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Or: An introduction to Natural Language Processing

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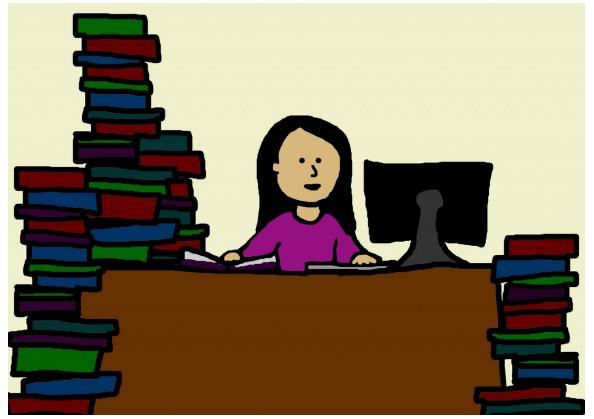
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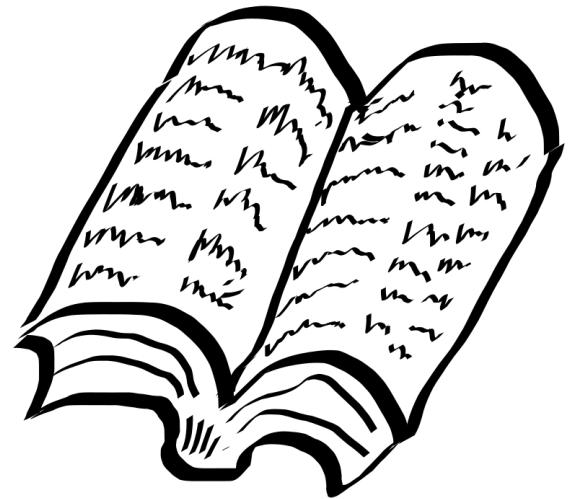
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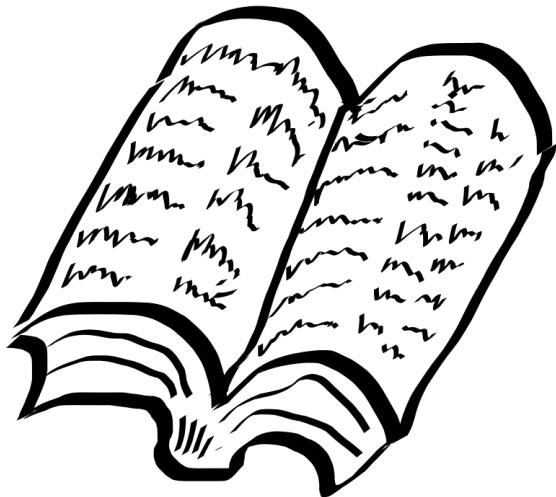


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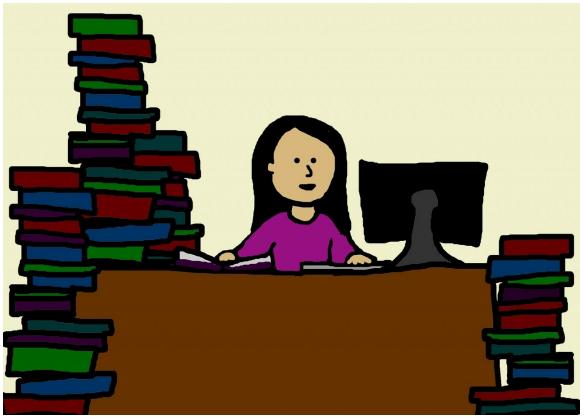


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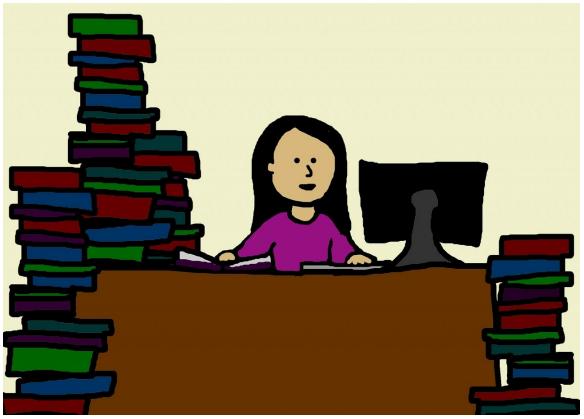
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How the heck do we
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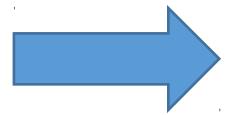
Natural language processing

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This article is about language processing by computers. For the processing of language by the human brain, see [Language processing](#).

Natural language processing (NLP) is a field of computer science, artificial intelligence, and computational linguistics concerned with the interactions between computers and human (natural) languages. As such, NLP is related to the area of [human–computer interaction](#). Many





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where are all
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Speech Recognition



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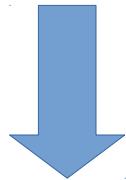
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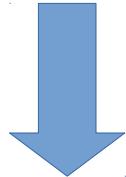
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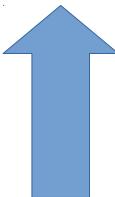


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Natural language *understanding*

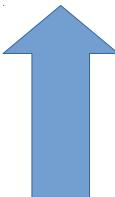
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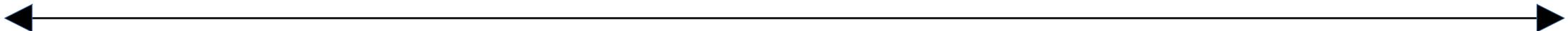
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Natural language generation

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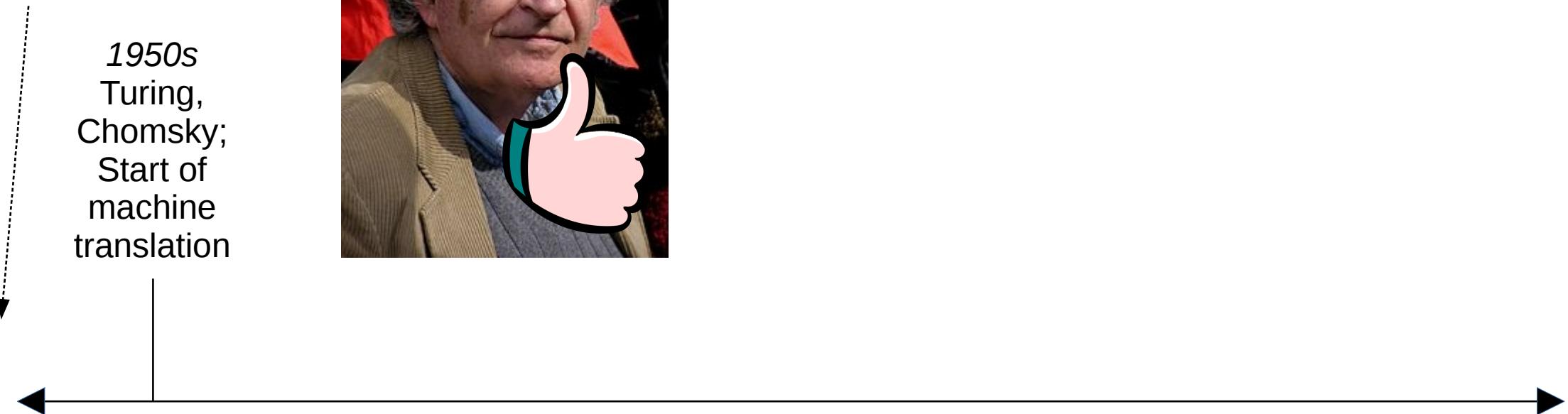
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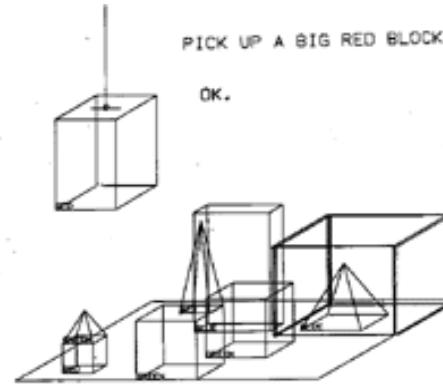


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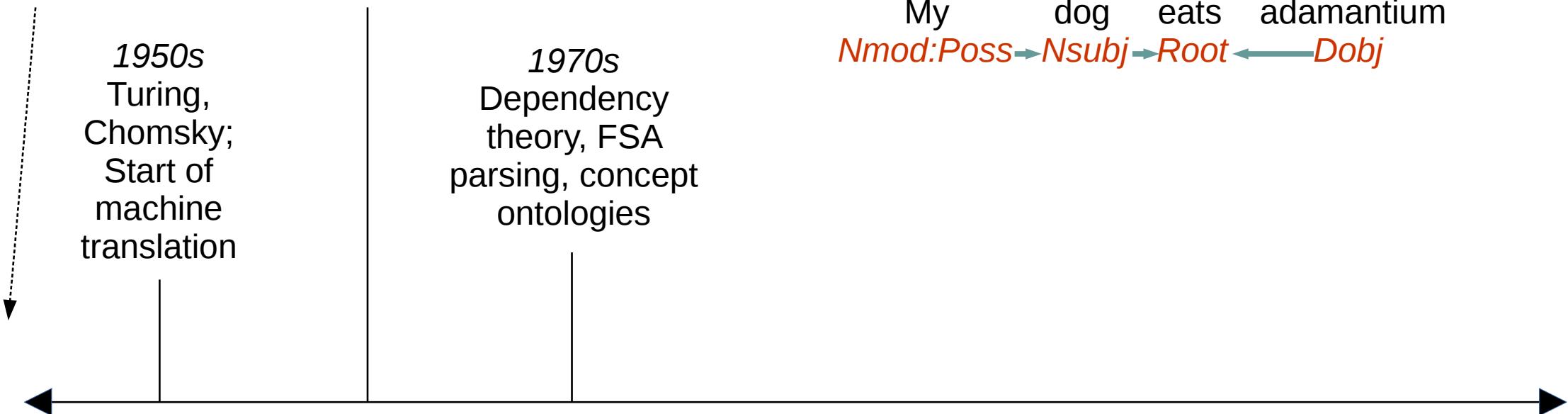
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My dog eats adamantium
Nmod:Poss → *Nsubj* → *Root* ← *Dobj*



