Dependency Parsing and Feature-based Parsing

Ling 571 — Deep Processing Techniques for NLP
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Announcements

- HW2 grades coming soon
  - Reference code available in dropbox
  - Pay careful attention to the spec, e.g. order of files
    - In general: use $1, $2, … instead of $@
- HW3
  - Handling ungrammaticality: need graceful treatment of the case when *S* / start symbol is not in the [0, n] cell of the CKY table
  - Notes on implementing backpointers:
    - Can use NLTK's Tree, as long as children are also trees
    - But don't need to / not more efficient; can just be e.g. a tuple, and then generate strings for trees at the end

Mid-term Feedback!

- At some point soon, please take a few minutes to provide feedback on this course
  - Completely anonymous
  - All feedback valuable; will incorporate things that can be changed
  - Final week: summary and current/future directions topics, some flexibility

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Today

- **Dependency Parsing**
    - Transition-based Parsing
- Feature-based Parsing
    - Motivation
    - Features
    - Unification

Dependency Parse Example:

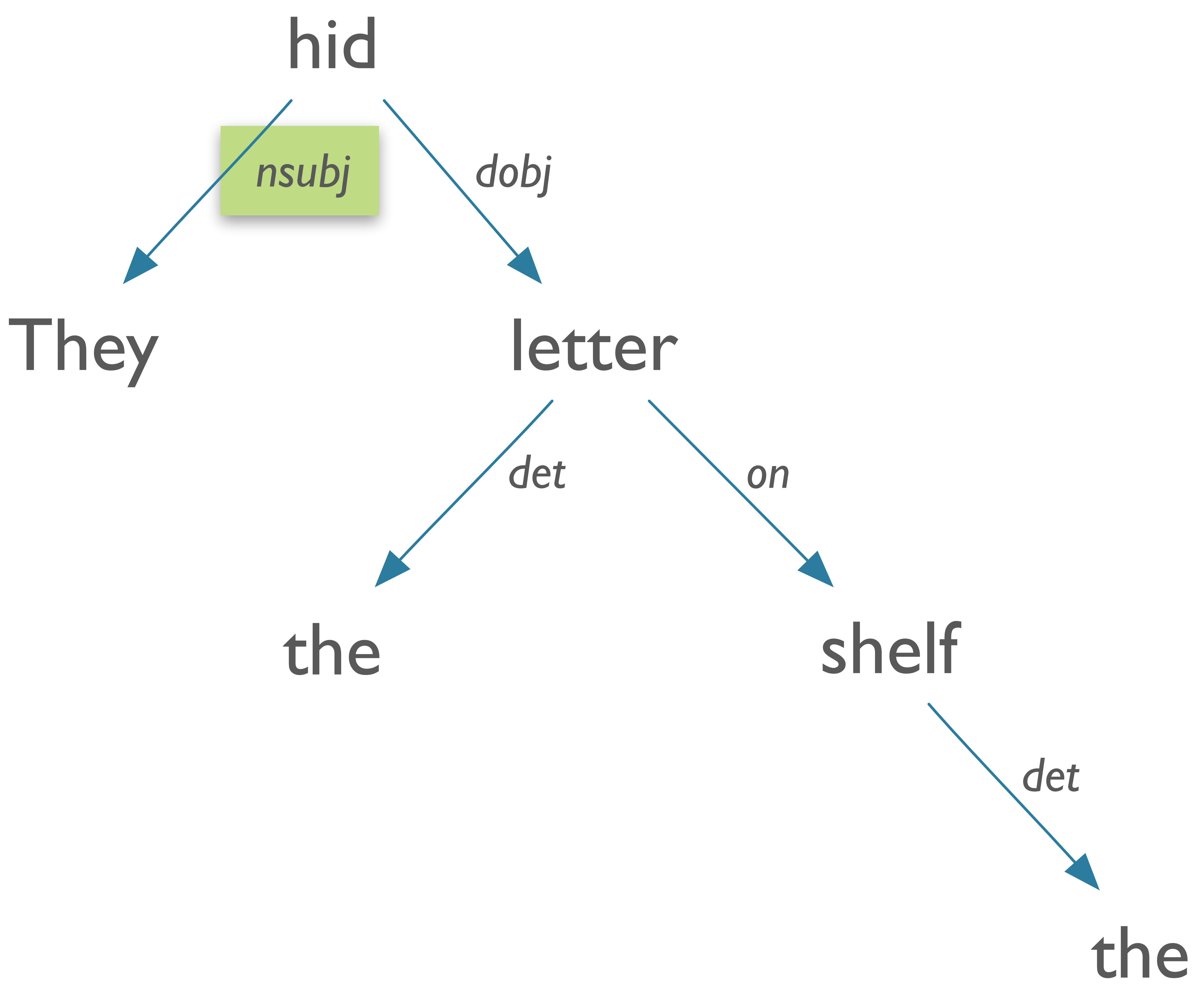
They hid the letter on the shelf

Argument Dependencies

Abbreviation	Description
nsubj	nominal subject
csubj	clausal subject
dobj	direct object
iobj	indirect object
pobj	object of preposition

Modifier Dependencies

Abbreviation	Description
tmod	temporal modifier
appos	appositional modifier
det	determiner
prep	prepositional modifier



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- Best-known implementations:
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    - Nivre et al (2006); Nivre & Hall (2007)

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  - A set of terminal configurations (“end states”)

Configurations

- A configuration for a sentence x is the triple $(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{A})$:
- $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ is a stack with elements corresponding to the nodes (words + $\texttt{ROOT}$) in x
- $\boldsymbol{B}$ (aka the buffer) is a list of nodes in x
- $\boldsymbol{A}$ is the set of dependency arcs in the analysis so far,
  - $(\boldsymbol{w_i}, \boldsymbol{L}, \boldsymbol{w_j})$, where $\boldsymbol{w_x}$ is a node in x and $\boldsymbol{L}$ is a dependency label

Transitions

- Transitions convert one configuration to another
  - $C_i = t(C_i\text{-}1)$, where t is the transition
- Dependency graph for a sent:
  - The set of arcs resulting from a sequence of transitions
- The parse of the sentence is that resulting from the initial state through the sequence of transitions to a legal terminal state

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  - How to take a parse and translate it into a series of transitions

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  - Use oracle to identify gold transitions
  - Train **classifier** to predict best transition in new config

Nivre's Arc-Standard Oracle

- Words: $\boldsymbol{w}_1, \ldots, \boldsymbol{w}_n$
  - $\boldsymbol{w}_0 = \mathrm{ROOT}$
- Initialization:
  - Stack = $[w_0]$; Buffer = $[w_1, \ldots w_n]$; Arcs = $\varnothing$
- Termination:
  - Stack = σ; Buffer= [ ]; Arcs = A
    - for any σ and A

Nivre’s Arc-Standard Oracle

- Transitions are one of three:
  - Shift
  - Left-Arc
  - Right-Arc

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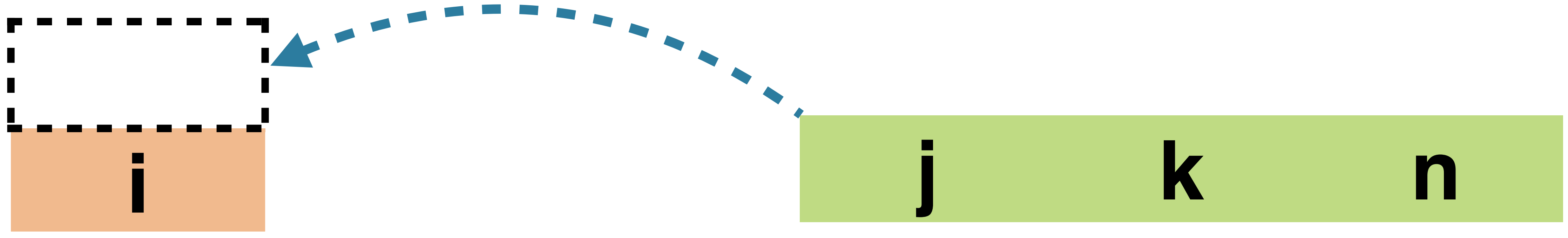

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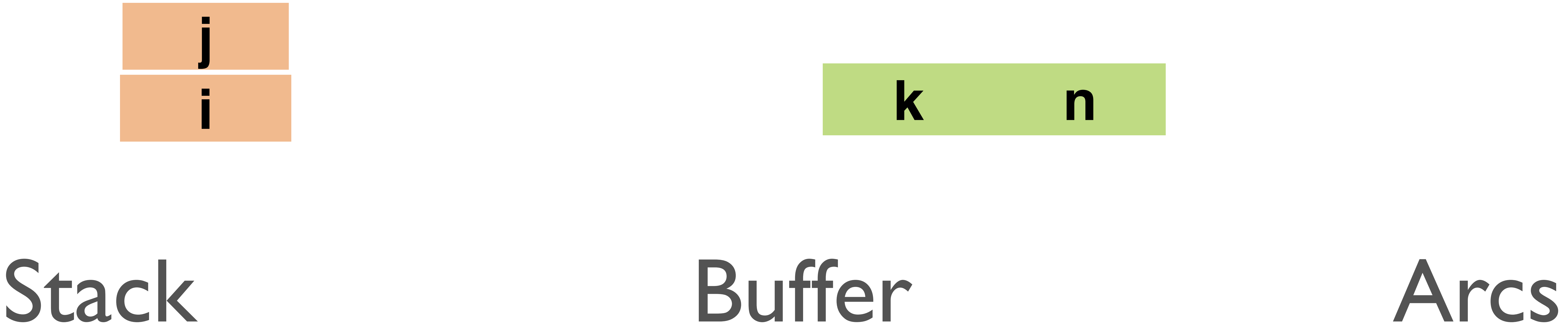

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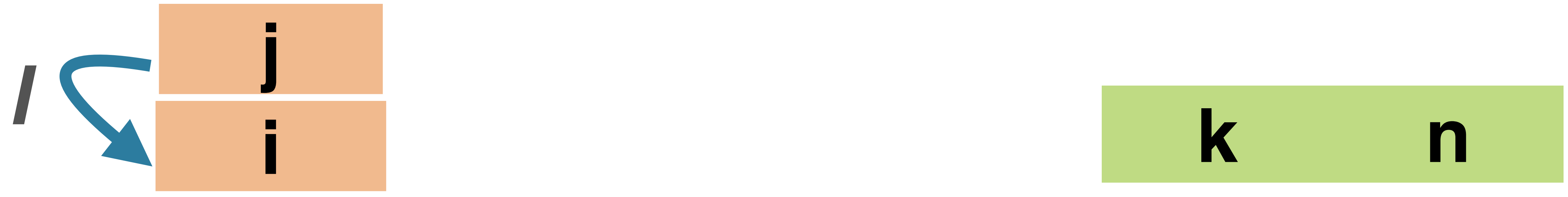

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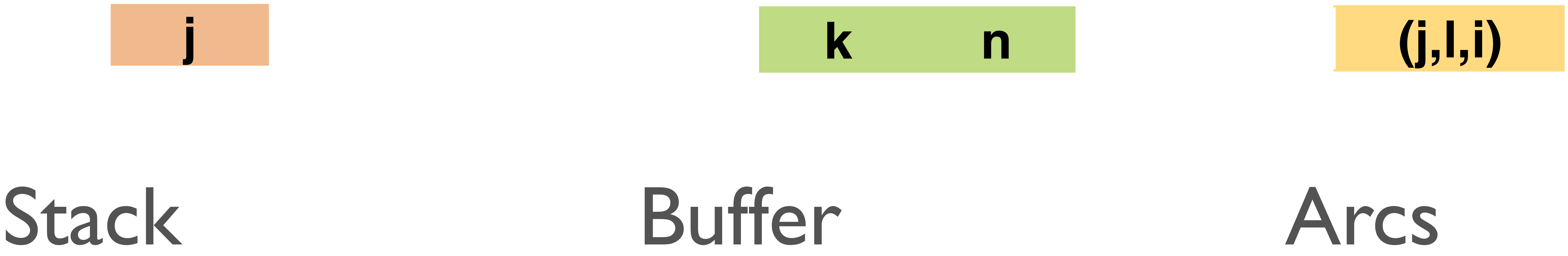

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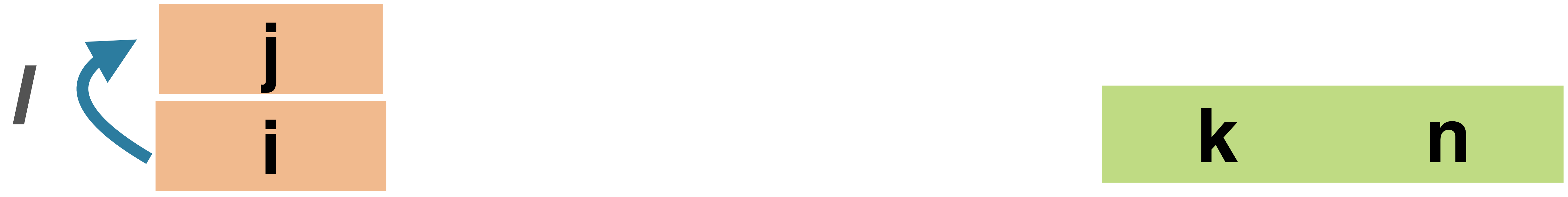

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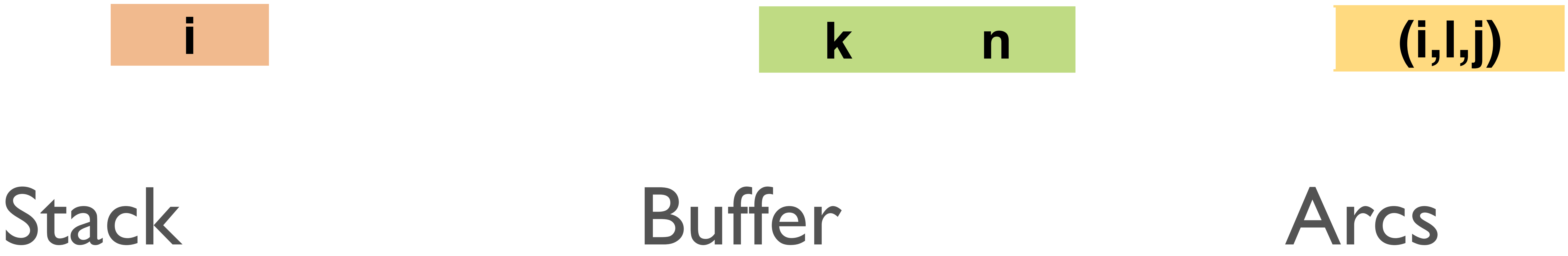

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Training Process

- Each step of the algorithm is a decision point between the three states
- We want to train a model to decide between the three options at each step
  - (Reduce to a classification problem)
- We start with:
  - A treebank
  - An *oracle* process for guiding the transitions
  - A discriminative learner to relate the transition to features of the current configuration

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Representing Configurations with Features

- ***Address***
  - Locate a given word:
    - By position in stack
    - By position in buffer
    - By attachment to a word in buffer
- ***Attributes***
  - Identity of word
  - lemma for word
  - POS tag of word
  - Dependency label for word ← *conditioned on previous decisions!*

