

# Neuro-symbolic methods for KG Complex Queries

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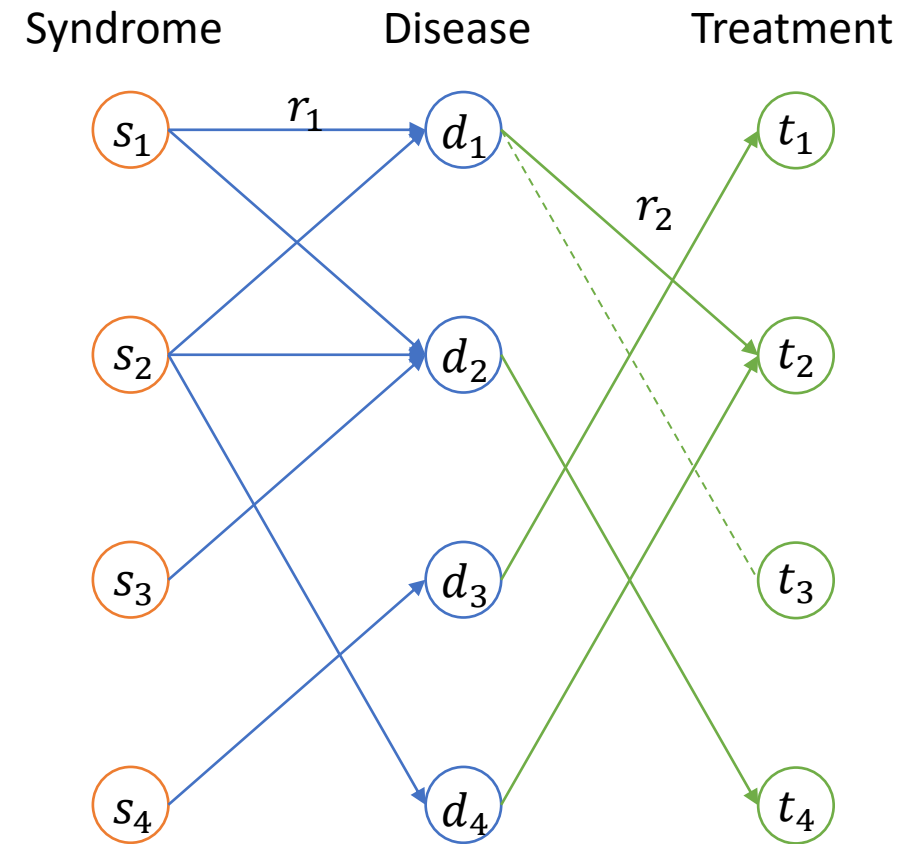
# 1. Background

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# Background: Logical query examples

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A simplified medical KG.

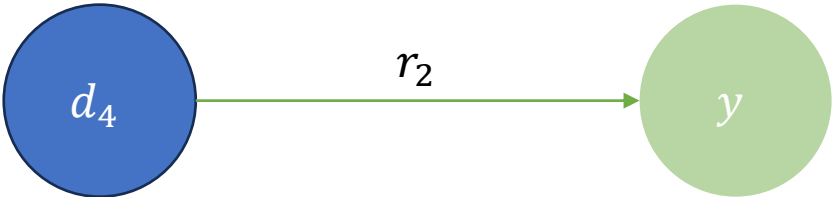
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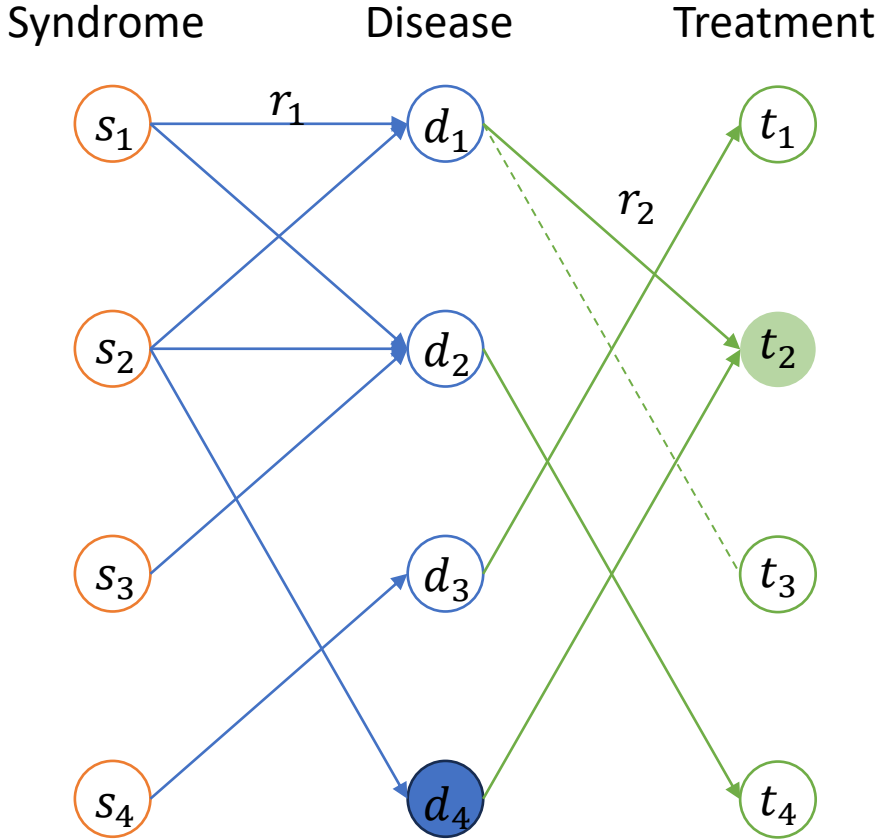
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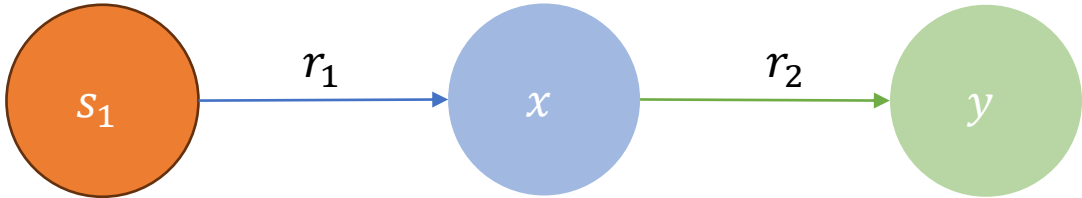


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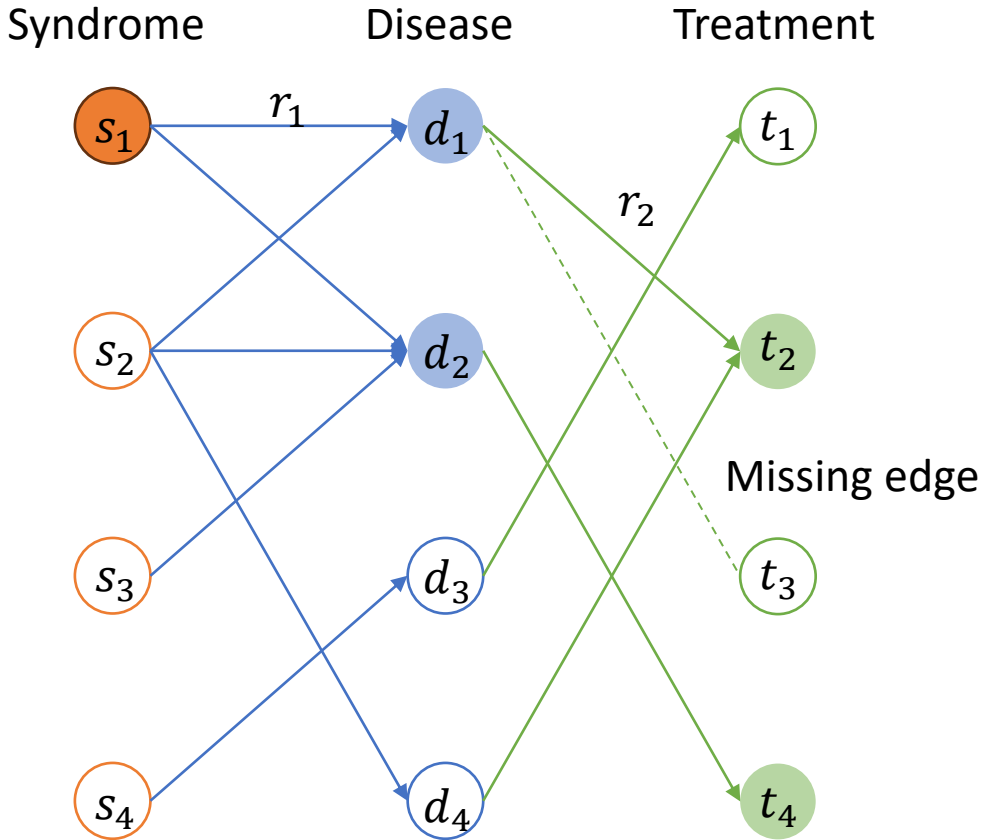
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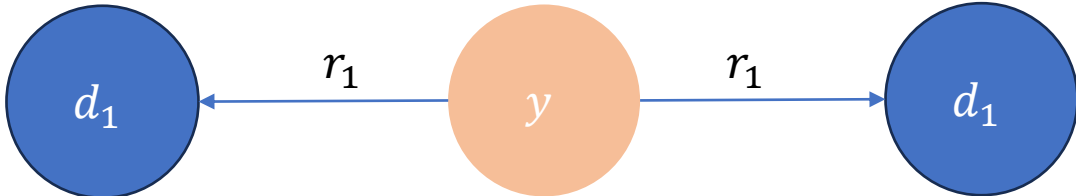


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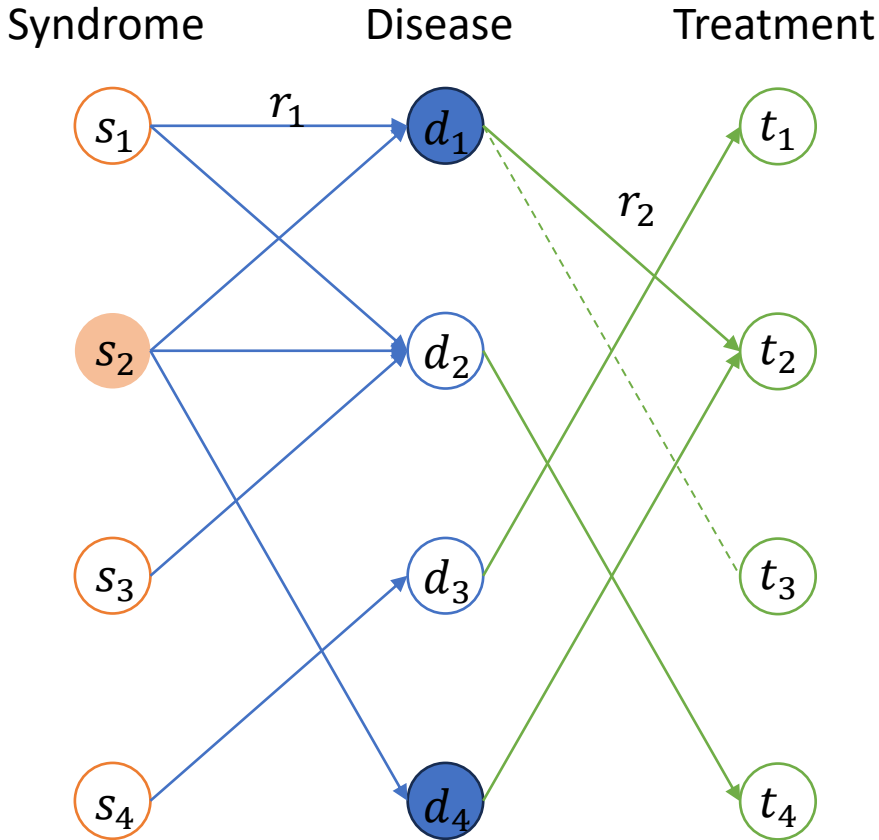
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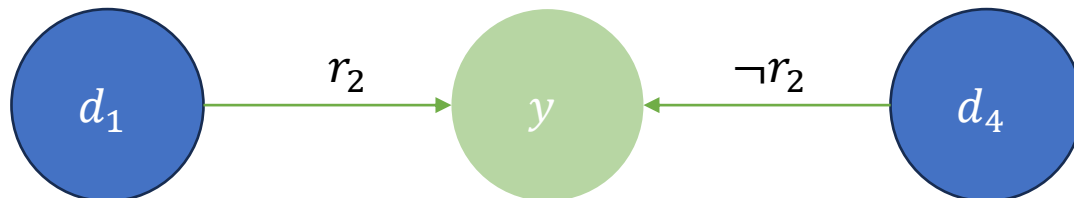


