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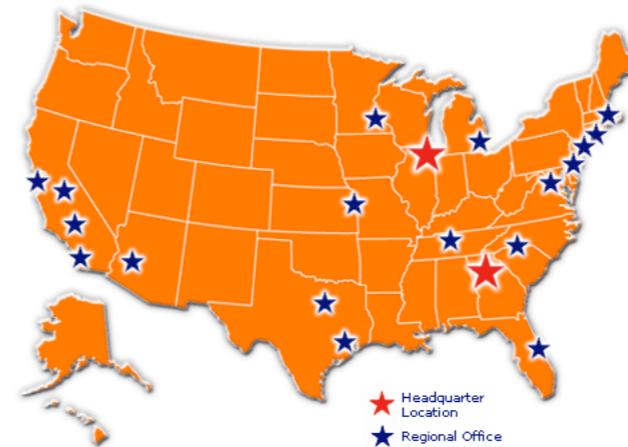
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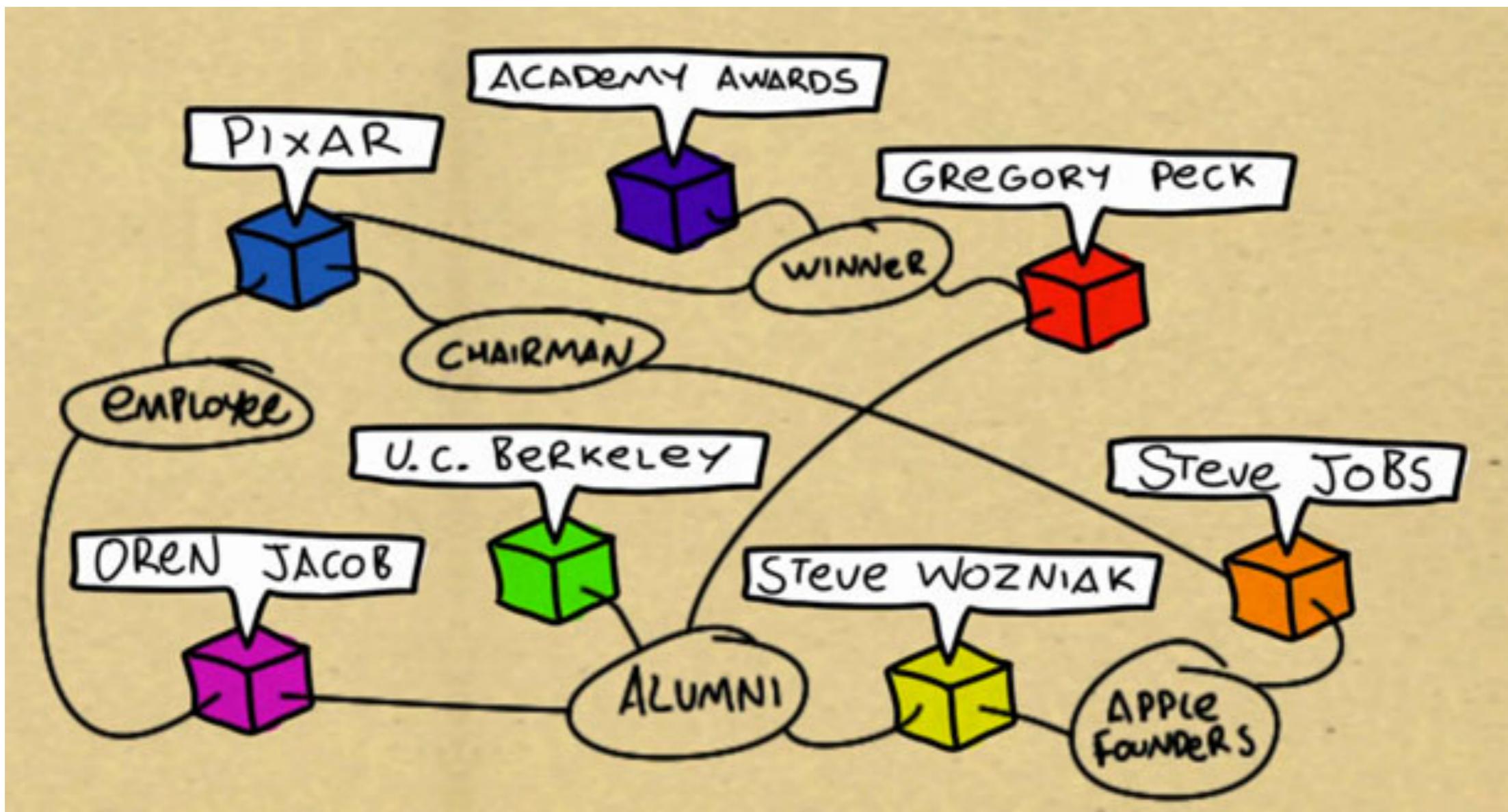
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  - “A thing with a distinct and independent existence”
- Properties:
  - ID
  - Name(s)
  - Type(s)
  - Attributes (/Descriptions)
  - Relationships to other entities

# What is an entity?



# Entity Linking

## Iranian POW negotiator holds talks with Iraqi ministers

The head of [Iran's prisoner of war](#) commission met with two [Iraqi](#) Cabinet ministers Saturday in a bid to glean information about thousands of Iranian POWs allegedly in Iraq, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

Iraqi Foreign Minister [Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf](#) told Abdullah al-Najafi that the two states needed to ``speed up the closure of what remains from the POW and Missing-In-Action file," INA said.

The issue of POWs and missing persons remains a stumbling block to normalizing relations between the two neighbors.

Iraq has long maintained that it has released all Iranian prisoners captured in the [1980-88 Iran-Iraq War](#). The countries accuse each other of hiding POWs and preventing visits by the [International Committee of the Red Cross](#) to prisoner camps.

The ICRC representative in [Baghdad](#), Manuel Bessler, told [The Associated Press](#) that his organization has had difficulty visiting POWs on both sides on a regular basis.

In April, Iran released 5,584 since [1990](#).

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# **Entity Linking**

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From the perspective of quantum statistical mechanics, several degenerate states at the same level are all equally probable of being filled.

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## Mathematics

The term comes from the fact that, for a point spectrum Hamiltonian  $H$ , degenerate eigenstates correspond to identical eigenvalues. Since eigenvalues correspond to roots of the characteristic polynomial, the word degeneracy here has the same meaning as the common mathematical usage of the word.

The eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is called nondegenerate (or simple) when its corresponding eigenvector is unique up to a constant factor, or, the same, the corresponding eigenspace is one-dimensional.

Indeed, the eigenspace  $\{\psi : H|\psi\rangle = \lambda|\psi\rangle\}$  (in bra-ket notation) is not necessarily one-dimensional. If there exist at least two linearly independent ket-vectors in it, then this eigenvalue is called degenerate. Its degree of degeneracy is then the dimension of the eigenspace, which is the same as the number of distinct (linearly independent) quantum states associated with it.

## Examples

In atomic physics, electron's energy levels are often degenerate, where different possible occupation states for particles may be related by symmetry. For example, in the hydrogen atom, for a given principal quantum number  $n$ , there exist several states which have that energy, but differ in the eigenvalues of angular momentum  $L^2$ , spin component  $S_z$  and so on. The eigenvalue of an operator which is zero for all degenerate states is called a quantum number.

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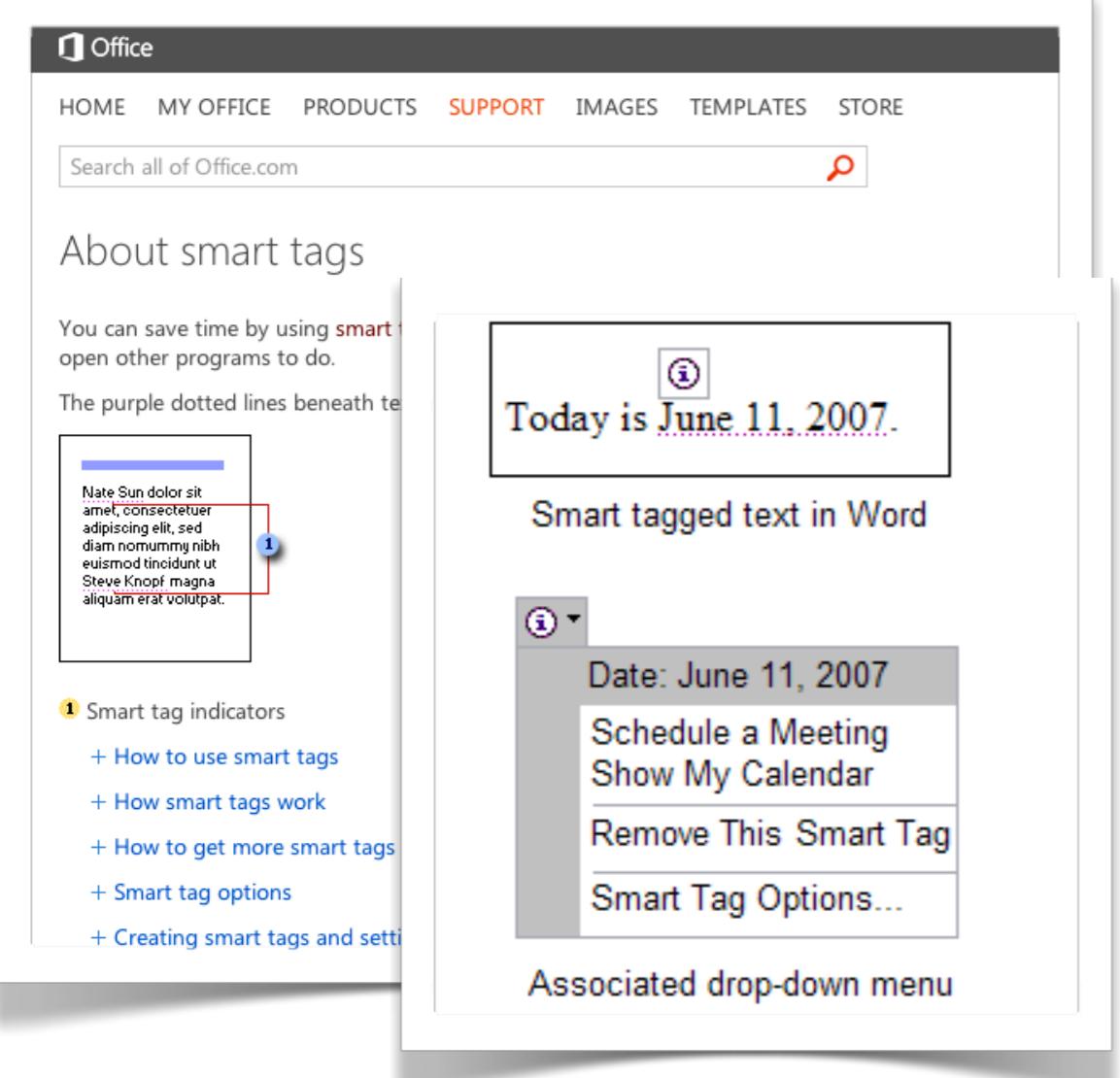
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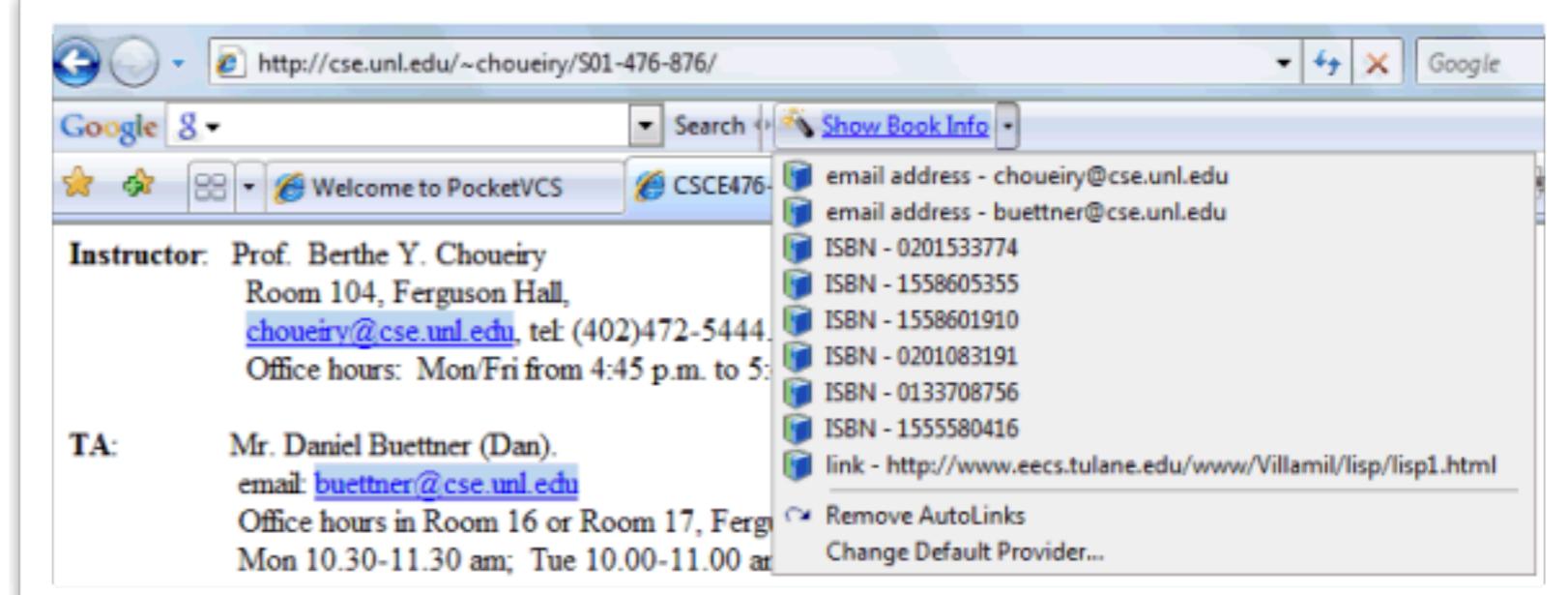
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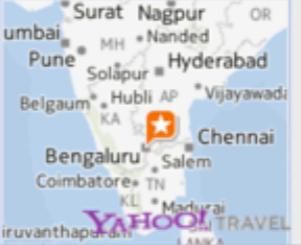
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# **Goals of part I**

- Learn entity linking basics
- Get familiar with
  - terminology and essentials
  - seminal papers/methods
  - evaluation and datasets
- Obtain experience with
  - (publicly available) toolkits
  - evaluation

# Why do we need entity linking?

- (Automatic) document enrichment
  - go-read-here
  - assistance for (Wikipedia) editors
  - inline (microformats, RDFa)

# Why do we need entity linking?

- “Use as feature”
  - to improve
    - classification
    - retrieval
    - word sense disambiguation
    - semantic similarity
    - ...
  - dimensionality reduction (as compared to, e.g., term vectors)

# Why do we need entity linking?

- Enable
  - semantic search
  - advanced UI/UX
  - ontology learning, KB population
  - ...

# A bit of history

- Text classification
- NER
- WSD
- NED/NEN
  - {person name, geo, movie name, ...} disambiguation
  - (Cross-document) coreference resolution
  - Automatic link generation
- Entity linking

# Entity linking?

- NE normalization / canonicalization / sense disambiguation
- DB record linkage / schema mapping
- Knowledge base population
- Entity linking
  - D2W
  - Wikification
  - Semantic linking

# Entity Linking: main problem

- Linking free text to *entities*
  - Entities (typically) taken from a knowledge base
    - Wikipedia
    - Freebase
    - ...
  - Any piece of text
    - news documents
    - blog posts
    - tweets
    - queries
    - ...

# Typical steps

1. Determine “linkable” phrases
  - mention detection – **MD**
2. Rank>Select candidate entity links
  - link generation – **LG**
  - may include NILs (null values, i.e., no target in KB)
3. (Use “context” to disambiguate/filter/improve)
  - disambiguation – **DA**

# **Methods**

# Preliminaries

- Wikipedia
- Wikipedia-based measures
  - commonness
  - relatedness
  - keyphraseness

# Wikipedia

- Basic element: article (proper)
- But also
  - redirect pages
  - disambiguation pages
  - category/template pages
  - admin pages
- Hyperlinks
  - use “unique identifiers” (URLs)
    - [[United States]] or [[United States|American]]
    - [[United States (TV series)]] or  
[[United States (TV series)|TV show]]



# Disambiguation pages

- Senses of a phrase
- Short description
- (Possible) categorization
- Non-exhaustive

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Wikipedia disambiguation page for "United States". The title bar reads "United States (disambiguation)". The main content area is titled "United States (disambiguation)" and includes the subtext "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia". Below the title, there are several sections: "Countries" (with a link to edit), "Current" (with a link to edit), "Historical" (with a link to edit), "Proposed" (with a link to edit), and "Fictional" (with a link to edit). Each section contains a bulleted list of related topics. On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with links to "Main page", "Contents", "Featured content", "Current events", "Random article", "Donate to Wikipedia", "Interaction" (with links to "Help", "About Wikipedia", "Community portal", "Recent changes", and "Contact Wikipedia"), "Toolbox", "Print/export", "Languages" (listing Arabic, Czech, Deutsch, Español, فارسی, Français, Italiano, עברית, Magyar, 日本語, Polski, Русский, Slovenčina, and 中文), and "Edit links". At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a link "Display a menu". The overall layout is typical of a Wikipedia disambiguation page.

