

# NLP Tasks

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CMSC 473/673 - NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

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# Learning Objectives

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Define featurization & other ML terminology

Define some “classification” terminology

Distinguish between different text classification tasks

Formalize NLP Tasks at a high-level:

- What are the input/output for a particular task?
- What might the features be?
- What types of applications could the task be used for?



Similar to what HW 1  
will be

**If there's time**

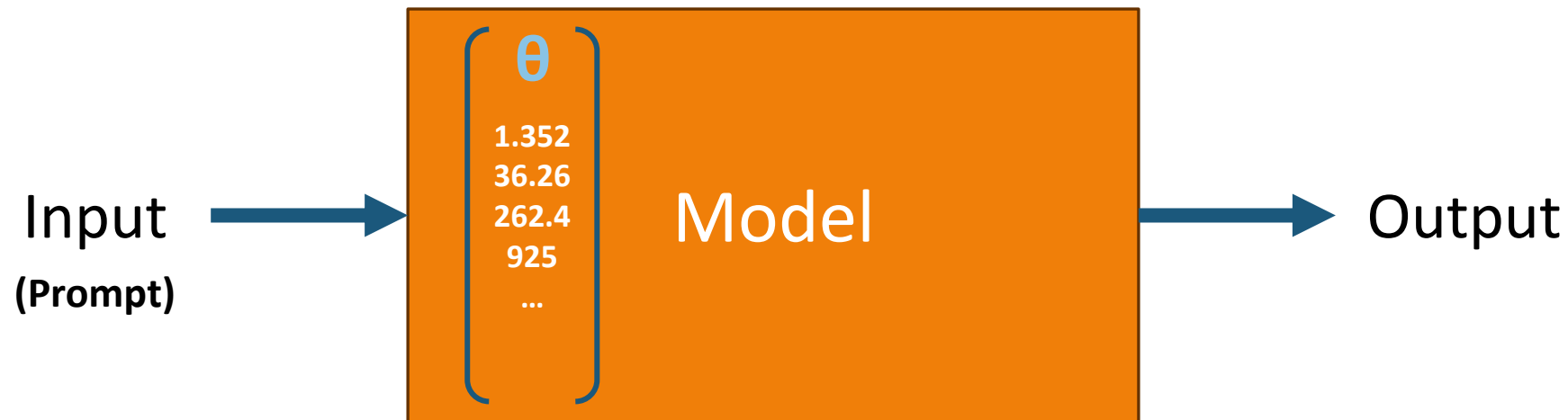
Calculate elementary processes on a dataset

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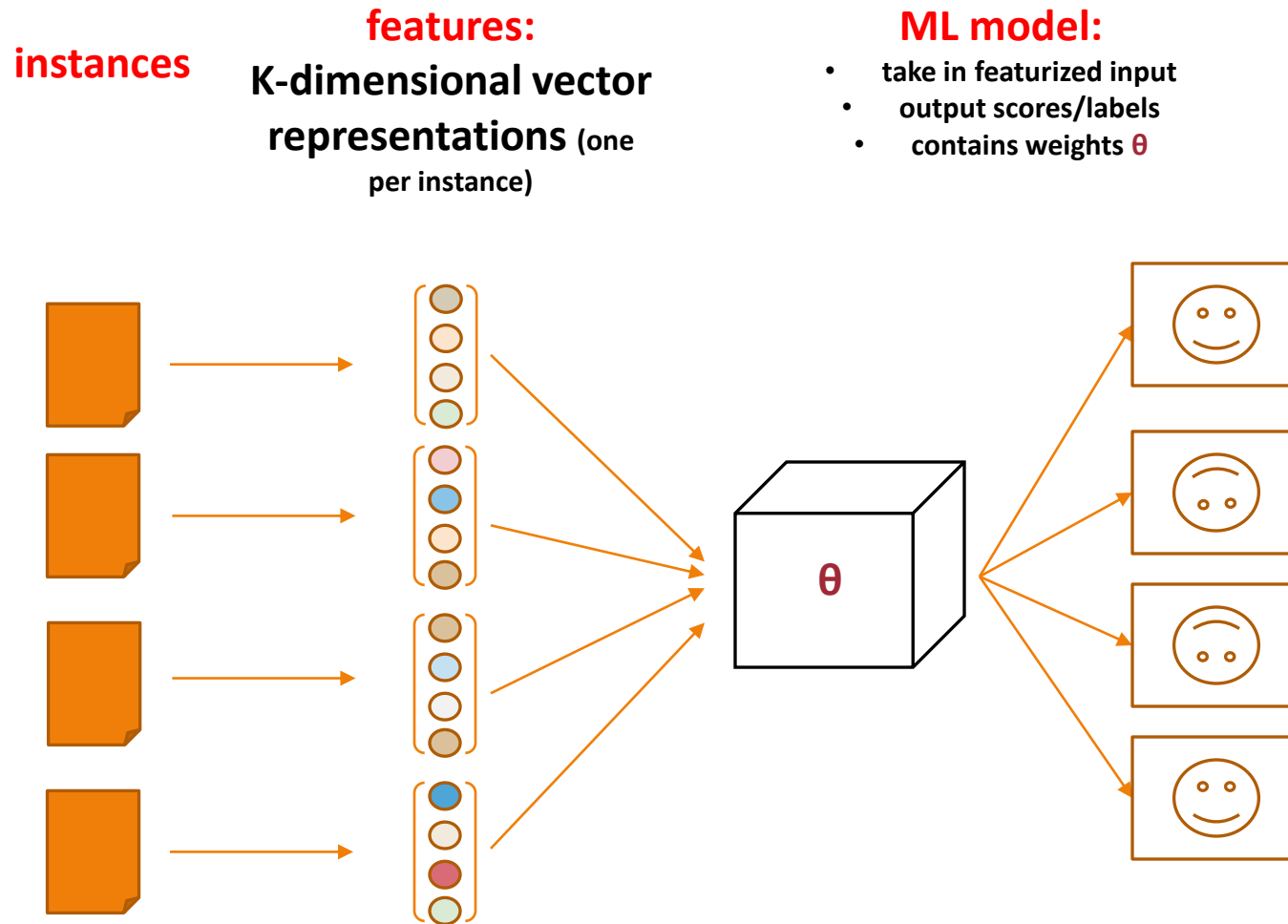
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**Evaluation function:** an algorithm/calculation that scores how “correct” the **model's** predictions are. The **model's** weights are not adjusted.

Note: The evaluation and objective functions are often different!

# (More) Helpful ML Terminology

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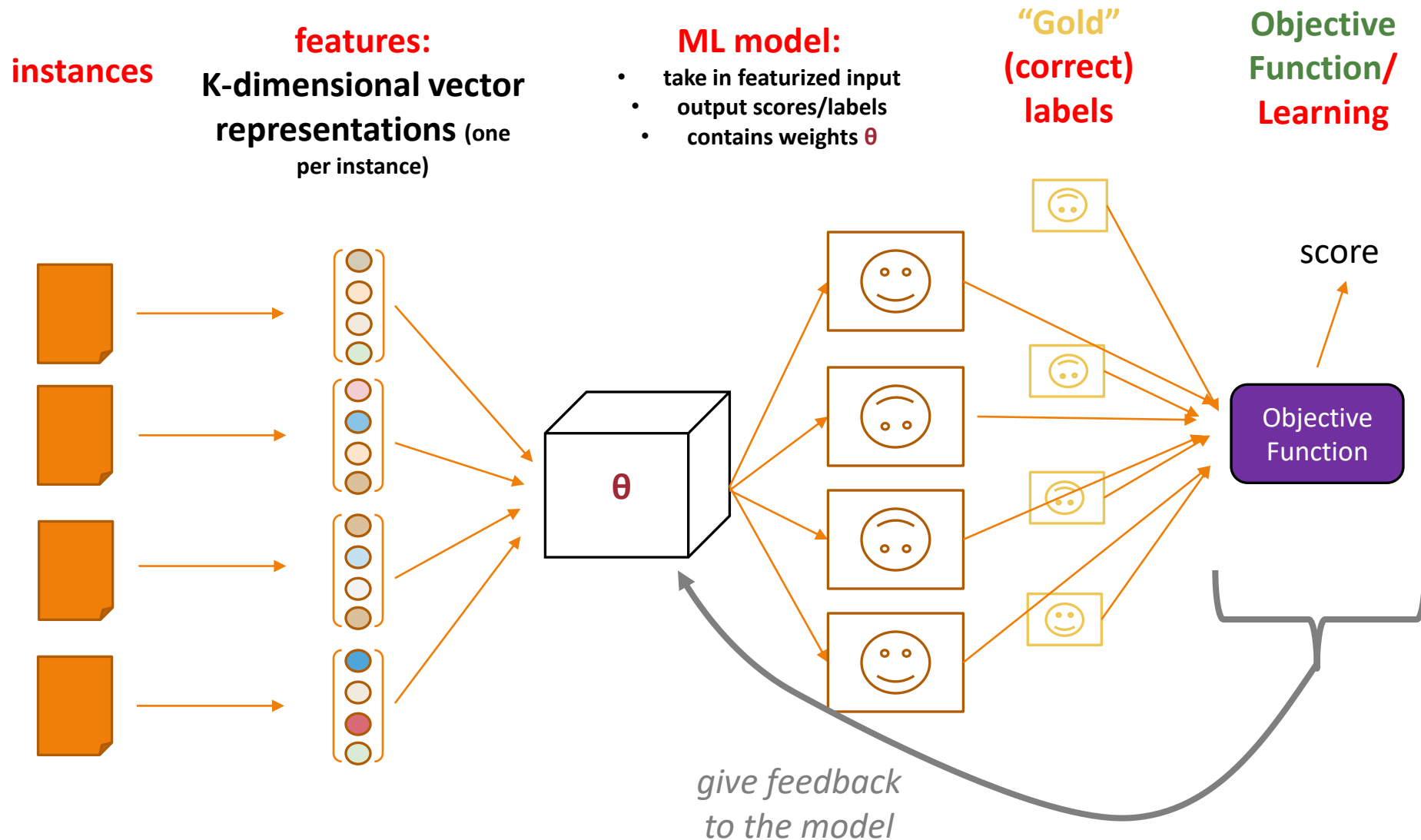
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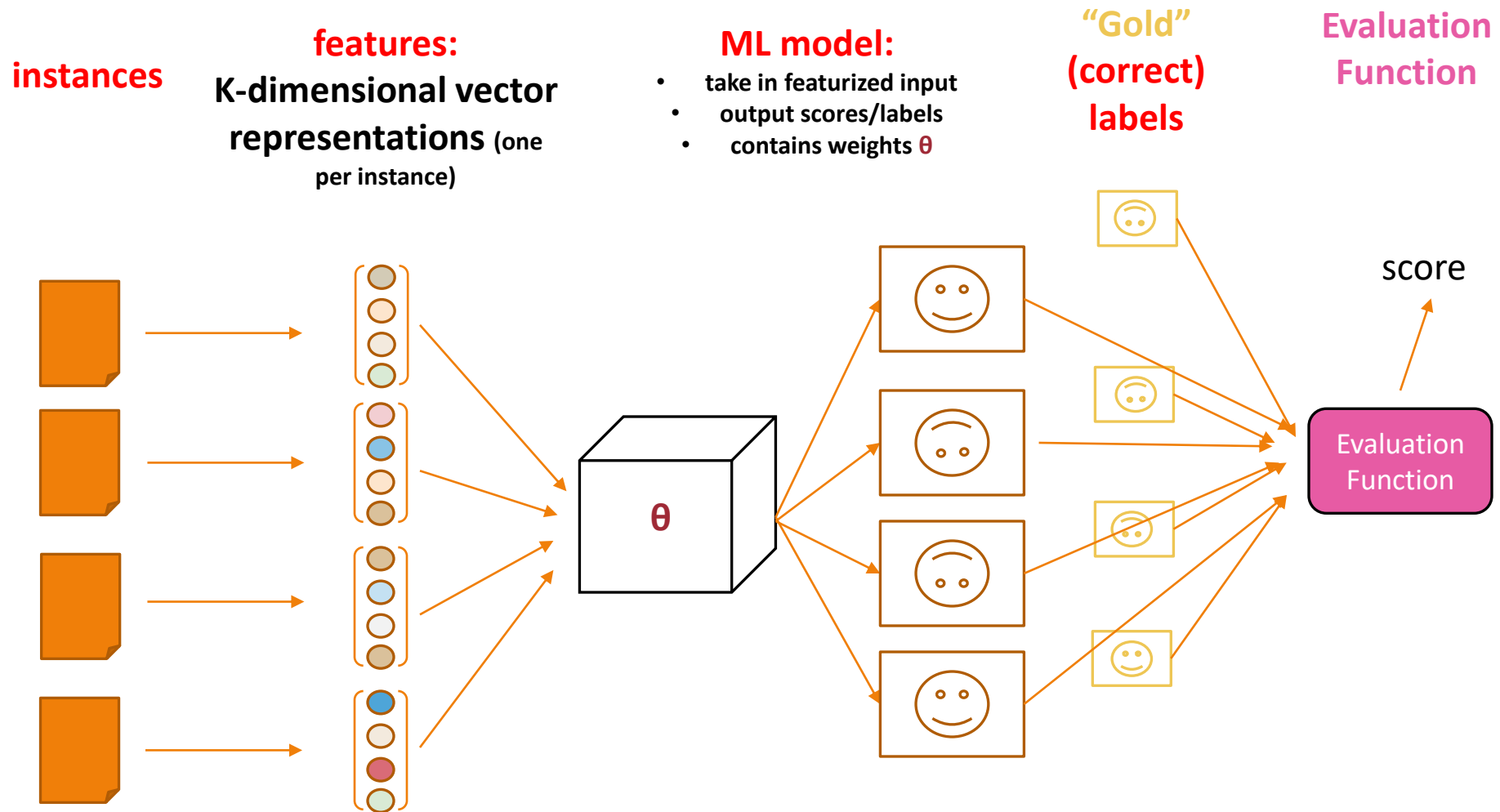
## Inference / Prediction / Decoding / Classification:

- the process of using a model's existing weights to make (hopefully!) good predictions

# ML/NLP Framework for Learning

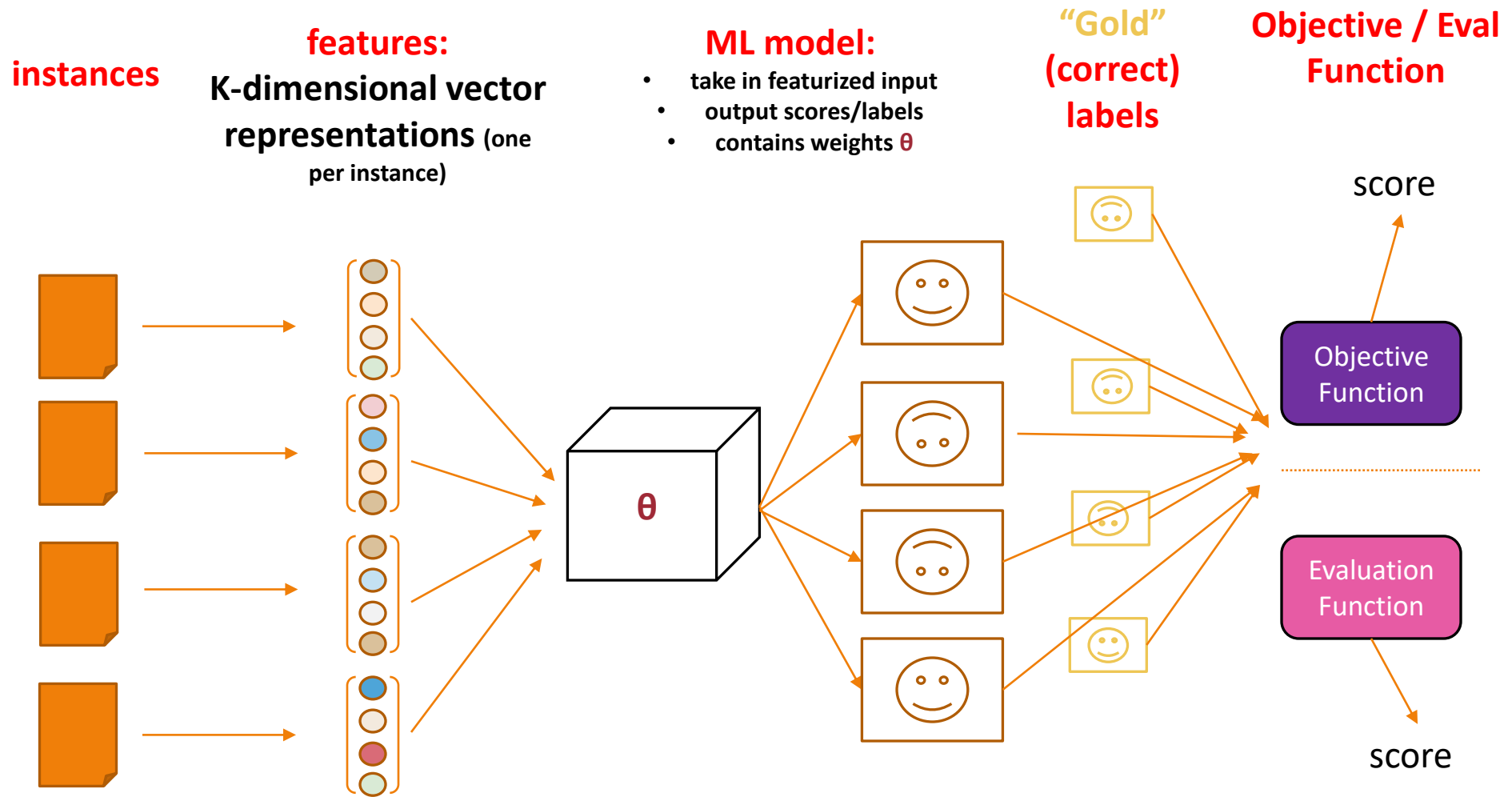


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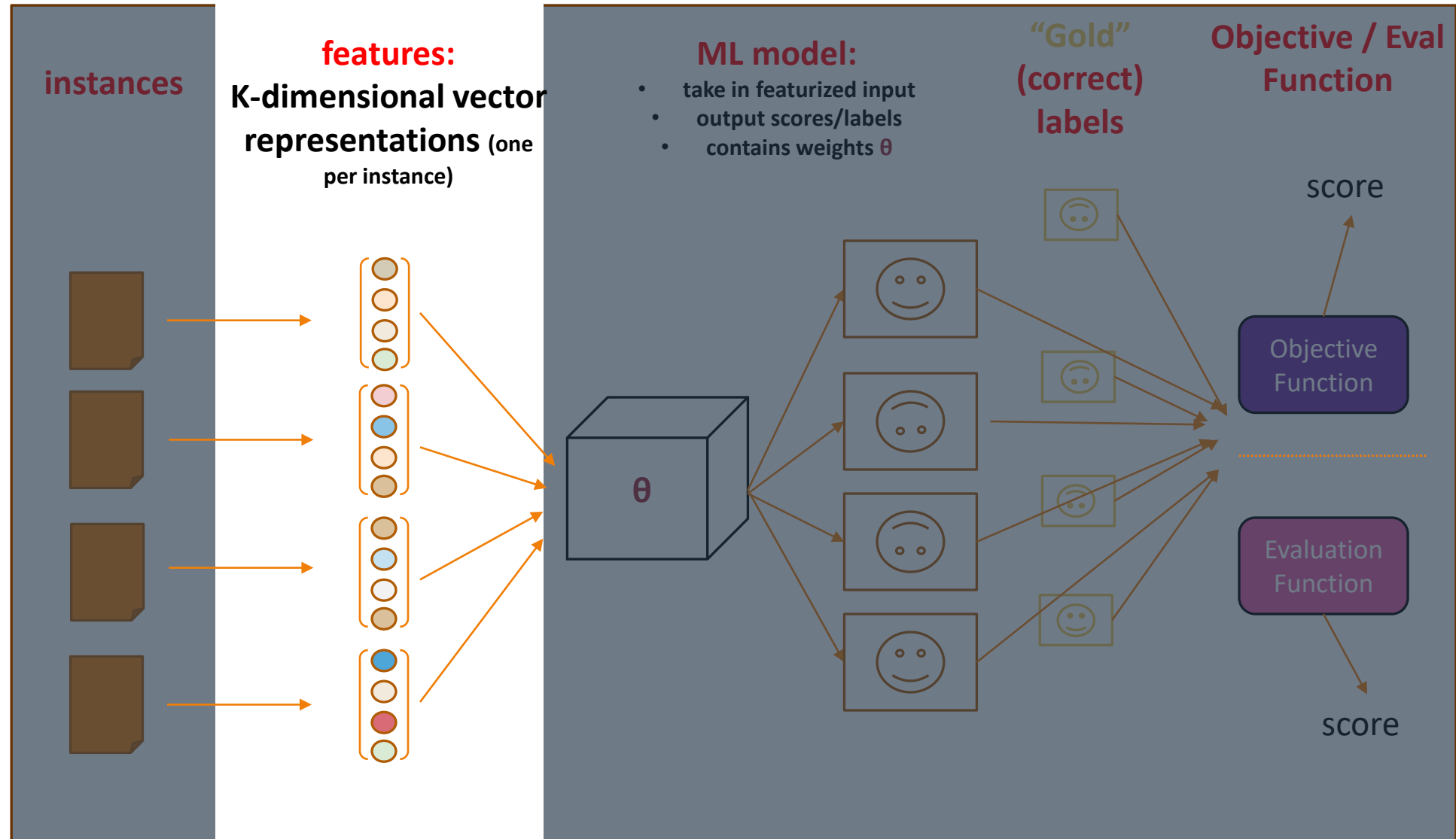




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# First: Featurization / Encoding / Representation



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In supervised settings, it can equivalently be viewed as a  $K$ -dimensional vector function  $f$  of the input language  $x$  and a potential label  $y$

- $f(x, y) = (f_1(x, y), \dots, f_K(x, y))$

Features can be thought of as “soft” rules

- E.g., positive sentiments tweets may be *more likely* to have the word “happy”

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You can define classes of features by templating (we'll come back to this!)

