

Lecture 7: Tricks + Word Embeddings

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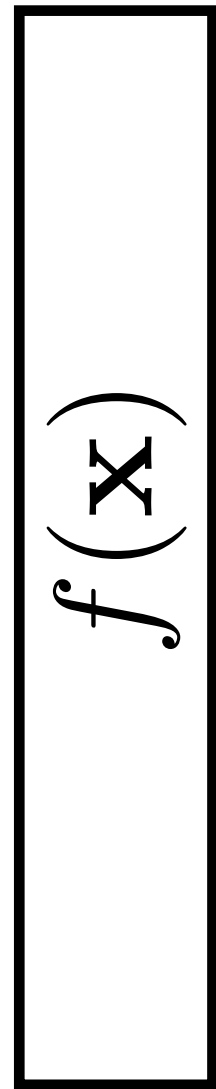
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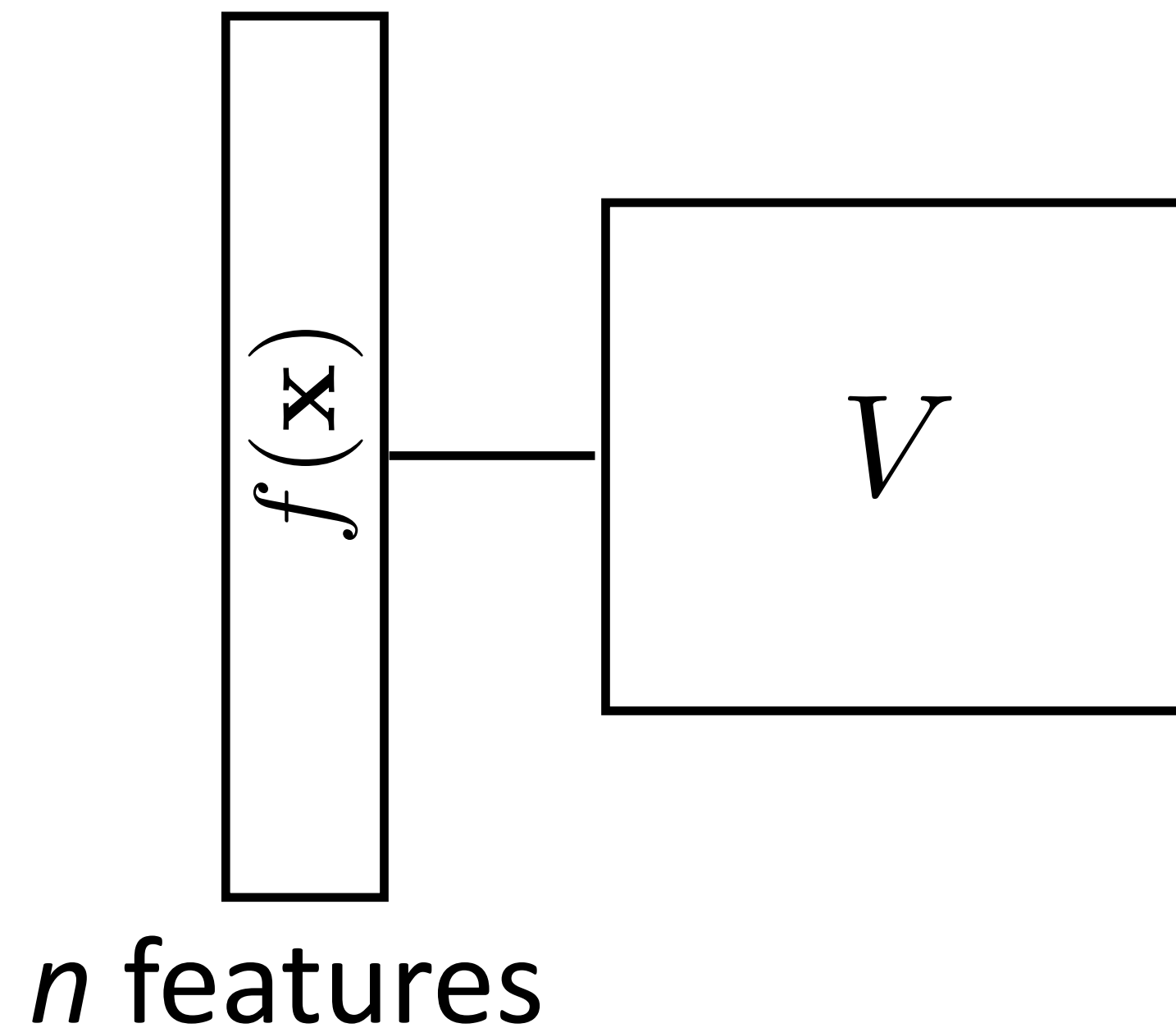
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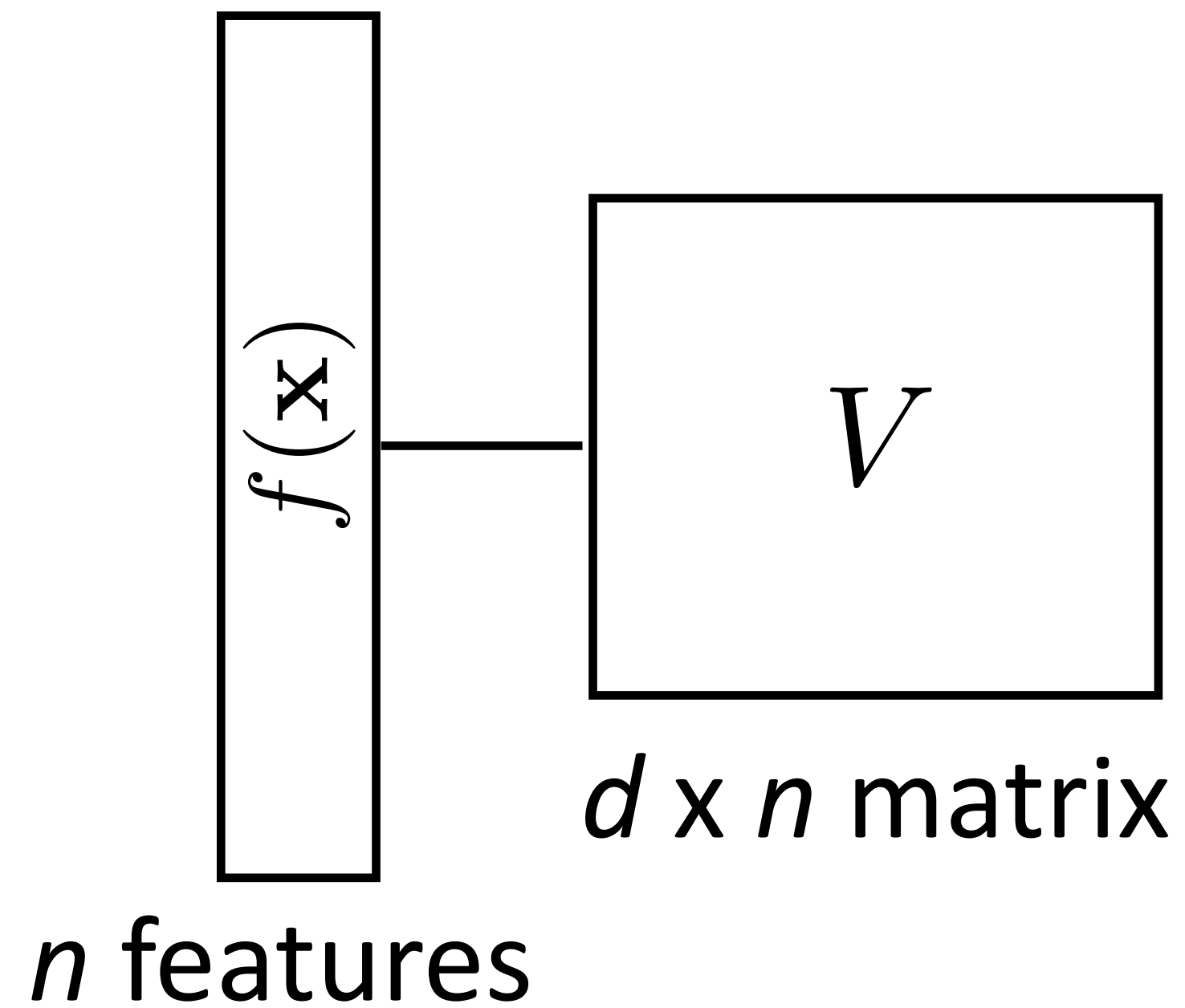
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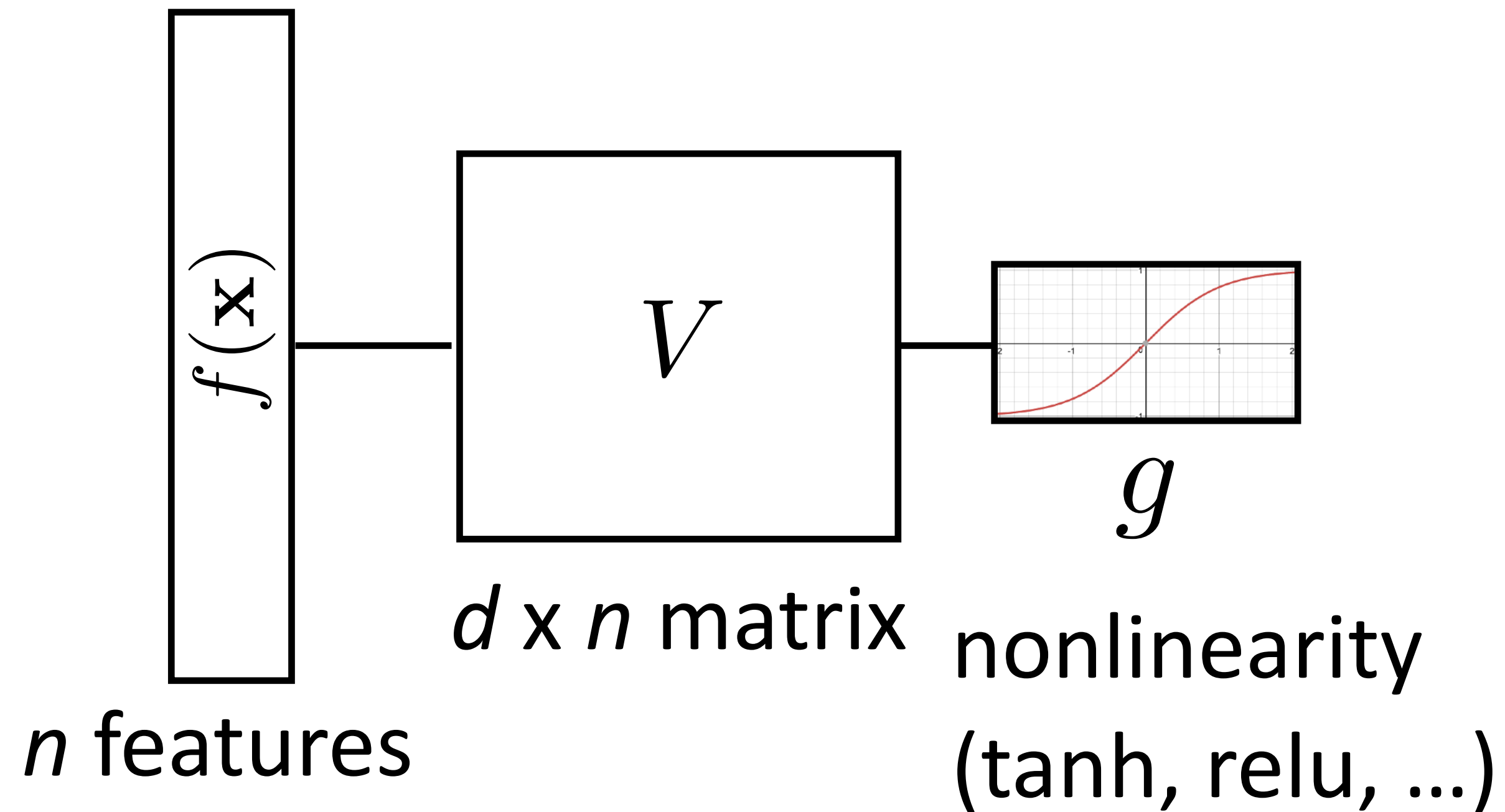
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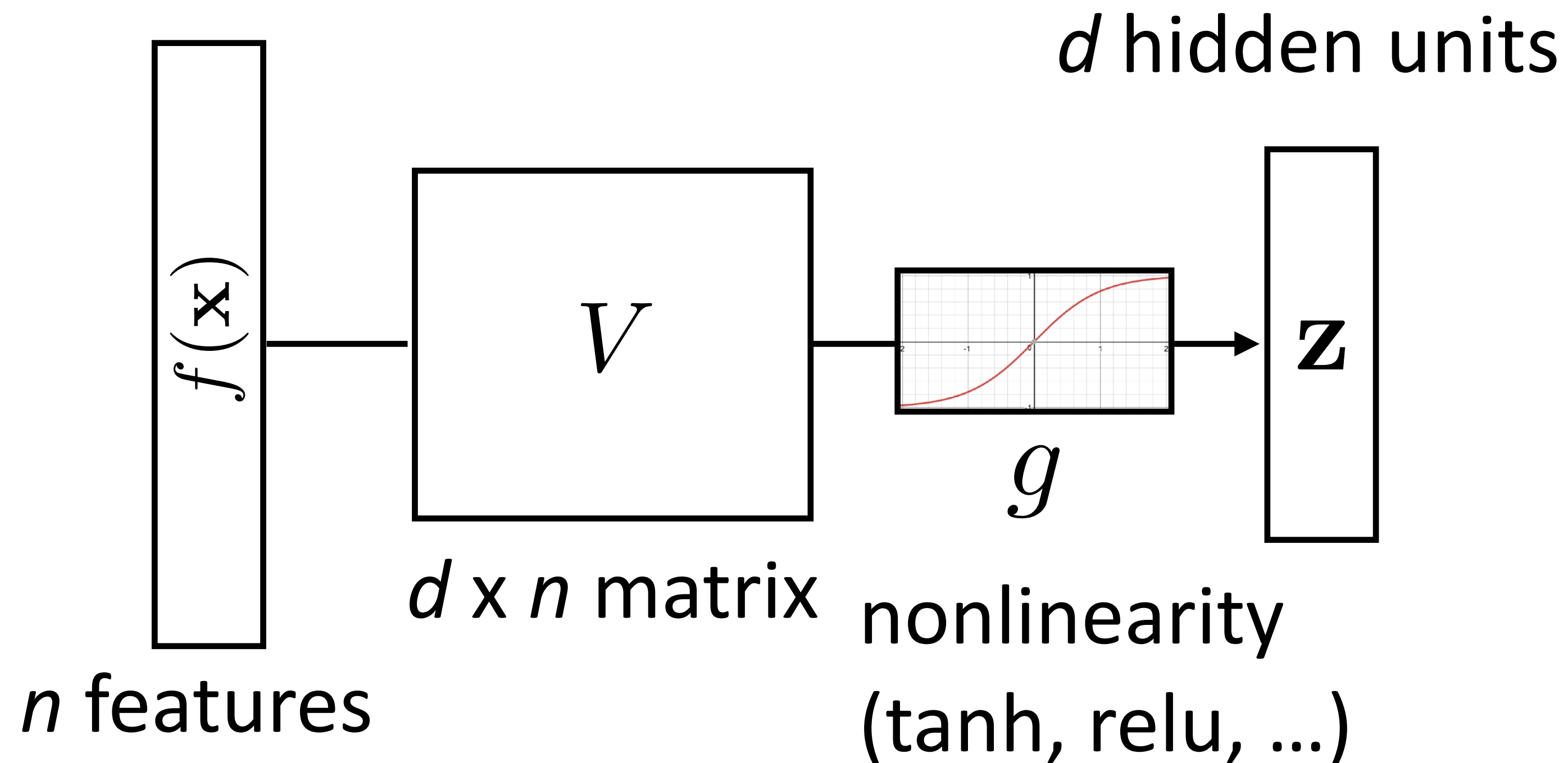
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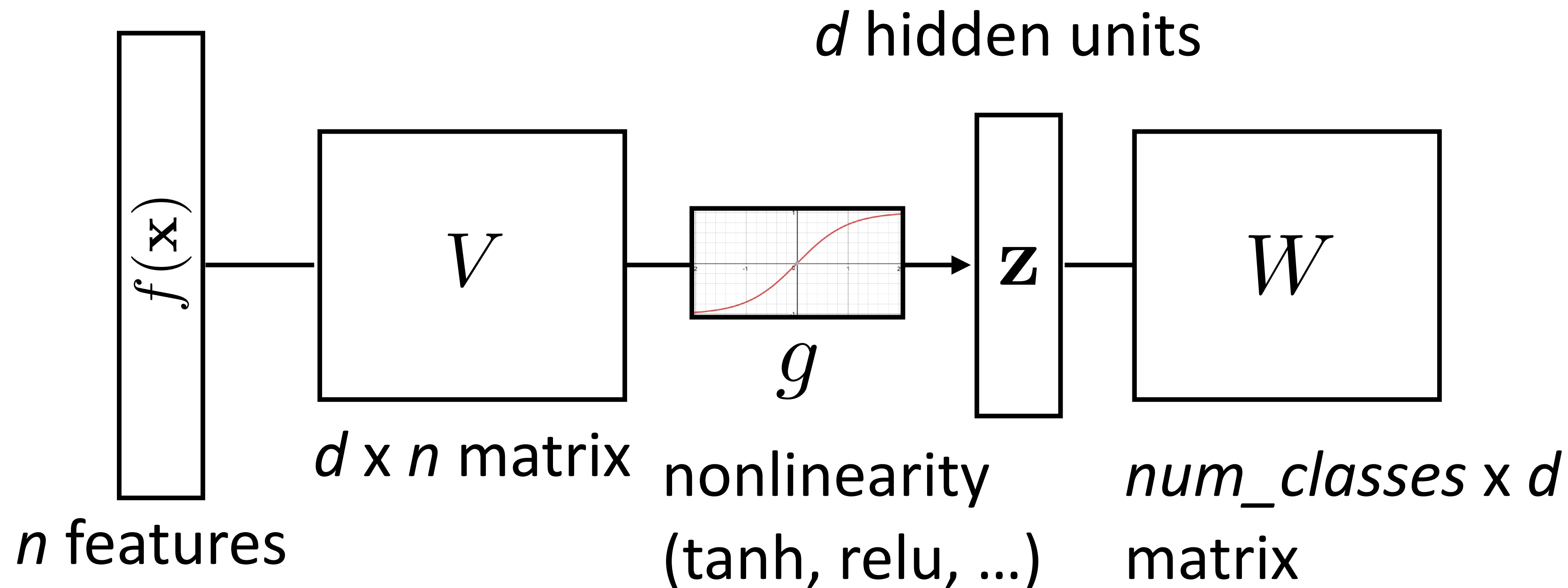
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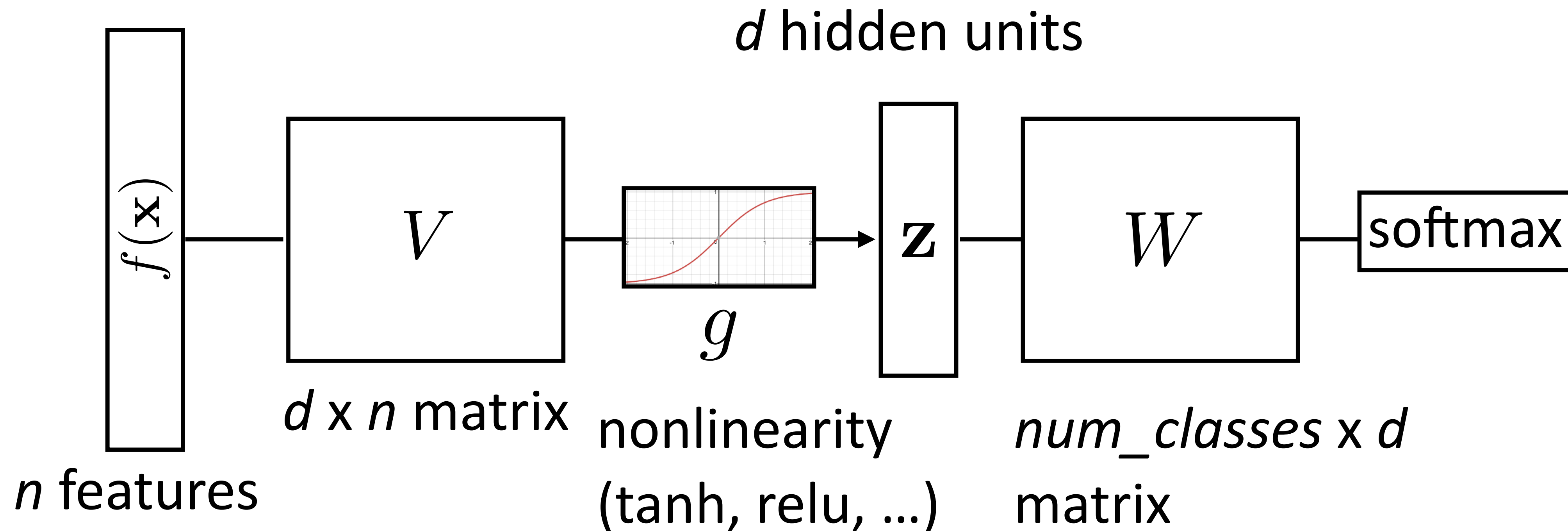
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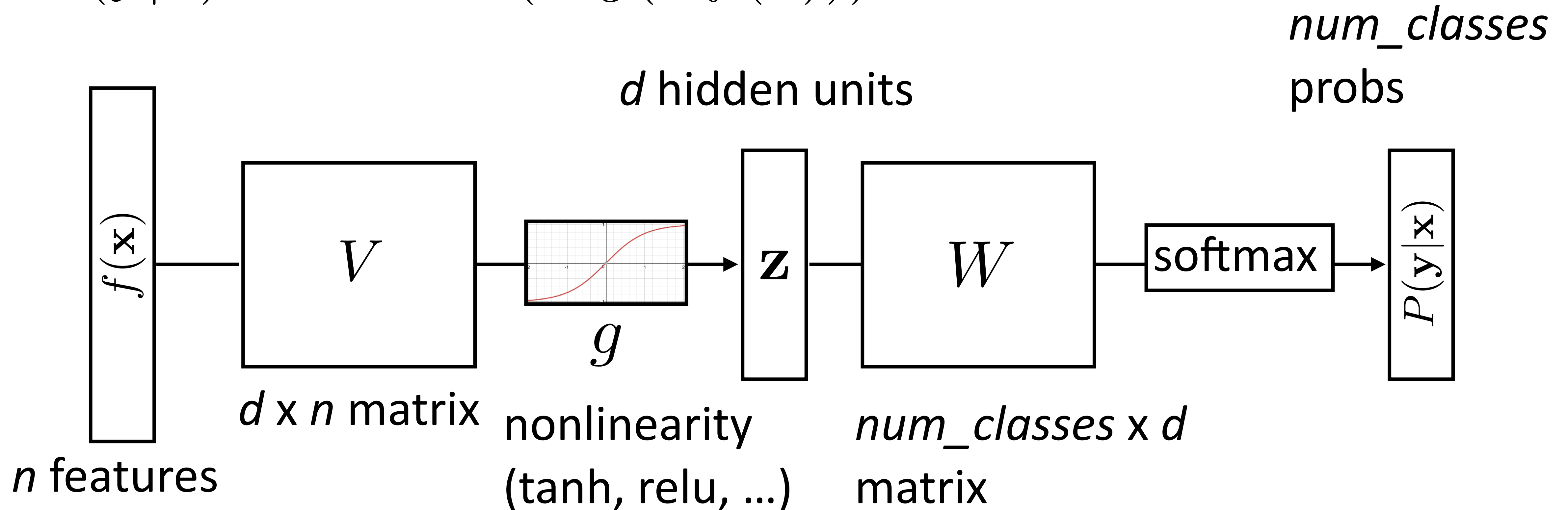
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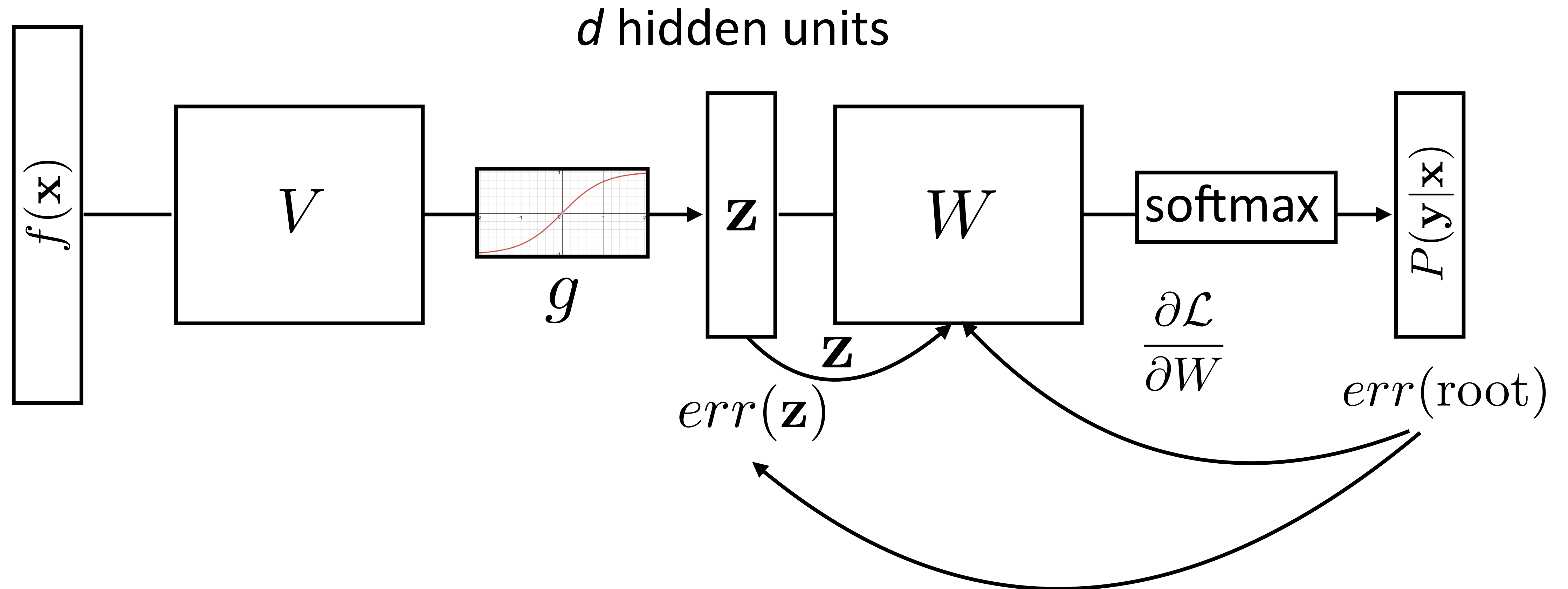
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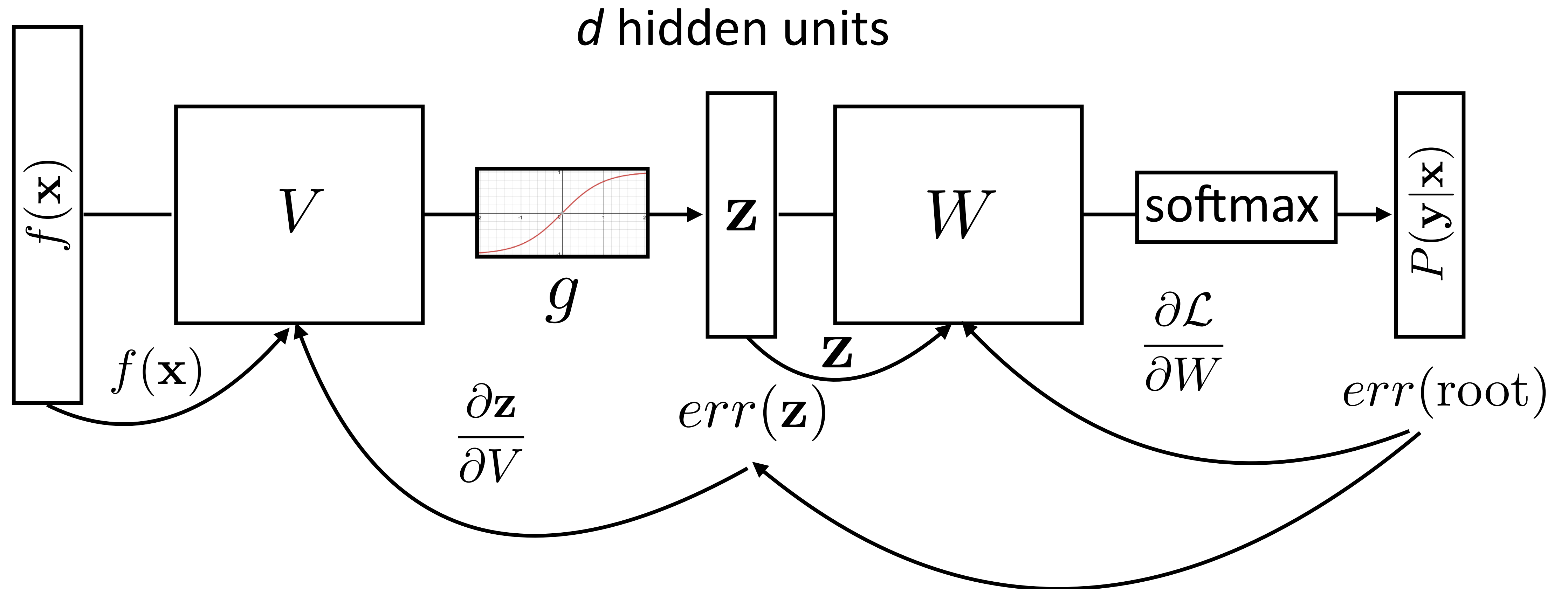
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- ▶ Training
- ▶ Word representations
- ▶ word2vec/GloVe
- ▶ Evaluating word embeddings

