

TEAM 10

Milestone 2 Report

11-791 Project

Error Analysis

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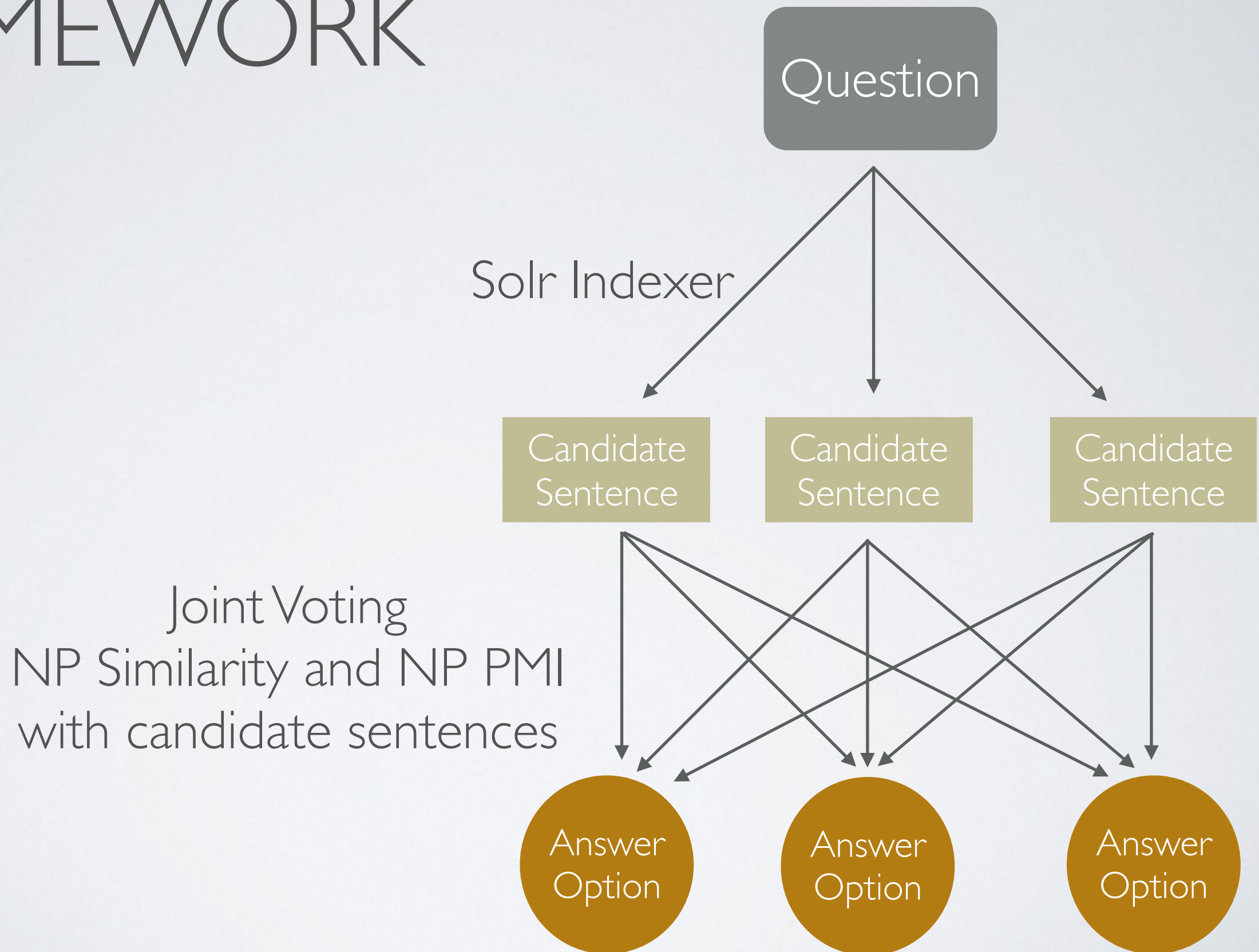
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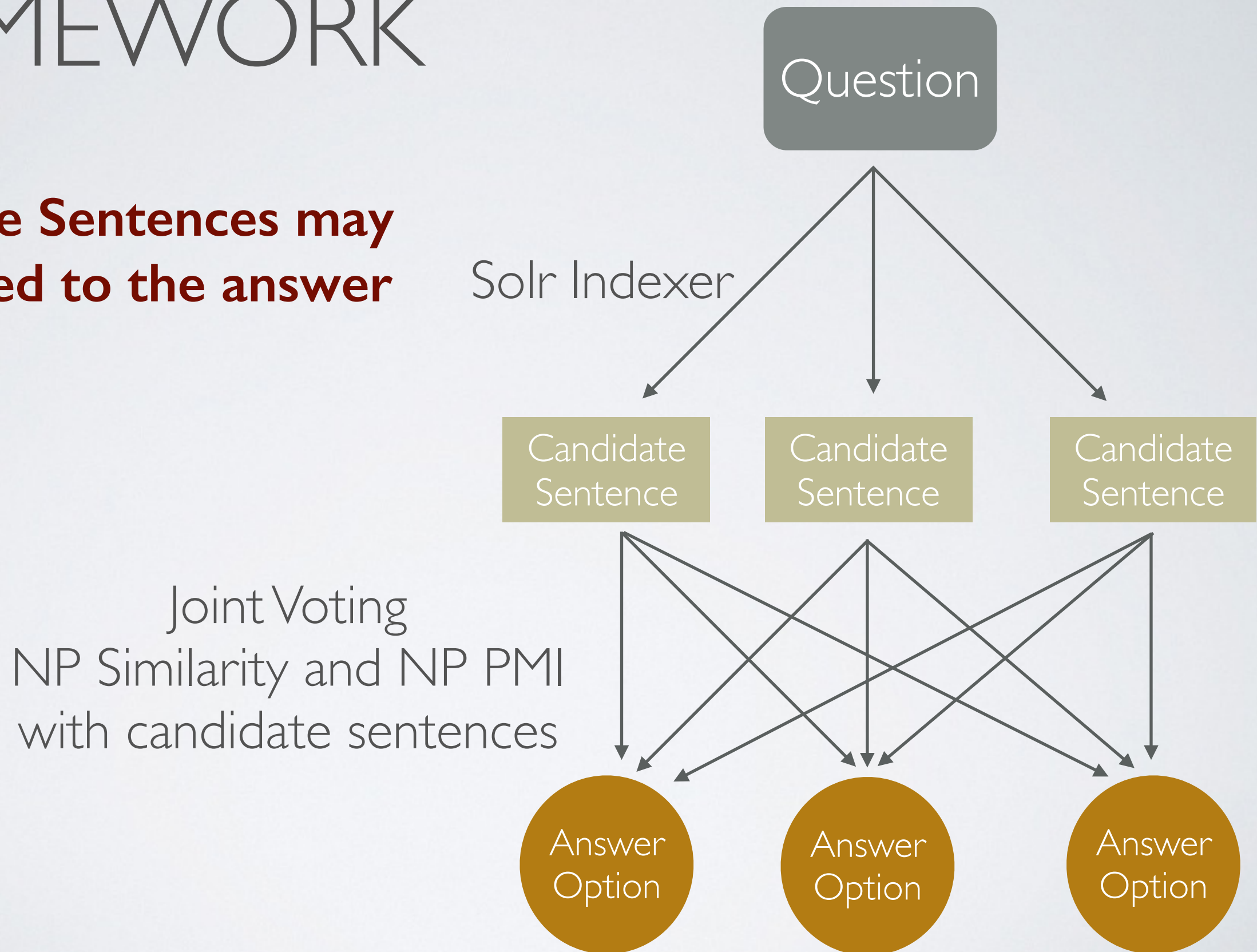
