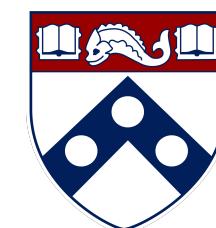


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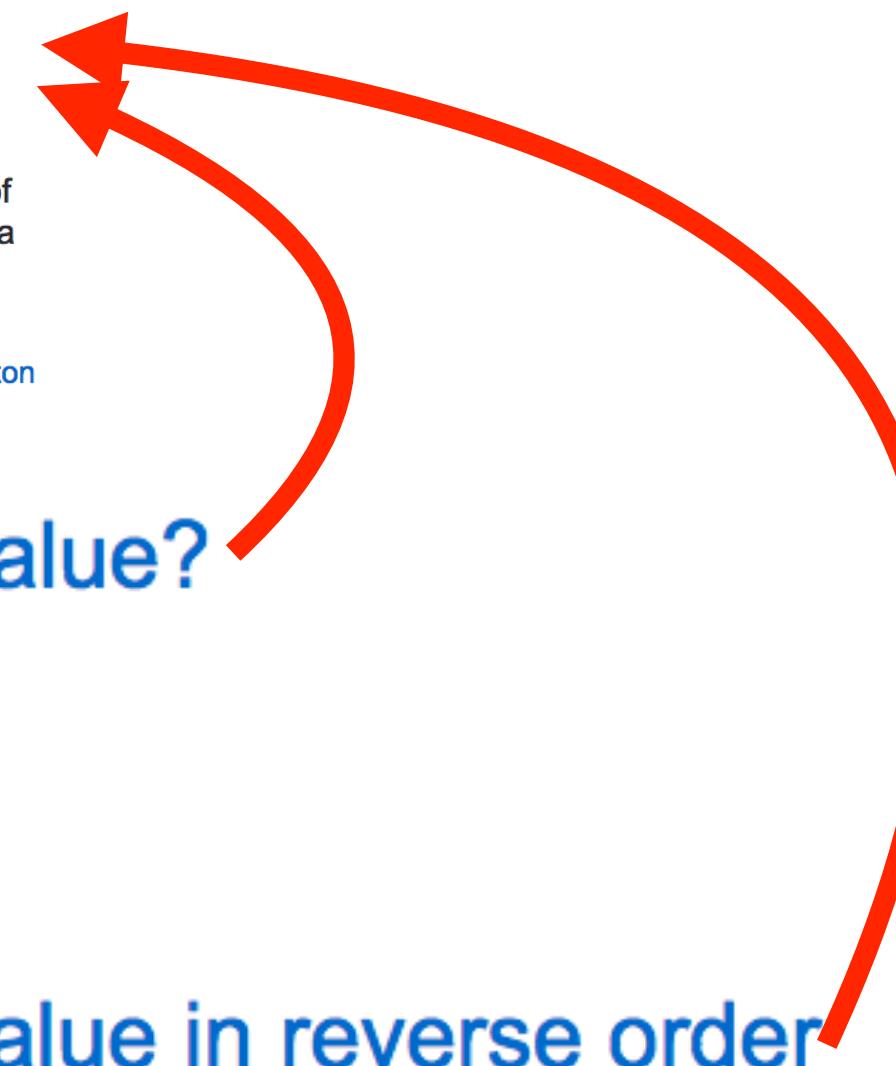
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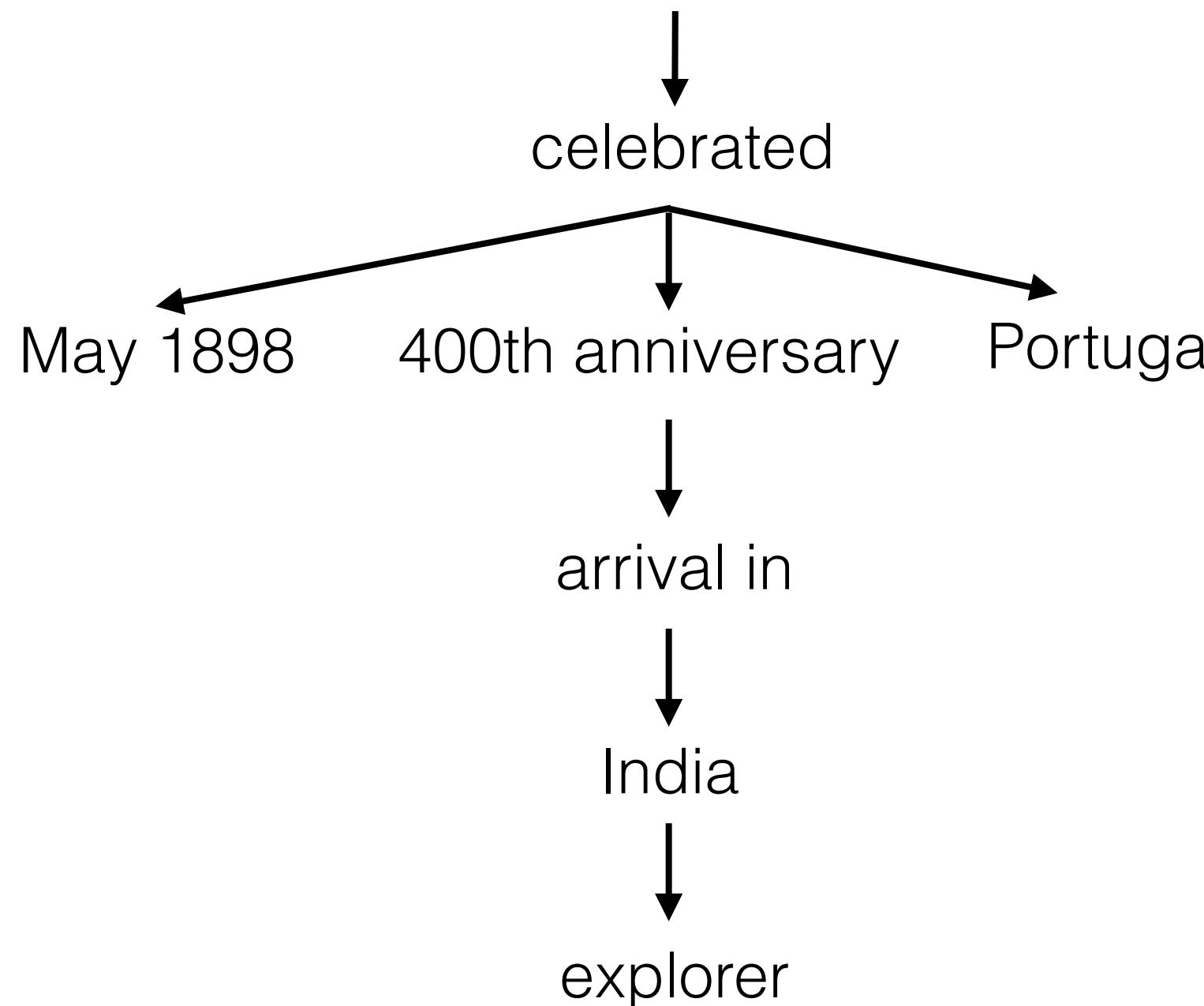
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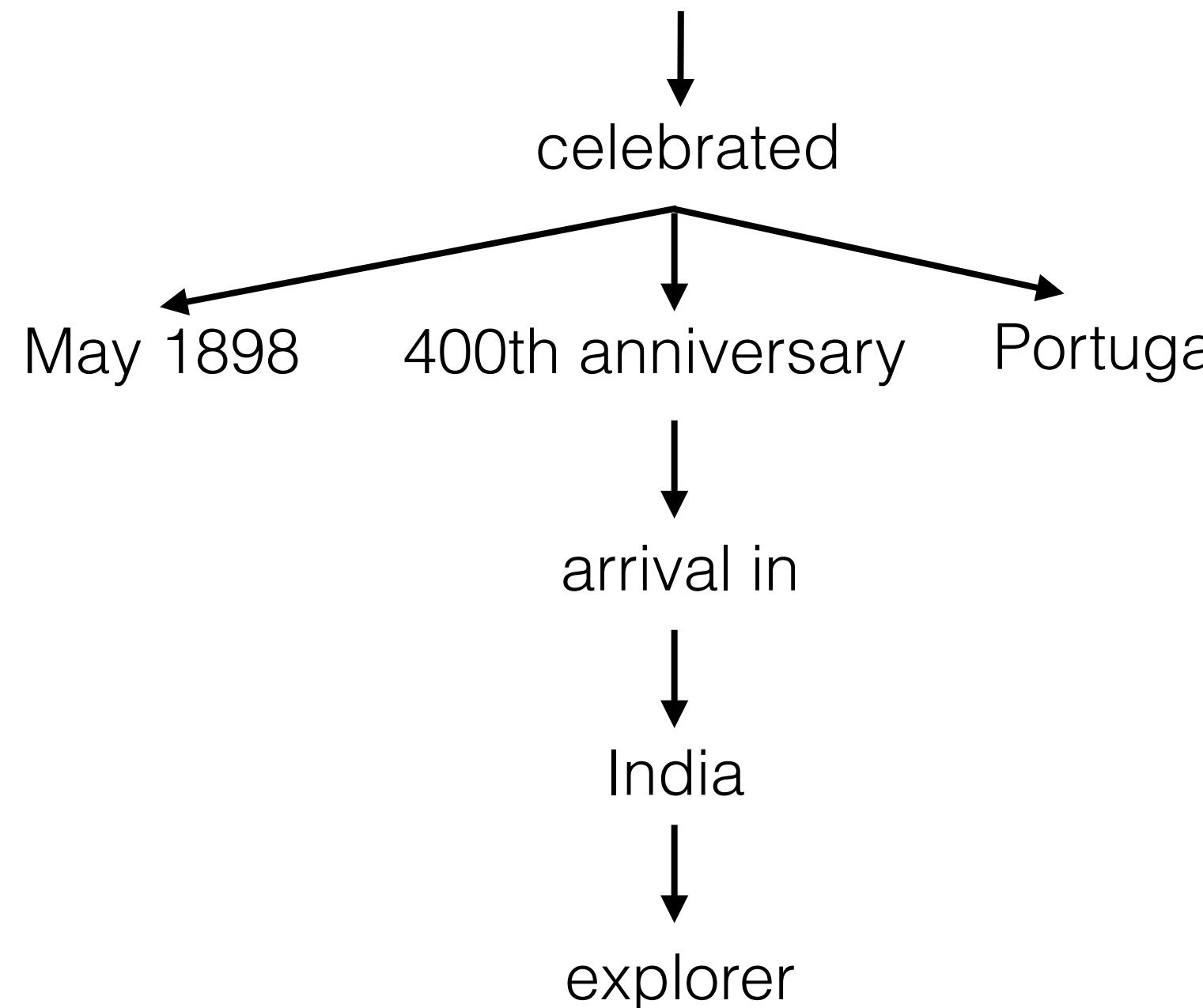
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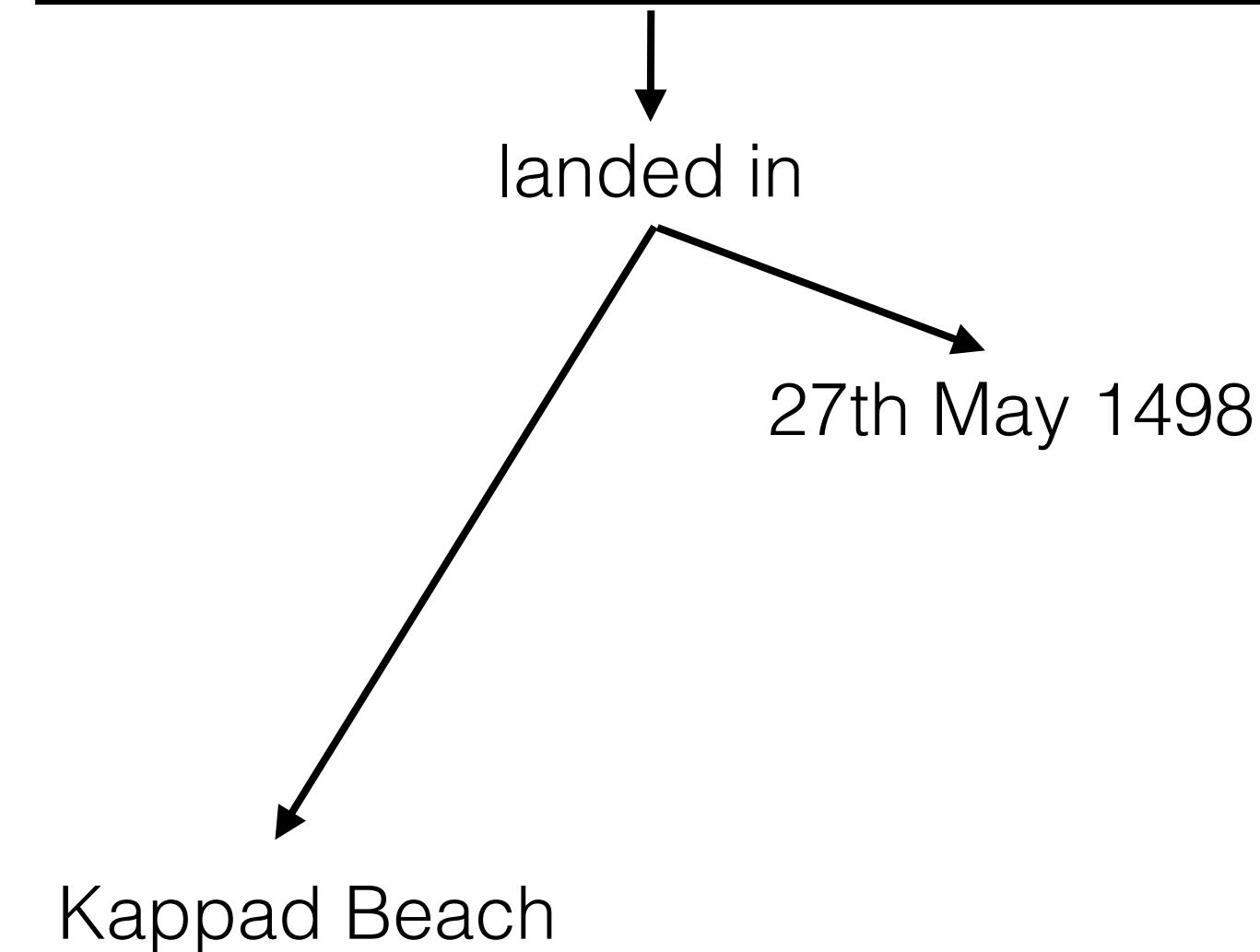
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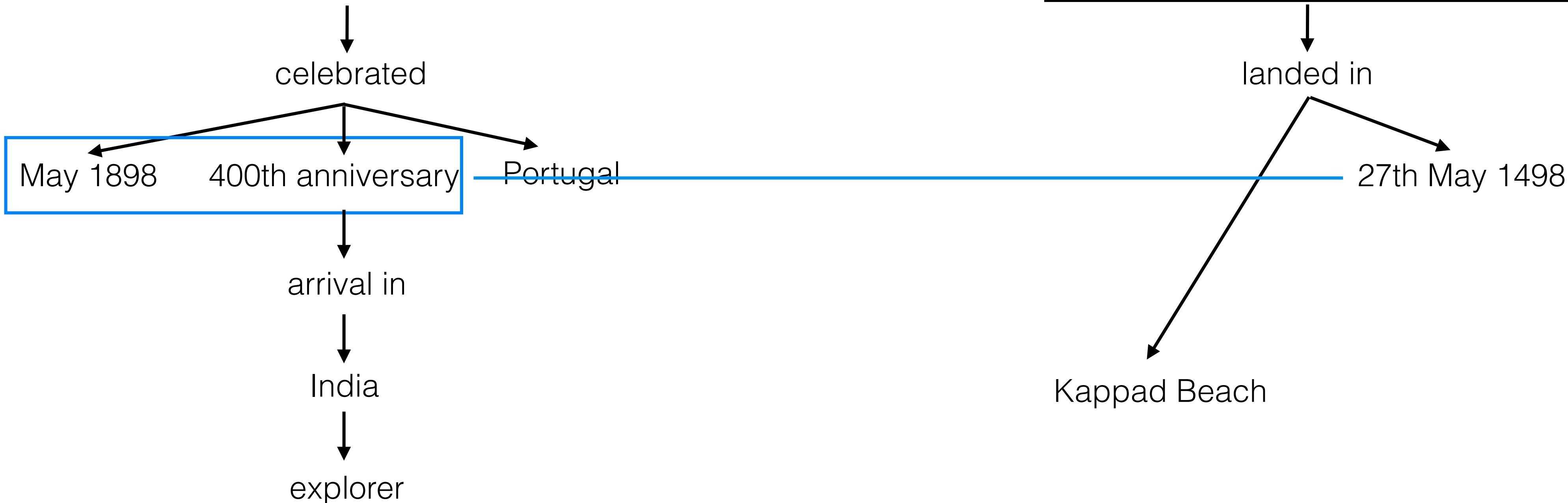


