

NLP Tasks (Continued)

CMSC 473/673 - NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

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Learning Objectives

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?

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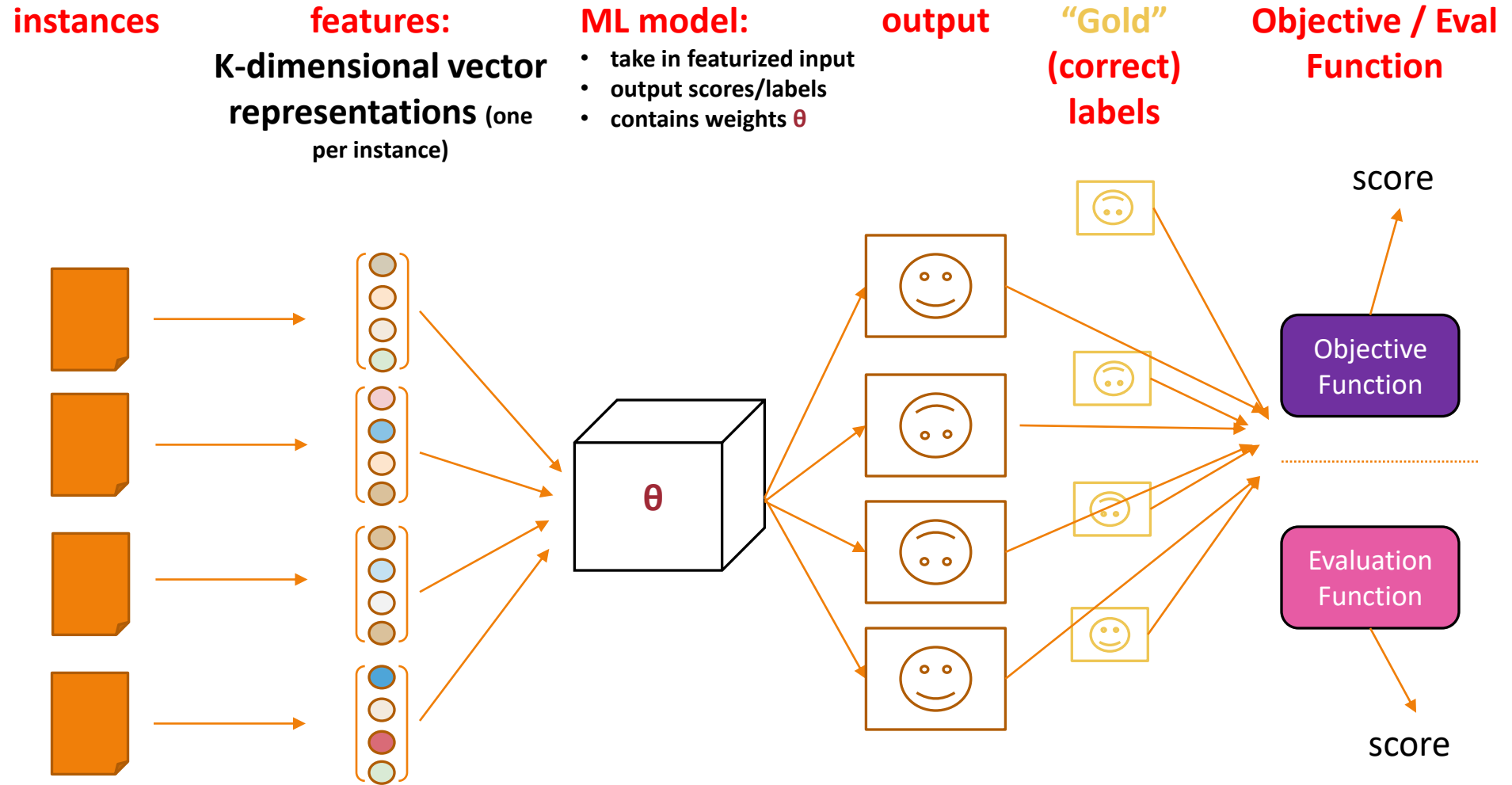
Review

What's the difference between learning/training and inference/decoding/testing a model?

How are the objective function and evaluation function the same?

How are they different?

ML/NLP Framework for Learning & Prediction



What are the three types of features we discussed?

Review: Classification Types (Terminology)

Name	Number of Tasks (Domains) Labels are Associated with	# Label Types	Example
(Binary) Classification	1	2	Sentiment: Choose one of {positive or negative}
Multi-class Classification	1	> 2	Part-of-speech: Choose one of {Noun, Verb, Det, Prep, ...}
Multi-label Classification	1	> 2	Sentiment: Choose multiple of {positive, angry, sad, excited, ...}
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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Review: Text Classification

Assigning subject categories, topics, or genres

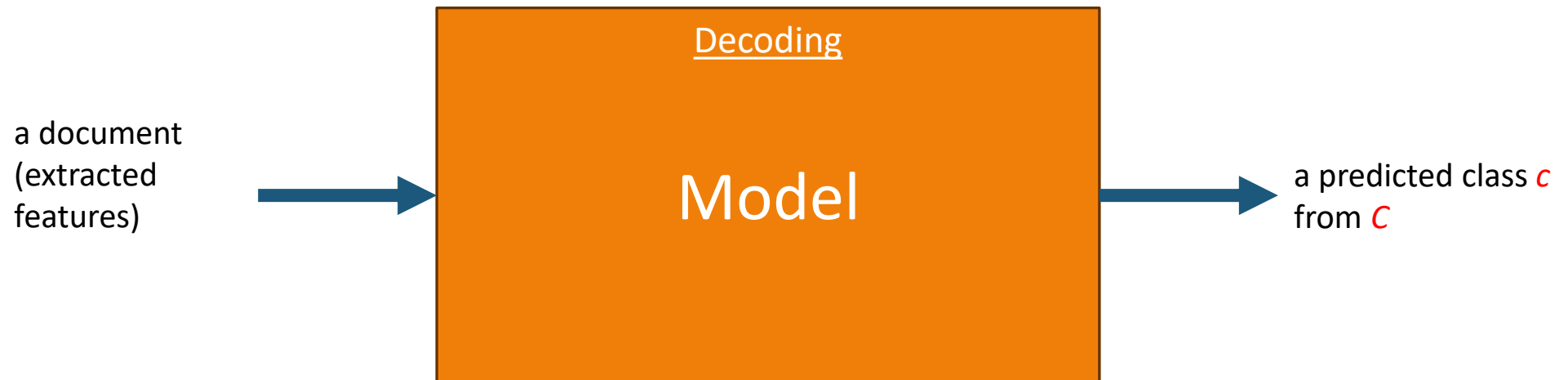
Spam detection

Authorship identification

Language Identification

Sentiment analysis

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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 “plant” tokens

Sense	Context
(1) Manufacturing	... union responses to <i>plant</i> closures
” ”	... computer disk drive <i>plant</i> located in ...
” ”	company manufacturing <i>plant</i> is in Orlando ...
(2) Living	... 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 “sentence” tokens

Translation	Context
(1) sentencia	... 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 ...
(2) frase	... 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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Spelling Correction

Problem:

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

⇒ *aid* or

⇒ *aide*

Training Data:

Spelling	Context
(1) aid	... and cut the foreign <i>aid/aide</i> budget in fiscal 1996 ...
” ”	... they offered federal <i>aid/aide</i> for flood-ravaged states ...
(2) aide	... 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]”

Word to left	Frequency as Aid	Frequency as Aide
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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An assortment of possible cues ...

	Position	Collocation	led	li:d
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	-1 W,+1 W	<i>the</i> lead <i>in</i>	0	301
	+1 P,+2 P	lead , < <i>NOUN</i> >	234	7
Wide-context collocations	$\pm k$ W	<i>zinc</i> (in $\pm k$ words)	235	0
	$\pm k$ W	<i>copper</i> (in $\pm k$ words)	130	0
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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

11.40	<i>follow/V</i> + lead	⇒ li:d
11.20	<i>zinc</i> (in $\pm k$ words)	⇒ lɛd
11.10	lead <i>level/N</i>	⇒ lɛd
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

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Final decision list for *lead* (abbreviated)

What are the input/output?
What are the features?
What types of applications?

