

Symbolic Machine Learning for Interpretable AI

Recent advancements and future directions

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Human-Like Learning

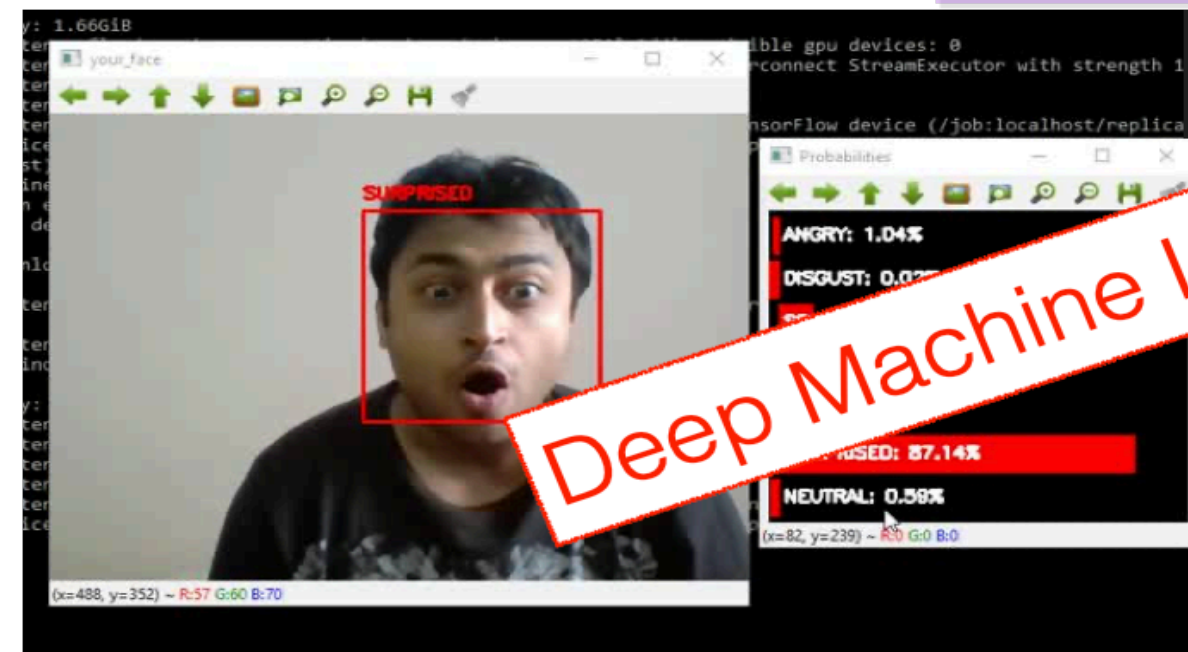
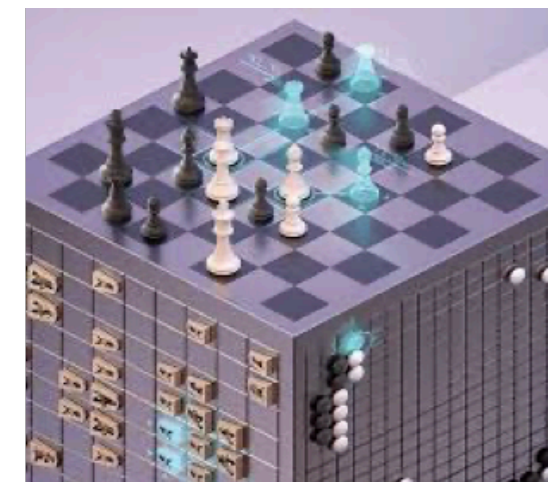
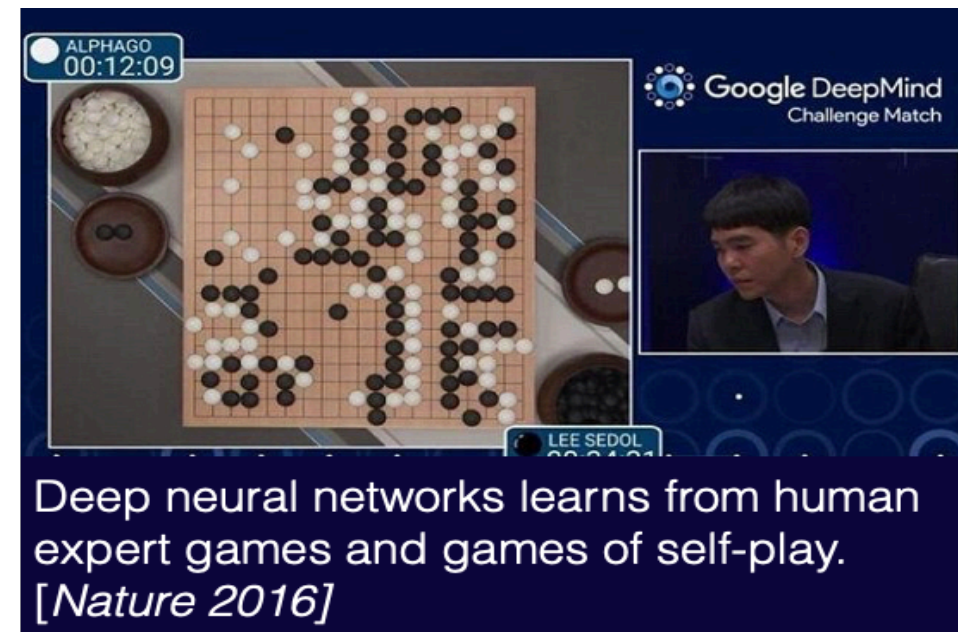
“Human thought can be seen as a model-building activity.
Human-like learning is the process of such model-building”^[1]

Humans are capable of performing cognitive activities:

- Learning from past experience
(e.g., **building models of the world** that can explain the observations).
- Making predictions and generating explanations
(e.g., **use learned models to generate understanding and explanation** of observations)
- Revising and extending learned knowledge, based on new information
(e.g., enable **compositionality of learned models**)
- Communicate their learned knowledge to others
(e.g., support **interpretability of learned models**)

To realise human-like levels of cognition, Machine Learning solutions have to realise the above activities.

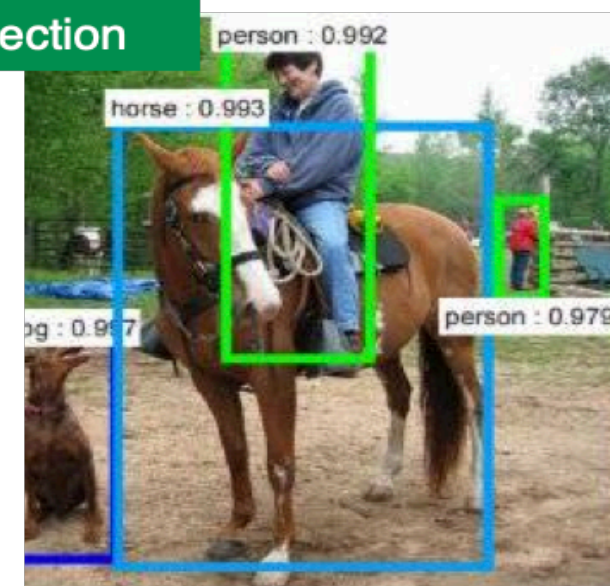
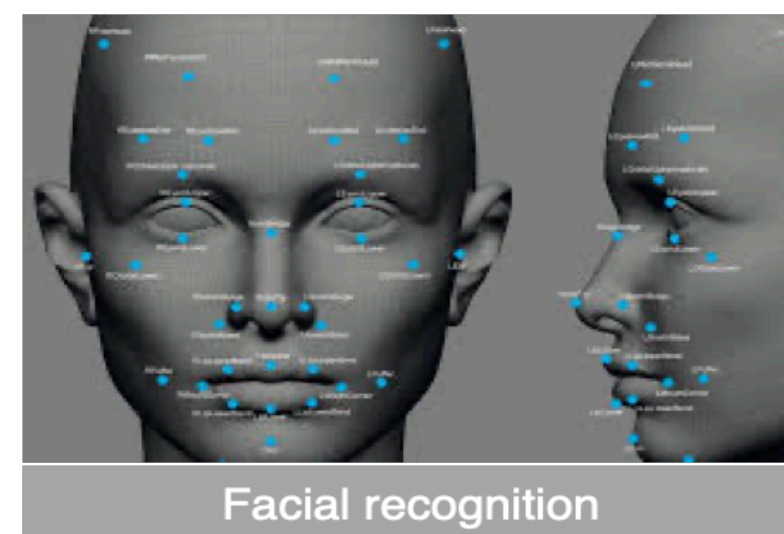
Machine Learning



Deep Machine Learning



Bounding box for object detection



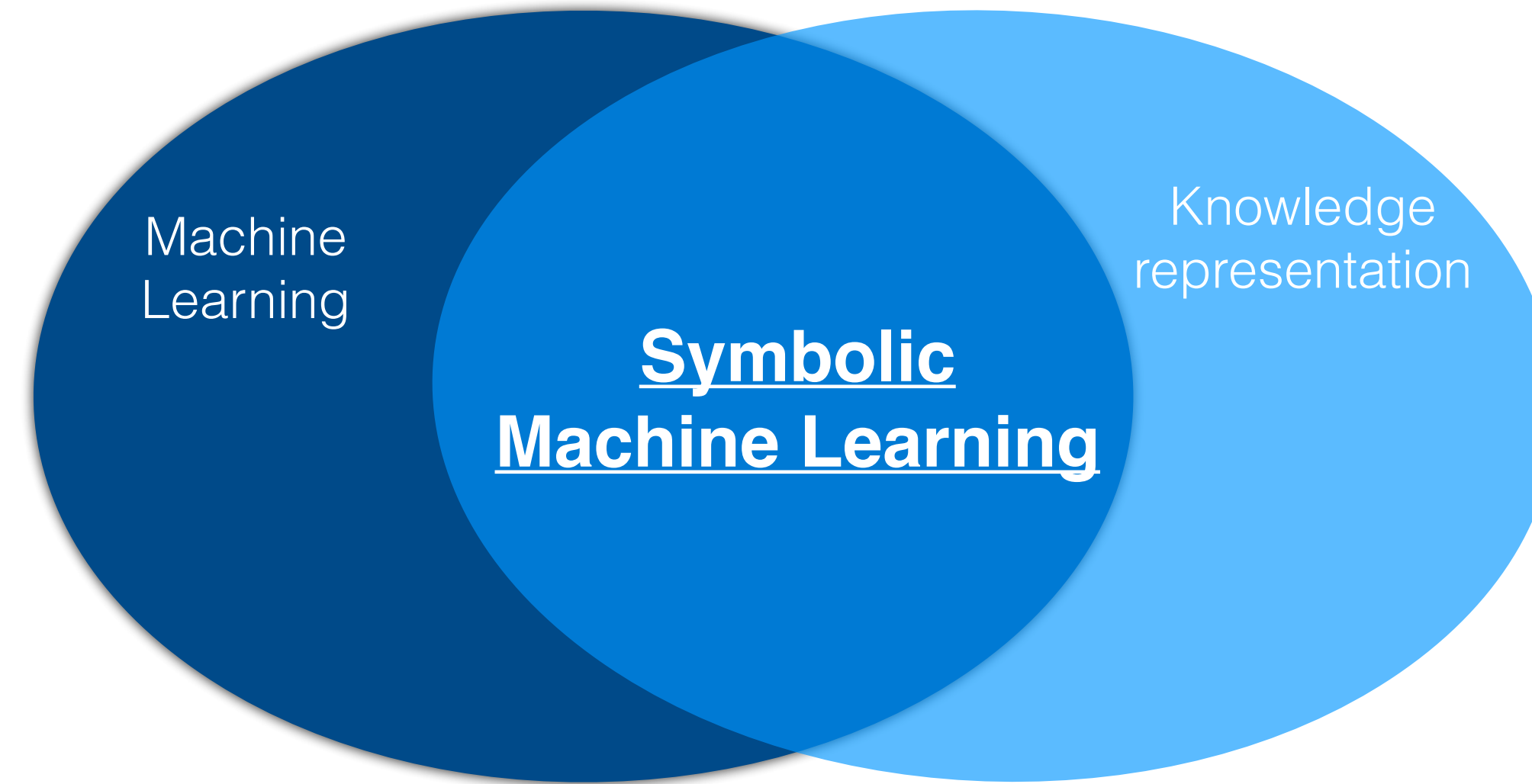
Advantages

- Ability to learn from unstructured data.
- Very effective in solving specific tasks, sometimes better than humans.

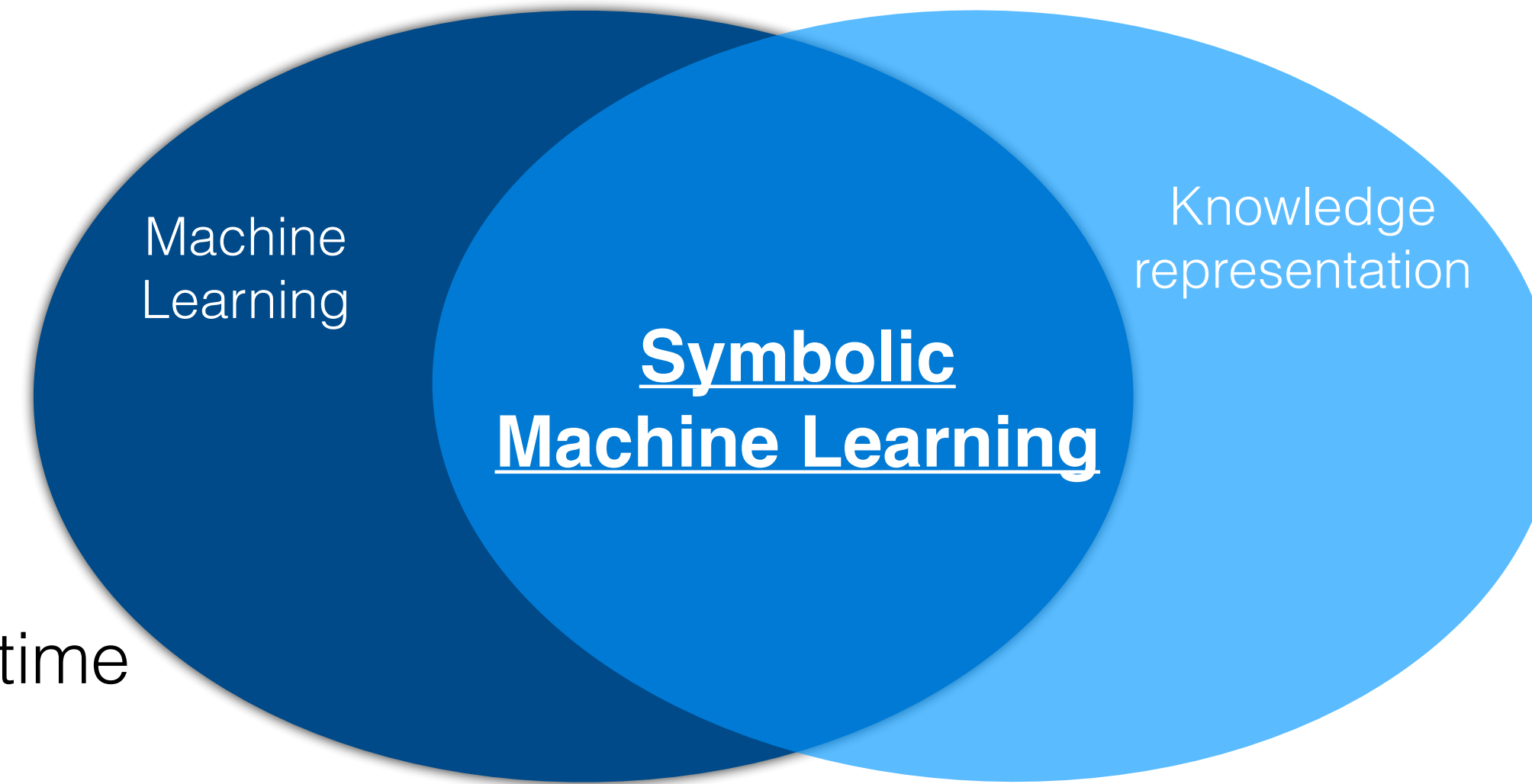
Drawbacks

- Data-intensive
- Inability to generalise
- Vulnerability to distributional shifts between training and test data
- Learned models are not interpretable
- Cannot use prior (or learned) knowledge

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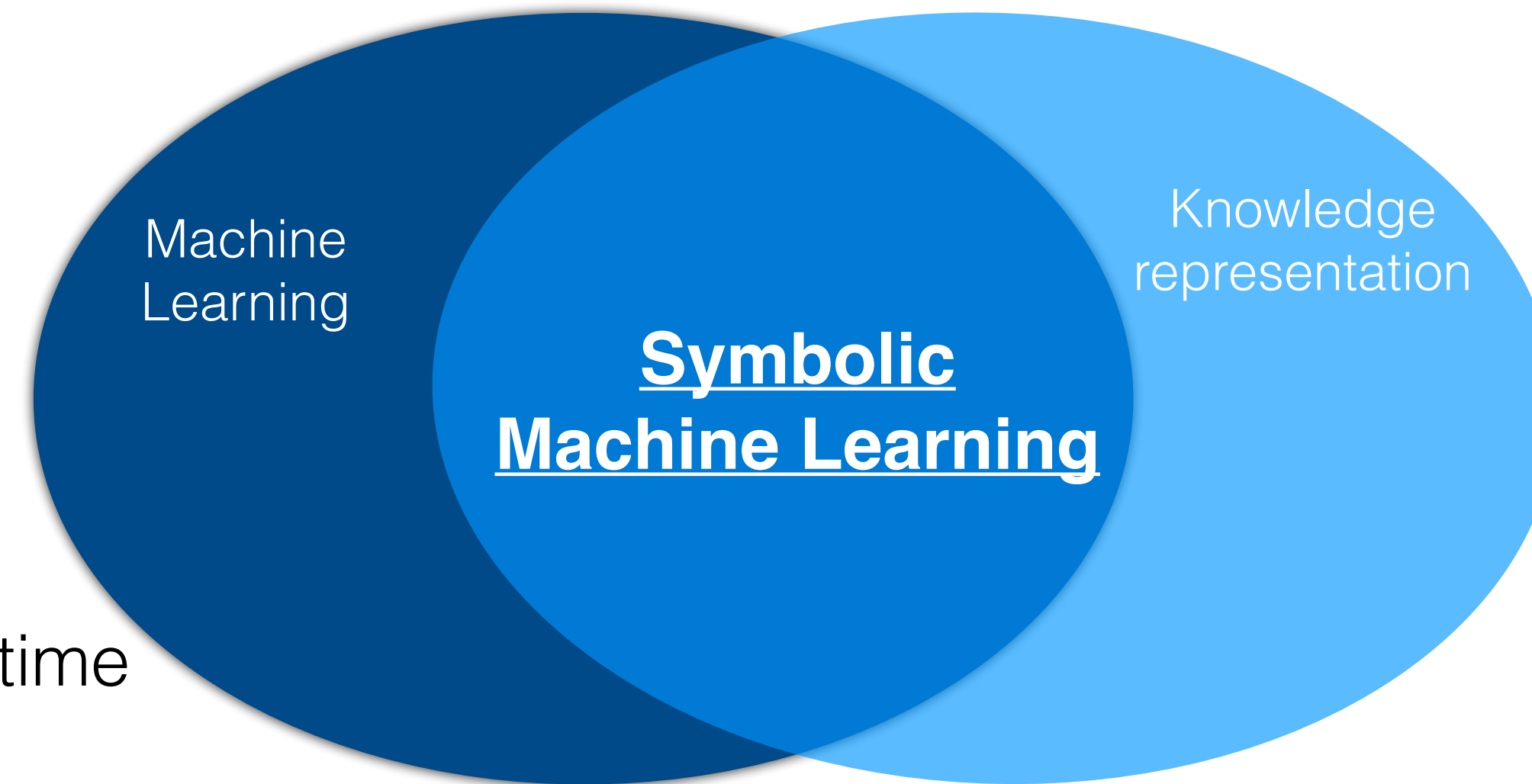


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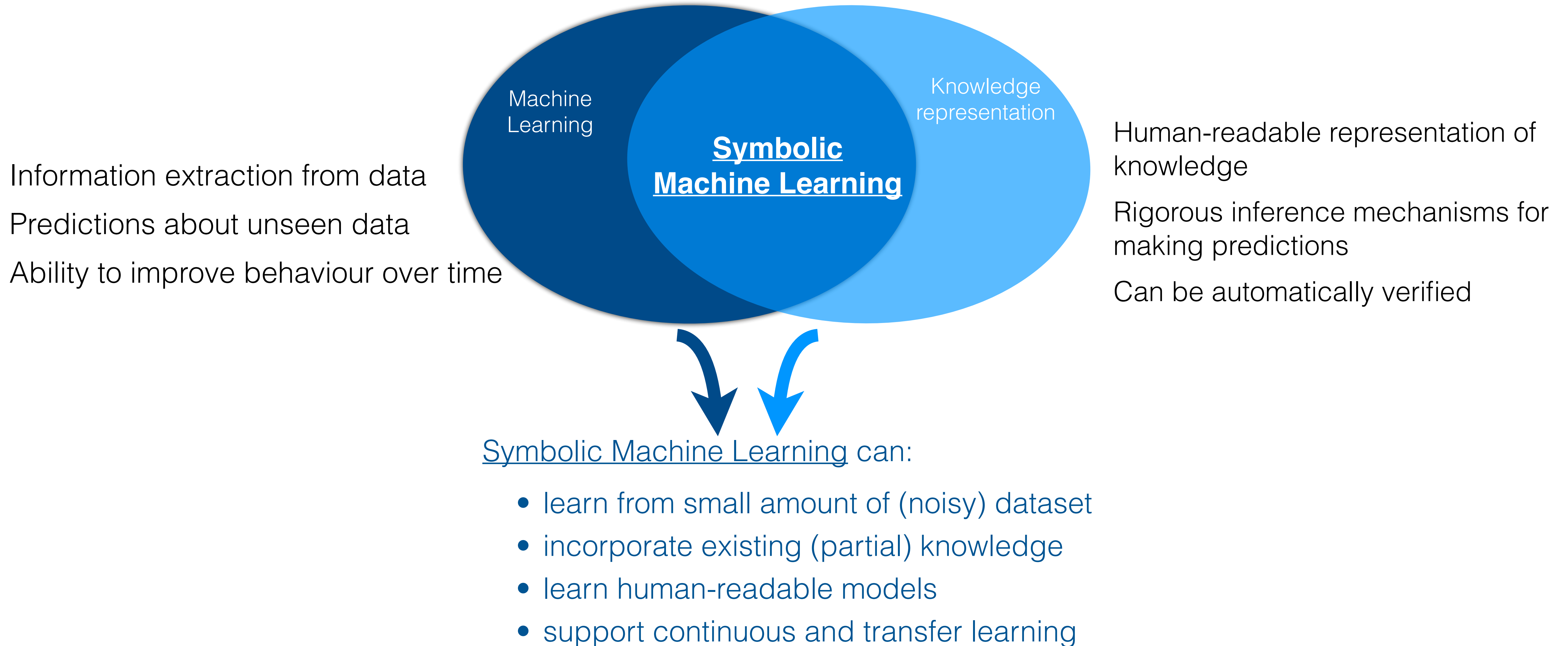
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Human-readable representation of knowledge

Rigorous inference mechanisms for making predictions

Can be automatically verified

Symbolic Machine Learning



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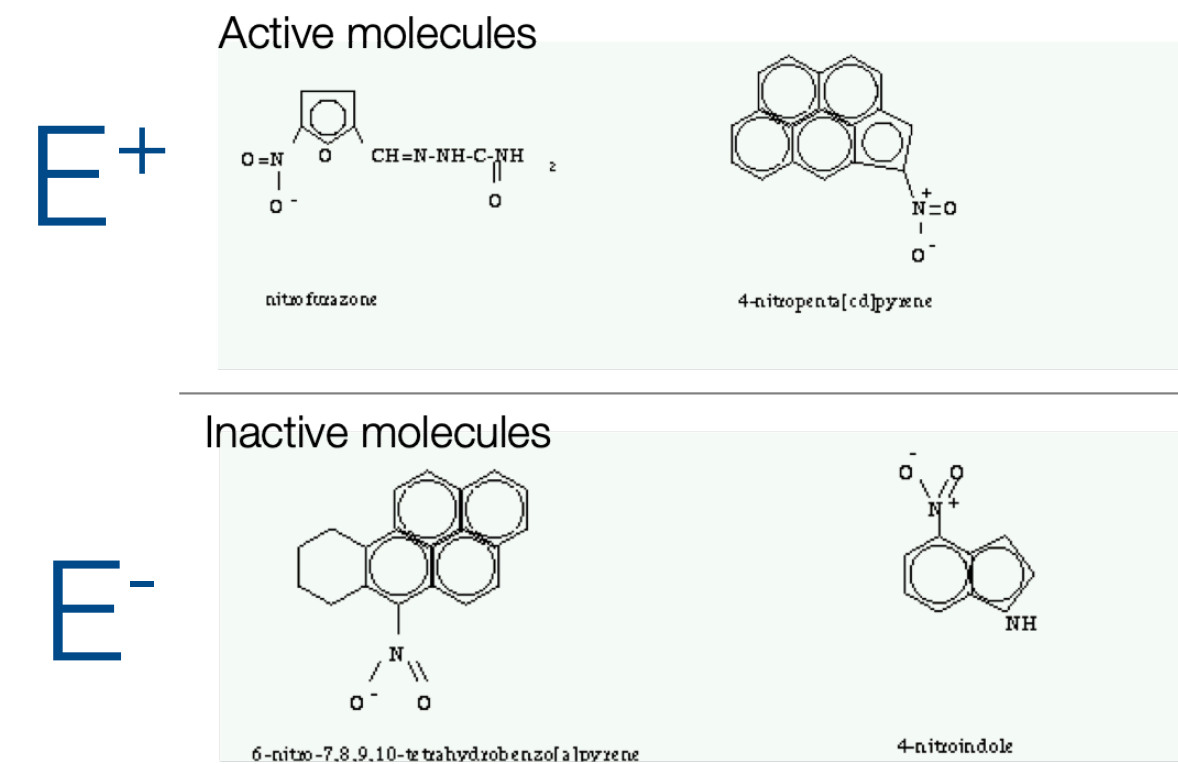
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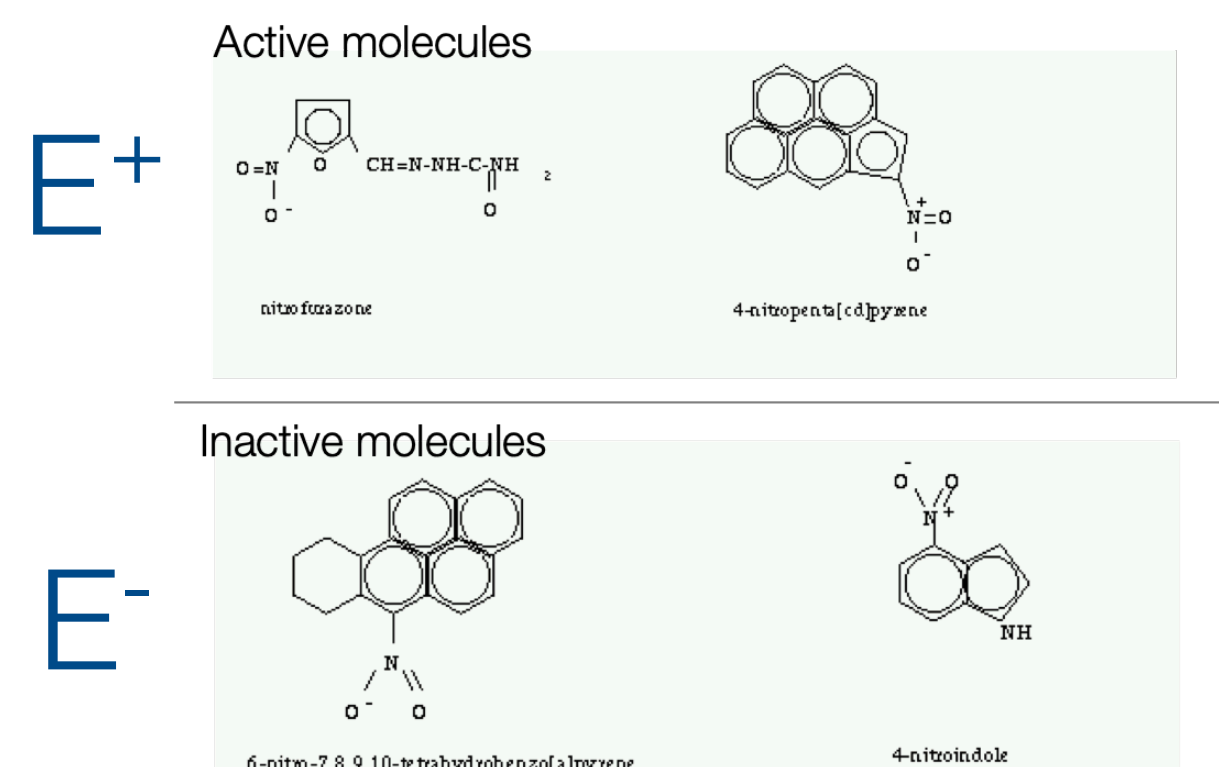
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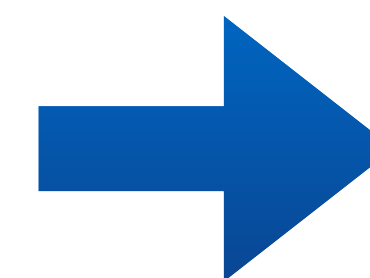
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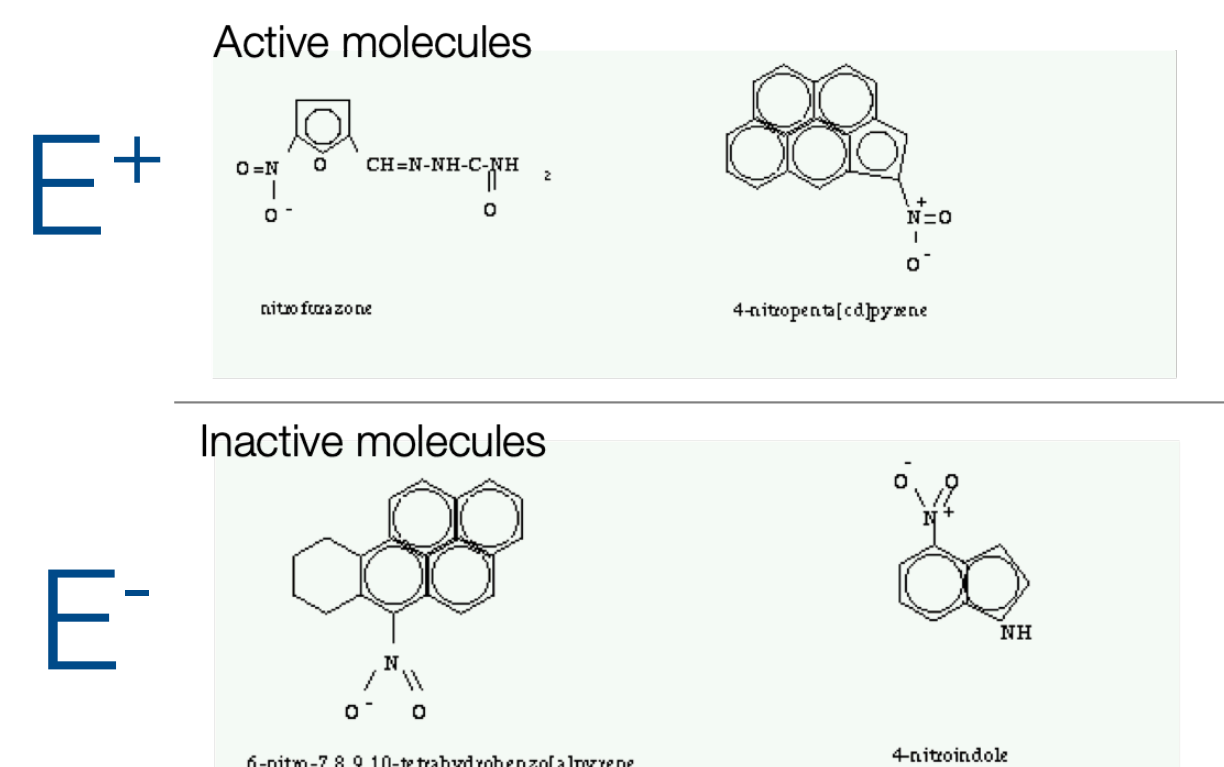
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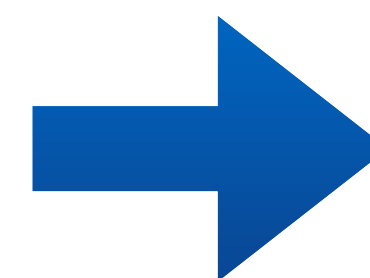
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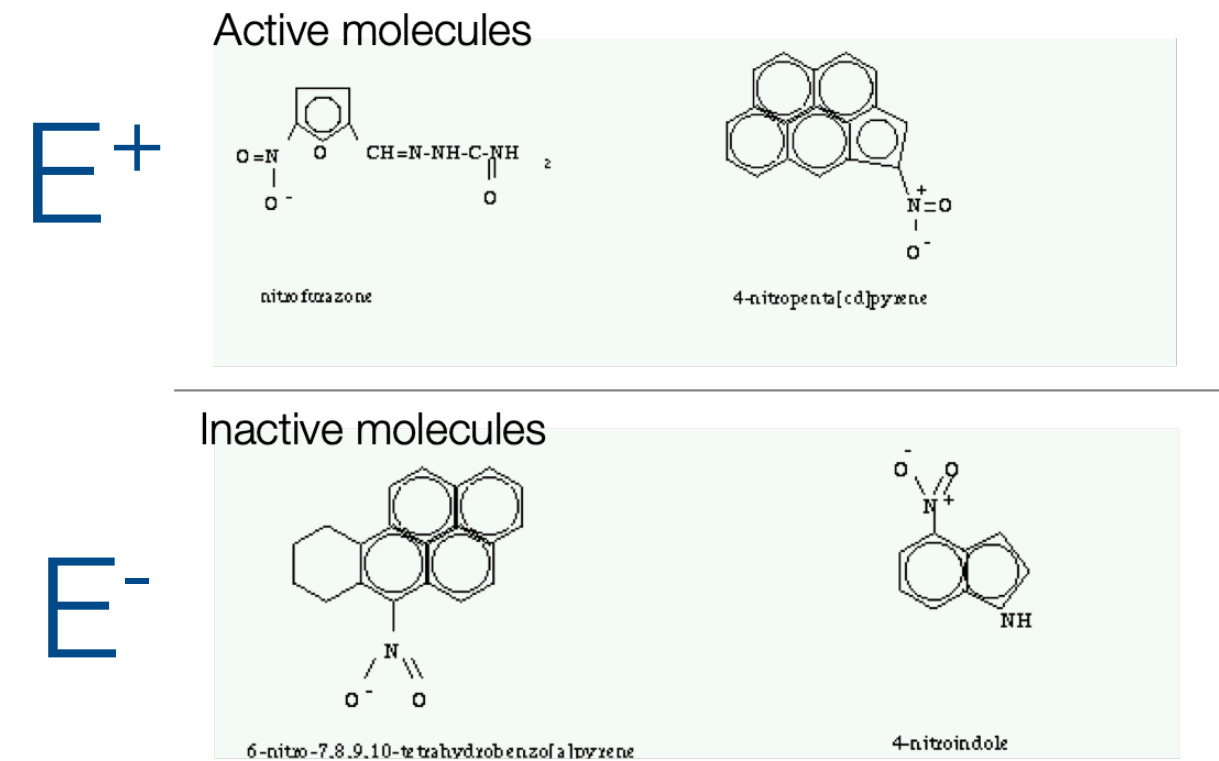
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vp(X,Y) ← v(X,Y).

