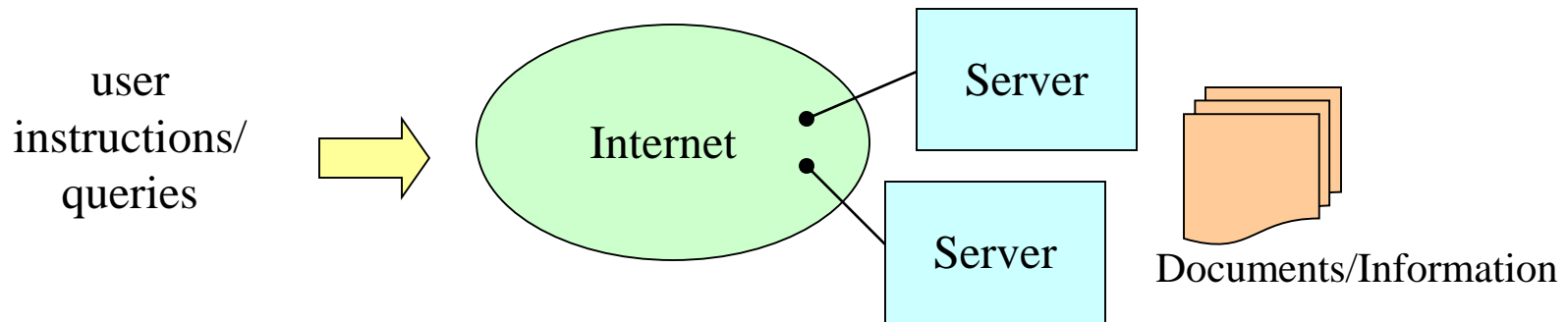


10.0 Speech-based Information Retrieval

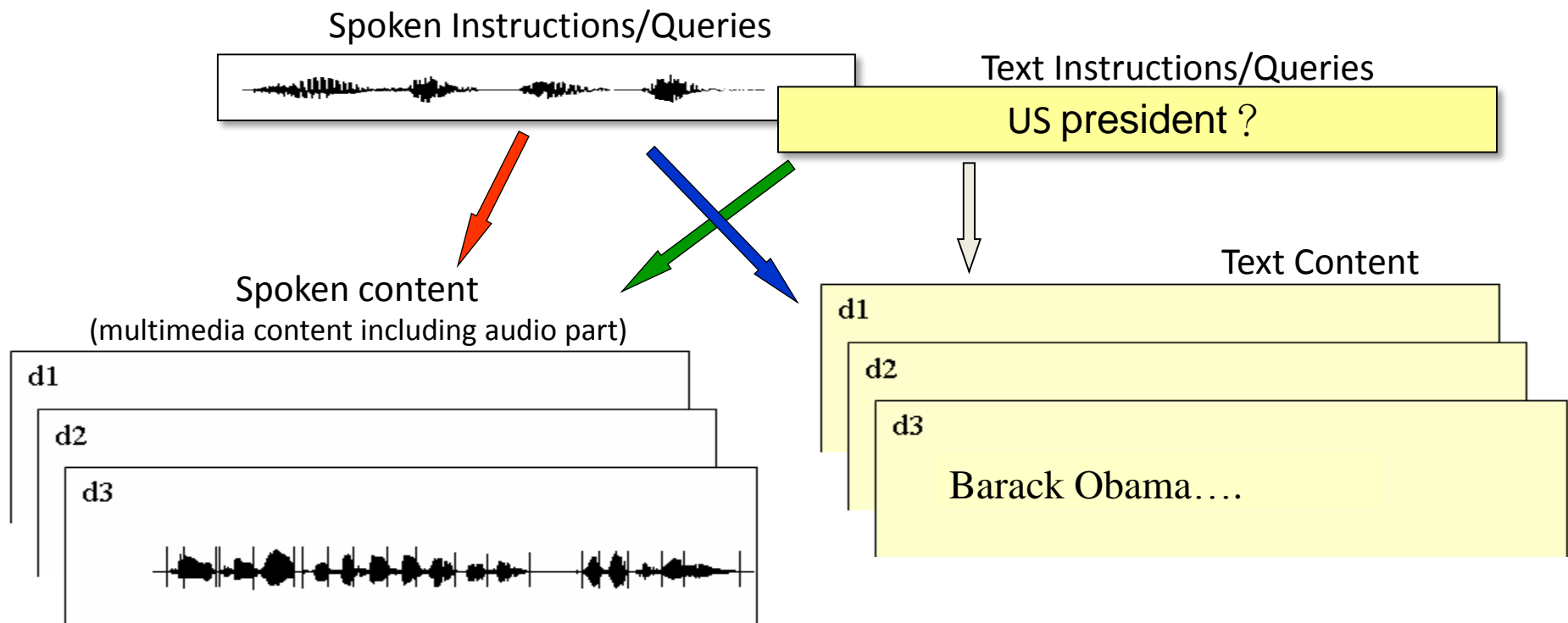
Text/Speech-based Information Retrieval

- **Text-based information retrieval extremely successful**



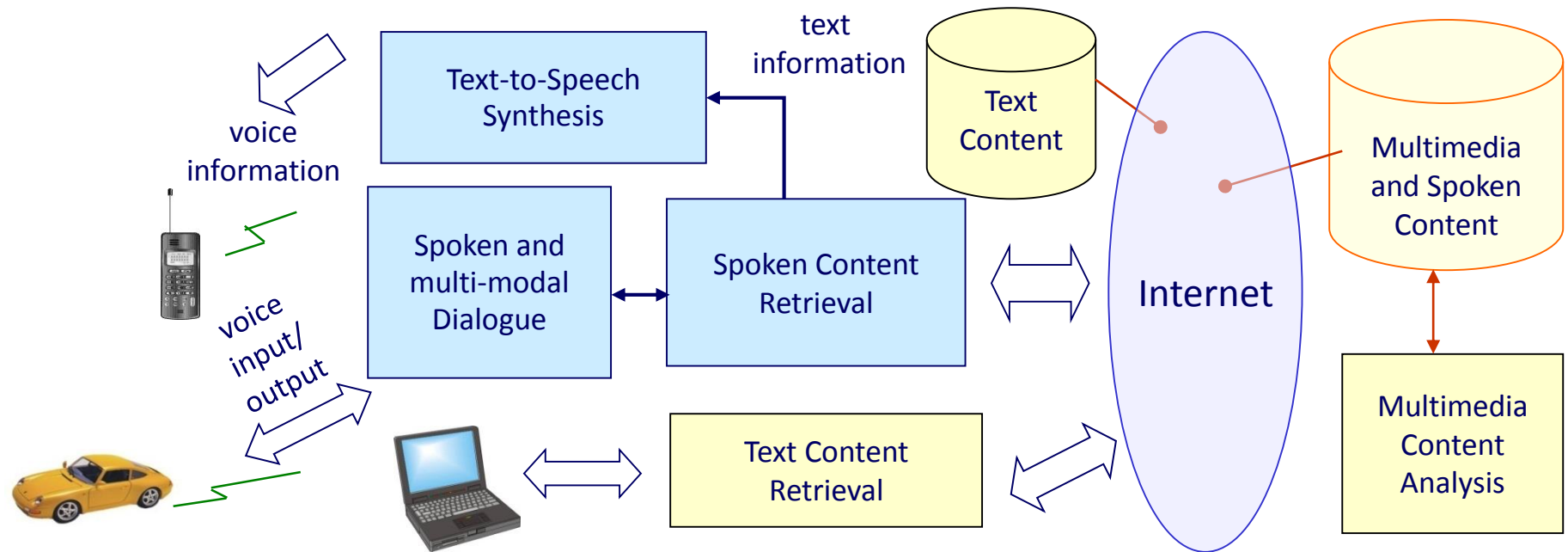
- information desired by the users can be obtained very efficiently
- all users like it
- producing very successful industry
- **All roles of texts can be accomplished by voice**
 - spoken content or multimedia content with voice in audio part
 - voice instructions/queries via handheld devices
- **Speech-based information retrieval**

Speech-based Information Retrieval



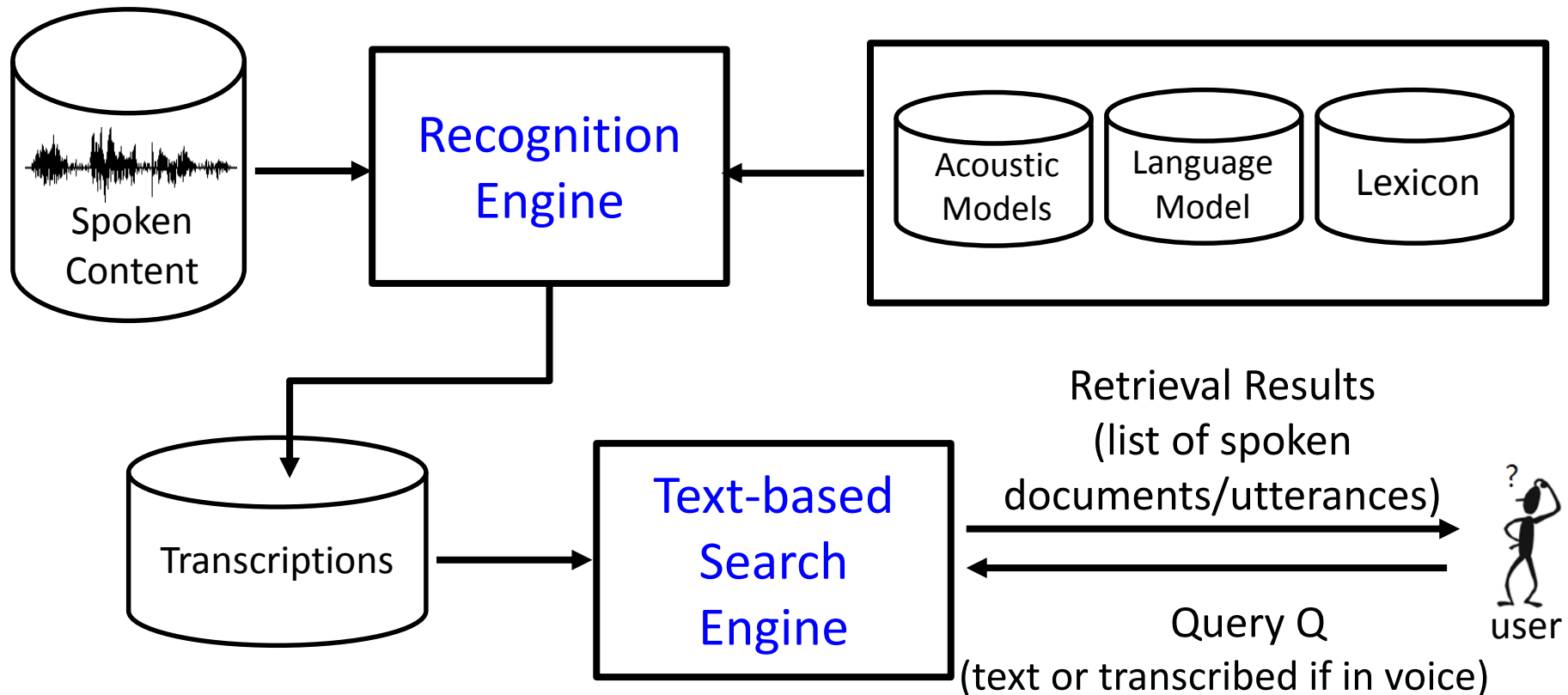
- User instructions and/or network content can be in form of voice
 - text queries/spoken content : spoken document retrieval, spoken term detection
 - spoken queries/text content : voice search
 - spoken queries/spoken content : query by example
- [spoken content]
retrieval

Wireless and Multimedia Technologies are Creating An Environment for Speech-based Information Retrieval



- Many hand-held devices with multimedia functionalities available
- Unlimited quantities of multimedia content fast growing over the Internet
- User-content interaction necessary for retrieval can be accomplished by spoken and multi-modal dialogues
- Network access is primarily text-based today, but almost all roles of texts can be accomplished by voice

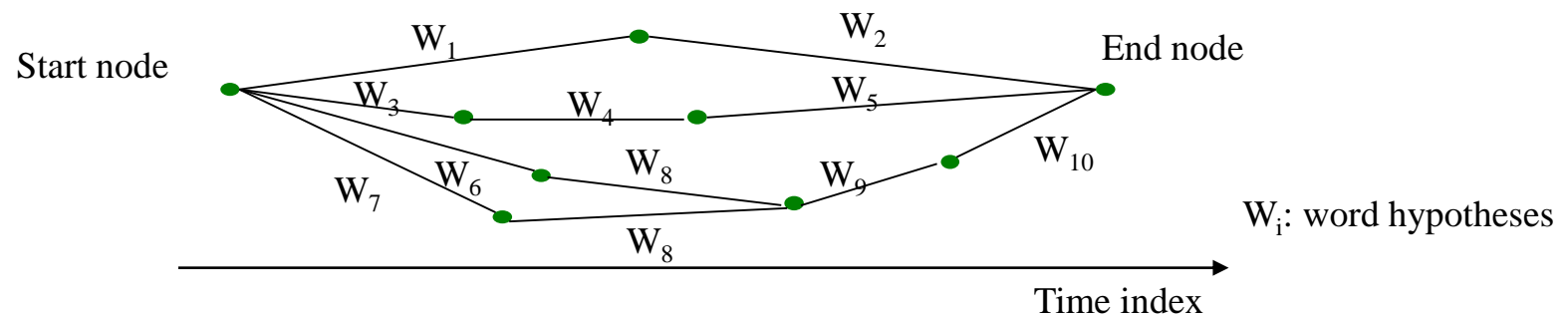
Basic Approach for Spoken Content Retrieval



- **Transcribe the spoken content**
- **Search over the transcriptions as they are texts**
- **Recognition errors cause serious performance degradation**

Lattices for Spoken Content Retrieval

- **Low recognition accuracies for spontaneous speech including Out-of-Vocabulary (OOV) words under adverse environment**
 - considering lattices with multiple alternatives rather than 1-best output



- higher probability of including correct words, but also including more noisy words
- correct words may still be excluded (OOV and others)
- huge memory and computation requirements

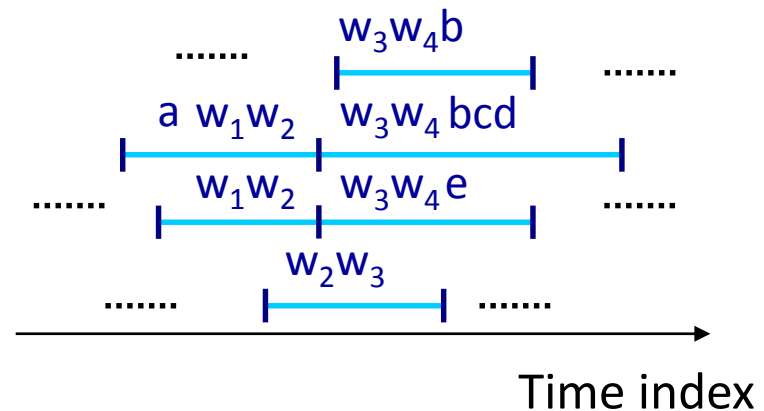
Other Approach Examples in addition to Lattices

- **Confusion Matrices**
 - use of confusion matrices to model recognition errors and expand the query/document, etc.
- **Pronunciation Modeling**
 - use of pronunciation models to expand the query, etc.
- **Fuzzy Matching**
 - query/content matching not necessarily exact

OOV or Rare Words Handled by Subword Units

- OOV Word $W=w_1w_2w_3w_4$ can't be recognized and never appears in lattice
 - w_i : subword units : phonemes, syllables...
 - a, b, c, d, e : other subword units

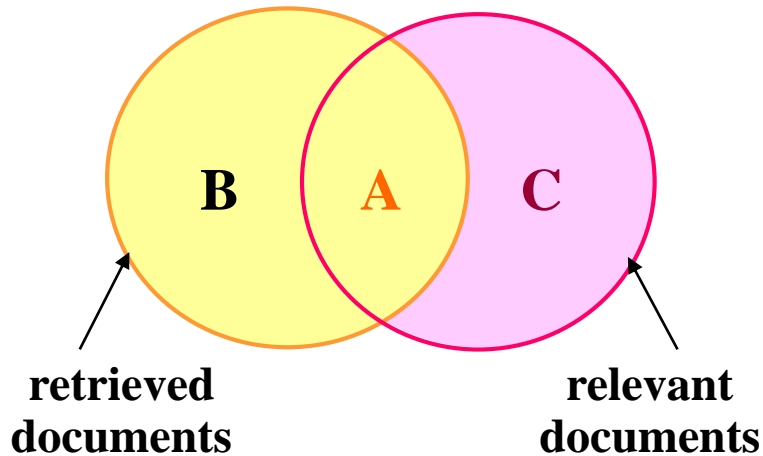
Lattice:



- $W=w_1w_2w_3w_4$ hidden at subword level
 - can be matched at subword level without being recognized
- Frequently Used Subword Units
 - Linguistically motivated units: phonemes, syllables/characters, morphemes, etc.
 - Data-driven units: particles, word fragments, phone multigrams, morphs, etc.