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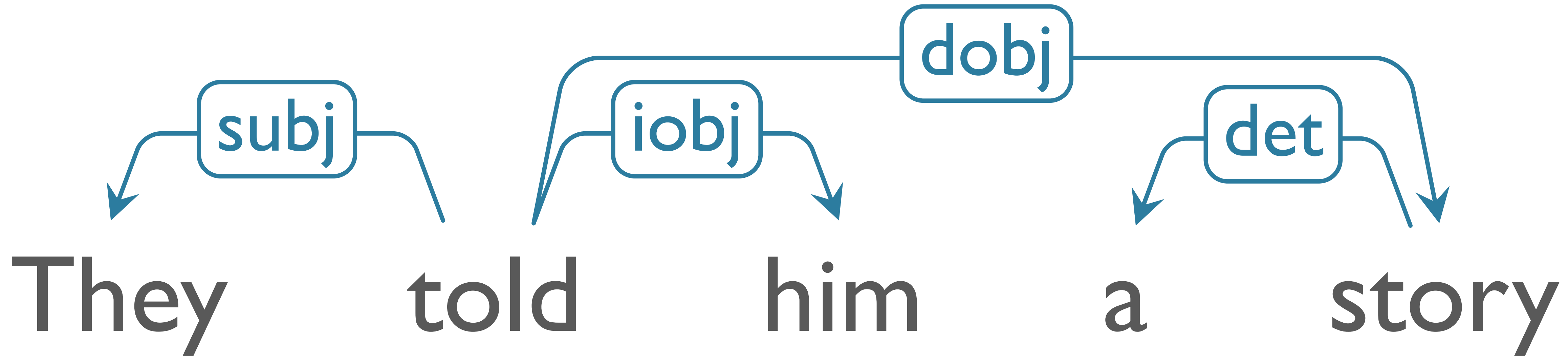

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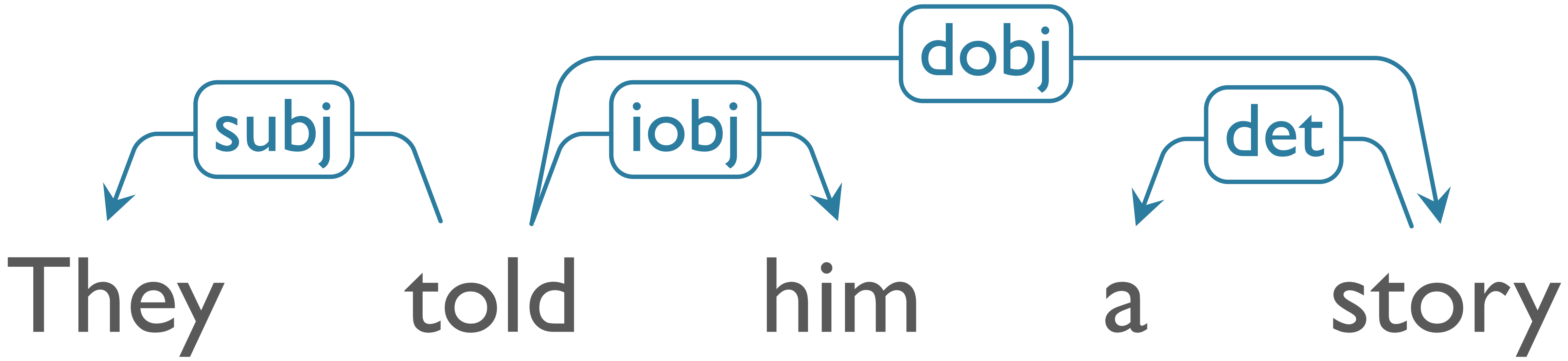

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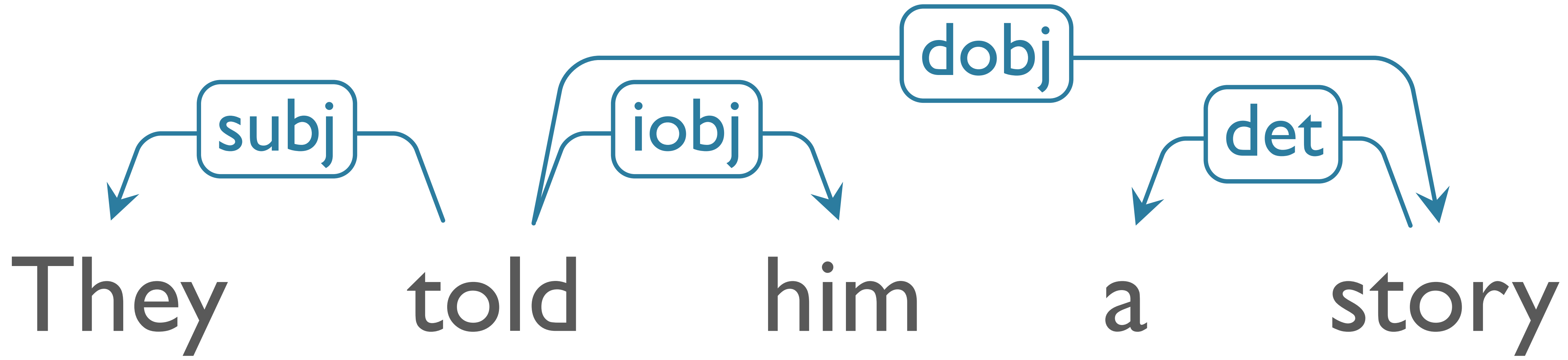

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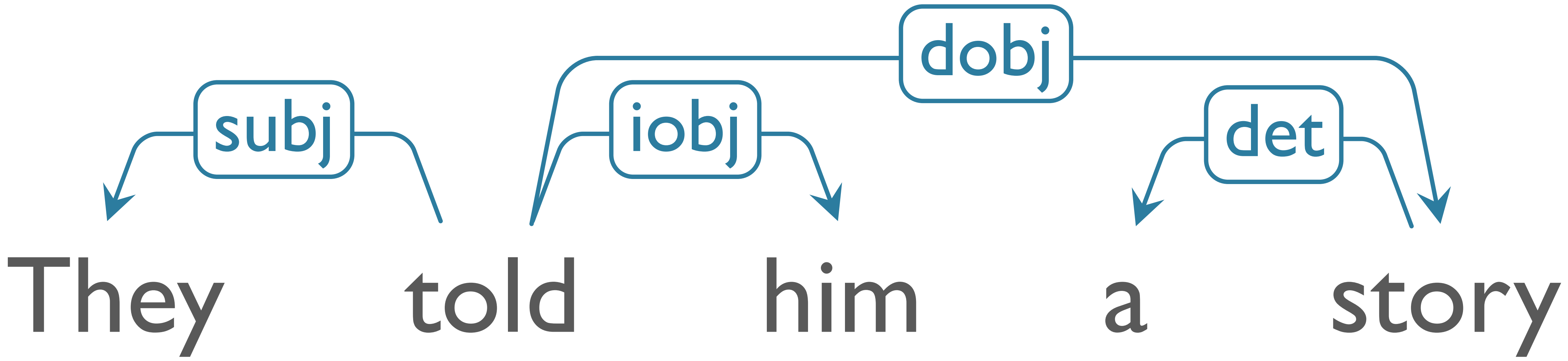

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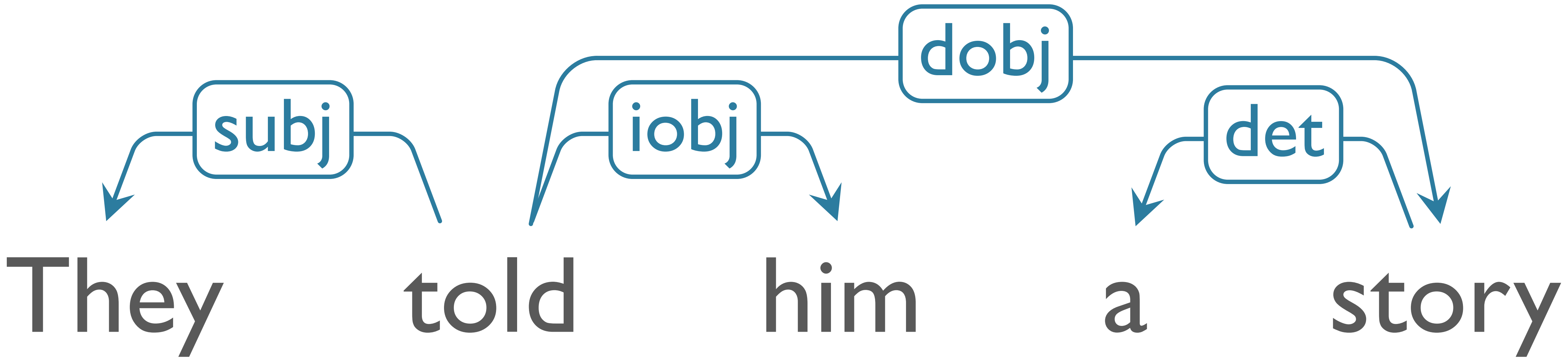

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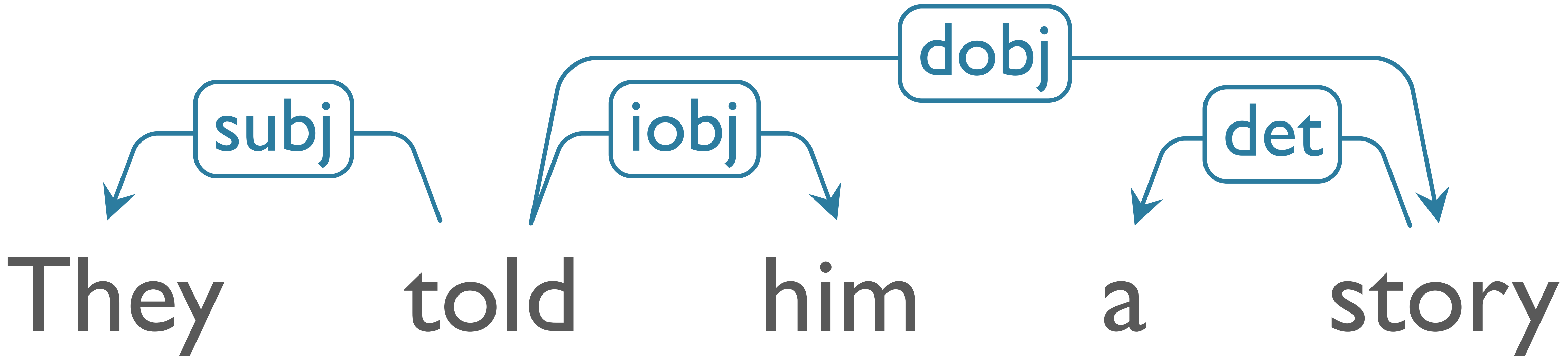

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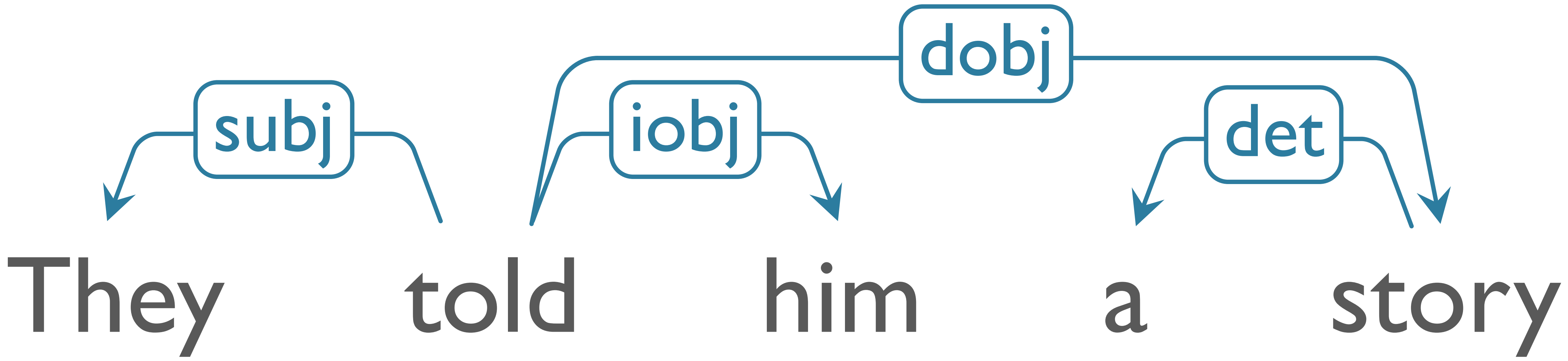

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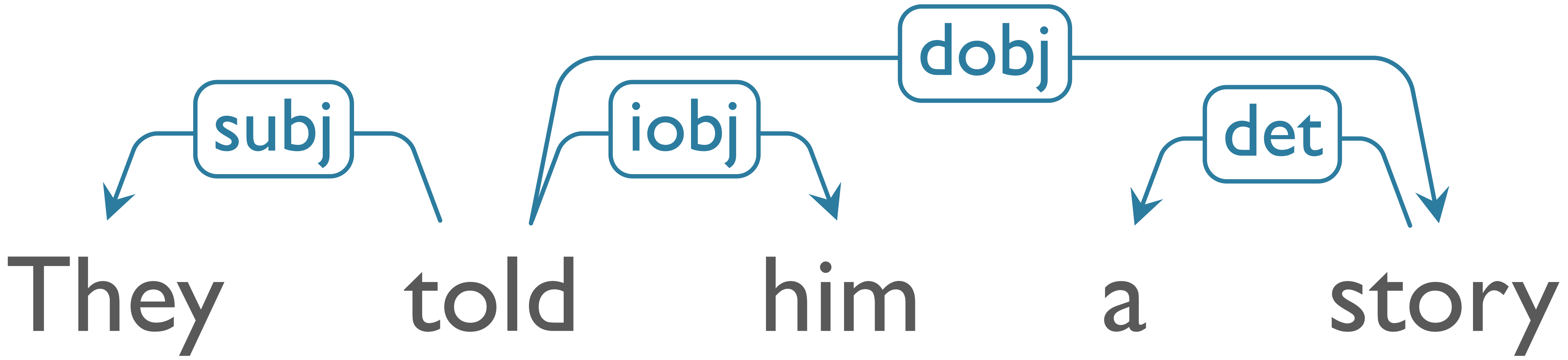

