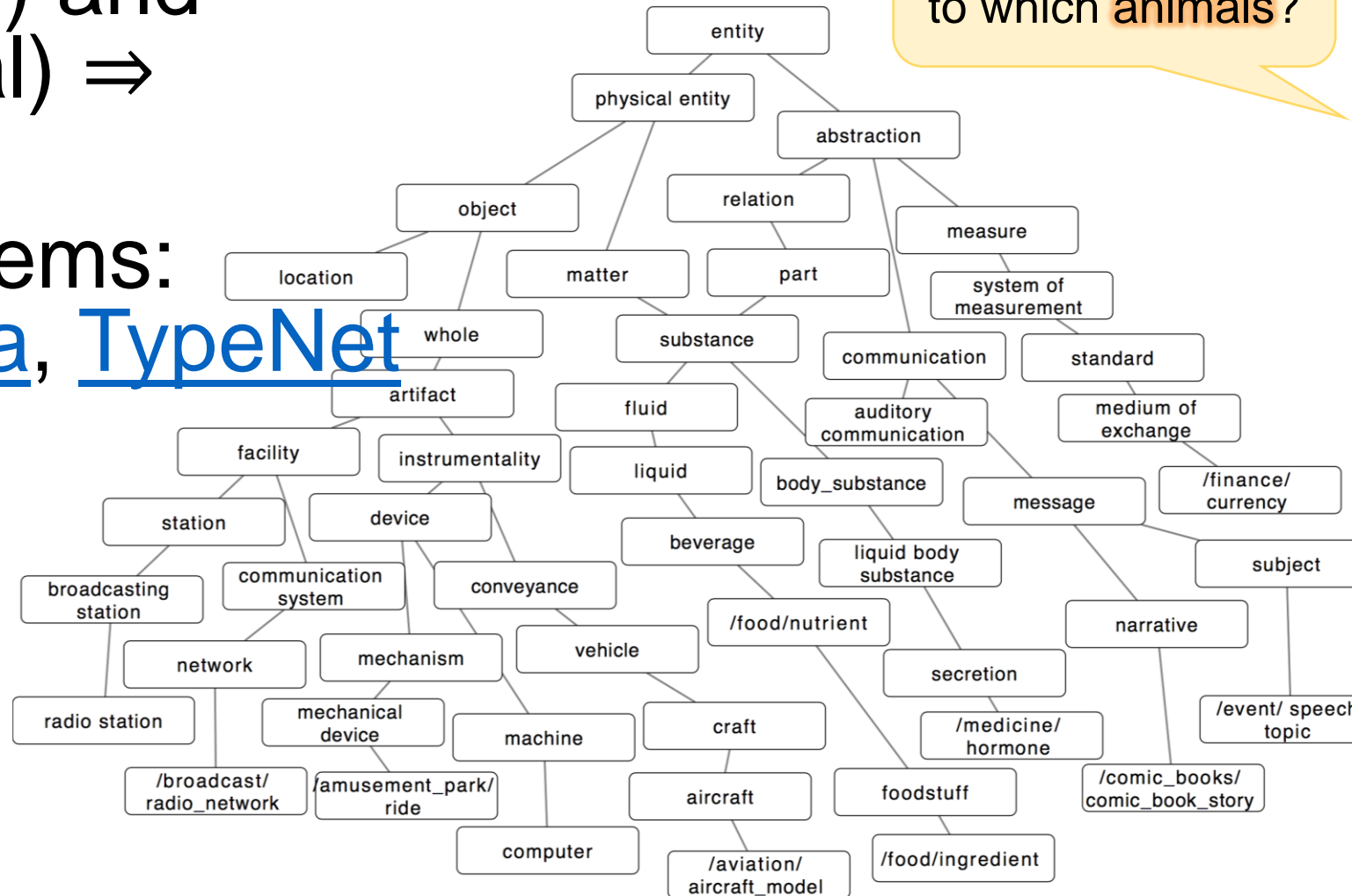


# Knowledge and Retrieval

## **Modeling Hierarchies**

# Hierarchies in KGs

- Anti/symmetry ... how about transitivity?
- (camel, is-a, mammal) and (mammal, is-a, animal)  $\Rightarrow$  (camel, is-a, animal)
- Popular KG type systems: [FIGER](#), [GFT](#), [DbPedia](#), [TypeNet](#)
- None of the KG embedding methods discussed thus far handle hierarchies