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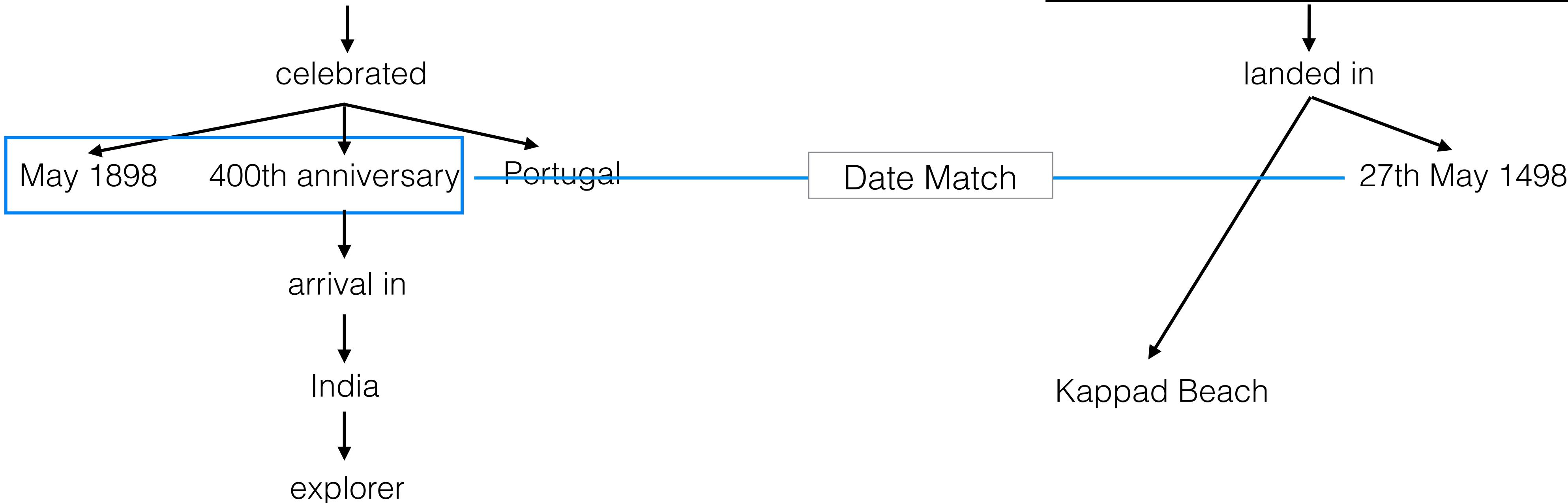
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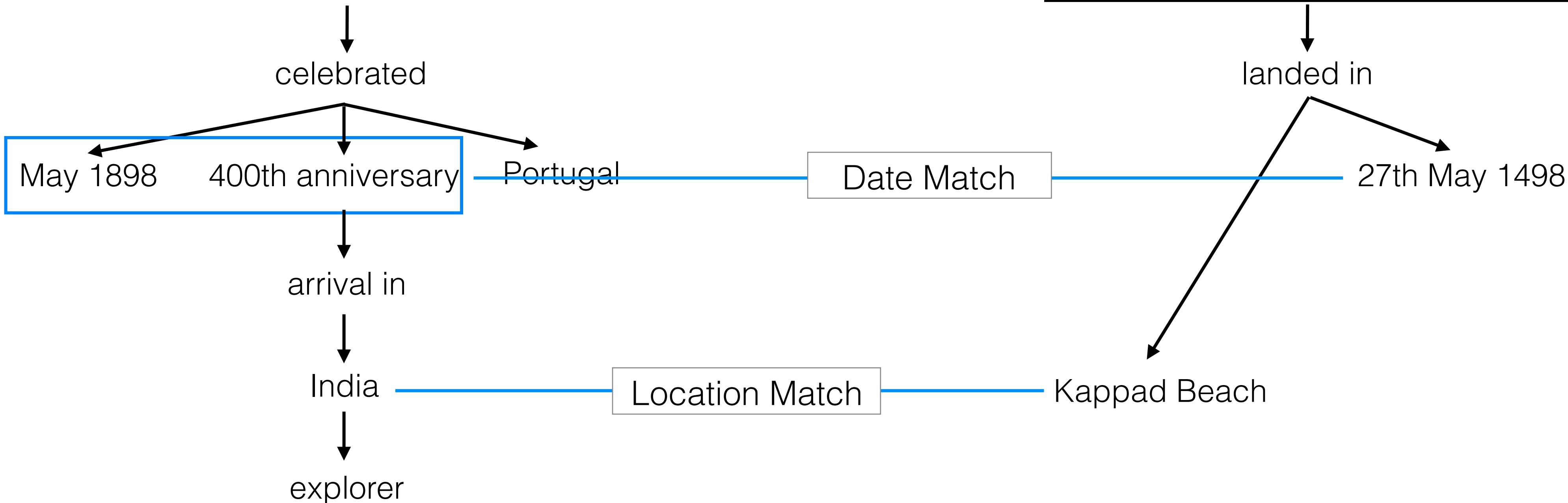
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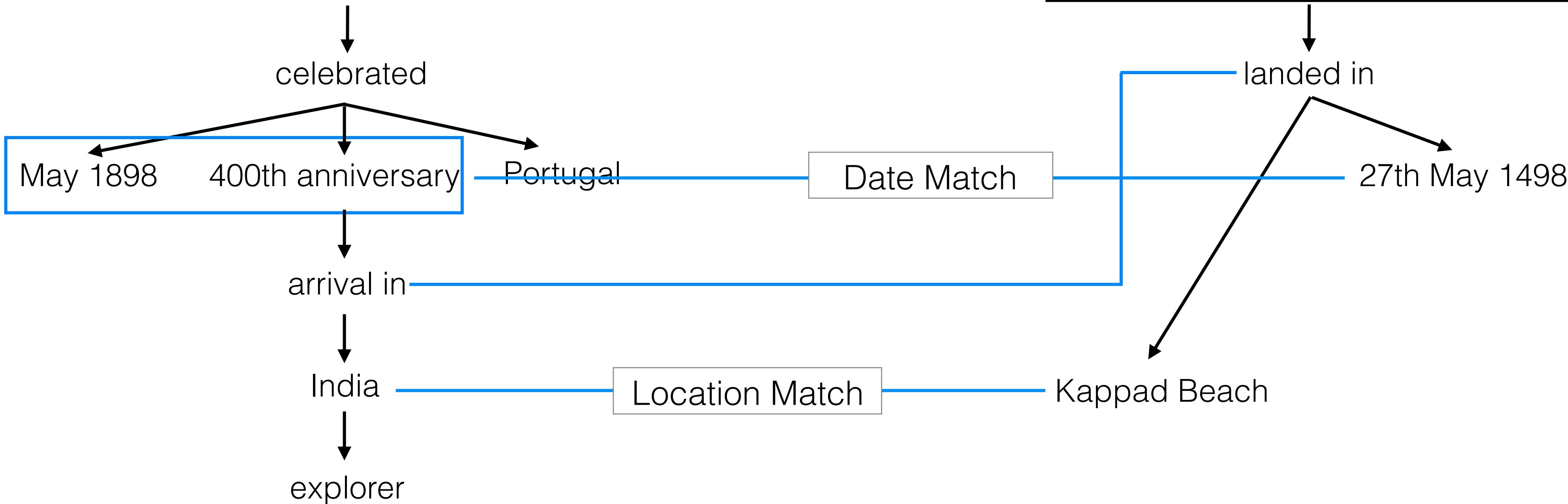
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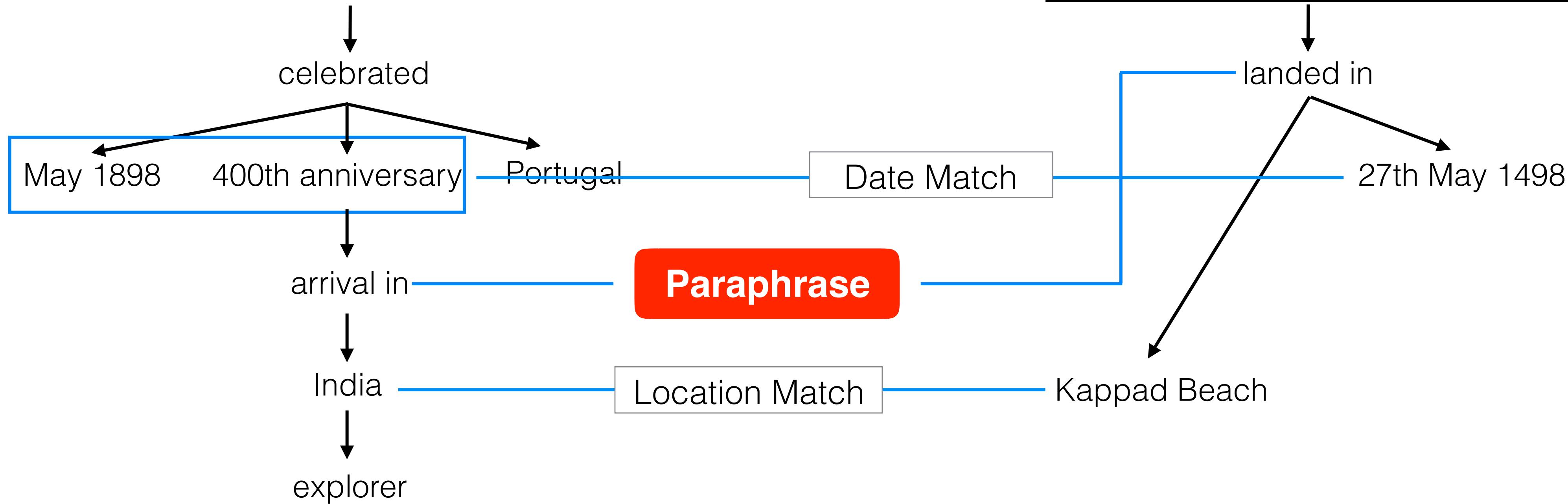
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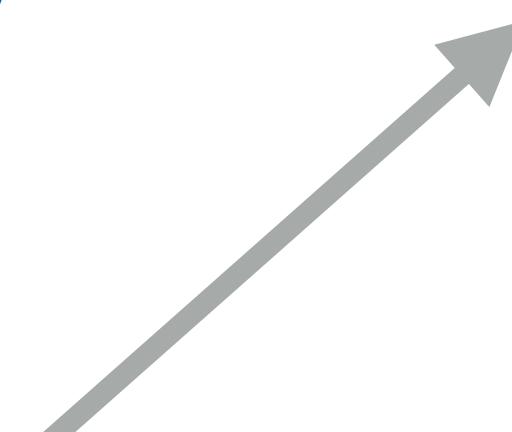
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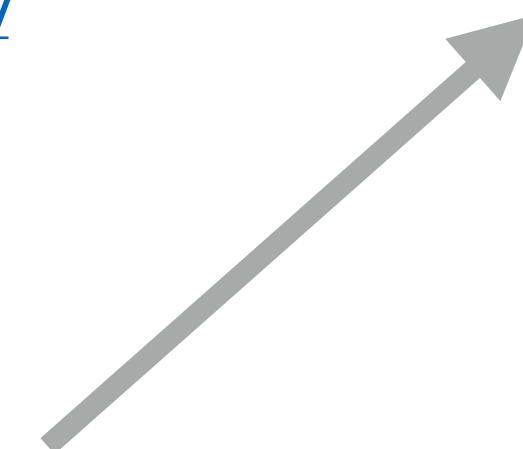
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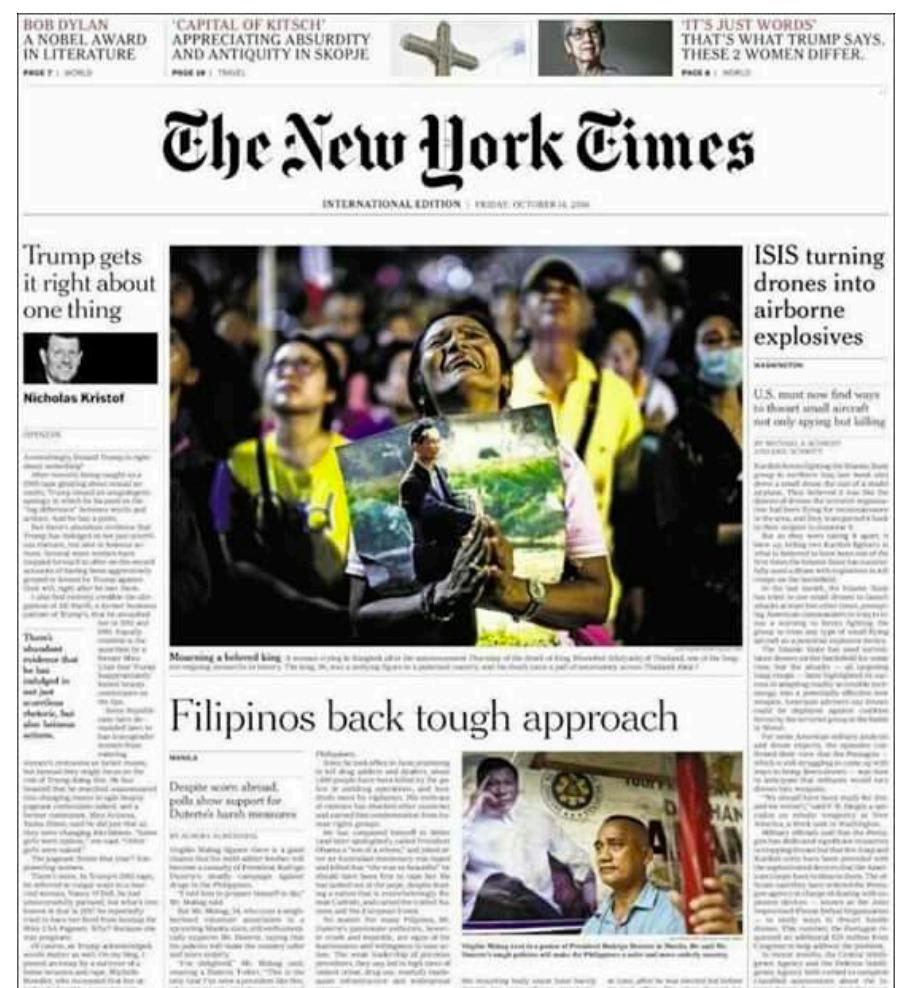
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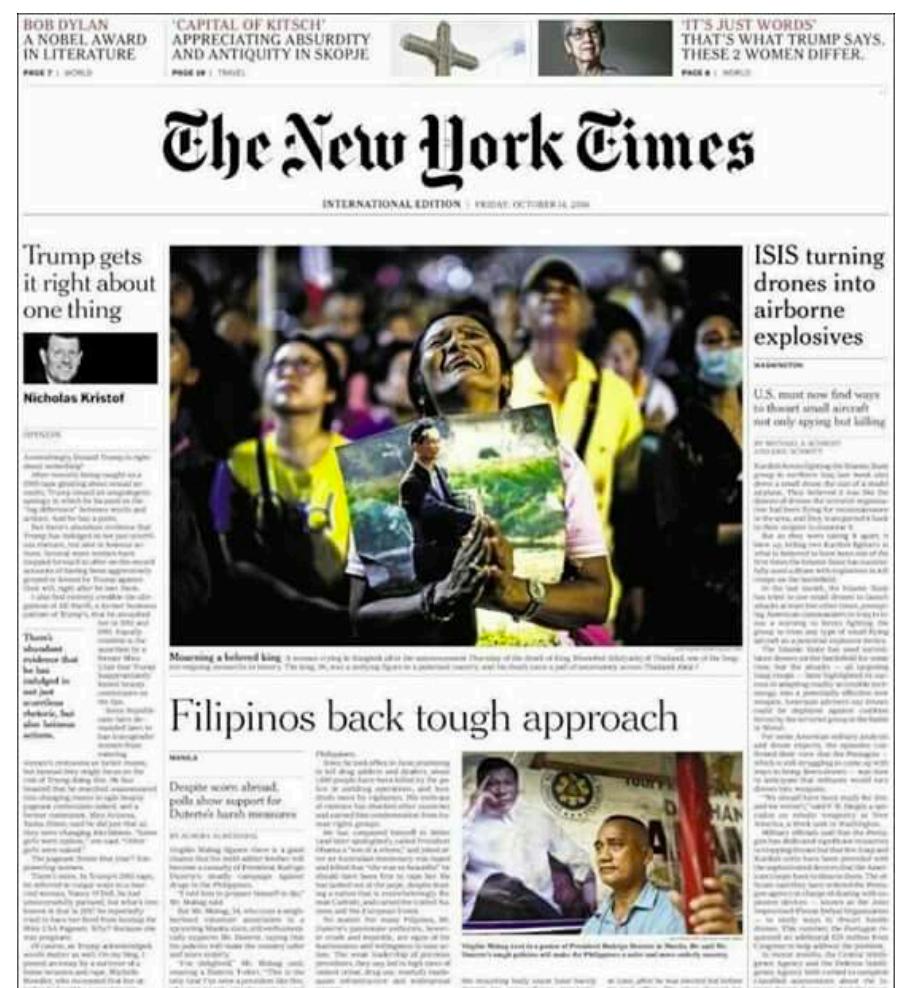
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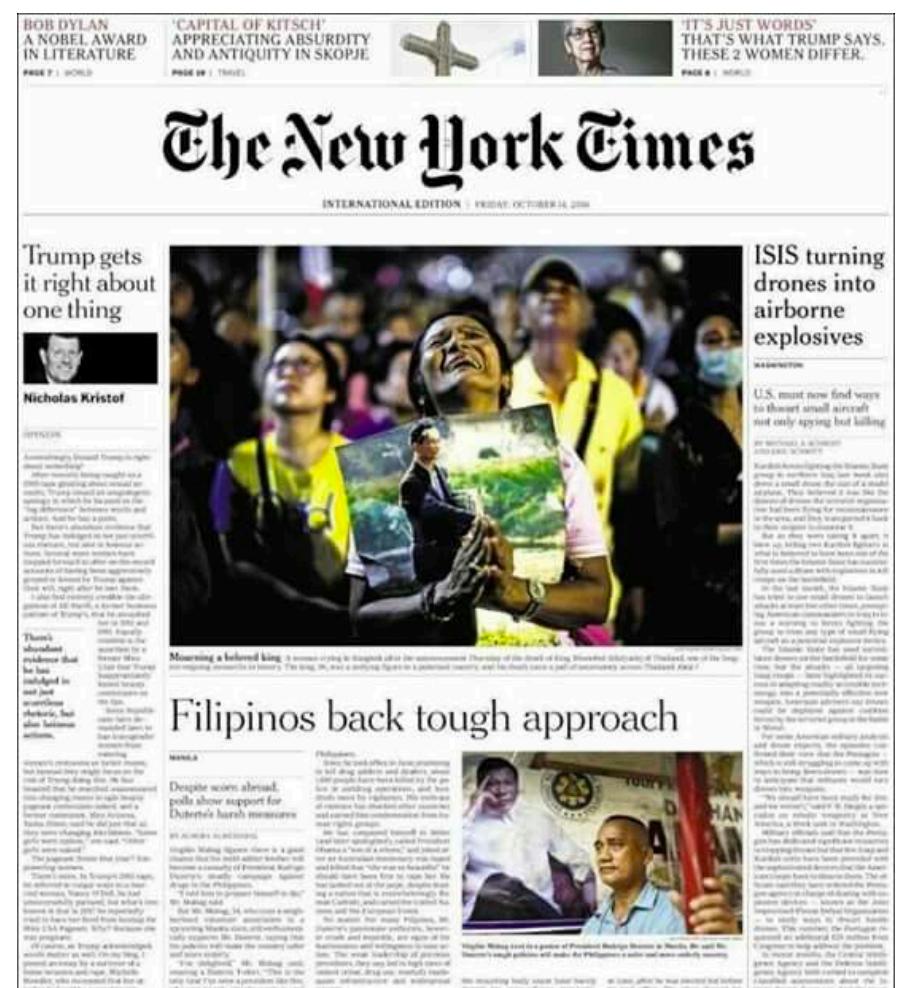
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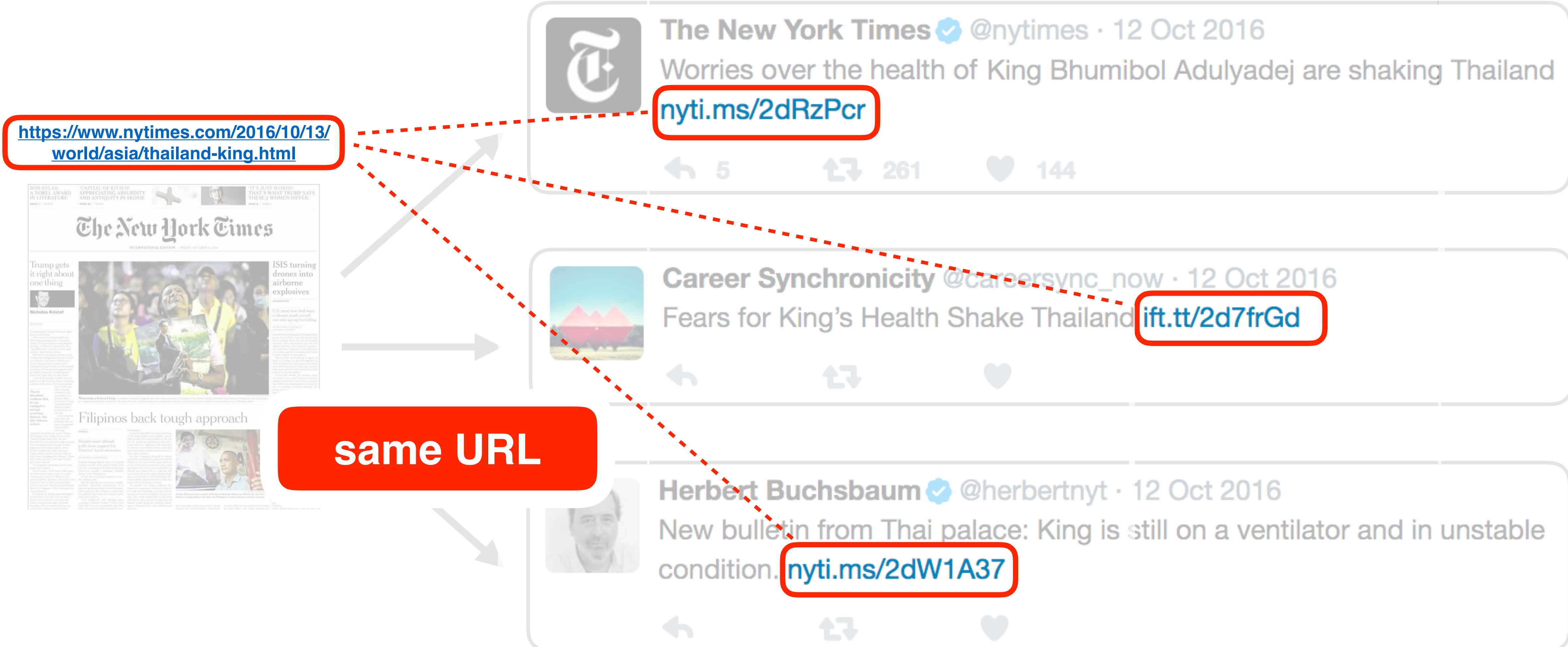
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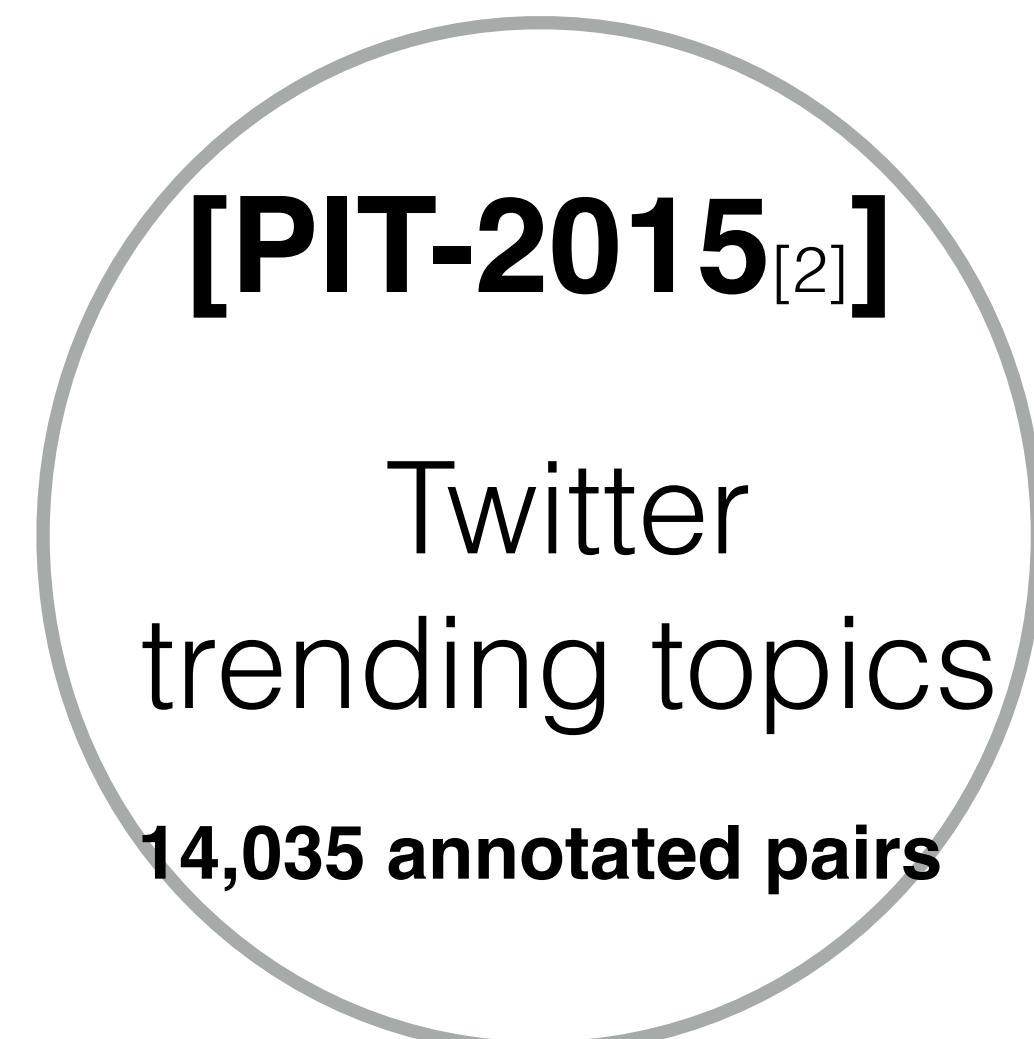
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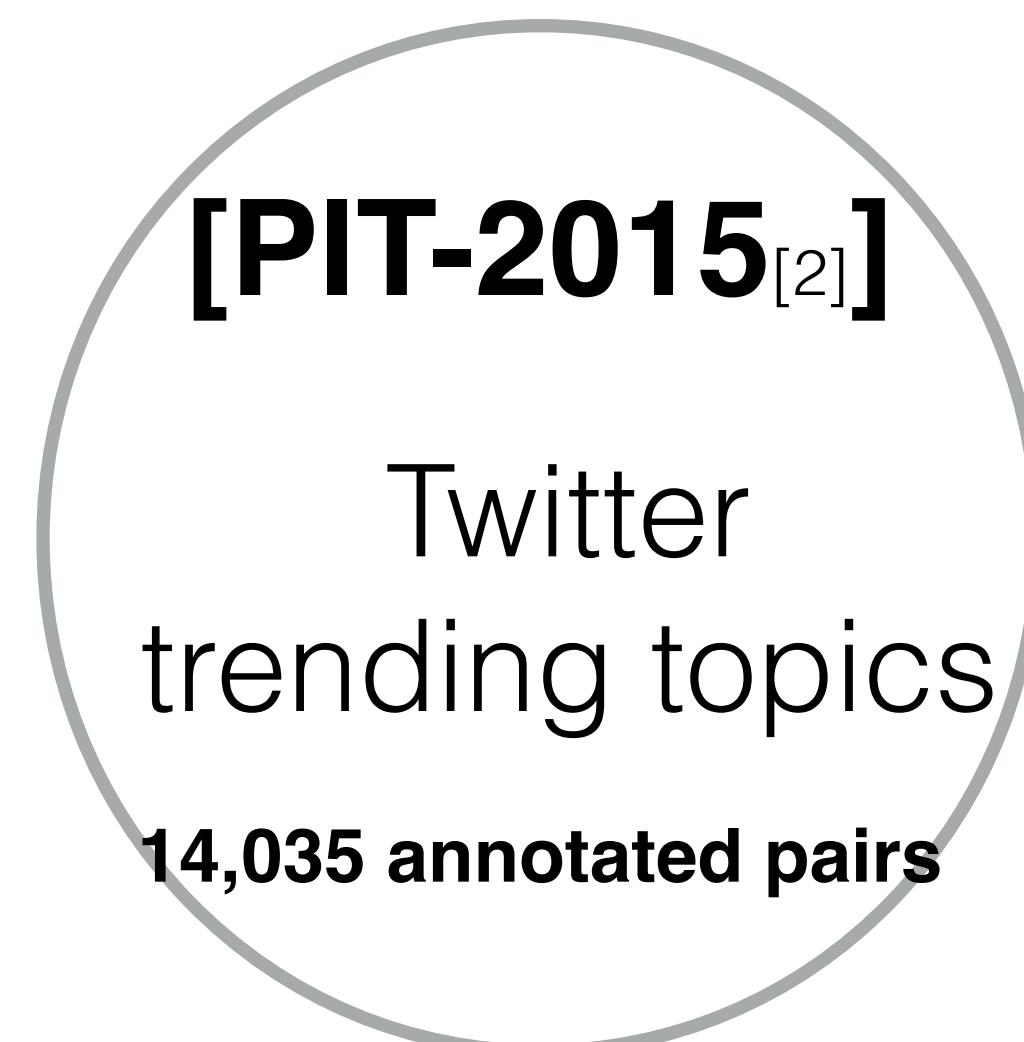
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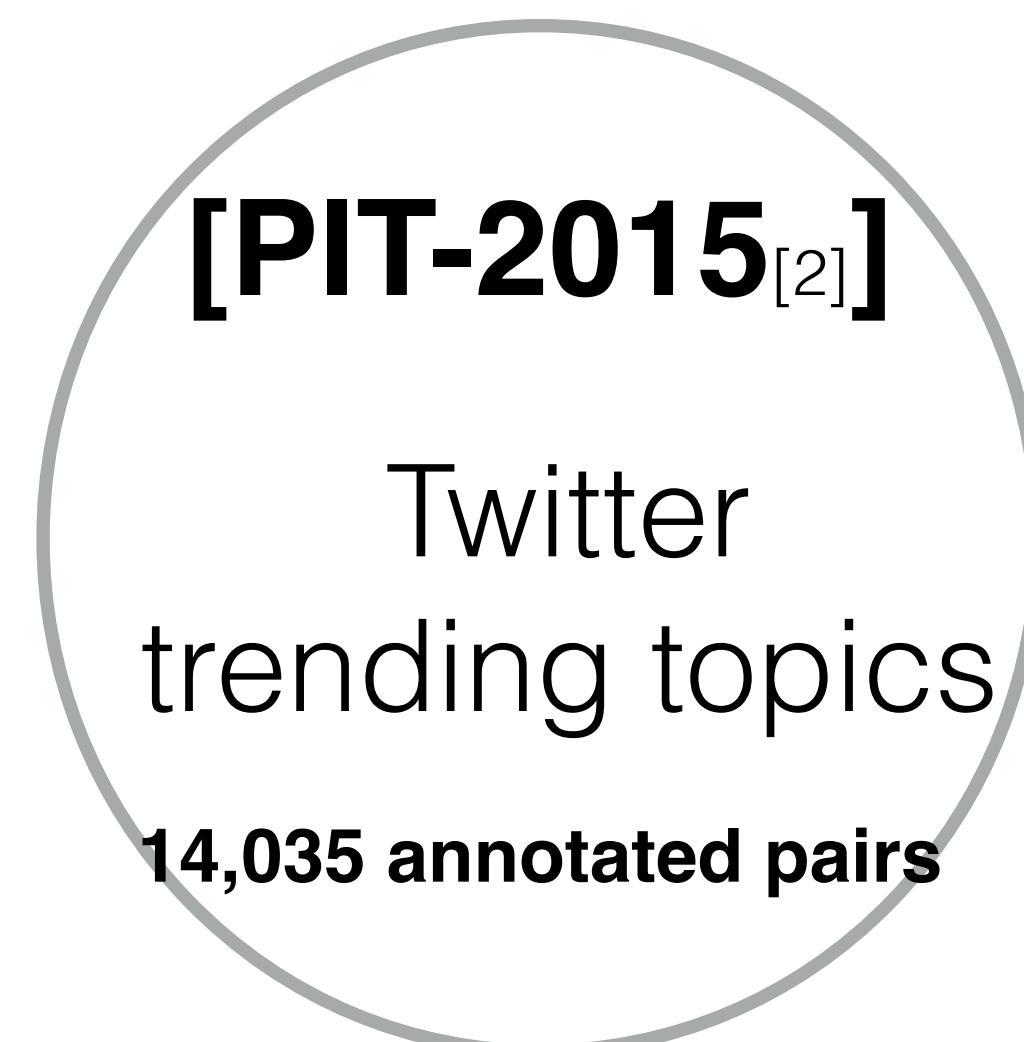


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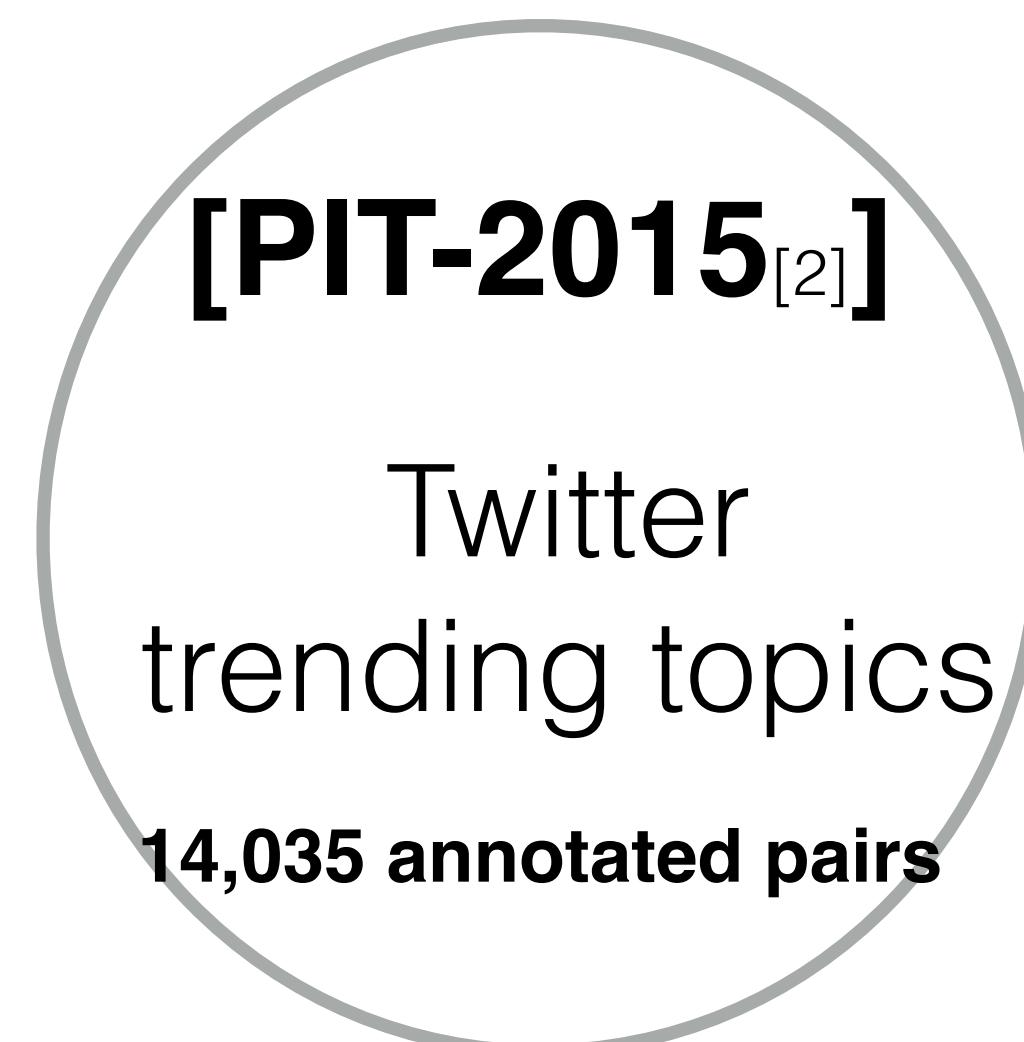


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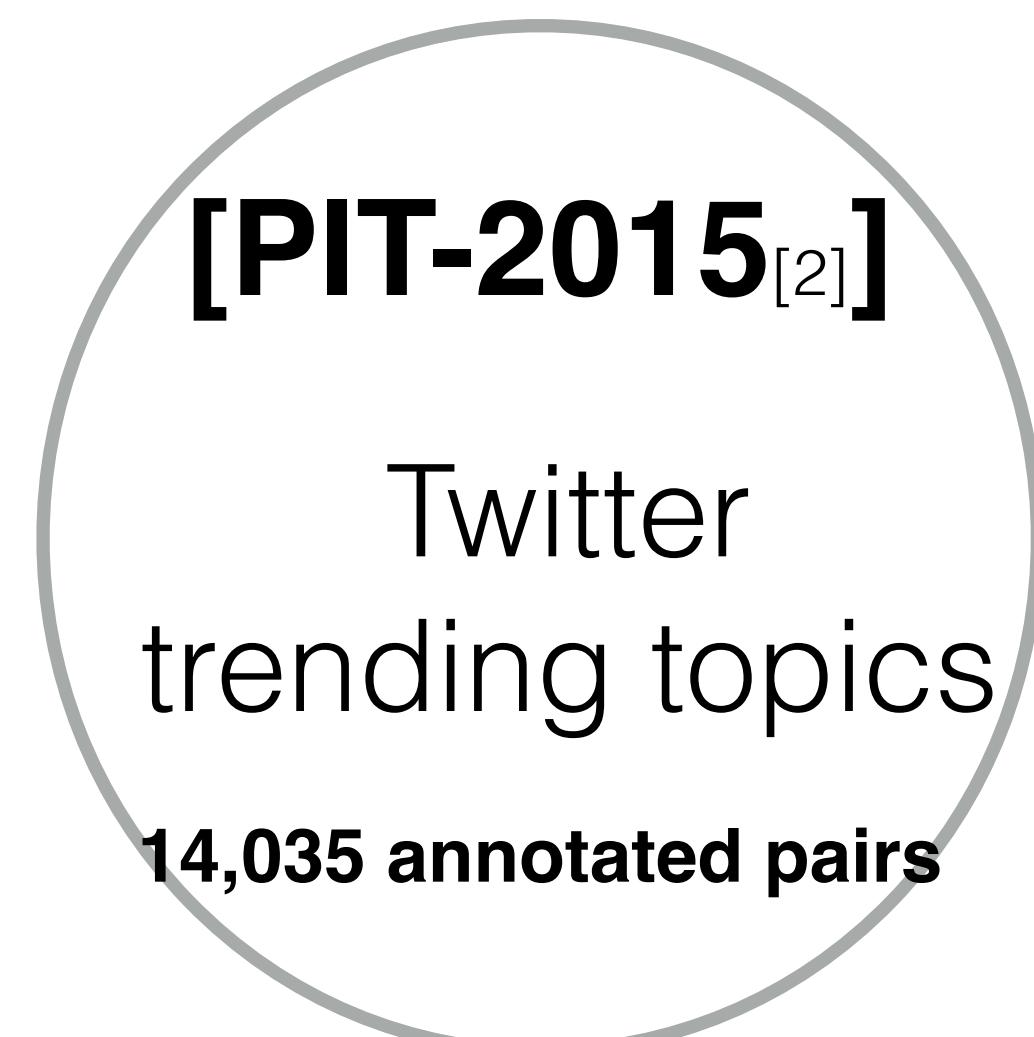
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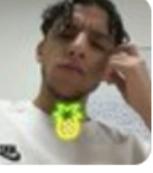
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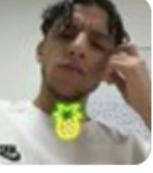
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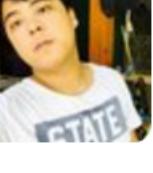
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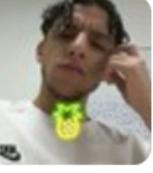
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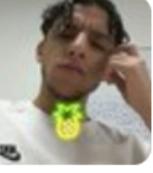
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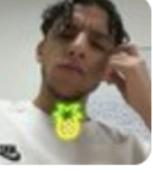
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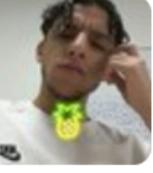
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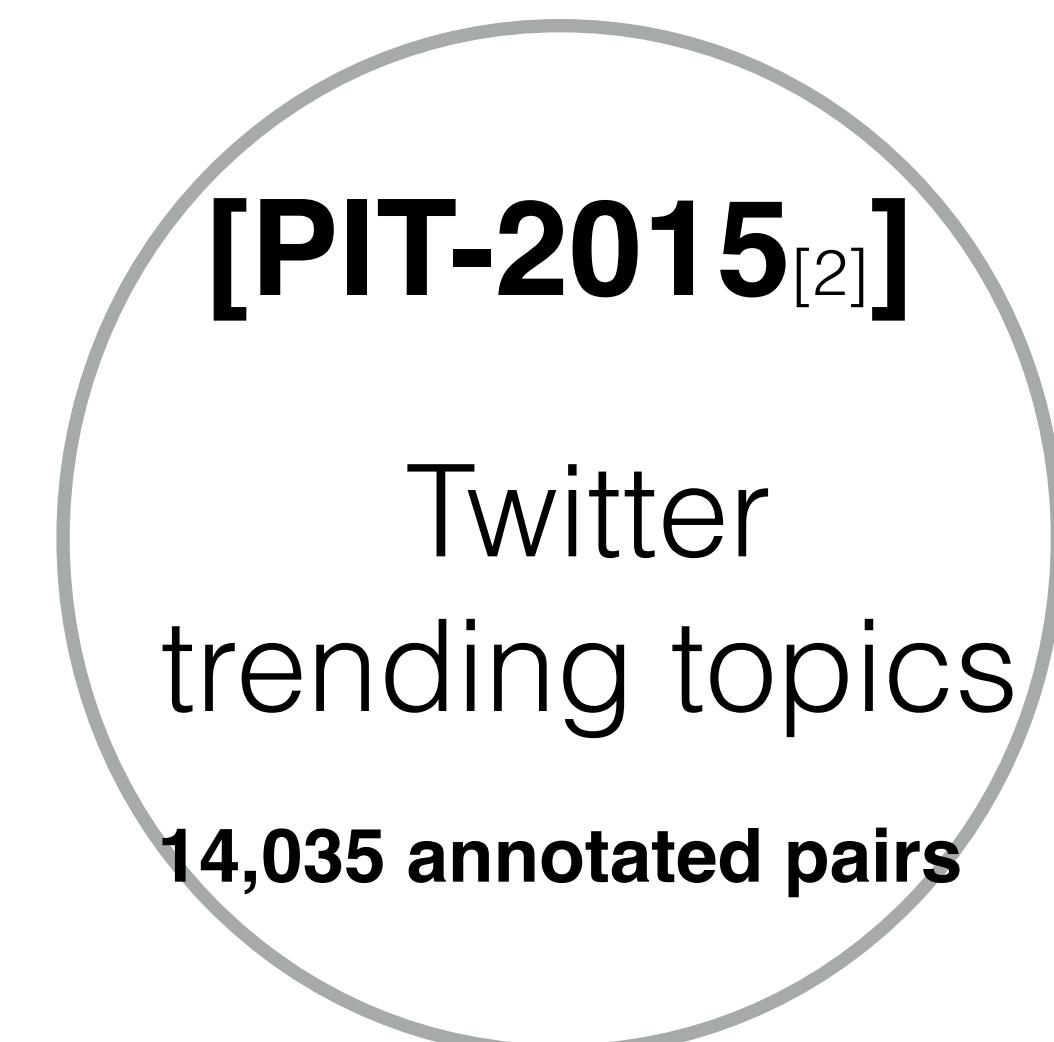
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[MSRP_[1]]

