

Machine Learning for Search

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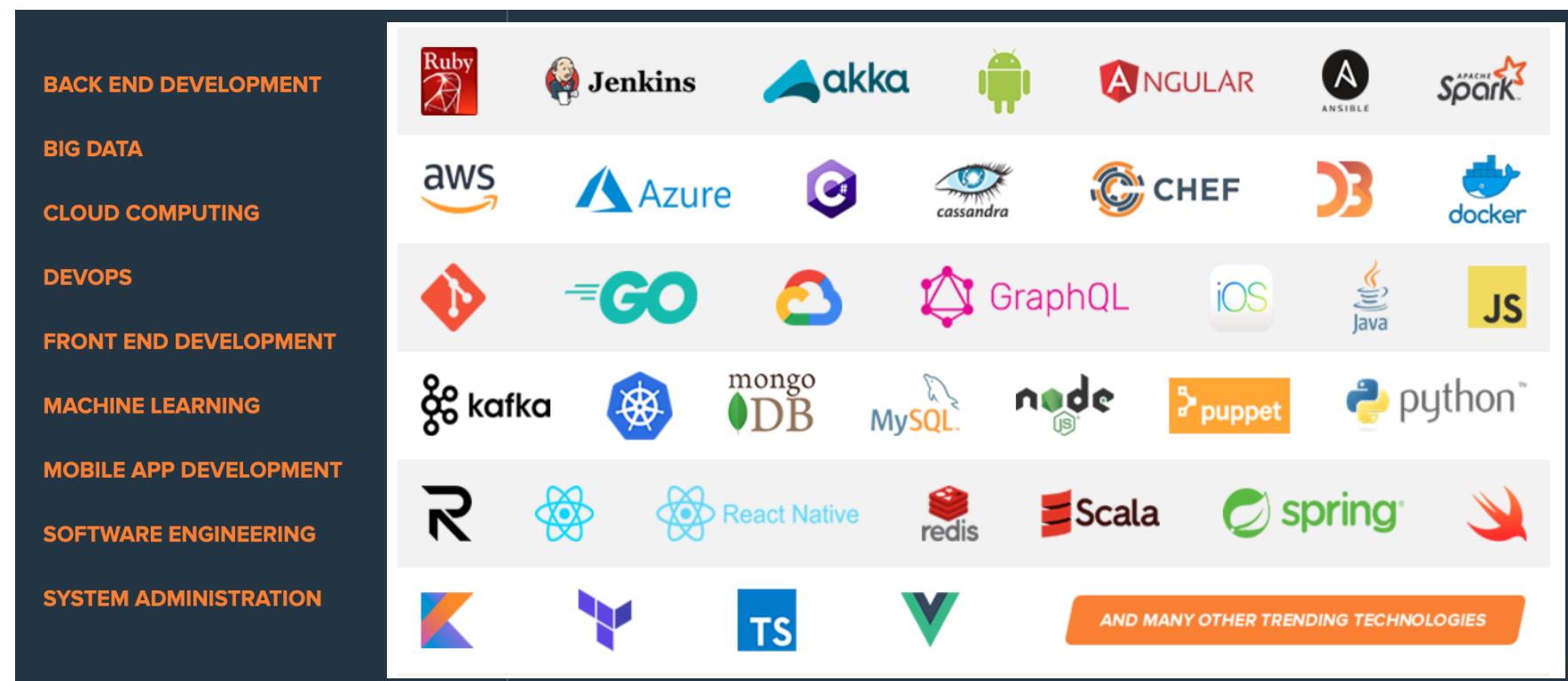


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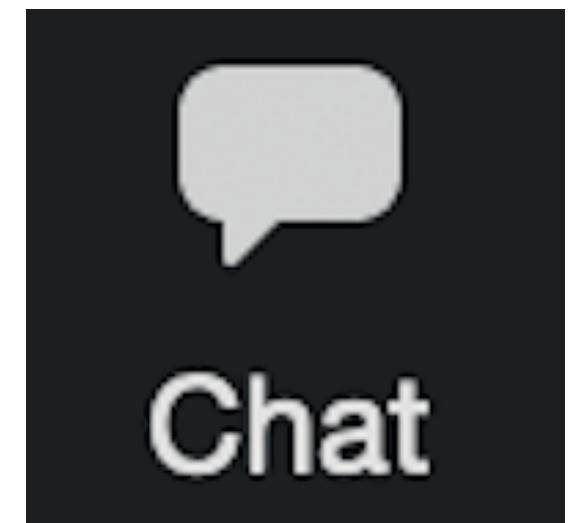
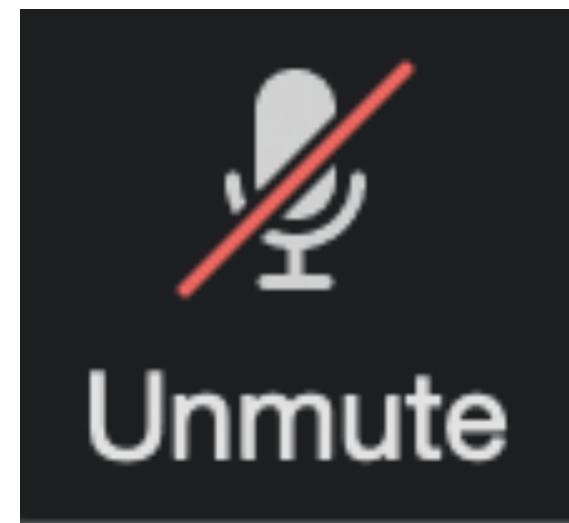
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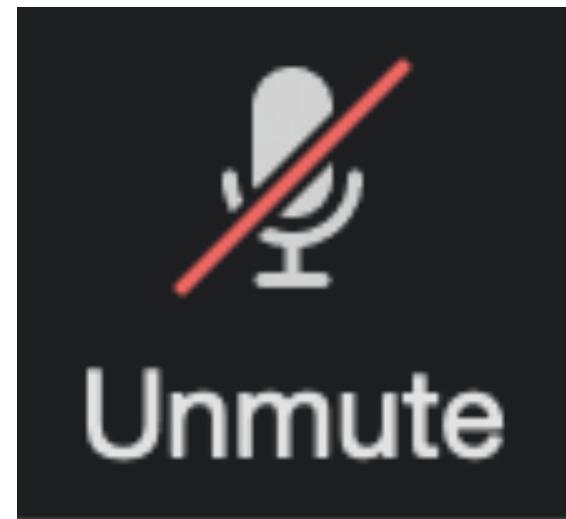




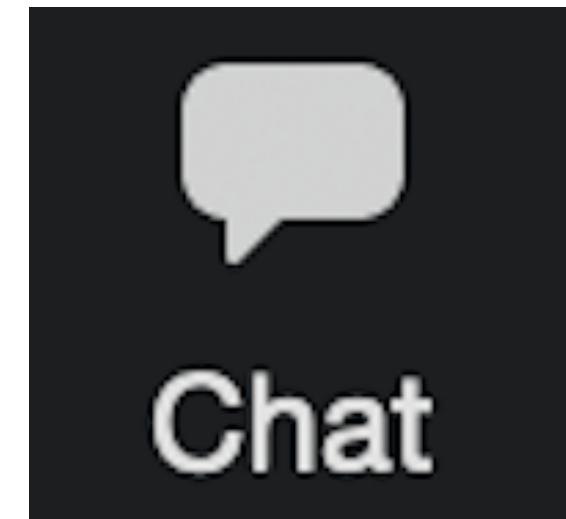
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Introductions



- One by one introduce yourself:
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 - B. Role
 - C. Previous experience in Machine Learning and NLP
 - D. What do you want to learn from this class?
 - E. Do you want to share a fun fact of yourself?



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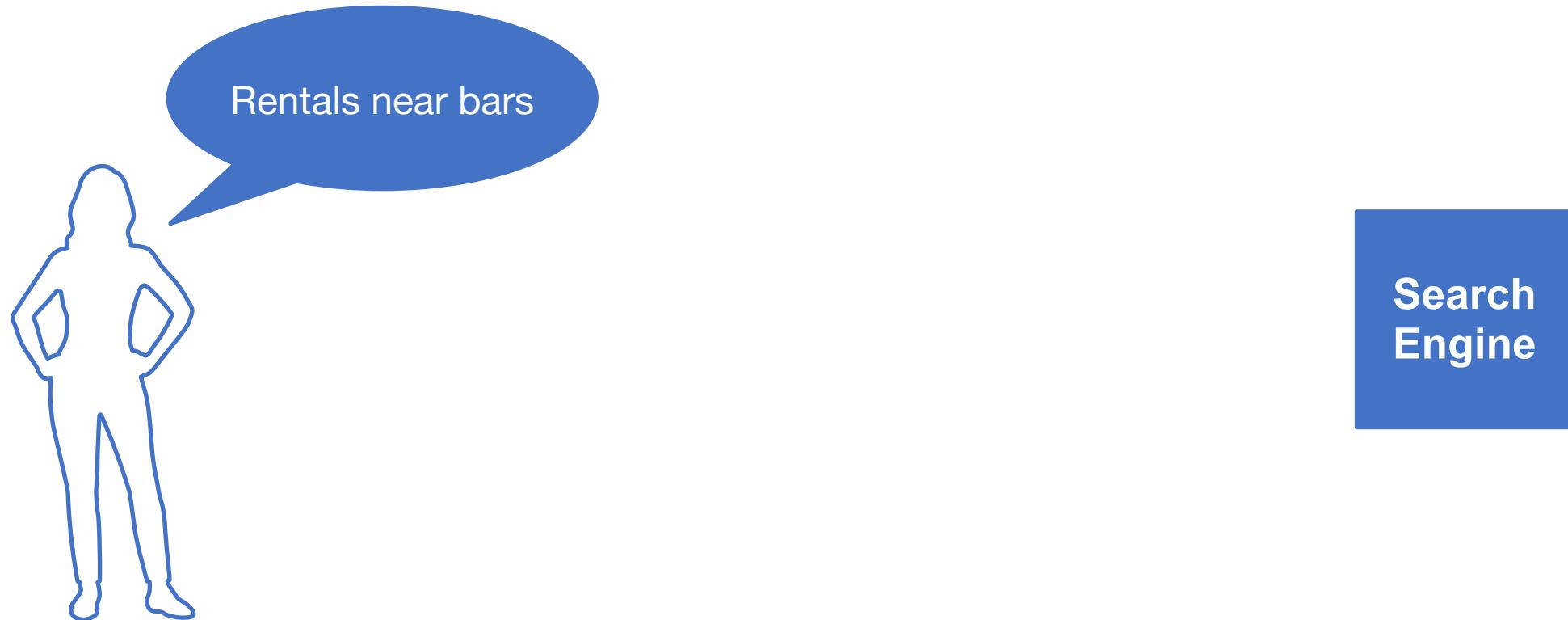


Overview of Apache Solr and
Neural Search



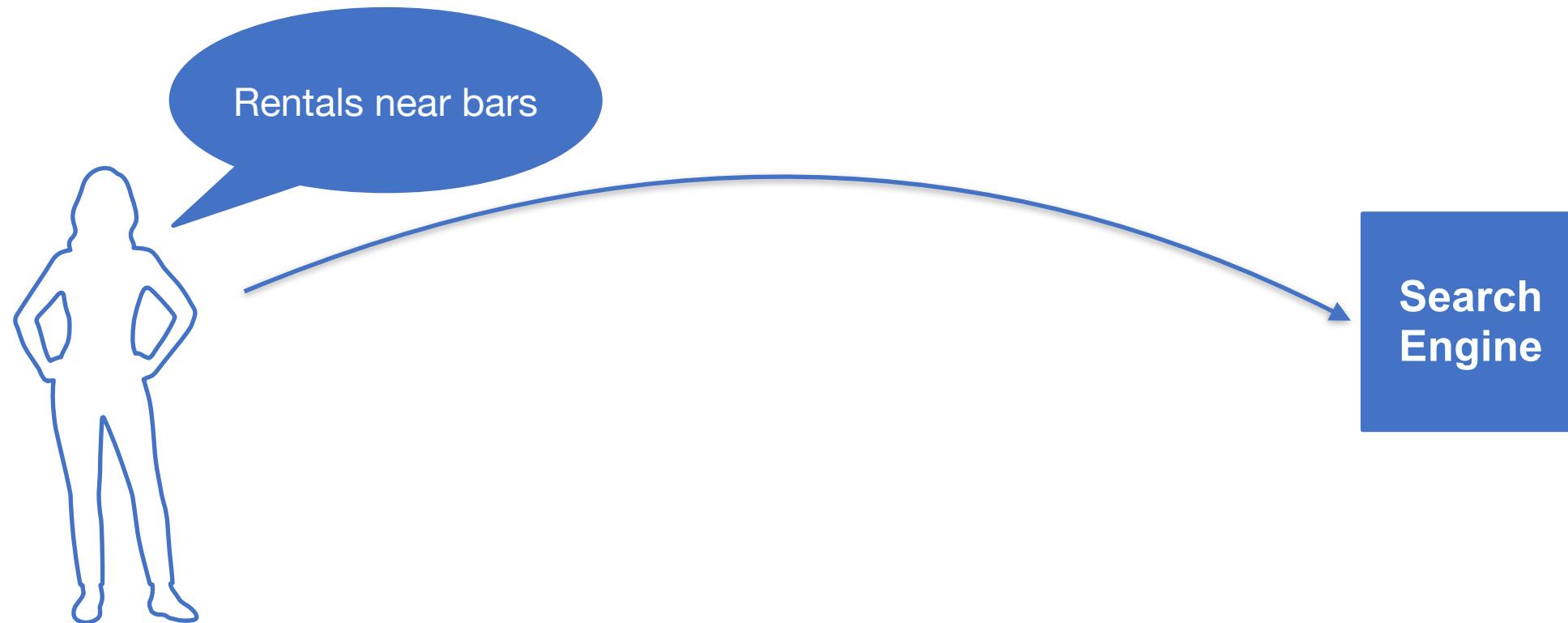


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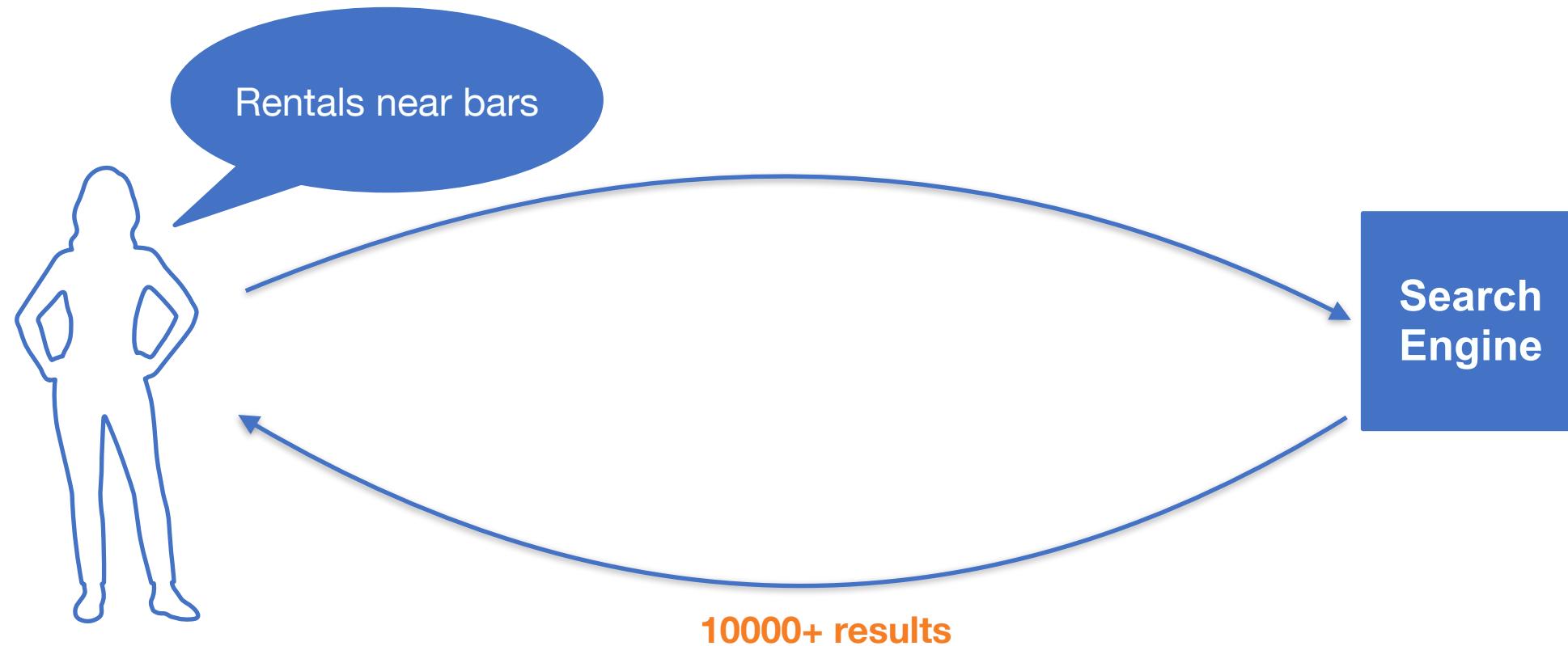


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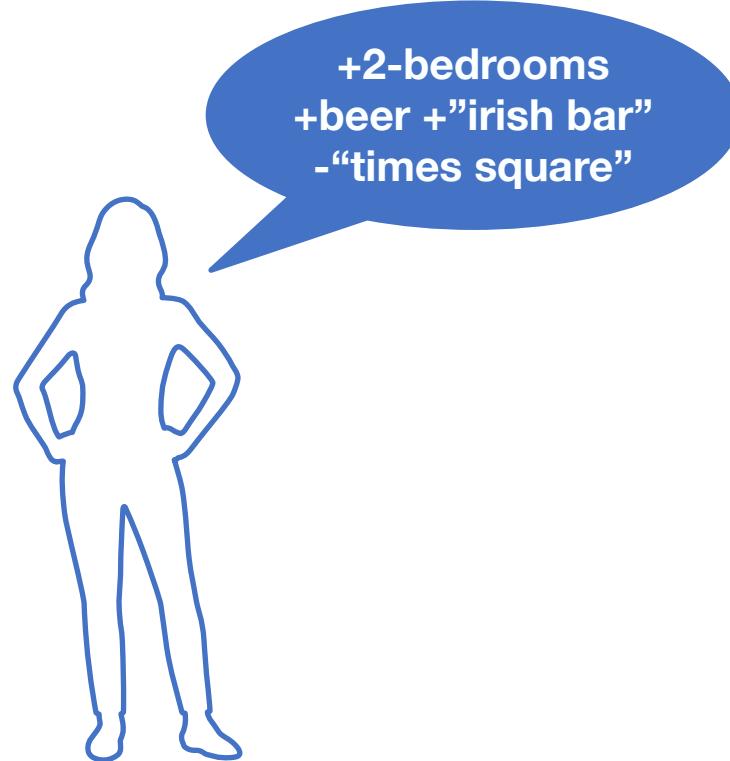


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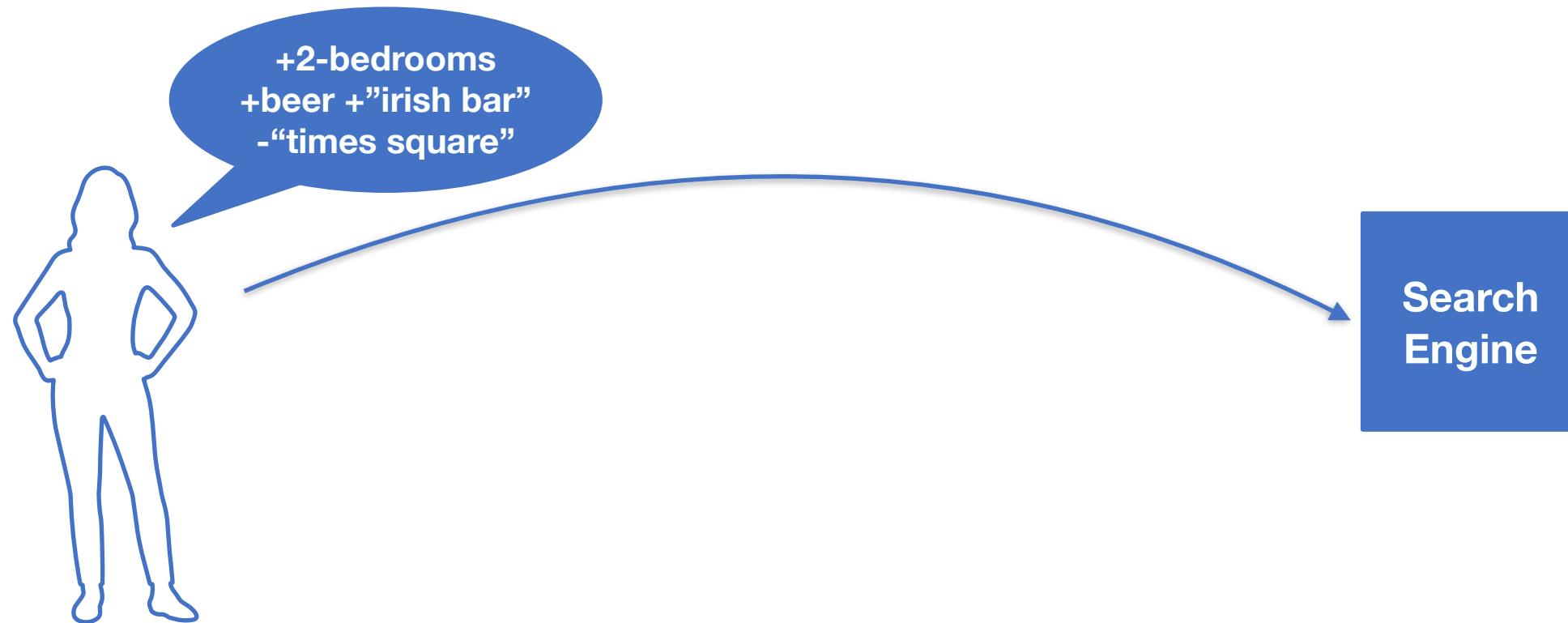
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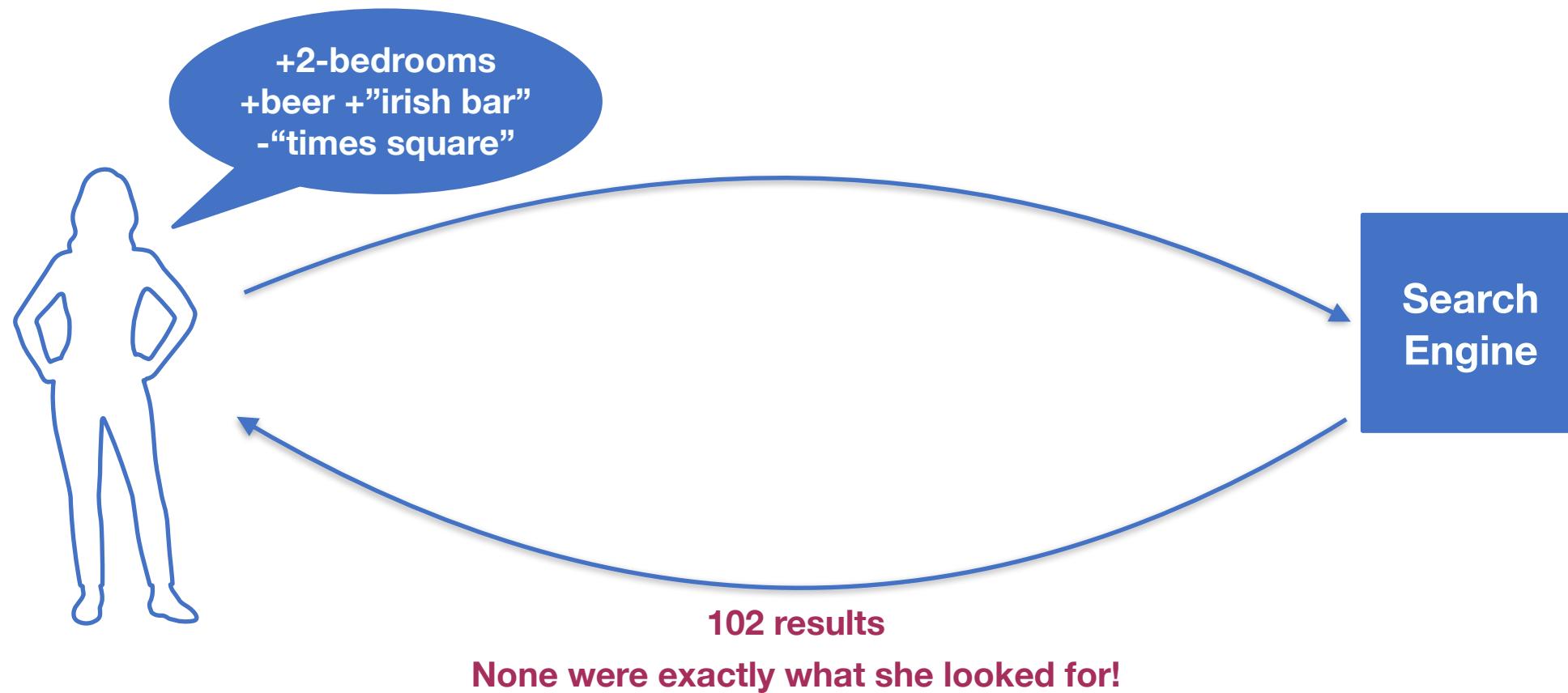


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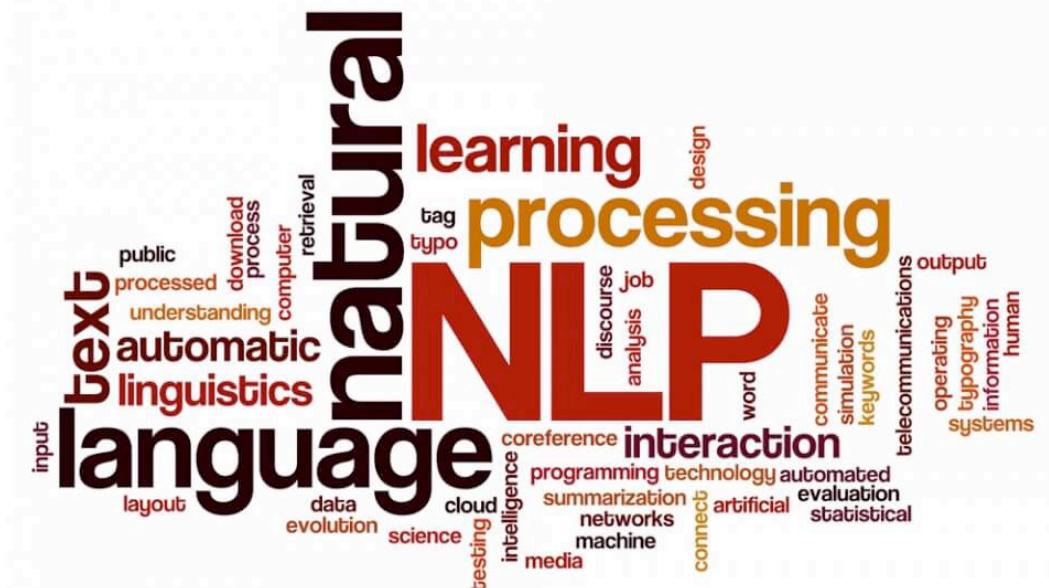
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**Neural Search comes to solve
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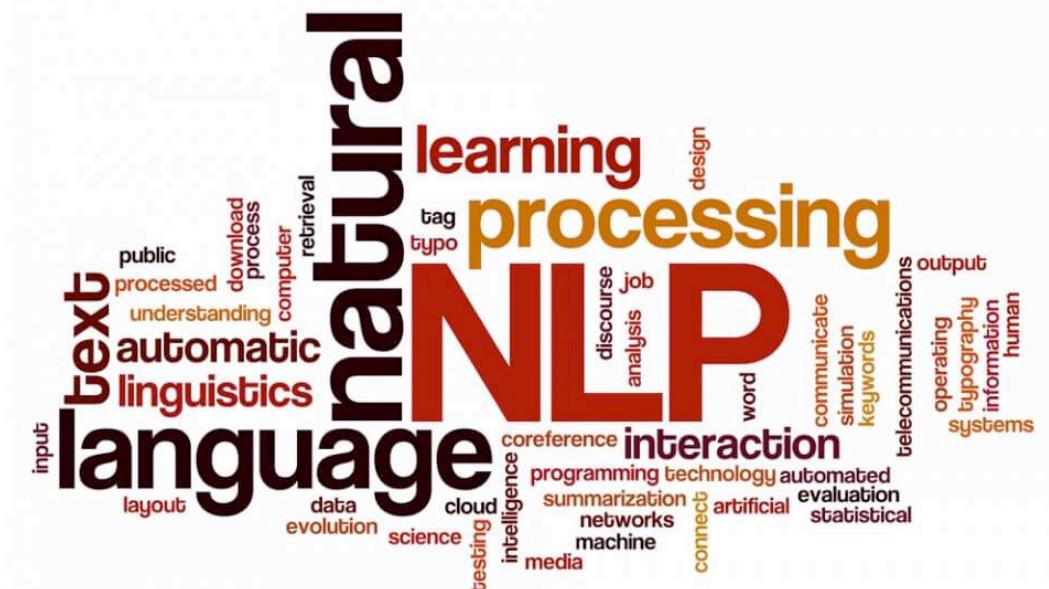




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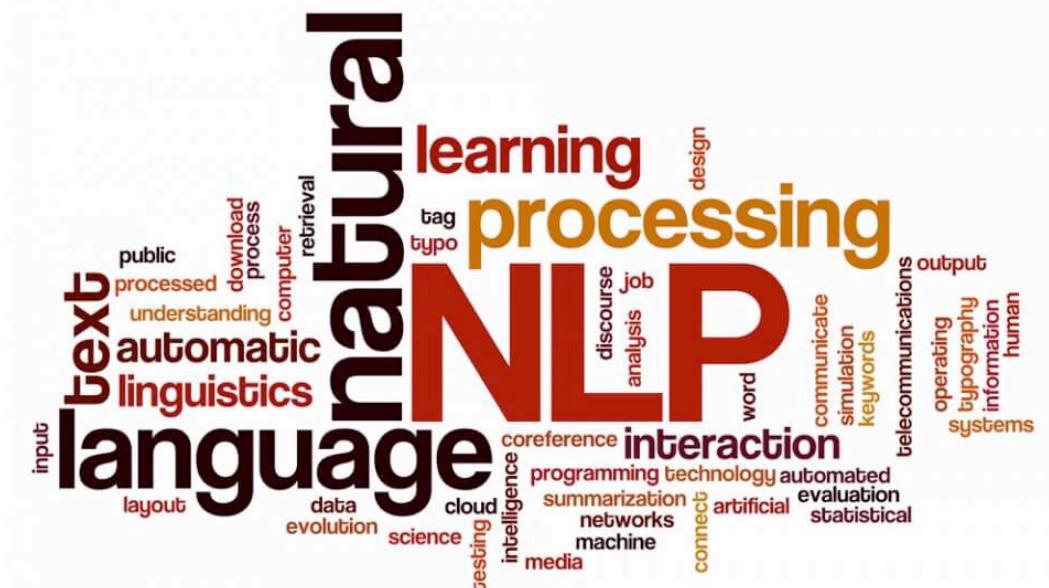




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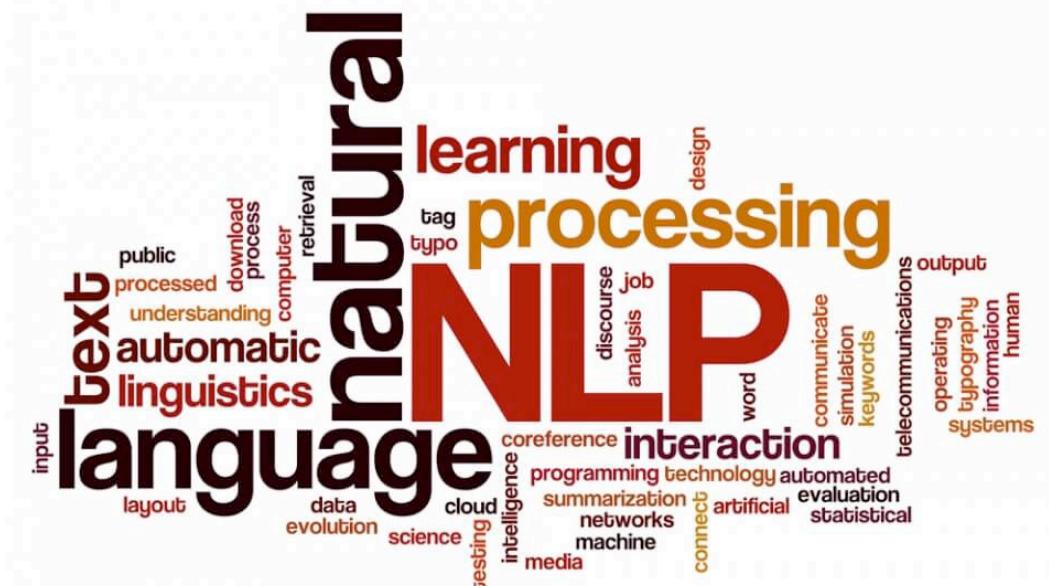




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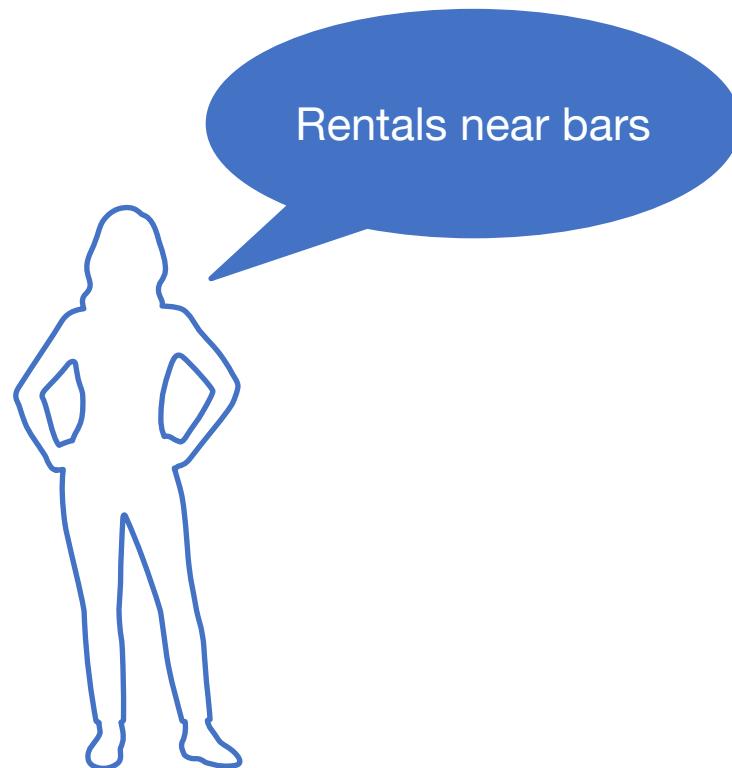


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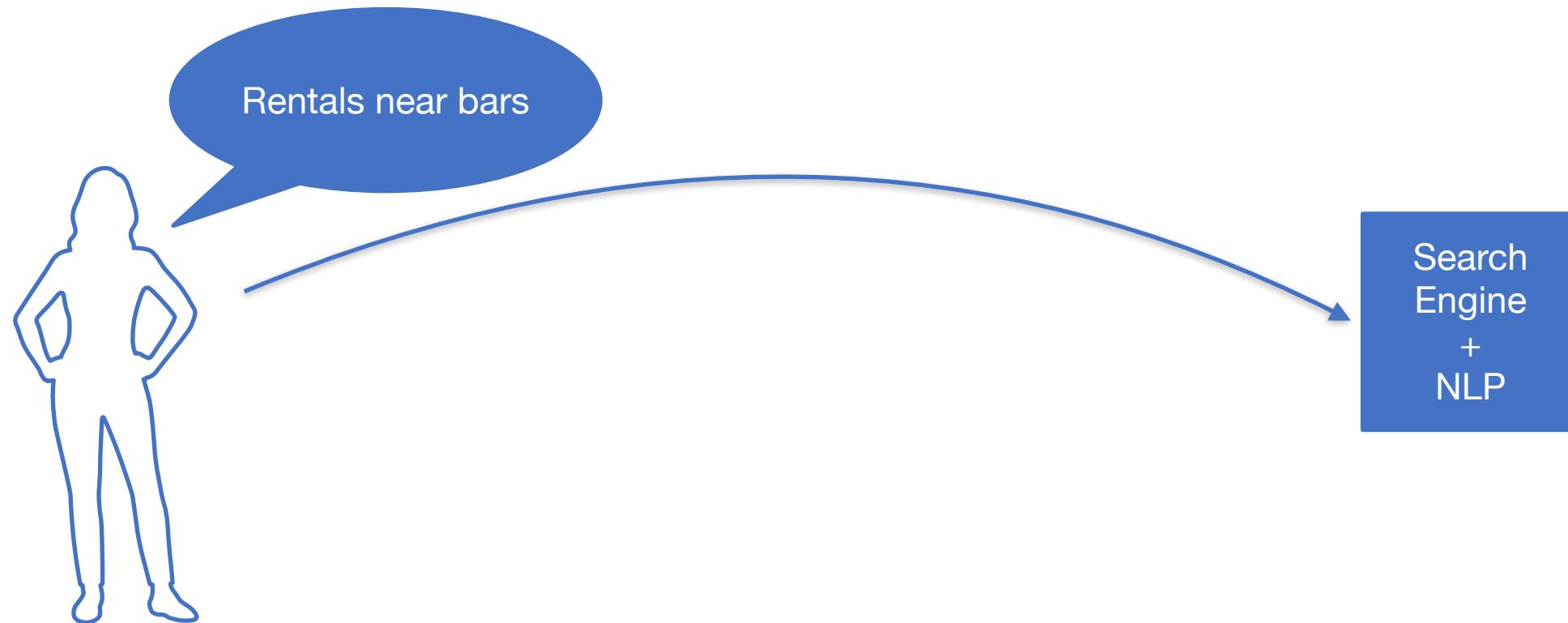
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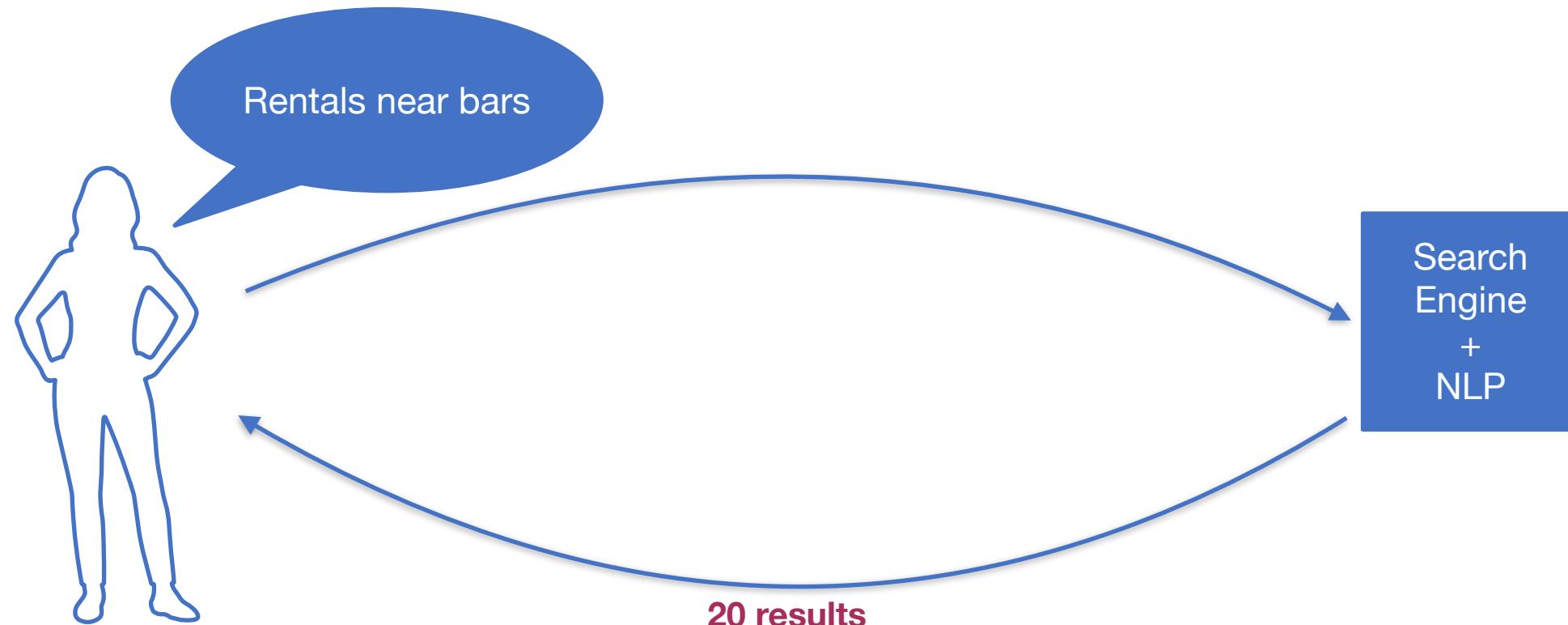


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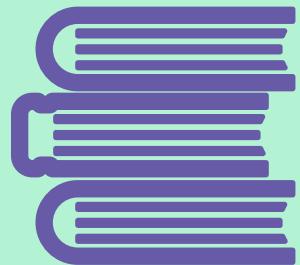
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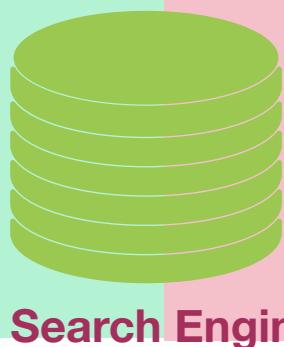
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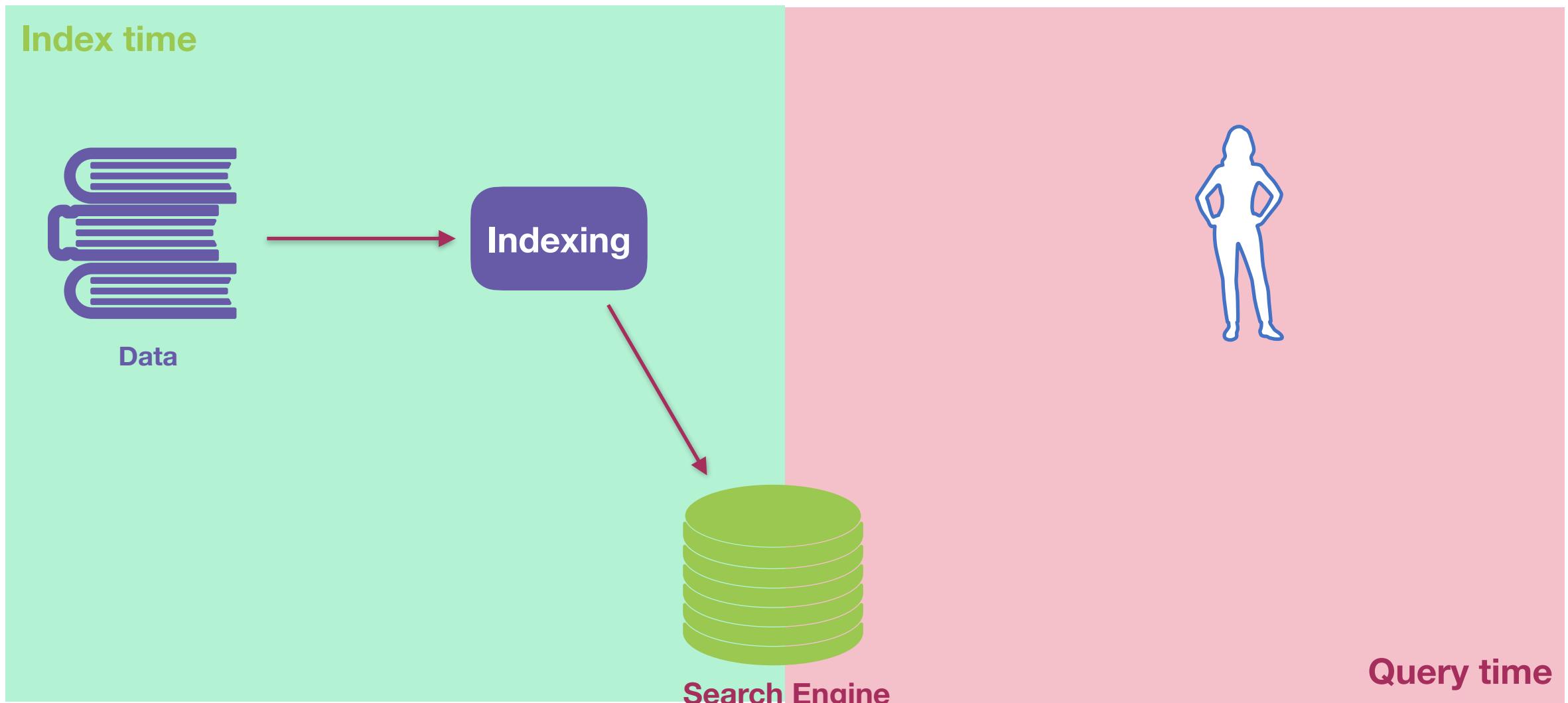
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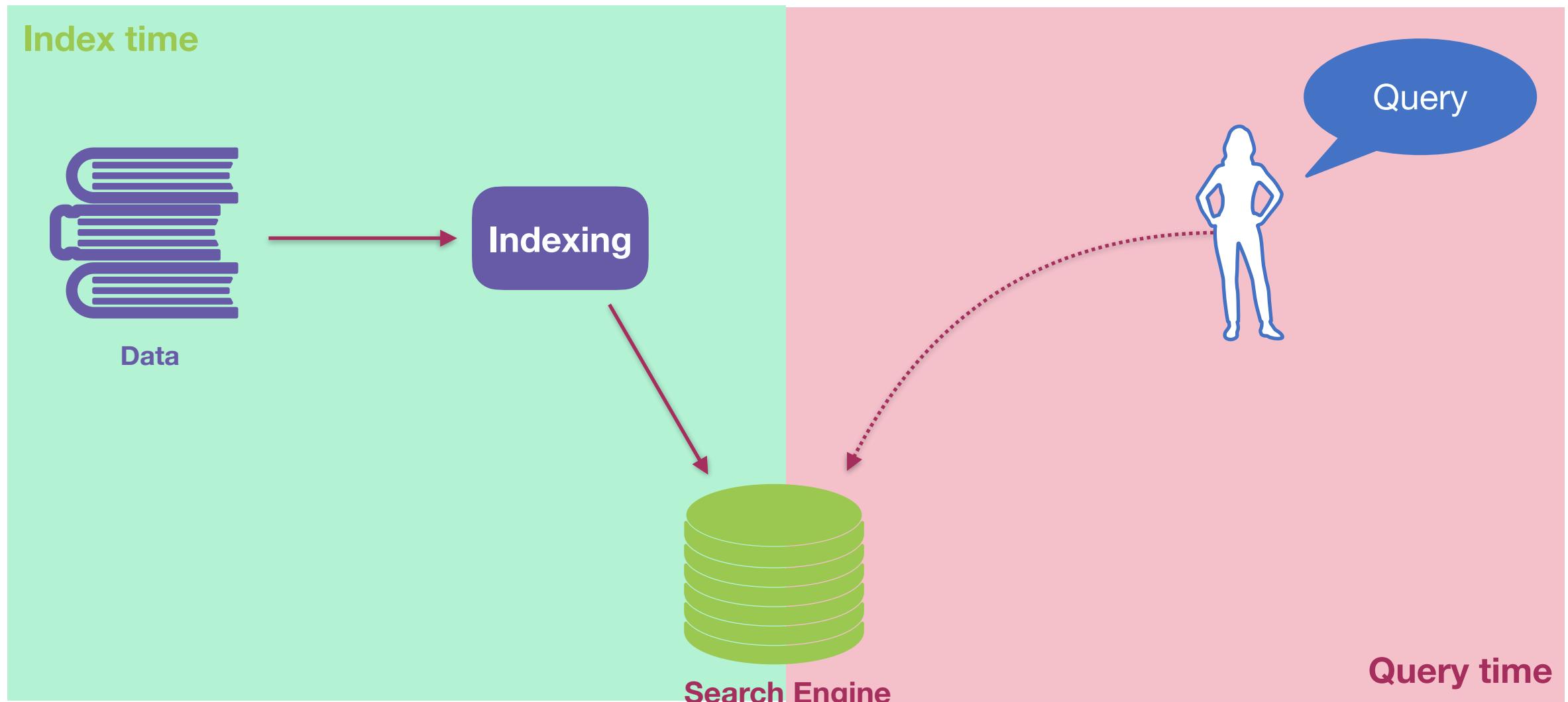