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.)

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10.51	<i>lead role</i>	⇒ li:d
10.35	<i>copper</i> (in $\pm k$ words)	⇒ lɛd
10.28	<i>lead time</i>	⇒ li:d
10.24	<i>lead levels</i>	⇒ lɛd
10.16	<i>lead poisoning</i>	⇒ lɛd
8.55	<i>big lead</i>	⇒ li:d
8.49	<i>narrow lead</i>	⇒ li:d
7.76	<i>take/V + lead</i>	⇒ li:d
5.99	<i>lead , NOUN</i>	⇒ lɛd
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Token Classification

Word pronunciation

Accent restoration

Word sense disambiguation (WSD)
within or across languages

...

Other examples?

a word (extracted
features)

features from
surrounding
words (context)

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Part of Speech Tagging

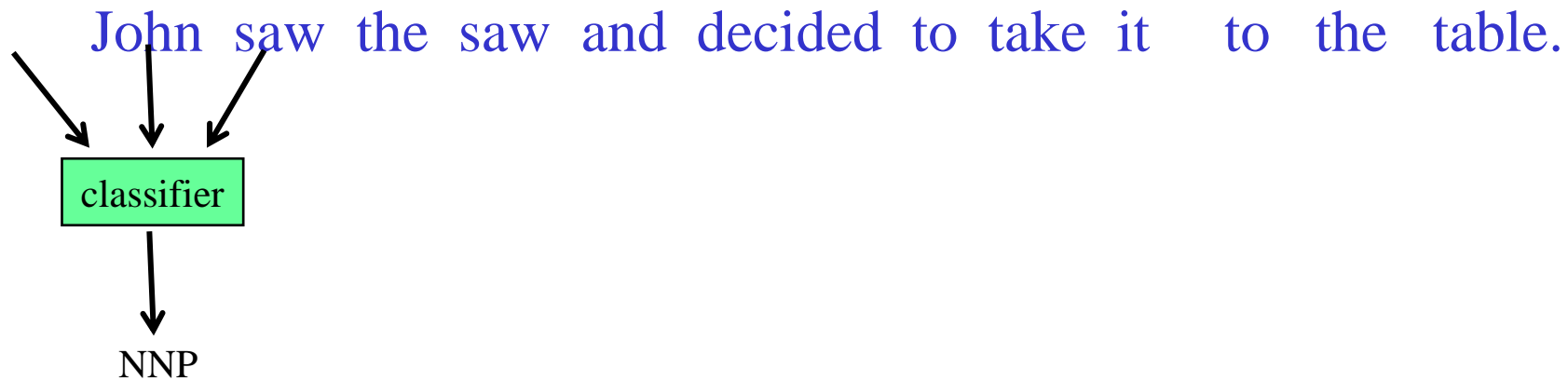
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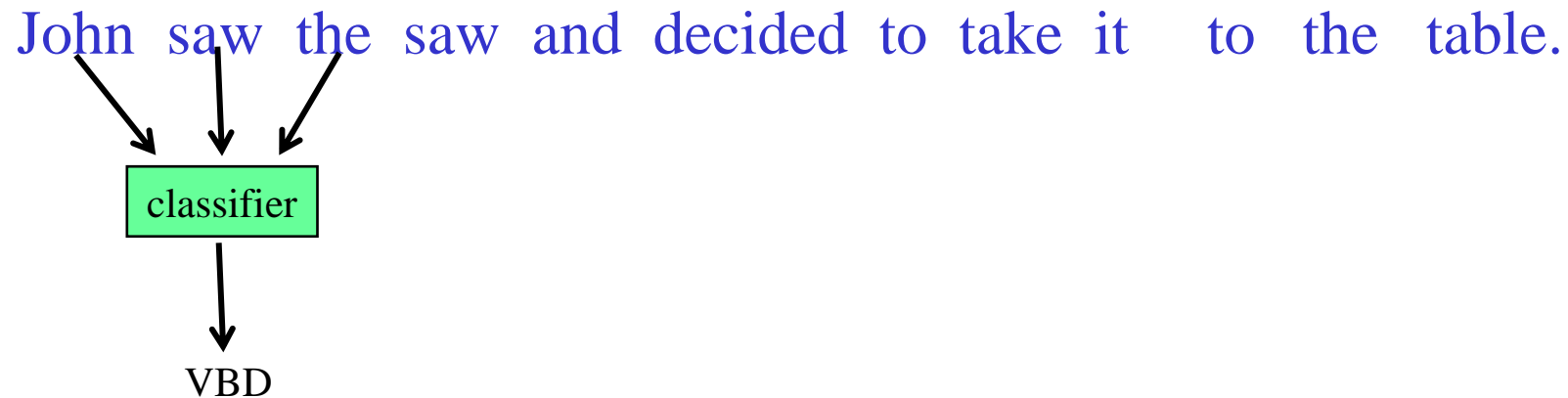
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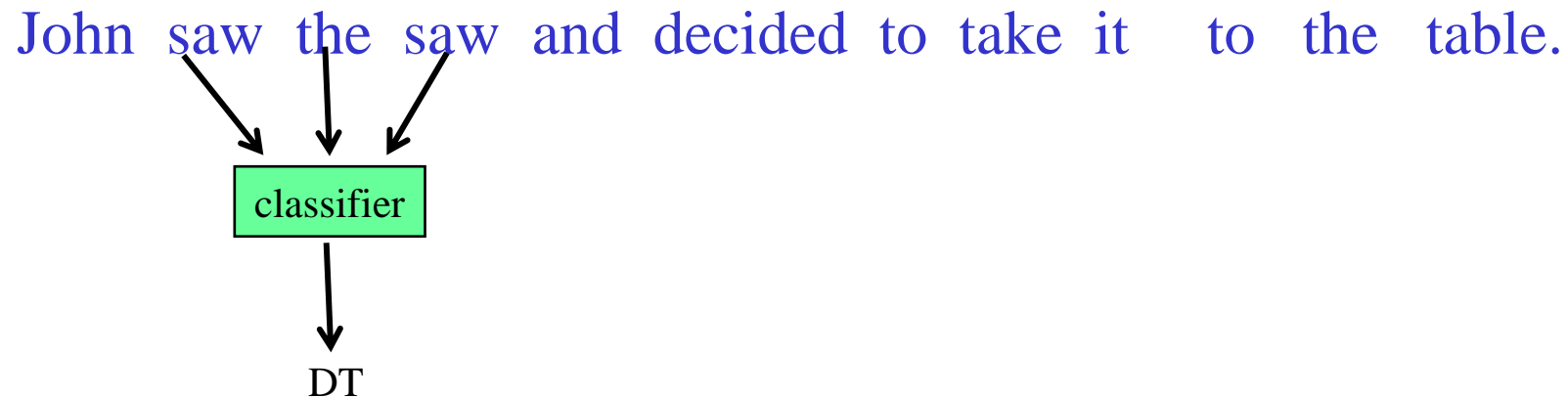
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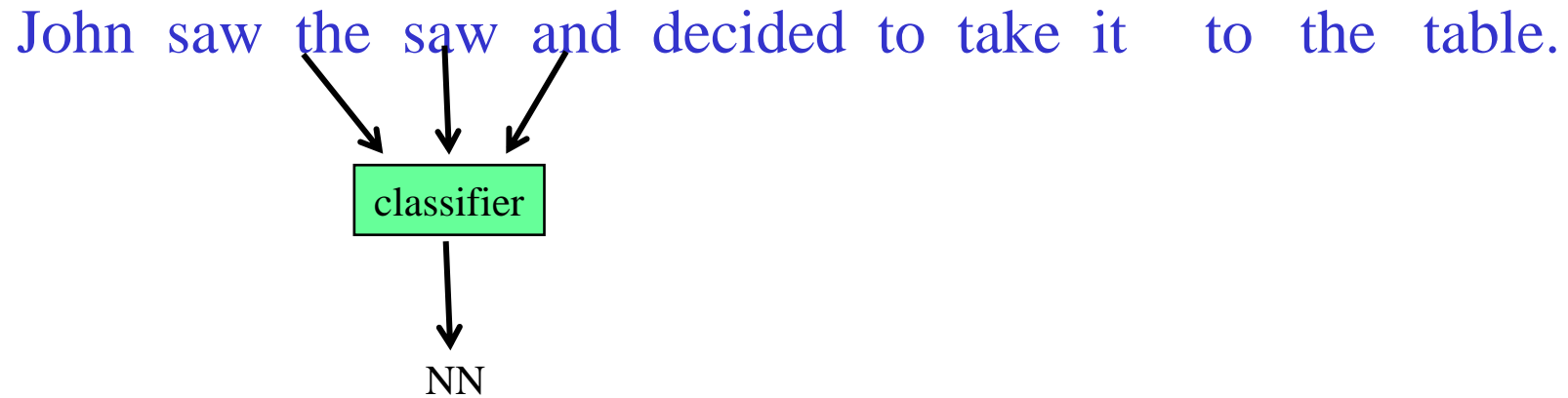
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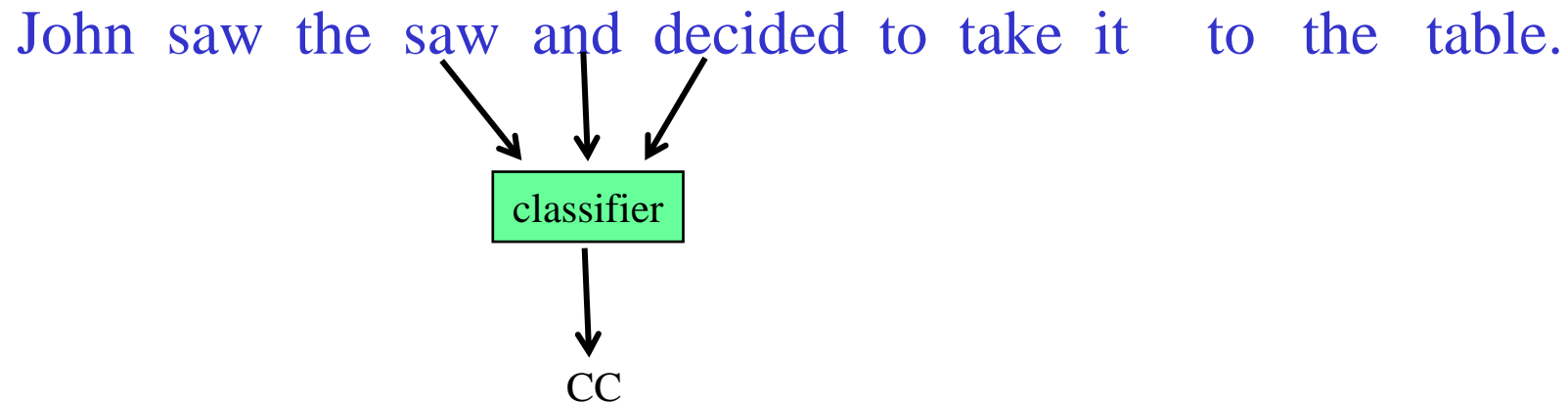
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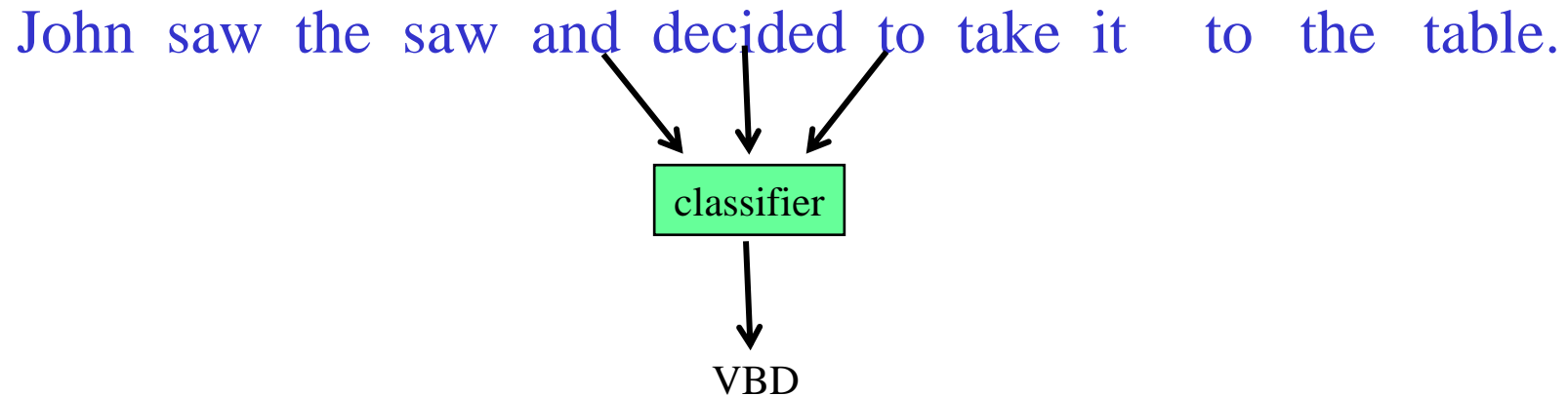
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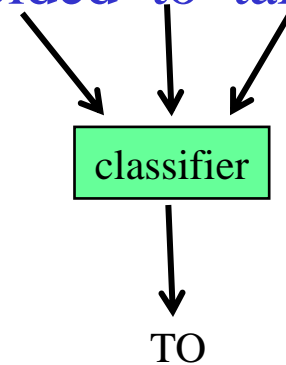