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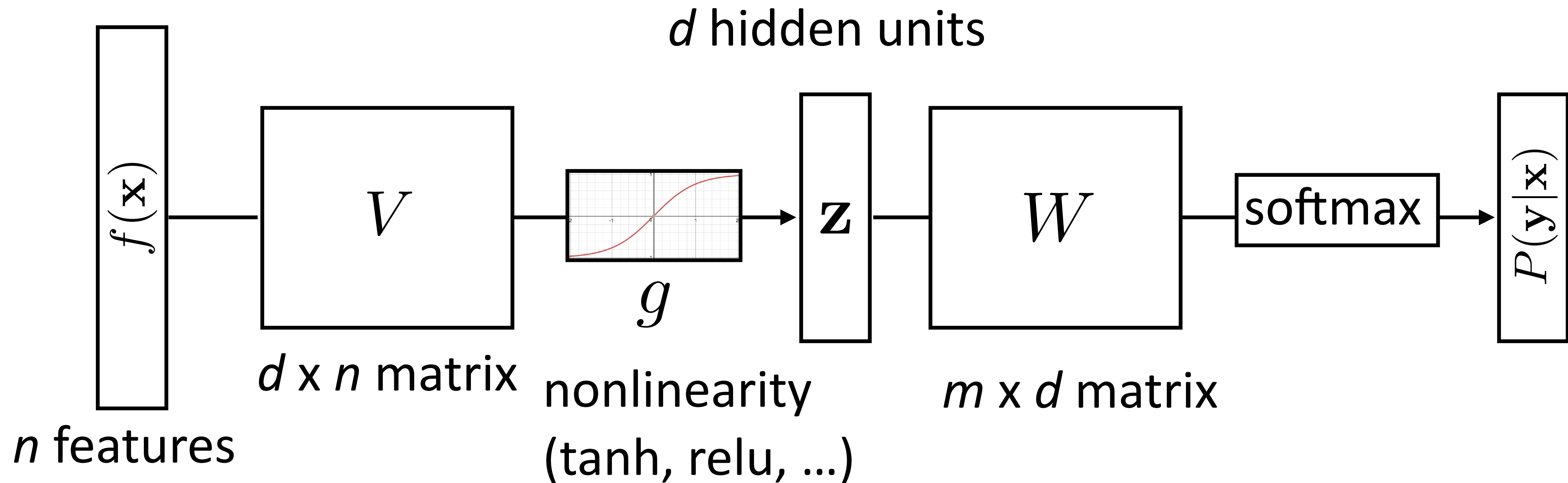
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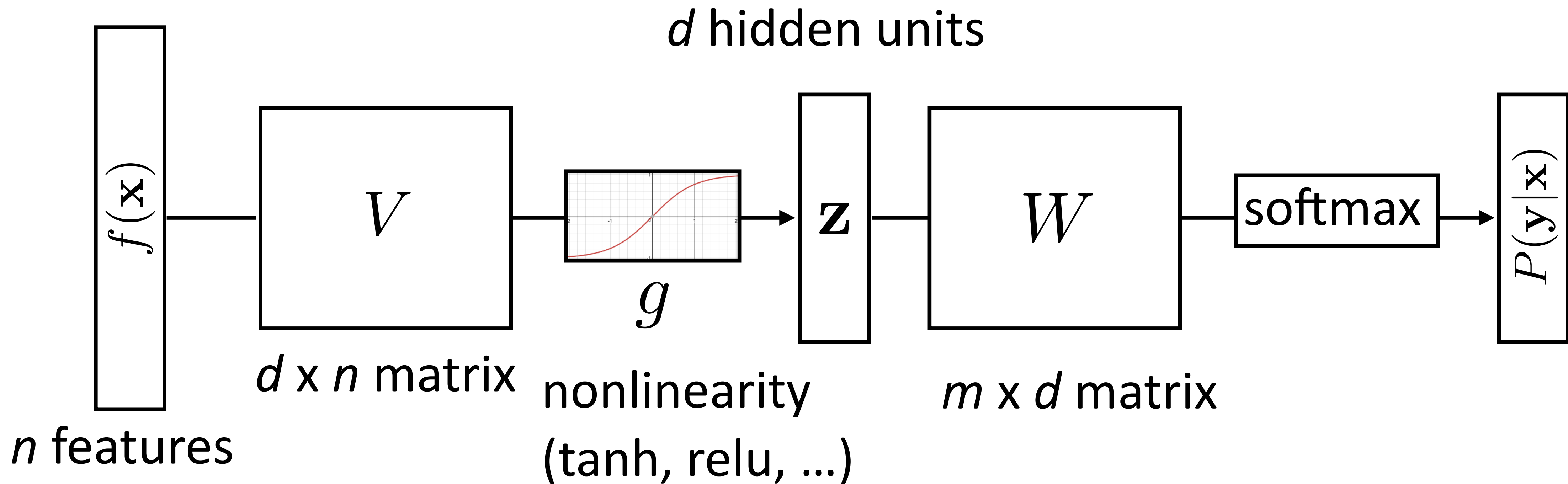
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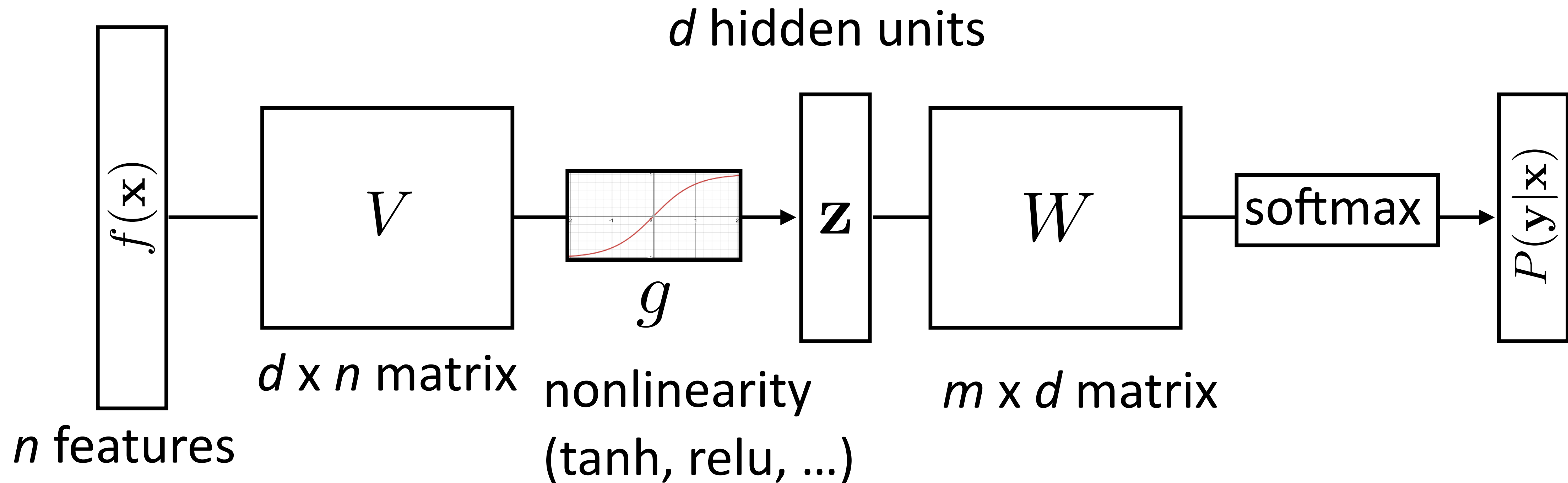
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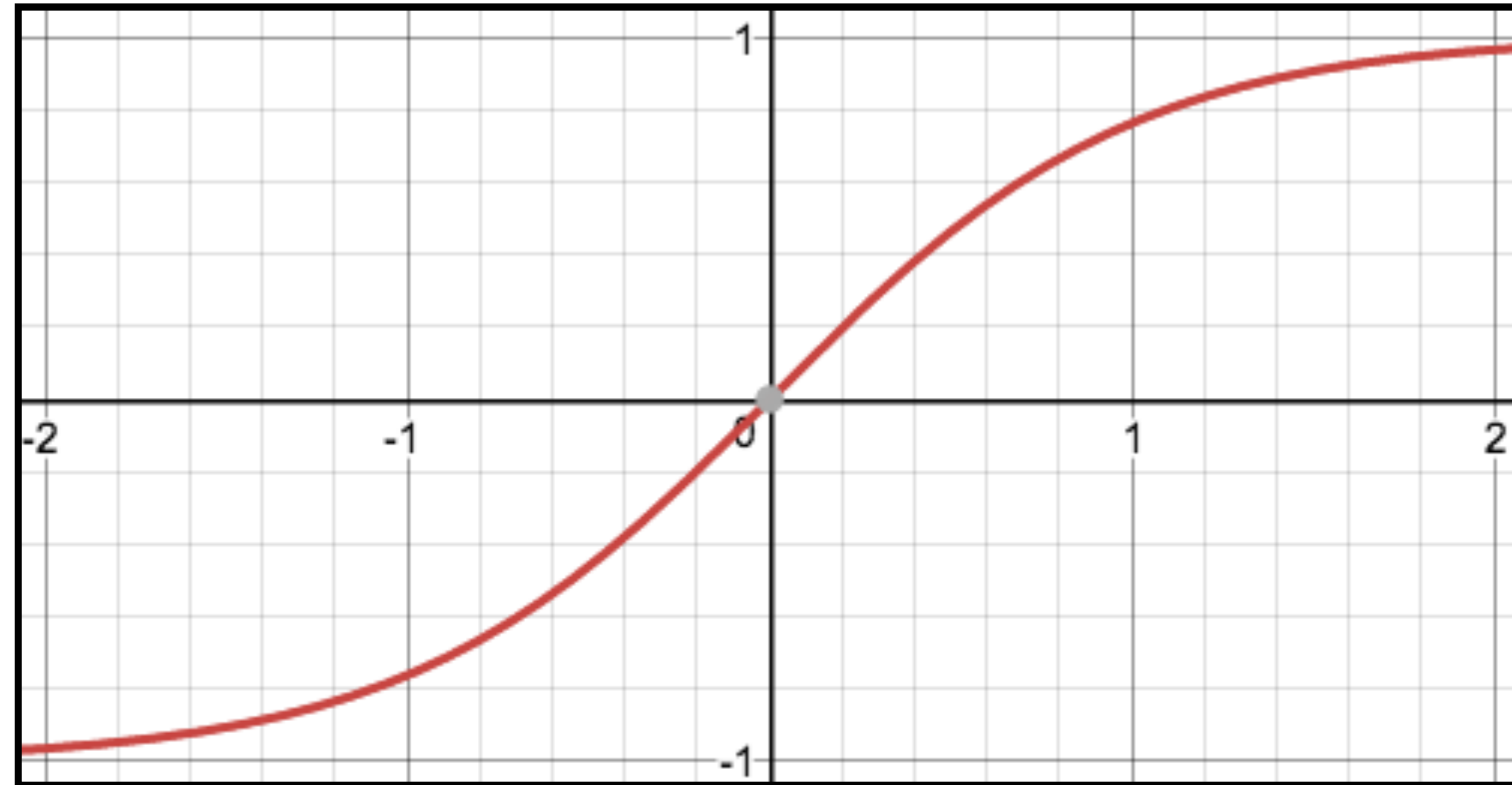
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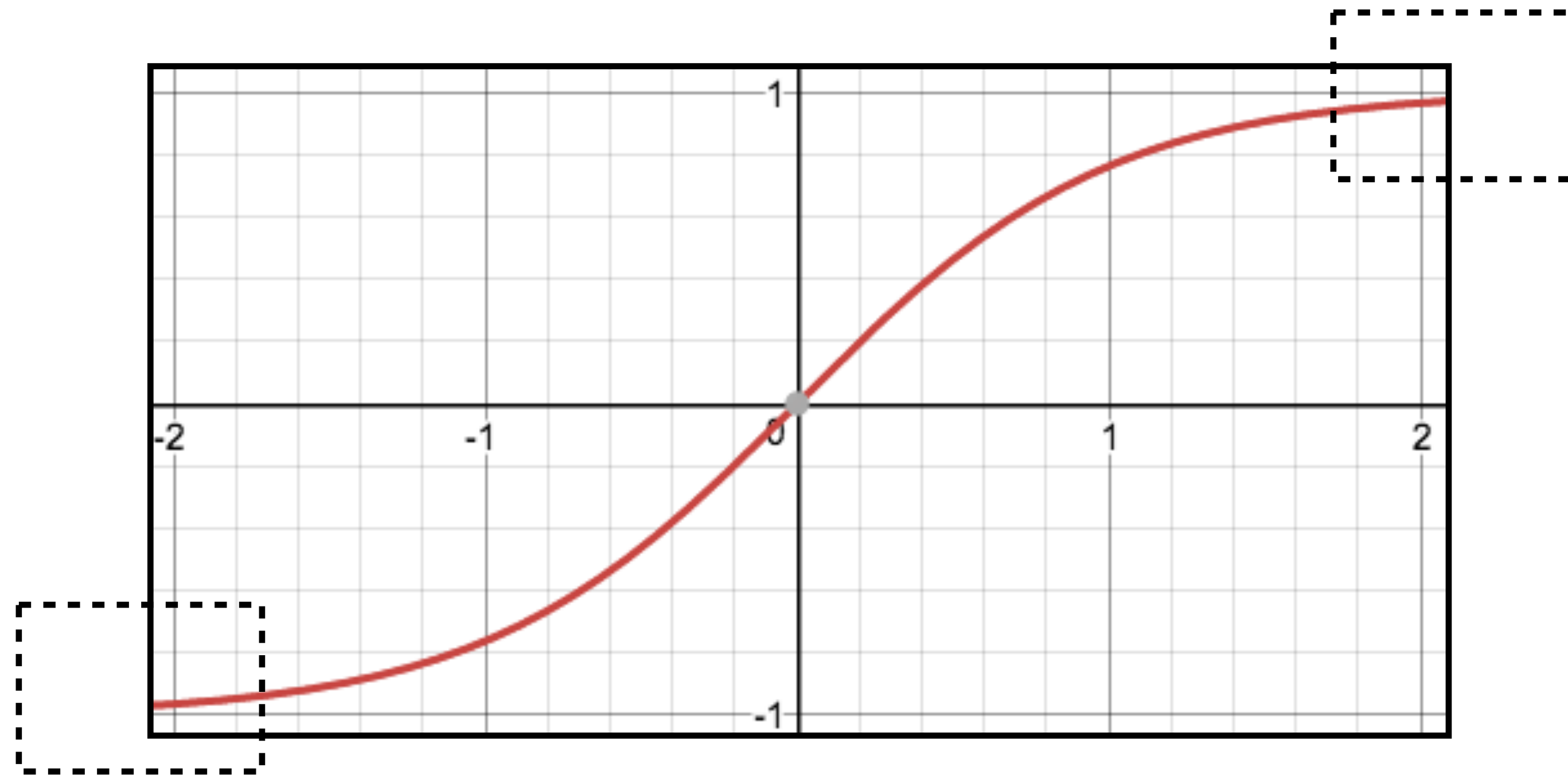
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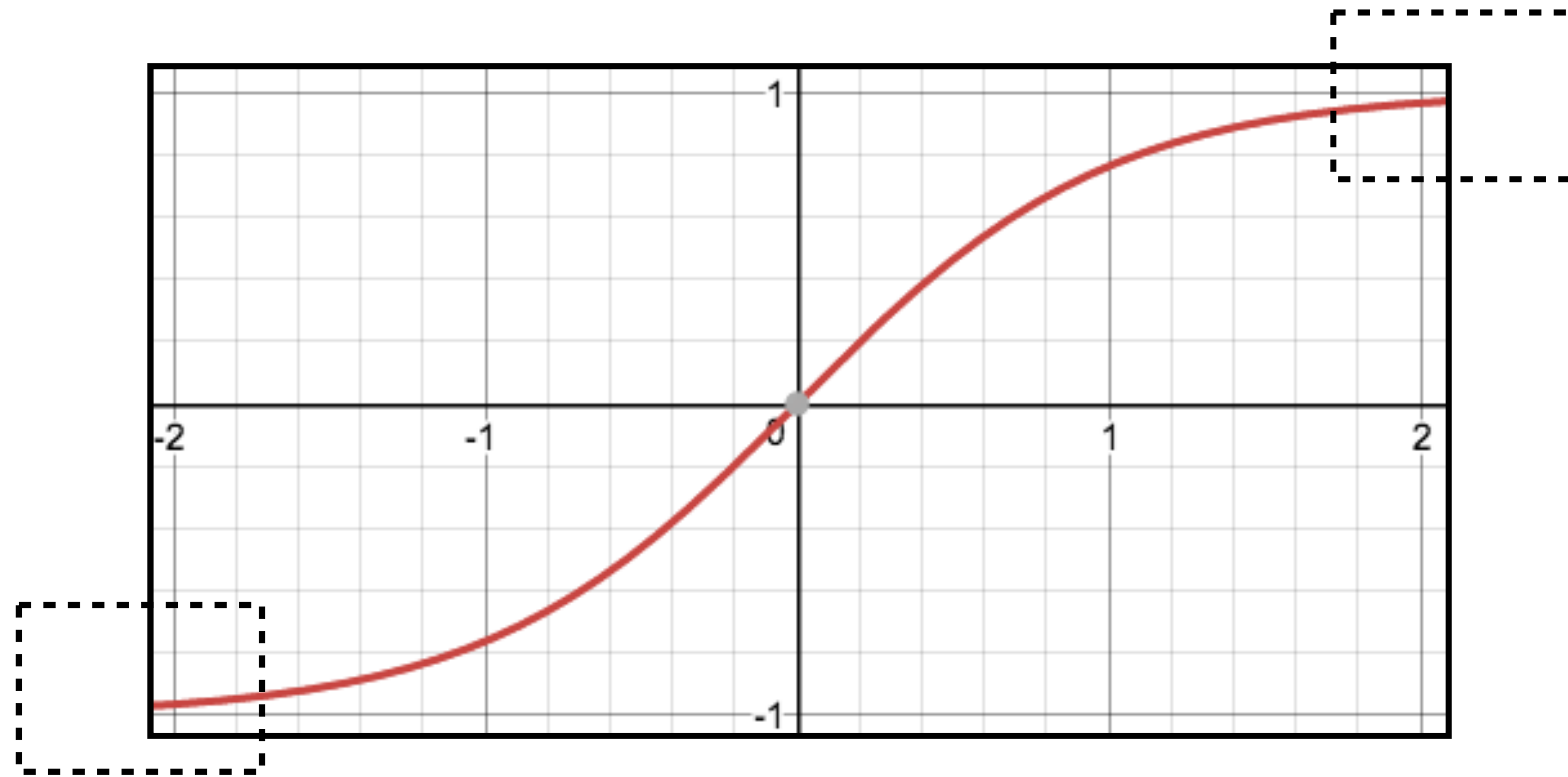
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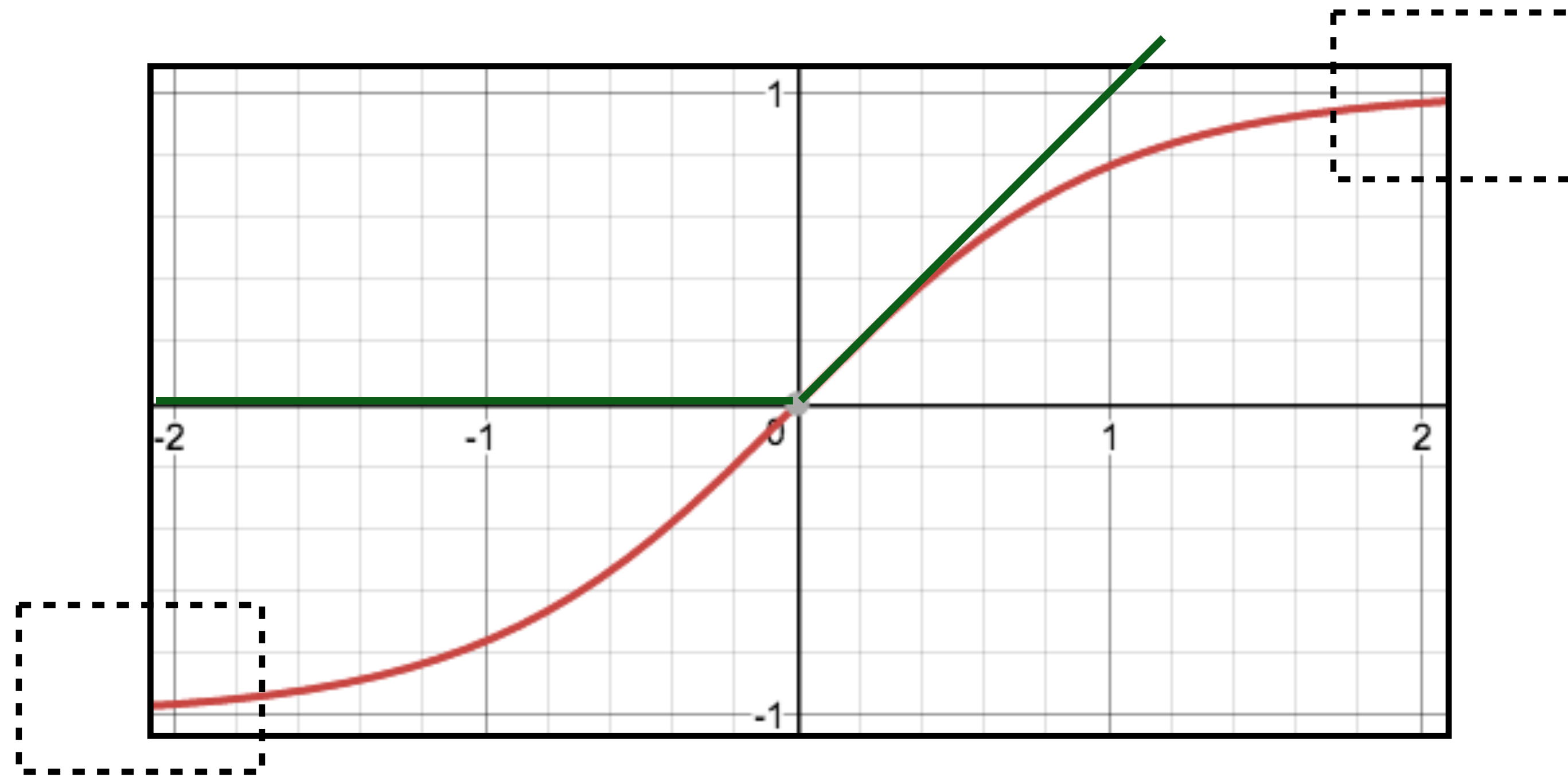
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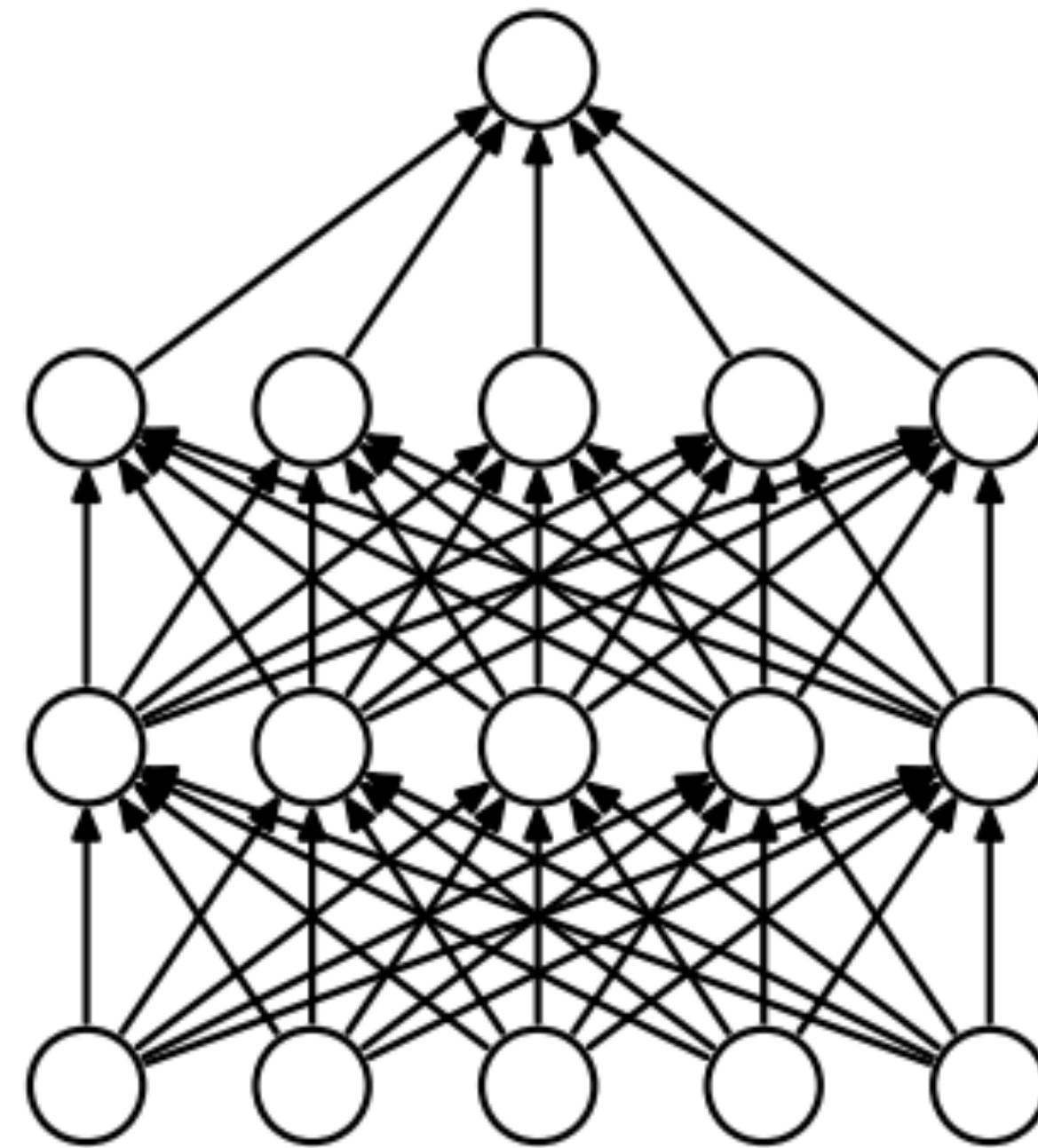
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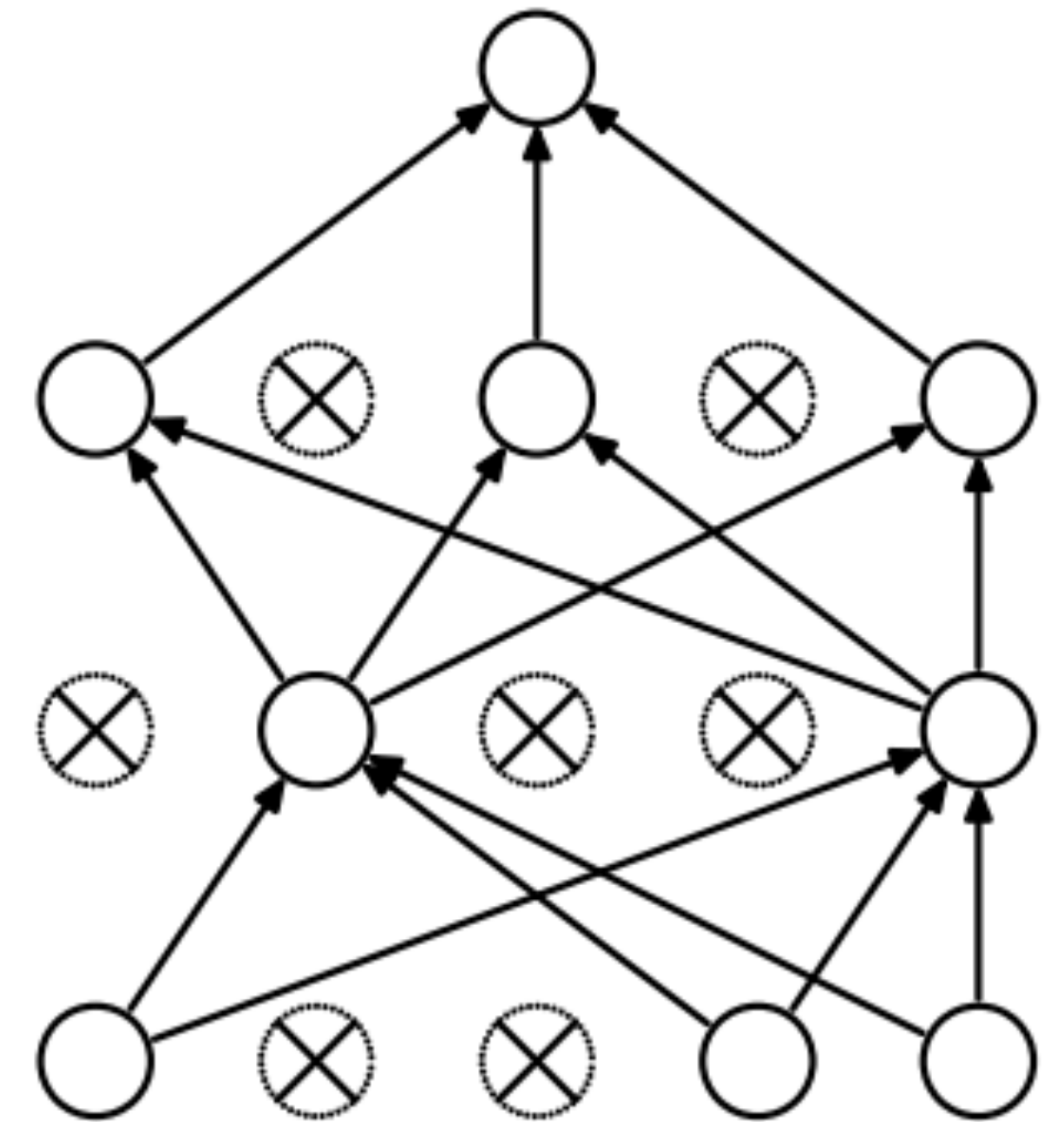
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 - ▶ Batch normalization (Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015): periodically shift+rescale each layer to have mean 0 and variance 1 over a batch (useful if net is deep)

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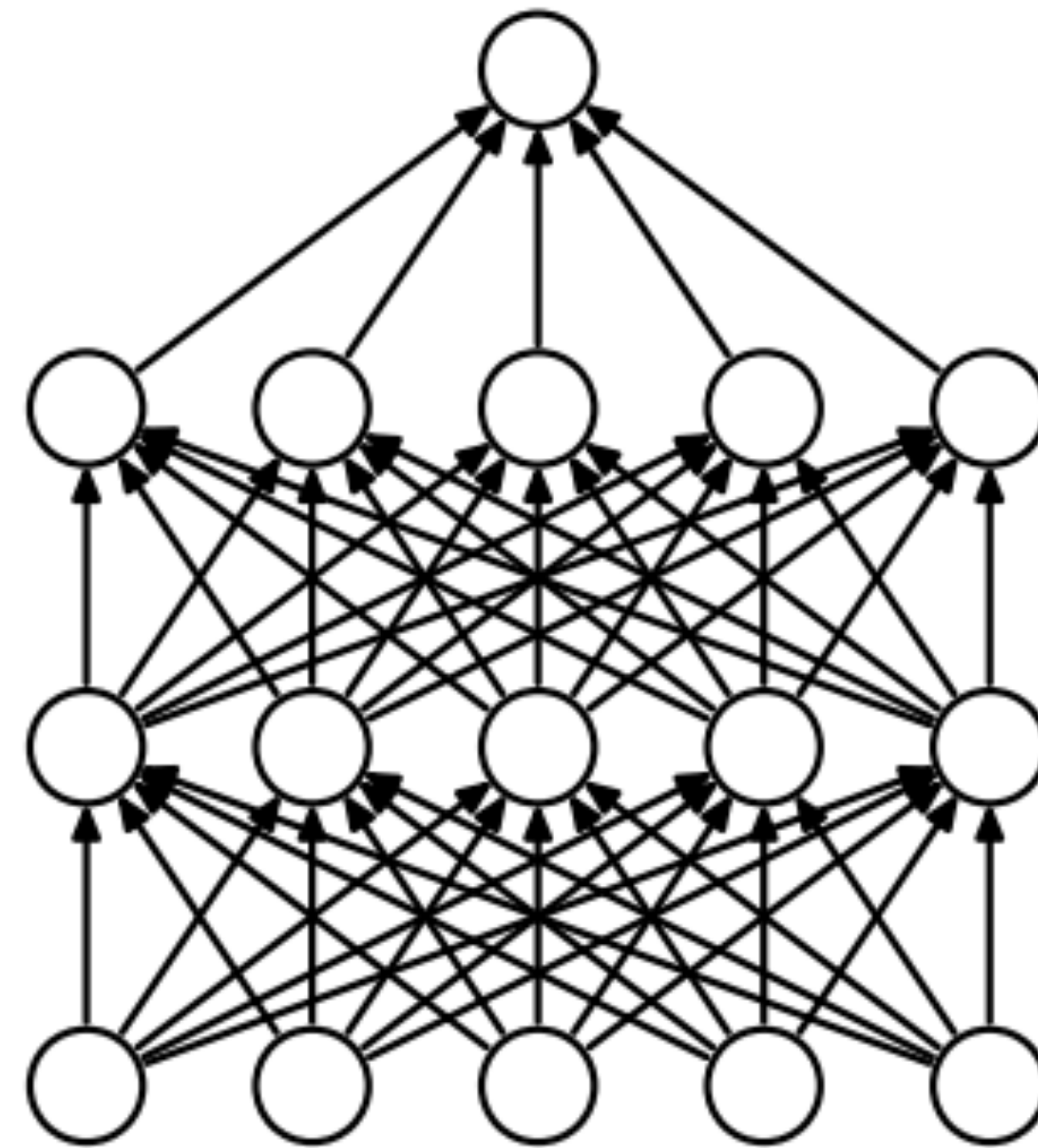
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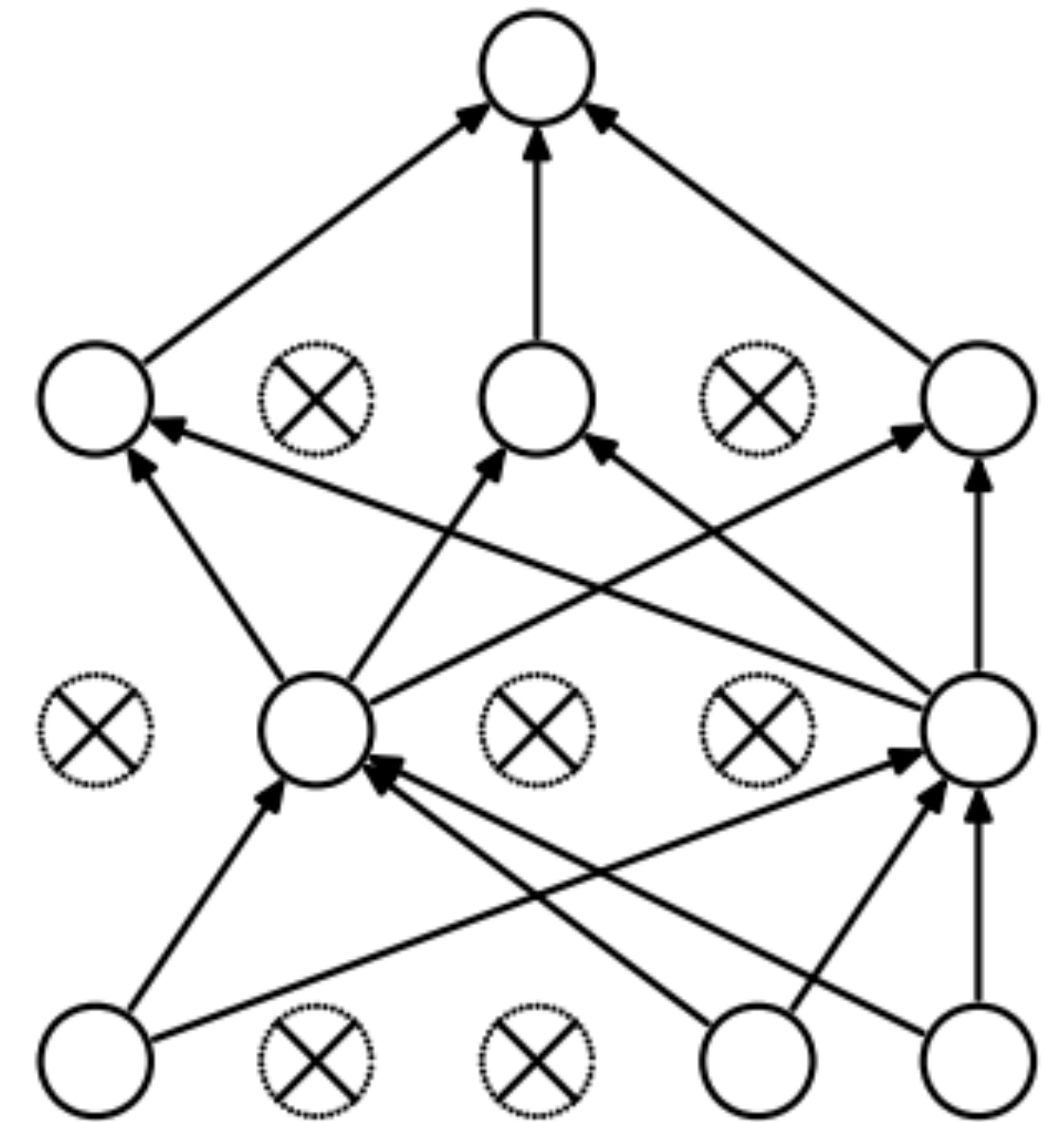
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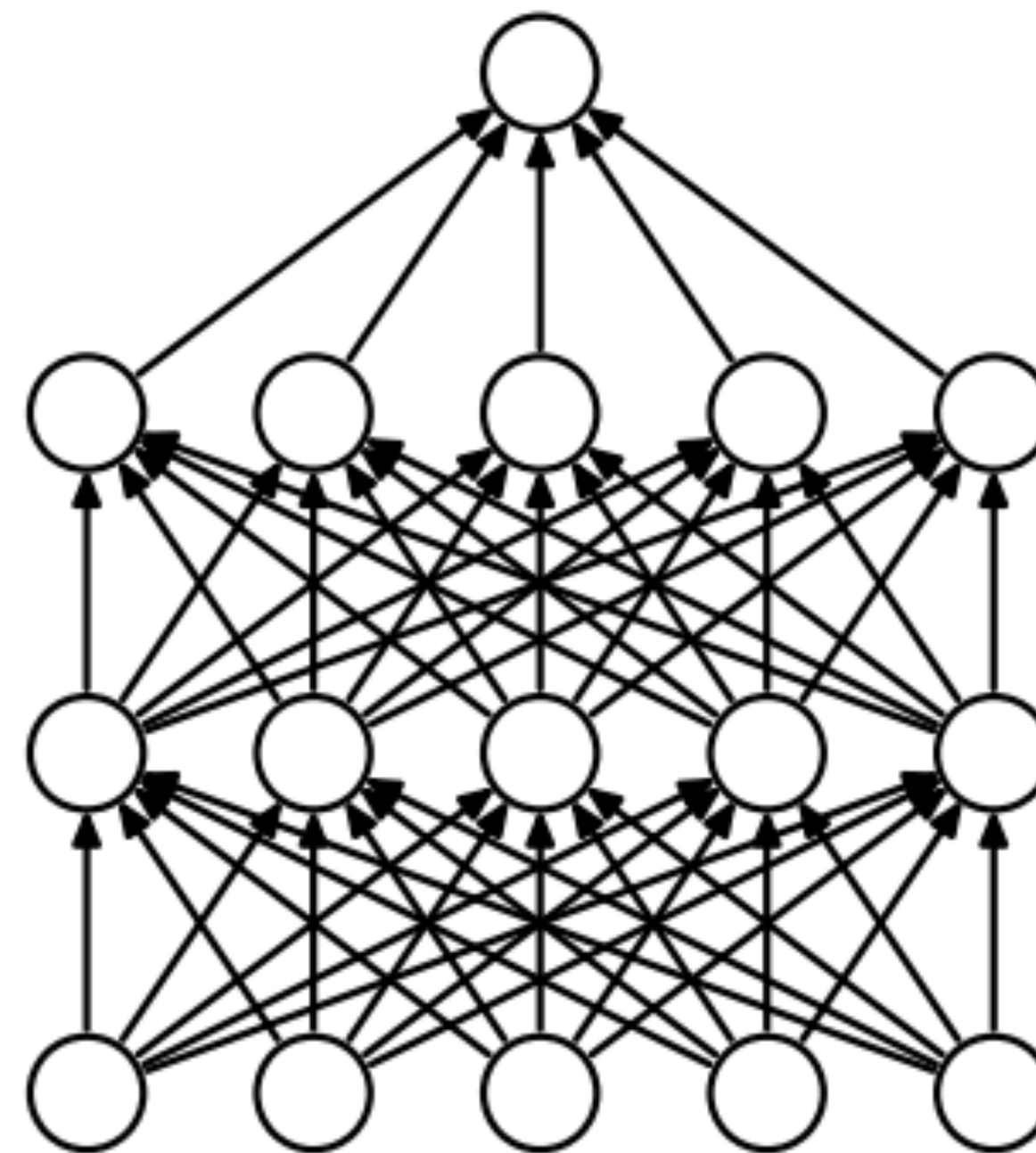
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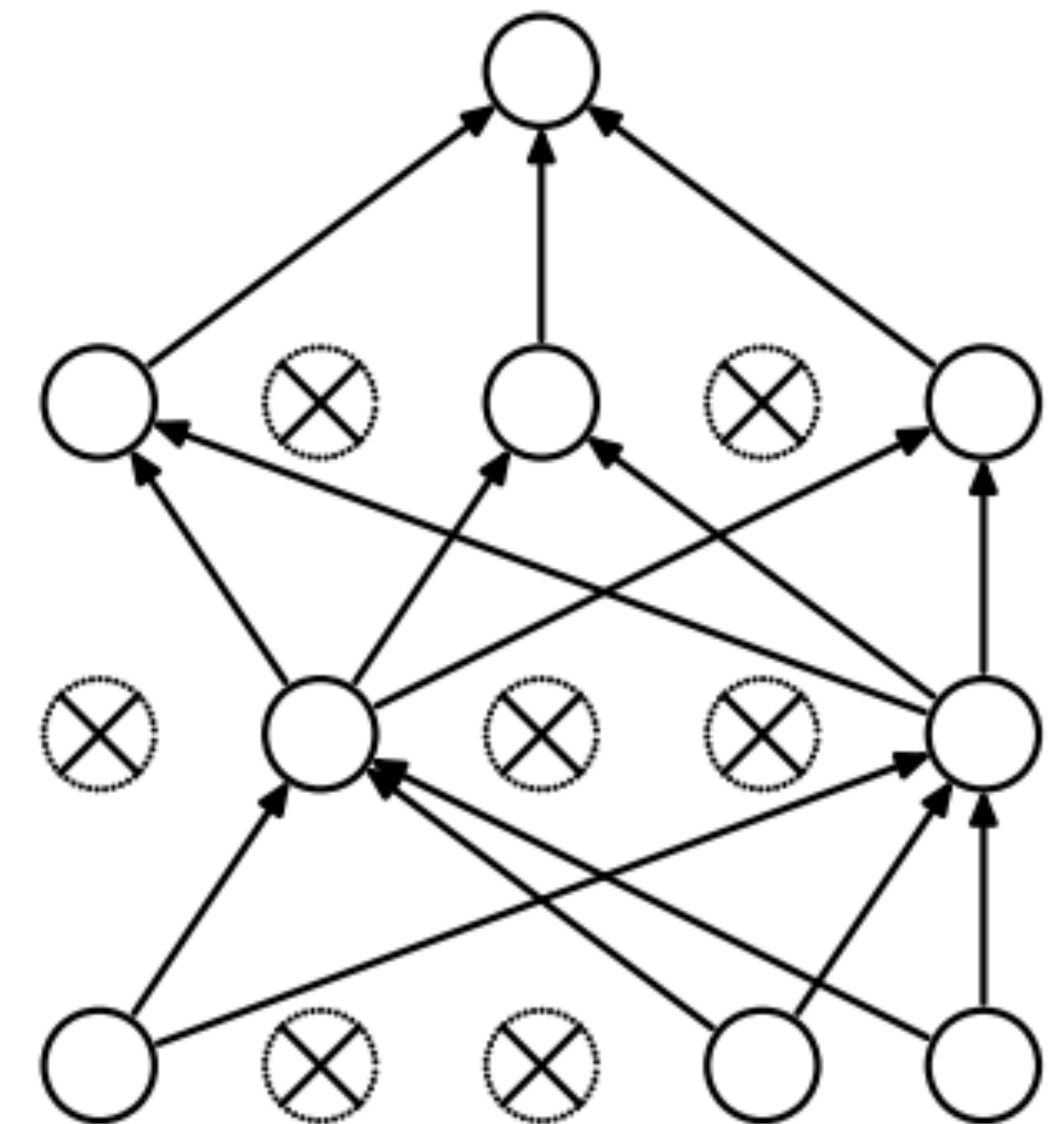
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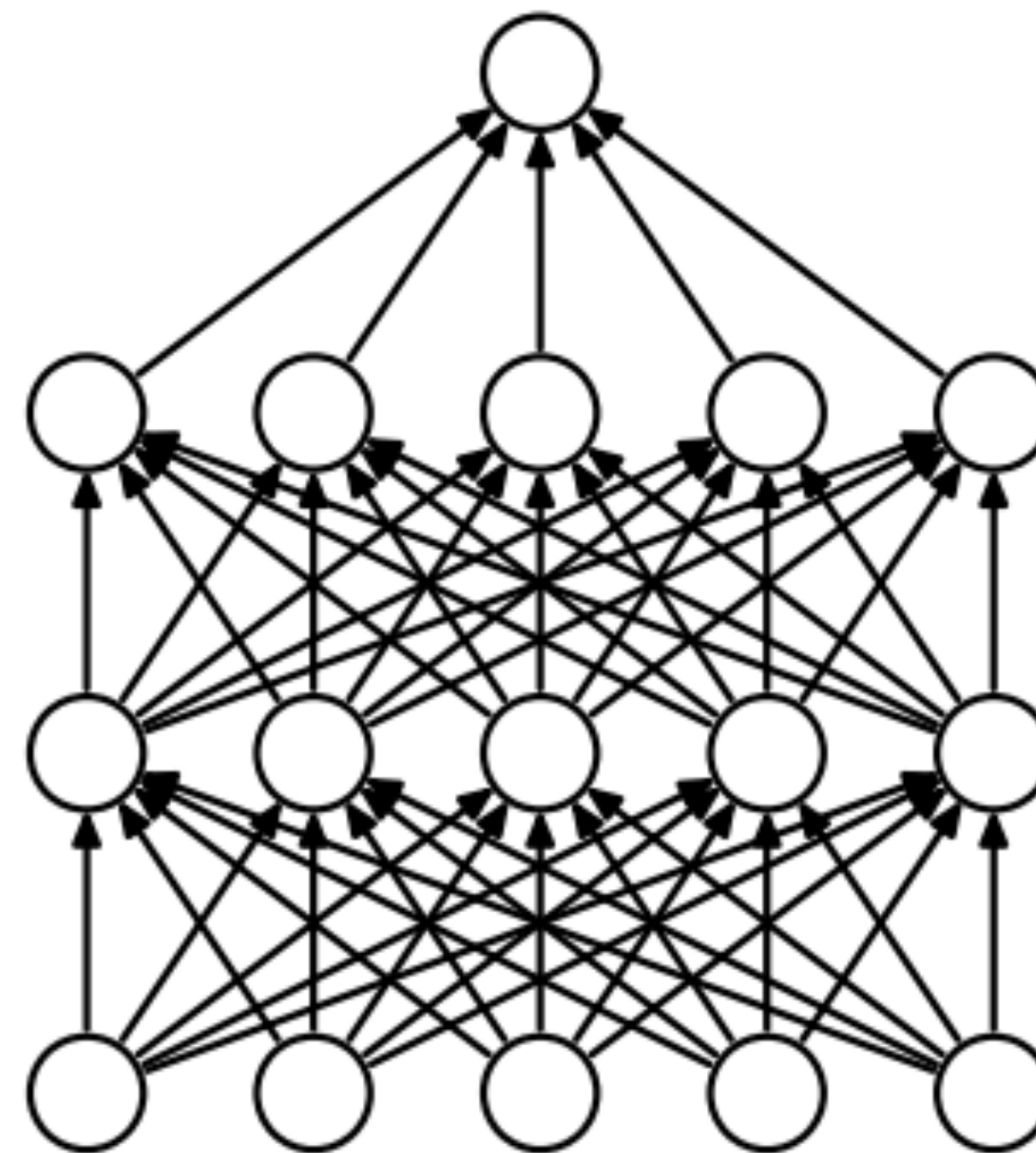
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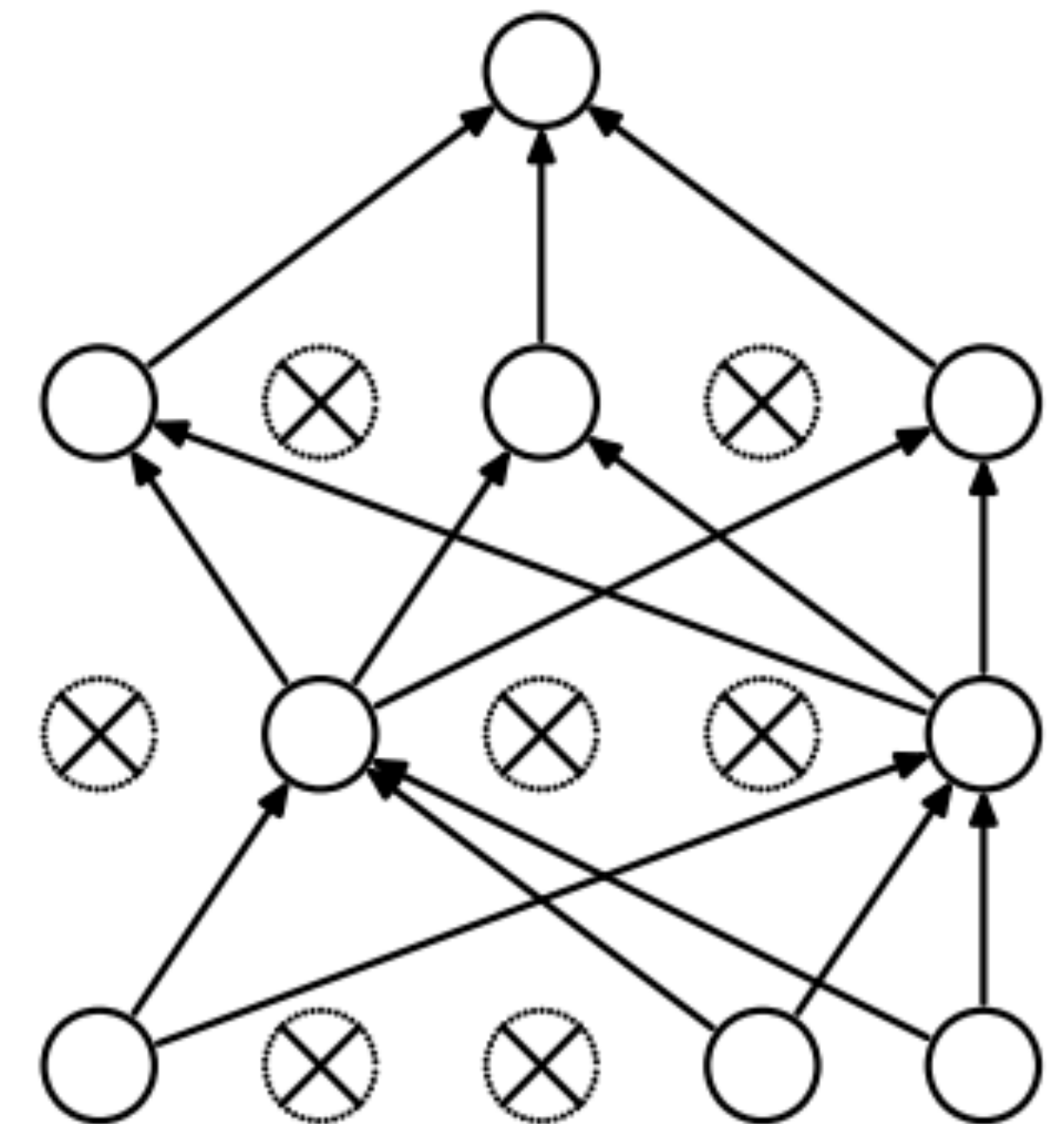
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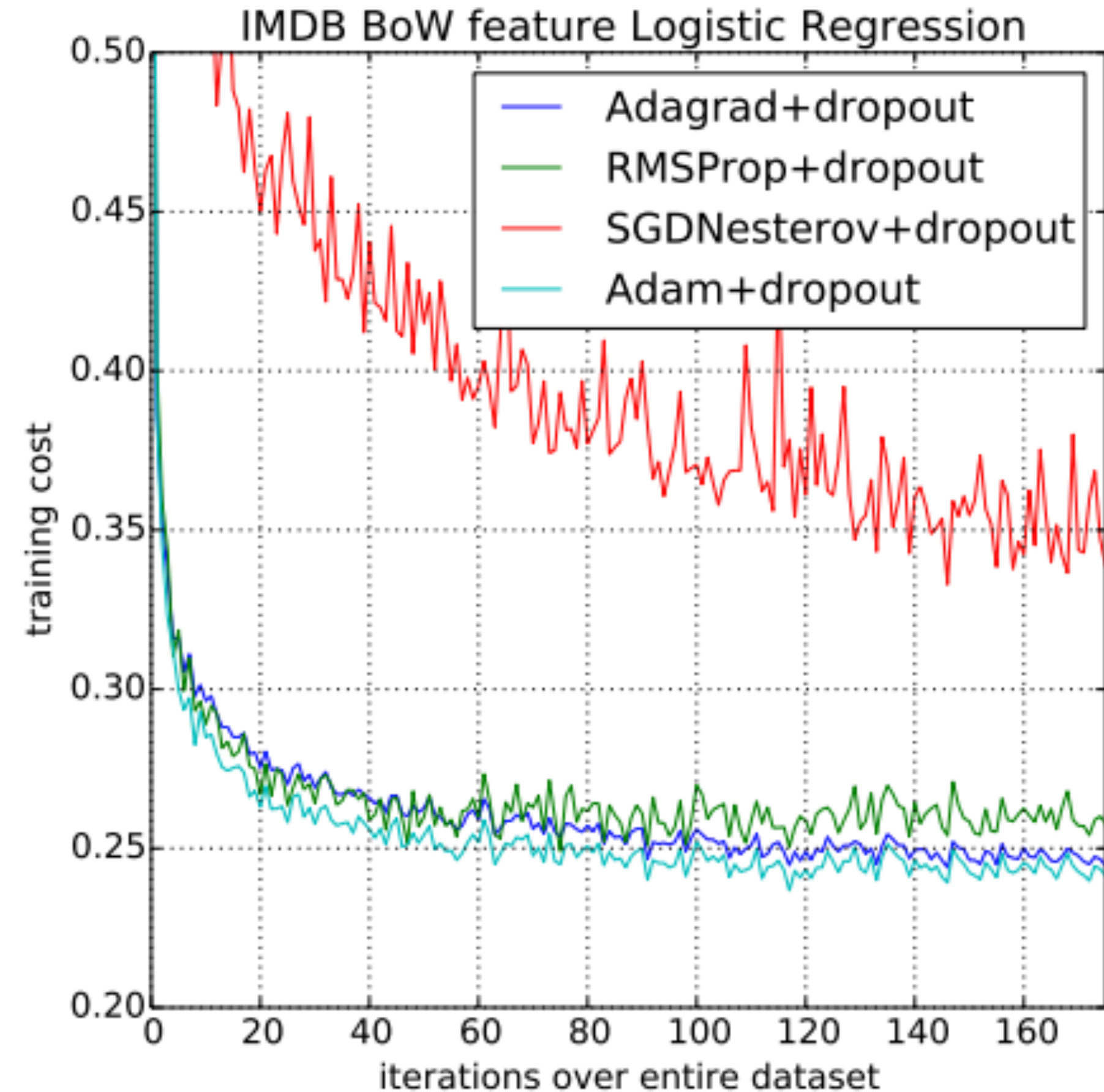
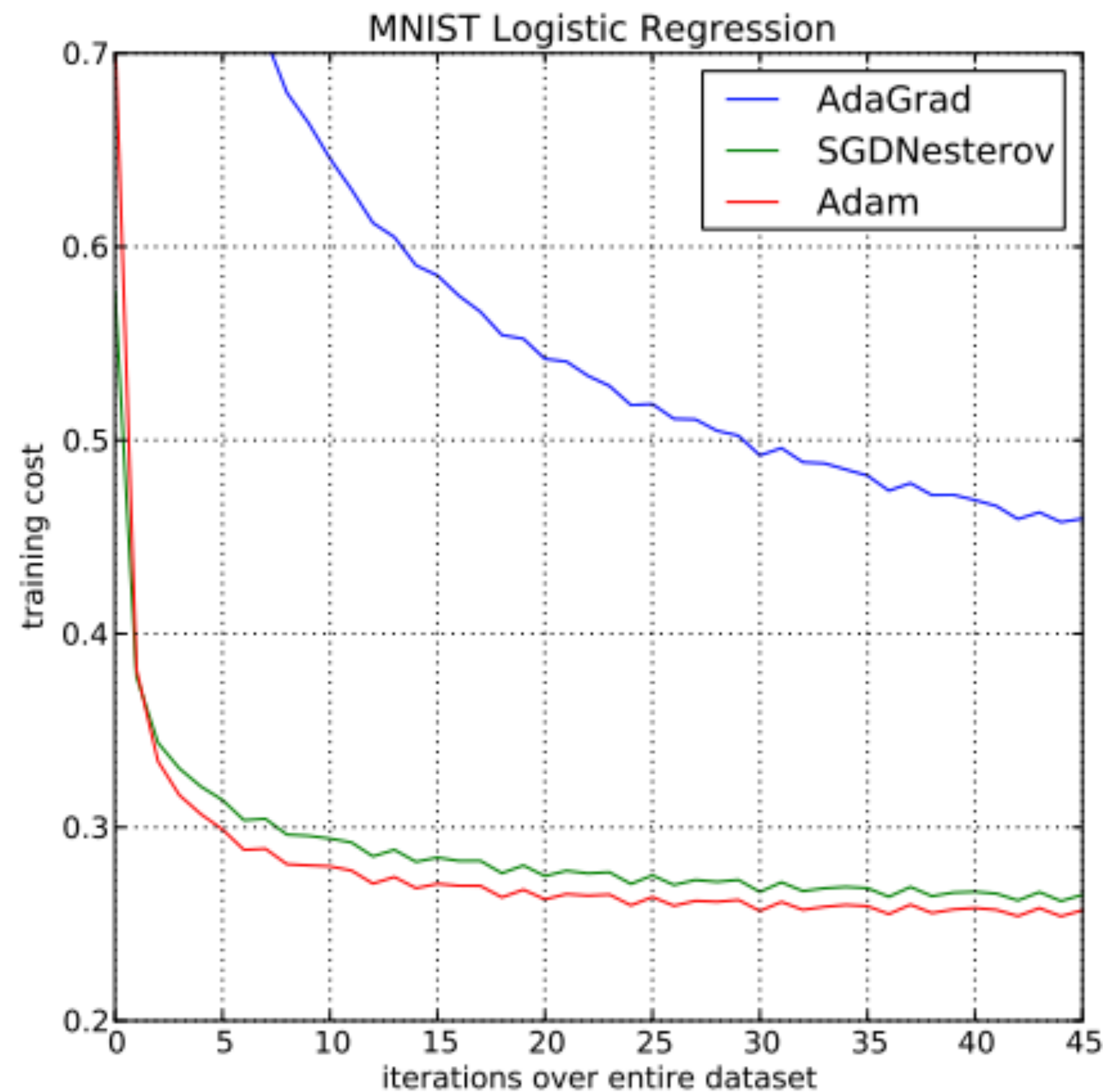
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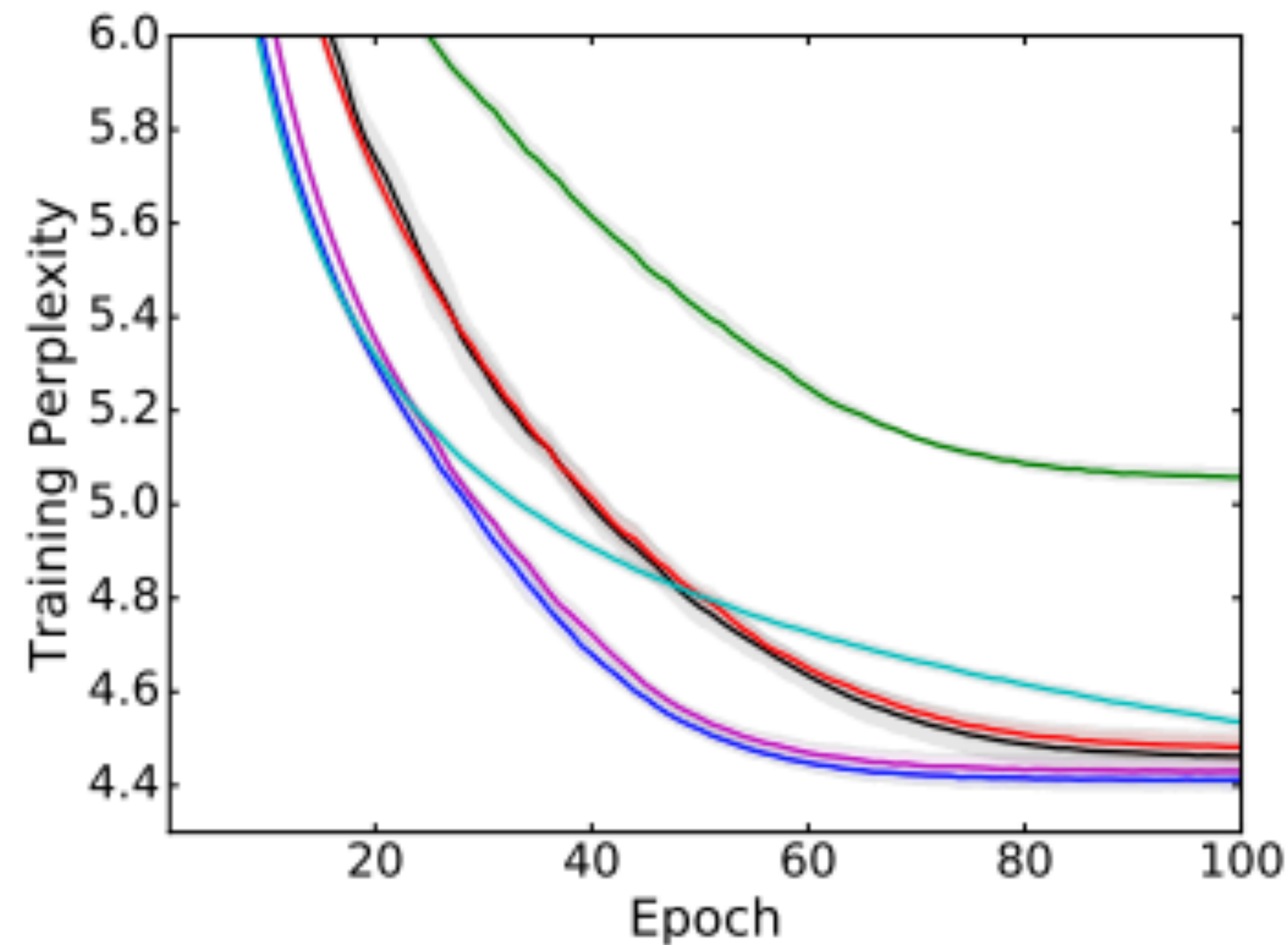
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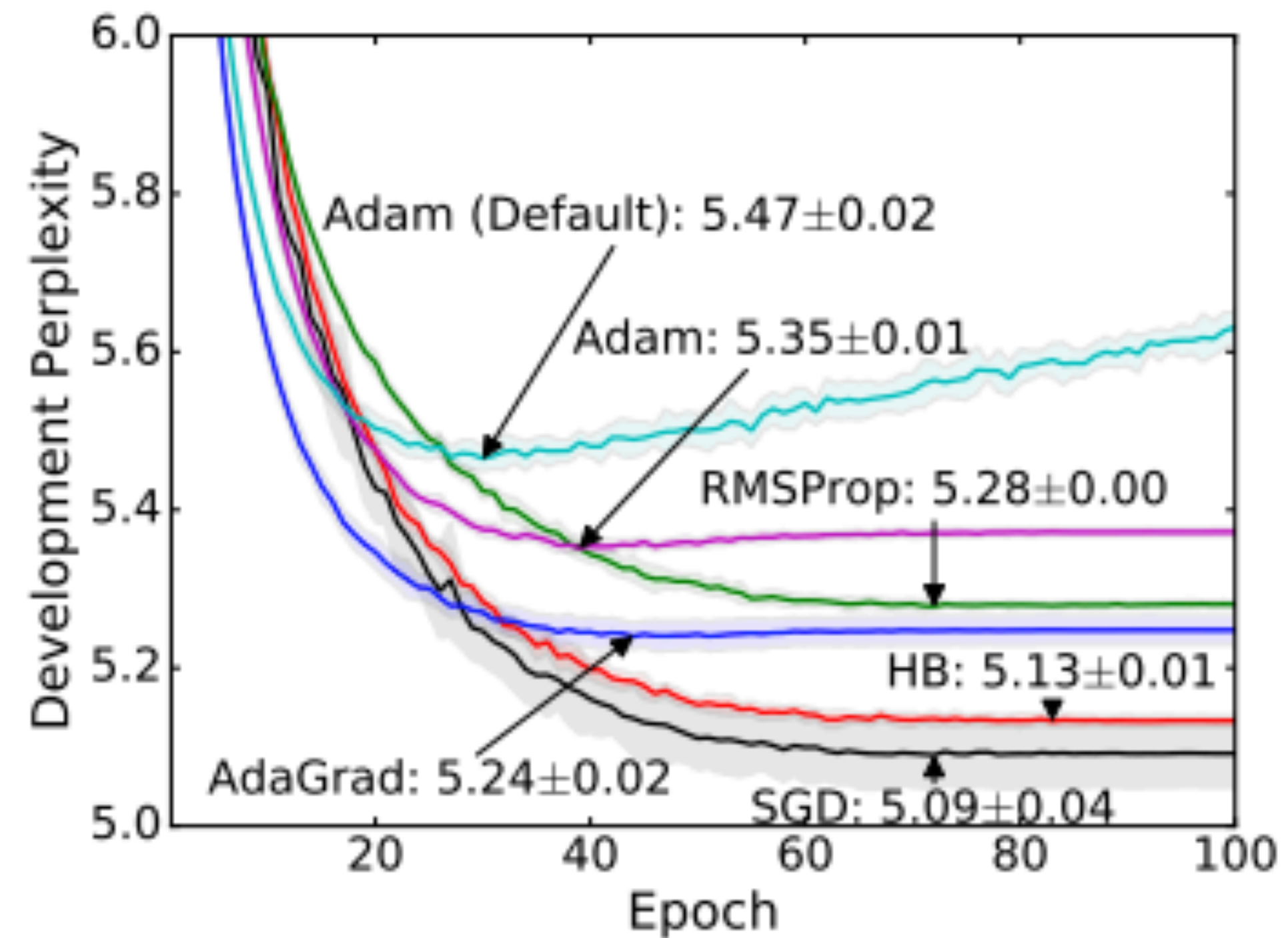


