



# Neural-symbolic Knowledge Representation and Reasoning

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# This course is

- introductory
- aimed at general computer scientist
- taught by
  - Uli Sattler - days 1-2
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- explores combination/integration/collaboration of
  - Symbolic &
  - **Neural**
    - approaches to knowledge representation, reasoning, ML, ...



(Hiking in Egina, Greece, 11/2023)

# Overview of this course

Day	Topic	Concepts	Technologies
1	Knowledge Graphs	parsing/serialisation, queries, schemas, validation & reasoning	RDF(S), SPARQL, SHACL,
2	Ontologies	Facts & background knowledge, entailments, reasoning & materialisation	OWL, OWL API, Owlready, Protégé
3	Knowledge Graph Embeddings	Classis Es, variants, inductive inference, literal-aware Es, incremental Es, application	TransE, TransH, TransR, GCN, R-GCN, OntoZSL, RMPI
4	Ontology Embeddings	Geometric embeddings, literal-aware OEs, faithfulness, evaluation & applications	ELEm, Box <sup>2</sup> EL, OWL2Vec*, LogMap-ML, ZSL, mOWL
5	Language Models & KR, Discussion & Outlook	LM for KR, ontology & KG for LLM	BERTMap, BERTSubs, DeepOnto, ICON, BLINKOut, GraphRAG

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# Day 3 Knowledge Graph Embeddings

## Part I: Foundations

# What is semantic embedding?

- Motivation:
  - Feed symbols such as letters, words and entities into some statistical processing (e.g., machine learning and data mining)
- Represent the symbols by vectors with their **relationships (semantics)** kept in the vector space

E.g.,

- $V(\text{queen}) - V(\text{king}) \approx V(\text{mother}) - V(\text{father})$
- There is some partnership between queen and king, and between father and mother
- **Sub-symbolic or neural knowledge representation**

# One-hot Representation

**Vocabulary:** (cat, mat, on, sat, the)

=>

cat: [1,0,0,0,0]   mat: [0,1,0,0,0]   on: [0,0,1,0,0]  
 sat: [0,0,0,1,0]   the: [0,0,0,0,1]

“The cat sat on the mat”

	cat	mat	on	sat	the
<b>the</b> =>	0	0	0	0	1
<b>cat</b> =>	1	0	0	0	0
<b>sat</b> =>	0	0	0	1	0
...					

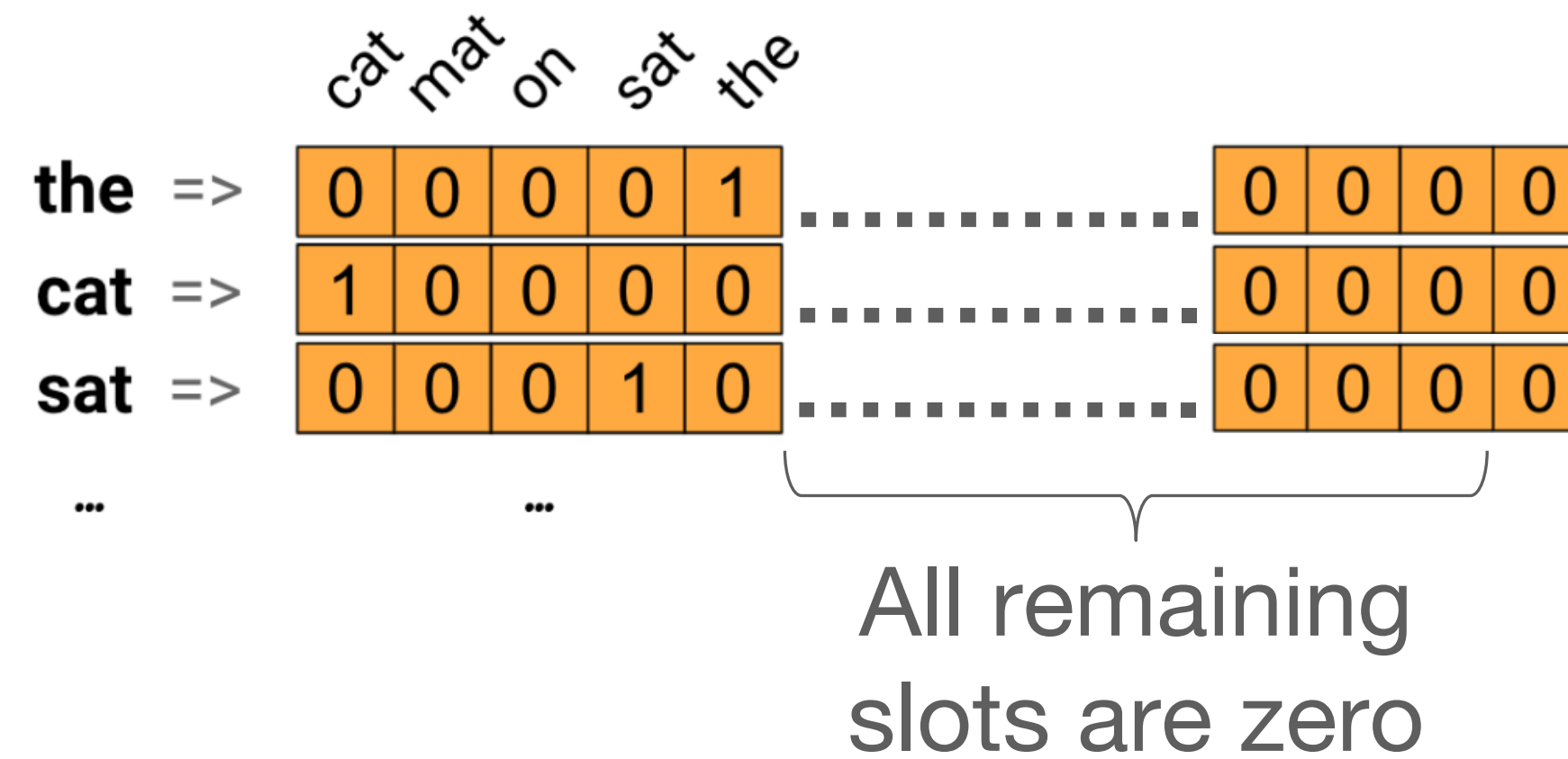
# One-hot Representation

**Vocabulary:** (cat, mat, on, sat, the, ...) (>10000)

=> cat: [1,0,0,0,0, ..... 0]

Dimension > 10000


“The cat sat on the mat”



# One-hot Representation

- **Could lead to a very high dimension**
  - Consider a supervised learning problem with not enough samples ...
- **Cannot keep the semantics**

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star [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, ...]  
sun  [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ...]
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$\text{sim}(\text{star}, \text{sun}) = 0$  

But they can act as the **initial input** of machine learning models with **big data** for training e.g., word embedding models



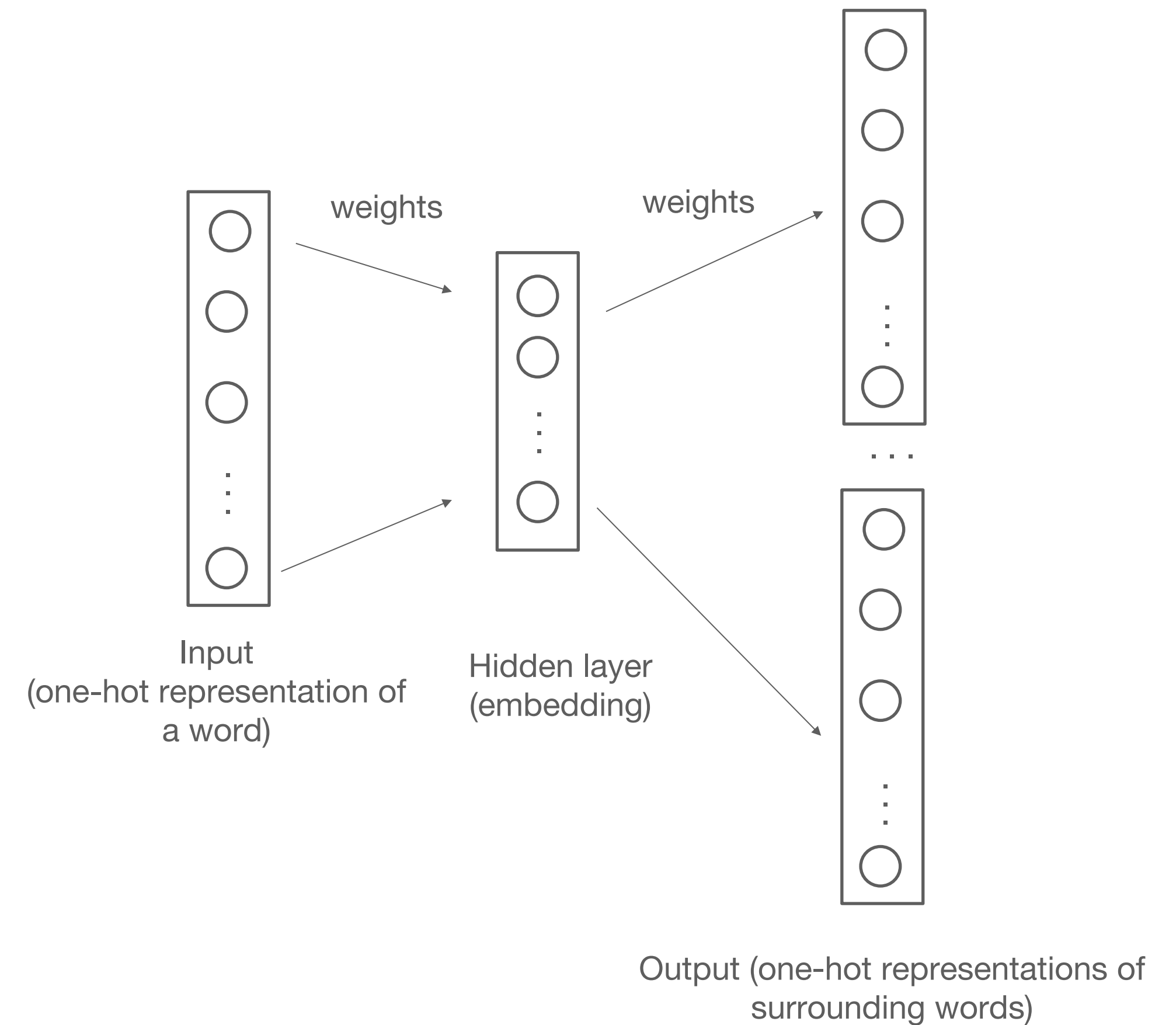
# Word Embedding

- Distributed representation of words via learning from a large text corpus
  - Represent a word by a **low-dimension** (e.g., 500) **dense** vector with its correlation and co-occurrence with **other words appearing in its contexts** kept
- E.g., **Word2Vec** -- neural network model by Google

Mikolov, Tomas, et al. "Distributed representations of words and phrases and their compositionality." NIPS (2013)

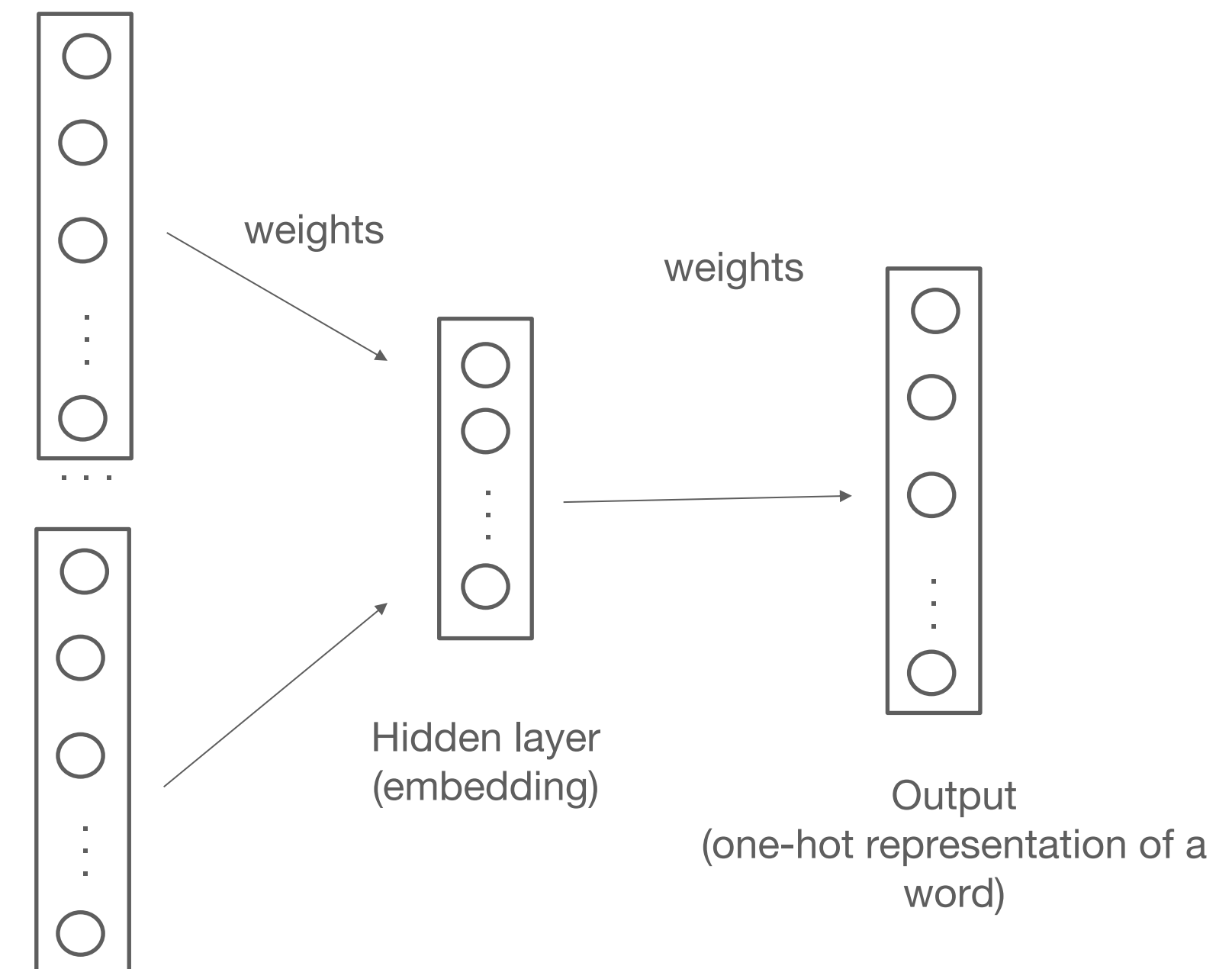
# Word Embedding (Word2Vec)

- Model #1: Continuous Skip-gram
  - Training Insight: given a word, predict the surrounding words in a sentence
  - Minimize the loss
    - on a large text corpus (big data)

