



自然语言处理如何入门

--NLPer的打怪升级之路

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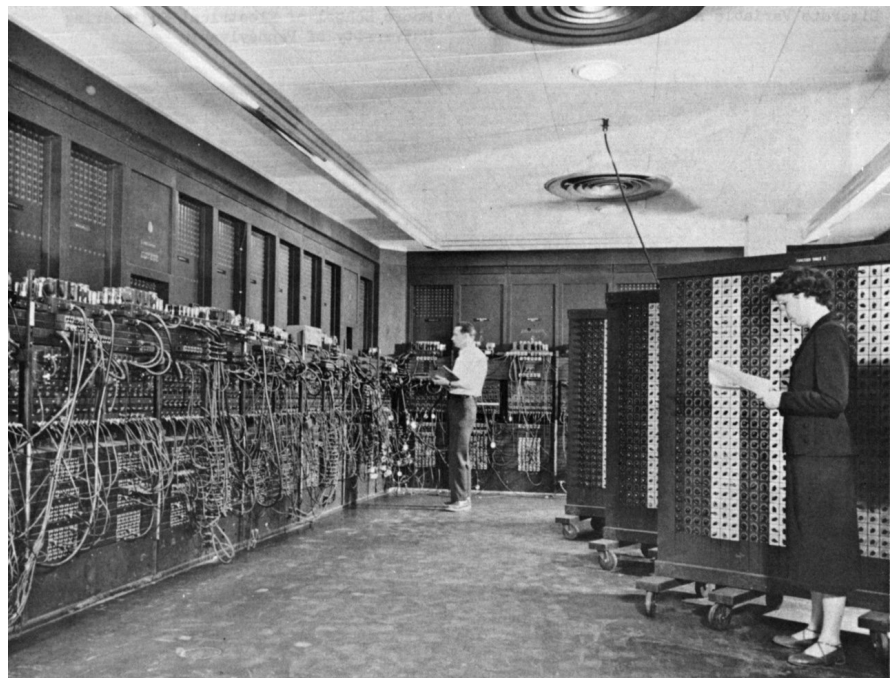
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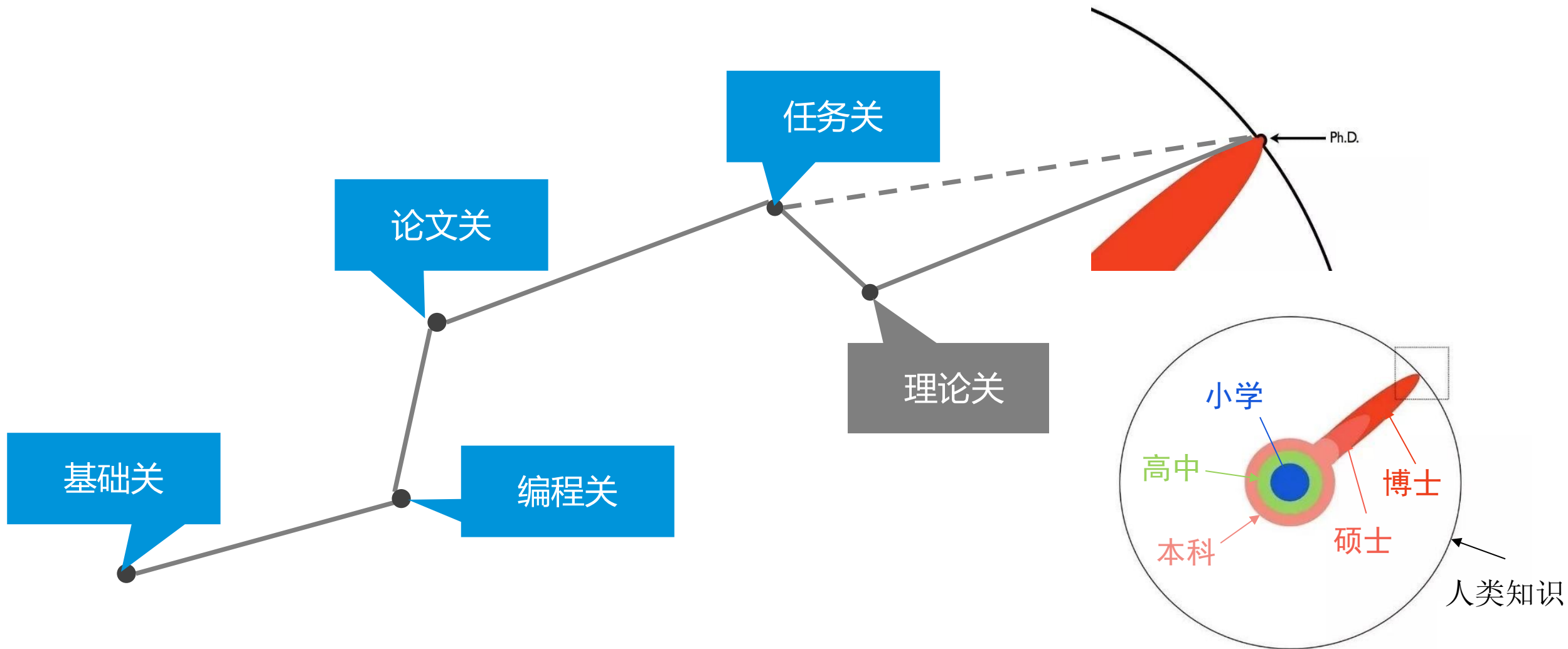
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Natural Language Understanding

Natural Language Processing







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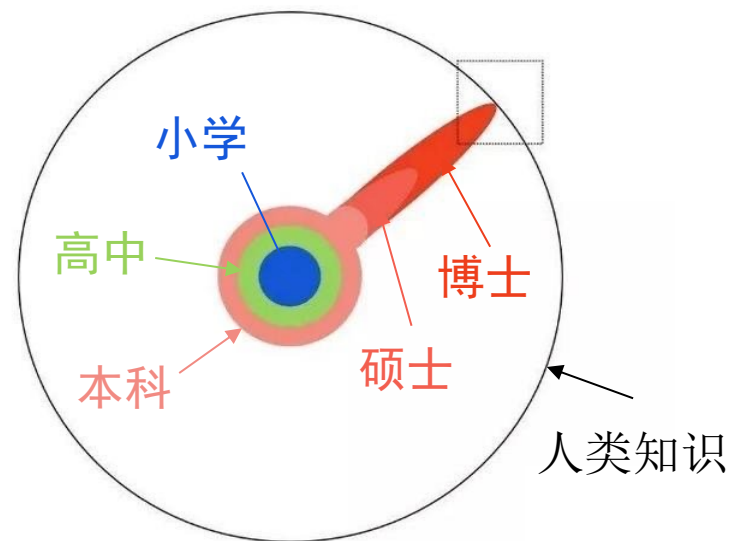
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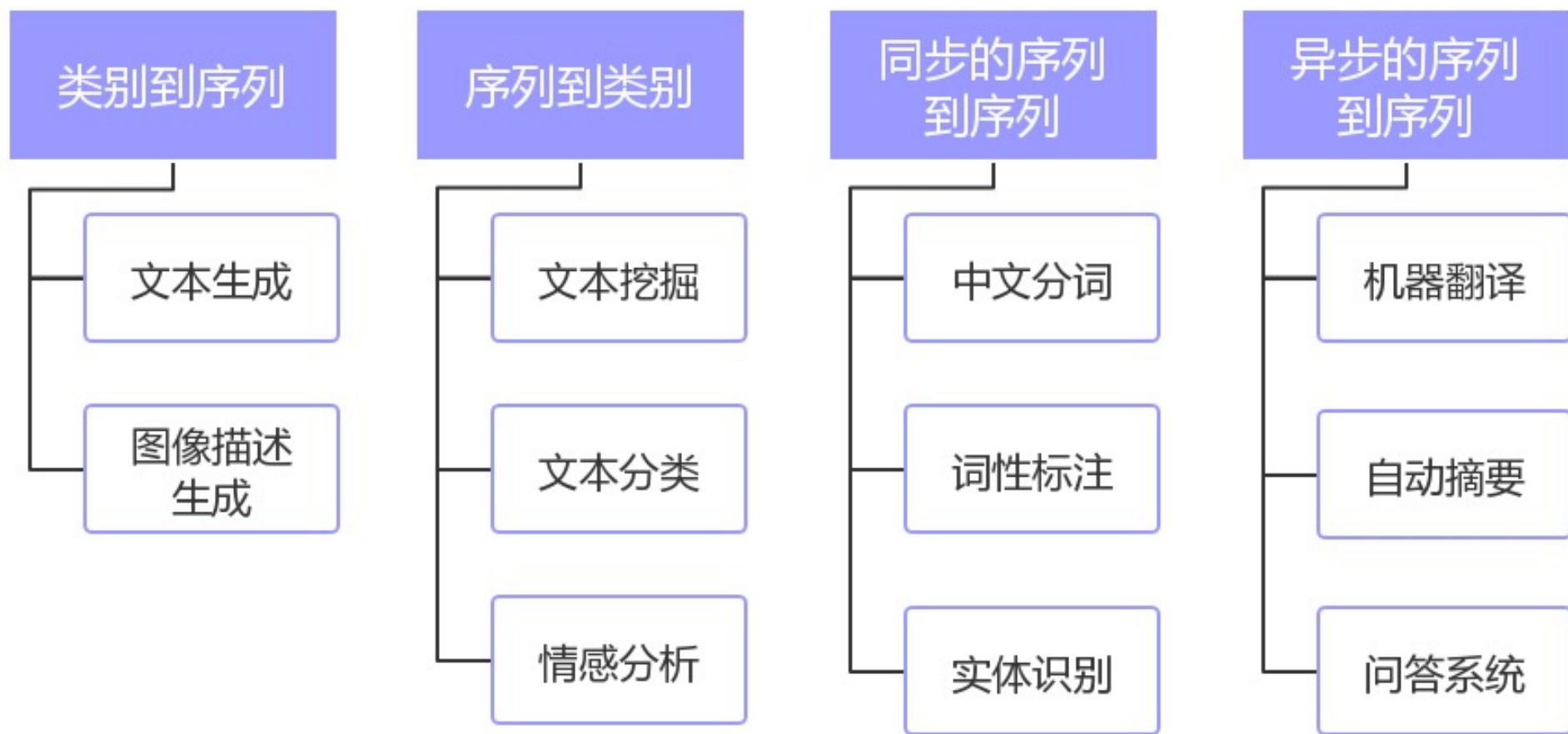
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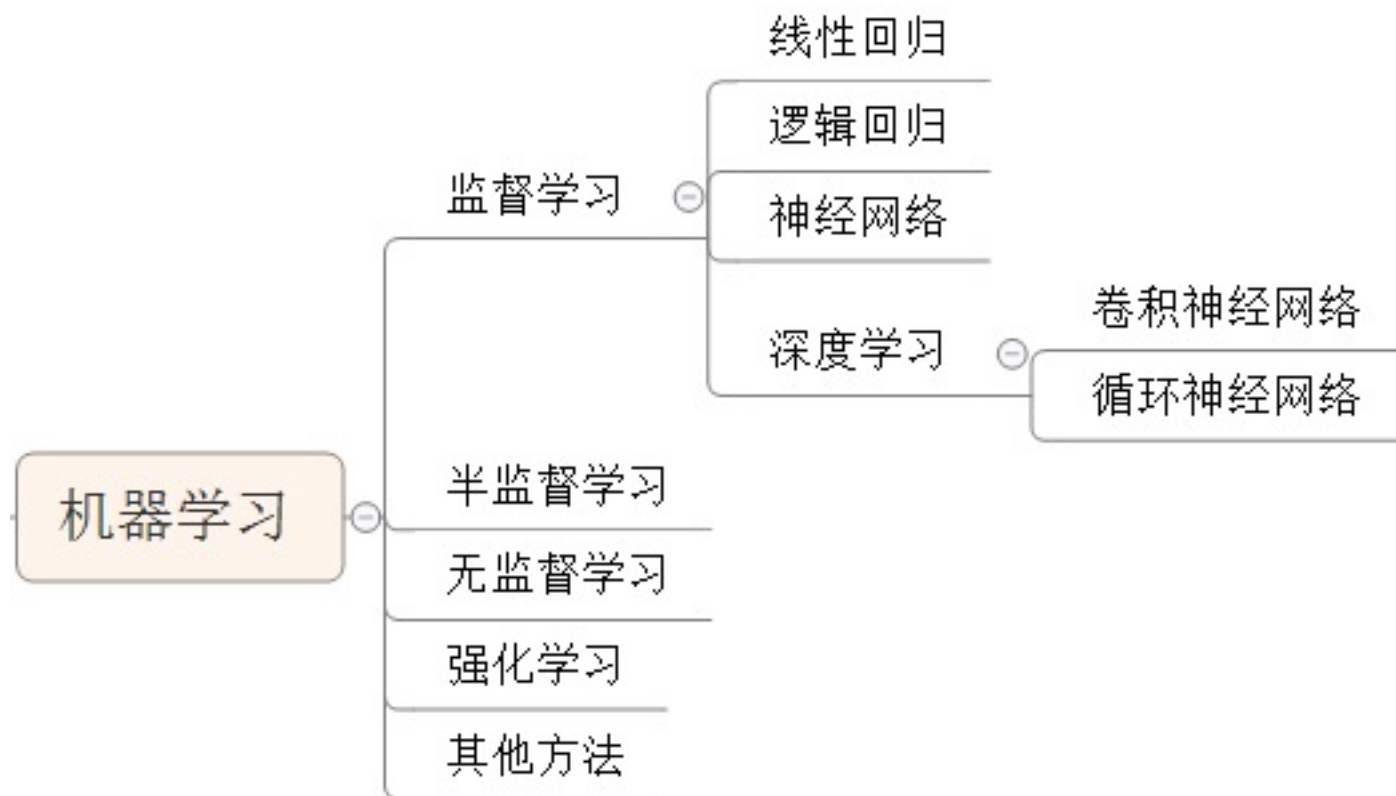
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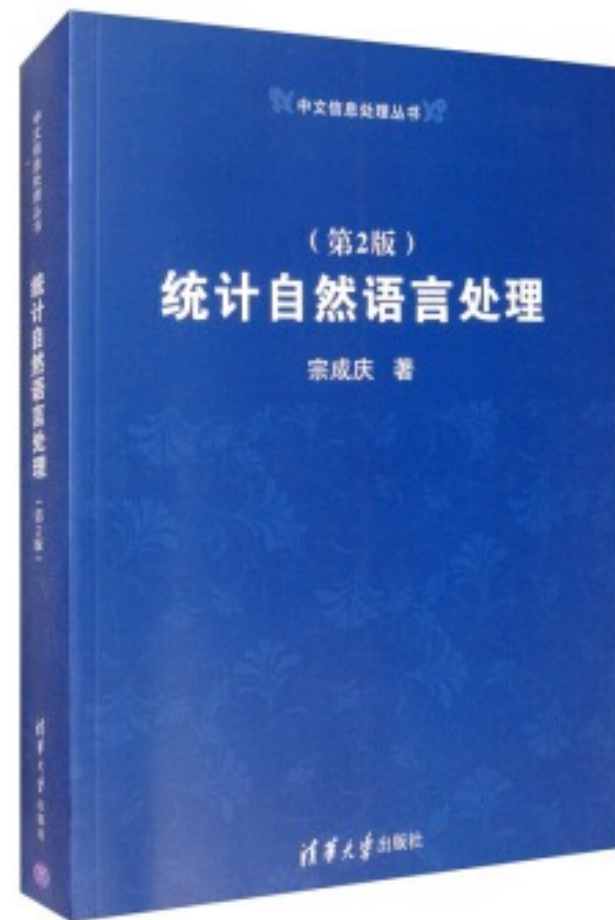
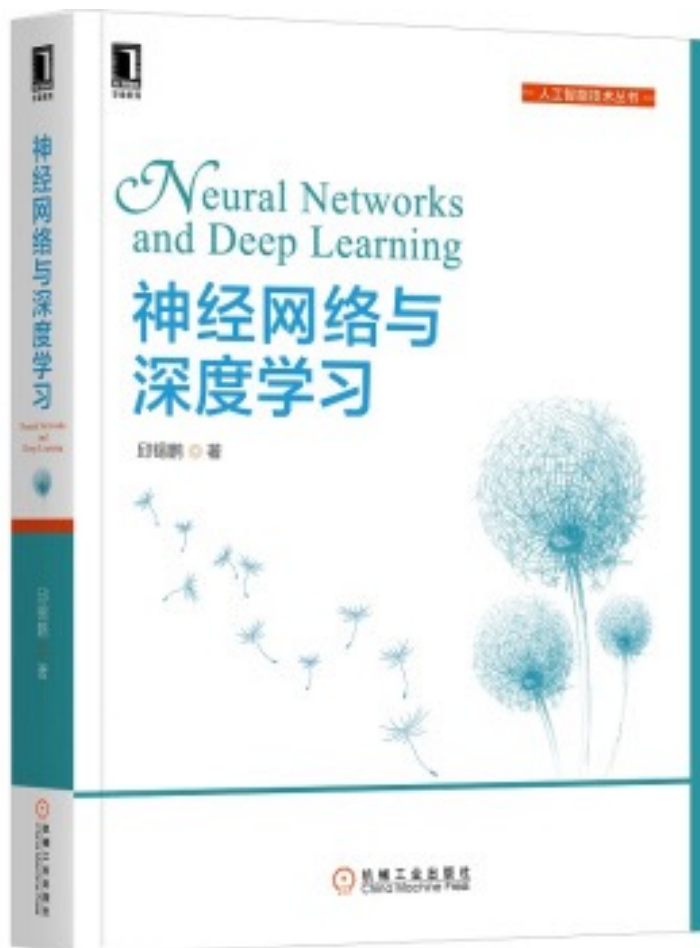
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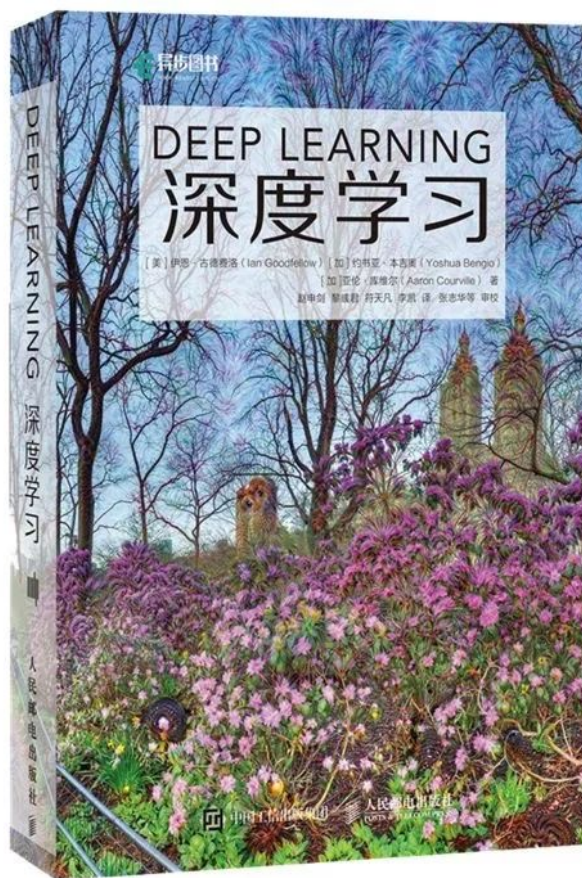


