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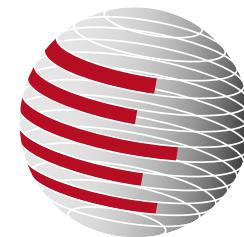
Graph Neural Networks for Knowledge Base Question Answering



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Knowledge Base Question Answering

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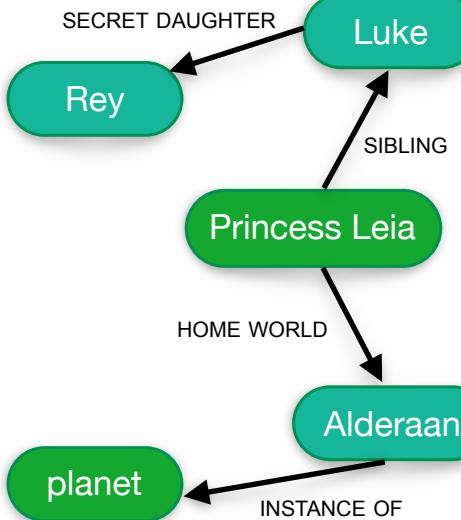
Entity Linking

Princess Leia planet

Semantic interpretation

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Knowledge Base



Answer

Alderaan

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Princess Leia

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Princess Leia (Q51797)

character in Star Wars

Leia Organa | Princess Leia Organa of Alderaan | General Organa | Princess Leah

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Princess Leia	character in Star Wars	Leia Organa Princess Leia Organa of Alderaan General Organa Princess Leah
French	Leia Organa	personnage de Star Wars	Princesse Leia
German	Leia Organa	Figur in Star Wars	Prinzessin Leia Prinzessin Leia Organa
Scots	Princess Leia	No description defined	

All entered languages

Statements

home world	Alderaan	edit
	▼ 0 references	+ add reference
	Naboo	edit
	from fictional universe	Star Wars expanded to other media
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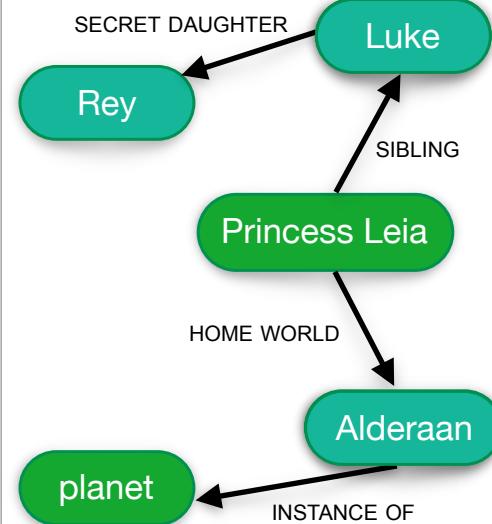
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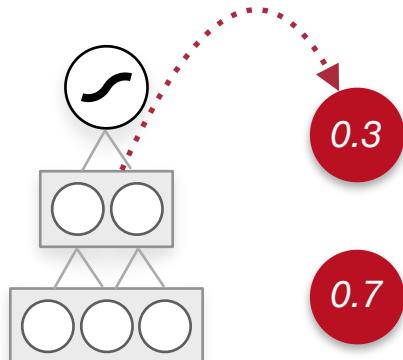
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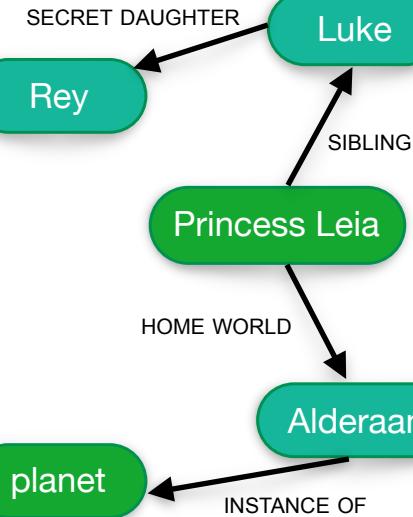
Semantic interpretation

Luke

Alderaan



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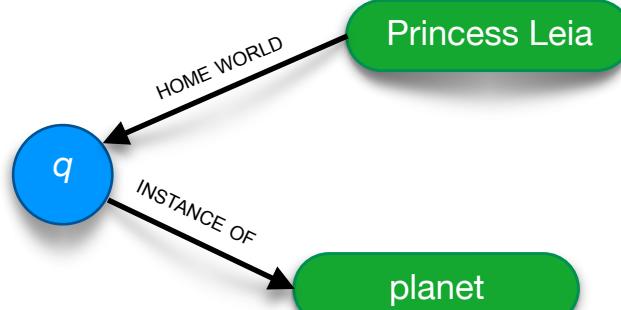
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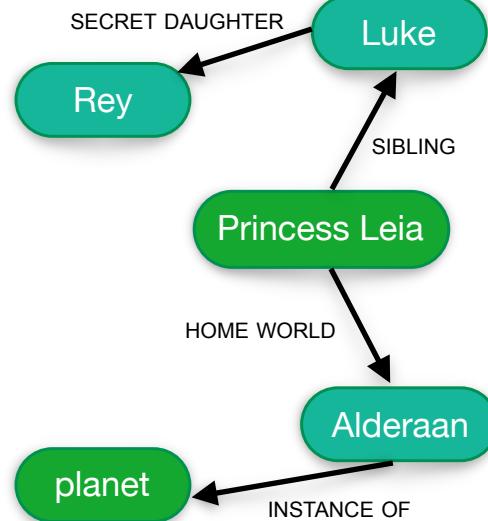
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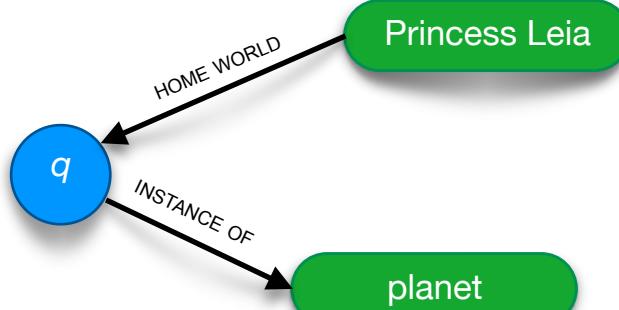
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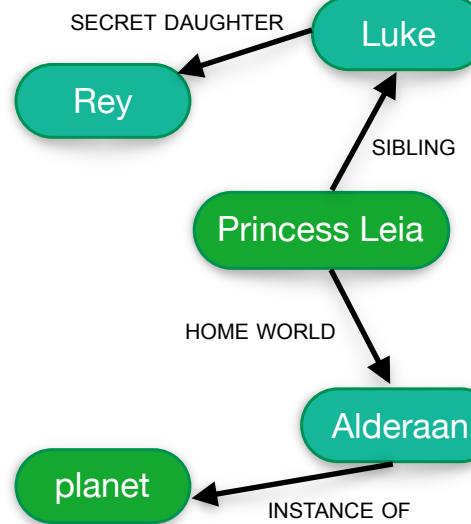
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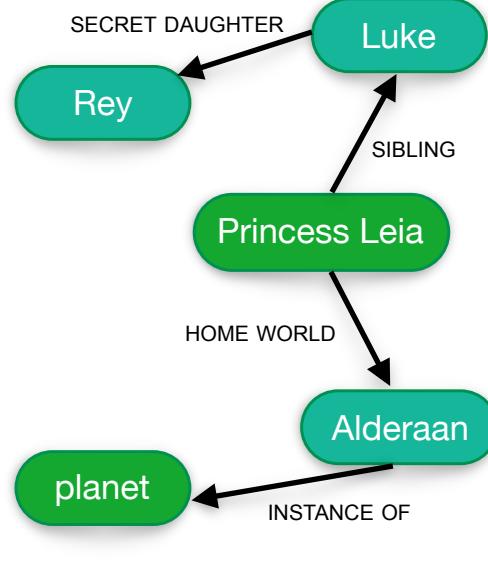
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SPARQL query