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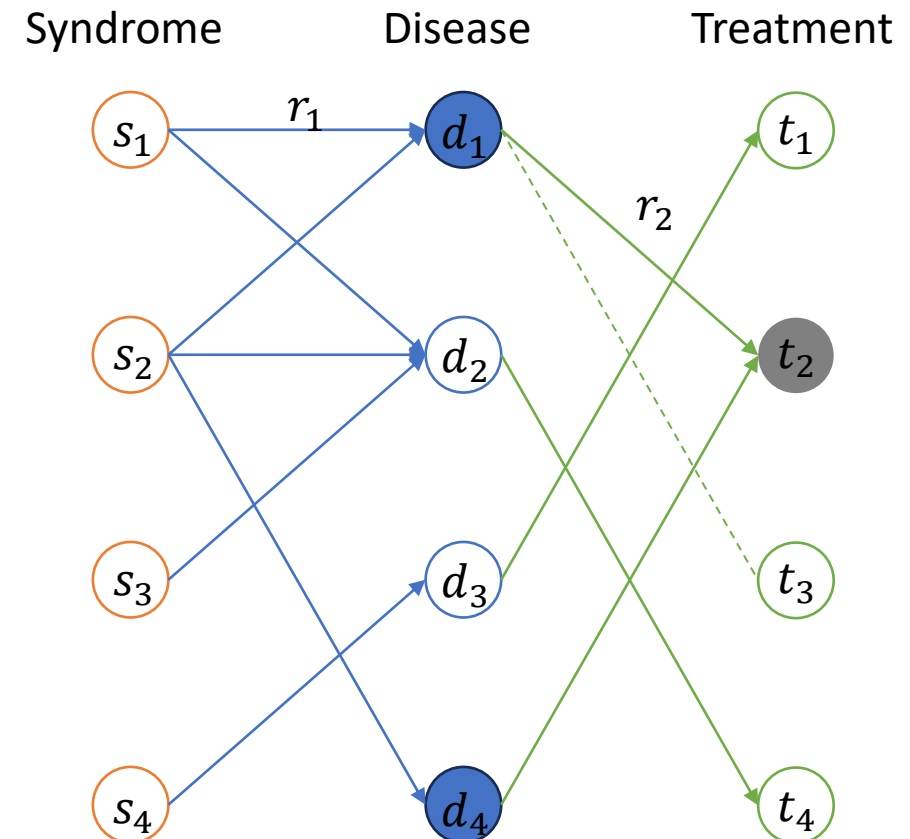
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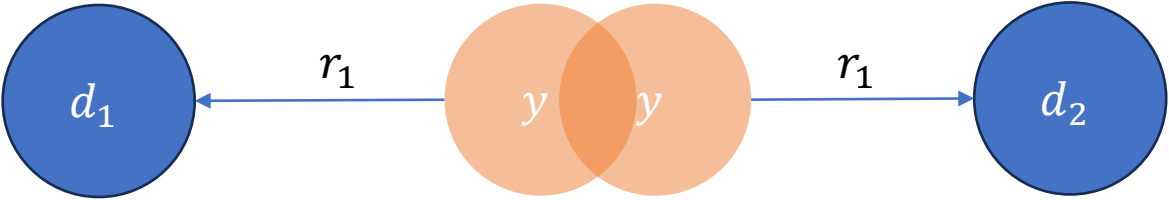
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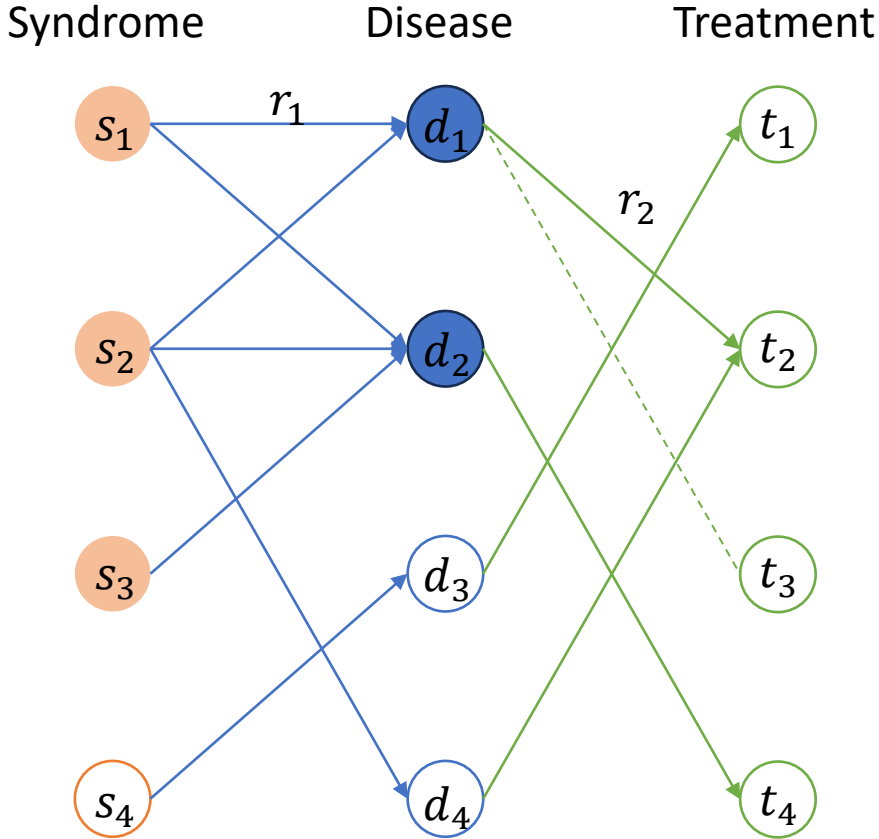
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A query graph representation for multi-constraint disjunctive query



Nodes in a query graph: entities and variables  
 Edges in a query graph: the logical predicate (with negation)



Traversal on the knowledge graph

Simple graph CANNOT represent the disjunction operation. Two components for two parts

# Background: Summary

Questions for rigorous research:

- How to define the semantics and syntax?
- How to represent and answer a query?

Challenge for knowledge graph in general:

- The graph is incomplete, traversal will fail!

# Background: Summary

- Semantics of queries
  - Highly interpretable with logical conditions,
  - Related to complex demands of knowledge.
- Syntax of queries
  - variables and entities,
  - logical connectives:
    - Conjunction
    - Disjunction
    - Negation
- Representation
  - A query graph
- In the previous examples, the answers are identified by
  - Symbolic traversal on the knowledge graph

## 2. Problem definition and general strategies

2.1 Notations and definitions

2.2 Two general strategies

# Problem definition and general strategies

## Notations

### Data

- A knowledge graph, triple set  $\mathcal{KG}_o = \{(h, r, t)\}$ ,
- For simplicity, the relations  $\mathcal{R}$  and entities  $\mathcal{E}$  are assumed to be known.
  - (This assumption can be undermined)

### Open World Assumption (OWA)

- An observed knowledge graph  $\mathcal{KG}_o$ ,
- An unobserved knowledge graph  $\mathcal{KG}_u$ ,
- $\mathcal{KG}_o \subset \mathcal{KG}_u$

# Problem definition and general strategies

## Query syntax

Syntax of Existential First Order (EFO) query family  
(organized as Unions of Conjunctive Queries (UCQ))

- An UCQ query is represented as the disjunction of conjunctive queries,

$$UCQ(y; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bigvee_{j=1, \dots, N} CQ_j(y; x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

- Each conjunctive query is the conjunctive of atomic formulas,

$$CQ_j(y; x_1, \dots, x_n) = y. \exists x_1, \dots, \exists x_n. \bigwedge_{k=1, \dots, M_j} a_{jk}$$

- Each atomic formula is  $a_{jk} = r(t_s, t_o)$ , or  $a_{jk} = \neg r(t_s, t_o)$ ,
  - where  $r$  is the binary relation in KG,
  - $t_s$  and  $t_o$  are the subjective/objective terms, respectively,
  - Each term is either an entity or variable  $(y, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

# Problem definition and general strategies

## Query semantics

The answer set  $A = \{a \in \mathcal{E} : Q(y = a; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{True}\}$ , depends on the semantics of the substitution  $Q(y = a; x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Q: How to evaluate  $Q(y = a; x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ?

A: Evaluate the expansion, reduce to the model checking problem

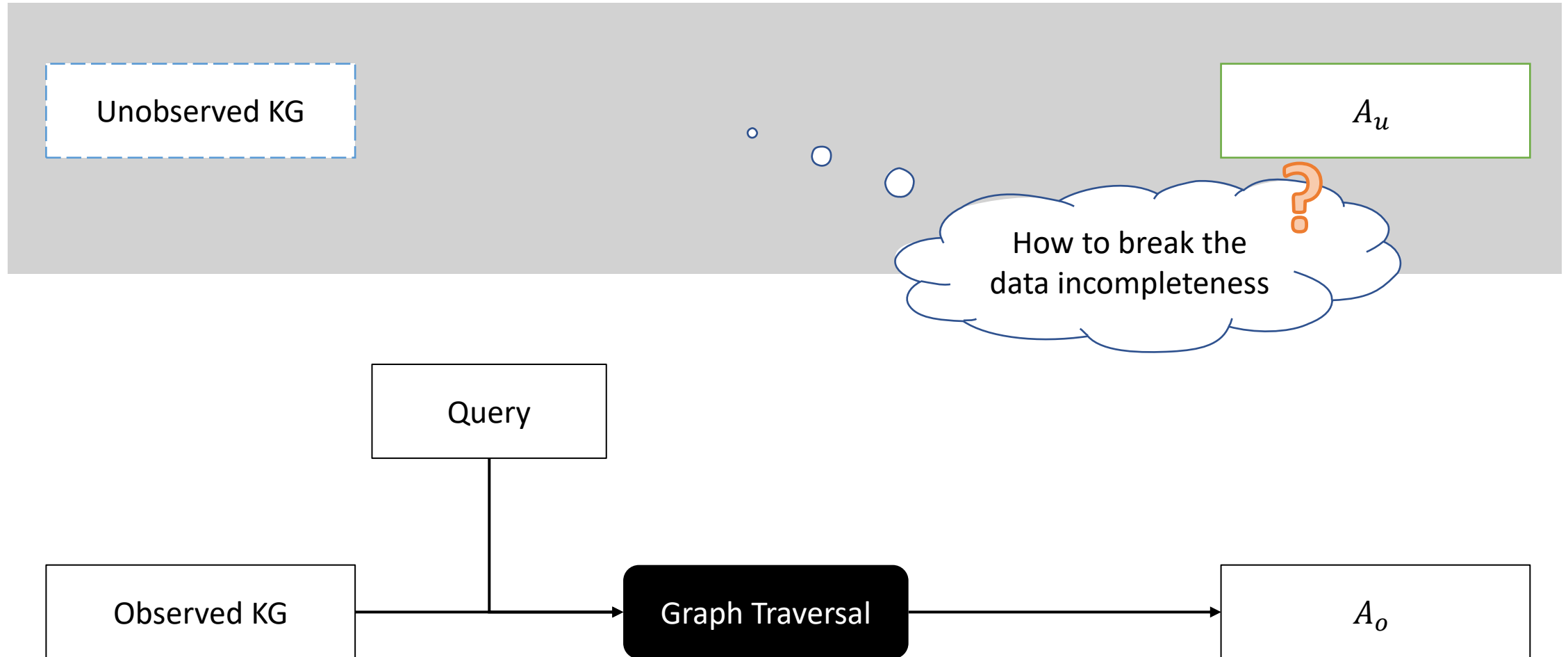
$$\bigvee_{j=1, \dots, N} \exists x_1, \dots, \exists x_n. \bigwedge_{k=1, \dots, M_j} a_{jk} \Big|_{y=a}$$

Then, it eventually depends on each atomic formula  $a_{jk}$ .

- Closed world evaluation (Answer set  $A_o$ ):
  - $r(s, o) = \text{True}$  if and only if  $(s, r, o) \in \mathcal{KG}_o$ , which is traversal on observed KG.
- Open world evaluation (Answer set  $A_u$ ):
  - $r(s, o) = \text{True}$  if and only if  $(s, r, o) \in \mathcal{KG}_u$ , where  $\mathcal{KG}_u$  is unobserved.

# Problem definition and general strategies

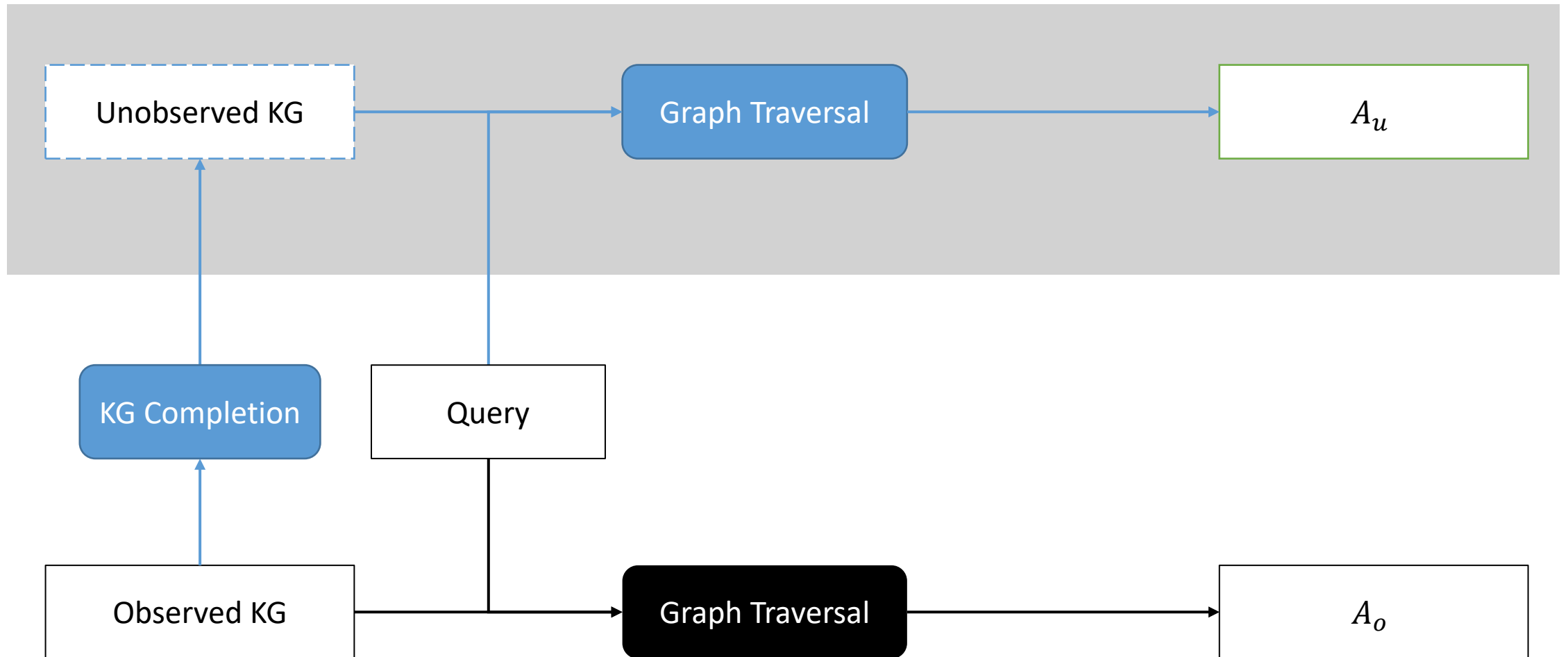
## The challenge of the open world problem





