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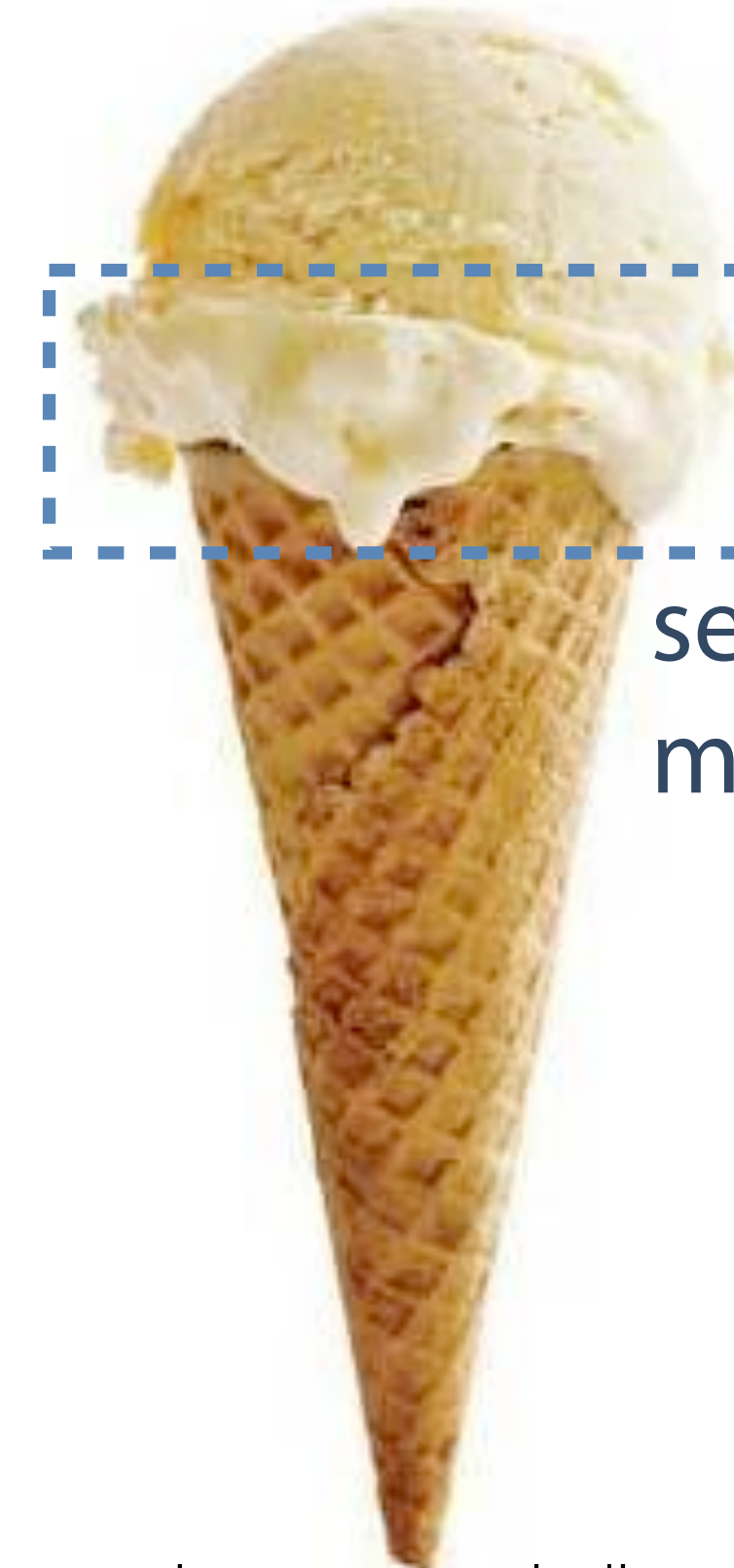
- **Knowledge Graph Embeddings**

- melting pot of symbolic AI and ML
- fully expressive models are challenging

- **Geometric-logic commitments**

- **Cone-Based Geometric Models**

- faithful models that capture uncertainty

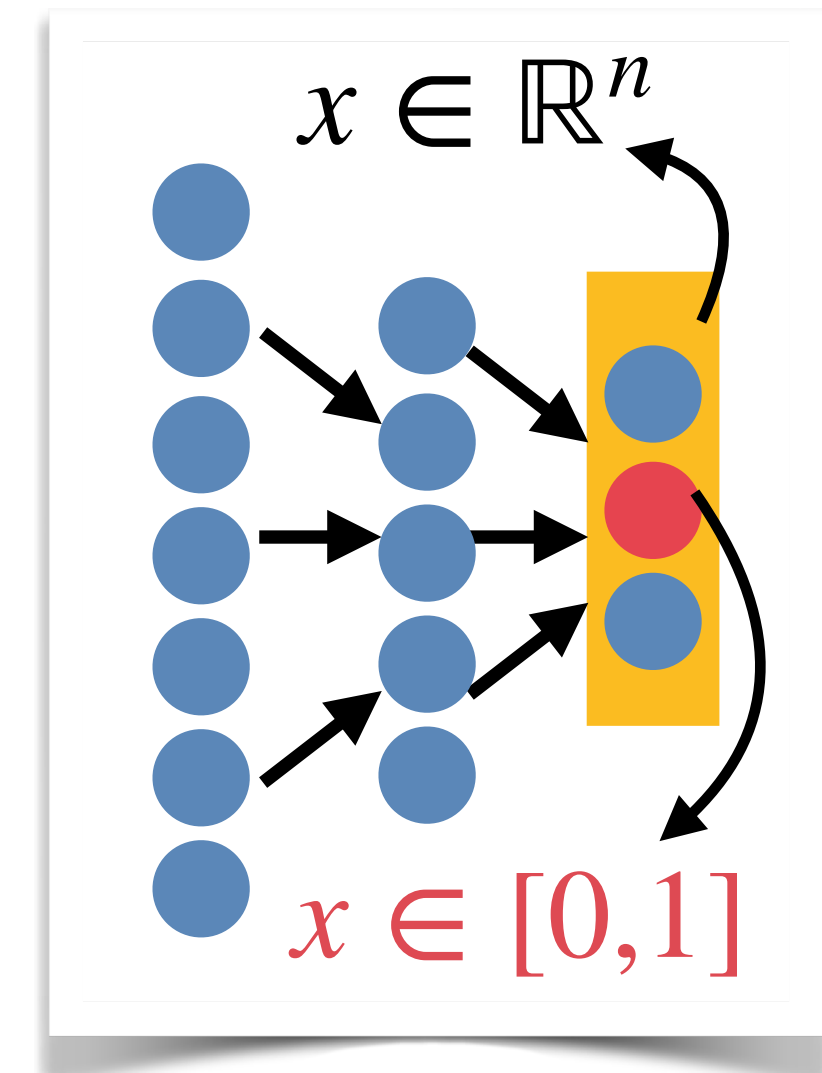
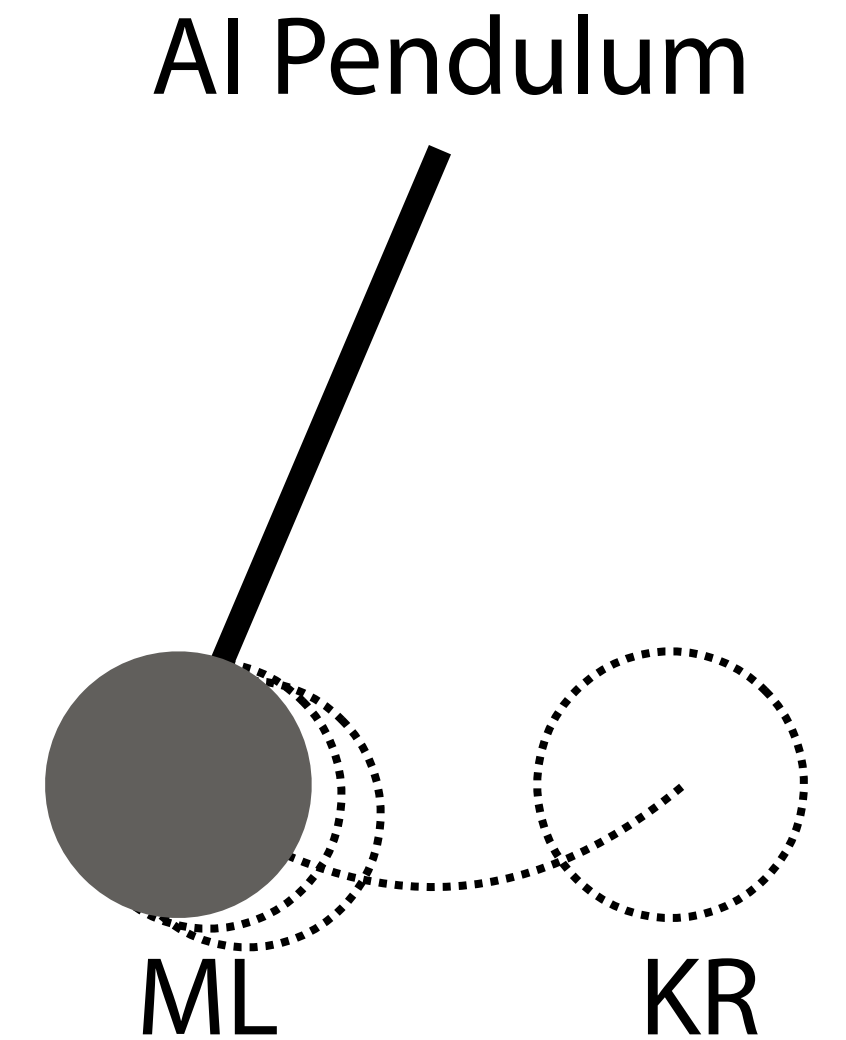
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semantic alignment matters

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Learning + Reasoning

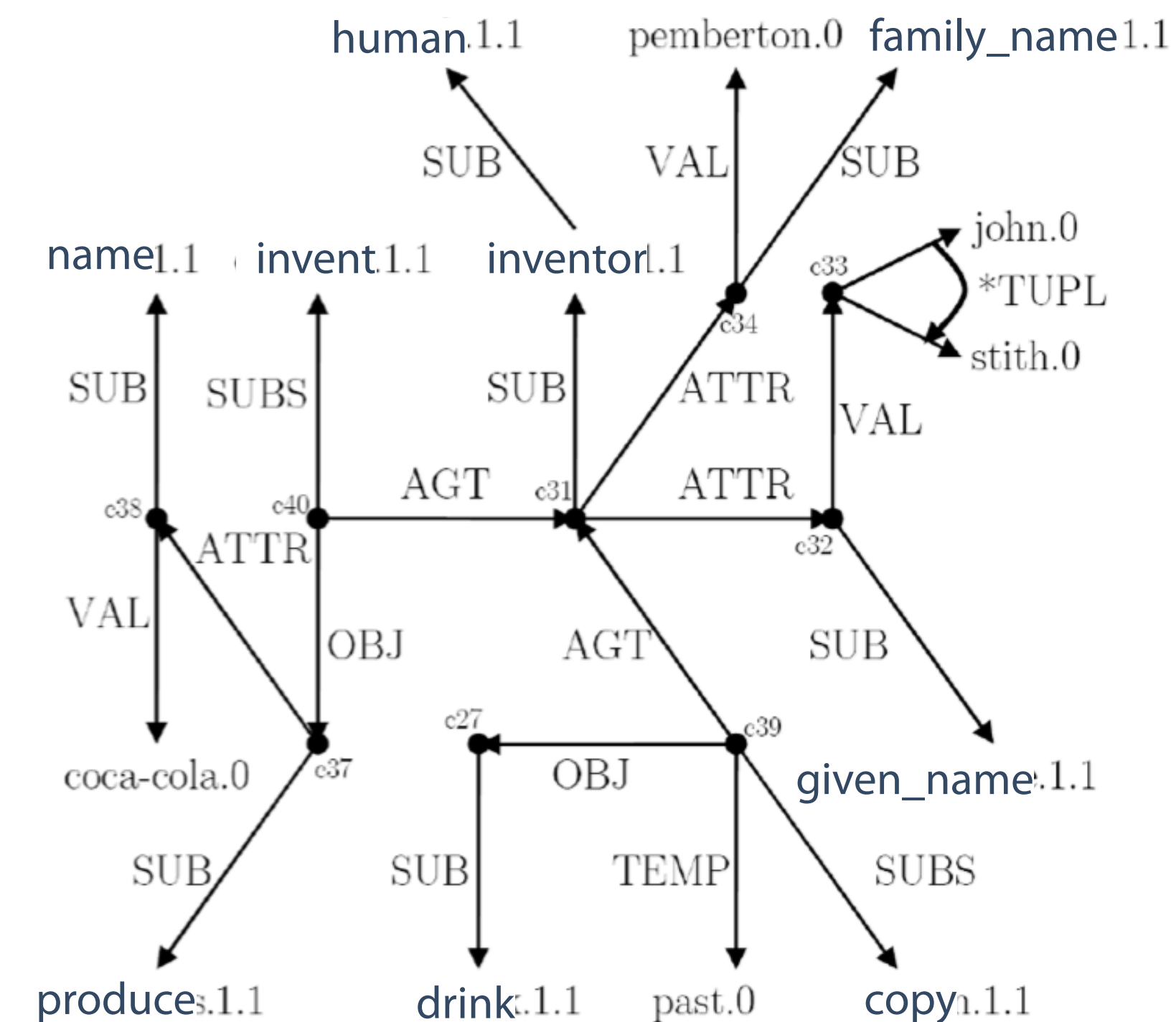
- motivating hypothesis: neither learning nor reasoning alone sufficient to master challenging tasks
 - reasoning lacks data to operate on – knowledge engineering bottleneck
 - learning lacks unbiased calculus
- active field of **neuro-symbolic AI (hybrid AI)**
 - **Logic Tensor Networks** (Serafini & d'Avila Garcez, 2016; Badreddine et al., 2022)
 - **Logical Neural Networks** (Riegel et al. 2020, Sen et al. 2022)
 - **logic-based knowledge graph embeddings** (e.g., Gutiérrez-Basulto & Schockaert 2018, Kulmanov et al. 2019)



Knowledge Graph (KG)

- graph-like representation of knowledge
 - vertices represent entities
 - edges represent binary relations
 - Boolean validity
- large-scale databases, so-called **triplestore**: (subj rel obj)
 - semantic queries, e.g., using Wikipedia's Wikidata
 - application example: question answering
- KGs are often incomplete
 - **link prediction** as widely considered task: predict validity of unseen triple (x r y) from seen triples
 - **example**: (robin eats worm), (seagull eats worm)
↪ (blackbird eats worm)