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?q WHERE {
  GRAPH <statements> {
    Princess Leia p:homeworld ?q.
    ?q rdf:type planet
  }
}
```

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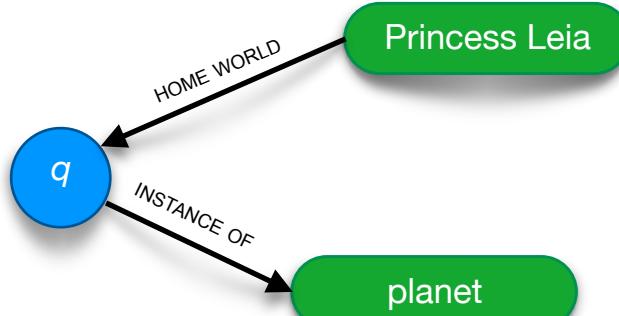
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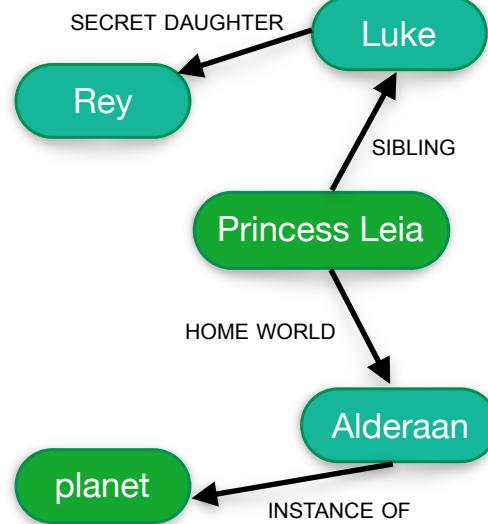
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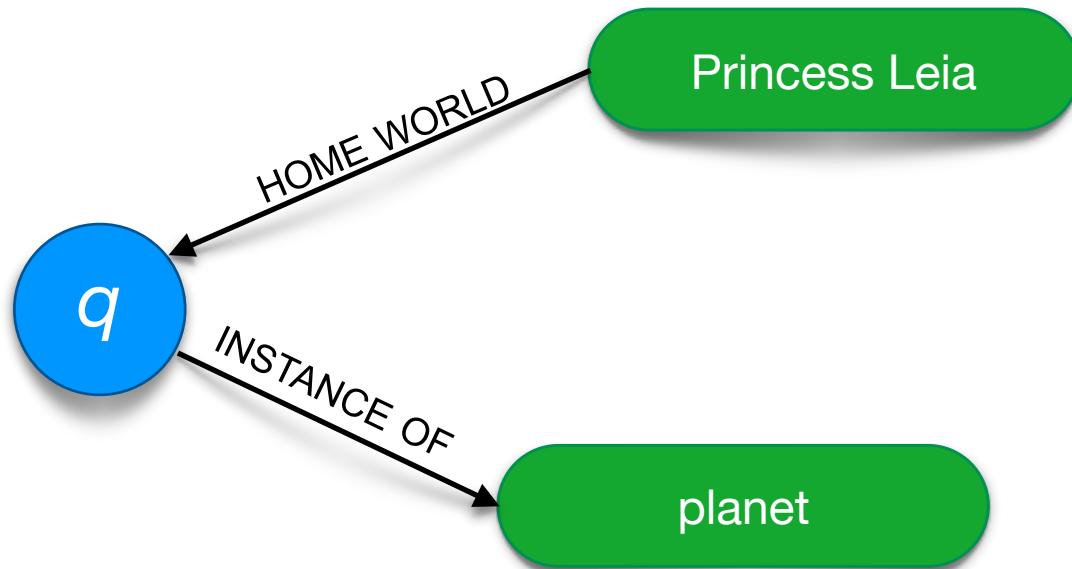
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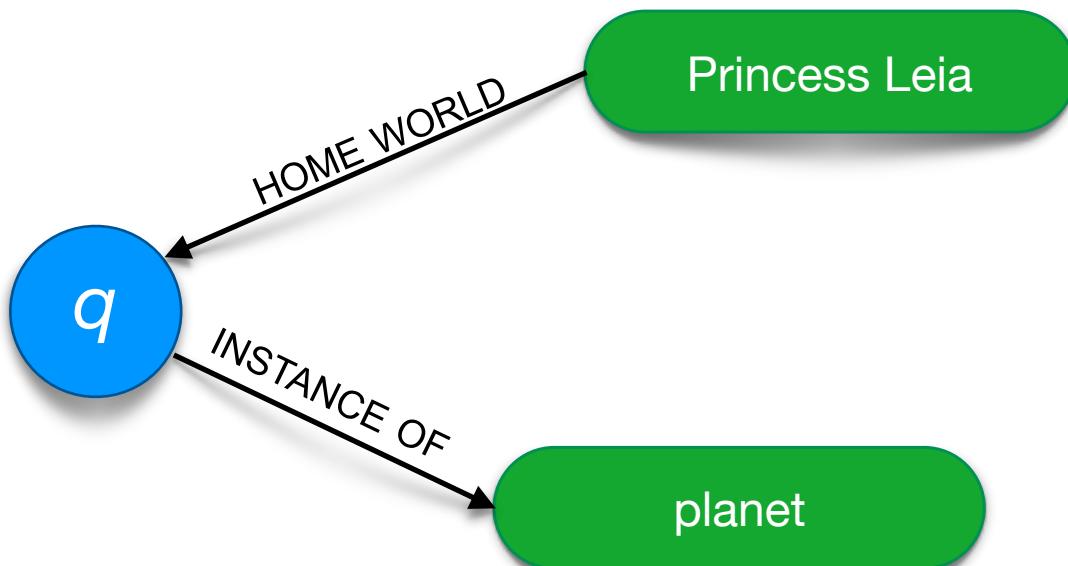
Structured Representation Approach



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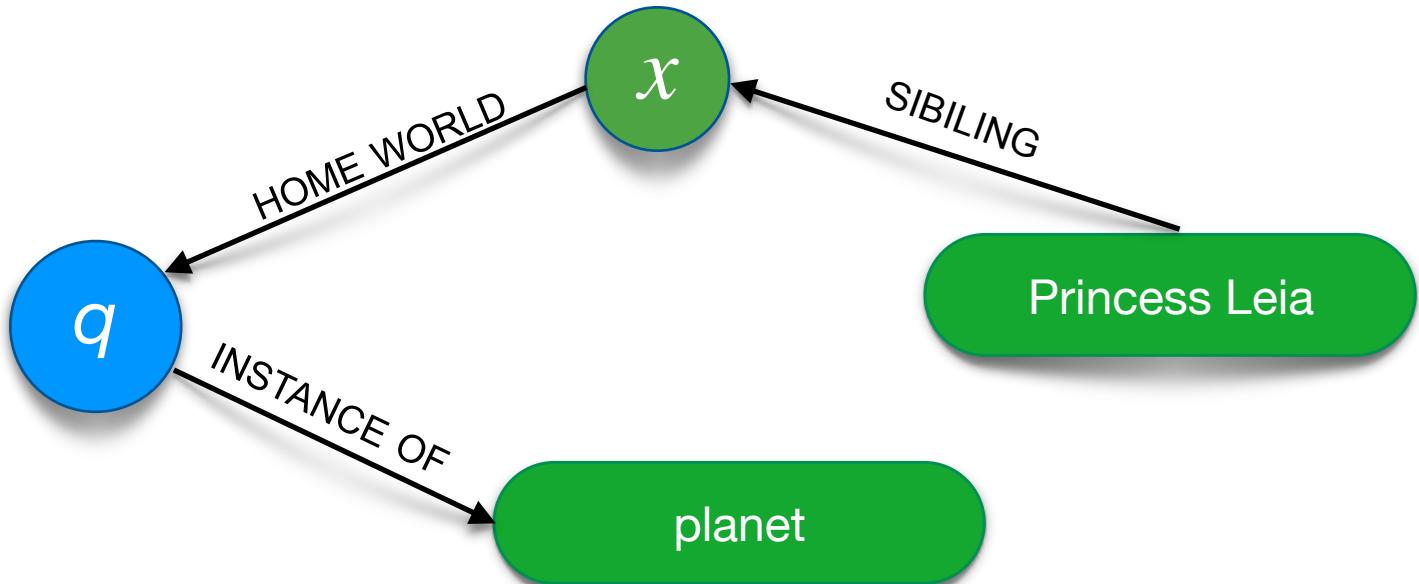
Possible Semantic Graphs

Yih et al. (2015)



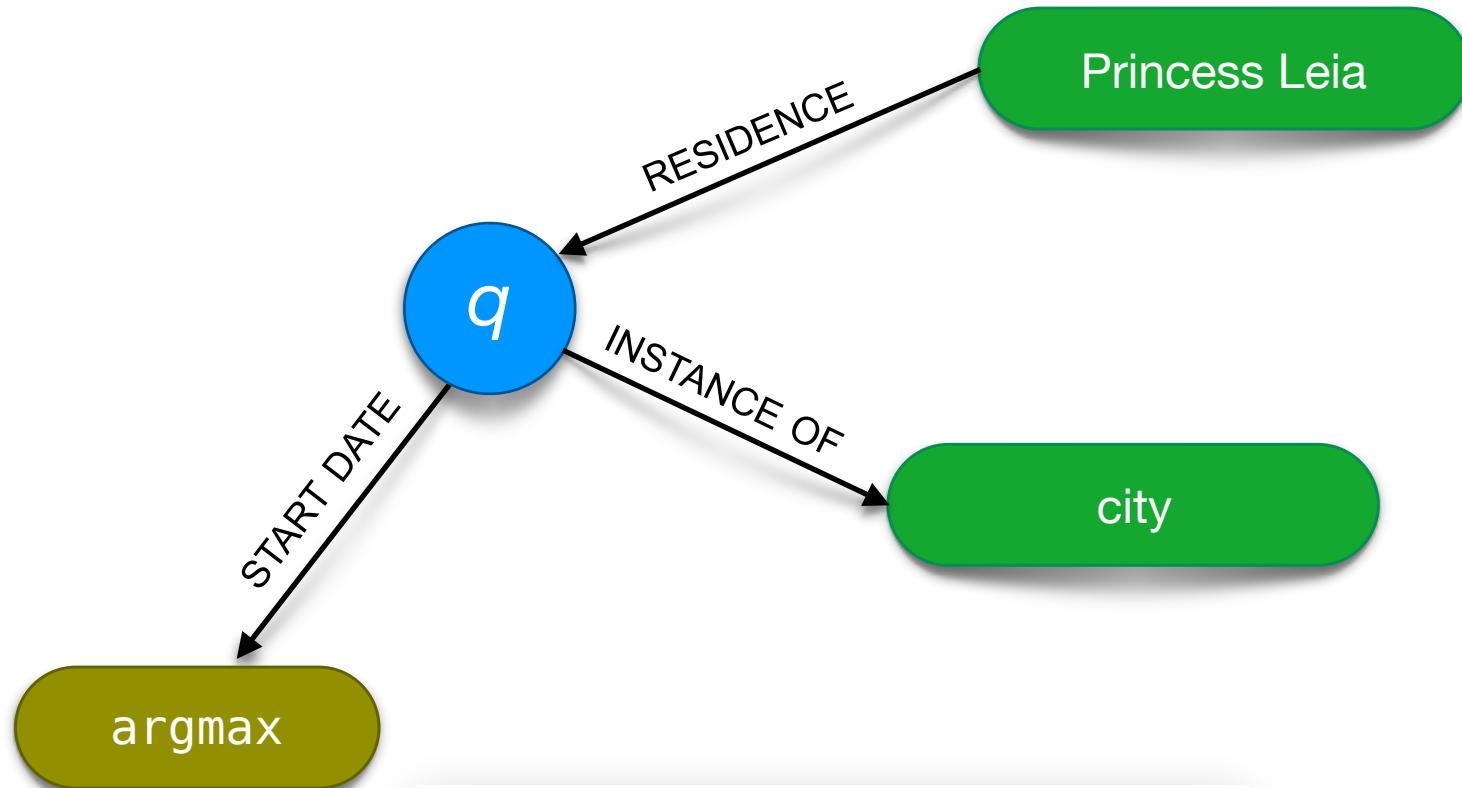
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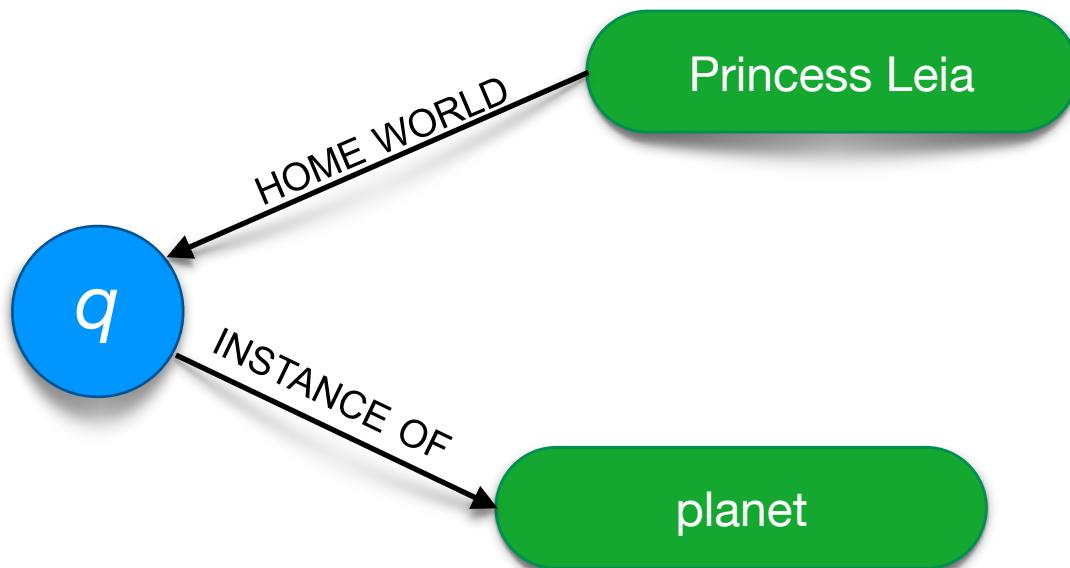