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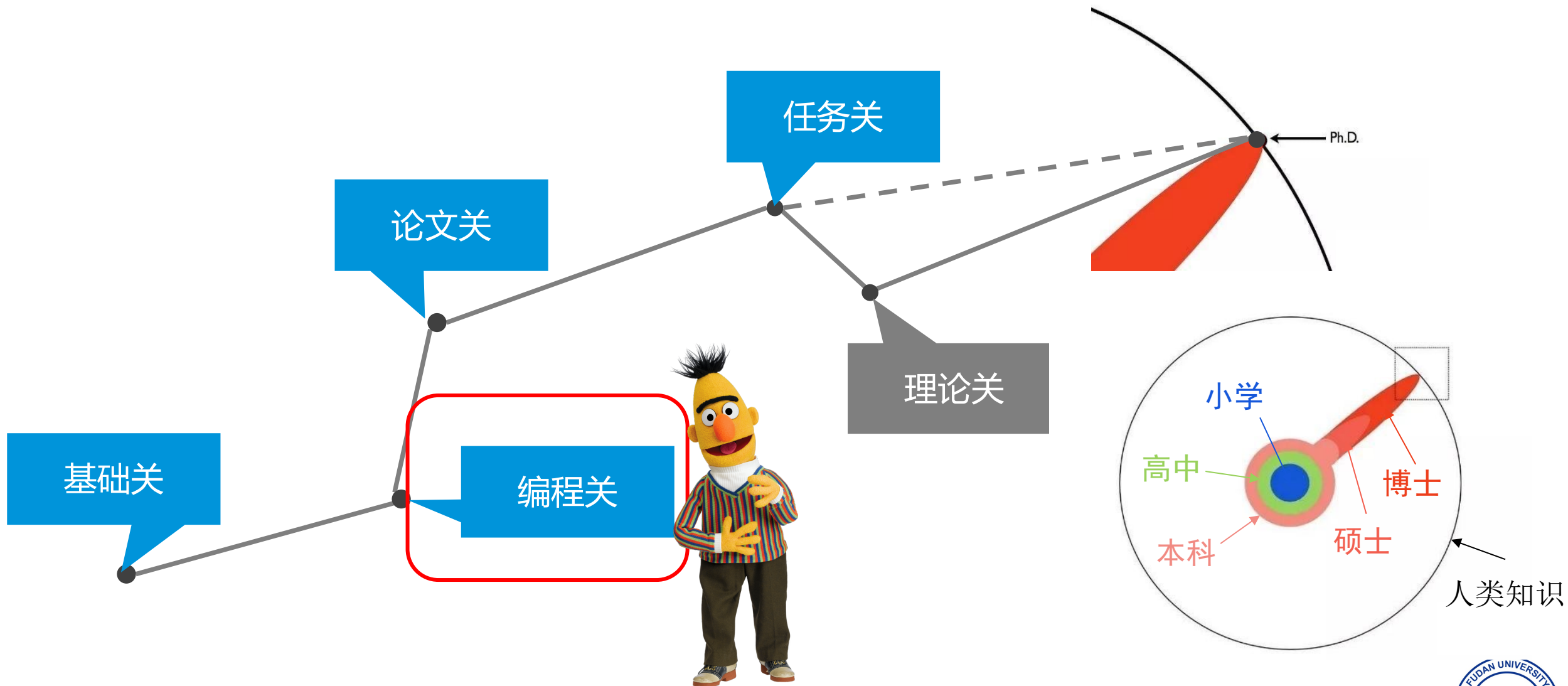
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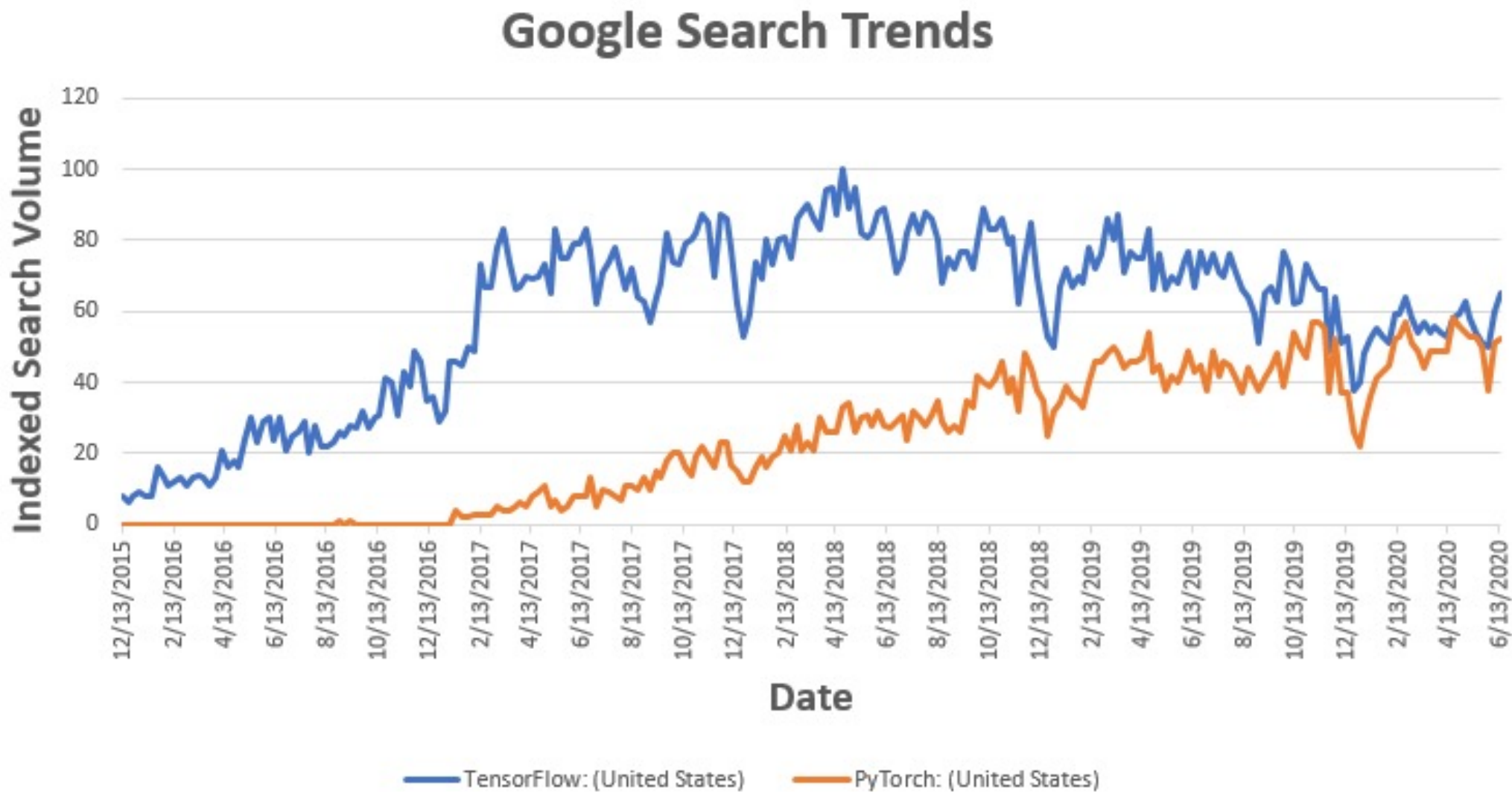
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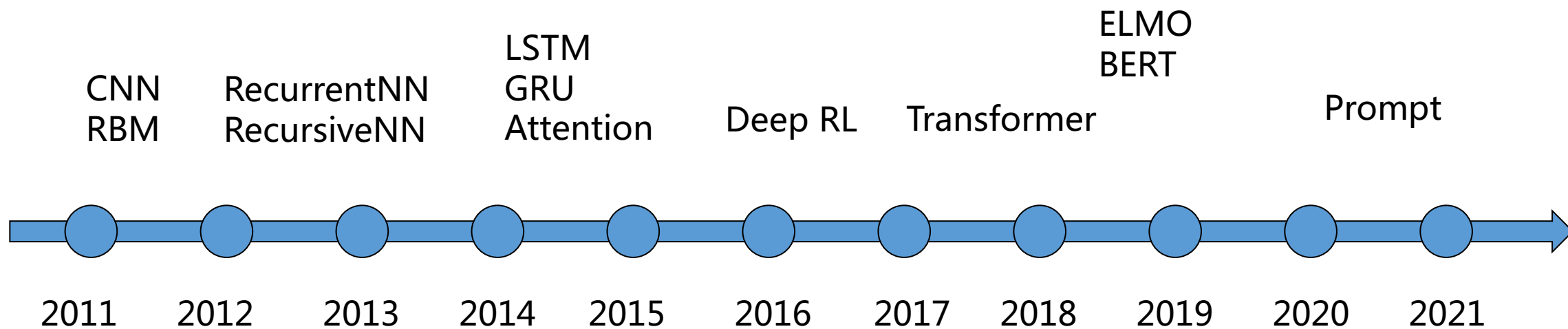
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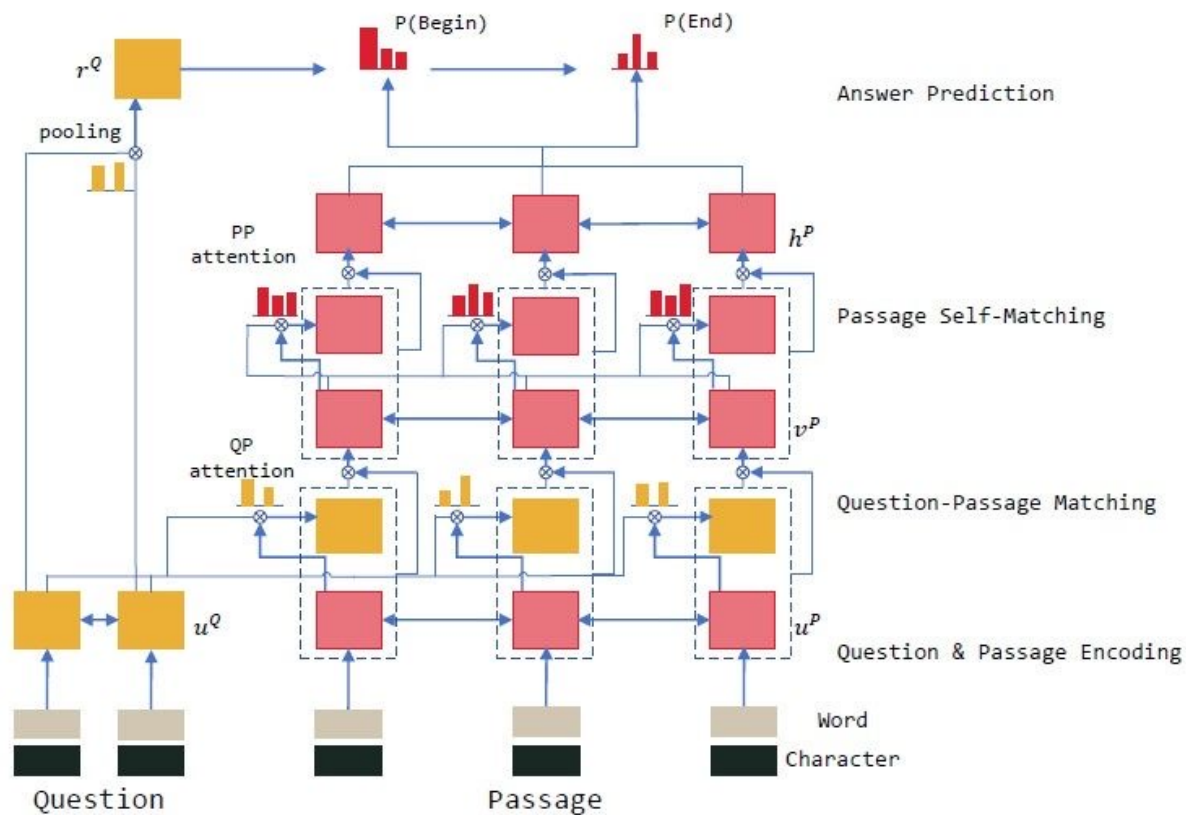
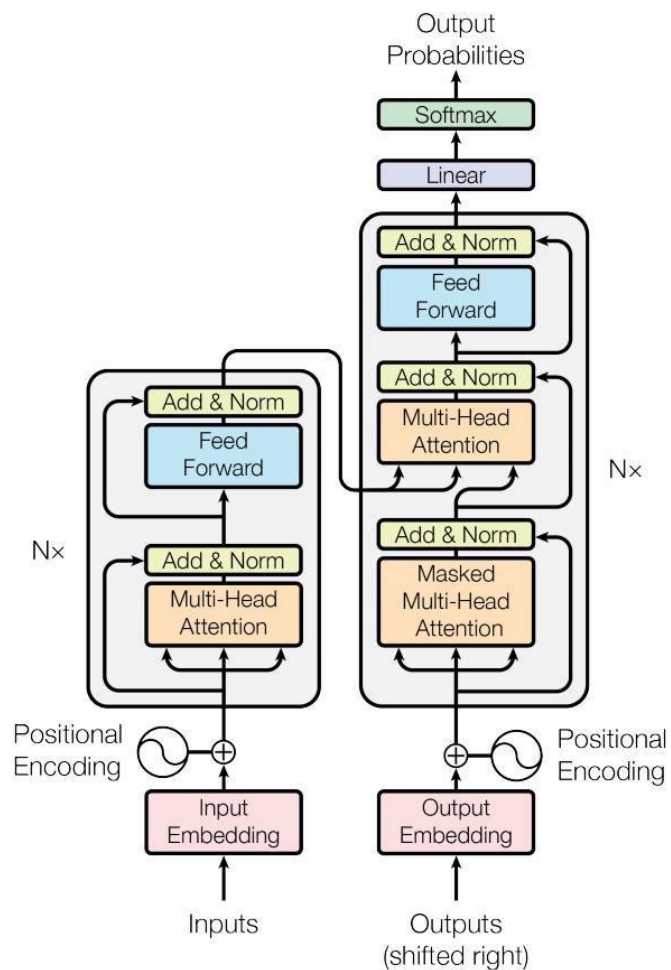