clustered
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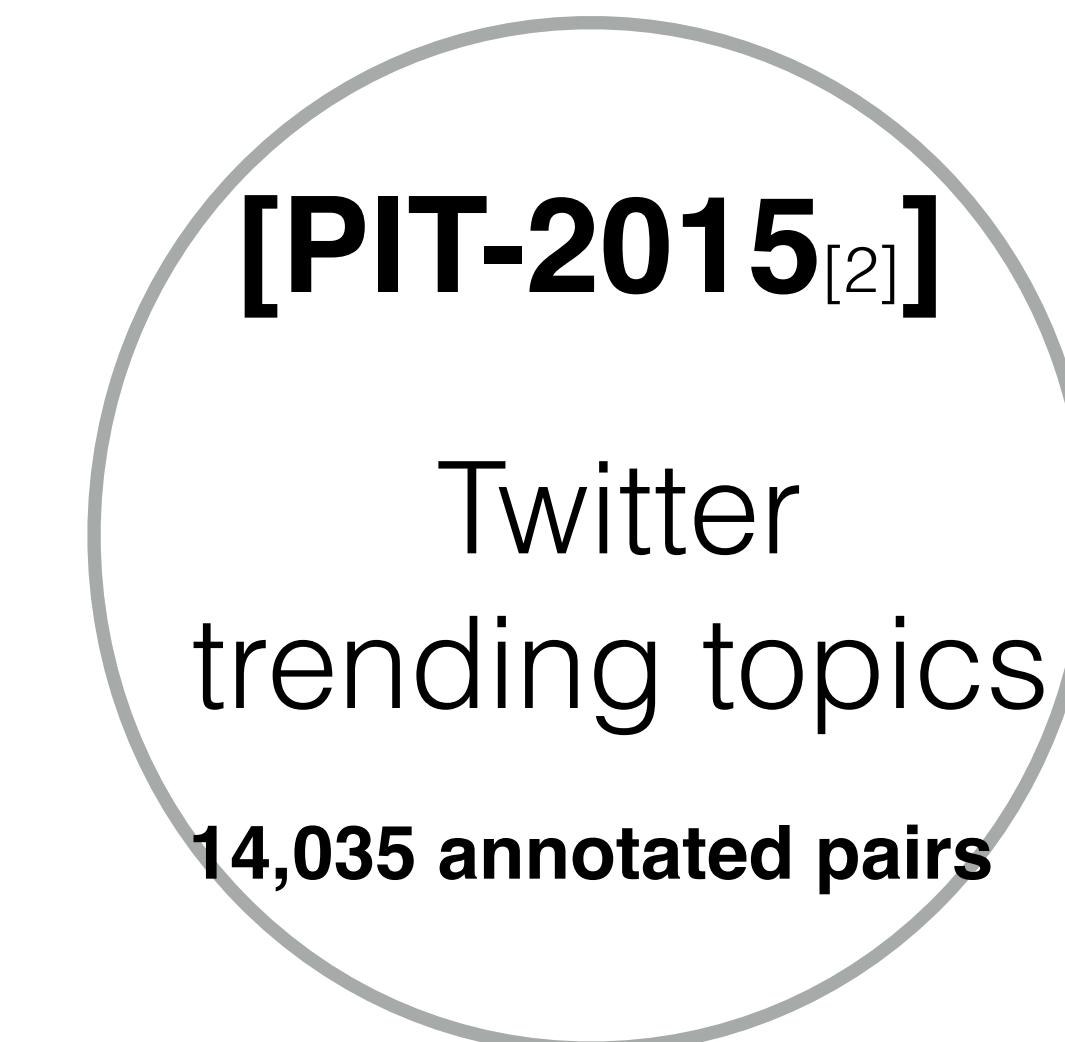
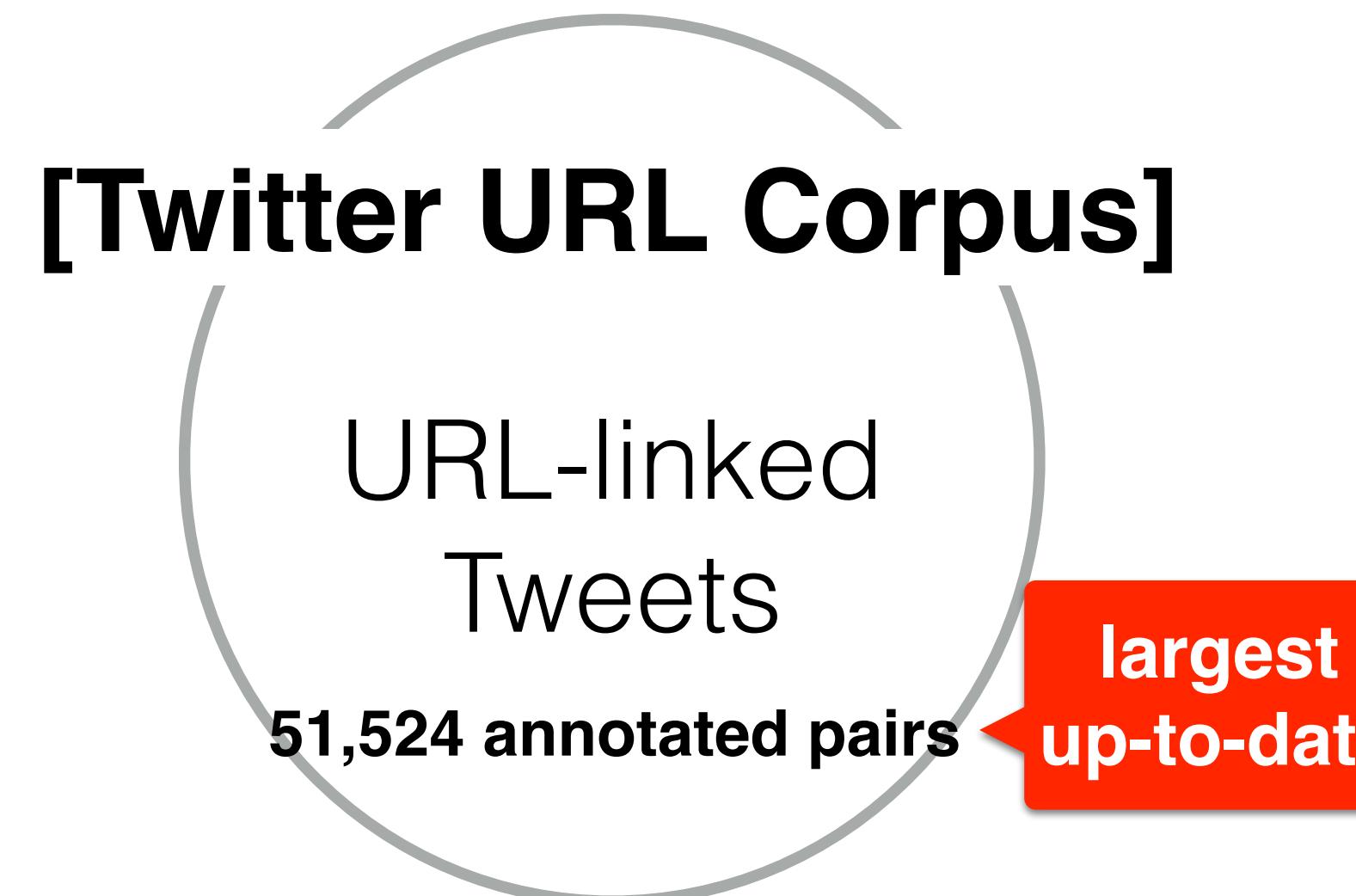
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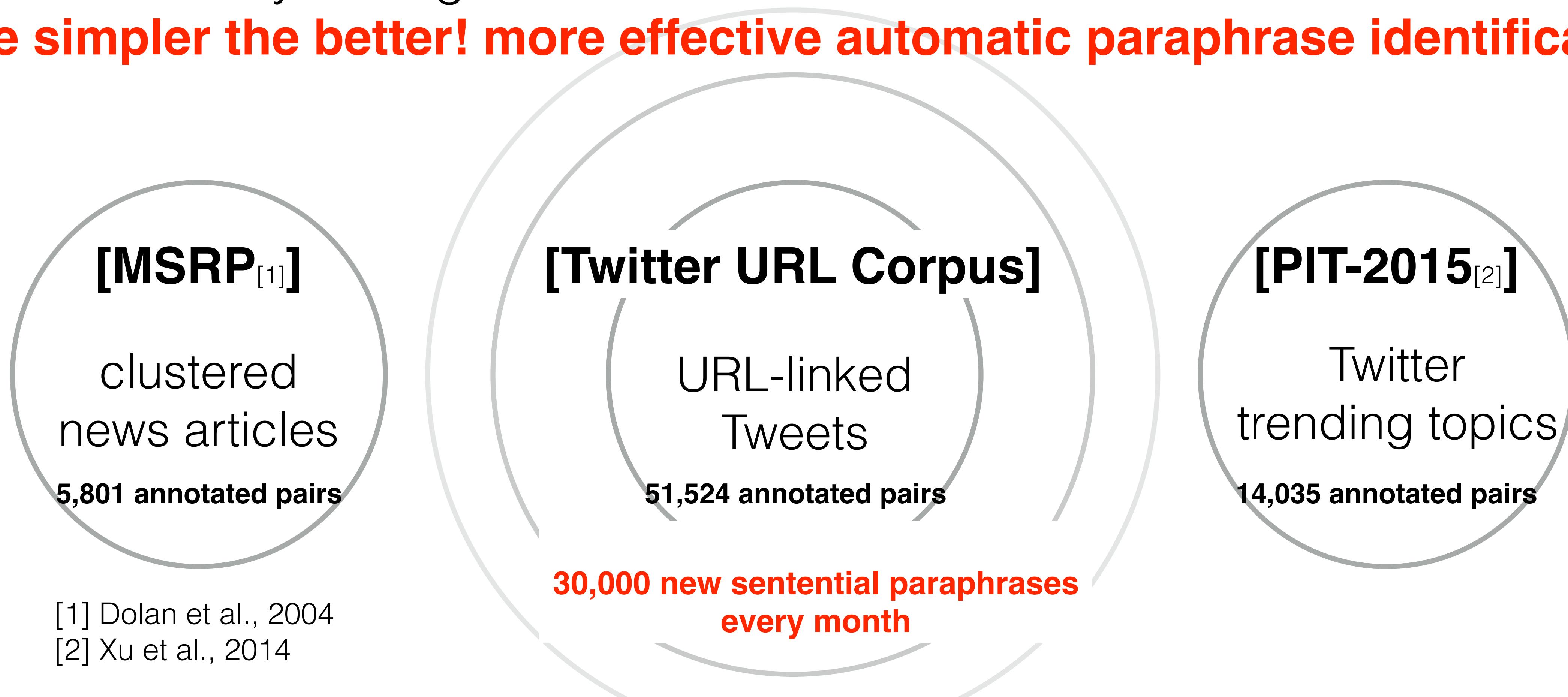
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FBI Director backs CIA finding

FBI agrees with CIA

FBI backs CIA view

FBI finally backs CIA view

FBI now backs CIA view

FBI supports CIA assertion

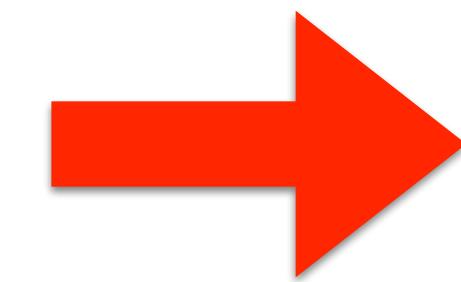
FBI Clapper back CIA's view

The FBI backs the CIA's assessment

FBI Backs CIA ...

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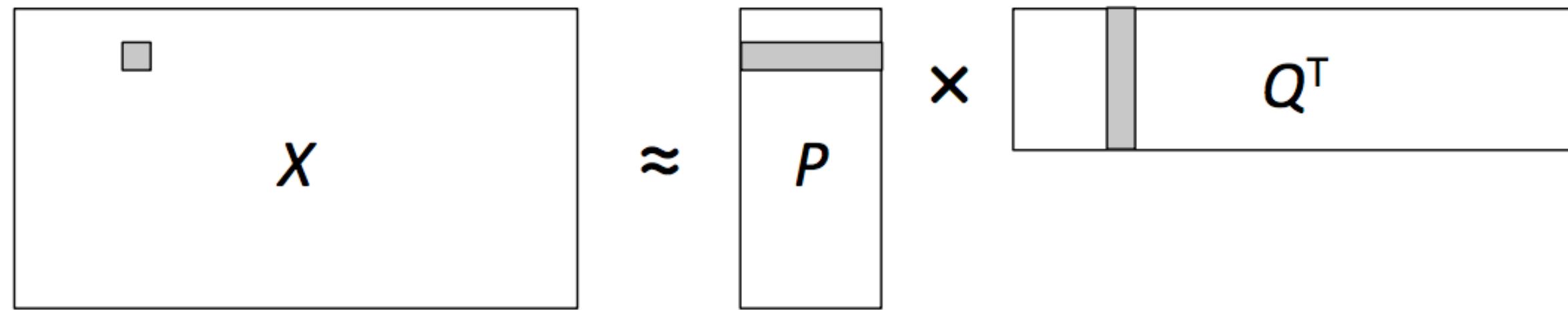
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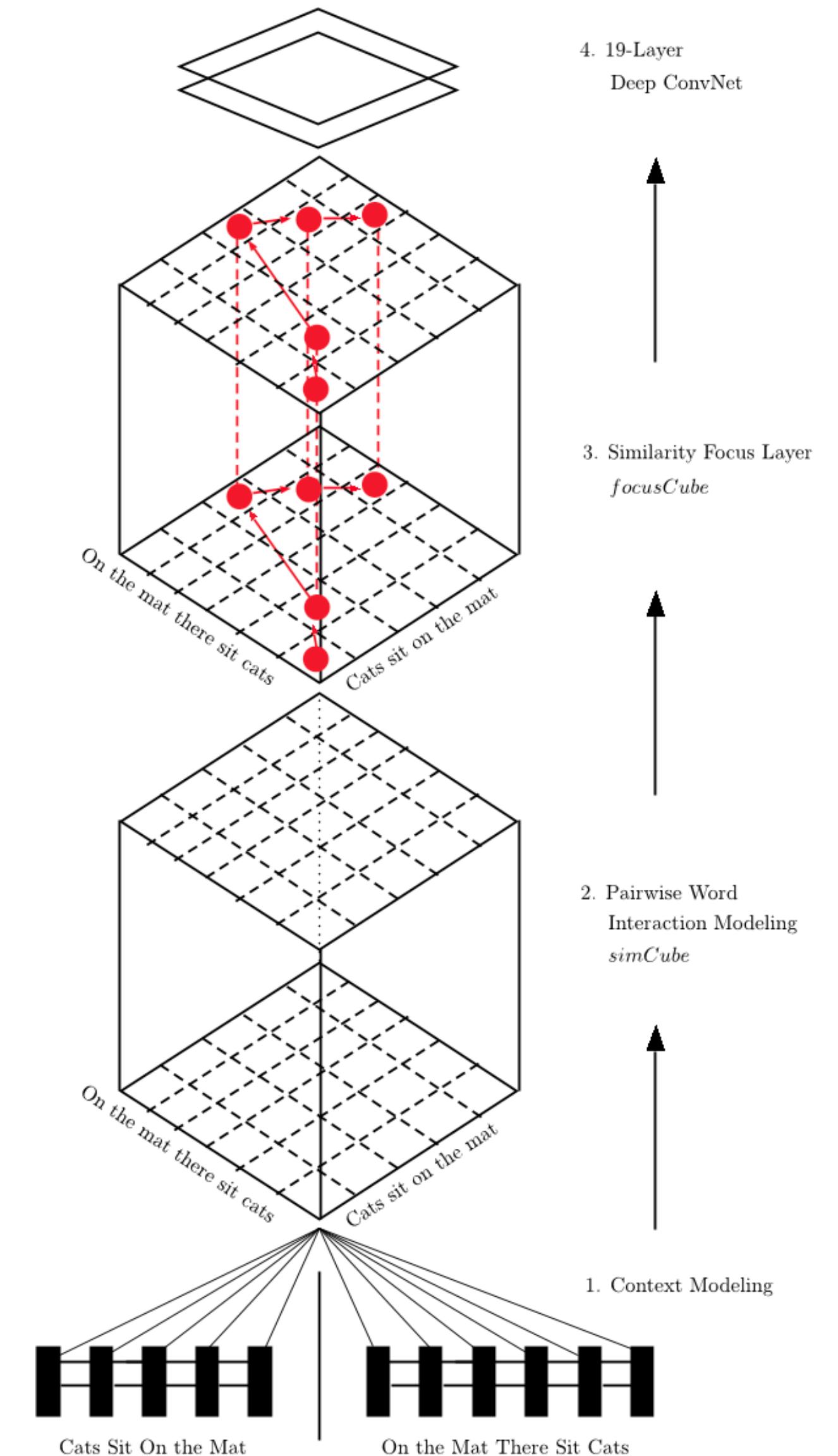
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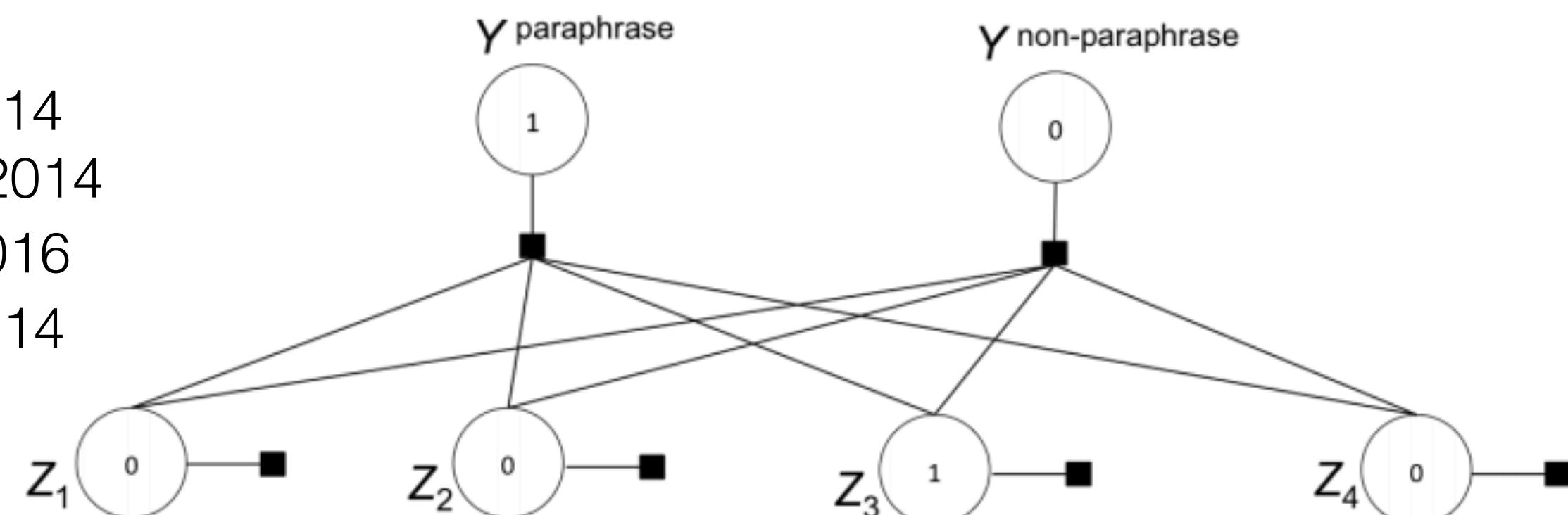
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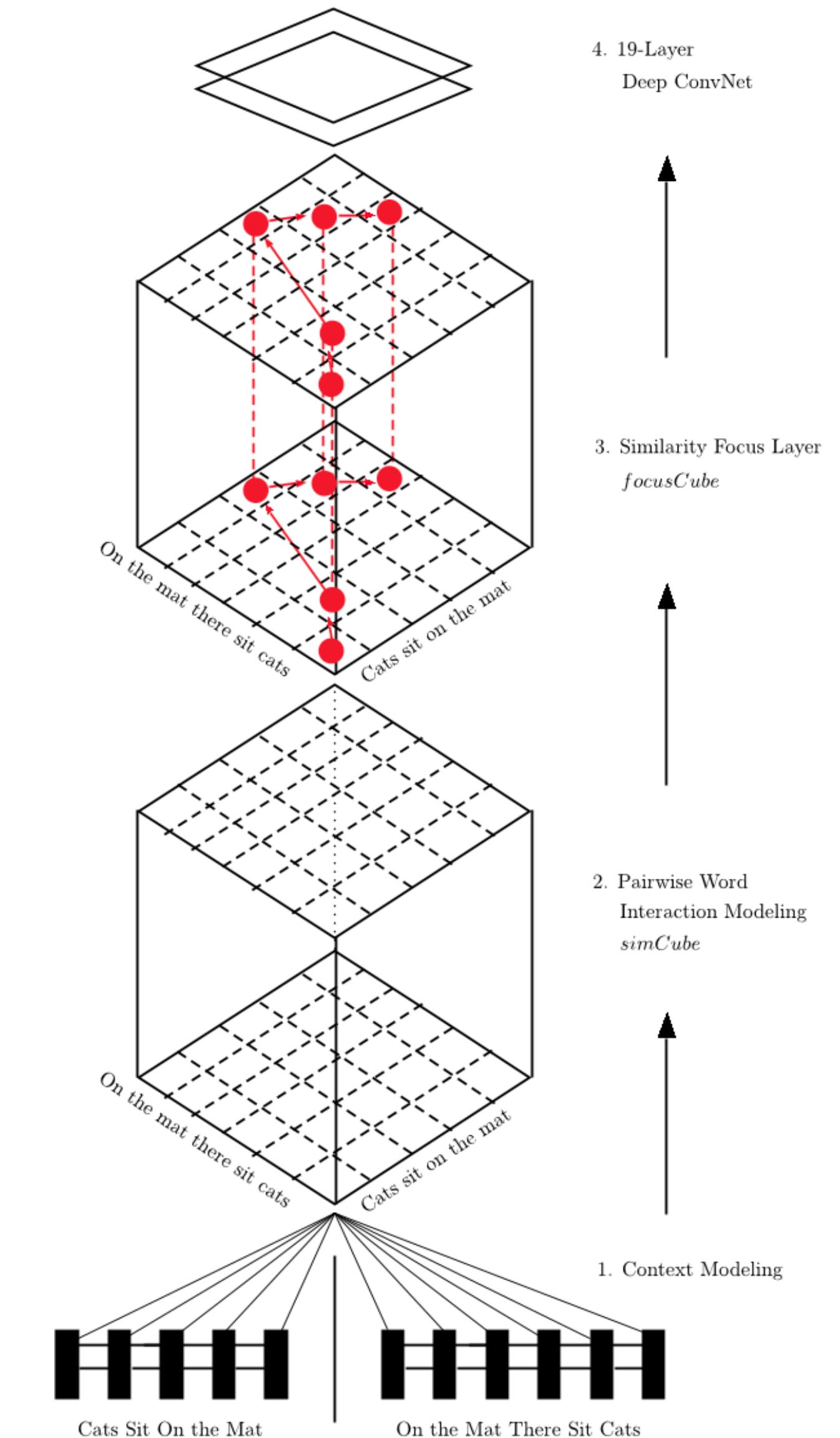
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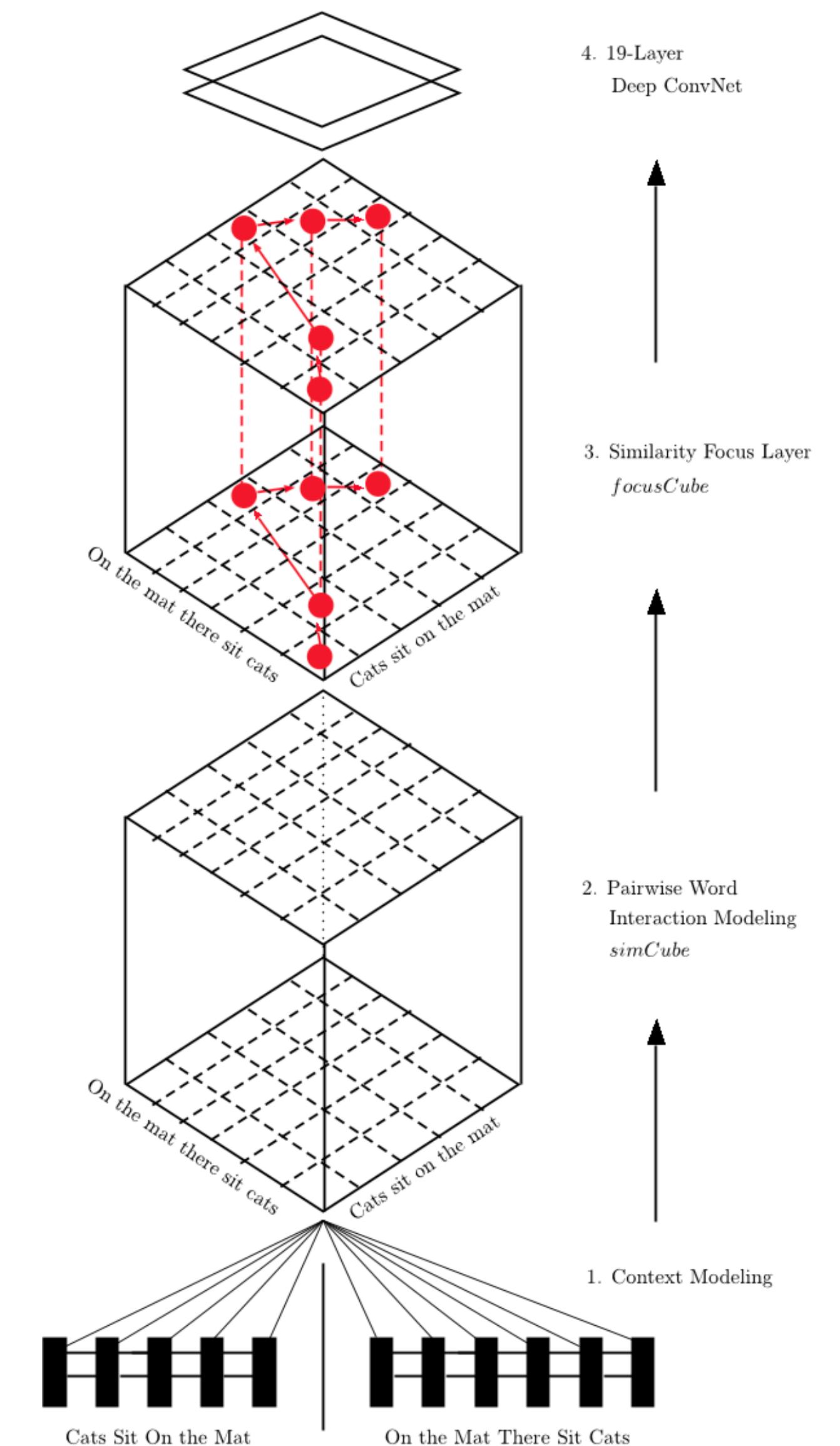
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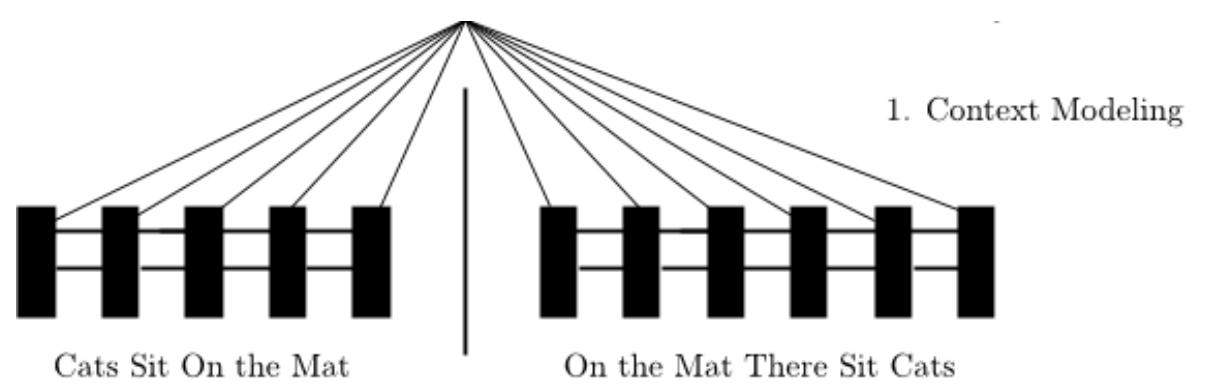
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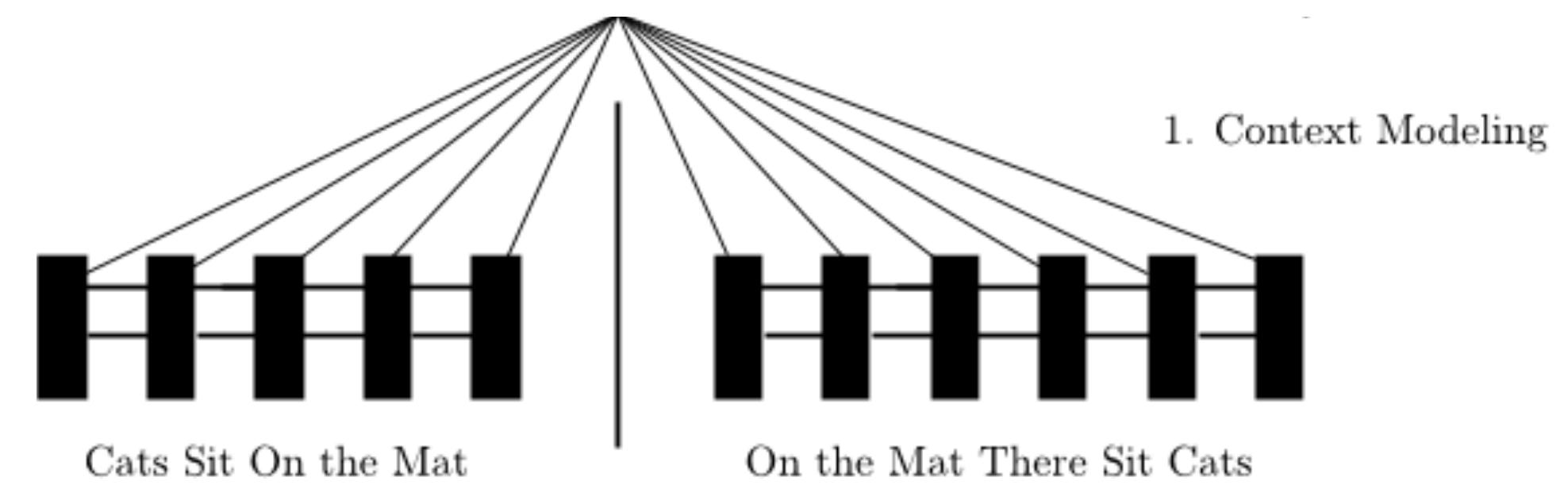
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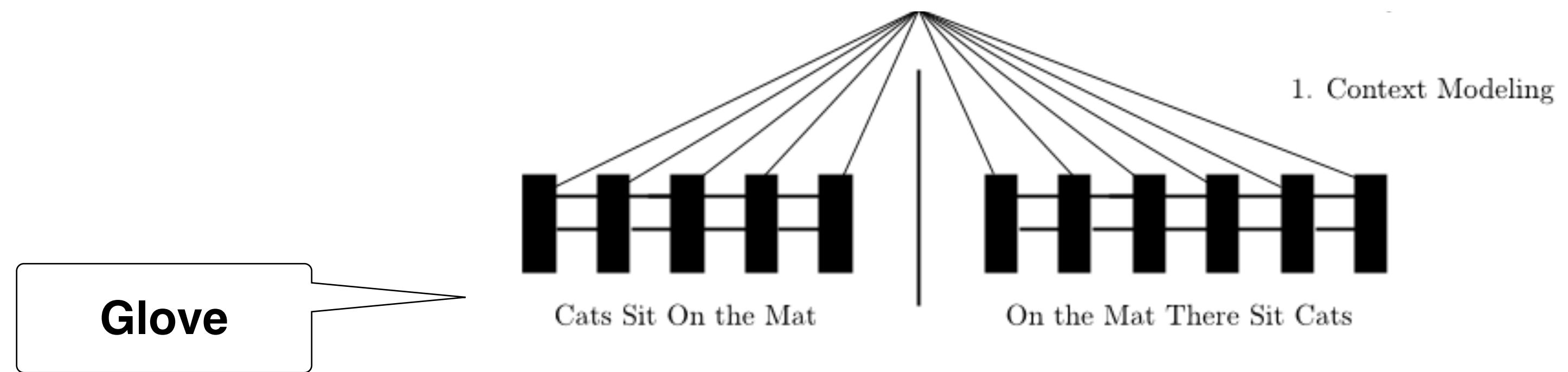
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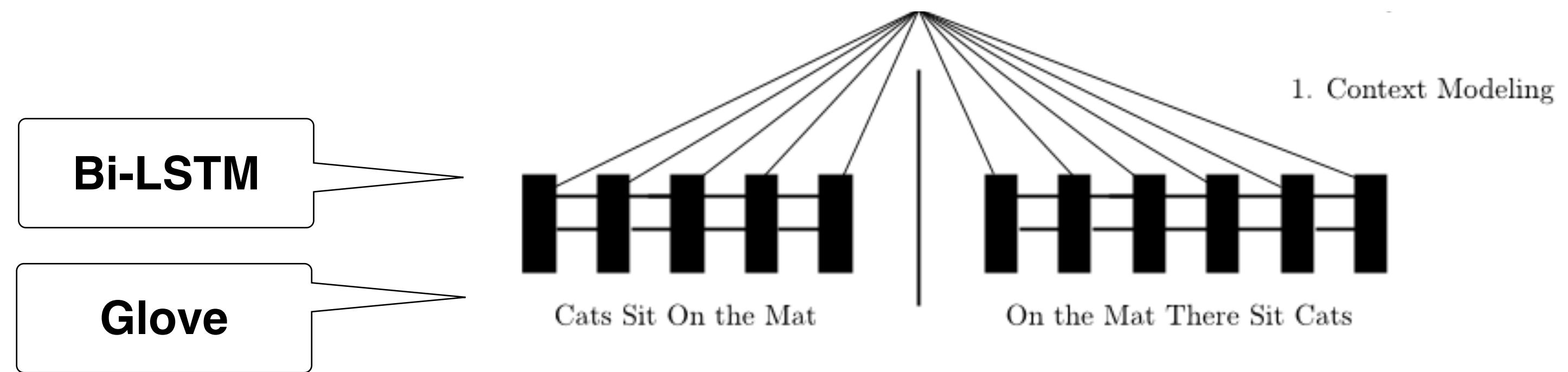
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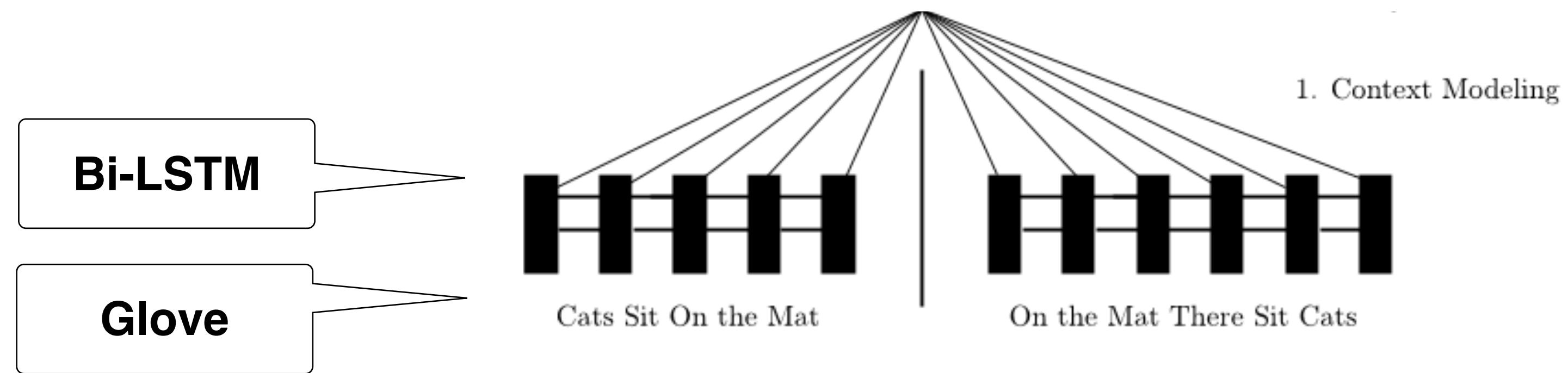
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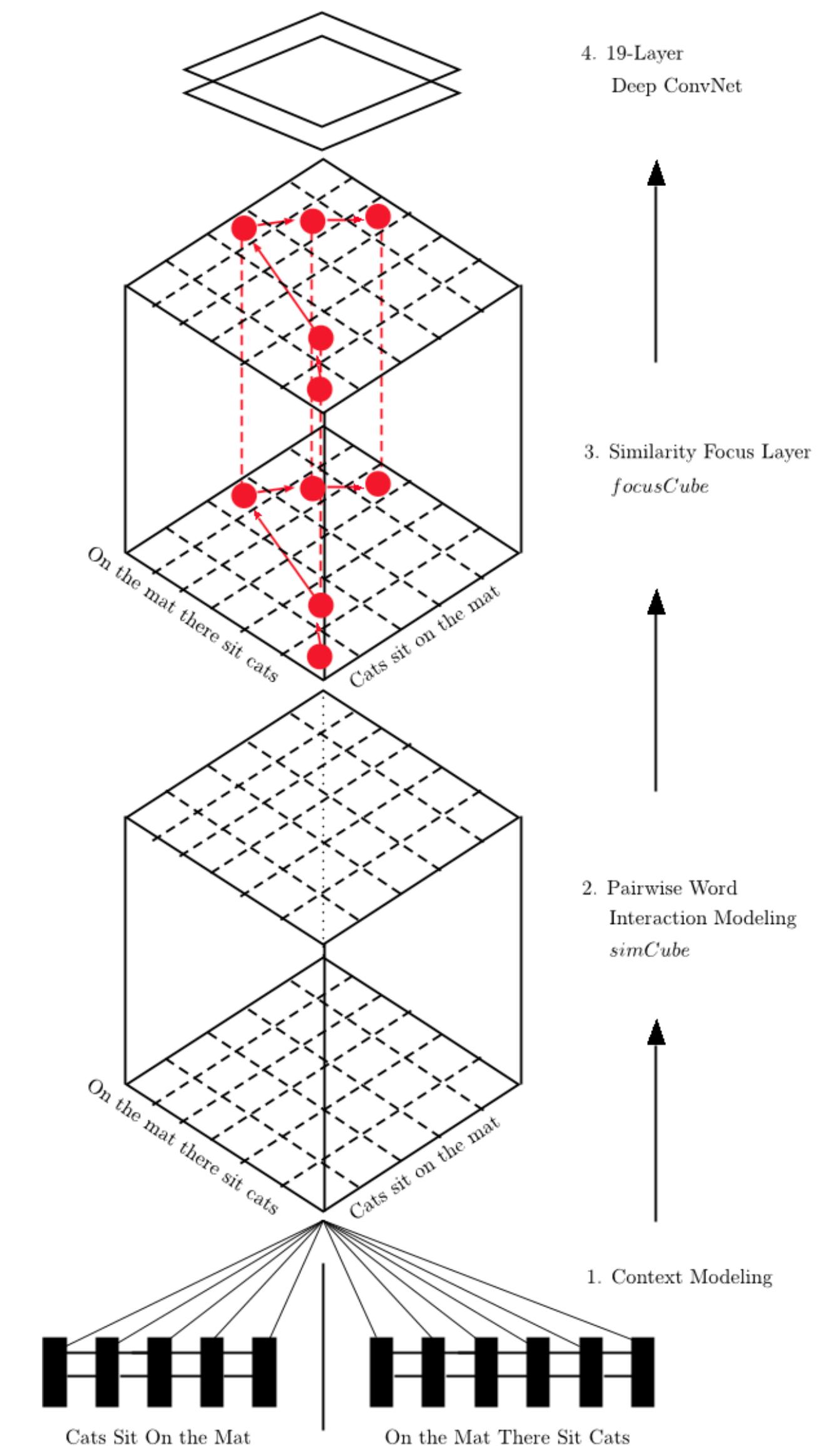


