

《知识图谱: 概念与技术》

# 第 11 讲

## 基于知识图谱的语言理解

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# 本章大纲

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- 语言理解概述
- 理解实体
- 理解概念
- 其他理解

# 概述

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# Why language understanding is so important?

- Language understanding is one of the important thinking activities
- Language is the tool of thinking
- It is the ability of language speaking and understanding that distinguishes us from animals



Enabling machine to understand human language is the essential path to realize intelligent information processing and smart robot brain.

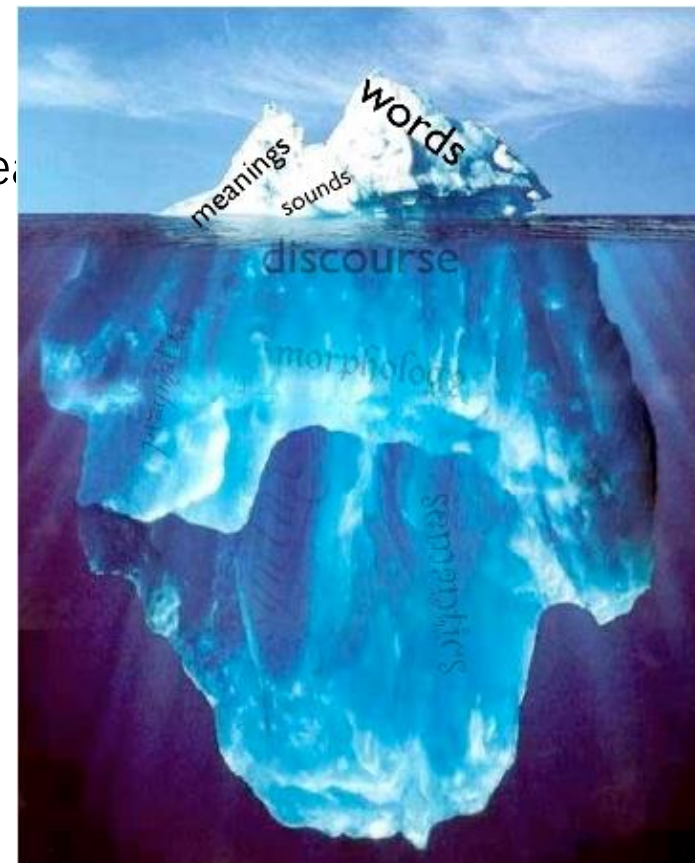
# Why language understanding is so hard?

Language is complicated

- **Ambiguous**, **contextual** and **implicit**
- Seemingly **infinite** number of ways to express the same meaning

Language understanding is difficult

- Grounded only in **human cognition**
- Needs significant **background knowledge**



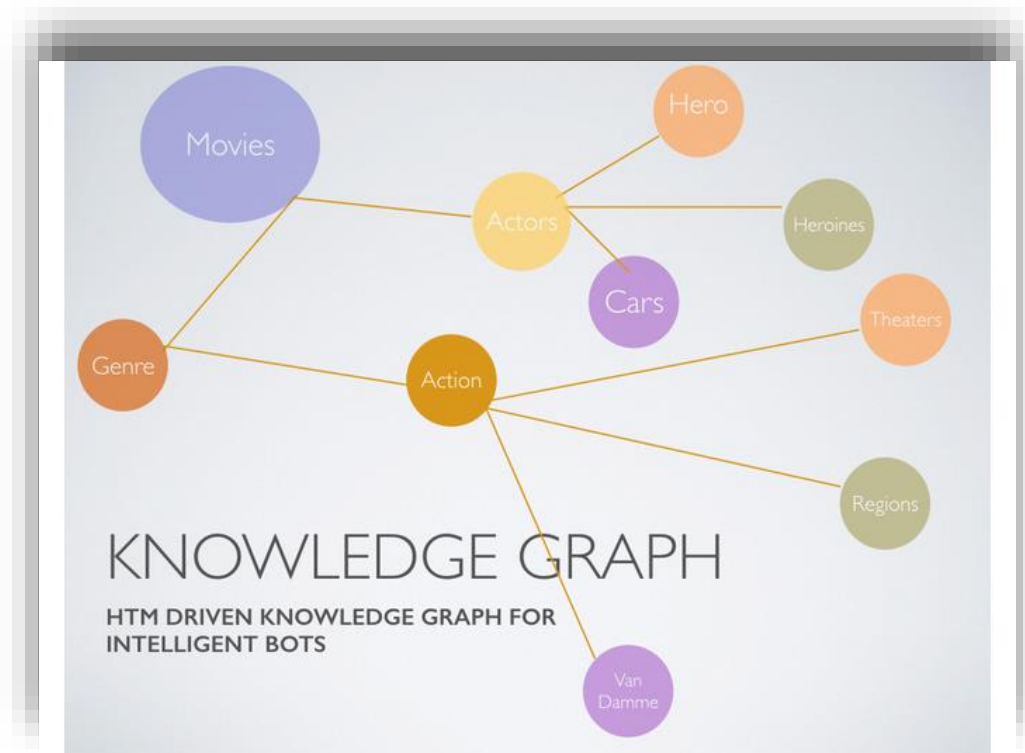
# Machine language understanding needs **good** background knowledge

- Language understanding of machines needs knowledge bases
  - Large scale
  - Semantically rich
  - Friendly structure
- Traditional knowledge representations can not satisfy
  - Ontology
  - Semantic network
  - Texts

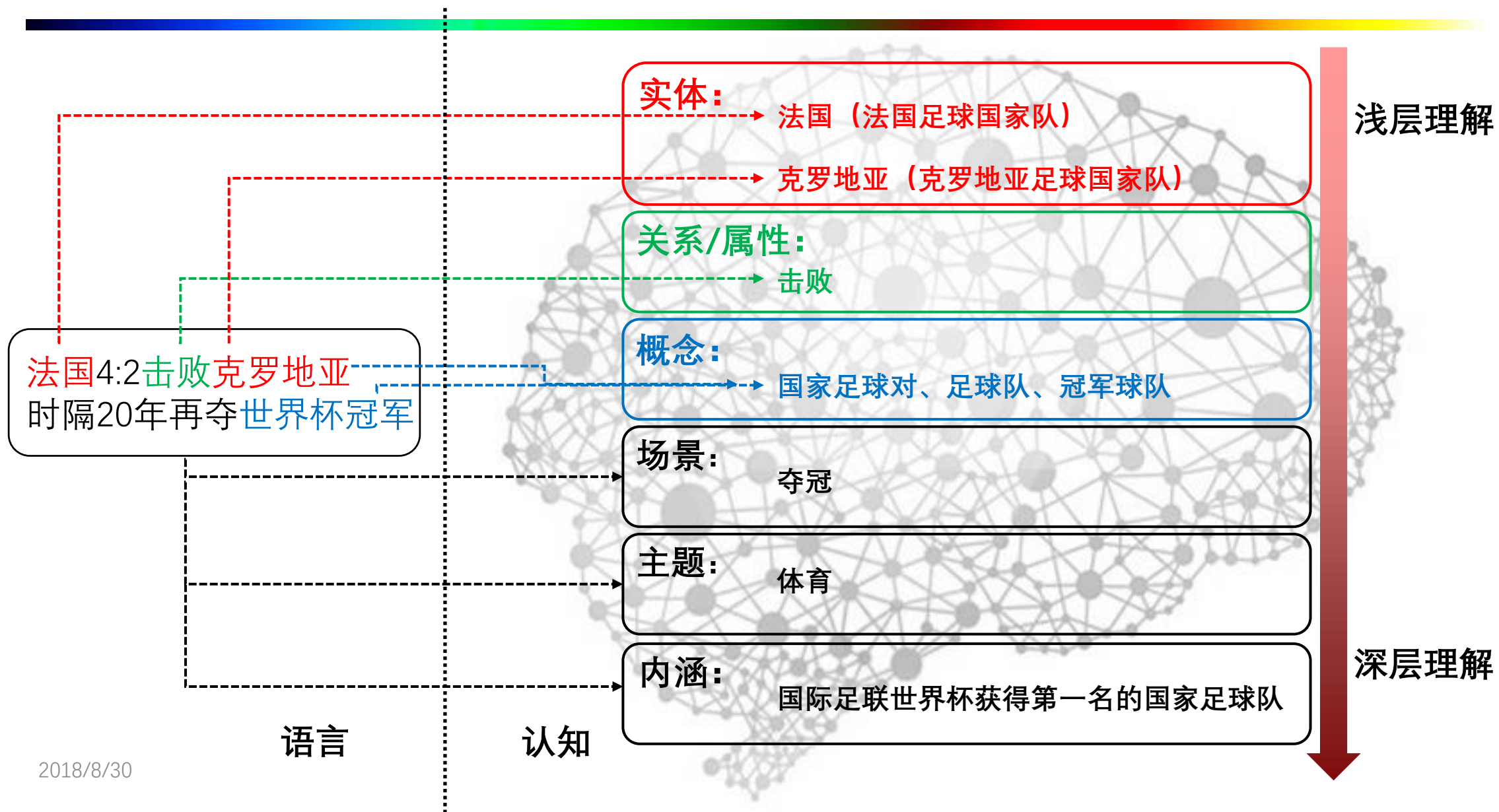


# Knowledge graph is a good choice

- Knowledge graph is a large scale semantic network consisting of entities/concepts as well as the semantic relationships among them
- Advantage
  - **Higher coverage** over entities and concept
  - **Richer** semantic relationships
  - Usually organized as **RDF**
  - **Quality insurance** by Crowdsourcing