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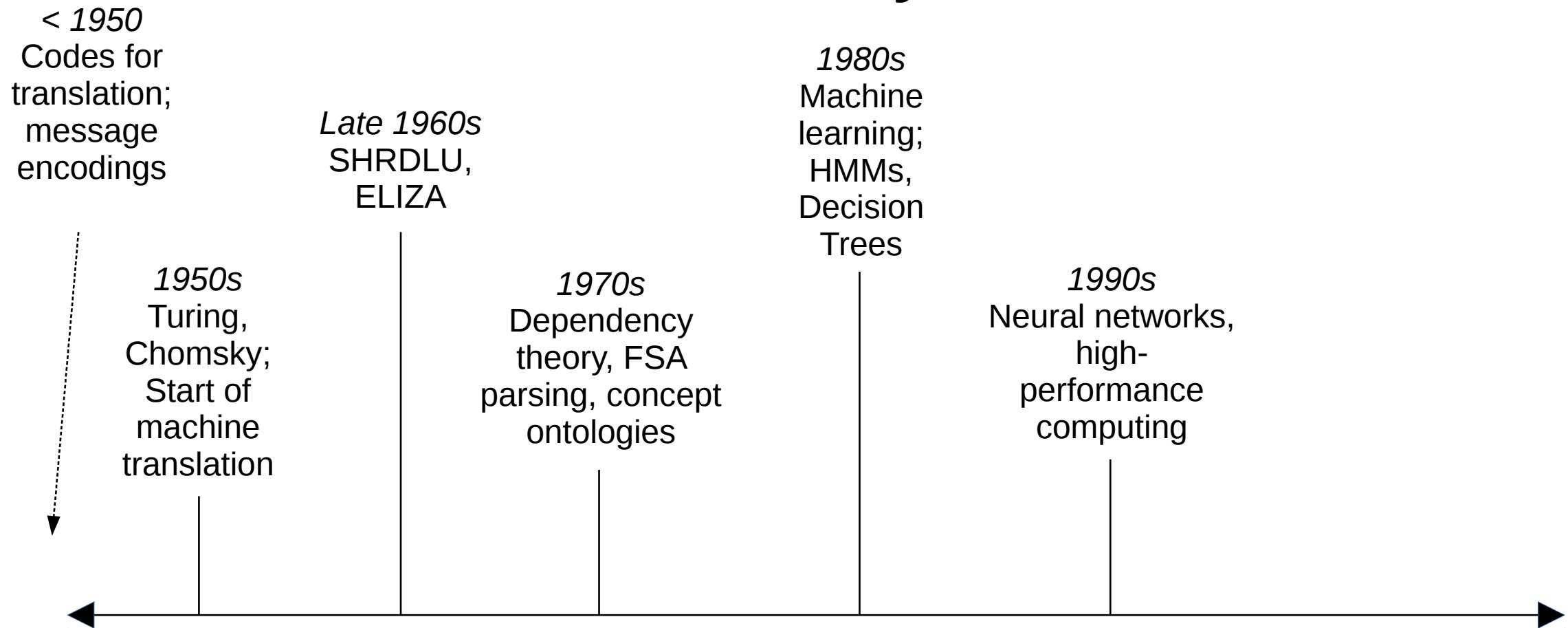
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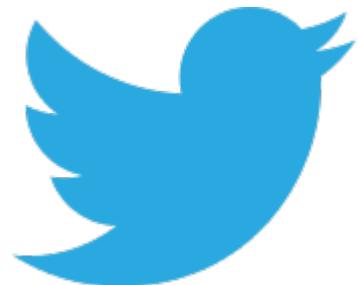
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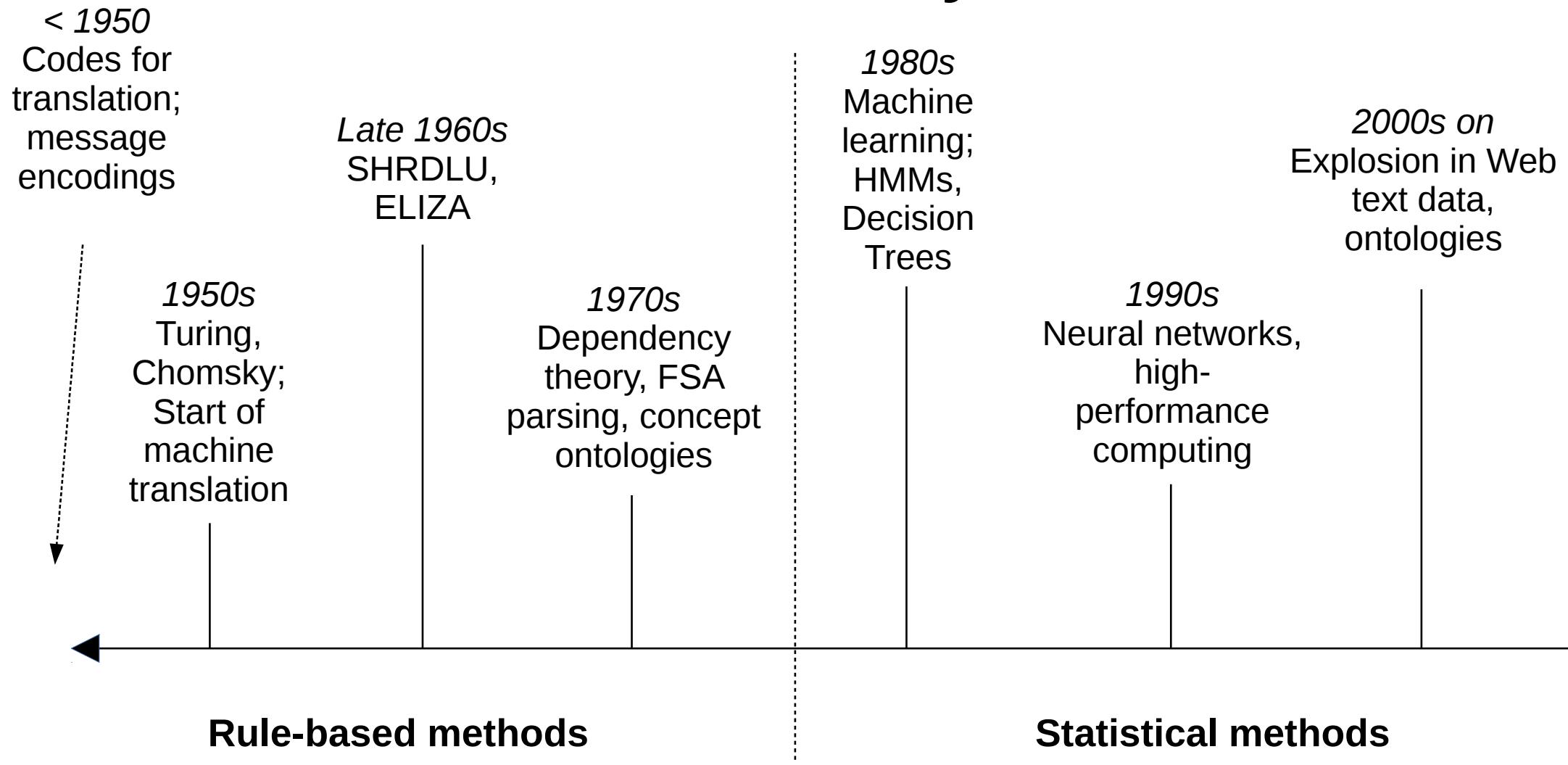
1990s
Neural networks,
high-performance computing



2000s on
Explosion in Web text data,
ontologies



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Rule-Based NLP

- Regular Expressions

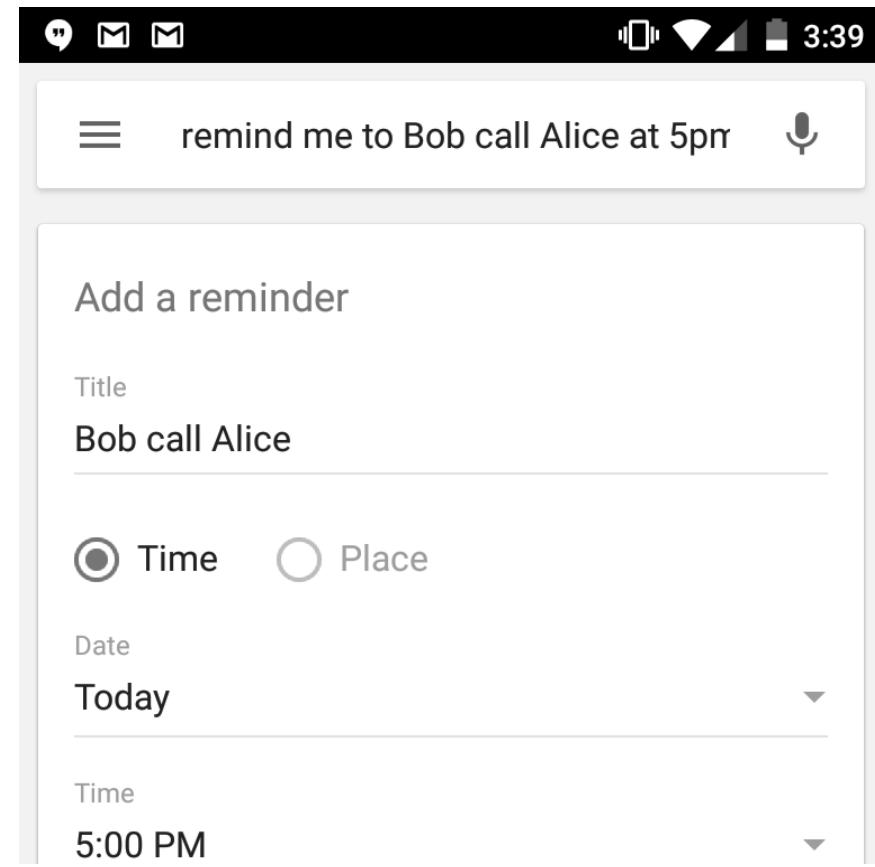
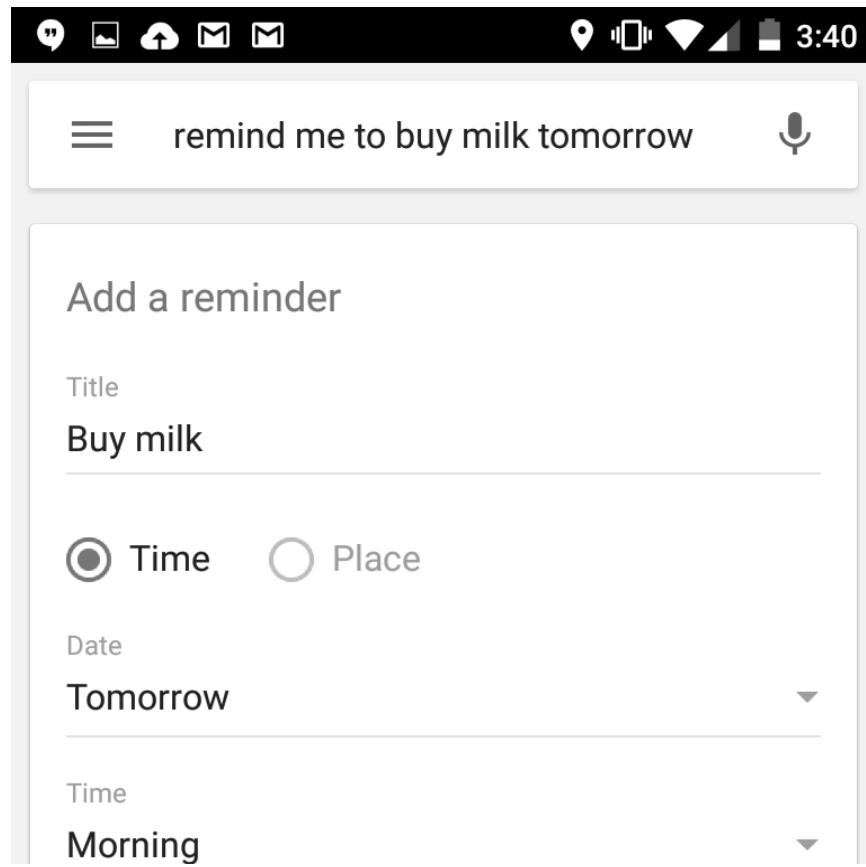
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#####
#      Per cause_of_death
#####