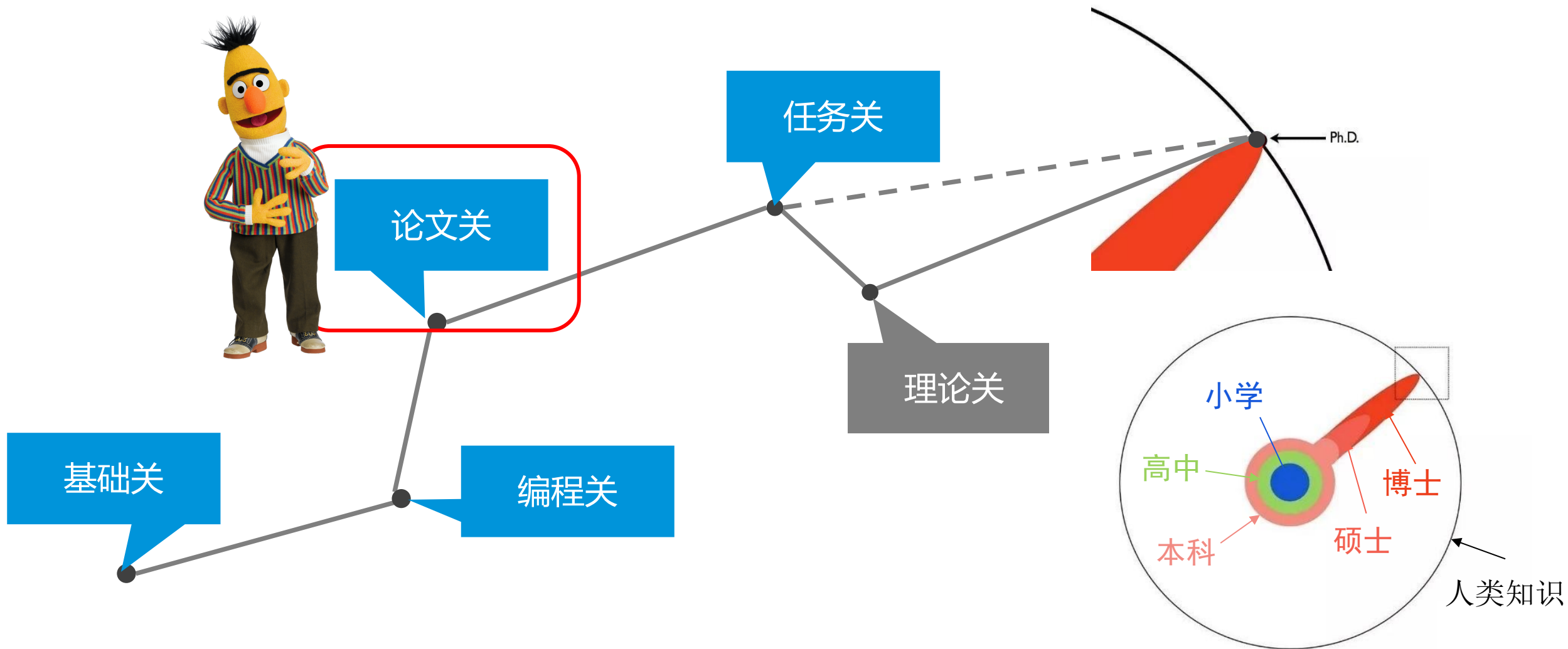


2 编程关—每年算法都有新的热点





1周内可独立实现R-NET、Transformer基本结构





ACL 2021 3350篇论文投稿，最终有21.3%的论文被主会录用，并额外接收了14.9%的论文到Findings子刊。

EMNLP 2021共收到有效投稿3114篇，录用754篇，录用率仅为24.82%。

ICML 2021的论文接收结果已经公布，今年一共有5513篇有效投稿，其中1184篇论文被接收，接收率为21.5%。

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100+300 Paper Reading Group + Topic

