

# Information Extraction

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# History of Summer School

1<sup>st</sup> MSRA Summer Workshop of **Information Extraction**:



June, 2005

# IE Course Logistics

Don't be afraid of asking questions!

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Prerequisite:

- No previous experience on IE is required.
- Some basic knowledge in Machine Learning.

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# Research Interests

- machine learning

[Machine Learning 2015] [IJCAI 2015] [ACL 2015a]  
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- natural language processing

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# **What is Information Extraction (IE)?**

And why do we care?

Named  
Entity  
Recognition

**Tsung-Dao Lee** (**T. D. Lee**, Chinese: 李政道; pinyin: *Lǐ Zhèngdào*) (born November 24, 1926) is a Chinese-born

Relation  
Extraction

American physicist, well known for his work on parity violation, the Lee Model, particle physics, relativistic heavy ion (RHIC) physics, nontopological solitons and soliton stars.

Event  
Extraction

He holds the rank of University Professor Emeritus at Columbia University, where he has taught since 1953 and from which he retired in 2012.<sup>[1]</sup>

Temporal IE

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Multilingual  
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# Information Extraction

Definition:

extracting structured knowledge from unstructured or semi-structured data (e.g. free text and tables).

In this short course: we will focus on IE from text data.

# A Relation Extraction View

Input: documents.

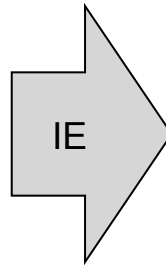
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Output: relation triples.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
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Bill Veghte	VP	Microsoft
Richard Stallman	founder	Free Soft..

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# Complexity in IE

## Closed set

U.S. states (50 states)

He was born in Alabama...

The big Wyoming sky...

## Regular set

U.S. phone numbers

Phone: (413) 545-1323

The CALD main office can be reached at 412-268-1299

## Complex patterns

U.S. postal addresses

University of Arkansas  
P.O. Box 140  
Hope, AR 71802

Headquarters:  
1128 Main Street, 4th Floor  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45210

## Ambiguous patterns

Person names

...was among the six houses sold by Hope Feldman that year.

Pawel Opalinski, Software  
Engineer at WhizBang Labs.

# Granularity of IE Tasks

Jack Welch will retire as CEO of General Electric tomorrow. The top role at the Connecticut company will be filled by Jeffrey Immelt.

## Single entity

**Person:** Jack Welch

**Person:** Jeffrey Immelt

**Location:** Connecticut

## Binary relationship

**Relation:** Person-Title

**Person:** Jack Welch

**Title:** CEO

**Relation:** Company-Location

**Company:** General Electric

**Location:** Connecticut

## N-ary record

**Relation:** Succession

**Company:** General Electric

**Title:** CEO

**Out:** Jack Welsh

**In:** Jeffrey Immelt



# IE Applications

# Question Answering

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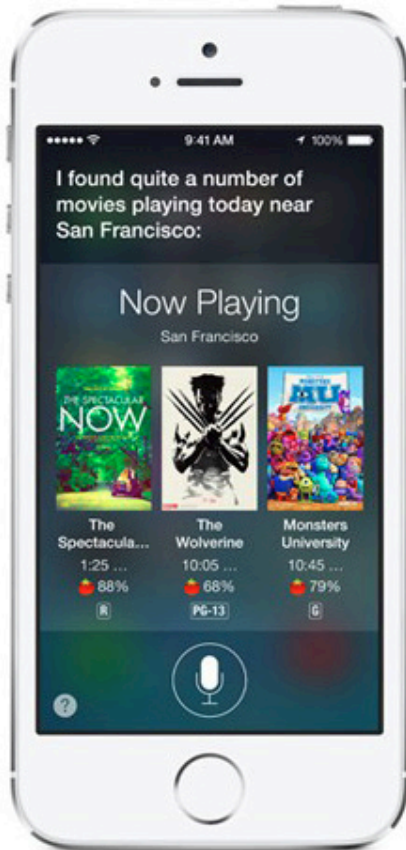


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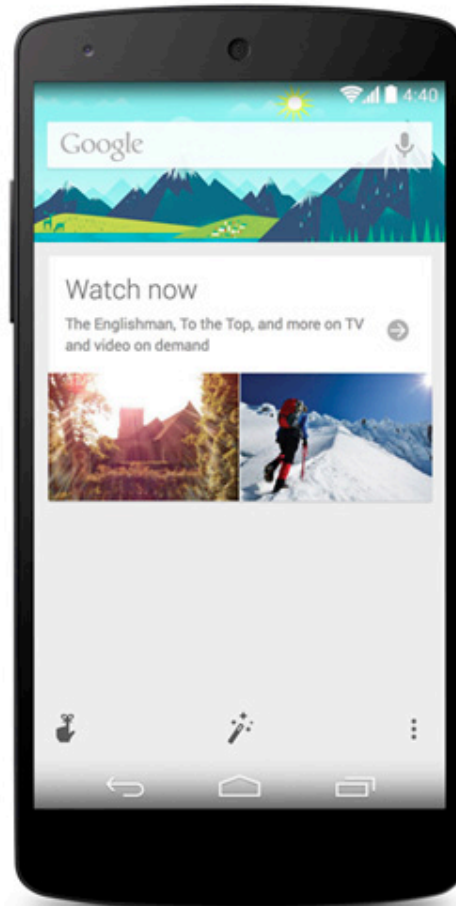
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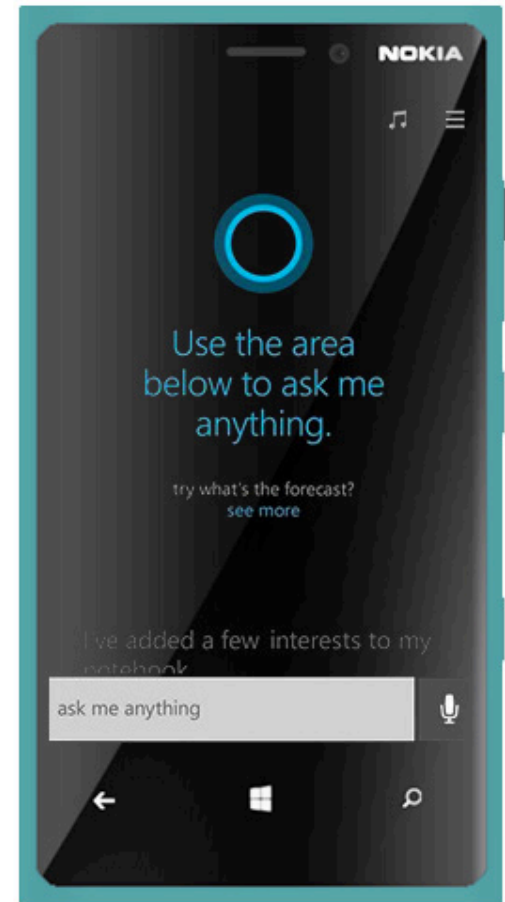
Apple Siri



Google Now



Windows Cortana



# Course Outline

1. Basic theories and practices on named entity recognition: supervised, semi-supervised, unsupervised.
2. Recent advances in relation extraction:
  - a. distant supervision
  - b. latent variable models
3. Scalable IE and reasoning with first-order logics.

# **Basic Theories and Practices of NER**

# Named Entity Recognition

Given a sentence:

**Yesterday William Wang flew to Beijing.**

extract the following information:

Person name: **William Wang**  
Location name: **Beijing**

What is the easiest method?

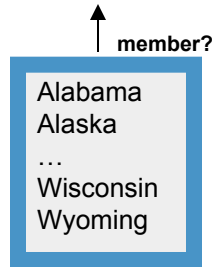
use a lexicon of person names and location names, scan the sentence and look for matches.

Why this will not work? The scalability issue.

# Overview of NER Models

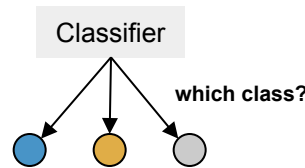
## Lexicons

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky.



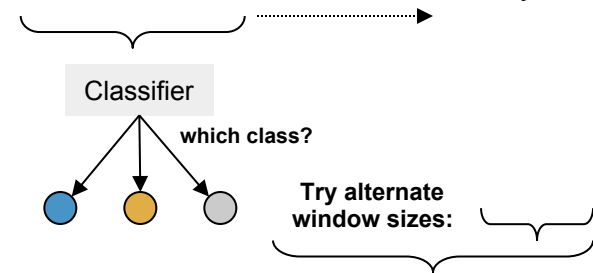
## Classify Pre-segmented Candidates

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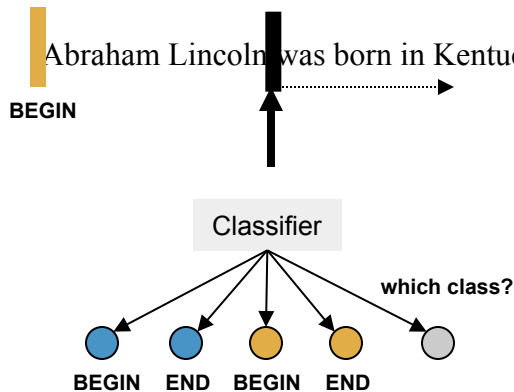
## Sliding Window

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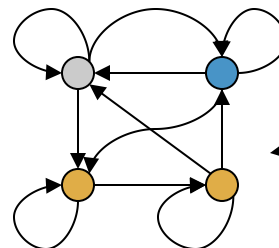
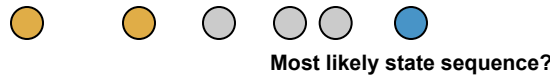
## Boundary Models

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## Token Tagging

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**This is often treated as a structured prediction problem...classifying tokens *sequentially***

HMMs, CRFs, ....



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# IE by Sliding Window

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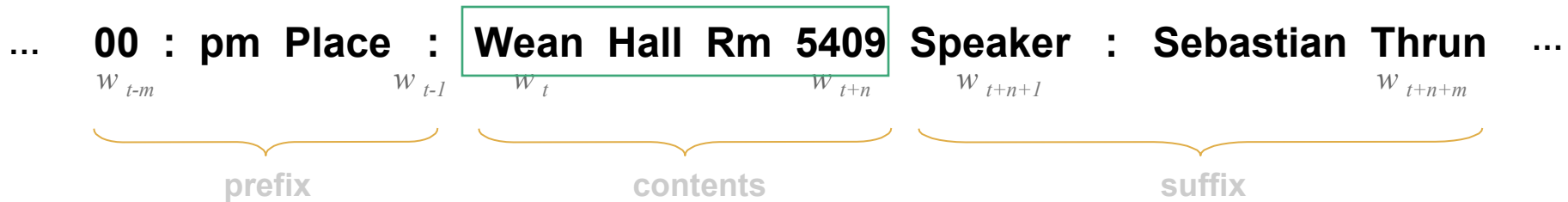


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# A Naïve Bayes Sliding Window Model

[Freitag 1997]



Estimate  $\Pr(\text{LOCATION}|\text{window})$  using Bayes rule

Try all “reasonable” windows (vary length, position)

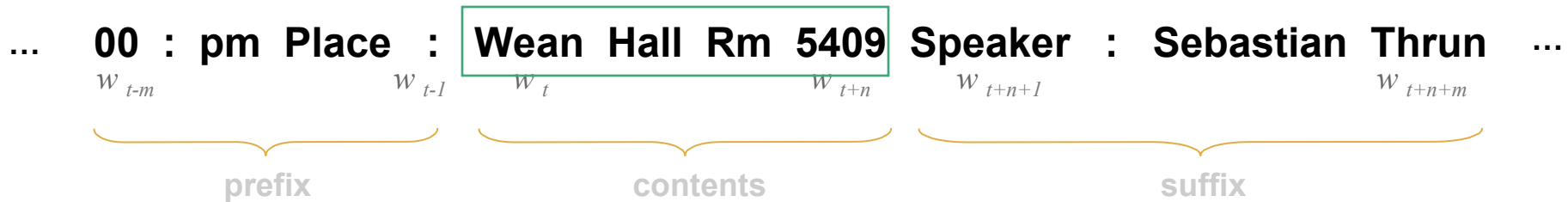
Assume independence for length, prefix words, suffix words, content words

Estimate from data quantities like:  $\Pr(\text{“Place” in prefix}|\text{LOCATION})$

If  $P(\text{“Wean Hall Rm 5409”} = \text{LOCATION})$  is above some threshold, extract it.

# A Naïve Bayes Sliding Window Model

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1. Create dataset of examples like these:
  - + (prefix00, ..., prefixColon, contentWean, contentHall, ..., suffixSpeaker, ...)
  - (prefixColon, ..., prefixWean, contentHall, ..., ContentSpeaker, suffixColon, ...)
2. Train a NaiveBayes classifier (or YFCL), treating the examples like BOWs for text classification
3. If  $\Pr(\text{class}=+|\text{prefix}, \text{contents}, \text{suffix}) > \text{threshold}$ , predict the content window is a location.
  - To think about: what if the extracted entities aren't consistent, eg if the location overlaps with the speaker?

# Sliding Window Performance

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# Token Tagging

# NER by Token Tagging

Given a sentence:

**Yesterday William Wang flew to Beijing.**

1) Break the sentence into *tokens*, and **classify** each token with a label indicating *what sort of entity* it's part of:

	person name
	location name
	background



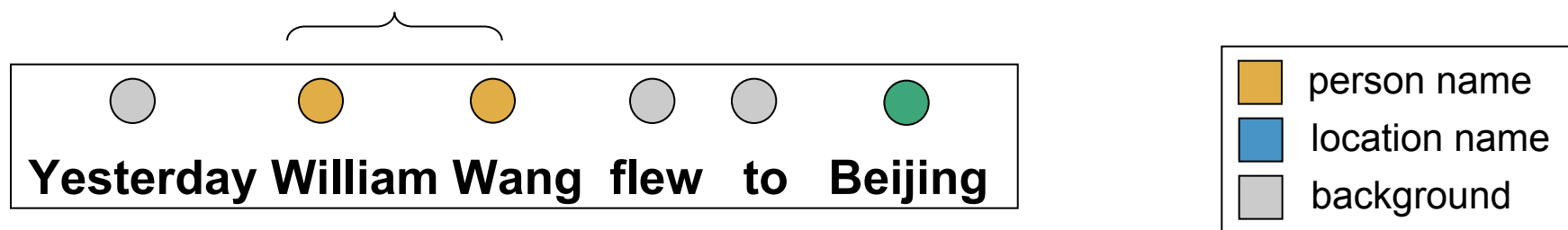
2) Identify names based on the entity labels

Person name: **William Wang**  
Location name: **Beijing**

3) To learn an NER system, use YFCL.

# NER by Token Tagging

Similar labels tend to *cluster together* in text



Another common labeling scheme is BIO (begin, inside, outside; e.g. beginPerson, insidePerson, beginLocation, insideLocation, outside)

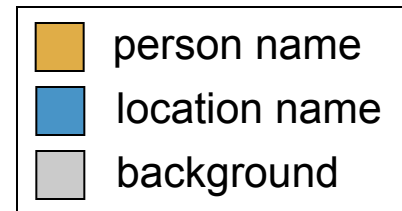
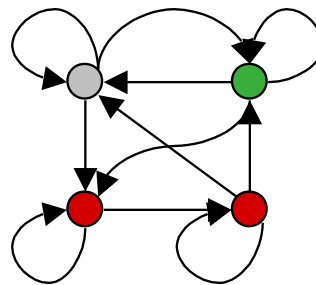
BIO also leads to *strong dependencies between nearby labels* (eg inside follows begin)

# Hidden Markov Models for NER

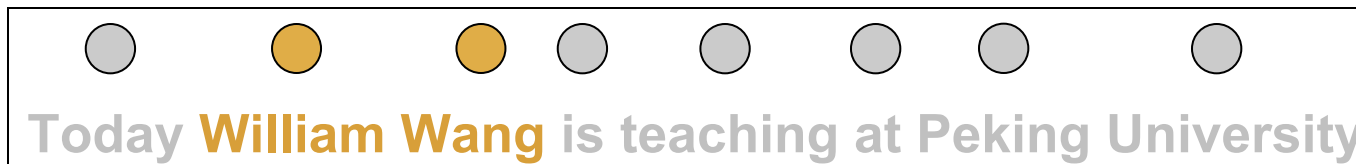
Given a sequence of observations:

Today William Wang is teaching at Peking University.

and a trained HMM:



Find the most likely state sequence: (Viterbi)  $\arg \max_{\vec{s}} P(\vec{s}, \vec{o})$



Any words said to be generated by the designated “person name” state extract as a person name:

Person name: **William Wang**

# Review of Hidden Markov Models

$$p(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z} | \Theta) = p(\mathbf{z}_1 | \pi) \left[ \prod_{n=2}^N p(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{z}_{n-1}, \mathbf{A}) \right] \prod_{n=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_n, \phi)$$

Observables:

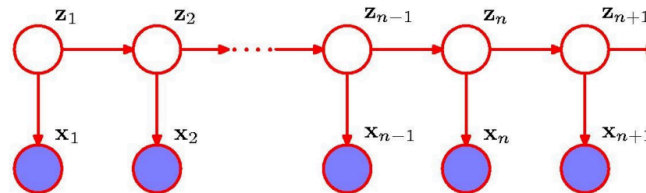
Latent states:

Model parameters:

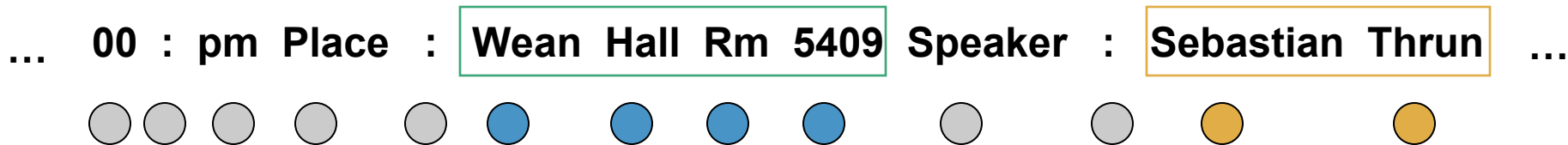
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$$\mathbf{Z} = \{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N\}$$

$$\Theta = \{\pi, \mathbf{A}, \phi\}$$



# Hidden Markov Models for NER



1. The HMM consists of two probability tables
  - $Pr(\text{currentState}=s|\text{previousState}=t)$  for  $s=\text{background, location, speaker,}$
  - $Pr(\text{currentWord}=w|\text{currentState}=s)$  for  $s=\text{background, location, ...}$
2. Estimate these tables with a (smoothed) CPT
  - $\text{Prob}(\text{location}|\text{location}) = \#(\text{loc} \rightarrow \text{loc}) / \#(\text{loc} \rightarrow *)$  transitions
3. Given a new sentence, find the most likely sequence of hidden states using Viterbi method:

$\text{MaxProb}(\text{curr}=s|\text{position } k)=$

$$\text{Max}_{\text{state } t} \text{MaxProb}(\text{curr}=t|\text{position}=k-1) * \text{Prob}(\text{word}=w_{k-1}|t) * \text{Prob}(\text{curr}=s|\text{prev}=t)$$

# Performance: Sliding Window vs HMMs

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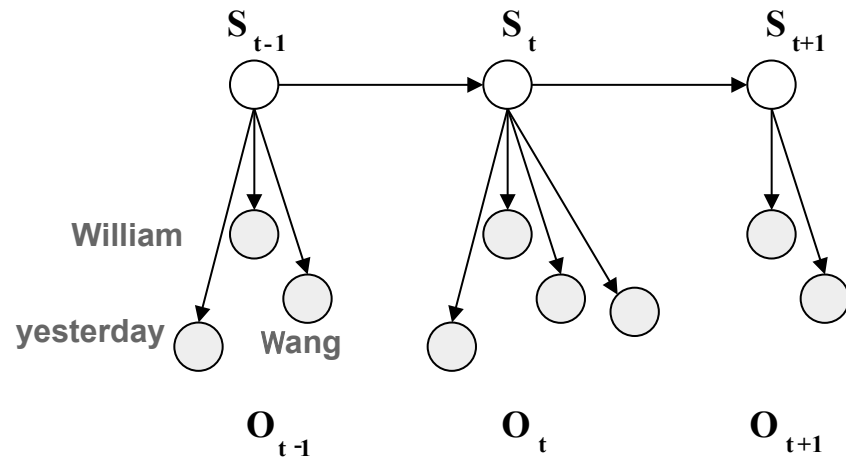
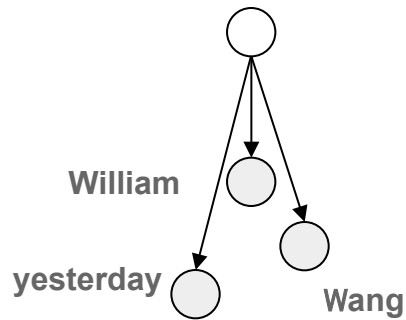
# Improving the HMMs

- we need richer representation for the observations  
e.g., overlapping features.
- we would like to consider modeling the discriminative/  
conditional probability model of  $P(Z|X)$ , rather than the  
joint/generative probability model of  $P(Z,X)$ .



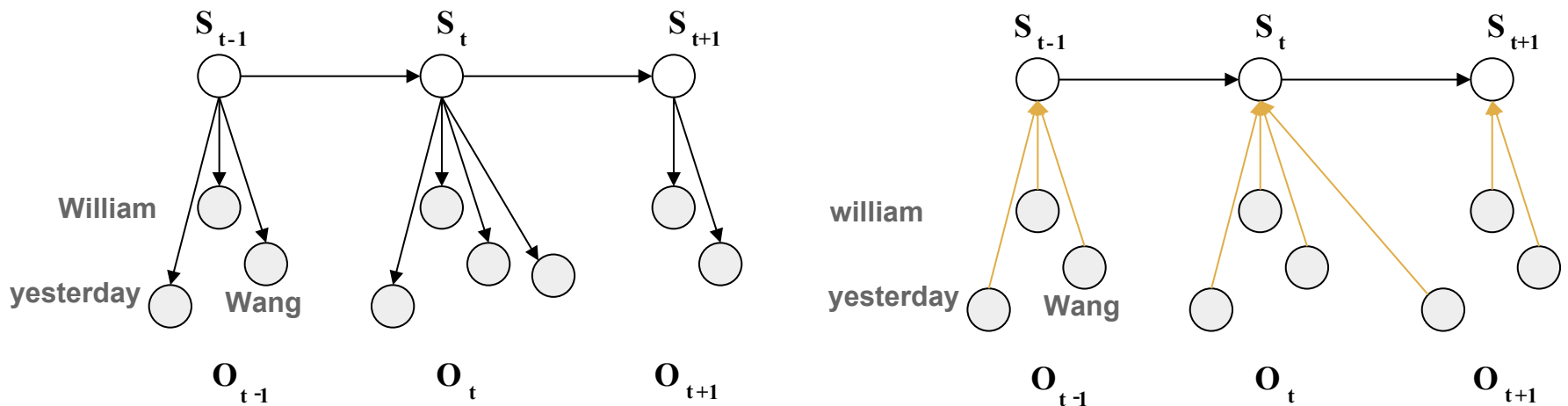
# **Maximum Entropy Markov Model (MEMM)**

# Naïve Bayes vs HMM



HMM = sequential Naïve Bayes

# From HMM to MEMM



Replace generative model in HMM with a MaxEnt/Logistic Regression model

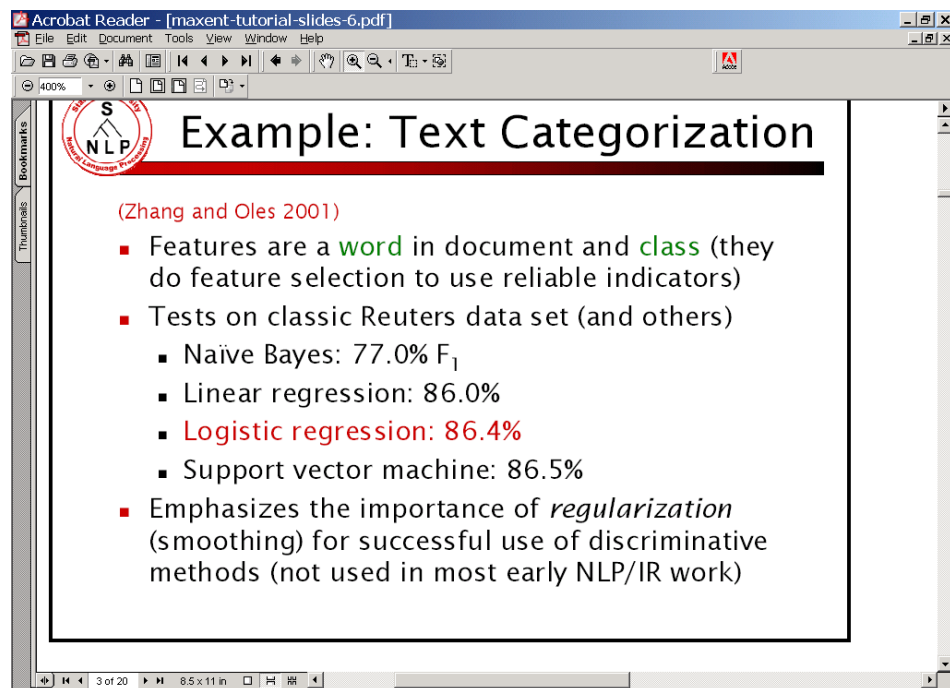
# Why MaxEnt Model?

