



Temporal Information Extraction

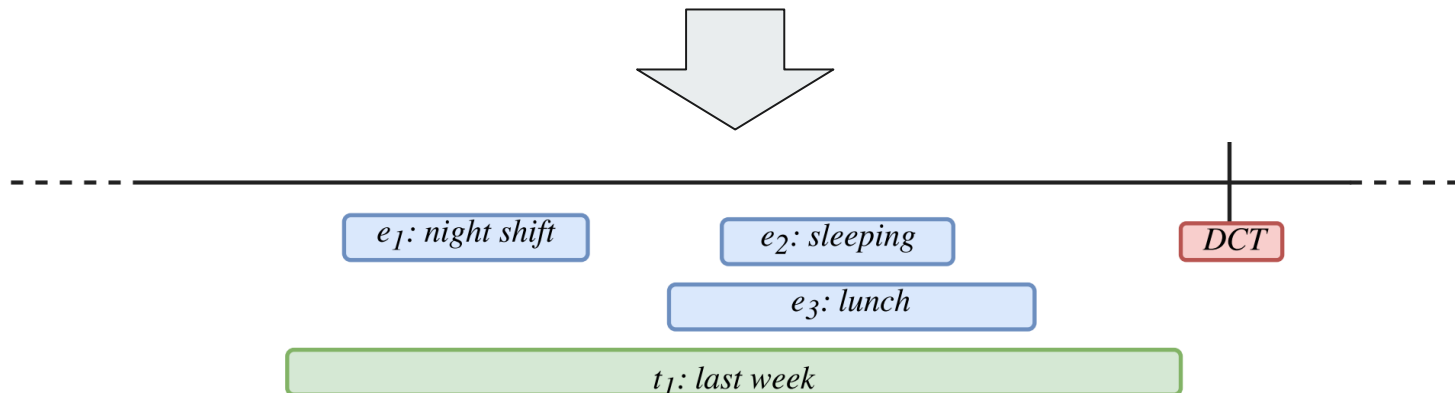


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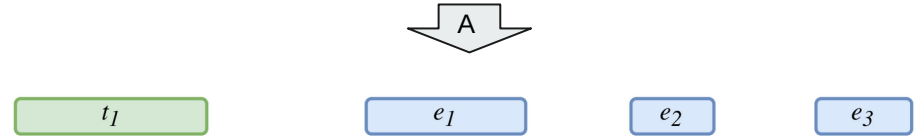