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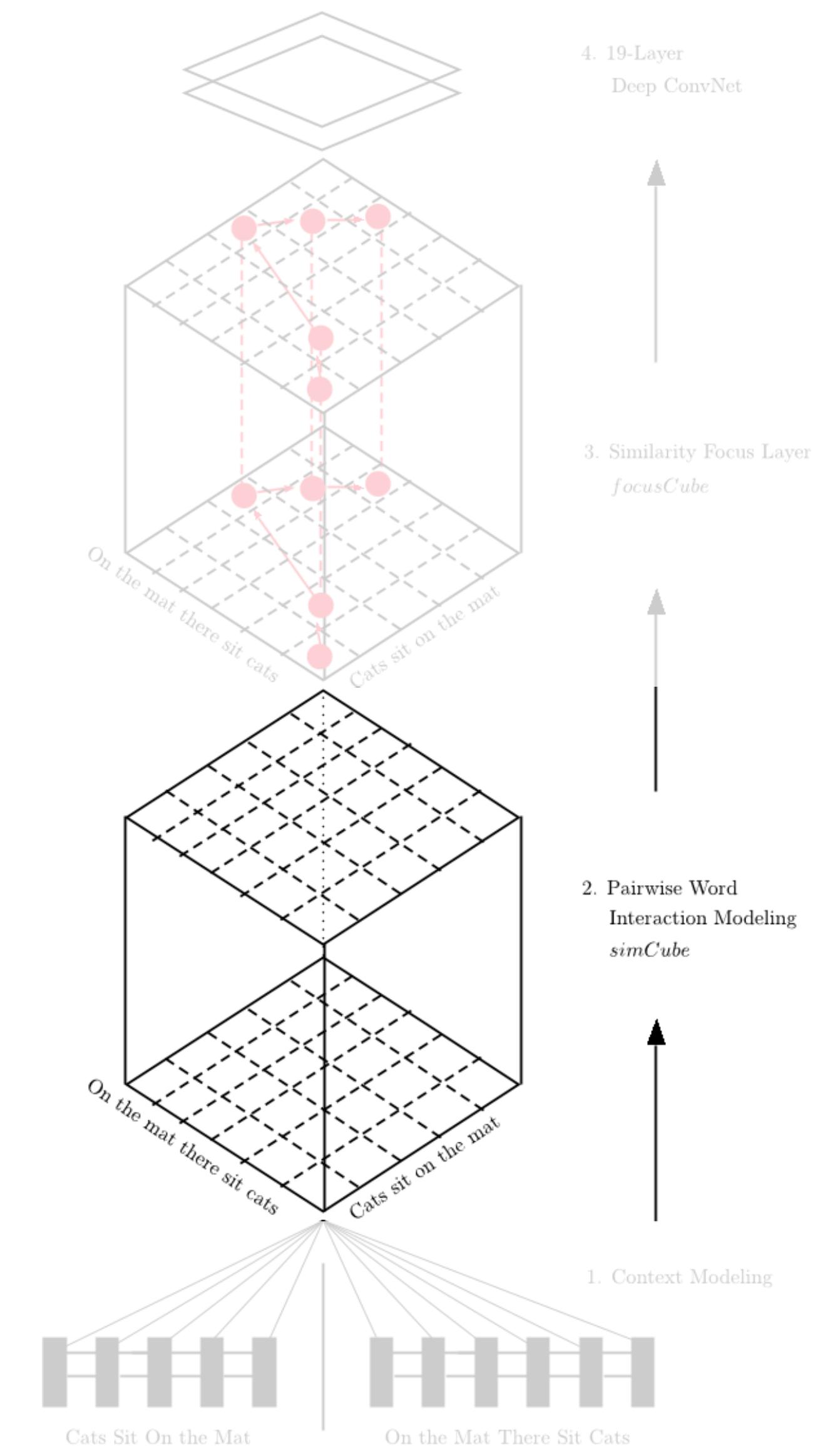


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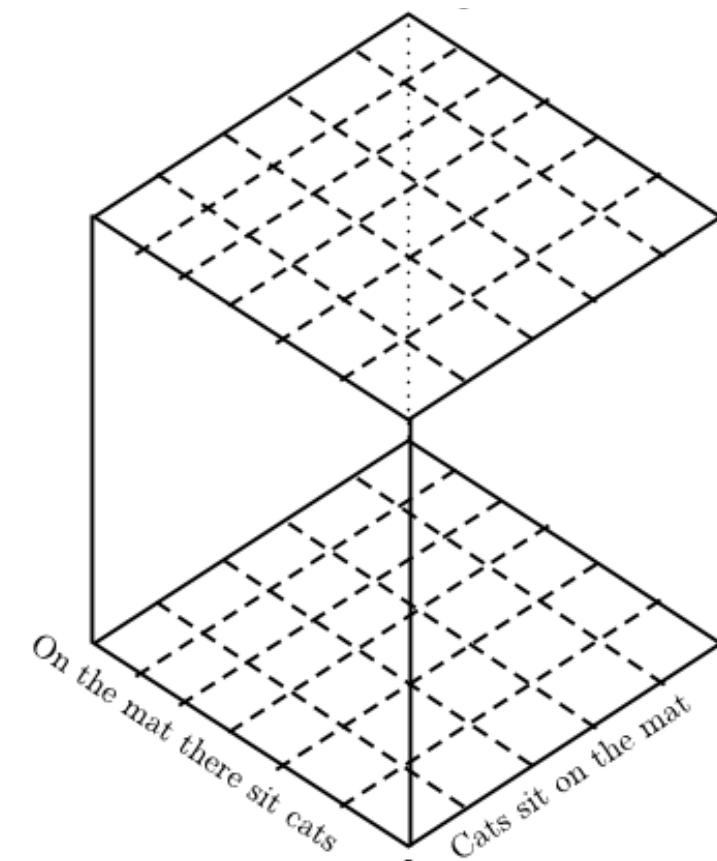
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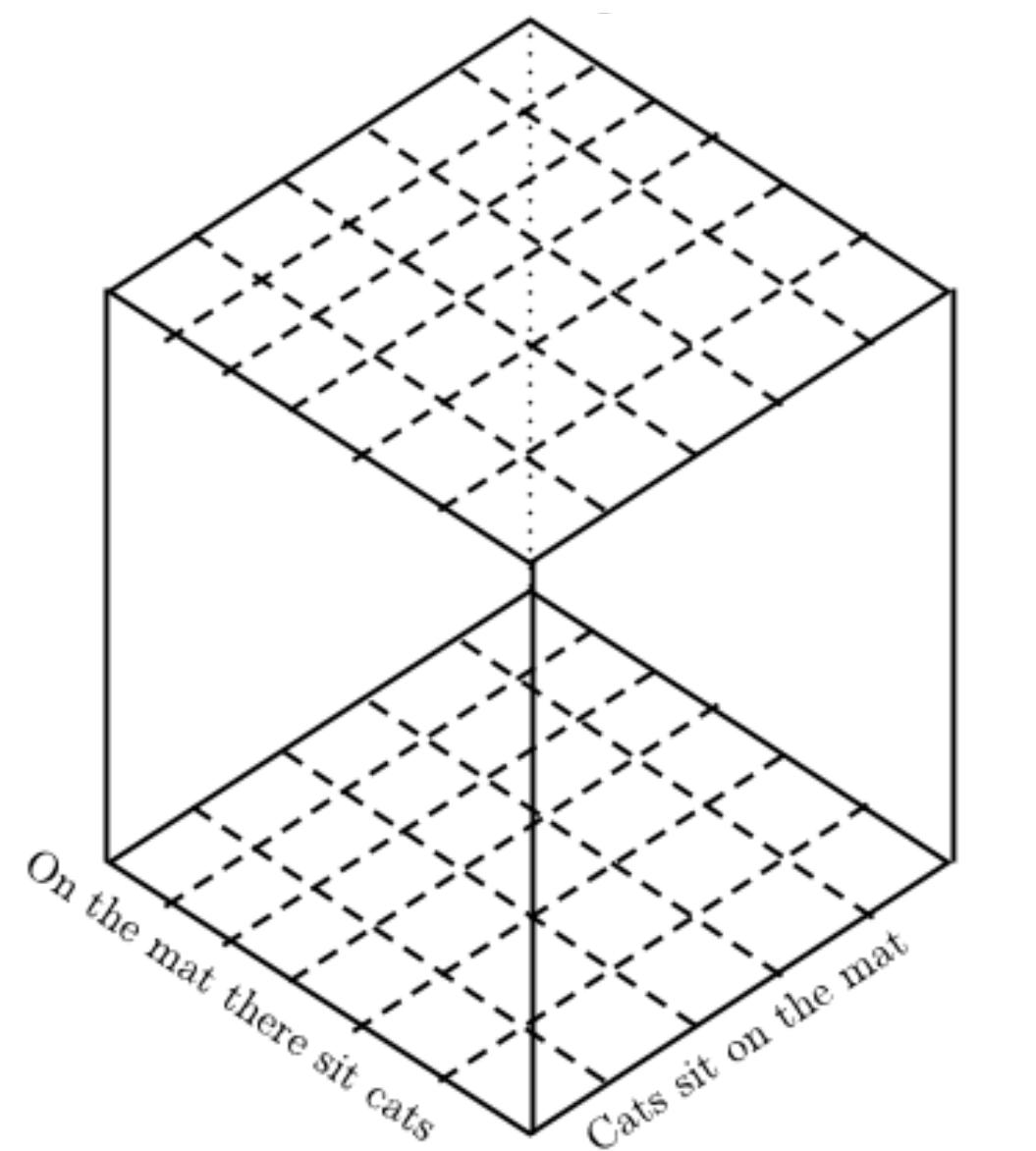


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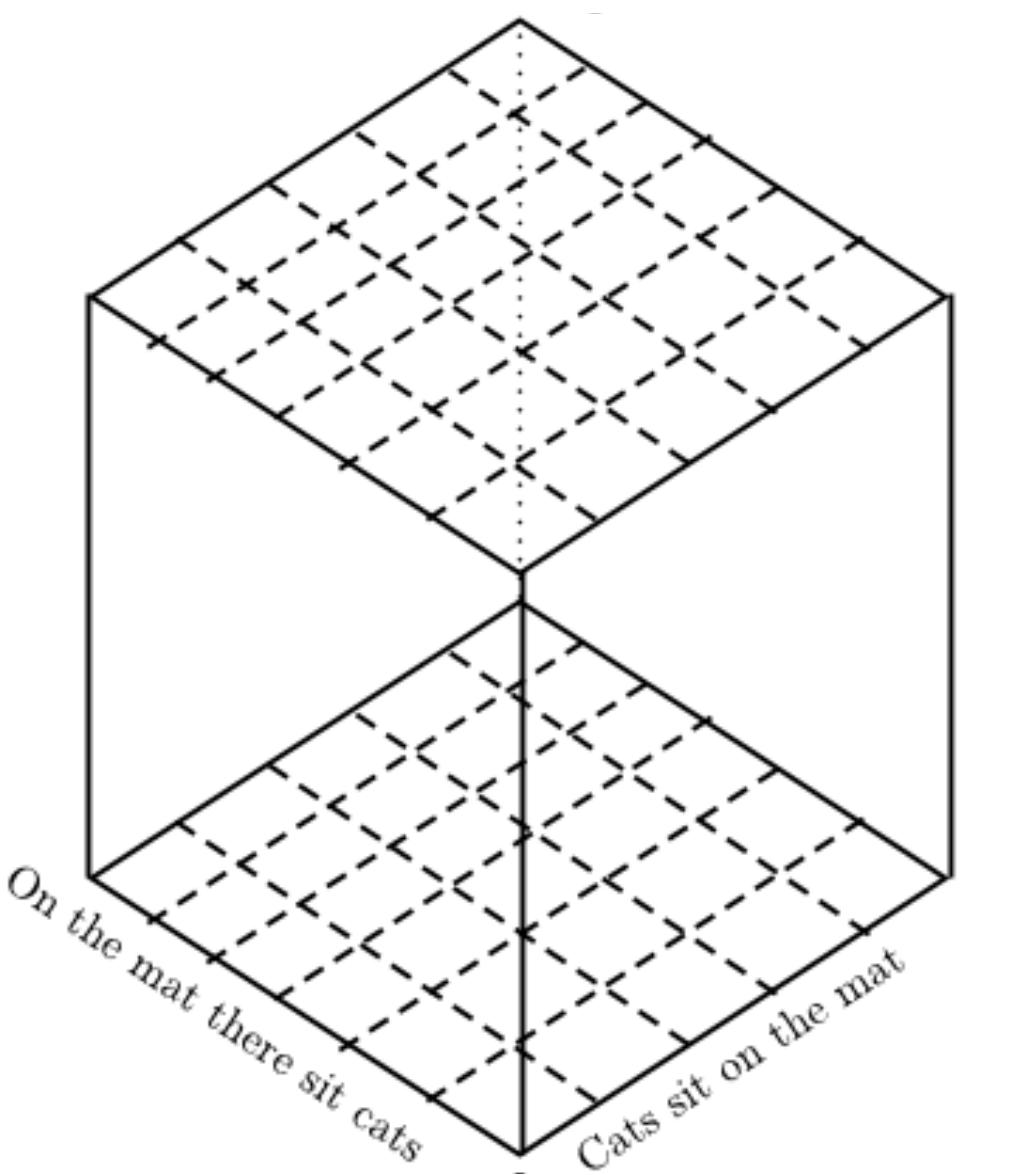
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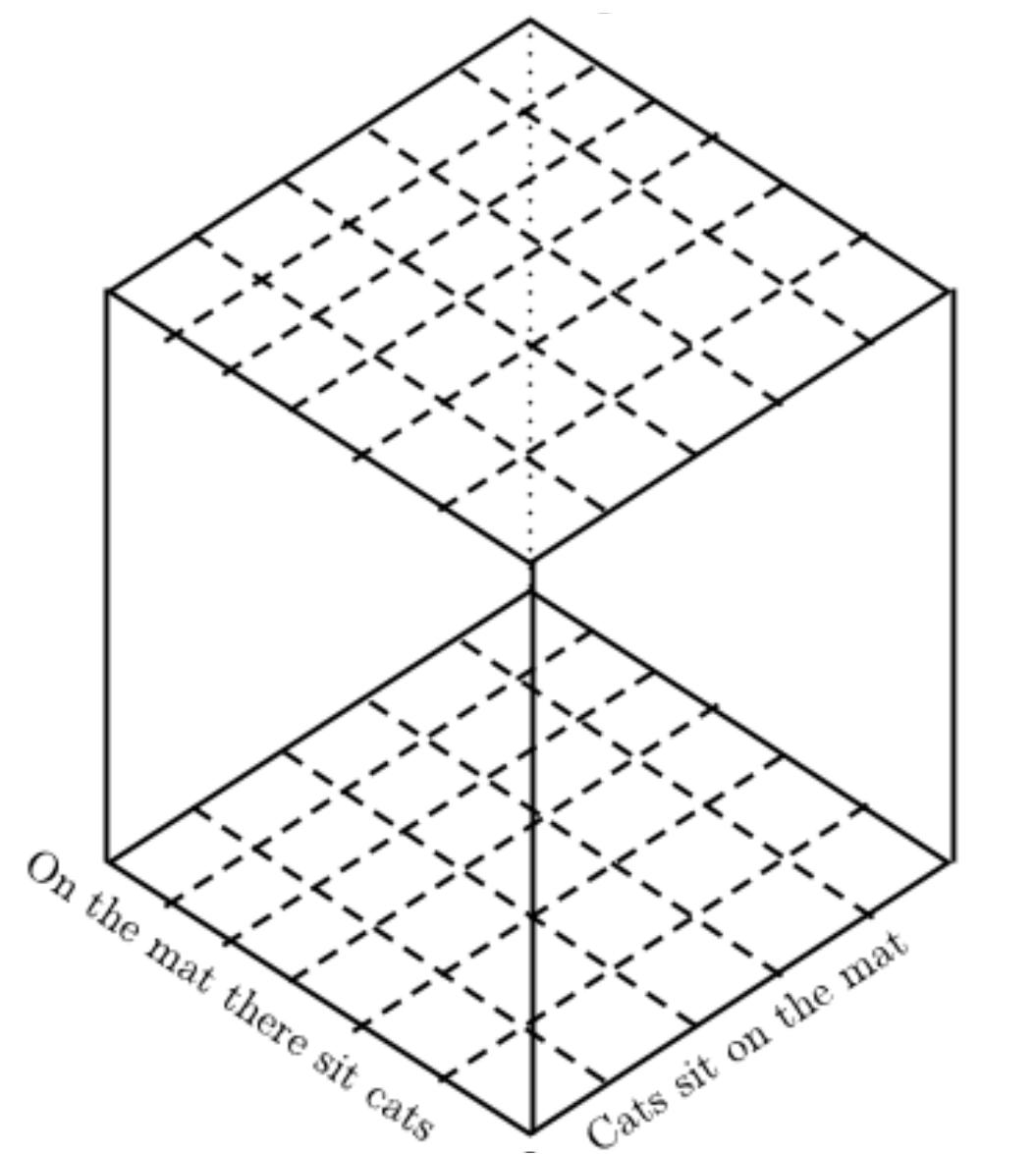
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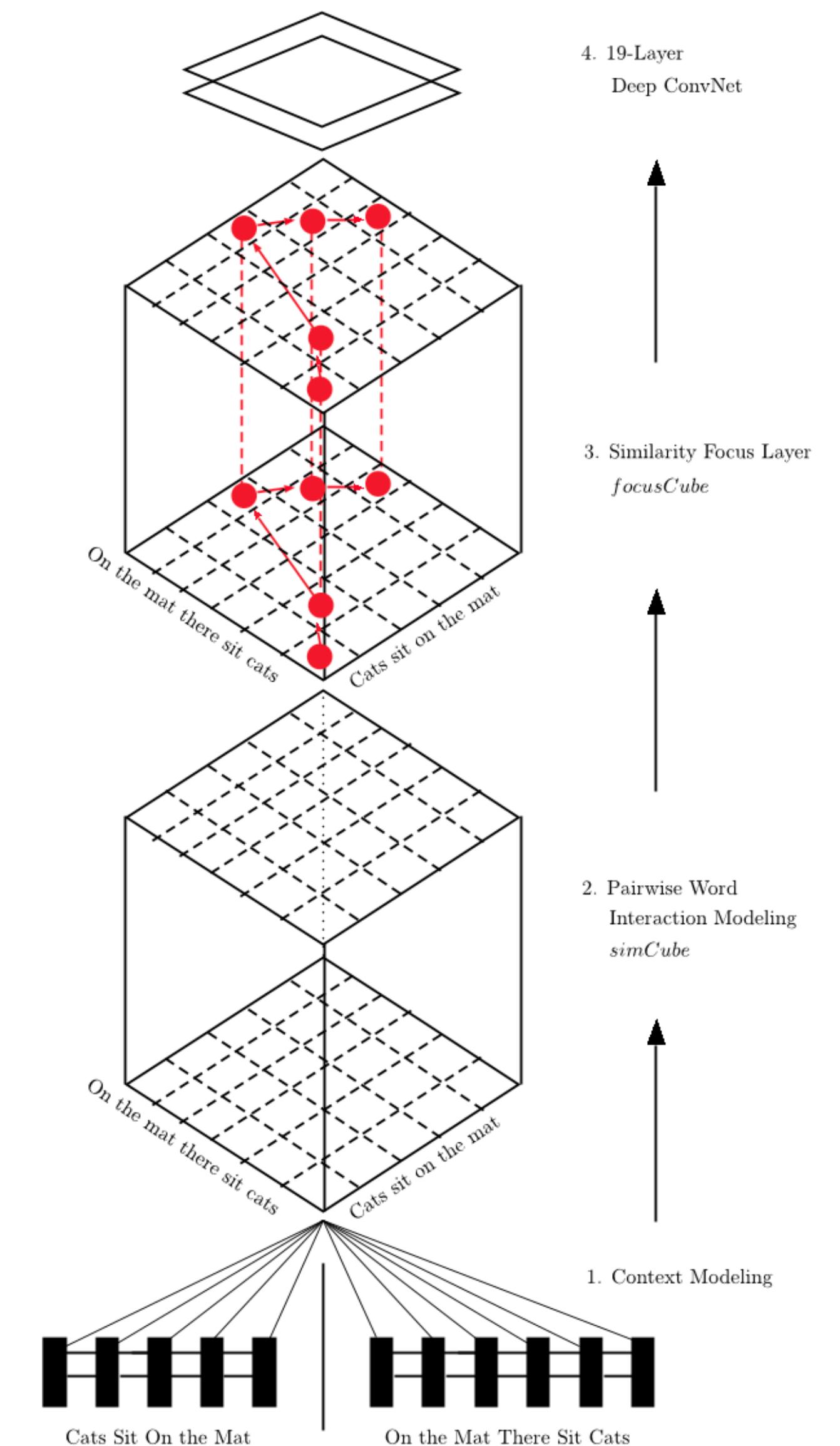


