Today's question

What's the best way to say this?

Agent-based Modeling

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Literal speaker, S0

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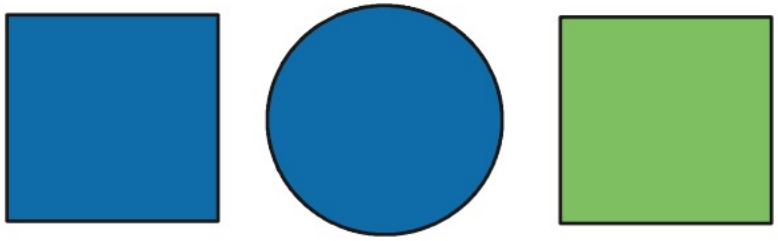

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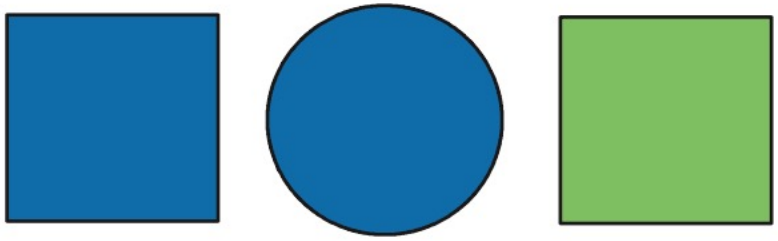

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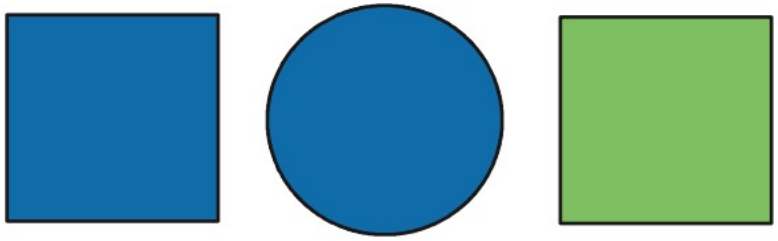

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listener's perspective

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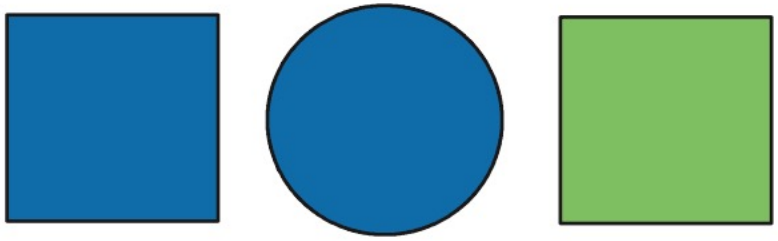

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Pragmatic speaker, S1

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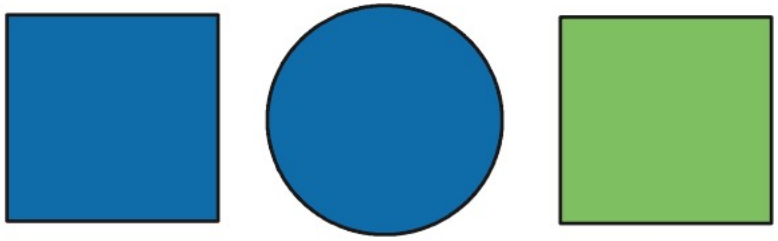

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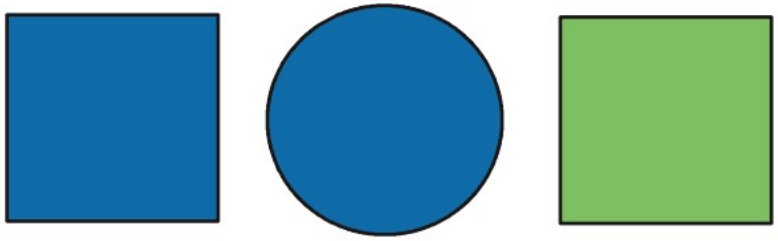