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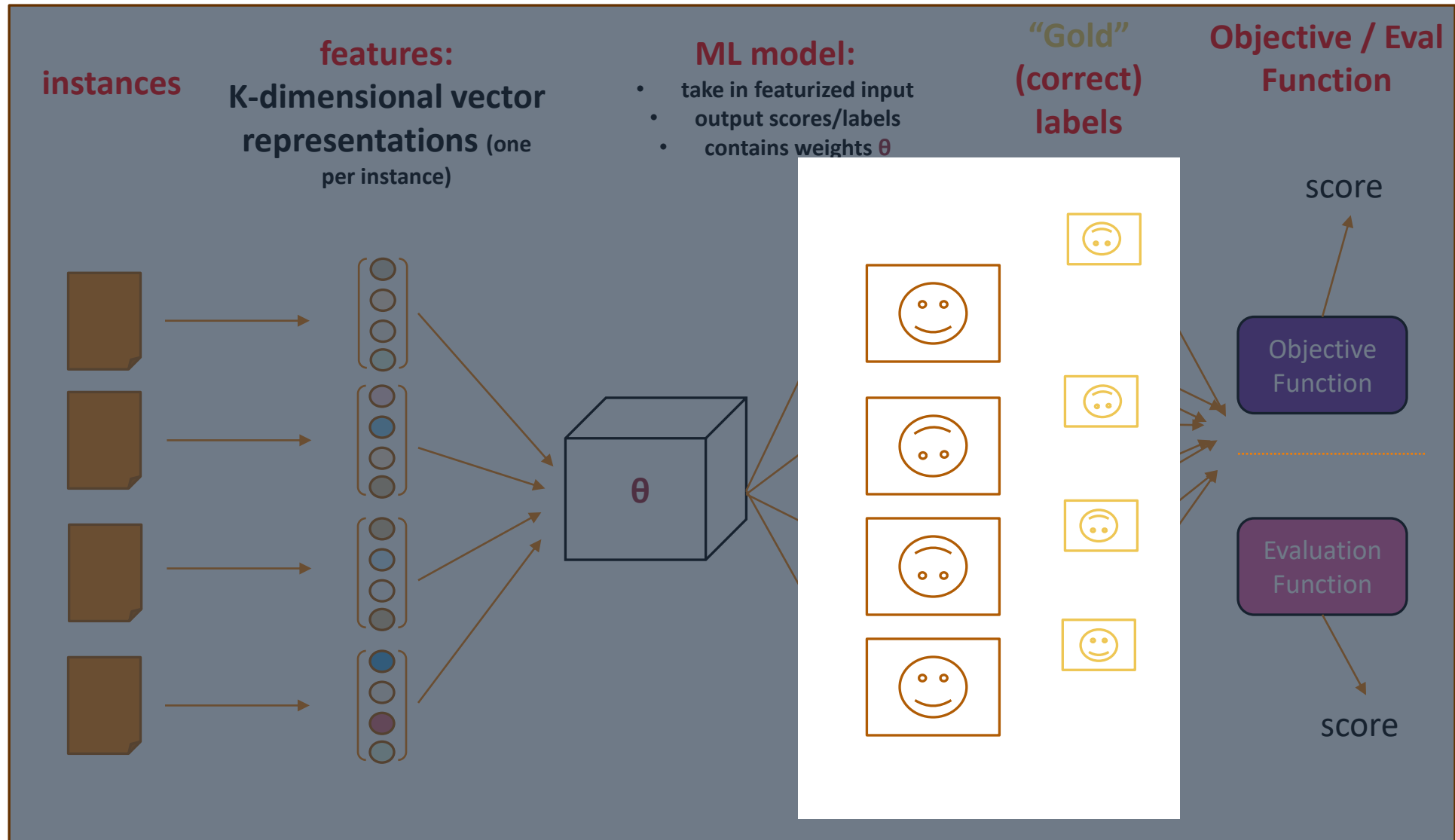
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  - Compute/extract a real-valued vector, e.g., from word2vec, ELMO, BERT, ...

Will be  
discussed  
in a future  
lecture

# Second: Classification Terminology



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Multi-task Classification	> 1	Per task: 2 or > 2 (can apply to binary or multi-class)	Task 1: part-of-speech Task 2: named entity tagging ... ----- Task 1: document labeling Task 2: sentiment

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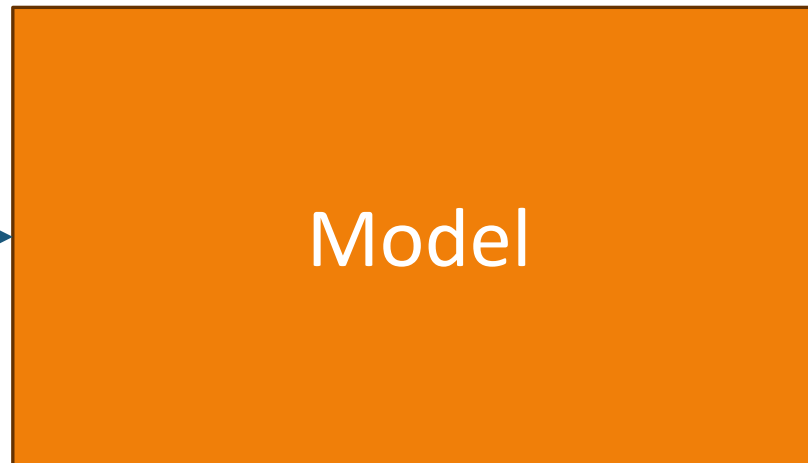
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Rules based on combinations of words or other features  
spam: black-list-address OR (“dollars” AND “have been selected”)

Accuracy can be high  
If rules carefully refined by expert

Building and maintaining these rules is expensive

Can humans faithfully assign uncertainty?

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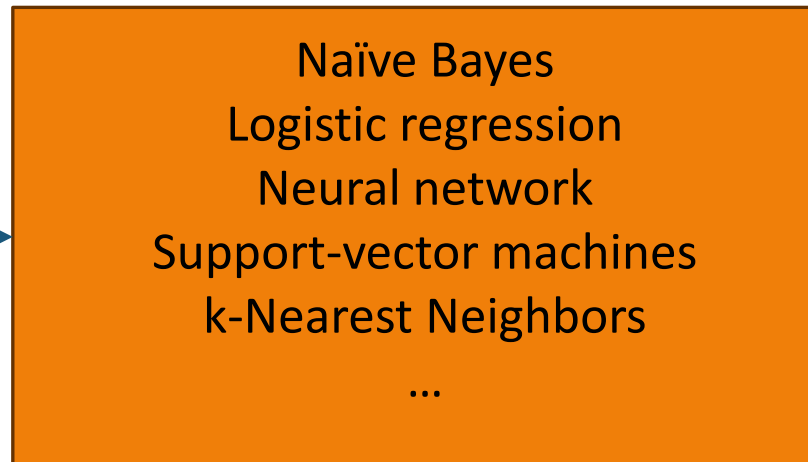
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## Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD)

### Problem:

The company said the *plant* is still operating ...

⇒ (A) Manufacturing plant    or

⇒ (B) Living plant

**Training Data:**    Build a special classifier just for tokens of “plant”

Sense	Context
<b>(1) Manufacturing</b>	... union responses to <i>plant</i> closures . ...
” ”	... computer disk drive <i>plant</i> located in ...
” ”	company manufacturing <i>plant</i> is in Orlando ...
<b>(2) Living</b>	... animal rather than <i>plant</i> tissues can be ...
” ”	... to strain microscopic <i>plant</i> life from the ...
” ”	and Golgi apparatus of <i>plant</i> and animal cells

### Test Data:

Sense	Context
???	... vinyl chloride monomer <i>plant</i> , which is ...
???	... molecules found in <i>plant</i> tissue from the ...

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## WSD for Machine Translation (English → Spanish)

### Problem:

... He wrote the last **sentence** two years later ...

⇒ *sentencia* (legal sentence) or

⇒ *frase* (grammatical sentence)

**Training Data:** Build a special classifier just for tokens of “sentence”

Translation	Context
<b>(1) sentencia</b>	... for a maximum <i>sentence</i> for a young offender ...
” ”	... of the minimum <i>sentence</i> of seven years in jail ...
” ”	... were under the <i>sentence</i> of death at that time ...
<b>(2) frase</b>	... read the second <i>sentence</i> because it is just as ...
” ”	... The next <i>sentence</i> is a very important ...
” ”	... It is the second <i>sentence</i> which I think is at ...

### Test Data:

Translation	Context
???	... cannot criticize a <i>sentence</i> handed down by ...
???	... listen to this <i>sentence</i> uttered by a former ...

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## Accent Restoration in Spanish & French

### Problem:

**Input:** ... deja travaille cote a cote ...



**Output:** ... déjà travaillé côte à côte ...

### Examples:

... appeler l'autre **cote** de l'atlantique ...

⇒ *côté* (meaning side) or

⇒ *côte* (meaning coast)

... une famille des **pecheurs** ...

⇒ *pêcheurs* (meaning fishermen) or

⇒ *pécheurs* (meaning sinners)

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Pattern	Context
(1) côté	... du laisser de <i>cote</i> faute de temps ...
” ”	... appeler l’ autre <i>cote</i> de l’ atlantique ...
” ”	... passe de notre <i>cote</i> de la frontiere ...
(2) côte	... vivre sur notre <i>cote</i> ouest toujours ...
” ”	... creer sur la <i>cote</i> du labrador des ...
” ”	travaillaient cote a <i>cote</i> , ils avaient ...

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## Text-to-Speech Synthesis

### Problem:

... slightly elevated *lead* levels ...

⇒ *lɛd* (as in *lead mine*)    or

⇒ *li:d* (as in *lead role*)

### Training Data:

Pronunciation	Context
<b>(1) lɛd</b>	... it monitors the <i>lead</i> levels in drinking ...
” ”	... conference on <i>lead</i> poisoning in ...
” ”	... strontium and <i>lead</i> isotope zonation ...
<b>(2) li:d</b>	... maintained their <i>lead</i> Thursday over ...
” ”	... to Boston and <i>lead</i> singer for Purple ...
” ”	... Bush a 17-point <i>lead</i> in Texas , only 3 ...

### Test Data:

Pronunciation	Context
???	... median blood <i>lead</i> concentration was ..
???	... his double-digit <i>lead</i> nationwide . The ...

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## Spelling Correction

### Problem:

... and he fired presidential **aid/aide** Dick Morris after ...

⇒ *aid* or

⇒ *aide*

### Training Data:

Spelling	Context
<b>(1) aid</b>	... and cut the foreign <i>aid/aide</i> budget in fiscal 1996 ...
” ”	... they offered federal <i>aid/aide</i> for flood-ravaged states ...
<b>(2) aide</b>	... fired presidential <i>aid/aide</i> Dick Morris after ...
” ”	... and said the chief <i>aid/aide</i> to Sen. Baker, Mr. John ...

### Test Data:

Spelling	Context
???	... said the longtime <i>aid/aide</i> to the Mayor of St. ...
???	... will squander the <i>aid/aide</i> it receives from the ...

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# What features? Example: “word to [the] left [of correction]”

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foreign	718	1
federal	297	0
western	146	0
provide	88	0
covert	26	0
oppose	13	0
future	9	0
similar	6	0
presidential	0	63
chief	0	40
longtime	0	26
aids-infected	0	2
sleepy	0	1
disaffected	0	1
indispensable	2	1
practical	2	0
squander	1	0

Spelling correction using an n-gram language model ( $n \geq 2$ ) would use words to left and right to help predict the true word.

Similarly, an HMM would predict a word's class using classes to left and right.

But we'd like to throw in all kinds of other features, too ...

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generates a whole bunch of potential cues – use data to find out which ones work best

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This feature is relatively weak, but weak features are still useful, especially since very few features will fire in a given context.

merged ranking  
of all cues  
of all these types

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11.20	<i>zinc</i> (in ±k words)	⇒ l <sub>ed</sub>
11.10	lead <i>level/N</i>	⇒ l <sub>ed</sub>
10.66	<i>of</i> lead <i>in</i>	⇒ l <sub>ed</sub>
10.59	<i>the</i> lead <i>in</i>	⇒ li:d
10.51	lead <i>role</i>	⇒ li:d

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# Final decision list for *lead* (abbreviated)

List of all features,  
ranked by their weight.

(These weights are for a simple  
“decision list” model where the single  
highest-weighted feature that fires  
gets to make the decision all by itself.

However, a log-linear model, which  
adds up the weights of all features  
that fire, would be roughly similar.)