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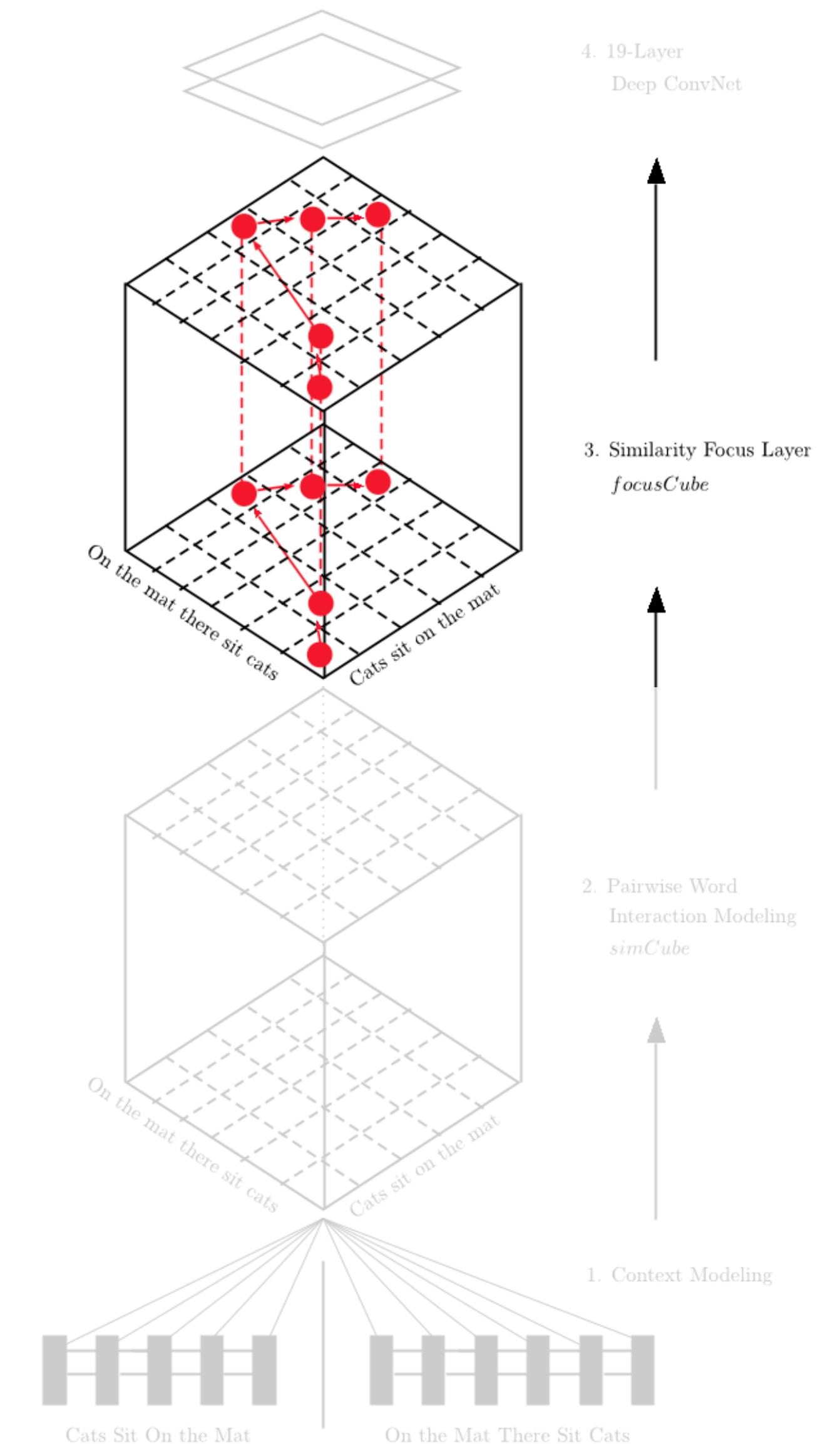
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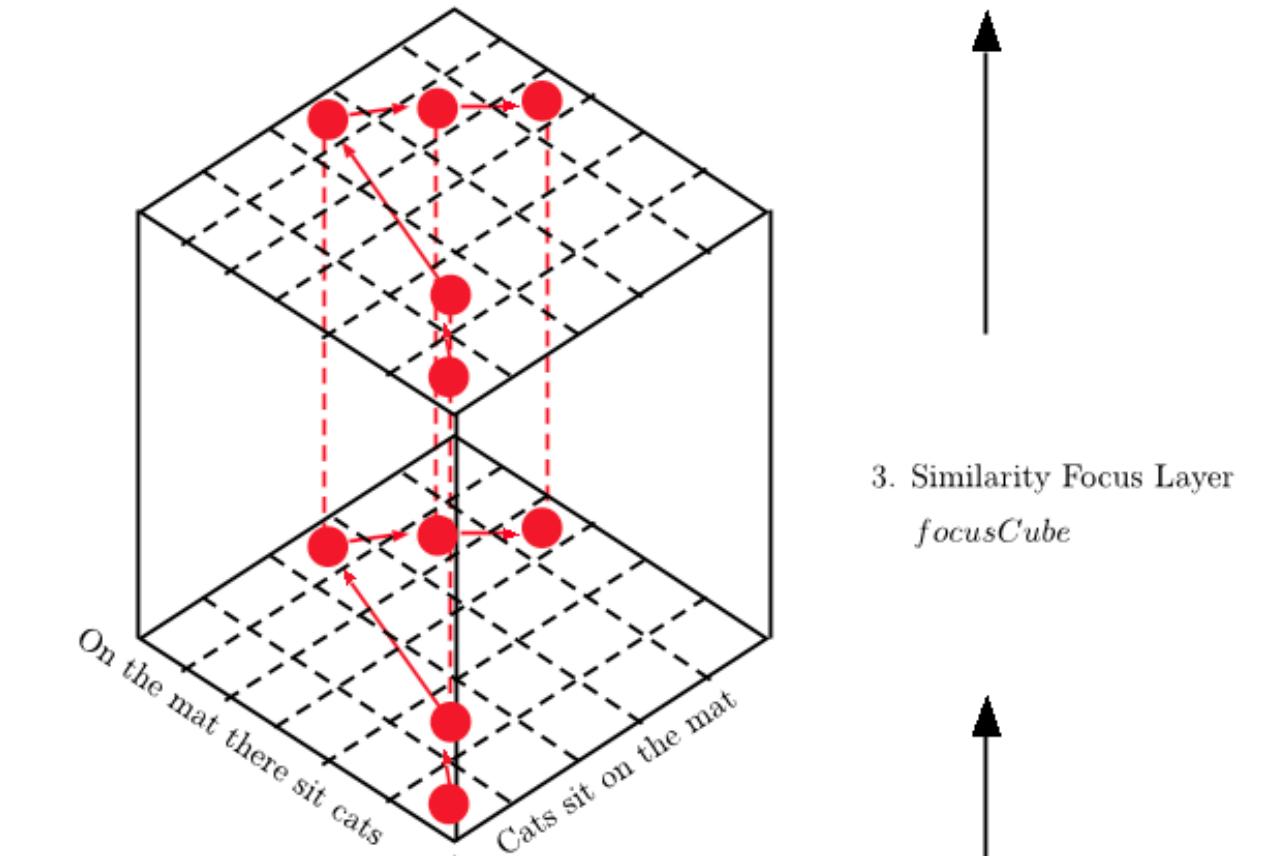
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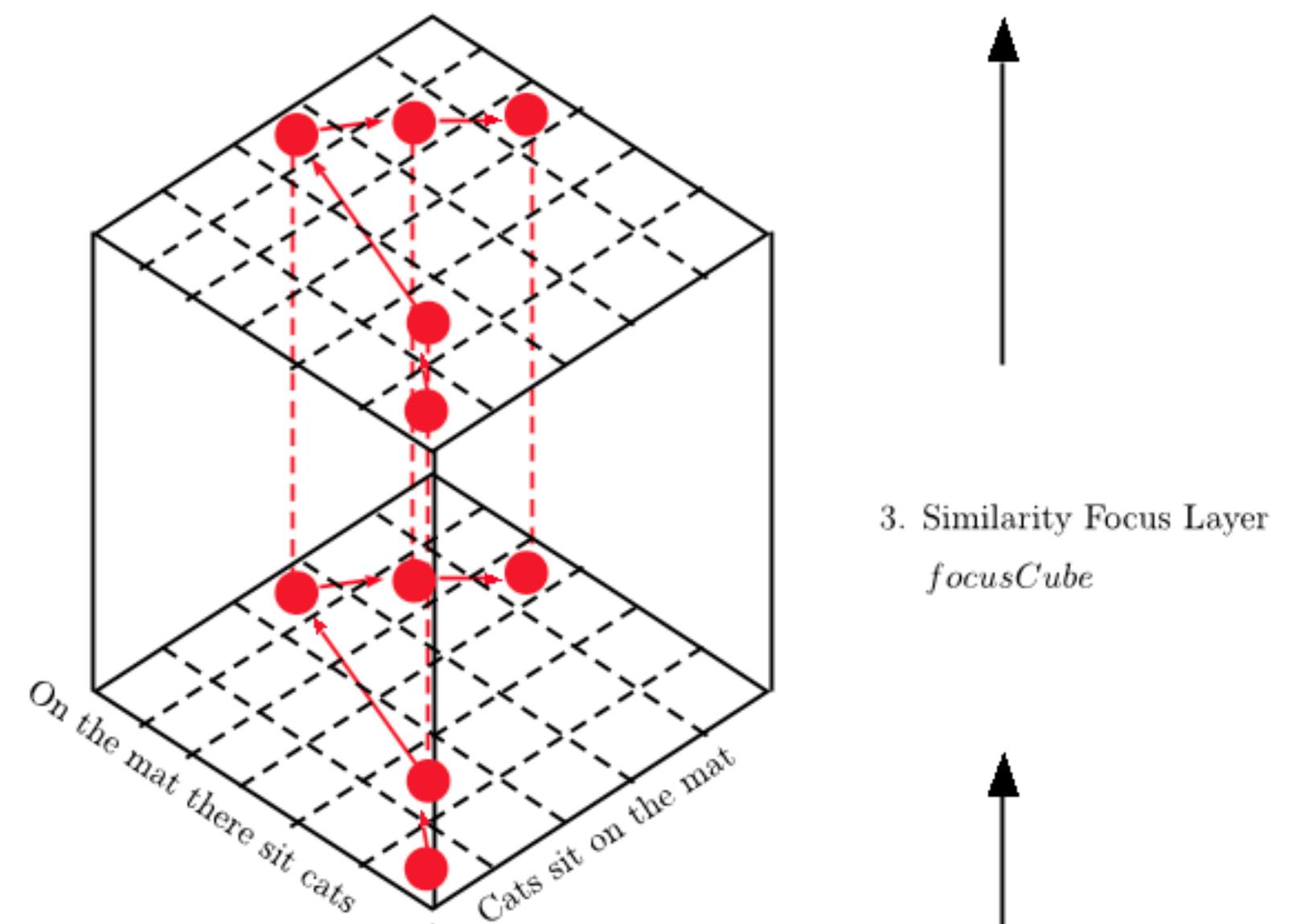
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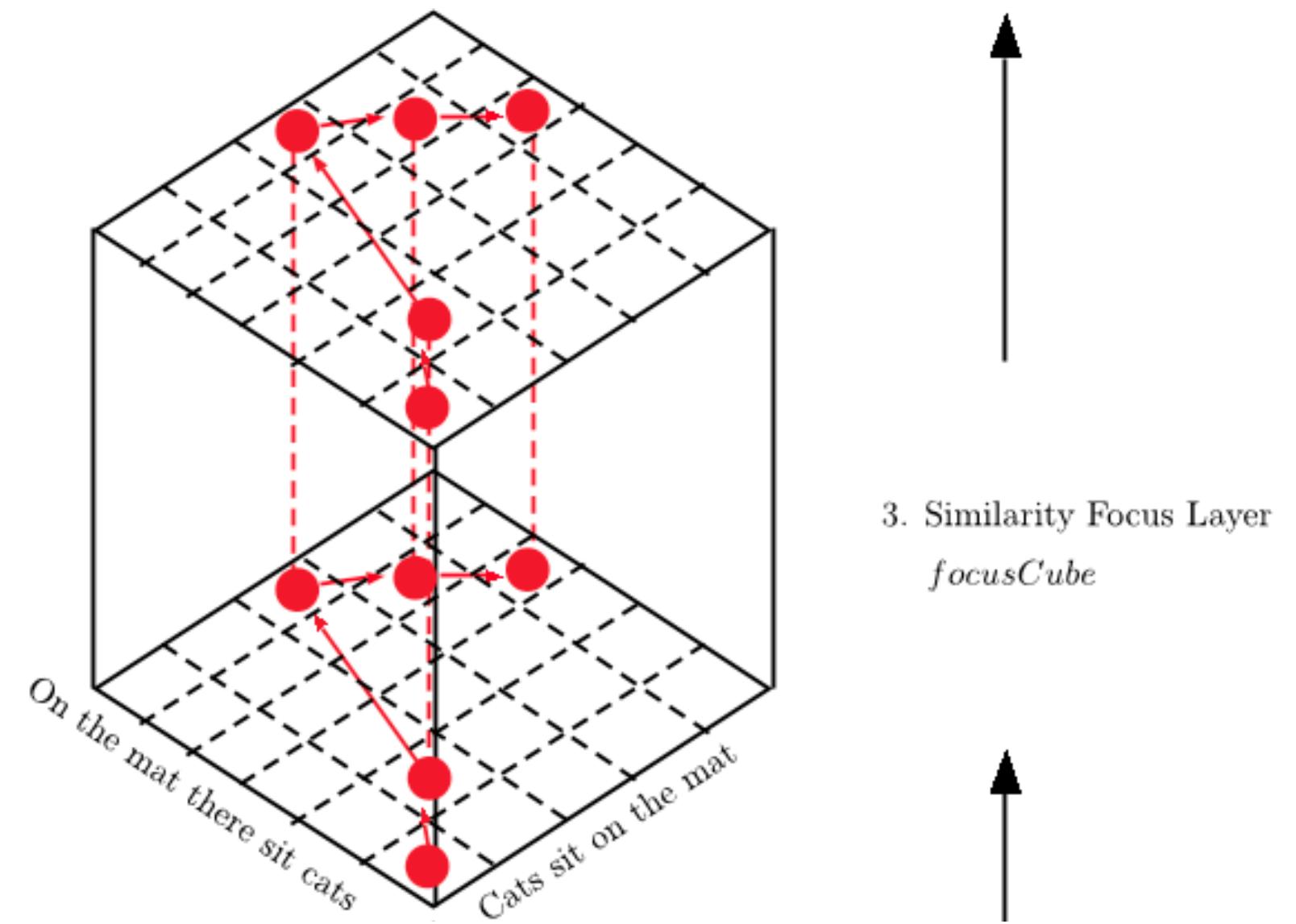
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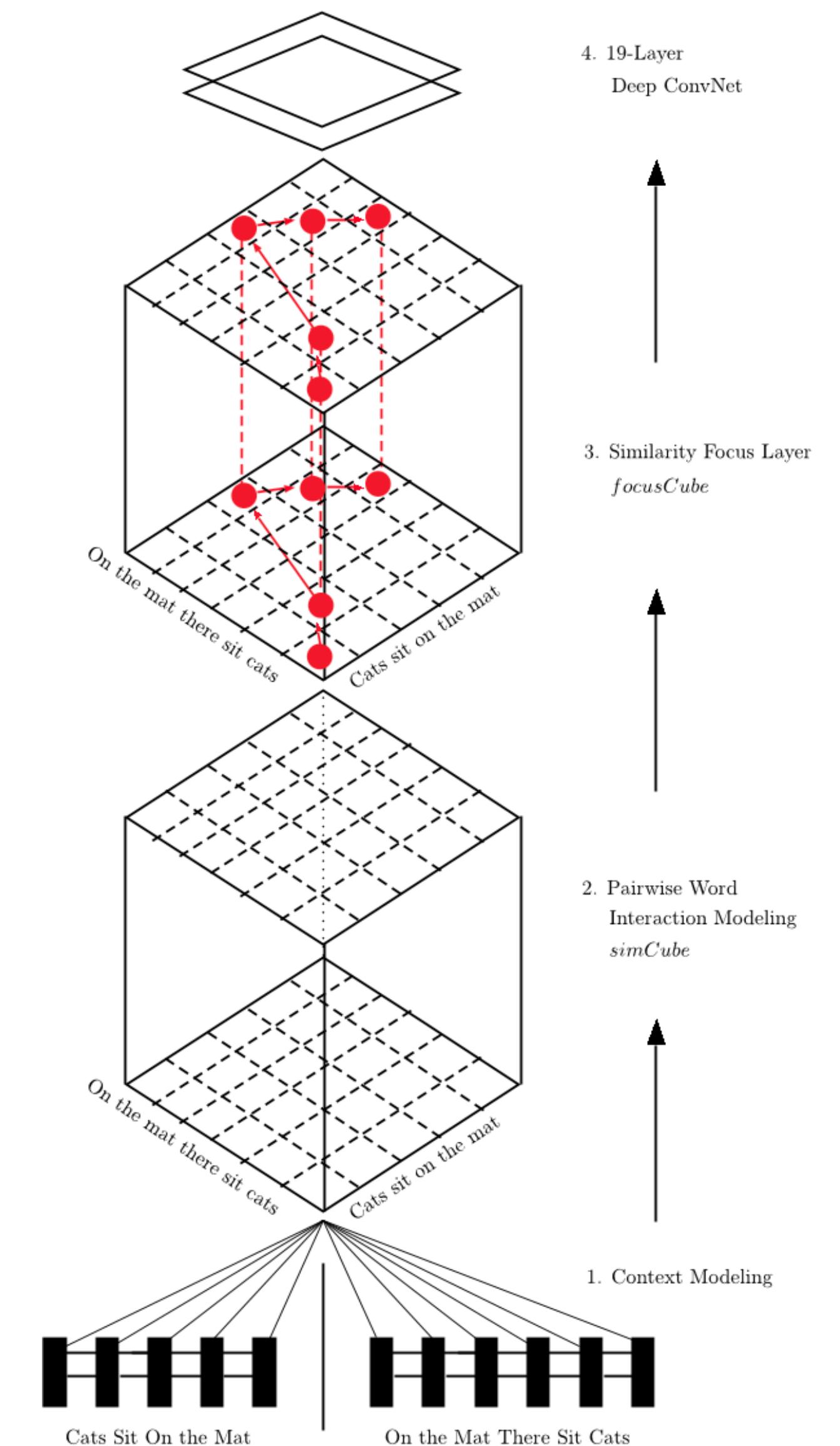


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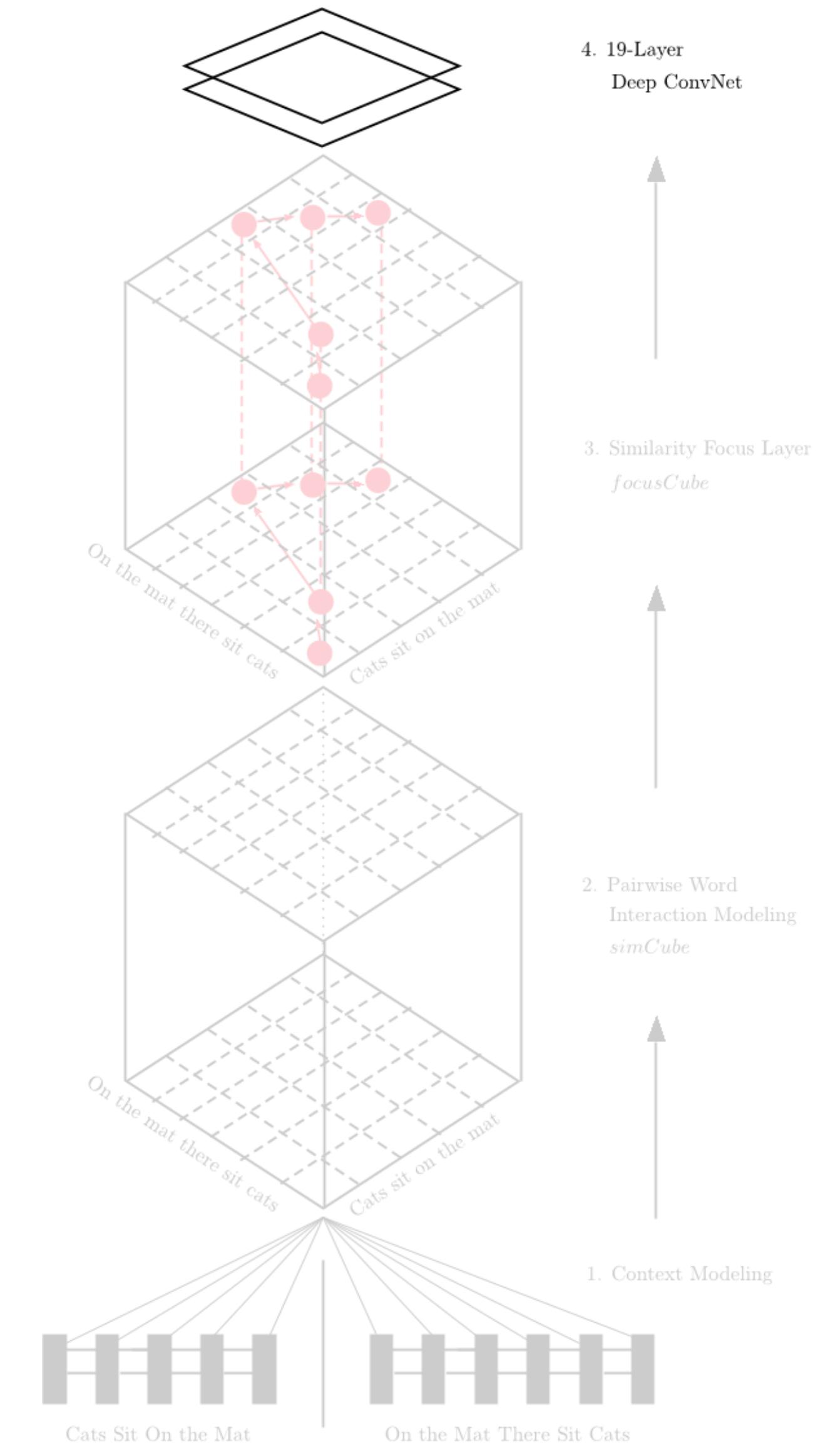


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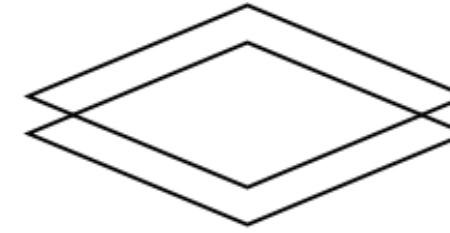
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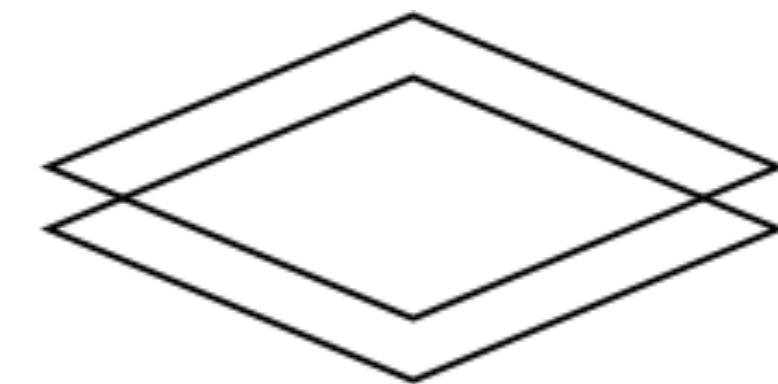


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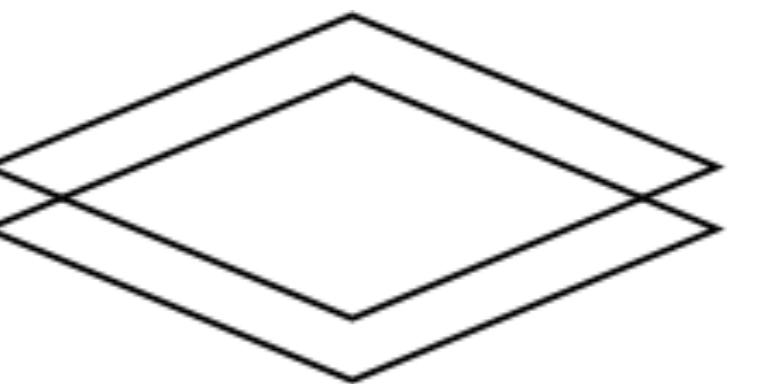


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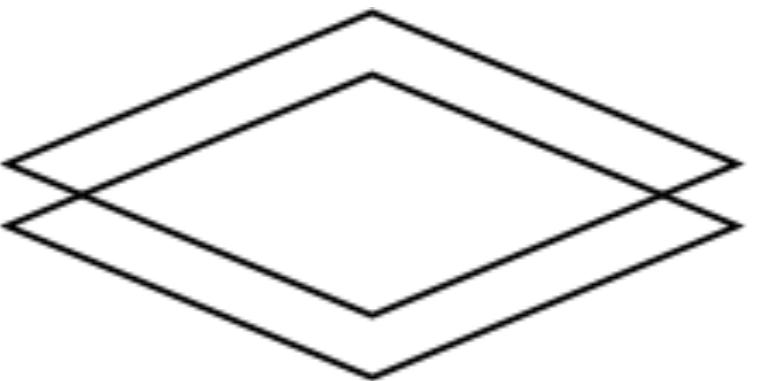
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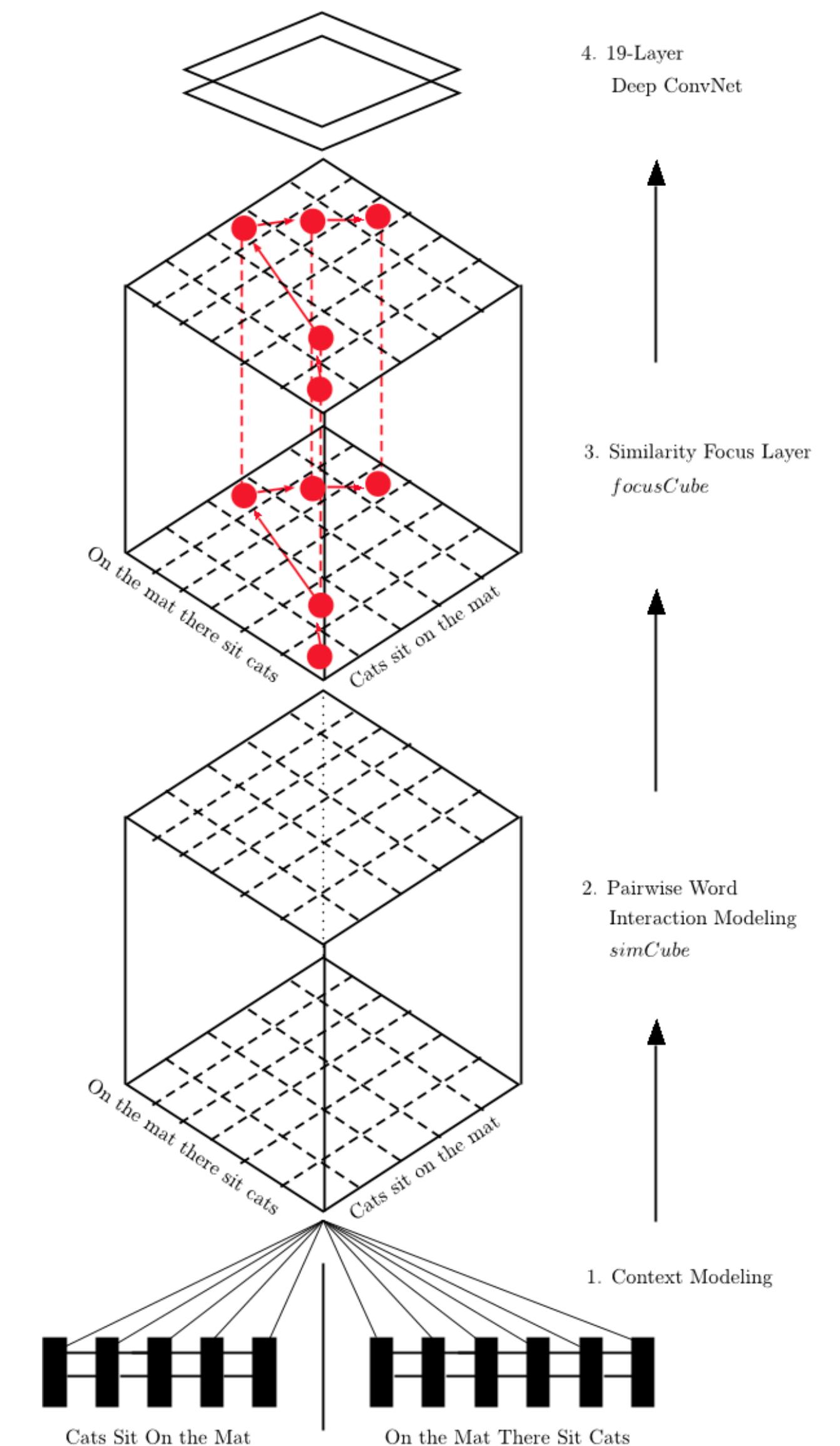


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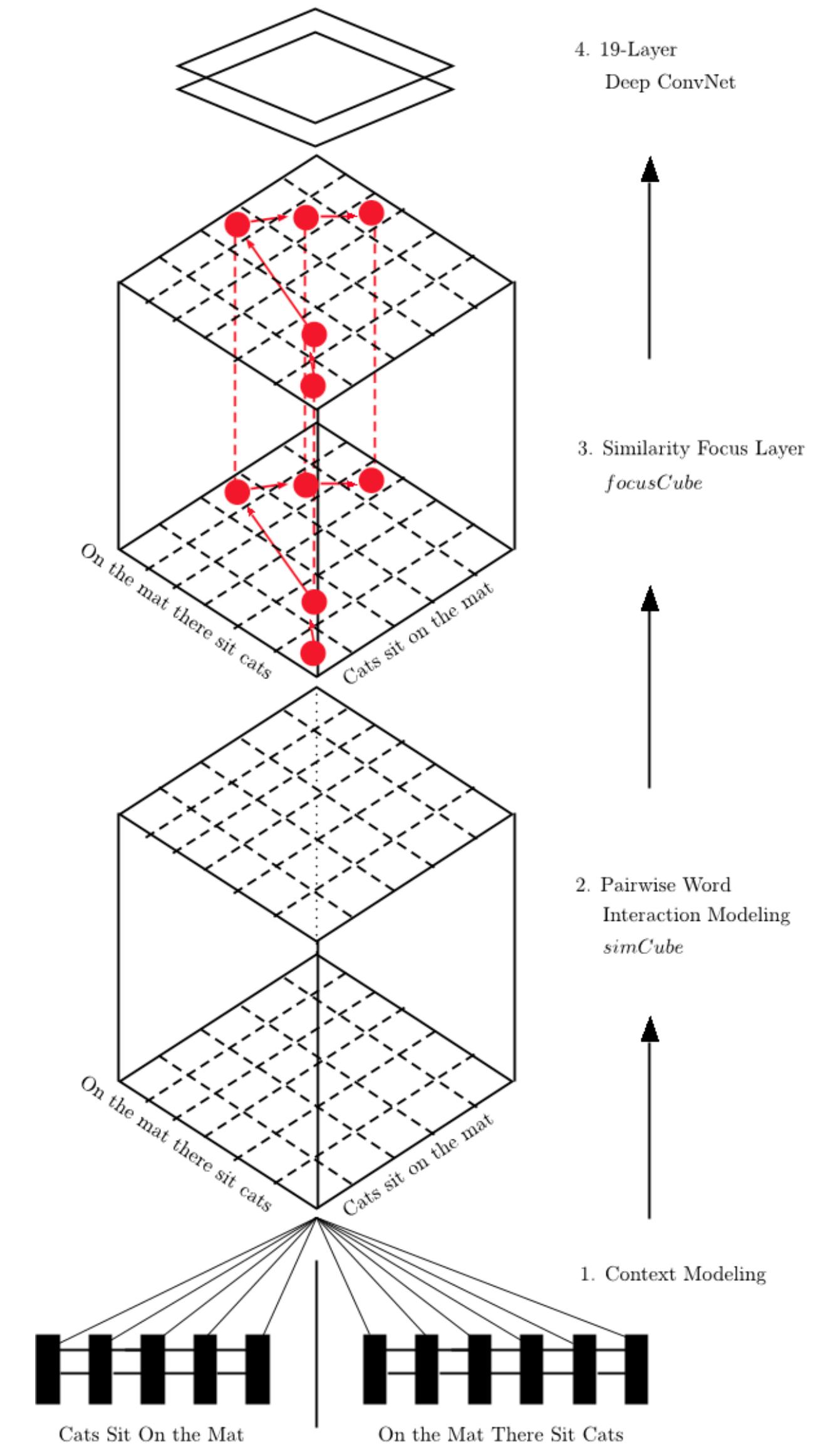
Sentence pair relationship can be identified by pattern recognition through ConvNet.