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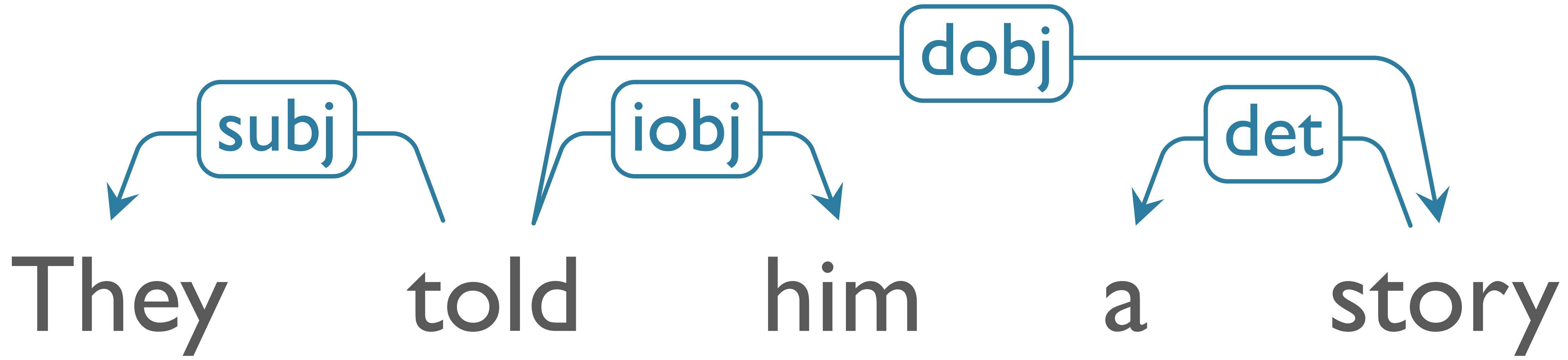

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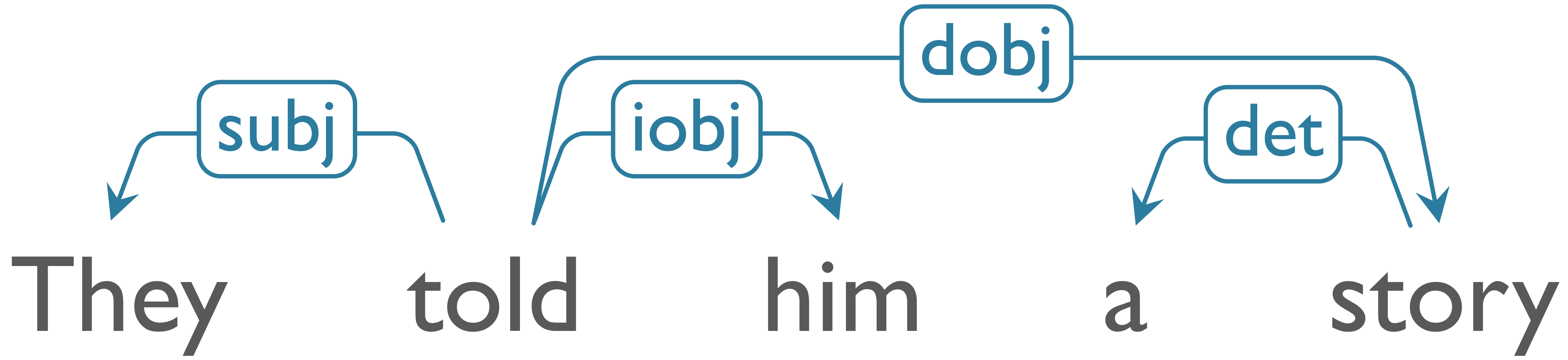

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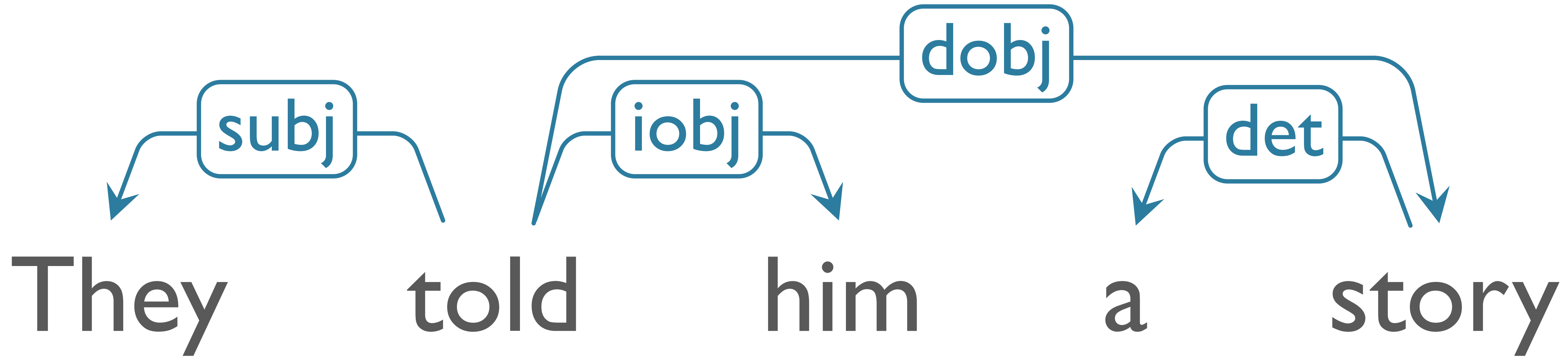

Transition-Based Parsing Summary

- *Shift-Reduce* [reduce = pop] paradigm, bottom-up approach
- ***Pros***:
  - Single pass, $O(n)$ complexity
  - Reduce parsing to classification problem; easy to introduce new features
- ***Cons***:
  - Only makes local decisions, may not find global optimum
  - Does not handle non-projective trees without hacks
    - e.g. transforming nonprojective trees to projective in training data; reconverting after

Other Notes

- …is this a parser?
  - No, not really!
  - Transforms problem into sequence labeling task, of a sort.
    - e.g. (`SH, LA, SH, RA, SH, SH, LA, RA`)
    - Sequence score is sum of transition scores

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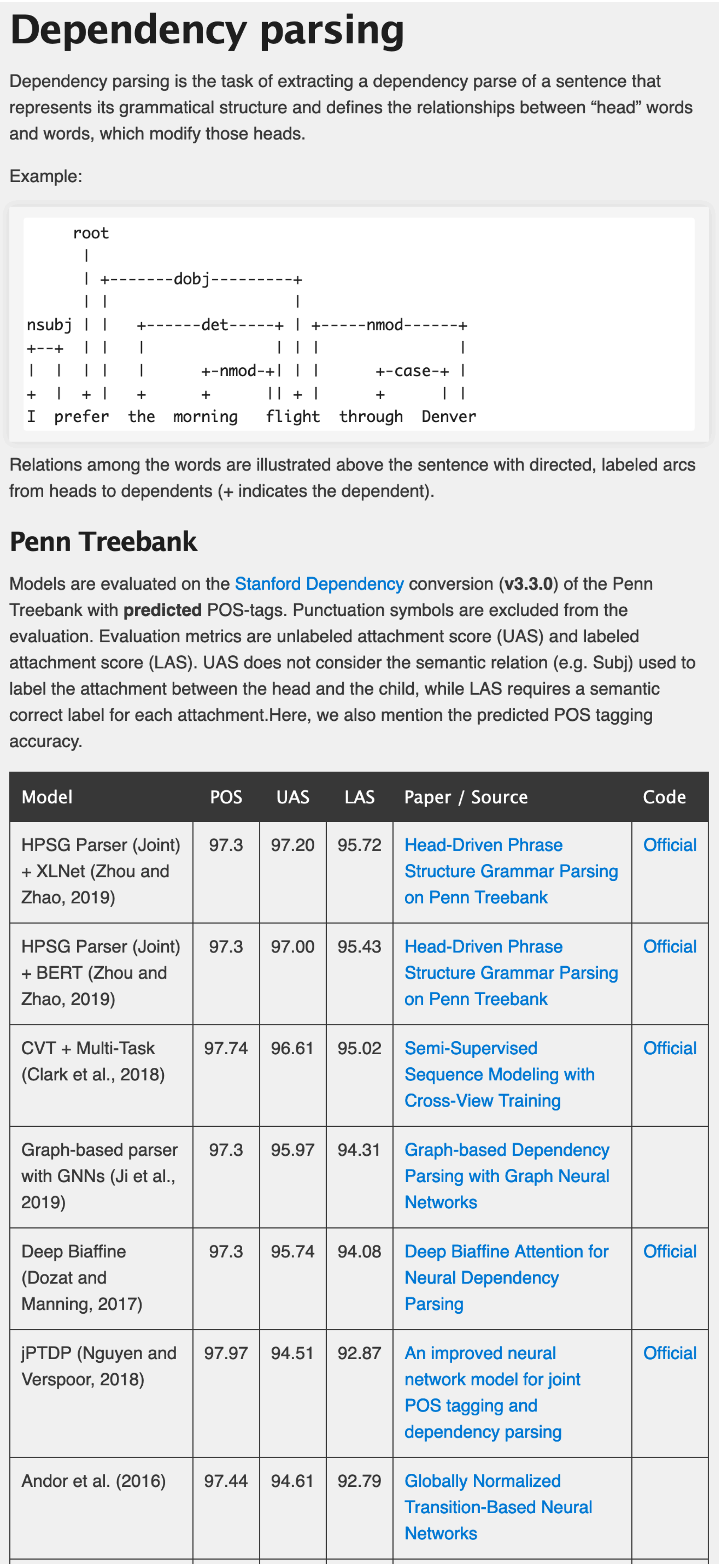

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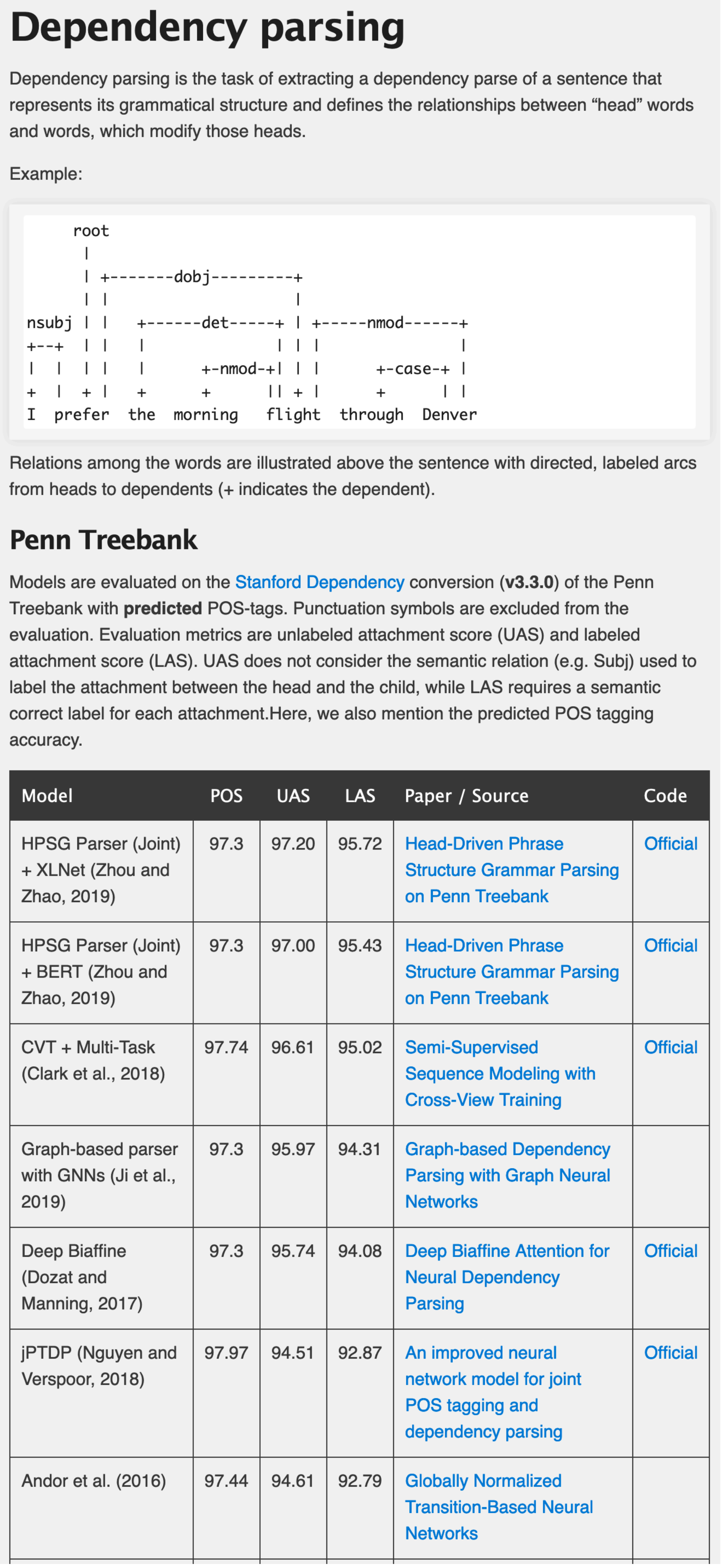

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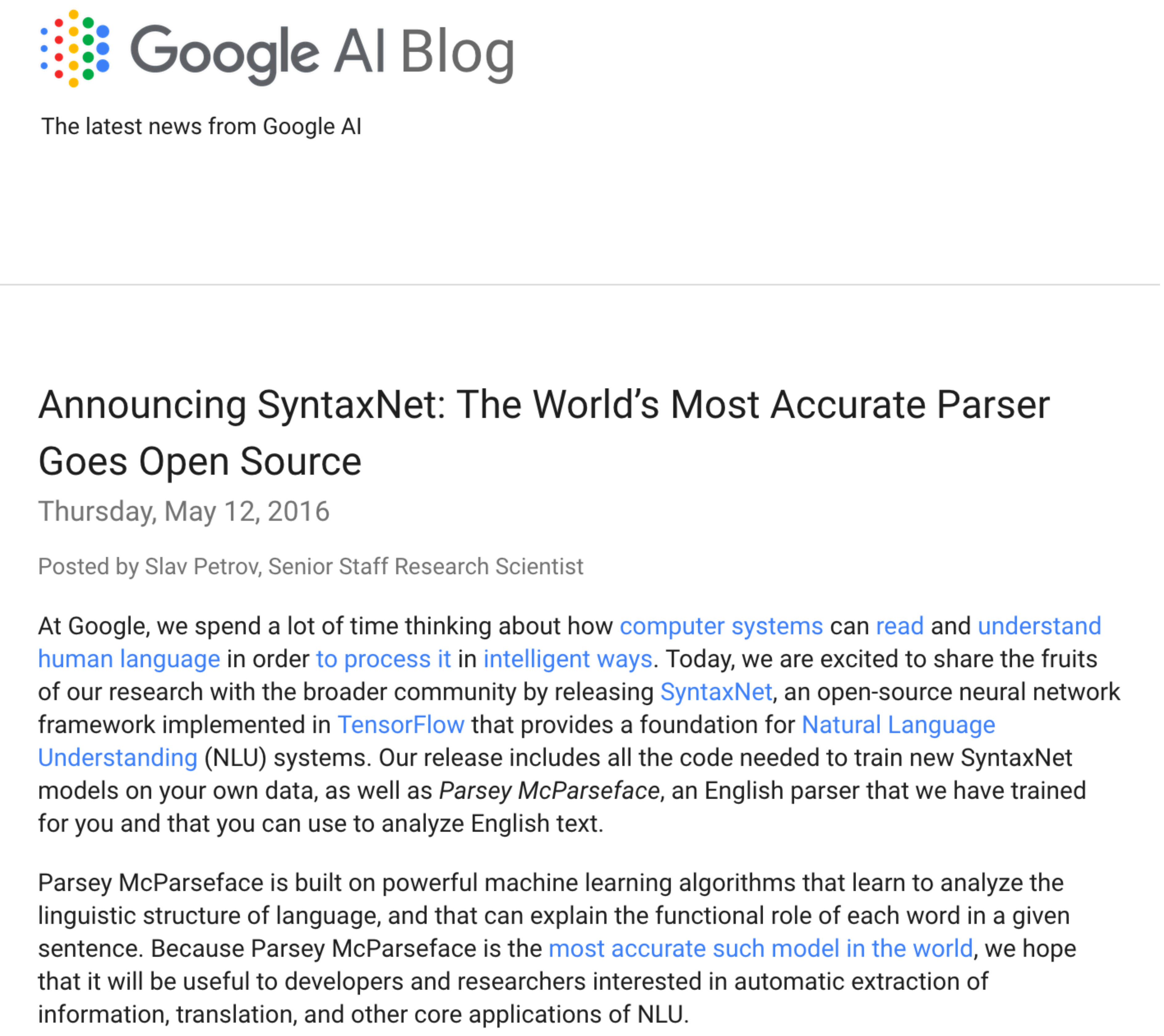