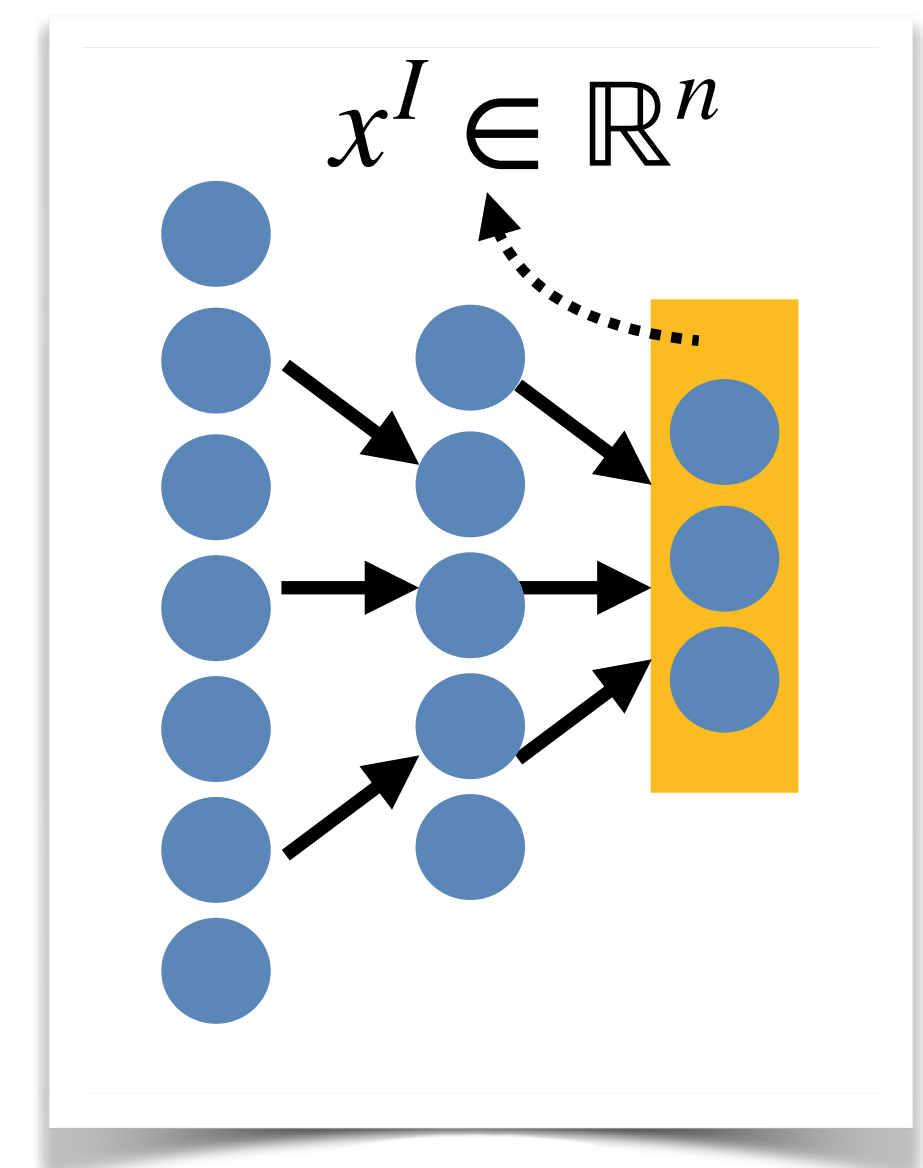
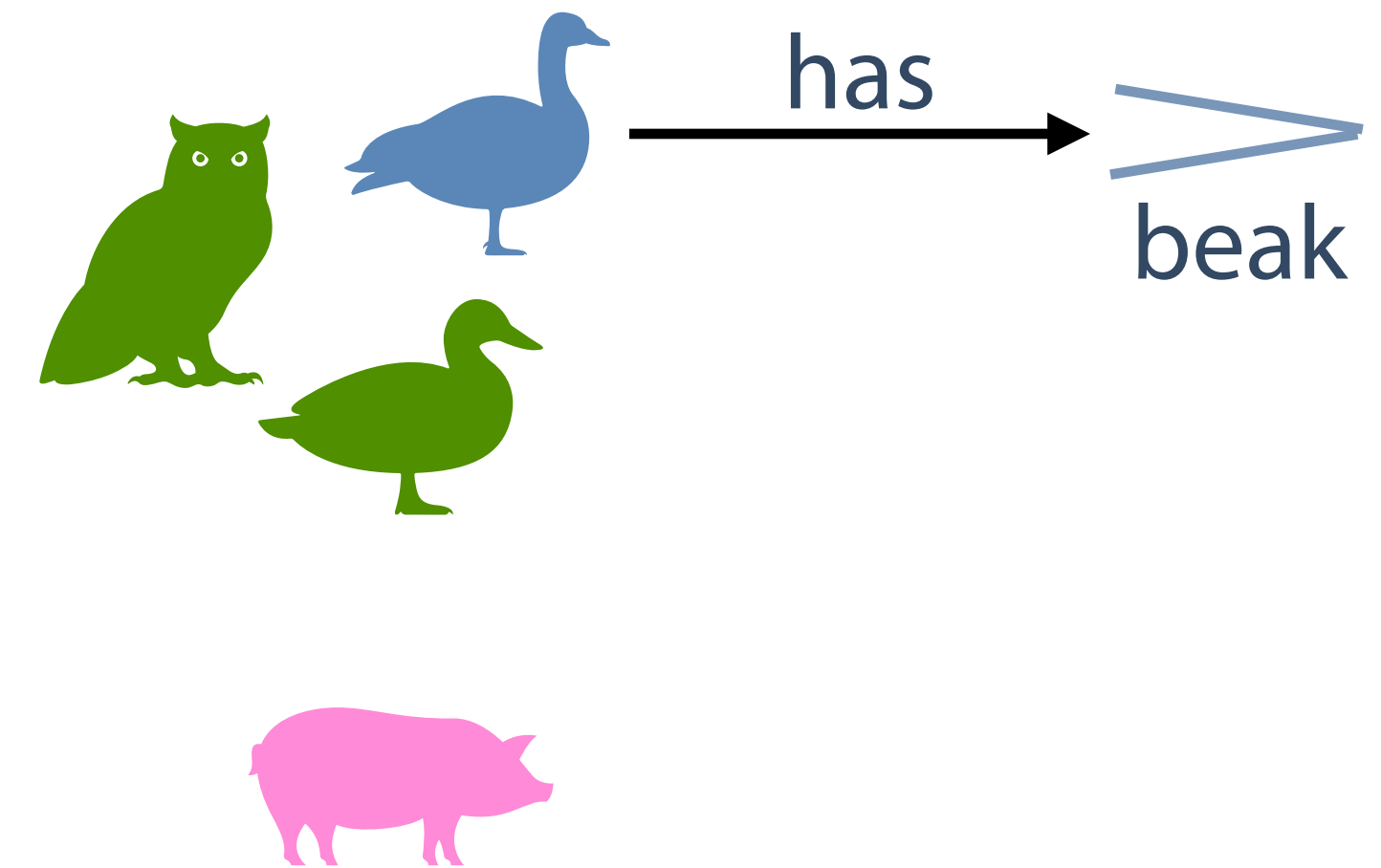
KG for question answering
extracted from Wikipedia:
"Who invented Coca-Cola?"



(Furbach et al., 2010)

Knowledge Graph Embeddings (KGEs)

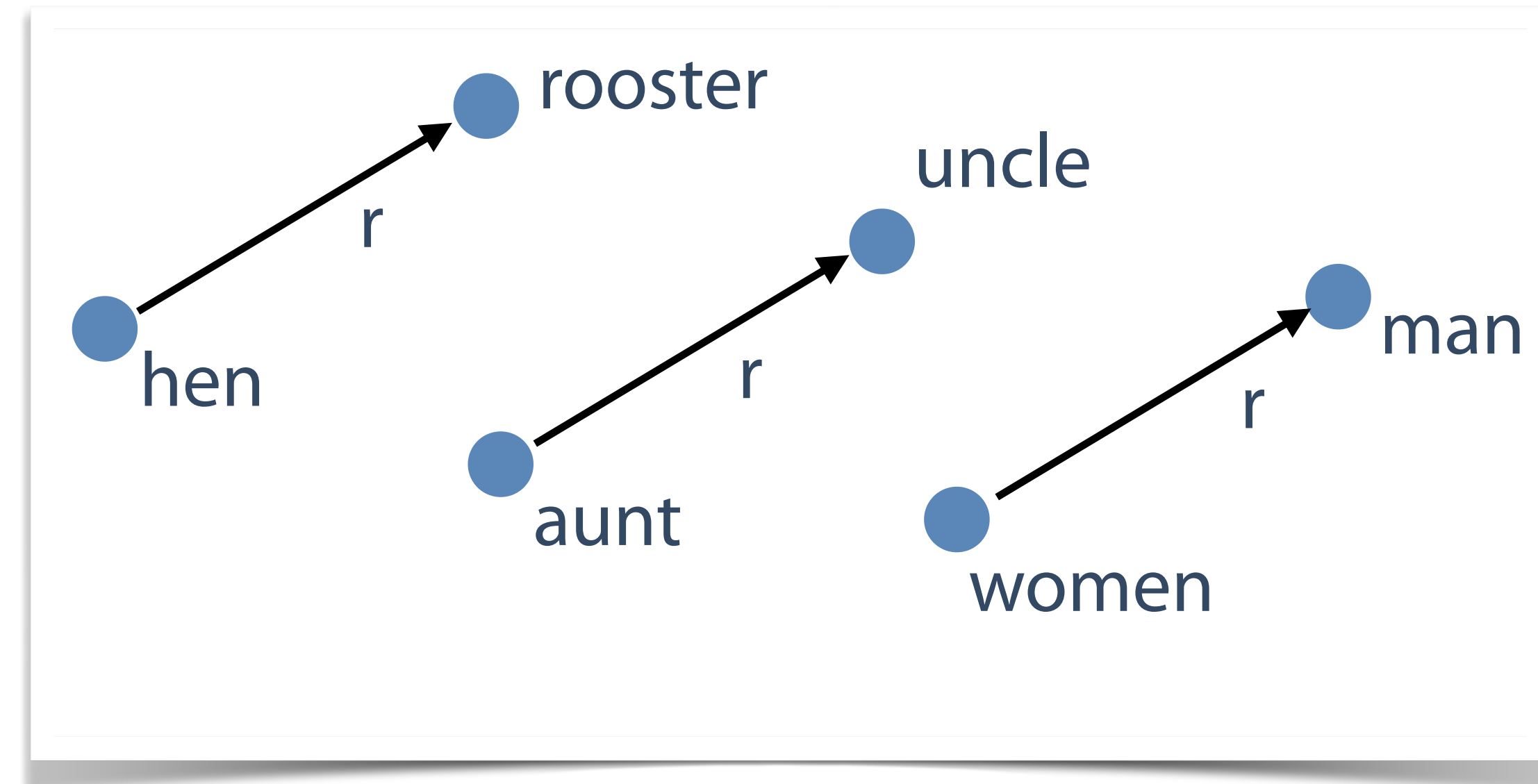
- **idea**: link prediction achievable by exploiting similarities in geometrical space
 - learn geometric representation reflecting data
- KGE comprises
 - **vector representation** x^I of object x in \mathbb{R}^n
 - $(\cdot)^I$ interprets an object geometrically
 - **scoring function** $s_r : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for relations r
 - if $s_r(x^I, y^I)$ small, $r(x, y)$ is assumed to hold
 - scoring function induces geometry of relations
- variety of approaches: how interpretation is learned, how scoring functions are defined



Example & Problem

- given a set of training data, KGEs determine an embedding that minimises errors from scoring functions
 - simple geometric models ease ML
- vector translations are **functional operations**
 - expressivity of relations restricted to functions
 - some compromise between likelihood semantics of scoring and geometric limitations possible
- **not fully expressive** (Kazemi & Poole '18)
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 - ...and push the envelope of expressivity?

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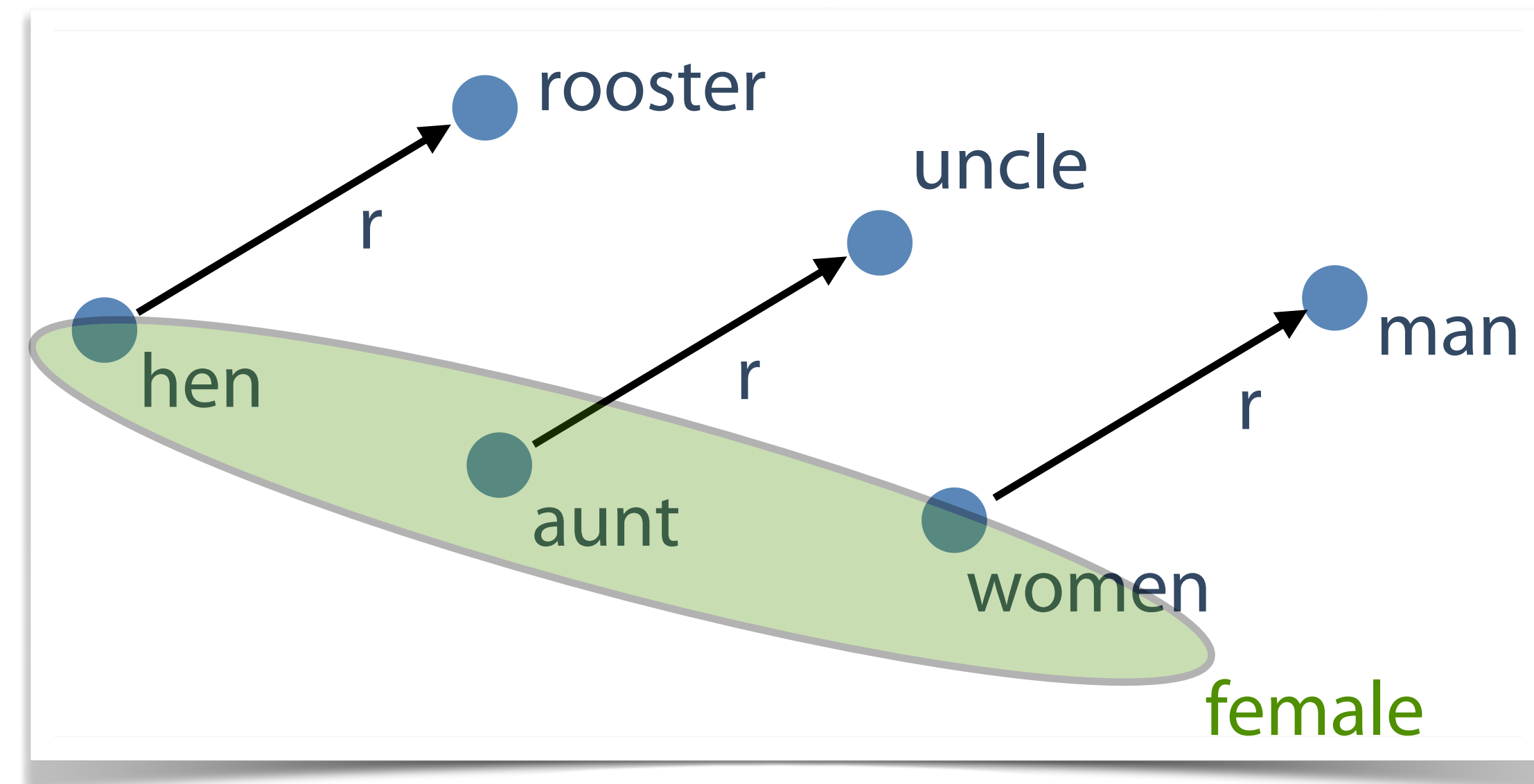


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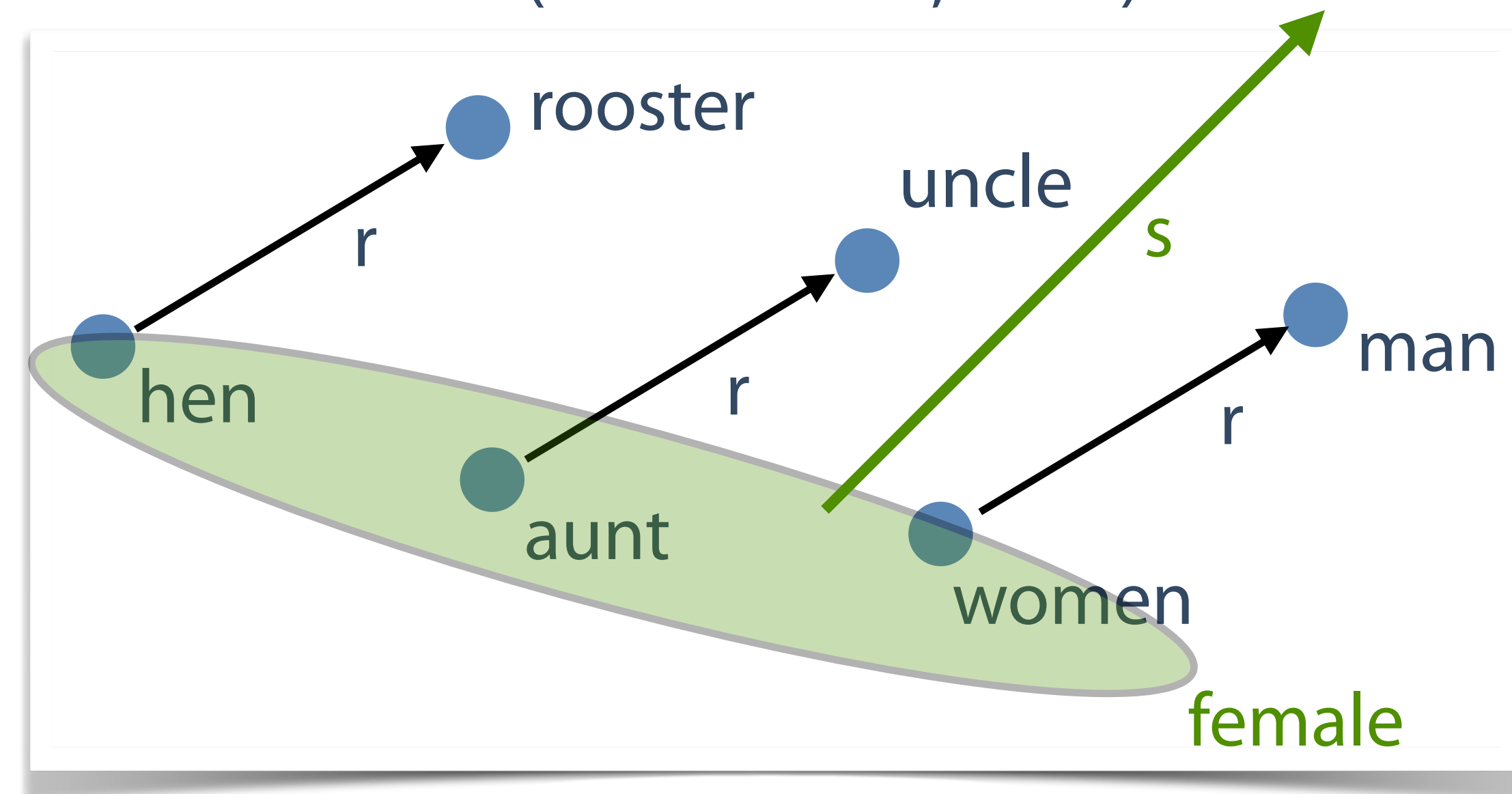


