

Learning Expressive Ontological Concept Descriptions via Neural Networks

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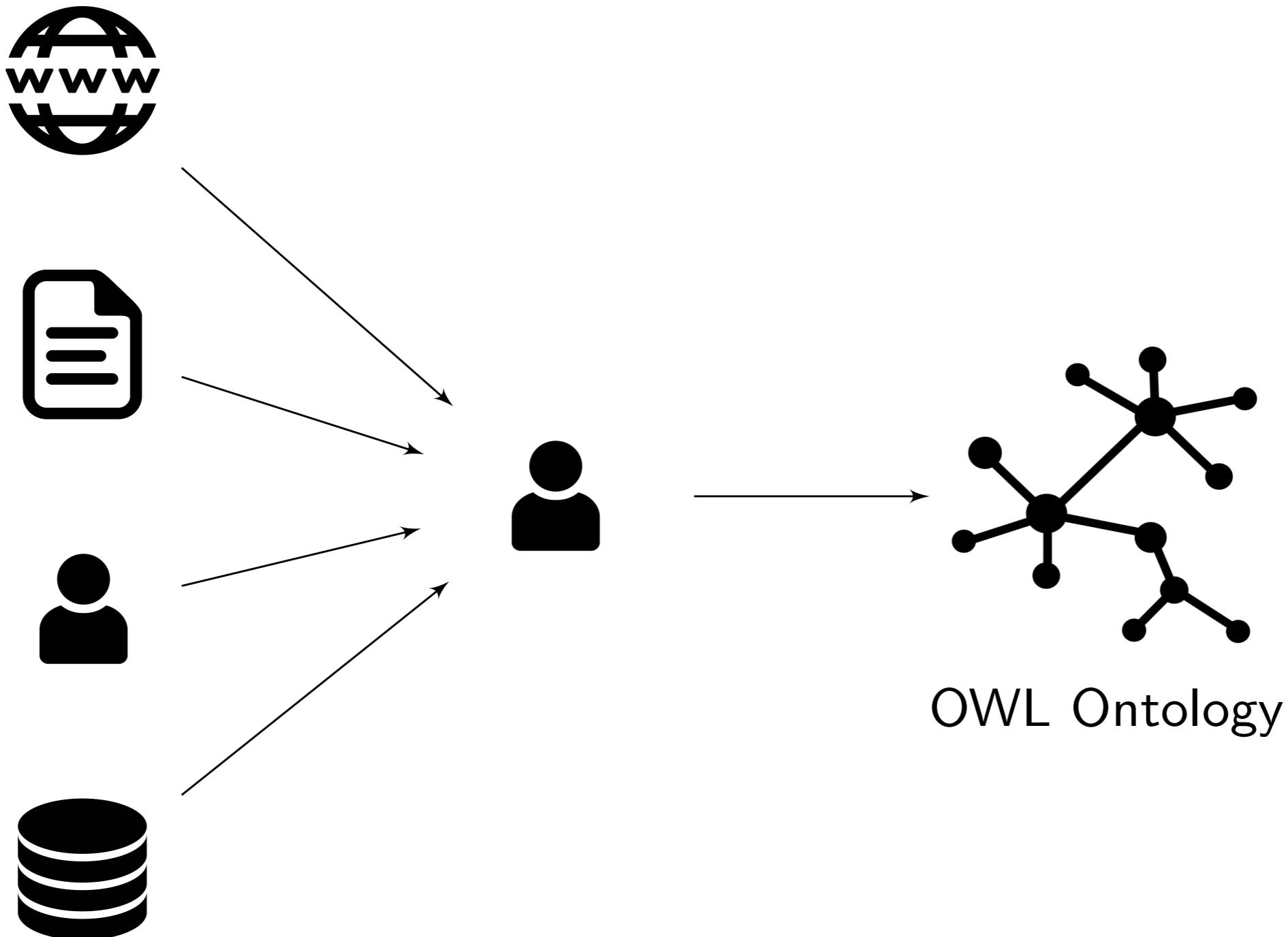
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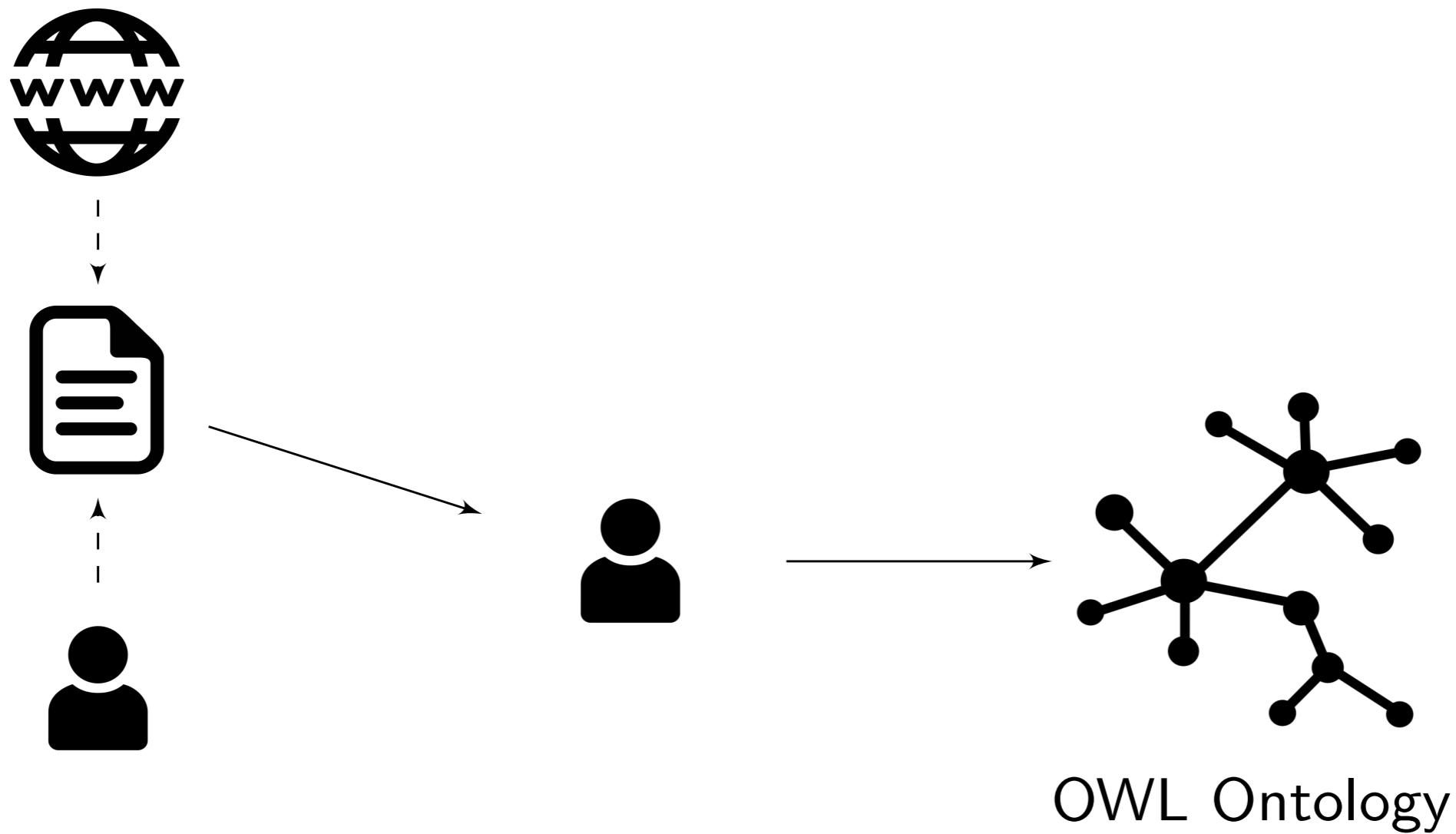


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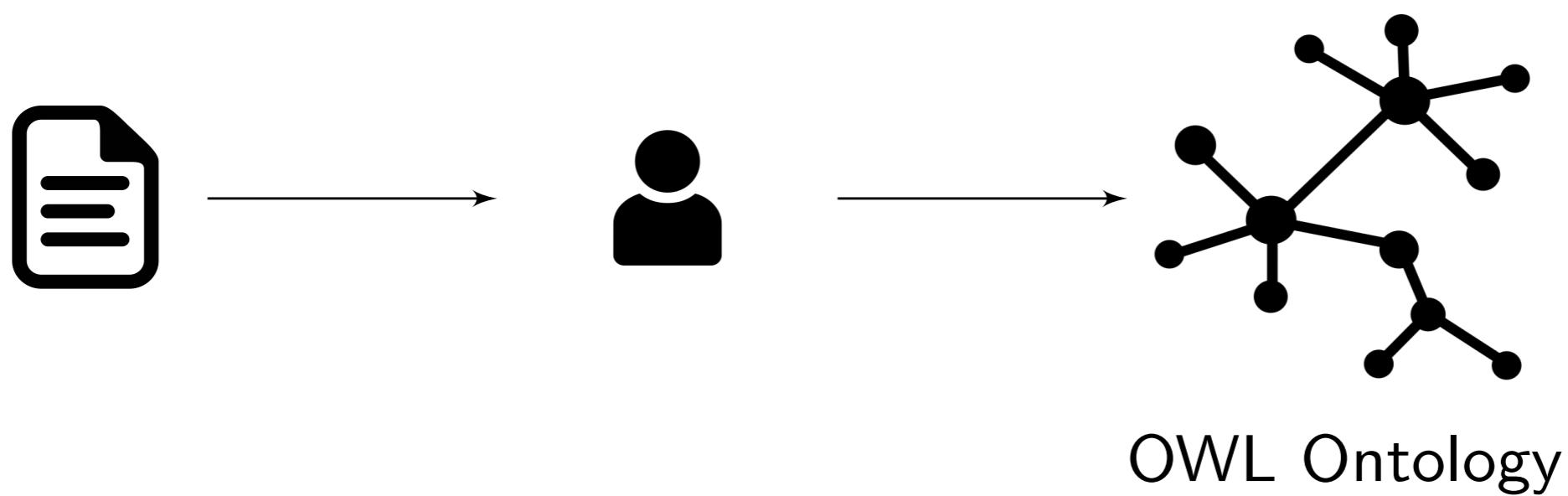
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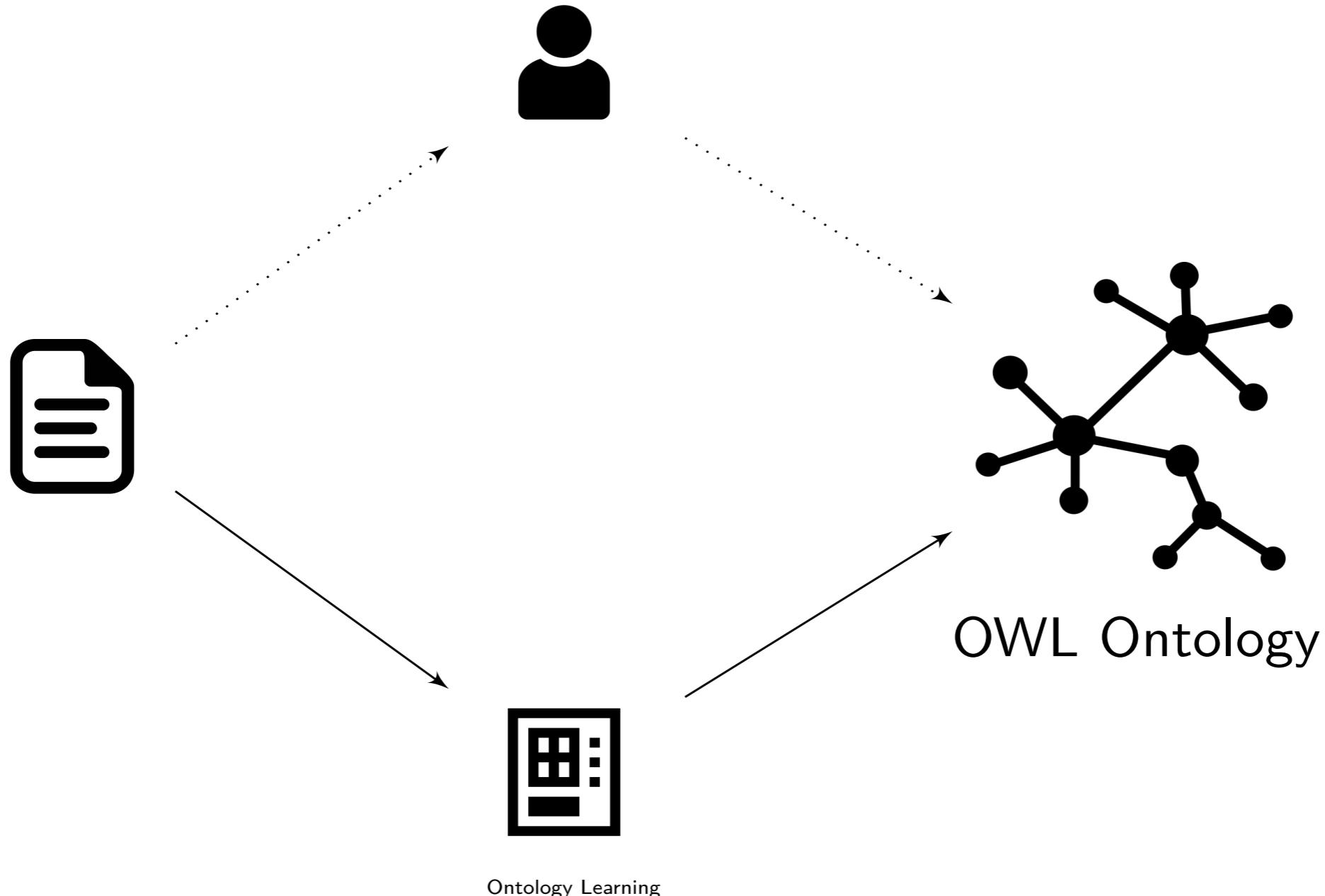
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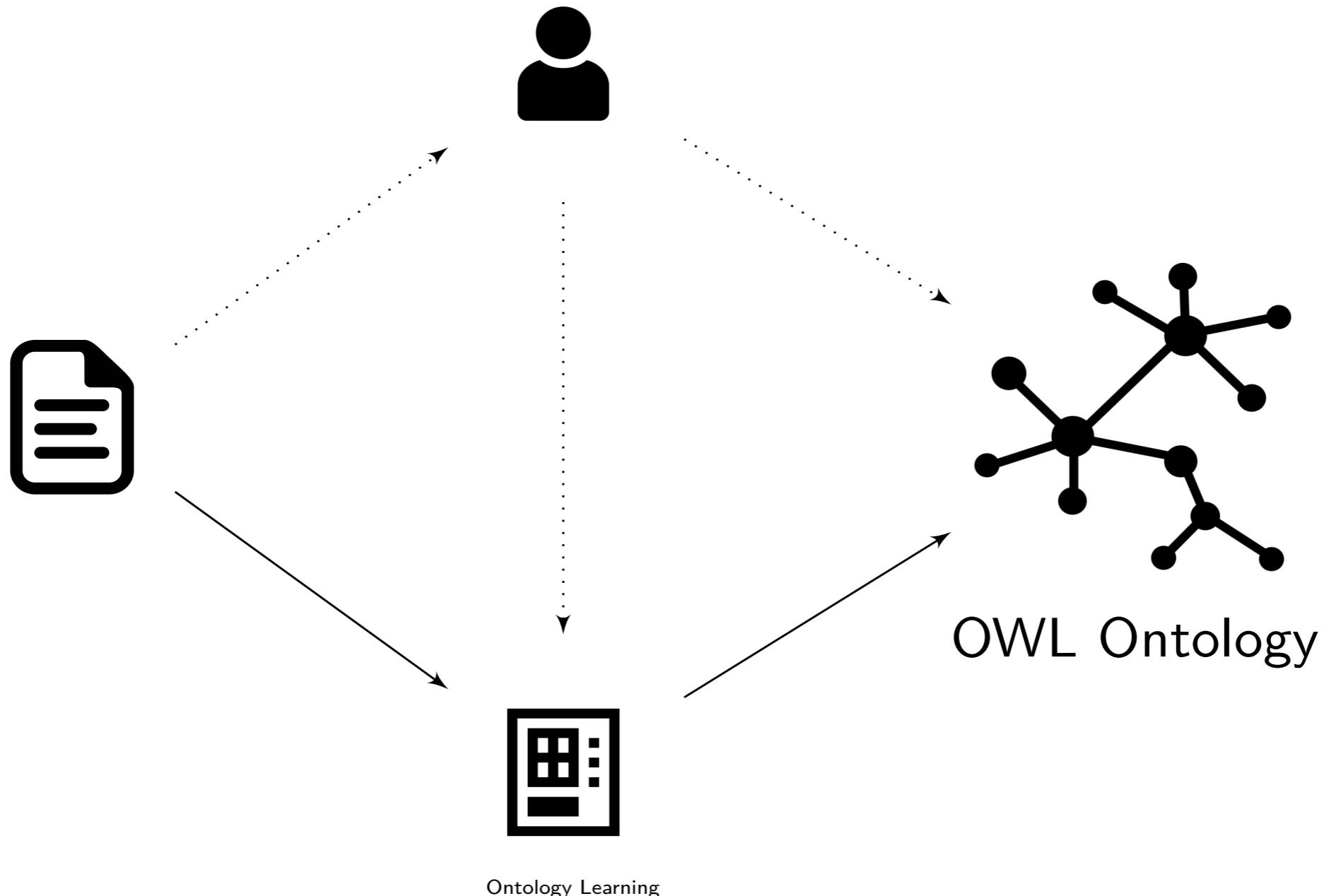
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Relation	$\text{produce}(\text{Bee}, \text{Honey})$
Hierarchy	$\text{is_a}(\text{Bee}, \text{Insect})$
Concept	Beehive
Synonym	$\{\text{beehive}, \text{hive}\}$
Term	$\text{bee}, \text{beehive}, \text{hive}, \text{honey}, \dots$

Table: Ontology Learning Layer Cake ¹

¹Cimiano et al., 2009.

State of the Art

Up to 2007:

[...] state-of-the-art in lexical Ontology learning is able to generate ontologies that are largely informal or lightweight ontologies in the sense that they are limited in their expressiveness.

— Völker et al, 2007.

From 2008:

- LExO (Völker et al, 2008);
- LearningDL (Ma et al., 2014);
- TEDEI (Mathews et al., 2017);
- Gyawali et al., 2017.

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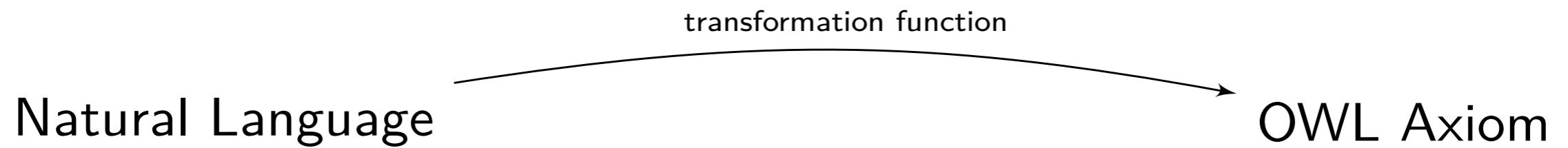
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Descriptive Language