{

    ruletype: "composite",
    pattern: (([{ner:PERSON}]+) /died/ /of|from/ /a/? ([{tag>NN}]+)),
    result: Format("per:cause_of_death(%s,%s)", $1.word, $2.word),
    action: (Annotate($1, kbp, "per"), Annotate($2, kbp, "per_cause_of_death"))
}
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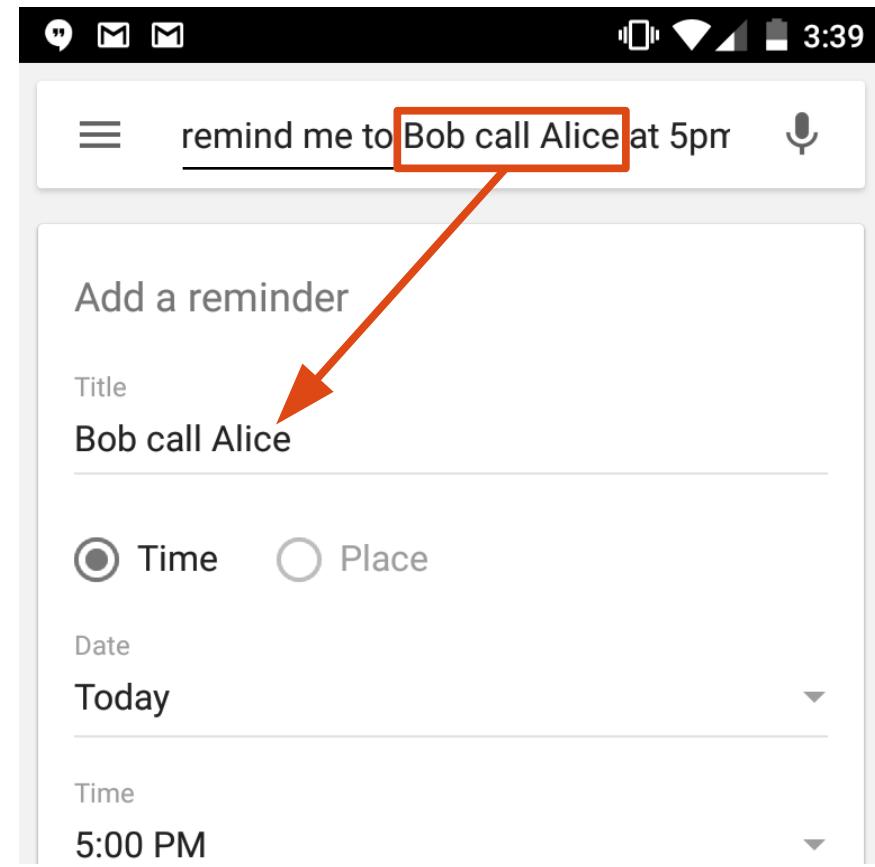
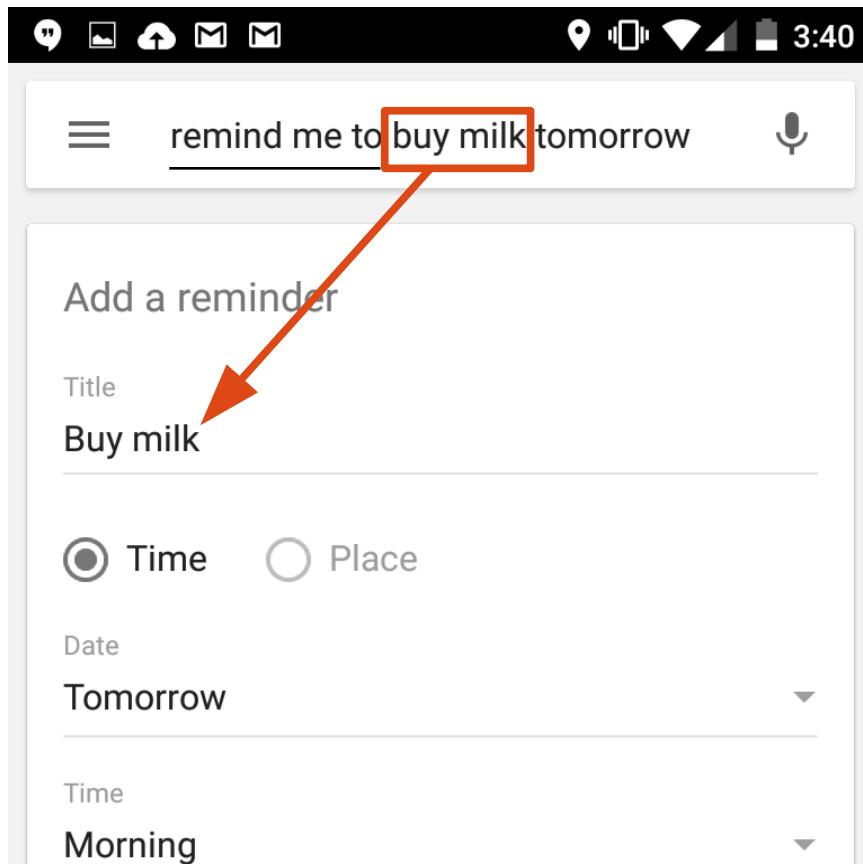
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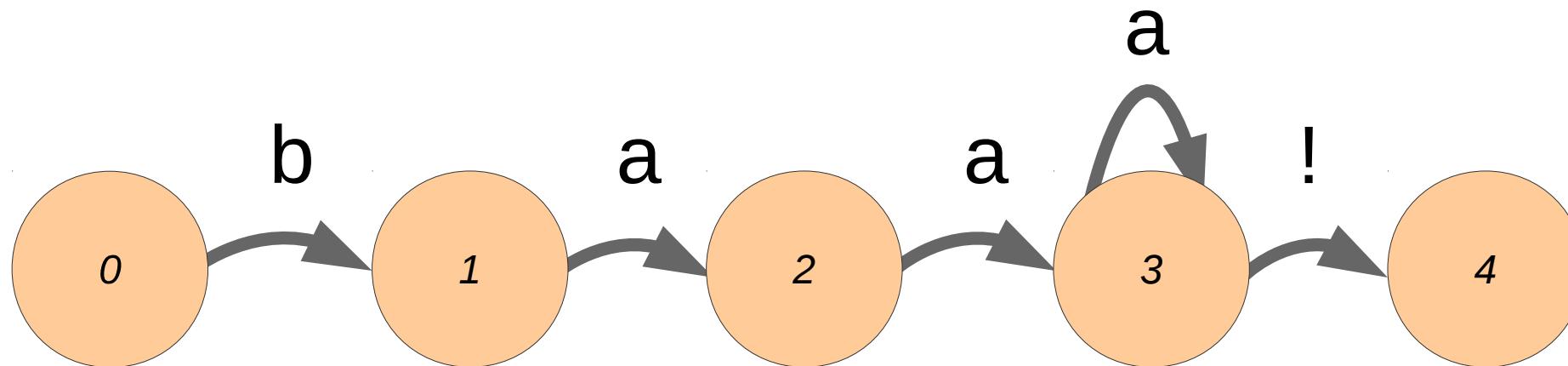
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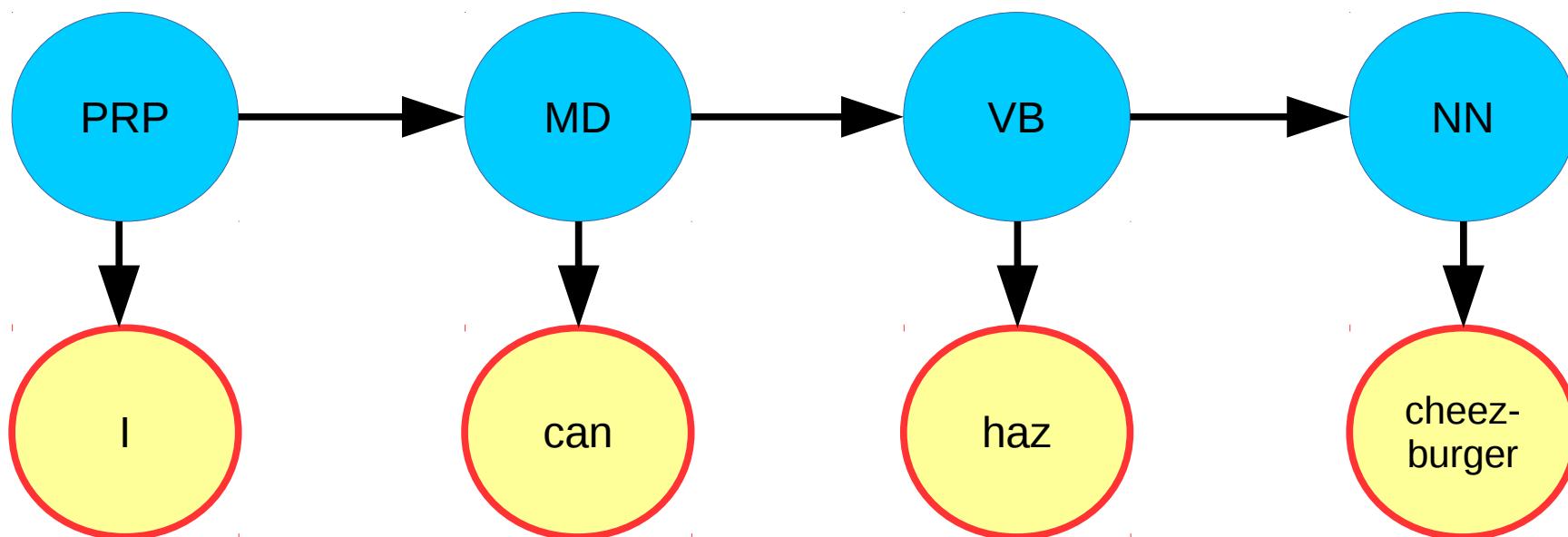
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- Finite State Automata



