Pittsburgh) tend to be a city name.





Conversing Learning

- On going and future work
 - Asking to the right community and to the right person
 - Asking the right thing to maximize the results with minimum questions (**multi-view** Active Learning)
 - Better Question-Answering methods
 - Asking in different languages and explore time zones.



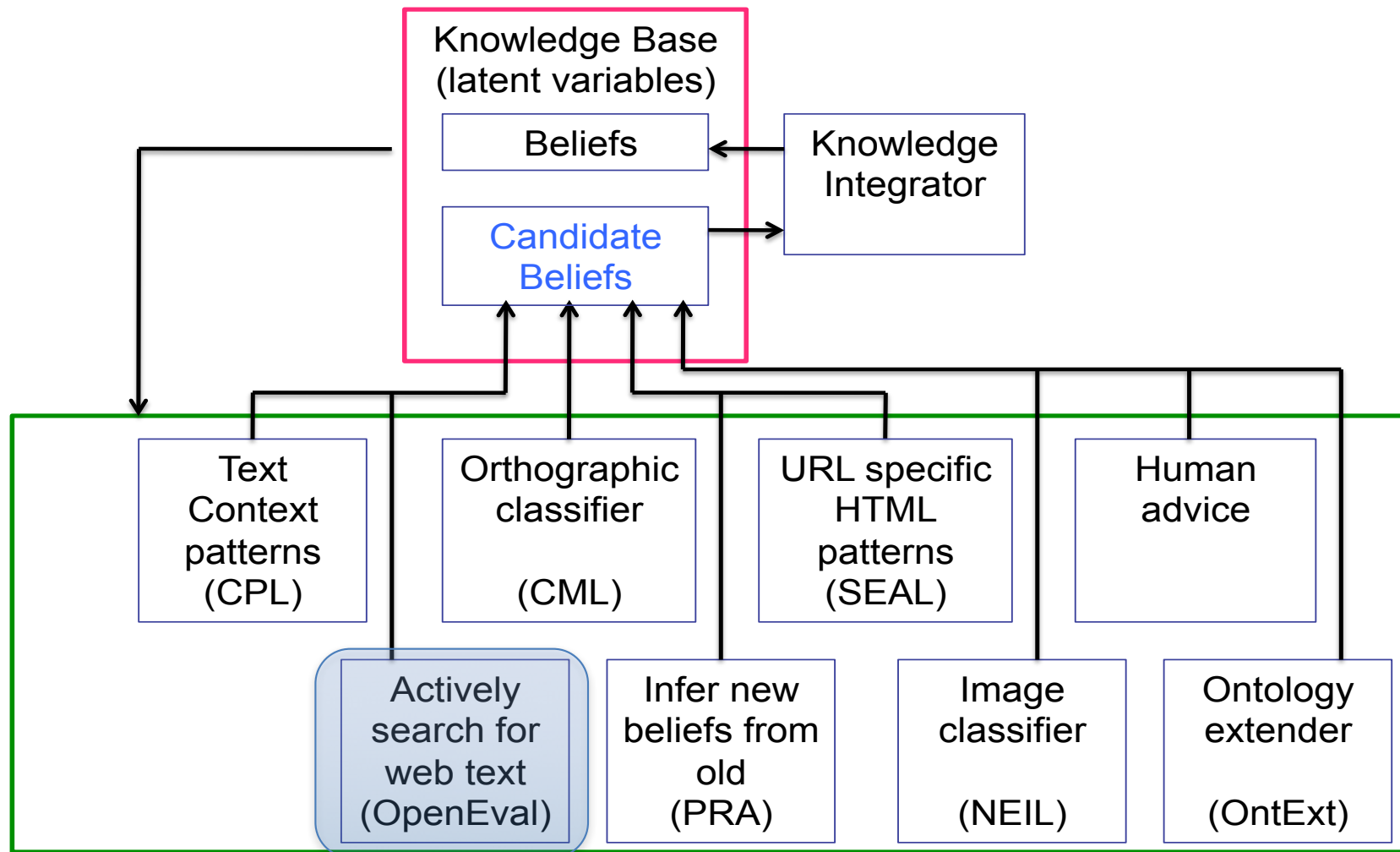


NELL: Never-Ending Language Learner

- Knowledge Base Validation in NELL
 - **Human Supervision:** RTW group members;
 - **Conversing Learning:** NELL can autonomously talk to people in web communities and ask for help
 - **Web Querying:** NELL can query the Web on specific facts to verify correctness, or to predict the validity of a new fact;
 - **Hiring Labelers:** NELL can autonomously hire people (using web services such as Mechanical Turk) to label data and help the system to validate acquired knowledge.