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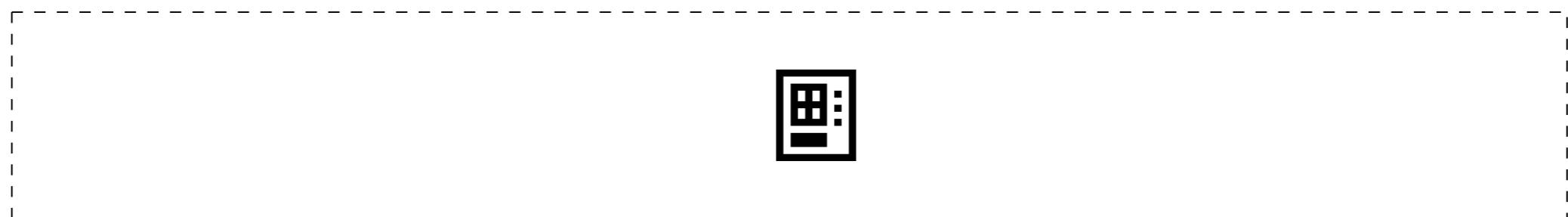
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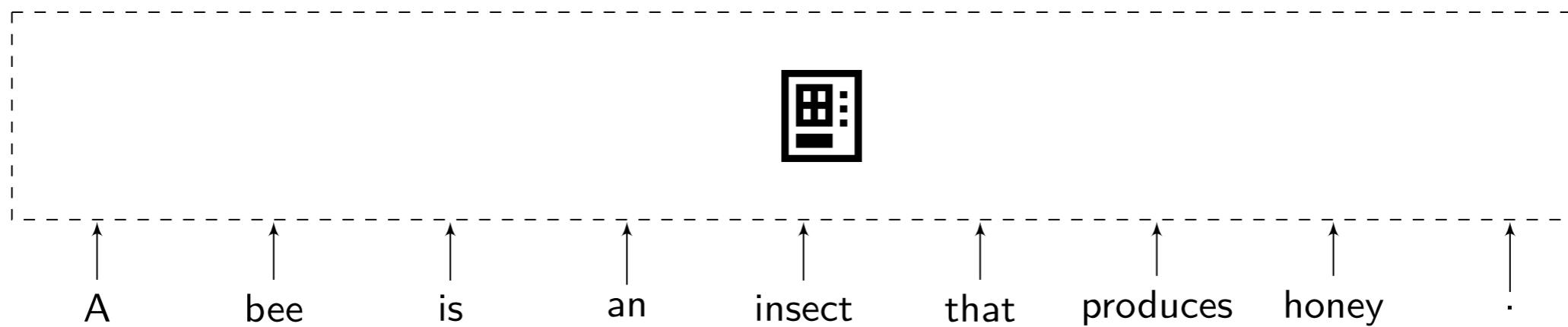
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primitive	syntax	semantics
Universal concept	\top	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
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Atomic concept	A	$A^{\mathcal{I}}$
Concept negation (\mathcal{C})	$\neg C$	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus C^{\mathcal{I}}$
Concept intersection	$C \sqcap D$	$C^{\mathcal{I}} \cap D^{\mathcal{I}}$
Concept union (\mathcal{U})	$C \sqcup D$	$C^{\mathcal{I}} \cup D^{\mathcal{I}}$
Atomic role	R	$R^{\mathcal{I}}$
Value restriction	$\forall R.C$	$a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \mid \forall b . (a, b) \in R^{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow b \in C^{\mathcal{I}}$
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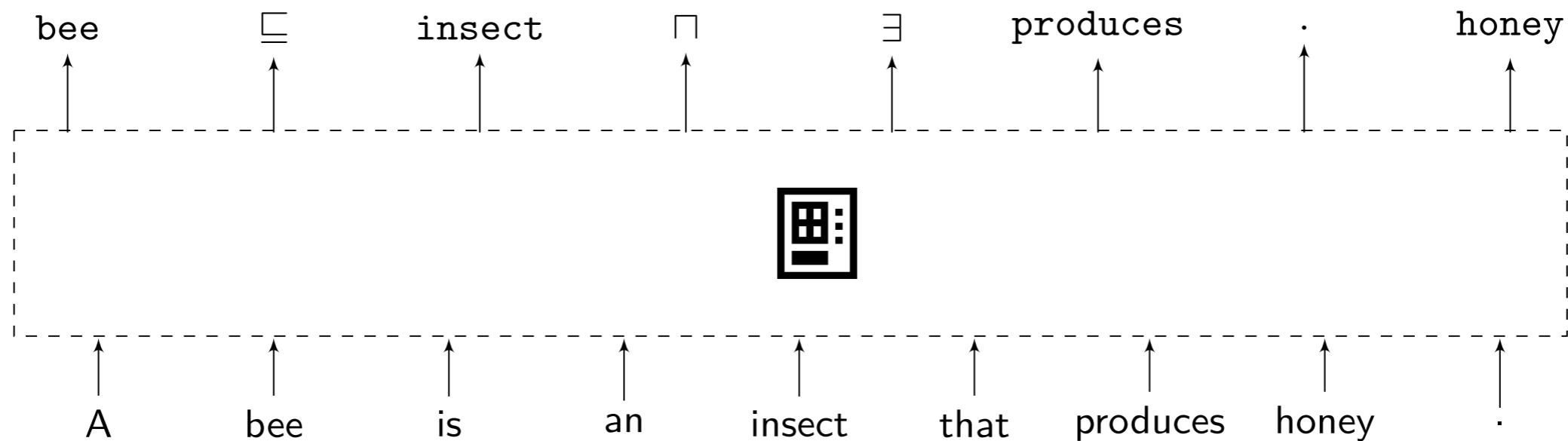
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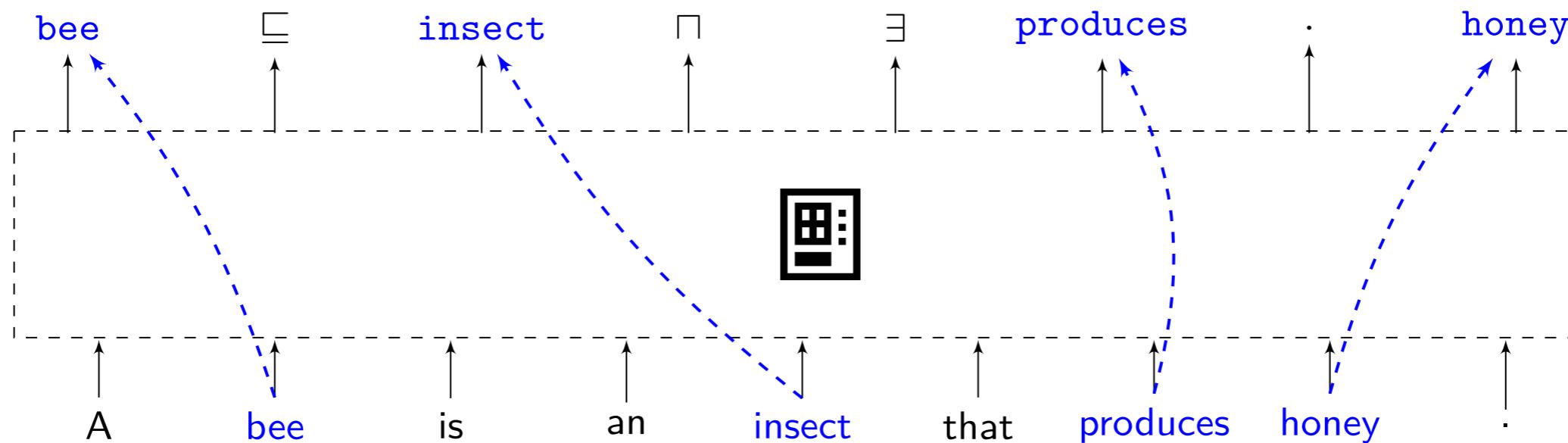


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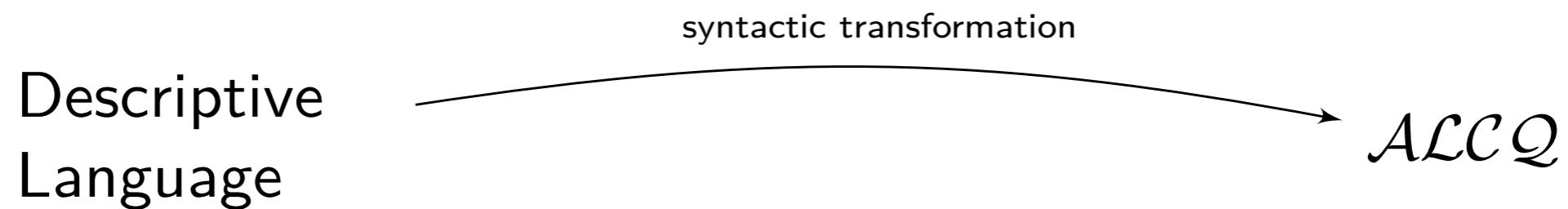
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“syntactic transformation of natural language definitions into description logic axioms.” (Völker J., 2008)



All the extralogical symbols come from the sentence.

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We need:

- datasets;
- architecture;

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² Other semantic phenomena are outside the scope of a syntactic transformation approach.

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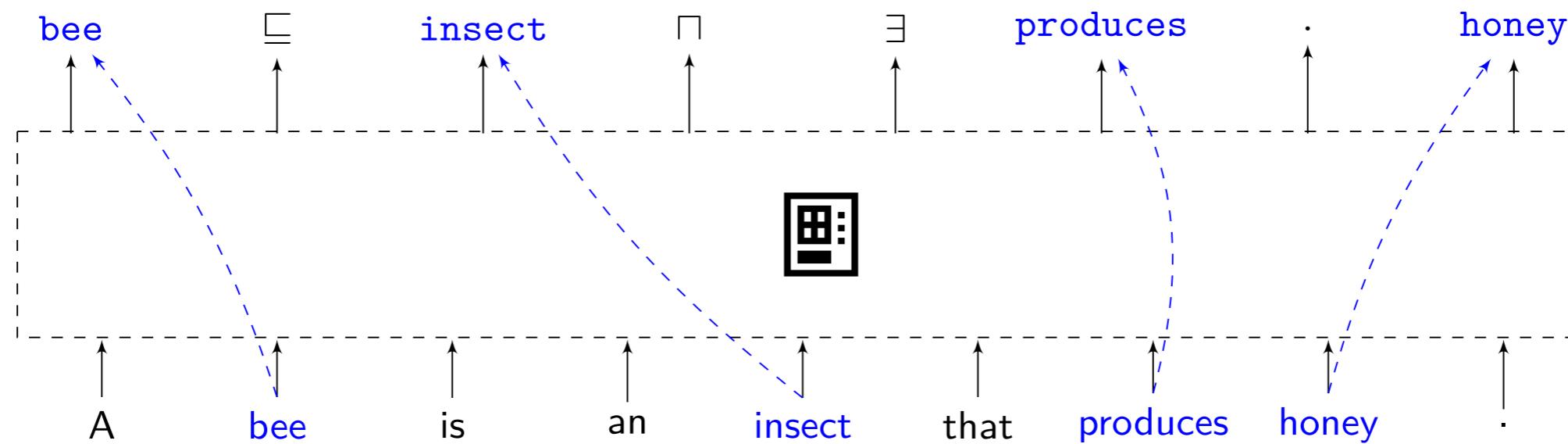
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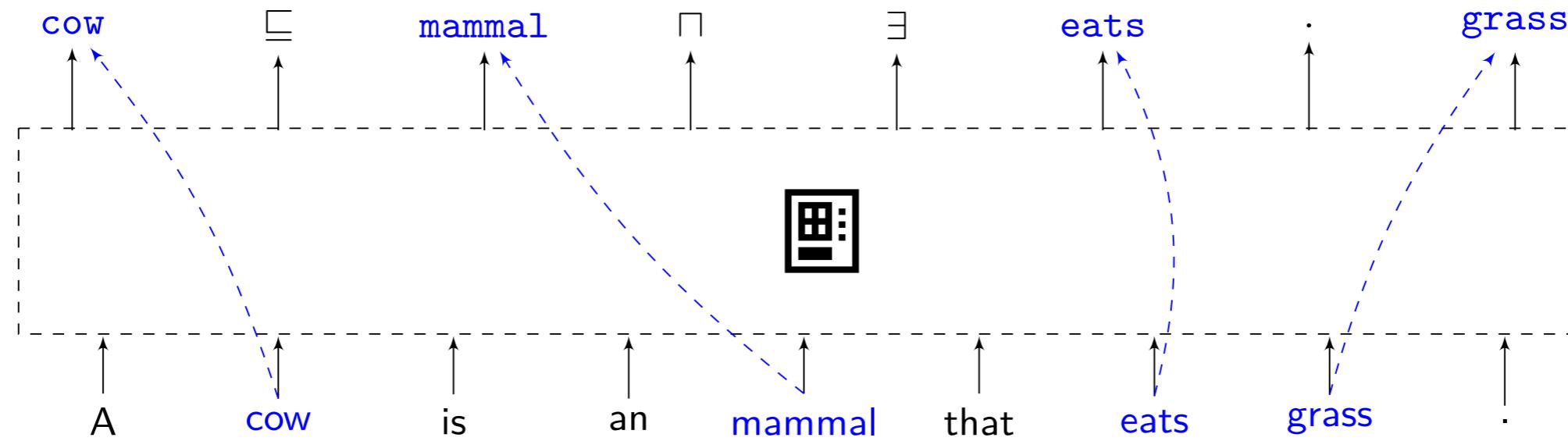
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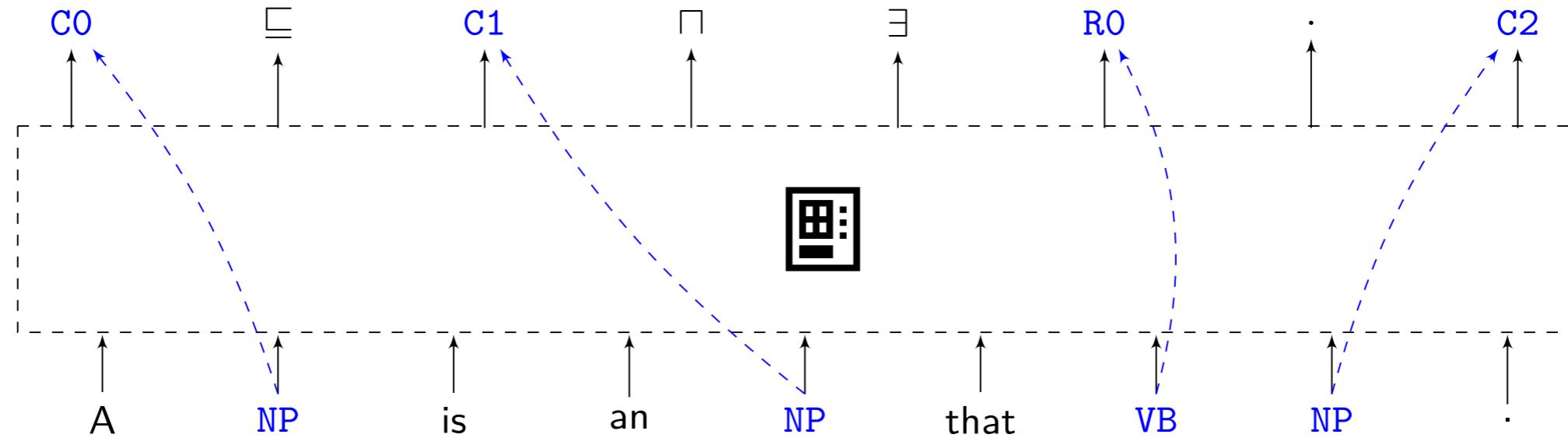
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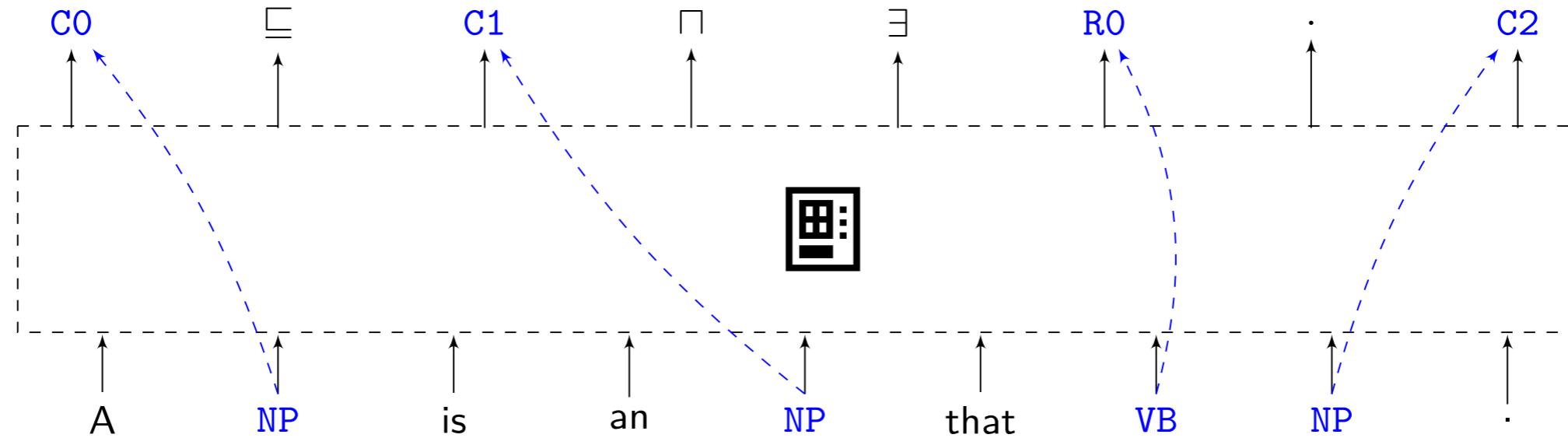
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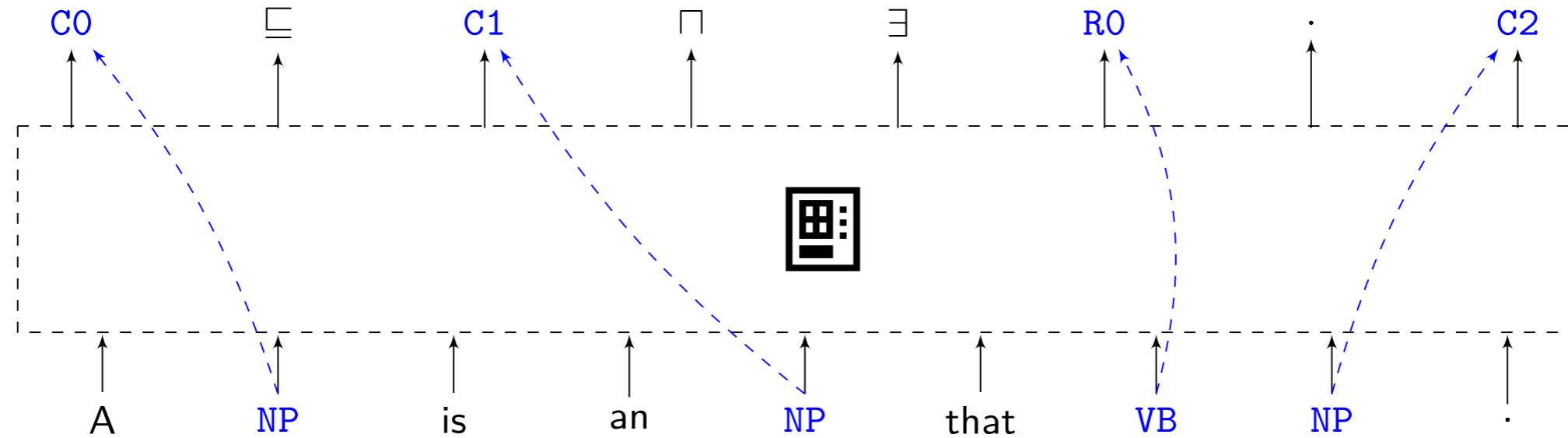
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Templates: structural regularities beyond meaning.

Data Generation Process

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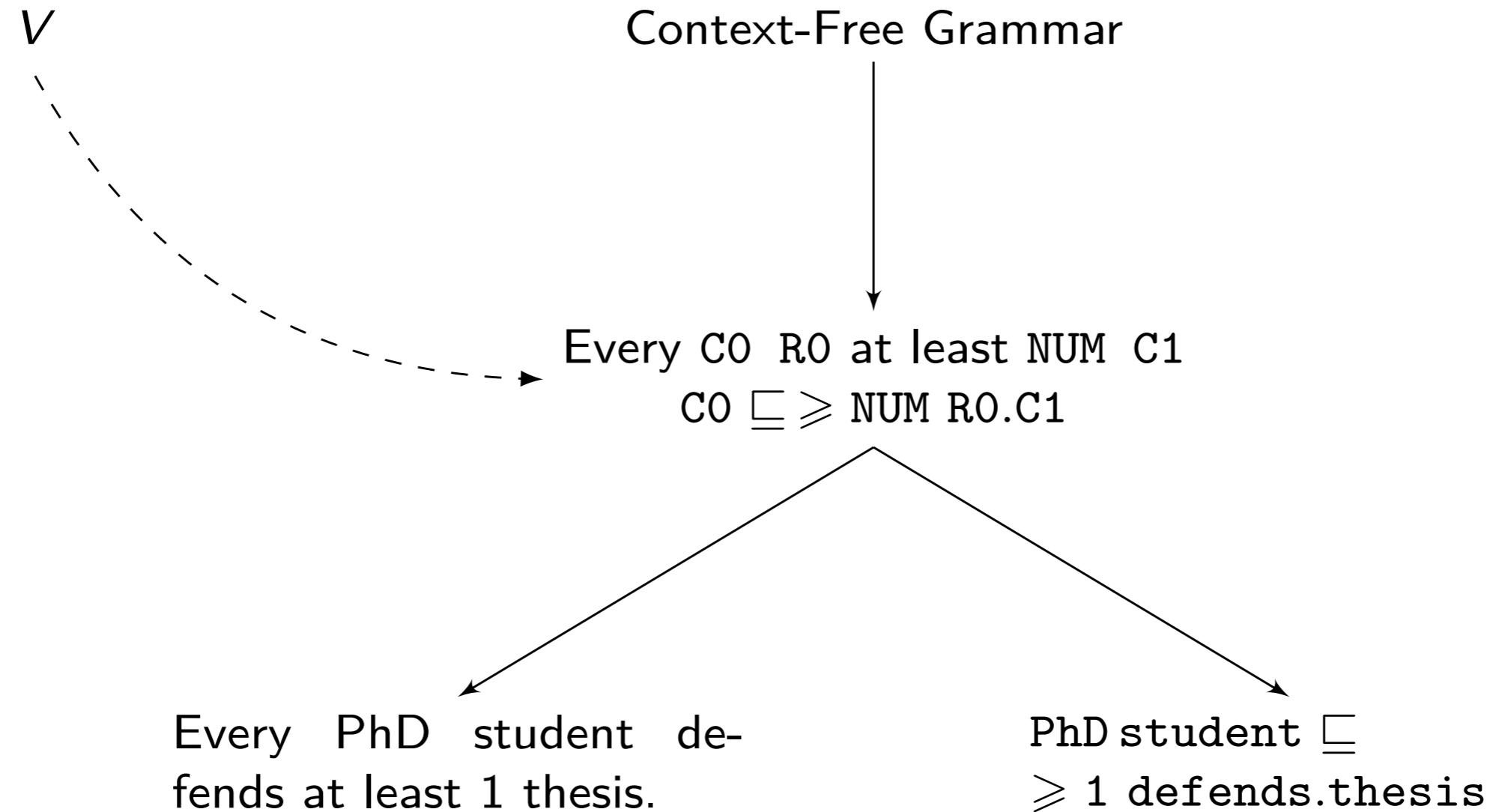
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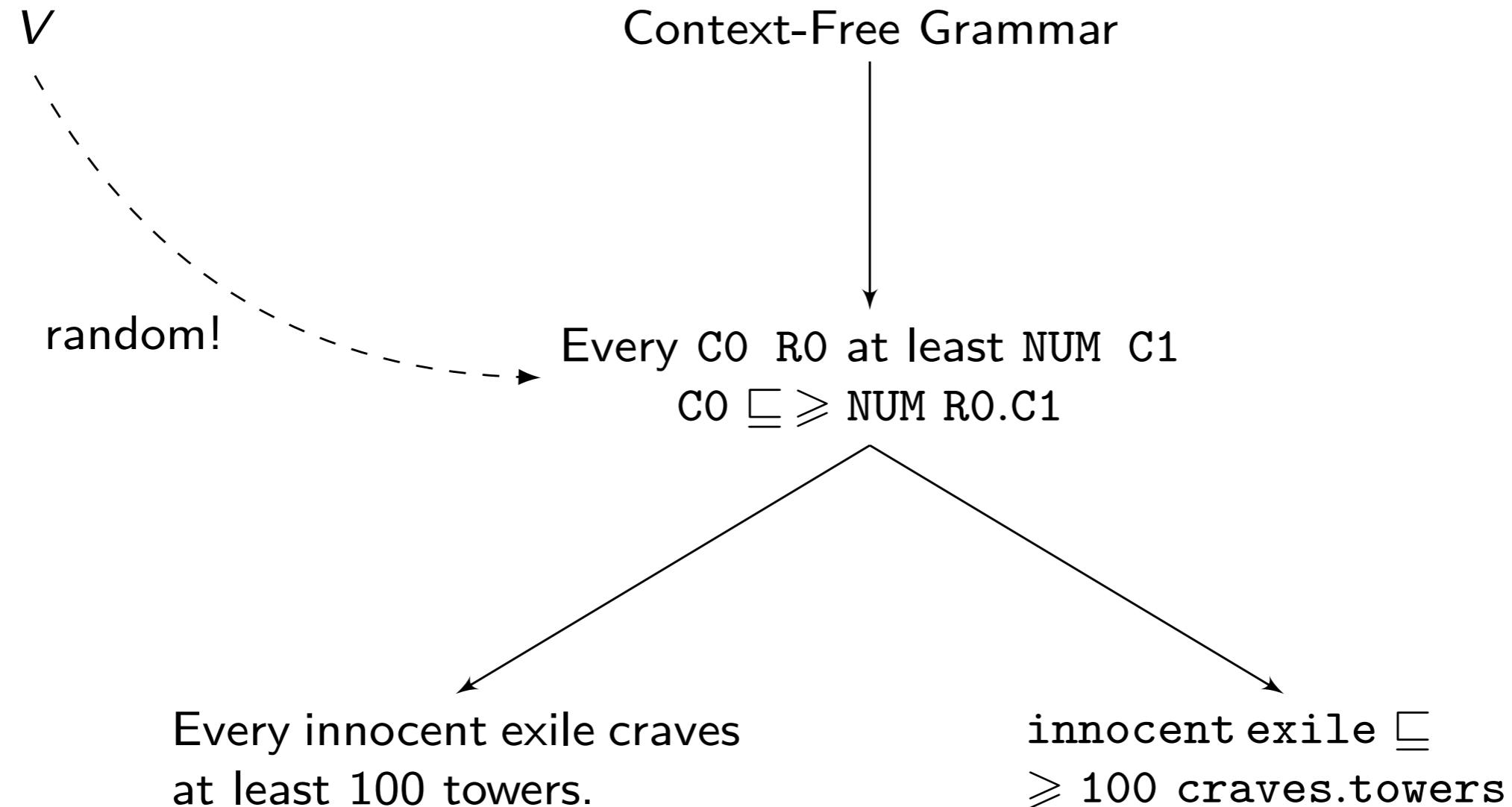