# 语言理解





# 实体理解

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# 实体理解

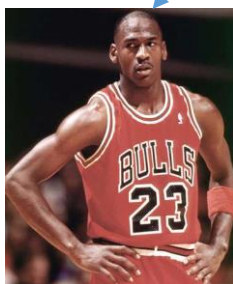
- 理解指代：同一个实体存在不同指代 (mention)

Barack Obama  
Barack H. Obama  
President Obama  
Senator Obama  
President of the United States



- 实体消歧/实体链接：同一个指代词可能指代多个不同实体

NBA Michael Jordan

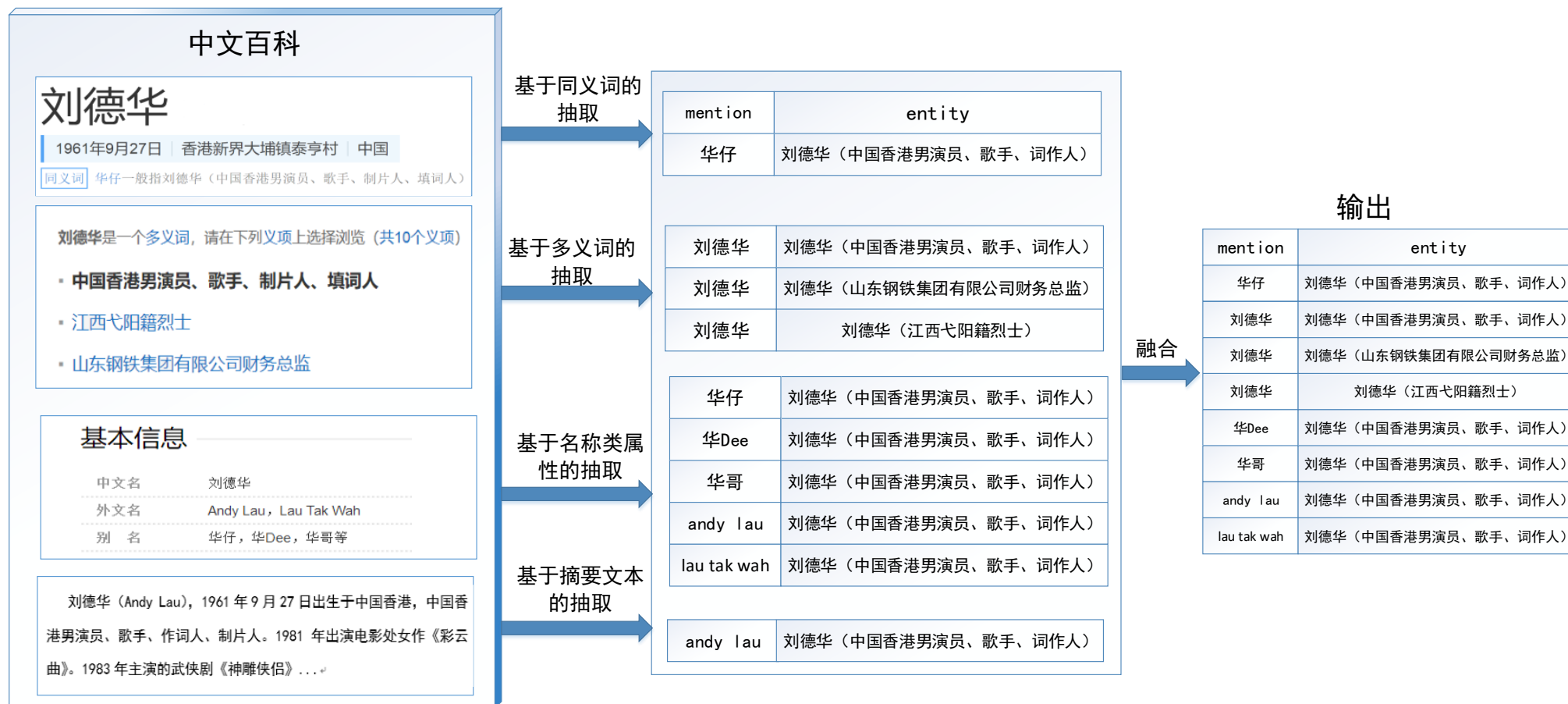


Machine Learning Michael Jordan



# 理解实体指代

- 利用在线百科丰富的结构化信息构建实体-指代映射表



# 实体链接： 问题描述

- 将文本中的实体指代链接到知识库中特定实体
  - 主要问题： 指代词歧义

[李娜]唱的[青藏高原]很好听

## 李娜（中国女子网球名将）

李娜，1982年2月26日出生于湖北省武汉市，中国女子网球运动员。2008年北京奥运会女子单打第四名，2011年法国网球公开赛、2014年澳大利亚网球公开赛女子单打冠军，亚洲第一位大满贯女子单打冠军，...



## 李娜（流行歌手、佛门女弟子）

李娜（1963年7月25日-），原名牛志红，出生于河南省郑州市，毕业于河南省戏曲学校，曾是中国大陆女歌手，出家后法名释昌圣。毕业后曾从事于豫剧演出，1997年皈依佛门，法号“昌圣”。...



## 青藏高原（亚洲内陆高原）

青藏高原（Qinghai-Tibet Plateau）是中国最大、世界海拔最高的高原，被称为“世界屋脊”、“第三极”，南起喜马拉雅山脉南缘，北至昆仑山、阿尔金山和祁连山北缘，西部为帕米尔高原和喀喇昆仑山脉，...



## 青藏高原（李娜演唱歌曲）

《青藏高原》，发行于1993年，是中国女高音歌唱家李娜的代表作品，由张千一作词作曲，是1993年电视剧《天路》的片头曲，后又作为2005年电视剧《雪域情》的片尾曲。2001年《青藏高原》获得首届中国音乐金钟奖声乐作品金奖...



知识图谱

# 实体链接： 基本流程



# 实体链接：基本模型

- 输入：文本；以及上下文已识别指代集  $M = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$
- 输出：链接实体列表  $\Gamma = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$

- 模型：

$$\Gamma_{\text{best}} = \arg \max_{\Gamma} \left( \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(m_i, e_i)}_{\text{局部匹配函数}} + \underbrace{\psi(\Gamma)}_{\text{全局匹配函数}} \right)$$

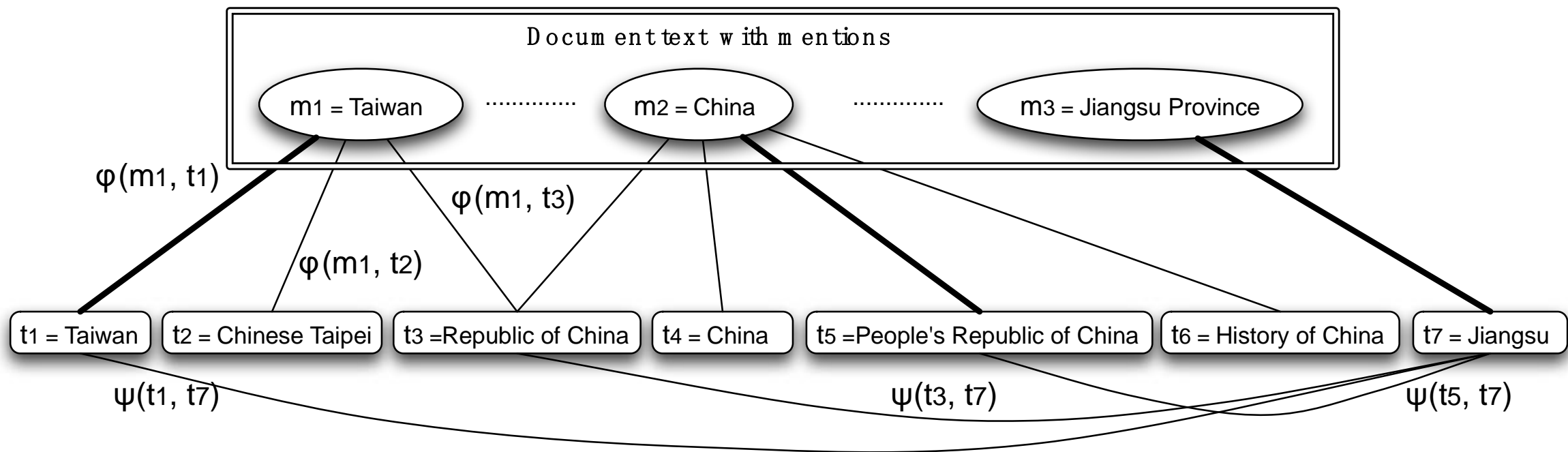
局部匹配函数：刻画实体与上下文的匹配程度计算

$$\varphi(m_i, e_i) = \sum_k w_k f_k(e_i, m_i)$$

全局匹配函数：考虑上下文里实体对之间的语义关联强度

$$\psi(\Gamma) = \sum_{e_i \in \Gamma, e_j \in \Gamma} r(e_i, e_j)$$

# 实体链接：模型示例




# $\varphi$ 局部特征

## • 上下文无关特征

- 指代与实体名的字符相似度
  - 实体的指代与实体名通常是有一定相似度的
    - Eg: “周杰伦”与“杰伦”、“周董”
- 实体流行度 (popularity)
  - $p(e = \text{北京(中华人民共和国首都)}) >$
  - $p(e = \text{北京(北宋时期行政区划)}) >$
  - $p(e = \text{北京(诗歌)})$
- 百科锚文本先验概率
  - $p(e|A = \text{'李娜'})$
  - 从百科文本中统计出来, 依赖大量锚文本