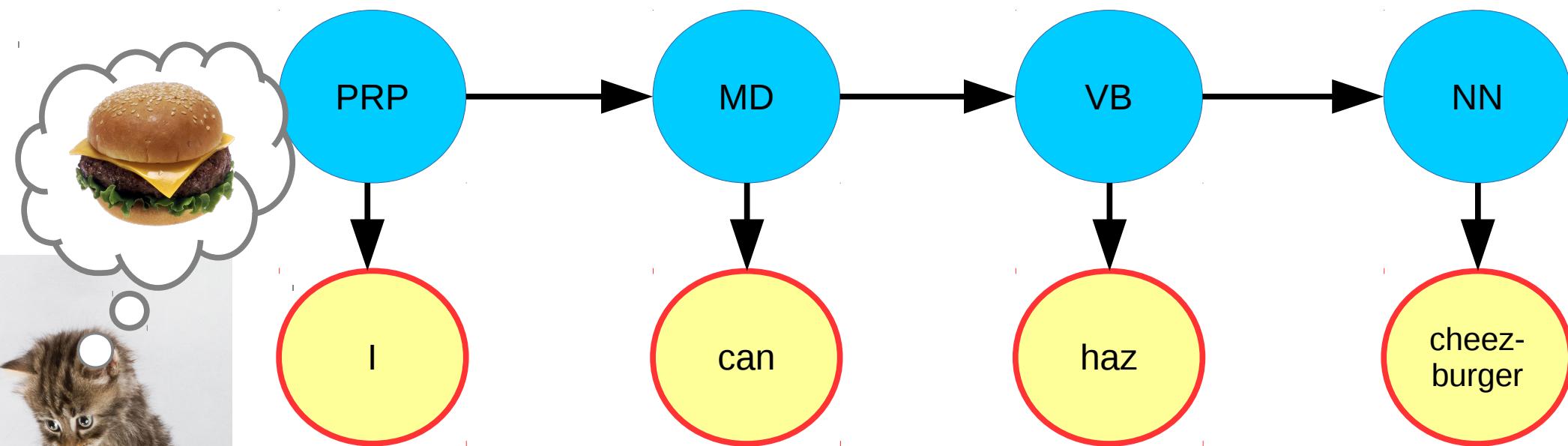
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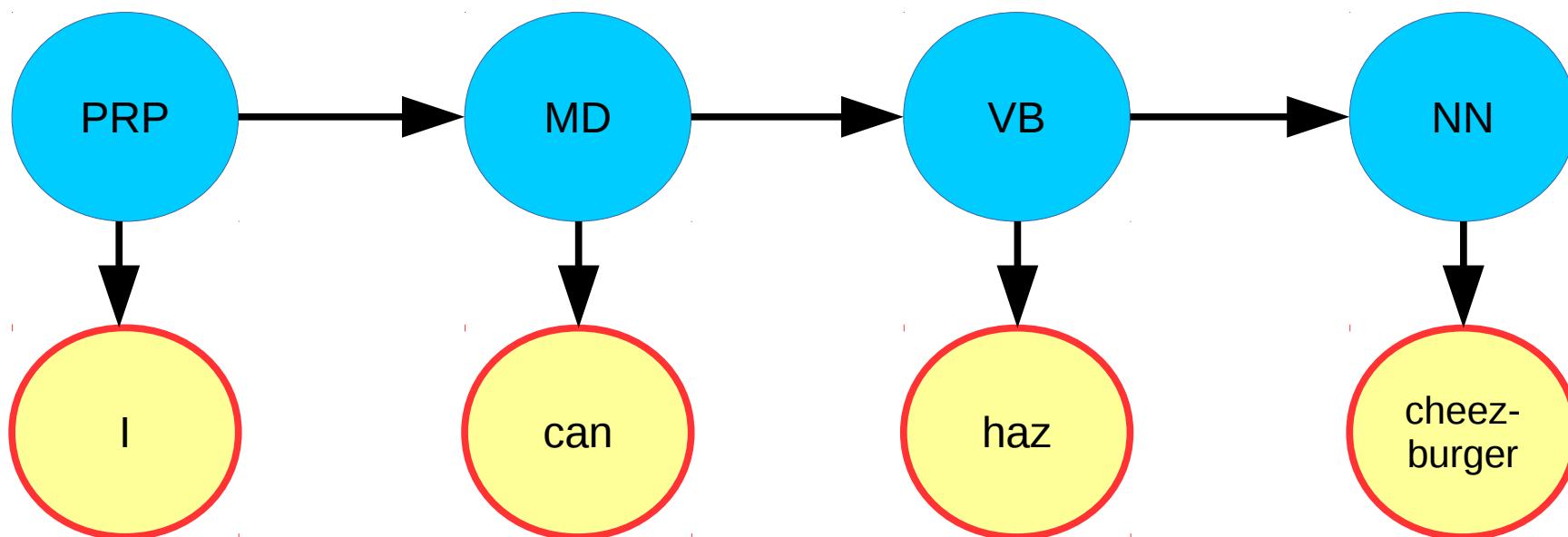
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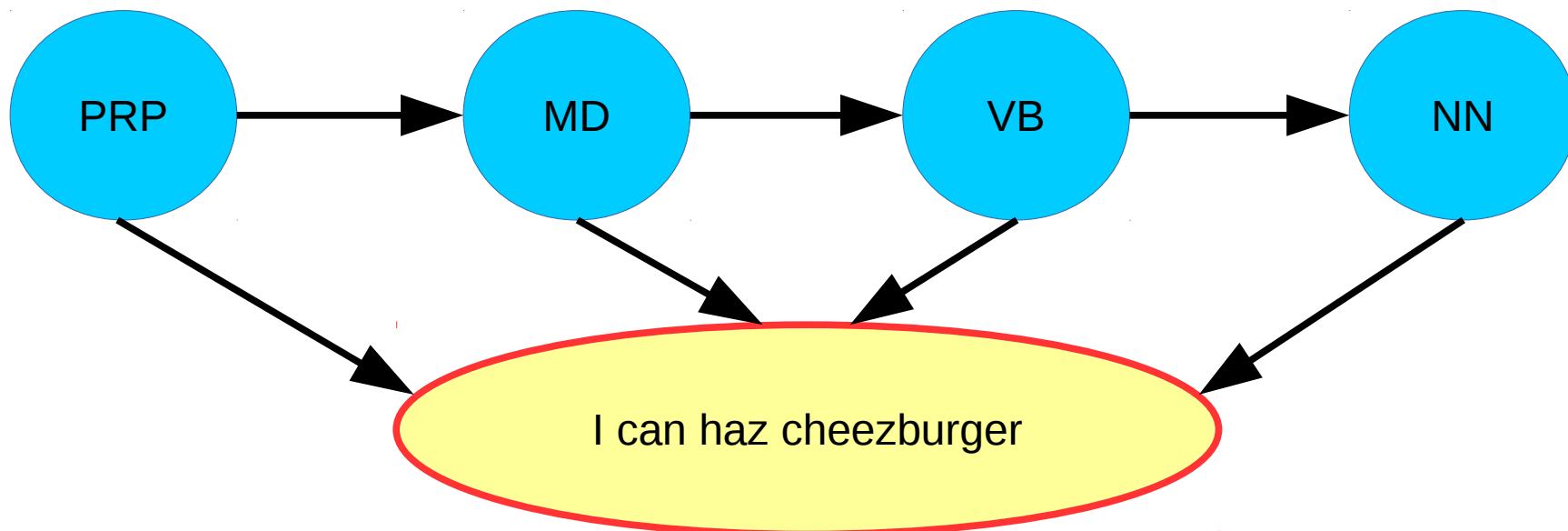
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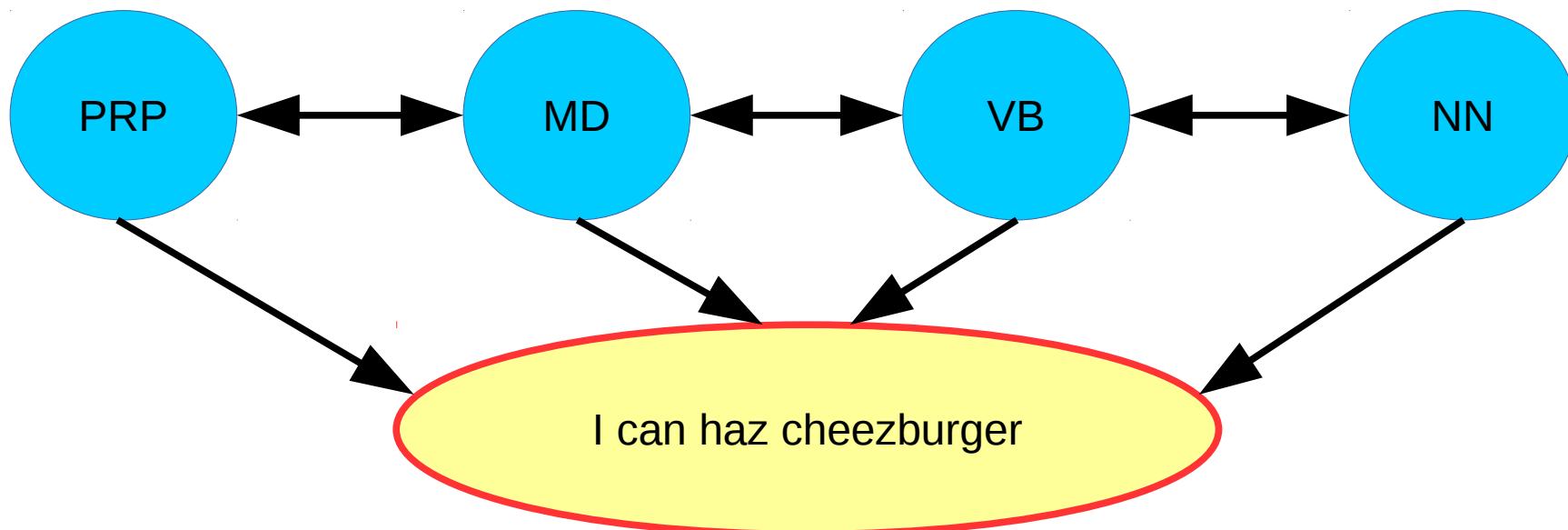
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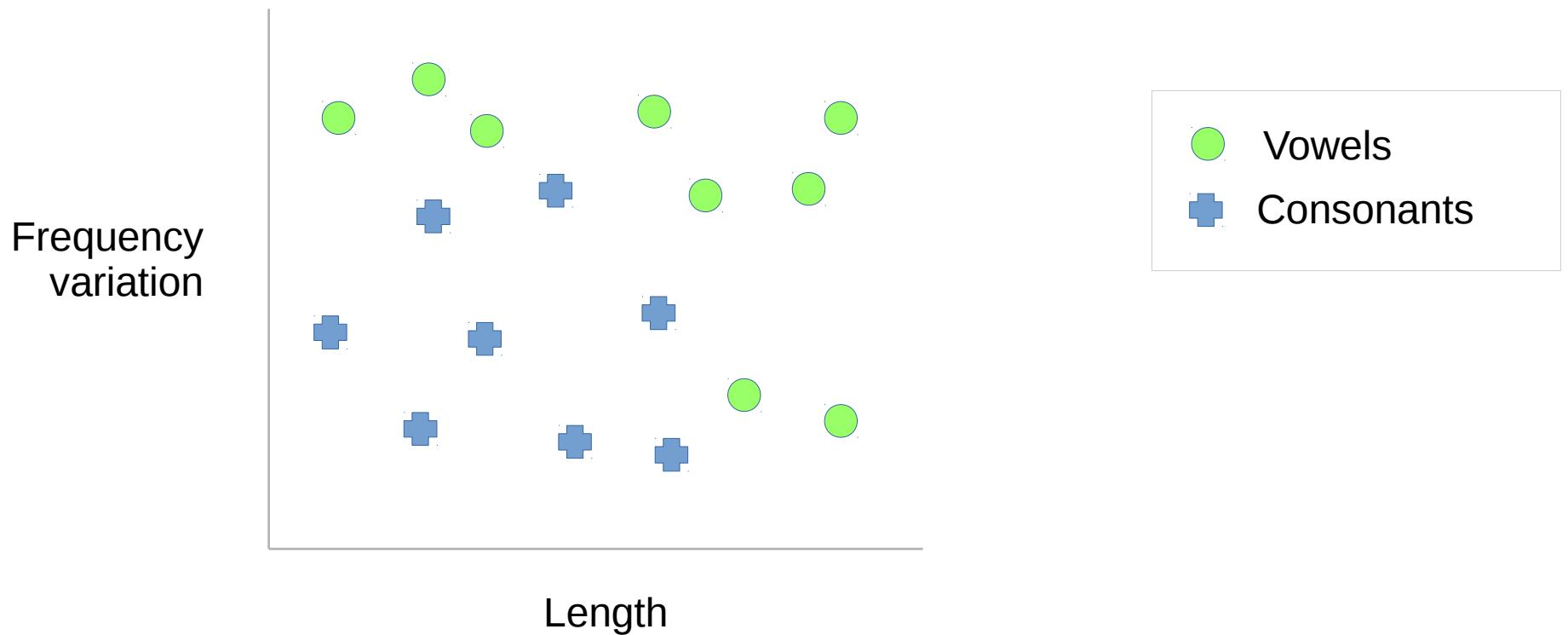
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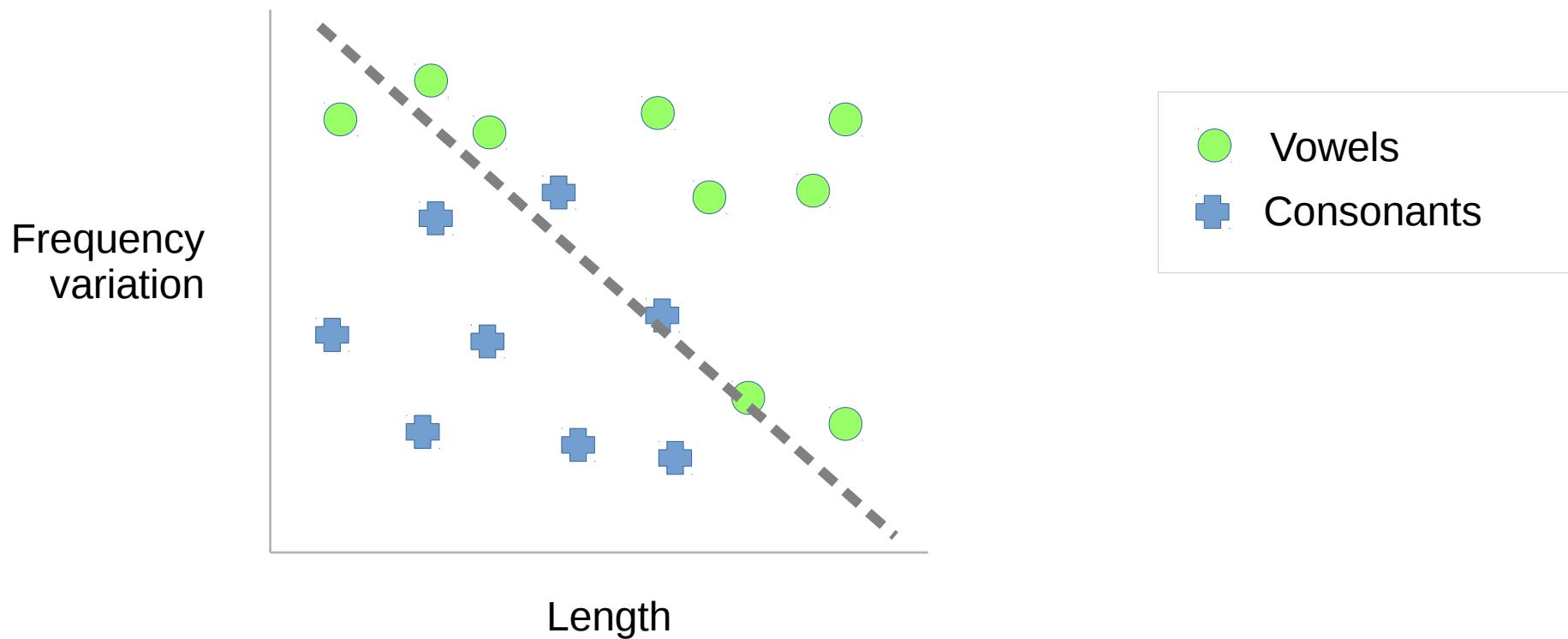
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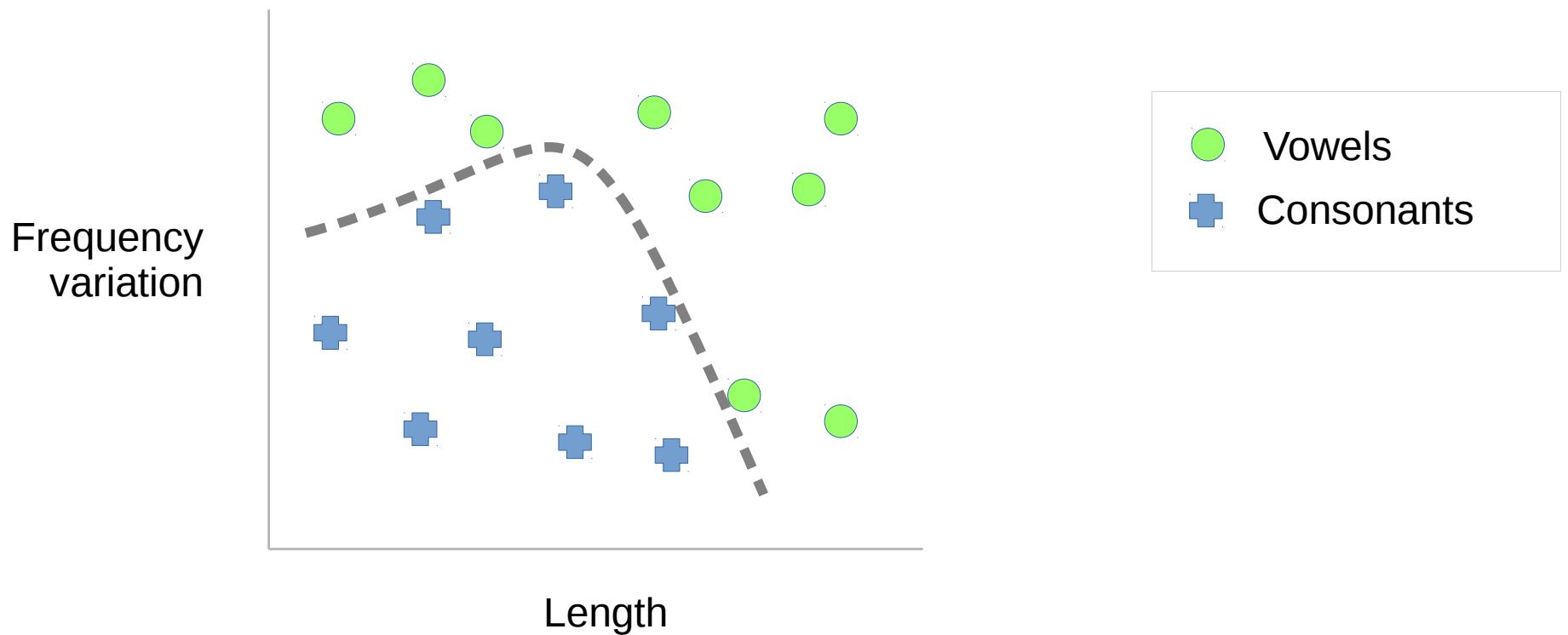
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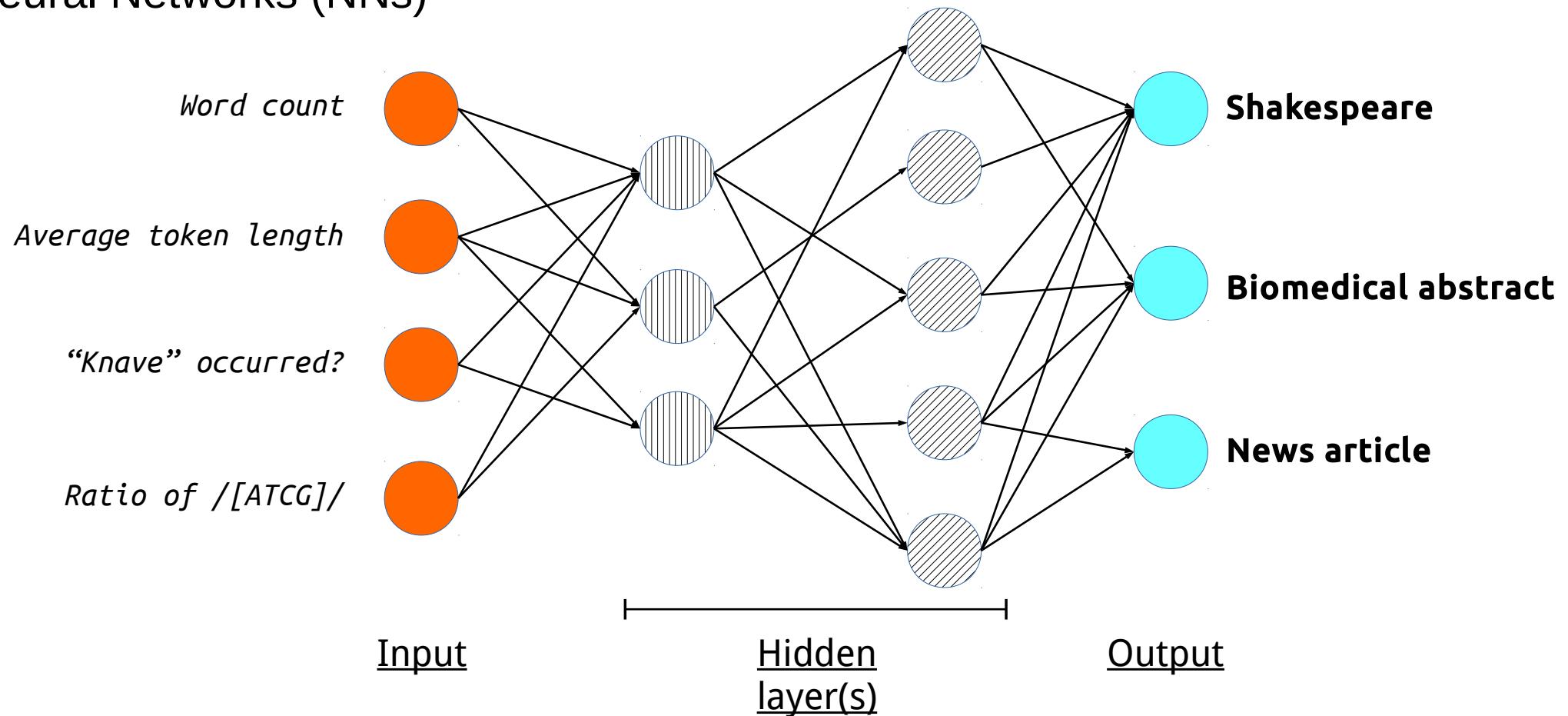
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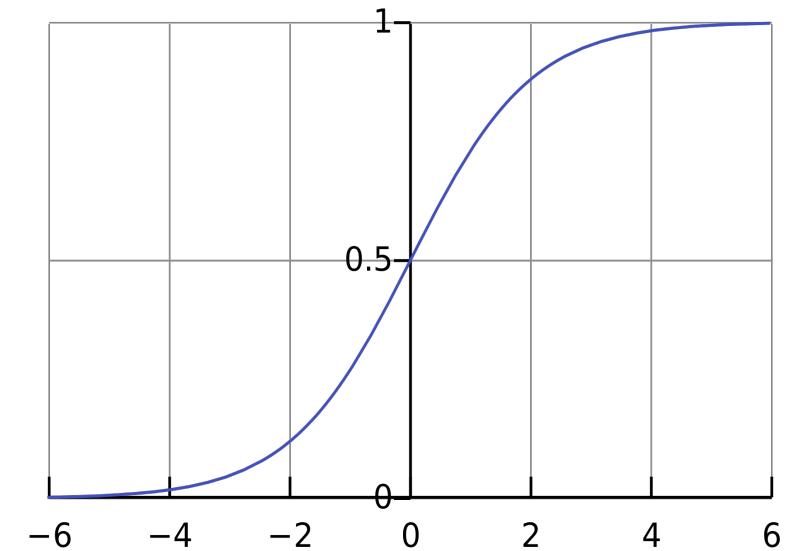
- Neural Networks (NNs)



