

# Compositional Lexical Semantics for Natural Language Inference

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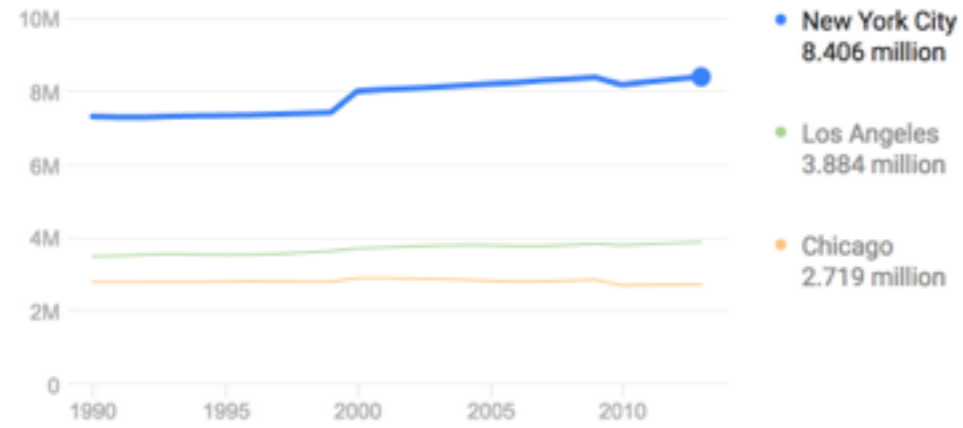
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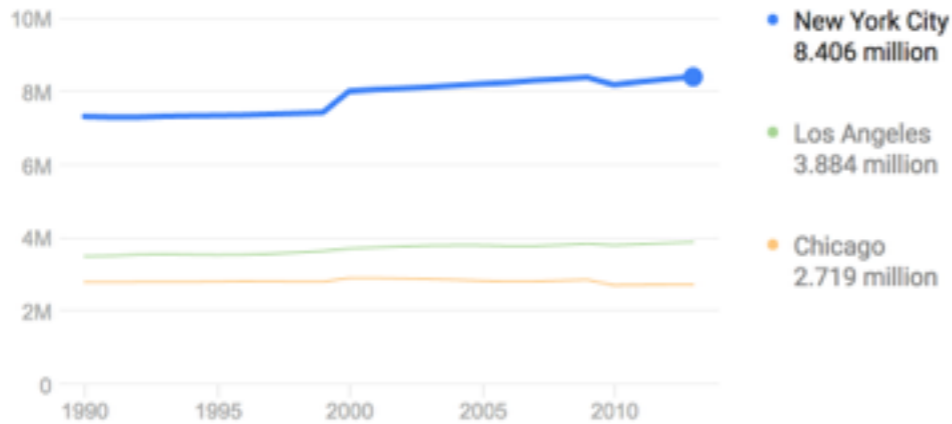


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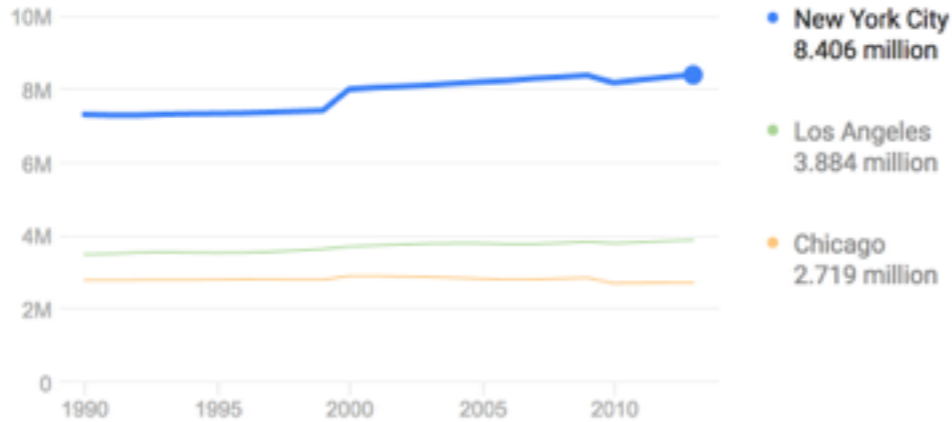


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how many people live in nyc?

number of residents of nyc

new york city population

how big is new york city?

how crowded is ny?

Human language is highly variable.

“Will it be sunny this weekend in Miami?”

“What’s the weather going to be like this weekend?”

“What is Saturday afternoon’s forecast?”

“Is it going to be nice out on Saturday?”

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10M  
8M  
6M

new york city  
million  
los angeles  
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No, Hillary  
Newsweek  
Updated | H

Clinton gives frank take on Sanders supporters in audio from hacked email

By Eugene Scott, CNN  
Updated 9:14 PM ET, Sat Octob

October 1, 2016

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In Leaked Audio, Clinton Talks About Sanders Supporters 'Living in Parents' Basement'

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AUDIO 1577

HILLARY CALLS BERNIE SUPPORTERS LOSERS WHO LIVE IN THEIR PARENTS' BASEMENTS

OCTOBER 1, 2016 | BY BRIAN ANDERSON



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bernie supporters • millennials • sanders supporters • young voters • bernie sanders supporters • bernie kids • bernie fans

losers who live in their parents' basements • basement dwellers • frustrated basement-dwellers • basement-dwellers & baristas

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hypothesis

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$p$  entails  $h$  if "typically, a human reading  
 $p$  would infer that  $h$  is most likely true."

The Pascal Recognising Textual Entailment Challenge.

*Dagan et al. (2006)*



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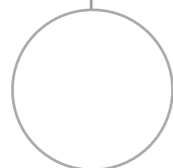
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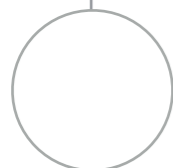


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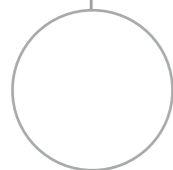
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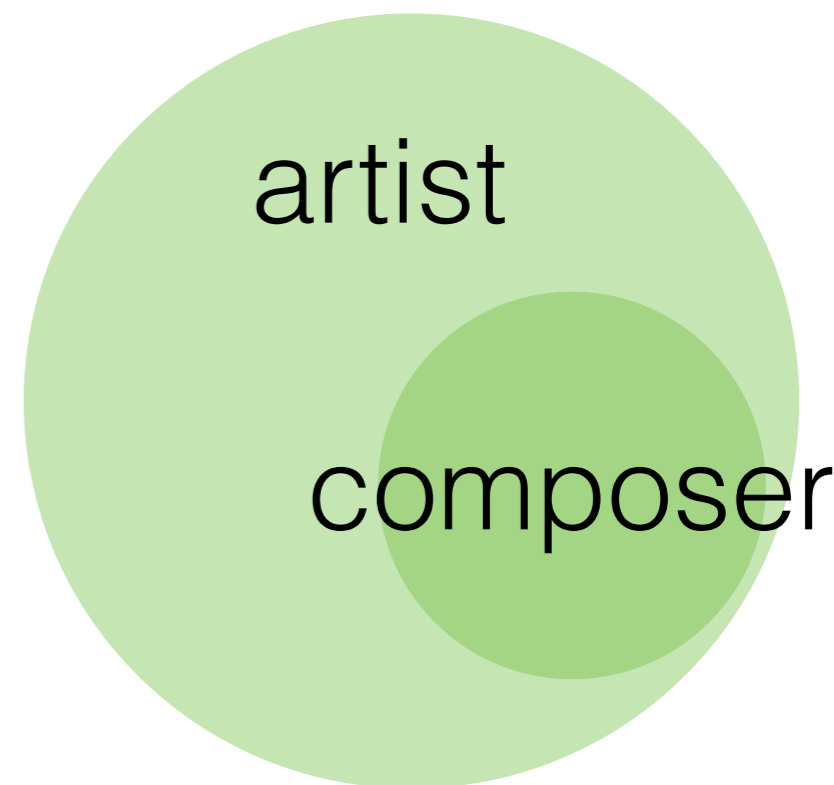


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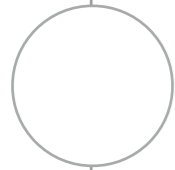
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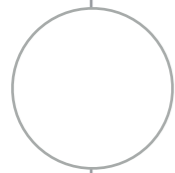


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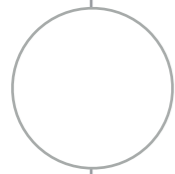
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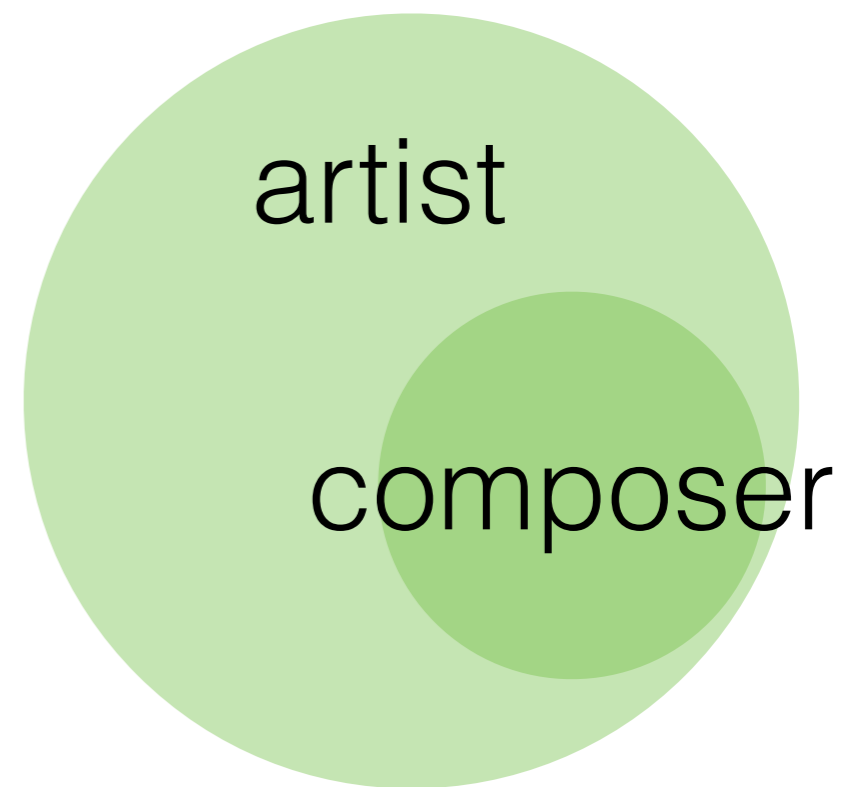
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**Equivalence**



lives in basement  
is a basement-dweller

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**Forward Entailment**



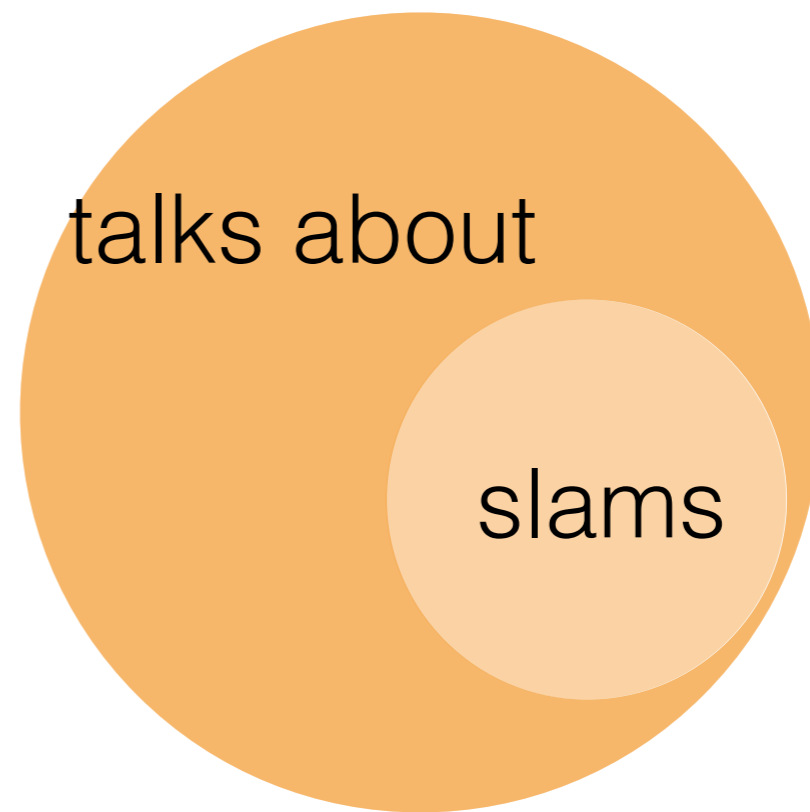


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**Reverse Entailment**



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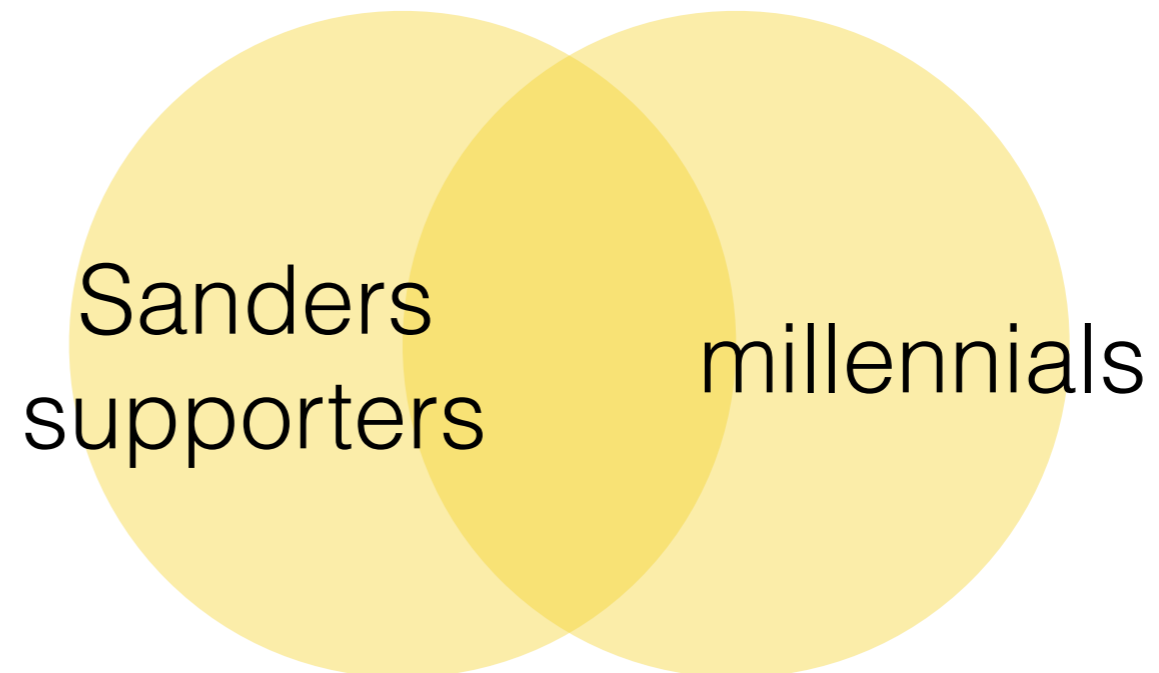
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**Independent**

Sanders  
supporters

millennials



# Natural Language Inference

**At a press conference**, Clinton talks about Sanders supporters living in basement

Hillary Clinton **privately** slams millennials as basement-dwellers

**Exclusion**

at a press conference

privately

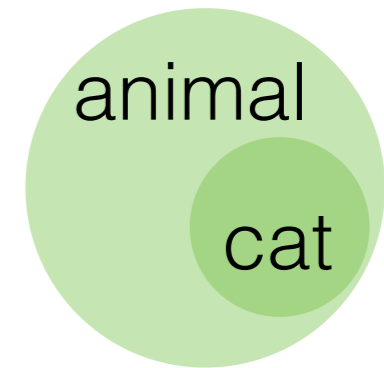
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$$x \iff y$$



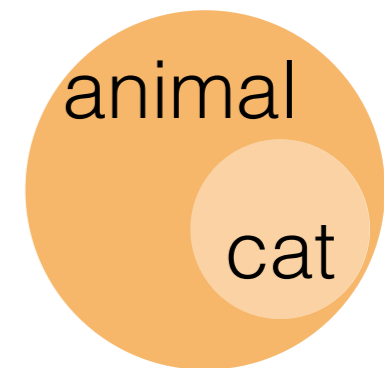
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$$x \implies y$$



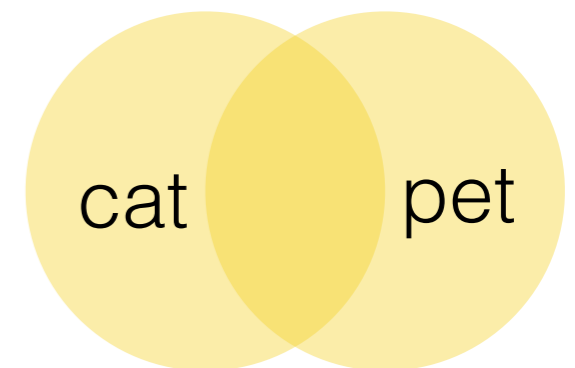
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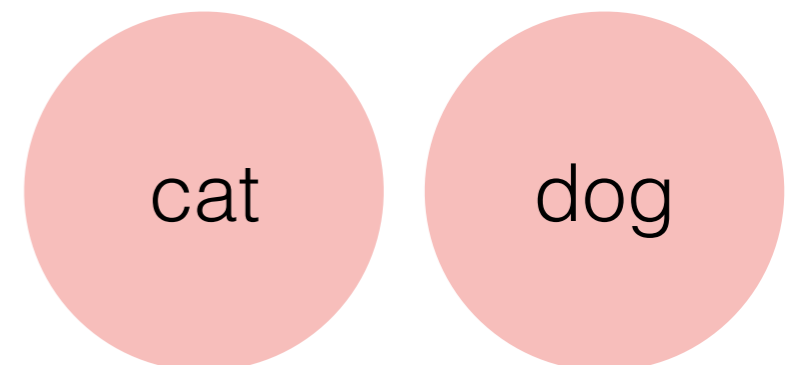
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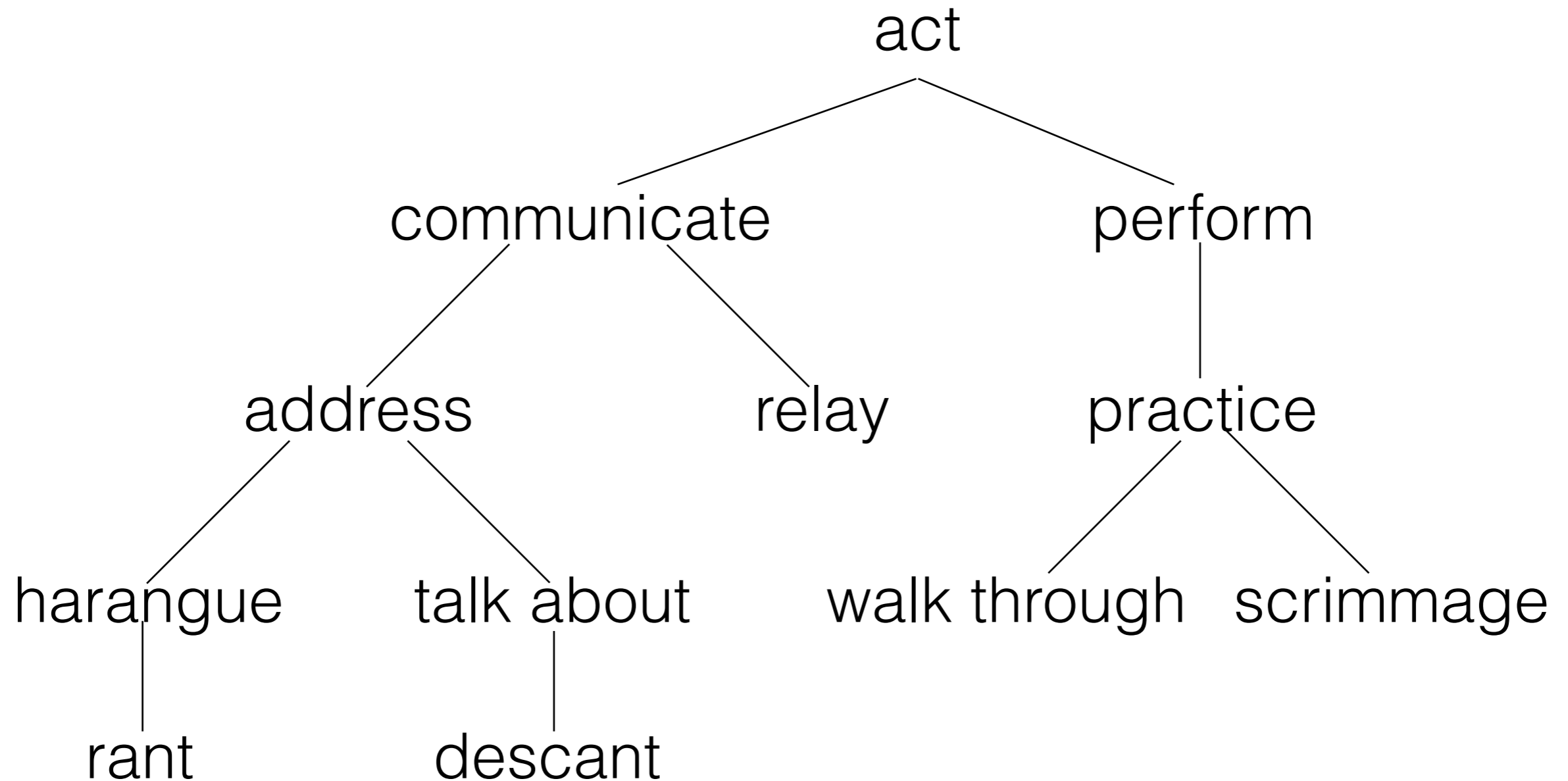


Exclusion

$$x \implies \neg y \wedge y \implies \neg x$$

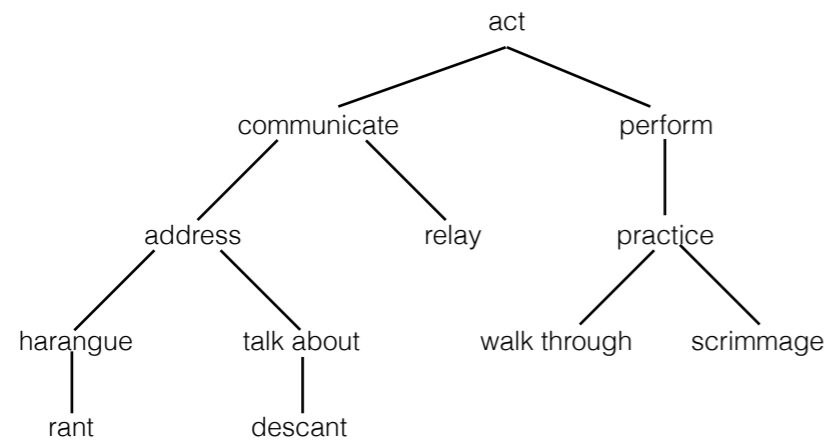


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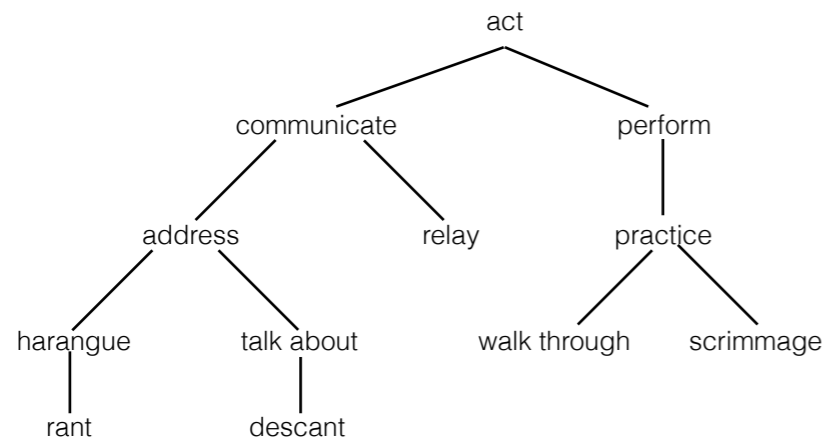
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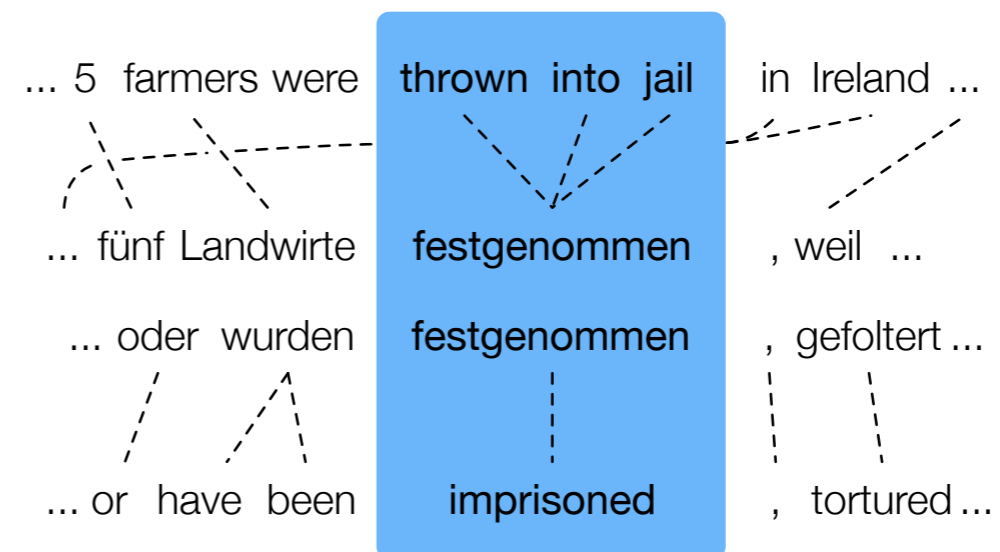


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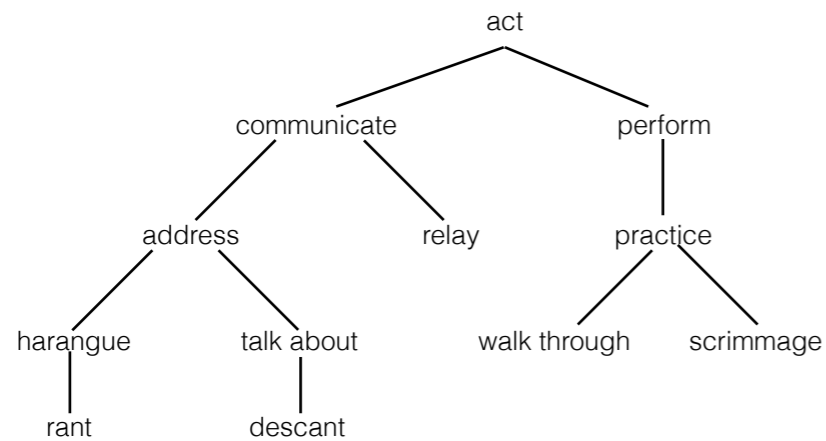


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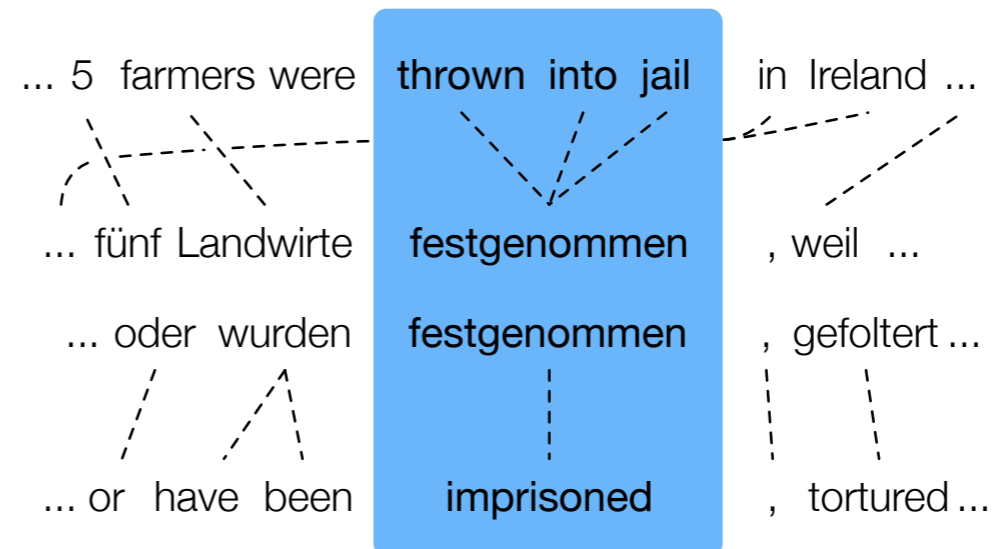


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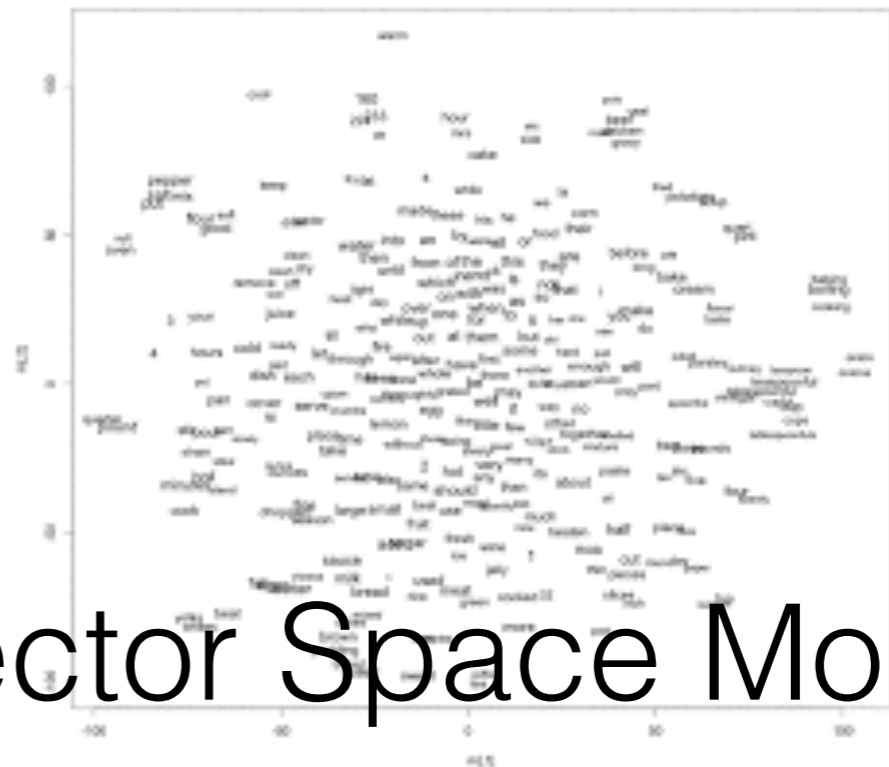
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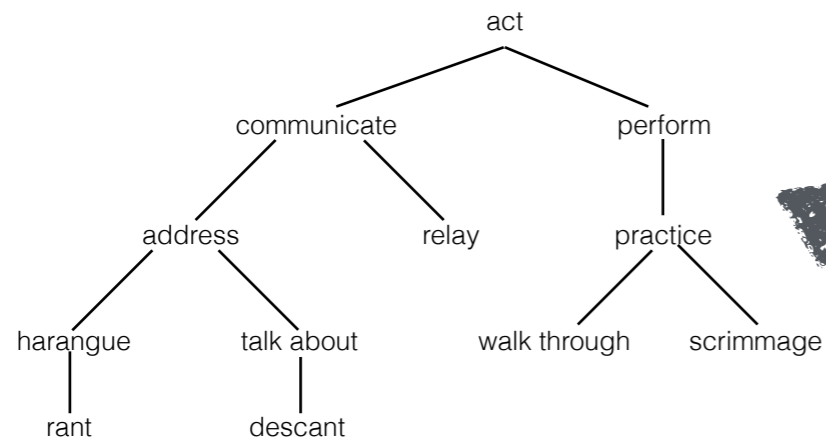
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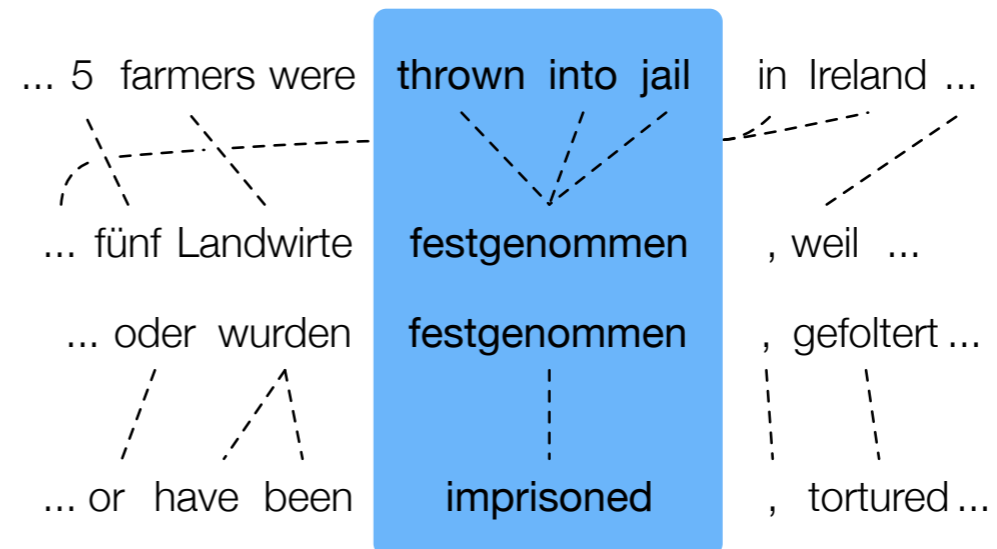
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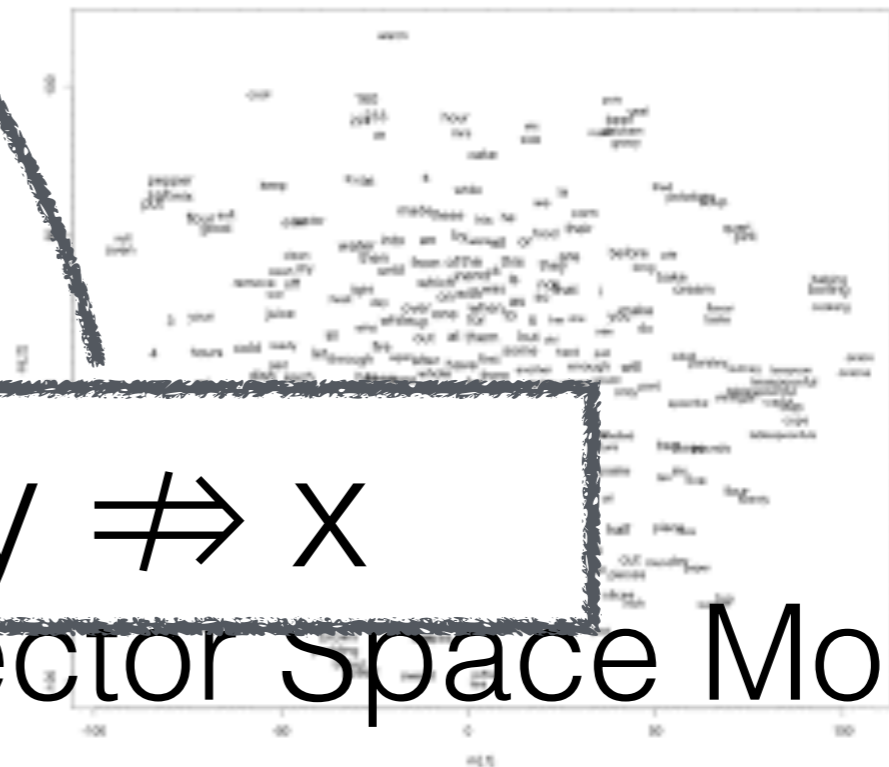
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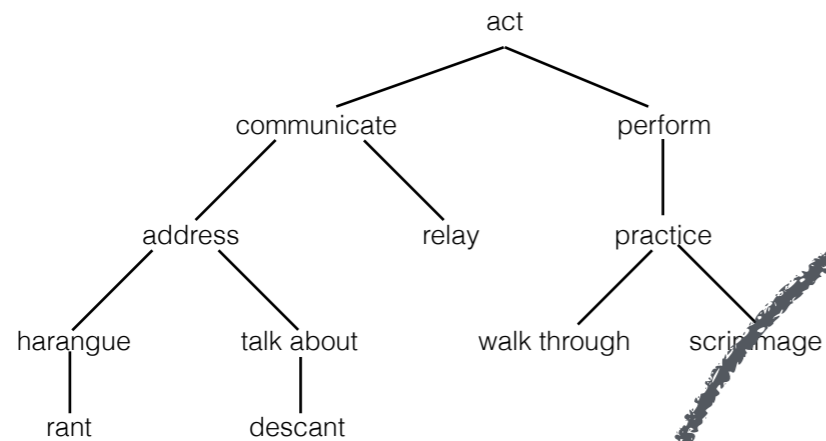
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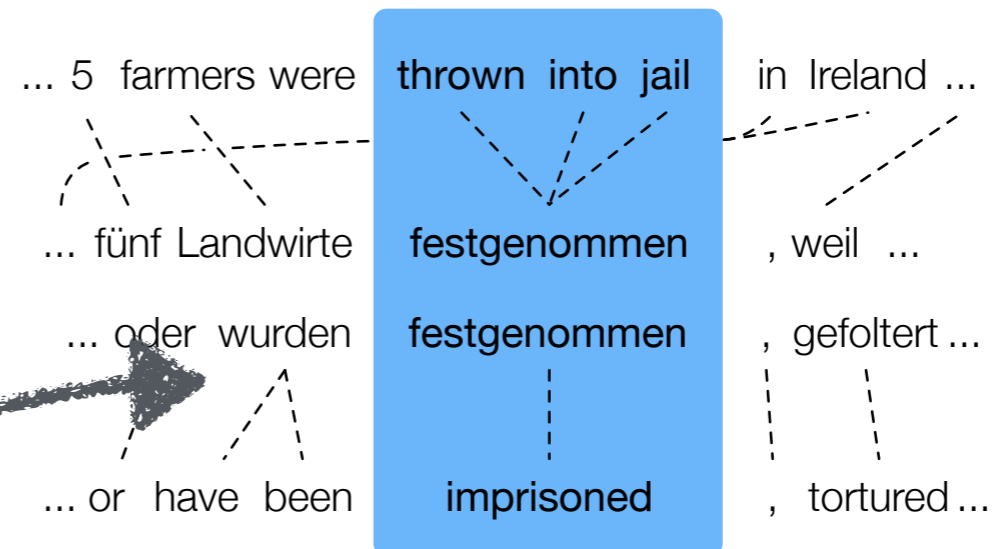
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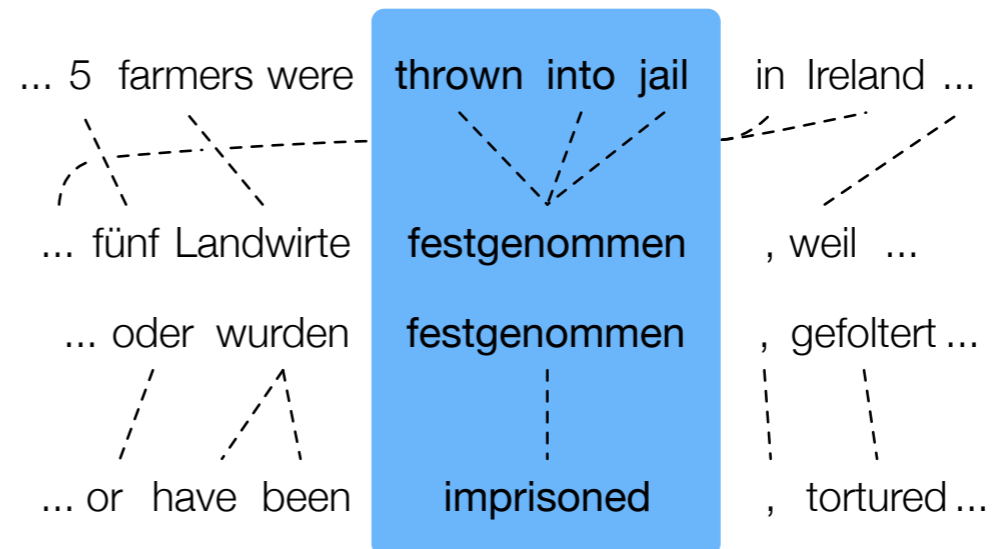
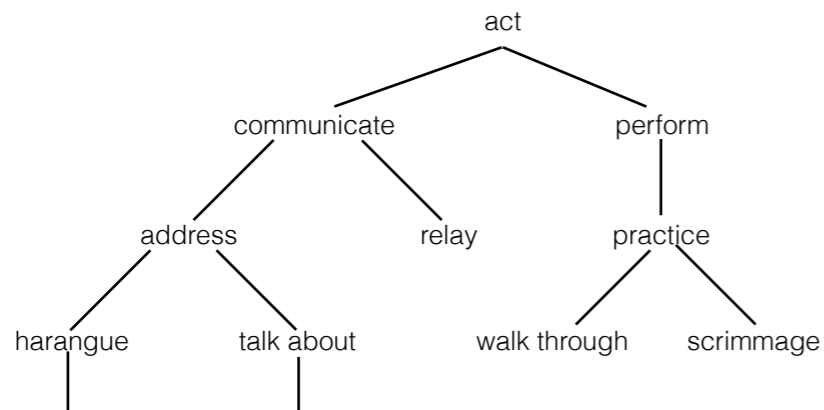


Bilingual Pivoting

*x shares some translation with y*

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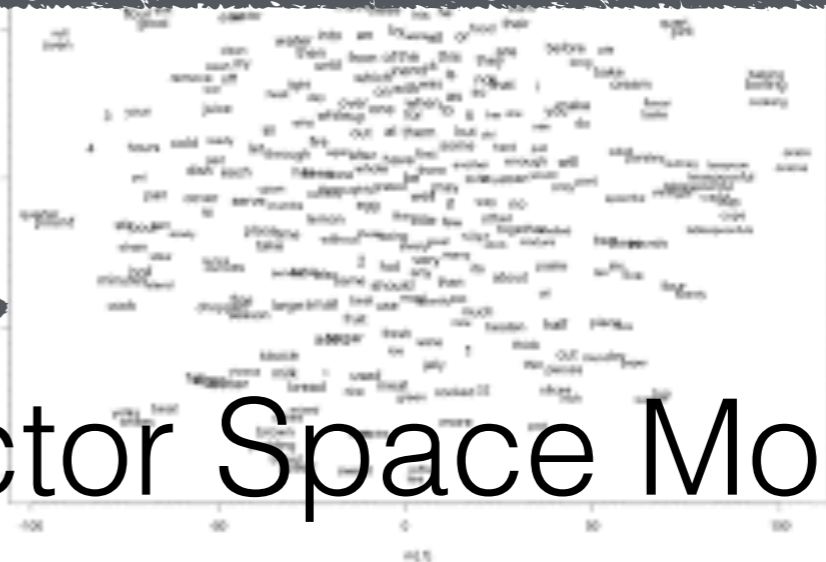
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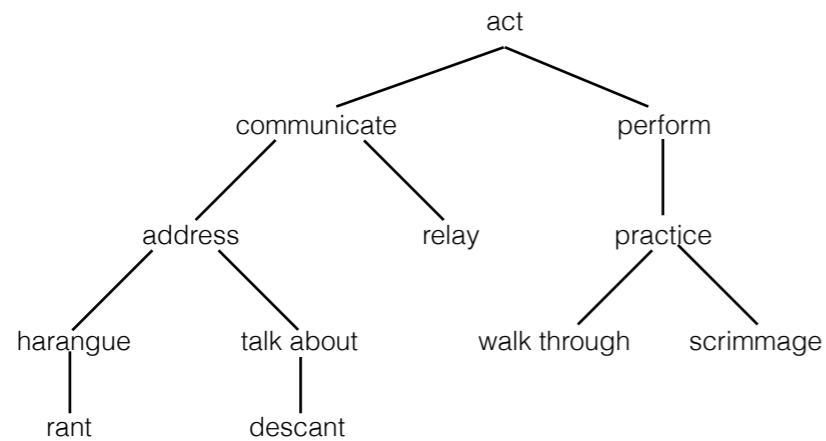
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*x appears in similar contexts as y*

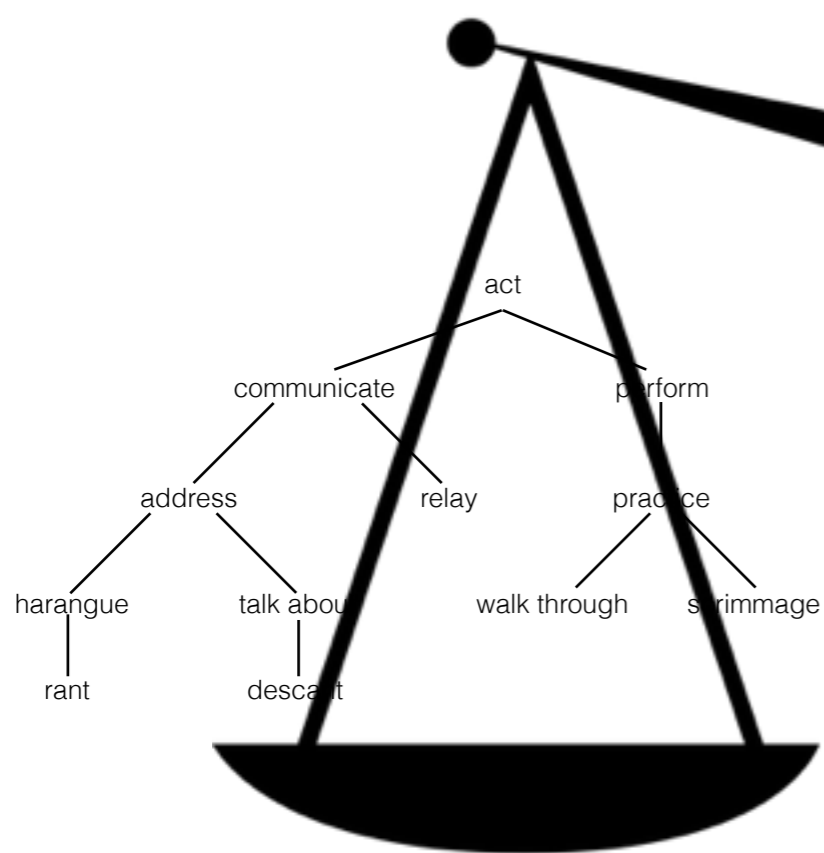
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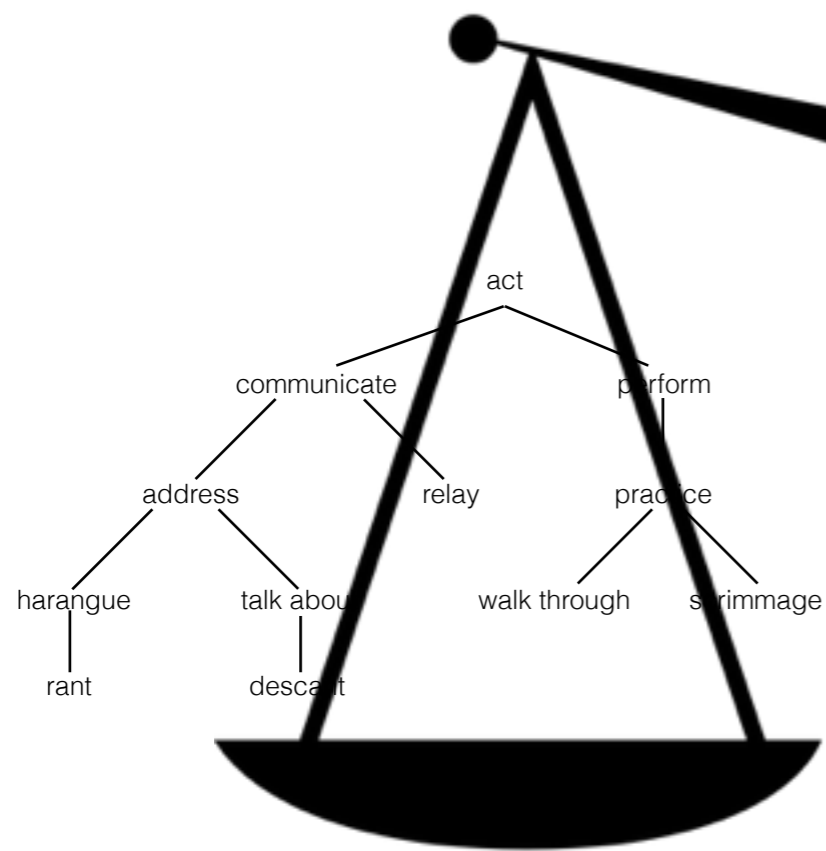
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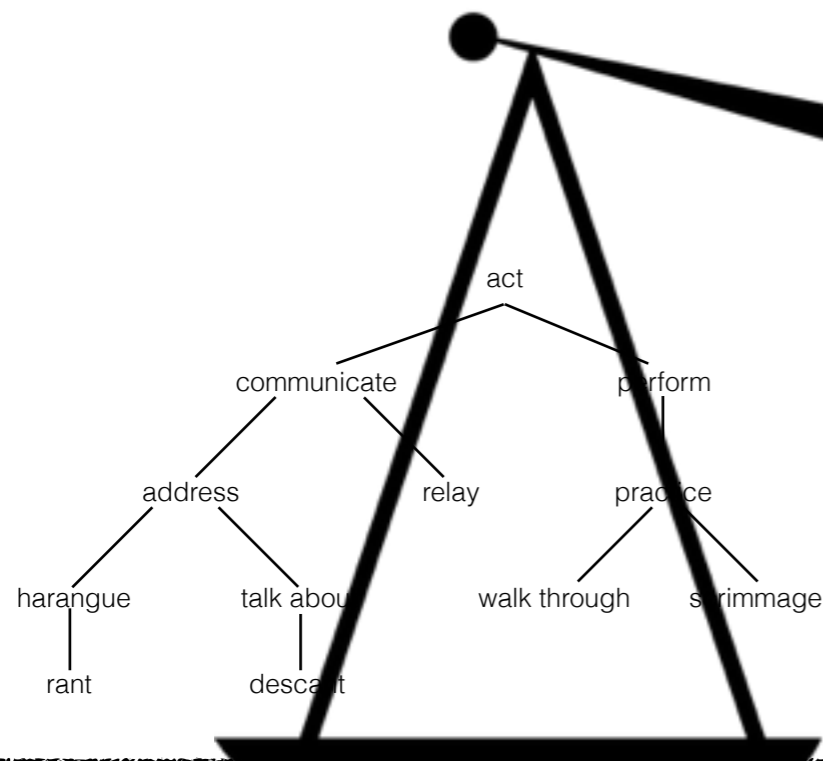
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speaking  
n't say  
cause  
communicate  
highlight  
talk about~address  
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talk about~read  
talk about~say nothing of  
talk about~hear  
talk about~job  
talk about~said  
talk about~deal  
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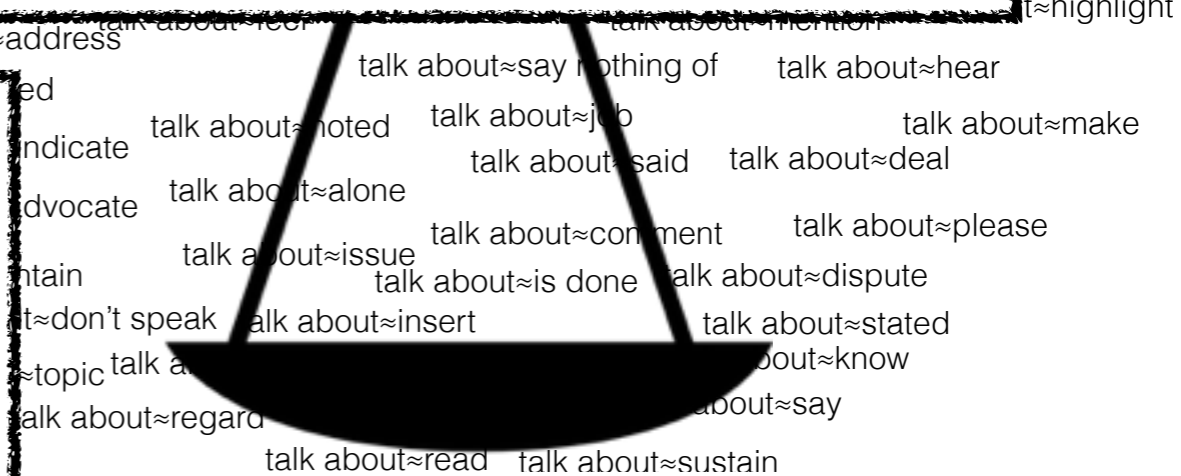


Can we build lexical entailment resources

automatically  
and at scale...