## • 上下文有关特征

- 文本相似度: 候选实体相关文本与上下文文本的文本相似度
  - Eg, 利用候选实体及上下文的词袋向量或概念向量, 计算相应的 cosine similarity


$$f(m, e) = \frac{\sum_{w \in \text{Context}(m) \cup \text{Text}(e)} \text{TFIDF}_m(w) \times \text{TFIDF}_e(w)}{\sqrt{\sum_{w \in \text{Context}(m)} \text{TFIDF}_m(w)} \times \sqrt{\sum_{w \in \text{Text}(e)} \text{TFIDF}_e(w)}}$$



# $\psi$ 全局特征

- 候选实体(e1)与上下文实体(e2)之间的语义相关度
- 基于实体在知识图谱中的邻居集合 $U_1$ 和 $U_2$ 进行评估
  - Jaccard相似度:  $JACC(u_1, u_2) = \frac{|U_1 \cap U_2|}{|U_1 \cup U_2|}$
  - 互信息:  $PMI(u_1, u_2) = \frac{|U_1 \cap U_2|/|W|}{|U_1|/|W| * |U_2|/|W|}$   
(联合概率除以各自独立的概率)
  - 规范化谷歌距离:  $NGD(u_1, u_2) = 1 - \frac{\log(\max(|U_1|, |U_2|)) - \log(|U_1 \cap U_2|)}{\log(|W|) - \log(\min(|U_1|, |U_2|))}$   
(对集合大小偏差做规范化)
  - Adamic Adar 相似度:  $AA(u_1, u_2) = \sum_{n \in A \cap B} \log\left(\frac{1}{degree(n)}\right)$   
(对popular的公共邻居进行惩罚)

# 复杂度

- 最优实体链接问题是NP难问题
- 链接方案 $\Gamma$ 的搜索空间为 $O(N^2 \times M^N)$
- 近似算法
  - 局部化
  - 图算法

$$\Gamma_{best} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Gamma} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \varphi(m_i, e_i) + \sum_{e_j \in \Gamma} r(e_i, e_j) \right) \right)$$

$O(M^N)$        $O(N^2)$

# 局部近似计算

- 原目标函数

$$\Gamma_{best} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \varphi(m_i, e_i) + \sum_{e_j \in \Gamma} r(e_i, e_j) \right)$$

- 先只利用局部函数 $\varphi$ 算出一个局部最优方案

$$\Gamma_{\text{local}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(m_i, e_i)$$

- 然后新的目标函数

$$\Gamma_{best} \approx \operatorname{argmax}_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \varphi(m_i, e_i) + \sum_{e_j \in \Gamma_{\text{local}}} r(e_i, e_j) \right)$$

- 复杂度:  $O(N^2 \times M)$

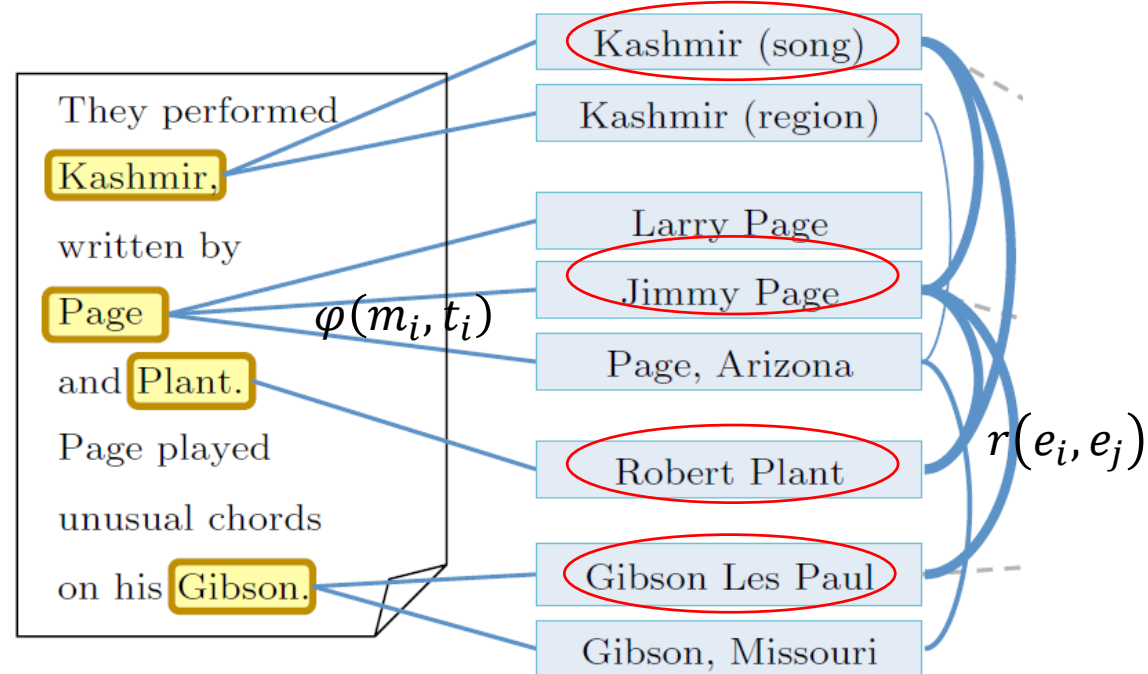
# 图算法

- Mention-Entity Graph

- 点：指代与实体
- 边
  - 指代-实体边权：局部分数  $\varphi(m_i, e_i)$
  - 实体-实体边权：实体相关度  $r(e_i, e_j)$

- 问题模型

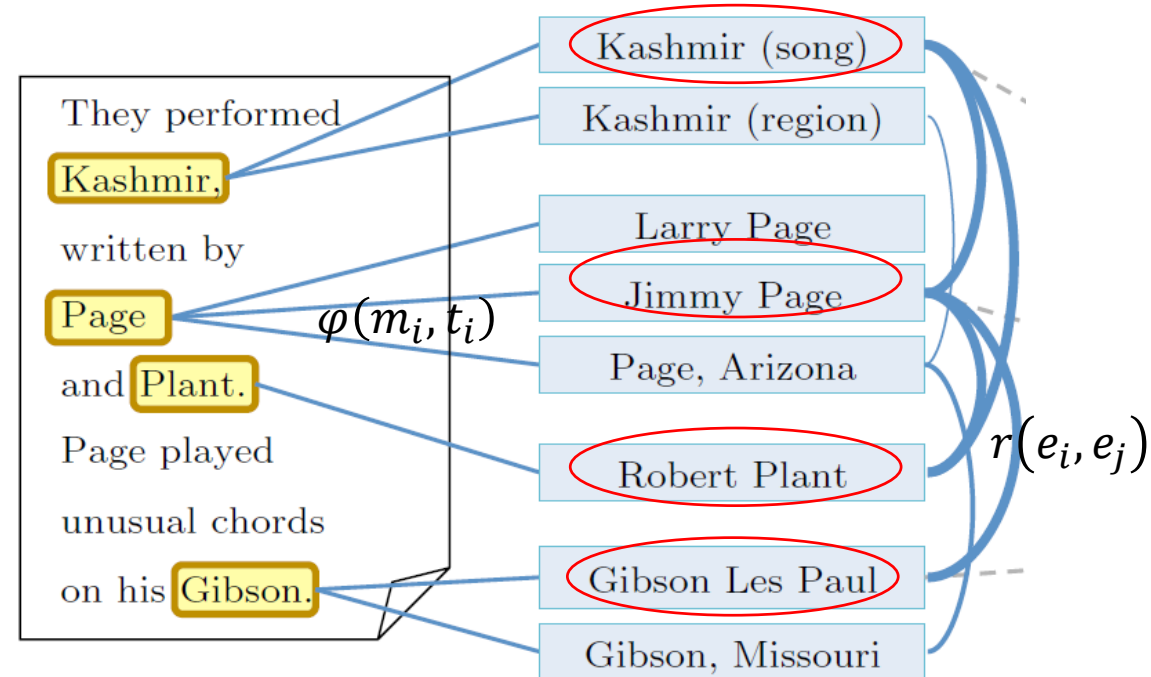
- Given a mention-entity graph, find a *subgraph* with **maximal accumulative weight**
  - Such that contain **all mention nodes** and **exactly one mention-entity edge for each mention**