- **Performance:**

Good MaxEnt methods are competitive with linear SVMs and other state of the art classifiers in accuracy.

- **Embedding in a larger system:**

MaxEnt optimizes  $\Pr(y|x)$ , not error rate.



The screenshot shows a presentation slide titled "Example: Text Categorization" from a PDF document. The slide includes a logo for "S NLP" (Stanford Natural Language Processing) and a list of bullet points discussing text categorization methods and their performance on the Reuters data set.

**Example: Text Categorization**

(Zhang and Oles 2001)

- Features are a **word** in document and **class** (they do feature selection to use reliable indicators)
- Tests on classic Reuters data set (and others)
  - Naive Bayes: 77.0%  $F_1$
  - Linear regression: 86.0%
  - **Logistic regression: 86.4%**
  - Support vector machine: 86.5%
- Emphasizes the importance of *regularization* (smoothing) for successful use of discriminative methods (not used in most early NLP/IR work)

# From Naïve Bayes to MaxEnt

$$\Pr(y | x) = \frac{1}{Z} \Pr(y) \prod_j \Pr(w_k | y) = \alpha_0 \prod_i \alpha_i^{f_i(x)}$$

where  $w_k$  is word  $j$  in  $x$

$\searrow$   $\exp(\sum_i \lambda_i f_i(x))$

$f_{j,k}(doc) = [\text{word } k \text{ appears at position } j \text{ of } doc? 1 : 0]$

$f_i(doc) = i - \text{th } j, k \text{ combination}$

$\alpha_i = \Pr(w_k | y)$

$\alpha_0 = \Pr(y) / Z$

# MEMMs

- Basic difference from ME tagging:
  1. ME tagging: previous state is feature of MaxEnt classifier
  2. MEMM: build a **separate** MaxEnt classifier for each state.
    - Can build any HMM architecture you want; eg parallel nested HMM's, etc.
- MEMM does allow possibility of “hidden” states and Baum-Welsh like training
- Viterbi is the most natural inference scheme

# MEMM task: FAQ parsing

```
<head>X-NNTP-Poster: NewsHound v1.33
```

```
<head>
```

```
<head>Archive-name: acorn/faq/part2
```

```
<head>Frequency: monthly
```

```
<head>
```

```
<question>2.6) What configuration of serial cable should I use
```

```
<answer>
```

```
<answer> Here follows a diagram of the necessary connections  
<answer>programs to work properly. They are as far as I know t  
<answer>agreed upon by commercial comms software developers fo  
<answer>
```

```
<answer> Pins 1, 4, and 8 must be connected together inside  
<answer>is to avoid the well known serial port chip bugs. The
```

# MEMM features

begins-with-number	contains-question-mark
begins-with-ordinal	contains-question-word
begins-with-punctuation	ends-with-question-mark
begins-with-question-word	first-alpha-is-capitalized
begins-with-subject	indented
blank	indented-1-to-4
contains-alphanumeric	indented-5-to-10
contains-bracketed-number	more-than-one-third-space
contains-http	only-punctuation
contains-non-space	prev-is-blank
contains-number	prev-begins-with-ordinal
contains-pipe	shorter-than-30



# MEMM Performance

Table 4. Co-occurrence agreement probability (COAP), segmentation precision (SegPrec) and segmentation recall (SegRecall) of four learners on the FAQ dataset. All these averages have 95% confidence intervals of 0.01 or less.

<i>Learner</i>	<i>COAP</i>	<i>SegPrec</i>	<i>SegRecall</i>
ME-Stateless	0.520	0.038	0.362
TokenHMM	0.865	0.276	0.140
FeatureHMM	0.941	0.413	0.529
MEMM	0.965	0.867	0.681

# Conditional Random Fields

# Label Bias Problem of MEMM

- Consider a simple MEMM for person and location names
  - all names are two tokens states:
    - other
    - b-person and e-person for person names
    - b-locn and e-locn for location names

# Label Bias Problem of MEMM

*corpus:*

Harvey Ford

(person 9 times, location 1 time)

Harvey Park

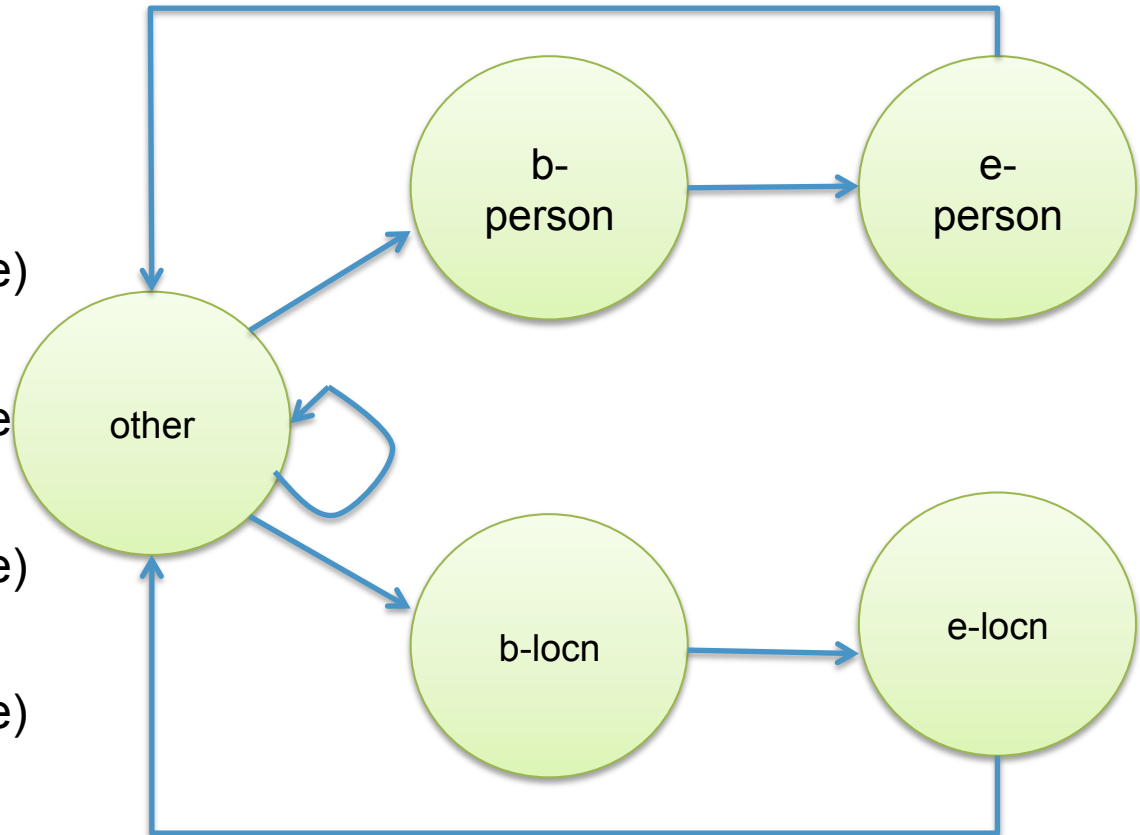
(location 9 times, person 1 time)

Myrtle Ford

(person 9 times, location 1 time)

Myrtle Park

(location 9 times, person 1 time)



***second token a good indicator of person vs. location***

# Label Bias Problem of MEMM

*Conditional probabilities:*

$$p(\text{b-person} \mid \text{other}, w = \text{Harvey}) = 0.5$$

$$p(\text{b-locn} \mid \text{other}, w = \text{Harvey}) = 0.5$$

$$p(\text{b-person} \mid \text{other}, w = \text{Myrtle}) = 0.5$$

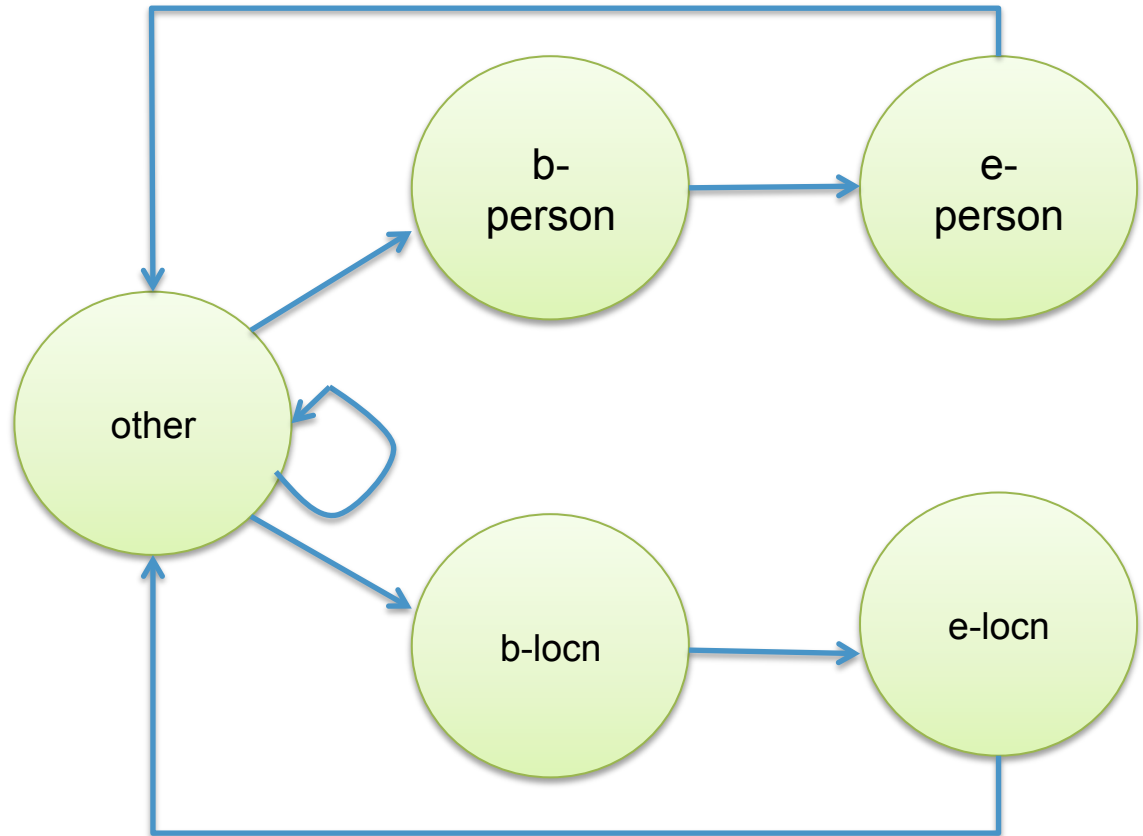
$$p(\text{b-locn} \mid \text{other}, w = \text{Myrtle}) = 0.5$$

$$p(\text{e-person} \mid \text{b-person}, w = \text{Ford}) = 1$$

$$p(\text{e-person} \mid \text{b-person}, w = \text{Park}) = 1$$

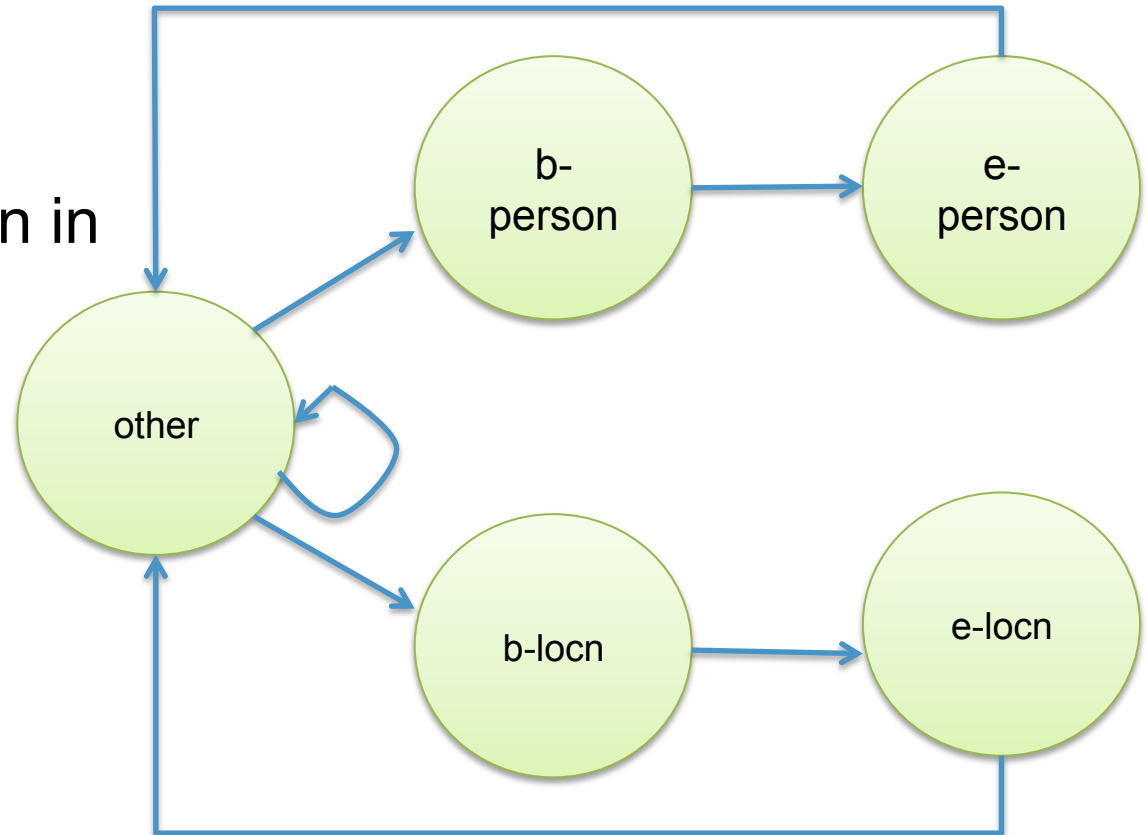
$$p(\text{e-locn} \mid \text{b-locn}, w = \text{Ford}) = 1$$

$$p(\text{e-locn} \mid \text{b-locn}, w = \text{Park}) = 1$$



# Label Bias Problem of MEMM

Role of second token in distinguishing person vs. location completely lost

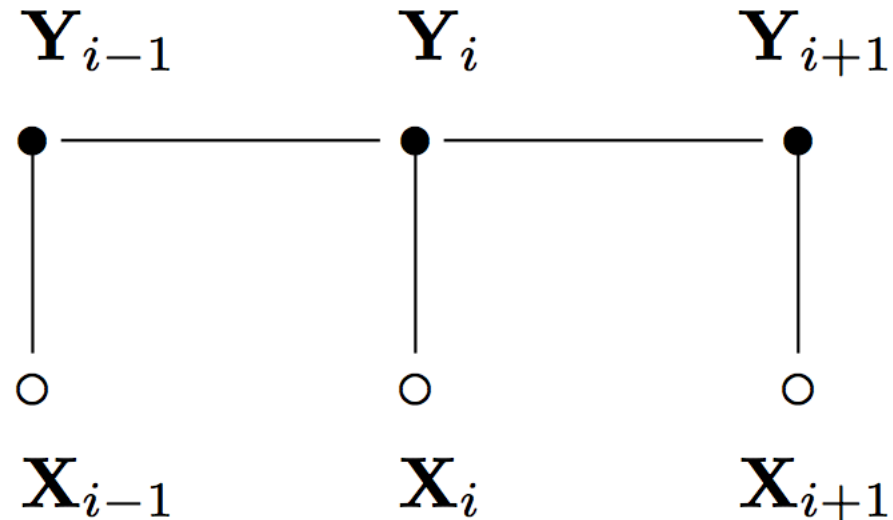


# Label Bias Problem of MEMM

- Problem:

Probabilities of outgoing arcs normalized separately for each state.

# Conditional Random Fields

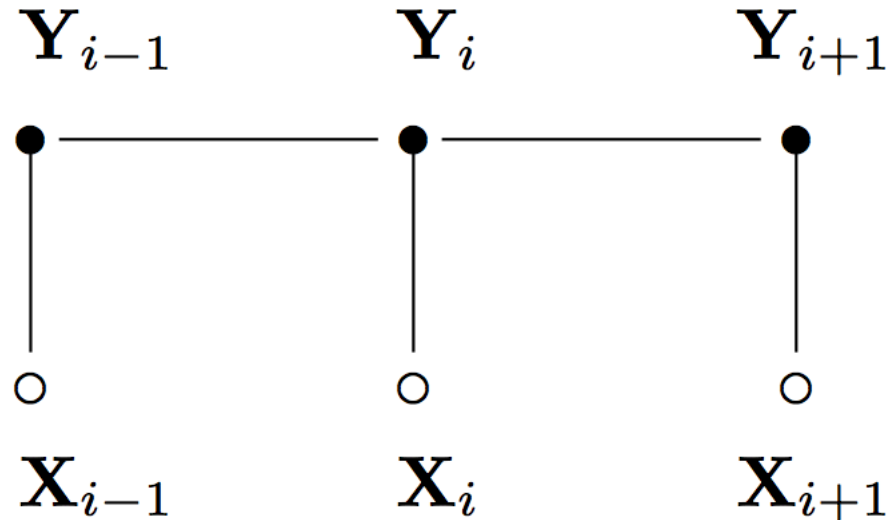


CRFs' advantages

- over HMM: the independence assumption is relaxed, allowing overlapping features.
- over MEMM: undirected graphical model, a single exponential model for the joint probability of the entire label sequence.



# Linear Chain CRFs



$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{x})} \exp \sum_t \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k f_k(y_t, y_{t-1}) + \sum_{h=1}^h \mu_h f_h(x_t, y_t) \right)$$

# Sha & Pereira results

$q(y_{i-1}, y_i)$	$p(x, i)$
$y_i = y$ $y_i = y, y_{i-1} = y'$ $c(y_i) = c$	true
$y_i = y$ or $c(y_i) = c$	$w_i = w$ $w_{i-1} = w$ $w_{i+1} = w$ $w_{i-2} = w$ $w_{i+2} = w$ $w_{i-1} = w', w_i = w$ $w_{i+1} = w', w_i = w$ $t_i = t$ $t_{i-1} = t$ $t_{i+1} = t$ $t_{i-2} = t$ $t_{i+2} = t$ $t_{i-1} = t', t_i = t$ $t_{i-2} = t', t_{i-1} = t$ $t_i = t', t_{i+1} = t$ $t_{i+1} = t', t_{i+2} = t$ $t_{i-2} = t'', t_{i-1} = t', t_i = t$ $t_{i-1} = t'', t_i = t', t_{i+1} = t$ $t_i = t'', t_{i+1} = t', t_{i+2} = t$

Table 1: Shallow parsing features

Model	F score
SVM combination (Kudo and Matsumoto, 2001)	94.39%
CRF	94.38%
Generalized winnow (Zhang et al., 2002)	93.89%
Voted perceptron	94.09%
MEMM	93.70%

Table 2: NP chunking F scores

CRF beats MEMM  
(McNemar's test); MEMM  
*probably* beats voted  
perceptron

# Sha & Pereira results

training method	time	F score	$\mathcal{L}'_{\lambda}$
Precond. CG	130	94.19%	-2968
Mixed CG	540	94.20%	-2990
Plain CG	648	94.04%	-2967
L-BFGS	84	94.19%	-2948
GIS	3700	93.55%	-5668

Table 3: Runtime for various training methods in minutes, 375k examples

# **Sequential Models for IE: Practical Advice**

# Implementing an HMM

- Follow Larry Rabiner's classic HMM tutorial:

## **A Tutorial on Hidden Markov Models and Selected Applications in Speech Recognition**

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LAWRENCE R. RABINER, FELLOW, IEEE

- Debugging an HMM:

Training (forward-backward): check your transition probability matrix.

Decoding (Viterbi): check the output state sequence.

# Understanding CRFs

- actually Lafferty's paper is pretty hard to understand. Instead, try to read Hanna Wallach's CRF introduction.

Conditional Random Fields: An Introduction\*

Hanna M. Wallach

February 24, 2004

# CRF Tools

- CRF++: probably most widely used. Fast, multithreaded L-BFGS training. Support CoNLL format only.
- CRFsuite: flexible data input format. No parallelization.
- Wapiti (recommended): Support CoNLL and customized data format. Fast, multithreaded L-BFGS training.
- Stochastic Gradient CRFs: using SGD training instead of L-BFGS.
- Mallet: CRFs in Java.

# **CRF Demo: Wapiti**

## **<https://wapiti.limsi.fr>**

Training sentence:

Yesterday William Wang flew to Beijing.

Testing sentence:

Yesterday William Cohen flew to Buenos Aires.



# Semi-supervised IE

# Semi-supervised IE

- Basic idea:
  - Find where a known fact occurs in text, by matching/alignment/...
  - Use this as training data for a conventional IE learning system.
- Once you've learned an extractor from that data
  - Run the extractor on some (maybe additional) text
  - Take the (possibly noisy) new facts and start over
- This is called: “Self-training” or “bootstrapping”

# Macro-reading c. 1992

## Automatic Acquisition of Hyponyms from Large Text Corpora

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[Coling 1992]

Idea: write some *specific patterns* that indicate  
A is a kind of B:

1. ... such NP as NP (“at such **schools** as CMU, students rarely need extensions”)
2. NP, NP, or other NP (“William, Carlos or other **machine learning professors**”)
3. NP including NP (“**struggling teams** including the Pirates”)
4. NP, especially NP (**prestigious conferences**, especially NIPS)

Results: 8.6M words of Grolier’s  
encyclopedia → 7067 pattern instances →  
152 relations

Many were not in WordNet.

Marti’s system was iterative

# Another iterative, high-precision system

## Extracting Patterns and Relations from the World Wide Web

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[some workshop, 1998]

Unlike Hearst, Brin learned the patterns; and learned very *high-precision, easy-to-match* patterns using regular expressions.

Result: 24M web pages + 5 books → 199 occurrences → 3 patterns → 4047 occurrences + 5M pages → 3947 occurrences → 105 patterns → ... 15,257 books \*with some manual tweaks

Idea: exploit “pattern/relation duality”:

1. Start with some *seed* instances of (*author, title*) pairs (“Isaac Asimov”, “The Robots of Dawn”)
2. Look for *occurrences* of these pairs on the web.
3. Generate *patterns* that match the seeds.
  - URLprefix, prefix, middle, suffix
4. Extract new (*author, title*) pairs that match the patterns.
5. Go to 2.

# Key Ideas: So Far

- High-precision low-coverage extractors and large redundant corpora (macro-reading)
- Self-training/bootstrapping
  - 1) Advantage: train on a small corpus, test on a larger one
    - You can use more-or-less off-the-shelf learning methods
    - You can work with very large corpora
  - 2) But, data gets noisier and noisier as you iterate
  - 3) Need either
    - really* high-precision extractors, or
    - some way to cope with the noise

# A variant of bootstrapping: co-training

## Redundantly Sufficient Features:

- features  $x$  can be separated into two types  $x_1, x_2$
- either  $x_1$  or  $x_2$  is sufficient for classification – i.e. there exists functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  such that

$$f(x) = f_1(x_1) = f_2(x_2) \text{ has low error}$$

person

..., says Mr. Cooper, a vice president of ..

spelling feature

context feature

e.g. Capitalization= $X+.X+$   
Prefix= $Mr.$

e.g., based on words nearby  
in dependency parse

# Another kind of self-training

## Combining Labeled and Unlabeled Data with Co-Training<sup>‡</sup>

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[COLT 98]

Given:

- a set  $L$  of labeled training examples
- a set  $U$  of unlabeled examples

Create a pool  $U'$  of examples by choosing  $u$  examples at random from  $U$

Loop for  $k$  iterations:

Use  $L$  to train a classifier  $h_1$  that considers only the  $x_1$  portion of  $x$

Use  $L$  to train a classifier  $h_2$  that considers only the  $x_2$  portion of  $x$

Allow  $h_1$  to label  $p$  positive and  $n$  negative examples from  $U'$

Allow  $h_2$  to label  $p$  positive and  $n$  negative examples from  $U'$

Add these self-labeled examples to  $L$

Randomly choose  $2p + 2n$  examples from  $U$  to replenish  $U'$

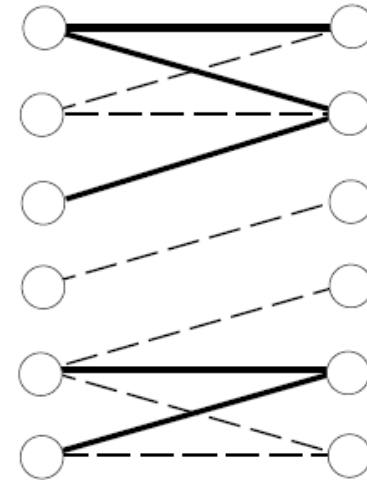


Figure 1: Graphs  $G_{\mathcal{D}}$  and  $G_S$ . Edges represent examples with non-zero probability under  $\mathcal{D}$ . Solid edges represent examples observed in some finite sample  $S$ . Notice that given our assumptions, even without seeing any labels the learning algorithm can deduce that any two examples belonging to the same connected component in  $G_S$  must have the same classification.