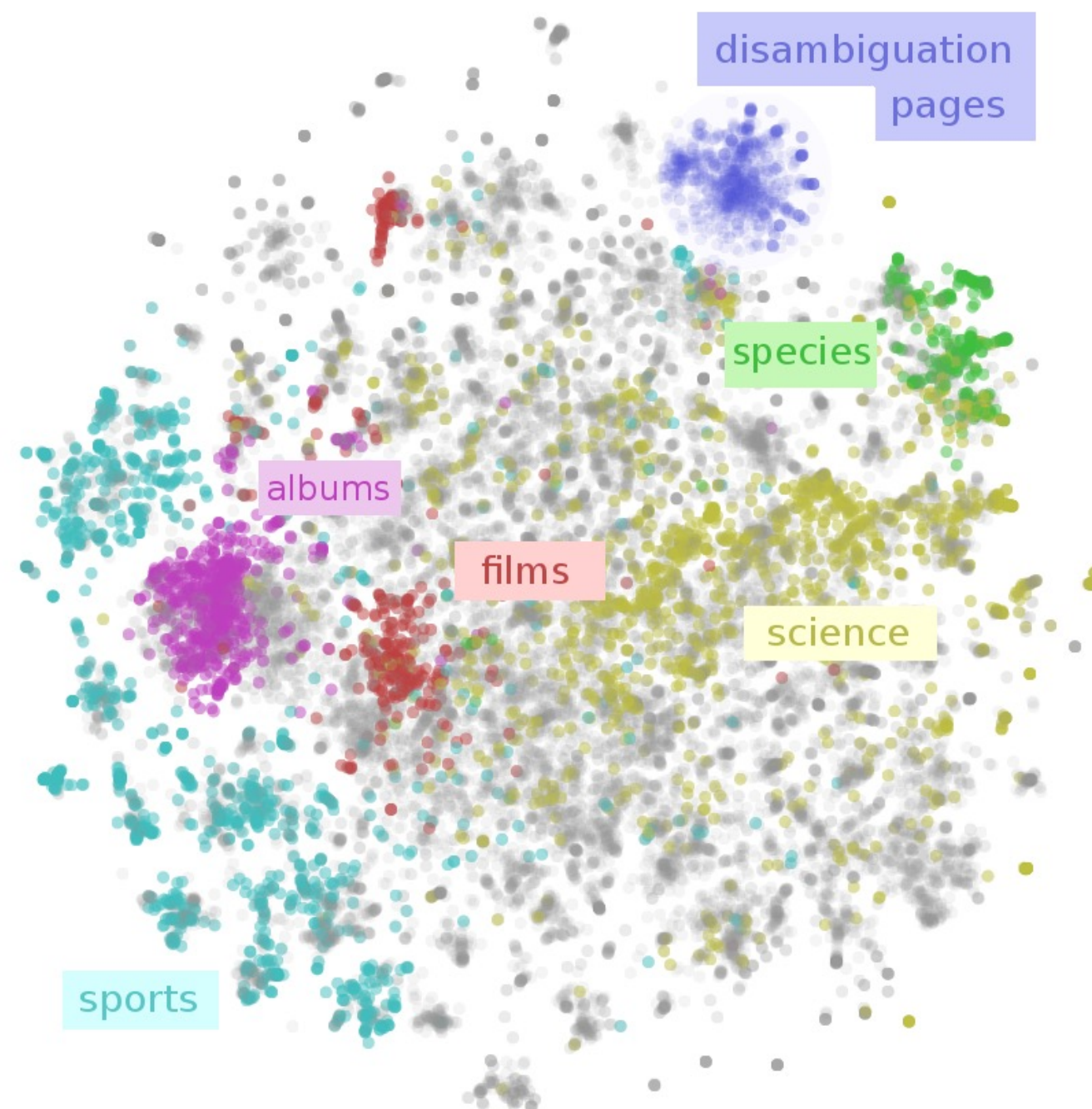


# Word Embedding (Word2Vec)

- Model #2: Continuous Bag of Word (CBOW)
  - Training Insight: mask a word in a sentence, predict this word with its surrounding words
  - Minimize the loss on
    - a large text corpus



# Word Embedding



## Similarity:

$$\mathbf{euclidean}(u, v) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |u_i - v_i|^2}$$

$$\mathbf{cosine}(u, v) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \times v_i}{\|u\|_2 \times \|v\|_2}$$

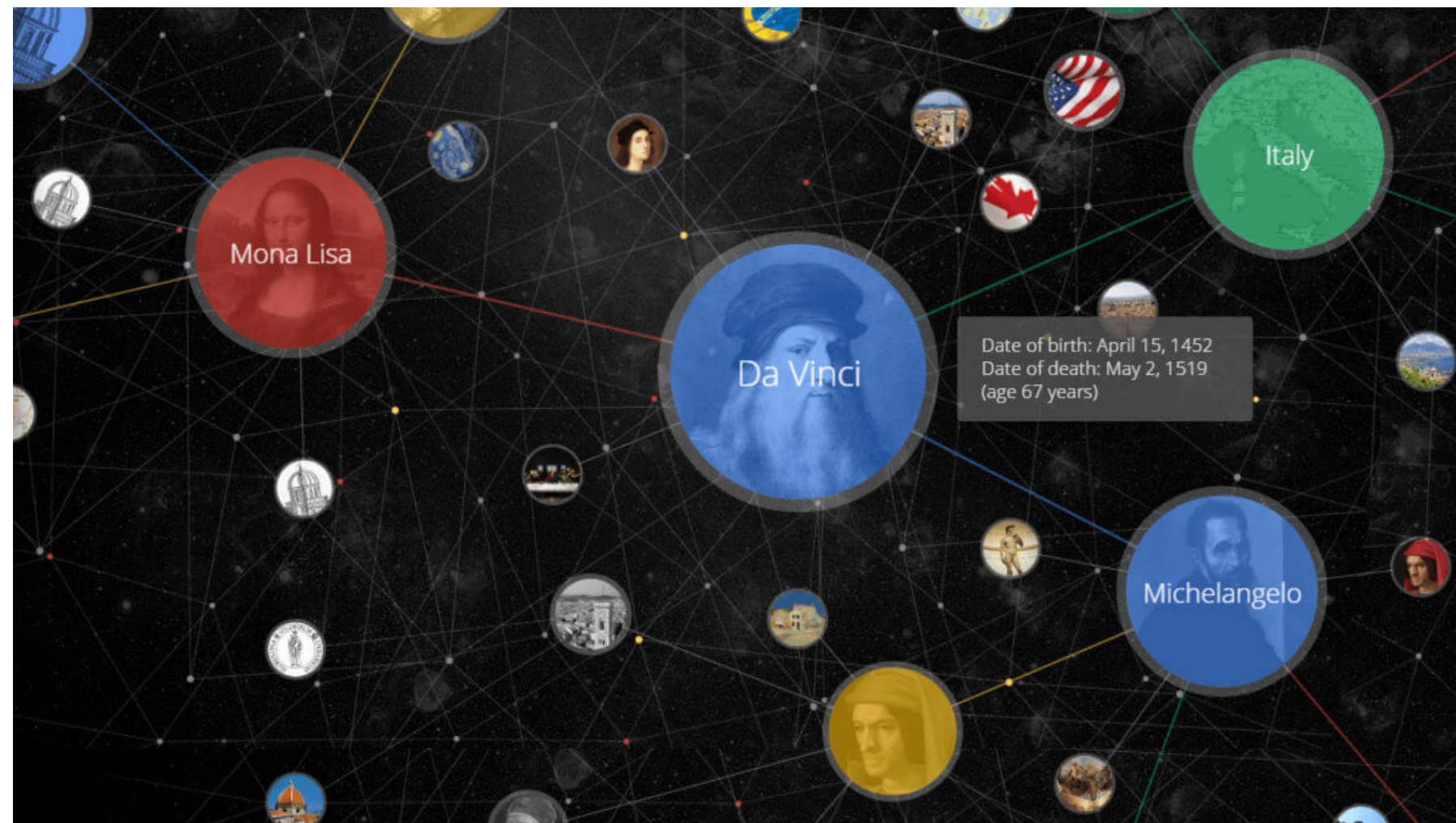
Wide application and great success in NLP

# Contextual and Non-contextual Word Embeddings

- E.g., “the **bank** robber was seen on the river **bank**”
- For non-contextual word embedding e.g., Word2Vec
  - $V(\mathbf{bank}) = V(\mathbf{bank})$
  - One word one vector; ignore the context of a word
- For contextual word embedding e.g., BERT
  - $V(\mathbf{bank}) \neq V(\mathbf{bank})$
  - A word’s vector varies from context to context
  - Devlin, Jacob, et al. "Bert: Pre-training of deep bidirectional transformers for language understanding." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1810.04805* (2018)

# What is knowledge graph?

- “Knowledge Graph” was proposed by Google in 2012, referring to its services to enhance its search engine’s results with knowledge gathered from a variety of sources



- Knowledge  $\approx$  Instances + Facts, represented as RDF triples e.g., <Box, hasParent, Alex>
- Linked and graph structured data

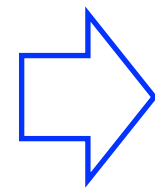
In this lecture we distinguish KG (Day 3) with ontology (Day 4). KGs are in form of RDF data, RDF Data + Literals, RDF data + schema/constraints/rules

# TransE: Take relation as translation

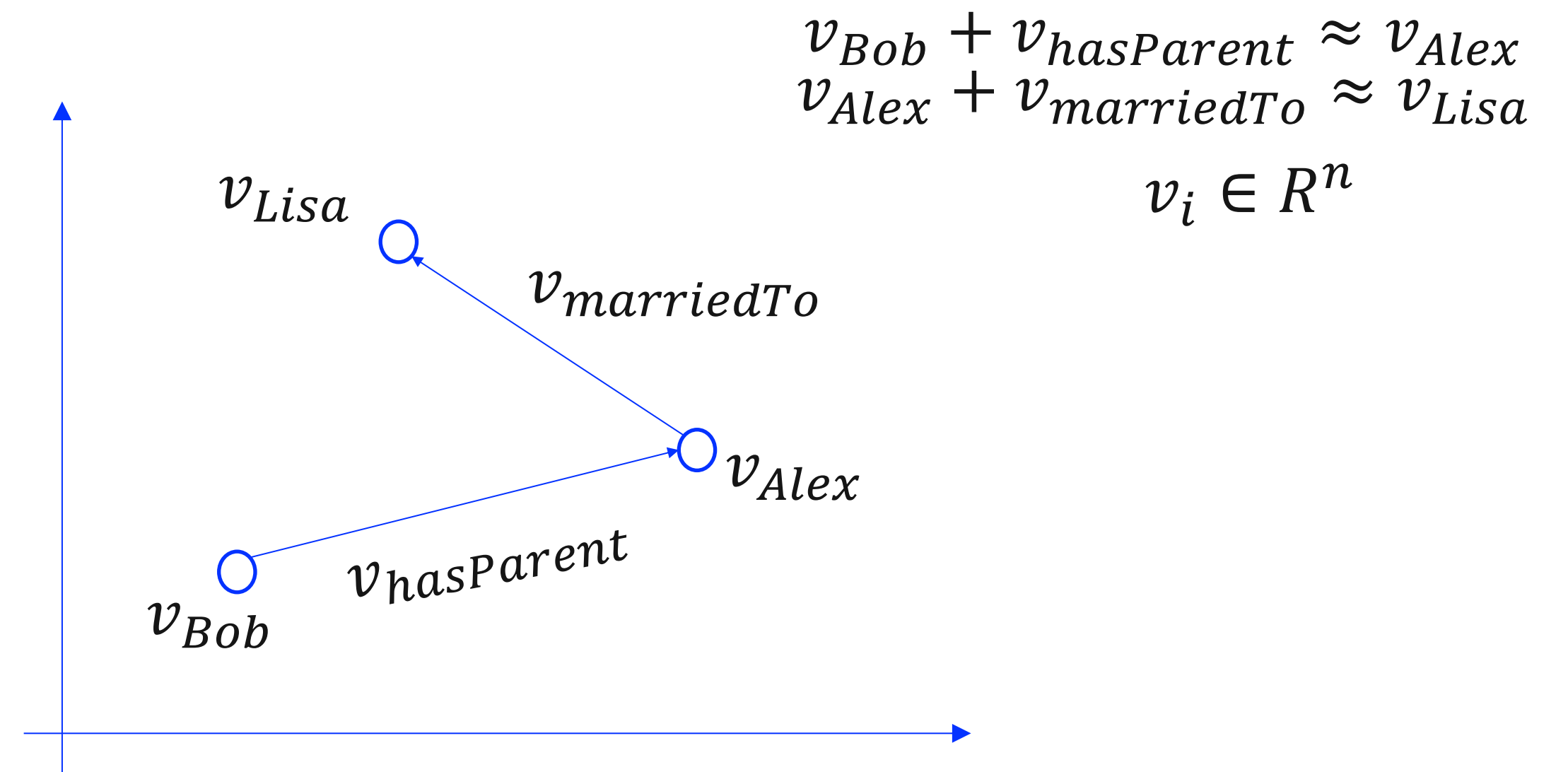
- For each triple  $\langle h, r, t \rangle$ ,  $h$  is translated to  $t$  by  $r$  (denoted by vector  $l$ )

## RDF triples

$\langle \text{Bob}, \text{hasParent}, \text{Alex} \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{Alex}, \text{marriedTo}, \text{Lisa} \rangle$   
 ...



Sampling and Learning



Bordes, A., et al. "Translating embeddings for modeling multi-relational data." *Advances in neural information processing systems* 26 (2013).

# TransE: Take relation as translation

- Score function for a triple

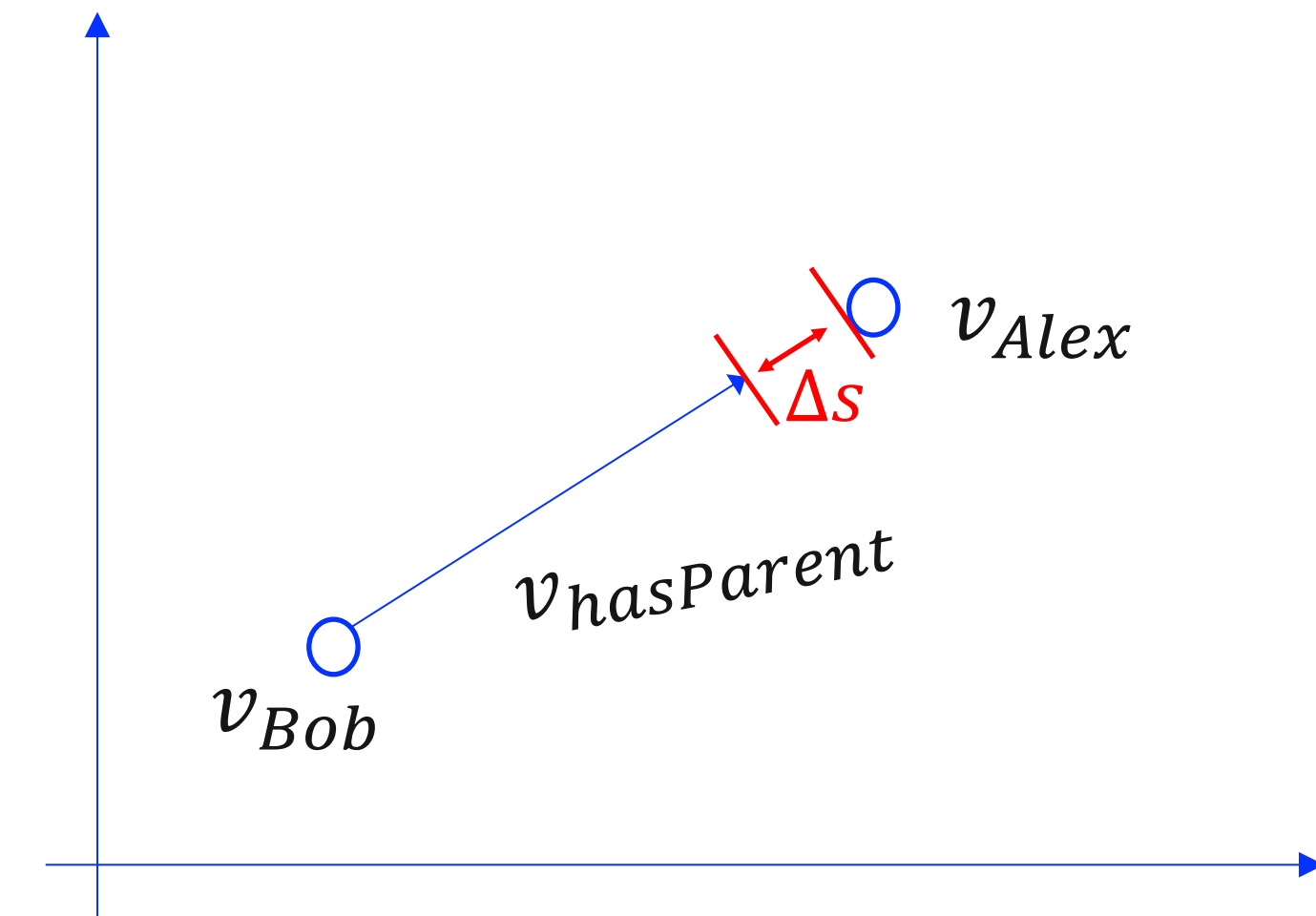
$$f(h, l, t) = |h + l - t|_{L_1/L_2}$$

$L_1$  (Manhattan distance):

$$\mathbf{d}_1(a, b) = \|a - b\|_1 = \sum_{i=1} |a_i - b_i|.$$

$L_2$  (Euclidean distance):

$$\mathbf{d}_2(a, b) = \|a - b\| = \|a - b\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d (a_i - b_i)^2}$$





# TransE: Take relation as translation

- Negative Sampling
  - Corrupting the head or tail
    - E.g., <Bob, hasParent, **Lisa**>, <**Tom**, hasParent, Alex>

**Loss**

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(h,l,t) \in S} \sum_{(h',l,t') \in S'_{(h,l,t)}} [\lambda + d(h+l,t) - d(h'+l,t')]_+$$

Margin

Positive triples

Negative triples

Distance function

# TransE: Take relation as translation

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## Algorithm 1 Learning TransE

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**input** Training set  $S = \{(h, \ell, t)\}$ , entities and rel. sets  $E$  and  $L$ , margin  $\gamma$ , embeddings dim.  $k$ .