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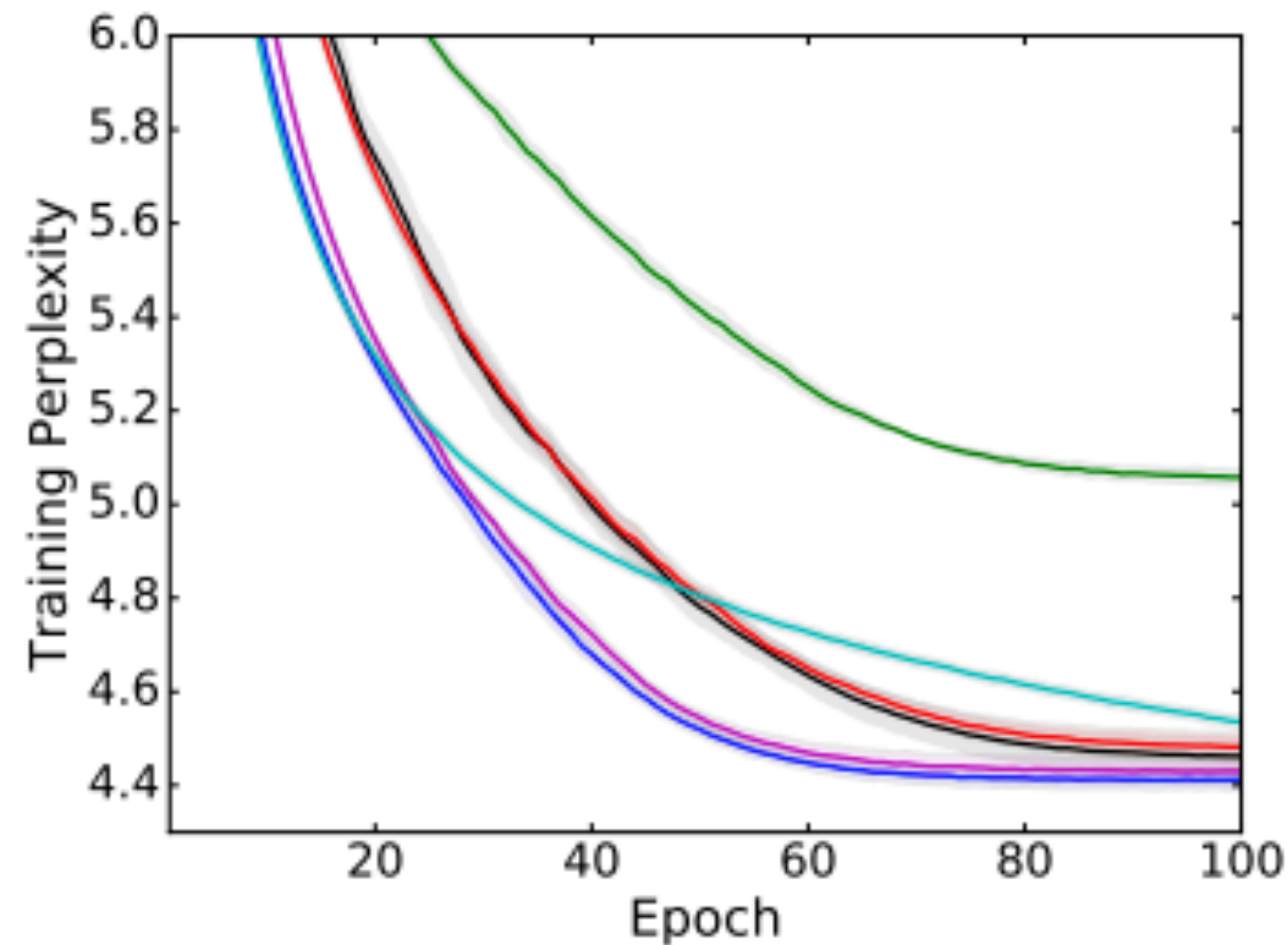
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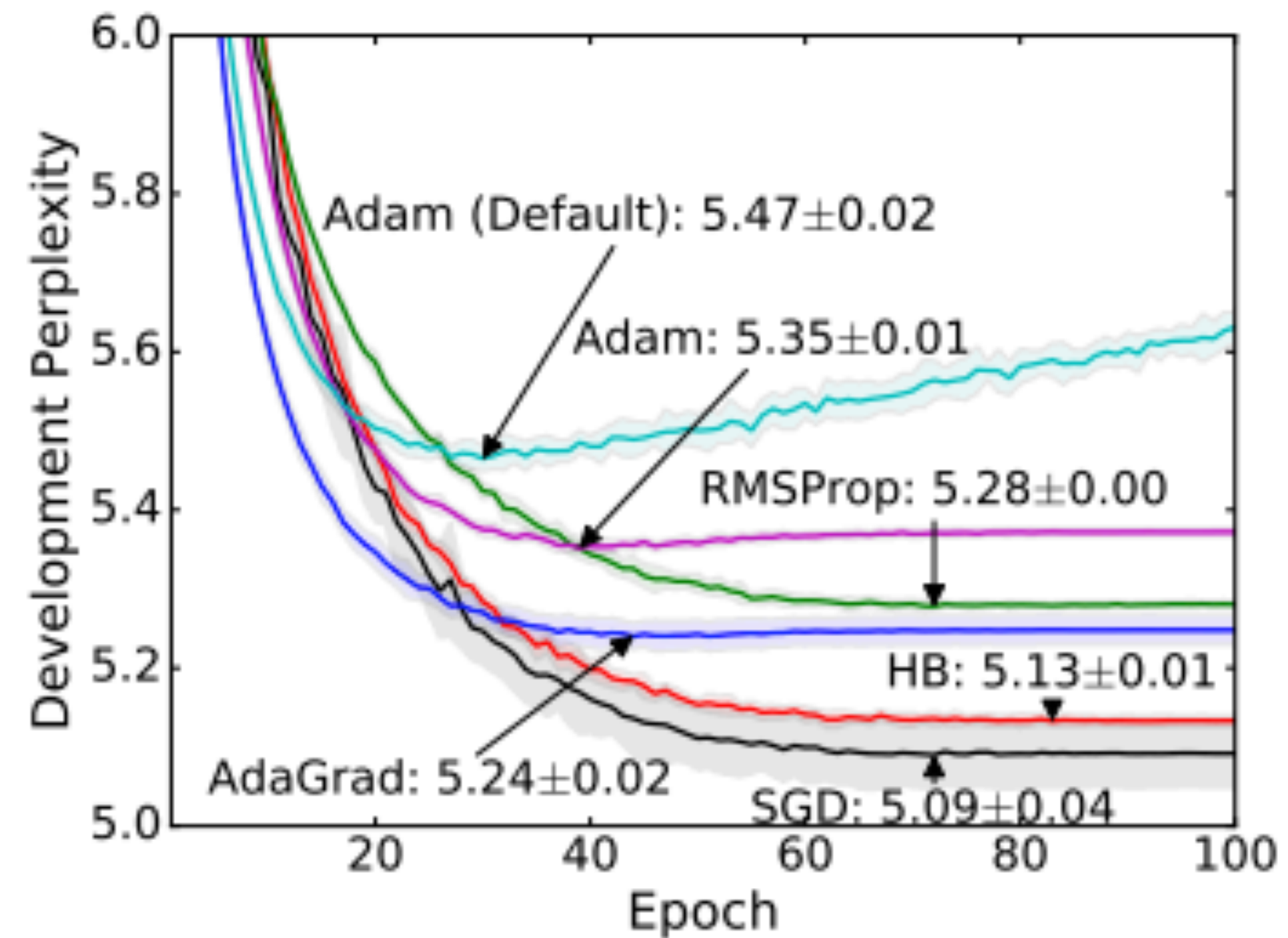
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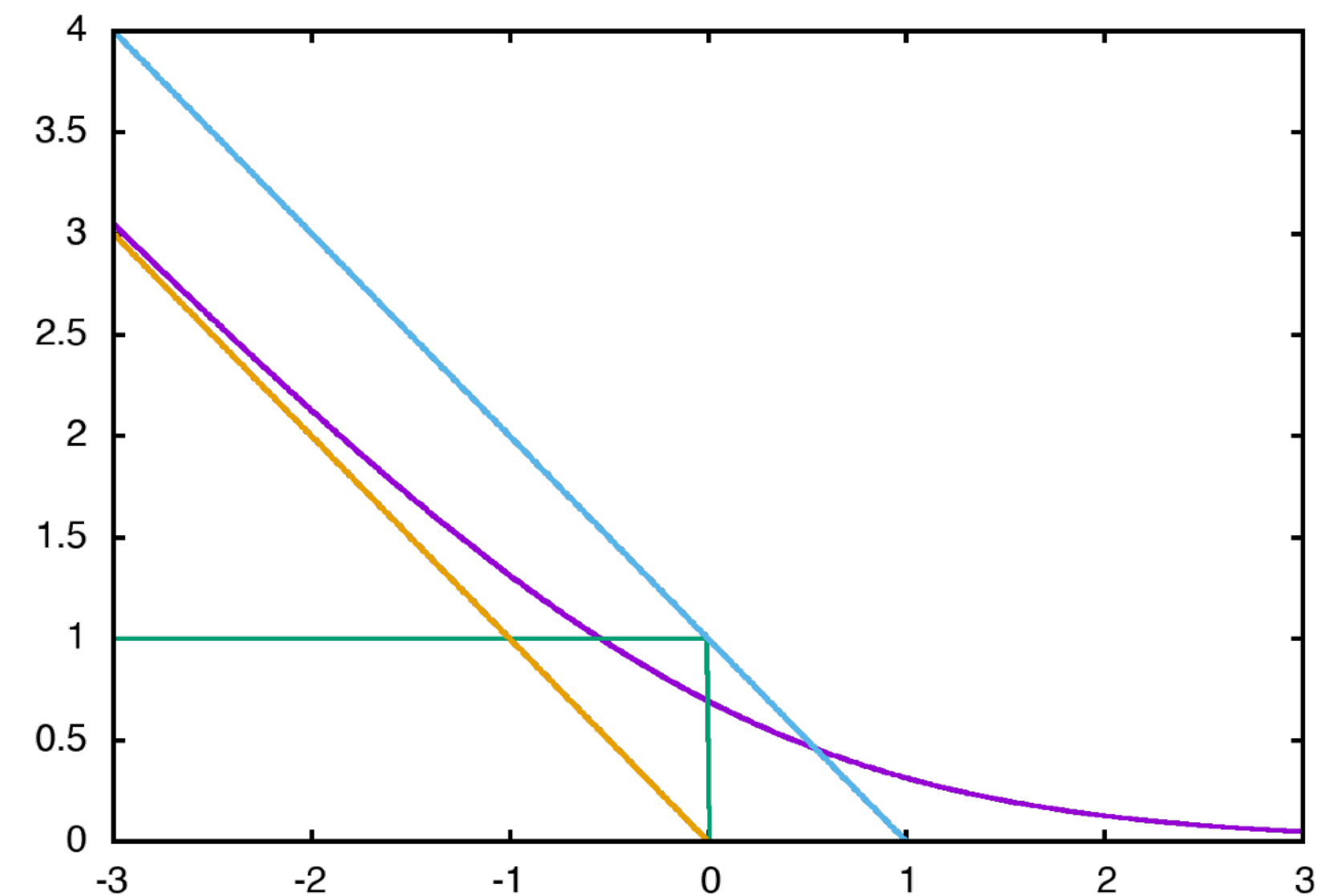
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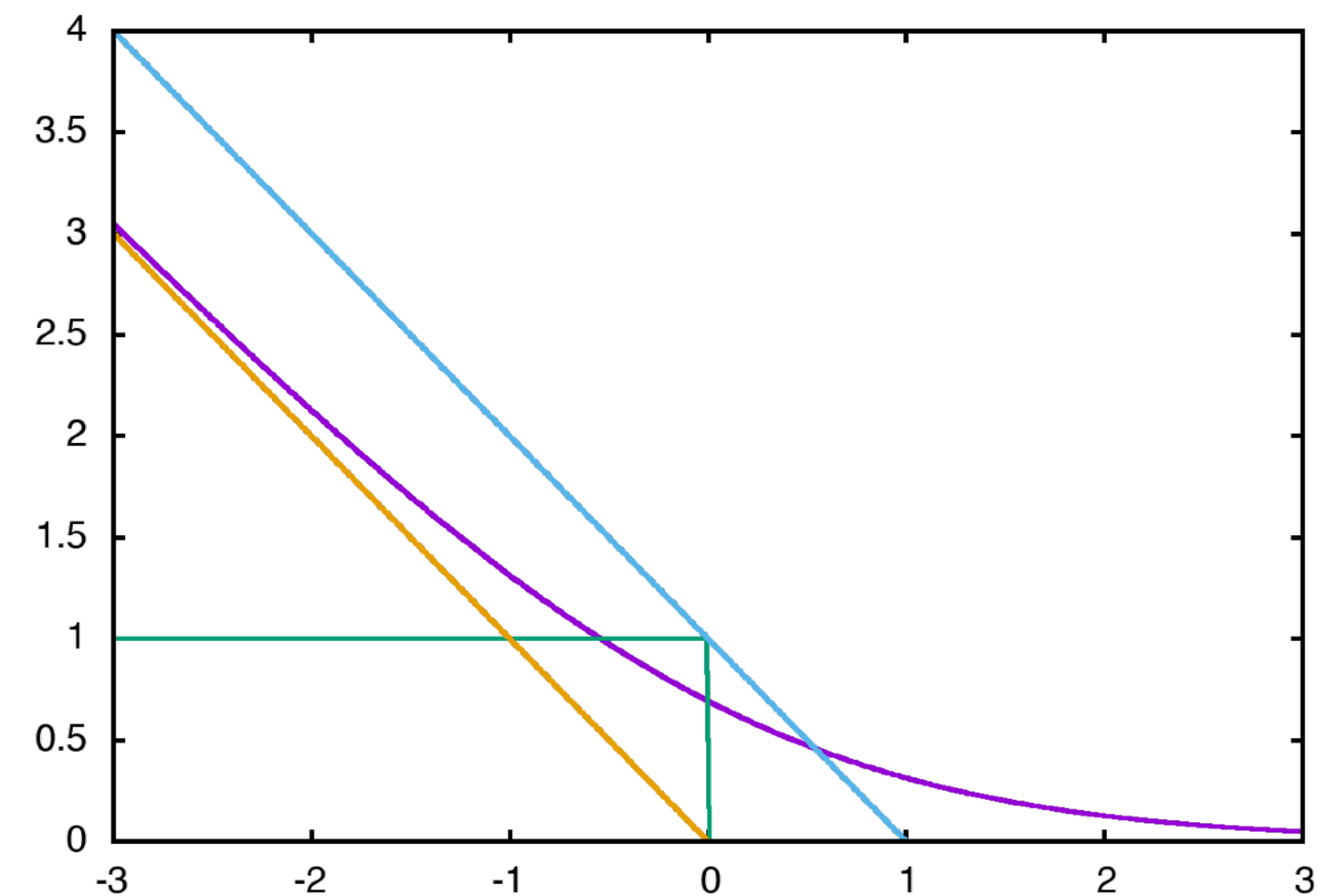
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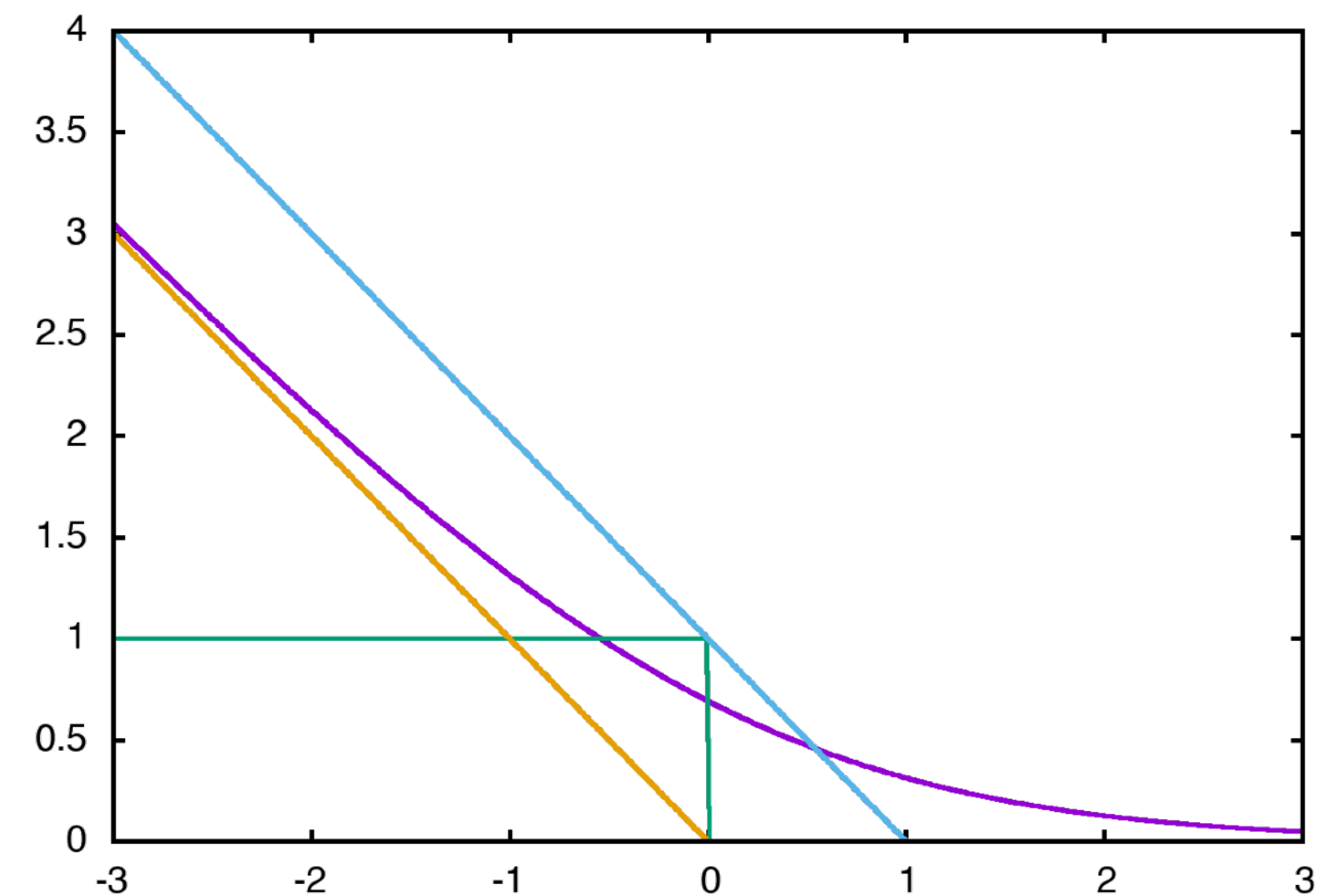
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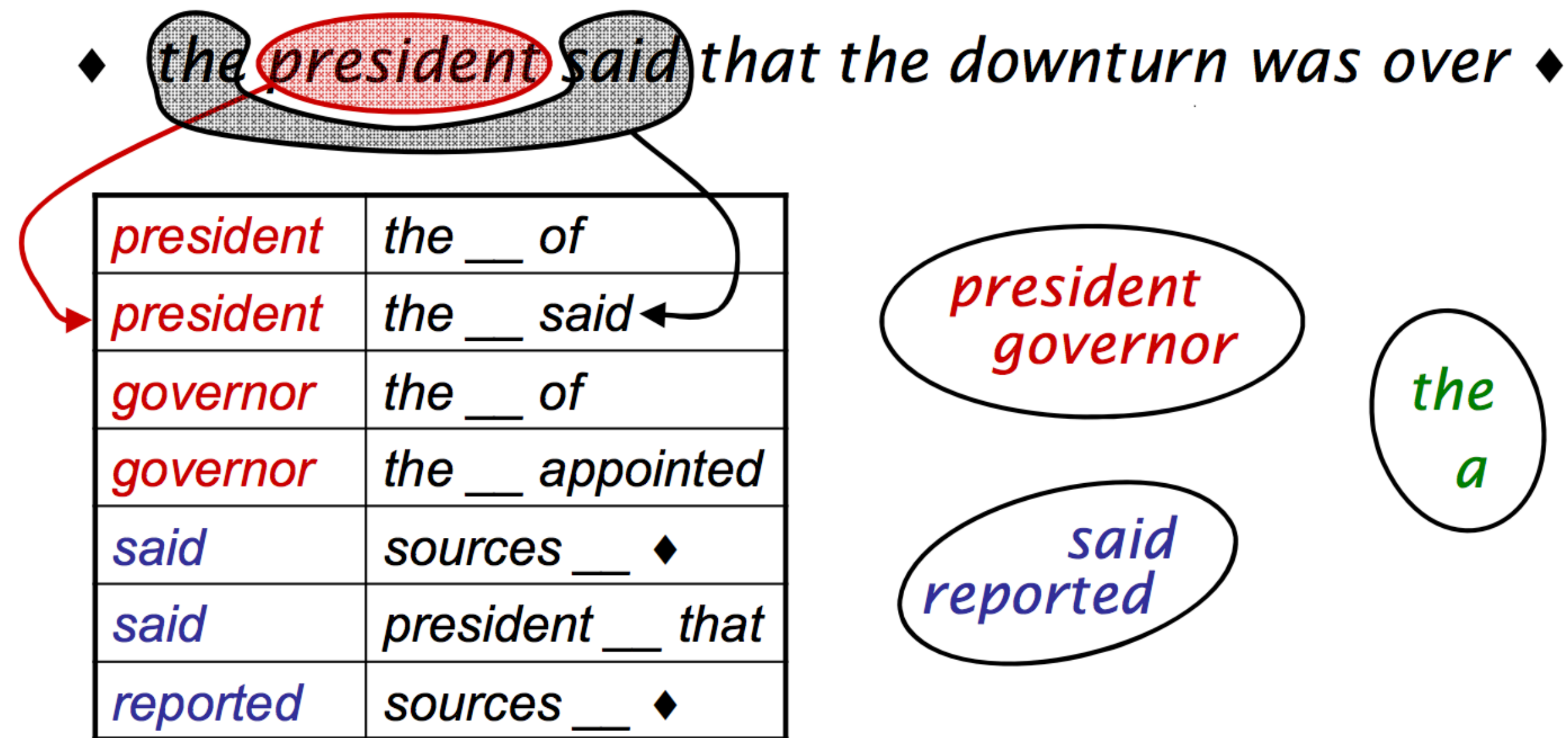
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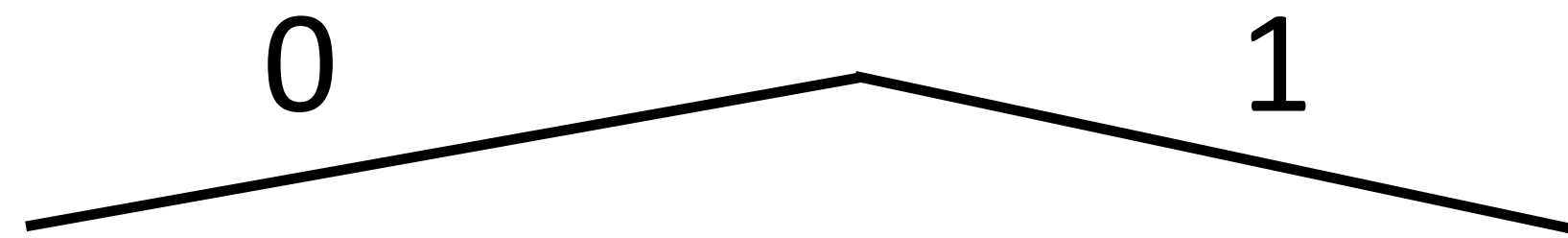
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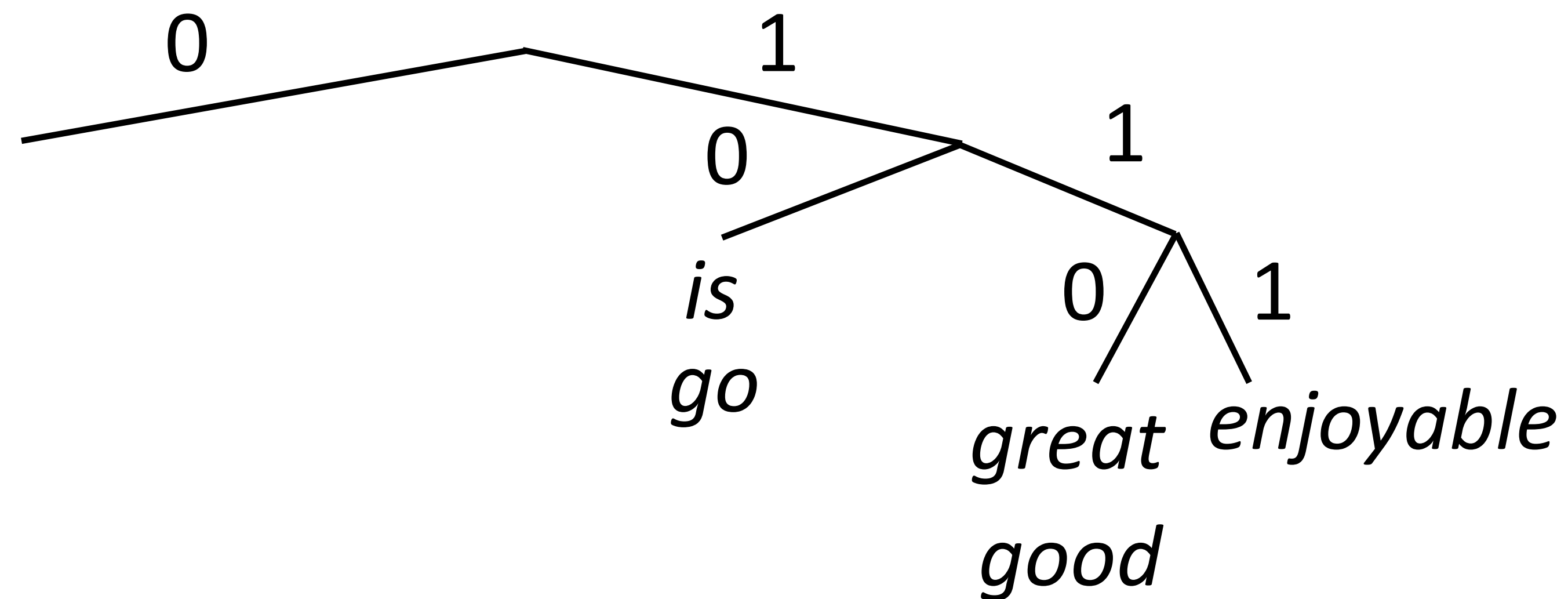
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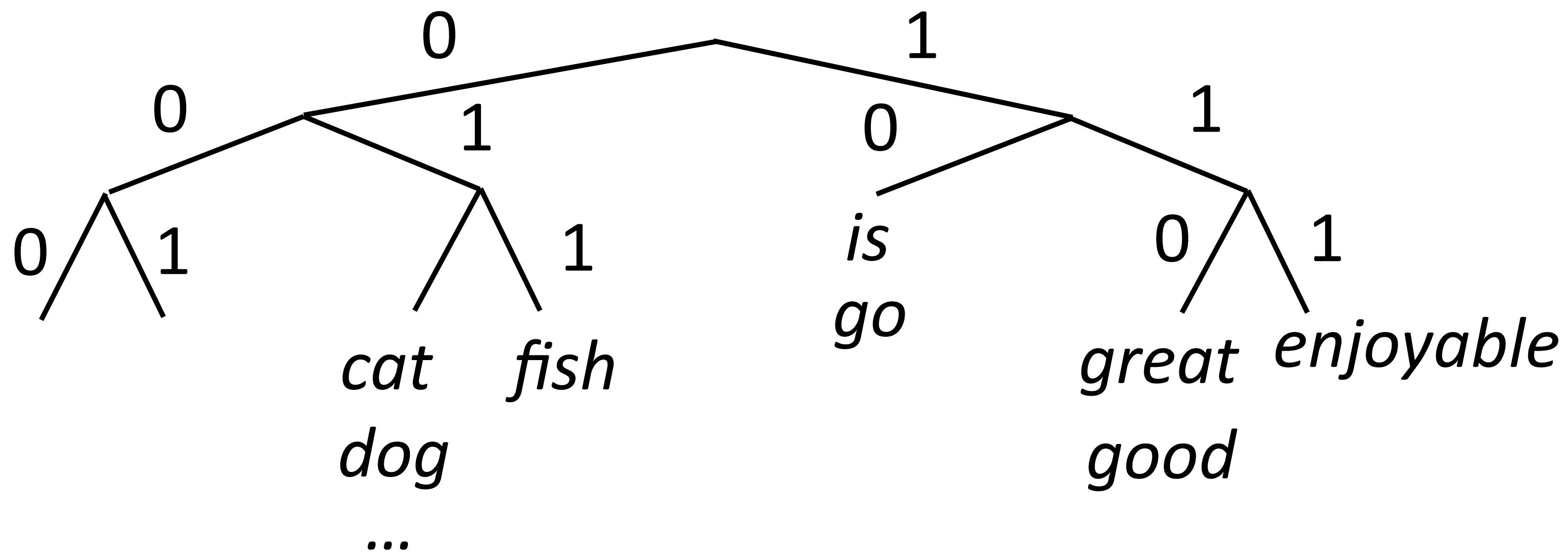
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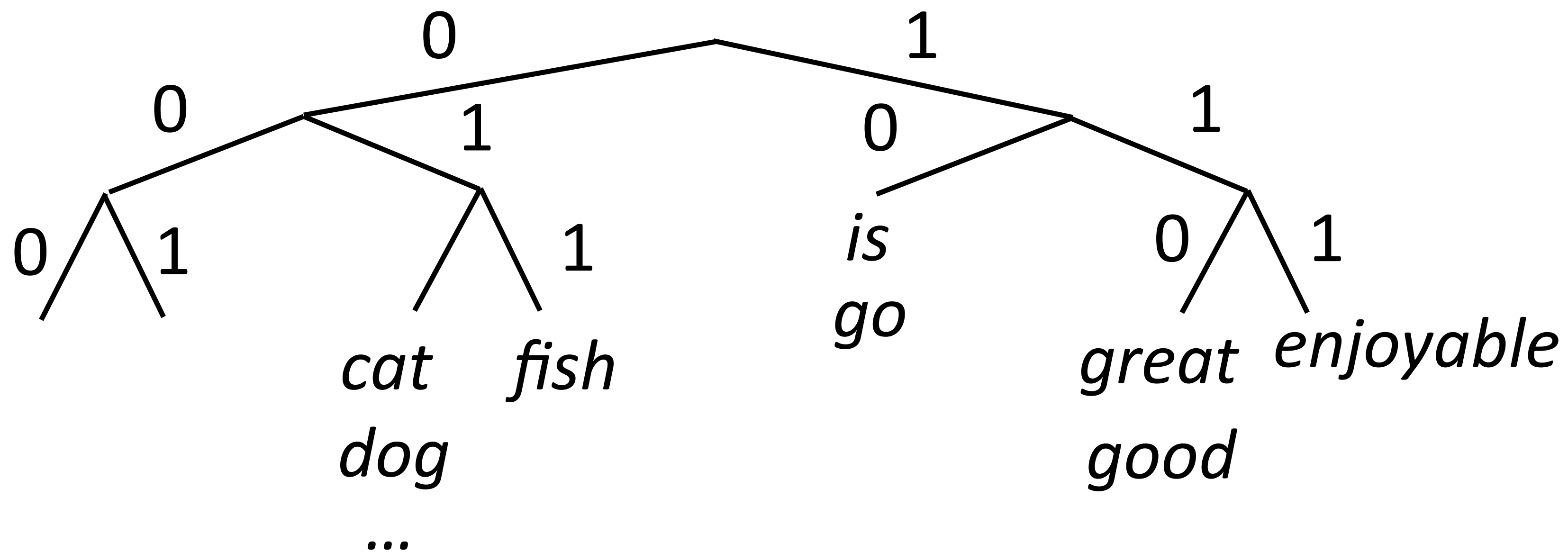
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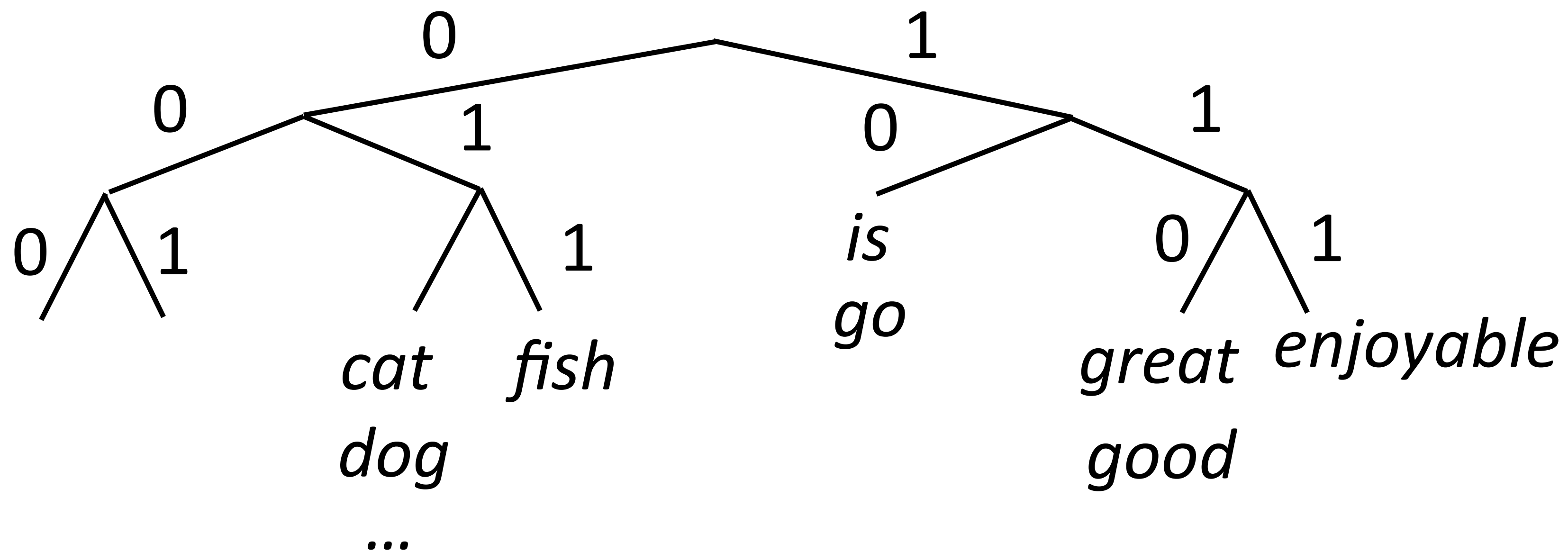
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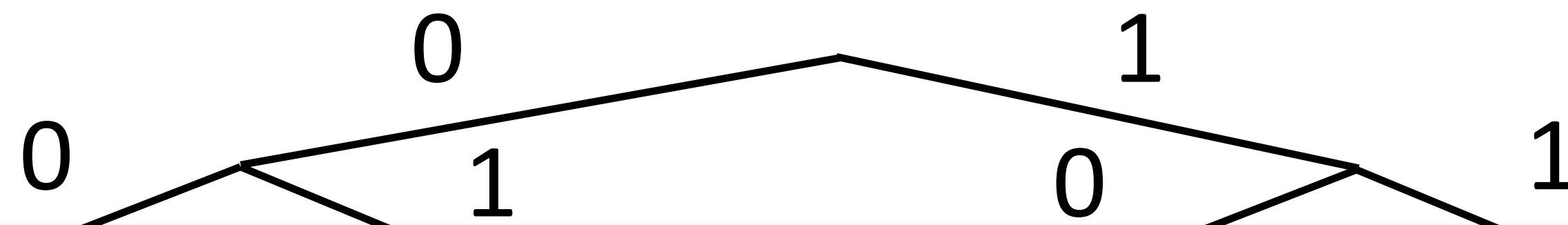
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Sample Brown Clusters:

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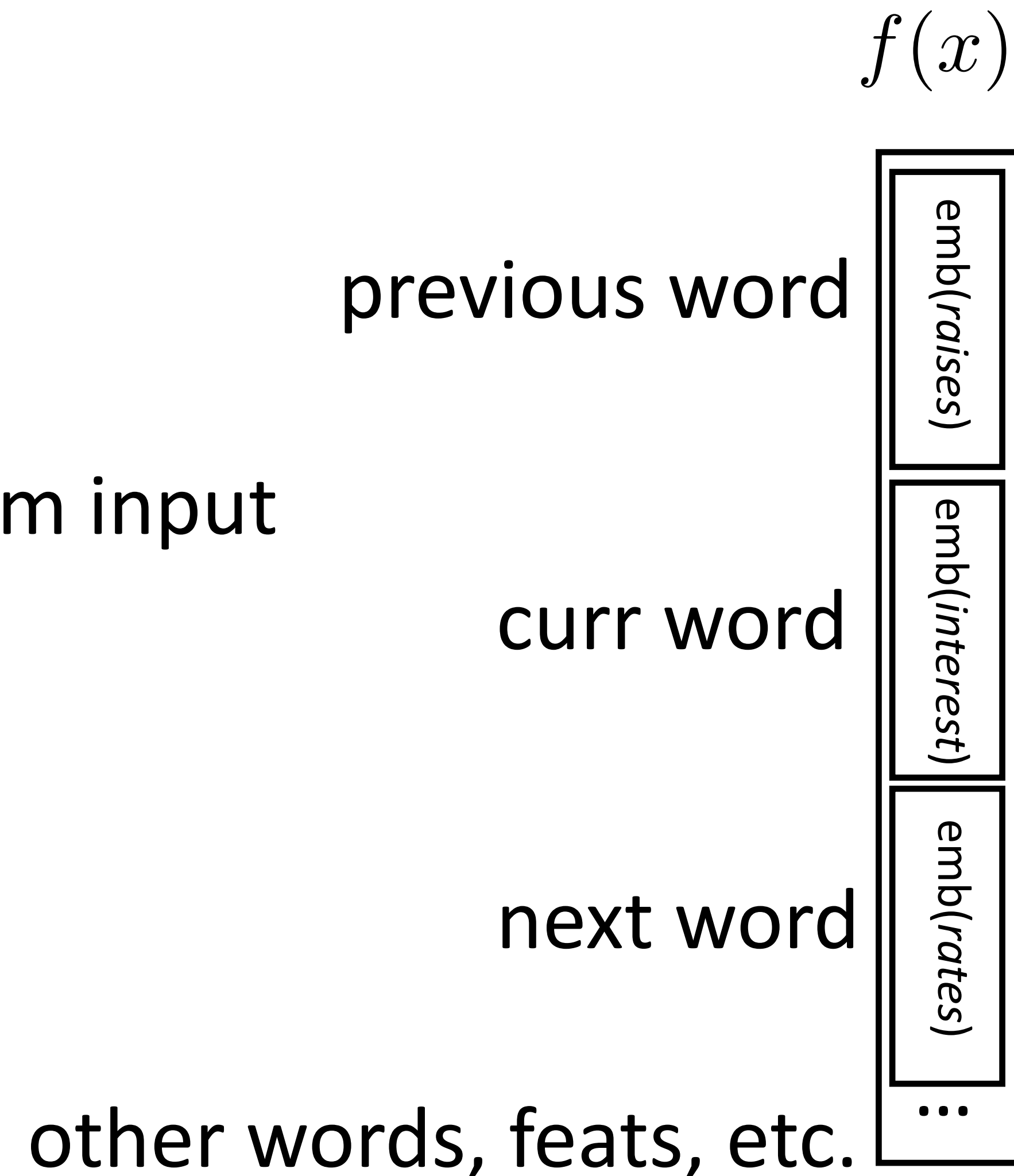
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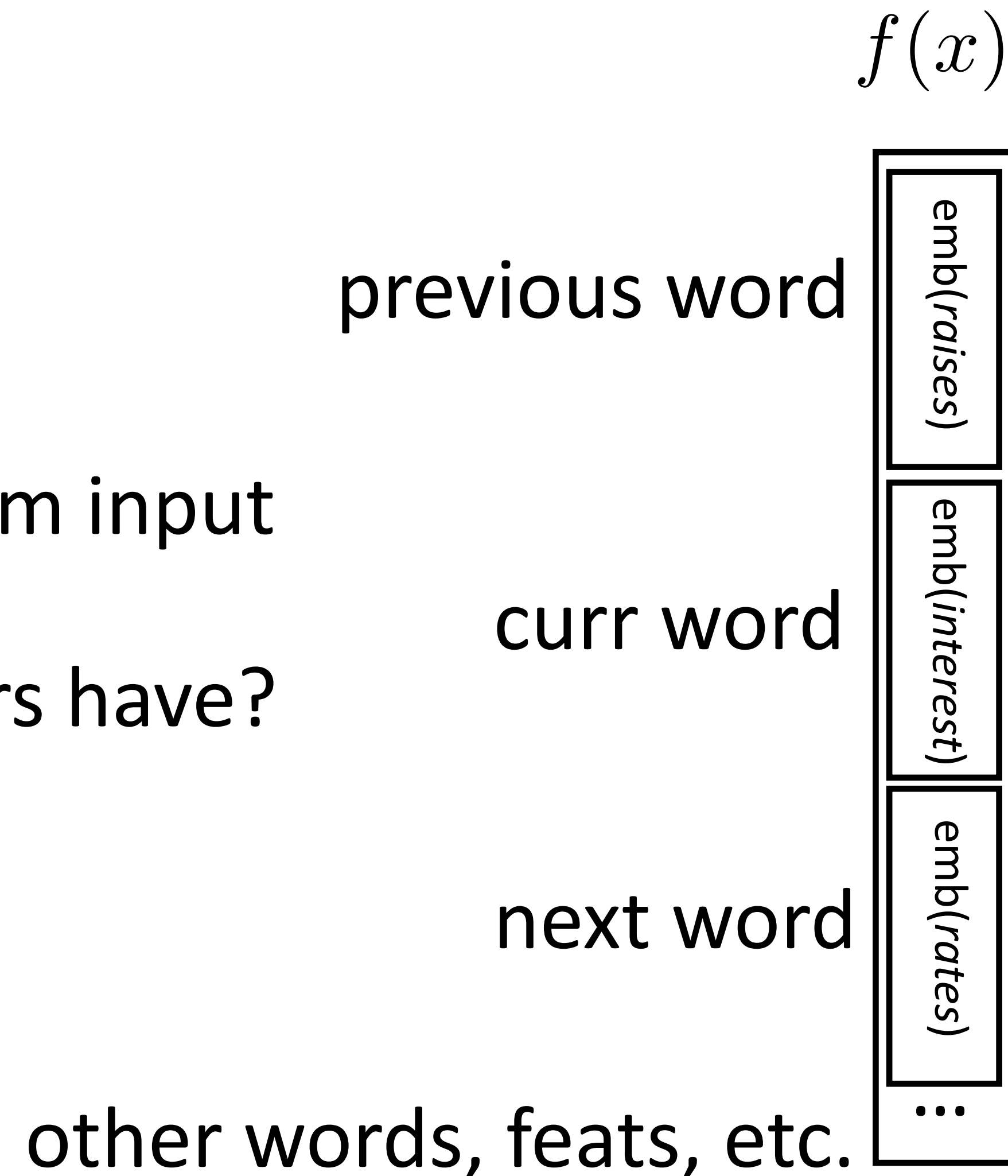
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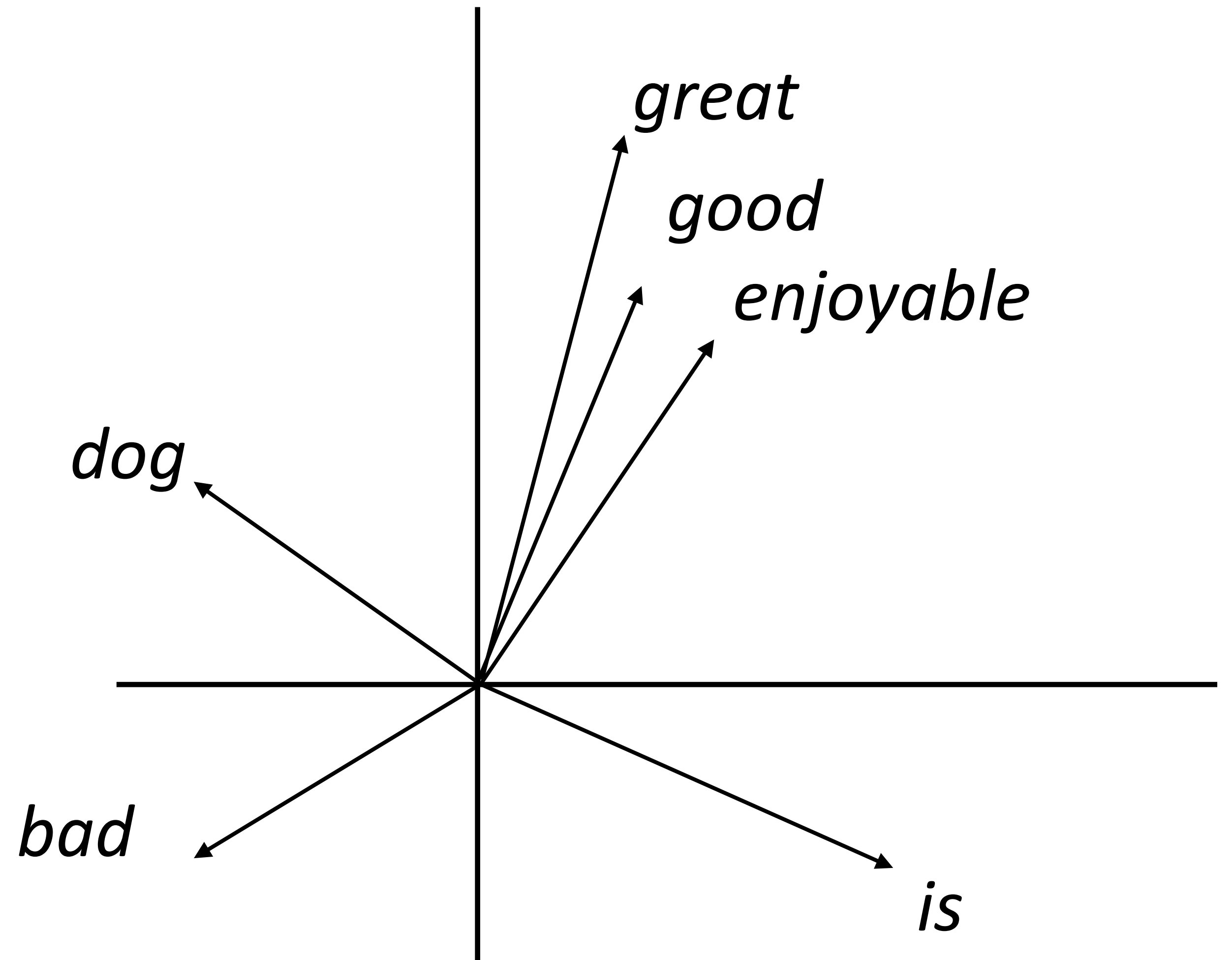
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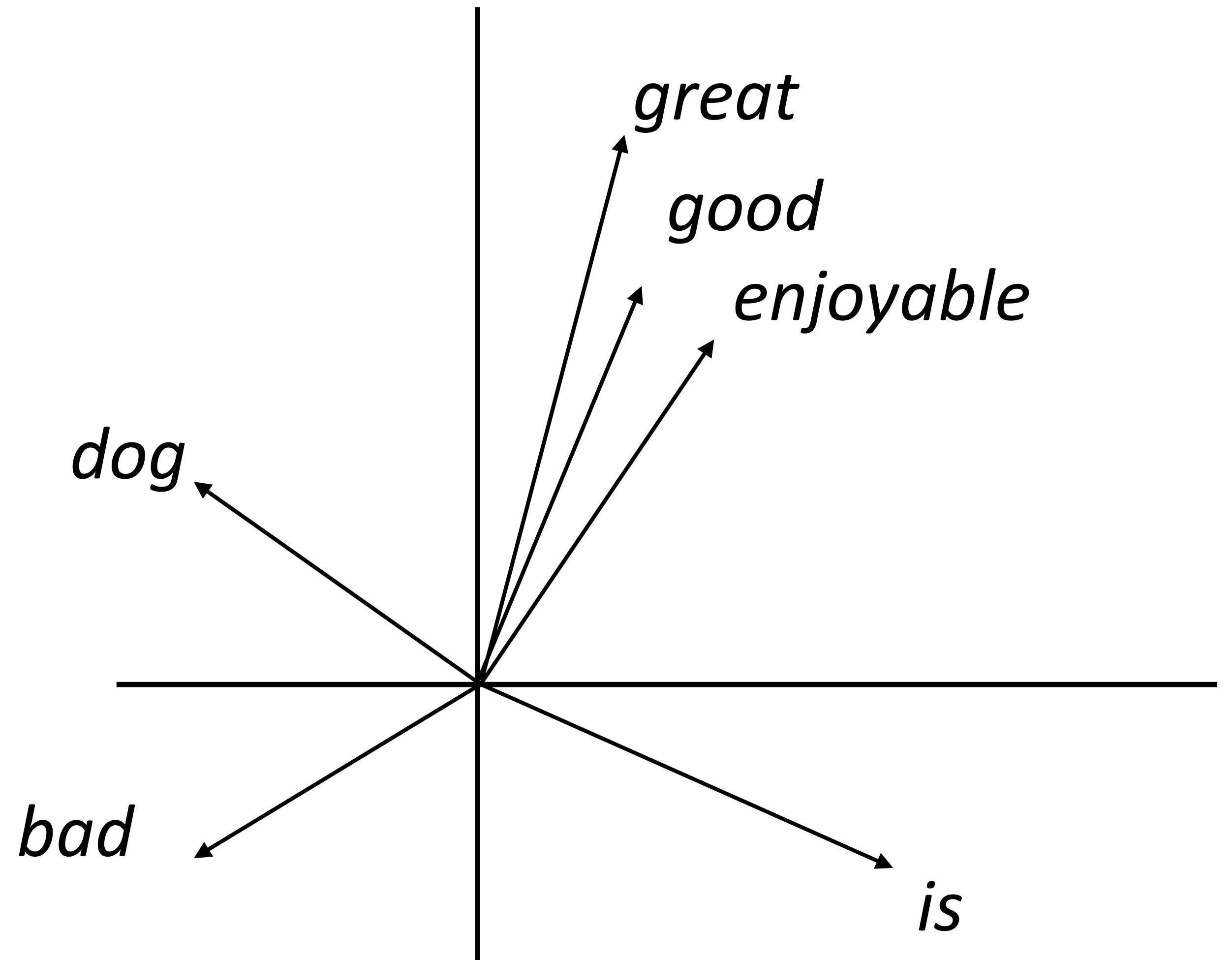
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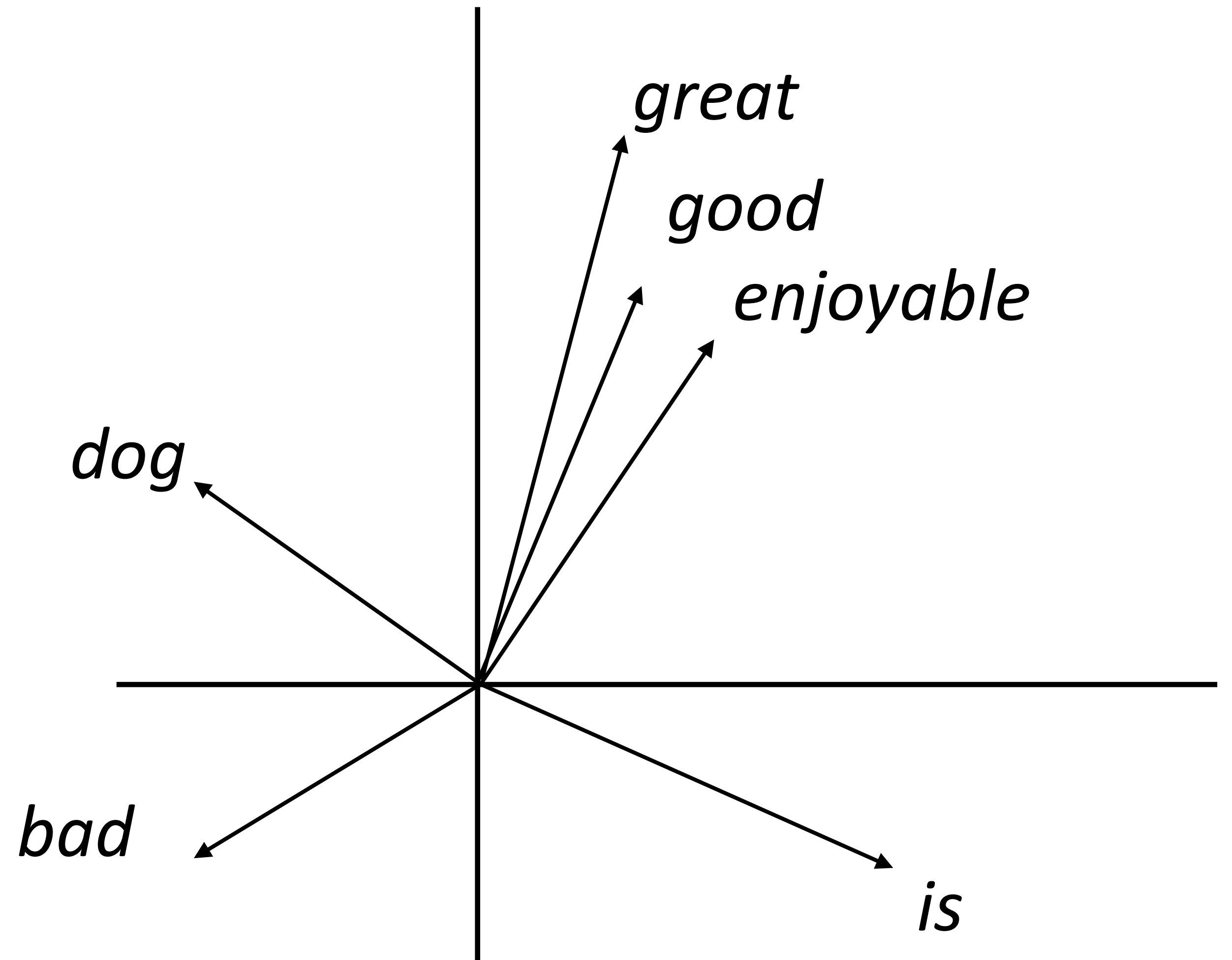
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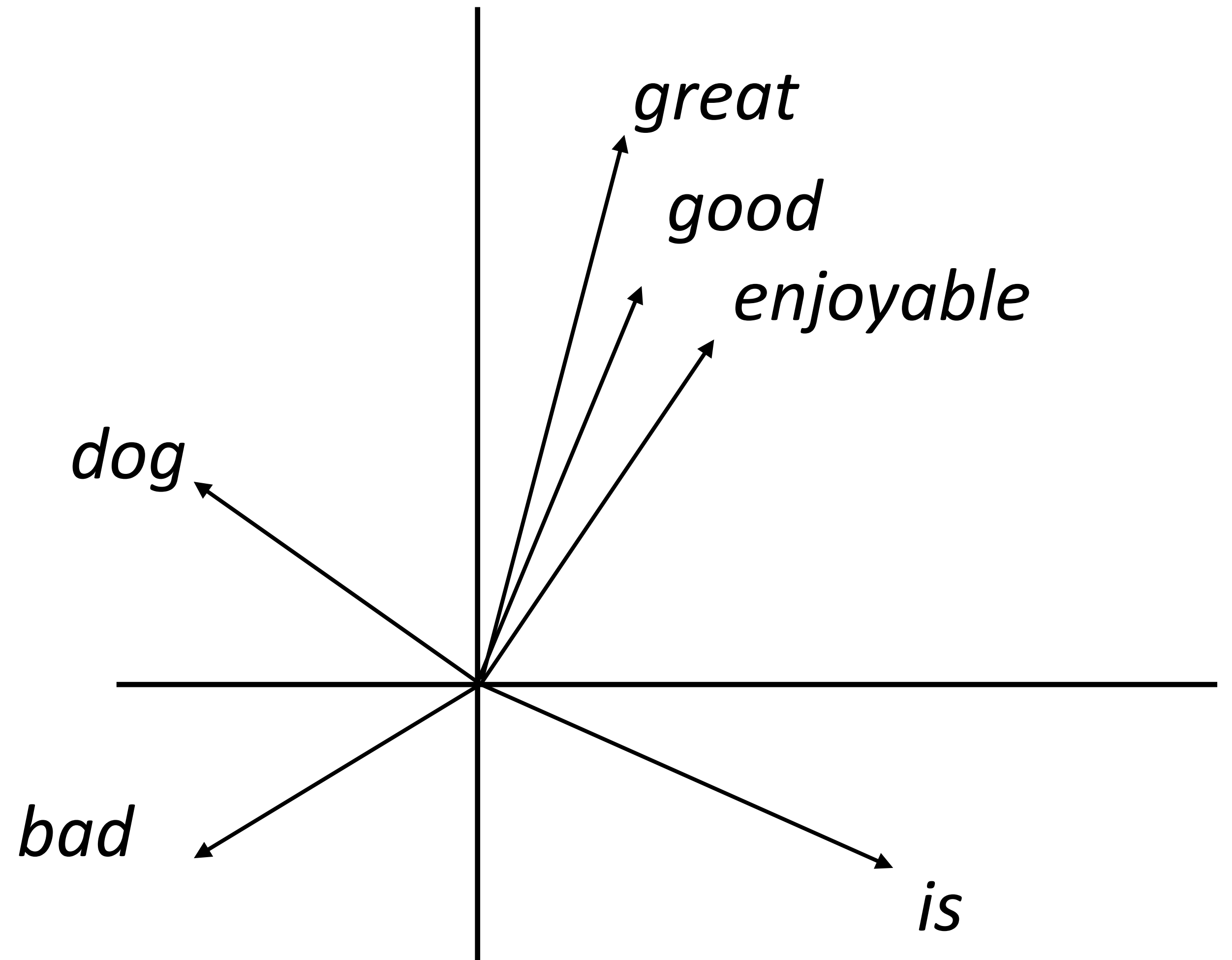
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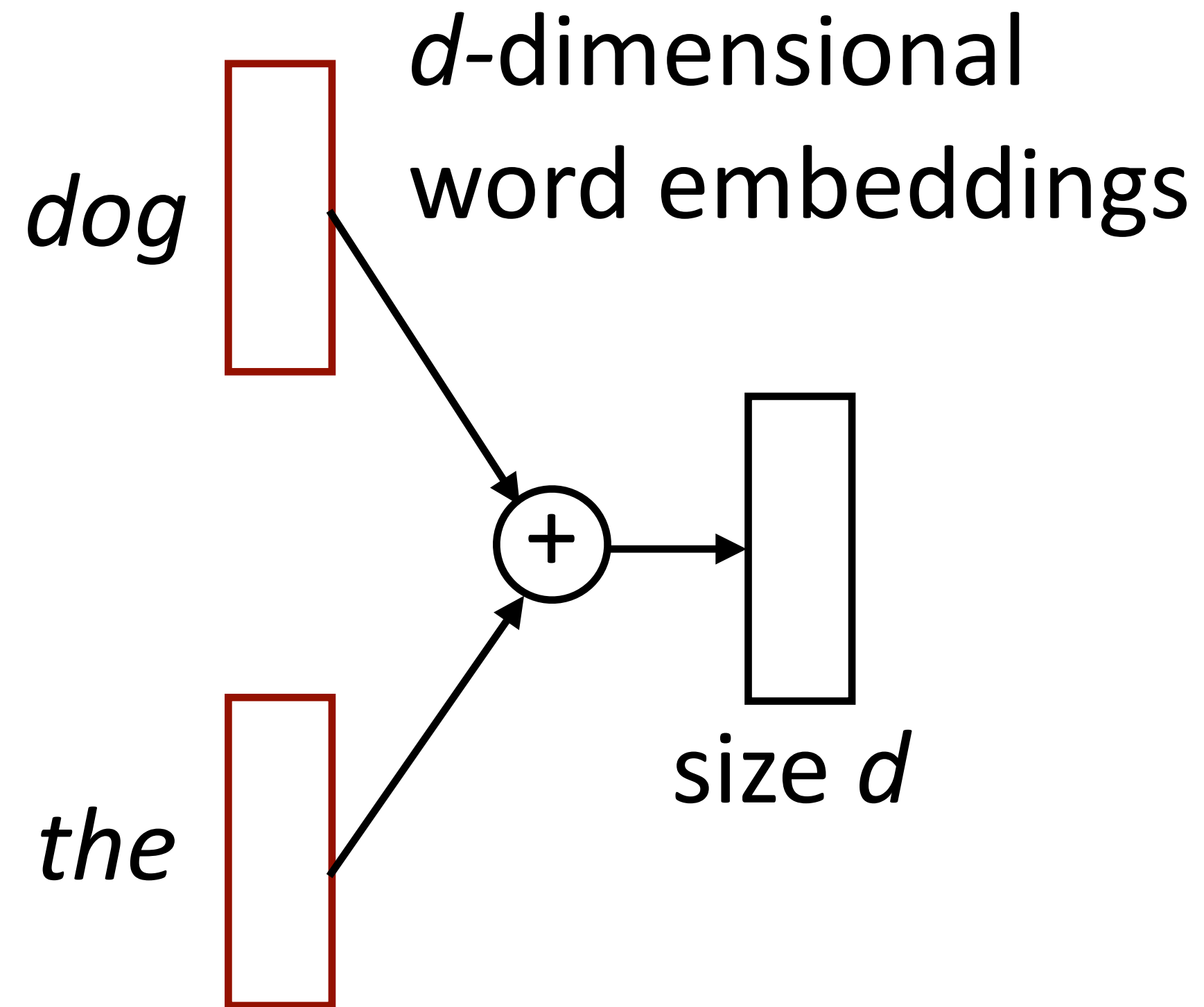
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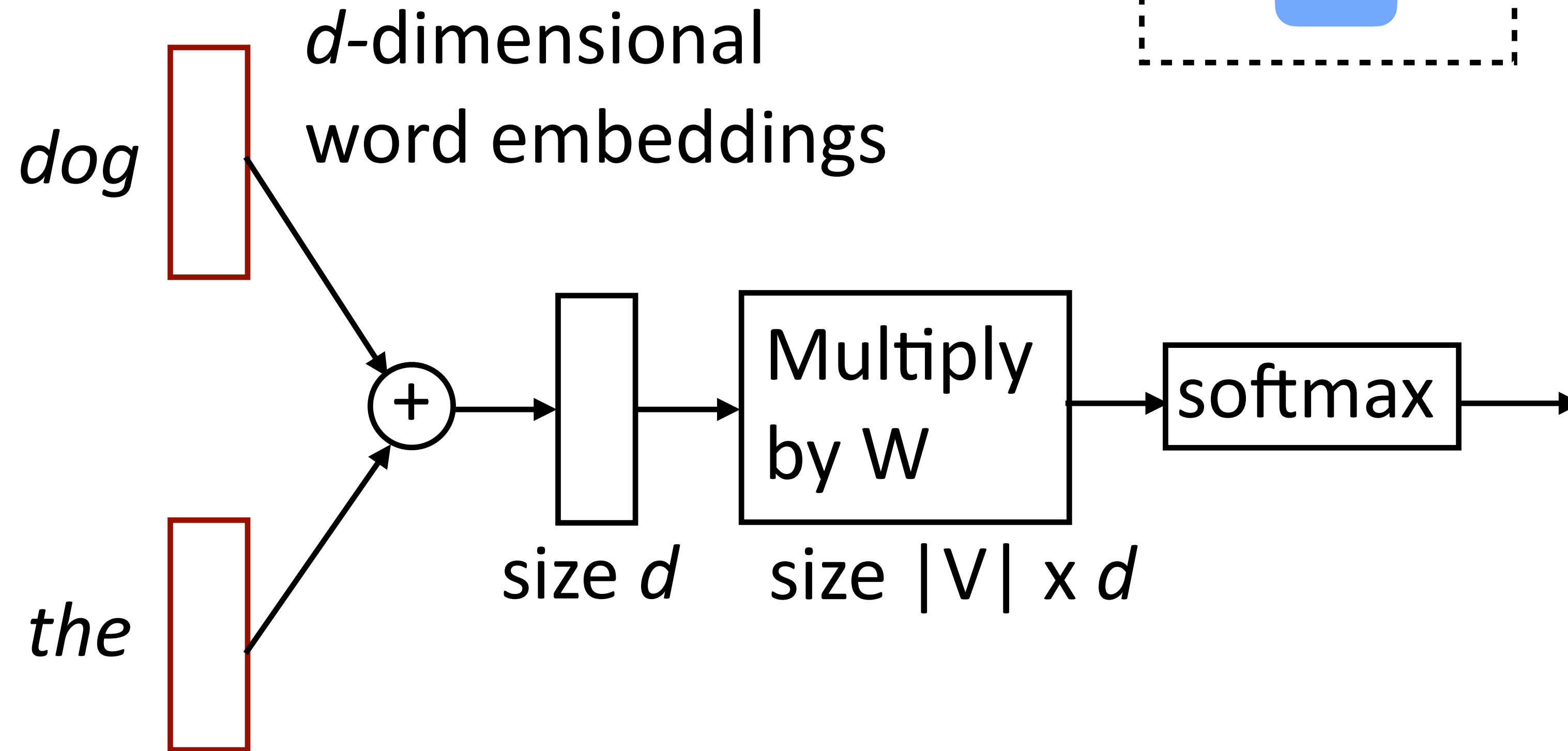
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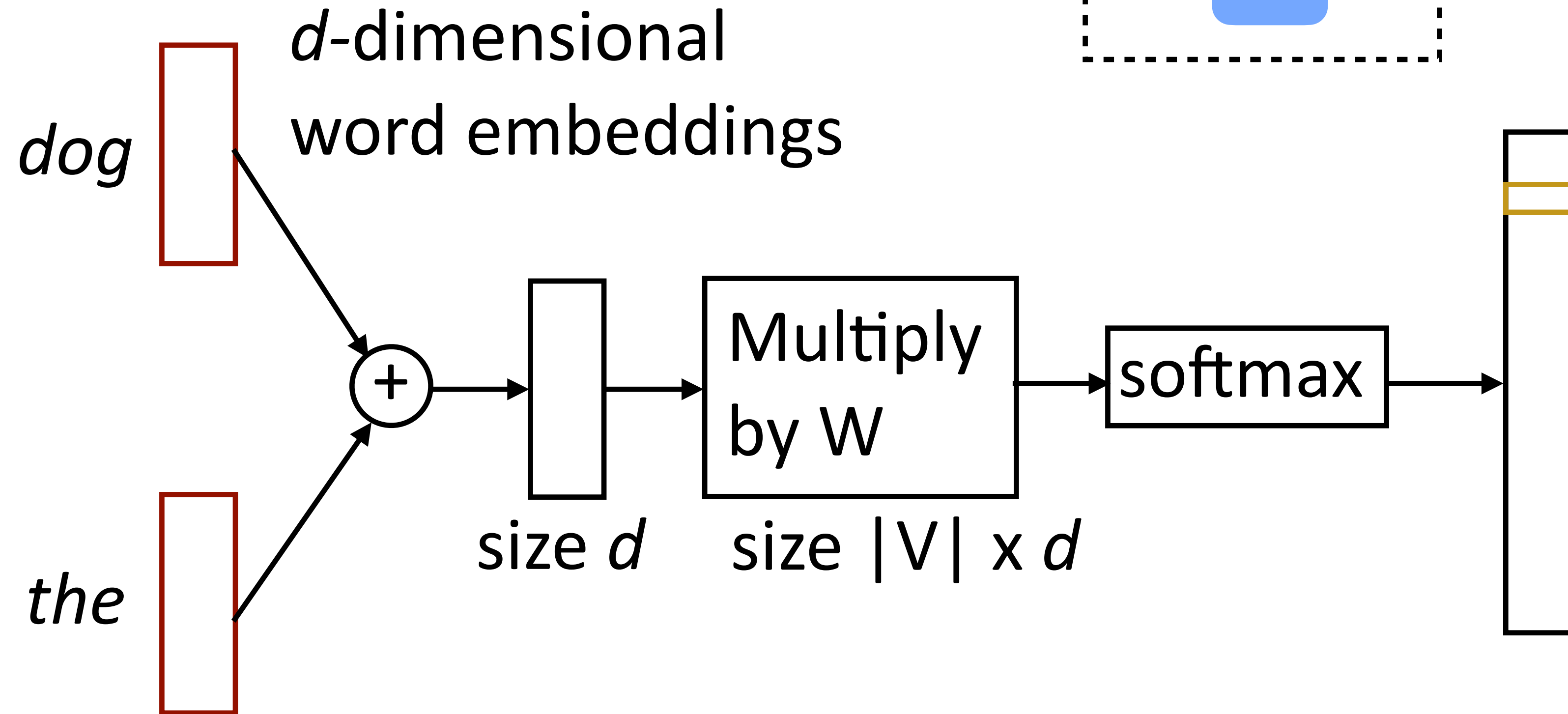
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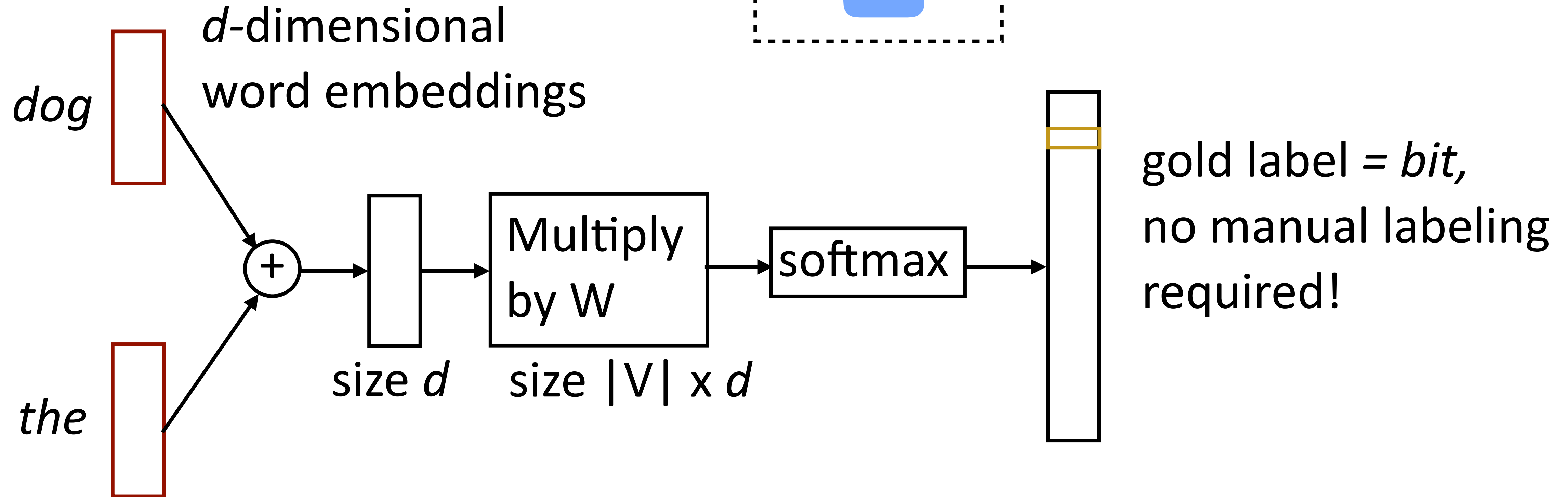
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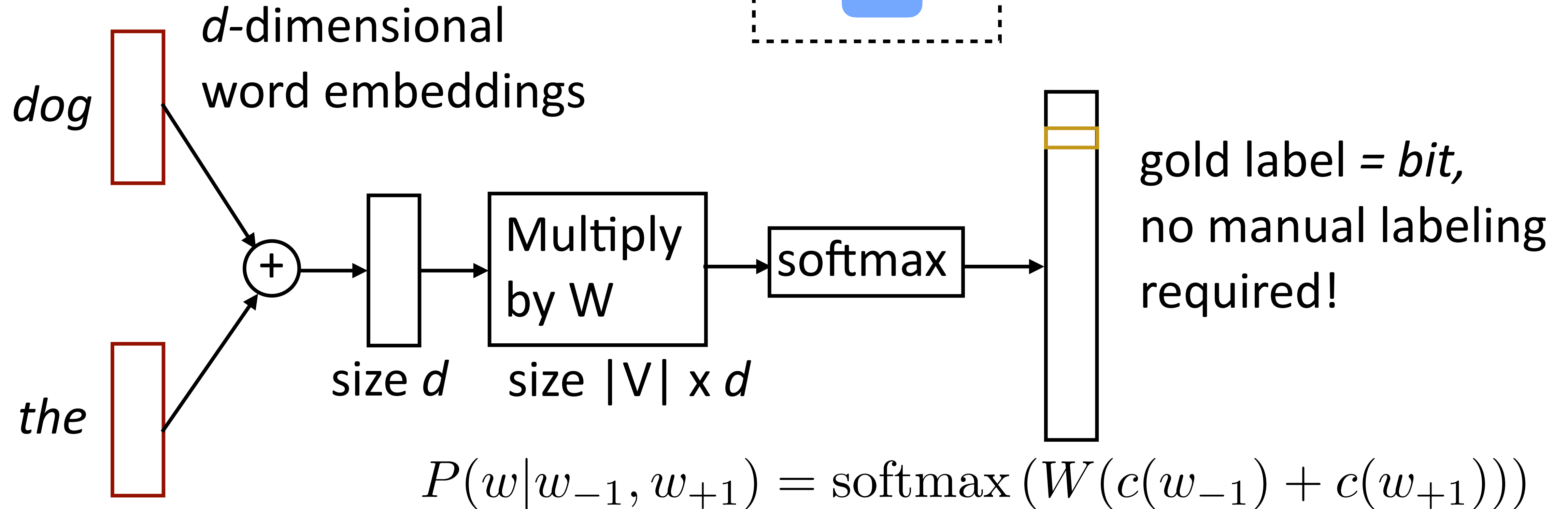
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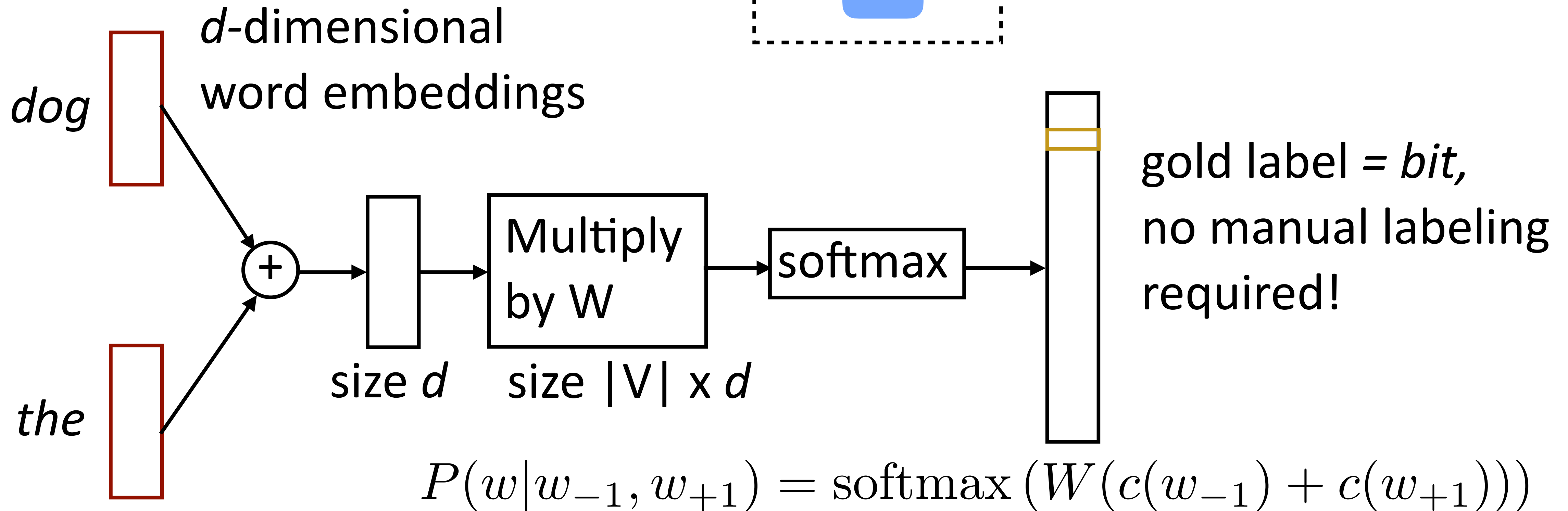
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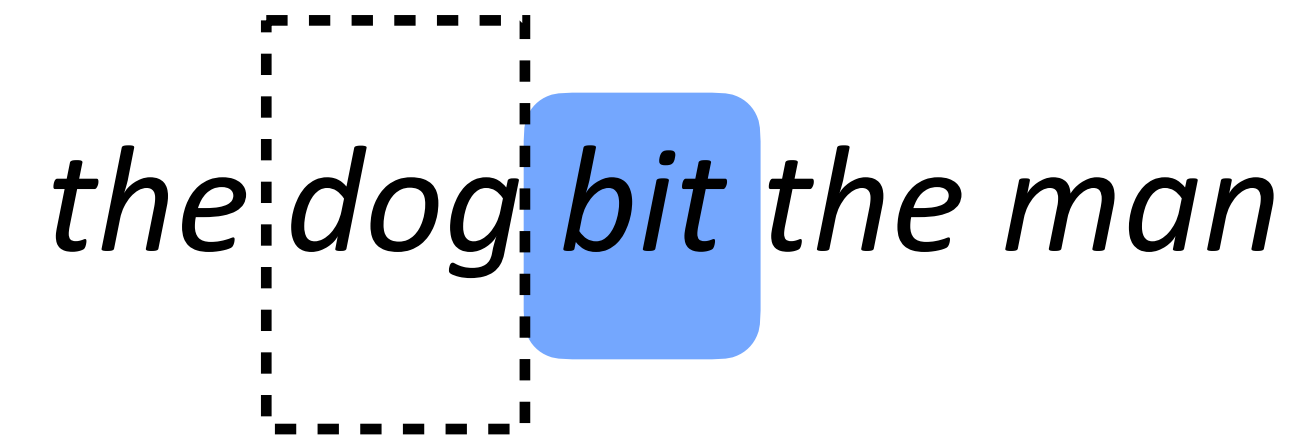
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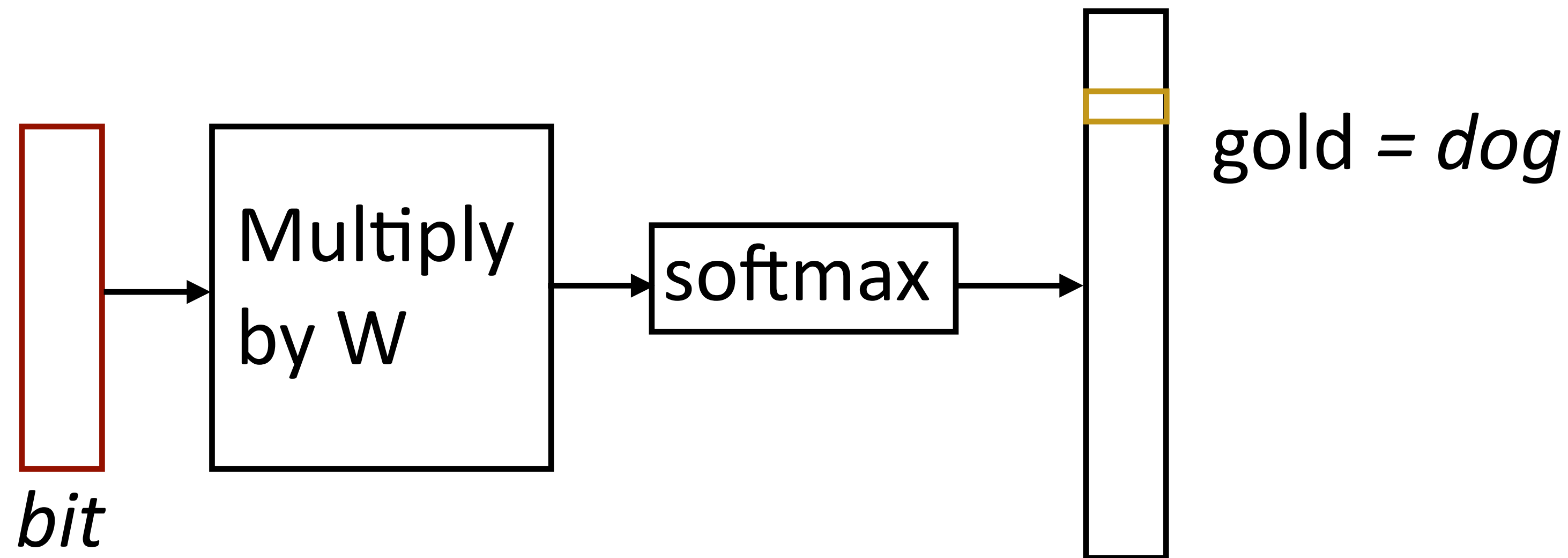
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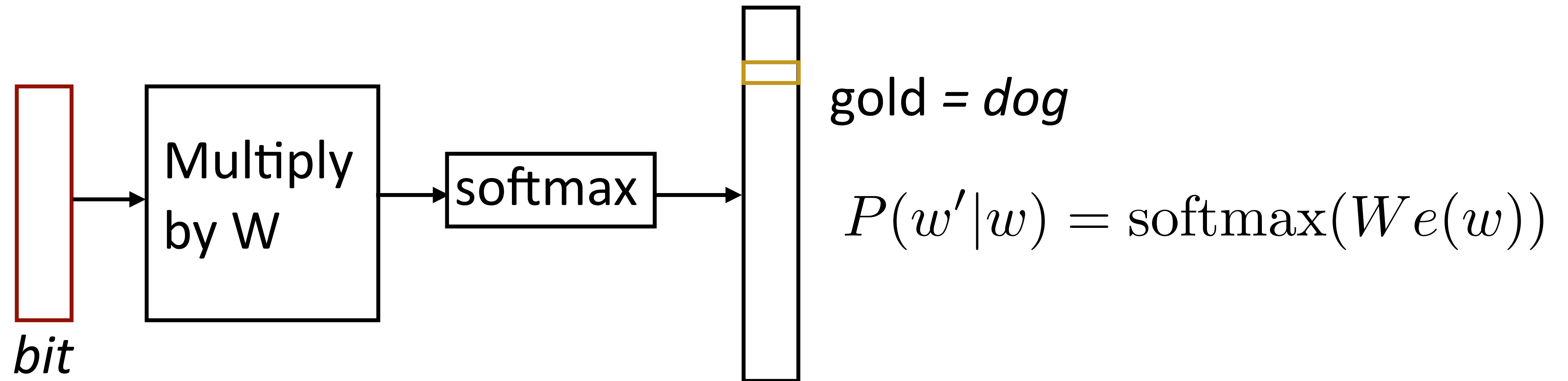
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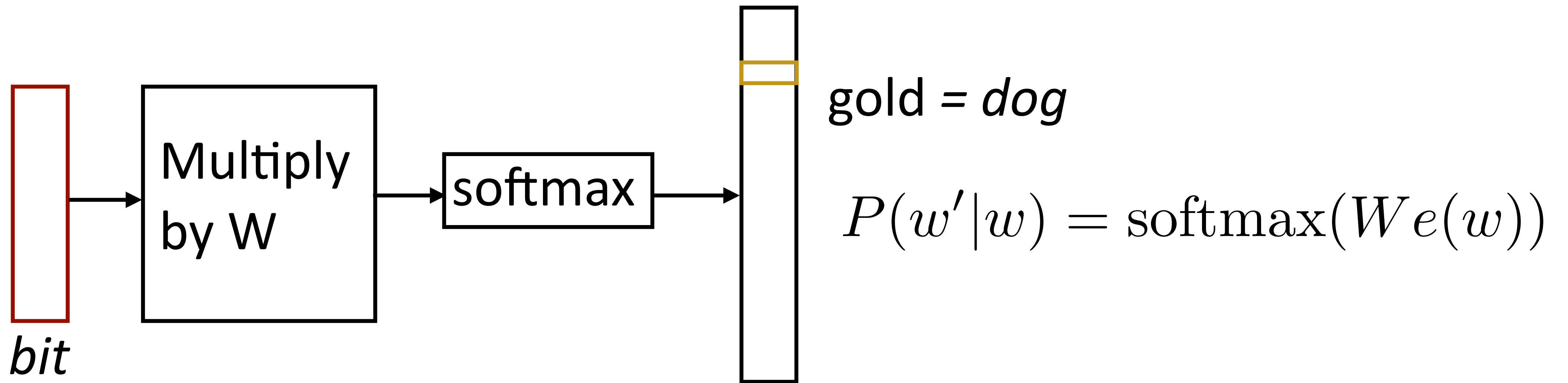
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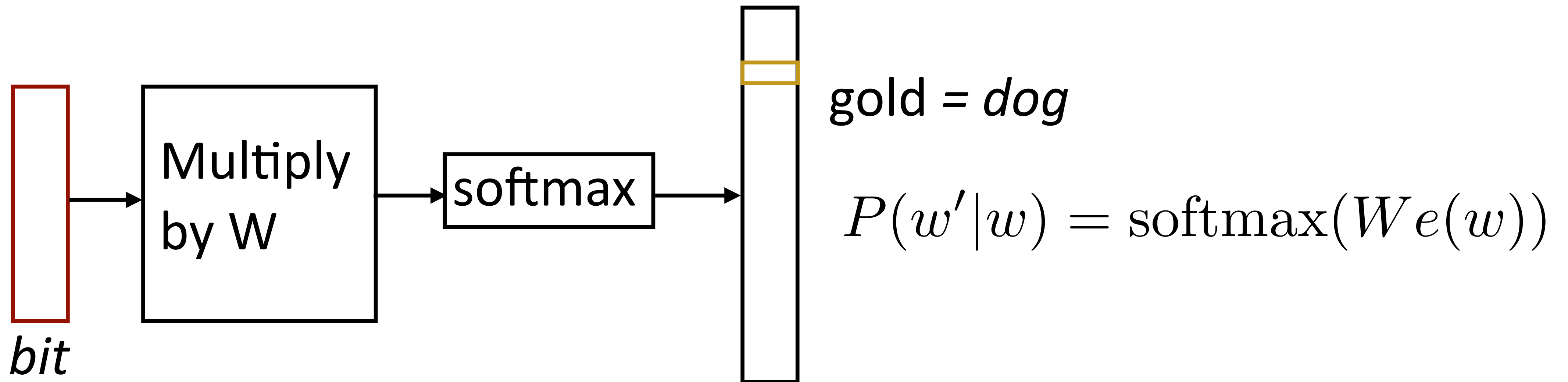