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# Unsupervised Models for Named Entity Classification

Michael Collins and Yoram Singer [EMNLP 99]

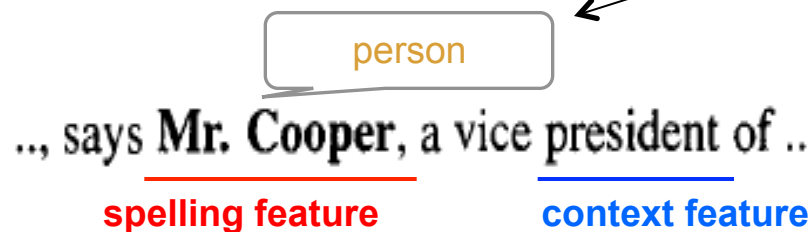
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Candidate entities  $x$   
segmented using a  
POS pattern



e.g., Capitalization= $X+.X+$   
Prefix= $Mr.$

Based on dependency parse

# Evaluation for Collins and Singer

Learning Algorithm	Accuracy (Clean)	Accuracy (Noise)
Baseline	45.8%	41.8%
EM	83.1%	75.8%
(Yarowsky 95)	81.3%	74.1%
Yarowsky-cautious	91.2%	83.2%
<b>DL-CoTrain</b>	91.3%	83.3%
<b>CoBoost</b>	91.1%	83.1%

Table 2: Accuracy for different learning methods. The baseline method tags all entities as the most frequent class type (organization).

88,962 examples (spelling, context) pairs

7 seed rules are used

1000 examples are chosen as test data (85 noise)

We label the examples as (location, person, organization, noise)

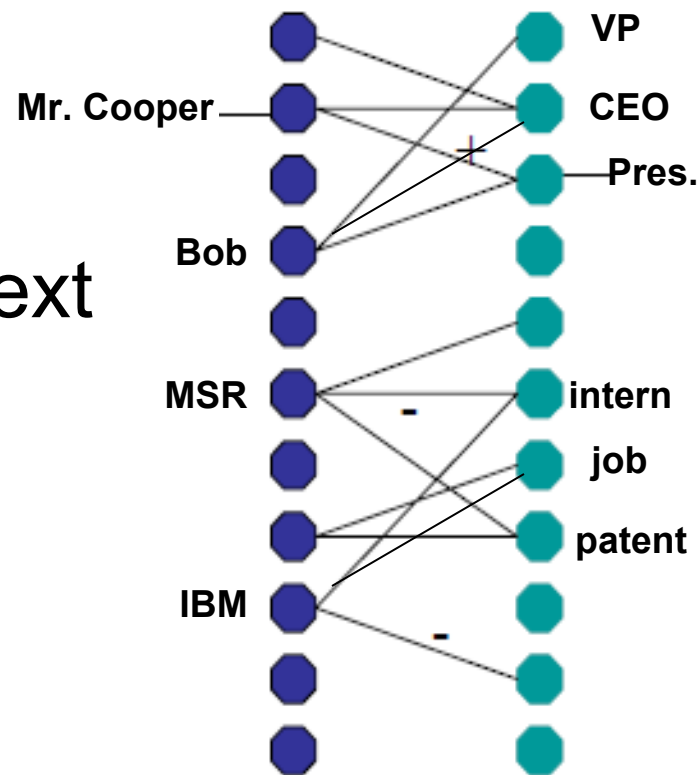
$$\text{Accuracy : Noise} = \frac{N_c}{962}$$

$$\text{Accuracy : Clean} = \frac{N_c}{962 - 85}$$

# Key Ideas: So Far

- High-precision low-coverage extractors and large redundant corpora (macro-reading)
- Self-training/bootstrapping
- Co-training
- Clustering phrases by context

Don't propagate labels;  
Instead do without them entirely



# Induction of Semantic Classes from Natural Language Text

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[KDD 2002]

Basic idea: parse a big corpus, then cluster NPs by their contexts

CONCEPT	MEMBERS
<i>Nq178</i>	Toyota, Honda, Volkswagen, Mazda, Oldsmobile, BMW Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Cadillac, Volvo, Subaru, Chevrolet, Mercedes, Buick, Porsche, Nissan, VW, Mitsubishi, Renault, Hyundai, Isuzu, Jaguar, Suzuki, Dodge, Rolls-Royce, Pontiac, Fiat, Chevy, Saturn, Yugo, Ferrari, "Mercedes Benz", Plymouth, mustang, Beretta, Panasonic, Corvette, Nintendo, Camaro
<i>Nq352</i>	heroin, cocaine, marijuana, narcotic, alcohol, steroid, crack, opium
<i>Nq356</i>	Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, "British Columbia", Ontario, "New Brunswick", Newfoundland, Quebec, Guangdong, "Prince Edward Island", "Nova Scotia", "Papua New Guinea", "Northwest Territories", Luzon

Table 1. Excerpts of entries in the collocation database for *duty* and *responsibility* [12].

DUTY		RESPONSIBILITY	
modified-by adjectives	<u>fiduciary</u> 319, active 251, <u>other</u> 82, official 76, <u>additional</u> 47, <u>administrative</u> 44, military 44, <u>constitutional</u> 41, reserve 24, high 23, <u>moral</u> 21, double 16, <u>day-to-day</u> 15, normal 15, <u>specific</u> 15, assigned 14, extra 13, <u>operating</u> 13, temporary 13, <u>corporate</u> 12, peacekeeping 12, possible 12, regular 12, retaliatory 12, <u>heavy</u> 11, routine 11, sacred 11, stiff 11, congressional 10, <u>fundamental</u> 10, hazardous 10, <u>main</u> 10, patriotic 10, punitive 10, <u>special</u> 10, ...	modified-by adjectives	more 107, full 92, <u>fiduciary</u> 89, primary 88, personal 79, great 69, financial 64, fiscal 59, social 59, <u>moral</u> 48, <u>additional</u> 46, ultimate 39, <u>day-to-day</u> 37, <u>special</u> 37, individual 36, legal 35, <u>other</u> 35, <u>corporate</u> 30, direct 30, <u>constitutional</u> 29, given 29, overall 29, added 28, sole 25, <u>operating</u> 23, broad 22, political 22, <u>heavy</u> 20, <u>main</u> 18, shared 18, professional 17, current 15, federal 14, joint 14, enormous 13, executive 13, operational 13, similar 13, <u>administrative</u> 10, <u>fundamental</u> 10, <u>specific</u> 10, ...
object-of verbs	<u>have</u> 253, <u>assume</u> 190, perform 153, <u>do</u> 131, impose 118, breach 112, <u>carry out</u> 79, <u>violate</u> 54, return to 50, <u>fulfill</u> 44, <u>handle</u> 42, resume 41, <u>take over</u> 35, pay 26, see 26, <u>avoid</u> 19, neglect 18, <u>shirk</u> 18, <u>include</u> 17,	object-of verbs	<u>have</u> 747, claim 741, take 643, <u>assume</u> 390, accept 220, bear 187, <u>share</u> 103, deny 86, <u>fulfill</u> 53, meet 48, feel 47, retain 47, shift 47, <u>carry out</u> 45, <u>take over</u> 41, shoulder 29, escape 28, transfer 28, delegate 26, give 25, admit 23, <u>do</u> 21, acknowledge 20, exercise 20,

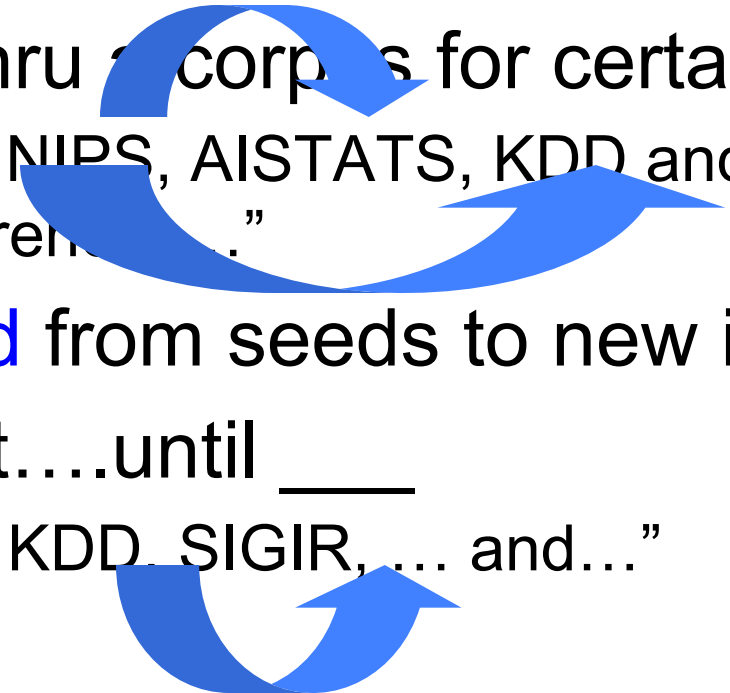
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- Self-training/bootstrapping or co-training
- Other semi-supervised methods:
  - 1) Expectation-maximization: like self-training but you “soft-label” the unlabeled examples with the *expectation* over the labels in each iteration.
  - 2) Works for almost any generative model (e.g., HMMs)
  - 3) Learns directly from all the data
    - Maybe better; Maybe slower
    - Extreme cases:  
supervised learning .... **clustering** + cluster-labeling

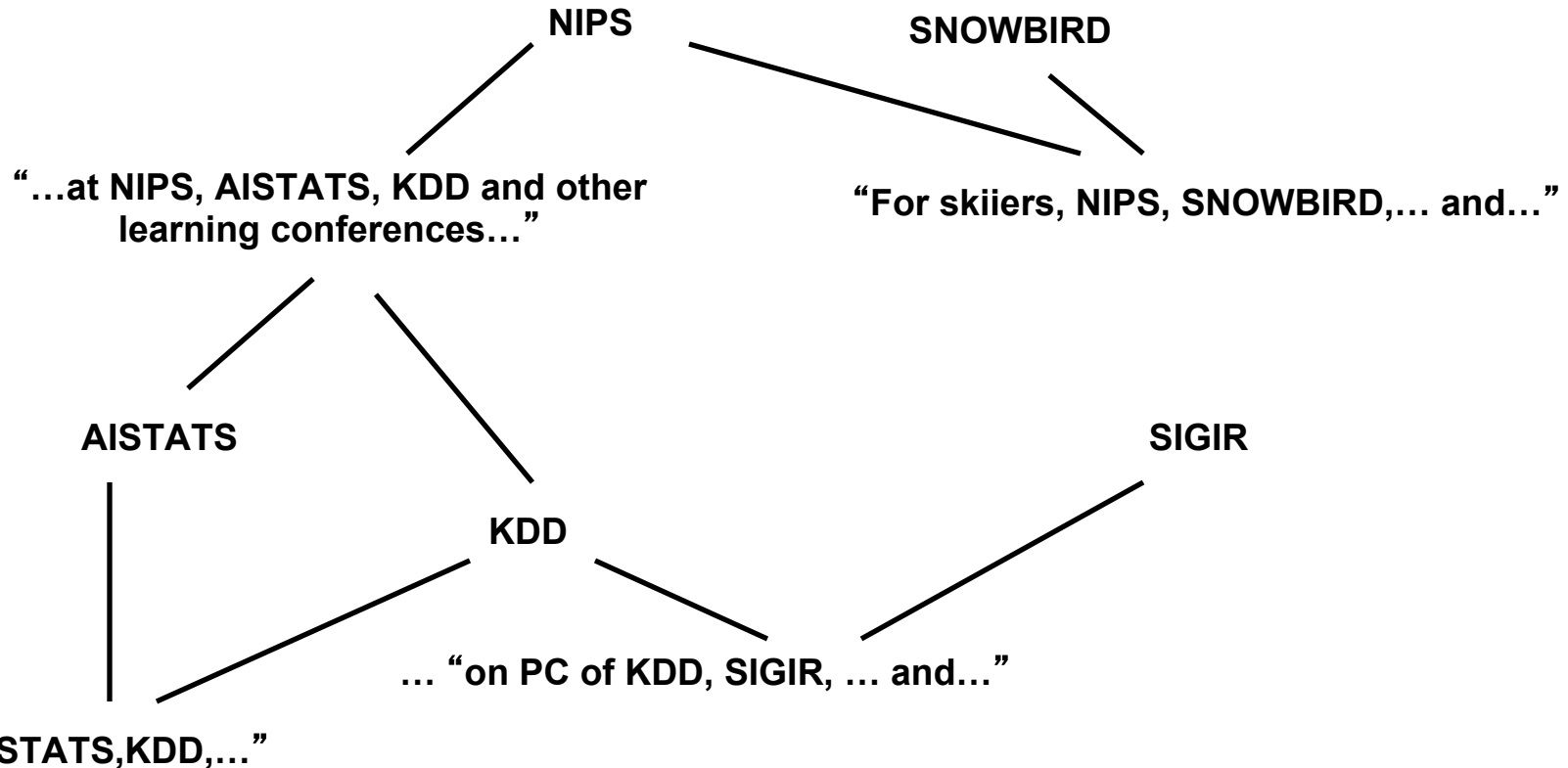
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  - Expectation-maximization
  - Transductive margin-based methods (e.g., transductive SVM)
  - Graph-based methods

# History: Open-domain IE by pattern-matching (Hearst, 92)

- Start with seeds: “NIPS”, “ICML”
  - Look thru corpuses for certain patterns:
    - ... “at NIPS, AISTATS, KDD and other learning conferences.”
  - **Expand** from seeds to new instances
- Repeat....until \_\_\_\_\_  
“on PC of KDD, SIGIR, ... and...”
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# Bootstrapping as graph proximity



shorter paths ~ earlier iterations  
many paths ~ additional evidence



# Similarity of Nodes in Graphs: Personal PageRank/RandomWalk with Restart

- Similarity defined by PageRank
- Similarity between nodes  $x$  and  $y$ :

“Random surfer model”: from a node  $z$ ,

with probability  $\alpha$ , stop and “output”  $z$

pick an edge label (rel)  $r$  using  $\Pr(r \mid z)$  ... e.g. uniform

pick a  $y$  given  $x, r$ : e.g. uniform from  $\{y' : z \rightarrow y' \text{ with label } r\}$

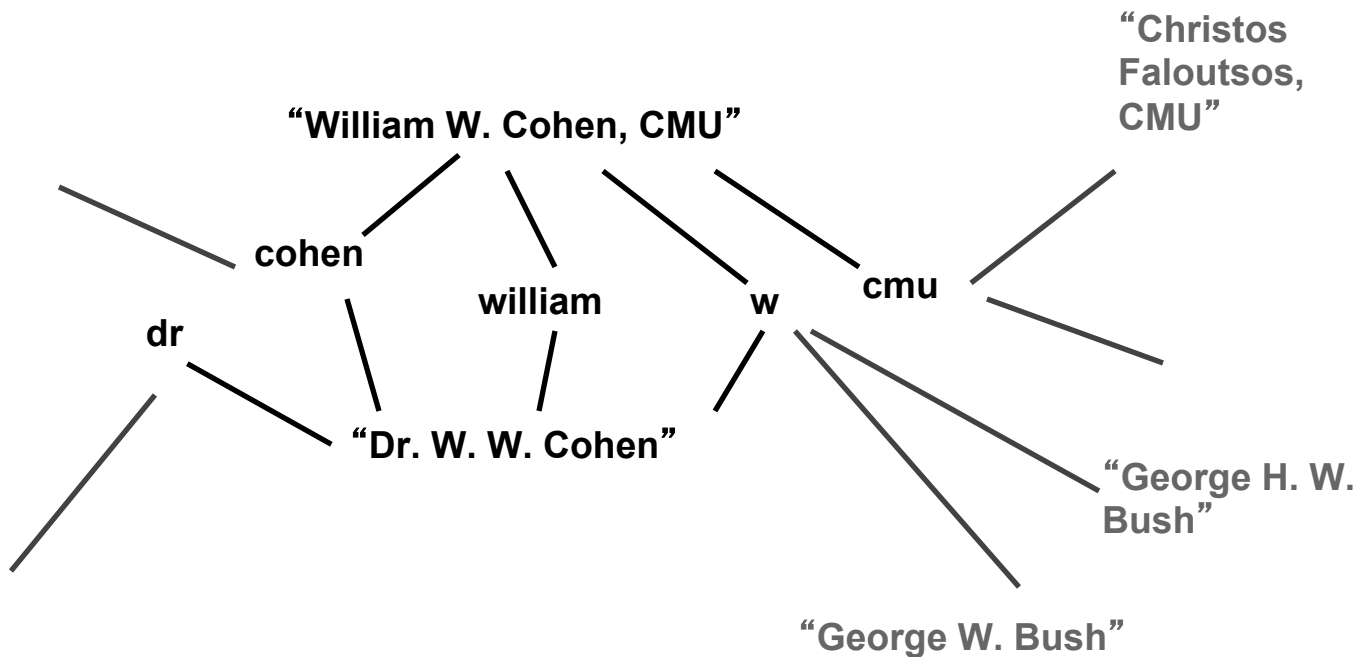
repeat from node  $y$  ....

Similarity  $x \sim y = \Pr(\text{“output” } y \mid \text{start at } x)$

Bootstrapping: propagate from labeled data to “similar” unlabeled data.

Intuitively,  $x \sim y$  is summation of weight of all paths from  $x$  to  $y$ , where *weight* of path decreases exponentially with length.

# PPR/RWR on a Graph



# A little math exercise...

Let  $x$  be less than 1 and larger than 0. Then

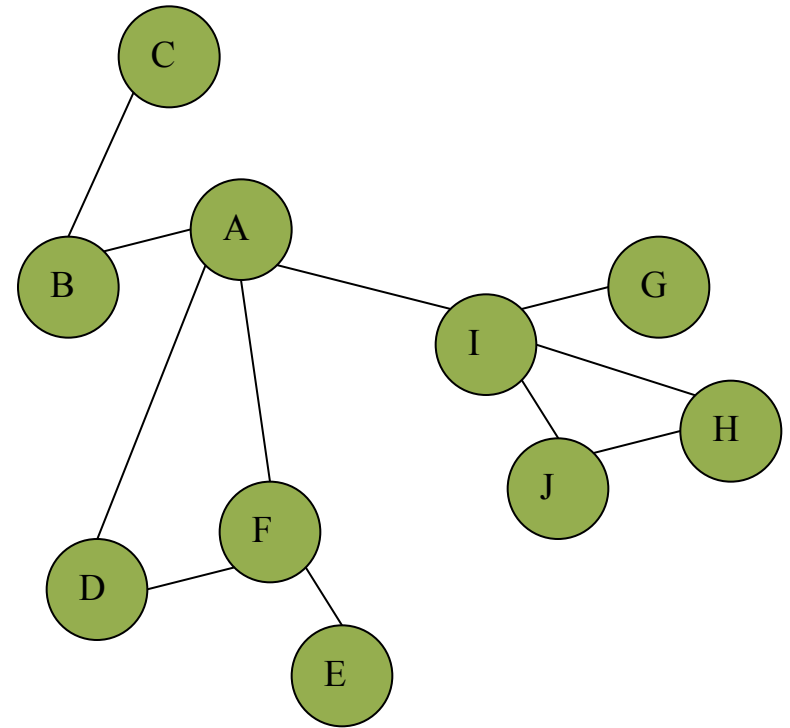
$$y = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n$$

$$y \approx (1 - x)^{-1}$$

Example:  $x=0.1$ , and  $1+0.1+0.01+0.001+\dots = 1.11111 = 10/9$ .

# Graph = Matrix

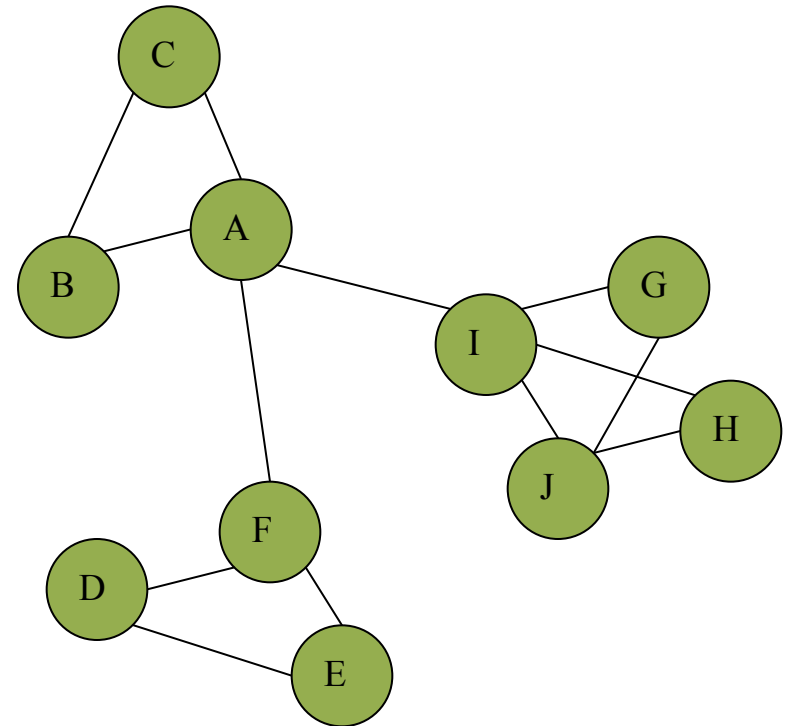
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
A		1		1		1			1	
B	1		1							
C		1								
D	1					1				
E						1				
F	1			1	1					
G									1	
H							1		1	1
I	1						1	1		1
J								1	1	



# Graph = Matrix

Transitively Closed Components = “Blocks”

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
A	-	1	1			1			1	
B	1	-	1							
C	1	1	-							
D				-	1	1				
E				1	-	1				
F	1			1	1	-				
G							-		1	1
H								-	1	1
I	1						1	1	-	1
J							1	1	1	-



Of course we can't see the “blocks” unless the nodes are sorted by cluster...