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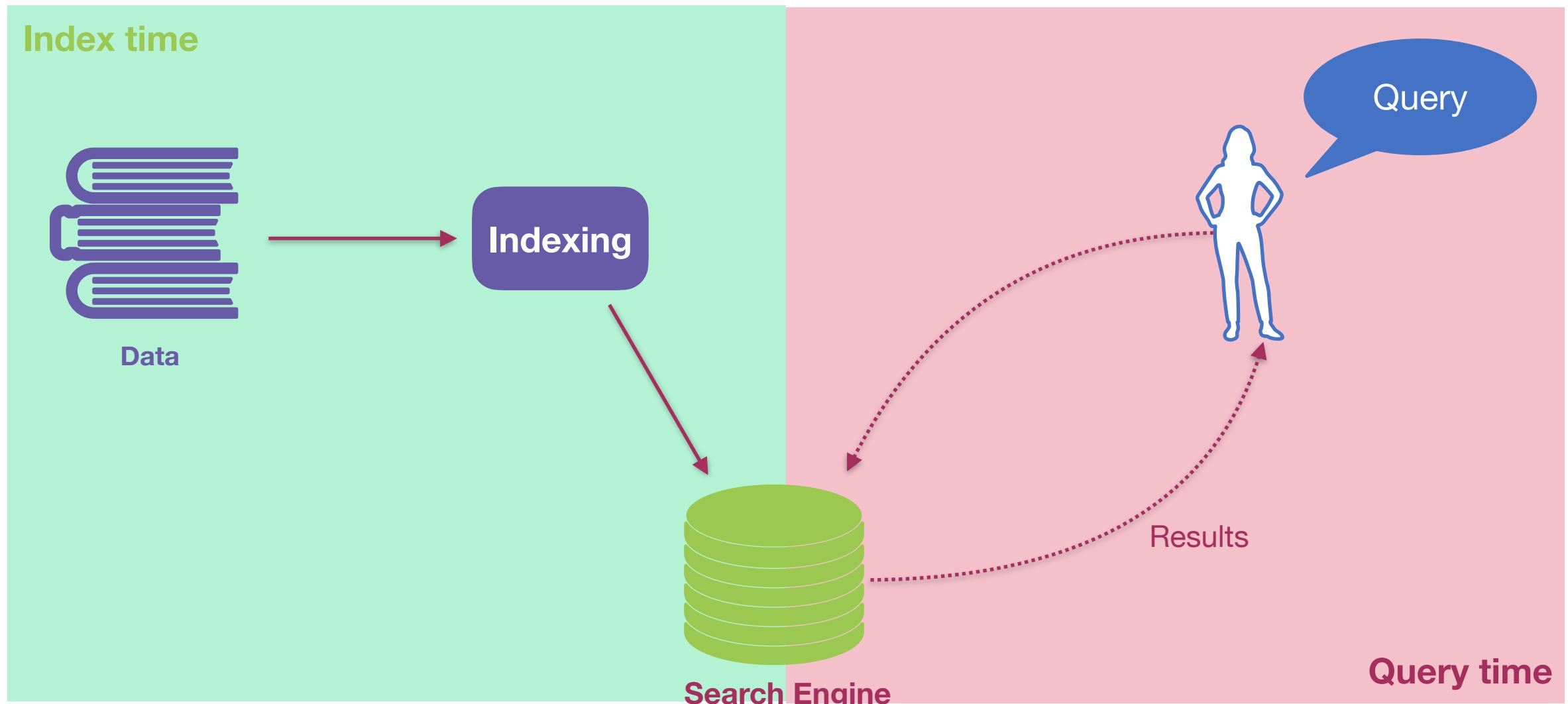


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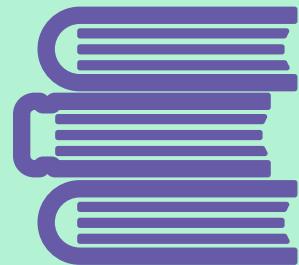




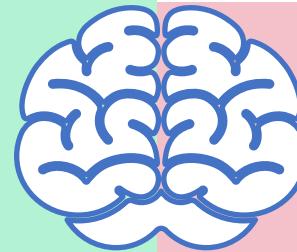
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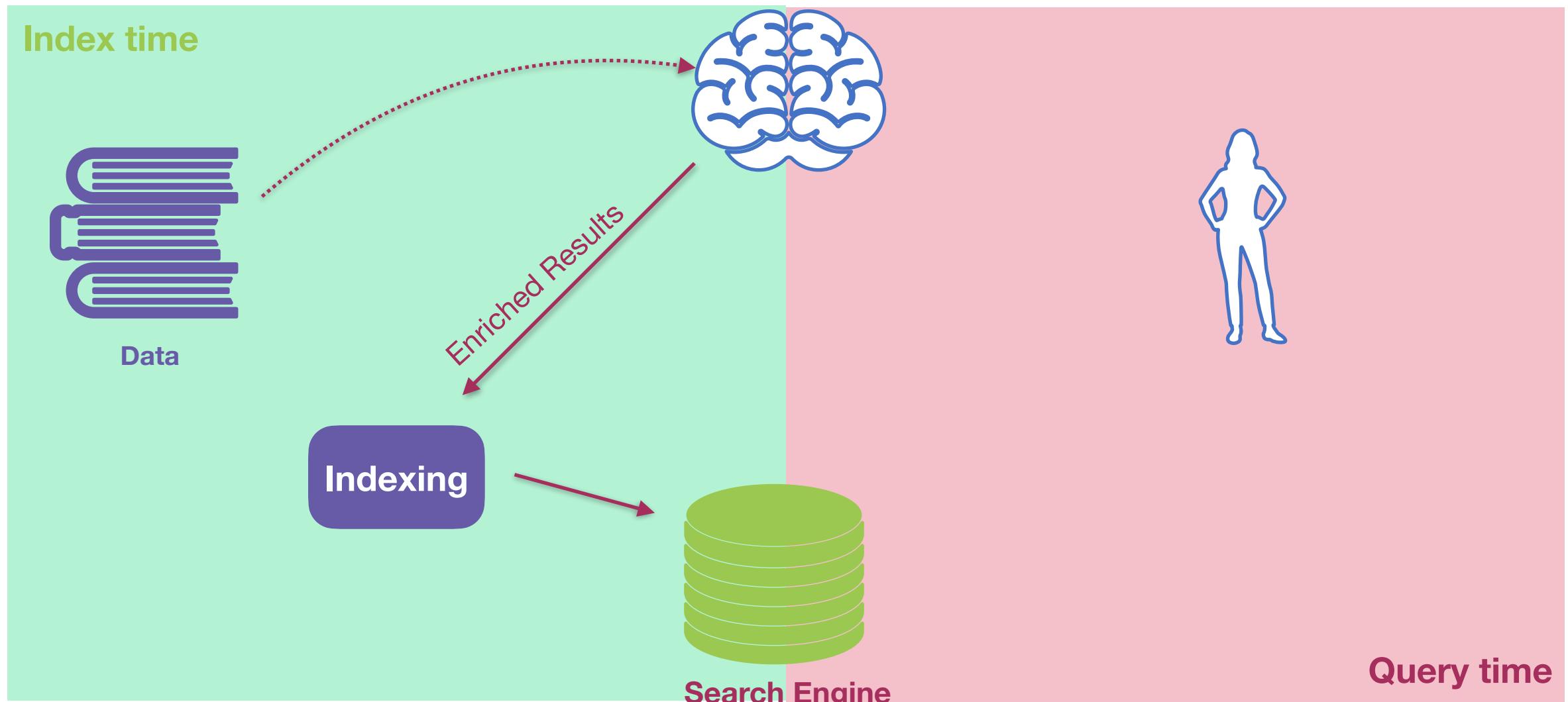
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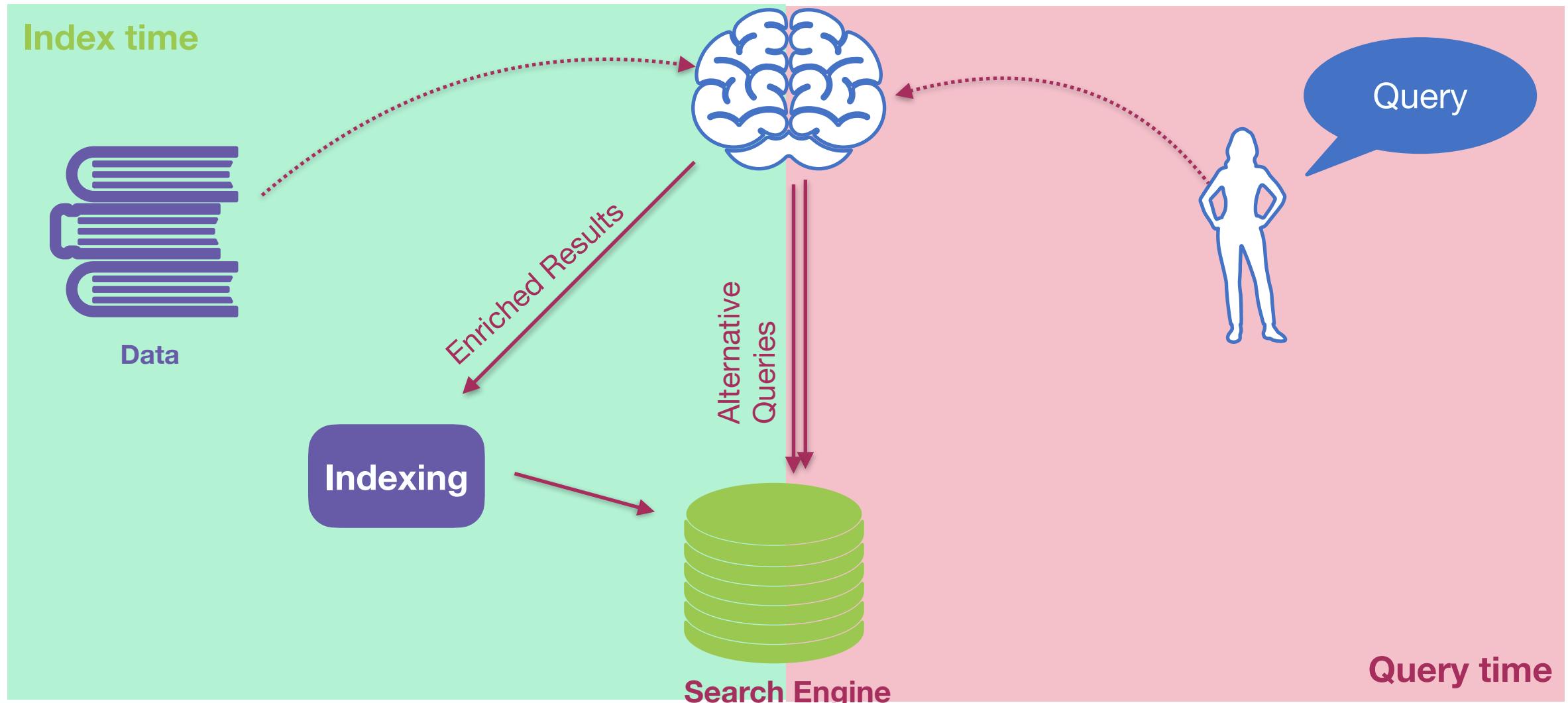


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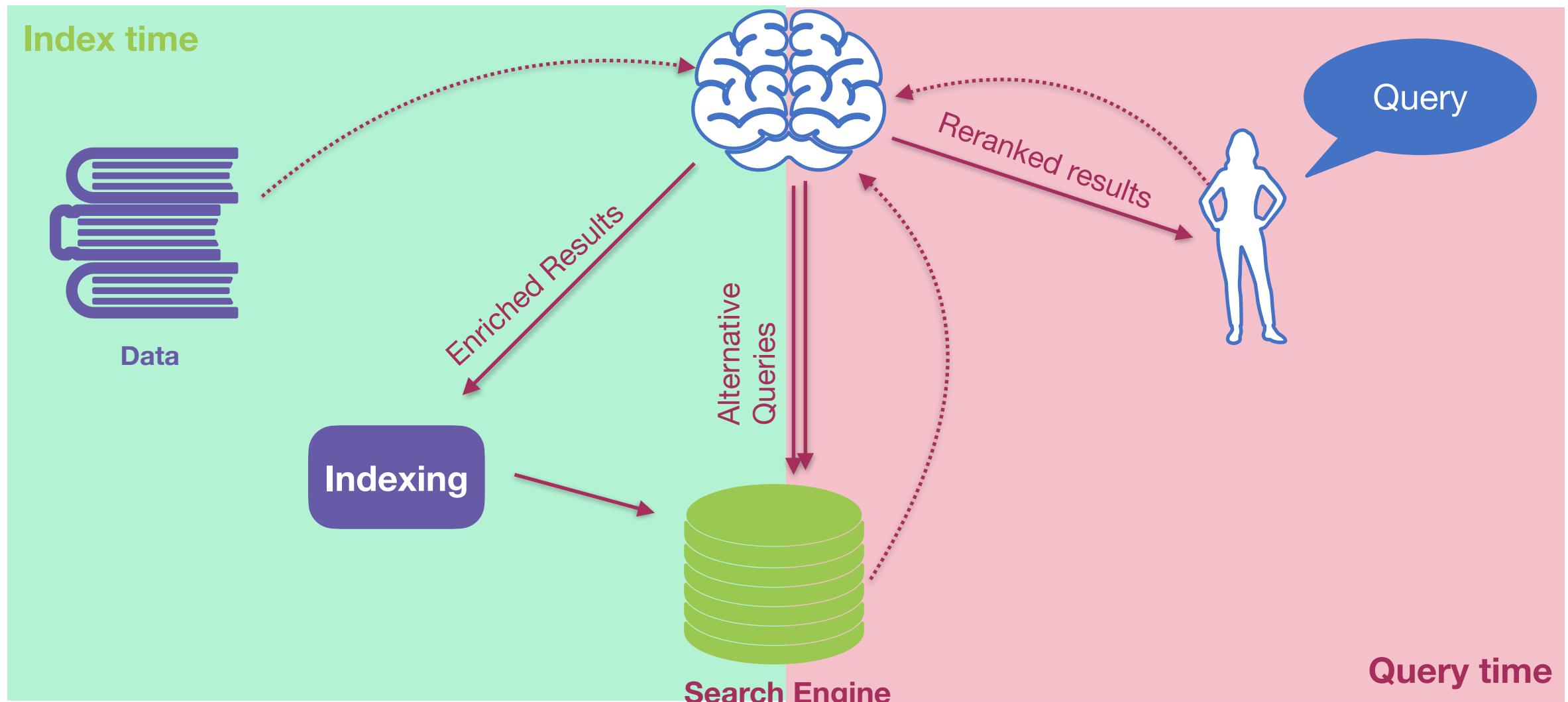


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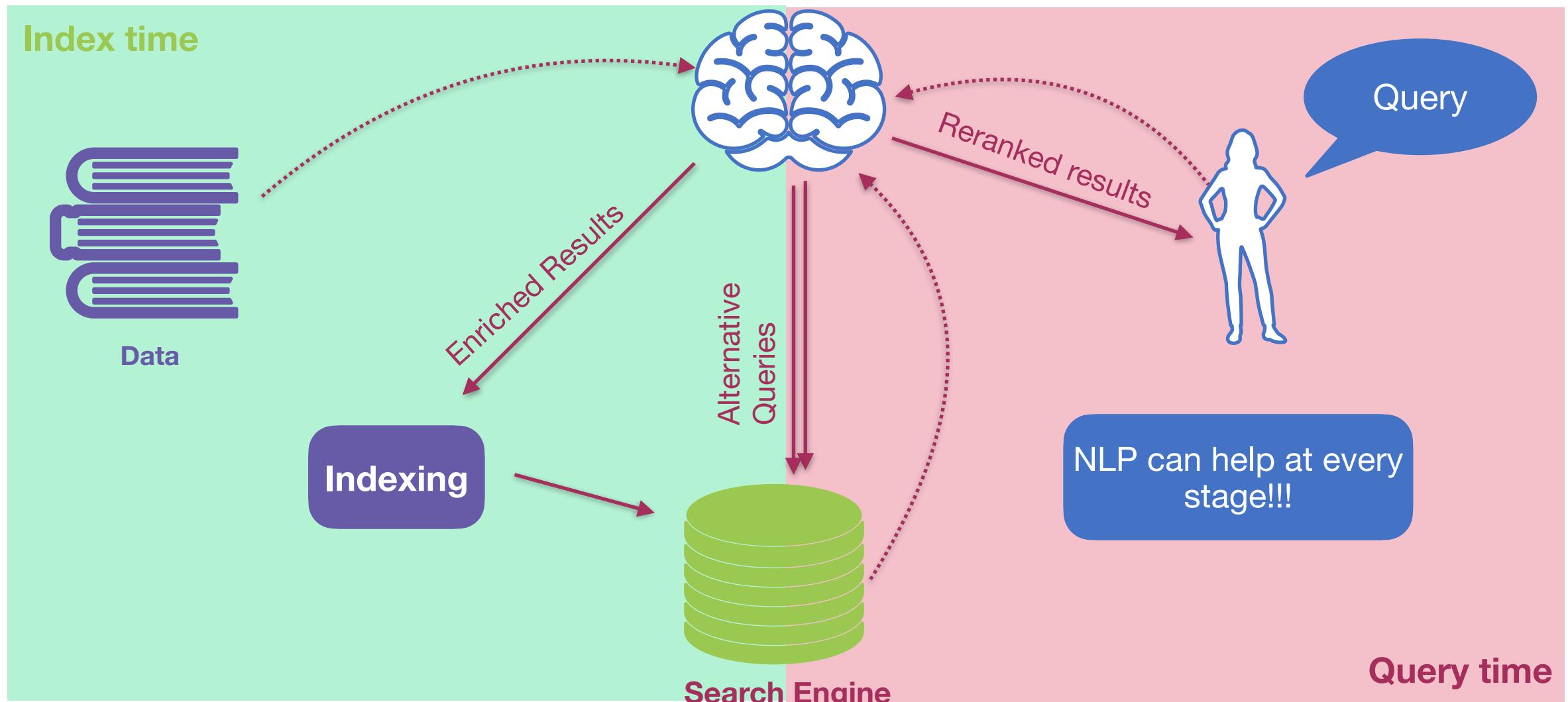


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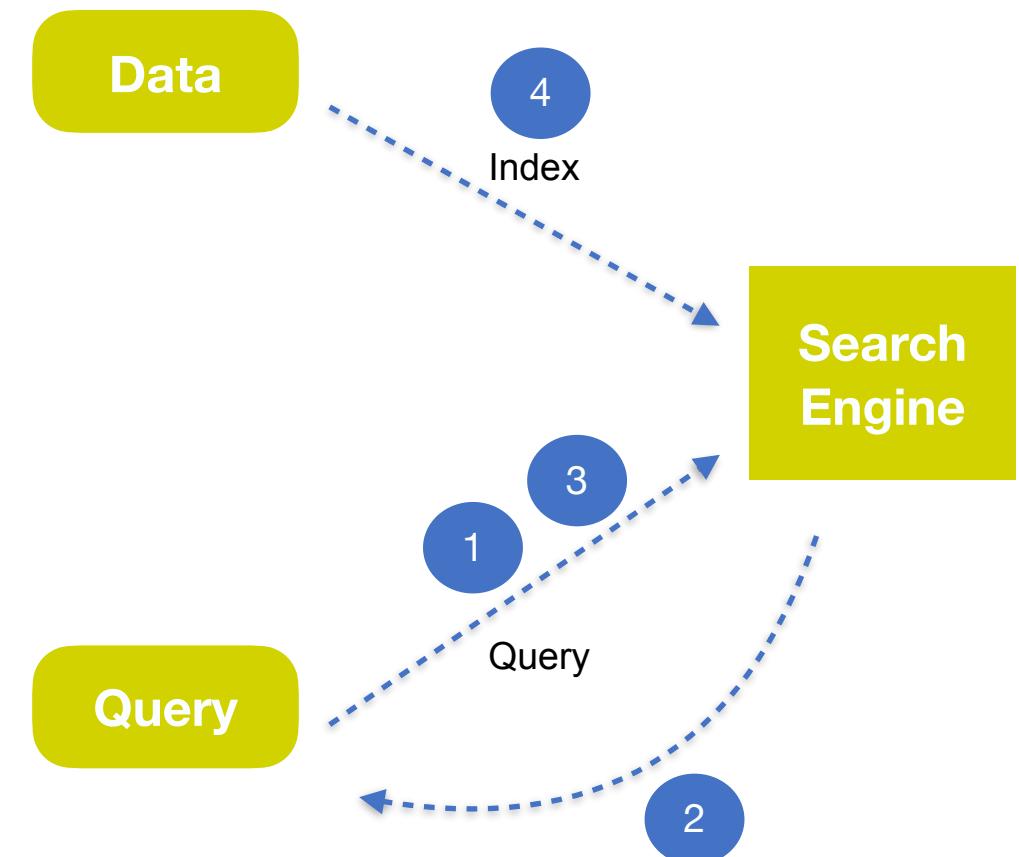
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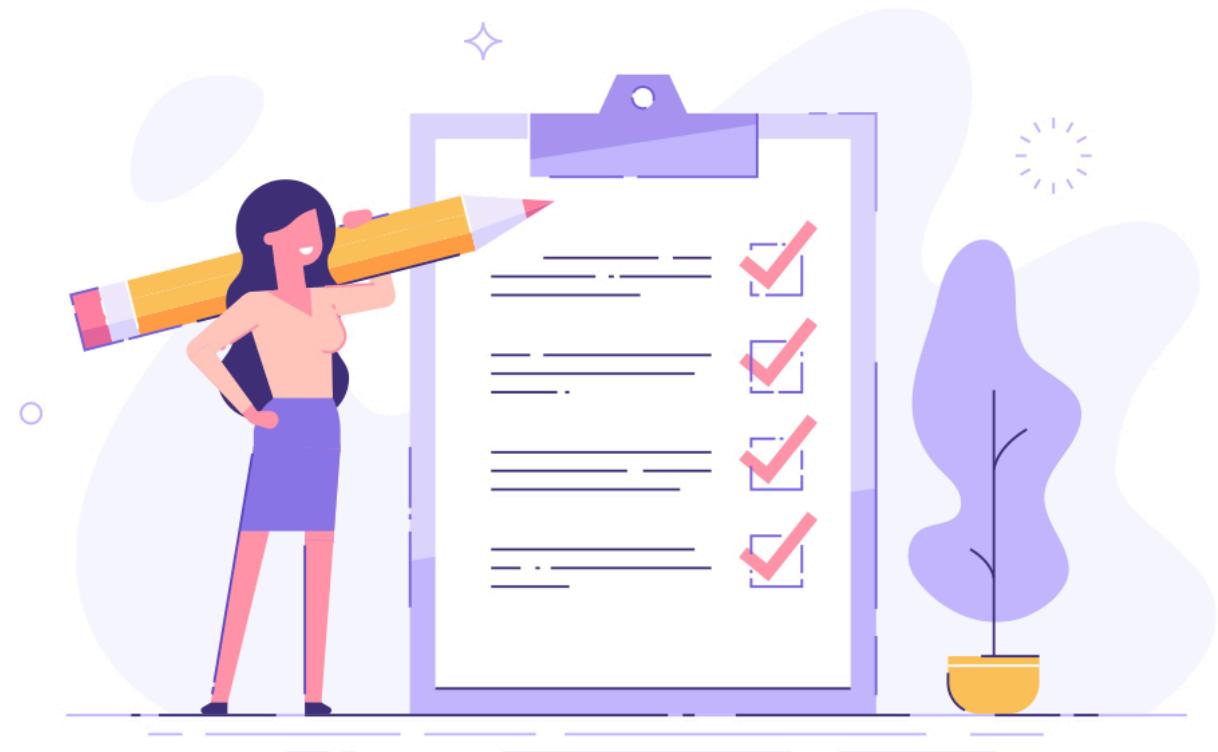
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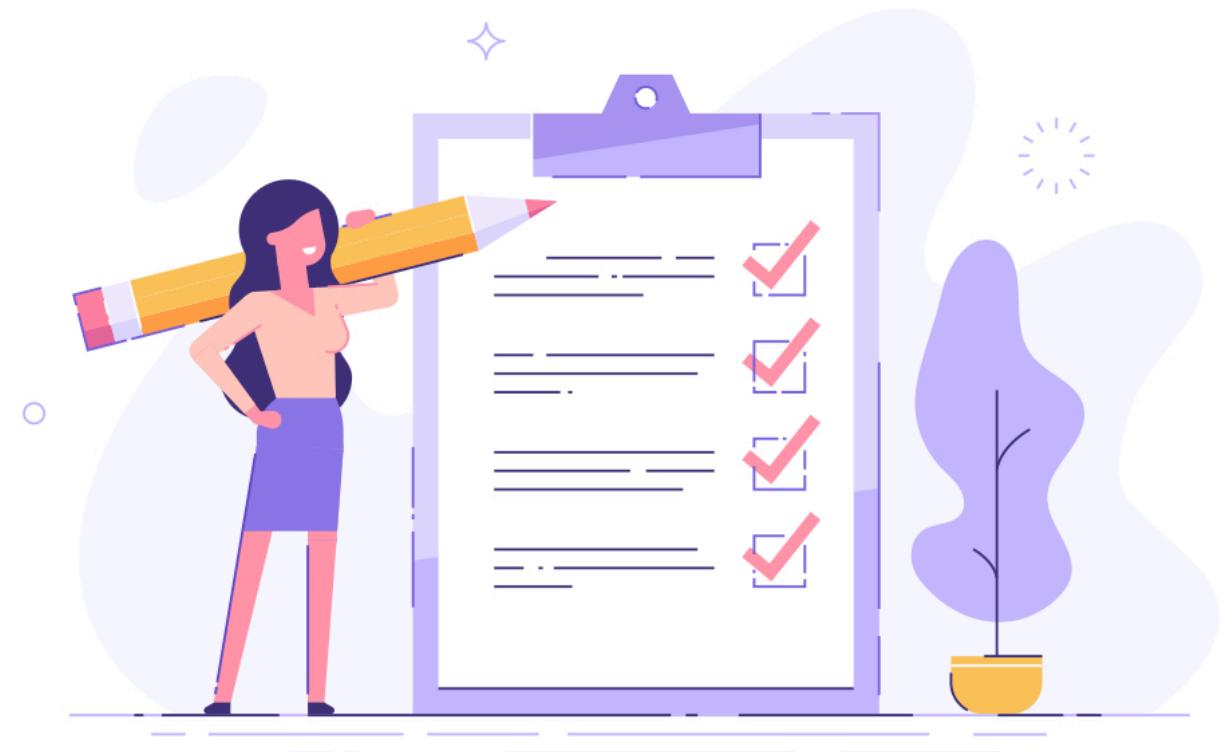




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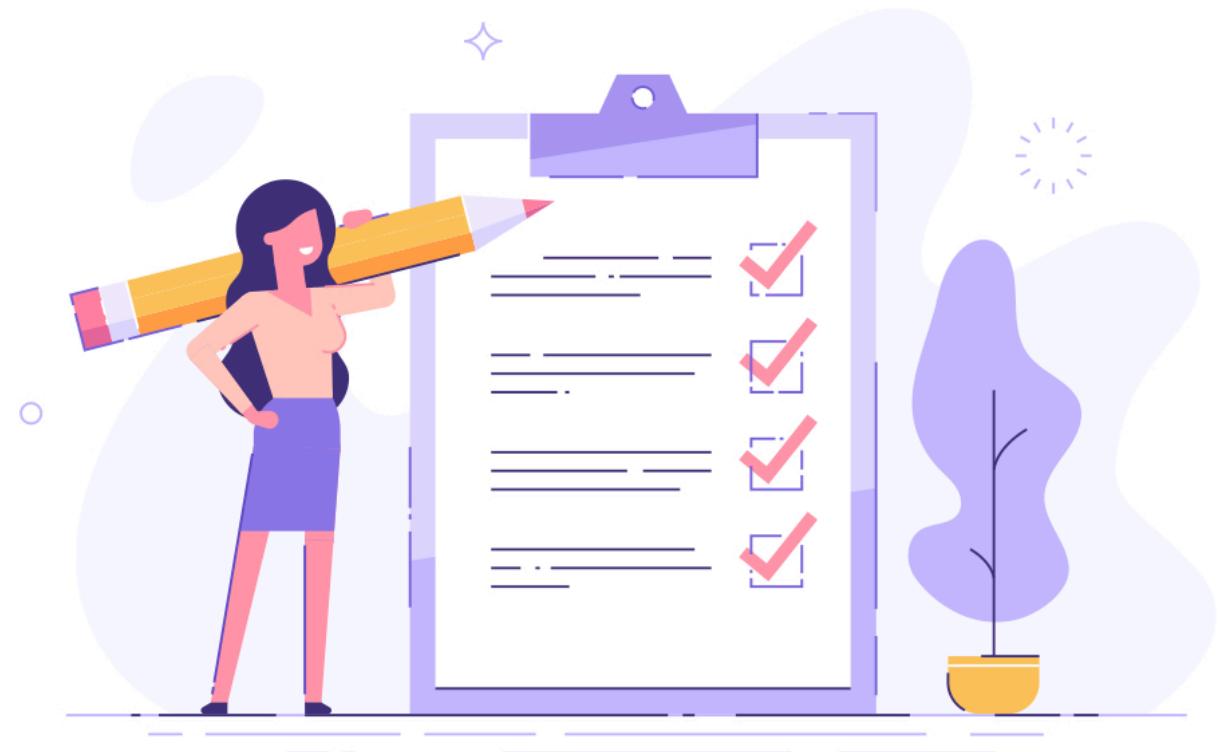




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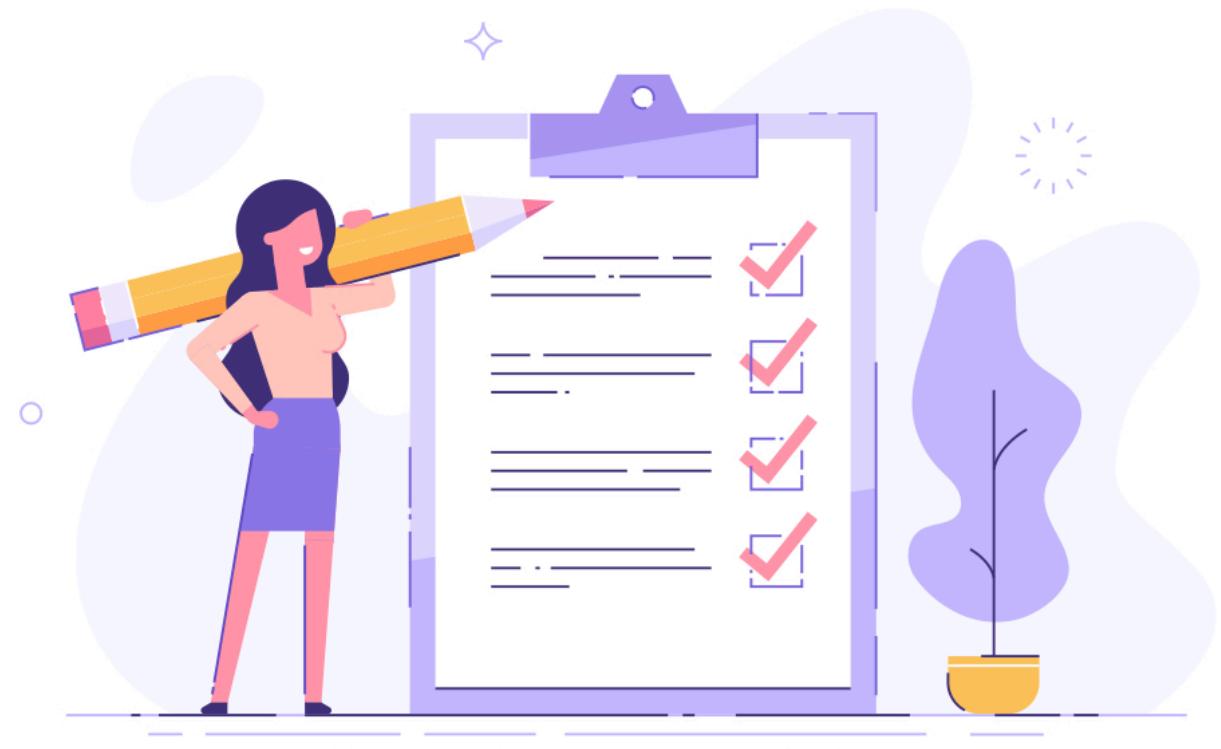
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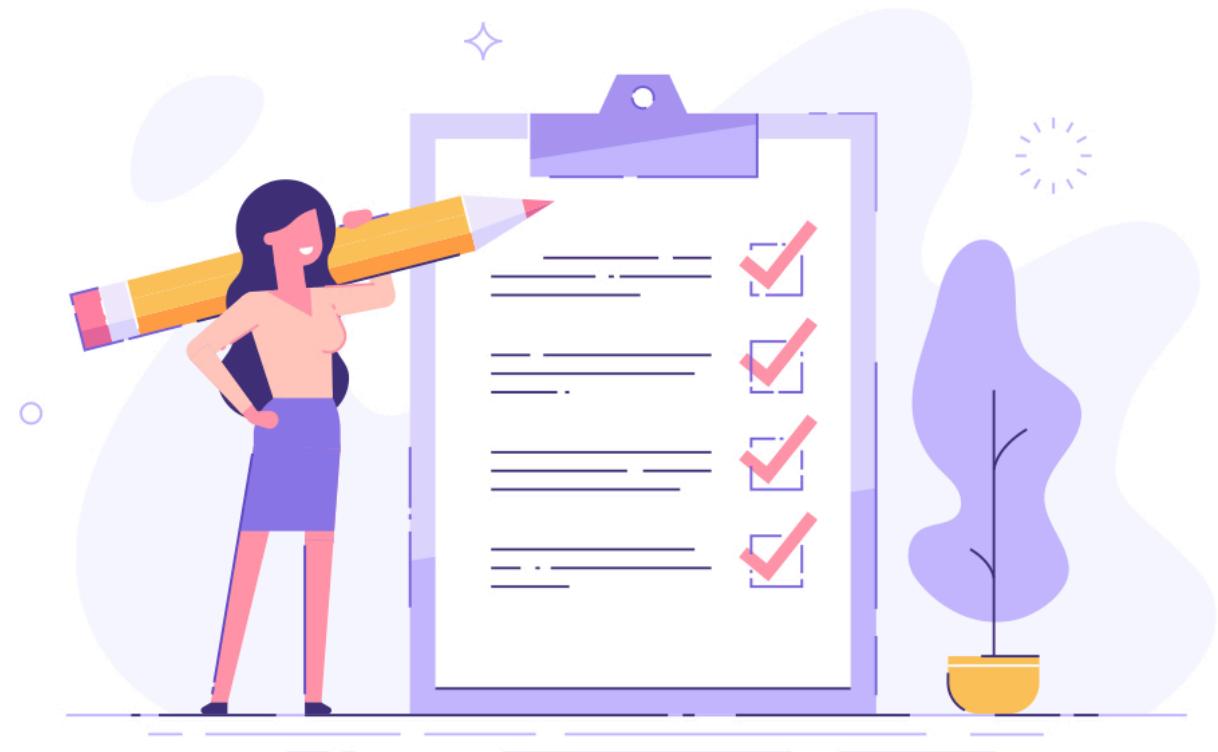


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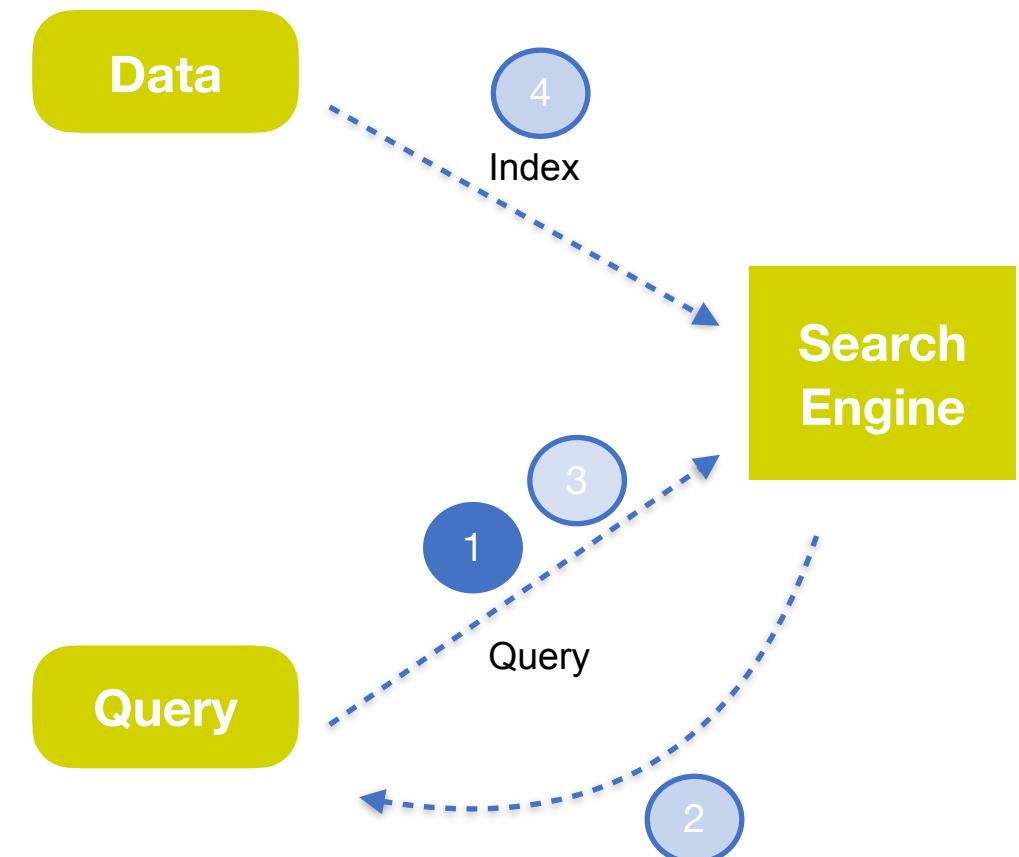
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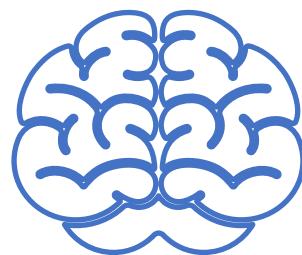


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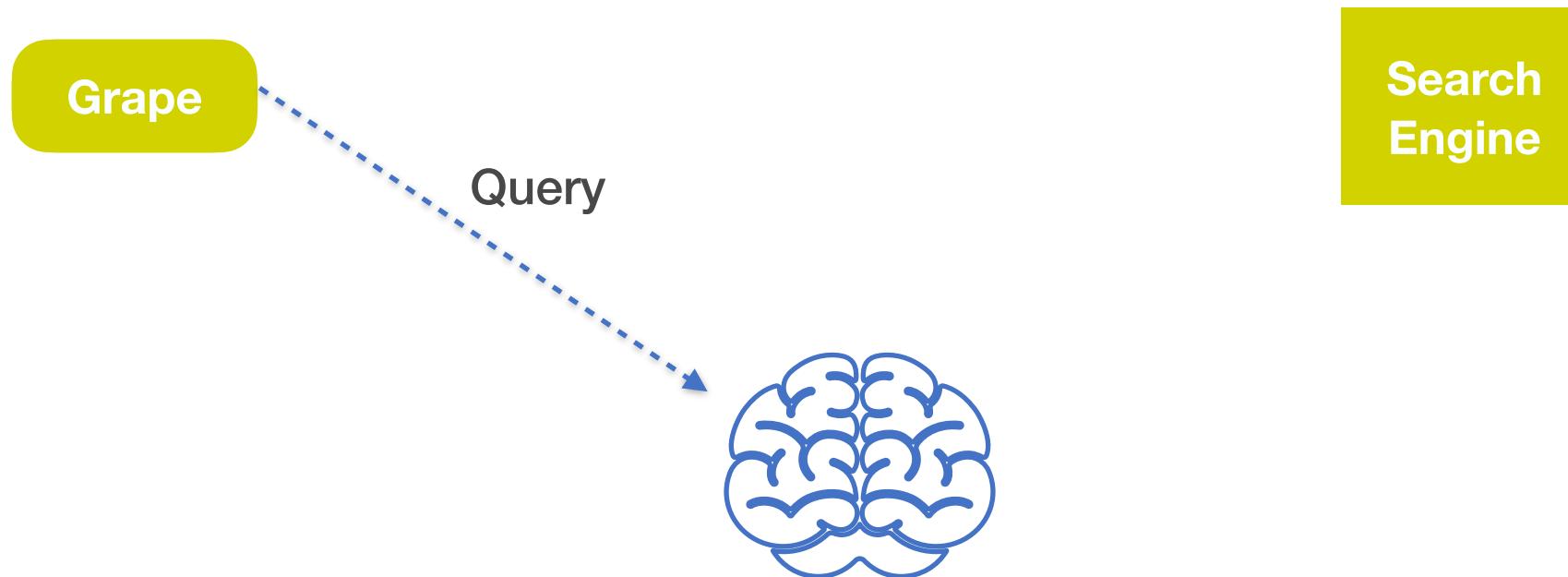
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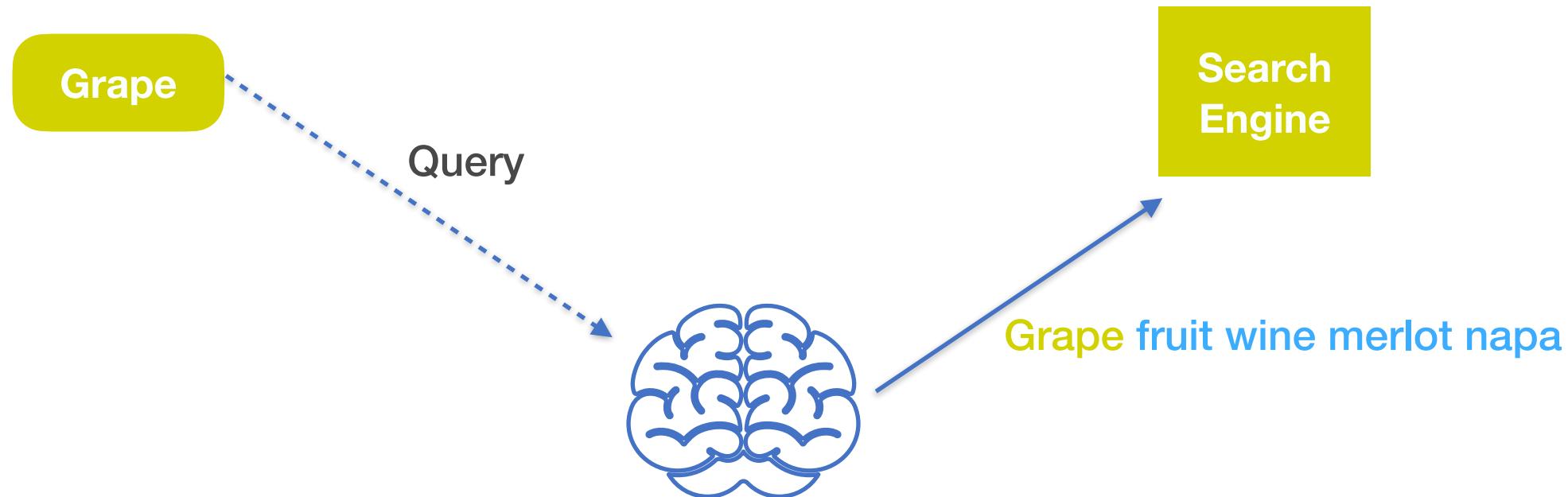