What is the home planet of Princess Leia's family?

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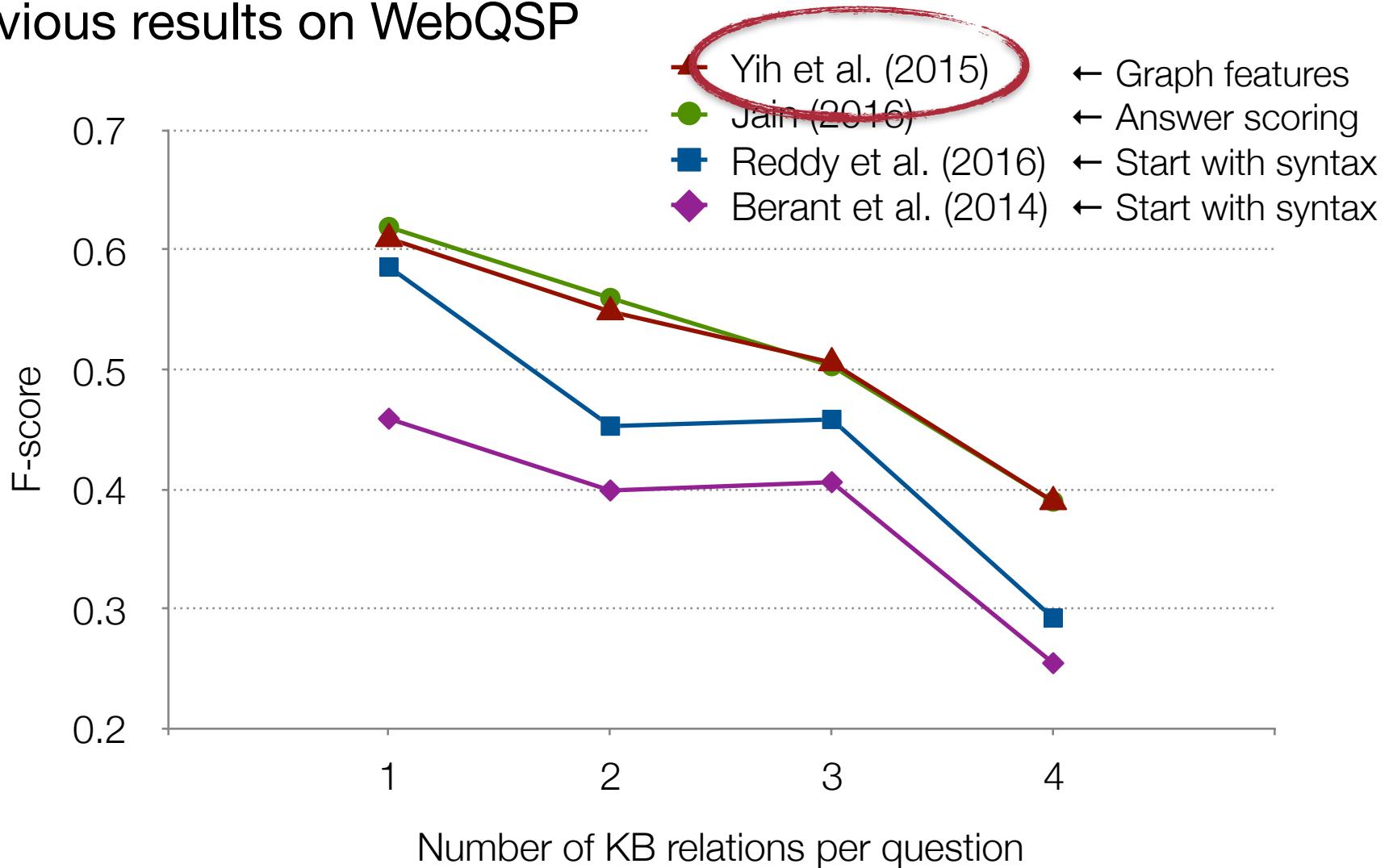


Possible Semantic Graphs



Representation structure is a graph
and we model it as such

Previous results on WebQSP



 Freebase™

Previous approaches do not integrate
the structure of the representation into
the model

Modeling the knowledge base graph and other graphs

1. Graph Convolutional Networks

- Kipf and Welling (2017) – document classification
- Marcheggiani and Titov (2017) – encode syntax dependencies for SRL
- Schlichtkrull et al. (2018) – KB embeddings

2. Gated Graph Neural Networks

- Scarselli et al. (2009) – Graph Neural Networks
- Li et al. (2016) – Gated variant
- Chen et al. (2018) – Structured Dialogue Policy