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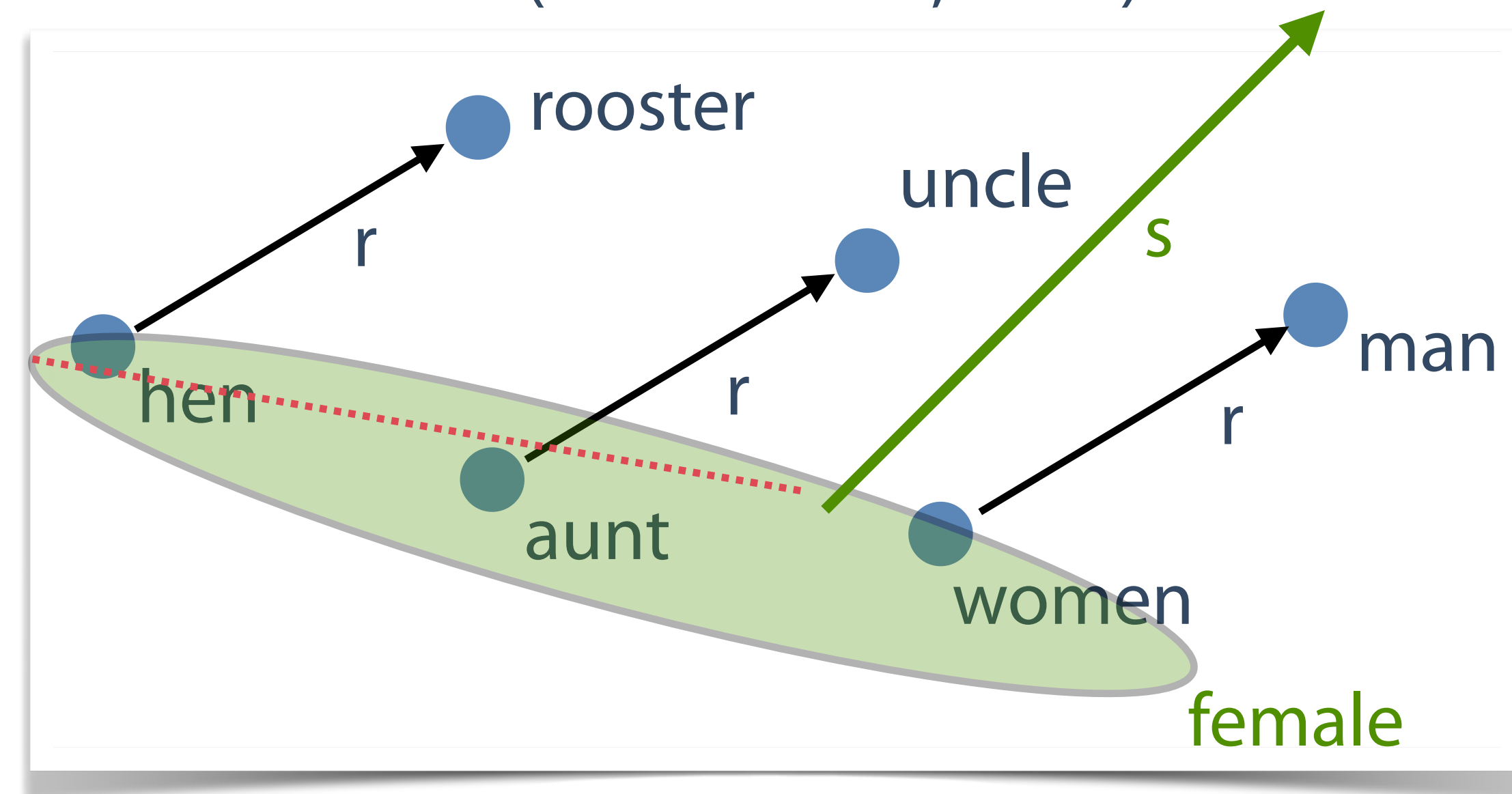


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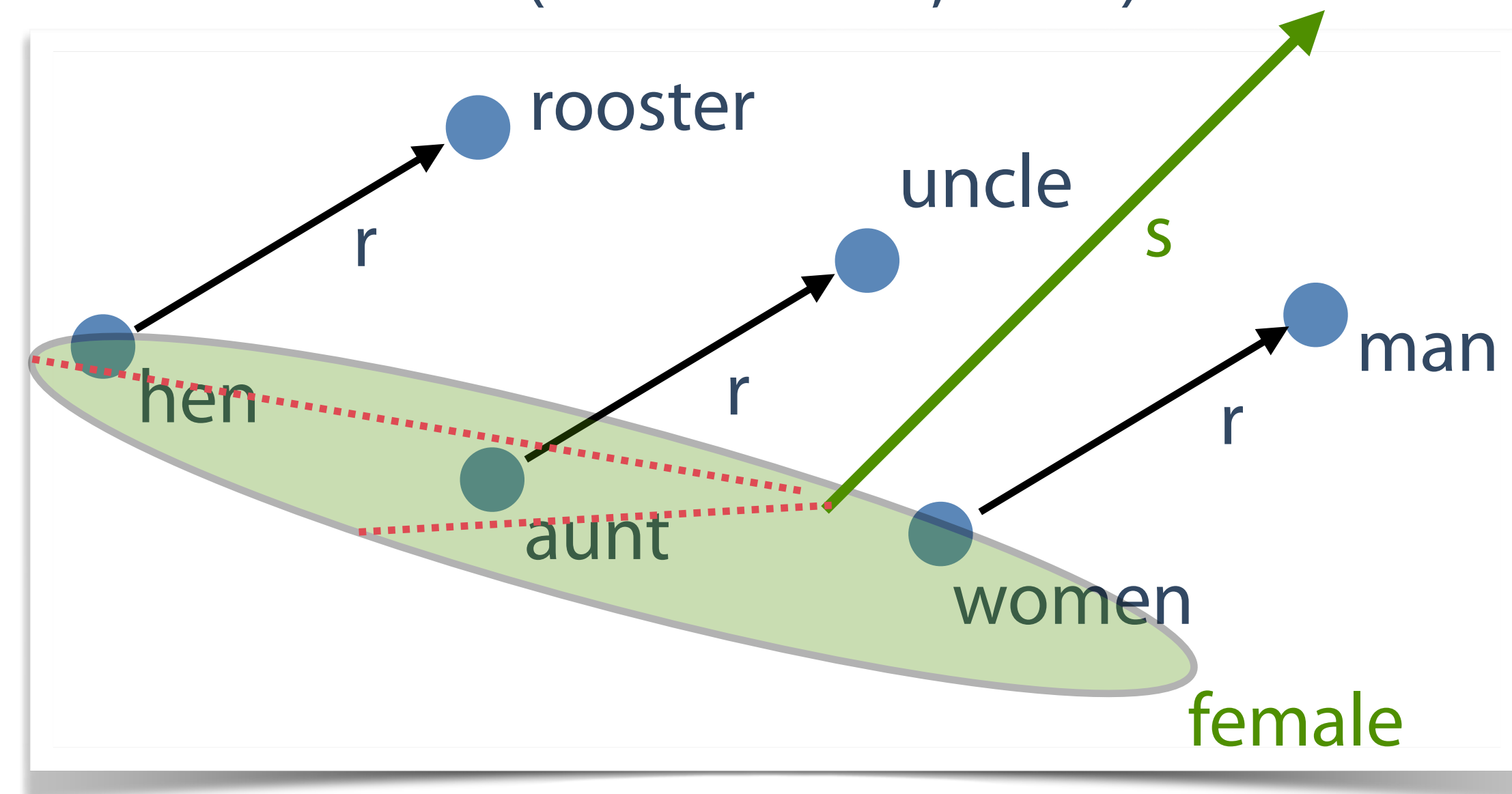


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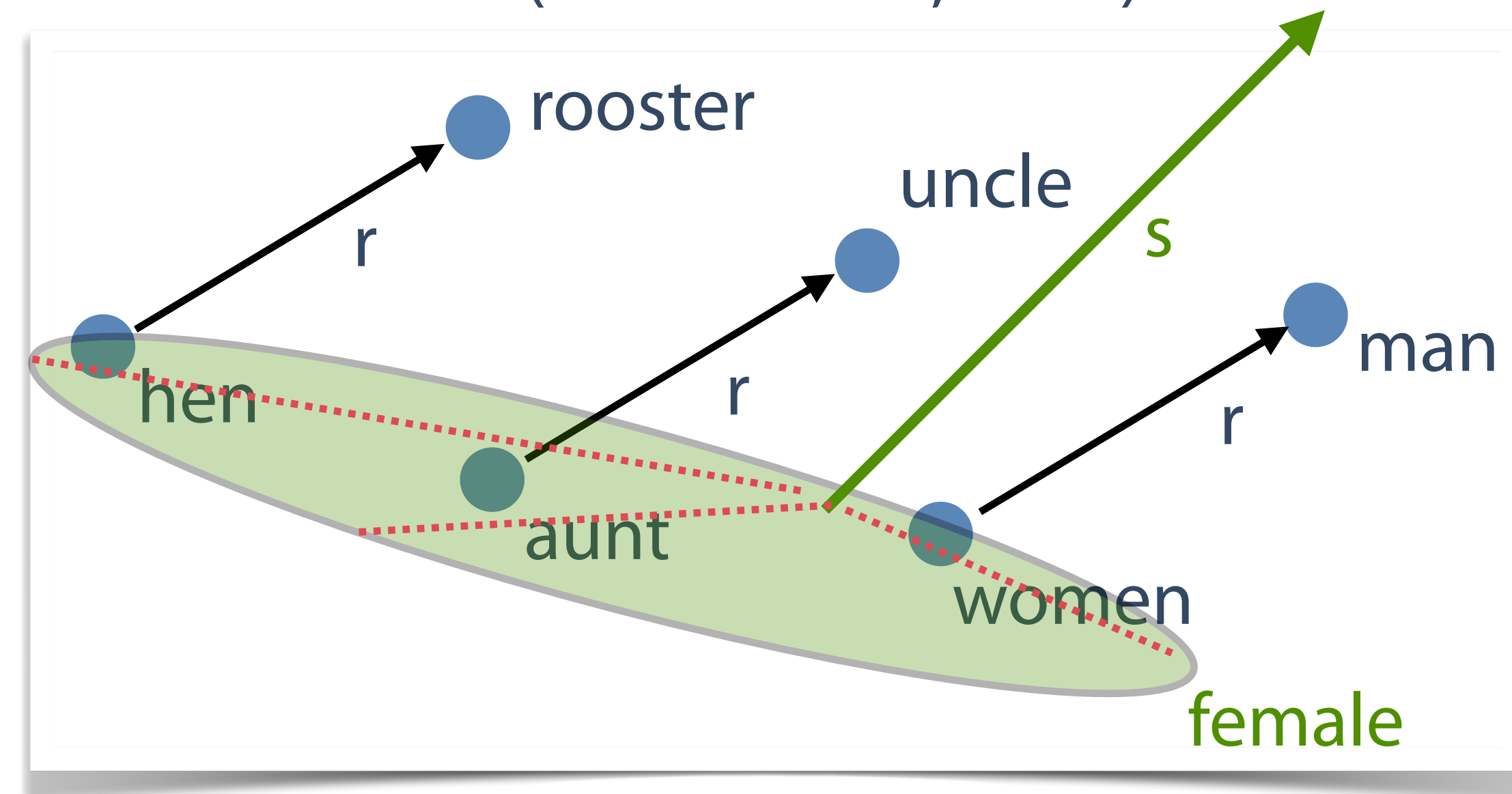


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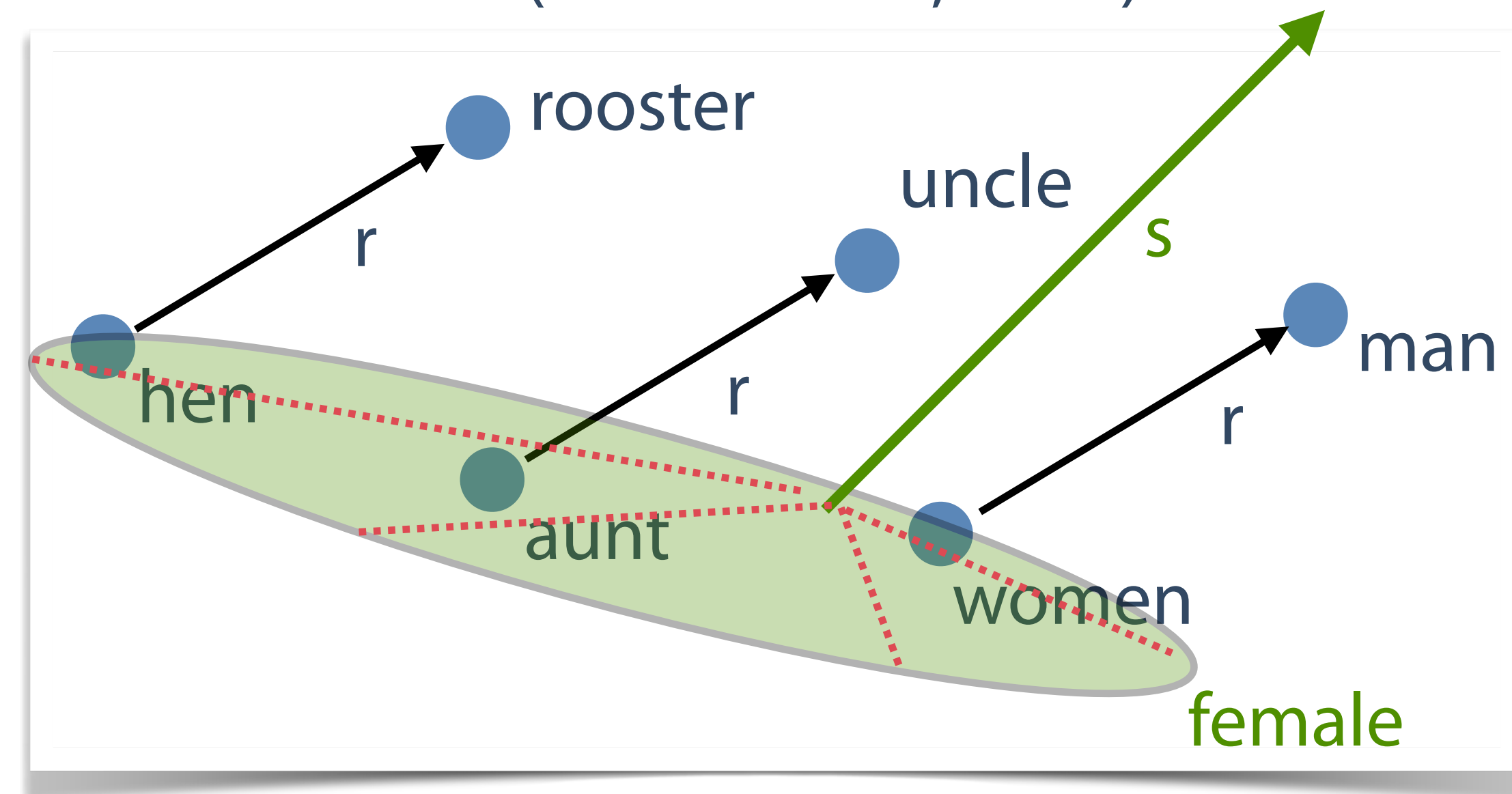


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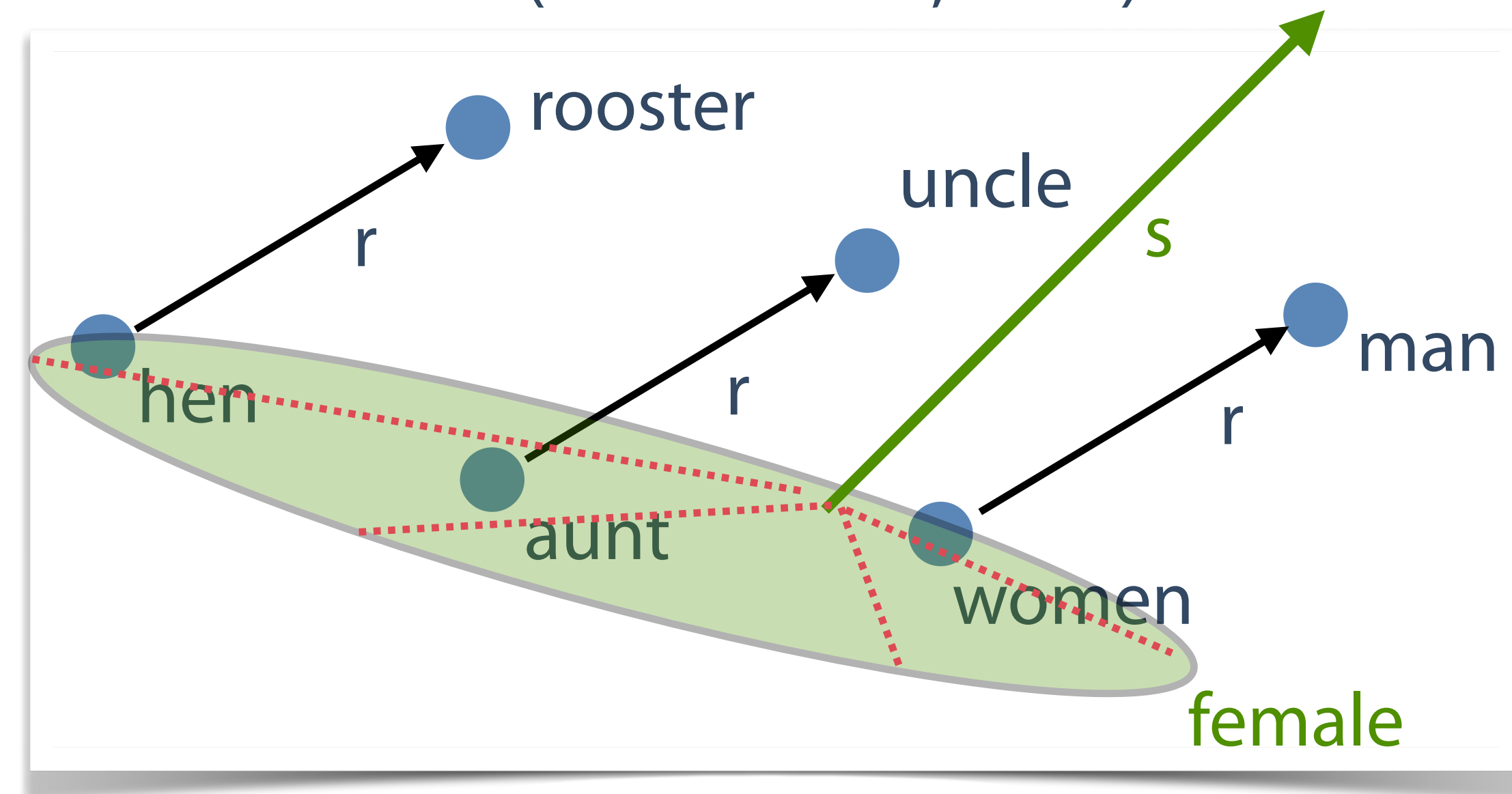