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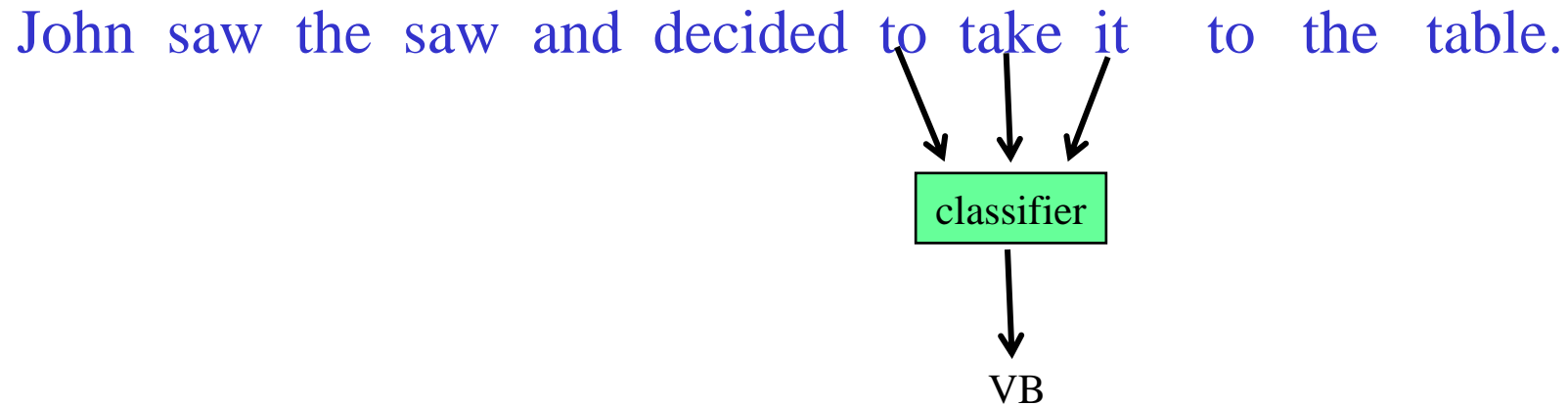
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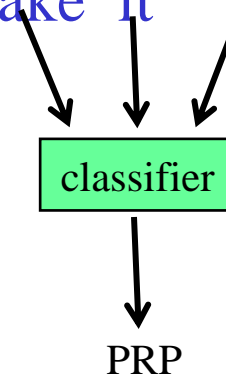