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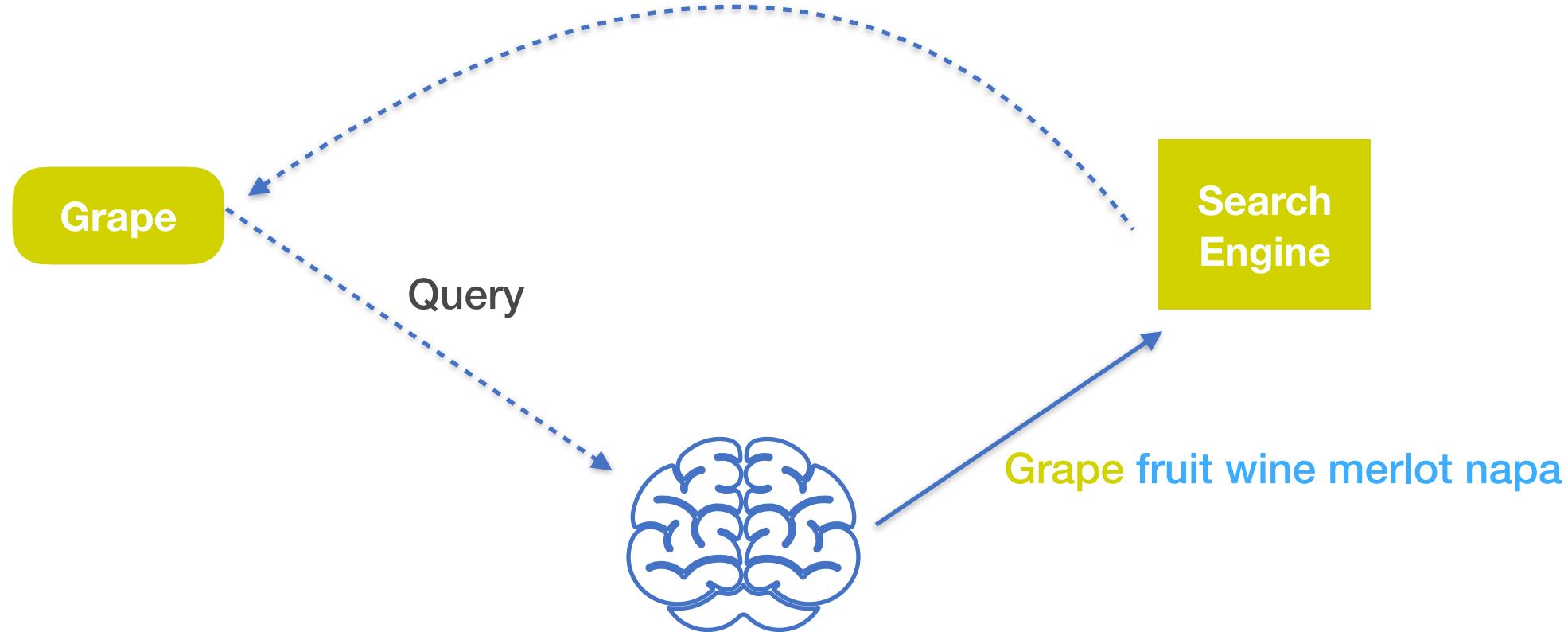


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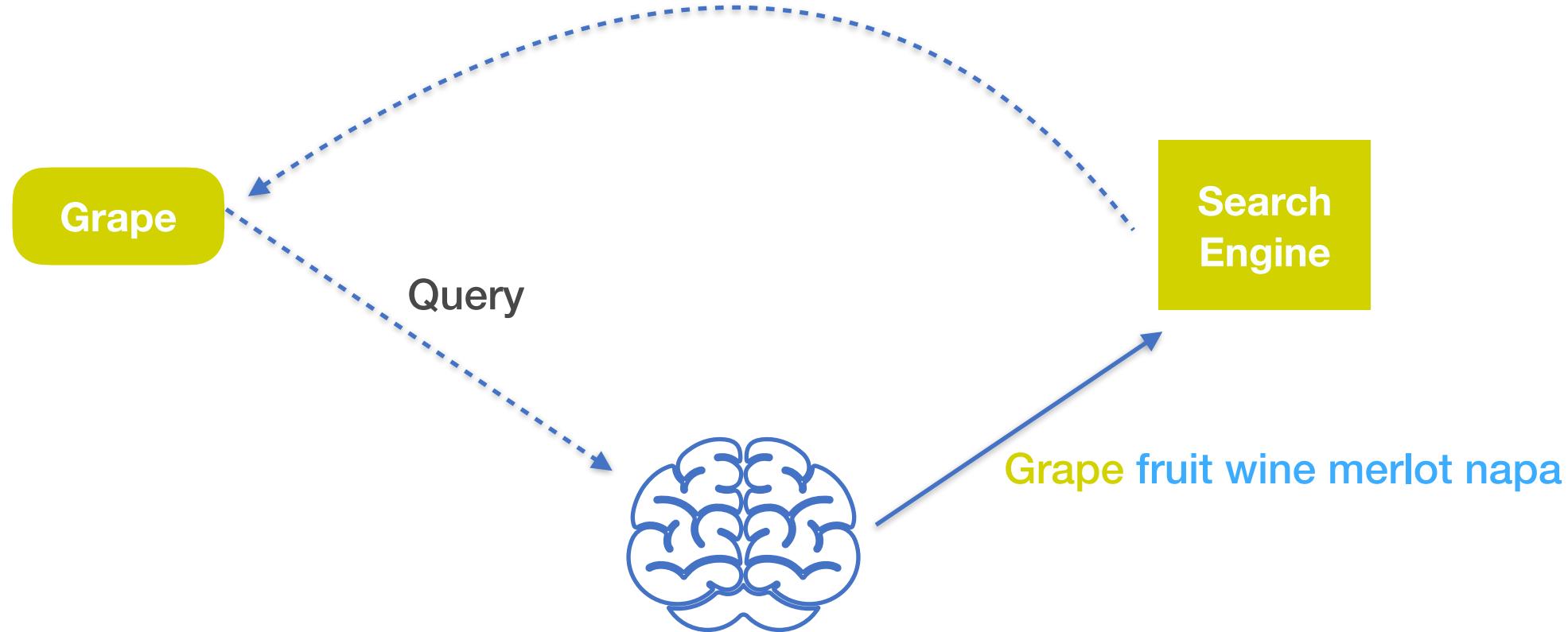


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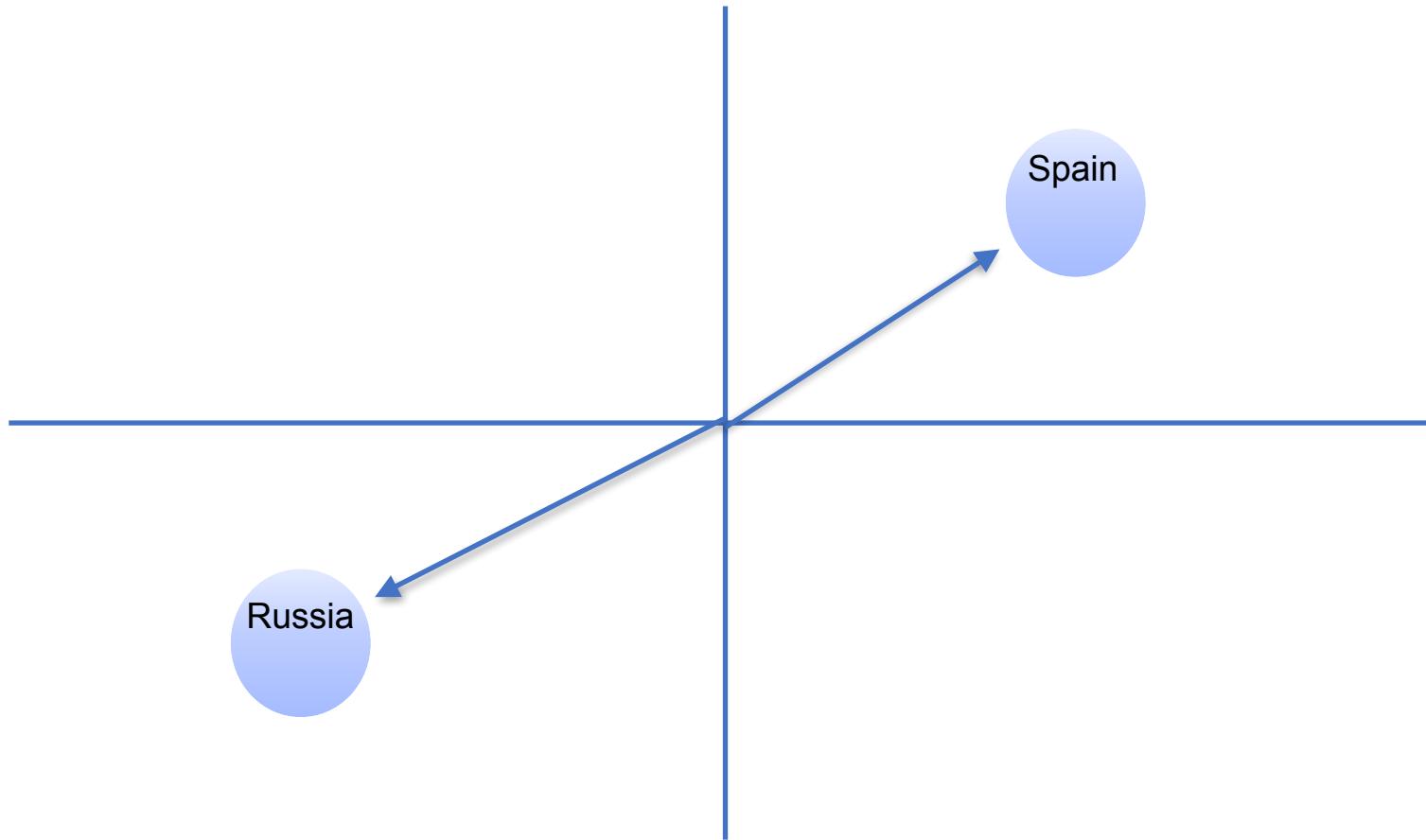
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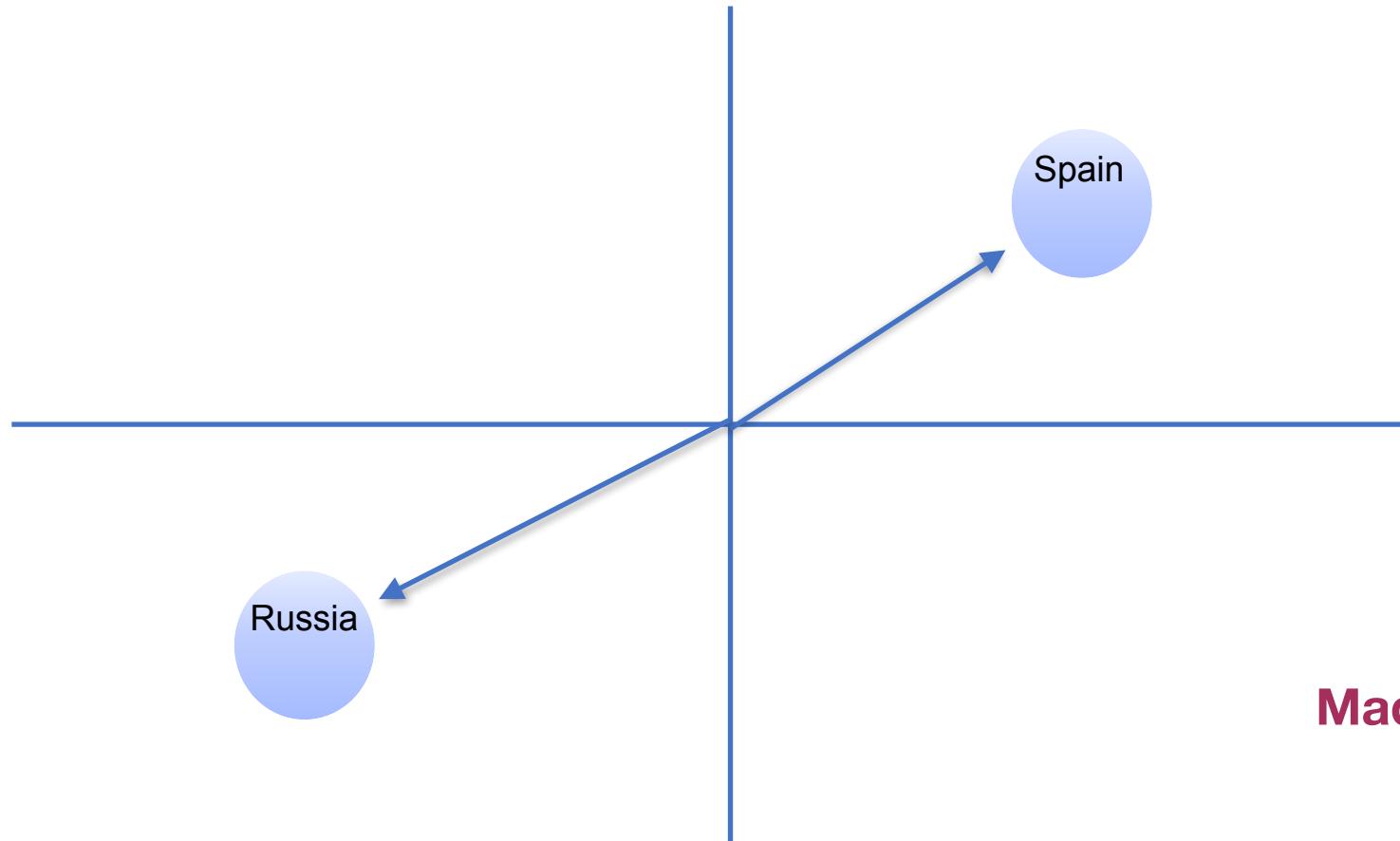


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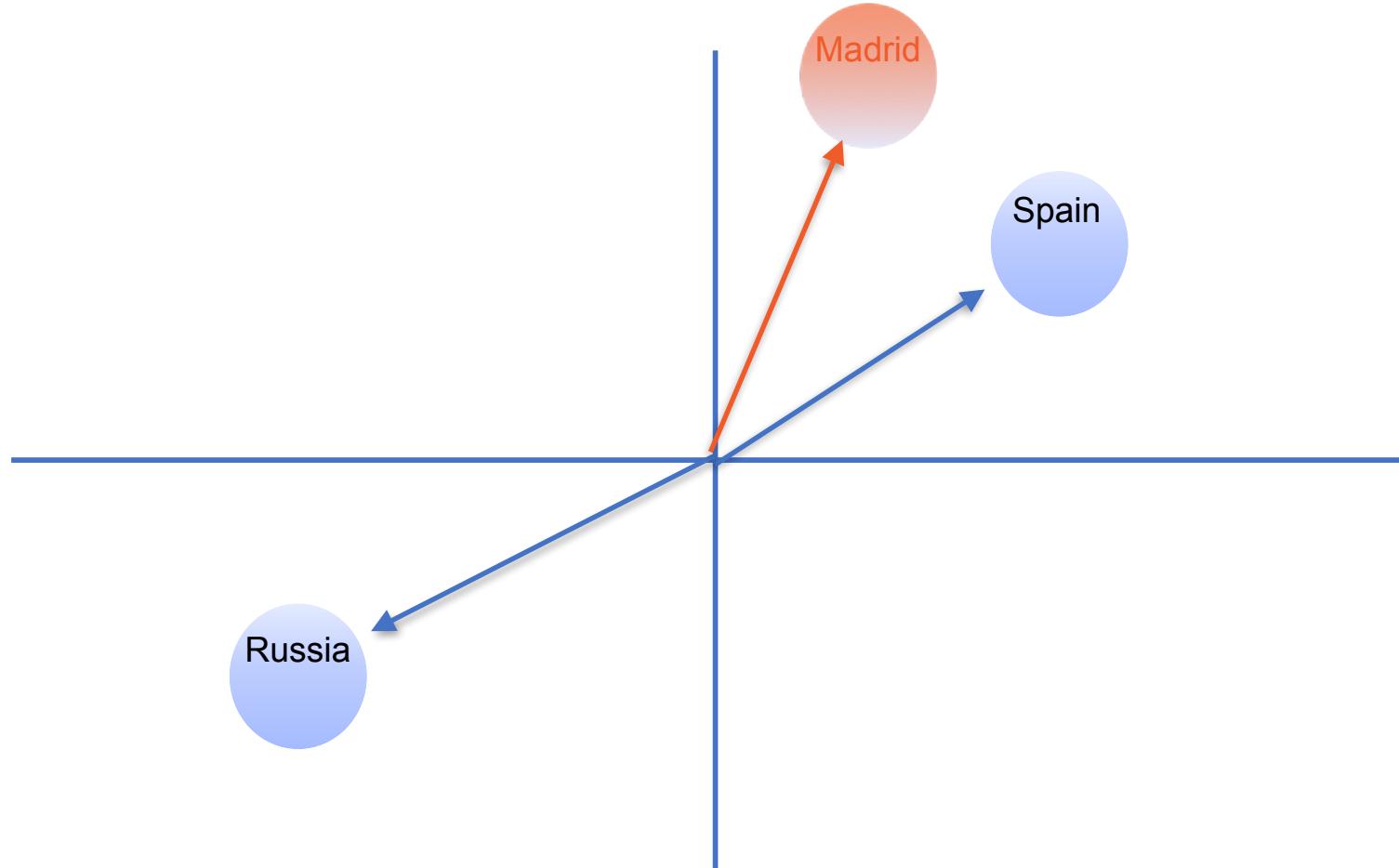


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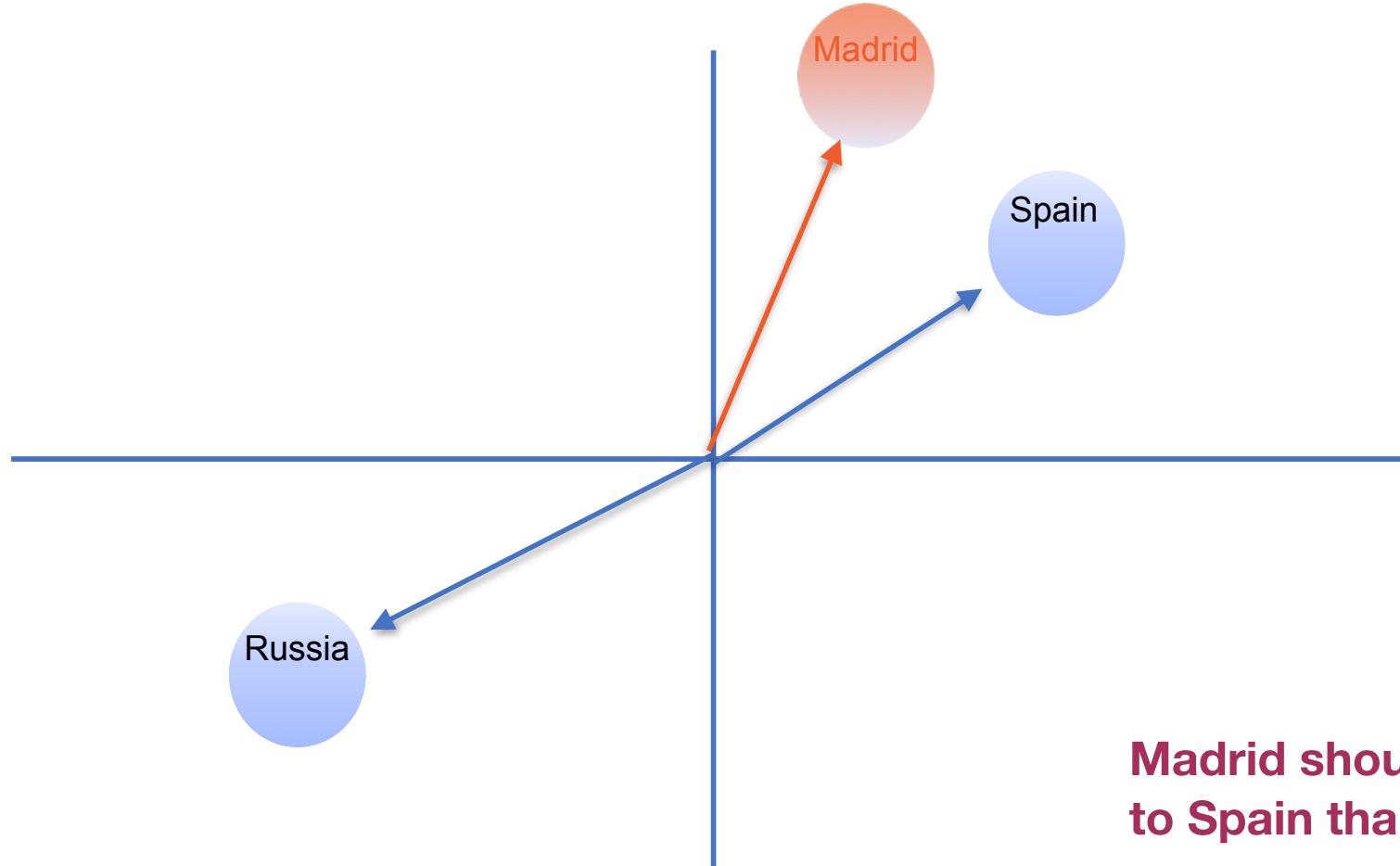


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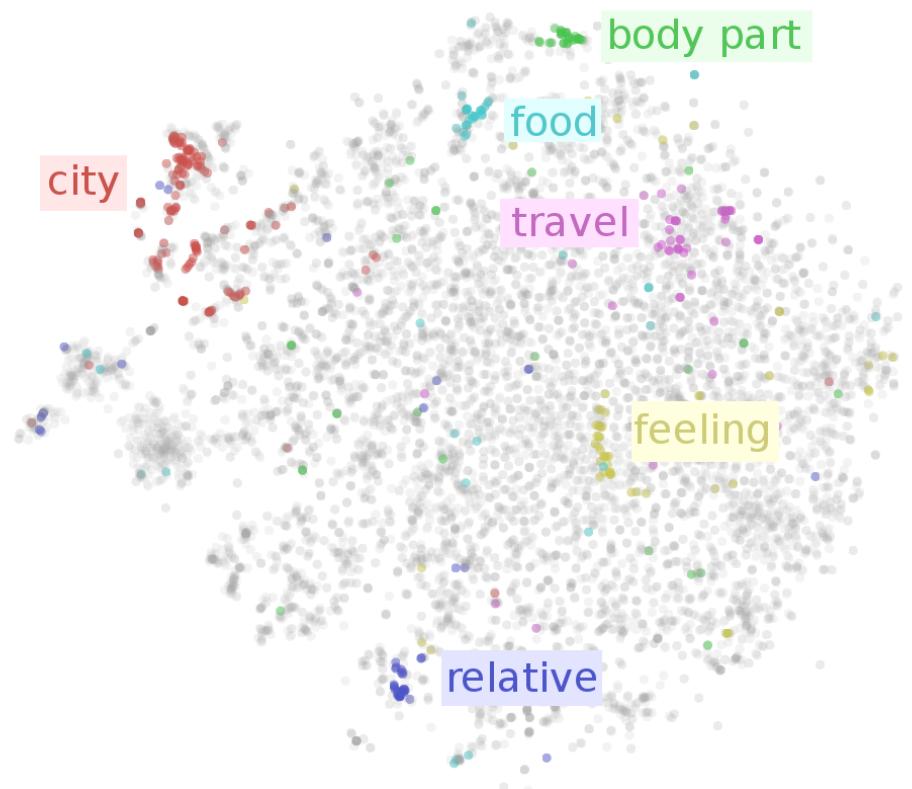


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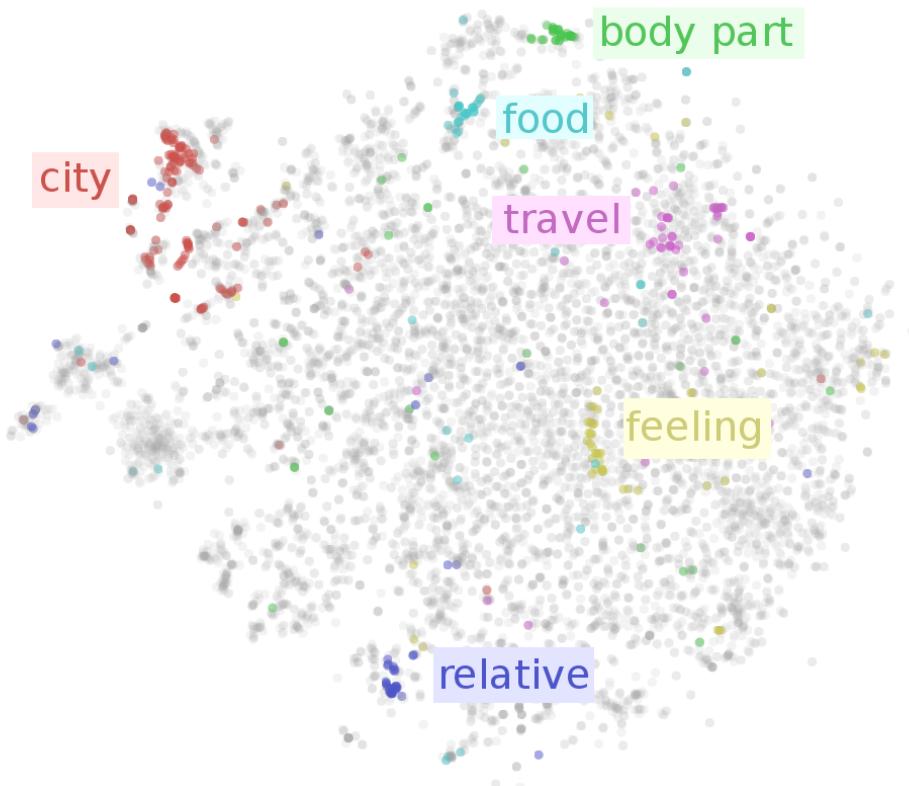


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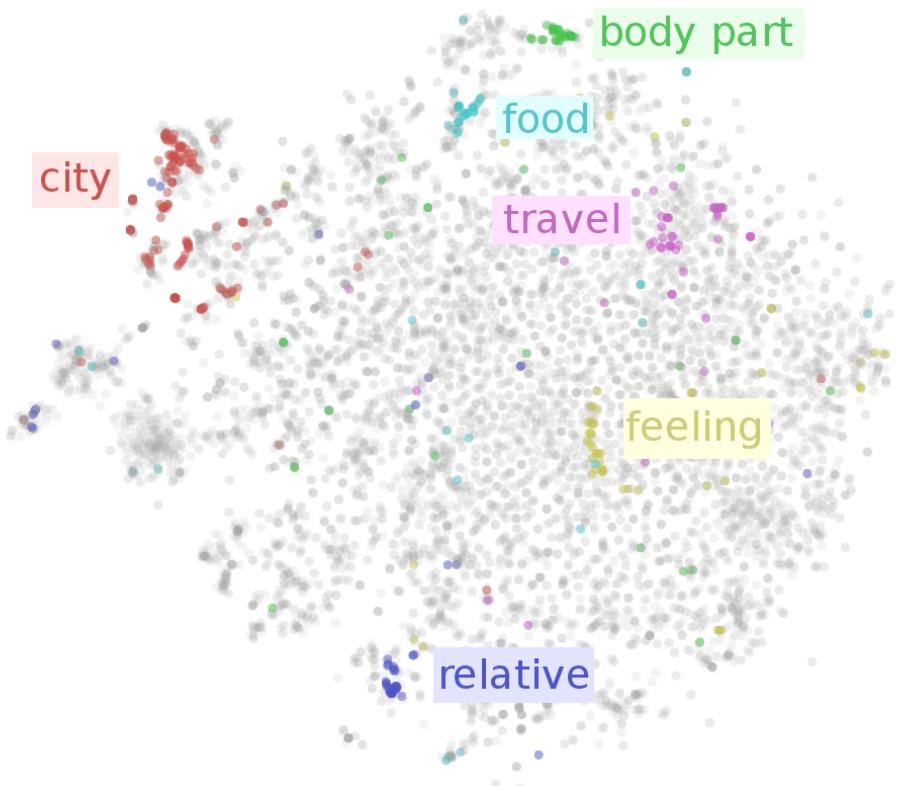
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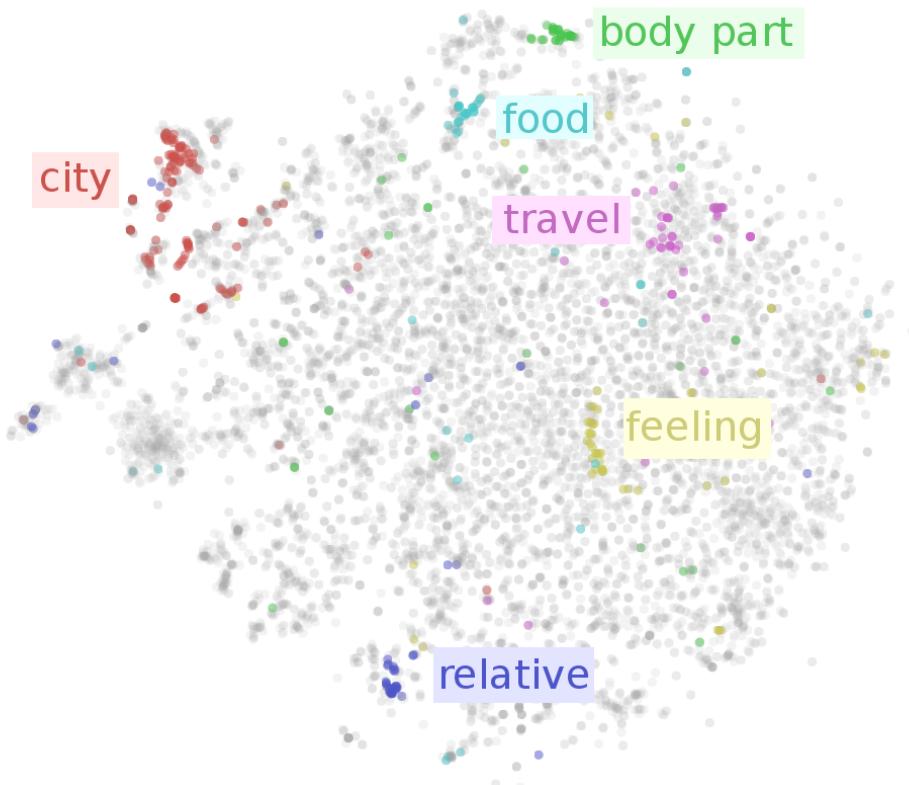
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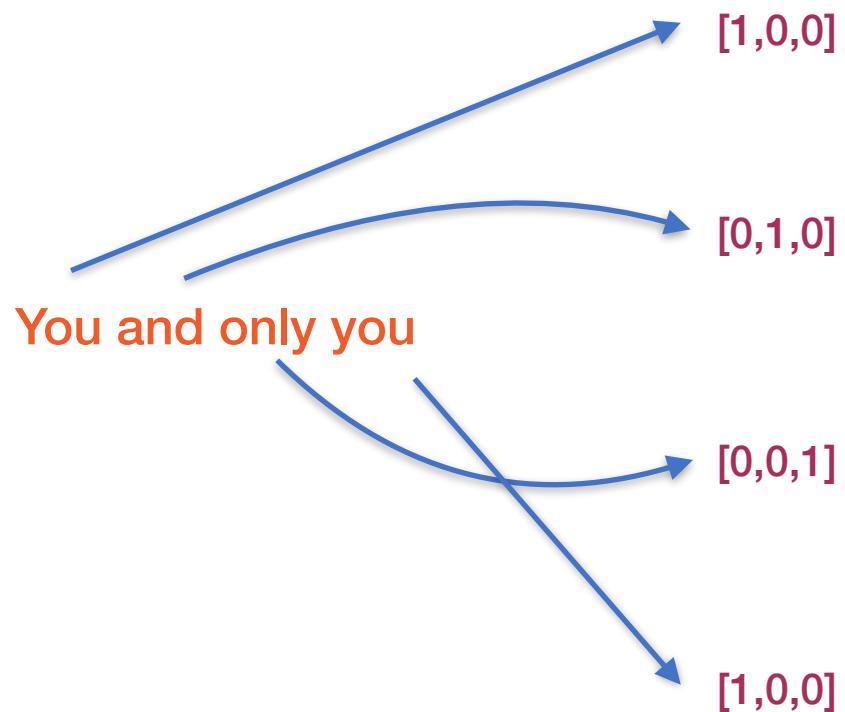
Neural Networks



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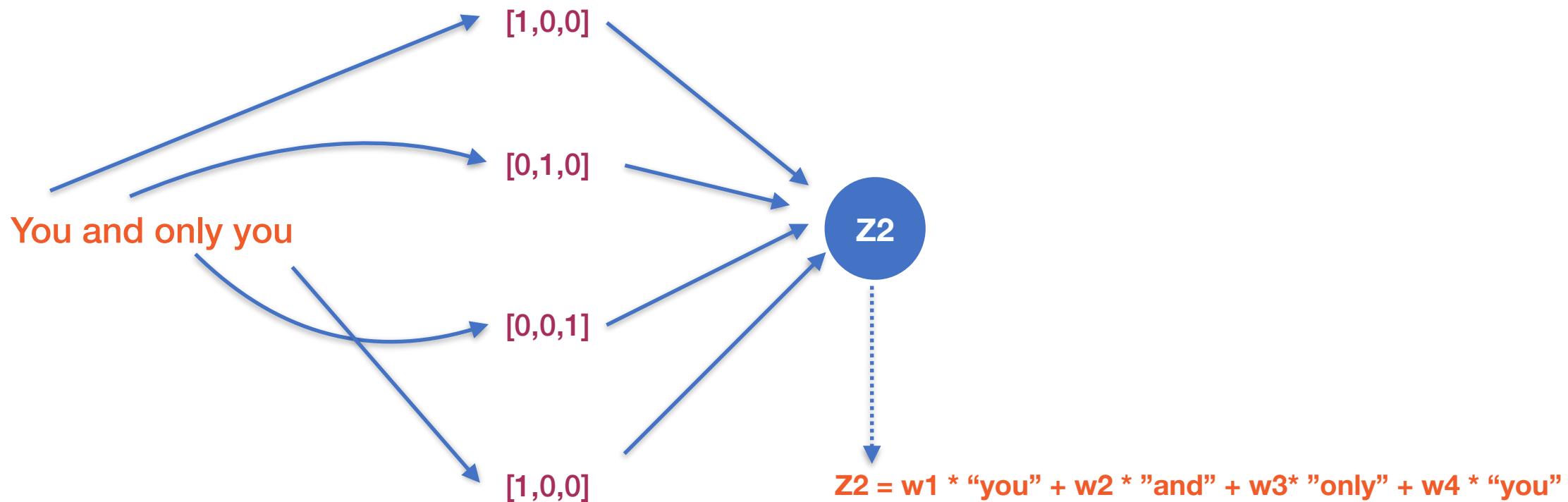


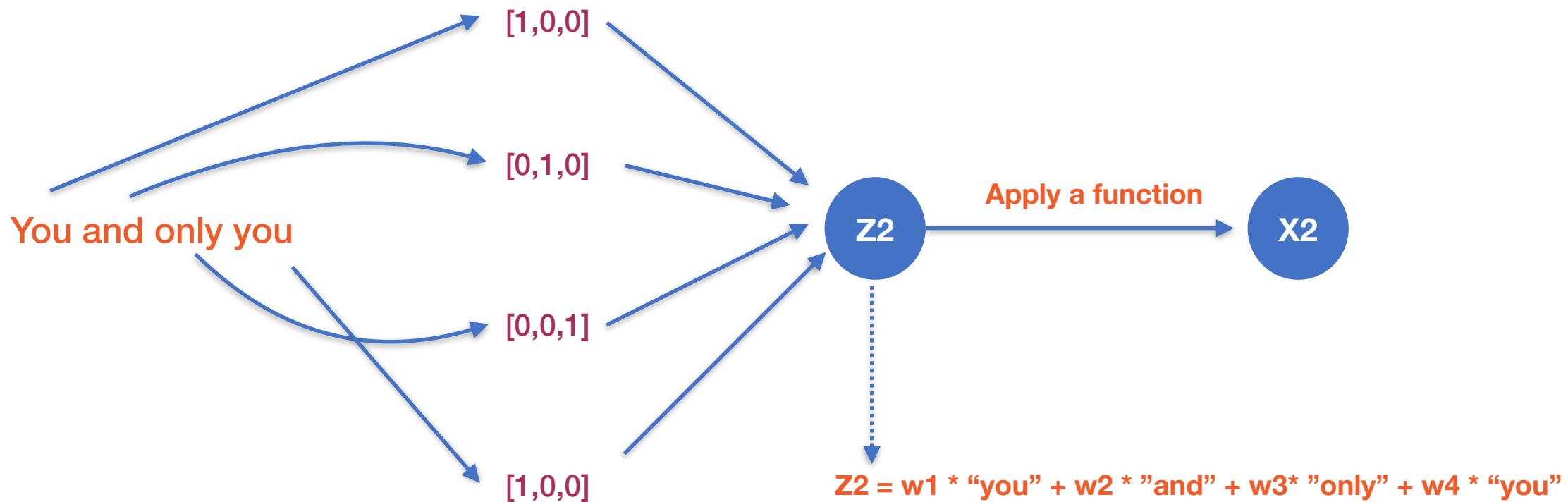
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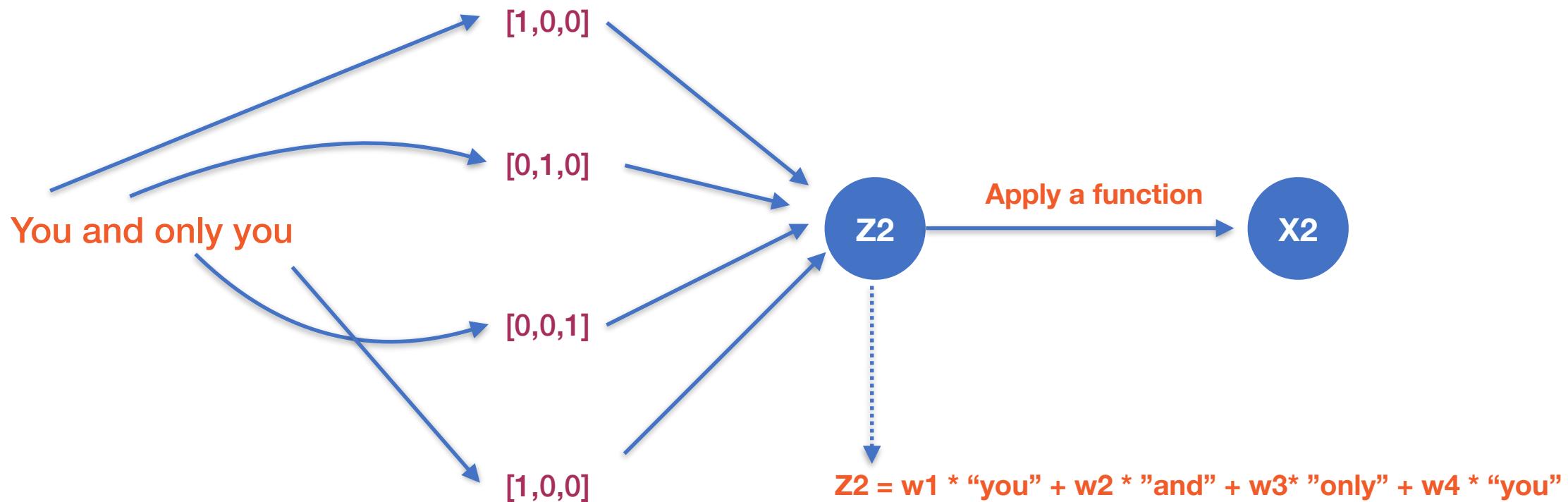




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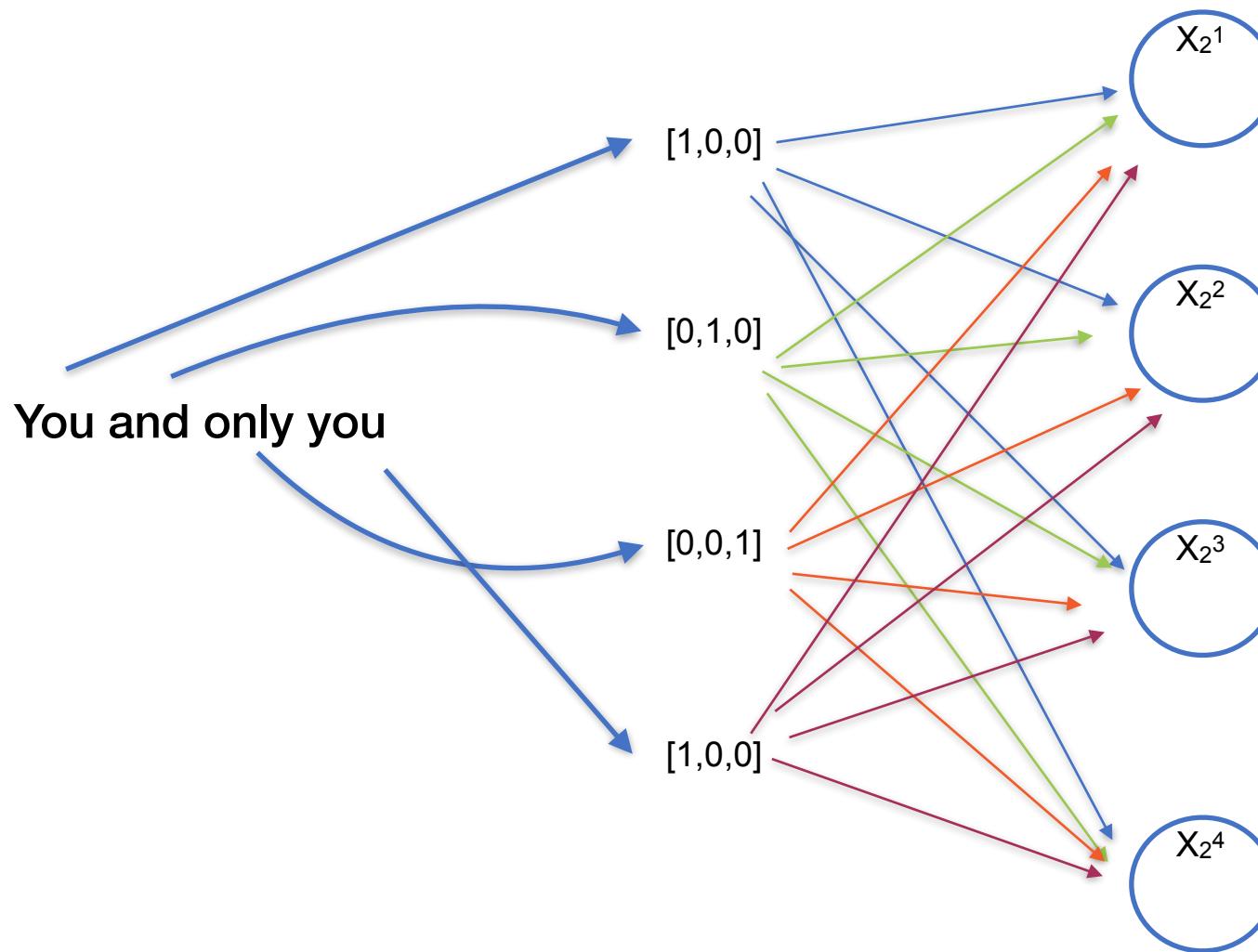




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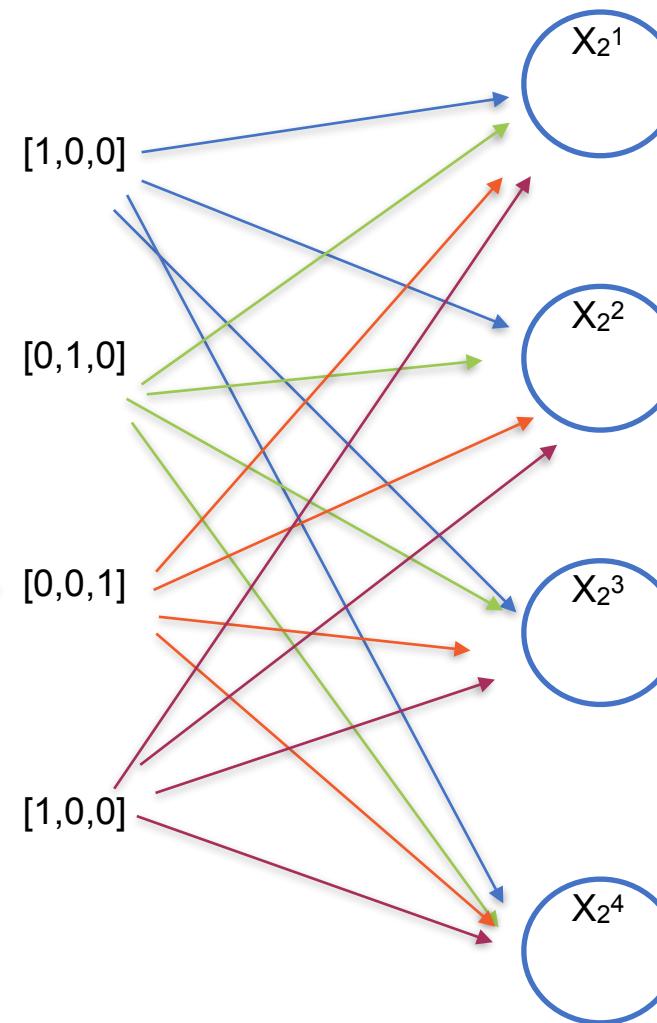