- NP难(Steiner-tree problem)：贪心算法

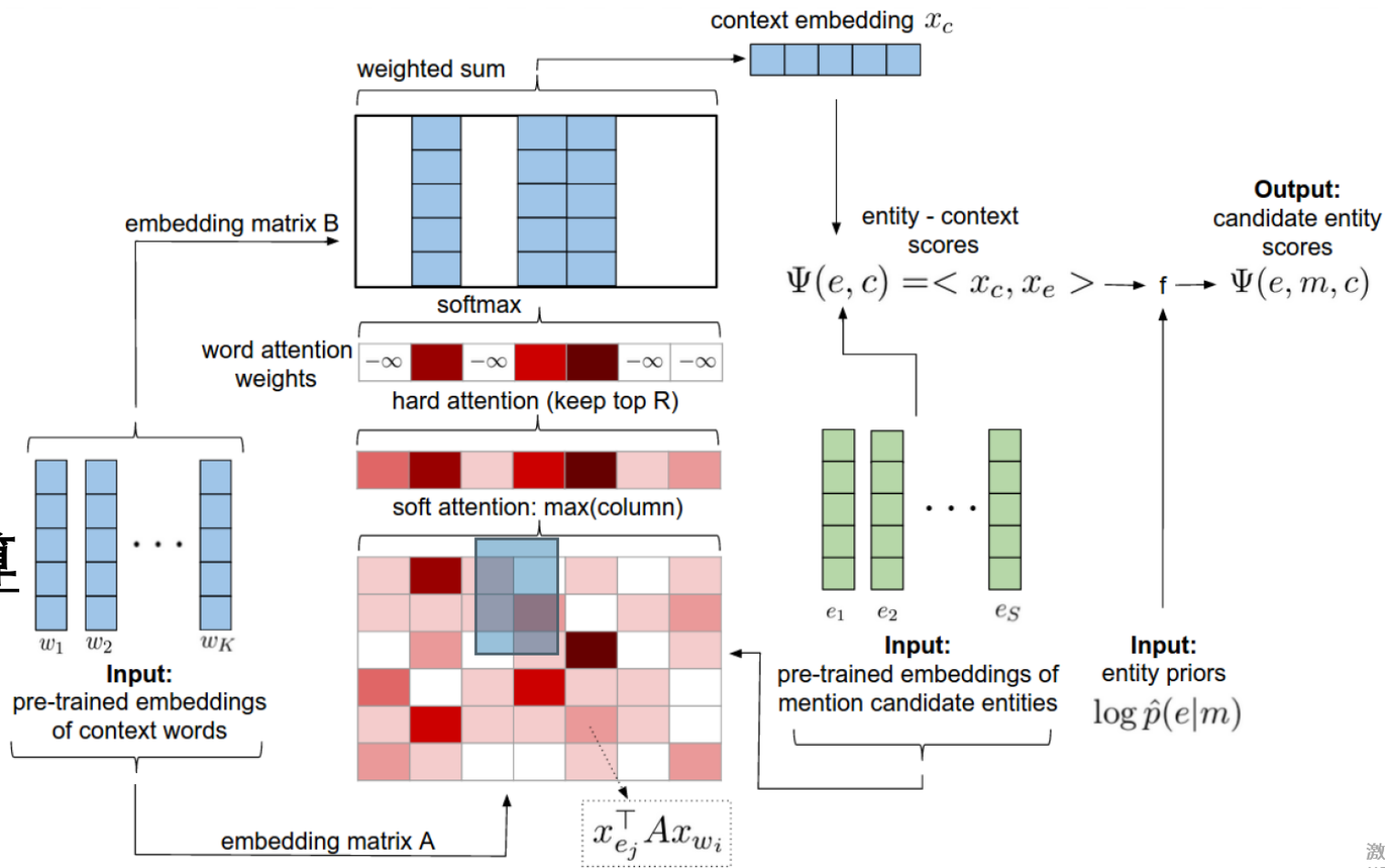
# 图修剪算法

- 输入：实体与指代的加权图
- 输出：每个指代只有一条边的子图
- 算法流程
  - 对于每个实体，计算它们距离所有指代节点的距离
  - 保留最近的( $5 \times$ 指代数量)个实体，舍弃其他的
  - 当图中存在非唯一实体时
    - 删除掉加权重最小的非唯一实体以及相邻边
    - 如果删掉的是加权重最小的点，则将当前剩下的图加入解的集合
  - 在最后解的集合里暴力枚举搜索最优的方案



# 深度实体链接模型

- 无需人工构造特征
- 能够捕捉隐式特征
- 与传统模型优化目标相同
  - $o(\Gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(m_i, e_i) + \psi(\Gamma)$
  - $\varphi$ 与 $\psi$ 均由深度方法计算

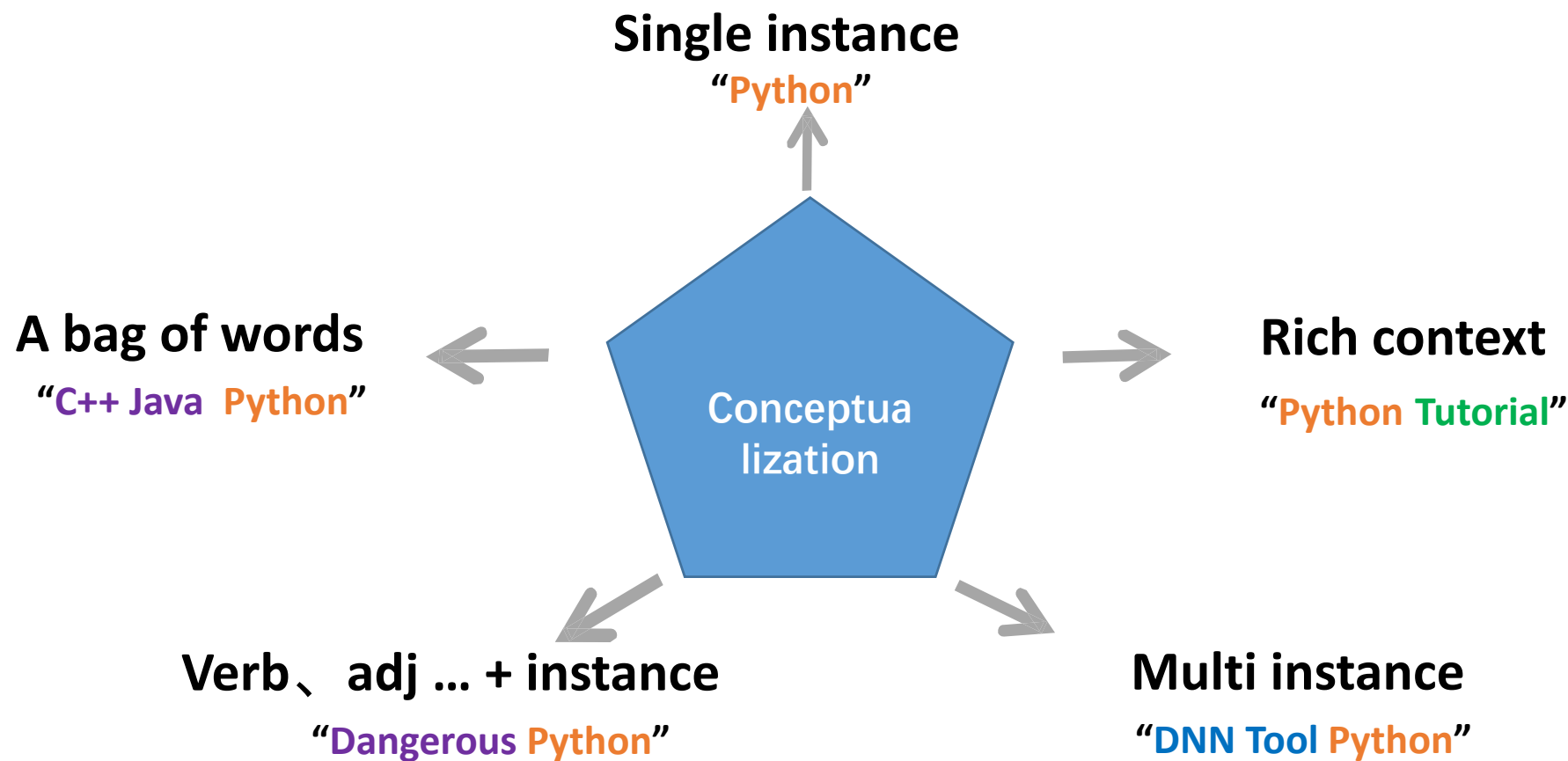


利用注意力机制，上下文中只有少部分词对消歧有影响

# 概念理解

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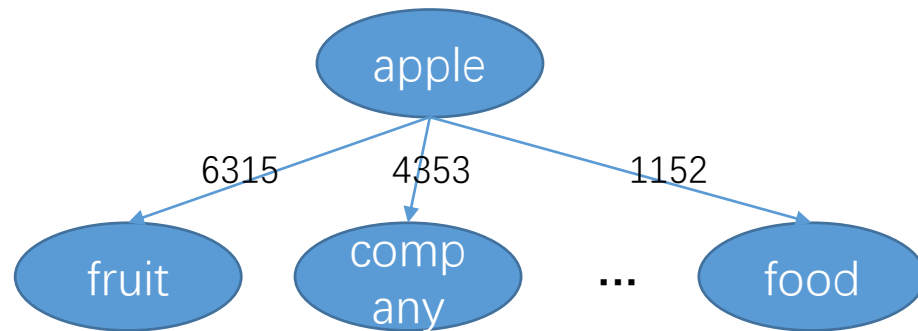
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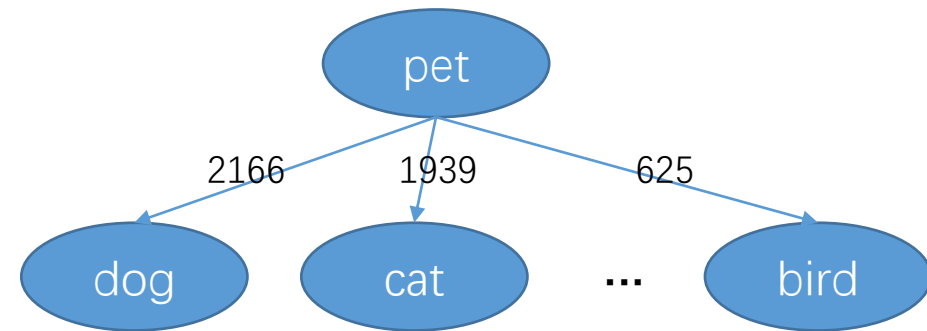


# Single Instance

- Each isA relation is associated with a frequency
  - that the isA pair is observed in corpus
- Typicality
  - How likely a real human will think up with c (or e) given e (or c)