1: **initialize**  $\ell \leftarrow \text{uniform}(-\frac{6}{\sqrt{k}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{k}})$  for each  $\ell \in L$   
 2:      $\ell \leftarrow \ell / \|\ell\|$  for each  $\ell \in L$   
 3:      $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow \text{uniform}(-\frac{6}{\sqrt{k}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{k}})$  for each entity  $e \in E$

Entities and relations are initialized uniformly, and normalized

4: **loop**

5:      $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow \mathbf{e} / \|\mathbf{e}\|$  for each entity  $e \in E$   
 6:      $S_{batch} \leftarrow \text{sample}(S, b)$  // sample a minibatch of size  $b$   
 7:      $T_{batch} \leftarrow \emptyset$  // initialize the set of pairs of triplets  
 8:     **for**  $(h, \ell, t) \in S_{batch}$  **do**  
 9:          $(h', \ell, t') \leftarrow \text{sample}(S'_{(h, \ell, t)})$  // sample a corrupted triplet  
 10:          $T_{batch} \leftarrow T_{batch} \cup \{((h, \ell, t), (h', \ell, t'))\}$

Favors lower distance (or higher score) for true triplets, high distance (or lower score) for false ones

11:     **end for**

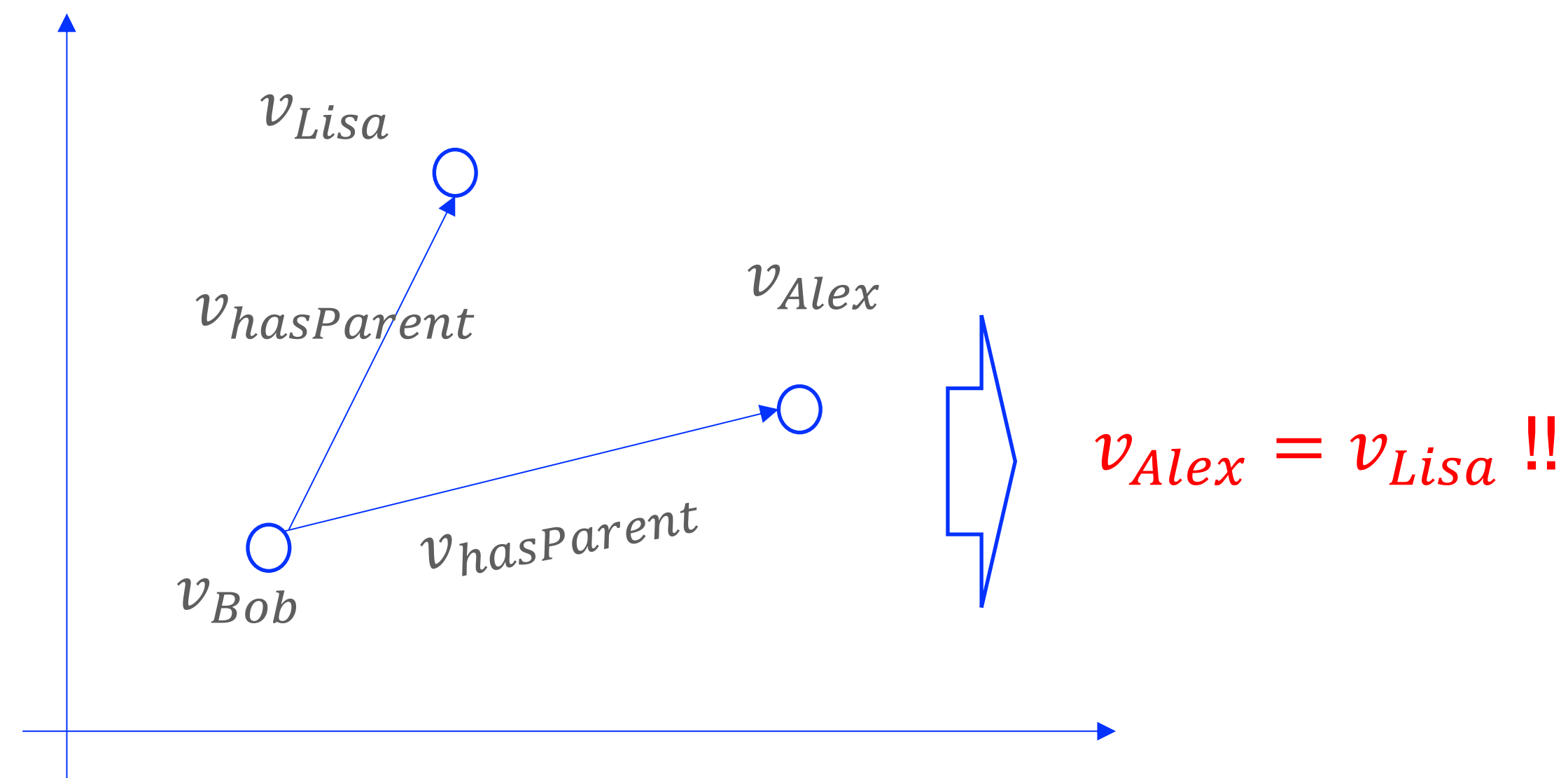
12:     Update embeddings w.r.t.  $\sum_{((h, \ell, t), (h', \ell, t')) \in T_{batch}} \nabla [\gamma + d(\mathbf{h} + \ell, \mathbf{t}) - d(\mathbf{h}' + \ell, \mathbf{t}')]_+$

13: **end loop**

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# TransE: Take relation as translation

Limitation: Cannot deal with **one-to-many**,  
**many-to-one** and **many-to-many** relations

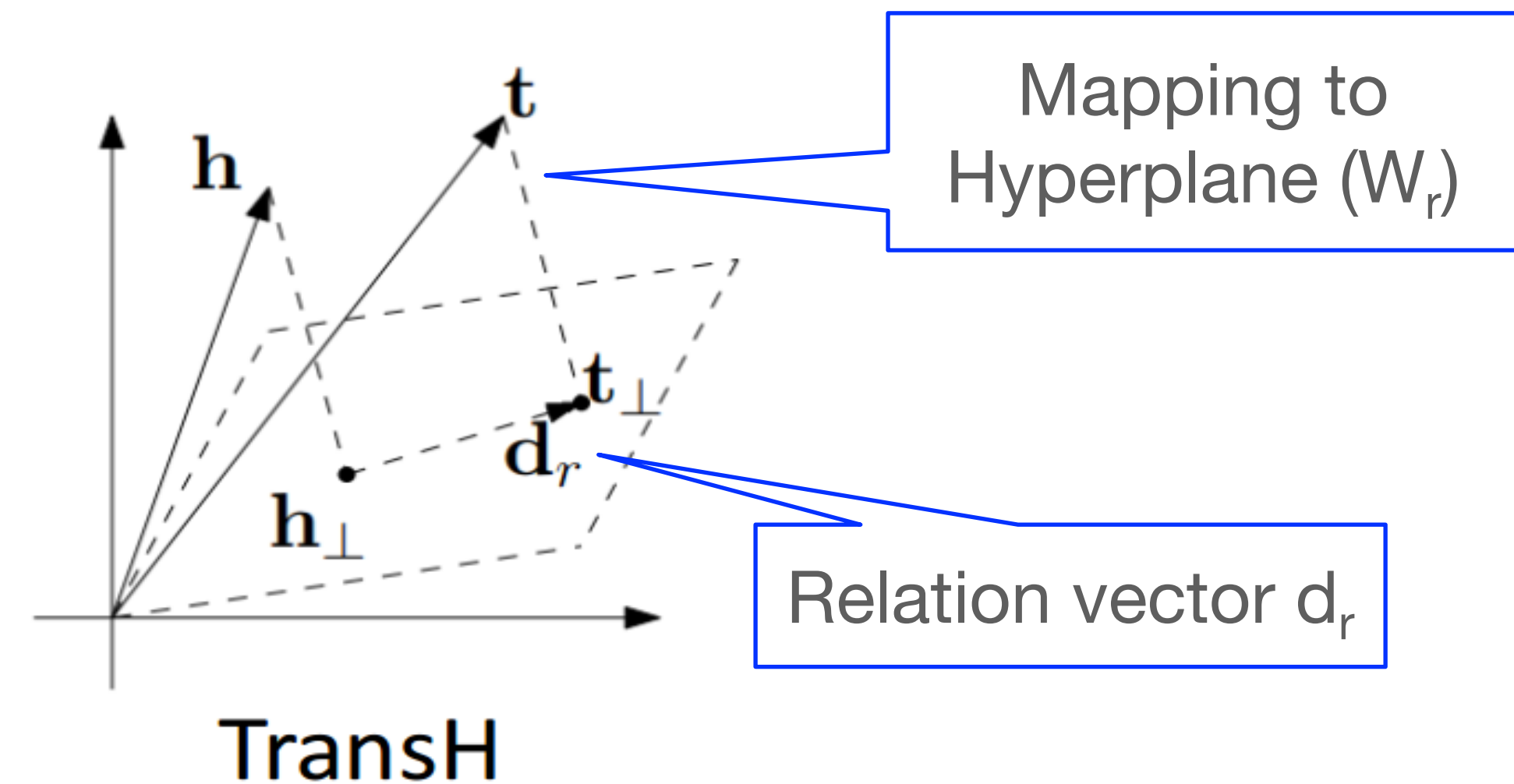


# Variants of TransE: TransH

- To address the limitation of failing to model one-to-many, many-to-one and many-to-many relations
- TransH: model a relation as a hyperplane together with a translation operation on it

$$h_{\perp} = h - w_r^T h w_r$$

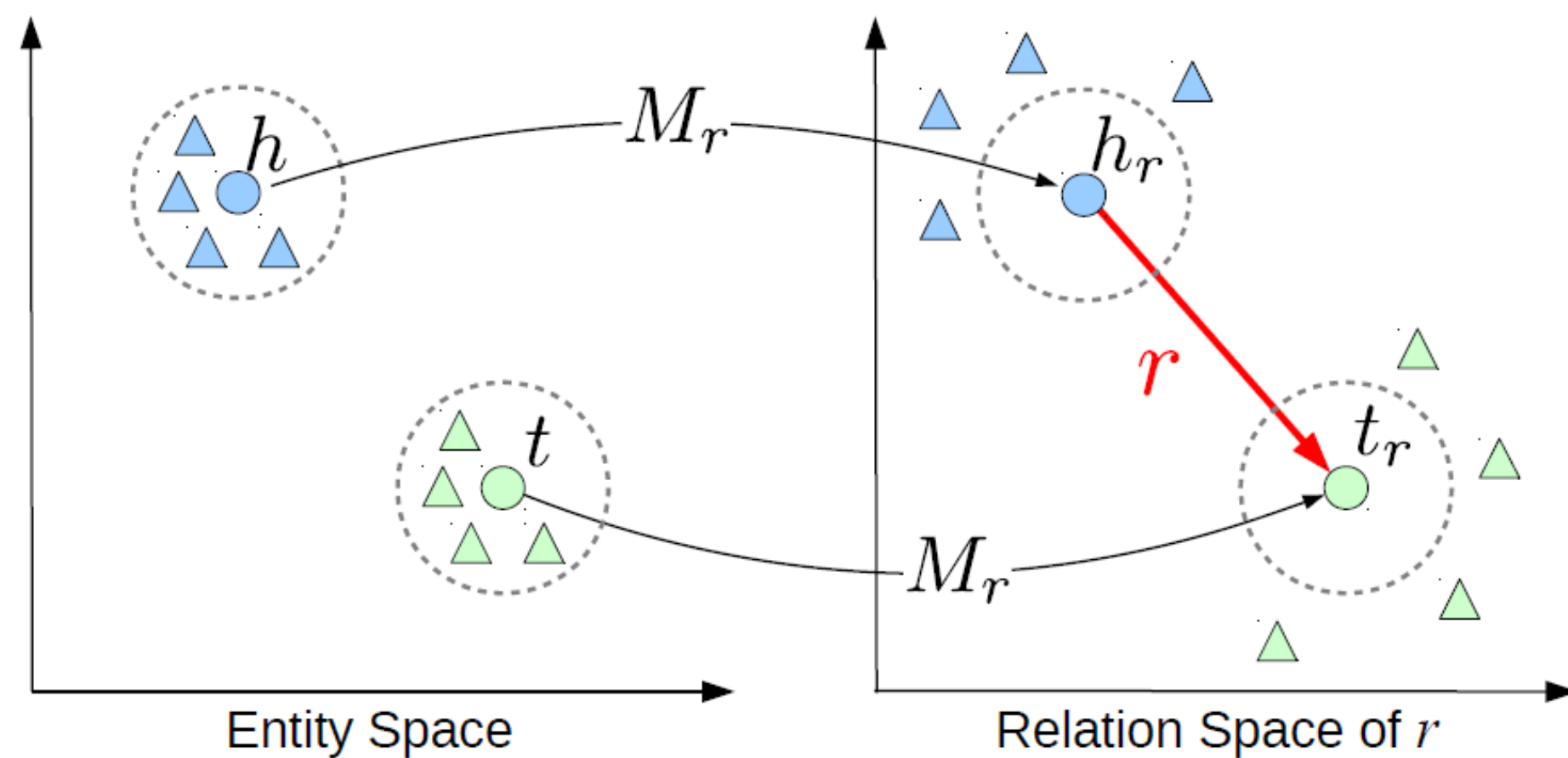
$$t_{\perp} = t - w_r^T t w_r$$



In  $\langle \text{Bob}, \text{hasParent}, \text{Lisa} \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{Bob}, \text{hasParent}, \text{Alex} \rangle$ , Lisa and Alex can have different embeddings, even they become the same when mapped to the hyperplane of hasParent.

# Variants of TransE: TransR

- Assume the head and tail could lie in different spaces; map them into the same space where the relation lies before calculating the triple score



$$f_r(h, t) = \|\mathbf{h}_r + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t}_r\|_2^2.$$

$$\mathbf{h}_r = \mathbf{h}\mathbf{M}_r, \quad \mathbf{t}_r = \mathbf{t}\mathbf{M}_r.$$

Lin, et al. (2015). Learning entity and relation embeddings for knowledge graph completion, AAAI.

# Knowledge Graph Embedding Paradigms

- End-to-end geometric modelling (e.g., TransE)
  - Steps: Define score functions to model the likelihood of triples; define loss functions; learn the embeddings by minimizing the losses
  - Translation-based & decomposition-based
  - Many others: TransD, DistMult, ComplEx, HolE, etc.