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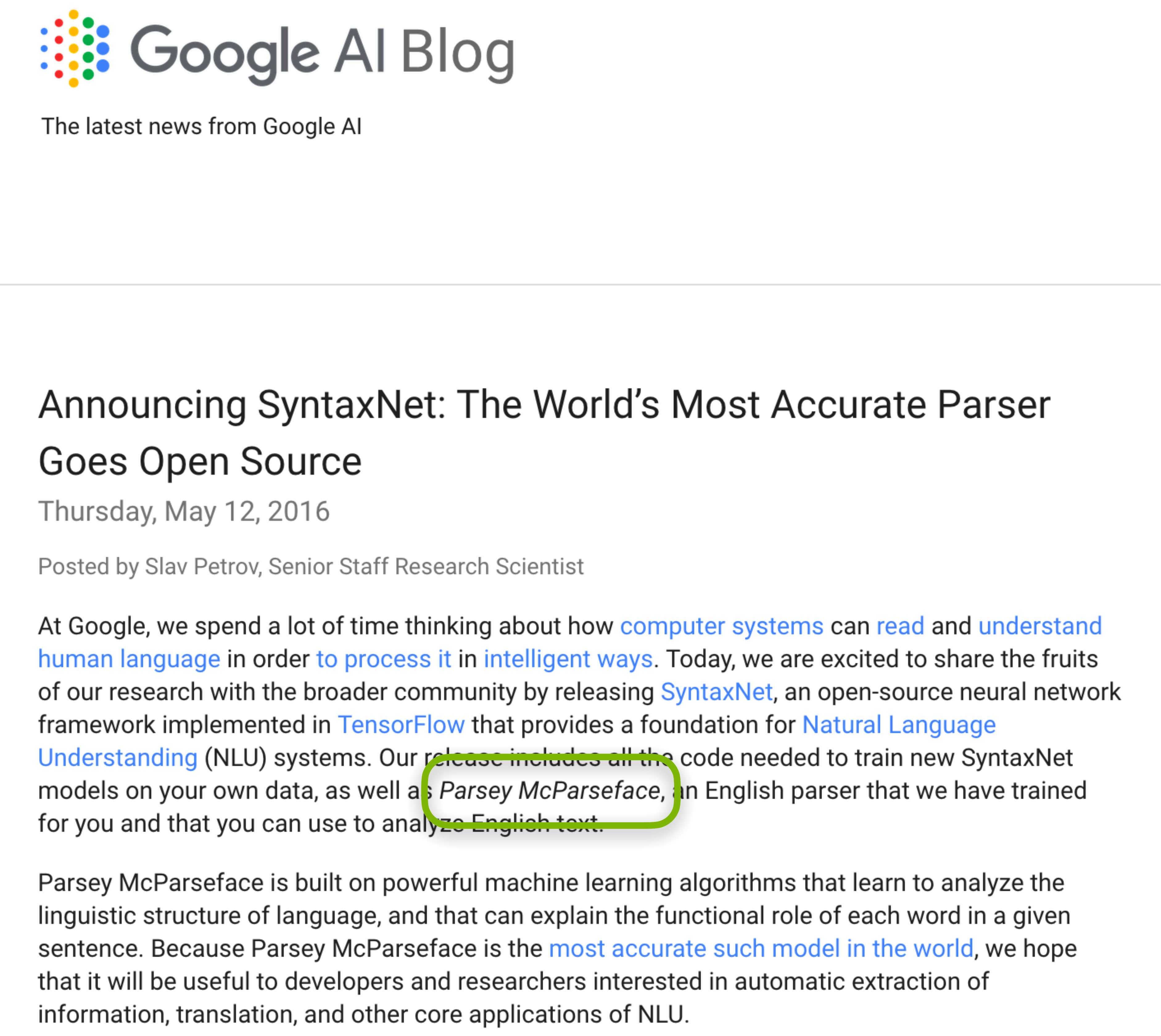

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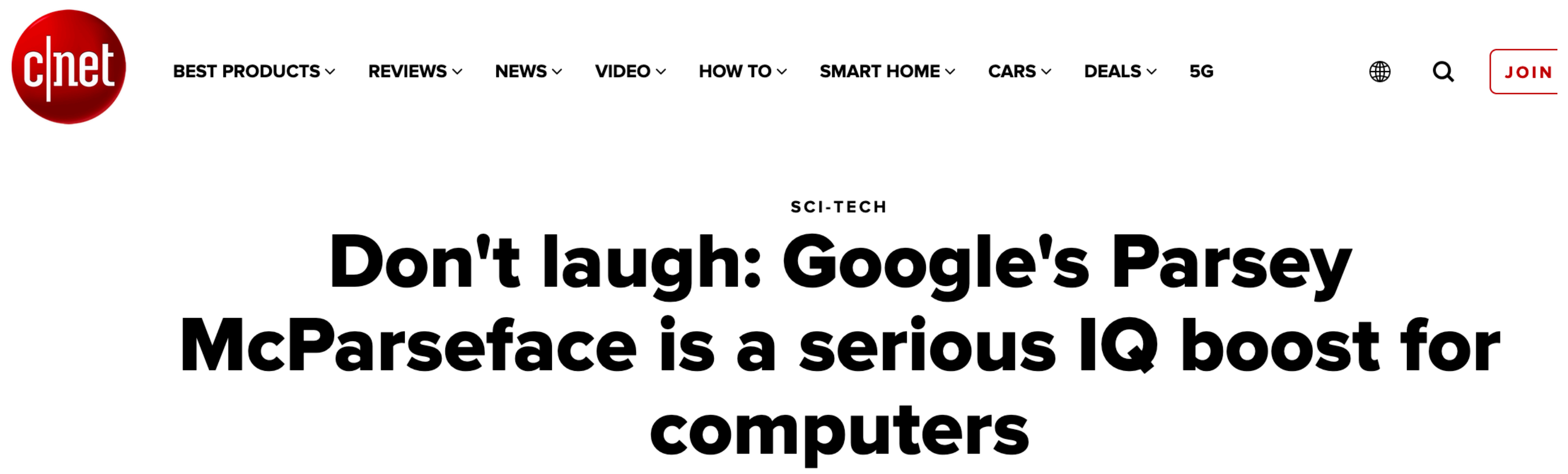

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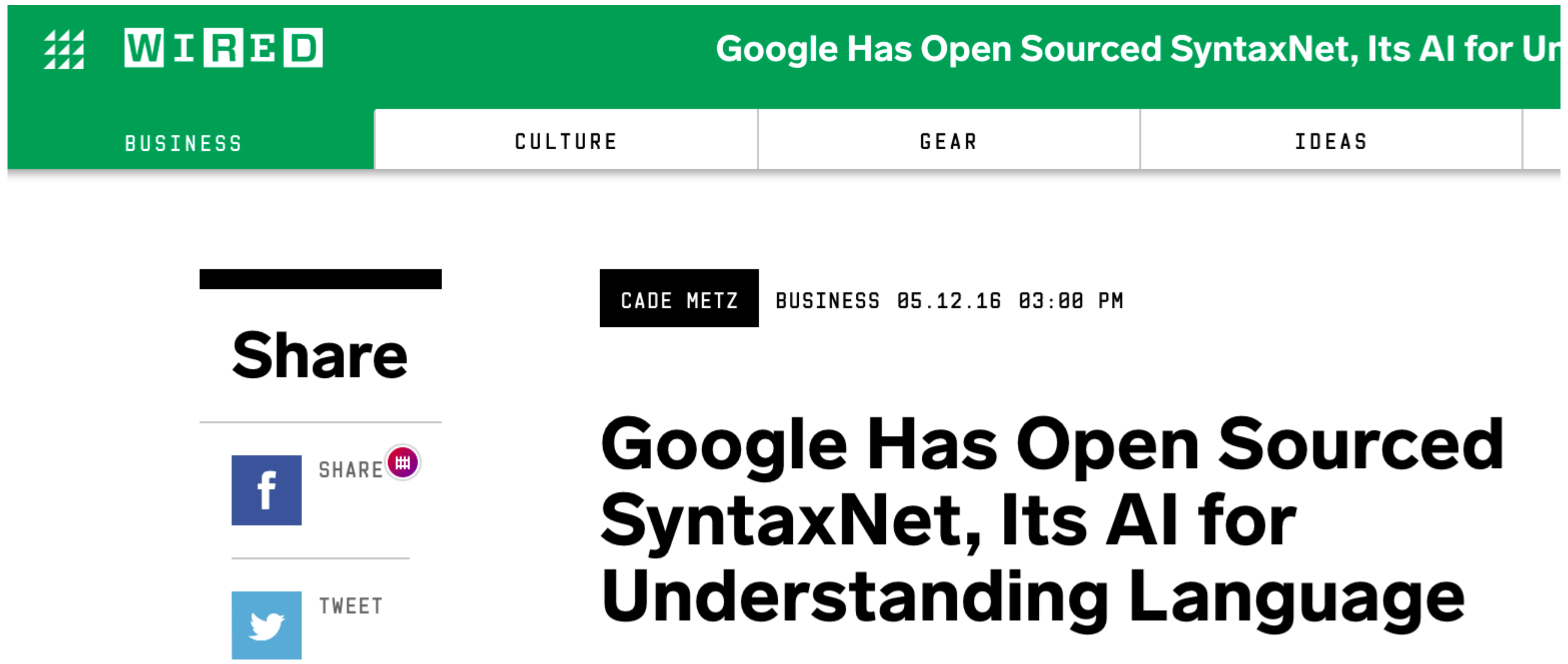

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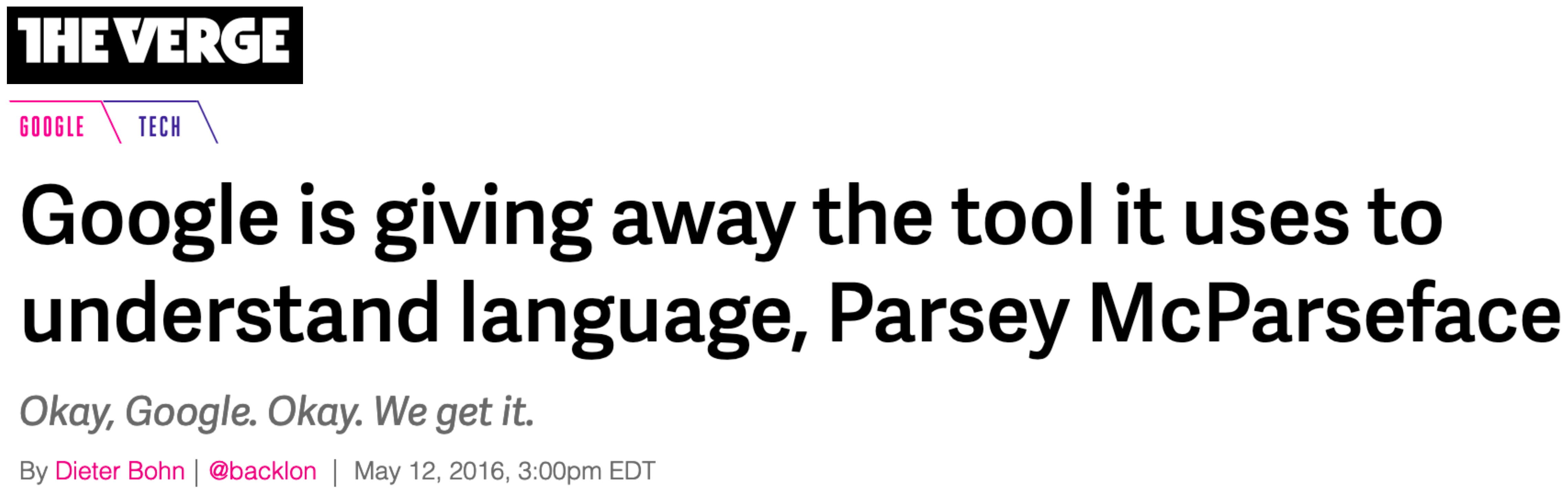

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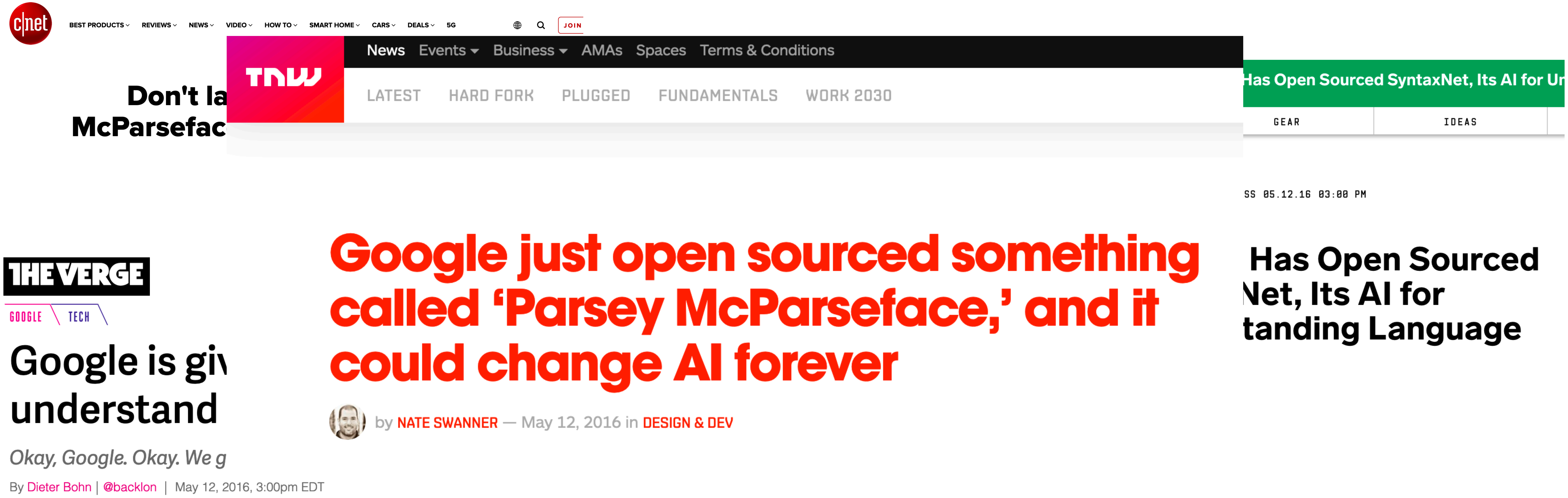