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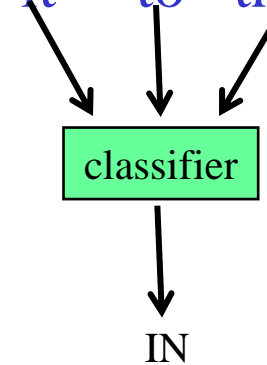


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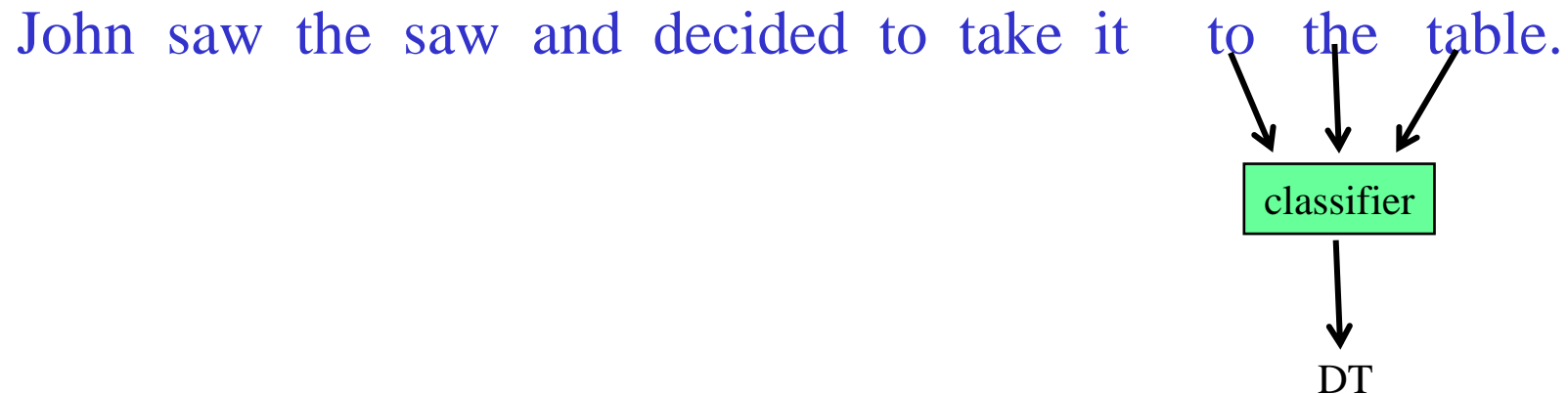
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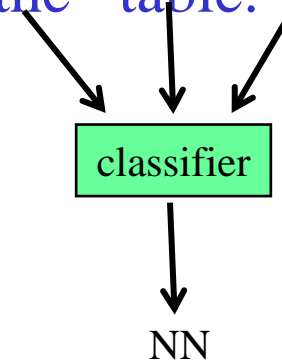


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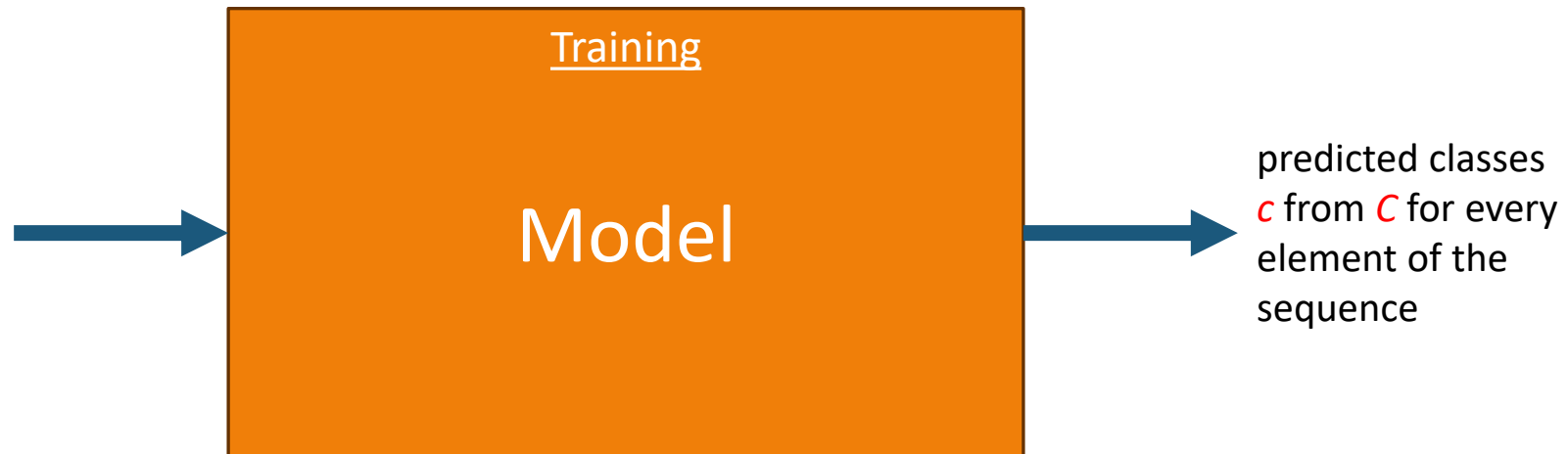
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Token Classification in a Sequence

E.g., Part of speech tagging

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(extracted
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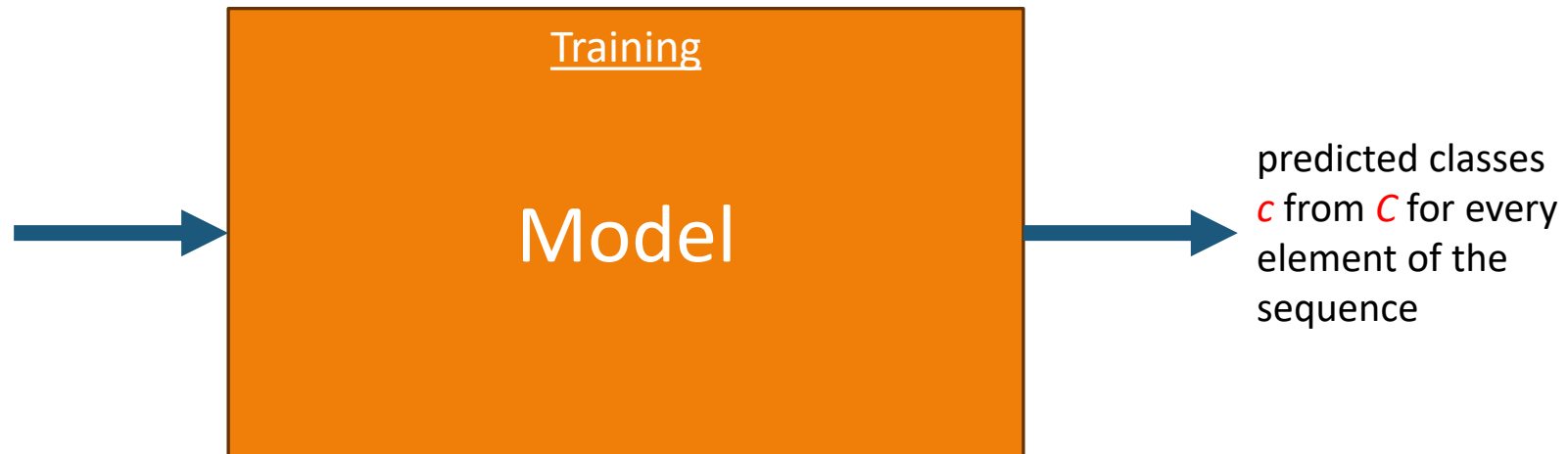
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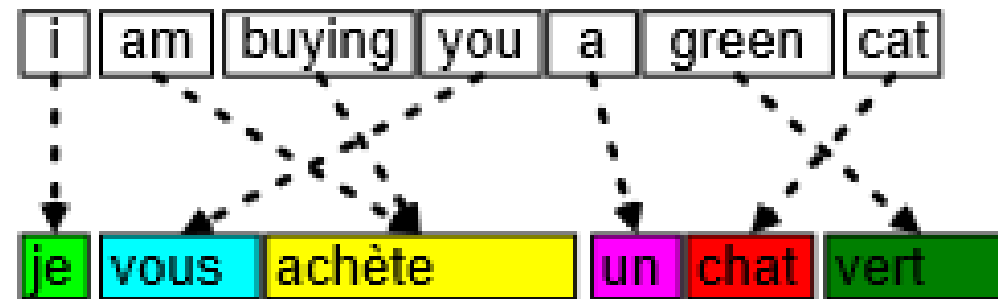
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Machine Translation: Word Alignment



What kinds of features might we want to consider here?