Blue	.5	.33	0
Green	0	0	.67
Circle	0	.67	0
Square	.5	0	.33

listener's perspective

Pragmatic listener, L1

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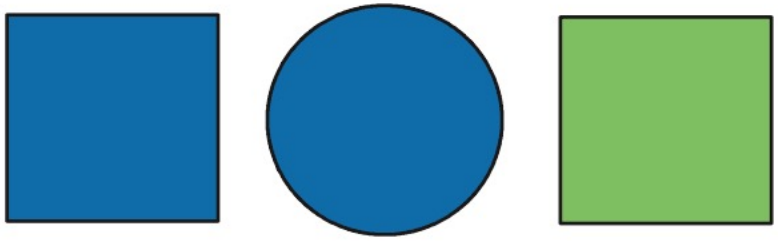

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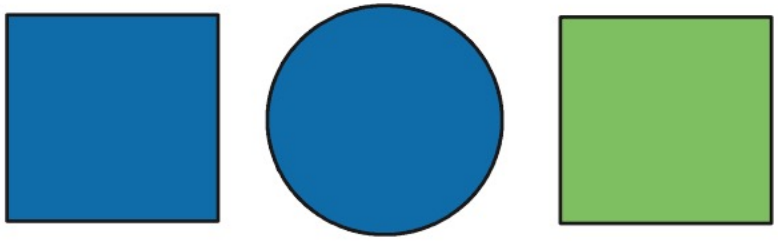

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Green	0	0	1
Circle	0	1	0
Square	.6	0	.4

Bayesian inference

Likelihood speaker *s* would utter word *w* to refer to object *r*

Prior probability that object *r* would be referred to

$$P(r_s|w,C) = \frac{P(w|r_s,C)P(r_s)}{\sum_{r' \in C} P(w|r',C)P(r')}$$

Likelihood that speaker *s* intended object *r* given uttered word *w* in context *C*

Normalizing constant, sum of the above computed for all referents in the context

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Array Creation

To create an array with four elements in a single row, separate the elements with either a comma (`,`) or a space.

```
a = [1 2 3 4]
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```
a = 1×4

     1     2     3     4
```

This type of array is a *row vector*.