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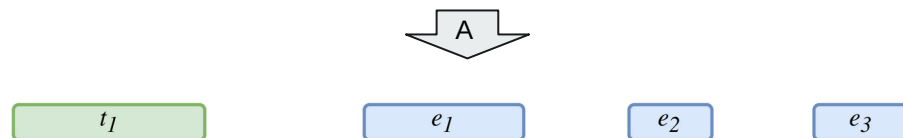
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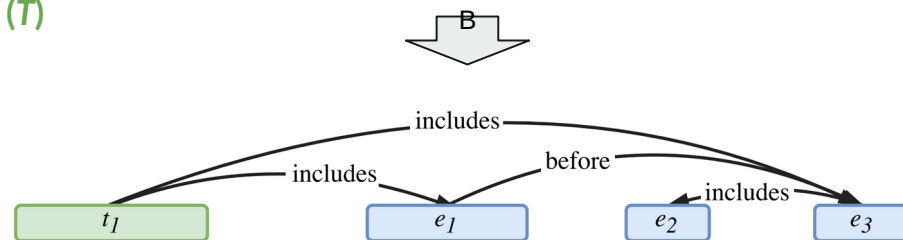
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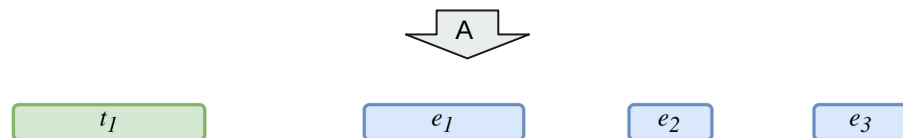
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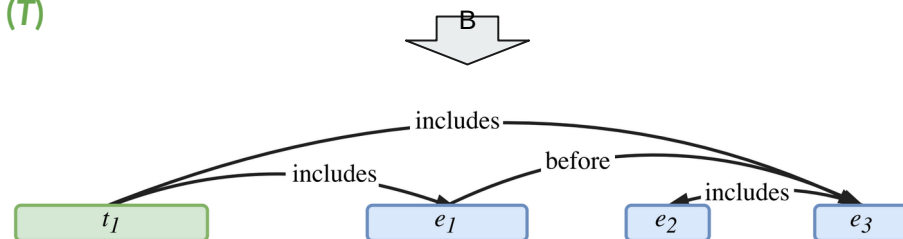
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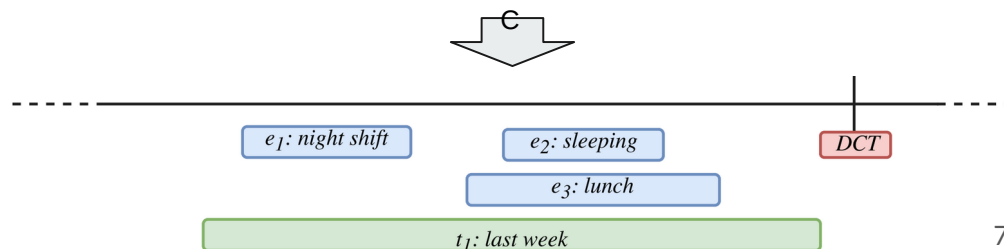
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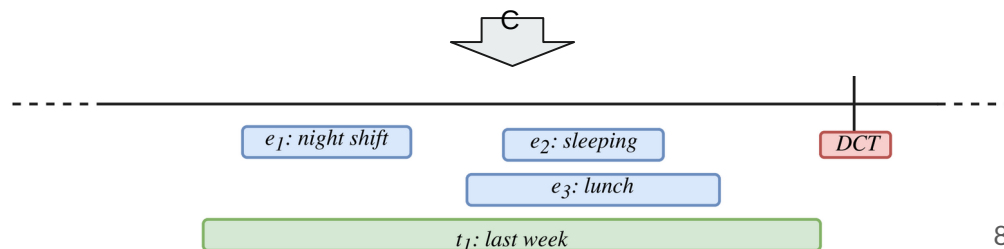
