

Complex Query Answering on Neural Knowledge Graphs with Rich Semantics

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Knowledge Graphs

- Large-scale knowledge graphs about **entities** and their **attributes** (property-of) and **relations** (thousands of different predicates)
- Developed since Google released its knowledge graph in **2012**
 - **Millions** of entities and concepts
 - **Billions** of relationships



Google Knowledge Graph (2012)
570 million entities and 18 billion facts

Why is it still Important?

- Large language models (LLMs) tend to better memorize head (popular, more frequent) knowledge

Prompt	Frequent Emails (88)				Infrequent Emails (100)			
	# parsed	# correct	Acc (%)	Hit@5 (%)	# parsed	# correct	Acc (%)	Hit@5 (%)
DP	0	0	0.00	7.95	1	0	0.00	0.00
JP	46	26	29.55	61.36	50	0	0.00	0.00
MJP	85	37	42.04	79.55	97	0	0.00	0.00

Table 1: Email address recovery results on sampled emails from the Enron Email Dataset.

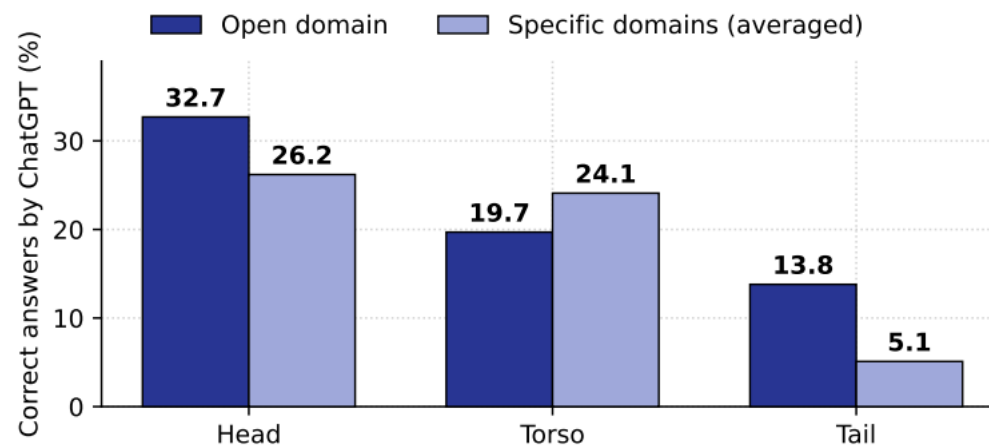
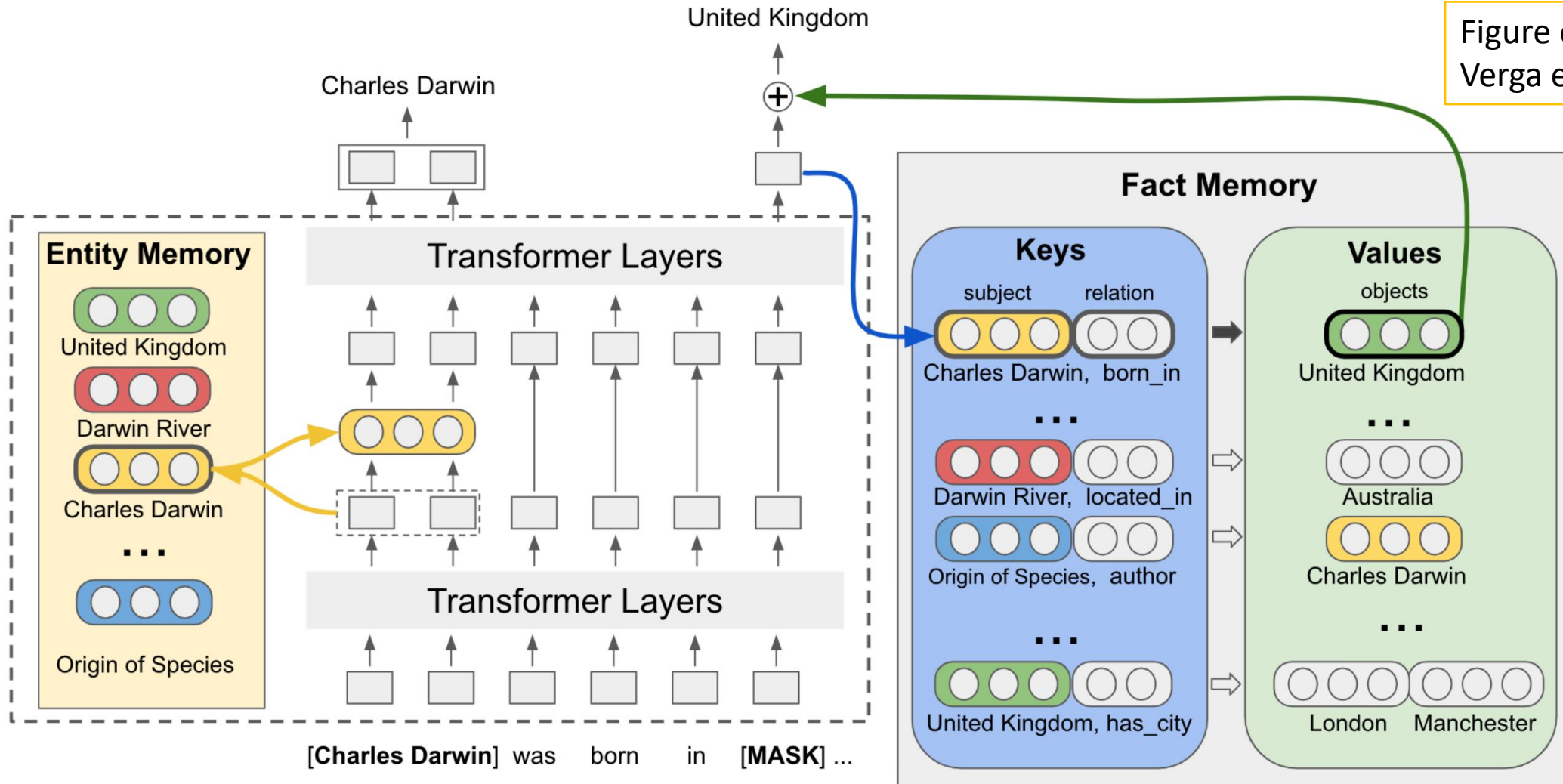


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Sun et al., 2023

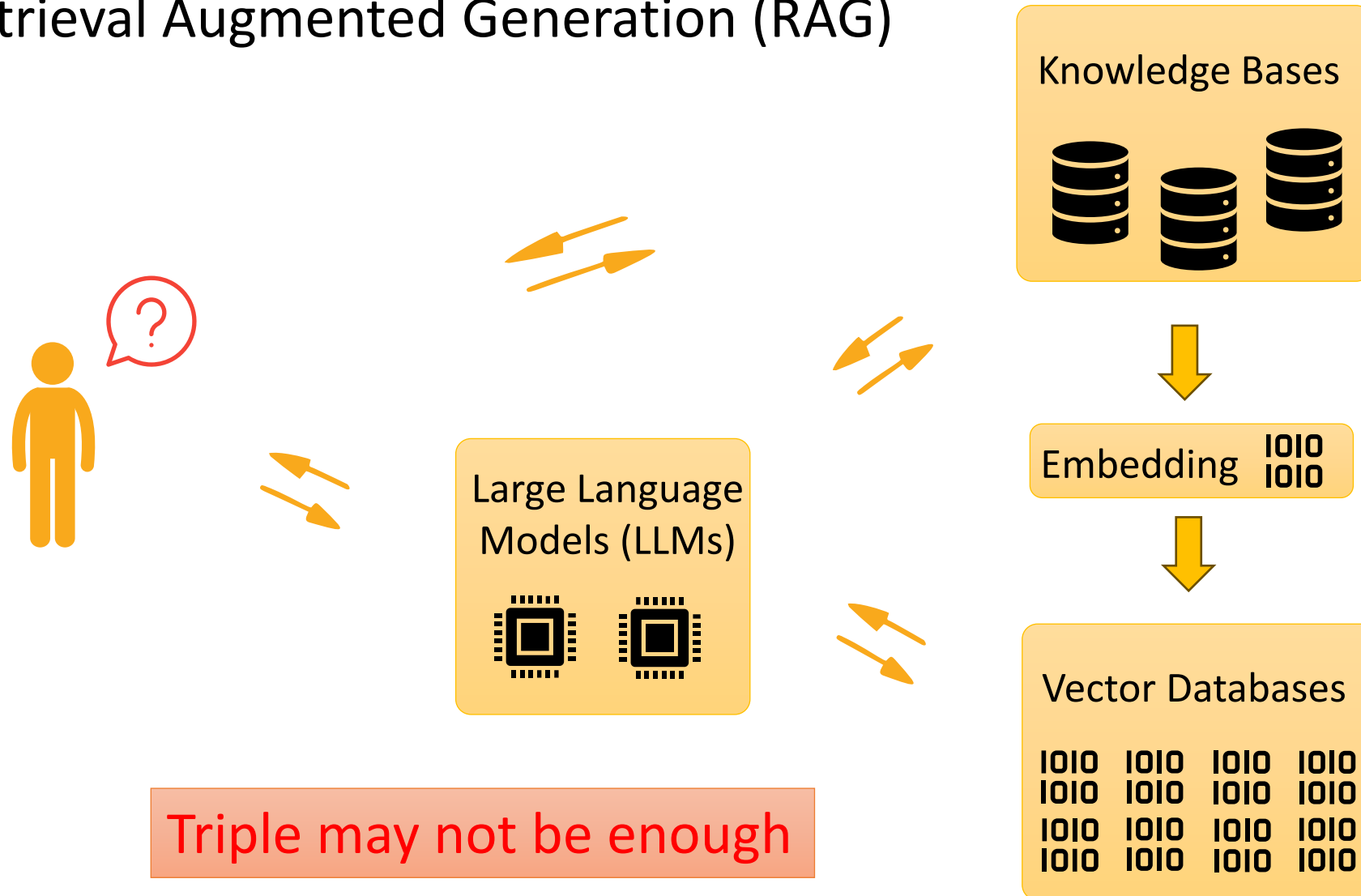
Entity/Facts as Memories

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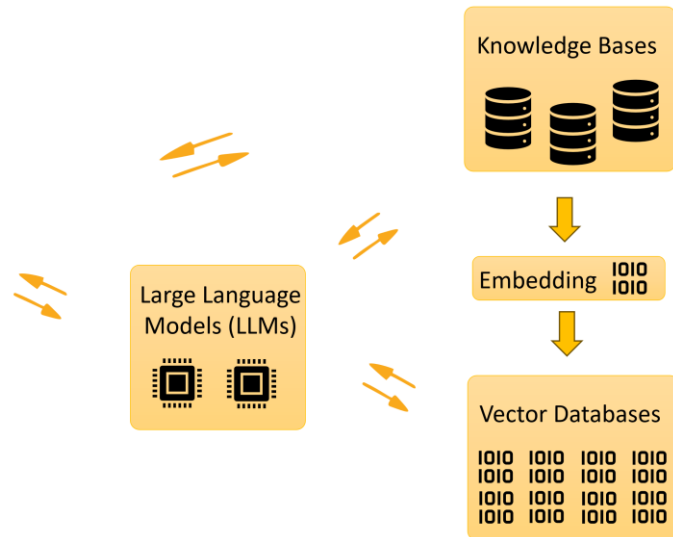


What is Missing?

- Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)



Retrieval Augmented Generation



Q: What is the effect of the Fed raising the interest rate?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monetary_policy_of_the_United_States

The Federal Reserve's main monetary policy instrument is its Federal funds rate target. By adjusting this target, the Fed affects a wide range of market interest rates and in turn indirectly affects stock prices, wealth and currency exchange rates. ...