Performance Measures (1/2)

- Recall and Precision Rates



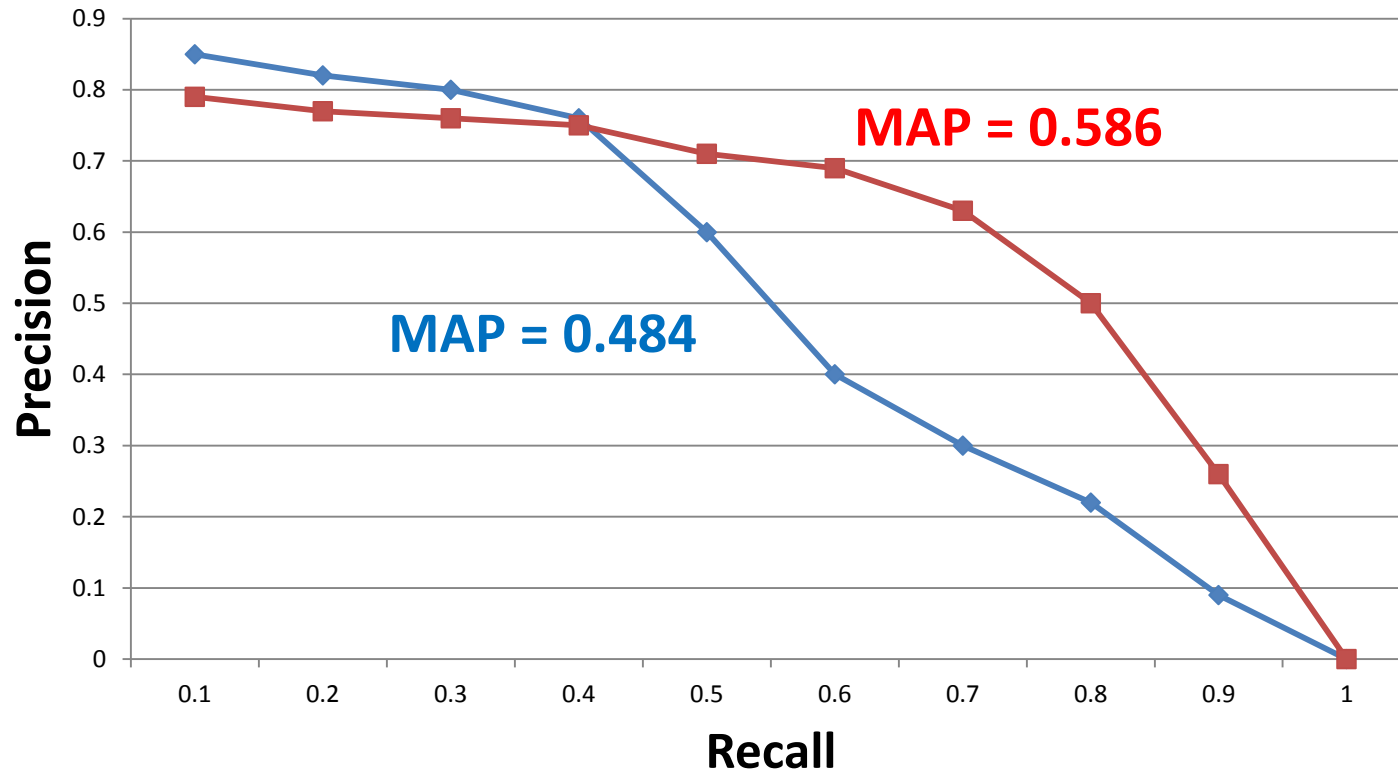
$$\text{Precision rate} = \frac{A}{A+B}$$

$$\text{Recall rate} = \frac{A}{A+C}$$

- recall rate may be difficult to evaluate, while precision rate is directly perceived by users
- recall-precision plot with varying thresholds

Performance Measures (2/2)

- **MAP** (mean average precision)
 - area under recall-precision curve
 - a performance measure frequently used for information retrieval



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Vector Space Model

- **Vector Representations of query Q and document d**
 - for each type j of indexing feature (e.g. syllable, word, etc.) a vector is generated
 - each component in this vector is the weighted statistics z_{jt} of a specific indexing term t (e.g. syllable s_i)

$$z_{jt} = \underbrace{(1 + \ln[c_t])}_{\text{Term Frequency (TF)}} \cdot \underbrace{\ln(N/N_t)}_{\text{Inverse Document Frequency (IDF)}}$$

Term Frequency
(TF)

Inverse Document Frequency
(IDF)

c_t : frequency counts for the indexing term t present in the query q or document d (for text), or sum of normalized recognition scores or confidence measures for the indexing term t (for speech)

N : total number of documents in the database

N_t : total number of documents in the database which include the indexing term t

IDF: the significance (or importance) or indexing power for the indexing term t

- **The Overall Relevance Score is the Weighted Sum of the Relevance Scores for all Types of Indexing Features**

$$R_j(\vec{Q}_j, \vec{d}_j) = (\vec{Q}_j \cdot \vec{d}_j) / (\|\vec{Q}_j\| \cdot \|\vec{d}_j\|)$$

\vec{q}_j, \vec{d}_j : vector representations for query q and document d with type j of indexing feature

$$S(Q, d) = \sum_j w_j \cdot R_j(\vec{Q}_j, \vec{d}_j)$$

w_j : weighting coefficients

Vector Space Model

mono-syllable	bi-syllable	character	word
s_1 s_2 \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots s_N	s_1s_2 s_1s_3 s_1s_4 \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots s_Ns_N	c_1 c_2 \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots c_M	w_1 w_2 \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots w_L
$(j = 1)$	$(j = 2)$	$(j = 3)$	$(j = 4)$

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Difficulties in Speech-based Information Retrieval for Chinese Language

- **Even for Text-based Information Retrieval, Flexible Wording Structure Makes it Difficult to Search by Comparing the Character Strings Alone**

- name/title 李登輝 → 李前總統登輝, 李前主席登輝 (President T.H Lee)
- arbitrary abbreviation 北二高 → 北部第二高速公路 (Second Northern Freeway)
 華航 → 中華航空公司 (China Airline)
- similar phrases 中華文化 → 中國文化 (Chinese culture)
- translated terms 巴塞隆那 → 巴瑟隆納 (Barcelona)

- **Word Segmentation Ambiguity Even for Text-based Information Retrieval**

- 腦科 (human brain studies) → 電腦科學 (computer science)
- 土地公 (God of earth) → 土地公有政策 (policy of public sharing of the land)

- **Uncertainties in Speech Recognition**

- errors (deletion, substitution, insertion)
- out of vocabulary (OOV) words, etc.
- very often the key phrases for retrieval are OOV

Syllable-Level Indexing Features for Chinese Language

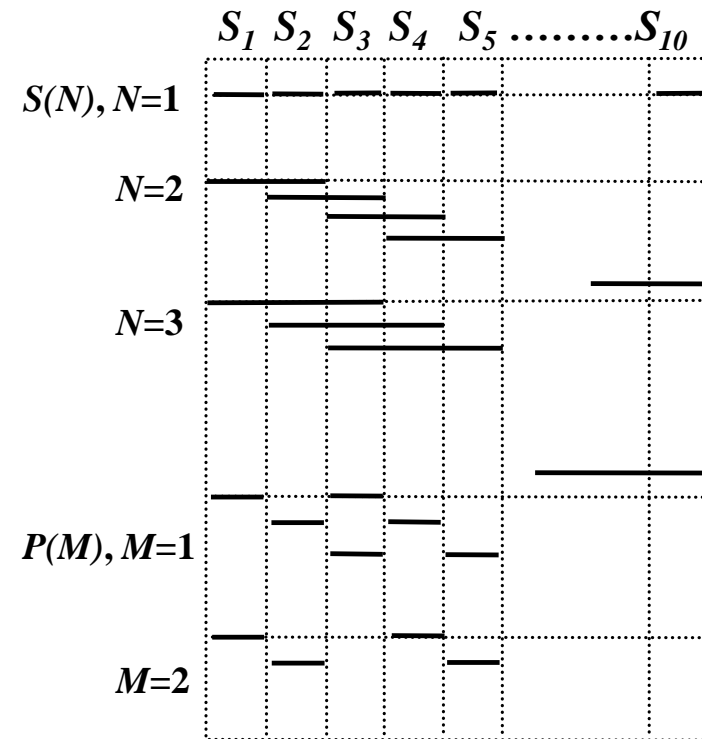
- **A Whole Class of Syllable-Level Indexing Features for Better Discrimination**

- Overlapping syllable segments with length N

<i>Syllable Segments</i>	<i>Examples</i>
$S(N), N=1$	$(s_1) (s_2) \dots (s_{10})$
$S(N), N=2$	$(s_1 s_2) (s_2 s_3) \dots (s_9 s_{10})$
$S(N), N=3$	$(s_1 s_2 s_3) (s_2 s_3 s_4) \dots (s_8 s_9 s_{10})$
$S(N), N=4$	$(s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4) (s_2 s_3 s_4 s_5) \dots (s_7 s_8 s_9 s_{10})$
$S(N), N=5$	$(s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4 s_5) (s_2 s_3 s_4 s_5 s_6) \dots (s_6 s_7 s_8 s_9 s_{10})$

- Syllable pairs separated by M syllables

<i>Syllable Pair Separated by M syllables</i>	<i>Examples</i>
$P(M), M=1$	$(s_1 s_3) (s_2 s_4) \dots (s_8 s_{10})$
$P(M), M=2$	$(s_1 s_4) (s_2 s_5) \dots (s_7 s_{10})$
$P(M), M=3$	$(s_1 s_5) (s_2 s_6) \dots (s_6 s_{10})$
$P(M), M=4$	$(s_1 s_6) (s_2 s_7) \dots (s_5 s_{10})$



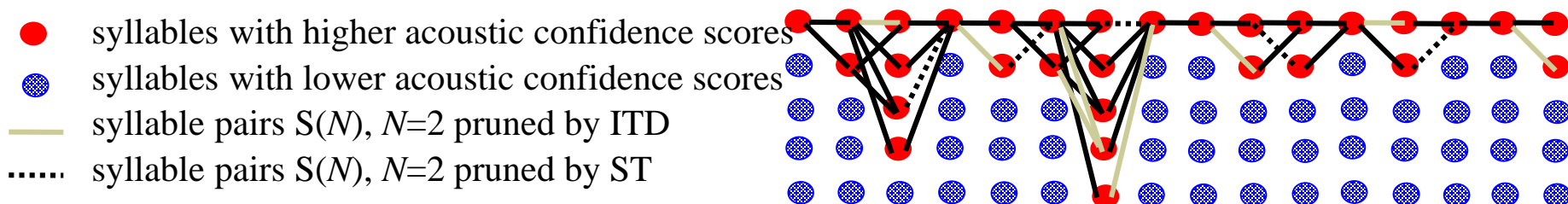
- **Character- or Word-Level Features can be Similarly Defined**

Syllable-Level Statistical Features

- **Single Syllables**
 - all words are composed by syllables, thus partially handle the OOV problem
 - very often relevant words have some syllables in common
 - each syllable usually shared by more than one characters with different meanings, thus causing ambiguity
- **Overlapping Syllable Segments with Length N**
 - capturing the information of polysyllabic words or phrases with flexible wording structures
 - majority of Chinese words are bi-syllabic
 - not too many polysyllabic words share the same pronunciation
- **Syllable Pairs Separated by M Syllables**
 - tackling the problems arising from the flexible wording structure, abbreviations, and deletion, insertion, substitution errors in speech recognition

Improved Syllable-level Indexing Features

- **Syllable-aligned Lattices and syllable-level utterance verification**
 - Including multiple syllable hypothesis to construct syllable-aligned lattices for both query and documents
 - Generating multiple syllable-level indexing features from syllable lattices
 - filtering out indexing terms with lower acoustic confidence scores
- **Infrequent term deletion (ITD)**
 - Syllable-level statistics trained with text corpus used to prune infrequent indexing terms
- **Stop terms (ST)**
 - Indexing terms with the lowest IDF scores are taken as the stop terms

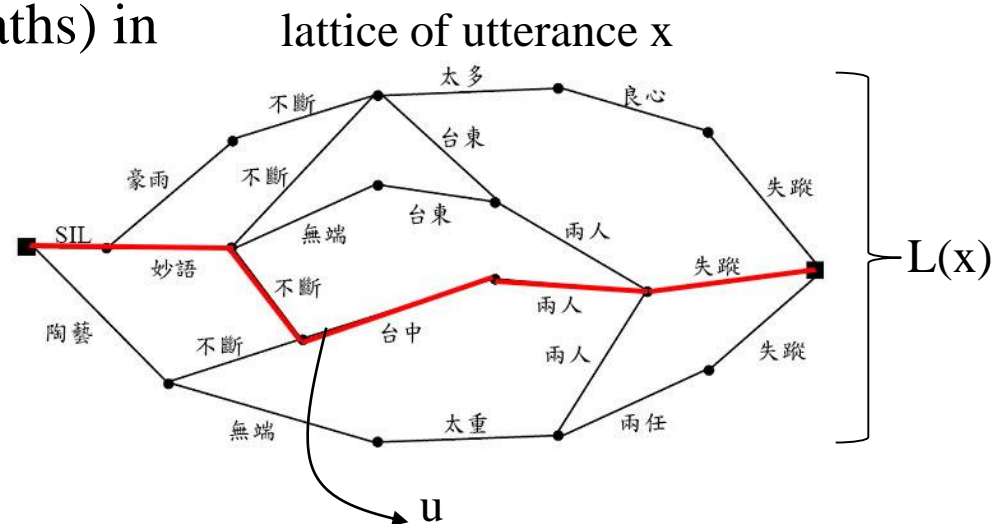


Expected Term Frequencies

- **$E(t, x)$: expected term frequency for term t in the lattice of an utterance x**

$$E(t, x) = \sum_{u \in L(x)} N(t, u) P(u | x)$$

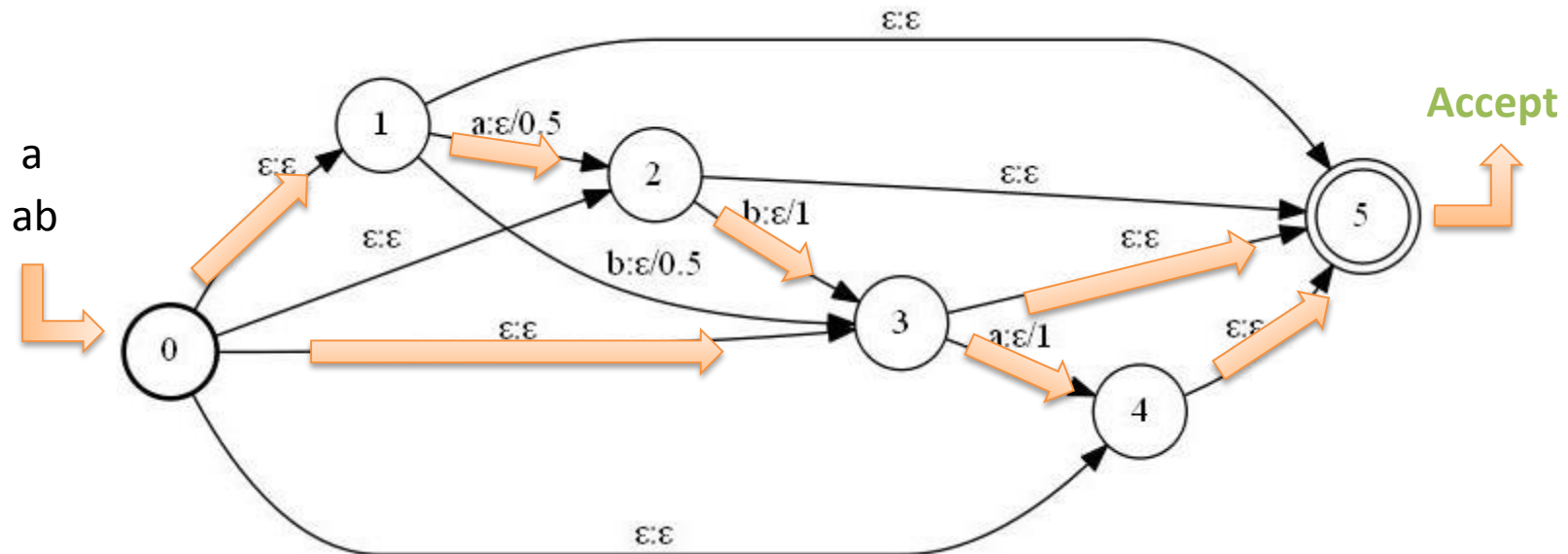
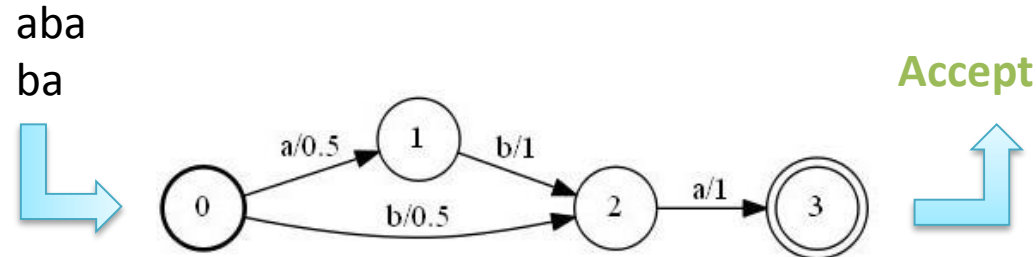
- u : a word sequence (path) in the lattice of an utterance x
- $P(u|x)$: posterior probability of the word sequence u given x
- $N(t, u)$: the occurrence count of term t in word sequence u
- $L(x)$: all the word sequences (paths) in the lattice of an utterance x