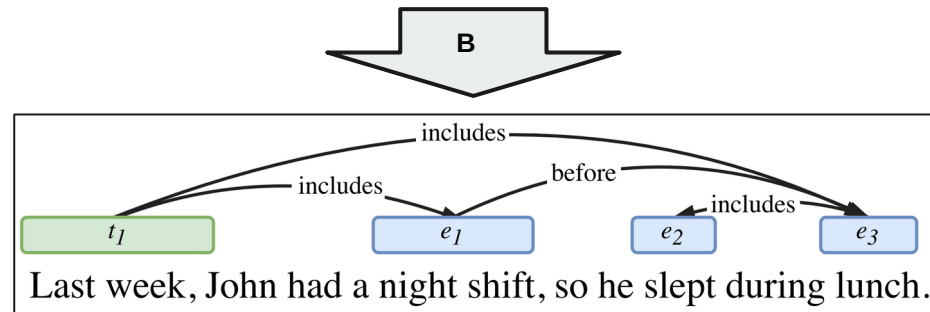
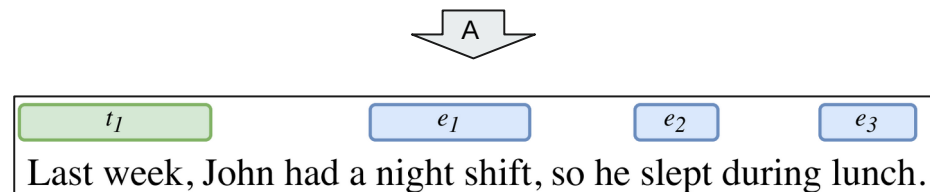
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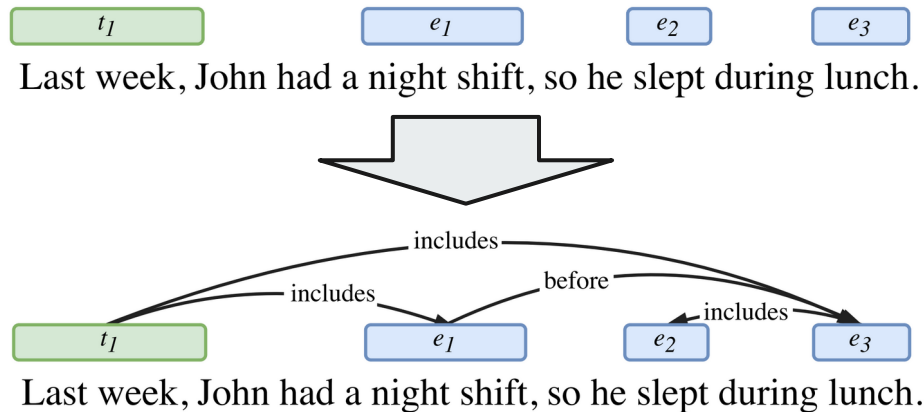
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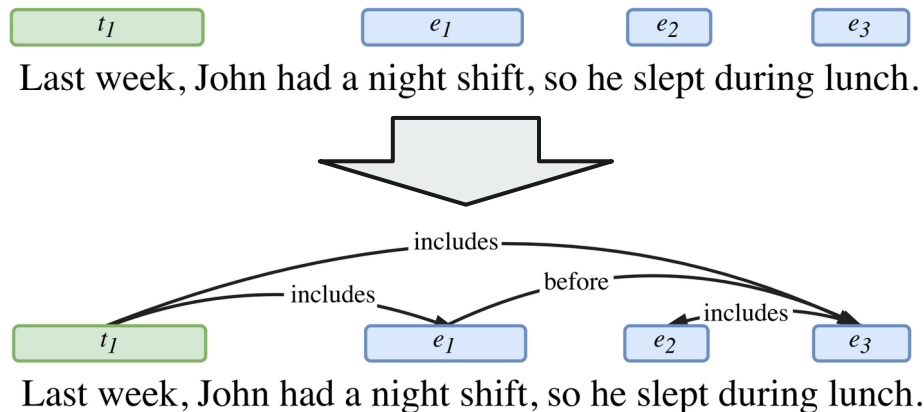
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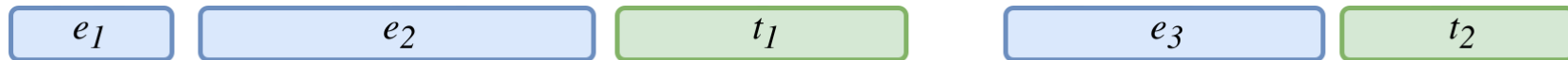
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- Relation Types:
 - 13 Allen's Interval Relations
 - Today in the Exercises:
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Temporal Relation Annotation (Ex 1.1)