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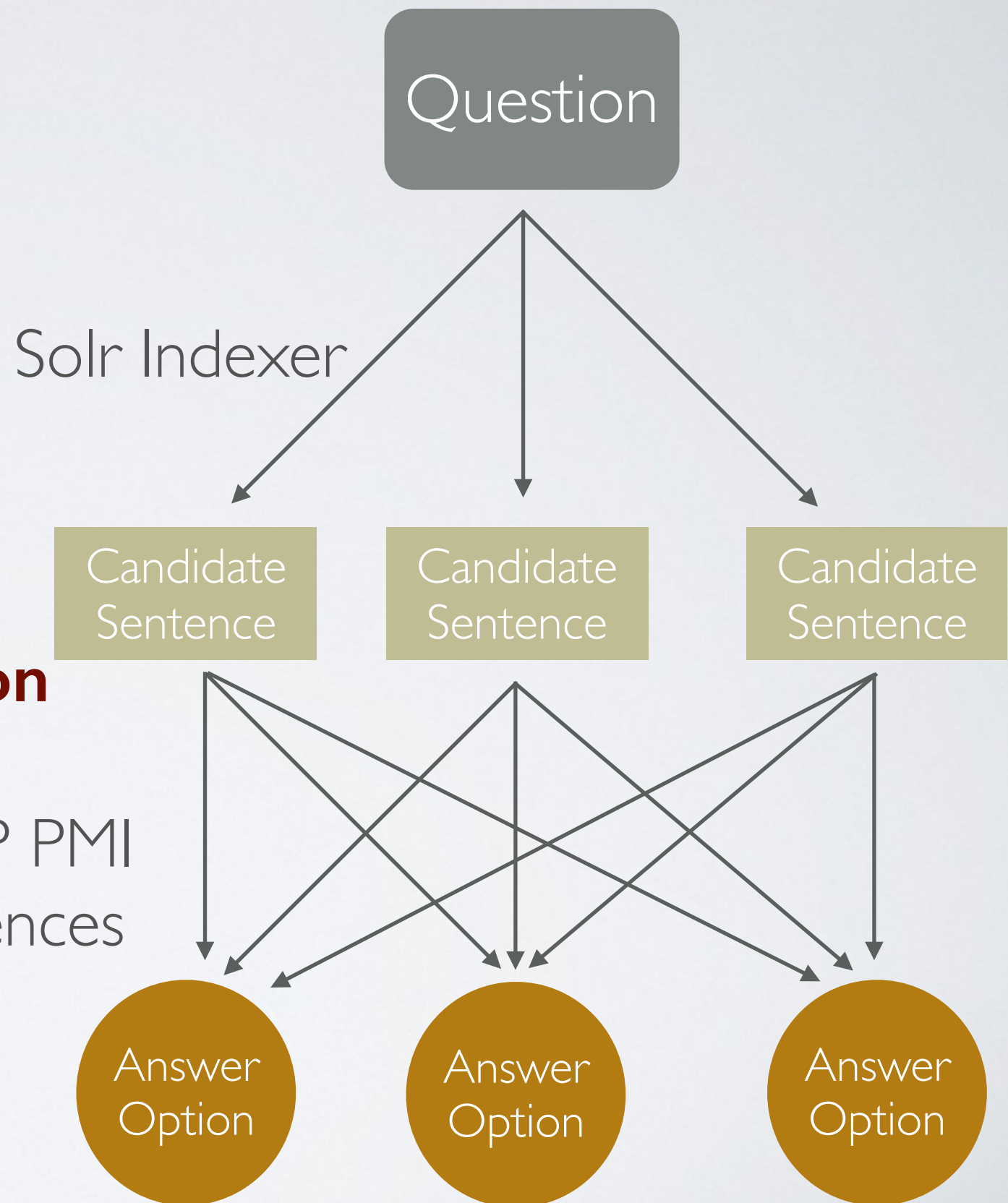