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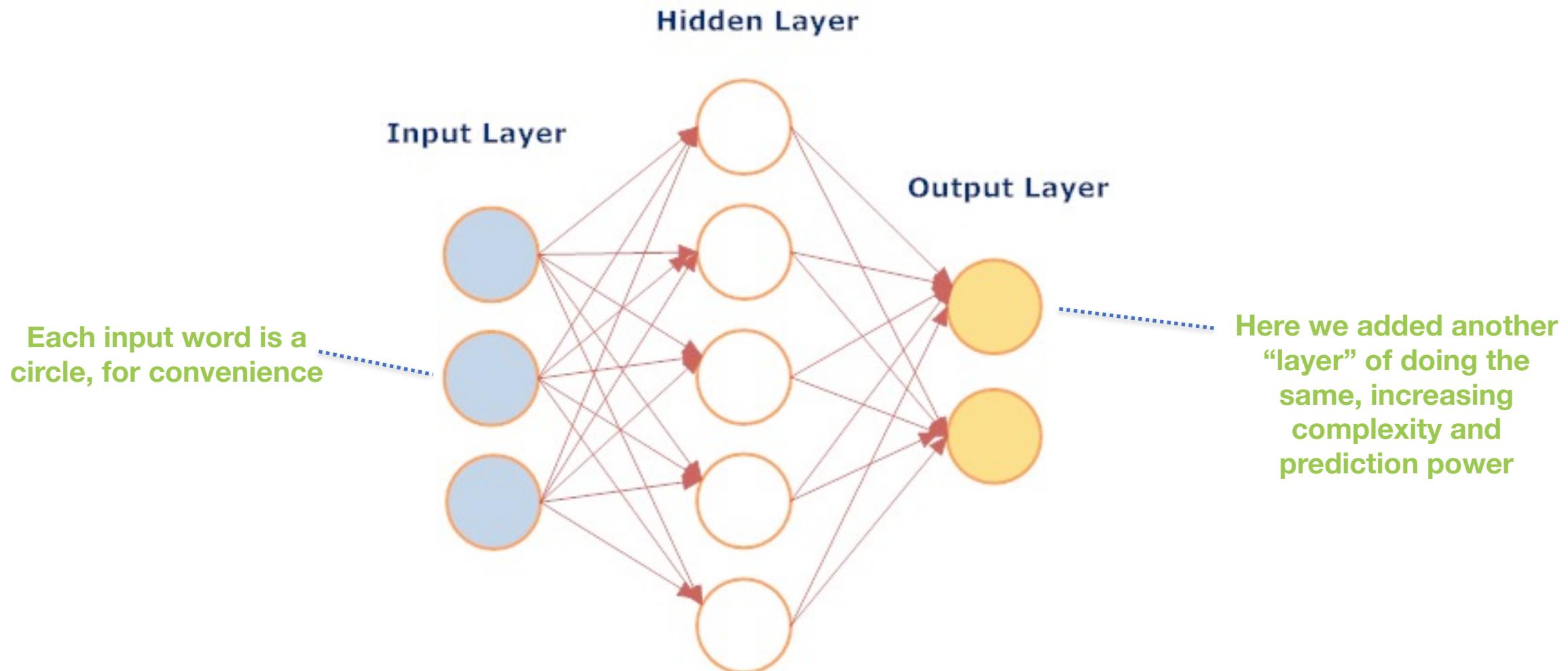


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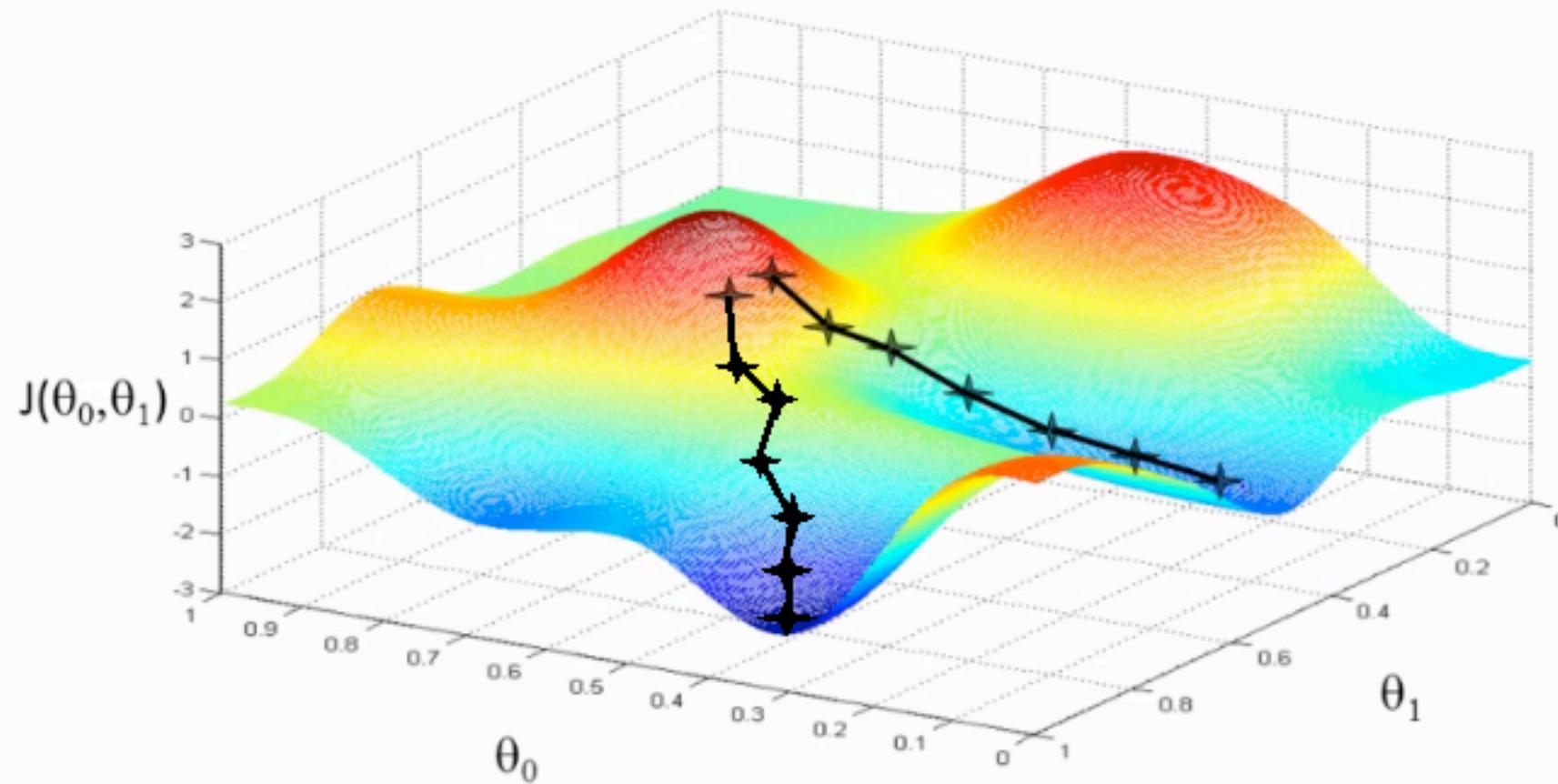


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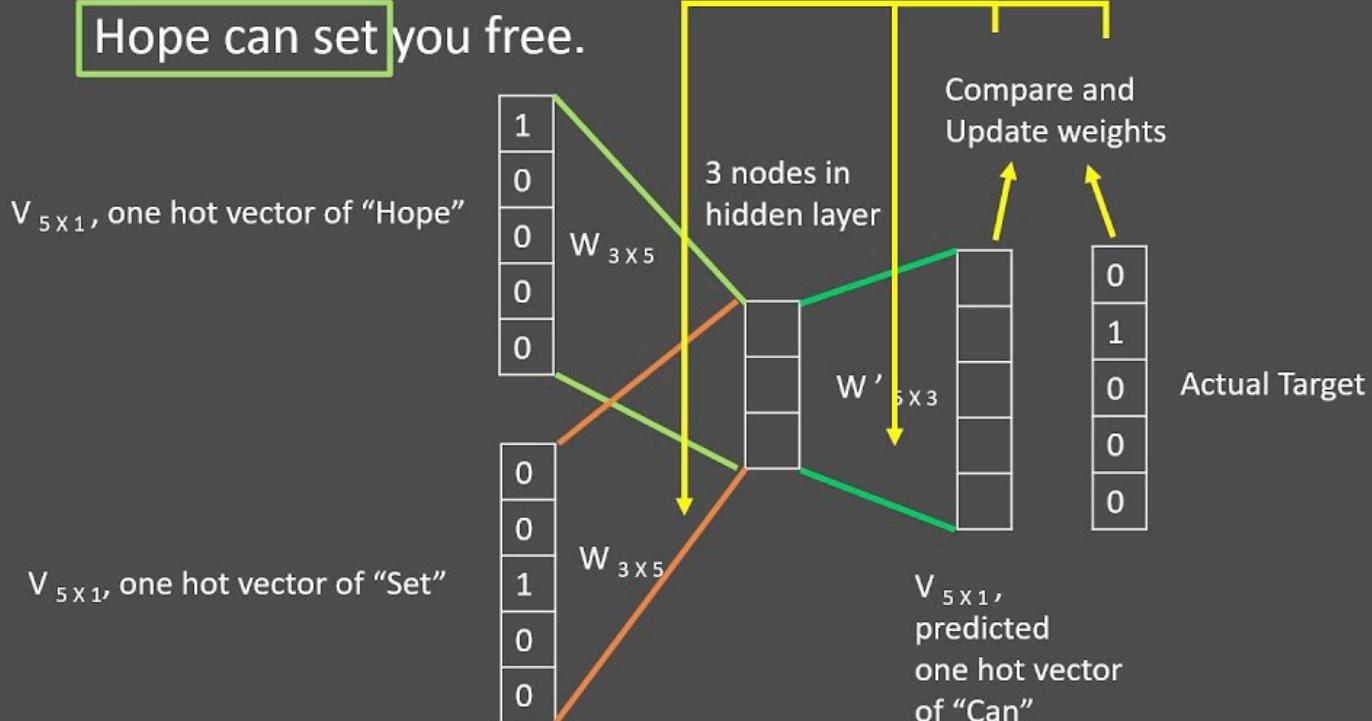


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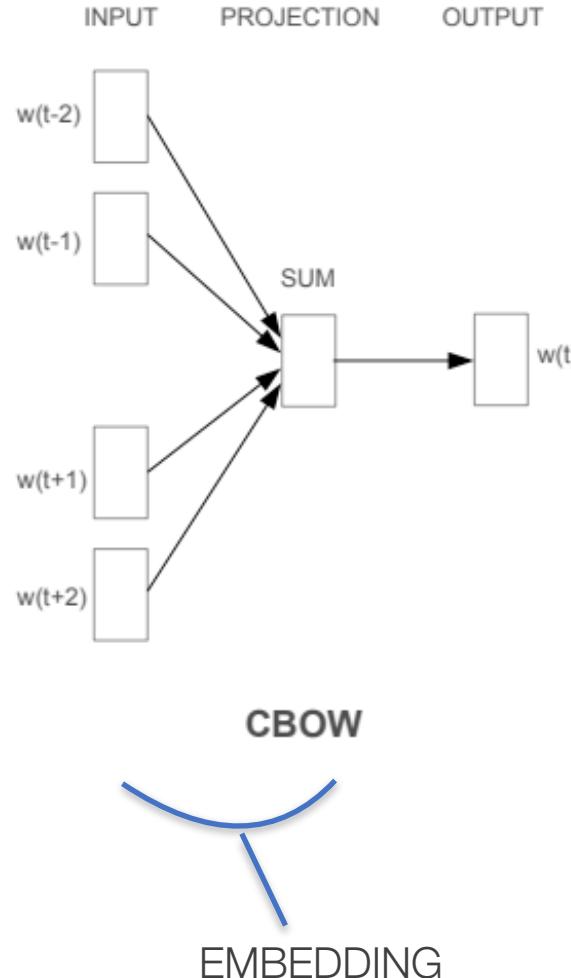


CBOW - Working





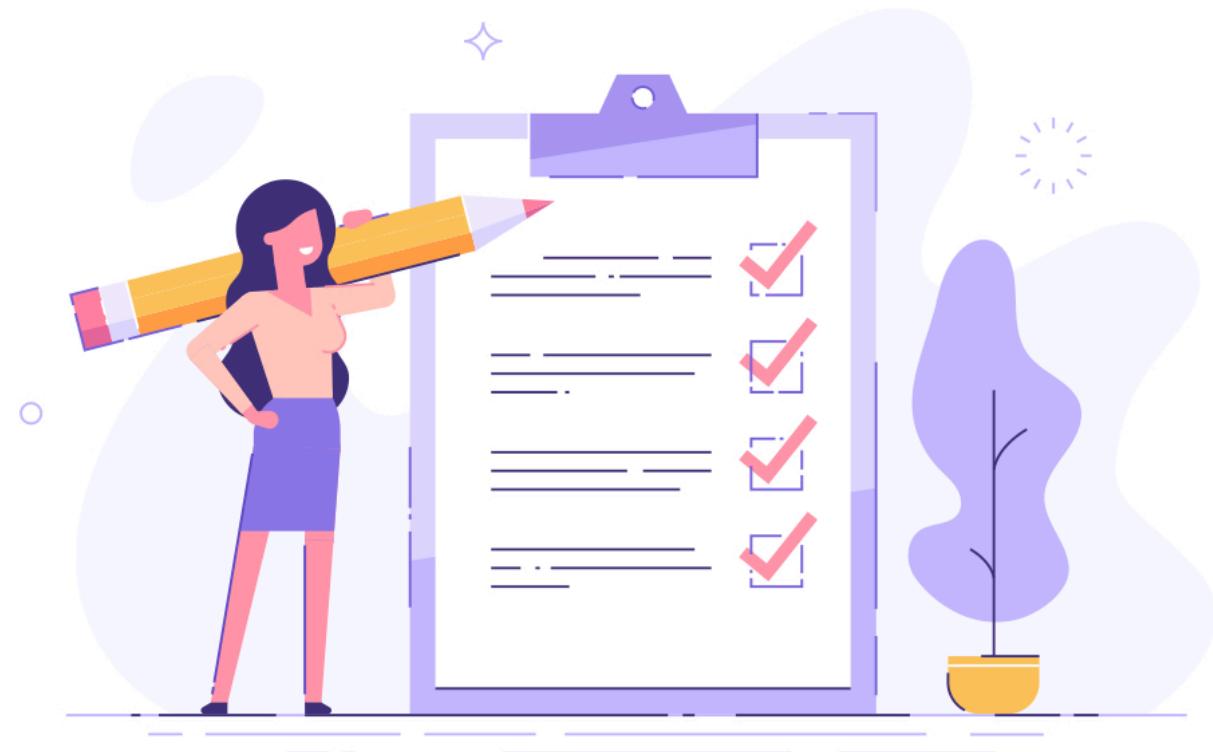
Why we do this?



- This way, we can later get those w that mapped the words into this n-dimensional representation. **That is our embedding.**
- We used this trick with windows to be able to **train it** in an unlabelled fashion
- It works incredibly well



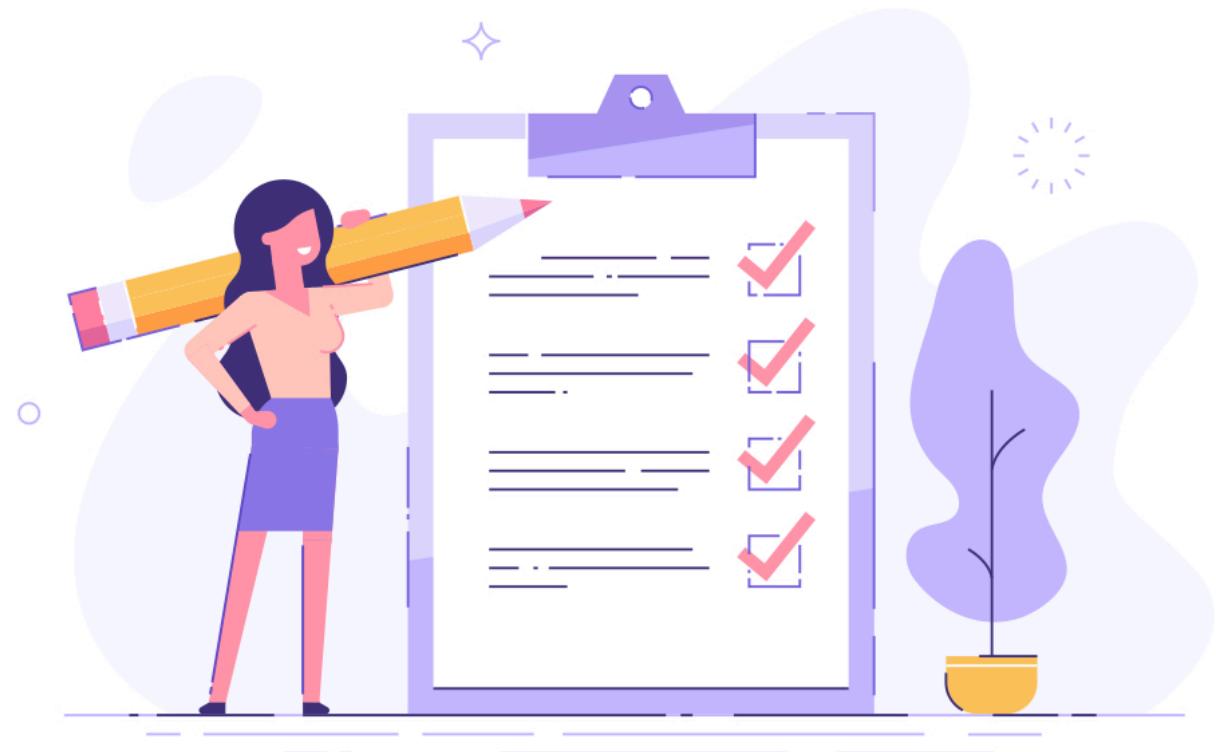
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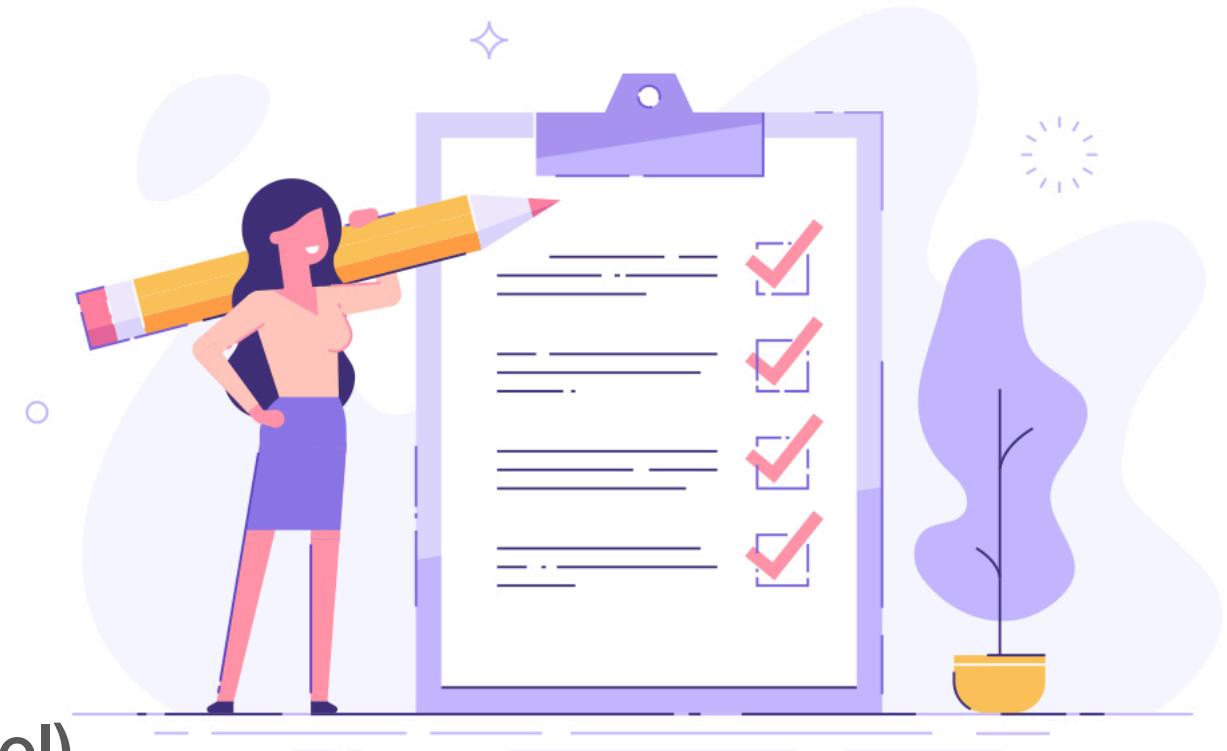
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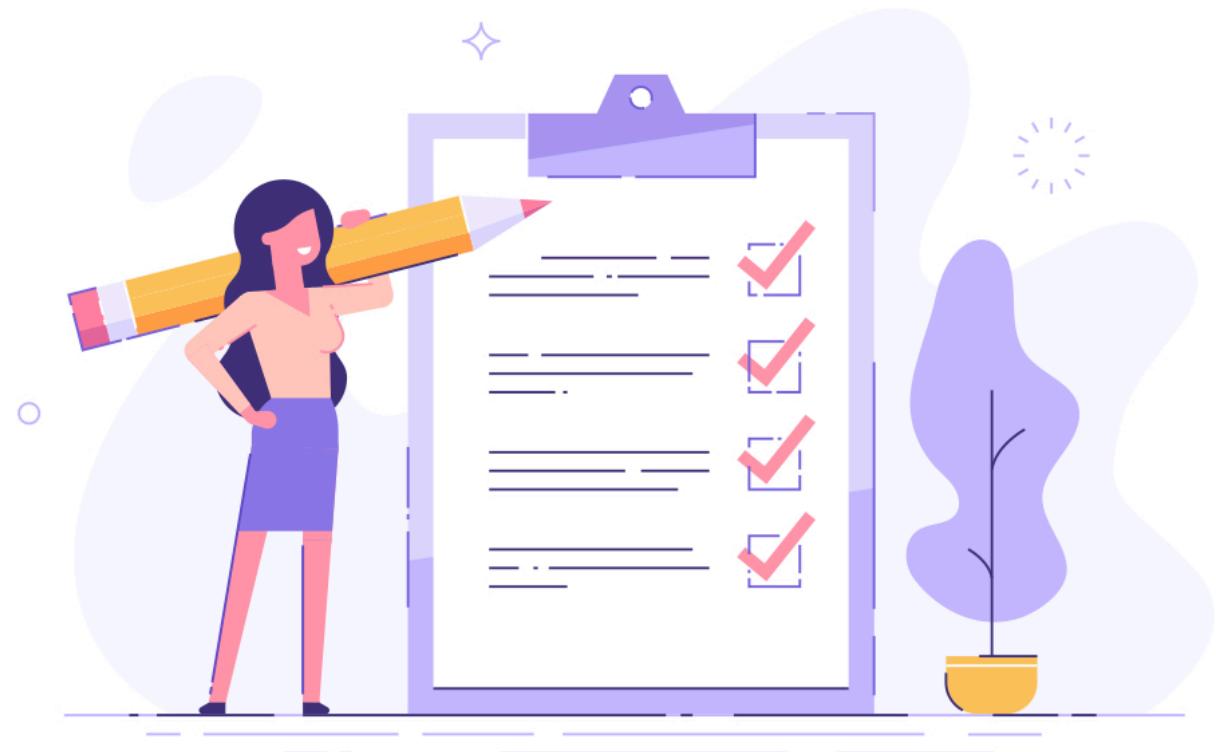
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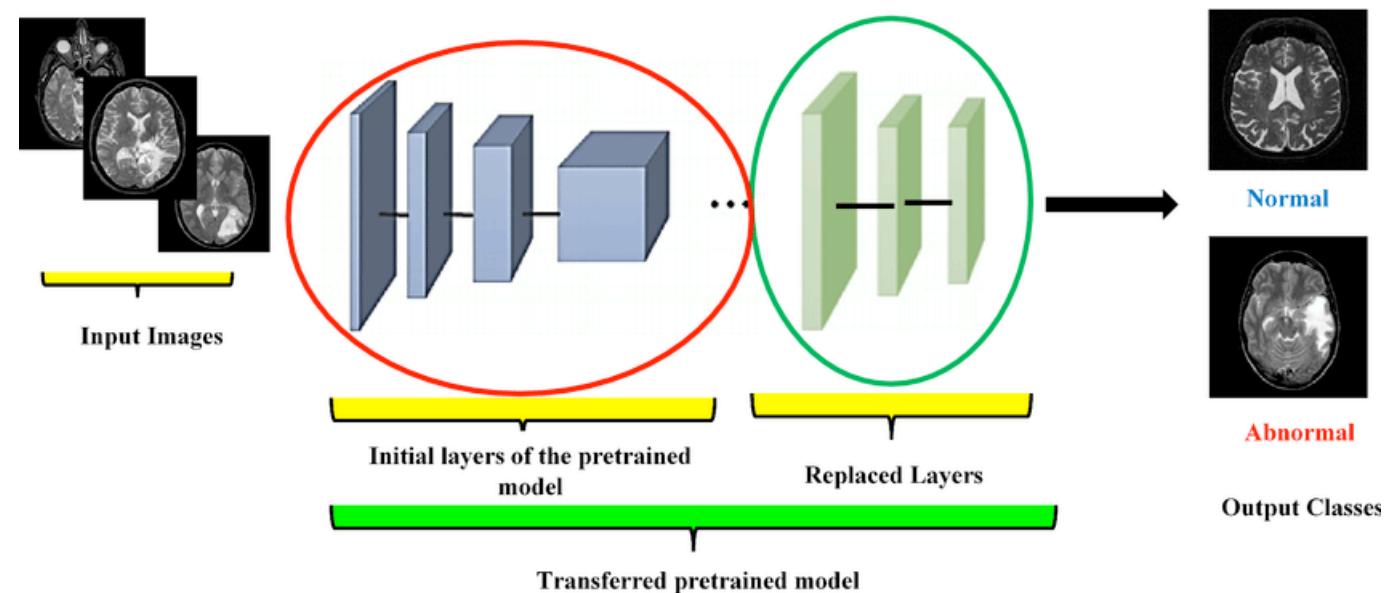


Lunch Break: 45 minutes





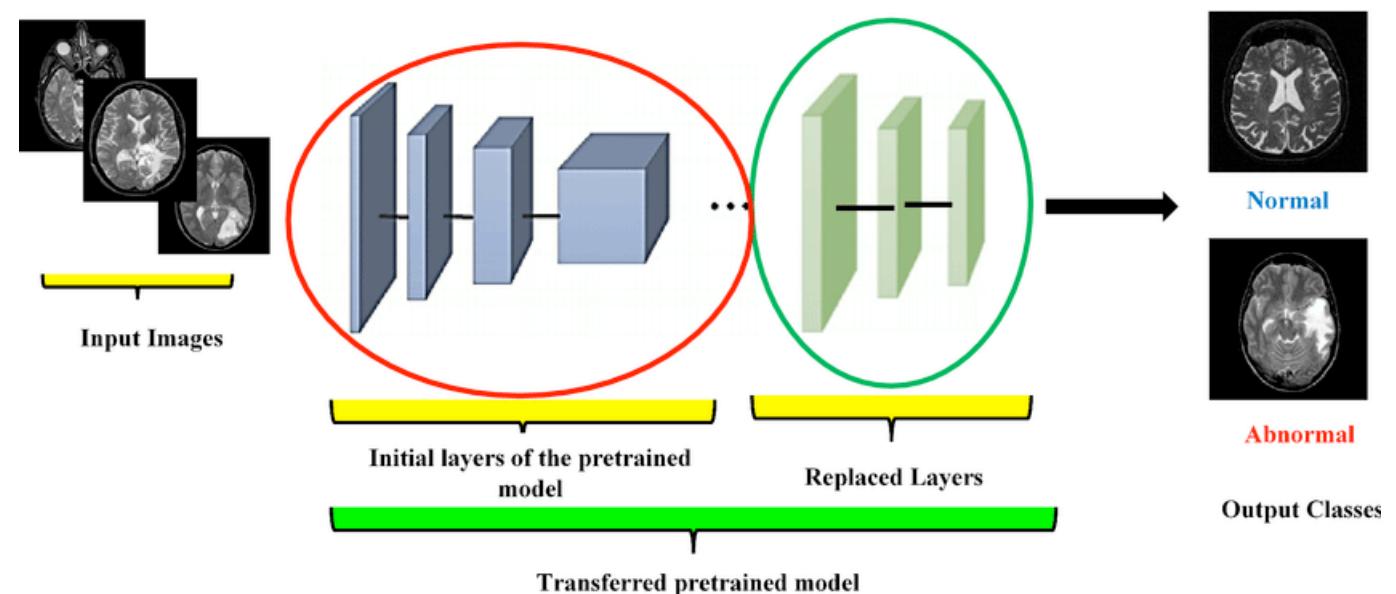
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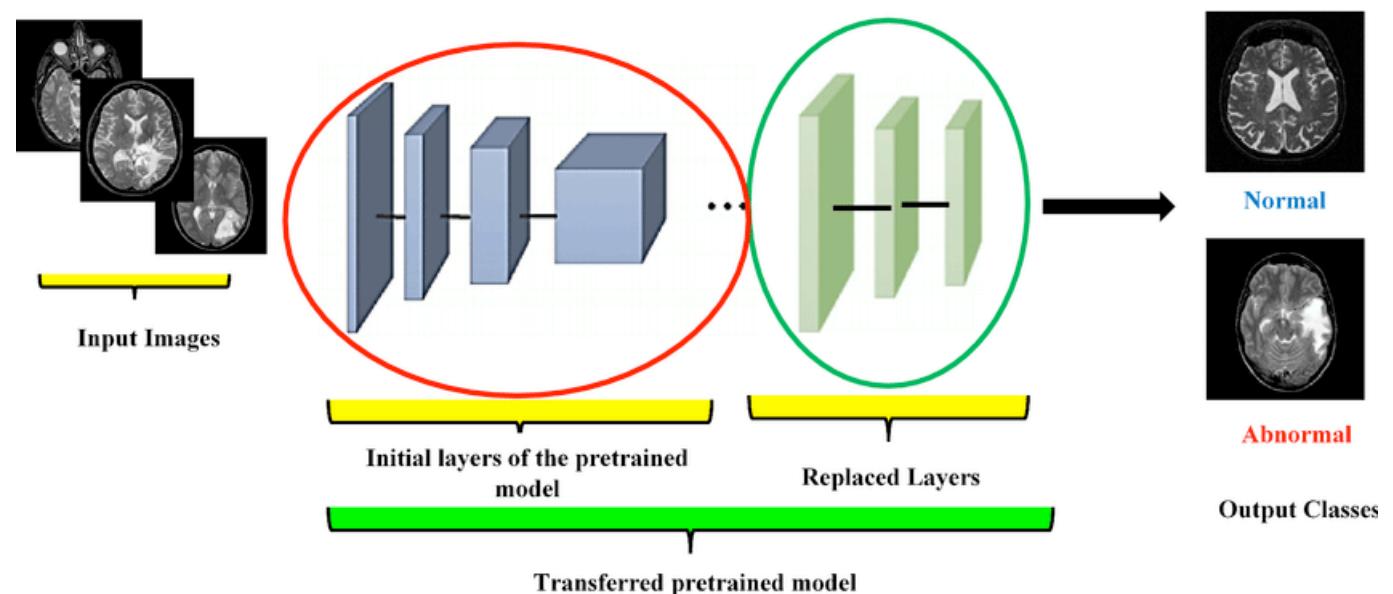
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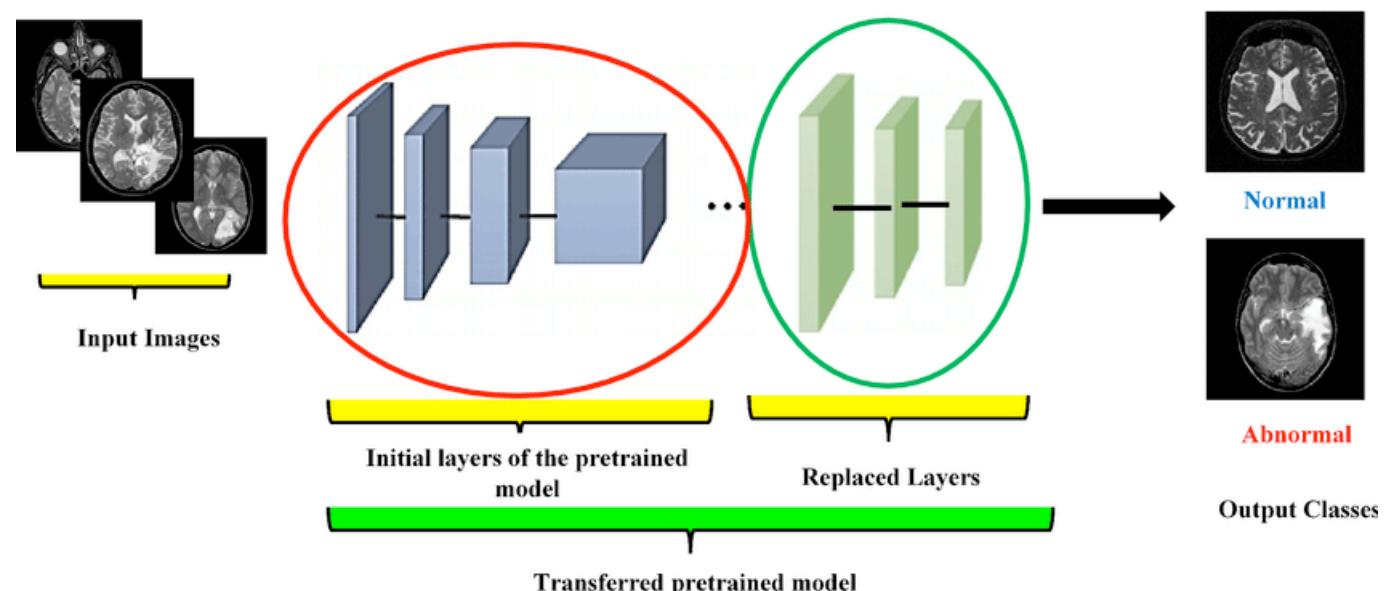
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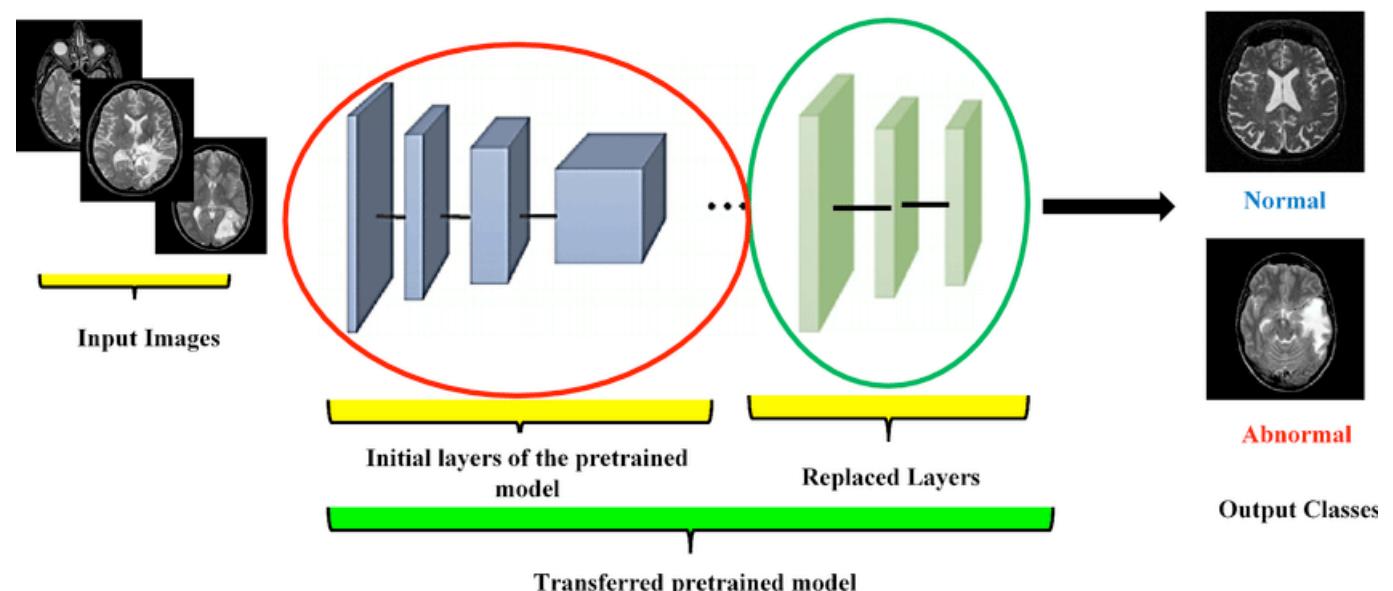
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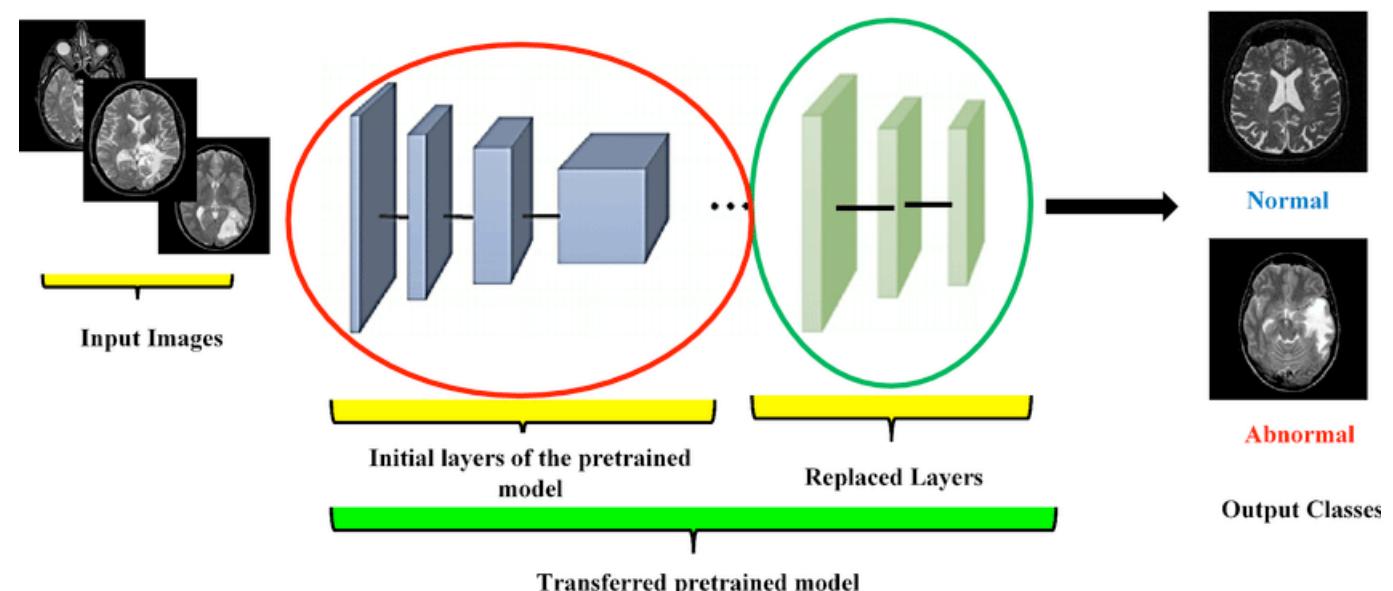
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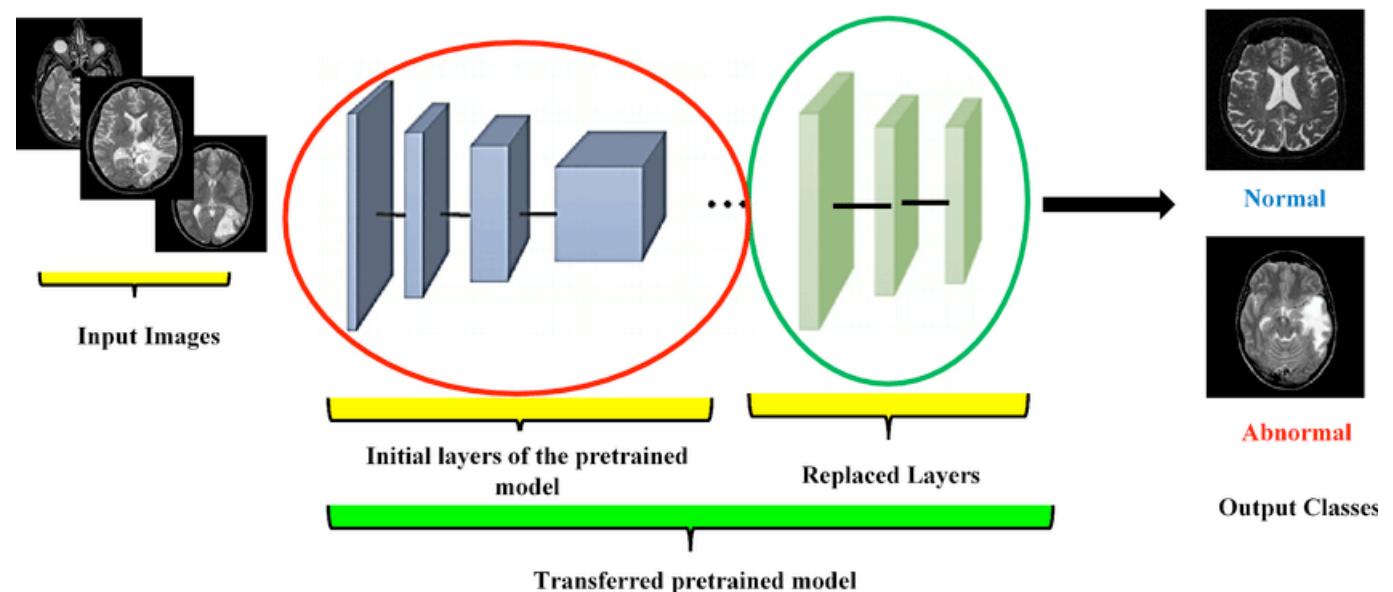
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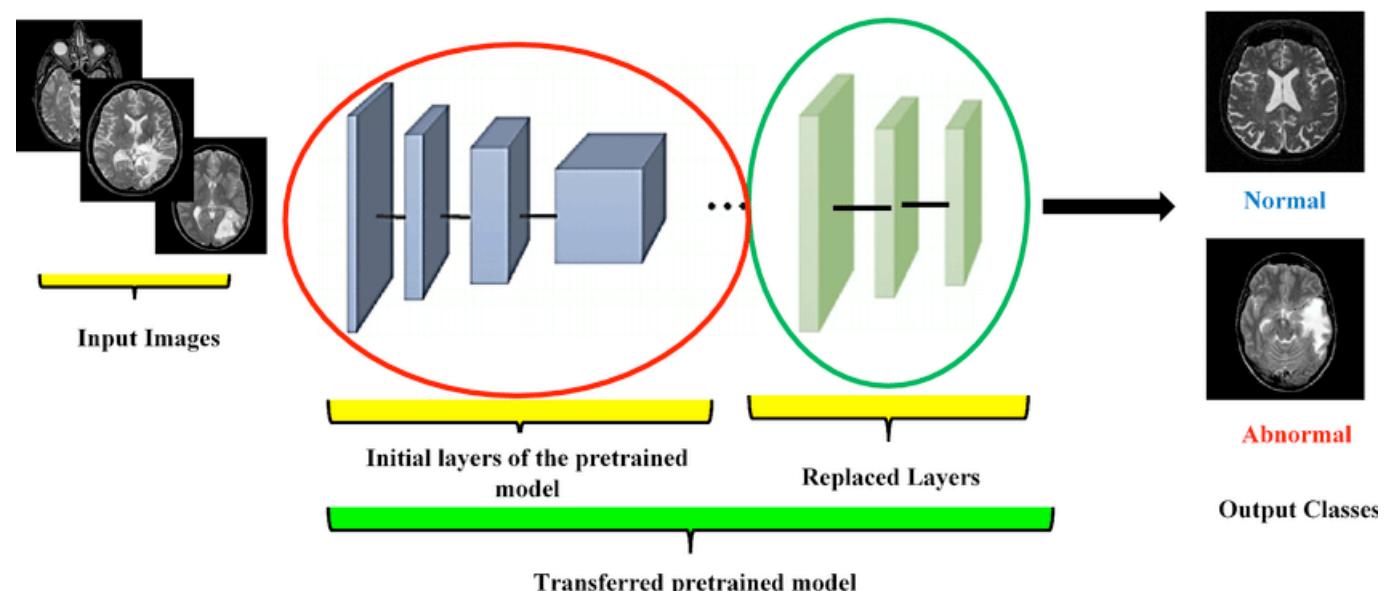
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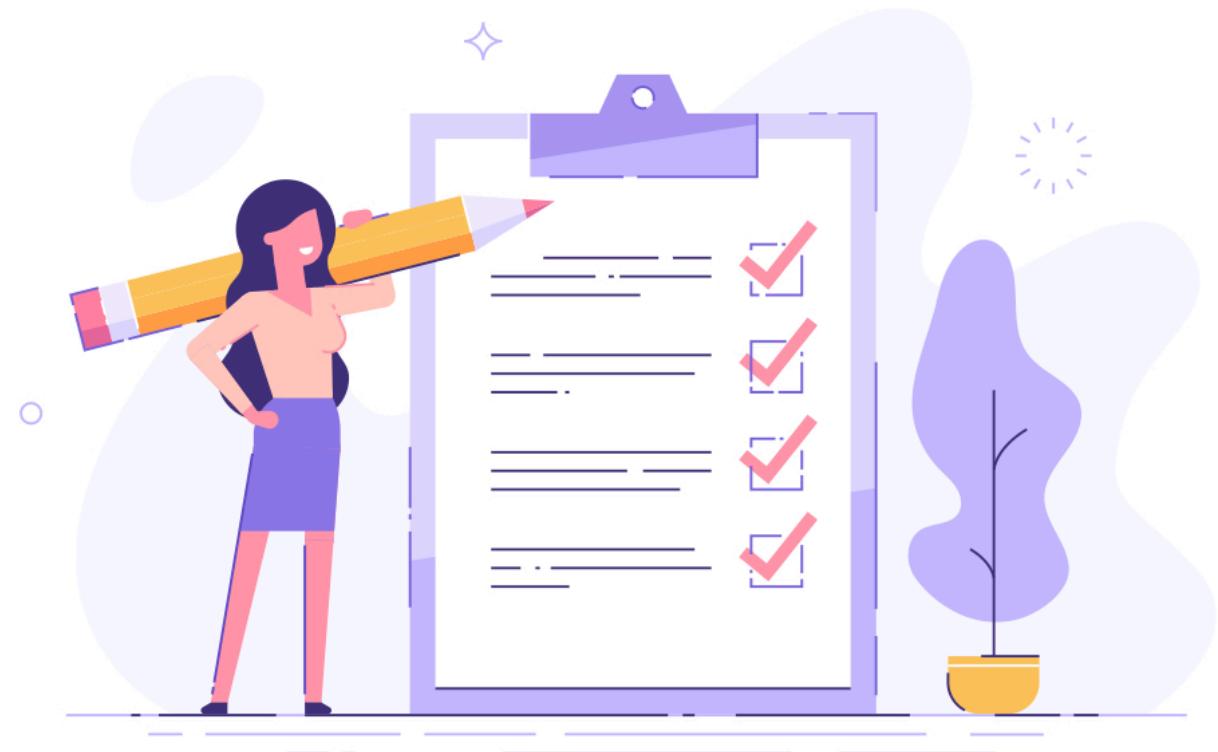
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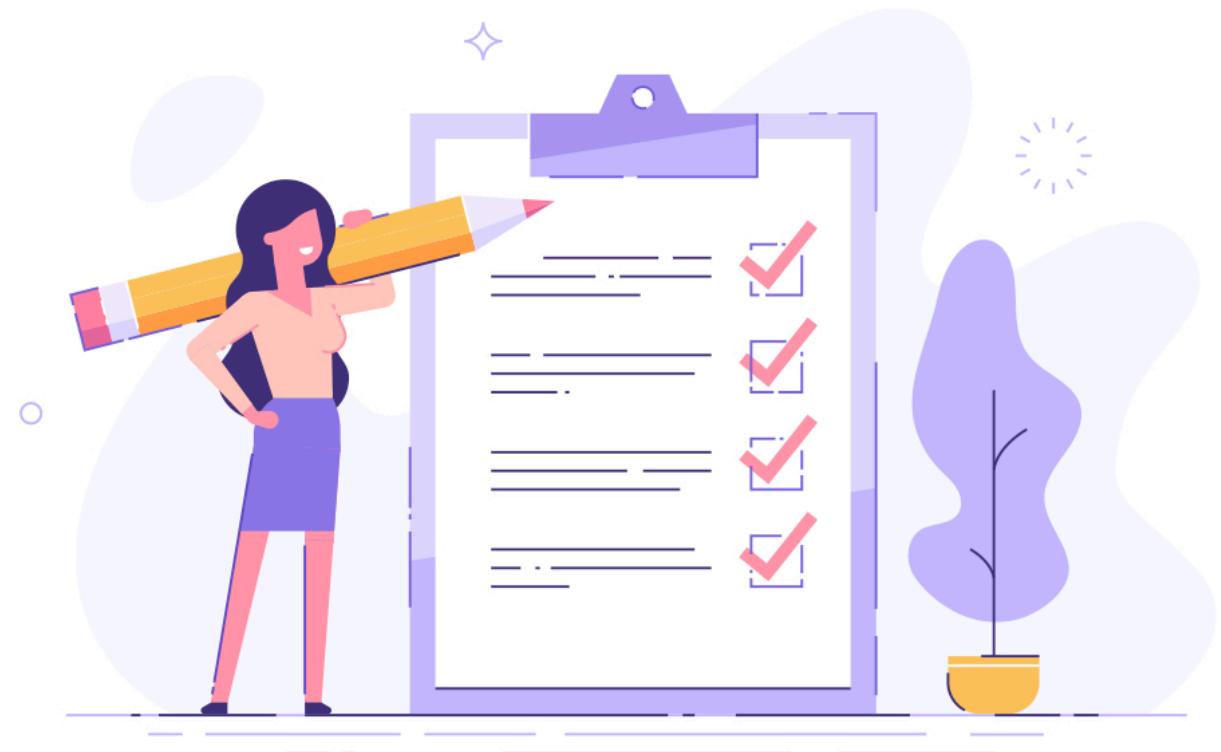