Statistical NLP

- Other methods: matrix factorization, logistic regression, etc.

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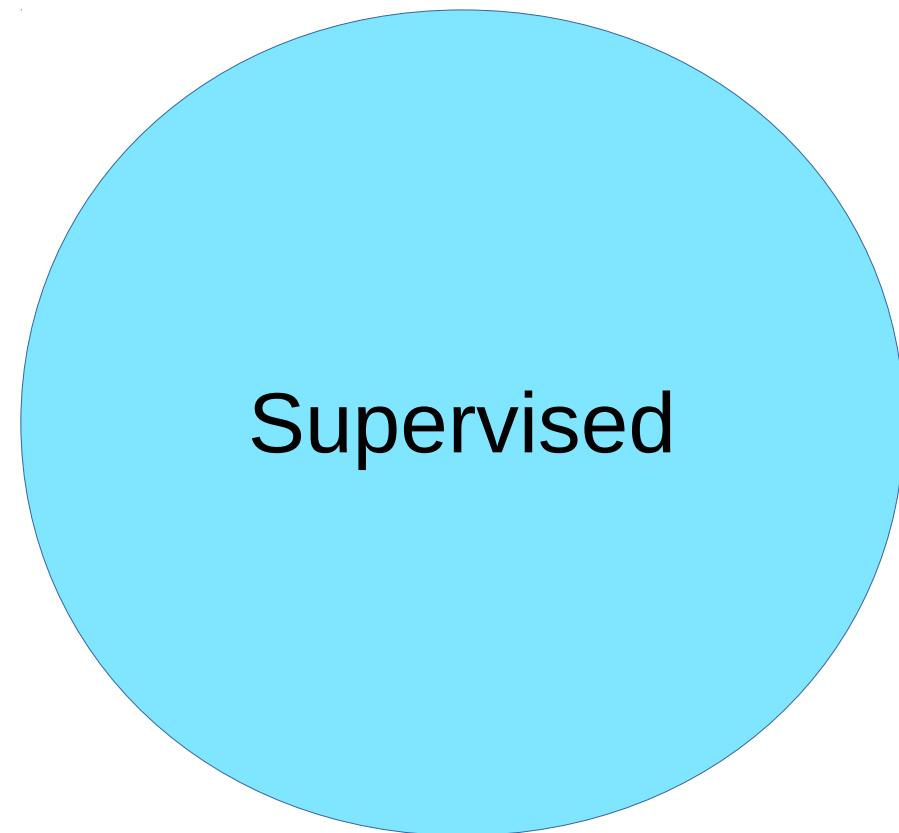
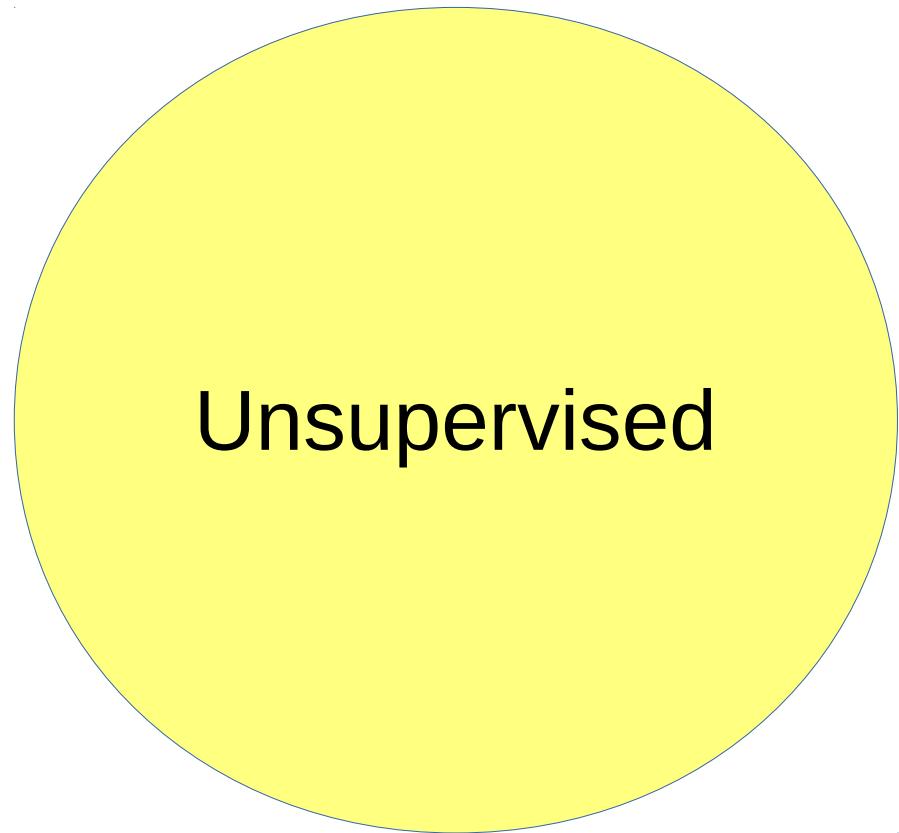
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uses both approaches
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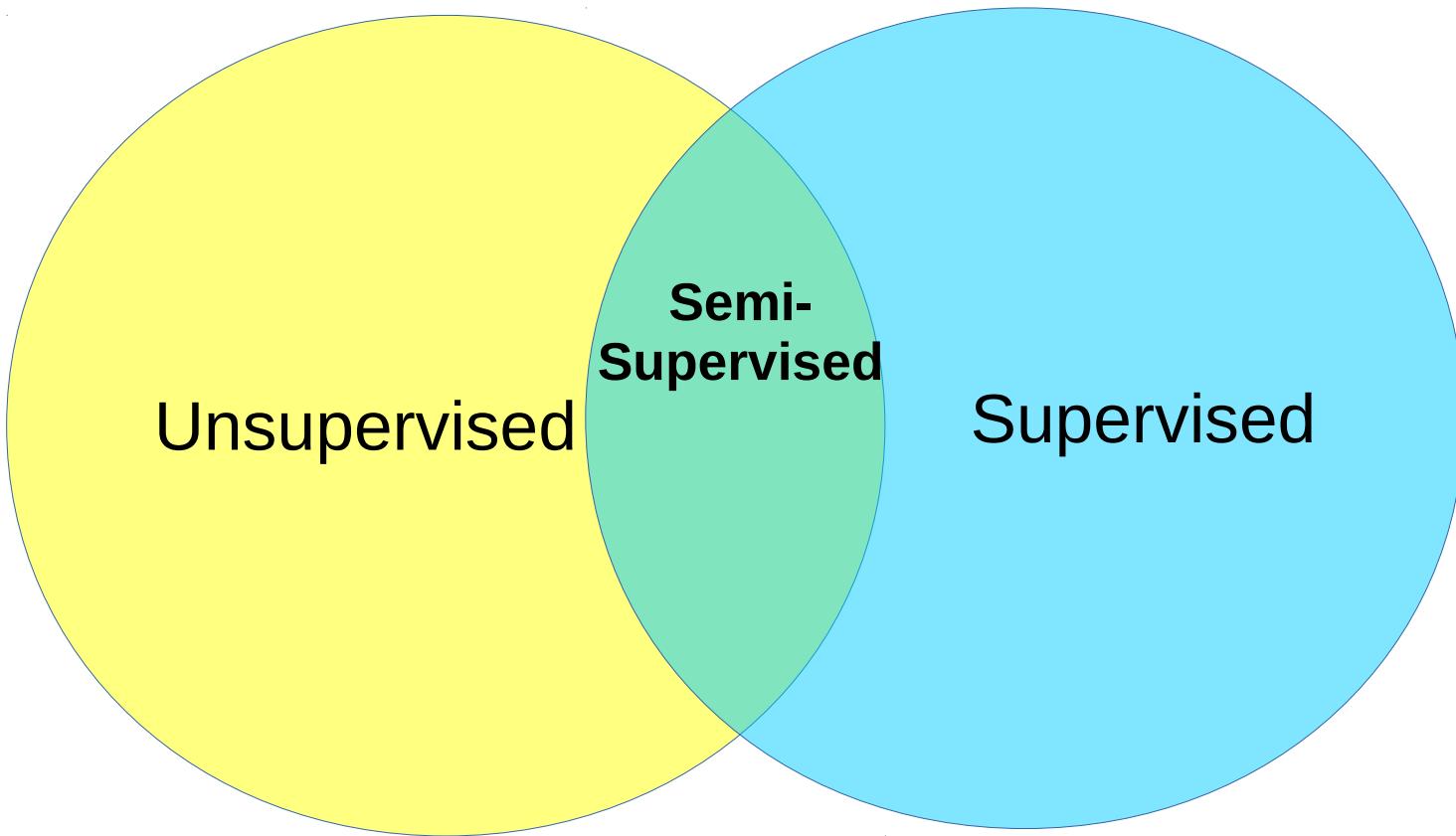
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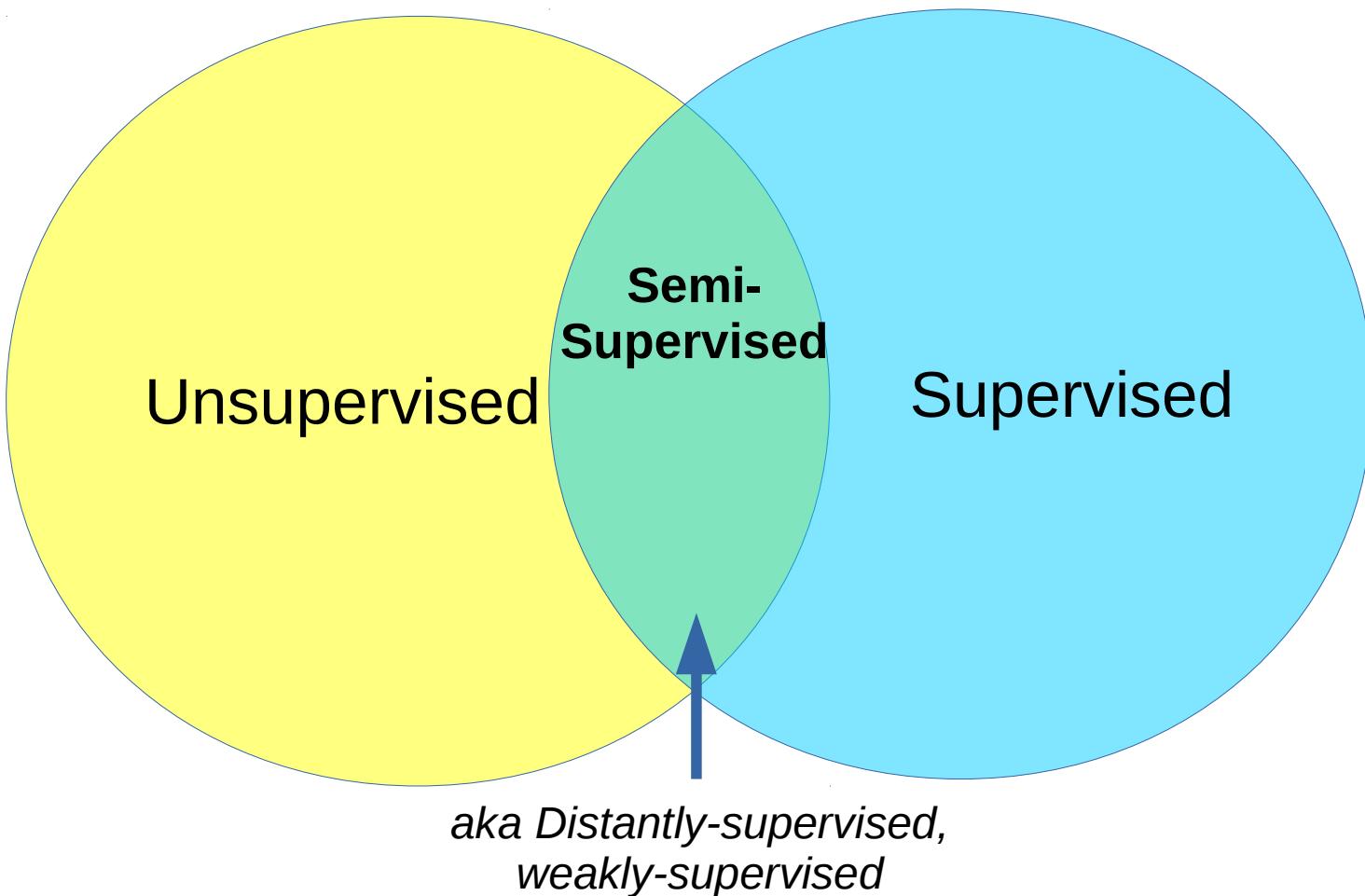
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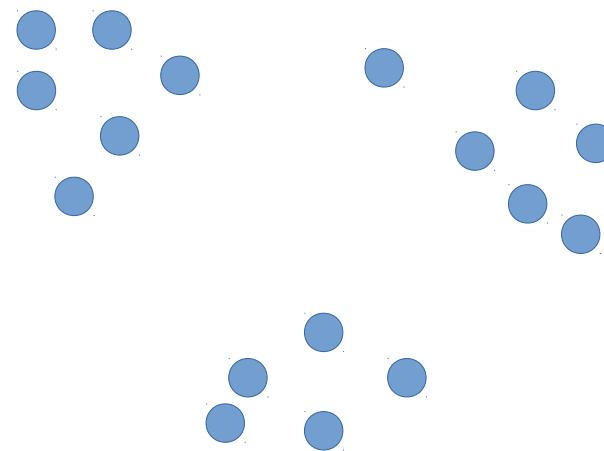