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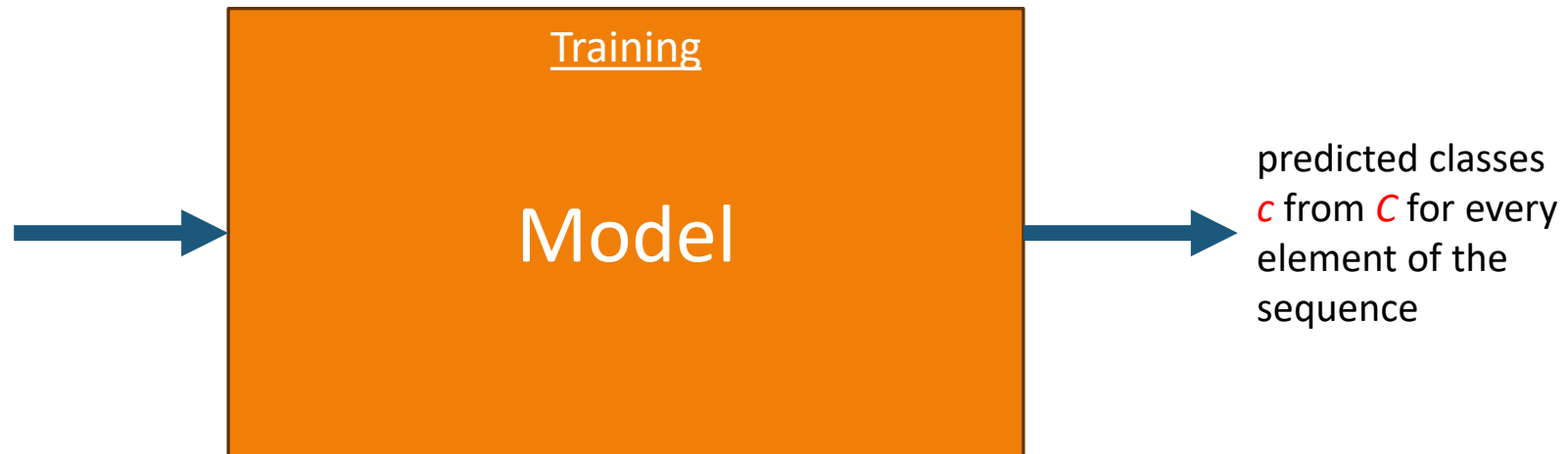
Other examples?

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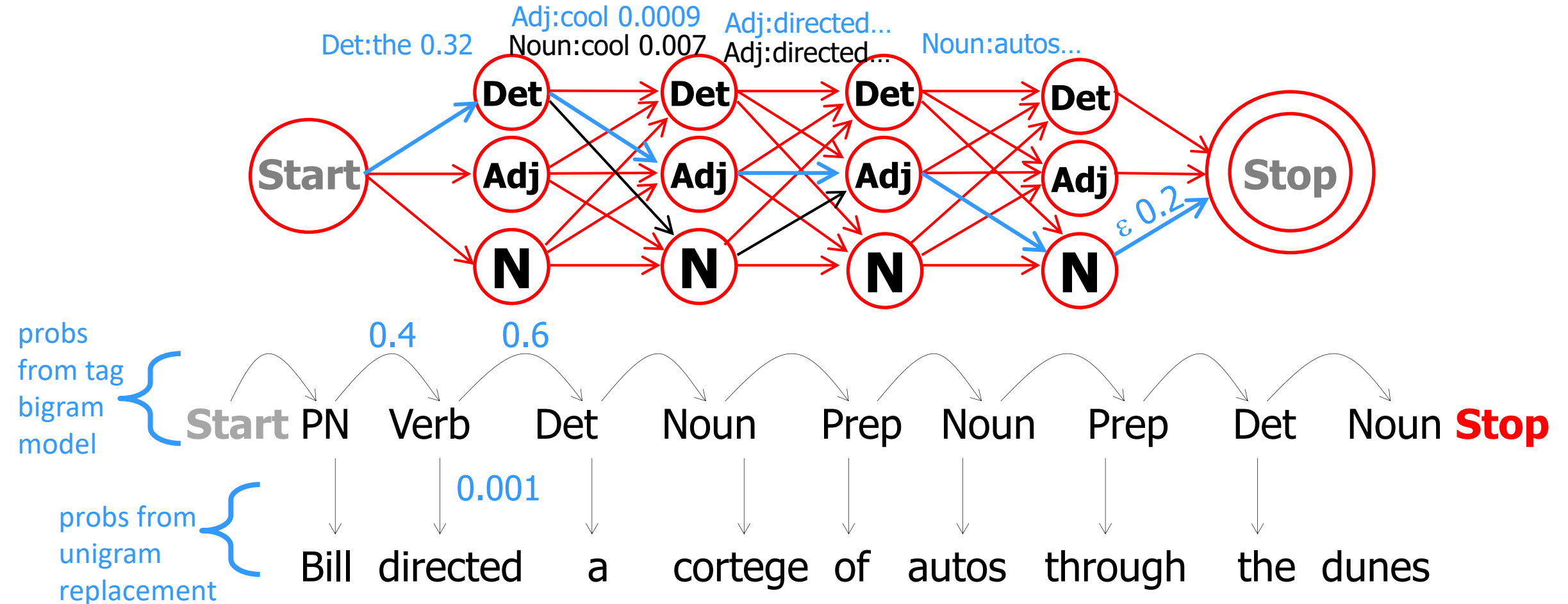
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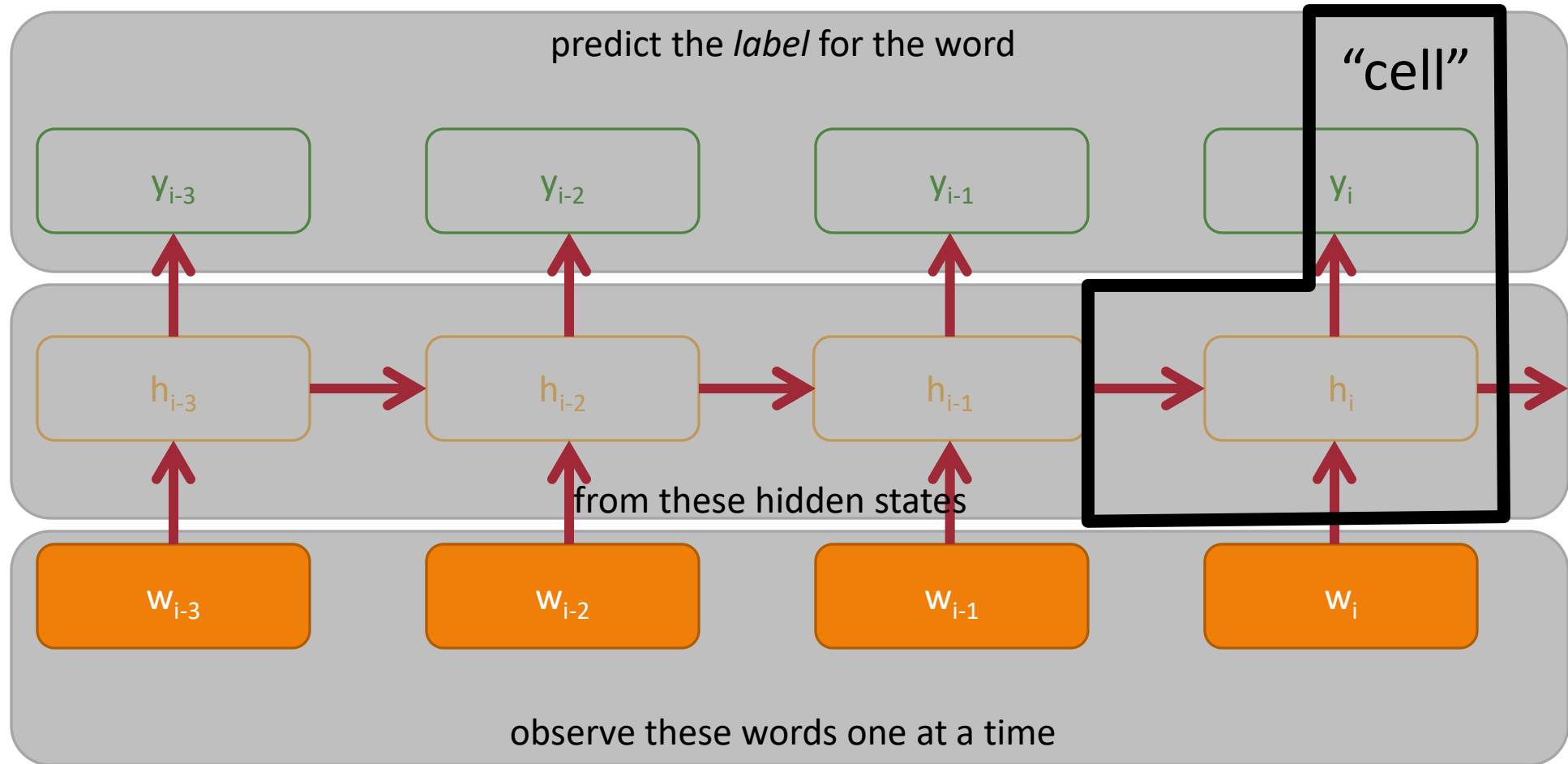
- The point of the HMM is basically that the tag of one word might depend on the tags of adjacent words.