# Two views of embedding hierarchies

- Embed a hierarchy (DAG) in a space with a distance such that distances on DAG are approximately preserved by distance in the embedding space
  - Euclidean → Poincaré balls, hyperbolic embeddings
- Encode DAG nodes so that ancestor-descendant queries can be answered efficiently
  - Gaussian, order and box embeddings
- Should work with incomplete supervision
- Should play well with other embeddings

# Low-distortion graph embeddings

- Each node  $v$  in graph  $G = (V, E)$  embedded to  $x(v) \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- Graph distance between  $u, v \in V$  is  $d_G(u, v)$
- Distortion of embedding  $g$  is given by

$$\text{distor}(x, G) = \frac{\max_{u,v} \frac{\|x(u) - x(v)\|}{d_G(u,v)}}{\min_{u,v} \frac{\|x(u) - x(v)\|}{d_G(u,v)}}$$



Maximum stretch

Minimum stretch

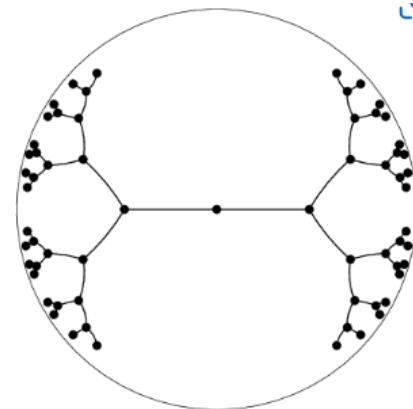
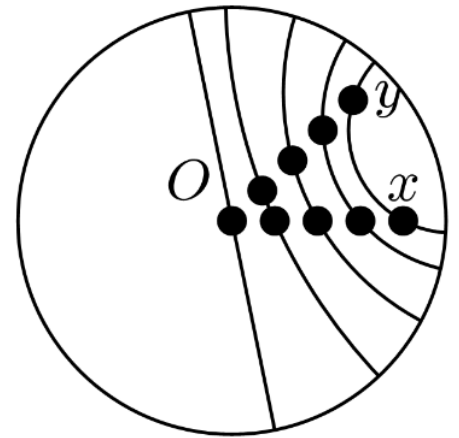
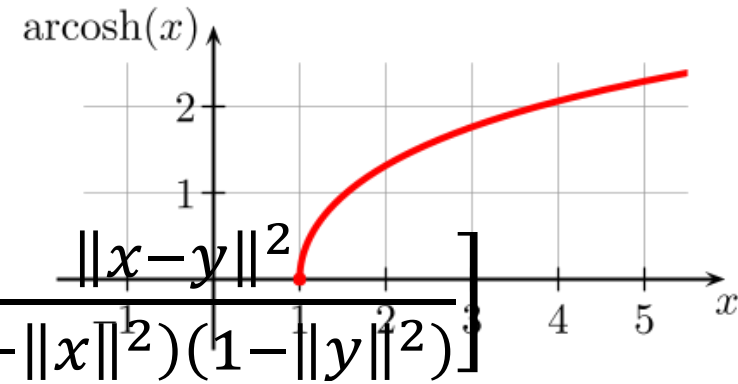
- Distortion of  $G$  is  $\inf_x \text{distor}(g, G)$

# Euclidean distortion facts

- With large enough  $D$ , any graph with  $n$  nodes can be embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^D$  with  $O(\log n)$  distortion
- Any connected planar graph can be embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $O(n)$  distortion; trees with  $O(\sqrt{n})$
- With large enough  $D$ , any tree can be embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^D$  with  $O(\log \log n)$  distortion
- Binary trees can be embedded in a line with  $O\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)$  distortion
- Binary trees can be embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^D$  with  $O\left(\frac{n^{1/D}}{\log n}\right)$  distortion
- Distortion of  $(1 + \epsilon)$  is possible in hyperbolic space