LogL	Evidence	Pronunciation
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10.66	<i>of</i> lead <i>in</i>	⇒ lɛd
10.59	<i>the</i> lead <i>in</i>	⇒ li:d
10.51	lead <i>role</i>	⇒ li:d
10.35	<i>copper</i> (in $\pm k$ words)	⇒ lɛd
10.28	lead <i>time</i>	⇒ li:d
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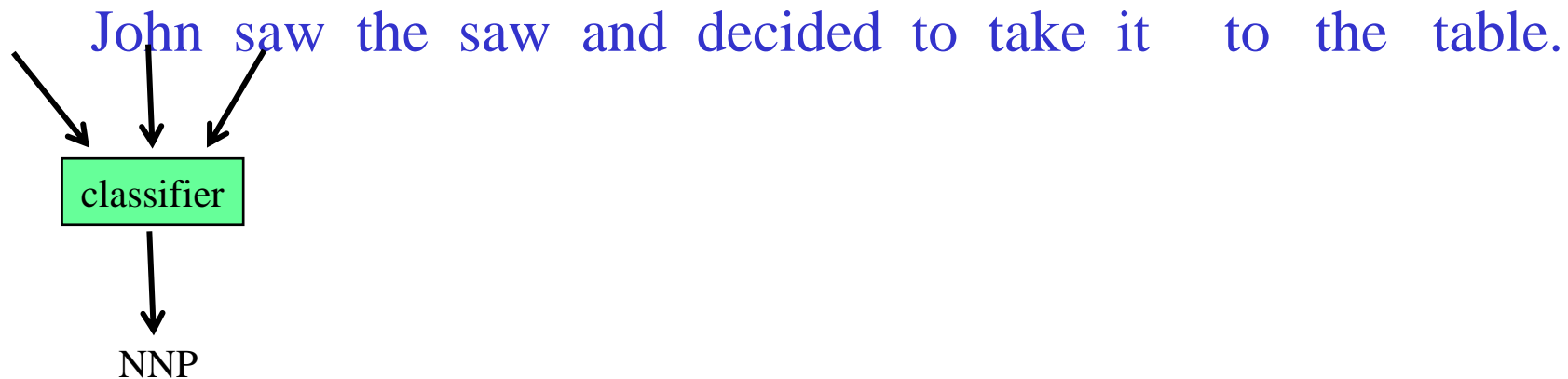
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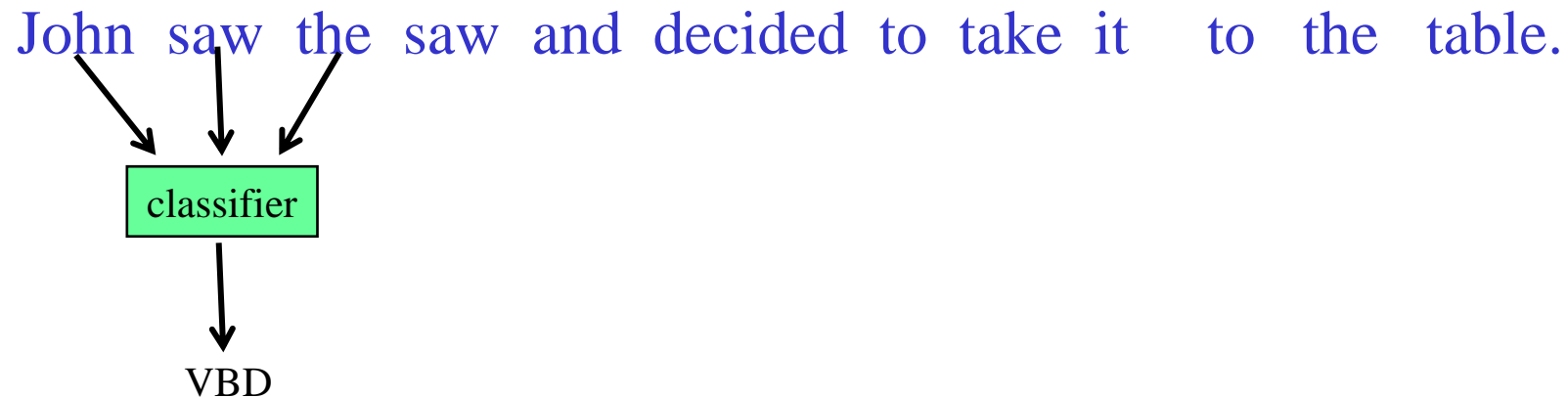


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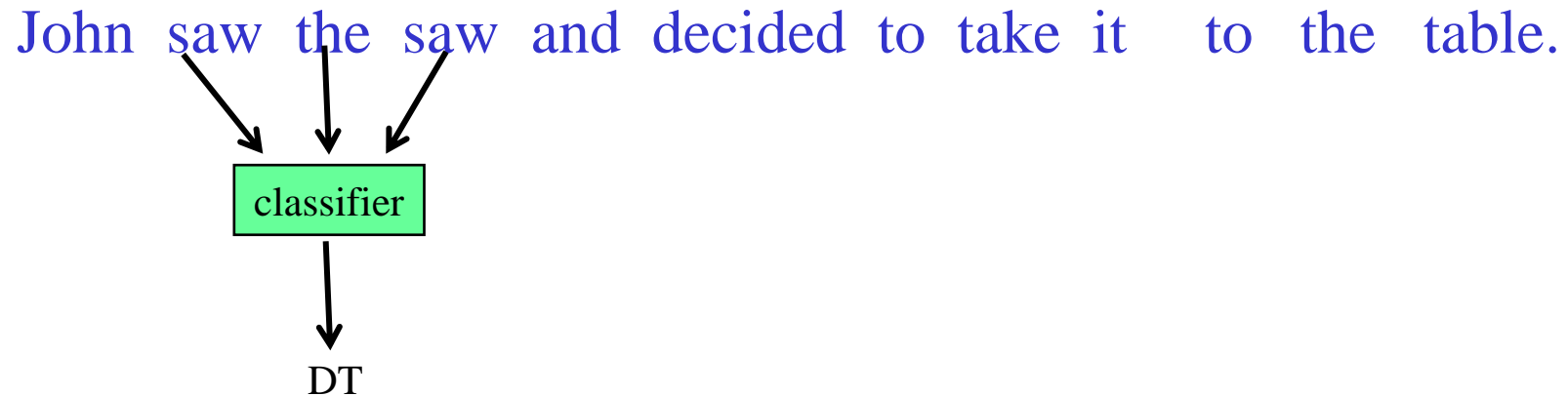


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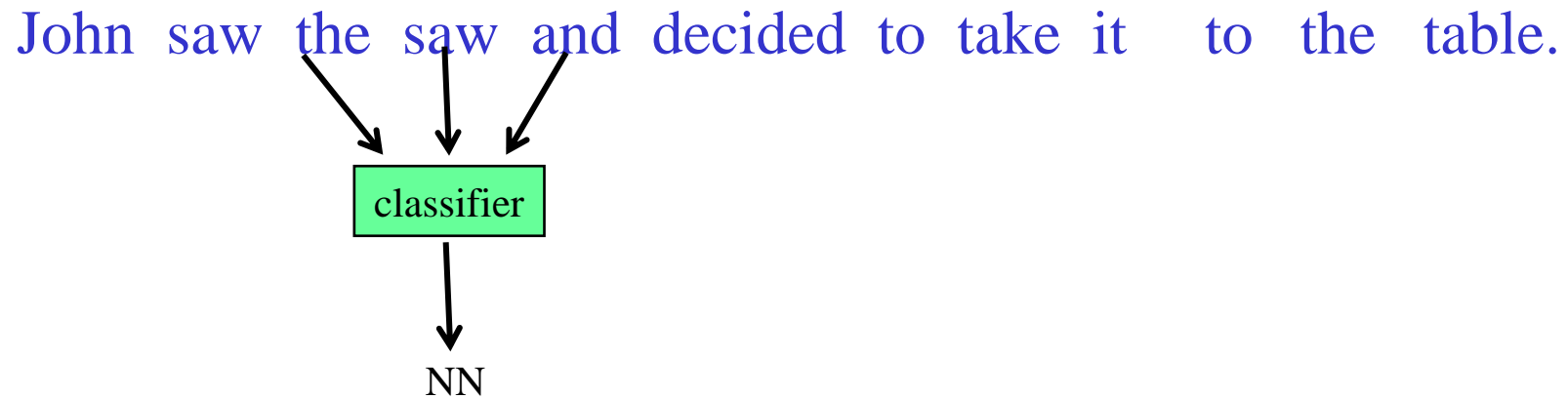
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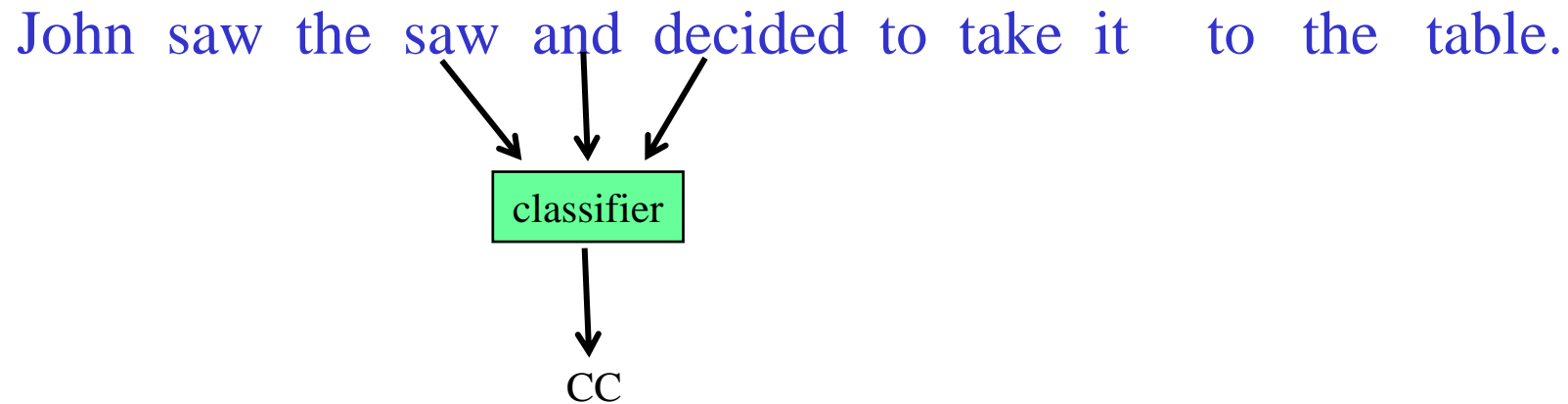


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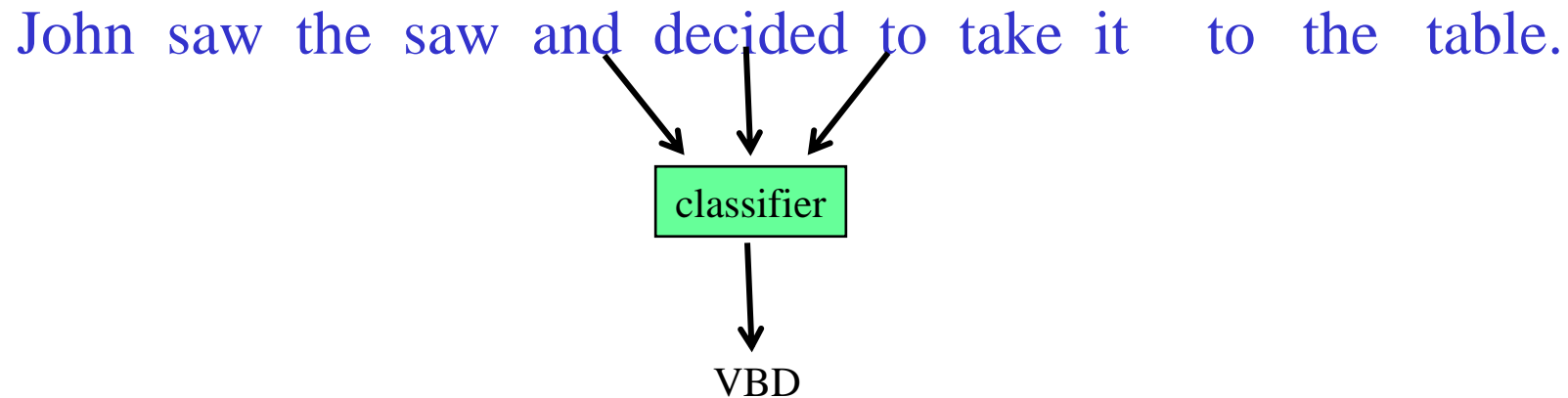