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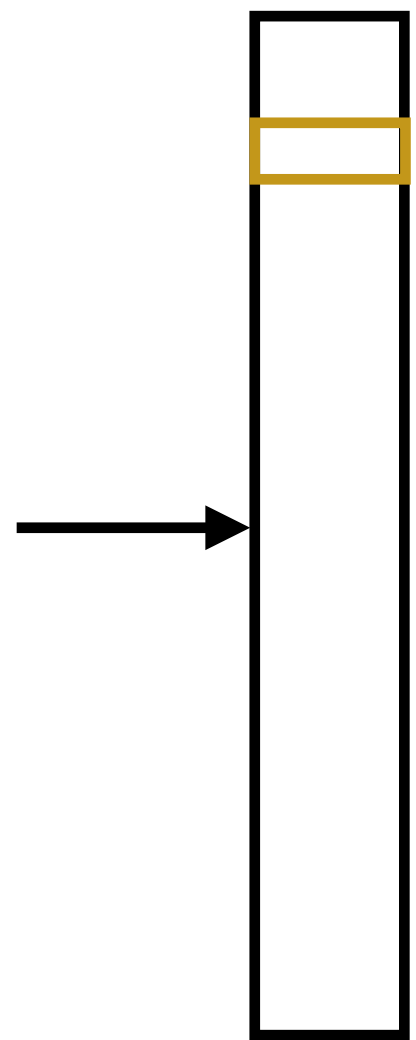
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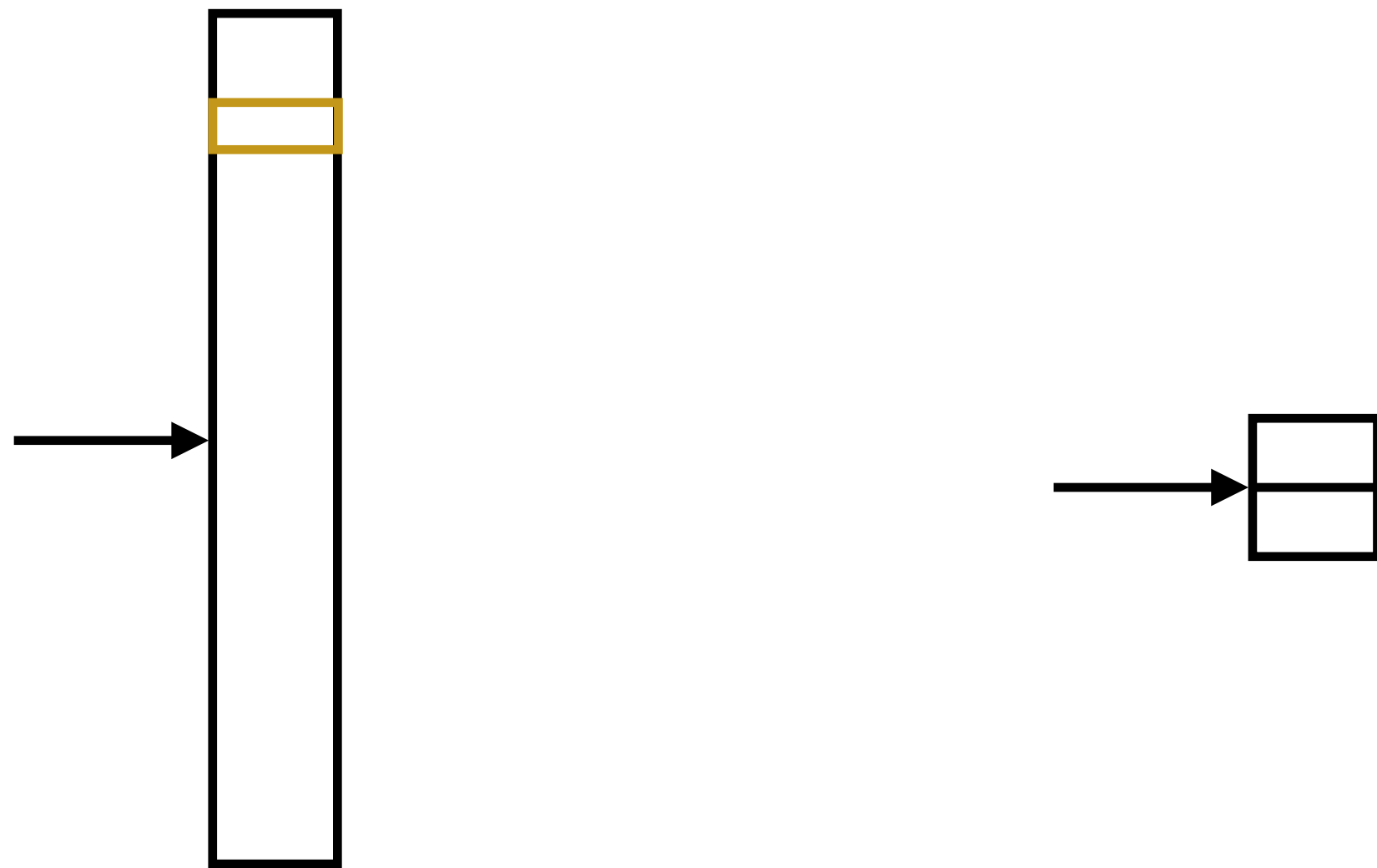


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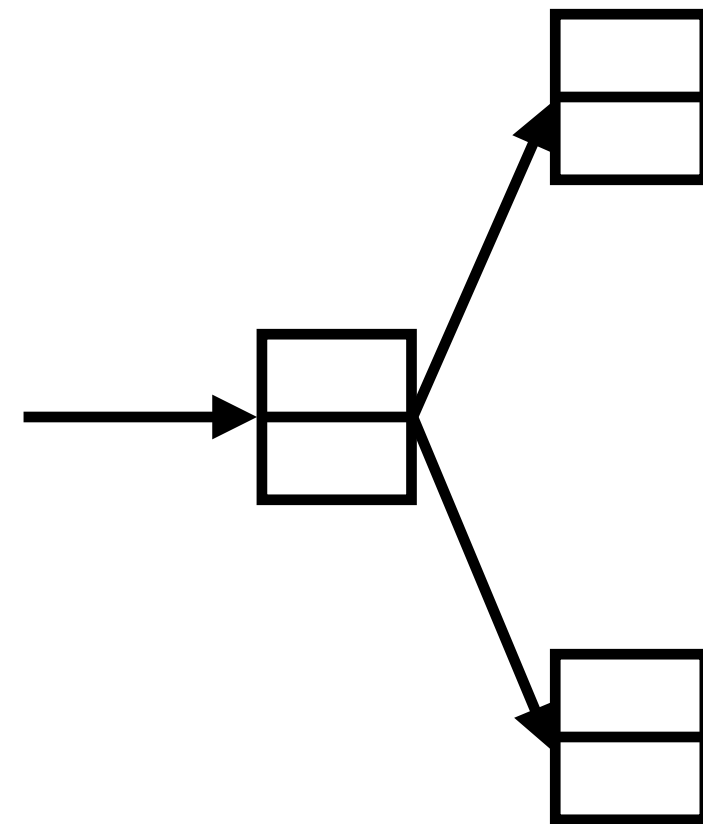
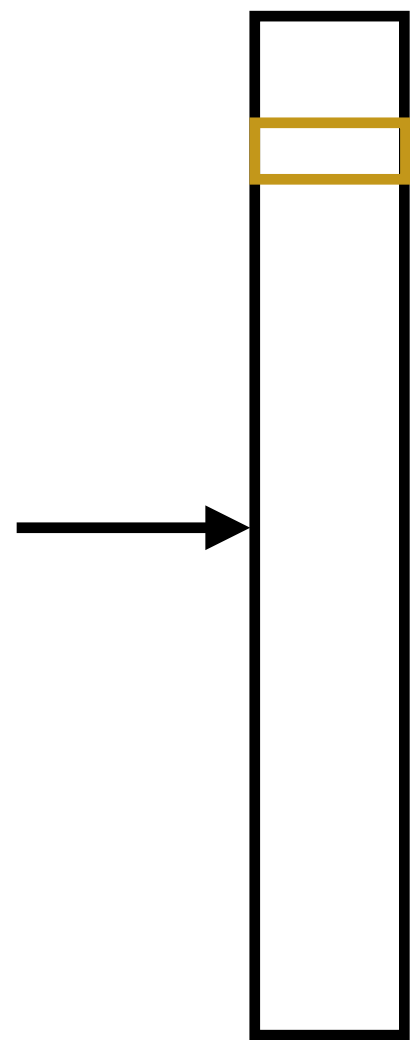


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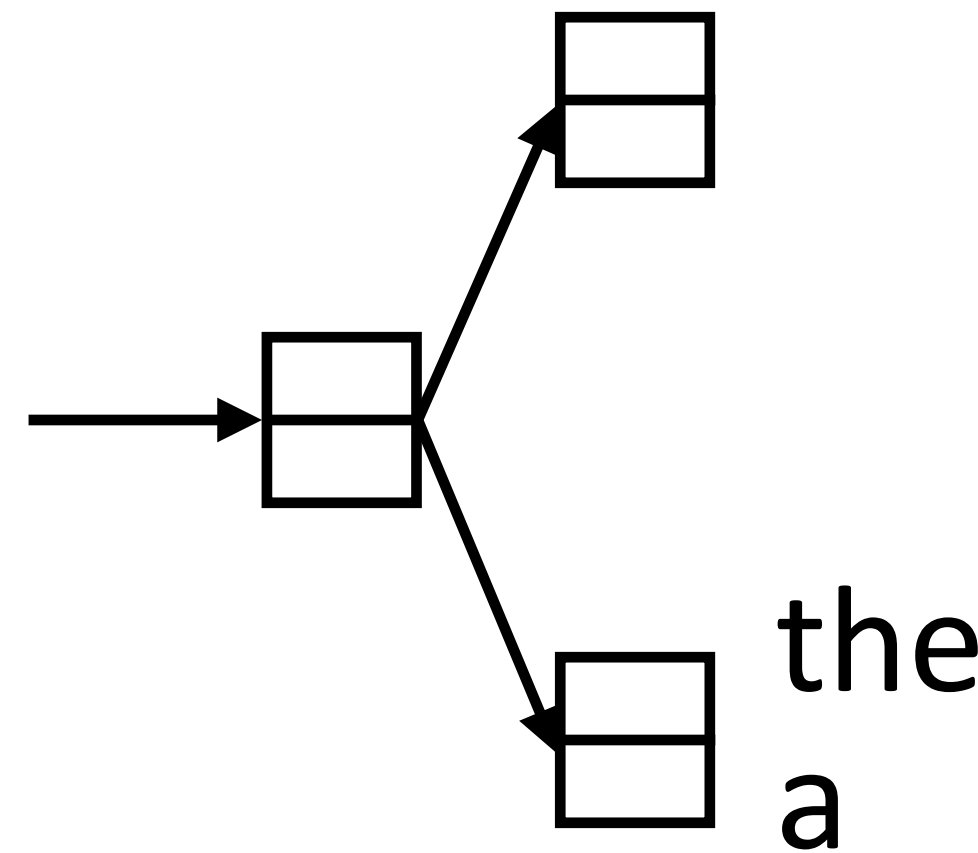
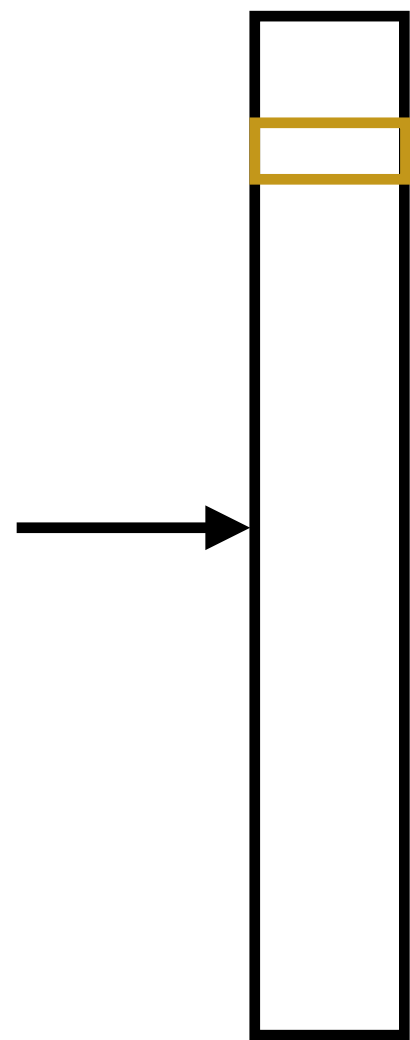


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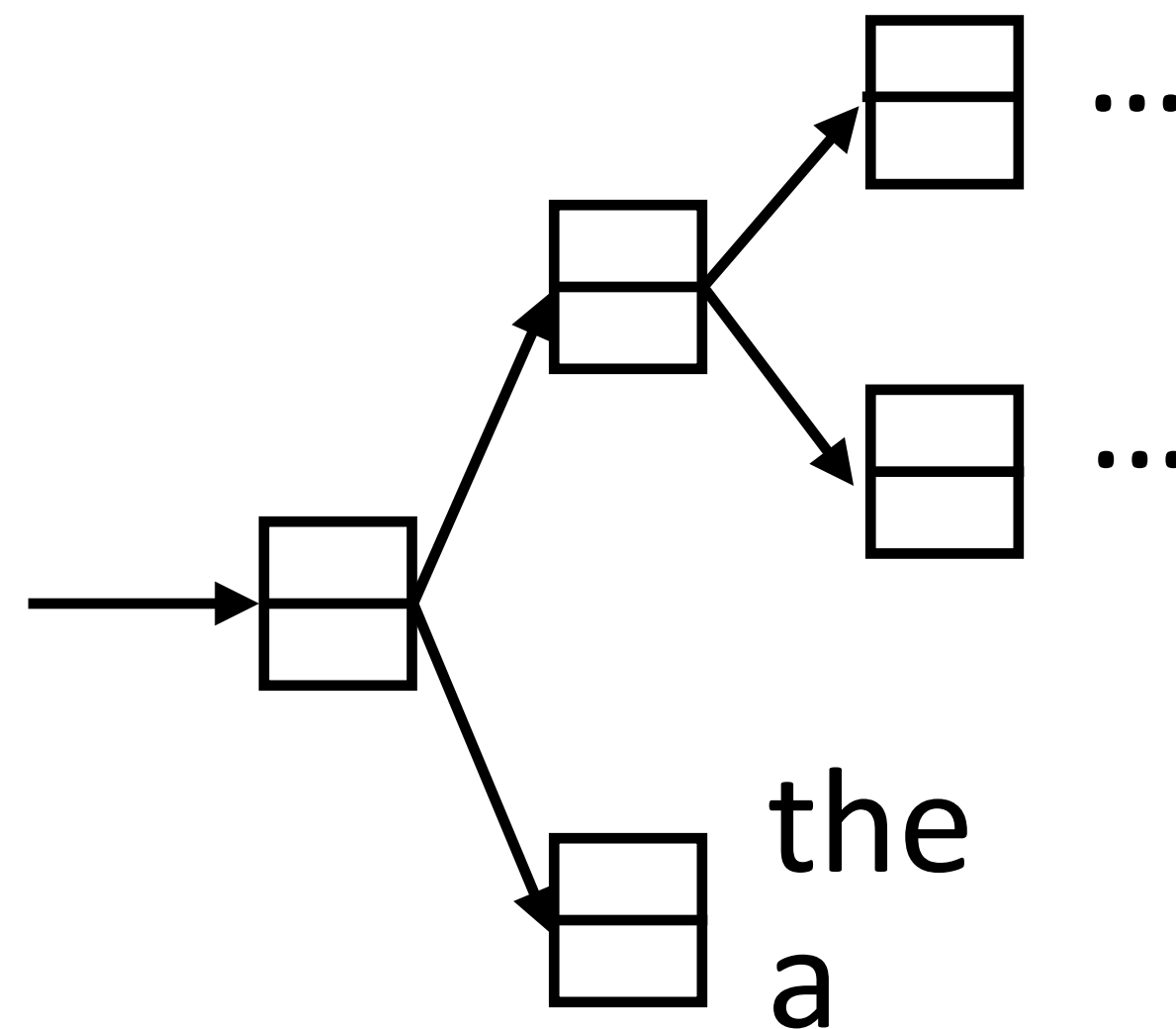
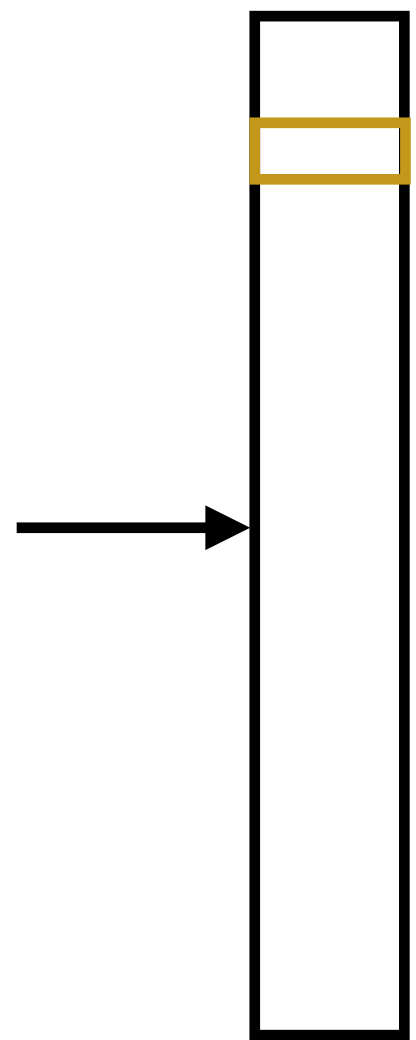


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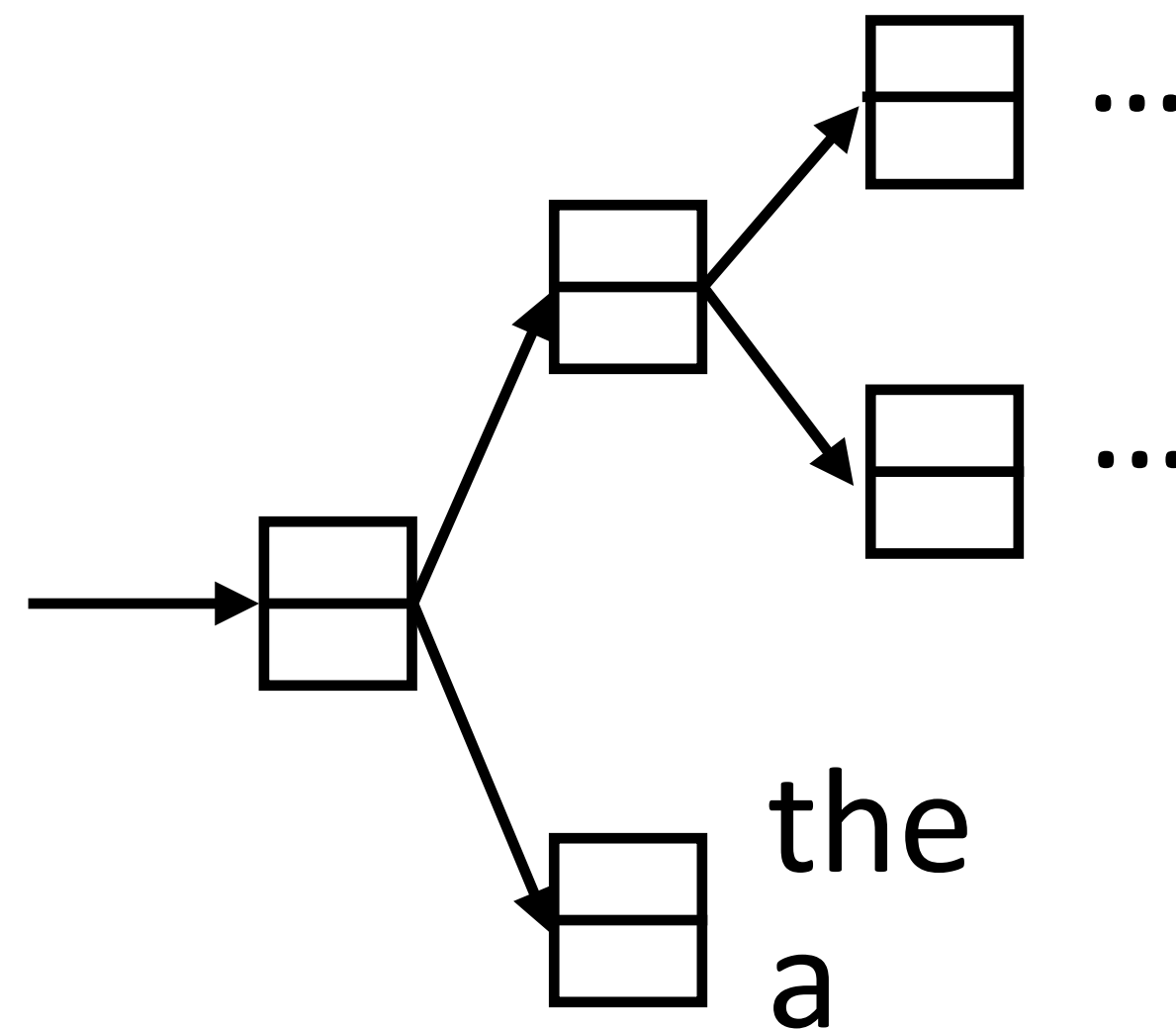
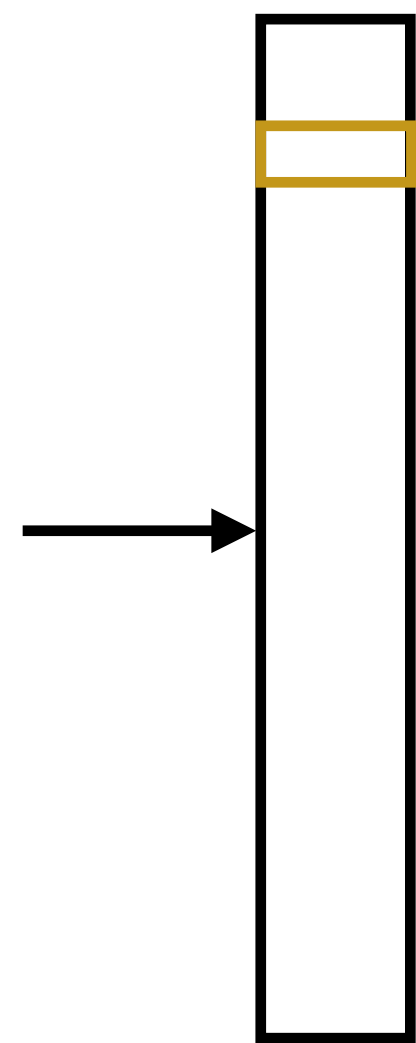


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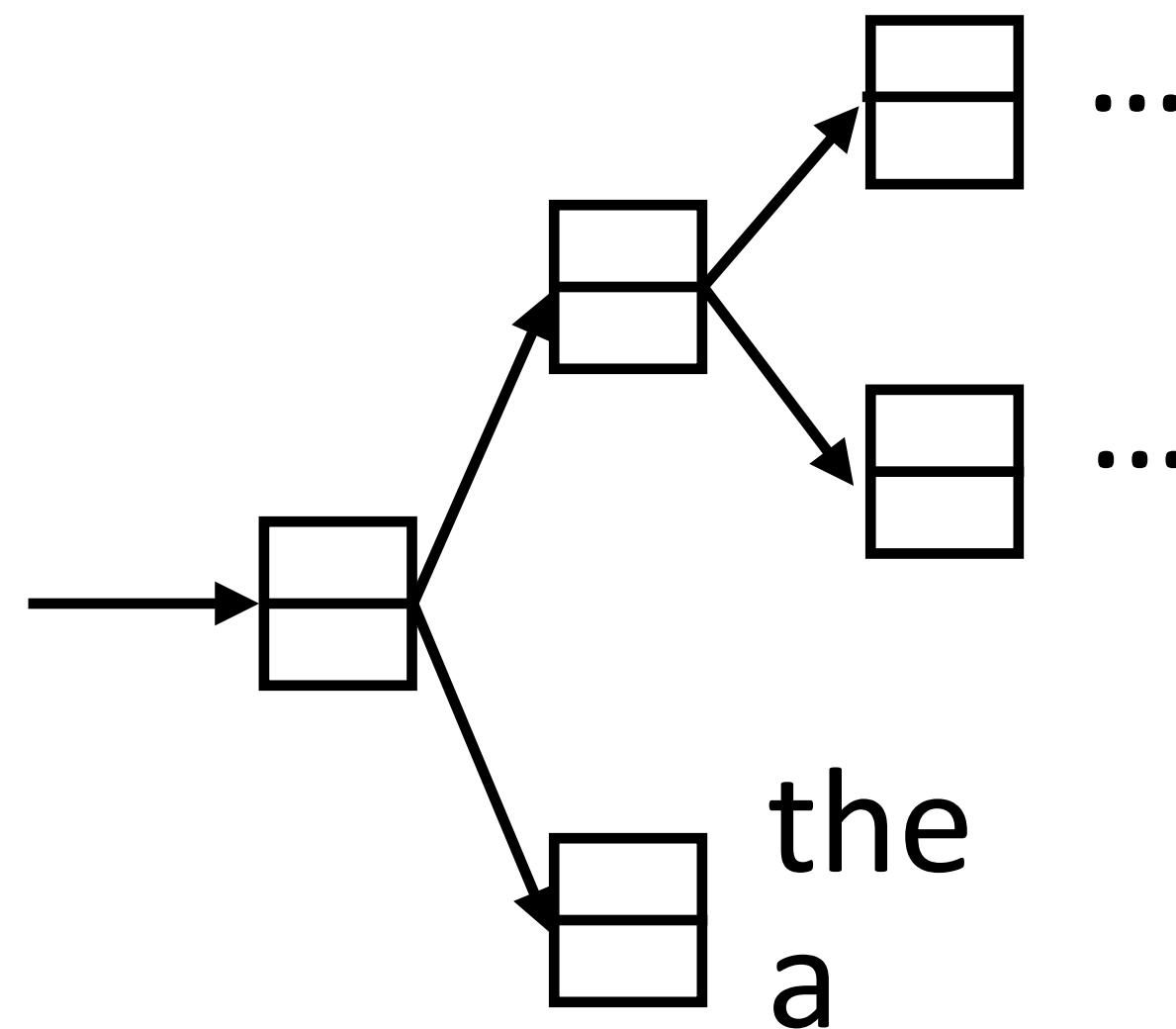
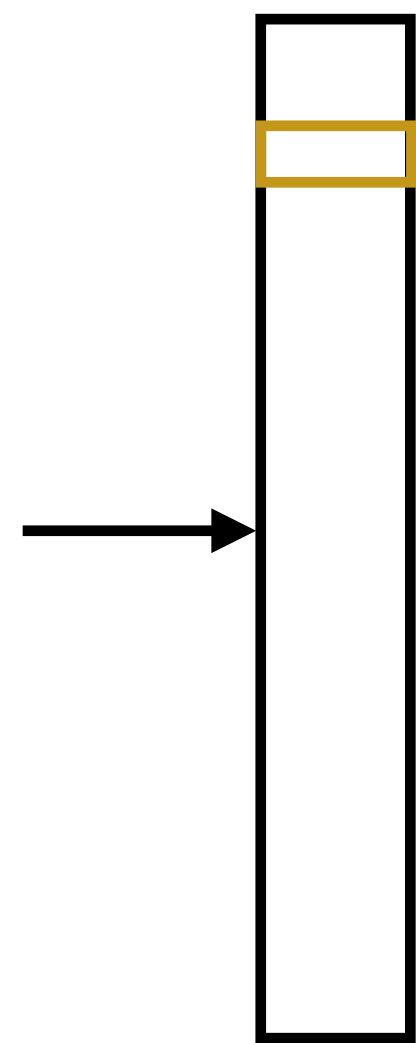
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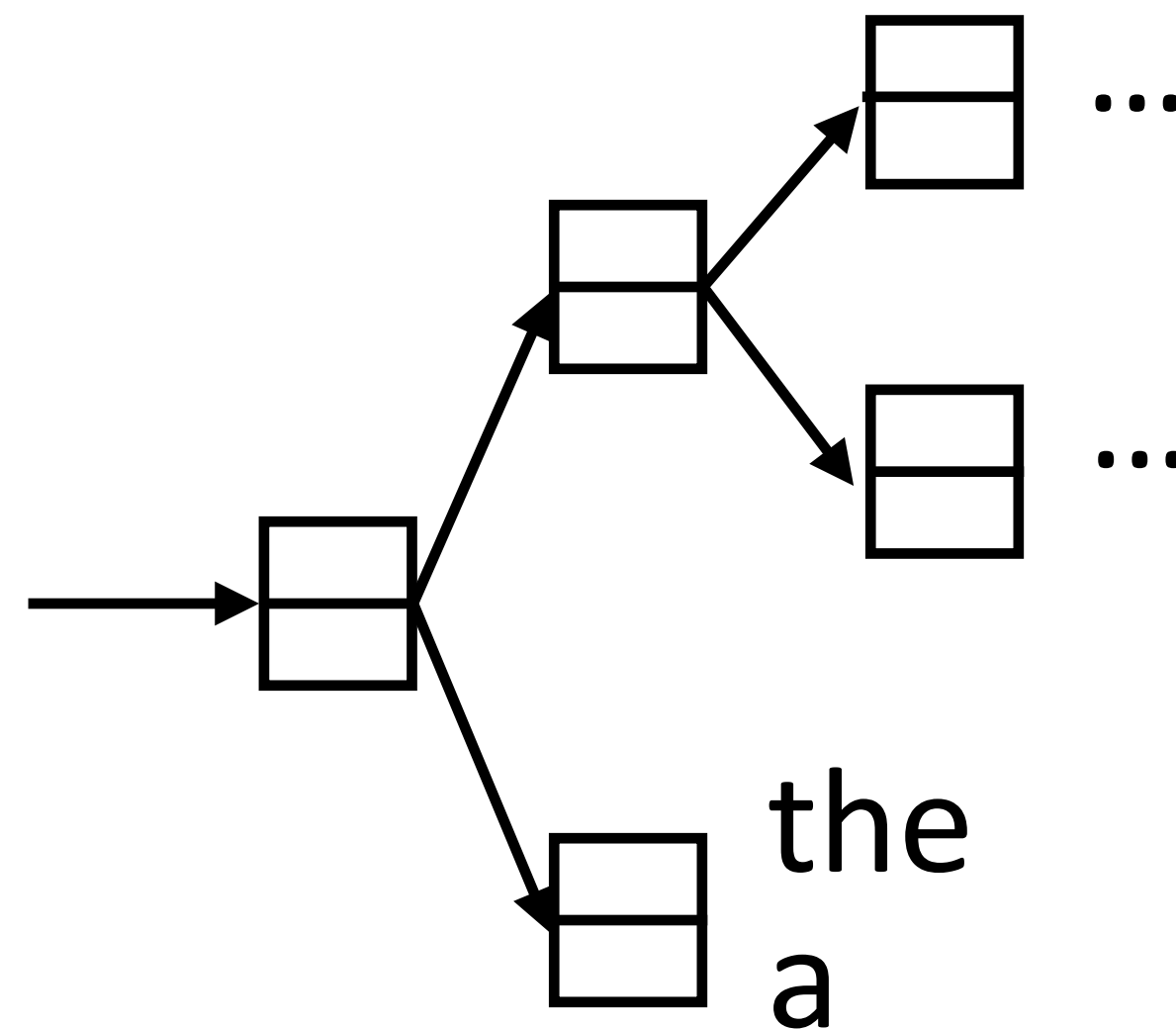
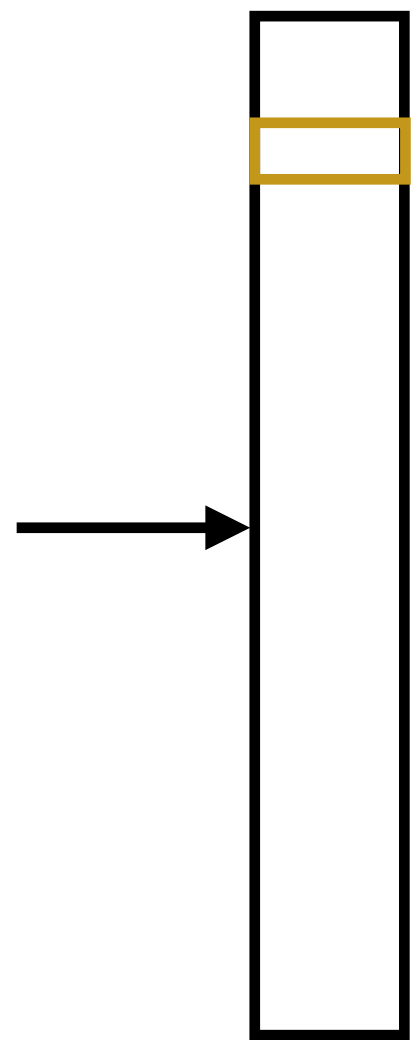