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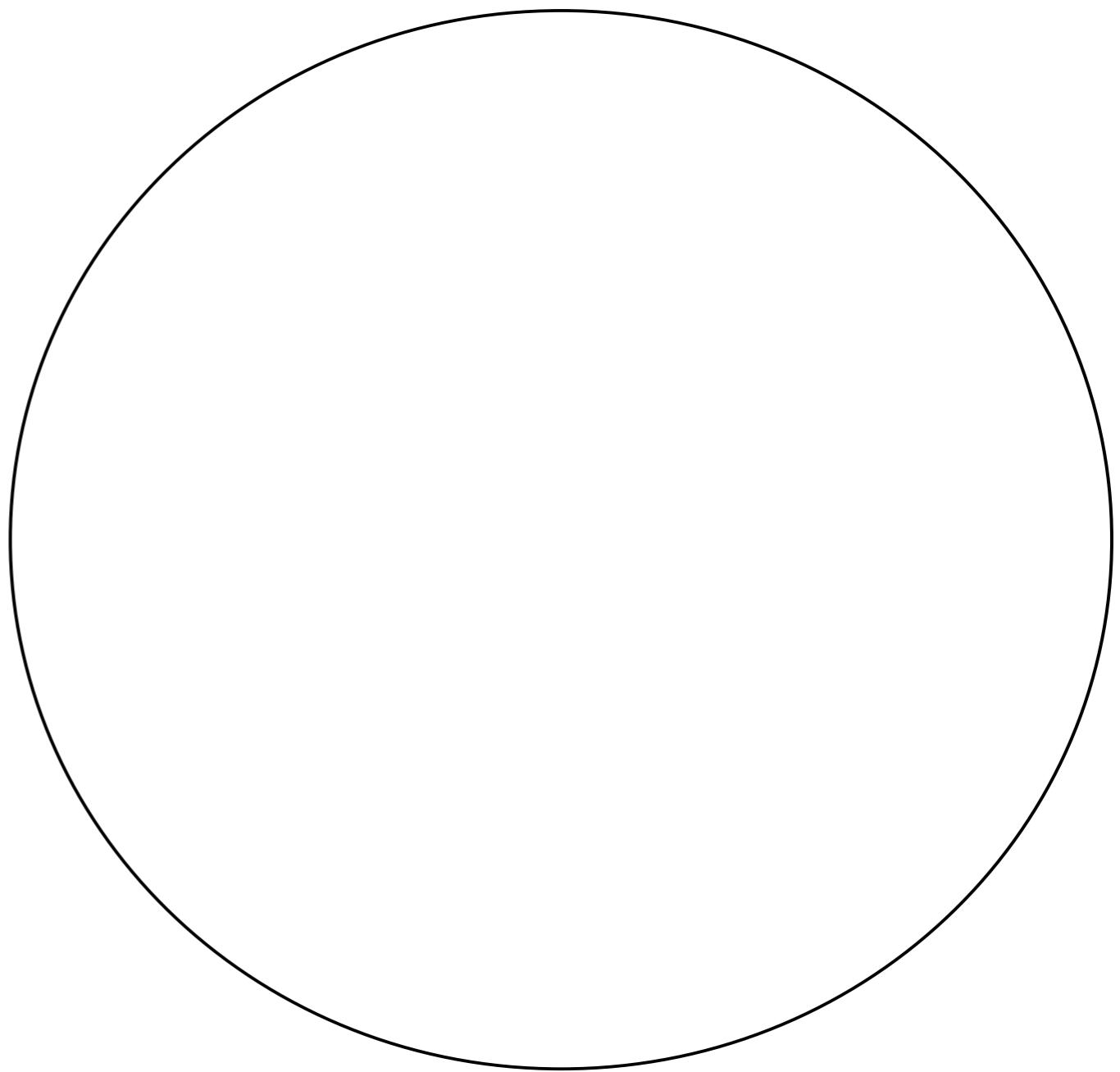
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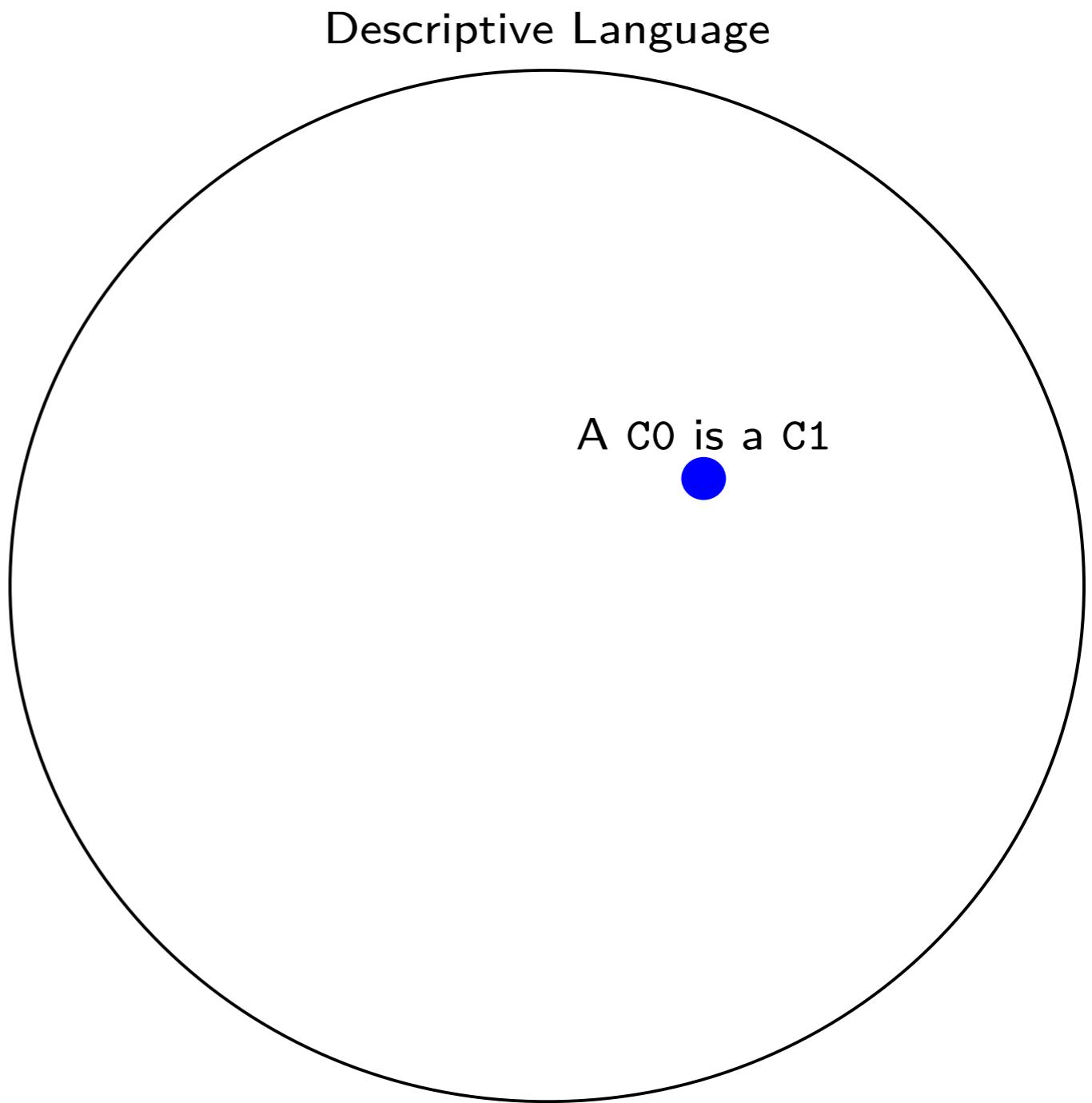
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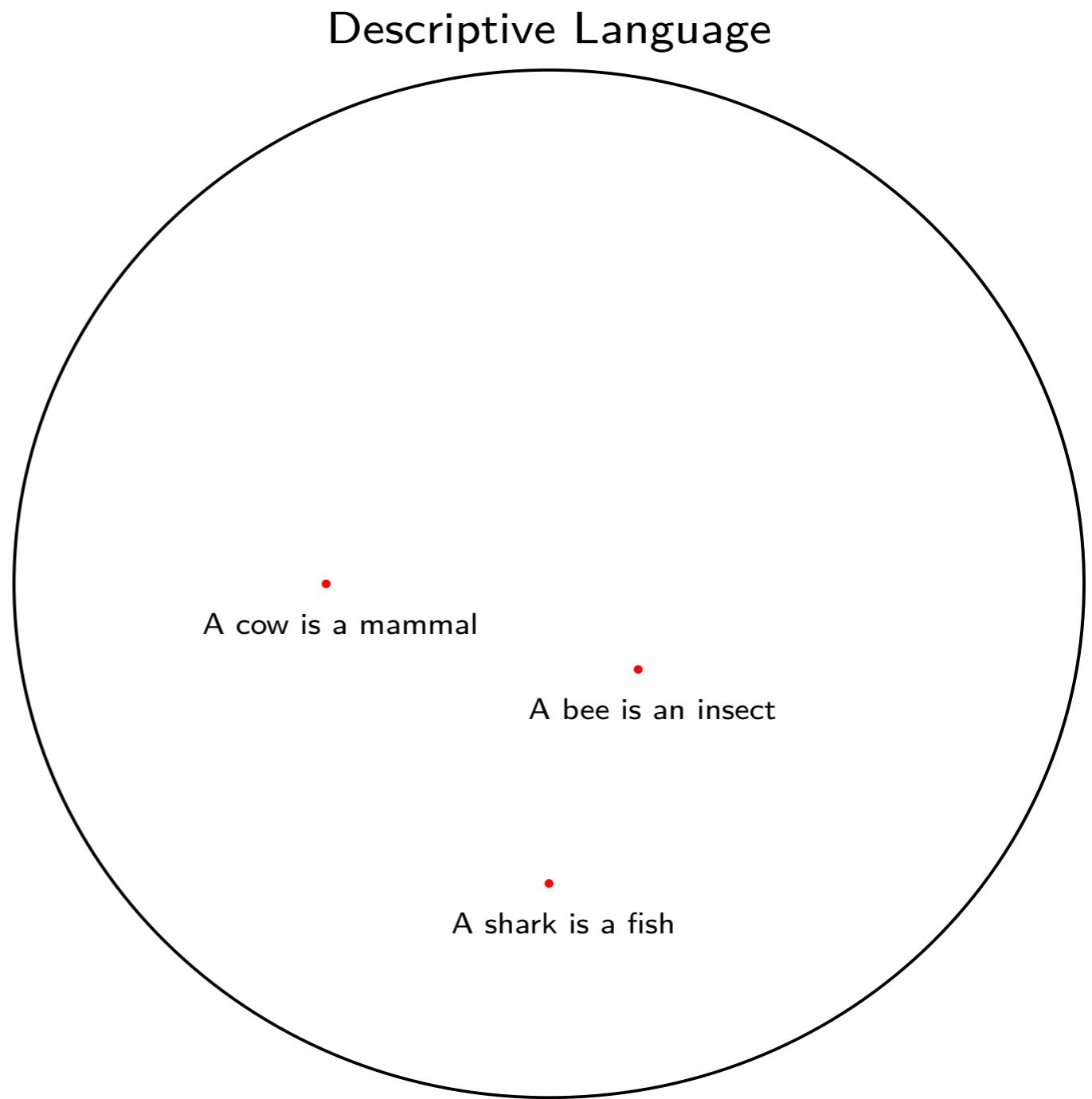
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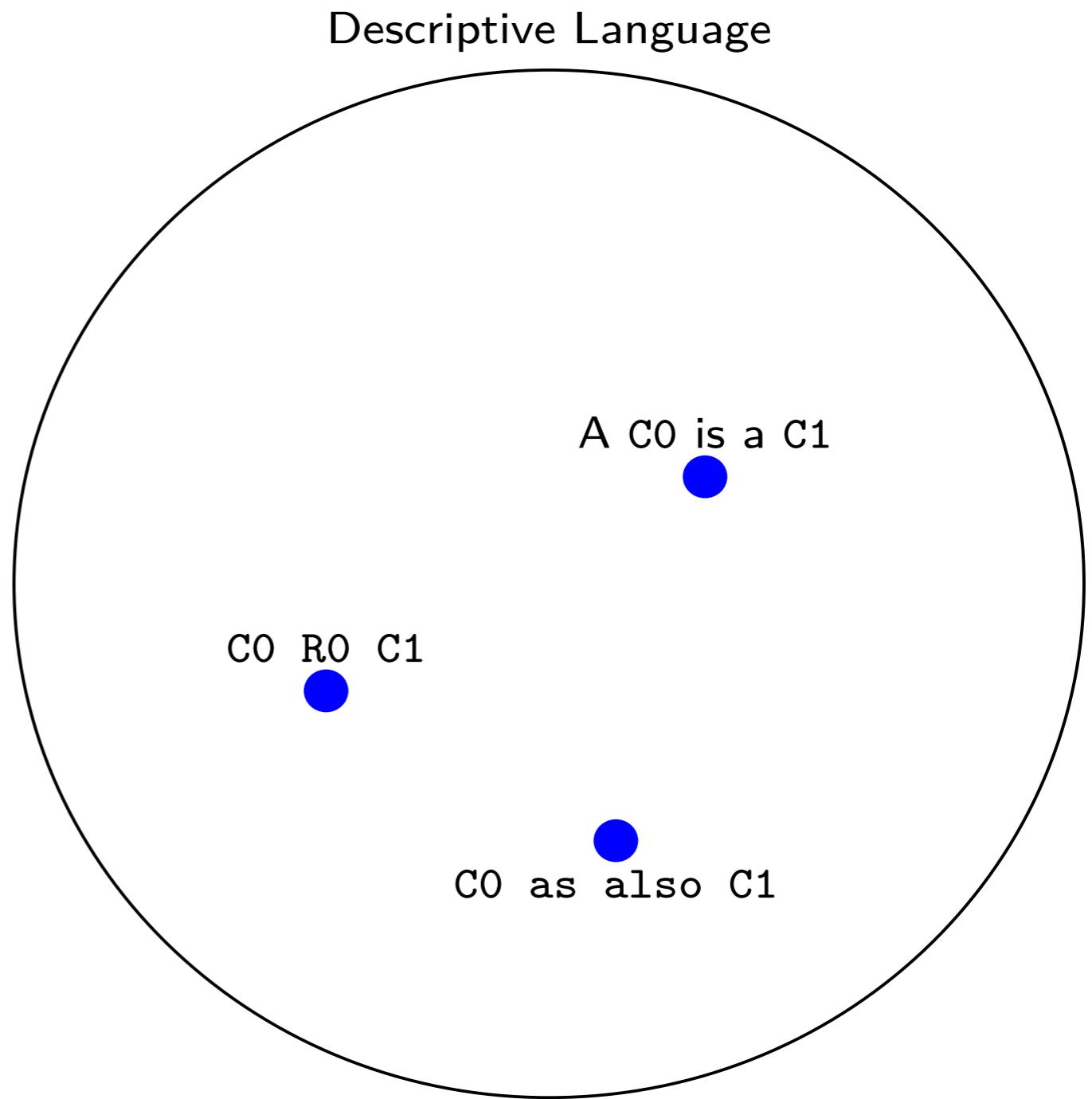
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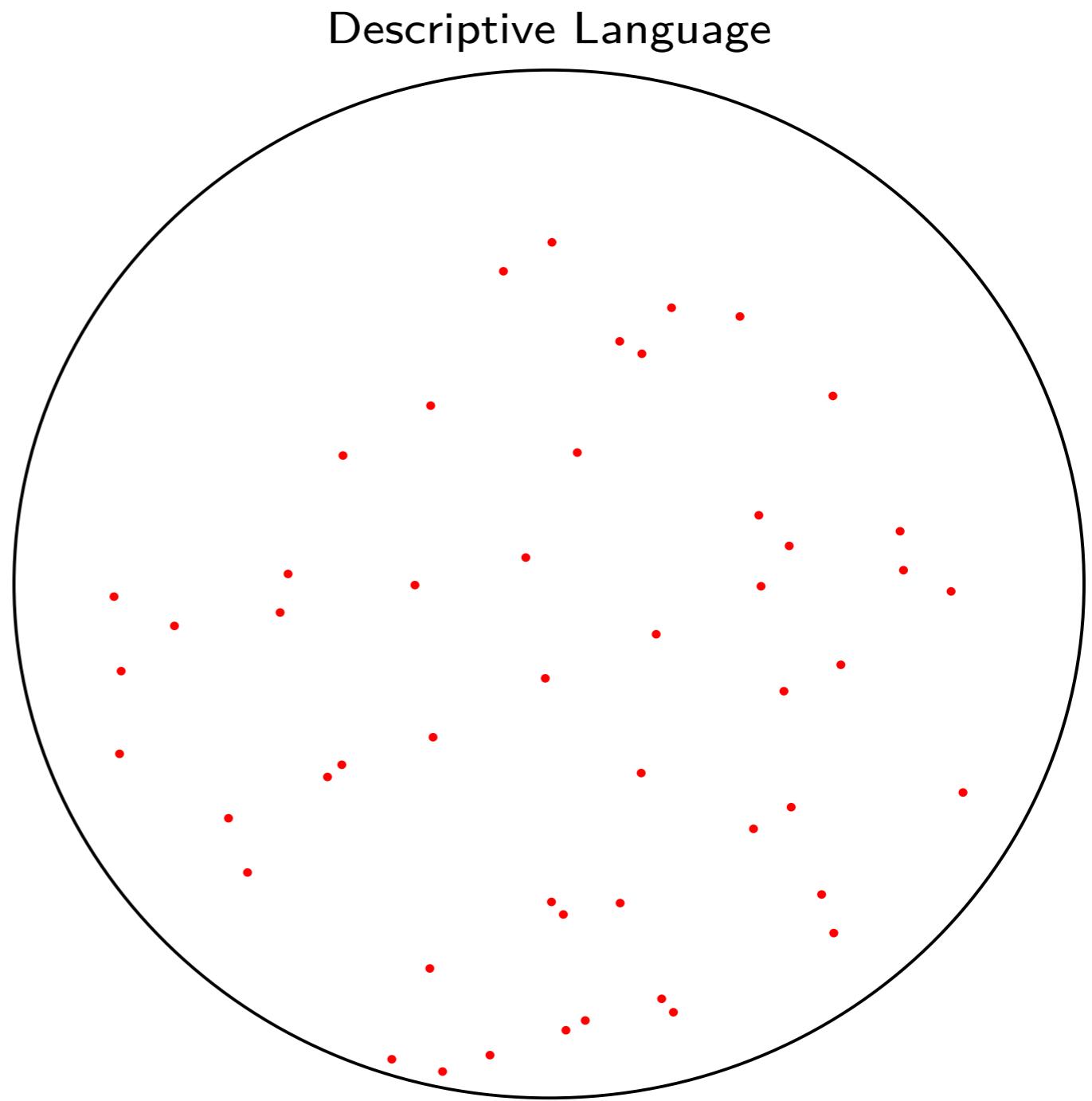
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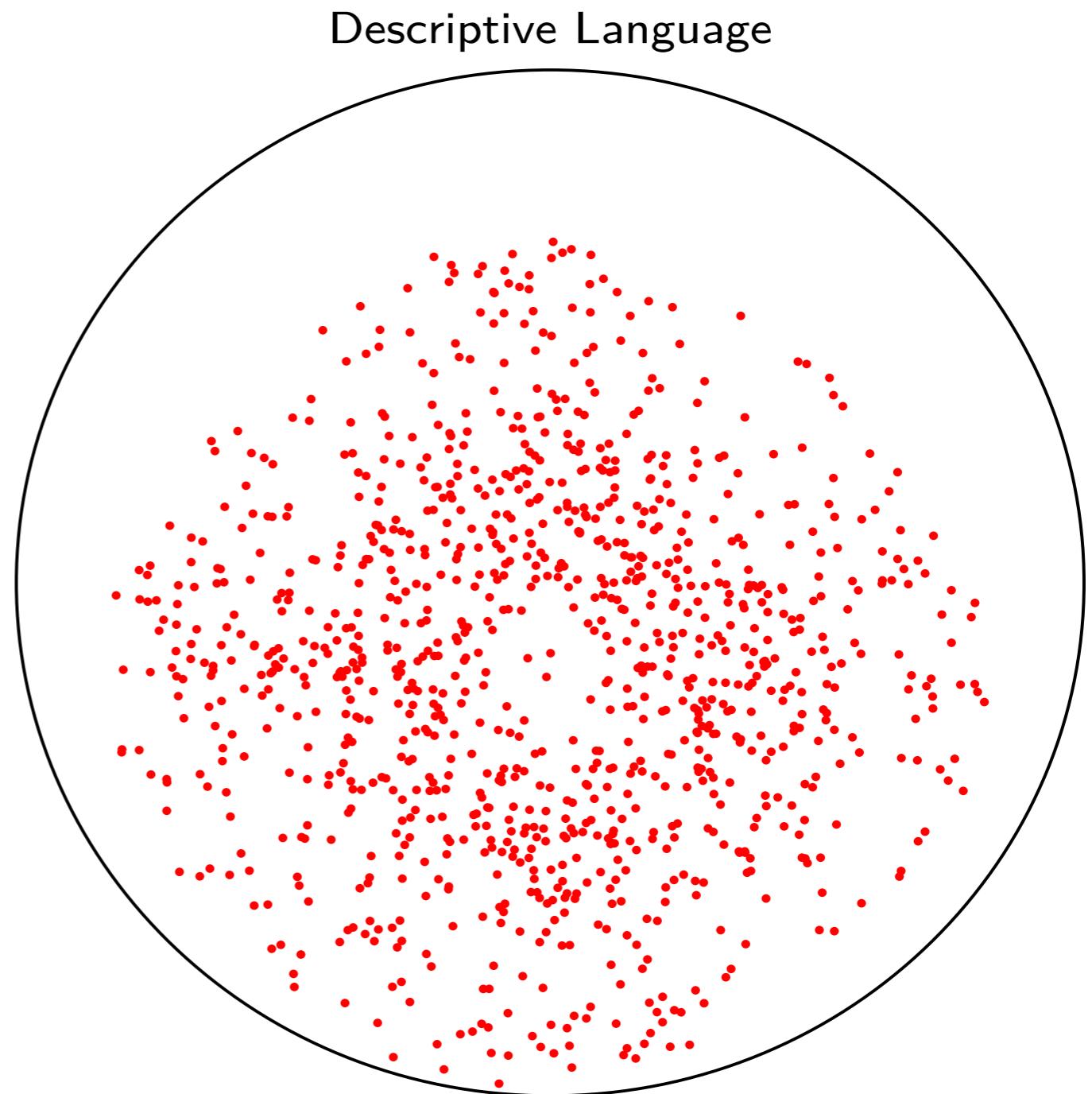
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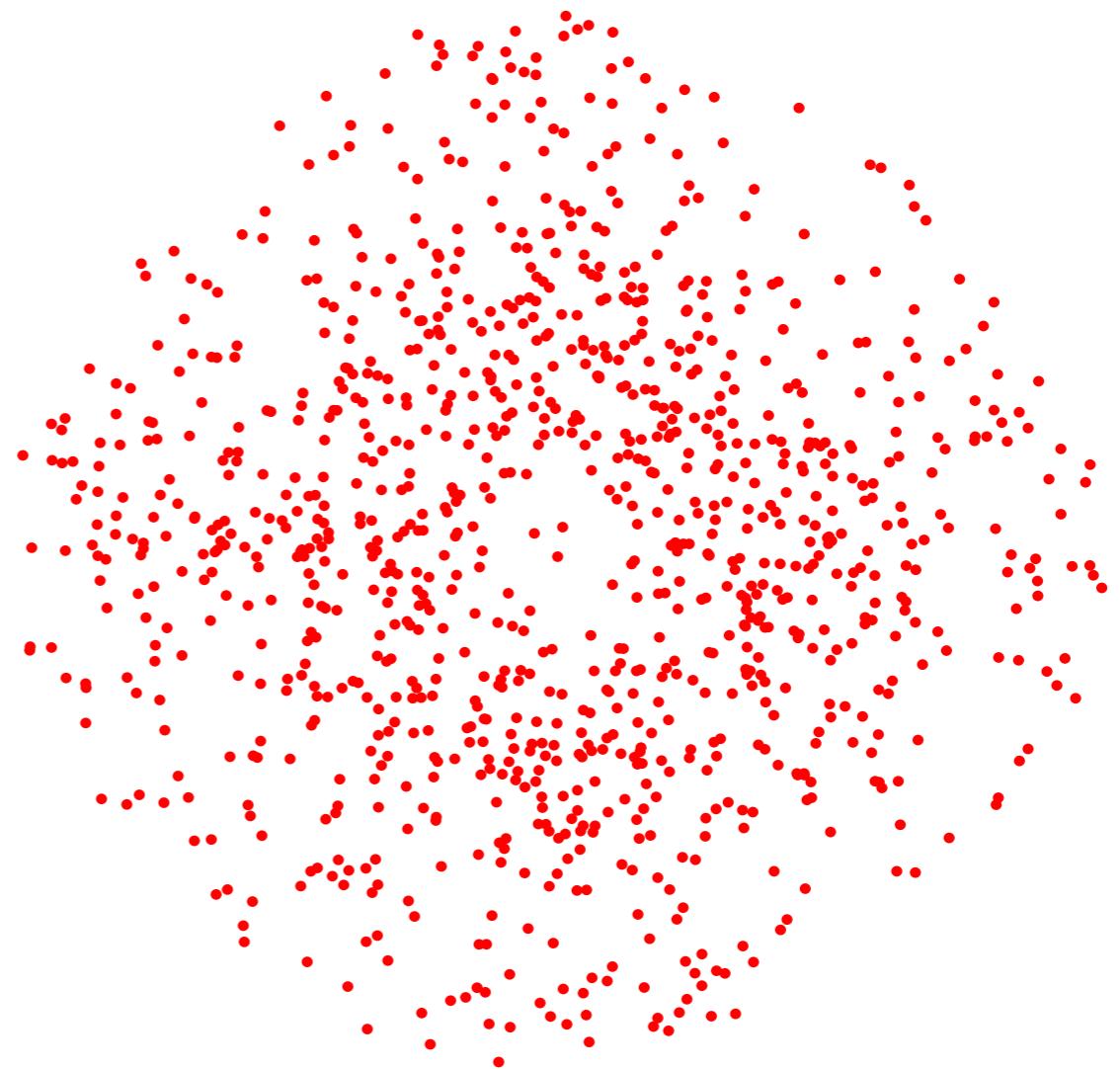
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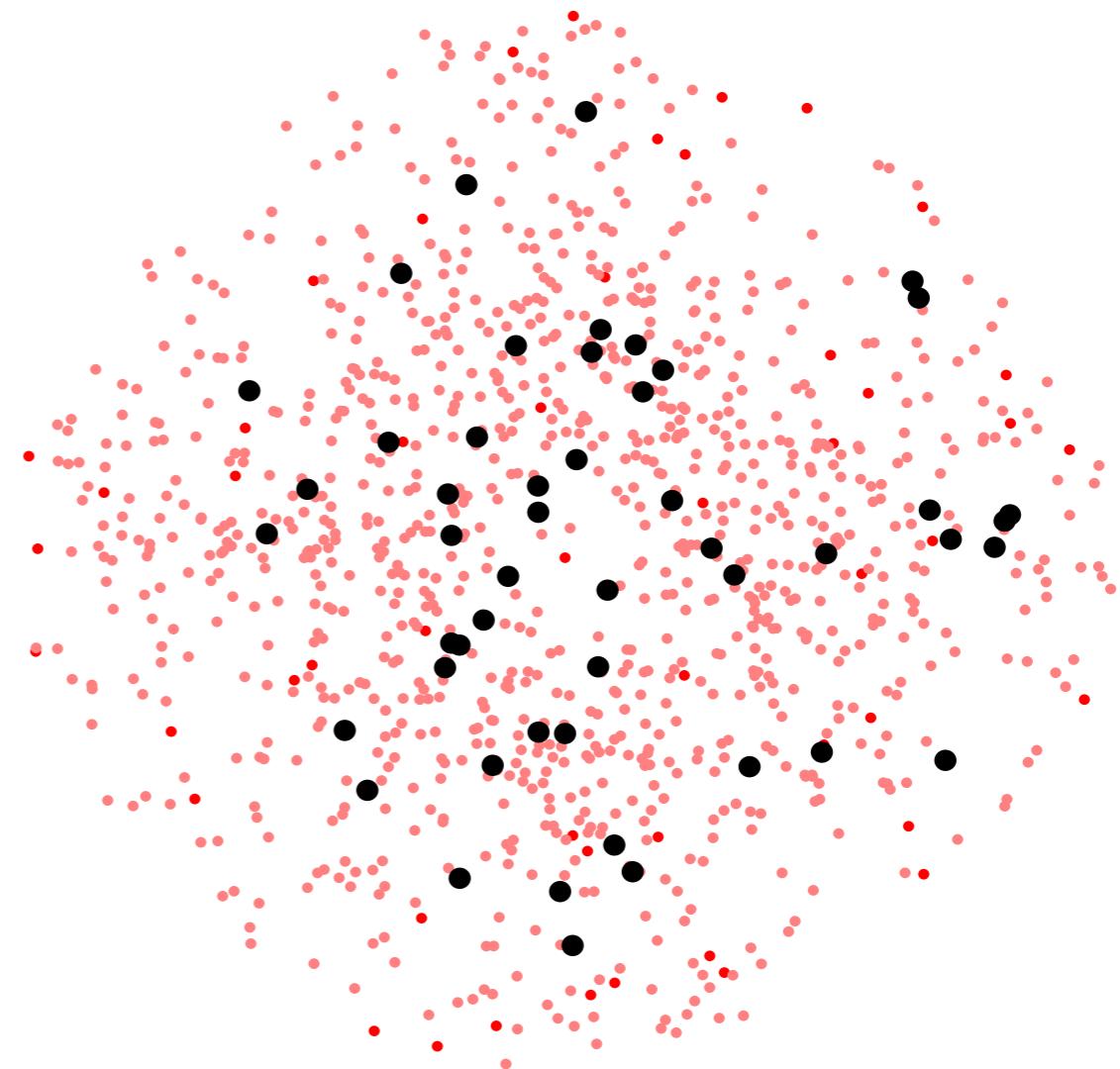
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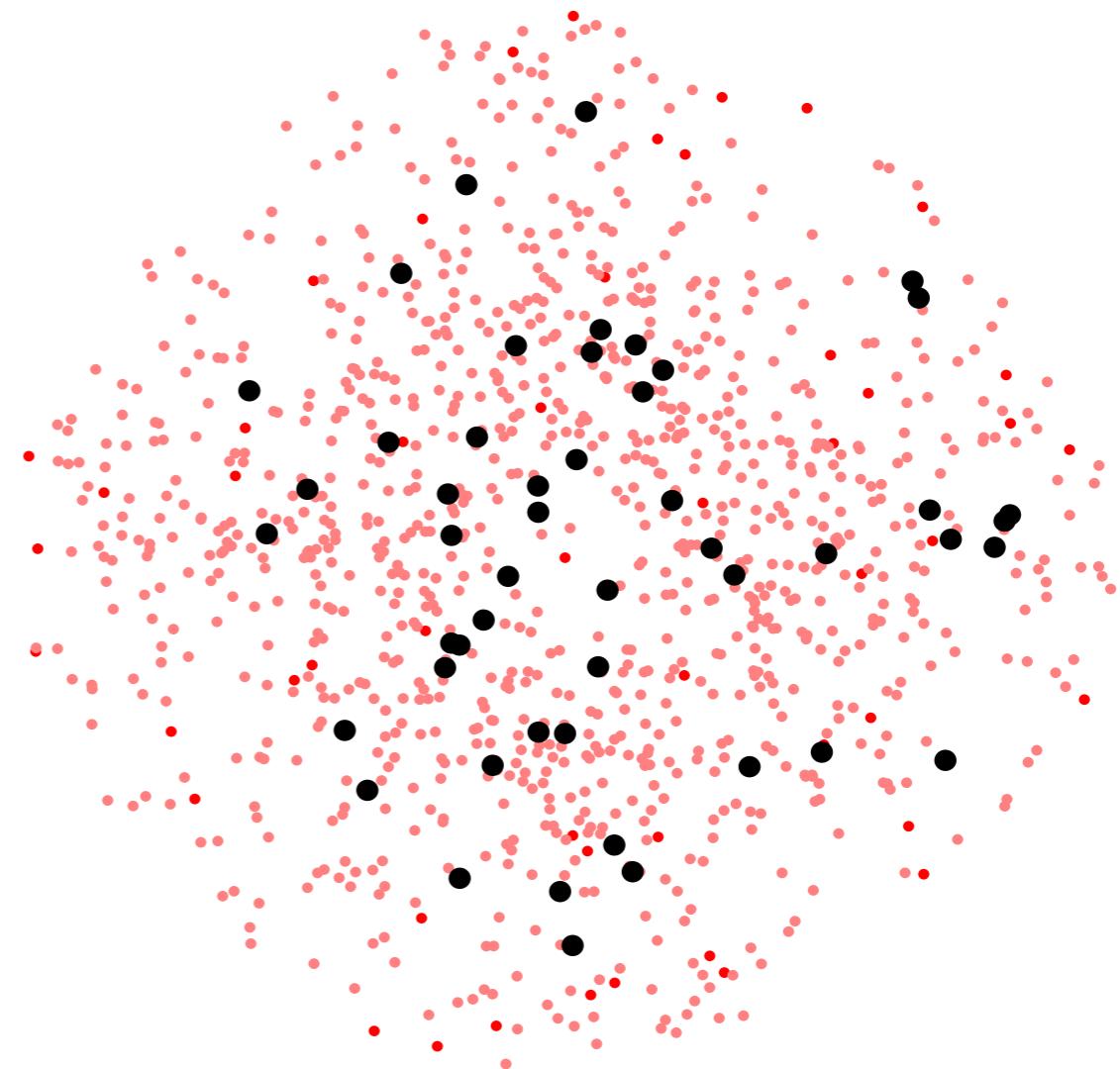
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Minimal input preprocessing:

- lower-cased;
- “*an*” → “*a*”;
- “*doesn’t*”, “*does not*”, “*don’t*” → “*do not*”;
- lemmatised nouns and verbs;
- numbers → NUM;

Second Challenge: the Model

A 2-chapter adventure in the world of Recurrent Neural Networks:

2014-2015 Tag&Transduce

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“Ontology Learning in the Deep”

EKAW 2016

2016-2017 Translate

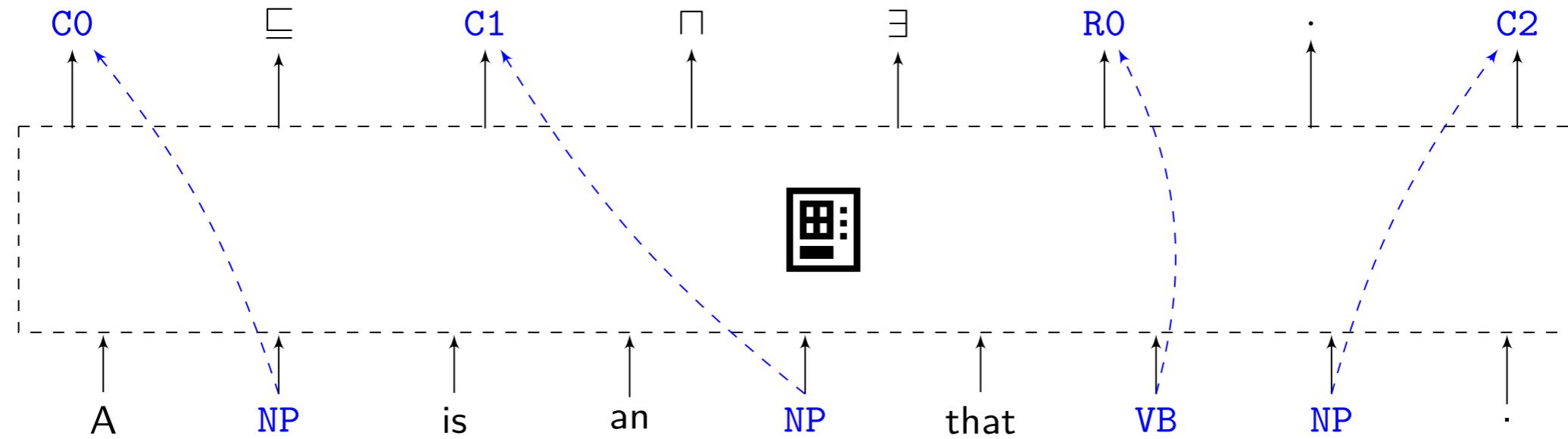
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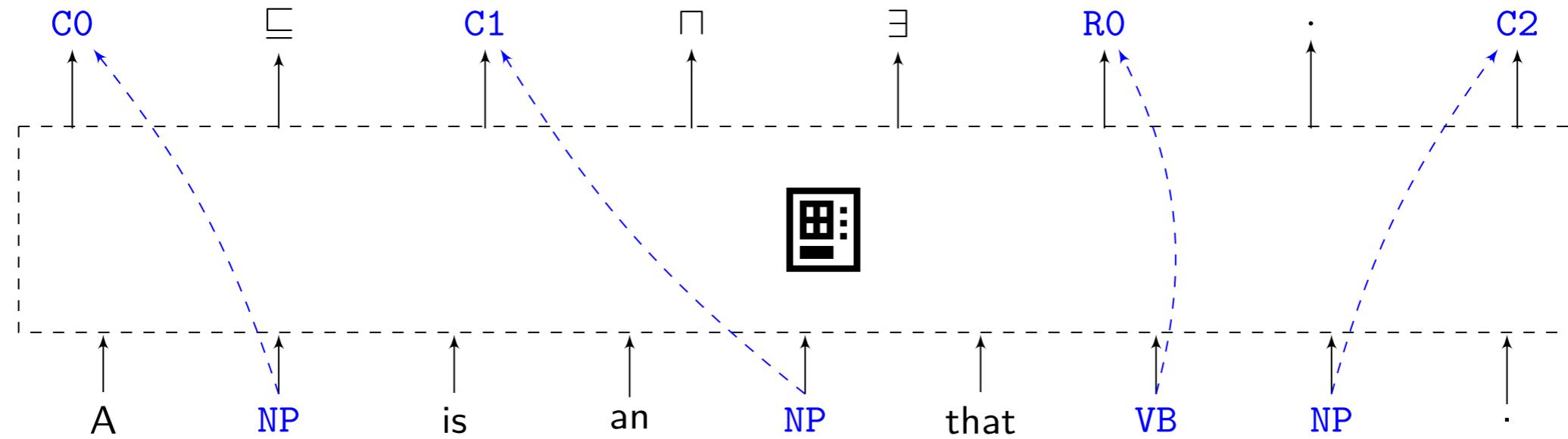
(Under review)⁴