# Poincaré disk, hyperbolic space

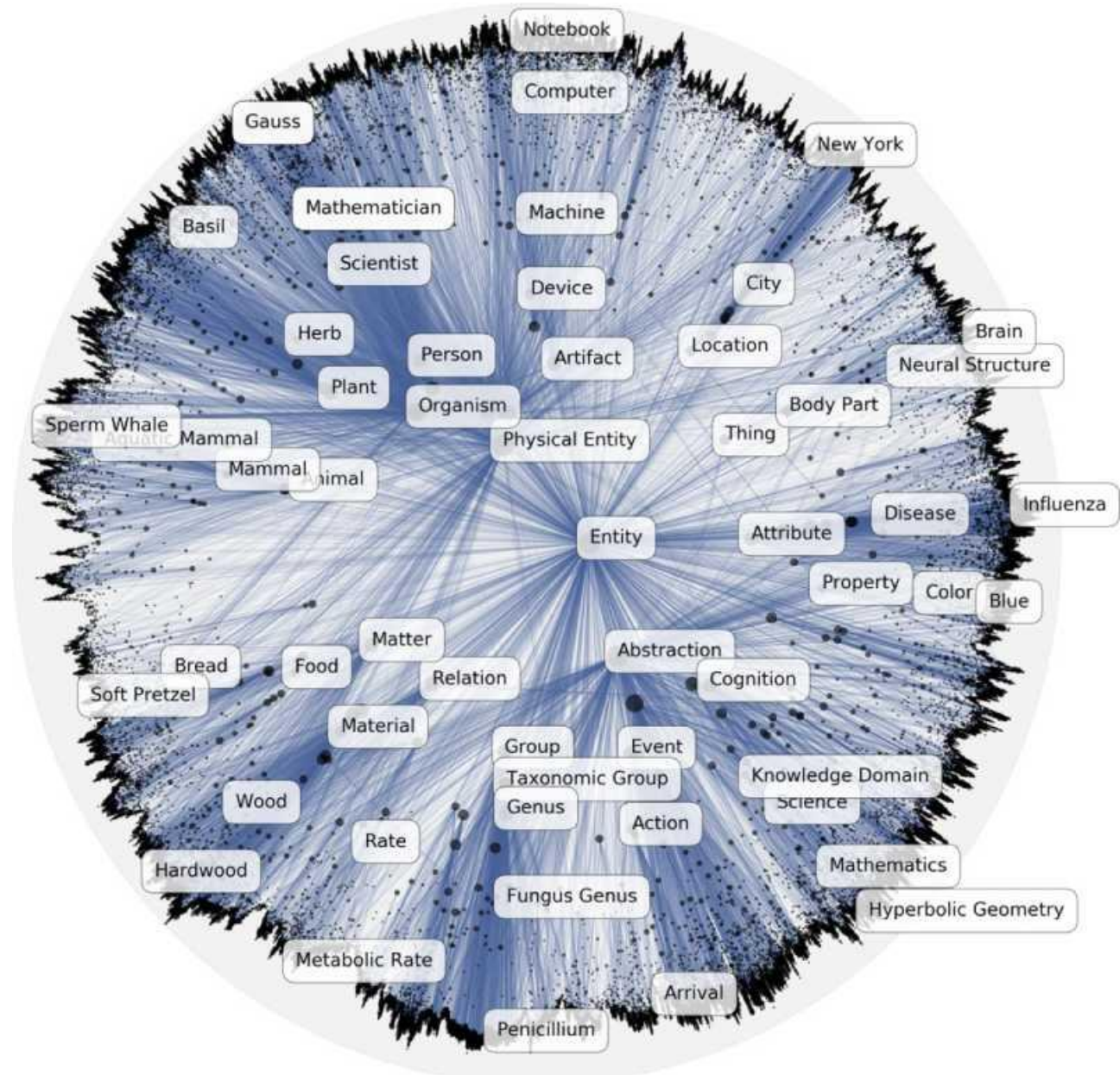
- $\operatorname{acosh}(a) = \ln(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1})$
- Points  $x, y$  strictly inside unit circle
- Hyperbolic distance  $d_H(x, y) = \operatorname{acosh} \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{\|x - y\|^2}{(1 - \|x\|^2)(1 - \|y\|^2)} \right]$
- As  $x, y$  approach perimeter,  $d_H \rightarrow \infty$
- Natural tree embedding
- Precision bits not free!