500

Abstract、Introduction

1000+

Title

2000+

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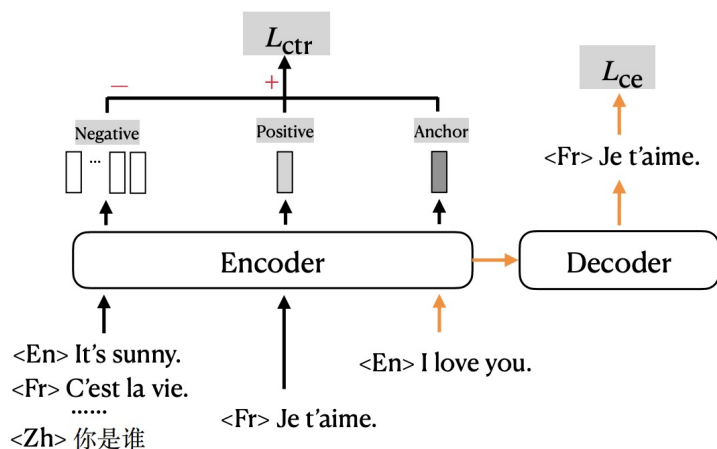


Contrastive Learning for Many-to-many Multilingual Neural Machine Translation

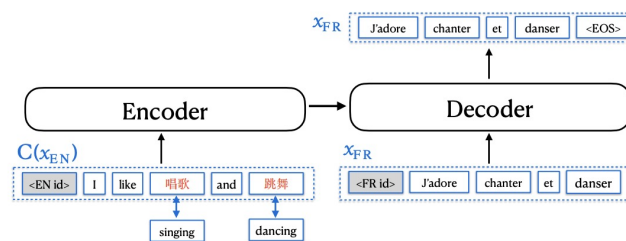
Motivation: 当前机器翻译任务还是以英语为中心，导致非英语方向发展滞后，本文中作者想要提出一个many-to-many的跨语言通用翻译模型。

Methods:

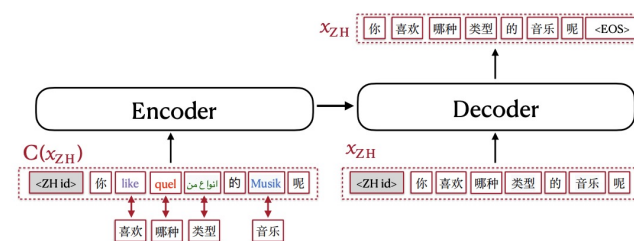
1. 用对比学习的方法将多种语言映射到同一个语义空间 ss 中，令不同语言同语义的句子在表示空间中尽量接近。



2. 对句子中的phrase进行aligned的跨语言替换，对平行语料和单独语料的数据增强方法如下图



(a) AA for Parallel Corpora



(b) AA for Monolingual Corpora

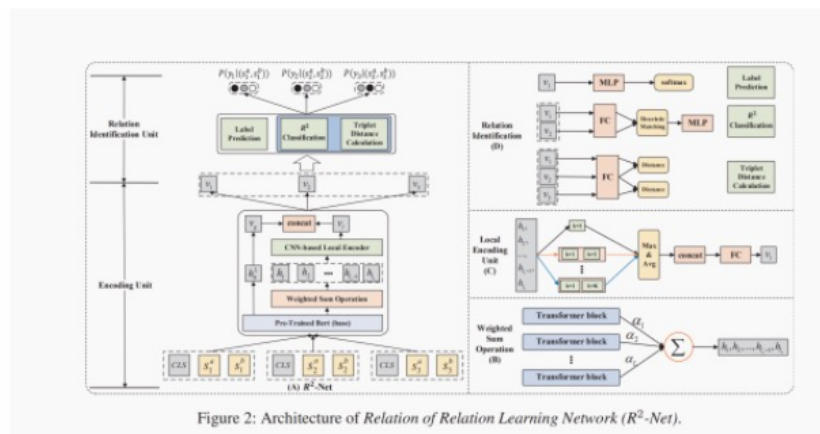


• Making the Relation Matters: Relation of Relation Learning Network for Sentence Semantic Matching (周玮康)

motivation: 许多学者任务关系和关系之间也存在着信息,即“隐藏关系信息”。因此,不同重构之间的比较和对比学习(如成对关系学习)可以帮助模型更多地了解重构中隐含的语义信息,进而有助于增强模型的句子分析能力。它们应该被视为不仅仅是毫无意义的单热向量。

方法简介: 首先利用预先训练过的BERT从全局的角度来建模输入的单词和句子的语义意义。然后,开发了一个基于cnn的编码器,从局部的角度获取句子的部分信息(关键词和短语信息)。接下来,受BERT训练处理中的自监督学习方法的启发,我们提出了一个关系的关系(R2)分类任务,以提高R2-Net对不同关系对应的内隐共同特征的学习能力。

此外,利用三重损失来约束模型,从而更好地分析类内和类间的关系。沿着这条线,具有相同关系的输入句子对将表示得更近,反之亦然则更远。将关系信息正确地集成到句子对建模处理中,有利于解决上述挑战,提高模型性能。



任务1: 通过BERT全局编码,然后CNN局部编码,拼接得到 v ,最后MLP完成标签预测。

任务2: 使用2个语对 v_1, v_2 ,预测关系的距离。

任务3: 从基于三重态的关系中学习类内和类间信息

最后将3个LOSS拼接,训练。最后在Quora和MSRP上分别提升0.6%和0.1%

CML 2021: Weight-Covariance Alignment for Adversarially Robust Neural

Networks

Motivation

1. 现有的stochastic neural networks (SNN) 都是启发式设计的,通常基于对抗训练,使得计算开销很大;
2. SNN注入噪声通常为isotropic noise,本文的SNN模型可以学习得到一个anisotropic noise分布来优化对抗鲁棒性的学习理论界限;

对抗防御方法存在的缺陷:

1. 使用干净数据和对抗数据的混合,而对抗样本的生成会增加计算复杂度和更长的训练过程;
2. 现有对抗防御方法都是经验启发的,缺少理论支撑;
3. 现有stochastic模型使用的noise都是isotropic,这意味着多元高斯分布拥有对角方差矩阵;这意味着扰动特征的时候,对于各个维度的扰动都是独立的;无相互依赖关系。

Stochastic Adversarial Defense

idea: random self ensemble: one can simulate an ensemble of virtually infinite models while only training one

inject fixed or learnable noise into the models

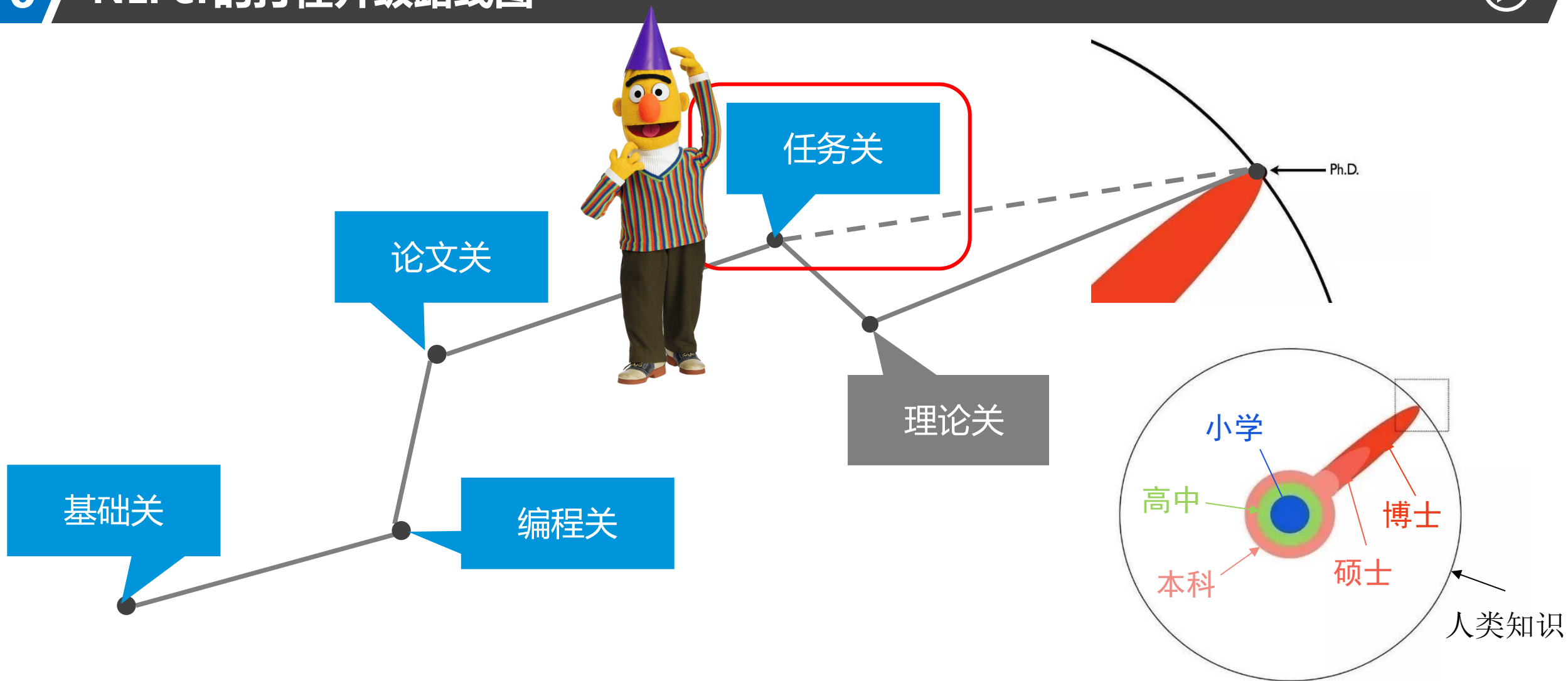
输入上的扰动,权重和表示上的扰动

Method

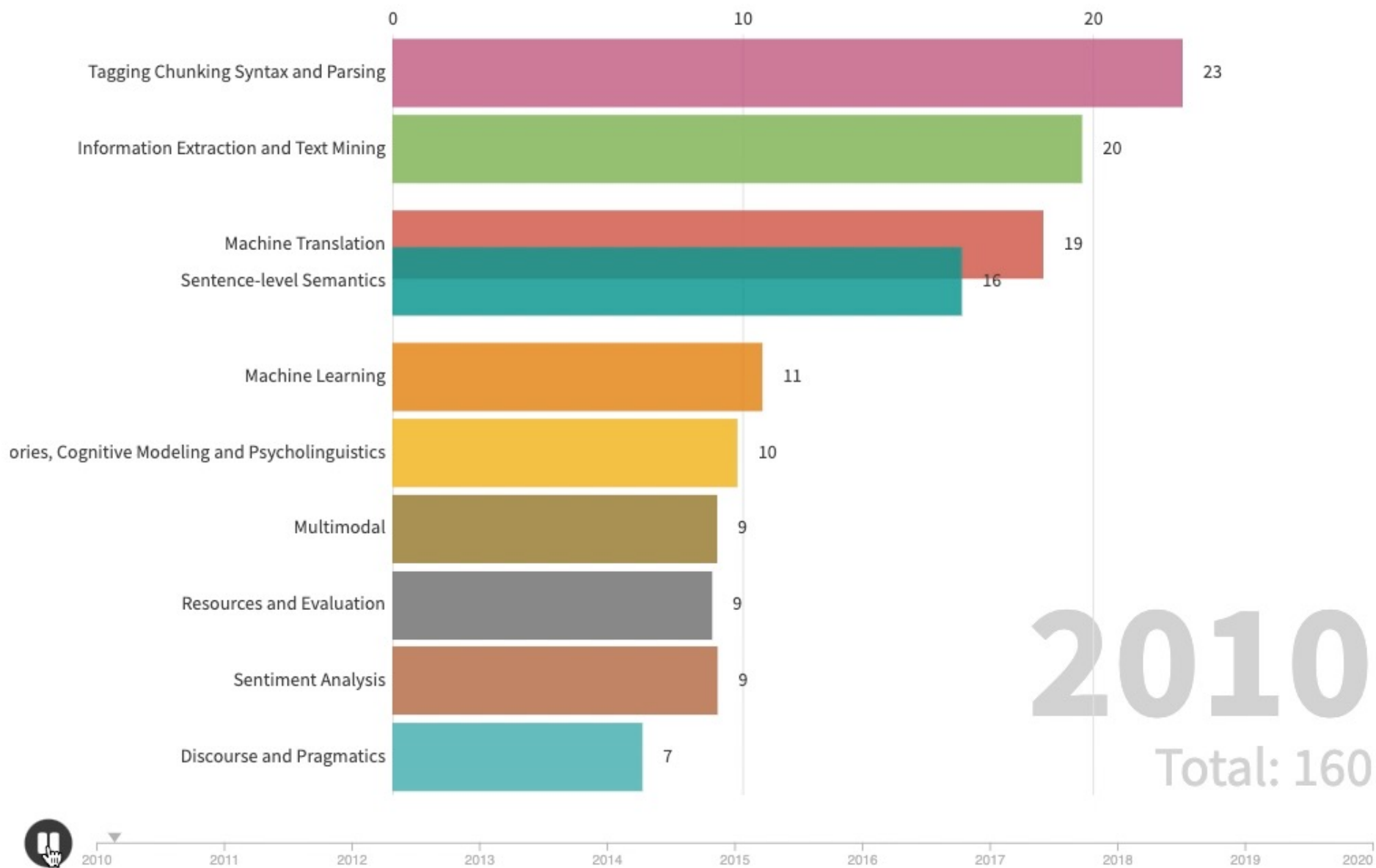
在分类层之前的表示上增加扰动,

Our method fits into the family of SNNs that apply additive noise to the penultimate activations of the network. Consider the function, $f(\vec{x})$, which implements the feature extractor portion of the network i.e., everything except the final classification layer. Our WCA-Net architecture is defined as