- Sun et al. (2018) – QA with Fusion of Knowledge Bases and Text

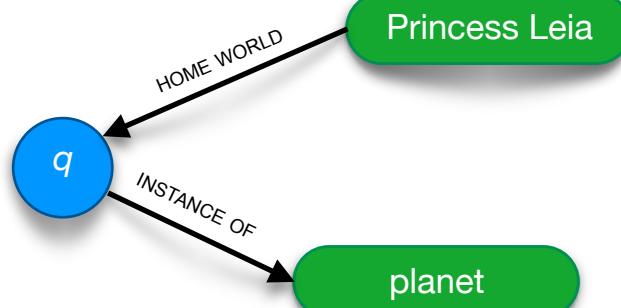
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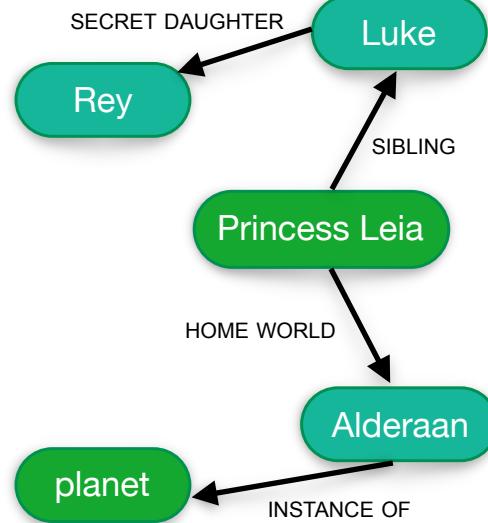
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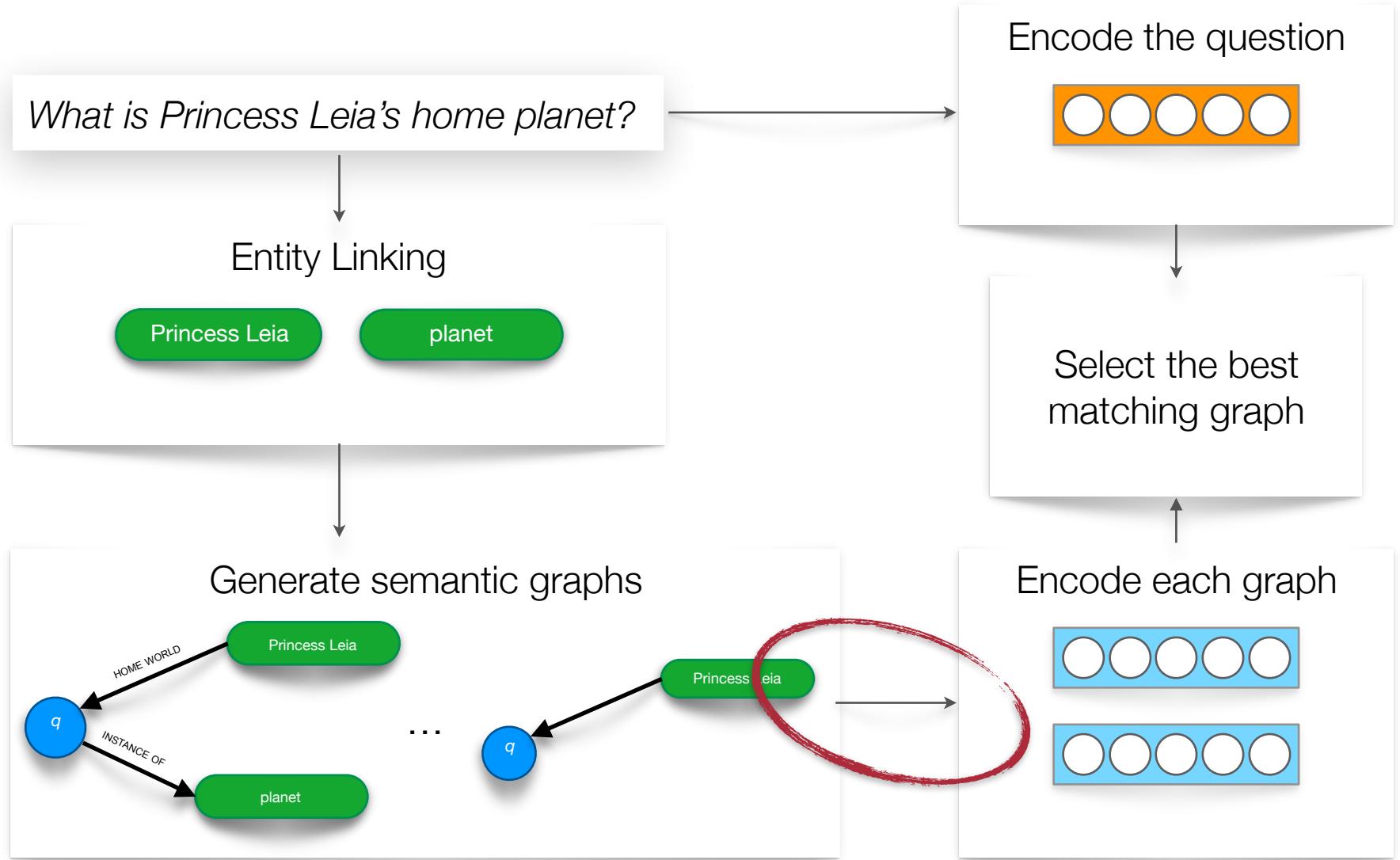
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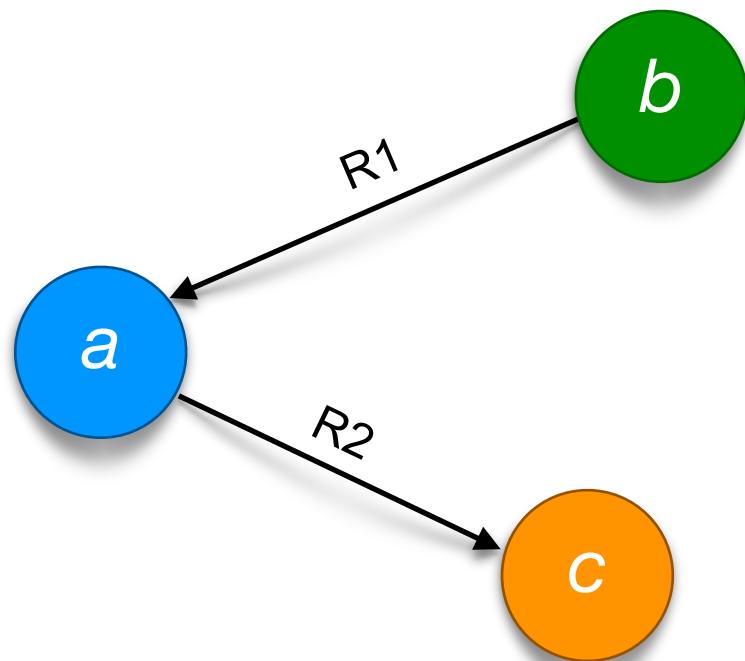
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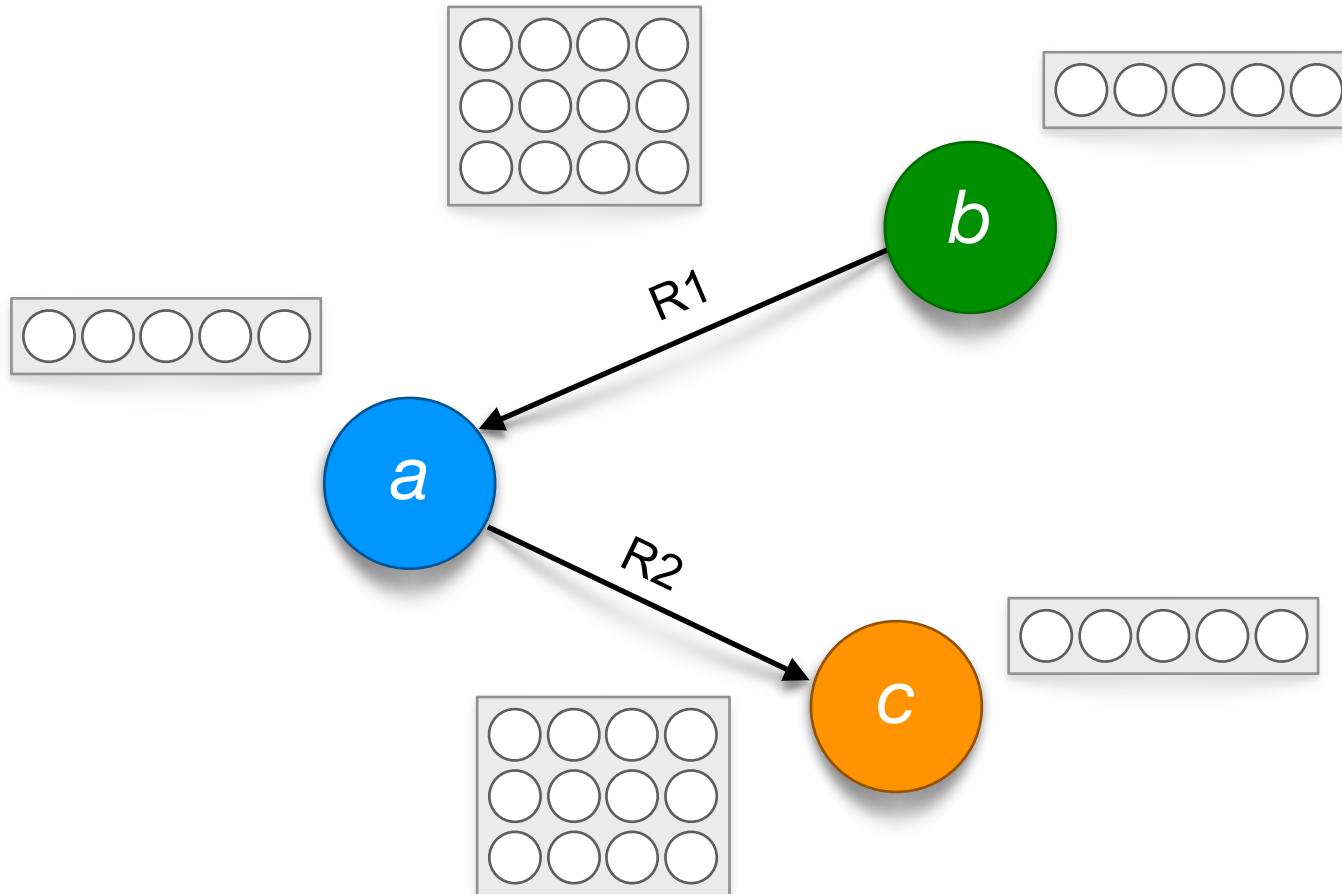
Representation Learning



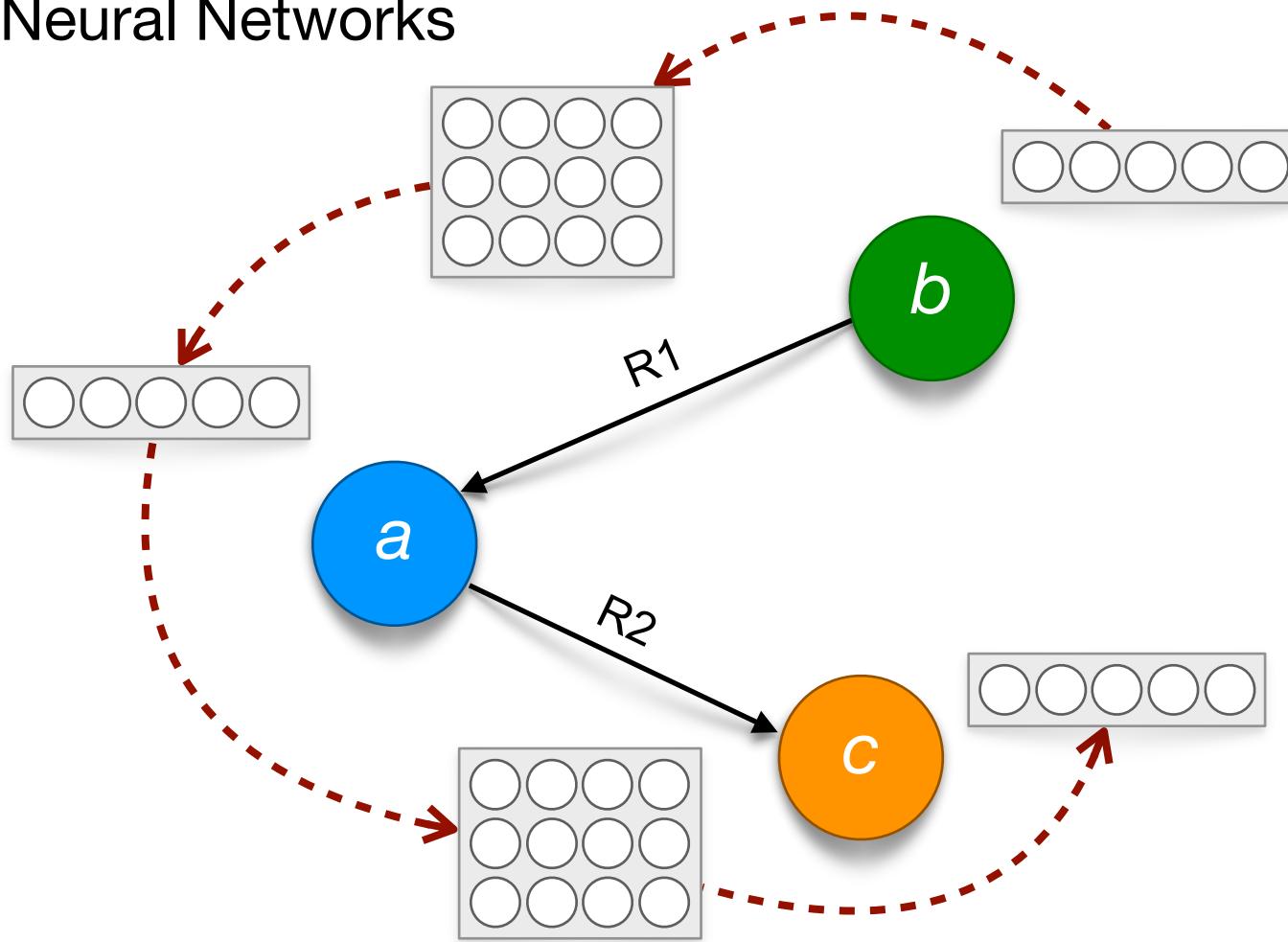
Graph Neural Networks – Scarselli et al. (2009)



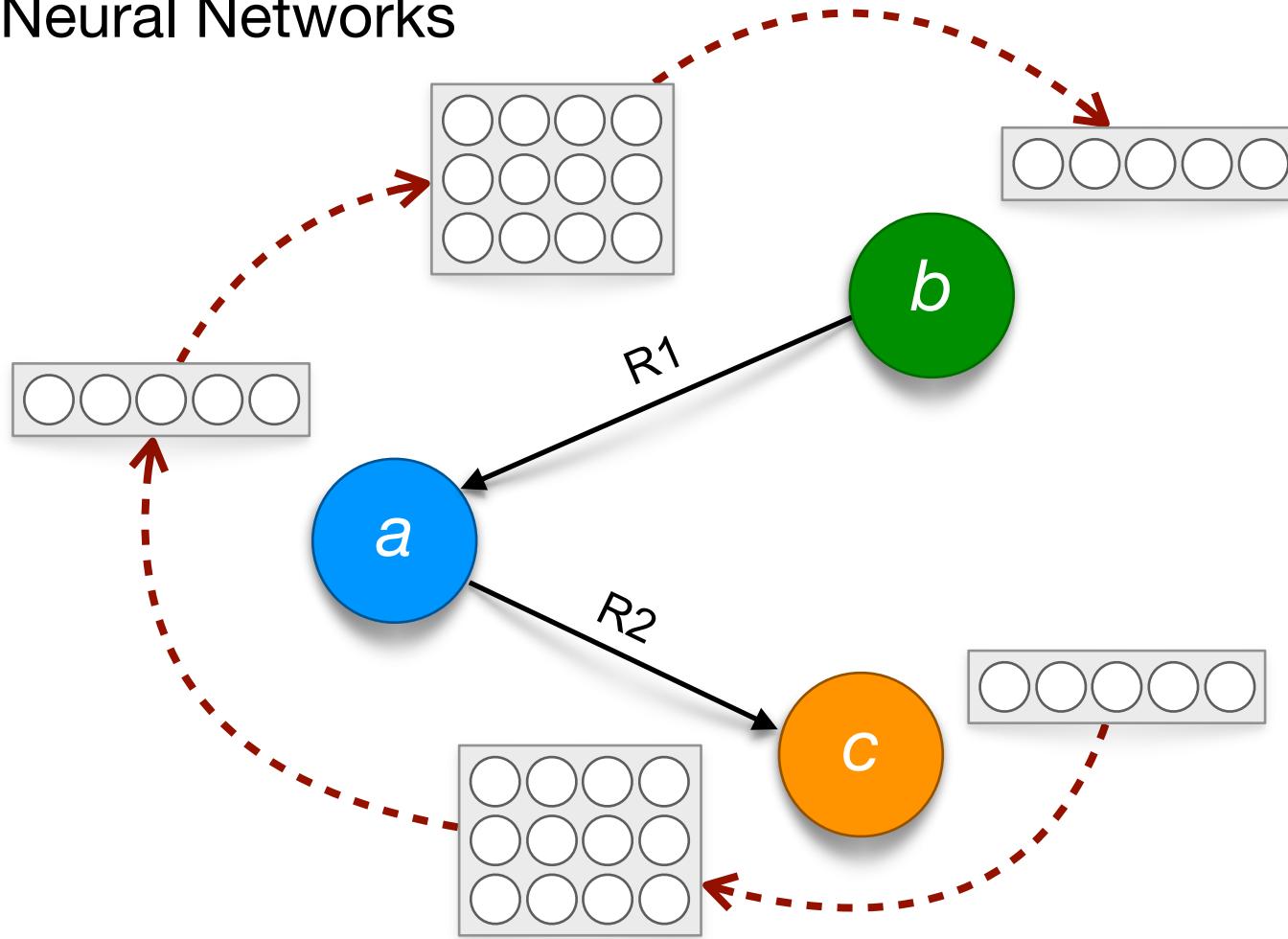
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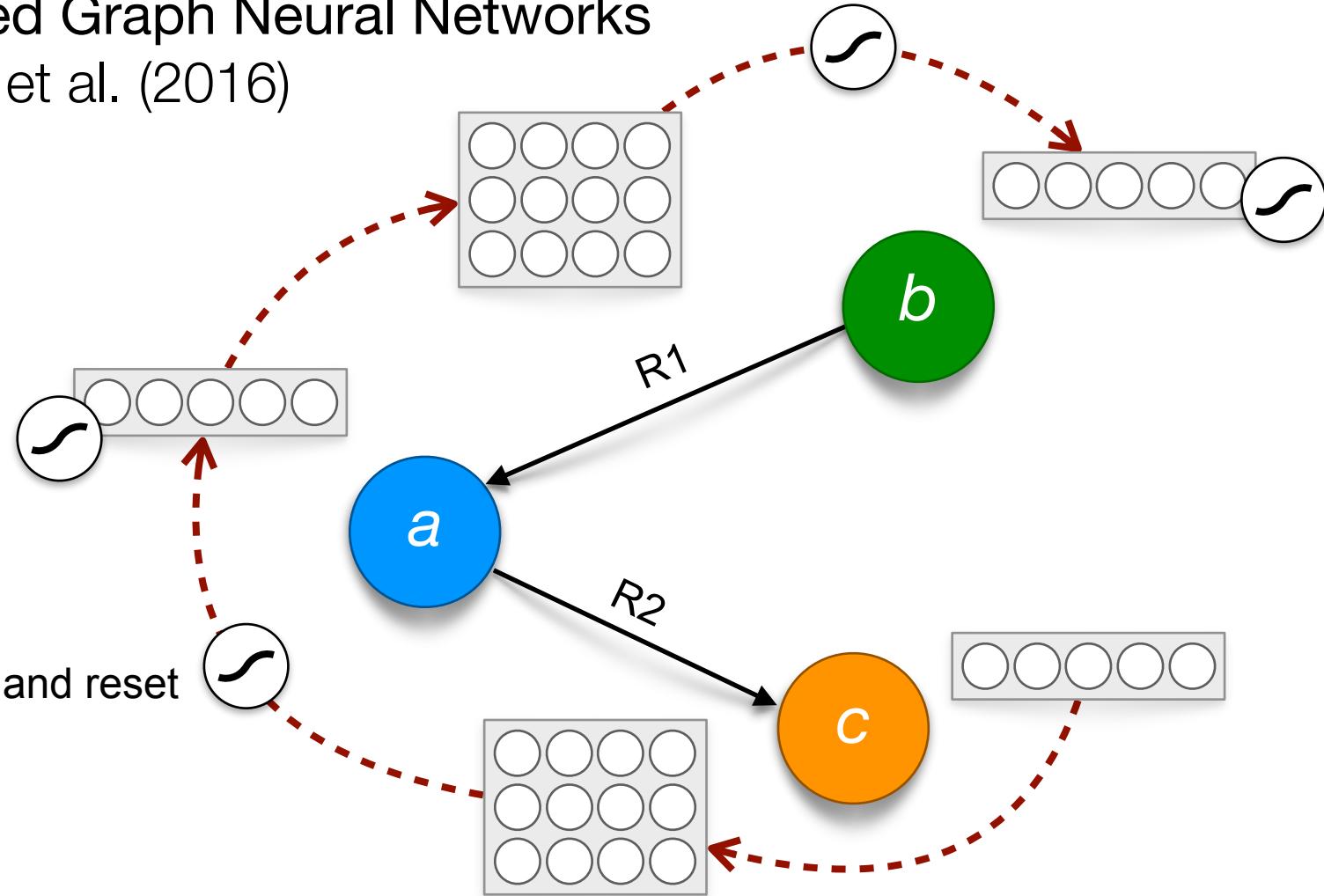


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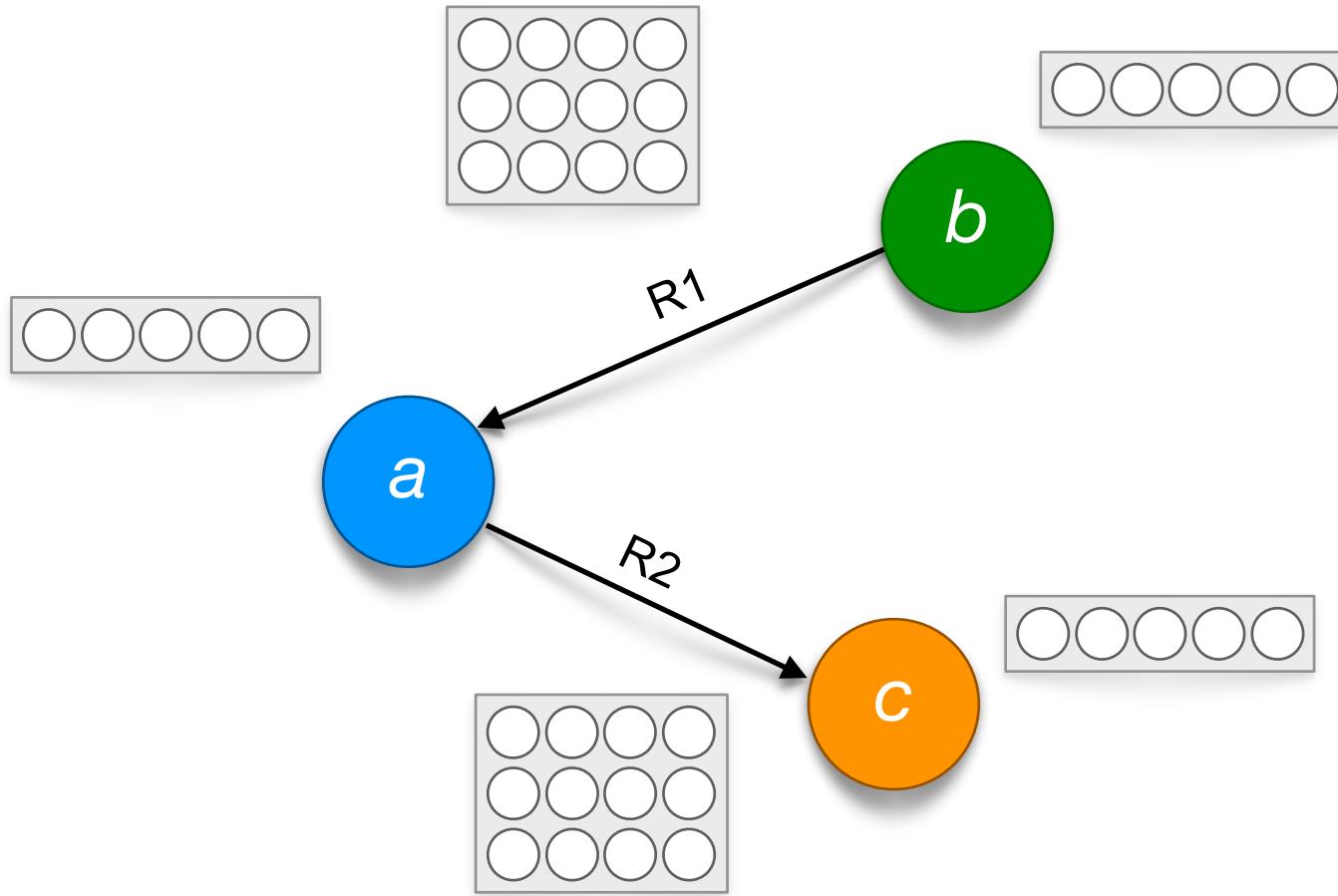