WFST for Retrieval (1/4)

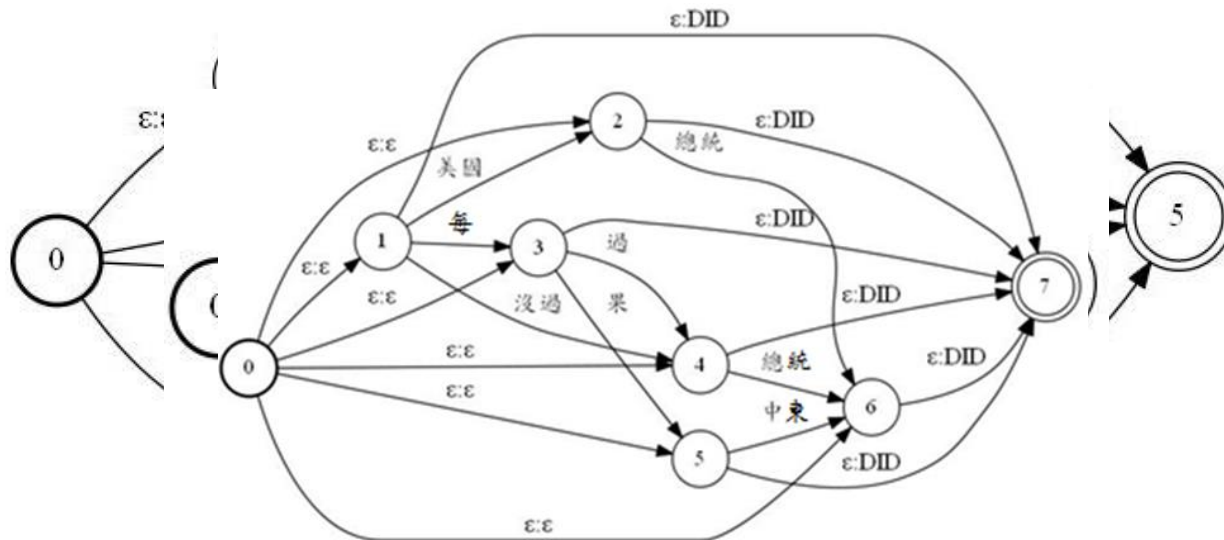
- Factor Automata

- The finite state machines accepting all substrings of the original machine
- retrieval is to have all substrings considered



WFST for Retrieval (2/4)

- **The index transducer of text document**
 - Every substring of the document is transduced to the corresponding document ID (e.g., 3014)
- **For spoken documents, the index transducers are generated from lattices directly**
- **The index transducer of the whole corpus**
 - Union of all transducers of all utterances

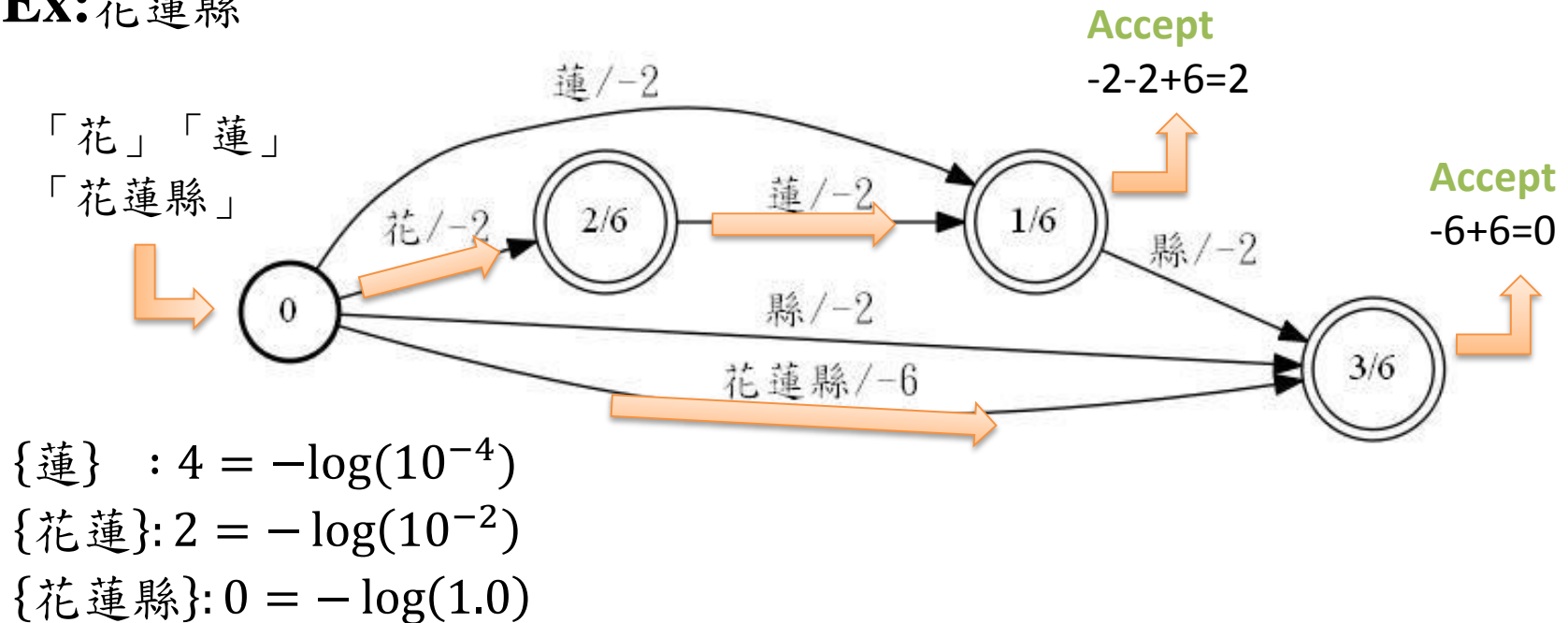


WFST for Retrieval (3/4)

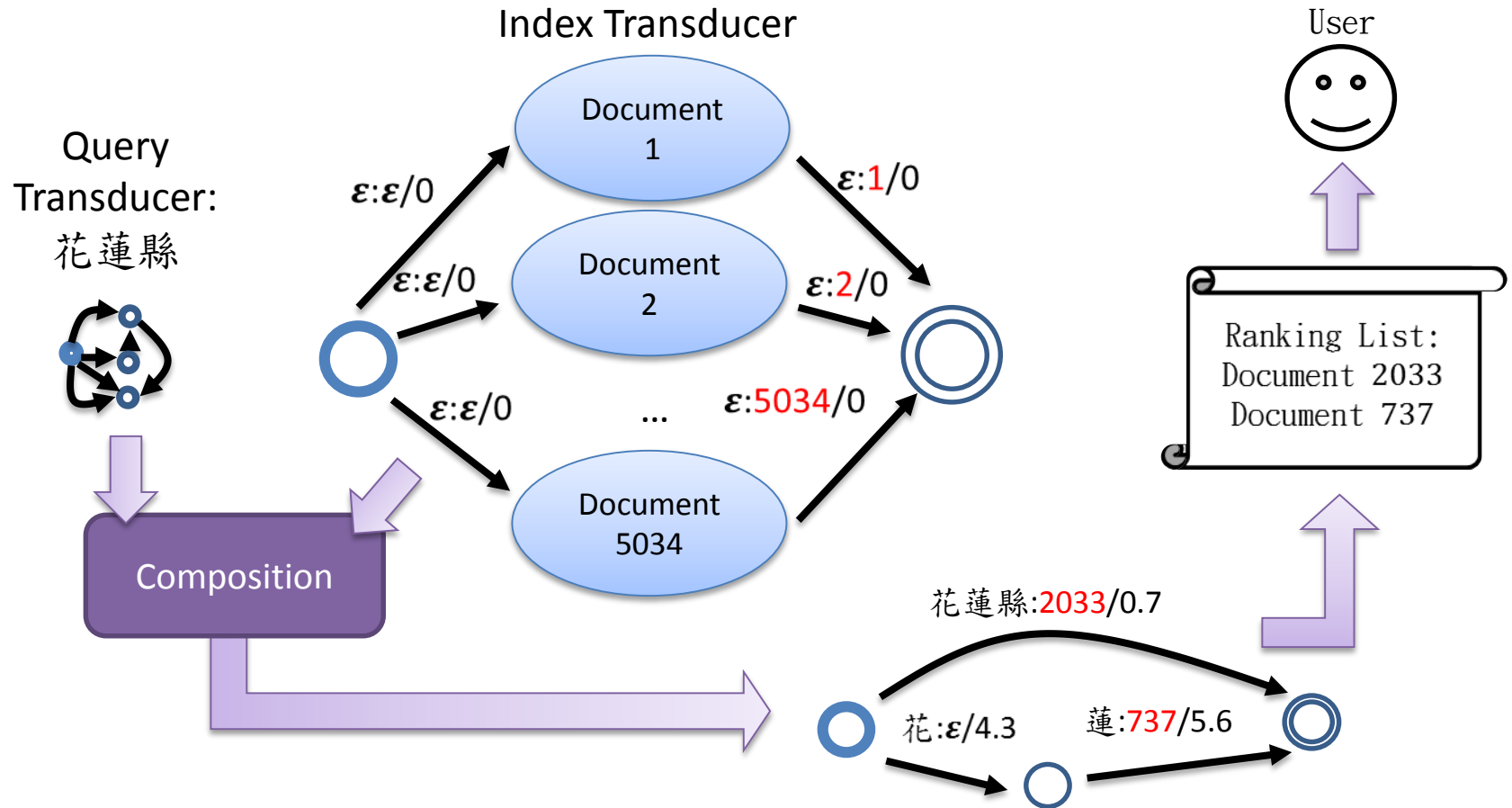
- **Query Transducer**

- Split the query string into words, characters, syllables, etc.
- Generate the query transducer
- Factorize the automaton
- Distribute weights over different transitions

- **Ex:**花蓮縣

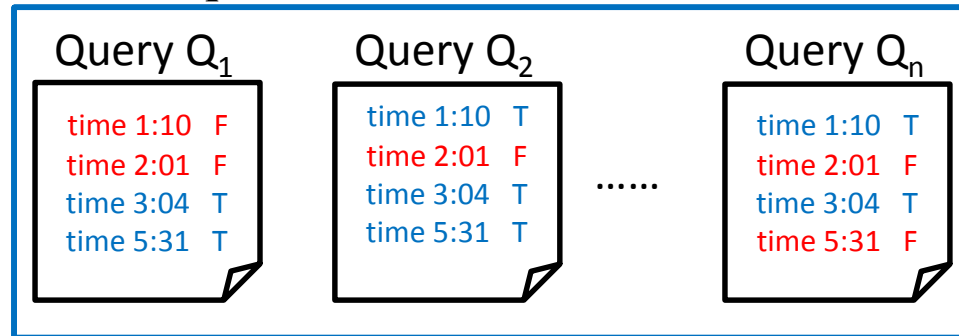


WFST for Retrieval (4/4)



Improved Retrieval by Training

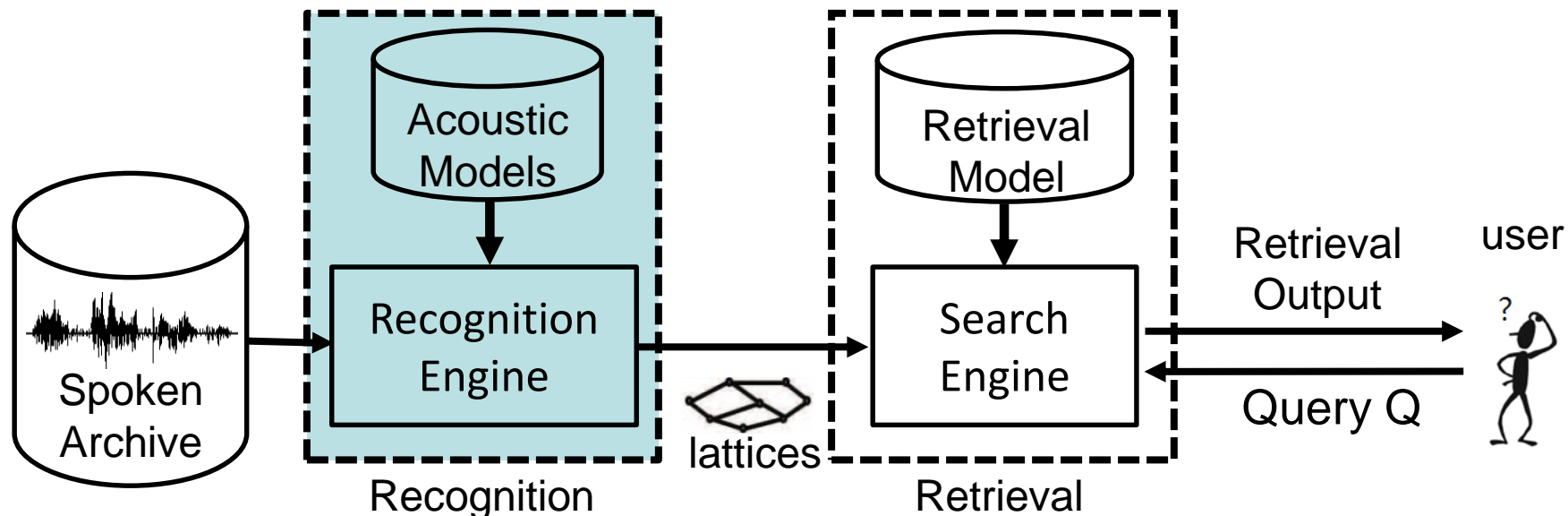
- Improve the retrieval with some training data
 - Training data: a set of queries and associated relevant/irrelevant utterances



- Can be collected from user data
 - e.g. click-through data
- Improve text-based search engine
 - e.g. learn weights for different clues (such as different recognizers, different subword units ...)
- Optimize the recognition models for retrieval performance
 - Considering retrieval and recognition processes as a whole
 - Re-estimate HMM parameters

HMM Parameter Re-estimation

- **Retrieval considered on top of recognition output in the past**
 - recognition and retrieval as two cascaded stages
 - retrieval performance relying on recognition accuracy
- **Considering retrieval and recognition processes as a whole**
 - acoustic models re-estimated by optimizing retrieval performance
 - acoustic models better matched to each respective data set



HMM Parameter Re-estimation

- **Objective Function for re-estimating HMM**

$$\hat{\lambda} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \sum_{Q \in Q_{train}} \sum_{x_t, x_f} [s(Q, x_t | \lambda) - s(Q, x_f | \lambda)]$$

λ : set of HMM parameters, $\hat{\lambda}$: re-estimated parameters for retrieval

Q_{train} : training query set

x_t, x_f : positive/negative examples for query Q

$S(Q, x | \lambda)$: relevance score of utterance x given query Q and model parameters set λ
(Since $S(Q, x)$ is obtained from lattice, it depends on HMM parameters λ .)

Find new HMM parameters for recognition

➡ such that the relevance scores of positive and negative examples are better separated.