# Some statistics

- WordNet
  - 80k entity definitions
  - 115k surface forms
  - 142k senses (entity - surface form combinations)
- Wikipedia (only)
  - ~4M entity definitions
  - ~12M surface forms
  - ~24M senses

# **Wikipedia-based measures**

# Wikipedia-based measures

- keyphraseness( $w$ ) **[Mihalcea & Csomai 2007]**

$$\frac{\text{CF}(w_l)}{\text{CF}(w)}$$

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$$\frac{\text{CF}(w_l)}{\text{CF}(w)} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \textbf{Collection frequency} \\ \text{term } w \text{ as a link to another} \\ \text{Wikipedia article} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Collection frequency} \\ \text{term } w \end{array}$$

# Wikipedia-based measures

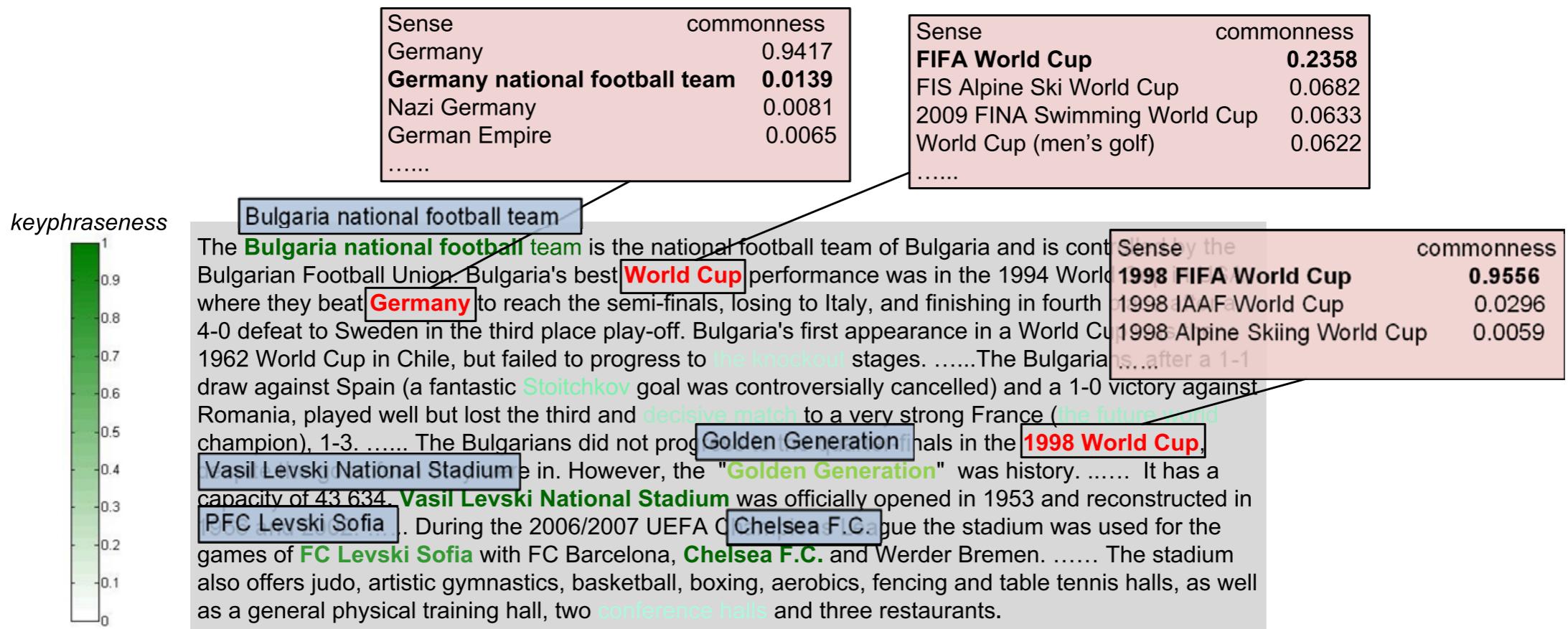
- commonness( $w, c$ ) [Medelyan et al. 2008]

$$\frac{|L_{w,c}|}{\sum_{c'} |L_{w,c'}|}$$



**Number of links**  
with target  $c'$  and anchor text  $w$

# Commonness and keyphraseness



# Wikipedia-based measures

- relatedness( $c, c'$ ) [Milne & Witten 2008a]

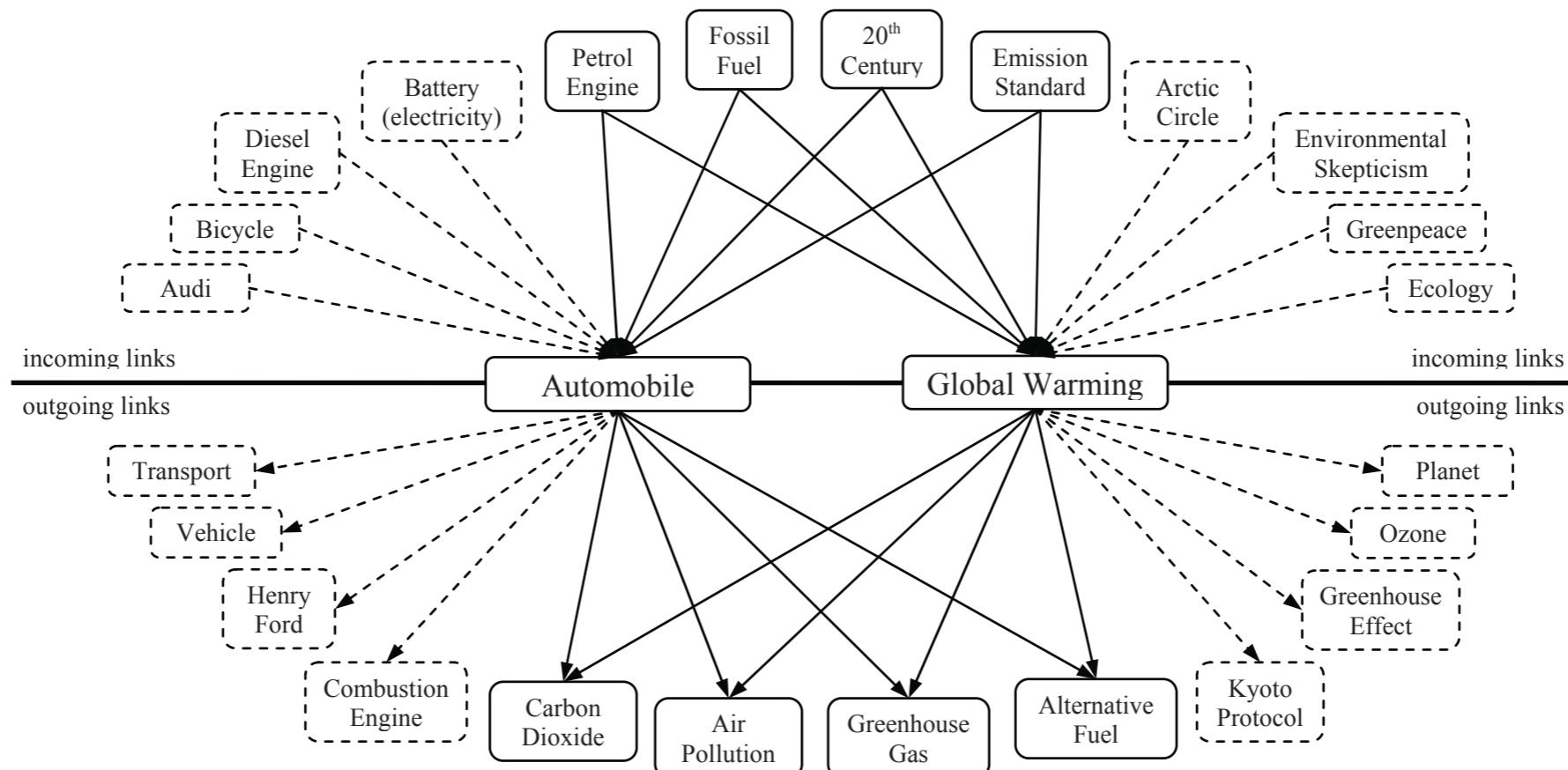


Image taken from Milne and Witten (2008a). An Effective, Low-Cost Measure of Semantic Relatedness Obtained from Wikipedia Links. In AAAI WikiAI Workshop.

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$$\frac{\log(\max(|L_c|, |L_{c'}|)) - \log(|L_c \cap L_{c'}|)}{\log(|WP|) - \log(\min(|L_c|, |L_{c'}|))}$$

Number of links  
with target  $c$

Intersection of inlinks  
with target  $c$  and  $c'$

Total number of  
Wikipedia articles

The diagram illustrates the formula for relatedness. It shows two upward-pointing arrows originating from the text "Number of links with target c" and "Intersection of inlinks with target c and c'", which point to the terms  $\log(\max(|L_c|, |L_{c'}|))$  and  $\log(|L_c \cap L_{c'}|)$  respectively in the numerator of the formula. A curly brace groups the two terms being subtracted:  $\log(\max(|L_c|, |L_{c'}|)) - \log(|L_c \cap L_{c'}|)$ . A downward-pointing arrow originates from the text "Total number of Wikipedia articles" and points to the denominator term  $\log(|WP|) - \log(\min(|L_c|, |L_{c'}|))$ .

# **Baseline methods**

# **Recall the steps**

- 1. mention detection – MD**
- 2. link generation – LG**
- 3. (disambiguation) – DA**

# Large-Scale Named Entity Disambiguation Based on Wikipedia Data

[Cucerzan 2007]

- Key intuition: leverage context links
  - **"Texas"** is a [[pop music]] band from [[Glasgow]], [[Scotland]], [[United Kingdom]]. They were founded by [[Johnny McElhone]] in [[1986 in music|1986]] and had their performing debut in [[March]] [[1988]] at ...
- Prune the candidates, keep only:
  - appearances in the first paragraph of an article, and
  - reciprocal links

# **Large-Scale Named Entity Disambiguation Based on Wikipedia Data**

**[Cucerzan 2007]**

- MD
  - NER; rule-based; co-ref resolution
- LG
  - Represent entities as vectors
    - context, categories
  - Same for all candidate entity links
  - Determine maximally coherent set

# Wikify!

[Mihalcea & Csomai 2007]

- MD
  - tf.idf,  $\chi^2$ , keyphraseness
- LG
  1. Overlap between definition (Wikipedia page) and context (paragraph) [Lesk 1986]
  2. Naive Bayes [Mihalcea 2007]
    - context, POS, entity-specific terms
  3. Voting between (1) and (2)

# Topic Indexing with Wikipedia

[Medelyan et al. 2008]

- MD
  - keyphraseness [Mihalcea & Csomai 2007]
- LG
  - combination of average relatedness & commonness
- LG/DA
  - Naive Bayes
    - TF.IDF, position, length, degree, weighted keyphraseness

# Learning to Link with Wikipedia

[Milne & Witten 2008b]

- Key idea: disambiguation informs detection
  - compare each possible sense with its *relatedness* to the context sense candidates
  - start with unambiguous senses

# Learning to Link with Wikipedia

## [Milne & Witten 2008b]

**Depth-first search**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Depth-first search (DFS)** is an [algorithm](#) for traversing or searching a [tree](#) [tree structure](#) or [graph](#). One starts at the root (selecting some node as the root in the graph case) and explores as far as possible along each branch before [backtracking](#).

Formally, DFS is an [uninformed search](#) that progresses by expanding the first child node of the search [tree](#) that appears and thus going deeper and deeper until a goal node is found, or until it hits a node that has no children. Then the search [backtracks](#), returning to the most recent node it hadn't finished exploring. In a non-recursive implementation, all freshly expanded nodes are added to a [LIFO stack](#) for exploration.



sense	commonness	relatedness
Tree	92.82%	15.97%
Tree (graph theory)	2.94%	59.91%
<b>Tree (data structure)</b>	<b>2.57%</b>	<b>63.26%</b>
Tree (set theory)	0.15%	34.04%
Phylogenetic tree	0.07%	20.33%
Christmas tree	0.07%	0.0%
Binary tree	0.04%	62.43%
Family tree	0.04%	16.31%
...		

# **Learning to Link with Wikipedia**

**[Milne & Witten 2008b]**

- Filter non-informative, non-ambiguous candidates (e.g., “the”)
  - based on keyphraseness, i.e., link probability
- Filter non-central candidates
  - based on average relatedness to all other context senses
- Combine

# **Learning to Link with Wikipedia**

**[Milne & Witten 2008b]**

- MD
  - ...
- LG
  - Machine learning
    - keyphraseness, average relatedness, sum of average weights

# Learning to Link with Wikipedia

[Milne & Witten 2008b]

- MD
  - Machine learning
    - link probability, relatedness, **confidence of LG**, generality, frequency, location, spread
- LG
  - Machine learning
    - keyphraseness, average relatedness, sum of average weights

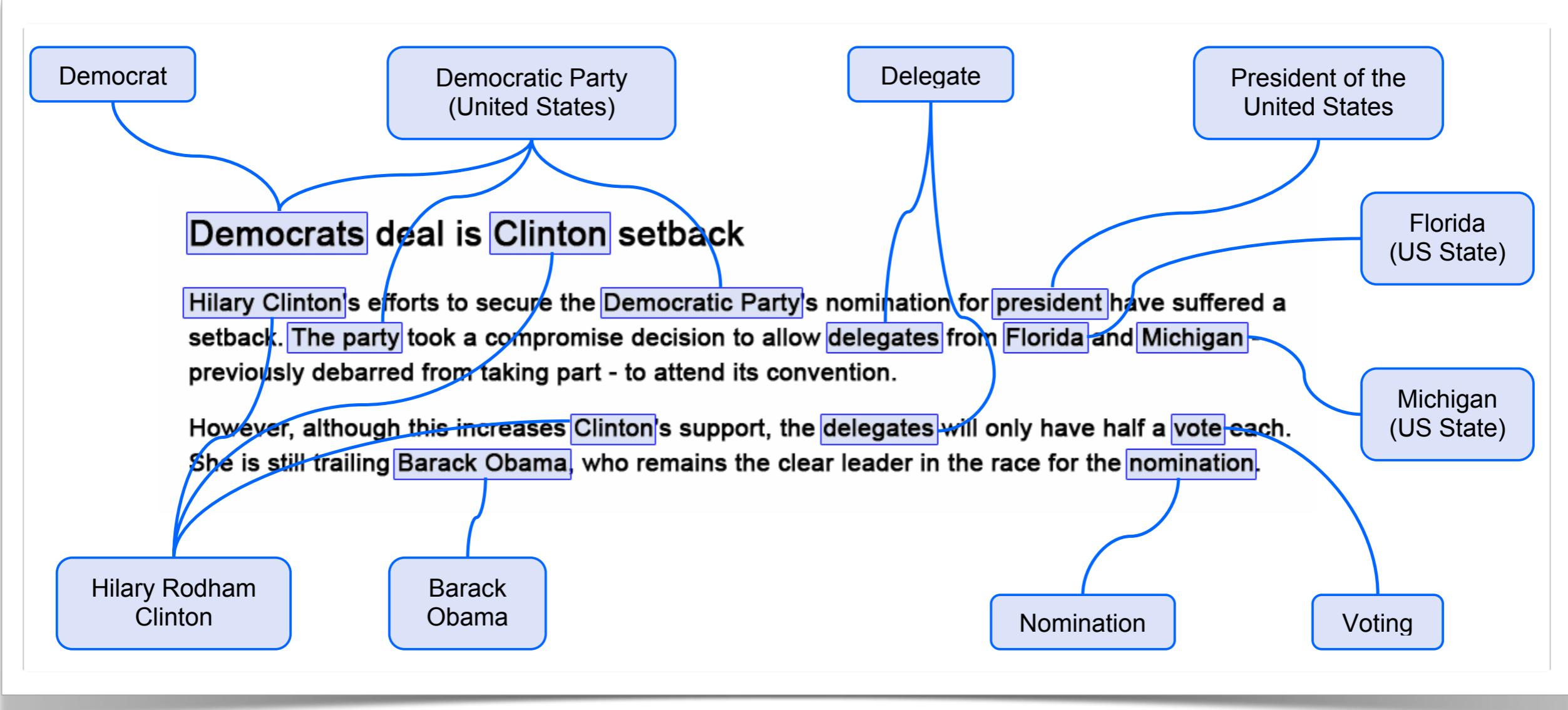


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# Local and Global Algorithms for Disambiguation to Wikipedia

[Ratinov et al. 2011]

- Explicit focus on *global* versus *local* algorithms
  - “Global,” i.e., disambiguation of the candidate graph
  - NP-hard
- Optimization
  - reduce the search space to a “disambiguation context,” e.g.,
    - all plausible disambiguations [Cucerzan 2007]
    - unambiguous surface forms [Milne & Witten 2008b]

# **Local and Global Algorithms for Disambiguation to Wikipedia**

**[Ratinov et al. 2011]**

- Main contribution, in steps
  1. use “local” approach (e.g., commonness) to generate a disambiguation context
  2. apply “global” machine learning approach
    - relatedness, PMI
      - {inlinks, outlinks} in various combinations ( $c$  and  $c'$ )
      - {avg, max}
- Finally, apply another round of machine learning

# **TAGME: On-the-fly Annotation of Short Text Fragments**

[Ferragina & Scaiella 2010]

- MD
  - keyphraseness [Mihalcea & Csomai 2007]
- LG
  - use “local” approach to generate a disambiguation context, similar to [Ratinov et al. 2011]
  - Heavy pruning
    - mentions; candidate links; coherence
- Accessible at <http://tagme.di.unipi.it>