To create a matrix that has multiple rows, separate the rows with semicolons.

```
a = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 10]
```

```
a = 3×3

     1     2     3
     4     5     6
     7     8    10
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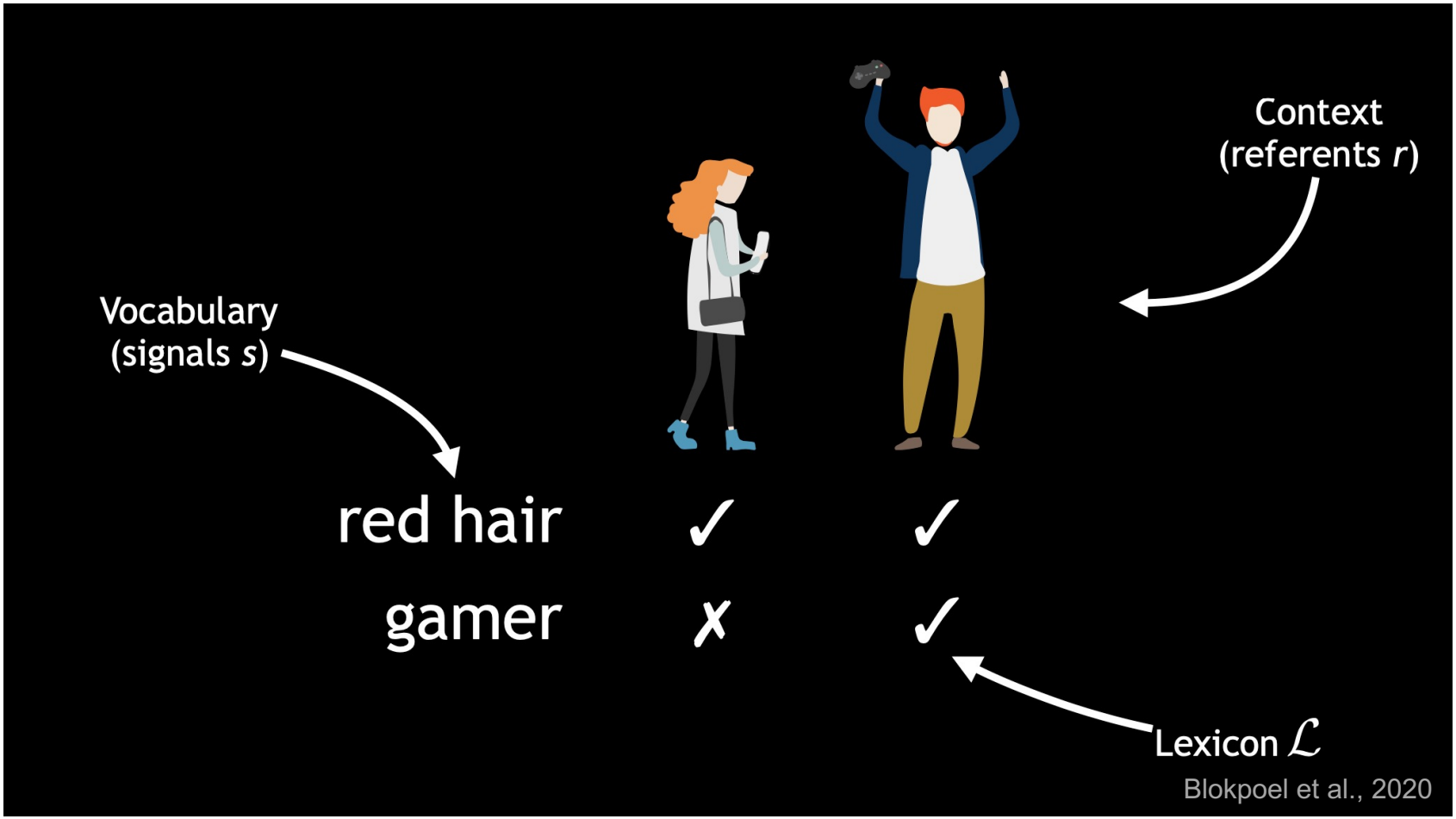