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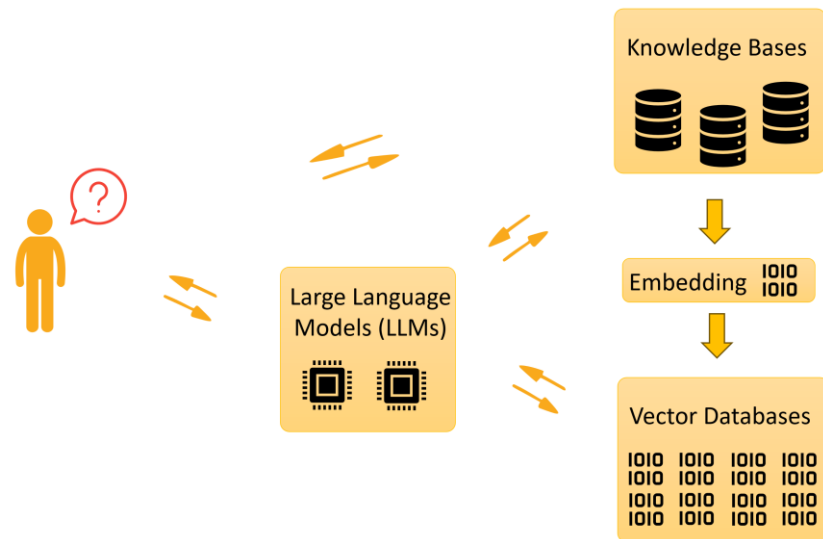
Interbank borrowing is essentially a way for banks to quickly raise money. ... Raising the federal funds rate will dissuade banks from taking out such inter-bank loans, which in turn will make cash that much harder to procure.

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 GPT-3.5-Turbo-Instruct Poe

The effect of the Fed raising interest rates can lead to higher borrowing costs for consumers and businesses, which can slow down economic growth. It can also make it more expensive for people to take out loans, such as mortgages and car loans. However, it can also help to control inflation and stabilize the economy in the long term.

Retrieval Augmented Generation (Cont'd)



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$$p(a_t | a_{t-1}, \dots, a_1, q, c_1, \dots, c_M)$$

or

$$\sum_c p(a | q, c) p(c | q)$$

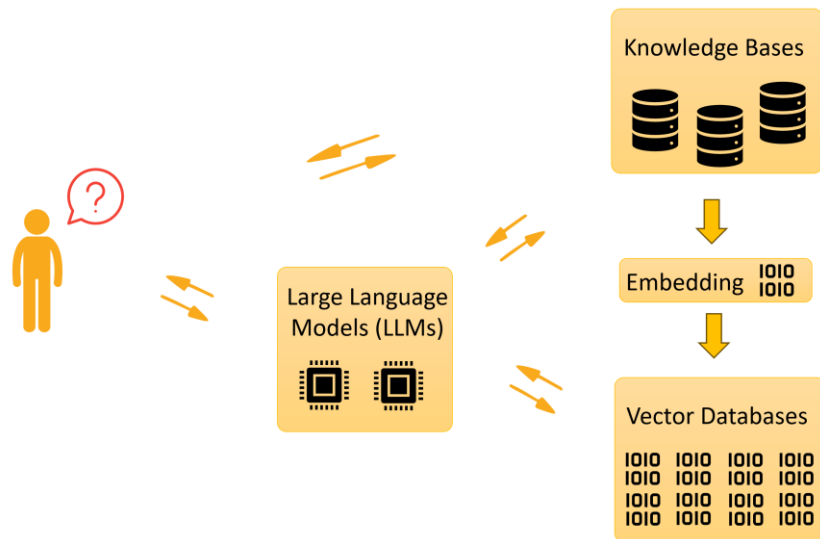
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Retrieval Augmented Generation (Cont'd)

	Texts	Embeddings
Match	Exact match	Semantic match
Search space	Sparse vectors	Dense vectors
In-context learning	Symbolic	Neural

Retrieval Augmented Generation (Cont'd)



What is the effect of the Fed raising the interest rate?

What is the effect of the Fed raising the interest rate **while** China dropping the rate?

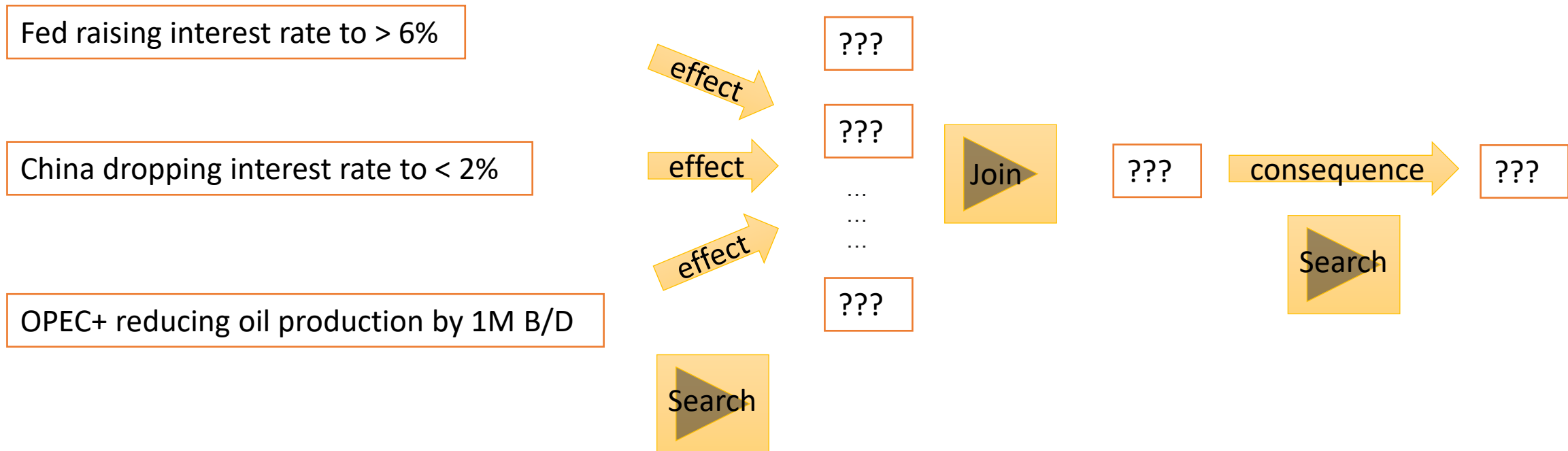
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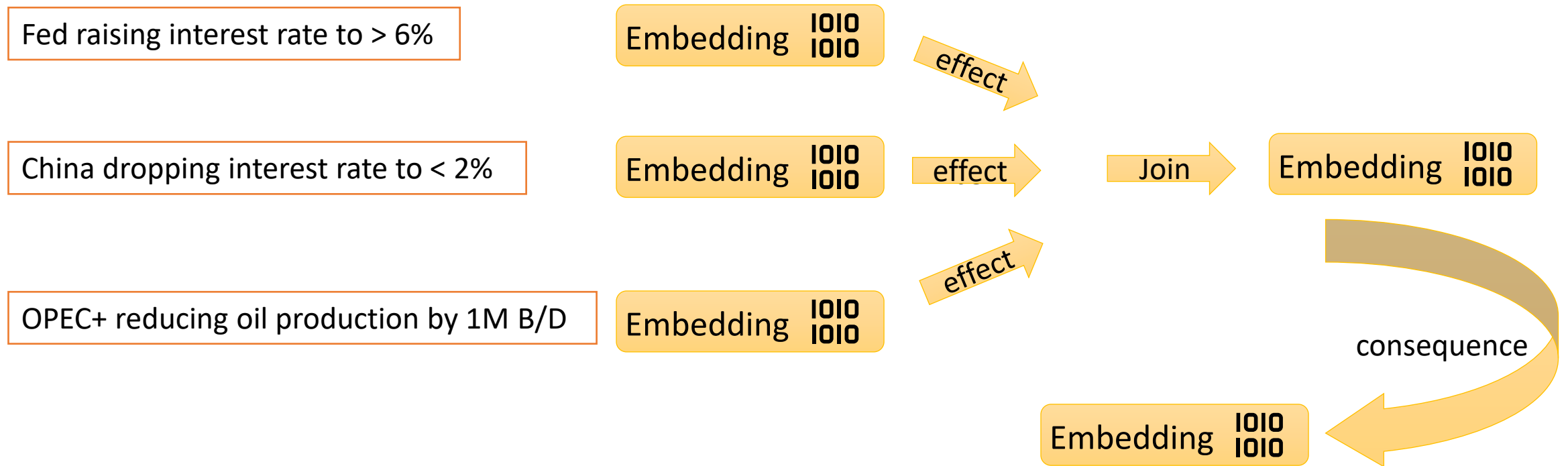
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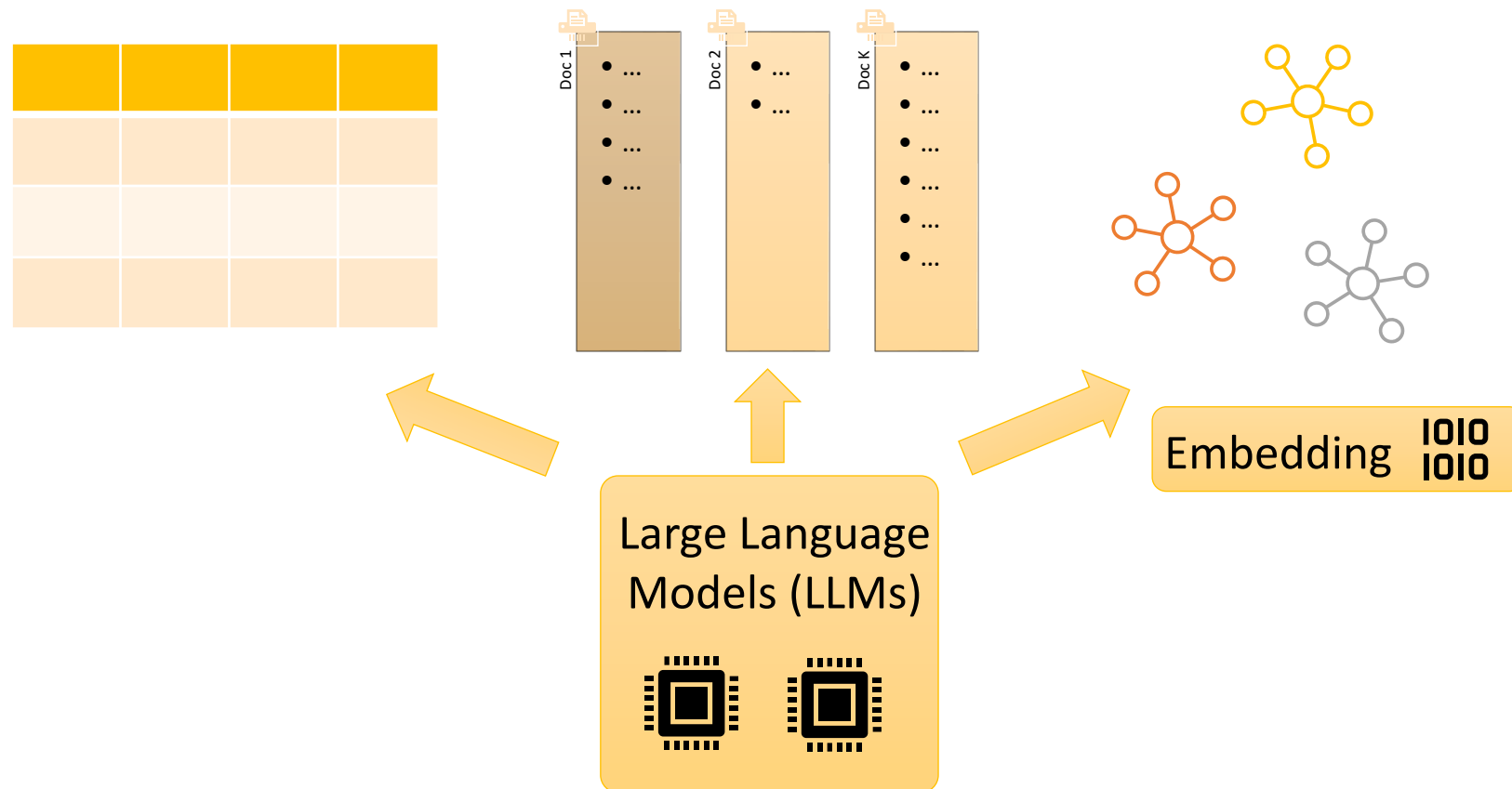


$$p(y_t | y_{t-1}, \dots, y_1, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_M)$$