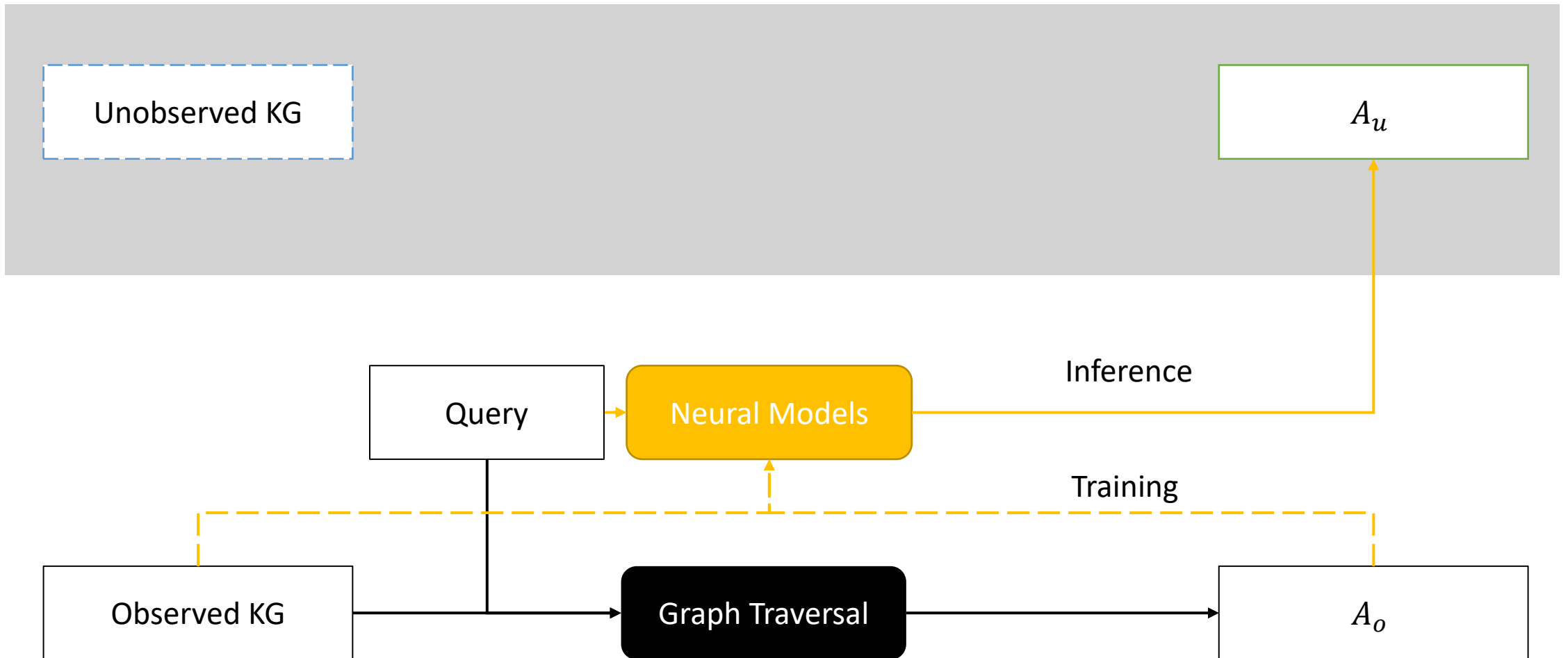
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## Symbolic strategy: completion and search



# Problem definition and general strategies

## Neural strategy: end-to-end training



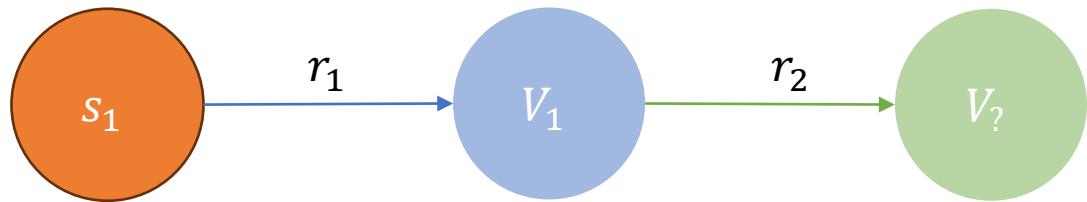
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Reduction to computational graphs

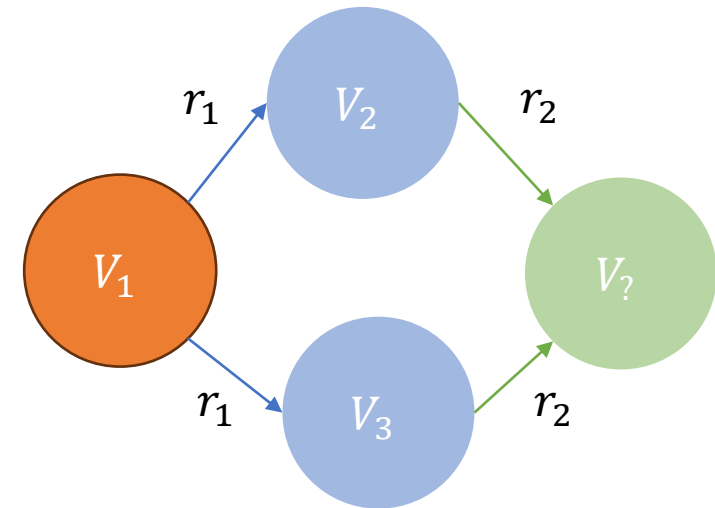
The design space of neural models for TFQ

# Tree-Formed Queries (TFQ)

- ✓ We can interpretate logical queries in natural language
- How can we compute logical queries?
  - In general the symbolic methods are NP-complete.
- What are simpler query families to handle?
  - Convert the query answering process as set operations.
  - Result in a computational tree.



A simple query graph



A complex query graph

# Tree-Formed Queries (TFQ)

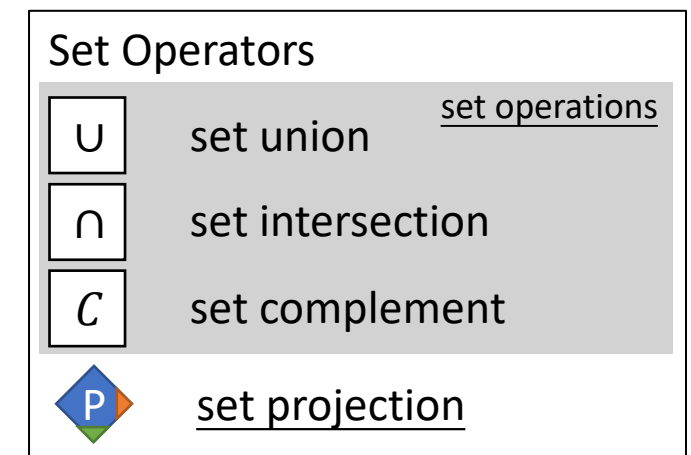
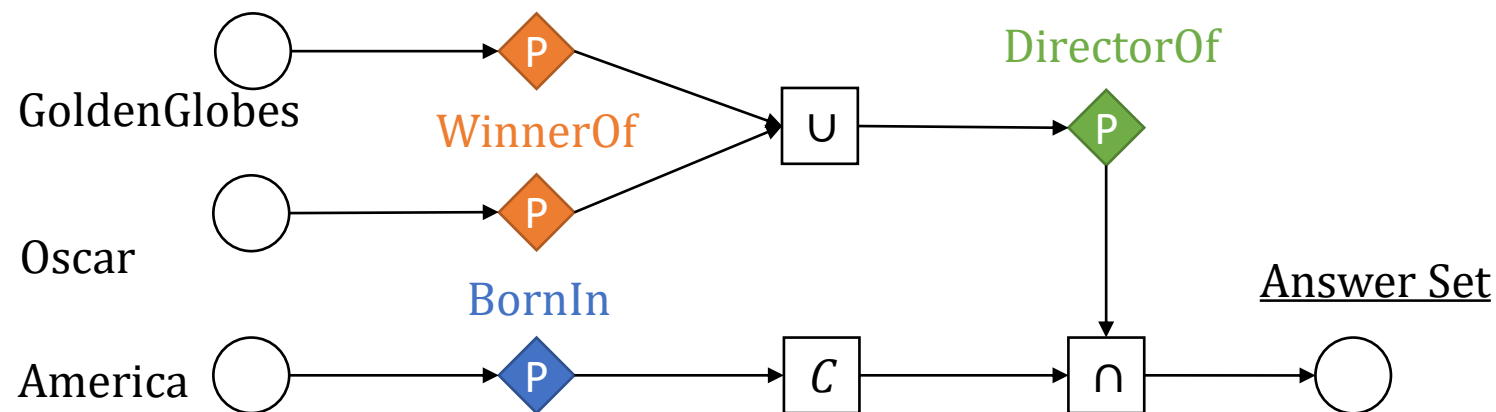
We begin with a working example

- Tree-form query family contains the queries that can be converted into the computational tree.
- What is a computational tree? A working example

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

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

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



# Tree-Formed Queries (TFQ)

## A working example (1/4)

We use  $V_1, V_2$  instead of  $x, y$  to demonstrate quantifiers are more fundamental than choices of letters.

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

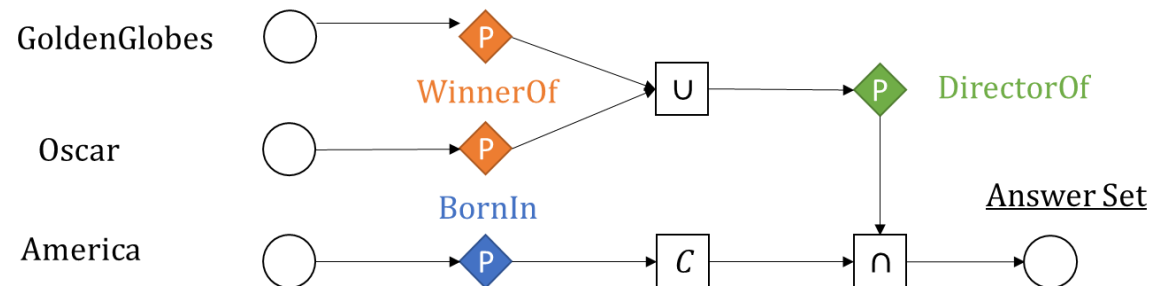
### • Skolemization

- $\text{Won}(V_1, \text{GoldenGlobes}) \xrightarrow{\text{Skolemization}} \hat{V}_1 = \text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes})$
- $\text{Won}(V_1, \text{Oscar}) \xrightarrow{\text{Skolemization}} \hat{V}_1 = \text{WinnerOf}(\text{Oscar})$
- $\text{Direct}(V_2, V_1) \xrightarrow{\text{Skolemization}} \hat{V}_2 = \text{DirectorOf}(V_1)$
- $\neg \text{BornIn}(V_2, \text{America}) \xrightarrow{\text{Skolemization}} \hat{V}_2 = (\neg \text{BornIn})(\text{America})$

Skolemization:  
One way to eliminate the quantified variables

- Remove  $V_1$  and replace the connectives with set operations, then we get computational tree.

$$q = \text{DirectorOf}(\text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes}) \cup \text{WinnerOf}(\text{Oscar})) \cap \text{BornIn}(\text{America})^c$$



1. Eliminate  $V_1$
2. Replace operations

# Tree-Formed Queries (TFQ)

## A working example (2/4)

$$\text{Eliminate } \leftrightarrow: \frac{f \leftrightarrow g}{(f \rightarrow g) \wedge (g \rightarrow f)}$$

$$\text{Eliminate } \rightarrow: \frac{f \rightarrow g}{\neg f \vee g}$$

$$\text{Move } \neg \text{ inwards: } \frac{\neg(f \wedge g)}{\neg f \vee \neg g}$$

$$\text{Move } \neg \text{ inwards: } \frac{\neg(f \vee g)}{\neg f \wedge \neg g}$$

$$\text{Eliminate double negation: } \frac{\neg \neg f}{f}$$

$$\text{Distribute } \vee \text{ over } \wedge: \frac{f \vee (g \wedge h)}{(f \vee g) \wedge (f \vee h)}$$

- The query in the example is an existential first order query

$$q = V_? \exists V_1. (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{GoldenGlobes}) \vee \text{Won}(V_1, \text{Oscar})) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_?, V_1)$$

- Convert it to a Unions of Conjunctive Query (UCQ)

$$q = V_? \exists V_1. (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{GoldenGlobes}) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_?, V_1)) \vee (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{Oscar}) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_?, V_1))$$

$$q = \text{Union} \left( \begin{array}{l} V_? \exists V_1. (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{GoldenGlobes}) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_?, V_1)), \\ V_? \exists V_1. (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{Oscar}) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_?, V_1)) \end{array} \right)$$

- For each conjunctive query

- Convert the logical constraints to set operations.

# Solutions for TFQs

## A working example (3/4)

- An UCQ query

$$q = \text{SetUnion} \left( \begin{array}{l} V_? \exists V_1. (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{GoldenGlobes}) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_?, V_1)), \\ V_? \exists V_1. (\text{Won}(V_1, \text{Oscar}) \wedge \neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \wedge \text{Direct}(V_?, V_1)) \end{array} \right)$$

- For each conjunctive query (taking the first one as the example)

- The atomic queries are Skolemized

- $\text{Won}(V_1, \text{GoldenGlobes}) \xrightarrow{\text{Skolemization}} \hat{V}_1 = \text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes})$

- $\text{Direct}(V_?, V_1) \xrightarrow{\text{Skolemization}} \hat{V}_? = \text{DirectorOf}(V_1)$

- $\neg \text{BornIn}(V_?, \text{America}) \xrightarrow{\text{Skolemization}} \hat{V}_? = \neg \text{BornIn}(\text{America})$

- Eliminate the existential variable  $V_1$ , the free variable  $V_?$  should satisfies the two conditions

- $\hat{V}_? = \text{DirectorOf}(\text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes}))$

- $\hat{V}_? = \neg \text{BornIn}(\text{America})$

- Reorganize them with the set operations

- $V_? = \text{DirectorOf}(\text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes})) \cap \neg \text{BornIn}(\text{America}) = \text{DirectorOf}(\text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes})) - \text{BornIn}(\text{America})$

- Note that the intersection + logical negated projection can be considered as set difference.