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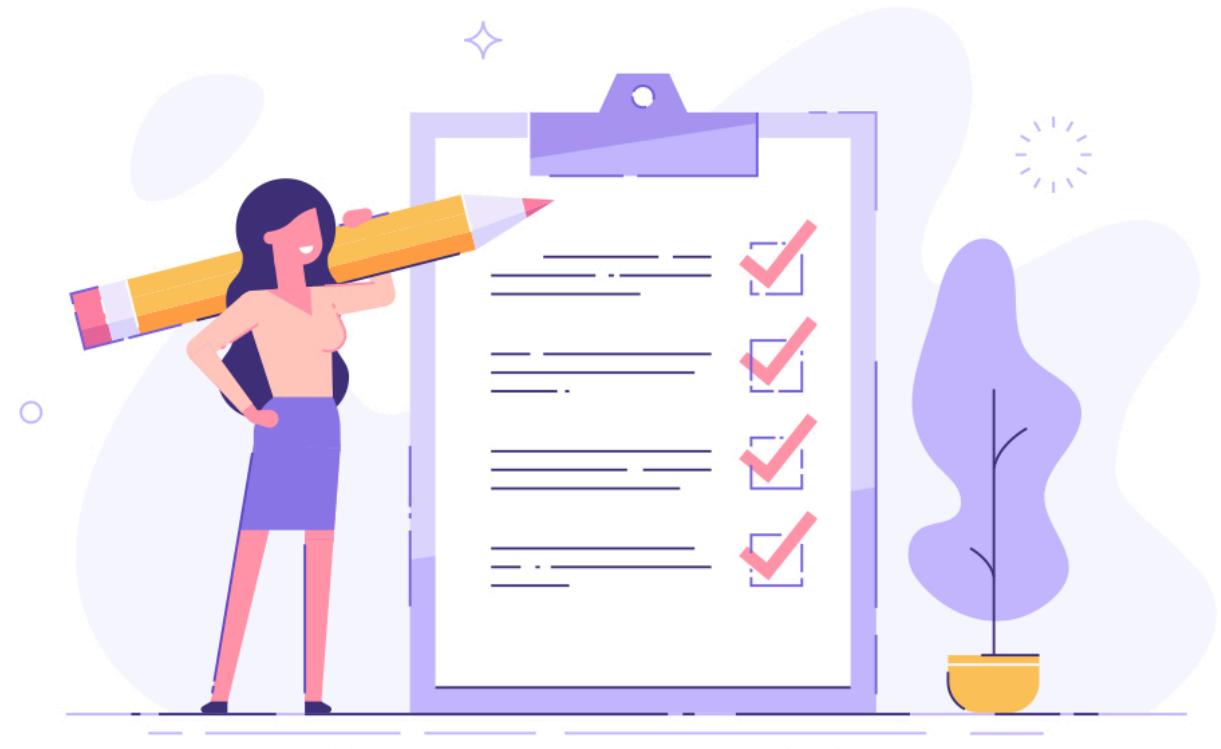


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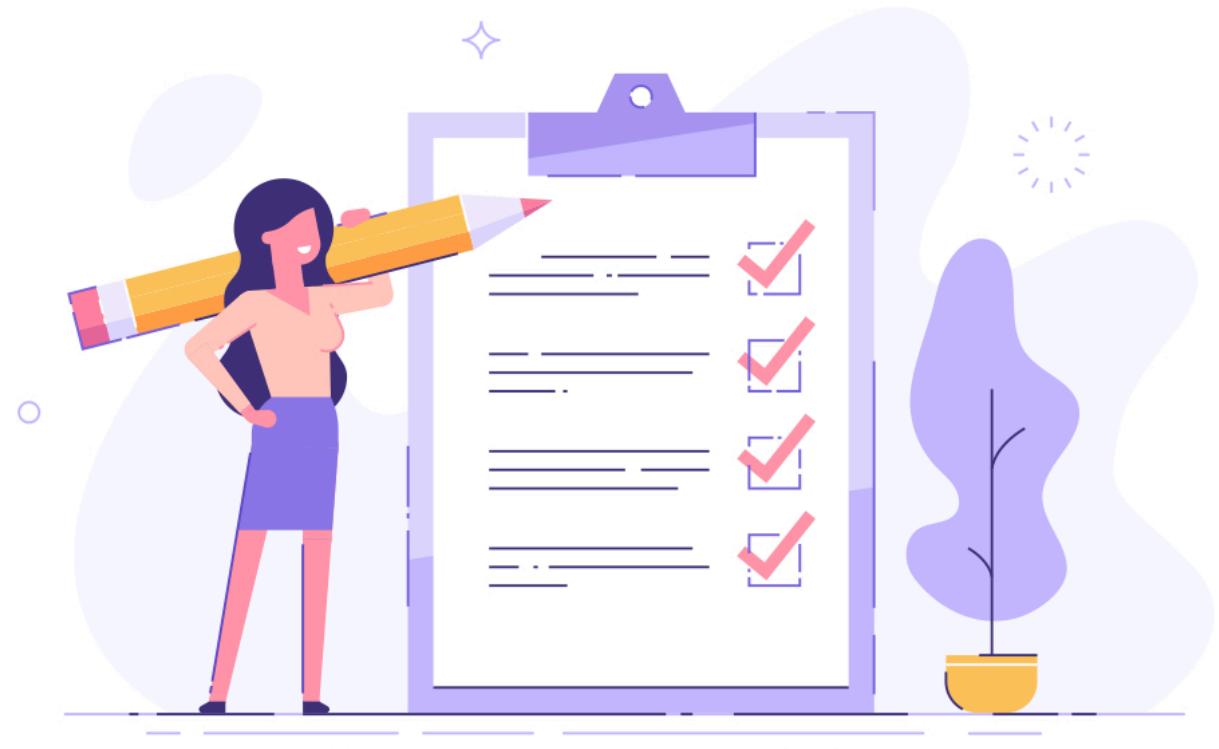




LAB: Synonym Expansion

- Use our model to leverage synonyms in Solr

Allocated time: 15 minutes





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Doc2Vec





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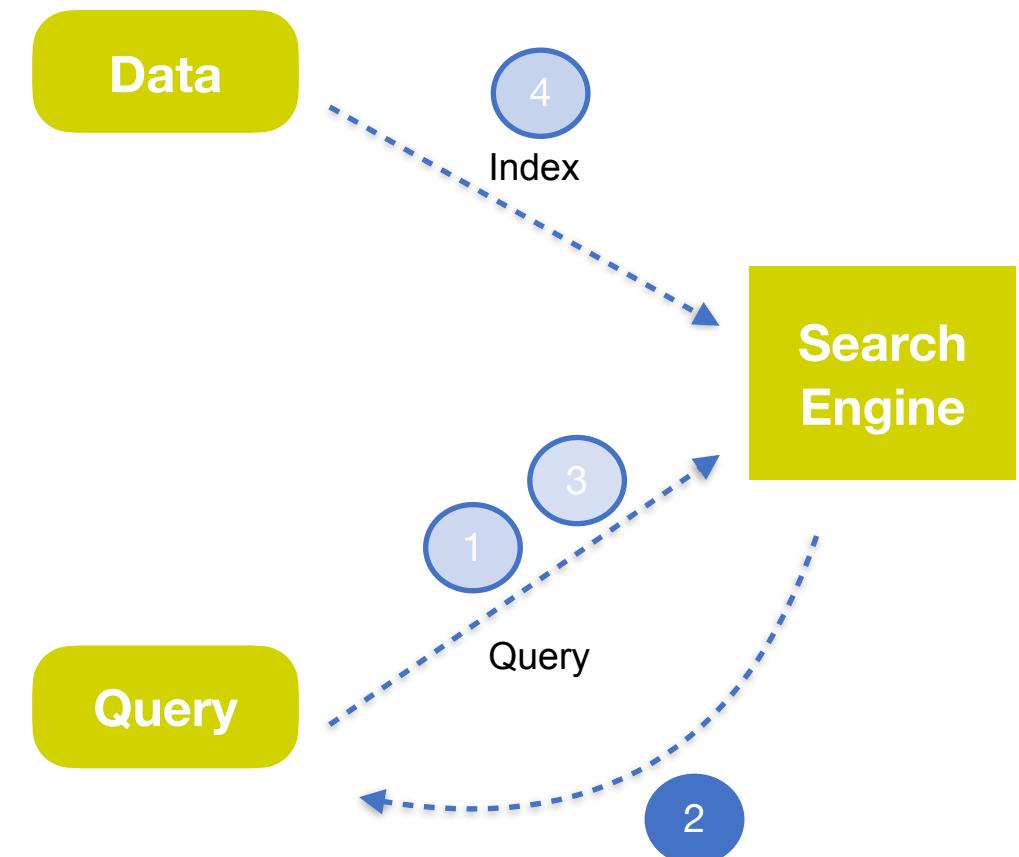
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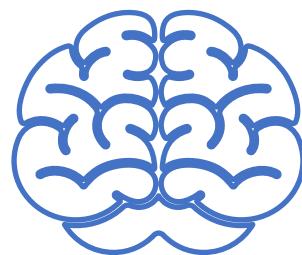


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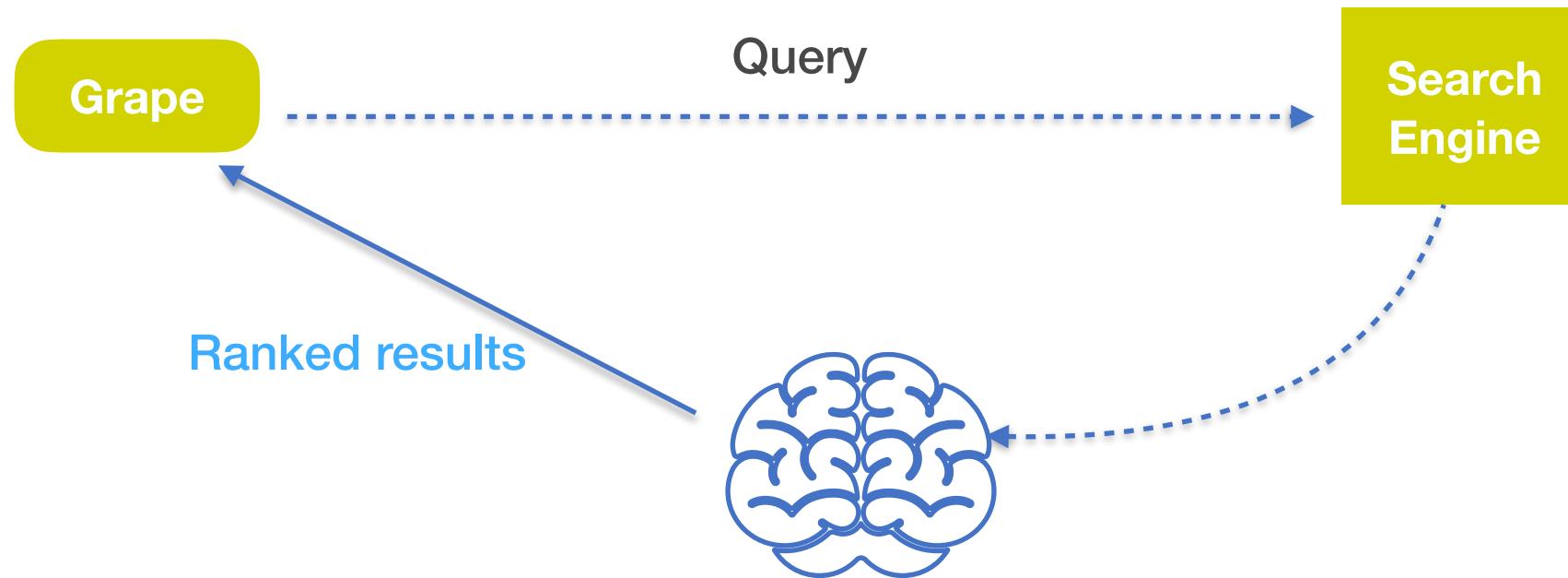
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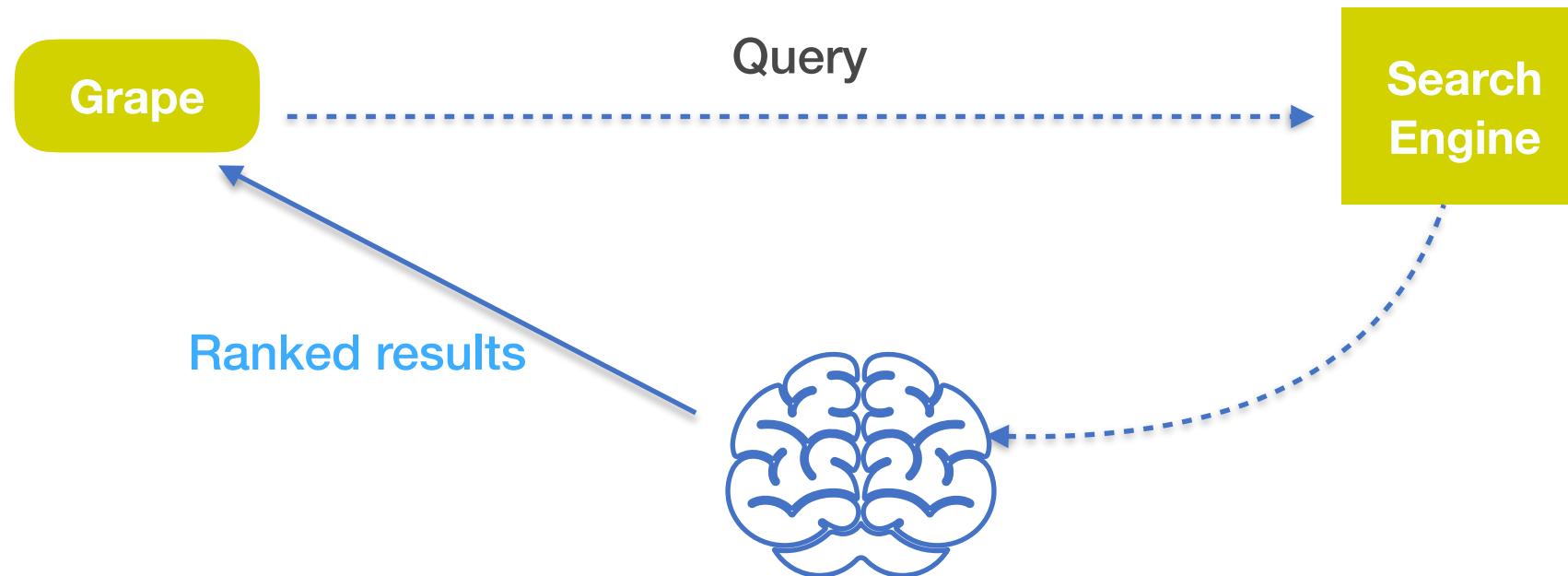


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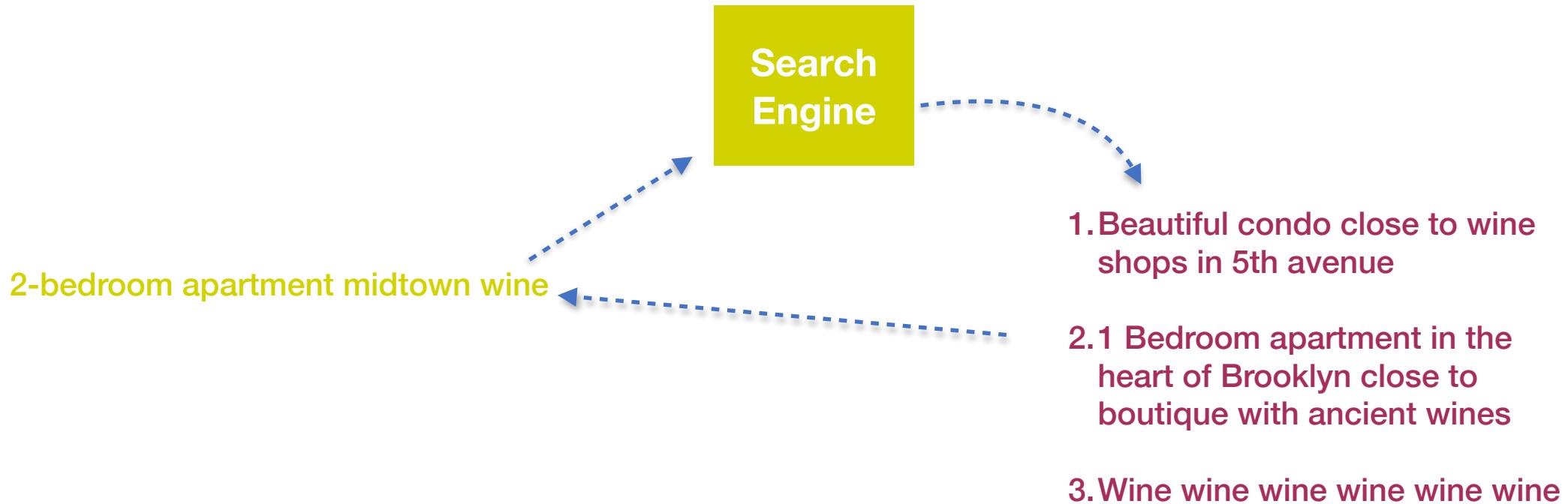
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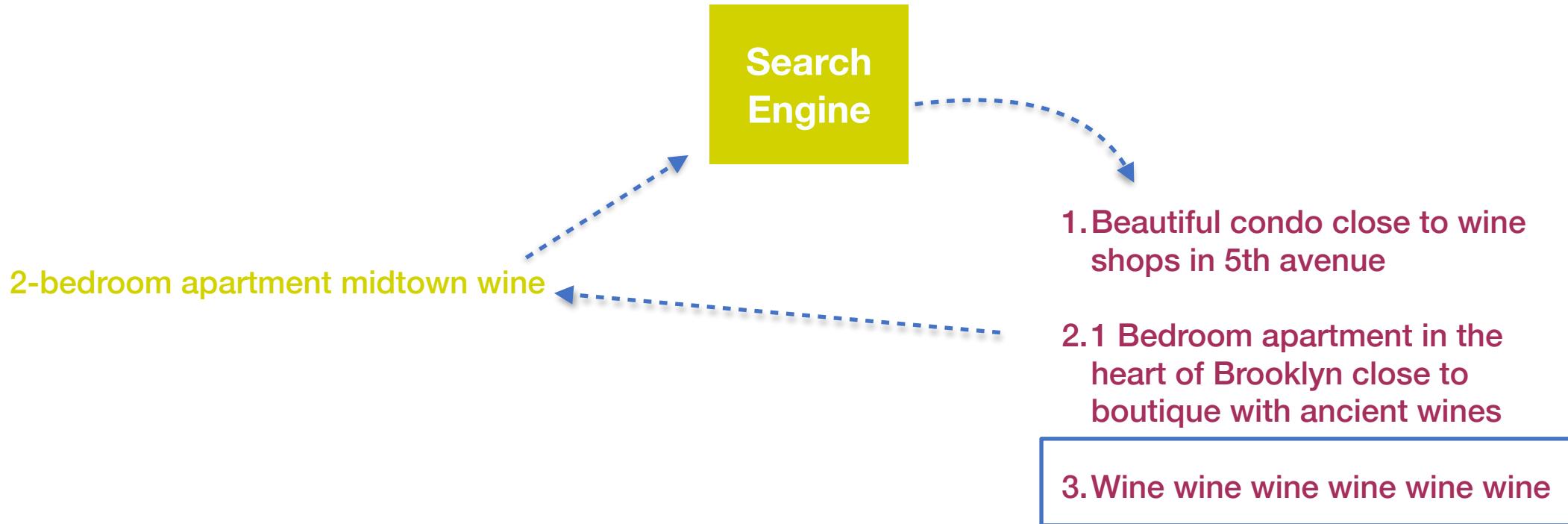
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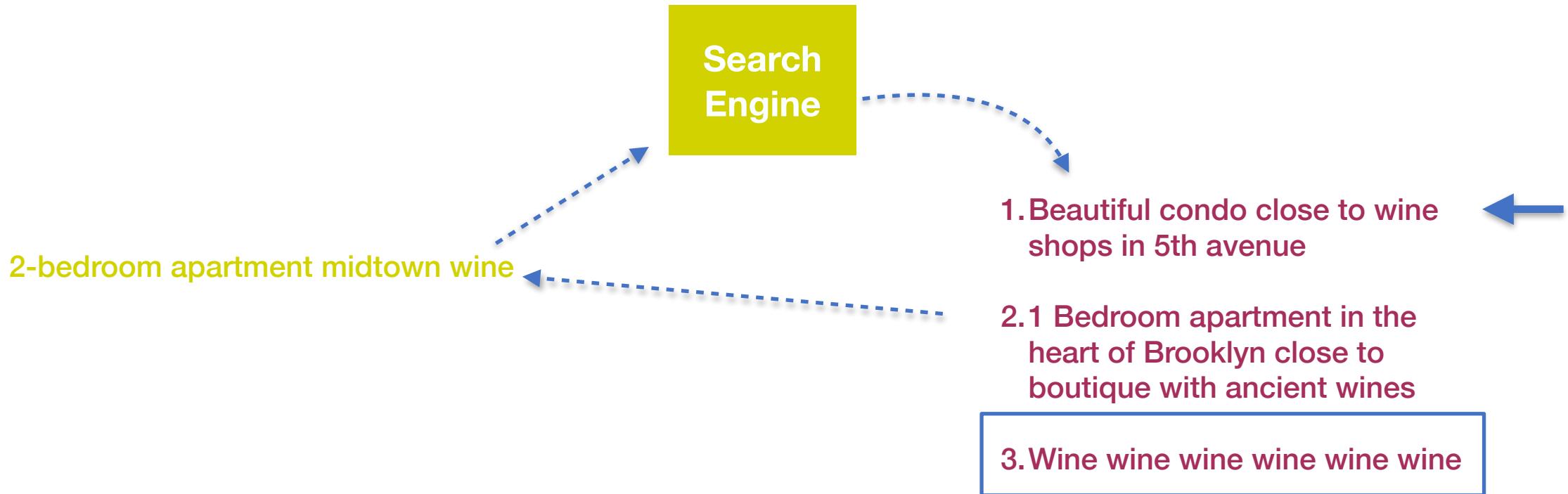
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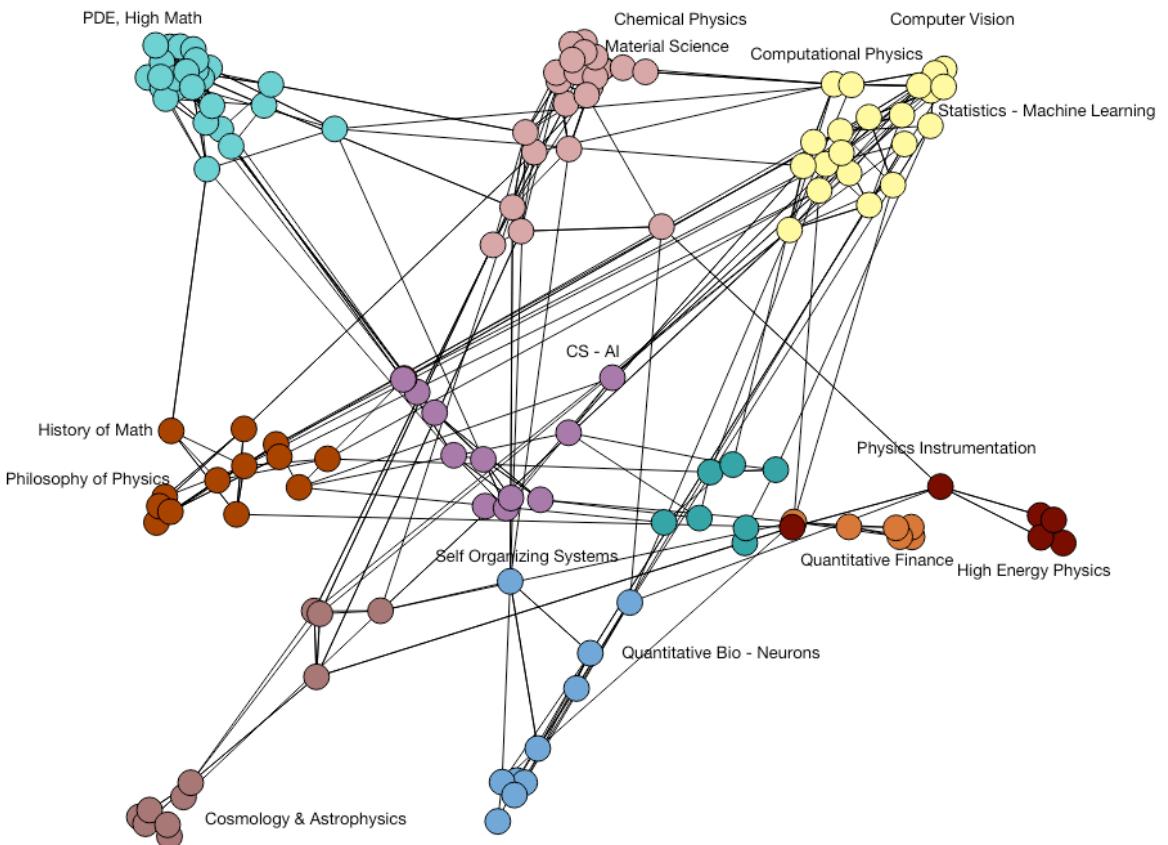
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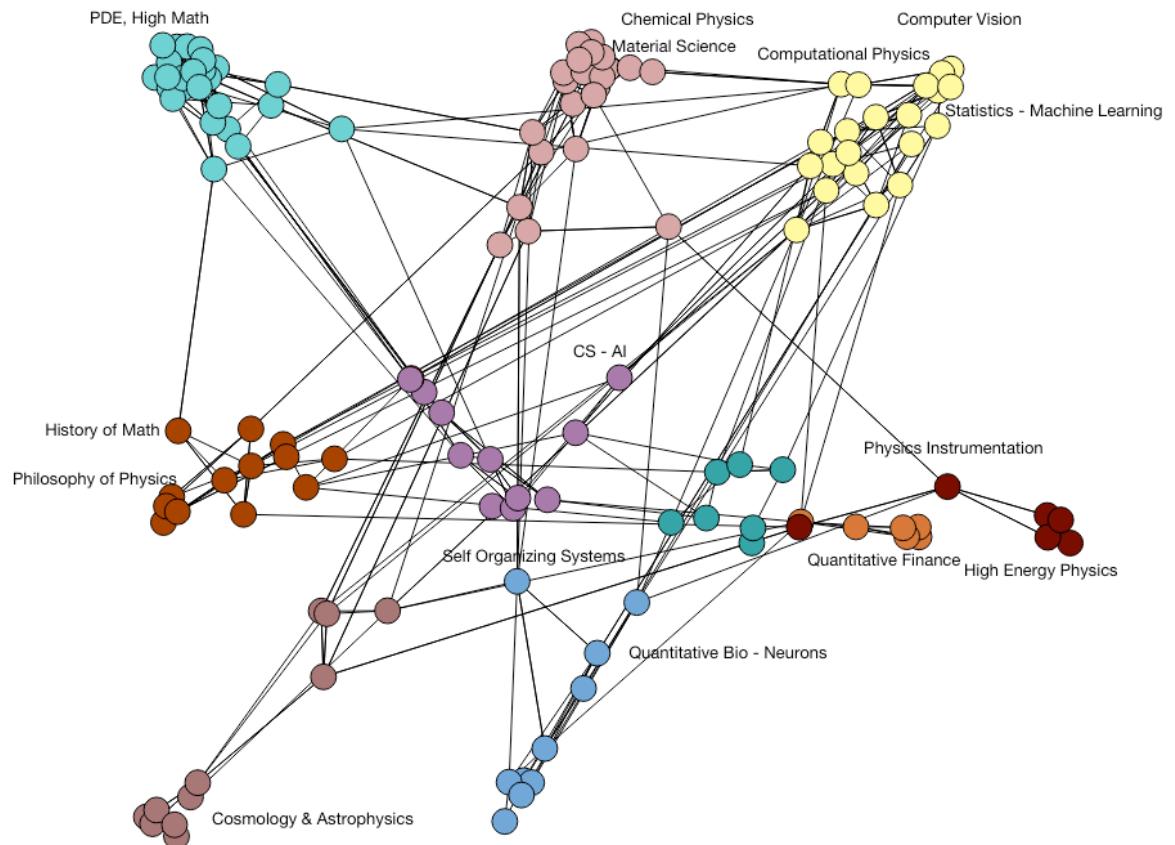
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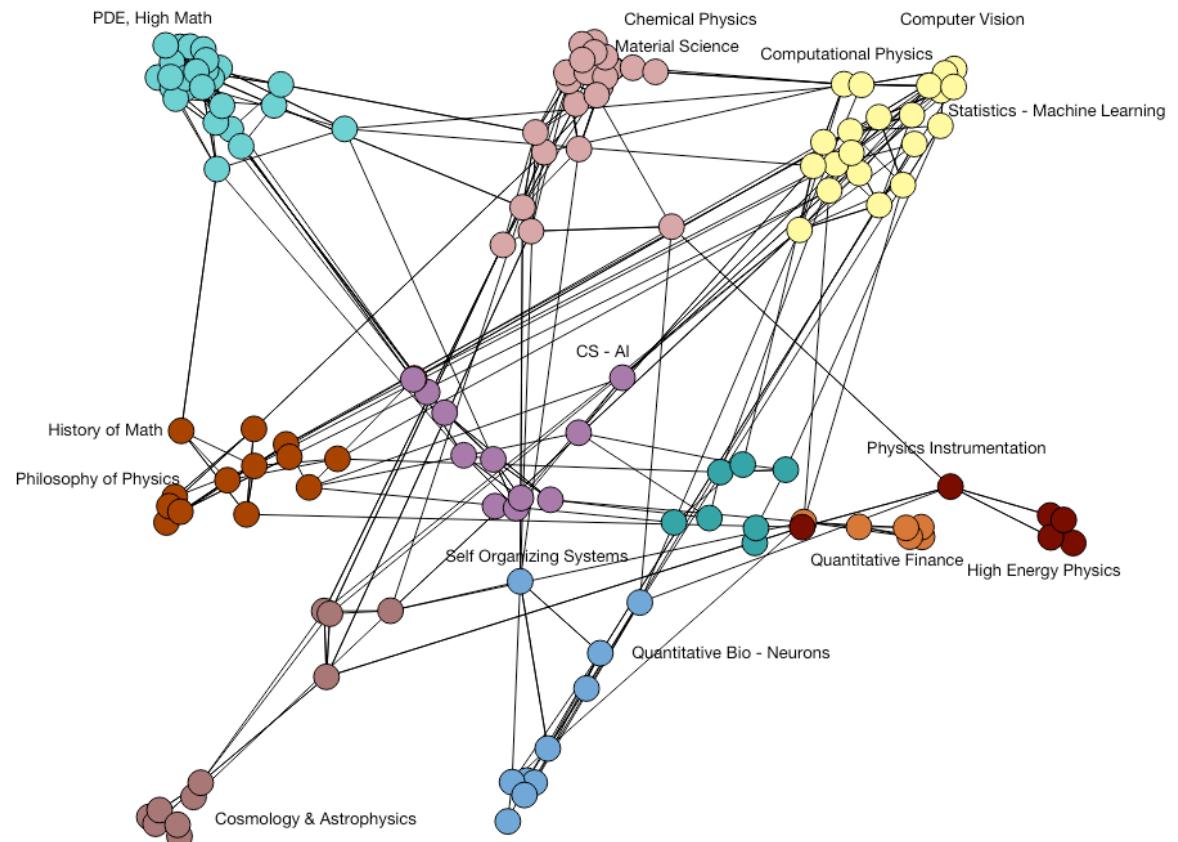
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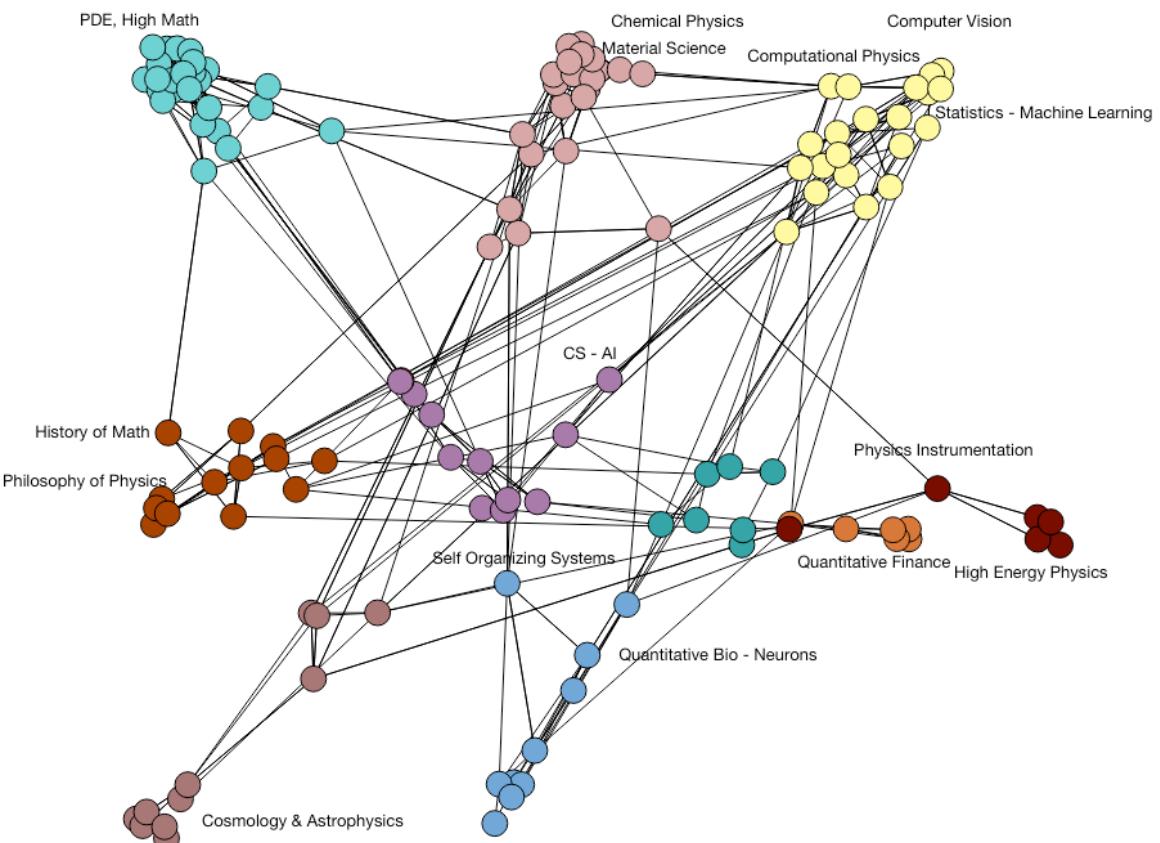
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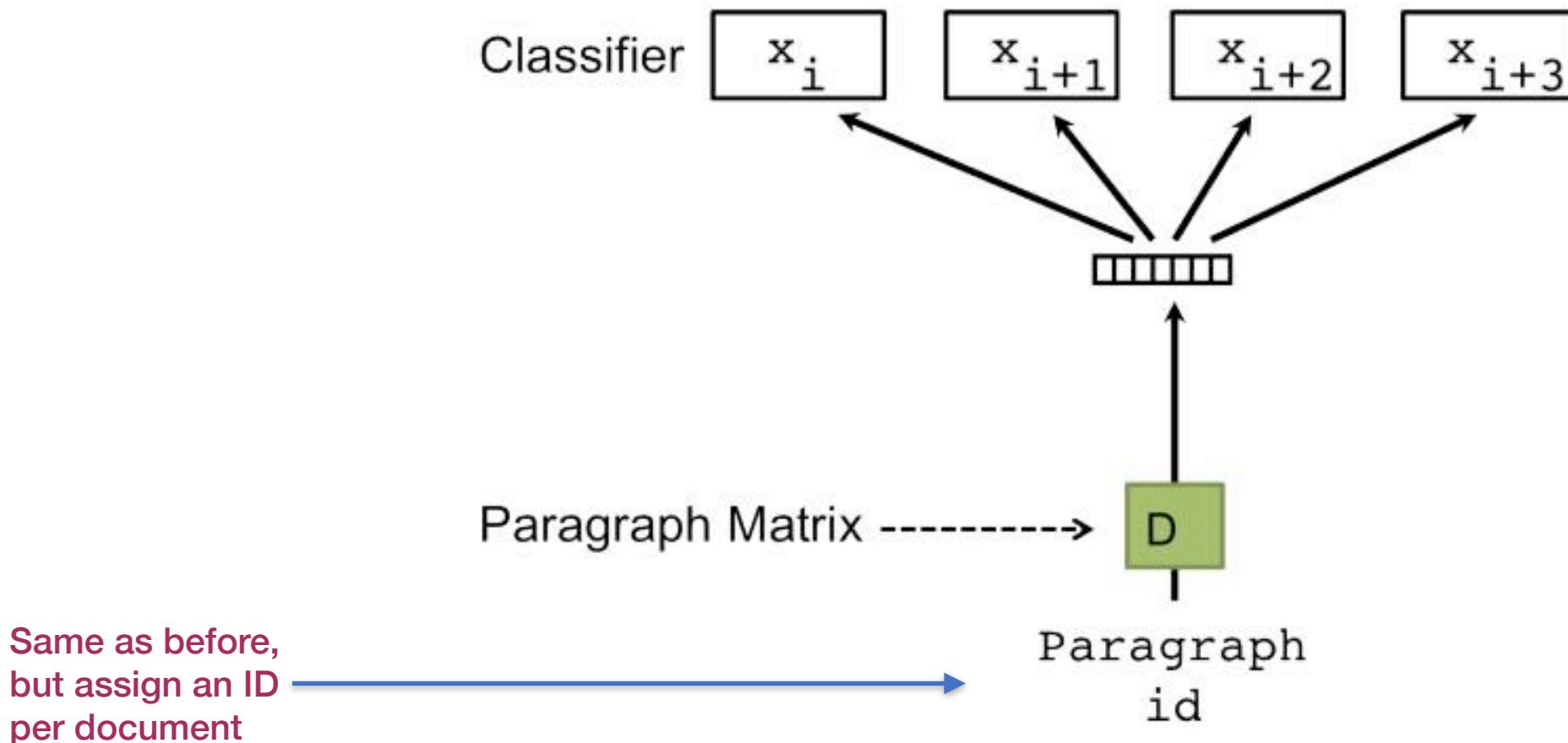