# Adding semantics to microblog posts

[Meij et al. 2012]

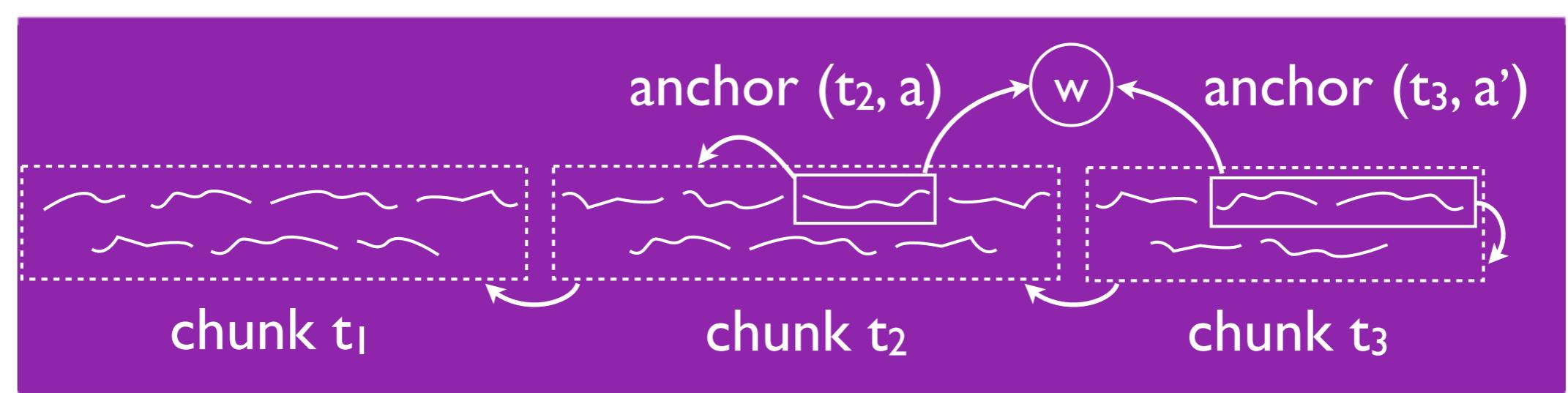
- MD
  - commonness (and others)
  - idea: obtain ranked list of **all** candidate entity links
- LG
  - use machine learning to determine which of the links to keep
    - ..., random forests, GBRT
    - big set of {text, entity, text+entity, context} features

# **Graph-based methods**

# Feeding the Second Screen: Semantic Linking based on Subtitles

[Odijk et al. 2013]

- Setting: entity linking on closed captions
  - streaming, high-precision, real-time
- Graph information as additional features
  - Idea: maintain a (coherent) tripartite context graph
    - entities
    - chunks
    - anchors



# Feeding the Second Screen: Semantic Linking based on Subtitles

[Odijk et al. 2013]

## *Context features*

$DEGREE(w, G)$	Number of edges connected to the node representing Wikipedia article $w$ in context graph $G$ .
$DEGREE - CENTRALITY(w, G)$	Centrality of Wikipedia article $w$ in context graph $G$ , computed as the ratio of edges connected to the node representing $w$ in $G$ .
$PAGERANK(w, G)$	Importance of the node representing $w$ in context graph $G$ , measured using PageRank.

# **A Graph-based Method for Entity Linking**

[Guo et al. 2011]

- MD
  - rule-based; prefer longer links
  - generate a disambiguation context
- LG
  - (weighted interpolation of) in- and outdegree in disambiguation context to select entity links
  - edges defined by wikilinks
- Evaluation on TAC KBP

# **Graph-based named entity linking with Wikipedia**

**[Hachey et al. 2011]**

- MD
  - generate disambiguation context
    - based on unambiguous entity links
  - edges defined by wikilinks (articles & categories)
    - max step size: 2 (articles), 3 (categories)
- LG
  - use degree centrality and PageRank to reweigh cosine-based similarity scores
- Evaluation on TAC KBP

# Recap

- Essential ingredients
  - MD
    - commonness
    - keyphraseness
  - LG
    - commonness
    - machine learning
  - DA
    - relatedness
    - machine learning

# Outline

- Part 1 – Entity Linking
  - introduction
  - methods
  - evaluation
  - test collections
  - hands-on
  - open challenges



# **Evaluation**

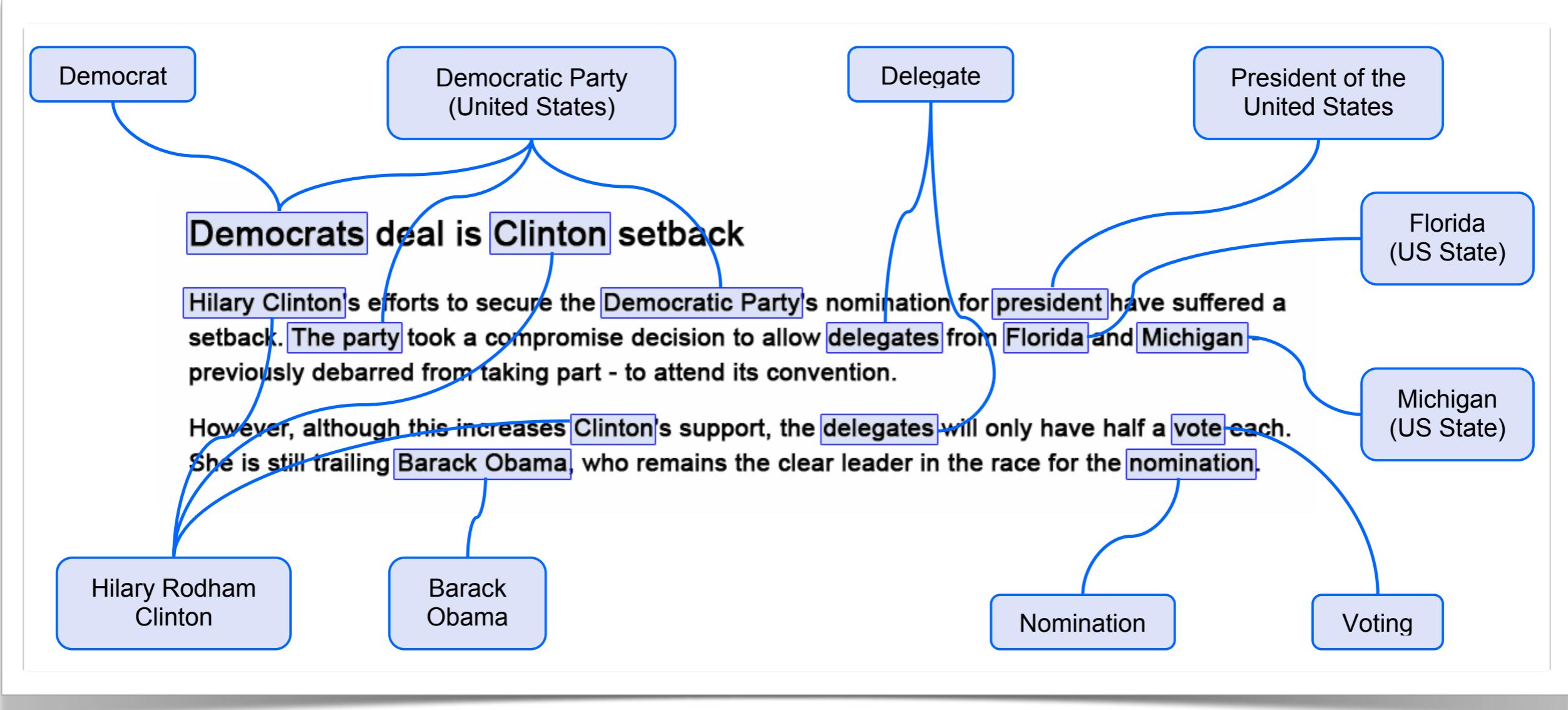


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# DIY Entity Linking

- Ingredients
  - target KB (e.g., Wikipedia)
  - test collection
  - evaluation metrics

# DIY Entity Linking

- Ingredients
  - Target KB (Wikipedia)
    - wikipedia-miner
    - Google's Dictionaries for Linking Text, Entities and Ideas
  - Test collection
  - Evaluation metrics

# Measures

- Set-based (similar to WSD)
  - “How many correct links were retrieved?”
  - macro/micro precision, recall, F-measure
- Ranking-based

# Common set-based metrics

- Accuracy

$$A = \frac{|\{\mathcal{C}_{i,0} | \mathcal{C}_{i,0} = \mathcal{G}\}|}{N}$$

- Precision

$$P_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{|\{\mathcal{C}_i | \mathcal{C}_i \neq \emptyset \wedge \mathcal{G}_i \in \mathcal{C}_i\}|}{|\{\mathcal{C}_i | \mathcal{C}_i \neq \emptyset\}|}$$

- Recall

$$R_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{|\{\mathcal{C}_i | \mathcal{G}_i \neq \text{NIL} \wedge \mathcal{G}_i \in \mathcal{C}_i\}|}{|\{\mathcal{G}_i | \mathcal{G}_i \neq \text{NIL}\}|}$$

$N$	Number of queries in data set
$\mathcal{G}$	Gold standard annotations for data set ( $ \mathcal{G}  = N$ )
$\mathcal{G}_i$	Gold standard for query $i$ (KB ID or NIL)
$\mathcal{C}$	Candidate sets from system output ( $ \mathcal{C}  = N$ )
$\mathcal{C}_i$	Candidate set for query $i$
$\mathcal{C}_{i,j}$	Candidate at rank $j$ for query $i$ (where $\mathcal{C}_i \neq \emptyset$ )

# **Common ranking-based metrics for entity linking**

- Recall @ k
- Precision @ k
- R-precision
- Mean average precision
- Mean reciprocal rank

# **Test collections**

# Entity linking test collections

- Wikipedia
- MSNBC
- AQUAINT
- ACE
- Twitter
- AIDA (CoNLL)
- IITB (web data)
- INEX link-the-wiki
- TREC knowledge base acceleration (KBA)
- TAC knowledge base population (KBP)

# **Wikipedia (for evaluation)**

- Widely used
- Pros
  - cheap and easy; the links are already provided
- Cons
  - biased (style guides!)
  - specific scenario
  - unbalanced

# **MSNBC**

**[Cucerzan 2007]**

- 20 news articles
- Linked to 2006 Wikipedia
  - 756 total links; 127 of these are NIL
- Focus: disambiguate entities after NER and co-reference resolution
  - all mentions of all the detected entities are linked
- Collected by correcting the output of a system

# AQUAINT

[Milne & Witten 2008]

- 50 news articles
  - 449 links, obtained using Amazon mechanical turk
- subset of AQUAINT newswire, annotated to mimic Wikipedia hyperlink structure
  - only first mentions of “important” titles were linked
  - uninteresting and redundant mentions of the same title not linked

# ACE

[Ratinov et al. 2011]

- Subset of ACE co-reference data set
  - mentions and their types are given
  - co-references resolved
- First nominal mentions of each co-reference chain are linked
  - Amazon mechanical turk
  - accuracy of majority vote ~85%
  - manually corrected

# Twitter

[Meij et al. 2012]

- Tweets taken from “verified accounts,” so relatively clean
- ~500 tweets, manually linked to Wikipedia
  - ~2 entity links per tweet on average

Task	Name	Year	Source	All Mentions	Instances
CDCR	John Smith	1998	News	✗	197
CDCR	WePS 1	2007	Web	✗	3,489
CDCR	Day et al.	2008	News	✓	3,660
CDCR	WePS 2	2008	Web	✗	3,432
CDCR	WePS 3	2009	Web	✗	31,950
wikify	Mihalcea	2007	Wiki	✓	7,286
wikify	Kulkarni	2009	Web	✓	17,200
wikify	Milne	2010	Wiki	✓	11,000
NEL	Cucerzan	2007	News	✓	797
NEL	TAC 09	2009	News	✗	3,904
NEL	Fader	2009	News	✗	500
NEL	TAC 10	2010	News, Blogs	✗	3,750
NEL	Dredze	2010	News	✗	1,496
NEL	Bentivogli	2010	News, Web, Transcripts	✓	16,851
NEL	Hoffart	2011	News	✓	34,956

Table taken from Hachey et al. (2013). **Evaluating Entity Linking with Wikipedia**. In AI '13.

# TAC

[McNamee et al. 2010]

- Target: KB from Wikipedia (~800k instances)
  - infoboxes; article text; type
- Query
  - document ID (news, web, blog)
  - mention string (occurring at least once in that doc)
- Focus on ambiguous mentions
  - collected by cherry-picking ‘interesting’ mentions, rather than systematically annotating all mentions
- Explicit NILs (> 50% of the queries)

	TAC 2009 test		TAC 2010 train		TAC 2010 test	
$ \mathcal{Q} $	3,904		1,500		2,250	
KB	1,675	(43%)	1,074	(72%)	1,020	(45%)
NIL	2,229	(57%)	426	(28%)	1,230	(55%)
PER	627	(16%)	500	(33%)	751	(33%)
ORG	2710	(69%)	500	(33%)	750	(33%)
GPE	567	(15%)	500	(33%)	749	(33%)
News	3904	(100%)	783	(52%)	1500	(67%)
Web	0	(0%)	717	(48%)	750	(33%)
Acronym	827	(21%)	173	(12%)	347	(15%)
$ \mathcal{E} $	560		—		871	
KB	182	(33%)	462	(—)	402	(46%)
NIL	378	(67%)	—	(—)	469	(54%)
PER	136	(24%)	—	(—)	334	(38%)
ORG	364	(65%)	—	(—)	332	(38%)
GPE	60	(11%)	—	(—)	205	(24%)

Table taken from Hachey et al. (2013). **Evaluating Entity Linking with Wikipedia**. In AI '13.

# DIY Entity Linking

- Target KB (Wikipedia)
  - wikipedia-miner
  - Google's Dictionaries for Linking Text, Entities and Ideas
- Test collection
- Evaluation metrics

# Meta-evaluations

- [Hachey et al. 2013]
- [Cornolti et al. 2013]

# Evaluating Entity Linking with Wikipedia

[Hachey et al. 2013]

- Named entity linking, a.k.a., “NEL”
  - include NILs
  - Wikipedia articles not always named entities
- Explicit focus on separating “search” (LG) and “disambiguation” (DA)
- Reimplement and evaluate three NEL systems
  - [Bunescu & Pasă 2006]
  - [Cucerzan 2007]
  - [Varna et al. 2009] (TAC system paper)

System	Extractor	Condition	Searcher						Disambiguator	
			Title	Redirect	Link	Truncated	Bold	DABTitle		
Bunescu and Pașca (2006)	NER	NA	✓	✓				✓	NA	SVM rank over cosine and mention context word×category features
Cucerzan (2007)	NER, coreference expansion	NA	✓	✓	✗	✓		✓	NA	Scalar product between candidate category/term vector and document-level vector
Varma et al. (2009)	NER, acronym expansion	if acronym								Cosine between candidate article term vector and mention context vector
		if expandable	✓							
		else	✓	✓			✓	✓	NA	
		else								
		search 1	✓							
		if no candidates	✓	✓			✓	✓	NA	

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Alias	Source	$\langle C \rangle$	$P_{\mathcal{C}}^{\infty}$	$R_{\mathcal{C}}^{\infty}$	$P_{\emptyset}$	$R_{\emptyset}$
Title		0.2	<b>83.5</b>	37.2	68.1	96.5
Redirect		0.1	74.6	20.0	62.1	96.2
Link		4.2	55.7	<b>80.1</b>	<b>88.6</b>	59.5
Bold		1.6	45.1	48.8	71.7	67.2
Hatnote		0.0	42.6	1.2	57.7	<b>99.9</b>
Truncated		1.2	37.8	24.5	62.2	78.6
DABTitle		3.5	34.2	29.3	58.7	65.1
DABRedirect		2.7	34.0	18.9	57.9	77.3

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System	$A$	$A_C$	$A_\emptyset$
NIL Baseline	57.1	0.0	100.0
Title Baseline	71.0	37.2	96.5
+ Redirect Baseline	76.3	54.6	92.6
Bunescu and Paşa	77.0	67.8	83.8
Cucerzan	78.3	71.3	83.5
Varma et al. Replicated	80.1	72.3	86.0
TAC 09 Median	71.1	63.5	78.9
TAC 09 Max (Varma)	82.2	76.5	86.4

Table taken from Hachey et al. (2013). **Evaluating Entity Linking with Wikipedia**. In AI '13.