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Breakout session

open Lab2.m or .ipynb

Problem

red hair	✓	✓	✗
tall one	✗	✓	✗
gamer	✗	✓	✓

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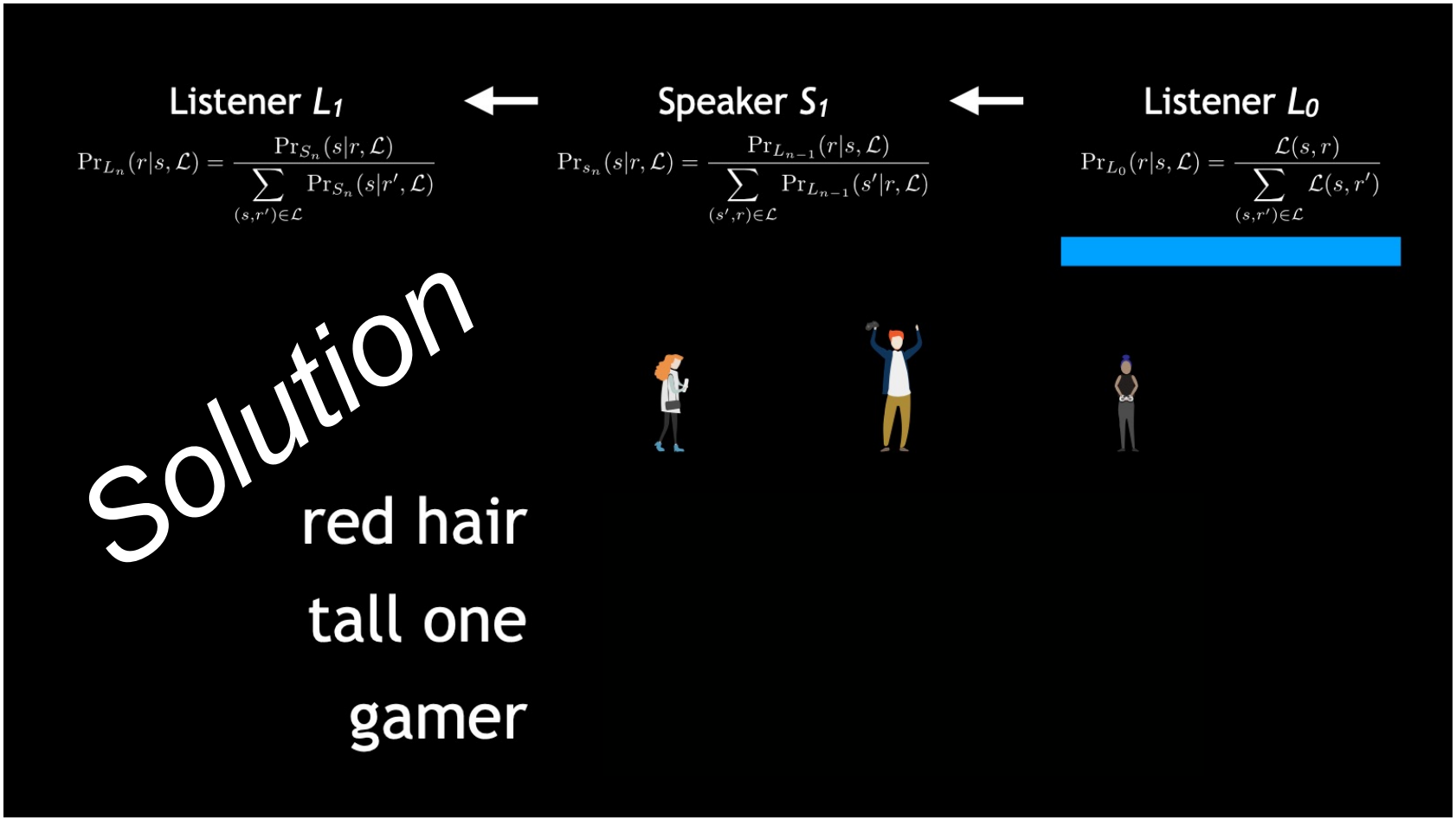

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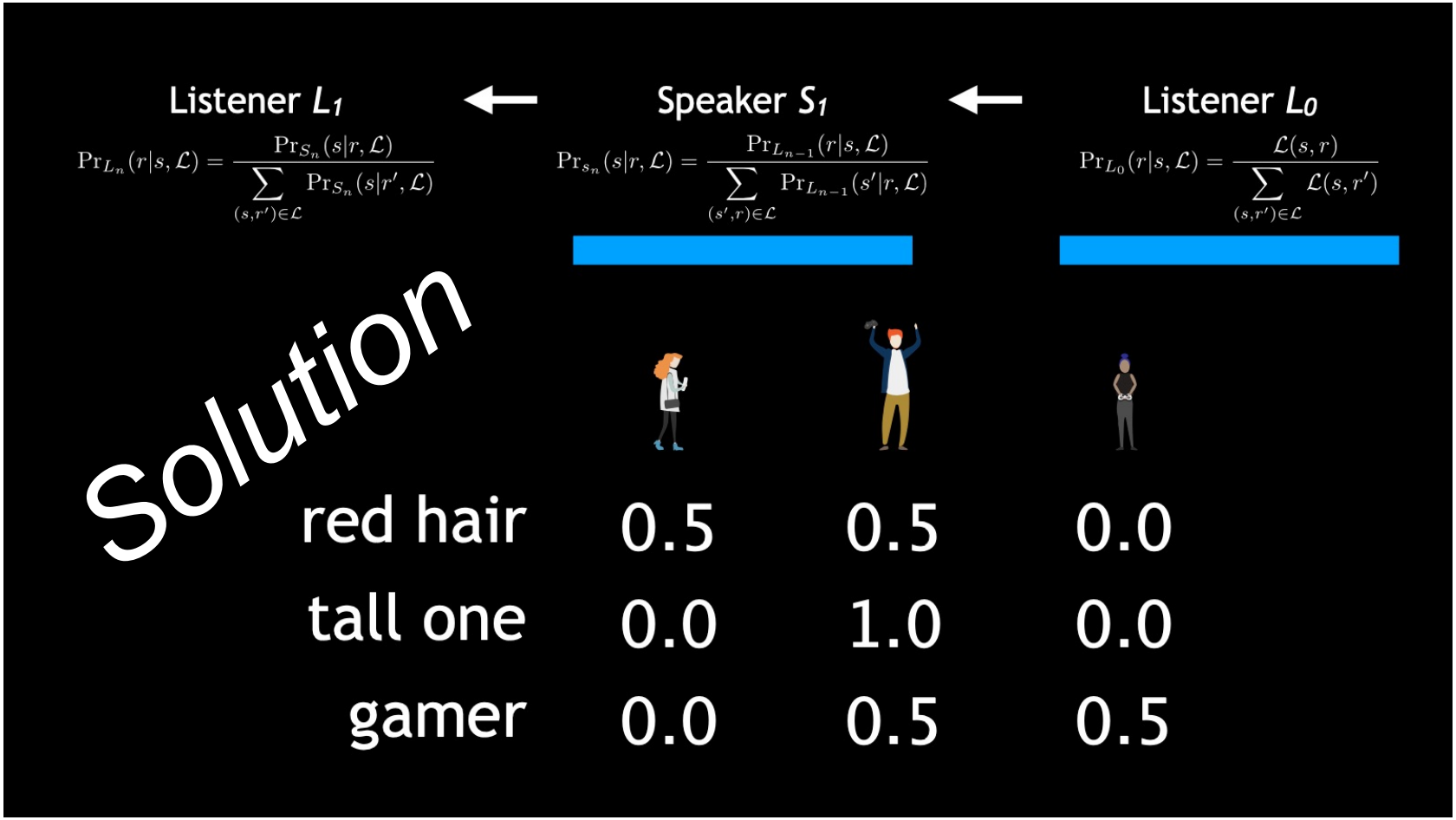