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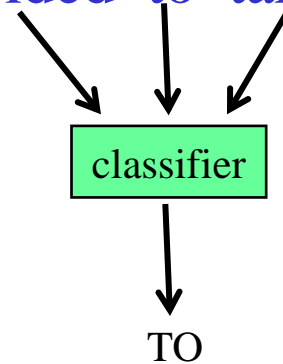
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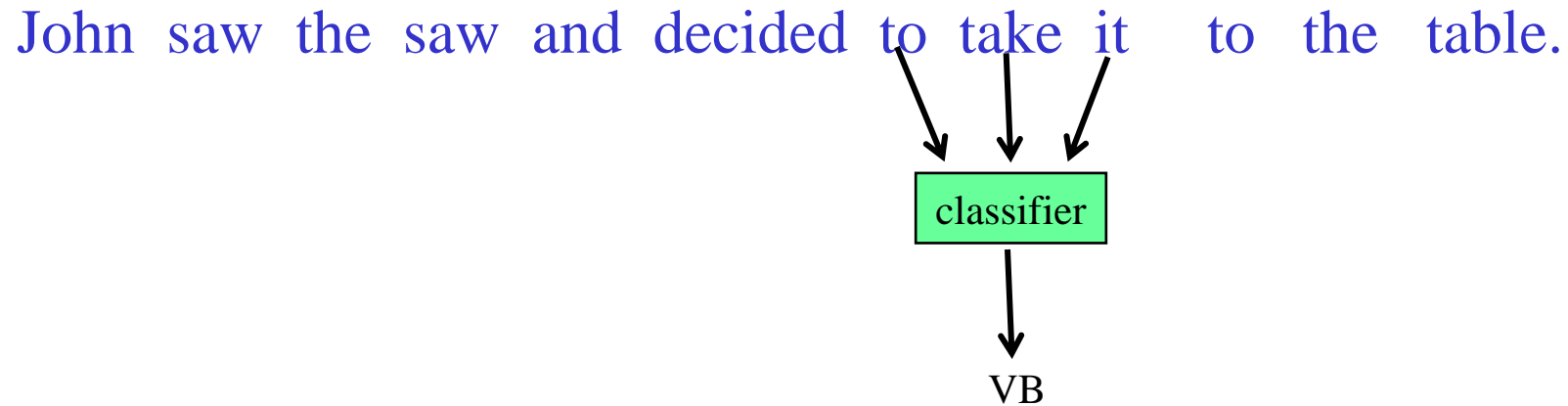


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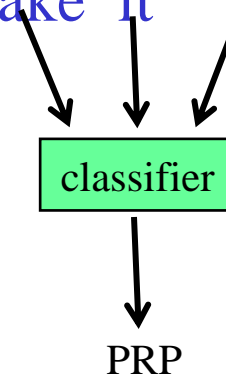
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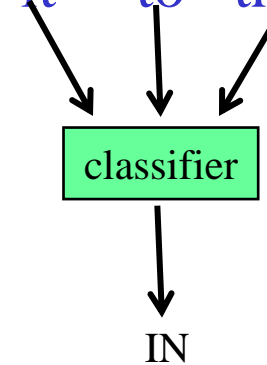
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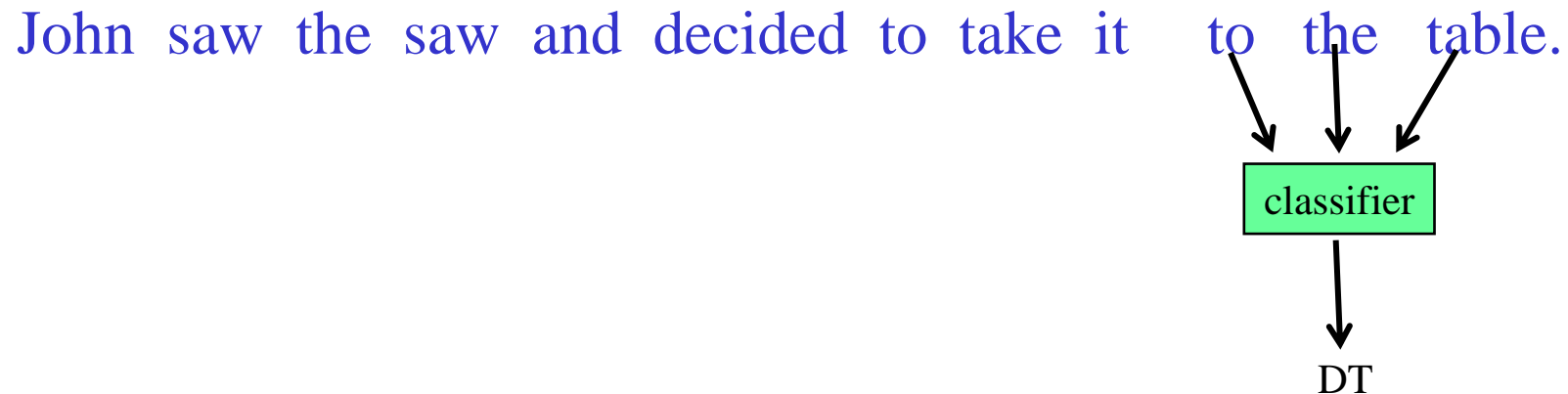


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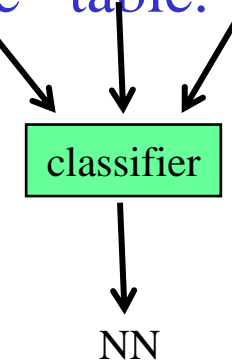


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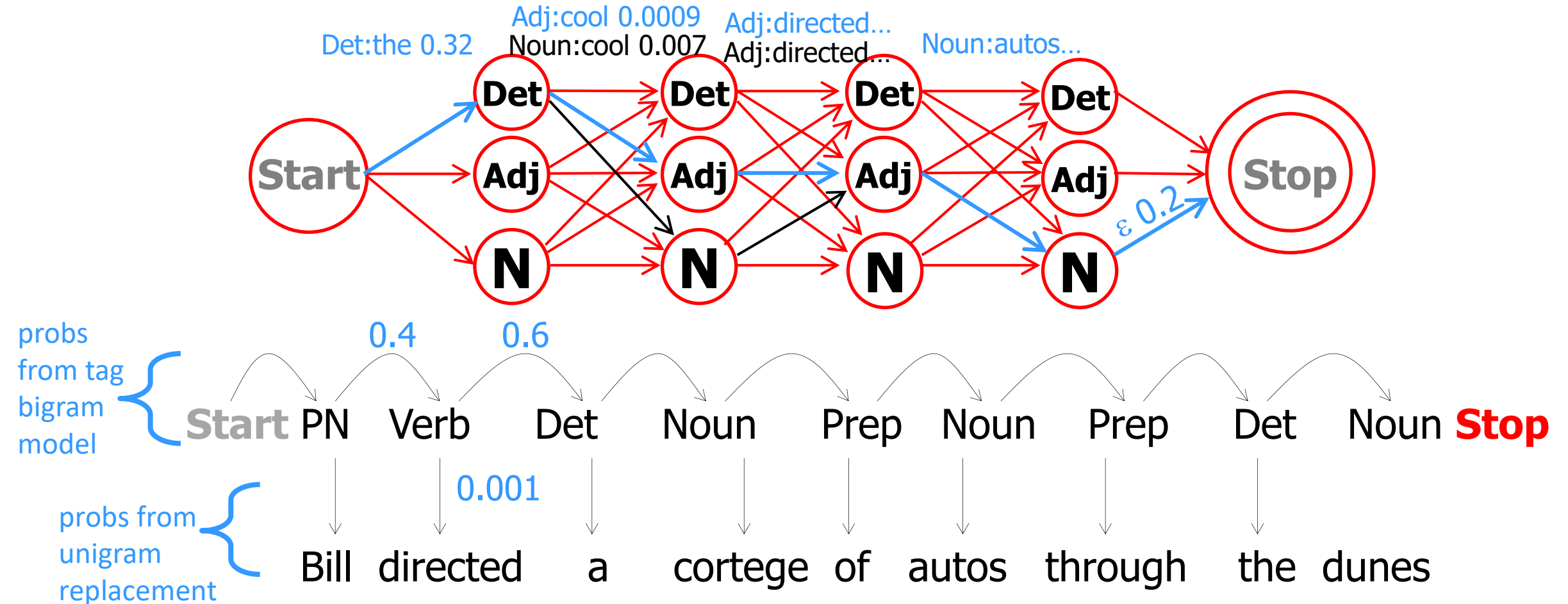
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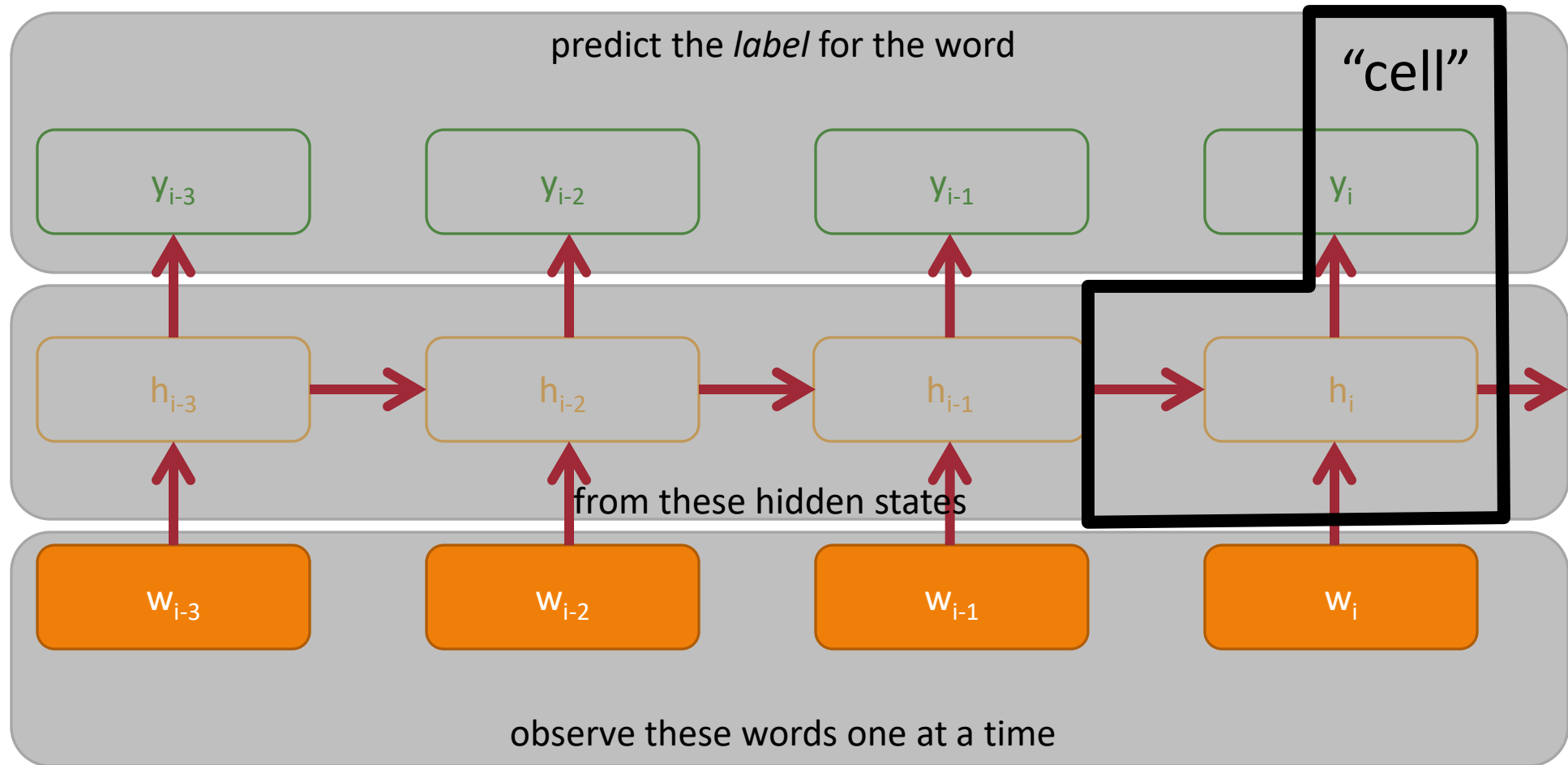
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Combine these two ideas??