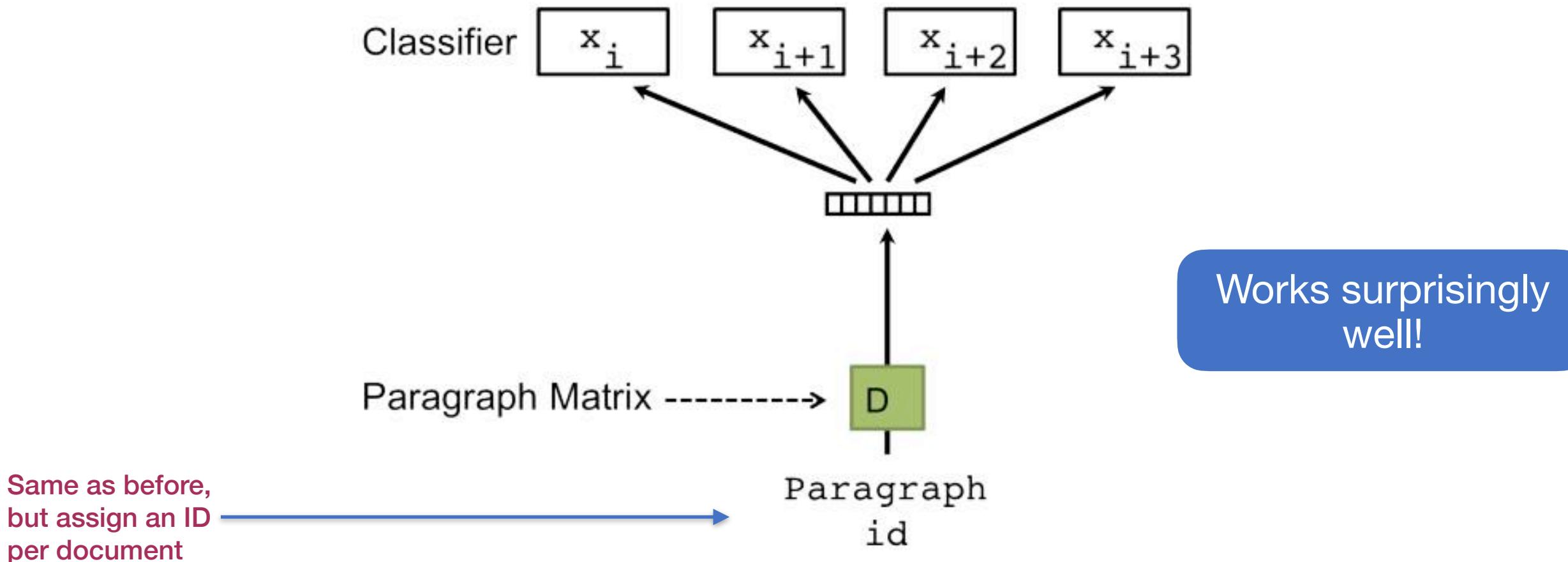


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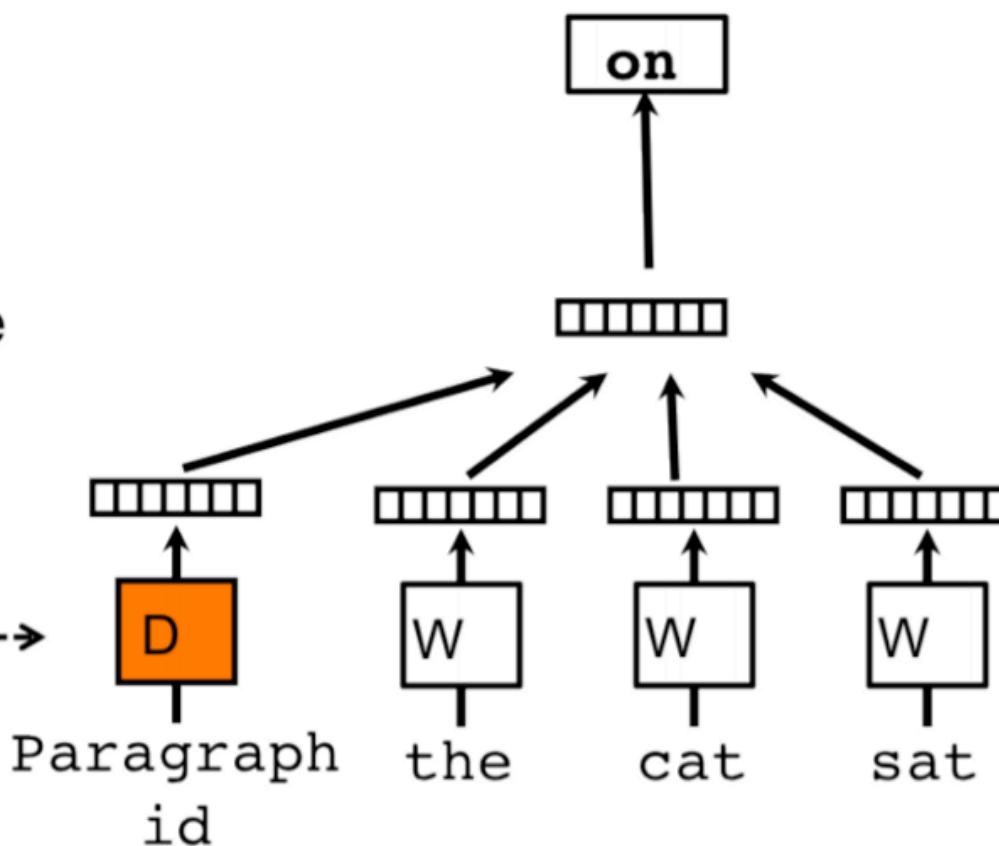




Classifier

Average/Concatenate

Paragraph Matrix----->

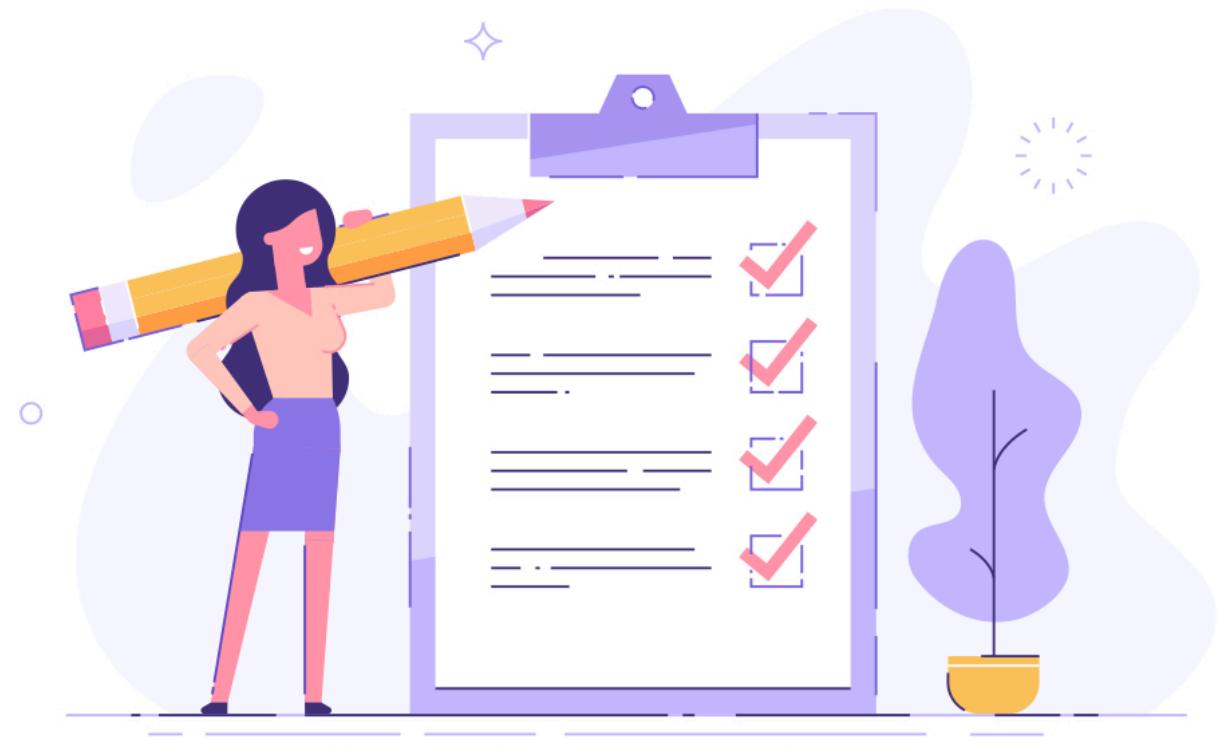




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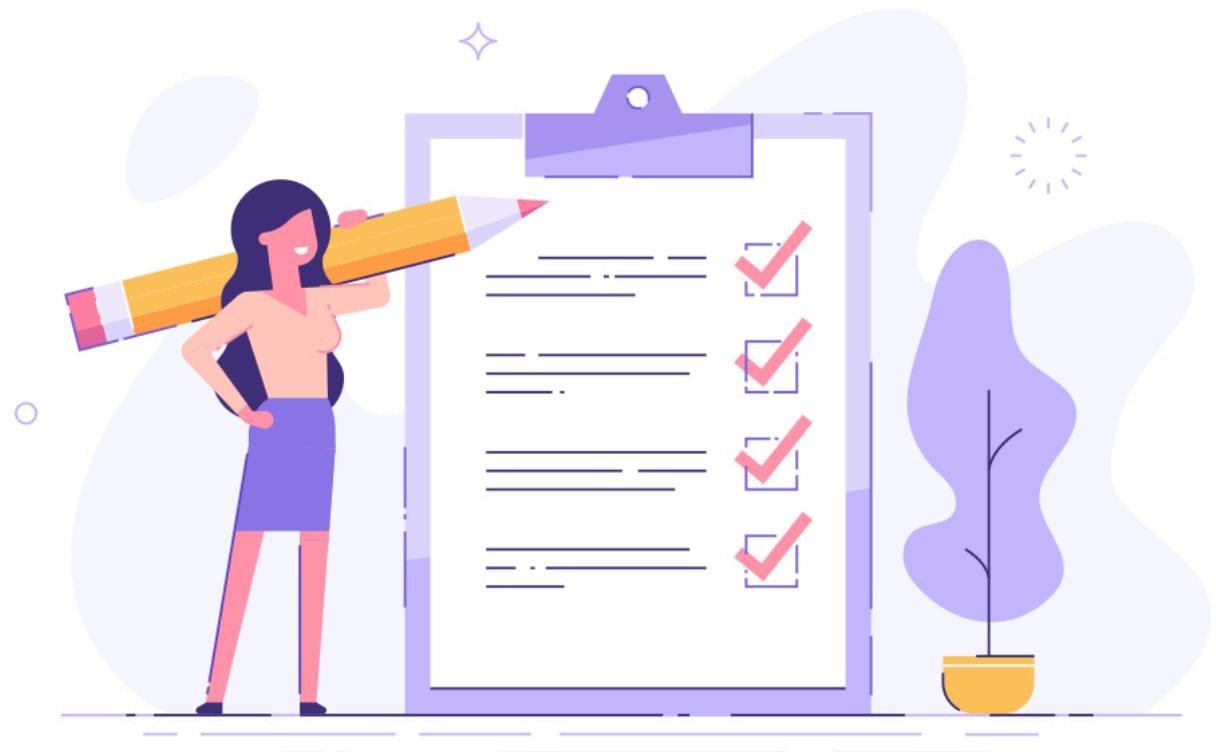
- Train a Doc2Vec model using
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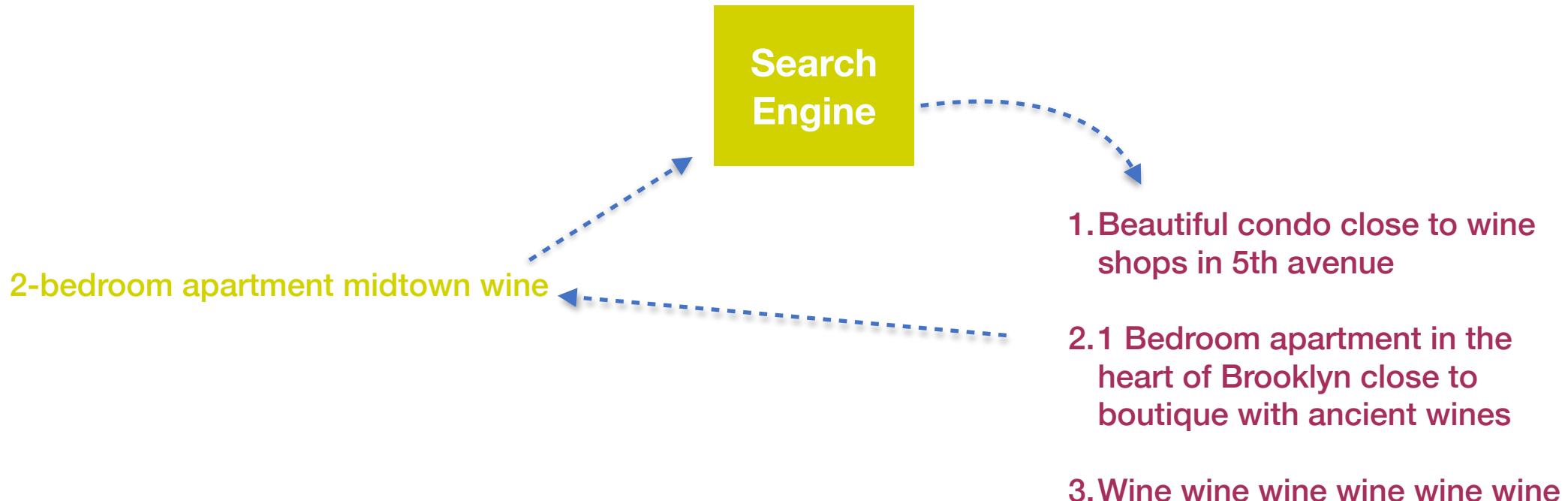


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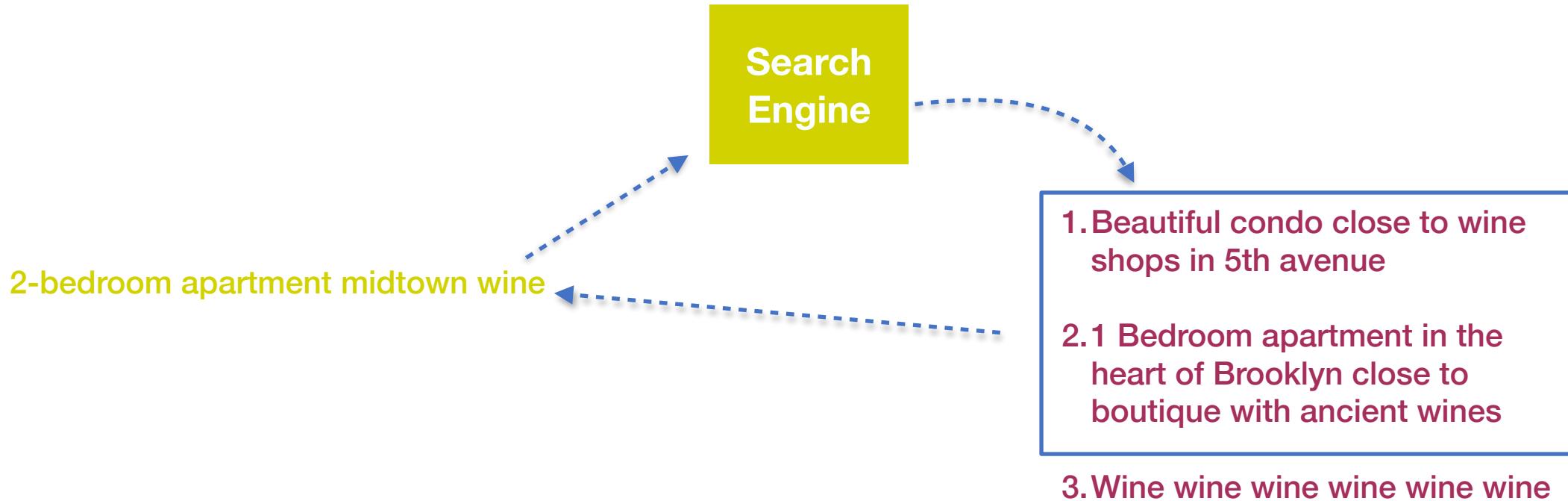


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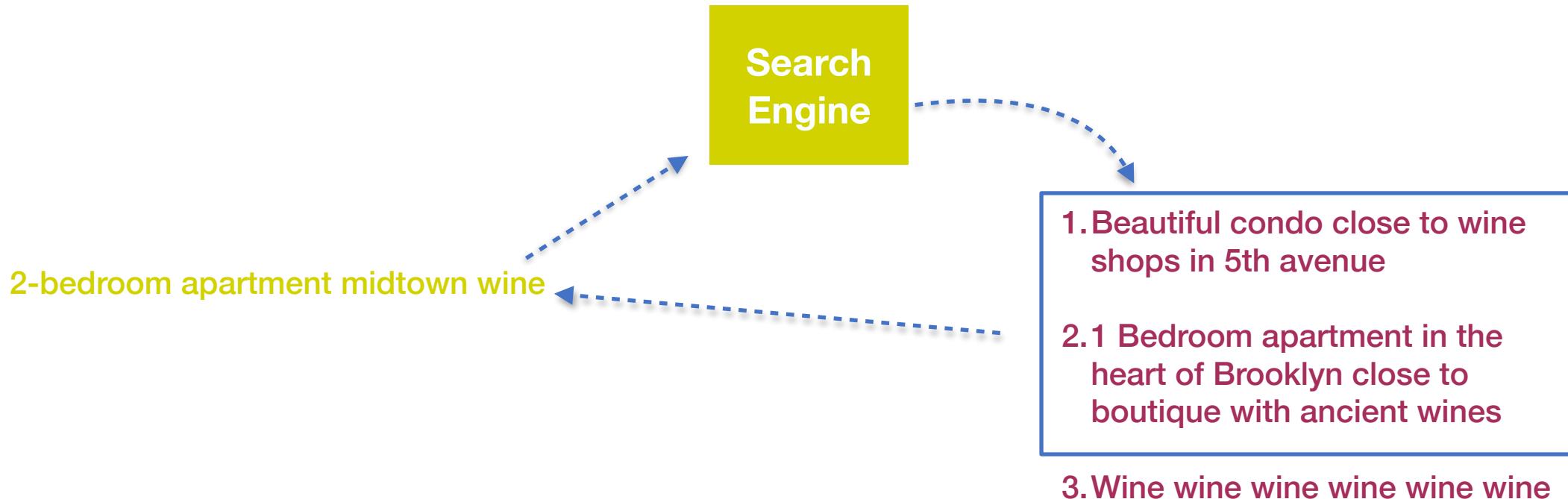
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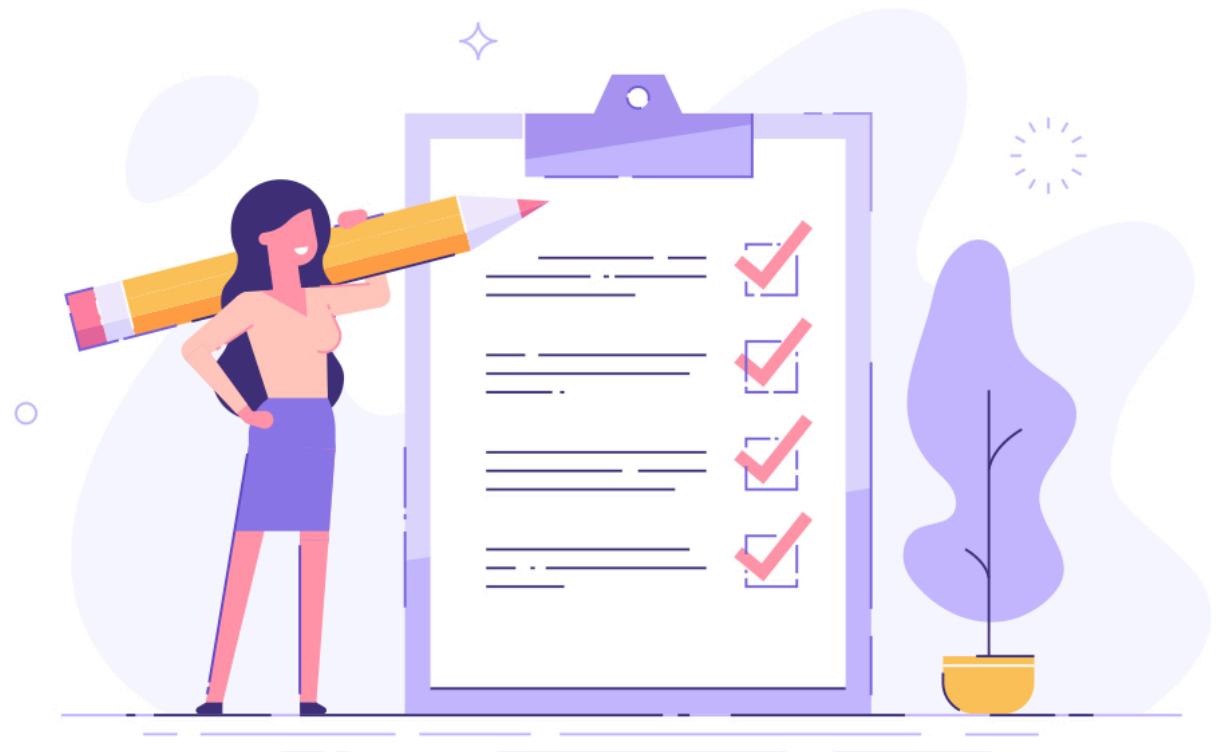
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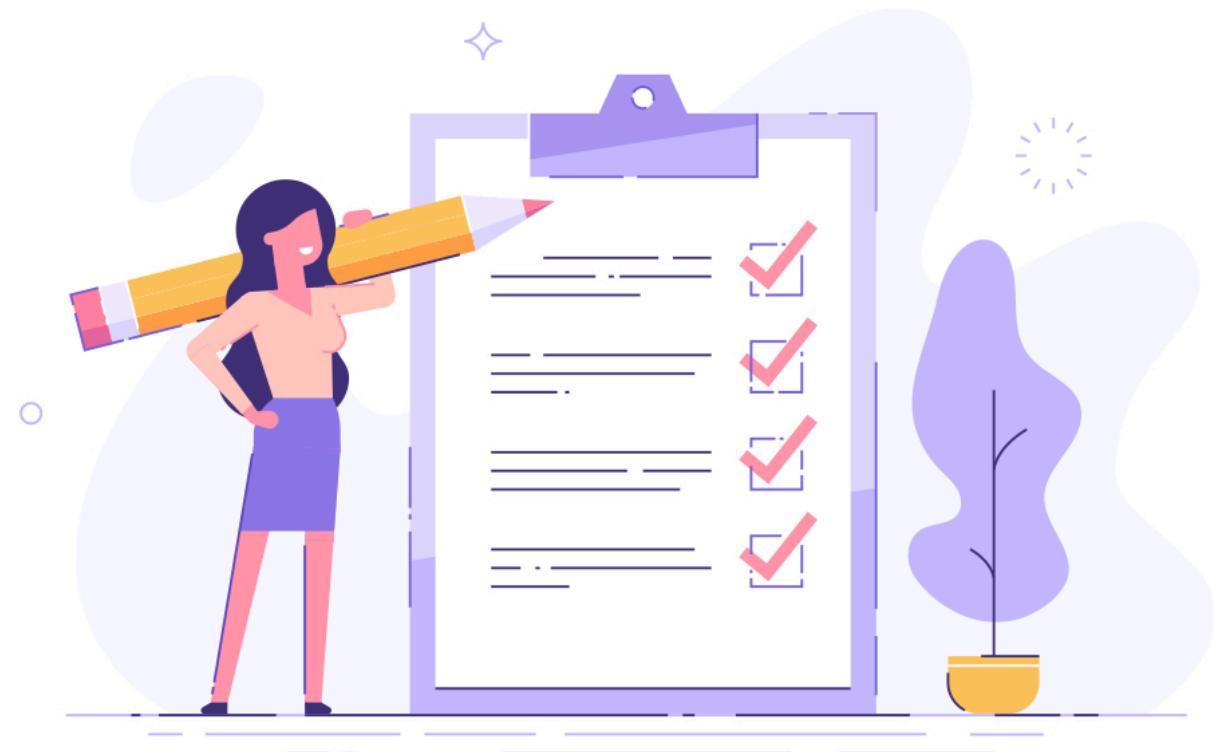
- Create a reranking algorithm in Solr

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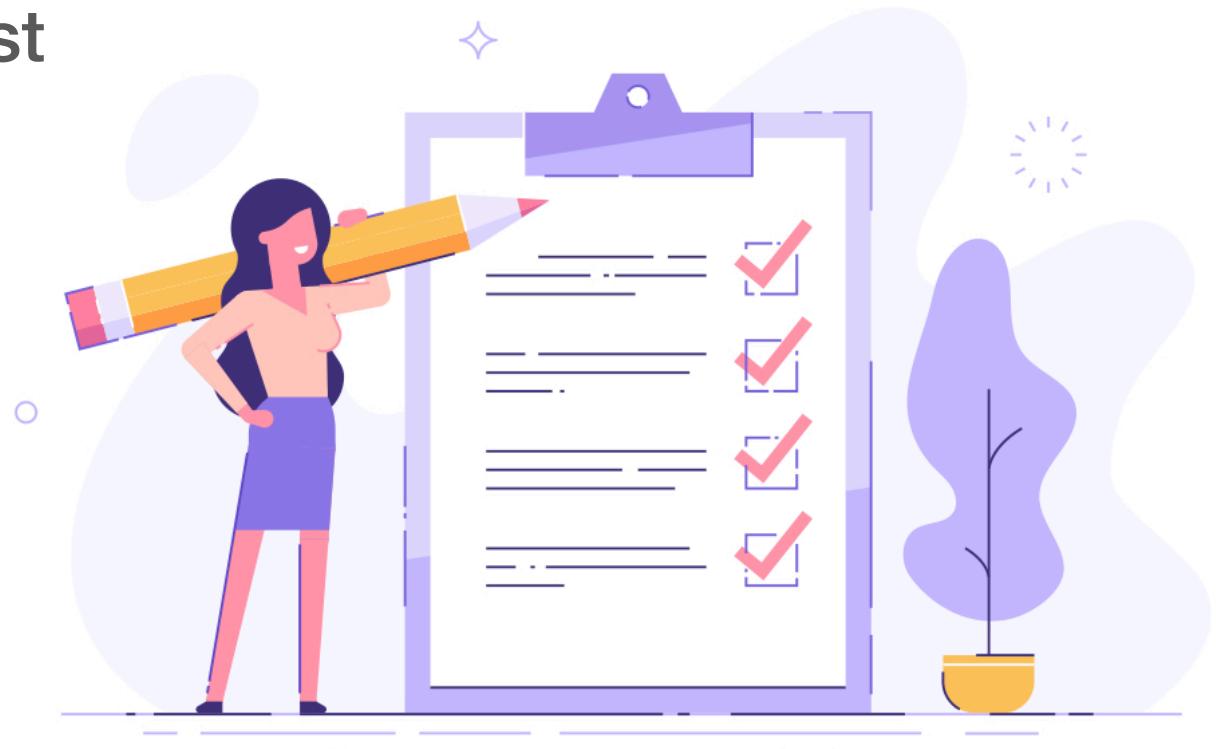
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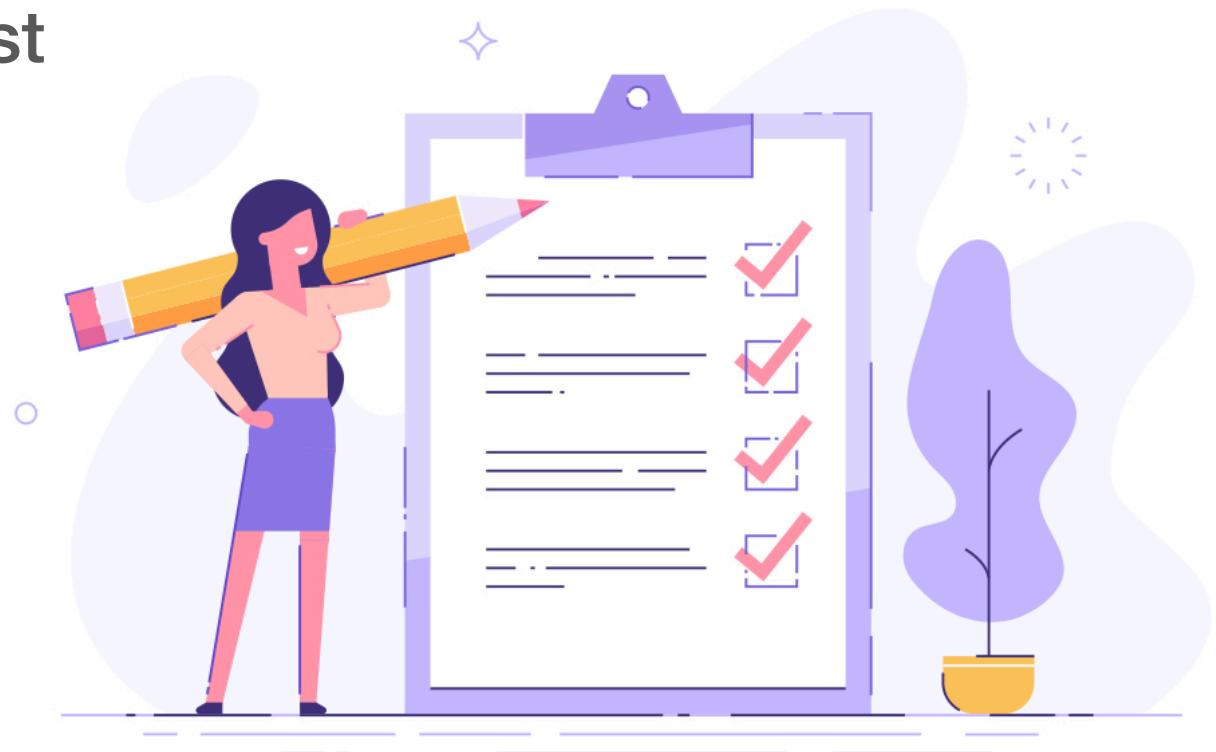
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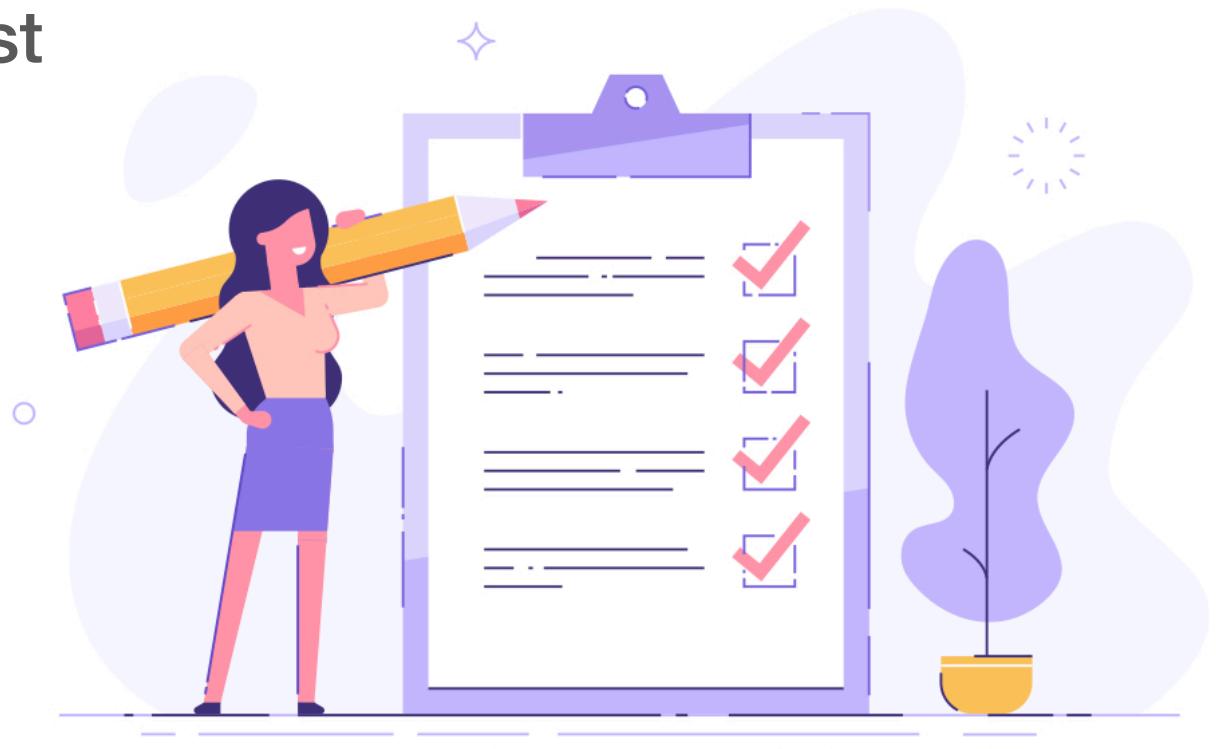




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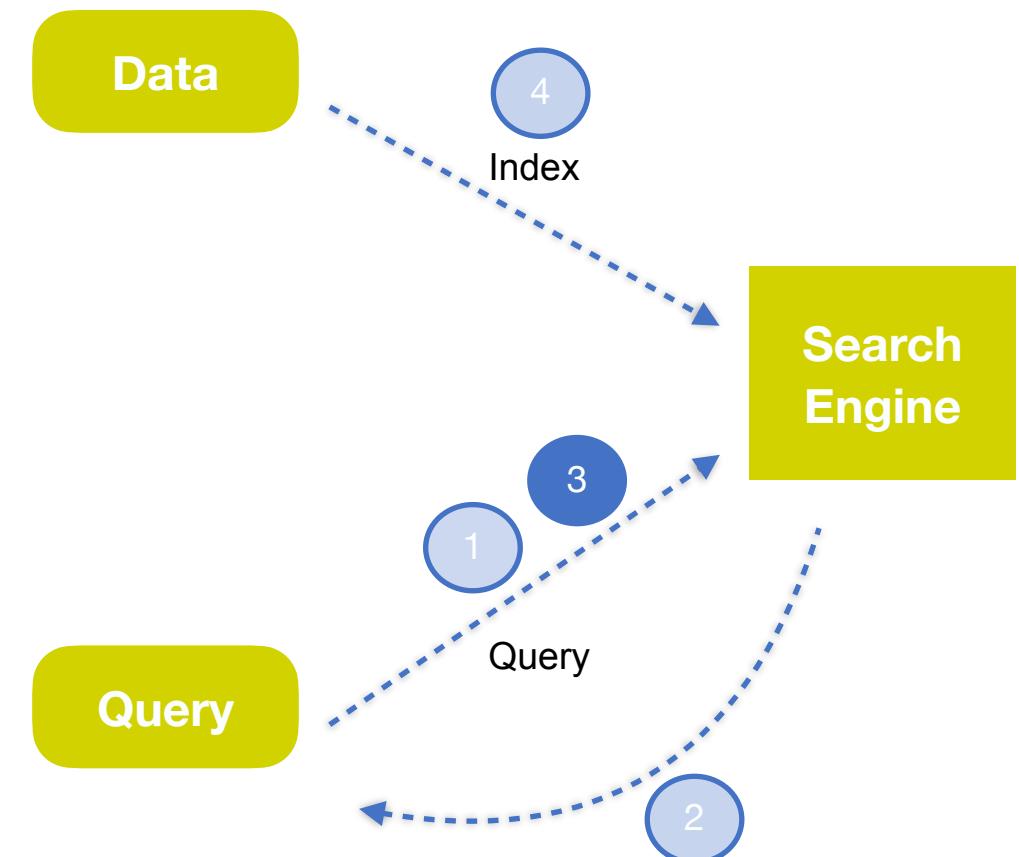
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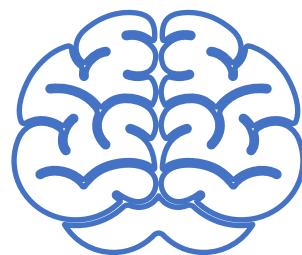


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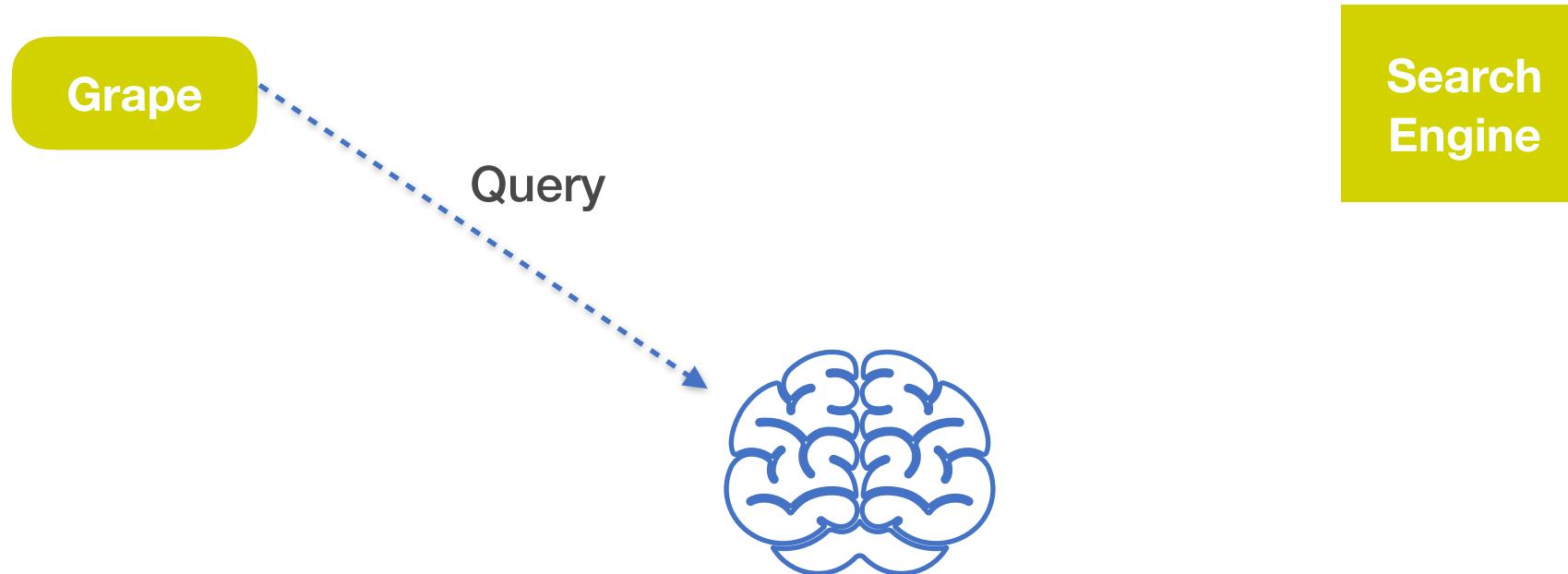
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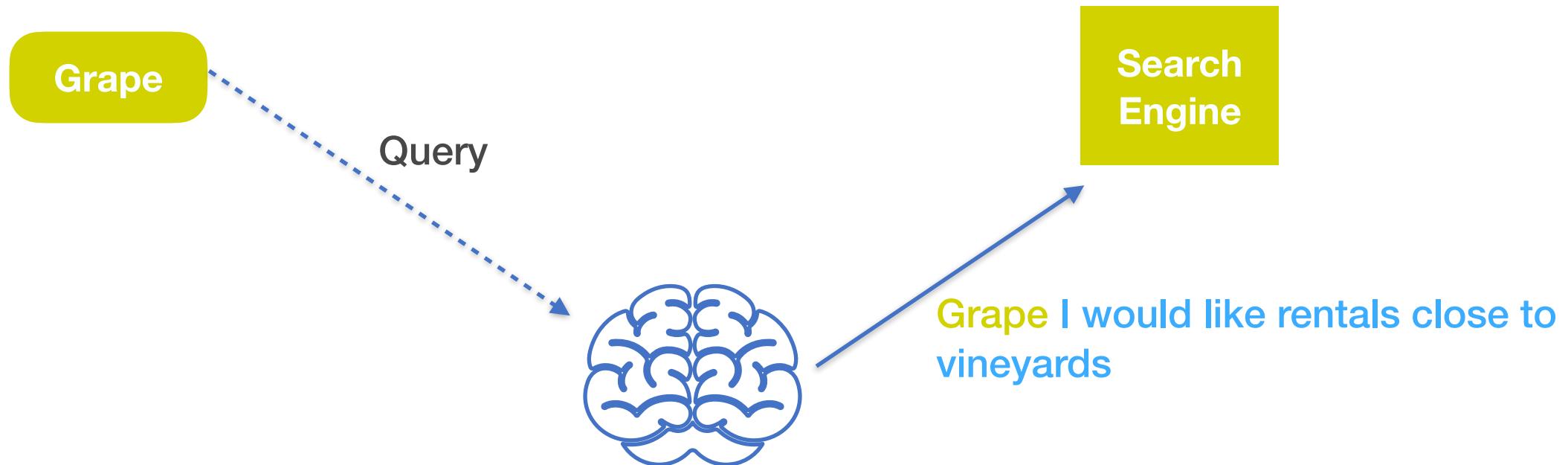


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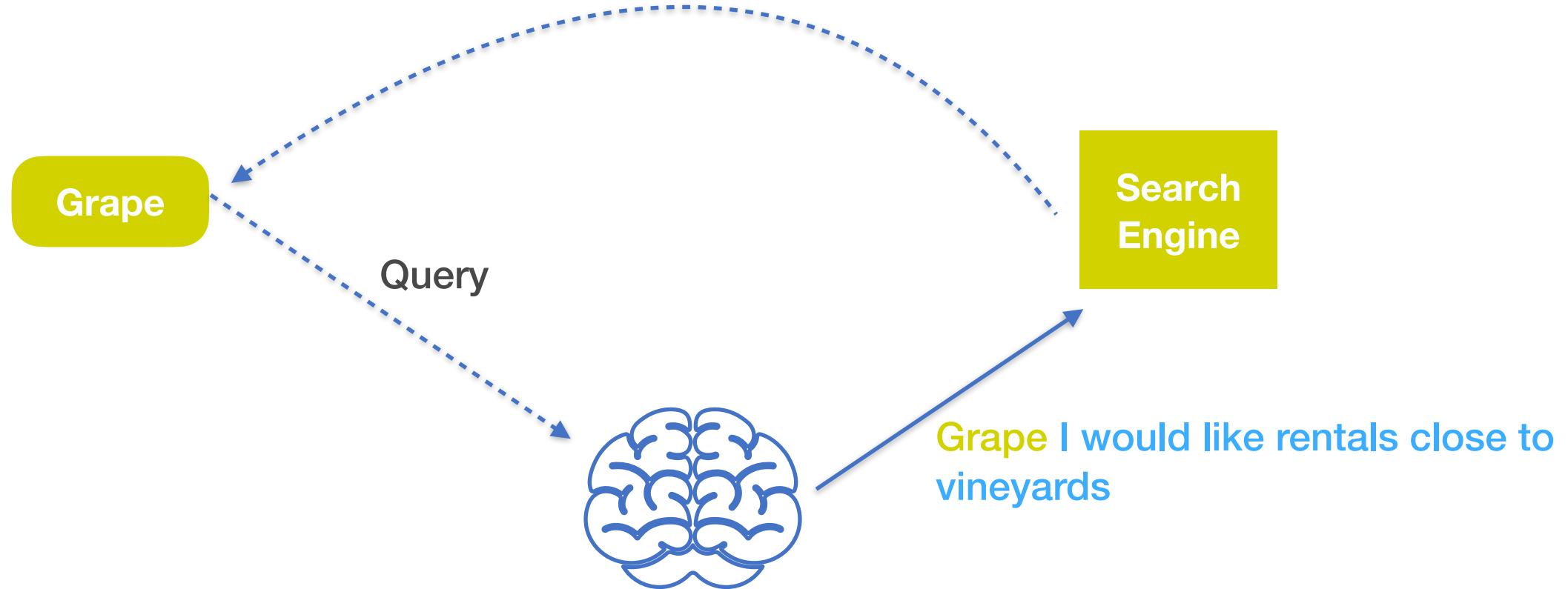


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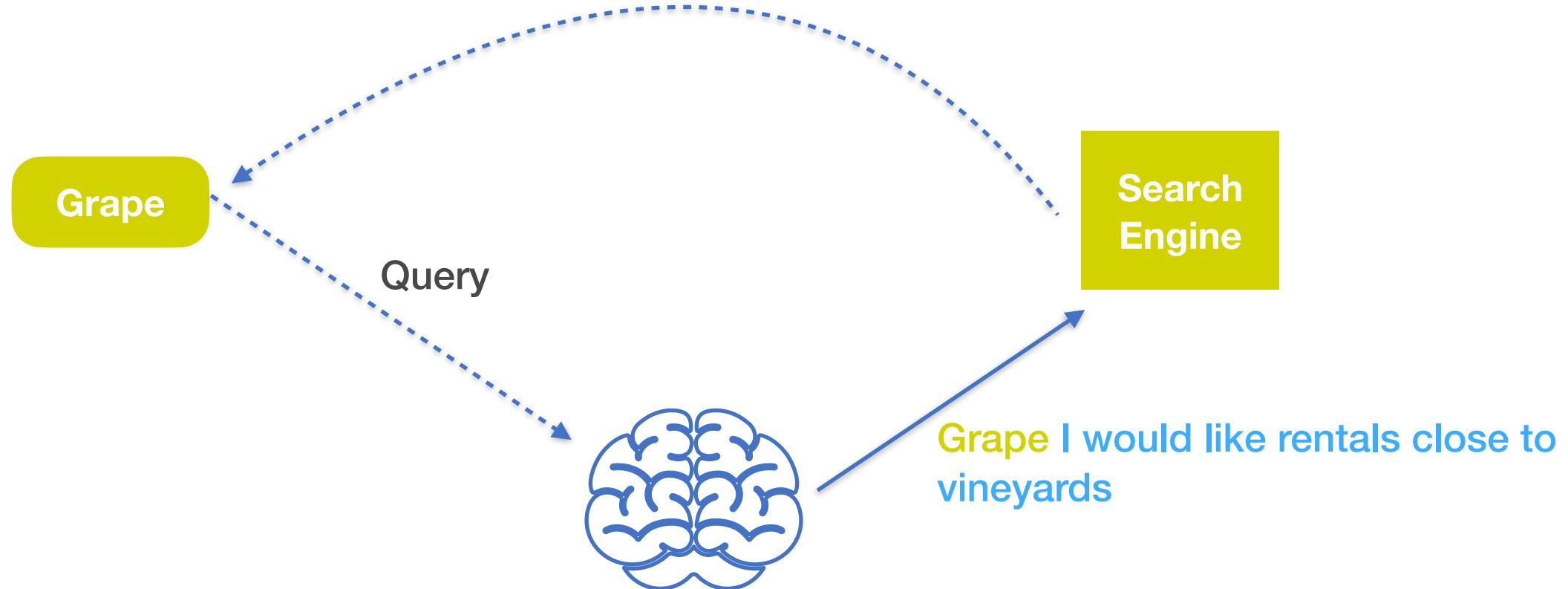