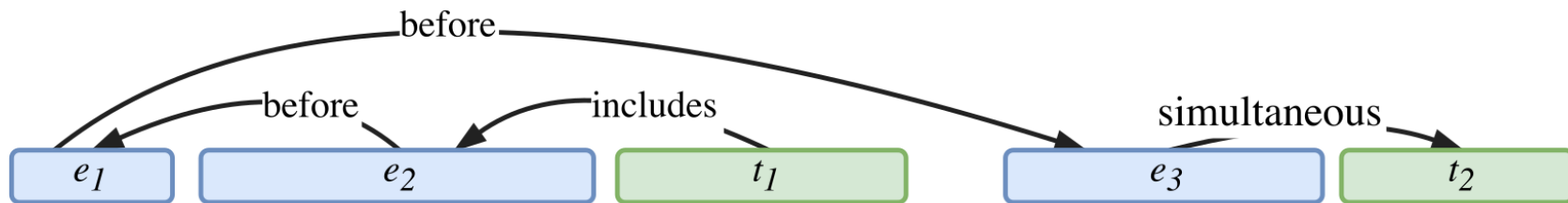
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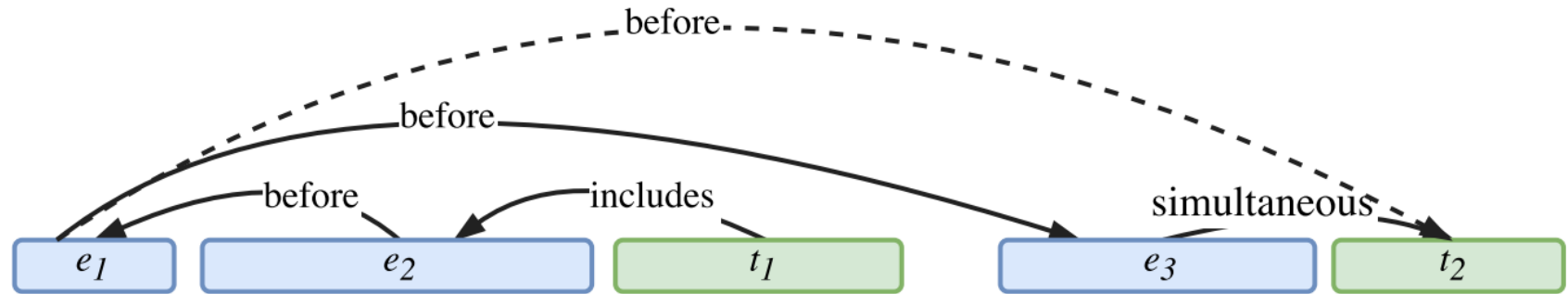
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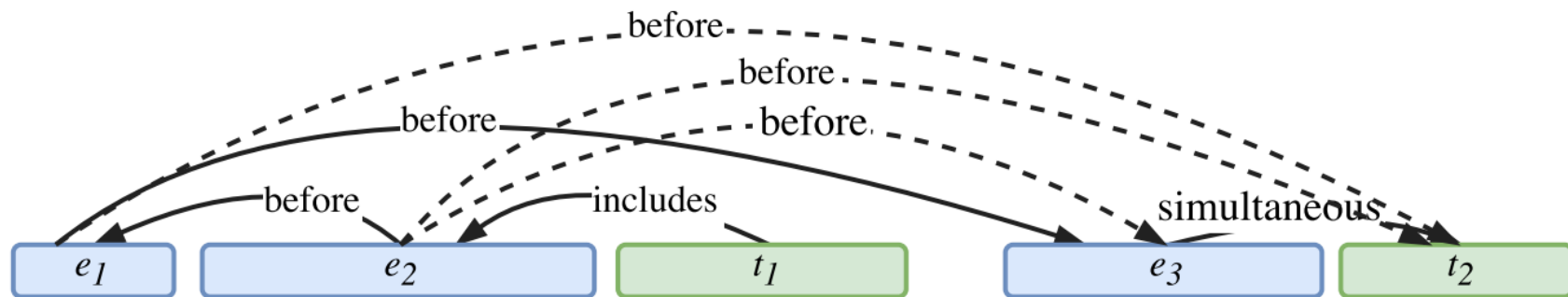
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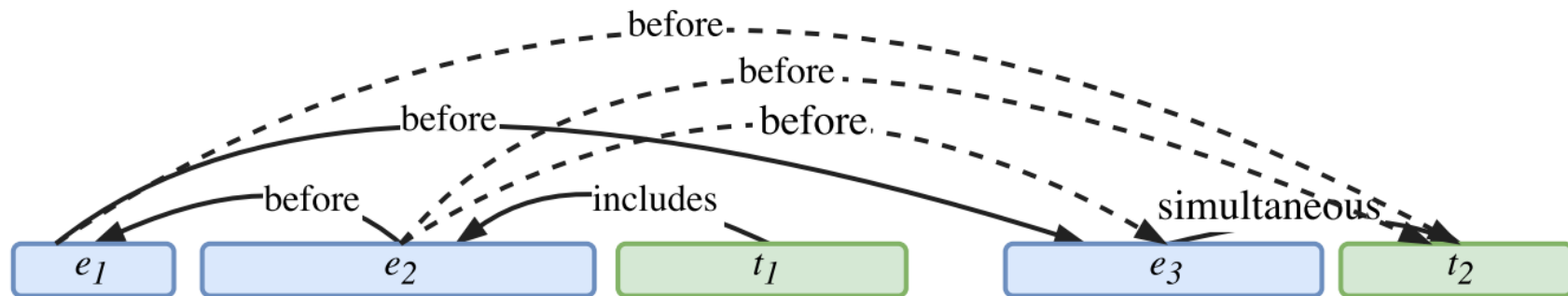
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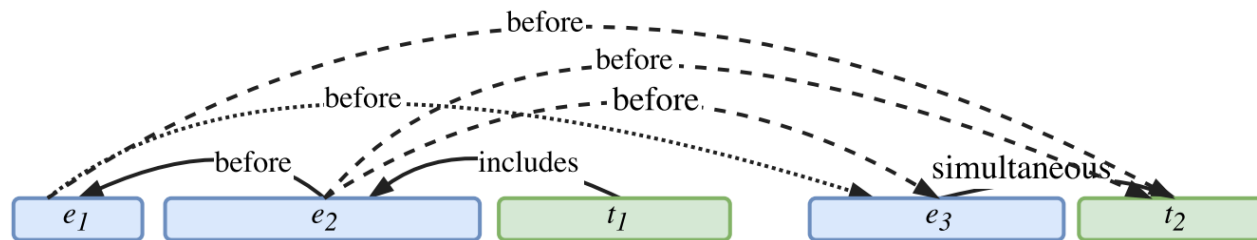