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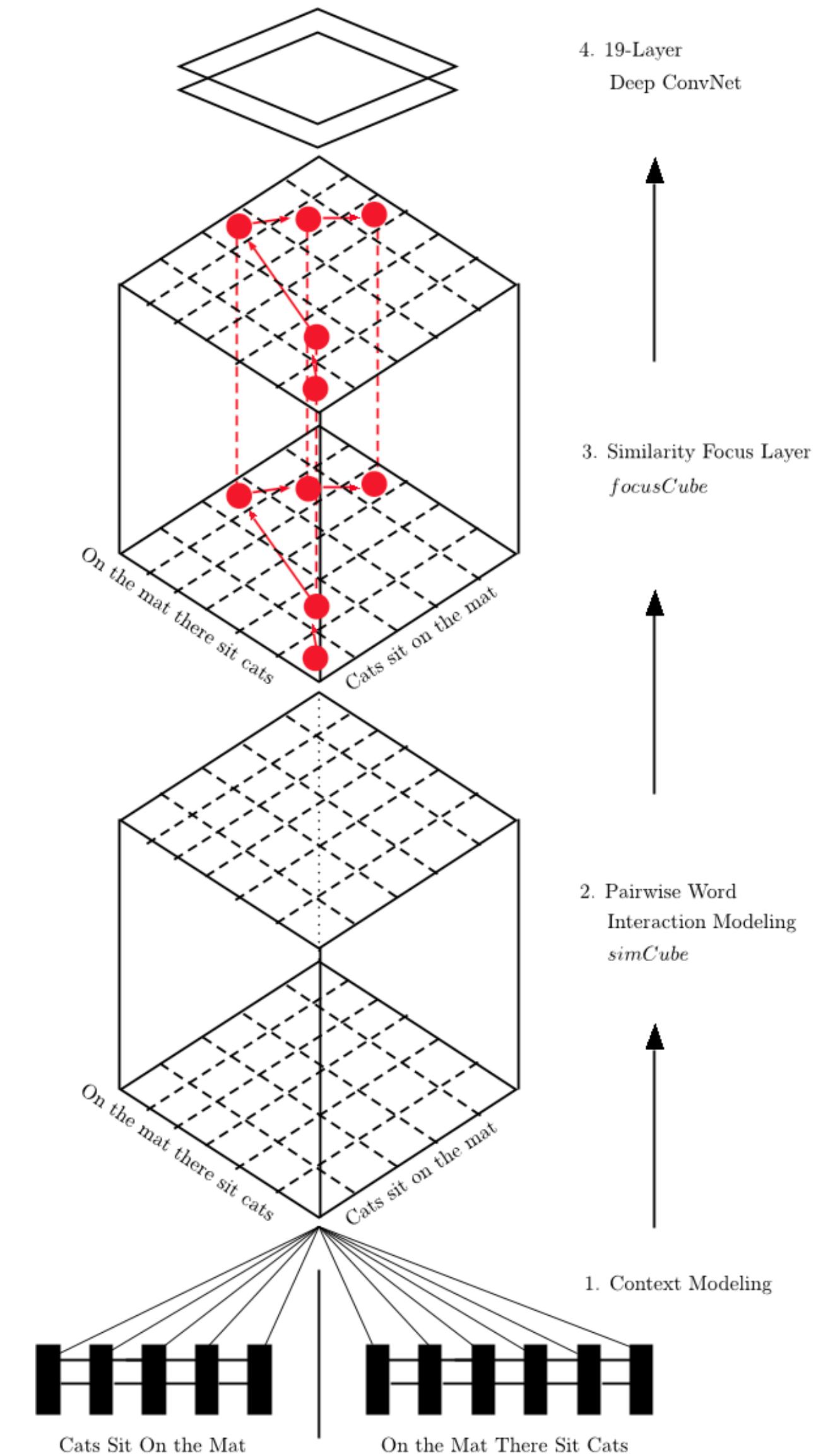
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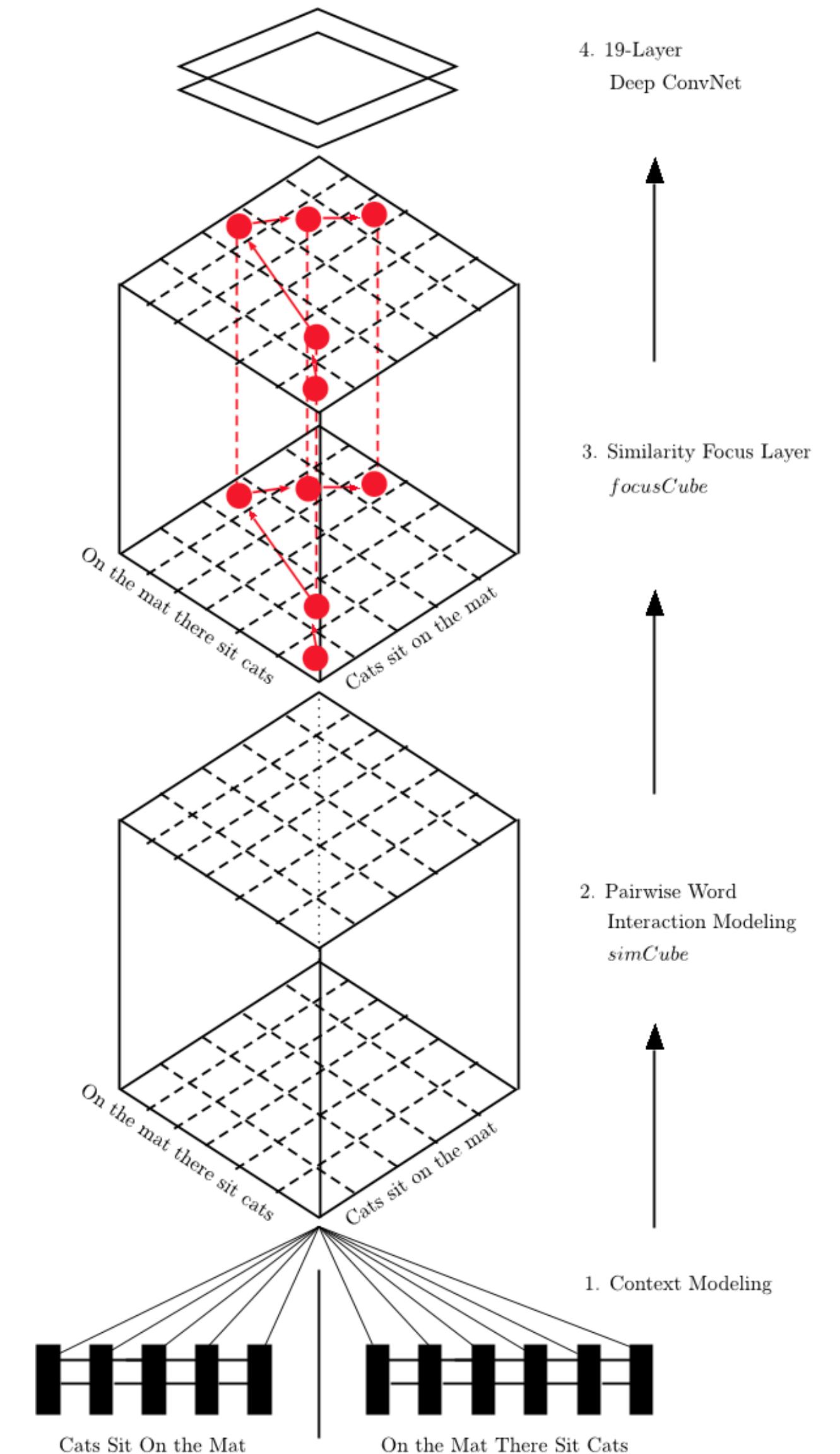
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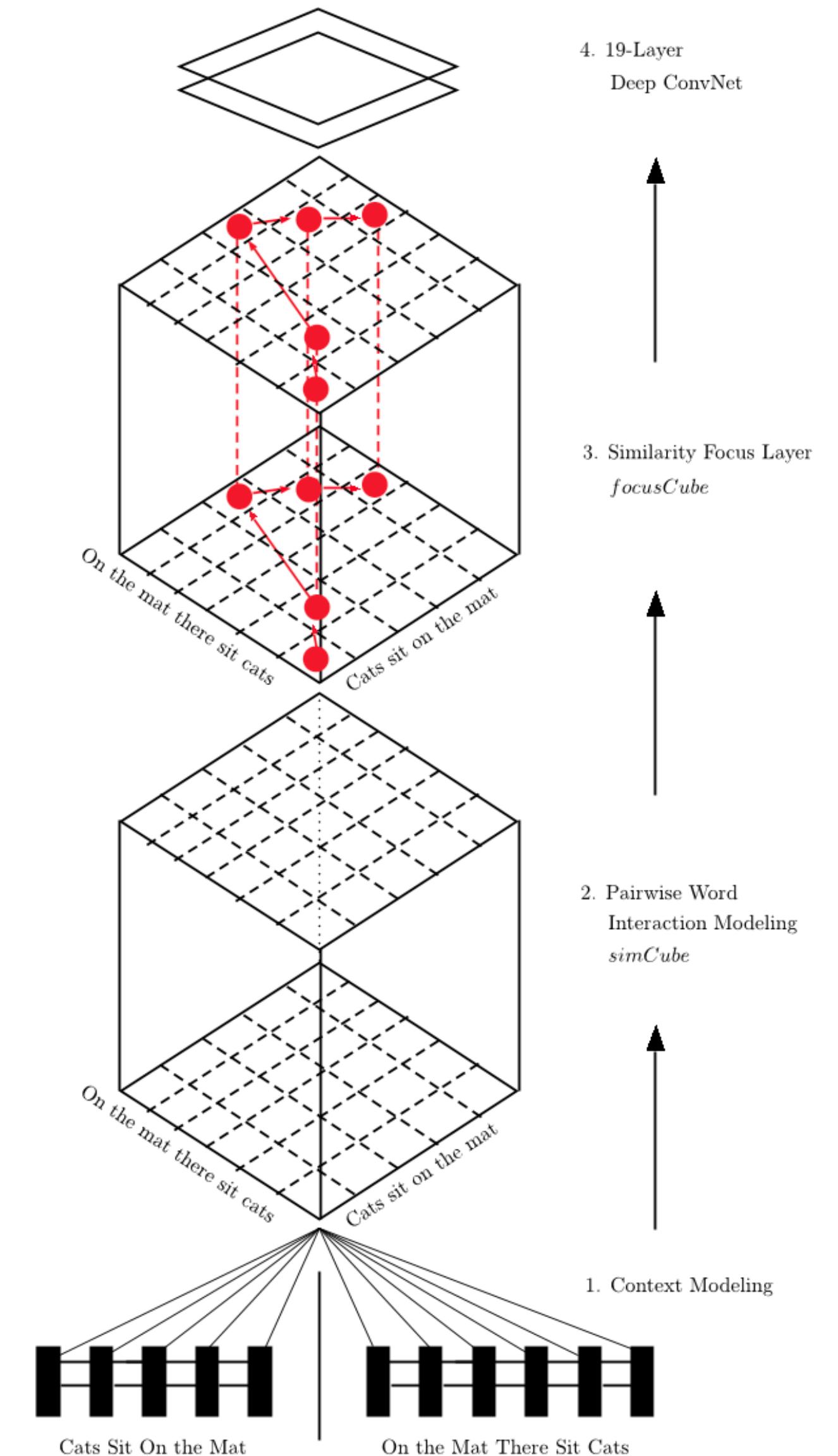
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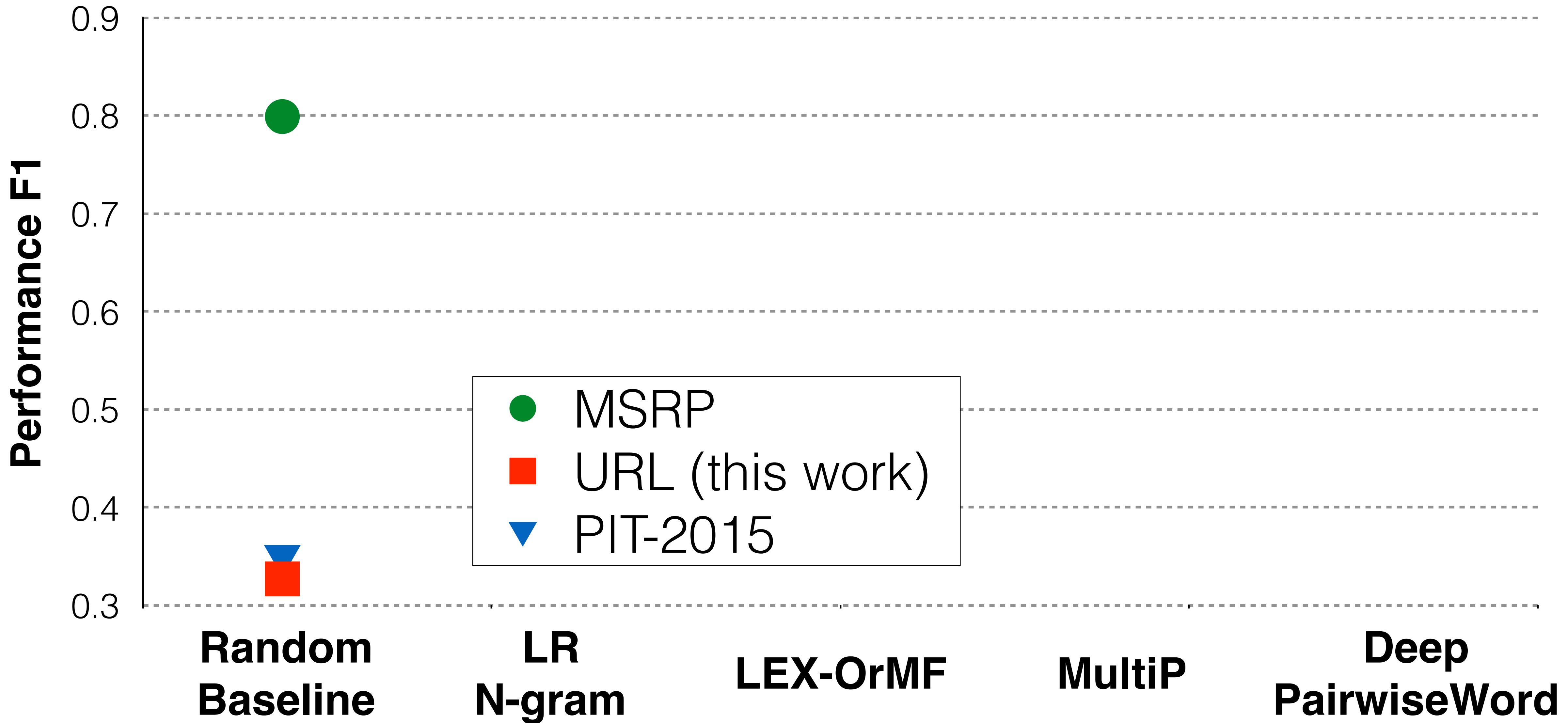