# A Framework for Benchmarking Entity-Annotation Systems

[Cornolti et al. 2013]

- Compare five publicly available entity linkers
  - [Hoffart et al. 2007] (AIDA)
  - [Ratinov et al. 2011]
  - [Ferragina & Scaiella 2010] (TAGME)
  - [Milne & Witten 2008] (wikipedia-miner)
  - DBpedia Spotlight
- And also investigate parameter/cut-off settings

# A Framework for Benchmarking Entity-Annotation Systems

[Cornolti et al. 2013]

- On five publicly available test collections
  - AIDA **[Hoffart et al. 2007]**
    - based on CoNLL 2003: noun annotations
    - 1393 Reuters newswire articles
    - hand-annotated all nouns with entities in YAGO2
  - AQUAINT **[Milne & Witten 2008]**
  - MSNBC **[Cucerzan 2007]**
  - IITB **[Kulkarni et al. 2010]** (web data)
  - Twitter **[Meij et al. 2012]**

# A Framework for Benchmarking Entity-Annotation Systems

[Cornolti et al. 2013]

- Benchmarking framework
- “Fuzzy” evaluation measures
- Main findings
  - Different systems perform well in different scenarios
  - AIDA and TagMe seem to be the winners overall

# Outline

- Part 1 – Entity Linking
  - introduction
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  - evaluation
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  - open challenges

# **Hands-on**



# **Public Toolkits and Web Services for Entity Linking**

- Wikipedia Miner
- TagMe
- DBpedia Spotlight
- Illinios Wikifier
- AIDA
- (OpenCalais)

# Wikipedia Miner

[Milne & Witten 2008b]

- Open source
- (Public) web service
  - Java
  - Hadoop preprocessing pipeline
- Lexical matching + machine learning
- See <http://wikipedia-miner.cms.waikato.ac.nz>

# TagMe

[Ferragina & Scaiella 2010]

- Web service only
- Approach similar to Wikipedia Miner
- Voting for disambiguation
  - Based on all possible bindings
  - Heuristics to select best target
- Designed for short texts
- See <http://tagme.di.unipi.it/>

# DBpedia Spotlight

[Mendes et al., 2011]

- Open source
- Public web service
- LingPipe Exact Dictionary-Based Chunker
- Disambiguation in local context
  - Vector-space Model using Bag-of-Words
  - Cosine similarity
- See <http://spotlight.dbpedia.org>

# Illinois Wikifier

[Ratinov et al. 2011]

- Local install
- Uses Illinois NER system
- Disambiguation as weighted sum of features
  - Textual similarity
  - Global coherence based on link structure
- See [http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/software\\_view/33](http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/software_view/33)

# AIDA

[Yosef et al. 2011]

- Open source
- (Public) web service
- Uses Stanford NER system
- Links to YAGO2
- Disambiguation in 3 variants
  - PriorOnly: link to most common target
  - Local: disambiguate individual links with local features
  - CocktailParty: collective disambiguation maximizing coherence using iterative graph-based approach

# **OpenCalais**

- Only on public content
  - Does not keep a copy of content
  - Keeps a copy of the metadata it extracts
- Free for up to 50,000 documents per day
- Early adopters:
  - CBS Interactive / CNET, Huffington Post, Al Jazeera, The White House
  - More than 30,000 developers, more than 50 publishers

	Programming Language	Service	Available Languages	Open Source
Wikipedia Miner	Java	Web API, Application	any WP	✓
TagMe	Java	Web API	EN, IT	✗
DBpedia Spotlight	Java	Web API, Application	EN + any WP	✓
Illinois Wikifier	Java	Application	EN	✓
AIDA	Java	Web API	EN	✓
OpenCalais	?	Web API	EN, FR, SP	✗

	Matching	Target KB	Context	Comment
Wikipedia Miner	Lexical	Wikipedia	ML on Relatedness	
TagMe	Lexical	Wikipedia	Vote on Relatedness	Focus on Short texts
DBpedia Spotlight	Lexical?	DBpedia	Cosine Similarity	Structure
Illinois Wikifier	NER	Wikipedia	Global Coherence	
AIDA	NER	YAGO2	Multiple	Structure
OpenCalais	?	Calais	?	

# Code Academy

- Contains some (Javascript) coding examples for entity linking and retrieval
  - <http://www.codecademy.com/courses/javascript-beginner-en-LkhDf/>

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# **Open challenges**

# Open challenges

- Difficulty prediction
  - similar to ambiguity, but not the same
  - dependent on context, candidate links, ...
- Cross-lingual entity linking [**Wang et al. 2013**]
- Cross-KB entity linking (“Freebase”)
  - use Wikipedia as pivot
  - directly
    - lexical matching
    - machine learning (if annotators/training data available)

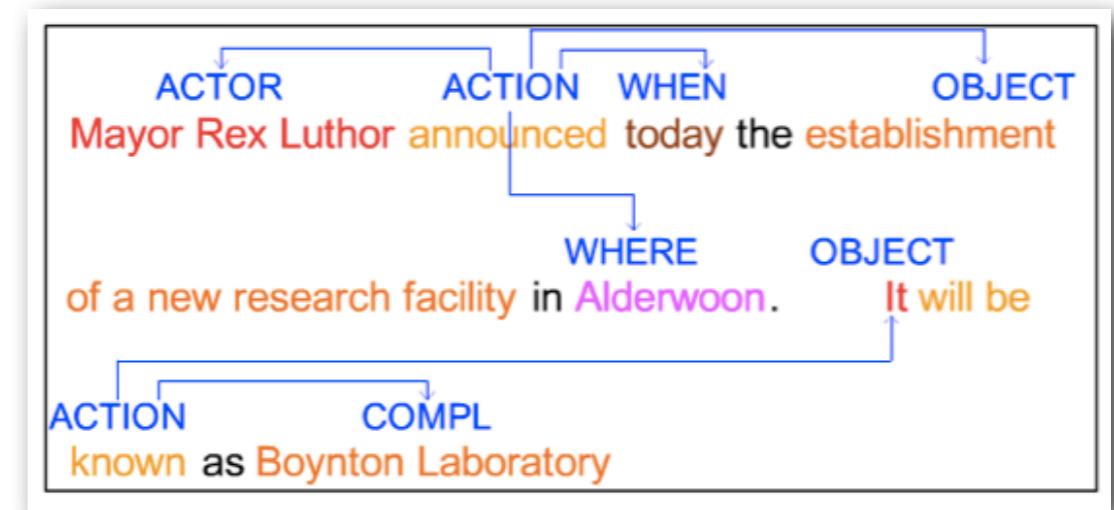
# Learning/Updating the KB

- Parallel, continuous streams of items
  - news, tweets, blogs, status updates
  - queries, clicks
  - web pages, RDFa/schema.org
  - etc.
- Given an entity
  - “What is new?” What do I need to know now?”
  - Add: personal
  - Add: social
- TREC KBA/KBP/KBx, TREC TS



# Learning/Updating the KB: ingredients?

- Accurate entity linking
  - real-time
  - cross-item
  - cross-genre
  - cross-vertical
- What is being said?
  - aspects, attributes, relations, events
- Correlate with already known facts
- Detect bursts, events



# Open challenges

- Generic test collections
  - What's the task? Evaluation?
    - TAC KBP?
    - set-based? ranking? known-item finding? top- $r$ ?
    - exhaustive linking? first mention only?
    - “aboutness”
- Moving beyond entities
  - events/news
  - concepts
  - relations

# Open challenges

- What if there is no/little textual evidence?
- Move beyond "ad hoc" entity linking:
  - incorporate contextual evidence in the task (and evaluation)
  - {users, history, profile, social, trending, ...}
- Stream-based entity linking

# Follow-up reading

- Detecting unlinkable entities [[Lin et al. 2012a](#)]
- Linking entities to any database [[Sil et al. 2012](#)]
- Automatically generating Wikipedia articles  
[\[Sauper & Barzilay 2009\]](#)
- Scaling up to the web [[Lin et al. 2012b](#)]
- Serendipitous suggestions based on personalized entity links [[Bordino et al. 2013](#)]

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# **Part II**

# **Entity Retrieval**

# **Introduction**

# **Entity retrieval tasks**

- Ad-hoc entity retrieval
- List completion
- Question answering
  - Factual questions
  - List questions
  - Related entity finding
- Type-restricted variations
  - People, blogs, products, movies, etc.

total length of US highways - Wolfram|Alpha

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# WolframAlpha™ computational knowledge engine

total length of US highways

Examples Random

Assuming "US" is a country | Use as a city instead

**Input Interpretation:**

United States | length of highways

**Result:**

271 900 km (kilometers) (2007 estimate)

Show non-metric

**History:**

(from 1990 to 2007)  
(in thousands of kilometers)

**Road network:**

	Show non-metric	Total number
motorways	75 111 km (kilometers) (2007 estimate)	
highways	271 900 km (kilometers) (2007 estimate)	
secondary roads	1.7 million km (kilometers) (2007 estimate)	
others	4.5 million km (kilometers) (2007 estimate)	
total	6.5 million km (kilometers) (2007 estimate)	

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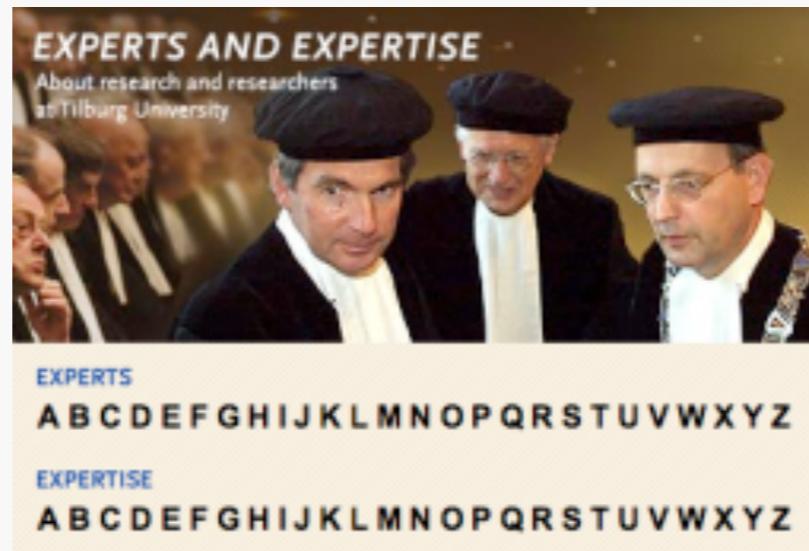
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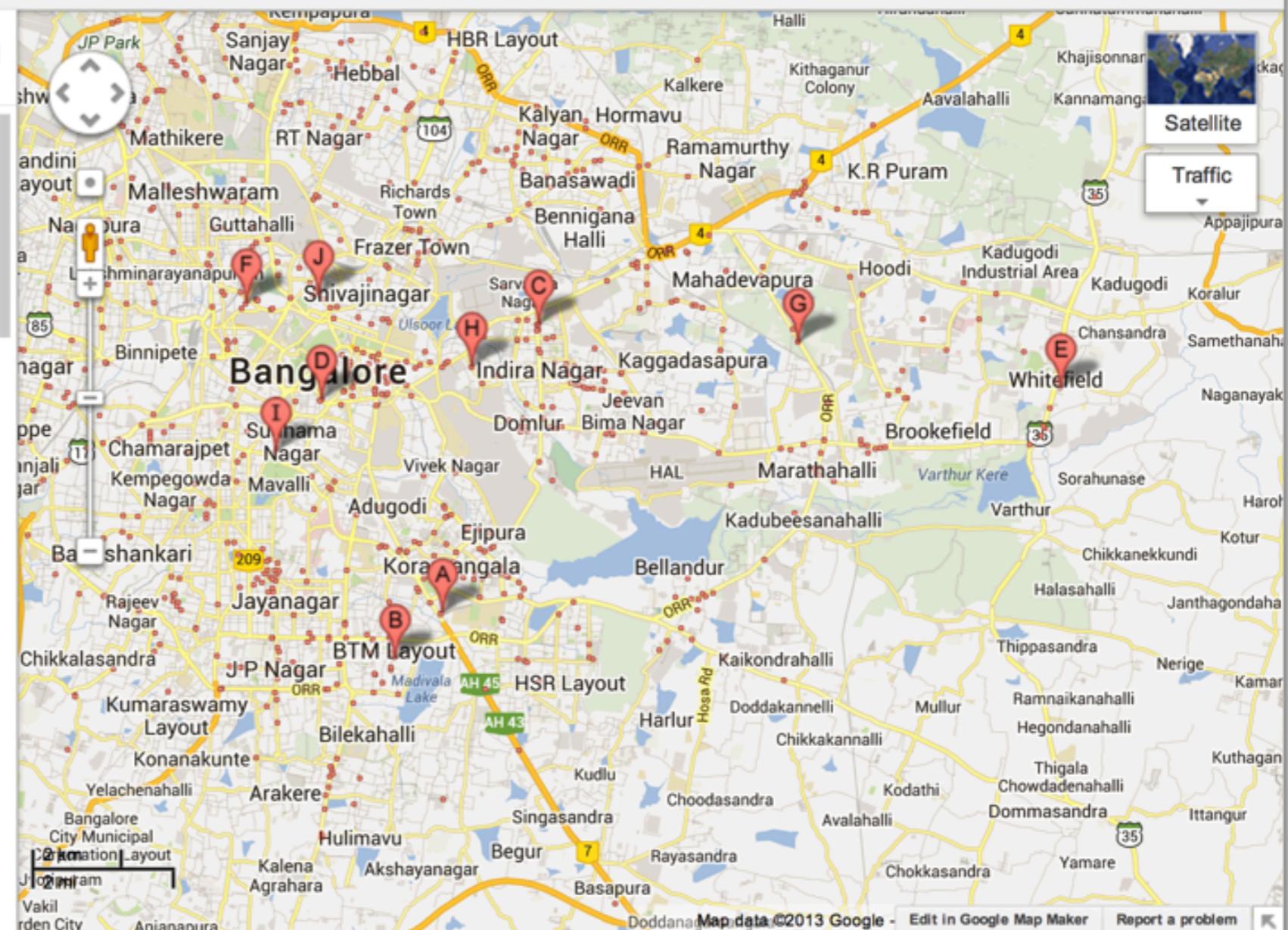
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# **What's so special about it?**

- Entities are not always directly represented
  - Recognize and disambiguate entities in text
  - Collect and aggregate information about a given entity from multiple documents and even multiple data collections
  - ~ entity linking
- More structure than document-based IR
  - Types (from some taxonomy)
  - Attributes (from some ontology)
  - Relationships to other entities (“typed links”)

# In this Part

- Focus on the ad-hoc entity retrieval task
- Mainly probabilistic models
  - Specifically, Language Models

# Basics

- Probability of an event

$$P(A)$$

- Conditional probability

$$P(A|B)$$

- Joint probability

$$P(A, B)$$

# Conditional dependence

- Independent events

$$P(A, B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$P(A, B|C) = P(A|C) \cdot P(B|C)$$

- Conditionally dependent events

$$P(A, B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$$

$$P(A, B|C) = P(A|B, C) \cdot P(B|C)$$

# Bayes' theorem

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$

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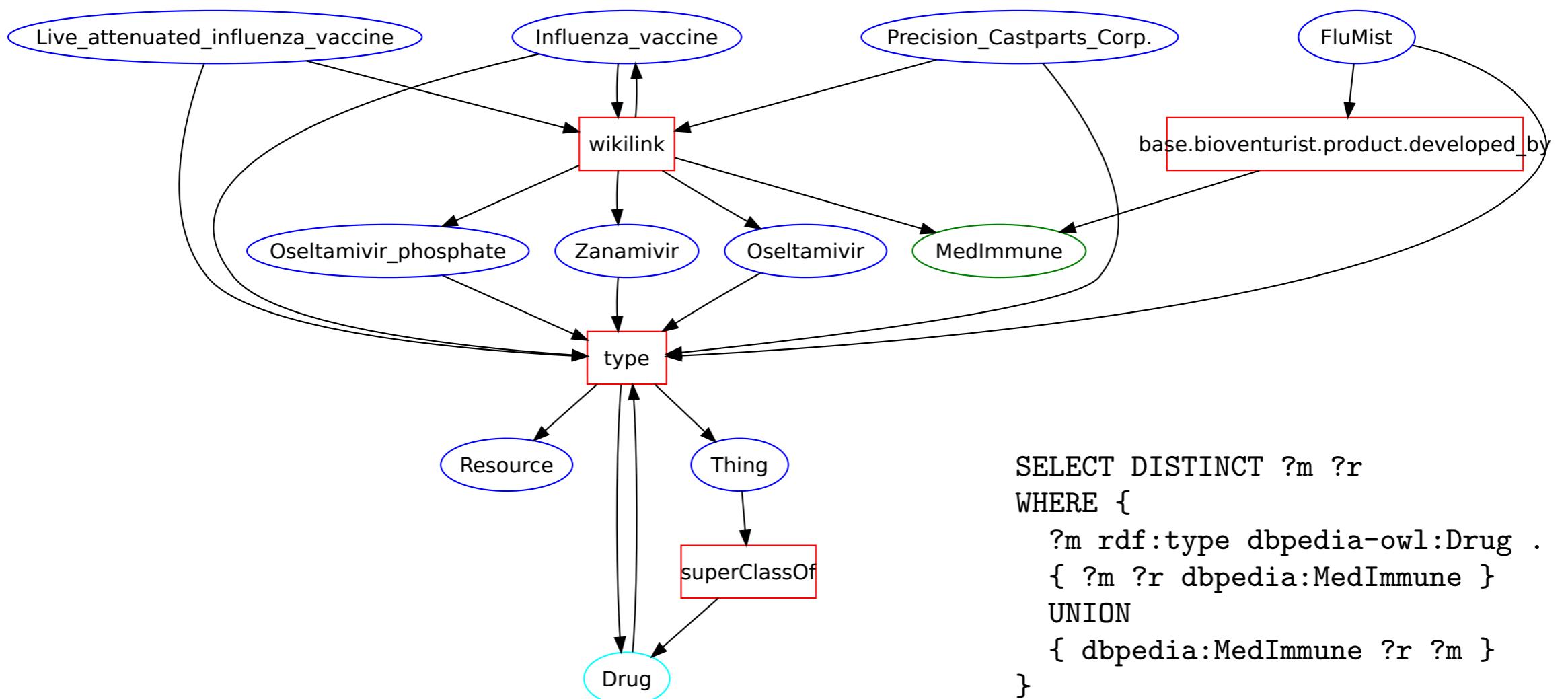
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- Part 2 – Entity Retrieval
  - introduction
  - ranking with ready-made entity descriptions
  - ranking without explicit entity representations
  - test collections
  - hands-on
  - open challenges

# Ad-hoc entity retrieval

- **Input:** unconstrained natural language query
  - “telegraphic” queries (neither well-formed nor grammatically correct sentences or questions)
- **Output:** ranked list of entities
- **Collection:** unstructured and/or semi-structured documents

# This is not...



# This is not...

*User interface*

**Title:** The Da Vinci Code  
**Author:** Dan Brown, 1964  
**Year:** 2003

*Application*

**SPARQL**

Select ?title ?year ...  
Select ?name ?year WHERE .....