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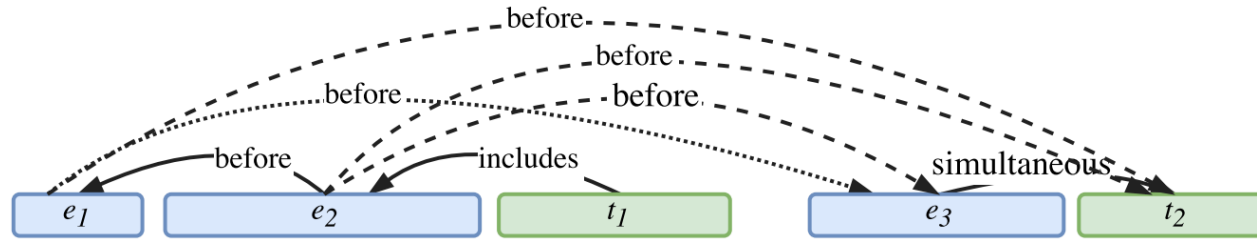
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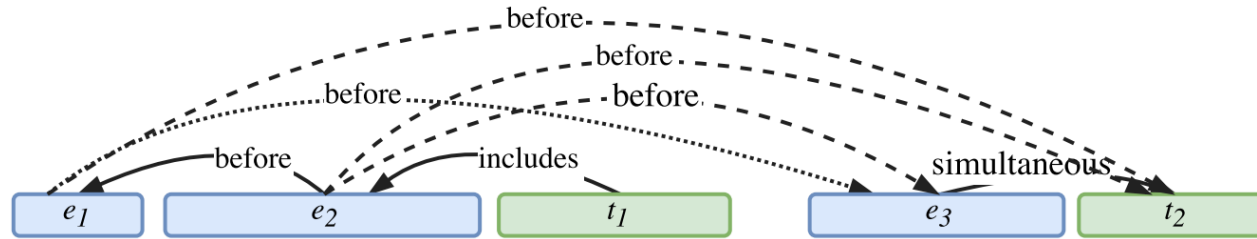
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 - $\text{Precision} = |A1 \cap A2| / |A1| = 3 / 4 = .75$
 - $\text{Recall} = |A1 \cap A2| / |A2| = 3 / 6 = .5$