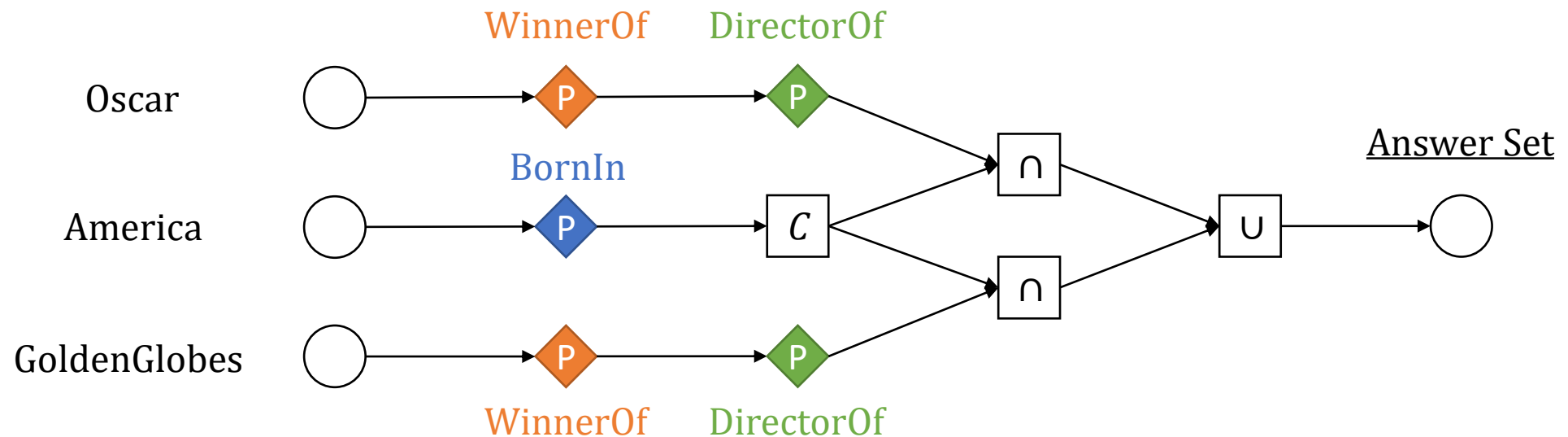


# Solutions for TFQs

## A working example (4/4)

- For the first conjunctive query
$$V_? = \text{DirectorOf}(\text{WinnerOf}(\text{GoldenGlobes})) - \text{BornIn}(\text{America})$$
- Similarly for the other conjunctive query
$$V_? = \text{DirectorOf}(\text{WinnerOf}(\text{Oscar})) - \text{BornIn}(\text{America})$$

Then the computational tree



# Quick Summarization

- What is a computational tree of a TFQ?
  - A tree whose leaves are entities, intermediate nodes are set operators, and the root node is the answer set.
  - The answer set can be computed by executing set operations following the bottom-up order.
- One query can be represented with multiple equivalent computational trees
  - For a logical query, there are many logical equivalent forms
  - Each logical form yields one or more computational trees
- Operators in trees can be different
  - Intersection & complement = intersection & difference
  - For UCQs, no need for “union” because we can collect answers from each CQ
- Can UCQs always be converted to TFQs?
  - It will be discussed in the next lecture

# Solutions for TFQs

## 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

### Set Operators

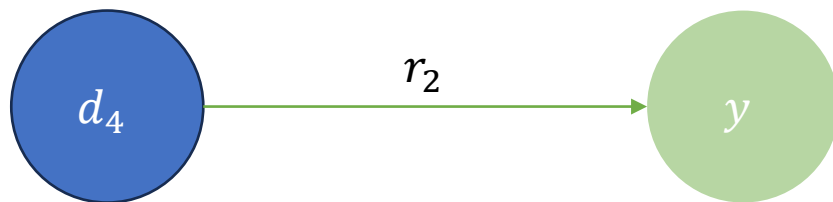
$\cup$	set union	<u>set operations</u>
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## Neural TFQ intuition explained

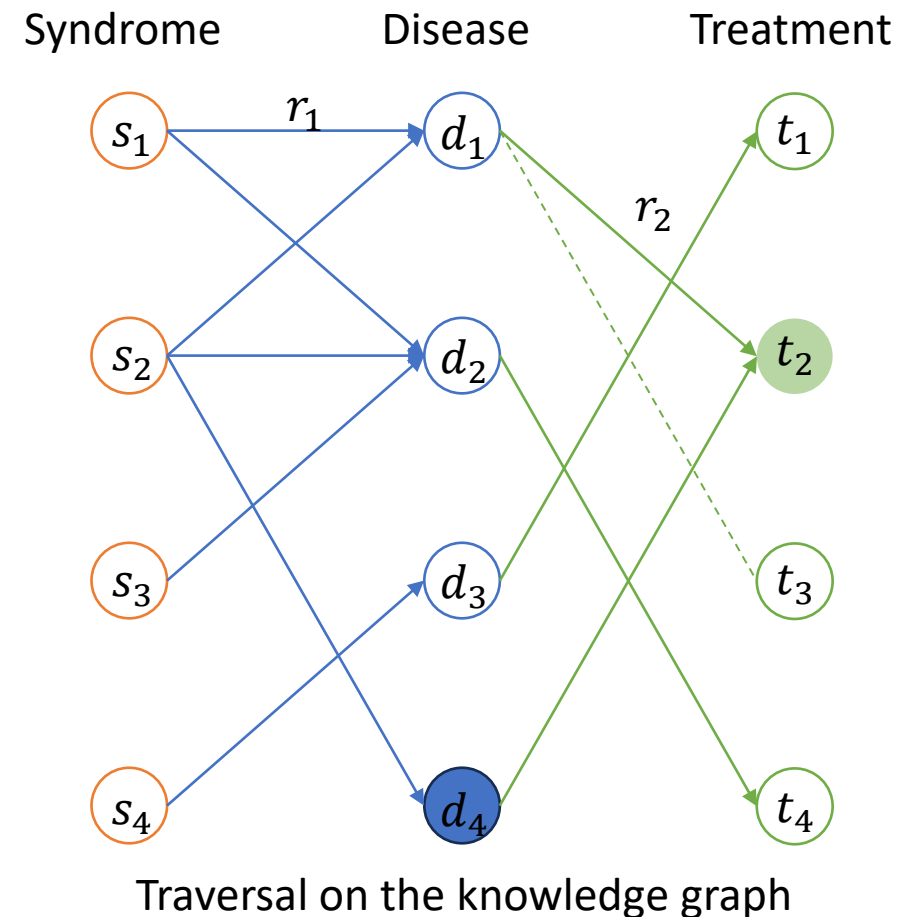
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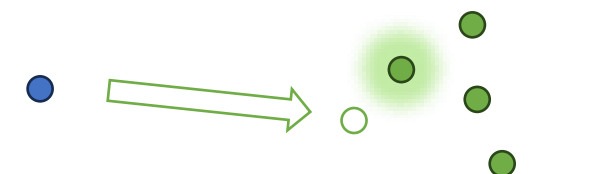
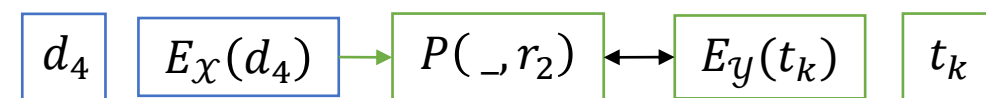


1. Computation of query embedding:  $\hat{y} = P(E_x(d_4), r_2)$
2. Rank entities by  $s(\hat{y}, E_y(t_1)), s(\hat{y}, E_y(t_2)), \dots$

$E_x(\cdot)$ : find the embedding of an answer set  
 $E_y(\cdot)$ : find the embedding of an entity



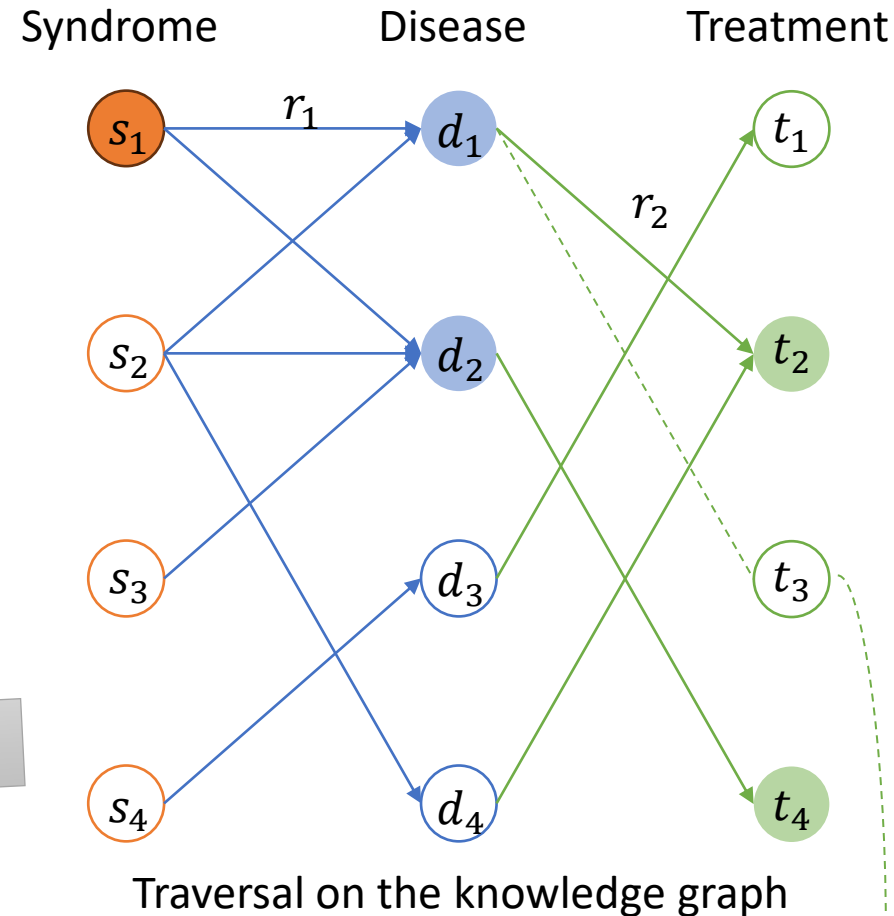
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Neural projection in embedding space

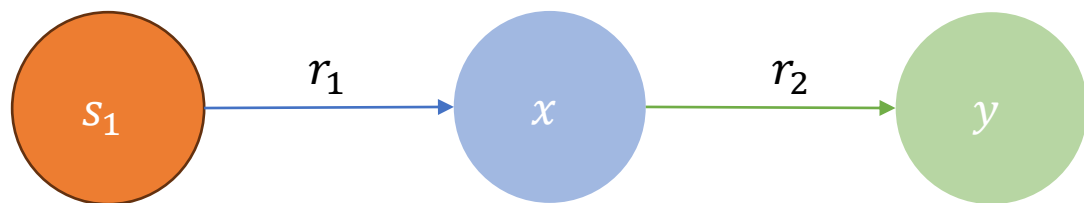
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Multi-hop Set Projection



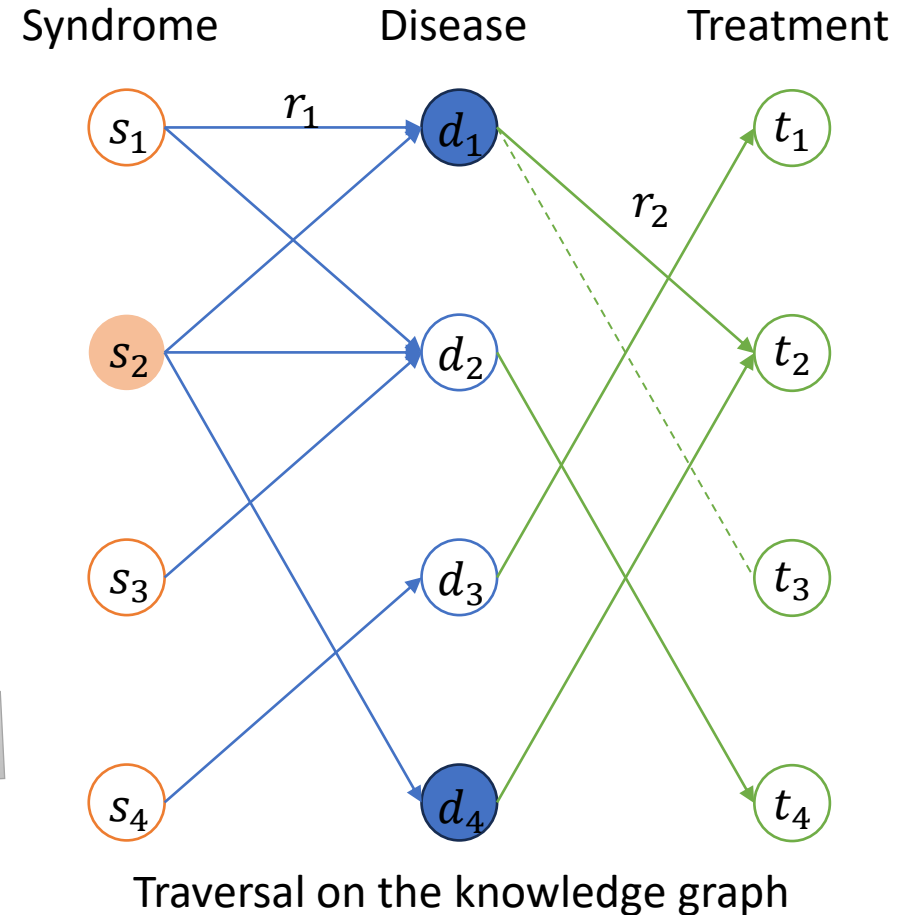
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1. Computation of query embedding:  
 $\hat{y} = P(P(E_x(s_1), r_1), r_2)$
2. Rank entities by  $s(\hat{y}, E_y(t_1)), s(\hat{y}, E_y(t_2)), \dots$
3. The missing  $t_3$  is recovered in embedding space.

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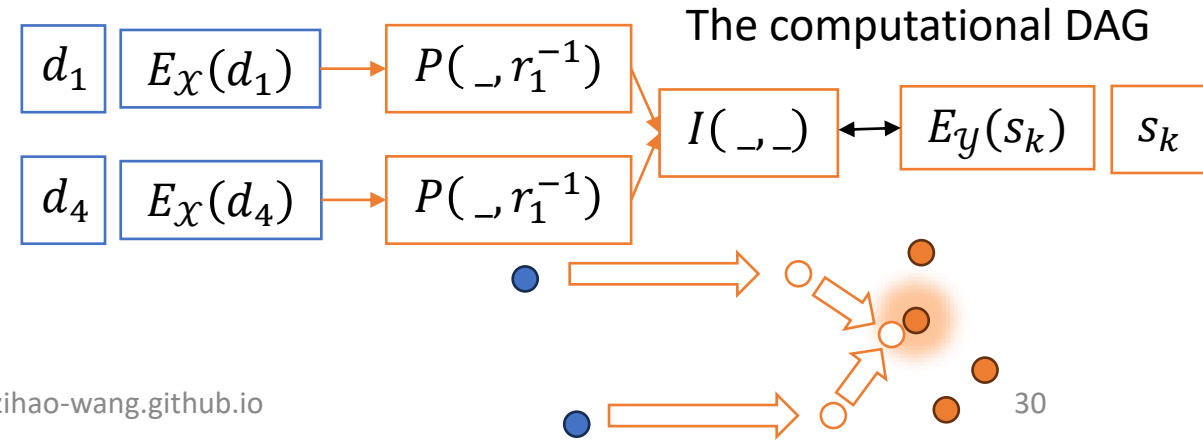
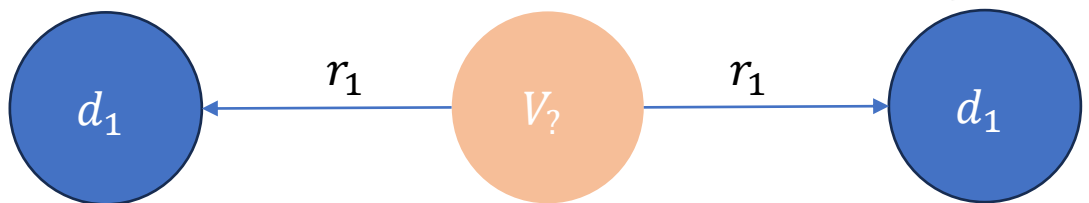
## Neural TFQ intuition explained