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Joint Voting
NP Similarity and NP PMI
with candidate sentences

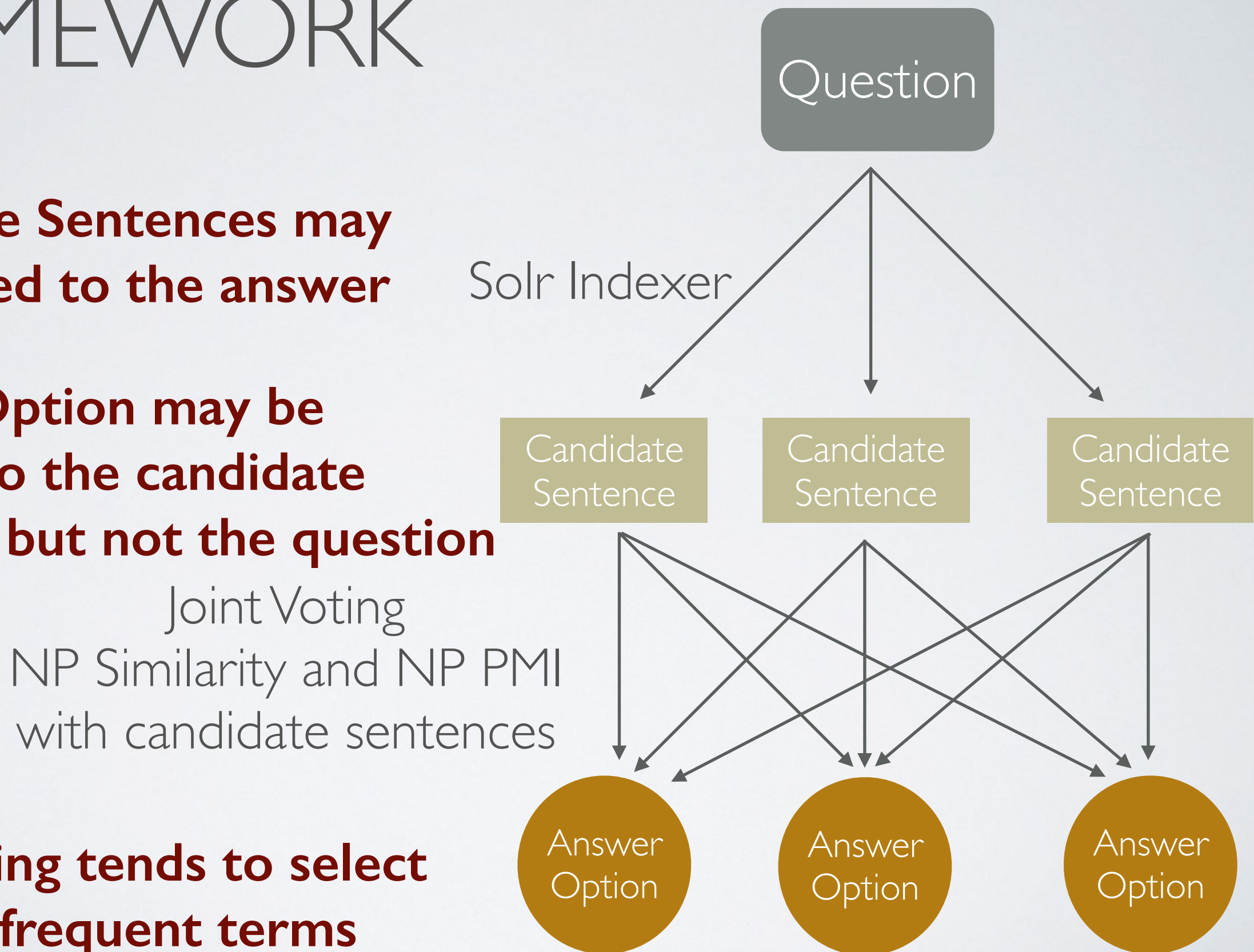


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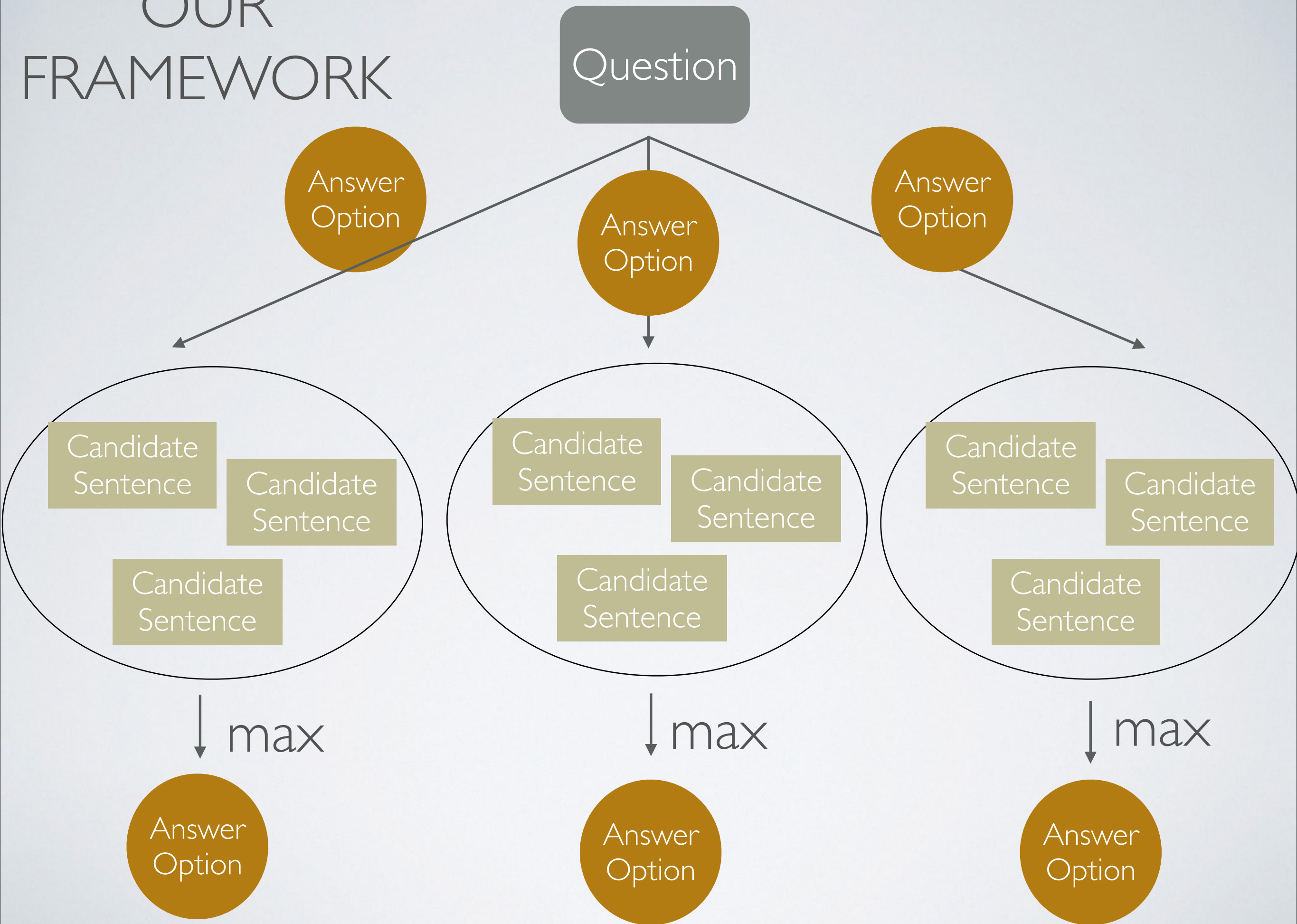
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**Joint Voting tends to select
more frequent terms**