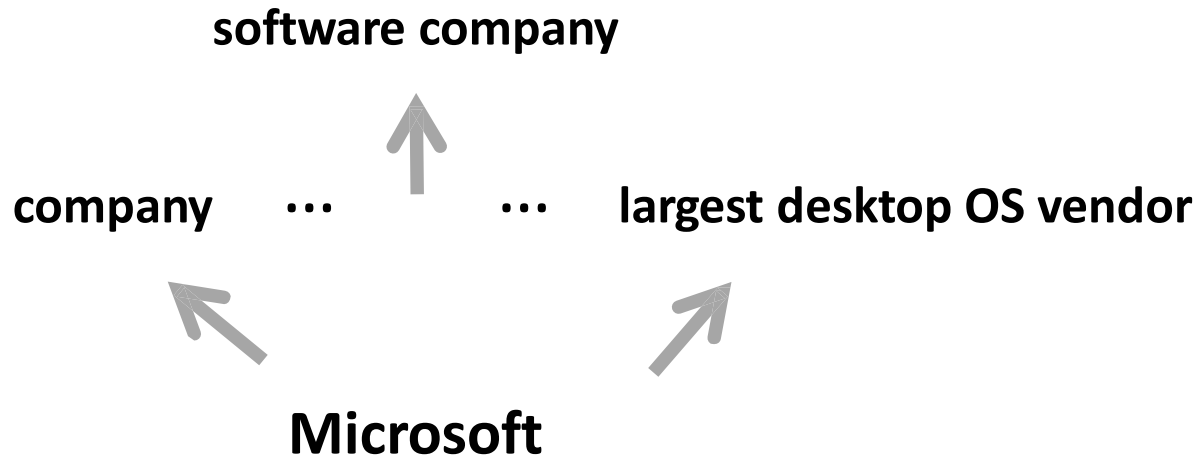


- $p(c|e) = \frac{n(e,c)}{\sum_{c_i} n(e,c_i)}$
- $p(\text{fruit}|\text{apple}) = \frac{n(\text{apple},\text{fruit})}{n(\text{apple},\text{fruit}) + \dots + n(\text{apple},\text{food})}$



- $p(e|c) = \frac{n(e,c)}{\sum_{e_i} n(e_i,c)}$
- $p(\text{dog}|\text{pet}) = \frac{n(\text{dog},\text{pet})}{n(\text{dog},\text{pet}) + \dots + n(\text{bird},\text{pet})}$

# Single Instance- Basic level categorization



Category Level	Informative?	Distinctive?
Superordinate	No	Yes
Basic-level	Yes	Yes
Subordinate	Yes	No

Basic-level  
conceptualization

Model:

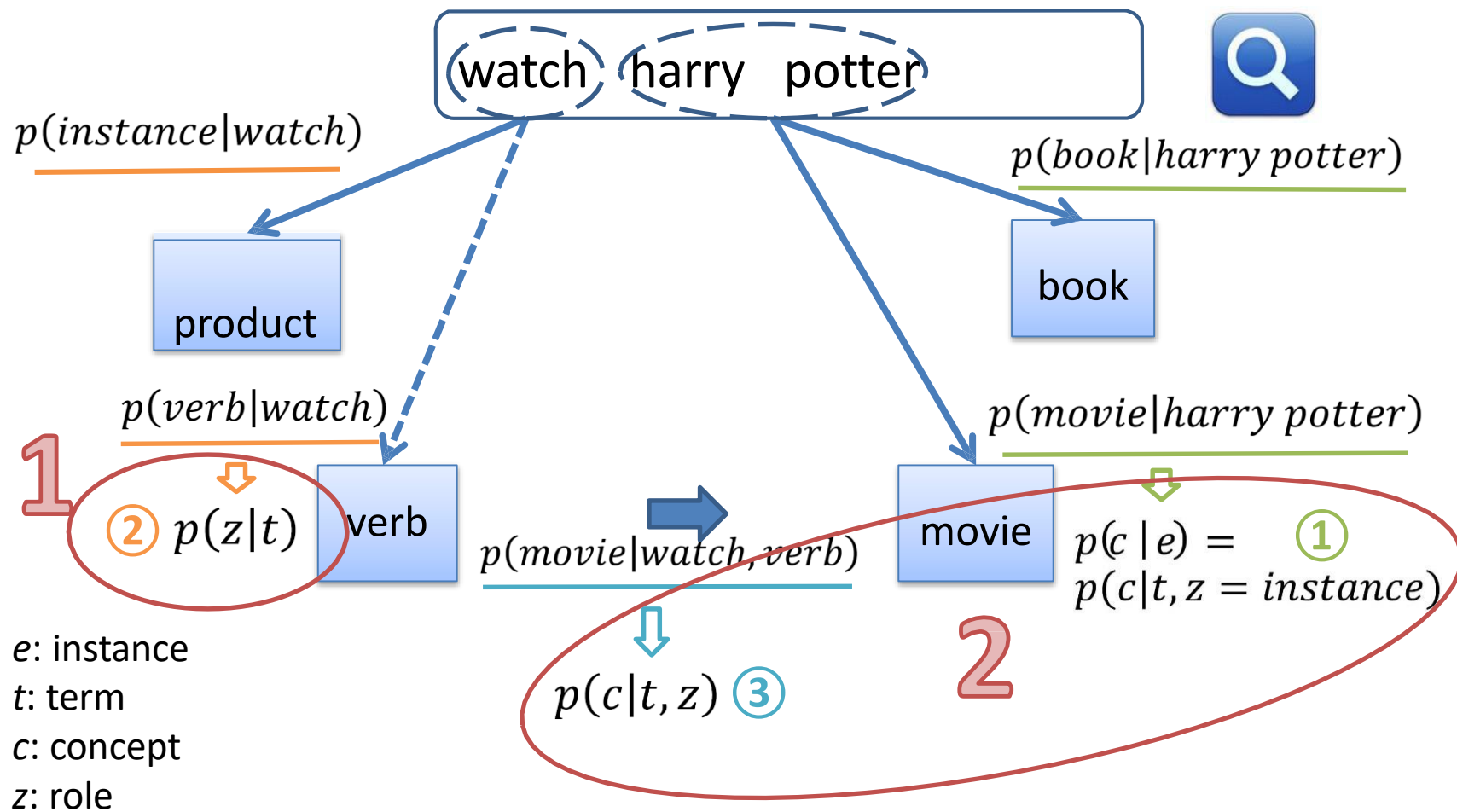
$$Rep(e, c) = P(c|e) * P(e|c)$$

A process of finding *concept nodes* having *shortest expected distance* with *e*

Given *e*, the *c* should be its typical concept (*shortest distance*)

Given *c*, the *e* should be its typical entity (*shortest distance*)

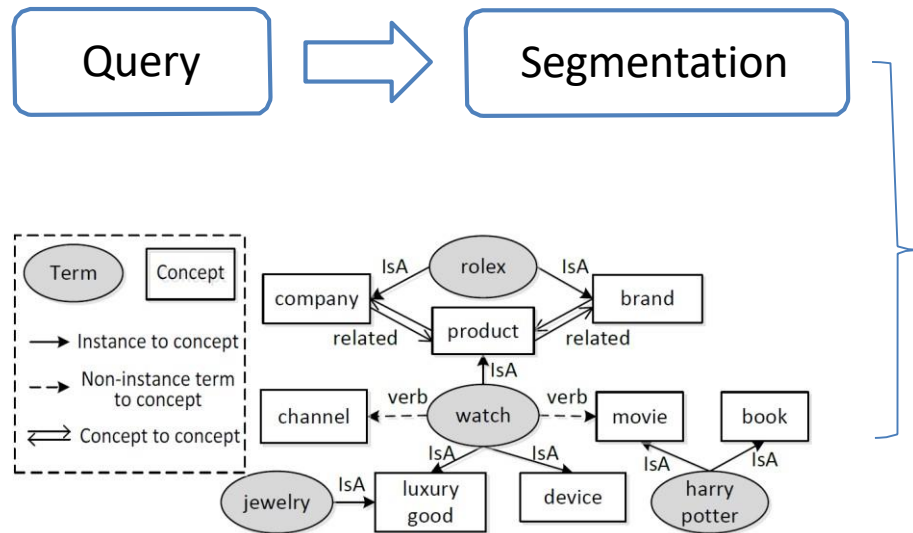
# Verb、adj ... + instance



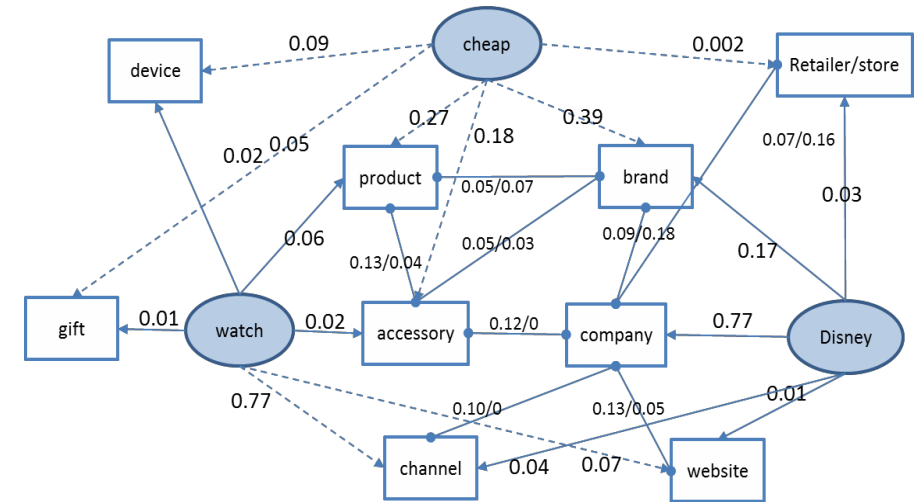
# Verb、adj ... + instance

- Understanding Queries: to rank the concepts and find

$$\arg \max_c p(c|t, q)$$



The offline semantic network



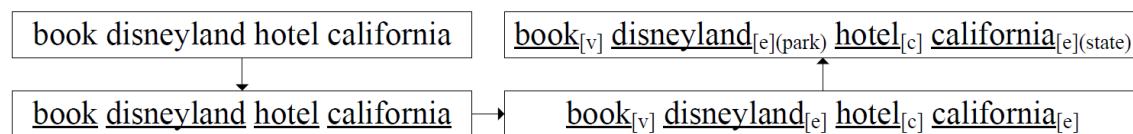
Random walk with restart [Sun et al., 2005]  
on the online subgraph