(Revisit)

# Knowledge Graph Embedding Paradigms

- Graph Neural Networks
  - A function of representations of neighbors and itself from previous layers
    - **Aggregation** of neighbors
    - **Transformation** to a different space
    - **Combination** of neighbors and the node itself

# Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) vs GNN

- CNN

1 <sub>x1</sub>	1 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	0	0
0 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	1 <sub>x0</sub>	1	0
0 <sub>x1</sub>	0 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Image

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Convolved  
Feature



# Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) vs GNN

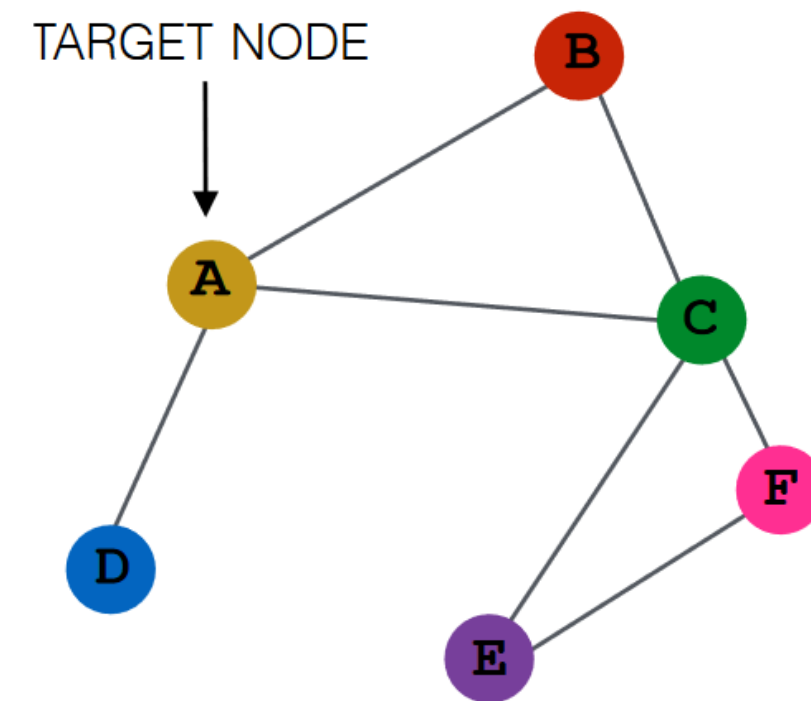
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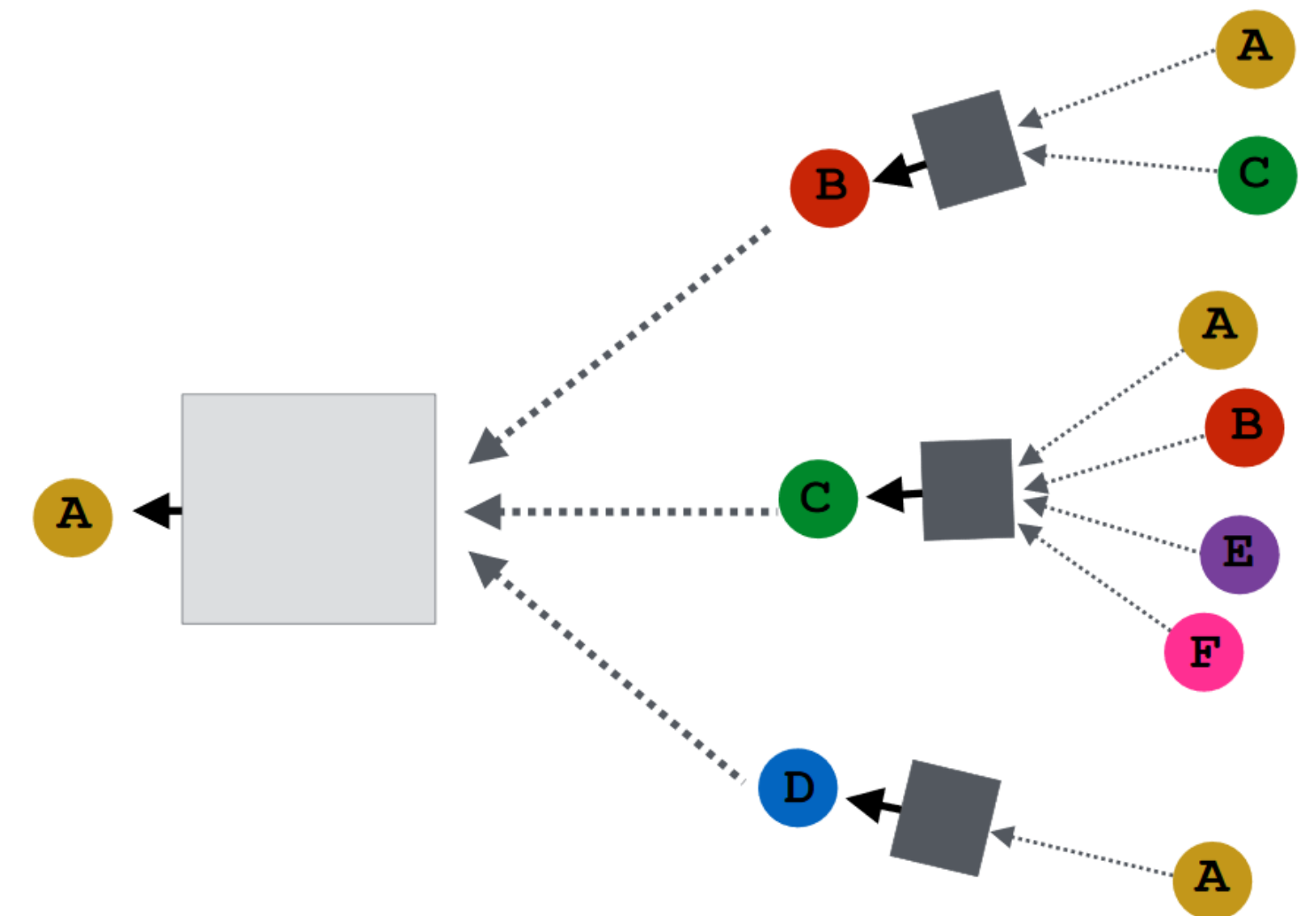
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Convolved  
Feature



- GNN: Extend to irregular graph structure



# Graph Neural Network

- KG embedding with GNN
  - Train a GNN unit the loss converges
  - Use final layer output as the embedding

Output of a node  $v$  at layer  $t$

$$h_v^{(t)} = f \left( \underbrace{h_v^{(t-1)}}_{\text{Representation vector from previous layer for node } v}, \underbrace{\left\{ h_u^{(t-1)} \mid u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \right\}}_{\text{representation vectors from previous layer for node } v\text{'s neighbors}} \right)$$

Representation  
vector from  
previous layer for  
node  $v$

representation vectors  
from previous layer for  
node  $v$ 's neighbors

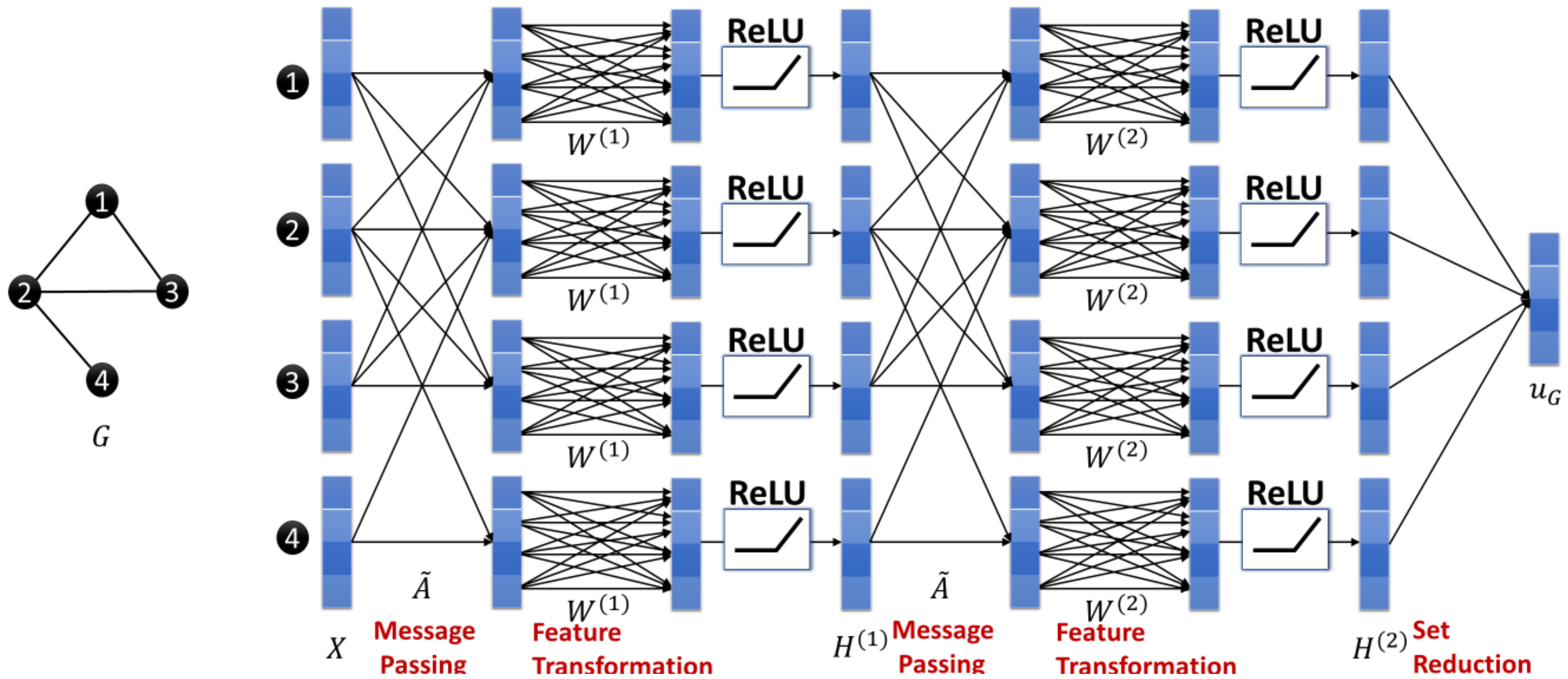
# Graph Convolutional Network

- GCN

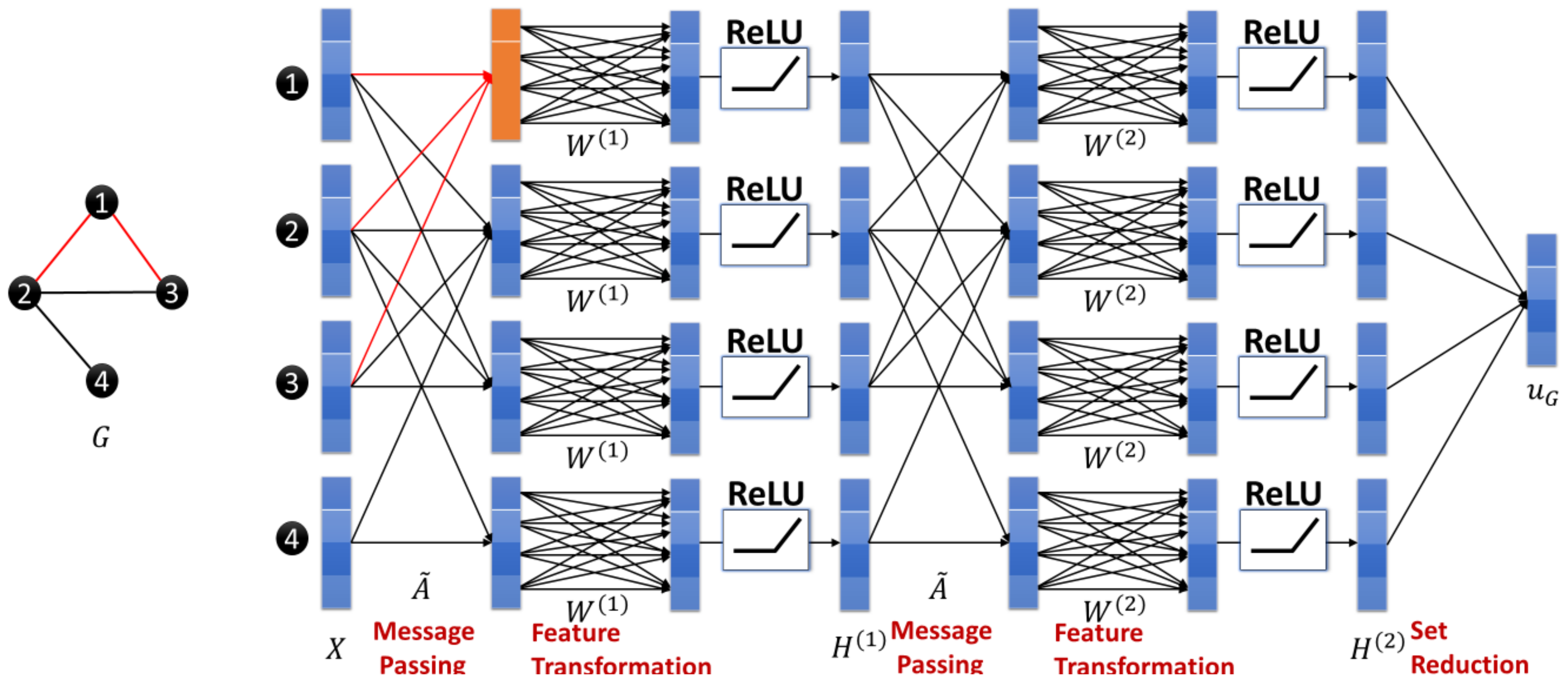
$$\mathbf{h}_v^k = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}_k \sum_{u \in N(v) \cup v} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}}{\sqrt{|N(u)||N(v)|}} \right)$$

$\mathbf{W}_k$ : weight matrix at Layer k, shared across different nodes

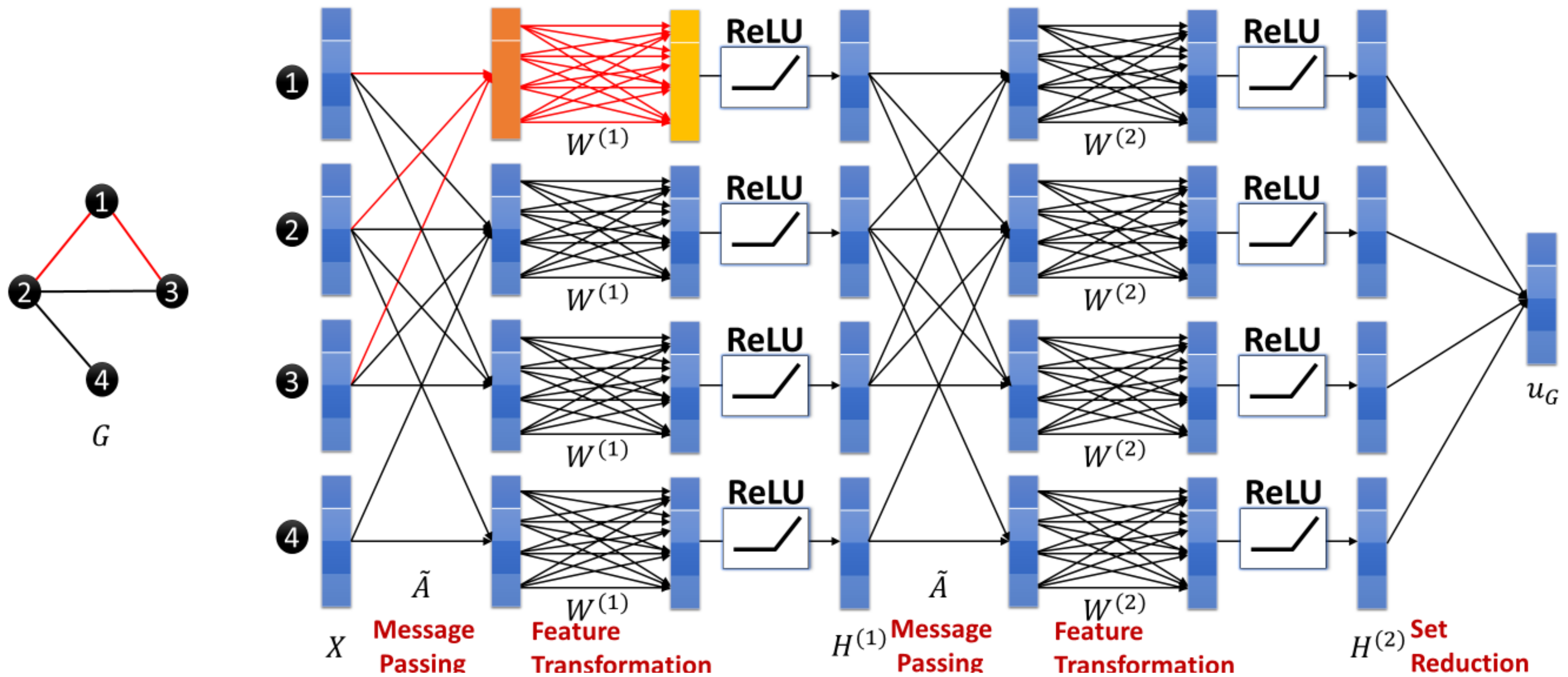
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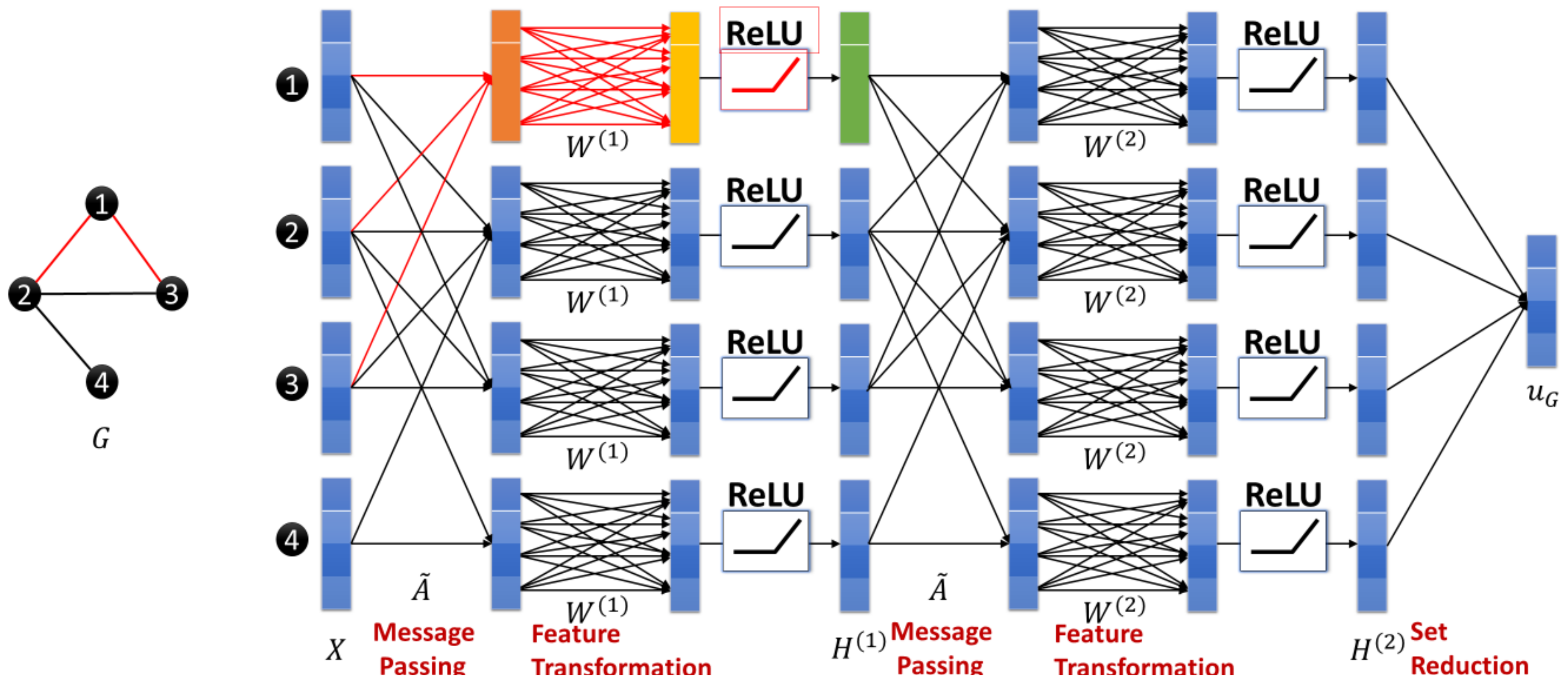
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# R-GCN

To deal with **a graph with different relations**

Output of a node  $i$  at layer  $l + 1$  of **R-GCN**

$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i^r} \frac{1}{c_{i,r}} W_r^{(l)} h_j^{(l)} + W_0^{(l)} h_i^{(l)} \right)$$

Relation-aware  
normalization constant

Schlichtkrull, Michael, et al. "Modeling relational data with graph convolutional networks." *The semantic web: 15th international conference, ESWC 2018*.