4 任务关——研究热点切换速度快





选择热门的方向



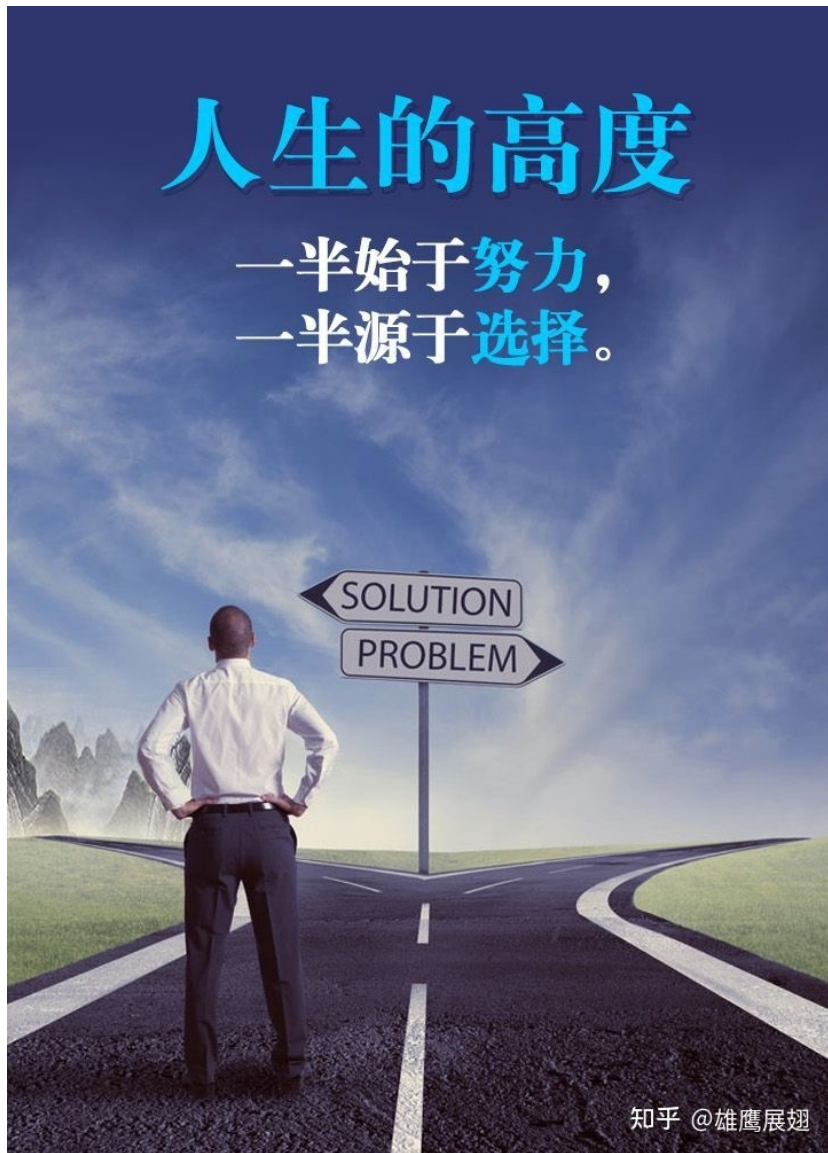
头条 @世界晋商圈

选择冷门的方向



人生的高度

一半始于努力，
一半源于选择。



知乎 @雄鹰展翅

1. 有明显的益处；
2. 描述简单；
3. 尚且不具备明确的解法；
4. 解决方案具备可测试性，大问题可以拆解为多个子问题，能观察到每个子问题的进程；
5. 要确保研究中数据获取的可靠性以及足够数量

《学术研究你的成功之道》--- 凌晓峰，杨强





		方法			
		1	2	3	4
问题和应用	1	[3]		[17]	[4]
	2	[55]		[23]	[43]
	3	[1]			[44]
	4				

图 4.1 棋盘法举例

- 横轴代表相应的研究领域用到的不同方法、方案和技术
- 纵轴表示要解决的研究问题或潜在的研究问题
- 具有相关性的研究问题要按照顺序排放，无相关性的研究问题可以随意摆放



	资讯	交流	娱乐	商务
Web1.0 Search				
Web2.0 Social				?
Web3.0 Mobile	?	?	?	?

“四纵三横”理论——王兴

4 任务关—什么样的Idea可以发论文



Rare Words

闾阖 huán huì

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Downtown Streets Store

詵詵 chù guǐ

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Oddity Silent

Domain-specific Words

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Figure 1: Examples of rare words and domain-specific words in dictionaries.

之前的分词算法在处理未登录词或者处理领域特有词时，会有问题



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对任务的理解—经验
实验结果错误分析

大规模论文阅读--发现解决方案



Hashtag Recommendation for Multimodal Microblog Using Co-Attention Network

CVPR, Visual Question Answering 任务论文

大规模论文阅读--任务转换

Figure 1: An example of multimodal tweets. Without visual information, we can hardly predict the correct tag: #dog.



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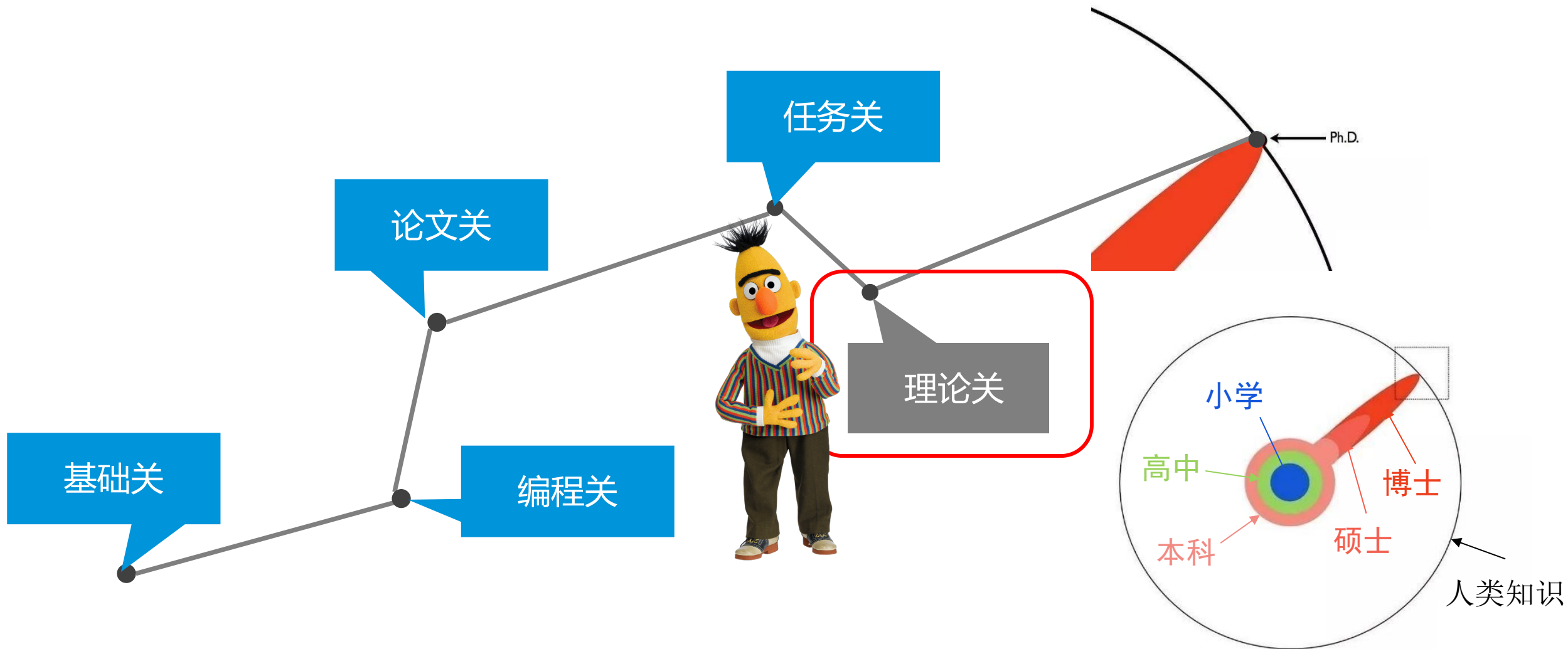
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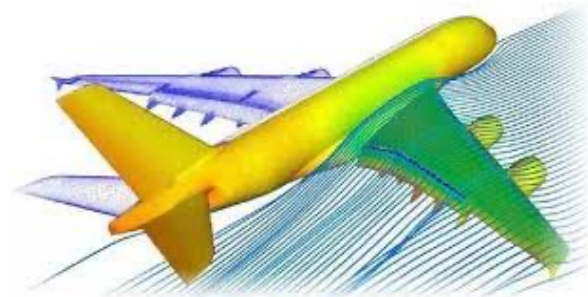
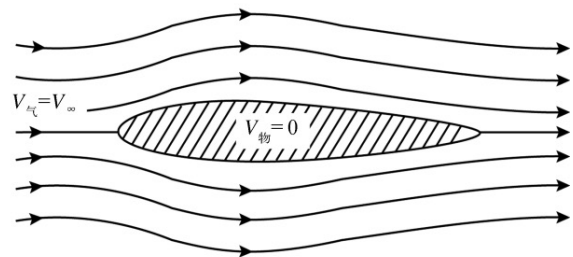
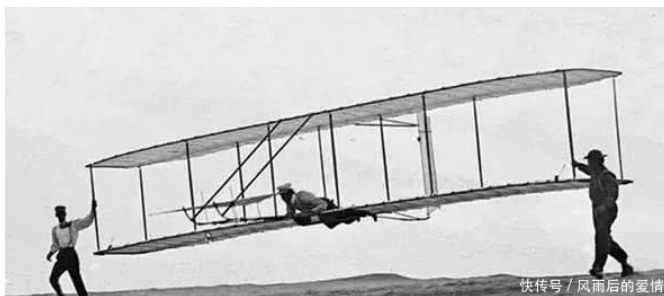