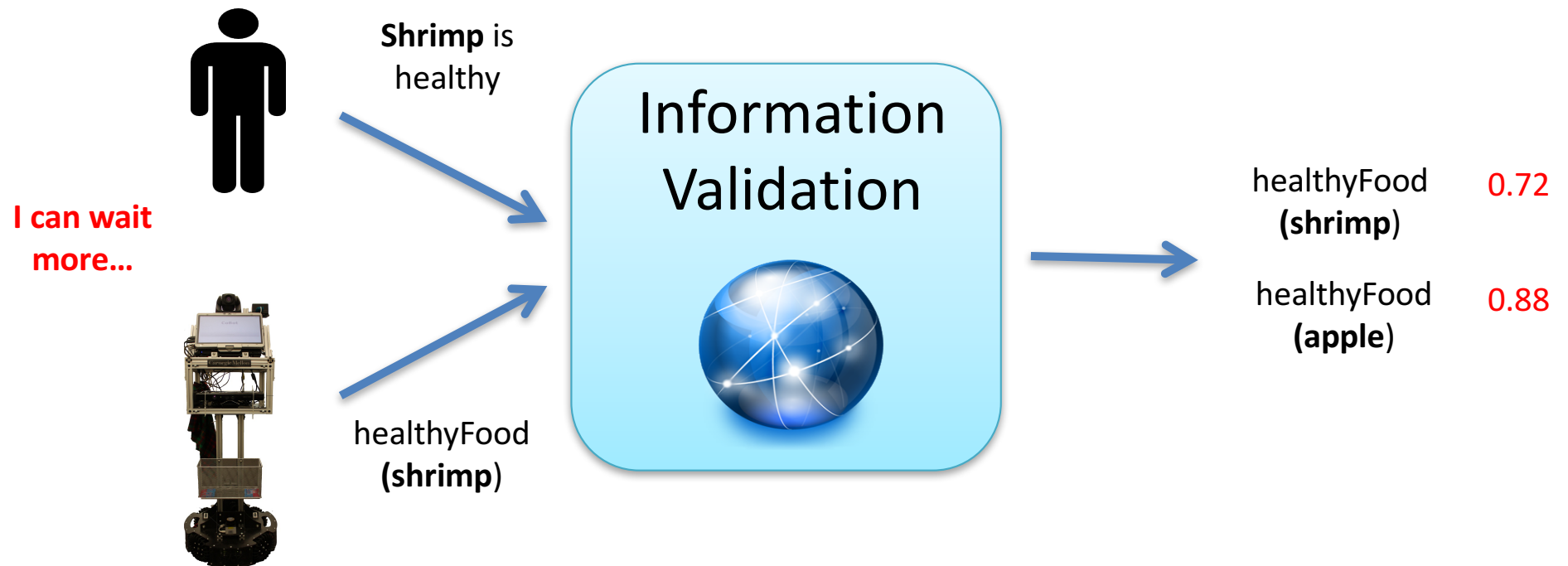
NELL Architecture





Motivation

Samadi, Veloso and Blum, 2013



- Querying by human or agent
- Information validation

- Open Web
- Online/Anytime

- Scalable
- Few seed examples for training

- Small ontology

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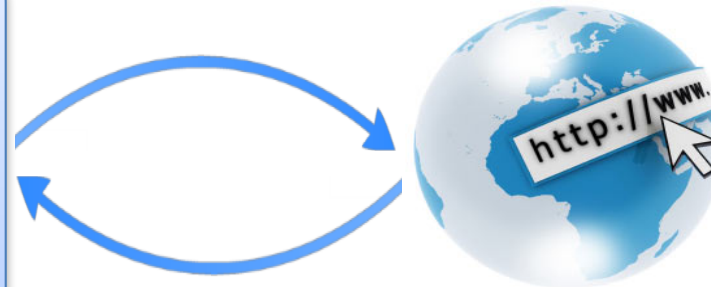
Predicate Instance Evaluator

Samadi, Veloso and Blum, 2013

healthyFood(shrimp)?

keywords:

Vitamin	0.88
Calories	0.83
Grow	0.69
Tree	0.66
Amount	0.59
Minerals	0.49
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Given the input time, which CBIs should be extracted?