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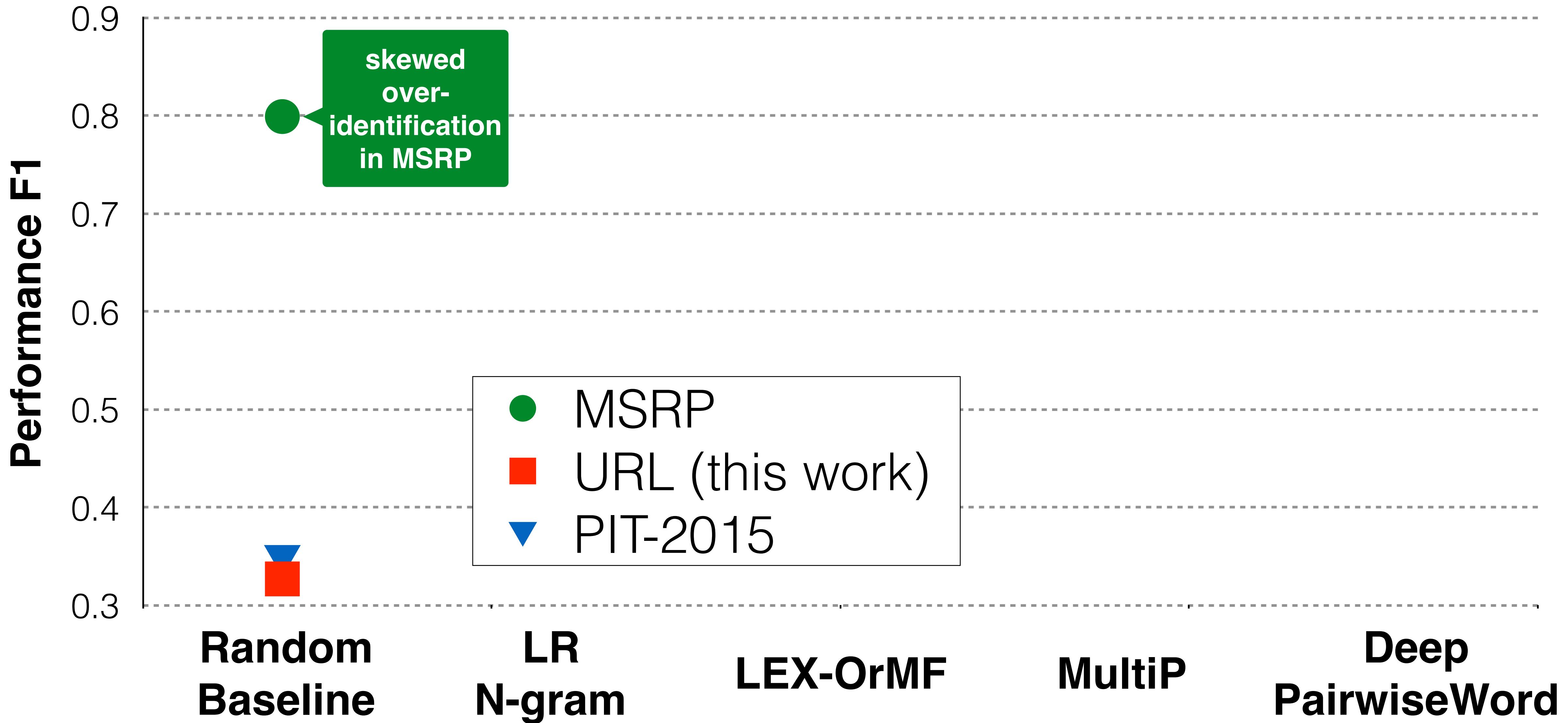
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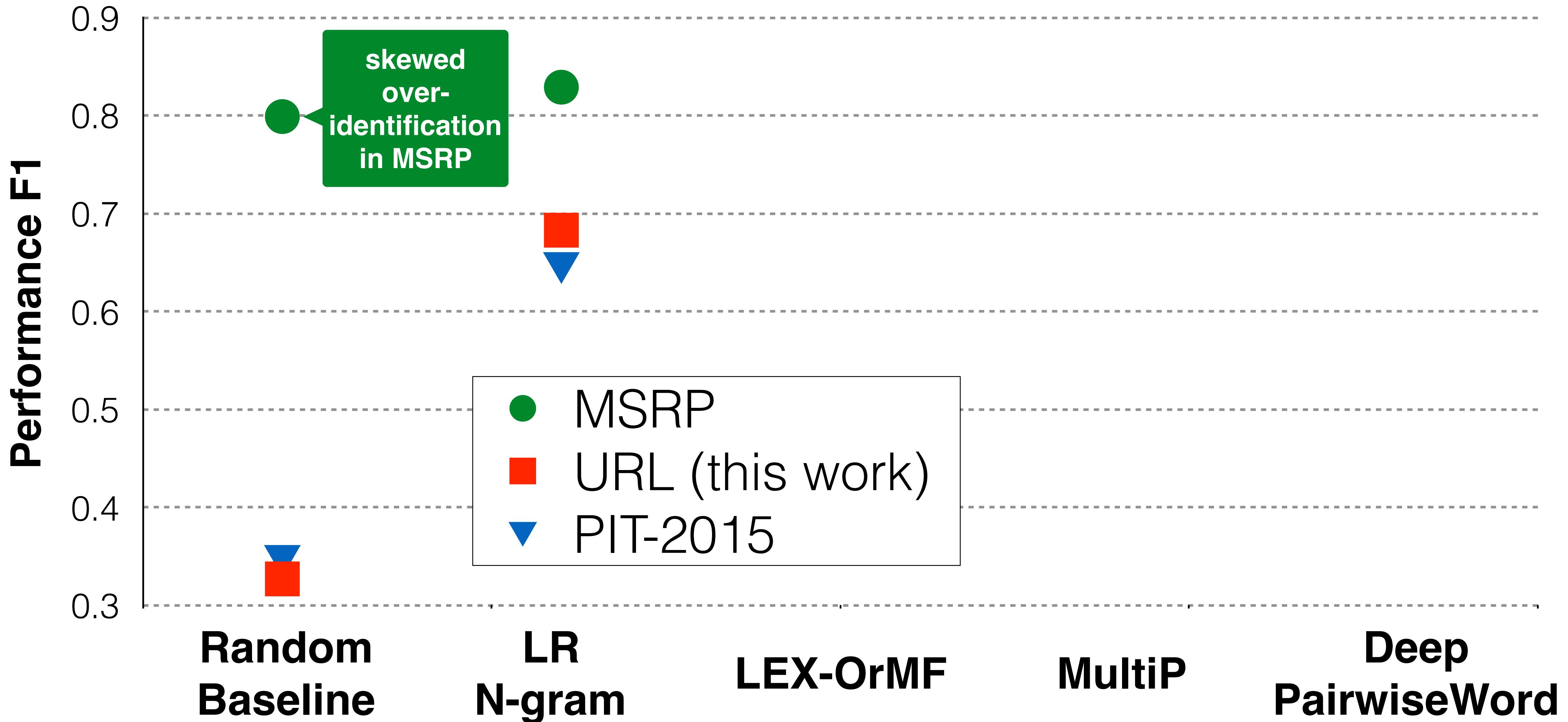
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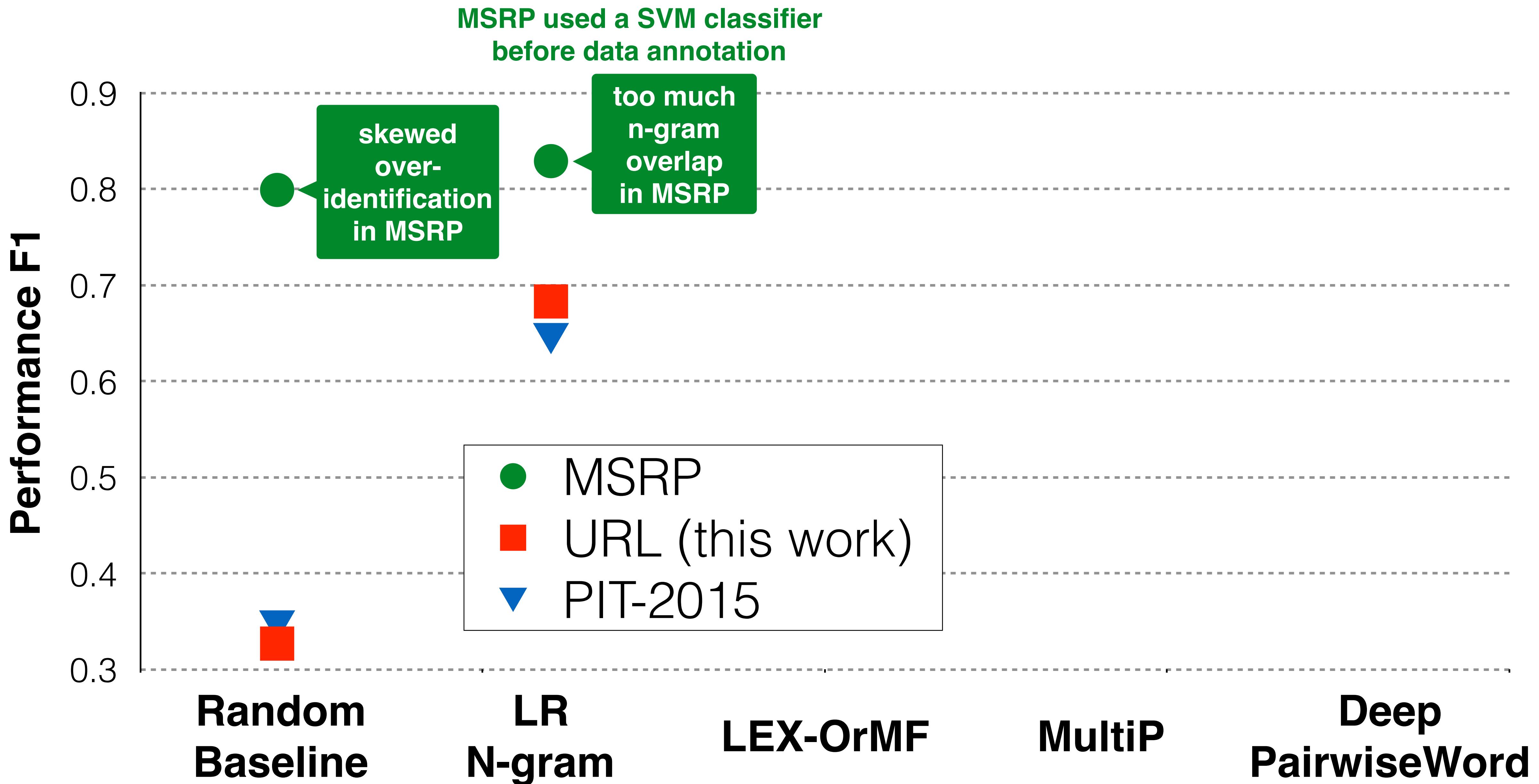
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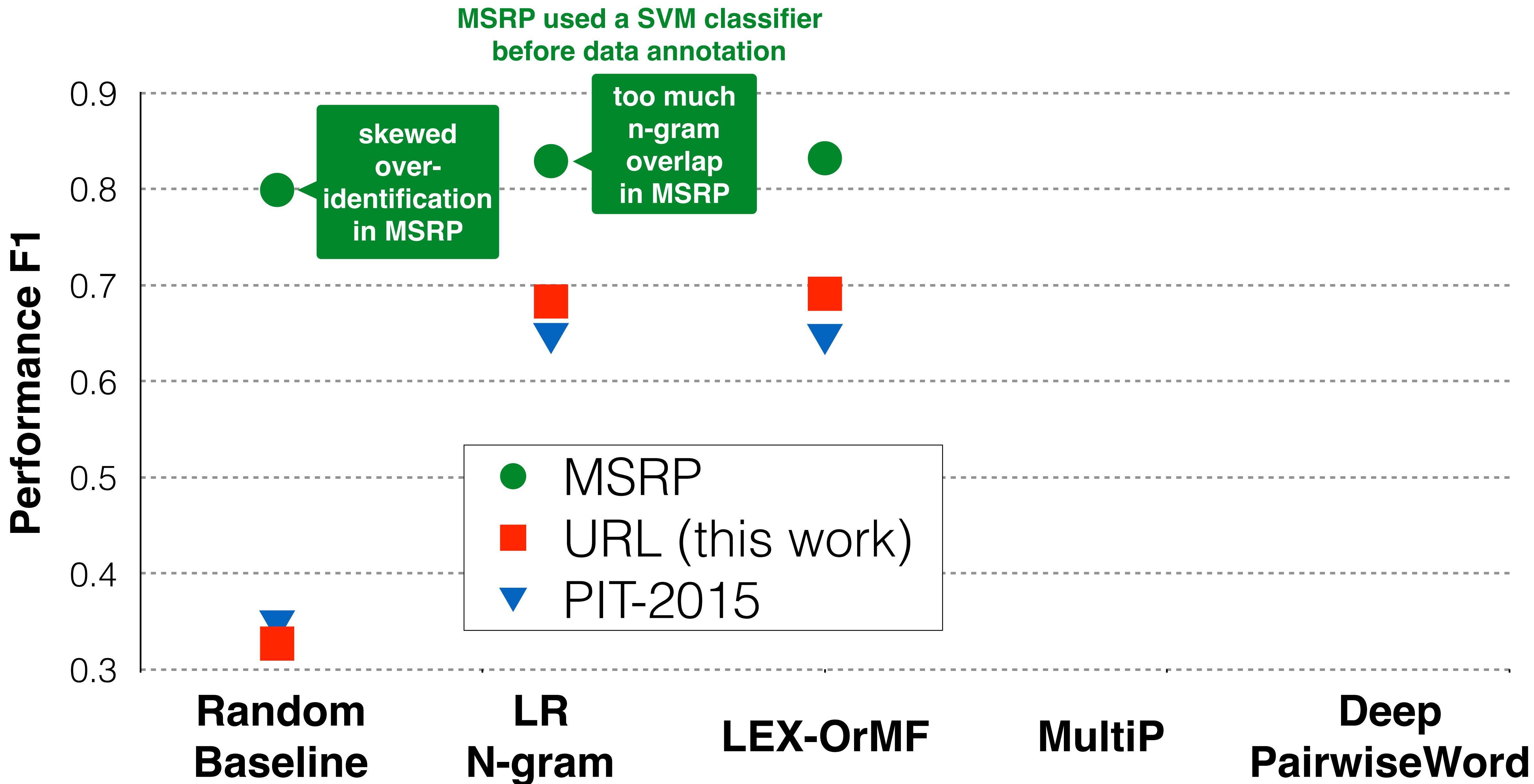
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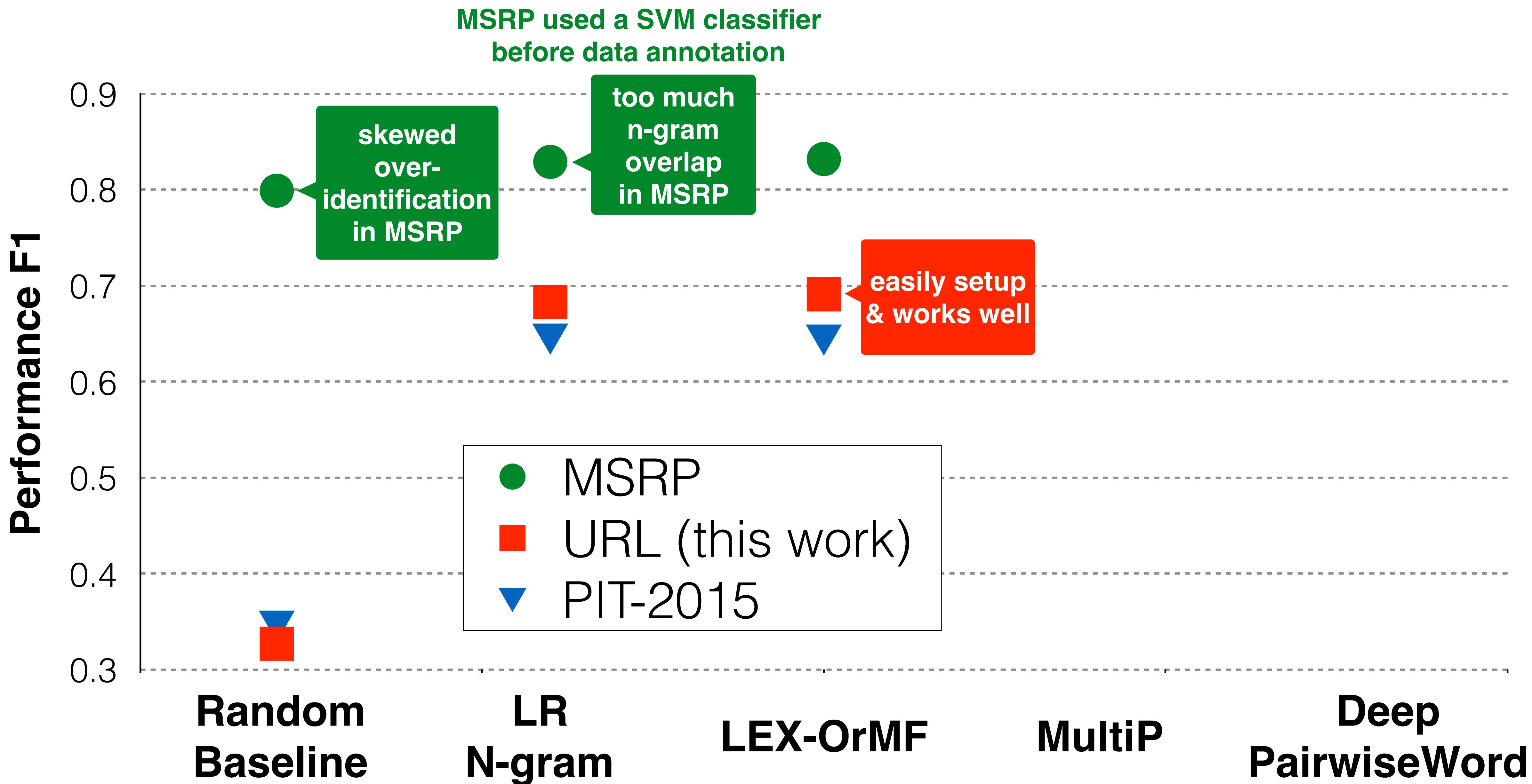
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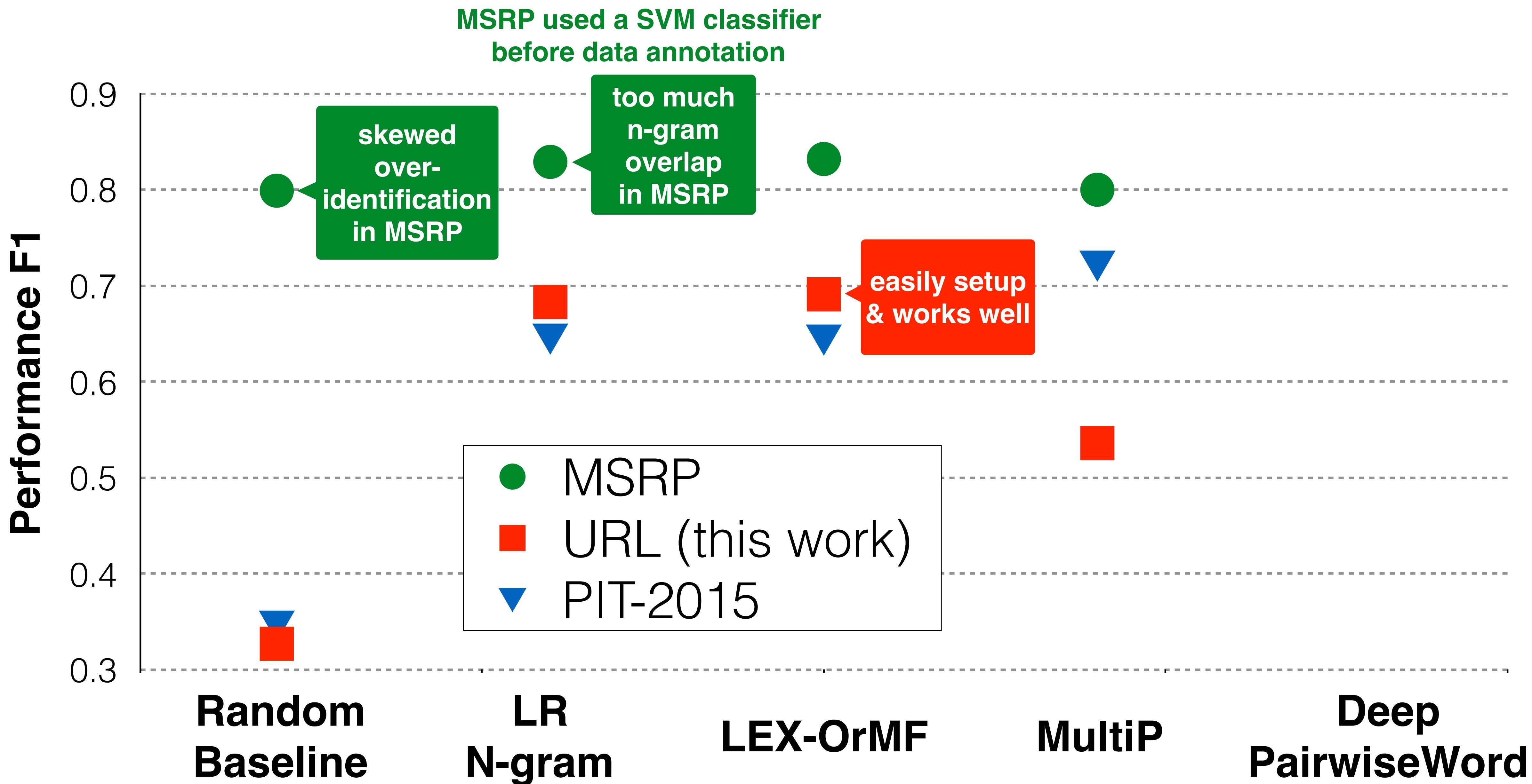
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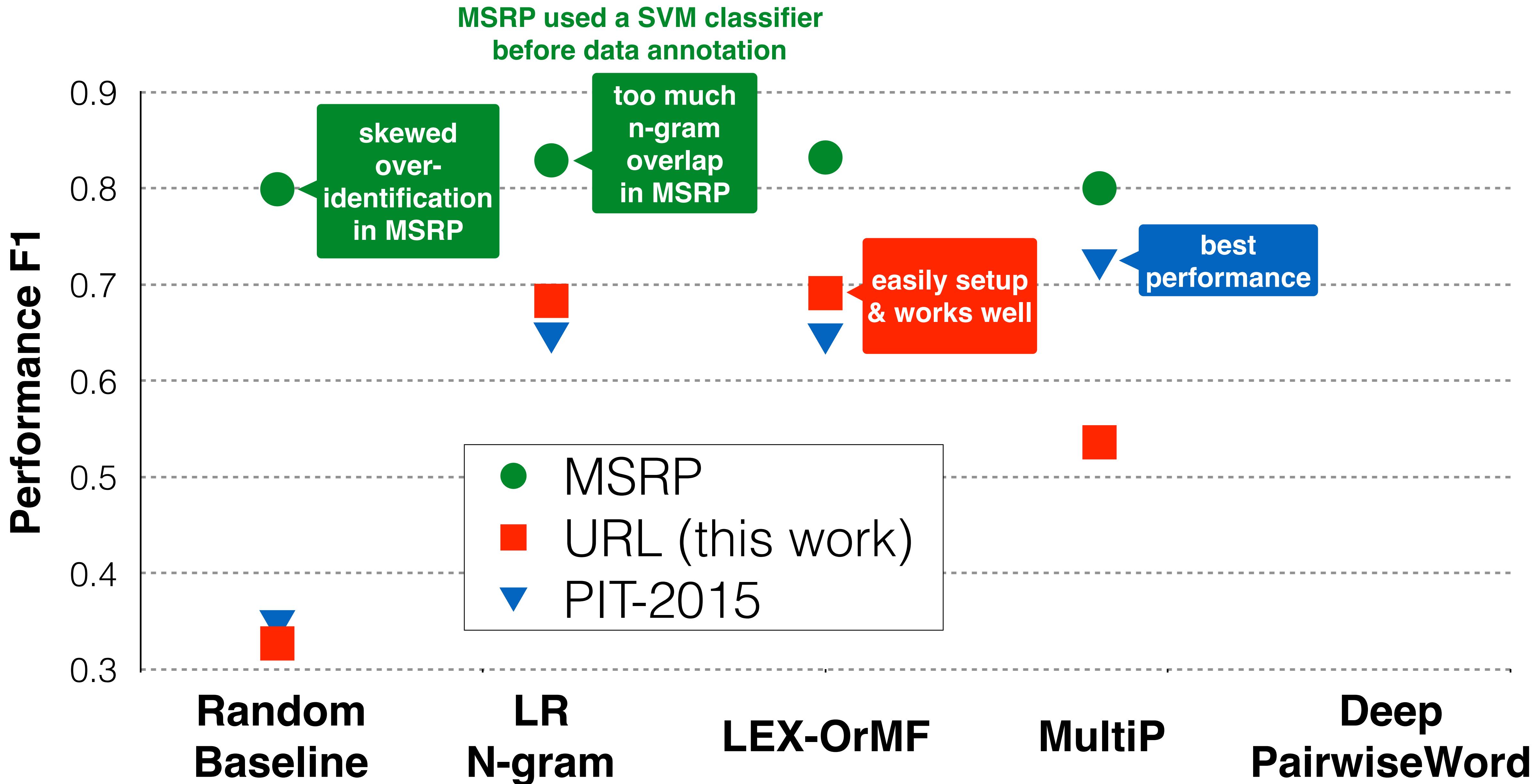
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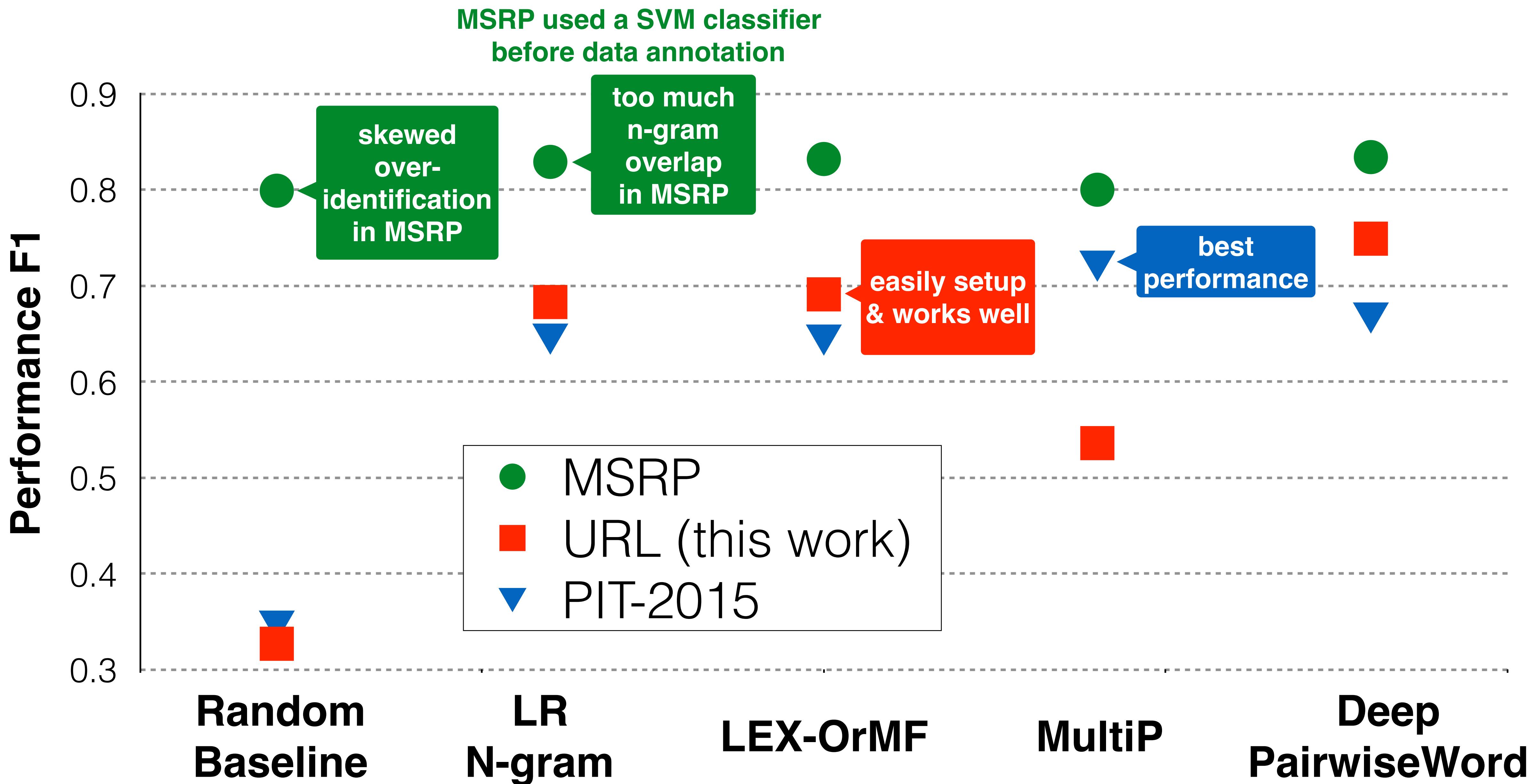
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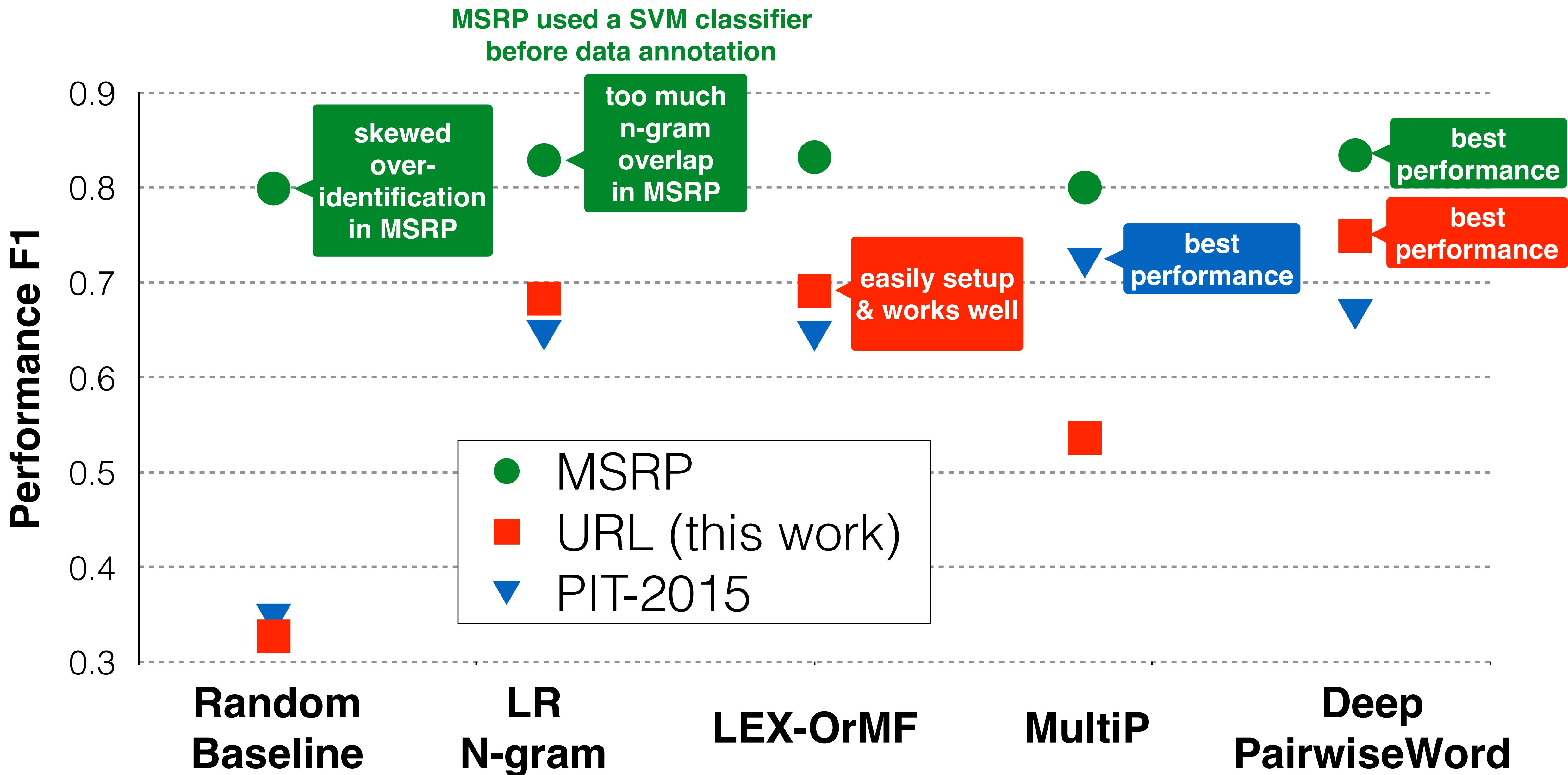
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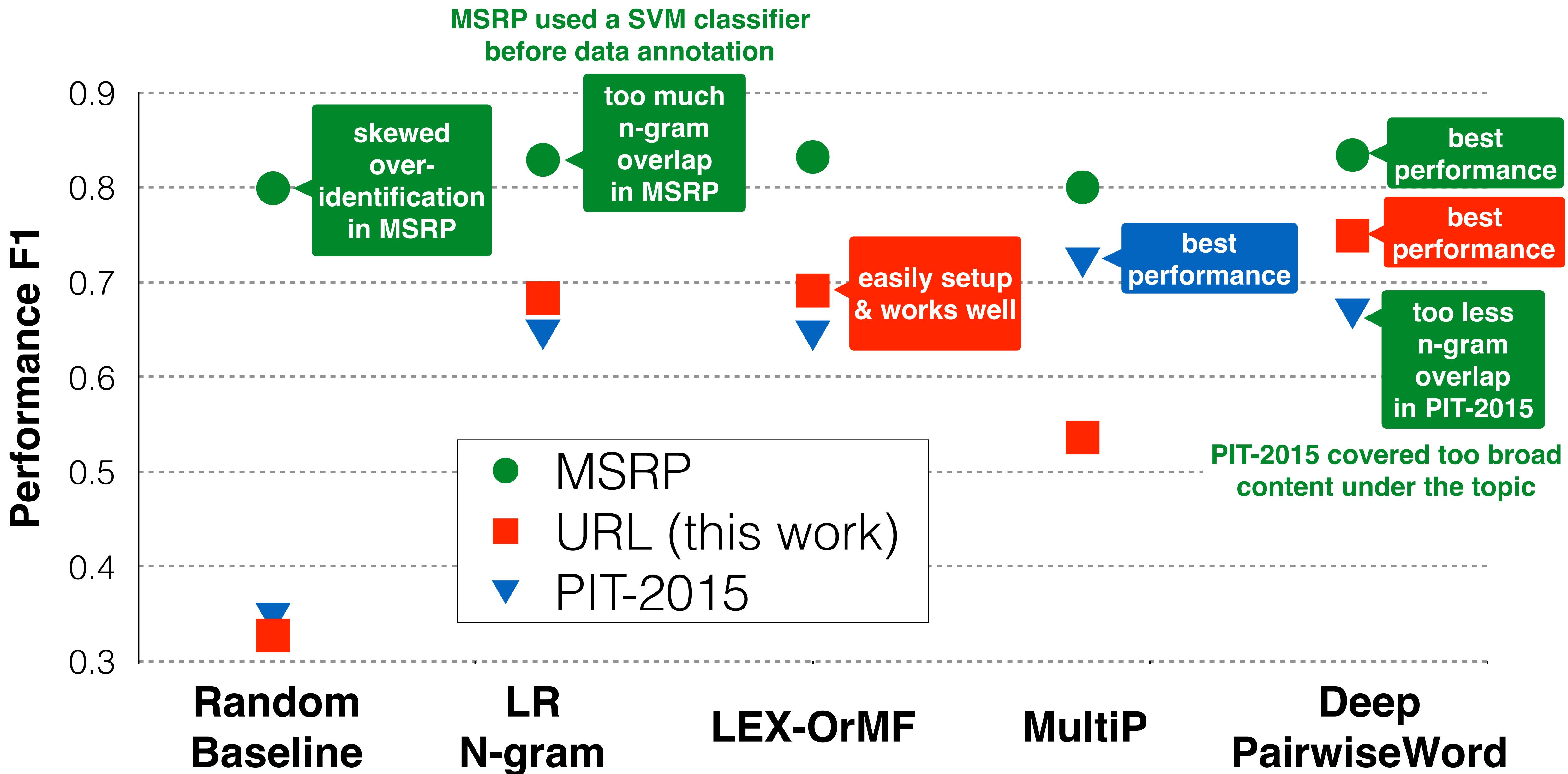
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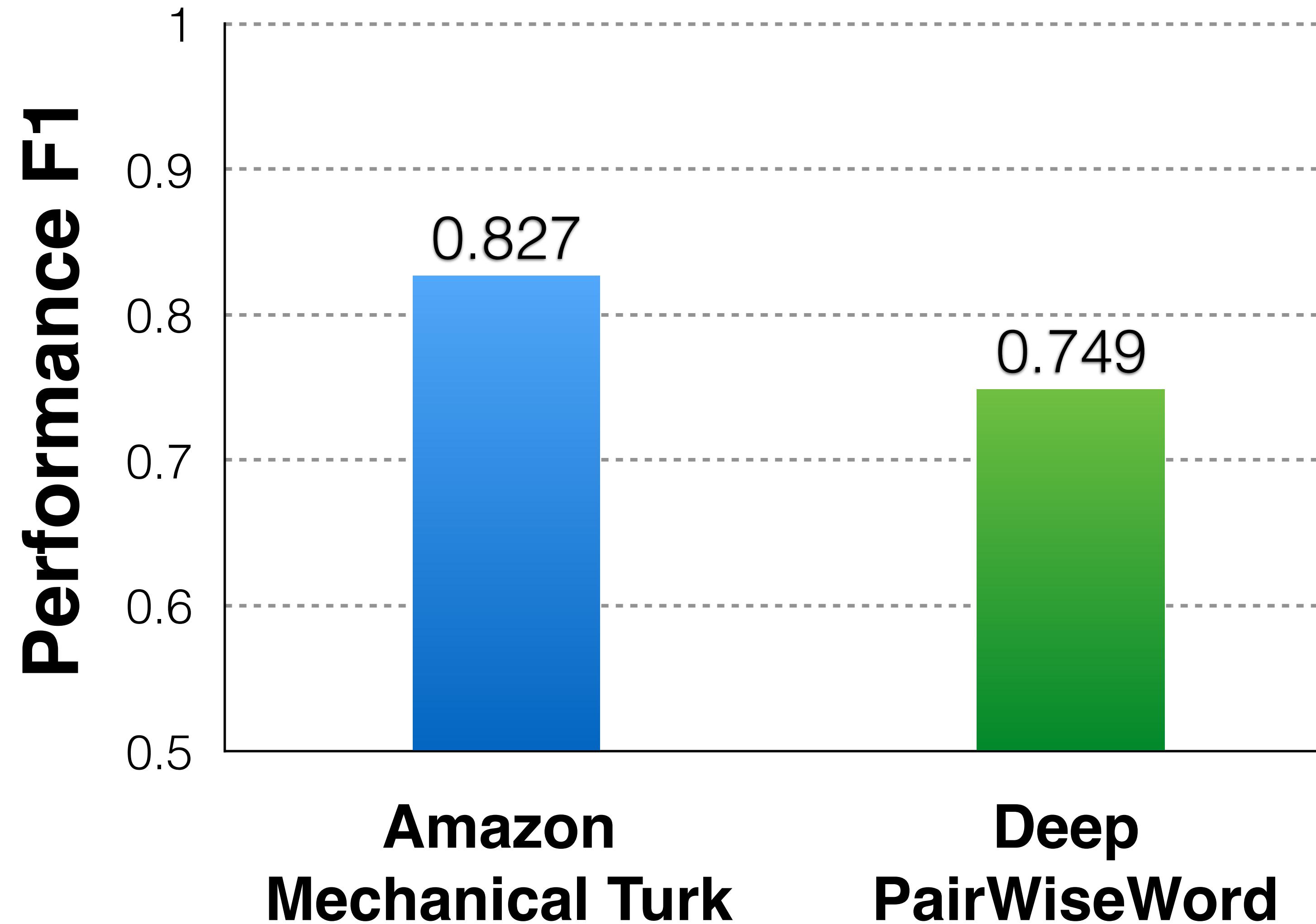
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System Performance v.s. Human Upper-bound

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Twitter URL Dataset



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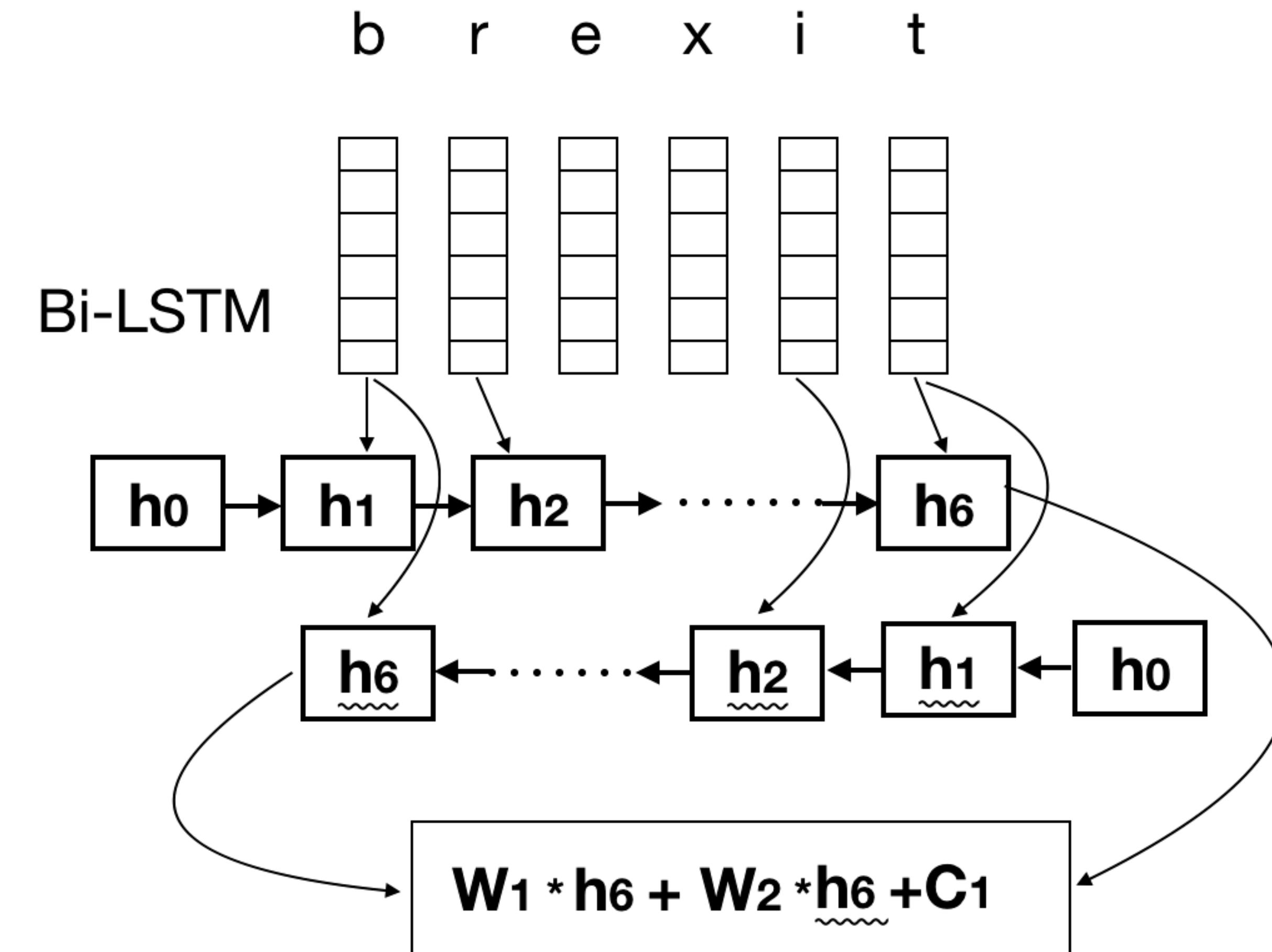
Unit	Output of $\sigma(\mathbf{brexit})$
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Table 1: Ngram examples for word ***brexit***.