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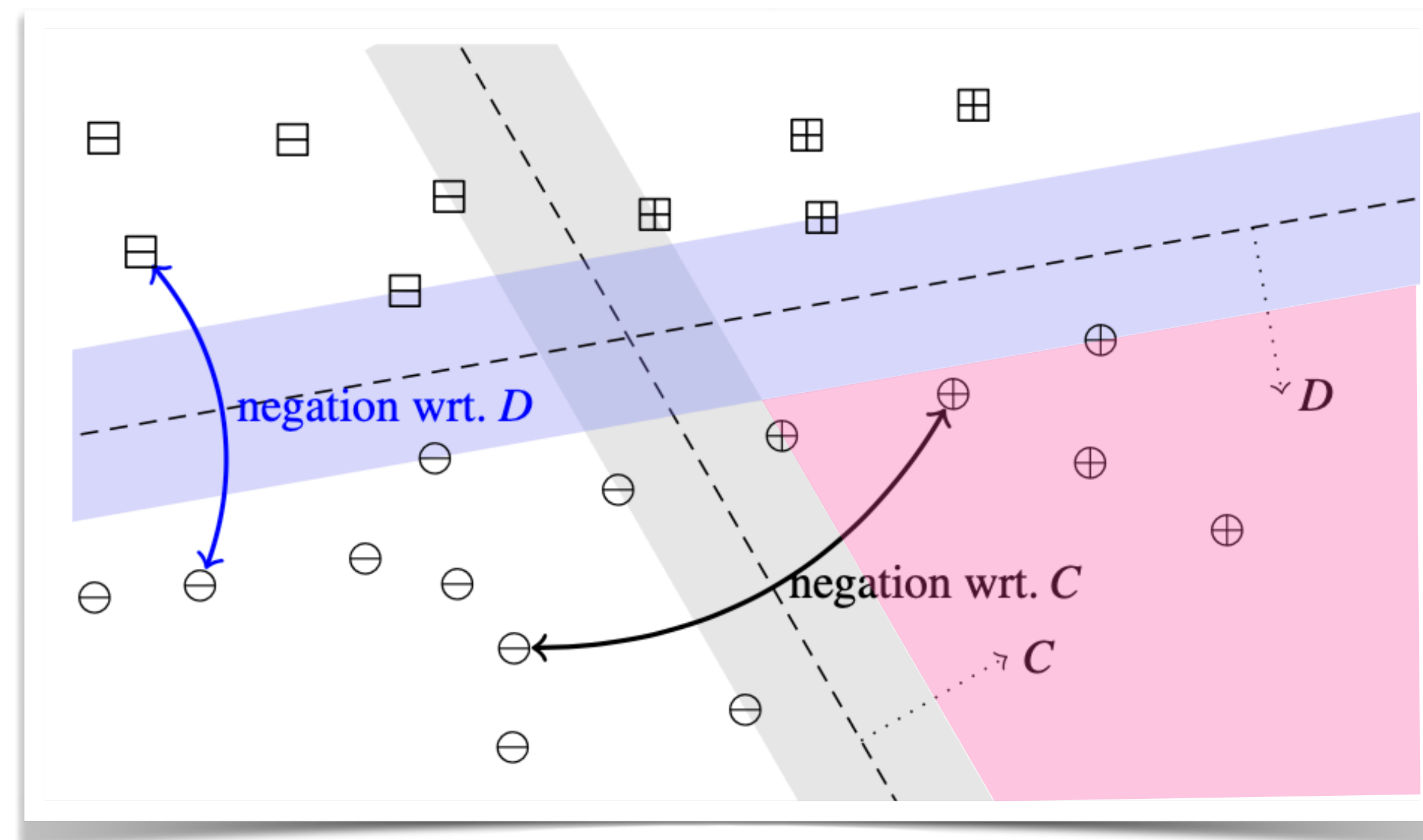


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- scoring value mixes uncertainty resulting from
- noise in data
 - limitations of geometric model

Illustration Lack of Homogeneity

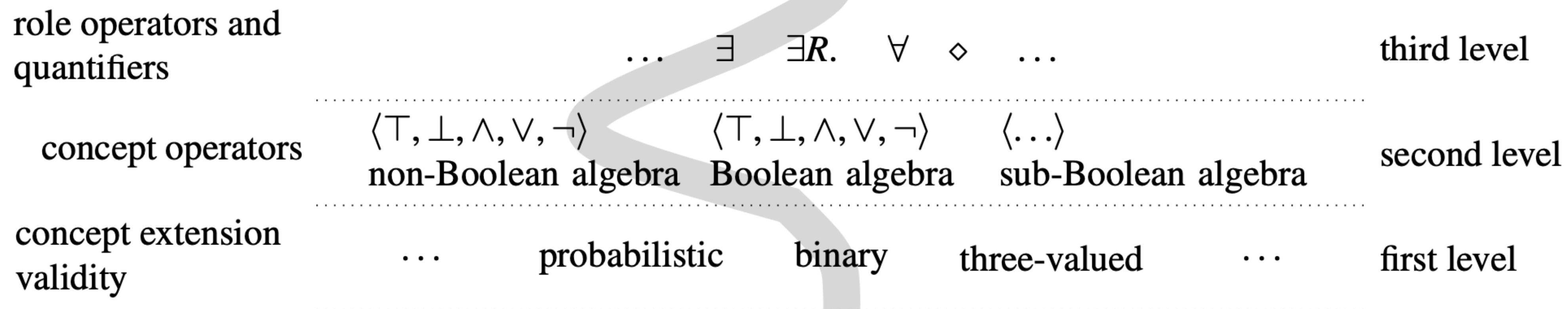
- Consider a SVM classifier using **hyperplanes** to classify concepts C, D
 - negations $\neg C, \neg D$ can be represented
 - conjunction $C \sqcap D$ cannot be represented as hyperplane (neither $C \sqcup D$)
- we say the geometric structure of the SVM is not **homogeneous** as the concepts it can represent is not closed under logic operations



Logical & Geometrical Commitments



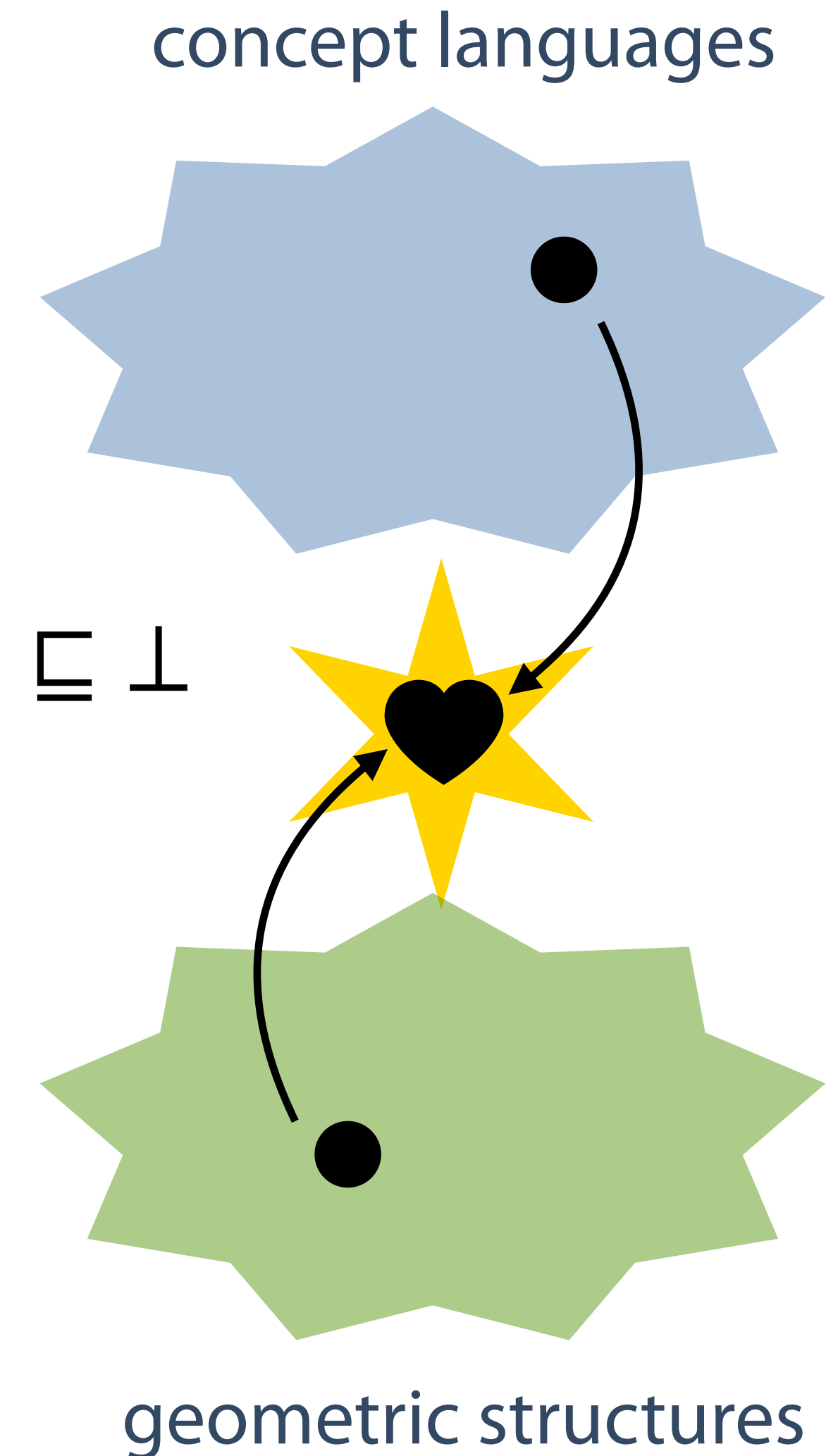
- designing a knowledge representation involves **ontological commitments**, i.e., how we choose to see the world (Davis et al. '93)
- designing a KGE also induces **commitments**, some of which may be hard to identify
 - by committing to a set of geometries, we commit to a certain logic
 - widely ignored in data-driven investigations
 - some investigations on alignment of **logic and KGE** (e.g., Gutierrez-Basulto & Schockaert '18, Kulmanov et al. '19)



three levels of geometric-logic commitments

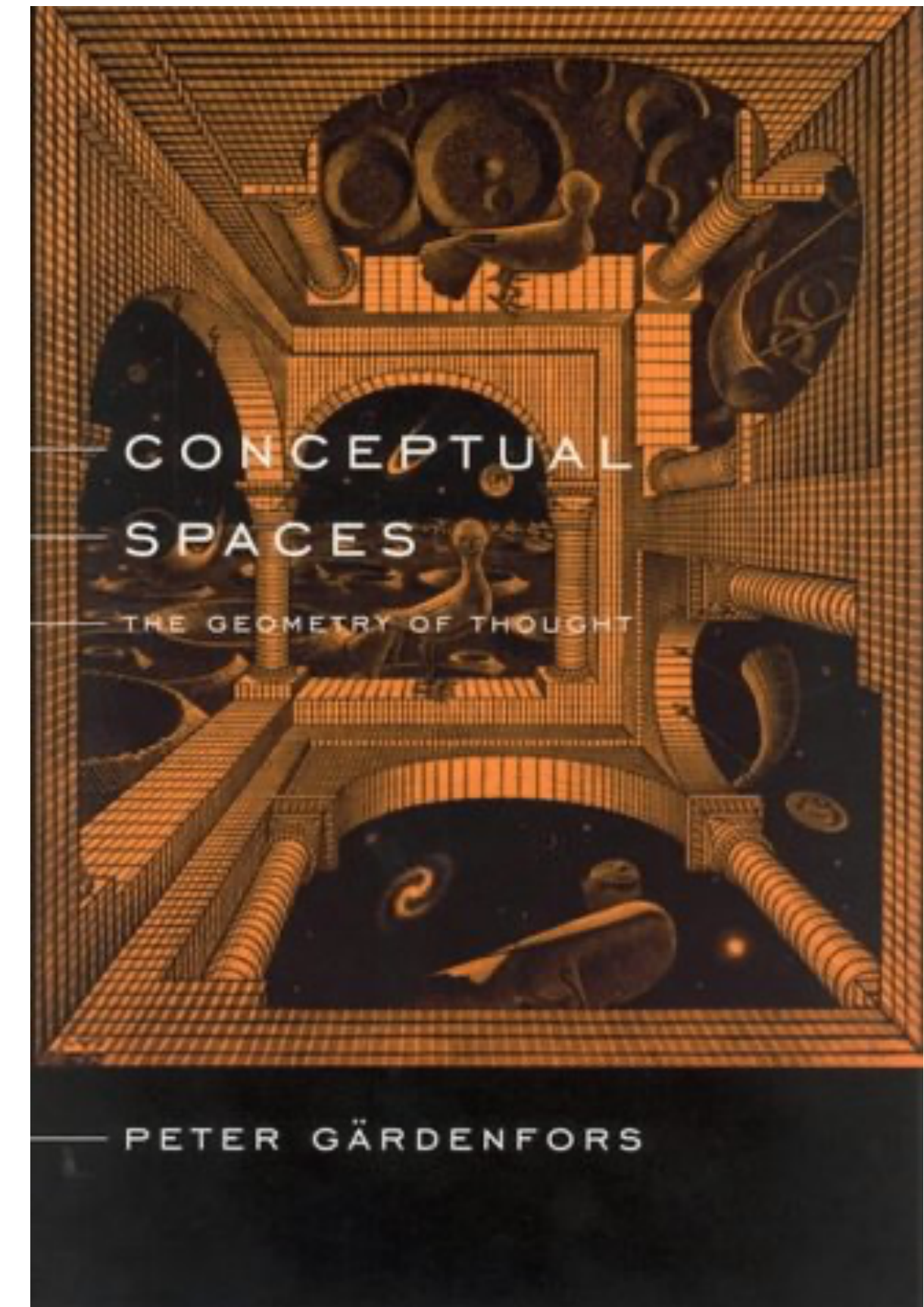
Aims of Logic-Based KGEs

- **full expressivity** of an underlying concept language
 - learned embedding supports deep symbolic reasoning
- enable **learning with background ontology**
 - *No multi-label learning problem is just about labels!*
 - **examples:** $\forall x . \text{bird}(x) \rightarrow \text{animal}(x)$, $(\text{HorrorFilm} \sqcap \text{FamilyFilm}) \sqsubseteq \perp$
- **idea:** concepts are not points, but geometrically shaped sets
 - relations between geometric entities
- **task:** identify pairing of concept language and geometric structure
 - expressive concept languages particular useful
 - easy geometric structures suggest better ML performance