NELL: Never-Ending Language Learner

Samadi, Veloso and Blum, 2013

- OpenEval in the last iteration:
 - academicfield 0.8976357986206526
Environmental Anthropology.
 - Several excellent textbooks and readers in environmental anthropology have now appeared, establishing a basic survey of the field.





NELL: Never-Ending Language Learner

Samadi, Veloso and Blum, 2013

- OpenEval in the last iteration:
 - academicfield 0.912473775634353
Anesthesiology.
 - The Department of Anesthesiology is committed to excellence in clinical service, education, research and faculty development.





NELL: Never-Ending Language Learner

Samadi, Veloso and Blum, 2013

- OpenEval in the last iteration:
 - works for 0.9845774661303888 (charles osgood, cbs).
 - Charles Osgood, often referred to as CBS News' poet-in-residence, has been anchor of "CBS News Sunday Morning" since 1994.



Machine Reading



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Machine Reading

- Named Entity Resolution/Extraction
- Relation Extraction
- Co-reference and Synonym Resolution
- Relation Discovery
- Inference
- Knowledge Base Representation
- Document/Sentence Understanding (Micro-Reading)



More on NELL

- <http://rtw.ml.cmu.edu/rtw/publications>

Read the Web

Research Project at Carnegie Mellon University

- Home
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NELL in the News

- [Aiming to Learn as We Do, a Machine Teaches Itself](#), *New York Times*, by Steve Lohr, October 5, 2010.
- [Read the Internet, Speak English](#), *Universe*, by Clair Evans, republished at [io9](#), October 8, 2010.
Includes interview with Burr Settles and Tom Mitchell.
- [Meet NELL. See NELL Run, Teach NELL How To Run](#), *TechCrunch*, by Evelyn Rusli, October 9, 2010.
Includes video interview and NELL demonstration.
- [Is NELL The New HAL?](#), *Word of Mouth* (NH Public Radio), by Virginia Prescott, October 27, 2010.
Five-minute live interview segment with Burr Settles.
- [Tech of the Future, Today: Breakthroughs in Artificial Intelligence](#), *PCWorld*, by Ian Paul, February 27, 2011.
NELL is featured on slide 5.
- [NELL atesta evolução da inteligência artificial no País](#), *Jornal do Comércio*, by Patricia Knebel, May 3, 2012.

NELL Overview: Video lectures

- [Machine Learning and NELL](#), *Princeton Centennial Celebration of Alan Turing*, Tom Mitchell, May 2012. [this is more generally accessible than the following lecture]
- [Never Ending Language Learning](#), *NAACL Workshop on Knowledge Extraction*, Tom Mitchell, June 2012. [contains more technical detail than above lecture]

Scientific Publications

- **Coupled Bayesian Sets Algorithm for Semi-supervised Learning and Information Extraction.**
S. Verma and E. R. Hruschka Jr. In *Proceedings of the European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD)*, 2012. [[PDF](#)] [[abstract](#)] [[bib](#)] [[slides](#)]
- **Acquiring Temporal Constraints between Relations.**
P.P. Talukdar, D.T. Wijaya and T.M. Mitchell. In *Proceedings of the Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)*, 2012. [[PDF](#)] [[abstract](#)] [[bib](#)]
- **Weakly Supervised Training of Semantic Parsers.**



Industrial Approaches

- Google Knowledge Vault:
- “The Knowledge Vault is substantially bigger than any previously published structured knowledge repository, and features a probabilistic inference system that computes calibrated probabilities of fact correctness”.
- 271M facts with probability of being true at (or above) 0.9.
- It uses 16 different information extraction systems to extract (subject, predicate, object) knowledge triples from webpages.





Industrial Approaches

- IBM Watson:
- From Wikipedia: “Watson is a question answering computer system capable of answering questions posed in natural language, (...) The computer system was specifically developed to answer questions on the quiz show Jeopardy! (...) Watson had access to 200 million pages of structured and unstructured content consuming four terabytes of disk storage including the full text of Wikipedia, but was not connected to the Internet during the game. (...) Watson consistently outperformed its human opponents on the game's signaling device, but had trouble in a few categories, notably those having short clues containing only a few words.”





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