More Generally

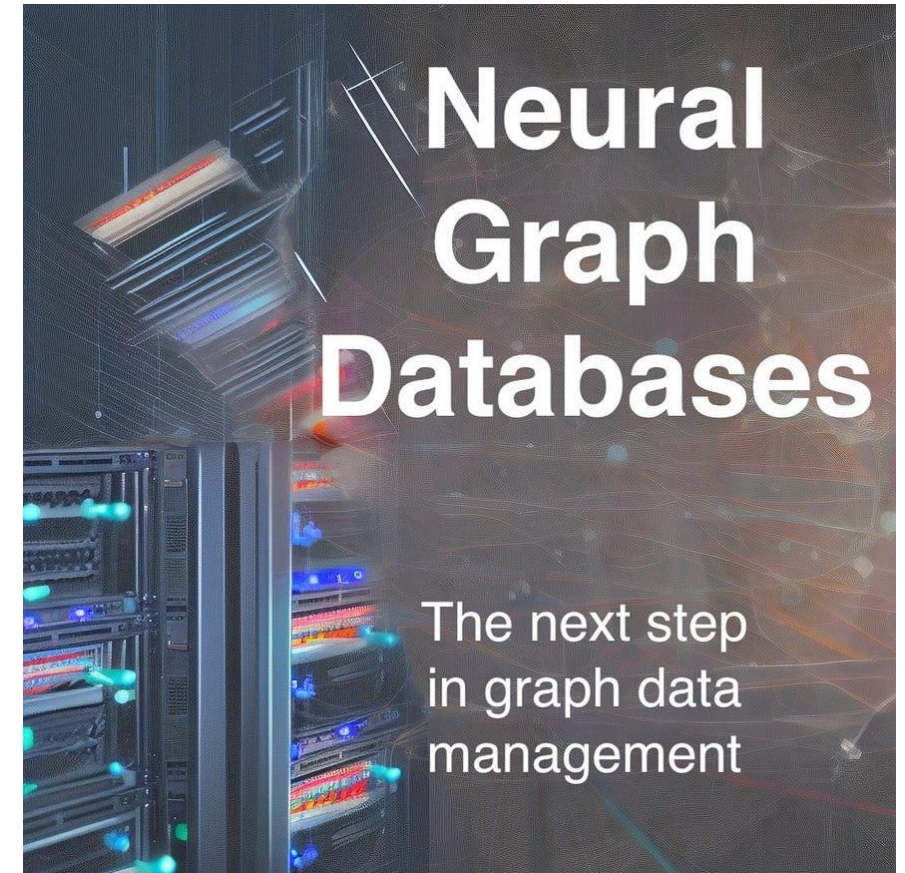
- Traditional NoSQL or Graph databases
- Semantic match of strings

Can we support complex queries such as join, intersection, counting, etc., on top of that?



Neural Graph Databases

- Graph structure + vector storage
 - Leveraging the power of LLMs for textual data
- Query executor to support complex queries
 - Query encoder is trainable
 - Inductive method to be robust with insertion, deletion, and modification
 - Fuzzy semantic search
 - Generalizable to incomplete data



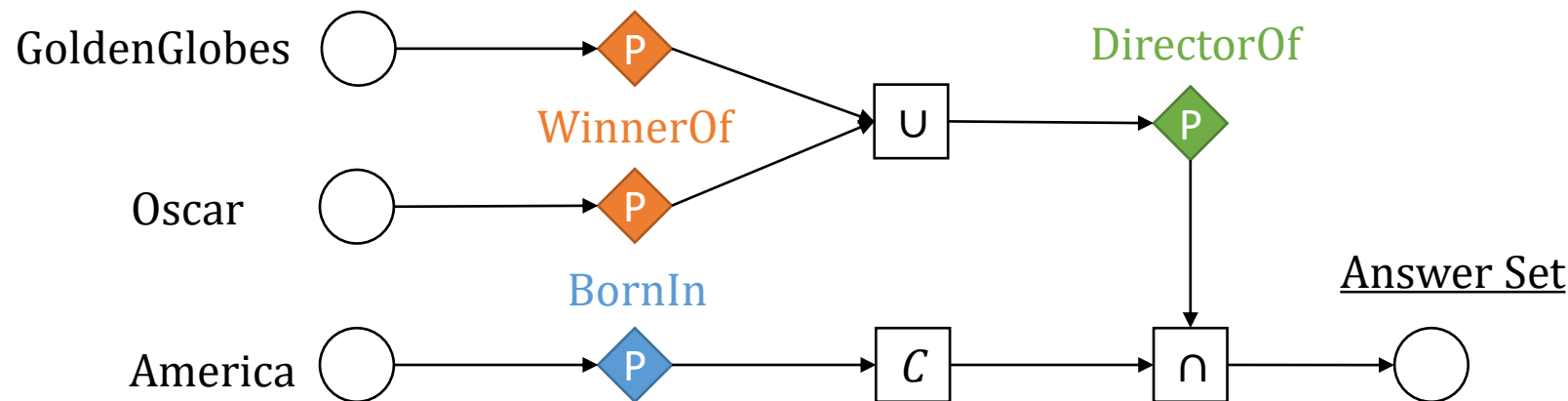
Complex Queries on Neuralized Knowledge Graphs

- A working example: Tree-Formed Queries (TFQ):
 - Tree-form query family contains the queries that can be converted into the computational tree

Natural Language: Find non-American directors whose movie won Golden Globes or Oscar?

Logical Formula: $q = \exists V_1, V_2. (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{GoldenGlobes}) \vee \text{Won}(V_1, \text{Oscar})) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_2, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_2, V_1)$

Set Operator Tree: $\text{DirectorOf}(\text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes}) \cup \text{WinnerOf}(\text{Oscar})) \cap \text{BornIn}(\text{America})^c$



Set Operators	
U	set union <u>set operations</u>
∩	set intersection
C	set complement
P	<u>set projection</u>

The Design Space of Neural TFQ Answering

Concept	Definition	Comment
Entity set	\mathcal{E}	The entity set in KG
Relation set	\mathcal{R}	The relation set in KG
Set embedding space	\mathcal{X}	Embedding space
Set embedding lookup	$E_{\mathcal{X}}: \mathcal{E} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	Singleton set embedding
Entity embedding space	\mathcal{Y}	Embedding space
Entity embedding lookup	$E_{\mathcal{Y}}: \mathcal{E} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$	Entity embedding
Set intersection	$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	Binary or N-ary
Set union	$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	Binary or N-ary
Set complement	$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	Replaceable with set difference
Set projection	$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	One-hop link prediction
Scoring function	$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	How much an entity is in a set

Converting to computational tree makes it possible to model **set operations** with neural networks

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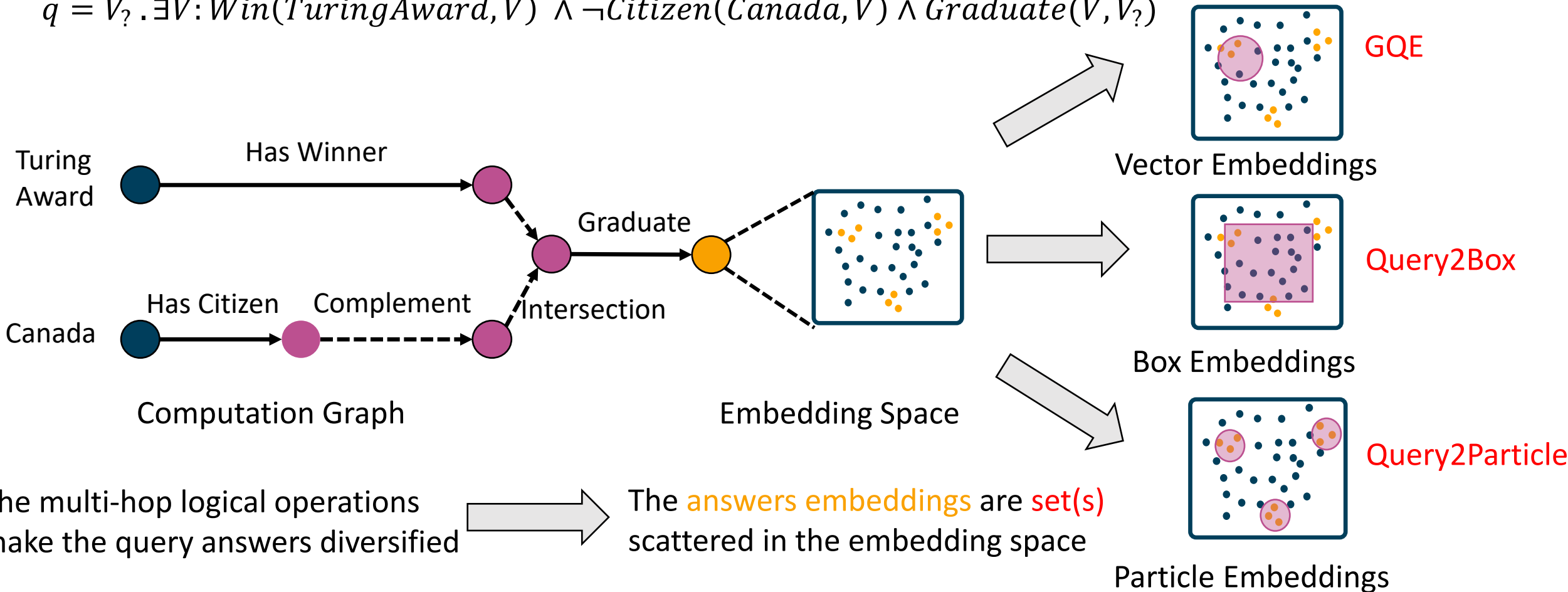
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Set embedding lookup	$E_{\mathcal{X}}: \mathcal{E} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	Simplified
Entity embedding space	\mathcal{Y}	[Entity embedding: Slot 2]
Entity embedding lookup	$E_{\mathcal{Y}}: \mathcal{E} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$	Simplified
Set intersection	$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[Slot 3]
Set union	$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[Slot 4]
Set complement	$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[Slot 5]
Set projection	$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[Slot 6]
Scoring function	$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	[Slot 7]