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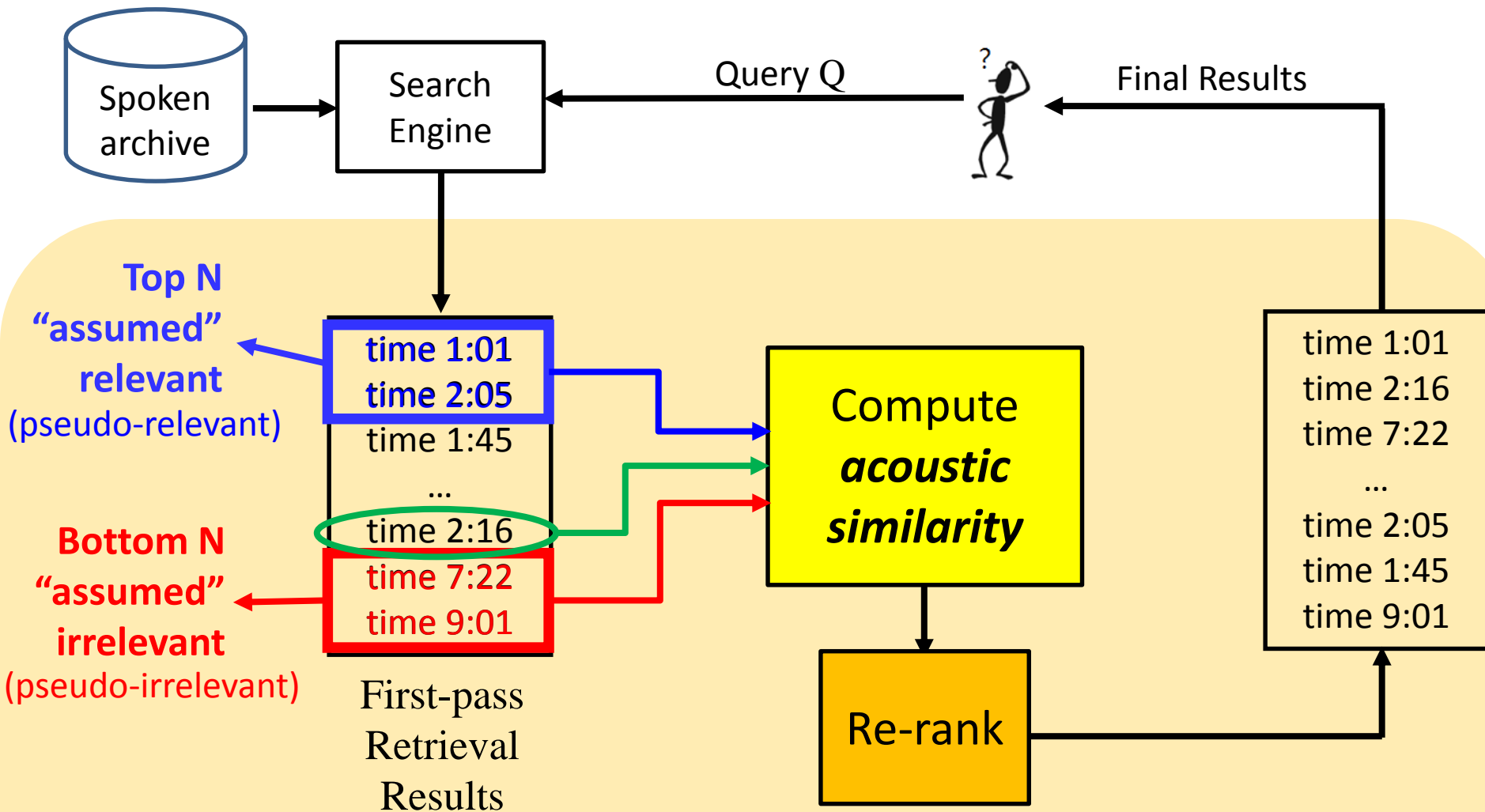
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Pseudo-relevance Feedback (PRF) (1/3)

- Collecting training data can be expensive
- Pseudo-relevance feedback (PRF):
 - Generate training data automatically
 - Procedure:
 - Generate first-pass retrieval results
 - assume the top N objects on the first-pass retrieval results are relevant (pseudo relevant)
 - assume the bottom M objects on the first-pass retrieval results are irrelevant (pseudo irrelevant)
 - Re-ranking: scores of objects similar to the pseudo-relevant/irrelevant objects increased/decreased

Pseudo-relevance Feedback (PRF) (2/3)

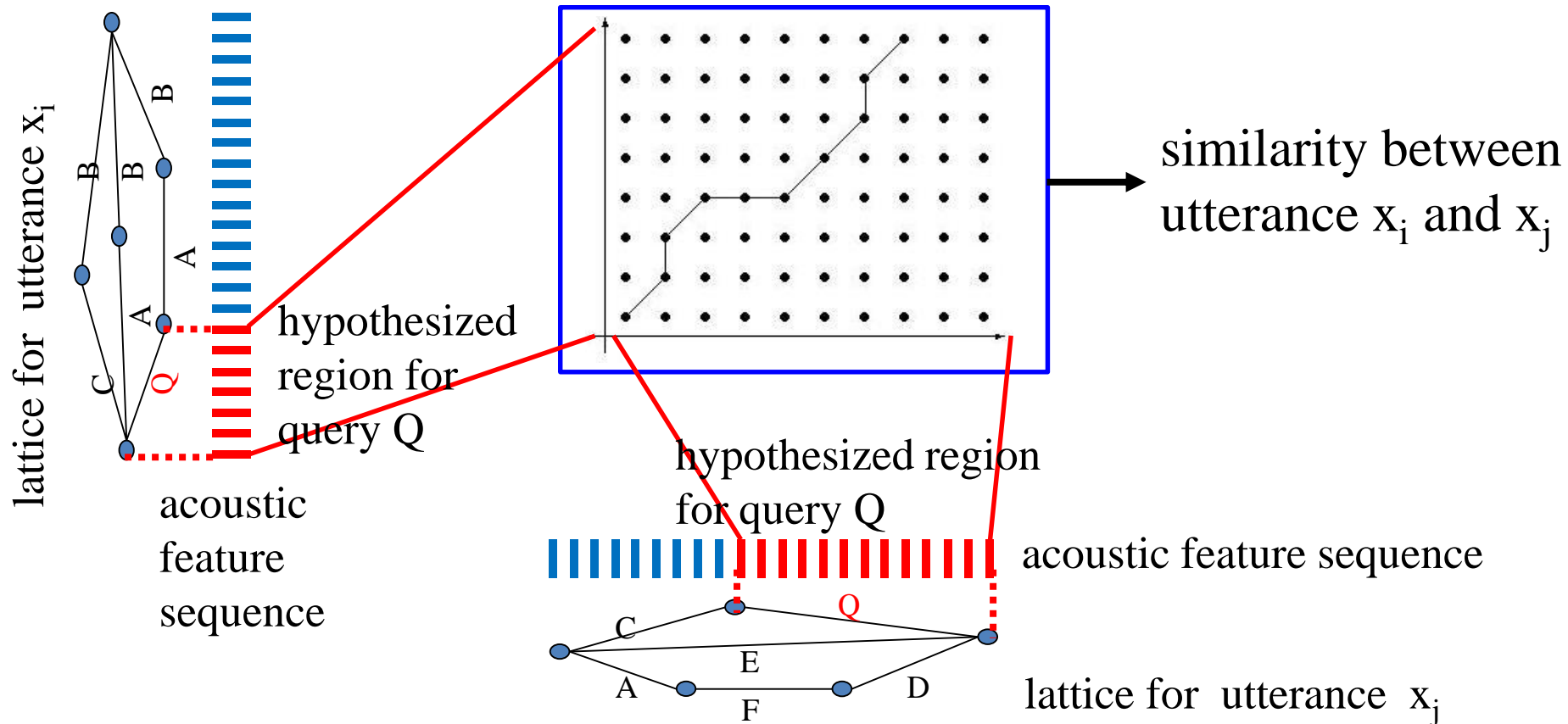


Re-rank: increase/decrease the score of utterances having higher **acoustic similarity** with pseudo-relevant/-irrelevant utterances

Pseudo-relevance Feedback (PRF) (3/3)

- Acoustic similarity between two utterances x_i and x_j

Dynamic Time Warping (DTW)

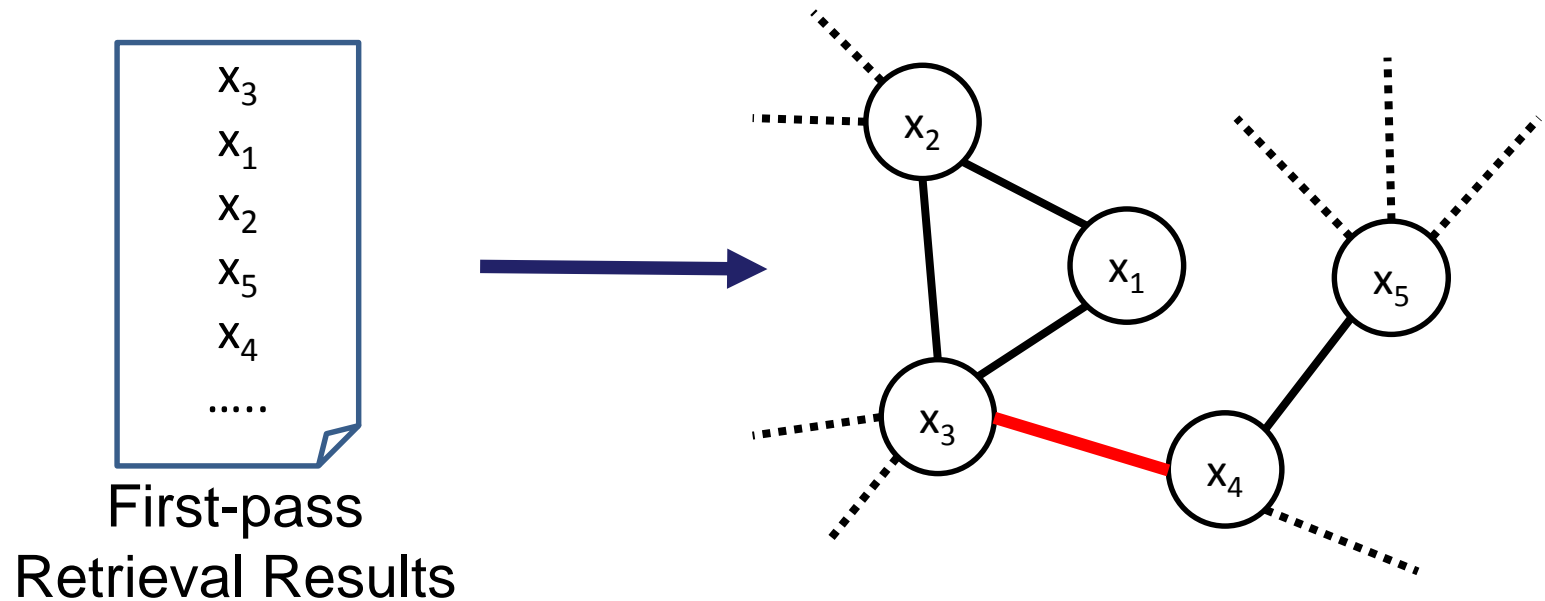


Improved PRF – Graph-based Approach (1/4)

- Graph-based approach
 - only the top N/bottom N utterances are taken as references in PRF
 - not necessarily reliable
 - considering the acoustic similarity structure of all utterances in the first-pass retrieval results globally using a graph

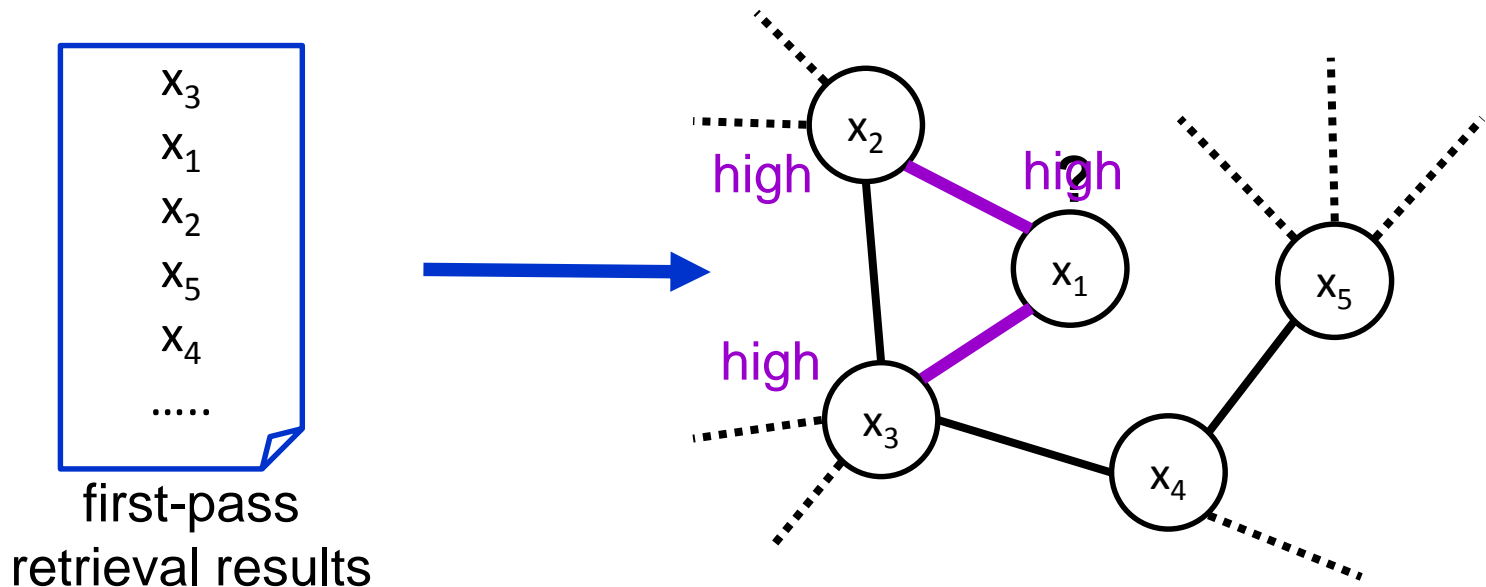
Improved PRF – Graph-based Approach (2/4)

- Construct a graph for all utterances in the first-pass retrieval results
 - nodes : utterances
 - edge weights: acoustic similarities between utterances



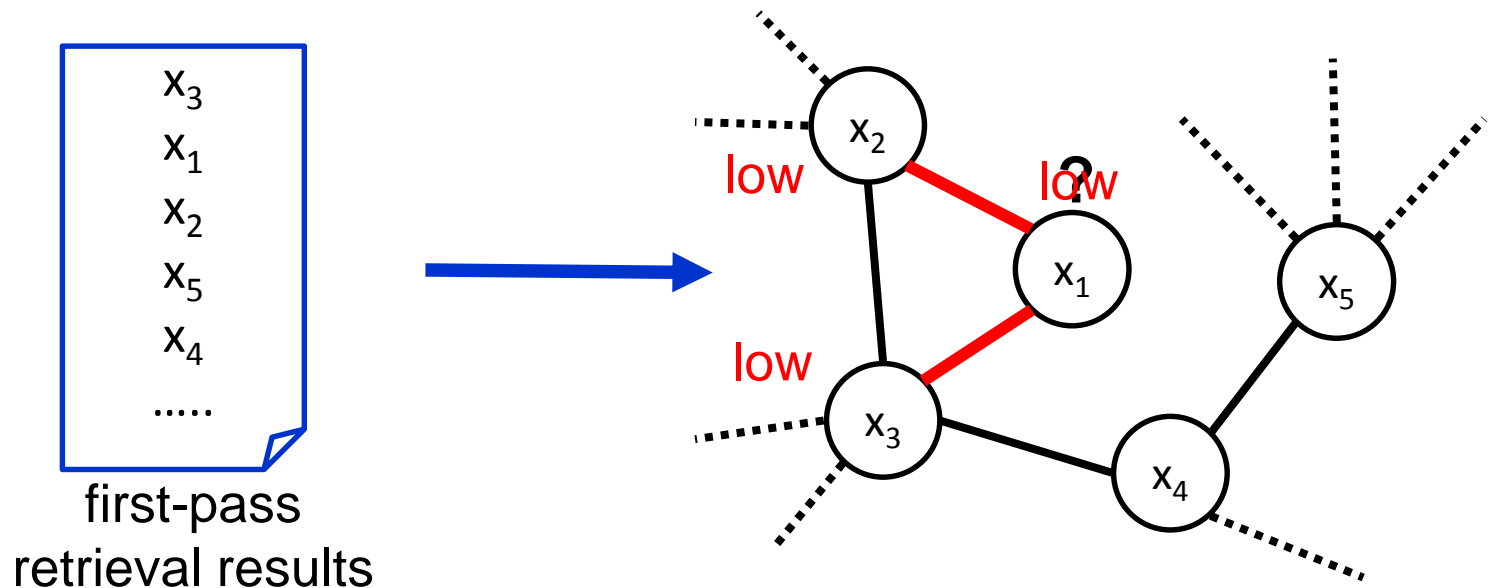
Improved PRF – Graph-based Approach (3/4)