⁴Code & Datasets: <https://github.com/dkmfbk/dket>

Tagging and Transducing

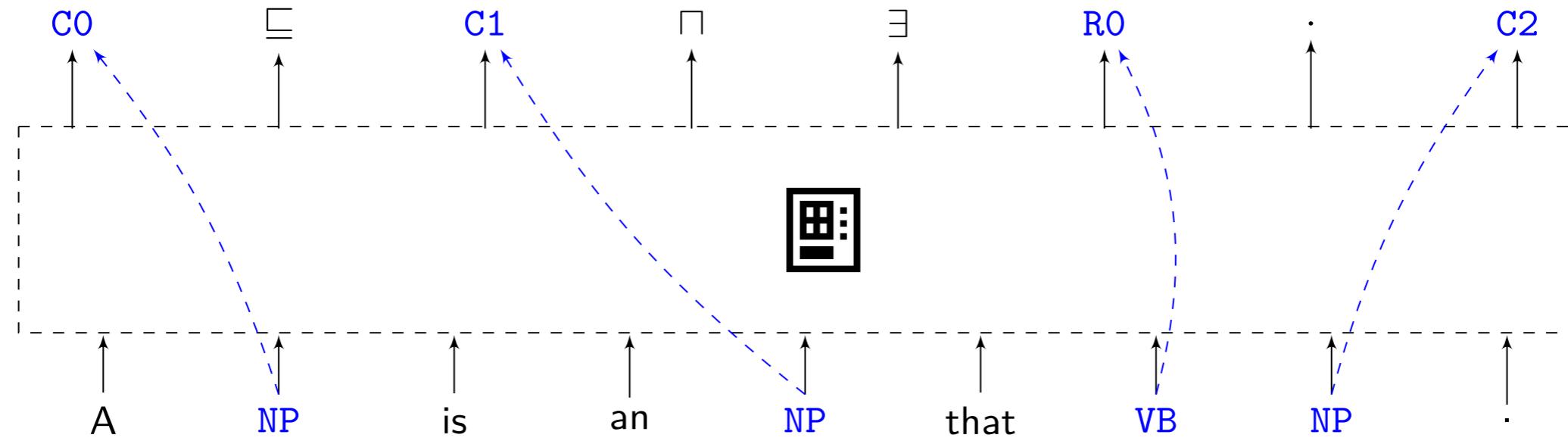


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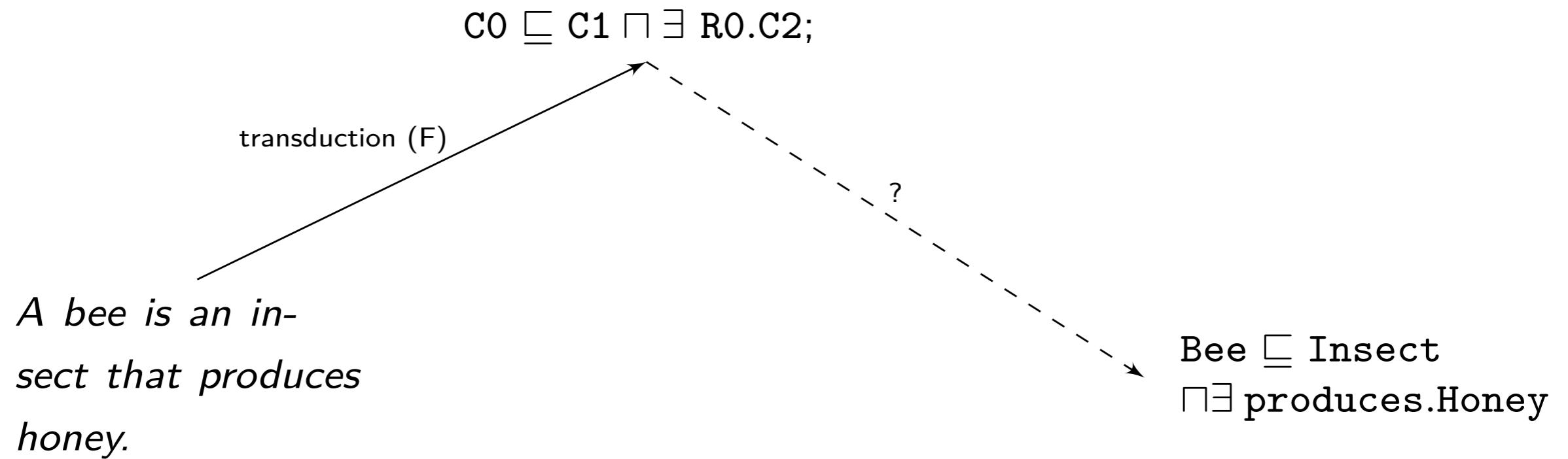
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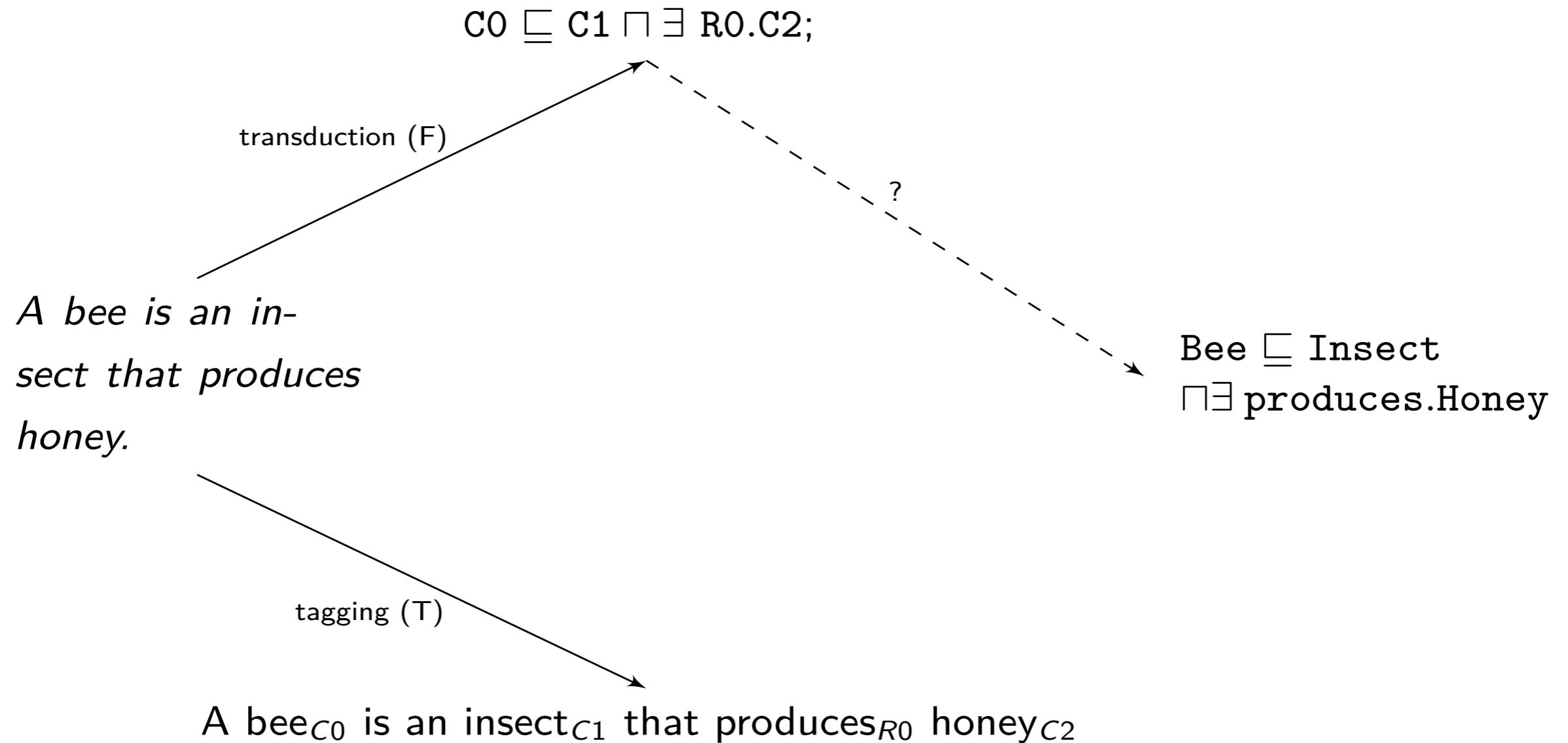
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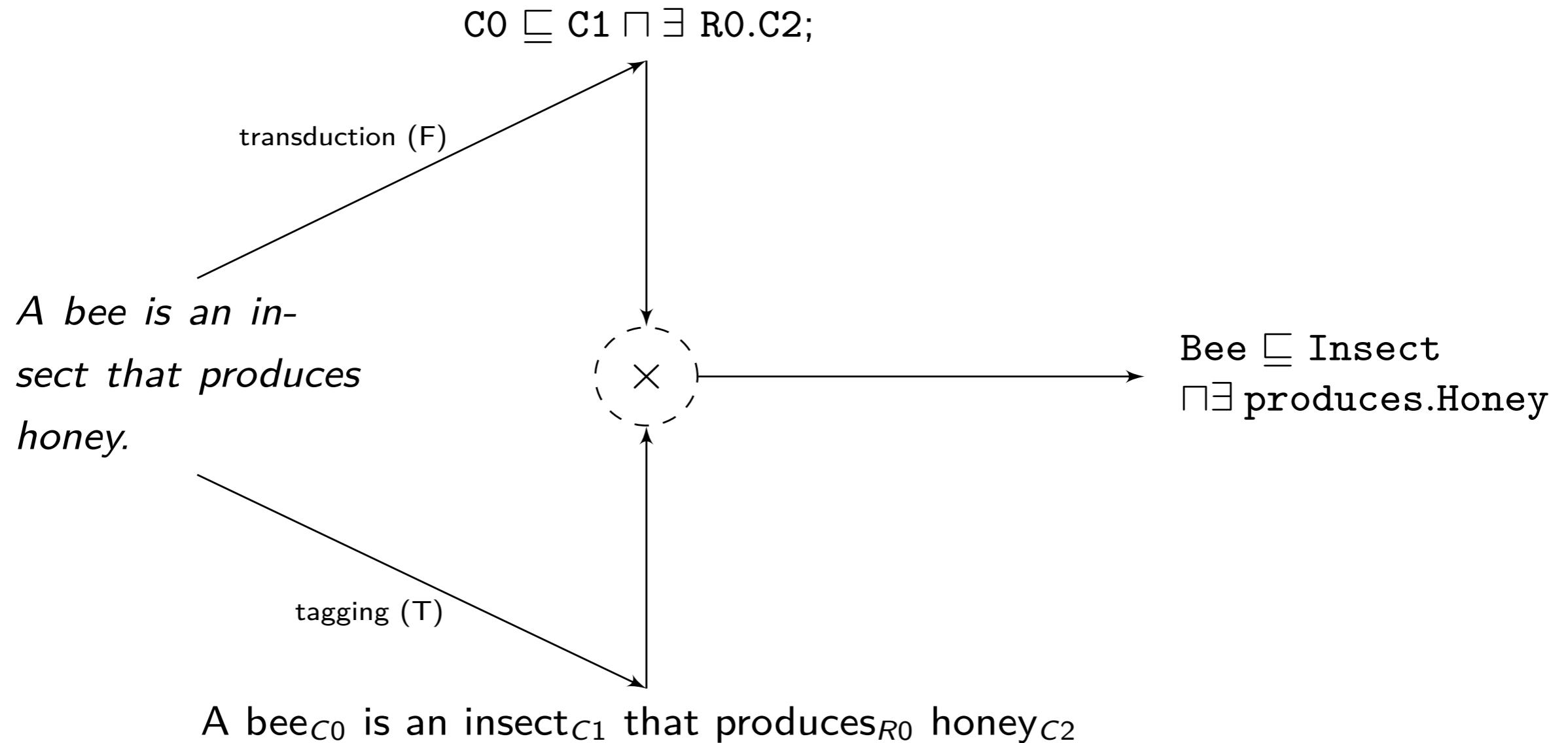
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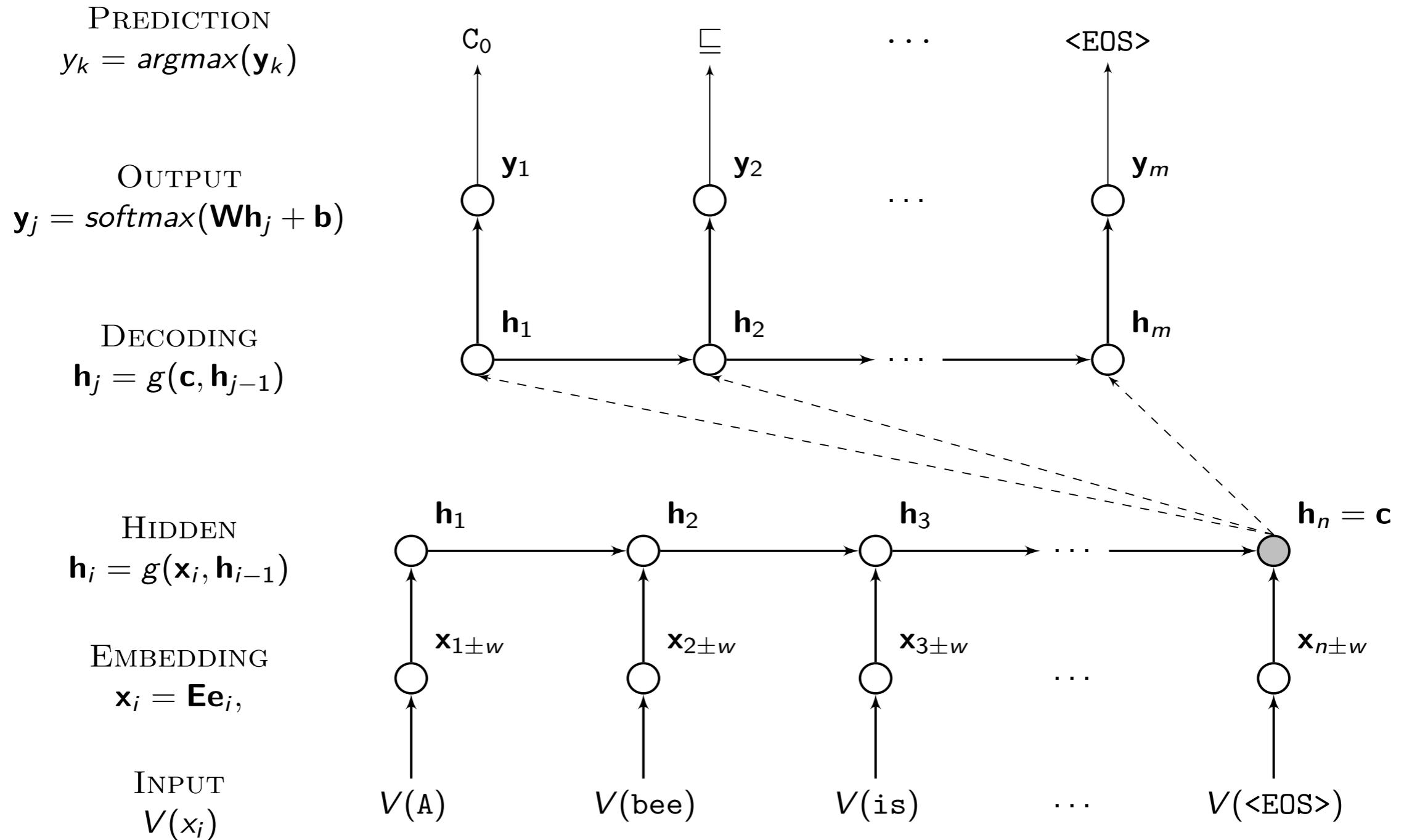
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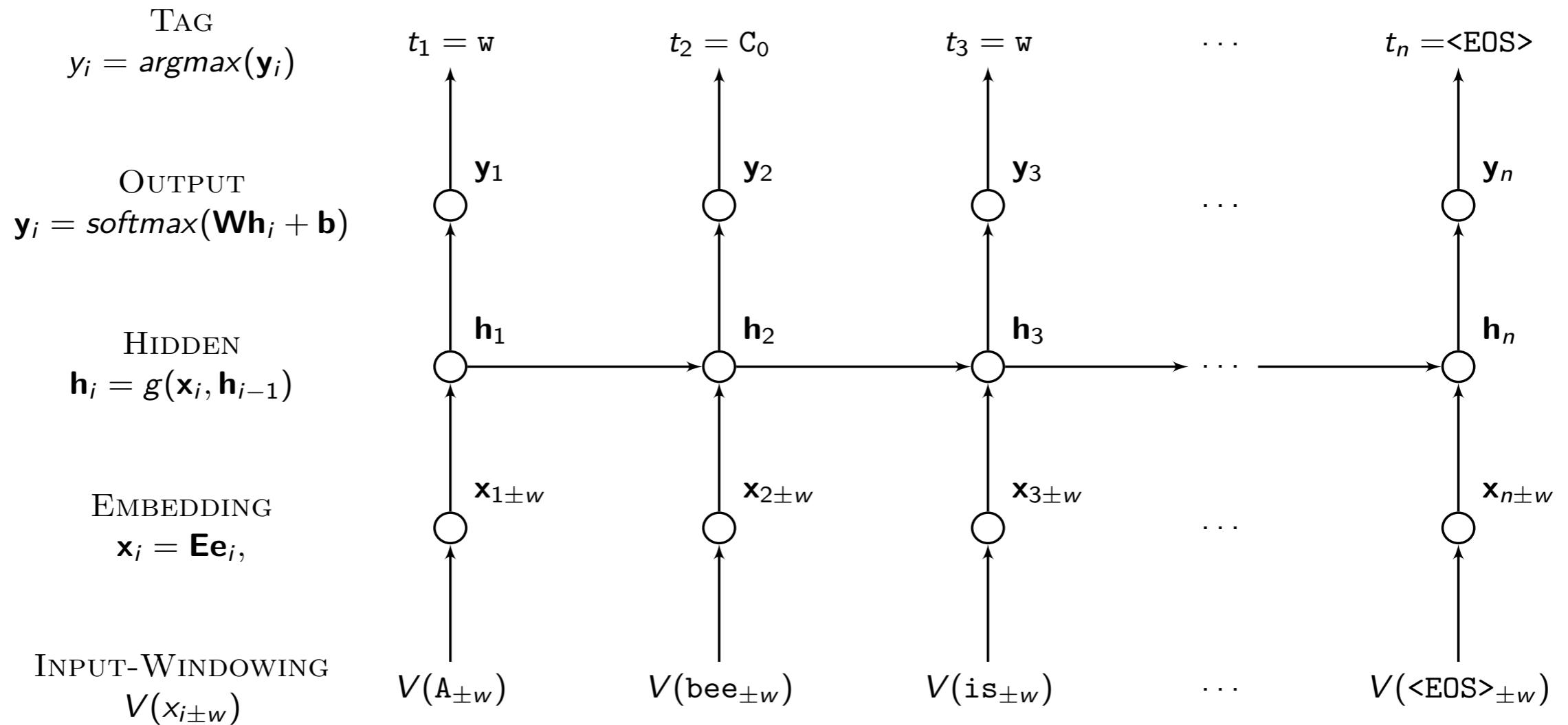
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The Transducing Network



The Tagging Network



Tagging and Transducing: Evaluation

- RQ1. To what degree is the network capable to generalize over the syntactic structures of descriptive language? (many structures, one meaning)
- RQ2. To what degree is the network capable to tolerate words that have not been seen during the training phase? (many meanings, one structure)

Tagging and Transducing: Evaluation

Evaluation Metrics:

Avg. Per-Formula Acc. $FA(\hat{\mathcal{F}}, \mathcal{F}) = \frac{CF}{M} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^M \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f^k \equiv \hat{f}^k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}}{M}$ fully automated

Avg. Edit Distance $ED(\hat{\mathcal{F}}, \mathcal{F}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^M \delta(f^k, \hat{f}^k)}{M}$ semi-automated

Avg. Per-Token Acc. $TA(\hat{\mathcal{F}}, \mathcal{F}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{T_{fk}} \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f_j^k = \hat{f}_j^k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}}{\sum_{k=1}^M T_{fk}}$ quick control

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3000	60	3.00e-5	1.22	0.96
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Many limitations: we dropped the project and move forward.

Moving forward (aka $1 > 2$)

The placeholders are numbered in the training set and there is no way to overcome this limit—namely, generalize over the length of the sentence—by design.

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Negramaro is a red and strong wine.