# Graph = Matrix

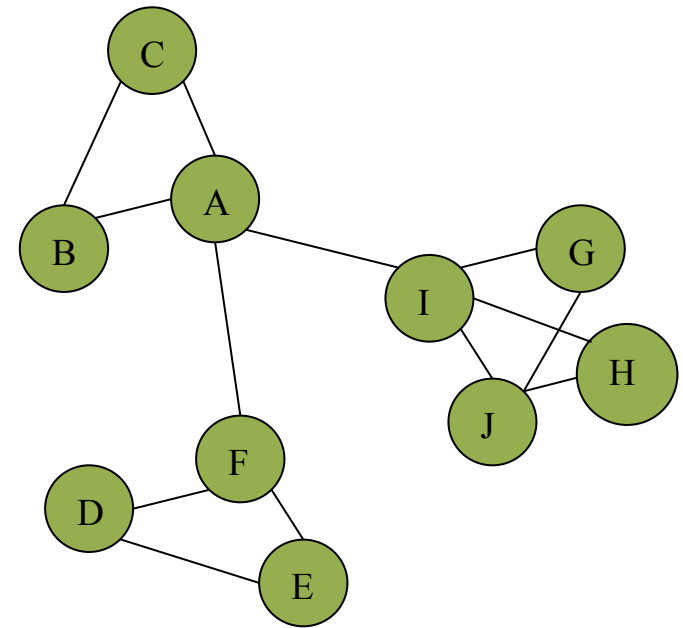
Vector = Node  $\rightarrow$  Weight

**M**

**v**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
A	-	1	1			1			1	
B	1	-	1							
C	1	1	-							
D				-	1	1				
E				1	-	1				
F	1			1	1	-				
G							-		1	1
H								-	1	1
I	1						1	1	-	1
J							1	1	1	-

	A
A	4
B	2
C	3
D	
E	
F	
G	
H	
I	
J	



**M**

# Graph = Matrix

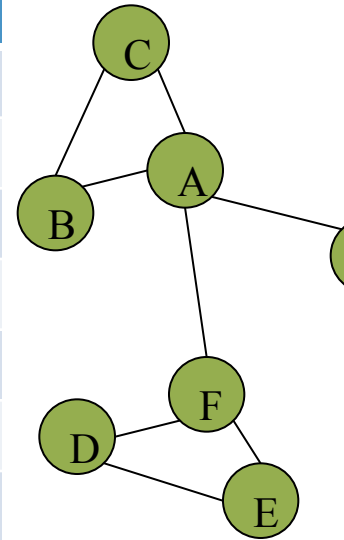
$M * v_1 = v_2$  “propagates weights from neighbors”

$$M * v_1 = v_2$$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
A	-	1	1			1				
B	1	-	1							
C	1	1	-							
D				-	1	1				
E				1	-	1				
F				1	1	-				
G							-		1	1
H								-	1	1
I								1	1	-
J								1	1	1

A	4
B	2
C	3
D	
E	
F	
G	
H	
I	
J	

A	$2*1+3*1+0*1$
B	$4*1+3*1$
C	$4*1+2*1$
D	
E	
F	
G	
H	
I	
J	



M

# A little math...

Let  $W[i,j]$  be  $\Pr(\text{walk to } j \text{ from } i)$  and let  $\alpha$  be less than 1. Then:

$$Y = I + \alpha W + (\alpha W)^2 + (\alpha W)^3 + \dots (\alpha W)^n$$

$$Y(I - \alpha W) = (I + \alpha W + (\alpha W)^2 + (\alpha W)^3 + \dots)(I - W)$$

$$Y(I - \alpha W) = (I - \alpha W) + (\alpha W - (\alpha W)^2 + \dots)(I - W)$$

$$Y(I - \alpha W) = I - (\alpha W)^{n+1}$$

$$Y \approx (I - \alpha W)^{-1} \quad Y[i, j] = \frac{1}{Z} \Pr(j | i)$$

The matrix  $(I - \alpha W)$  is the *Laplacian* of  $\alpha W$ .

Generally the Laplacian is  $(D - A)$  where  $D[i,i]$  is the degree of  $i$  in the adjacency matrix  $A$ .



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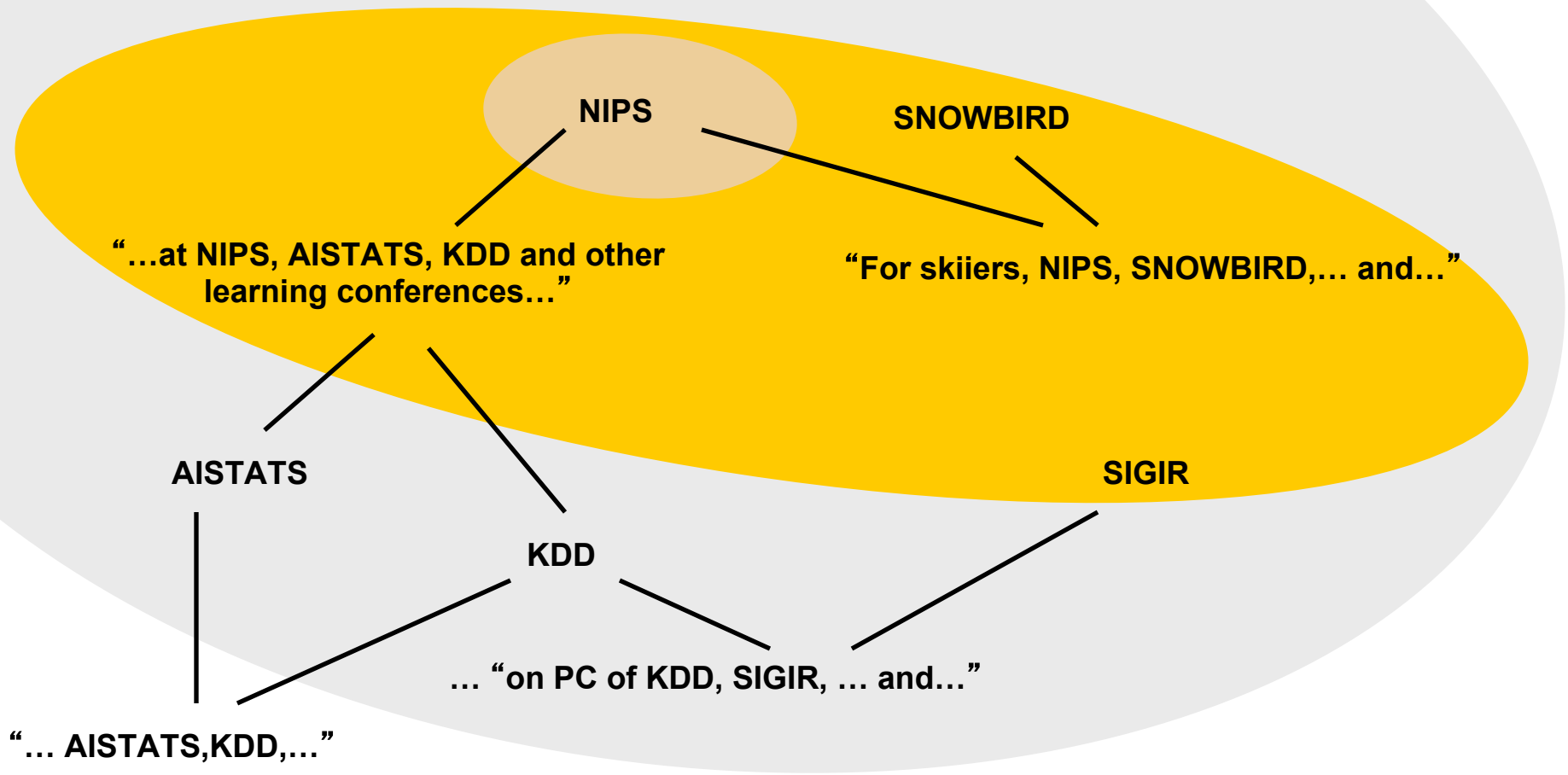
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$$\mathbf{v}^0 = \langle 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \overset{\text{component } i}{1}, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$$
$$\mathbf{v}^{t+1} = (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{v}^0 + \alpha\mathbf{W}\mathbf{v}^{t-1}$$
$$\mathbf{v}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{v}^0 \text{ so } \mathbf{v}^n[j] \approx \Pr(j | i)$$

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# Bootstrapping via PPR/RWR on graph of patterns and nodes



Examples: Cohen & Minkov EMNLP 2008; Komachi et al EMLNLP 2008; Talukdar et al, EMNLP 2008, ACL 2010

# Key Ideas: So Far

- High-precision low-coverage extractors and large redundant corpora (macro-reading)
- Self-training/bootstrapping or co-training
- Other semi-supervised methods:
  - Expectation-maximization
  - Transductive margin-based methods (e.g., transductive SVM)
  - Graph-based methods
  - Label propagation via random walk with reset

# Bootstrapping

*Clustering by distributional similarity...*

Lin & Pantel '02

Hearst '92

*Deeper linguistic features, free text...*

BlumMitchell '98

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Brin' 98

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Boosting-based co-train method using content & context features; context based on Collins' parser; learn to *classify* three types of NE

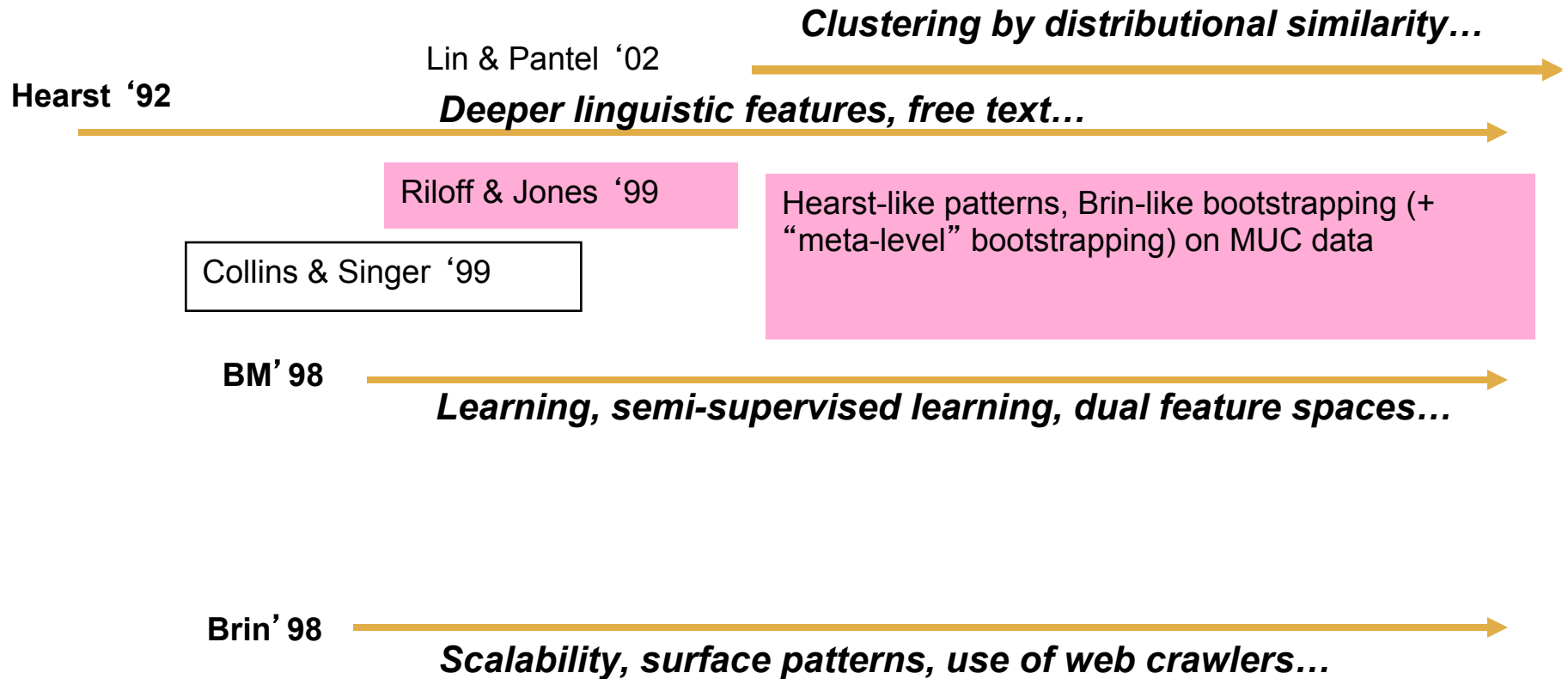
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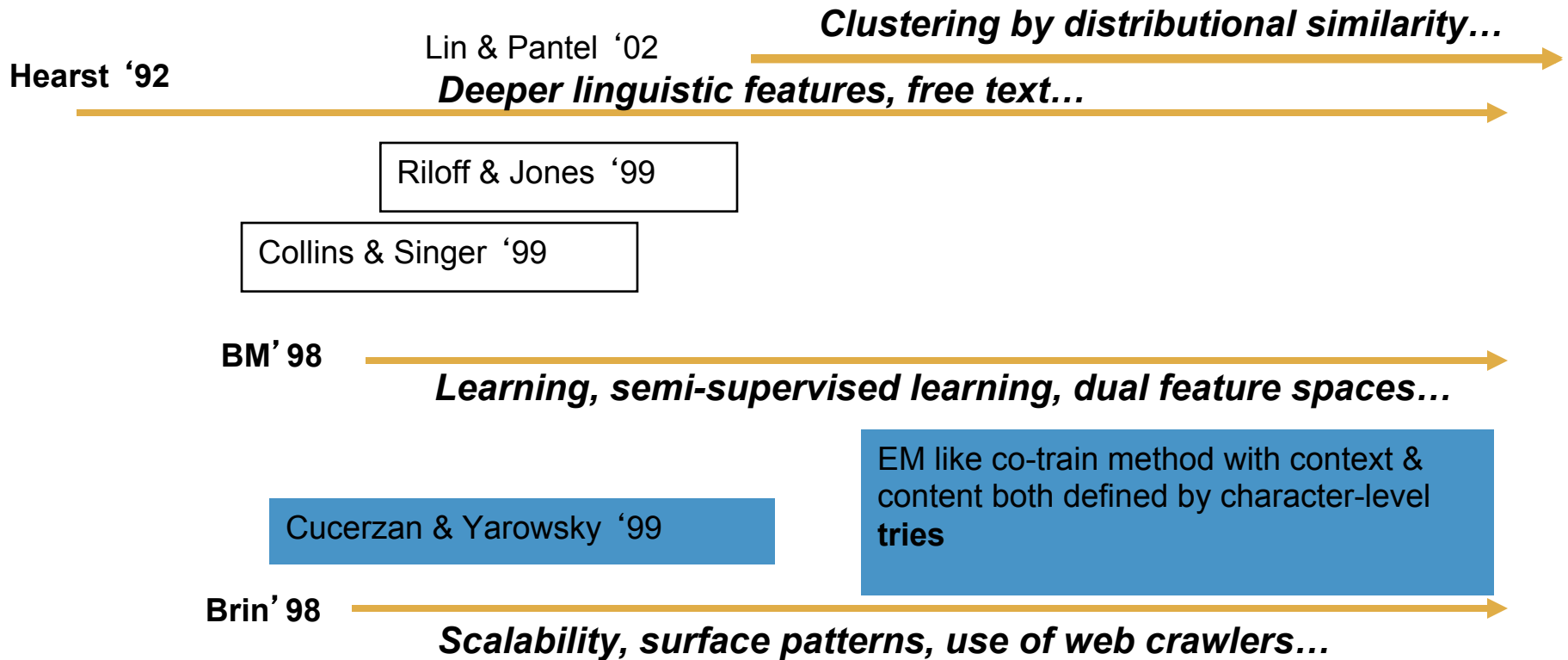
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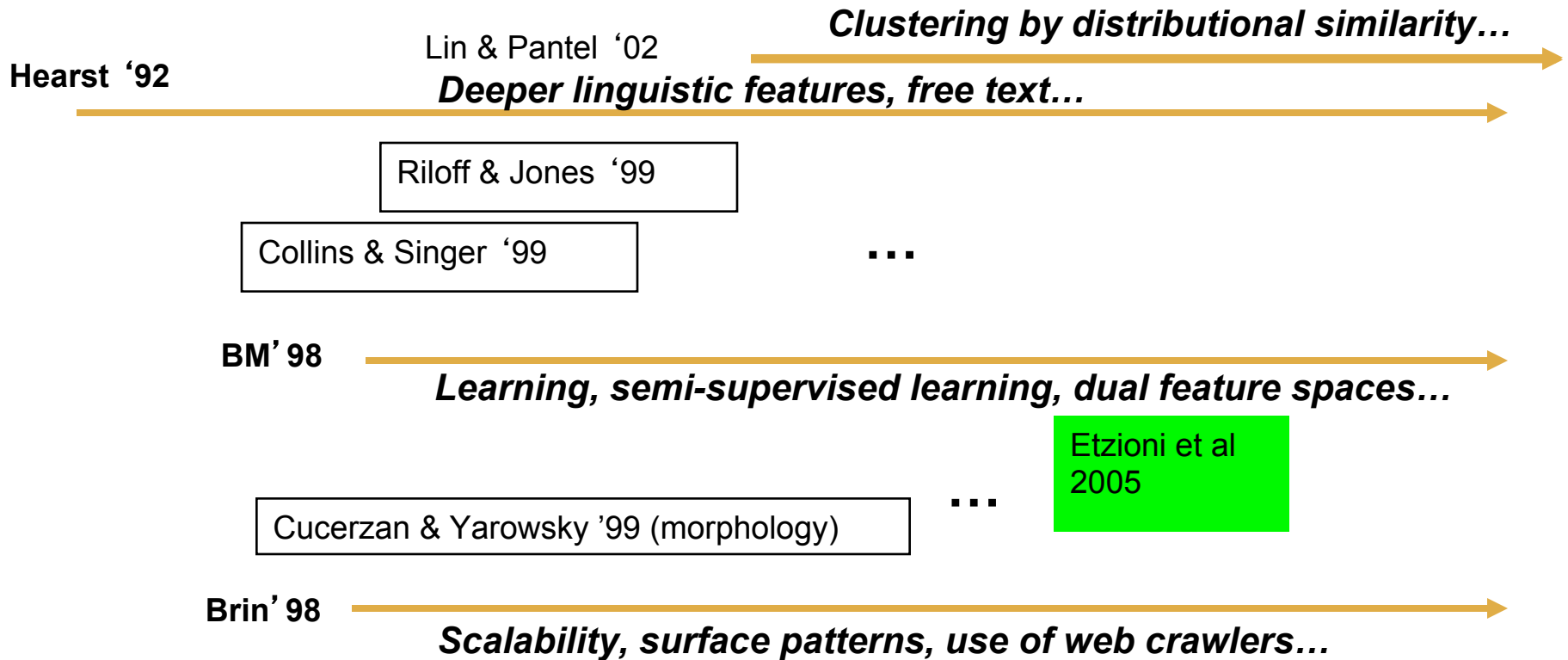
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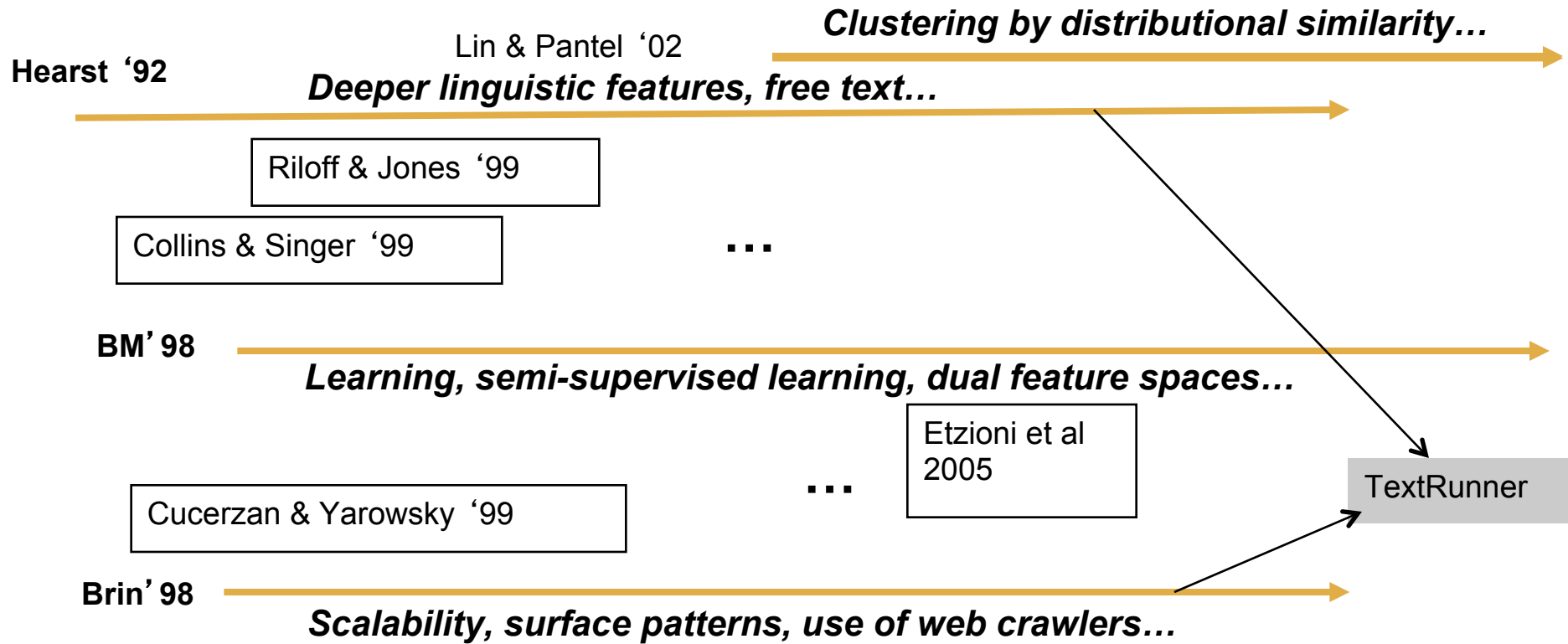


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Etzioni et al  
2005

NELL

TextRunner

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# OpenIE Demo

<http://knowitall.github.io/openie/>

# Never Ending Language Learning

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Machine Learning Department  
Carnegie Mellon University



# NELL Theses

1. we'll never understand learning until we build never-ending machine learners
2. background knowledge is key to deep semantic analysis
  - NELL KB, plus
  - large scale corpus statistics

# NELL today

Running 24x7, since January, 12, 2010





















Today:

- knowledge base with ~100 million confidence-weighted beliefs
  - learning to read
  - gradually improving reading accuracy
  - learning to reason
    - gradually improving KB size,
  - > 100,000 learned rules, scalable probabilistic inference
  - extending ontology
- new relations: clustering typed pairs
- new categories: (developing) clustering + reading subsets
- beginning to include image analysis (via NEIL)

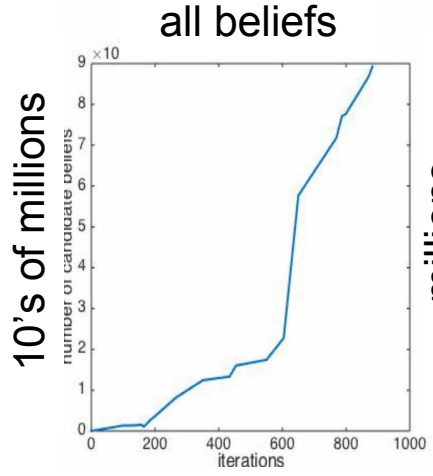
# NELL Web Interface

Recently-Learned Facts 

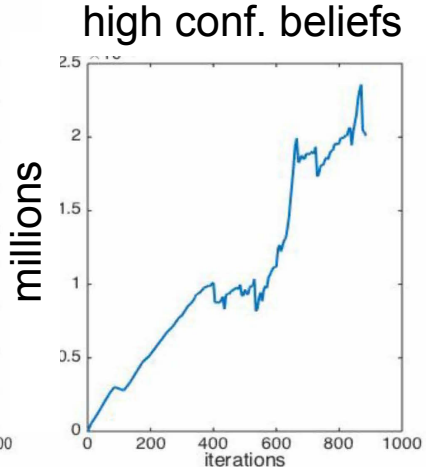
Refresh

instance	iteration	date	learned	confidence	
<u>african americans at siege of petersburg 1</u> is a <u>military conflict</u>	938	10-jul-2015		90.6	 
<u>david koch</u> is a <u>professor</u>	934	25-jun-2015		100.0	 
<u>california sacramento farm</u> is a <u>farm</u>	934	25-jun-2015		99.0	 
<u>estate referral services</u> is a <u>profession</u>	934	25-jun-2015		94.4	 
<u>japanese chicken wings</u> is a type of <u>meat</u>	937	07-jul-2015		99.4	 
<u>banc of america securities</u> is a company <u>in the economic sector of investment</u>	934	25-jun-2015		99.6	 
<u>fcc</u> is <u>headquartered in the city washington d c</u>	939	16-jul-2015		96.9	 
<u>patrick vieira plays for the team france</u>	939	16-jul-2015		93.8	 
<u>tom anderson</u> is a <u>top member of myspace</u>	939	16-jul-2015		93.8	 
<u>office</u> is a <u>synonym for united states department</u>	934	25-jun-2015		100.0	 