**Books record**

<b>URI</b>	<a href="http://openlibrary.org/works/OL76837W">http://openlibrary.org/works/OL76837W</a>
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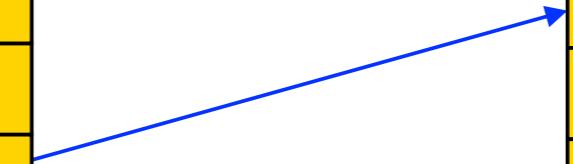
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Select title, year from books  
Select name, year from authors where books.author=authors.id

*Database*

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<i>Author</i>	456
<i>Year</i>	2003

Authors record	
<i>ID</i>	456
<i>Name</i>	Dan Brown
<i>Year</i>	1964



# **Ranking with ready-made entity descriptions**

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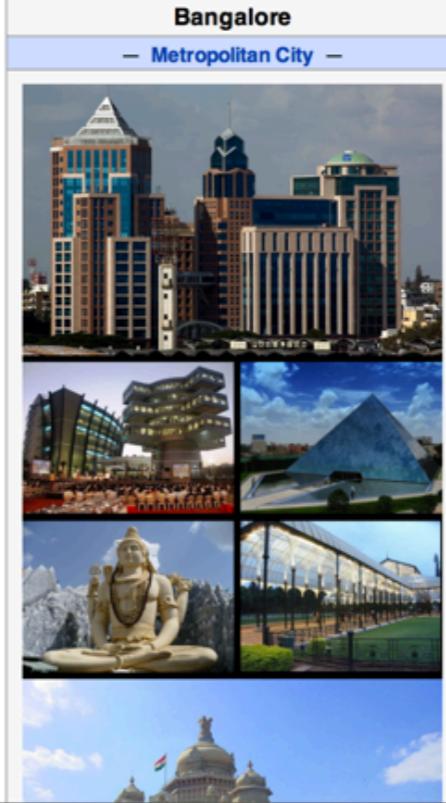
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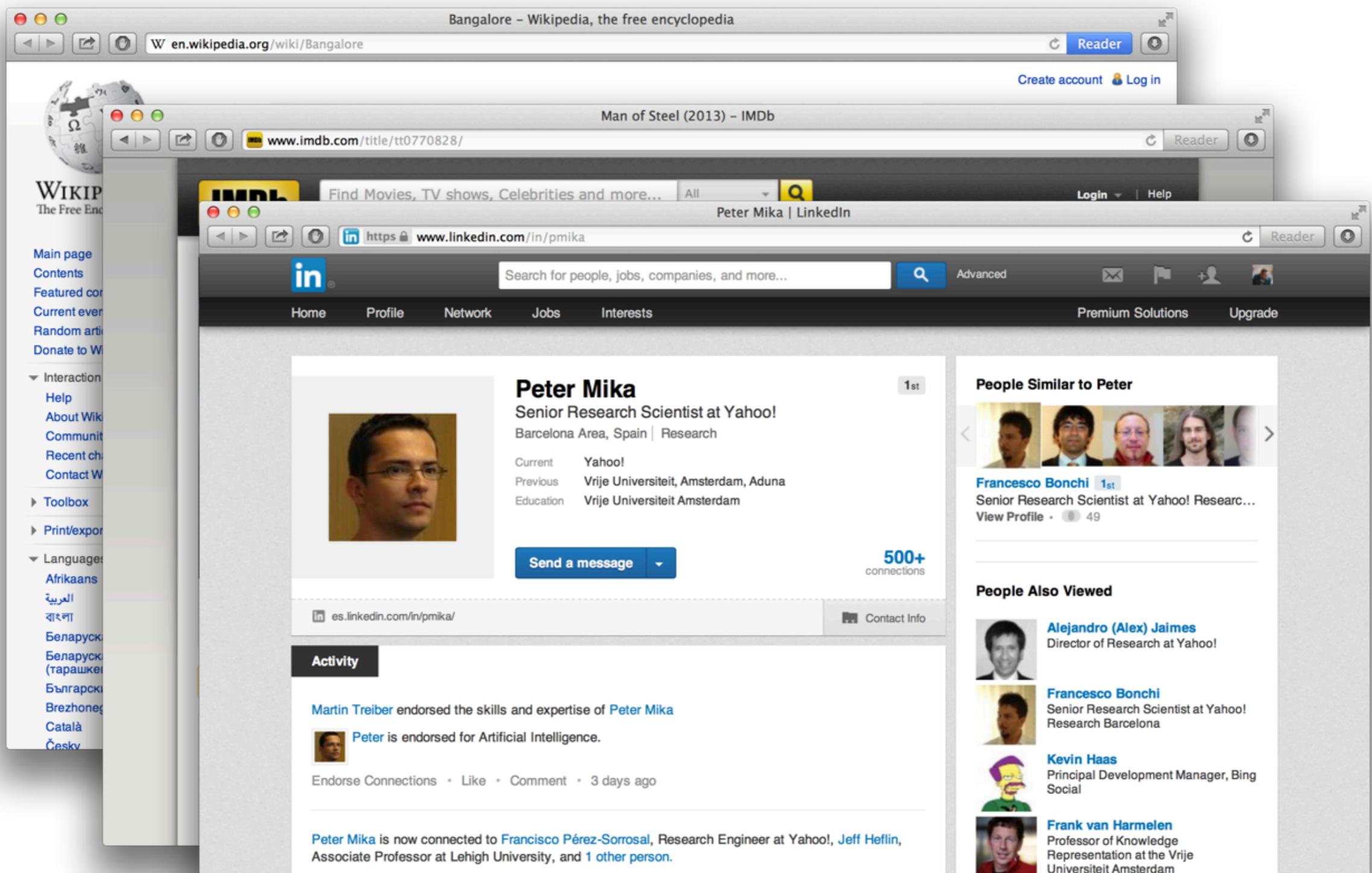
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# **Document-based entity representations**

- Most entities have a “home page”
- I.e., each entity is described by a document
- Ranking entities much like ranking documents
  - Unstructured
  - Semi-structured

# Standard Language Modeling approach

- Rank documents  $d$  according to their likelihood of being relevant given a query  $q$ :  $P(d|q)$

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**Query likelihood**  
Probability that query  $q$  was “produced” by document  $d$

**Document prior**  
Probability of the document being relevant to *any* query

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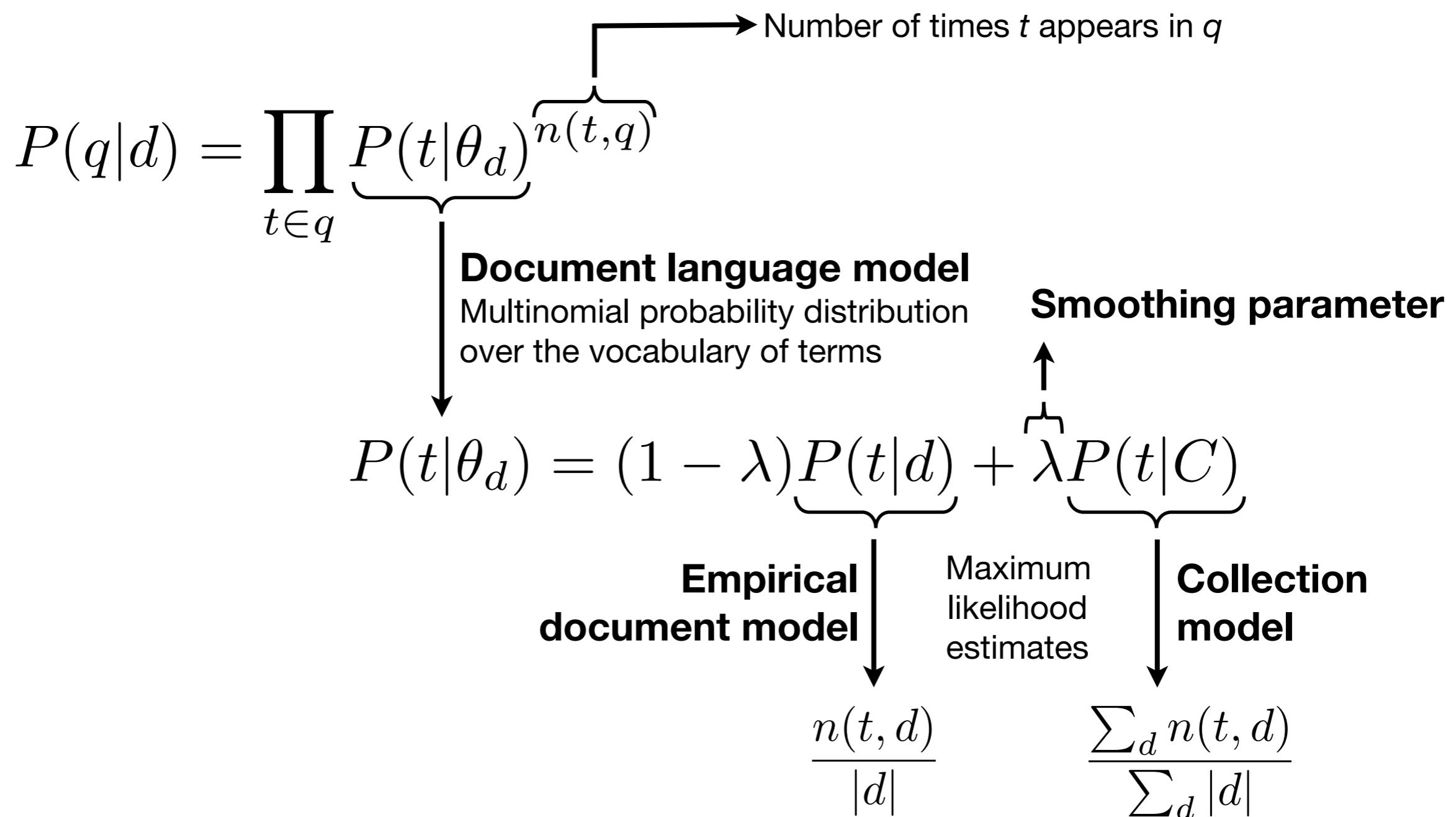
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Number of times  $t$  appears in  $q$

$P(t|\theta_d) = (1 - \lambda)P(t|d) + \lambda P(t|C)$

**Document language model**  
Multinomial probability distribution over the vocabulary of terms

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**Entity prior**  
Probability of the entity being relevant to *any* query

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# **Semi-structured entity representation**

- Entity description documents are rarely unstructured
- Representing entities as
  - Fielded documents – the IR approach
  - Graphs – the DB/SW approach



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## Audi A4



<b>Manufacturer</b>	Audi
<b>Production</b>	1994–present
<b>Assembly</b>	Ingolstadt, Germany Changchun, China <sup>[1]</sup> Tokyo, Japan (AMA; B5 only) Jakarta, Indonesia (Garuda Mataram Motor; B5 & B8) Solomonovo, Ukraine (Eurocar; B7 only) Aurangabad, India
<b>Predecessor</b>	Audi 80
<b>Class</b>	Compact executive car (globally)
<b>Layout</b>	front-engine, front-wheel-drive front-engine, four-wheel-drive
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**Audi A4**



Manufacturer Audi

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# Mixture of Language Models

[Ogilvie & Callan, 2003]

- Build a separate language model for each field
- Take a linear combination of them

$$P(t|\theta_d) = \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j P(t|\theta_{d_j})$$

**Field weights**

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j = 1$$

**Field language model**

Smoothed with a collection model built from all document representations of the same type in the collection

# Setting field weights

- Heuristically
  - Proportional to the length of text content in that field, to the field's individual performance, etc.
- Empirically (using training queries)
- Problems
  - Number of possible fields is huge
    - It is not possible to optimise their weights directly
- Entities are sparse w.r.t. different fields
  - Most entities have only a handful of predicates

# Predicate folding

- **Idea:** reduce the number of fields by grouping them together
- Grouping based on (BM25F and)
  - type **[Pérez-Agüera et al. 2010]**
  - manually determined importance **[Blanco et al. 2011]**

# Hierarchical Entity Model

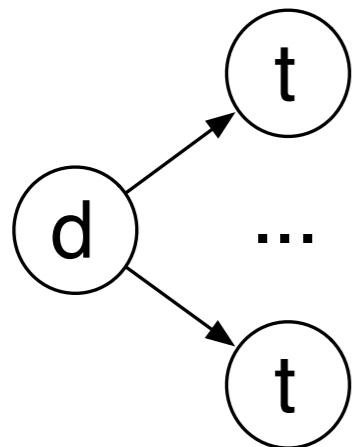
[Neumayer et al. 2012]

- Organize fields into a 2-level hierarchy
  - Field types (4) on the top level
  - Individual fields of that type on the bottom level
- Estimate field weights
  - Using training data for field types
  - Using heuristics for bottom-level types

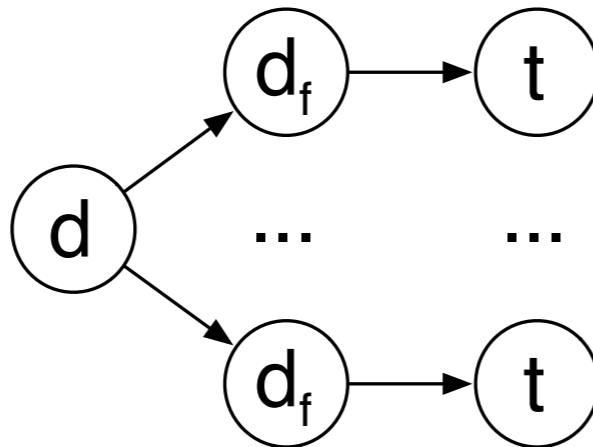
# Two-level hierarchy

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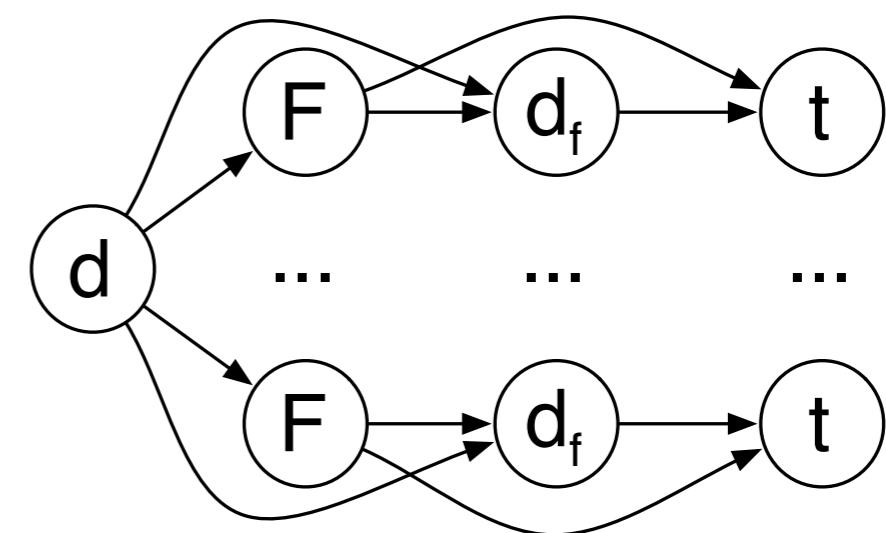
# Comparison of models



**Unstructured  
document model**



**Fielded  
document model**



**Hierarchical  
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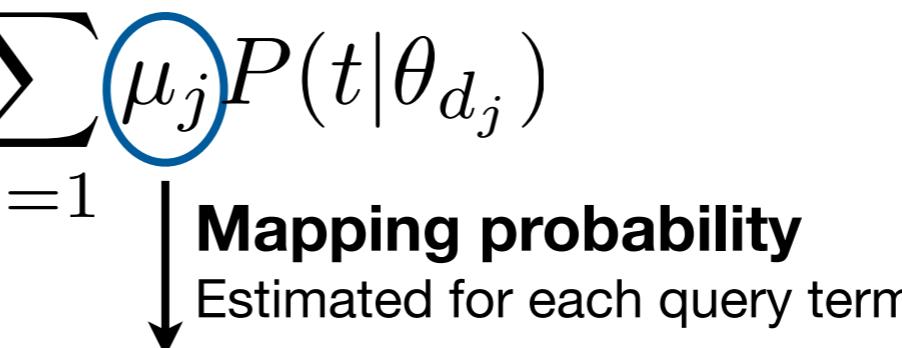
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**Mapping probability**  
Estimated for each query term

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# **Estimating the mapping probability**