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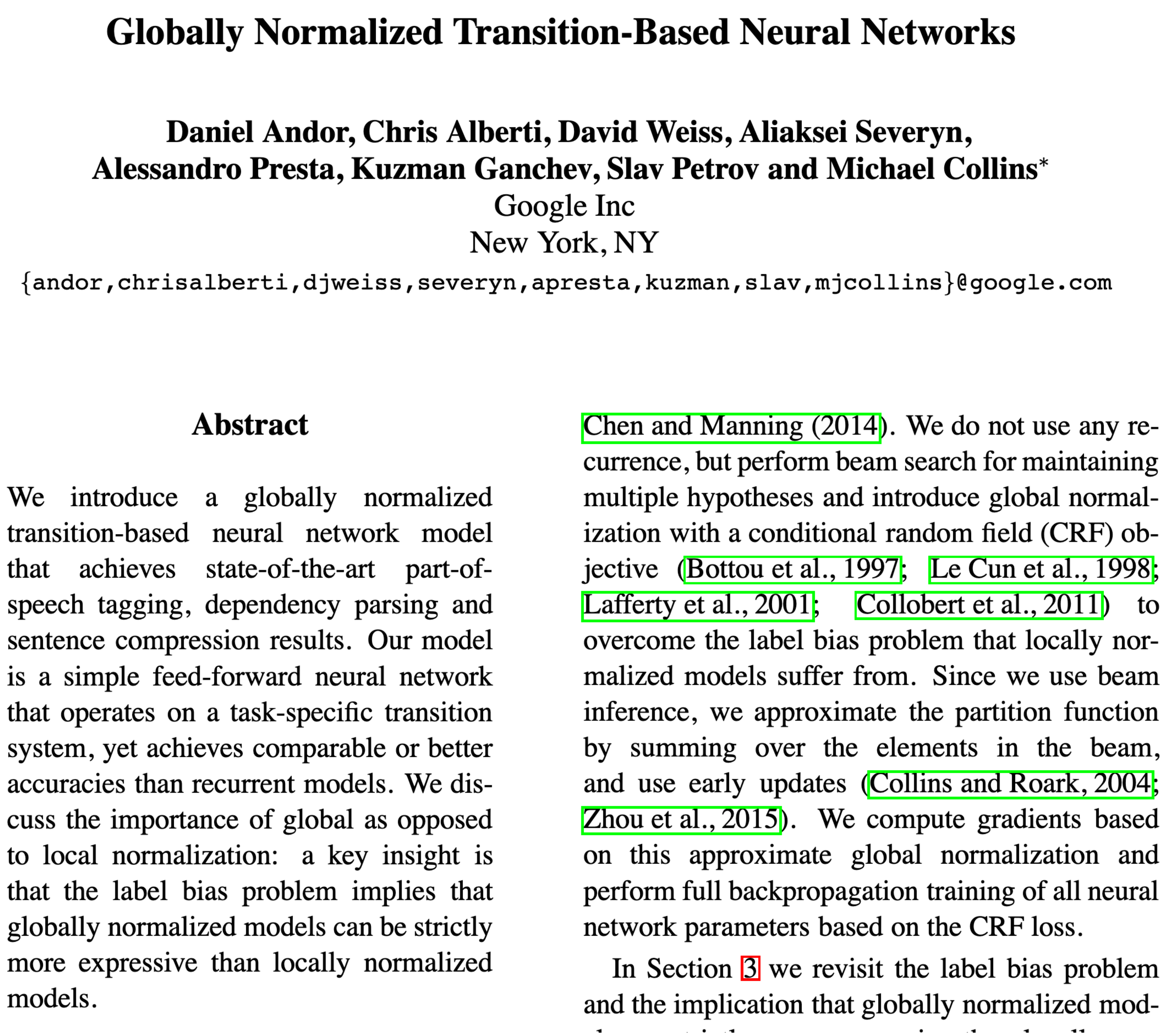

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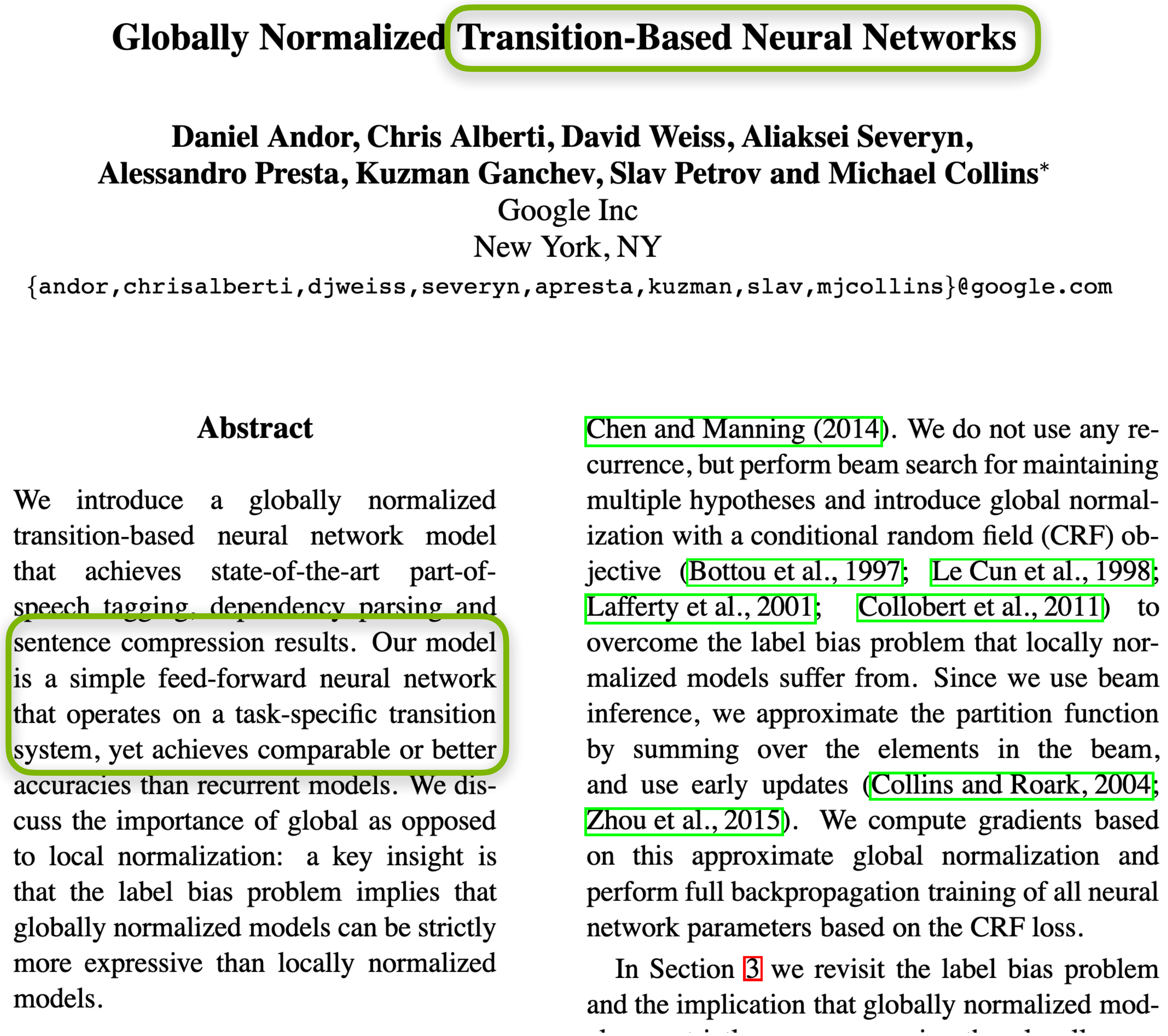

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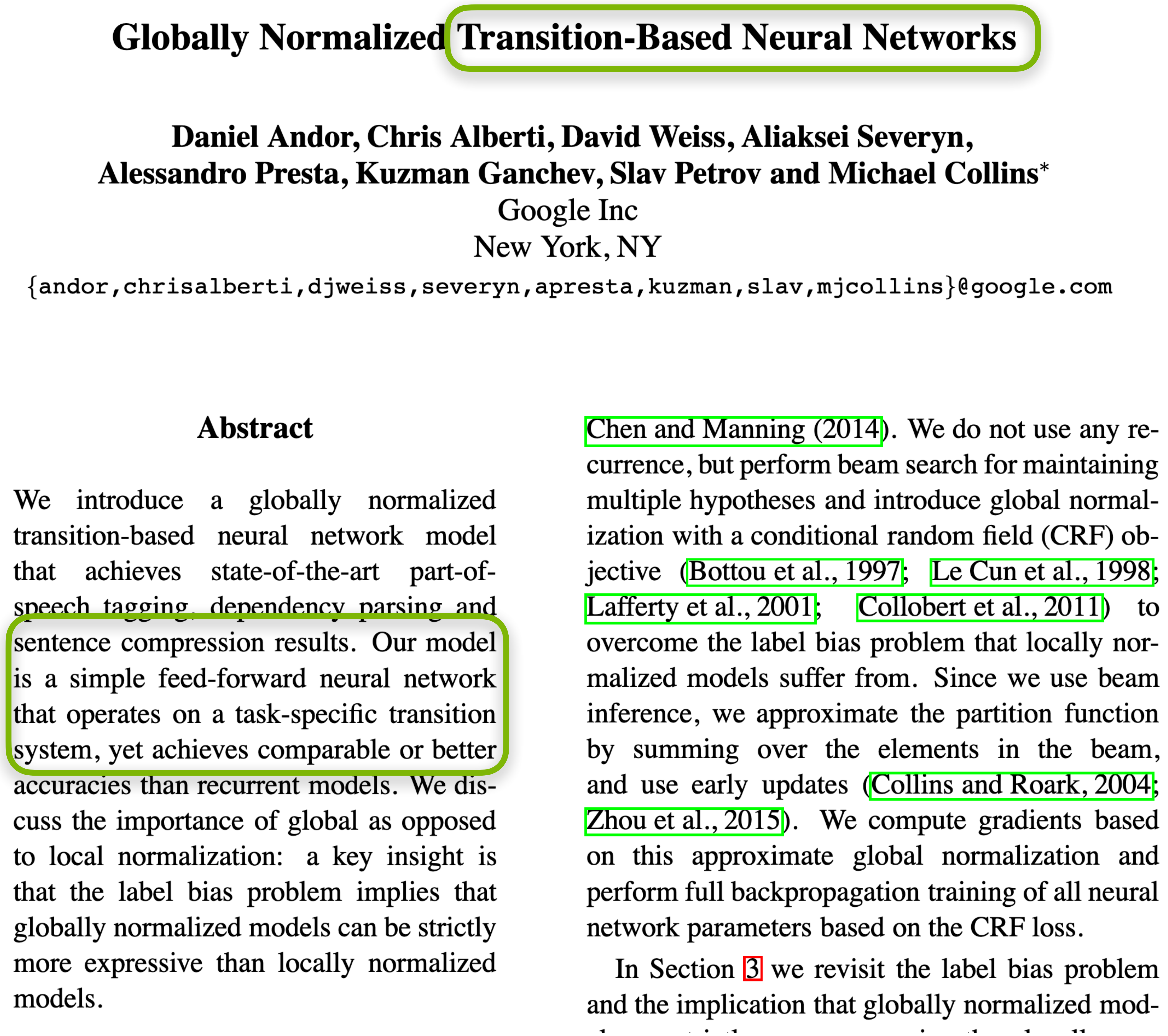

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Great paper

Many methodological lessons on how to improve transition-based dependency parsing

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Roadmap

- Dependency Parsing
  - Transition-based Parsing
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Feature Representations

- Fundamentally **Attribute-Value pairs**
  - Values may be symbols or feature structures
  - Feature path: list of features in structure to value
  - “Reentrant feature structure” — sharing a structure
- Represented as
  - Attribute-Value Matrix (AVM)
  - Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

Attribute-Value Matrices (AVMs)

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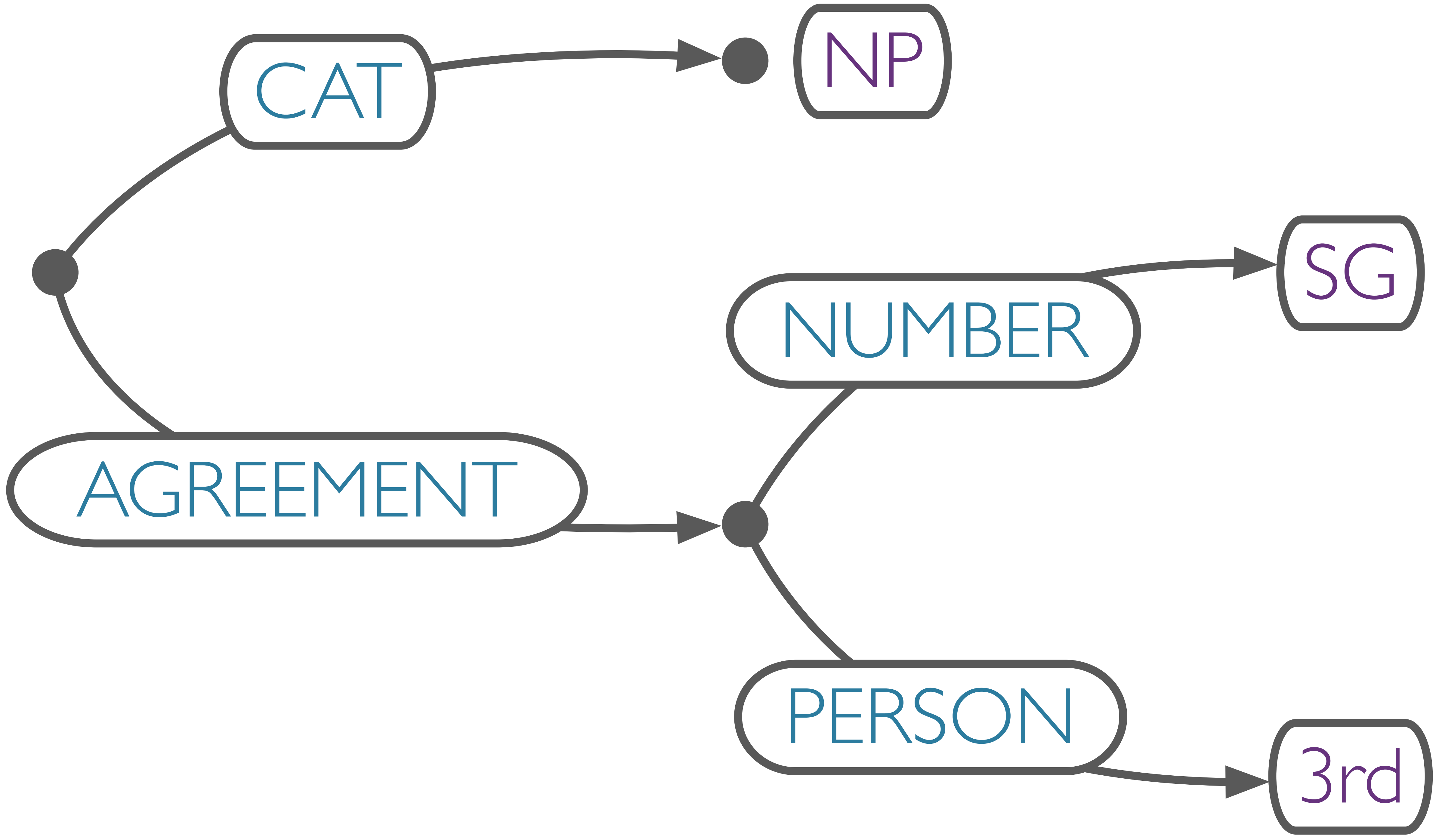