...while maintaining  
WordNet-level

precision and  
interpretability?



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# The Paraphrase Database

talk about~sound talk about~will  
talk about~betcha talk about~added talk about~chat  
talk about~confront talk about~add talk about~time talk about~kidding  
talk about~doesn't say talk about~bet talk about~put talk about~speak  
talk about~tackle talk about~causing talk about~mean talk about~nurture  
talk about~ask talk about~talking talk about~approach  
talk about~refer talk about~discuss talk about~doesn't say  
talk about~say nothing talk about~deliberations talk about~cause talk about~express  
talk about~covered talk about~raise talk about~argued talk about~touch  
talk about~subject talk about~spoken talk about~to  
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talk about~see talk about~address talk about~mention  
talk about~described talk about~noted talk about~job talk about~hear talk about~communicate  
talk about~maintain talk about~alone talk about~said talk about~make talk about~indicate  
talk about~advocate talk about~comment talk about~is done talk about~please  
talk about~topic talk about~issue talk about~stated talk about~dispute  
talk about~about talk about~say  
talk about~don't speak talk about~told talk about~know  
talk about~insert talk about~debate talk about~relate  
talk about~give talk about~say nothing of talk about~sustain talk about~treat  
talk about~read talk about~feel talk about~question



# The Paraphrase [Entailment] e

Entailment

talk about~chat

Independent

talk about~see

Exclusion

Equivalence

talk about~say

talk about~say nothing of

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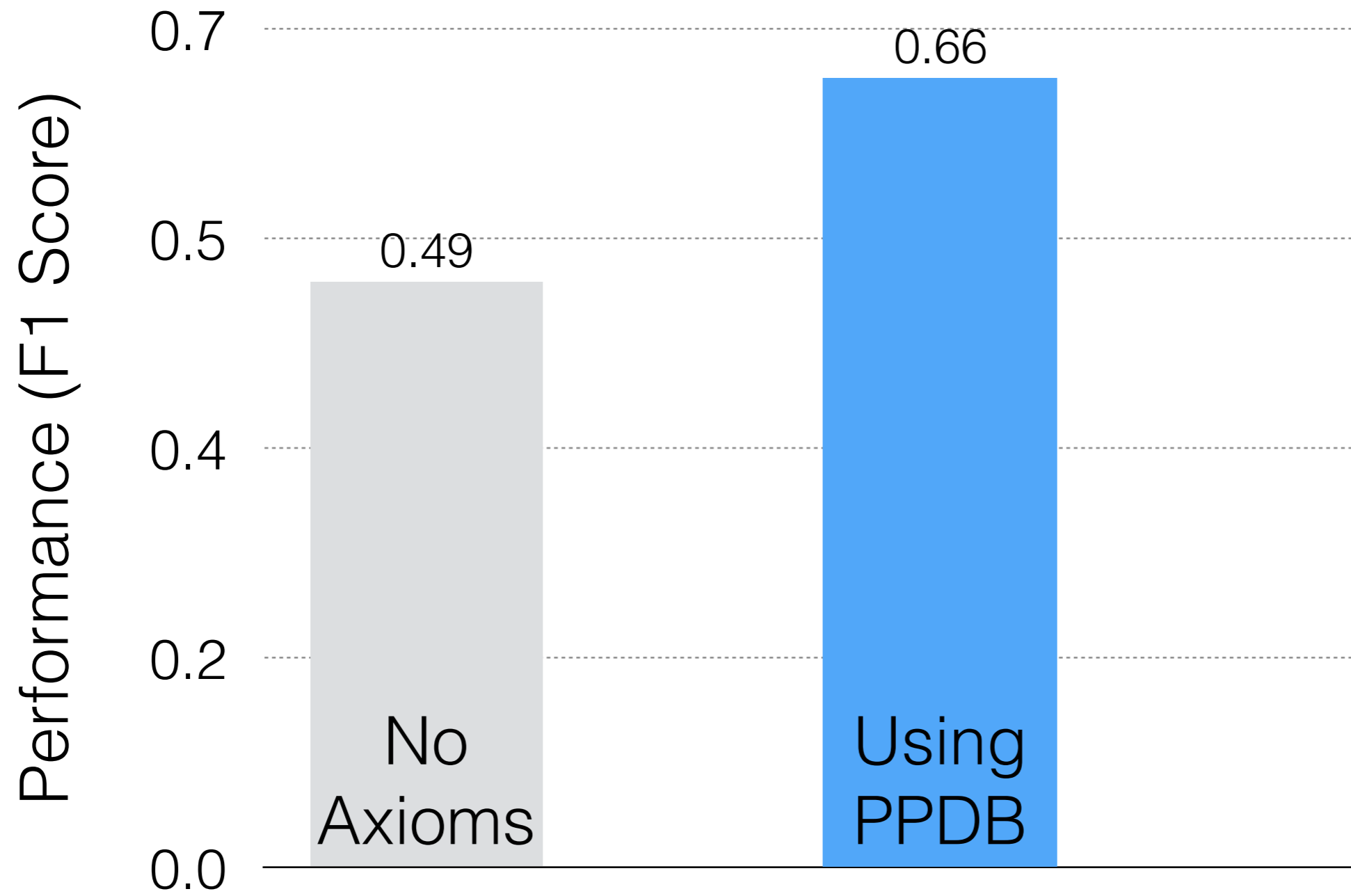
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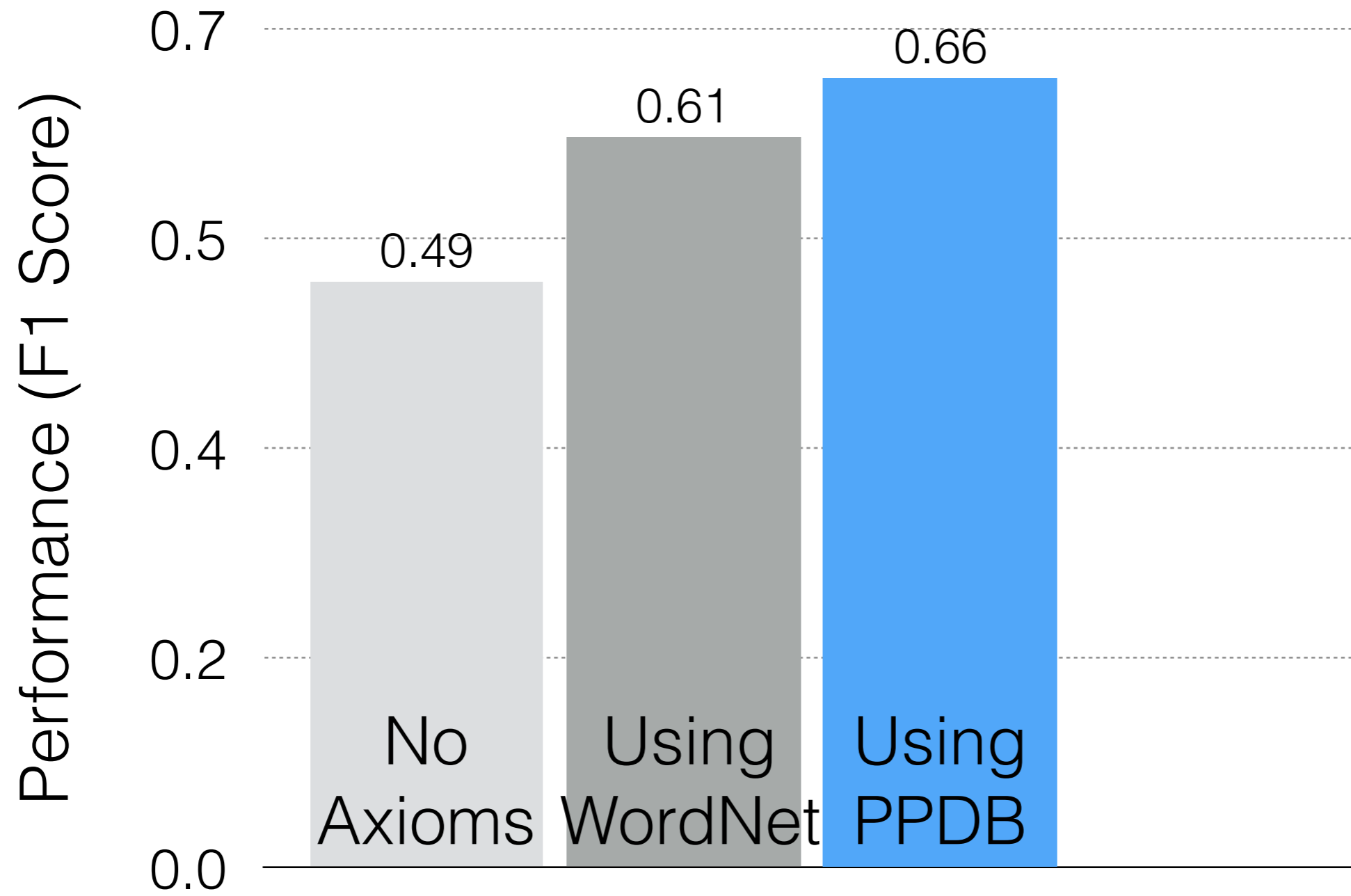
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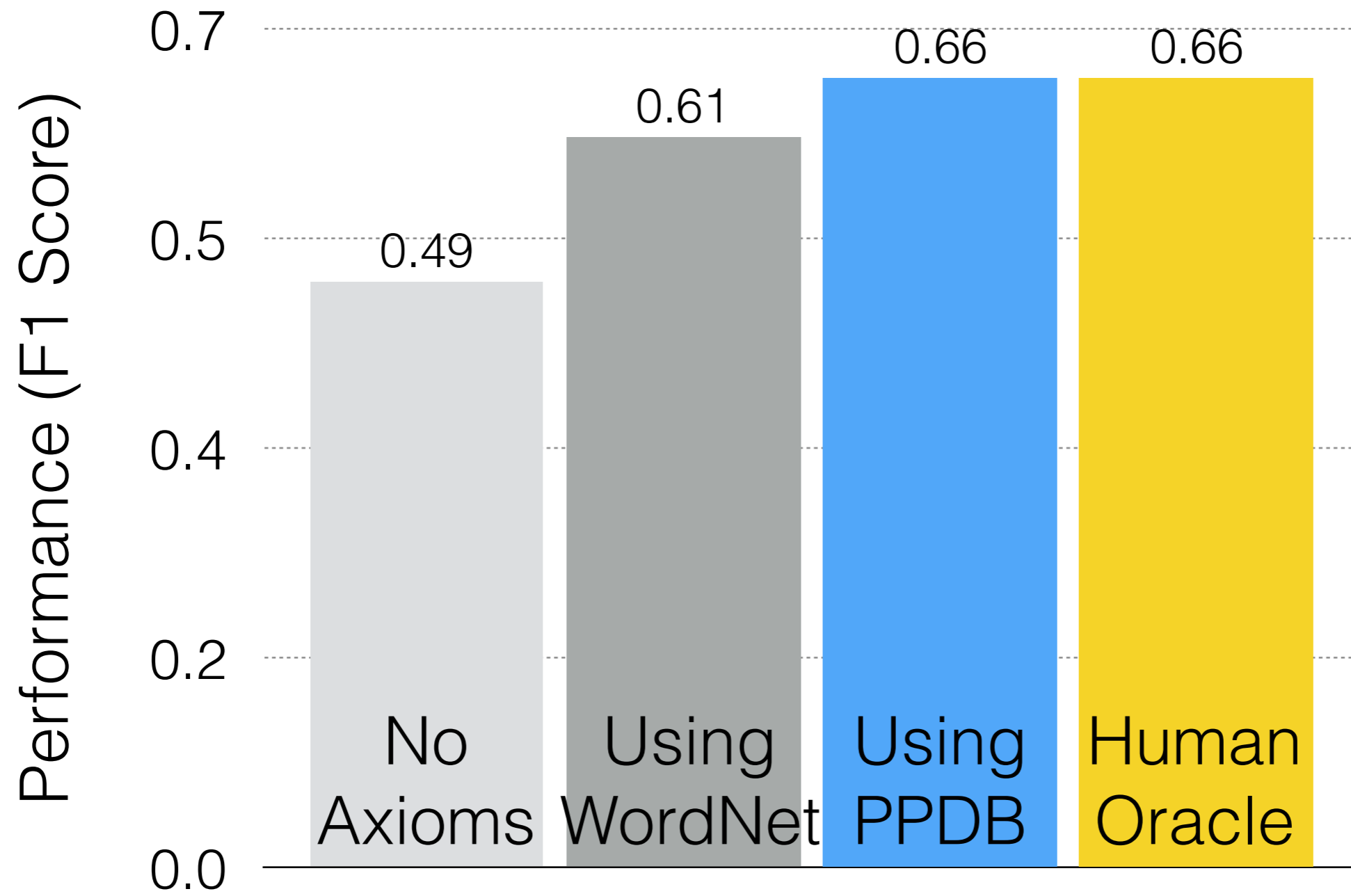
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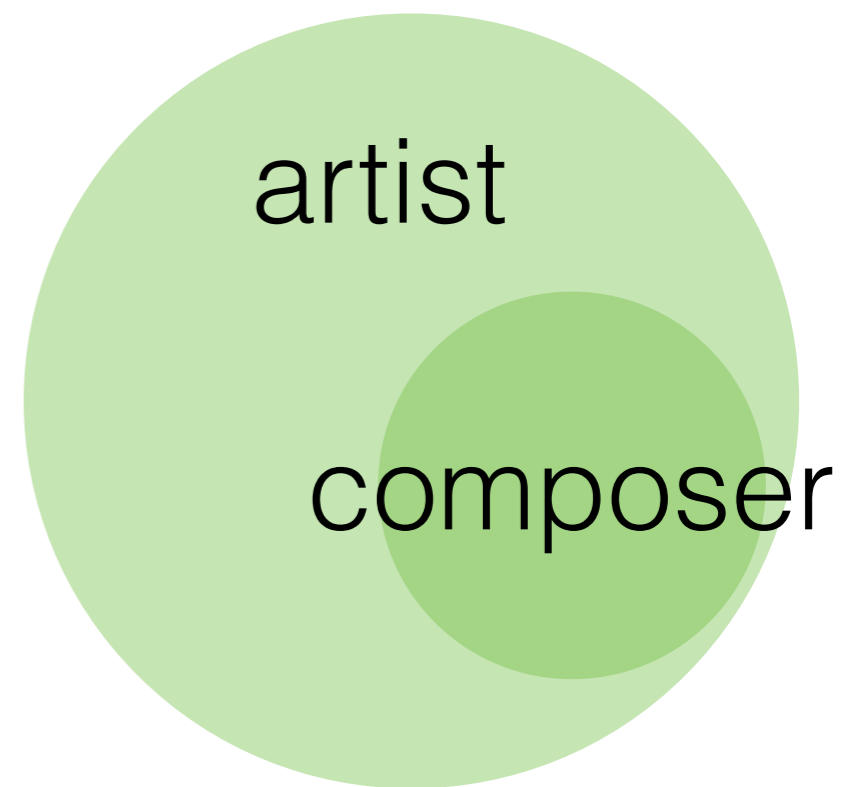
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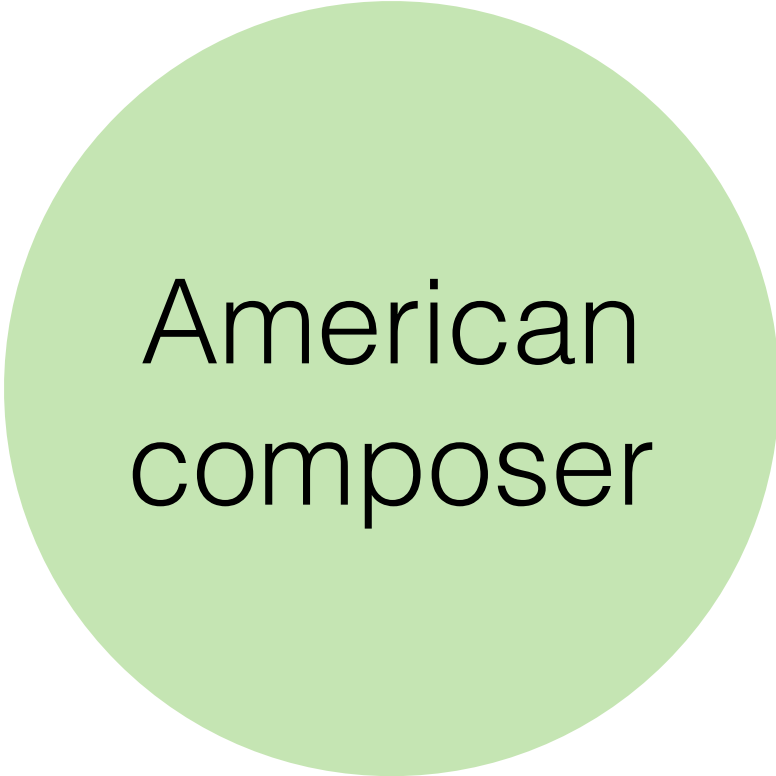
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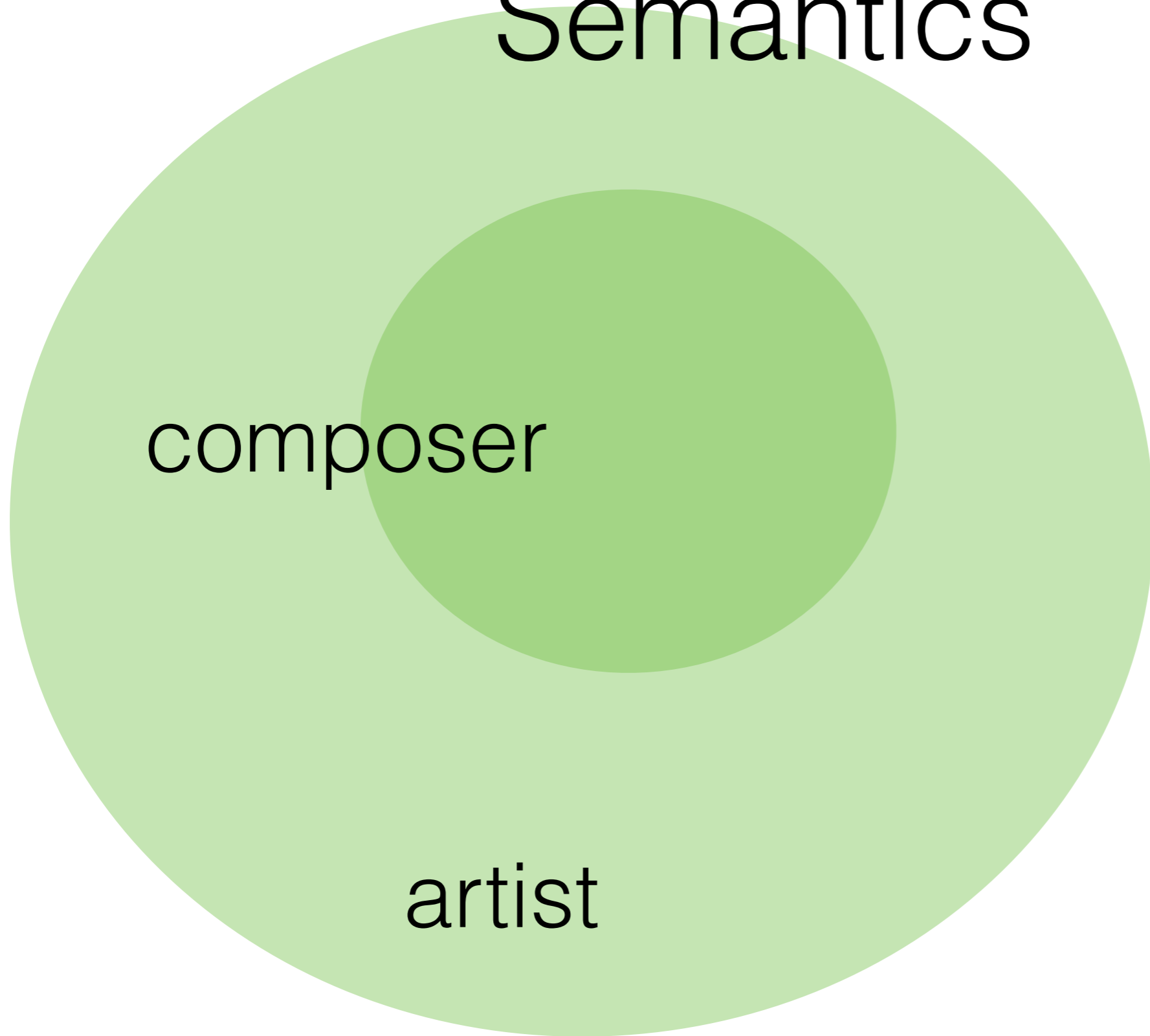
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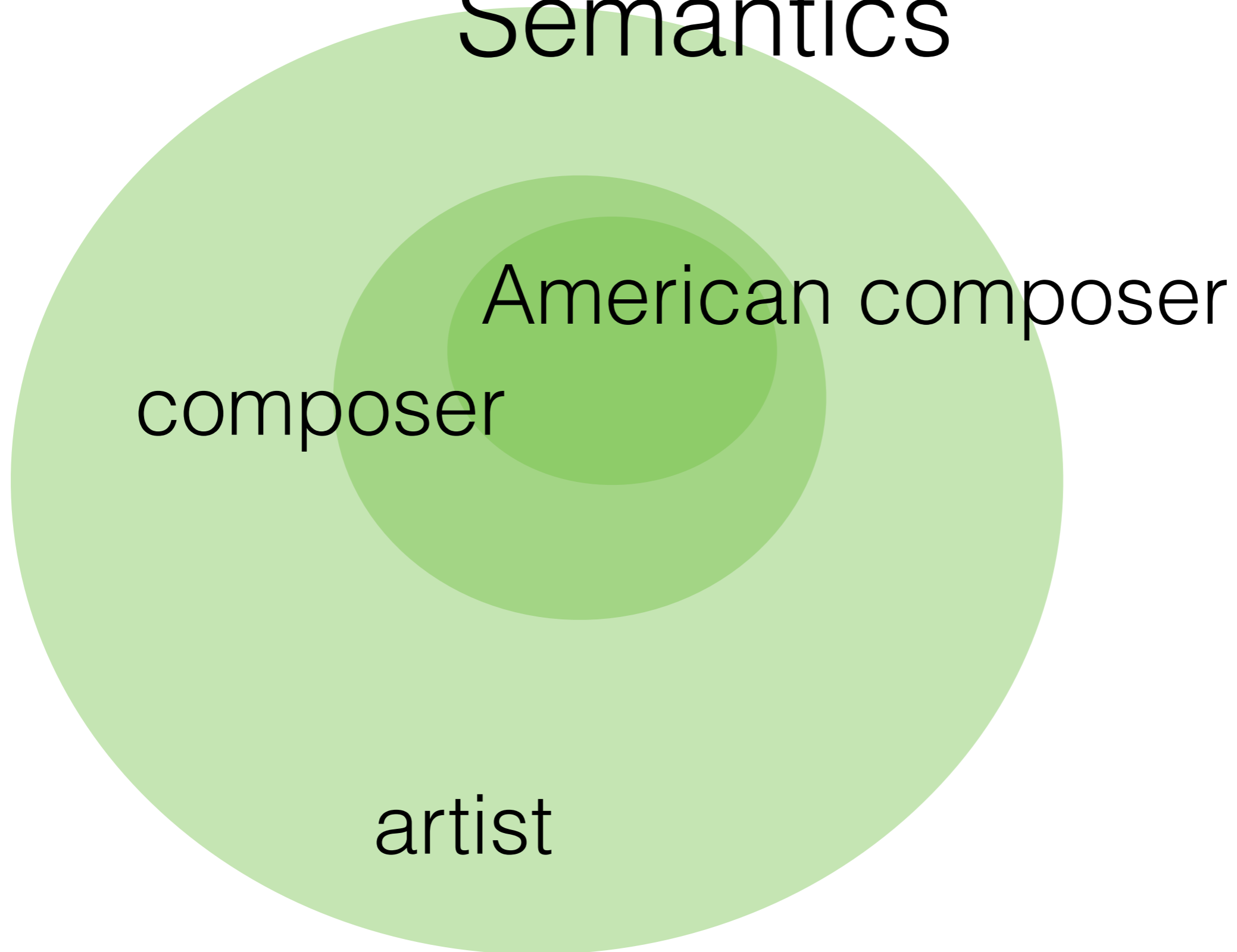
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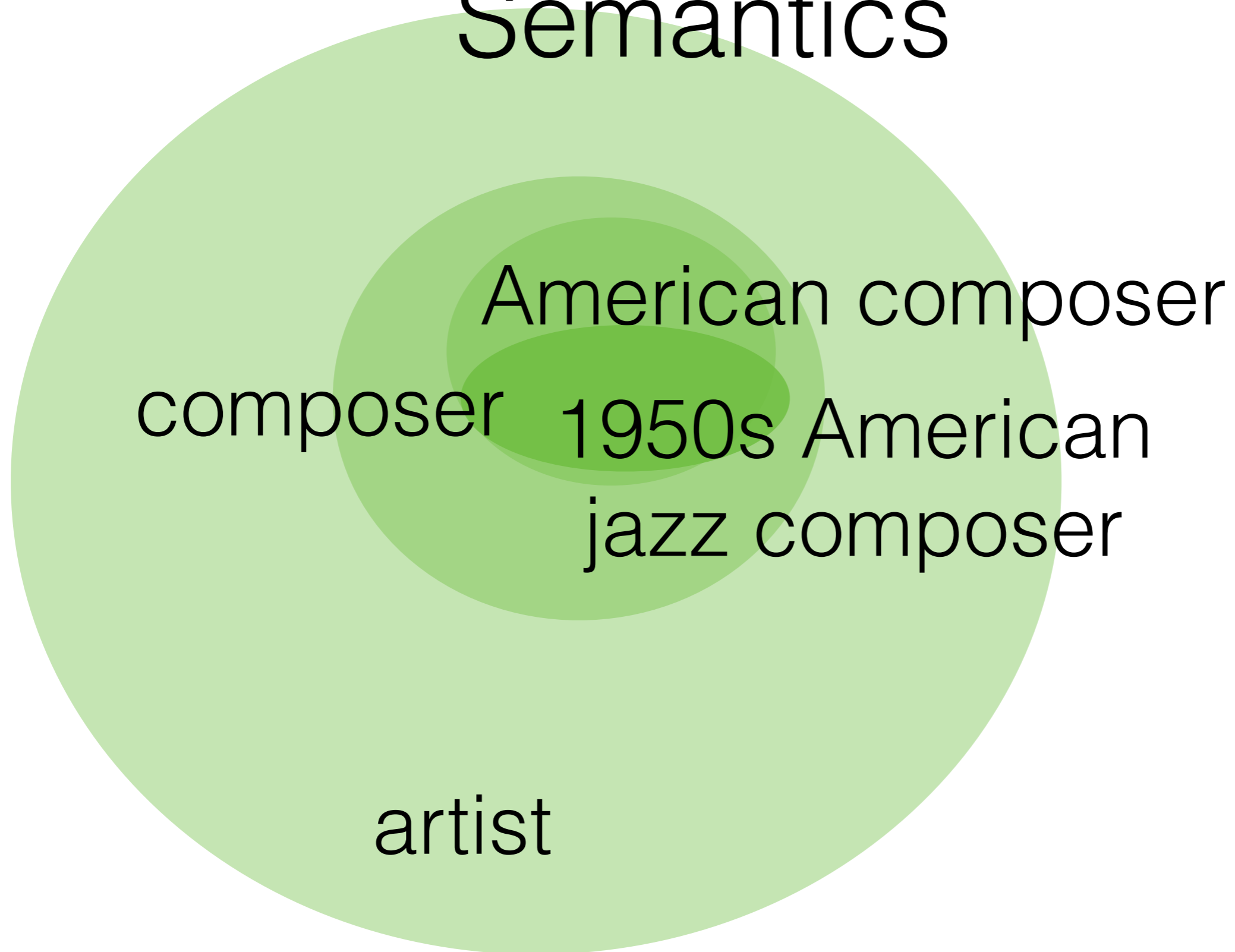




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About 149,000,000 results (1.04 seconds)

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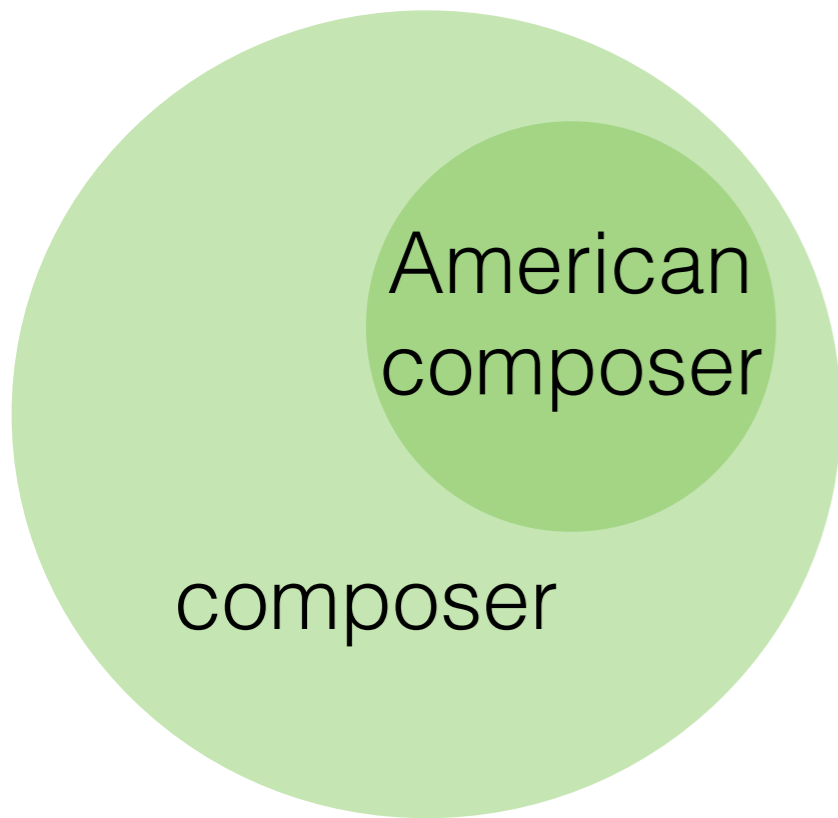
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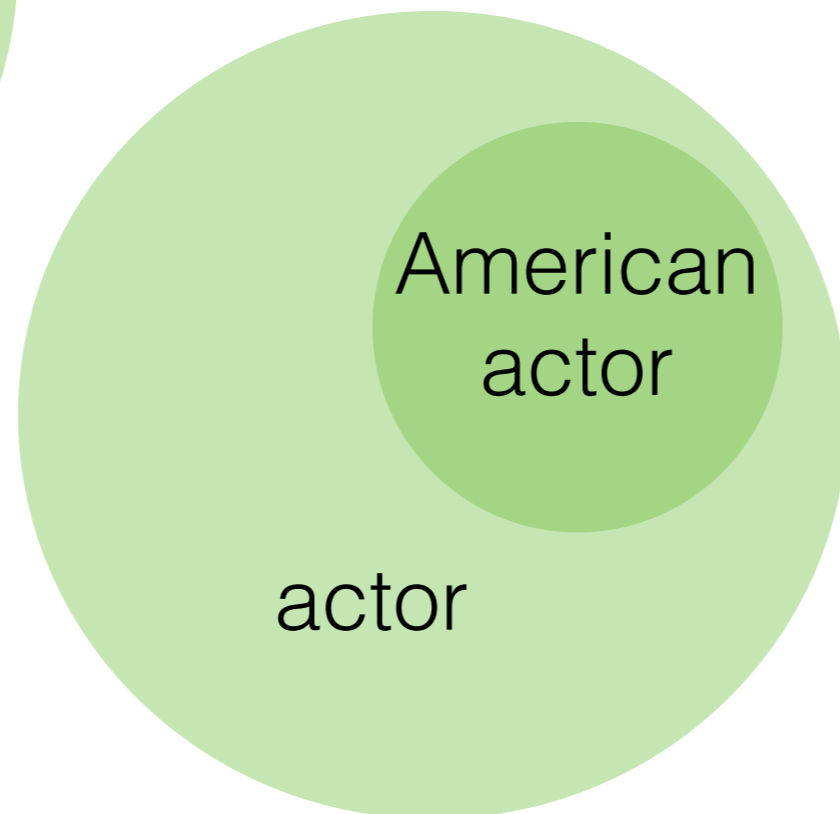
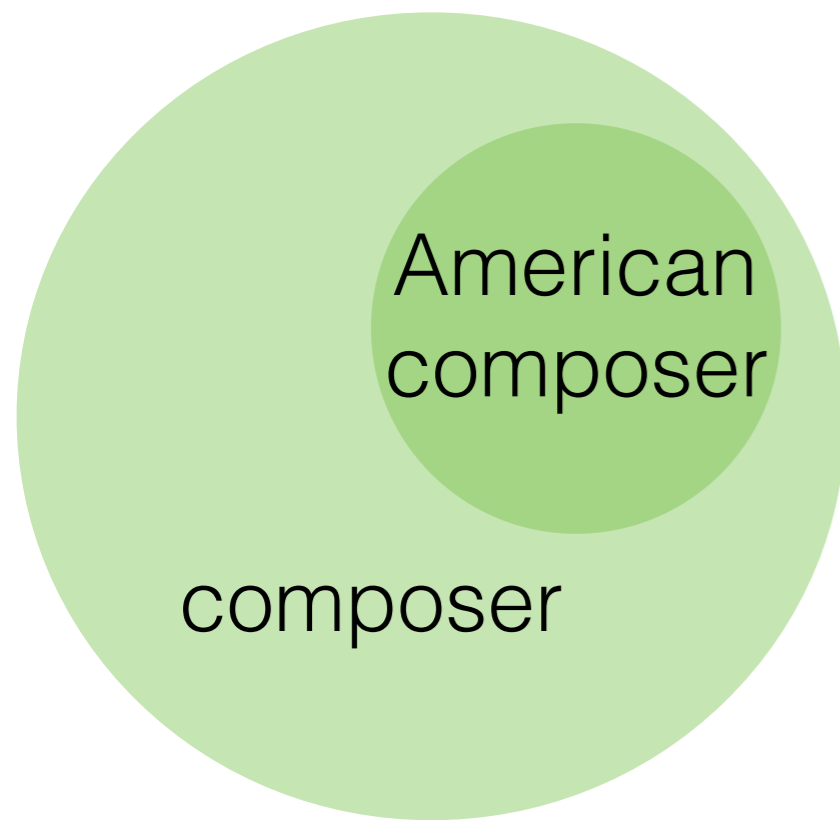
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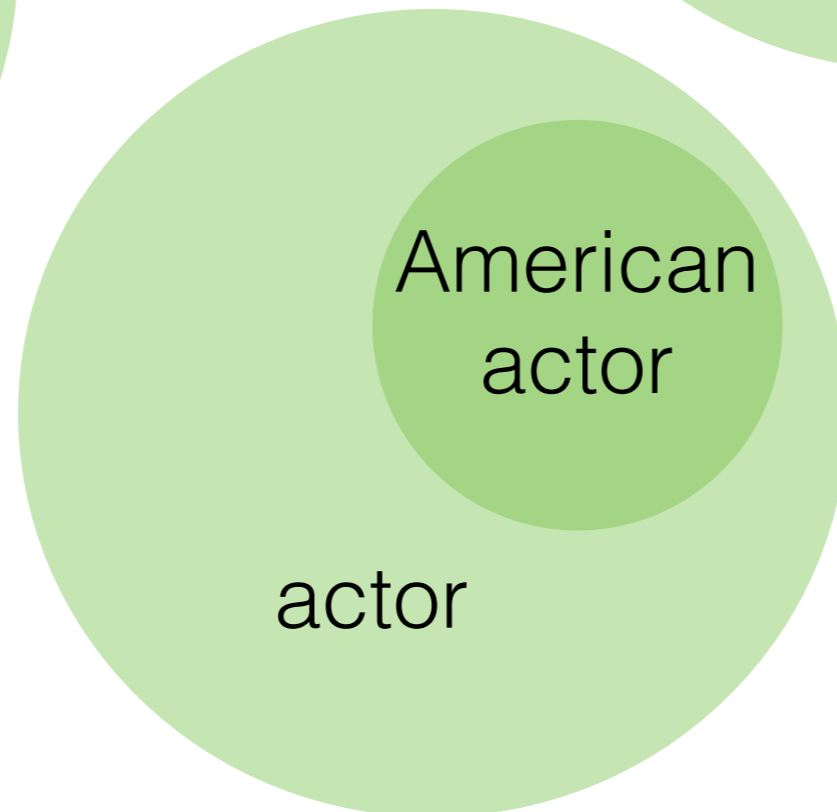
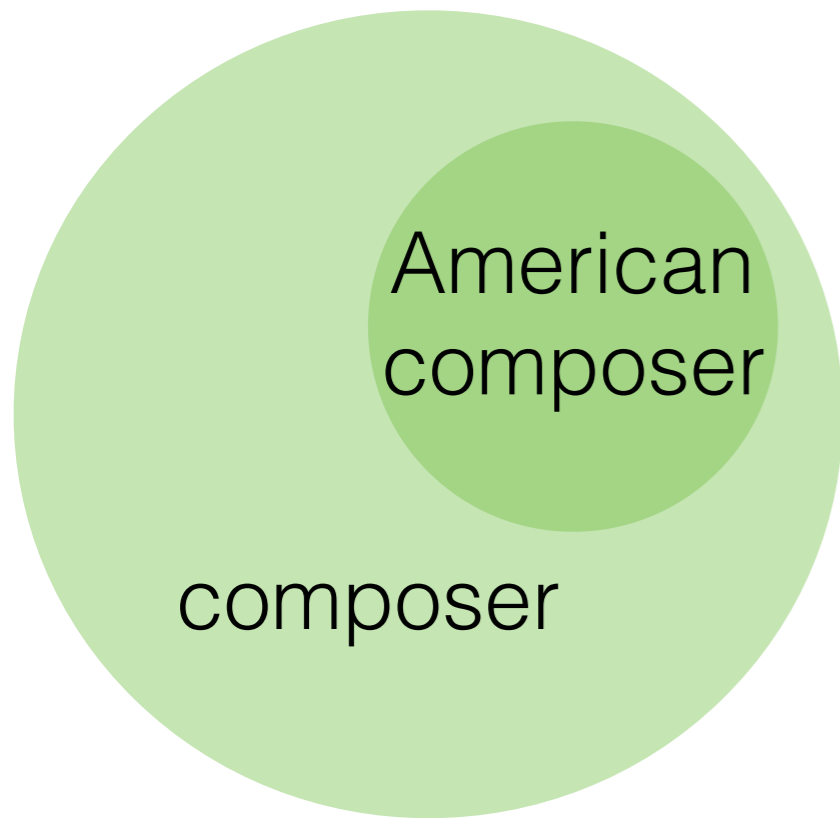
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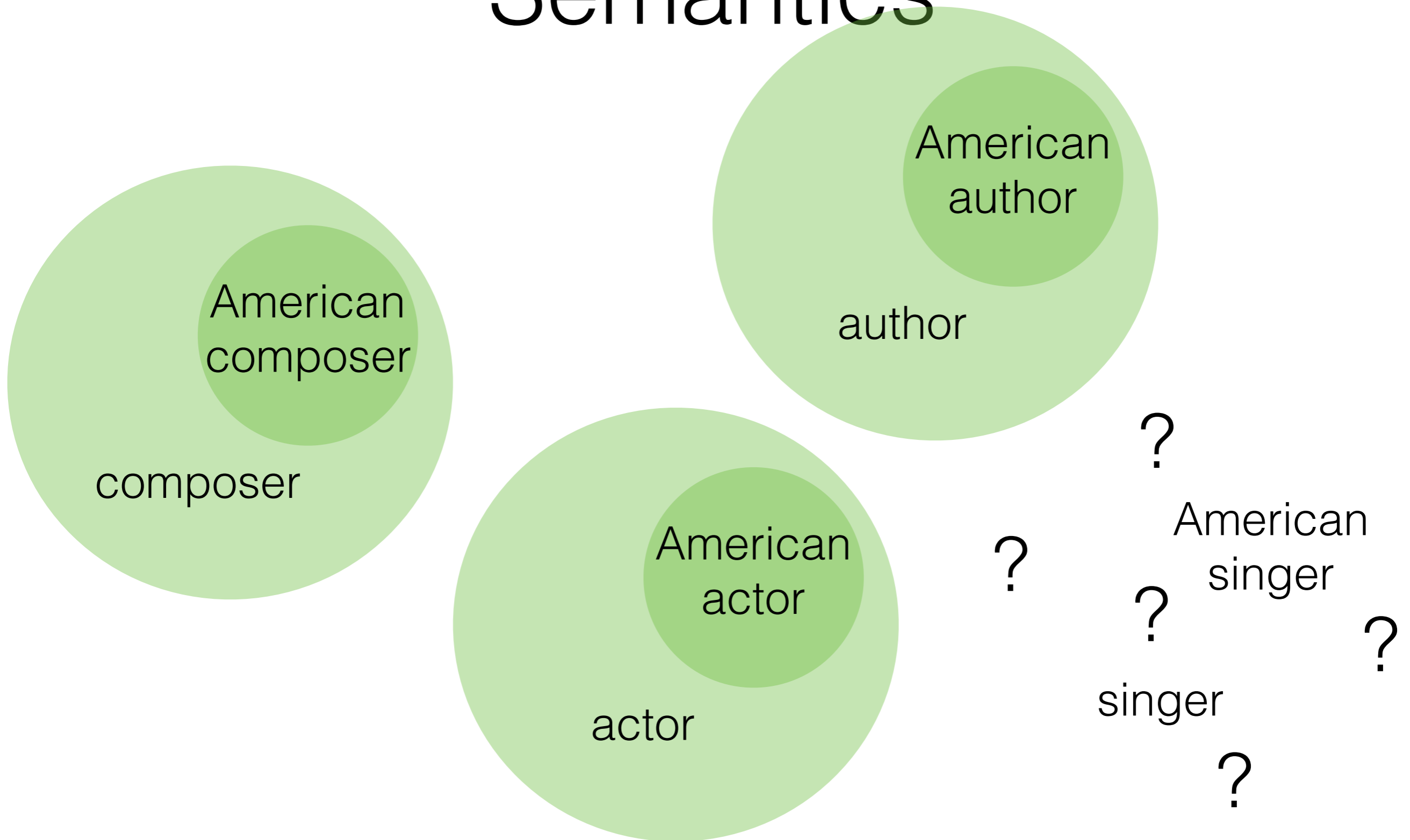
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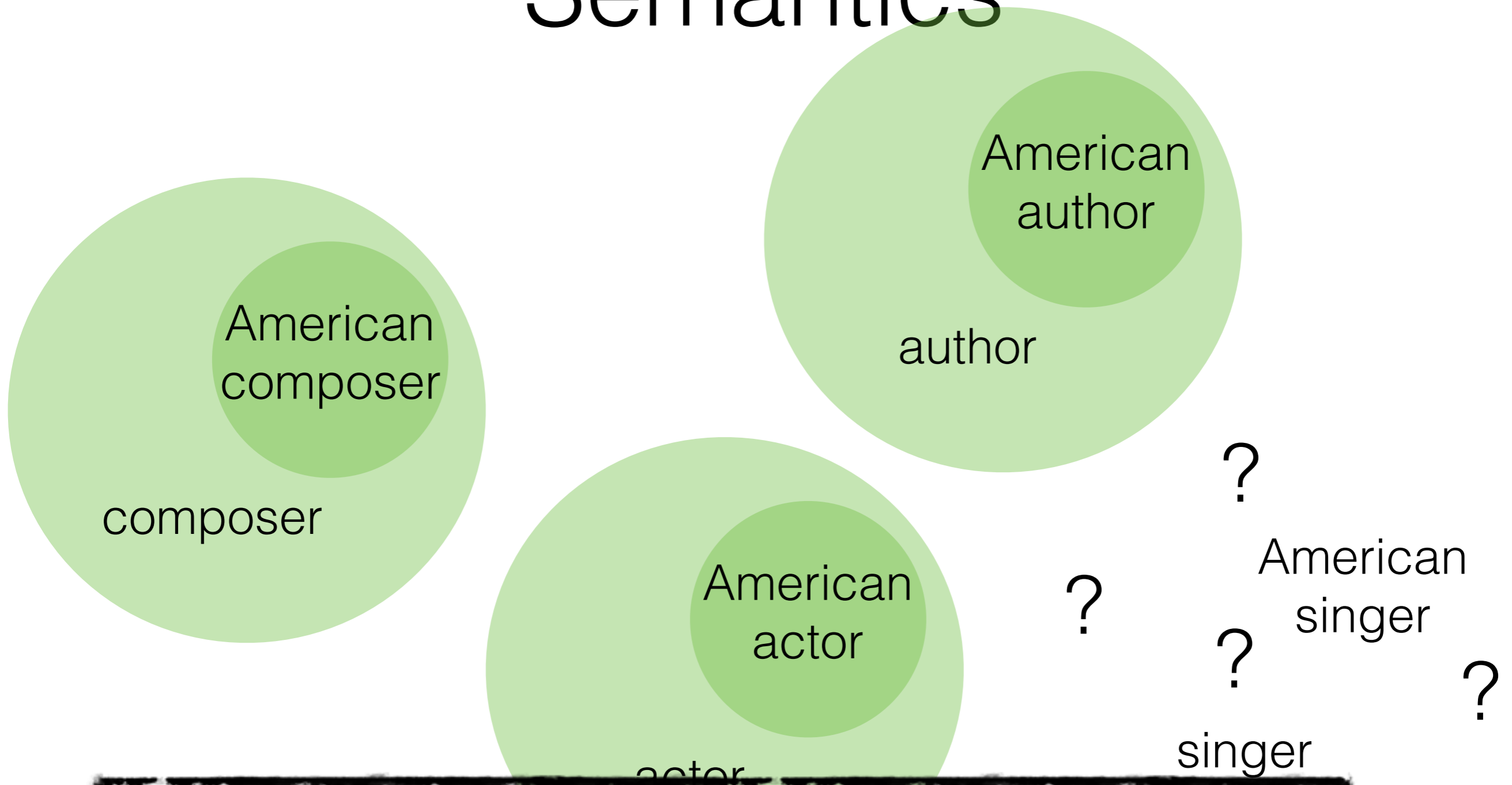
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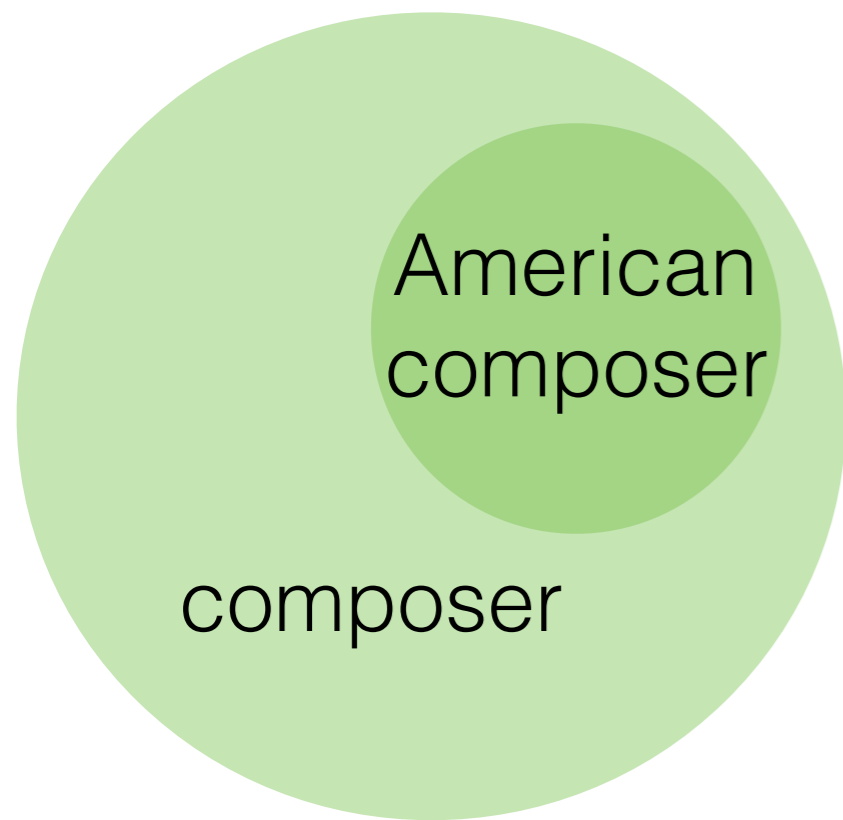