Each method will be introduced by filling 7 slots

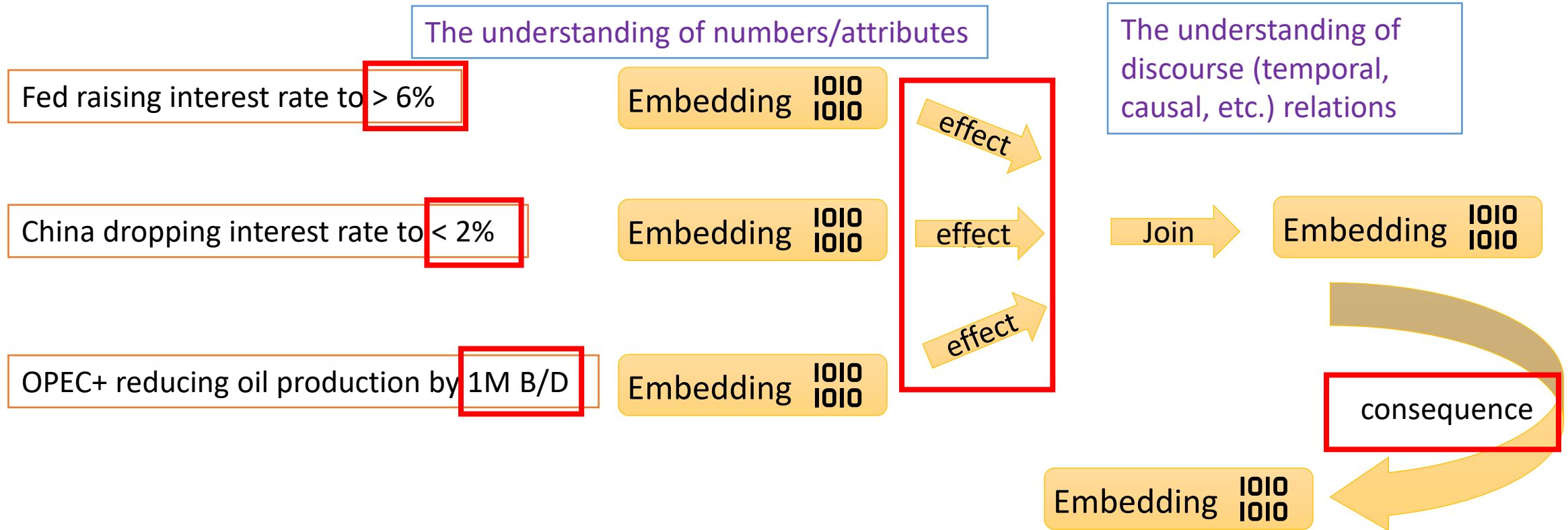
Embedding Space and **Set** Representations

$$q = V_? . \exists V: Win(TuringAward, V) \wedge \neg Citizen(Canada, V) \wedge Graduate(V, V_?)$$



What's Still Missing to Support RAG?

What is the effect of the Fed raising the interest rate to **more than 6%** **while** China dropping the rate to **less than 2%** **and** OPEC+ reduces oil production by **1 million barrels a day**, **and** the consequence of this effect?



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- Neural KG CQA on Eventuality Knowledge Graphs

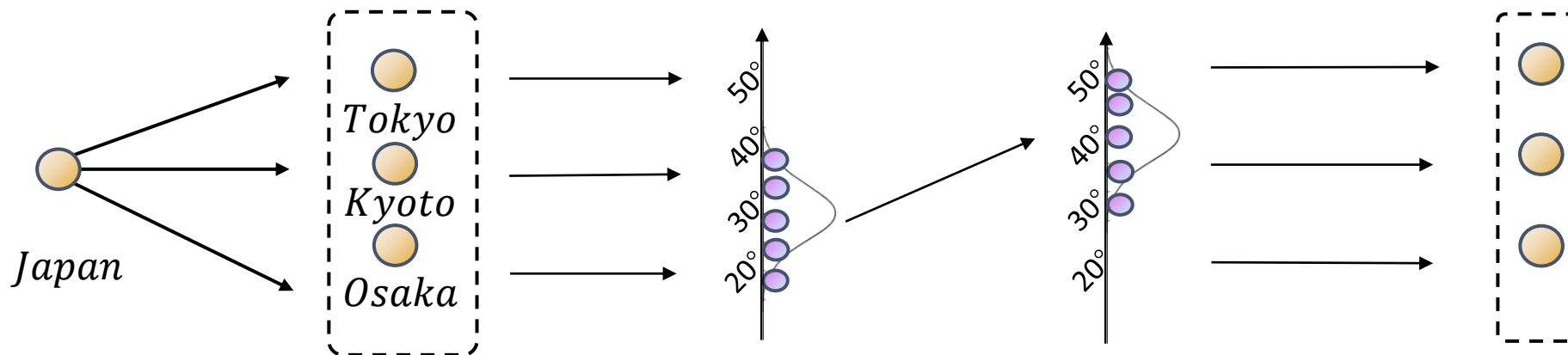
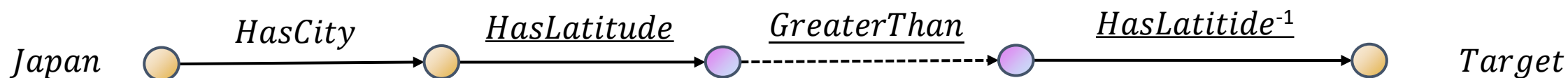
Numerical Complex Query Answering

Category	Complex Queries	Interpretations
Numerical CQA	$q_2 = V_? . \exists X_1, X_2: \text{Win}(V_?, \text{TuringAward})$ $\wedge \text{GreaterThan}(1927, X_2) \wedge \text{BornIn}(V_?, X_2)$	Find the Turing award winners that <u>is born before</u> the year of 1927.
Numerical CQA	$q_3 = V_? . \exists X_1, X_2: \text{LocatedIn}(V_?, \text{UnitedStates})$ $\wedge \text{HasLatitude}(V_?, X_1)$ $\wedge \text{GreaterThan}(X_1, X_2)$ $\wedge \text{HasLatitude}(\text{Beijing}, X_2)$	Find the states in US that have <u>higher latitudes</u> than Beijing.
Numerical CQA	q_4 $= V_? . \exists X_1, X_2, X_3: \text{LocatedIn}(V_?, \text{UnitedStates})$ $\wedge \text{HasPopulation}(V_?, X_1)$ $\wedge \text{SmallerThan}(X_1, X_2) \wedge \text{TimesByTwo}(X_2, X_3)$ $\wedge \text{HasPopulation}(\text{California}, X_3)$	Find the states in US that have a <u>twice smaller population</u> than California?

Number Reasoning Network

Find the cities that have a higher latitudes than Japanese cities.

$$q = V_? . \exists V_1, X_1, X_2: \underline{HasLatitude}(V_?, X_2) \wedge \underline{GreaterThan}(X_2, X_1) \wedge \underline{HasLatitude}(V_1, X_1) \wedge \underline{LocatedIn}(V_1, Japan)$$



(1) Relational Projection

(2) Attribute Projection

(3) Numerical Projection

(4) Reverse Attribute Projection

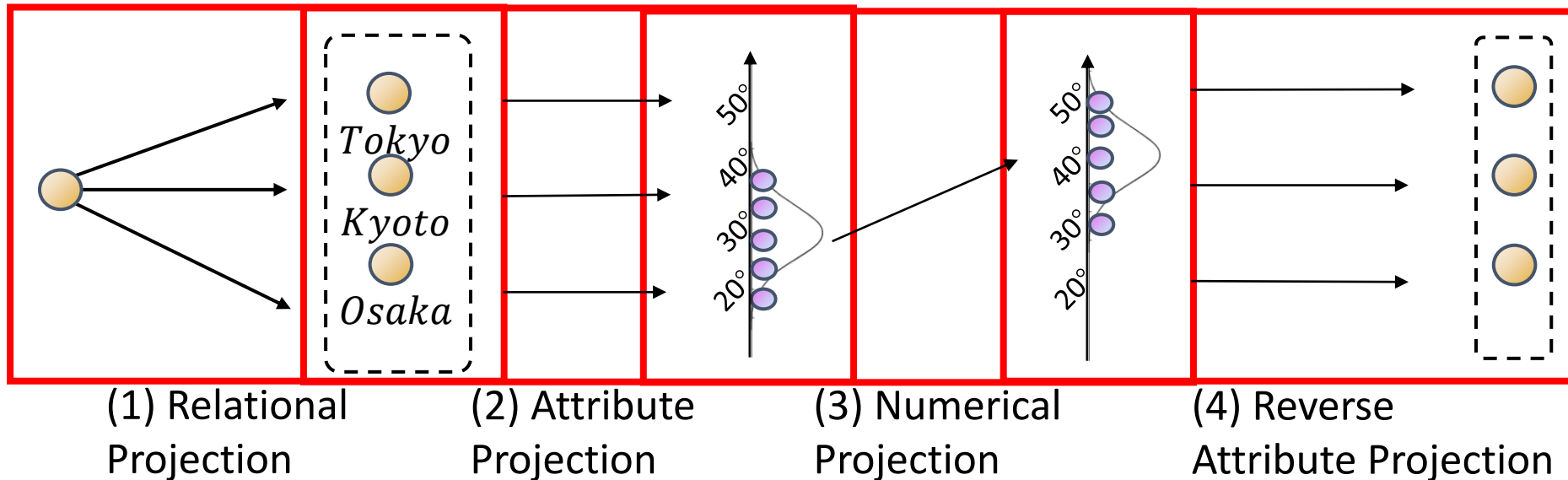
Number Reasoning Network

(1) Relational Projection (rp):
Query Embedding \rightarrow Entity Set

(2) Attribute Projection (ap):
Query/Set Embedding \rightarrow Value Distribution

(3) Numerical Projection (np):
Value Distribution \rightarrow Value Distribution

(4) Reverse Attribute Projection (rap):
Value Distribution \rightarrow Query Embedding



Number Reasoning Network

(1) Relational Projection:
Adopted from the backbones:
GQE, Query2Box, Query2Particles.

(2) (3) (4) Other Projections: Gated Transitions

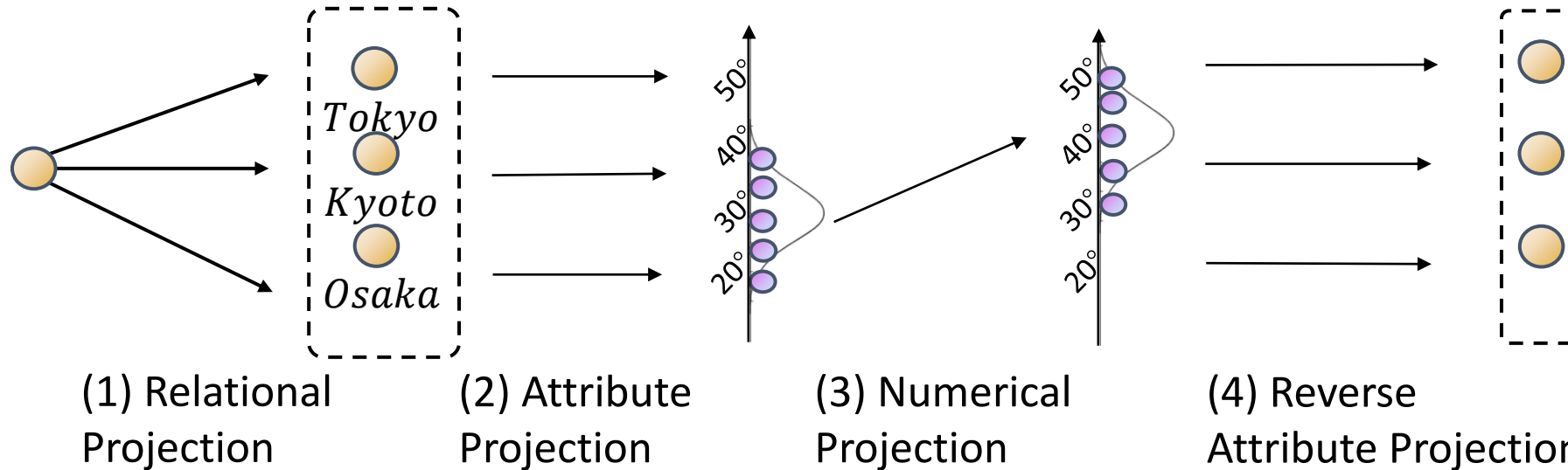
$$p_i = W_p^p q^i + b_p^p \quad \text{Linear projection}$$

$$z_i = \sigma (W_z^p e_a + U_z^p p_i + b_z^p)$$

$$r_i = \sigma (W_r^p e_a + U_r^p p_i + b_r^p)$$

$$t_i = \varphi (W_h^p e_a + U_h^p (r_i \odot p_i) + b_h^p) \quad \text{MLP}$$

$$\theta_{i+1} = (1 - z_i) \odot p_i + z_i \odot t_i \quad \text{Gate selection}$$