# Rich context

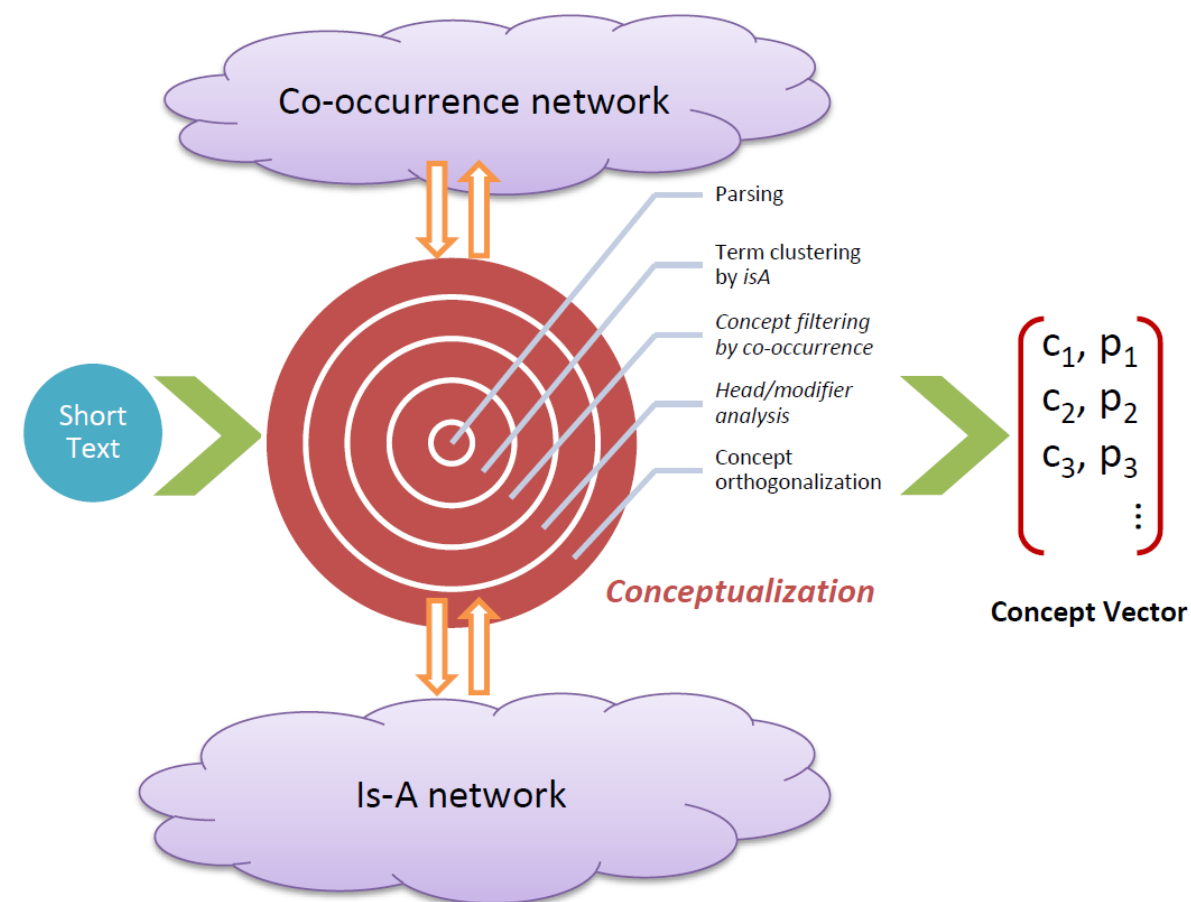
Problem:

How do we understand short text?

Example:



- Text Segmentation
- Type Detection
- Instance Disambiguation

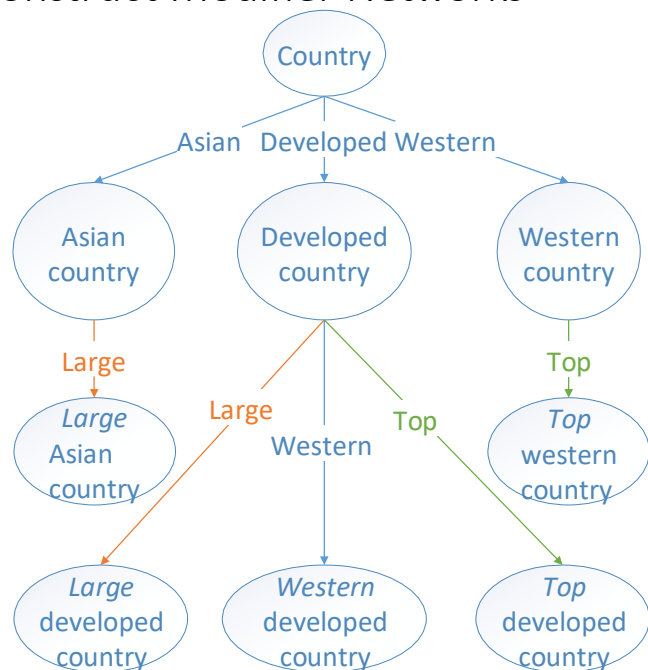


# Multi instance

Problem:

Head, Modifier, and Constraint  
Detection in Short Texts

Model1: Non-Constraint Modifiers Mining:  
Construct Modifier Networks

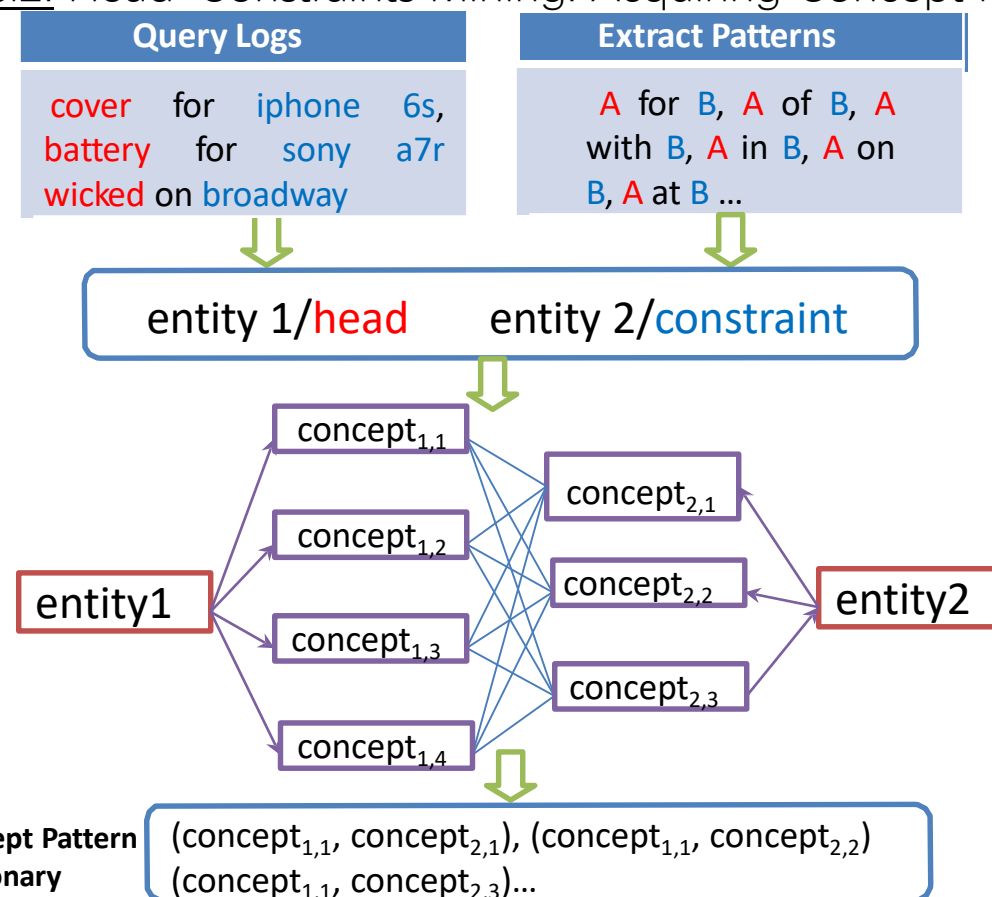


“Large” and “Top” are pure modifiers

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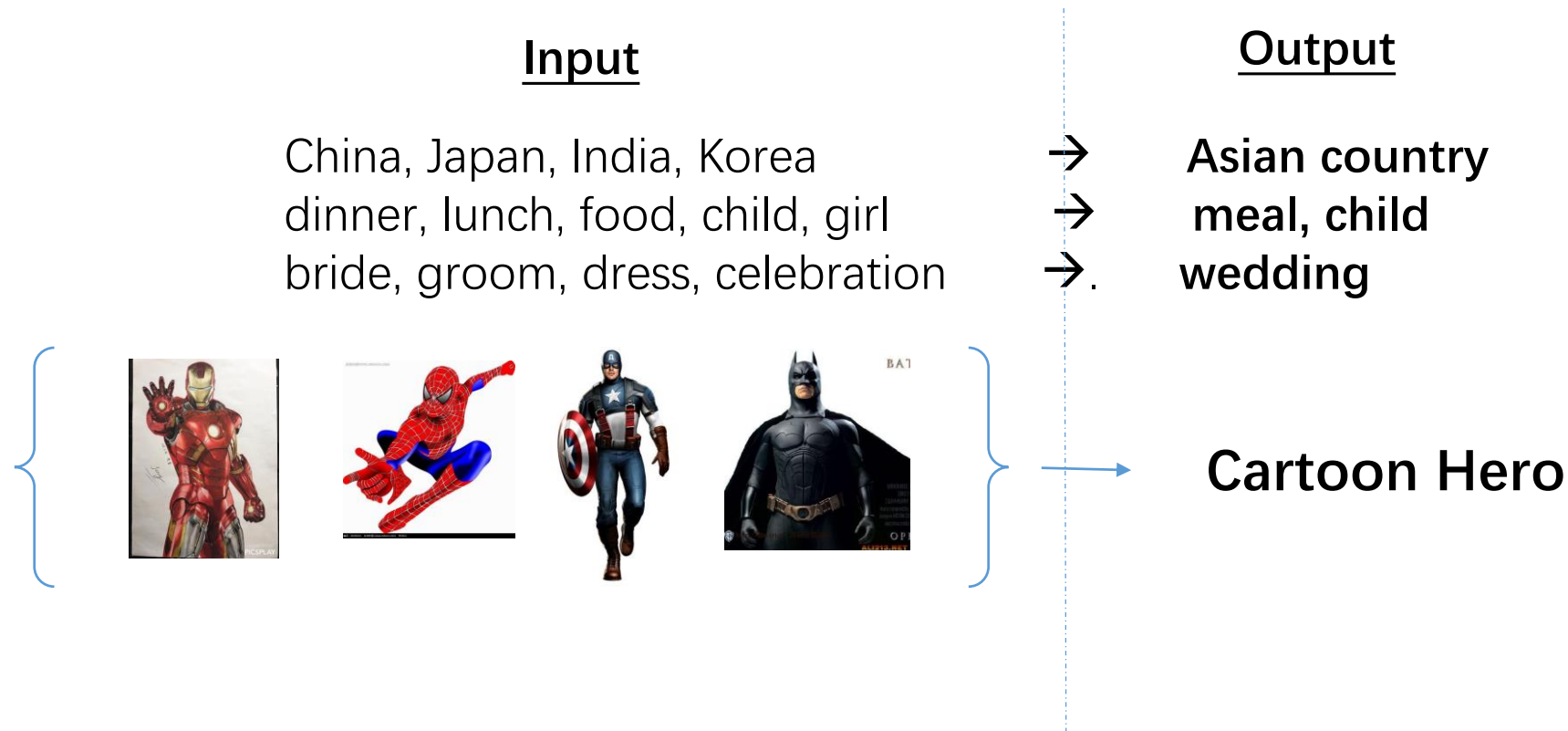
Example: Popular<sub>[modifier]</sub> smart cover<sub>[head]</sub> iphone 5s<sub>[constraint]</sub>

Model2: Head-Constraints Mining: Acquiring Concept Patterns



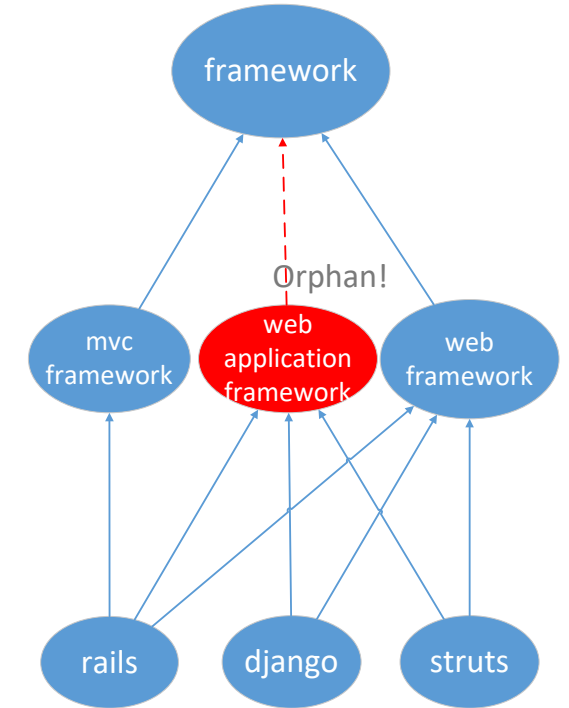
# Understanding a bag of words

- Humans understand a bag of words (a set of entities) at the appropriate **concept** level
- Problems: find a set of concepts for a bag of words (or a set of entities)



# Understanding a bag of words

- Challenge
  - **Coverage**: cover as many as possible the tags
  - **Minimality**: use the most specific concepts
- Idea
  - Using the isA taxonomy Probase to get the candidate concepts
  - Using minimal description length to select the best concepts
- Applications
  - **Topic labelling**
    - A topic is a bag of words that do not have explicit semantics
    - Conceptual labeling turns each topic into a small set of meaningful concepts
  - **Language understanding**
    - Verb role labeling, summarize verb *eat*'s direct objects *apple*, *breakfast*, *pork*, *beef*, into a small set of concepts, such as *fruit*, *meal*, *meat*, *bullet*



Probase



# MDL based conceptual labelling

- Problem Model: Given a bag of tags  $X$ , find

$$C^* = \operatorname{argmin} CL(X, C)$$

$$CL(X, C) = \underbrace{L(C)}_{\text{Minimality}} + \underbrace{L(X|C)}_{\text{Coverage}}$$

**Minimality**: The description length  
to code concepts

**Coverage**: The description length  
to code words by concepts

# Improvement

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- Noise tolerant

- Example: {apple, banana, breakfast, dinner, pork, beef, **bullet**}

$$L^*(x|C) = \min \begin{cases} L(x), & \text{encode directly} \\ \log |C| + L(x|c), & \text{encode using } c \in C \end{cases}$$

- Integrating attribute information

- Example: {population, president, location}, which triggers the concept country

$$P(c|x) = 1 - (1 - P_e(c|x))(1 - P_a(c|x))$$

# 其他



# Understanding a Concept/Category

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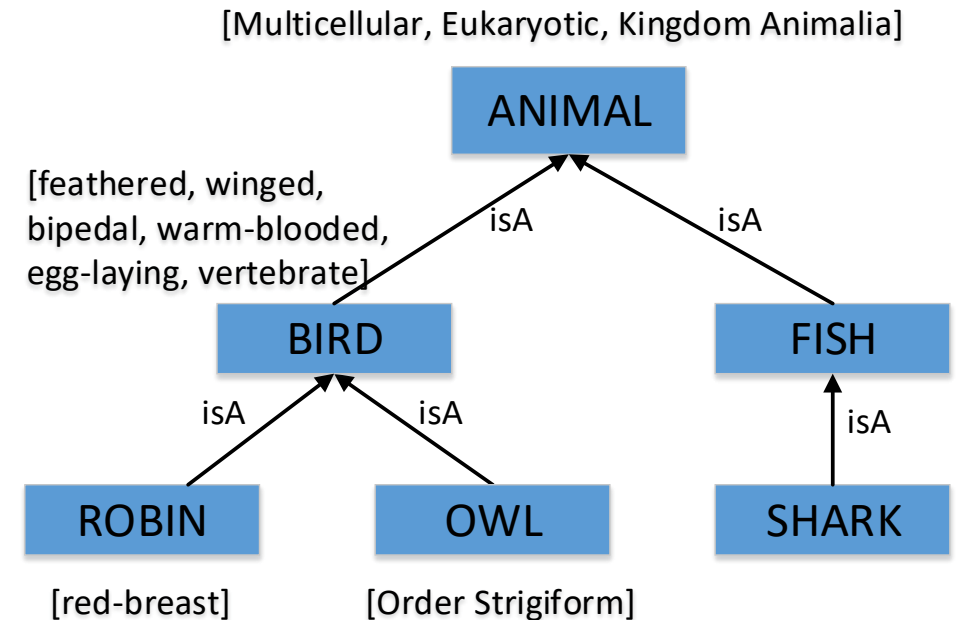
What is a **bachelor**?



A man that is unmarried  
{Type=human, Sex=man, Marriage status=unmarried}

# Problem Statement

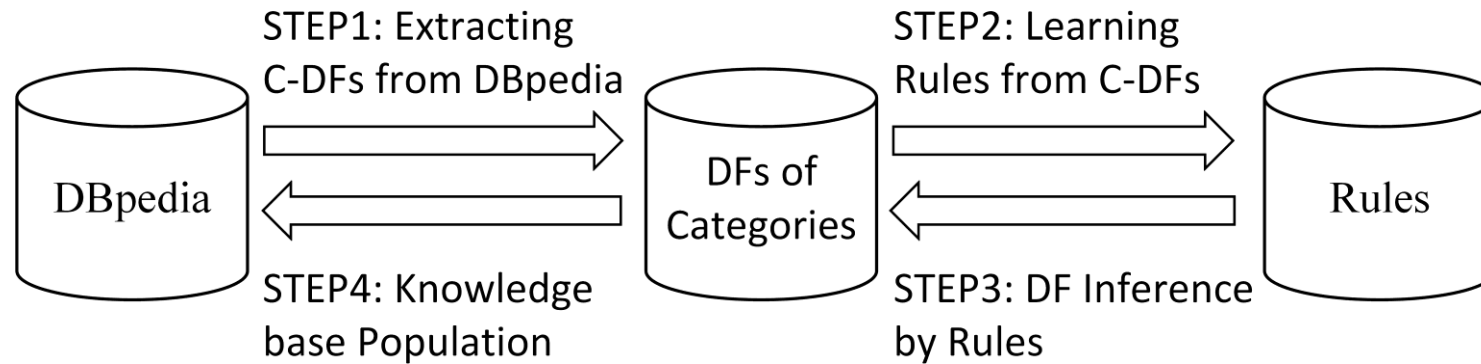
- Input: a category
- Output: a set of defining features
  - **A most specific type** and a set of Property-Value pairs.
    - E.g., Category “*Jay Chou albums*” is defined by type *album*, and PV feature (*Singer, Jay Chou*).
- **Defining features** are assumed to establish the necessary and sufficient conditions to characterize the meaning of the category.