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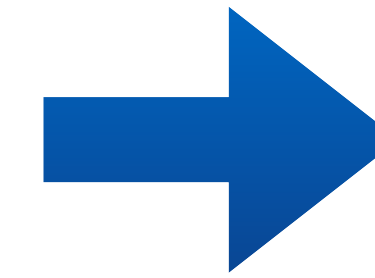
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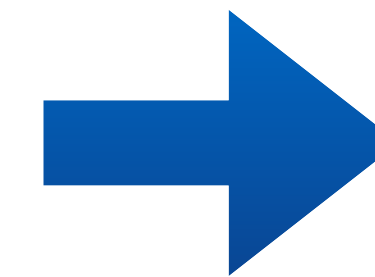
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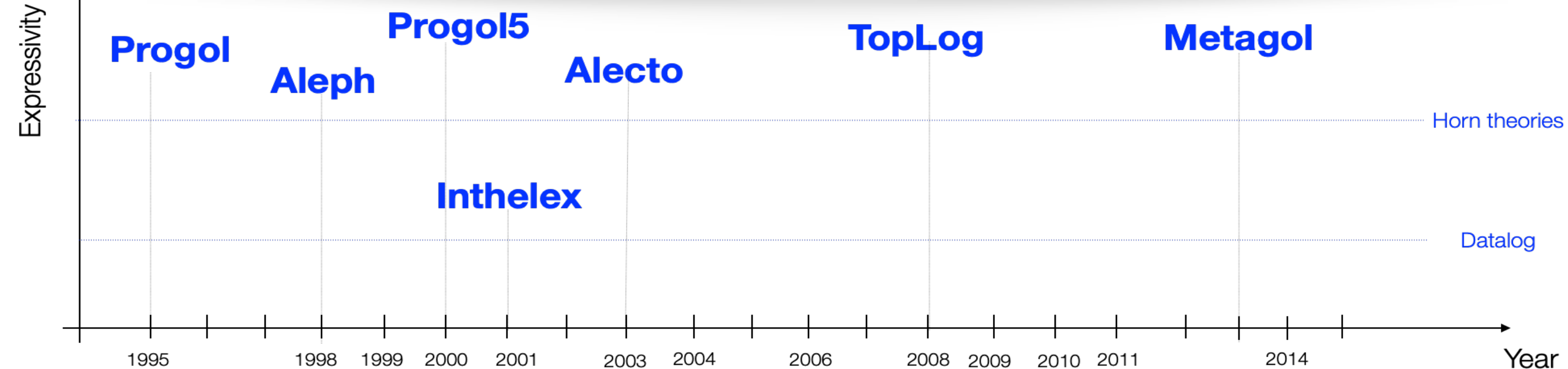

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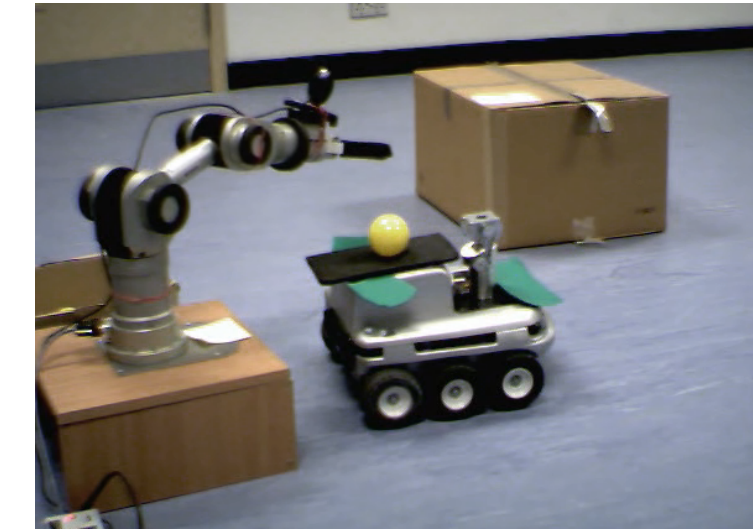
- ▶ Models expressing recursive concepts, non-monotonic assumptions, constraints, preferences, are thought to be too complex to be efficiently learned by a general purpose symbolic machine learning algorithm.
- ▶ Symbolic machine learning is not robust to noise in the data.
- ▶ Symbolic machine learning is not scalable to large datasets and large search spaces.



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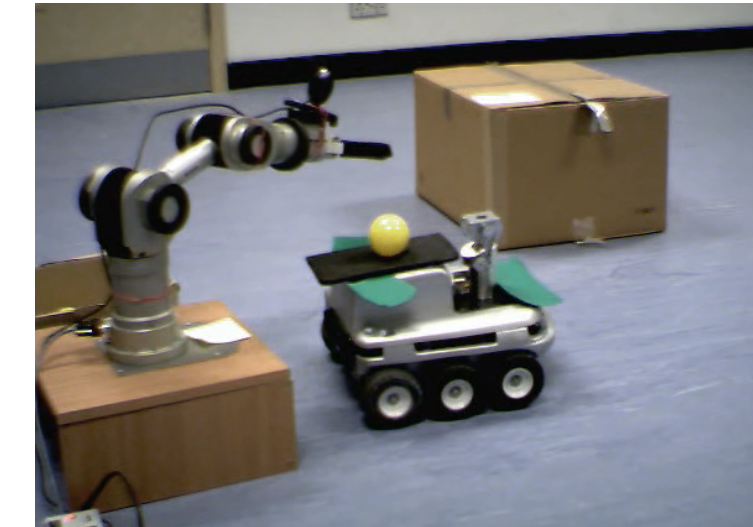
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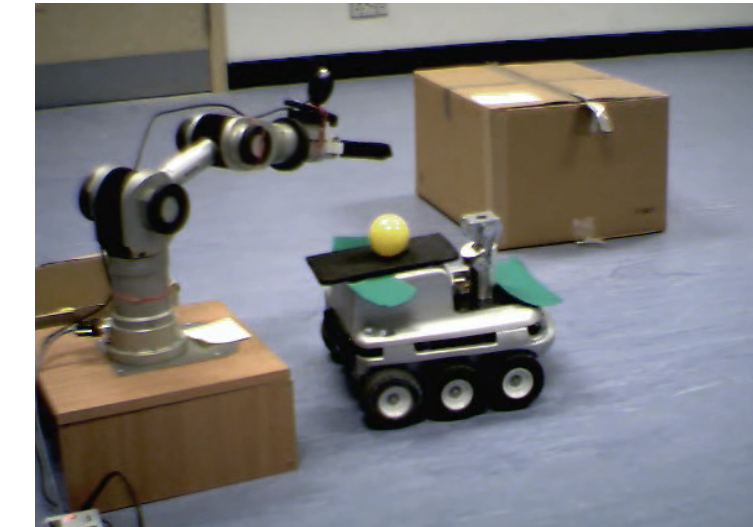
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- ▶ Assisting humans in their decision making require **learning their preferences**

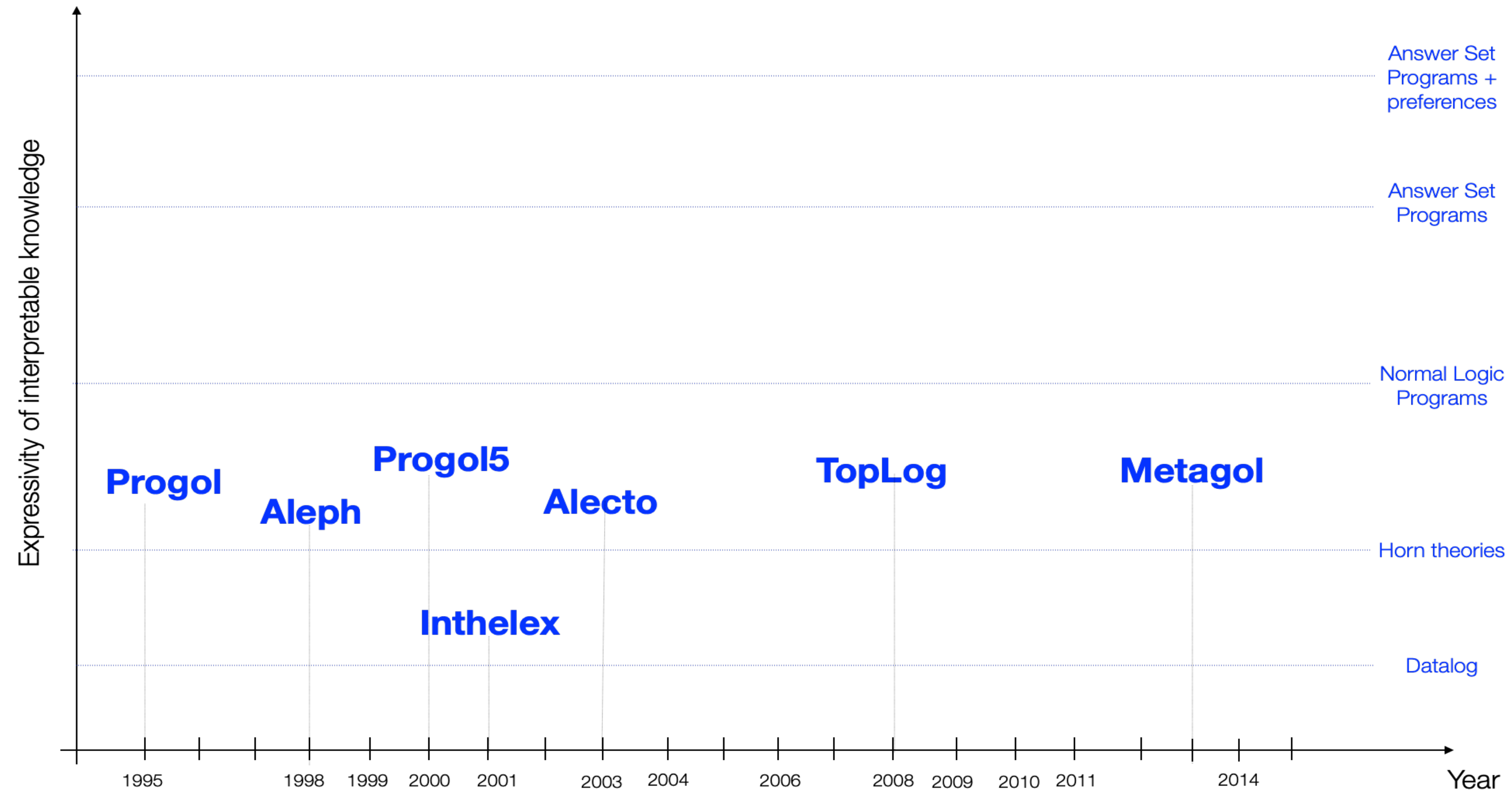
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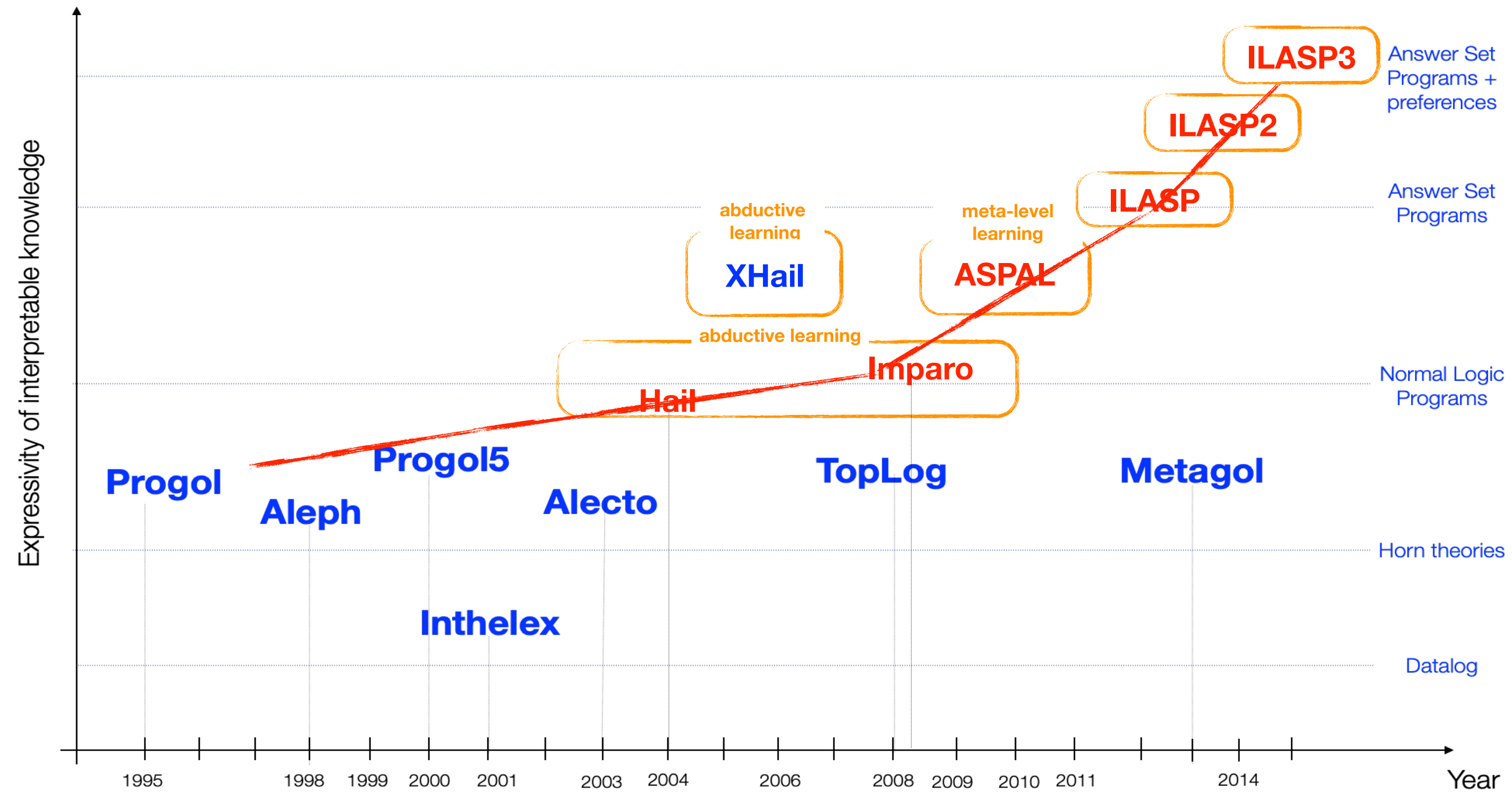
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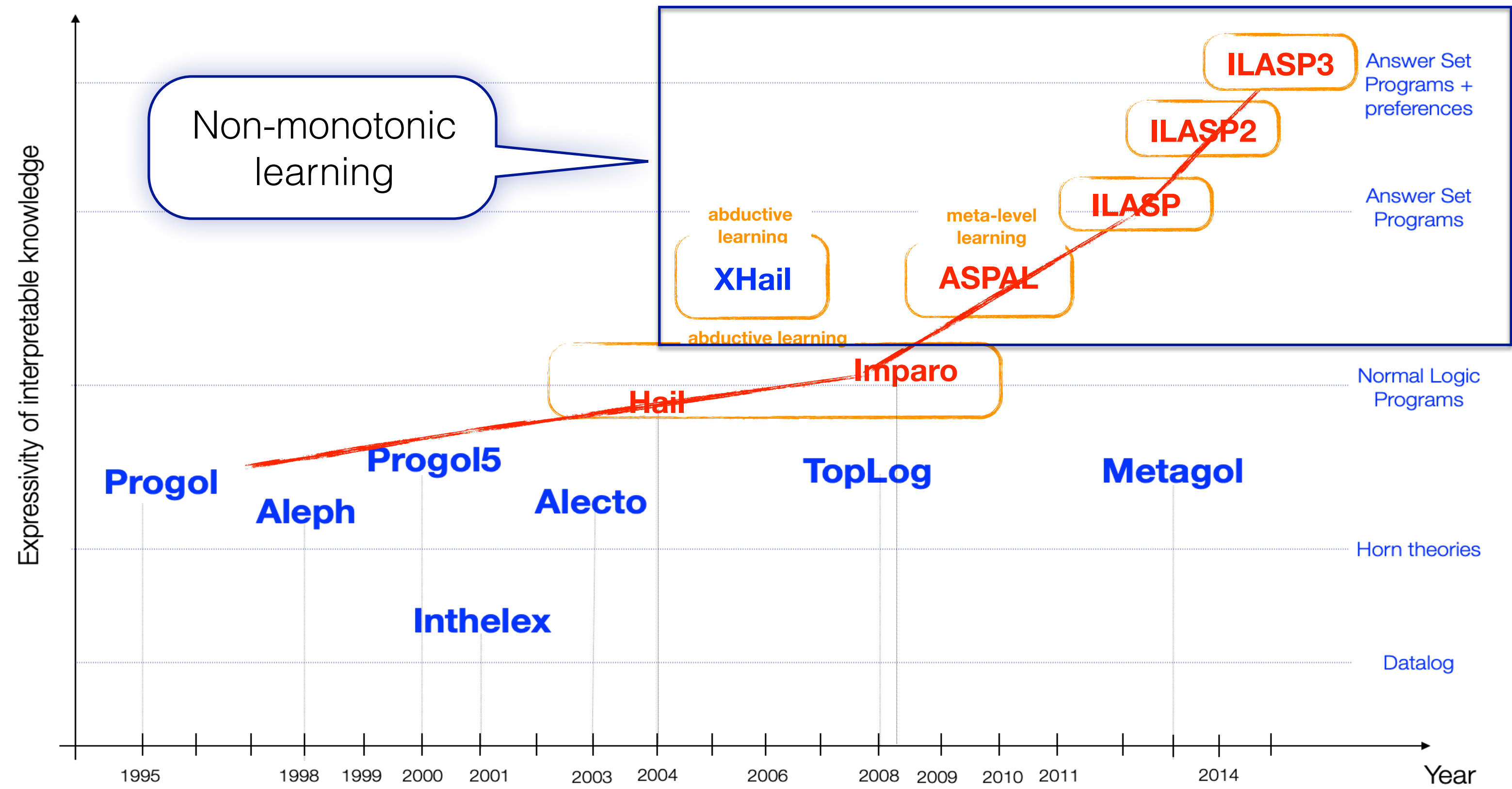
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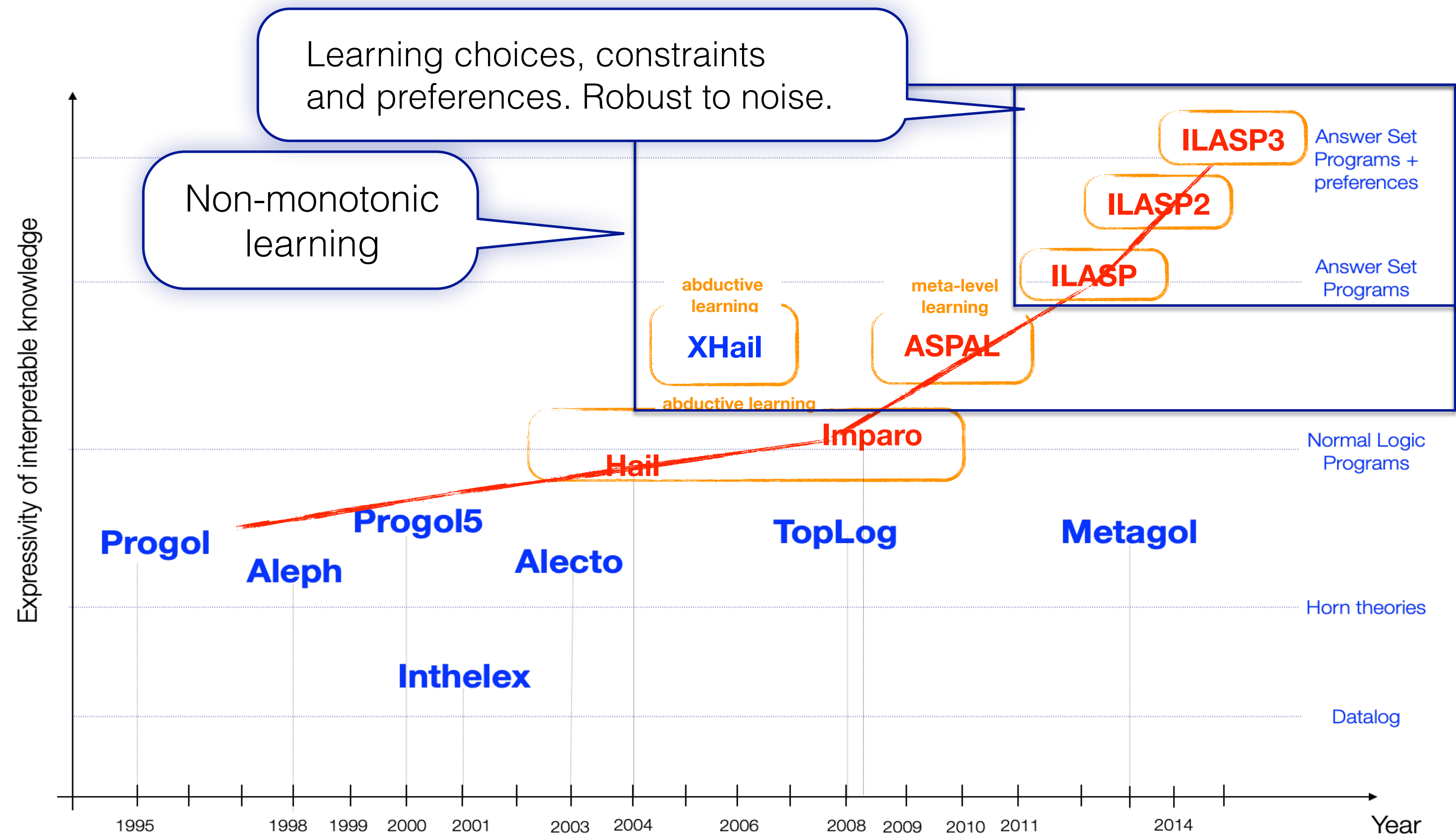
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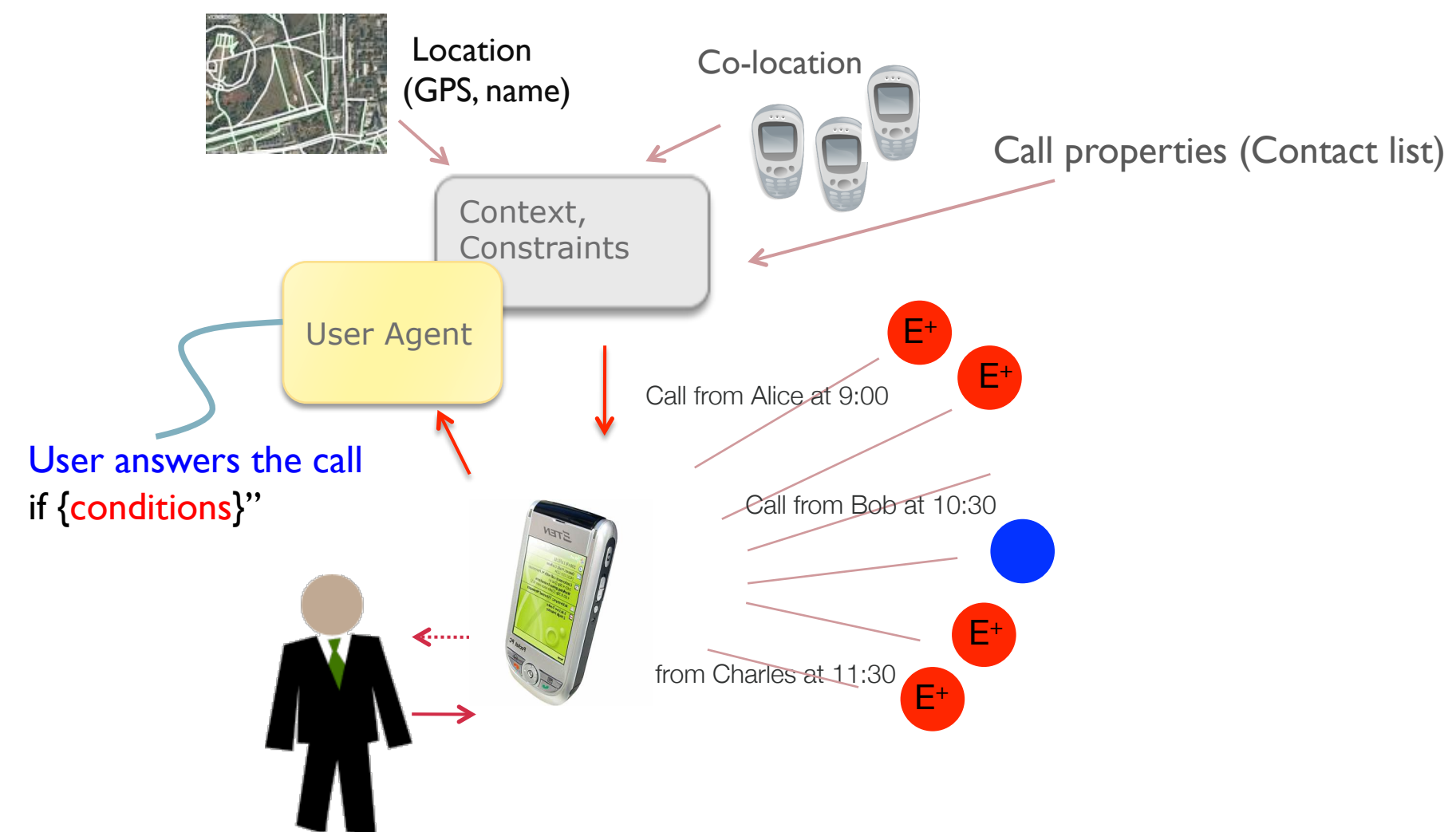
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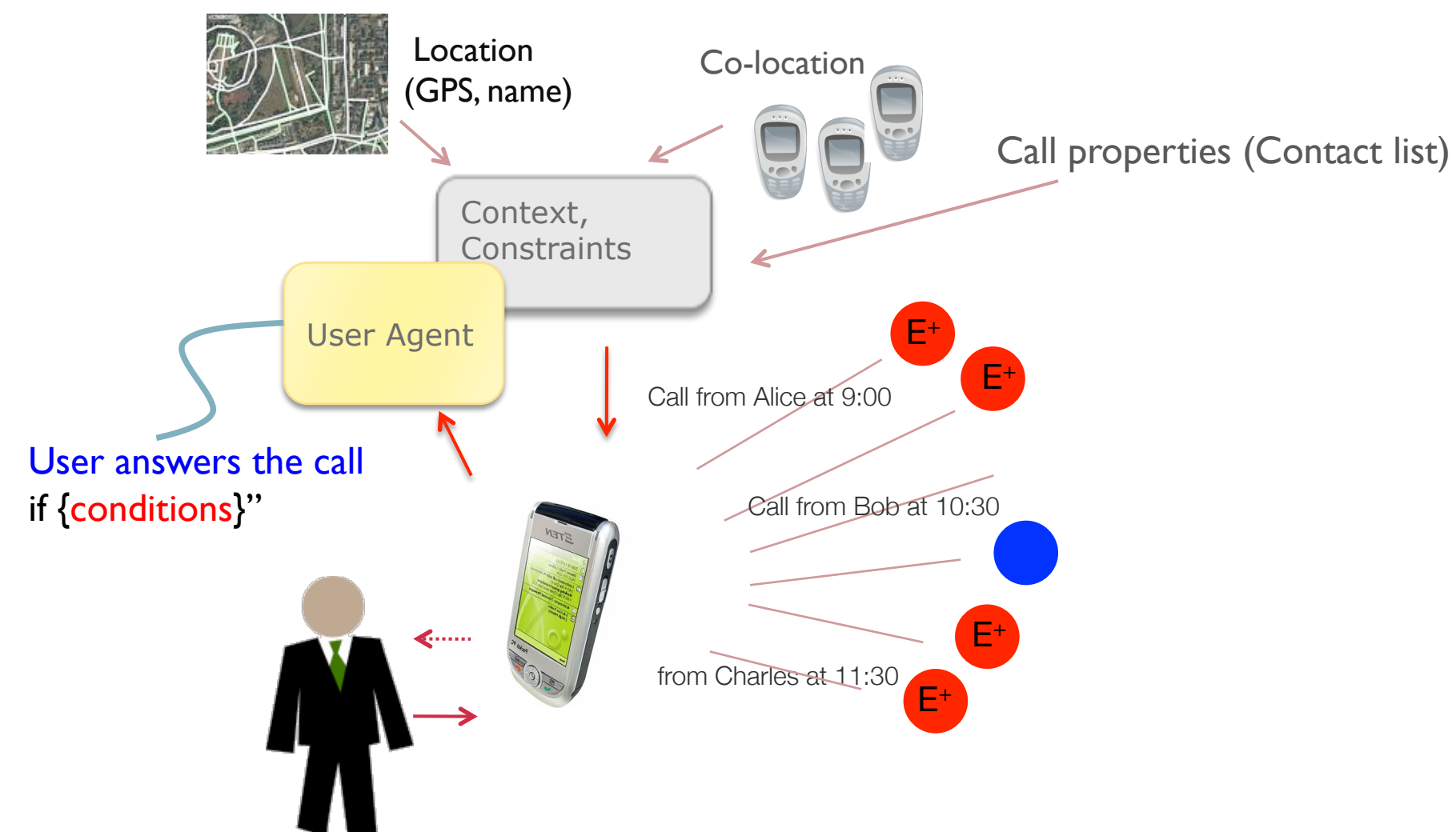
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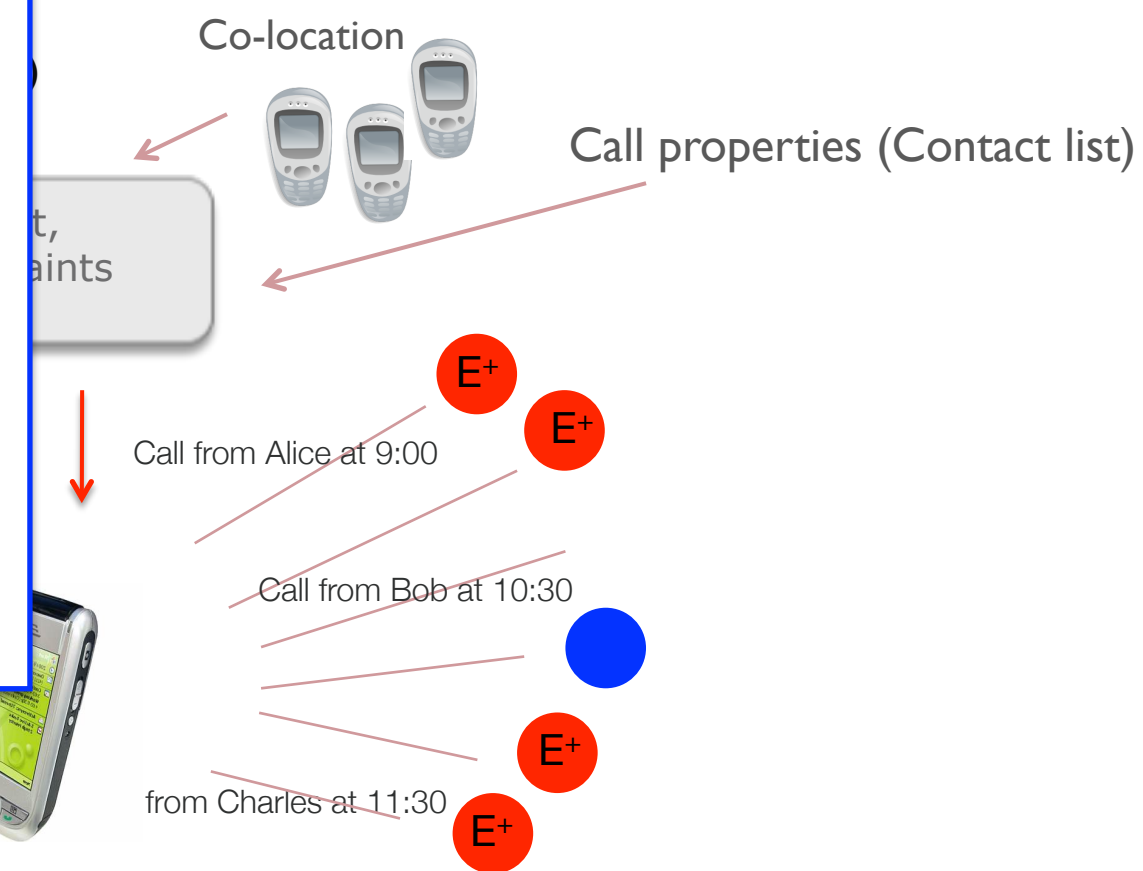
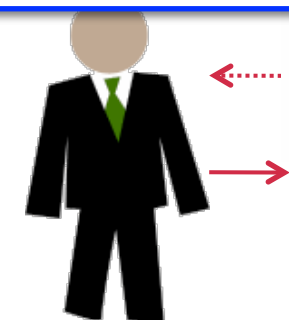
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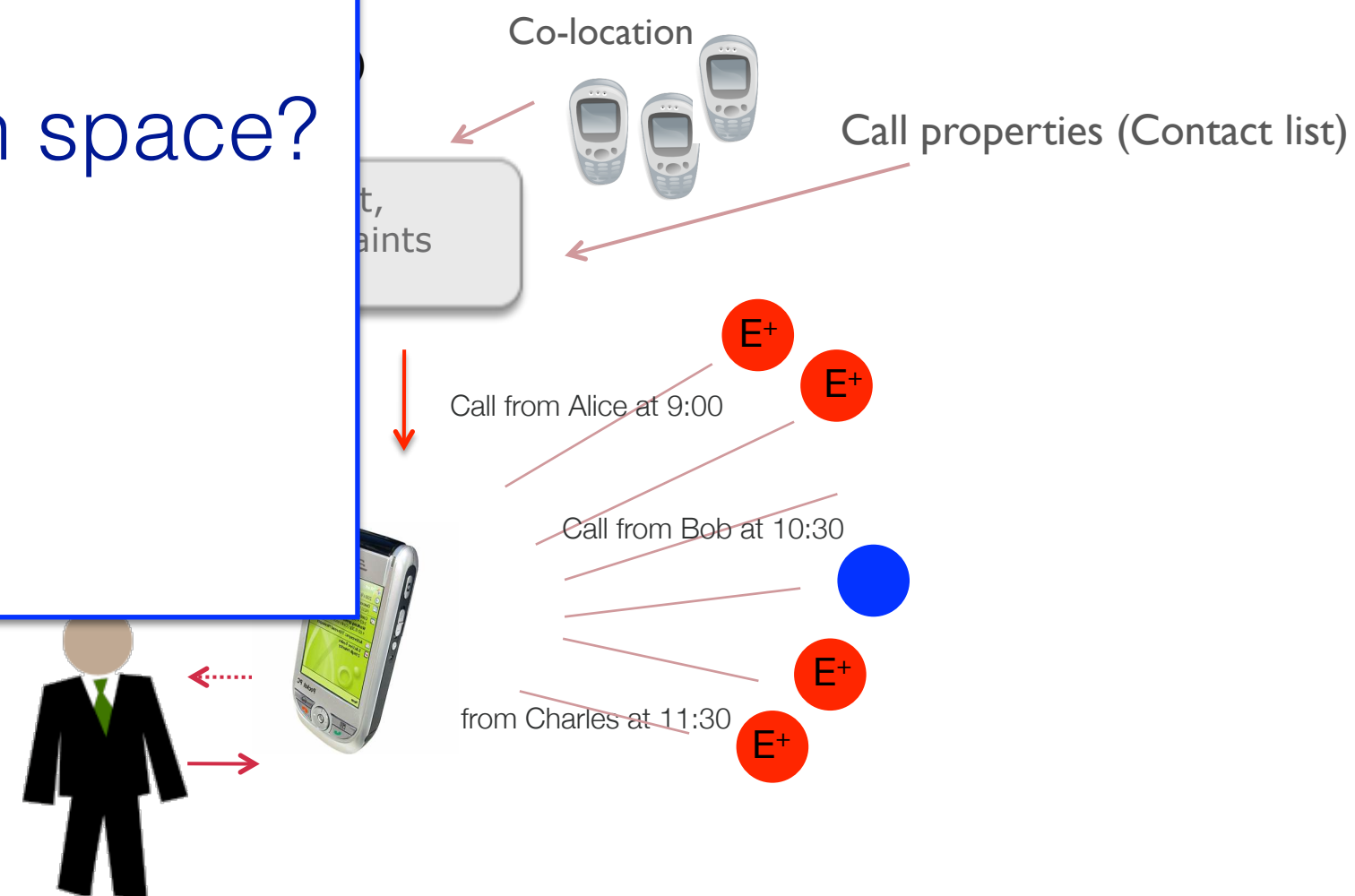
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Your learning results.