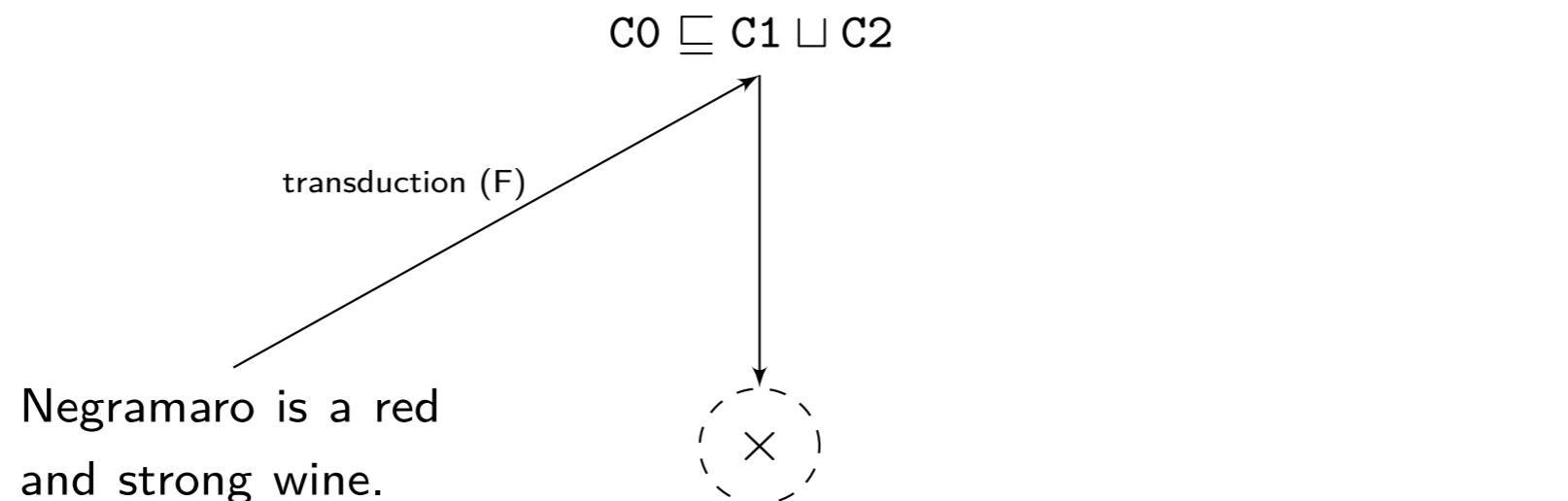
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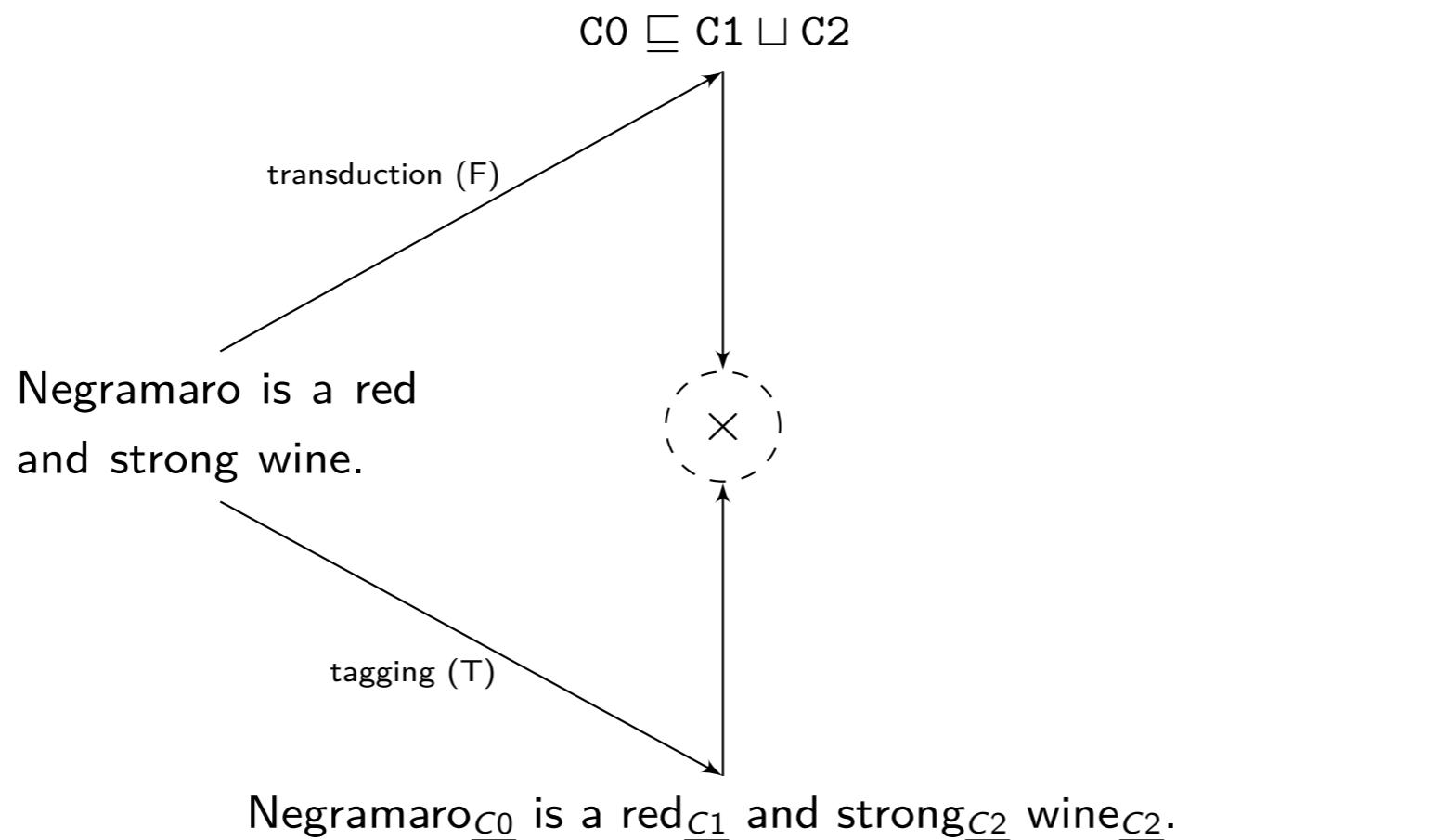
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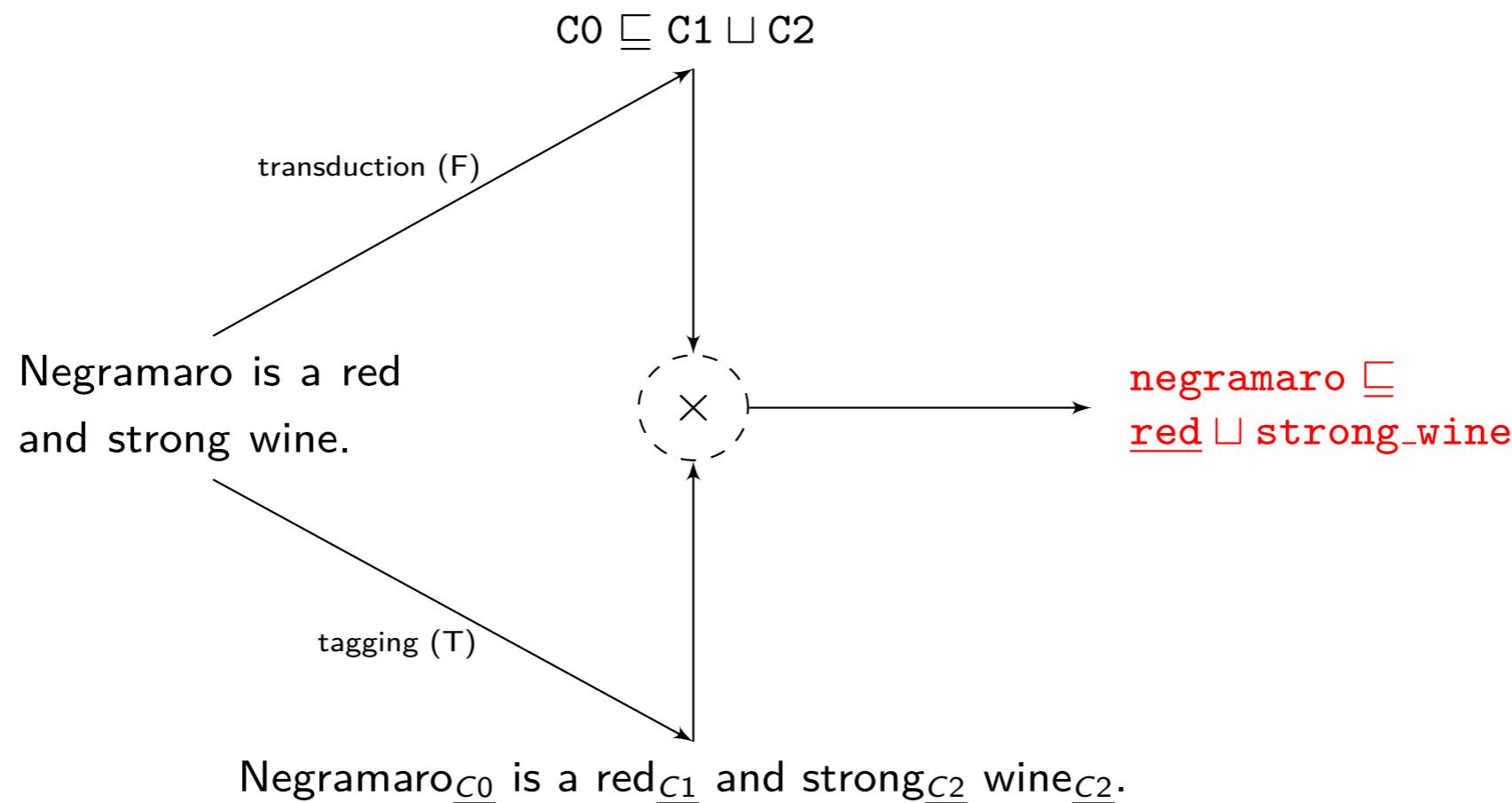
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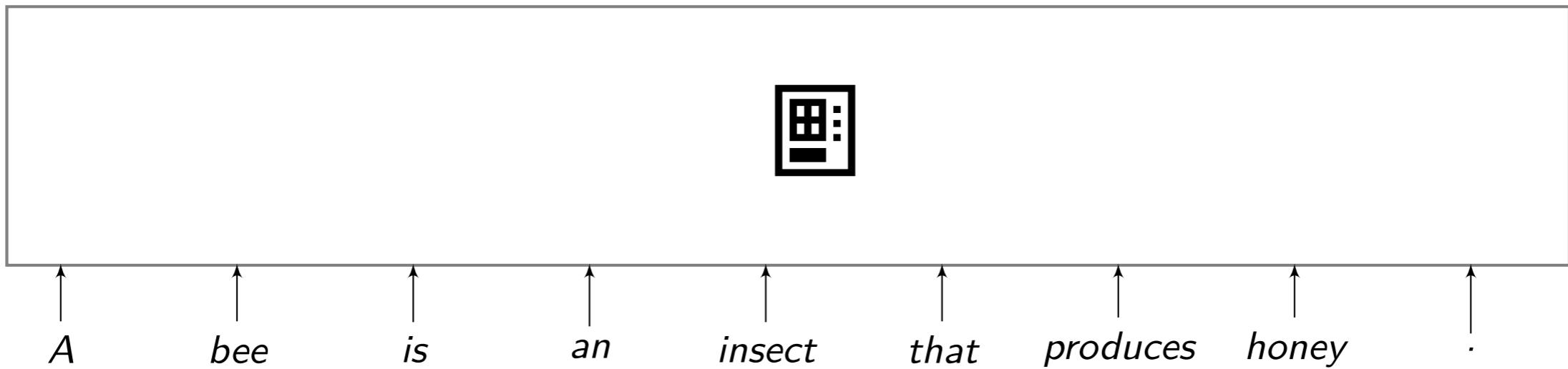
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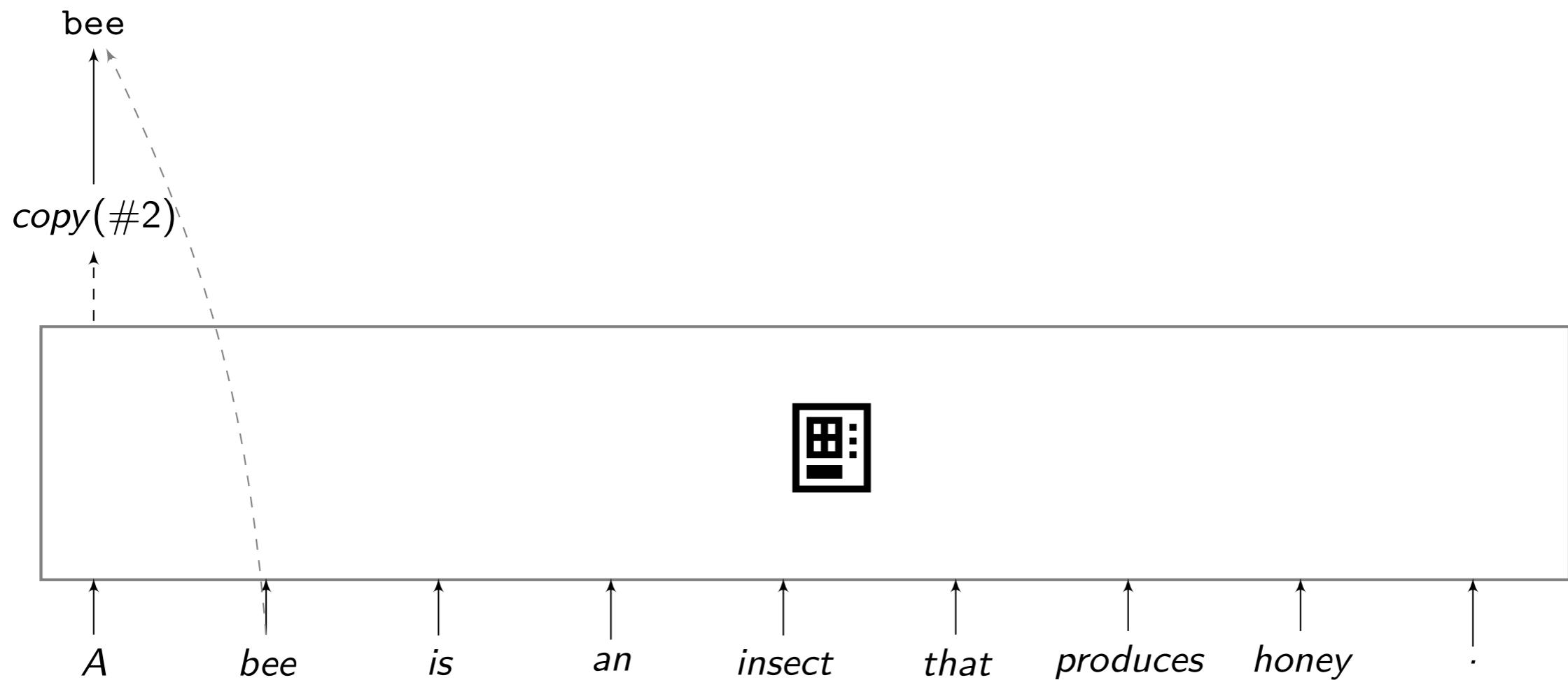
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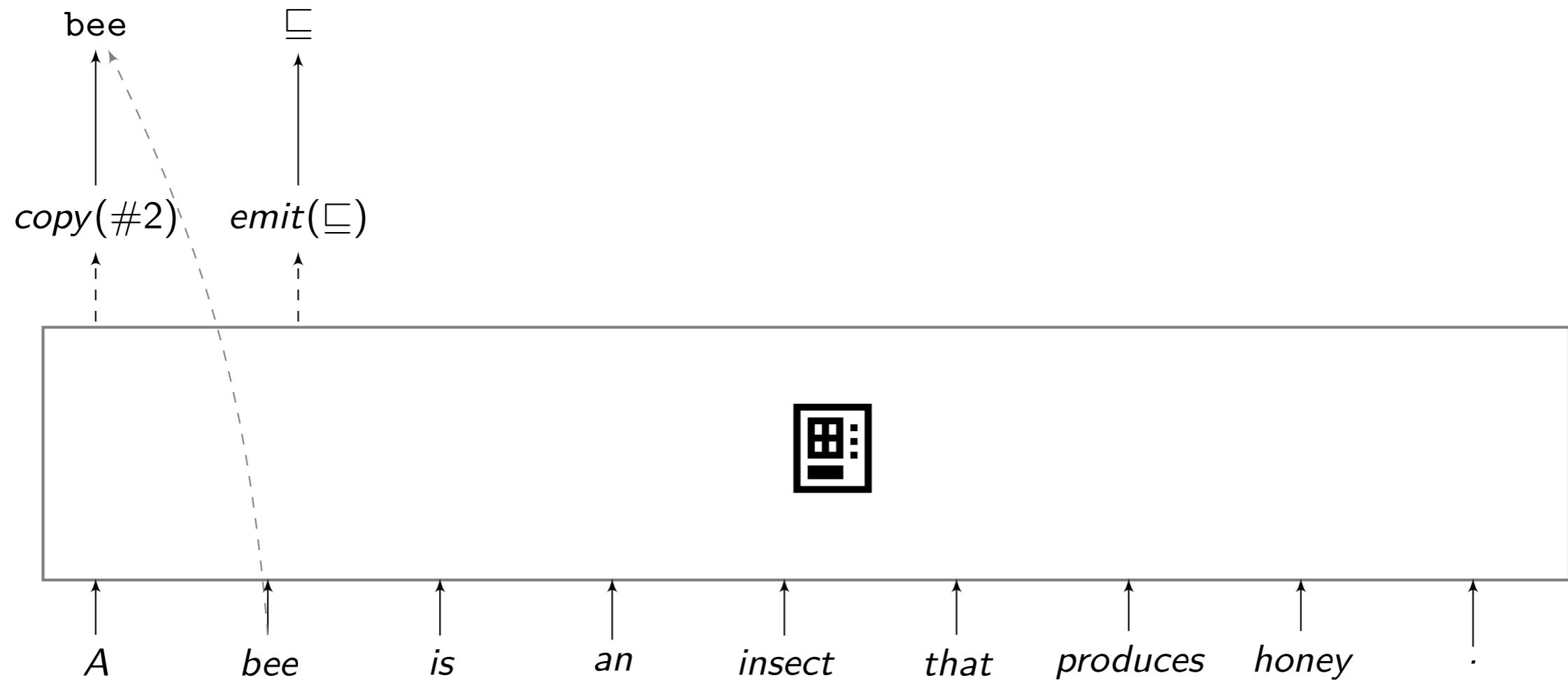
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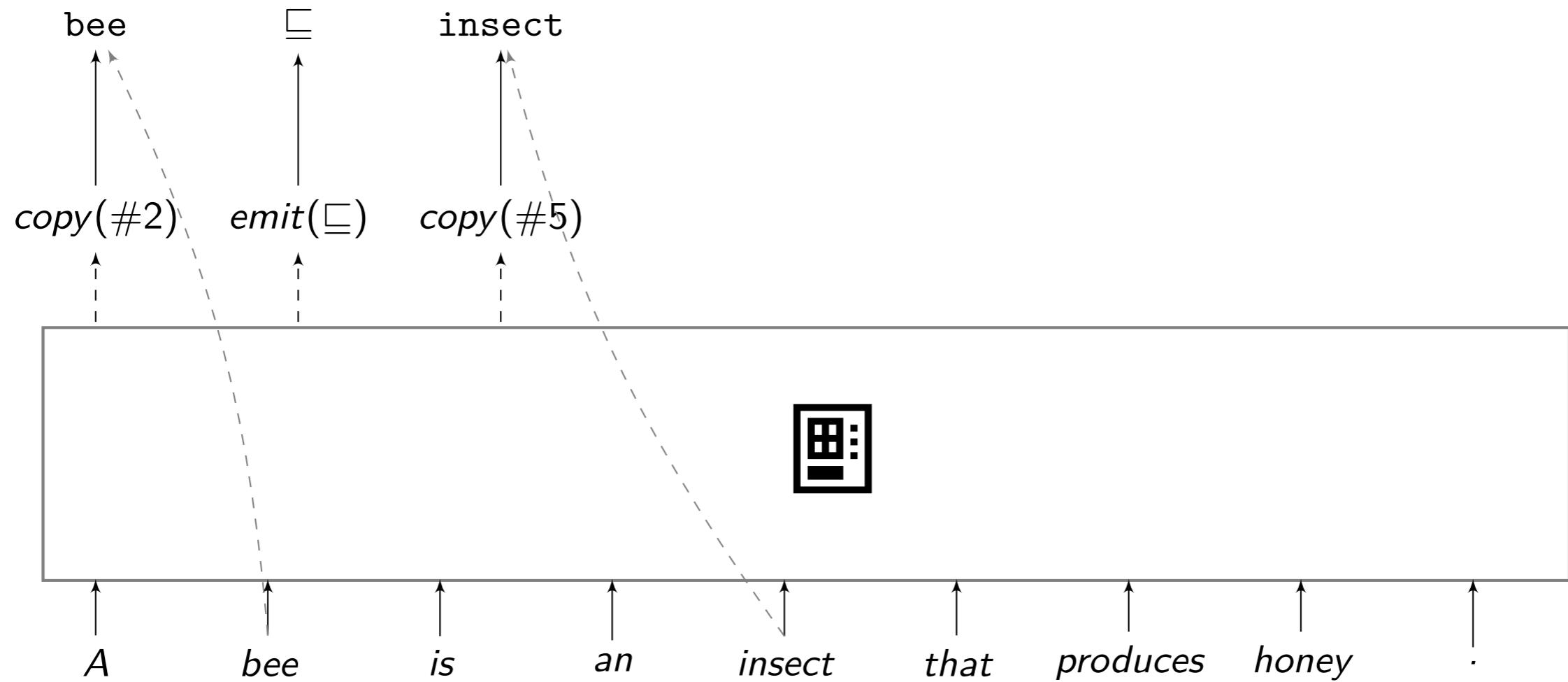
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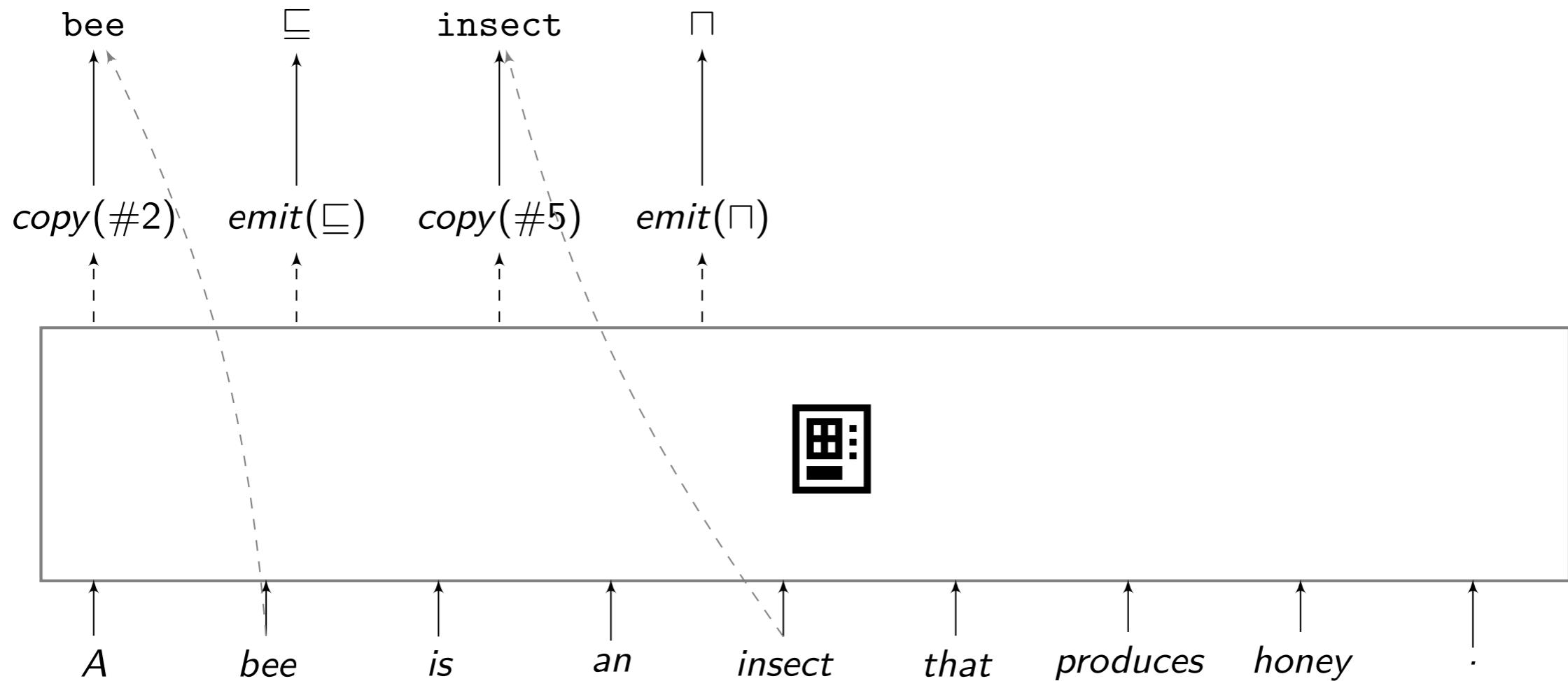
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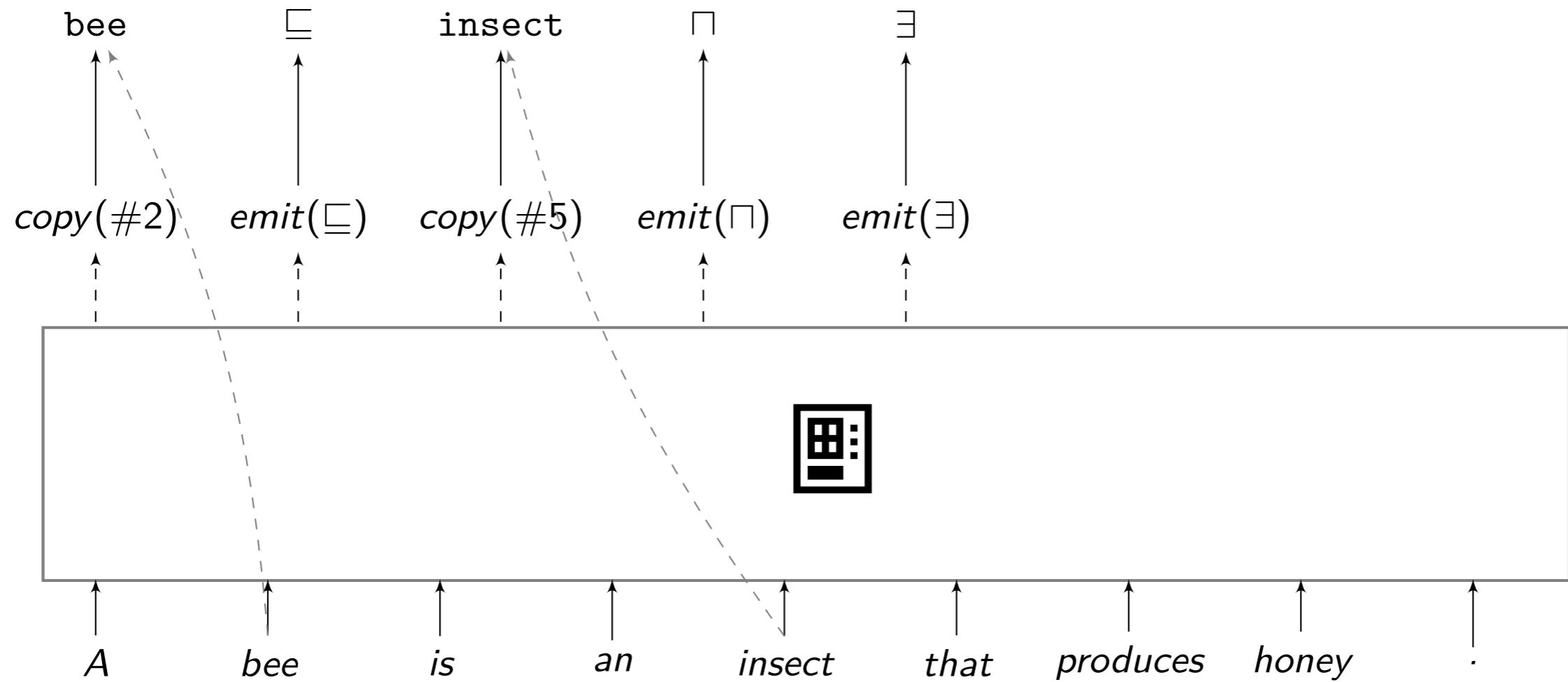
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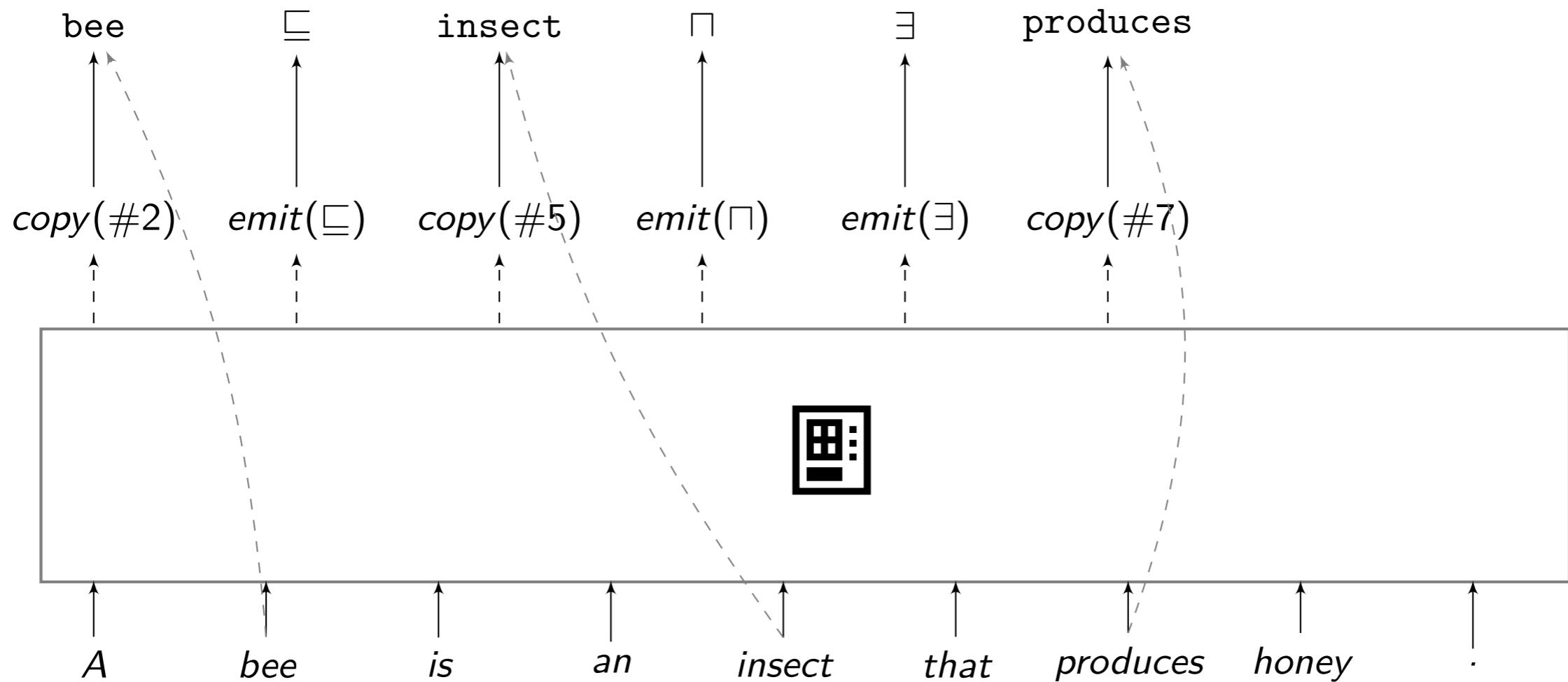
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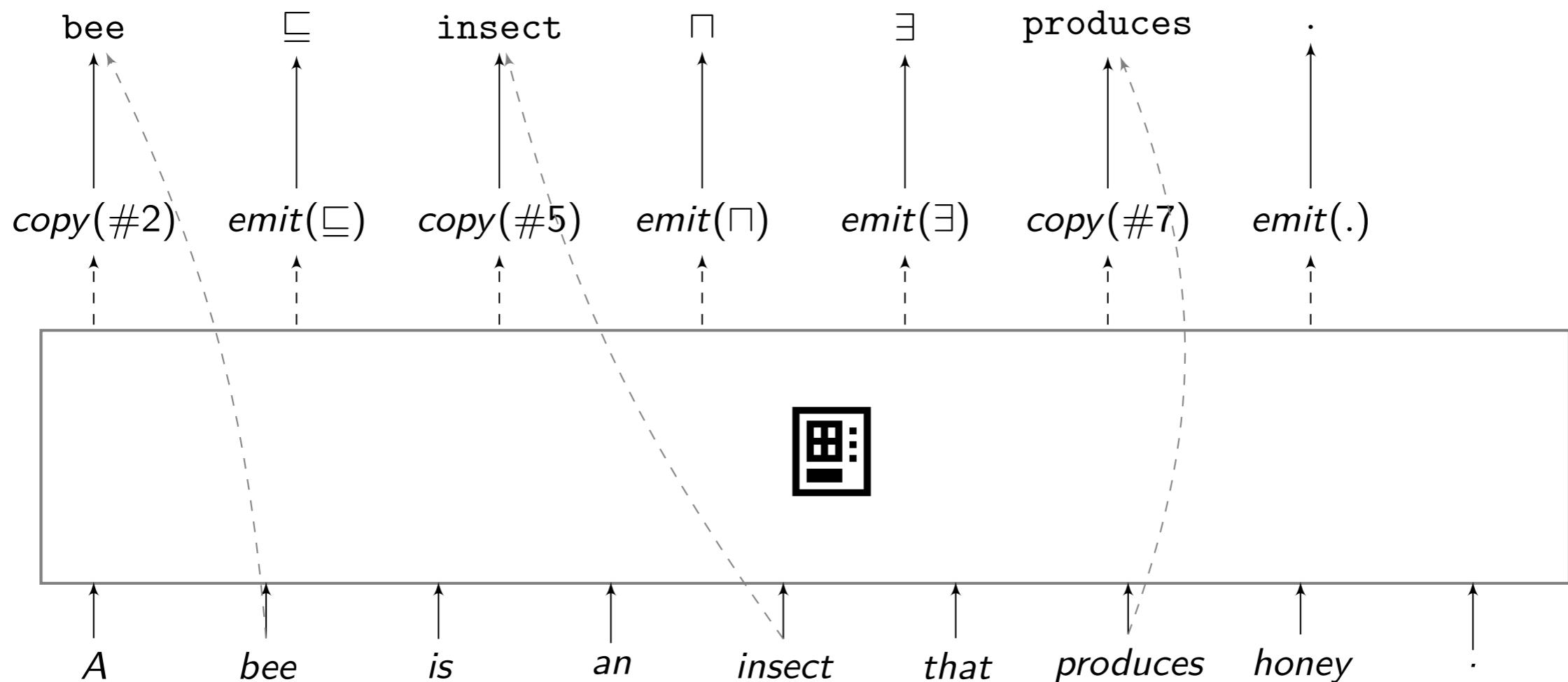
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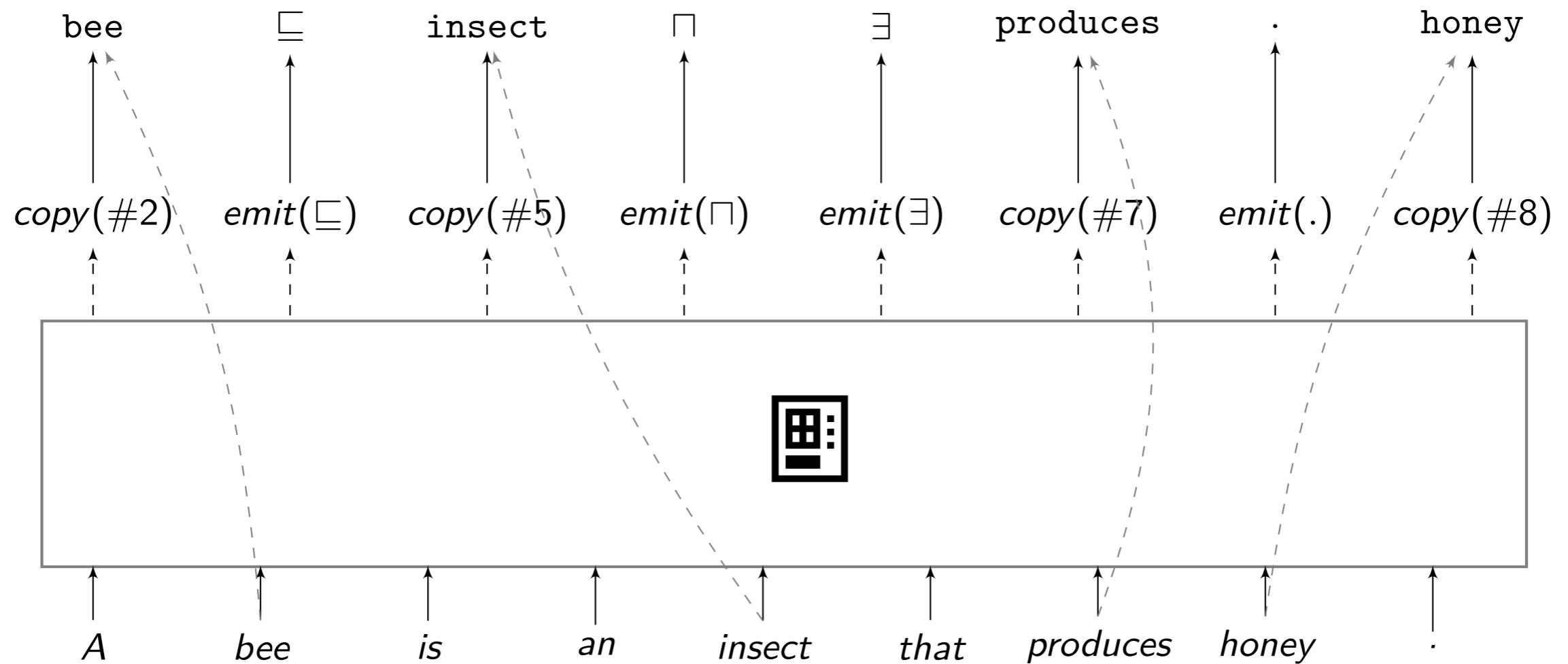
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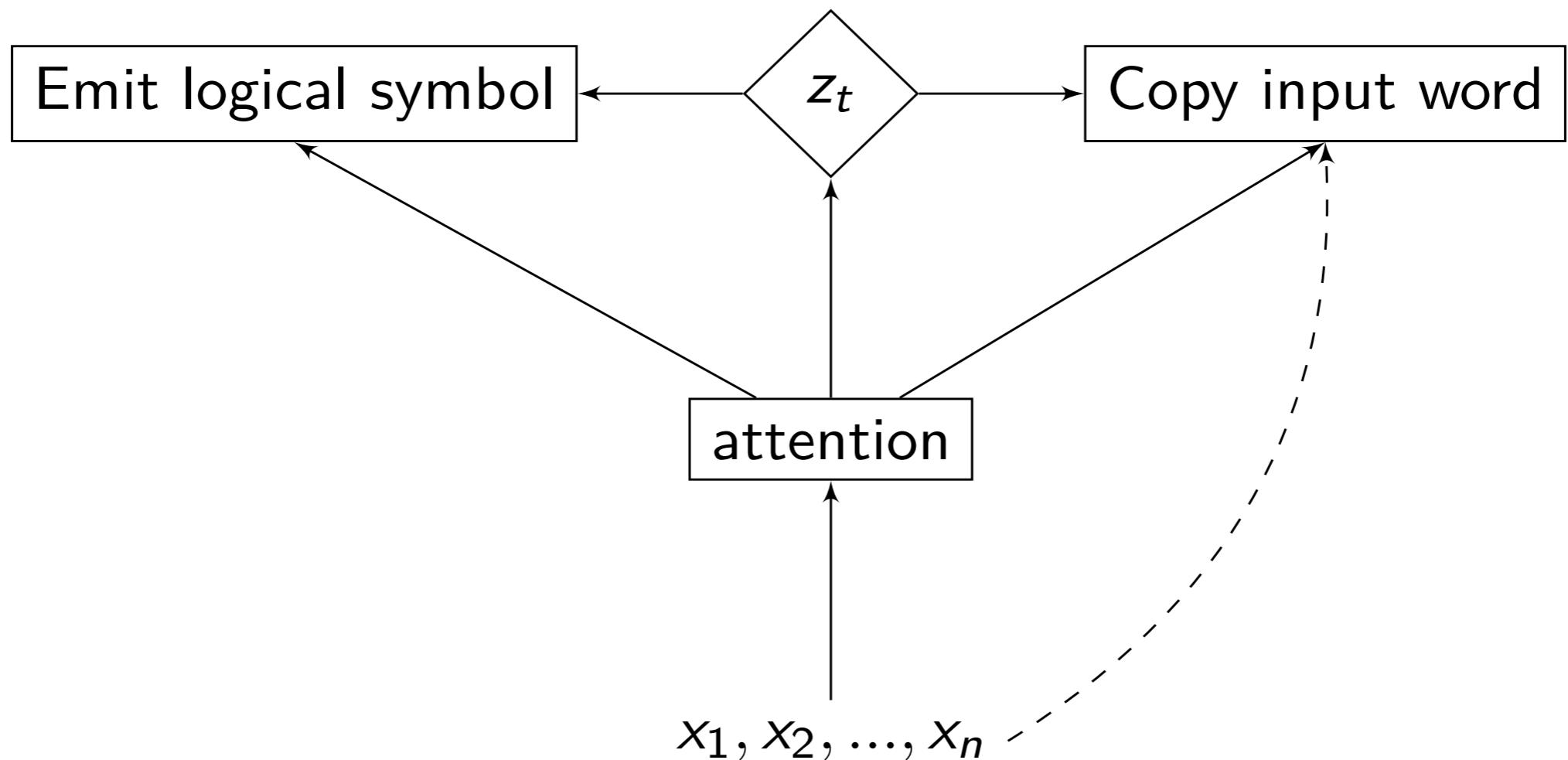