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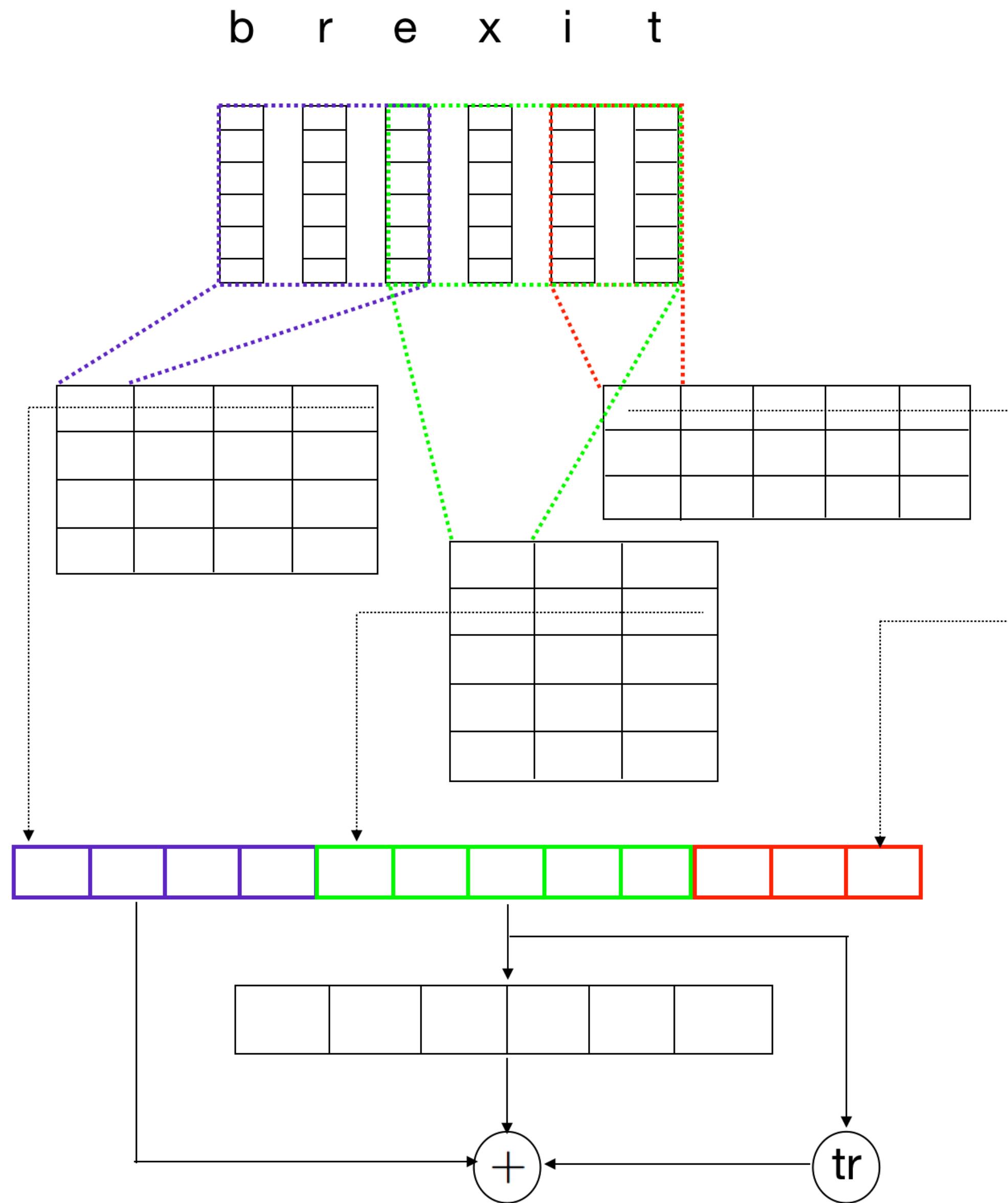
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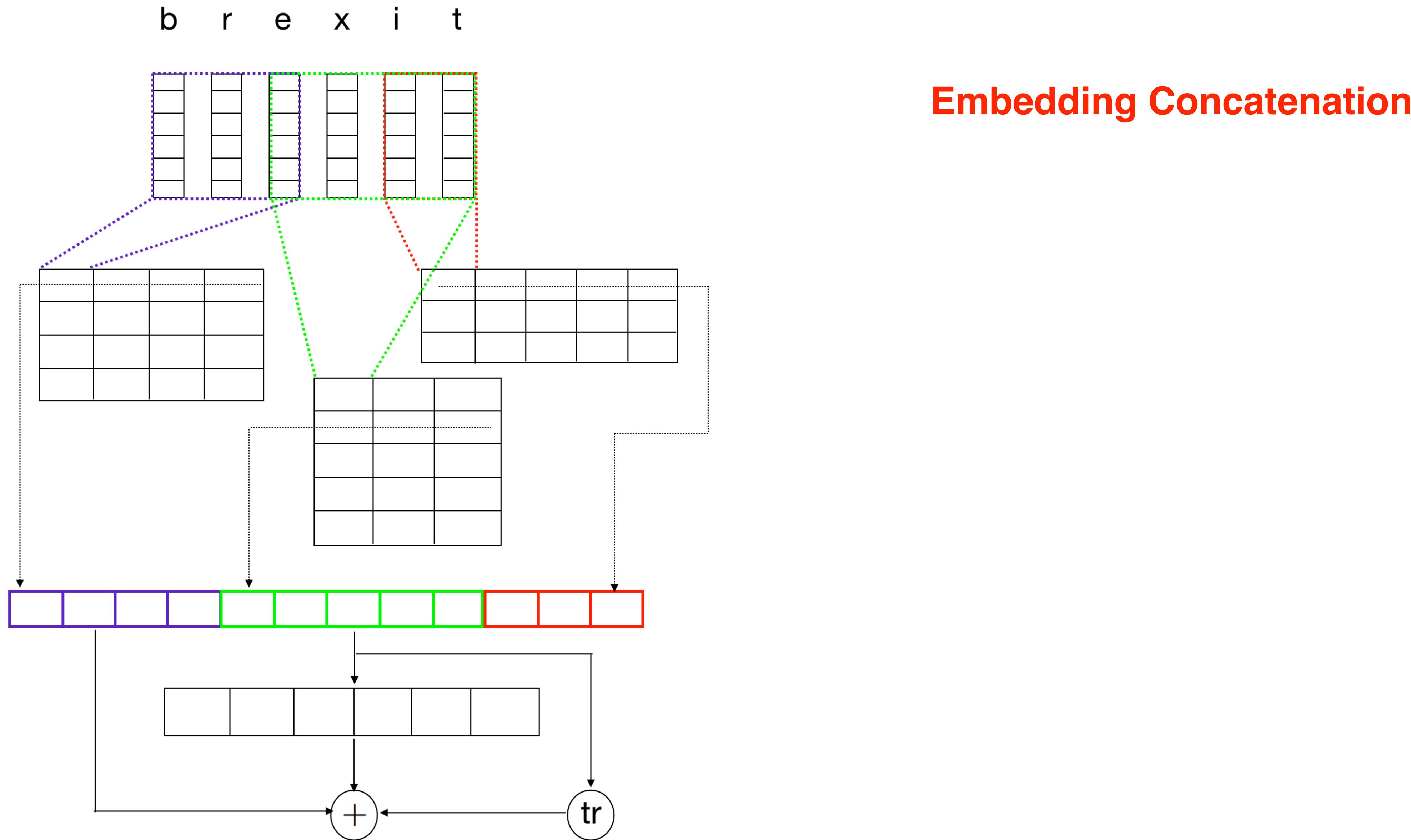
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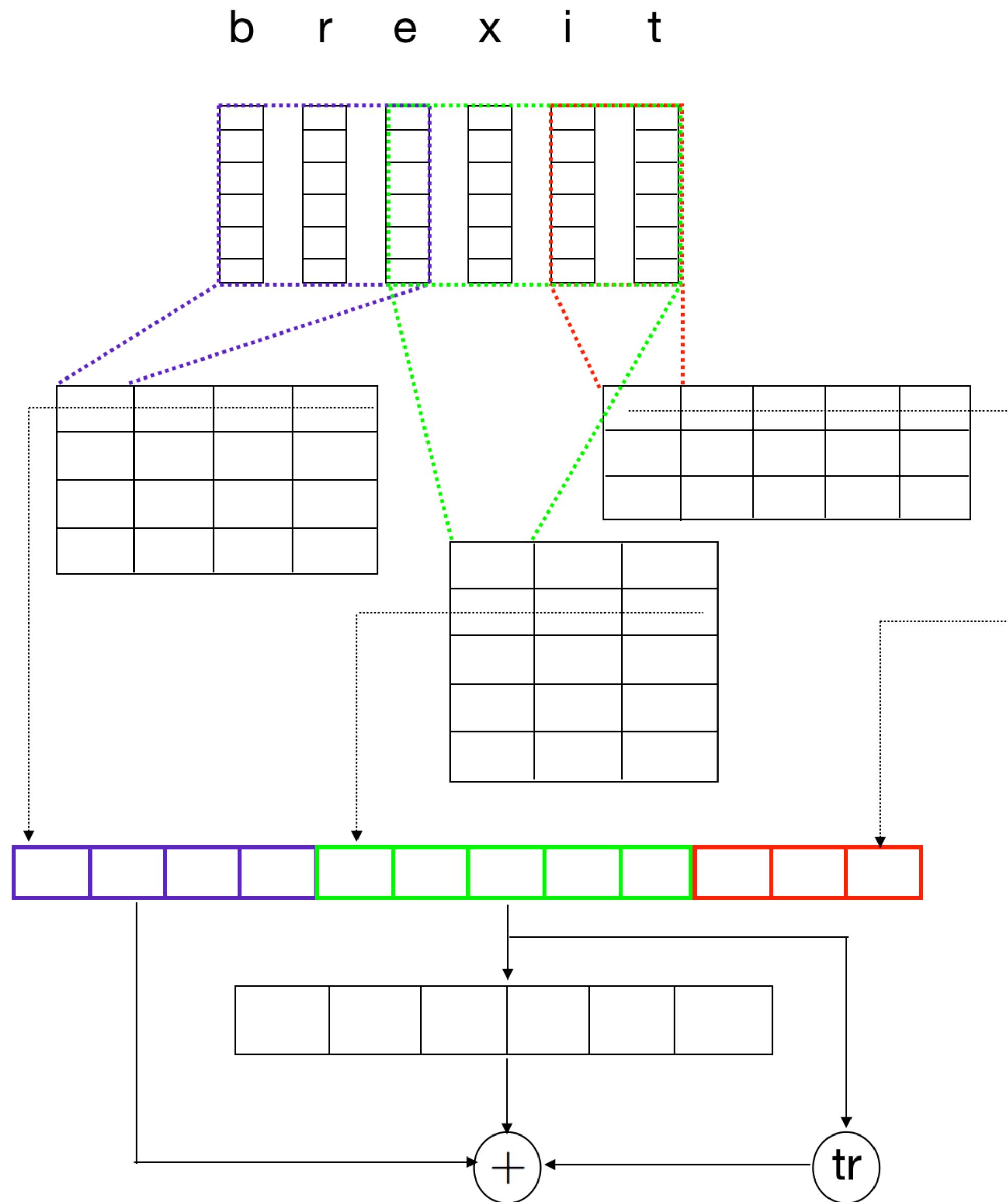
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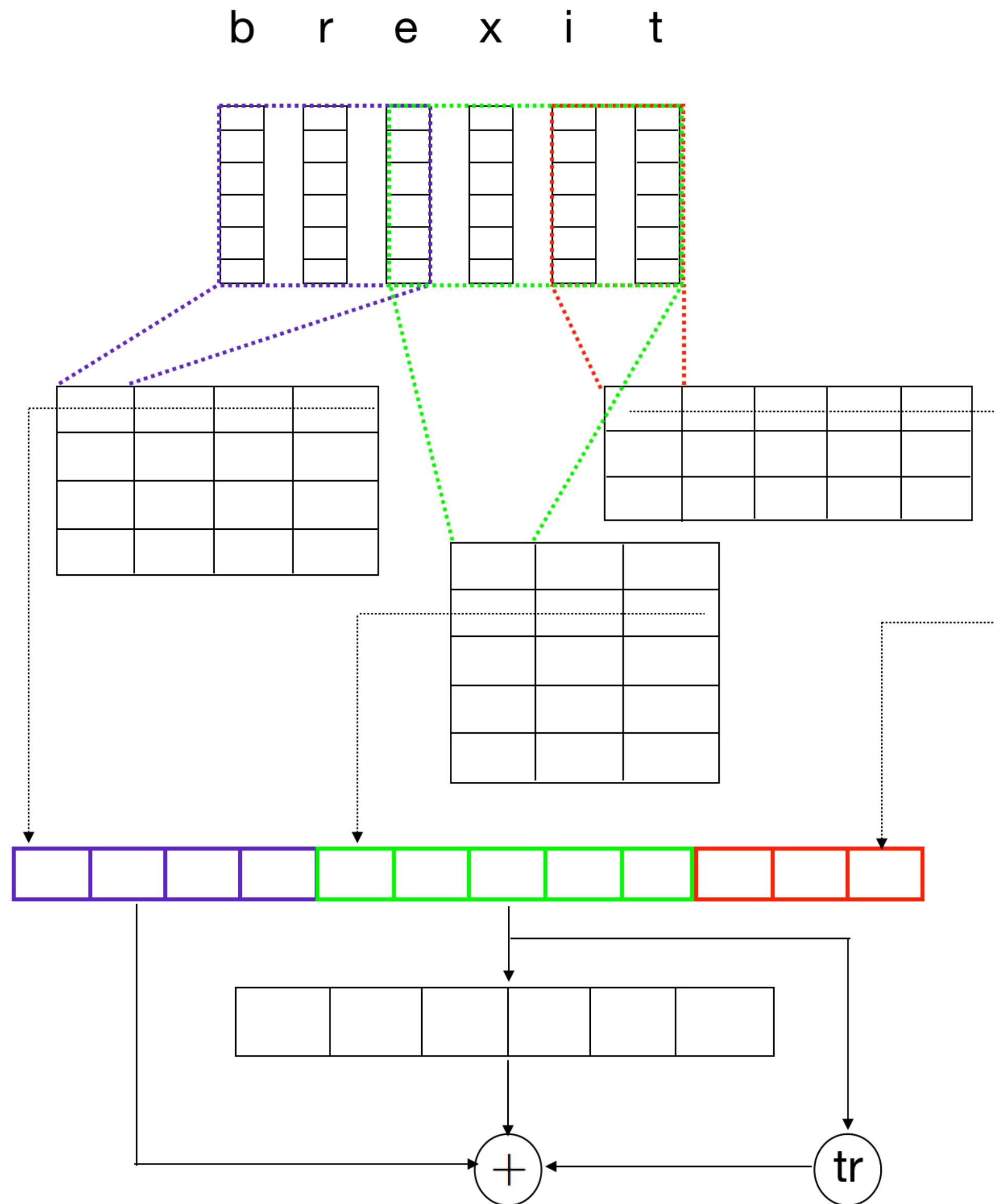


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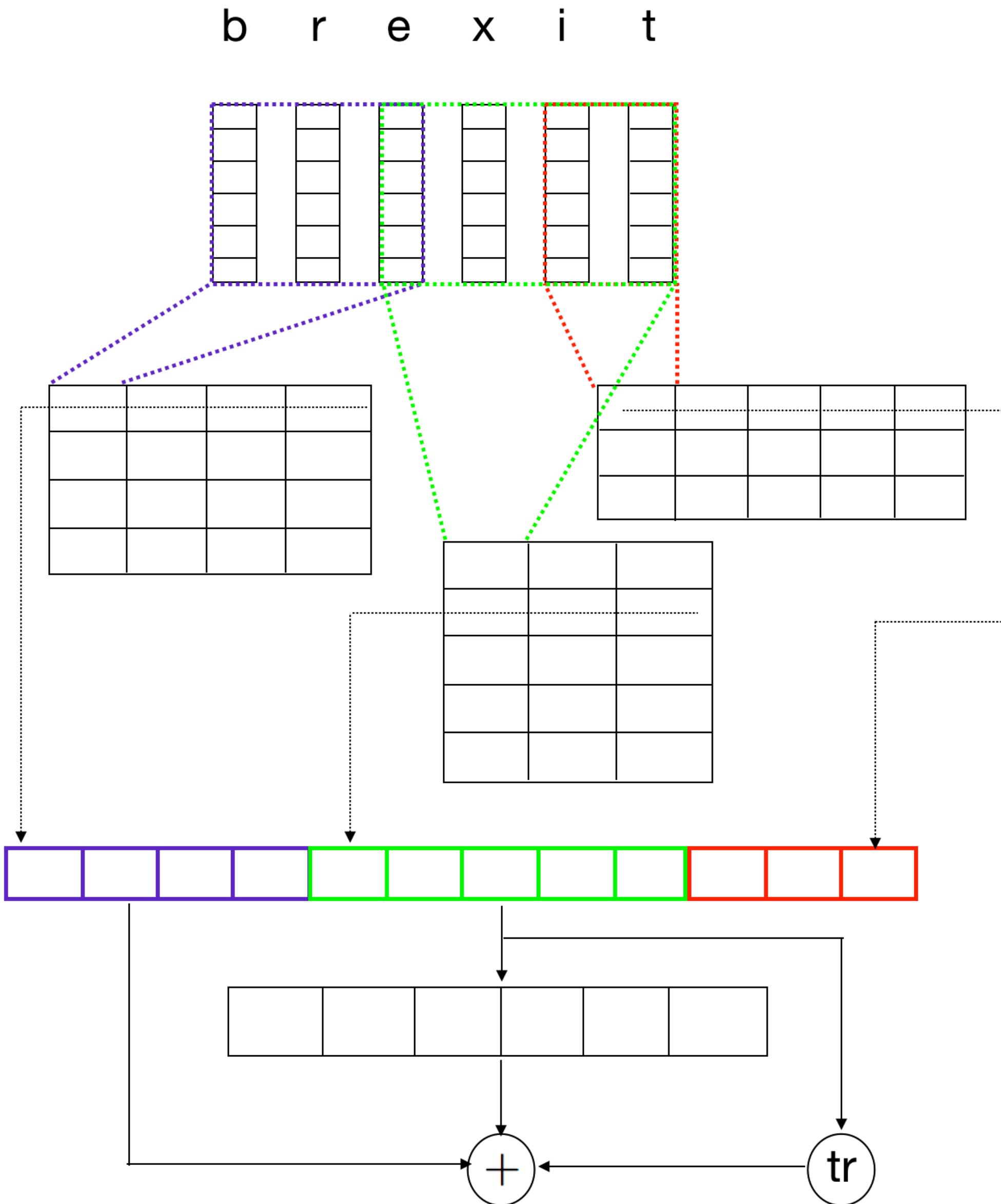
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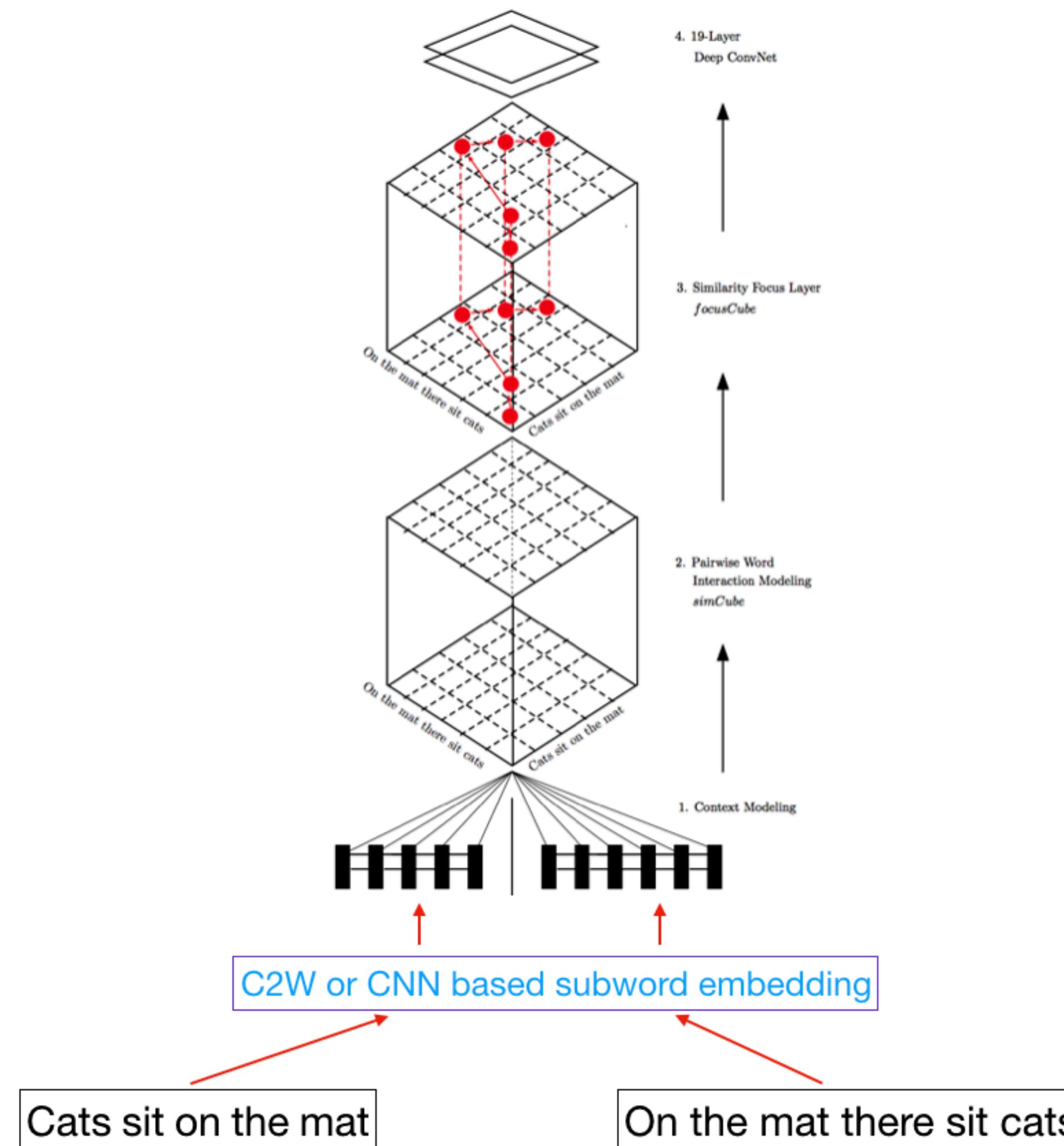
highway network

$$\mathbf{t} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}_T)$$

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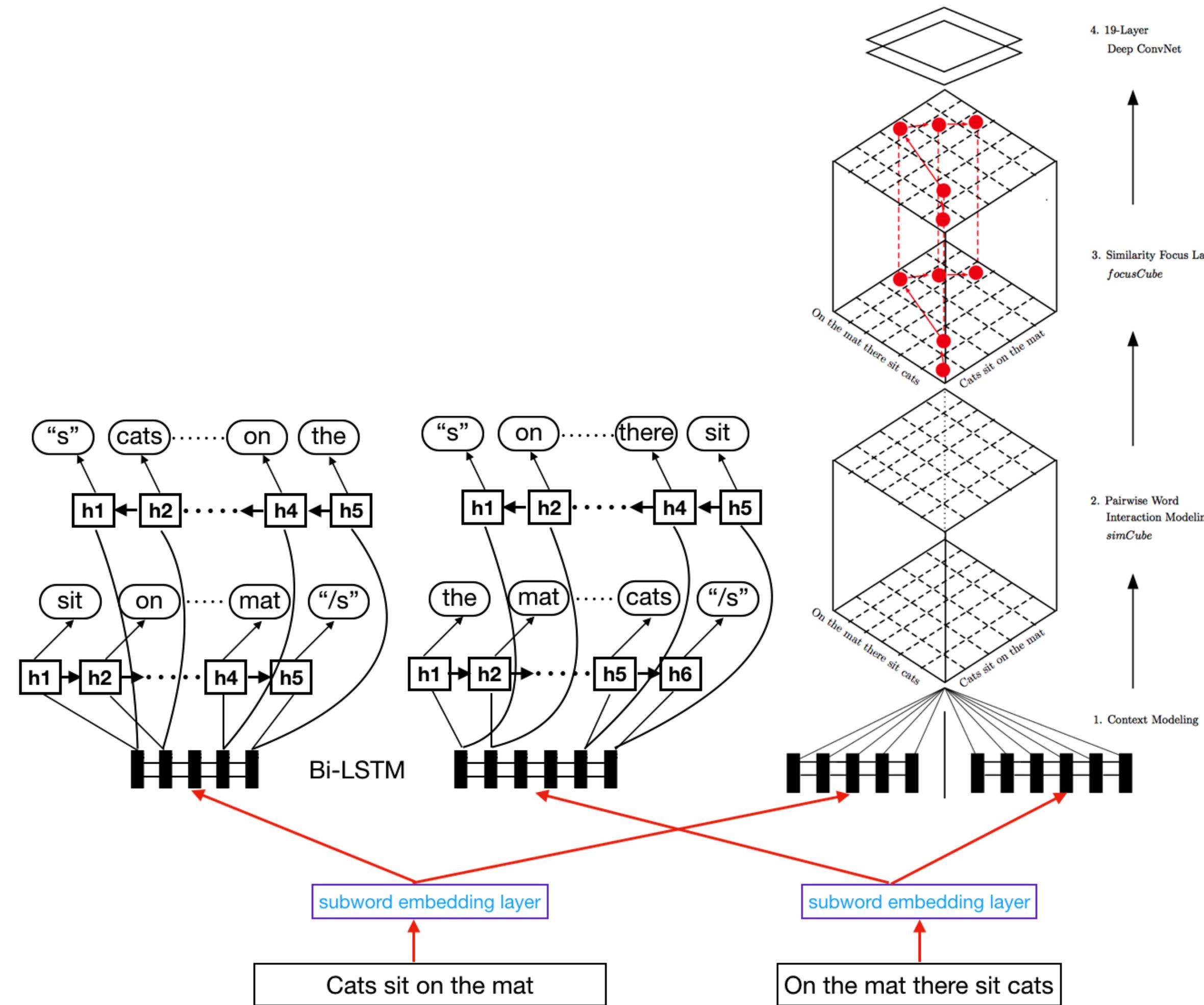
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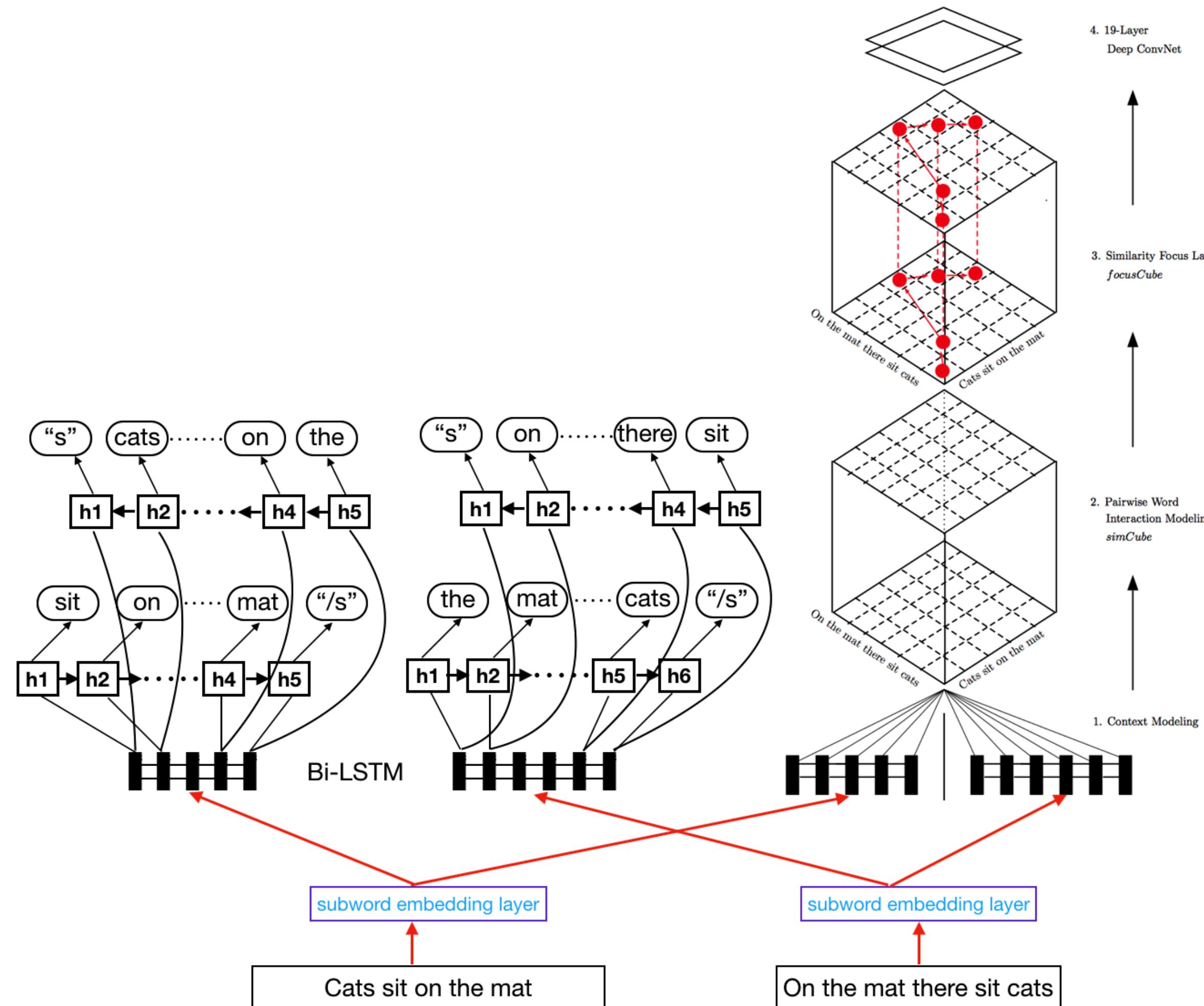
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	LM, C2W, trigram	-	4.0M	<u>0.765</u>	0.659	0.831
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Takeaways

- Simple but effective paraphrase collection method
- Largest annotated paraphrase corpora to date
- Continuously growing, providing up-to-date data
- Subword embedding for paraphrase identification
- Data and Code: <https://github.com/lanwuwei/paraphrase-dataset>



Backup slides: Lexical Dissimilarity