Clicking on a rule will enforce it. Incoming calls that satisfy the rule's conditions will be automatically answered.

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Prolog rule: `[(accept(_,_C,_____):- \+C=99676196)]`
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Learn Rule: Accept calls: not from contact 99676196, OR when you're not active
Accuracy: 76.0%
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- Devices are able to continuously learn policies from (user) past actions
- Learned policies are used to automatically adapt their behaviours and reduce human intervention

ASPAL

`answerCall(...) ← condition1, ..., conditionmaxC`

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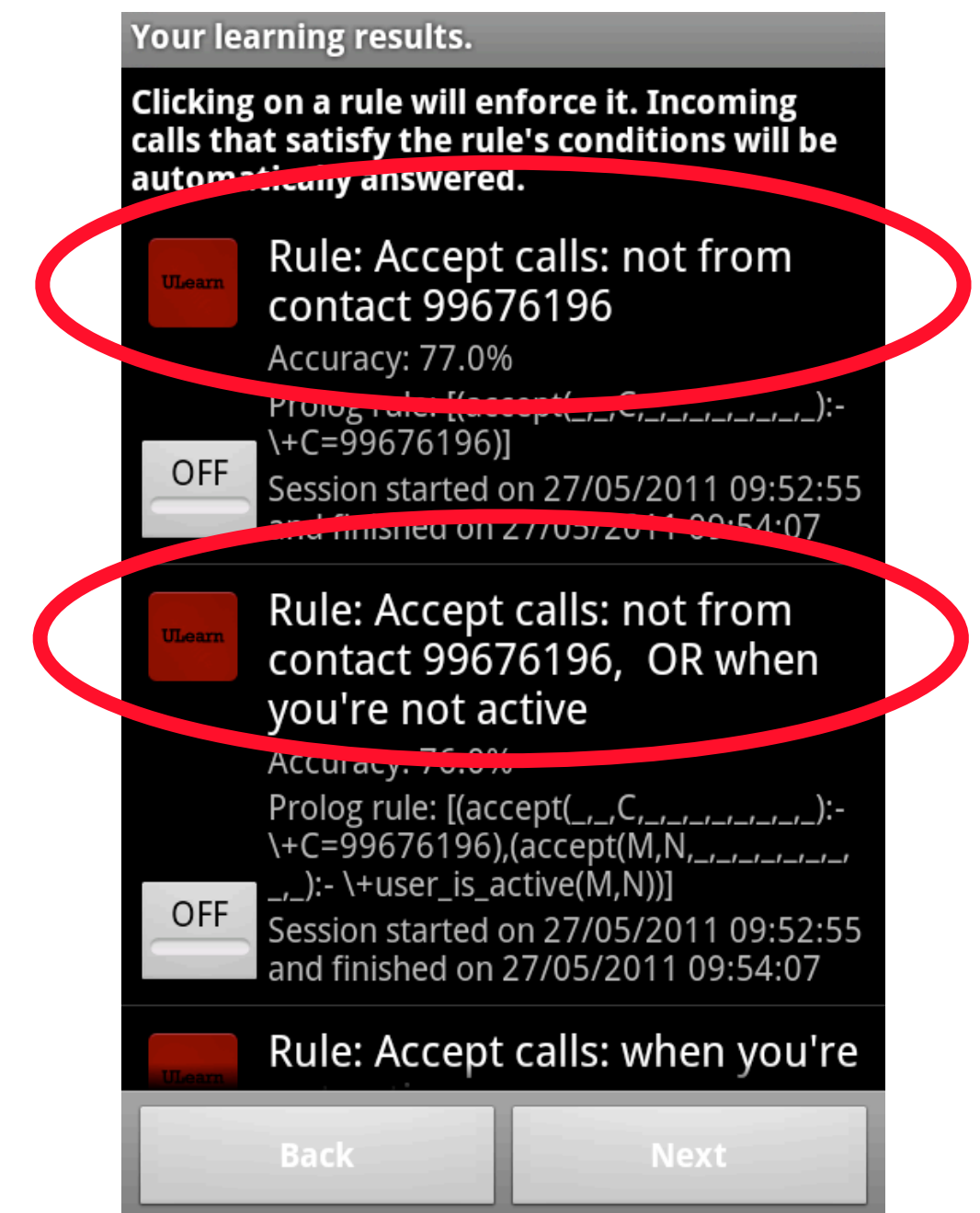
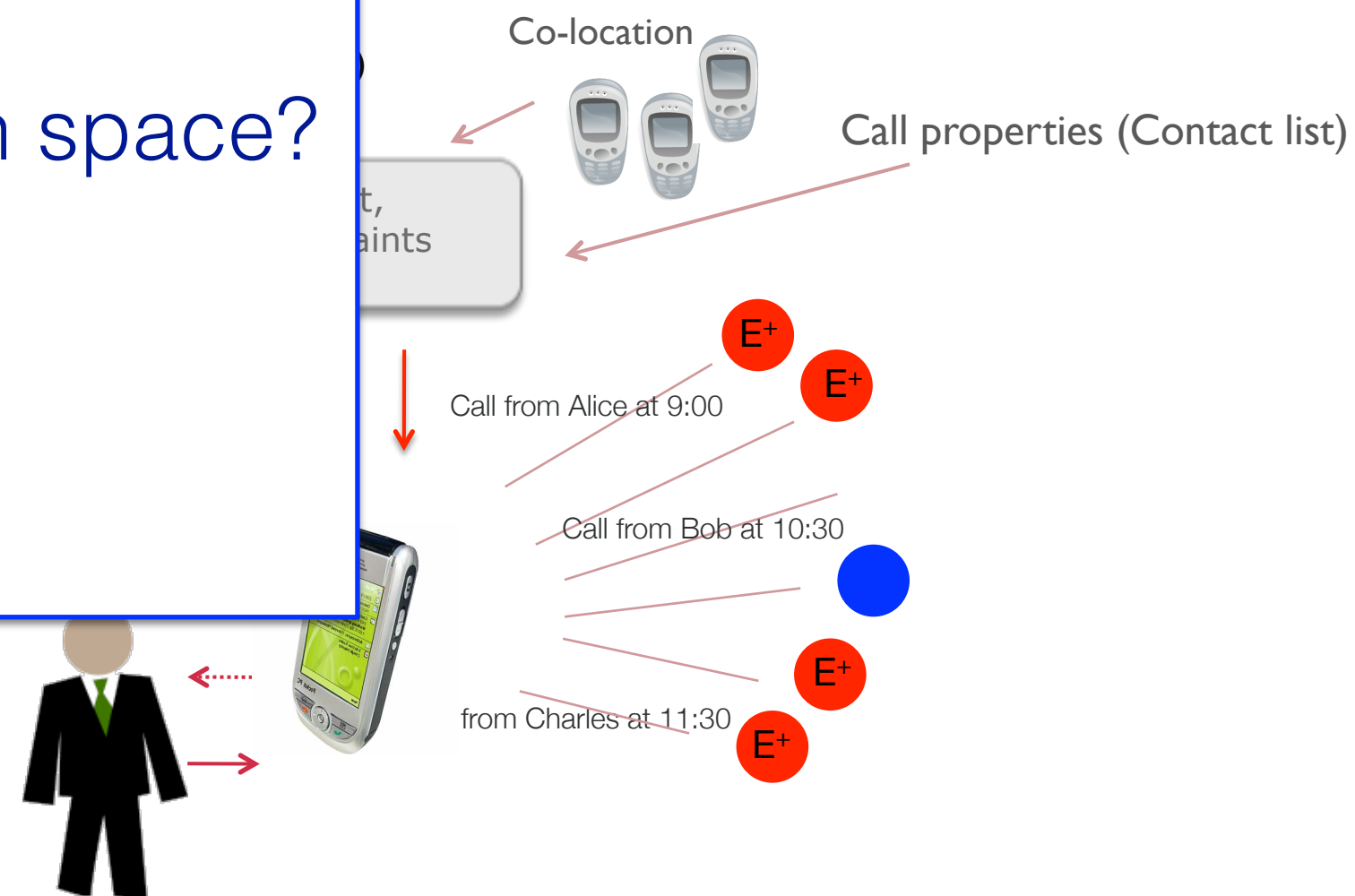
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How many policies in the search space?

$$((5000)^{\max C})^{\max R}$$

$$5000^{4 \times 10} \cong 10^{147} \text{ possible}$$

choices for
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Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs

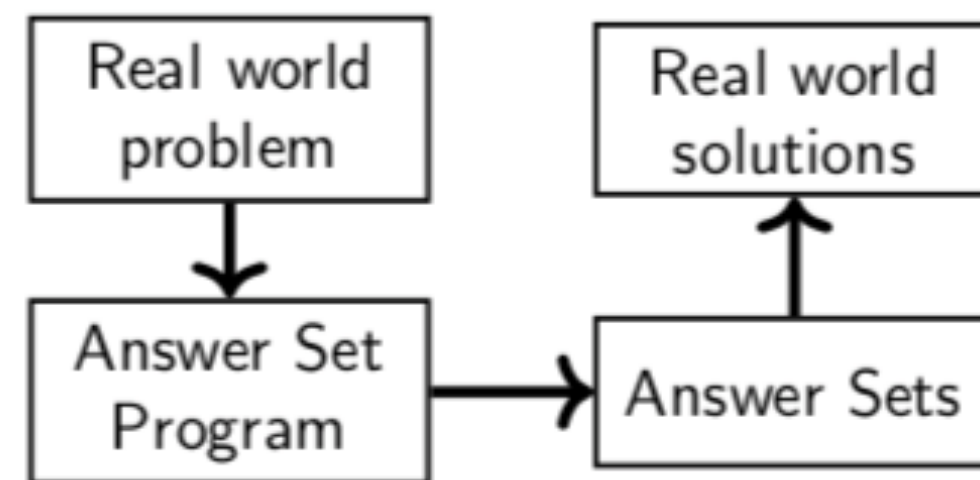
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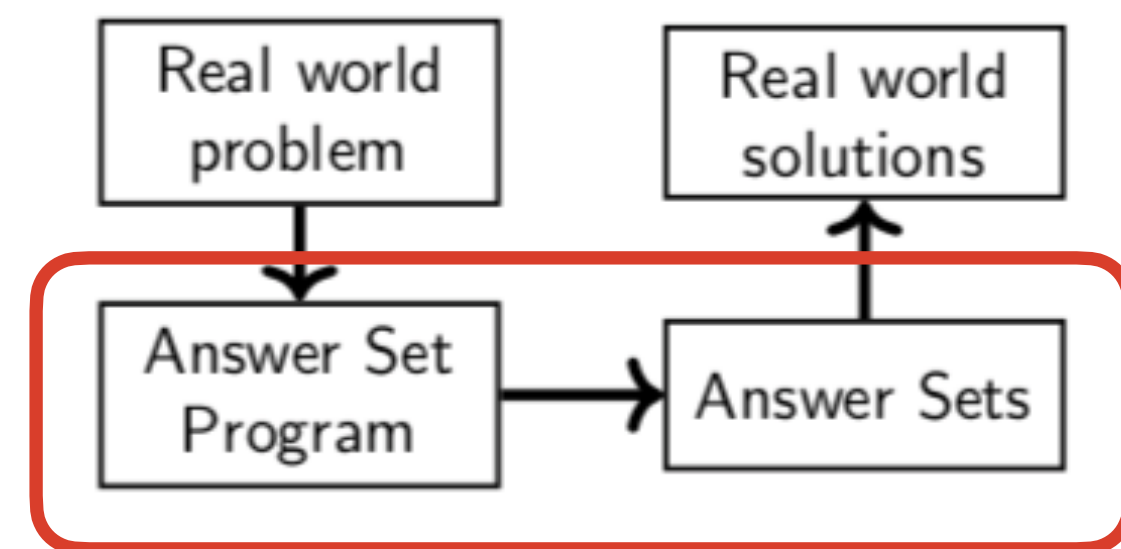


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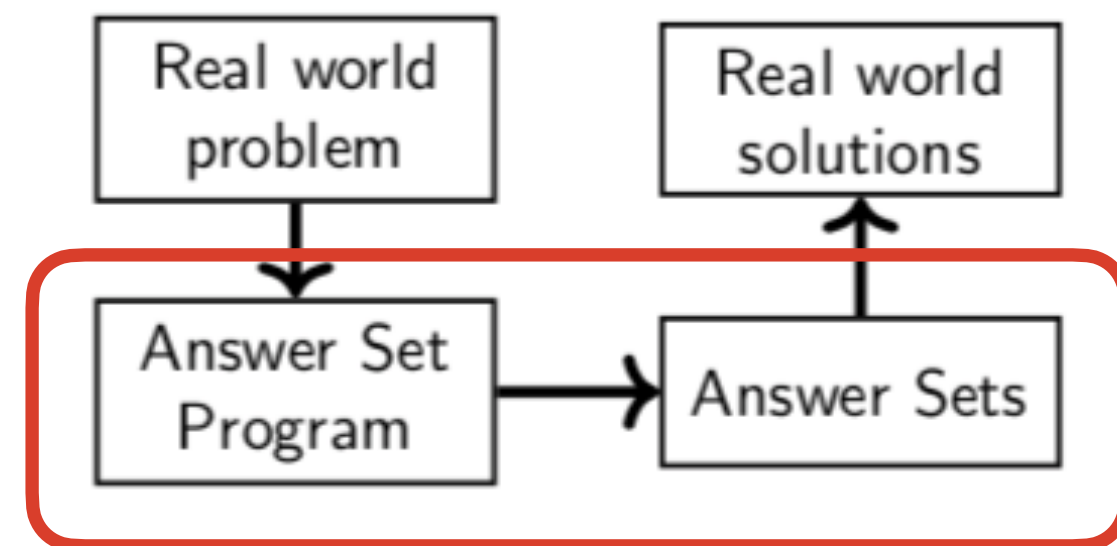


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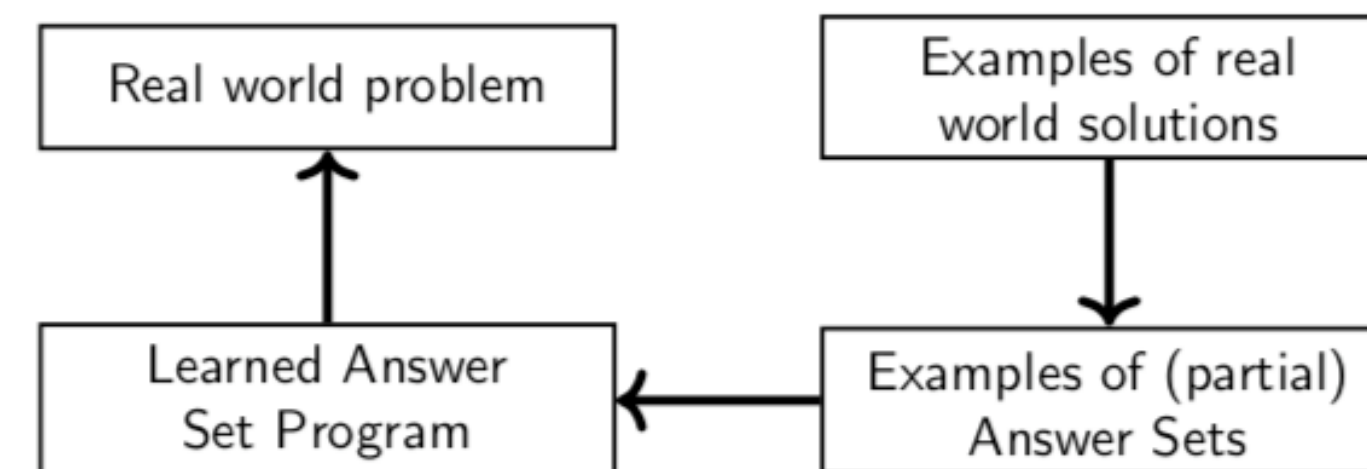
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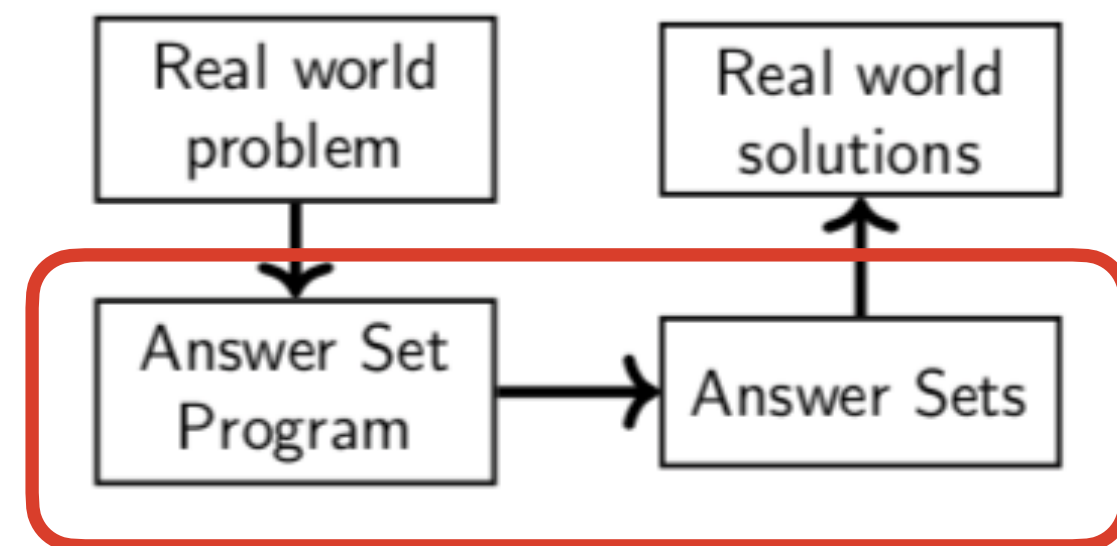


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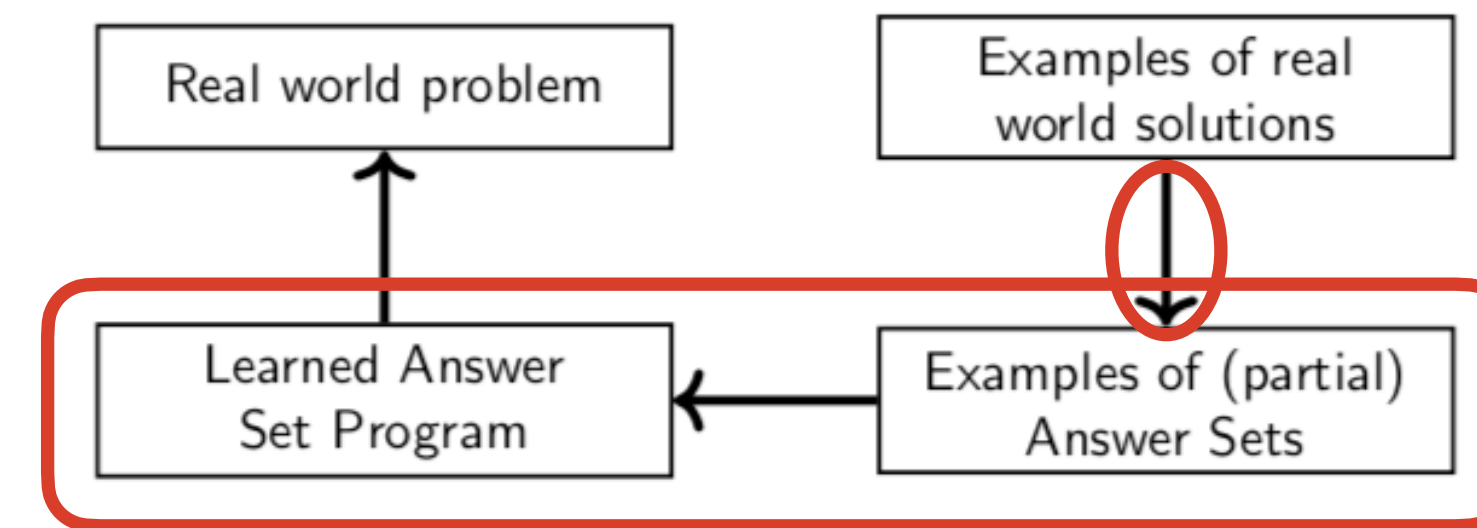
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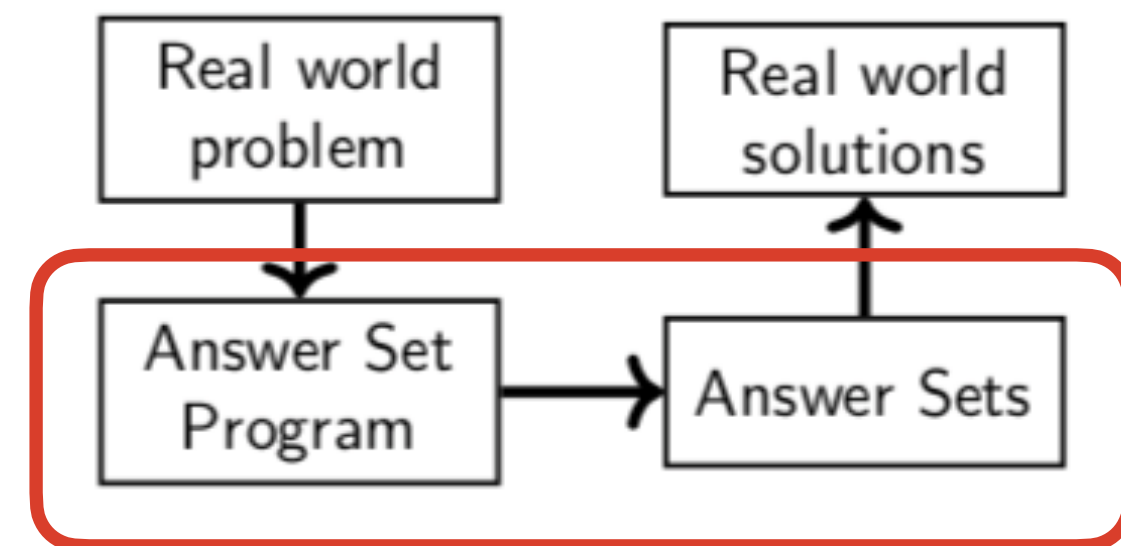


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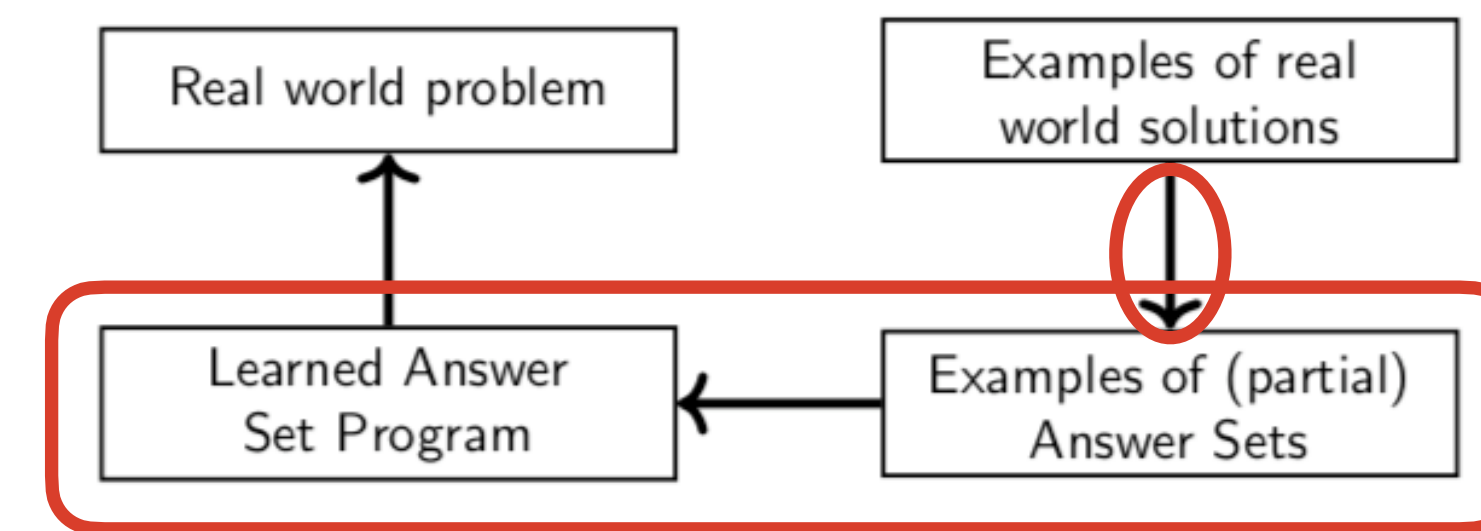
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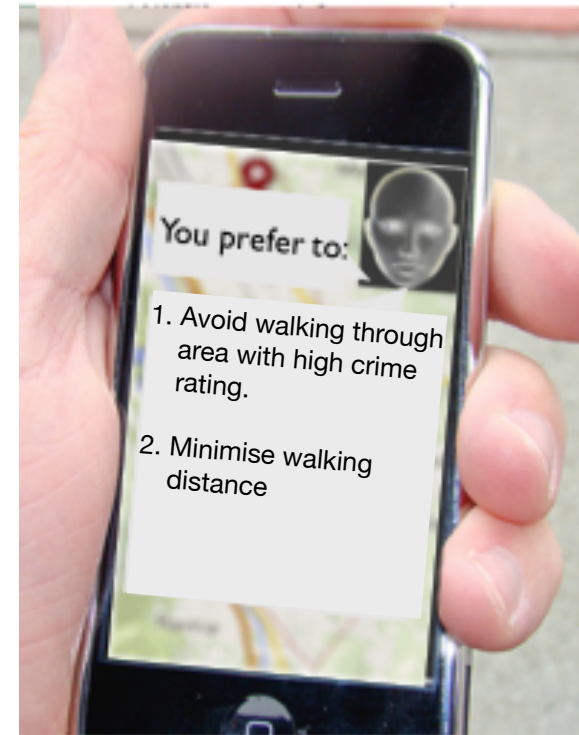
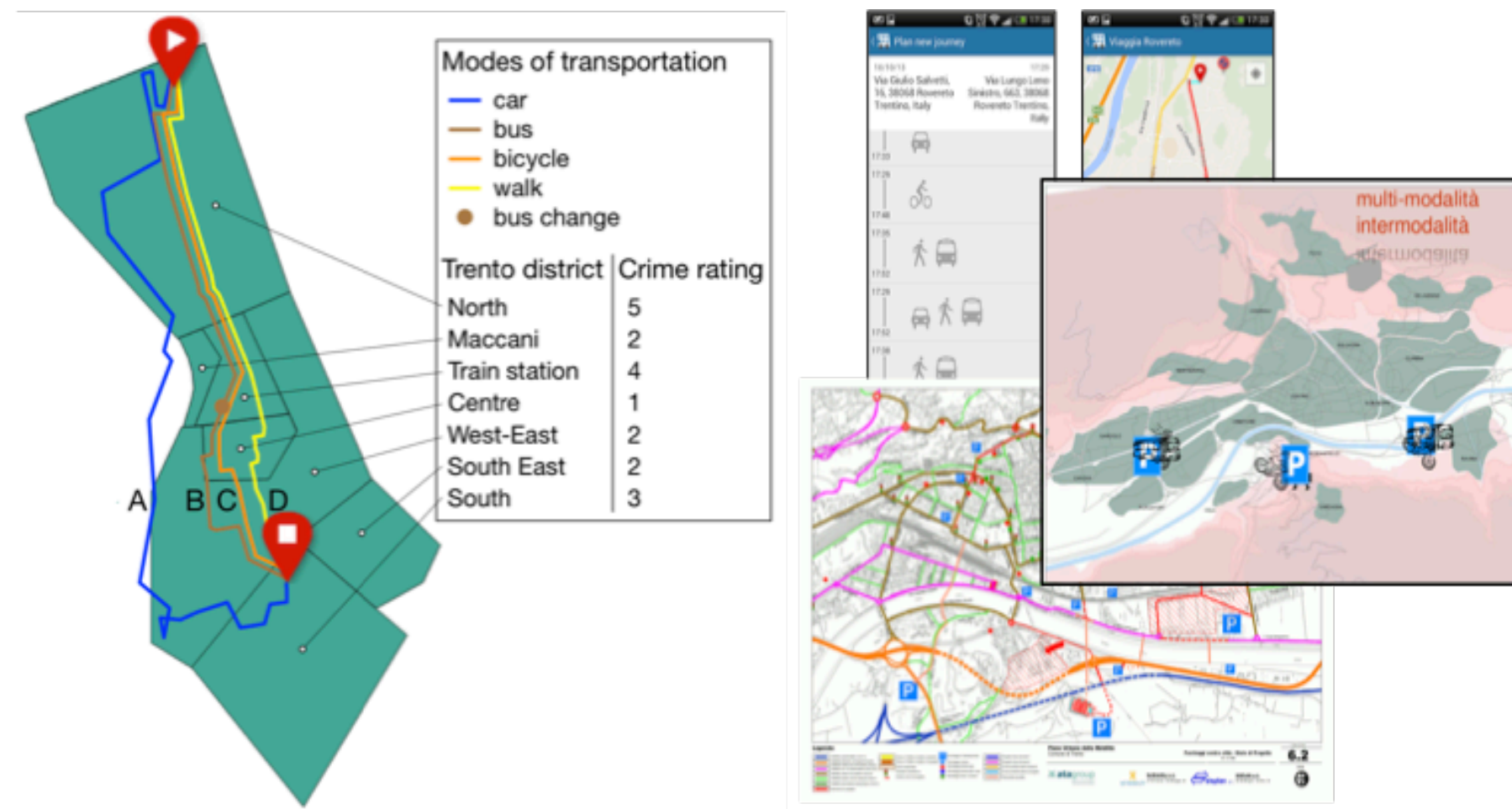
Desirable features for expressing (learned) knowledge in cognitive systems:

- ▶ Defaults and exceptions can be modelled using [negation as failure](#)
- ▶ Non-determinism and choice can modelled using [choice rules](#)
- ▶ Preferences can be modelled using [weak constraints](#)

Learning Preference Models

Objective is to learn human preferences from human's choices, and provide them with optimal, personalised suggestions with explanation.