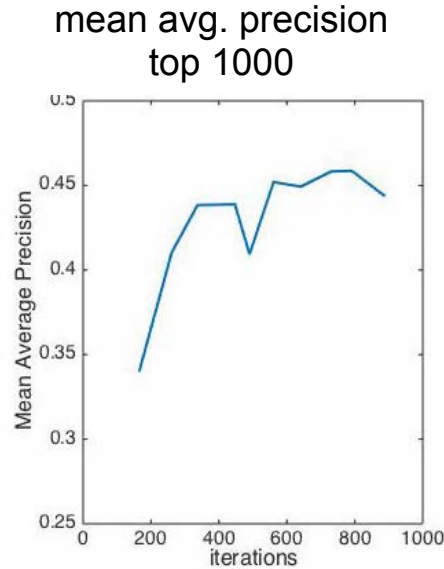
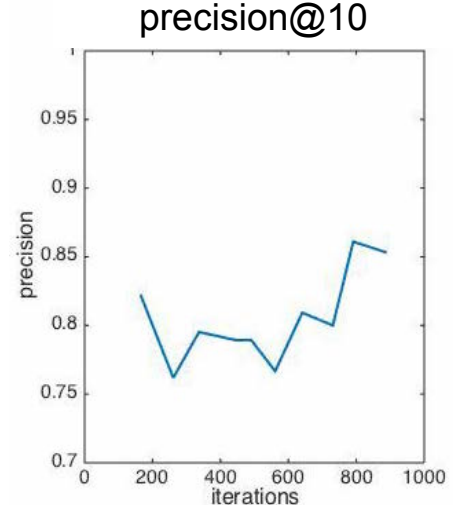
# NELL Is Improving Over Time (Jan 2010 to Nov 2014)



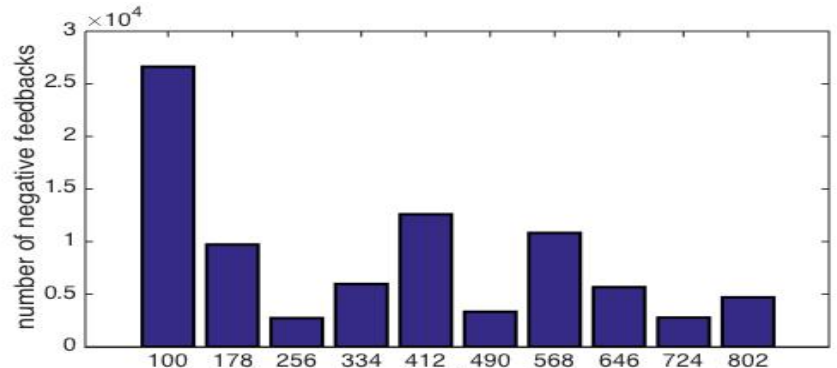
number of NELL beliefs vs. time



reading accuracy vs. time  
(average over 31 predicates)



[Mitchell et al., 2015]



human feedback vs. time  
(average 2.4 feedbacks per predicate per month)



# Portuguese NELL

## Recently-Learned

### instance

[adriane\\_galisteu](#) is

[basf\\_e\\_faber\\_caste](#)

[manaus\\_cavaliers](#) i

[jacutinga\\_campina](#)

[fim\\_da\\_guerra](#) is a

[bamerindus](#) is a ba

[nissan](#) is a compar

[susana\\_vieira](#) is a p

[campeonato\\_brasil](#)

[toyota\\_mitsubishi](#)

- mes
- ano
- dataliteral
- evento
- eventoesportista
  - olimpíadas
  - grandepremio
  - corrida
  - jogoesportivo
- convencao
- fenomenometeo
- tipodeeventomil
  - conflitomilitar
- conferencia
  - conferenciade
- eleicao
- festivaldemusica
- festivaldefilmes
- resultadodeeven
- crimeouacusaca
- contapolitica
- coordernadas
- metricadeam
- emocao

## conflitomilitar

(category)

See learned instances of conflitomilitar [as a list](#) or [on a](#)

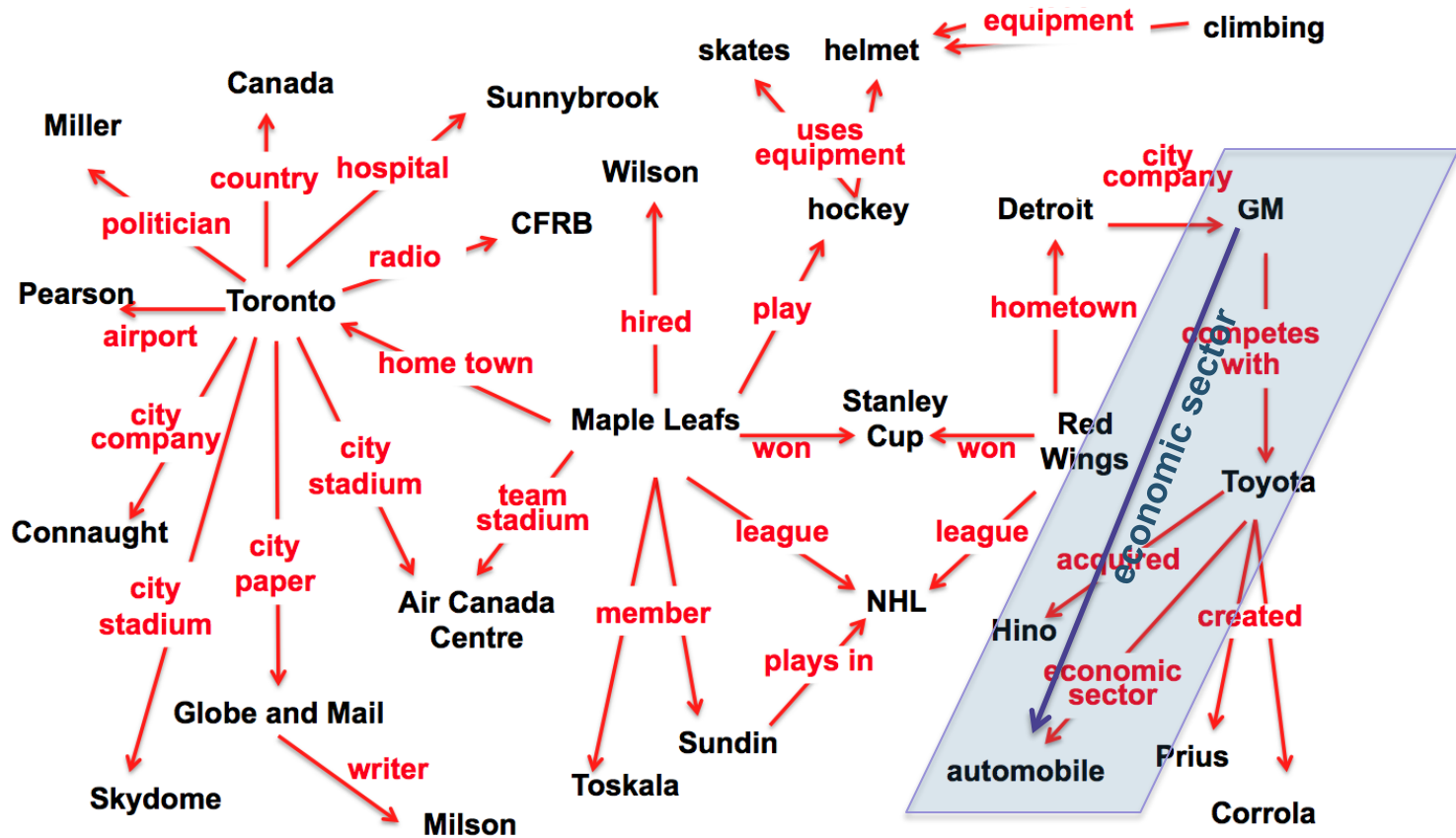
## Metadata

### • allLearnedPatterns

- "a armada durante \_" "a causa diplomática \_" "a armamentista durante \_" "a declaração de capit data \_" "a disputa tecnológica \_" "a fronteira iminência \_" "a guarnição francesa durante \_" \_" "a P.Y.S.B.E. na \_" "a P.Y.S.B.E. \_" "a ponte res promover \_" "acabaram a produção no \_" "a agudização no \_" "antecederam os conflitos d "arquiinimigos na \_" "As décadas do cabaré Ap \_" "As origens do conflito A \_" "as razões teóri iraquianas durante \_" "aviões de luta e \_" "baci "batalha da propaganda durante \_" "bimotor na \_" \_" "cidades do leste durante \_" "combates de av \_" "conflito militar apelidado de \_" "conflito mili militar chamado de \_" "conflito militar como \_" \_" "conflito militar tal como \_" "conflitos militare

# Infer New Beliefs

[Lao, Mitchell, Cohen, *EMNLP* 2011]

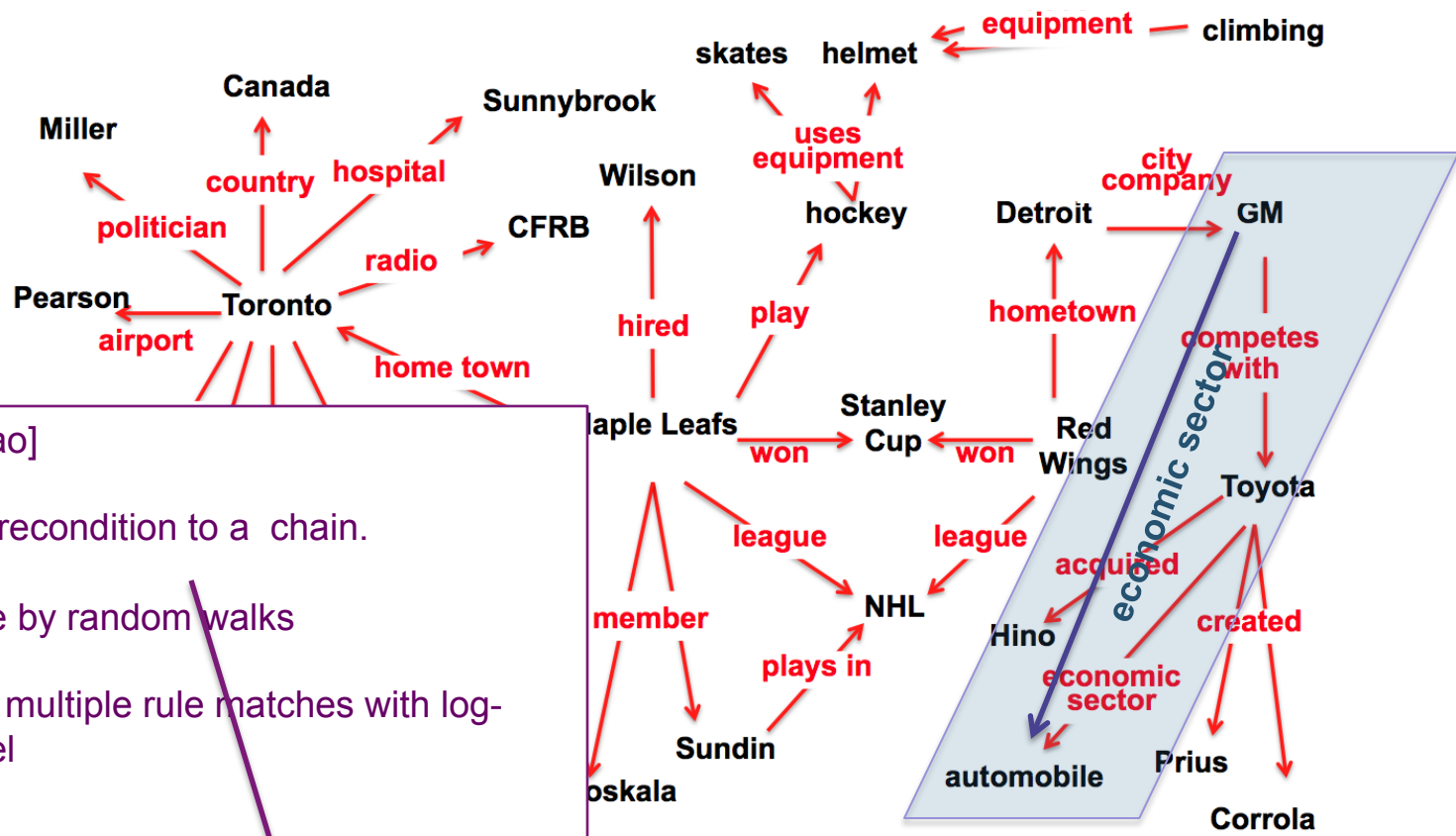


If:  $x_1$  — **competes with** ( $x_1, x_2$ ) —  $x_2$  — **economic sector** ( $x_2, x_3$ ) —  $x_3$

Then: **economic sector** ( $x_1, x_3$ )

# Inference by Random Walks

PRA: [Lao, Mitchell, Cohen, *EMNLP* 2011]



PRA: [Ni Lao]

1. restrict precondition to a chain.
2. inference by random walks
3. combine multiple rule matches with log-linear model

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# Course Outline

1. Basic theories and practices on named entity recognition.
2. Recent advances in relation extraction:
  - a. distant supervision
  - b. latent variable models
3. Scalable IE and reasoning with first-order logics.

# **Recent Advances in IE: Distant Supervision**

# Relation Extraction

Predict relations between entities based on mentions (Cullota and Sorenson, 2004)

Example: learn the *mascot(object, org)* relation.

Training data:

*“A **Scottish Terrier** has clearly won the hearts of the campus community and will become **Carnegie Mellon's new official mascot**”*



# Challenge

It is very expensive to obtain labeled training data.

# Distant Supervision

Idea: if we know the relation between two entities, then any sentence that includes these two entities is likely to express the same relation.



# Distant Supervision

*Mintz, Bills, Snow, Jurafsky. 2009. Distant supervision for relation extraction without labeled data. ACL-2009.*

Use a knowledge base of known relations to collect a lot of noisy training data.



# Distant Supervision

Example: *mascot(Stanford\_tree, Stanford\_Band).*

High quality examples:

*“The **Stanford Tree** is the **Stanford Band's** mascot.”*

*“Called — appropriately — the **Stanford Tree**, it is the official mascot of the **band**.”*

Noisy examples:

*“The **Stanford band** invites you to be **Tree** for a day.”*



# Distant Supervision: Pros

- **Has the advantages of supervised learning**
  - leverage rich, reliable hand-created knowledge
  - can use rich features (e.g. syntactic features)
- **Has the advantages of unsupervised learning**
  - leverage unlimited amounts of text data
  - allows for very large number of weak features
  - not sensitive to training corpus: genre independent

# Mintz et al., (2009) ACL

Mintz, Bills, Snow, Jurafsky (2009).

Distant supervision for relation extraction without labeled data.



## Training set



102 relations  
940,000 entities  
1.8 million instances

## Corpus



1.8 million articles  
25.7 million sentences

# Frequent Freebase Relations

Relation name	Size	Example
/people/person/nationality	281,107	John Dugard, South Africa
/location/location/contains	253,223	Belgium, Nijlen
/people/person/profession	208,888	Dusa McDuff, Mathematician
/people/person/place_of_birth	105,799	Edwin Hubble, Marshfield
/dining/restaurant/cuisine	86,213	MacAyo's Mexican Kitchen, Mexican
/business/business_chain/location	66,529	Apple Inc., Apple Inc., South Park, NC
/biology/organism_classification_rank	42,806	Scorpaeniformes, Order
/film/film/genre	40,658	Where the Sidewalk Ends, Film noir
/film/film/language	31,103	Enter the Phoenix, Cantonese
/biology/organism_higher_classification	30,052	Calopteryx, Calopterygidae
/film/film/country	27,217	Turtle Diary, United States
/film/writer/film	23,856	Irving Shulman, Rebel Without a Cause
/film/director/film	23,539	Michael Mann, Collateral
/film/producer/film	22,079	Diane Eskenazi, Aladdin
/people/deceased_person/place_of_death	18,814	John W. Kern, Asheville
/music/artist/origin	18,619	The Octopus Project, Austin
/people/person/religion	17,582	Joseph Chartrand, Catholicism
/book/author/works_written	17,278	Paul Auster, Travels in the Scriptorium
/soccer/football_position/players	17,244	Midfielder, Chen Tao
/people/deceased_person/cause_of_death	16,709	Richard Daintree, Tuberculosis
/book/book/genre	16,431	Pony Soldiers, Science fiction
/film/film/music	14,070	Stavisky, Stephen Sondheim
/business/company/industry	13,805	ATS Medical, Health care

# Collecting Training Data

## Corpus text

Bill Gates founded Microsoft in 1975.  
Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, ...  
Bill Gates attended Harvard from...  
Google was founded by Larry Page ...

## Training data

## Freebase

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# Processing Testing Data

## Corpus text

Henry Ford founded Ford Motor Co. in...  
Ford Motor Co. was founded by Henry Ford...  
Steve Jobs attended Reed College from...

## Test data

(Henry Ford, Ford Motor Co.)  
Label: ???  
Feature: X founded Y  
Feature: Y was founded by X

# The Experiment

## Positive training data

(Bill Gates, Microsoft)  
Label: Founder  
Feature: X  
founded Y  
Feature: X,  
founder of Y

(Bill Gates, Harvard)  
Label: ~~CollegeAttended~~  
Feature: X  
attended Y

(Larry Page, Google)  
Label: Founder  
Feature: Y was  
founded by X

## Negative training data

(Larry Page, Microsoft)  
Label: ~~NO FOUNDER~~  
Feature: X took a  
swipe at Y

(Larry Page, Harvard)  
Label: ~~NO FOUNDER~~  
Feature: Y invited  
X

(Bill Gates, Google)  
Label: ~~NO FOUNDER~~  
Feature: Y is X's  
worst fear

Learning:  
multiclass  
logistic  
regression

## Test data

(Henry Ford, Ford Motor Co.)  
Label: ???  
Feature: X  
founded Y  
Feature: Y was  
founded by X

(Steve Jobs, Reed College)  
Label: ???  
Feature: X  
attended Y

Trained  
relation  
classifier

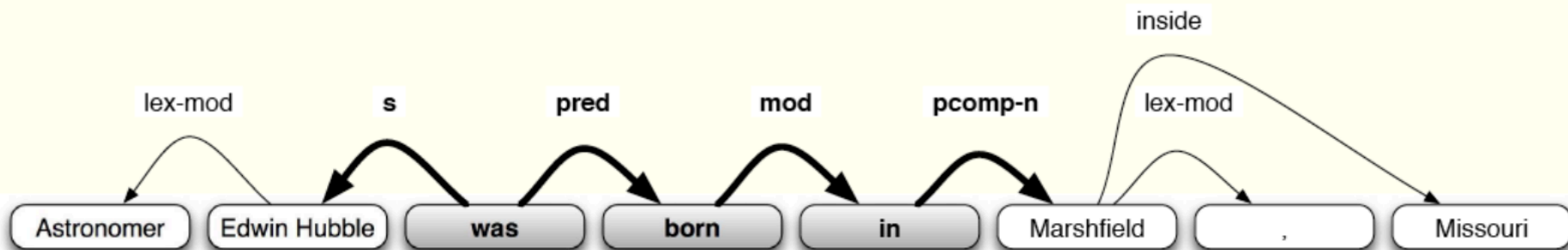
Predictions!

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Label: Founder

(Steve Jobs, Reed College)  
Label: CollegeAttended

# Lexical and Dependency Path Features

Astronomer **Edwin Hubble** was born in **Marshfield**, Missouri.



Feature type	Left window	NE1	Middle	NE2	Right window
Lexical	[]	PER	[was/VERB born/VERB in/CLOSED]	LOC	[]
Lexical	[Astronomer]	PER	[was/VERB born/VERB in/CLOSED]	LOC	[,]
Lexical	[#PAD#, Astronomer]	PER	[was/VERB born/VERB in/CLOSED]	LOC	[, Missouri]
Syntactic	[]	PER	[↑ <sub>s</sub> was ↓ <sub>pred</sub> born ↓ <sub>mod</sub> in ↓ <sub>pcomp-n</sub> ]	LOC	[]
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# Experimental Settings

- **1.8 million relation instances used for training**
- **800,000 Wikipedia articles used for training, 400,000 different articles used for testing**
- **Only extract relation instances not already in Freebase**

# Learned Relational Facts

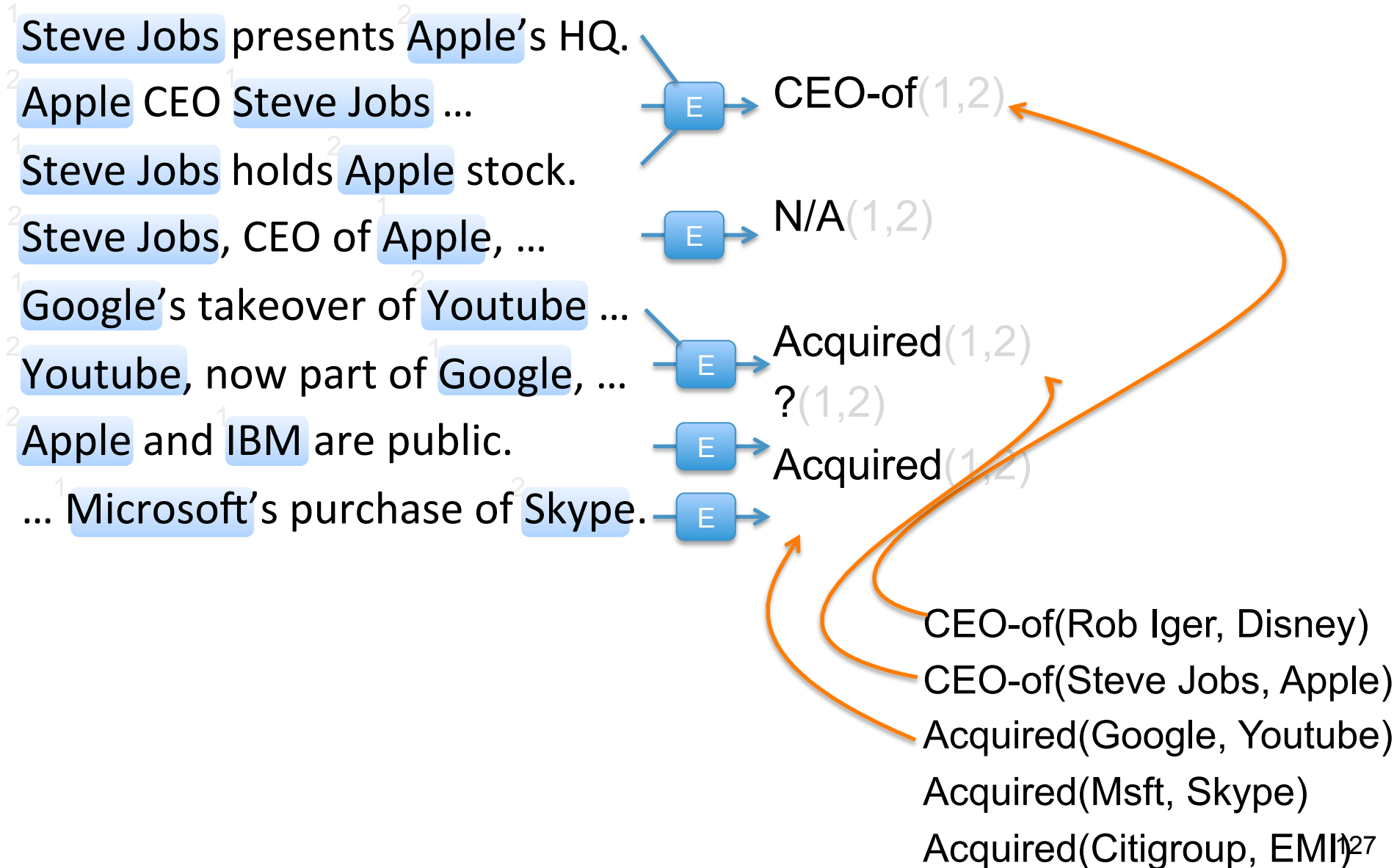
Relation name	New instance
/location/location/contains	Paris, Montmartre
/location/location/contains	Ontario, Fort Erie
/music/artist/origin	Mighty Wagon, Cincinnati
/people/deceased_person/place_of_death	Fyodor Kamensky, Clearwater
/people/person/nationality	Marianne Yvonne Heemskerk, Netherlands
/people/person/place_of_birth	Wavell Wayne Hinds, Kingston
/book/author/works_written	Upton Sinclair, Lanny Budd
/business/company/founders	WWE, Vince McMahon
/people/person/profession	Thomas Mellon, judge

# Human Evaluation

Precision, using Mechanical Turk labelers:

Relation name	100 instances			1000 instances		
	Syn	Lex	Both	Syn	Lex	Both
/film/director/film	<b>0.49</b>	0.43	0.44	<b>0.49</b>	0.41	0.46
/film/writer/film	<b>0.70</b>	0.60	0.65	<b>0.71</b>	0.61	0.69
/geography/river/basin_countries	0.65	0.64	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.73</b>	0.71	0.64
/location/country/administrative_divisions	0.68	0.59	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.72</b>	0.68	<b>0.72</b>
/location/location/contains	0.81	<b>0.89</b>	0.84	<b>0.85</b>	0.83	0.84
/location/us_county/county_seat	0.51	0.51	<b>0.53</b>	0.47	<b>0.57</b>	0.42
/music/artist/origin	0.64	0.66	<b>0.71</b>	0.61	<b>0.63</b>	0.60
/people/deceased_person/place_of_death	0.80	0.79	<b>0.81</b>	0.80	<b>0.81</b>	0.78
/people/person/nationality	0.61	0.70	<b>0.72</b>	0.56	0.61	<b>0.63</b>
/people/person/place_of_birth	<b>0.78</b>	0.77	<b>0.78</b>	0.88	0.85	<b>0.91</b>
Average	0.67	0.66	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.68</b>	0.67	0.67