Traversal on the knowledge graph

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Set Intersection

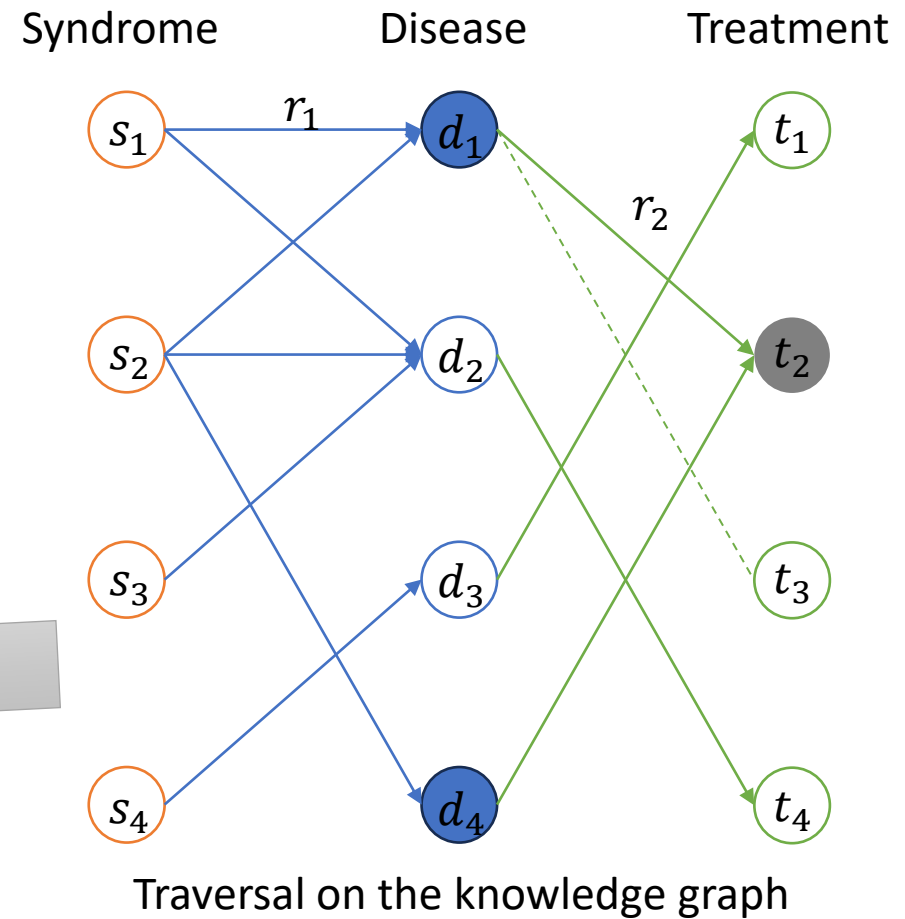


1. Computation of query embedding:  

$$\hat{y} = I\left(P(E_x(d_1), r_1^{-1}), P(E_x(d_4), r_1^{-1})\right)$$
2. Rank entities by  $s(\hat{y}, E_y(s_1)), s(\hat{y}, E_y(s_2)), \dots$

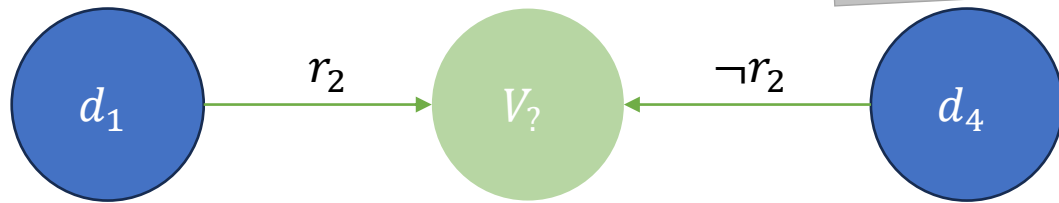
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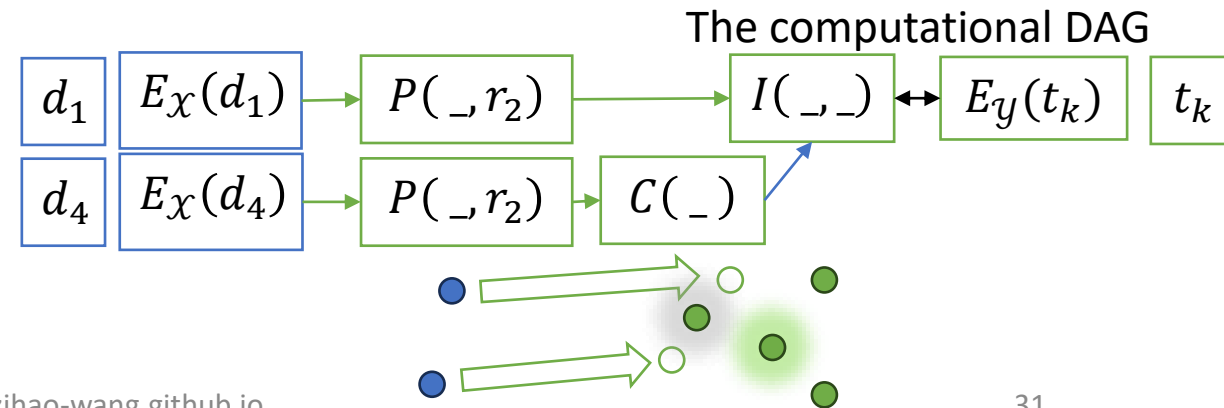
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Set Intersection & Compliment



1. Computation of query embedding:  

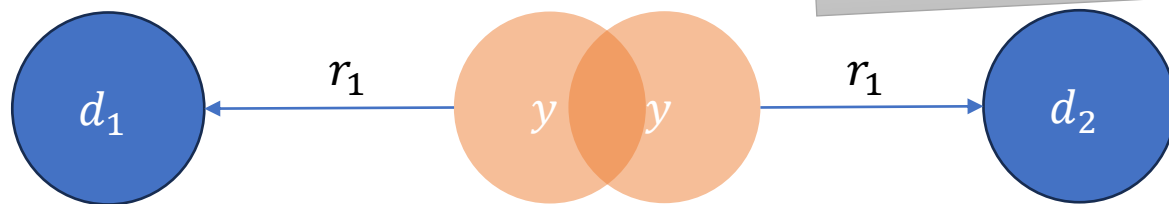
$$\hat{y} = I\left(P(E_x(d_1), r_2), C(P(E_x(d_4), r_2))\right)$$
2. Rank entities by  $s(\hat{y}, E_y(s_1)), s(\hat{y}, E_y(s_2)), \dots$
3. The missing  $t_3$  is recovered in embedding space.



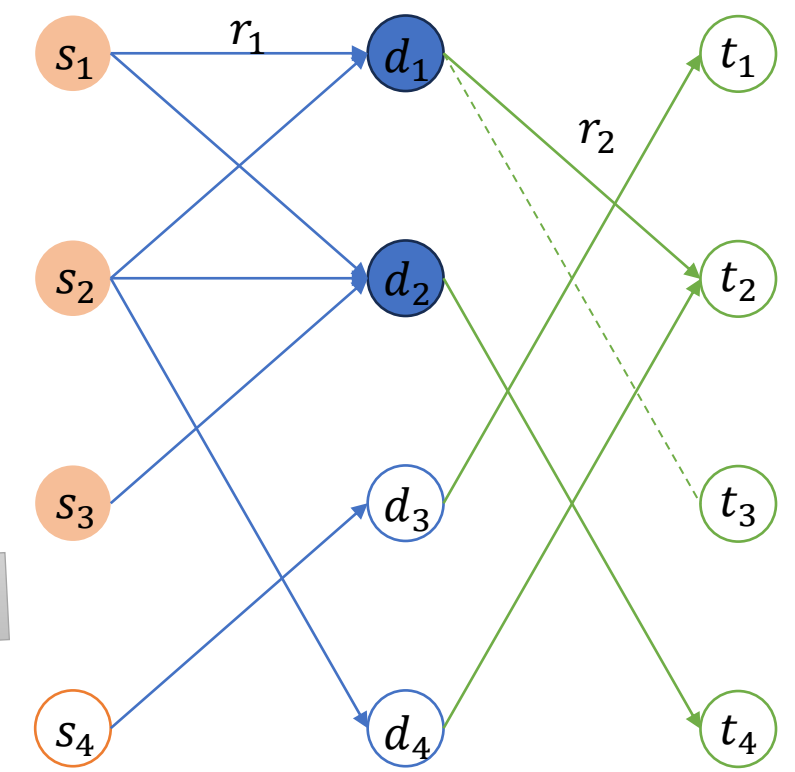
# Background: Logical query examples

Logical query in natural language	Logical query in formal language
What are the syndromes for diseases "d <sub>1</sub> " or "d <sub>2</sub> "	$y.r_1(y, d_1) \vee r_1(y, d_2)$

UCQ



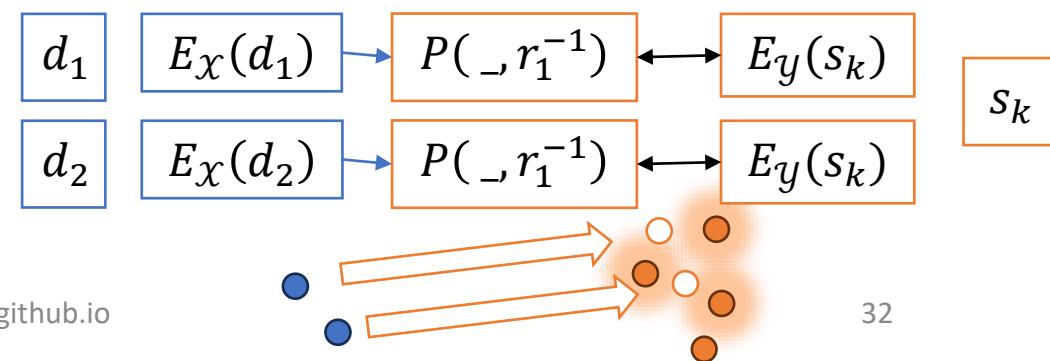
Syndrome      Disease      Treatment



Traversal on the knowledge graph

1. Computation of query embedding of each CQ  
 $\hat{y}_1 = P(E_x(d_1), r_1^{-1}), \hat{y}_2 = P(E_x(d_4), r_1^{-1})$
2. Compute scores separately  
 $s_{11} = s(\hat{y}_1, E_y(s_1)), s_{21} = s(\hat{y}_2, E_y(s_1)), \dots$
3. Final score is collected by  $s_i = \max(s_{1i}, s_{2i})$
4. Rank entities by the final score  $s_i$

The computational DAG





# Summary of the design intuitions

- Following the computational tree, forward passing of neural networks can simulate the graph traversal in the embedding space.
- UCQ provides a way to handle disjunction. But there are also other ways.
- The entire model is composed of several neutralized set operators and properly defined functions.
  - We will introduce several concrete designs later.
- The missing answers can be found because of the generalizability of neural models.
  - We will explain how to train models with their designs
  - But in general, it is negative sampling

$$L(q) = - \sum_{a \in A_q} s(q, a) + \sum_{i=1, \dots, k, e_i^- \notin A_q} s(q, e_i^-)$$

# Solutions for TFQs

## A unified template for neural TFQ models

Concept	Definition	Comment
<del>Entity set</del>	$\mathcal{E}$	Known notation
<del>Relation set</del>	$\mathcal{R}$	Known notation
Set embedding space	$\mathcal{X}$	[Query Embedding: <a href="#">Slot 1</a> ]
<del>Set embedding lookup</del>	<del><math>E_{\mathcal{X}}: \mathcal{E} \mapsto \mathcal{X}</math></del>	Simplified
Entity embedding space	$\mathcal{Y}$	[Entity embedding: <a href="#">Slot 2</a> ]
<del>Entity embedding lookup</del>	<del><math>E_{\mathcal{Y}}: \mathcal{E} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}</math></del>	Simplified
Set intersection	$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[ <a href="#">Slot 3</a> ]
Set union	$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[ <a href="#">Slot 4</a> ]
Set complement	$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[ <a href="#">Slot 5</a> ]
Set projection	$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	[ <a href="#">Slot 6</a> ]
Scoring function	$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	[Slot 7]

Each method will be introduced by filling 7 slots

# Solutions for TFQs

## Vector embedding space: GQE

Definition	Comment
$\mathcal{X}$	$q \in \mathbb{R}^d$
$\mathcal{Y}$	$a \in \mathbb{R}^d$
$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$I(q_1, \dots, q_n) = W\Psi(\text{MLP}(q_1), \dots, \text{MLP}(q_n))$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	UCQ
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	NA
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$P(q, r) = R_r q$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = \frac{q^T a}{\ q\  \ a\ }$

*MLP*: multi-layer perceptron

$\Psi$ : a permutation invariant operator

$W$ : a matrix

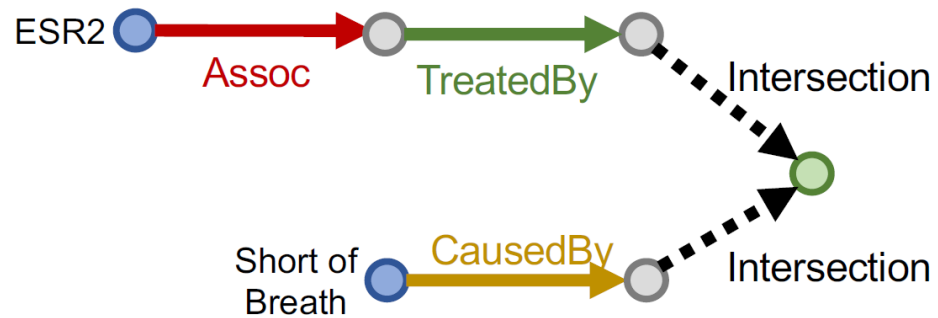
$R_r$ : a matrix indexed by relation  $r$