Intelligent Urban Mobility System

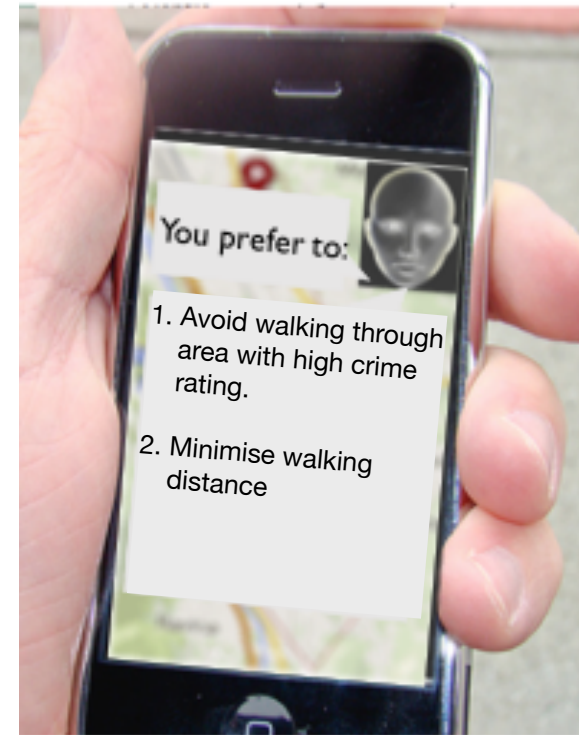
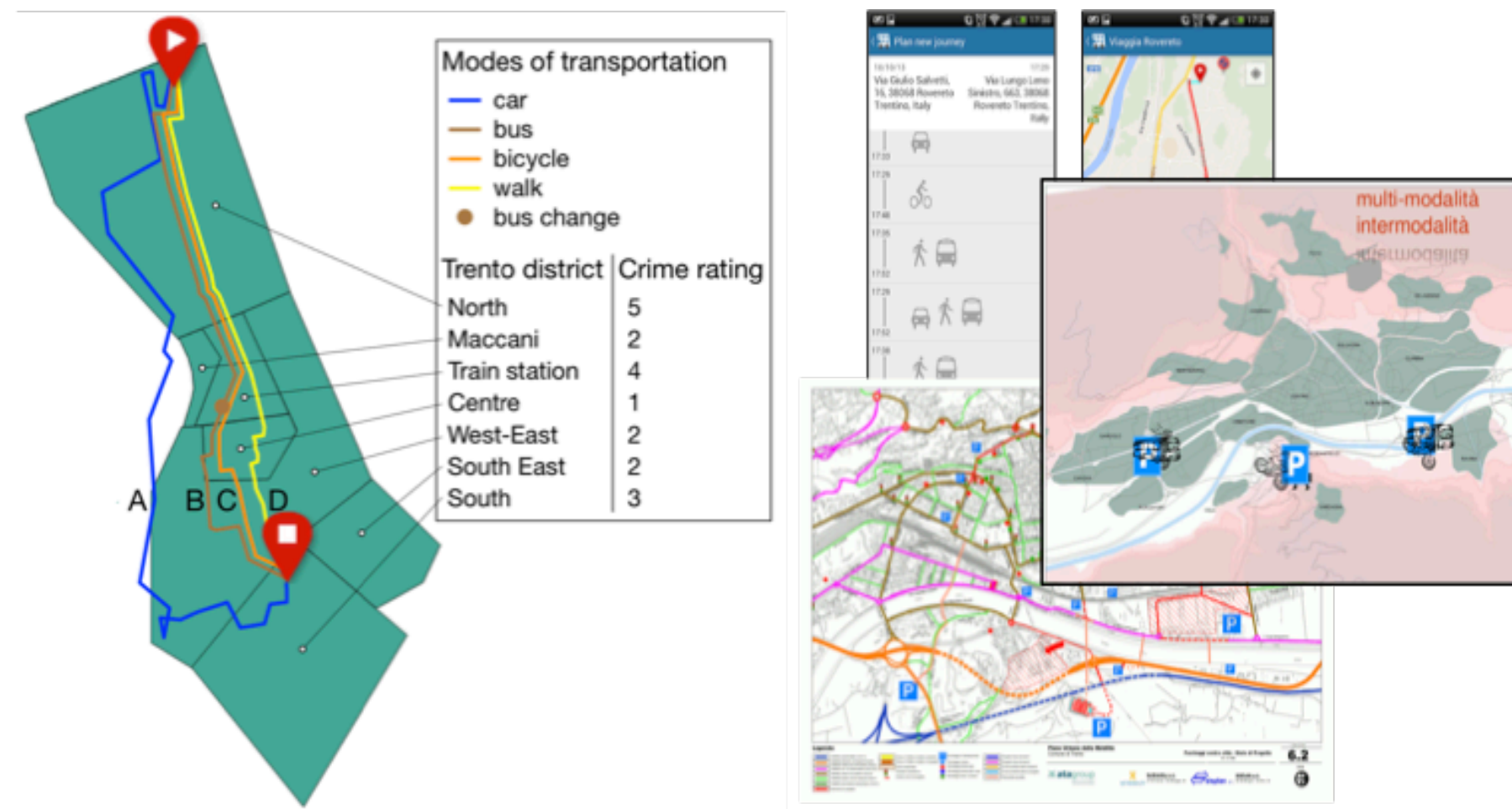


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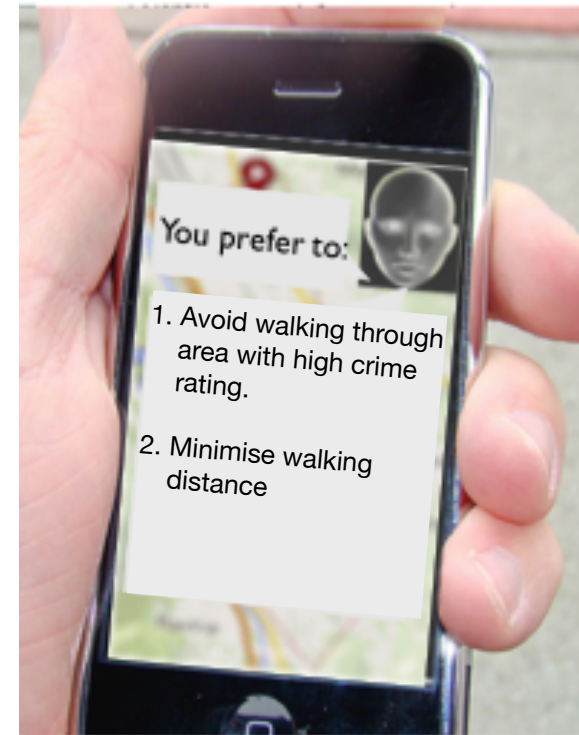
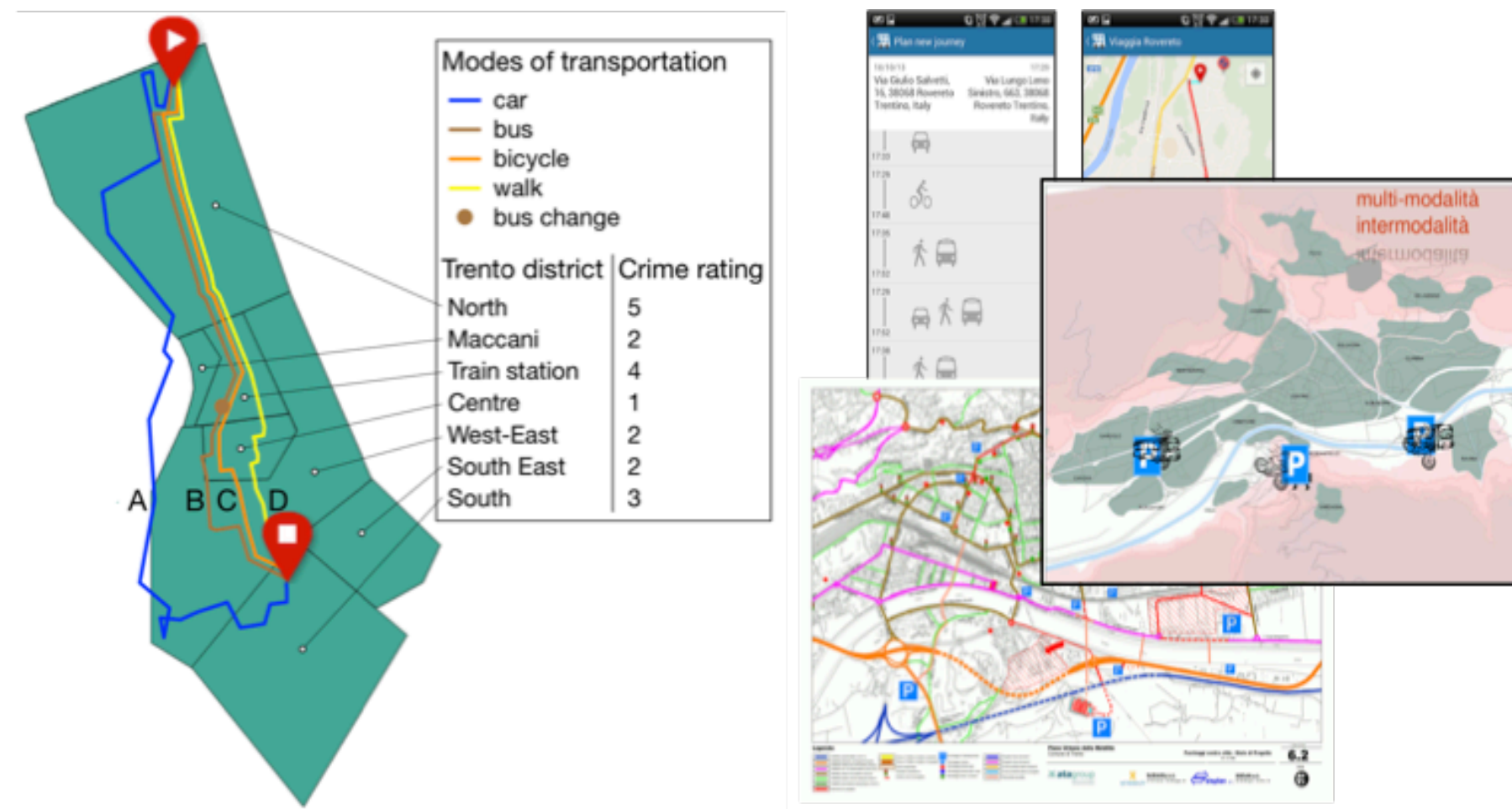
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ILASP2

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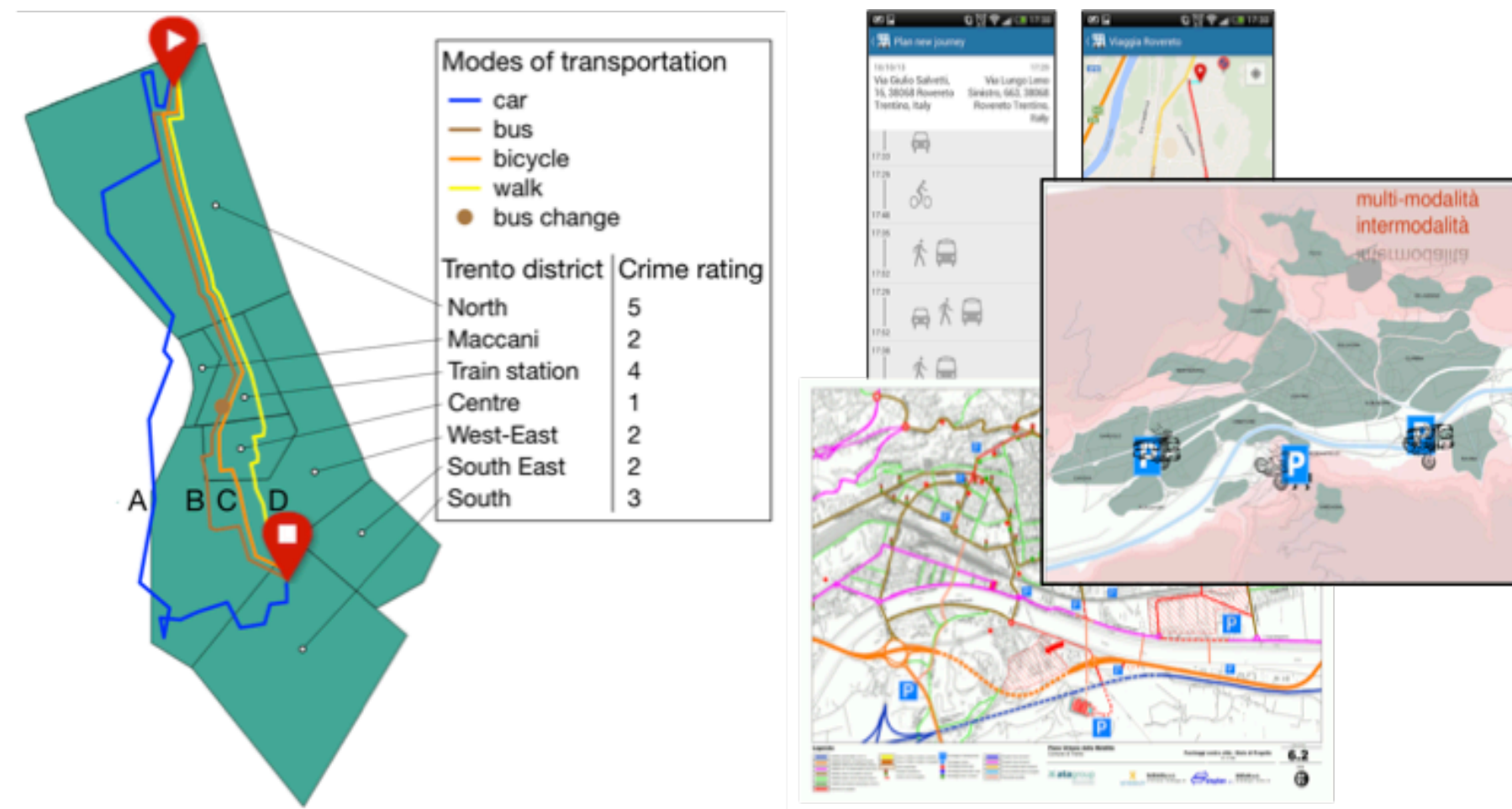
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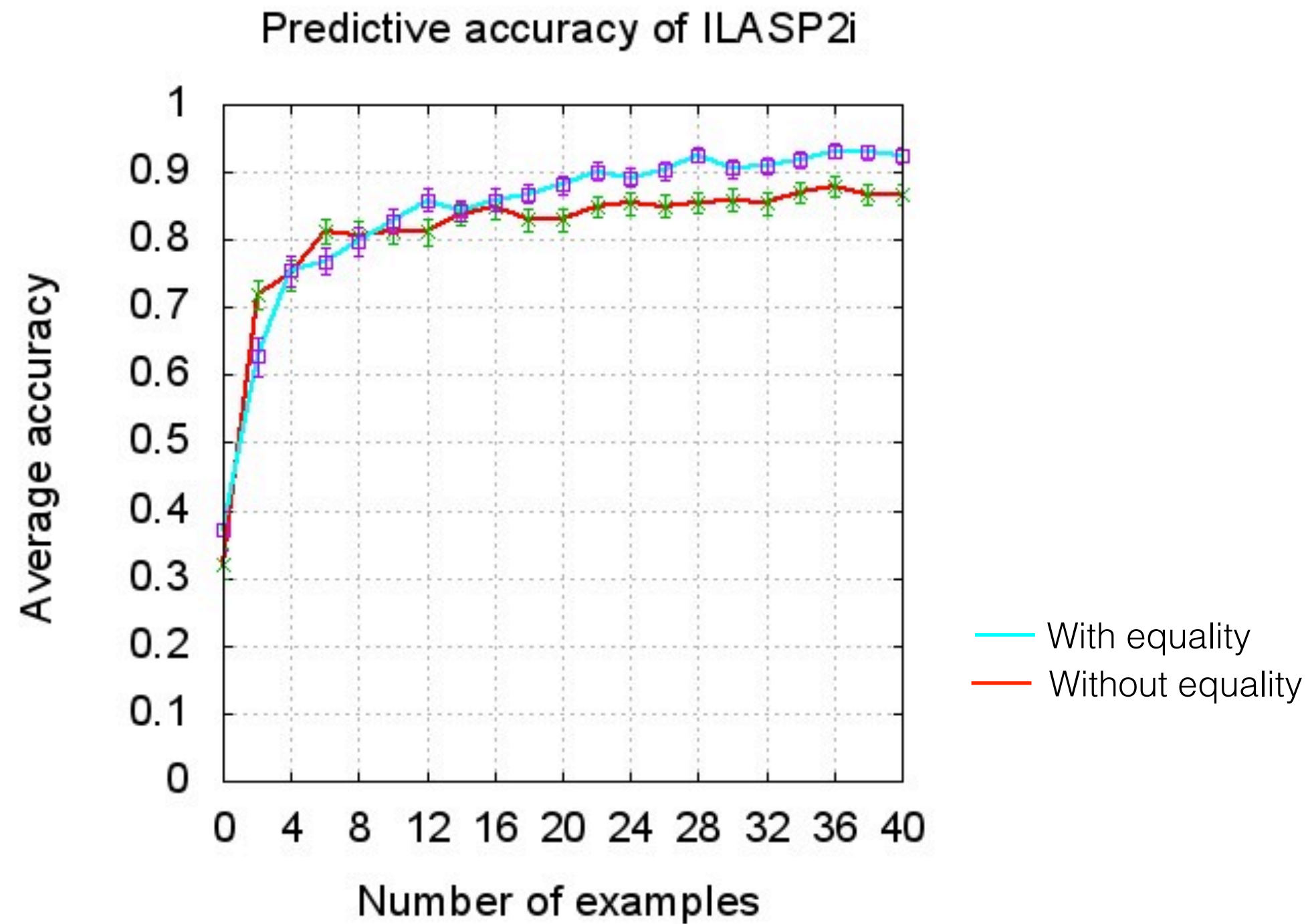
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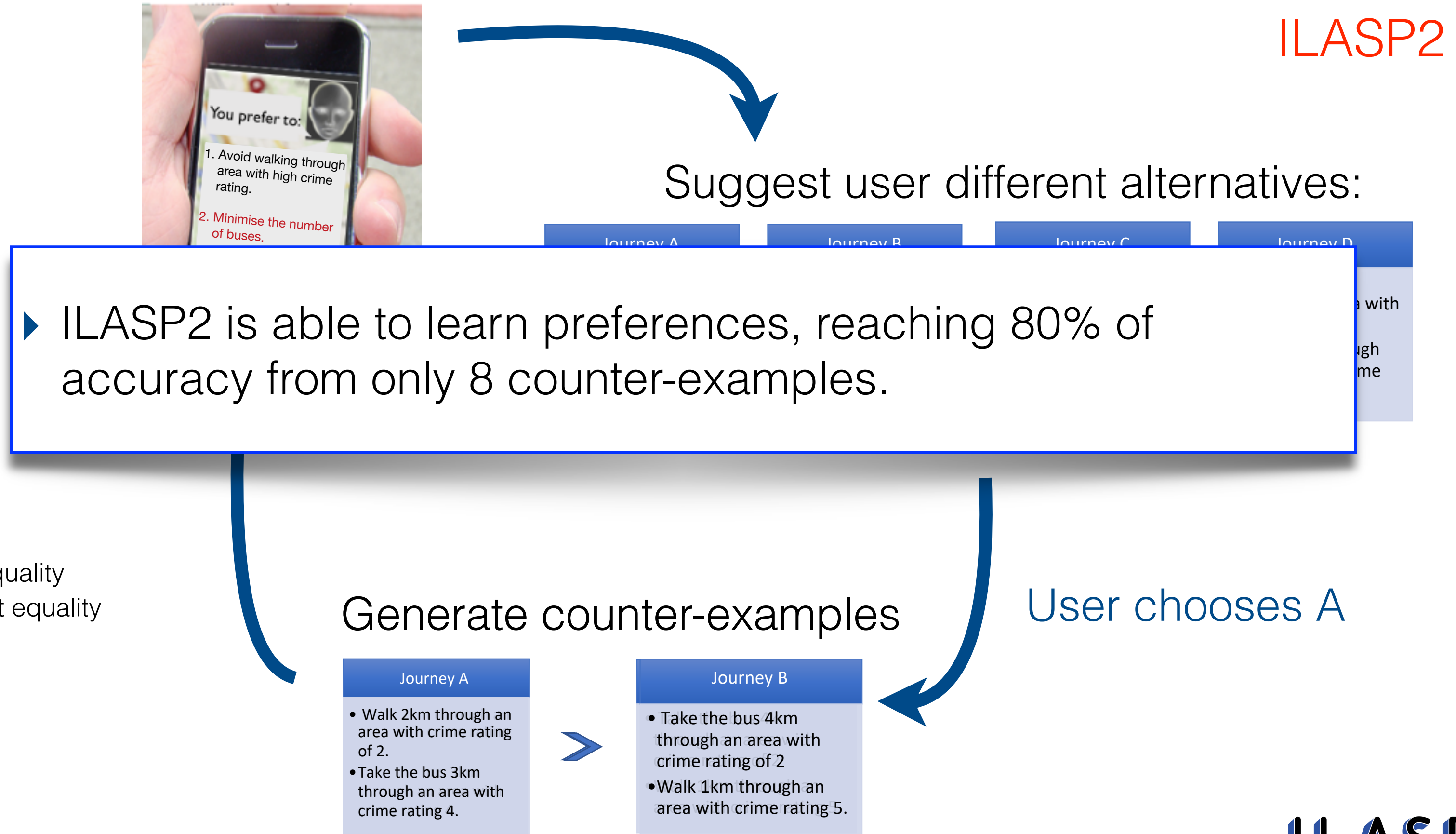
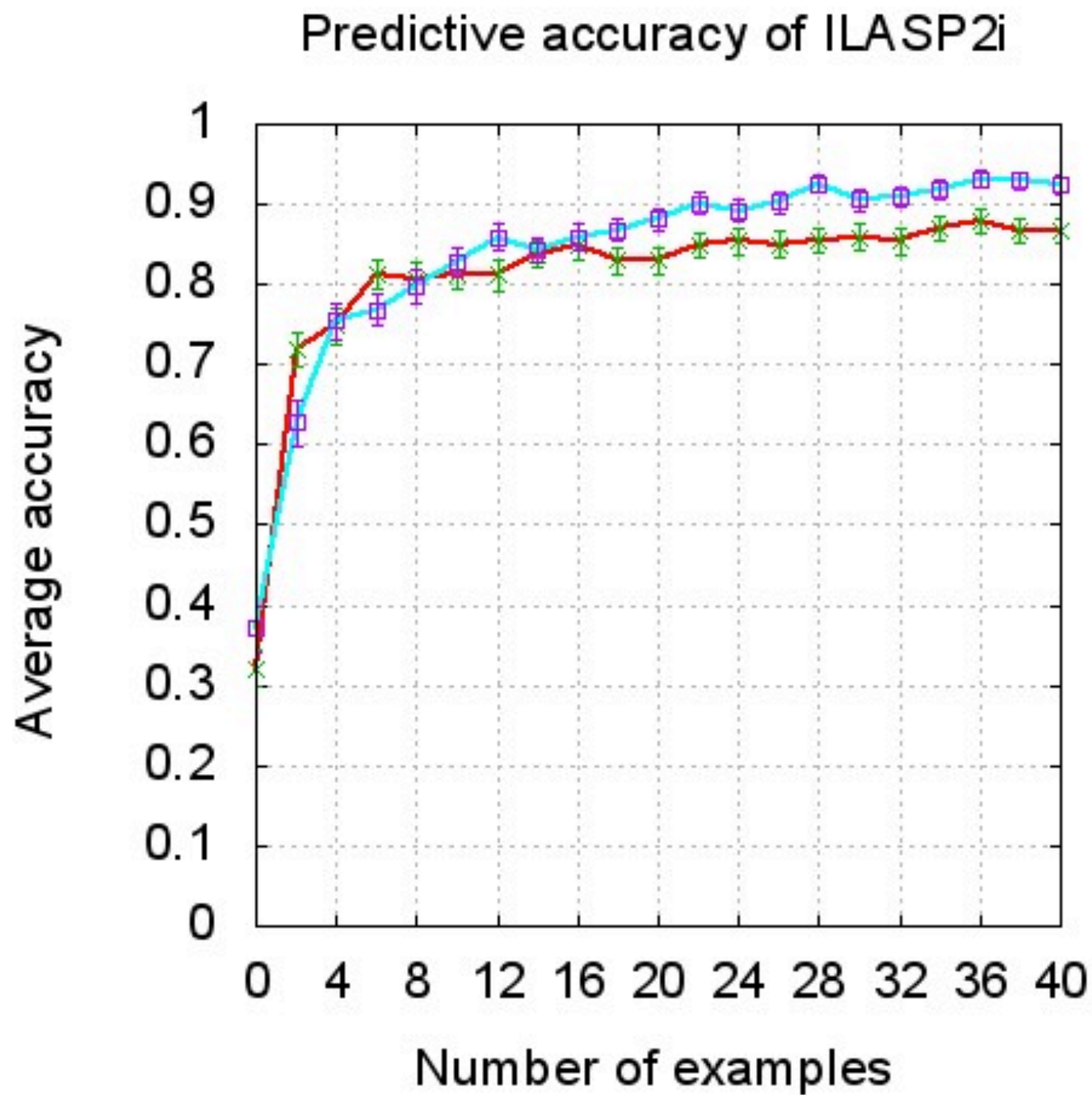
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ILASP2i

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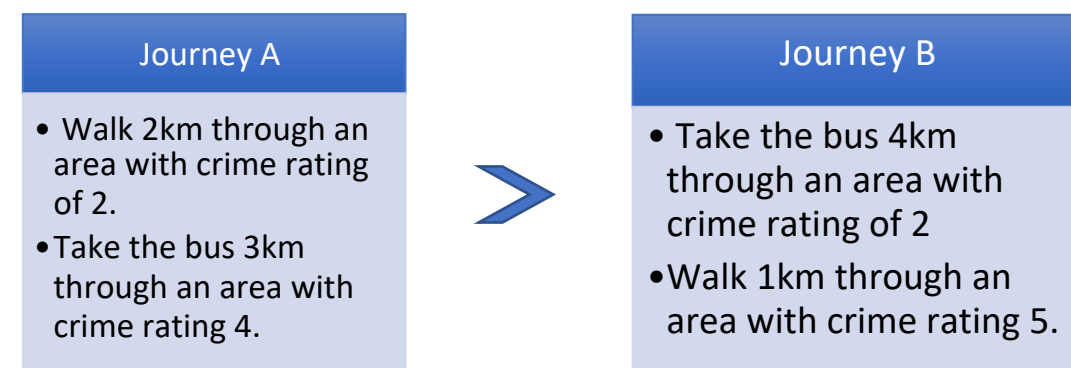
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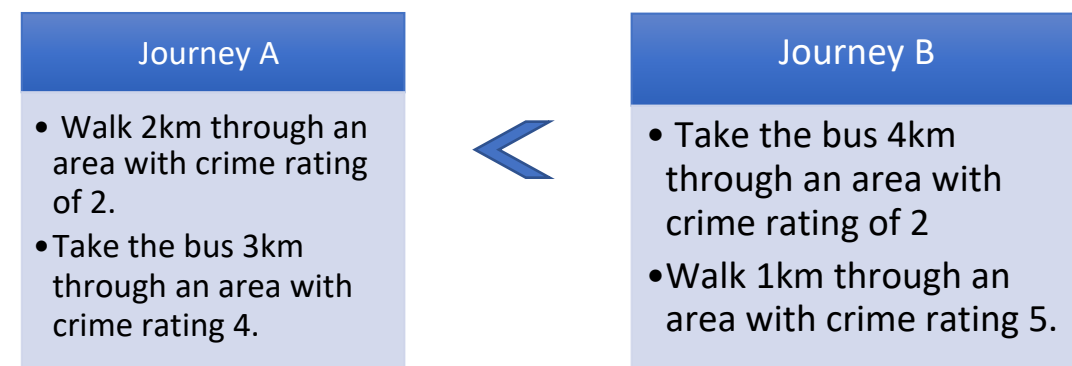
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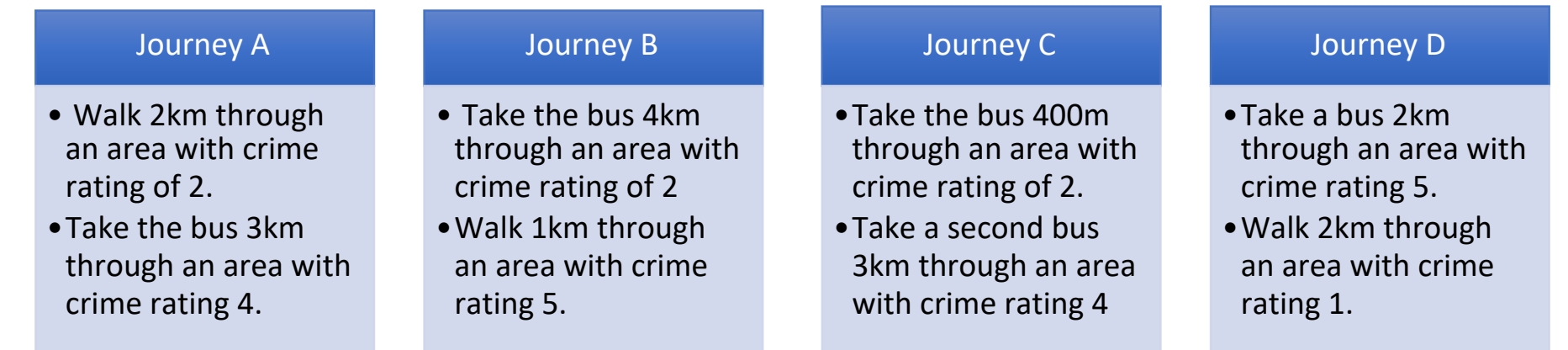
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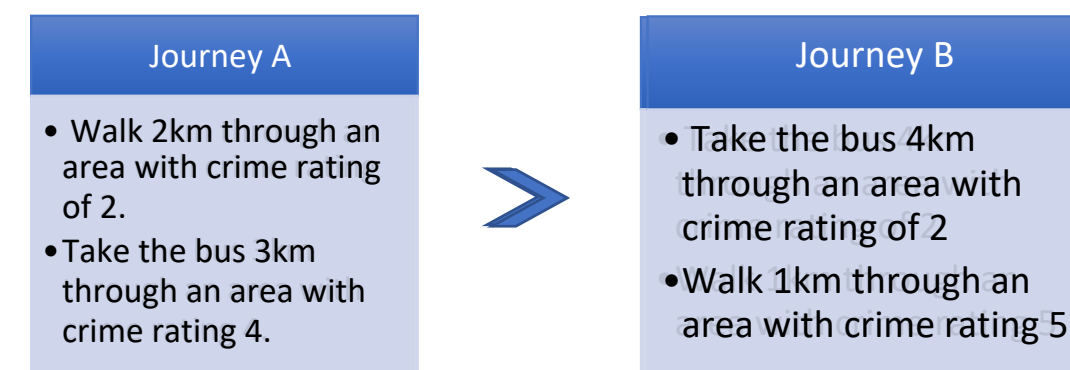
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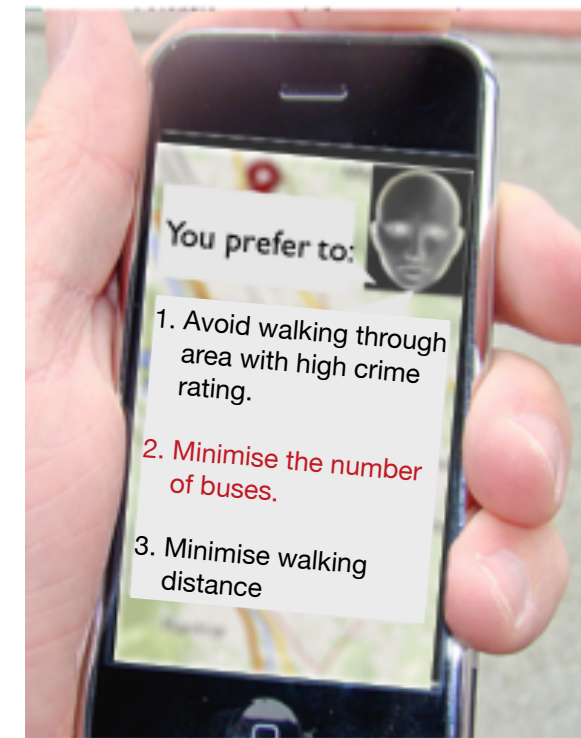
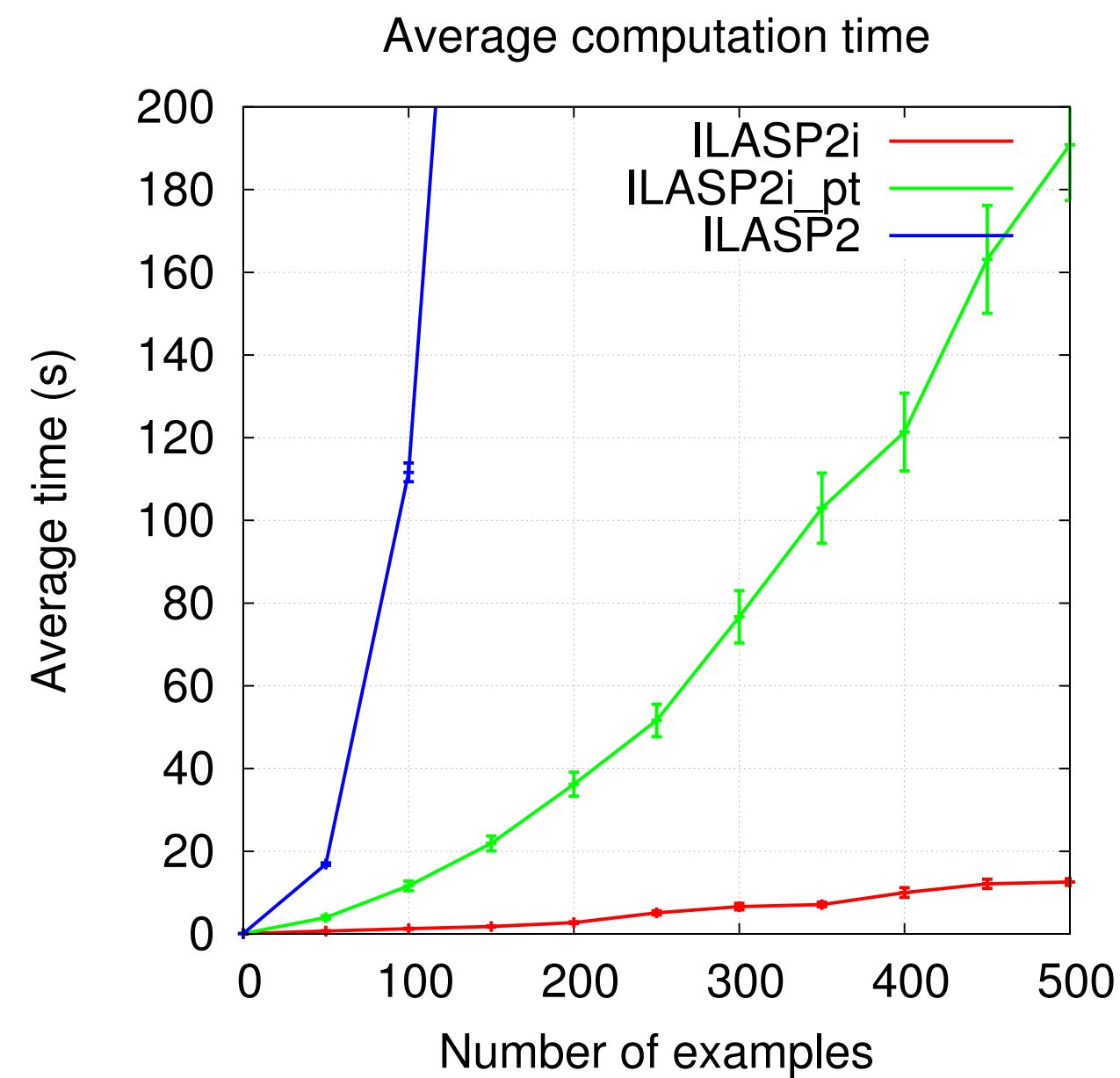