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Quasi-zero vocabulary setting.

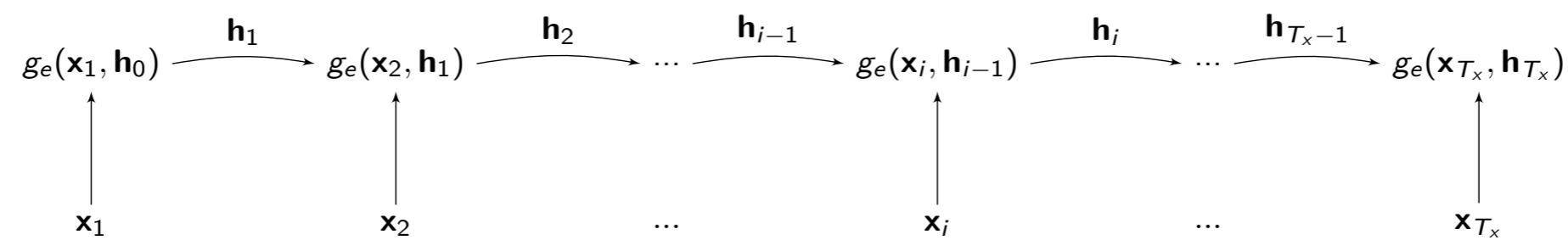
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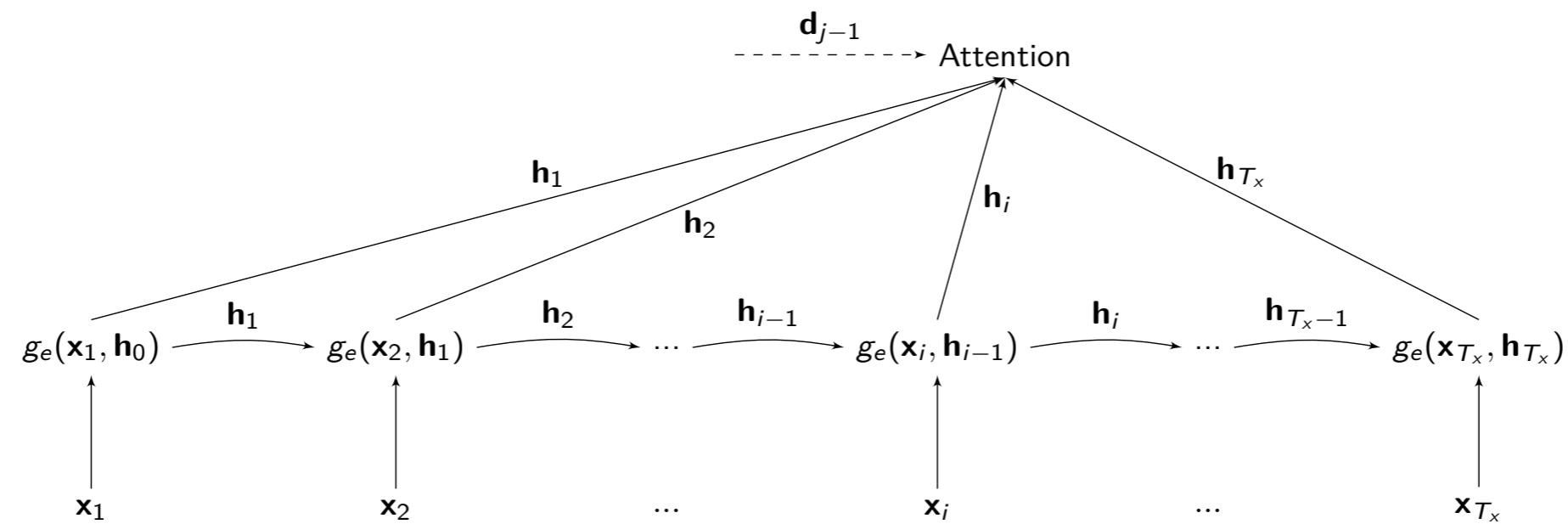
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$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_i \quad \dots \quad x_{T_x}$