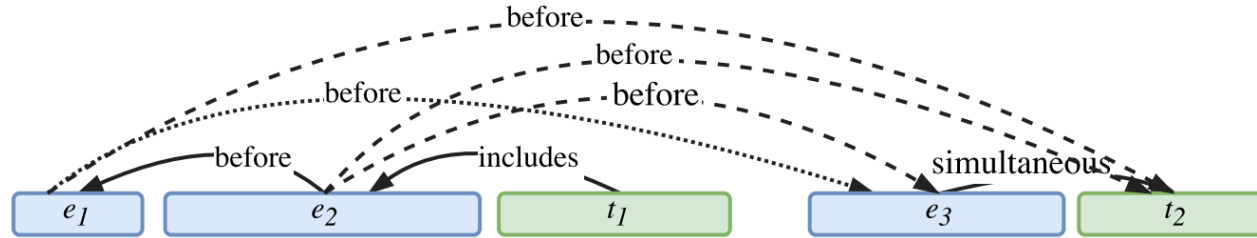
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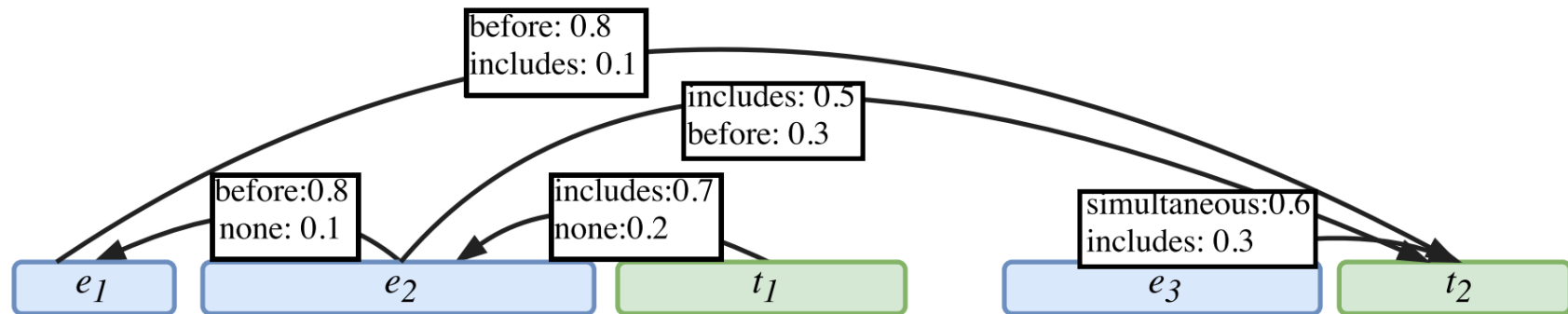
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- For each sentence s :
 - For each candidate c_{ij} :
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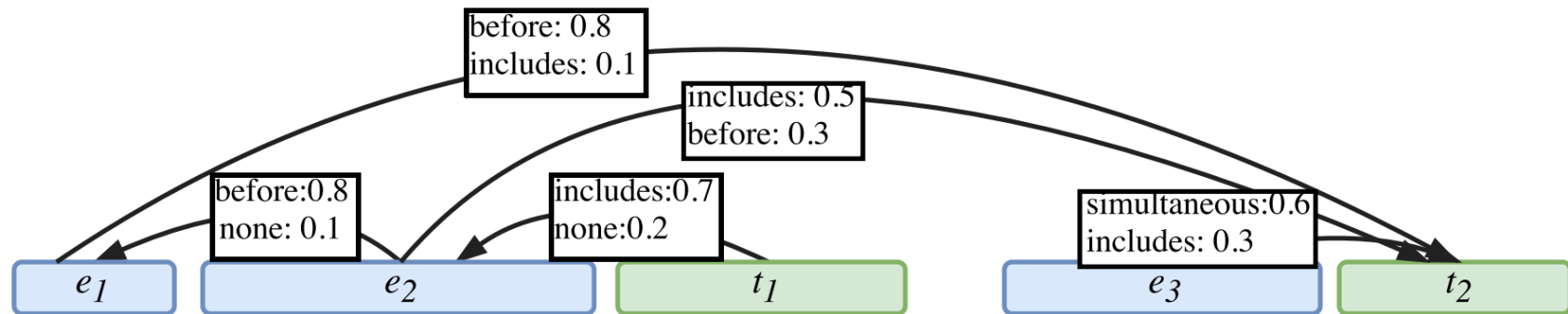
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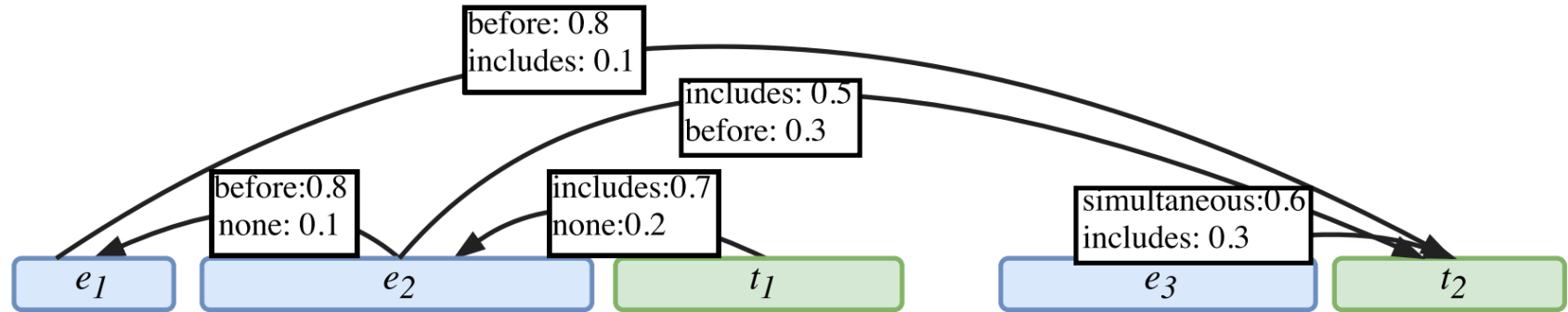
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- What is the problem for this model output if we use greedy inference?
 - Not possible to create a timeline! (because $e_2 \rightarrow t_2$ is 'includes')