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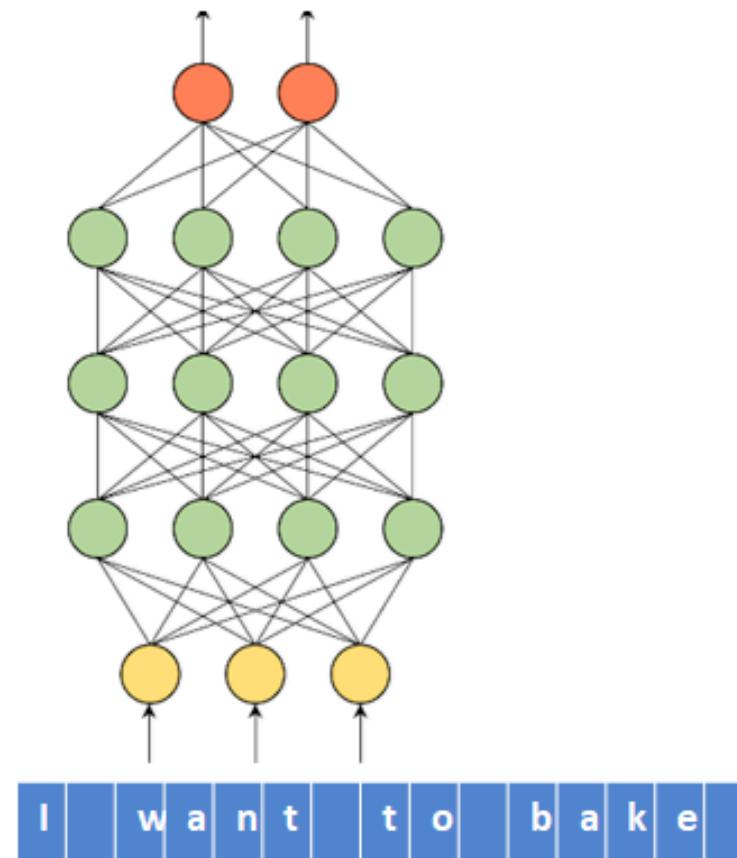


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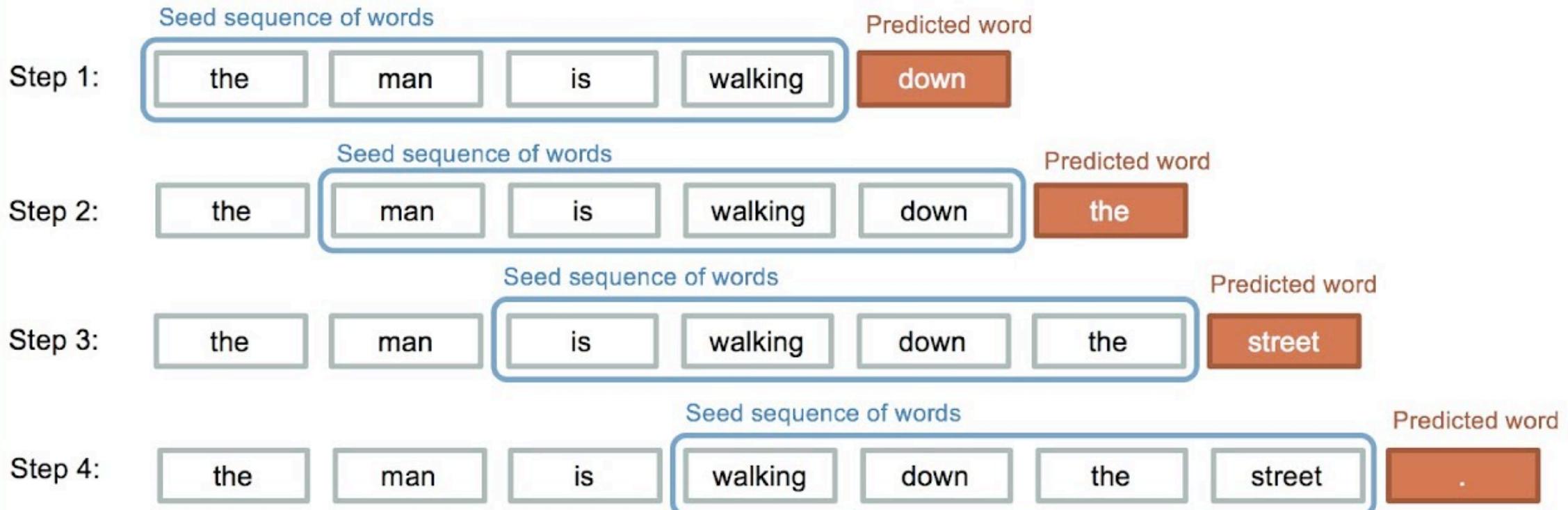
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Train Input
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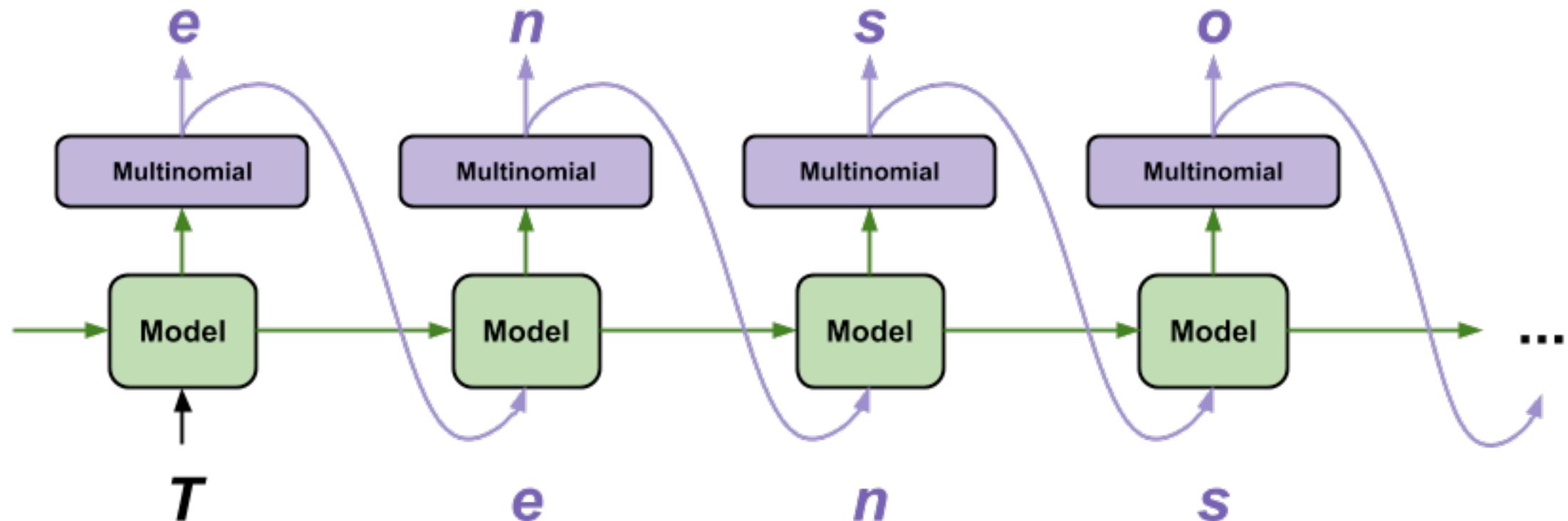
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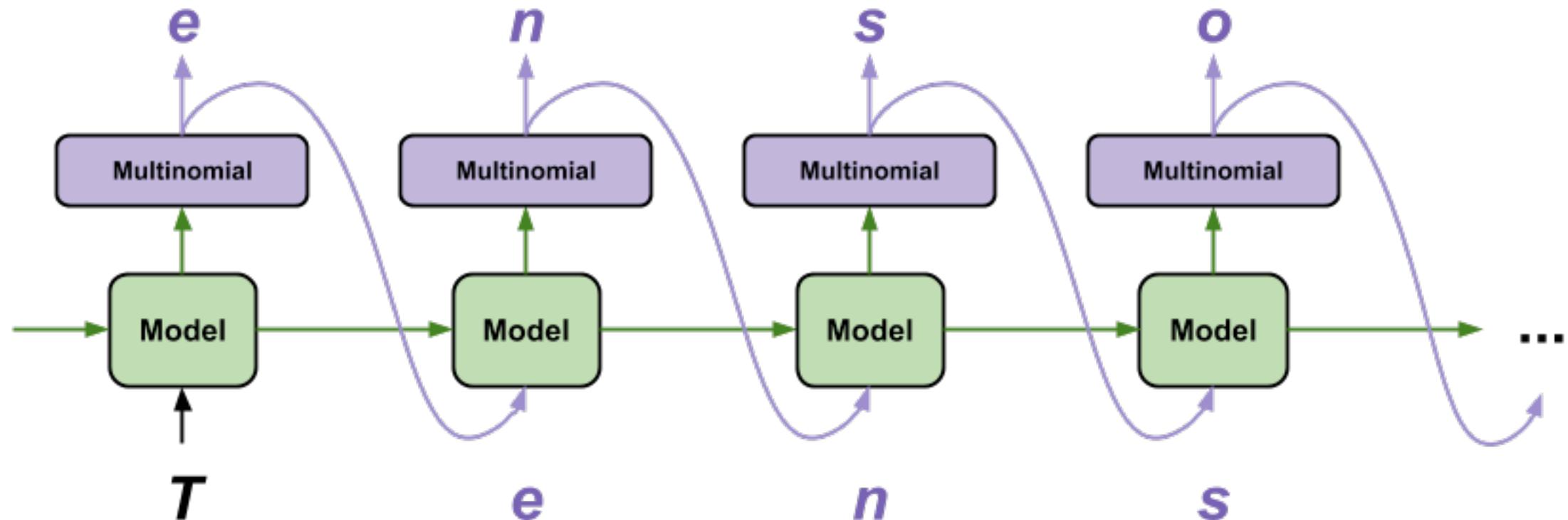


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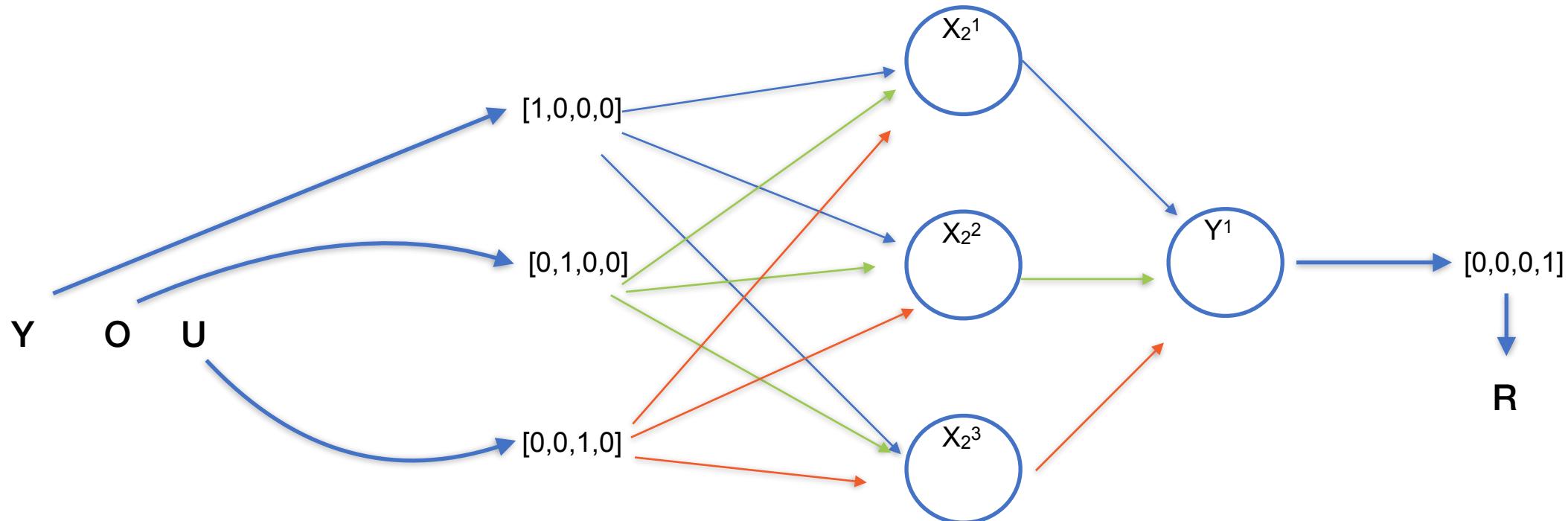
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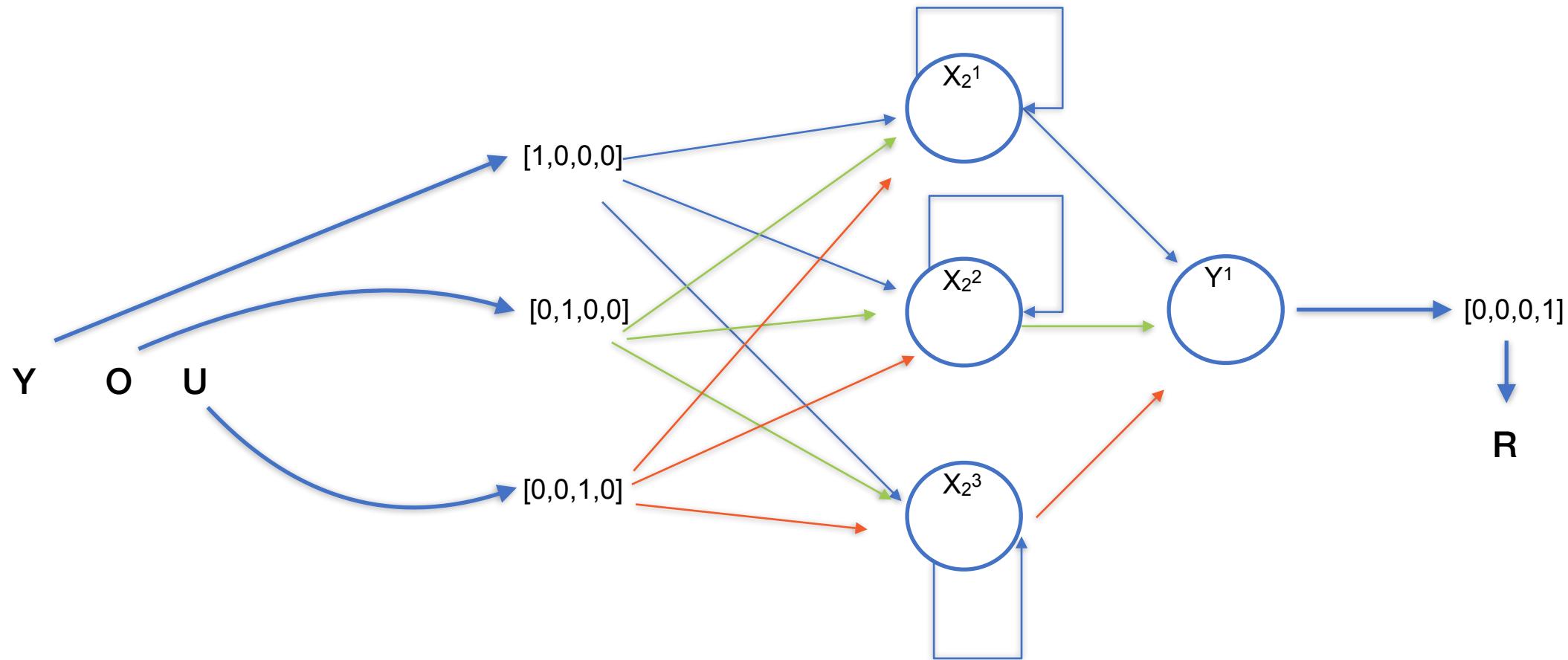


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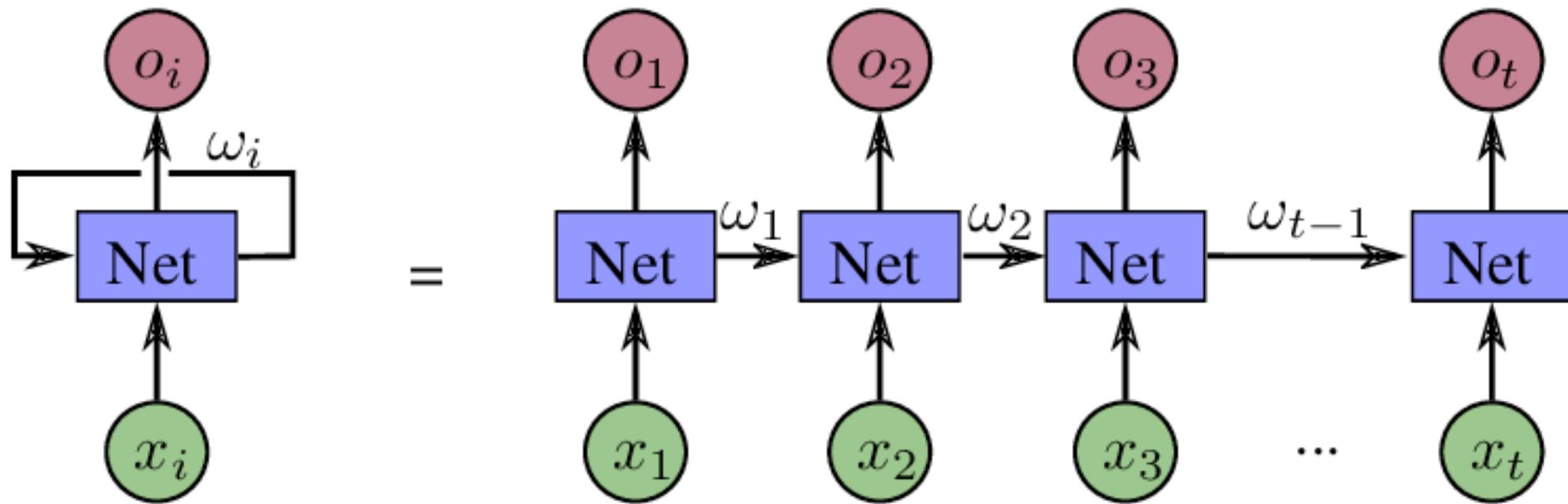


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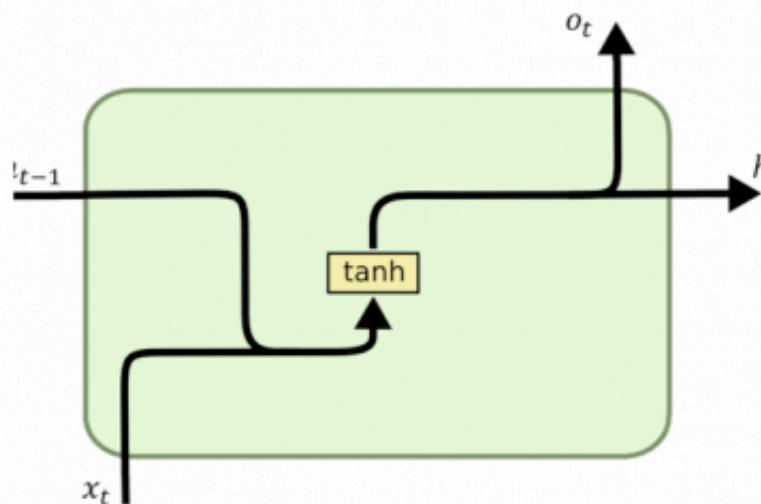
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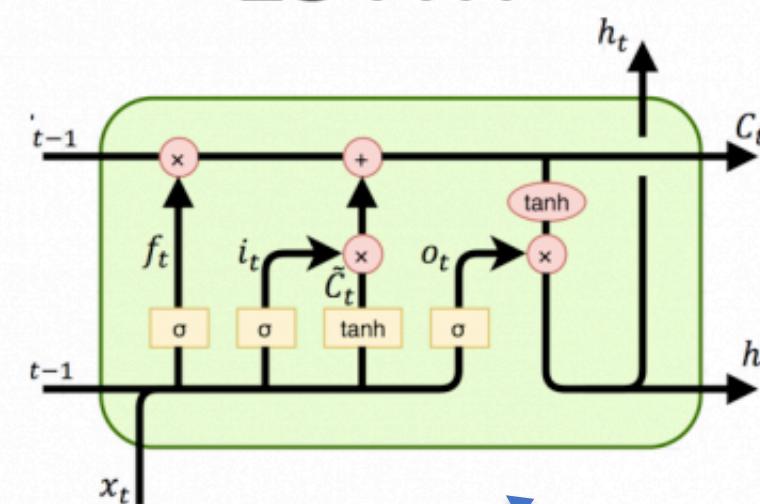


Variations of RNNs

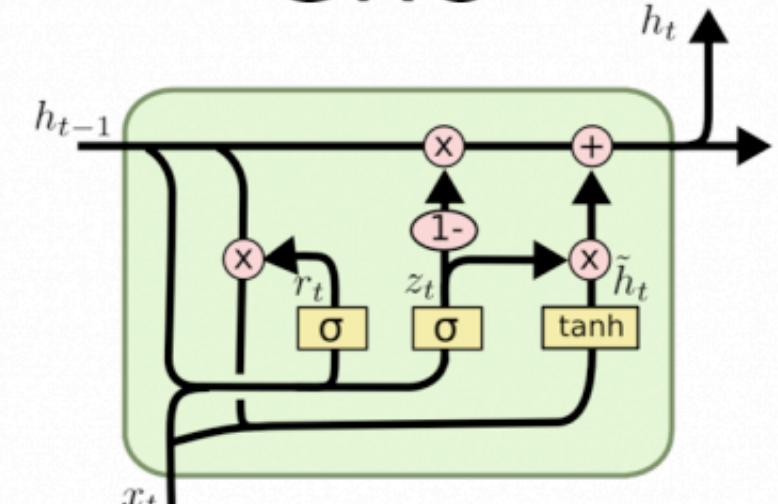
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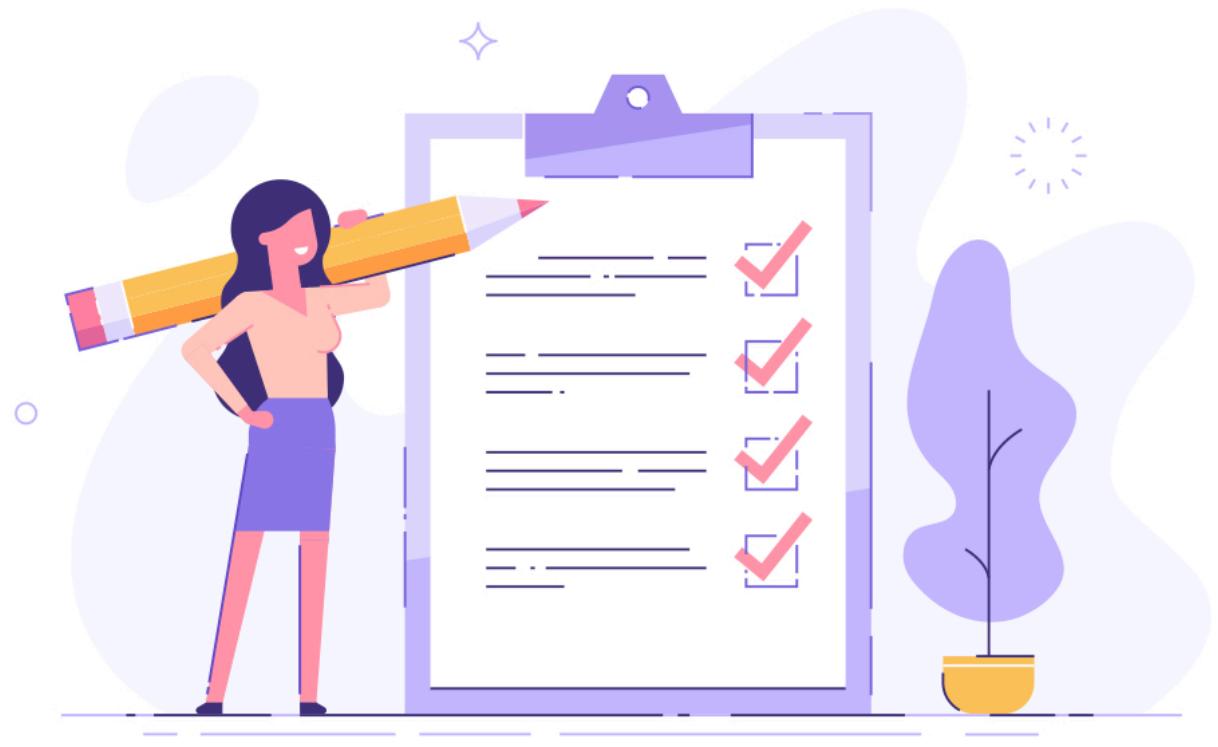
These extra gates provide memory and forgetfulness



LAB: Train an RNN

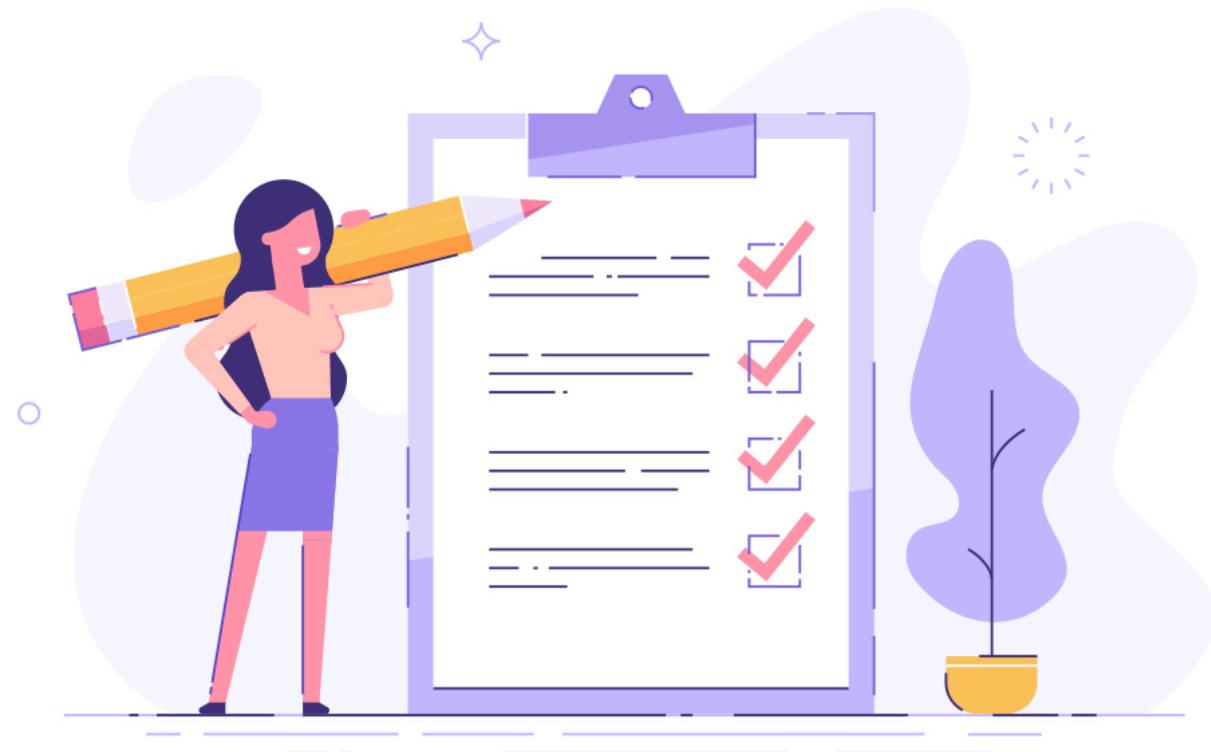
- Train an RNN from scratch
- Put attention to the dataset preparation and how to predict

Allocated time: 30/45 minutes





Pulse Check



Break: 10 minutes

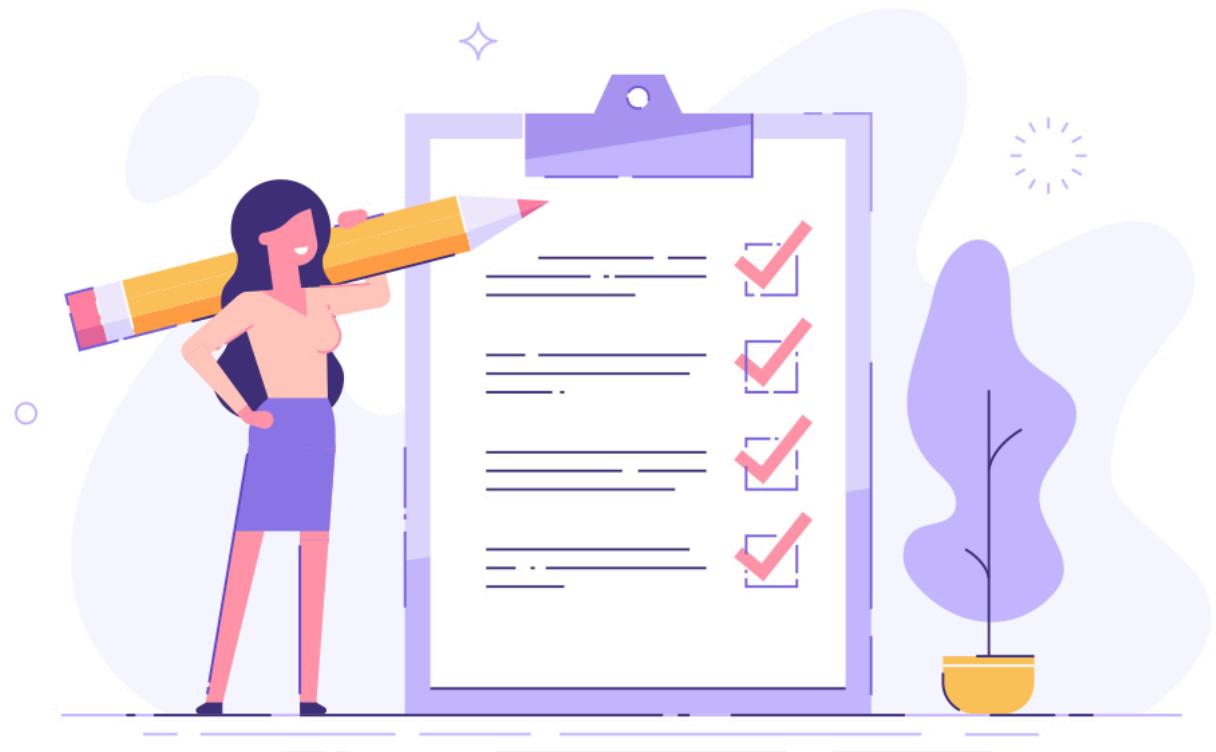




LAB: Alternative Queries

- Create alternative queries in Solr with our model

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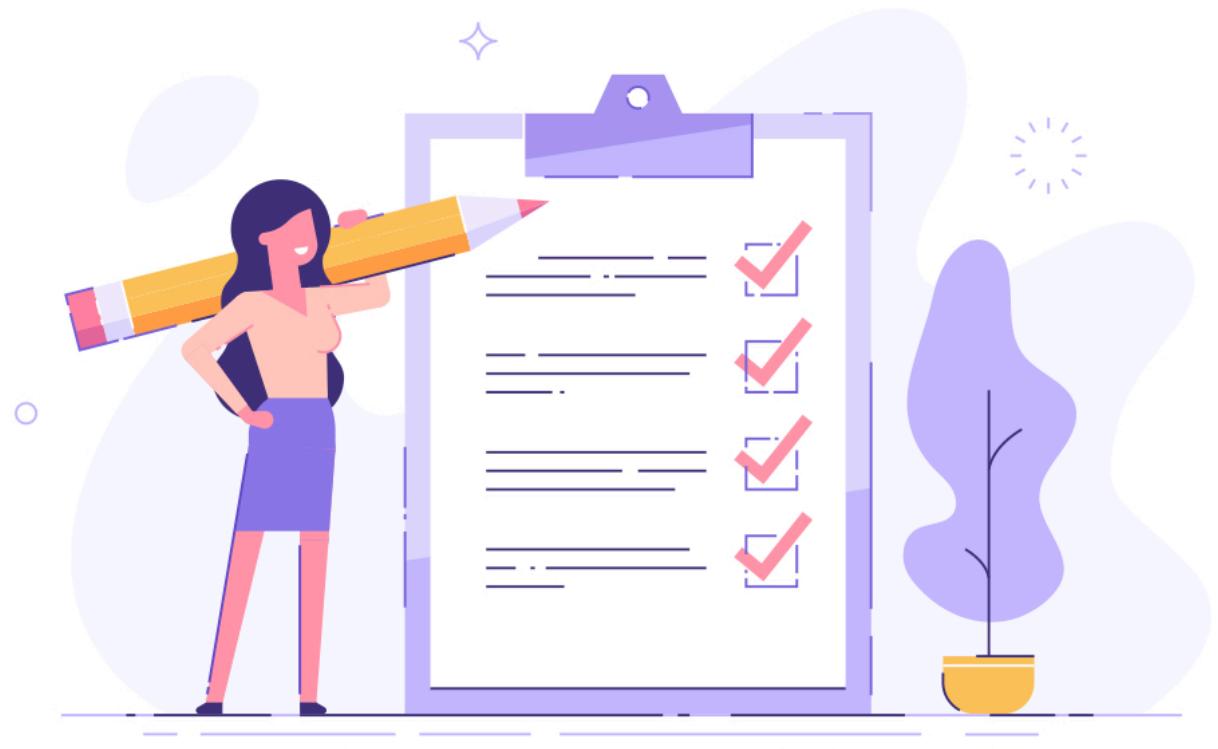




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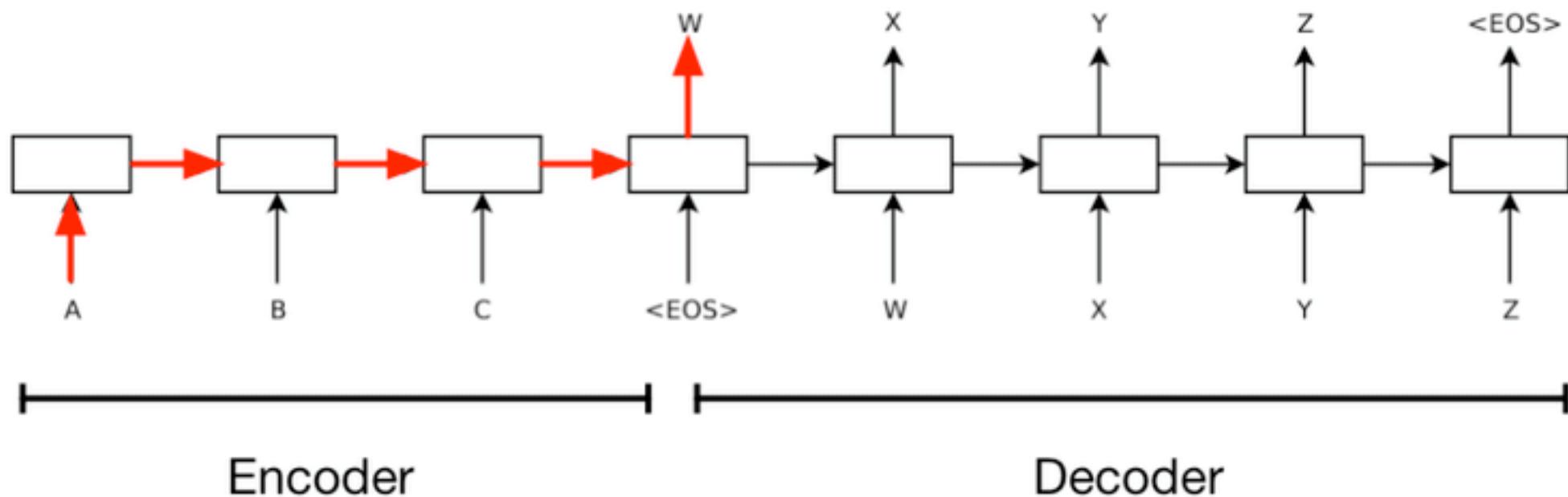
Why do you think the model performed as it did? Any idea to improve it?

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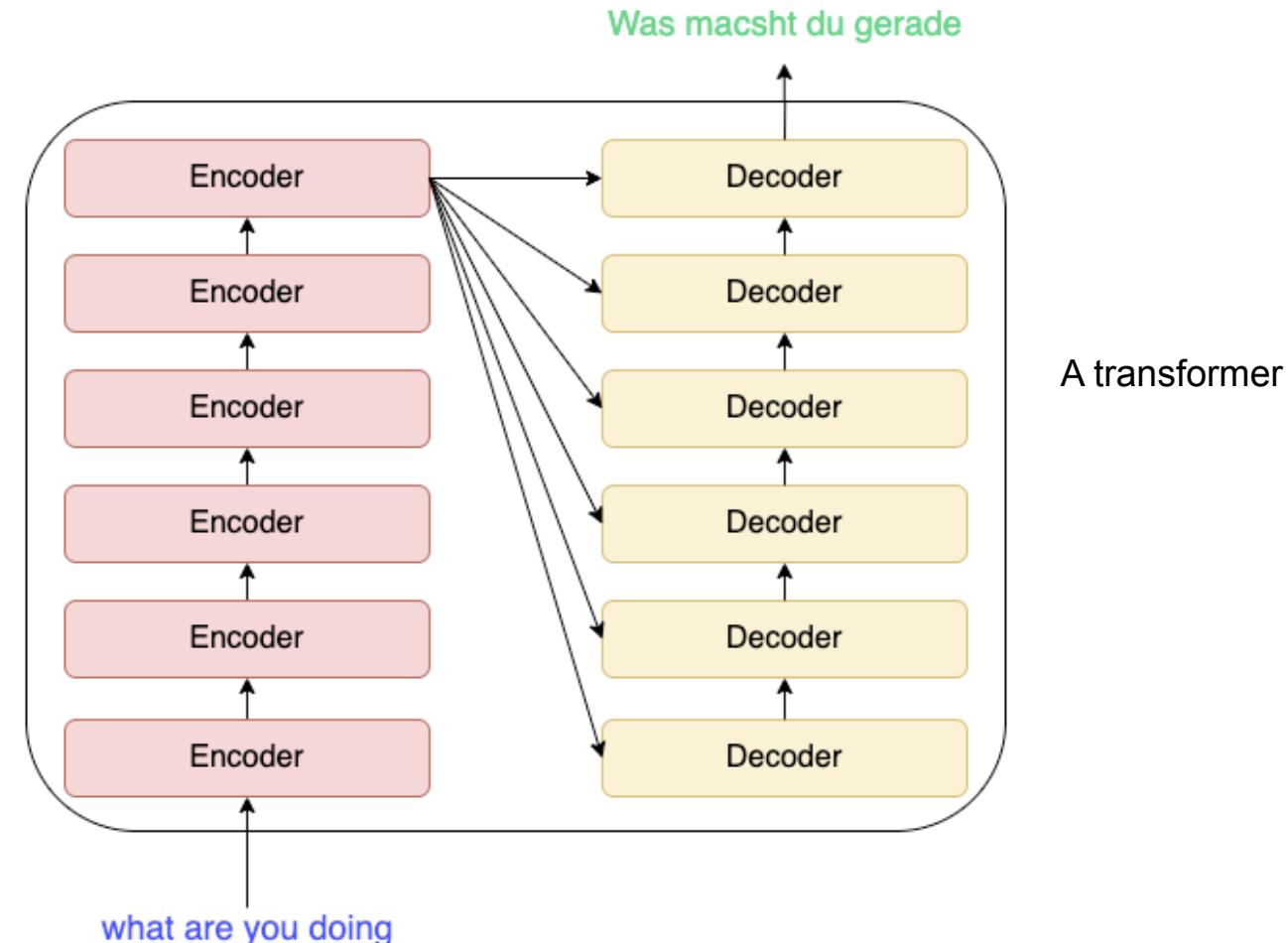
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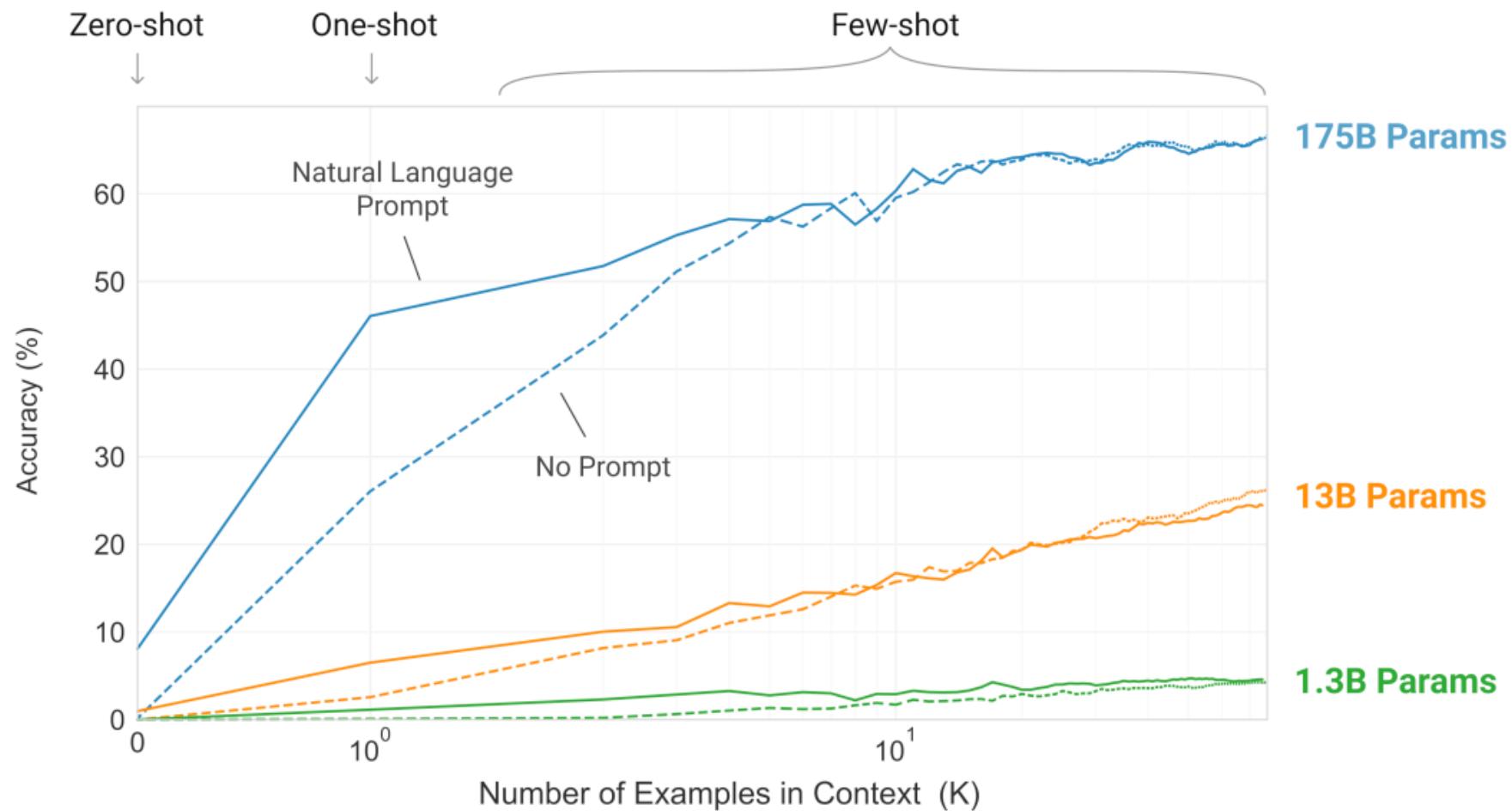
**They act as black boxes
that perform sequence-
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A transformer