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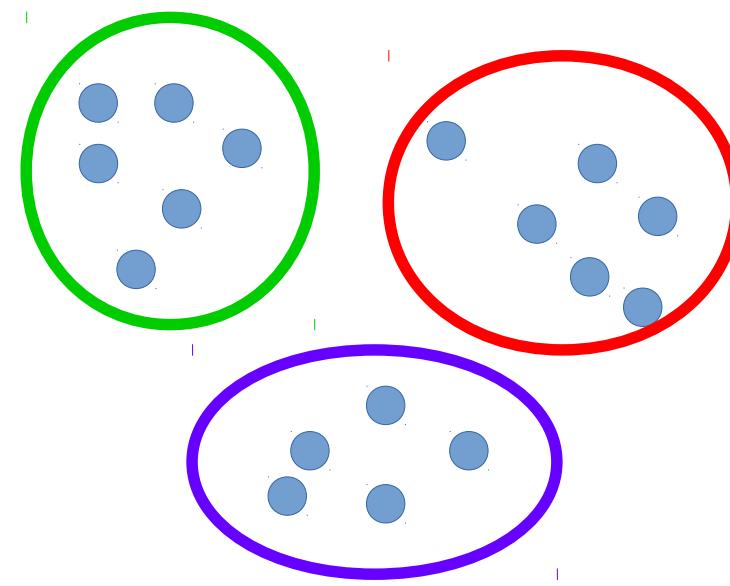
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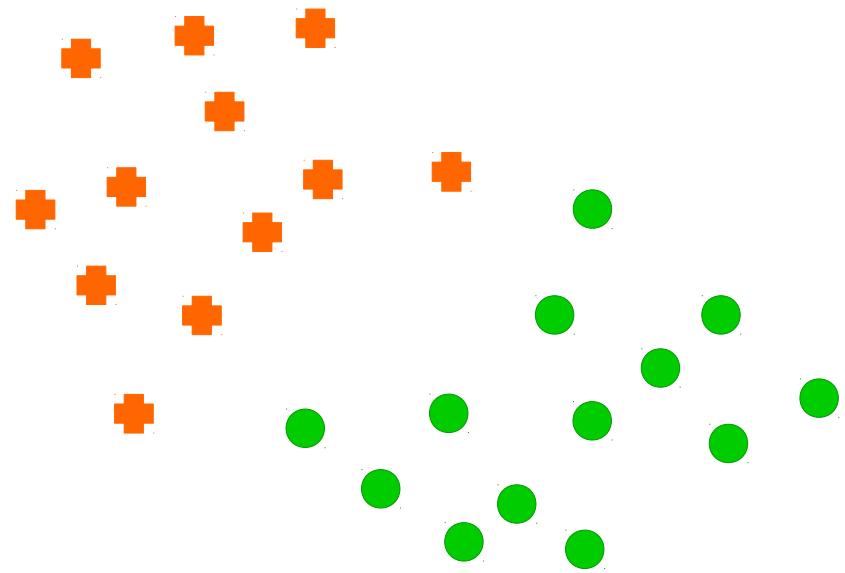


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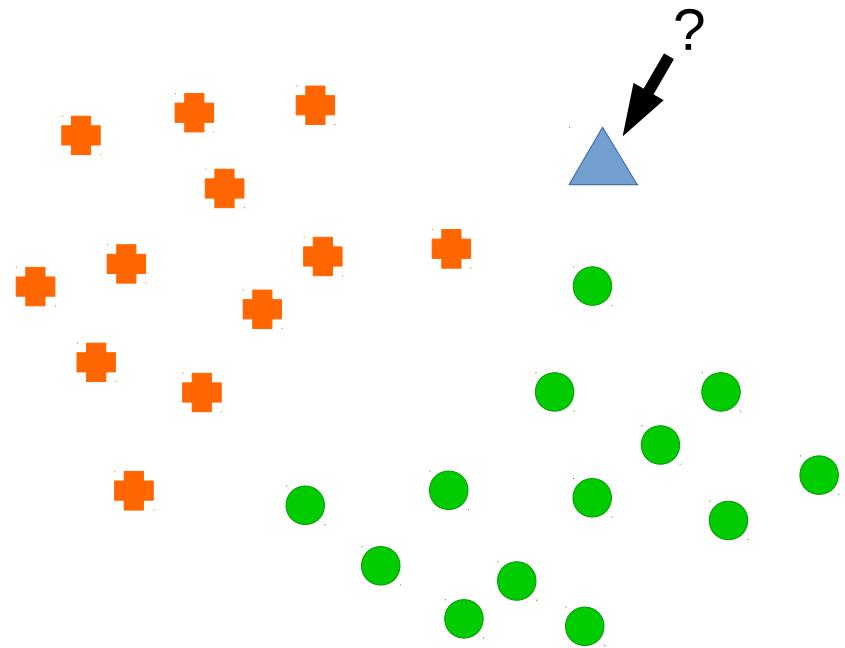