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- Possible Solution: Inform inference about temporal rules



Temporal Inference with ILP

- Integer Linear Programming (ILP)
 - Formulate inference as linear objective
 - Possibly integer or boolean variables
 - Constraints on variable values ($>$, $<$, $=$)
 - Solving by maximizing objective



Temporal Inference with ILP

- Greedy inference as ILP:
 - $r_{ij} \sim$ binary decision variable saying that c_{ij} is of type r

$$\text{Objective} = \max \sum_{c_{ij}}^C \sum_r^R r_{ij} \cdot P(r|c_{ij}, s)$$

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Temporal Inference with ILP (Ex. 2.2)

- Formulate the rules from Ex. 1.3* as ILP constraints:
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Logical Rule as ILP expression (Ex. 2.2)

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0	0	1	True	
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0	0	1	True	1 - 0 - 0 > -2
0	1	0	True	0 - 0 - 1 > -2
0	1	1	True	1 - 1 - 0 > -2
1	0	0	True	0 - 1 - 0 > -2
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You might have come up with:

$$A * B \leq C$$

However, this is not **linear** in the decision variables!!!

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- Formulate additional ILP constraints that incorporate the rules from Ex. 1.3:
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SpanBERT



Possible Spans

- Random sub-word tokens
- Random whole words
- Noun Phrases
- Verb Phrases
- Named Entities
- Geometric Spans (Best one from paper, some fancy)



Does it make sense?

- Arguments usually cover a span of words
- SpanBERT should perform strong with this type of predictions
- SpanBERT might be too complex for the SRL
- It would do the same thing as achieved by the signal from the labels itself



Write down objective function

- We combine the SBO loss and the Categorical prediction loss



- Given N sentences, where each sentence X^n is a sequence of words x_1^n, \dots, x_T^n
- Each sentence has a set of S^n masked spans

○ each span s_i^n has a length of K , so it starts at $s_{i,1}^n$ and ends at $s_{i,K}^n$

So s_0^n is the word at the position just before the span, and s_{K+1}^n after the span

- For the span s_i^n we have position annotations $p_{i,1}^n$ through $p_{i,K}^n$
- y_k^n is the word for masked token $s_{i,k}^n$
- z_t^n is the SRL label for word x_t^n
- The objective models have the sets of parameters θ_1 and θ_2

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{n \in N} \mathcal{L}^n$$

$$\mathcal{L}^n = \sum_{s_i \in S^n} \sum_{k \in K} \mathcal{L}_{SBO}(y_{i,k}^n) + \sum_{t \in T} \mathcal{L}_{CAT}(z_t^n)$$

$$= \sum_{s_i \in S^n} \sum_{k \in K} \left[-\log P(y_{i,k}^n | s_{i,0}^n, s_{i,K+1}^n, p_{i,k}^n; \theta_1) \right] + \sum_{t \in T} -\log P(z_t^n | X^n; \theta_2)$$



Where have we seen it before?

- With the BIO labels for SRL
- For argument1 we have: B-ARG1, I-ARG1
For argument2 we have: B-ARG2, I-ARG2
...
- These arguments already indicate precisely where spans begin