- Utterances strongly connected to (similar to) utterances with high relevance scores should have relevance scores **increased**



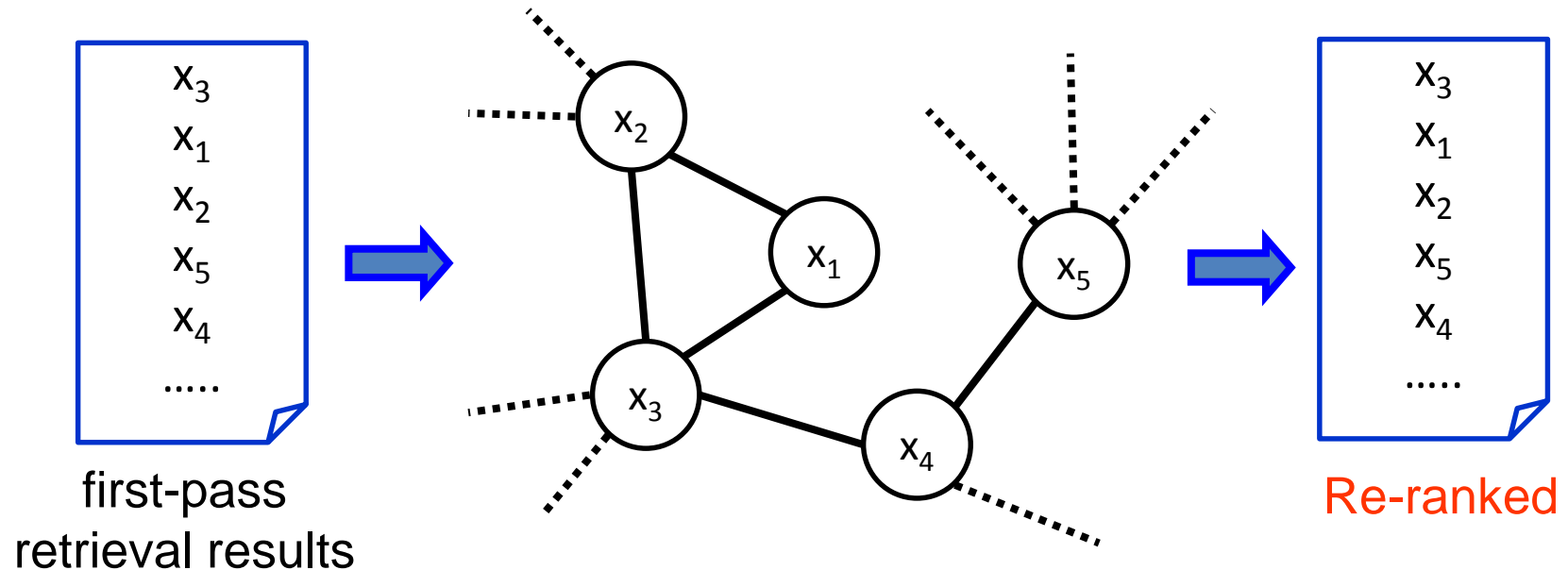
Improved PRF – Graph-based Approach (3/4)

- Utterances strongly connected to (similar to) utterances with low relevance scores should have relevance scores **reduced**



Improved PRF – Graph-based Approach (4/4)

- **Relevance scores propagate on the graph**
 - relevance scores smoothed among strongly connected nodes

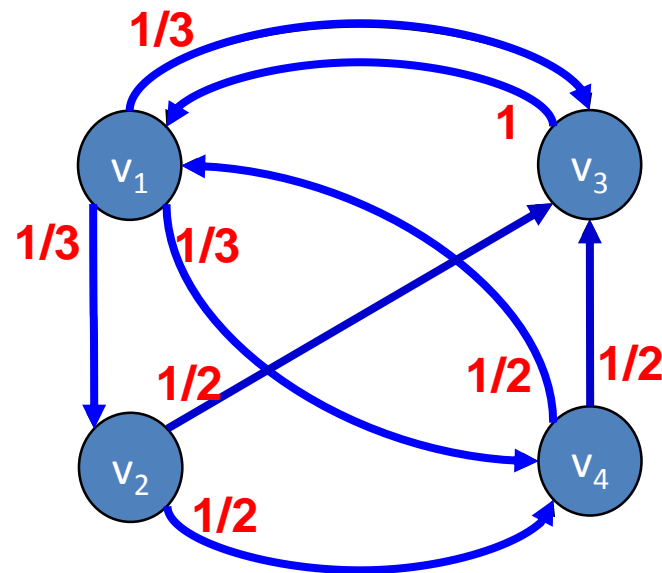


PageRank and Random Walk (1/2)

- **Object ranking by their relations**
 - Rank web pages for Google search
- **Basic Idea**
 - Objects having high connectivity to other high-score objects are popular (given higher scores)

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \text{from} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{to} \end{matrix}$$

Transition matrix



PageRank and Random Walk (2/2)

- The score of each object is related to the score of its neighbors and its prior score
- Final steady state

$$s_i = \alpha \sum_j p_{ji} s_j + (1 - \alpha) v_i$$

final score

Score propagation

interpolation weight

Prior score

- In matrix form

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{s} &= \alpha P \vec{s} + (1 - \alpha) \vec{v} \quad , \vec{s} = [s_1, s_2, \dots]^T \quad , \vec{v} = [v_1, v_2, \dots]^T \\ &= \alpha P \vec{s} + (1 - \alpha) \vec{v} e^T \vec{s} \\ &= [\alpha P + (1 - \alpha) \vec{v} e^T] \vec{s} = P' \vec{s} \quad , e^T = [1, 1, 1, \dots, 1], e^T \vec{s} = \sum_i s_i = 1\end{aligned}$$

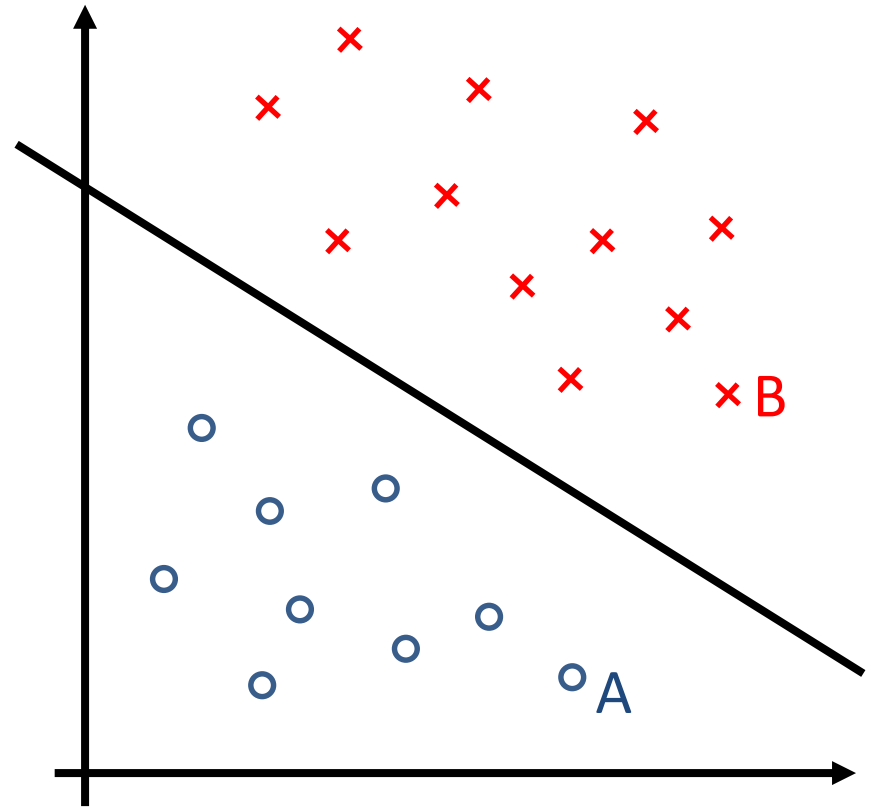
- \vec{s} is the solution to the eigenvalue problem

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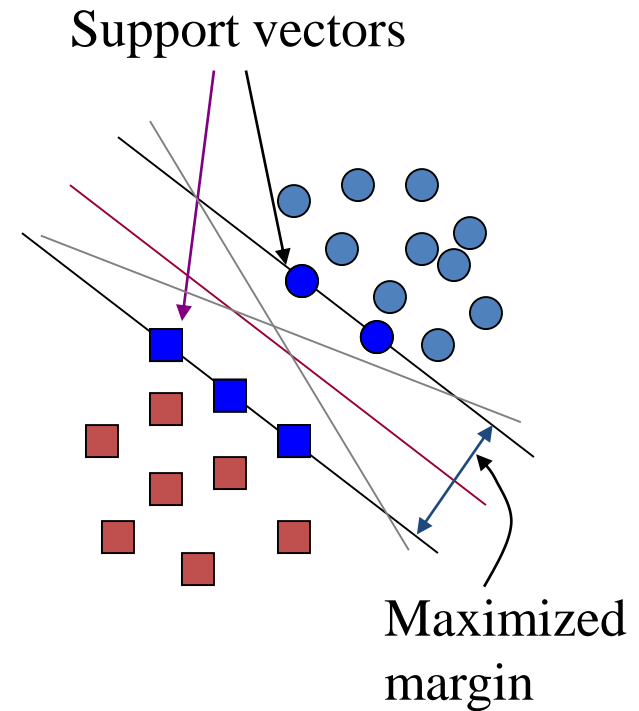
Support Vector Machine (SVM) (1/2)

- **Problem definition**
 - suppose there are two classes of objects (positive and negative)
 - goal: classify new objects given training examples
- **Represent each object as an N-dimensional feature vector**
 - o: positive example
 - x: negative example
- **Find a hyperplane separating positive and negative examples**
- **Classify new objects by this hyperplane**
 - point A is positive, point B is negative

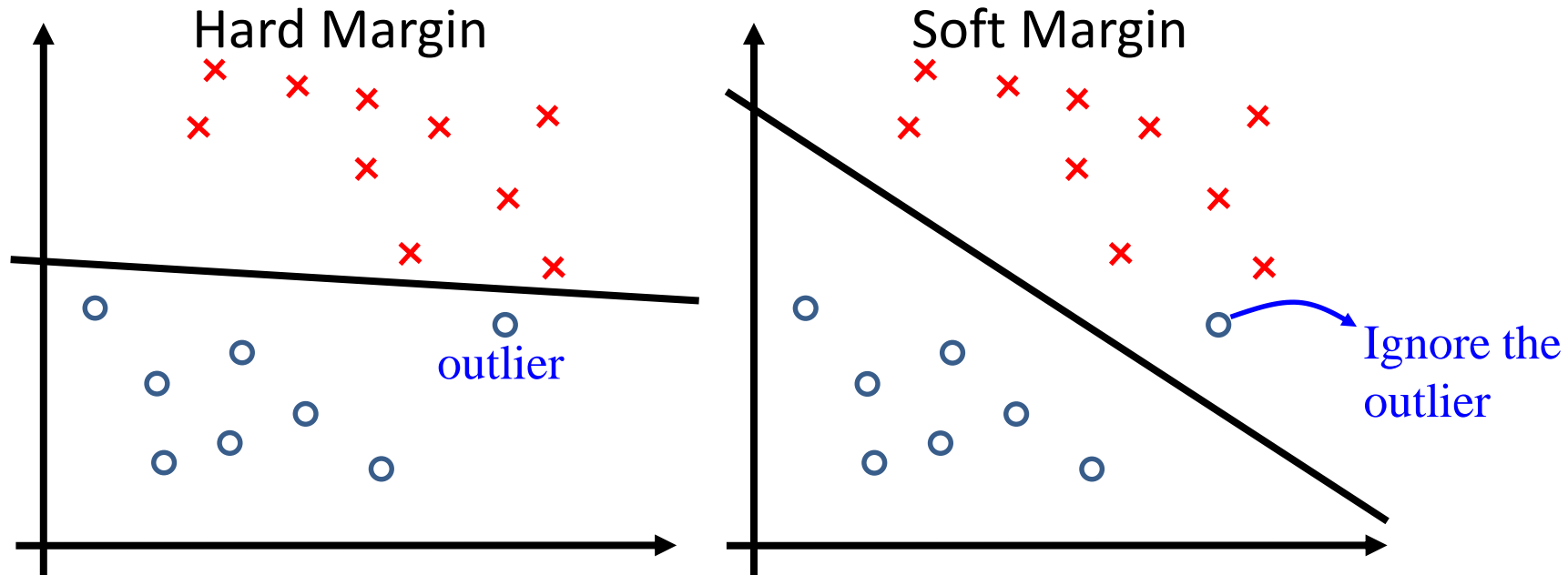


Support Vector Machine (SVM) (2/2)

- Many hyperplanes can separate positive and negative examples
- Choose the one maximizing the “margin”
 - margin: the minimum distance between the examples and the hyperplane
- Some noise may change the feature vectors of the testing objects
 - large margin may minimize the chance of misclassification



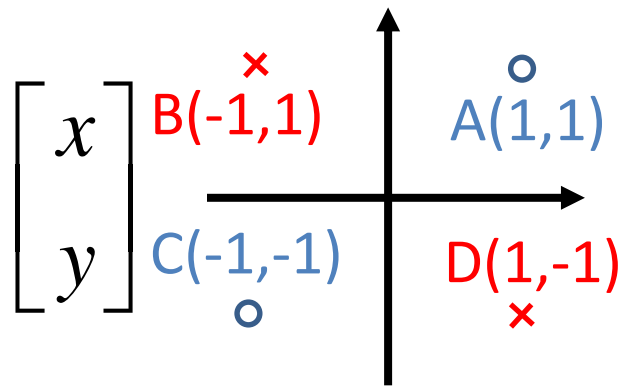
SVM – Soft Margin



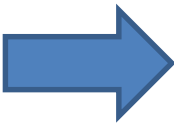
- **Hard Margin:**
 - If some training examples are outliers, separating all positive/negative examples may not be the best solution
- **Soft Margin:**
 - Tolerate some non-separable cases (outliers)

SVM – Feature Mapping

- Original feature vectors
(Non-separable)



- Map original feature vectors
onto a higher-dimensional
space



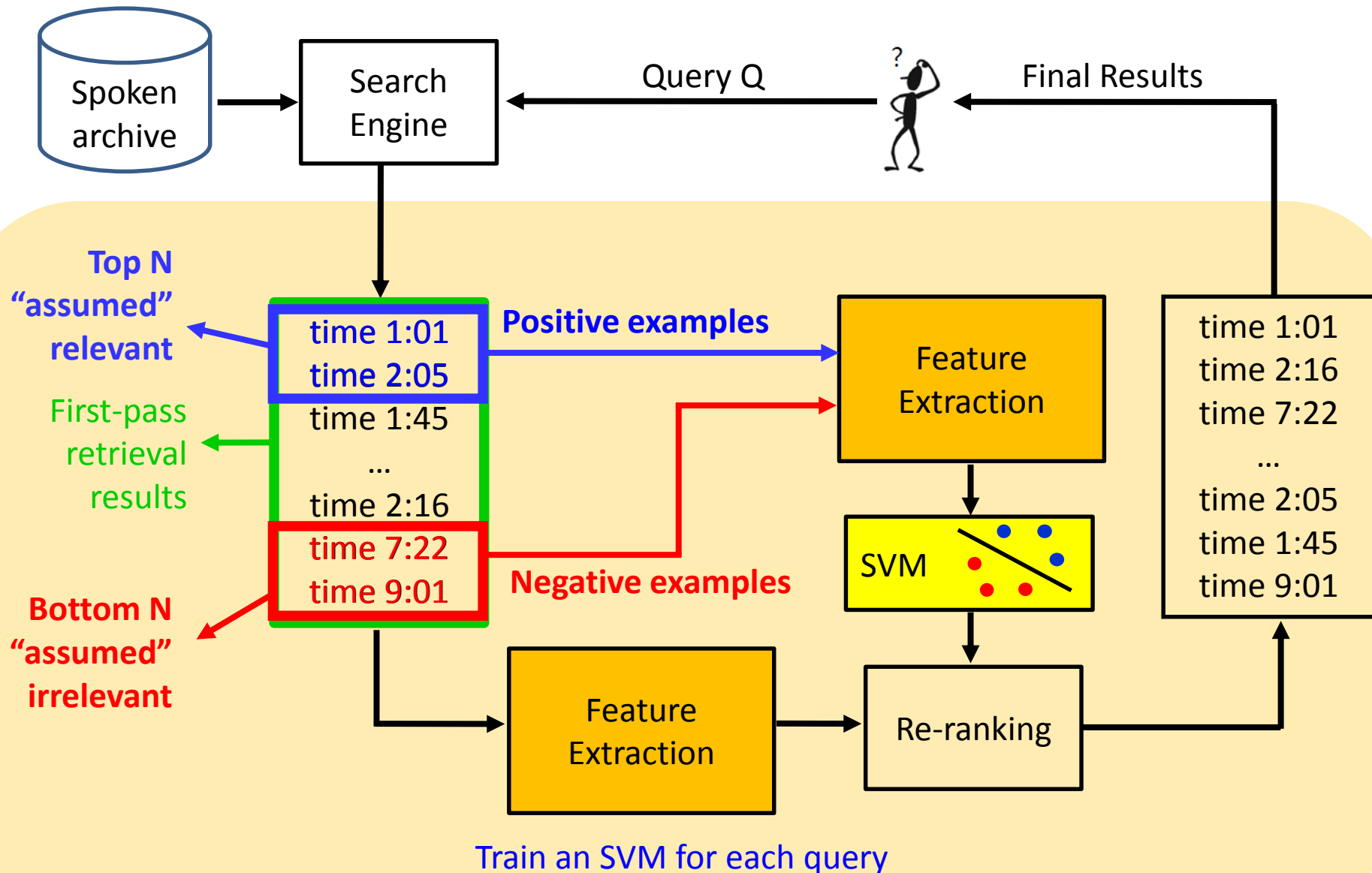
Mapped feature vectors in the $[x^2, y^2, xy]$ space:

- Blue circles (Class 1): $A(1,1,1)$, $C(1,1,1)$
- Red crosses (Class 2): $B(1,1,-1)$, $D(1,1,-1)$

(Can be separated by hyperplane $z=xy=0$)

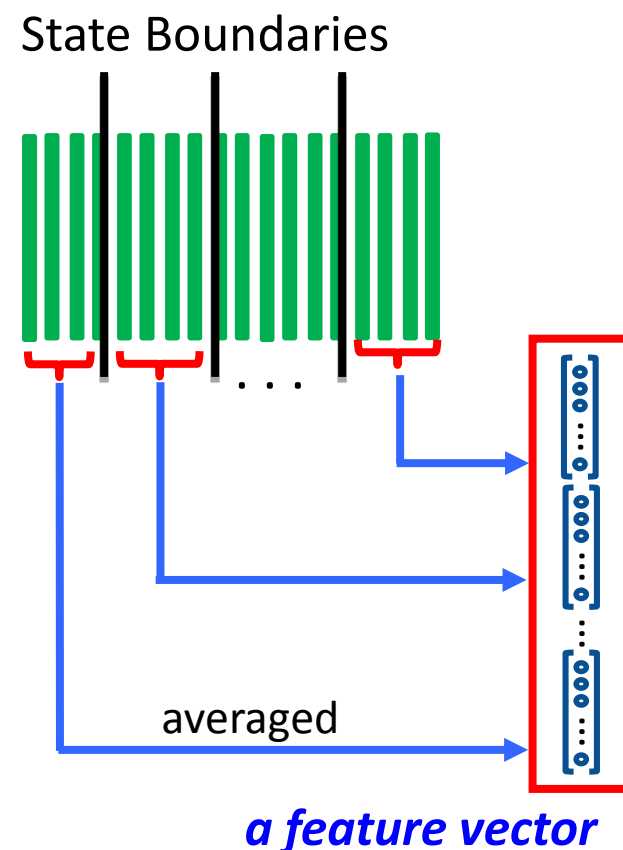
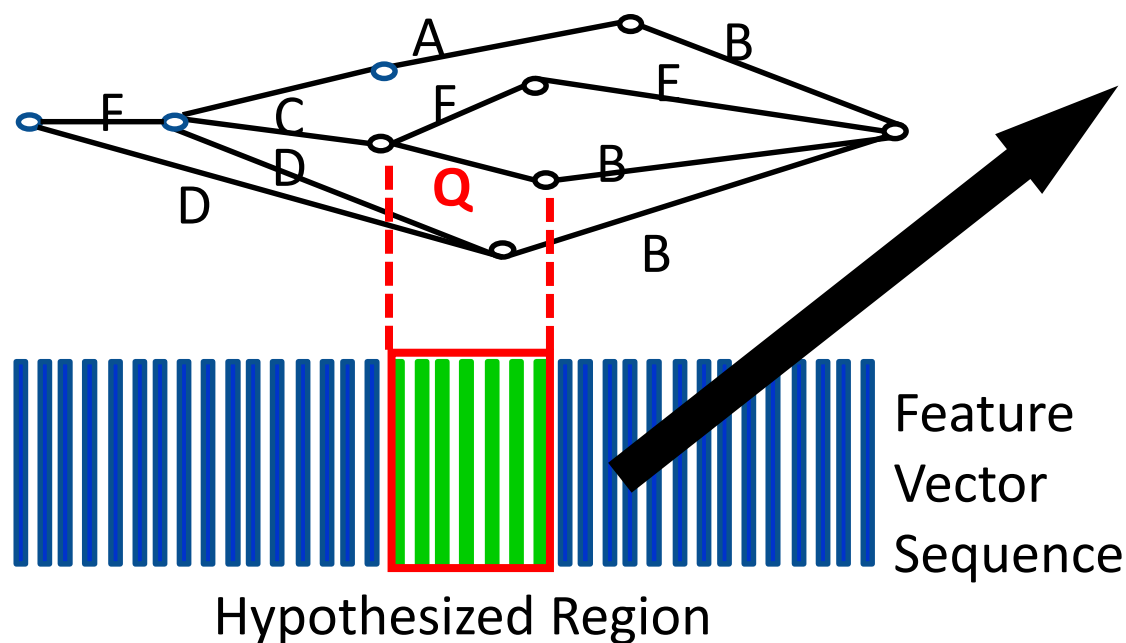
- If positive and negative examples are not linearly separable in the original feature vector form, map their feature vectors onto a higher-dimensional space where they may become separable

Improved PRF – SVM(1/3)



Improved PRF – SVM (2/3)

- Representing each utterance by its hypothesized region segmented by HMM states, with feature vectors in each state averaged and concatenated



Improved PRF – SVM (3/3)

- Context consistency
 - the same term usually have similar context; while quite different context usually implies the terms are different
- Feature Extraction

V - dimensional vector
(V : lexicon size)

A	B	C	D	...	Q
0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	...	0.0

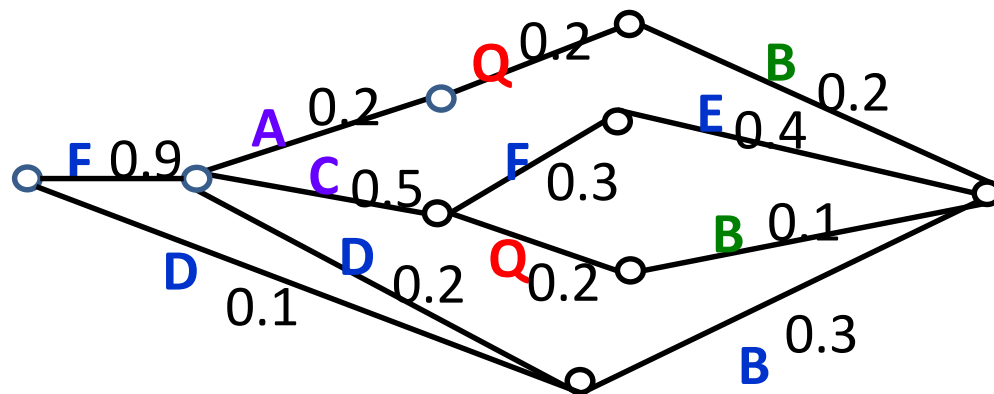
Immediate left
context

A	B	C	D	...	Q
0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	...	0.0

Immediate
right context

A	B	C	D	...	Q
0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	...	0.4

whole segment



Concatenated into a $3V$ - dimensional feature
vector

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Language Modeling Retrieval Approach (Text or Speech)

- Both query Q and spoken document d are represented as language models θ_Q and θ_d (consider unigram only below, may be smoothed (or interpolated) by a background model θ_b)
- Given query Q , rank spoken documents d according to $S_{LM}(Q, d)$

$$S_{LM}(Q, d) = -KL(\theta_Q | \theta_d)$$

- Inverse of KL divergence (KL distance) between θ_Q and θ_d
- The documents with document models θ_d similar to query model θ_Q are more likely to be relevant

Query model	$P(t \theta_Q) = \frac{N(t, Q)}{\sum_{t'} N(t', Q)}$	$N(t, Q)$: Occurrence count or expected term frequency for term t in query Q
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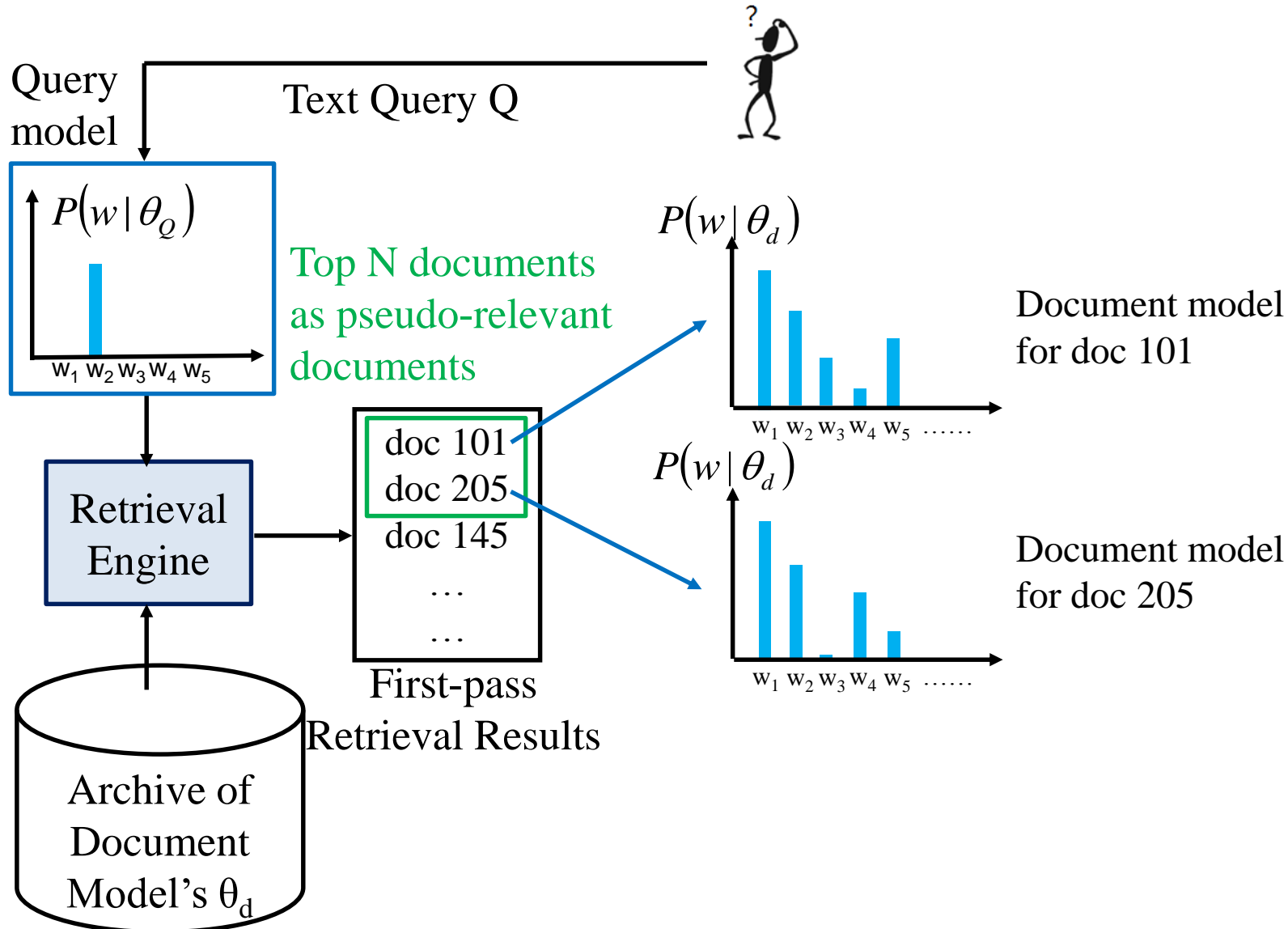
Document model	$P(t \theta_d) = \frac{N(t, d)}{\sum_{t'} N(t', d)}$	$N(t, d)$: Occurrence count or expected term frequency for term t in document d
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$N(t, d) = \sum_{x \in d} E(t, x)$	$E(t, x)$: Expected term frequency for term t in the lattice of utterance x (for speech)
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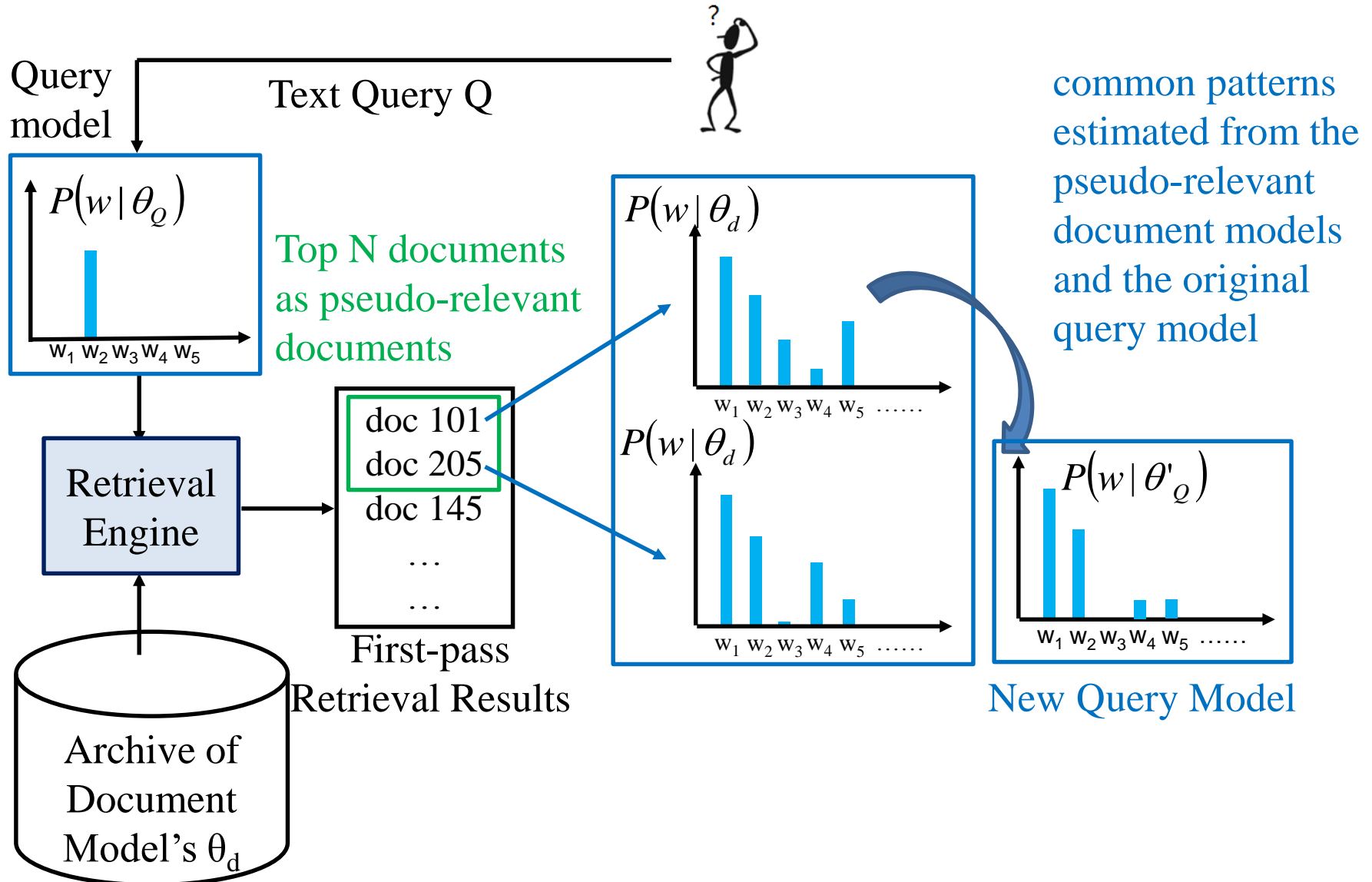
Semantic Retrieval by Query Expansion