Gated Graph Neural Networks

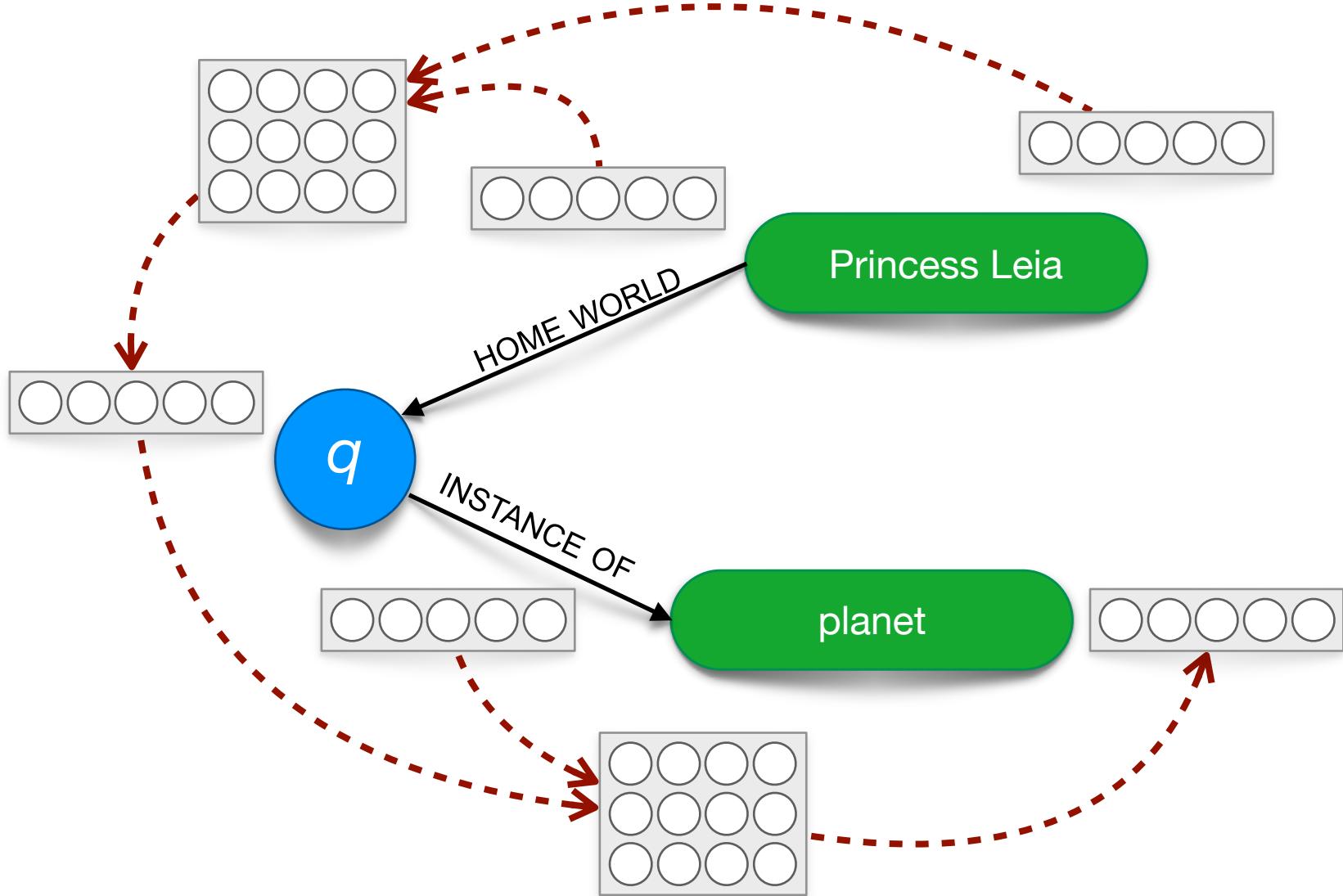
– Li et al. (2016)



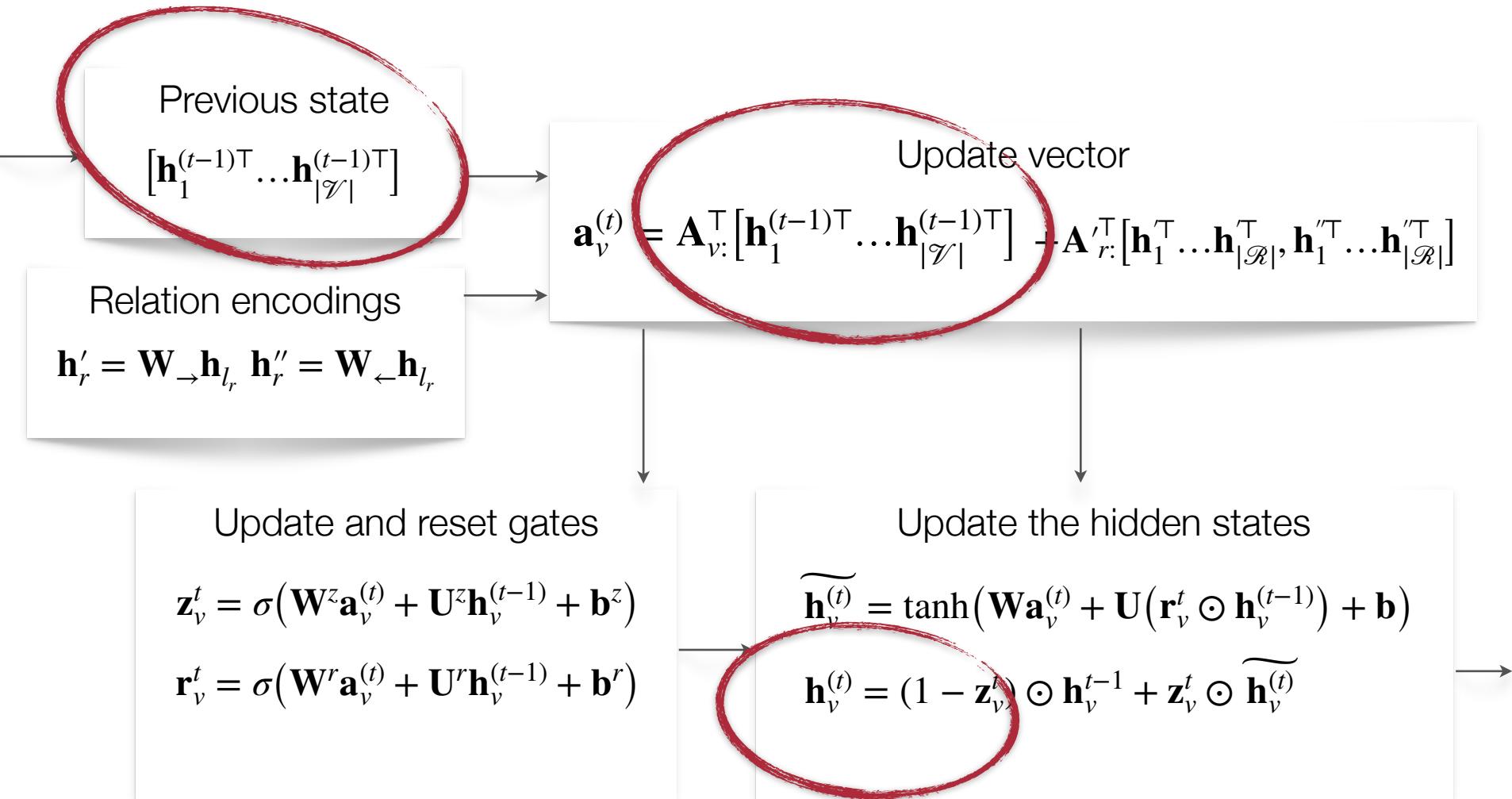
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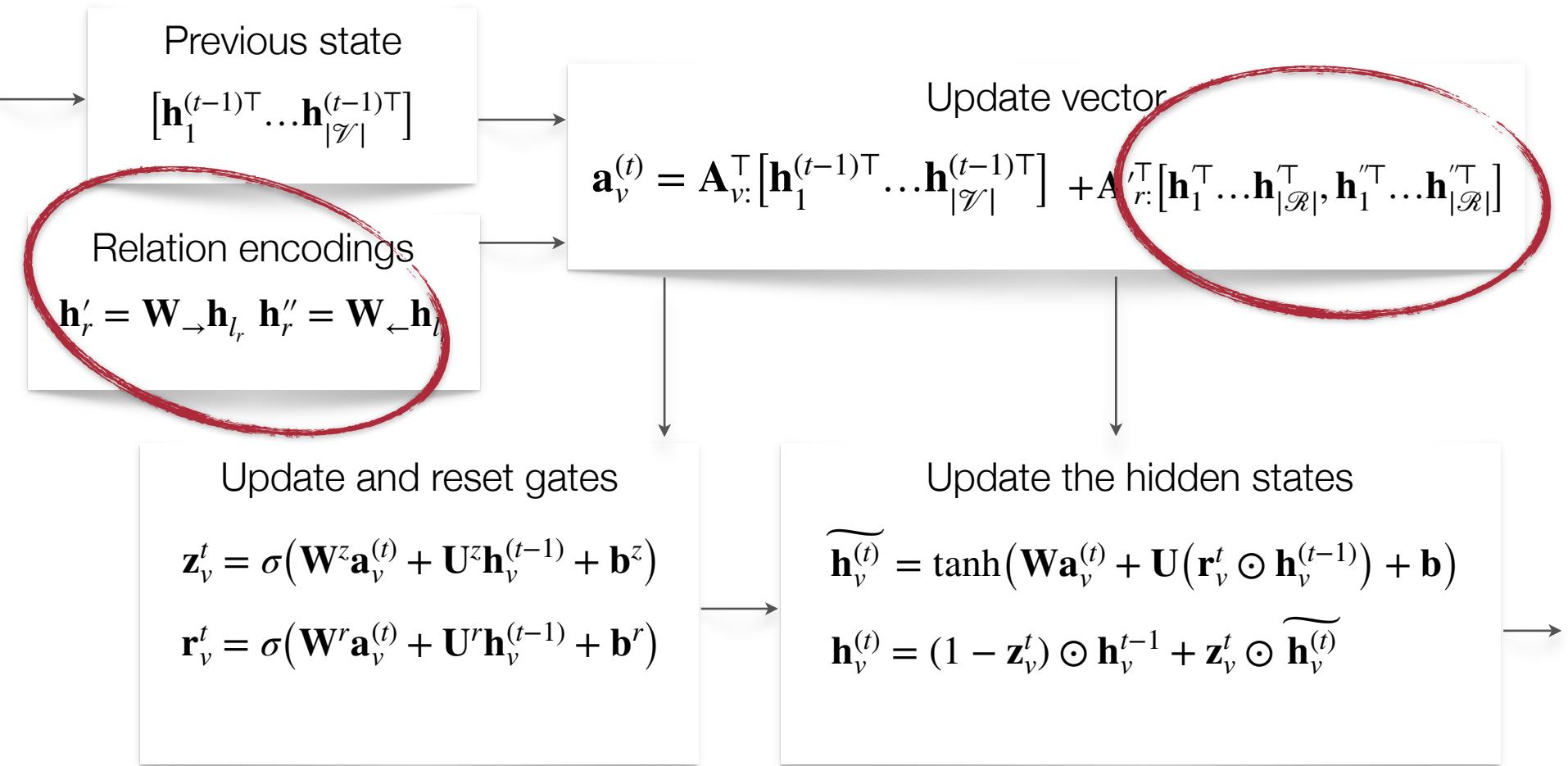
Gated Graph Neural Networks with Labels



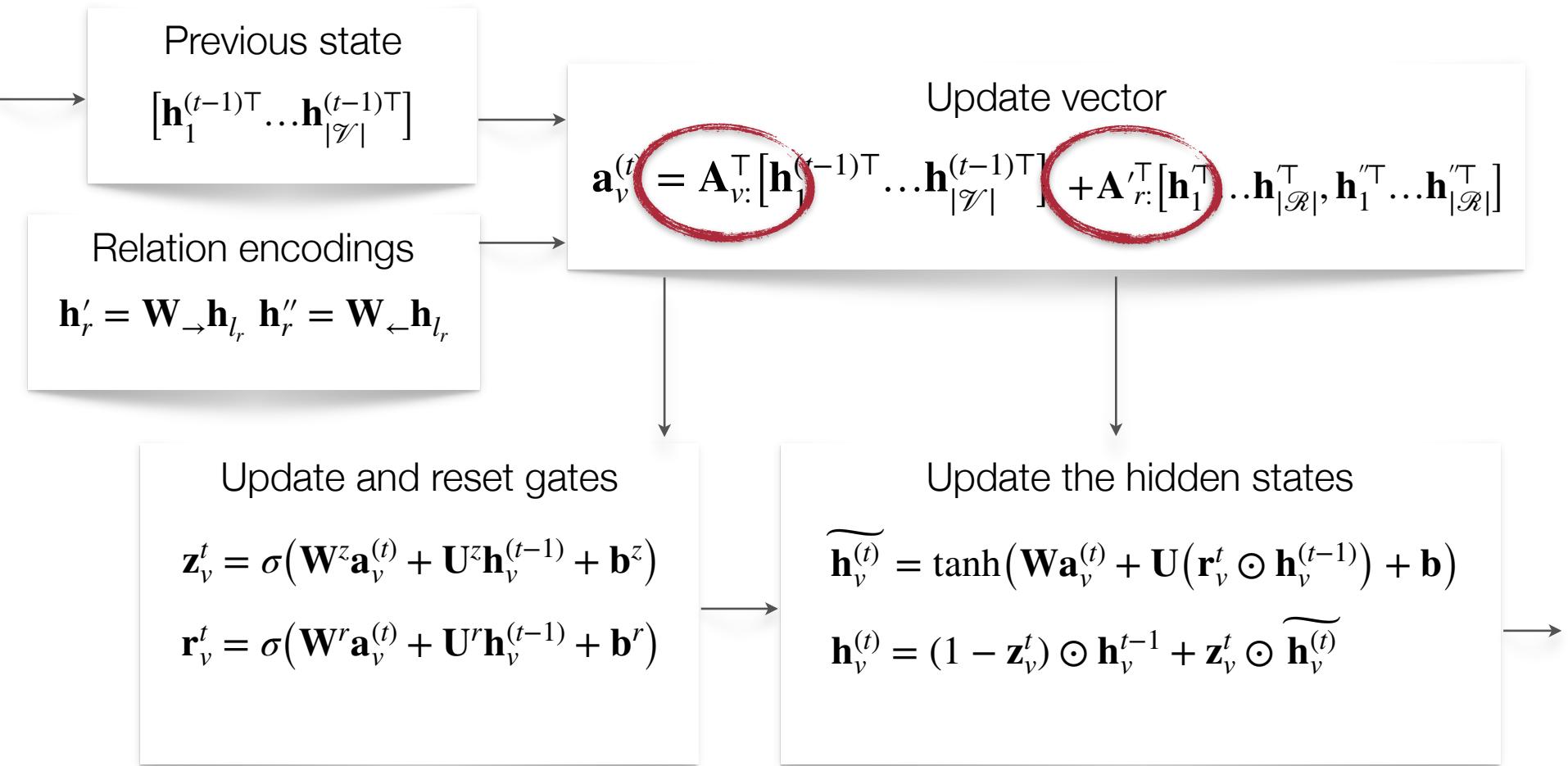
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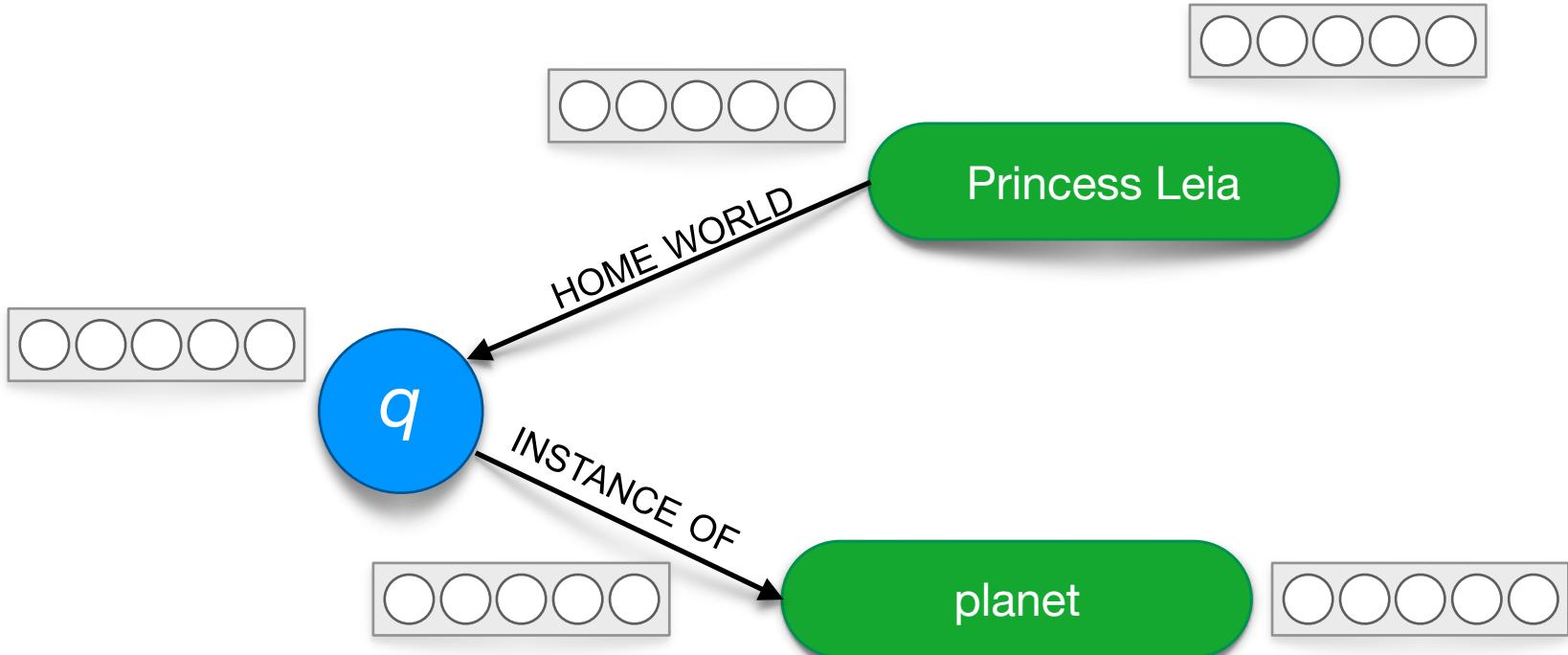
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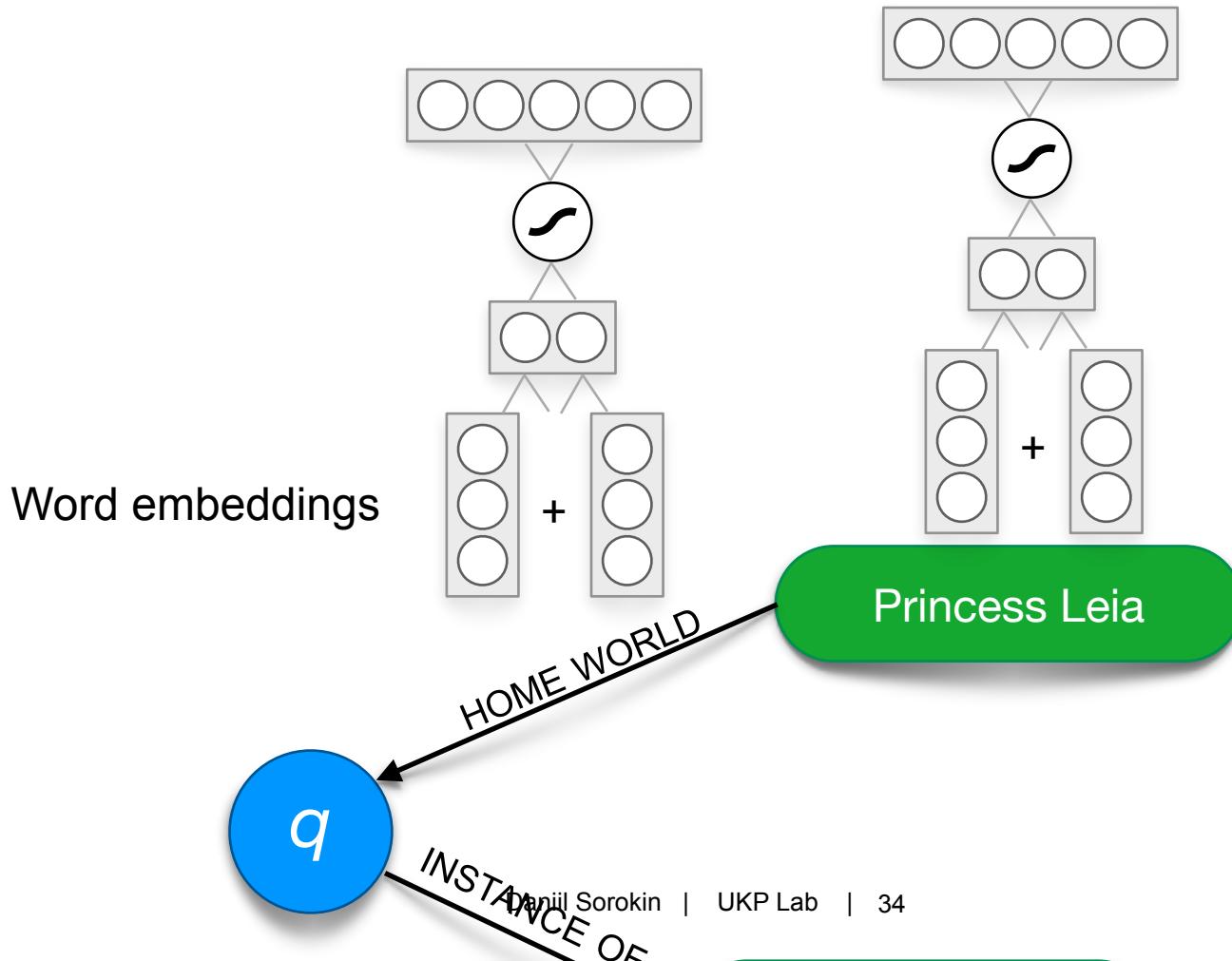
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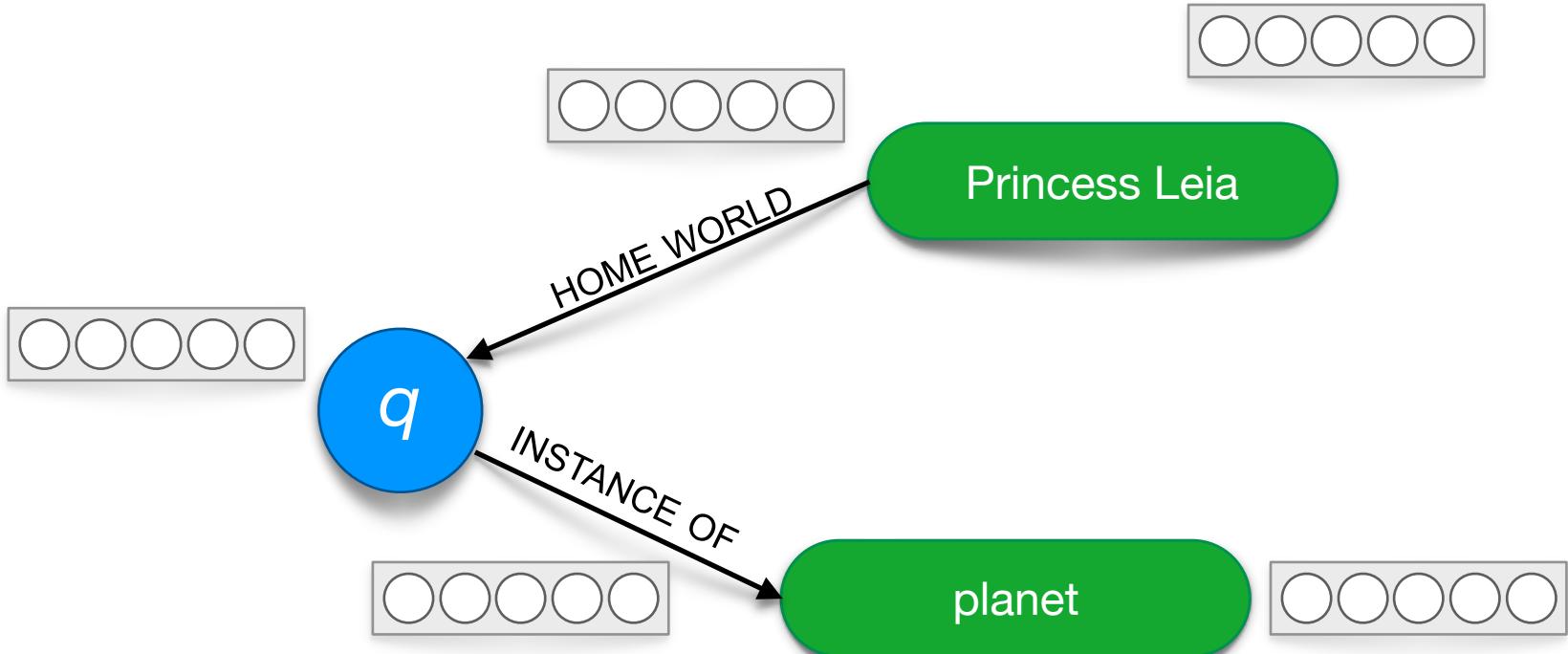
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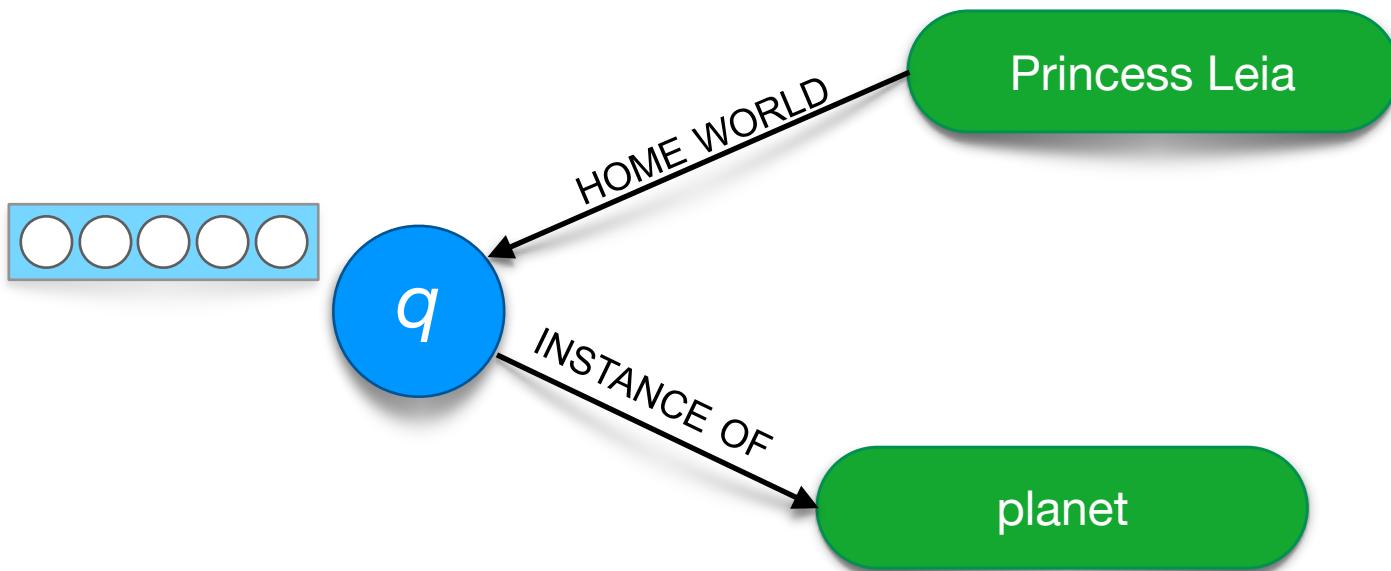
Entity and Relation Encodings



Graph Encoding

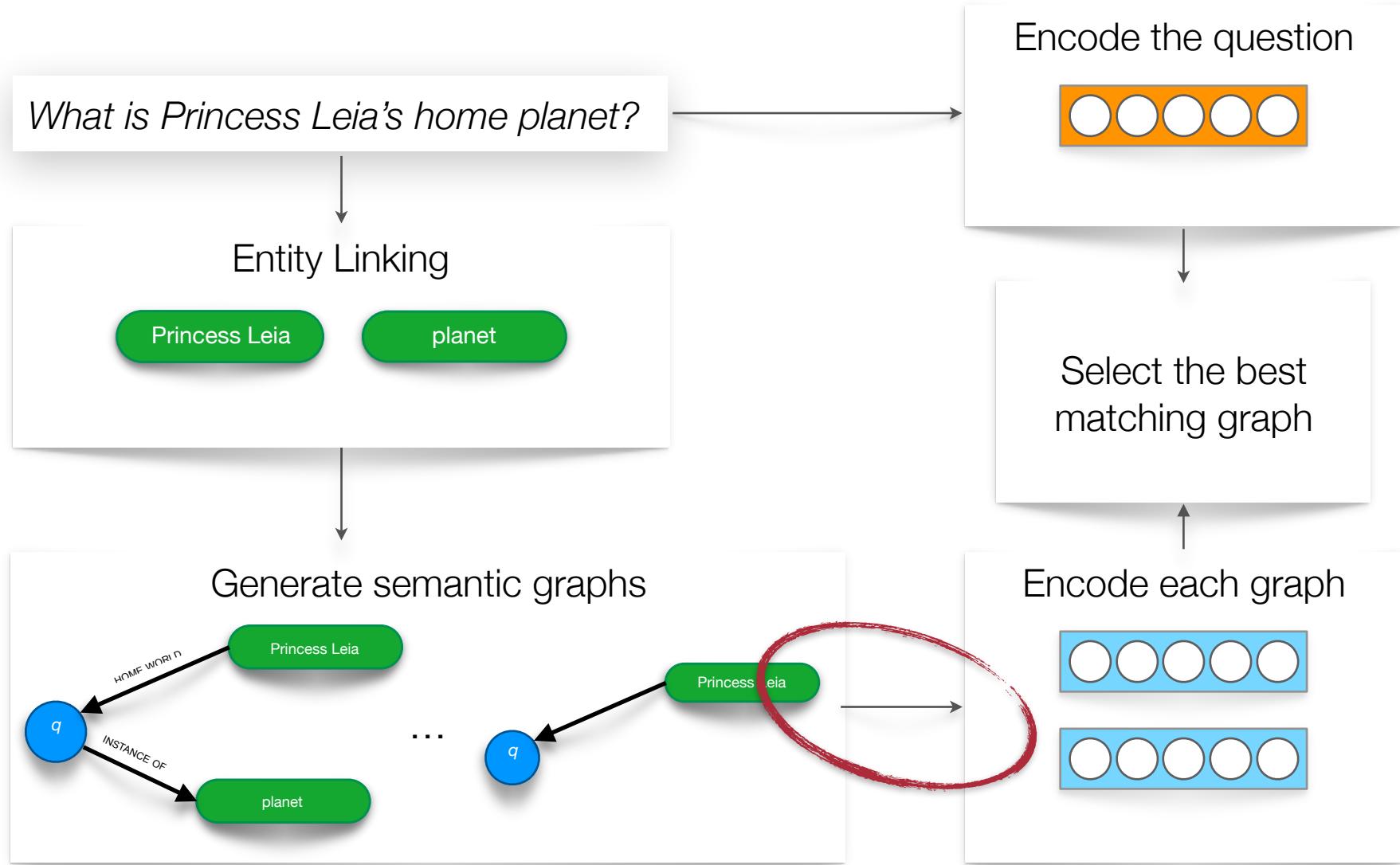