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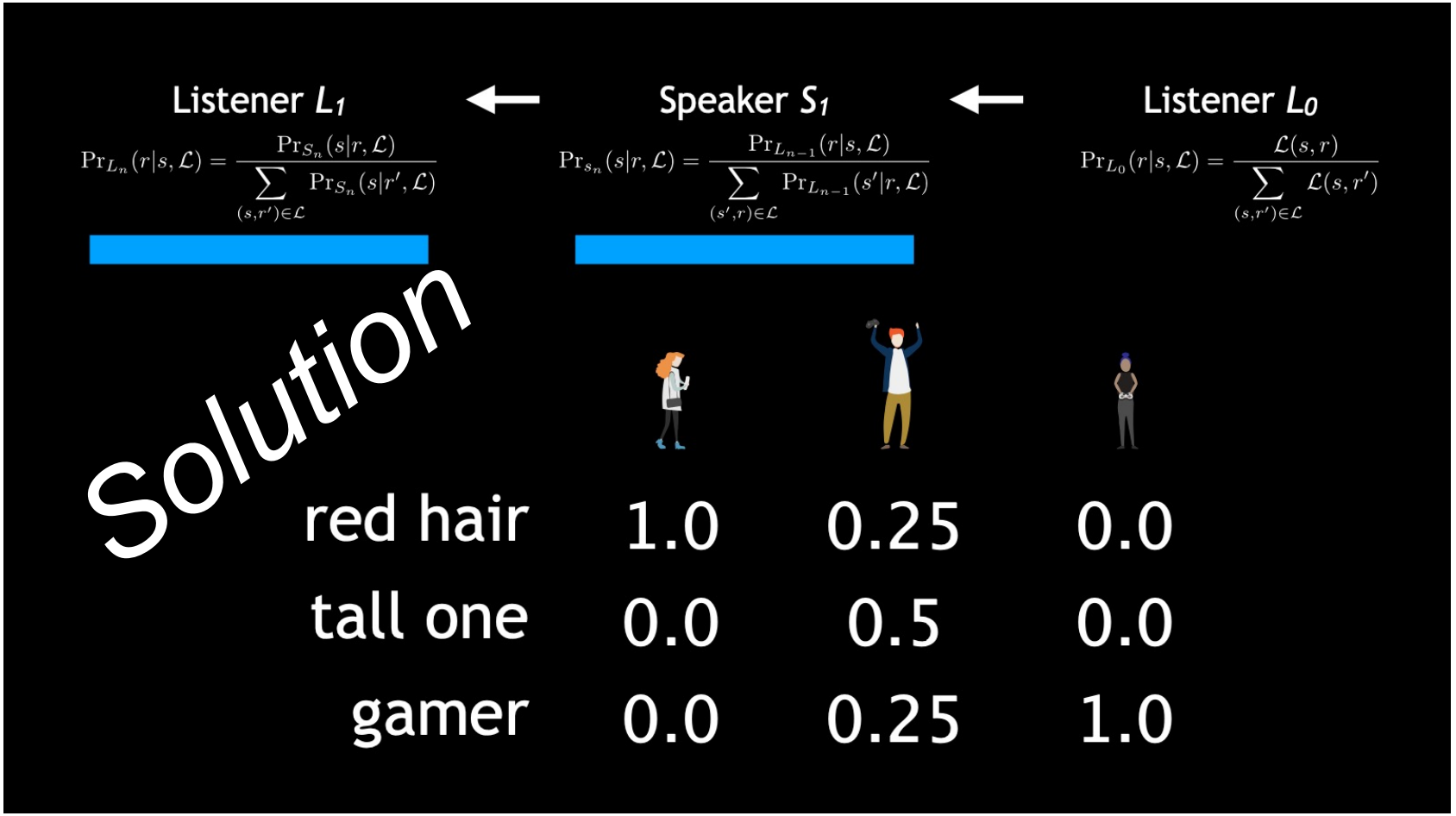

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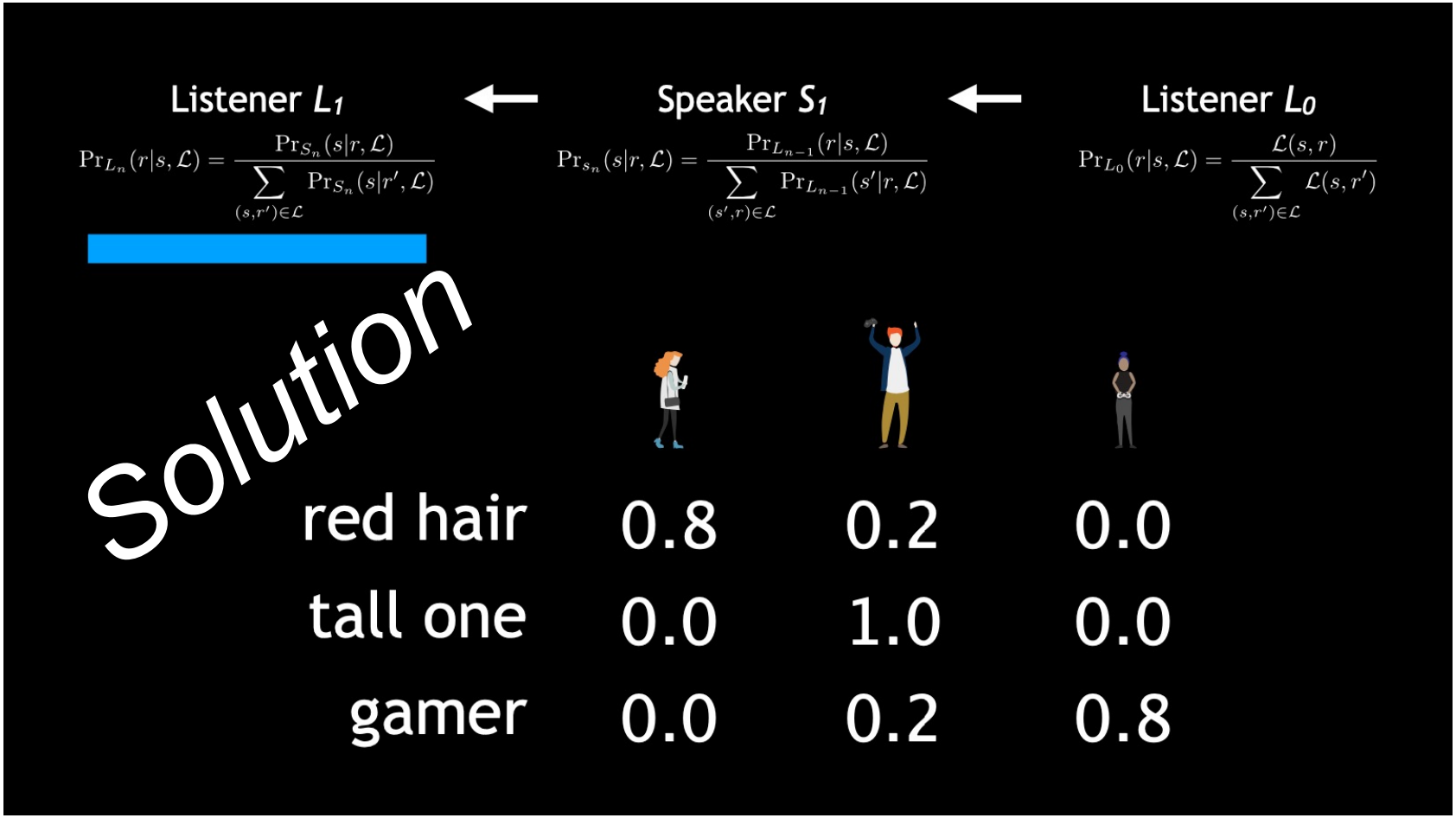

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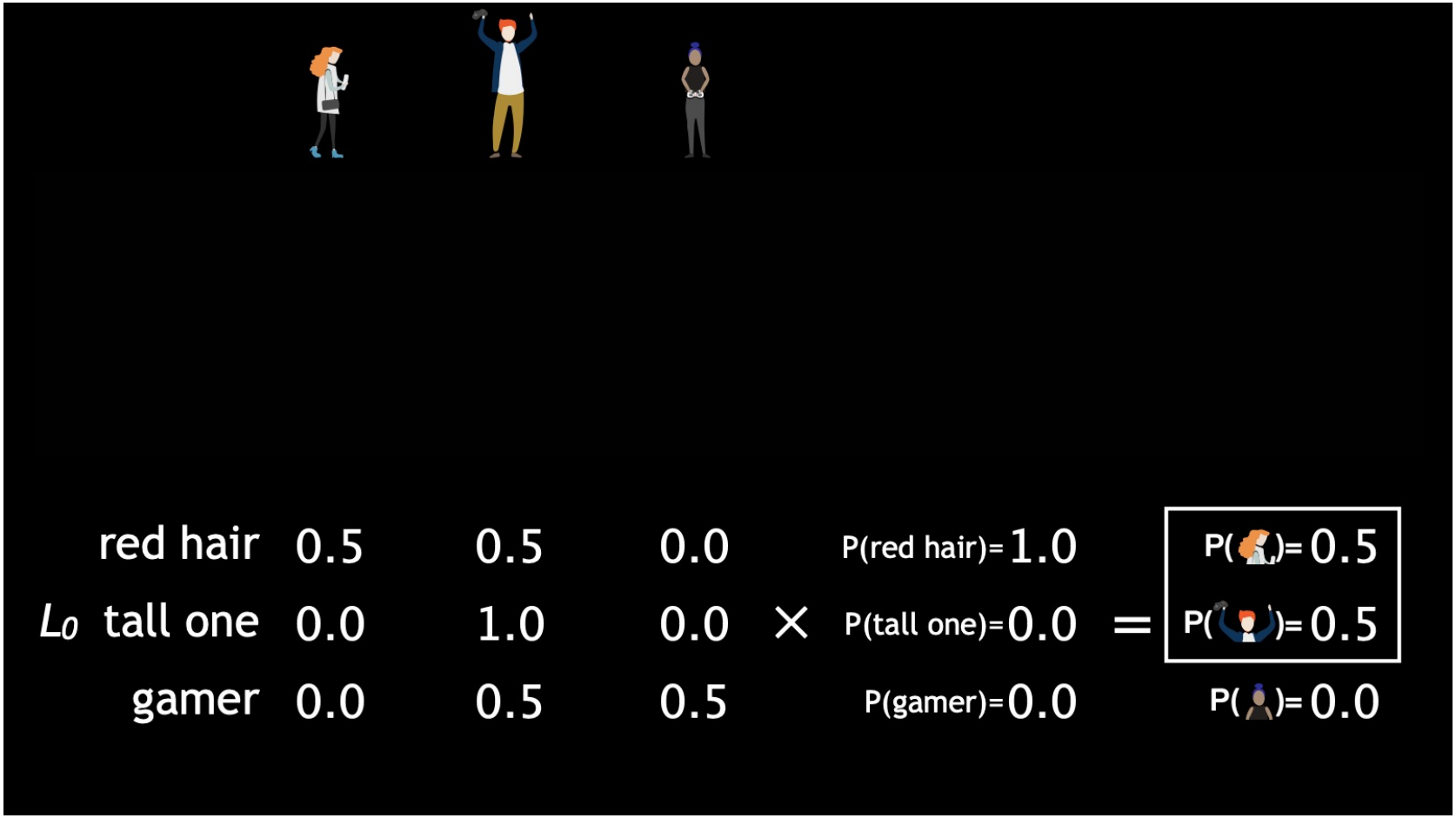

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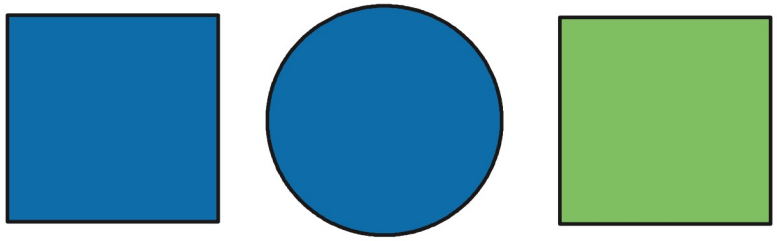