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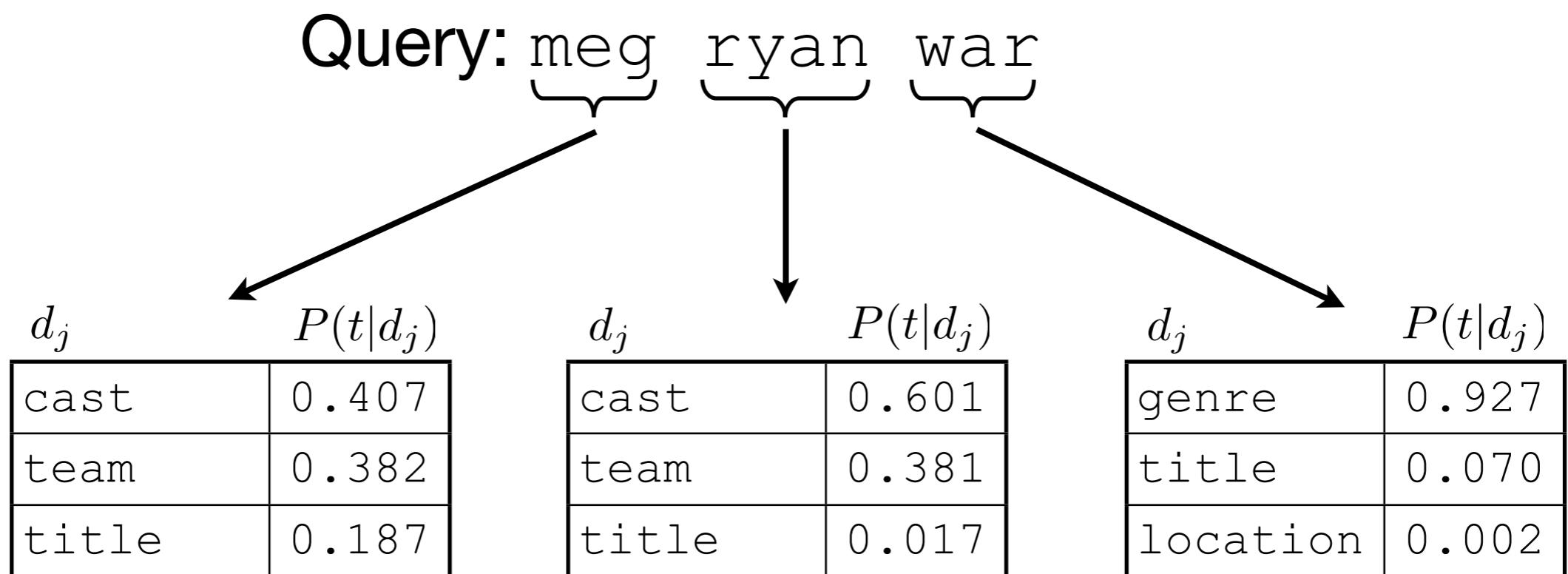
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**Term likelihood**  
Probability of a query term occurring in a given field type

**Prior field probability**  
Probability of mapping the query term to this field before observing collection statistics

$$P(d_j|t) = \frac{P(t|d_j)P(d_j)}{P(t)}$$
$$\sum_{d_k} P(t|d_k)P(d_k)$$

# Example



# The usual suspects from document retrieval...

- Priors
  - HITS, PageRank
  - Document link indegree **[Kamps & Koolen 2008]**
- Pseudo relevance feedback
  - Document-centric vs. entity-centric **[Macdonald & Ounis 2007; Serdyukov et al. 2007]**
    - sampling expansion terms from top ranked documents and/or (profiles of) top ranked candidates
  - Field-based **[Kim & Croft 2011]**

# **So far...**

- Ranking (fielded) documents...
- What is special about entities?
  - Type(s)
  - Relationships with other entities

# Entity types

`rdf:type`

`dbpedia-owl:MeanOfTransportation`  
`dbpedia-owl:Automobile`

Categories: Audi vehicles | Compact executive cars | Euro NCAP large family cars | Sedans | Station wagons | Convertibles  
| Vehicles with CVT transmission | All-wheel-drive vehicles | Front-wheel-drive vehicles | Vehicles introduced in 1994  
| 1990s automobiles | 2000s automobiles | 2010s automobiles | Hybrid electric cars

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Automobile Model

# **Using target types**

**Assuming they have been identified...**

- Constraining results
  - Soft/hard filtering
  - Different ways to measure type similarity (between target types and the types associated with the entity)
    - Set-based
    - Content-based
    - Lexical similarity of type labels
- Query expansion
  - Adding terms from type names to the query
- Entity expansion
  - Categories as a separate metadata field

# Modeling terms and categories

[Balog et al. 2011]

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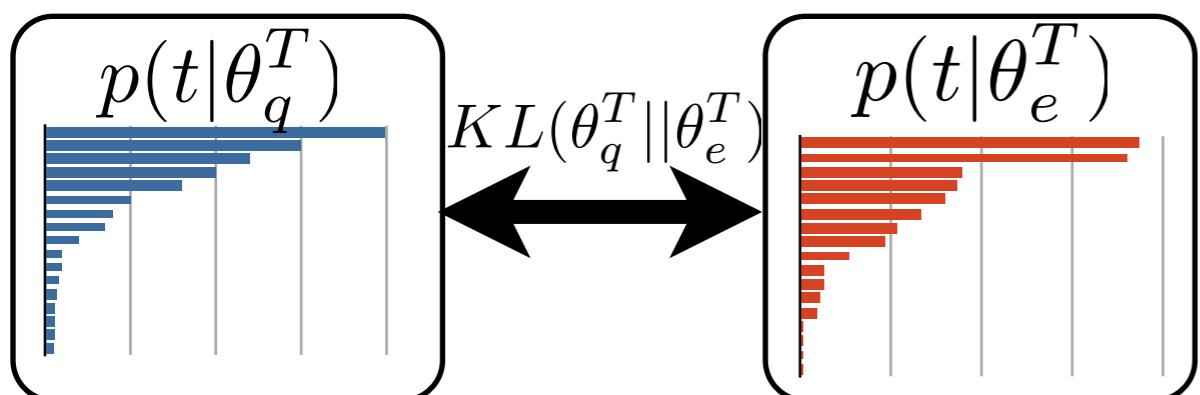
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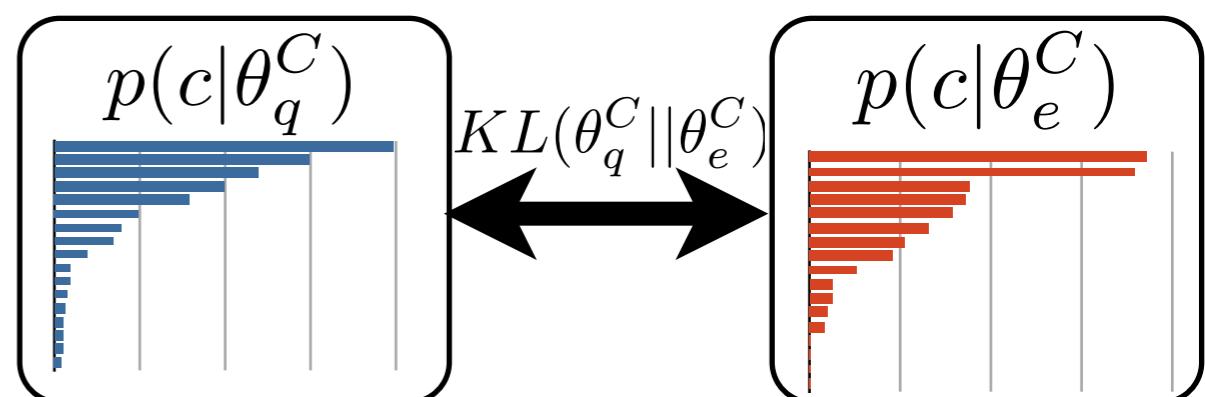
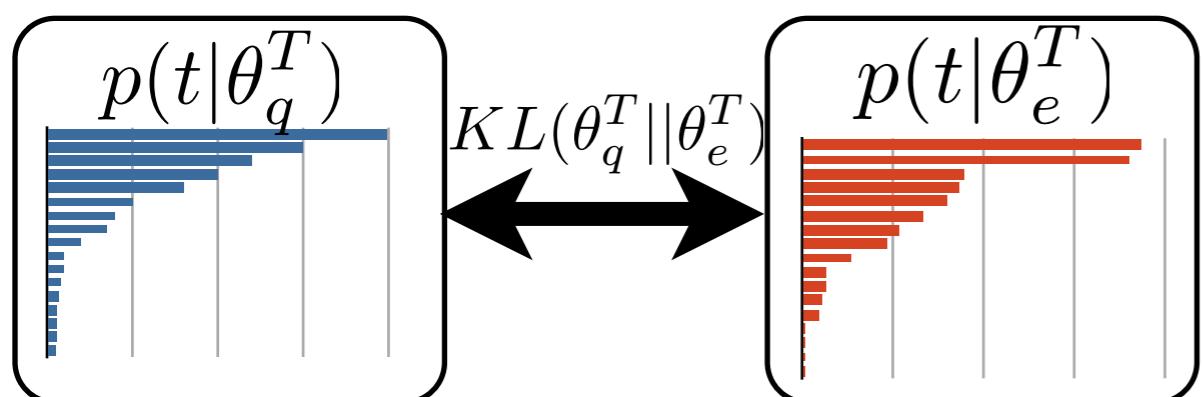
Query model

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# Identifying target types

- Types of top ranked entities **[Vallet & Zaragoza 2008]**
- Direct term-based vs. indirect entity-based representations **[Balog & Neumayer 2012]**
- Hierarchical case is difficult... **[Sawant & Chakrabarti 2013]**

# Expanding target types

- Pseudo relevance feedback
- Based on hierarchical structure
- Using lexical similarity of type labels

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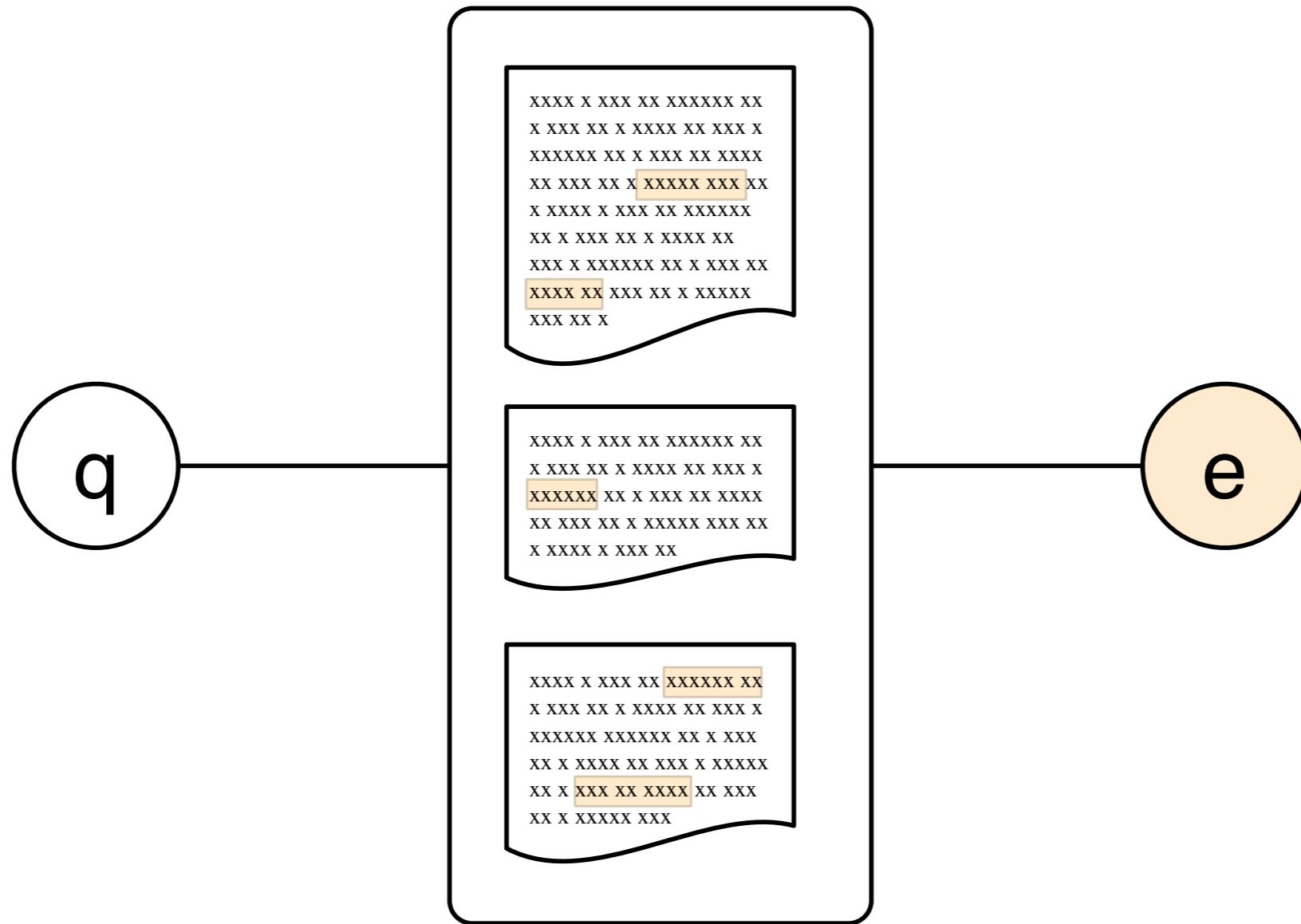
# **Ranking without explicit entity representations**

# Scenario

- Entity descriptions are not readily available
- Entity occurrences are annotated
  - manually
  - automatically (~entity linking)