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4 有了空气动力学才有了航空器的大发展



尝试

通用

理论

莱特兄弟飞行者一号 人类历史上首次重于空气的航空器持续而且受控的动力飞行





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第二代：基于统计机器学习的方法

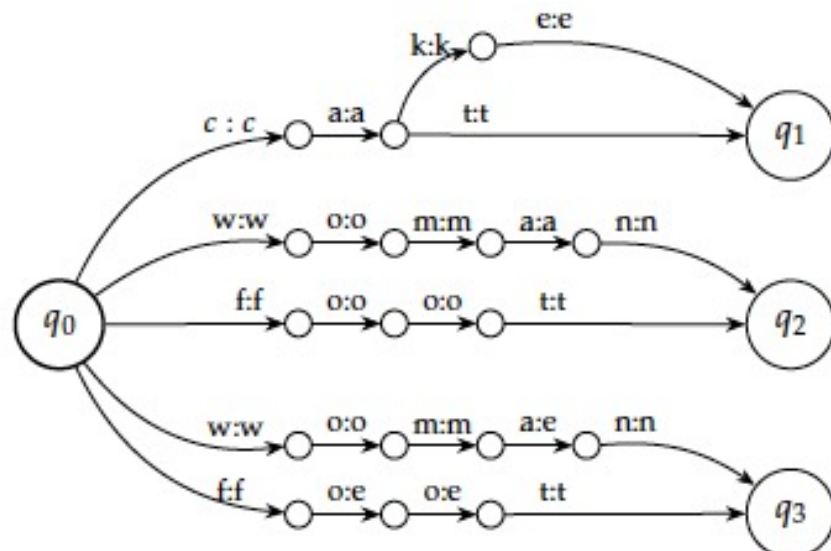
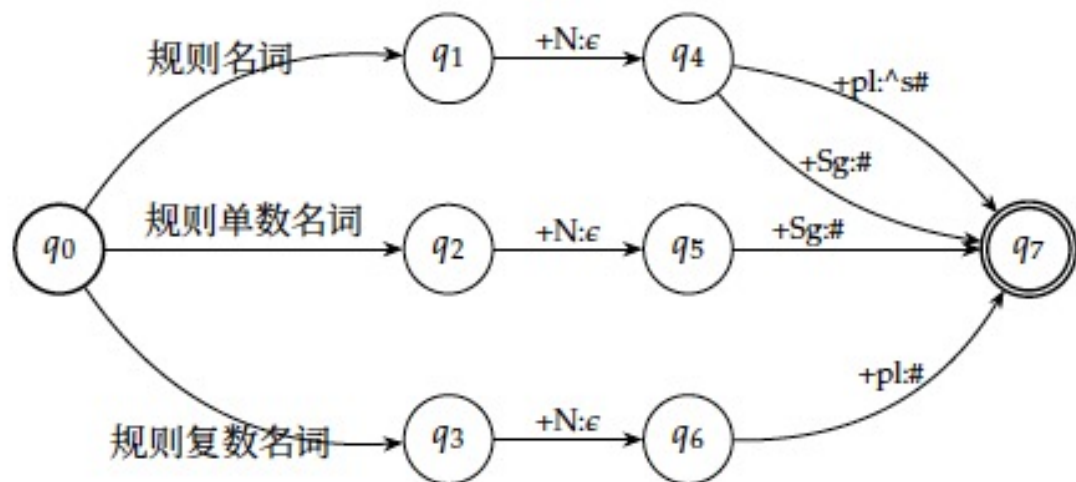
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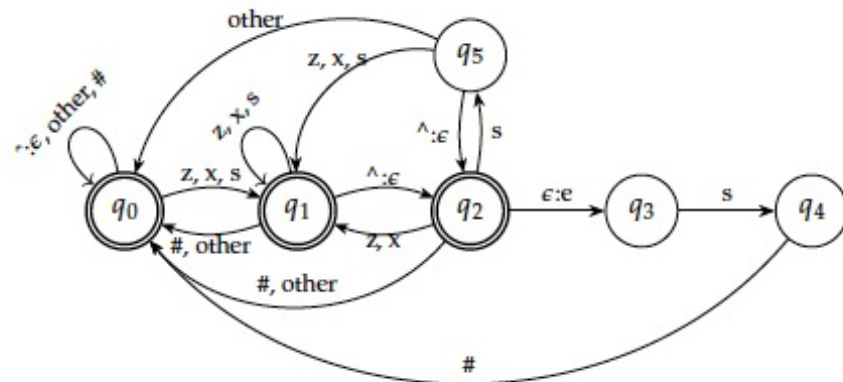


第一代：基于规则的方法

词形分析任务



识别规则名词、不规则名词单数、不规则名词复数



规则名词 “box”(以及其他以 “z, s, x” 结尾的规则名词)

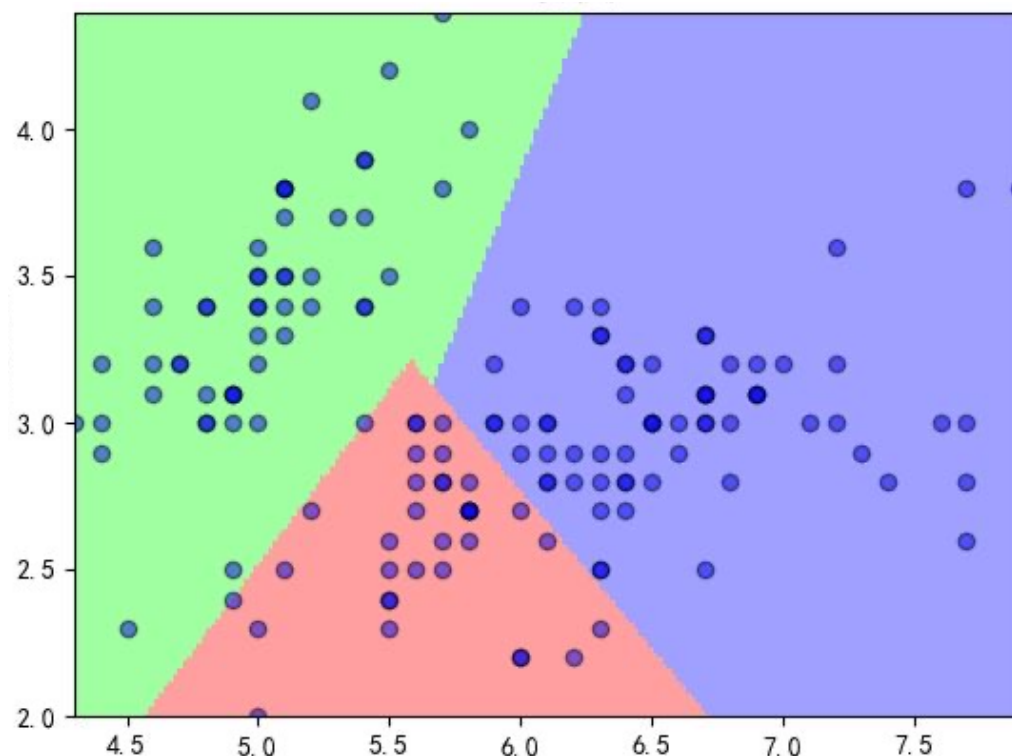


第二代：基于统计机器学习的方法

中文分词任务

今晚	的	长安街	流光溢彩	。
BE	S	BIE	BIIE	S

模板名	描述	例子
x_i	当前字	安
x_{i-1}	$i-1$ 位置的字	长的
x_{i-2}	$i-2$ 位置的字	的
x_{i+1}	$i+1$ 位置的字	街
x_{i+2}	$i+2$ 位置的字	流
x_{i-2}, x_{i-1}	$i-2$ 开始的 bigram	长安
x_{i-1}, x_i	$i-1$ 开始的 bigram	的长
x_i, x_{i+1}	i 开始的 bigram	安街
x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}	$i+1$ 开始的 bigram	街流

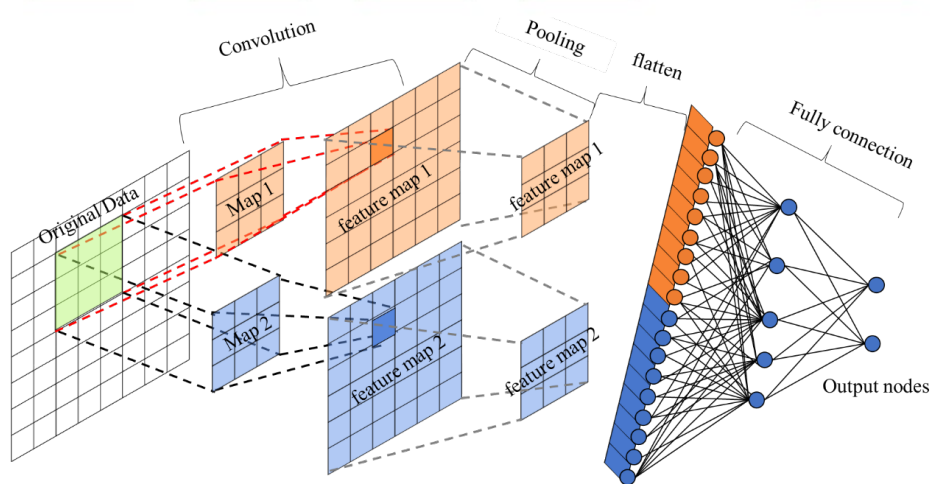
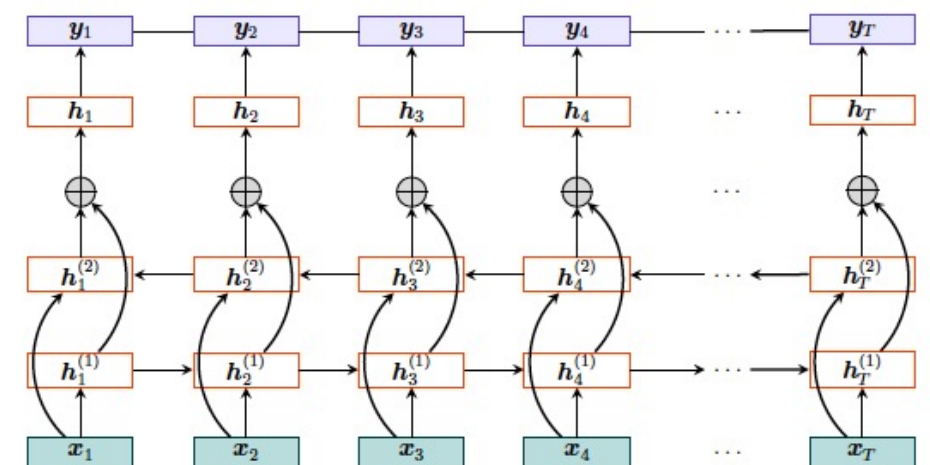