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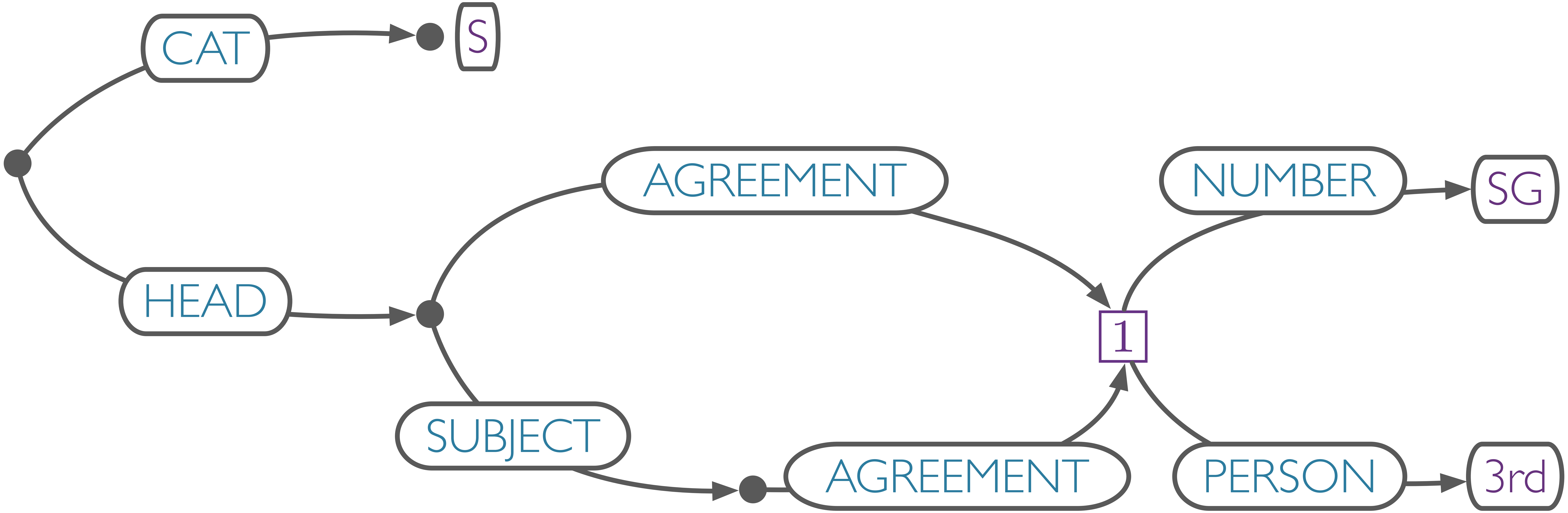

Using Feature Structures

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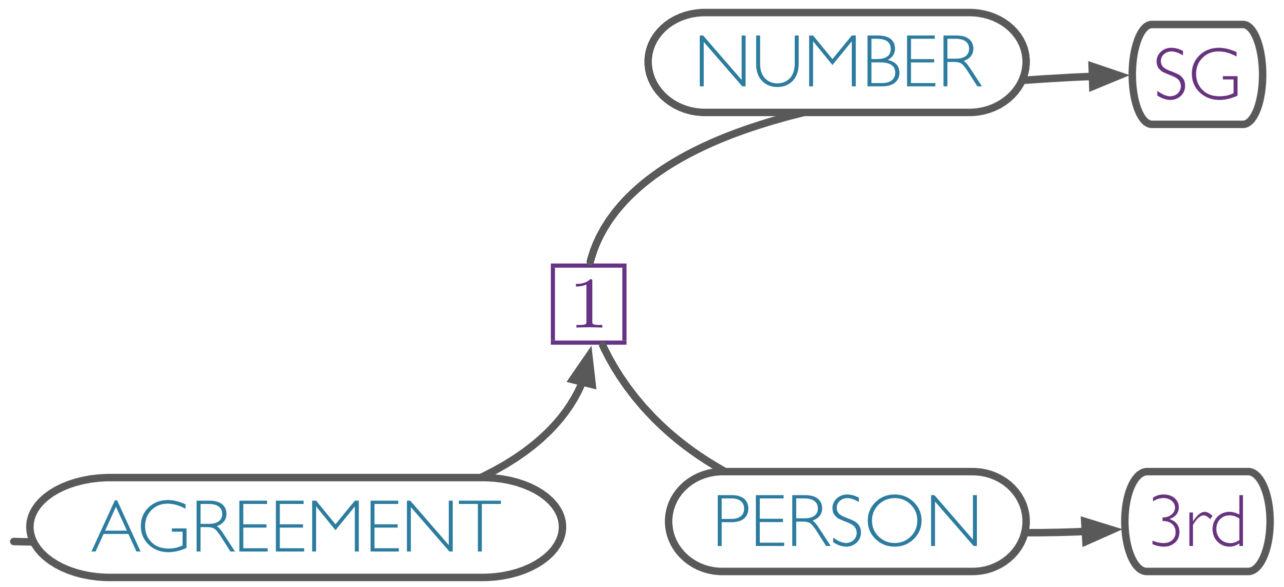

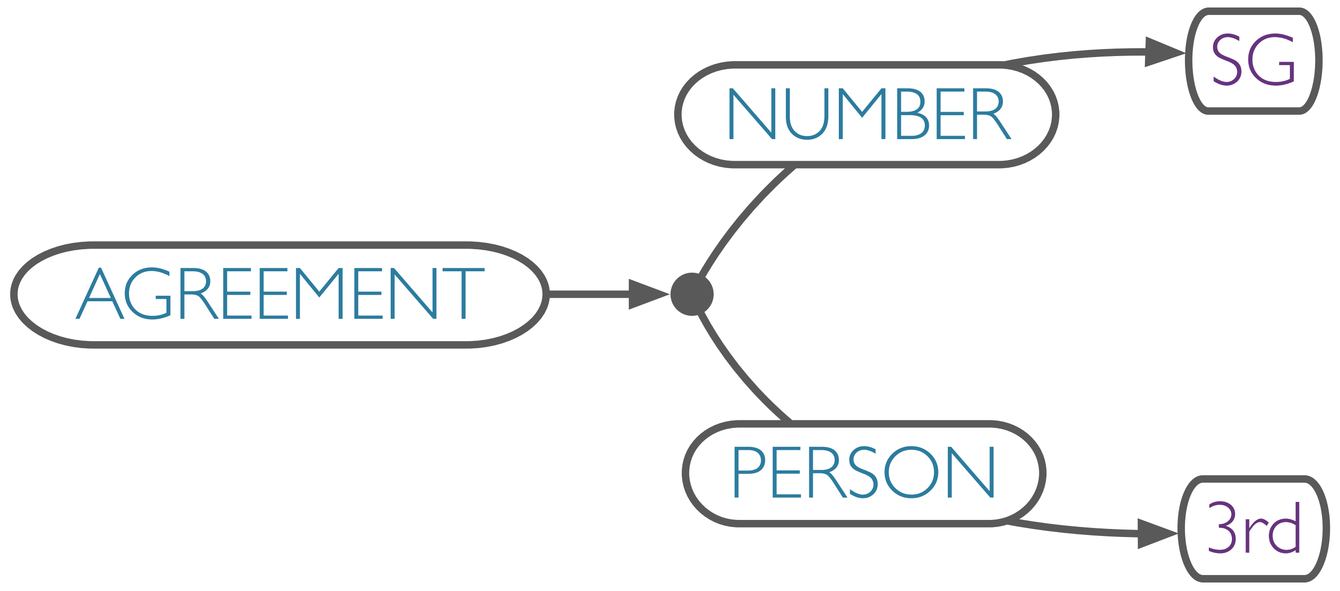

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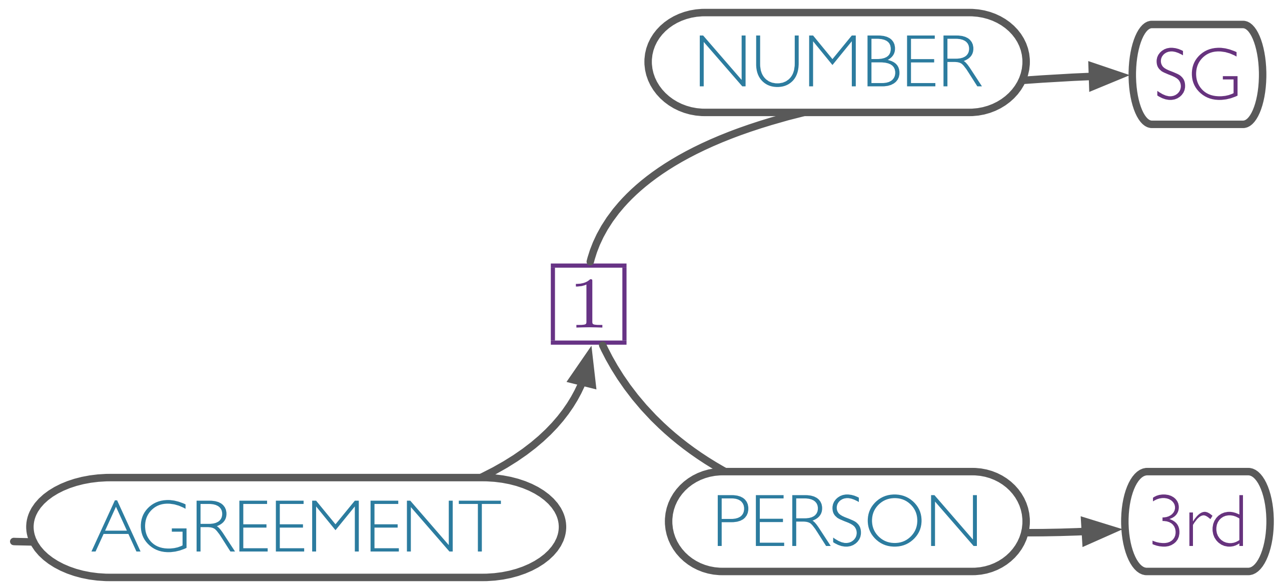

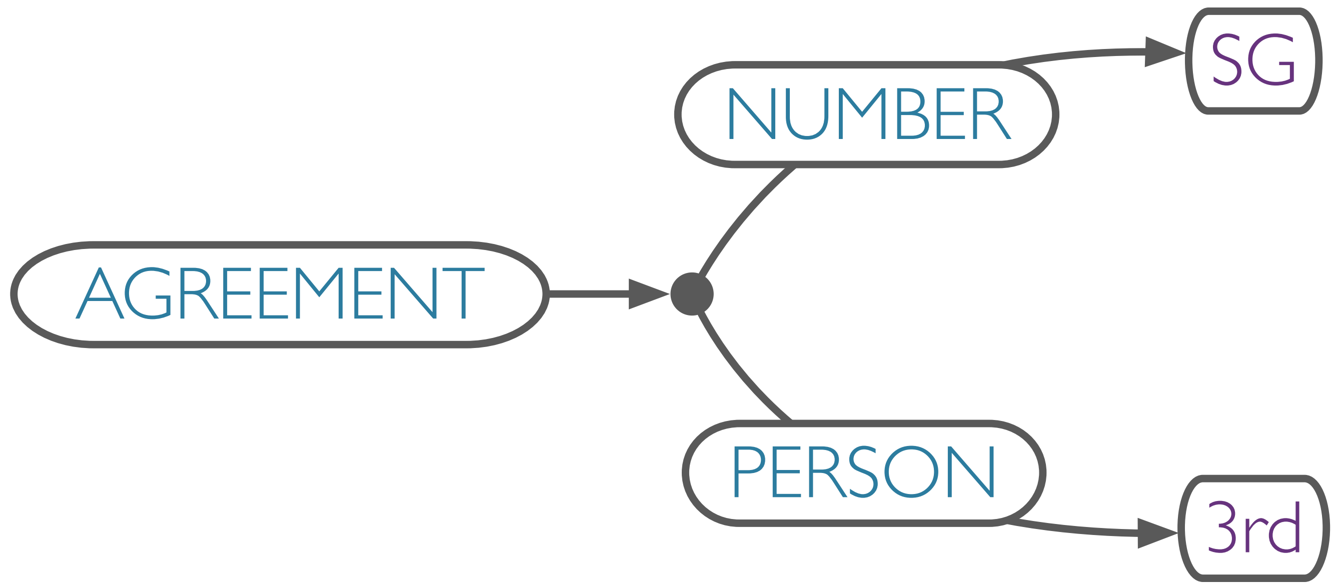

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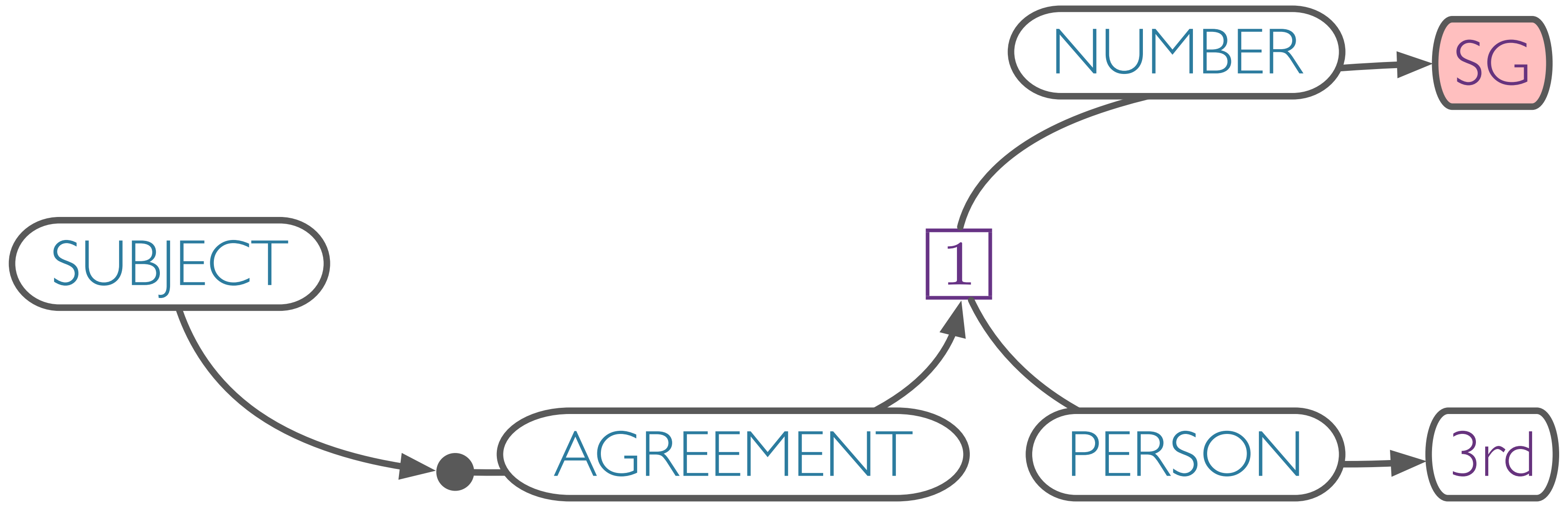