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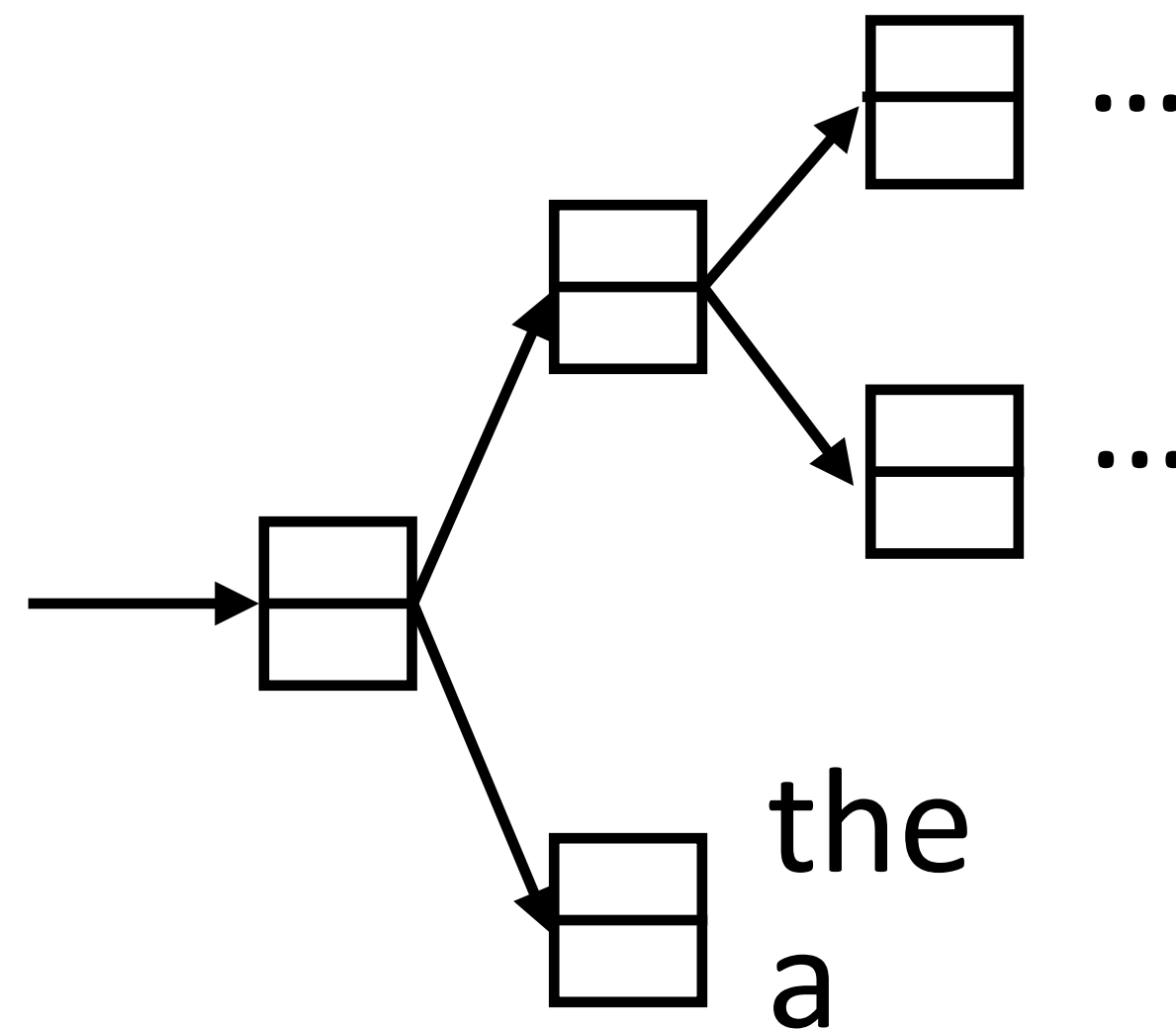
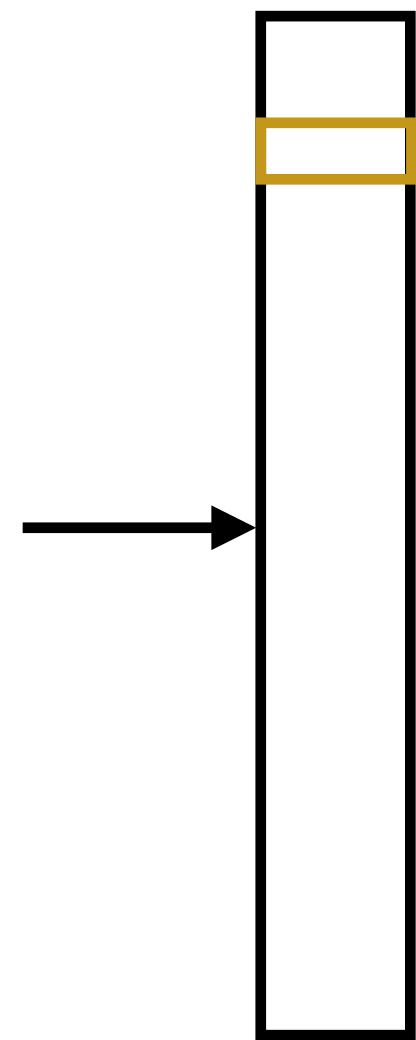
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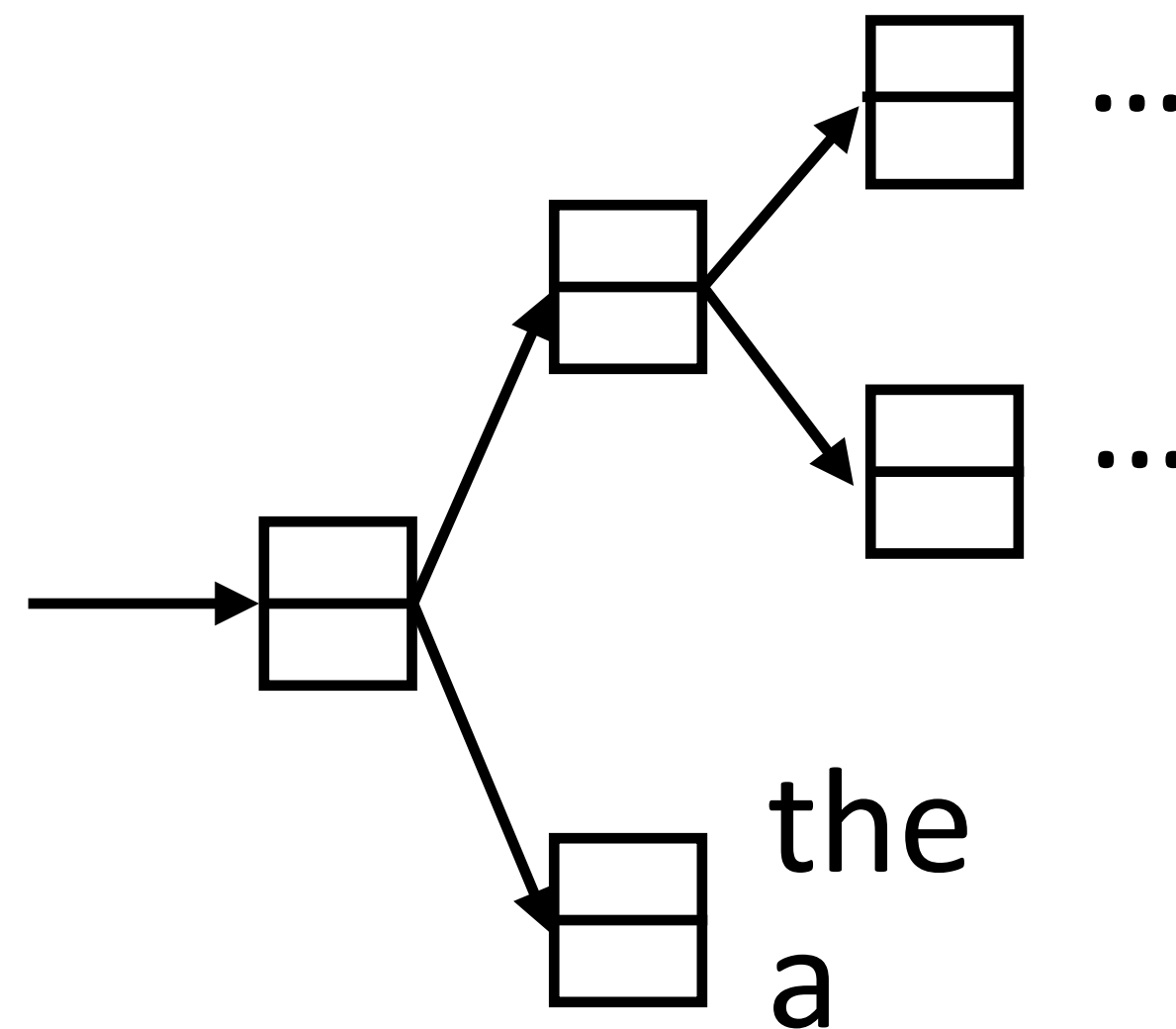
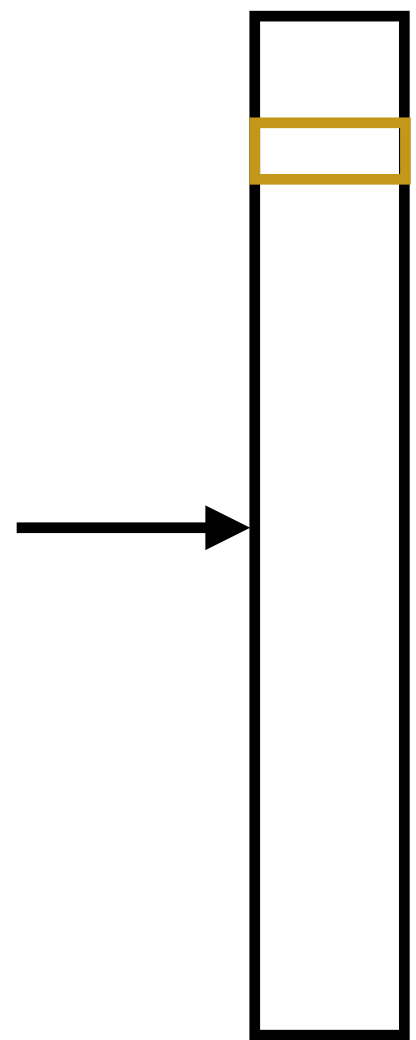
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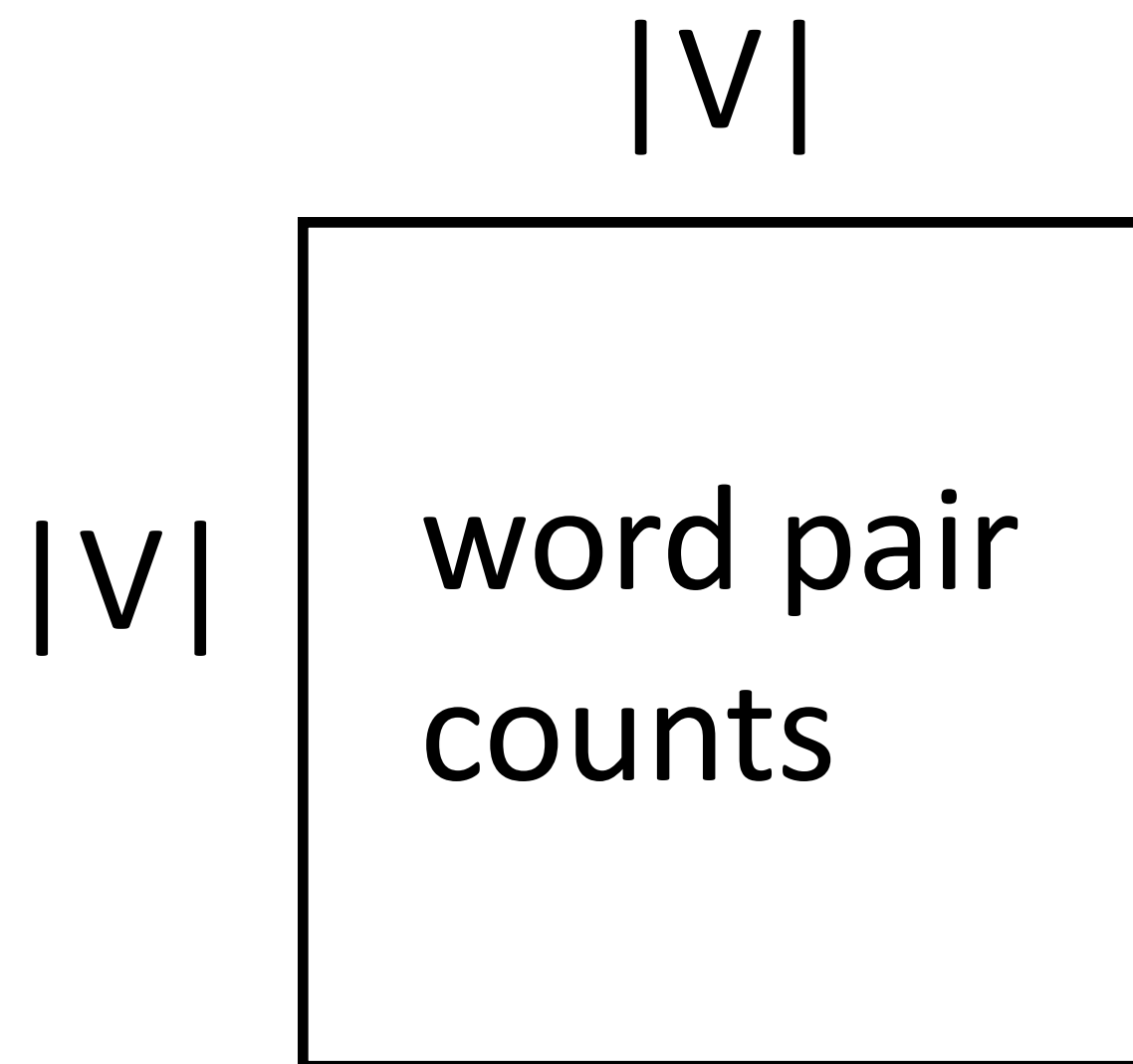
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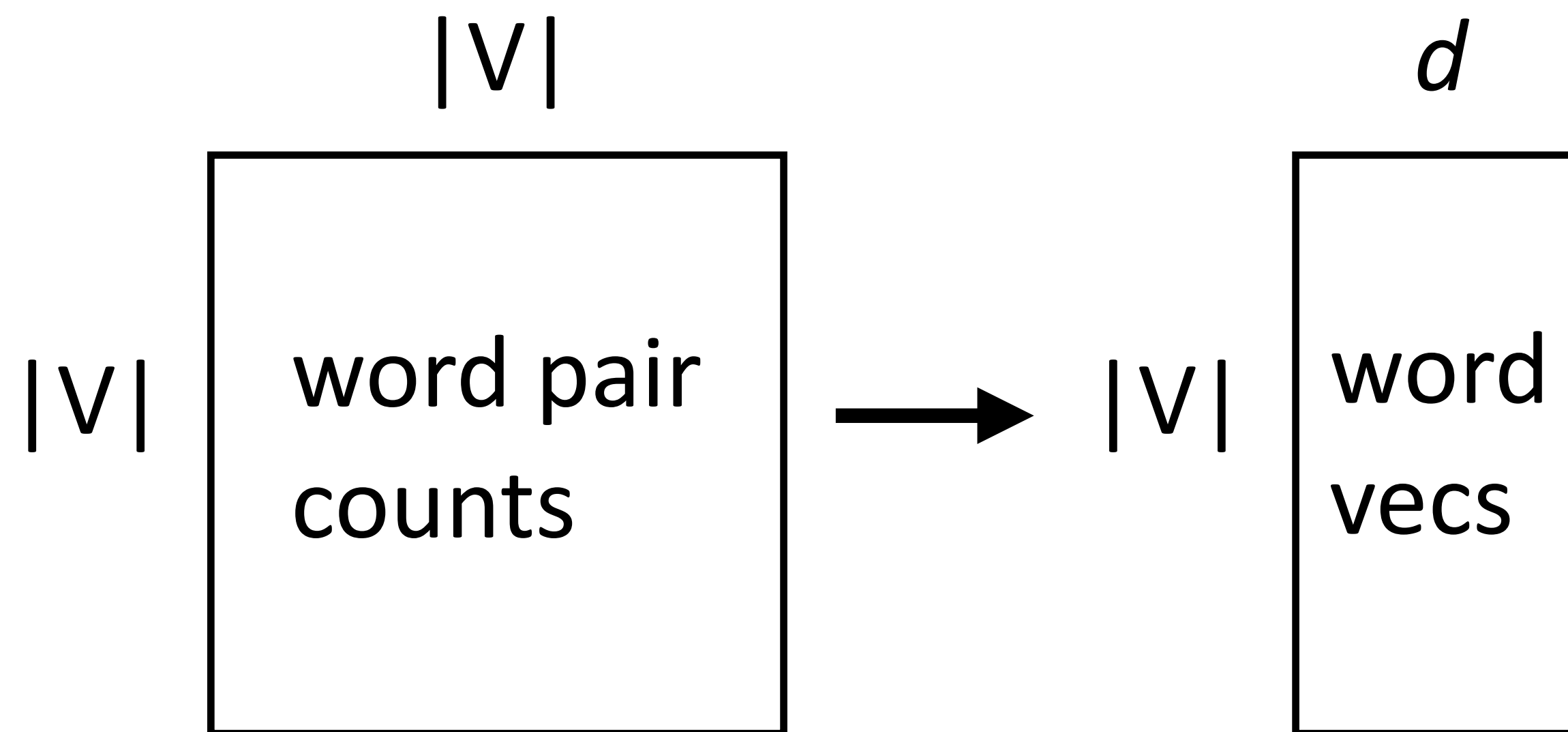
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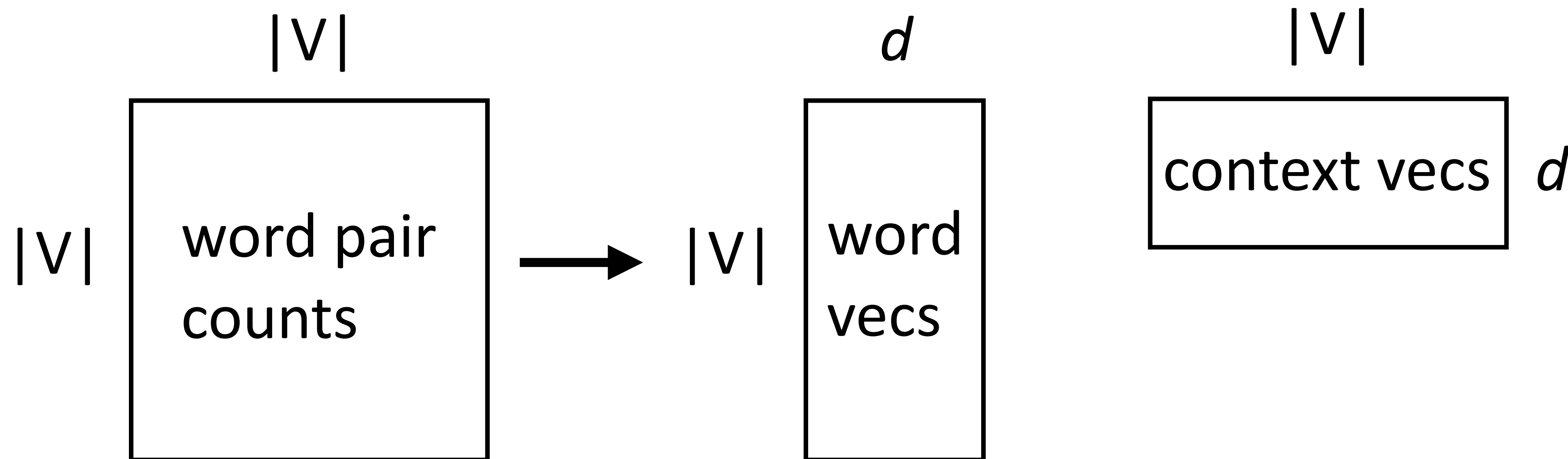
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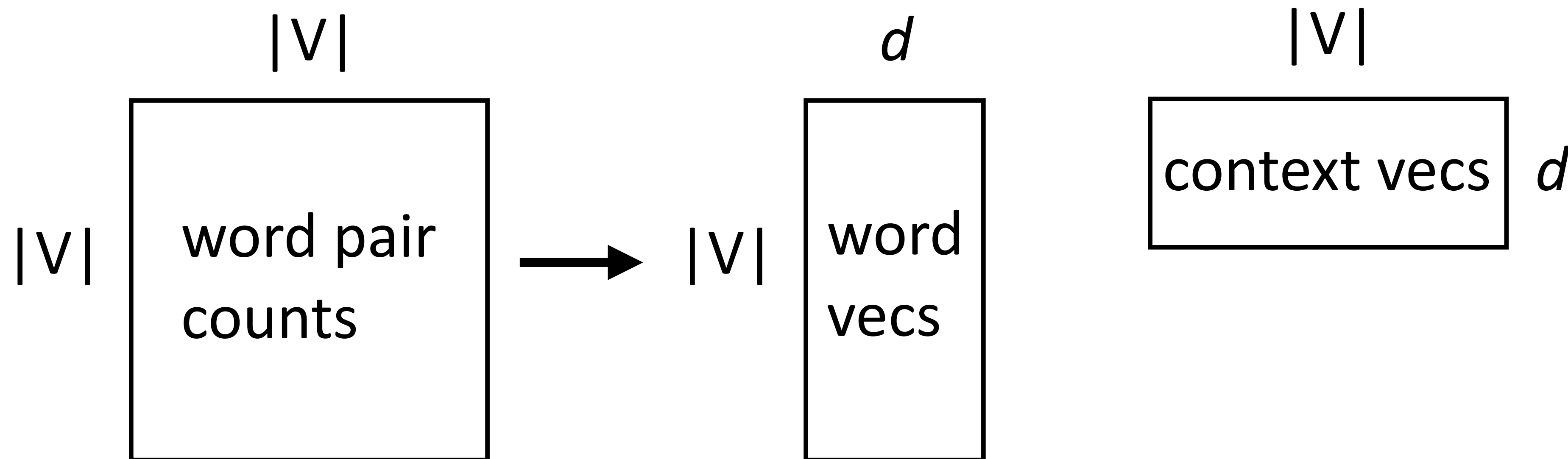
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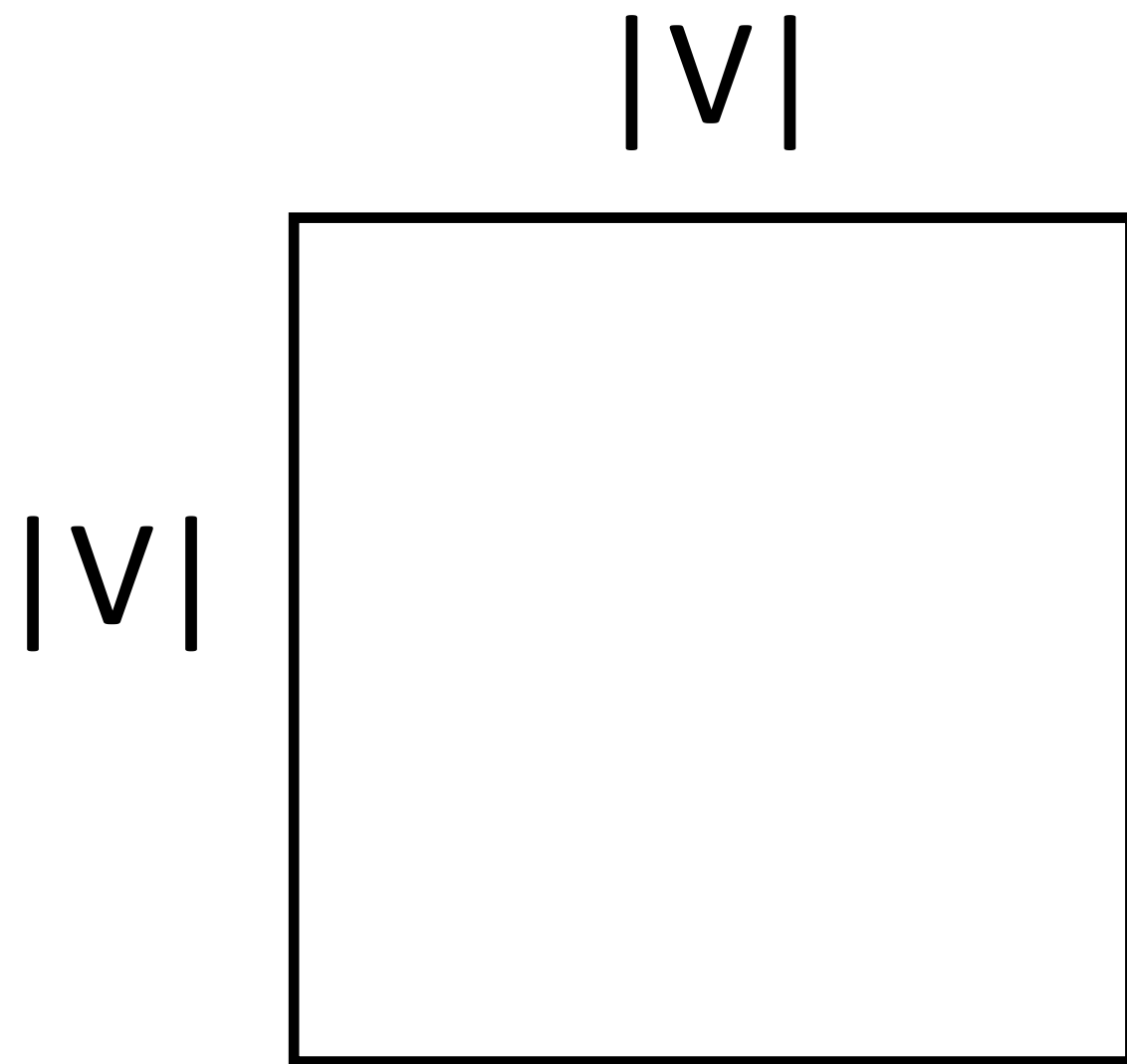
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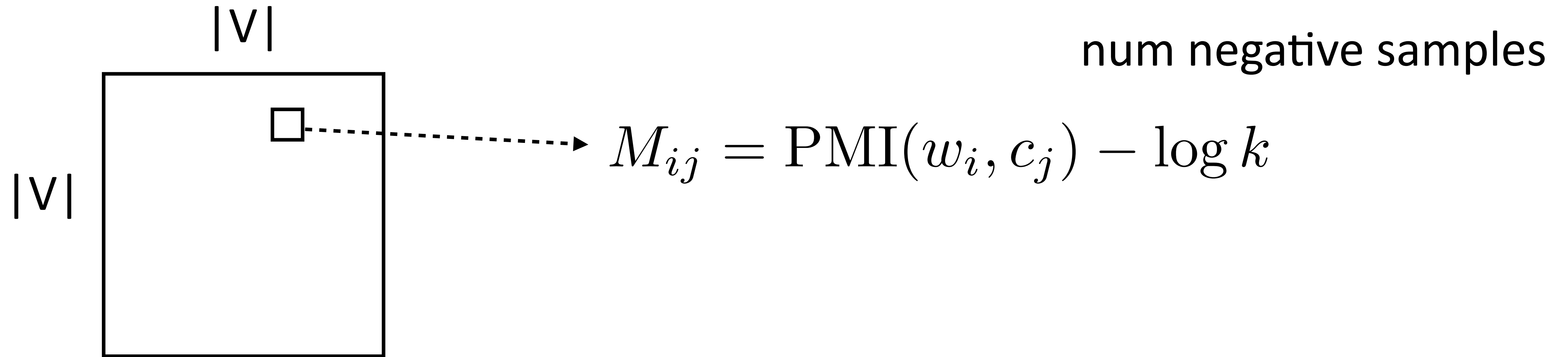


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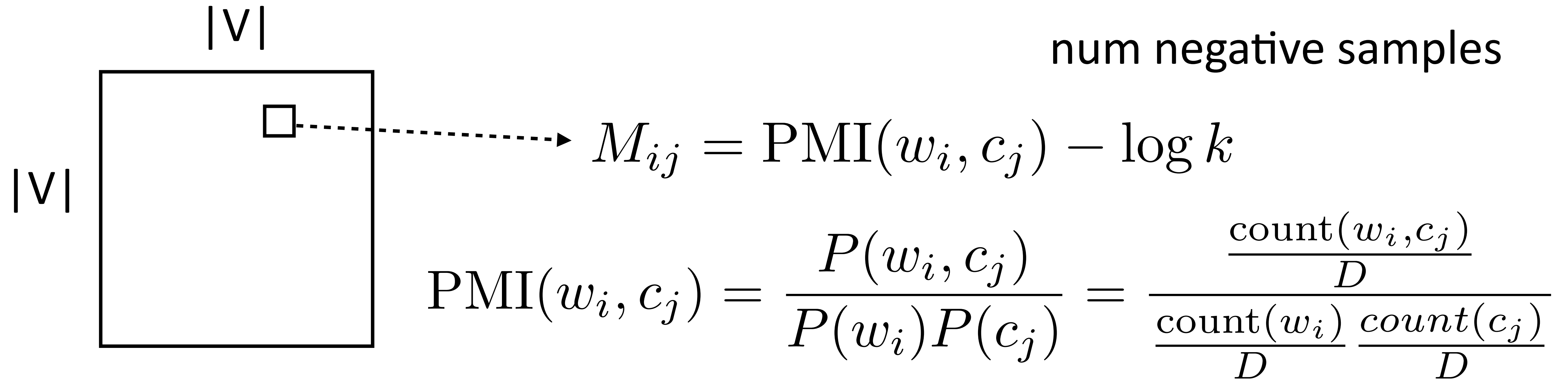
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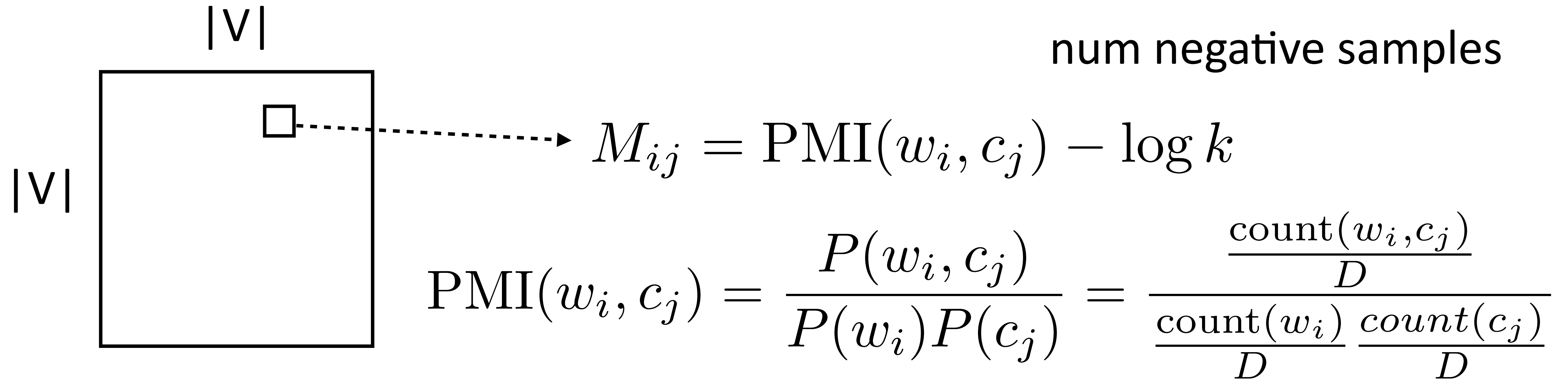
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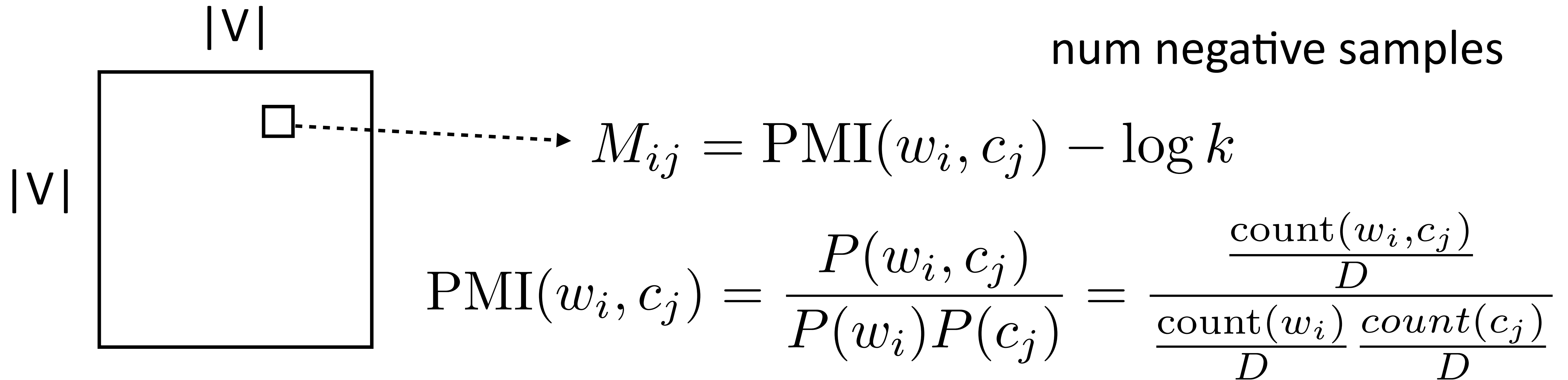


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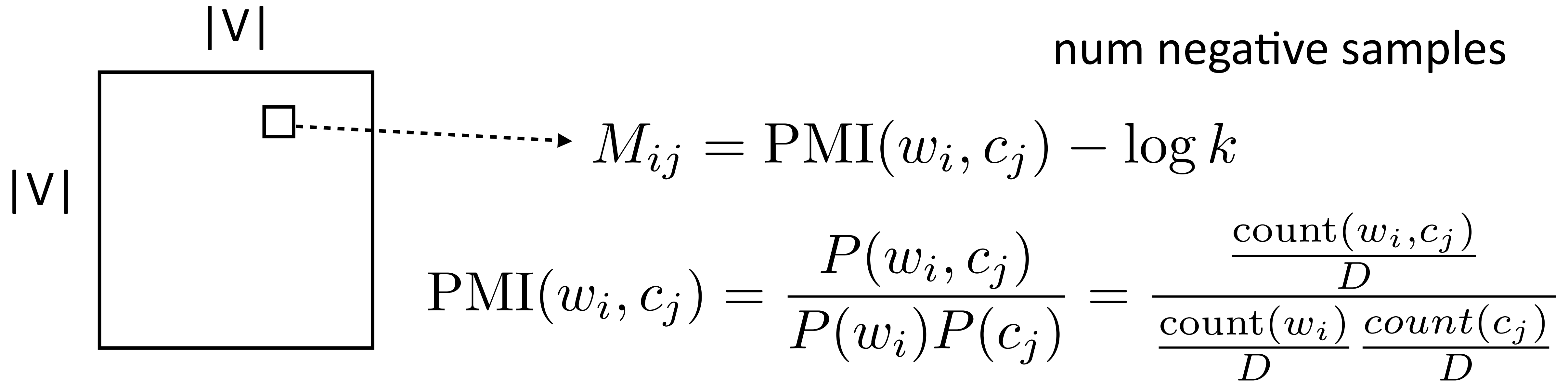
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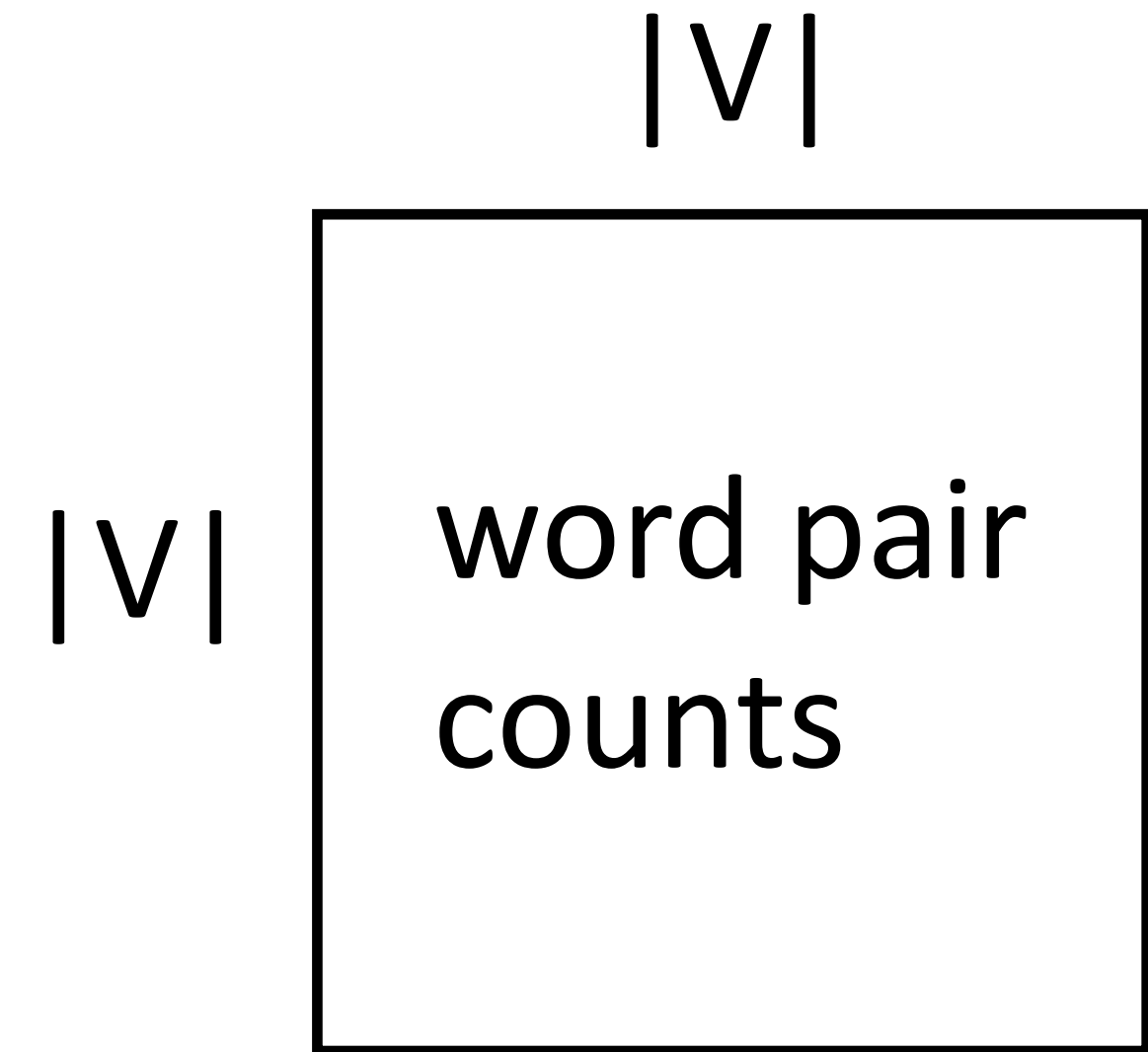