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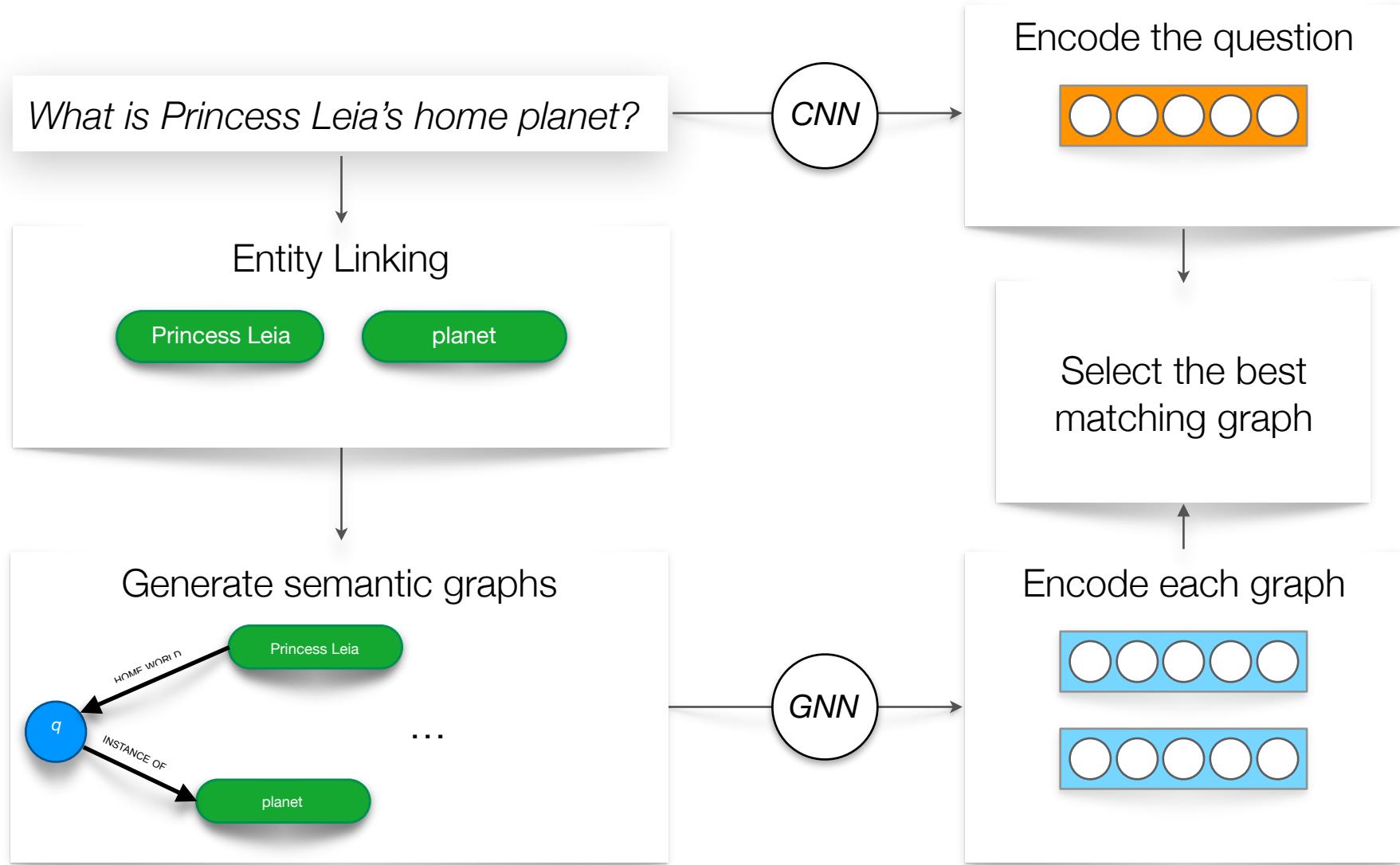


The Graph Neural Network models all aspects of the semantic graph representation

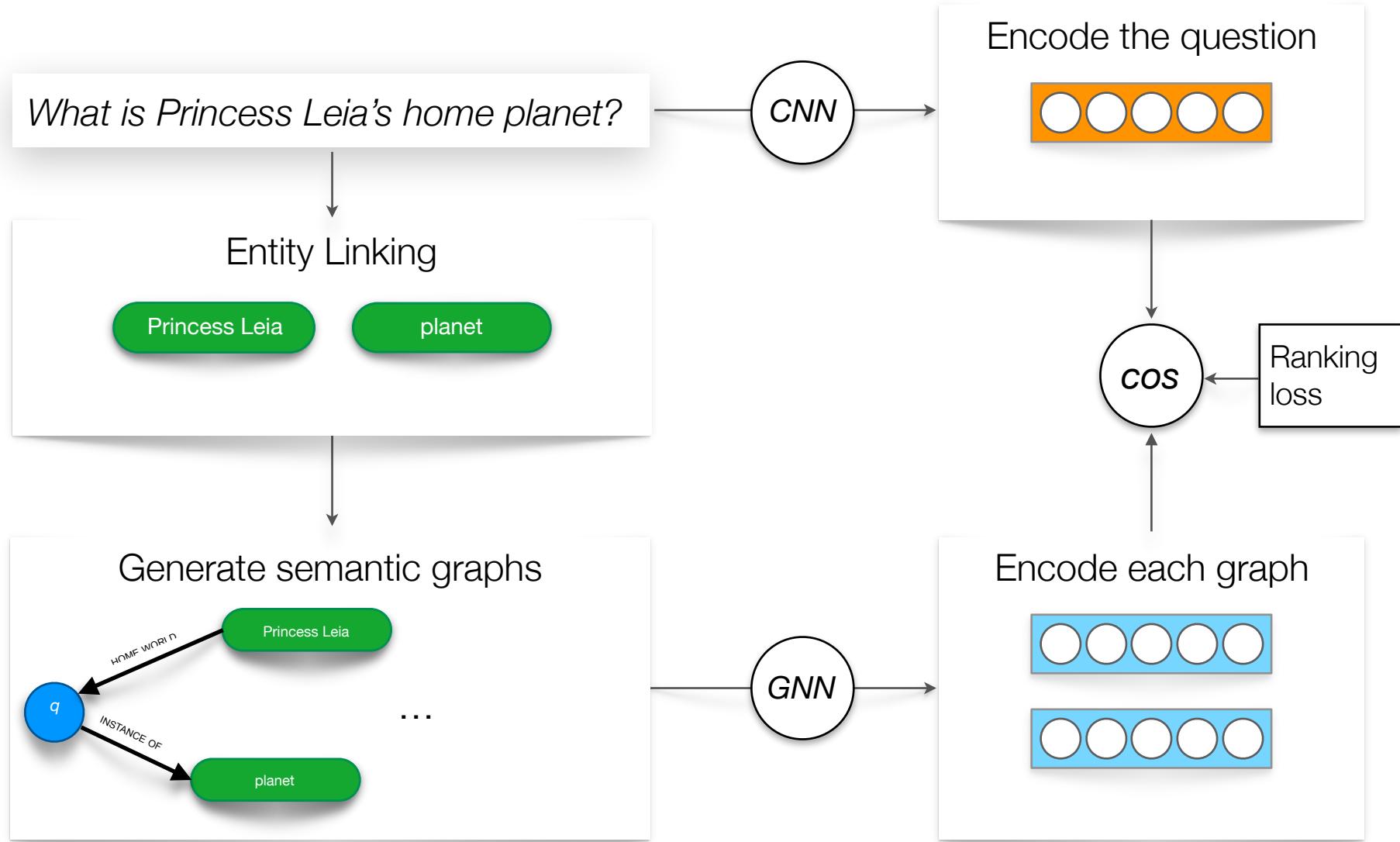
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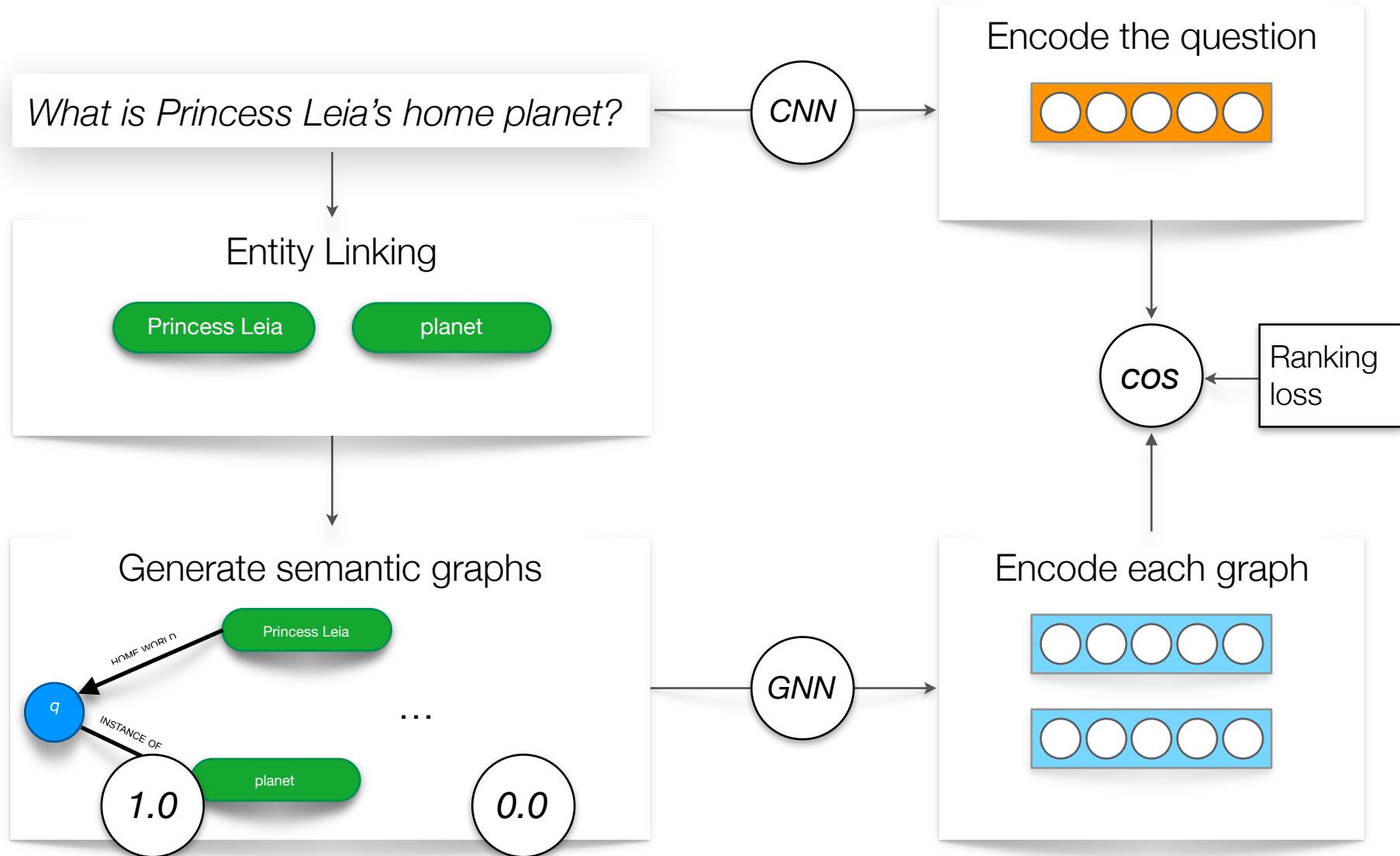
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Models

- STAGG (Yih et al. 2015)
- Single Edge
- Pooled Edges
- GNN
- Gated GNN

Data set

WebQSP-WD

Based on WebQSP/WebQuestions

Mapped to Wikidata

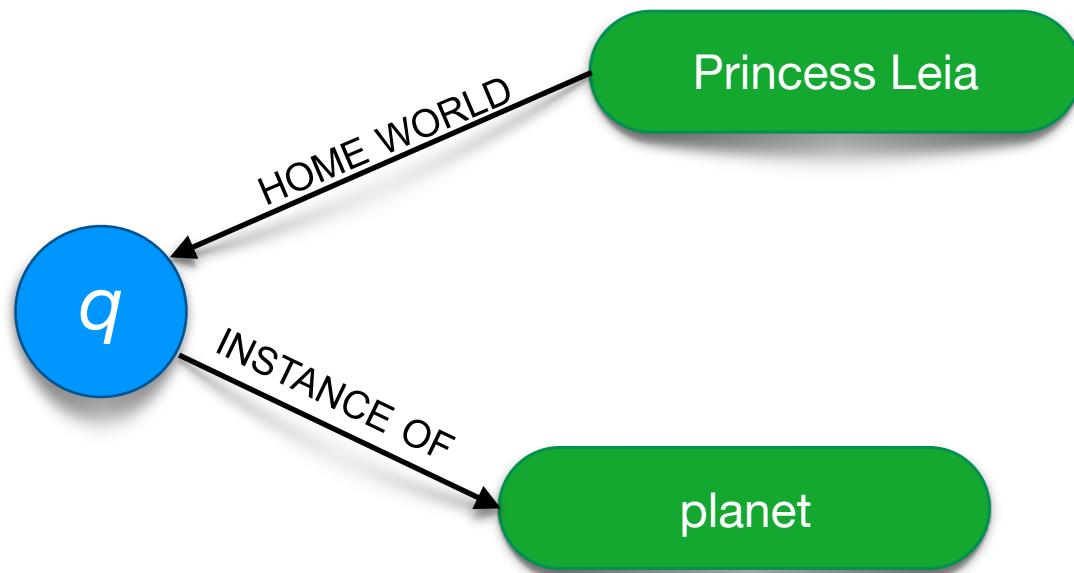
1033 test questions (293 complex)

2880 train questions (419 complex)

Evaluation

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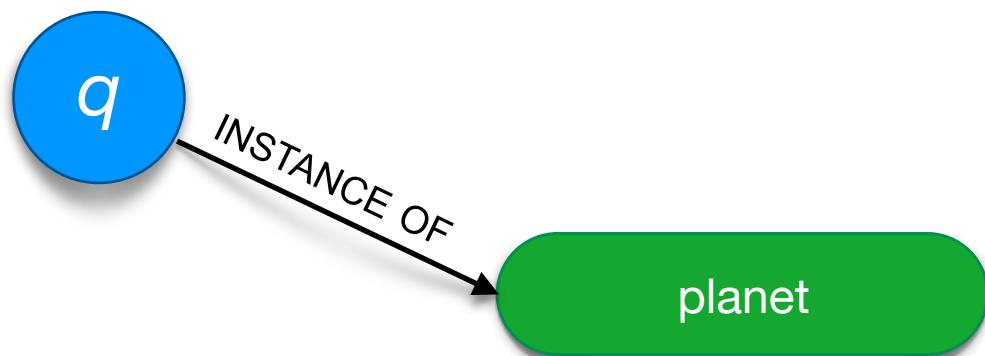
Precision	Recall	F-score
1.000	1.000	1.000



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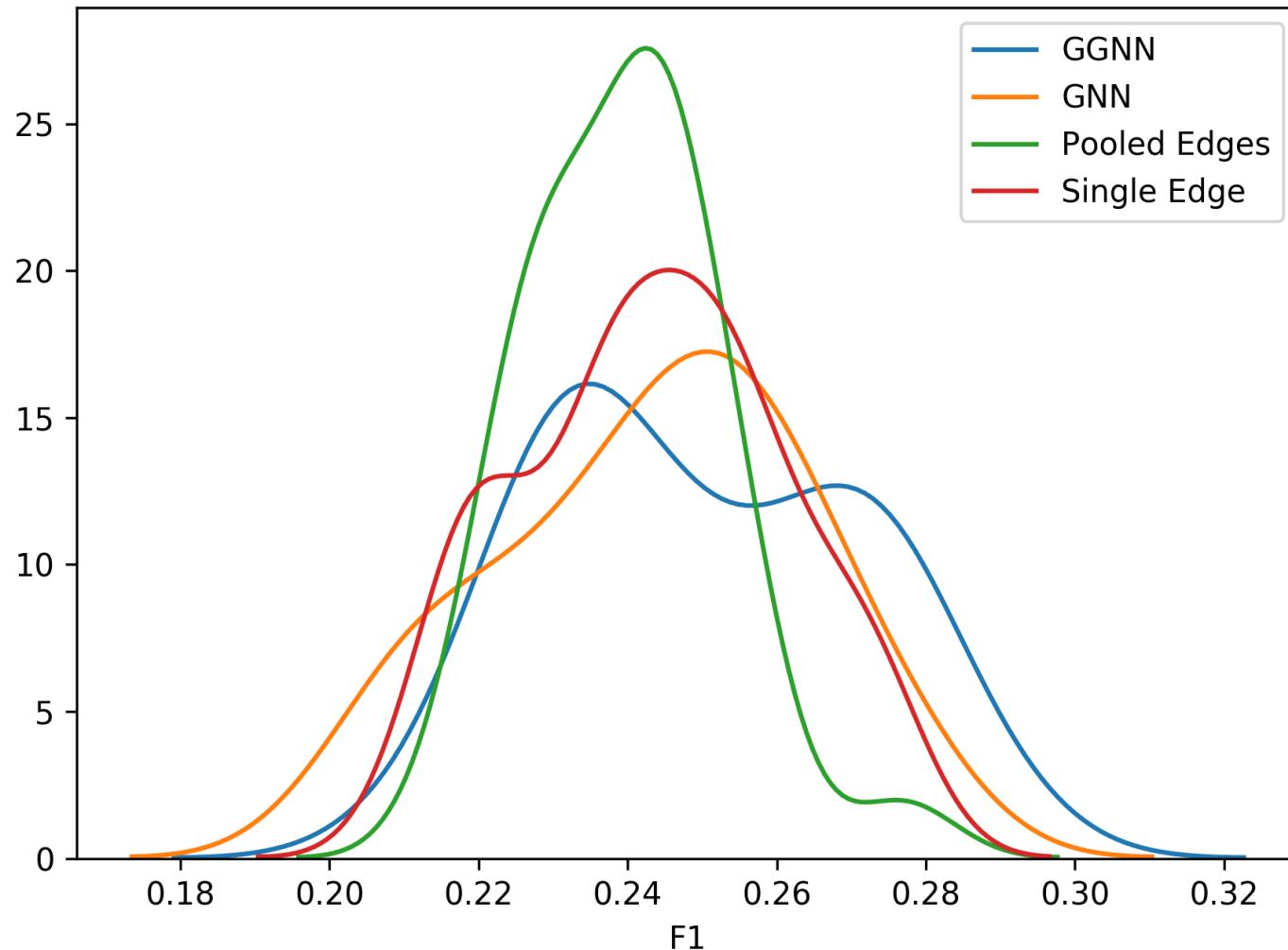