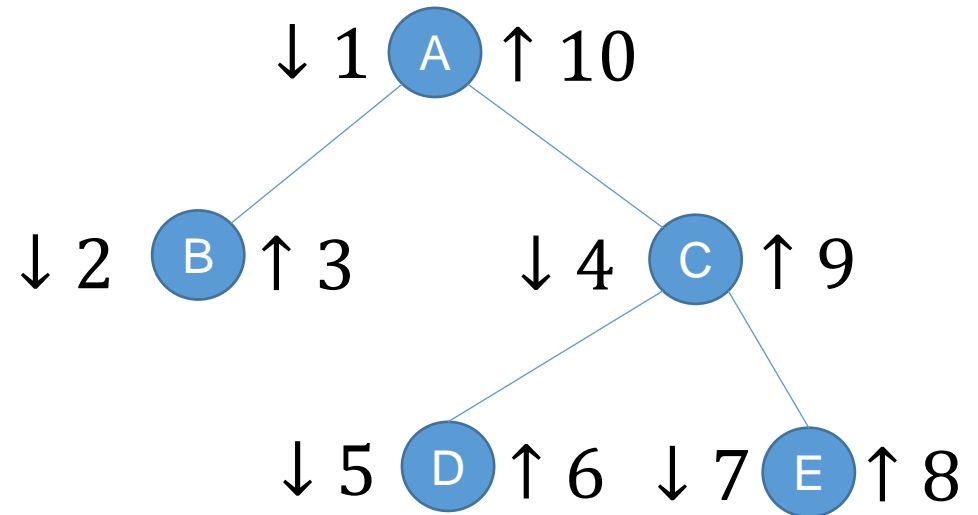
# WordNet nouns in Poincaré disk

- As expected, generic synsets near disk center, specific near periphery
- What do applications (e.g., QA) need?
  - “scientists who played musical instruments”
  - “mammals living in the desert”
- word2vec  $\leftrightarrow$  Poincaré?



# Toward order embeddings

- Computing Euclidean or hyperbolic distance between items not the only choice
- Denote partial order by “ $x < y$ ” meaning  $x$  is a descendant of  $y$
- In case of a tree, associate with each item  $x$  the **in-order traversal interval**  $I(x)$ 
  - $I(B) = [2,3], I(A) = [1,10], I(D) = [5,6]$
  - $I(x) \subset I(y) \Leftrightarrow x < y$