- **Concept matching rather than Literal matching**
- **Returning utterances/documents semantically related to the query (e.g. Obama)**
 - not necessarily containing the query (e.g. including US and White House, but not Obama)
- **Expand the query (Obama) with semantically related terms (US and White House)**
- **Query expansion with language modeling retrieval approach**
 - Realized by PRF
 - Find common term distribution in pseudo-relevant documents and use it to construct a new query for 2nd-phase retrieval

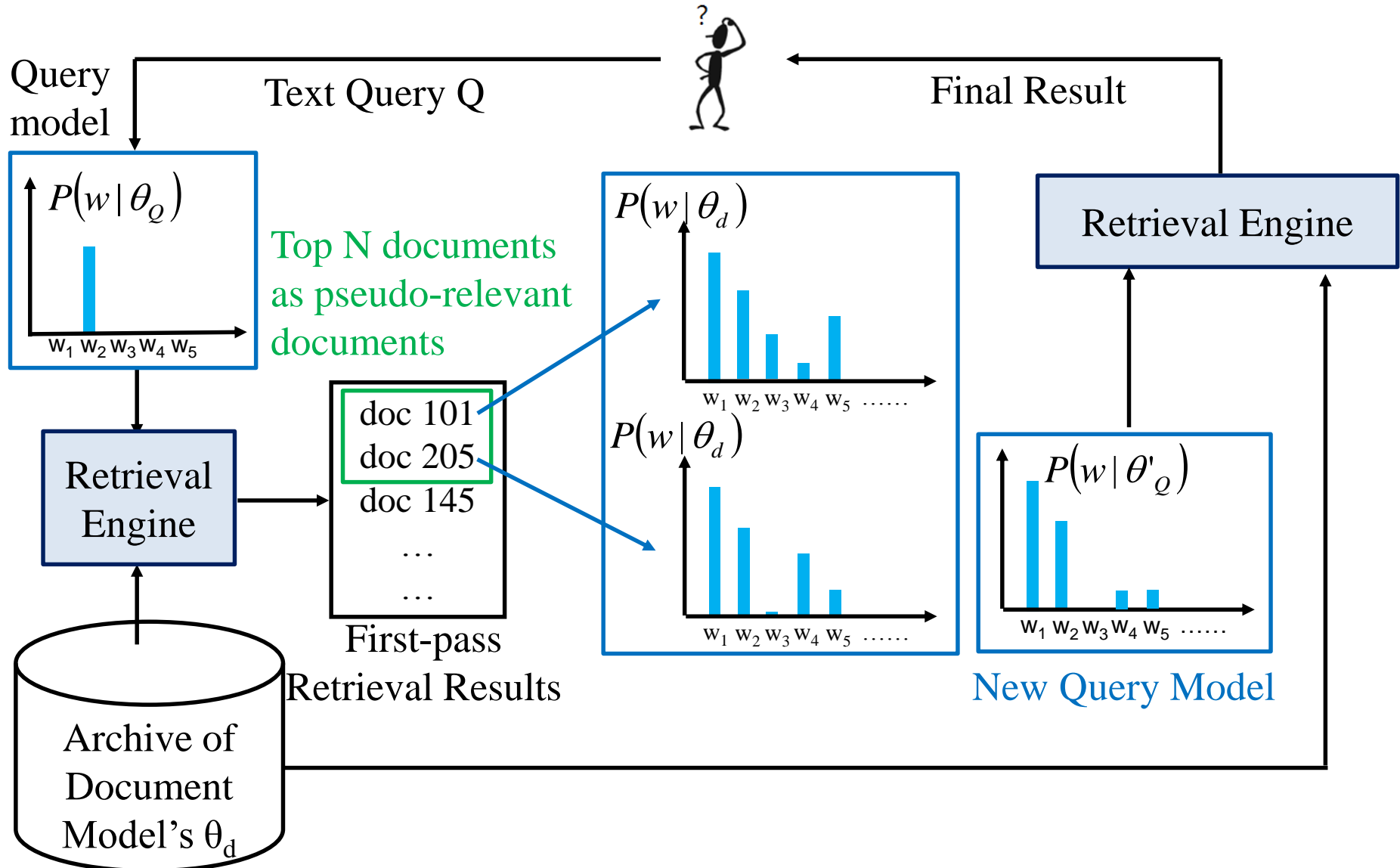
Semantic Retrieval by Query Expansion



Semantic Retrieval by Query Expansion



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Semantic Retrieval by Document Expansion

- **Document expansion**
 - Consider a document only has terms US and White House
 - Add some semantically related terms (Obama) into the document model
- **Document expansion for language modeling retrieval approach**

$$P(t \mid \theta_d') = \alpha P(t \mid \theta_d) + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{i=1}^K P(t \mid T_i) P(T_i \mid d)$$

$P(T_i|d)$: probability of observing topic T_i given document d

$P(t|T_i)$: probability of observing term t given topic T_i

– Obtained by latent topic analysis (e.g. PLSA)

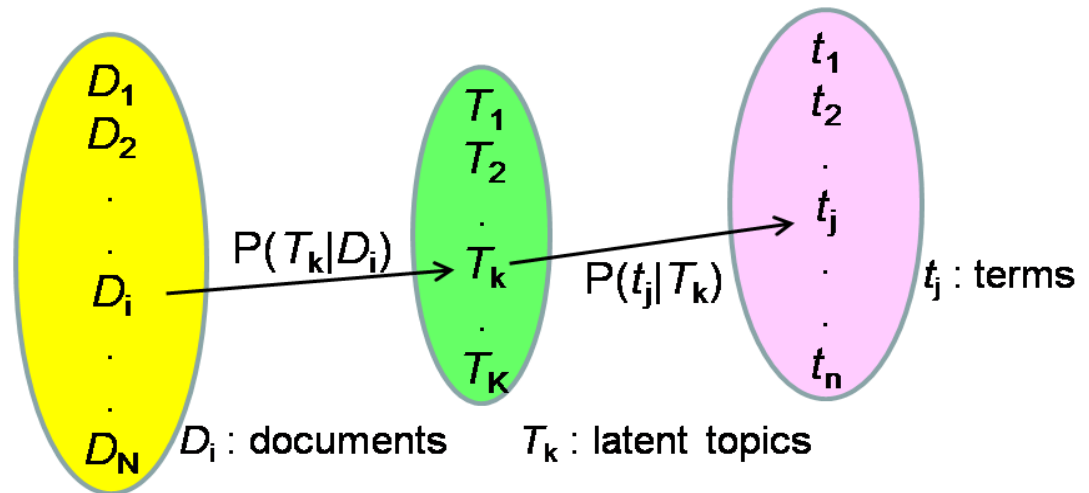
θ_d : original document model

α : interpolation weight

θ_d' : expanded document model

Latent Topic Analysis

- **An example: Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis (PLSA)**
- **Creating a set of latent topics between a set of terms and a set of documents**



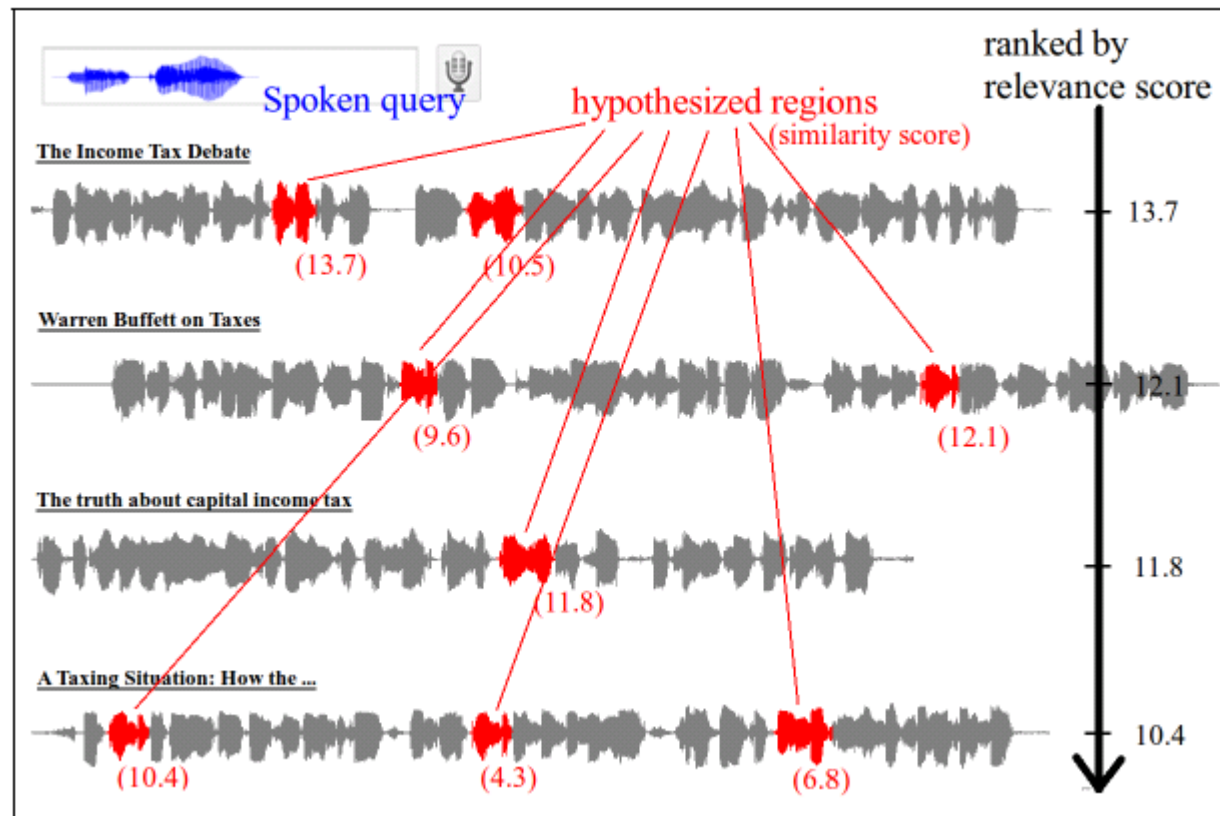
- modeling the relationships by probabilistic models trained with EM algorithm
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Unsupervised Spoken Term Detection (STD) with Spoken Queries

- Search speech by speech – no need to know which word is spoken
- No recognition, without annotated data, without knowledge about the language
- Bypass the difficulties of recognition : annotated data for the target domain, OOV words, recognition errors, noise conditions, etc.
 - relevance score \equiv highest similarity score within a document.

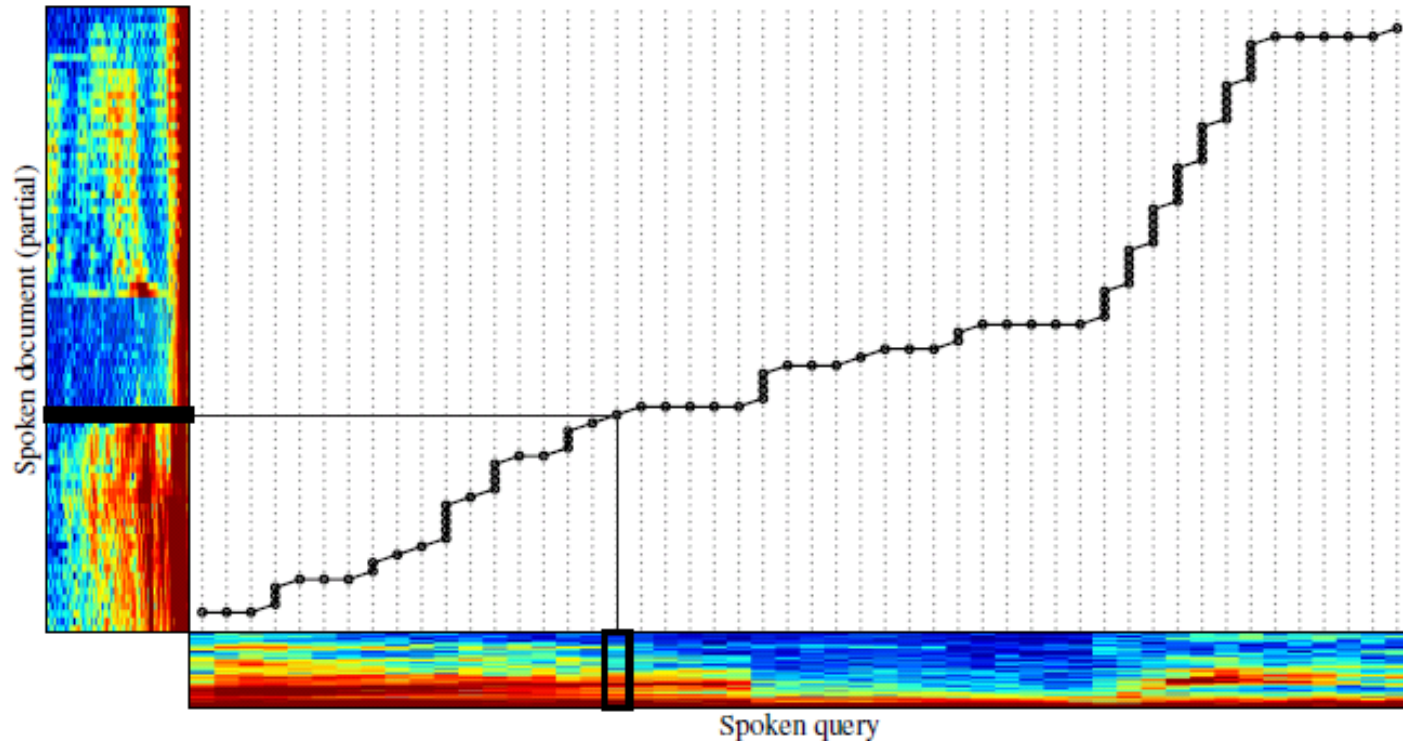


Two major approaches for Unsupervised STD

- **Template matching (signal-to-signal matching)**
 - Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) based, matching the signals directly
 - Precise but less compatible to signal variations (by different speakers, different acoustic conditions, etc.) with higher computation requirements
- **Model-based approach with automatically discovered patterns**
 - Representing signals by models and matching with these models
 - Discovering acoustic patterns and training corresponding models without annotated data

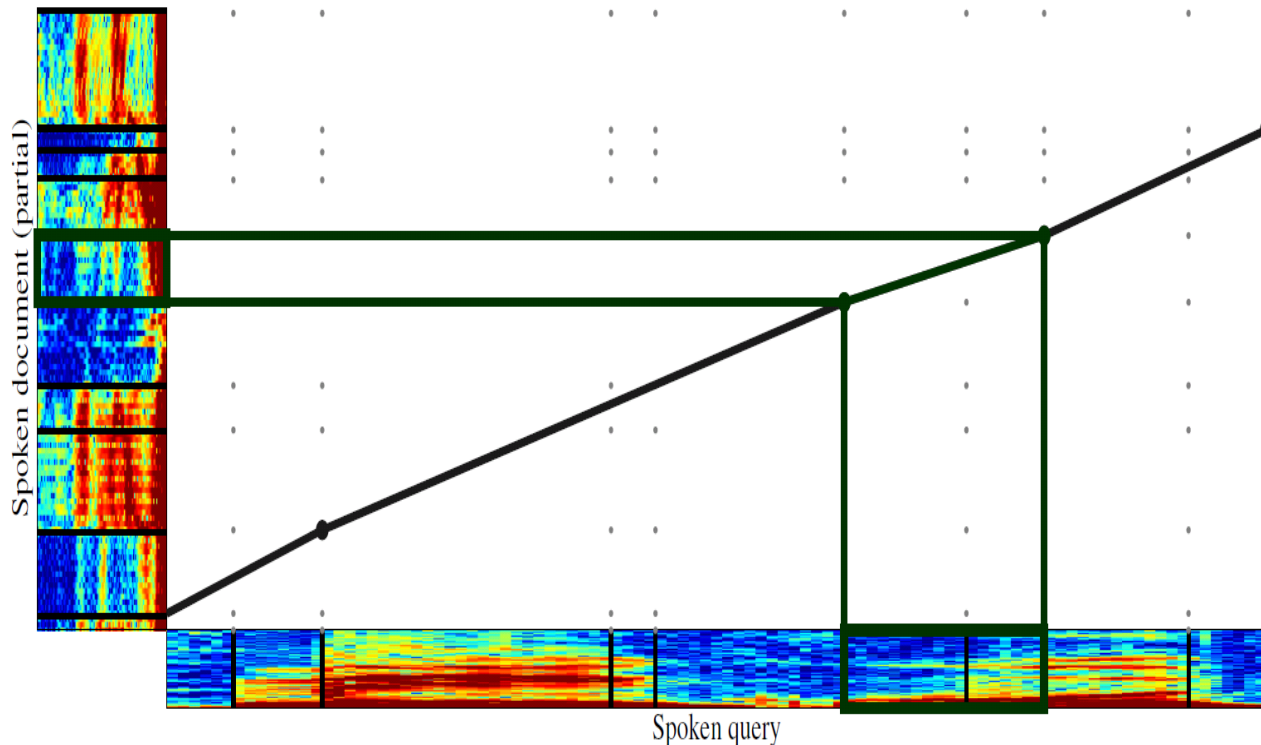
Template Matching

- **Dynamic time warping (DTW)**
 - Find possible speech regions that are similar to the query