- We'd like rich features (e.g., in a **log-linear model**), but we'd also like our feature functions to depend on adjacent tags.
- So, the problem is to predict **all** tags together.

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# Example: Finding Named Entities

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Named entity recognition (NER)

Identify proper names in texts, and classification into a set of predefined categories of interest

- Person names
- Organizations (companies, government organisations, committees, etc.)
- Locations (cities, countries, rivers, etc.)
- Date and time expressions
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Finish the Catme – I will assign teams tomorrow!!

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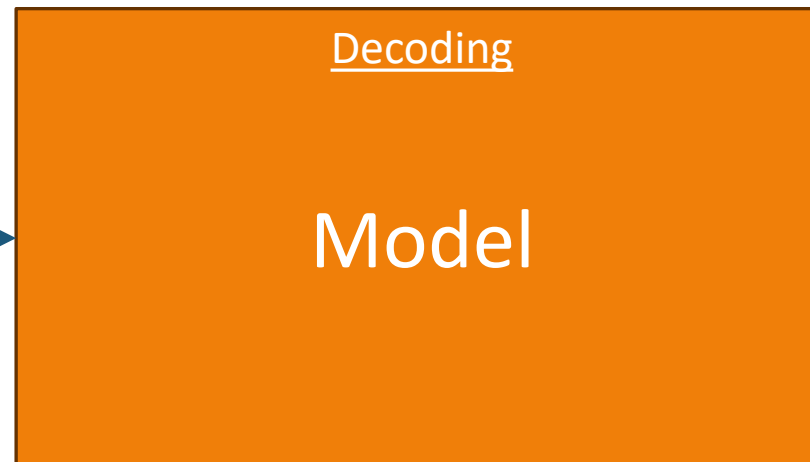
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## Text-to-Speech Synthesis

### Problem:

... slightly elevated *lead* levels ...

⇒ *lɛd* (as in *lead mine*)   or

⇒ *li:d* (as in *lead role*)

### Training Data:

Pronunciation	Context
<b>(1) lɛd</b>	... it monitors the <i>lead</i> levels in drinking ...
” ”	... conference on <i>lead</i> poisoning in ...
” ”	... strontium and <i>lead</i> isotope zonation ...
<b>(2) li:d</b>	... maintained their <i>lead</i> Thursday over ...
” ”	... to Boston and <i>lead</i> singer for Purple ...
” ”	... Bush a 17-point <i>lead</i> in Texas , only 3 ...

### Test Data:

Pronunciation	Context
???	... median blood <i>lead</i> concentration was ..
???	... his double-digit <i>lead</i> nationwide . The ...

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Word pronunciation

Accent restoration

Word sense disambiguation (WSD)  
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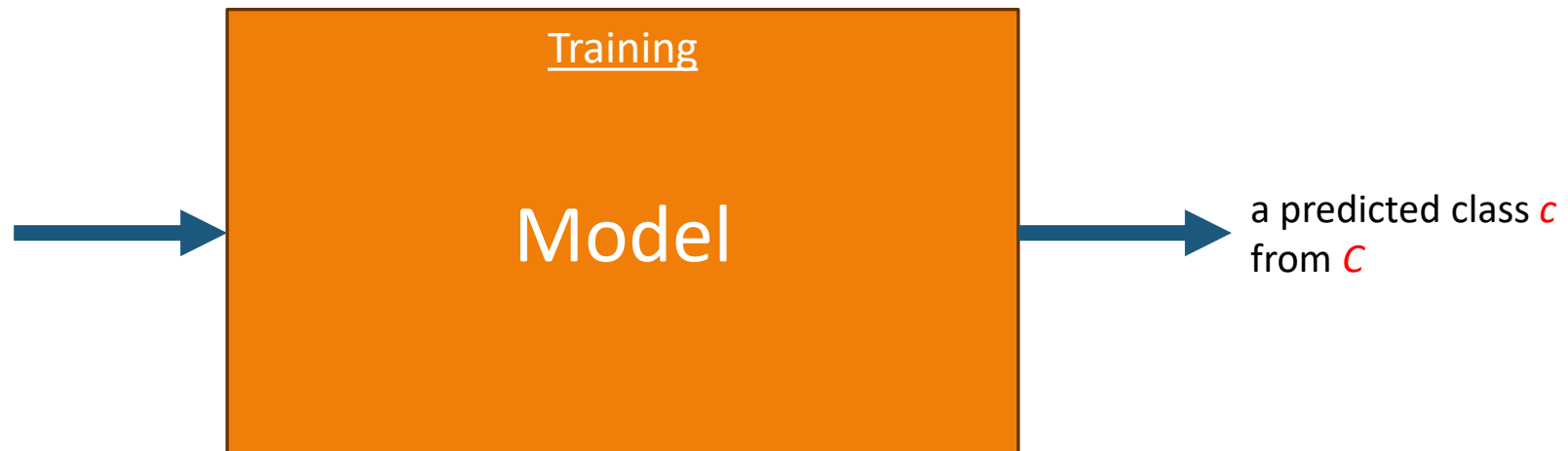
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features)

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generates a whole bunch of potential cues – use data to find out which ones work best

	Frequency as <b>Aid</b>	Frequency as <b>Aide</b>
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federal	297	0
western	146	0
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merged ranking  
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10.51	lead <i>role</i>	⇒ li:d

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# Final decision list for *lead* (abbreviated)