Conceptual Spaces

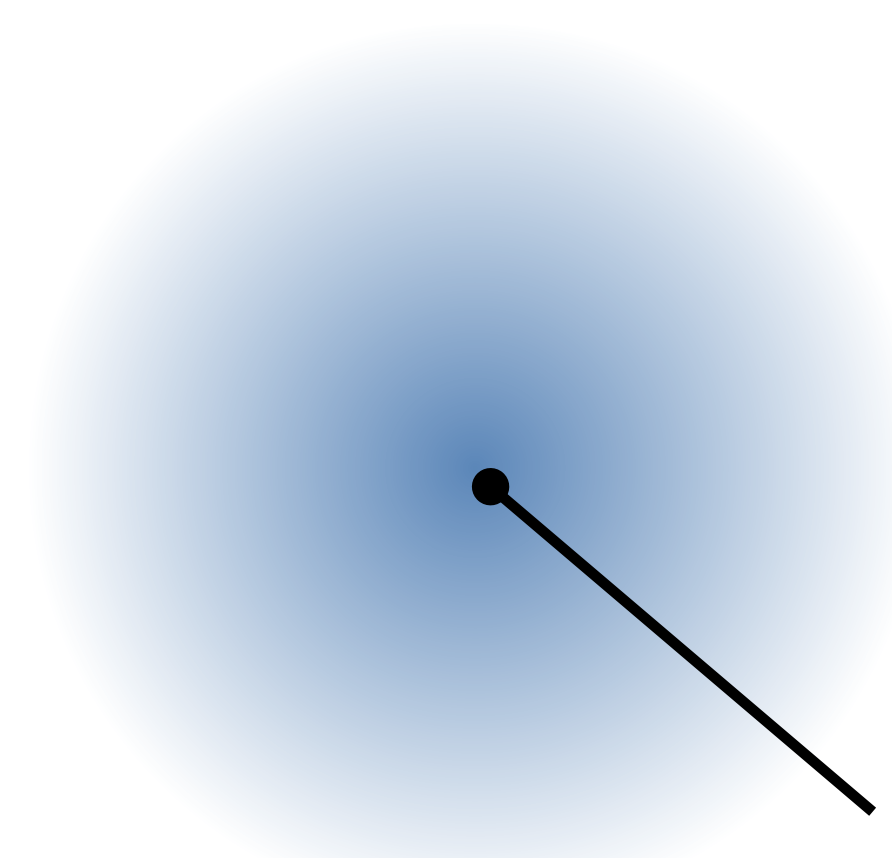
- Gärdenfors (2000) proposes to view concepts as embedded in a space
 - cognitively motivated theory of concept learning
 - quality dimensions spanning subspaces
- convex sets considered as natural categories
- concept-level reasoning grounded in spatial reasoning



bread



Hörnla
(croissant)



cake

prototypical cake

Related & Inspiring Approaches



| geometrical structure | logic | concept lattice | negation | reference |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| convex sets | Quasi-Chained Datalog [±] | distributive | atomic | Gutiérrez-Basulto & Schockaert 2019 |
| hyperspheres | \mathcal{EL} | distributive | atomic | Kulmanov et al. 2019 |
| closed subspaces | Minimal Quantum Logic | orthomodular | orthonegation | Garg et al 2019 |
| axis-aligned cones | \mathcal{ALC} | distributive | full Boolean | Özçep et al 2020 |

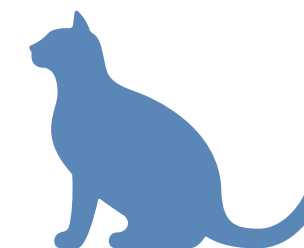
- important feature: **full Boolean concept negation**

- negative information introduces **uncertain information**

$$\neg \text{genre}(x, \text{horrorFilm}) \rightarrow \text{genre}(x, \text{familyFilm}) \vee \text{genre}(x, \text{fantasyFilm}) \vee \dots$$

- negation also allows coverage to be expressed, e.g.,

$$\neg \text{inState}(\text{cat}, \text{hungry}) \leftrightarrow \text{inState}(\text{cat}, \text{sleepy})$$



remainder of this talk

Description Logic *ALC*



- **terminological (tbox) and assertional (abox) knowledge**

- background ontology and facts

- **concepts**, represented by symbols (C, D, \dots)

- concept subsumption $\sqsubseteq, \sqsupseteq, \equiv$

- set-theoretic operations \sqcap, \sqcup, \neg

- role quantification $\exists r . C, \forall r . C$

- **assertions**, using constant and role symbols

- represent facts

$R \sqsubseteq H$ researcher, humans

$R \sqcup \neg H$ researcher or alien

$R \sqcap \neg H \sqsubseteq \perp$ we are human!

$\exists \text{hasPaper} . \text{AITopic}$ “AI expert”

$R \sqcap \exists \text{hasPaper} . \text{AITopic}$ “AI researcher”

$\text{human}(\text{alex}), \text{hasPaper}(\text{alex}, p_1), \dots$

Convex Cones

efficient convex optimisation techniques

- **idea:** interpret concepts as **convex cones** → expressive geometric/algebraic operations

- $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a convex cone iff $\forall y, z \in X, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} . \lambda x + \mu y \in X$

- as usual, individuals interpreted as points

- **idea:** use **polarity as negation** (derived from scalar product)

- polar of cone defined as $X^\circ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \forall y \in X . \langle x, y \rangle \leq 0\}$

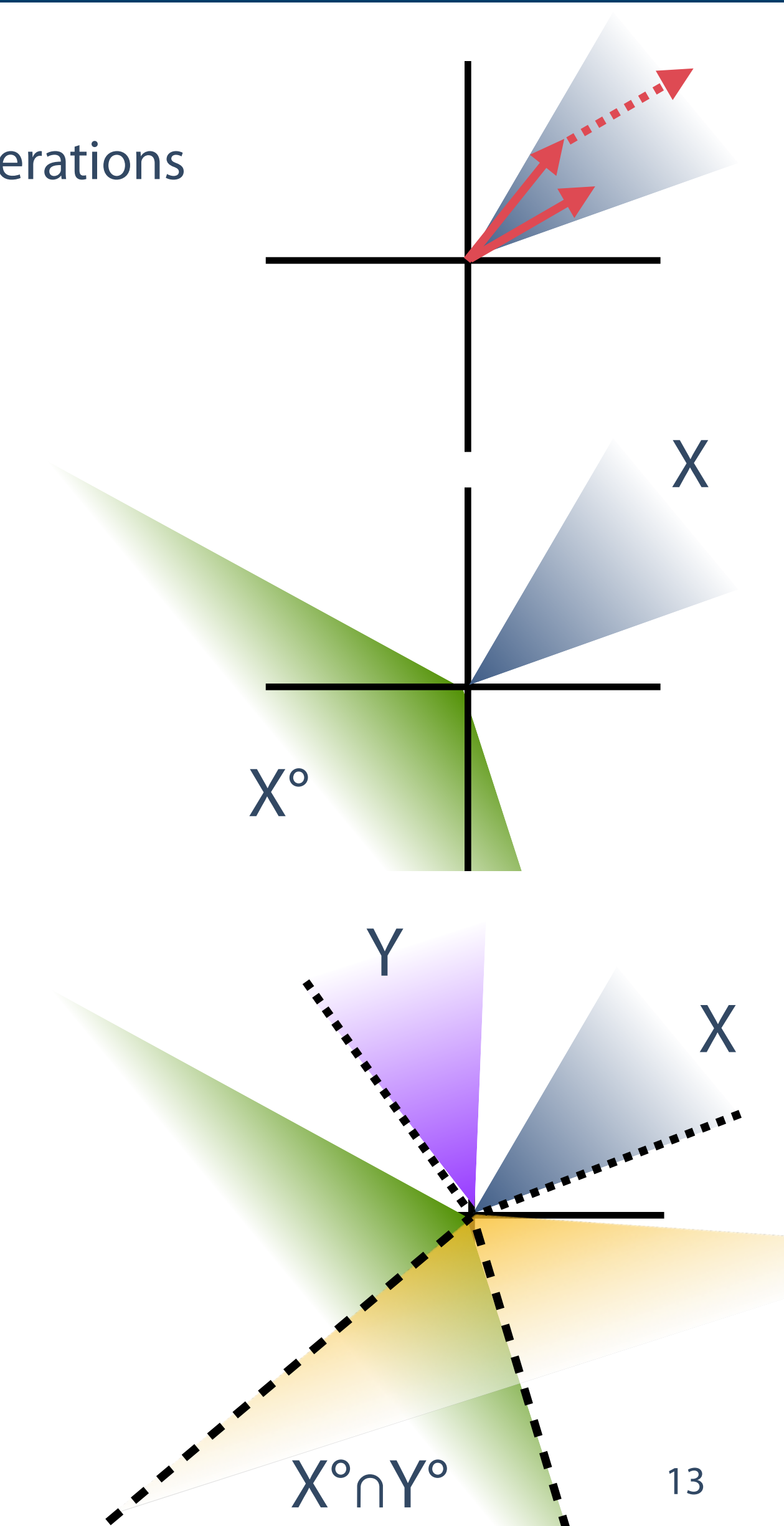
- using the usual scalar product $\langle x, y \rangle = x^T \cdot y$

- properties

- convex cones closed under polarity

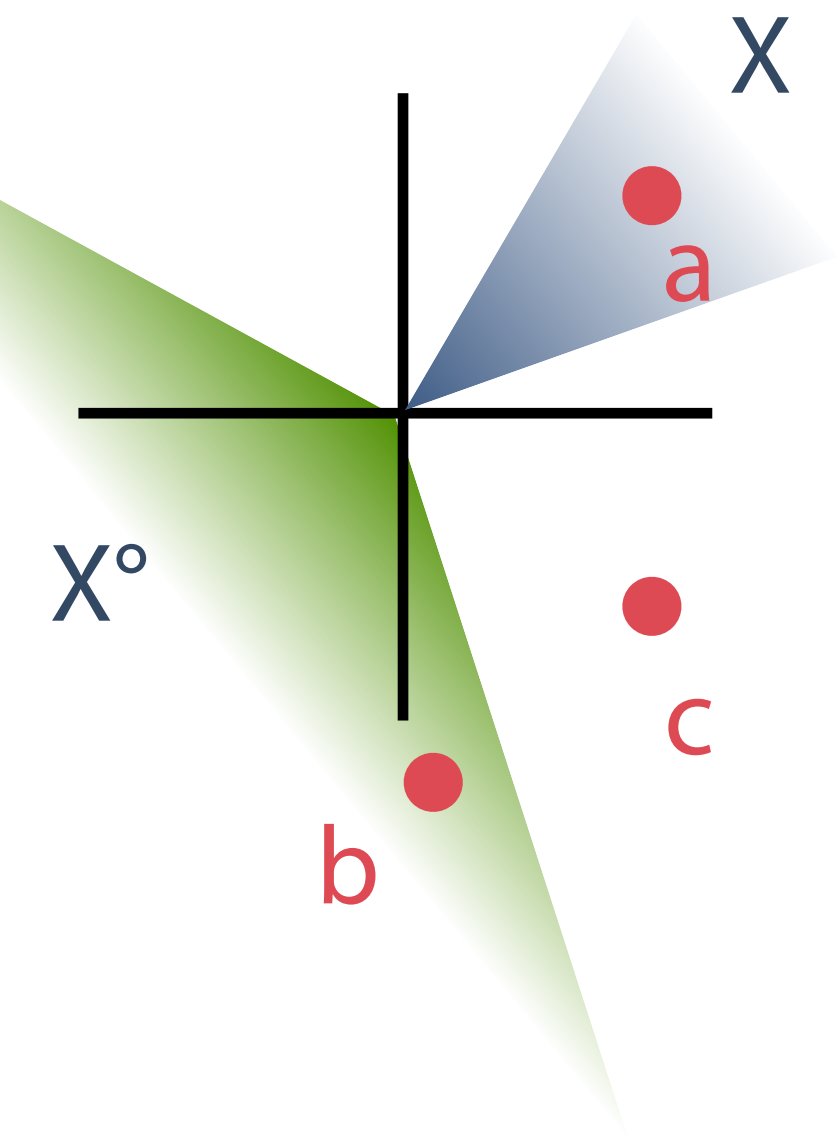
- $(X^\circ)^\circ = X$

- $\text{convexHull}(X \cup Y) = (X^\circ \cap Y^\circ)^\circ$



Geometric Model (for Boolean *ALC*)

- consider an embedding I as interpretation function...
 - interpreting constants as points in \mathbb{R}^n
 - interpreting concepts as cones
 - interpreting \top as \mathbb{R}^n and \perp as $\{(0 \dots 0)^T\}$
- concept terms are defined inductively using geometric operations of intersection (conjunction), polarity (negation)
 - disjunction via De-Morgan
 - we have $(C \sqcup \neg C)^I \equiv \top$
- we say the embedding to a model in the logic sense for
 - $C(a)$ iff $a^I \in C^I$



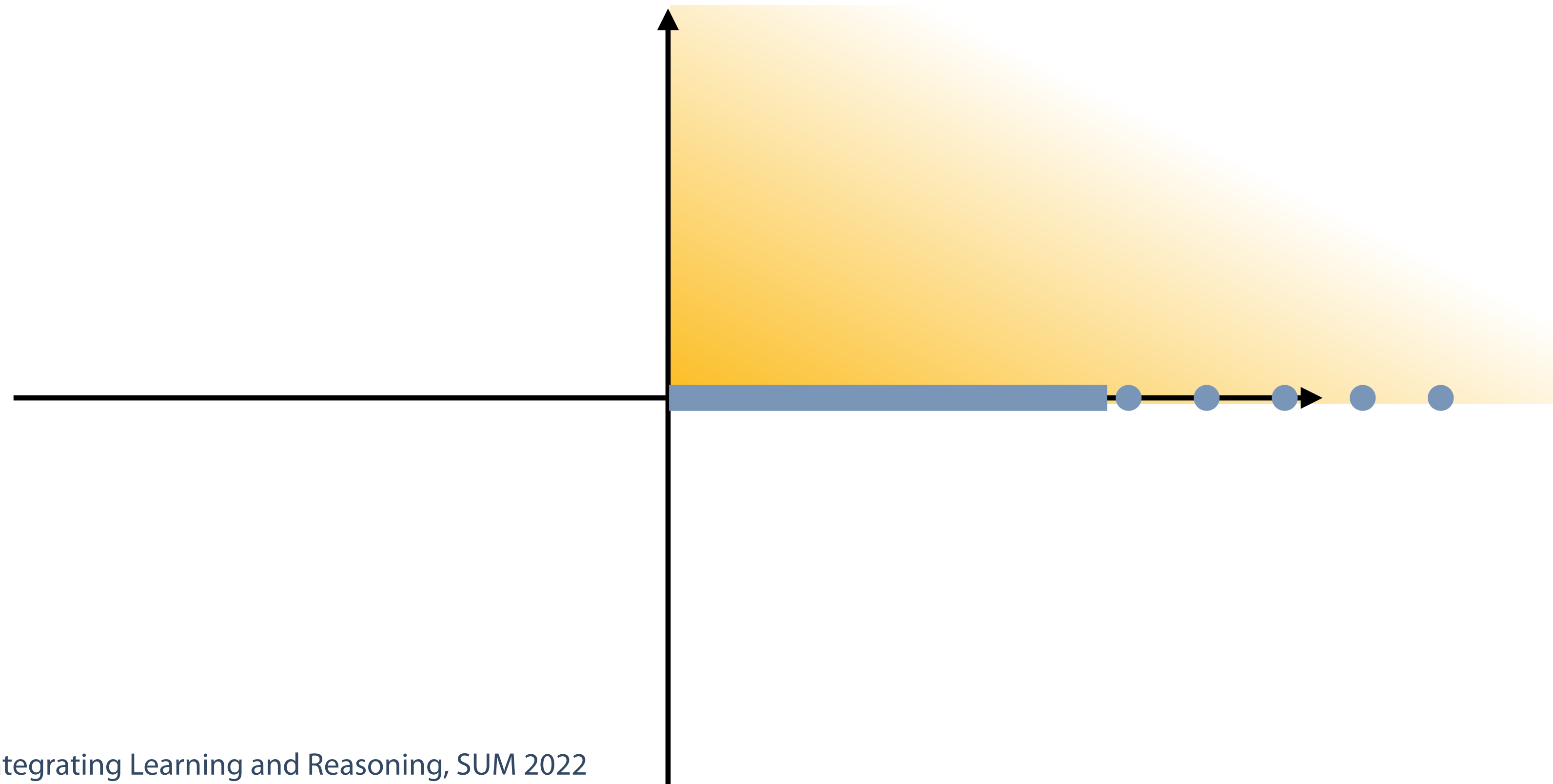
let $C^I = X \dots$
 $C(a)$
 $\neg C(b)$
 $(C \sqcup \neg C)(c)$

Example

- consider simple ontology $C \sqsubseteq D$

- $C^I = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \geq 0\}$, $(\neg C)^I = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \leq 0\}$