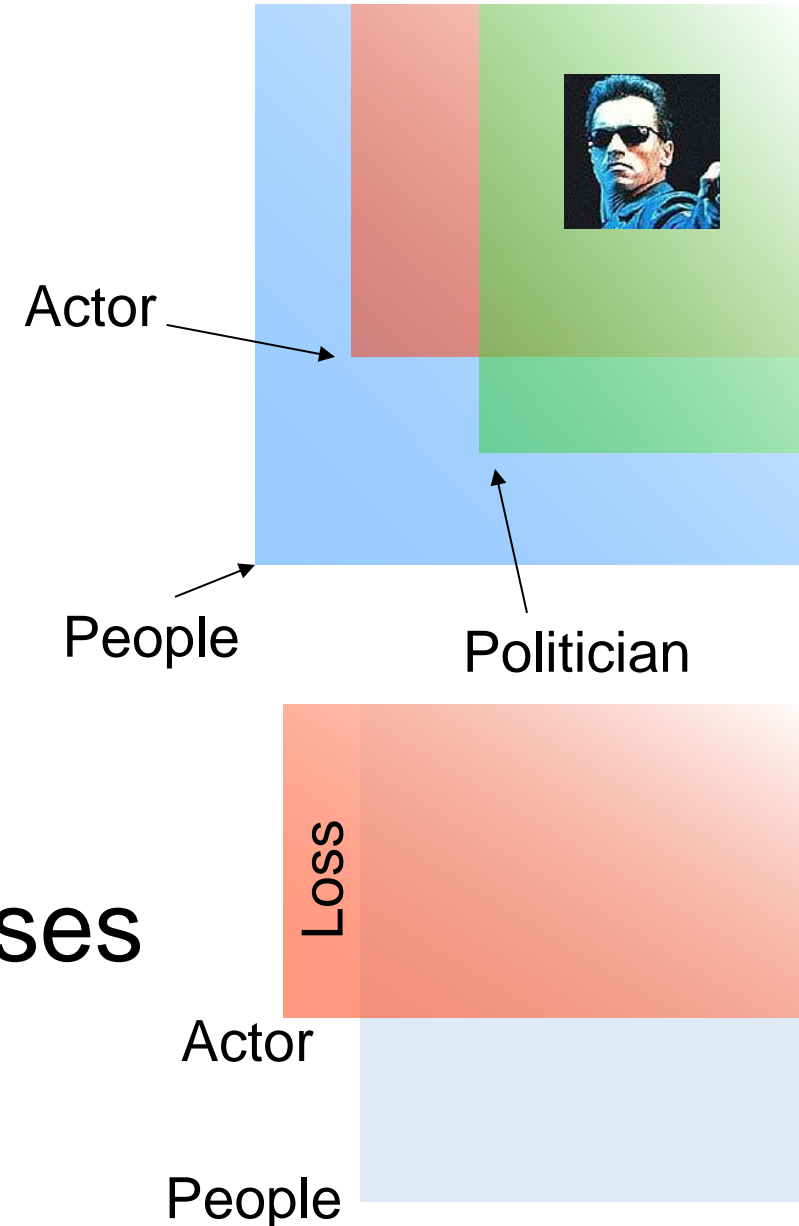
Nodes of a tree can be embedded in one dimension to answer ancestor-descendant queries in constant time.



# Apex of axis-aligned open cones

- Item  $x$  represented by  $\mathbf{u}_x \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- $\mathbf{u}_x$  is the apex of an open cone
- $x \prec y \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}_x \geq \mathbf{u}_y$ , elementwise
- Design training loss function
  - Notation:  $\text{ReLU}(a) = [a]_+ = \max\{0, a\}$
  - If  $x \prec y$ ,  $\|\text{ReLU}(\mathbf{u}_y - \mathbf{u}_x)\|$ , i.e. all  $D$  dims must satisfy constraint
  - If  $x \not\prec y$ ,  $\text{ReLU}[\alpha - \|\text{ReLU}(\mathbf{u}_y - \mathbf{u}_x)\|]$
- Does not recognize asymmetry in losses

Margin



# Addressing loss asymmetry

- If  $x \prec y$ , then for all dim  $d$ , want  $u_x[d] \geq u_y[d]$ 
  - E.g.,  $\ell_+(x, y) = \max_{d \in [D]} \text{ReLU}(u_y[d] - u_x[d])$
- If  $x \not\prec y$ , then for some  $d$ , want  $u_x[d] < u_y[d]$ 
  - $\ell_-(x, y) = \min_{d \in [D]} \text{ReLU}(\alpha - \text{ReLU}(u_y[d] - u_x[d]))$
- All open cones and their intersections have same measure of volume (unlike in-order intervals)
  - ... even though Politicians  $\subsetneq$  People
- Hard to model negative correlation
  - X is-a fruit, or X is-not-a scientist

# (Hyper)rectangle/box embeddings

- Each type/item  $x$  characterized by **interval**  $I_x[d] = [b_{x,d}, h_{x,d}]$  for each dimension  $d$
- Want  $I_x[d] \subseteq I_y[d] \forall d$ , iff  $x < y$
- Learning to lay out Venn diagrams