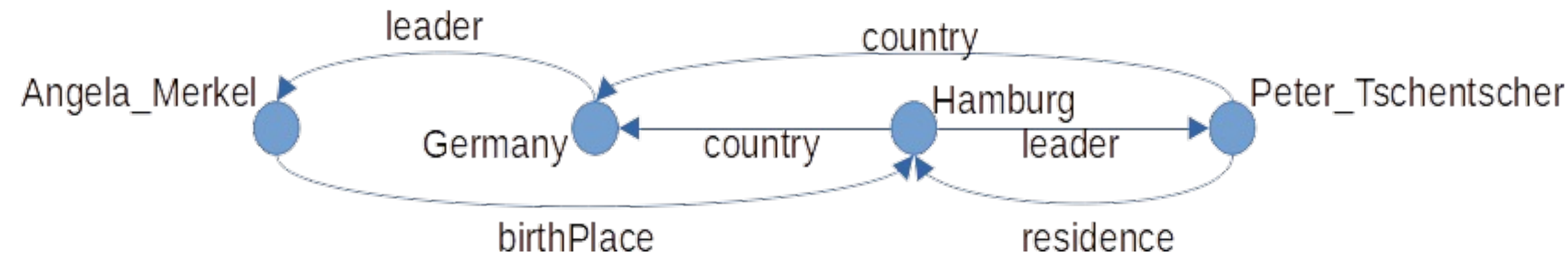


# Knowledge Graph Embedding Paradigms

- Pipeline (e.g., RDF2Vec)
  - Extract sentences (sequences of entities) from the KG, with the relationship between entities kept in the sentences
  - Learn a word embedding model

# RDF2Vec

- A variant of [node2vec](#) and [Deep Graph Kernel](#) which originally support [undirected graphs](#)
- Pipeline:
  - [Random walk](#) over a KG for entity and relation sentences



Hamburg → country → Germany → leader → Angela\_Merkel  
 Germany → leader → Angela\_Merkel → birthPlace → Hamburg  
 Hamburg → leader → Peter\_Tschentscher → residence → Hamburg

Ristoski, Petar, and Heiko Paulheim. "Rdf2vec: Rdf graph embeddings for data mining." *International semantic web conference*. Springer, Cham, 2016.

# RDF2Vec

- Pipeline:
  - **Random walk** over a KG for entity and relation sentences
  - Learn a CBOW or Skip-gram model (recall Word2Vec) with the sentences

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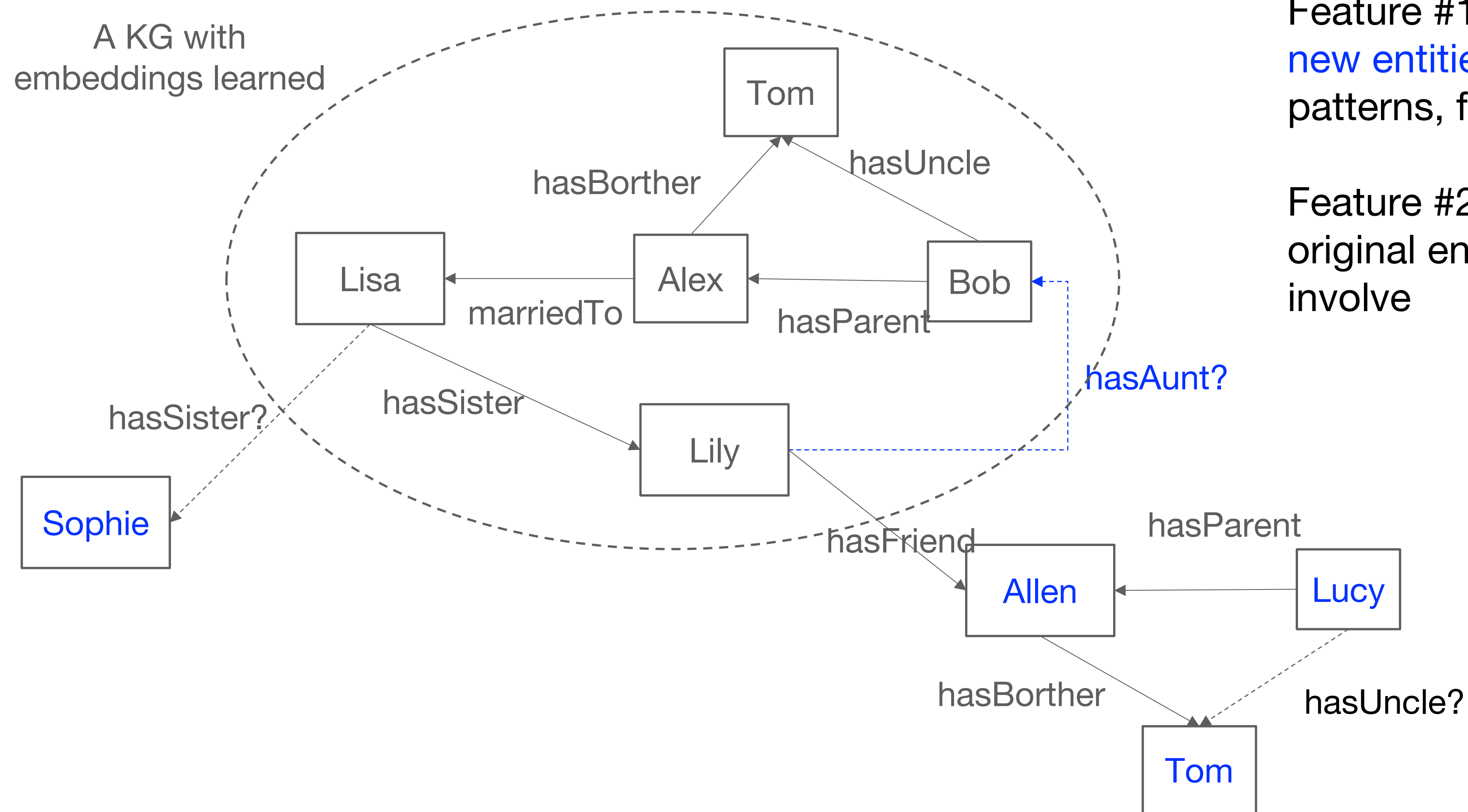
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The sentences (walks) mainly keep the **correlation** between entities!

# Day 3 Knowledge Graph Embeddings

## Part II: Advanced Topics

# Embedding for Inductive KG Inference



Feature #1: Learn representation of the **new entities and relations**, or their graph patterns, for link prediction

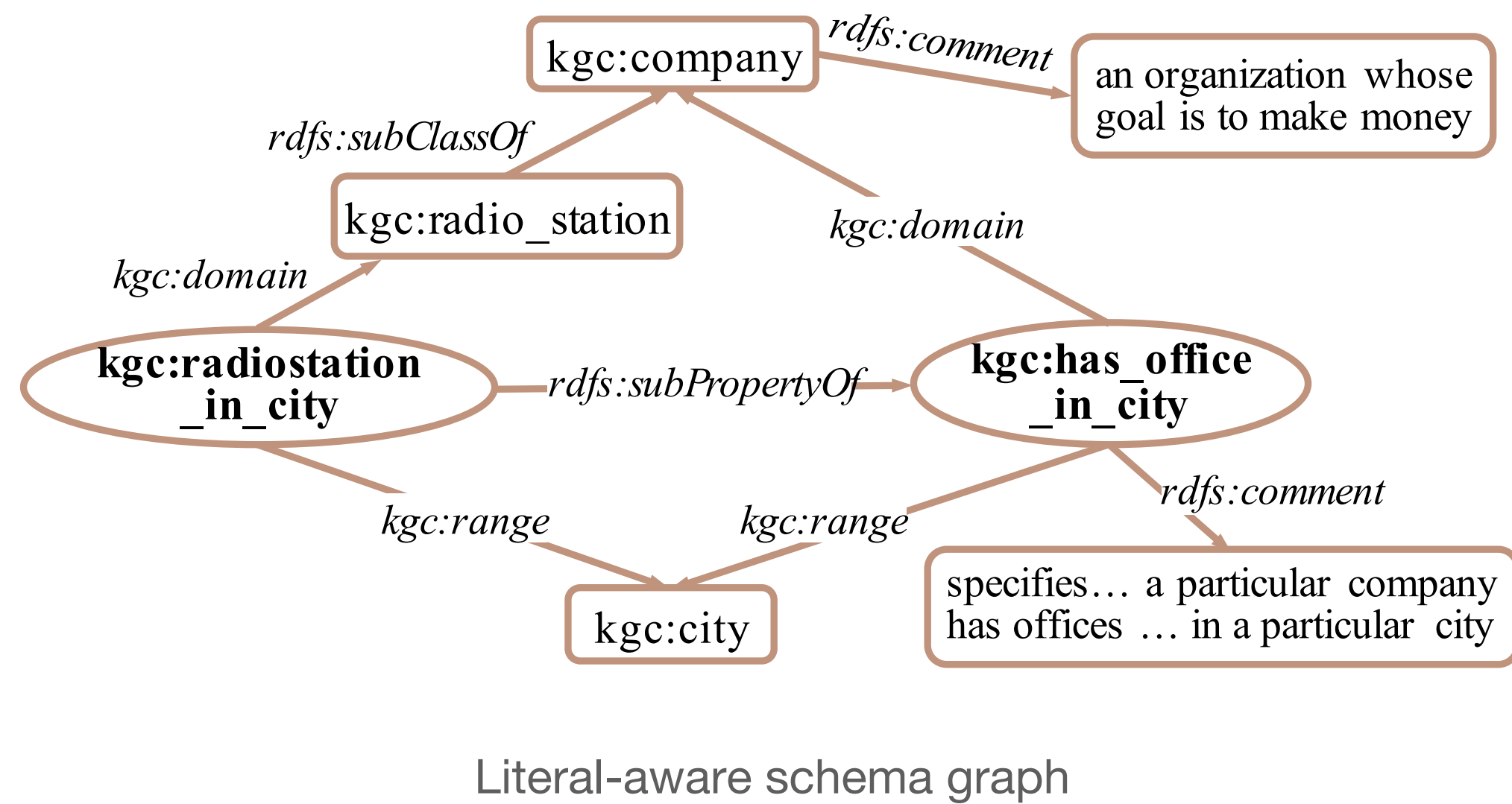
Feature #2: The embeddings of the original entities and relations will not involve

# Solution #1: Utilizing Side Information

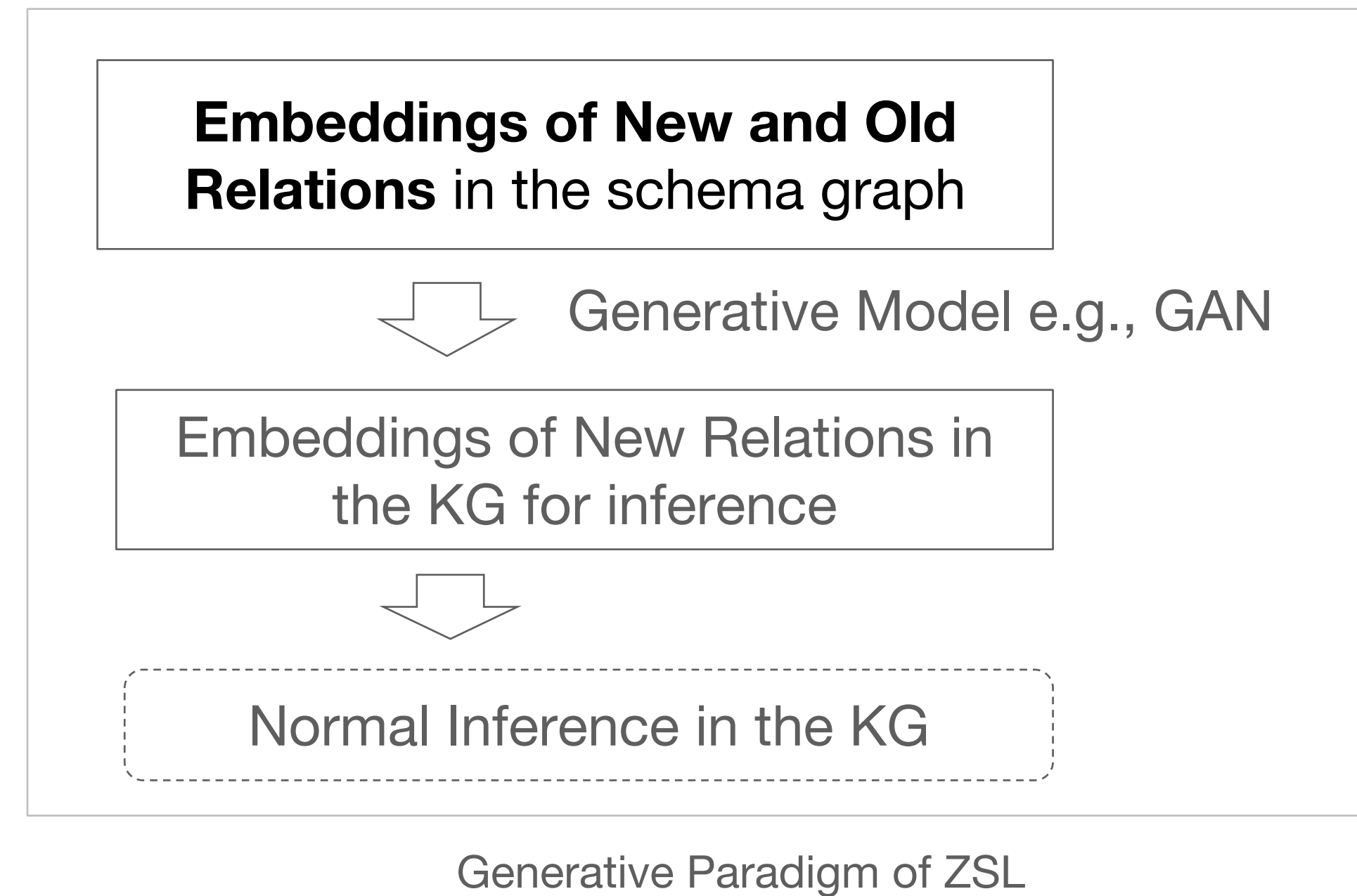
- The new relation **hasAunt**
  - **Textual description:** “An aunt is a woman who is a sibling of a parent or married to a sibling of a parent. Aunts who are related by birth are second-degree relatives. Alternate terms include auntie or aunty” (from Wikipedia)
  - **Schema (a meta graph):** domain (human), range (woman), the class hierarchies of the domain and range, super-property (hasRelative), etc.