Training objective  $L(q) = \max(0, 1 - s(q, a) + s(q, e_-))$

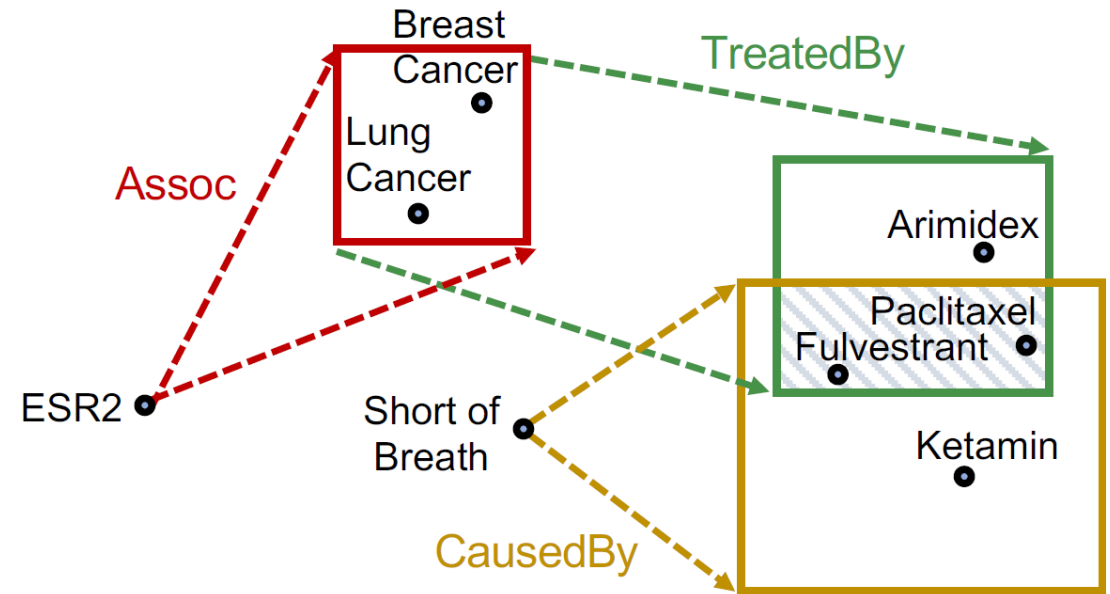
# Solutions for TFQs

## Geometric embedding space: Q2B (0/4)

Query Plan



Embedding Space



# Solutions for TFQs

## Geometric embedding space: Q2B (1/4)

Definition

Comment

$\mathcal{X}$

$q$  is a box in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$\mathcal{Y}$

$a \in \mathbb{R}^d$

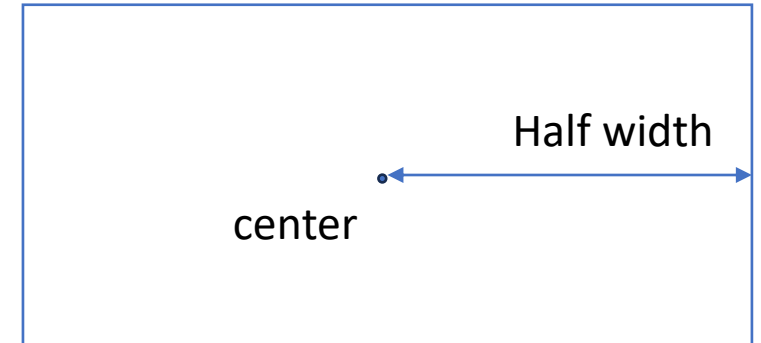
A box in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is parameterized by a vector

$$(c^q, w^q) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+^d$$

$$q = \text{Box}(c^q, w^q) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^d: c_i^q - w_i^q < v_i < c_i^q + w_i^q\}$$

- $c$  the center of a box
- $w$  the half width of a box

$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$q_I = I(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)$ $c^I = \sum a_i c^{q_i}, a_i = \text{softmax}_{i=1, \dots, n}(\text{MLP}(q_i))$ $w^I = \min\{w^{q_1}, \dots, w^{q_n}\} \sigma(\text{Deepset}(q_1, \dots, q_n))$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	UCQ
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	NA
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$\text{Box}(c^{P(q,r)}, w^{P(q,r)}) = \text{Box}(c_q + c_r, w_q + w_r)$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = \gamma - \text{dist}_{\text{outside}}(q, a) - \alpha \text{dist}_{\text{inside}}(q, a)$



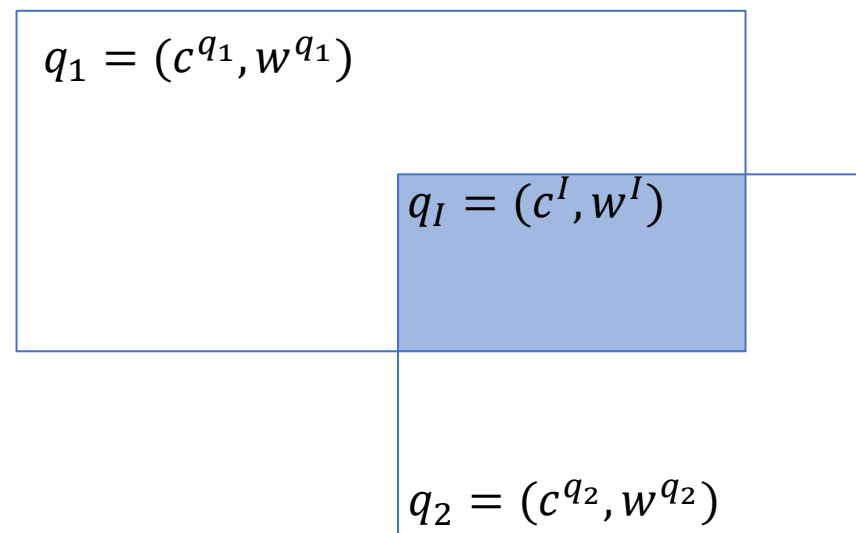
$$\text{Training objective } L(q) = -\log \sigma(s(q, a)) - \sum_{j=1, \dots, k} \frac{1}{k} \log \sigma(s(q, e_j^-))$$

# Solutions for TFQs

## Geometric embedding space: Q2B (2/4)

Definition	Comment
$\mathcal{X}$	$q$ is a box in $\mathbb{R}^d$
$\mathcal{Y}$	$a \in \mathbb{R}^d$
$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$q_I = I(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)$ $c^I = \sum a_i c^{q_i}, a_i = \text{softmax}_{i=1, \dots, n}(\text{MLP}(q_i))$ $w^I = \min\{w^{q_1}, \dots, w^{q_n}\} \sigma(\text{Deepset}(q_1, \dots, q_n))$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	UCQ
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	NA
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$\text{Box}(c^{P(q,r)}, w^{P(q,r)}) = \text{Box}(c_q + c_r, w_q + w_r)$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = \gamma - \text{dist}_{\text{outside}}(q, a) - \alpha \text{dist}_{\text{inside}}(q, a)$

The intuition for the intersection of multiple boxes



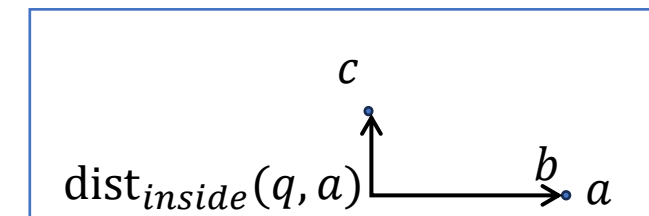
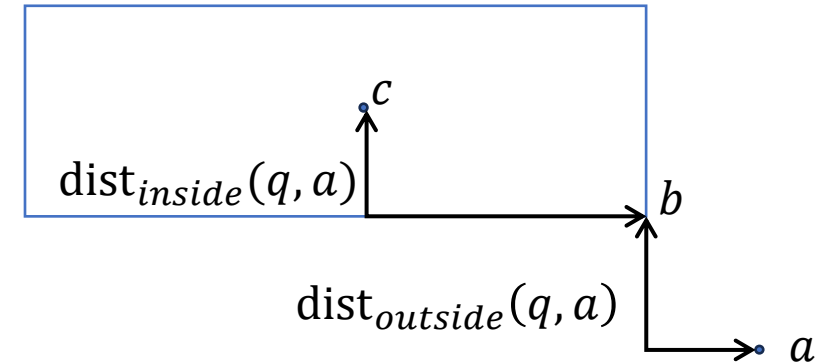
$$\text{Training objective } L(q) = -\log \sigma(s(q, a)) - \sum_{j=1, \dots, k} \frac{1}{k} \log \sigma(s(q, e_j^-))$$

# Solutions for TFQs

## Geometric embedding space: Q2B (3/4)

Definition	Comment
$\mathcal{X}$	$q$ is a box in $\mathbb{R}^d$
$\mathcal{Y}$	$a \in \mathbb{R}^d$
$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$q_I = I(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)$ $c^I = \sum a_i c^{q_i}, a_i = \text{softmax}_{i=1, \dots, n}(\text{MLP}(q_i))$ $w^I = \min\{w^{q_1}, \dots, w^{q_n}\} \sigma(\text{Deepset}(q_1, \dots, q_n))$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	UCQ
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	NA
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$\text{Box}(c^{P(q,r)}, w^{P(q,r)}) = \text{Box}(c_q + c_r, w_q + w_r)$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = \gamma - \text{dist}_{\text{outside}}(q, a) - \alpha \text{dist}_{\text{inside}}(q, a)$

The intuition for the scoring function  
 Outside distance and inside distance



$$\text{Training objective } L(q) = -\log \sigma(s(q, a)) - \sum_{j=1, \dots, k} \frac{1}{k} \log \sigma(s(q, e_j^-))$$

# Solutions for TFQs

## Geometric embedding space: Q2B (4/4)

Definition	Comment
$\mathcal{X}$	$q$ is a box in $\mathbb{R}^d$
$\mathcal{Y}$	$a \in \mathbb{R}^d$
$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$q_I = I(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)$ $c^I = \sum a_i c^{q_i}, a_i = \text{softmax}_{i=1, \dots, n}(\text{MLP}(q_i))$ $w^I = \min\{w^{q_1}, \dots, w^{q_n}\} \sigma(\text{Deepset}(q_1, \dots, q_n))$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	UCQ
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	NA
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$\text{Box}(c^{P(q,r)}, w^{P(q,r)}) = \text{Box}(c_q + c_r, w_q + w_r)$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = \gamma - \text{dist}_{\text{outside}}(q, a) - \alpha \text{dist}_{\text{inside}}(q, a)$

The realization for the scoring function

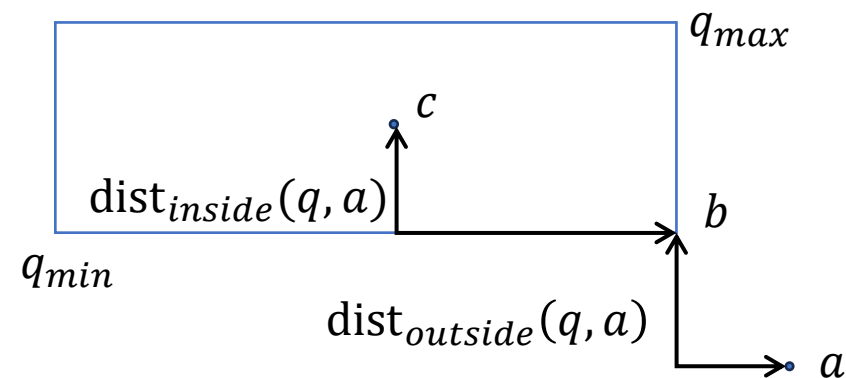
Outside distance and inside distance:

$$q_{\max, i} = c_i^q + w_i^q$$

$$q_{\min, i} = c_i^q - w_i^q$$

$$\text{dist}_{\text{outside}}(a; q) = \|\max(a - q_{\max}, 0) + \max(q_{\min} - a, 0)\|_1$$

$$\text{dist}_{\text{inside}}(a; q) = \|c^q - \min(q_{\max}, \max(q_{\min}, a))\|_1$$



$$\text{Training objective } L(q) = -\log \sigma(s(q, a)) - \sum_{j=1, \dots, k} \frac{1}{k} \log \sigma(s(q, e_j^-))$$



# Solutions for TFQs with set complement

## Probability embedding space: BetaE

Q: How to model the set complement?

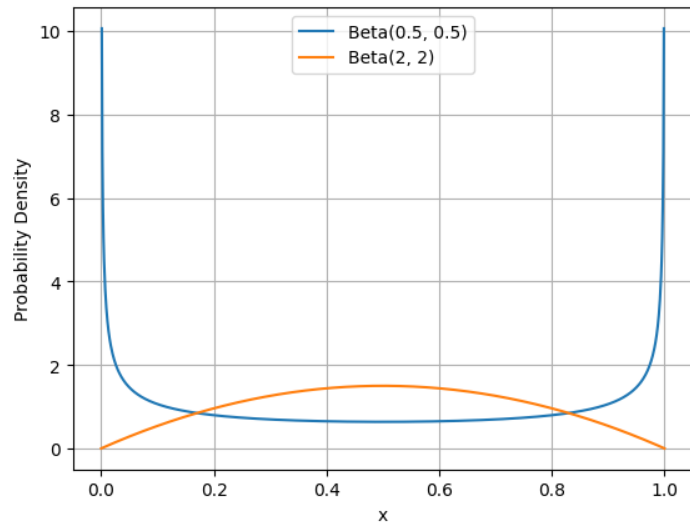
A: Use inductive bias of probability families

- P.d.f. of Beta distribution  $\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}$$

where  $\Gamma(x)$  is the Gamma function.

- Set embedding:  $d$  Beta distributions.