- Measure of a word's uncertainty given "context" (set of possible signals and referents)
- Scalability in terms of multi-order reasoning
- But, assumes humans are rational thinkers
- Requires exhaustive definition of the "context"
- Questionable if it scales to the real world or maps onto human cognition

Next up

- Audience Design

Bonus: Computer says no



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listener’s perspective

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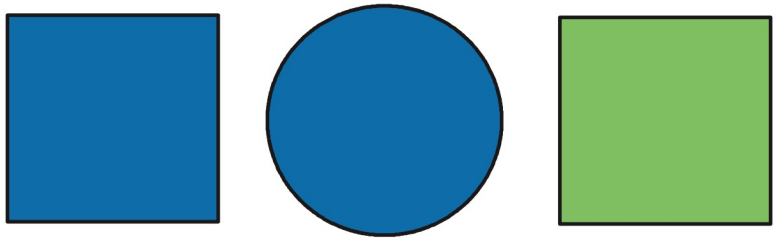

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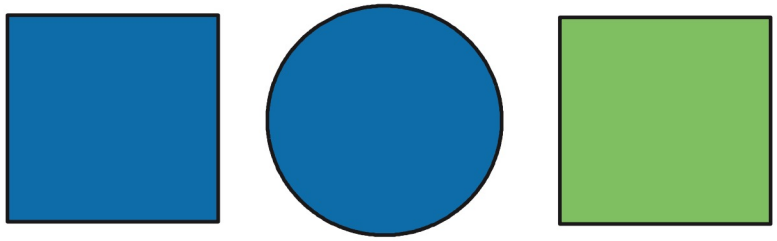

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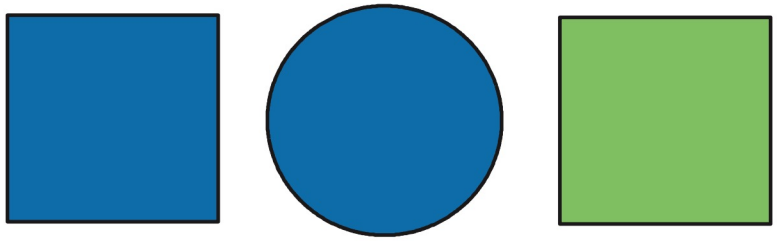

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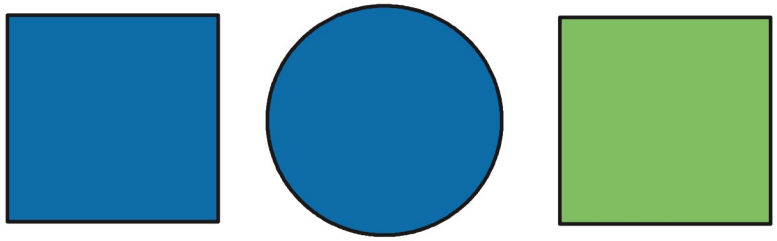

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listener’s perspective

L1 cannot reliably distinguish between the three referents

Bonus: Computer says no

listener’s perspective

1.05	1.2	.75

L1 selects a non-intended referent