# OntoZSL: Ontology Enhanced Zero-shot Learning

- Inductive KG inference for **new relations** with an **ontological schema**



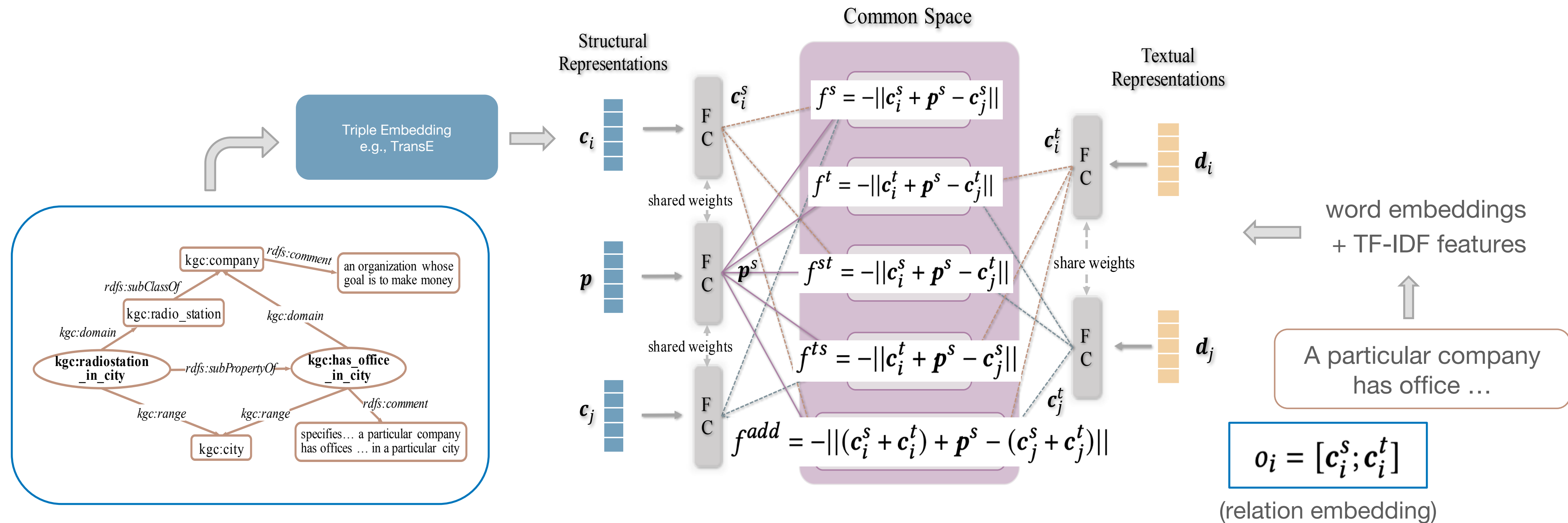
Embeddings





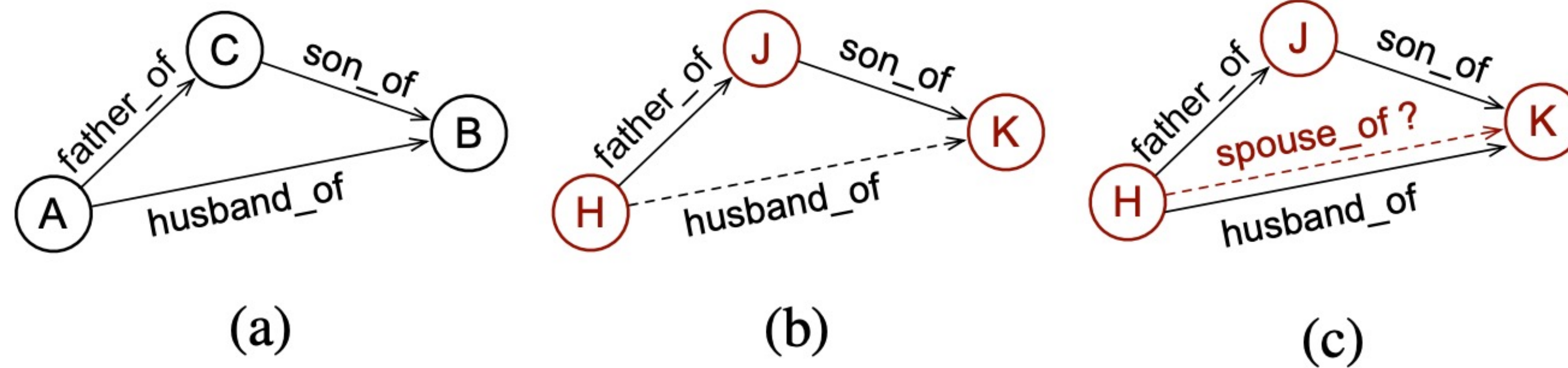
# OntoZSL: Ontology Enhanced Zero-shot Learning

- Embedding the literal-aware schema graph



# Solution #2: Utilizing the graph pattern

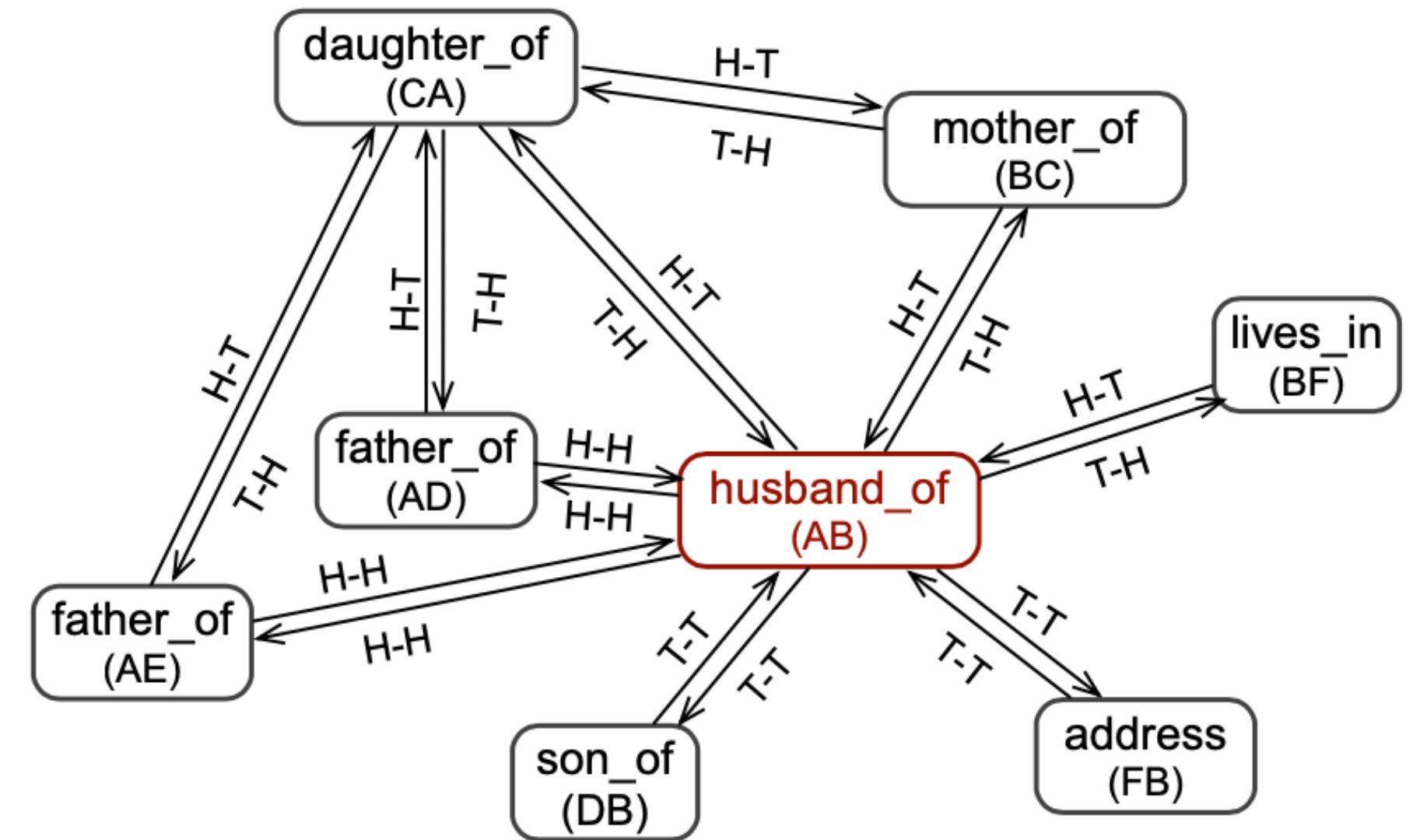
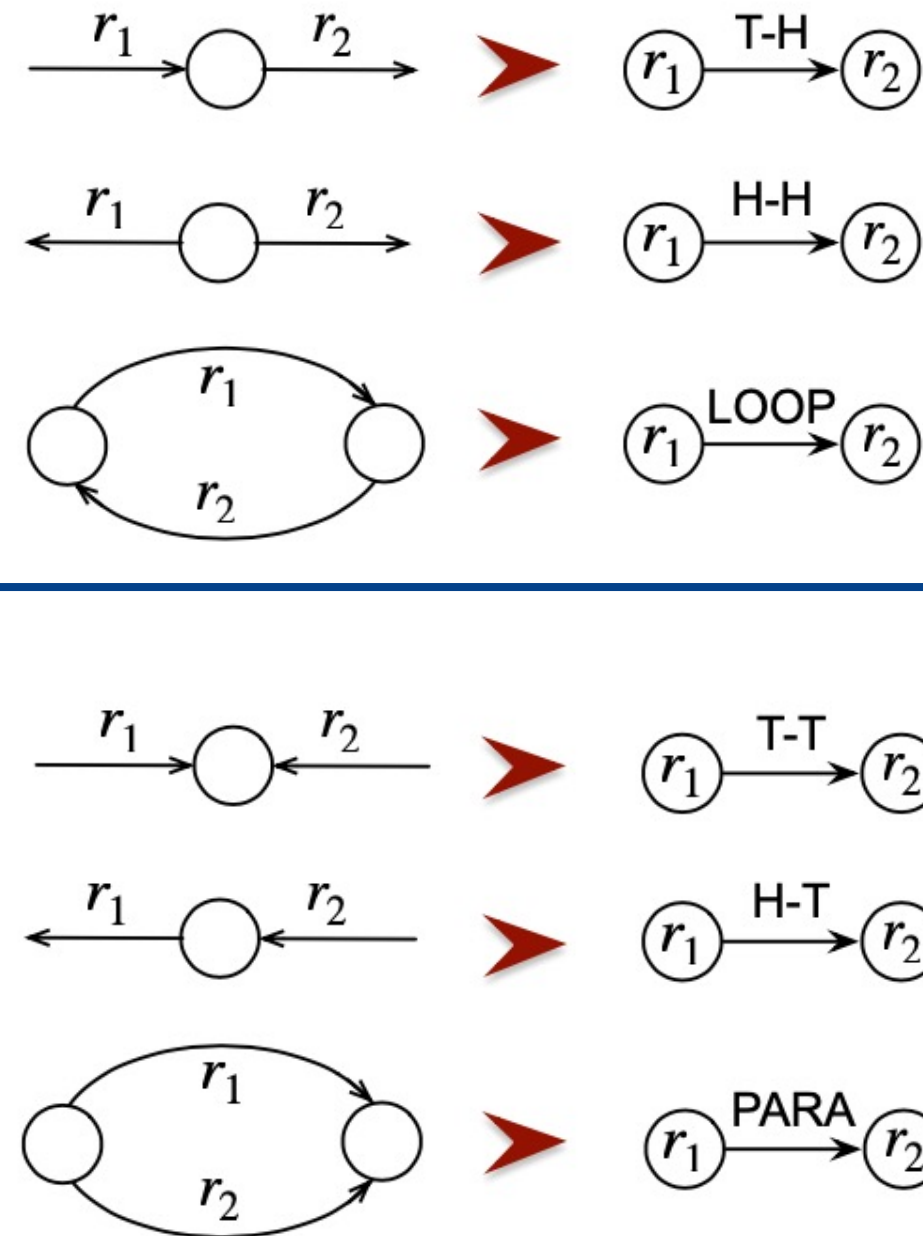
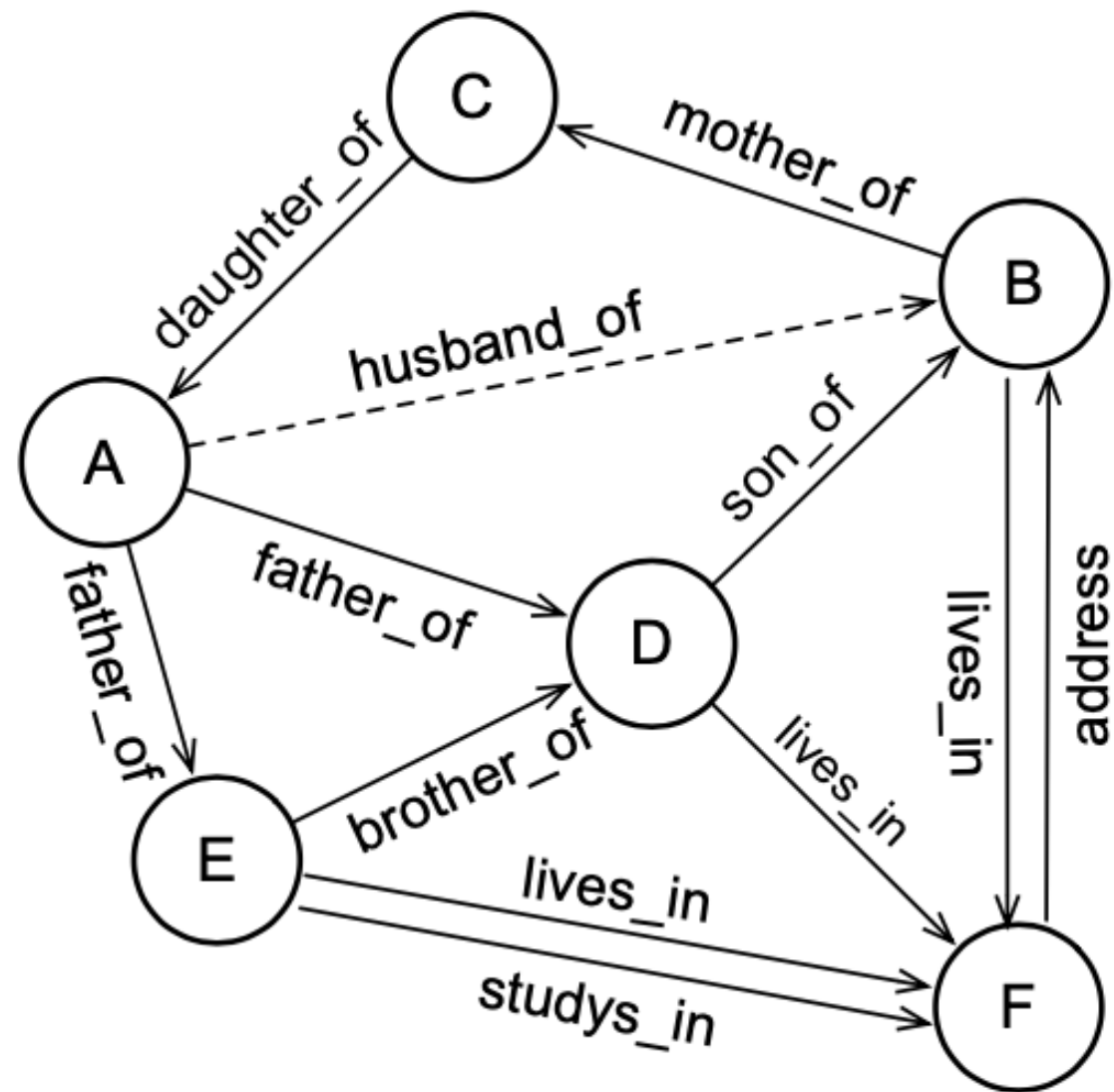
- RMPI: Relational message passing for **fully inductive** KG completion
  - A testing graph with both unseen entities and unseen relations (c)
  - Basic idea:
    - Learn graph patterns over **local subgraphs** with Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) in an entity-independent manner, i.e., in a view of relation



Geng, Yuxia, et al. "Relational message passing for fully inductive knowledge graph completion." 2023 IEEE 39th International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE). IEEE, 2023.