Number Reasoning Network

Entity embeddings:

Adopted from the backbones:

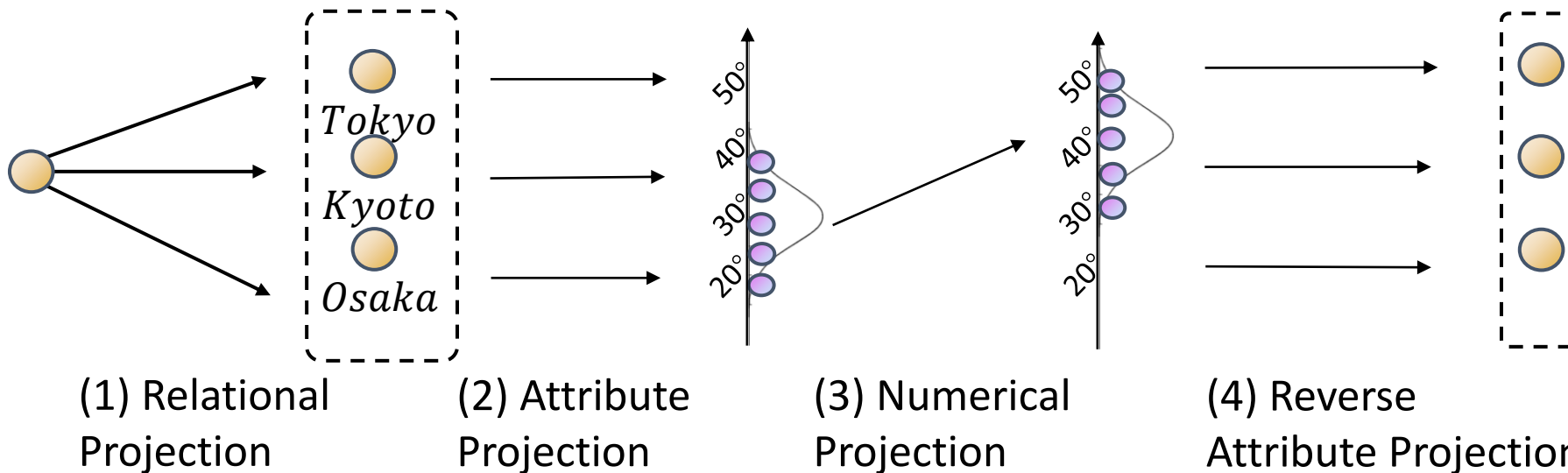
GQE, Query2Box, Query2Particles.

Input number embeddings

- DICE

- Sinusoidal

$$\psi(v)_d = \begin{cases} \sin^{d-1}(\alpha) \cos(\alpha) \\ \sin^D(\alpha) \end{cases} \quad \psi(v)_d = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{v}{v^{d/D}}, & d \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \cos \frac{v}{v^{(d-1)/D}}, & d \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$



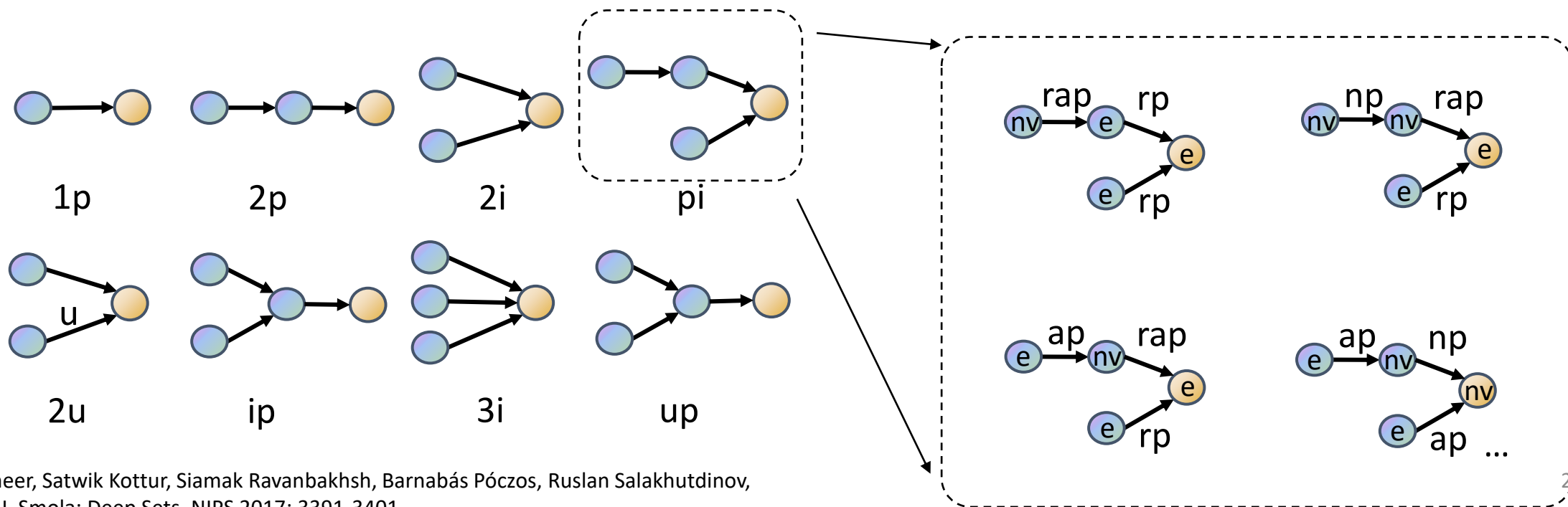
Number Reasoning Network

- Logic Operators on Entities, adopted from the backbones:
 - GQE, Query2Box, Query2Particles.
- Logic Operator on Value Distribution:
 - Intersection and Union: **DeepSet**

$$a_i = \text{Attn}(W_q \theta_i^T, W_k \theta_i^T, W_v \theta_i^T)^T$$

$$\theta_{i+1} = \text{MLP}(a_i)$$

- Relational Projection (rp)
- Attribute Projection (ap)
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- Reverse Attribute Projection (rap)



Number Embeddings and Learning Objective

Use maximize a posteriori probability (MAP) estimation to derive an objective function for type-aware reasoning.

$$\hat{\theta}_I(v, t) = \arg \max_{\theta_I} f(\theta_I | v, t)$$

$$= \arg \max_{\theta_I} f(\psi(v) | \theta_I, t) g(\theta_I | t)$$

$$= \arg \min_{\theta_I} -\log f(\psi(v) | \theta_I) - \log g(\theta_I | t) \quad (\text{Conditional Independent of } v \text{ and } t \text{ on } \theta_I)$$

v is the positive answer value.

t is the type of this value like date, length, size etc.

θ_I is the distribution parameters in the last step.

$\psi(v)$ is number embeddings

(Bayes' Rule; Remove the denominator: a constant in argmax)

Set the parameteration as: $f(\psi(v) | \theta_I) = p_{\theta_I}(\psi(v))$ and $g(\theta_I | t) = \phi_t(\theta_I)$

$$L_A = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M (-\log p_{\theta_I^{(j)}}(\psi(v^{(j)})) - \log \phi_{t^{(j)}}(\theta_I^{(j)}))$$

happenedOnDate

date_of_death

createdOnDate

date_of_birth

latitude

film_release_date

longitude

org.date_founded

person.height_mt

location.date_founded

Number Embeddings and Learning Objective

End-to-end training by Joint optimization of two losses:

$$L_A = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M \left(-\log p_{\theta_I^{(j)}} \left(\psi(v^{(j)}) \right) \right) - \log \phi_{t^{(j)}} \left(\theta_I^{(j)} \right)$$

The likelihood of the value

$v^{(j)}$ sampled from distribution of $\theta_I^{(j)}$

The likelihood of the distribution

parameter $\theta_I^{(j)}$ is of type $t^{(j)}$

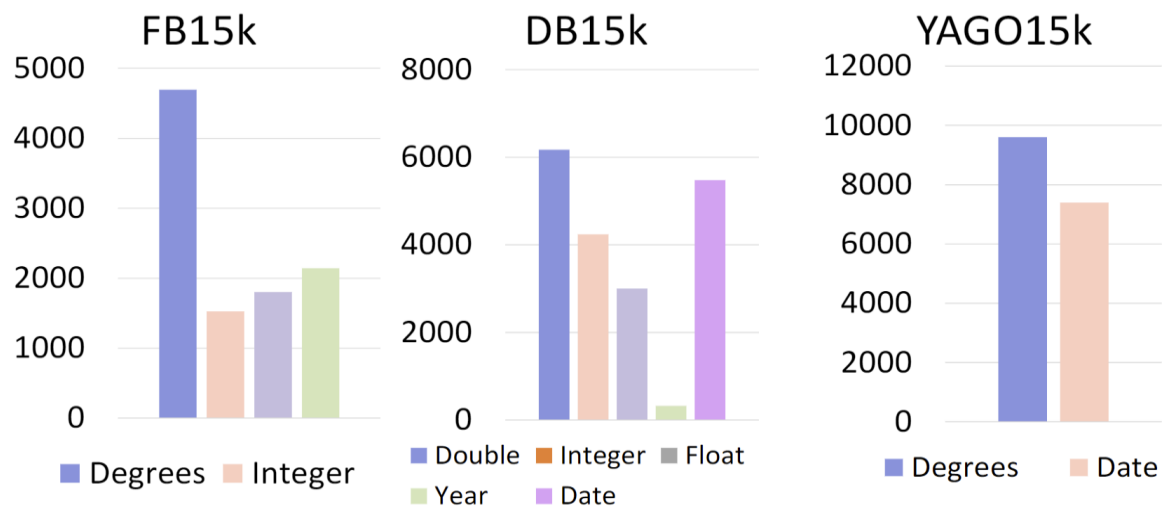
$$L_E = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \log p(q_I^{(j)}, v^{(j)})$$

The likelihood of the entity $v^{(j)}$ is the answer of the query encoding $q_I^{(j)}$.

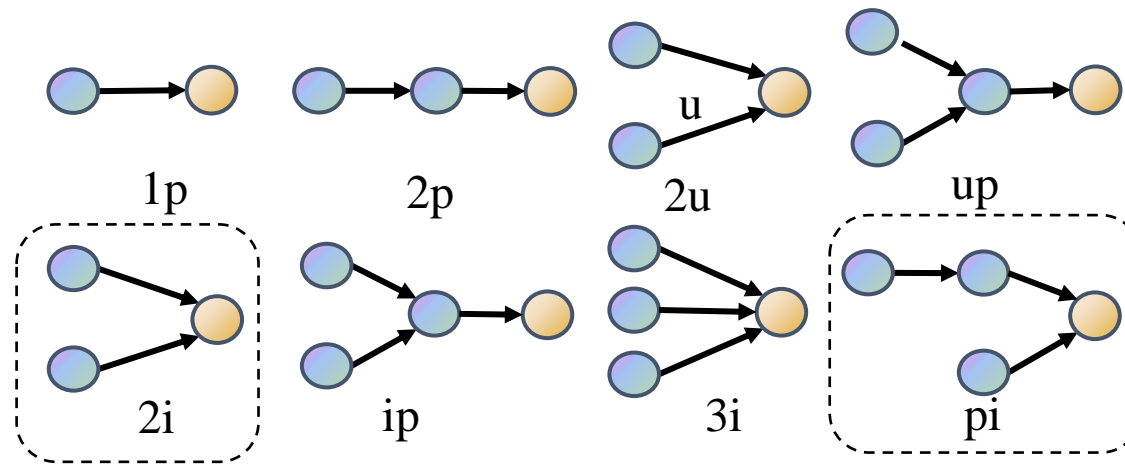
j is means the j -th sample, and I means the last step of distribution parameter encoding.