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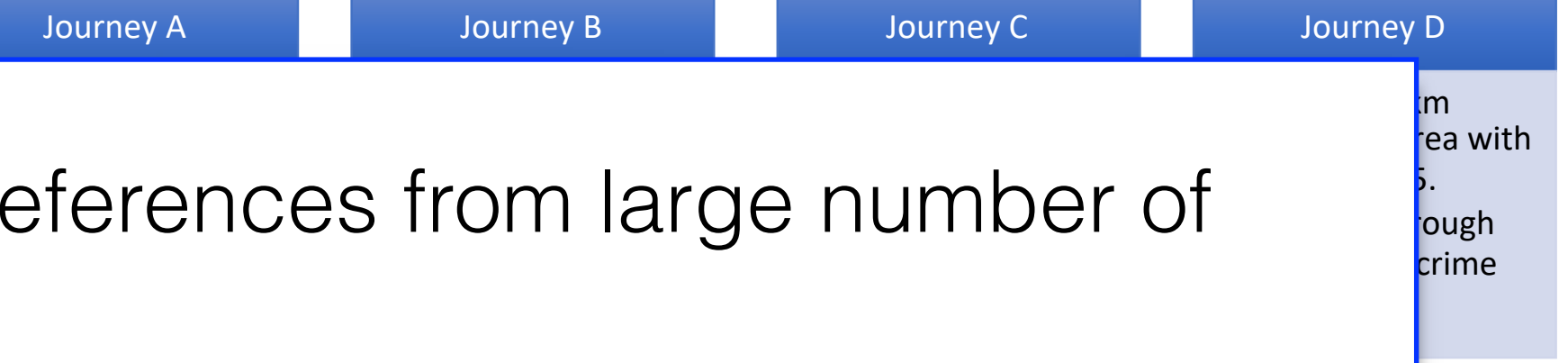
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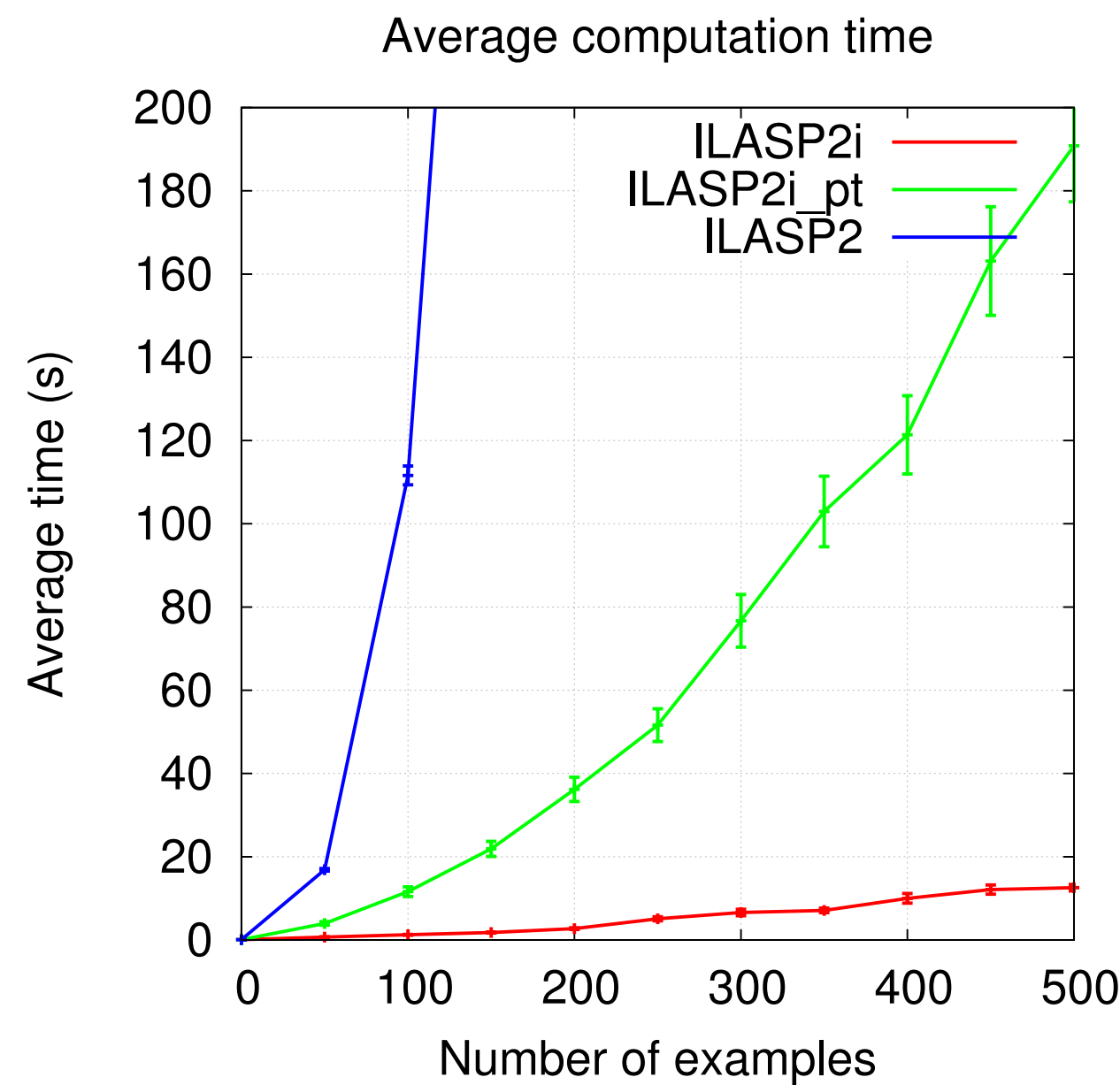


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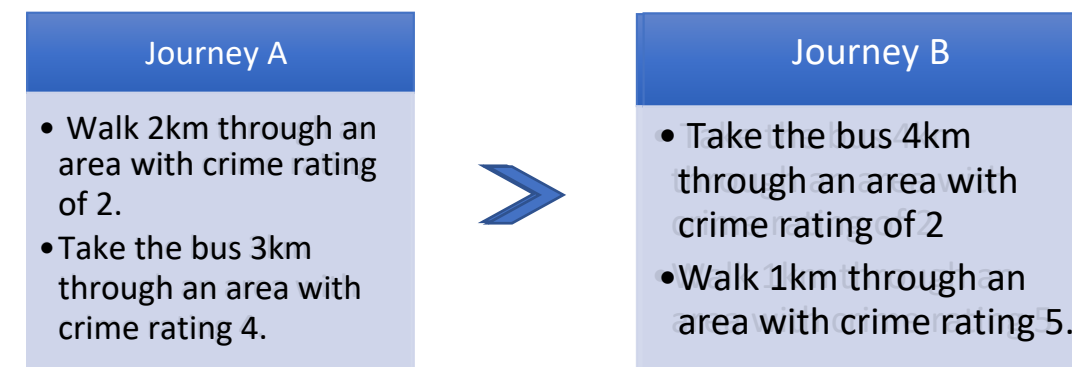
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► ILASP2i is able to learn preferences from large number of examples.



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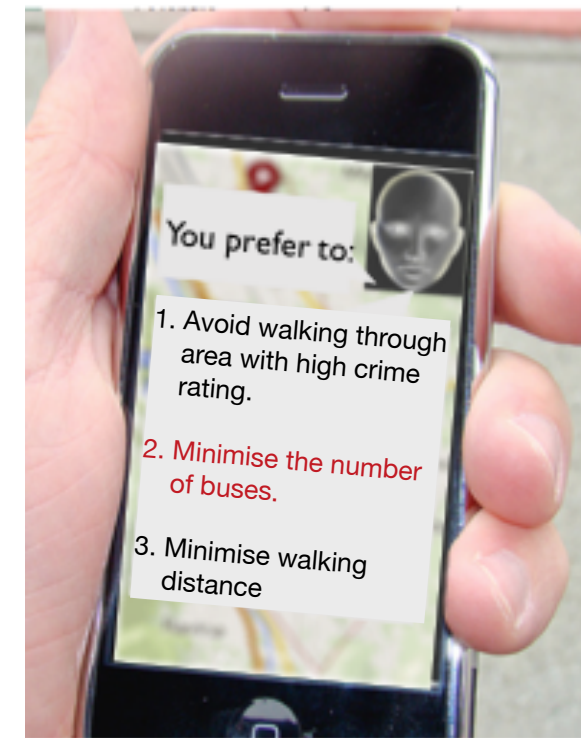


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Learning from Noisy Examples

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ILASP3

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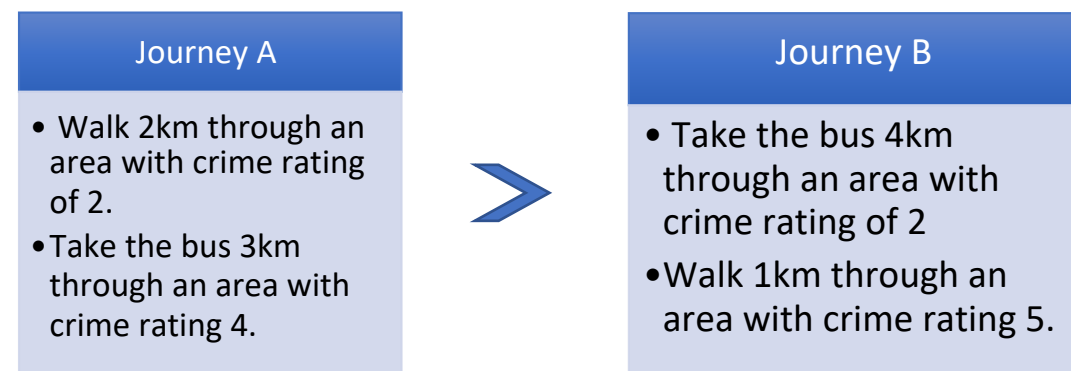
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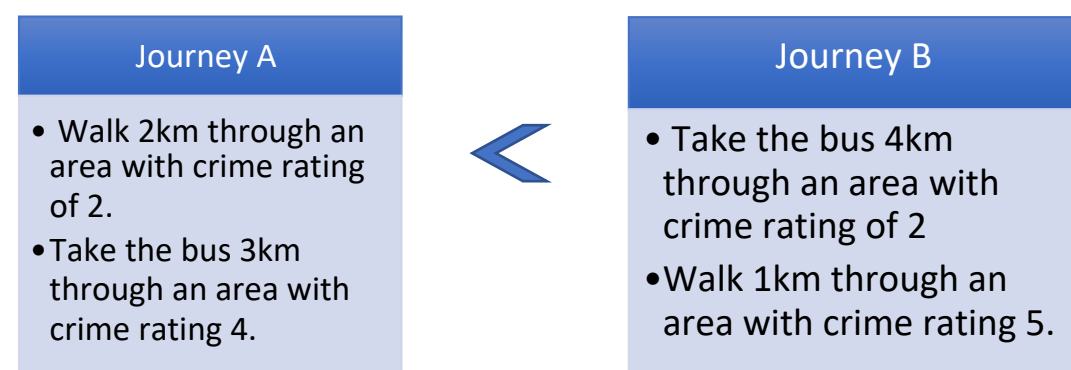
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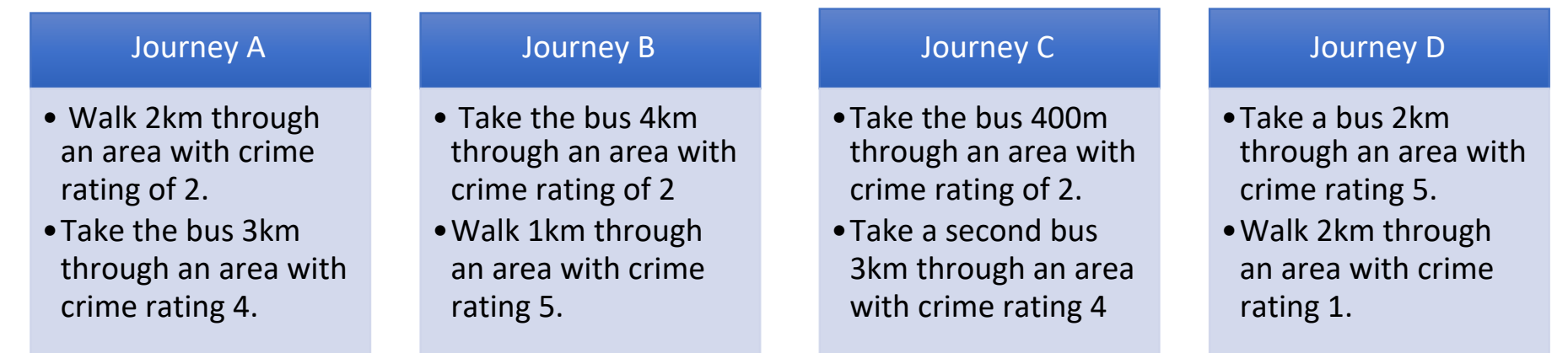
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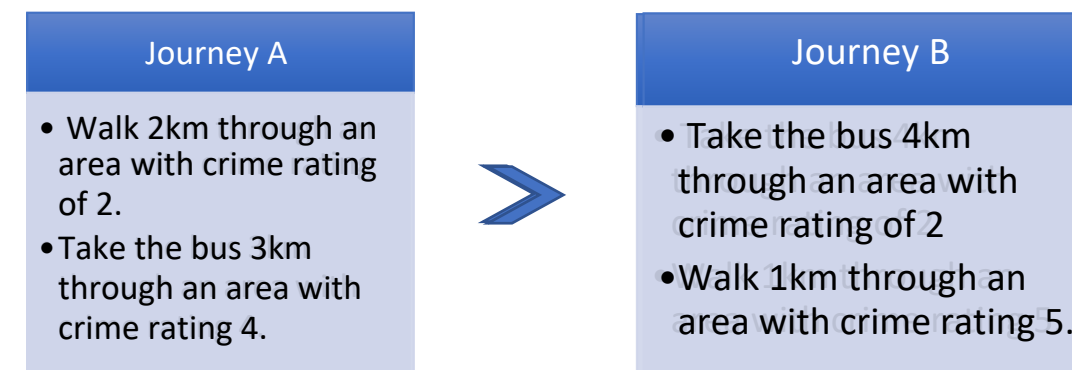
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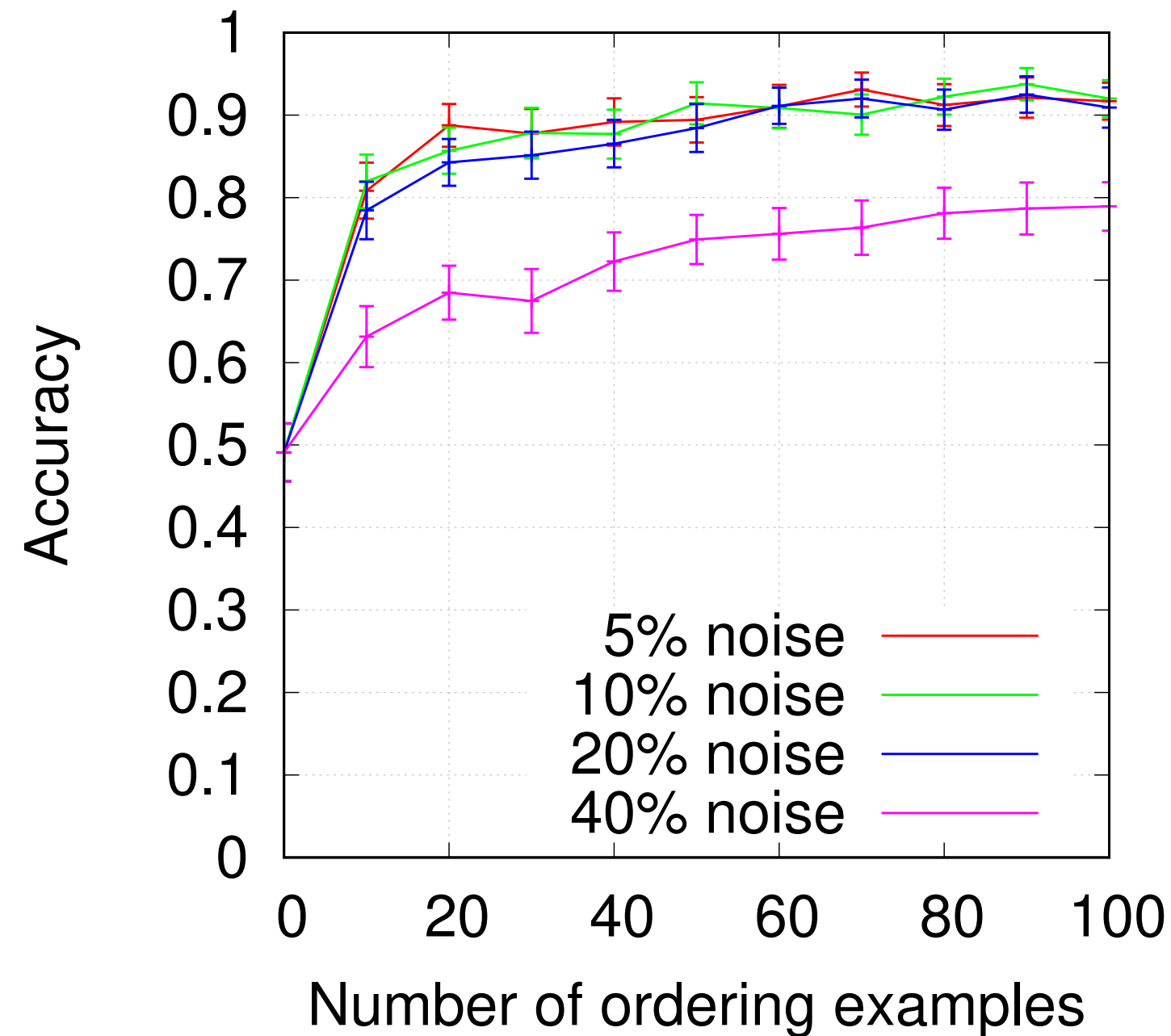
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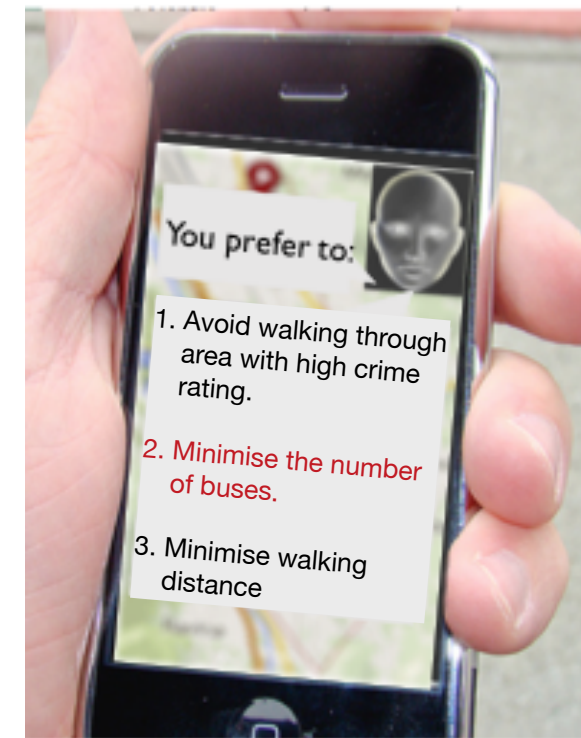
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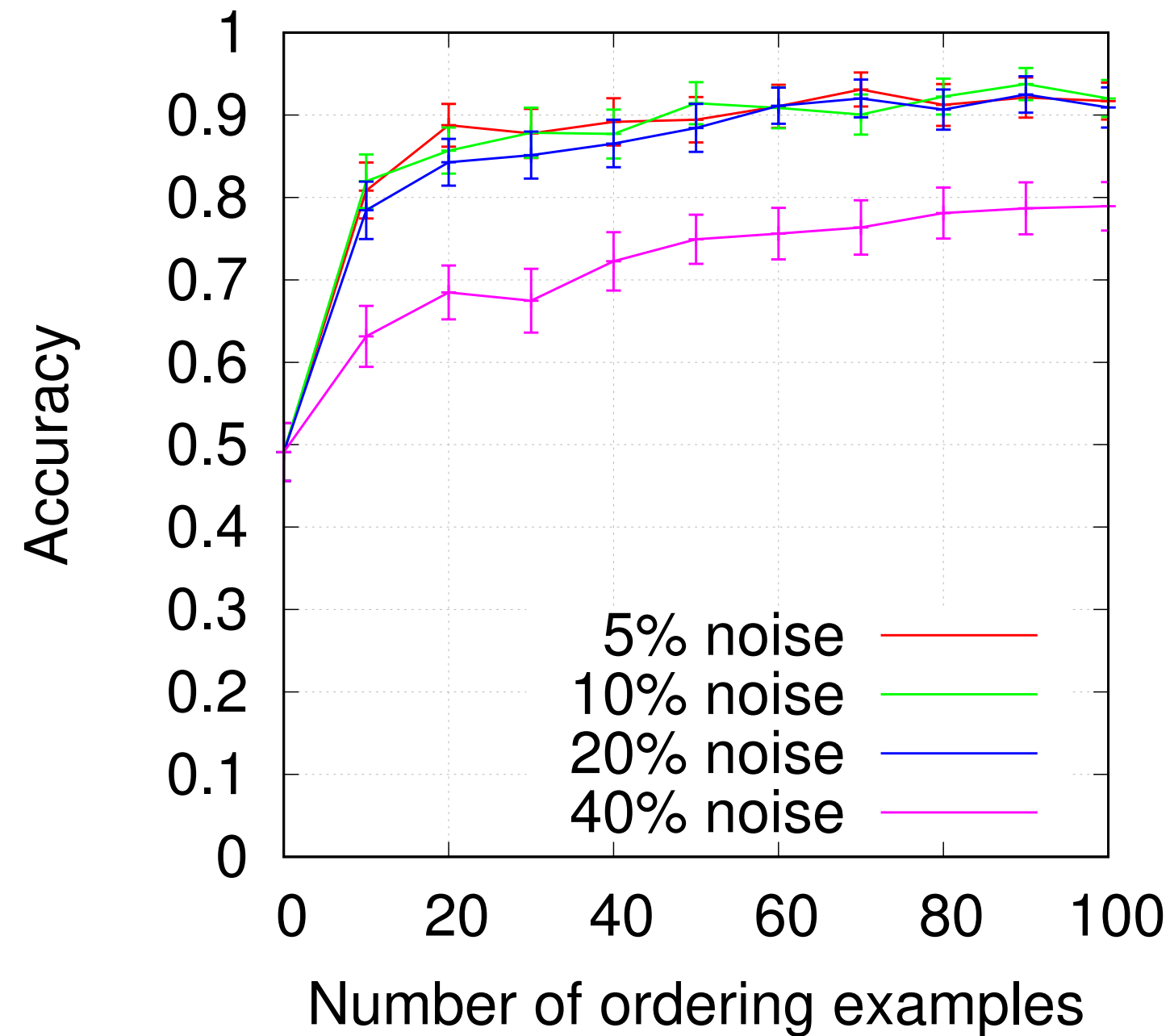
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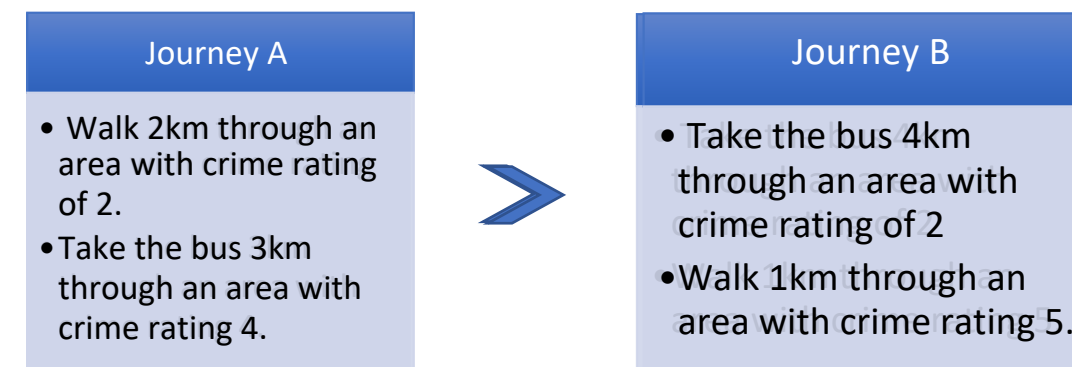
ILASP3

Suggest user different alternatives:

► ILASP3 is as effective as ILASP2i, but able to learn from noisy examples.

Generate counter-examples

User chooses A



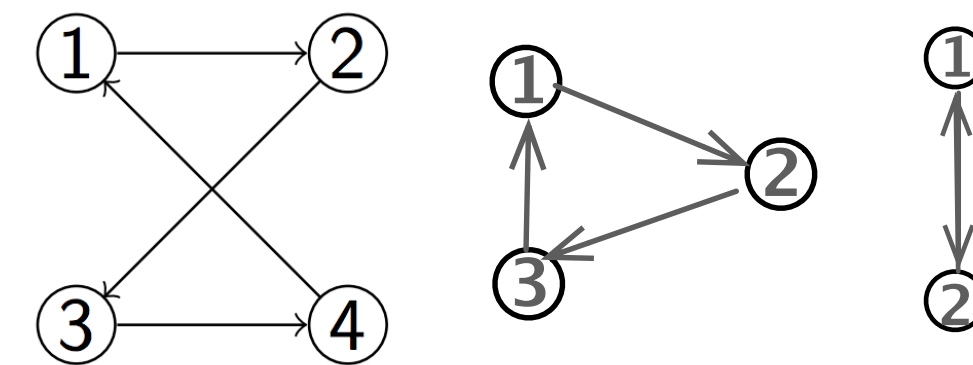
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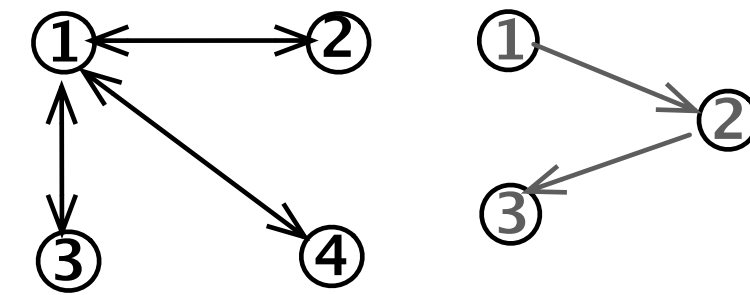
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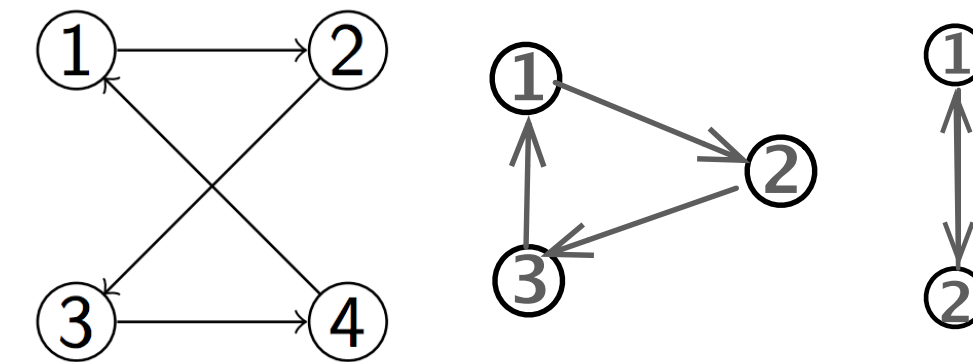
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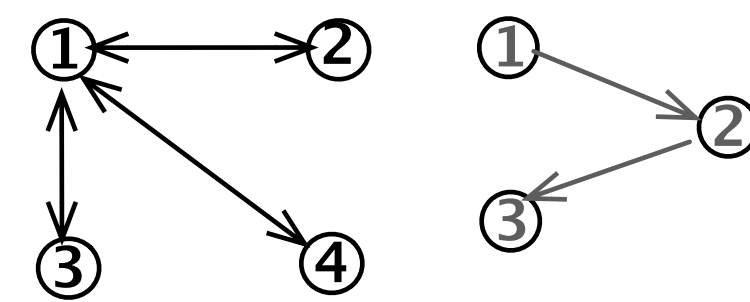
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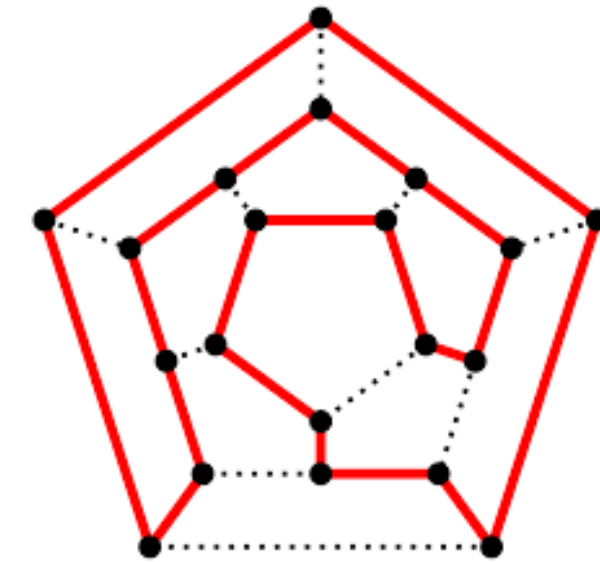
Negative examples:



Learned definition of Hamiltonian graph:

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reach(V0) :- in_hc(1,V0)
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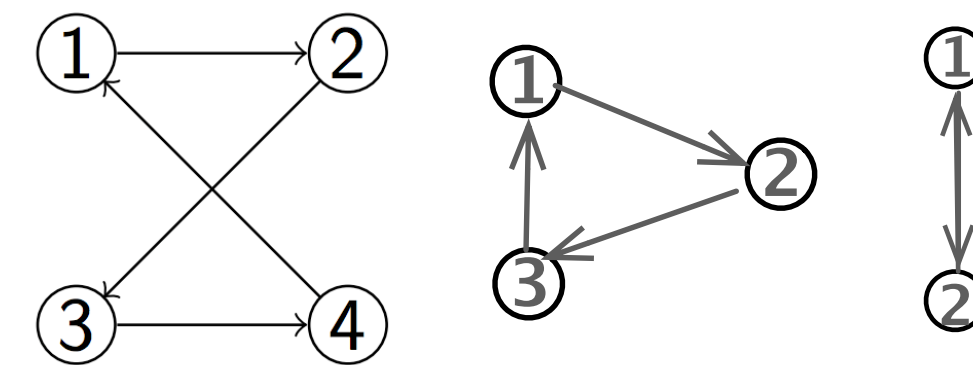
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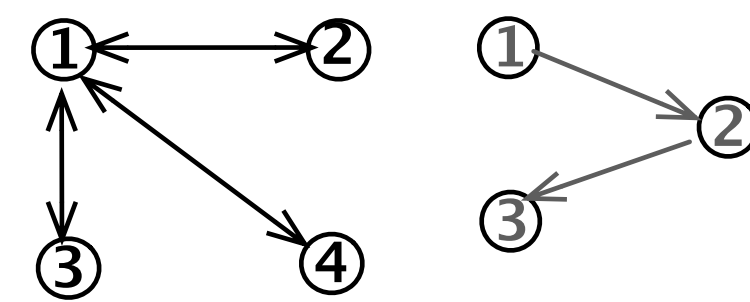
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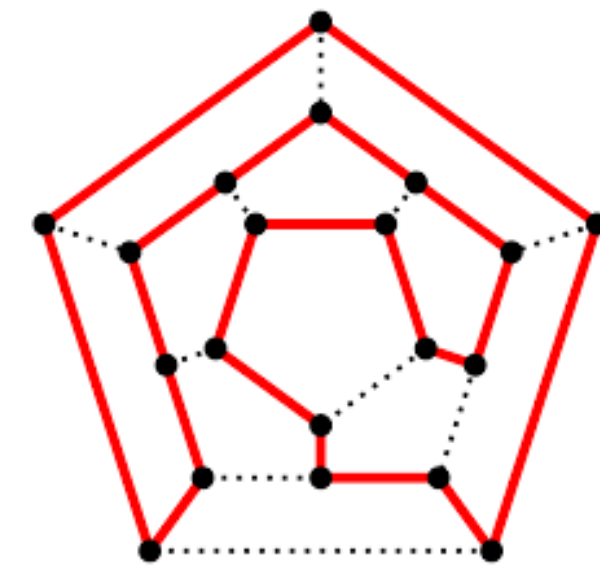