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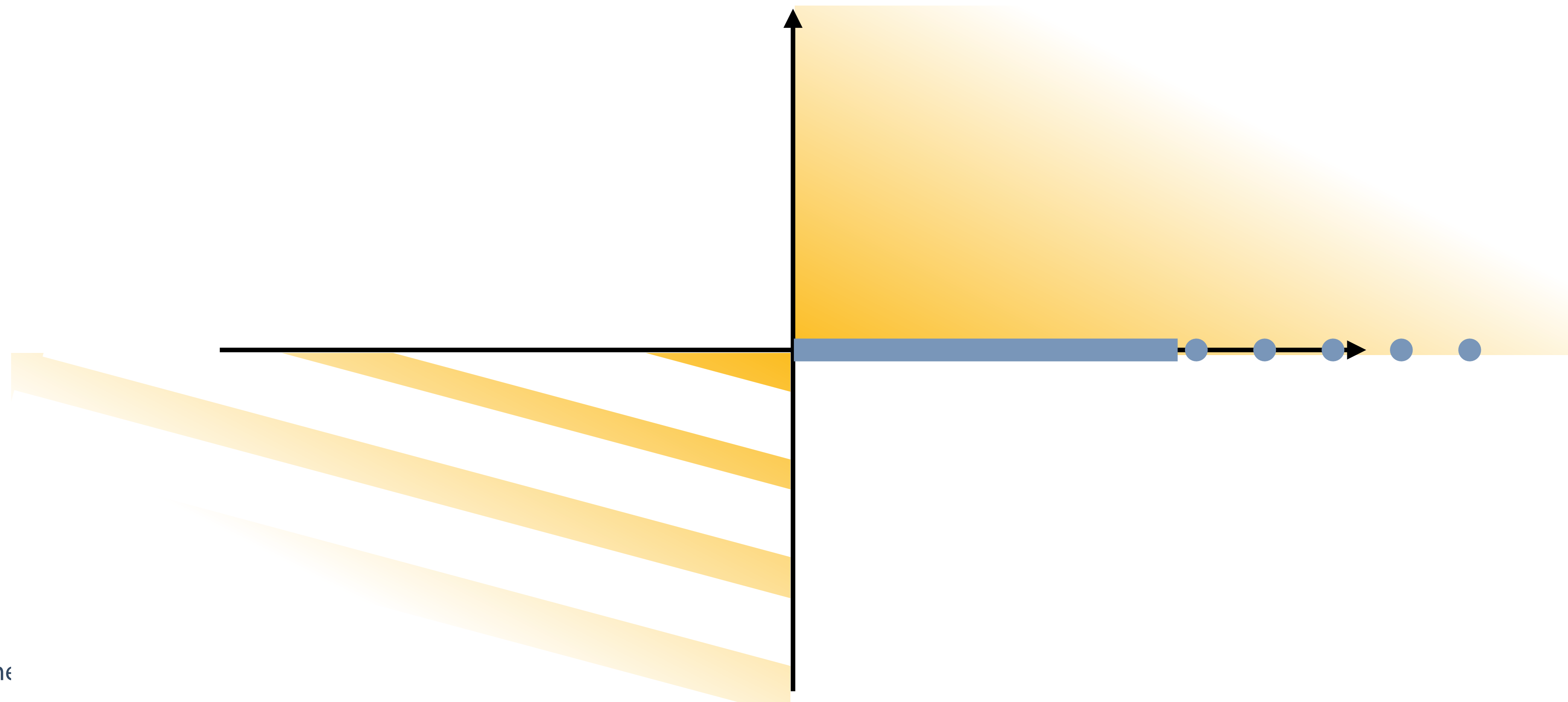


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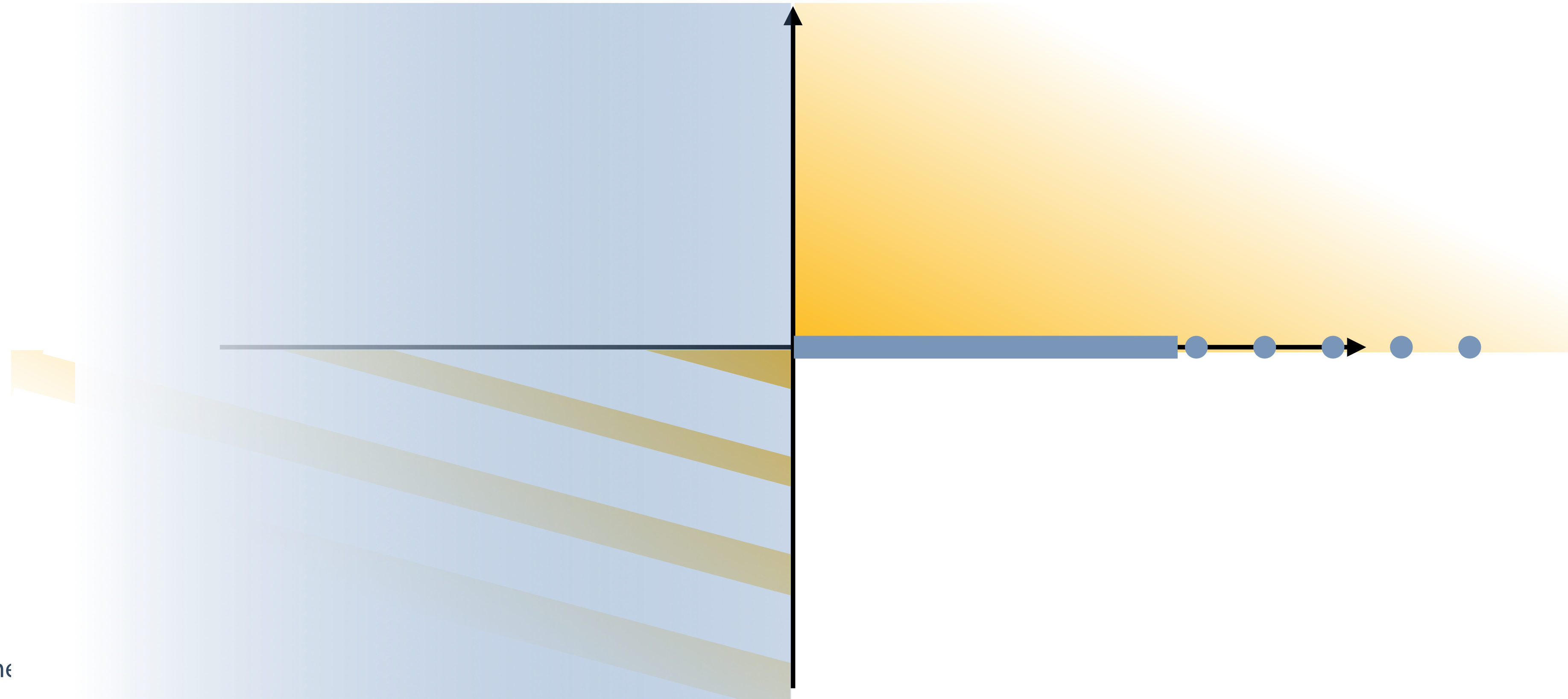


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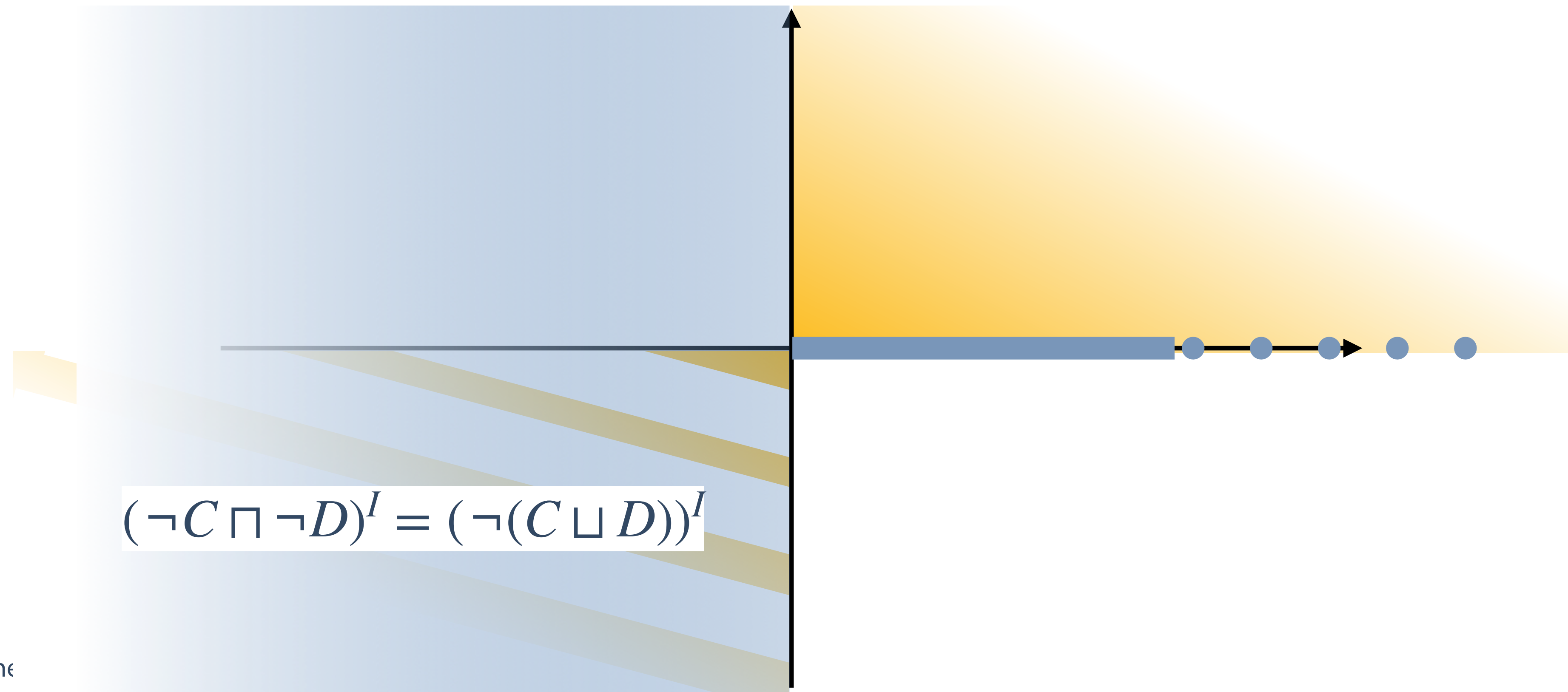


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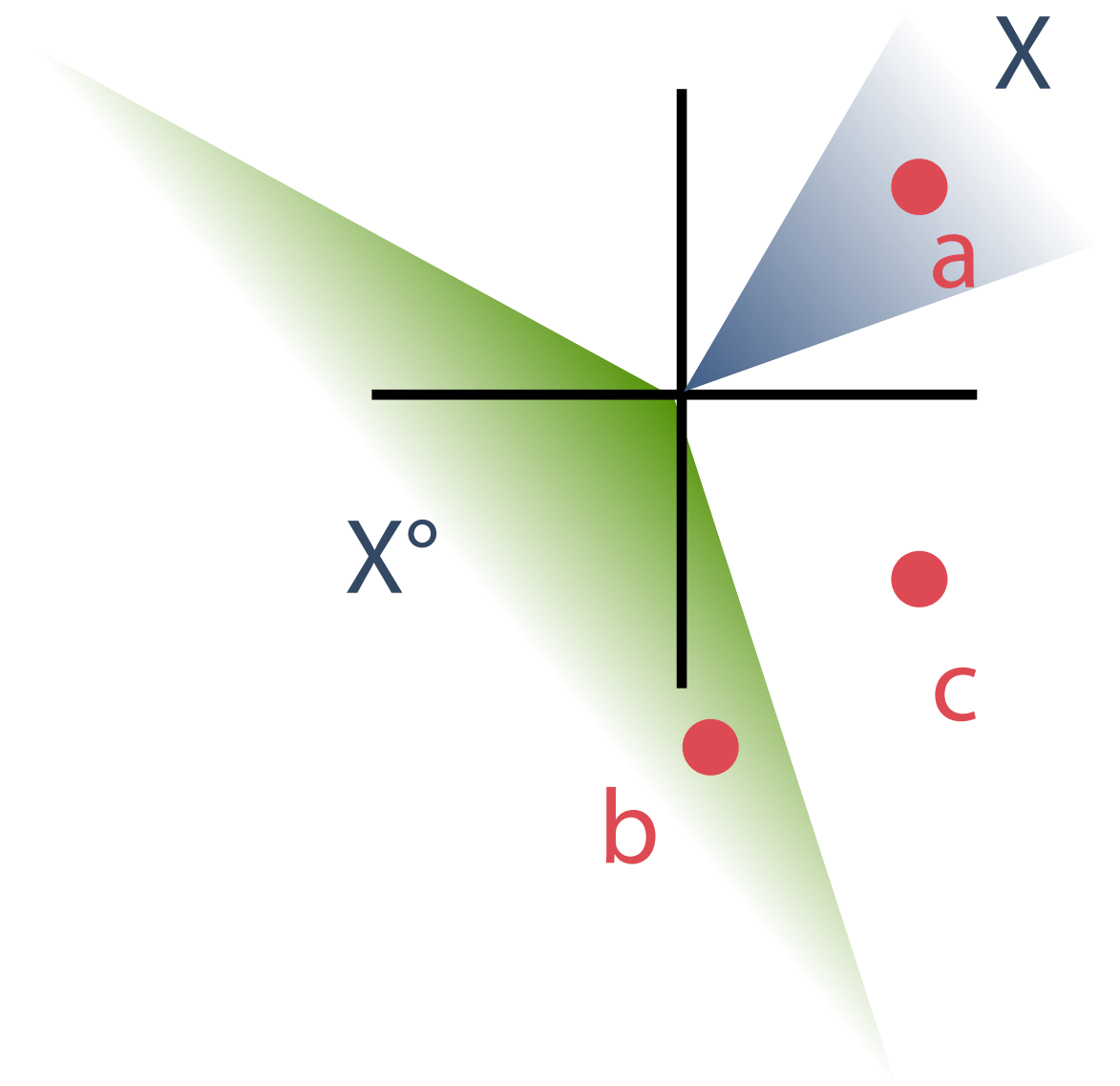
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$$(\neg C \cap \neg D)^I = (\neg(C \sqcup D))^I$$

Geometrico-Algebraic Properties I

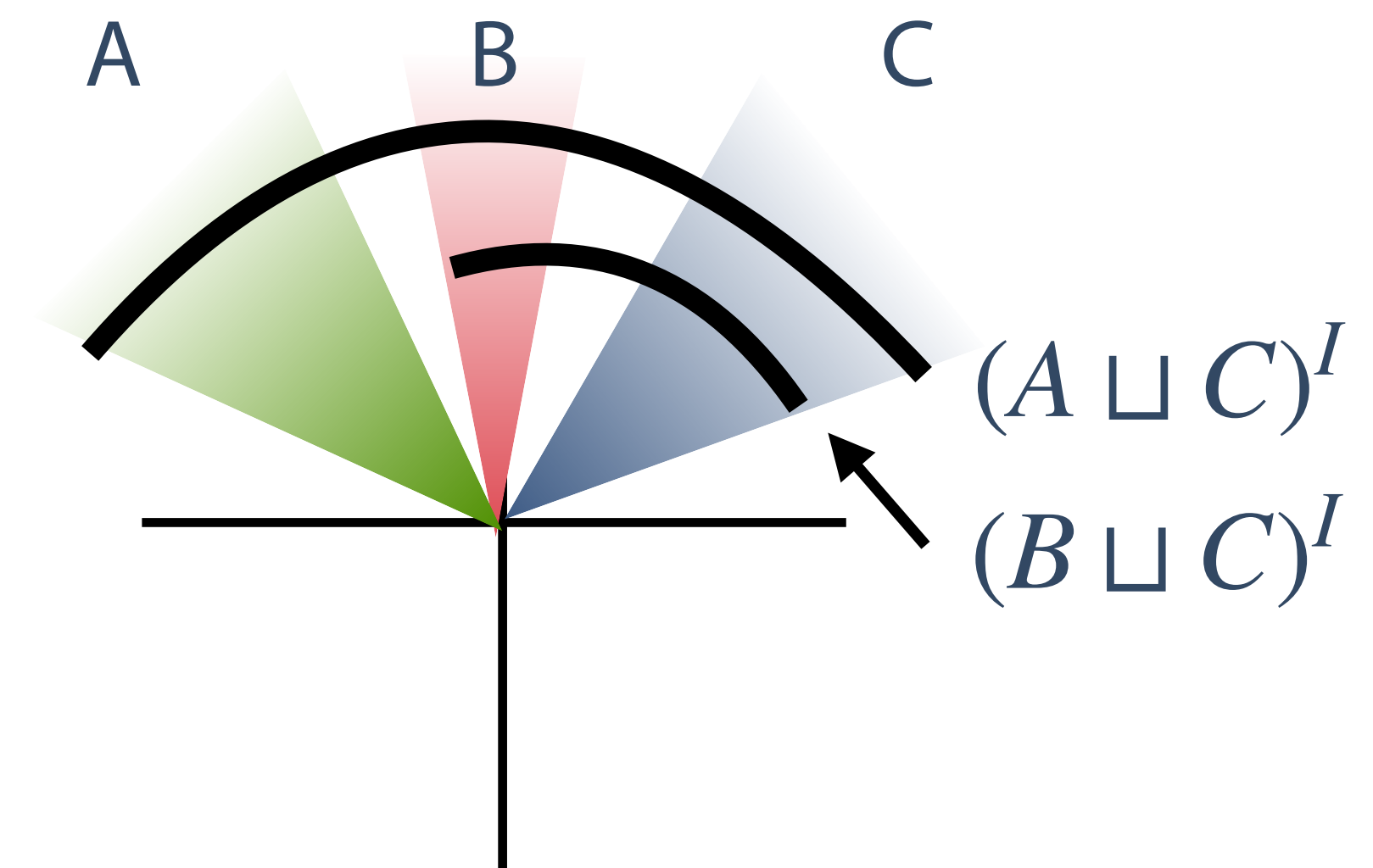
- using set intersection as conjunction, polarity as negation, and De-Morgan for defining disjunction, we arrive at an **algebra of cones**
- negation is not classical in the sense $x \in C^I$ or $x \in (\neg C)^I$
 - still it holds $(C \sqcup \neg C) \equiv \top$
 - weaker form, so-called **ortho-negation**
 - allows form of uncertainty to be captured in a geometric model
 - **example:** $\text{Animal}(x)$, but neither $\text{Mammal}(x)$ nor $\neg \text{Mammal}(x)$