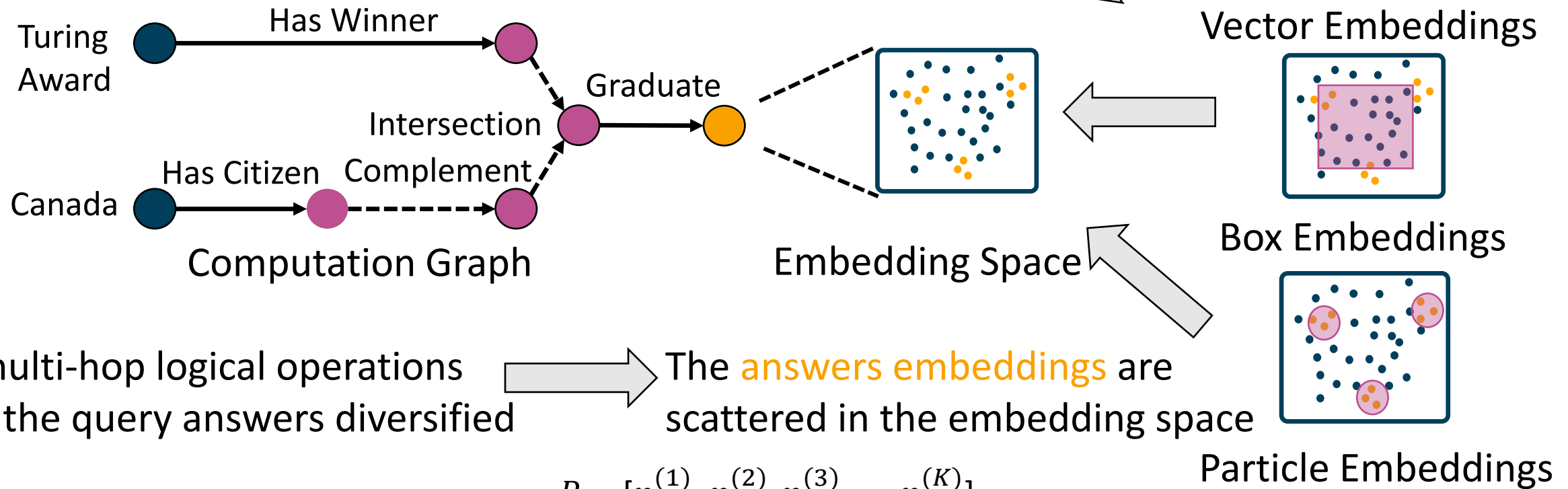
Definition	Comment
$\mathcal{X}$	$q = (\alpha_1^q, \beta_1^q, \dots, \alpha_d^q, \beta_d^q) \in [0, \infty)^{2d}$
$\mathcal{Y}$	$a \in [0, \infty)^{2d}$
$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$I(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n) = \sum_i \alpha_i q_i,$ $\alpha_i = \text{softmax}(\text{NN}(q_i))$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	UCQ
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$C(q) = \mathbf{1}/q$
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$P(q, r) = \text{MLP}_r(q)$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = \gamma - \sum_{i=1, \dots, d} \text{KL}(B(\alpha_i^q, \beta_i^q)   B(\alpha_i^a, \beta_i^a))$

$$\text{Training objective } L(q) = -\log \sigma(s(q, a)) - \sum_{j=1, \dots, k} \frac{1}{k} \log \sigma(s(q, e_j^-))$$

# Solutions for TFQs with set union

## Empirical sample embedding space: Q2P

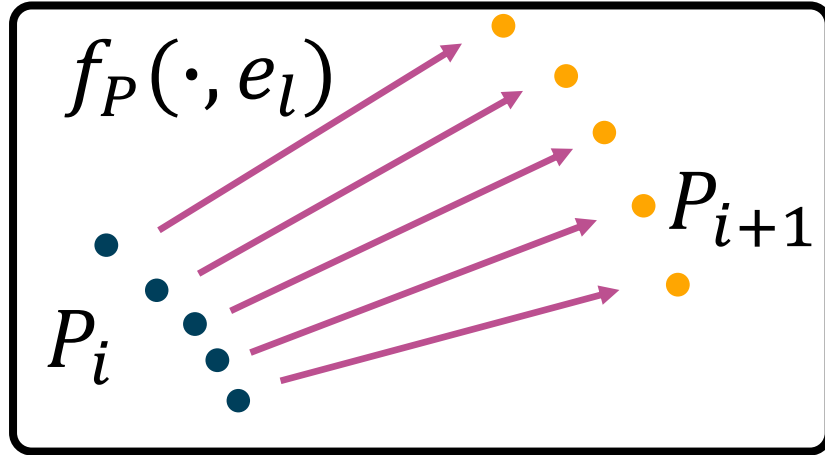
$$q = V_? . \exists V: Win(TuringAward, V) \wedge \neg Citizen(Canada, V) \wedge Graduate(V, V_?)$$



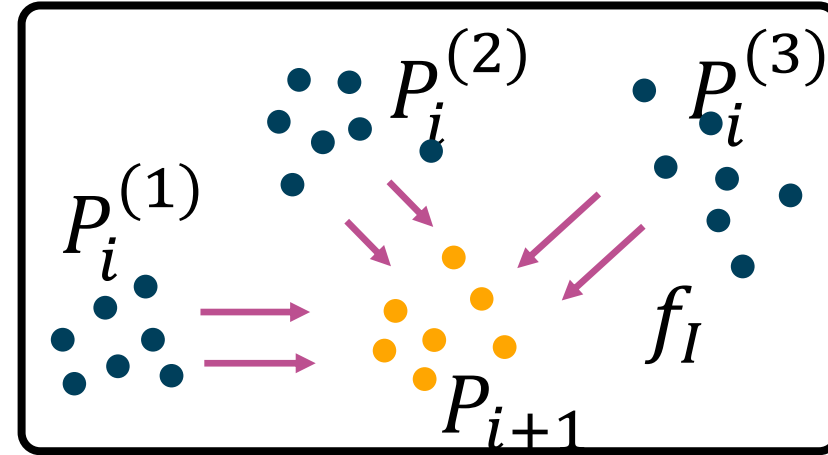
$$P_i = [p_i^{(1)}, p_i^{(2)}, p_i^{(3)}, \dots, p_i^{(K)}]$$

# Solutions for TFQs with set union

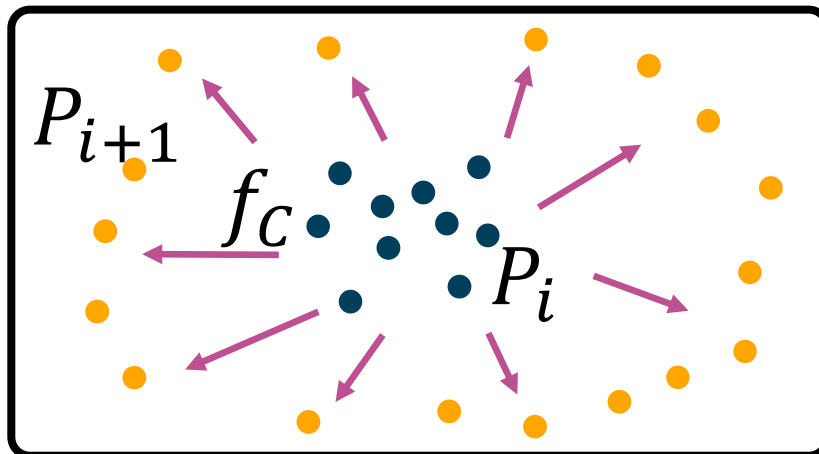
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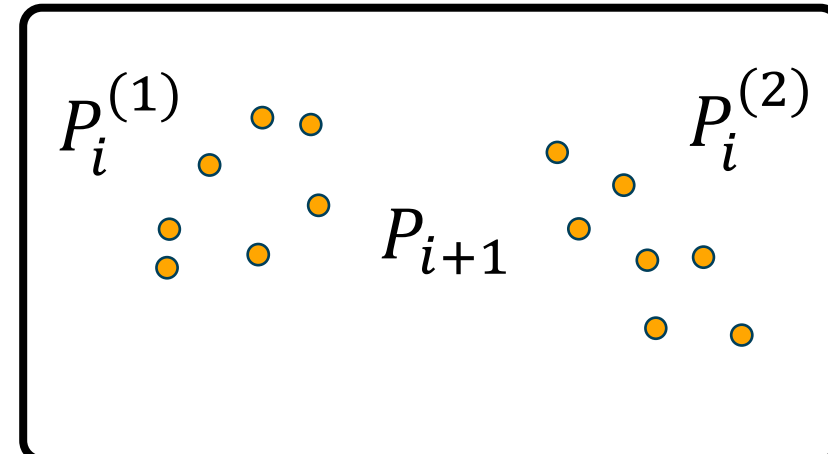
Relational Projection



Intersection



Complement



Union

# Solutions for TFQs with set union

## Empirical sample embedding space: Q2P

Gated Transition for customizing the directions of transitions for each vector in particles:

$$A_i = (1 - Z) \odot P_i + Z \odot T$$

Here  $Z$  is the update gate, and  $T$  is transition for each particles. They are computed from  $P_i$  and the relation embedding  $e_l$  for relation  $l$

Definition	Comment
$\mathcal{X}$	Multiple particles in $\mathbb{R}^d$
$\mathcal{Y}$	$\mathbb{R}^d$
$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$A_i = \text{self-attn}(P_i)$ $P_{i+1} = \text{MLP}(A_i)$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	Merge Particles
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$A_i = \text{self-attn}(P_i)$ $P_{i+1} = \text{MLP}(A_i)$
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$A_i = (1 - Z) \odot P_i + Z \odot T$ $P(q, r) = \text{self-attn}(A_i)$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = \max_{k=1,2,3,\dots,K} \langle p_T^{(k)}, a \rangle$

$$\text{Training objective } L(q) = -\log \frac{e^{s(q,a)}}{\sum_{v \in \mathcal{E}} e^{s(q,v)}}$$

# Solutions for TFQs with fuzzy logic

## Fuzzy logic embedding space (1/4)

Designing set operators is tricky. Can we make it more theoretical?

Trying to incorporate it with fuzzy logic  $t$ -norm.

- A  $t$ -norm is a function  $T: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- Consider conjunction query  $(q_1 \wedge q_2)(y; x_1, \dots)$ 
  - Consider the fuzzy Truth Value  $TV[(q_1 \wedge q_2)(y = a)]$ 
$$TV[(q_1 \wedge q_2)(y = a)] = TV[q_1(y = a) \wedge q_2(y = a)]$$
  - Introduce  $t$ -norm  $T$ , then,
$$TV[q_1(y = a) \wedge q_2(y = a)] = TV[q_1(y = a)] \mathbf{T} TV[q_2(y = a)]$$
- Also, for disjunction and negation,
  - $TV[q_1(y = a) \mathbf{V} q_2(y = a)] = TV[q_1(y = a)] \mathbf{\perp} TV[q_2(y = a)]$
  - $TV[\neg q_1(y = a)] = \mathbf{1} - TV[q_1(y = a)]$

We consider Godel  $t$ -norm in this lecture

- $a \mathbf{T} b = \min(a, b)$
- $a \mathbf{\perp} b = \max(a, b)$

# Solutions for TFQs with fuzzy logic

## Fuzzy logic embedding space (2/4)

- A matrix  $M_{q,a} = TV(q(y = a))$  records everything we need. where  $q$  is an arbitrary query and  $a$  is an entity.

$$s(q, a) = M_{q,a}$$

- The range of  $q$  looks infinitely large, but what really matters is
  - Finite positive atomic queries, so that only finite rows should be recorded  $M^{atomic}$ .
  - $t$ -norm computation (introduced in previous page) generates infinite rows.
- We can of course consider the low rank decomposition of  $M^{atomic}$ .

$$M_{q,a}^{atomic} \approx \vec{q}^T \vec{a}$$

- $\vec{q}^T \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the query embedding of an atomic query  $q(y) = r(e, y)$ .
- Any atomic query can be written as  $q(y) = r(e, y)$  by allowing reverse relation.

# Solutions for TFQs with fuzzy logic

## Fuzzy logic embedding space (3/4)

- Low rank (rank  $d$ ) decomposition of  $M^{atomic}$

$$M_{q,a}^{atomic} \approx \vec{q}^T \vec{a}$$

- $\vec{q}$  is the query embedding
- $\vec{a}$  is the entity embedding
- If we further assume that
  - $\vec{q} \in [0,1]^d, \vec{a} \in [0,1]^d$
  - $t$ -norm is linear, for convenience we consider Godel  $t$ -norm

- Let  $q_1, q_2$  be atomic query, then

$$M_{q_1 \wedge q_2, a} = \overline{q_1 \wedge q_2}^T \vec{a} = M_{q_1, a} \top M_{q_2, a} = \min(M_{q_1, a}, M_{q_2, a}) = \min(\overline{q_1}^T \vec{a}, \overline{q_2}^T \vec{a}) = \min(\overline{q_1}^T, \overline{q_2}^T) \vec{a}$$

- Conclusion:

$$\overline{q_1 \wedge q_2} = \min(\overline{q_1}, \overline{q_2}) = \overline{q_1} \top \overline{q_2}$$

# Solutions for TFQs with fuzzy logic

## Fuzzy logic embedding space (4/4)

- We omit  $\vec{q}$  as  $q$ .

$$q_1 \wedge q_2 = q_1 \top q_2$$

- Similarly

$$q_1 \vee q_2 = q_1 \perp q_2$$

$$\neg q = 1 - q$$

- Then we parameterize atomic query  $q_{atomic} = r(q_{in}, y)$  as  $\text{MLP}_r(q_{in})$ , we see the projection is

$$P(q_{in}, r) = \text{MLP}_r(q_{in})$$

- Then we get the FuzzQE

Definition	Comment
$\mathcal{X}$	$q \in [0,1]^d$
$\mathcal{Y}$	$a \in [0,1]^d$
$I: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$I(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n) = q_1 \top \dots \top q_n$
$U: \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$U(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n) = q_1 \perp \dots \perp q_n$
$C: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$C(q) = 1 - q$
$P: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$	$P(q, r) = \text{MLP}_r(q)$
$s: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$	$s(q, a) = q^T a$



# Summary so far

- An overview of the problem + a detailed discussion about TFQ
  - Definition
  - Set operator parameterization
    - In vector, geometric region, probability distribution, empirical samples, ...
    - Heuristics for projection, intersection, negation, and union.
    - Fuzzy logic motivated methods.
- Questions
  - How far is TFQ away from EFO1?
  - Methods beyond simulating set operators?

# Tree-form queries and existential first order queries

1. The syntactical definition of tree-form queries
2. Relation between TFQ and EFO

# TFQ vs EFO: The syntax of TFQ (1/5)

Tree-form query family contains the queries that can be converted into the computational tree.

To formal define TFQ, we should describe logical queries that expresses

- Atomic query
- Set projection
- Set intersection
- Set union
- Set complement

# TFQ vs EFO: The syntax of TFQ (2/5)

To formal define TFQ, we should describe logical queries that expresses

➤ Atomic query

- Set projection
- Set complement
- Set intersection
- Set union

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of all TFQs, then

➤ Set of all atomic queries.

$$S_{atomic} = \{q(y) = r(h, y): r \in \mathcal{R}, h \in \mathcal{E}\} \in \mathcal{T}$$

Note: let  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  be a relation and  $r^{-1}$  be its inverse, then  $r^{-1} \in \mathcal{R}$ .

# TFQ vs EFO: The syntax of TFQ (3/5)

To formal define TFQ, we should describe logical queries that expresses

- Atomic query
- Set projection
- Set complement
- Set intersection
- Set union

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of all TFQs, then

- $S_{atomic} \in \mathcal{T}$
- If  $\phi(z) \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  
 $\exists z. \phi(z) \wedge r(z, y) \in \mathcal{T}$

$\phi(z)$  is a TFQ,  
 $TV[\phi(z = a)]$  describes  
the probability of  $a$  being  
the answer of  $\phi(z)$

# TFQ vs EFO: The syntax of TFQ (4/5)

To formal define TFQ, we should describe logical queries that expresses

- Atomic query
- Set projection
- Set complement
- Set intersection
- Set union

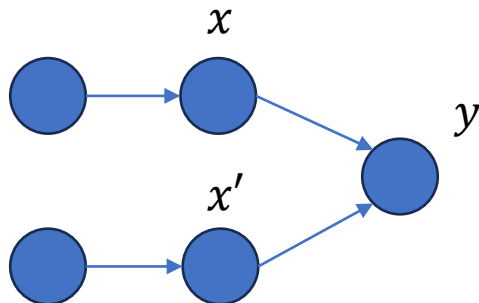
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# TFQ vs EFO: The syntax of TFQ (5/5)

To formal define TFQ, we should describe logical queries that expresses

- Atomic query
- Set projection
- Set complement
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# TFQ vs EFO: The syntax of TFQ (5/5)

## Tree-form query

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of all TFQs, then

- $S_{atomic} = \{r(h, y) : r \in \mathcal{R}, h \in \mathcal{E}\} \in \mathcal{T}$   
 $h$  is an entity,  $y$  is a variable

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## Existential First Order (EFO) query

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the set of all EFO query, then

- $F_{atomic} = \{r(t_1, t_2), r \in \mathcal{R}\} \in \mathcal{Q}$

$t_1$  and  $t_2$  are either entities or variables.