OUR FRAMEWORK



PERFORMANCE

- Performance on **2012** test set:

- **Baseline**, without PMI

- **20%** (3/10, 1/10, 1/10, 3/10)

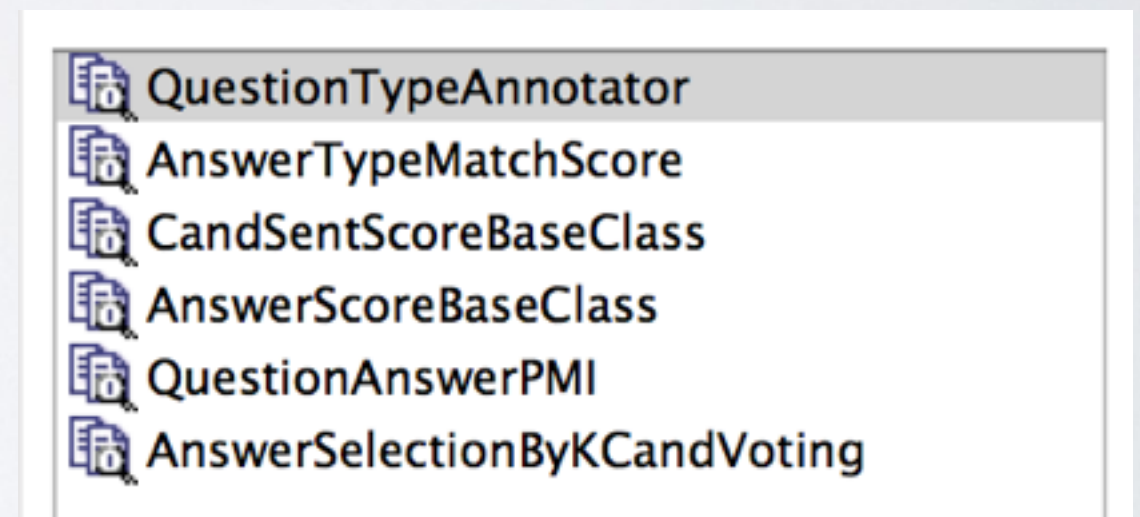
- **M1** Results, change the framework

- **27.5%** (3/10, 4/10, 2/10, 2/10)

- **M2** Results, details in the following slides

- **47.5%** (3/10, 6/10, 7/10, 2/10) - It must be highly overfitting...