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Geometrico-Algebraic Properties II

- distributivity not satisfied by *arbitrary* cones
 - $(A \sqcap B) \sqcup C \neq (A \sqcup C) \sqcap (B \sqcup C)$
- bug or feature? We opt for **bug**...
 - indeed a debatable property
 - **examples**: recall talk by Gabriele Kern-Isberner!
- one possible solution: restrict family of cones



$$(A \sqcap B)^I = \{0\}$$

$$((A \sqcap B) \sqcup C)^I = C^I$$

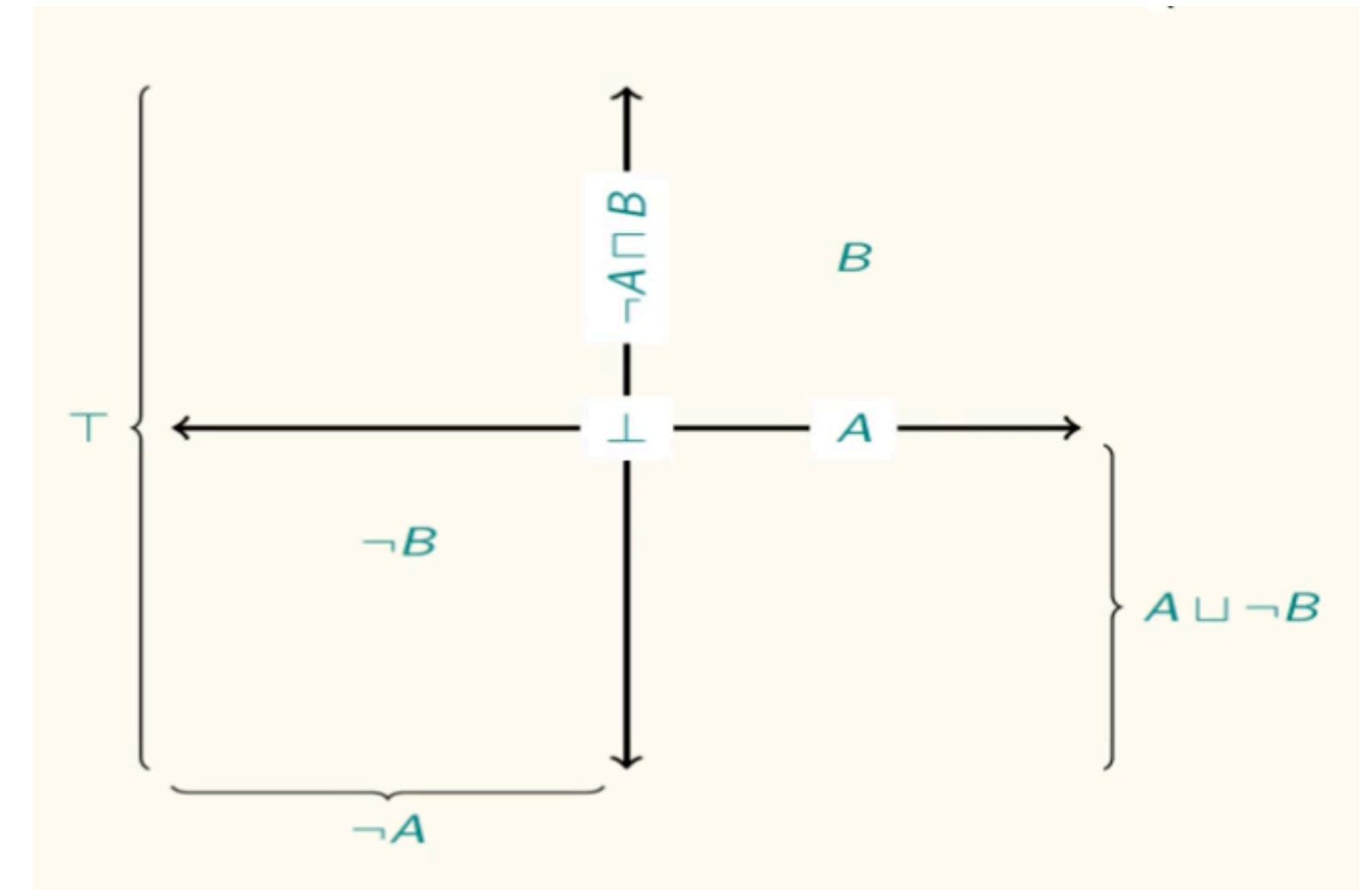
$$B^I \sqsubset (A \sqcup C)^I, B^I \sqsubset (B \sqcup C)^I$$

$$((A \sqcup C) \sqcap (B \sqcup C))^I = C^I$$

Axis-Aligned Cones

- Definition: X is called an axis-aligned cone (al-cones) in \mathbb{R}^n iff $X = X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$ with $X_i \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_-, \{0\}\}$

- examples for ontology $C \sqsubseteq D$ already featured al-cones



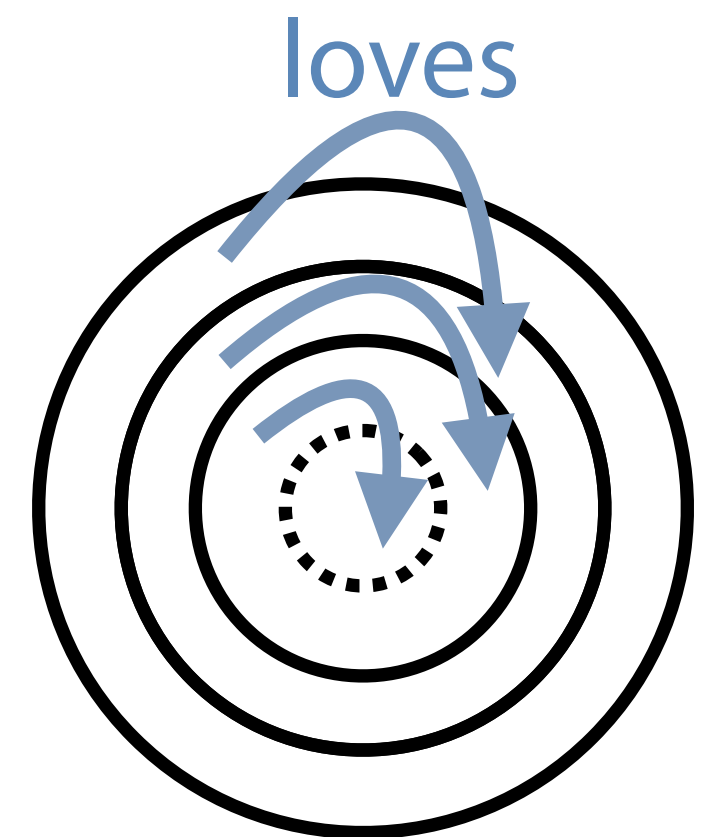
- nomen est omen: axis-aligned cones (**al**-cones) provide a geometric model for ALC

- **proposition** (Özçep et al, 2020): A Boolean ALC ontology is satisfiable iff it is satisfiable with a faithful al-cone model

- **faithfulness**: $a^I \in C^I$ if and only if ontology entails $C(a)$.

AL-Cone Models for Full *ALC*

- **idea**: interpret relations classically as subsets of cartesian product, i.e., $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$
 - for relating concepts which are al-cones, we have $R \subseteq D \times D$ with $D = D_1 \times \dots \times D_n, D_i \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}\}$
- **problem**: *ALC* models may require infinite chains of concepts
 - **example** (Baader & Küsters 2006): loves(narcis, narcis), Vain(narcis)
- **idea**: approximation with bound on quantifier rank
 - rationale: when querying a model, we may assume a maximum nesting of quantifiers
- **proposition** (Özçep et al., 2020): *ALC* ontologies with fixed quantifier rank k are satisfiable if and only if they are satisfiable with a faithful al-cones model
- disadvantage: relations are not first-order members entities of an embedding



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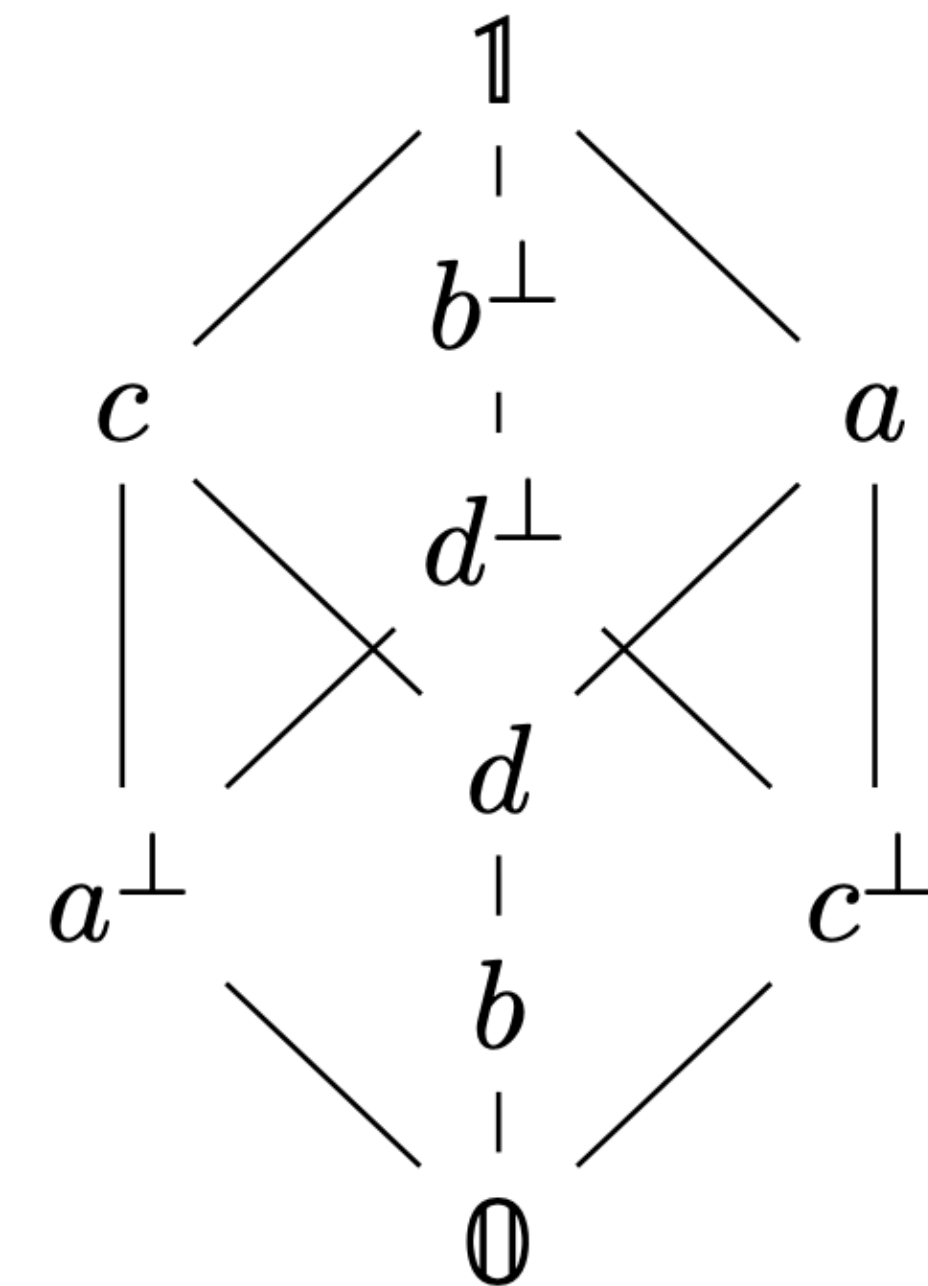
$$A \vdash A \quad A \& B \vdash A \quad A \& B \vdash B \quad A \dashv\vdash \sim\sim A$$

$$A \& \sim A \vdash B \quad A \vee B \dashv\vdash \sim(\sim A \& \sim B)$$

Rules

$$\frac{A \vdash B, B \vdash C}{A \vdash C} \quad \frac{A \vdash B, A \vdash C}{A \vdash B \& C} \quad \frac{A \vdash B}{\sim B \vdash \sim A}$$

O_{min}



MC_8 ortholattice

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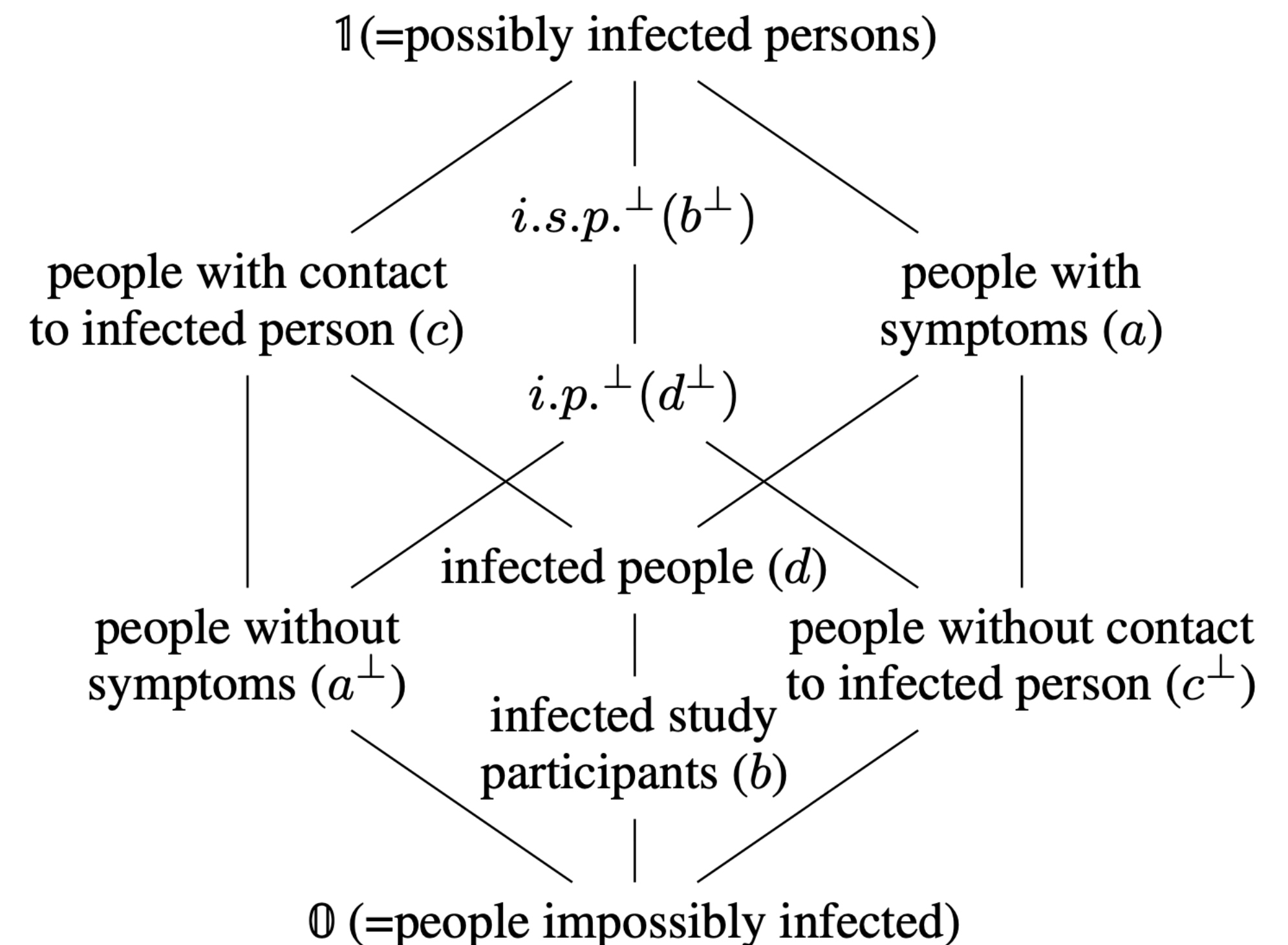
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(Desired) Limitations of Expressivity



- there are more general logics than can be modelled by cones
 - limitations are not necessarily a drawback
- cones constitute some restriction of Goldblatt's minimal Orthologic O_{min}
 - polarity satisfies orthonormality, cones constitute an **ortholattice**
- **example**: assume logic of cones does not allow MC_8 to be represented
 - sample group (b) shall be representative (d)
 - distinguishing b^\perp and d^\perp not sensible
- ▶ evaluate adequacy of logical commitments!