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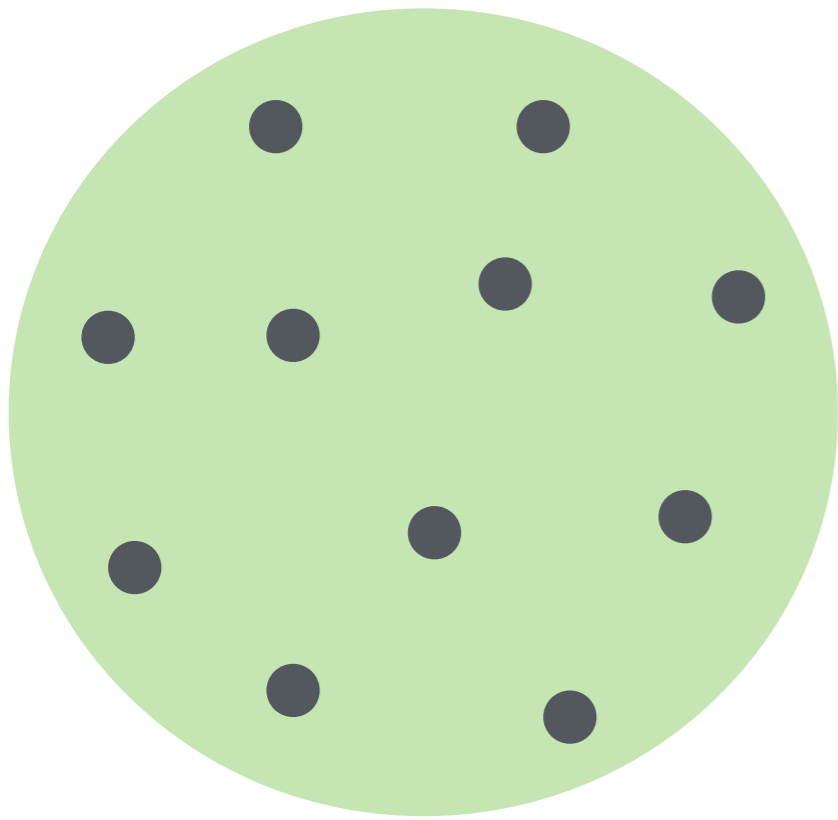


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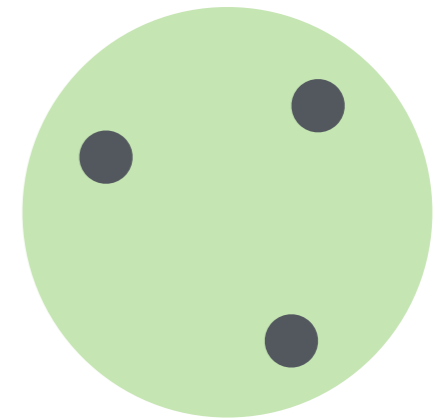
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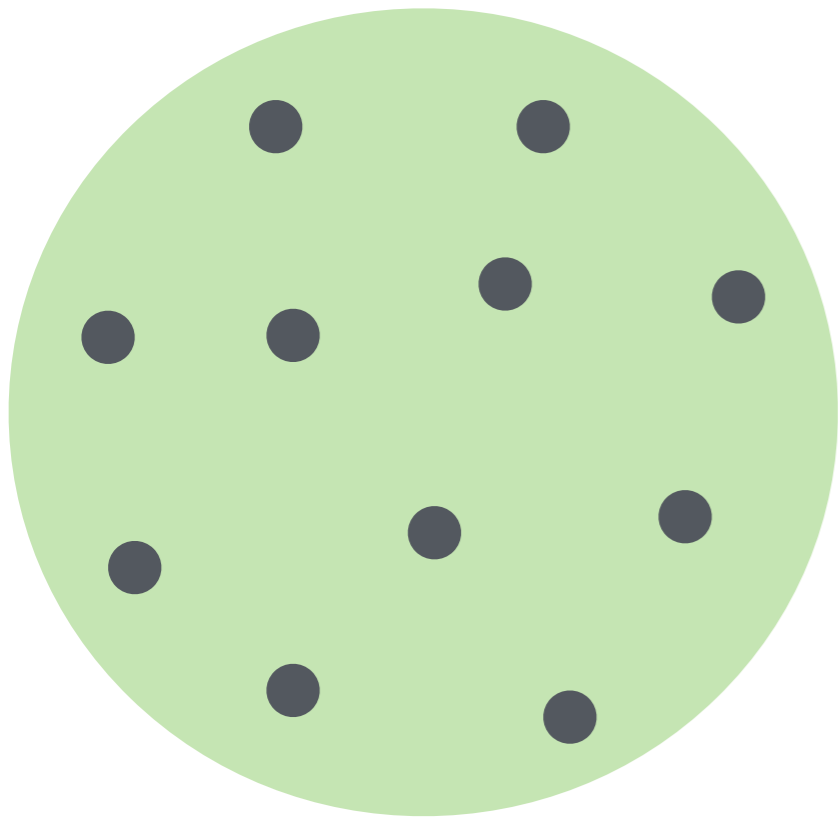
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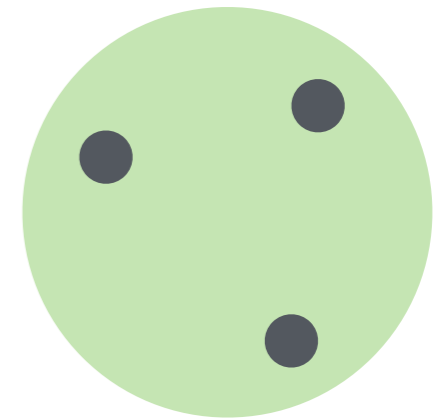
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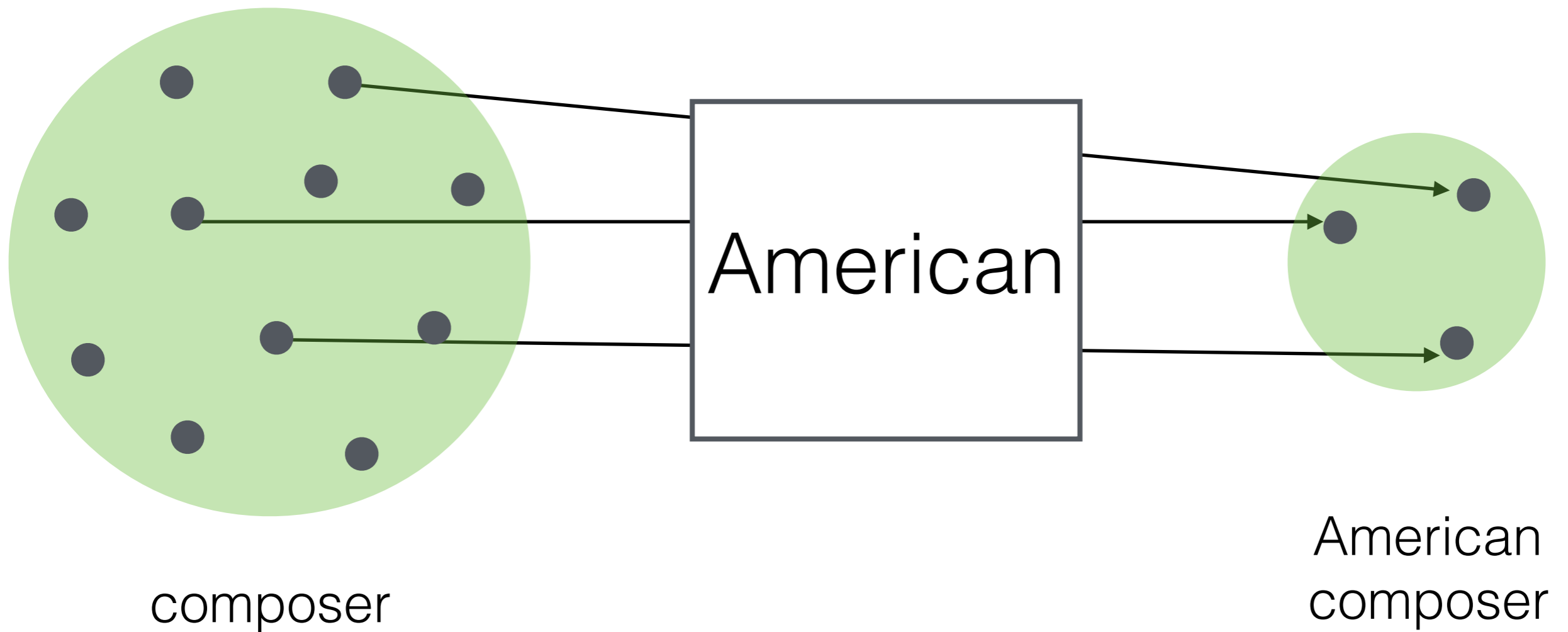


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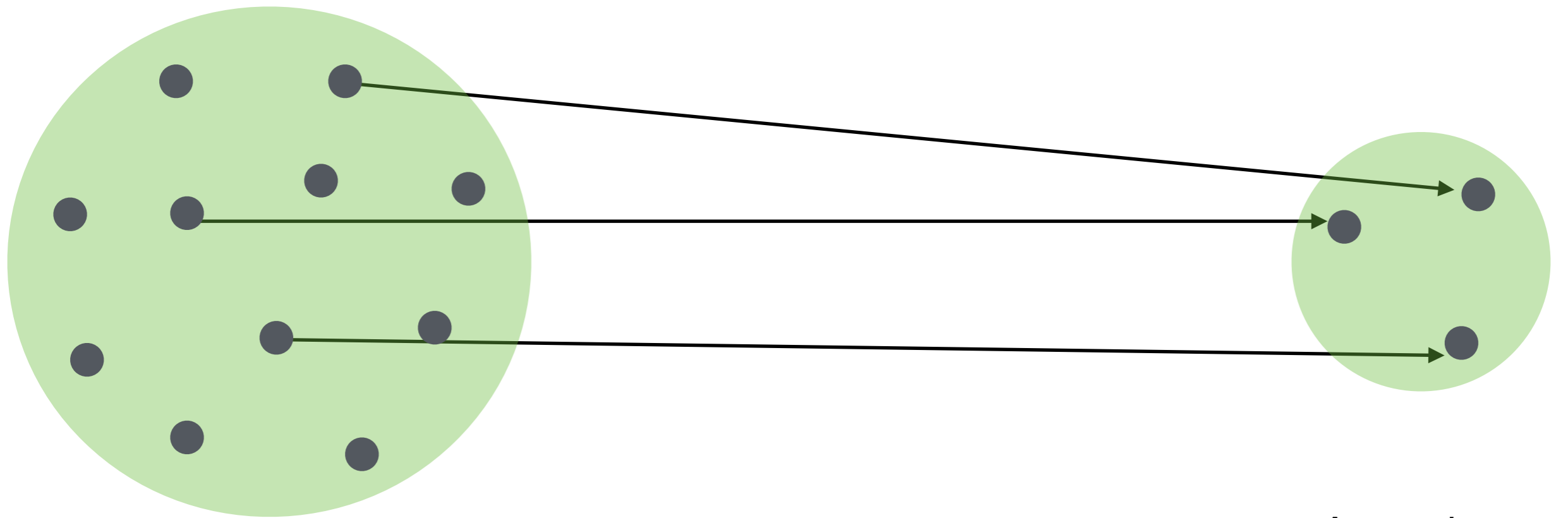


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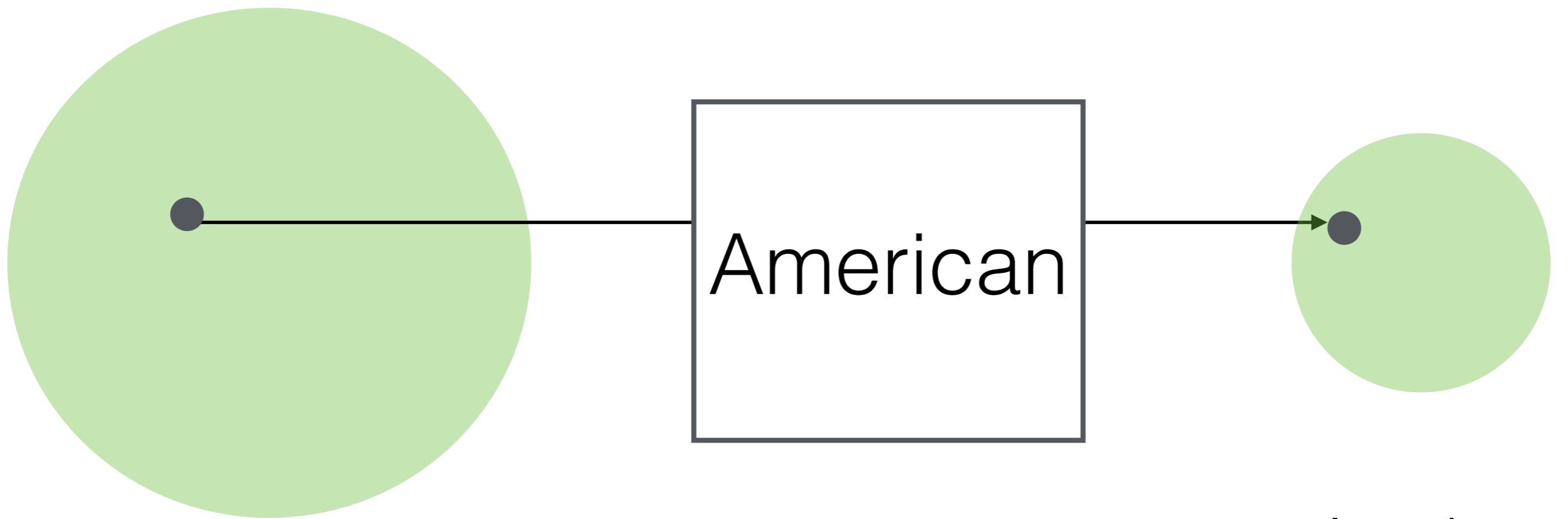


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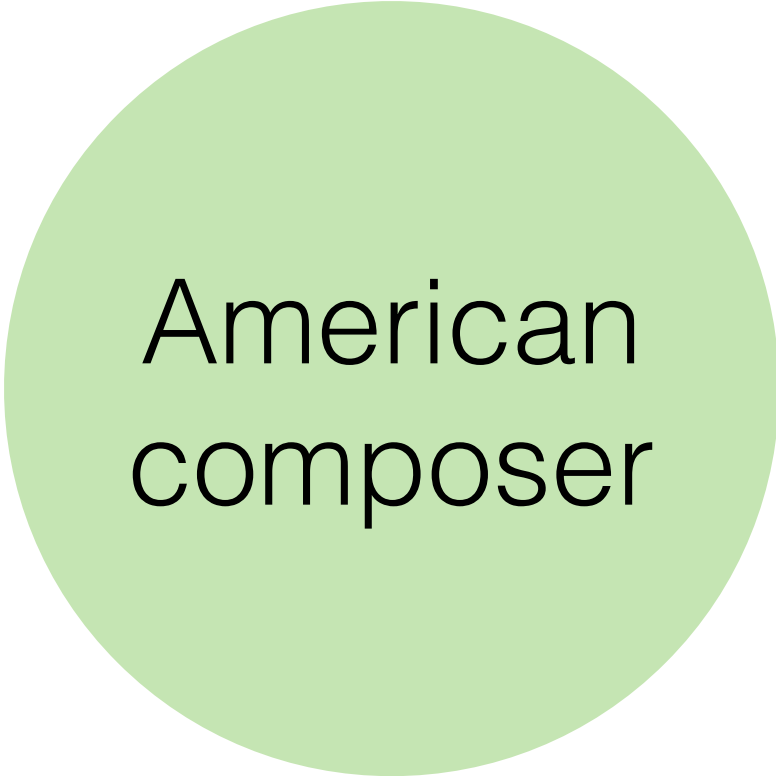
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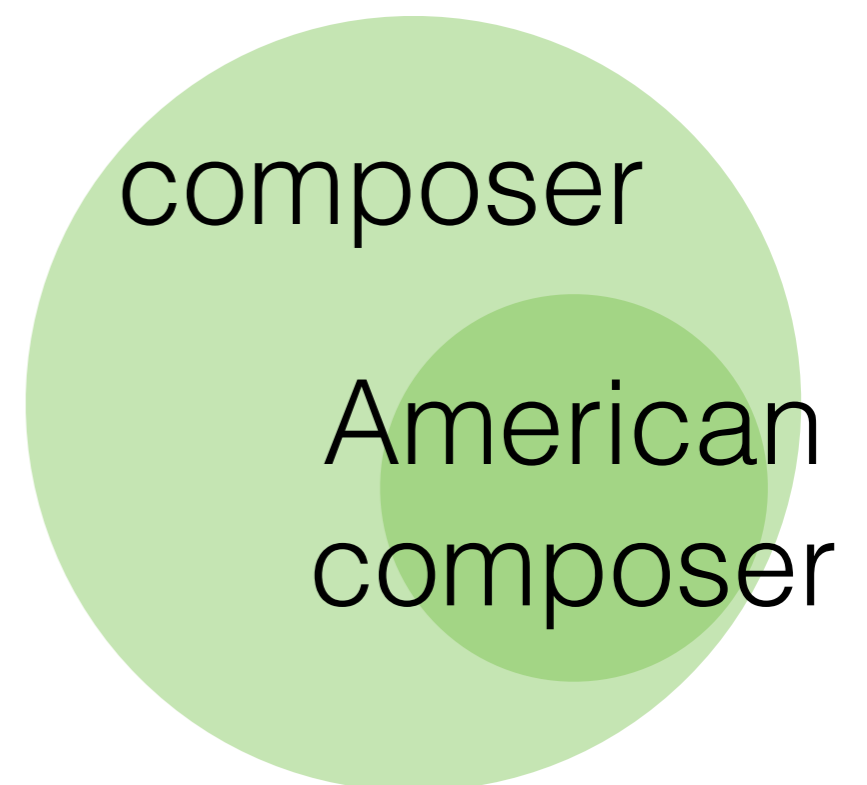
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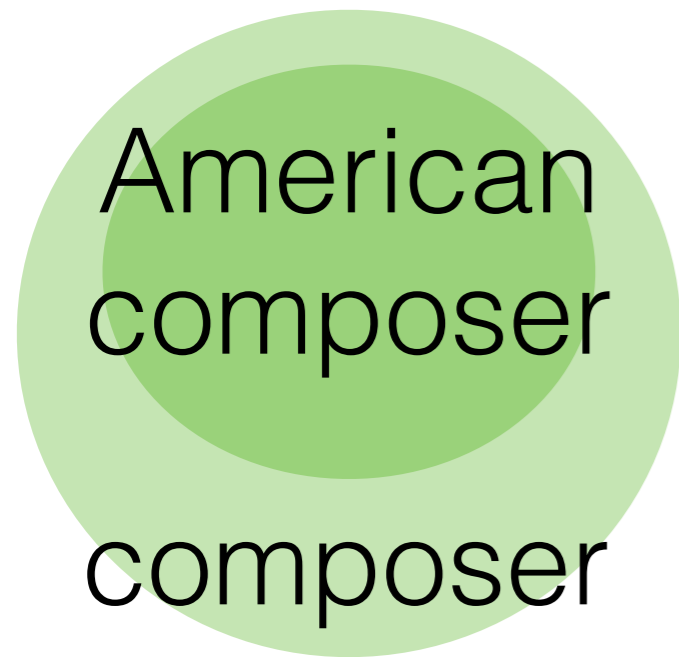
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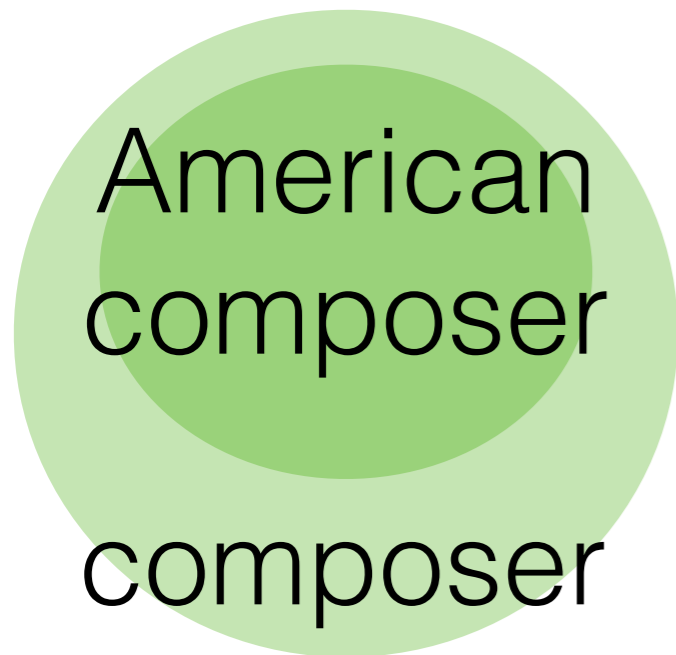
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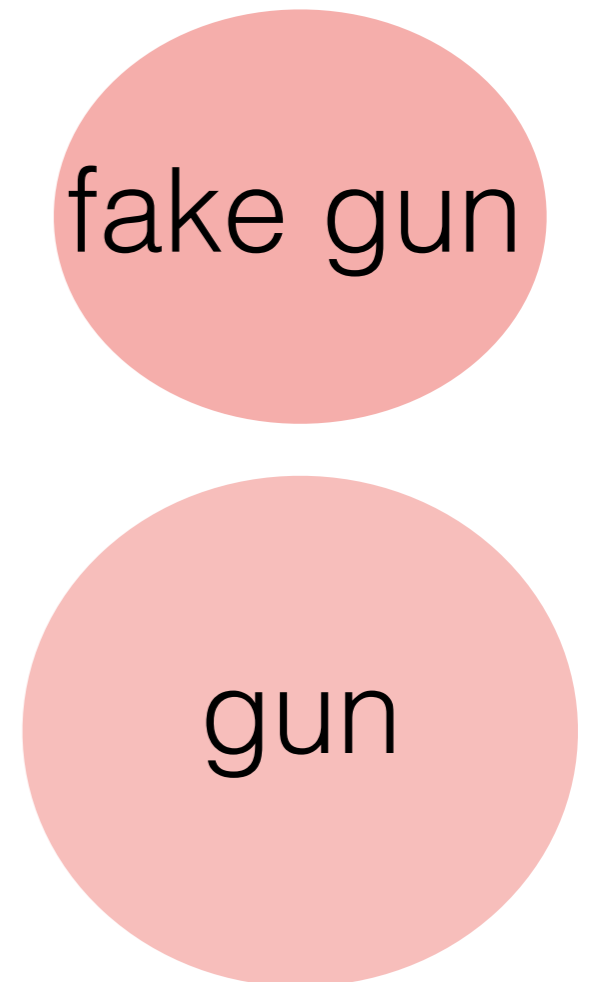
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$MH \Rightarrow \neg H$



Privative

Equivalence

$$MH \iff H$$

It is her favorite book in the **entire world.**

Reverse Entailment

$$\begin{aligned} MH &\implies H \wedge \\ H &\not\Rightarrow MH \end{aligned}$$

She is an **American composer.**

Forward Entailment

$$\begin{aligned} MH &\not\Rightarrow H \wedge \\ H &\implies MH \end{aligned}$$

She is the president's **potential successor.**

Independence

$$\begin{aligned} MH &\not\Rightarrow H \wedge \\ H &\not\Rightarrow MH \end{aligned}$$

She is the **alleged hacker.**

Exclusion

$$\begin{aligned} MH &\implies \neg H \wedge \\ H &\implies \neg MH \end{aligned}$$

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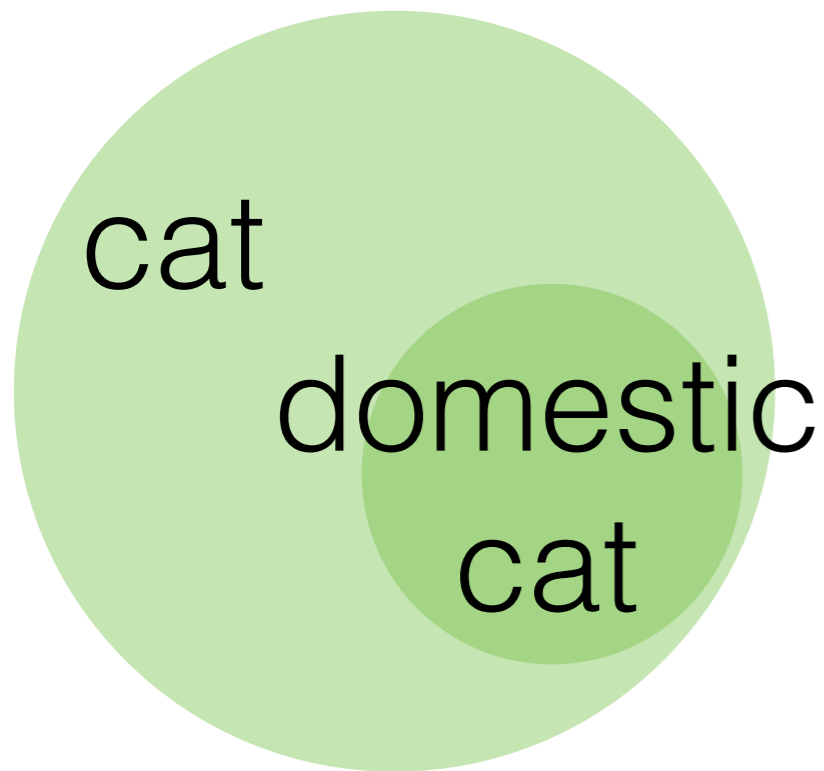
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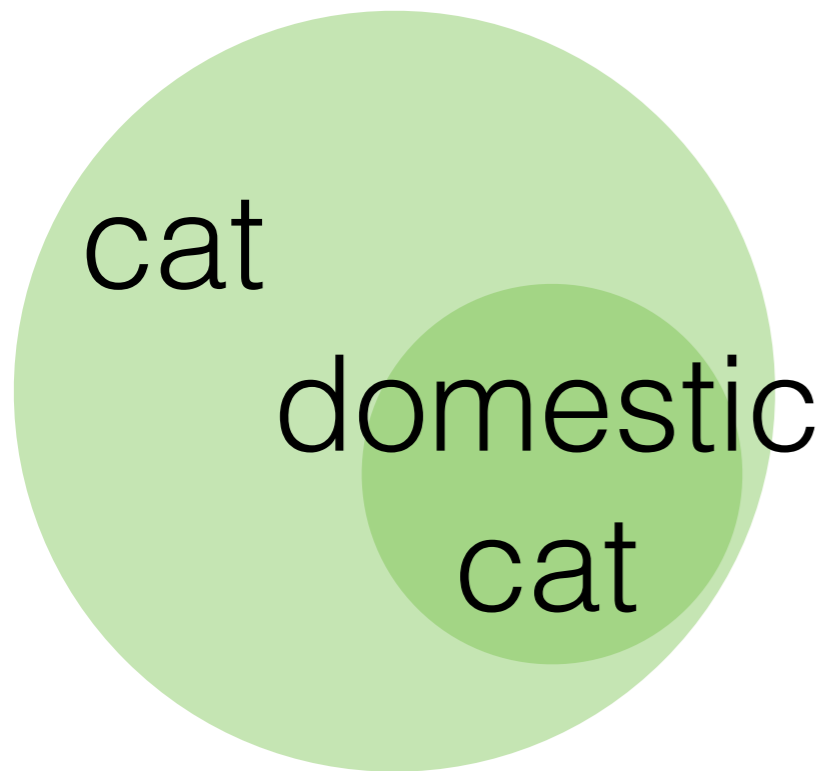
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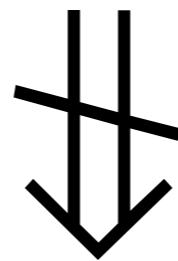
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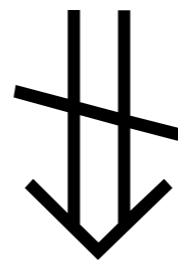
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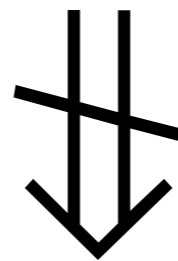


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Inference

ground looking  
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What, if any,

*generalizations*

can be d

looking out t made to aide systems in

performing natural language

inference?

*p ent  
read*

*most likely true.*

Eddy is a **dom**

looking out t

# Human Annotation of MH Compositions

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$H \Rightarrow MH?$

Eddy is a **cat**.

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MH  $\Rightarrow$  H?

Eddy is a **domestic cat**.

Eddy is a **cat**.

MH  $\Rightarrow$  H H  $\Rightarrow$  MH

Equiv.

Yes

Yes

It is her favorite book in the **entire world.**

Rev. Ent.

Yes

Unk

Eddy is a **gray cat.**

For. Ent.

Unk

Yes

She is the president's **potential successor.**

Indep.

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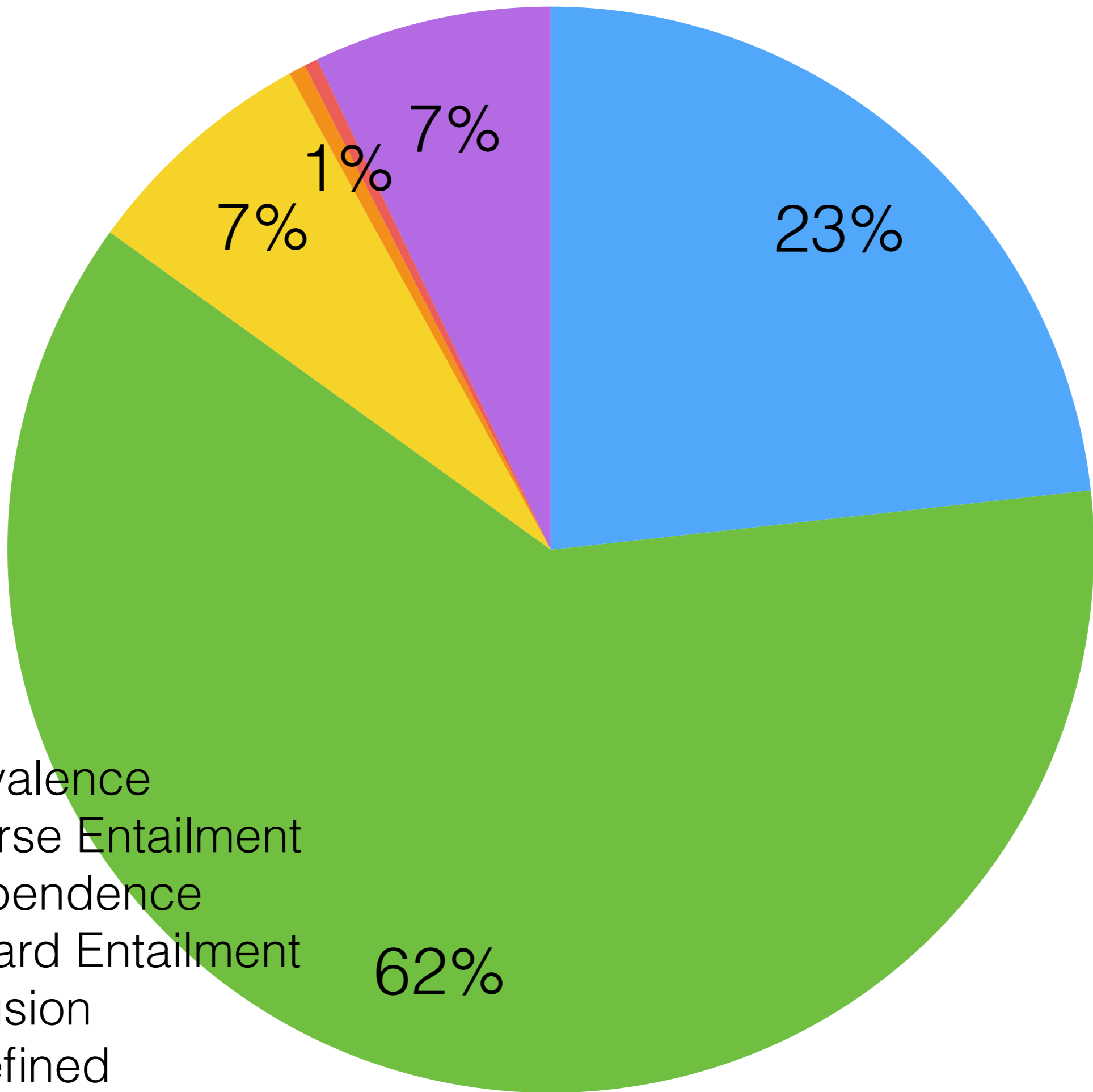
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No

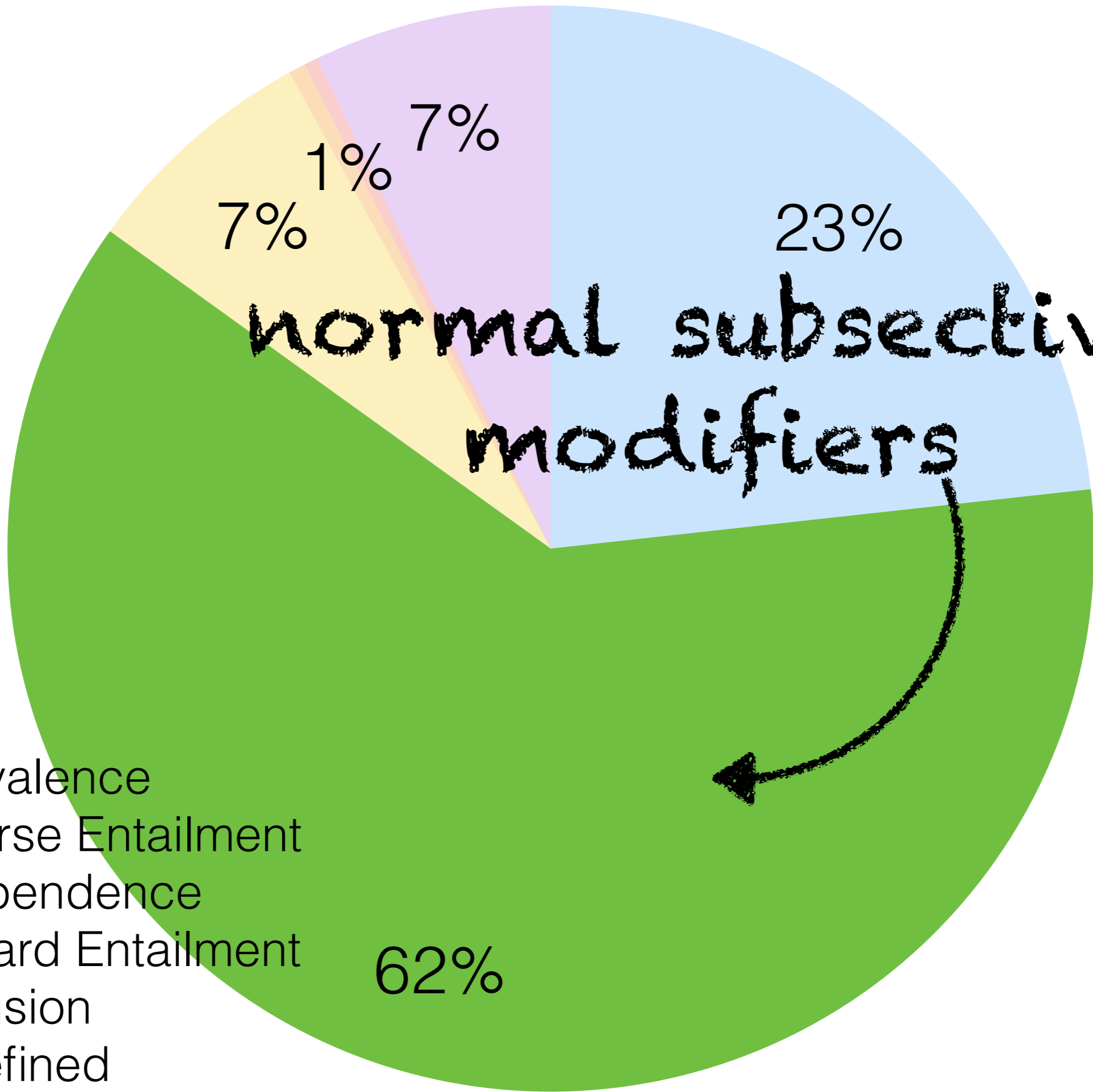
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She is a **former senator.**



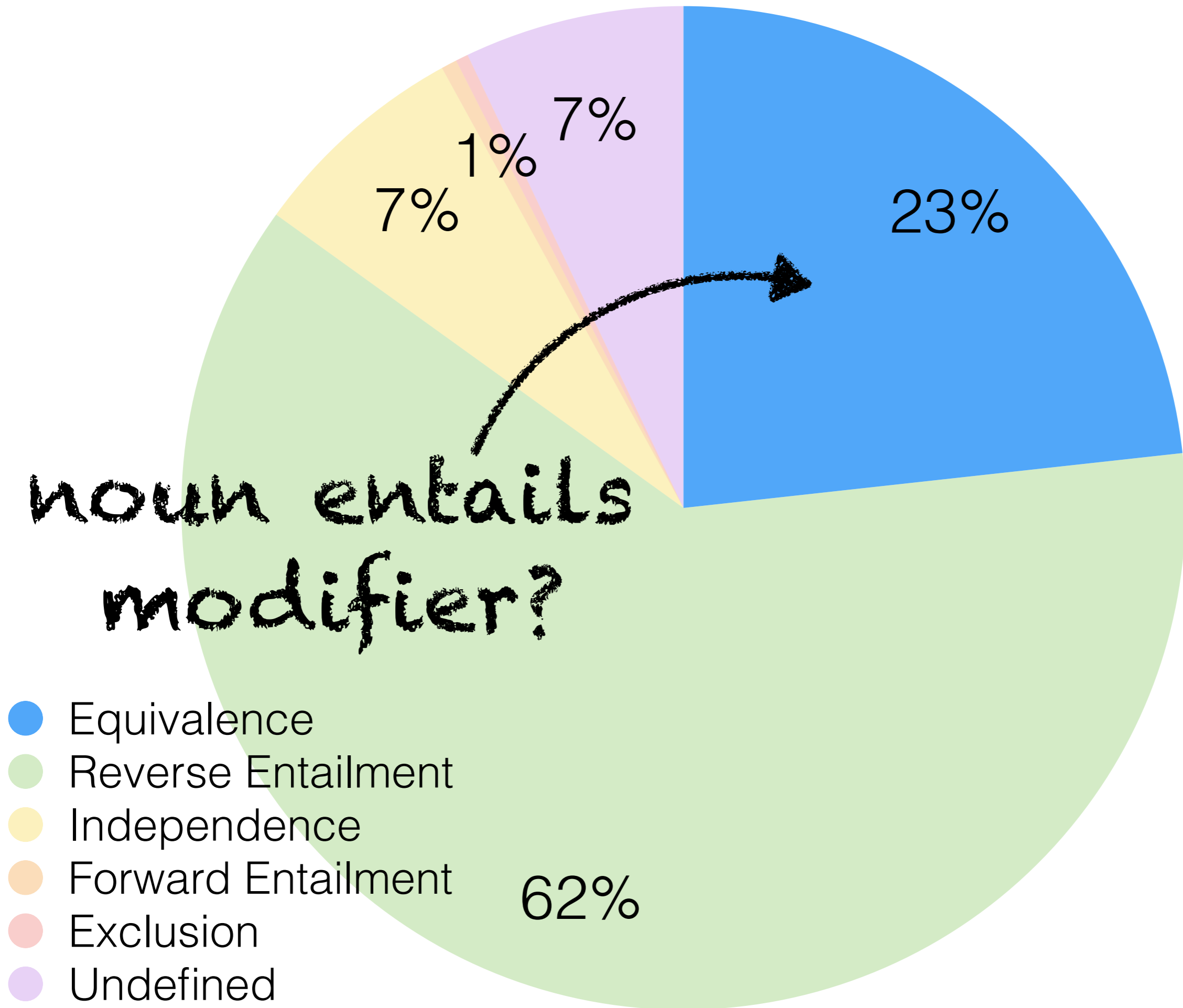


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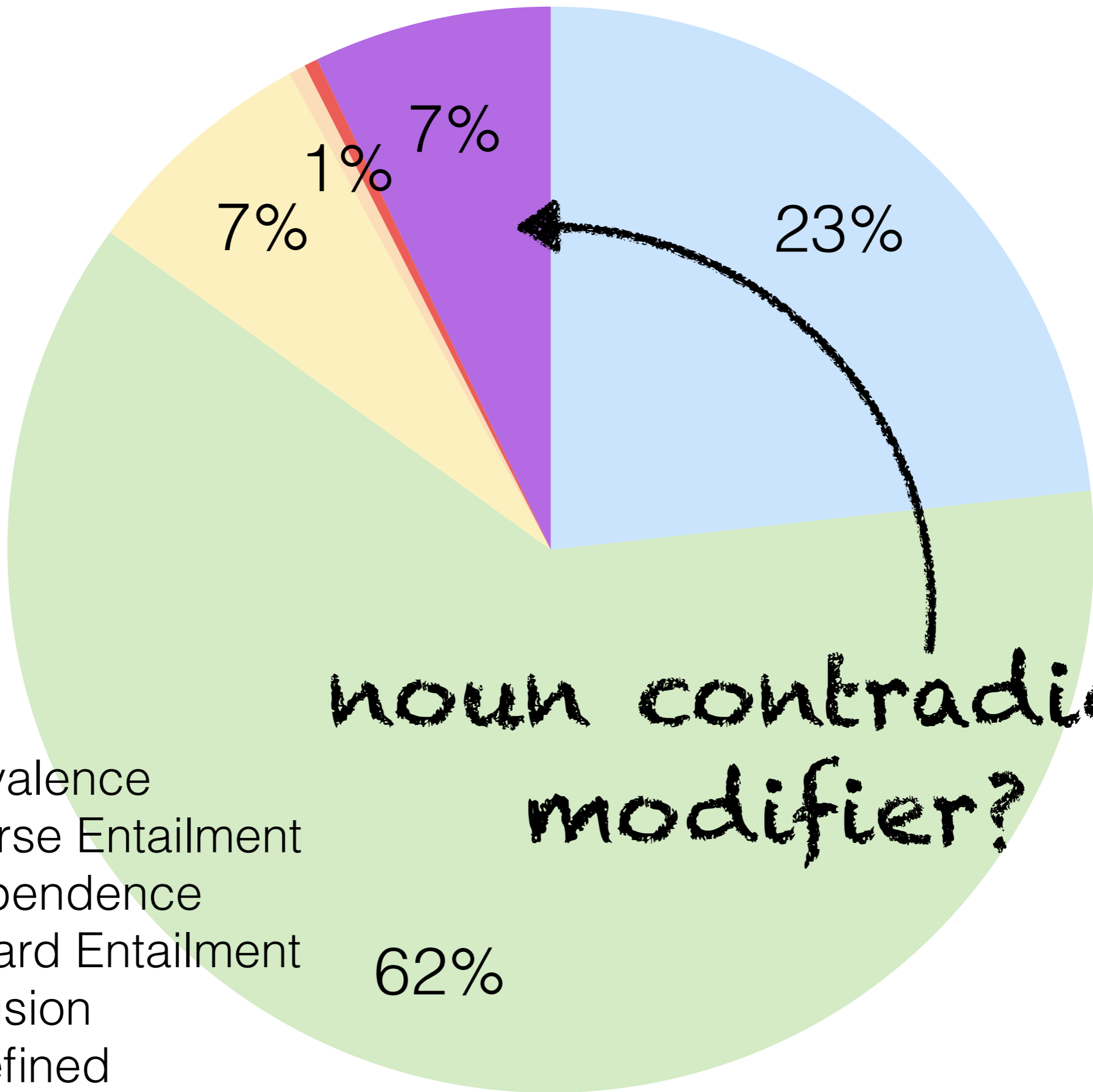


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noun entails  
modifier?