Applications: build Semantic memory for machines

# Defining Feature Mining

- Framework



- A bootstrapping approach
  - Step 1: Using a score function to find DFs of some categories
  - Step 2 & 3: Using a rule-based method to get more DFs of categories
  - Step 4: Populate DBpedia by using DFs of categories discovered so far

# Problem Model

- Problem model

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}(c) = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \text{score}(c, \mathbf{f})$$

- The “goodness” of a **feature set**  $\mathbf{f}$  to be the DFs for a category  $c$  is defined as following:

$$\text{score}(c, \mathbf{f}) = P(\mathbf{f}|c) \times P(c|\mathbf{f})$$

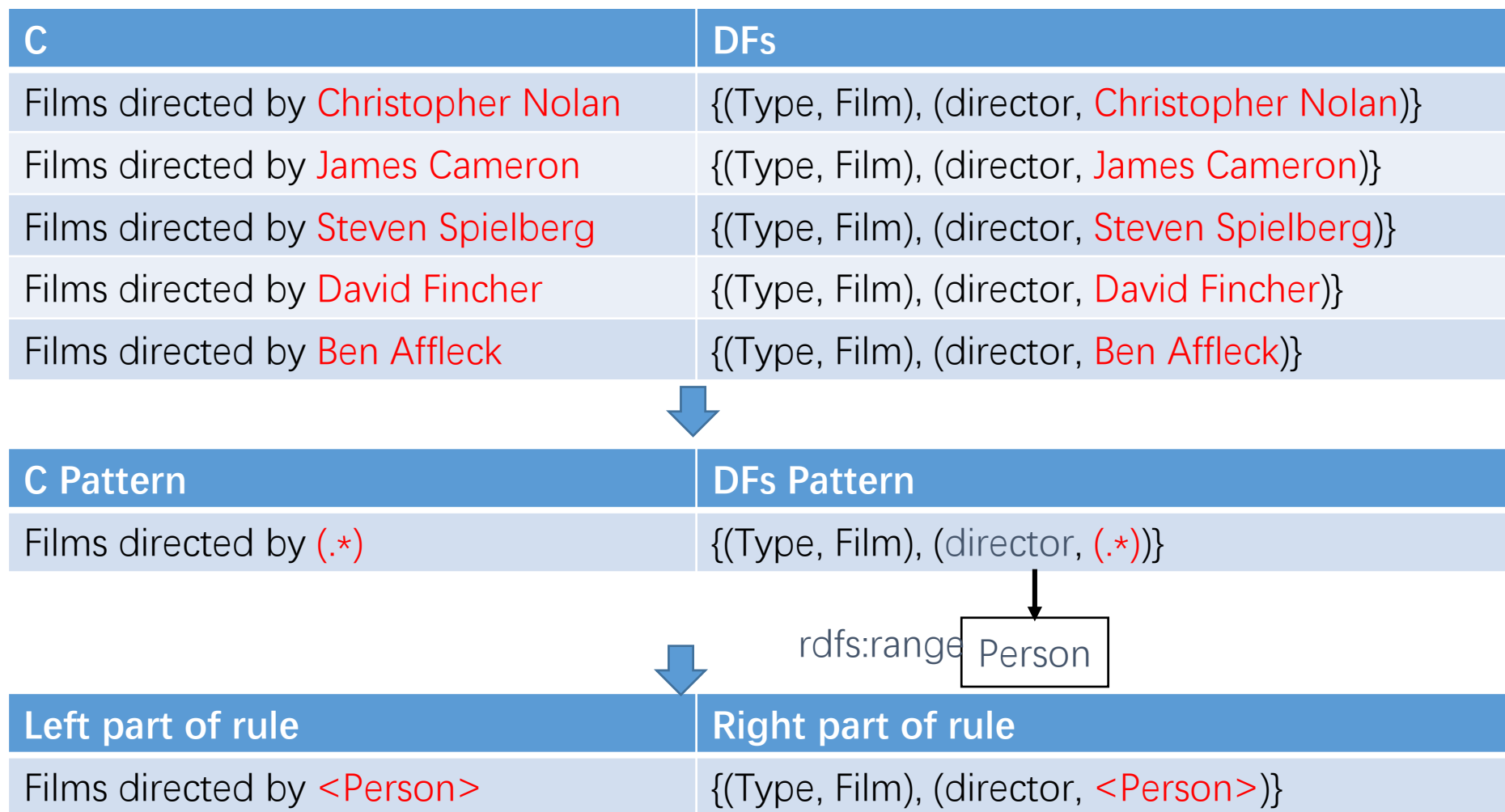
$P(\mathbf{f}|c) = \frac{\# \text{ of entities in } c \text{ that have } \mathbf{f}}{\# \text{ of entities in } c}$

$P(c|\mathbf{f}) = \frac{\# \text{ of entities in } c \text{ that have } \mathbf{f}}{\# \text{ of entities that have } \mathbf{f}}$

- Challenge

- Naïve solution needs to compute the ‘goodness’ score for each possible feature sets ( $2^N - 1$ ), where  $N$  is the number of candidate features
- **Frequent itemset mining** is used for pruning

# Inference Rule of Defining Features





# Understanding Verb Phrase

E.g. *I watched The Amazing Spider-man 2 and thought it's impressive.*

How to understand “The Amazing Spider-man 2” using verb “watch”?

Pattern: watch \$movie -> “The Amazing Spider-man 2” isA movie

Linguists [Sinclair 1990] found two principles for verb phrases:

- **idiom patterns**: Kick the ass/ watch step
- **conceptualized patterns**: eat fruit (apple/ banana etc.) drink beverage (wine, tea etc.)

Model: extract the patterns of verb phrases



Hey Robot, can you clean in the living room now?



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{  
  "action": "clean",  
  "location": "living room"  
}
```



**API.AI**

Applications:

Conceptualization using verbs

*The apple(object) he ate(verb) yesterday has a bad taste.*

Pattern: eat \$food -> apple isA \$food

Parsing: Finding subjective/objective/etc. of a verb

# Understanding Verb Phrases

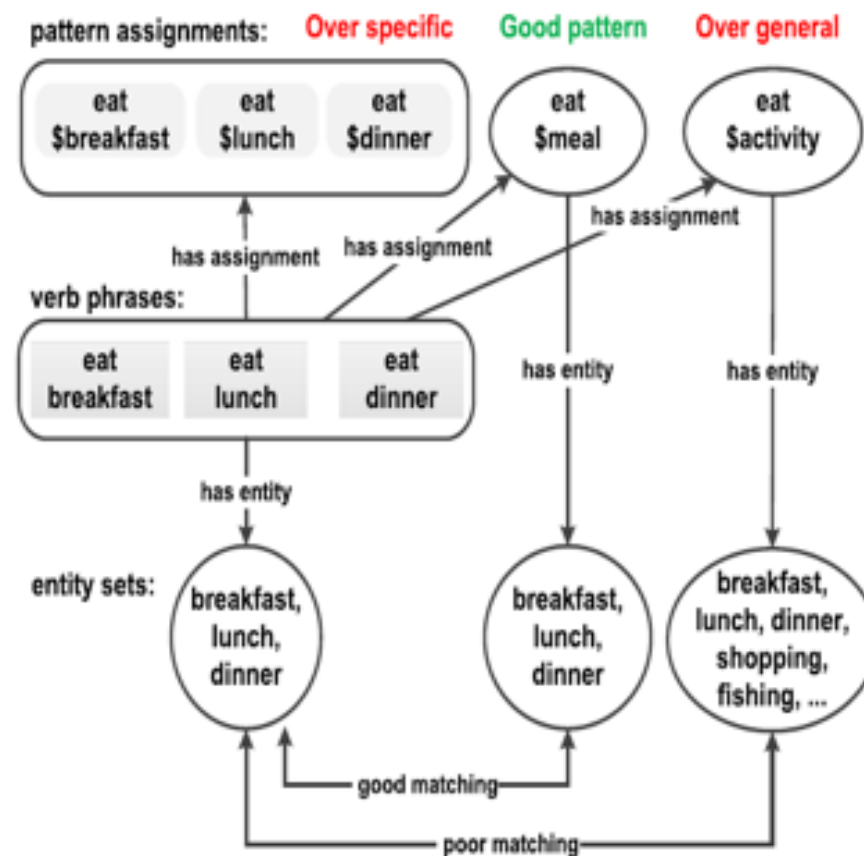
Challenge: trade-off between generality and specificity

**Generality:** One general pattern is better than several specific pattern.

**Specificity:** A pattern's assigned entities and the pattern itself should be matched.

By using MDL:

$$\arg \min L(f)$$
$$L(f) = \sum_p^f P(p) L(p) = \sum_p P(p) [l(p, f) + r(p, f)]$$



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