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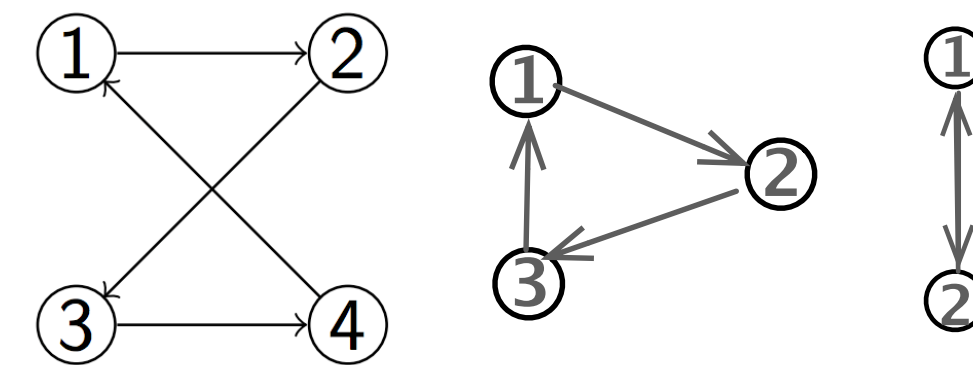
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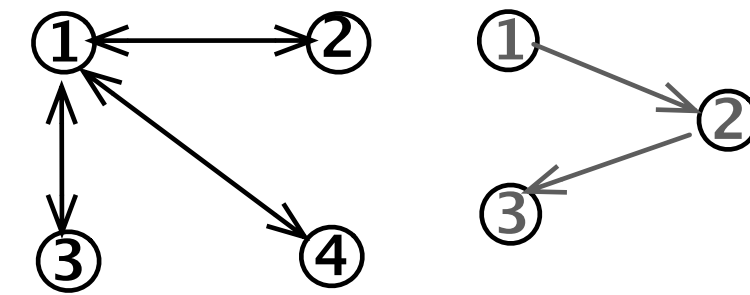
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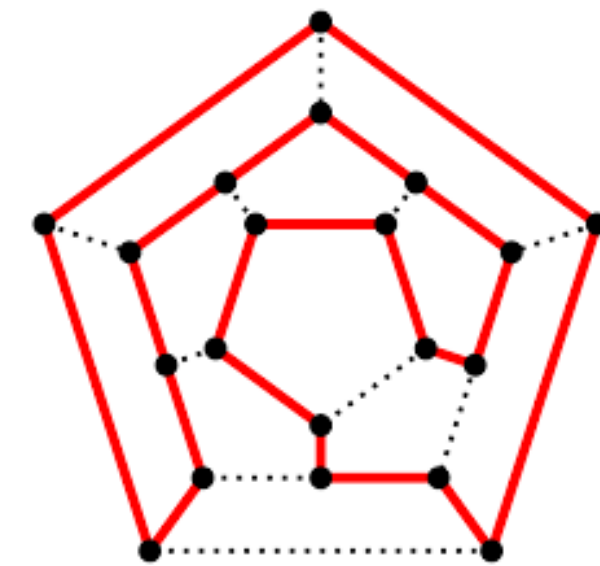
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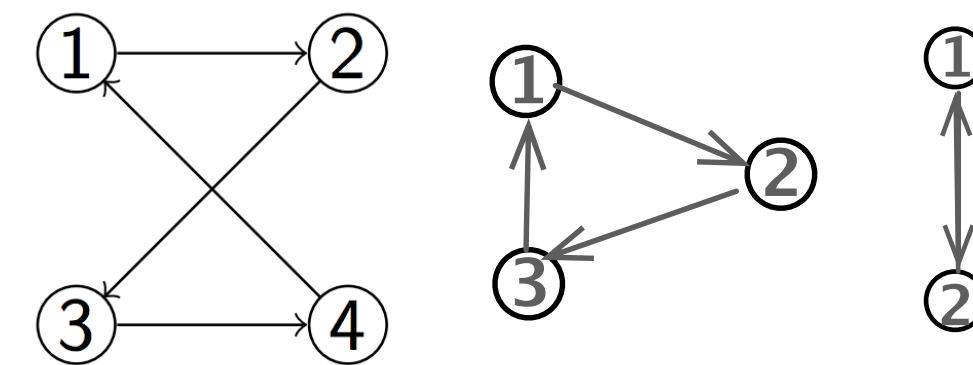
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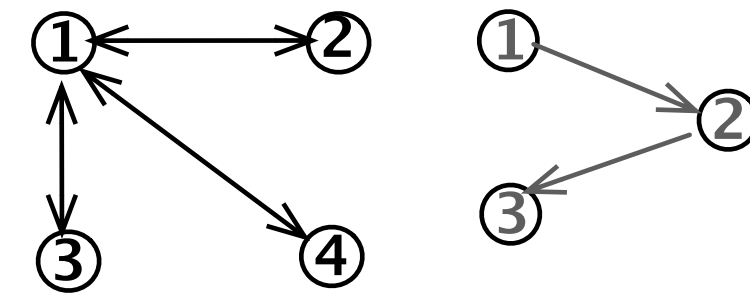
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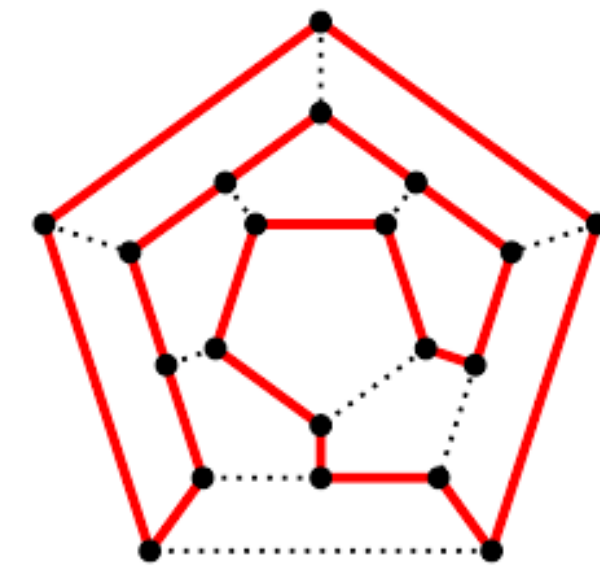
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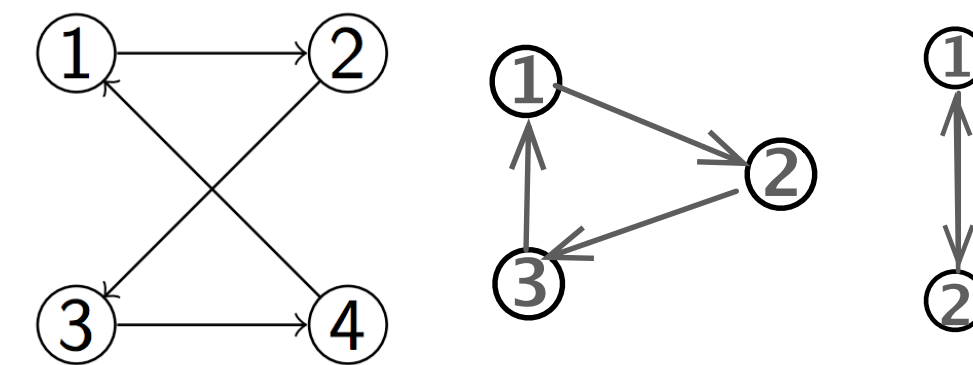
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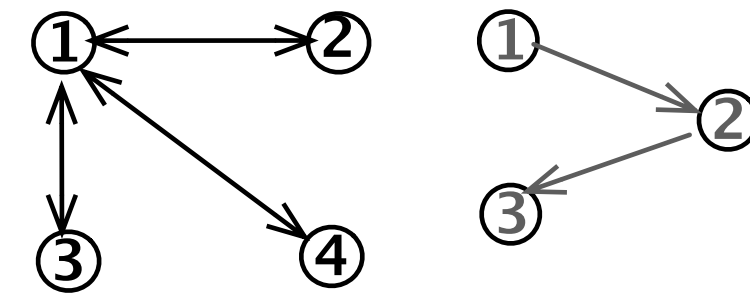
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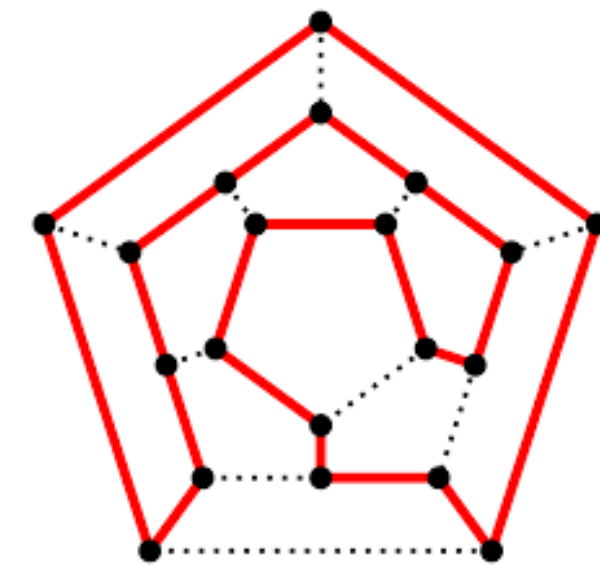
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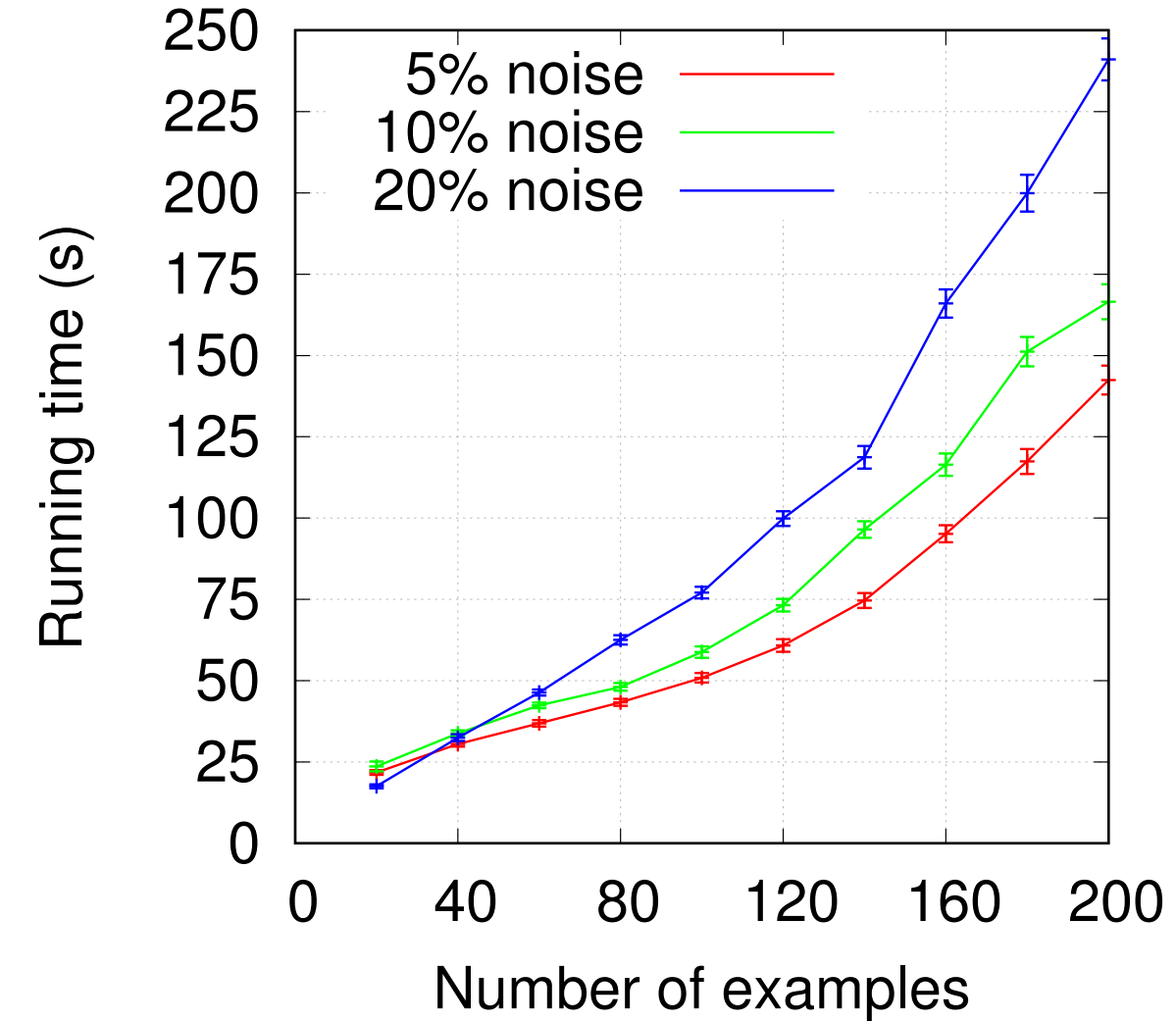
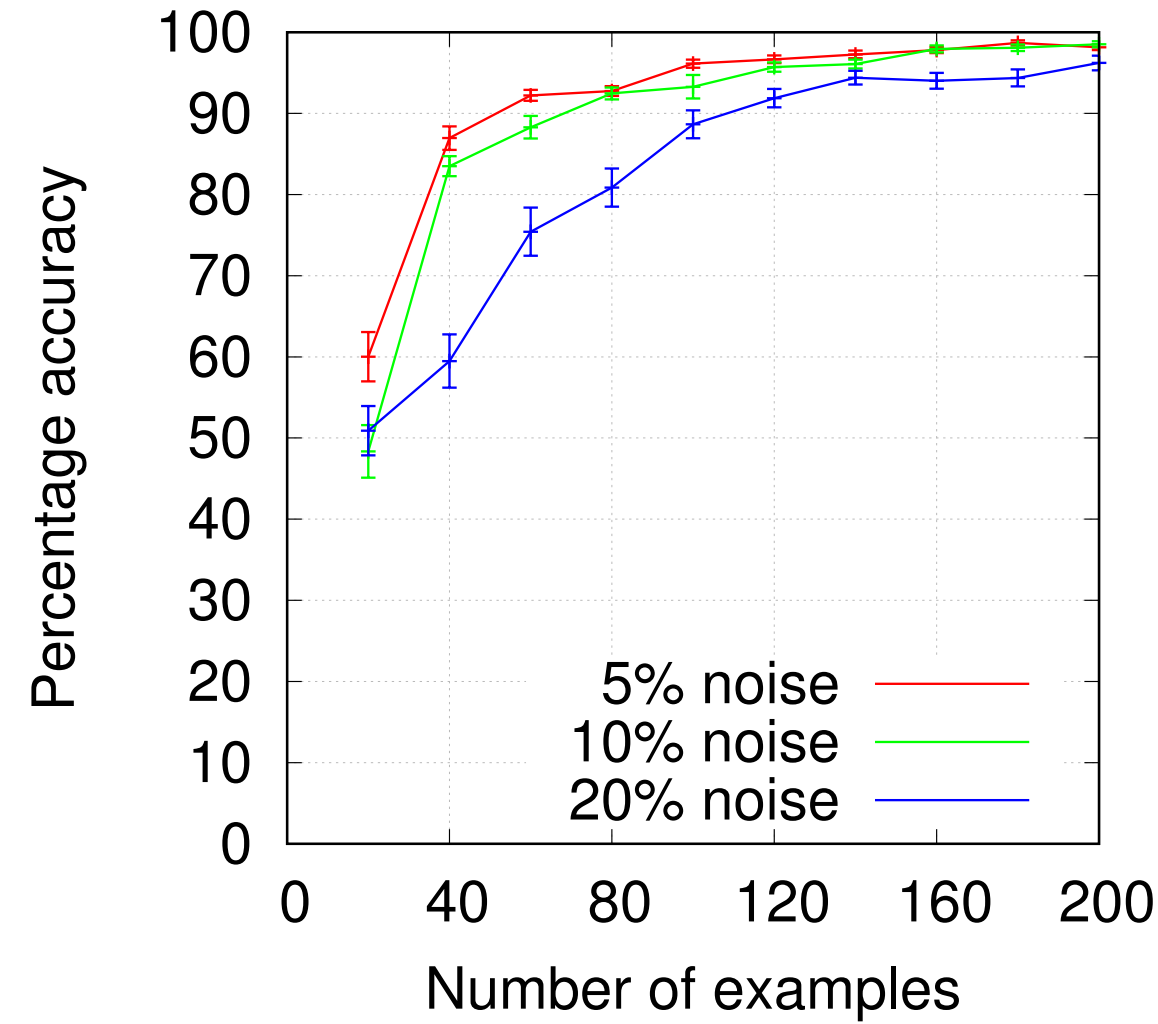
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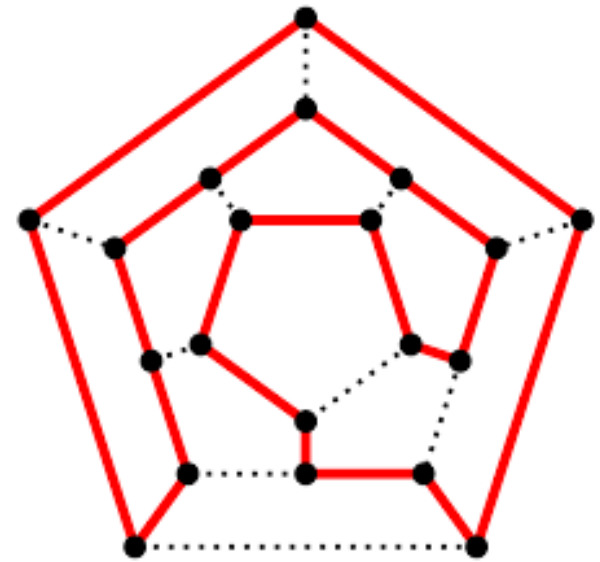
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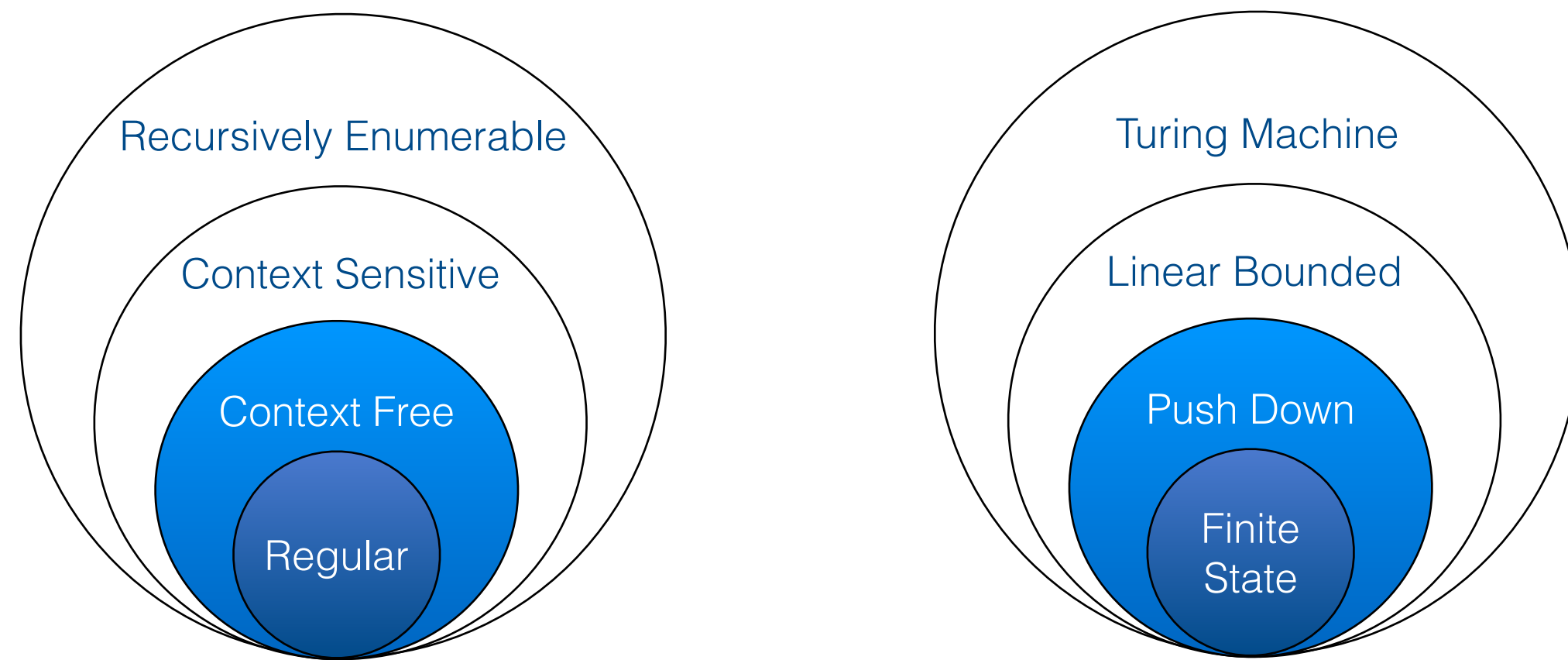
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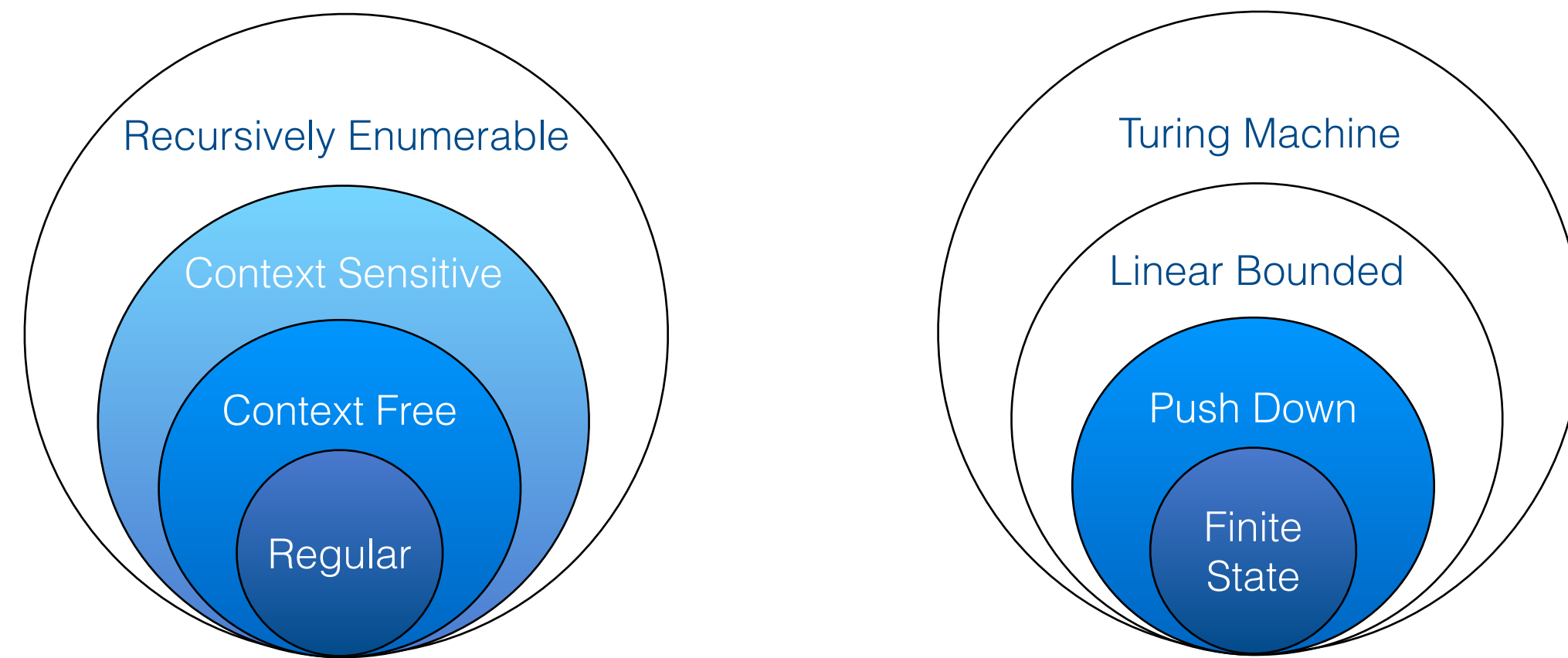
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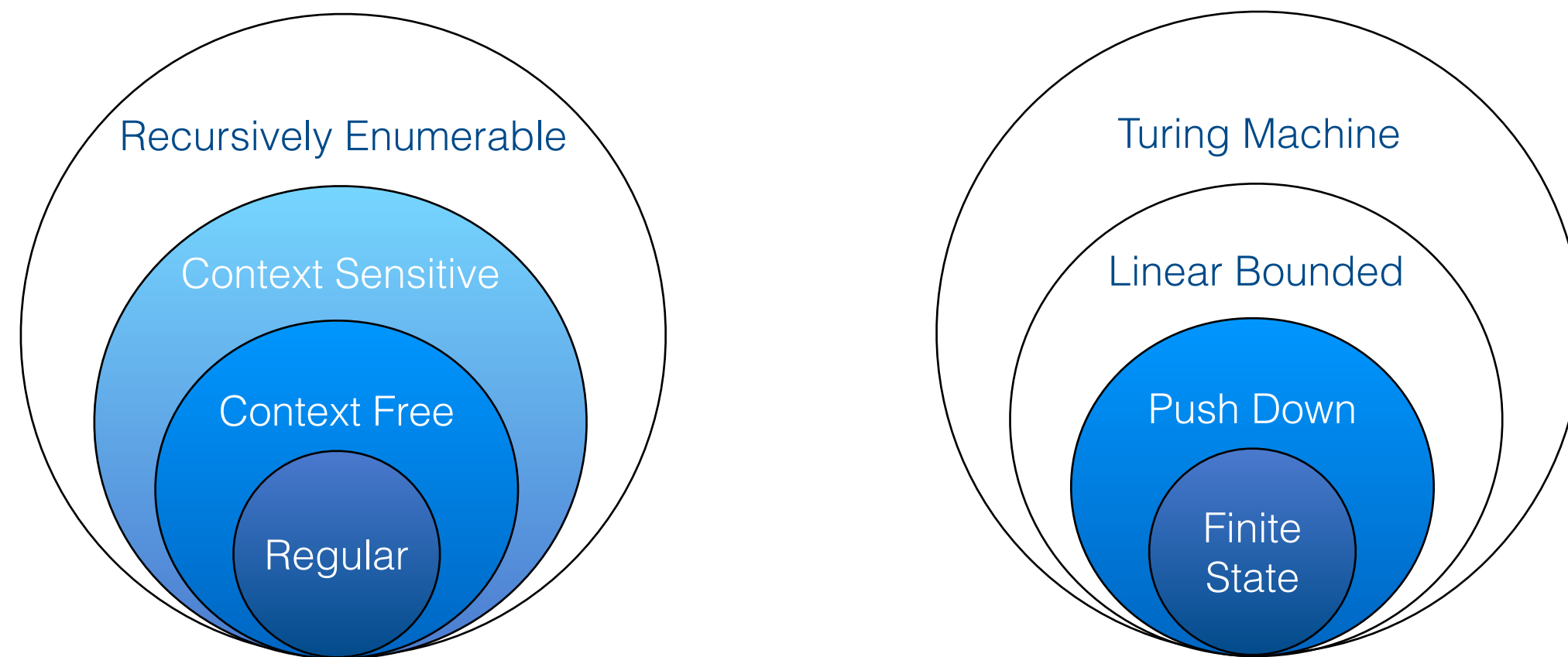
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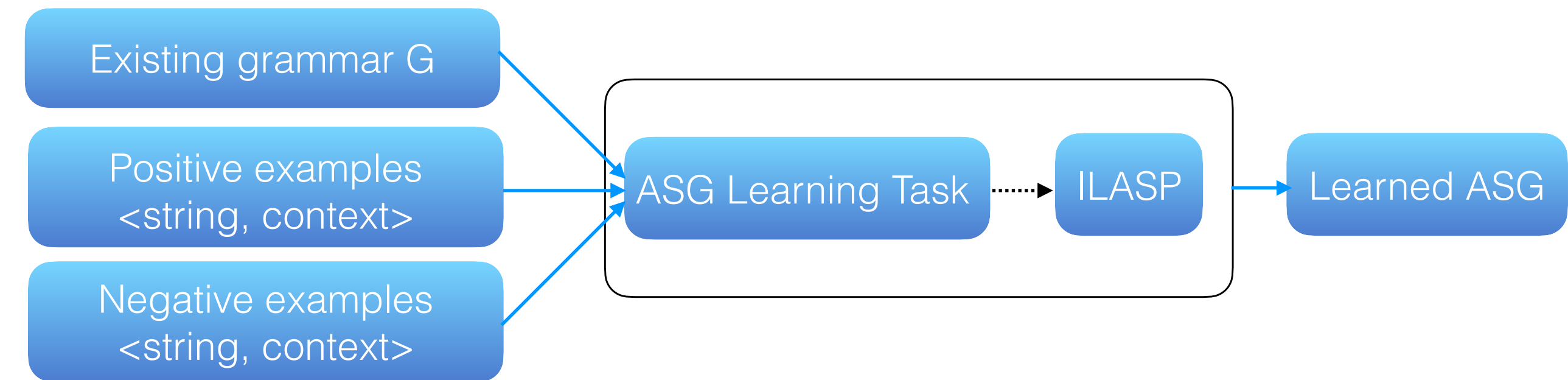
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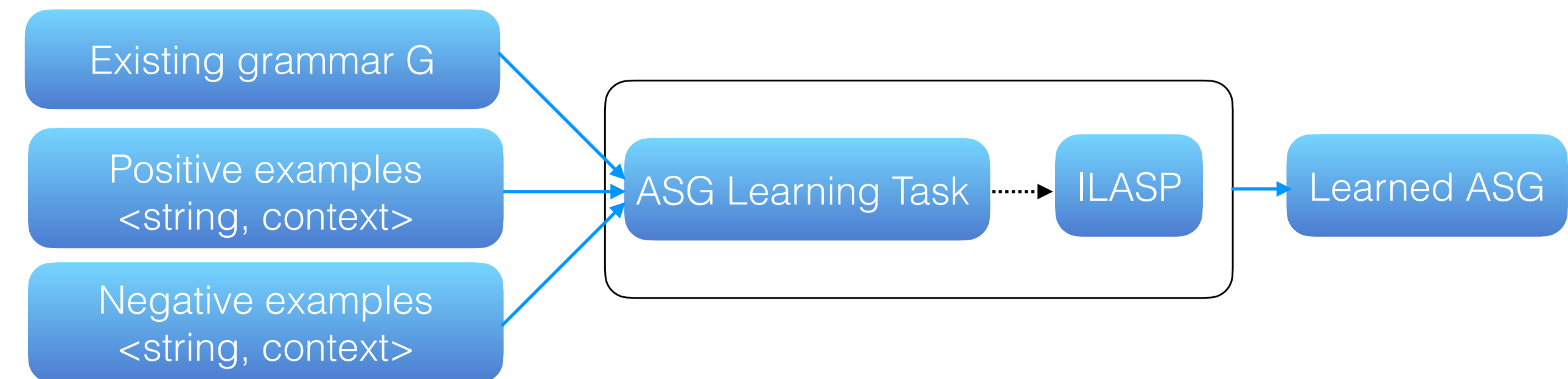
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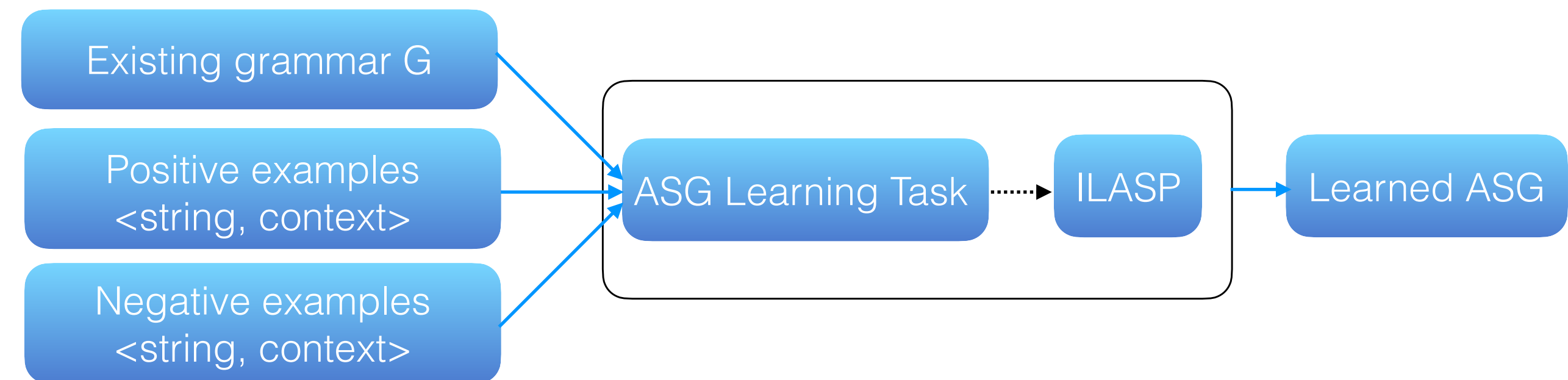
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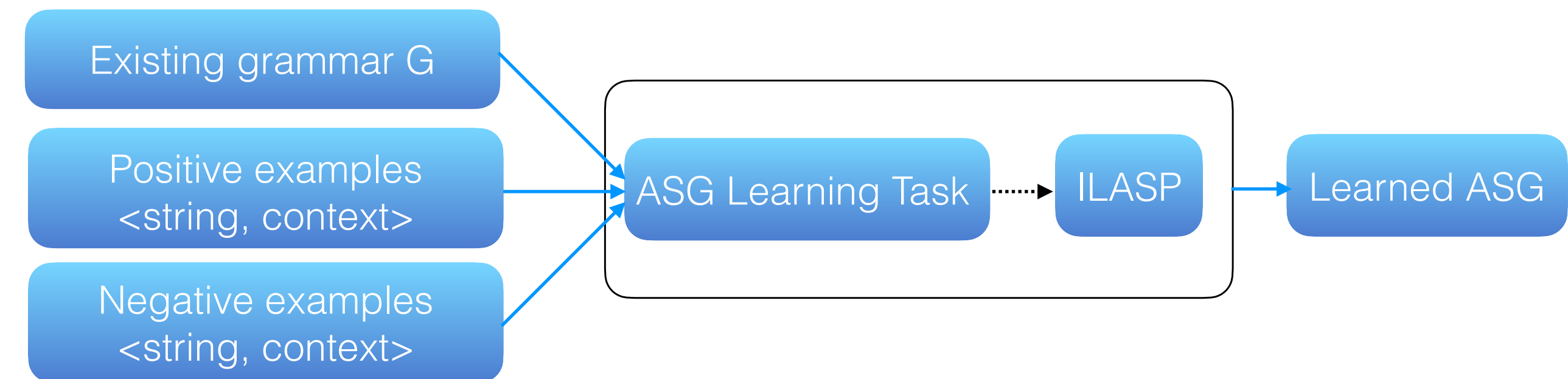
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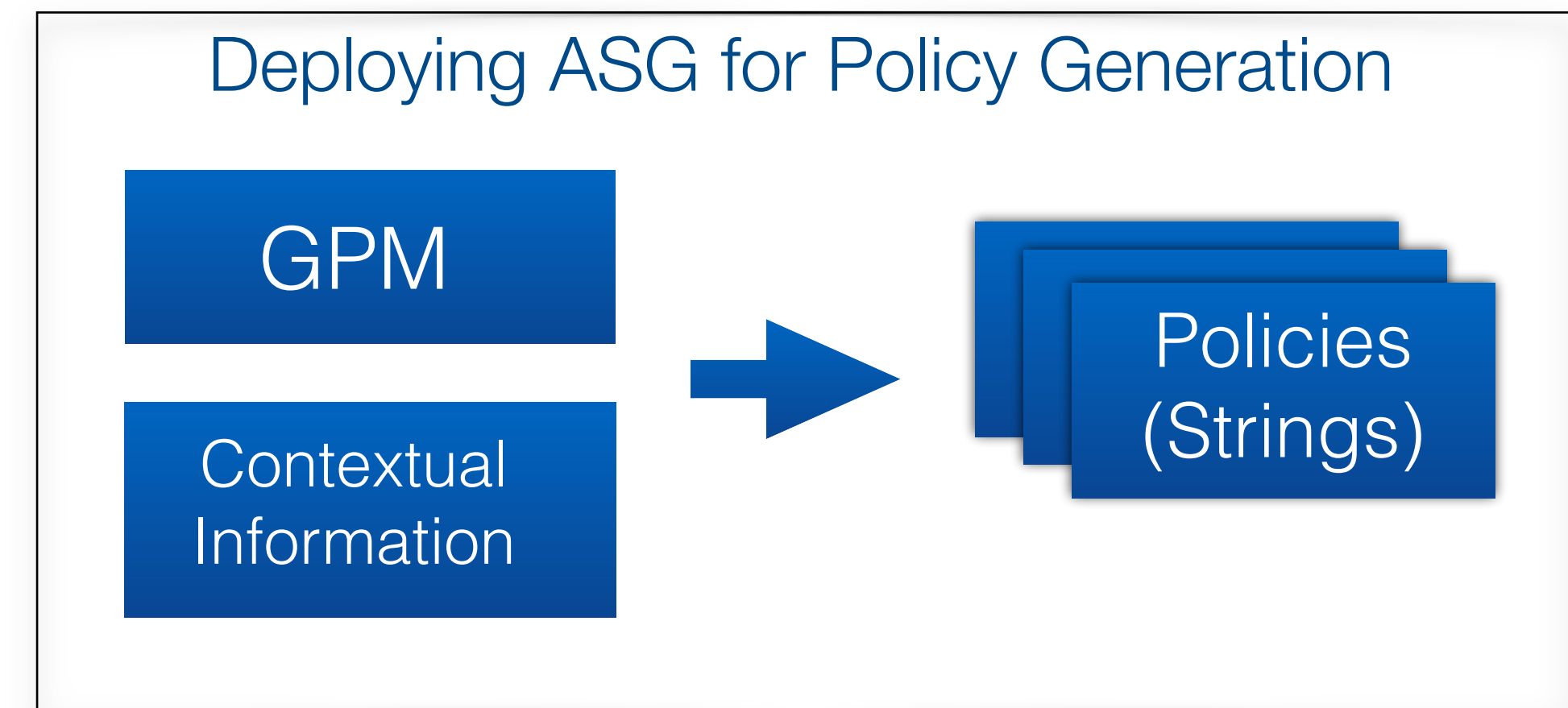
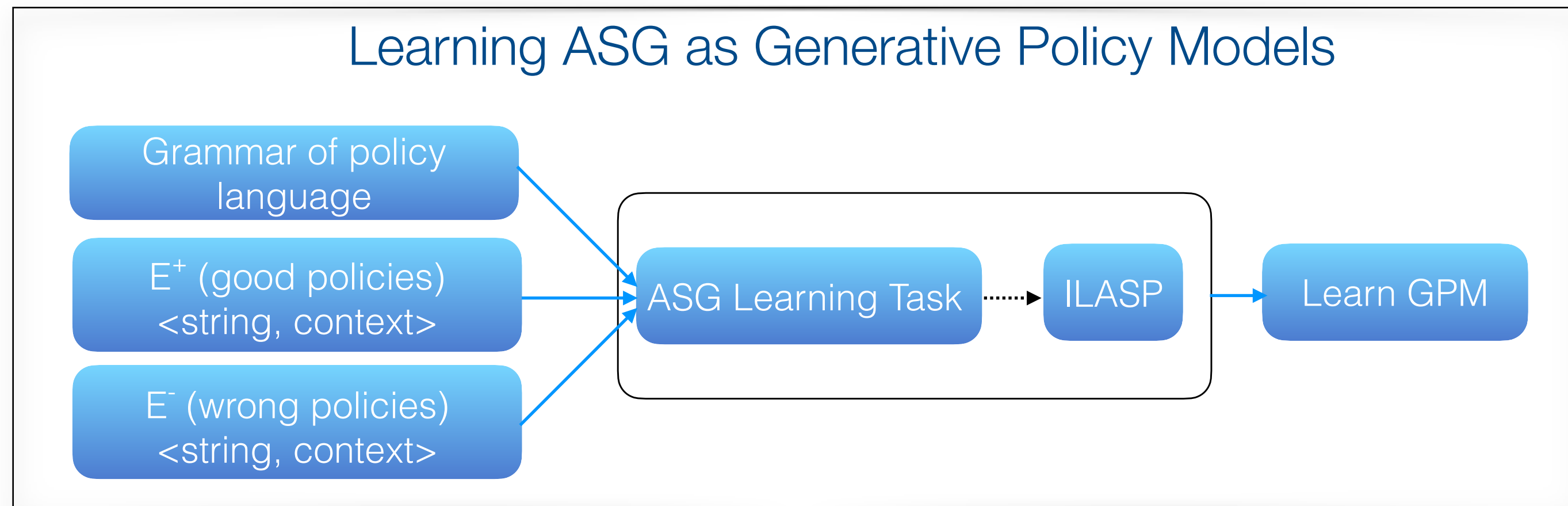
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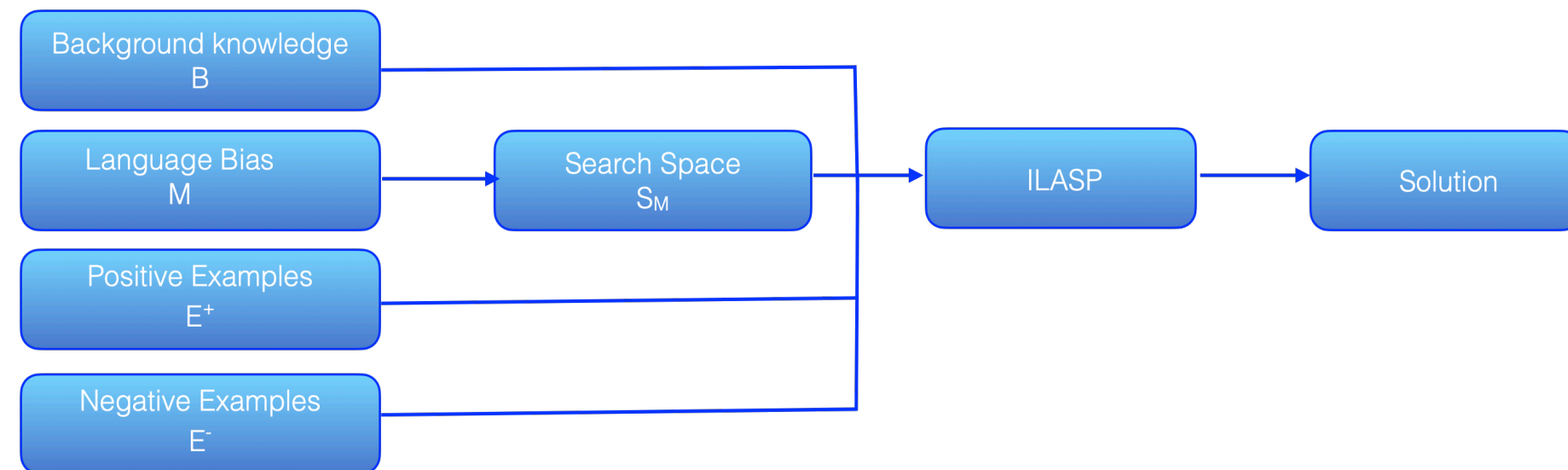
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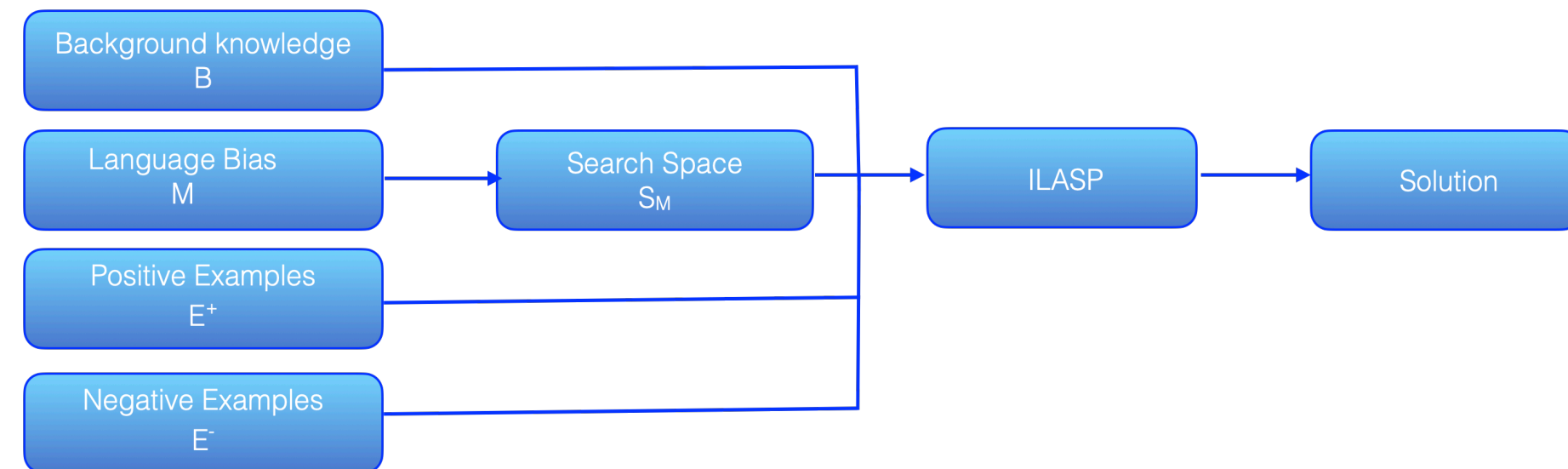
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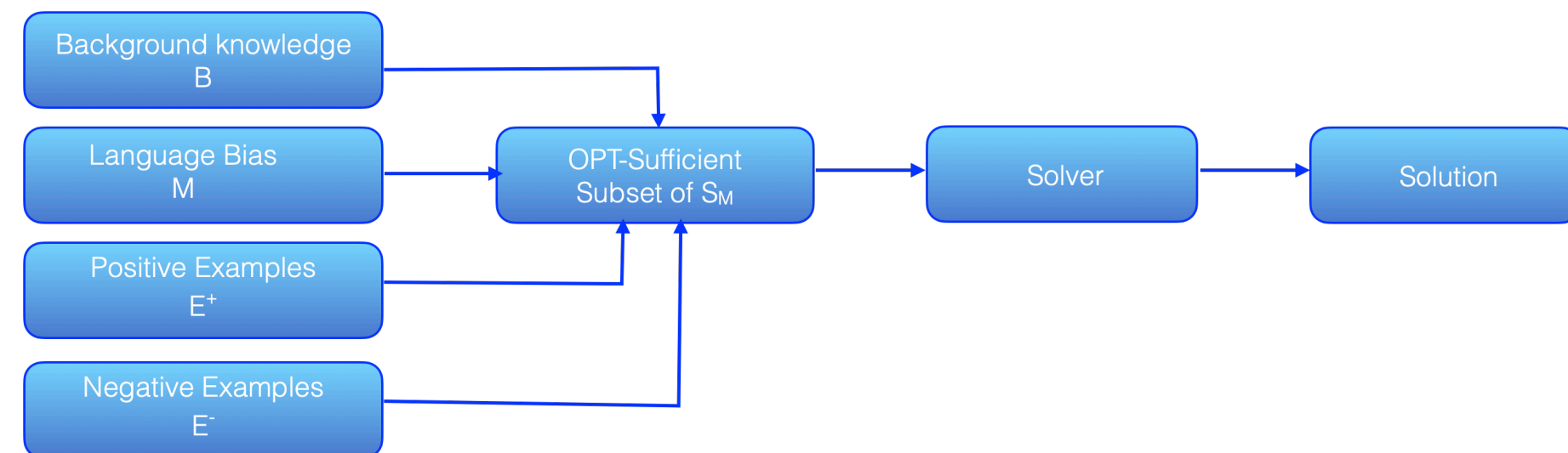