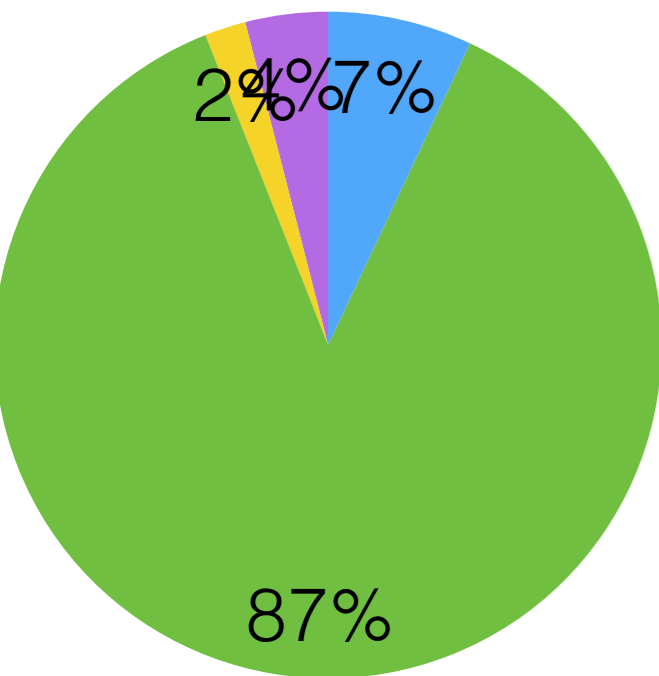
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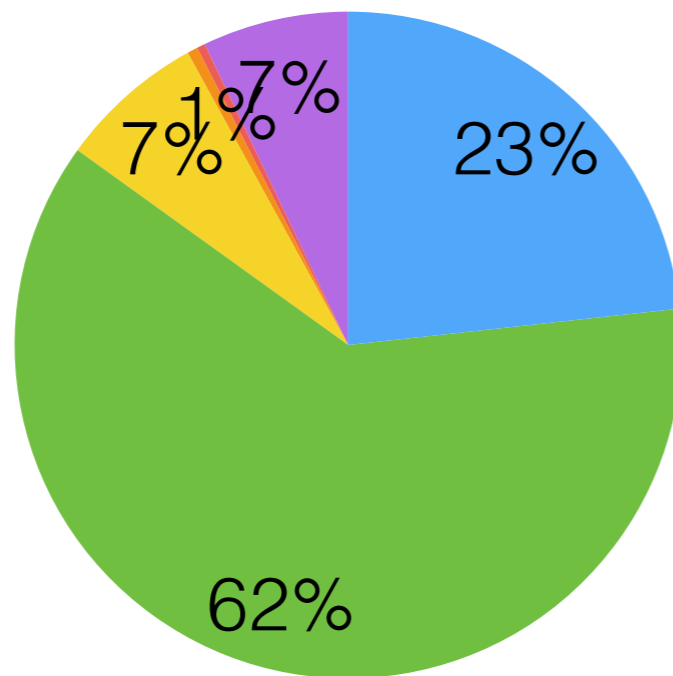
noun contradicts  
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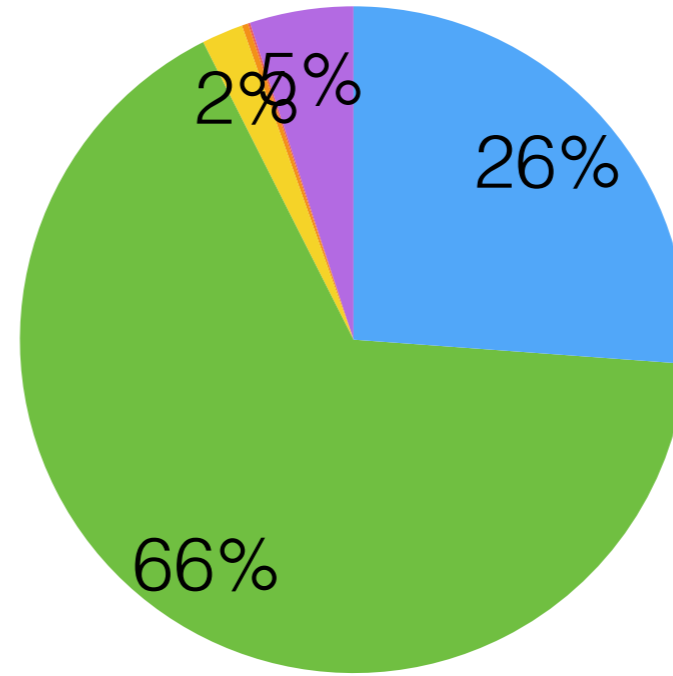
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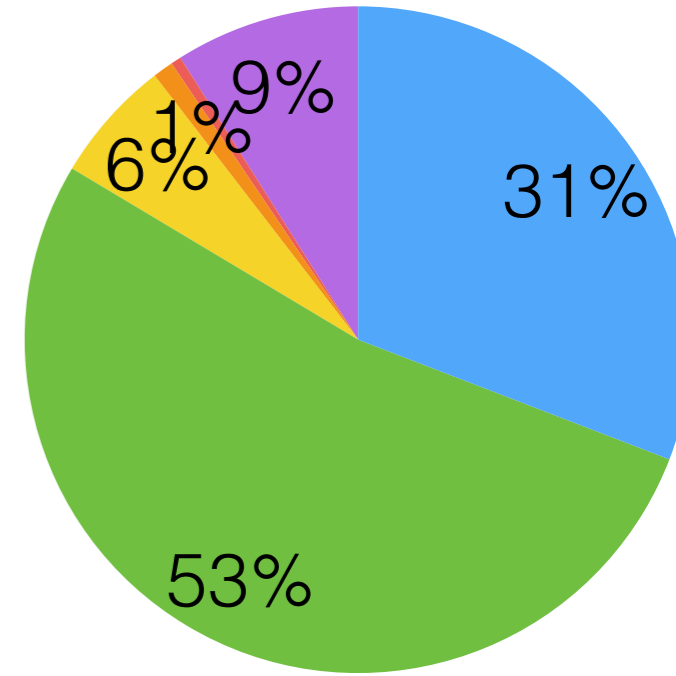
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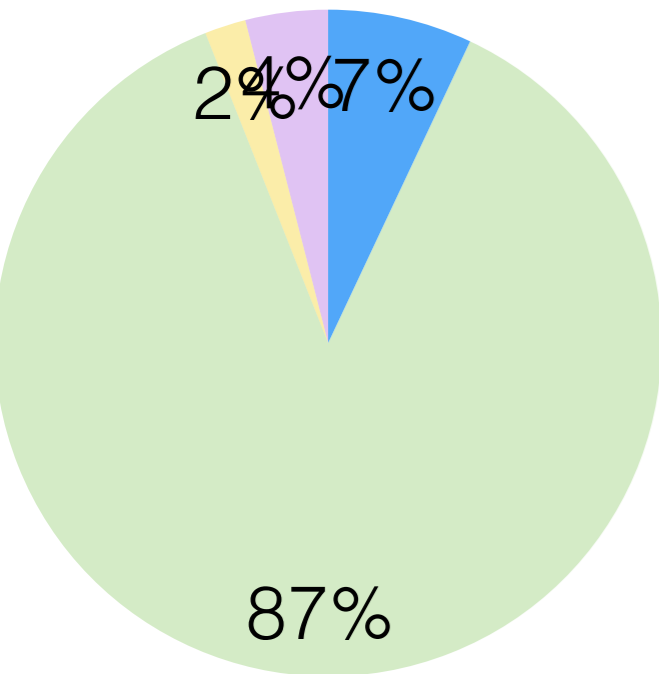


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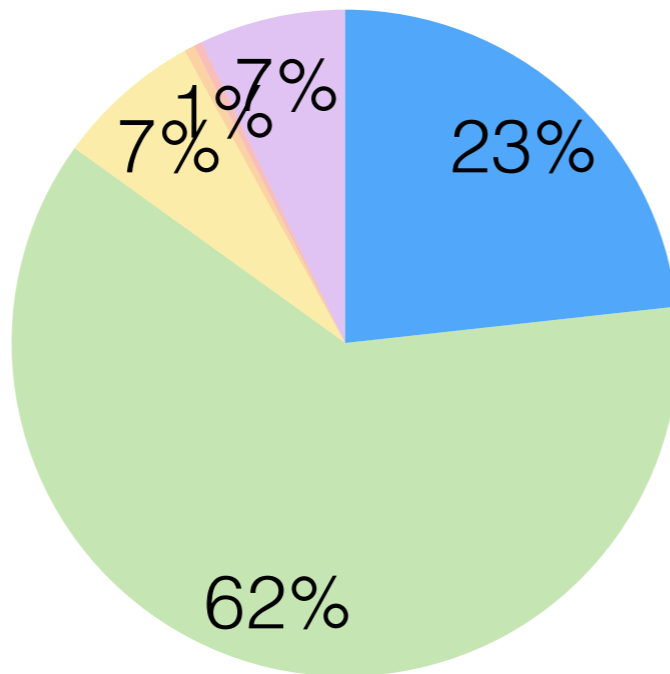
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# H $\Rightarrow$ MH?

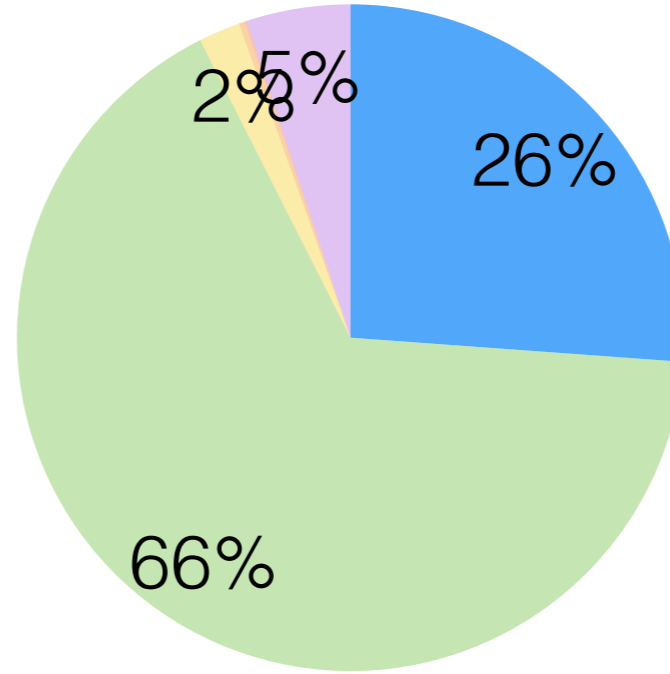
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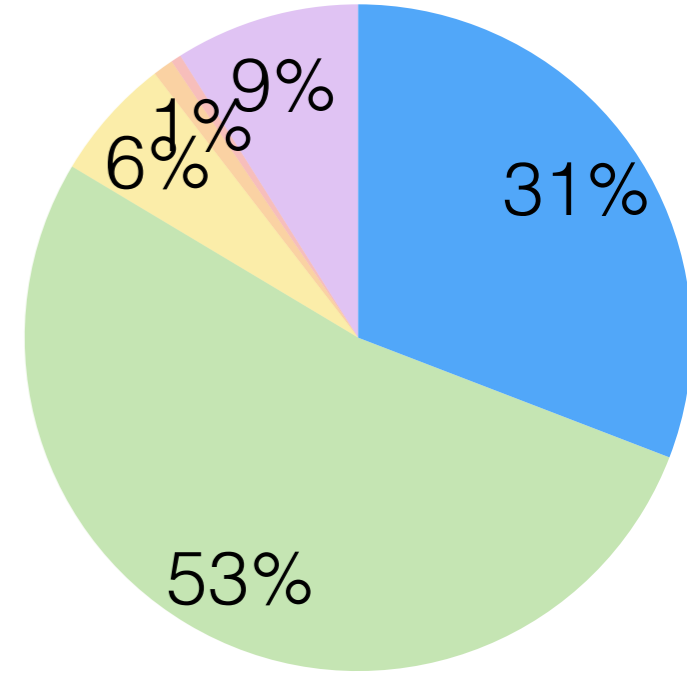
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H  $\Rightarrow$  MH?

The **deadly attack** killed at least 12 civilians.

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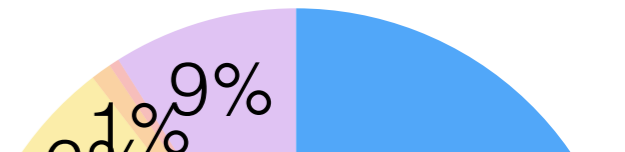
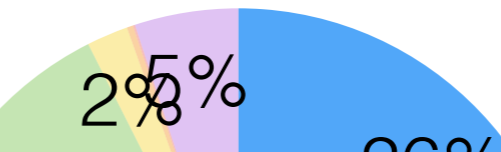
Debate Forums

The **new series** will premiere in January.

A woman rides a bike on an **outdoor trail** through a field.

- Independence
- Exclusion

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- Undefined



# H ⇒ MH?

The **entire bill** is now subject to approval by the parliament.

Debate Forums

Greenberg also was put under investigation for his **crucial role** at the company.

I simply love the **actual experience** of being one with the ocean and the life in it.

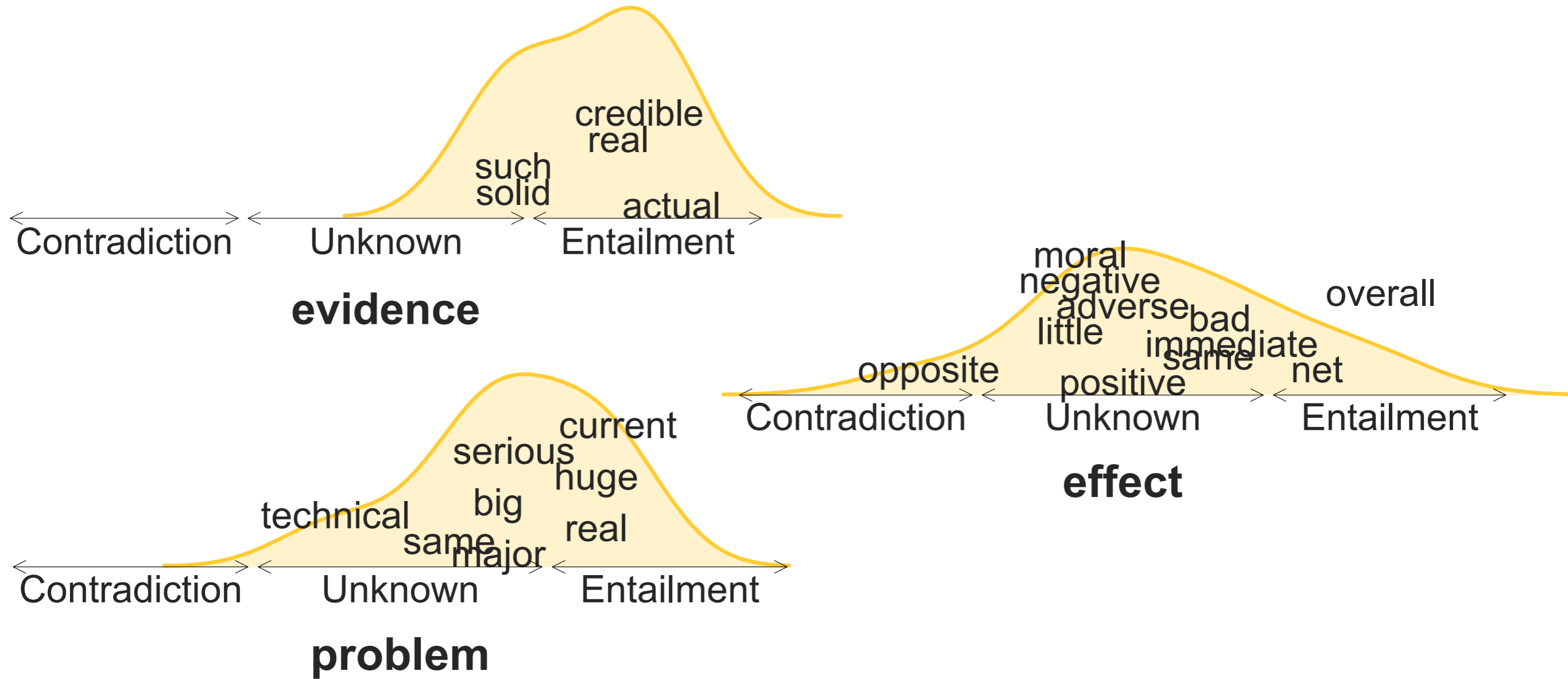
Use Entailment  
and Entailment

EXCLUSION

Underlined

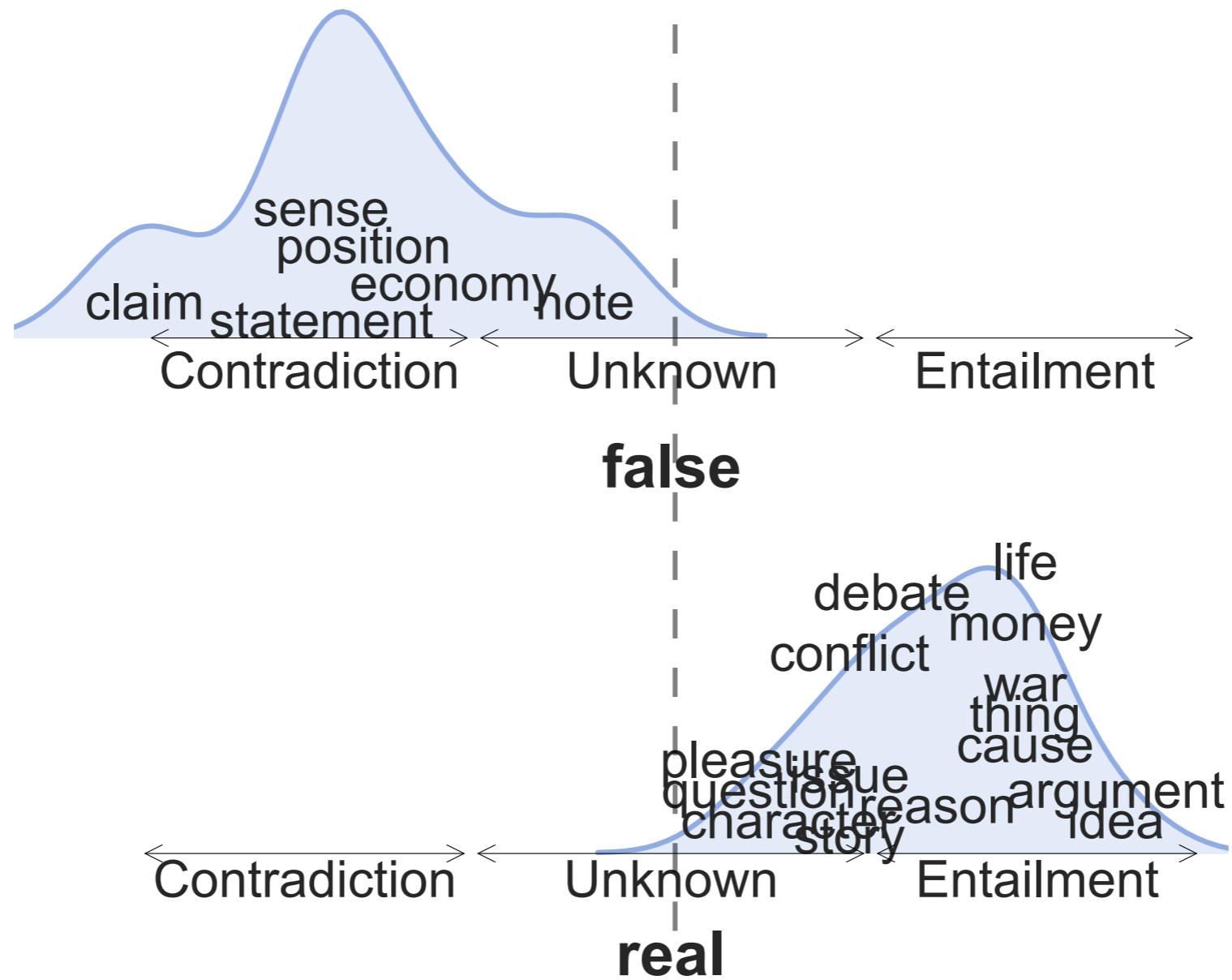


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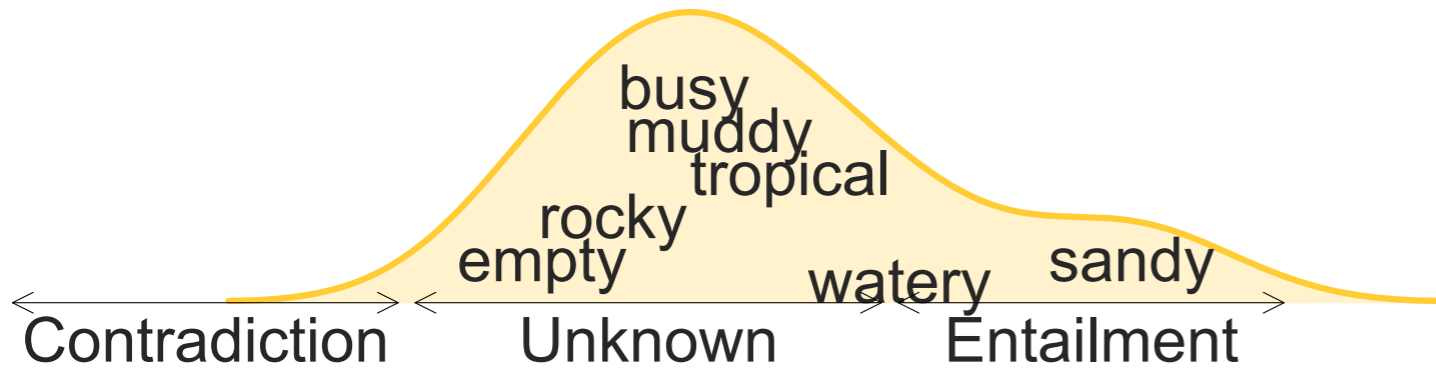
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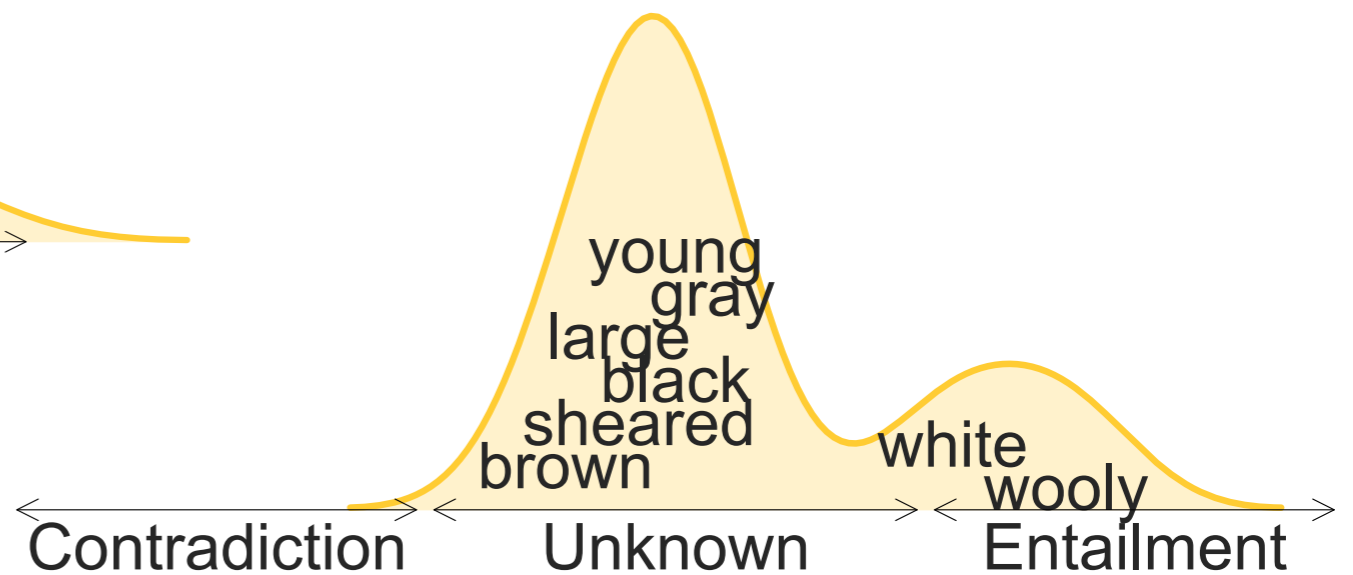


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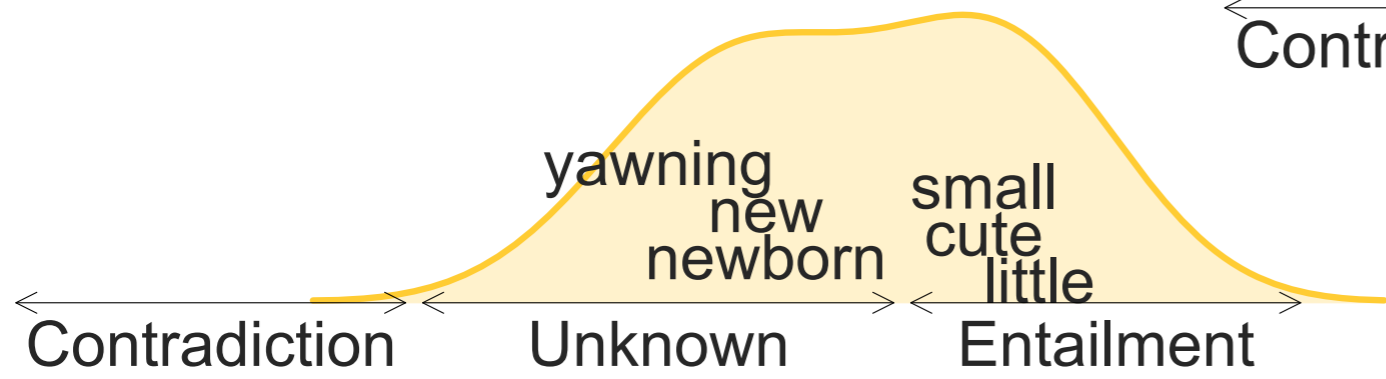
H  $\Rightarrow$  MH?



**beach**



**sheep**

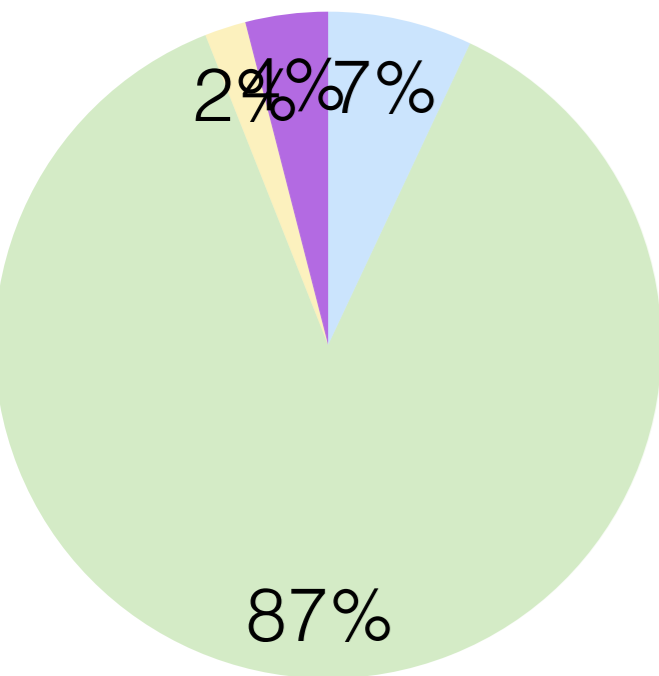


**baby**

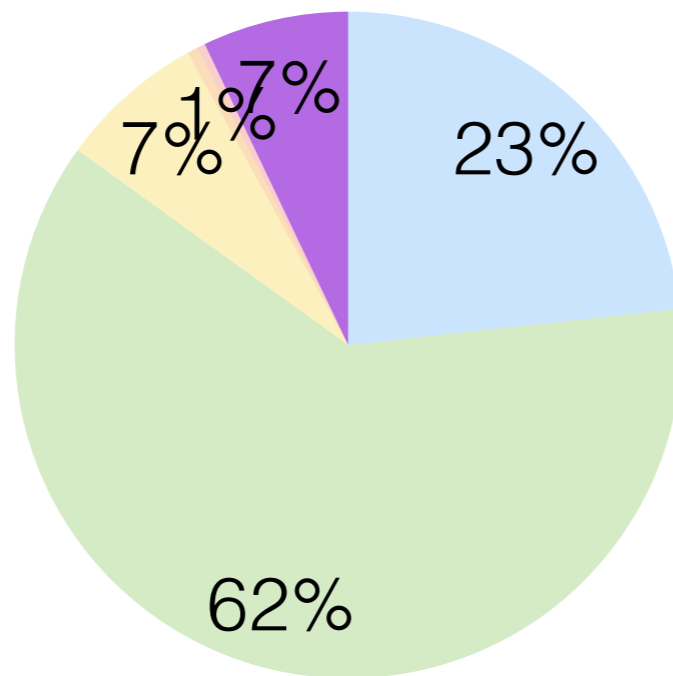
Entities are assumed to be prototypical.

$$H \Rightarrow \neg MH?$$

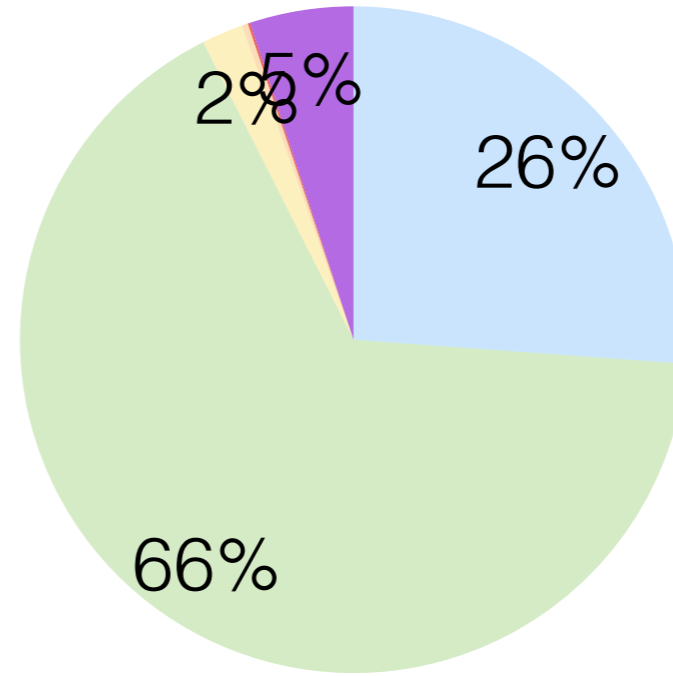
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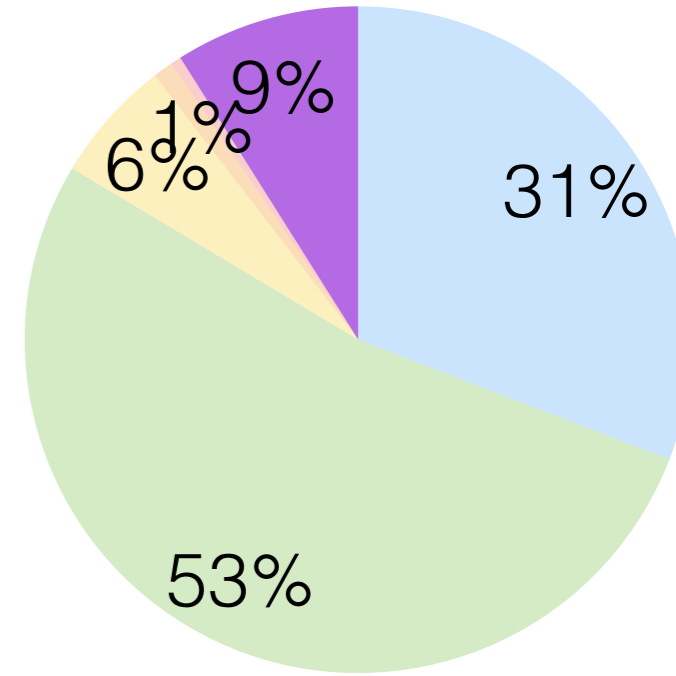
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- Equivalence
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- Undefined

$H \Rightarrow \neg MH?$

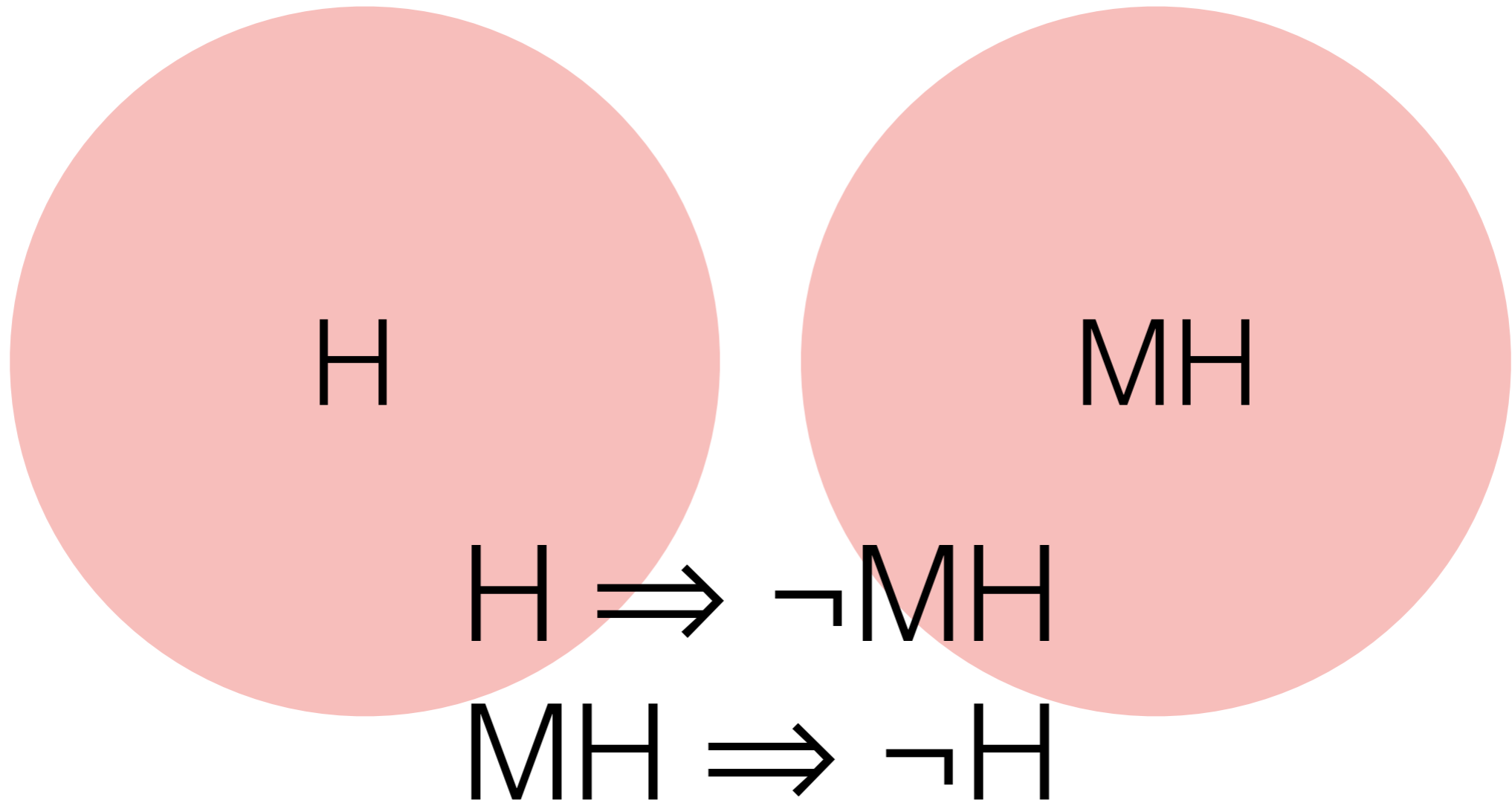


gun

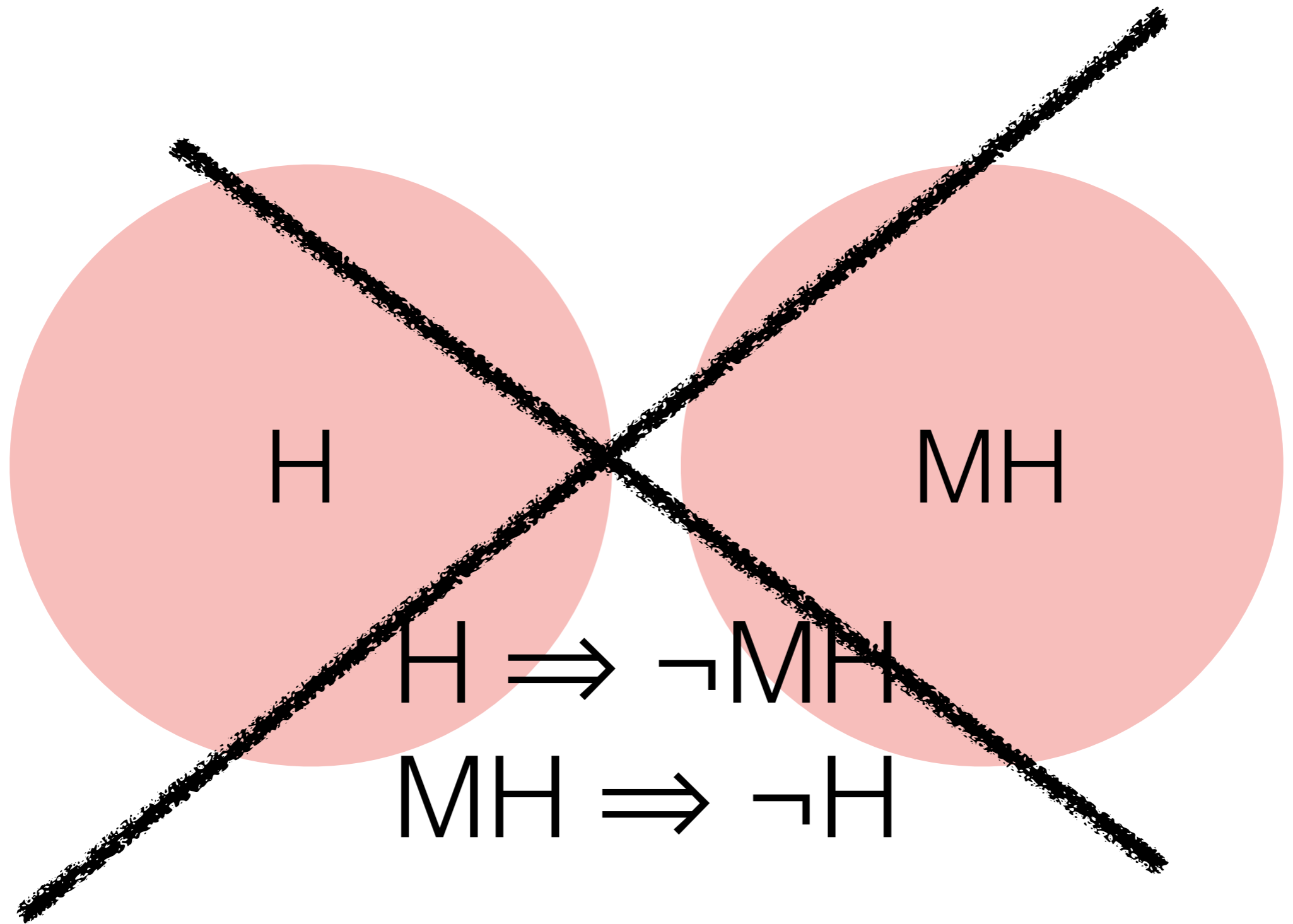


fake gun

$H \Rightarrow \neg MH?$



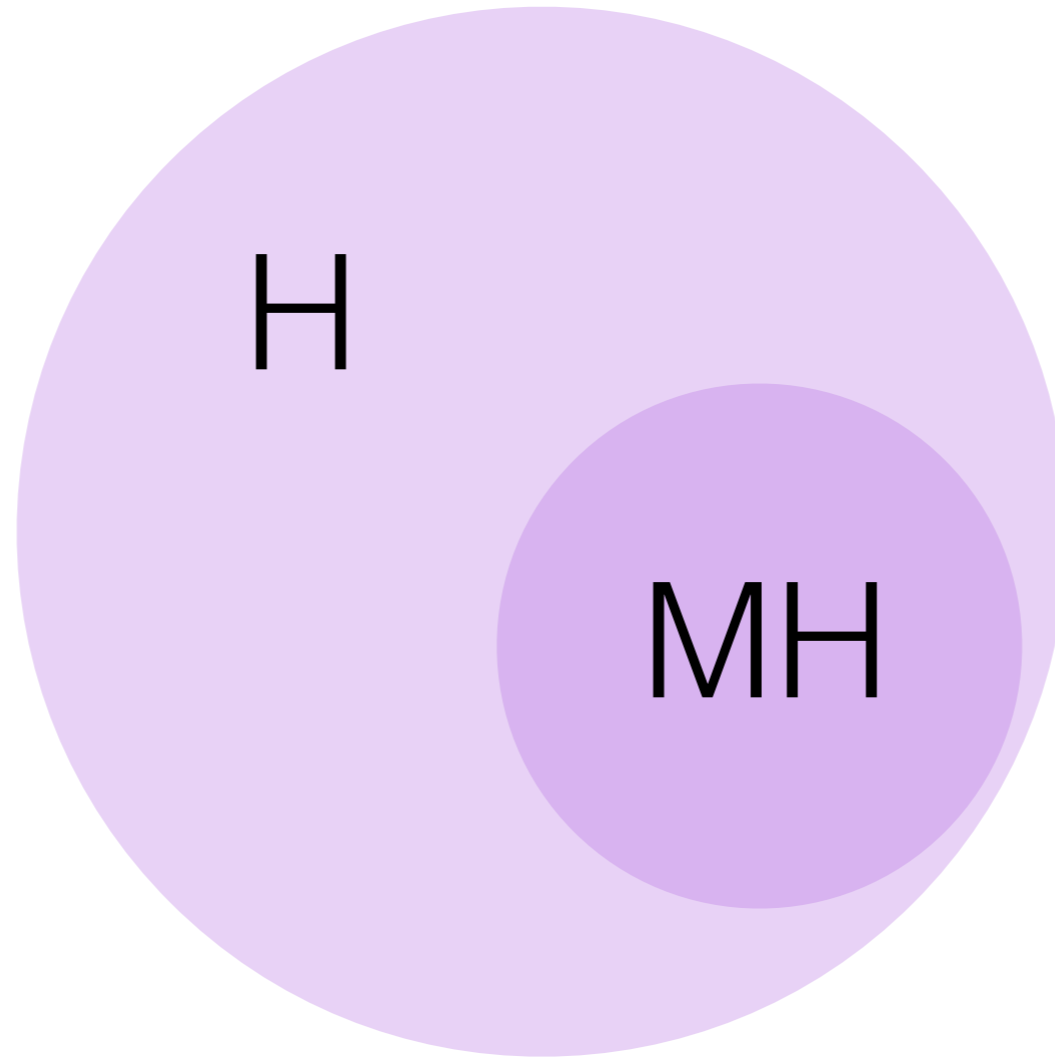
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# Undefined Relations



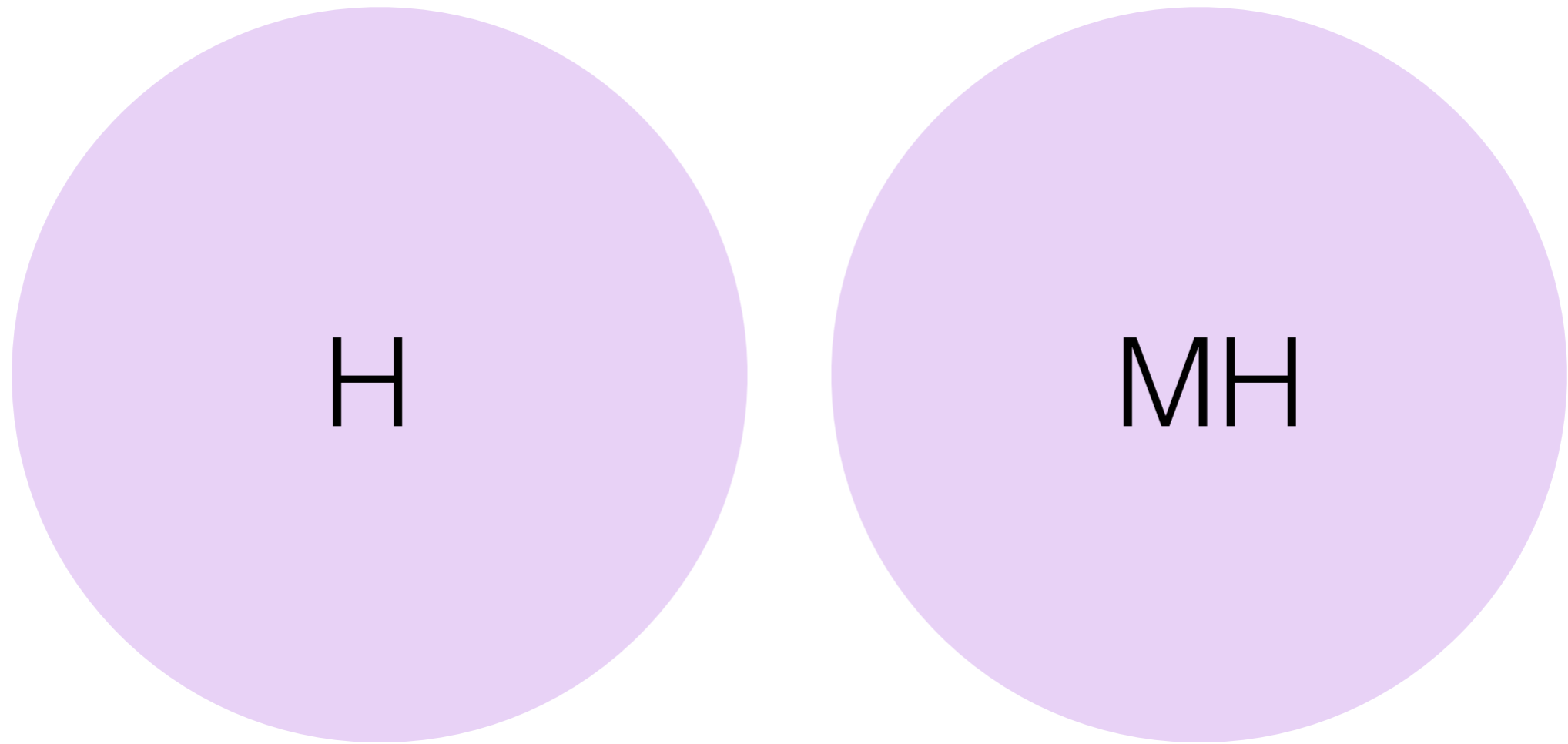
# Undefined Relations



$$MH \Rightarrow H$$

(like subsective)

# Undefined Relations



$$H \Rightarrow \neg MH$$

(Like privative)

Equiv.	MH $\Rightarrow$ H Yes	H $\Rightarrow$ MH Yes	It is her favorite book in the <b>entire world.</b>
Rev. Ent.	Yes	Unk	Eddy is a <b>gray cat.</b>
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Excl.	No	No	She is a <b>former senator.</b>
Undef.	Yes	No	?????