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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Can We Use Neural, Recurrent Methods for PoS Tagging?



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Example: Finding Named Entities

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
- Measures (percent, money, weight, etc.),
- email addresses, web addresses, street addresses, etc.
- Domain-specific: names of drugs, medical conditions,
- names of ships, bibliographic references etc.

NE Types

Type	Tag	Sample Categories
People	PER	Individuals, fictional characters, small groups
Organization	ORG	Companies, agencies, political parties, religious groups, sports teams
Location	LOC	Physical extents, mountains, lakes, seas
Geo-Political Entity	GPE	Countries, states, provinces, counties
Facility	FAC	Bridges, buildings, airports
Vehicles	VEH	Planes, trains, and automobiles

Type	Example
People	<i>Turing</i> is often considered to be the father of modern computer science.
Organization	The <i>IPCC</i> said it is likely that future tropical cyclones will become more intense.
Location	The <i>Mt. Sanitas</i> loop hike begins at the base of <i>Sunshine Canyon</i> .
Geo-Political Entity	<i>Palo Alto</i> is looking at raising the fees for parking in the University Avenue district.
Facility	Drivers were advised to consider either the <i>Tappan Zee Bridge</i> or the <i>Lincoln Tunnel</i> .
Vehicles	The updated <i>Mini Cooper</i> retains its charm and agility.

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Named Entity Recognition

CHICAGO (AP) — Citing high fuel prices, **United Airlines** said Friday it has increased fares by \$6 per round trip on flights to some cities also served by lower-cost carriers. **American Airlines**, a unit **AMR**, immediately matched the move, spokesman **Tim Wagner** said. **United**, a unit of **UAL**, said the increase took effect Thursday night and applies to most routes where it competes against discount carriers, such as **Chicago** to **Dallas** and **Atlanta** and **Denver** to **San Francisco**, **Los Angeles** and **New York**.

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Chunking

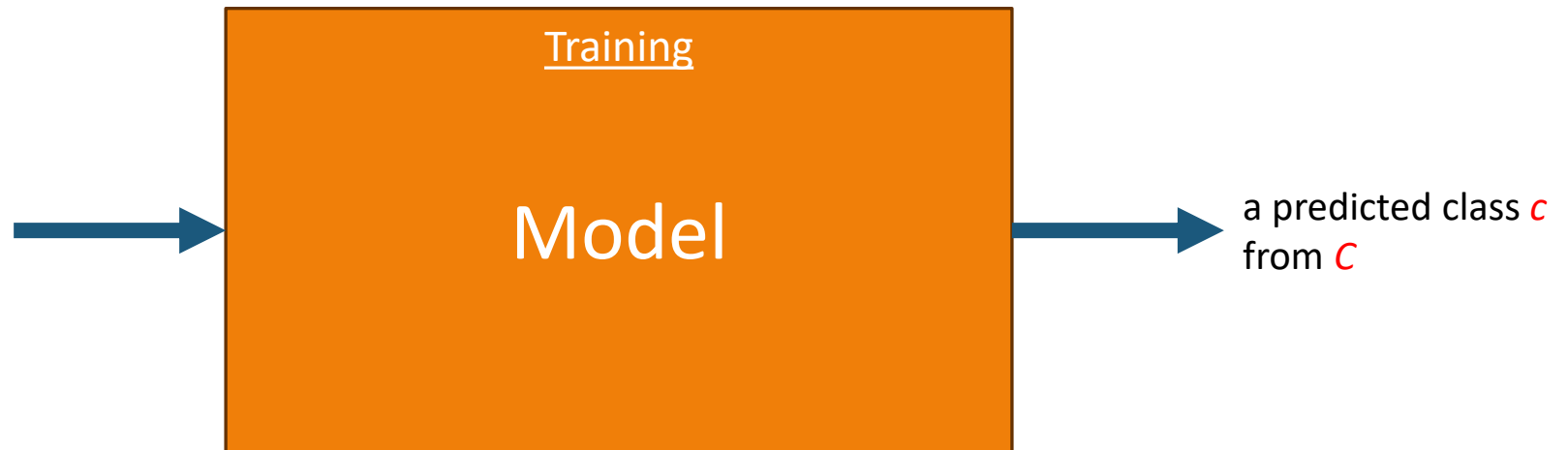
Named entity recognition

Information extraction

a phrase (extracted features)

the phrase's context

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Example: Information Extraction

As a task:

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

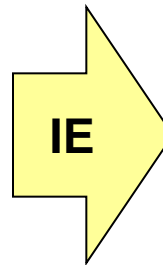
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For years, Microsoft Corporation CEO Bill Gates railed against the economic philosophy of open-source software with Orwellian fervor, denouncing its communal licensing as a "cancer" that stifled technological innovation.

Today, Microsoft claims to "love" the open-source concept, by which software code is made public to encourage improvement and development by outside programmers. Gates himself says Microsoft will gladly disclose its crown jewels--the coveted code behind the Windows operating system--to select customers.

"We can be open source. We love the concept of shared source," said Bill Veghte, a Microsoft VP. "That's a super-important shift for us in terms of code access."

Richard Stallman, founder of the Free Software Foundation, countered saying...



NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION
Bill Gates	CEO	Microsoft
Bill Veghte	VP	Microsoft
Richard Stallman	founder	Free Soft..

Slide from Chris Brew, adapted from slide by William Cohen

Example *applications* for IE

Classified ads

Restaurant reviews

Bibliographic citations

Appointment emails

Legal opinions

Papers describing clinical medical studies

Task vs
application?