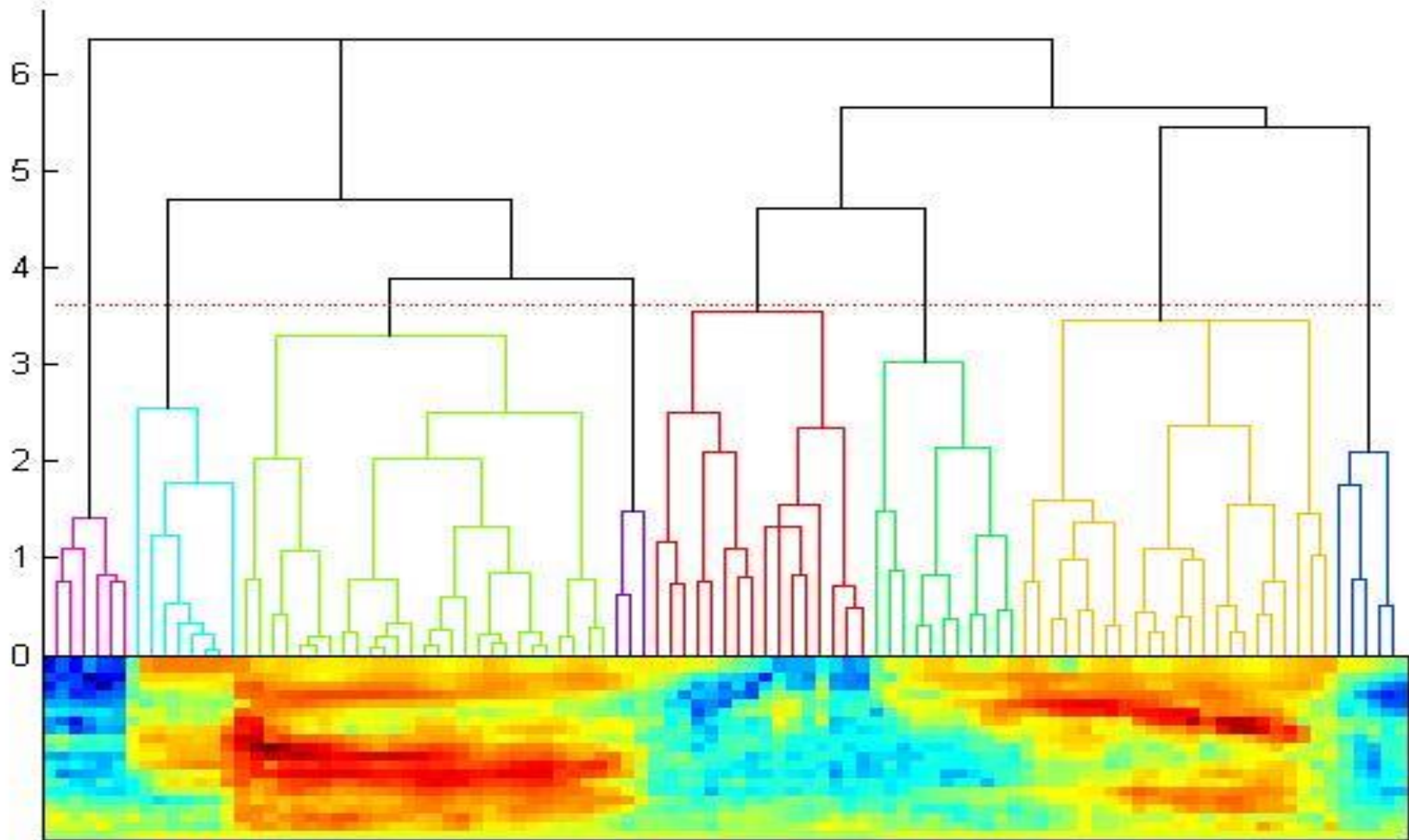
Template Matching

- **Segment-based DTW**
 - divide signals into segments of consecutive similar frames
 - segment-by-segment matching rather than frame-by-frame
 - Segment-based DTW (much faster but less precise) followed by frame-based DTW (slow but precise)



Hierarchical Agglomerative Clustering (HAC)

Merge Loss L_i

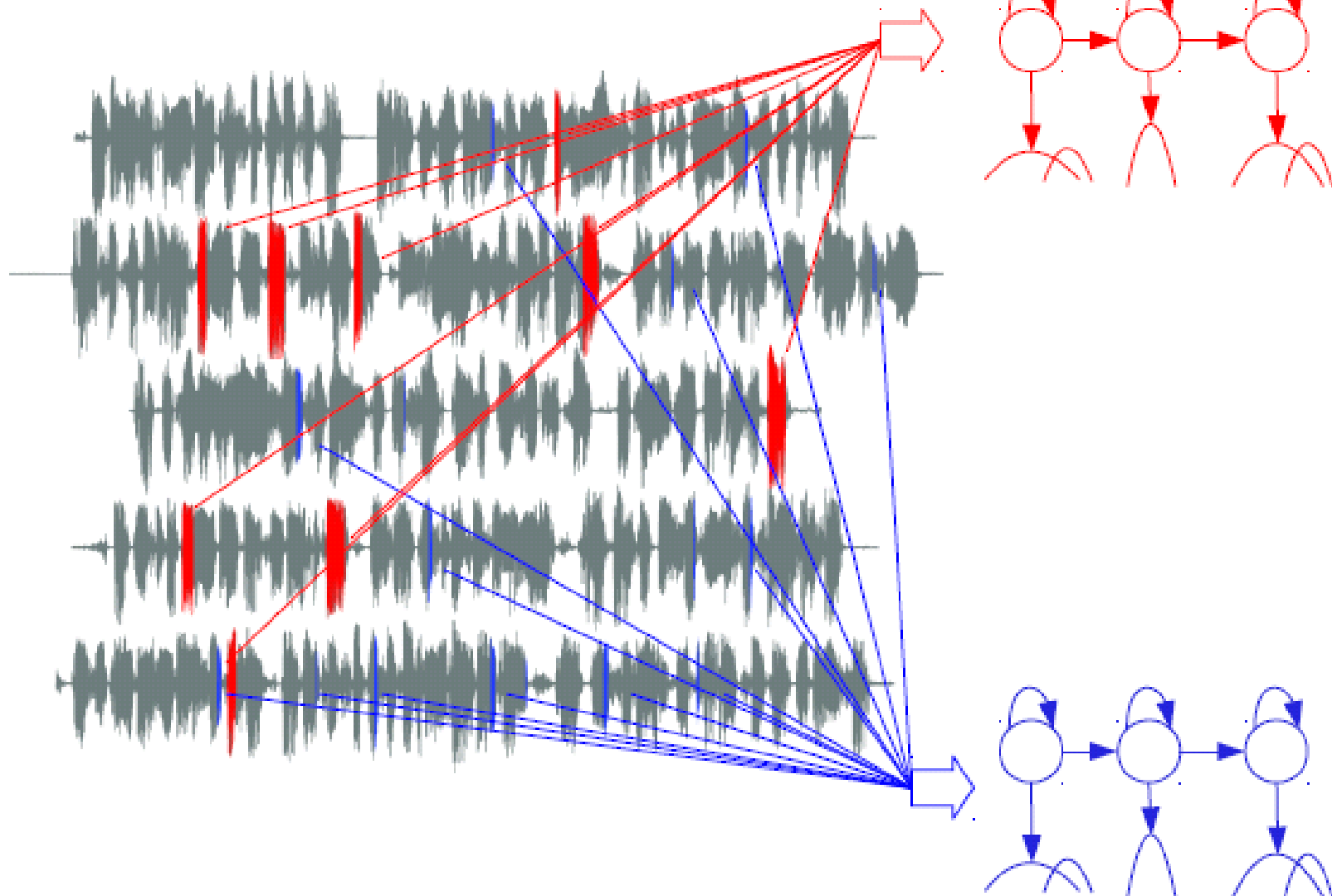


Hierarchical Agglomerative Clustering (HAC)

- **Initial Condition**
 - Each frame of signal (i.e. a MFCC vector) is a segment
- **Merge**
 - calculate the distance between each pair of adjacent segments
 - merge the pair with minimum distance into a single segment
 - represent the merged segment by a vector (e.g. the mean)
 - repeat

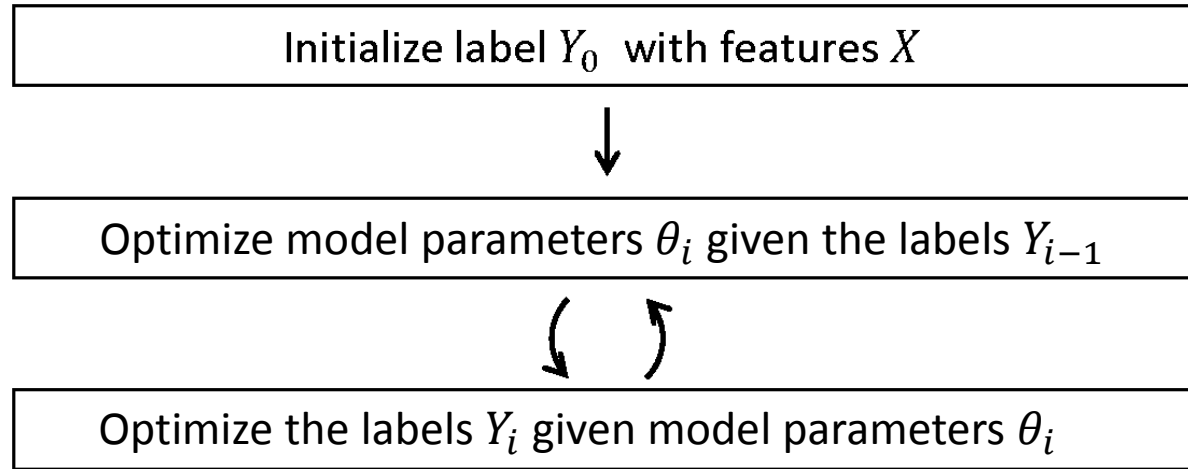
Model-based approach

- Learn models from data



Unsupervised Pattern Discovery

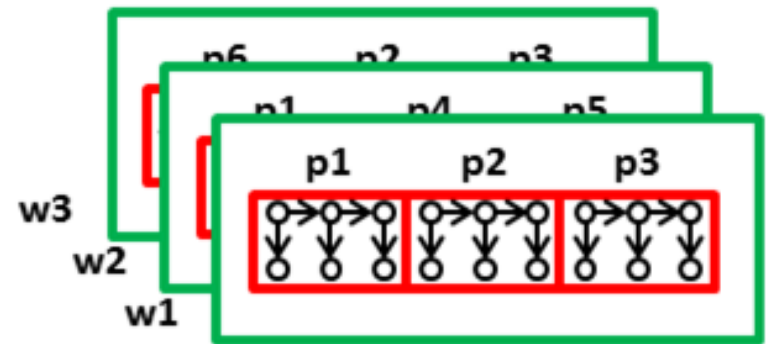
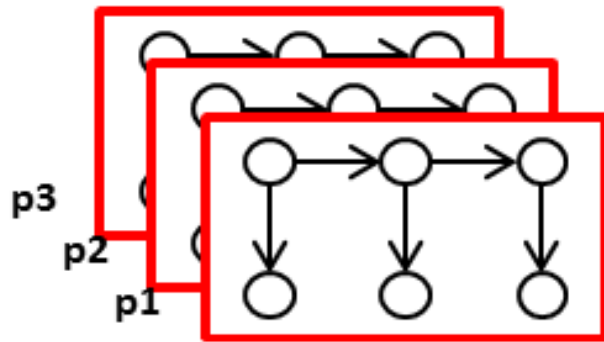
- **Unsupervised Discovery**
 - without annotated data
 - all patterns automatically learned from a set of corpora in unknown languages without linguistic knowledge



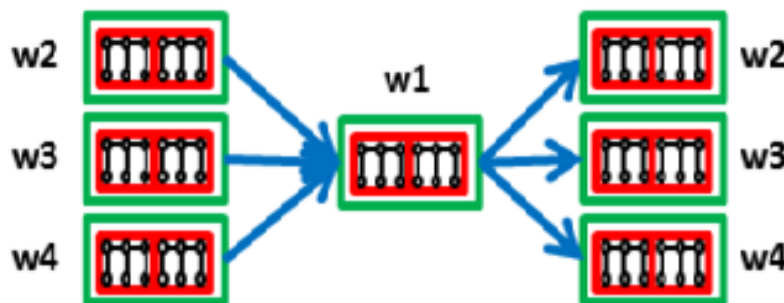
- **Initializing Y_0**
 - signal segmentation (based on waveform-level features) followed by segment clustering
- **In each iteration i**
 - train the best set of HMM models θ_i based on Y_{i-1} and then obtain a new set of labels Y_i based on θ_i

Unsupervised Automatic Discovery of Linguistic Structure

- **Hierarchical Linguistic Structure Automatically Discovered**
 - Subword-like pattern HMMs
 - Word-like pattern lexicon

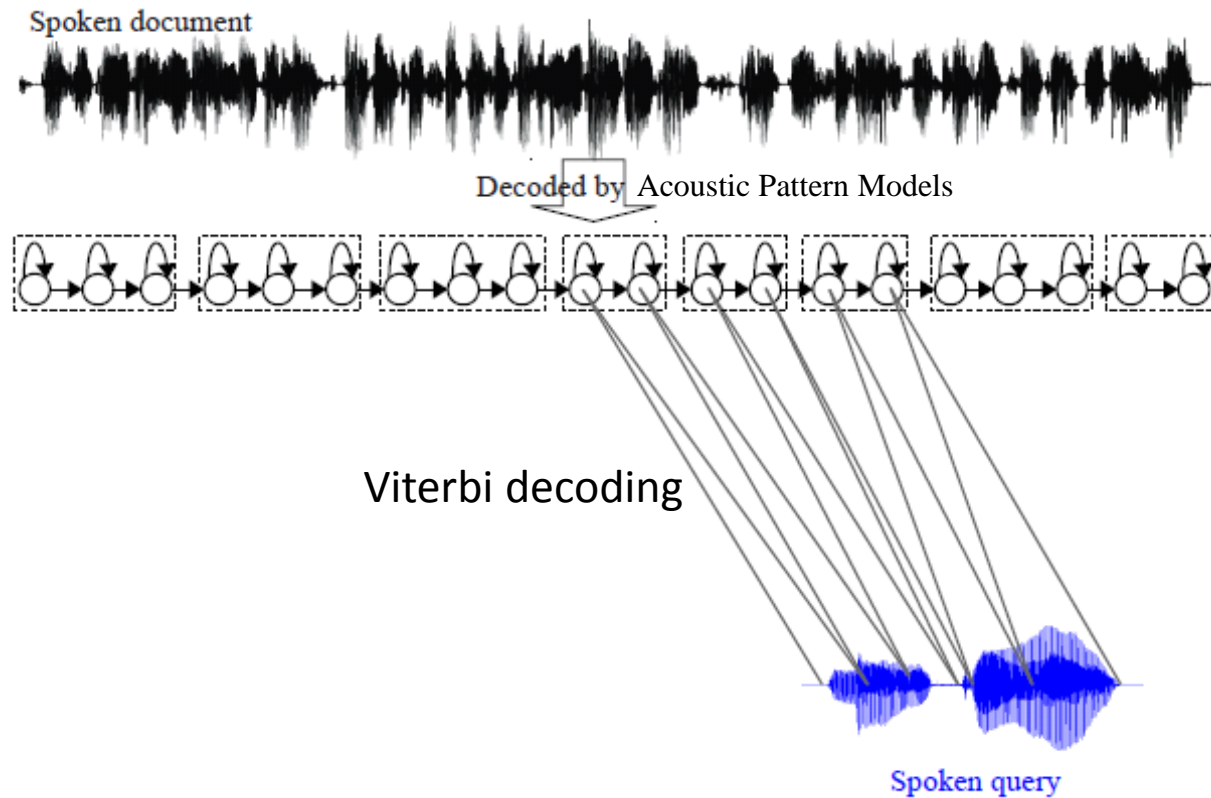


- Word-like pattern language model



Search Based on Model of Acoustic patterns

- Apply recognition-like approach with discovered models



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