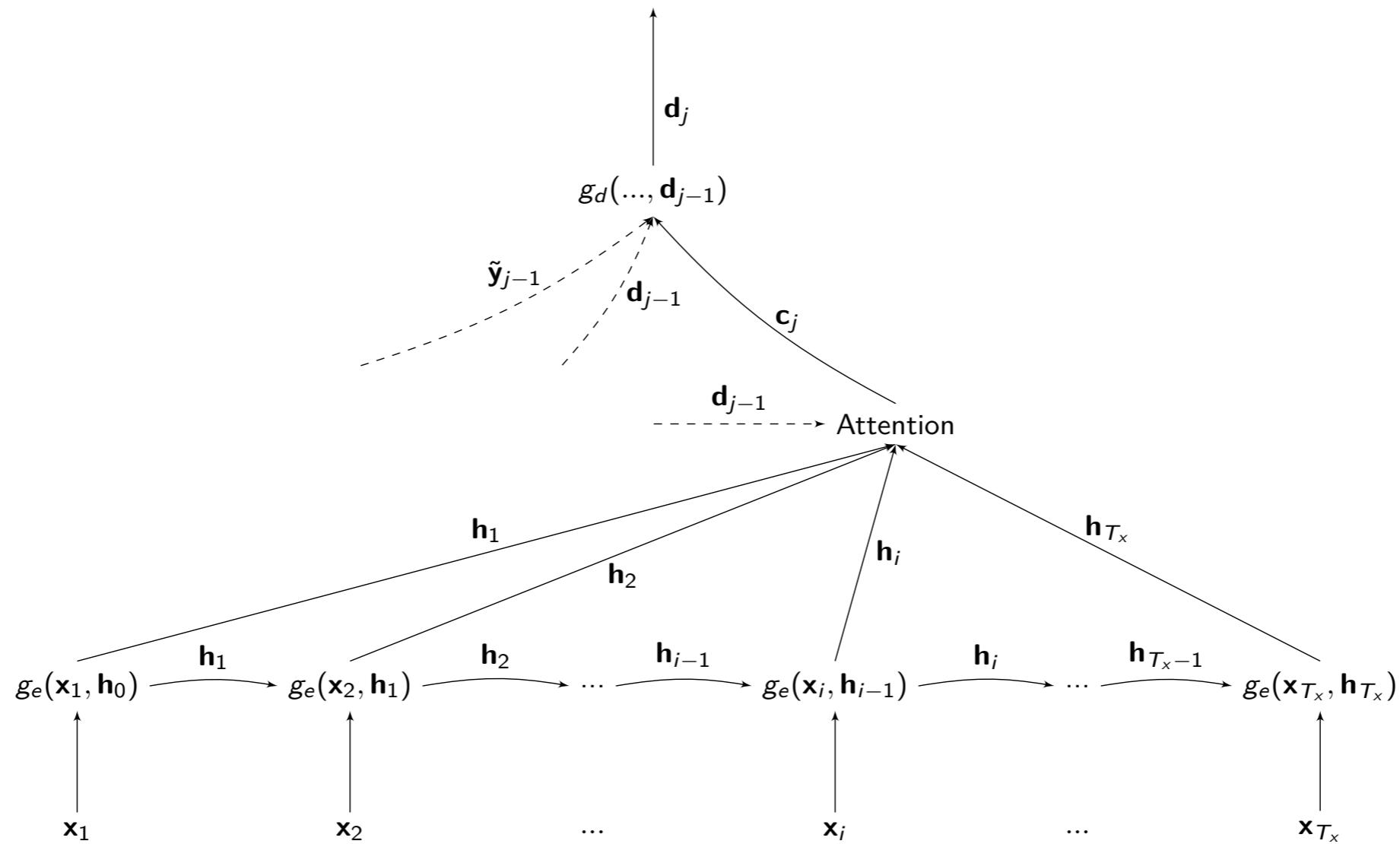
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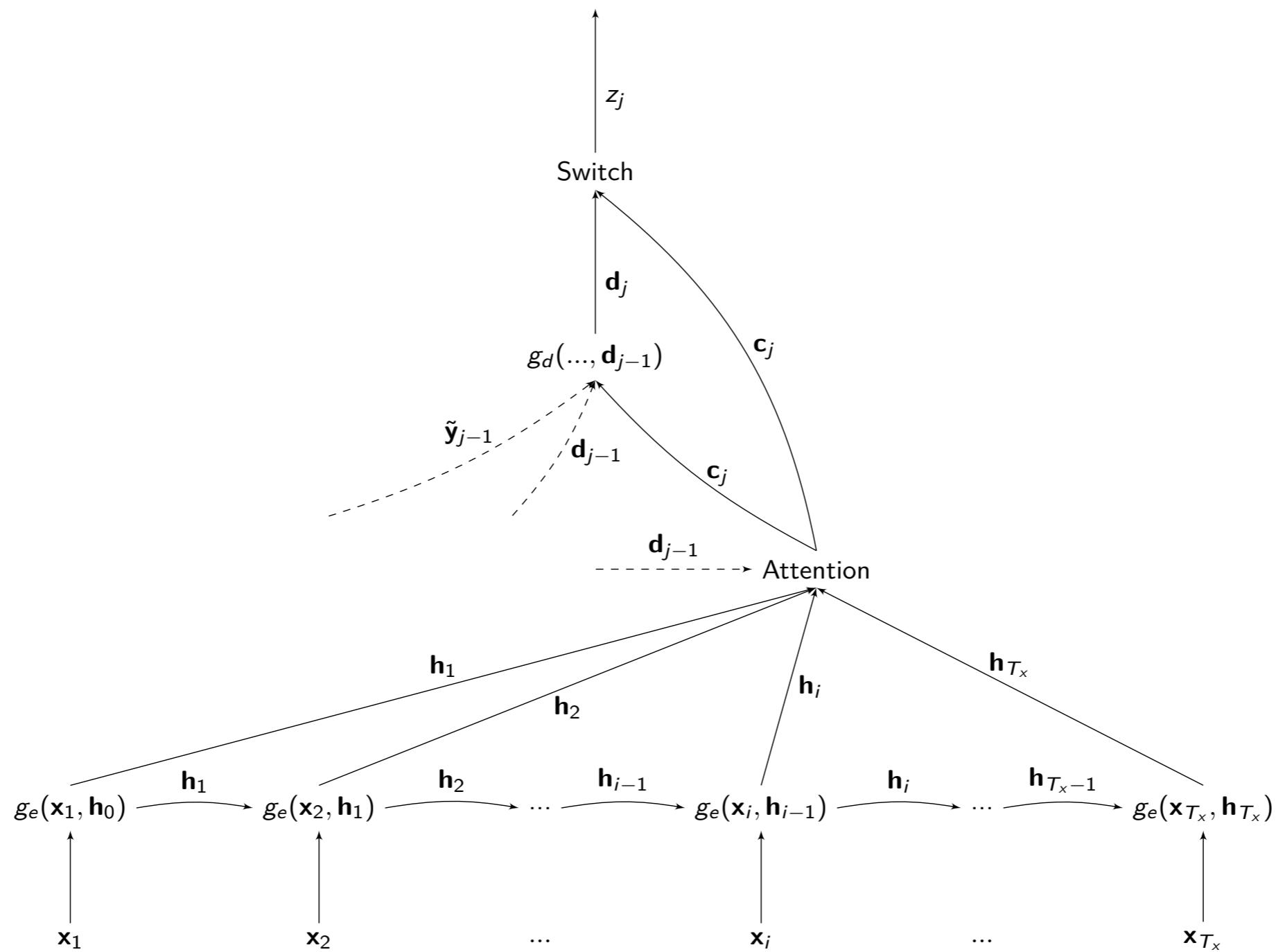
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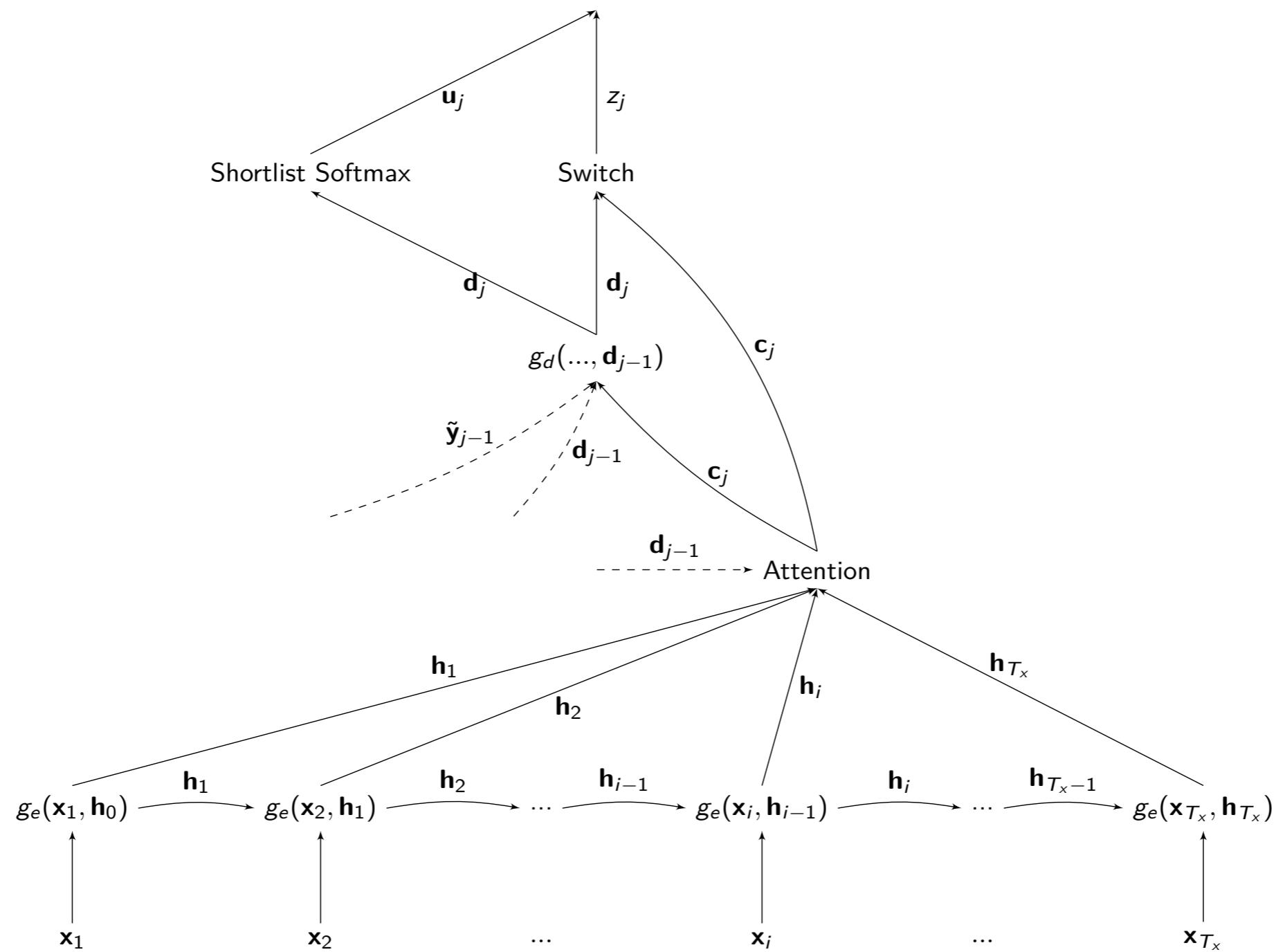
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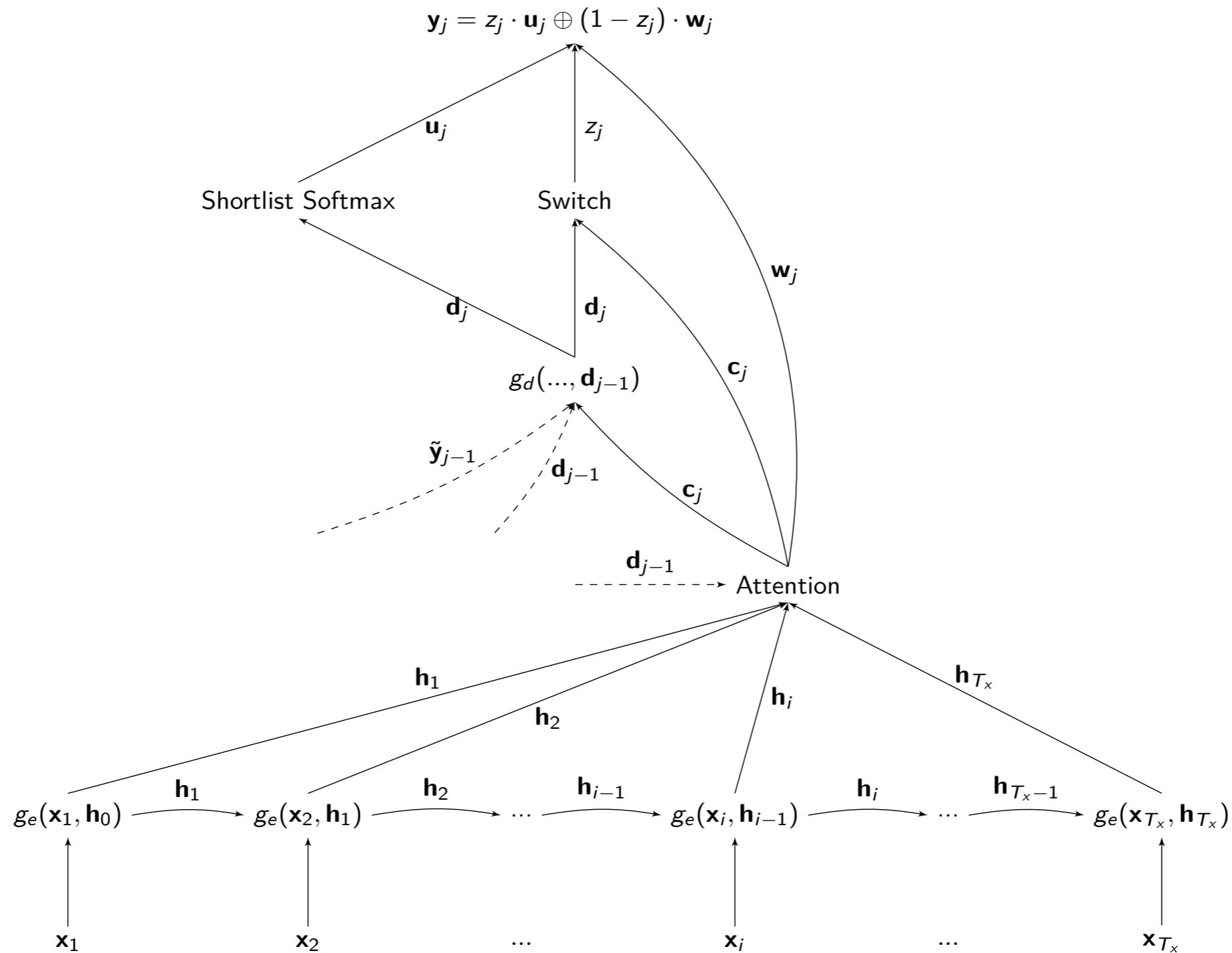
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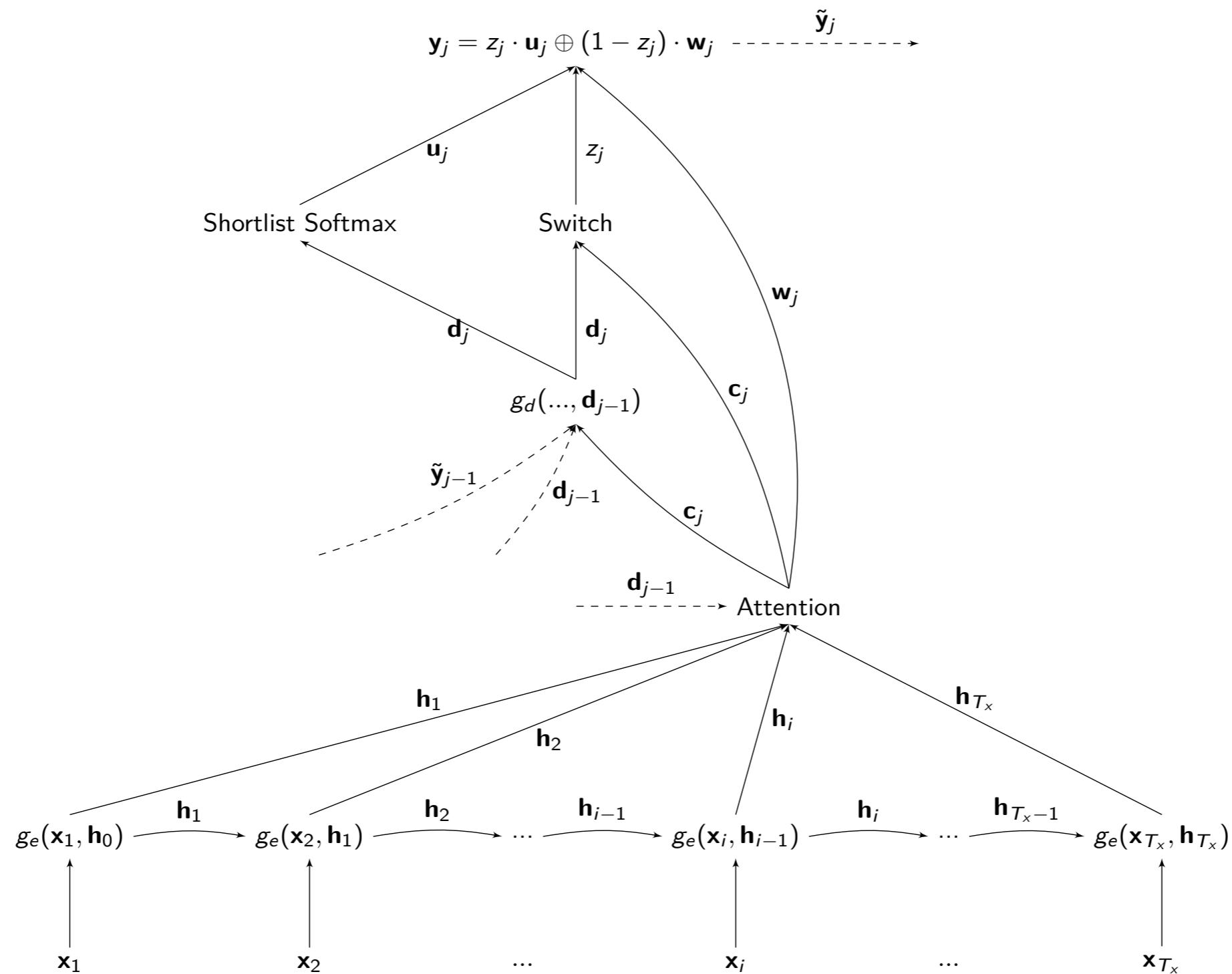
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- RQ1. To what degree is the network capable to generalize over the syntactic structures of descriptive language?
(many structures, one meaning)
- RQ2. To what degree is the network capable to tolerate words that have not been seen during the training phase? (many meanings, one structure)

Translate: Closed-Vocabulary Evaluation

training set size	FA	ED	TA
2000	0.61	2.48	0.92
5000	0.84	0.60	0.98
10000	0.89	0.47	0.99
20000	0.81	0.46	0.98

Translate: Open-Vocabulary Evaluation

training set size	FA	ED	TA
2000	0.62	1.51	0.94
5000	0.86	0.63	0.98
10000	0.85	0.51	0.98
20000	0.89	0.38	0.99

Into the wild

So far, so good.

Into the wild

So far, so good. So what?

RQ3. To what extent is the model capable to improve its performances with the addition of few annotated examples?

The Reference Set

500 manually curated examples from well known ontologies or formalized *ad hoc* by knowledge engineers.

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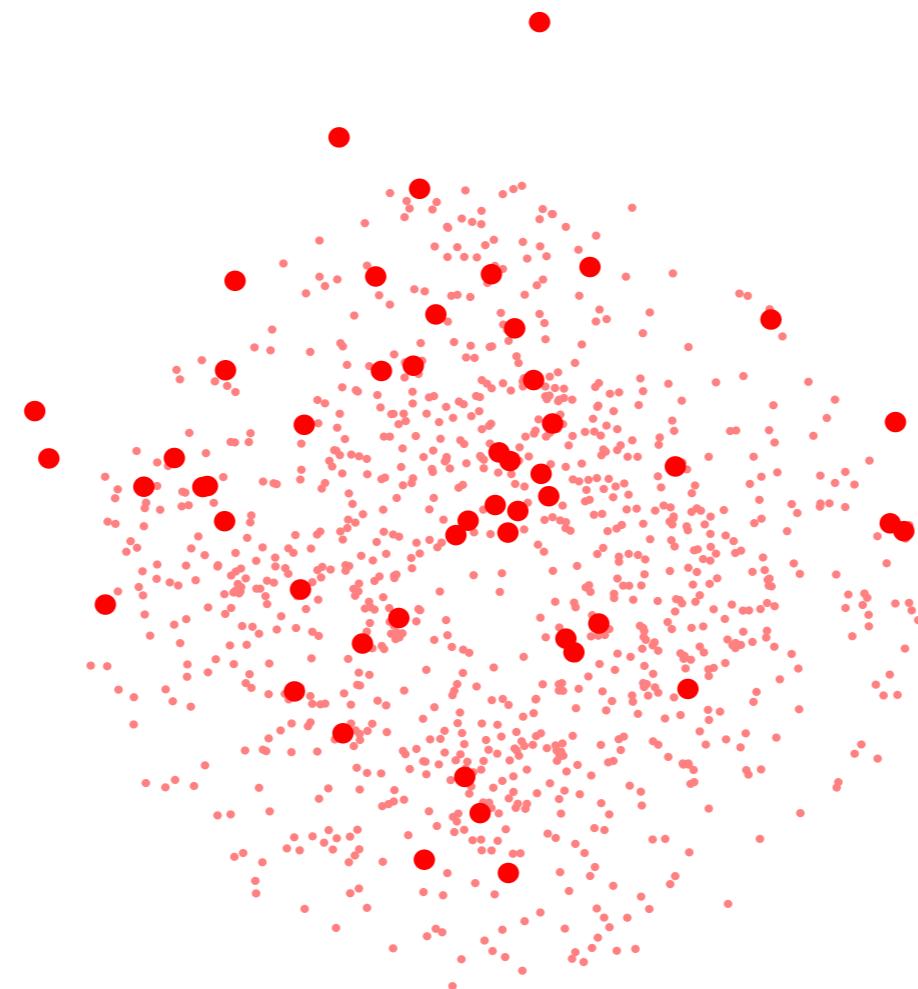
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	size	len.	LEN.	avg. len.	exist.	univ.	card. restr.
training	75	5	28	11.72	42.67%	2.67%	9.33%
test	425	5	40	12.36	50.82%	4.47%	9.18%

Evaluation Against the Reference Set

system	CF	FA	ED	TA
Grammar Parser	17	0.04	-	-
Tag&Transduce	0	0.00	11.7	0.10
Translate (20k-open)	38	0.09	4.55	0.49

Evaluation Against the Reference Set



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training set size	CF	FA	ED	TA
2k	35	0.08	4.80	0.47
2k+75	143	0.34	3.44	0.60
5k	38	0.09	4.58	0.48
5k+75	126	0.30	3.55	0.59
10k	39	0.09	4.59	0.48
10k+75	82	0.19	4.06	0.55
20k	38	0.09	4.55	0.49
20k+75	55	0.13	4.53	0.50

Through the Looking Glass

Contributions:

- suitable architecture;
- bootstrap datasets and reference set;
- a new approach.

Lessons Learned

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- the pointing network is a powerful architecture and can deal successfully with our quasi-zero vocabulary setting;
- the bootstrap data can be a good start, but the model can be biased in the perspective of an adaptation to real world data;
- the model could learn from raw text (with a minimum preprocessing), though, on the long term it would require a large amount of text.

The Road Ahead

Future work:

- more on the architecture: Bi-GRU, LSTMs, ...;
- more on the data: definition extraction, distant supervision, generative autoencoding, ...;
- less on the radical end-to-end and zero feature engineering.



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