Sampling Data

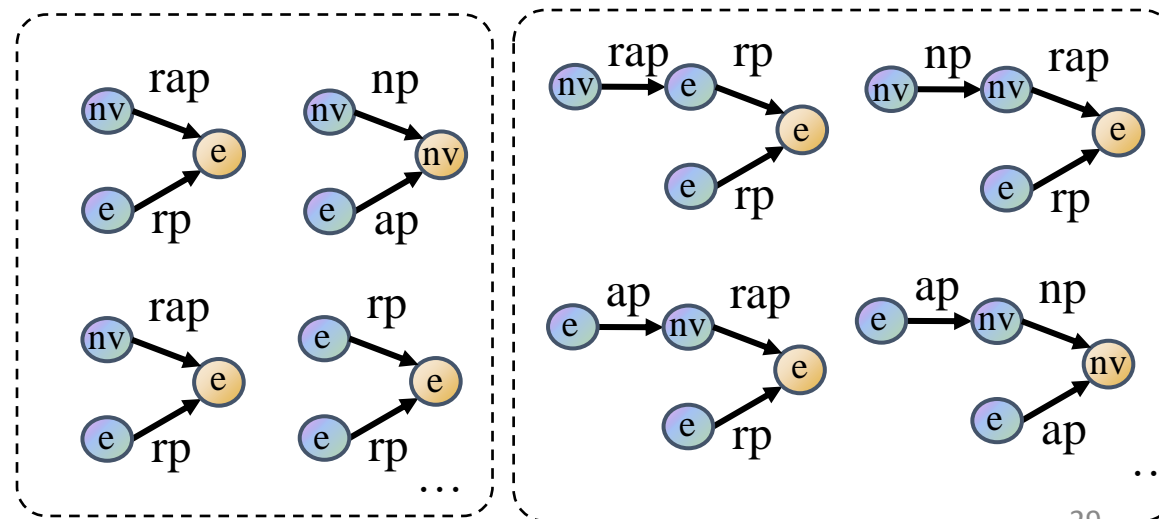
Numerical Values Types on Different KGs:



General Query Types:



Number related query types:



Data Statistics

Graphs	Data Split	#Nodes	#Rel.	# Attr.	#Rel. Edges	#Attr. Edges	#Rev. Attr. Edges	#Num. Edges	#Edges
FB15K	Training	25,106	1,345	15	947,540	20,248	20,248	27,020	1,015,056
	Validation	26,108	1,345	15	1,065,982	22,779	22,779	27,376	1,138,916
	Testing	27,144	1,345	15	1,184,426	25,311	25,311	27,389	1,262,437
DB15K	Training	31,980	279	30	145,262	33,131	33,131	25,495	237,019
	Validation	34,191	279	30	161,978	37,269	37,269	25,596	262,112
	Testing	36,358	279	30	178,394	41,411	41,411	25,680	286,896
YAGO15K	Training	32,112	32	7	196,616	21,732	21,732	26,616	266,696
	Validation	33,078	32	7	221,194	22,748	22,748	26,627	293,317
	Testing	33,610	32	7	245,772	23,520	23,520	26,631	319,443

Data Statistics

Graphs	Data Split	1p	2p	2i	3i	pi	ip	2u	up	All
FB15K	Training	304,633	138,192	226,729	288,874	260,057	233,834	284,301	284,931	2,021,551
	Validation	8,271	15,860	23,359	28,836	25,081	22,930	29,187	29,210	182,734
	Testing	7,969	15,431	23,346	28,865	24,810	22,232	29,212	29,274	181,139
DB15K	Training	124,851	99,698	140,427	190,413	171,353	163,687	190,364	194,244	1,275,037
	Validation	3,529	10,388	9,792	13,817	14,594	16,651	19,512	19,792	108,075
	Testing	3,387	10,047	9,914	14,603	14,642	15,897	19,504	19,773	107,767
YAGO15K	Training	84,014	76,238	136,282	183,850	162,712	145,994	183,963	183,459	1,156,512
	Validation	2,833	7,986	10,757	16,884	13,485	13,899	18,444	19,105	103,393
	Testing	2,713	7,949	10,935	17,171	13,481	13,526	18,433	18,997	103,205

Main Results on Three KGs

Query Encoding	Attribute	Hit@1	Hit@3	Hit@10	MRR
GQE	Baseline	10.33	18.19	27.91	16.29
	NRN + DICE	11.03	19.18	29.01	17.15
	NRN + Sinusoidal	11.14	19.39	29.23	17.31
Q2P	Baseline	10.22	17.35	26.61	15.81
	NRN + DICE	11.86	19.70	29.46	17.84
	NRN + Sinusoidal	12.25	20.16	29.96	18.28
Q2B	Baseline	11.81	20.93	31.19	18.41
	NRN + DICE	12.52	22.09	32.34	19.34
	NRN + Sinusoidal	12.75	22.22	32.46	19.51

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CQA on Eventuality Knowledge Graph

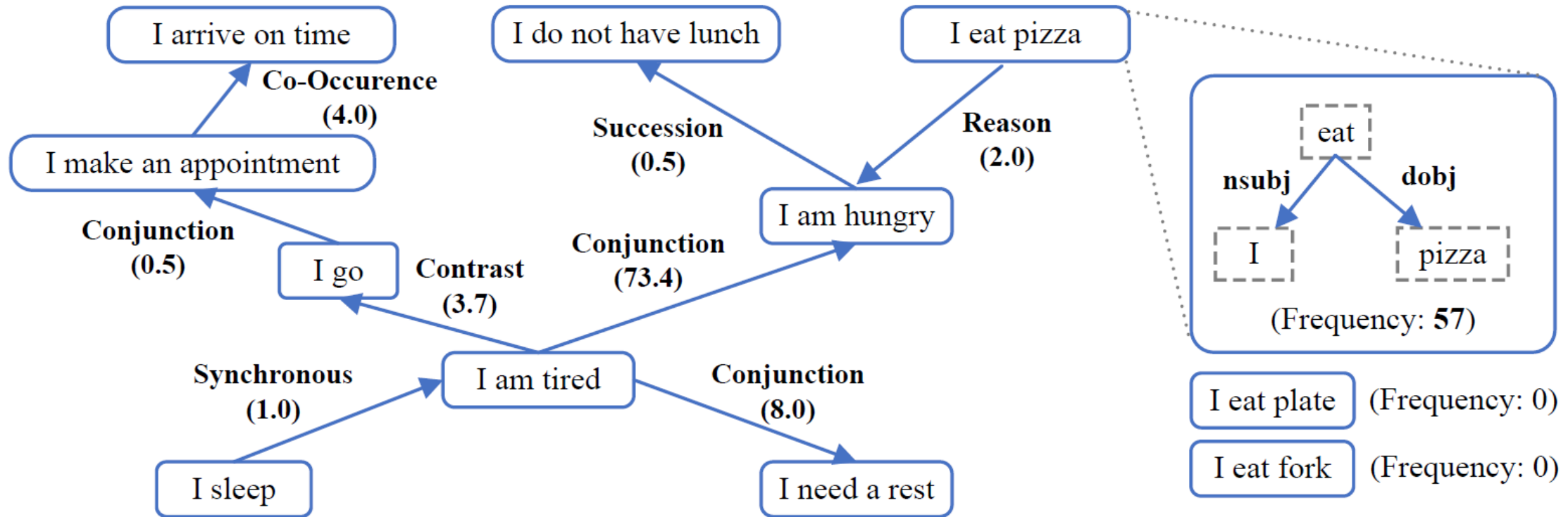


Complex query on **eventuality graphs** are **different** from the **entity-relation graph**

Whether and **when** the eventualities occur are important

Queries	Type	Interpretations
$q_1 = V_? . \exists V: \text{Interact}(V_?, V) \wedge \text{Assoc}(V, \text{Alzheimer}) \wedge \text{Assoc}(V, \text{MadCow})$	Entity	Find the substances that interact with the proteins associated with Alzheimer's and Mad cow disease.
$q_2 = V_? . \text{Precedence}(\text{Food is bad}, \text{PersonX add soy sauce}) \wedge \text{Reason}(\text{Food is bad}, V_?)$	Eventuality	Food is bad before PersonX add soy sauce. What is the reason for food being bad?
$q_3 = V_? . \text{Precedence}(V_?, \text{PersonX go home}) \wedge \text{ChosenAlternative}(\text{PersonX go home}, \text{PersonX buy an umbrella})$	Eventuality	Instead of buying an umbrella, PersonX go home. What happened before PersonX go home?

ASER (Activities, States, Events, and their Relations)



Principle 1: Comparing semantic meanings by fixing grammar (Katz and Fodor, 1963)

Principle 2: The need of language inference based on 'partial information' (Wilks, 1975)

<https://github.com/HKUST-KnowComp/ASER>

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Discourse Relations and Implicit Constraints

- PersonX did not eat anything **because** PersonX was full

Reason(PersonX did not eat anything, PersonX was full)

Occurrence
Constraint

$\eta(\textit{PersonX did not eat anything}) \wedge \eta(\textit{PersonX was full}) \wedge \eta(\textit{PersonX did not eat anything}) \leftarrow \eta(\textit{PersonX was full})$

Temporal
Constraints

$\tau(\textit{PersonX did not eat anything}) > \tau(\textit{PersonX was full})$

$\eta(A) = 1$ if and only if it occurs
 $\tau(A) > \tau(B)$: A happens after B

Discourse Relations and Implicit Constraints

- Food is bad **before** PersonX add soy sauce

Precedence(Food is bad, PersonX adds soy sauce)

Occurrence
Constraint

$\eta(\text{Food is bad}) \wedge \eta(\text{PersonX adds soy sauce})$

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$\tau(A) < \tau(B)$: A happens before B
 $\eta(A) = 1$ if and only if it occurs

Discourse Relations and Implicit Constraints

- **Instead of** buying an umbrella, PersonX go home

ChosenAlternative(*PersonX* go home, *PersonX* buy an umbrella)

Occurrence
Constraint

$\eta(\textit{PersonX go home}) \wedge \neg \eta(\textit{PersonX buy an umbrella})$