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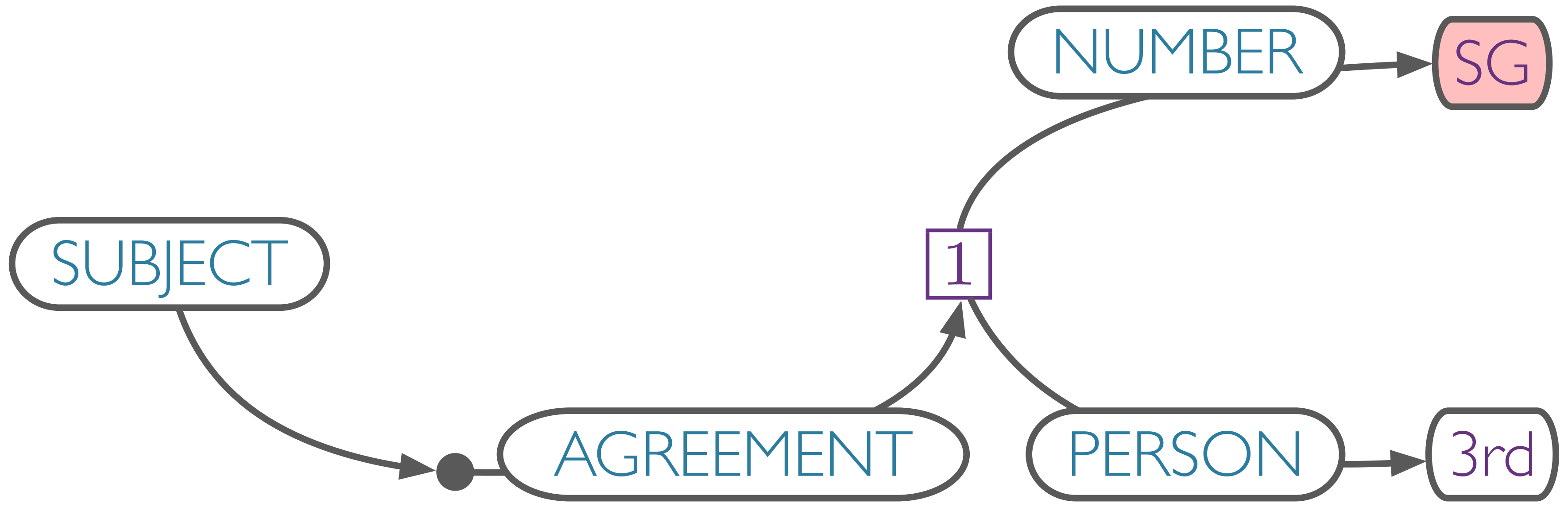

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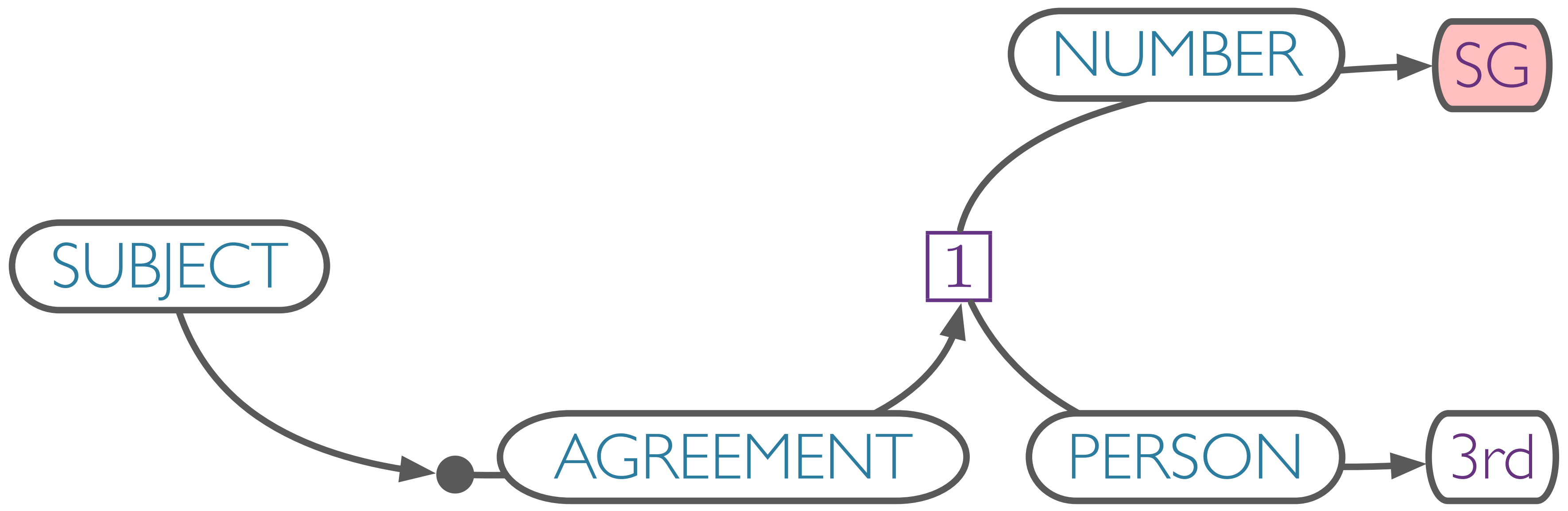

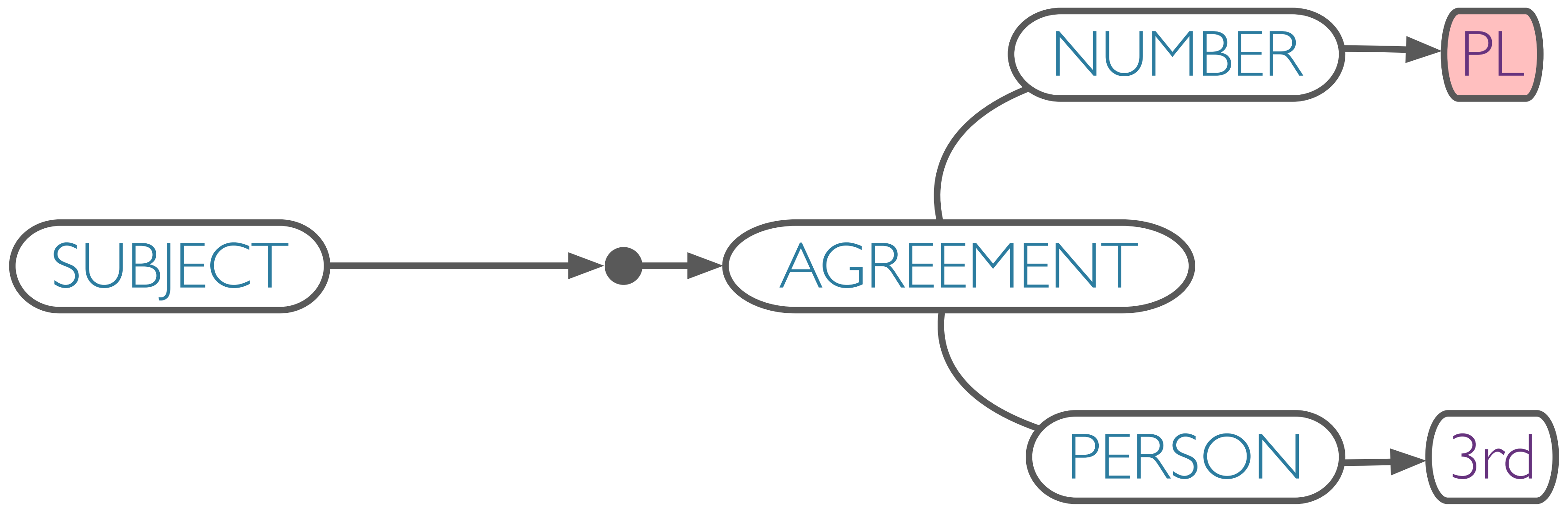

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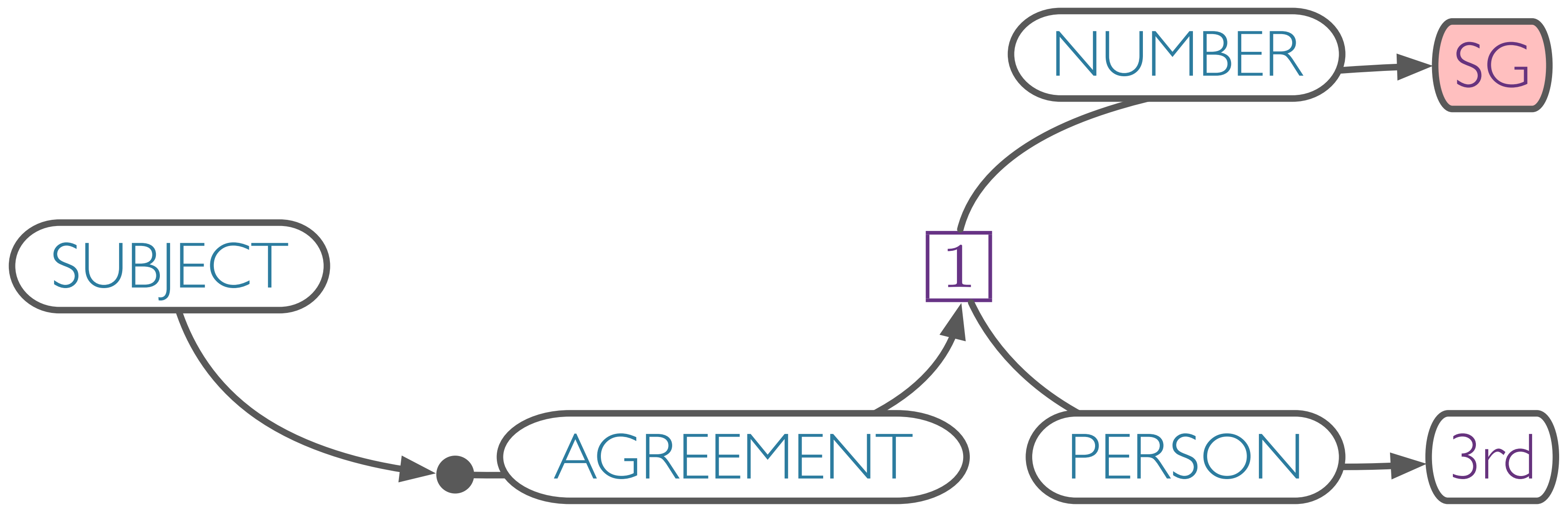

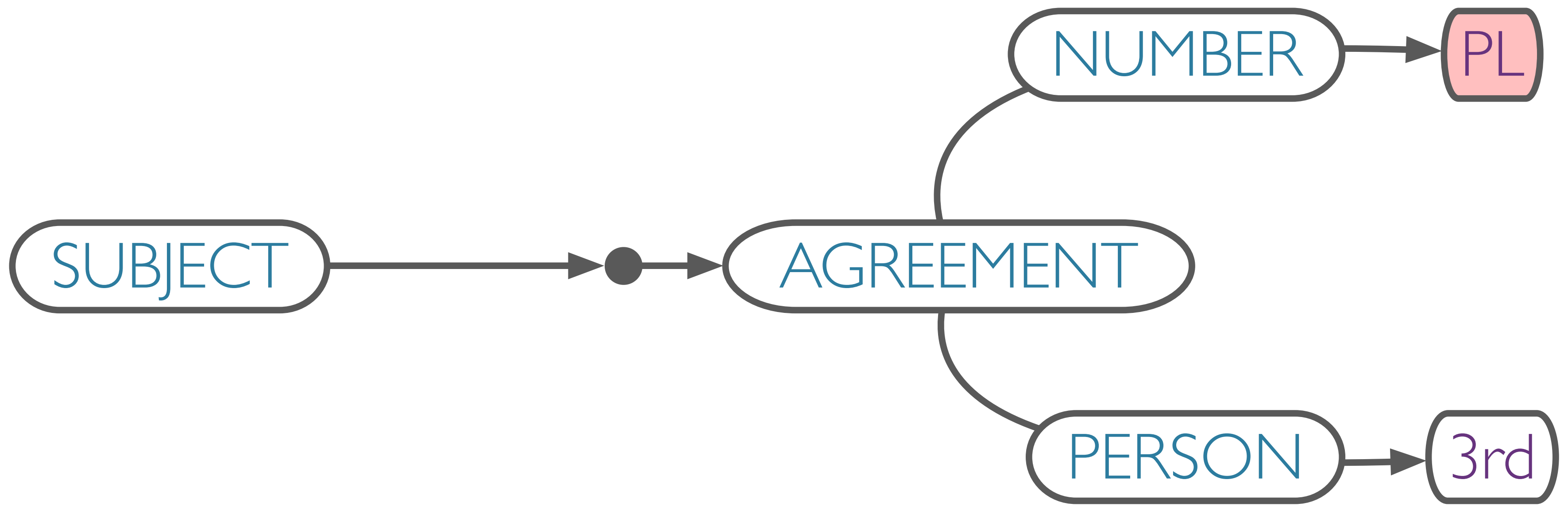

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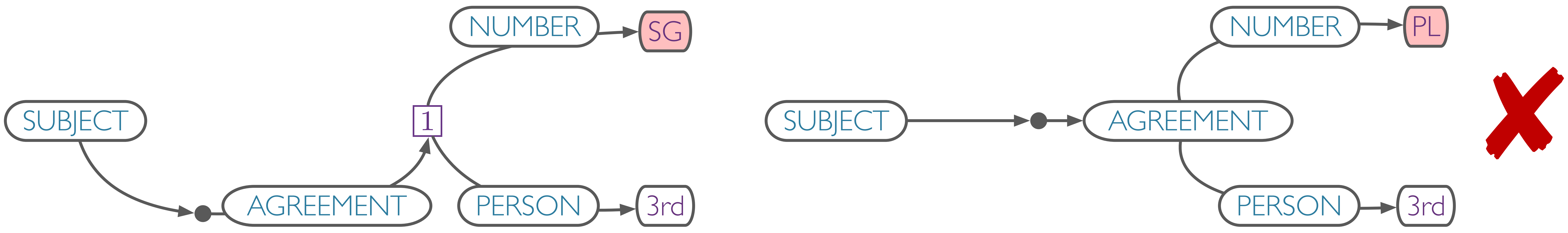