# RMPI

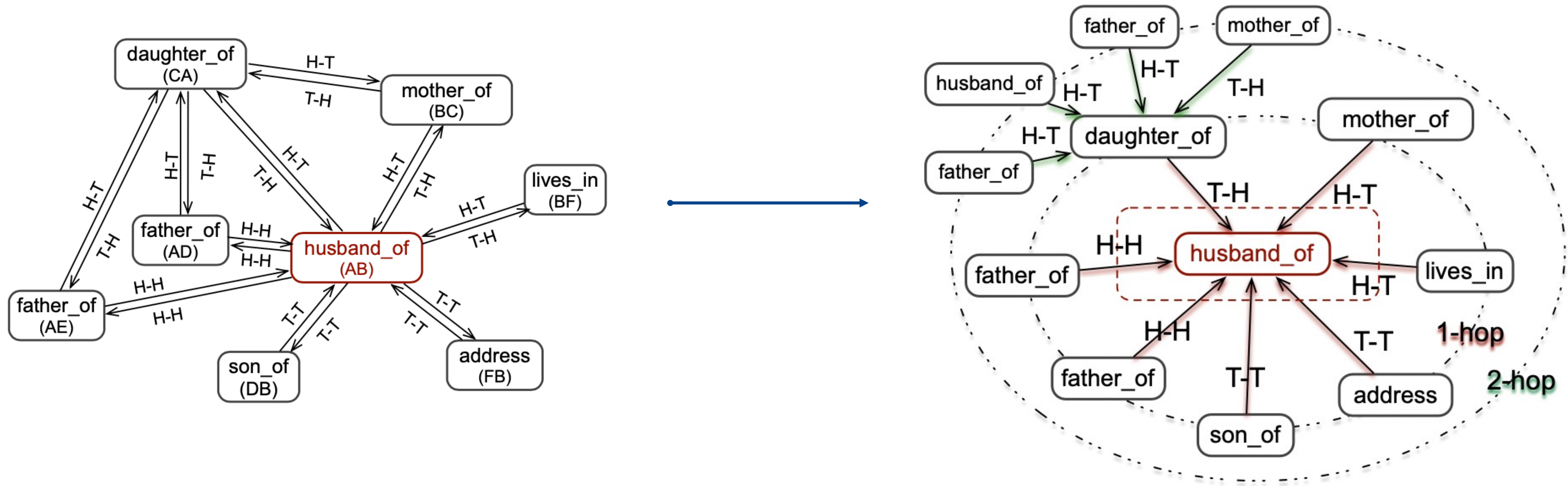
- Subgraph extraction and transformation



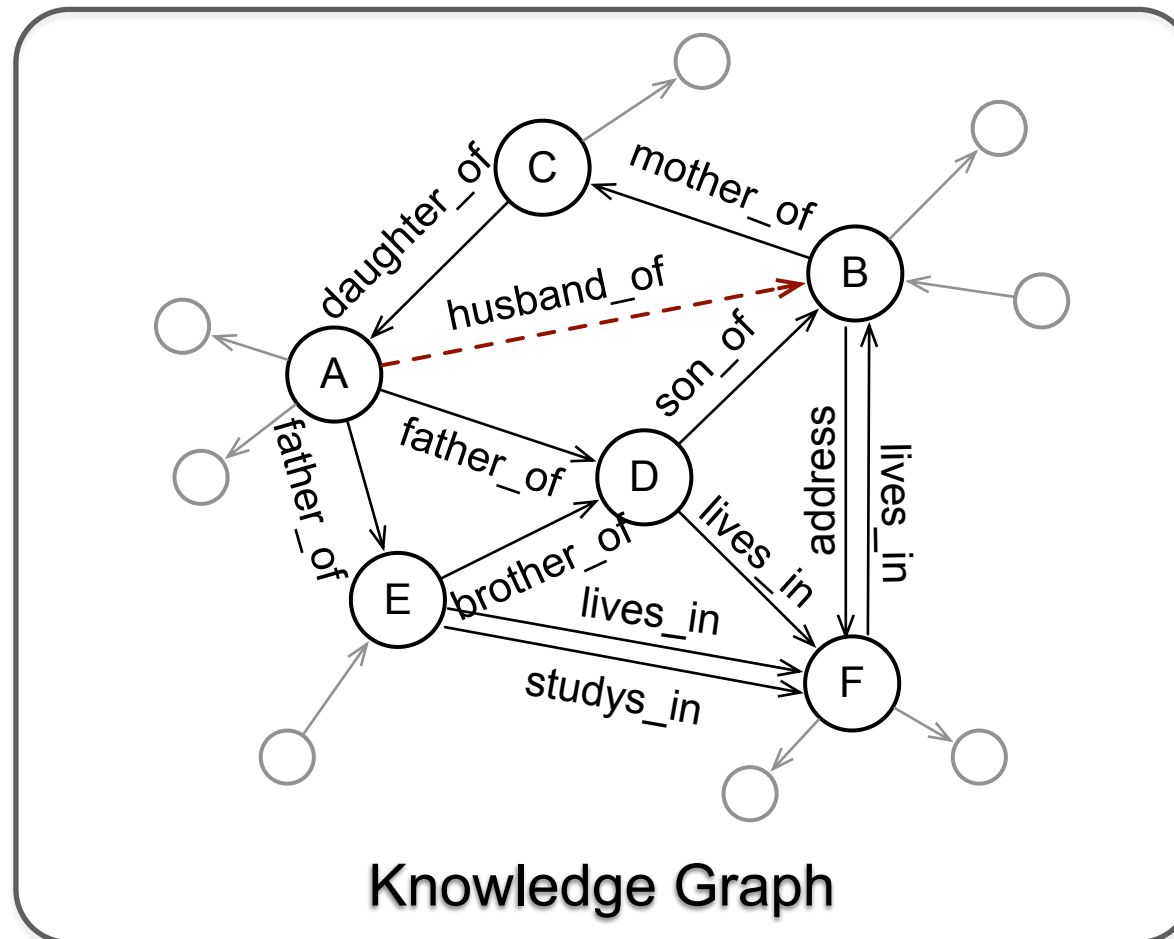
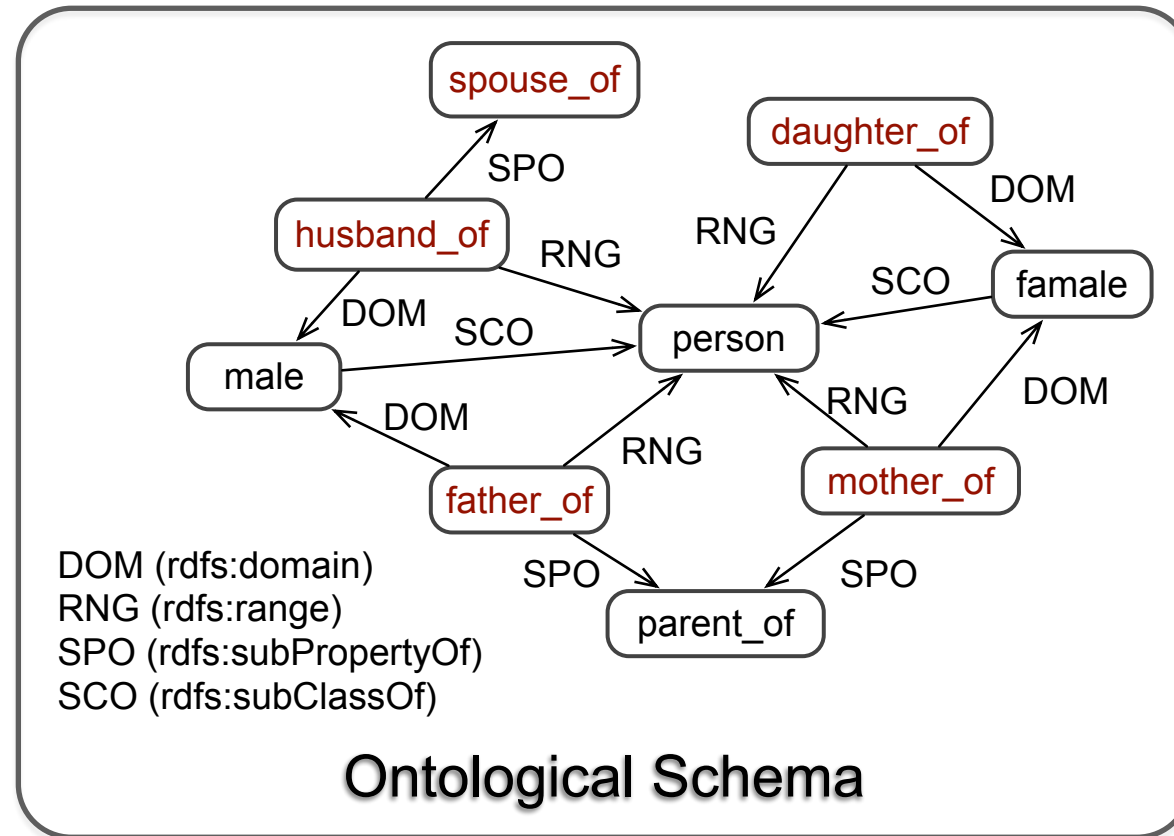
**6 Meta Relations** represent connection patterns of relations in the original graph

# RMPI

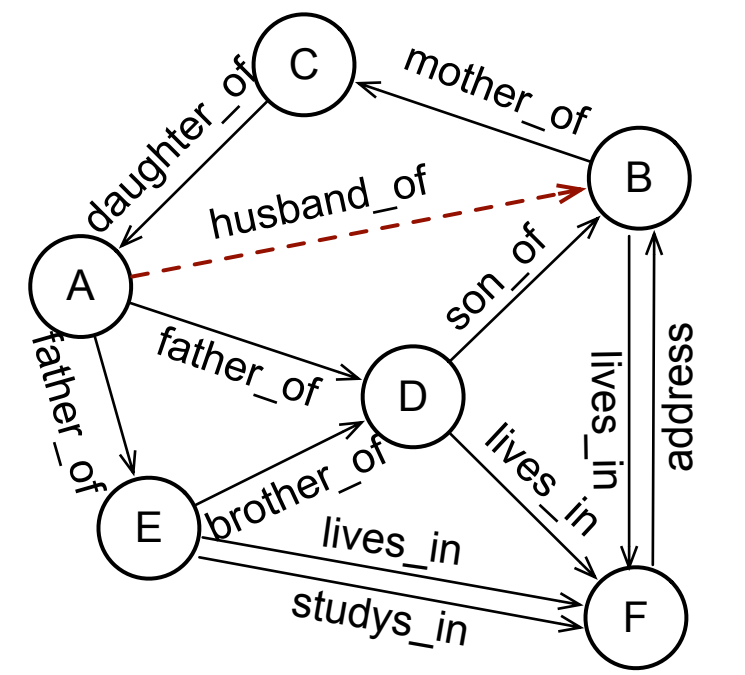
- Graph pruning for optimization and prediction of target relation embedding by neighborhood aggregation (GNN)



# RMPI (overall framework)



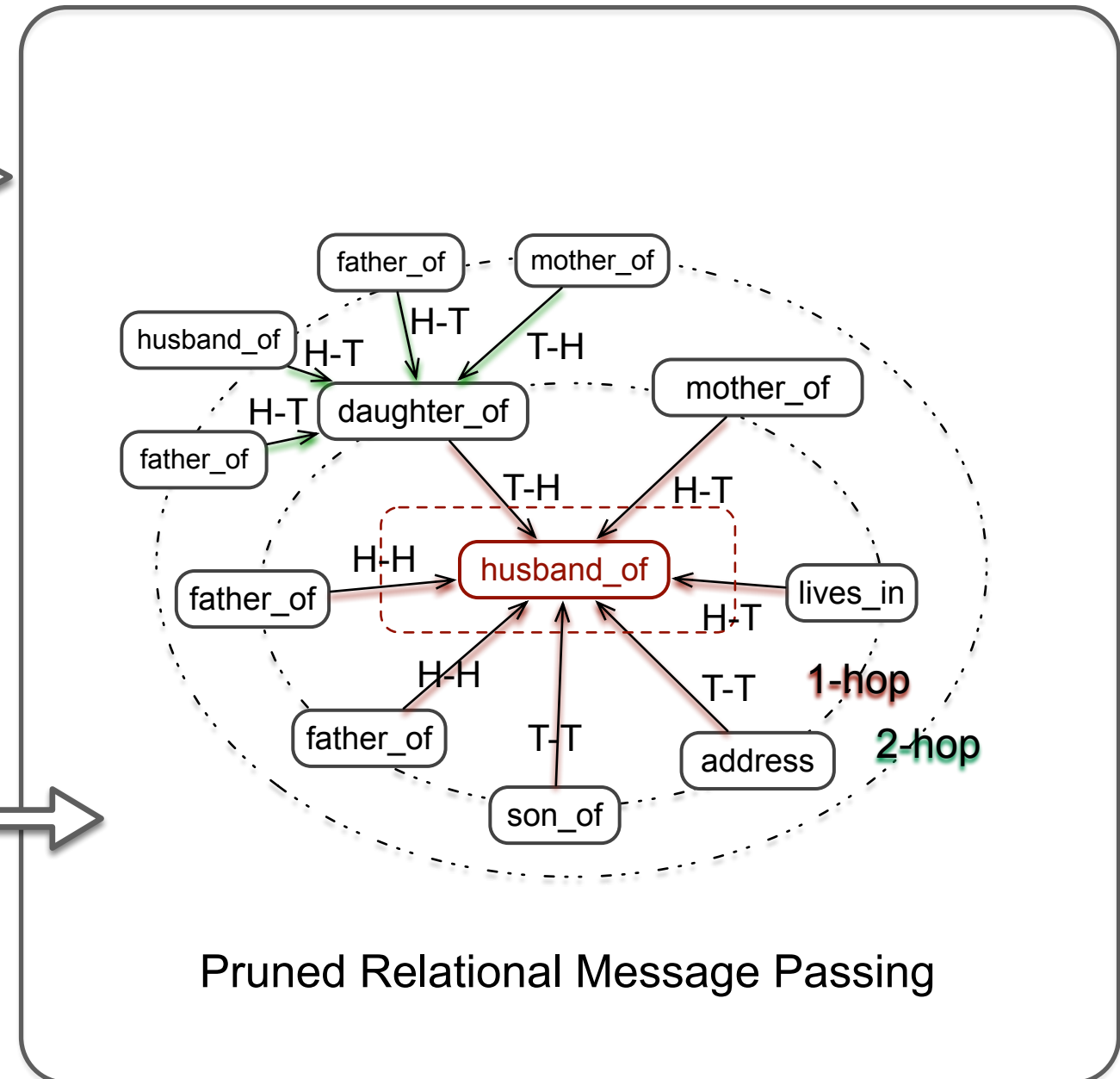
Ontology Graph Pre-training



The Enclosing Subgraph  $G$

Graph Transformation

$R(G)$



0.8  
(A, husband\_of, B)

# Incremental Learning of KG Embeddings

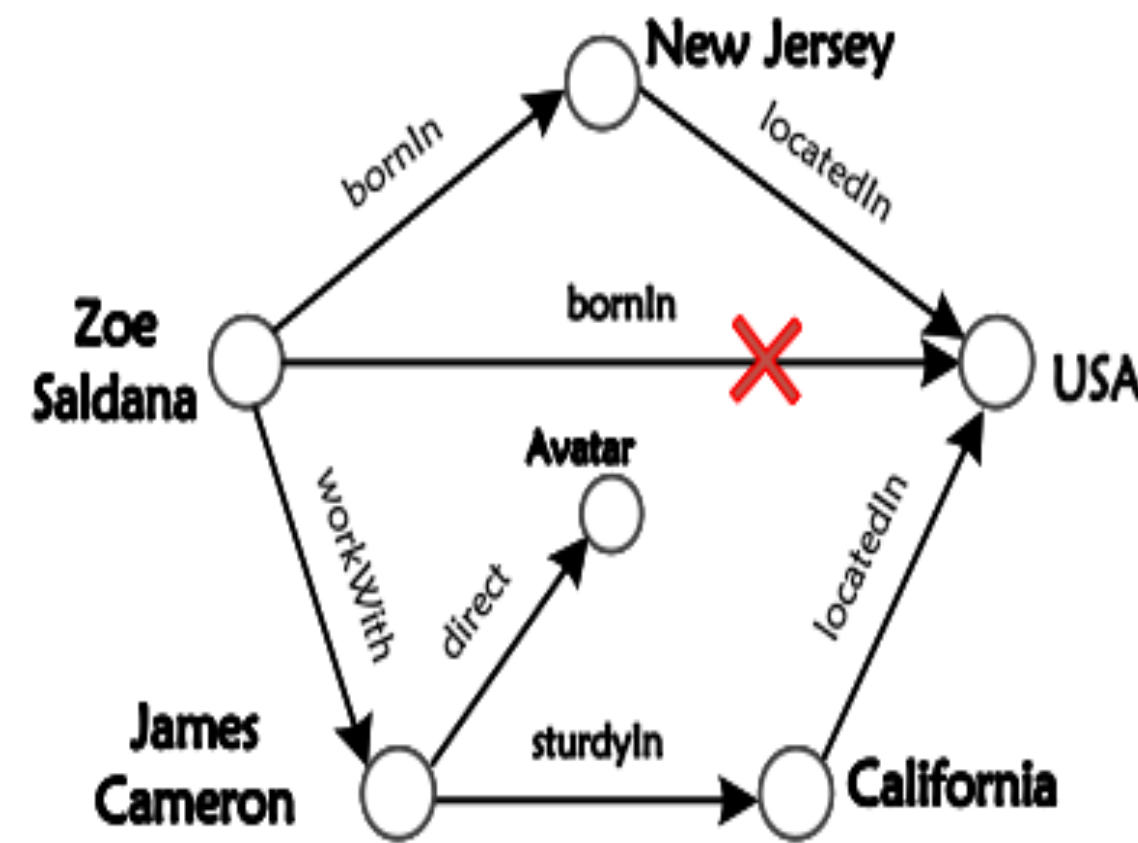
- Relatively less attention, but there are some works