Precision	Recall	F-score
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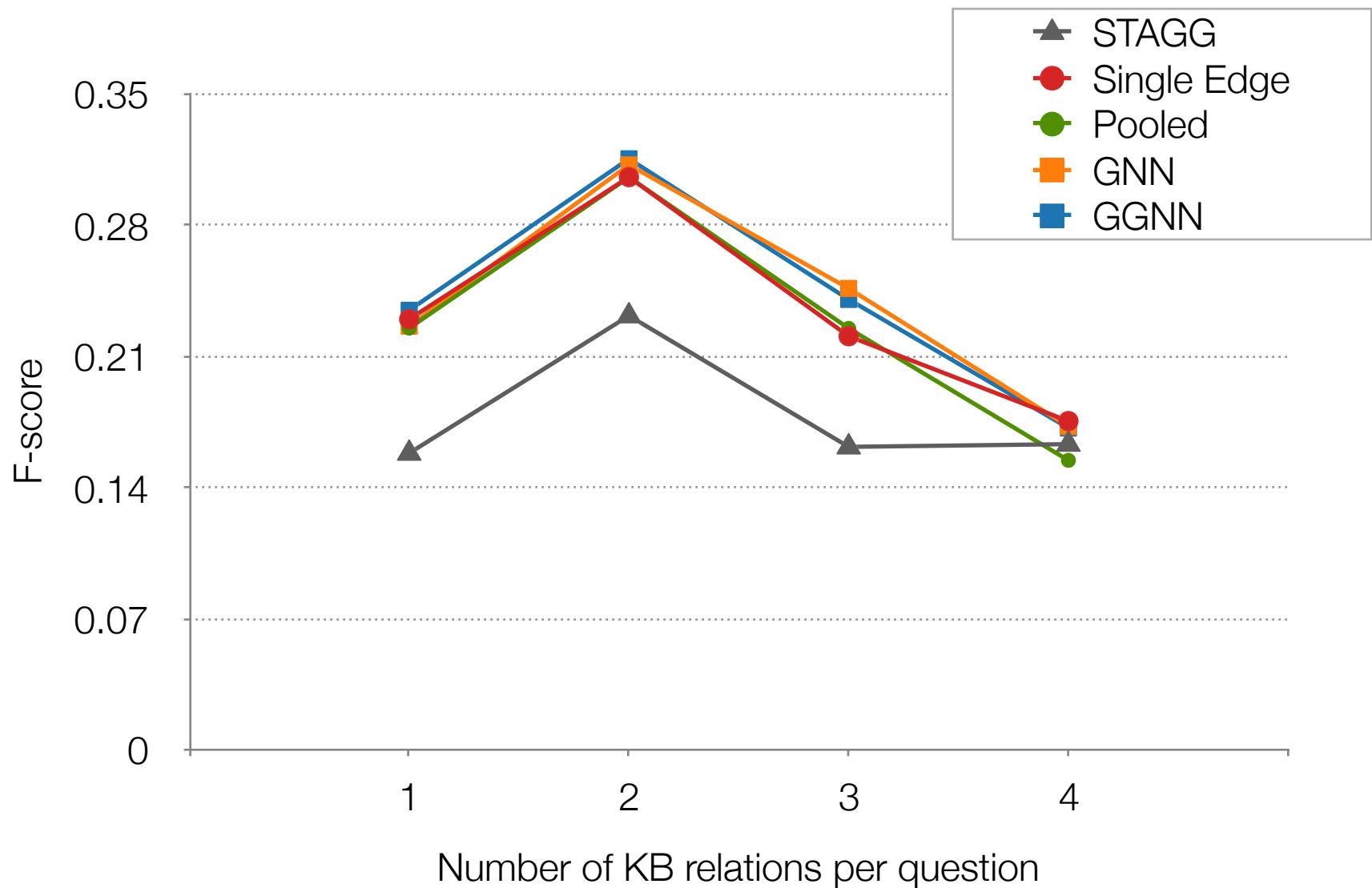


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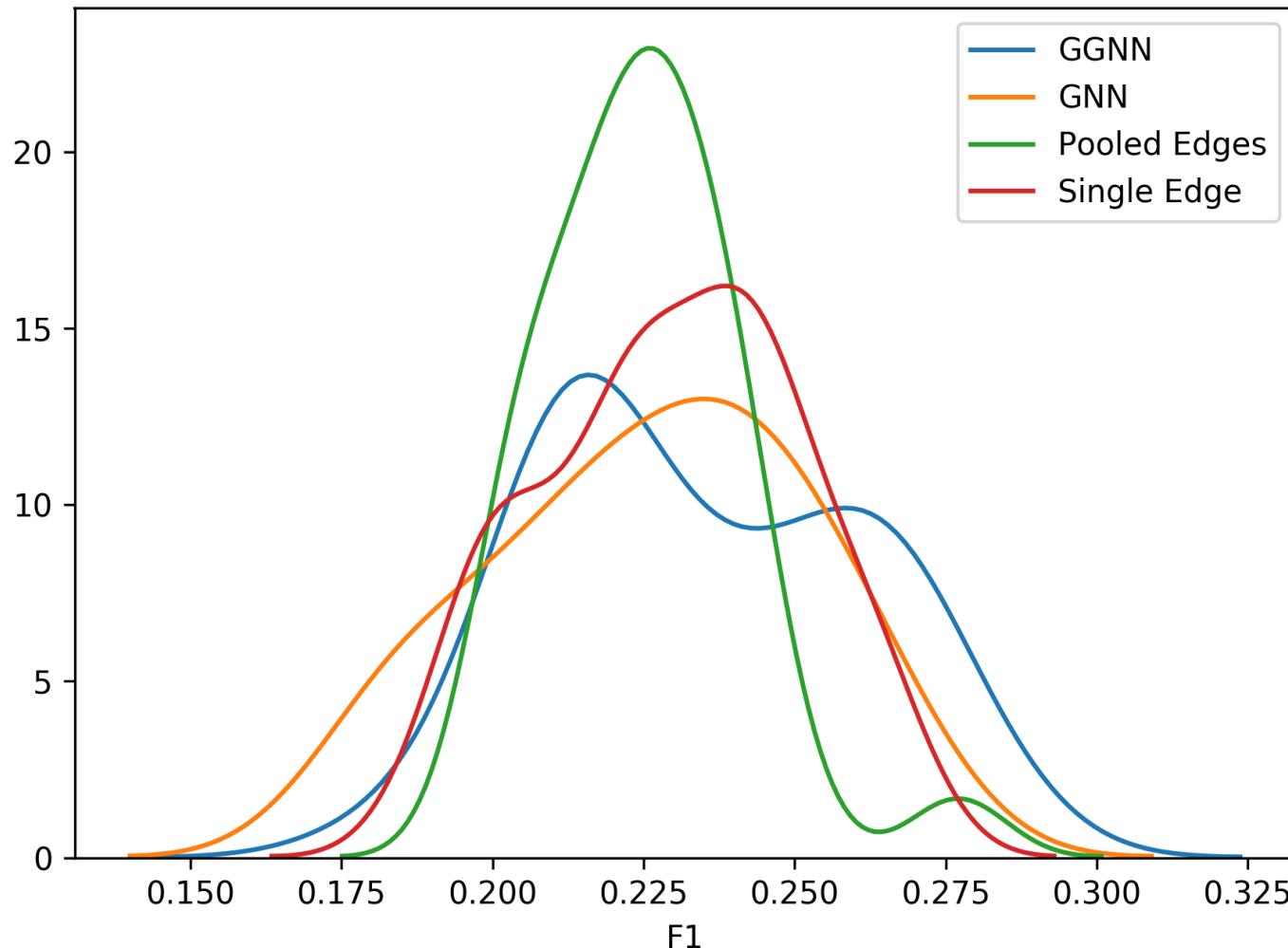
	Precision	Recall	F-score
STAGG	0.173	0.214	0.167
Single Edge	0.250	0.307	0.243
Pooled Edges	0.245	0.302	0.240
GNN	0.253	0.293	0.243
GGNN	0.259	0.305	0.250

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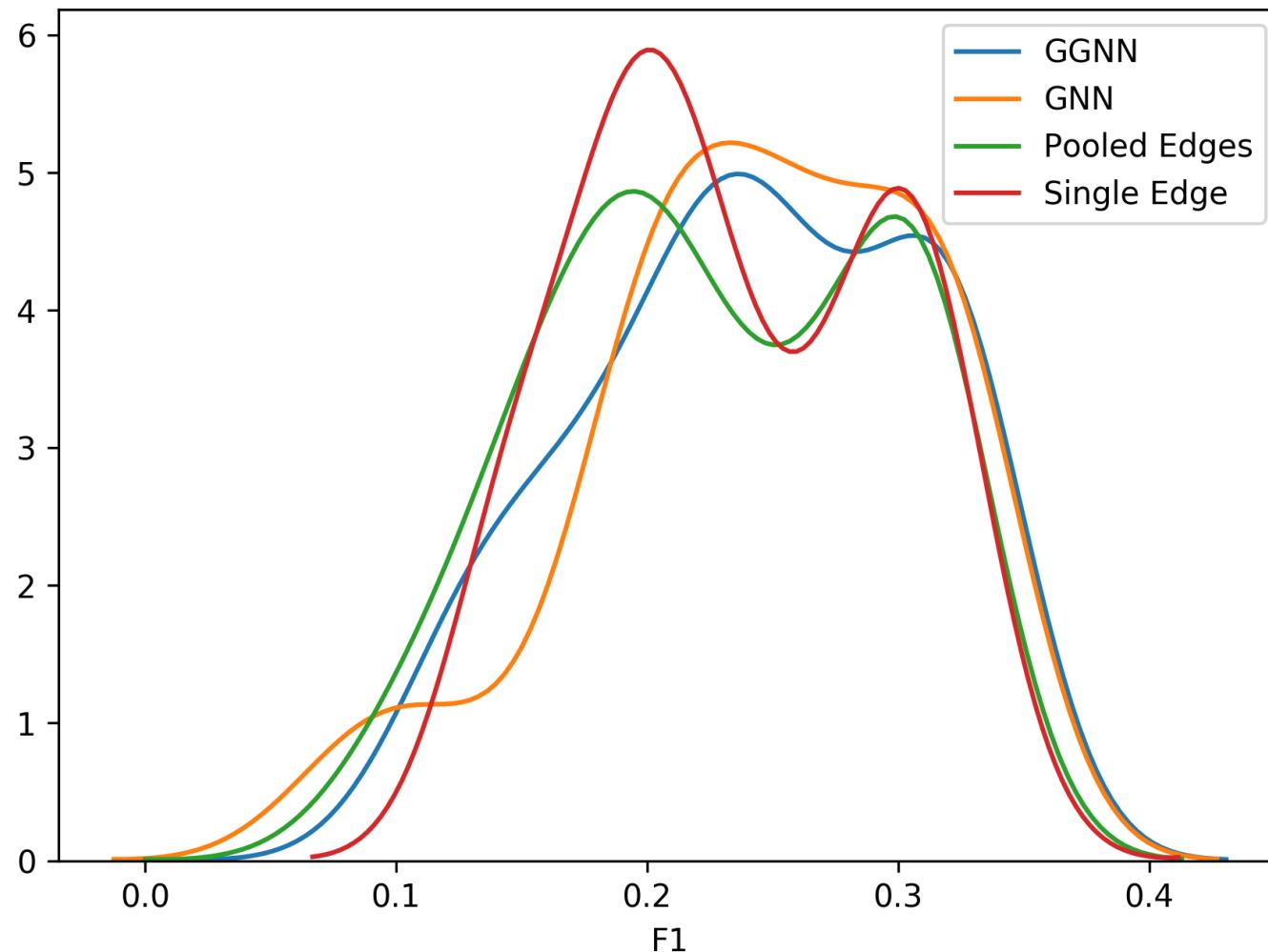




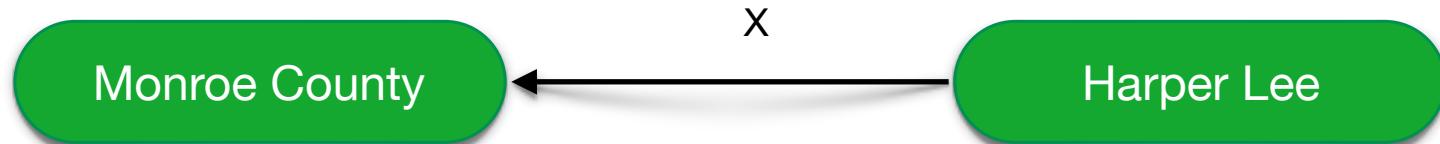
WebQSP-WD simple questions



WebQSP-WD complex questions

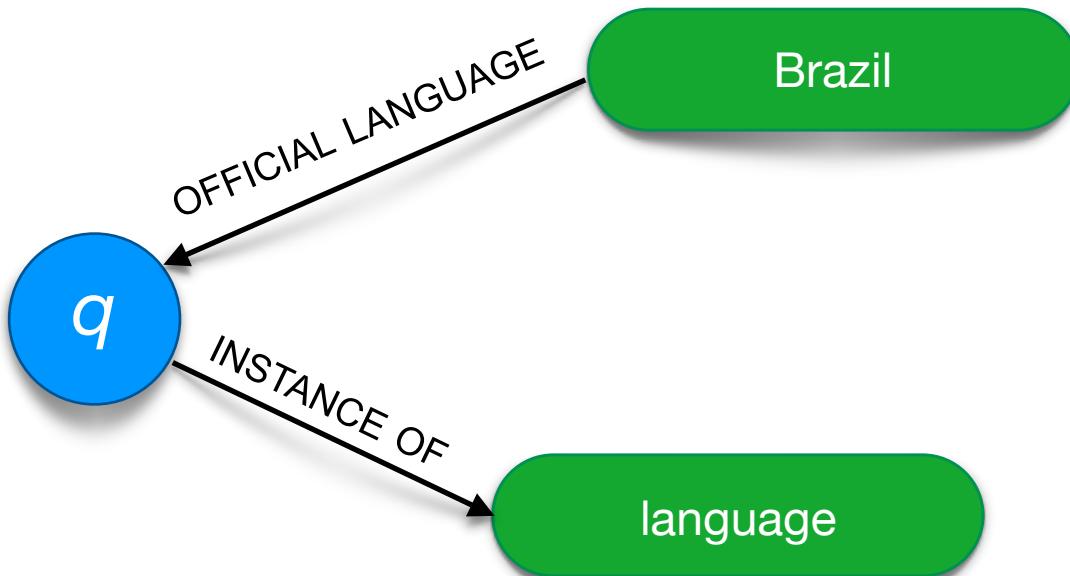


Example output



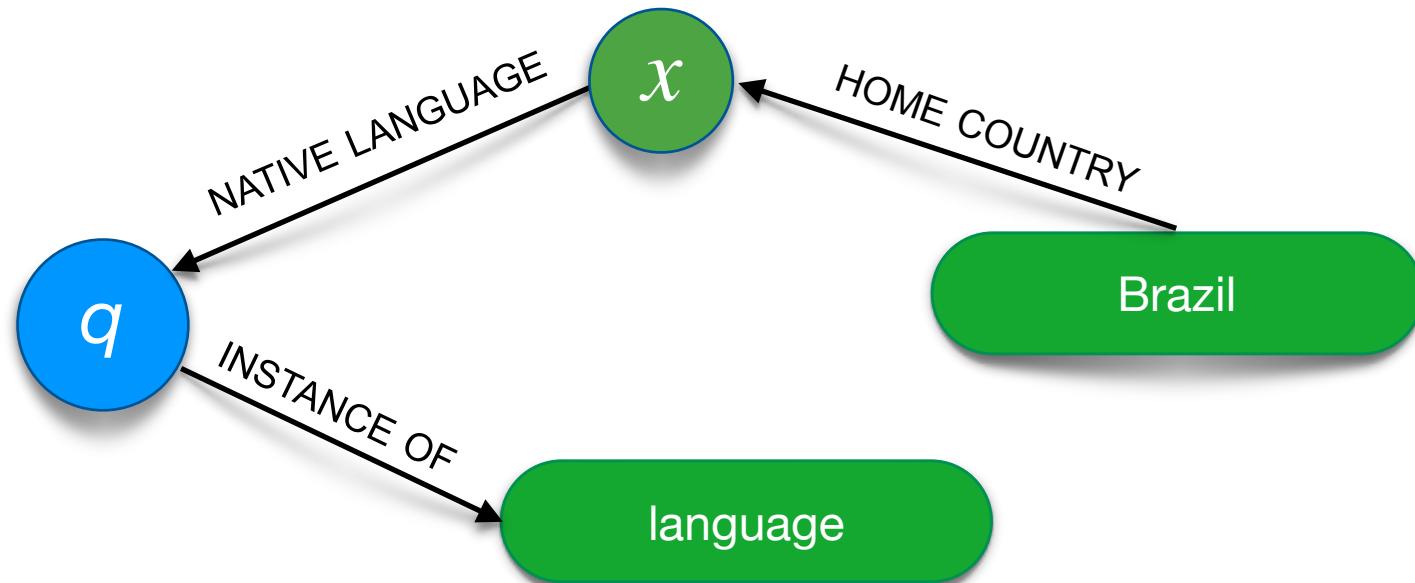
Where did Harper Lee attend high school?

Example output Pooled



What language do people speak in Brazil?

Example output GGNN



What language do people speak in Brazil?

Limitations

1. The small training set limits the more complex GraphNNs architecture
2. Small test set
3. WebQSP contains a lot of data set errors and is not entirely covered by Wikidata (around 30% of errors)
4. Not many Wikidata data sets for a meaningful comparison
5. Entity linking is a bottle neck (10% of errors)

Modelling the semantic structure
with **GraphNNs** improves
the representation learning
for knowledge base graphs

Demo and code <https://github.com/UKPLab/coling2018-graph-neural-networks-question-answering>

Knowledge base question answering

Your question

Who played Luke Skywalker in Star Wars?

Answer

Follow up?

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- COLING'18 Paper: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/C18-1280>