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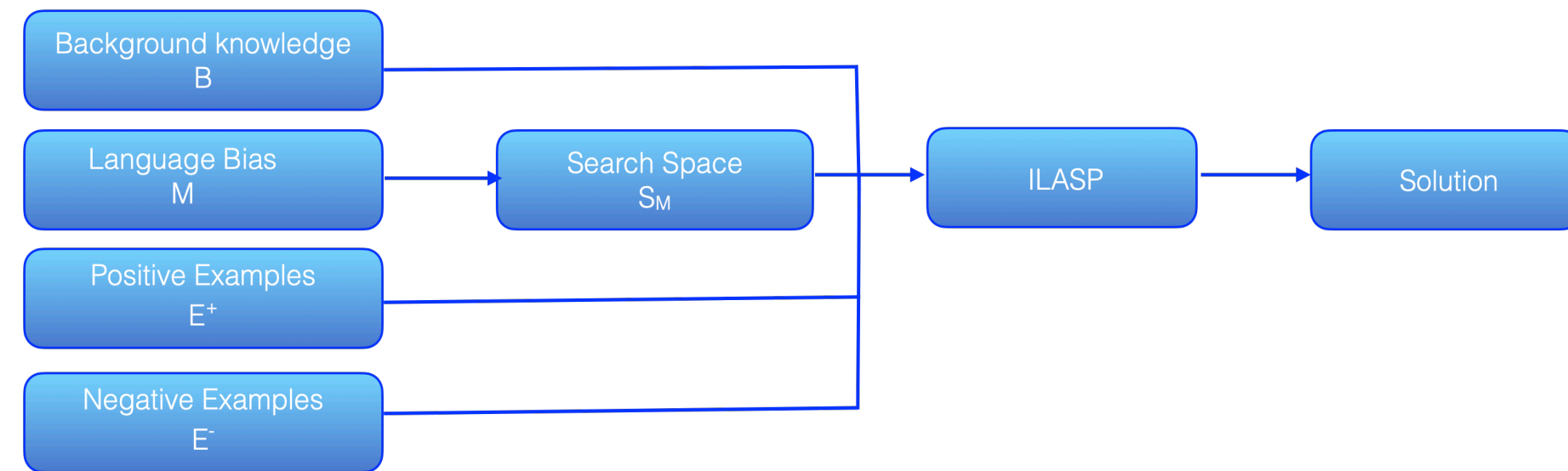


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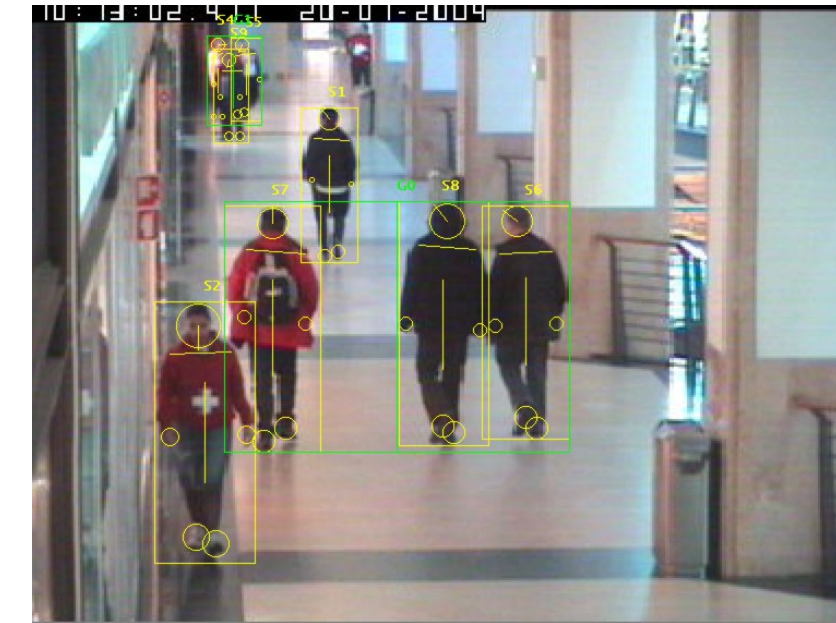


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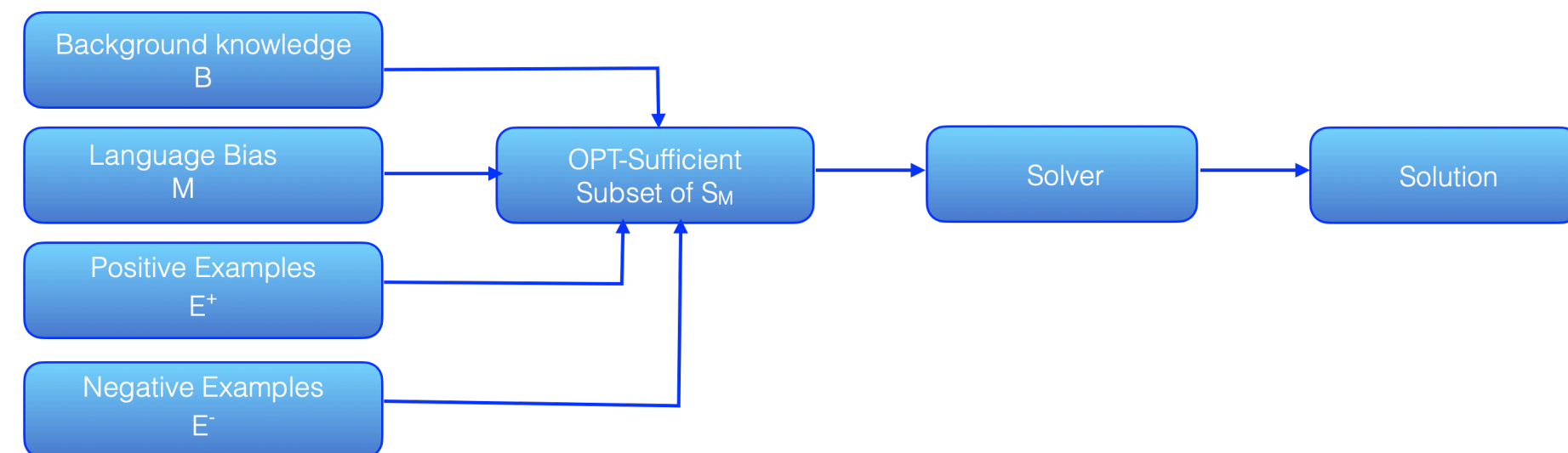


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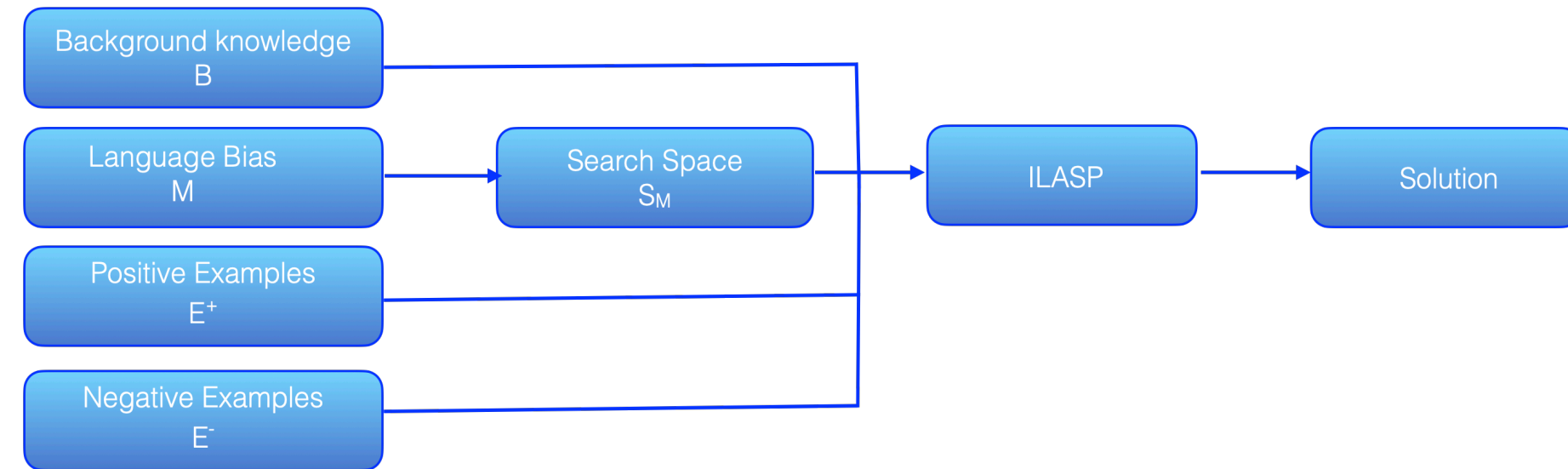
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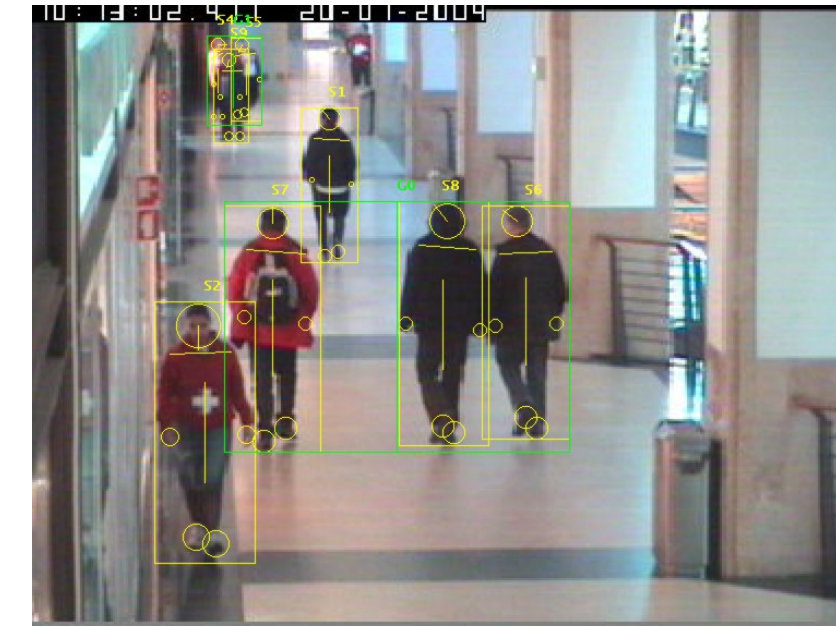


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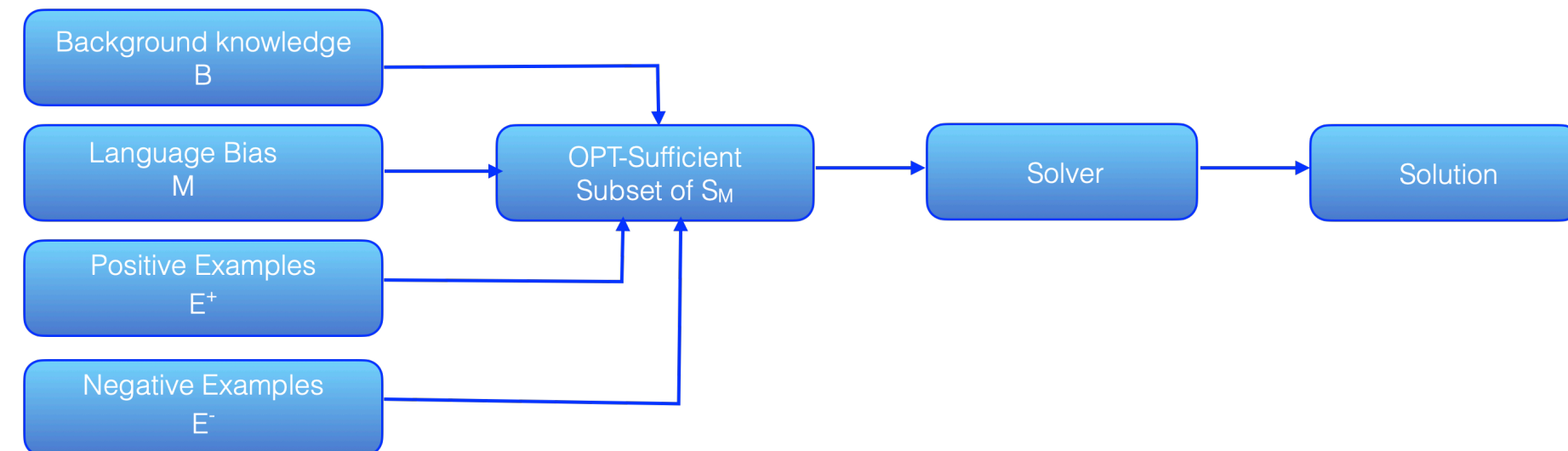