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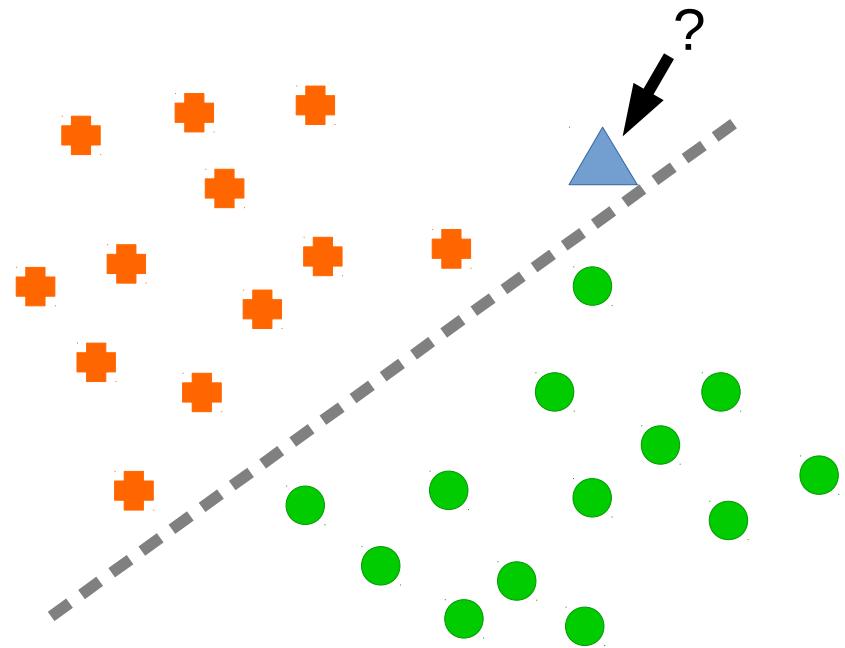
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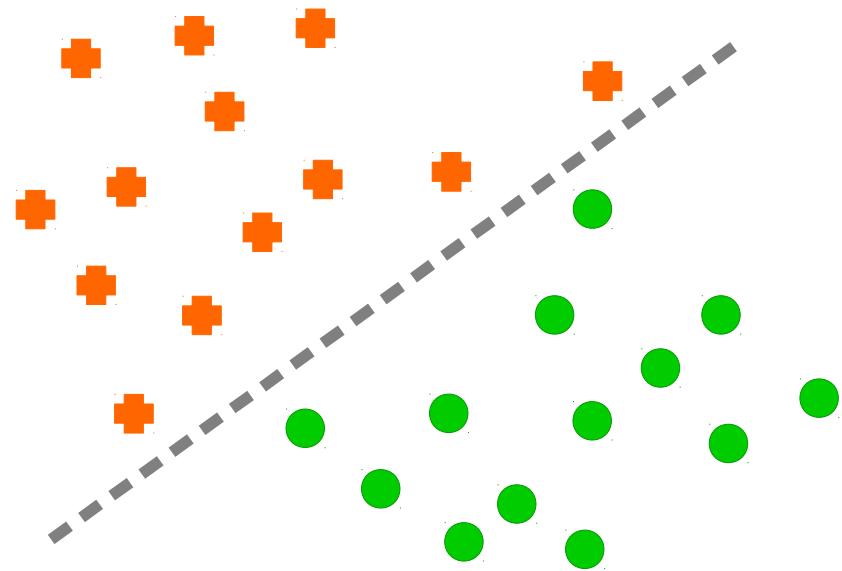
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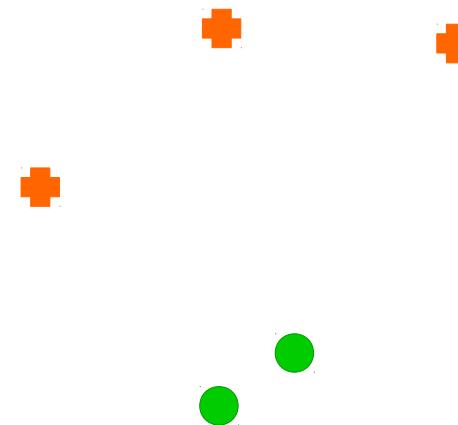
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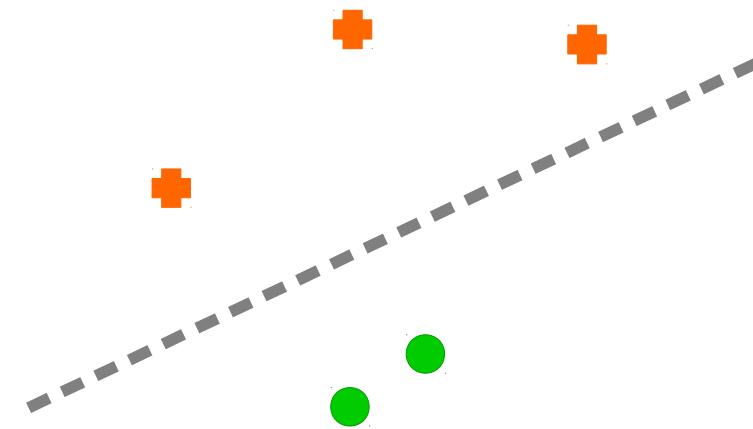
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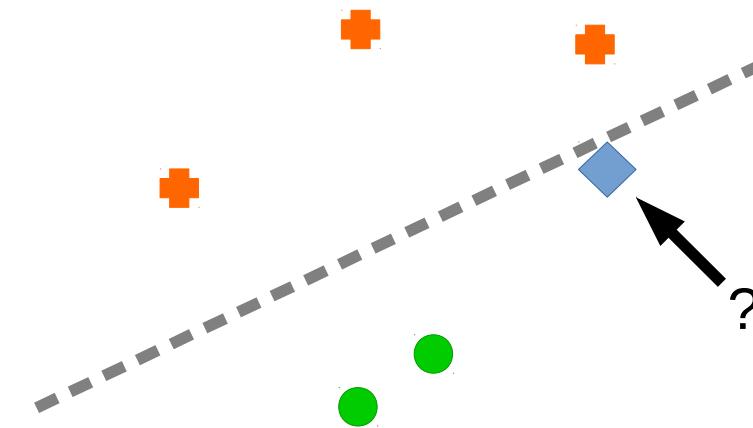
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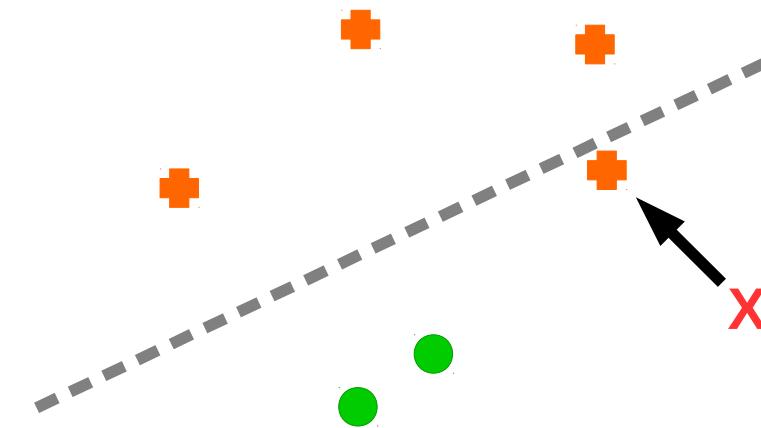
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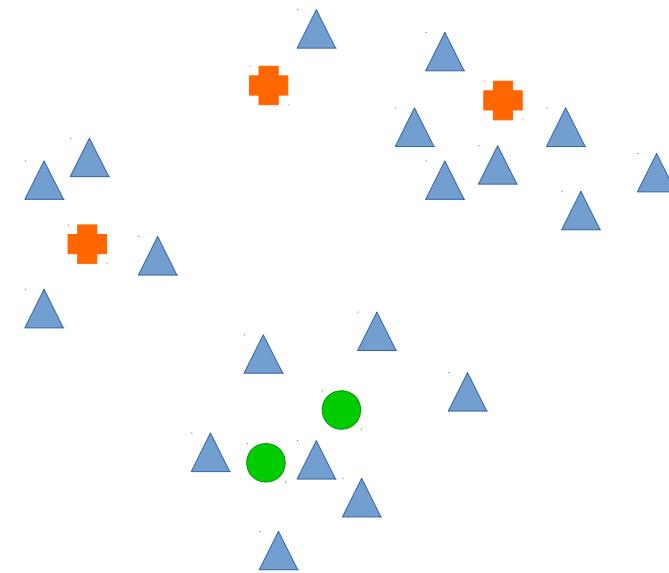
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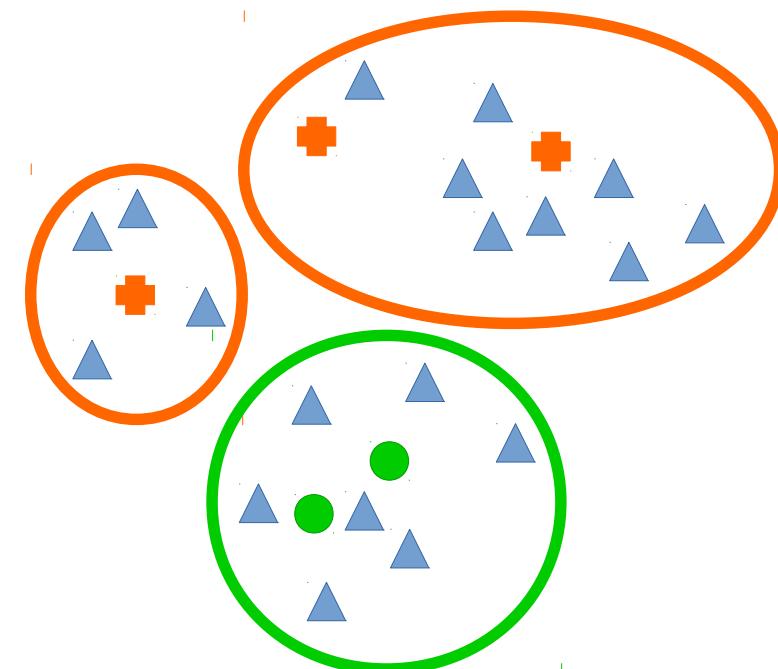
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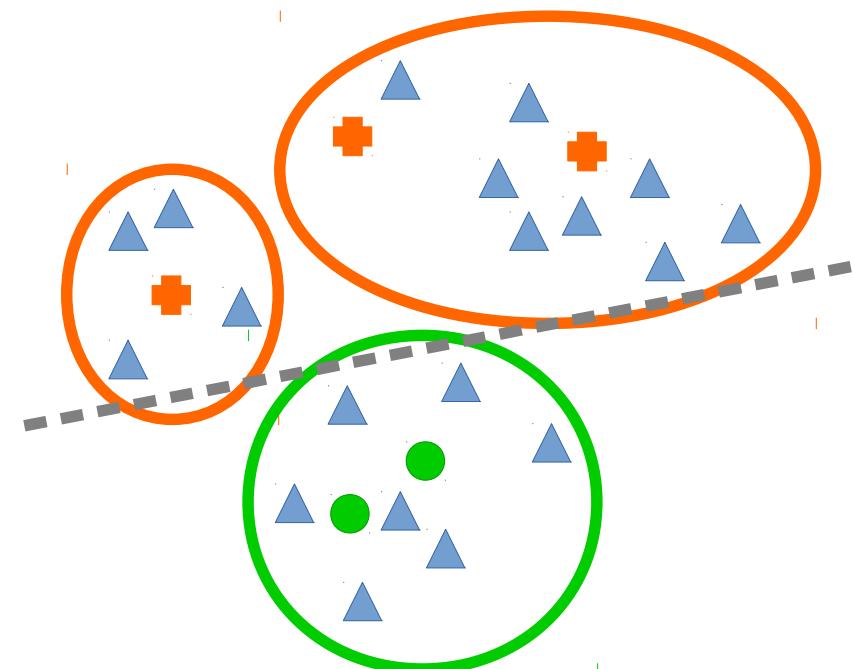
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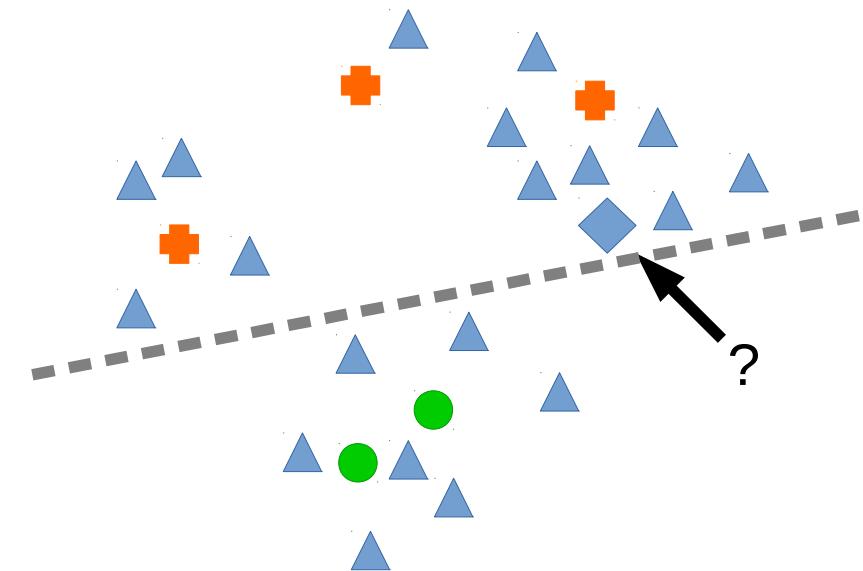
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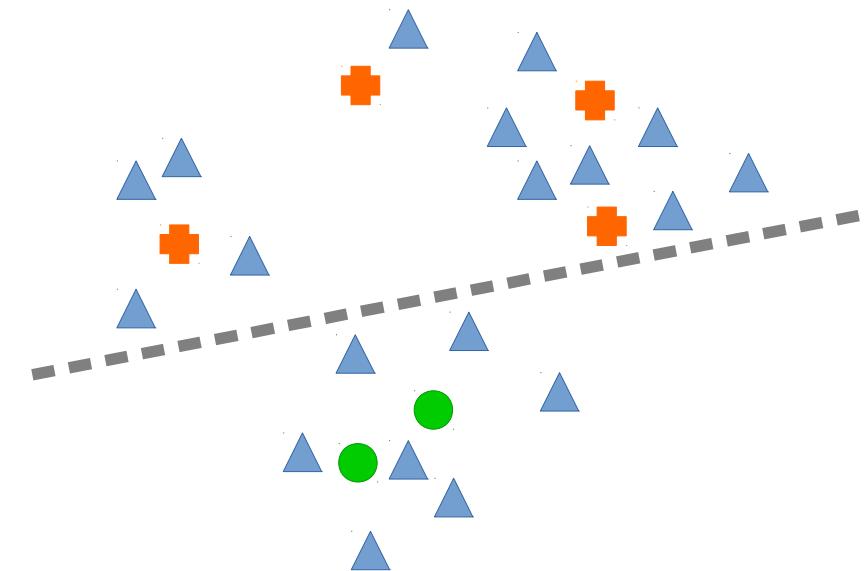
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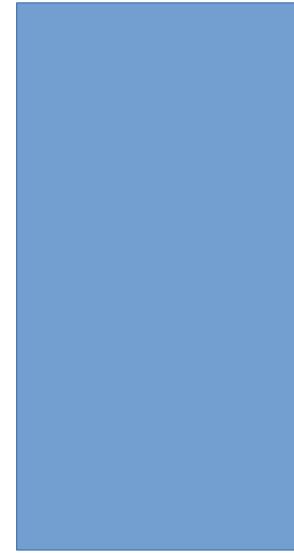
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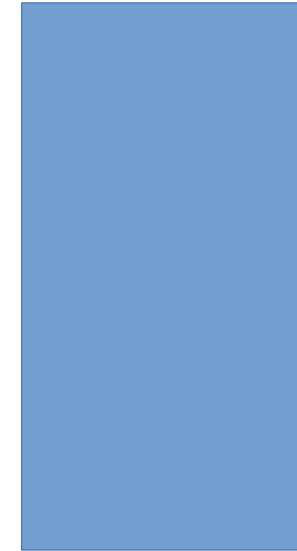
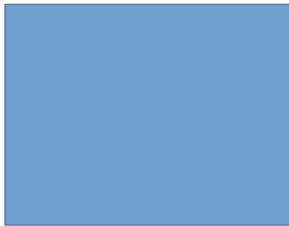