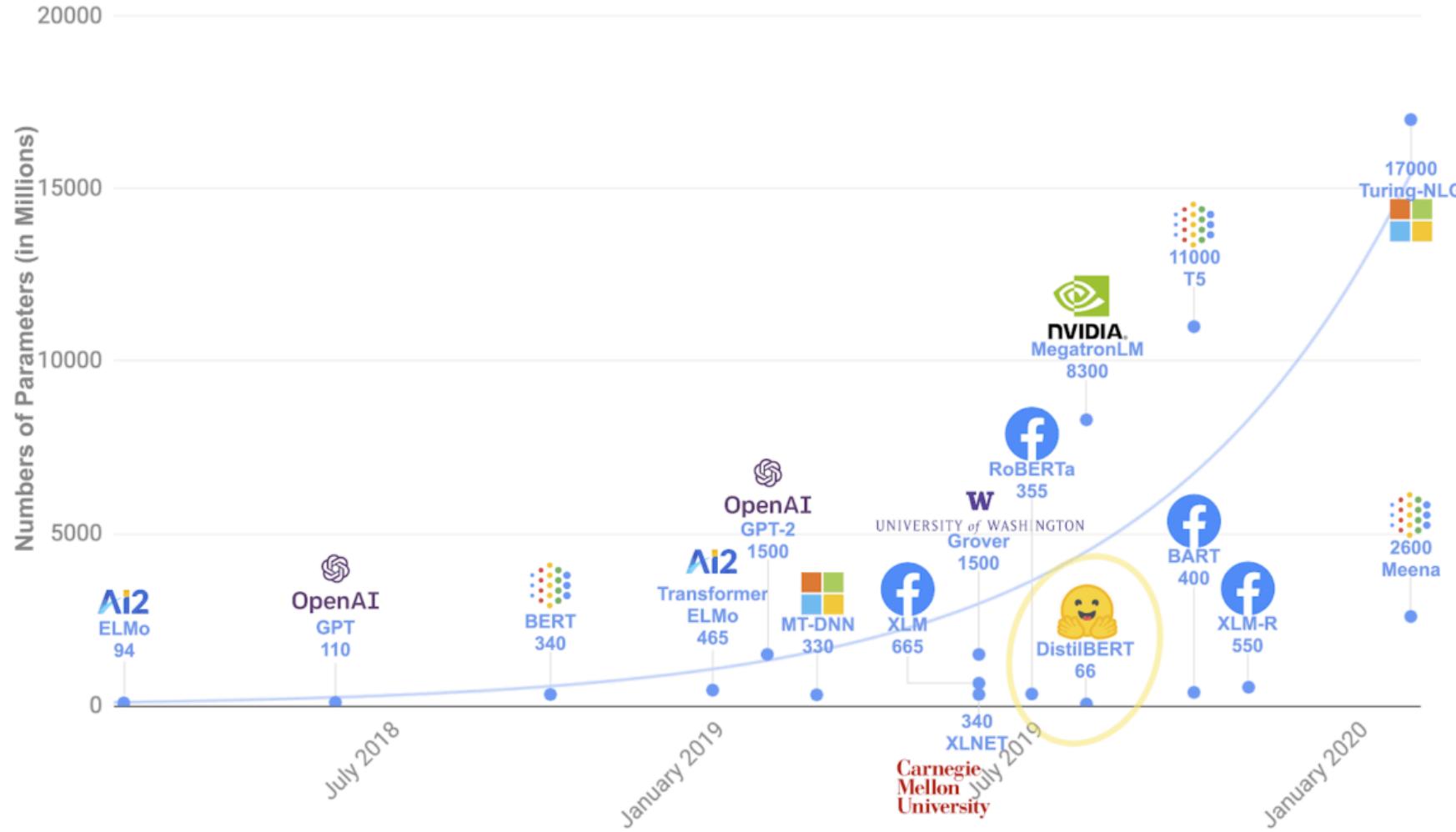


Bigger vs Better





Beware of \$\$\$



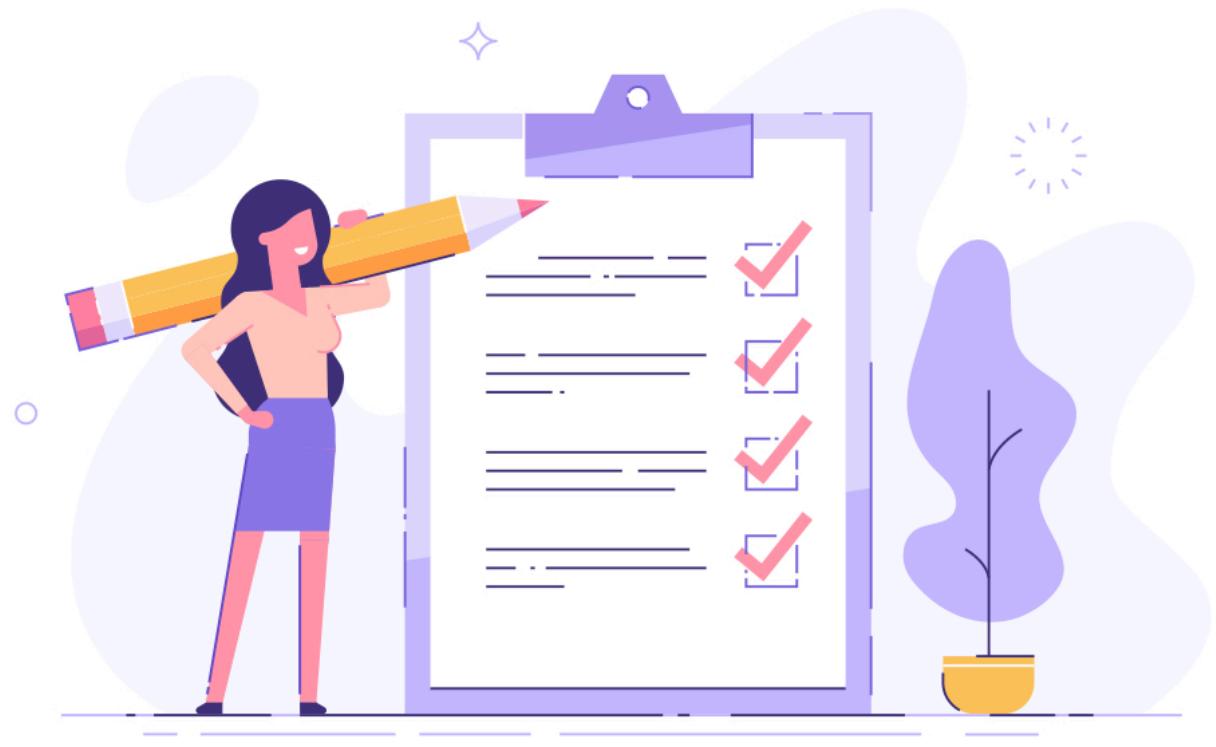


LAB: Using Transformers



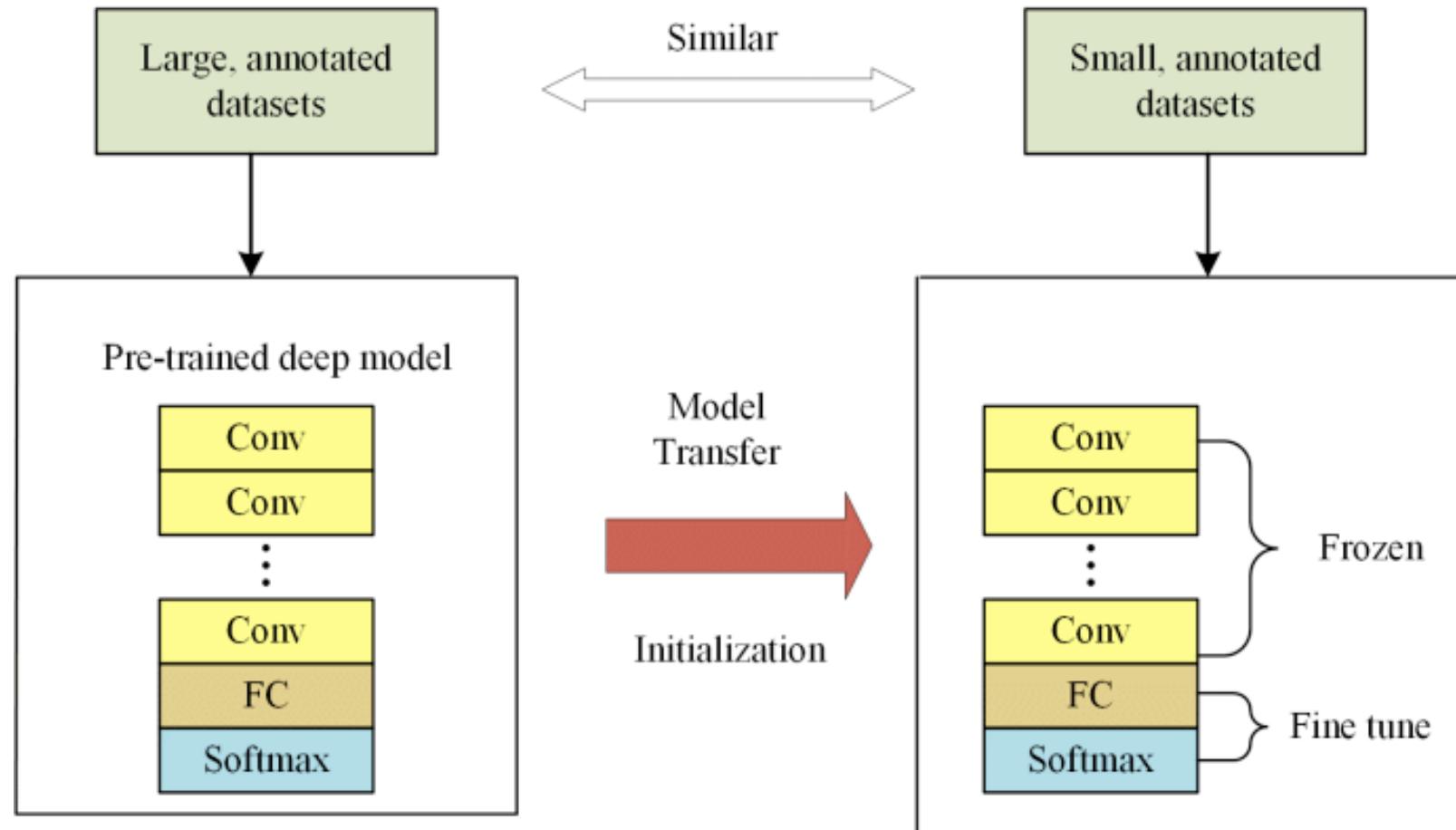
- Use GPT-2 to generate the query expansion

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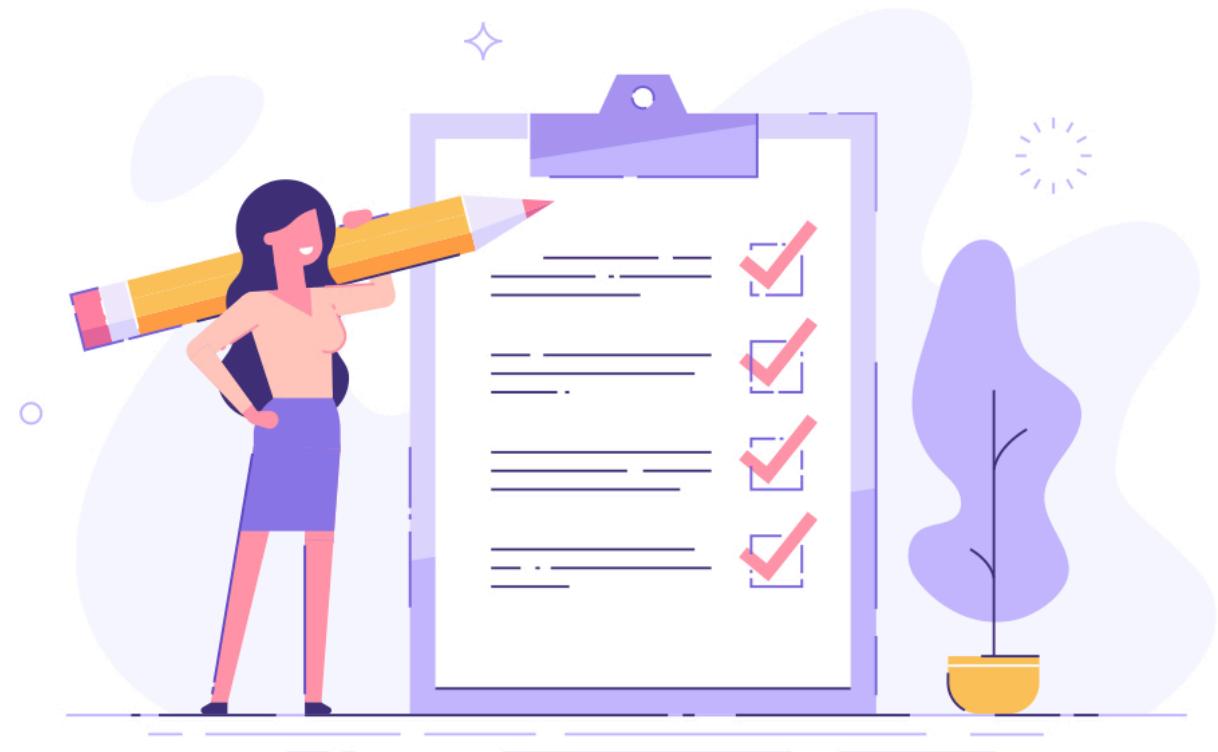


A note on Transfer Learning





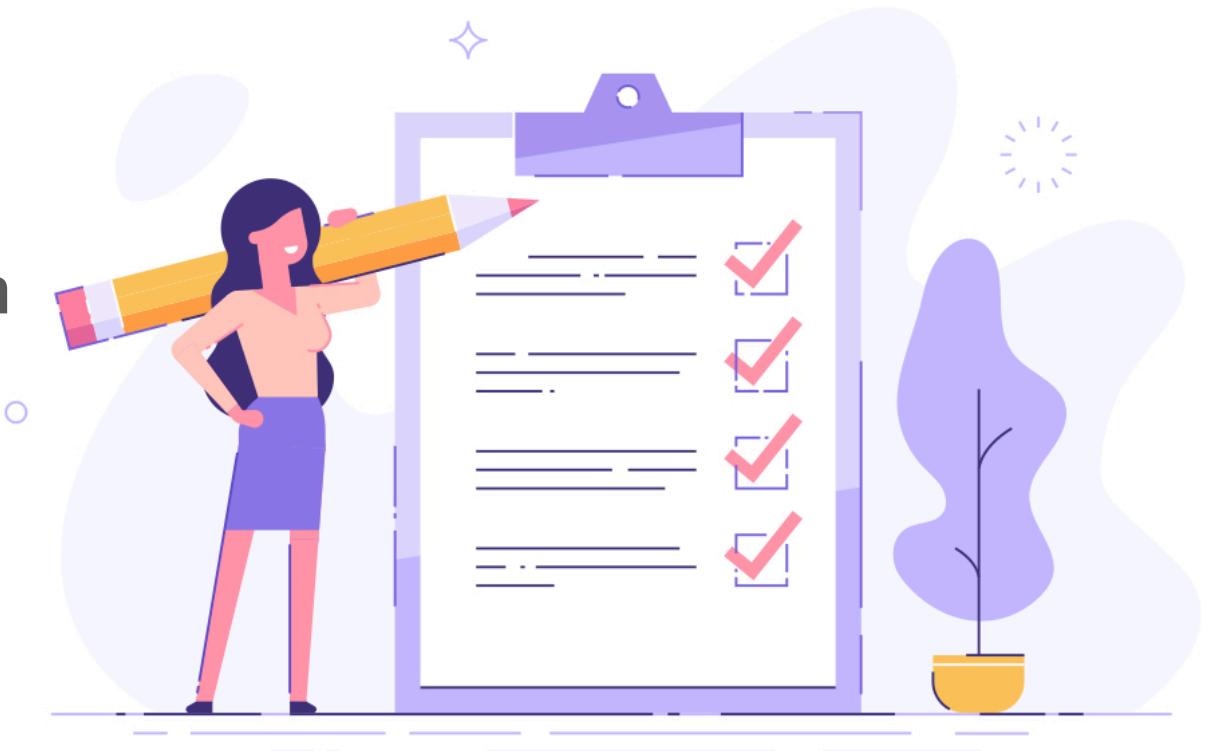
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I leave you as homework to use transfer learning on our GPT-2 text generation to improve it further with the Airbnb context





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(Please remind me)

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Agenda

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- Expectations
- Overview of Apache Solr
- What is Neural Search?

Ranking

- Doc2Vec
- PD-DM and DBOW
- Learning to Rank

Synonyms

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- Word2vec
- CBOW and Skip-Gram

Text Generation

- RNN
- GRU and LSTM
- Transformers

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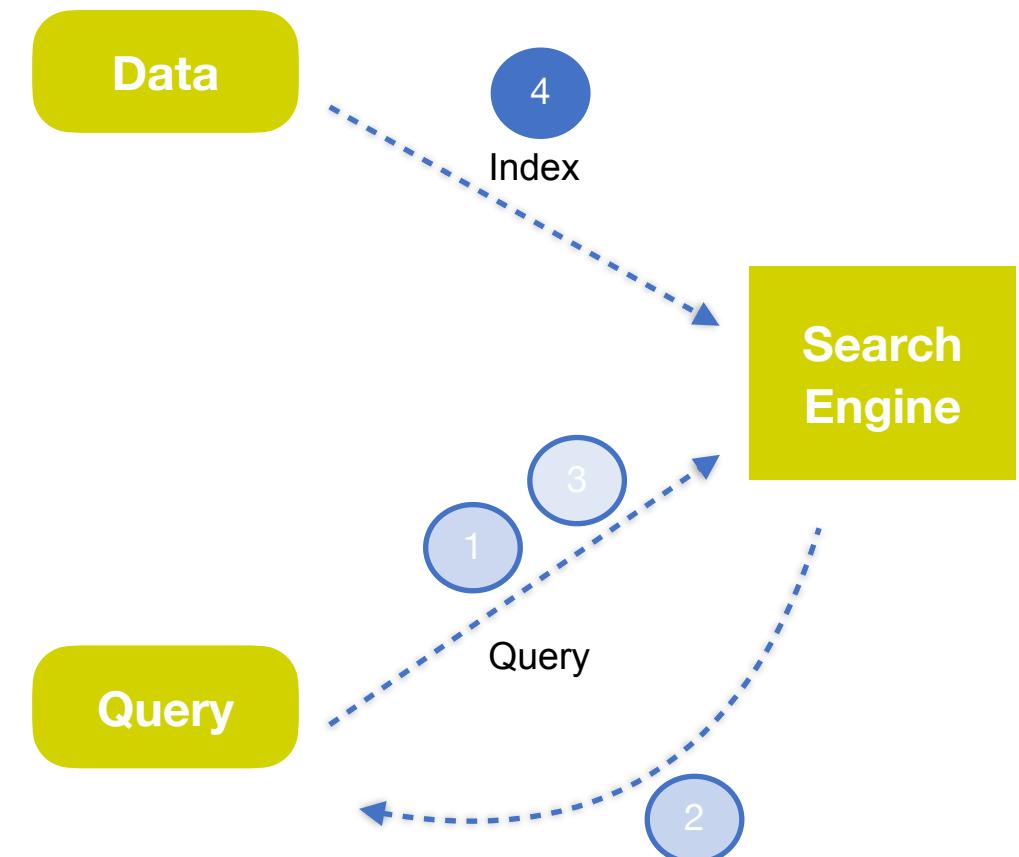
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Closing Thoughts



What are we going to do now?

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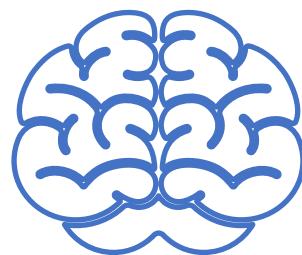




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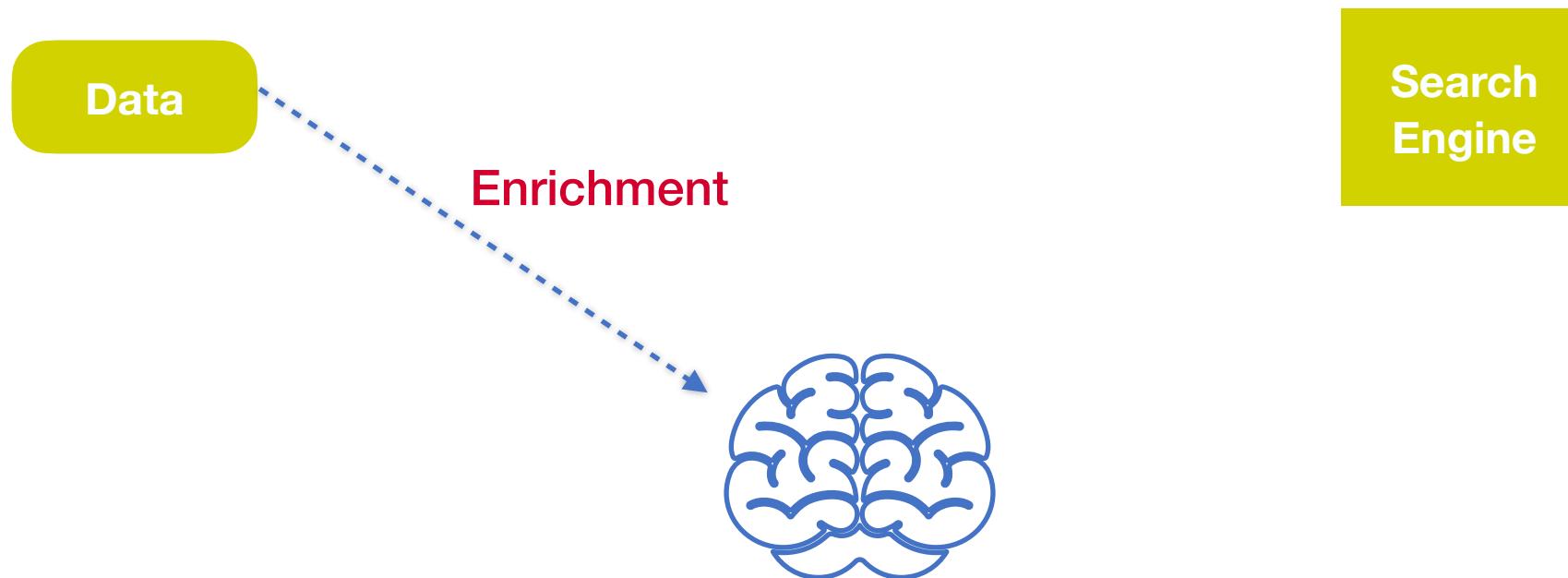
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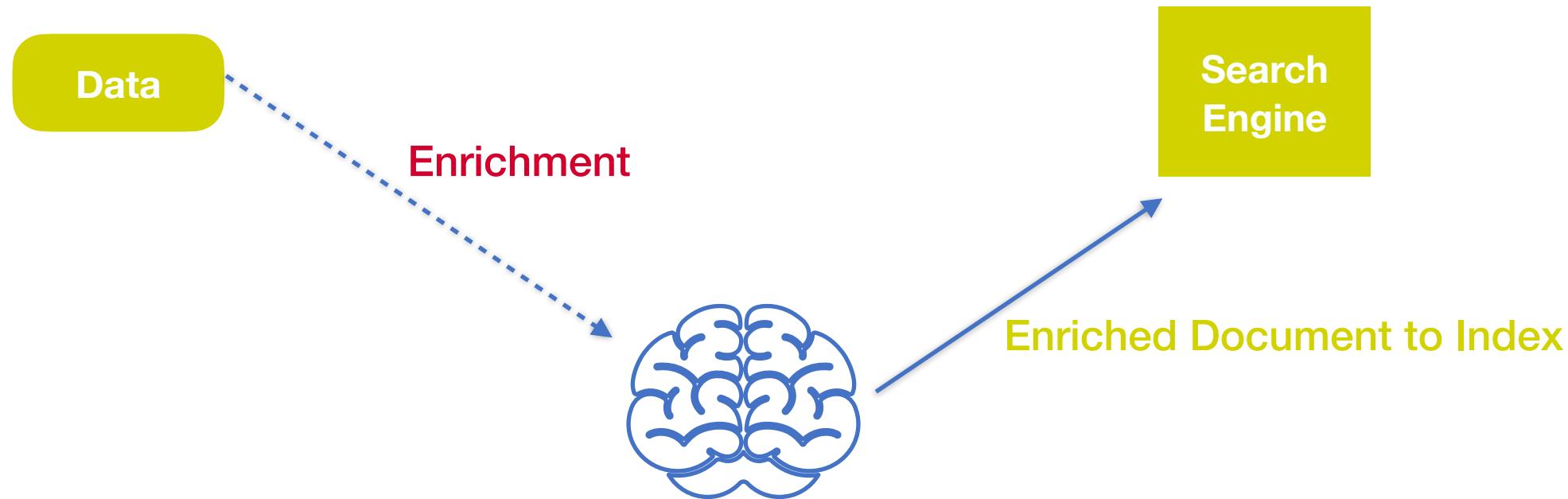


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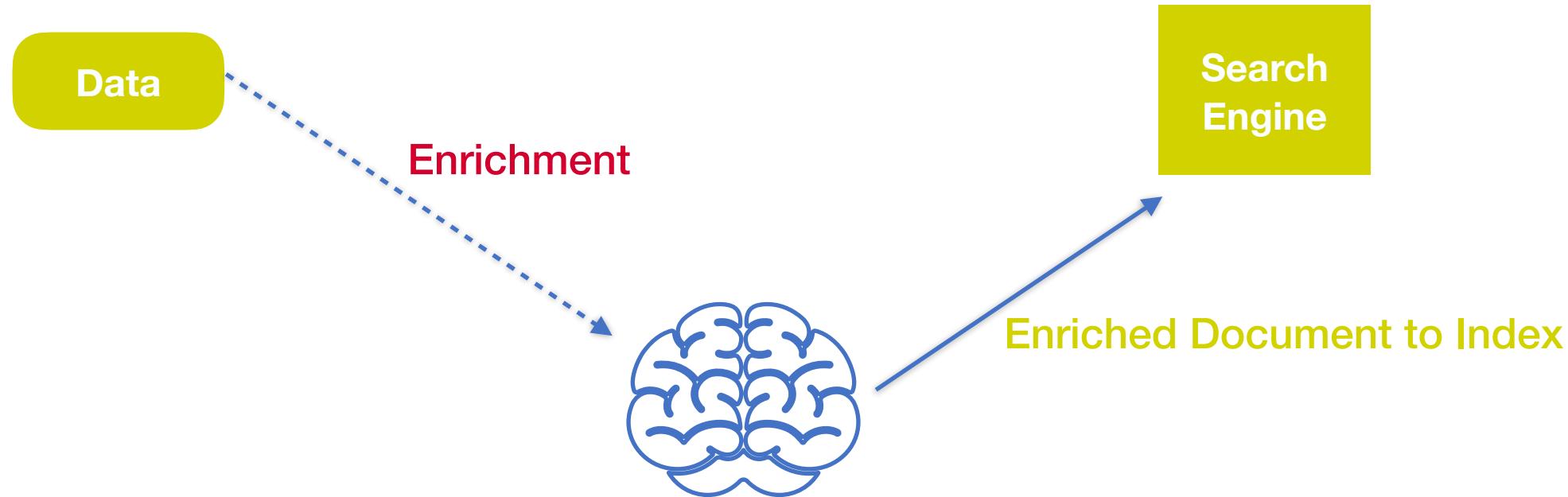


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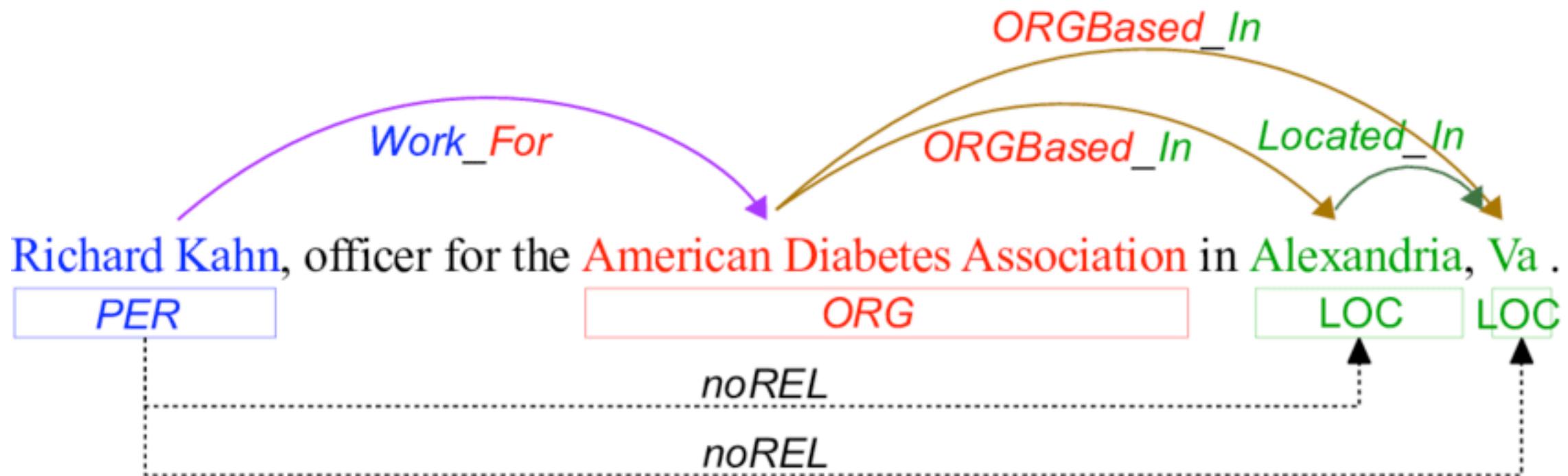
When Sebastian Thrun PERSON started at Google ORG in 2007 DATE, few people outside of the company took him seriously. "I can tell you very senior CEOs of major American NORP car companies would shake my hand and turn away because I wasn't worth talking to," said Thrun PERSON, now the co-founder and CEO of online higher education startup Udacity, in an interview with Recode ORG earlier this week DATE.

A little less than a decade later DATE, dozens of self-driving startups have cropped up while automakers around the world clamor, wallet in hand, to secure their place in the fast-moving world of fully automated transportation.

All of these tags extract information from the text

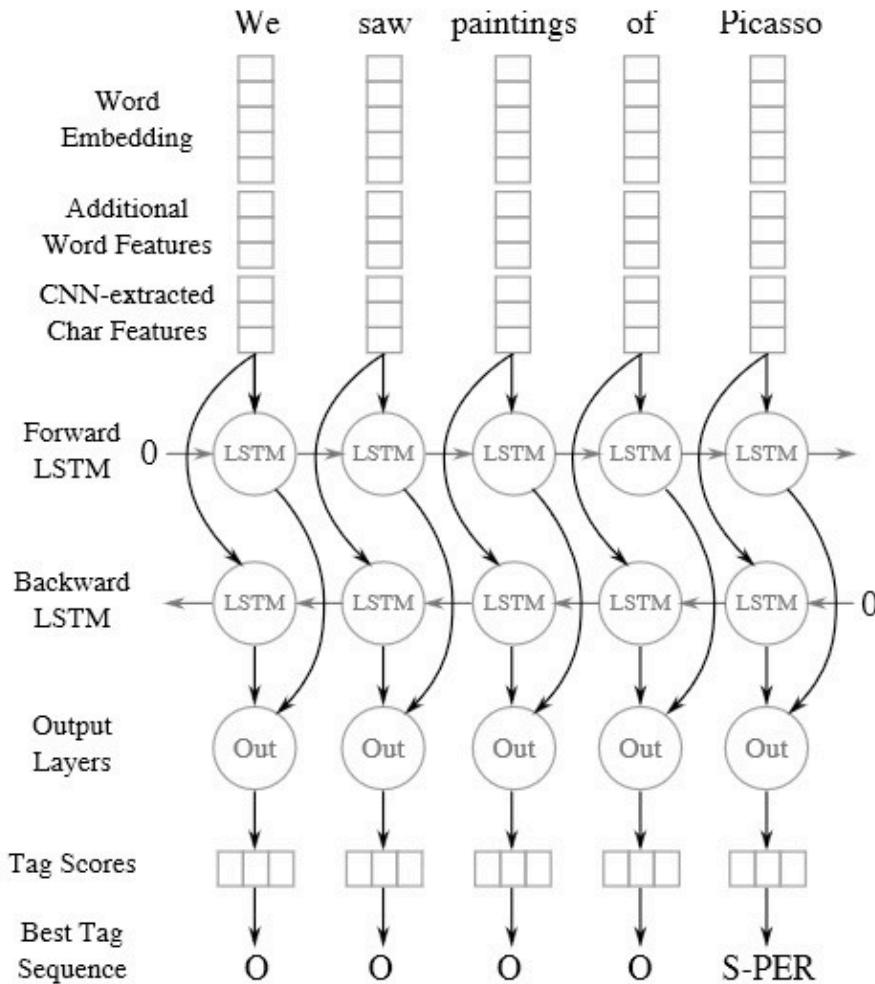


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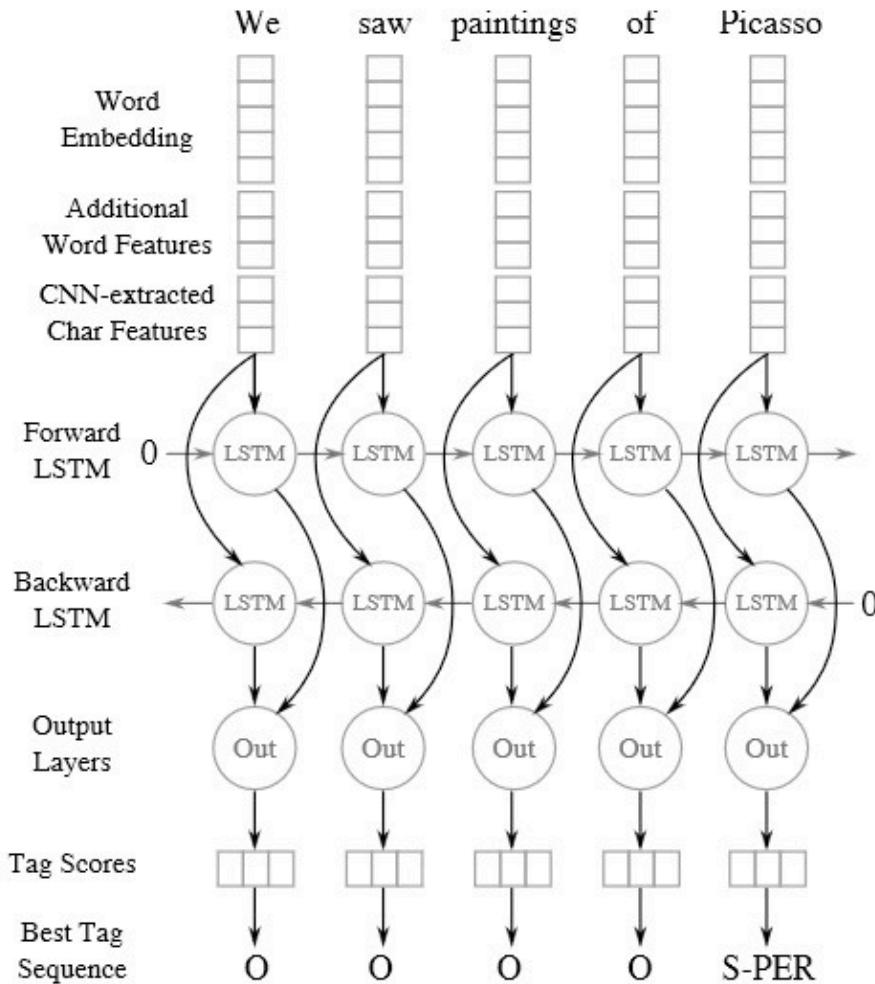
Bi-LSTM





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We need a forward and backward pass because some tags at the beginning only make sense after reading the whole sentence





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import spacy
from spacy import displacy

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
doc = nlp("I went to London to see Elizabeth")
html = displacy.render([doc], style="ent")
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executed in 488ms, finished 14:01:44 2021-03-19

I went to London GPE to see Elizabeth PERSON

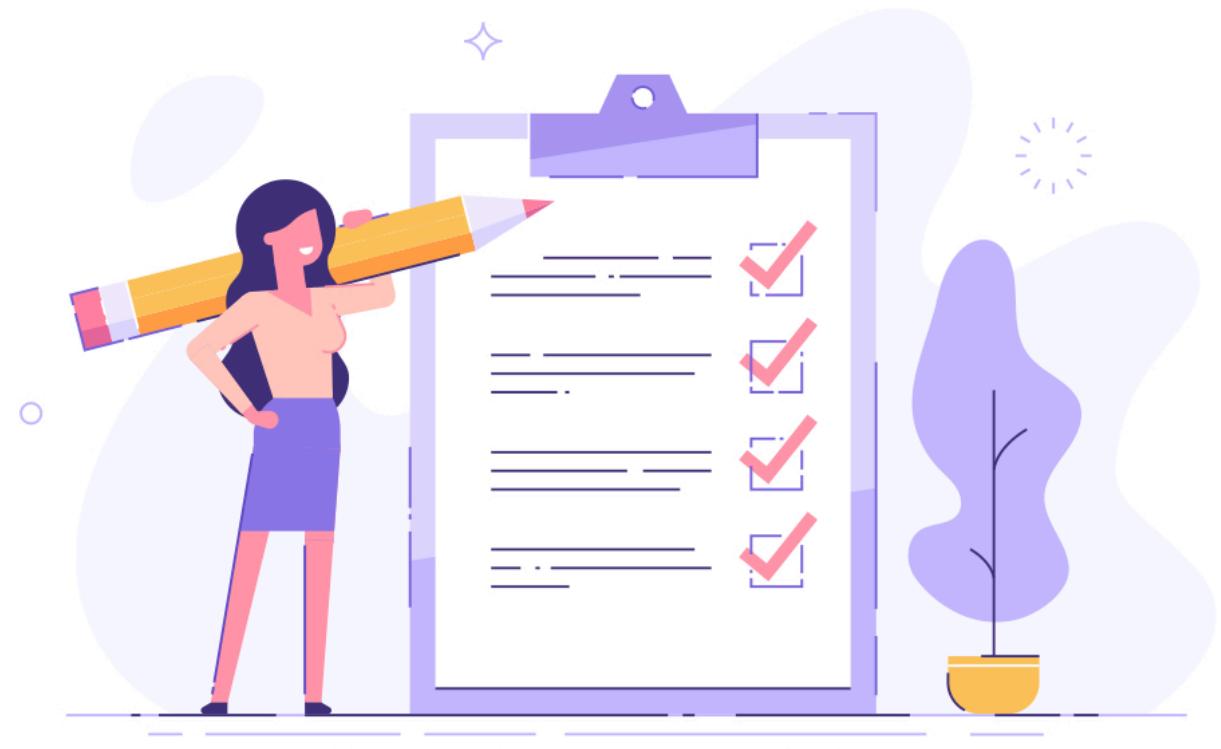


LAB: Enriching documents with NER



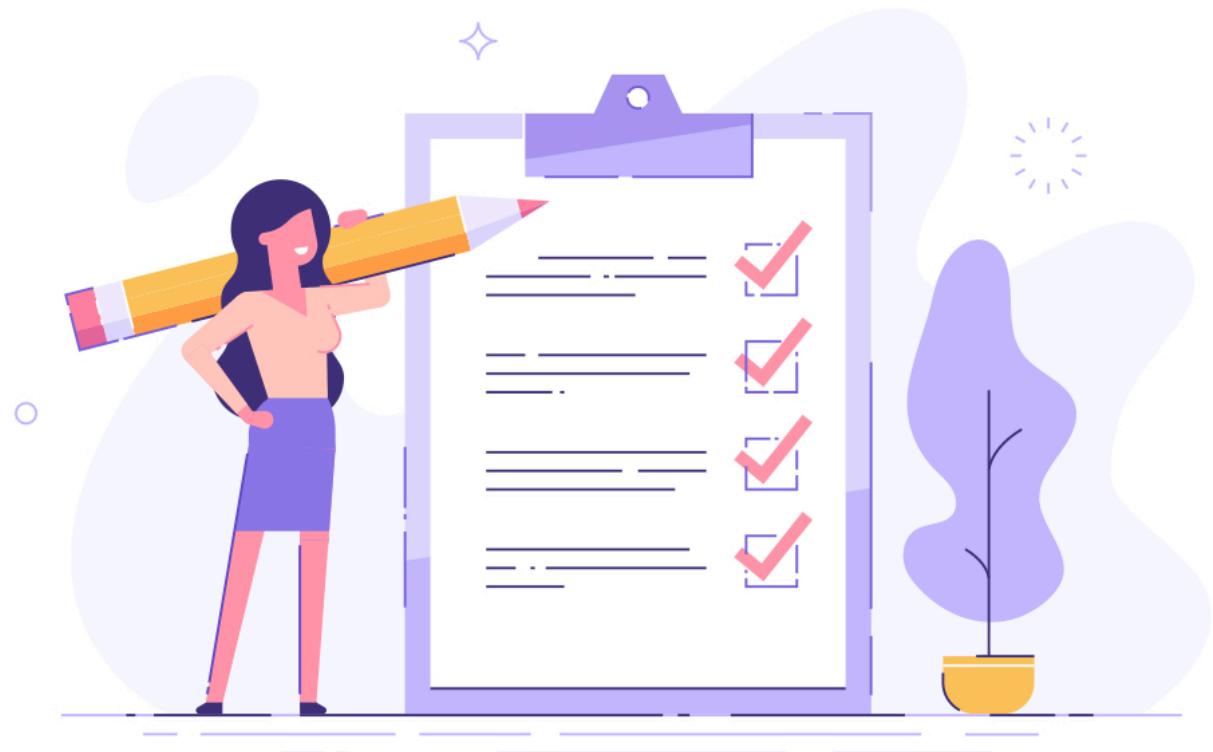
- Create a tags field with NER extracted tags
- Verify most useful queries still work

Allocated time: 20 minutes





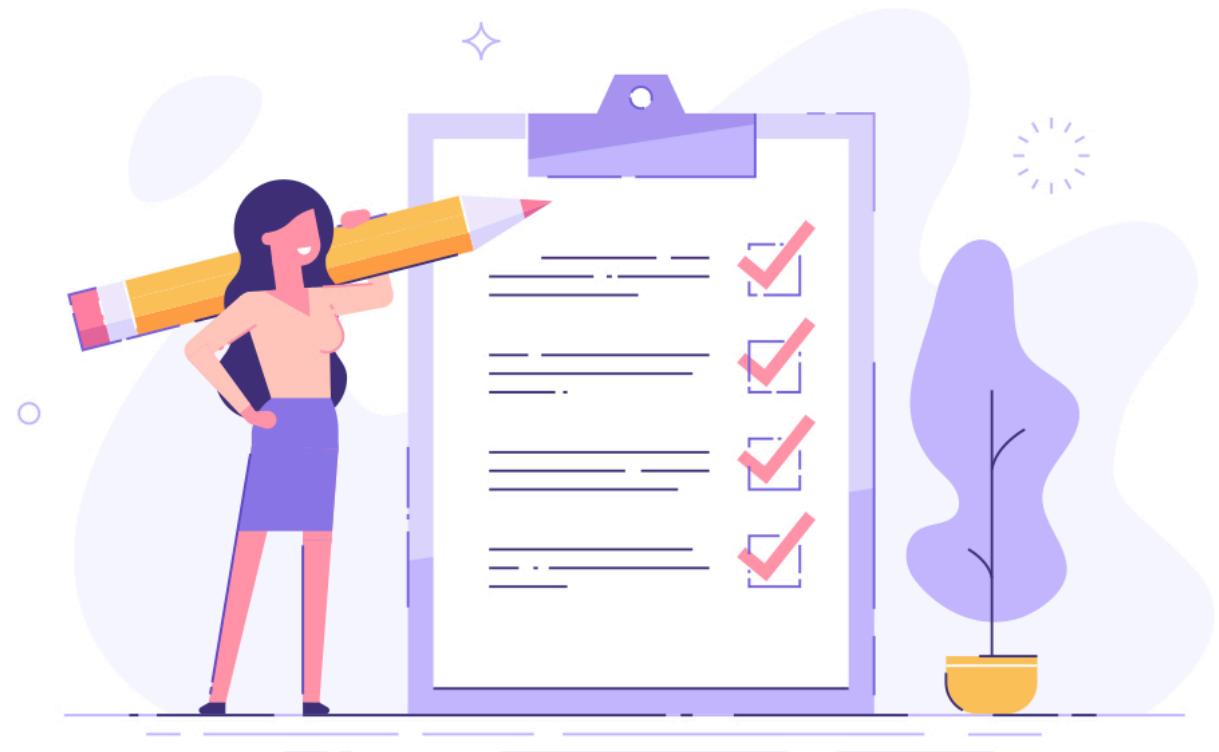
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Do you have any use cases where
NER may help you?



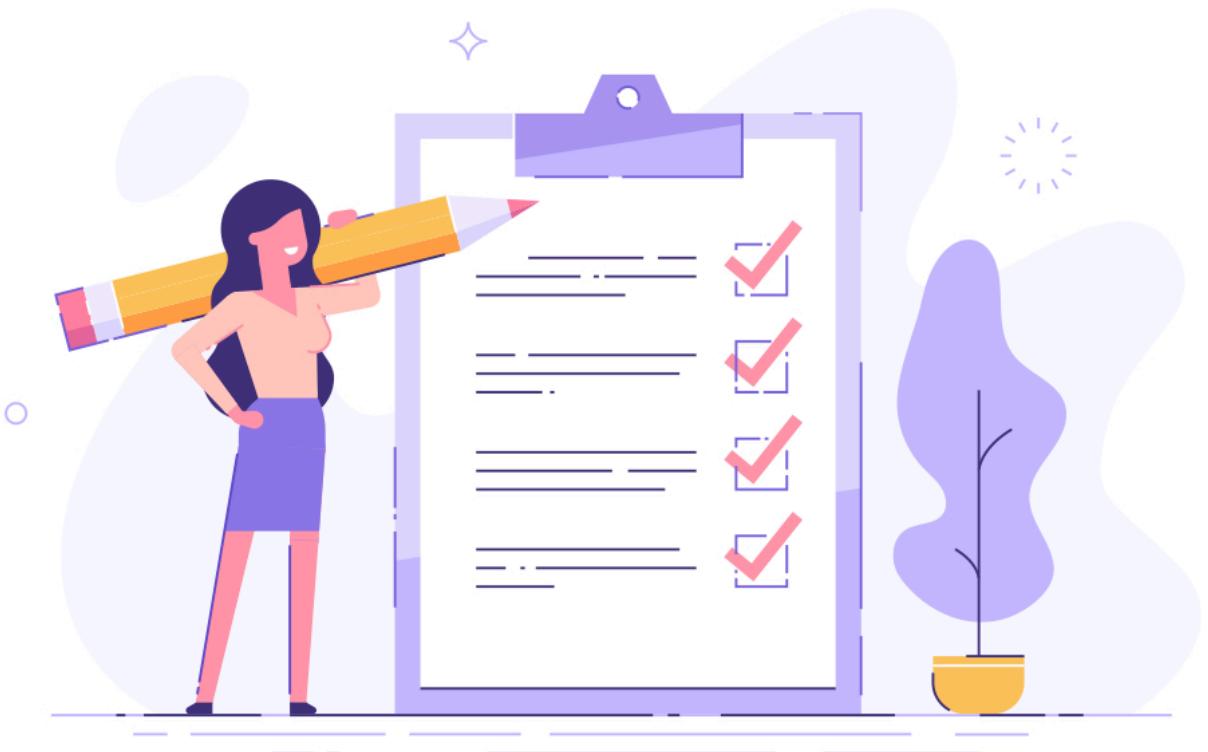
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Bonus Labs

- Feel free to use the remaining time to revisit the old core labs
- Or enjoy the 3 extra labs covering some extra topics that relate (LTR, Bi-LSTM on Sentiment, and Bi-LSTM on NER)
- I will be here for any questions!



Please Fill in Survey



THANK YOU