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Chunking

Named entity recognition

Information extraction

Identifying idioms

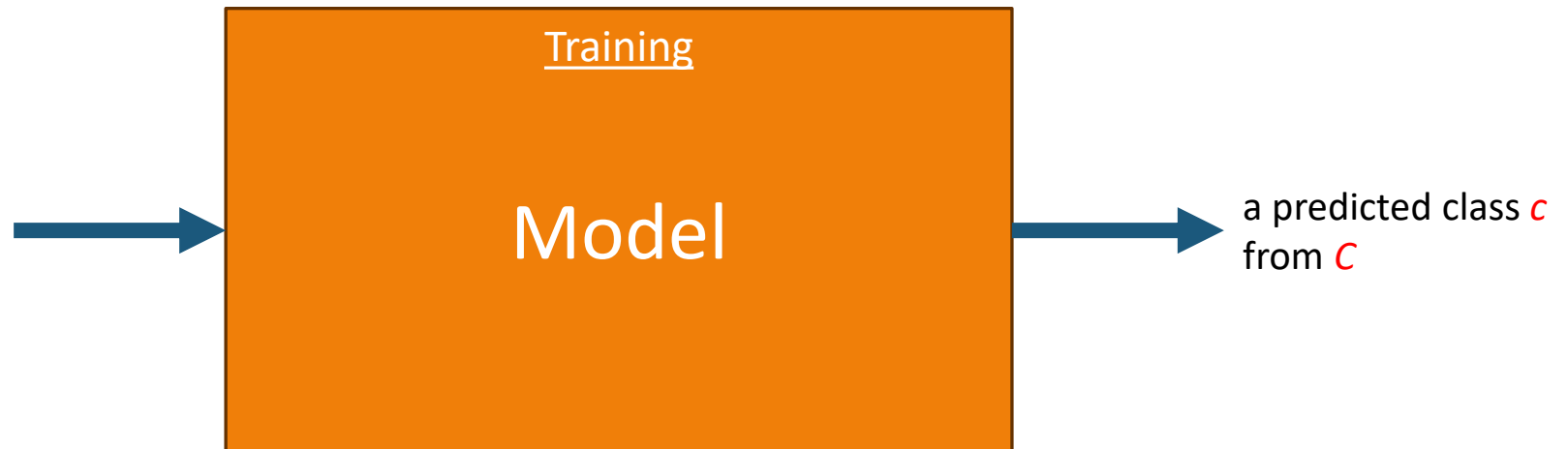
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Other examples?

a phrase (extracted features)

the phrase's context

a fixed set of classes
 $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_j\}$
(given, if supervised)

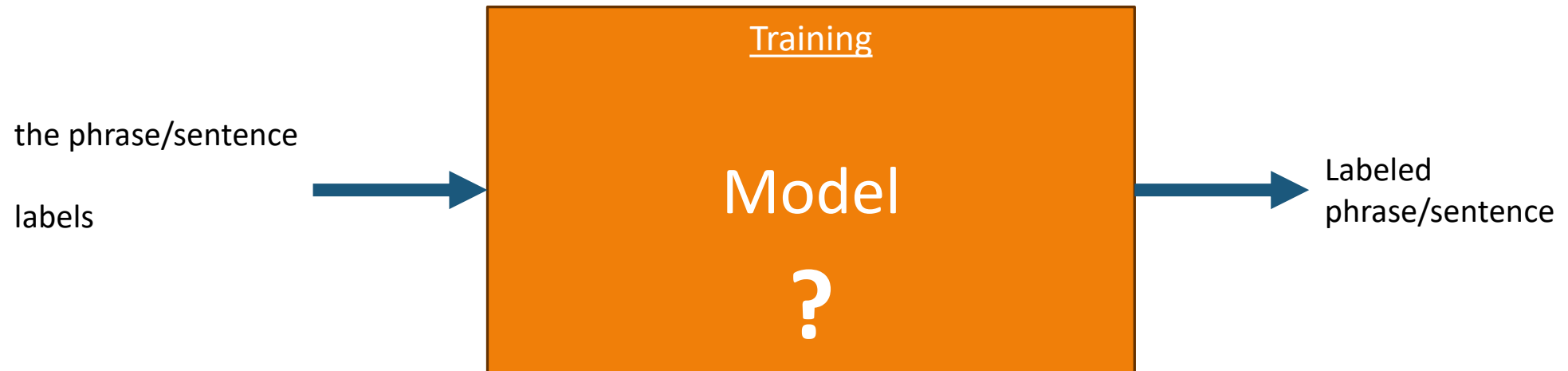


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Syntax Parsing



Context Free Grammar

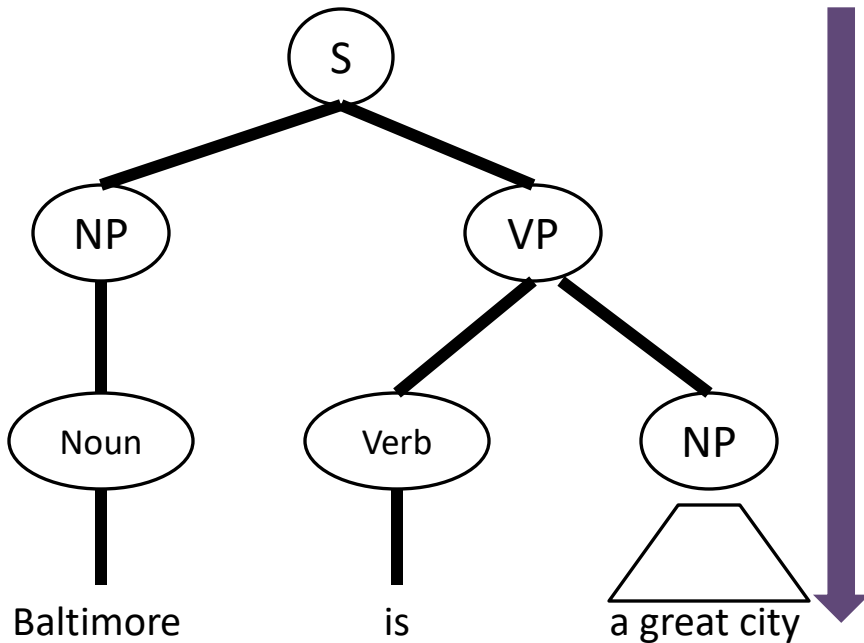
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Set of rewrite rules, comprised of terminals and non-terminals

Generate from a Context Free Grammar

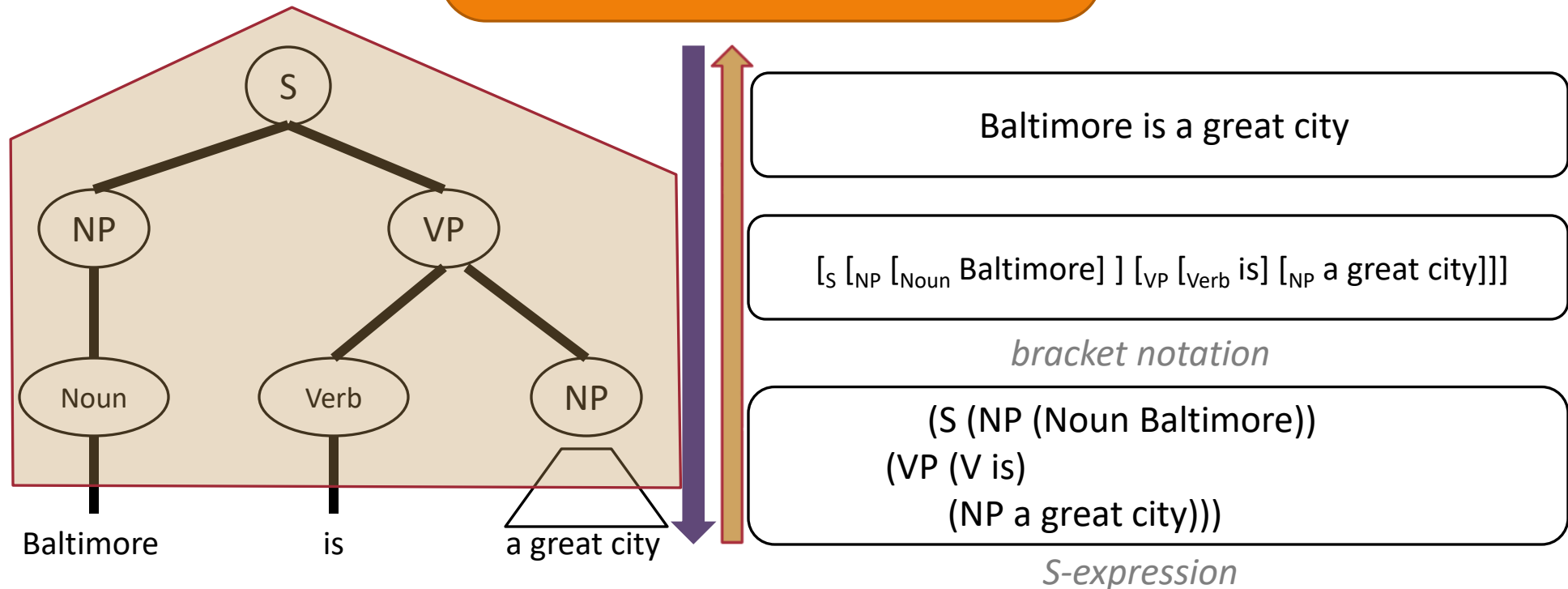
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Baltimore is a great city

Assign Structure (**Parse**) with a Context Free Grammar

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Why is it useful?