# Undefined Relations

$$H \Rightarrow \neg MH$$

Bush travels Monday to Michigan to  
remark on the **economy**.

Bush travels Monday to Michigan to  
remark on the **Japanese economy**.

# Undefined Relations

$MH \Rightarrow H$

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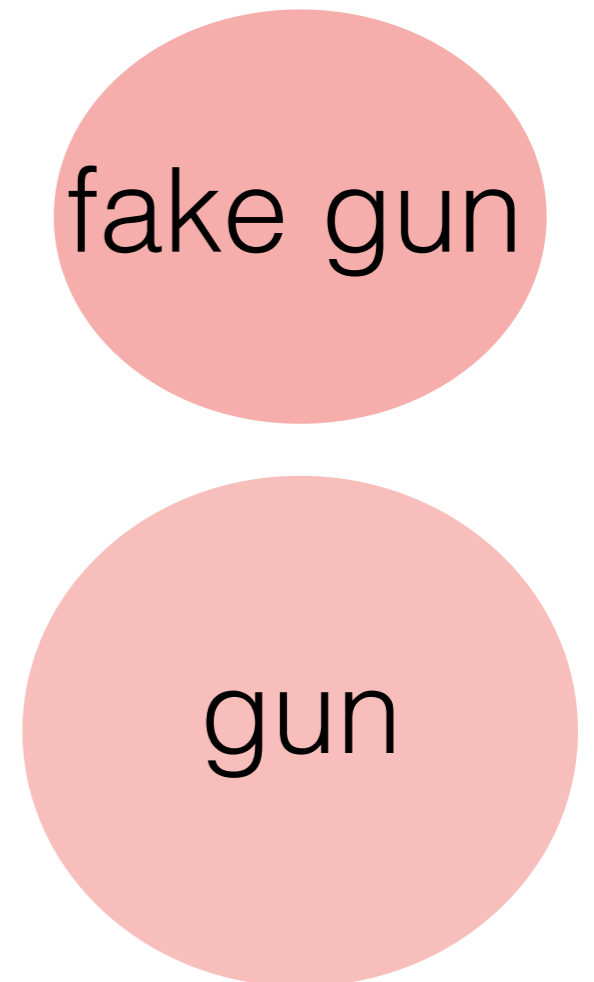
# Classes of Modifiers

## Revisited

Subsective  
 $MH \Rightarrow H$

Plain Non-Subsective  
 $MH \not\Rightarrow H$

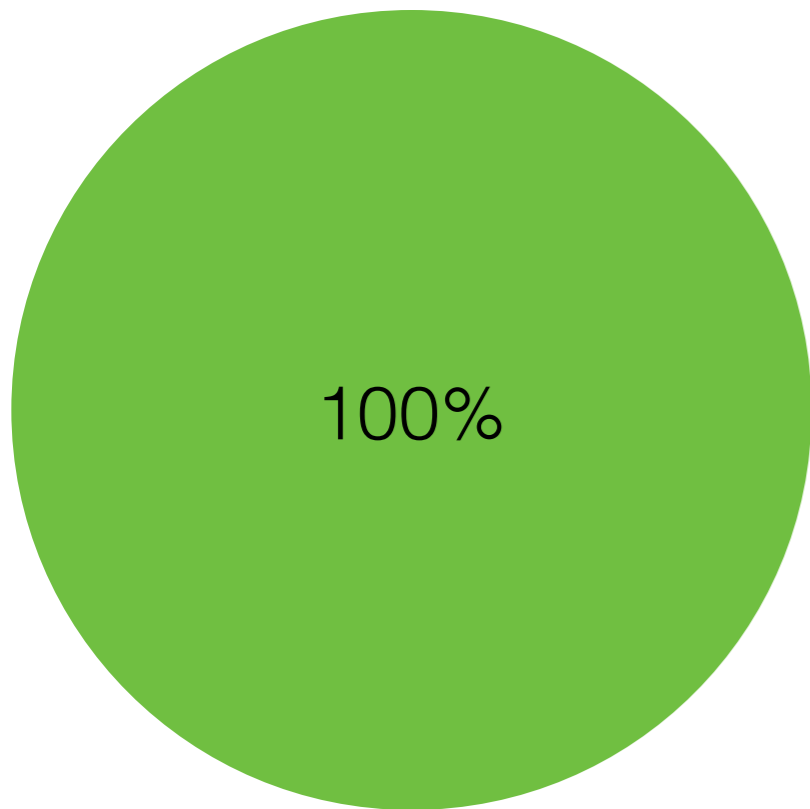
Privative  
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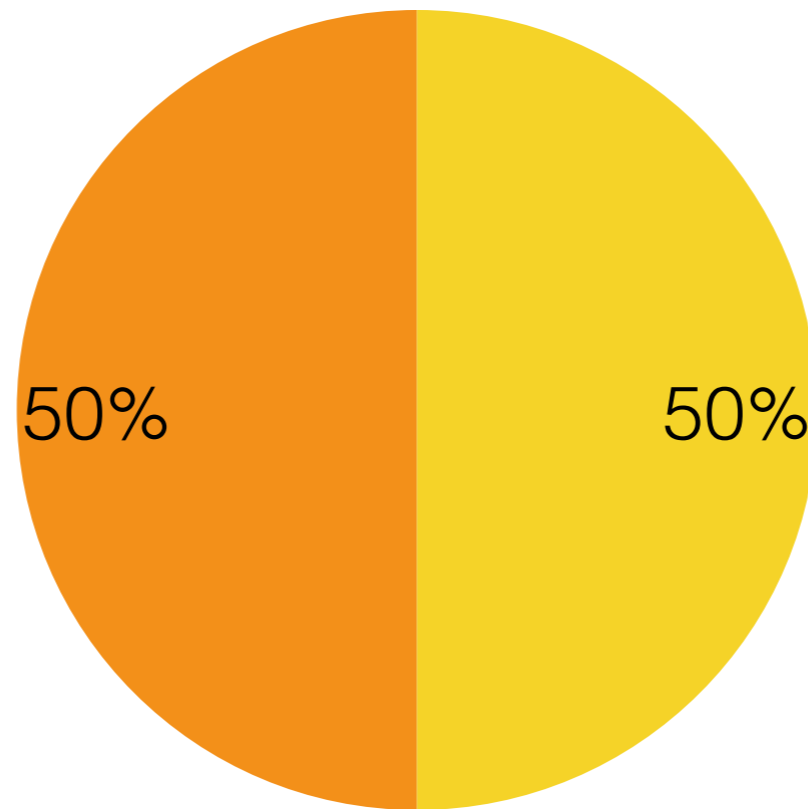
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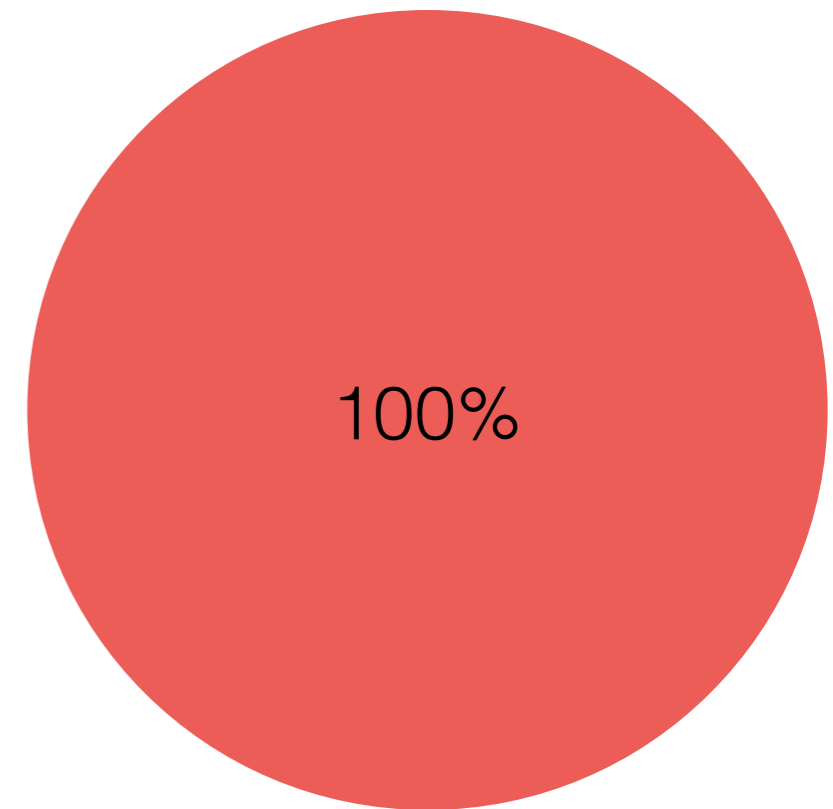
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● Equivalence  
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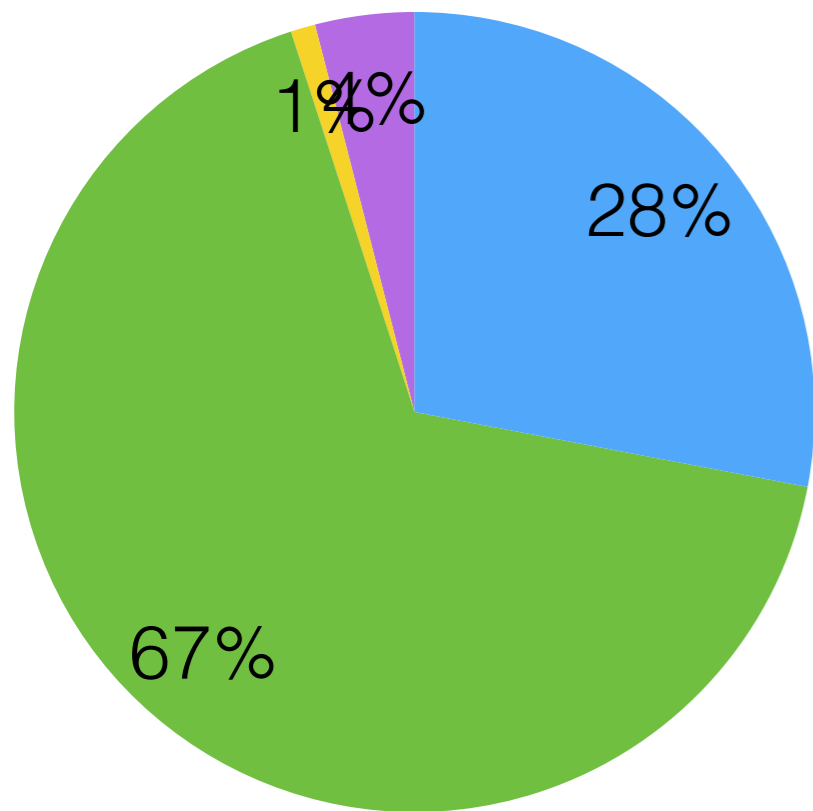
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● Exclusion

● Independence  
● Undefined

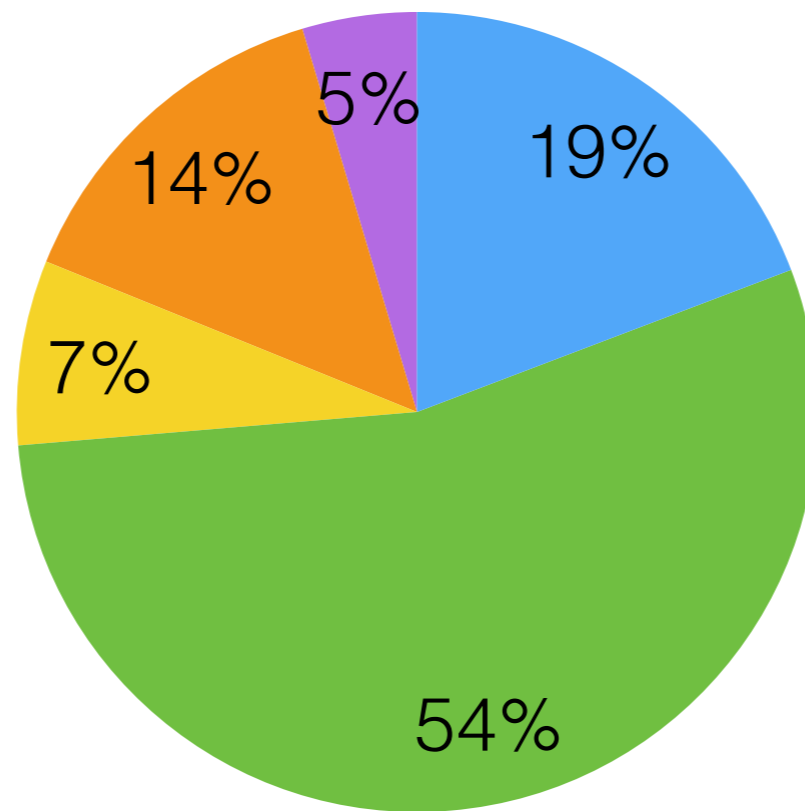
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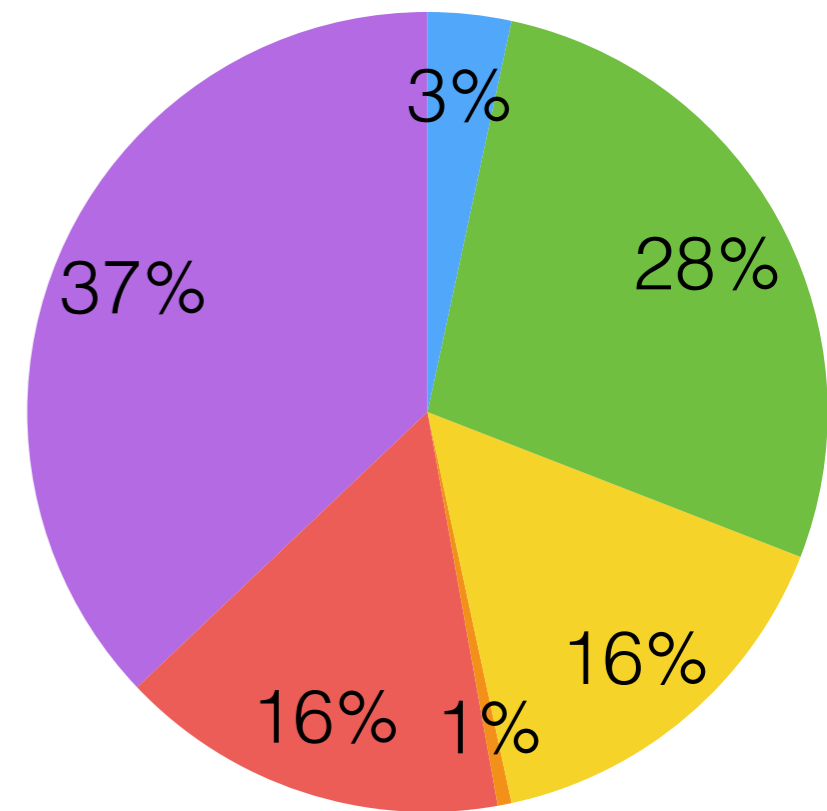
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Privative  
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# Privative Modifiers

$$H \Rightarrow \neg MH$$

Wilson signed off to pay the debts to  
the **company**.

Wilson signed off to pay the debts to  
the **fictitious company**.

# Privative Modifiers

MH  $\Rightarrow$  H

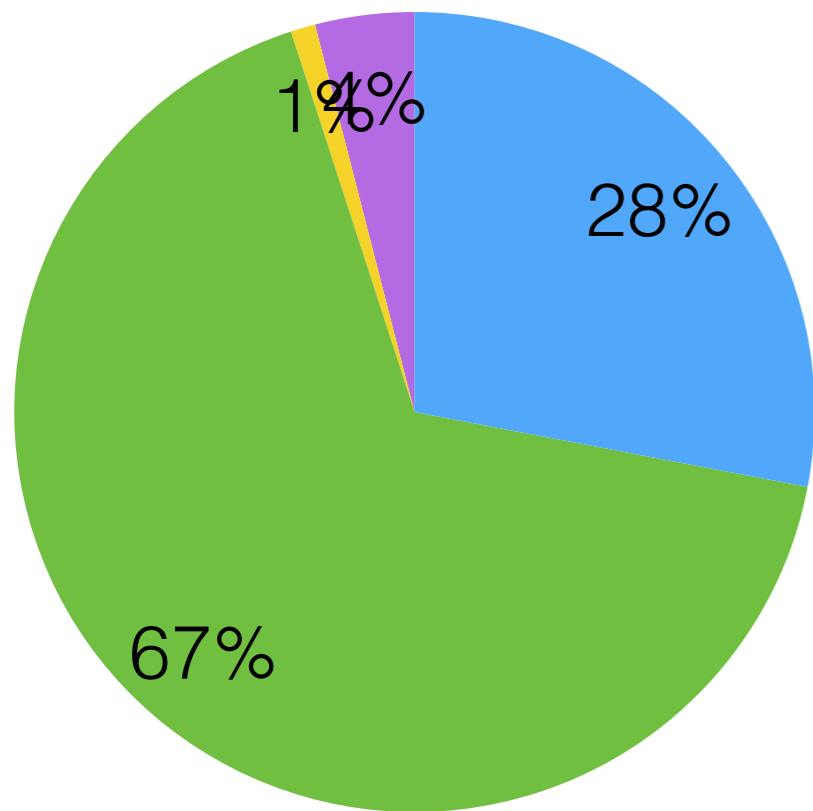
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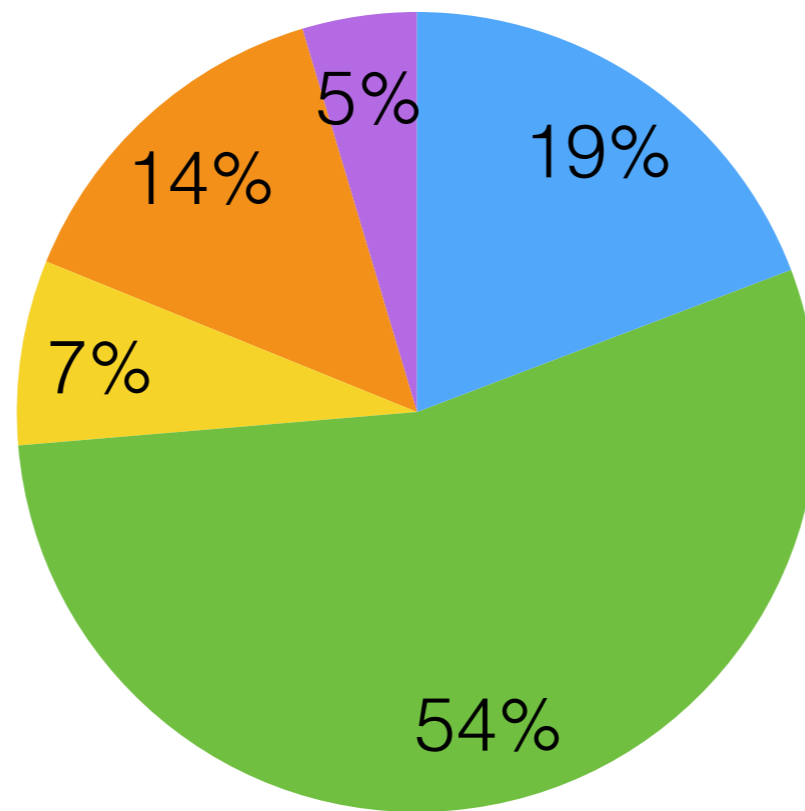
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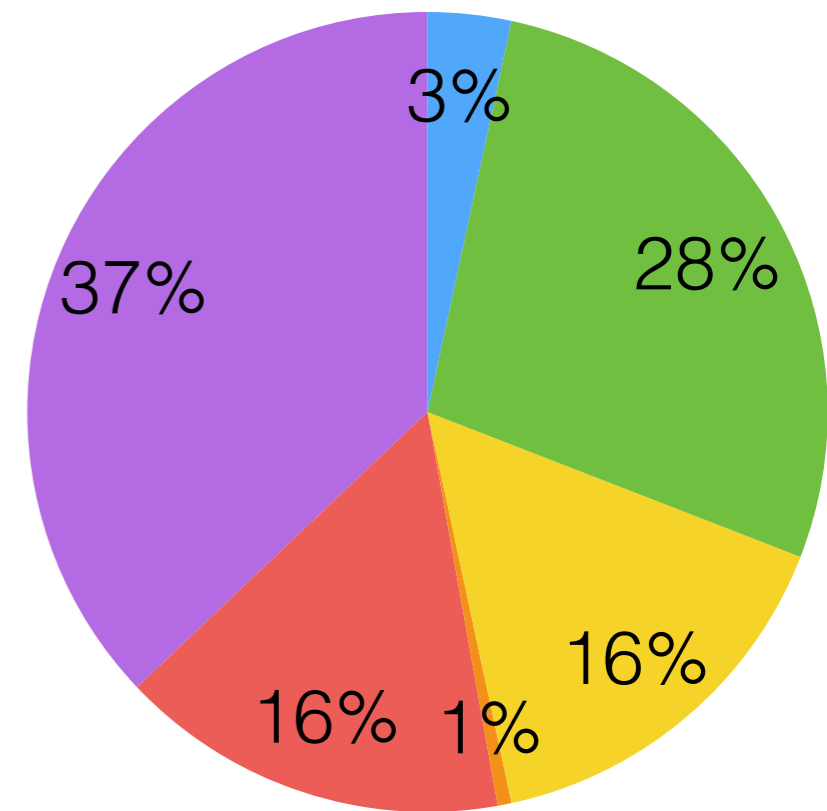
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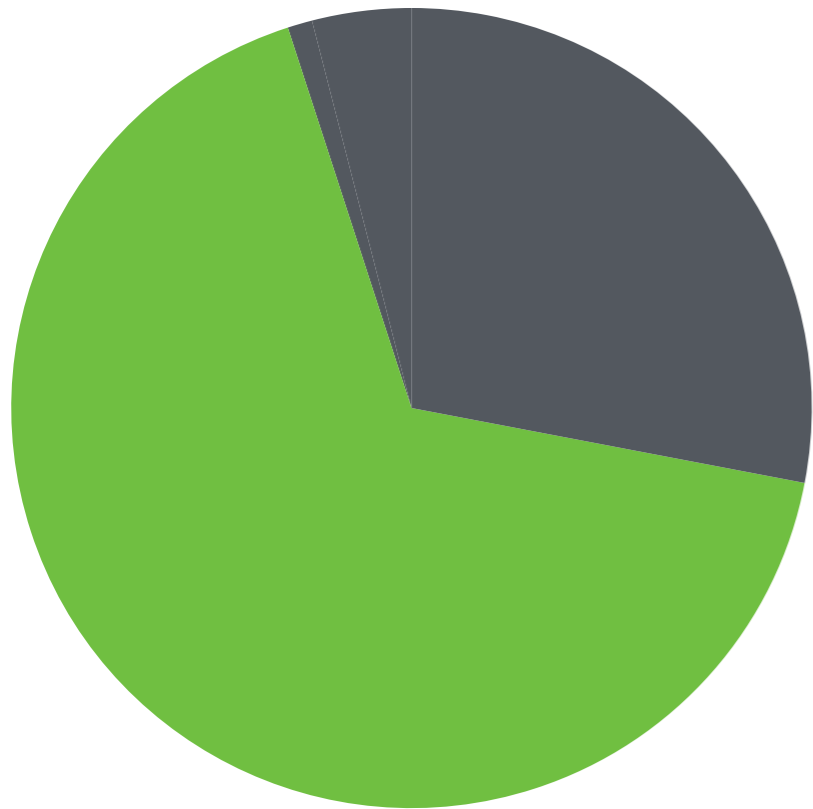
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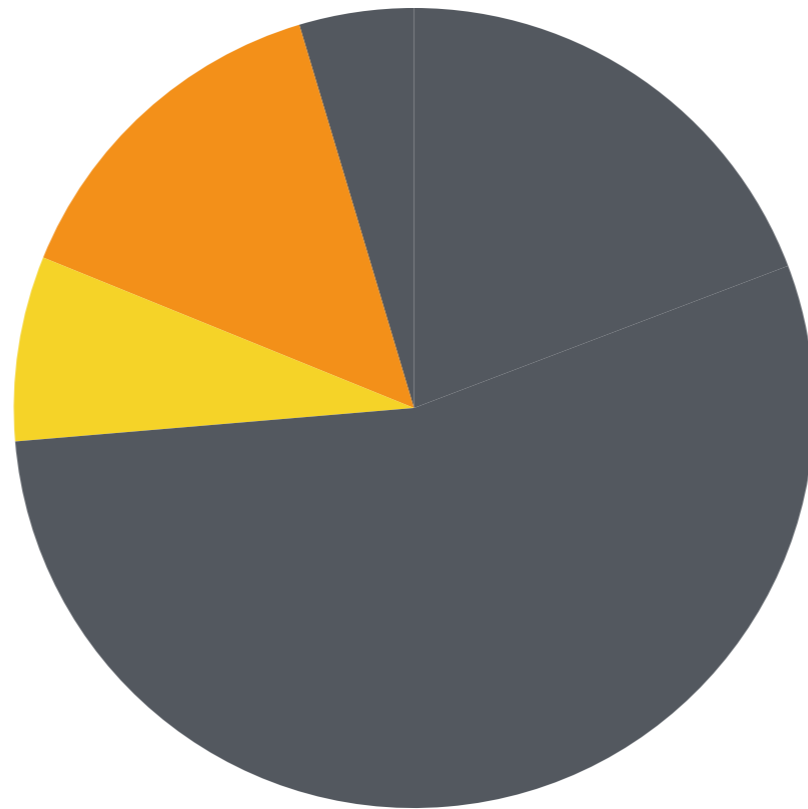
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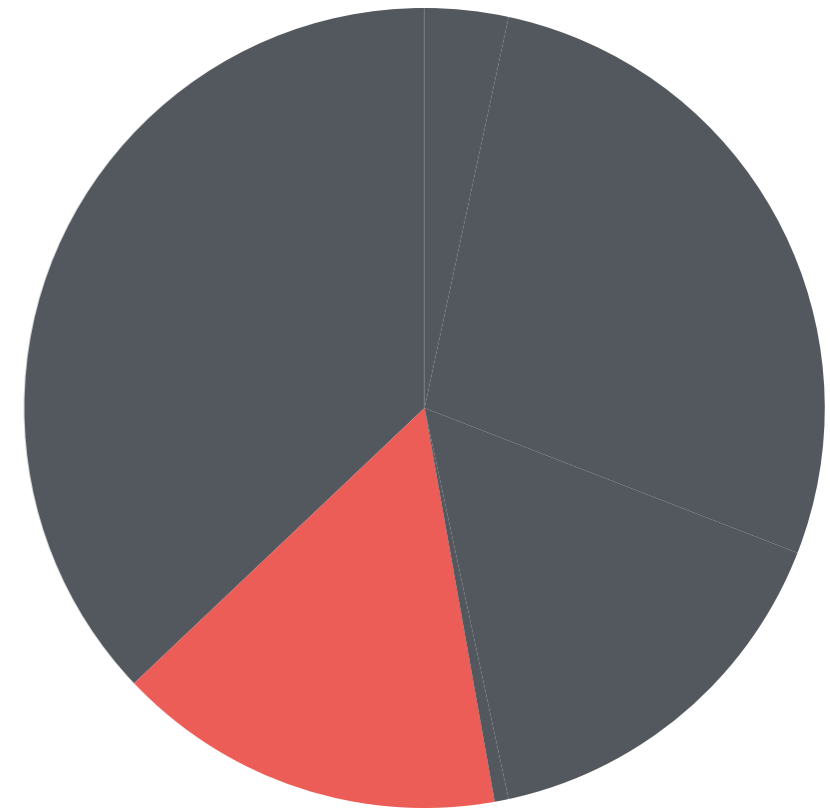
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Generalizations based on the class of the modifier lead to incorrect predictions more often than not.

# Modern Inference Systems

*p entails h if typically, a human reading p would infer that h is most likely true.*

# Modern Inference Systems

$p$  = “The crowd roared.”

$h$  = “The enthusiastic crowd roared.”



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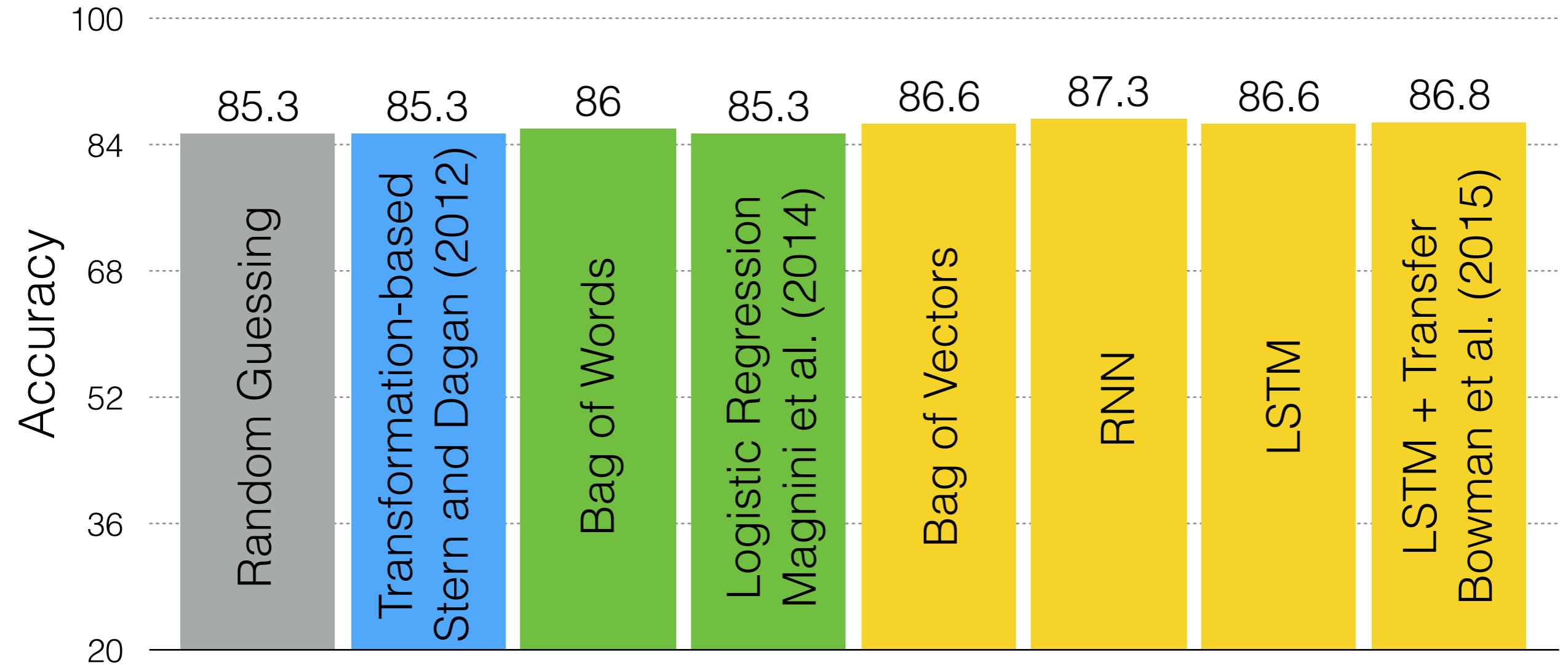


*$p$  entails  $h$  if typically, a human reading  $p$  would infer that  $h$  is most likely true.*



Yes

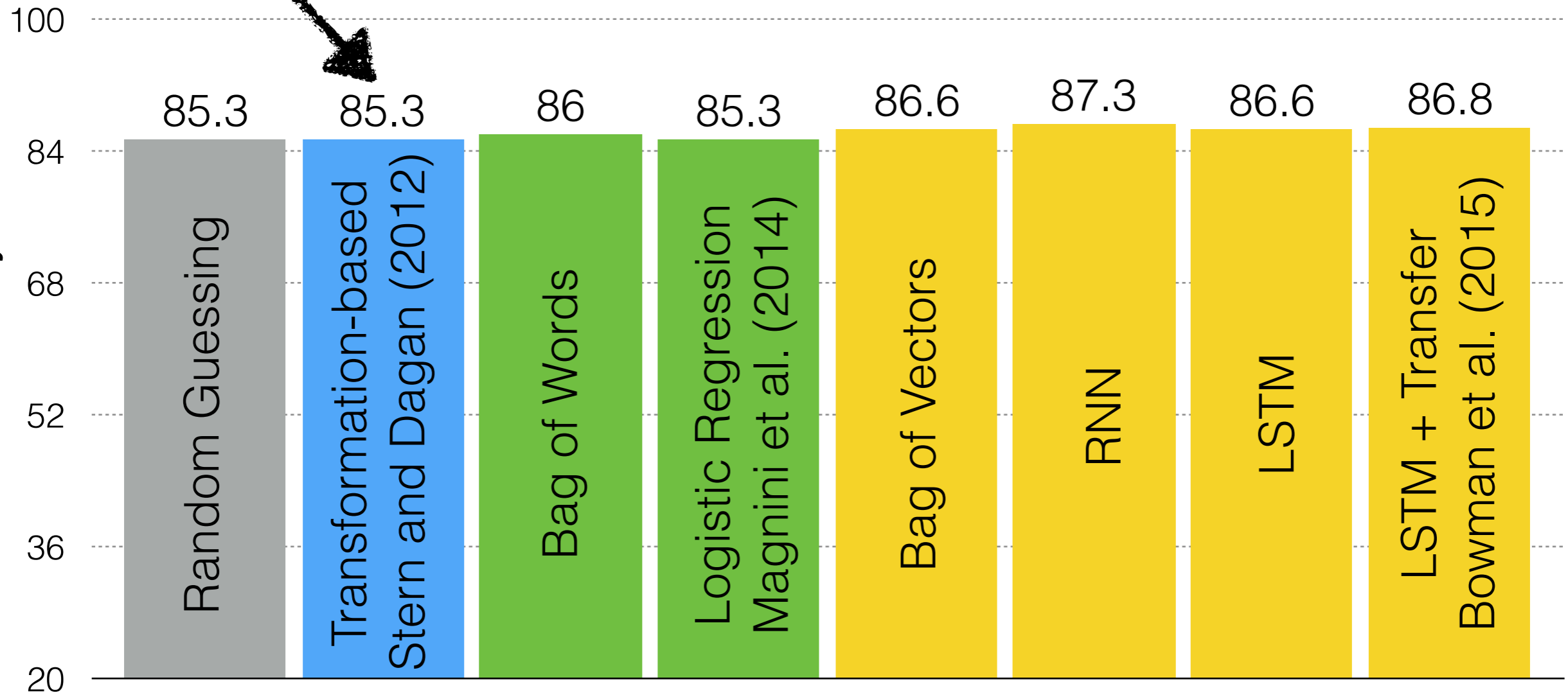
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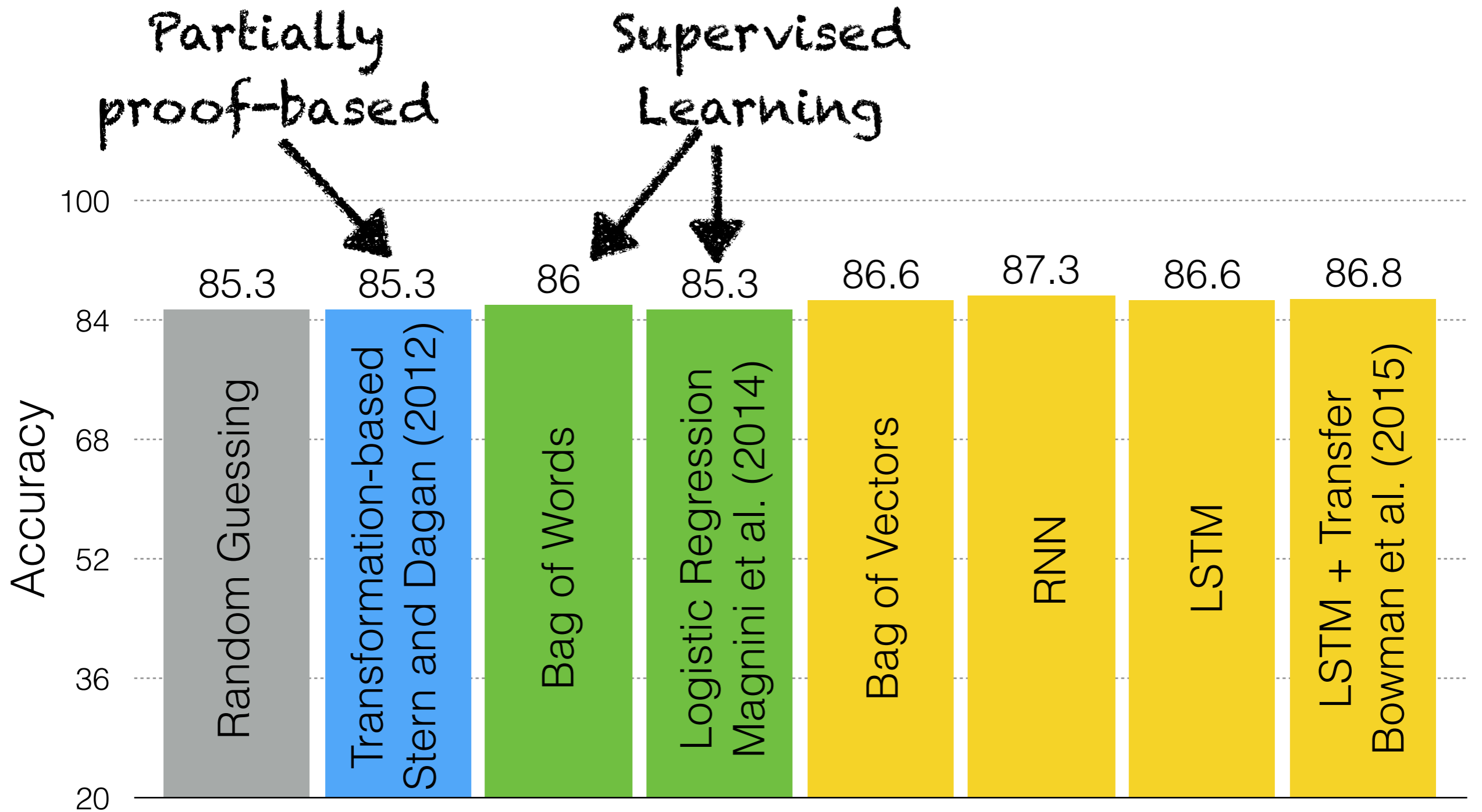


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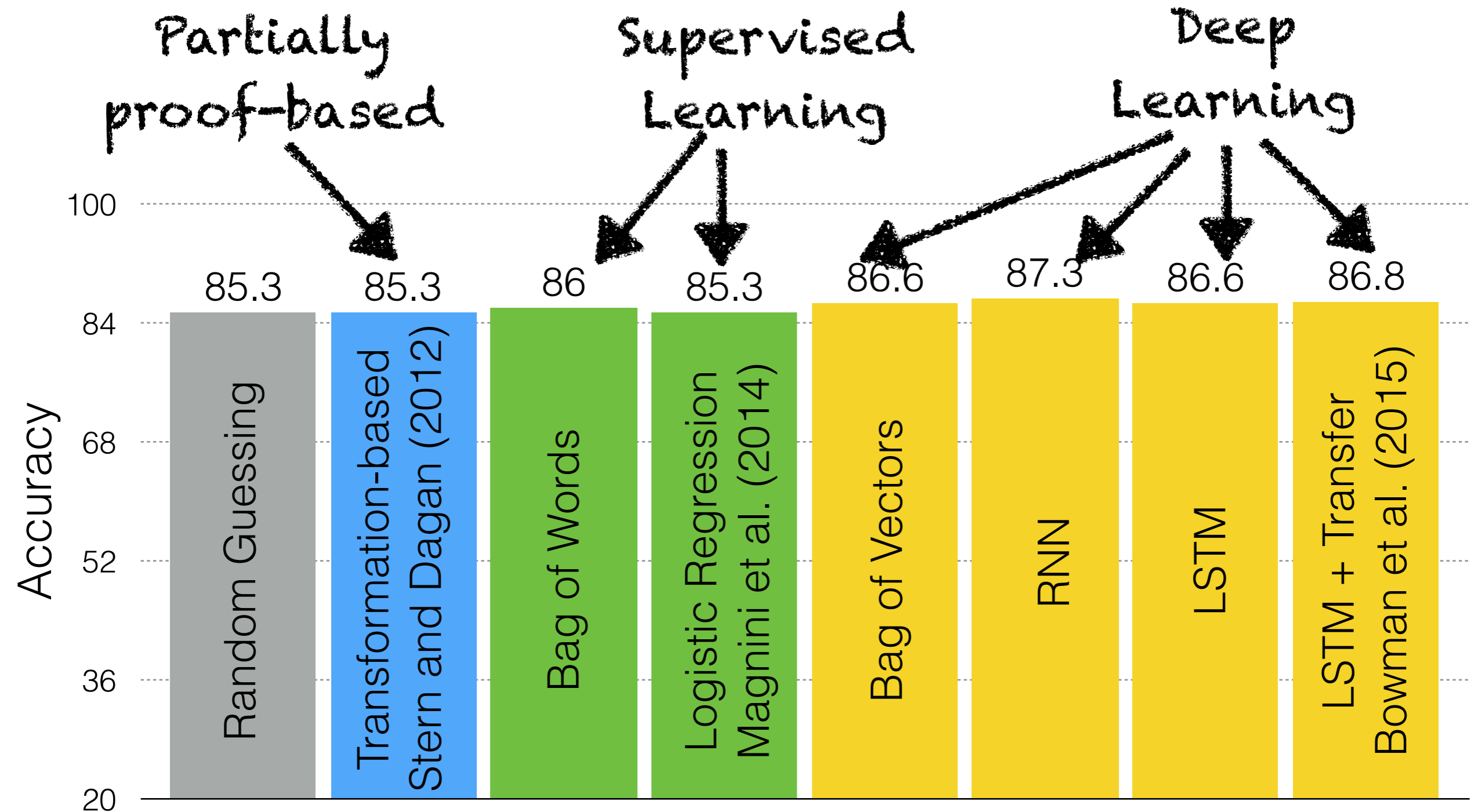
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proof-based



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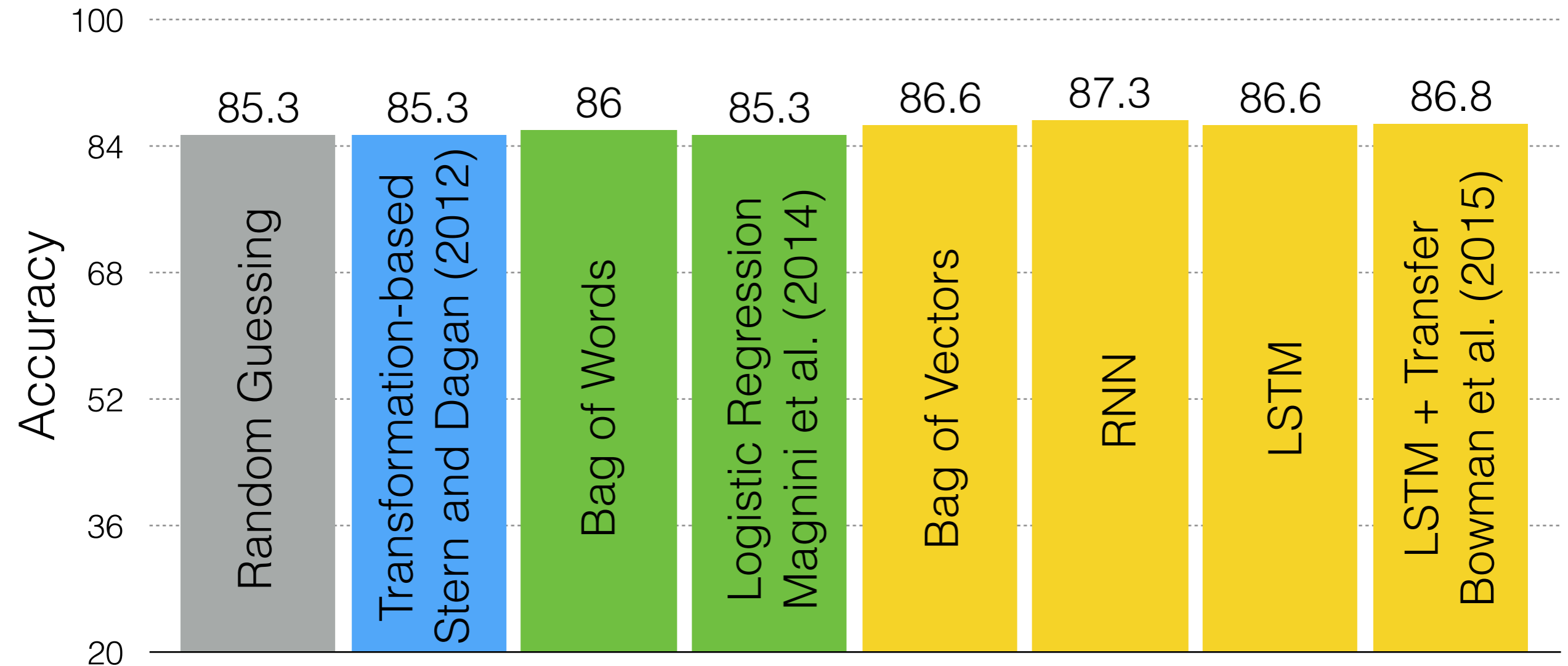


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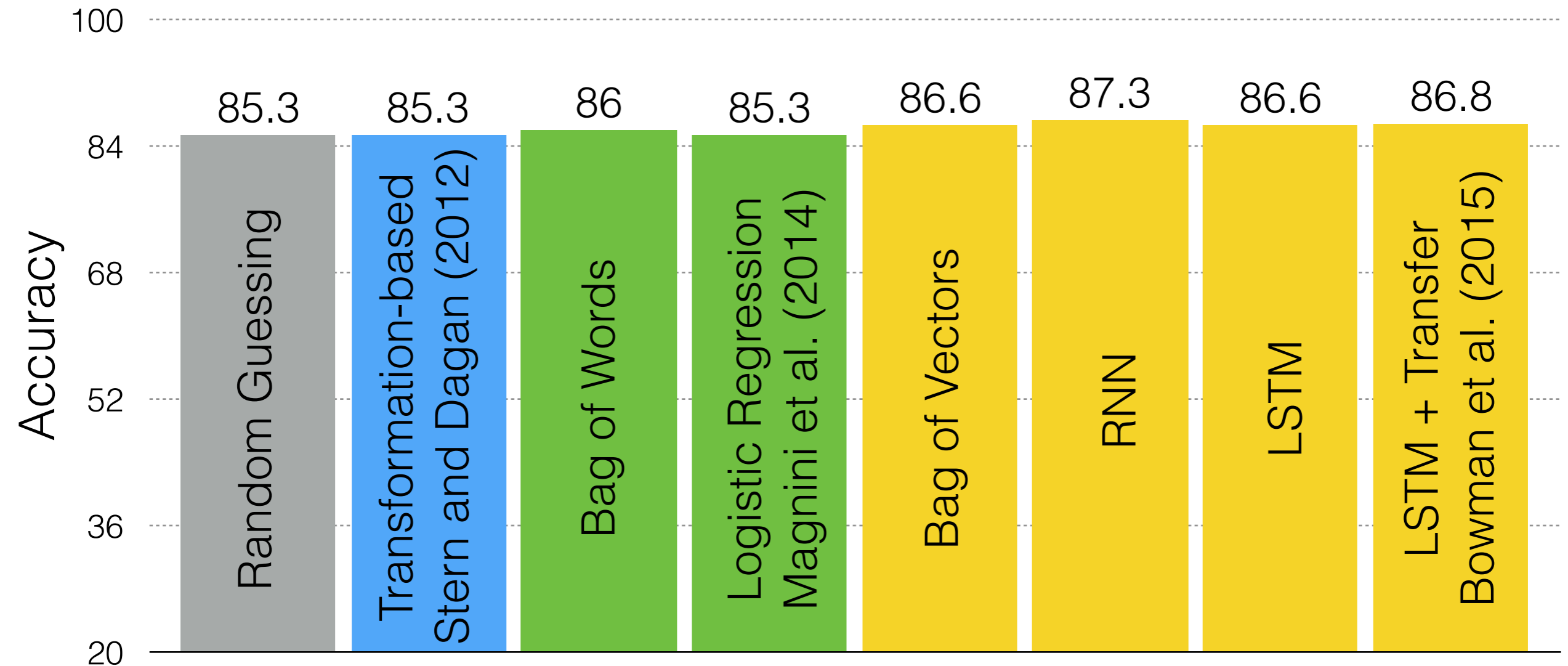
# Modern Inference Systems

Correct representation is *difficult to capture explicitly*



# Modern Inference Systems

Correct representation is difficult to capture explicitly and is currently not being learned implicitly.