特征工程（Feature Engineering）：我们要进行“无聊”的特征模板定义环节

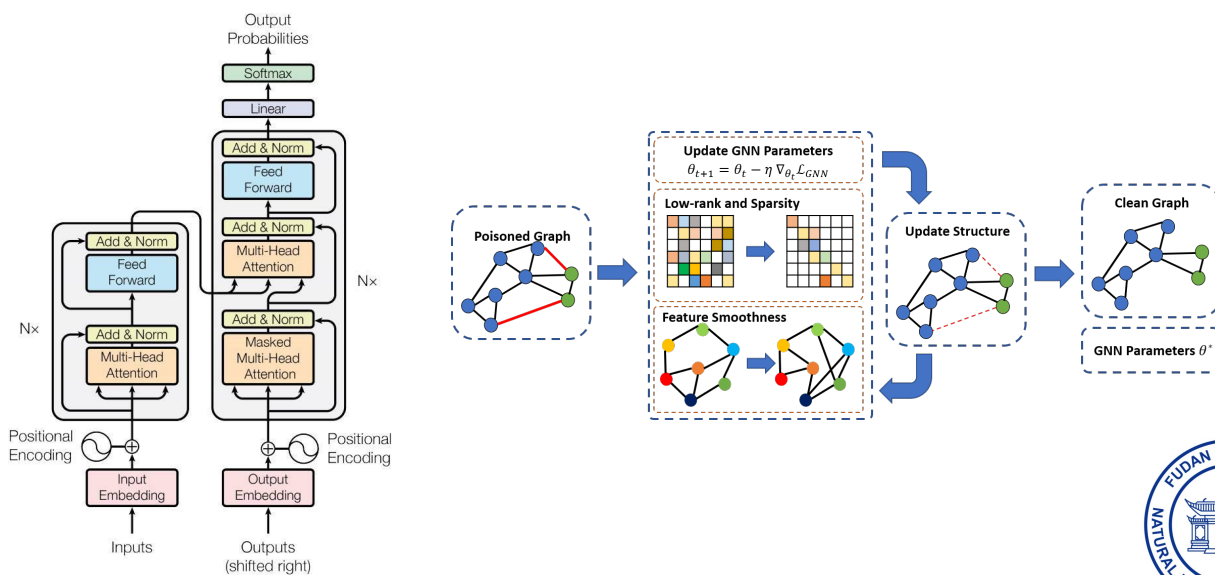


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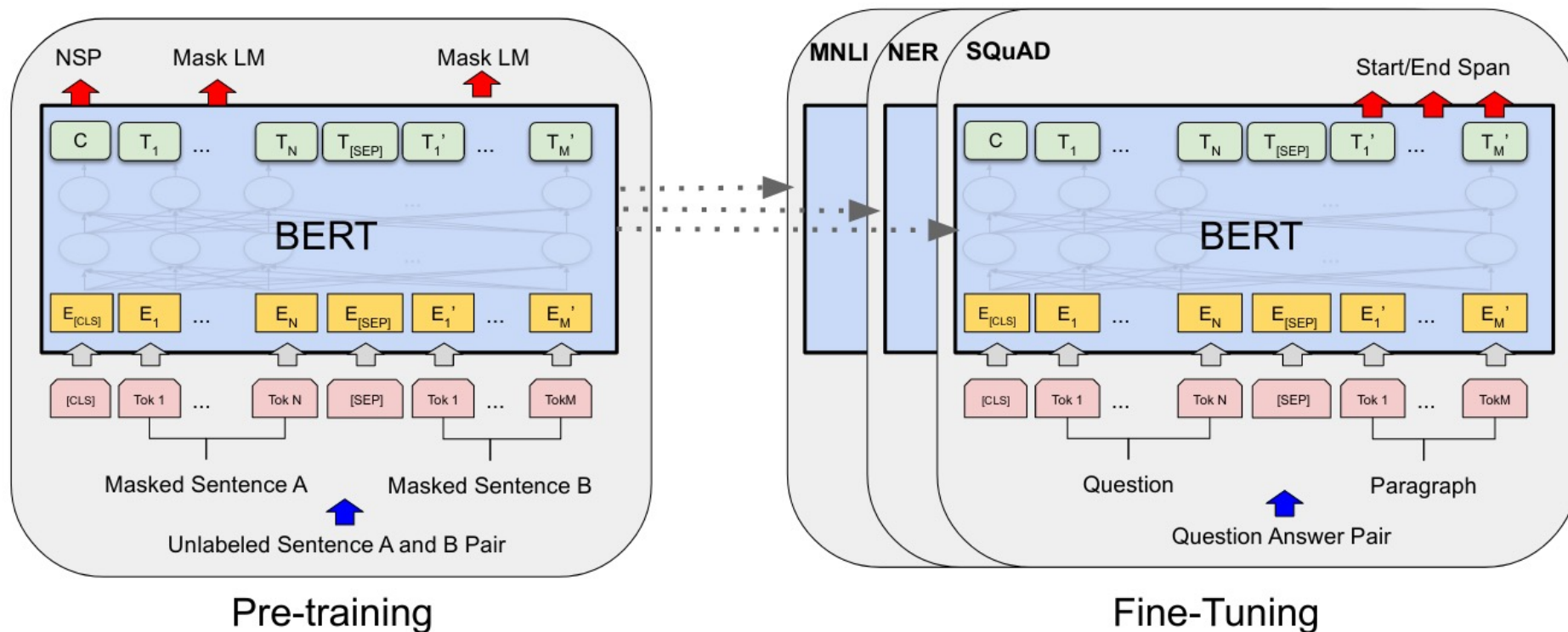


结构工程（Architecture Engineering）：神经网络虽然解放手动配置特征模板所需要的人力，但是是以需要人工去设计合适网络结构。





第三代：基于预训练的深度学习神经网络方法

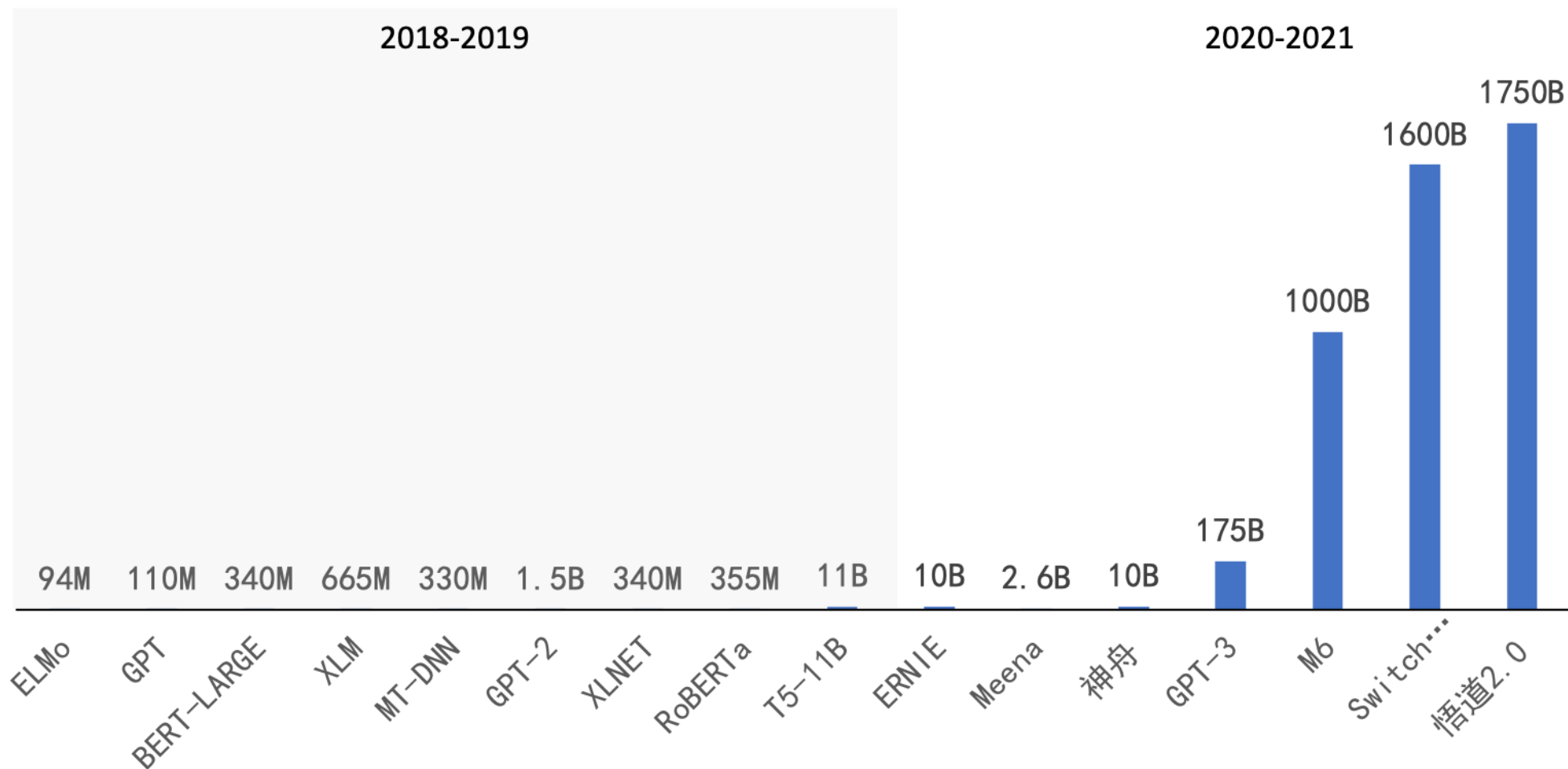


目标函数挖掘（Objective Engineering）：这个过程研究者往往是通过引入额外的目标函数到预训练语言模型上，以便让其更适配下游任务



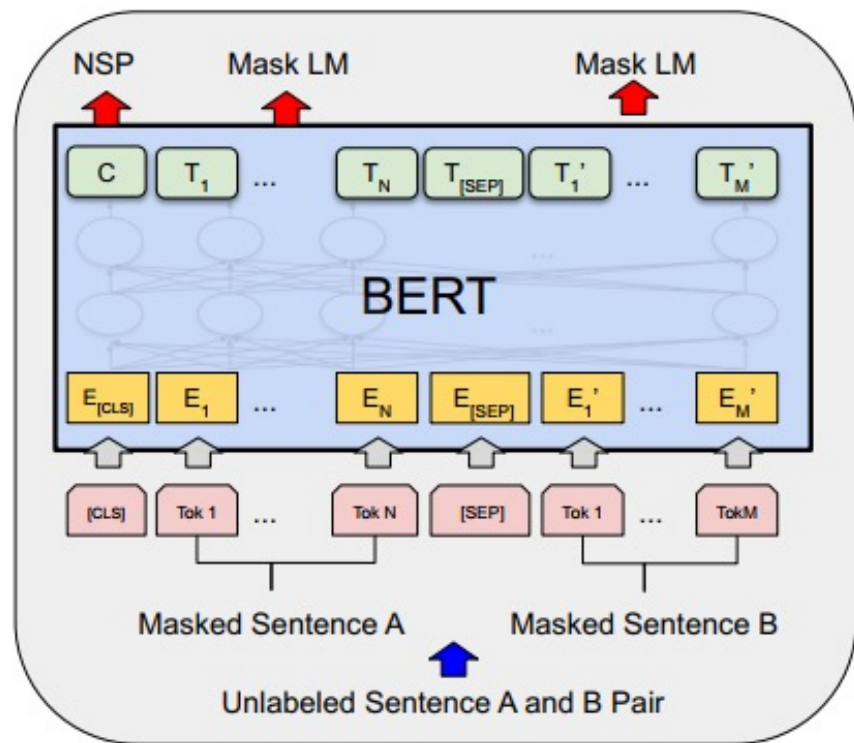


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第四代：基于超大规模预训练语言的 Prompt Learning ?



Pre-training

情感倾向分析任务

输入：我喜欢这个电影

输出：“正面”或者“负面”

Prompt Learning转换为“完形填空”，

输入：我喜欢这个电影，整体上来看，这是一个__ 的电影

输出：“有趣的”或者“无聊的”



第一代：基于规则的方法

语言学***

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语言学**，概率**，最优化***

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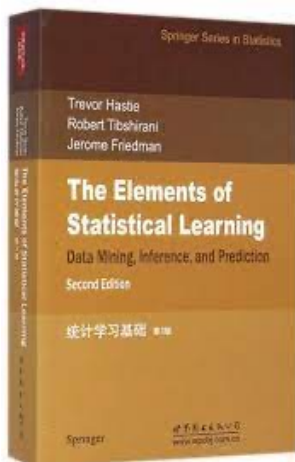
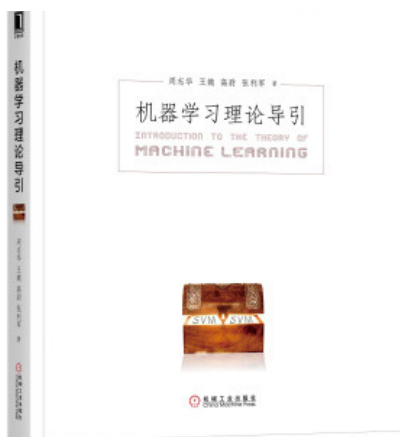
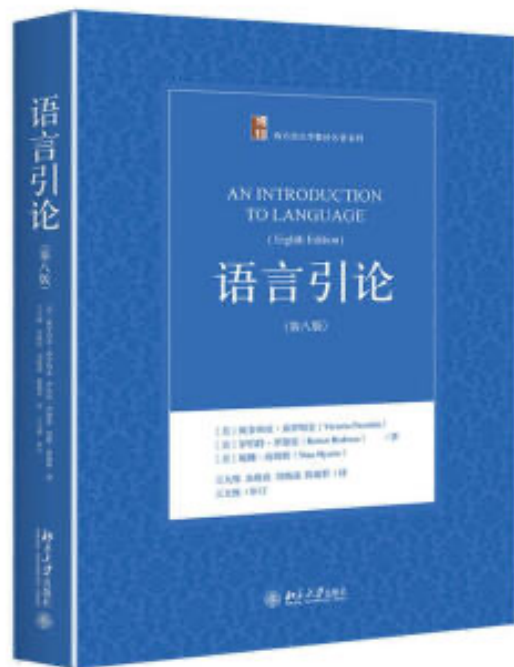
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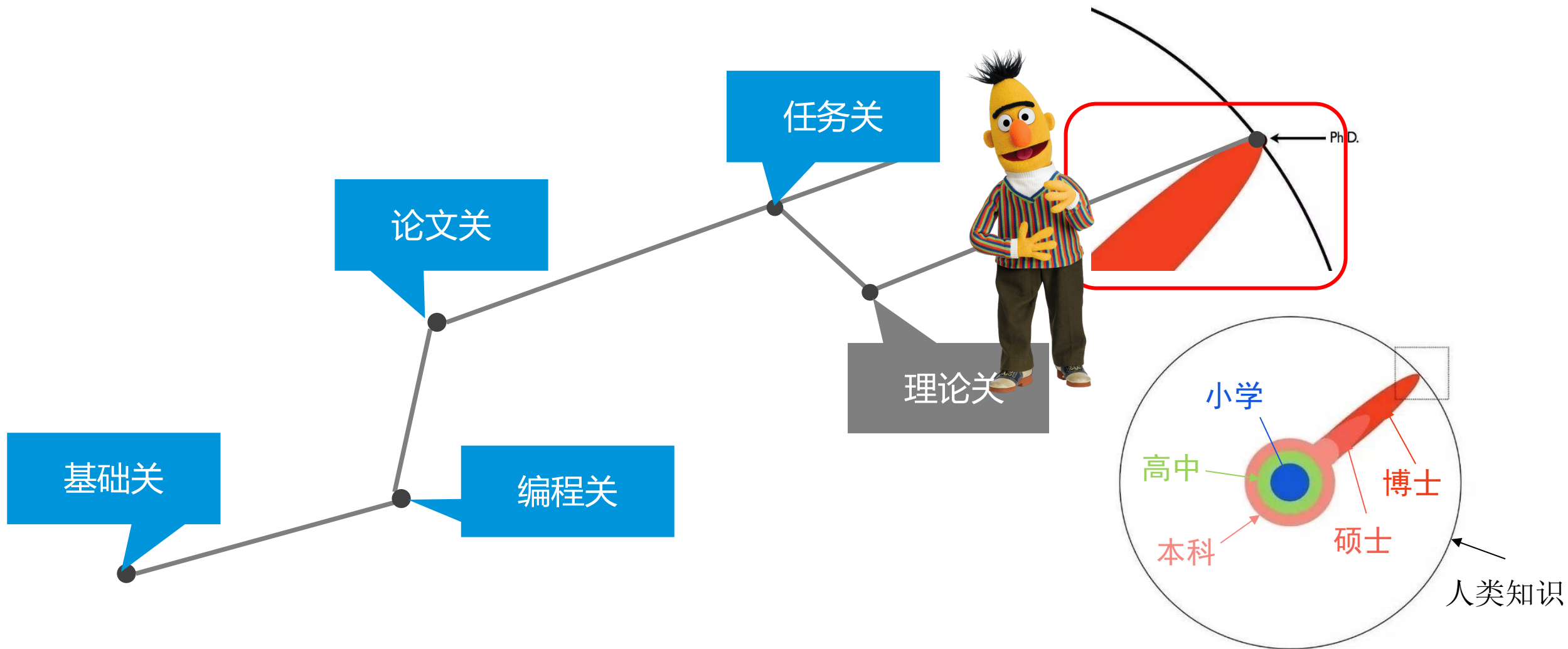
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第N代：基于贝叶斯网络?