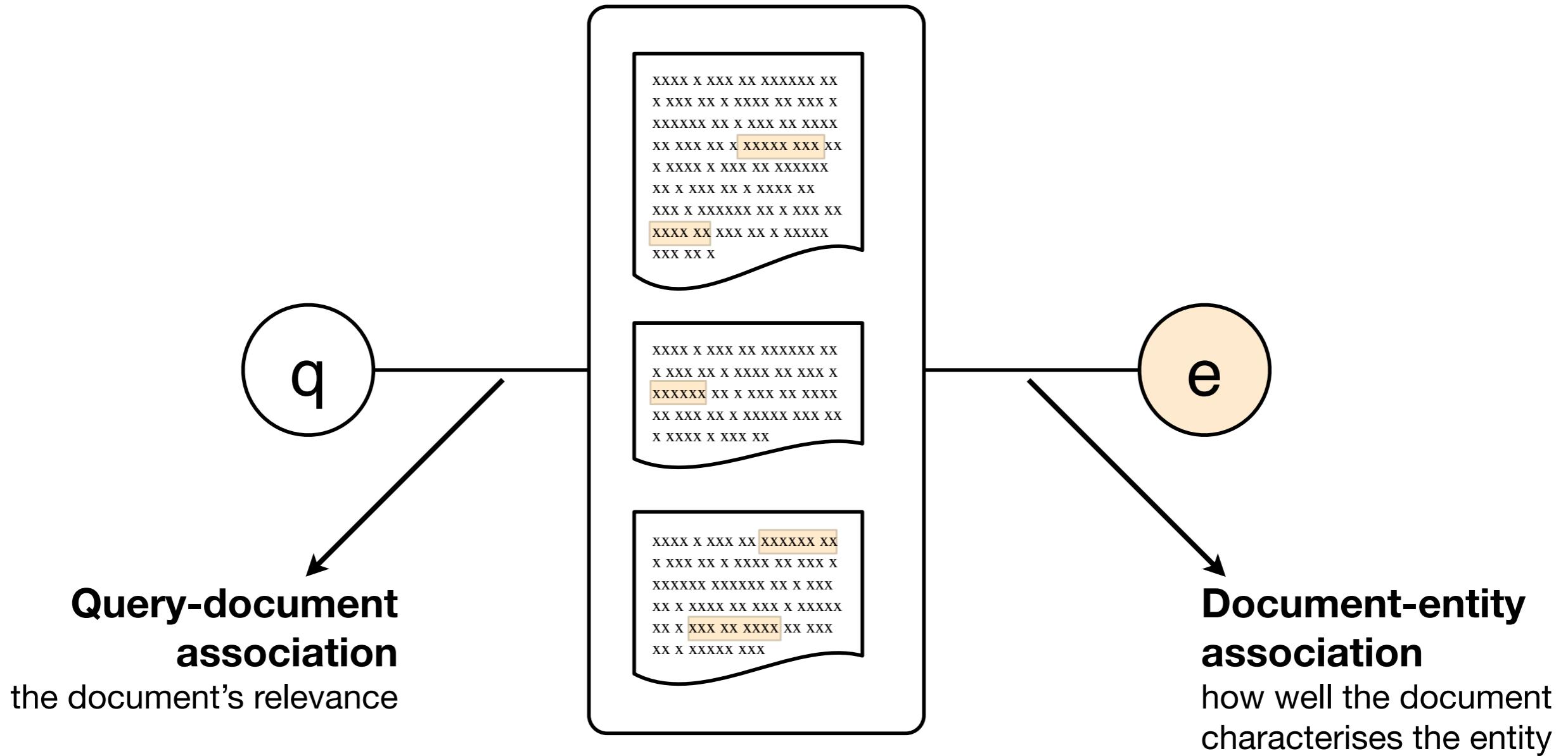
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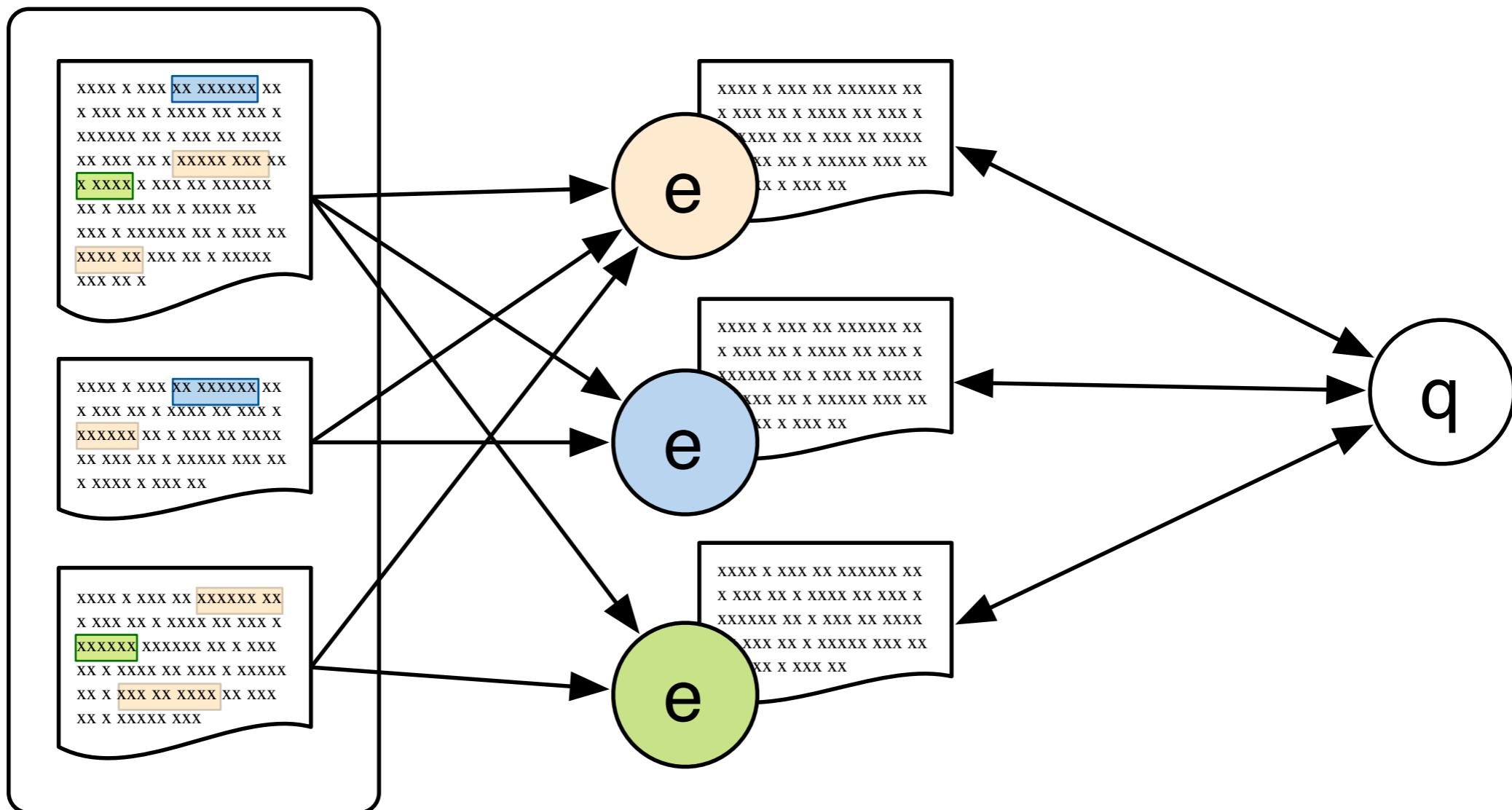
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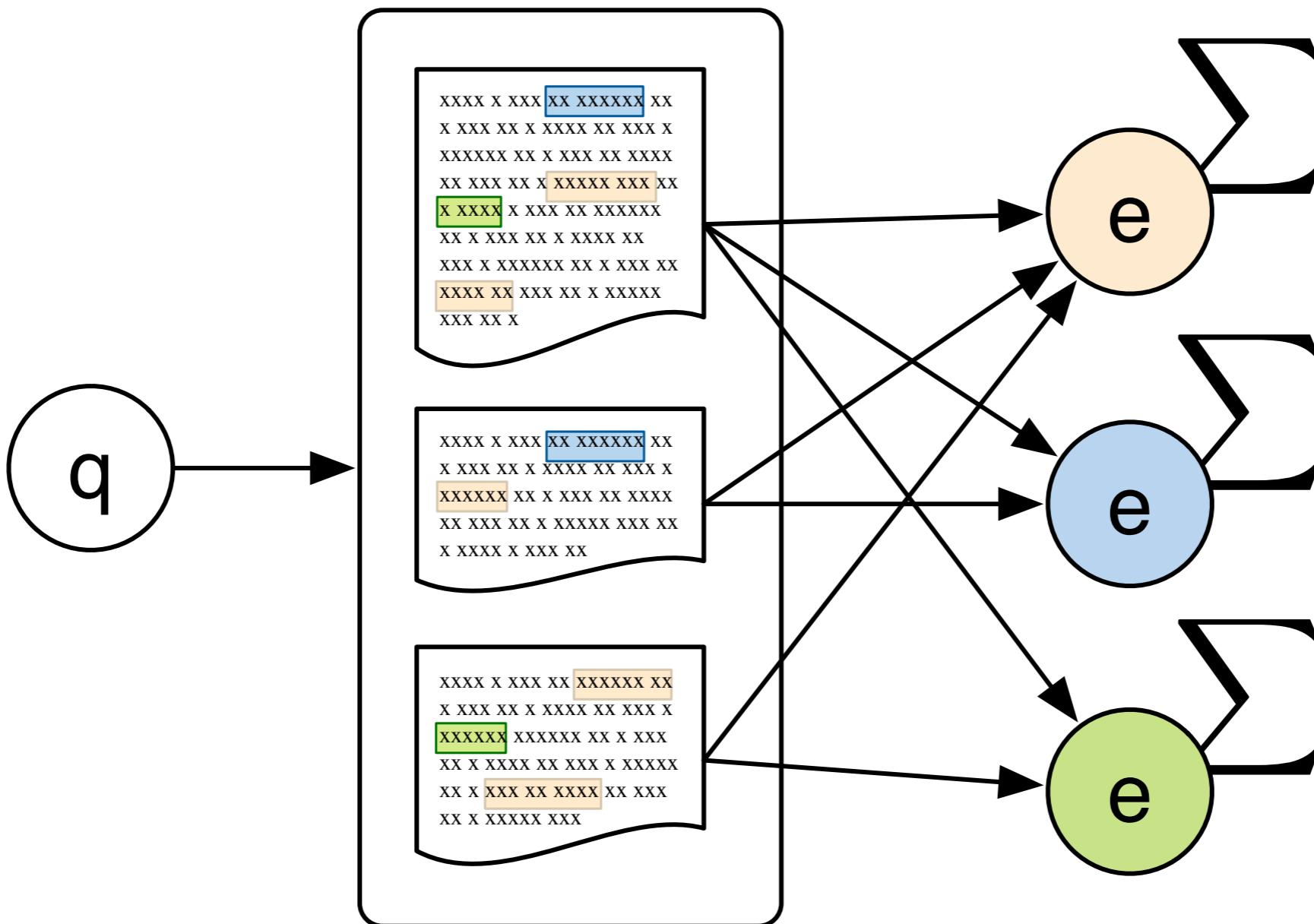
# Two principal approaches

- **Profile-based** methods
  - Create a textual profile for entities, then rank them (by adapting document retrieval techniques)
- **Document-based** methods
  - Indirect representation based on mentions identified in documents
  - First ranking documents (or snippets) and then aggregating evidence for associated entities

# Profile-based methods



# Document-based methods



# **Many possibilities in terms of modeling**

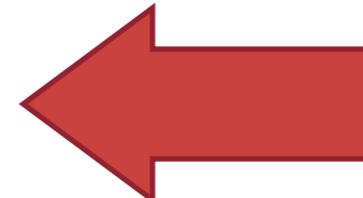
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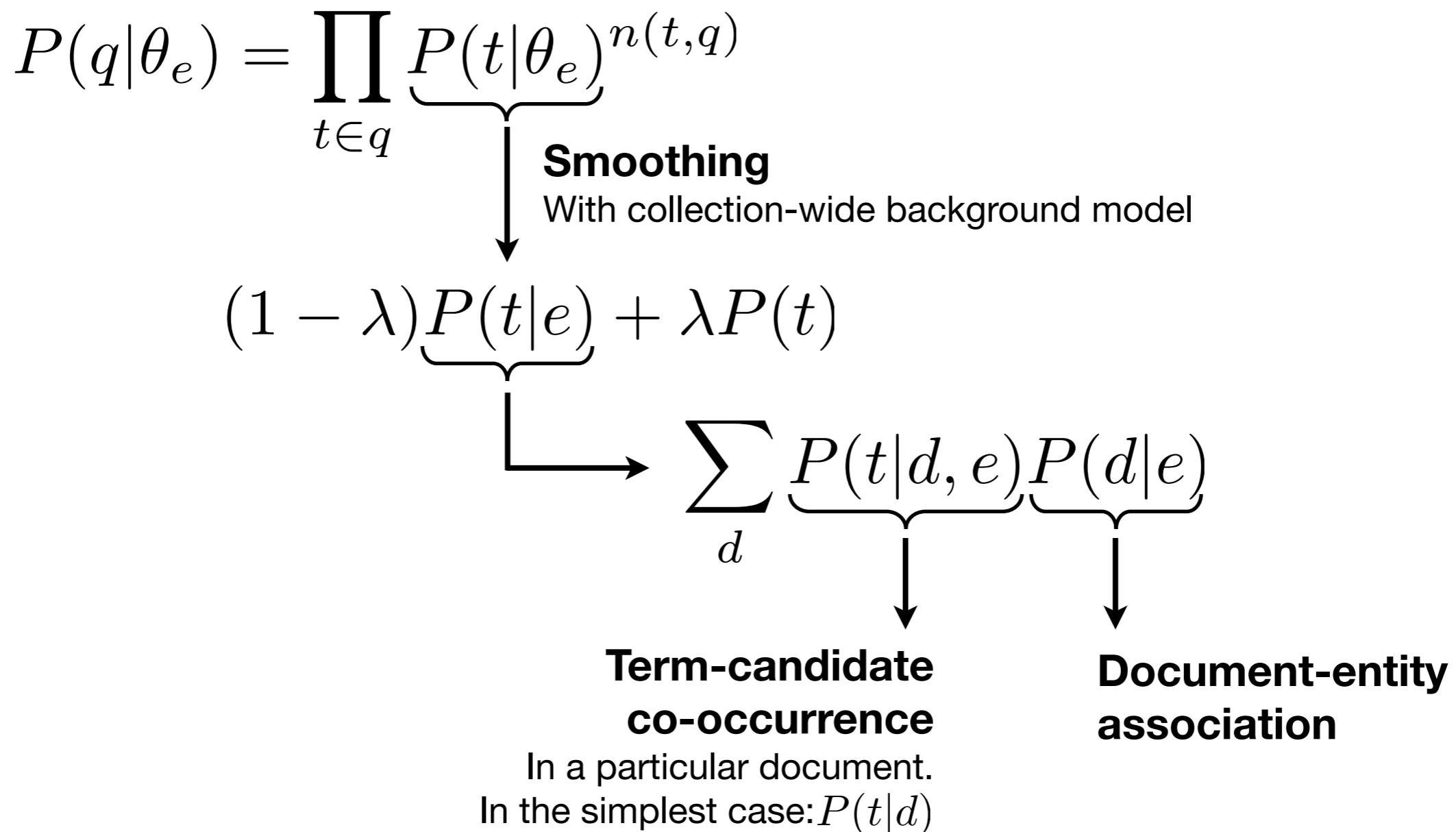
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$$\prod_{t \in q} \underbrace{P(t|d, e)}_{\text{Simplifying assumption}}^{n(t,q)}$$

( $t$  and  $e$  are conditionally independent given  $d$ )

$$P(t|\theta_d)$$

# Document-entity associations

- Boolean (or set-based) approach
- Weighted by the confidence in entity linking
- Consider other entities mentioned in the document

# Proximity-based variations

- So far, conditional independence assumption between candidates and terms when computing the probability  $P(t|d,e)$
- Relationship between terms and entities that in the same document is ignored
  - Entity is equally strongly associated with everything discussed in that document
- Let's capture the dependence between entities and terms
  - Use their distance in the document

# Using proximity kernels

[Petkova & Croft 2007]

$$P(t|d, e) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_d(i, t) k(t, e)$$

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**Normalizing  
constant**

**Indicator function**

1 if the term at position i is t,  
0 otherwise

**Proximity-based kernel**

- constant function
- triangle kernel
- Gaussian kernel
- step function

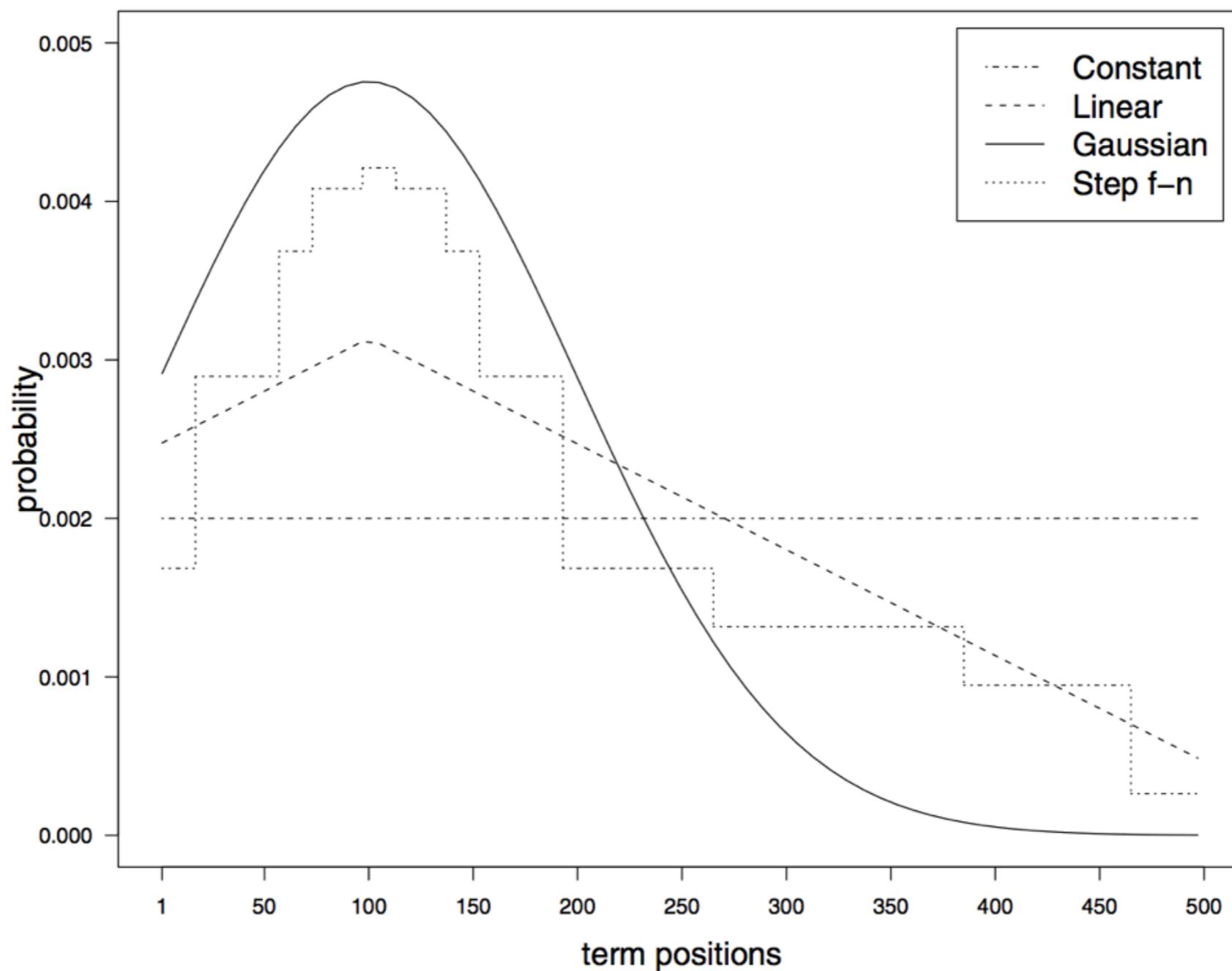


Figure taken from D. Petkova and W.B. Croft. **Proximity-based document representation for named entity retrieval.** CIKM'07.