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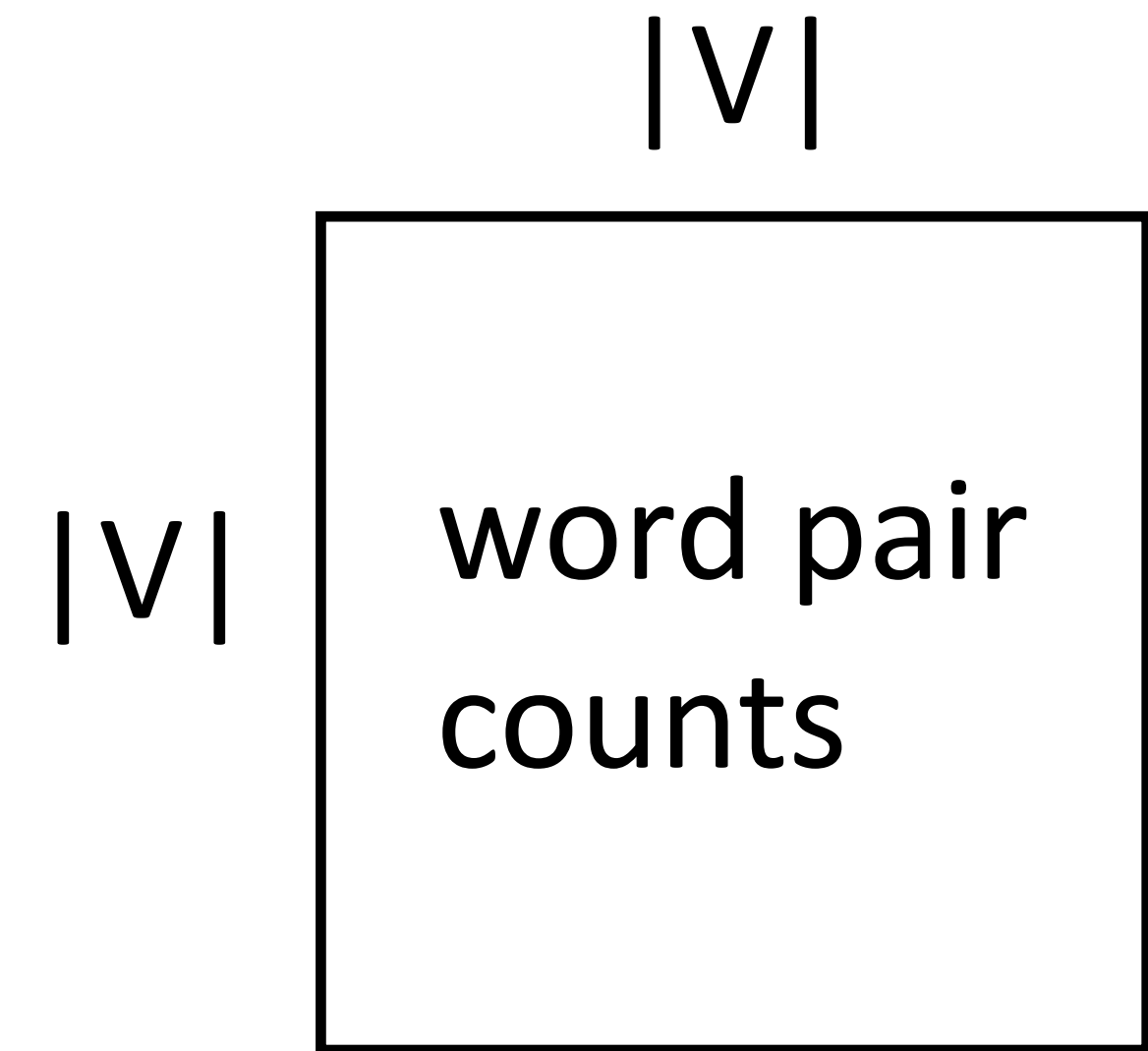
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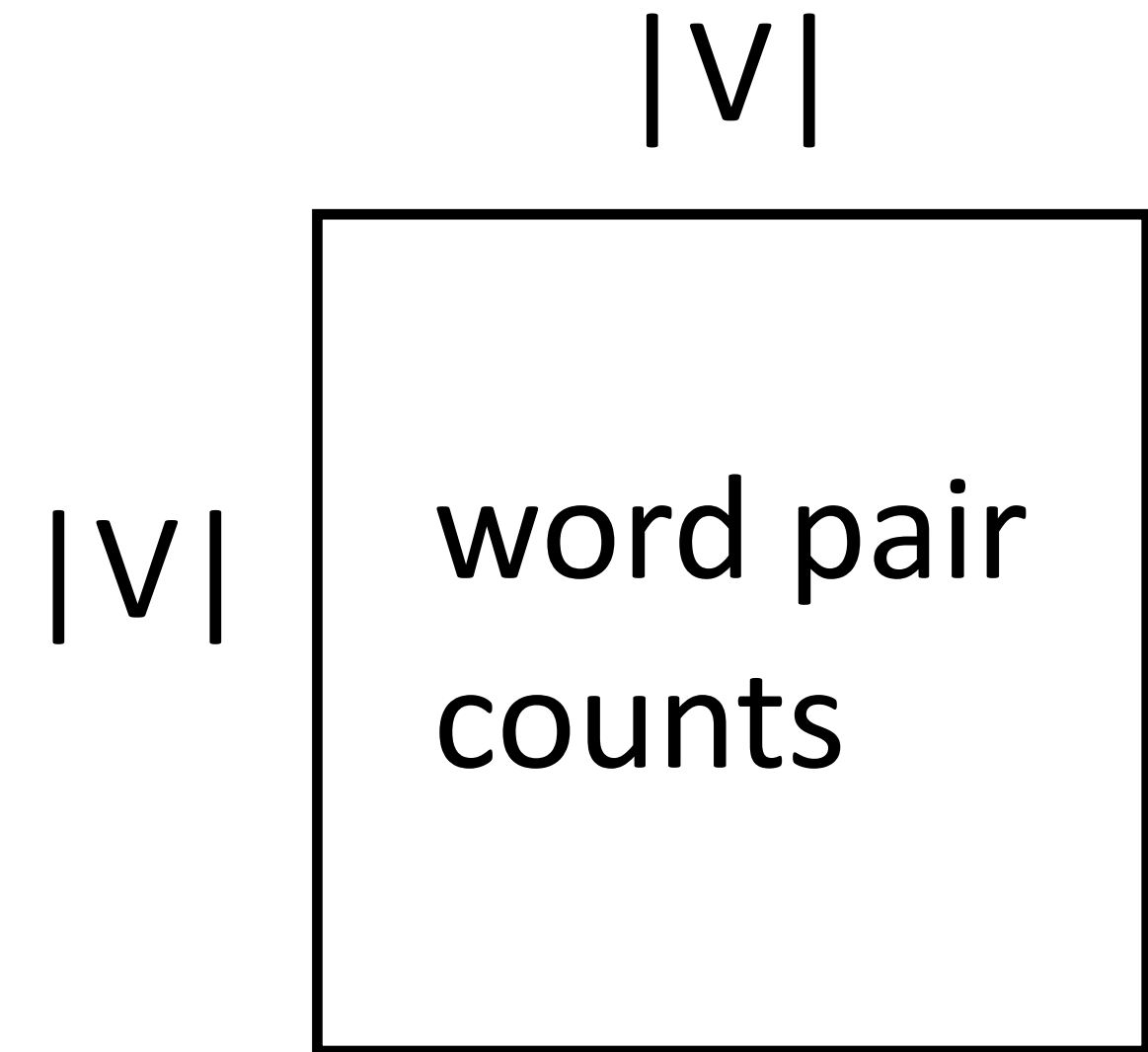
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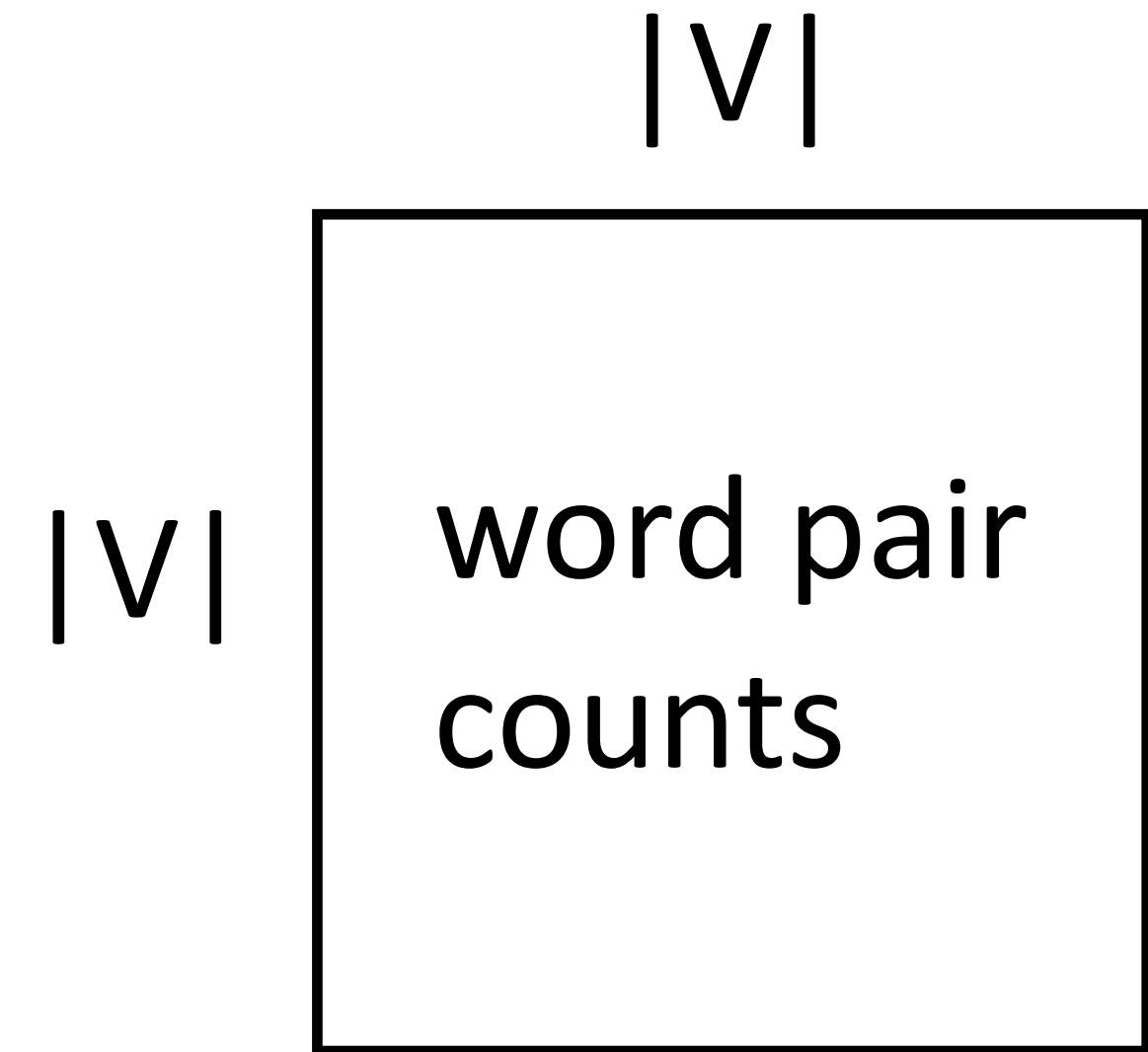
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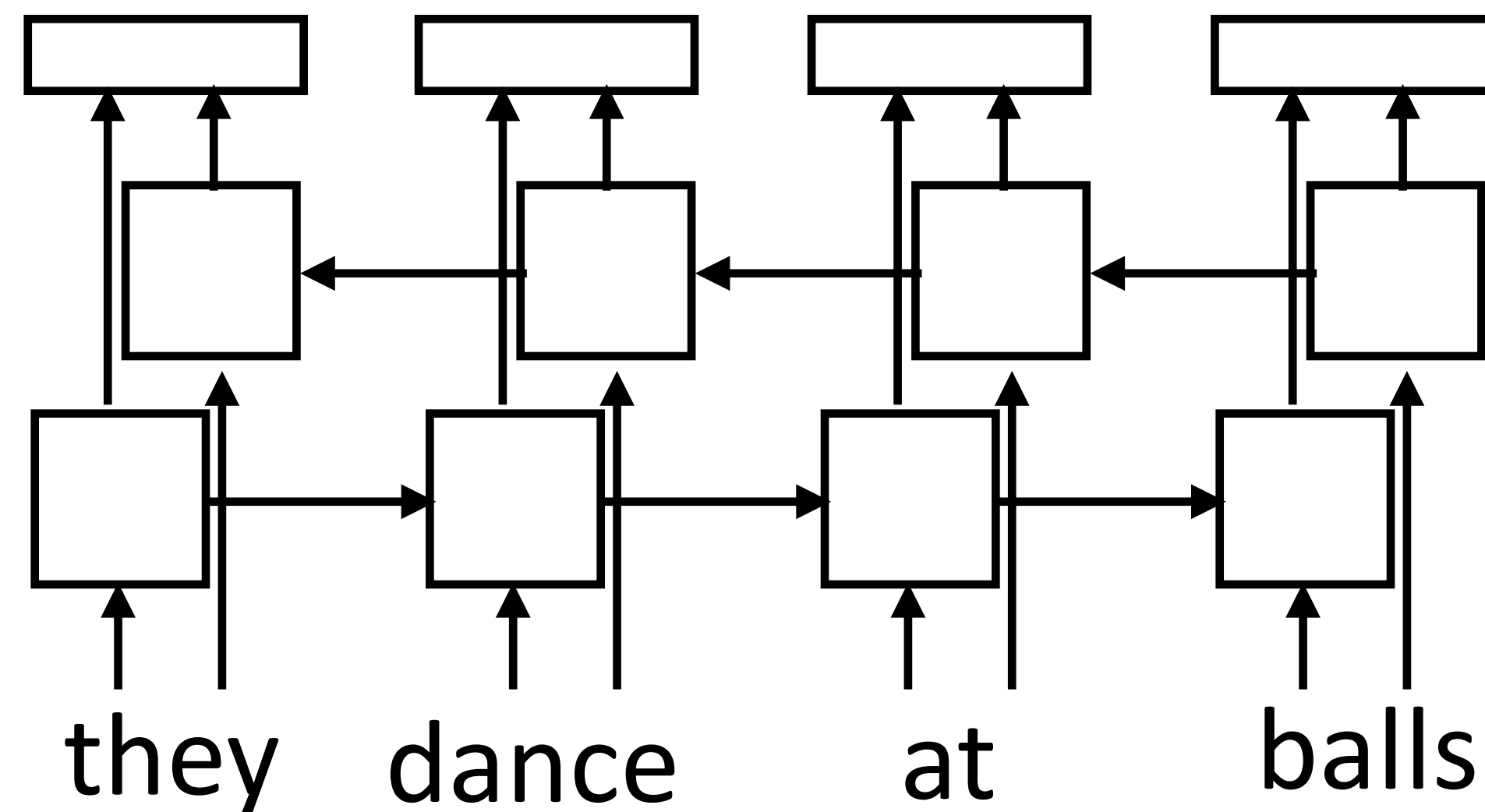
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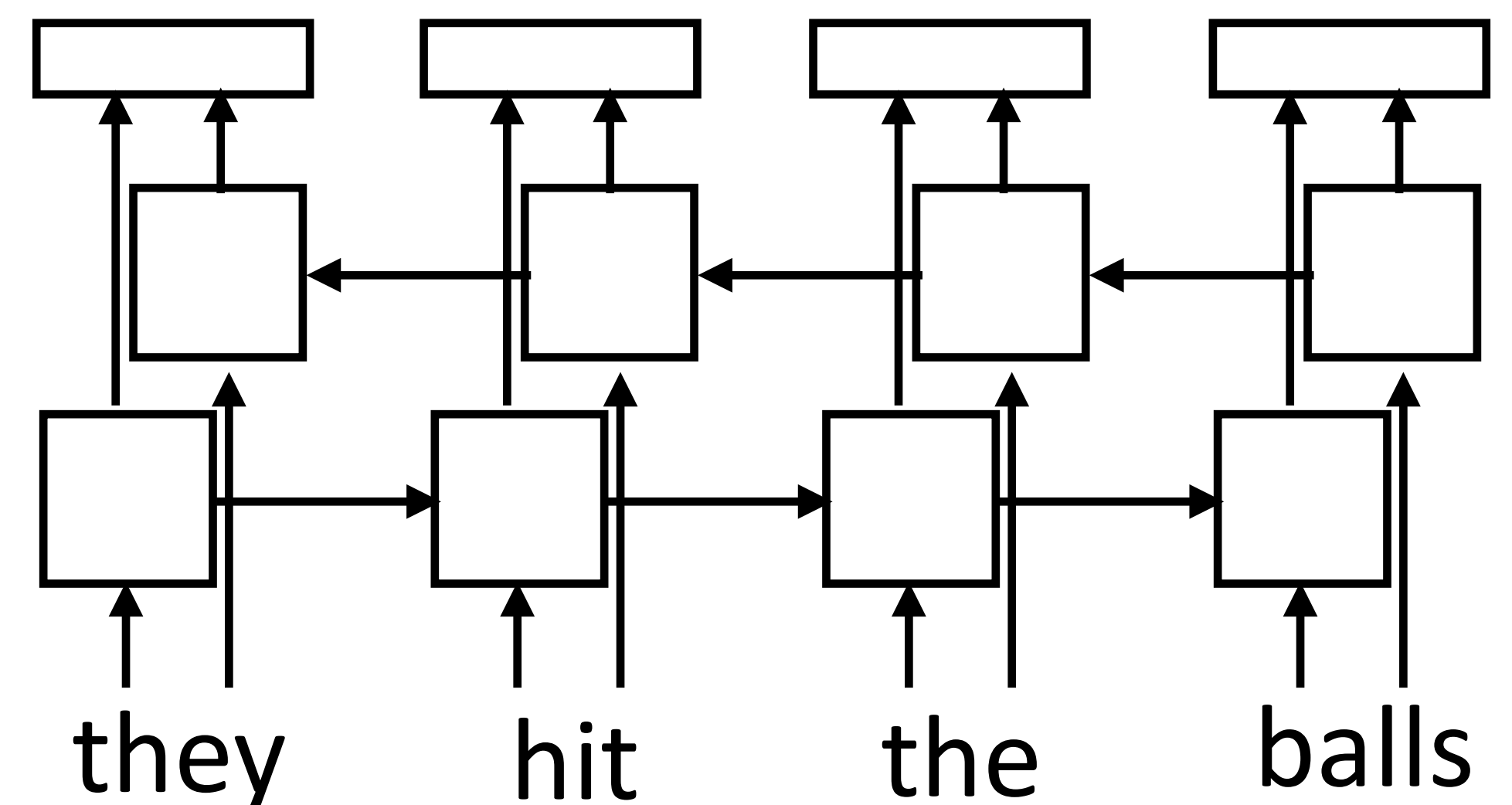
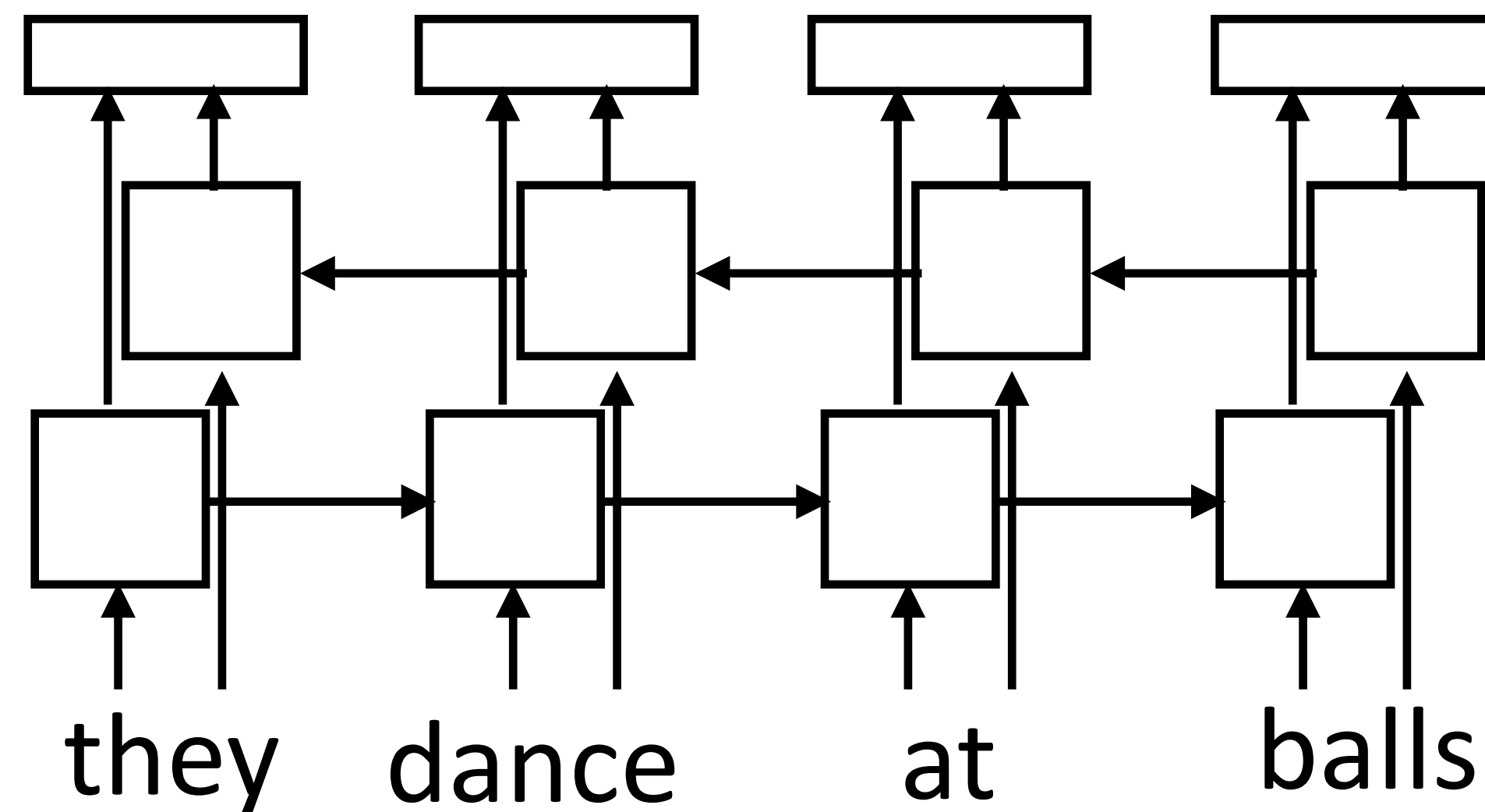


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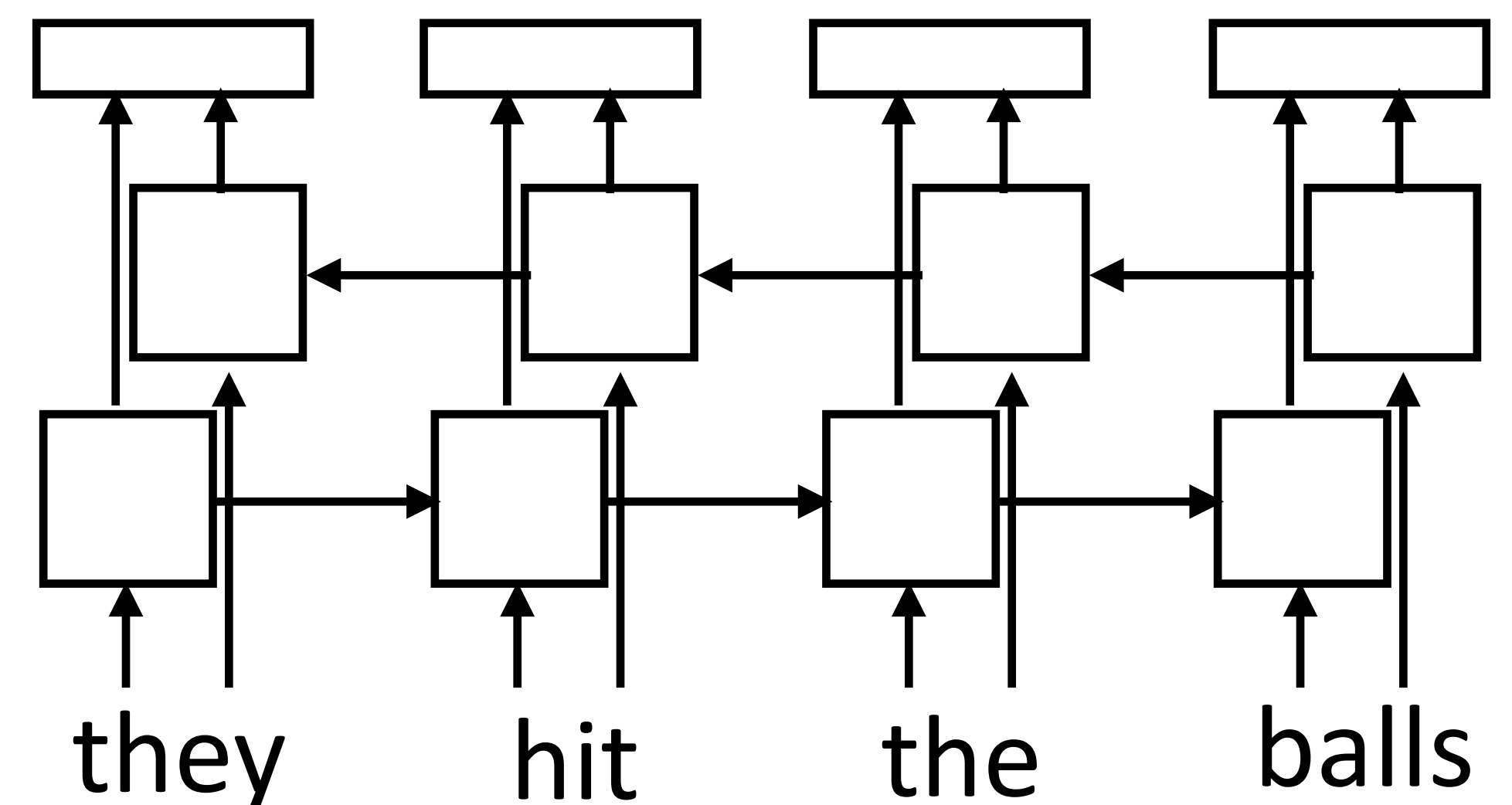
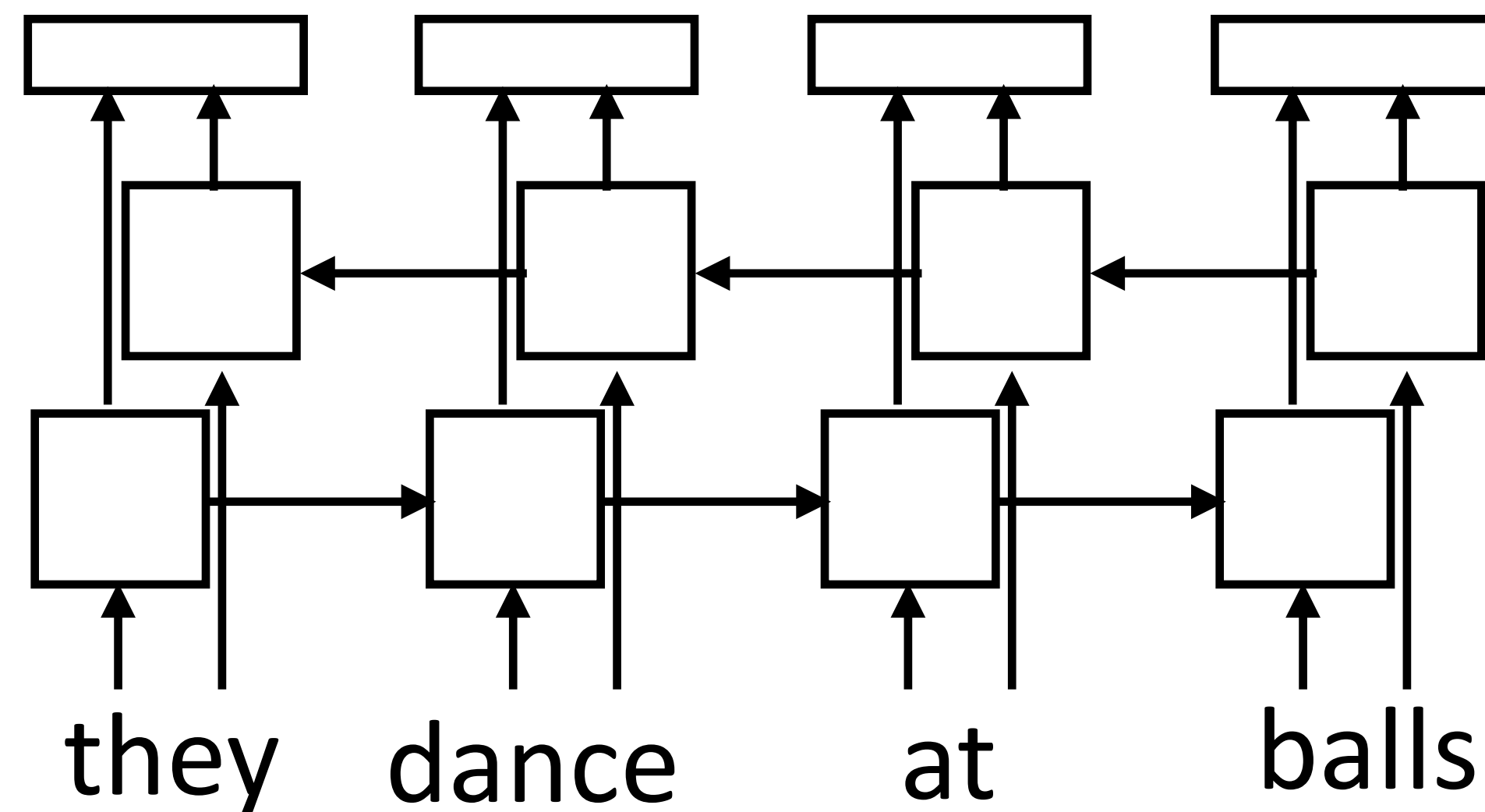
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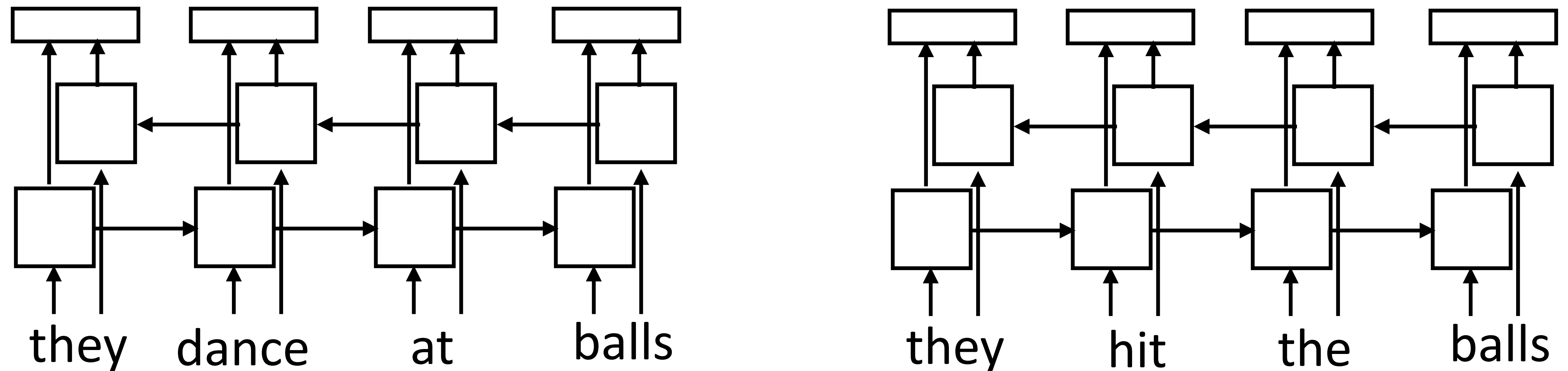
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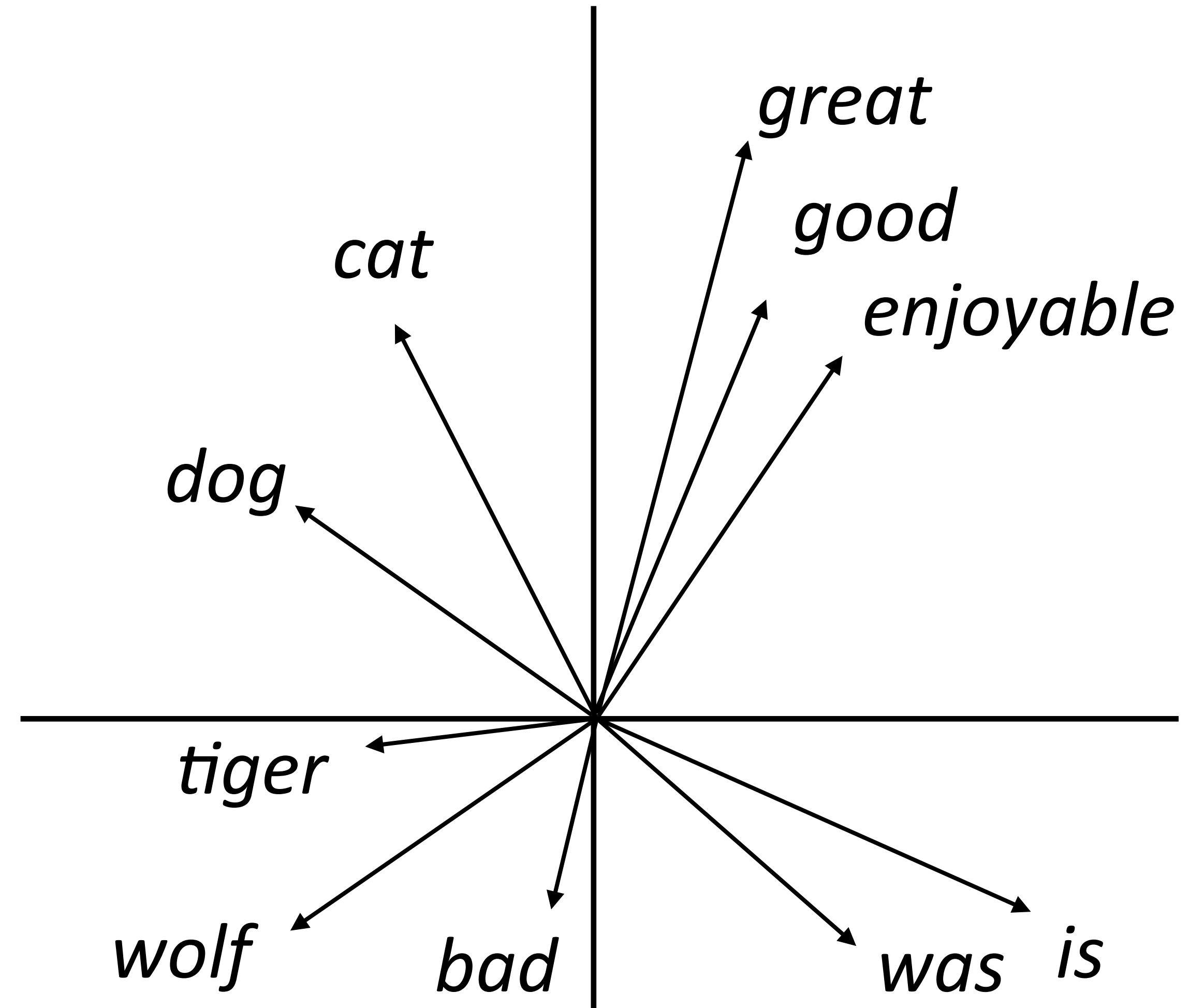
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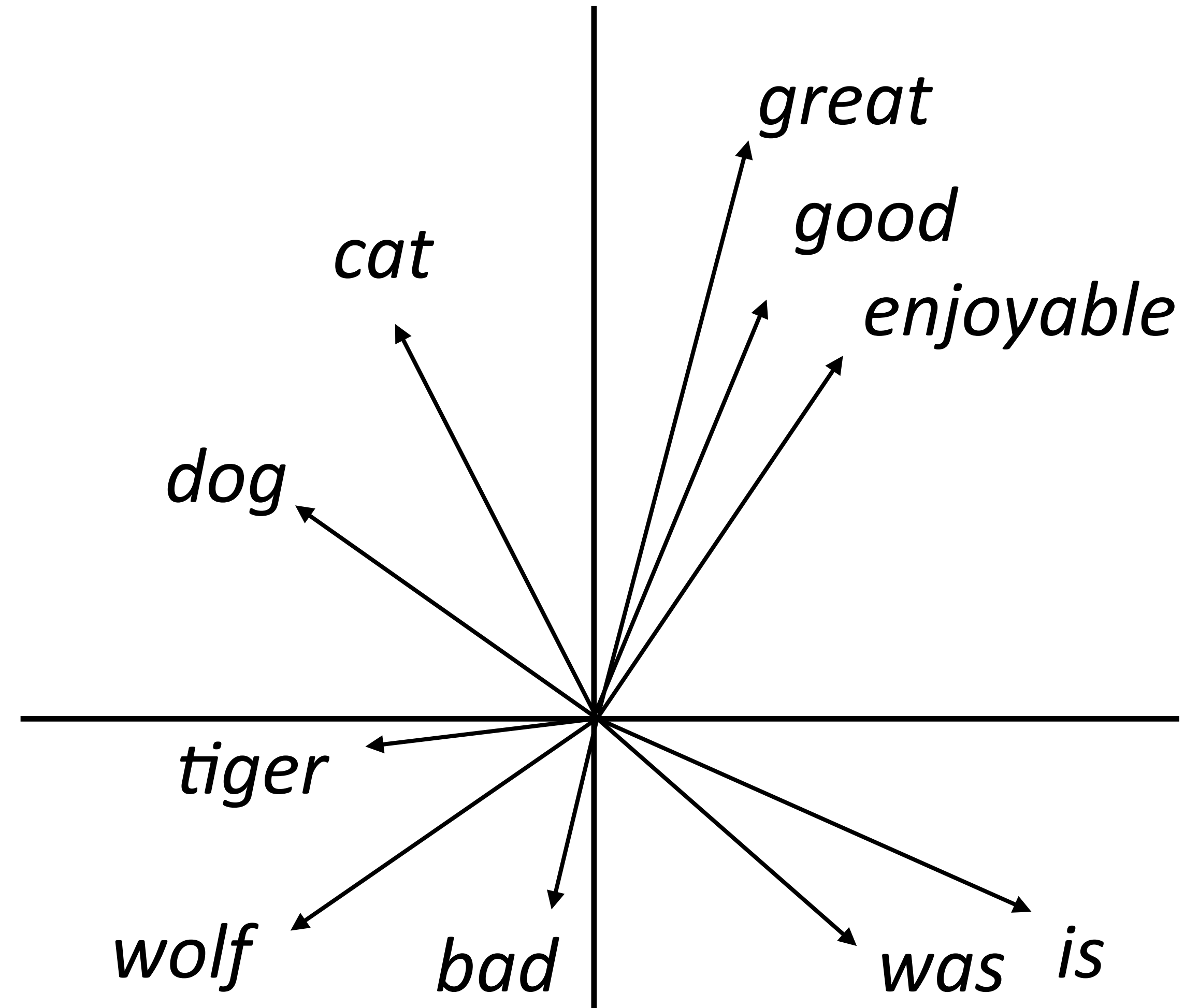
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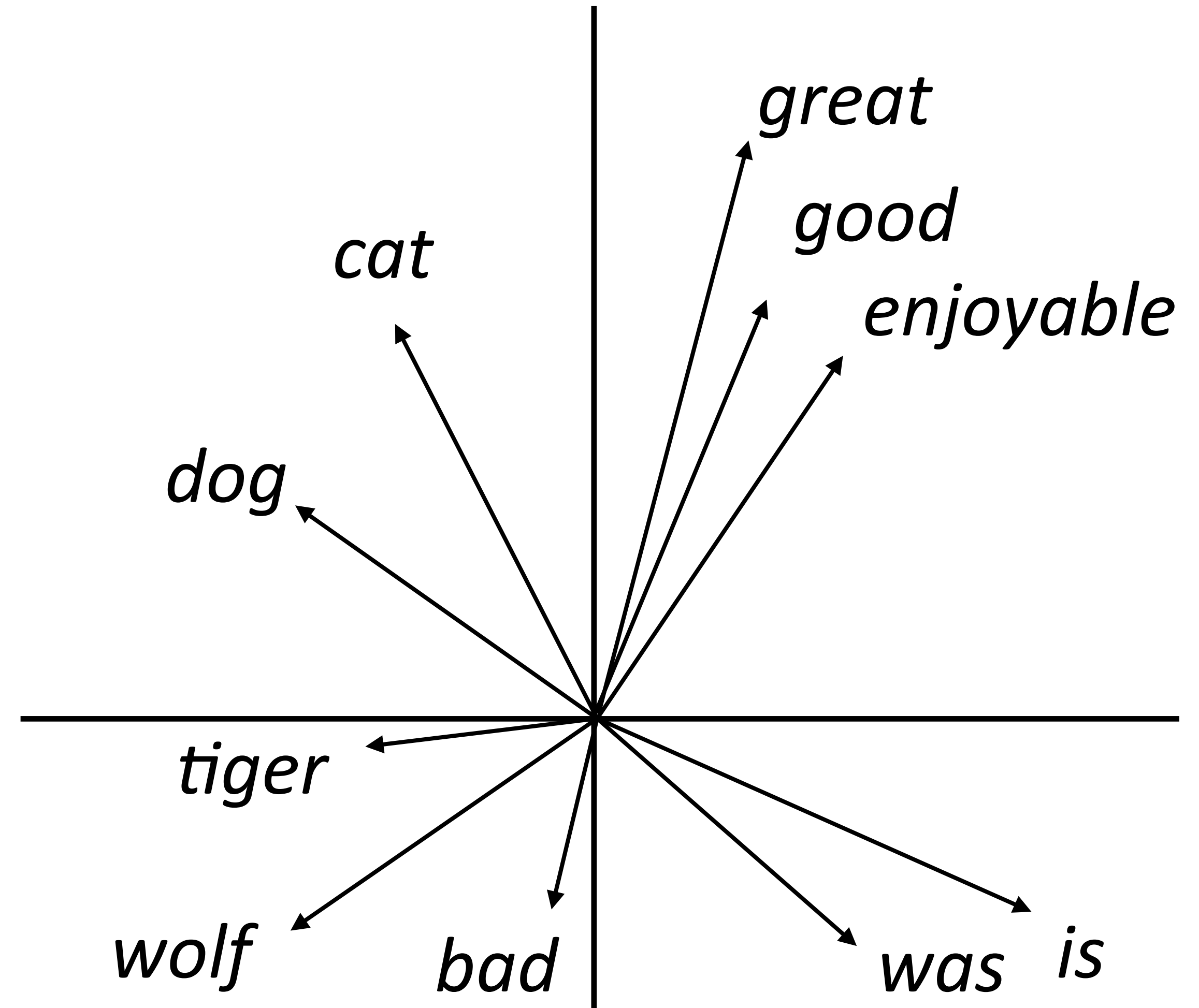


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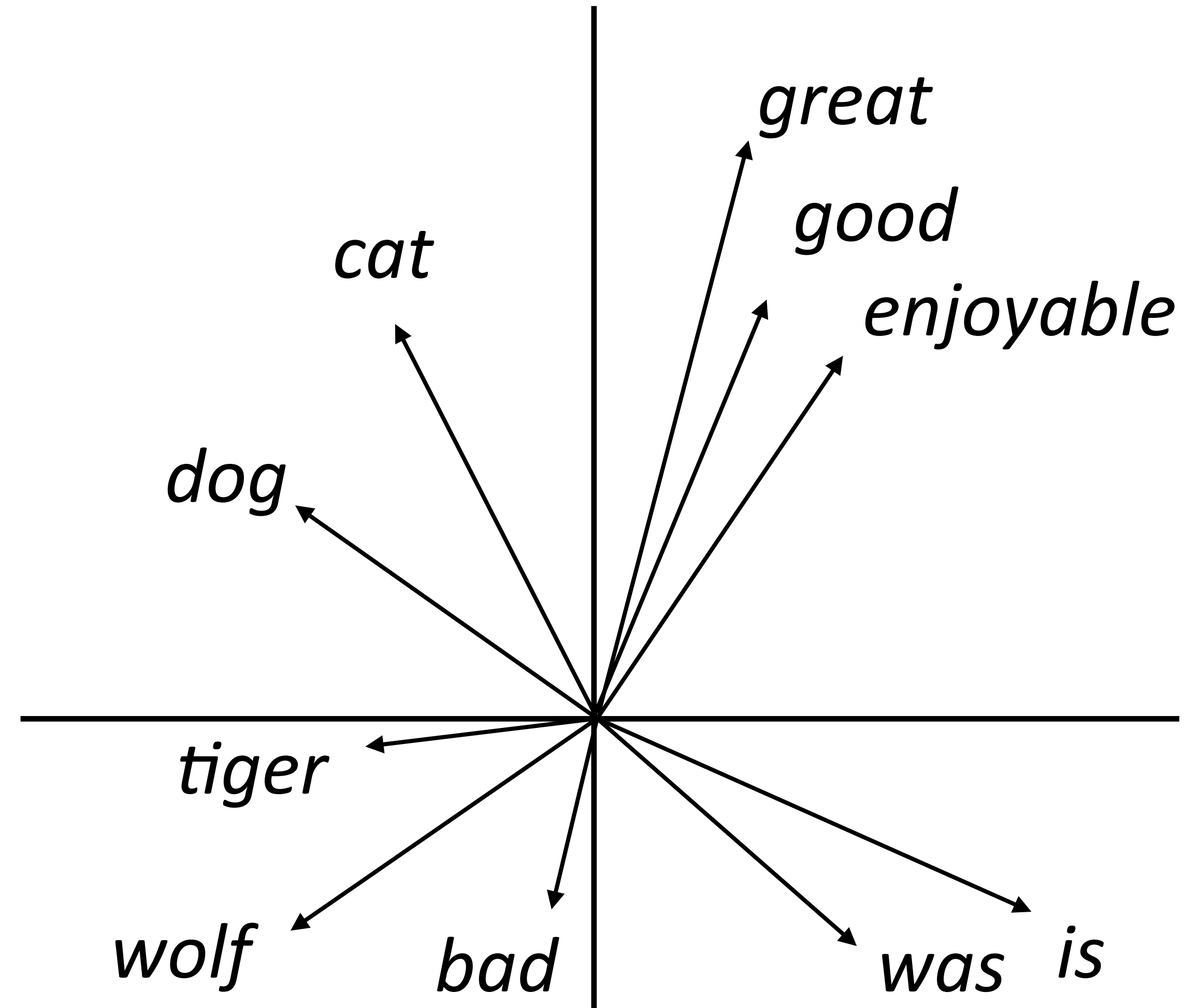