Current Pipeline



DETAILS

- Change Candidate Sentence selection from **Solr Indexer** to our own similarity metrics combining **NP, NER, Unigram - cosine similarity** and **match counts**
- Answer score = (**answer-candidate sentence** relevance) × (**candidate sentence-question** relevance)
- **Question-answer** PMI score instead of **candidate sentence - answer** PMI score
- **Question Type** match score, QUANTITY, REASON, CHOICE, TYPE, etc..

CANDIDATE SENTENCE SELECTION

- **Noun Phrase** and **Named Entity** are much much better features compared with **Unigram**
- The recall of the annotation for **NE** is not that good. We have different weights and methods for different features.
 - Cosine for similarity between Unigram of <question, sentence>
 - Match count for NER between <answer, sentence>
 - Dot Product for NP between <answer, sentence>, <question, sentence> with normalization only over the sentence NP list.
- Hard to do this in Solr query framework.

ANSWER SCORING

- Answer score = (**answer-sentence** relevance) X (**sentence-question** relevance)
- Similar similarity score function with the previous steps

QUESTION-ANSWER PMI

- Local features: Instead of co-occurrence of answer option and candidate sentence, we use the co-occurrence of answer-question pair.
- Combine NER and NP PMI

ERROR ANALYSIS FOR THE NEXT STEP

SEMANTIC MATCHING

ERRORS

- **Question:** Which technique was used to determine the cellular locations of the CLU1 and CLU2 gene products?
 - **Wrong** Answer: intracellular and secreted *(not a technique, even a noun)*
 - **Correct** Answer: immunofluorescence experiments *(is a technique, at least a noun)*
- **Question:** Which hormone can control the expression of CLU isoforms?
 - **Wrong** Answer: real-time PCR *(not a kind of hormone)*
 - **Wrong** Answer: cDNA *(not a kind of hormone)*
 - **Correct** Answer: androgen *(a kind of hormone)*

SEMANTIC MATCHING

SOLUTION

- Using semantics/word correlation to determine the target relationship between entities
 - Should consider both semantic correlation and grammatical consistent (POS, number).
- For normal terms, word-net.
- For Bio terms, **PMI** and **distance**
 - e.g. "...**Fibrous Proteins** form muscle fiber, tendons...for example, **Actin, Arp2/3, Collagen....**"

SIGNIFICANT **TERM** DETECTION

ERROR

- Question: What **compartments** inside the **cell** contain **cluster** in **proteins**?
- Bad similarity scores for both candidate sentence and answer options
- “**Cell**” and “**Proteins**” dominate the NP/NER scores

SIGNIFICANT **TERM** DETECTION

SOLUTION

- Detect by **inverse-sentence-frequency**.

$$\text{idf}(t, D) = \log \frac{|D|}{|\{t \in d, d \in D\}|}$$

- Cell, proteins are very frequent in document, but cluster is not
- Use idf as weight for different terms in the question PMI

SIGNIFICANT **TERM** DETECTION

SOLUTION

Hard rules for different question type,

- Question: How many **residues** does the CLU2 protein sequence have?
- Rule: The first NP after “how many” must appear in the candidate sentence.

DOCUMENT CLEANING

Question: How many residues does the CLU2 protein sequence have?

Wrong Answer: 6

Best Candidate Sentence:

Although the primary role of clusterin in AD is unclear, **CLU** is implicated in AD by several lines of evidence, including (i) **CLU** mRNA and clusterin **protein** is increased in AD [5], [6], (ii) clusterin is a component of plaques [4], [5], [7], (iii) clusterin modulates AD-related pathways such as inflammation and...

SENTENCE WEIGHT FROM LOCATION IN THE DOCUMENT

- Candidate sentences should not be in the reference part.
- First sentence and last sentence of a paragraph are more important.

SUMMARY

- Performance Improved to 47.5%
 - Change Solr Indexer to more customized similarity metrics
 - Consider answer when selecting candidate sentences
 - Consider question when ranking answers
 - Question-Answer PMI score
 - Question Type match score
- Next steps:
 - Semantic Correlation
 - Significant terms detection
 - Location Weight for candidate sentence
 - Document Cleaning

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