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# Discriminative models

- Vs. generative models:
  - Fewer assumptions (e.g., term independence)
  - “Let the data speak”
    - Sufficient amounts of training data required
  - Incorporating more document features, multiple signals for document-entity associations
  - Estimating  $P(r=1|e,q)$  directly (instead of  $P(e,q|r=1)$ )
  - Optimization can get trapped in a local maximum/minimum

# **Arithmetic Mean Discriminative (AMD) model**

**[Yang et al. 2010]**

$$P_{\theta}(r = 1|e, q) = \sum_d P(r_1 = 1|q, d)P(r_2 = 1|e, d)P(d)$$

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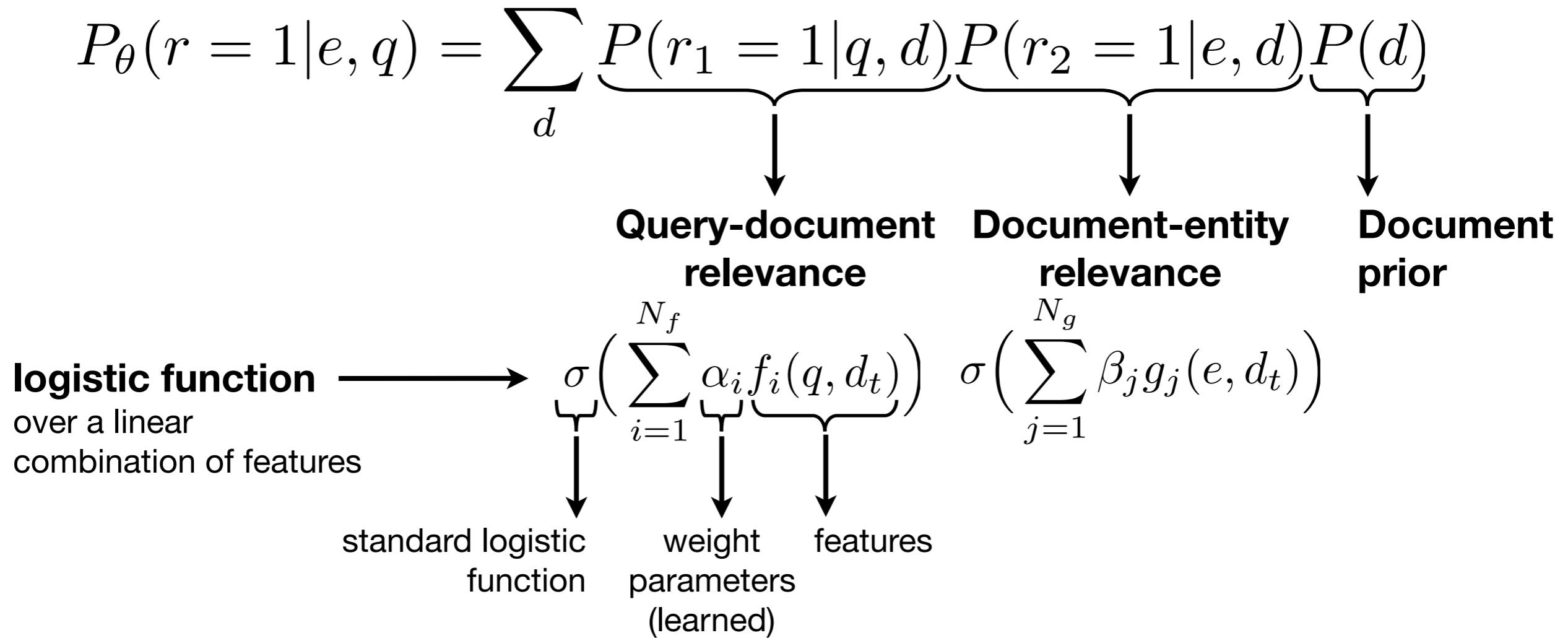
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**logistic function**  $\longrightarrow \sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \alpha_i f_i(q, d_t)\right) \quad \sigma\left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_g} \beta_j g_j(e, d_t)\right)$   
over a linear combination of features

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# Learning to rank && entity retrieval

- Pointwise
  - AMD, GMD **[Yang et al. 2010]**
  - Multilayer perceptrons, logistic regression **[Sorg & Cimiano 2011]**
  - Additive Groves **[Moreira et al. 2011]**
- Pairwise
  - Ranking SVM **[Yang et al. 2009]**
  - RankBoost, RankNet **[Moreira et al. 2011]**
- Listwise
  - AdaRank, Coordinate Ascent **[Moreira et al. 2011]**

# Voting models

[Macdonald & Ounis 2006]

- Inspired by techniques from data fusion
  - Combining evidence from different sources
- Documents ranked w.r.t. the query are seen as “votes” for the entity

# Voting models

**Many different variants, including...**

- Votes

- Number of documents mentioning the entity

$$Score(e, q) = |M(e) \cap R(q)|$$

- Reciprocal Rank

- Sum of inverse ranks of documents

$$Score(e, q) = \sum_{\{M(e) \cap R(q)\}} \frac{1}{rank(d, q)}$$

- CombSUM

- Sum of scores of documents

$$Score(e, q) = |\{M(e) \cap R(q)\}| \sum_{\{M(e) \cap R(q)\}} s(d, q)$$

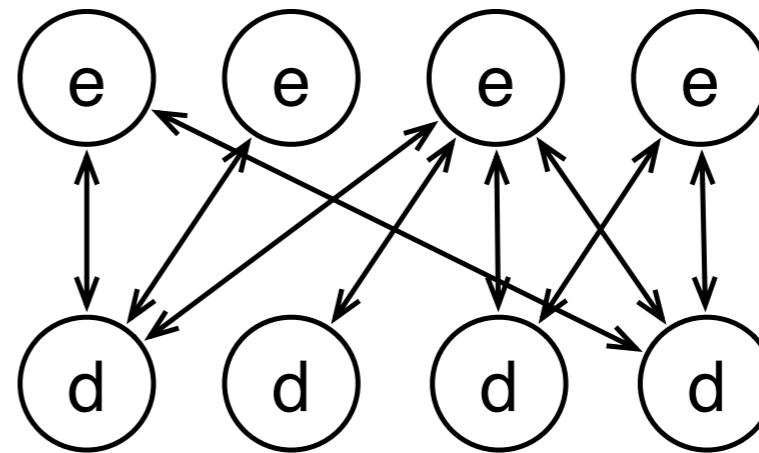
# Graph-based models

[Serdyukov et al. 2008]

- One particular way of constructing graphs
  - Vertices are documents and entities
  - Only document-entity edges
- Search can be approached as a random walk on this graph
  - Pick a random document or entity
  - Follow links to entities or other documents
  - Repeat it a number of times

# Infinite random walk

[Serdyukov et al. 2008]



$$P_i(d) = \lambda P_J(d) + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{e \rightarrow d} P(d|e) P_{i-1}(e),$$

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# **Test collections**

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Campaign	Task	Collection	Entity repr.	#Topics
TREC Enterprise (2005-08)	Expert finding	Enterprise intranets (W3C, CSIRO)	Indirect	99 (W3C) 127 (CSIRO)
TREC Entity (2009-11)	Rel. entity finding	Web crawl (ClueWeb09)	Indirect	120
	List completion			70
INEX Entity Ranking (2007-09)	Entity search	Wikipedia	Direct	55
	List completion			
SemSearch Chall. (2010-11)	Entity search	Semantic Web crawl (BTC2009)	Direct	142
	List search			50
INEX Linked Data (2012-13)	Ad-hoc search	Wikipedia + RDF (Wikipedia-LOD)	Direct	100 ('12) 144 ('13)

# **Test collections (2)**

- Entity search as Question Answering
  - TREC QA track
  - QALD-2 challenge
  - INEX-LD Jeopardy task

# Entity search in DBpedia

[Balog & Neumayer 2013]

- Synthesising queries and relevance assessments from previous eval. campaigns
- From short keyword queries to natural language questions
- 485 queries in total
- Results are mapped to DBpedia

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# **Hands-on**



# **Public Toolkits and Web Services for Entity Retrieval**

- YAGO
- Freebase
- DBpedia
- EARS
- Sig.ma
- Sindice & SIREn

# YAGO

- Accuracy manually evaluated
  - Confirmed accuracy of 95%
  - Relation is annotated with its confidence value.
- Anchored in Time and Space
- Thematic domains (e.g. "music" or "science")
- Includes the WordNet class hierarchy
- See <http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/yago/>

# Freebase

- Initially seeded from high-quality open data
- Now composed mainly by community
- Harvested from many sources
  - Wikipedia, MusicBrainz, and others.
- Acquired by Google in 2010
  - Google Knowledge Graph
- See <http://www.firebaseio.com/>

# DBpedia

- Extract structured information from Wikipedia
- Crowd-sourced community effort
- Open source
  - Written in Scala, Java and VSP
  - Virtuoso Universal Server Operating system
- See <http://dbpedia.org/About>

# Sense of Scale

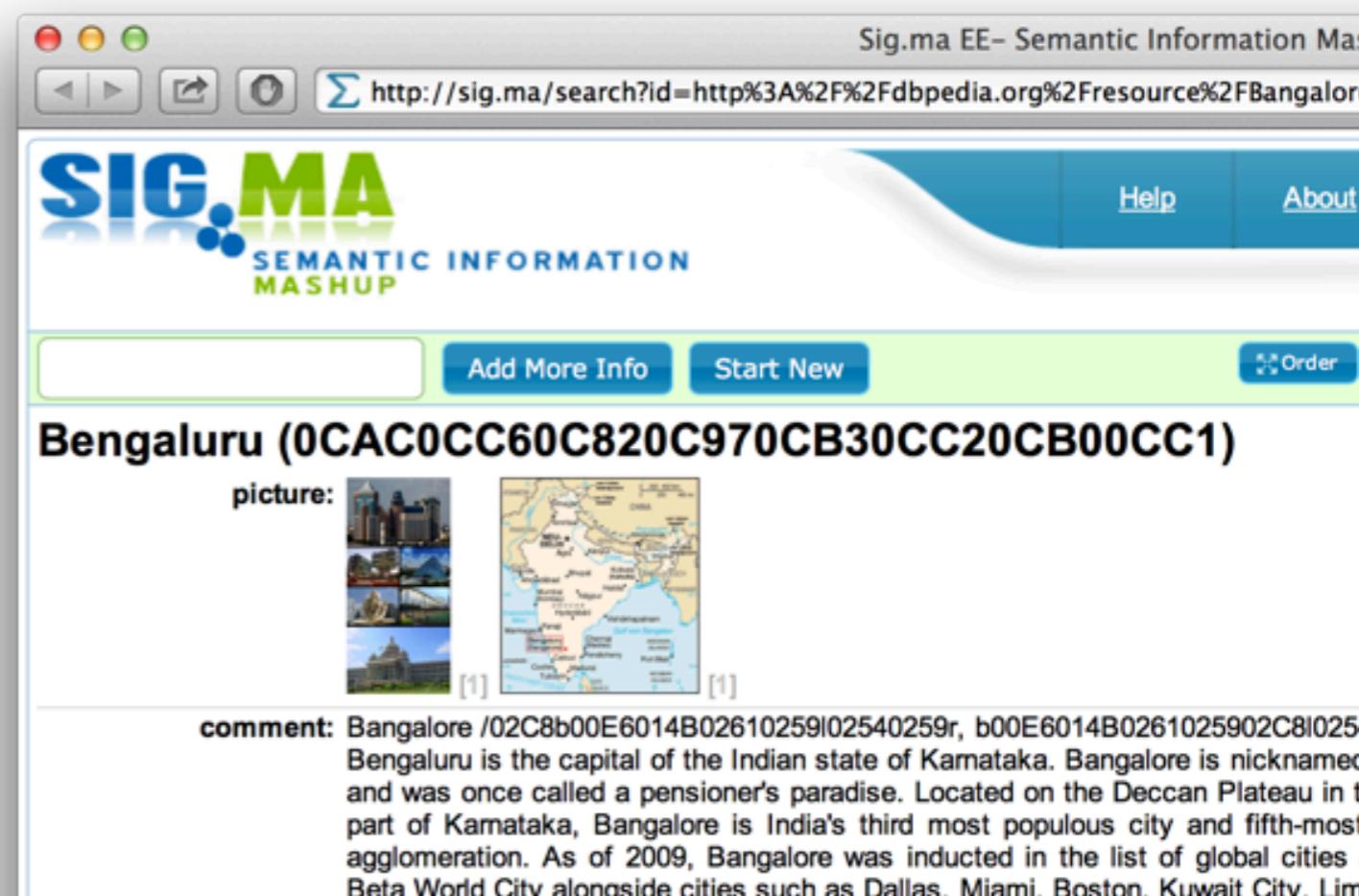
- YAGO: 10 million entities and 120 million facts
- Freebase: 37 million topics, 1,998 types, and more than 30,000 properties
- DBpedia: 3.77 million things
  - 2.35 million classified in Ontology, including:
    - 764,000 persons, 573,000 places,
    - 333,000 creative works, 192,000 organizations,
    - 202,000 species and 5,500 diseases.
  - 111 languages, together 20.8 million things

# **EARS**

- **Entity and Association Retrieval System**
  - Open source, built on top of Lemur in C++
    - Not actively maintained
- **Entity-topic association finding models**
  - Suited for other tasks, e.g. blog distillation
  - Focuses on two entity-related tasks:
    - Finding entities:
      - "Which entities are associated with topic X?"
    - Profiling entities:
      - "What topics is an entity associated with?"
- See <https://code.google.com/p/ears/>

# Sig.ma

- Search, aggregate, and visualize LOD data
- Powered by Sindice
- See <http://sig.ma/>



# Sindice/SIREn

- Handling of semi-structured data
  - Efficient, large scale
  - Typically based on DBMS backends
  - Uses Lucene for semi-structured search
- Open source
- See <http://siren.sindice.com/>

# Code Academy

- Contains some (Javascript) coding examples for entity linking and retrieval
  - <http://www.codecademy.com/courses/javascript-beginner-en-LkhDf/>

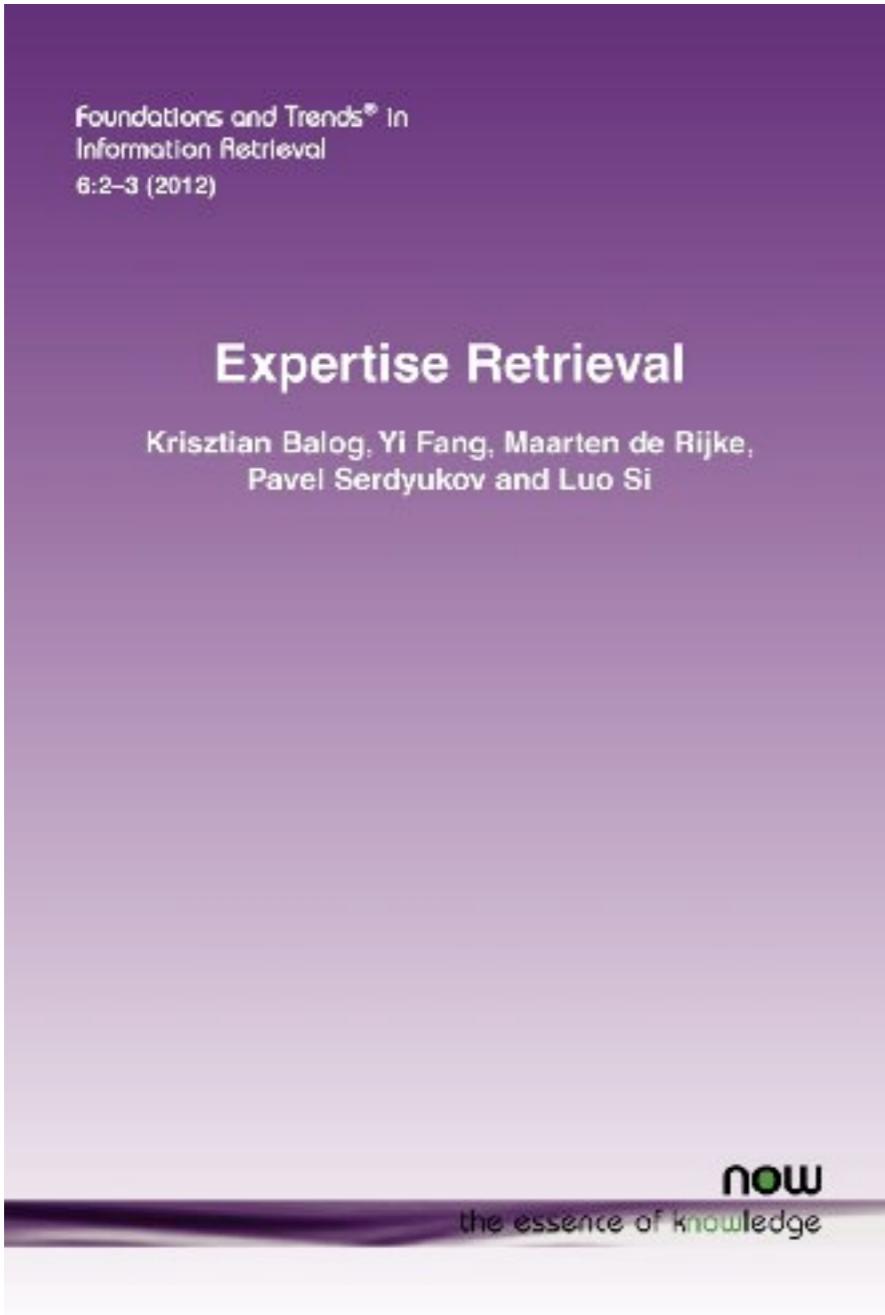
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# Open challenges

- Combining text and structure
  - Knowledge bases and unstructured Web documents
- Query understanding and modeling **[Sawant & Chakrabarti 2013]**
- UI/UX/Result presentation
  - How to interact with entities
- Hyperlocal
  - Siri/Google Now/...

# Follow-up reading



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**Expertise Retrieval.** *FnTIR'12.*

# **References – Entity retrieval**

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# Tutorial Resources

- Complete tutorial material  
<http://bit.ly/yahoosummerschool>
- Coding exercises  
see link above under “CodeAcademy Course”
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