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第N+1代：基于因果推断?







确定方向

信息抽取

确定问题

如何提升命名实体识别的鲁棒性

确定思路

降低模型对实体名的依赖

确定方法

在损失函数上加入某种正则化项

实验验证

数据集、基线系统、评价指标

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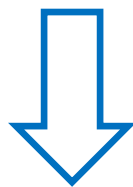
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3	R_l		[The President will visit]	•oooo•
4	S	r_4	[The President will visit] [London in April]	••••••
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图

System	Setting	English–French	Chinese–English
GIZA++	Model 4 s2t	7.7	20.9
	Model 4 t2s	9.2	30.3
	Intersection	6.8	21.8
	Union	9.6	28.1
	Refined method	5.9	18.4
Cross-EM	HMM, joint	5.1	18.9
Vigne	Model 4 s2t	7.8	20.5
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	+bilingual dictionary	-	17.1
	+link co-occurrence count (GIZA++)	5.1	16.3
	+link co-occurrence count (Cross-EM)	4.0	15.7

表格

Shift-reduce parsing is efficient but suffers from parsing errors caused by syntactic ambiguity. Figure 3 shows two (partial) derivations for a dependency tree. Consider the item on the top, the algorithm can either apply a shift action to move a new item or apply a reduce left action to obtain a bigger structure. This is often referred to as **conflict** in the shift-reduce dependency parsing literature (Huang et al., 2009). In this work, the shift-reduce parser faces four types of conflicts:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta_k} \\
 = & \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})} P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta) \phi_k(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{y}) \\
 & - \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})} P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \theta) \phi_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\
 = & \sum_{i=1}^I \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta} [\phi_k(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{y})] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \theta} [\phi_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})]
 \end{aligned}$$

公式

Algorithm 1 A beam search algorithm for word alignment

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1: procedure ALIGN( $f, e$ )
2:    $open \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ a list of active alignments
3:    $\mathcal{N} \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷  $n$ -best list
4:    $a \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ begin with an empty alignment
5:   ADD( $open, a, \beta, b$ ) ▷ initialize the list
6:   while  $open \neq \emptyset$  do
7:      $closed \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ a list of promising alignments
8:     for all  $a \in open$  do
9:       for all  $l \in J \times I - a$  do ▷ enumerate all possible new links
10:         $a' \leftarrow a \cup \{l\}$  ▷ produce a new alignment
11:         $g \leftarrow \text{GAIN}(f, e, a, l)$  ▷ compute the link gain
12:        if  $g > 0$  then ▷ ensure that the score will increase
13:          ADD( $closed, a', \beta, b$ ) ▷ update promising alignments
14:        end if
15:      ADD( $\mathcal{N}, a', 0, n$ ) ▷ update  $n$ -best list
16:    end for
17:  end for
18:   $open \leftarrow closed$  ▷ update active alignments
19:  end while
20:  return  $\mathcal{N}$  ▷ return  $n$ -best list
21: end procedure

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算法

Proof of Theorem 1: Let $\bar{\alpha}^k$ be the weights before the k 'th mistake is made. It follows that $\bar{\alpha}^1 = 0$. Suppose the k 'th mistake is made at the i 'th example. Take z to the output proposed at this example, $z = \arg\max_{y \in \text{GEN}(x_i)} \Phi(x_i, y) \cdot \bar{\alpha}^k$. It follows from the algorithm updates that $\bar{\alpha}^{k+1} = \bar{\alpha}^k + \Phi(x_i, y_i) - \Phi(x_i, z)$. We take inner products of both sides with the vector \mathbf{U} :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{U} \cdot \bar{\alpha}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{U} \cdot \bar{\alpha}^k + \mathbf{U} \cdot \Phi(x_i, y_i) - \mathbf{U} \cdot \Phi(x_i, z) \\
 &\geq \mathbf{U} \cdot \bar{\alpha}^k + \delta
 \end{aligned}$$

where the inequality follows because of the property of \mathbf{U} assumed in Eq. 3. Because $\bar{\alpha}^1 = 0$, and therefore $\mathbf{U} \cdot \bar{\alpha}^1 = 0$, it follows by induction on k that for all k , $\mathbf{U} \cdot \bar{\alpha}^{k+1} \geq k\delta$. Because $\mathbf{U} \cdot \bar{\alpha}^{k+1} \leq \|\mathbf{U}\| \|\bar{\alpha}^{k+1}\|$, it follows that $\|\bar{\alpha}^{k+1}\| \geq k\delta$.

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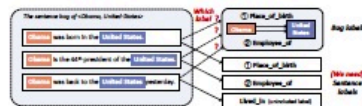


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- We present a sentence-level framework, SENT, which includes a noise-filtering and a re-labeling strategy for re-fining distant data.
- The proposed method achieves significant improvement over previous methods in terms of both RE performance and de-noise effect.

¹<https://github.com/rtmaww/SENT>

2 Related Work

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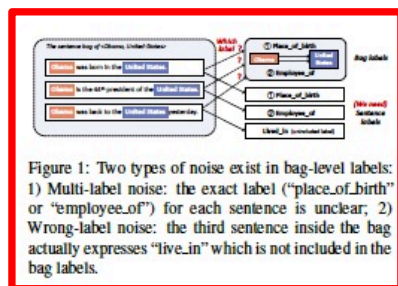
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1 Introduction

Relation extraction (RE), which aims to extract the relation between entity pairs from unstructured text, is a fundamental task in natural language processing. The extracted relation facts can benefit various downstream applications, e.g., knowledge graph completion (Bordes et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2014), information extraction (Wu and Weld, 2010) and question answering (Yao and Van Durme, 2014; Fader et al., 2014).

A significant challenge for relation extraction is the lack of large-scale labeled data. Thus, distant



supervision (Mintz et al., 2009) is proposed to gather training data through automatic alignment between a database and plain text. Such annotation paradigm results in an inevitable noise problem, which is alleviated by previous studies using multi-instance learning (MIL). In MIL, the training and testing processes are performed at the bag level, where a bag contains noisy sentences mentioning the same entity pair but possibly not describing the same relation. Studies using MIL can be broadly classified into two categories: 1) the soft de-noise methods that leverage soft weights to differentiate the influence of each sentence (Lin et al., 2016; Han et al., 2018c; Li et al., 2020; Hu et al., 2019a; Ye and Ling, 2019; Yuan et al., 2019a,b); 2) the hard de-noise methods that remove noisy sentences from the bag (Zeng et al., 2015; Qin et al., 2018; Han et al., 2018a; Shang, 2019).

However, these bag-level approaches fail to map each sentence inside bags with explicit sentence labels. This problem limits the application of RE in some downstream tasks that require sentence-level relation type, e.g., Yao and Van Durme (2014) and Xu et al. (2016) use sentence-level relation extraction to identify the relation between the answer and the entity in the question. Therefore, several studies (Jia et al. (2019); Feng et al. (2018)) have made efforts on sentence-level (or instance-level)

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2. 店铺;
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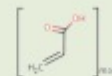
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1. 奇异;
Oddity
2. 安静;
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Domain-specific Words

羧基聚亚甲基

Carboxypolymethylene



Carboxypolymethylene is a term used for a series of polymers primarily made from acrylic acid.

生物胞素酶

Biocytinase

An enzyme in blood that catalyzes the hydrolysis of biocytin to biotin and lysine (or, lysyl residue if the lysine is part of a protein sequence).

Figure 1: Examples of rare words and domain-specific words in dictionaries.

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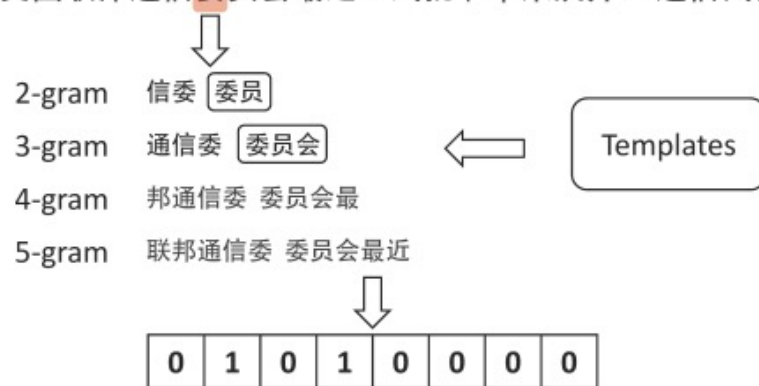


Figure 2: Example of feature vector construction. The character with the red shadow is the character x_i . The character segments with rounded rectangle are the words in the dictionary D .



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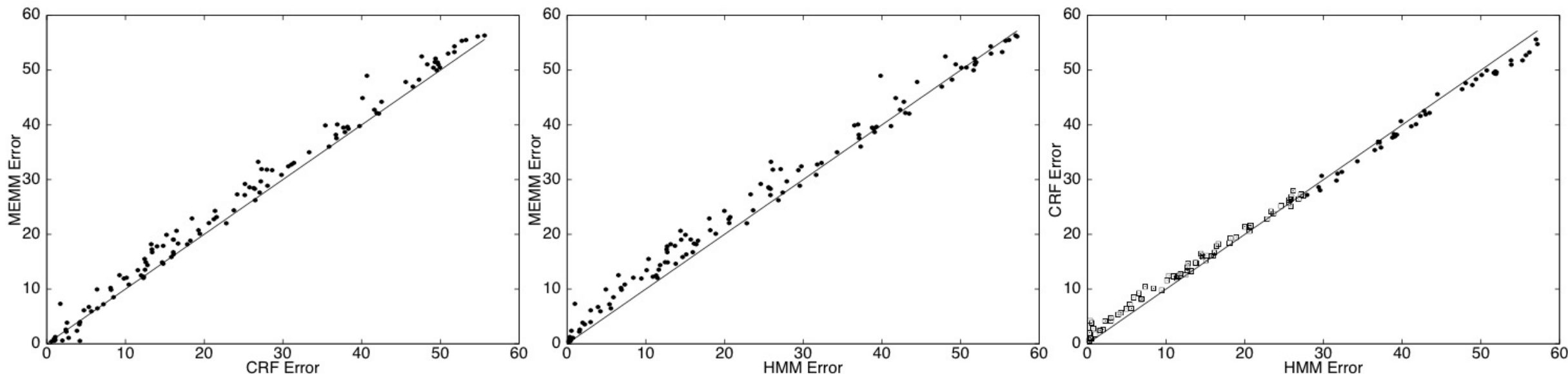


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