# Discussion

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The **crowd** roared.

# Discussion

The **crowd** roared.



**enthusiastic crowd**



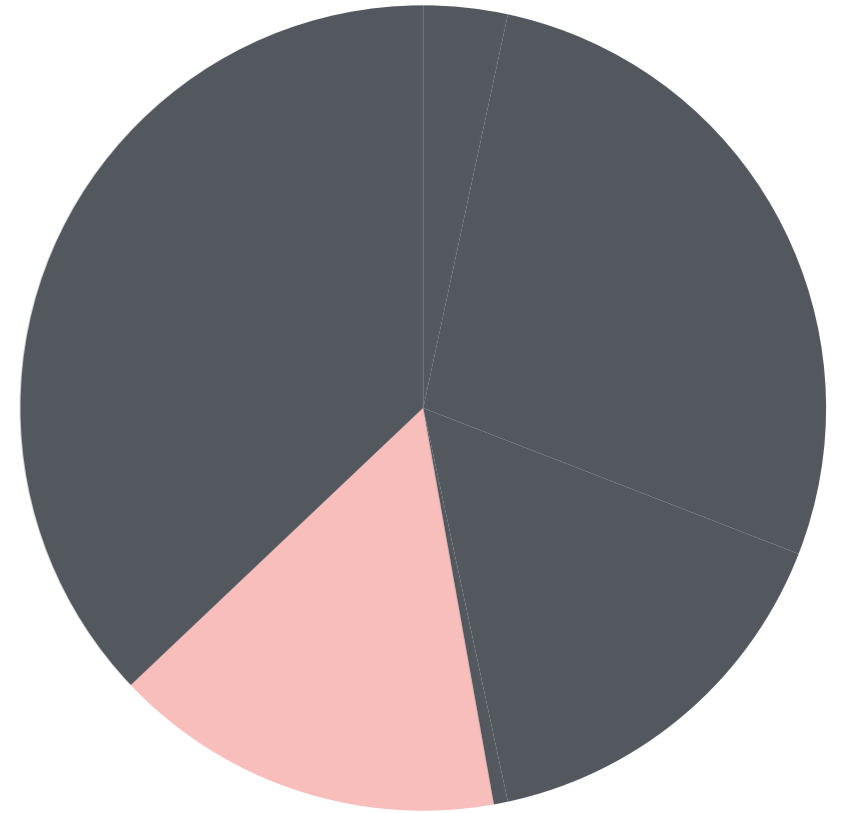
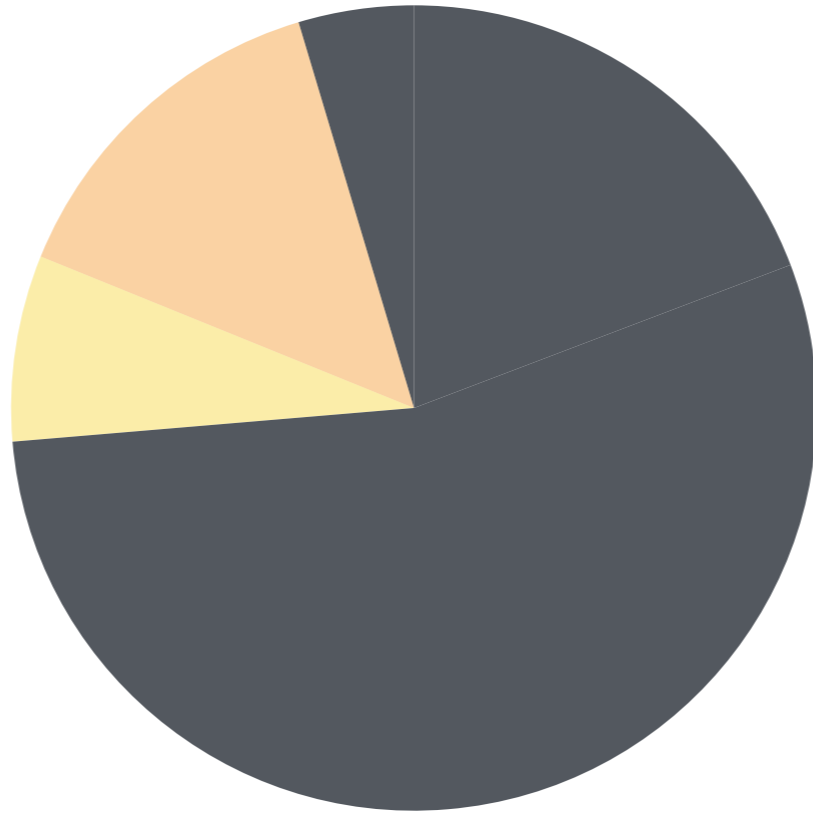
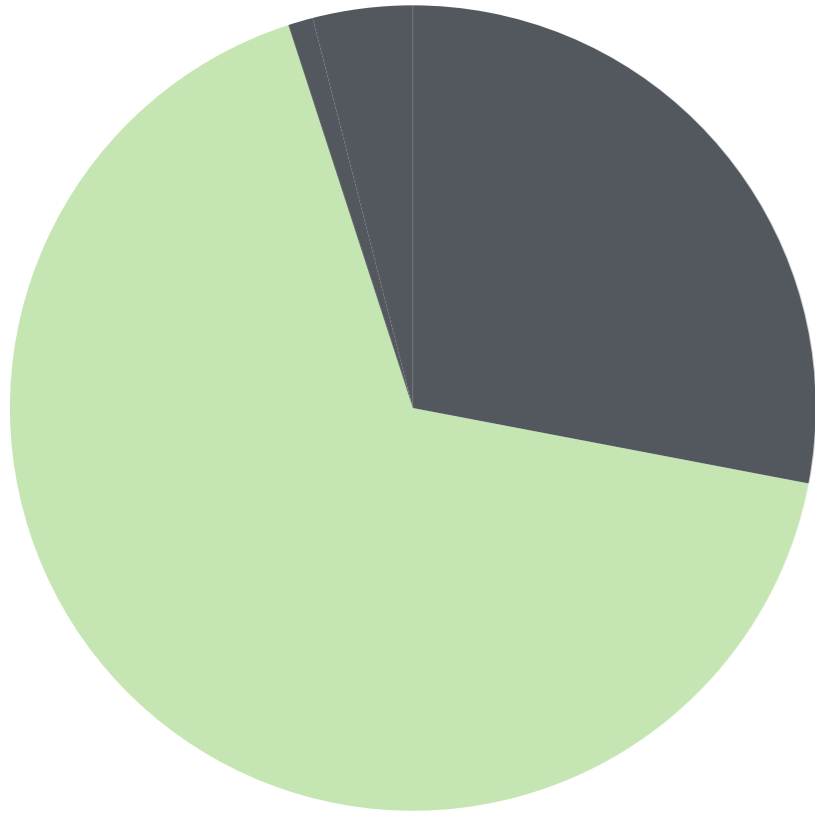
Discussion

**crowd**

**enthusiastic crowd**

**Set Containment**

# Discussion



Set Containment

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# Discussion

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P(enthusiastic)

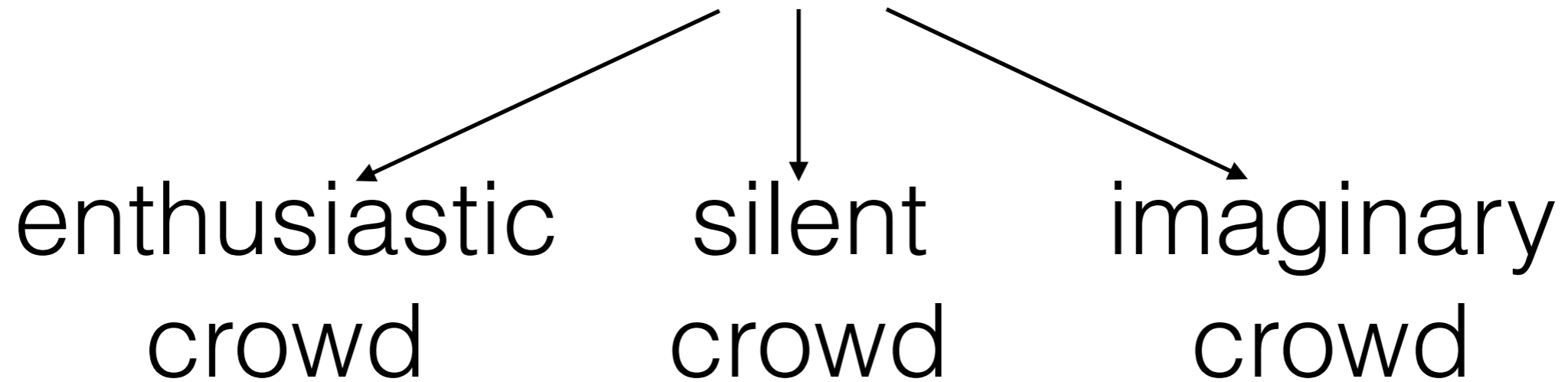
P(silent)

P(imaginary)

Language Modeling

# Discussion

The **crowd** roared.



Word Sense  
Disambiguation

# Discussion

The **crowd** roared.

Reference

# Discussion

The **crowd** roared.



Reference

# Discussion

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**enthusiastic crowd**

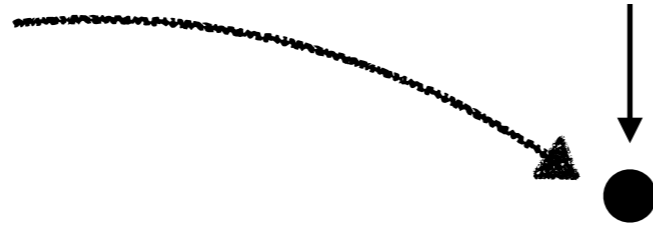
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# Discussion

The **crowd** roared.

real



**enthusiastic crowd**

# Discussion

The **crowd** roared.

*real*

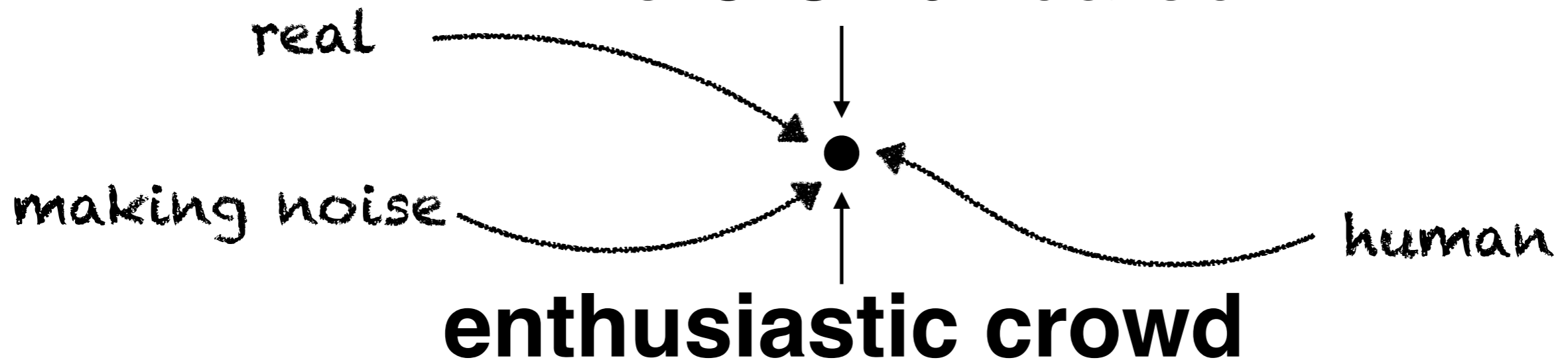


*human*

**enthusiastic crowd**

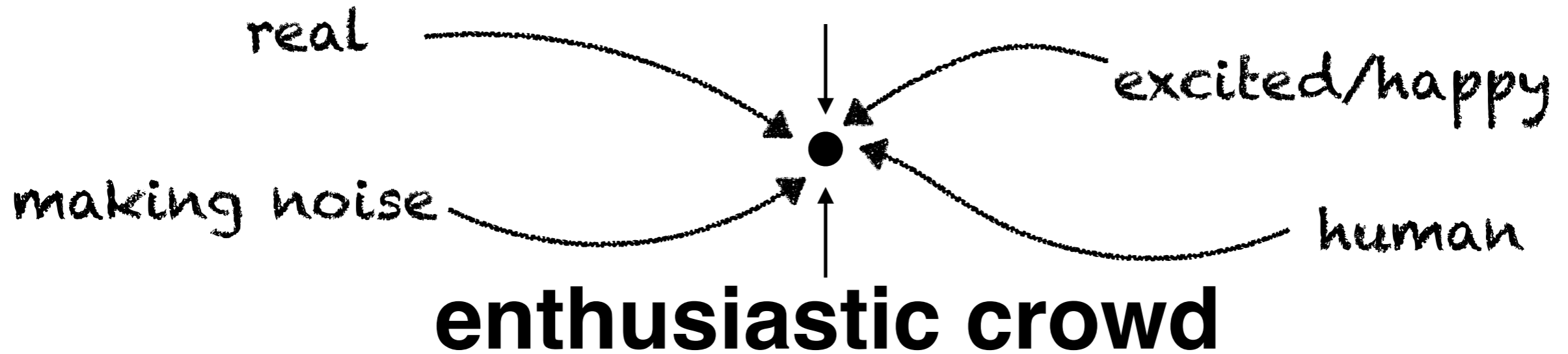
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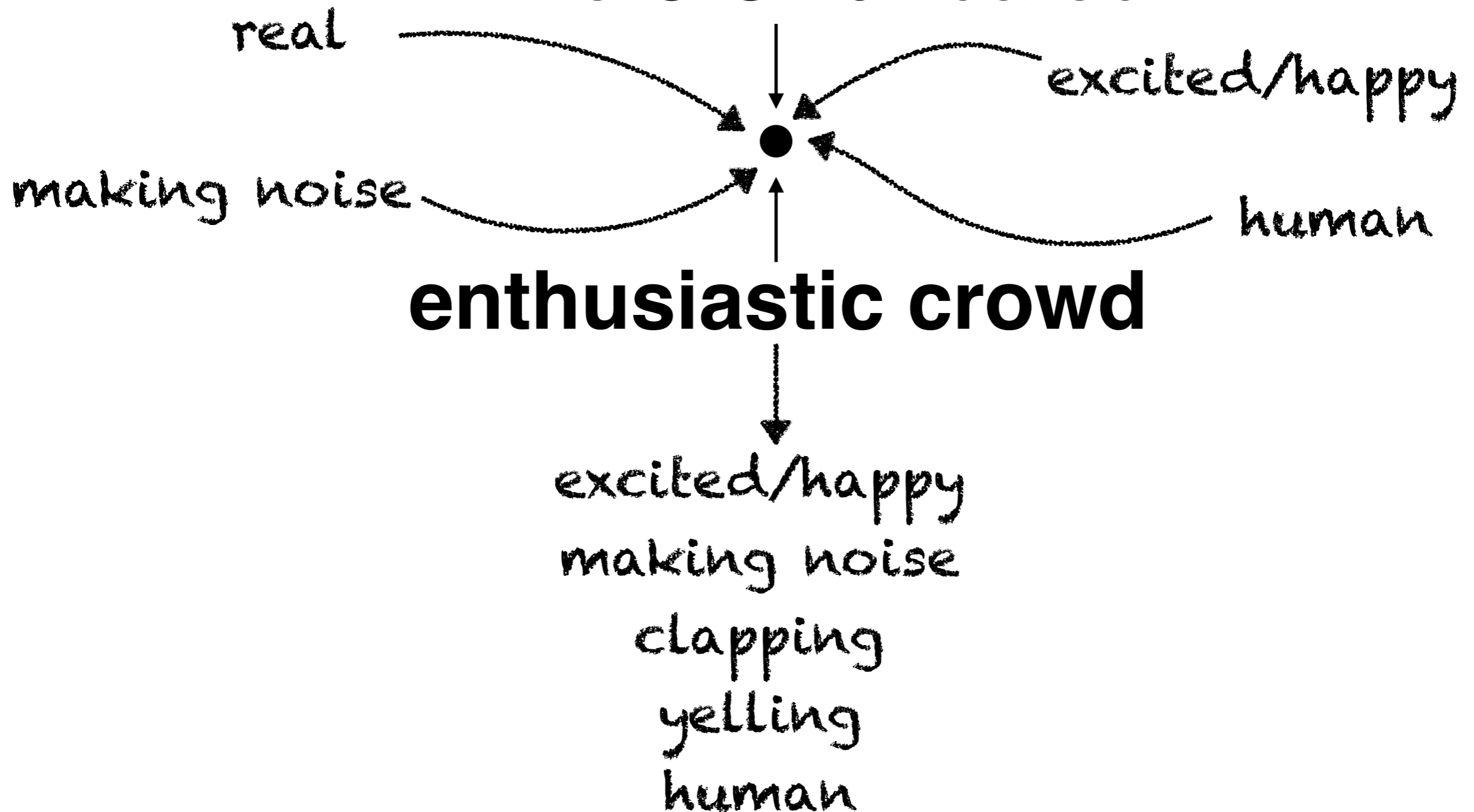
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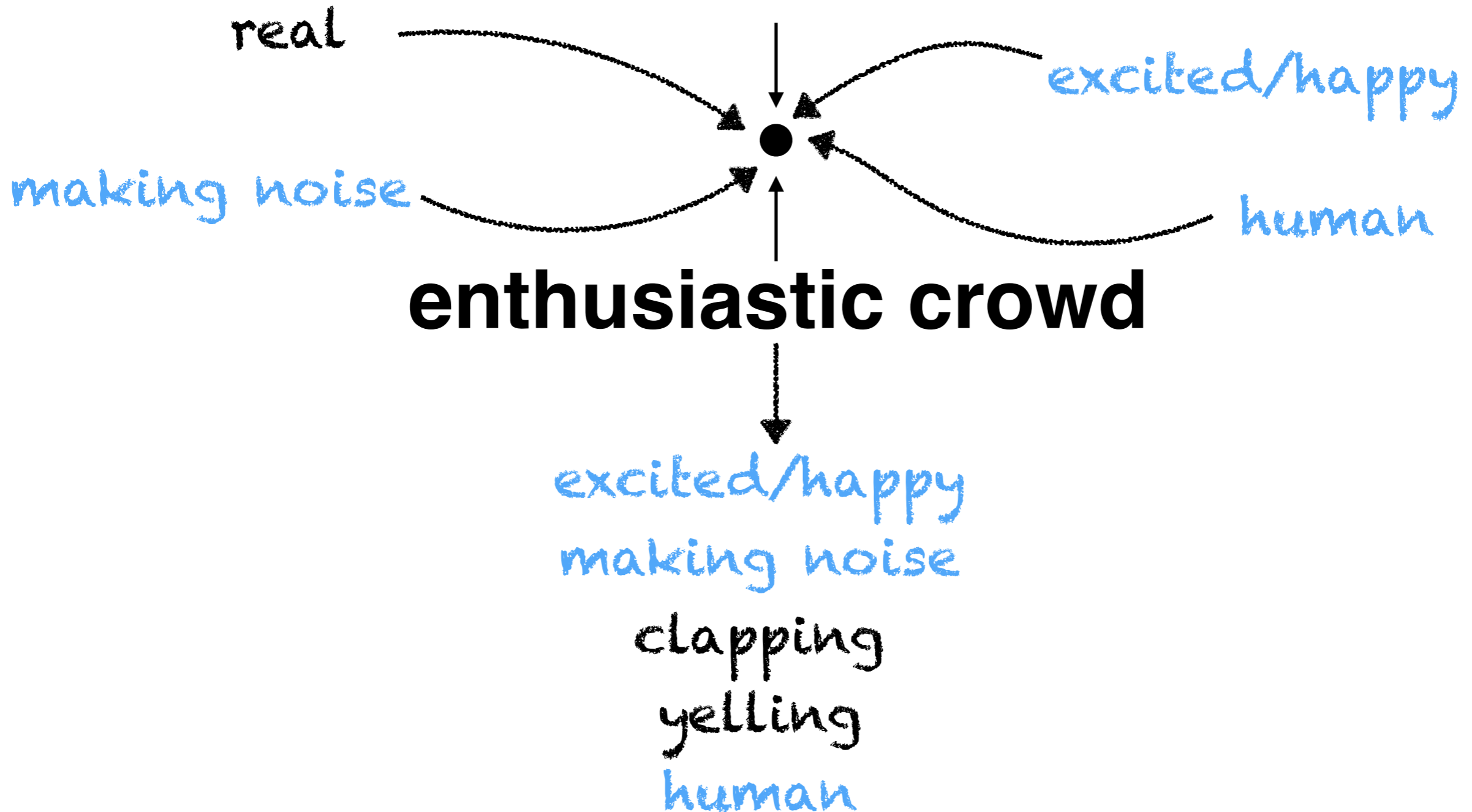
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# Discussion

Assigning  
*intrinsic*  
*meaning* to  
modifiers...

*the crowd* roared.

*excited/happy*

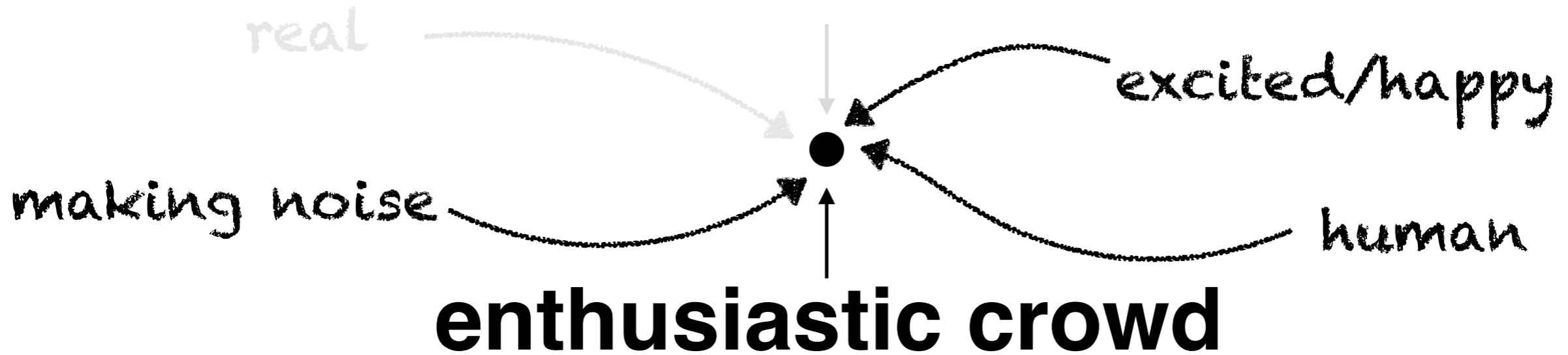
*human*

**enthusiastic crowd**

*excited/happy*  
*making noise*  
*clapping*  
*yelling*  
*human*

# Discussion

The **crowd** roared.



Determining whether they hold for **individual entities**

excited/  
making  
clappi  
yellin  
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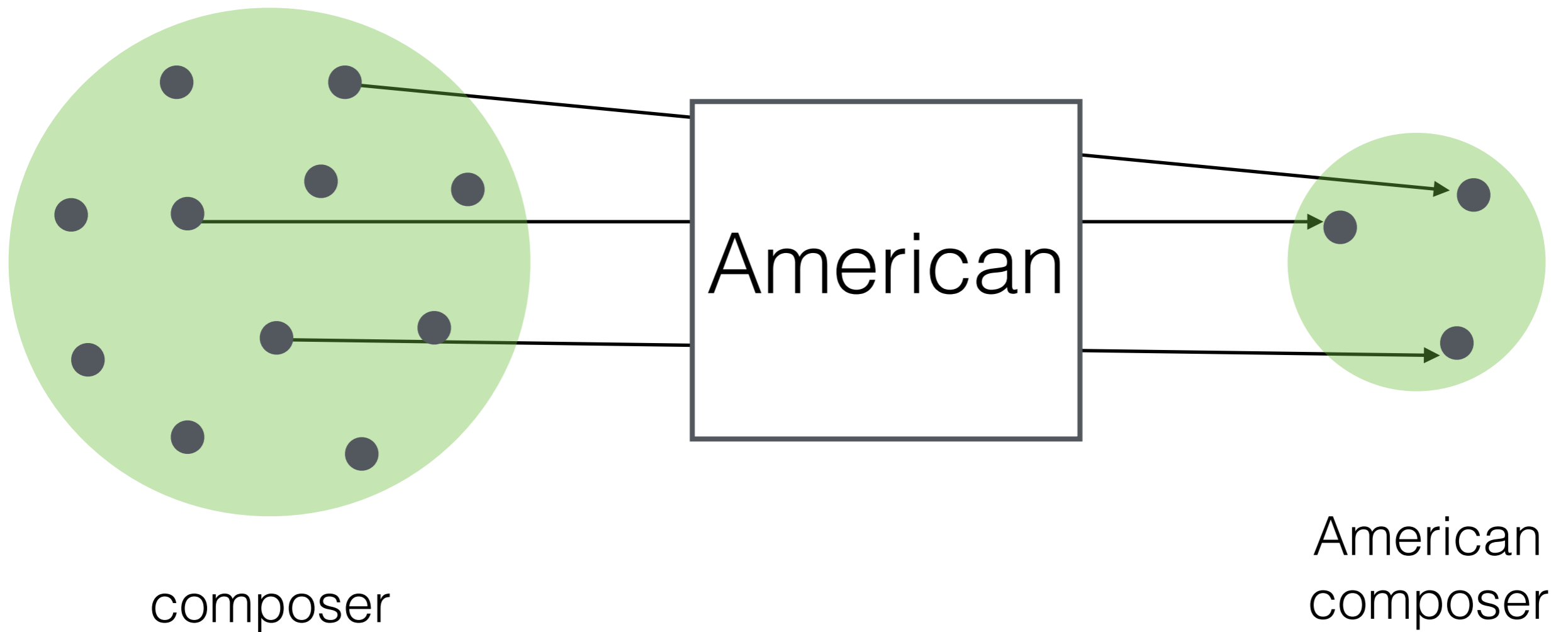
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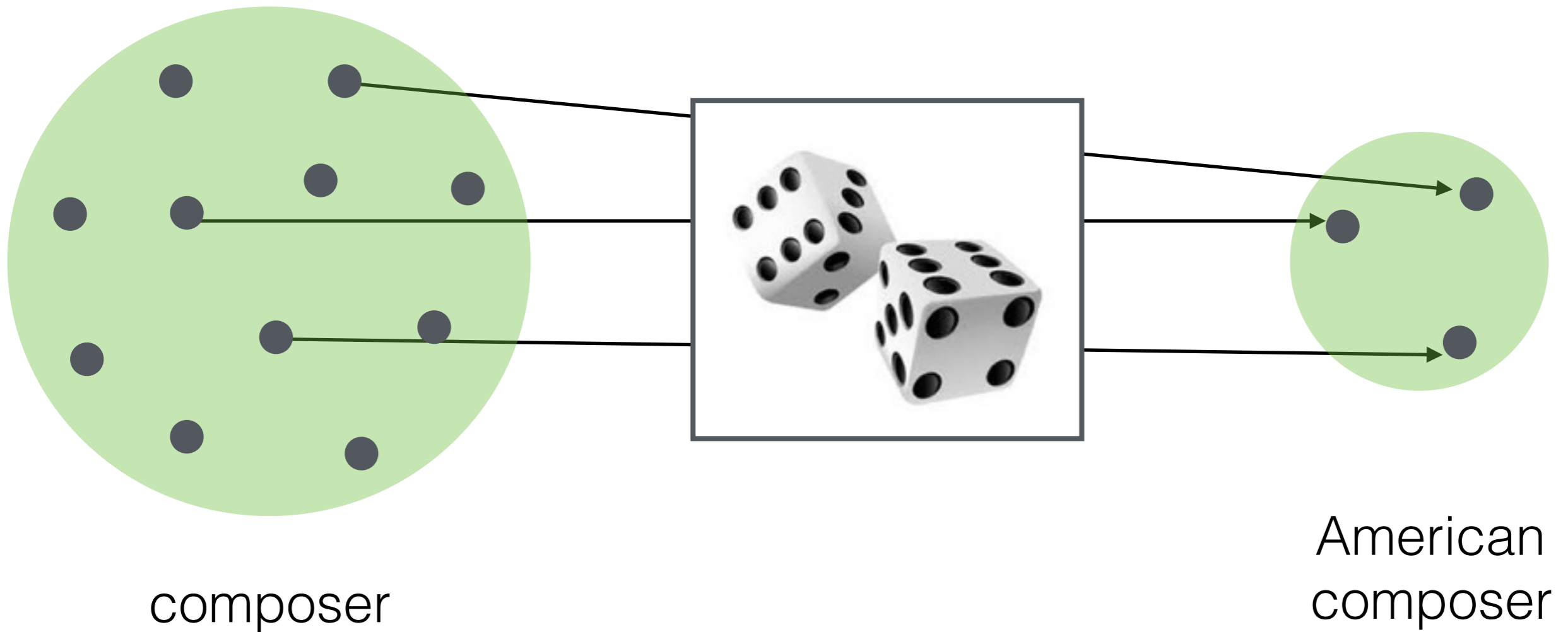
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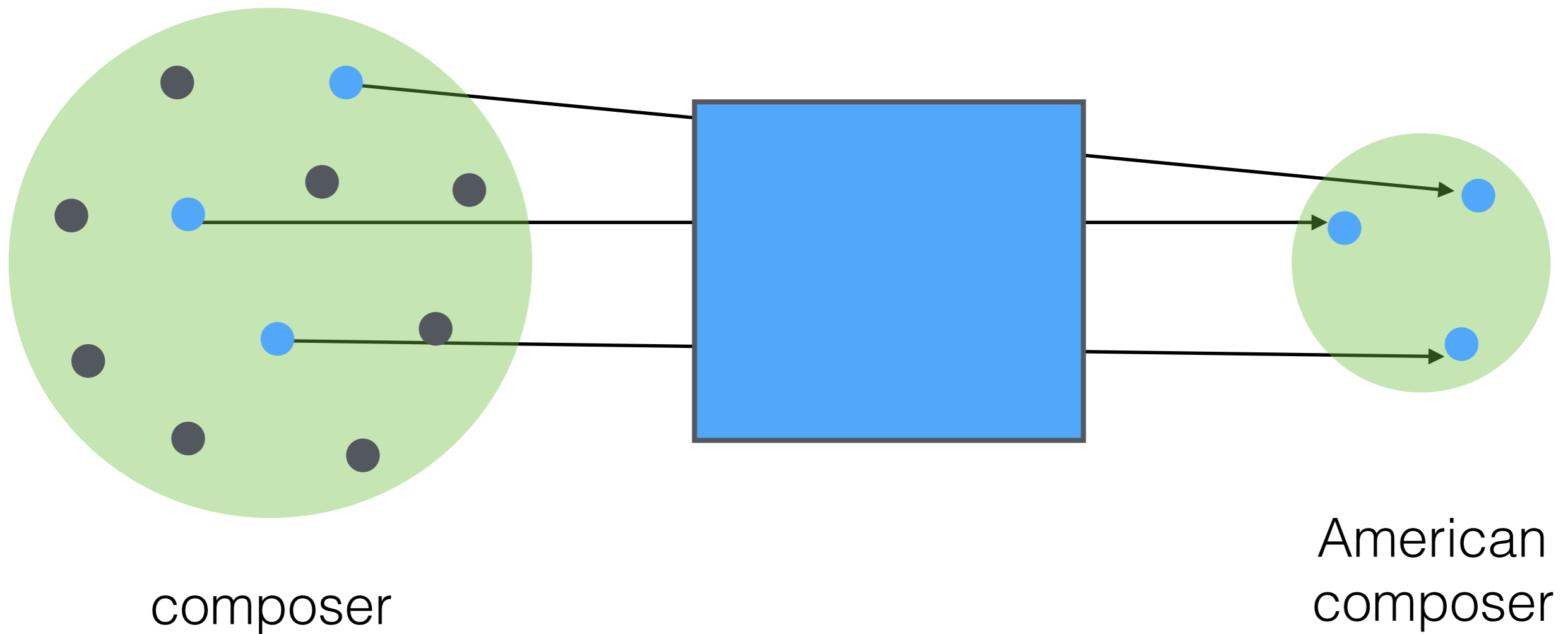
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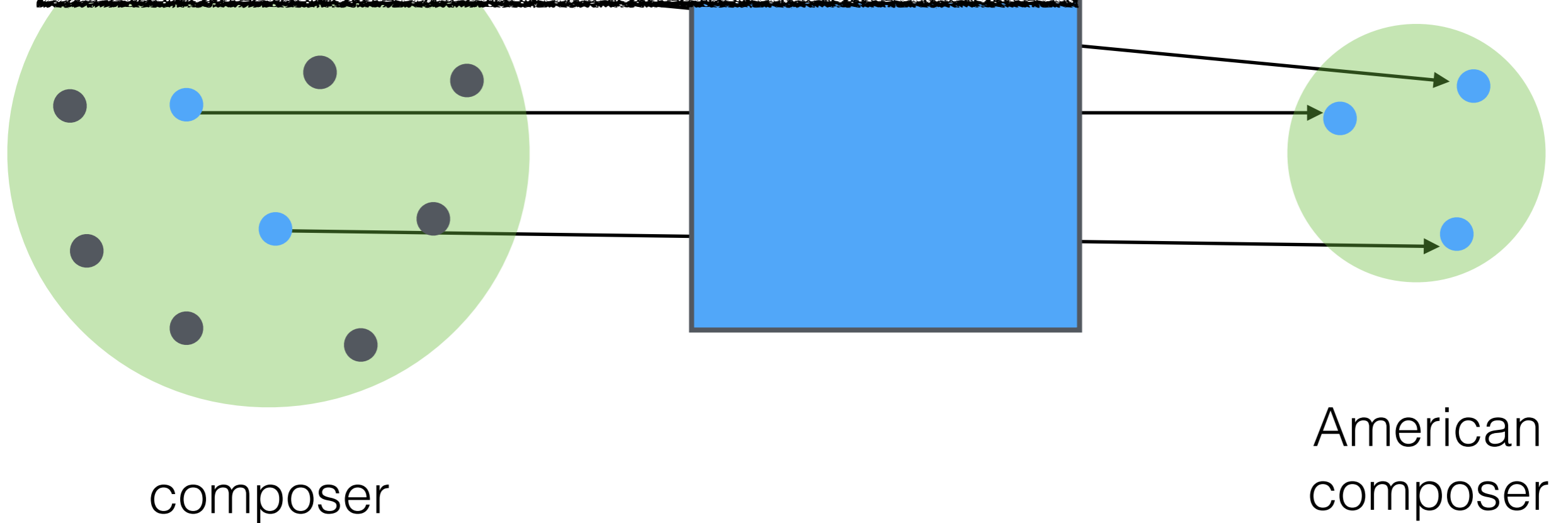


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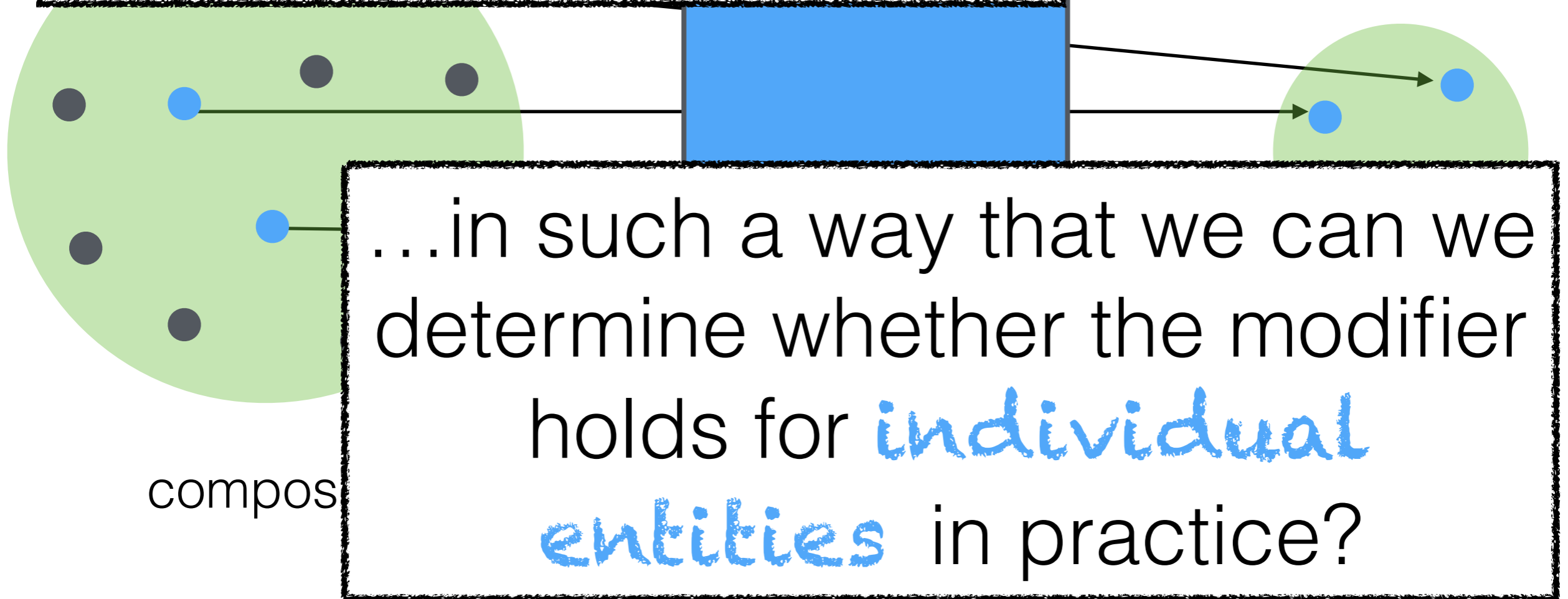
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compos

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Determine the properties entailed by the modifier in the context of the head



**American**

**composer**

born in America

influential in America

prolific while in America

a product of America

lived in America

~~visited America~~

~~popular in America~~

## Step 2: Class-Instance Identification

Determine, for a specific instance, whether the necessary properties hold

**American**      **composer**

born in America

influential in America

prolific while in America

a product of America

lived in America

~~visited America~~

~~popular in America~~

...Mingus's intricate, complex, compositions in the genres of jazz and classical music illustrate his ability to be dynamic in both the strings and the swing. **Mingus truly was a product of America** in all its historic complexities. His mother, Harriet, was half black and half Chinese, and his father, Charles Sr., was half black and half Swedish, making Mingus a true reflection of the hybrid nature of our divided nation...