$\eta(A) = 1$ if and only if it occurs

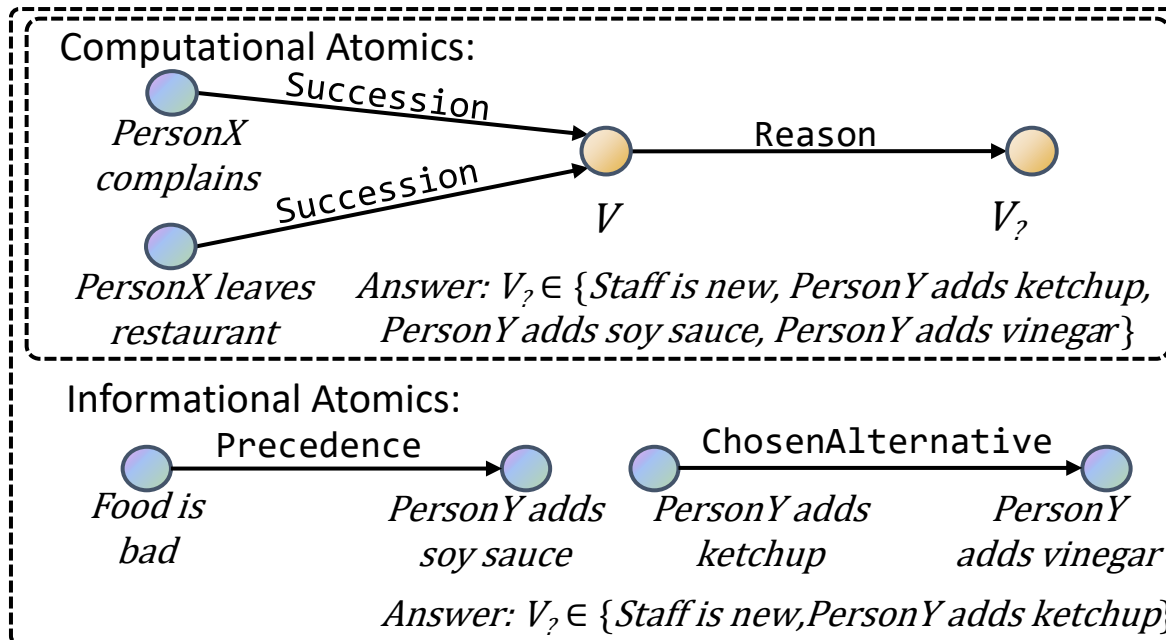
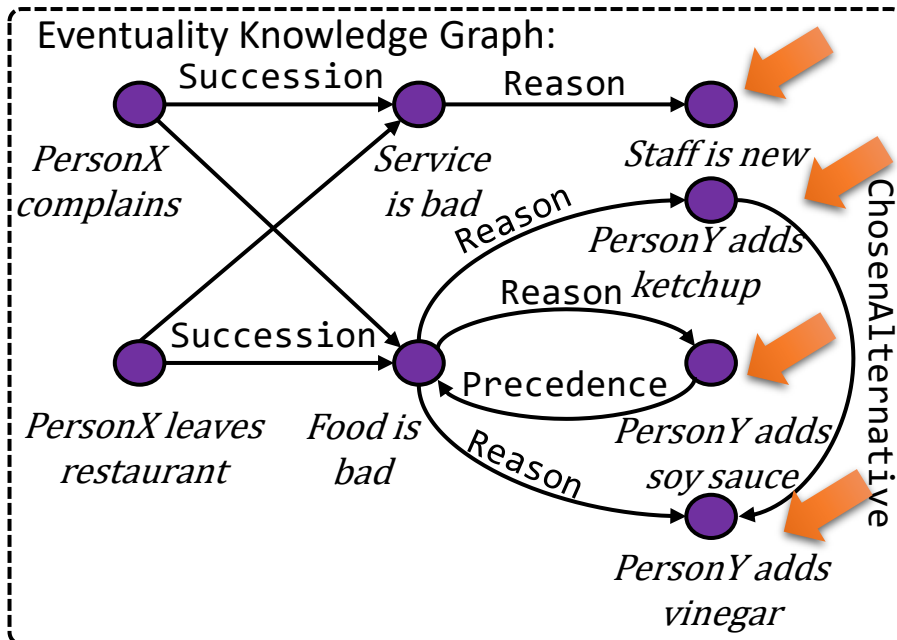
Logical Constraints behind Discourse Relations

Discourse Relations	Semantics	Implicit Constraints	
		Occurrence Constraints	Temporal Constraints
Precedence(A, B)	A occurs before B.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B)$	$\tau(A) < \tau(B)$
Succession(A, B)	A occurs after B happens.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B)$	$\tau(A) > \tau(B)$
Synchronous(A, B)	A occurs at the same time as B.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B)$	$\tau(A) = \tau(B)$
Reason(A, B)	A occurs because B.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B) \wedge (\eta(A) \leftarrow \eta(B))$	$\tau(A) > \tau(B)$
Result(A, B)	A occurs as a result B.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B) \wedge (\eta(A) \rightarrow \eta(B))$	$\tau(A) < \tau(B)$
Condition(A, B)	If B occurs, A.	$\eta(A) \rightarrow \eta(B)$	$\tau(A) > \tau(B)$
Concession(A, B)	B occurs, although A.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B)$	-
Contrast(A, B)	B occurs, but A.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B)$	-
Conjunction(A, B)	A and B both occur.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B)$	-
Instantiation(A, B)	B is a more detailed description of A.	$\eta(A) \wedge \eta(B)$	-
Restatement(A, B)	A restates the semantics of B.	$\eta(A) \leftrightarrow \eta(B)$	-
Alternative(A, B)	A and B are alternative situations.	$\eta(A) \vee \eta(B)$	-
ChosenAlternative(A, B)	Instead of B occurs, A.	$\eta(A) \wedge \neg \eta(B)$	-
Exception(A, B)	A, except B.	$\neg \eta(A) \wedge \eta(B) \wedge (\neg \eta(B) \rightarrow \eta(A))$	-

Logical Query with Implicit Constraints

Question: *Food is bad before PersonY adds soy sauce. Instead of adding vinegar, PersonY adds ketchup. PersonX complains after V. PersonX leaves the restaurant after V. The reason V is V'?. What is V'?*

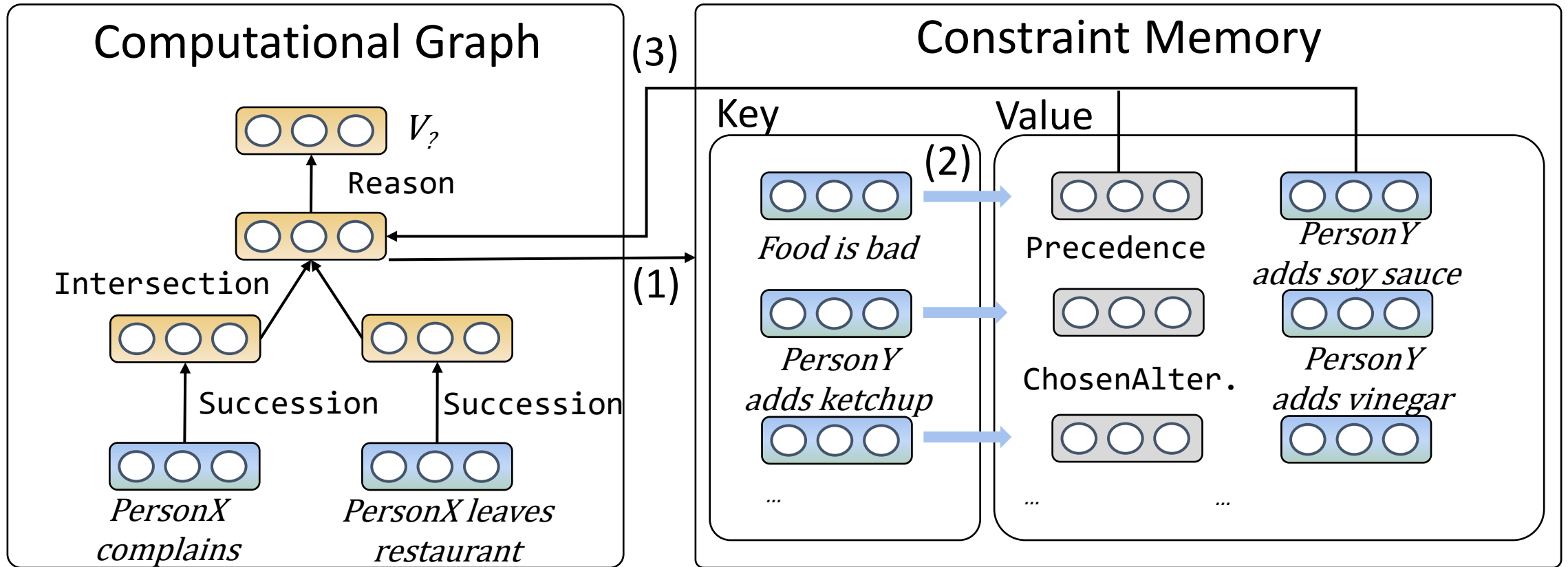
Query on Graph: $q = V_?$. $\exists V: \text{Succession}(\text{PersonX complains}, V) \wedge \text{Succession}(\text{PersonX leaves restaurant}, V) \wedge \text{Reason}(V, V_?) \wedge \text{Precedence}(\text{Food is bad}, \text{PersonY adds soy sauce}) \wedge \text{ChosenAlternative}(\text{PersonY adds ketchup}, \text{PersonY adds vinegar})$



Without context and its constraints:
4 answers

With Implicit Constraints:
Only 2 answers

Query Encoding with Constraint Memory



$$(1) s_{i,m} = \langle q_i, c_h^{(m)} \rangle$$

Computes the relevance of query embedding to the head of the memory key at position m .

$$(2) v_i = \sum_{m=1}^M s_{i,m} (c_r^{(m)} + c_t^{(m)})$$

Computes the aggregated memory values across M memory cells with the importance weighted by relevance scores.

$$(3) q_i = q_i + \text{MLP}(v_i)$$

Computes the query embedding with memory values with the help of a MLP layer.

Complex Eventuality Queries on ASER

Data Split	Types	Query with Occurrence Constraints			Query with Temporal Constraints		
		#Queries	#Answers	#Contr. Answers	#Queries	#Answers	# Contr. Answers
Train Queries	6	58,797	4.74	1.44	18,033	4.37	1.09
Validation Queries	15	22,320	7.20	1.63	19,637	8.85	1.41
Test Queries	15	24,466	7.93	1.68	20,788	10.88	1.46

- The tables shows the types and number queries;
- The number of answers on ASER;
- The number of logically contradictory answers.

The MEQE Combined with Various QE methods

Models	Occurrence Constraints			Temporal Constraints			Average		
	Hit@1	Hit@3	MRR	Hit@1	Hit@3	MRR	Hit@1	Hit@3	MRR
GQE	8.92	14.21	13.09	9.09	14.03	12.94	9.12	14.12	13.02
+ MEQE	10.20	15.54	14.31	10.70	15.67	14.50	10.45	15.60	14.41
Q2P	14.14	19.97	18.84	14.48	19.69	18.68	14.31	19.83	18.76
+ MEQE	15.15	20.67	19.38	16.06	20.82	19.74	15.61	20.74	19.56
Nerual MLP	13.03	19.21	17.75	13.45	19.06	17.68	13.24	19.14	17.71
+ MEQE	15.26	20.69	19.32	15.91	20.63	19.47	15.58	20.66	19.40
FuzzQE	11.68	18.64	17.07	11.68	17.97	16.53	11.68	18.31	16.80
+ MEQE	14.76	21.12	19.45	15.31	21.01	19.49	15.03	21.06	19.47

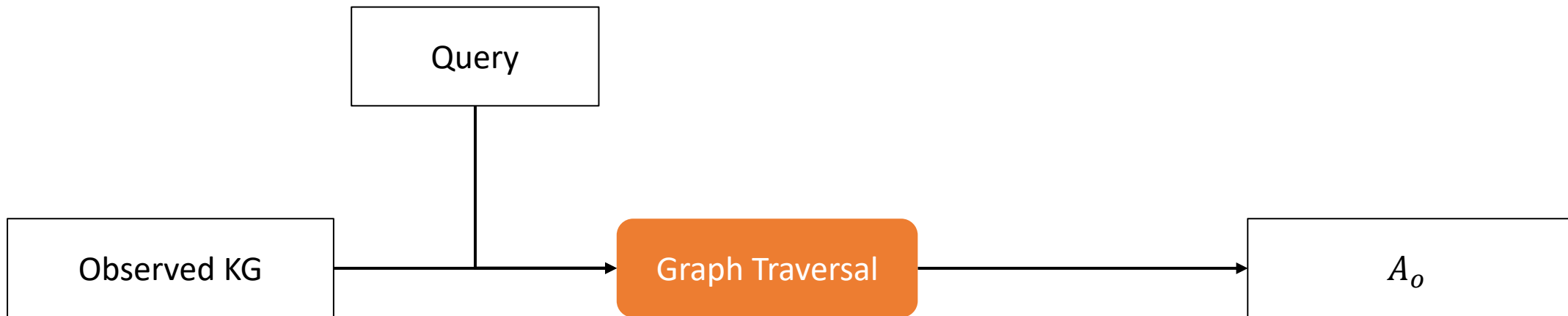
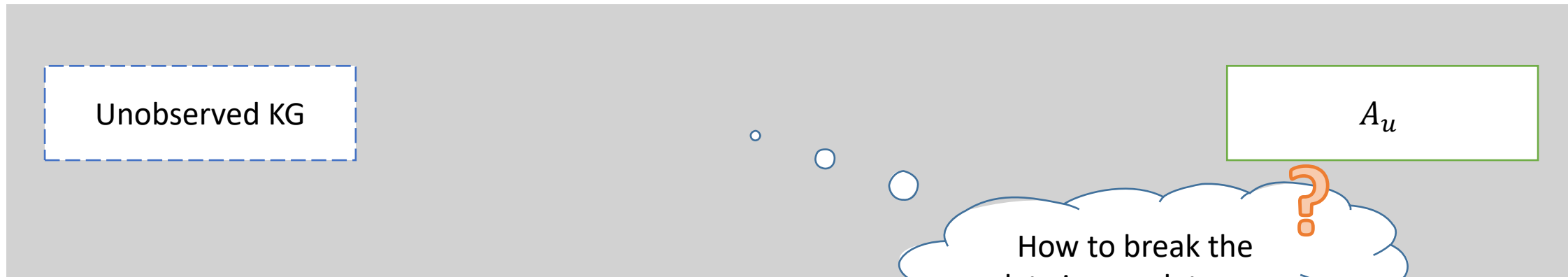
Conclusions