Cui, Yuanning, et al., “Lifelong Embedding Learning and Transfer for Growing Knowledge Graphs”, AAAI 2023

- Challenges
  - Consider training efficiency (instead of re-training)
  - Detect **what graph patterns are changed** (similar to “Concept Drift” in stream learning).
  - Good testing performance on **not only the new added part, but on the original part**

# Robustness of KG Embeddings

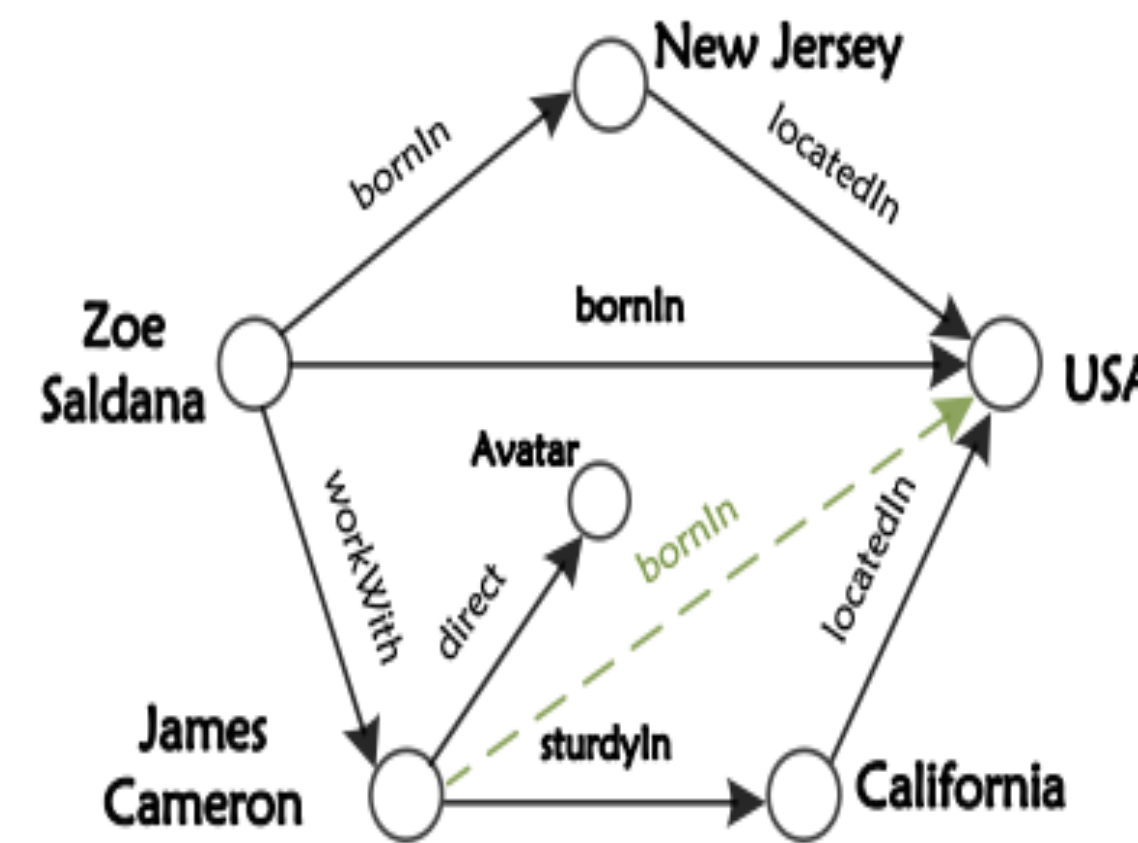
- Motivation: untargeted adversarial attack towards KG embeddings
  - Adversarial attack is to **change the least number of facts for training that have the largest negative impact during testing**
  - E.g., Horn rules learned from embeddings for getting the facts to attack



**Delete a Triple:**  
(Zoe Saldana, bornIn, USA)



**Fail to Learn a Positive Rule:**  
 $bornIn \wedge locatedIn \rightarrow bornIn$



**Add a Noisy Triple:**  
(James Cameron, bornIn, USA)



**Insert a Negative Rule:**  
 $studyIn \wedge locatedIn \rightarrow bornIn$

Zhao, Tianzhe, et al. "Untargeted Adversarial Attack on Knowledge Graph Embeddings." SIGIR 2024.

# Other Advanced Topics

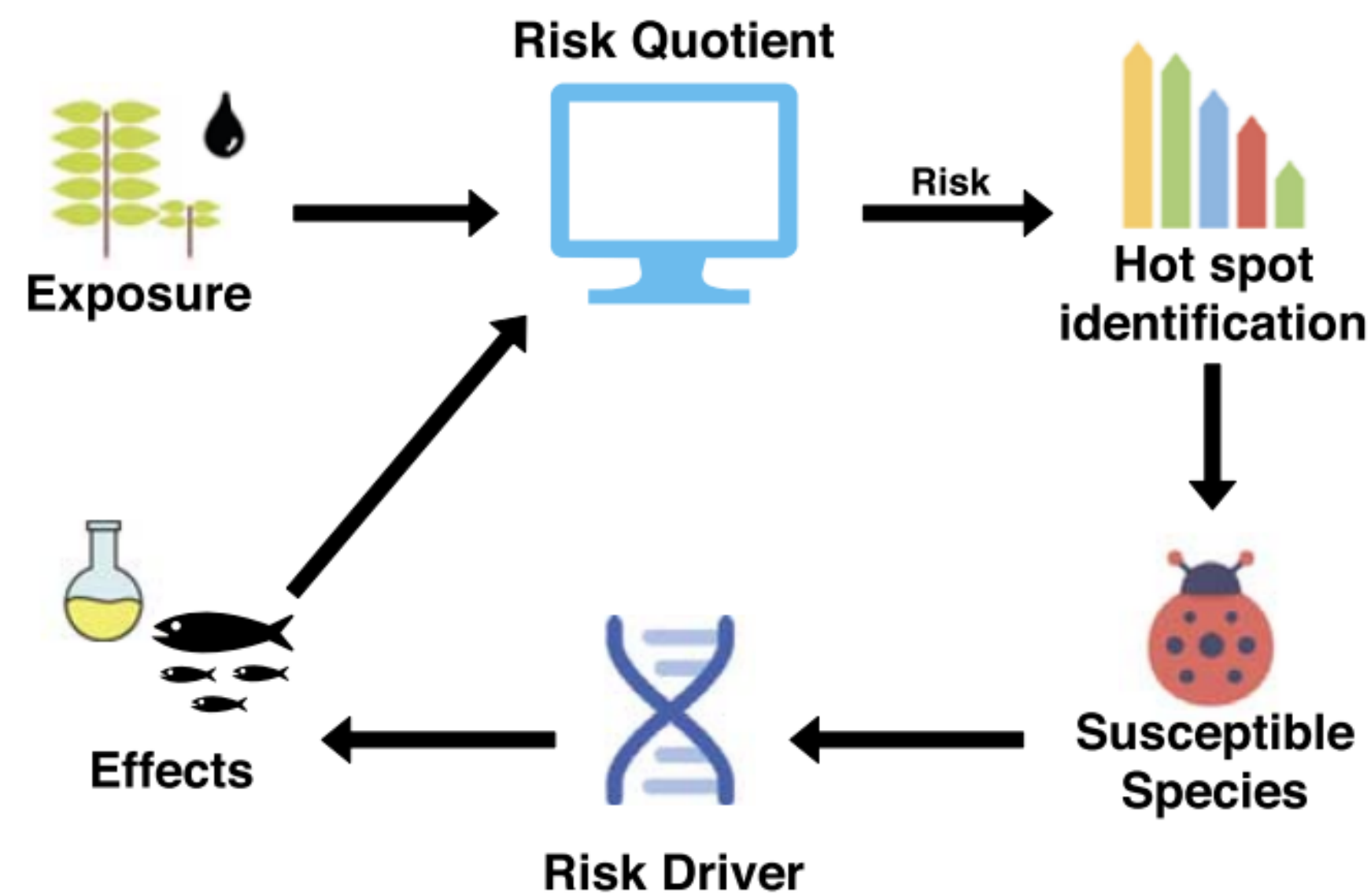
- Embedding KGs with schemas/rules/constraints
  - RMPI & OntoZSL belong to this type, but there are many more ...

Zhang, Wen, et al. "Knowledge graph reasoning with logics and embeddings: Survey and perspective." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2202.07412* (2022).



# Application of KG Embedding

- Ecotoxicological effect analysis

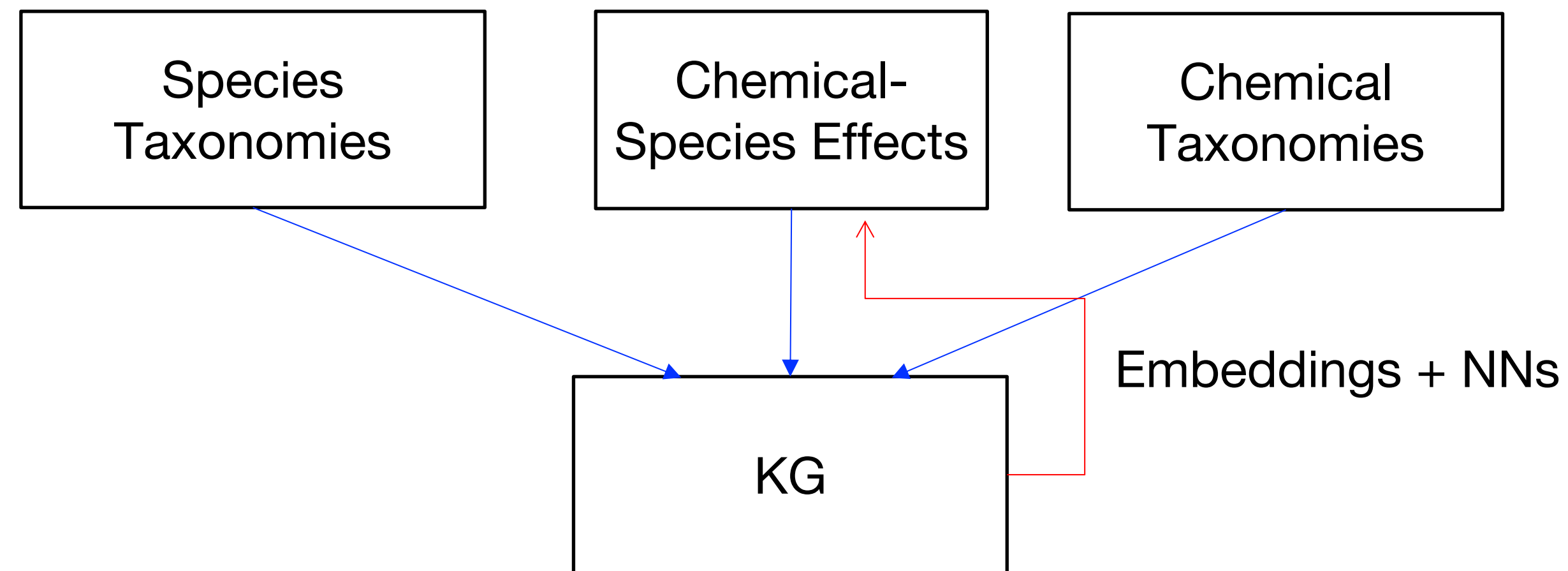


← Simplified ecotoxicological effect analysis pipeline with **experiments**

Myklebust, Erik B., et al. "Prediction of adverse biological effects of chemicals using knowledge graph embeddings." *Semantic Web 13.3* (2022): 299-338.

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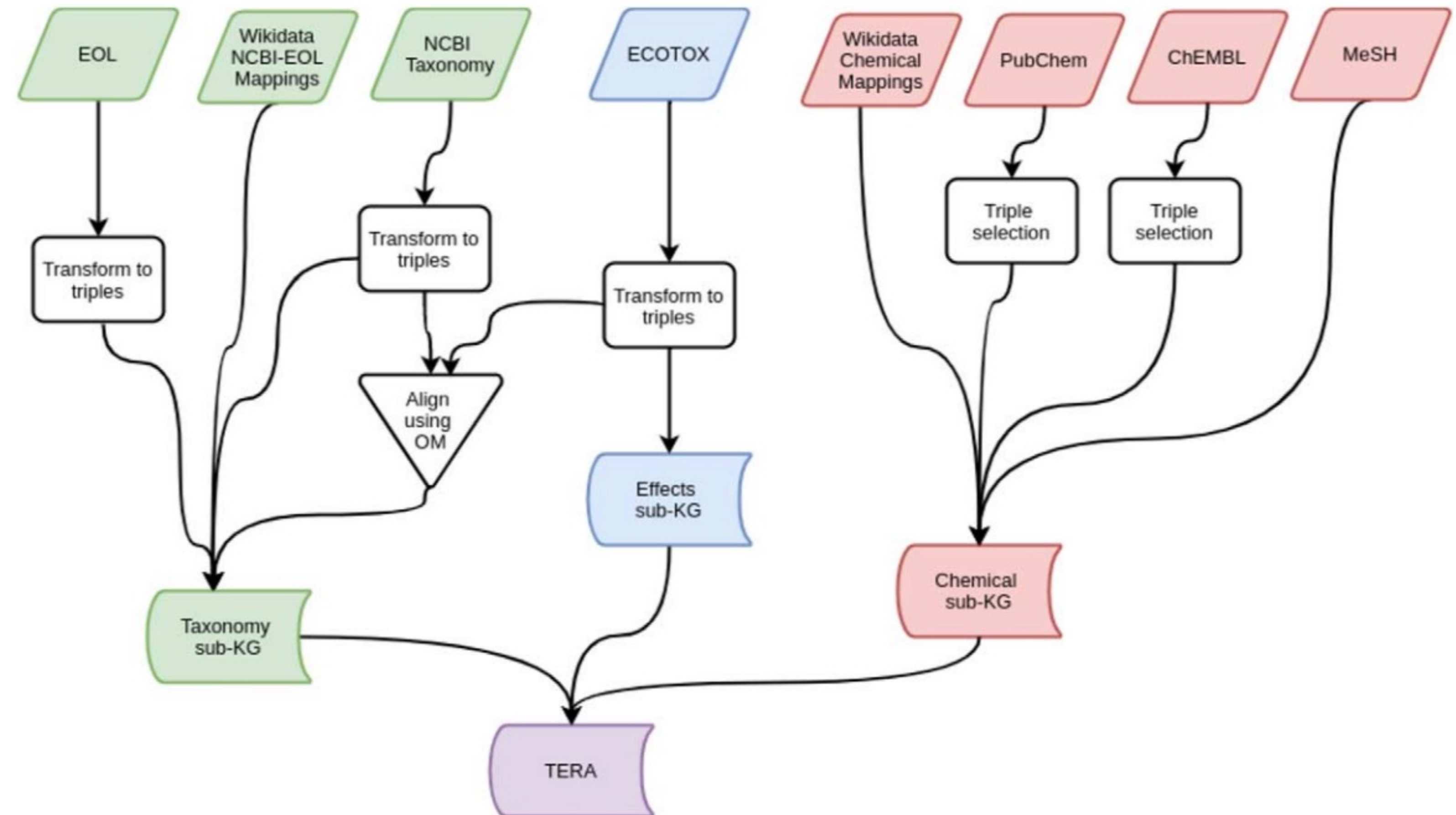


← Simplified idea of using KG embedding for ecotoxicological effect prediction

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Toxicological effect and risk assessment (TERA)  
KG construction →



# Summary

- Knowledge Graph & Semantic embedding
  - One-hot, word embedding
- Knowledge graph embedding
  - Geometric modeling: TransE, TransH, TransR
  - GNNs: GCN, R-GCN
  - Sequence learning: RDF2Vec
- Advanced topics
  - Inductive inference: OntoZSL, RMPI; Incremental learning; Robustness
- Applications
  - Ecotoxicological effect analysis

# The End of Day 3