# Mintz et al. : Aggregate Extraction



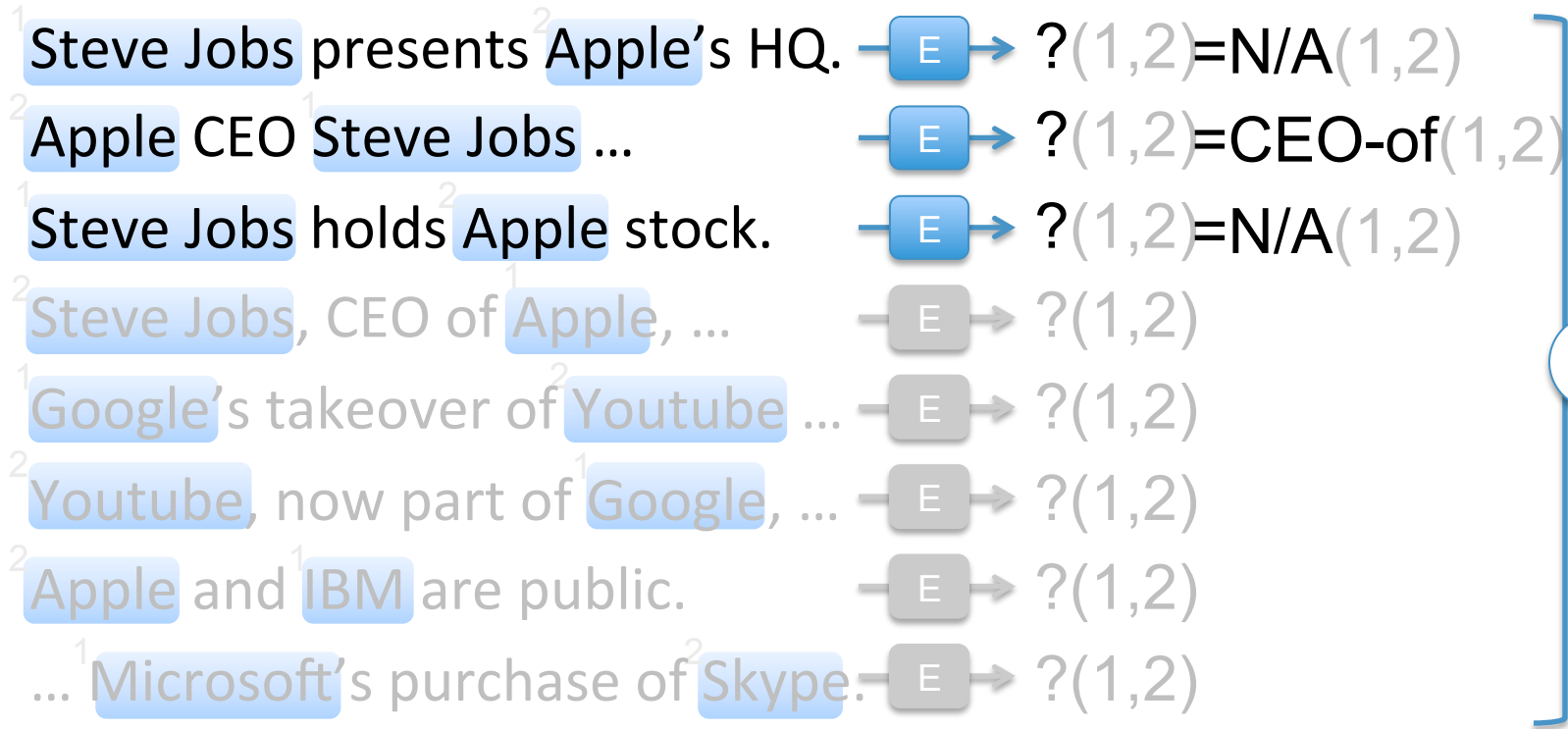
# Mintz et al. (2009)

Issues?

- No multi-instance learning
- No multi-relation learning



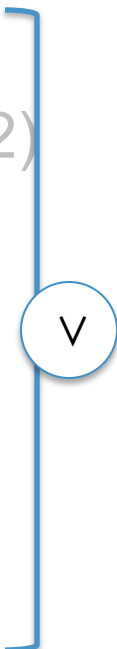
# Multi-Instance Learning



CEO-of(Rob Iger, Disney)  
 CEO-of(Steve Jobs, Apple)  
 Acquired(Google, Youtube)  
 Acquired(Msft, Skype)  
 Acquired(Citigroup, EMI)<sub>129</sub>

# Overlapping Relations

<sup>1</sup> Steve Jobs presents <sup>2</sup> Apple's HQ.	→ E →	?(1,2)=N/A(1,2)
<sup>2</sup> Apple CEO <sup>1</sup> Steve Jobs ...	→ E →	?(1,2)=CEO-of(1,2)
<sup>1</sup> Steve Jobs holds <sup>2</sup> Apple stock.	→ E →	?(1,2)=SH-of(1,2)
<sup>2</sup> Steve Jobs, CEO of <sup>1</sup> Apple, ...	→ E →	?(1,2)
<sup>1</sup> Google's takeover of <sup>2</sup> Youtube ...	→ E →	?(1,2)
<sup>2</sup> Youtube, now part of <sup>1</sup> Google, ...	→ E →	?(1,2)
<sup>2</sup> Apple and <sup>1</sup> IBM are public.	→ E →	?(1,2)
... <sup>1</sup> Microsoft's purchase of <sup>2</sup> Skype.	→ E →	?(1,2)



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# Hoffman et al. (2011)

## Knowledge-Based Weak Supervision for Information Extraction of Overlapping Relations

**Raphael Hoffmann, Congle Zhang, Xiao Ling, Luke Zettlemoyer, Daniel S. Weld**

Computer Science & Engineering

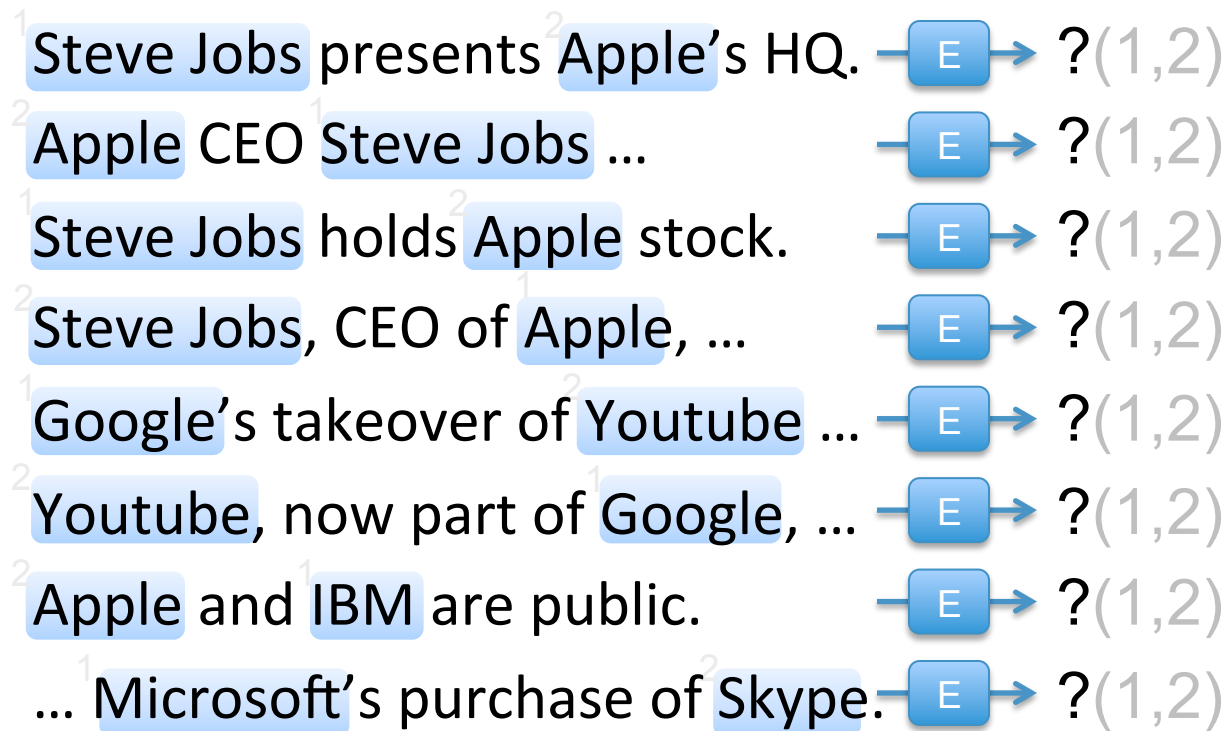
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# Sentence-Level Learning



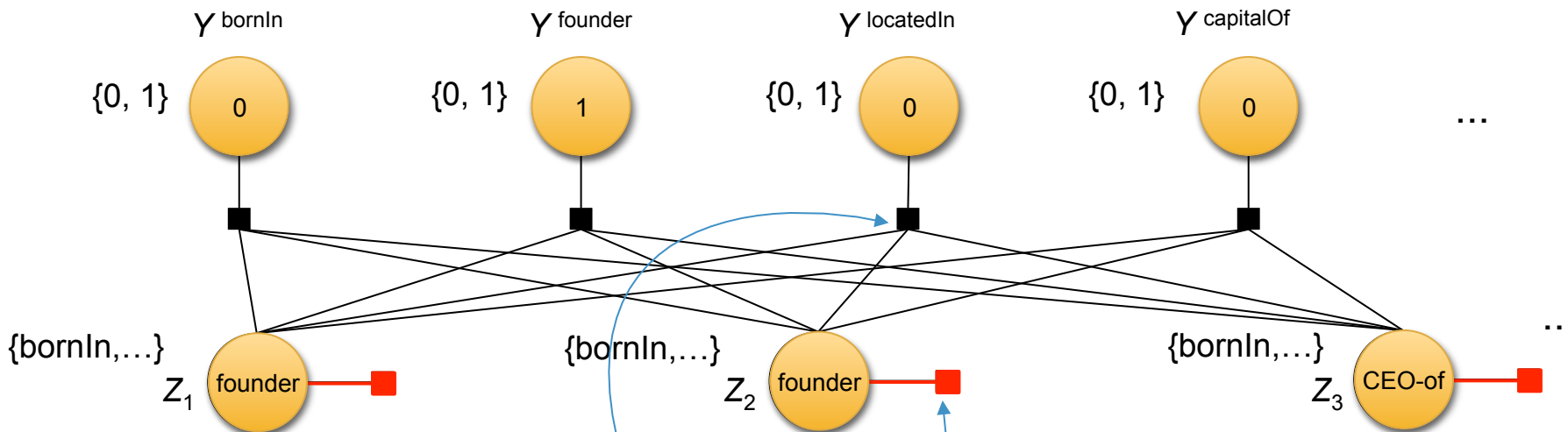
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Train so that  
extracted facts  
match facts in  
DB

- CEO-of(Rob Iger, Disney)
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Steve Jobs, Apple:

# Model



**Steve Jobs** was founder of **Apple**.

**Steve Jobs**, Steve Wozniak and **Steve Jobs** is CEO of ...  
 Ronald Wayne founded **Apple**. **Apple**.

$$p(\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}; \theta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{Z_x} \prod_r \Phi^{\text{join}}(y^r, \mathbf{z}) \prod_i \Phi^{\text{extract}}(z_i, x_i)$$

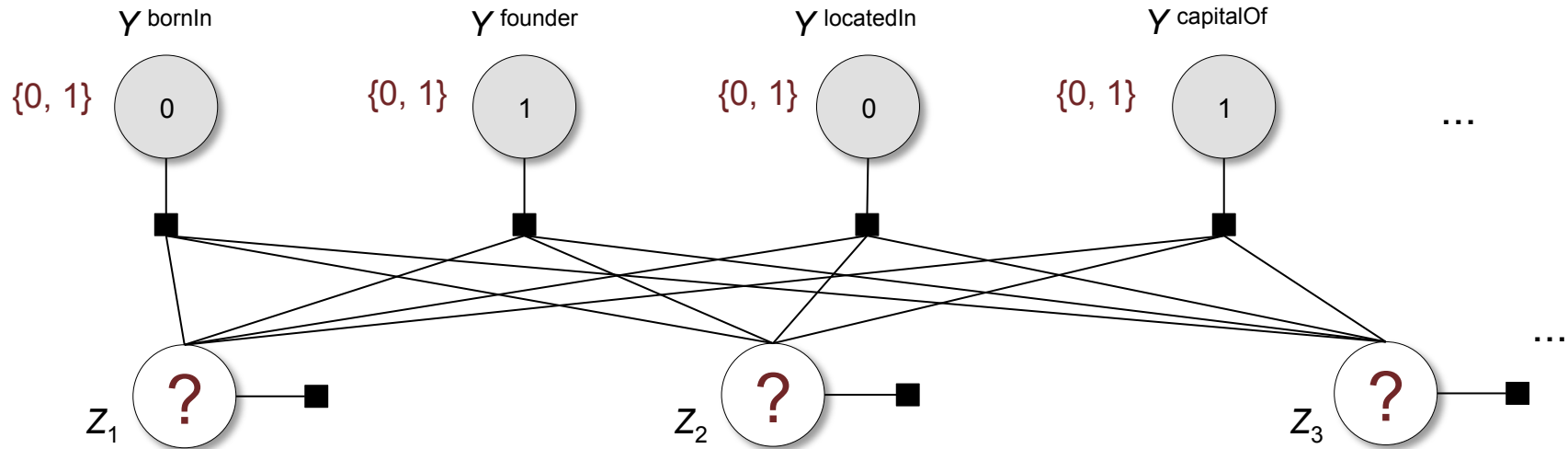
$$\Phi^{\text{join}}(y^r, \mathbf{z}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y^r = \text{true} \wedge \exists i : z_i = r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

All features  
at sentence-  
level

(join factors are  
deterministic ORs)

# Inference

Computing  $\arg \max_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \theta) :$



bornIn	.5
founder	16
capitalOf	9

bornIn	8
founder	11
capitalOf	7

bornIn	7
founder	8
capitalOf	8

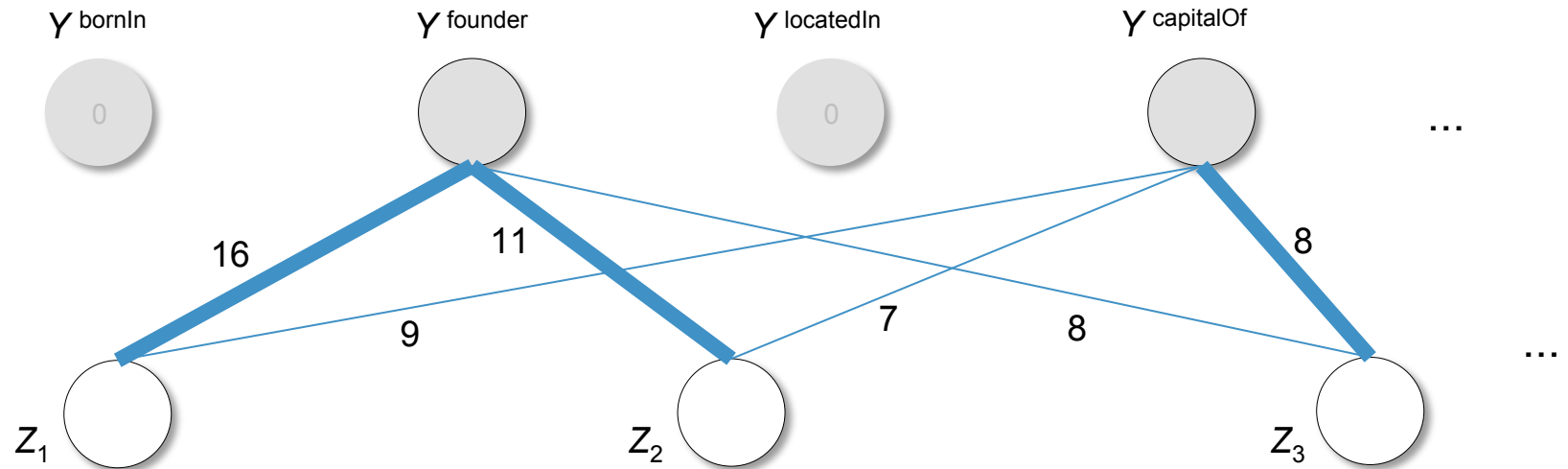
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# Inference

Variant of the weighted, edge-cover problem:



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# Learning

Training set  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) | i = 1 \dots n\}$ , where

$i$  corresponds to a particular entity pair

$\mathbf{x}_i$  contains all sentences with mentions of pair

$\mathbf{y}_i$  bit vector of facts about pair from database

Maximize Likelihood

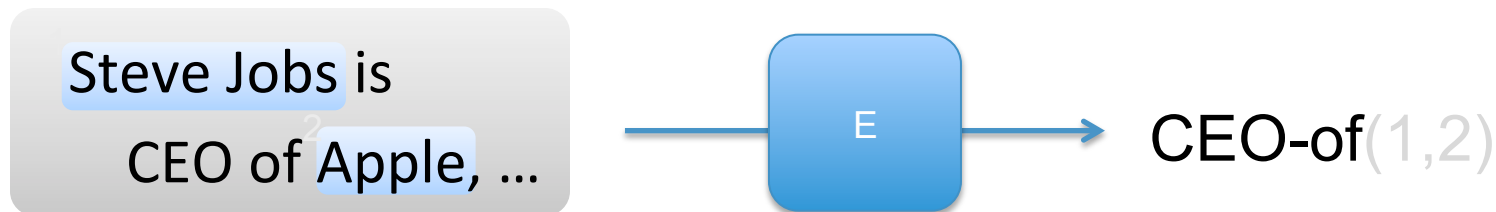
$$O(\theta) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{y}_i | \mathbf{x}_i; \theta) = \prod_i \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i; \theta)$$



# Sentential vs. Aggregate Extraction

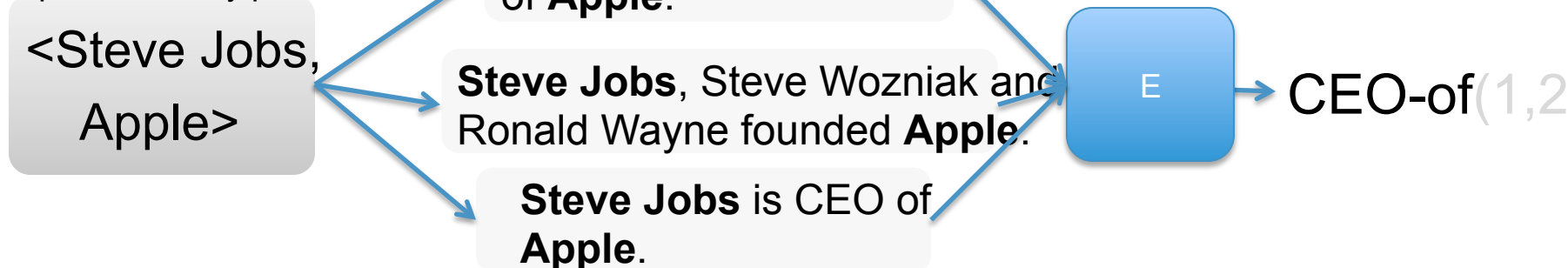
## Sentential

Input: one sentence



## Aggregate

Input: one entity pair



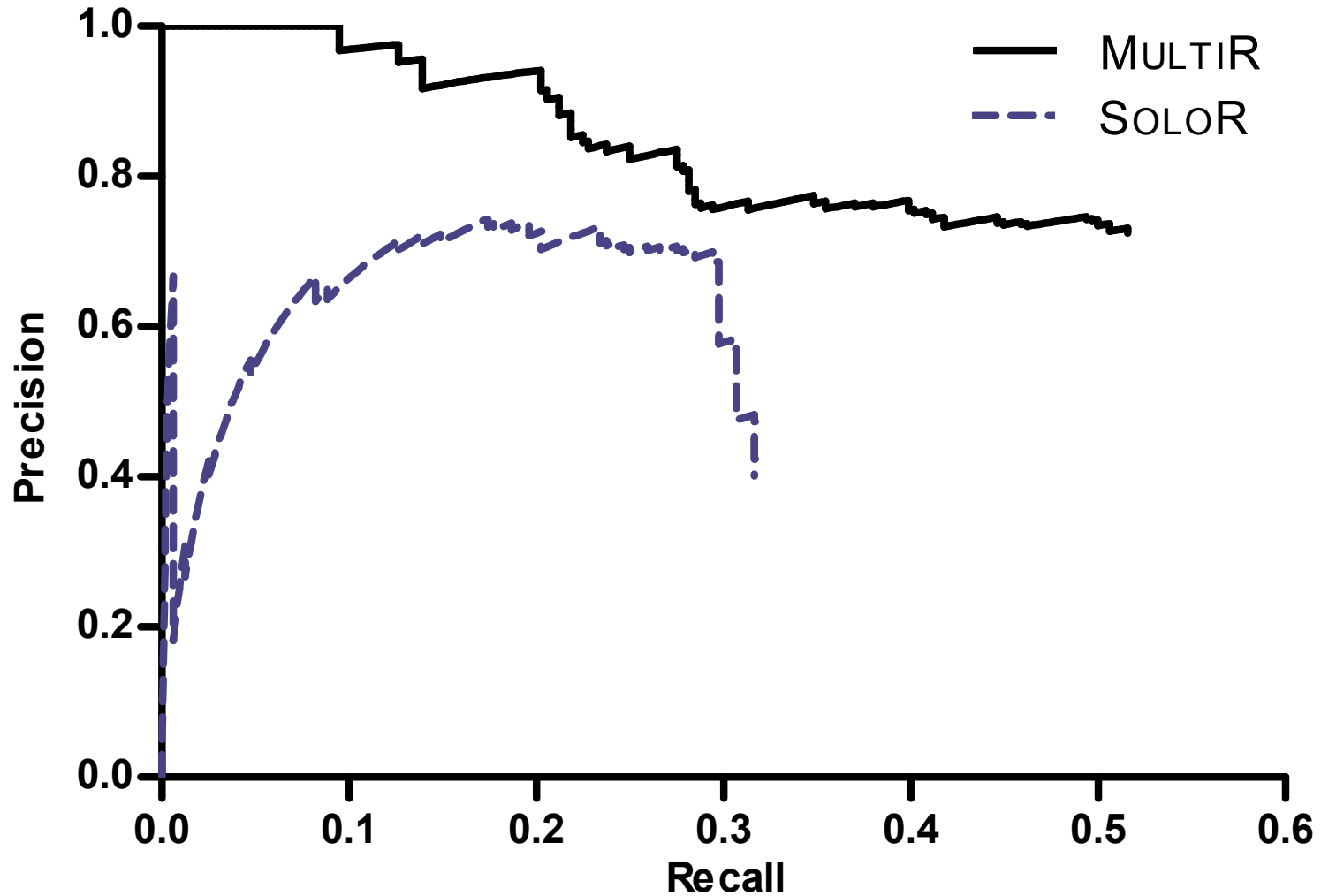
# Distant Supervision: Related Work

- Mintz, Bills, Snow, Jurafsky 09:
  - Extraction at aggregate level
  - Features: conjunctions of lexical, syntactic, and entity type info along dependency path
- Riedel, Yao, McCallum 10:
  - Extraction at aggregate level
  - Latent variable on sentence
- Bunescu, Mooney 07:
  - Multi-instance learning for relation extraction
  - Kernel-based approach

# Experimental Setup

- Data as in Riedel et al. 10:  
LDC NYT corpus, 2005-06 (training), 2007 (testing)  
Data first tagged with Stanford NER system  
Entities matched to Freebase, ~ top 50 relations  
Mention-level features as in Mintz et al. 09
- Systems:  
MultiR: proposed approach  
SoloR: re-implementation of Riedel et al. 2010

# Sentential Extraction



# Distant Supervision: Conclusion

- Widely used in the IE community nowadays.
- A much cheaper way of obtaining training data
- Still, there's room for improvement:
  - what about entities that are not in Freebase?
  - what if entities are in Freebase, but no relation is recorded?