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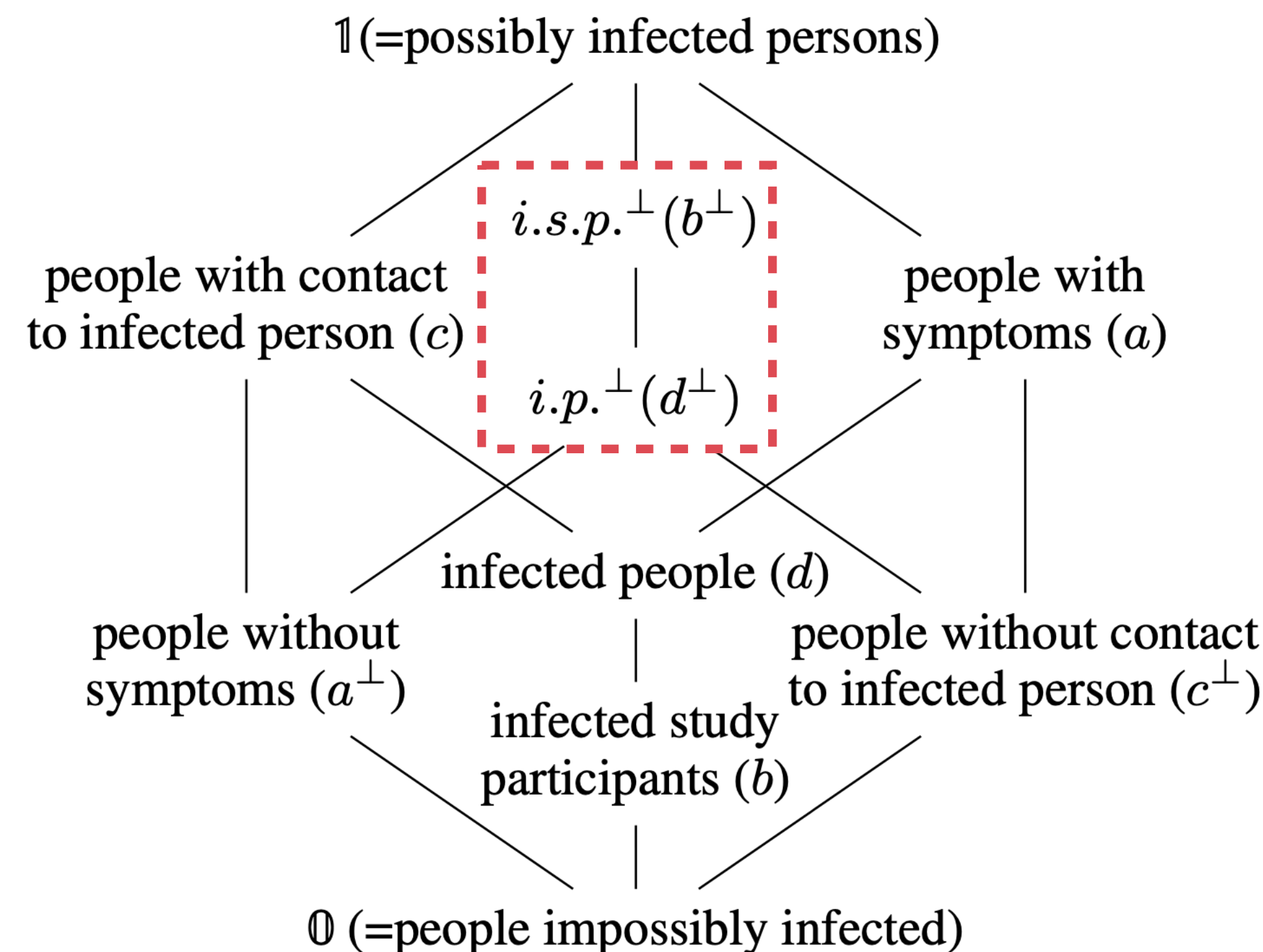
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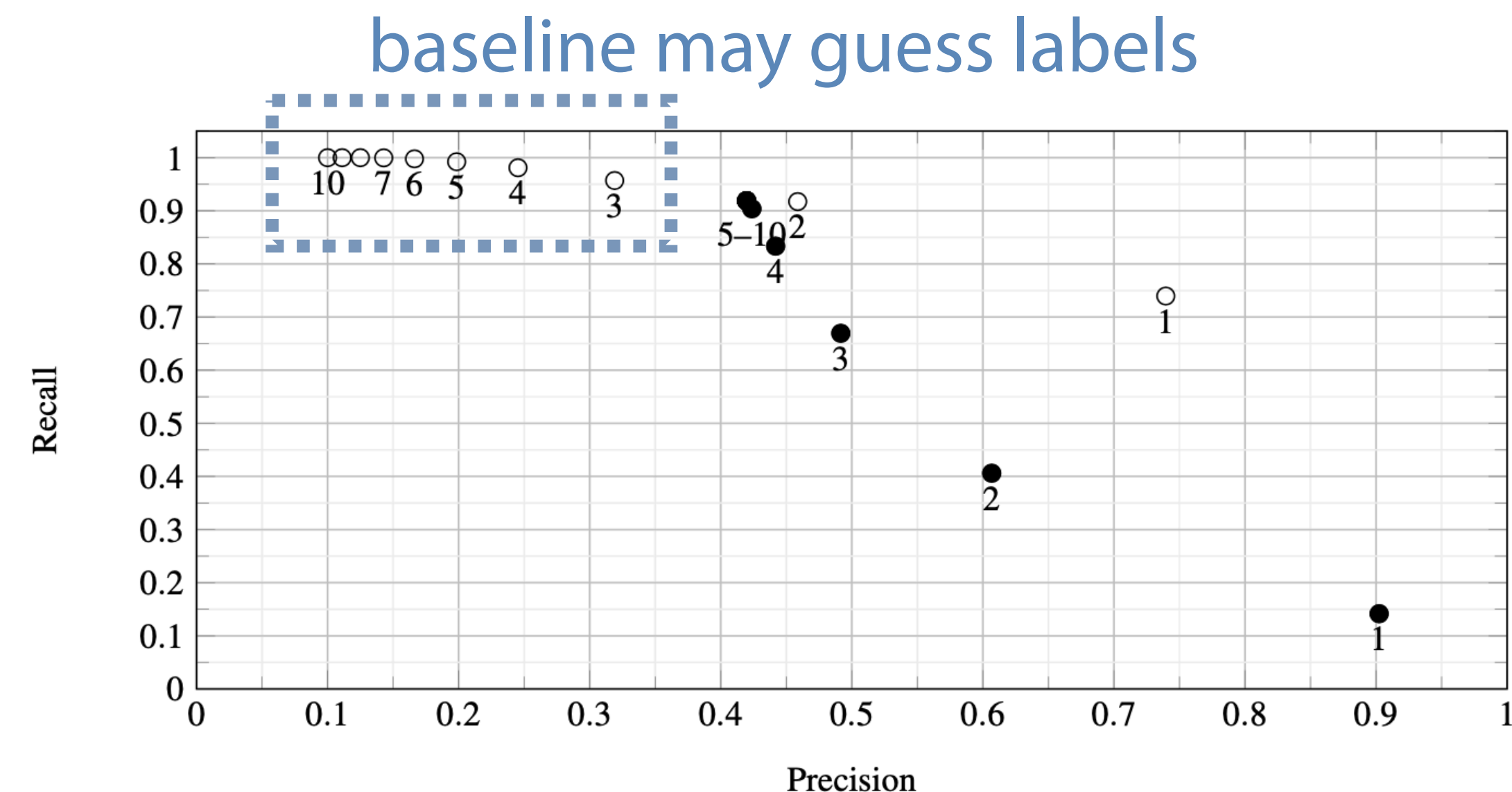
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Learning with Cones: First Results

- general idea: given background ontology, learn embedding
- learning al-cone embedding: rather search than ML
 - component-wise discrete
- learning arbitrary cones can be achieved by SVMs
 - cones defined as intersection of hyperplanes
 - allows kernel trick to be used
- example with AWA2 dataset (“animals with attributes”, Zero-Shot Learning) (Leemhuis et al. 2022)
 - problem: current datasets do not involve negation

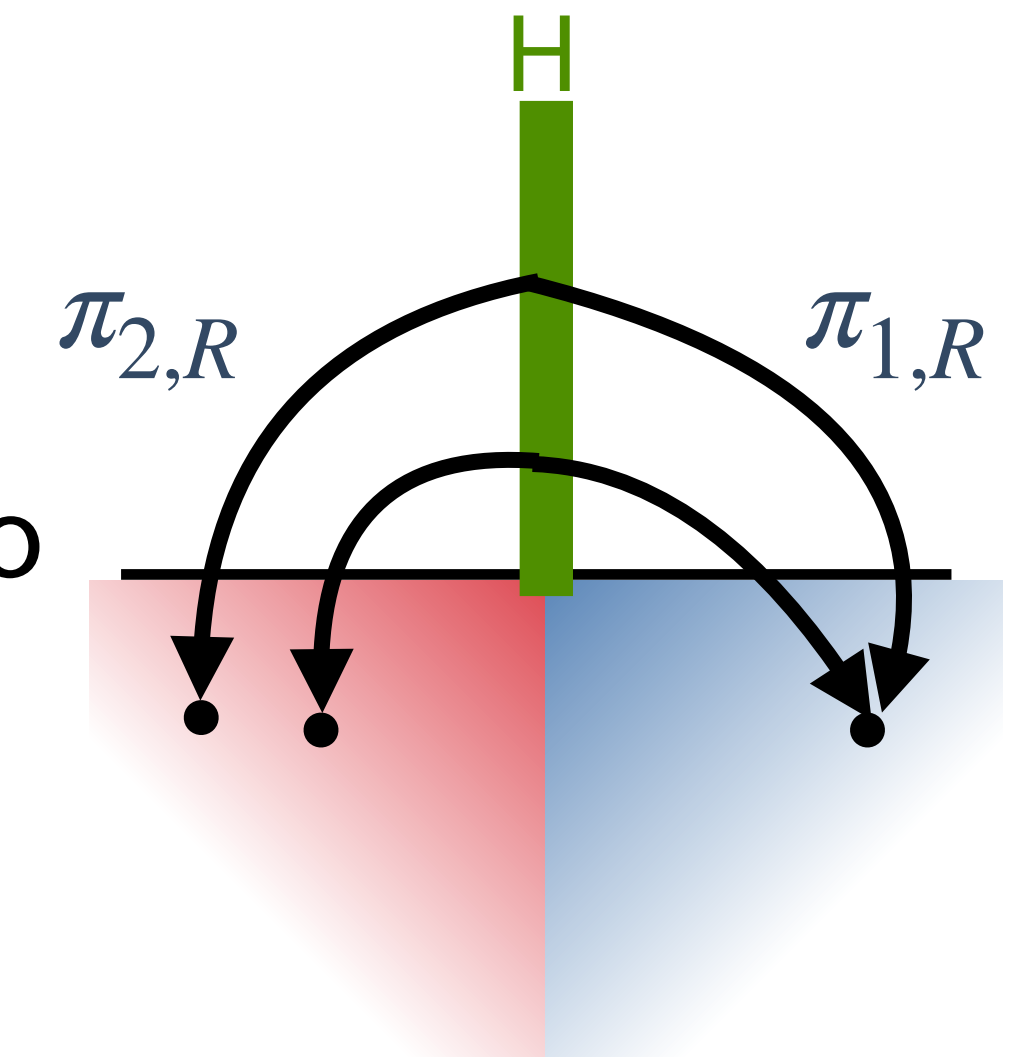


cone model gears towards higher precision

- cannot learn (wrt. ontology) wrong

Reification

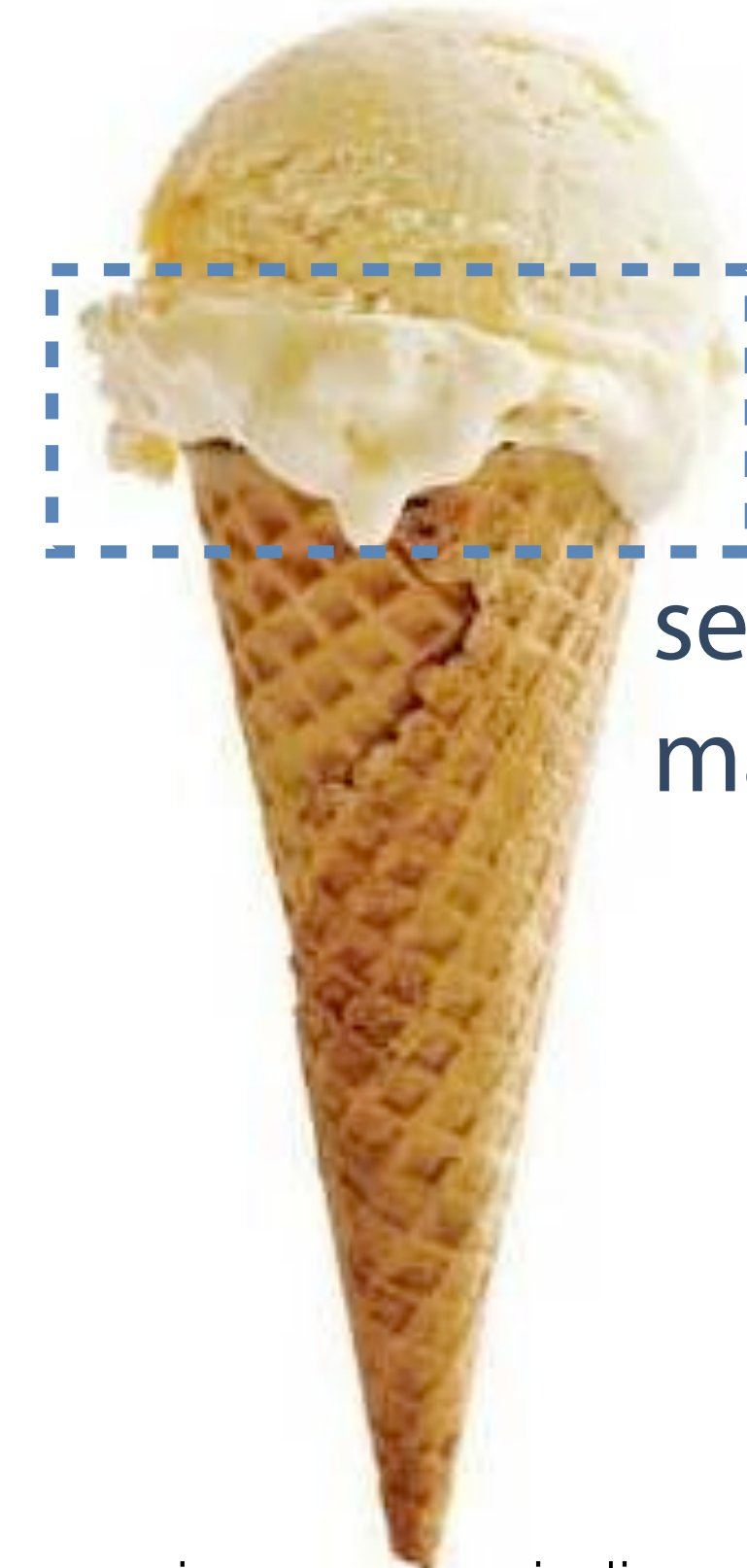
- **idea:** treat relations geometrically like concepts (Leemhuis et al, 2022)
 - functions map to domain and co-domain
 - let $(\exists R . C)^I = \pi_{1,R} \left(\pi_{2,R}^{-1}(C^I) \cap H \right)$
- reification allows non-functional relations to be represented using two functions
 - assume $\pi_{i,R}$ to be projections, $\pi_{2,R}^{-1}$ can span a subspace
 - applicable to other KG embeddings!
- **question:** Will reification also lead to better performance of KG embeddings?



Summary

- knowledge graph embeddings connect machine learning and symbolic reasoning
 - semantics of embeddings not well-understood
 - classic embeddings mix uncertainty resulting from noisy data with uncertainty arising from poor semantic alignment
- geometric models can retain uncertainty in data
 - beyond prototypicality/likelihood
 - cones with polarity and intersection constitute algebra
 - al-cones as example for a model for description logic *ALC*

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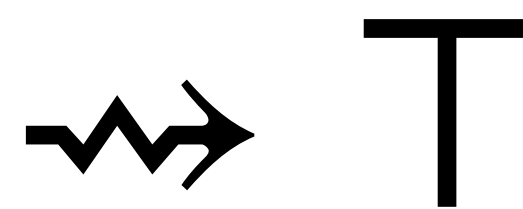
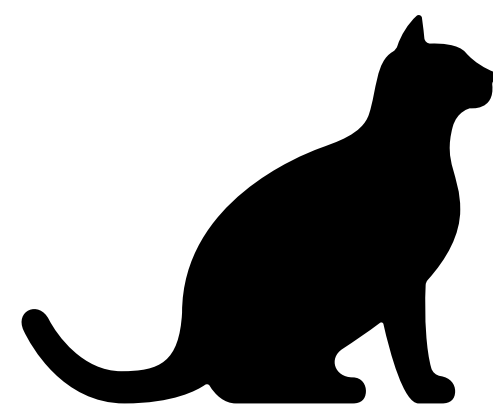


semantic alignment matters

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Conclusion and Outlook

- **geometric and logic commitments constitute important design decisions**
- interesting combinations of geometric models and concept languages can be found
 - (al-)cones may just be the beginning
 - semantically proper treatment of desired logic features is possible
 - find a good balance between feasibility of learning and expressivity of concept languages
- geometric models are still under-explored
 - and sometimes puzzling
- learning uncertain models: How can we gear learning to making concrete commitments?



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