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- $\beta \rightarrow \beta_1 \ldots \beta_n$
  $\{set\ of\ constraints\}$ $\langle \beta_i\, feature\ path \rangle = Atomic\ value \mid \langle \beta_j\, feature\ path \rangle$

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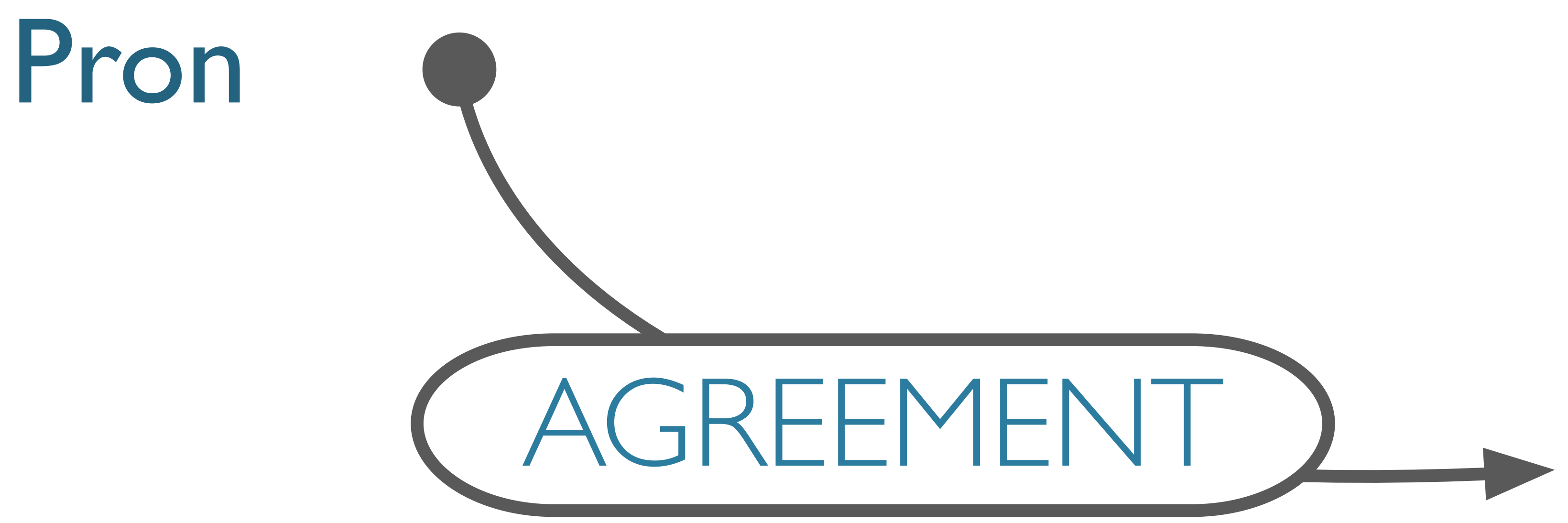

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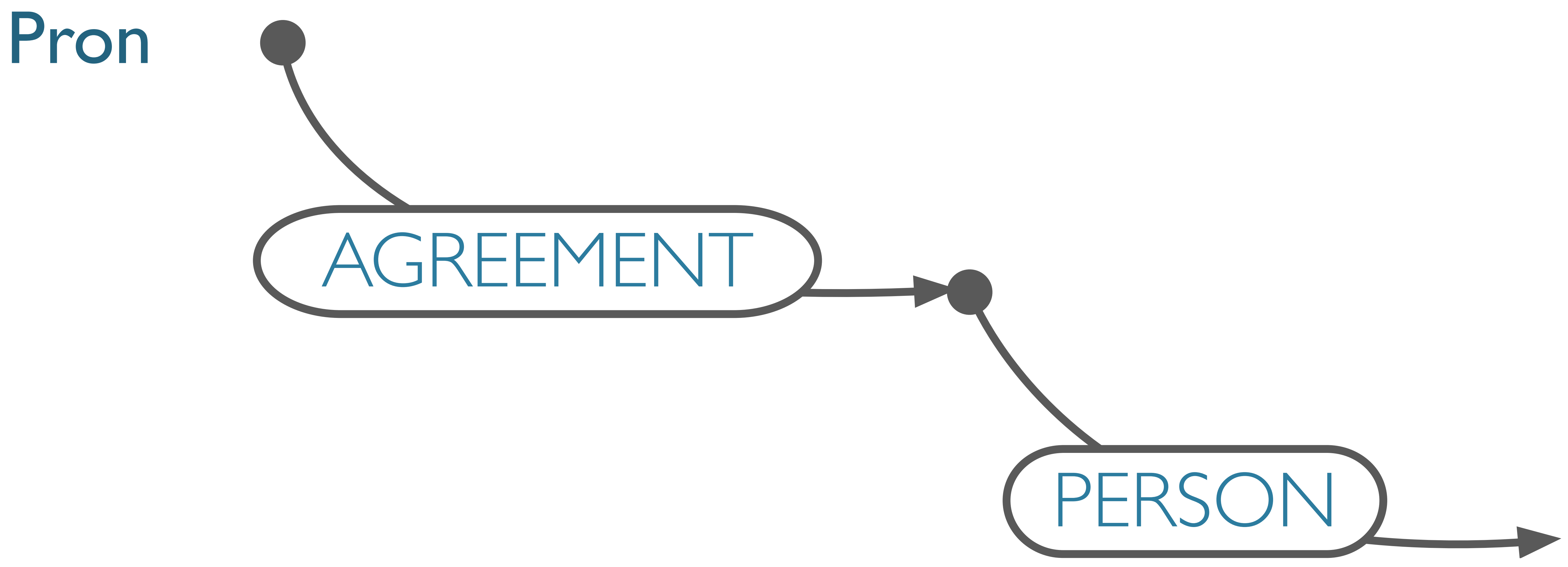

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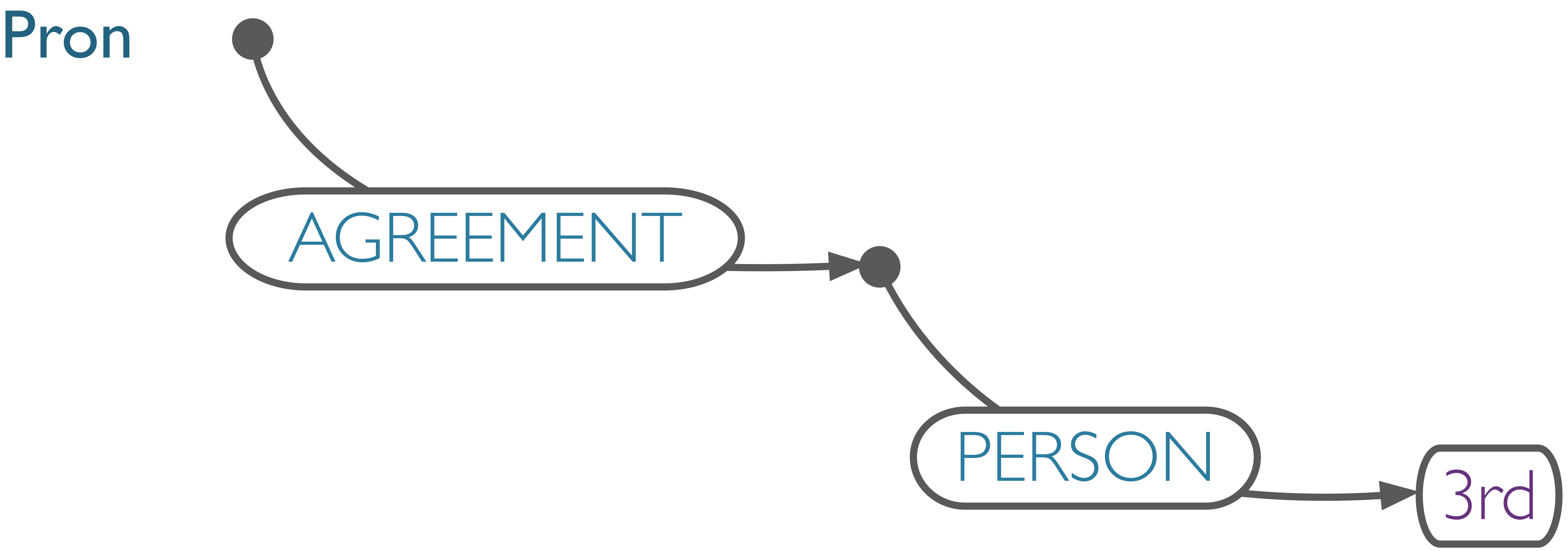

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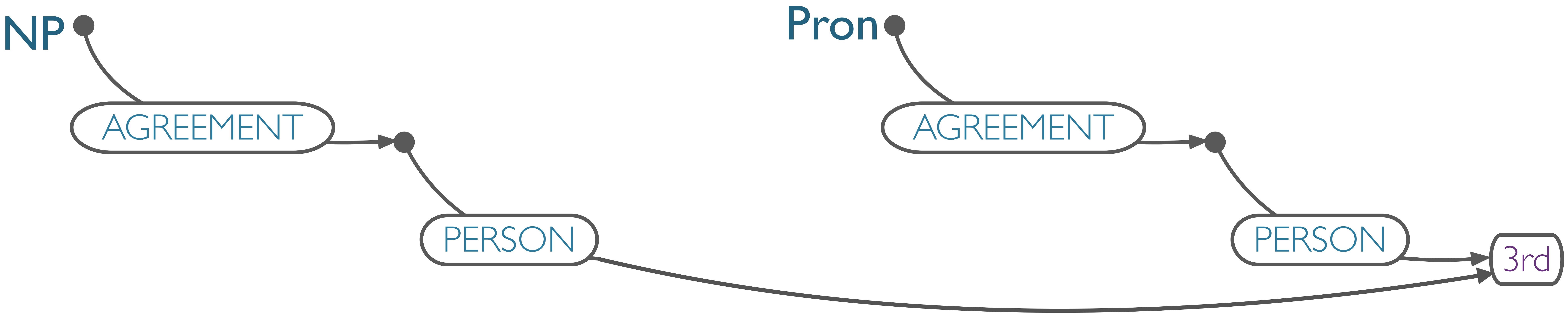

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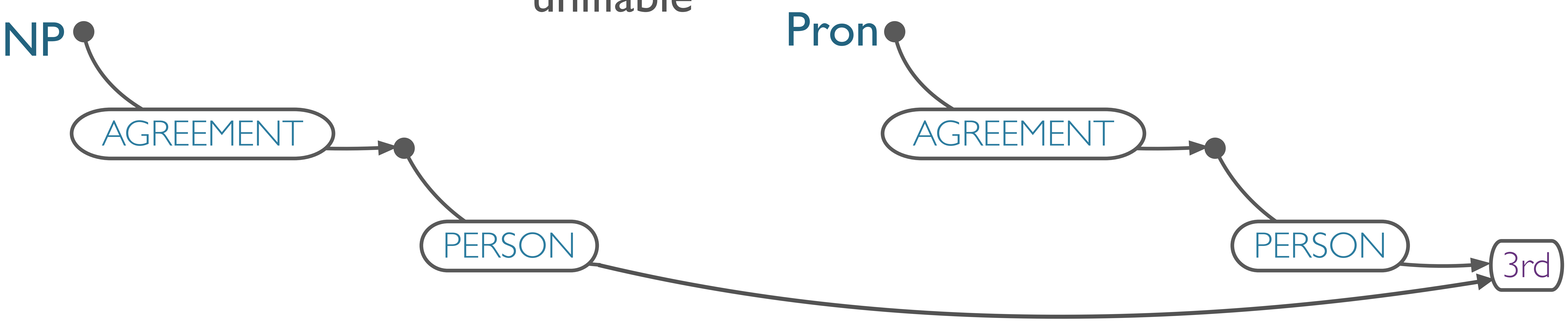
“unifiable”



Agreement with Heads and Features

- $\beta \rightarrow \beta_1 \ldots \beta_n$
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$$\boldsymbol{S} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{NP}\ \boldsymbol{VP}$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{NP}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{VP}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle$$

$$\boldsymbol{S} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{Aux}\ \boldsymbol{NP}\ \boldsymbol{VP}$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{Aux}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{NP}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle$$

$$\boldsymbol{NP} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{Det}\ \boldsymbol{Nominal}$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{Det}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{Nominal}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{NP}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{Nominal}\ \textsc{Agreement} \rangle$$

$$\boldsymbol{Aux} \rightarrow does$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{A}\textsc{ux}\ \textsc{Agreement Number} \rangle = \boldsymbol{sg}$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{A}\textsc{ux}\ \textsc{Agreement Person} \rangle = \boldsymbol{3rd}$$

$$\boldsymbol{Det} \rightarrow this$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{Det}\ \textsc{Agreement Number} \rangle = \boldsymbol{sg}$$

$$\boldsymbol{Det} \rightarrow these$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{Det}\ \textsc{Agreement Number} \rangle = \boldsymbol{pl}$$

$$\boldsymbol{Verb} \rightarrow serve$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{Verb}\ \textsc{Agreement Number} \rangle = \boldsymbol{pl}$$

$$\boldsymbol{Noun} \rightarrow flight$$
$$\langle \boldsymbol{Noun}\ \textsc{Agreement Number} \rangle = \boldsymbol{sg}$$

Simple Feature Grammars in NLTK

- S → NP VP

Simple Feature Grammars

- S -> NP[NUM=?n] VP[NUM=?n]
- NP[NUM=?n] -> N[NUM=?n]
- NP[NUM=?n] -> PropN[NUM=?n]
- NP[NUM=?n] -> Det[NUM=?n] N[NUM=?n]
- Det[NUM=sg] -> 'this' | 'every’
- Det[NUM=pl] -> 'these' | 'all’
- N[NUM=sg] -> 'dog' | 'girl' | 'car' | 'child’
- N[NUM=pl] -> 'dogs' | 'girls' | 'cars' | 'children'

Parsing with Features

```
>>> cp = load_parser('grammars/book_grammars/
feat0.fcfg’)
>>> for tree in cp.parse(tokens):
...     print(tree)

(S[] (NP[NUM='sg']
  (PropN[NUM='sg'] Kim))
    (VP[NUM='sg', TENSE='pres']
      (TV[NUM='sg', TENSE='pres'] likes)
      (NP[NUM='pl'] (N[NUM='pl'] children))))
```

Feature Applications

- Subcategorization
  - Verb-Argument constraints
    - Number, type, characteristics of args
      - e.g. is the subject *animate*?
      - Also adjectives, nouns
- Long-distance dependencies
  - e.g. filler–gap relations in wh-questions
  - “Which flight do you want me to have the travel agent book?”

Morphosyntactic Features

- Grammtical feature that influences morphological or syntactic behavior
  - English:
    - Number:
      - Dog, dogs
    - Person:
      - am; are; is
    - Case:
      - I / me; he / him; etc.

Semantic Features

- Grammatical features that influence semantic (meaning) behavior of associated units
- E.g.:
  - *?The rocks slept. ? Colorless green ideas sleep furiously.*
- Many proposed:
  - `Animacy: +/-`
  - `Human: +/-`
  - `Adult: +/-`
  - `Liquid: +/-`

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- Contrast:
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