# **Recent Advances in IE: Latent Variable Modeling**

# Universal Schema

- Riedel et al., NAACL 2013. Relation Extraction with Matrix Factorization and Universal Schemas.
- Motivation: use **matrix representation** for relation extraction.
- Idea: put all training and testing data into a matrix, and fill in the missing values.
- Jointly learn latent factor representation for surface patterns and multiple relations.

# Universal Schema

- Rows: pair of entities.  
e.g., (William, CMU)
- Columns: surface patterns and relations.  
e.g.,  
X-is\_a\_professor\_at-Y  
teaches (X, Y)

	X-professor-at-Y	X-historian-at-Y	employee(X,Y)	member(X,Y)
Ferguson, Harvard		1	1	1
Oman, Oxford	1	1		
Firth, Oxford	0.95	1	0.97	0.95
Gödel, Princeton	1	0.05	0.93	0.97

— Surface Patterns — | — KB Relations —

— Train —  
 — Test —

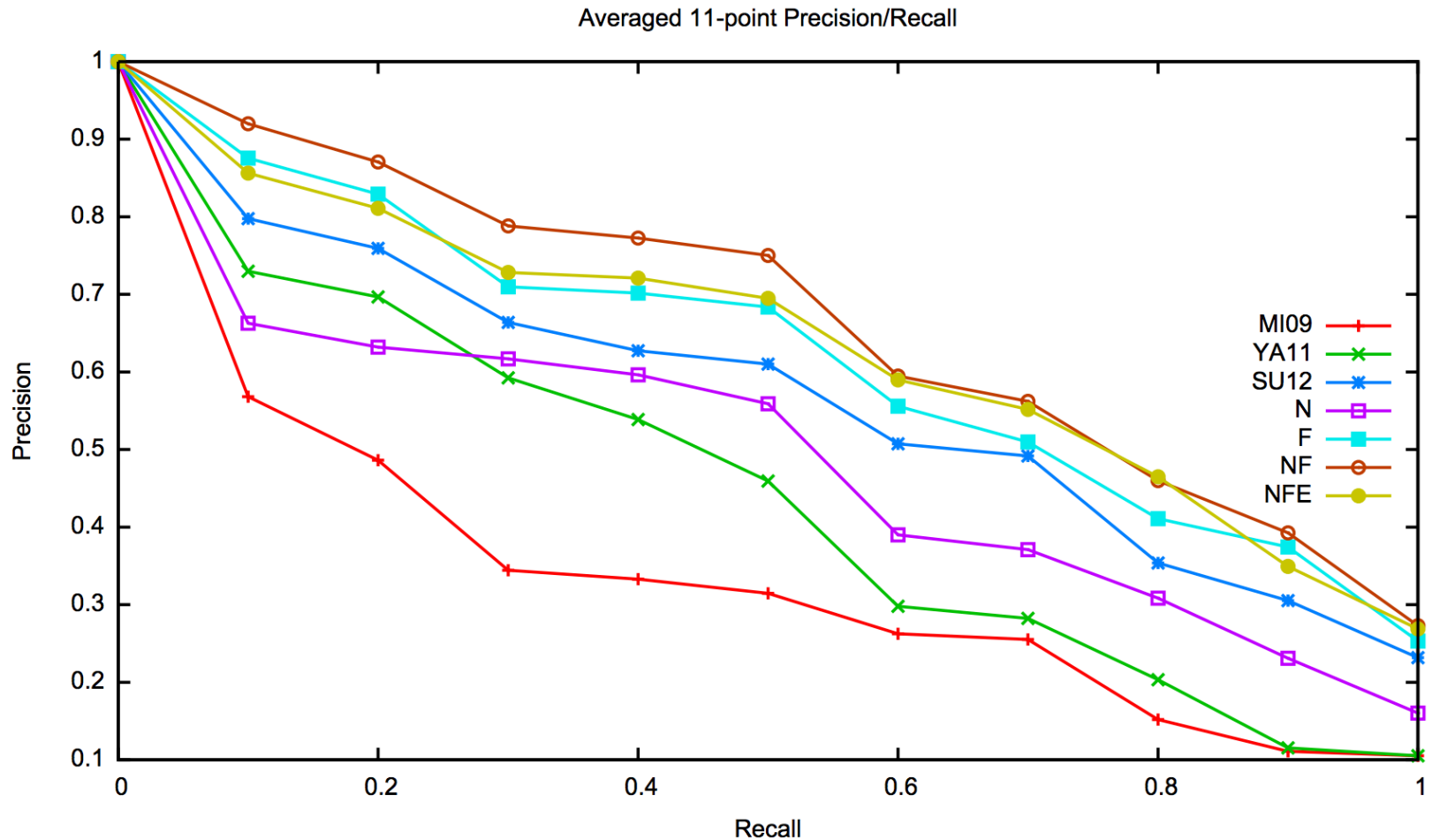


# Matrix Factorization

- Approach: Bayesian Personalized Ranking (Rendle et al., 2009)
- Requires: negative training data.
- How to collect negative data: both entities of the entity pair occur in Freebase, however, Freebase does not say there is a relation between them.

# Performance

- Dataset: Freebase + NewYorkTimes.



# Universal Schema

- Pros:
  - 1) language, schema independent
  - 2) joint learning of surface patterns and relations
  - 3) scalability
- Cons:
  - 1) explainability
  - 2) requires negative examples

# Course Outline

1. Basic theories and practices on named entity recognition: supervised and semi-supervised.
2. Recent advances in relation extraction:
  - a. distant supervision
  - b. latent variable models
3. Scalable IE and reasoning with first-order logics.

# Joint IE and Reasoning

# A Motivating Example...

An elementary school student was sent to detention by his Math teacher after school. When he got home, his father said: “Ma Yun, what happen to you at school today?” Ma: “Sorry dad, I was playing with a magnet, but it attracted Mrs. Smith’s golden ring. Then, Mrs. Smith went out to cry, and slapped the P.E. teacher in the face.”

Query:

Who is most likely the husband of Mrs. Smith?

This example was adapted from Weibo.

# Reasoning

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## Magnet

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*This article is about objects and devices that produce magnetic fields. For a description of magnetic materials see [Magnet \(disambiguation\)](#).*



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A **magnet** (from Greek *μαγνήτις λίθος* *magnḗtis líthos*, "Magnesian stone") is a material or object that produces a **magnetic field**. This magnetic field is invisible but is responsible for the most notable property of a magnet: a force that pulls on other **ferromagnetic** materials, such as **iron**, and attracts or repels other magnets.

attract (magnet, golden\_ring)

conflict (iron, golden\_ring)

attract (magnet, iron)

slap (Mrs. Smith, P.E. Teacher)

husband (Mrs. Smith, P.E. Teacher)

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# Issues with Modern IE Systems

- No relational KB inference is performed at extraction time (or no inference at all).
- Classification is not the panacea.
- Big pipeline: error cascades.

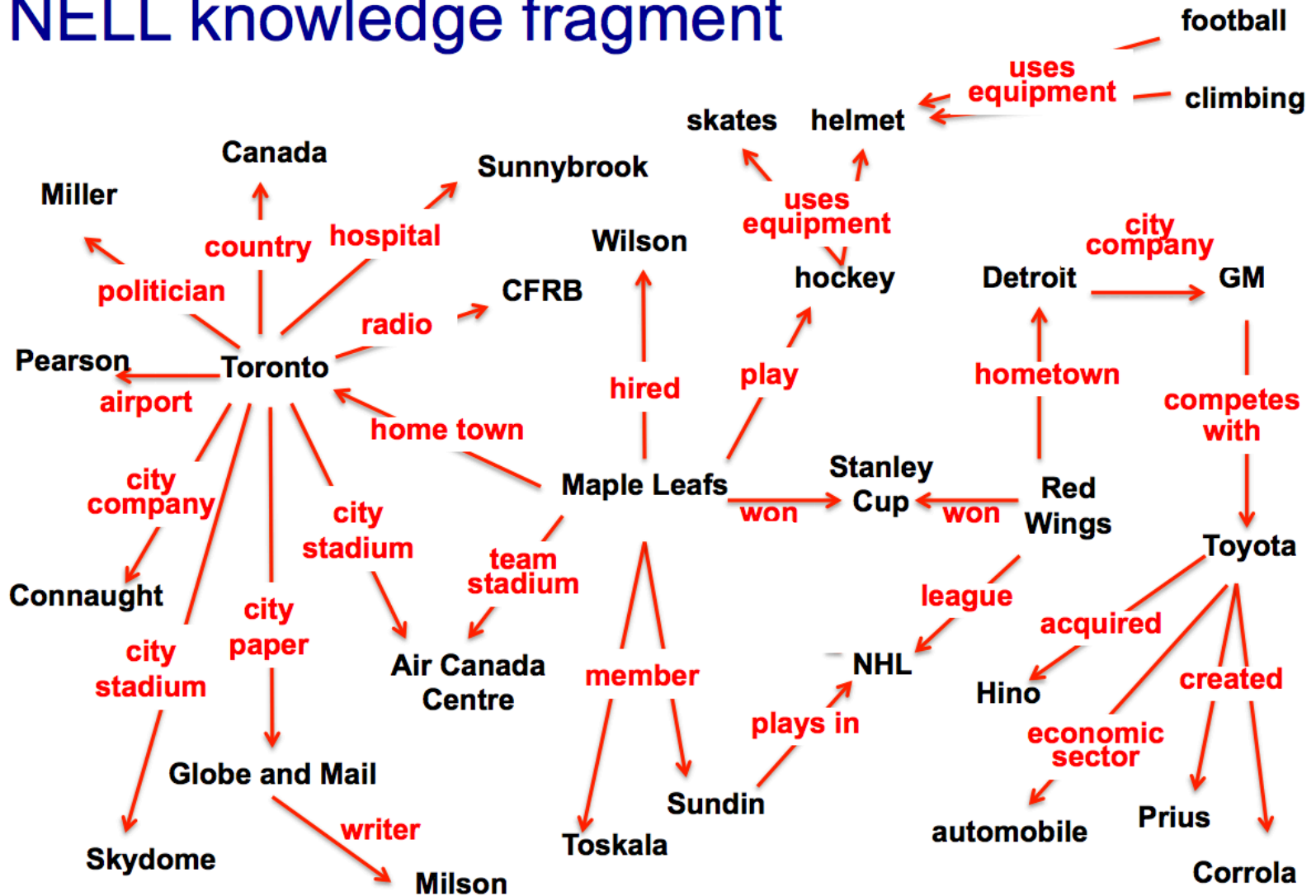


# Motivations

- To deal with complexity, we need first-order logics to perform reasoning.
- To deal with uncertainty, we need statistical/probabilistic approaches, at the same time.

# Knowledge Base Inference

## NELL knowledge fragment



# Issues with KB Reasoning Systems

- Often done using relational triples (e.g., wife(barack,michelle)) after IE, and key contextual information is lost.

E.g., Path-Ranking Algorithm (Ni et al., 2010)

*PRA* Paths for inferring **athletePlaysSport**:

athletePlaysSport(A,S):- factAthletePlaysForTeam(A,T),factTeamPlaysSport(T,S).

*PRA* Paths for inferring **teamPlaysSport**:

teamPlaysSport(T,S):-

factMemberOfConference(T,C),factConferenceHasMember(C,T'),factTeamPlaysSport(T',S).

teamPlaysSport(T,S):-

factTeamHasAthlete(T,A),factAthletePlaysSport(A,S).

# Our Approach

- presents a joint IE and reasoning model in a statistical relational learning setting;
- incorporates latent contexts into probabilistic first-order logics.

# Agenda

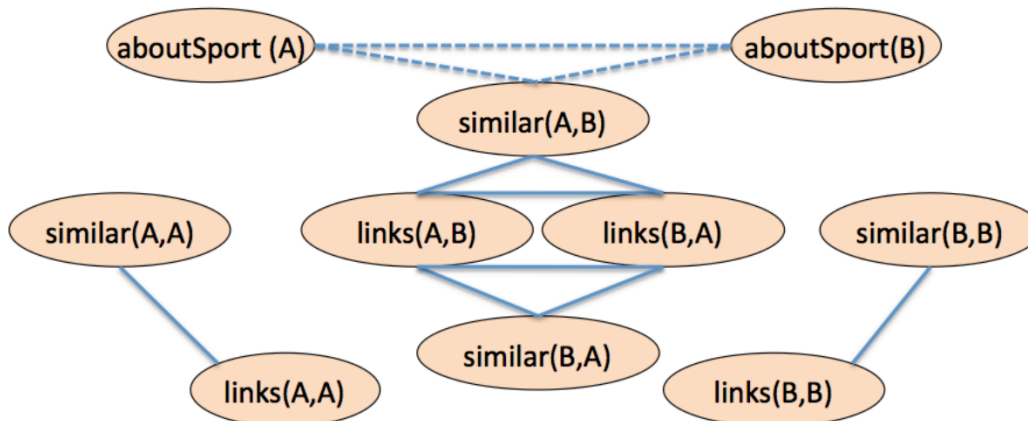
- Motivation
- Background: ProPPR
- Datasets
- Joint IE and Structure Learning
- Experiments
- Conclusion

# Wait, Why Not Markov Logic Network?

network size is  $O(n^a)$ , where  $a = \text{\#arity}$ .  
e.g., `holdStock(person,company)`

R1 2.0  $\forall X,Y \text{ links}(X,Y) \vee \text{links}(Y,X) \Rightarrow \text{similar}(X,Y)$

R2 1.5  $\forall X,Y \text{ similar}(X,Y) \Rightarrow (\text{aboutSports}(X) \Leftrightarrow \text{aboutSports}(Y))$

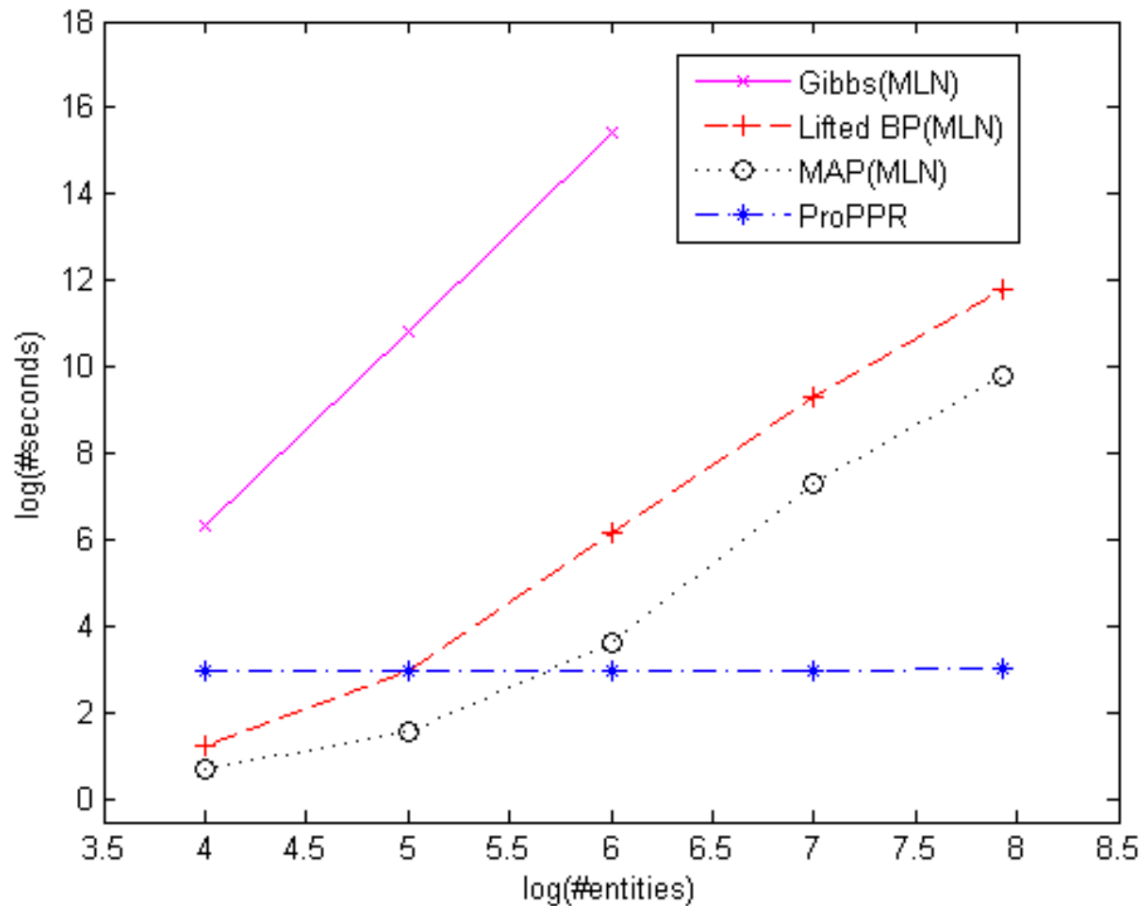


Inference time often depends on graph size.

# Programming with Personalized PageRank (ProPPR)

- CIKM 2013 best paper honorable mention
- is a probabilistic first-order logic
- can be used in:
  - entity resolution, classification (Wang et al., 2013)
  - dependency parsing (Wang et al., 2014 EMNLP)
  - large-scale KB inference (Wang et al., 2015 MLJ)
  - logic programming (Wang et al., 2015 IJCAI)

# Inference Time Comparison




ProPPR's inference time is independent of the size of the graph (Wang et al., 2013).



# Accuracy: Citation Matching

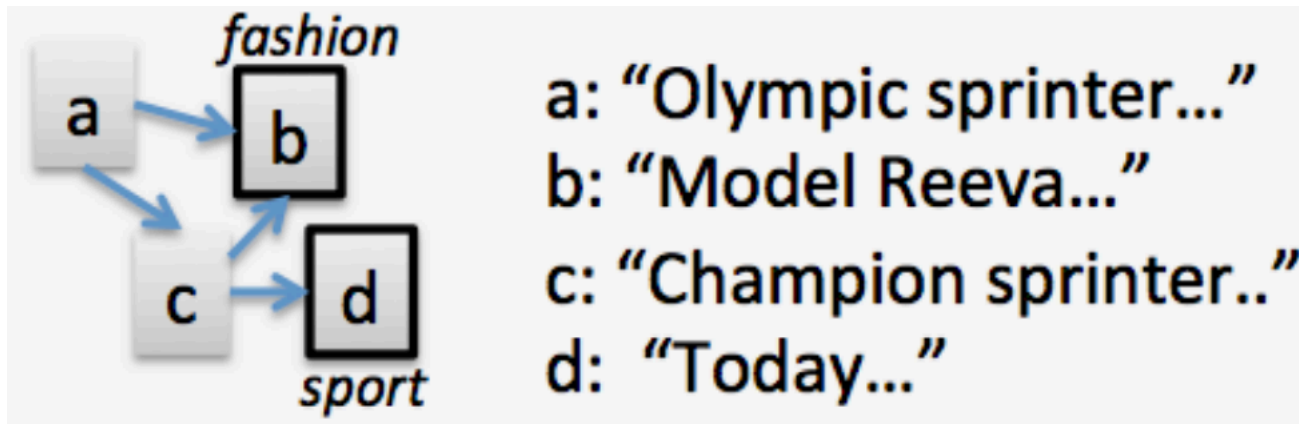
	Cites	Authors	Venues	Titles
MLN Our rules	0.513	0.532	0.602	0.544
ProPPR( $w=1$ )	0.680	0.836	0.860	<b>0.908</b>
ProPPR	<b>0.800</b>	<b>0.840</b>	<b>0.869</b>	0.900



AUC scores: 0.0=low, 1.0=high  
 $w=1$  is before learning  
(i.e., heuristic matching rules,  
weighted with PPR)

# ProPPR Example

Input:



Query: *about(a, ?)*

# An Example ProPPR Program

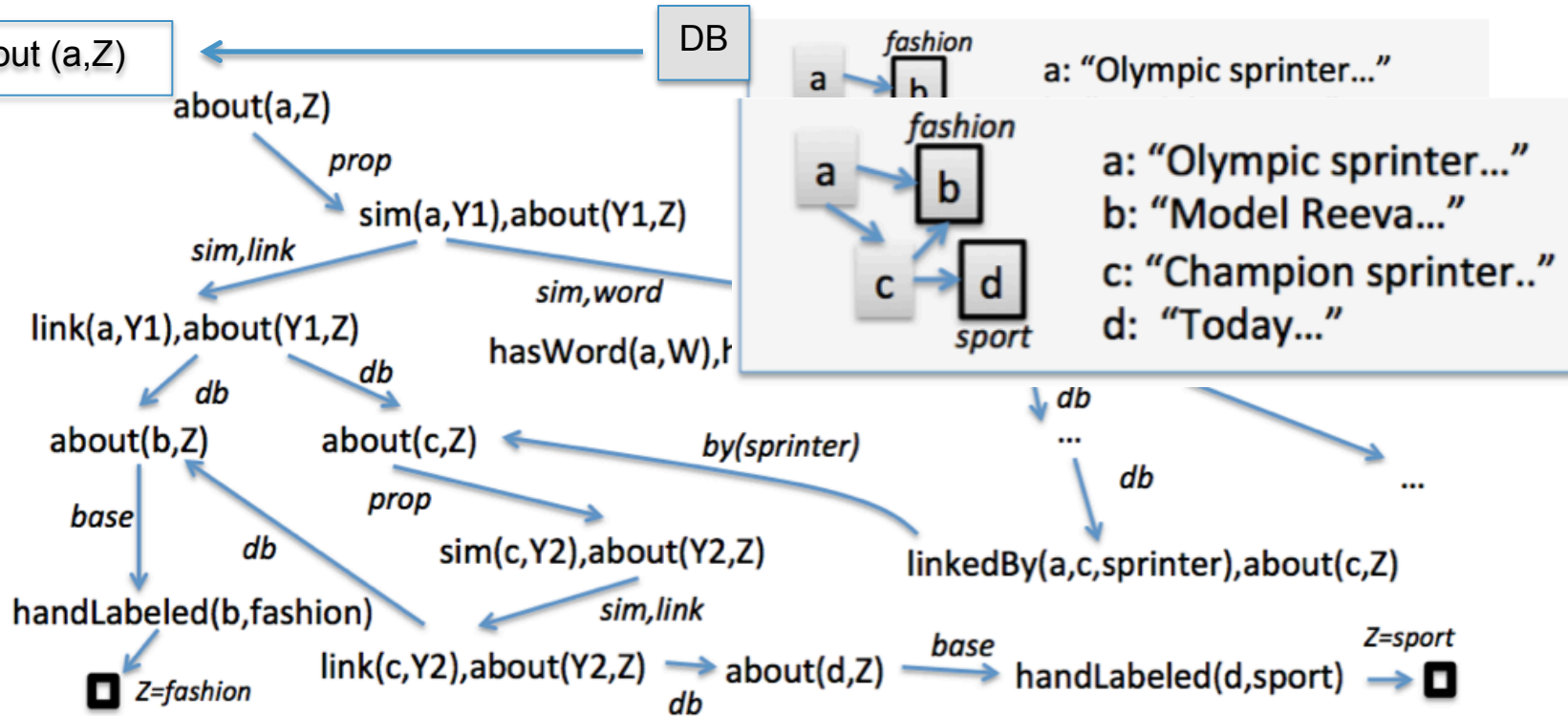
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about(X,Z) :- handLabeled(X,Z)
about(X,Z) :- sim(X,Y),about(Y,Z)
sim(X,Y) :- links(X,Y)
sim(X,Y) :-
    hasWord(X,W),hasWord(Y,W),
    linkedBy(X,Y,W)
linkedBy(X,Y,W) :- true
```

# base.  
# prop.  
# sim,link.  
# sim,word.  
# by(W).

Feature Vector

Feature Template

Query: about (a,Z)



Program + DB + Query define a *proof graph*, where nodes are *conjunctions of goals* and edges are labeled with sets of *features*.

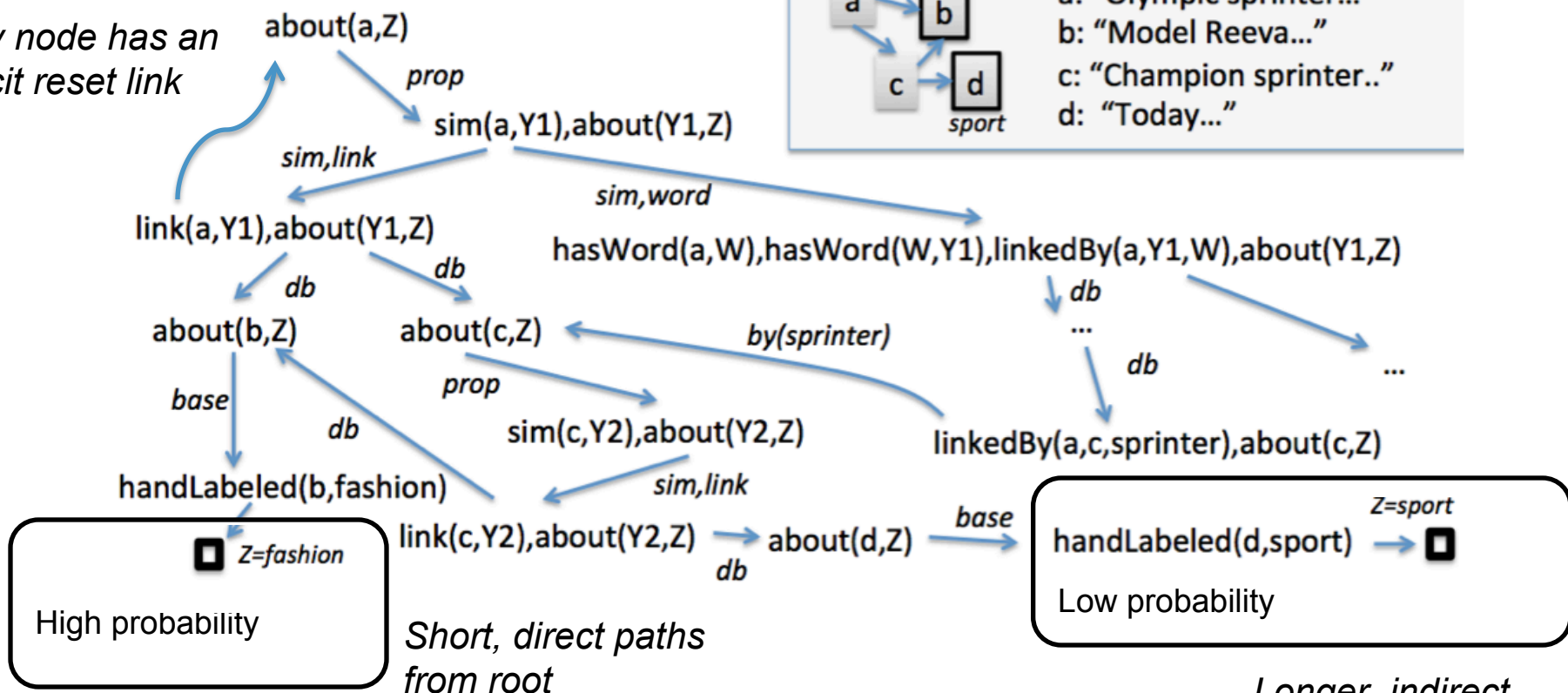
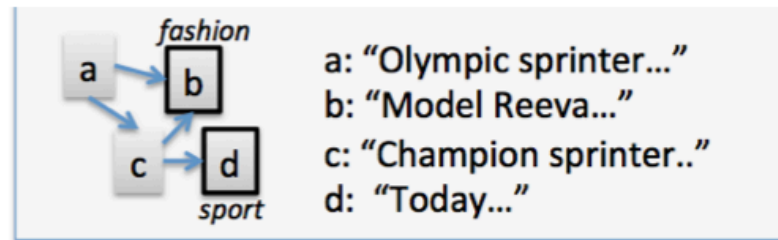
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sim(X,Y) :-
    hasWord(X,W),hasWord(Y,W),
    linkedBy(X,Y,W)                      # sim,word.
linkedBy(X,Y,W) :- true                  # by(W).
    
```