List of all features,  
ranked by their “likelihood”  
from looking at all the  
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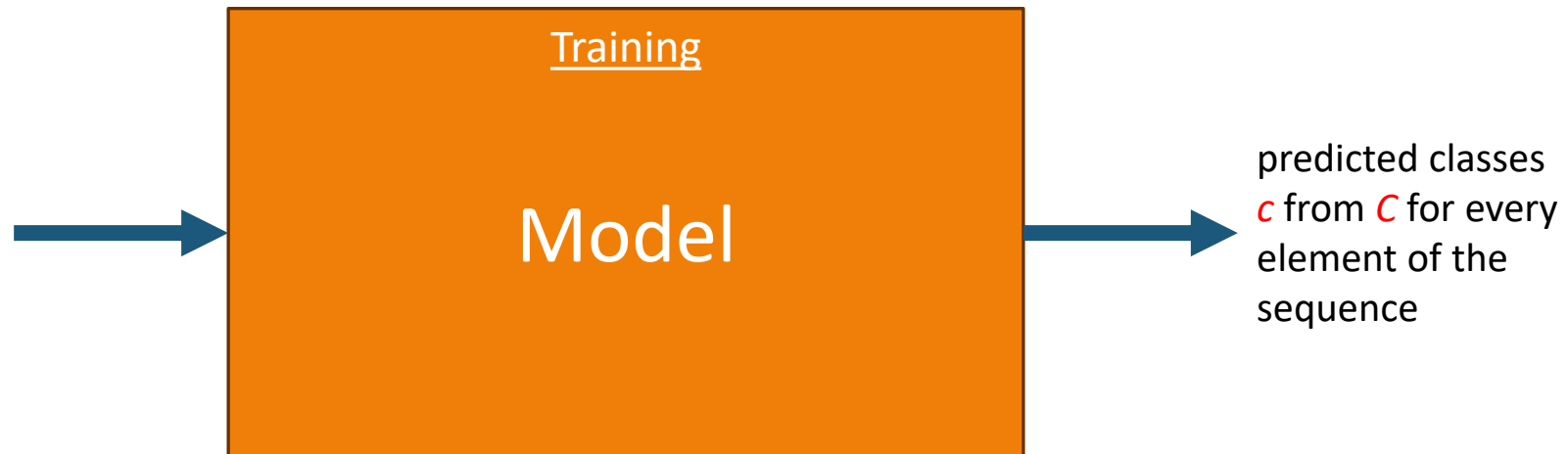
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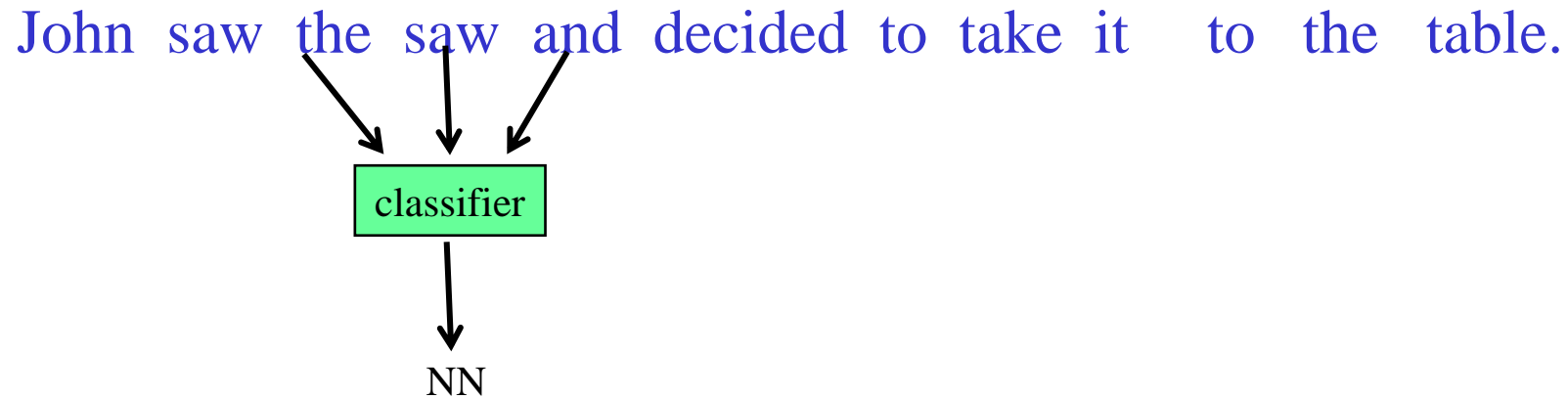
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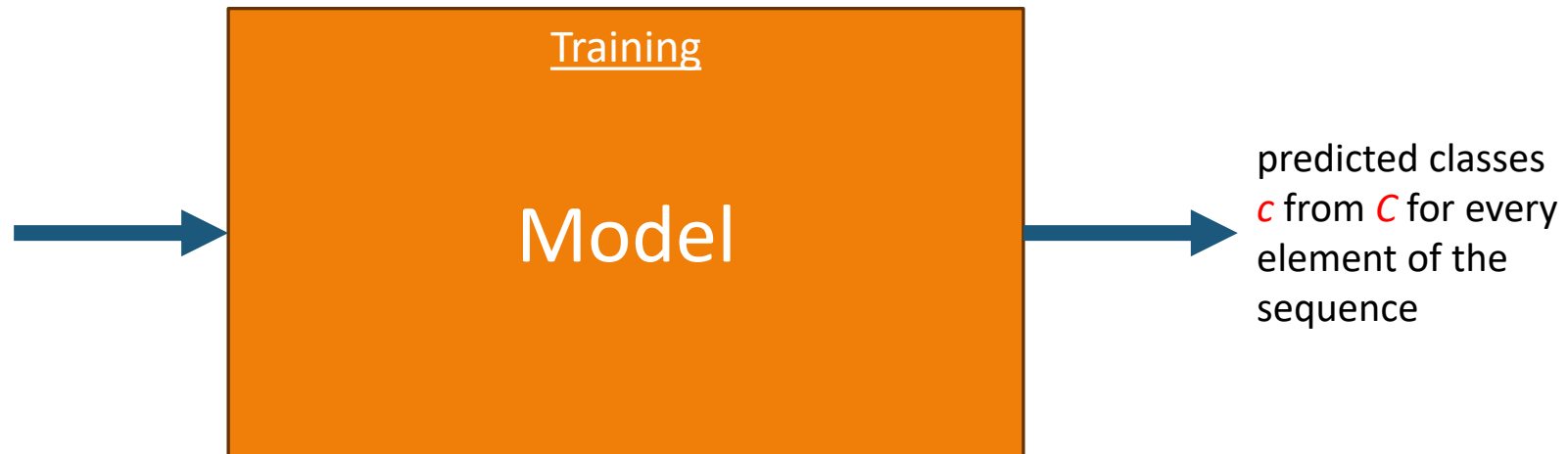
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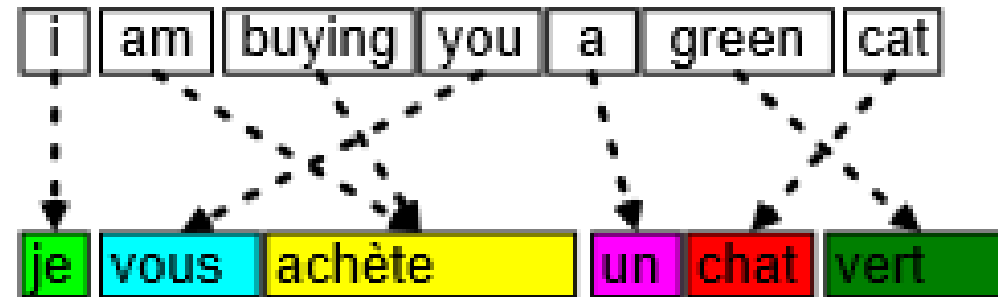
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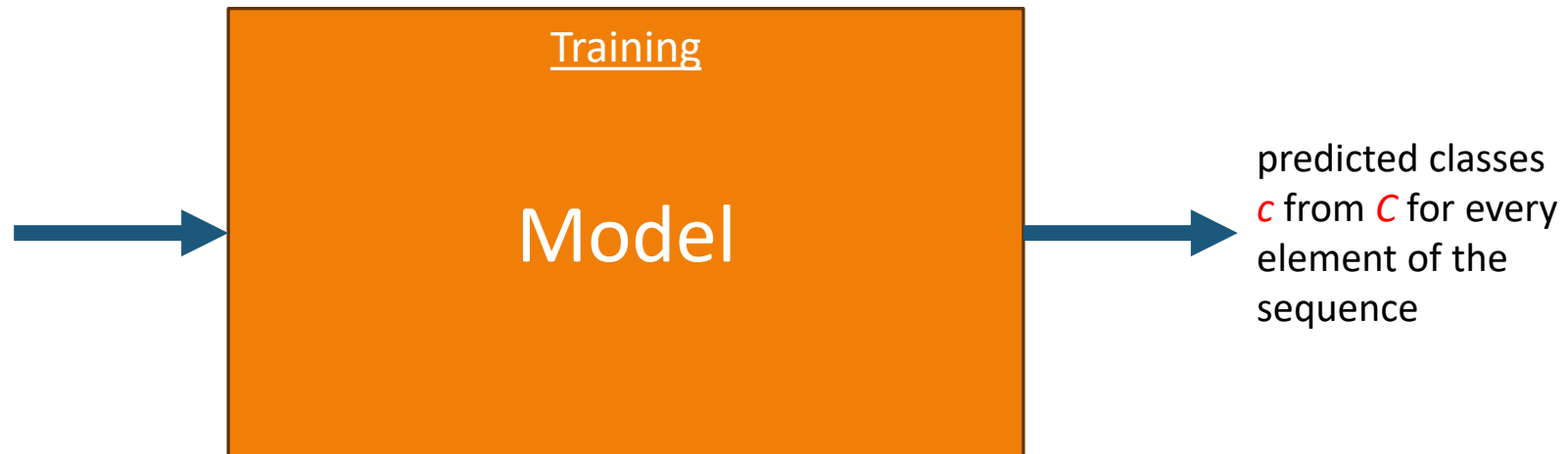
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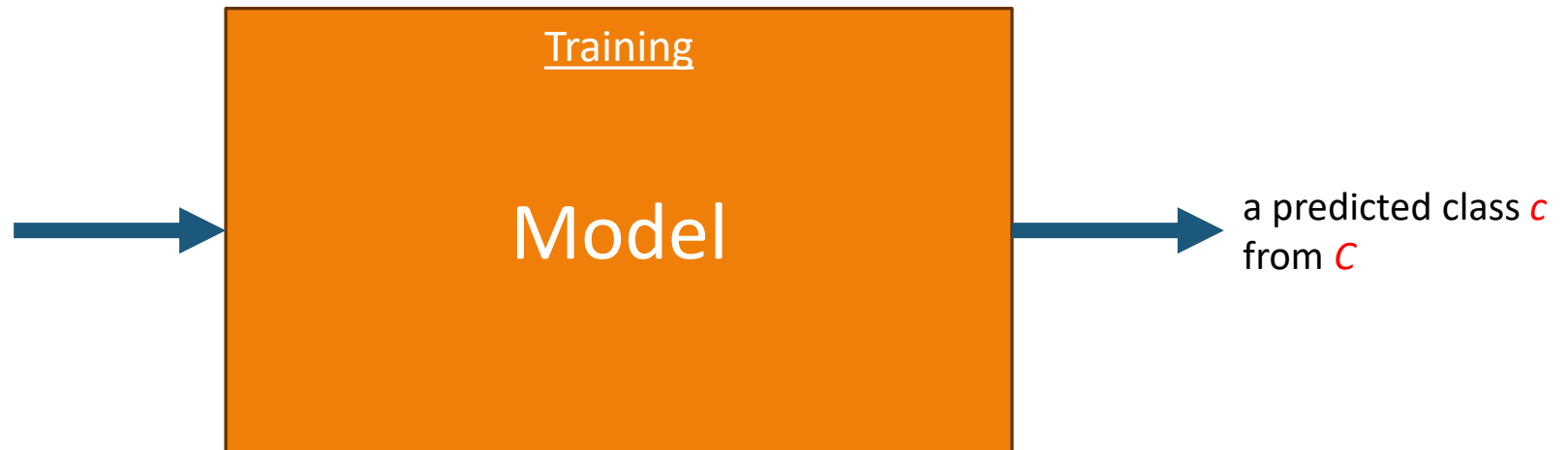
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# Example: Information Extraction

As a task:

Filling slots in a database from sub-segments of text.

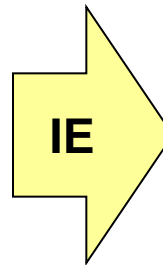
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# Example applications for IE

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Classified ads

Restaurant reviews

Bibliographic citations

Appointment emails

Legal opinions

Papers describing clinical medical studies

Task vs  
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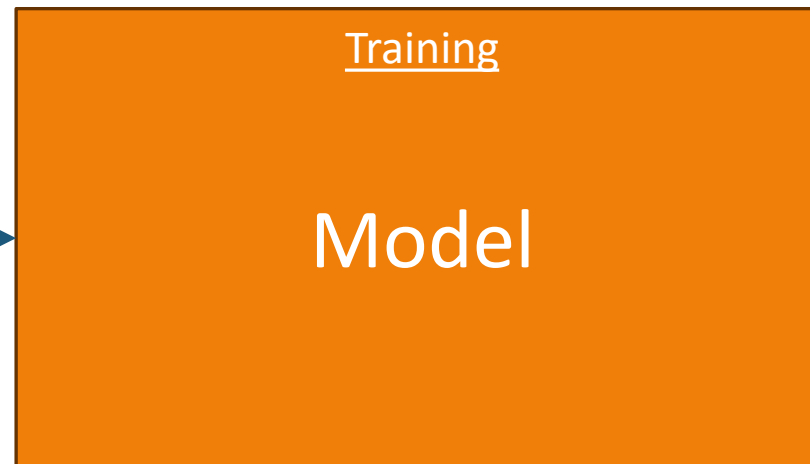
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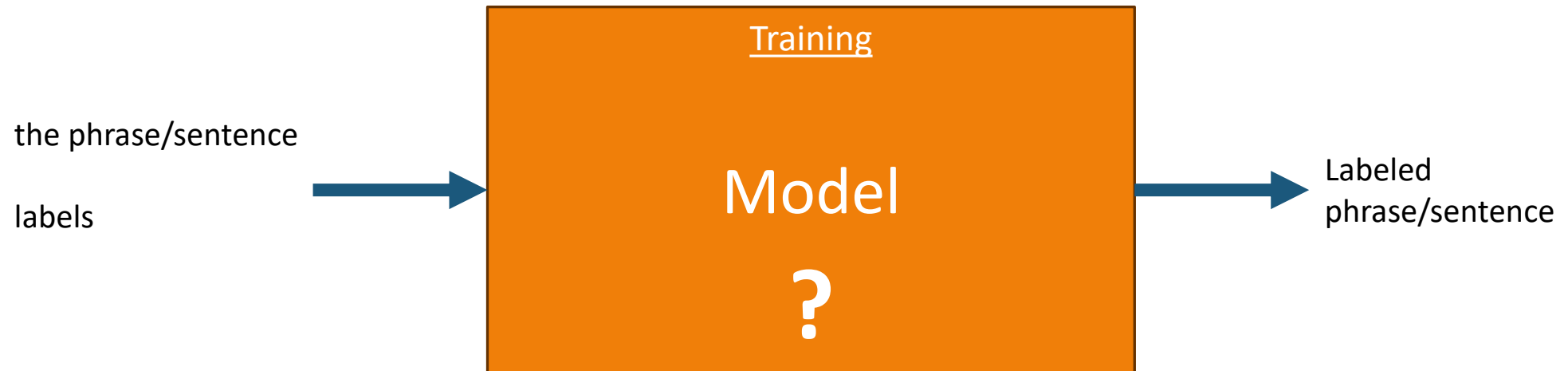
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# Syntax Parsing


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# Context Free Grammar

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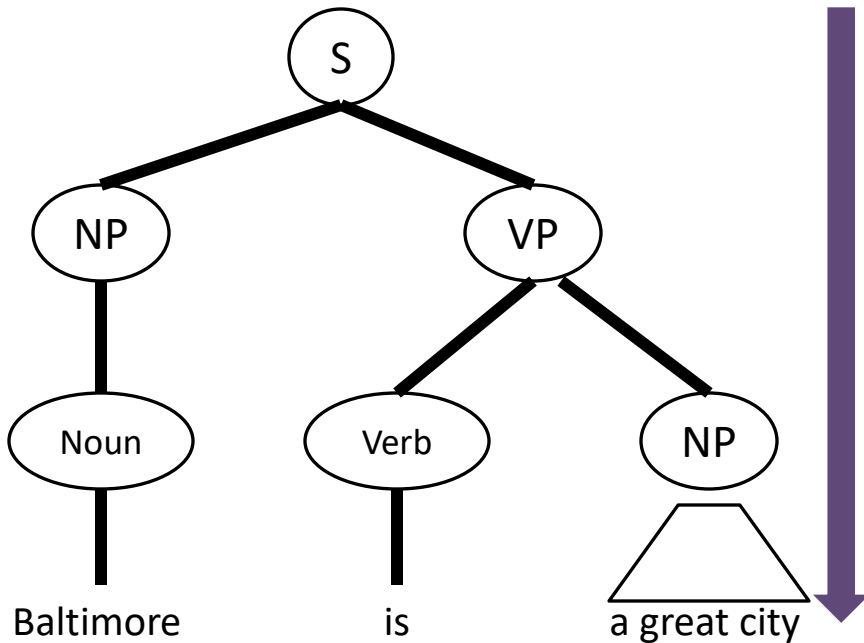
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Set of rewrite rules, comprised of terminals and non-terminals