# Modifier Interpretation

American composer

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composer from America  
composer born in America  
composer popular in America  
composer active in America

# Modifier Interpretation

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⟨composer from America, 3702⟩

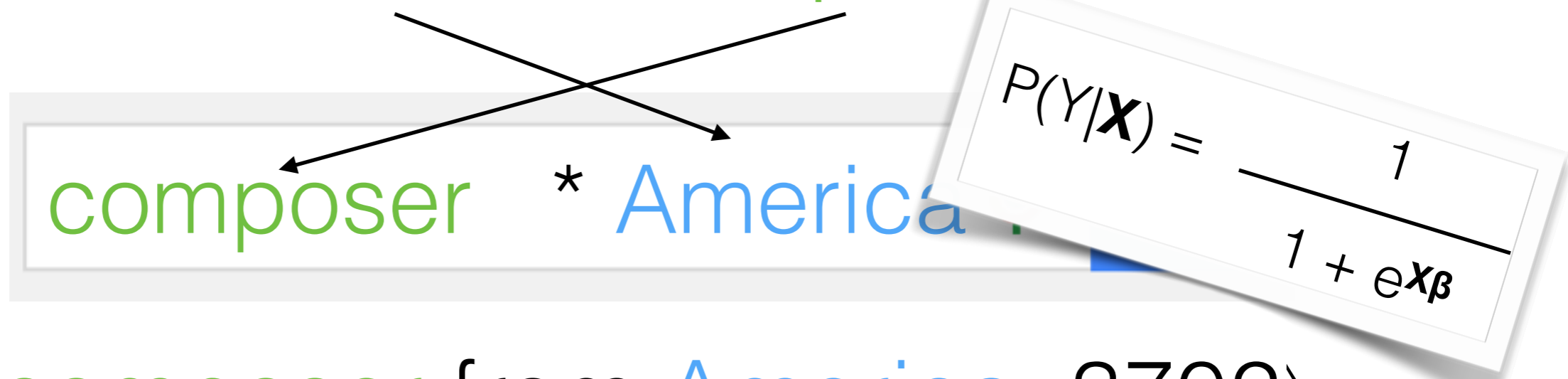
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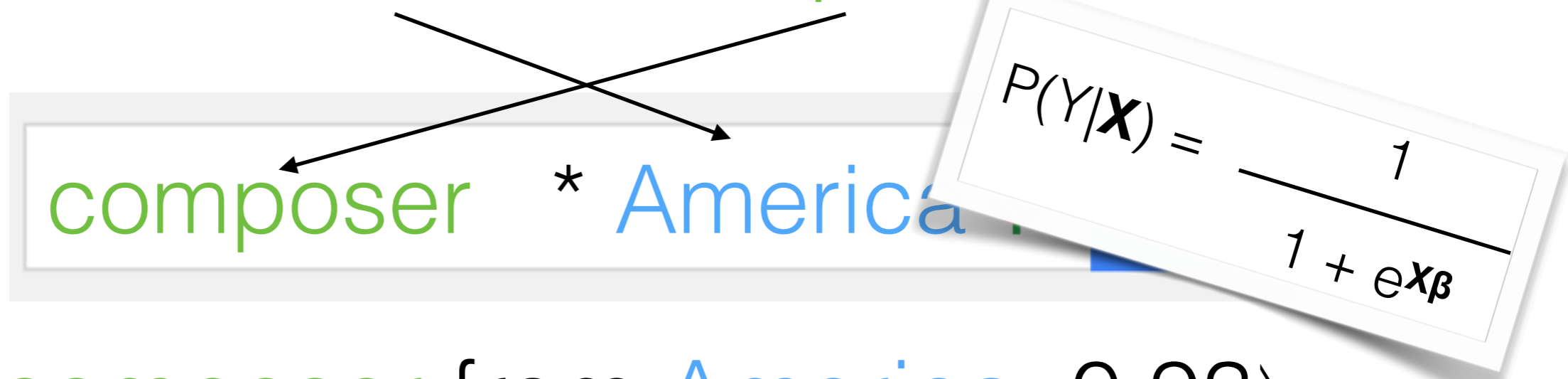
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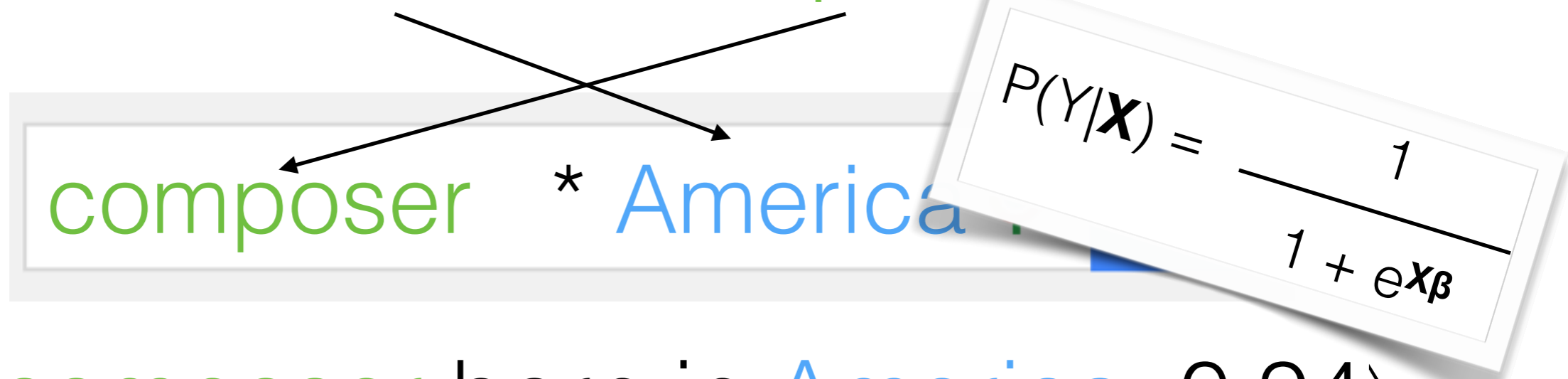
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# Modifier Interpretation

American composer → born in America

American company → based in America

American novel → written in America

Produces good  
results...

# Modifier Interpretation

child actor → has child

risk manager → takes risks

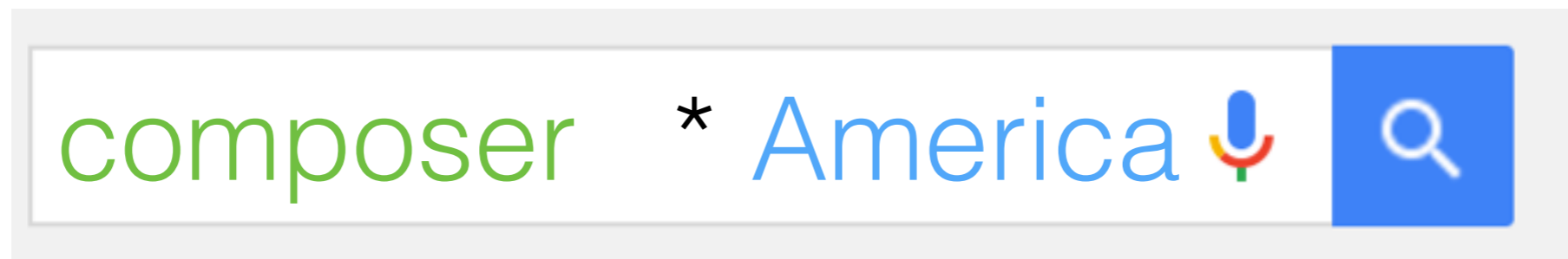
machine gun → used by machine

...but not perfect.

# Class-Instance Identification

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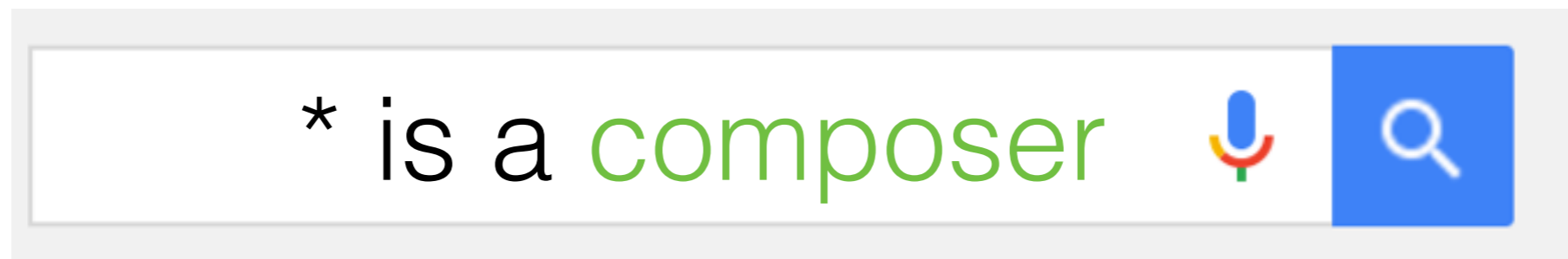


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Weighted modifier  
interpretations

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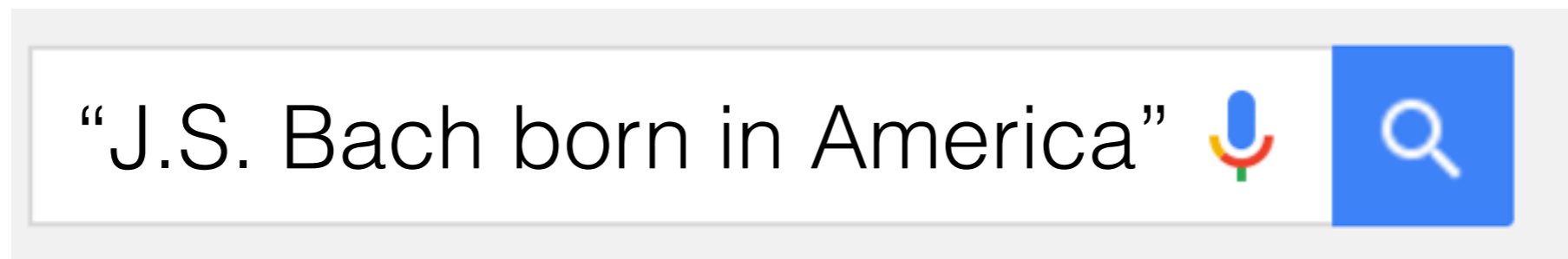
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Candidate instances

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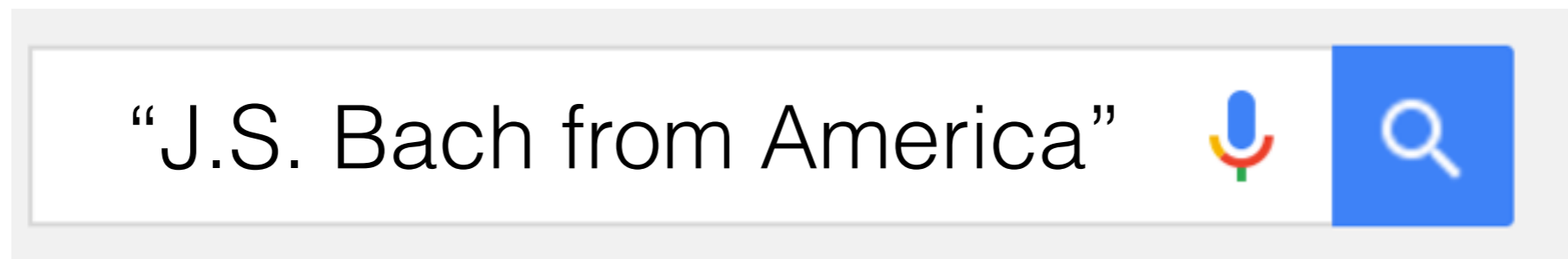
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Confidence =  $0.94 \times 21$

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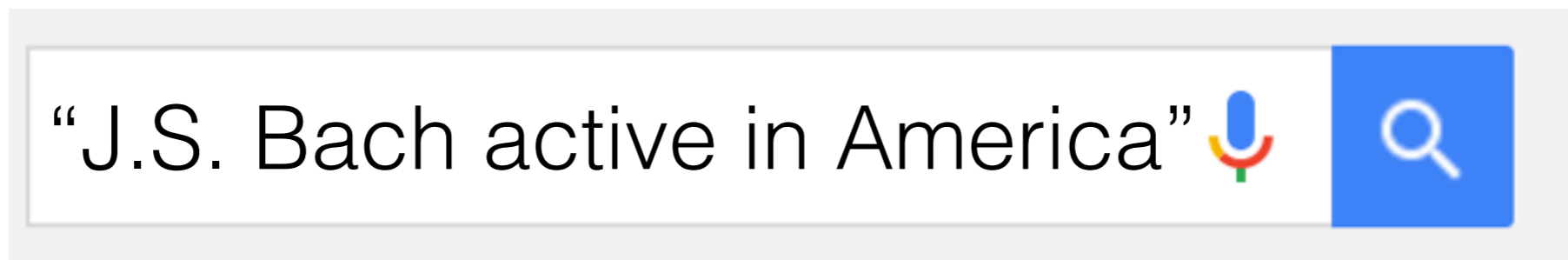
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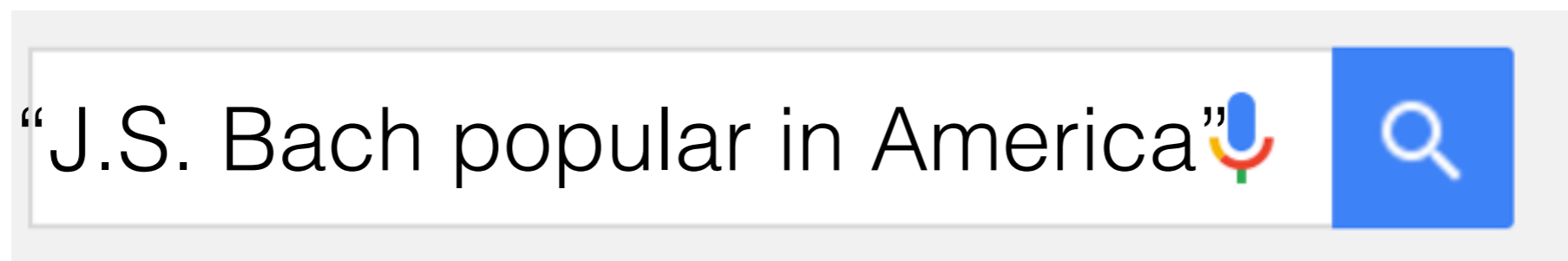
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# Class-Instance Identification

	American composer	jazz composer
JS Bach	0.21	0.04
Charles Mingus	0.89	0.93
John Cage	0.96	0.52
WA Mozart	0.19	0.13
Libby Larsen	0.72	0.24
Duke Ellington	0.76	0.97
Palestrina	0.04	0.03
Ludwig van Beethoven	0.09	0.12
Morton Feldman	0.88	0.31
Frederick Chopin	0.33	0.32
Barack Obama	0.14	0.35
Herbie Hancock	0.62	0.95

# Class-Instance Identification

American jazz composer

JS Bach	0.25
Charles Mingus	1.82
John Cage	1.48
WA Mozart	0.32
Libby Larsen	0.96
Duke Ellington	1.73
Palestrina	0.07
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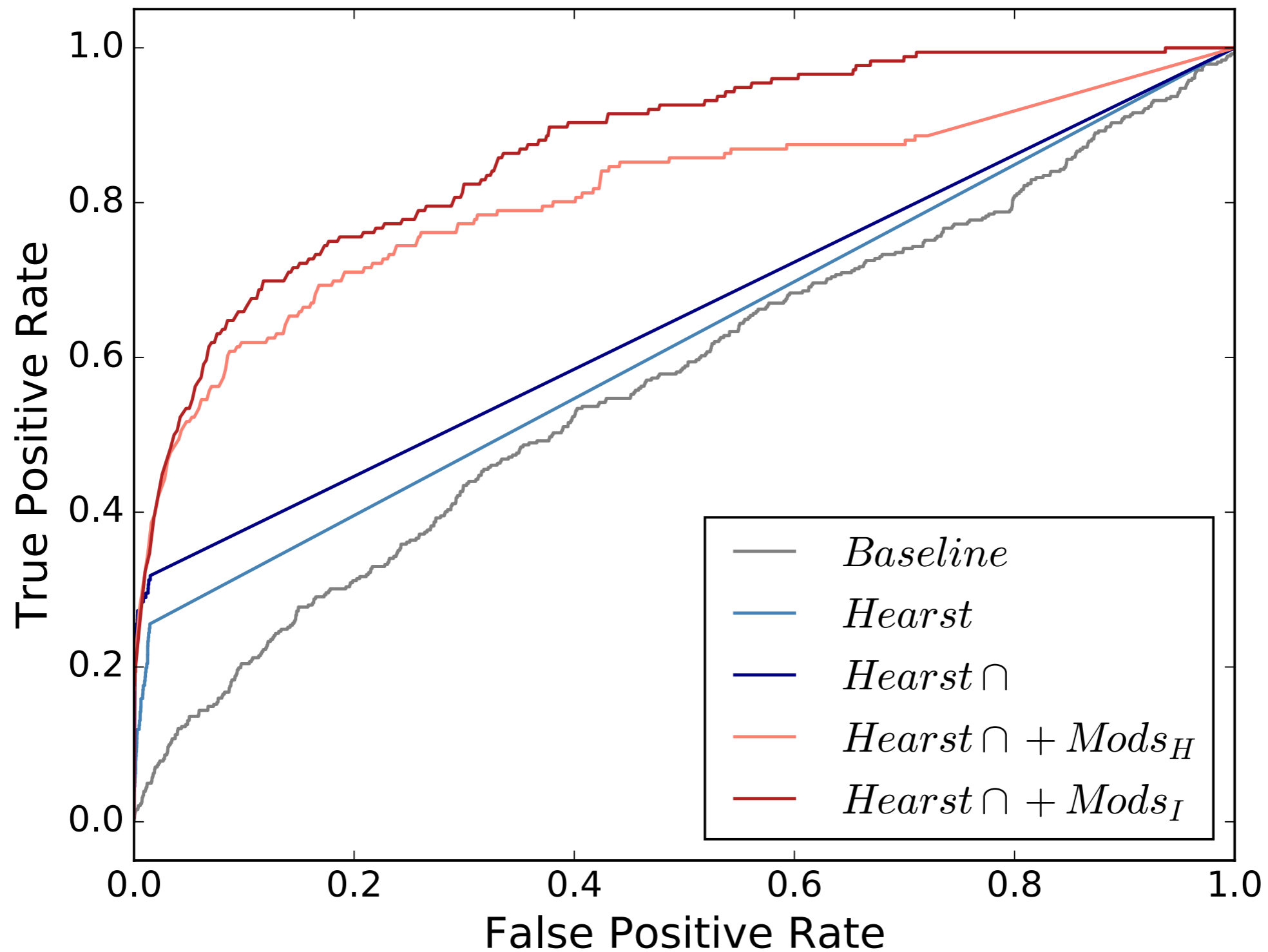
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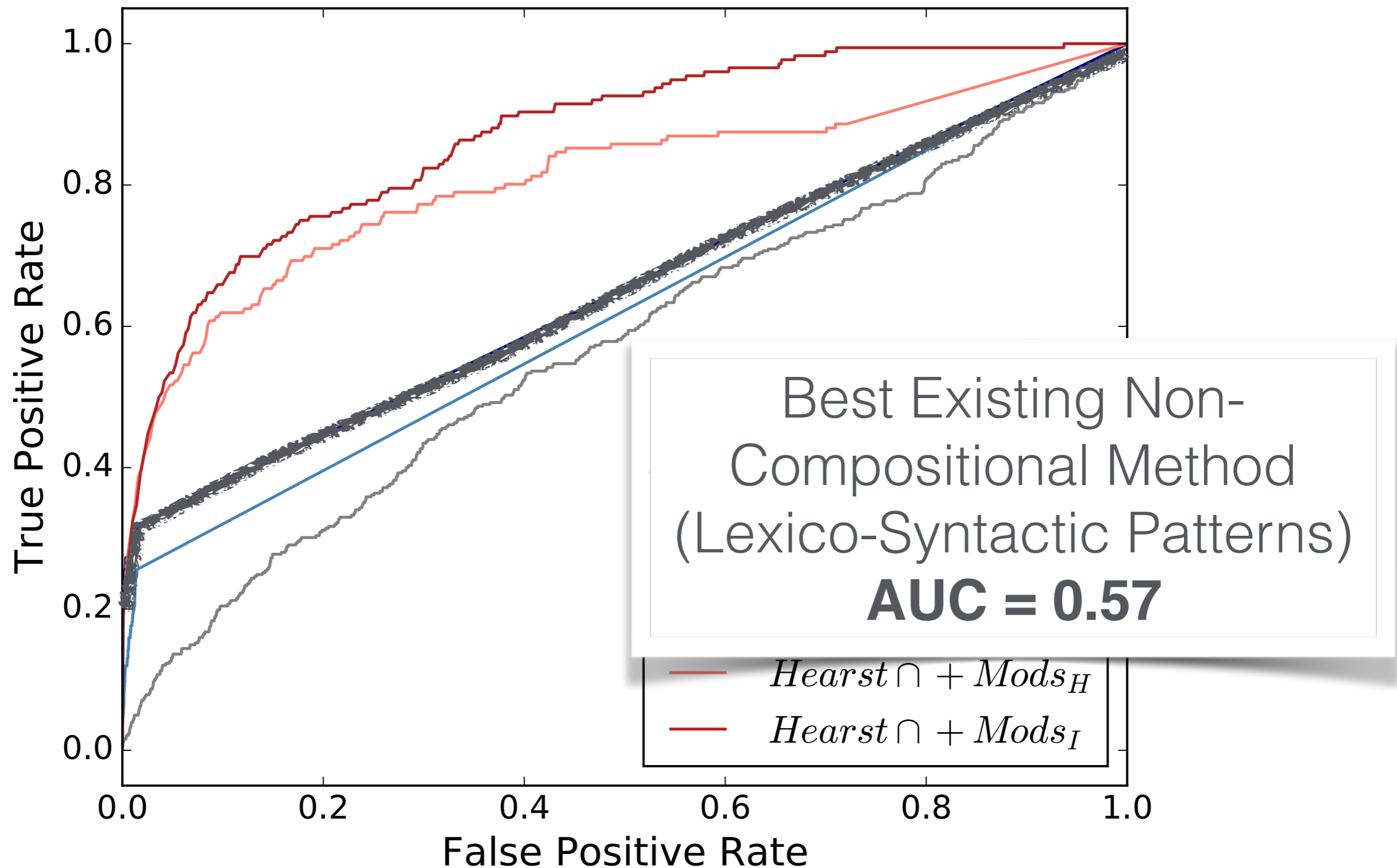
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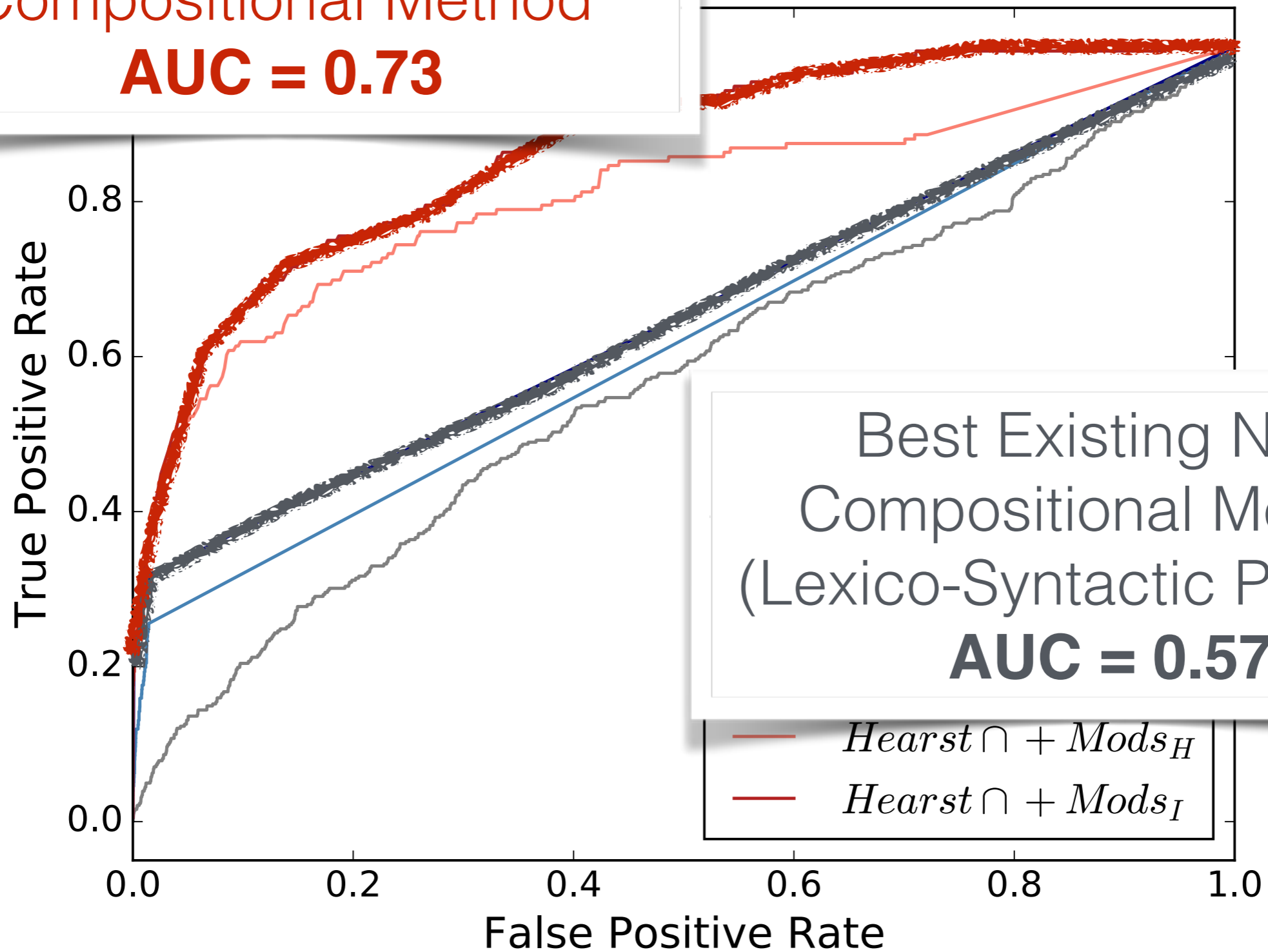
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Best Proposed  
Compositional Method  
**AUC = 0.73**



Best Existing Non-  
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(Lexico-Syntactic Patterns)  
**AUC = 0.57**

$Hearst \cap + Mods_H$   
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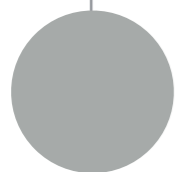
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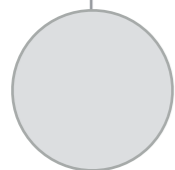
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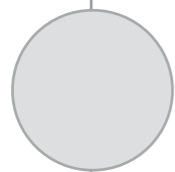
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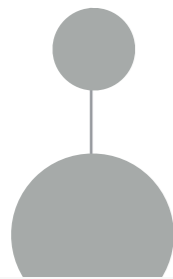


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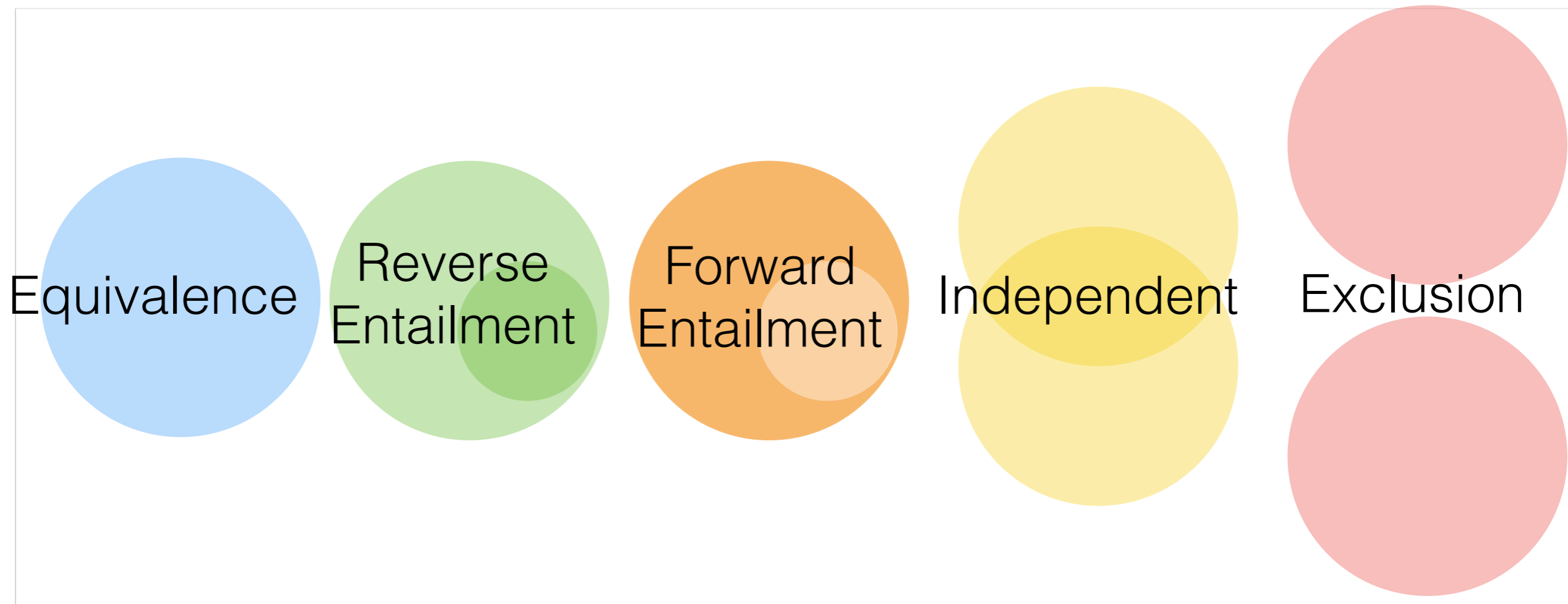


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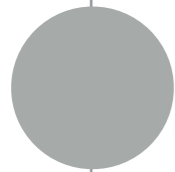




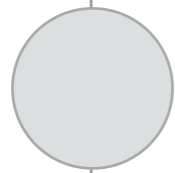
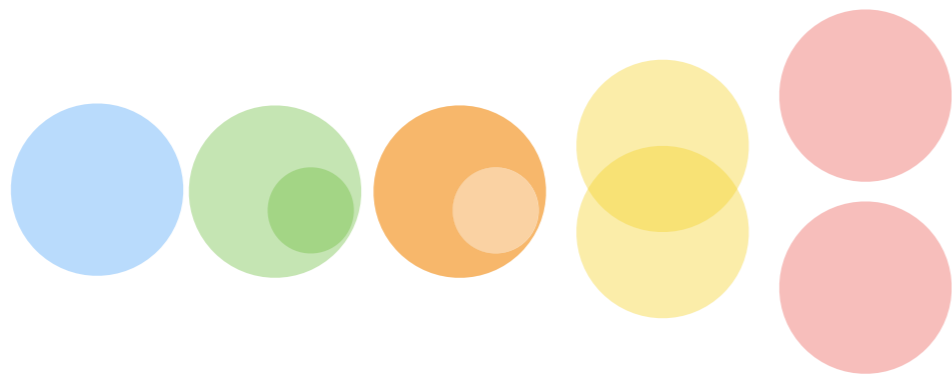
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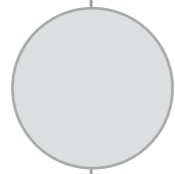
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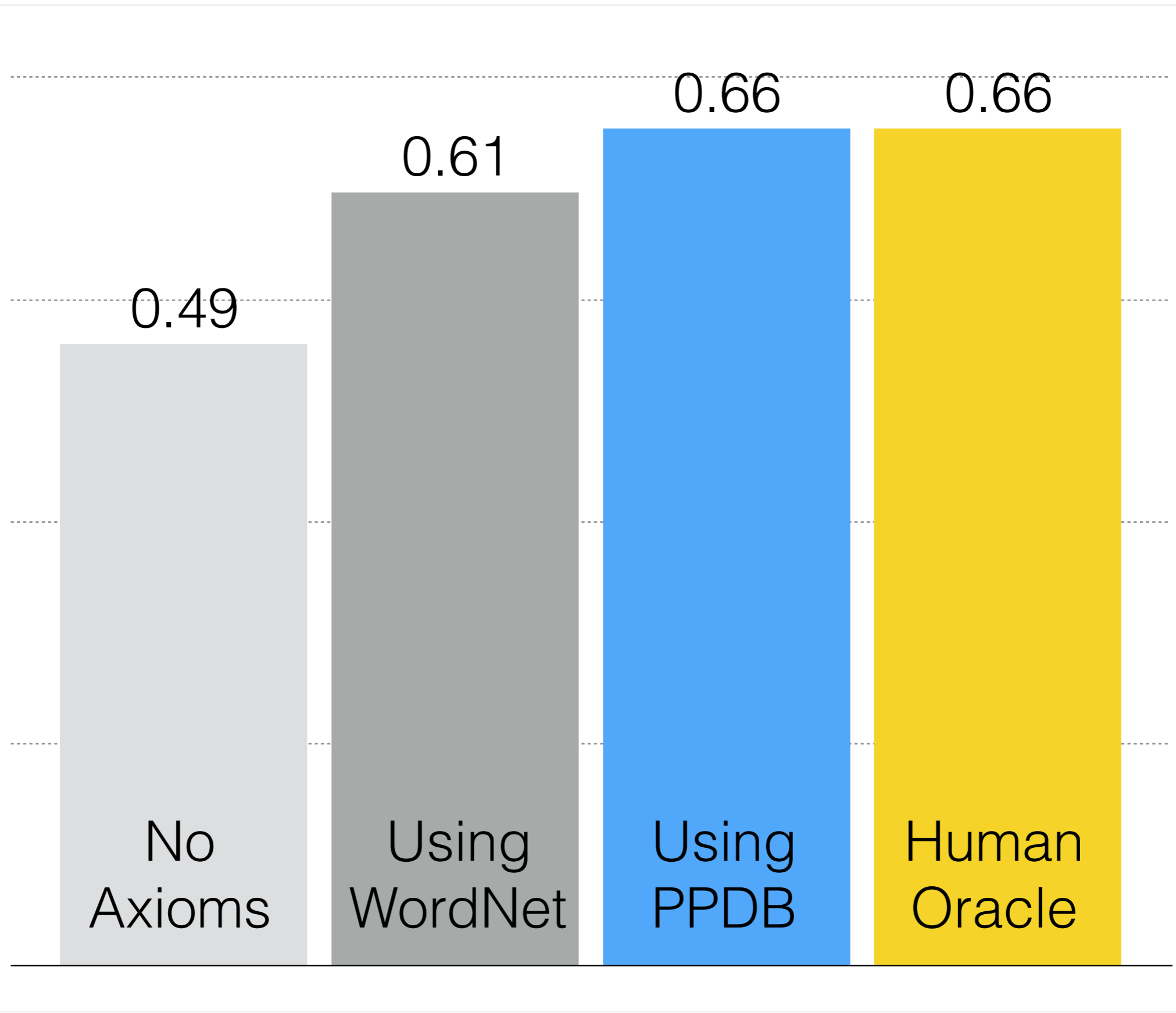
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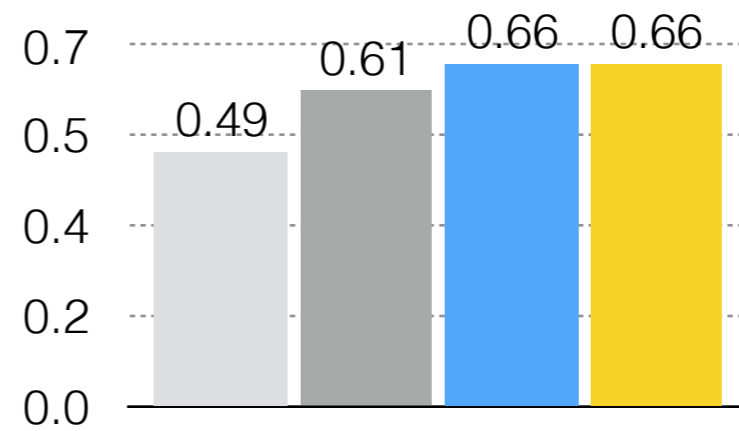
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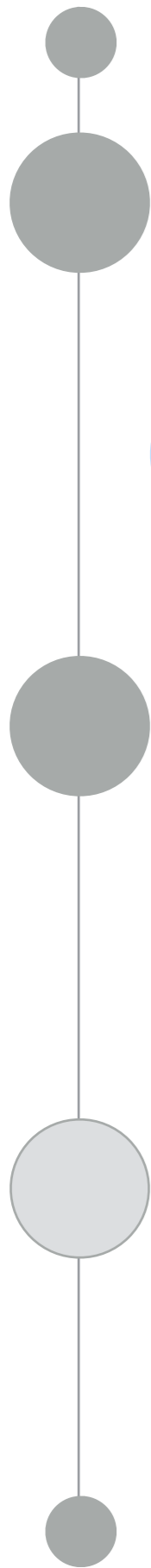
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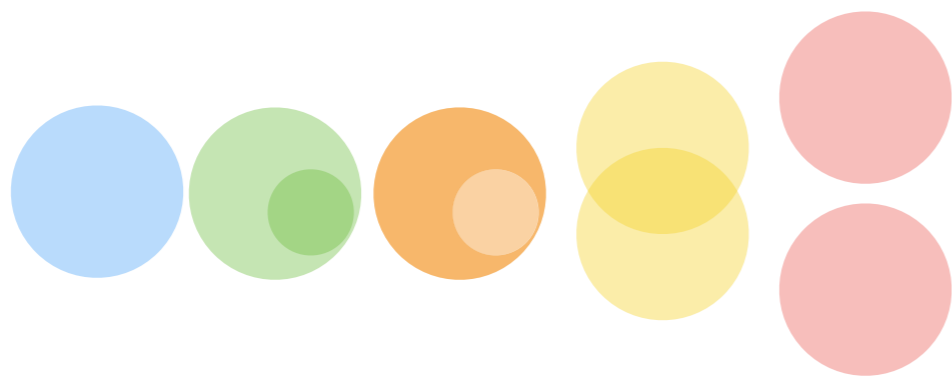
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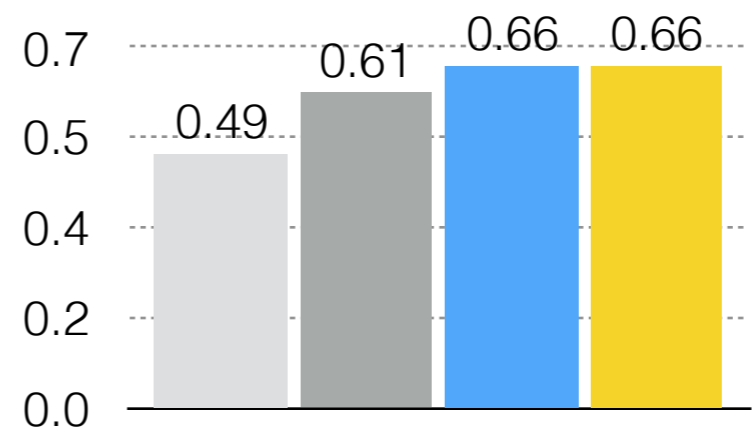


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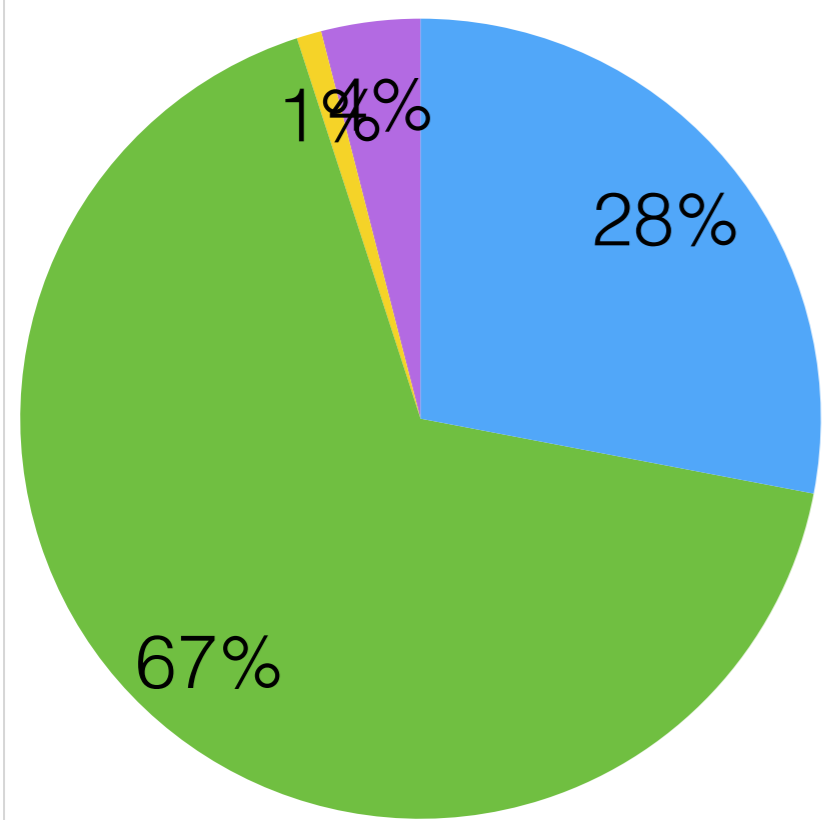
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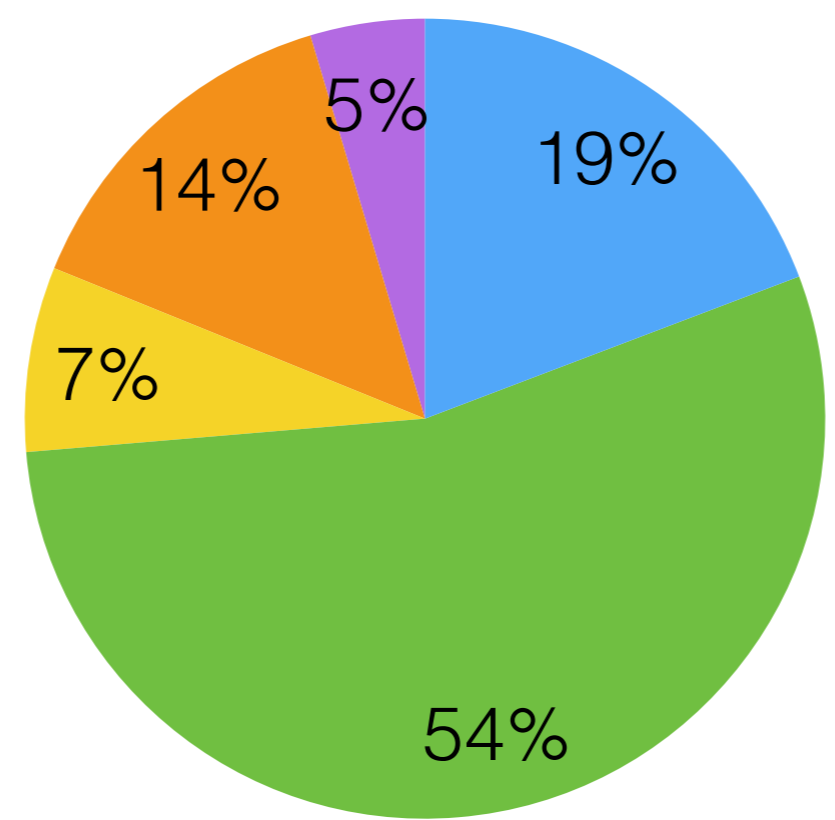
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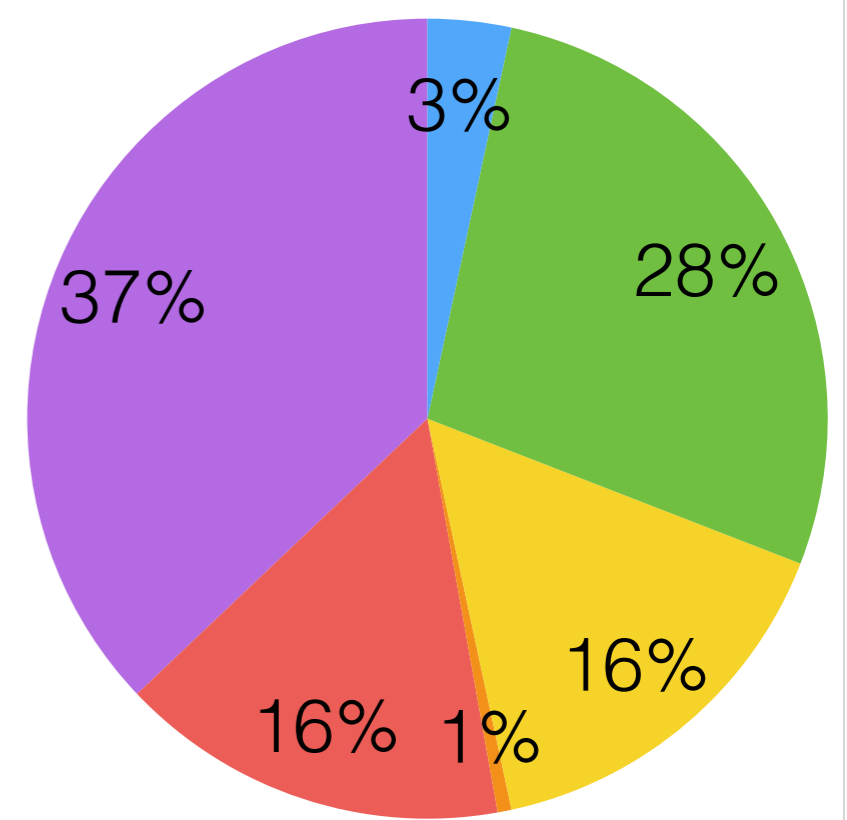
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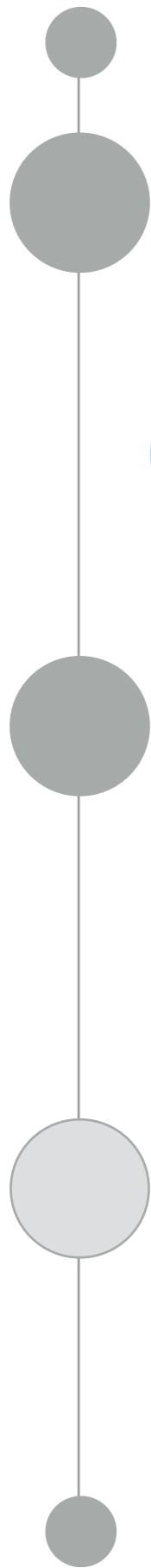


Plain Non-Subsective

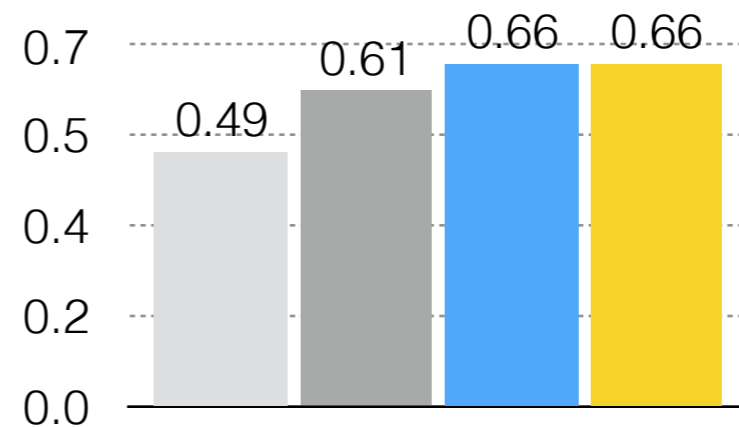
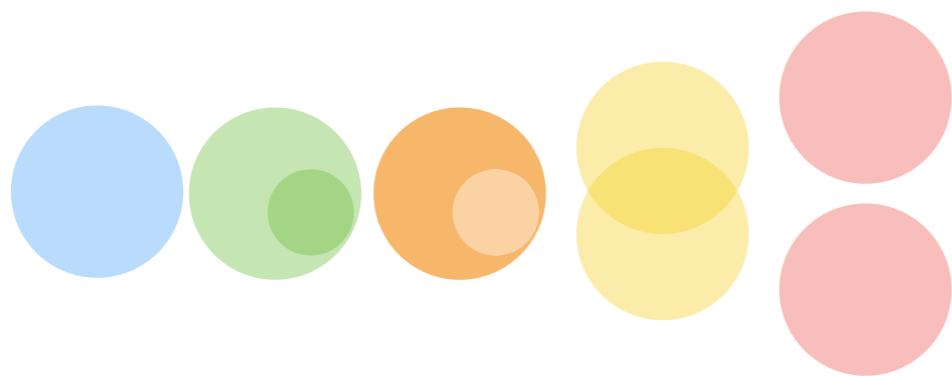