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[The rat [the cat [the dog chased] killed] ate the malt].

Language can have recursive patterns

Syntactic parsing can help identify those

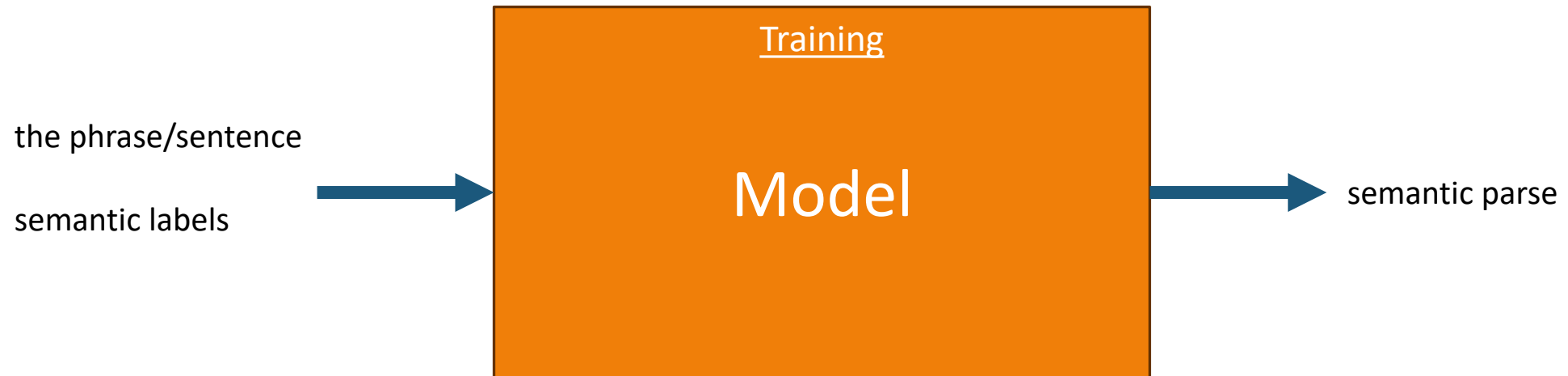
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Semantic Parsing

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)

PropBank – coarse-grained roles of verbs

NomBank – similar, but for nouns

FrameNet – fine-grained roles of any word

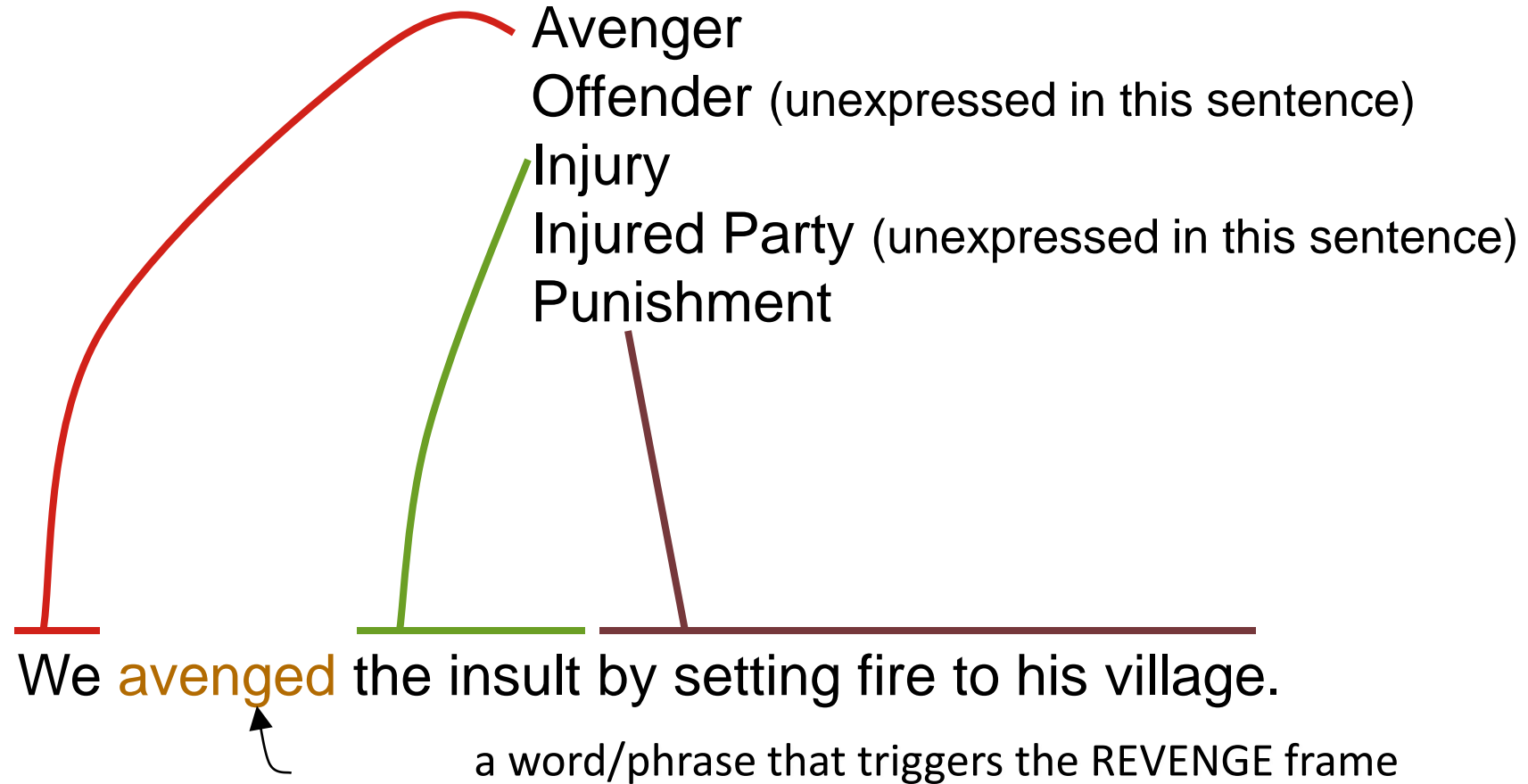
TimeBank – temporal expressions

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What type of applications might this have?

FrameNet Example

REVENGE FRAME



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Text Generation

Question answering (QA)

Speech recognition (ASR)

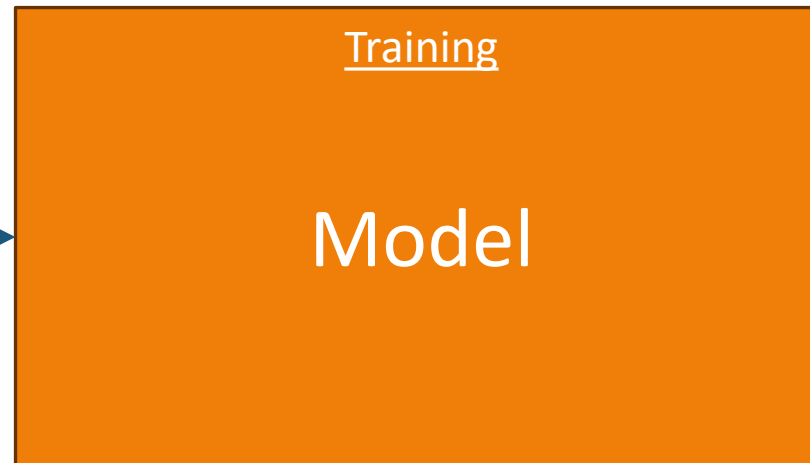
Machine translation (MT)

Summarization

Generating text from a structured representation

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Prompt (can be
natural language text
or not!)



New text