- If  $\phi \in F_{atomic}$ , then

$$\neg\phi(y) \in \mathcal{Q}$$

- If  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{Q}$ , then

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Note1: the existential variables in  $\phi(y)$  and  $\psi(y)$  can be shared.

- If  $\phi \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $x$  is a variable, then

$$\exists x. \phi \in \mathcal{Q}$$

Note2: we can always use this rule to make sure there is only one free variable (non-quantified). This subset is also known as EFO<sub>1</sub>.



# TFQ vs EFO: Definitions reveals more questions

- Are TFQ the same as EFO?
  - If not, which one is a larger set?
  - If not, are methods introduced in the previous lecture still effective for EFO?
    - If not, we need more methods!

# TFQ vs EFO: Are TFQ $\mathcal{T}$ the same as EFO $\mathcal{Q}$ ?

$\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{Q}$  is not empty

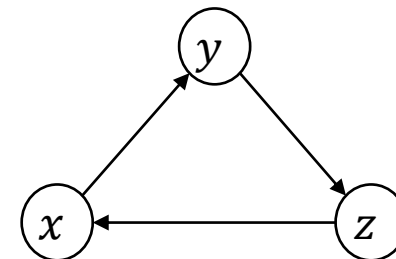
Construction:

- $r_1(a, y) \in \mathcal{T}$
- $\exists x. r_1(a, x) \wedge r_2(x, y) \in \mathcal{T}$
- $\neg \exists x. r_1(a, x) \wedge r_2(x, y) \in \mathcal{T}$
- $\phi(y) = \forall x. \neg r_1(a, x) \vee \neg r_2(x, y)$   
 $\phi(y) \in \mathcal{T}$
- There is a universal quantifier, so it is not existential.

$\mathcal{Q} - \mathcal{T}$  is not empty

Construction:

- $r(x, y), r(y, z), r(z, x) \in \mathcal{Q}$
- $\phi(y) = \exists x, z. r(x, y) \wedge r(y, z) \wedge r(z, x)$   
 $\phi(y) \in \mathcal{Q}$
- This is a triangle but not a tree.



# TFQ vs EFO

- Fine grained characterization of the differences, refer to the paper

*Yin, H., Wang, Z., & Song, Y. (2023). Rethinking Complex Queries on Knowledge Graphs with Neural Link Predictors. arXiv preprint arXiv:2304.07063.*

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.07063>

- We need methods designed for the generic EFO query?

# Neuro-symbolic methods for EFO queries

Inference

Search in the continuous space

Learning to search in the continuous space

# Methods: Fuzzy inference with truth values

## Key idea

- Calculate the truth value rigorously defined with fuzzy logic.

## Problem definition

- Given a link predictor  $f(h, r, t)$ , we can compute the entire

$$M_{q,a} = TV[q(y = a)]$$

## Comment

- Most straightforward way of computation, will be simplified later.

# Methods: Fuzzy inference with truth values

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- If  $\phi \in Q$  and  $x$  is a variable, then  
 $\exists x. \phi \in Q$

Some rules to calculate the truth value.

- If  $\phi \in F_{atomic}$ , then  
 $TV[r(a, b)] = f(a, r, b)$
- If  $\phi \in F_{atomic}$ , then  
 $TV[\neg\phi] = 1 - TV[\phi]$
- If  $\phi, \psi \in Q$ , then  
 $TV[\phi \wedge \psi] = TV[\phi] \top TV[\psi]$   
 $TV[\phi \vee \psi] = TV[\phi] \perp TV[\psi]$
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 $TV[\exists x. \phi(x)] = \perp_{a \in \mathcal{E}}^* TV[\phi(x = a)]$

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- $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  are logical conjunction and disjunction, they are related to a **paired** fuzzy logic
  - $t$ -norm  $\top$  and
  - $t$ -conorm  $\perp$ .
- $\perp_{a \in \mathcal{E}}^*$  is also a fuzzy logic  $t$ -conorm, but it is used for the existential variable.
- Also related to the *lifted inference* in probabilistic database.

# Methods: Fuzzy inference with truth values

$$\phi(y; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \exists x_1, \dots, \exists x_n \cdot \bigvee_{j=1, \dots, N} \bigwedge_{k=1, \dots, M_j} a_{jk}$$

- A question, why  $\phi(y; x_1, \dots, x_n)$  follows our inductive definition before?
  - Because the existential quantifier and conjunction/disjunction are exchangeable.
- The truth value of  $\phi(y = a)$  is eventually

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \perp_{x_1=e_1 \in \mathcal{E}}^* \cdots \perp_{x_n=e_n \in \mathcal{E}}^* \bigvee_{j=1, \dots, N} \bigwedge_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV \left[ a_{jk} \Big|_{y=a} \right]$$



# Methods: Search problem, derivation and formulation

- When  $\perp^*$  is a Godel  $t$ -conorm, the inference problem

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \perp_{x_1=e_1 \in \mathcal{E}}^* \cdots \perp_{x_n=e_n \in \mathcal{E}}^* \perp_{j=1, \dots, N} \top_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV \left[ a_{jk} \middle|_{y=a} \right]$$

becomes an optimization problem

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{E}} \perp_{j=1, \dots, N} \top_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV \left[ a_{jk} \middle|_{y=a} \right]$$

This complexity of this search problem in general grows exponentially with respect to the number of variables.

# Methods: Search problem, a complex example

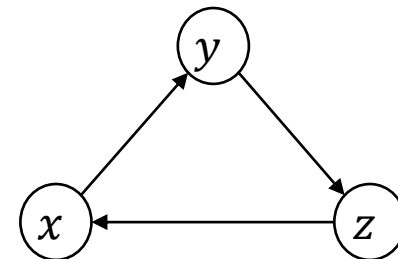
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For the case  $\phi(y = a) = \exists x, z. r(x, y = a) \wedge r(y = a, z) \wedge r(z, x)$ , we shall optimize

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \max_{x \in \mathcal{E}, z \in \mathcal{E}} f(x, r, a) \top f(a, r, z) \top f(z, r, x)$$

- Because  $x$  and  $z$  are dependent.



# Methods: Search problem, simpler case

- For  $\phi \in \mathcal{T} \cap \mathcal{Q}$ , the search problem is drastically simplified because the query graph (nodes are terms and edges are atomics) is tree.
- Then one can find a topological order to remove each existential variable with  $O(|\mathcal{E}|^2)$ . Then the overall complexity is linear to the number of variables.
- This discussion also applies for the inference problem.

# Methods: Search in the continuous space (1/3)

- The search problem

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{E}} \perp_{j=1, \dots, N} \top_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV \left[ a_{jk} \Big|_{y=a} \right]$$

is defined over the discrete set  $\mathcal{E}$ .

- A continuous relaxation put  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in the embedding space  $\mathcal{X}$

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}} \perp_{j=1, \dots, N} \top_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV \left[ a_{jk} \Big|_{y=a} \right]$$

- The optimization objective is differentiable as long as
  - $\top$  and  $\perp$  are differentiable.
  - $TV \left[ a_{jk} \Big|_{y=a} \right]$  are differentiable.

# Methods: Search in the continuous space (2/3)

Are  $TV \left[ a_{jk} \middle|_{y=a} \right]$  differentiable?

- Let's look inside

$$TV \left[ a_{jk} \middle|_{y=a} \right] = f(h, r, t)$$

$h, t$  are entities or variables already with assignments.

- Before, the  $f(h, r, t)$  takes discrete entities as input.
- But it is eventually a link predictor.  
It is also OK to use entity embeddings

# Methods: Search in the continuous space, the example

- Recall the discrete search example

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \max_{x \in \mathcal{E}, z \in \mathcal{E}} f(x, r, a) \top f(a, r, z) \top f(z, r, x)$$

- The continuous relaxation goes with

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] \approx \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}, z \in \mathcal{X}} f(x, r, a) \top f(a, r, z) \top f(z, r, x)$$

- This problem can be solved via **gradient ascend!**

# Methods: Search in the continuous space (3/3)

There will be  $|\mathcal{E}|$  problems if we evaluate  $TV[\phi(y = a)]$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{E}$  separately.

A simpler trick, known as Continuous Query Decomposition (CQD)

$$TV[\exists y. \phi(y)] = \max_{x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{X}} \prod_{j=1, \dots, N} \prod_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV[a_{jk}]$$

Then with optimal  $x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*$ , we just need to evaluate the objective.

$$TV[\phi(y = a)] = \prod_{j=1, \dots, N} \prod_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV \left[ a_{jk} \Big|_{y=a, x_1=x_1^*, \dots, x_n=x_n^*} \right]$$

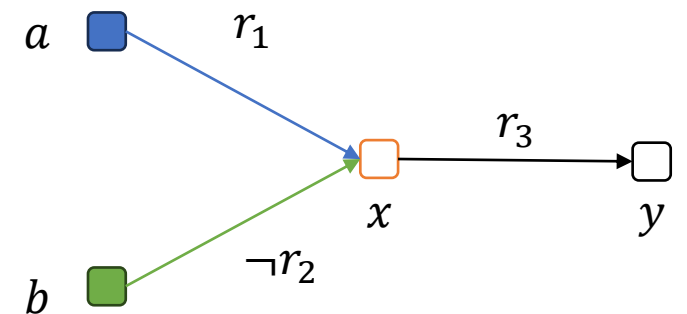
# Methods: Learning to search in the continuous space

Can we skip the gradient ascend?

- Before answering yes or no, let's simplify the problem by consider the **conjunctive queries** separately.

$$\max_{x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{X}} \prod_{k=1, \dots, M_j} TV[a_{jk}]$$

- This conjunctive queries can be considered as a query graph
- $\exists x. r_1(a, x) \wedge \neg r_2(b, x) \wedge r_3(x, y)$
- Or  $\max_{x, y} f(a, r_1, x) \prod [1 - f(b, r_2, x)] \prod f(x, r_3, y)$





# Methods: Learning to search in the continuous space

## Search

Goal: optimize the embedding of  $x, y$

Method: gradient ascend

$$\max_{x,y} f(a, r_1, x) \top [1 - f(b, r_2, x)] \top f(x, r_3, y)$$

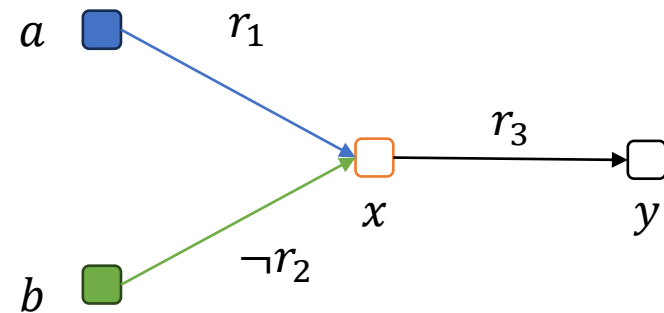
## Learning to search

Goal: estimate the embedding of  $x, y$

- Learn the pos. emb against neg. emb.

Method: neural network forward pass

- **New design problem of NN akin to the optimization process**

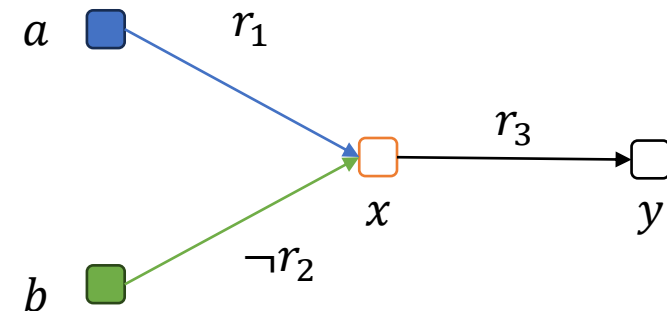


# Methods: Learning to search in the continuous space

Instead of optimizing the global objective, we optimize the local parts objective in each edge (atomic formula) with closed-form solutions

- One-hop inference problems

- $\max_x f(h, r, x) := \rho(h, r, h2t, 0)$
- $\max_x f(x, r, t) := \rho(t, r, t2h, 0)$
- $\max_x 1 - f(h, r, x) := \rho(h, r, h2t, 1)$
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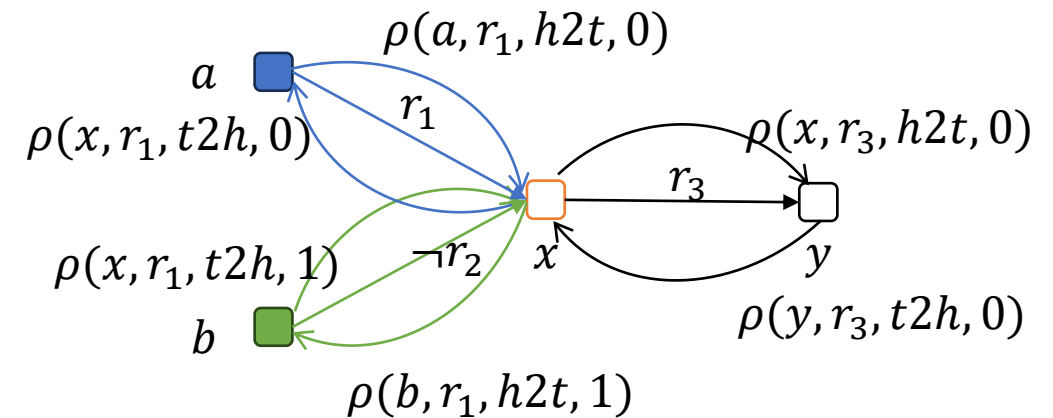


- $\rho(\text{entity, relation, direction, negation})$  is a message function
- A design problem: closed-form  $\rho$  for many link predictors

# Methods: Learning to search in the continuous space

The desired GNN design: Logical Message Passing Neural Networks

- Reused GIN layer with the proper message (1 MLP to train)
    - Able to approximate any functions
  - Number of GIN layers = diameter of the graph
  - Initialization with pretrained **entity embeddings**
  - For variables initialized with special embeddings (2 embeddings to train)
    - One embedding for all **existential variables**.
    - One for the **free query variable**
- ✓ Then the embeddings of  $x, y$  are estimated



GNN end-to-end Training

Loss function: noisy contrastive estimation:

$$L = -\log \frac{e^{\cos(y,a)}}{e^{\cos(y,a)} + \sum_k e^{\cos(y,e_k^-)}}$$

The embedding of  $y$  is estimated by GNN  
Entity embeddings are pretrained.