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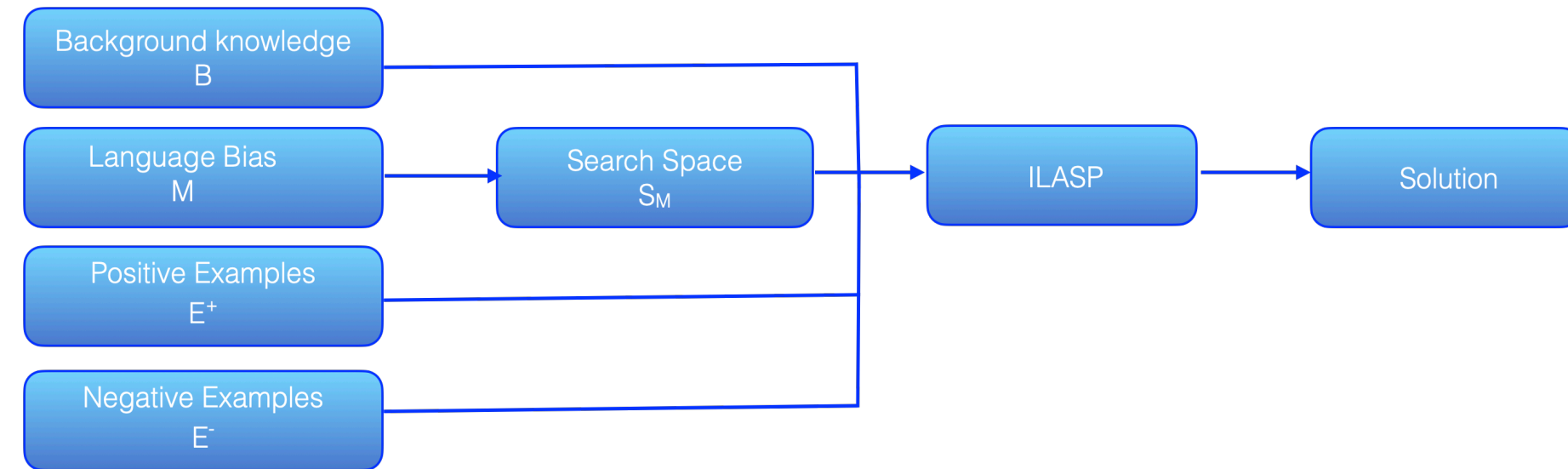
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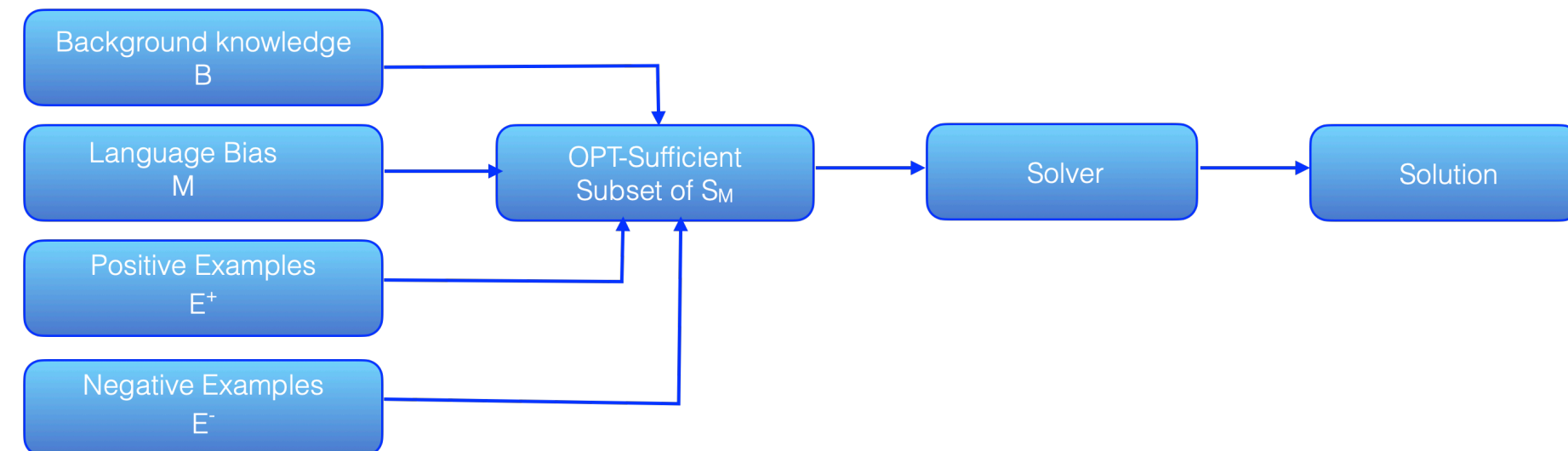
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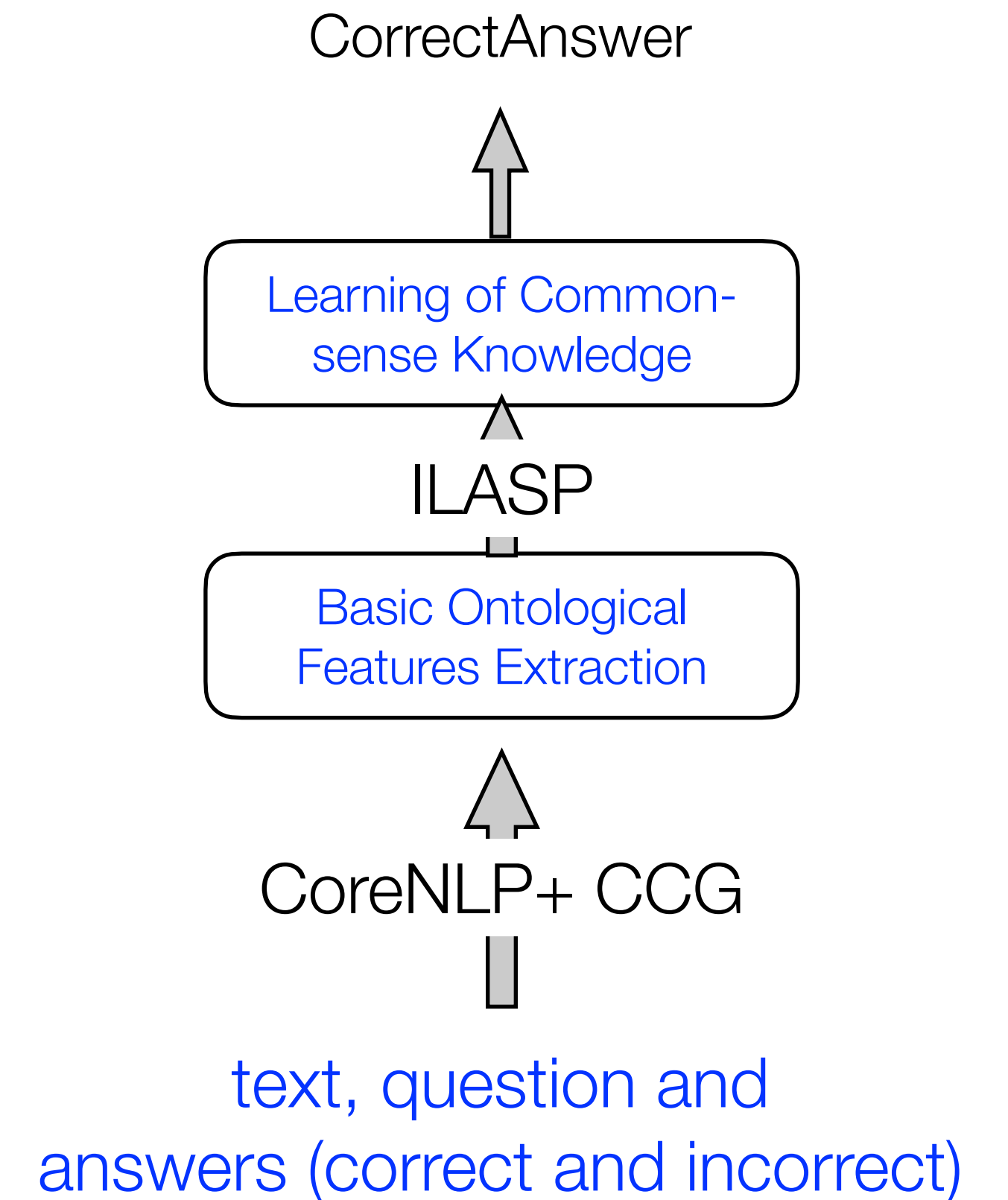
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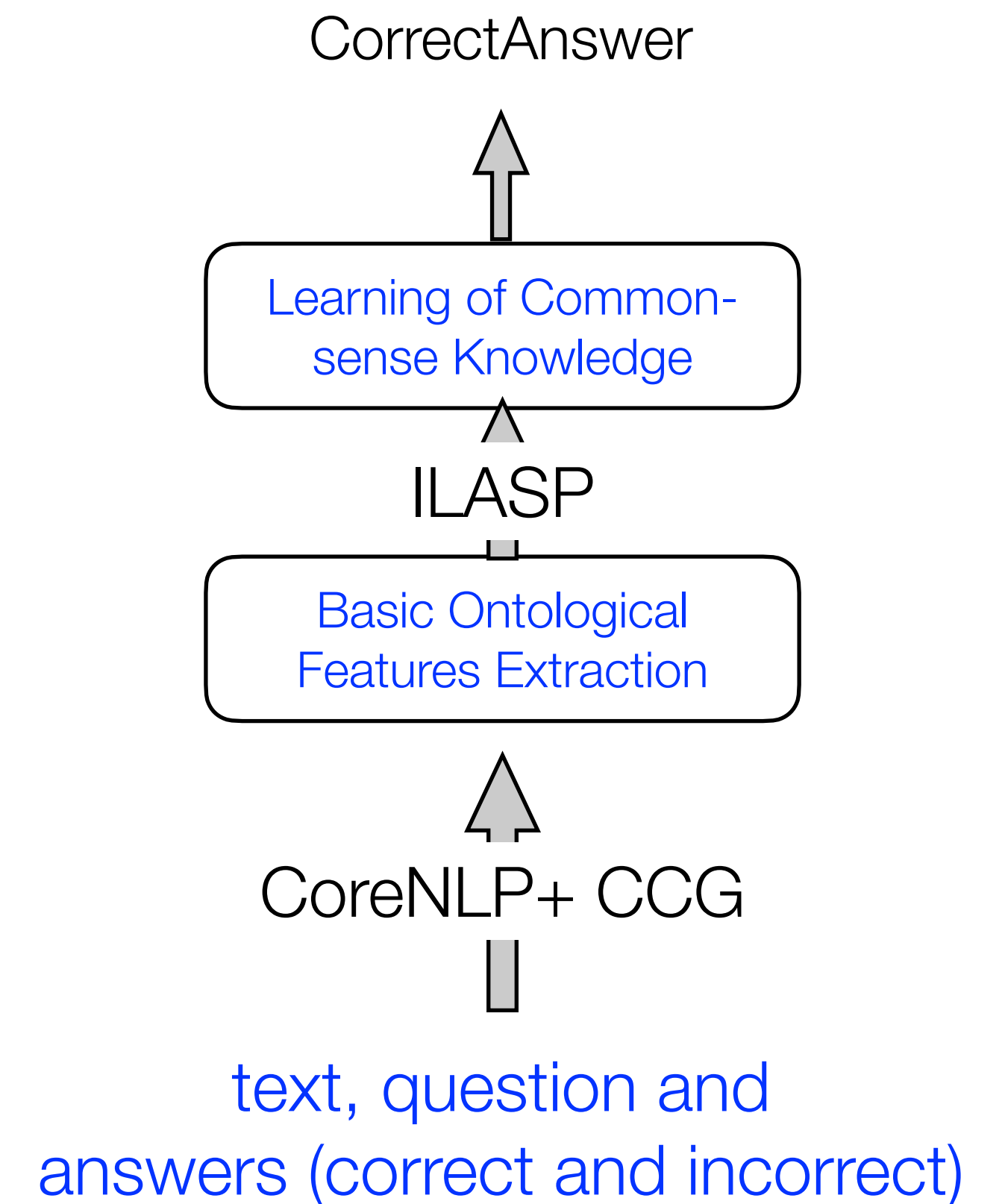
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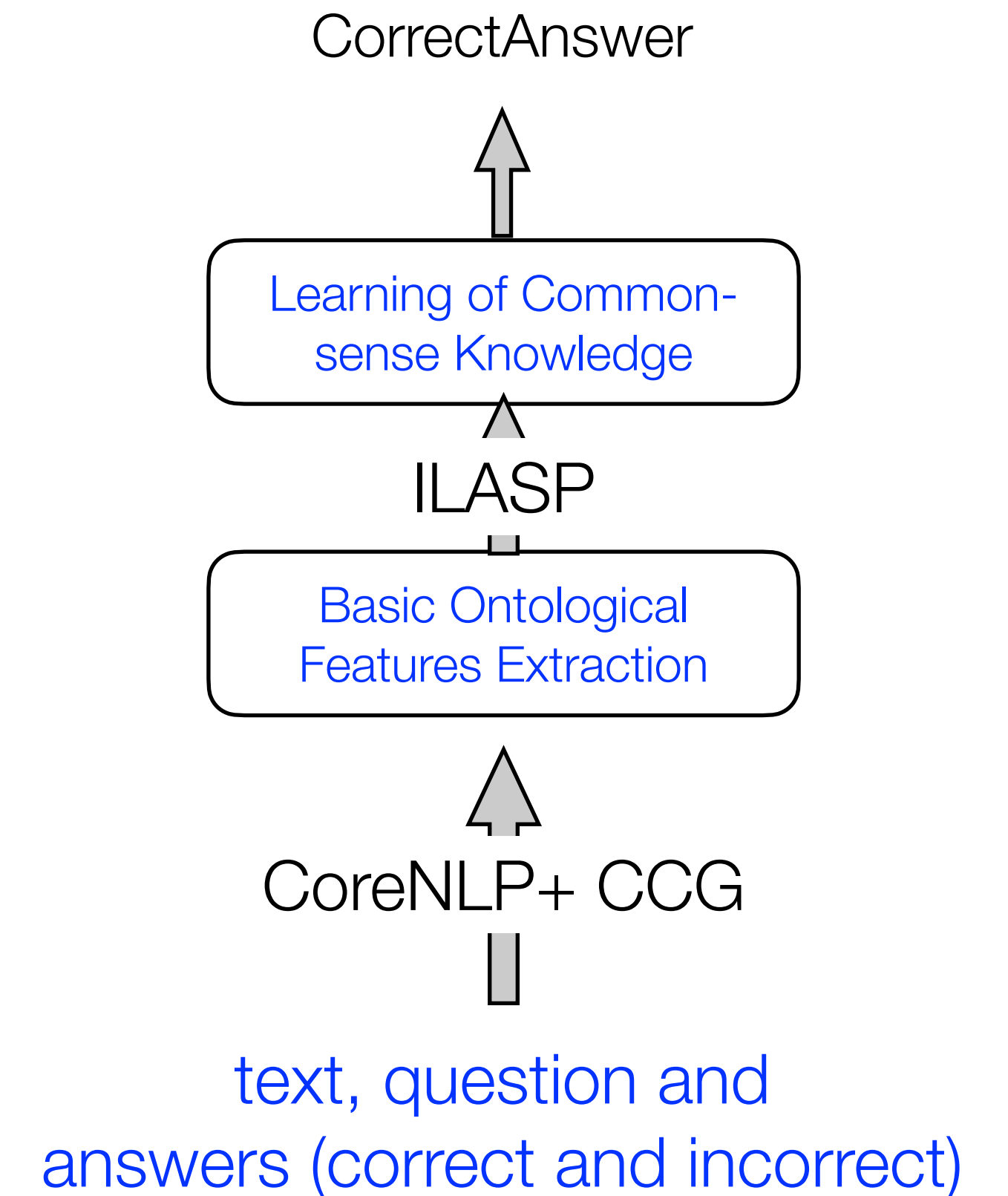
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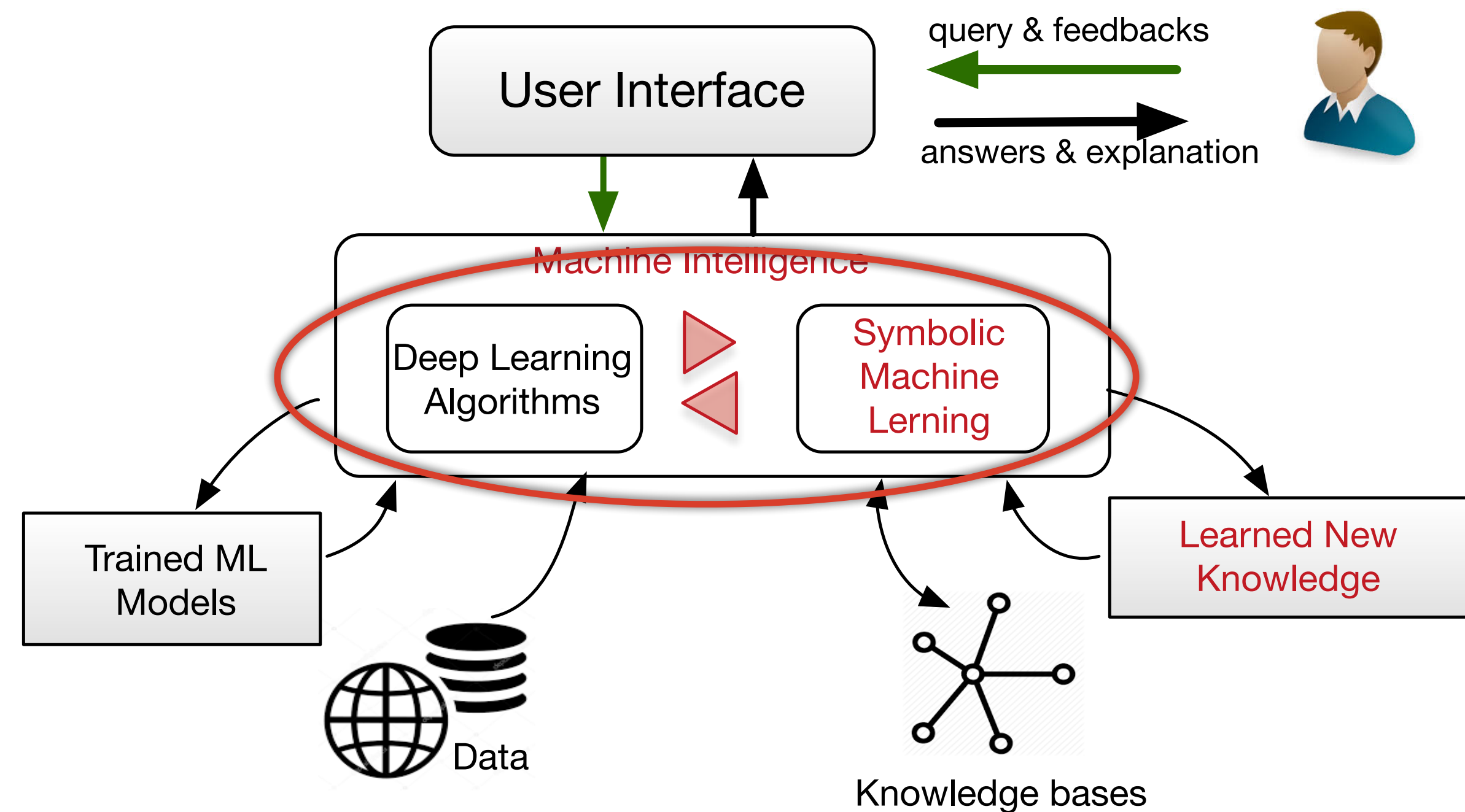
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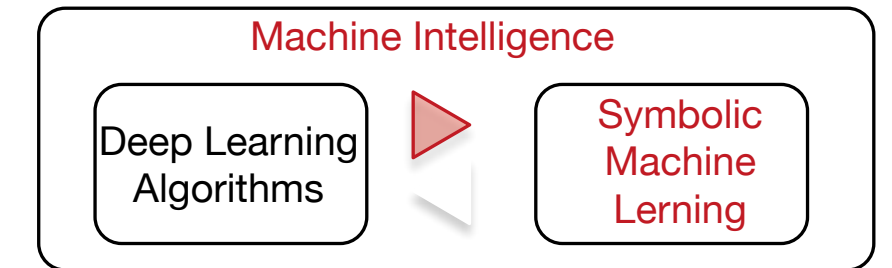
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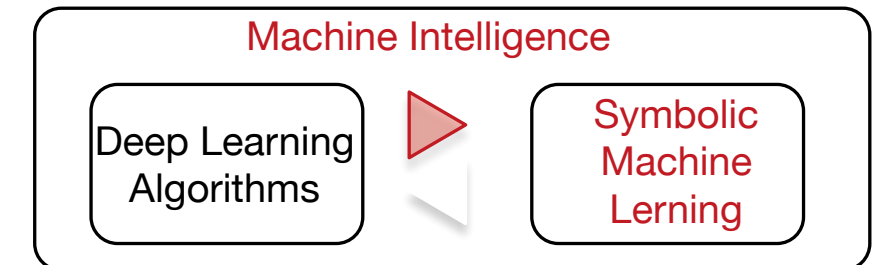
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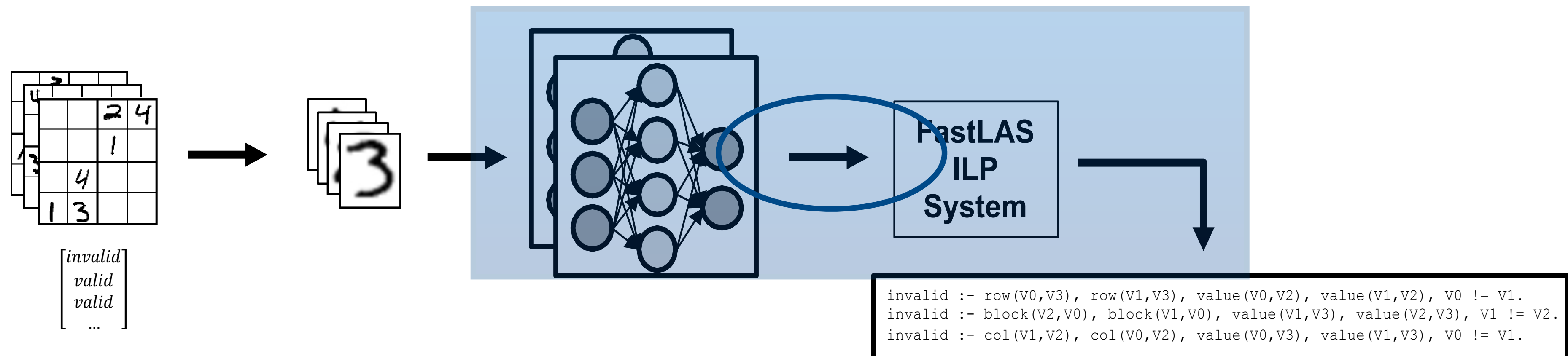


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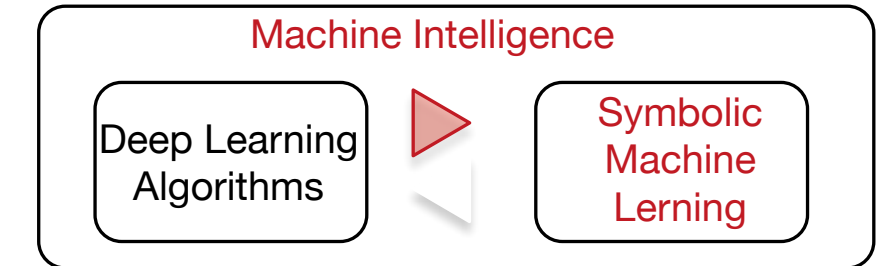
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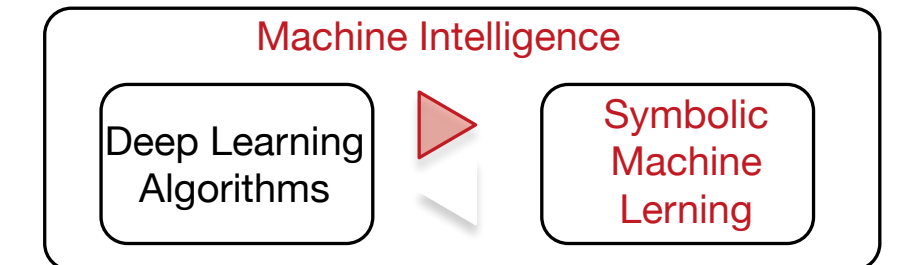
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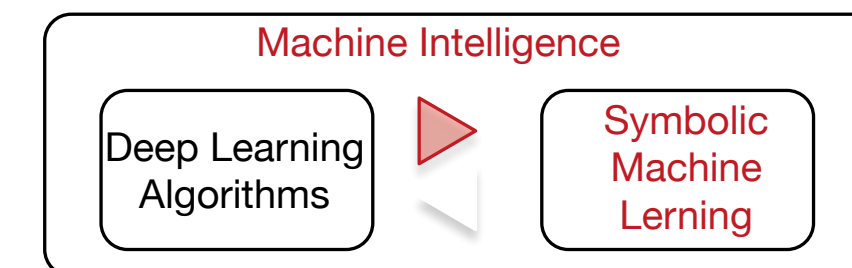
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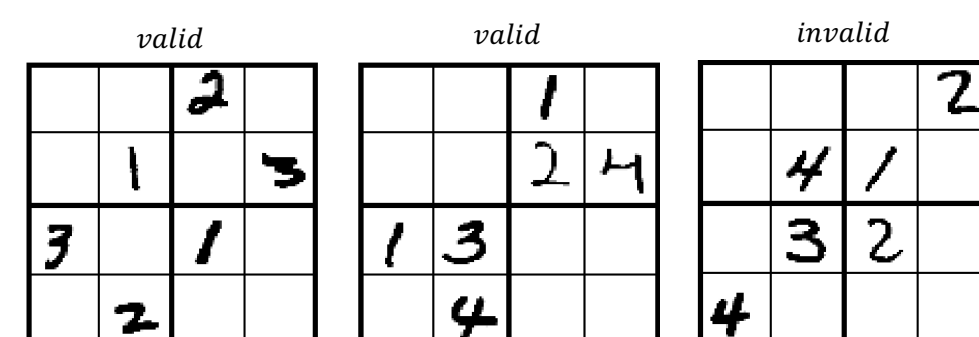
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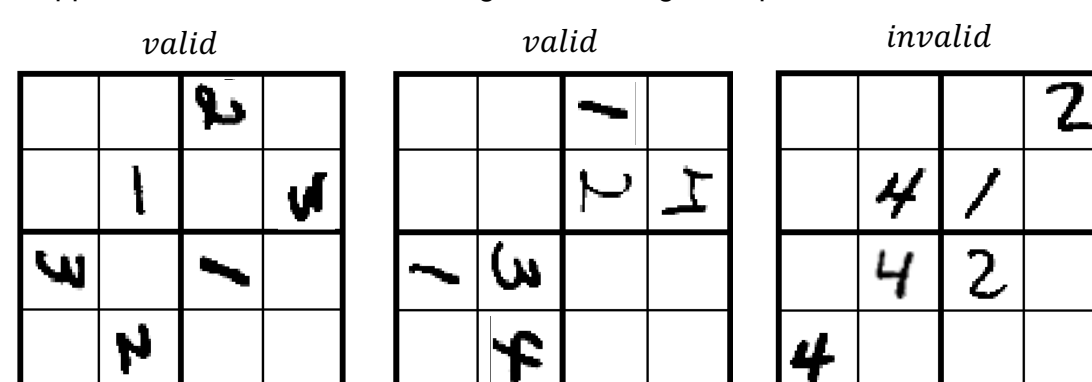


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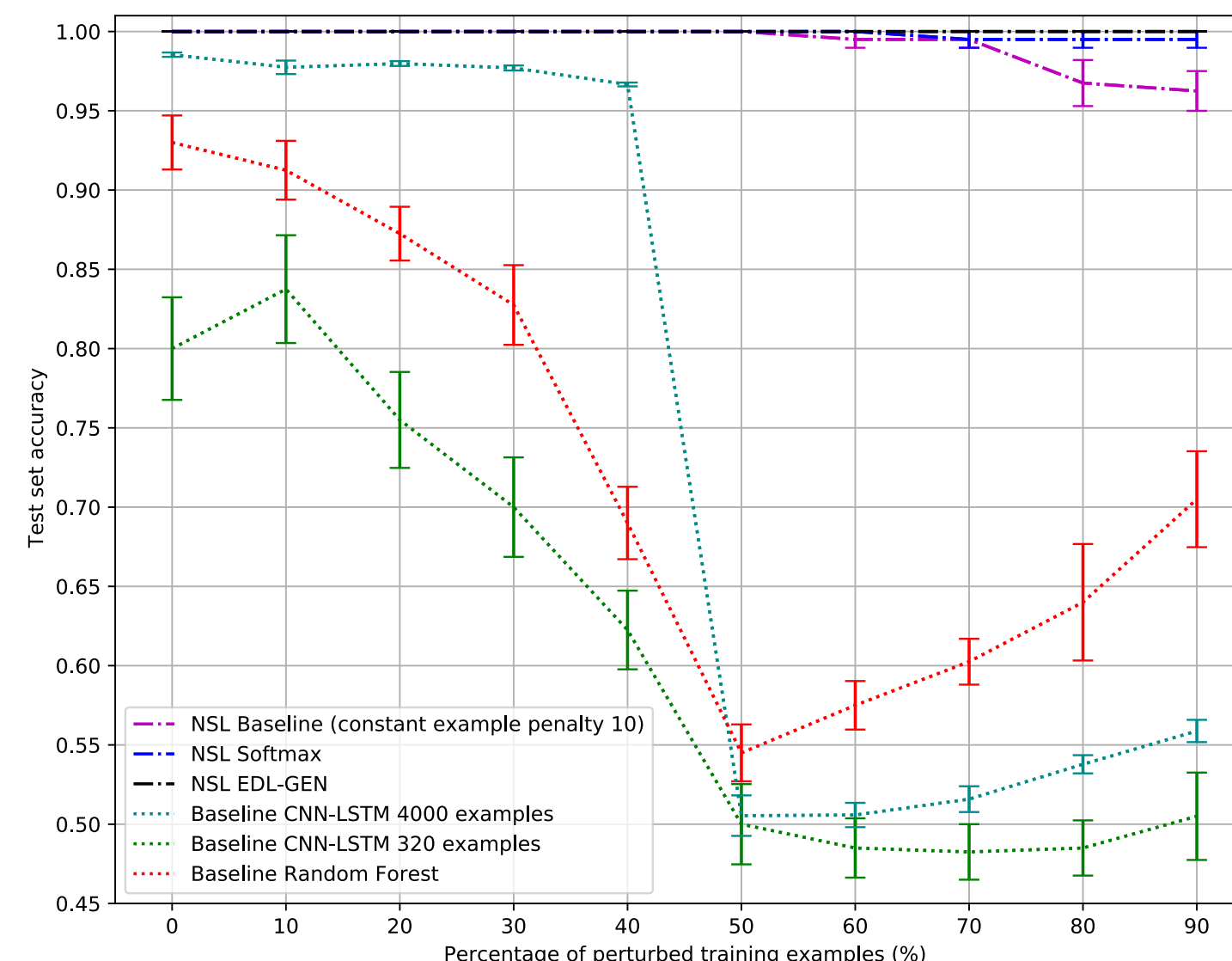


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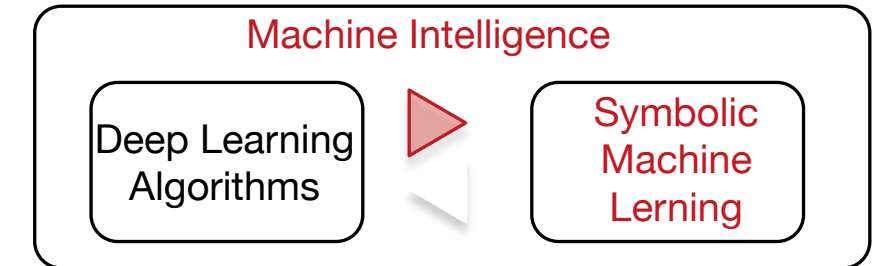
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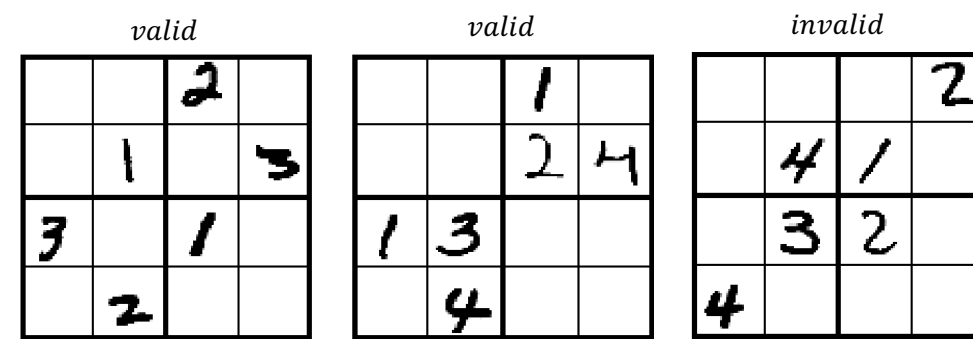
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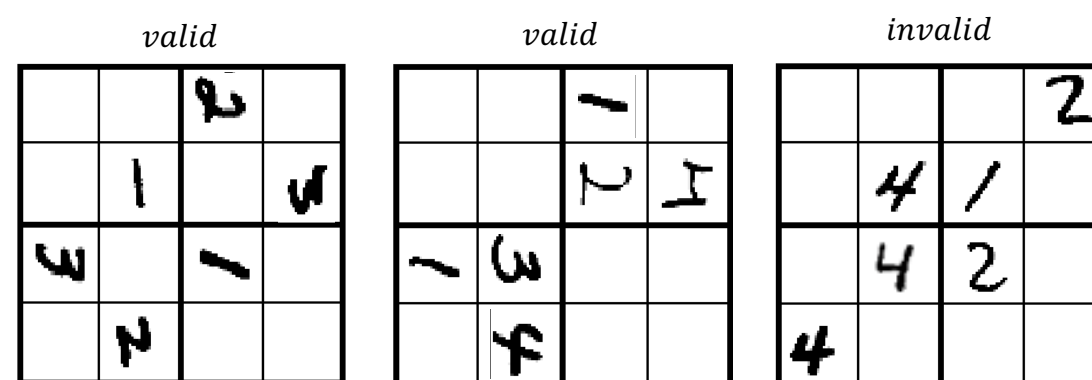


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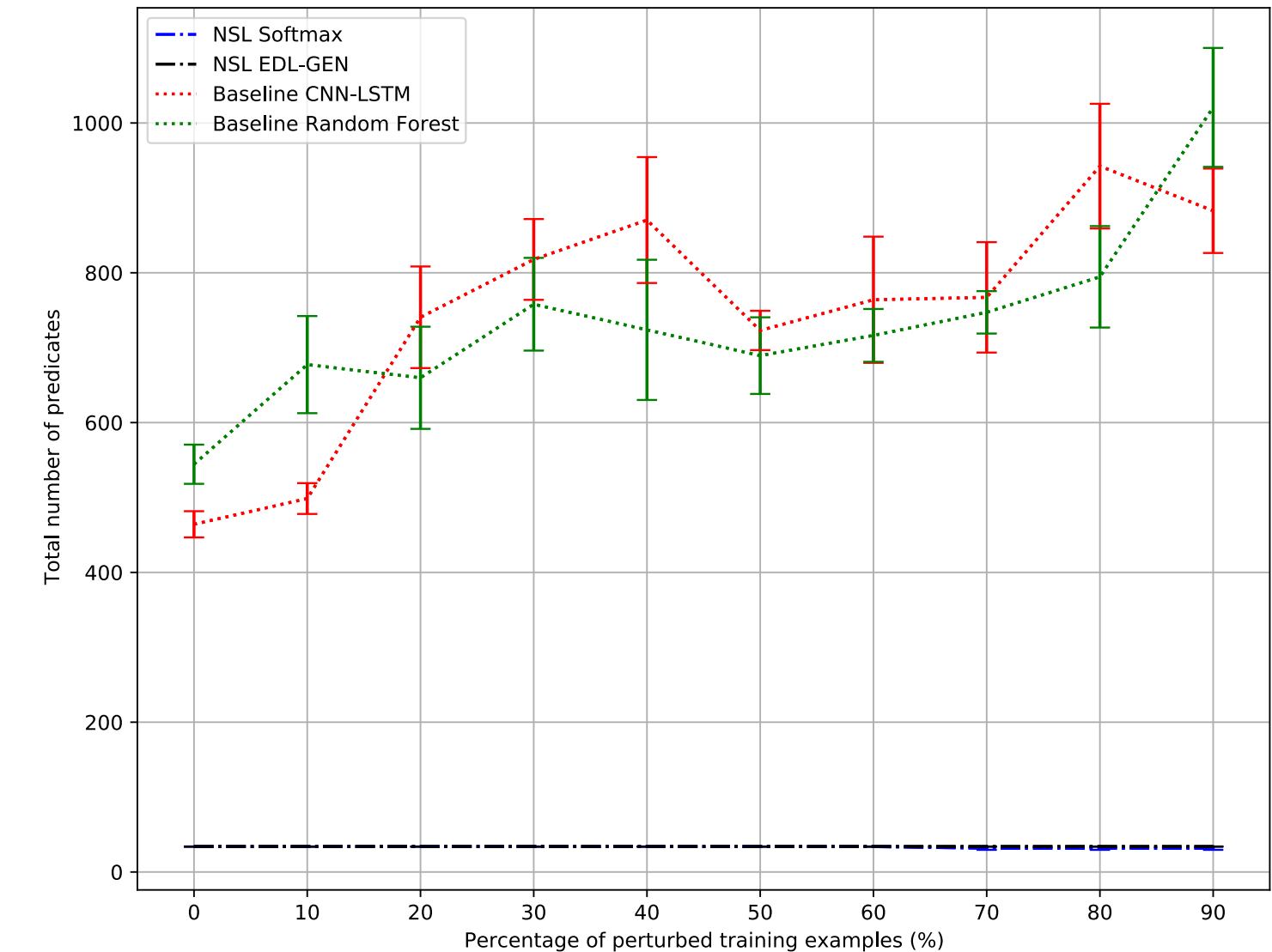
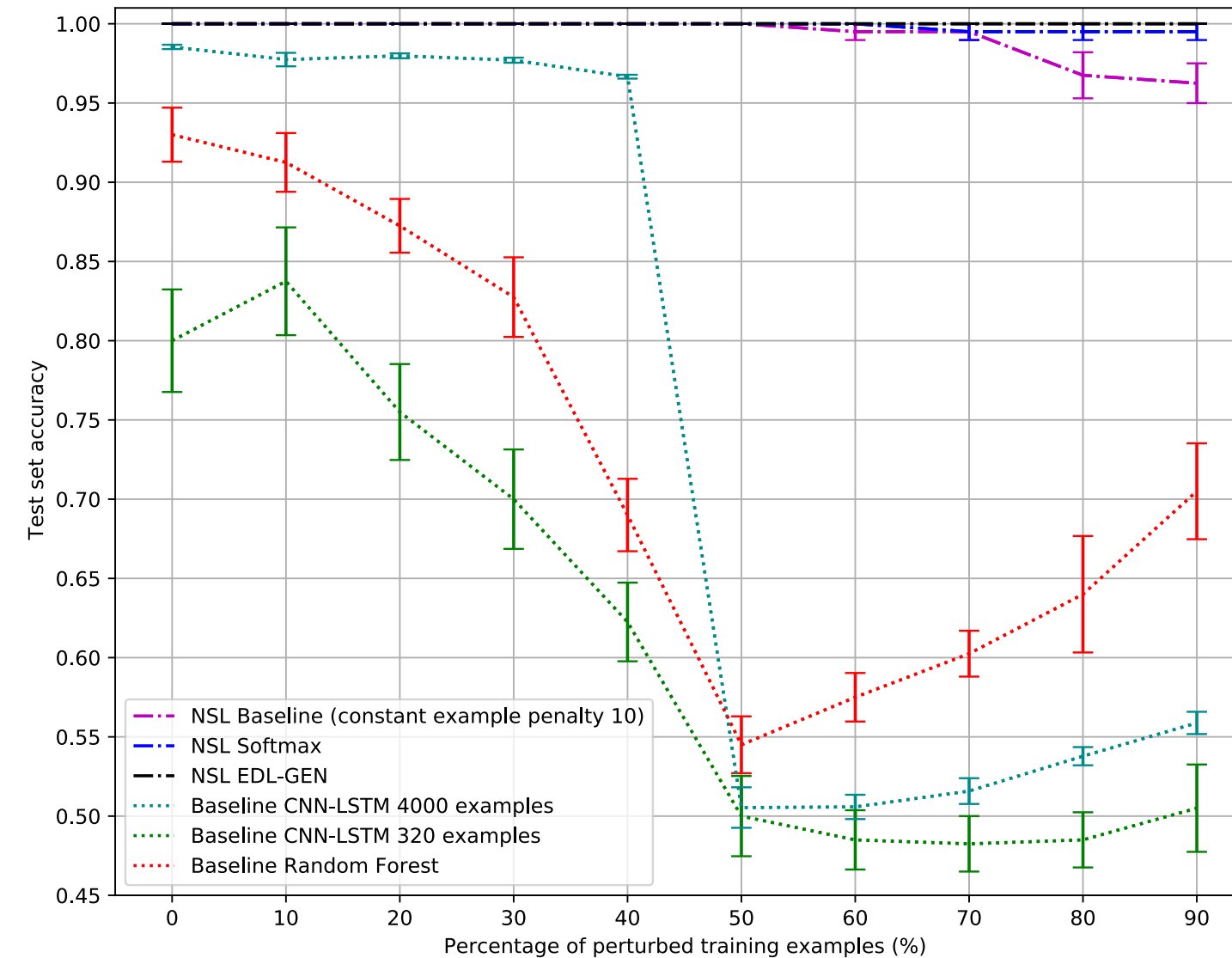


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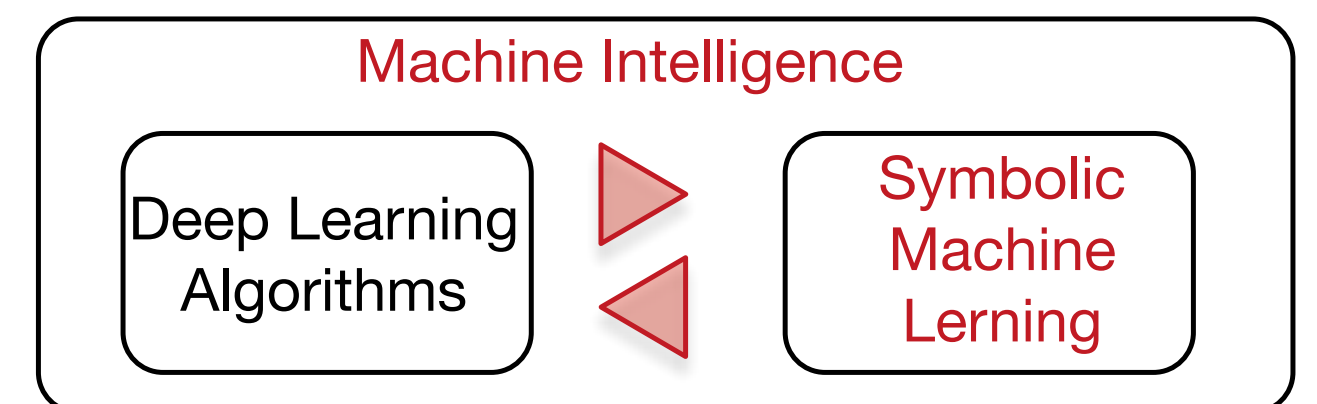
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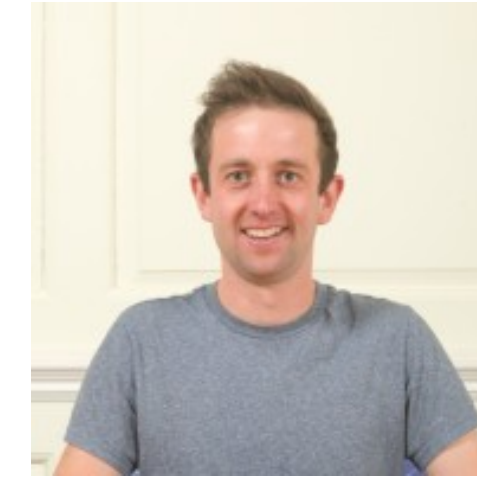
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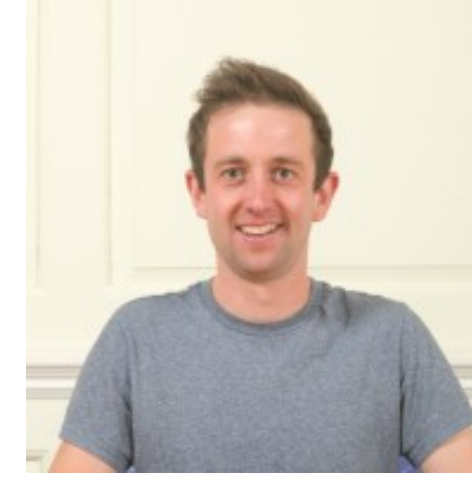
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