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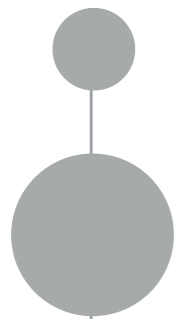
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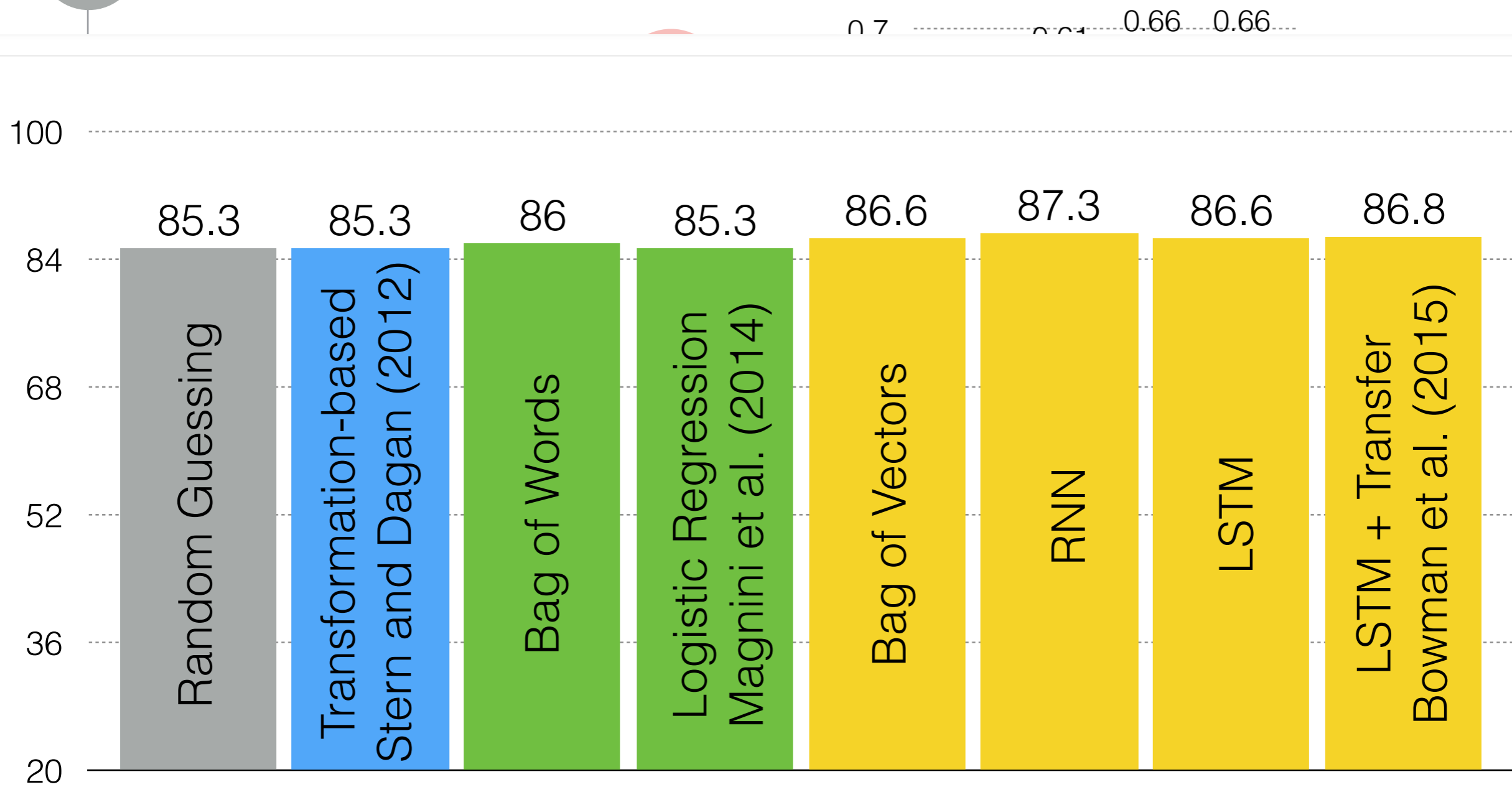
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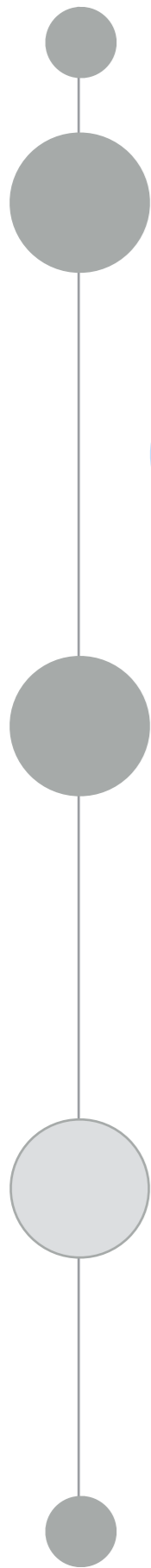


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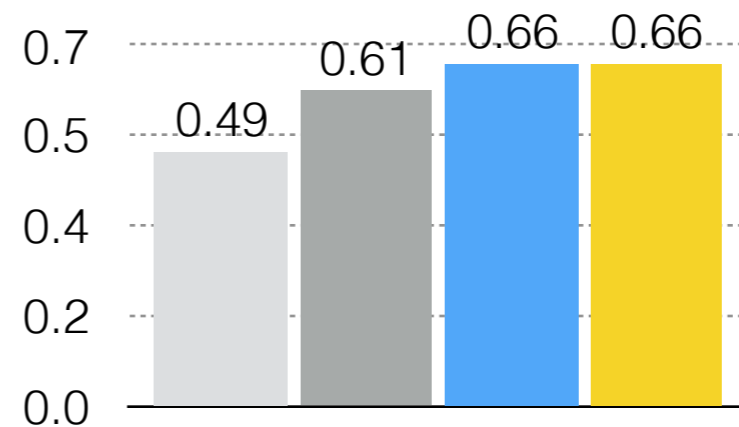
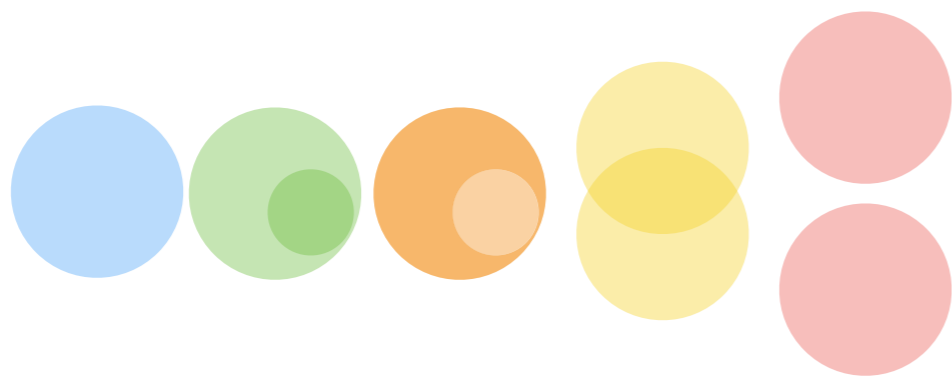


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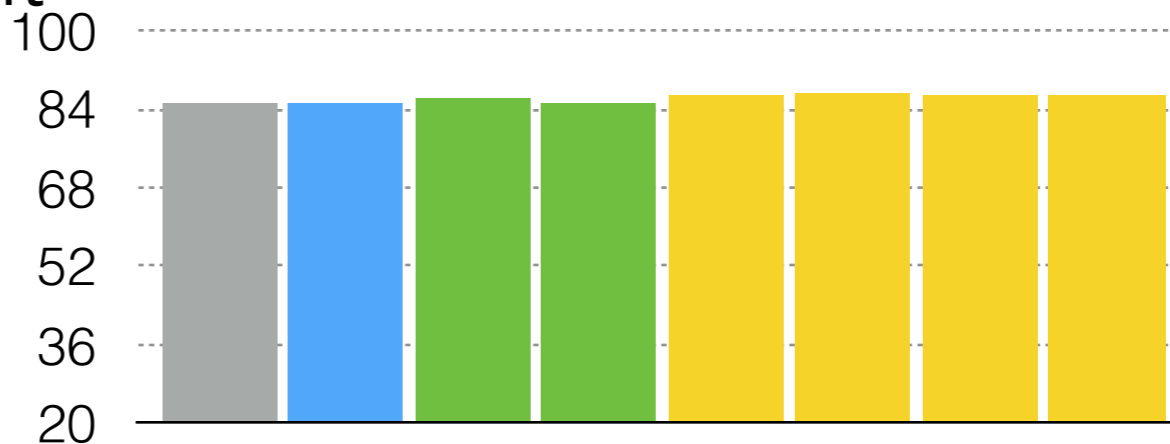
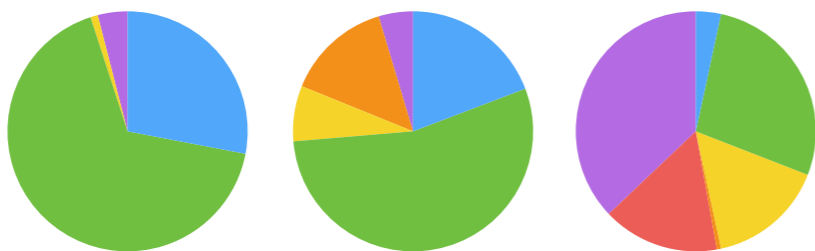




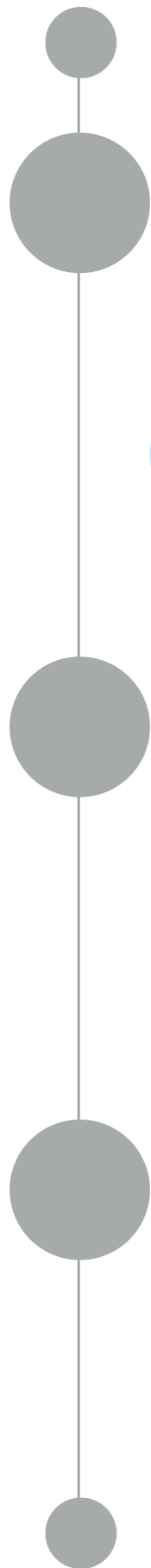
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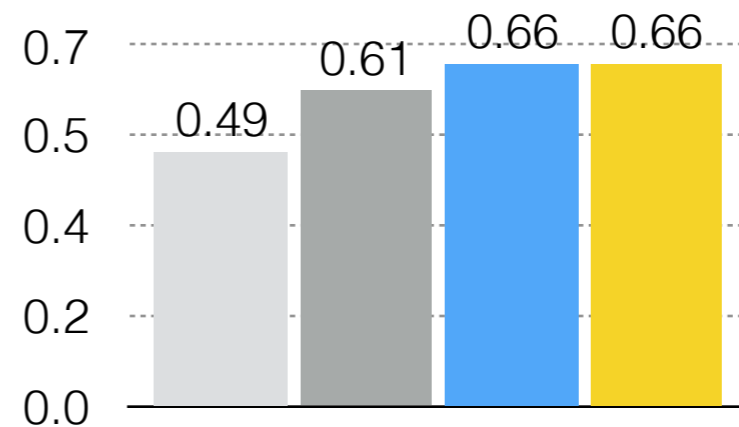
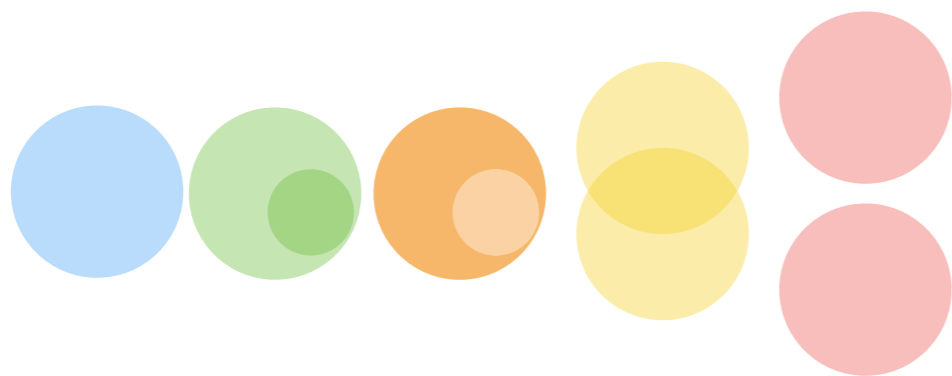
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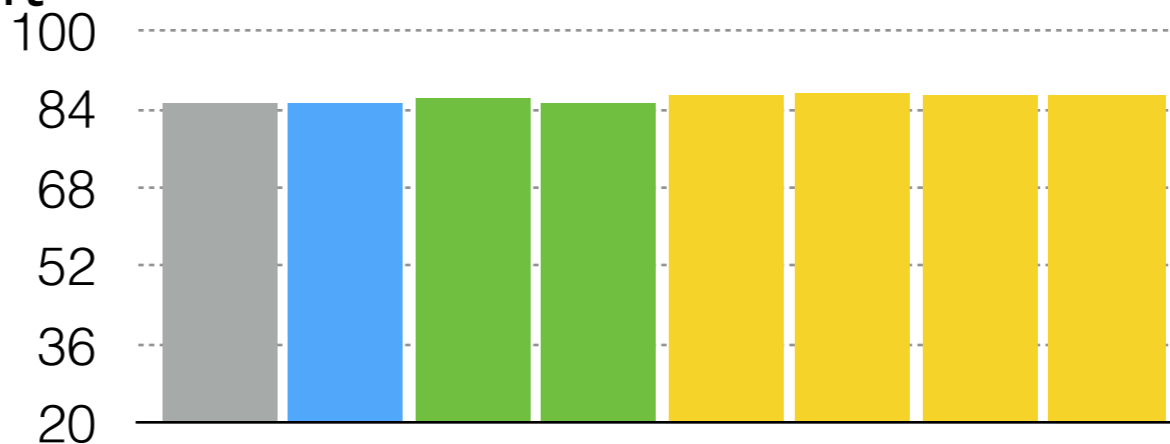
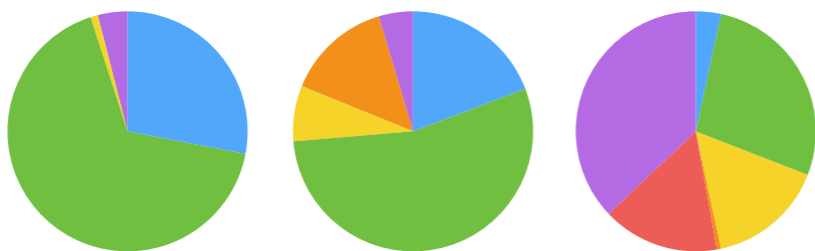
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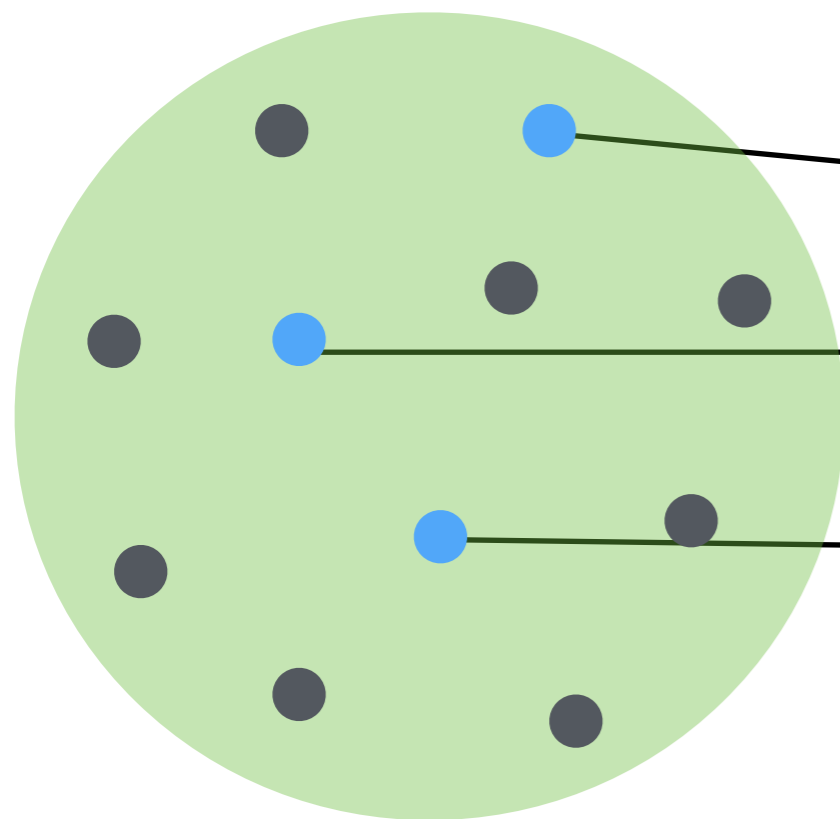
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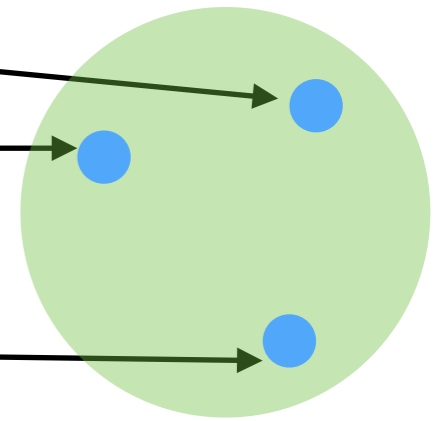
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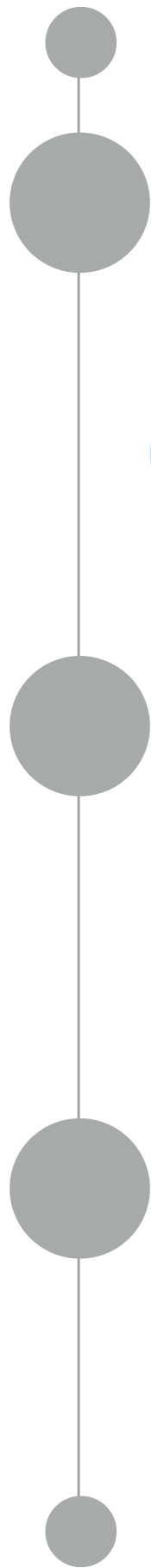


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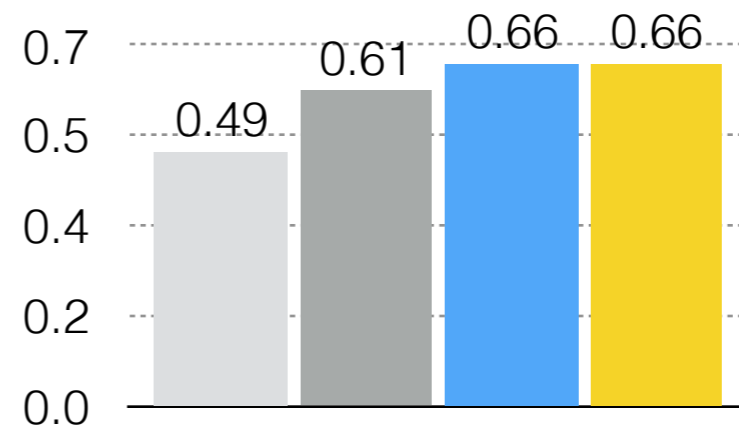
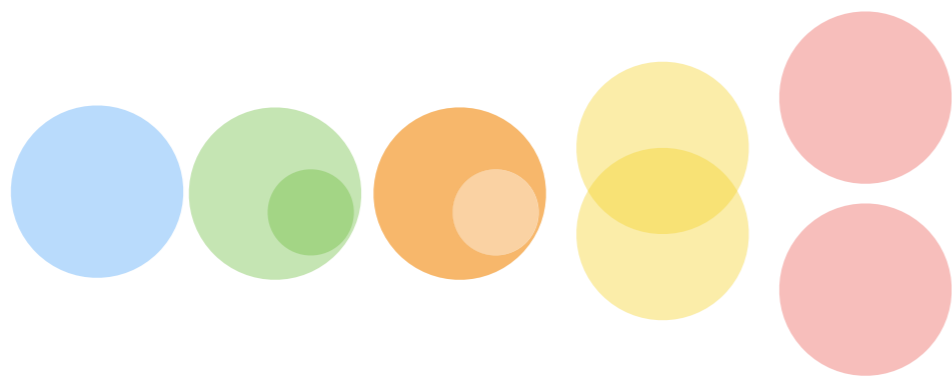


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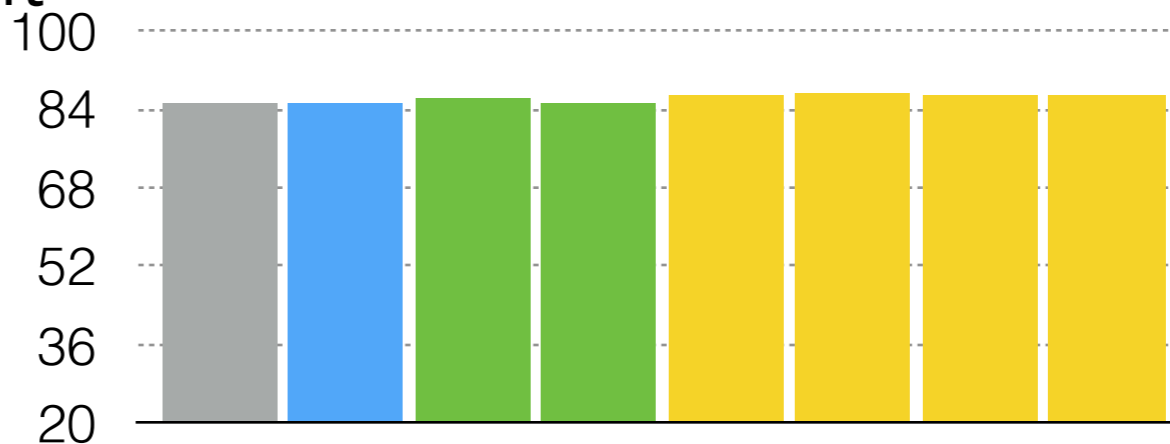
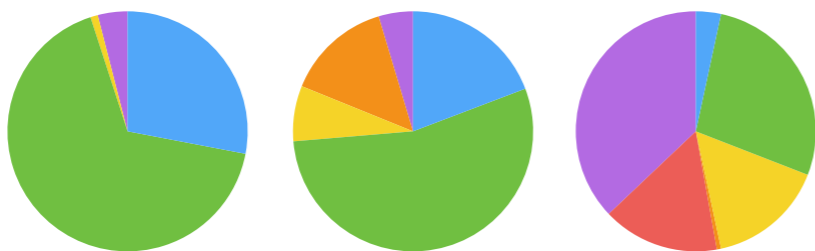




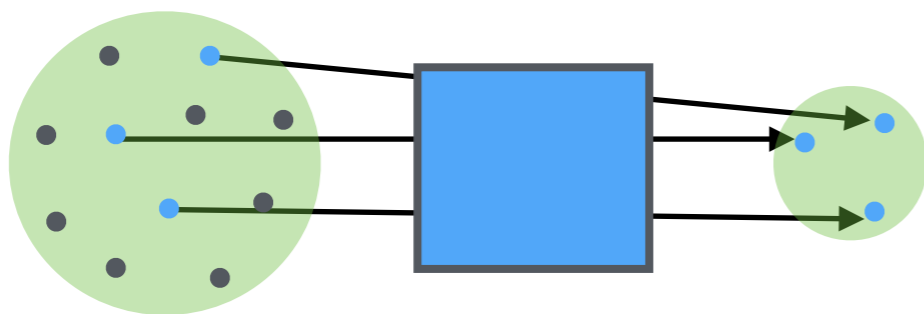
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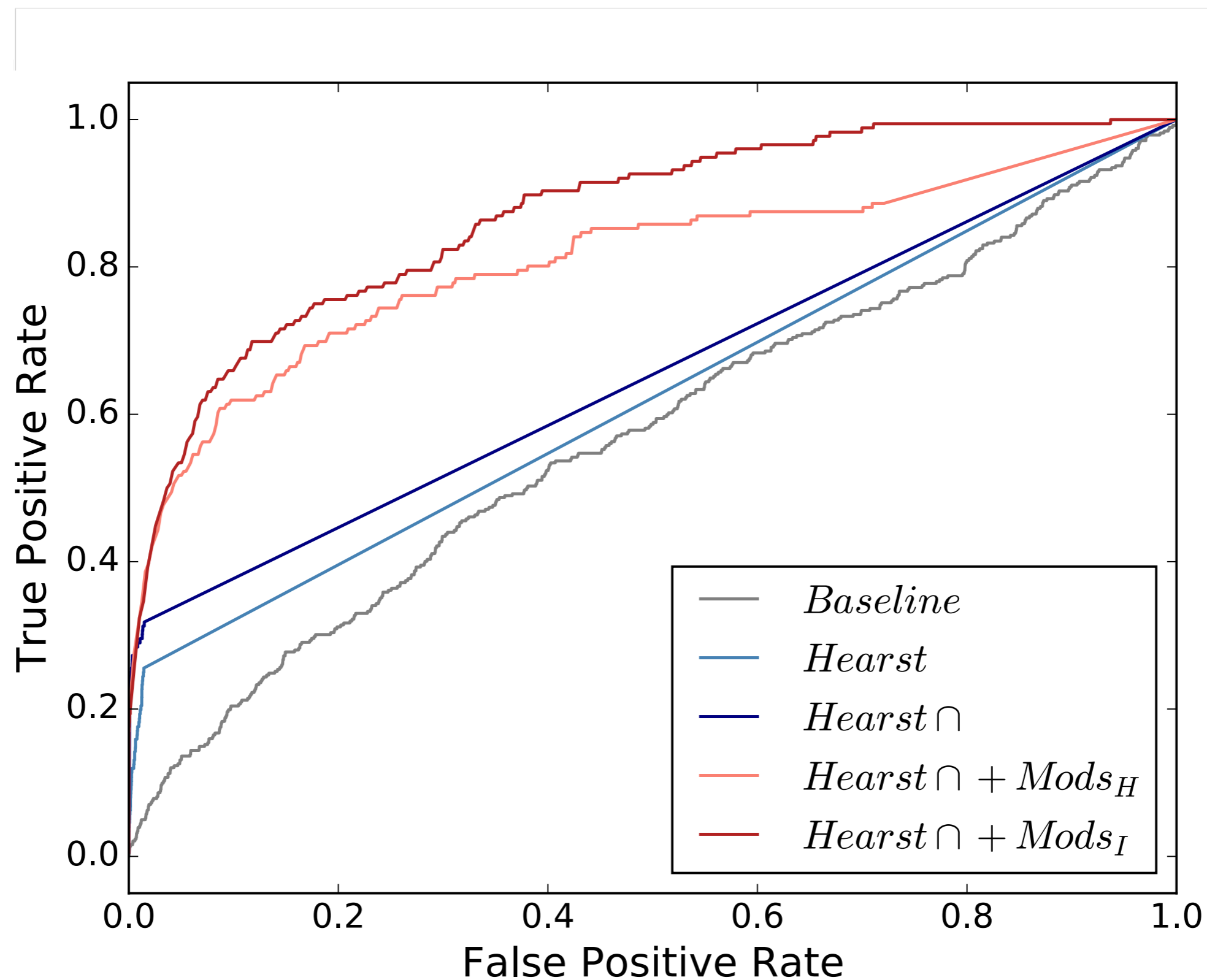
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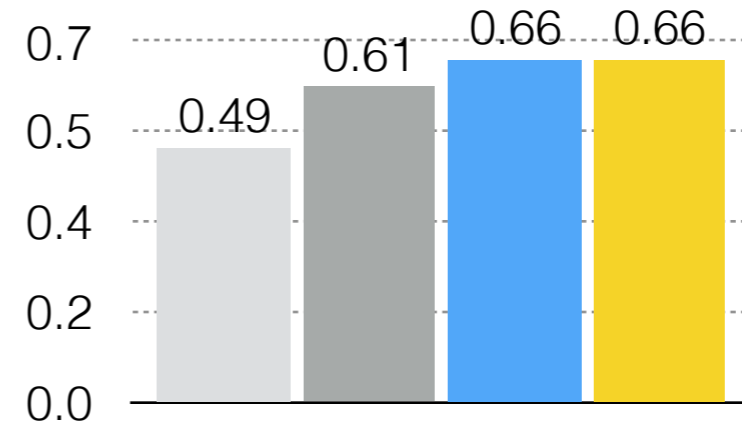
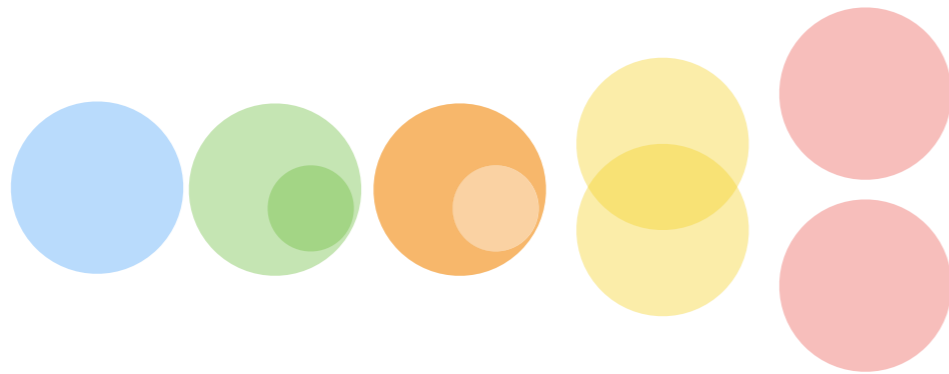
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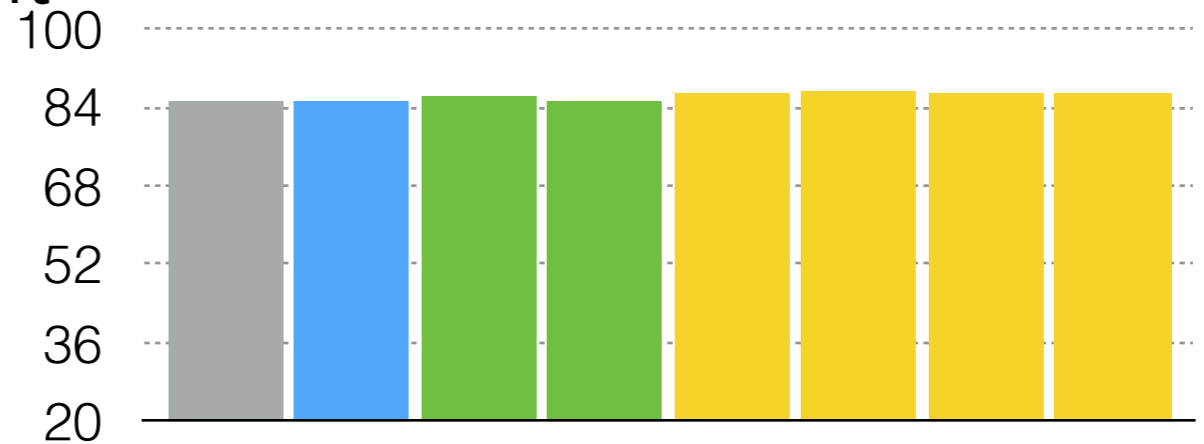
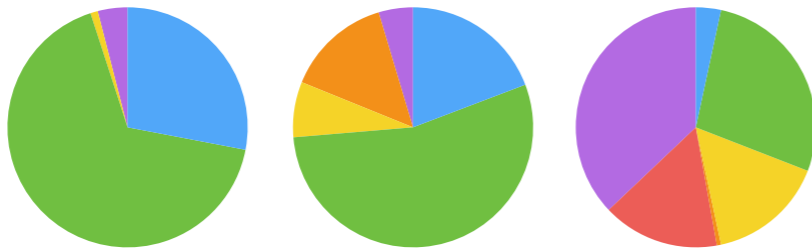




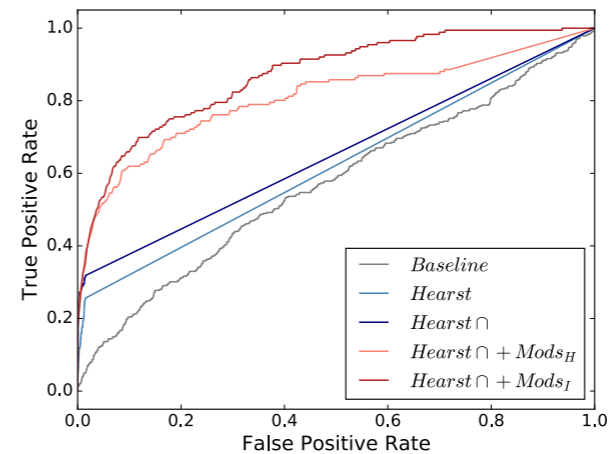
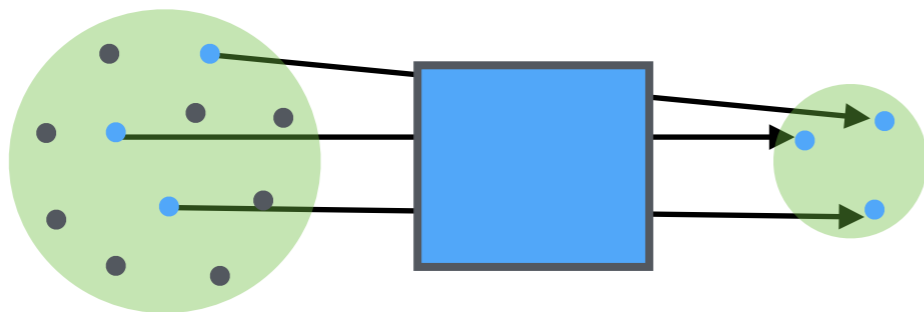
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# Semantic Containment



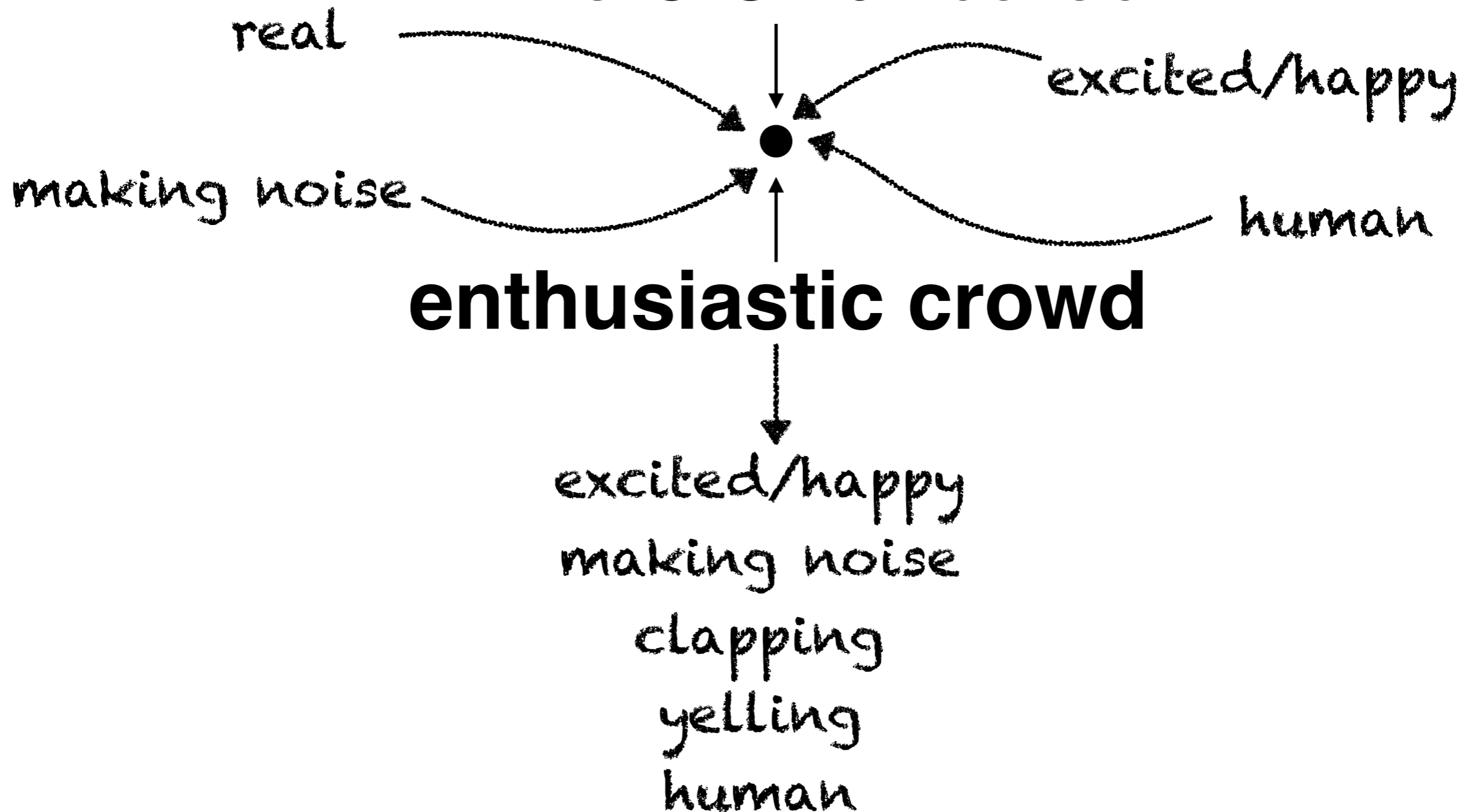
# Class-Instance Identification



# Future Directions

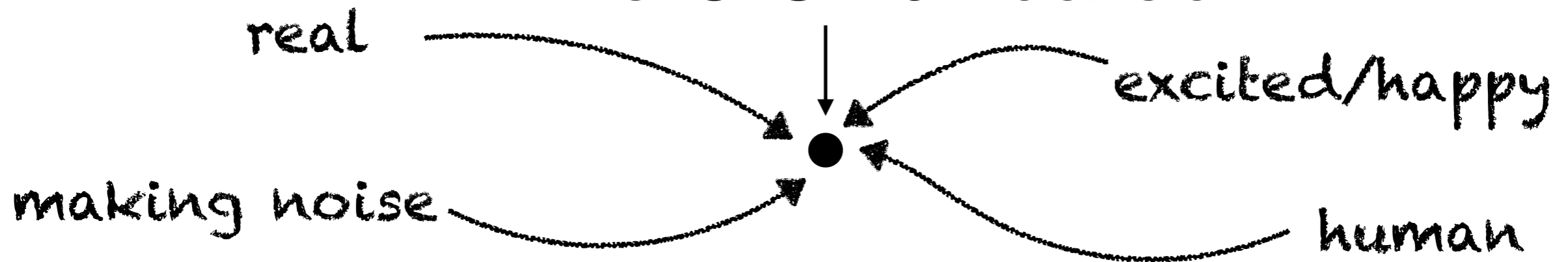
# Future Directions

The **crowd** roared.



# Future Directions

The **crowd** roared.



# Future Directions



The **crowd** roared.

enthusiastic

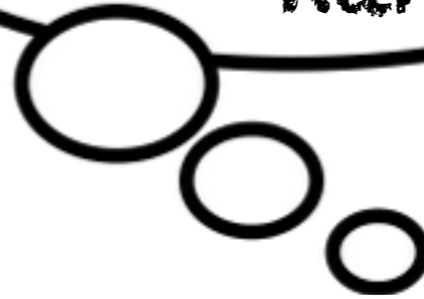


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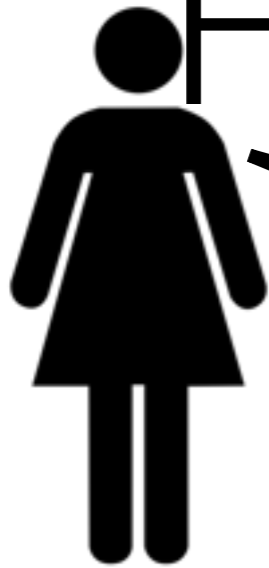
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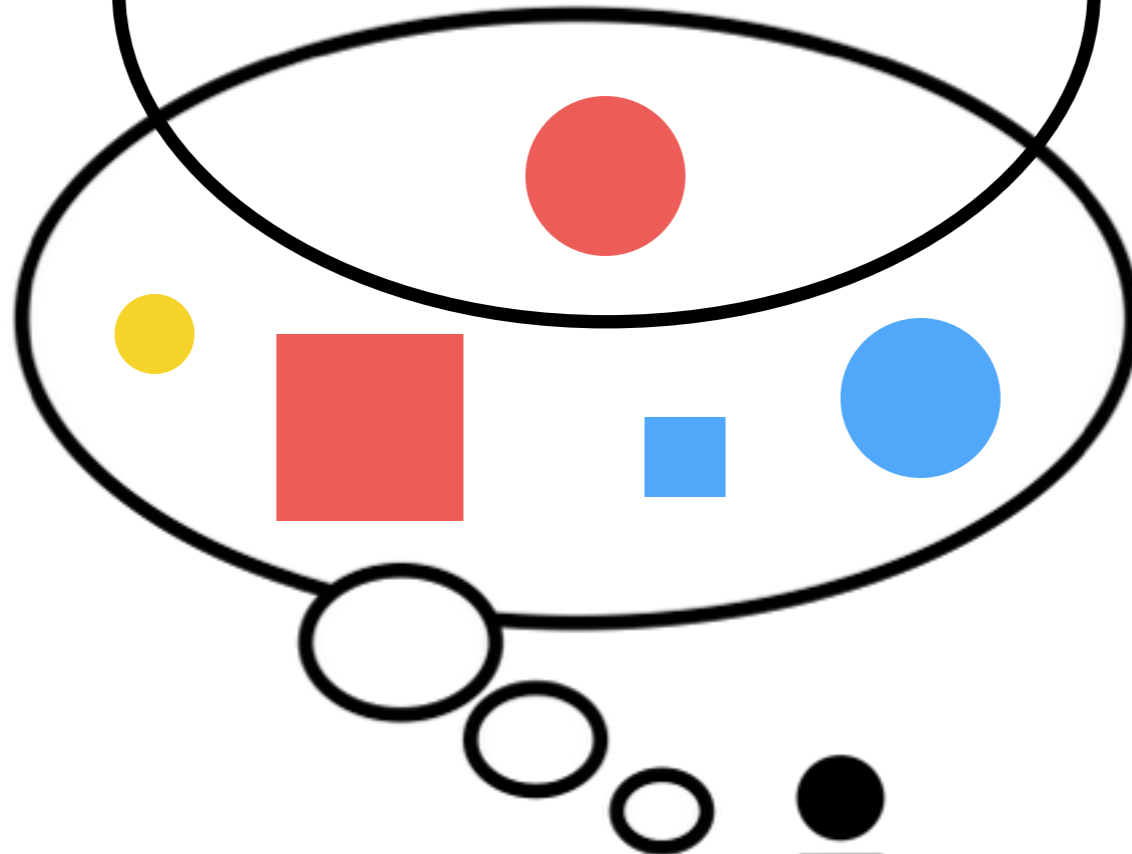
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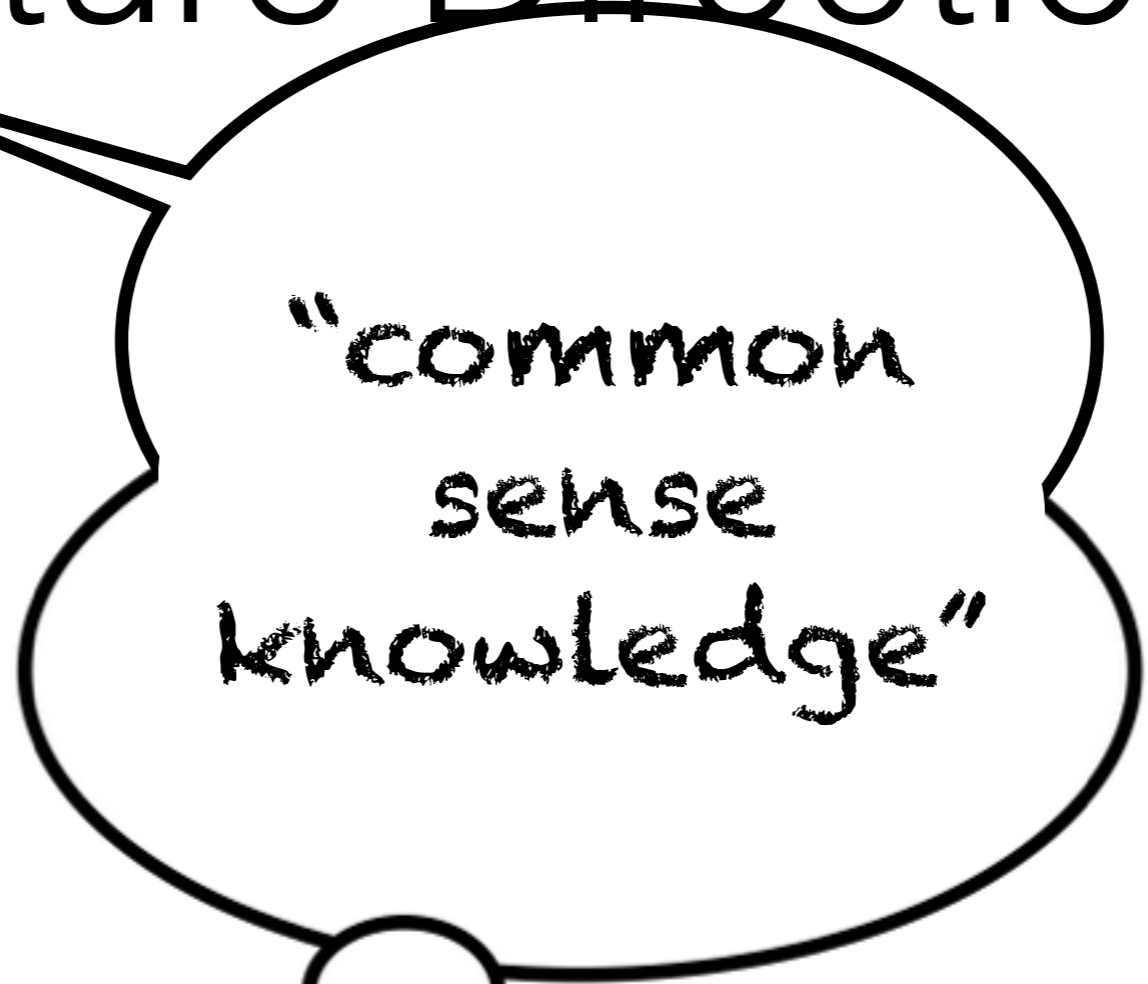
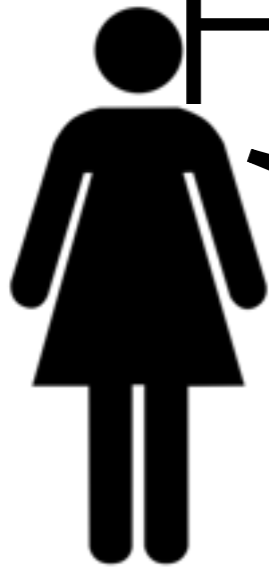
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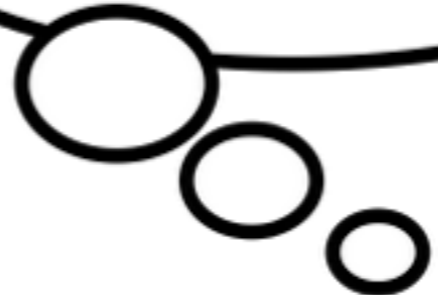
The red circle.



# Future Directions



"common  
sense  
knowledge"





# Future Directions



"common  
sense  
knowledge"

When/how is it  
accessed?

*What can be  
precomputed?  
What happens at  
"runtime"?*

What is it?

*World Knowledge?  
Pragmatics?*

How do we  
represent it?

*Distributional?  
Symbolic? Triple stores?  
Probability distributions?*

How is it learned?

*Is it distributional?  
Is text enough?*



Thank you!  
Questions!