- Complex query answering on neural knowledge graphs/bases has great potential to support retrieval augmented generation (RAG)
- Two things are missing
 - Number and attribute understanding
 - Discourse relation modeling for logical queries
- We implemented models that can handle numbers and discourse relations

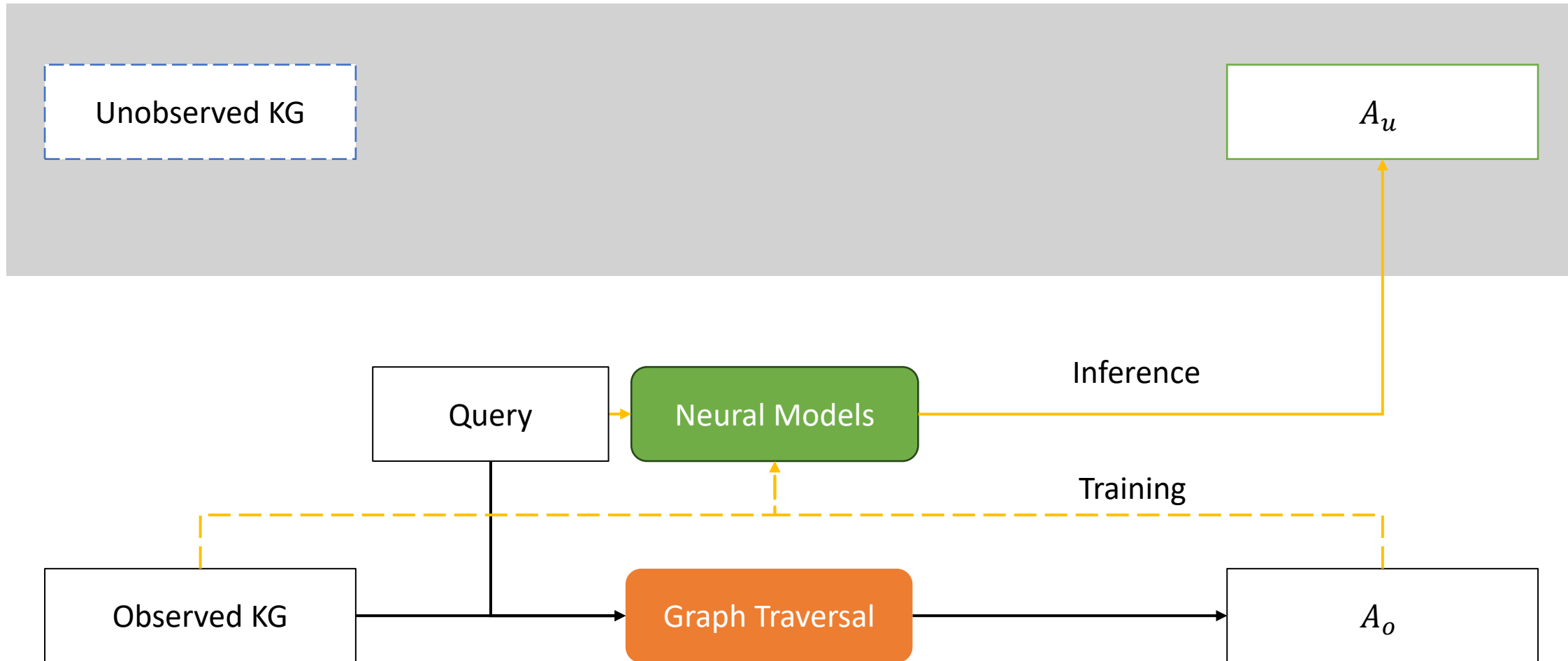
Future Work

- Incorporating complex query answering into retrieval augmented generation
- Exploring more strategies for complex query answering with rich semantics to handle **Open World Problems**

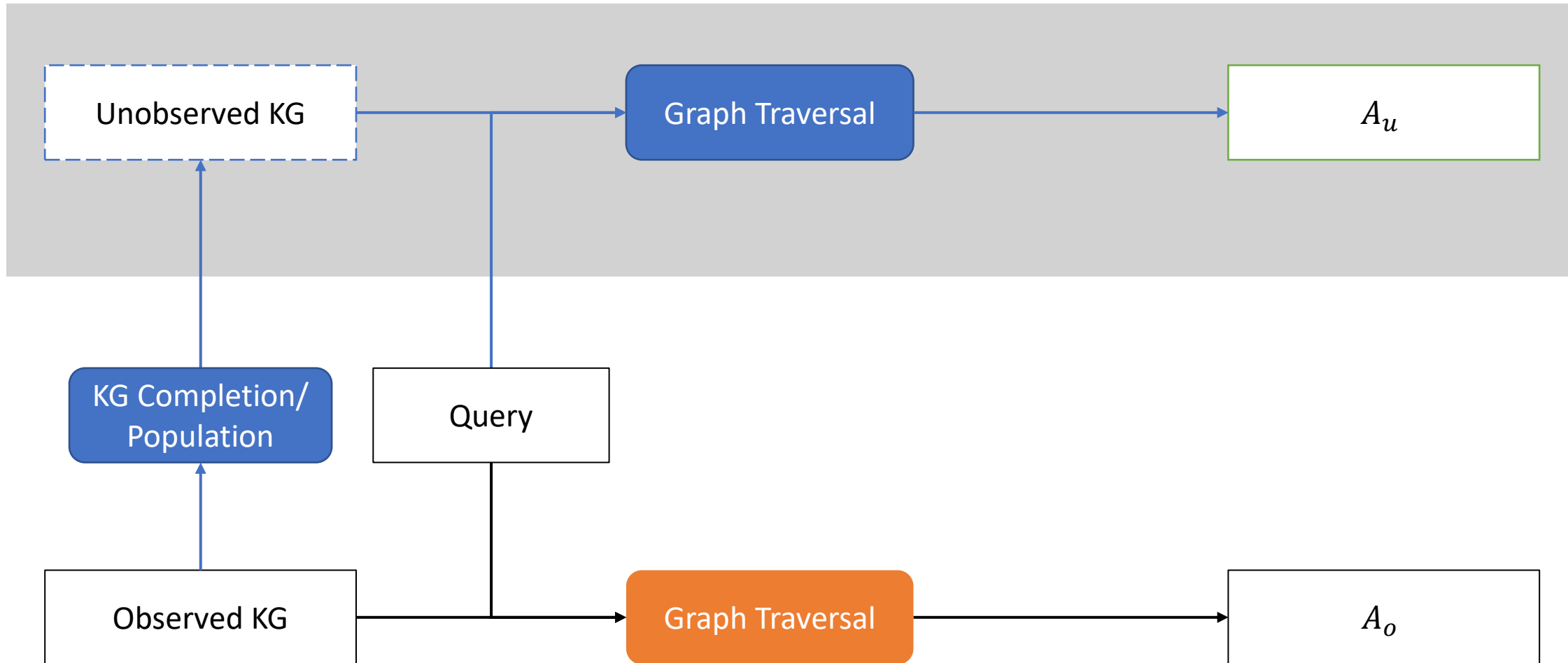
The Challenge of the Open World Problem



Neural strategy: End-to-end Training



Symbolic Strategy: Completion and Search



Other Works on CQA

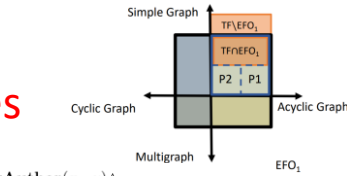
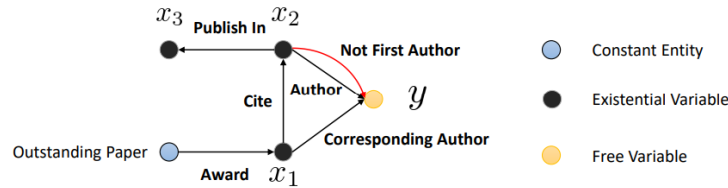


Benchmarking EFO-1 (Existential First-Order Queries with Single Free Variable)

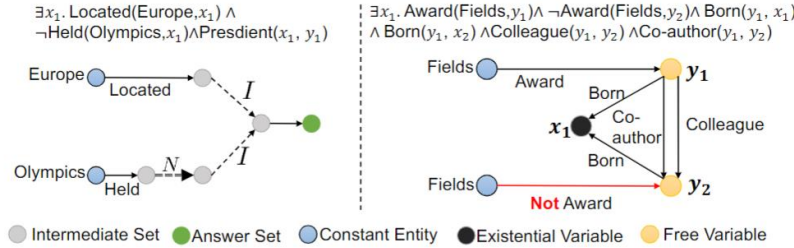
CQA Dataset	Support Operators									Support EFO-1	Num. of Forms	Num. of Test Query Types
	e	p	i	I	u	U	n	d	D			
Q2B dataset [15]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	9
HypE dataset [6]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	9
BetaE dataset [16]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	14
EFO-1-QA (ours)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	301

EFO-1 queries with cycles

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \exists x_3. \text{Award}(\text{OutstandingPaper}, x_1) \wedge \text{CorrespondingAuthor}(x_1, y) \wedge \text{Cite}(x_1, x_2) \wedge \text{PublishIn}(x_2, x_3) \wedge \text{Author}(x_2, y) \wedge \neg \text{FirstAuthor}(x_2, y)$$



EFO-K more than one variables



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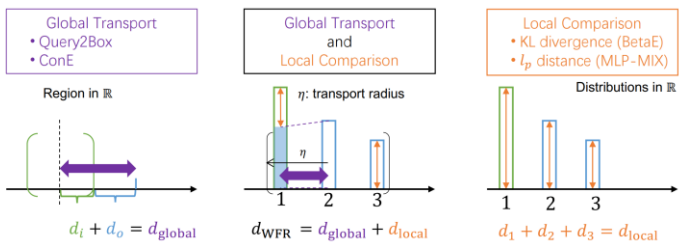
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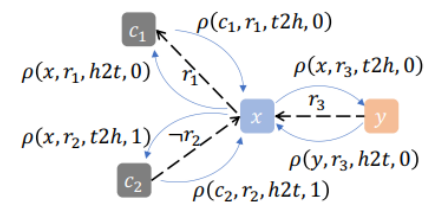
Models

Query encoder with OT



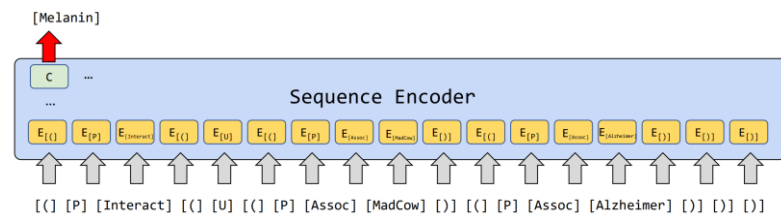
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Learning in the inference step as a GNN (one-hop logical inference based MPNN)



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Sequence encoder of queries



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