# Generate from a Context Free Grammar

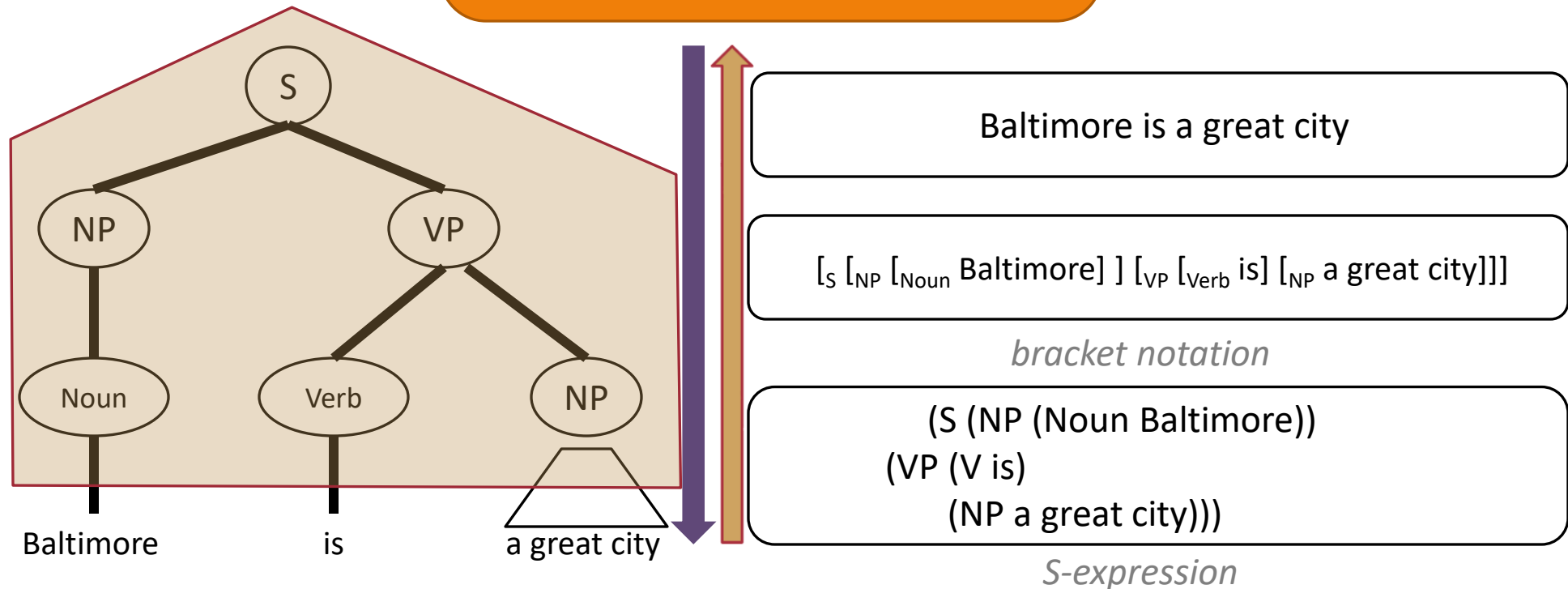
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Baltimore is a great city

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 $NP \rightarrow Noun$          $VP \rightarrow V NP$   
 $NP \rightarrow Det AdjP$     $Noun \rightarrow Baltimore$   
 $NP \rightarrow NP PP$         ...



# Why is it useful?

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Language can have recursive patterns

**Syntactic parsing** can help identify those

# Text Annotation Tasks ("Classification" Tasks)

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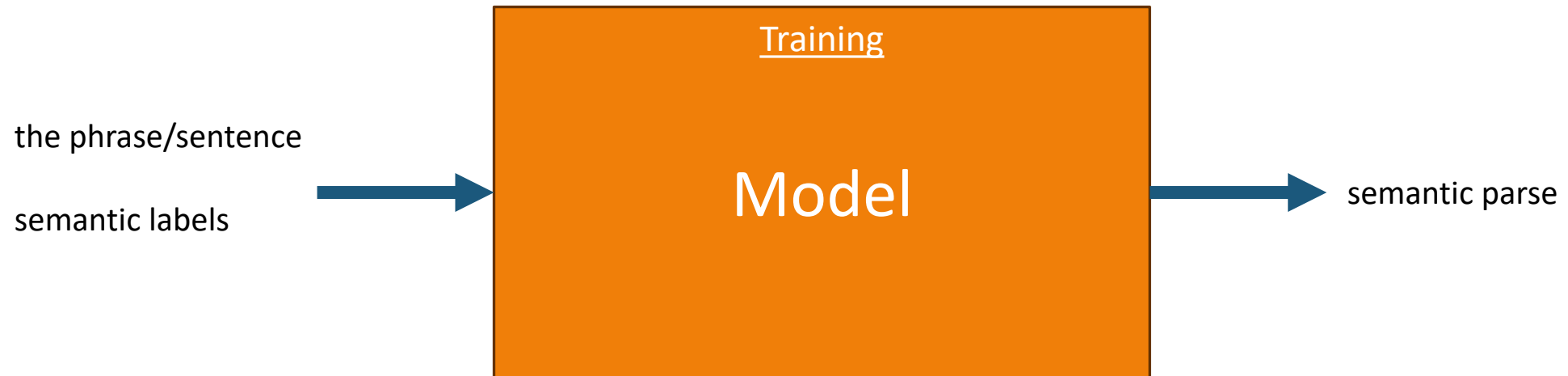
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# Semantic Parsing

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## Semantic role labeling (SRL)





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For each predicate (e.g., verb)

1. find its arguments (e.g., NPs)
2. determine their **semantic roles**

John drove Mary from Austin to Dallas in his Toyota Prius.

The hammer broke the window.

- **agent**: Actor of an action
- **patient**: Entity affected by the action
- **source**: Origin of the affected entity
- **destination**: Destination of the affected entity
- **instrument**: Tool used in performing action.
- **beneficiary**: Entity for whom action is performed

*Slide thanks to Ray Mooney (modified)*

# Other Current Semantic Annotation Tasks (similar to SRL)

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PropBank – coarse-grained roles of verbs

NomBank – similar, but for nouns

FrameNet – fine-grained roles of any word

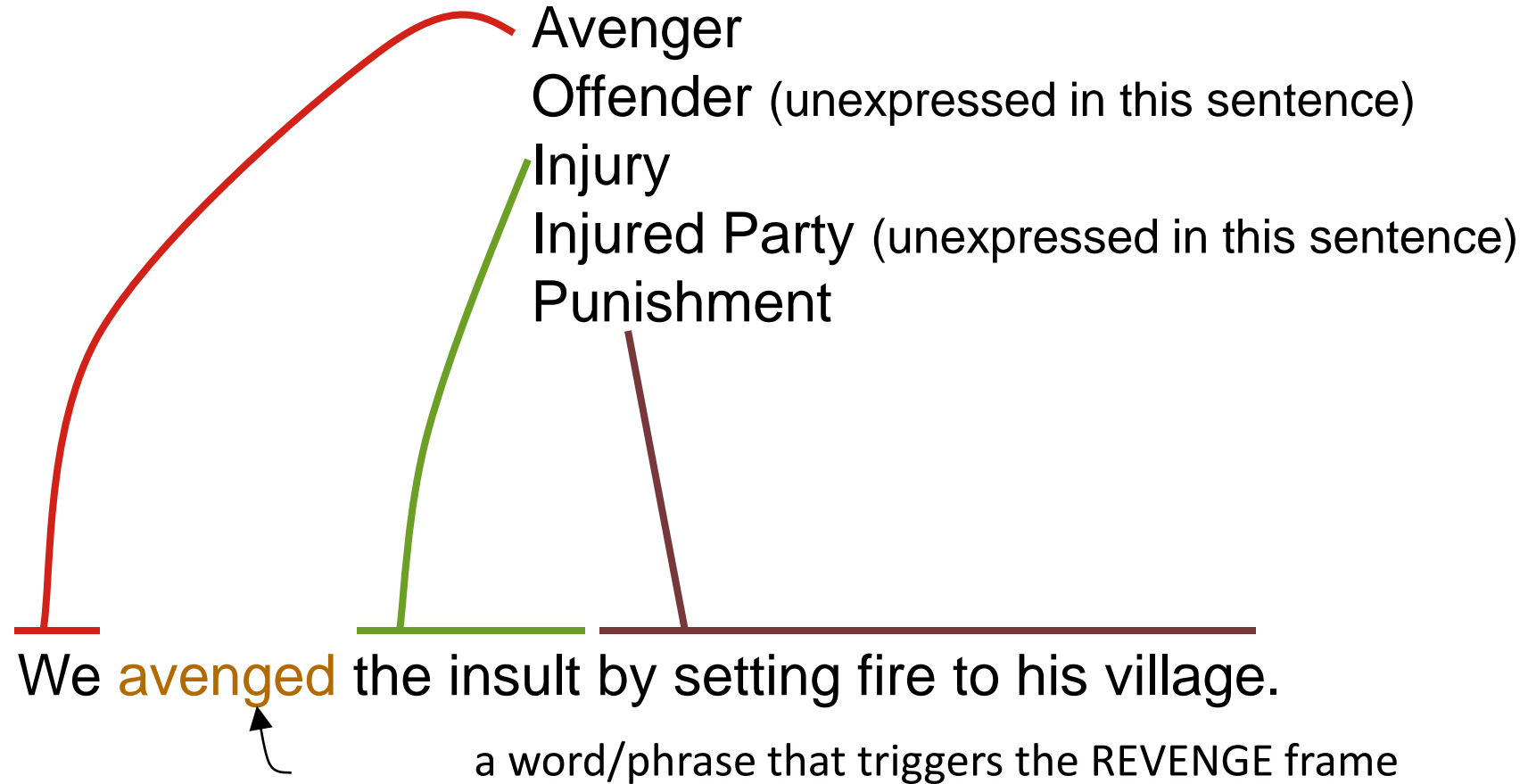
TimeBank – temporal expressions

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What type of applications might this have?

# FrameNet Example

REVENGE FRAME



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# Text Generation

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Question answering (QA)

Speech recognition (ASR)

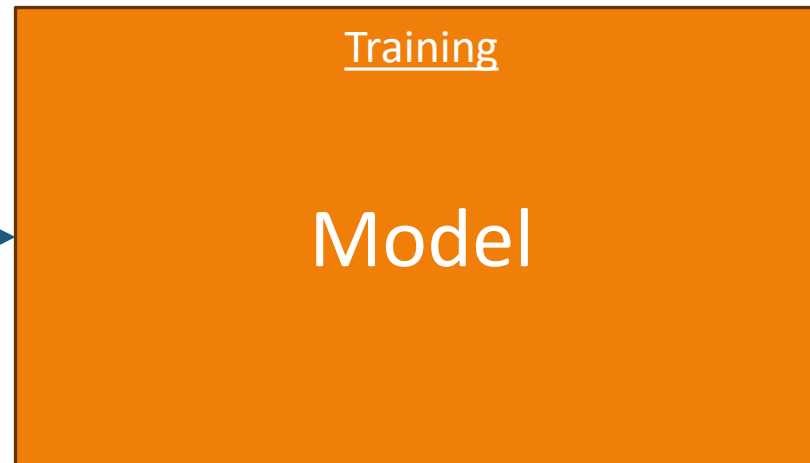
Machine translation (MT)

Summarization

Generating text from a structured representation

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Prompt (can be  
natural language text  
or not!)



New text