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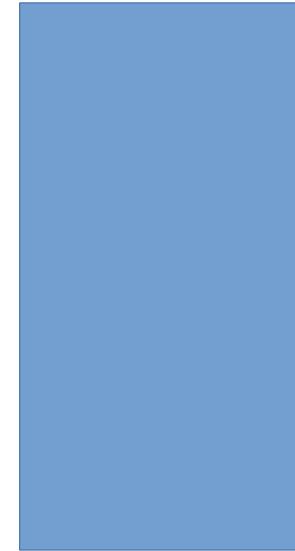
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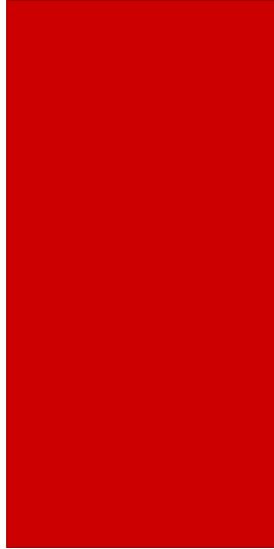
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Classification power

At this point, you may be asking yourself...

At this point, you may be asking yourself...

?

?

?

?

So what do you **do** with all this stuff?

?

?

?

Lots of things!

Machine Translation

Translate 

English Spanish French English - detected ▾  English French Russian ▾ Translate

This translation sucks 

Этот перевод отстой      Wrong?

Etot perevod otstoy

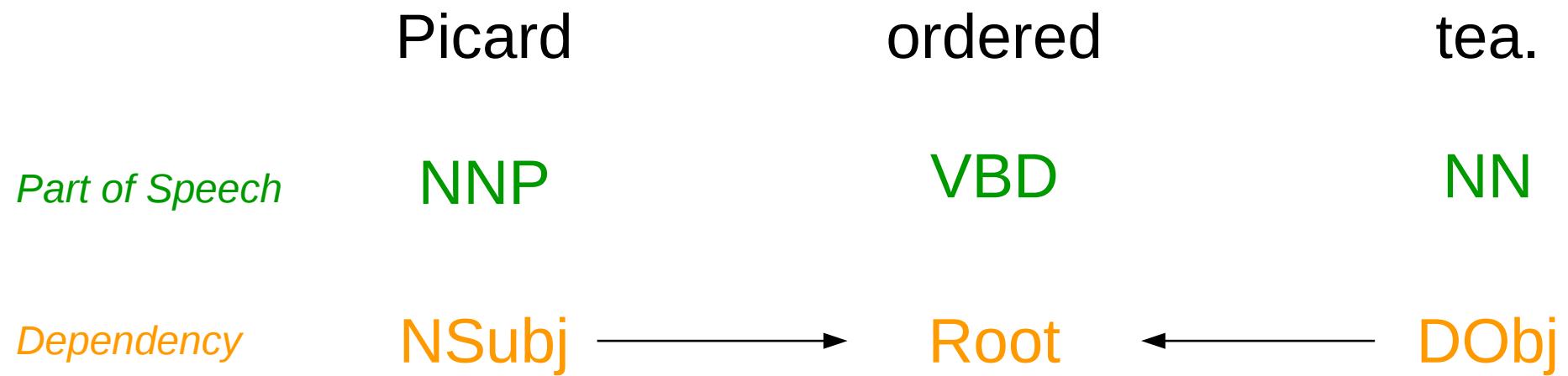
Parsing / Tagging

Picard ordered tea.

Parsing / Tagging

	Picard	ordered	tea.
<i>Part of Speech</i>	NNP	VBD	NN

Parsing / Tagging



Information Extraction

*“Abraham Lincoln was born
February 12, 1809, in Hardin
County, Kentucky...”*

Information Extraction

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Birth Dates

ID	Month	Day	Year
Honest Abe	February	12	1809

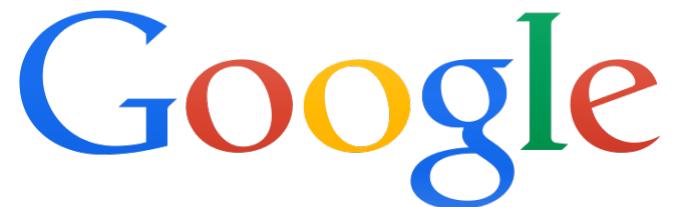
Birth Locations

ID	County	State	Country
Big Lincoln	Hardin	Kentucky	'Murica

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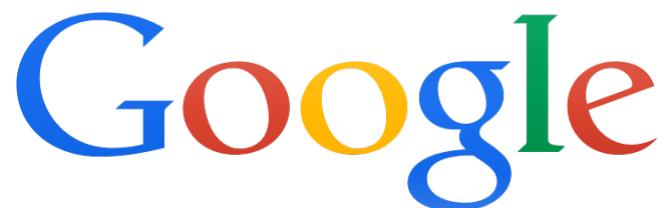
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Bioinformatics

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*Question
Answering*

Who played Malcolm
Reynolds?

Nathan Fillion

Who played Real Madrid
last week?

Barcelona; final score 3-2

Etc., etc., etc.

Etc., etc., etc.

Automatic summarization

Etc., etc., etc.

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**Bacon bacon bacon
bacon pork!**

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Sentiment analysis

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Sentiment analysis



Life is meh, but donatos is
awesummmmm



Jay-Z is great, 'Ye sucks!

*Not actual tweets

Etc., etc., etc.

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Sentiment analysis

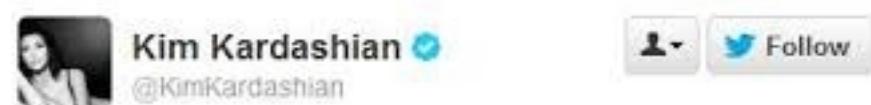


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Discourse analysis

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Automatic summarization

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Sentiment analysis

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Discourse analysis

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User Goals

<i>Turn</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Cheap?</i>
1	Chinese	???	???
2	Chinese	South	Yes
3	Thai	South	Yes

Etc., etc., etc.

Automatic summarization

Sentiment analysis

Discourse analysis

Segmentation

Etc., etc., etc.

Phonemes

U|n|b|r|ea|k|a|b|le

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Un|break|able

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Etc., etc., etc.

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Discourse analysis

Words

Segmentation

may|the|force|be|with|you



May the force be with you

Etc., etc., etc.

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Morphemes

Un|break|able

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may|the|force|be|with|you



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Morphemes

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Topics

...who I met at a
Trek convention.

As for Star Wars...

Words

maythe|force|be|with|you



May the force be with you

Etc., etc., etc.

Automatic summarization

Sentiment analysis

Discourse analysis

Segmentation

Disambiguation and reference

Etc., etc., etc.

Word sense disambiguation

After I put him in [check]¹, he wrote
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Automatic summarization

Coreference resolution

Sentiment analysis

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Discourse analysis

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Discourse analysis

Segmentation

Named entity recognition

Disambiguation and reference

[Bugs Bunny]_{Person} bought 50% of
[Acme Corp.]_{Company} in [2004]_{Year}.

Etc., etc., etc.

Automatic summarization

Sentiment analysis

Discourse analysis

Segmentation

Disambiguation and reference

And many more!

How can I get in on this?

NLP Toolkits

<i>Toolkit</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Website</i>
Apache OpenNLP	Java	https://opennlp.apache.org
General-purpose NLP toolkit; tends to use older models, but under Apache license.		
Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)	Python	http://www.nltk.org/
Standard NLP option for Python; easy to pick up and play with, and includes several common corpora.		
Mallet	Java	http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/
More technical toolkit, focused on current, high-complexity models.		
LingPipe	Java	http://alias-i.com/lingpipe/
Another general-purpose NLP toolkit; offers industry licensing option.		
Stanford CoreNLP	Java	http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/corenlp.shtml
Standard tools in academia, tends towards cutting edge models. Low ease-of-use, and academic licensing restrictions.		
Alchemy API	Cloud API	http://www.alchemyapi.com/
Fanciest industry option (owned by IBM). Offers NLP, vision, other ML resources.		

Other Resources



Speech Recognition Toolkit - <http://kaldi-asr.org/>



<http://www.signalprocessingociety.org/>



Association for Computational Linguistics

<http://aclweb.org/>

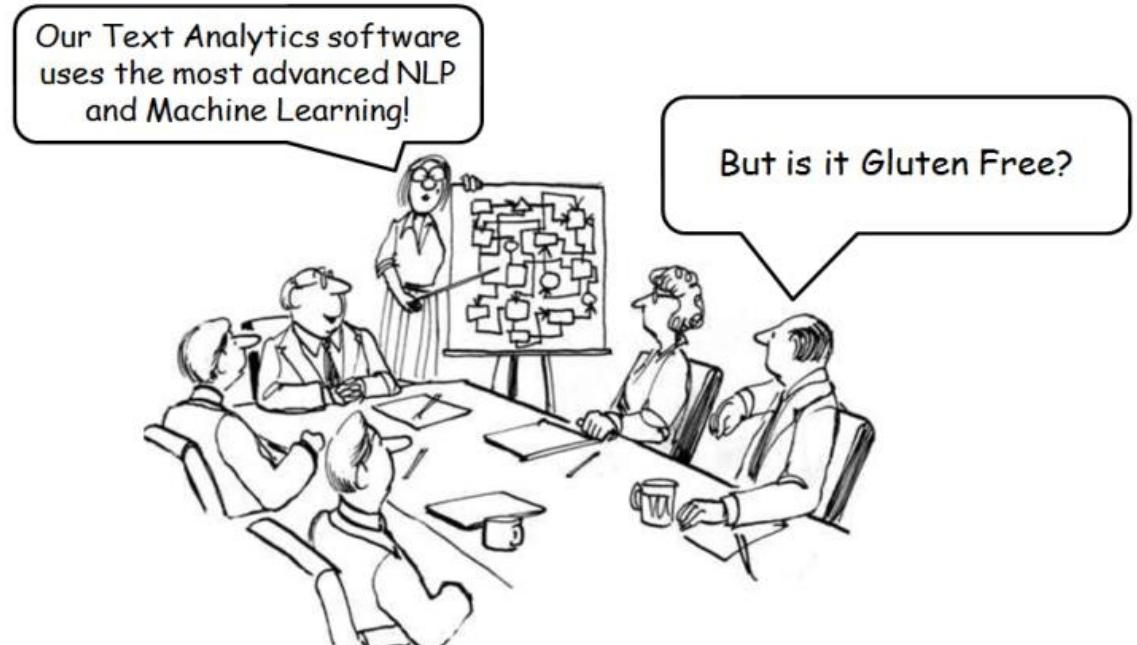
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Always Counter Buzz Words with Buzz Words

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