Program (label propagation)

LHS → features

Every node has an implicit reset link



Short, direct paths from root

Longer, indirect paths from root

Transition probabilities,  $\Pr(\text{child}|\text{parent})$ , plus Personalized PageRank (aka Random-Walk-With-Reset) define a *distribution over nodes*.

Transition probabilities,  $\Pr(\text{child}|\text{parent})$ , are defined by **weighted sum of edge features**, followed by normalization.

Very fast *approximate* methods for PPR

Learning via pSGD<sub>165</sub>

# Approximate Inference in ProPPR

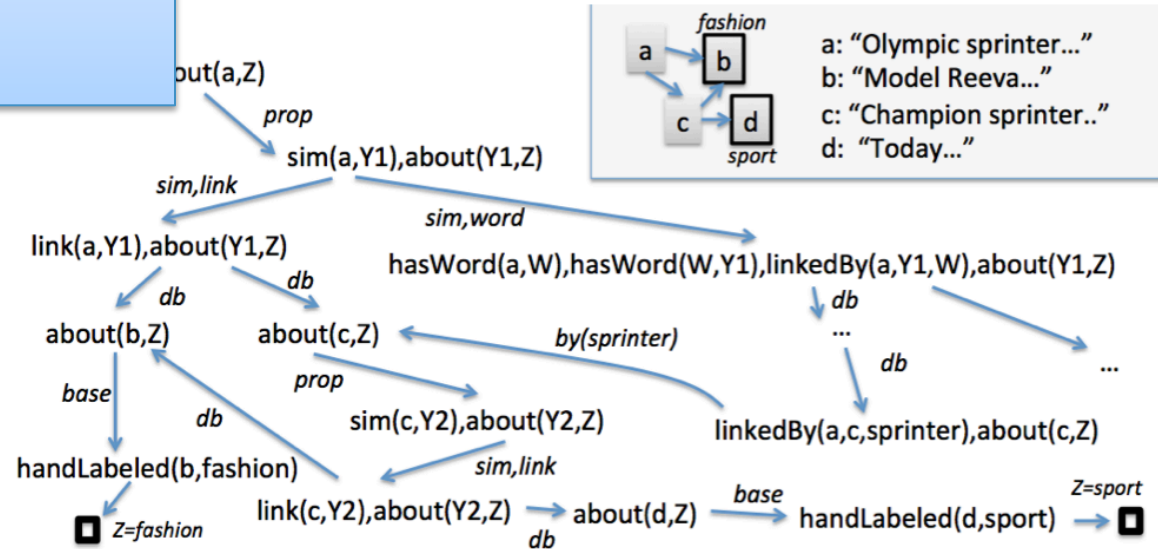
- Score for a query soln (e.g., “Z=sport” for “about(a,Z)”) depends on *probability* of reaching a  $\square$  node\*

“Grounding” (proof tree) size is  $O(1/\alpha\epsilon)$   
 ... ie *independent* of DB size  $\rightarrow$  fast approx incremental inference  
 (Reid,Lang,Chung, 08)

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 $\alpha$  is reset probability

\*as in Stochastic Logic Programs  
 [Cussens, 2001]

Basic idea: **incrementally expand the tree from the query node** until all nodes  $v$  accessed have weight below  $\epsilon/\text{degree}(v)$




# Parameter Learning in ProPPR

PPR probabilities are a stationary distribution of a Markov chain

$$\mathbf{p}^{t+1} \equiv \alpha \mathbf{s} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}^t$$


reset



Transition probabilities  $u \rightarrow v$  are derived by **linearly** combining features of an edge, applying a **squashing** function  $f$ , and normalizing

$$s_{uv} \equiv \vec{\phi}_{uv} \cdot \mathbf{w}$$
$$t_u \equiv \sum_{v'} f(s_{uv'})$$
$$\mathbf{M}_{u,v} \equiv \frac{f(s_{uv})}{t_u}$$

$f$  is exp, truncated *tanh*, ReLU...



# Parameter Learning in ProPPR

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Learning uses gradient descent: derivative  $\mathbf{d}^t$  of  $\mathbf{p}^t$  is :

$$\mathbf{d}^{t+1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \mathbf{p}^{t+1} = (1 - \alpha) \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \mathbf{M} \right) \mathbf{p}^t + \mathbf{M} \mathbf{d}^t \right)$$

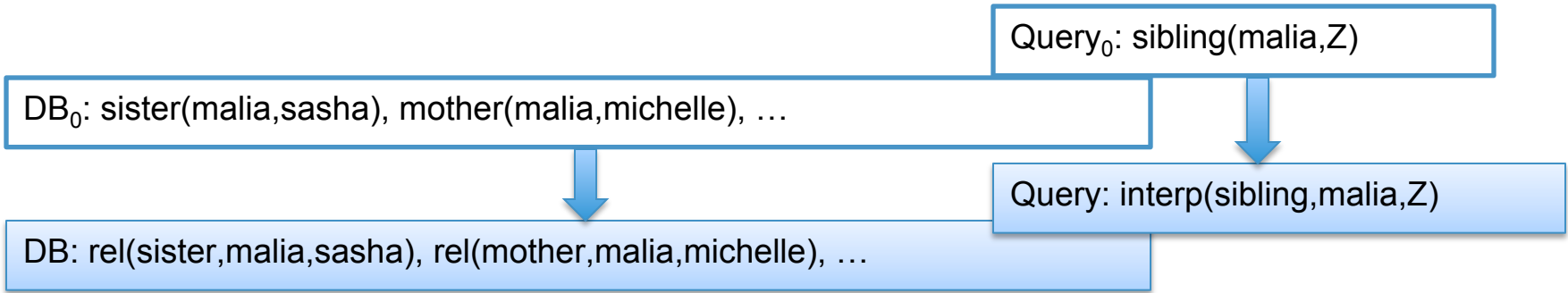
Overall algorithm not unlike backprop...we use parallel SGD



# Where Does the Program Come From?

- Traditionally by hand.
- We use structure learning to automatically learn first-order logic clauses from data.
- Idea (CIKM 2014):
  - build a second-order abductive logic
  - whose parameters correspond to 1<sup>st</sup>-order theory
  - reduce the structure learning to parameter learning.

Logic program is an *interpreter* for a program containing *all possible rules* from a sublanguage



**Interpreter** for all clauses of the form  $P(X,Y) :- Q(X,Y)$ :

```

interp(P,X,Y) :- rel(P,X,Y).
interp(P,X,Y) :- interp(Q,X,Y), assumeRule(P,Q).
assumeRule(P,Q) :- true # f(P,Q). // P(X,Y):-Q(X,Y)

```

interp(sibling,malia,Z)

rel(Q,malia,Z),  
assumeRule(sibling,Q),...

Features correspond to *specific* rules

assumeRule(sibling,sister),...

f(sibling,sister) ↓

Z=sasha

assumeRule(sibling,mother),...

f(sibling,mother) ↓

Z=michelle

Logic program is an *interpreter* for a program containing *all possible rules* from a sublanguage

Features ~ rules. For example:  
**f(sibling,sister) ~ sibling(X,Y):-**

**sister(X,**  
 DB: rel(sister,

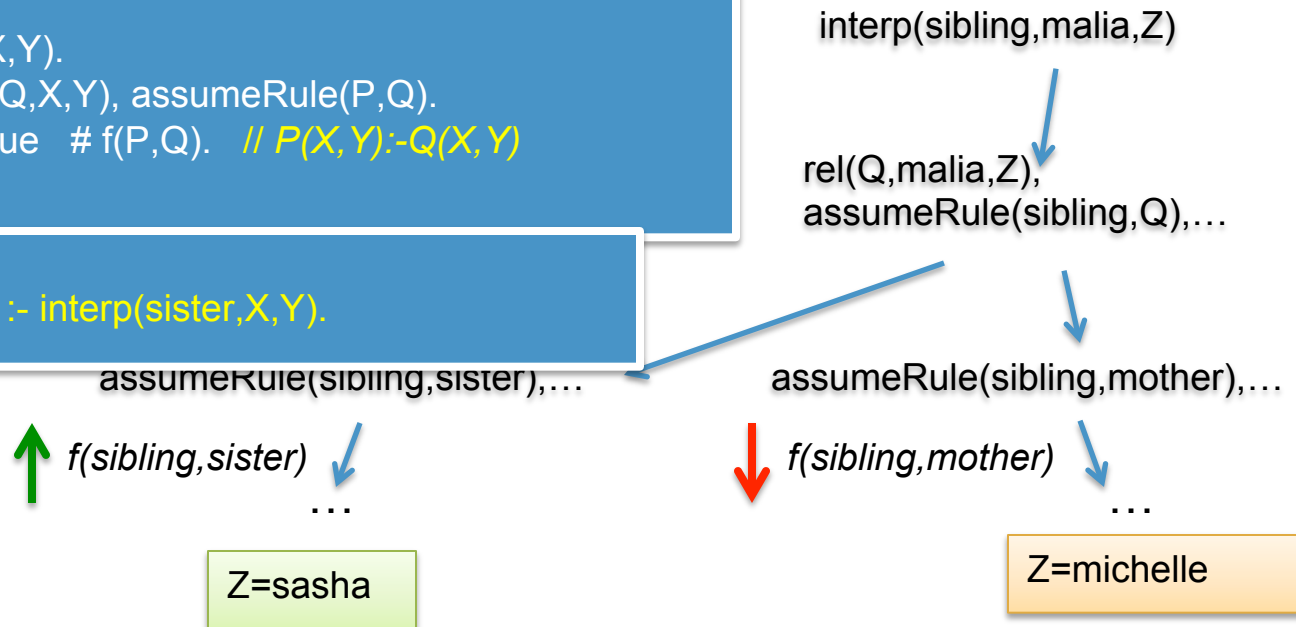
**Gradient of parameters (feature weights) informs you about what rules could be added to the theory...**

rel(sibling,malia,Z)

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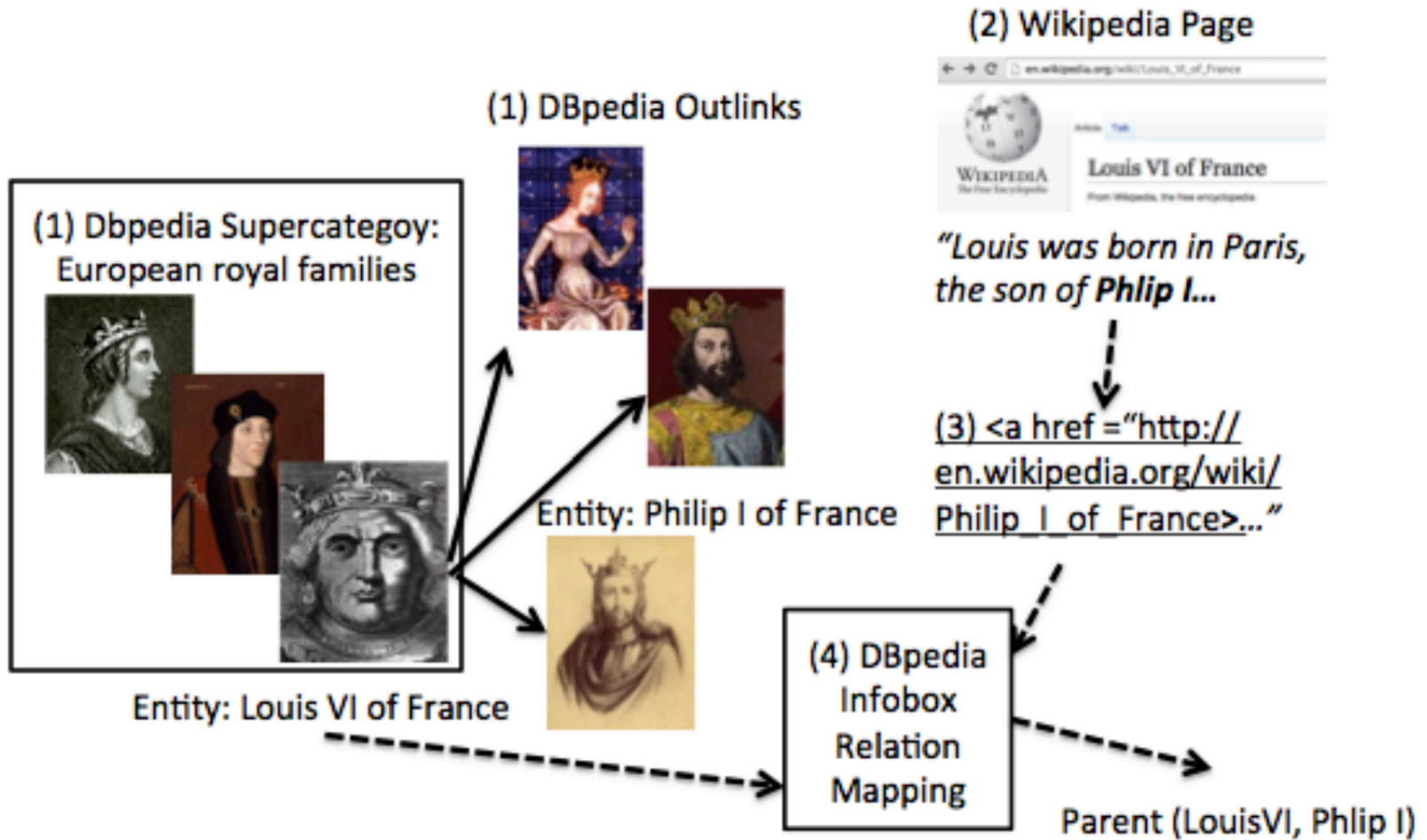
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Added rule:  
**Interp(sibling,X,Y) :- interp(sister,X,Y).**



# **Joint IE and Structure learning**

# Data Collection



# Joint IE+SL Theory

Rule template	ProPPR clause
<i>Structure learning</i>	
(a) $P(X,Y) :- R(X,Y)$	$interp(P,X,Y) :- interp0(R,X,Y),abduce\_if(P,R).$ $abduce\_if(P,R) :- true \# f\_if(P,R).$
(b) $P(X,Y) :- R(Y,X)$	$interp(P,X,Y) :- interp0(R,Y,X),abduce\_ifInv(P,R).$ $abduce\_ifInv(P,R) :- true \# f\_ifInv(P,R).$
(c) $P(X,Y) :- R1(X,Z),R2(Z,Y)$	$interp(P,X,Y) :- interp0(R1,X,Z),interp0(R2,Z,Y),$ $abduce\_chain(P,R1,R2).$ $abduce\_chain(P,R1,R2) :- true \# f\_chain(P,R1,R2).$
<i>base case for SL interpreter</i>	$interp0(P,X,Y) :- rel(R,X,Y).$
<i>insertion point for learned rules</i>	$interp0(P,X,Y) :- any\ rules\ learned\ by\ SL.$
<i>Information extraction</i>	
(d) $R(X,Y) :- link(X,Y,W),$ $indicates(W,R).$	$interp(R,X,Y) :- link(X,Y,W),abduce\_indicates(W,R).$ $abduce\_indicates(W,R) :- true \# f\_ind1(W,R).$
(e) $R(X,Y) :- link(X,Y,W1),$ $link(X,Y,W2),$ $indicates(W1,W2,R).$	$interp(R,X,Y) :- link(X,Y,W1),link(X,Y,W2),$ $abduce\_indicates(W1,W2,R).$ $abduce\_indicates(W1,W2,R) :- true \# f\_ind2(W1,W2,R).$

# Experiments

- Task: KB Completion.
- Three Wikipedia Datasets:  
royal, geo, american.  
67K, 12K, and 43K links respectively.

	10% deleted	50% deleted
ProPPR/SL	79.5	61.9
ProPPR/IE	<b>81.1</b>	<b>70.6</b>

Results on Royal, similar results on two other InfoBox datasets.

# Joint Relation Learning IE in ProPPR

- Experiment

Combine IE and SL rules

	10% deleted	50% deleted
ProPPR/SL	79.5	61.9
ProPPR/IE	81.1	70.6
ProPPR/Joint IE,SL	<b>82.8</b>	<b>78.6</b>

Similar results on two other InfoBox datasets



# Joint IE and Relation Learning

- Baselines: MLNs (Richardson and Domingos, 2006), Universal Schema (Riedel et al., 2013), IE- and structure-learning-only models.

% missing	Royal				
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Baselines					
MLN	60.8	43.7	44.9	38.8	38.8
Universal Schema	48.2	53.0	52.9	47.3	41.2
SL	79.5	77.2	74.8	65.5	61.9
IE only					
IE (U)	81.3	78.5	76.4	75.7	70.6
IE (U+B)	81.1	78.1	76.2	75.5	70.3
Joint					
SL+IE (U)	82.8	80.9	79.1	77.9	78.6
SL+IE (U+B)	83.4	82.0	80.7	79.7	80.3

# Latent Context Invention

**Making the classifier more powerful:** introduce latent classes (analogous to invented predicates) which can be combined with the context words in the features used by the classifier.

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## *Latent context invention*

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| (f) | $R(X,Y) :- \text{latent}(L),$<br>$\text{link}(X,Y,W),$<br>$\text{indicate}(W,L,R)$                        | $\text{interp}(R,X,Y) :- \text{latent}(L), \text{link}(X,Y,W), \text{abduce\_latent}(W,L,R).$<br>$\text{abduce\_latent}(W,L,R) :- \text{true} \#f\_latent1(W,L,R).$                                      |
| (g) | $R(X,Y) :- \text{latent}(L1), \text{latent}(L2)$<br>$\text{link}(X,Y,W),$<br>$\text{indicate}(W,L1,L2,R)$ | $\text{interp}(R,X,Y) :- \text{latent}(L1), \text{latent}(L2), \text{link}(X,Y,W),$<br>$\text{abduce\_latent}(W,L1,L2,R).$<br>$\text{abduce\_latent}(W,L1,L2,R) :- \text{true} \#f\_latent2(W,L1,L2,R).$ |
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# Joint IE and Relation Learning

- Task: Knowledge Base Completion.
- Baselines: MLNs (Richardson and Domingos, 2006), Universal Schema (Riedel et al., 2013), IE- and structure-learning-only models.

% missing	Royal					Geo					American				
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Baselines															
MLN	60.8	43.7	44.9	38.8	38.8	80.4	79.2	68.1	66.0	68.0	54.0	56.0	51.2	41.0	13.8
Universal Schema	48.2	53.0	52.9	47.3	41.2	82.0	84.0	75.7	77.0	65.2	56.7	51.4	55.9	54.7	51.3
SL	79.5	77.2	74.8	65.5	61.9	83.8	80.4	77.1	72.8	67.2	73.1	70.0	71.3	67.1	61.7
IE only															
IE (U)	81.3	78.5	76.4	75.7	70.6	83.9	79.4	73.1	71.6	65.2	63.4	61.0	60.2	61.4	54.4
IE (U+B)	81.1	78.1	76.2	75.5	70.3	84.0	79.5	73.3	71.6	65.3	64.3	61.2	61.1	62.1	55.7
Joint															
SL+IE (U)	82.8	80.9	79.1	77.9	78.6	89.5	89.4	89.3	88.1	87.6	74.0	73.3	73.7	70.5	68.0
SL+IE (U+B)	83.4	82.0	80.7	79.7	80.3	89.6	89.6	89.5	88.4	87.7	<b>74.6</b>	73.5	74.2	70.9	68.4
Joint + Latent															
Joint + Clustering	<b>83.5</b>	82.3	81.2	80.2	80.7	89.8	89.6	89.5	88.8	88.4	<b>74.6</b>	73.9	74.4	71.5	69.7
Joint + LCI	<b>83.5</b>	<b>82.5</b>	81.5	80.6	81.1	<b>89.9</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>89.7</b>	89.1	89.0	<b>74.6</b>	74.1	74.5	72.3	70.3
Joint + LCI + hLCI	<b>83.5</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>89.9</b>	89.7	<b>89.7</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>72.1</b>

# Explaining the Parameters

*indicates("mother",parent)*

*indicates("king",parent)*

*indicates("spouse",spouse)*

*indicates("married",spouse)*

*indicates("succeeded",successor)*

*indicates("son",successor)*

*parent(X,Y) :- successor(Y,X)*

*successor(X,Y) :- parent(Y,X)*

*spouse(X,Y) :- spouse(Y,X)*

*parent(X,Y) :- predecessor(X,Y)*

*successor(Y,X) :- spouse(X,Y)*

*predecessor(X,Y) :- parent(X,Y)*

# Discussions

- Comparing to latent variable models, our method is explainable.
- This is multi-instance multi-relation distant supervision with logic.
- This framework allows us to recursively learn relations, and jointly reason with IE clauses.
- Our structure learning method is efficient: according to Kok & Domingos's (2010, ICML), LSM sometimes takes 28 days to learn on a moderate-small dataset, where as our method needs a few minutes on a similar-sized dataset.

# Conclusion

- We introduce a probabilistic logic programming method for joint IE and reasoning.
- We briefly show how to incorporate latent classes in first-order logic.
- Our system outperforms state-of-the-art IE systems.

# ProPPR Demo

# Course Conclusion

1. Basic theories and practices on named entity recognition: supervised, semi-supervised, and unsupervised.
2. Recent advances in relation extraction:
  - a. distant supervision
  - b. latent variable models
3. Scalable IE and reasoning with first-order logics.



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