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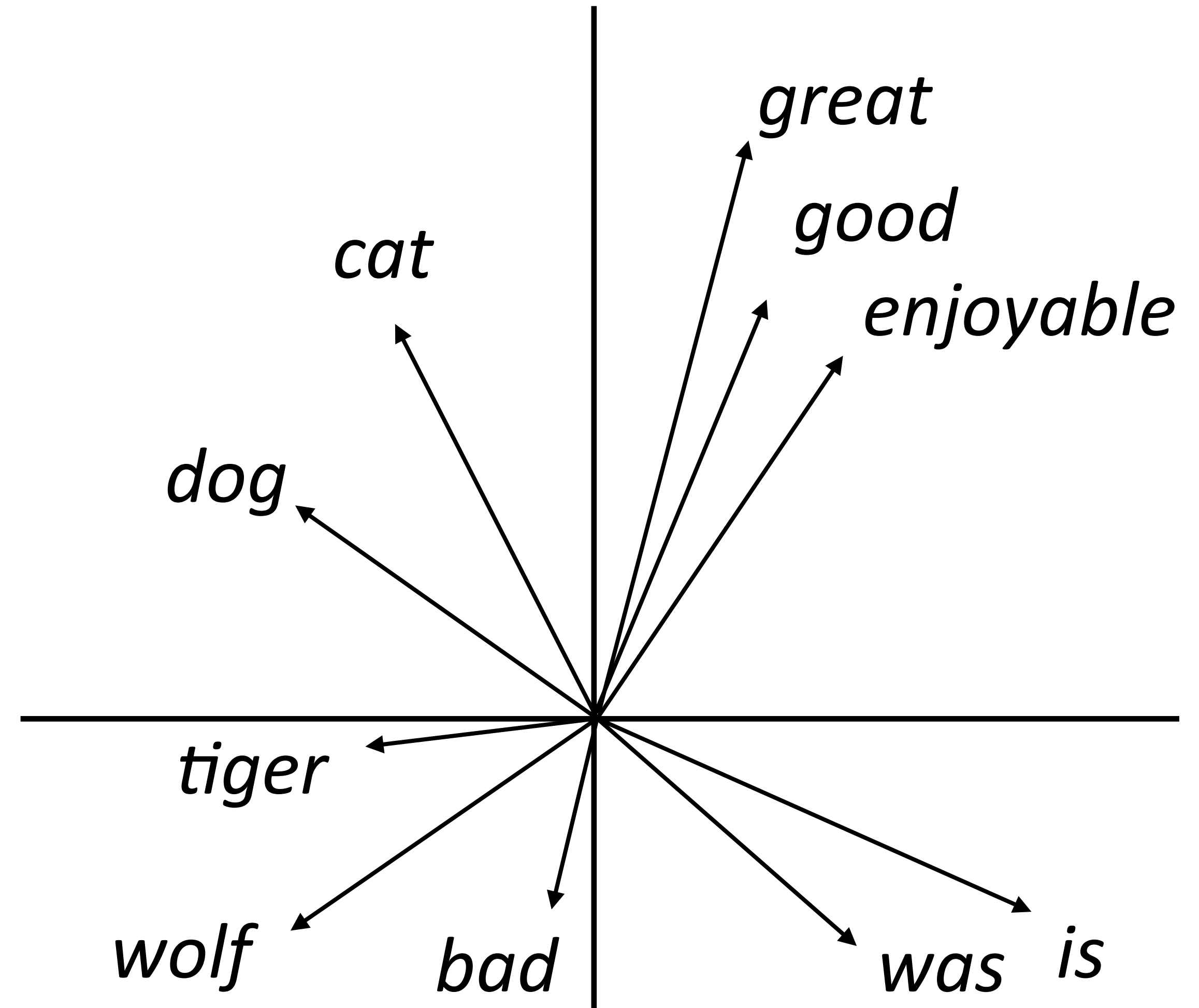
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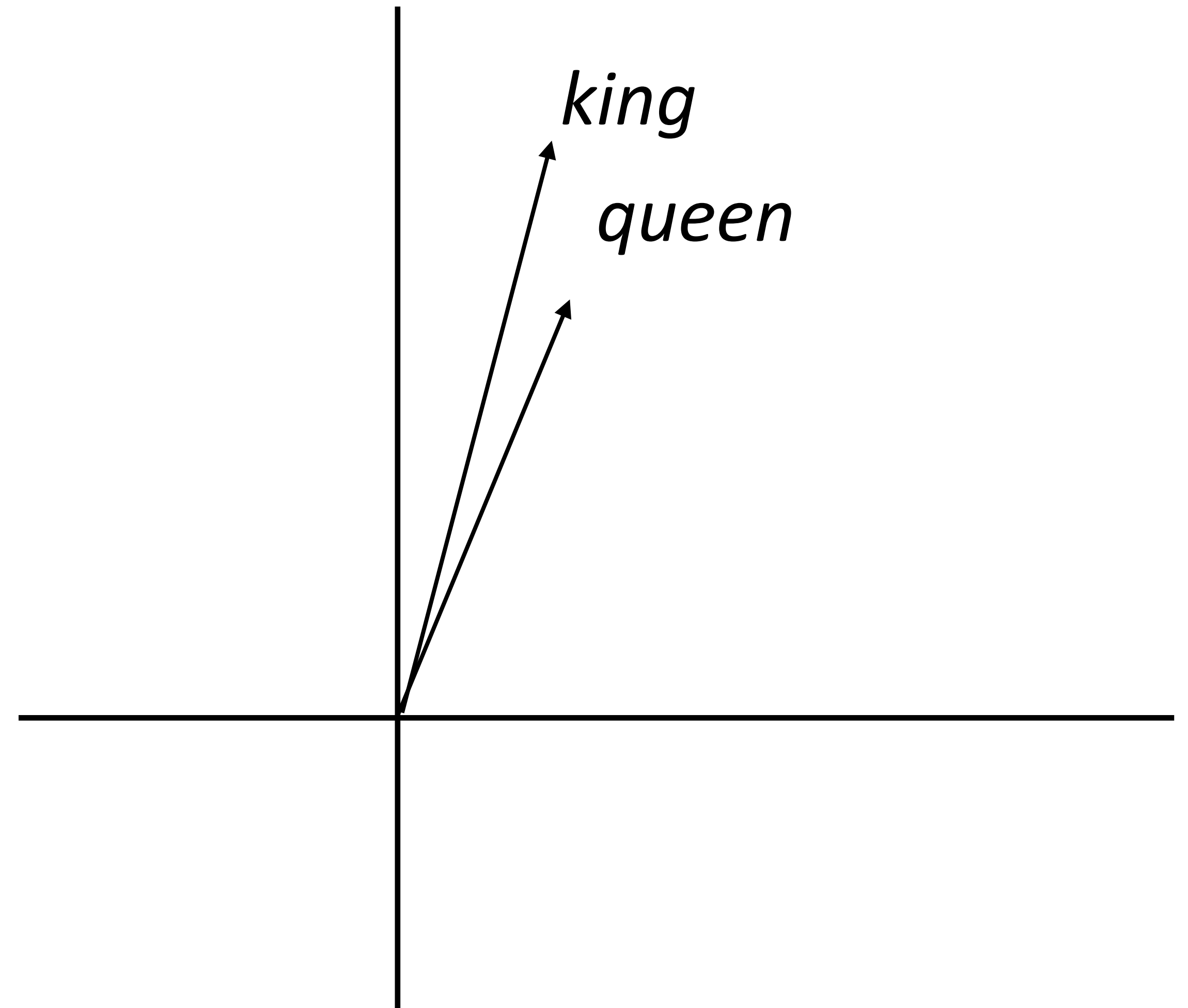
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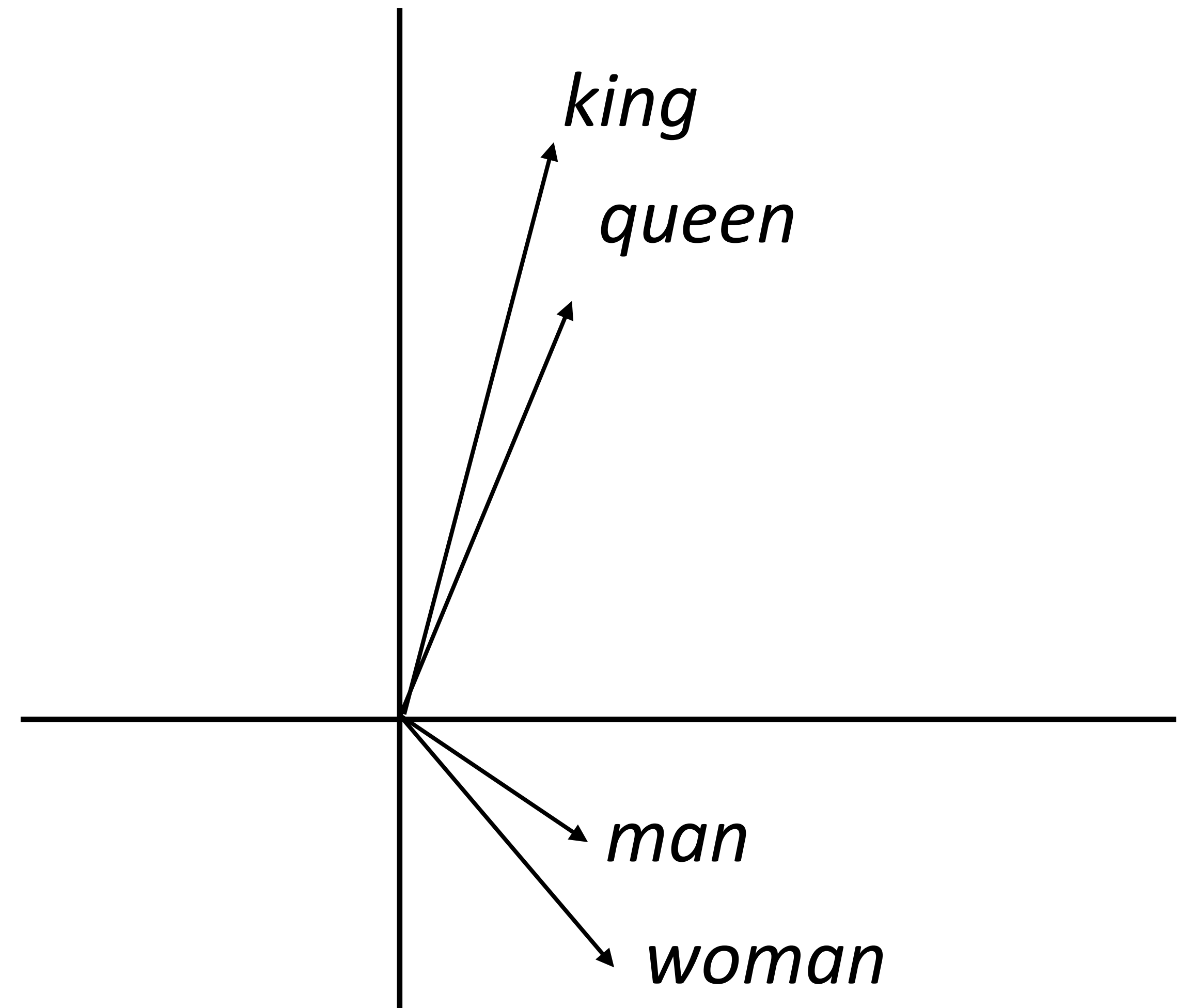
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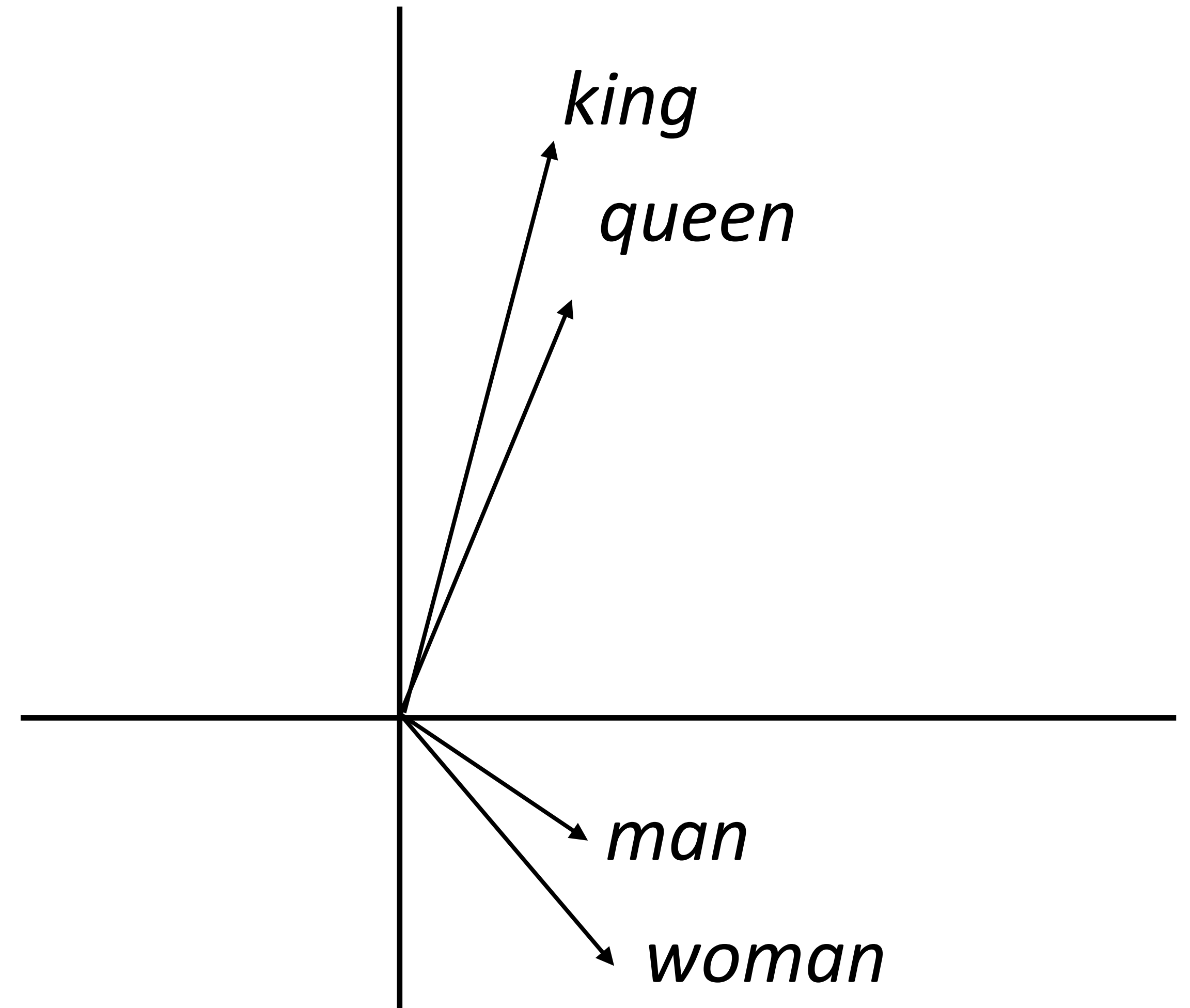


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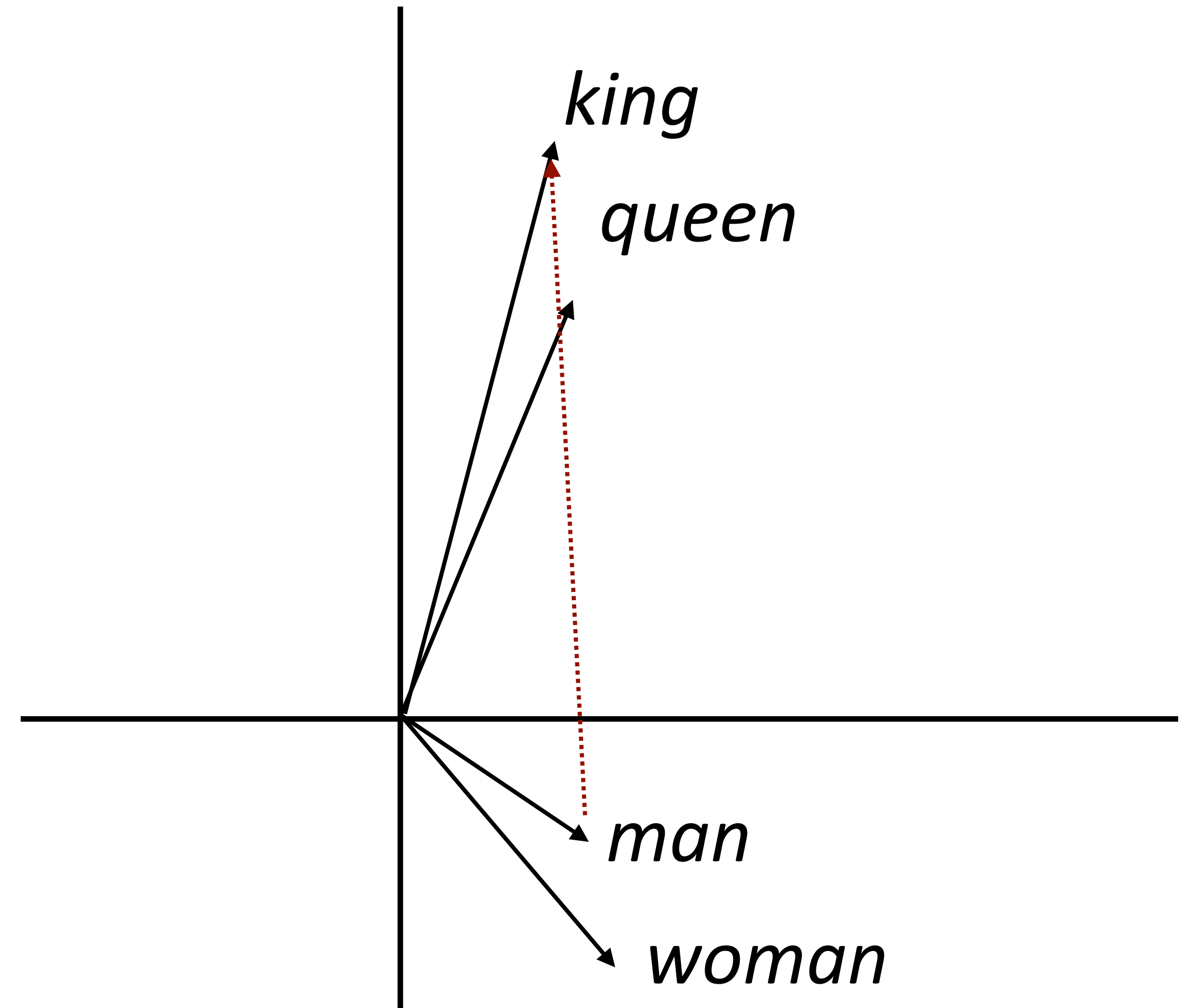
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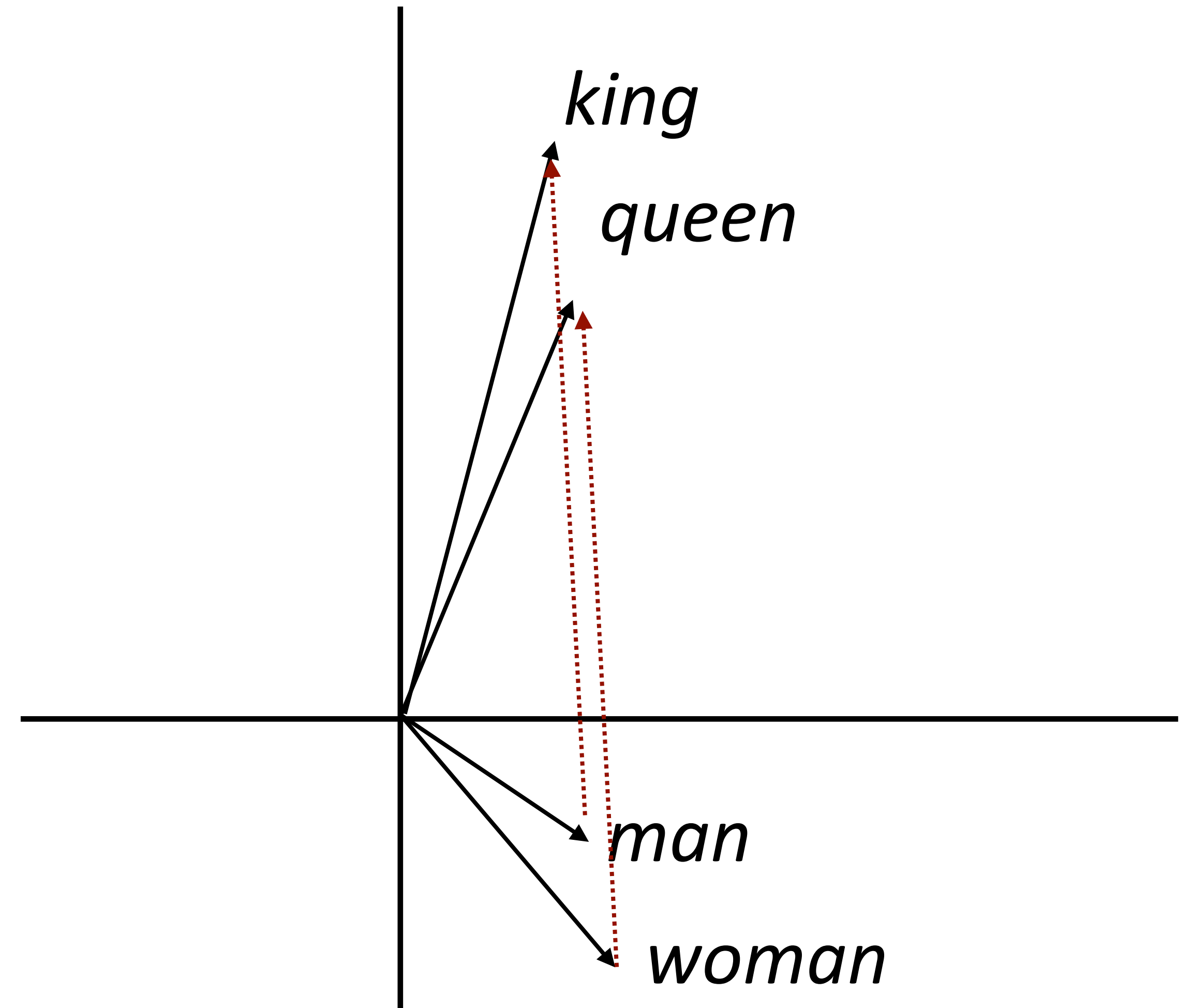
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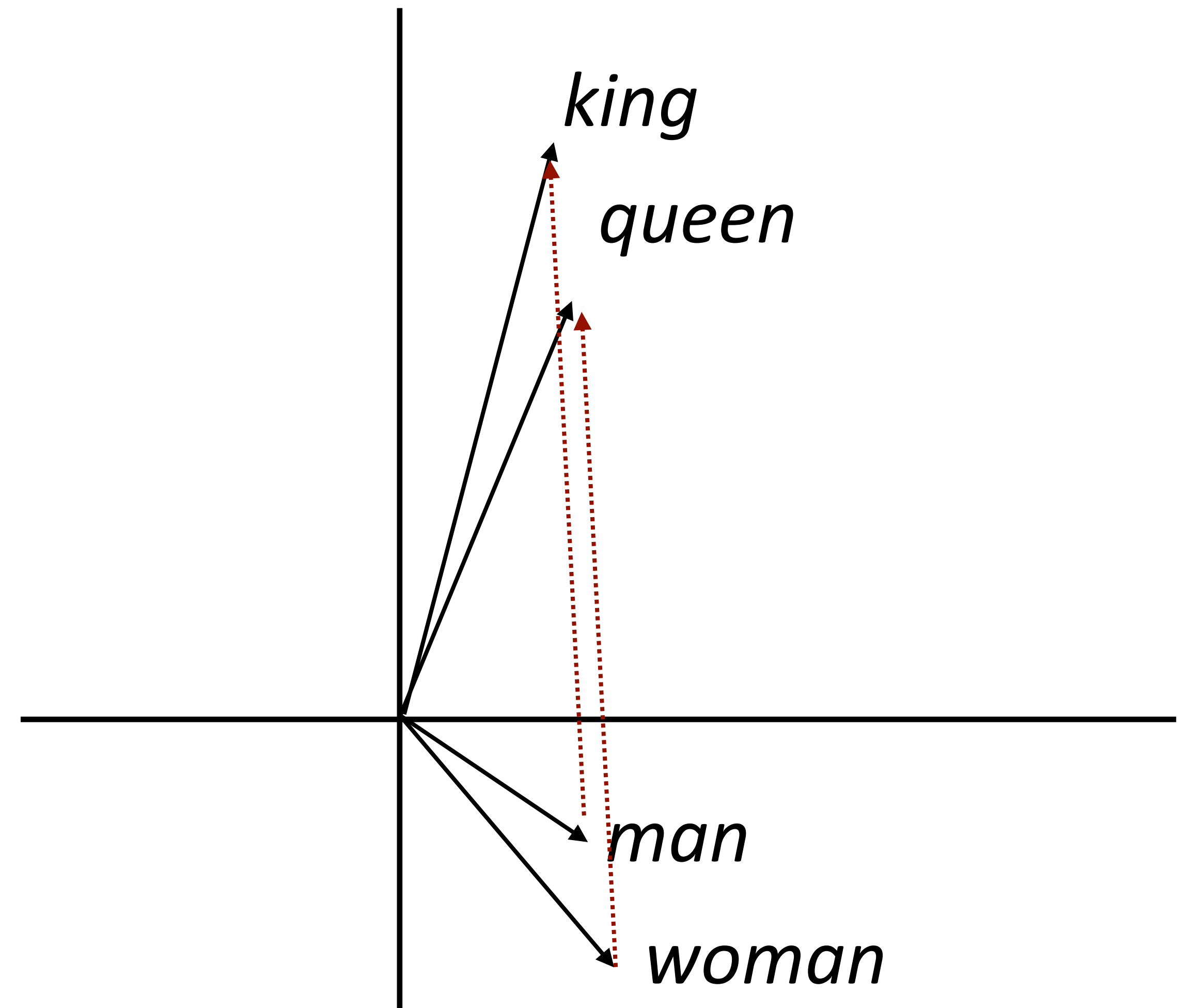
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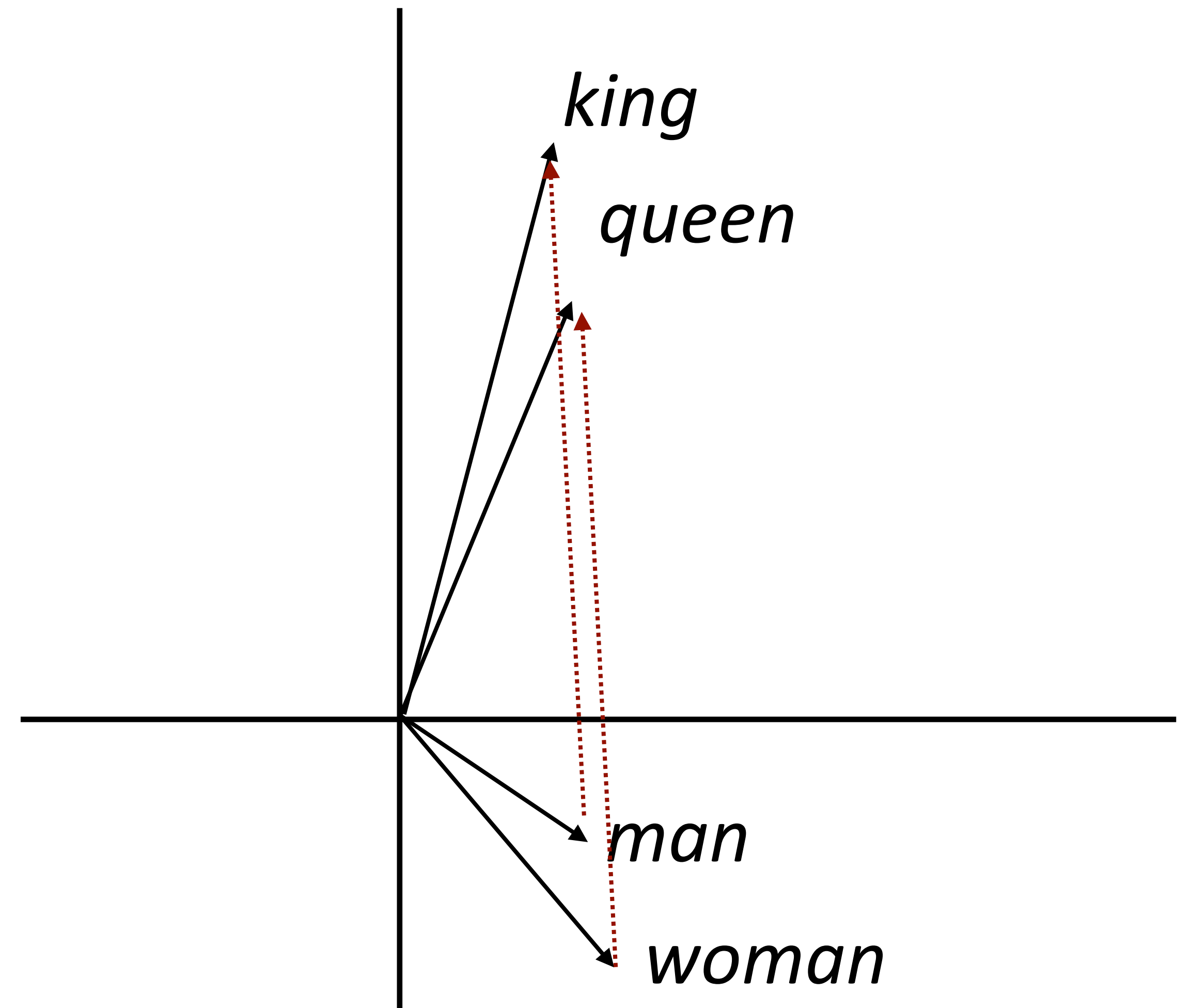


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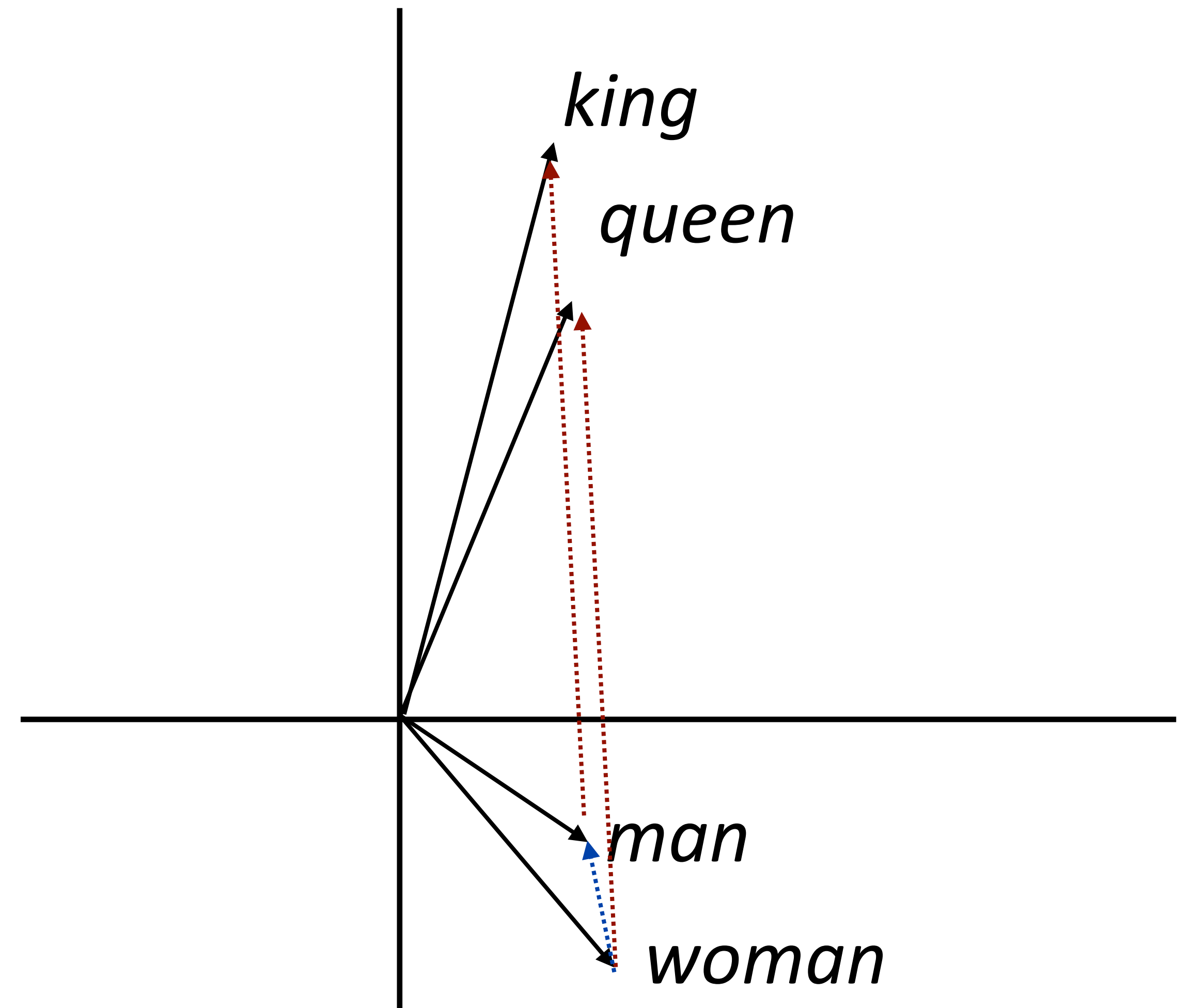


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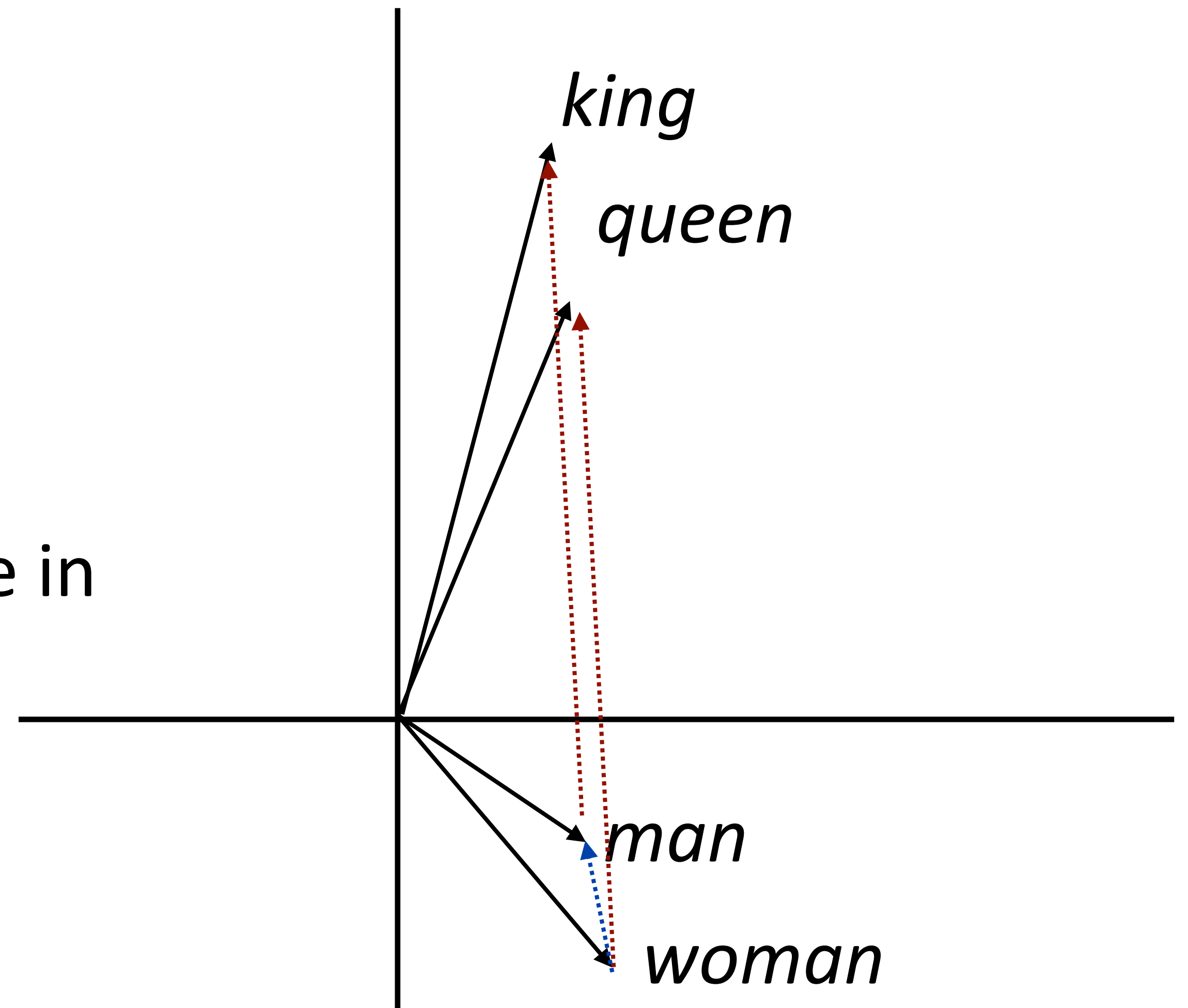


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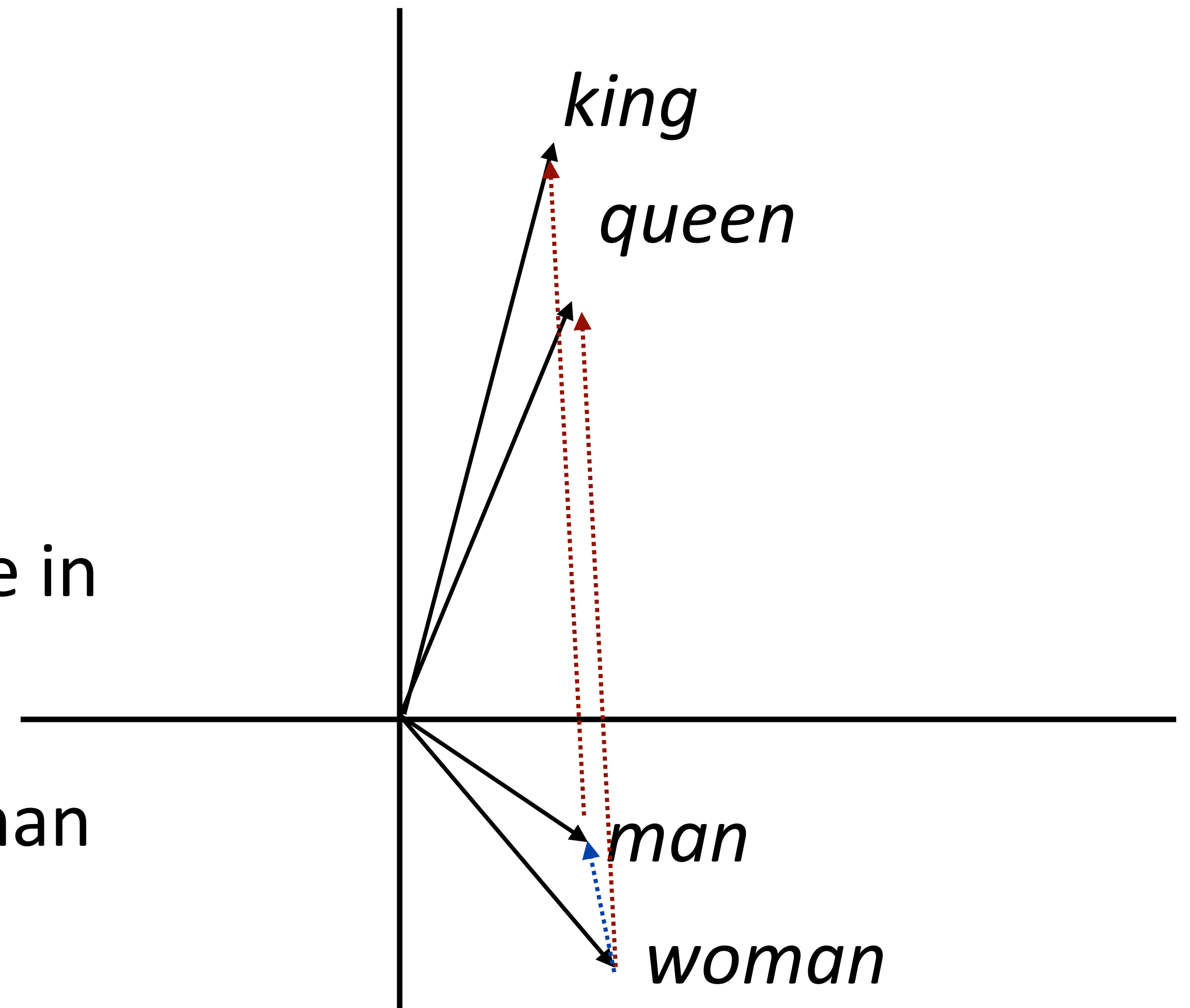


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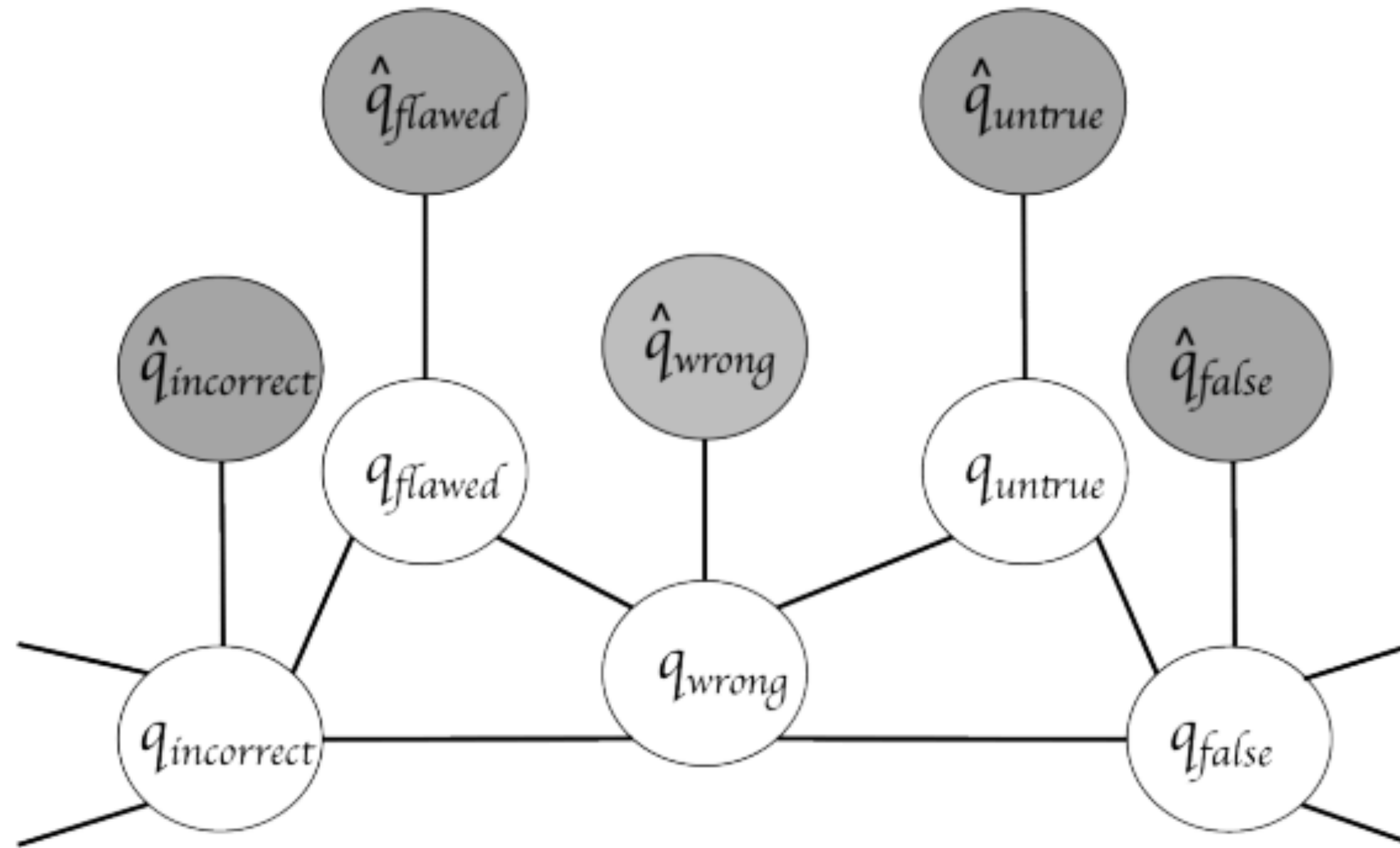
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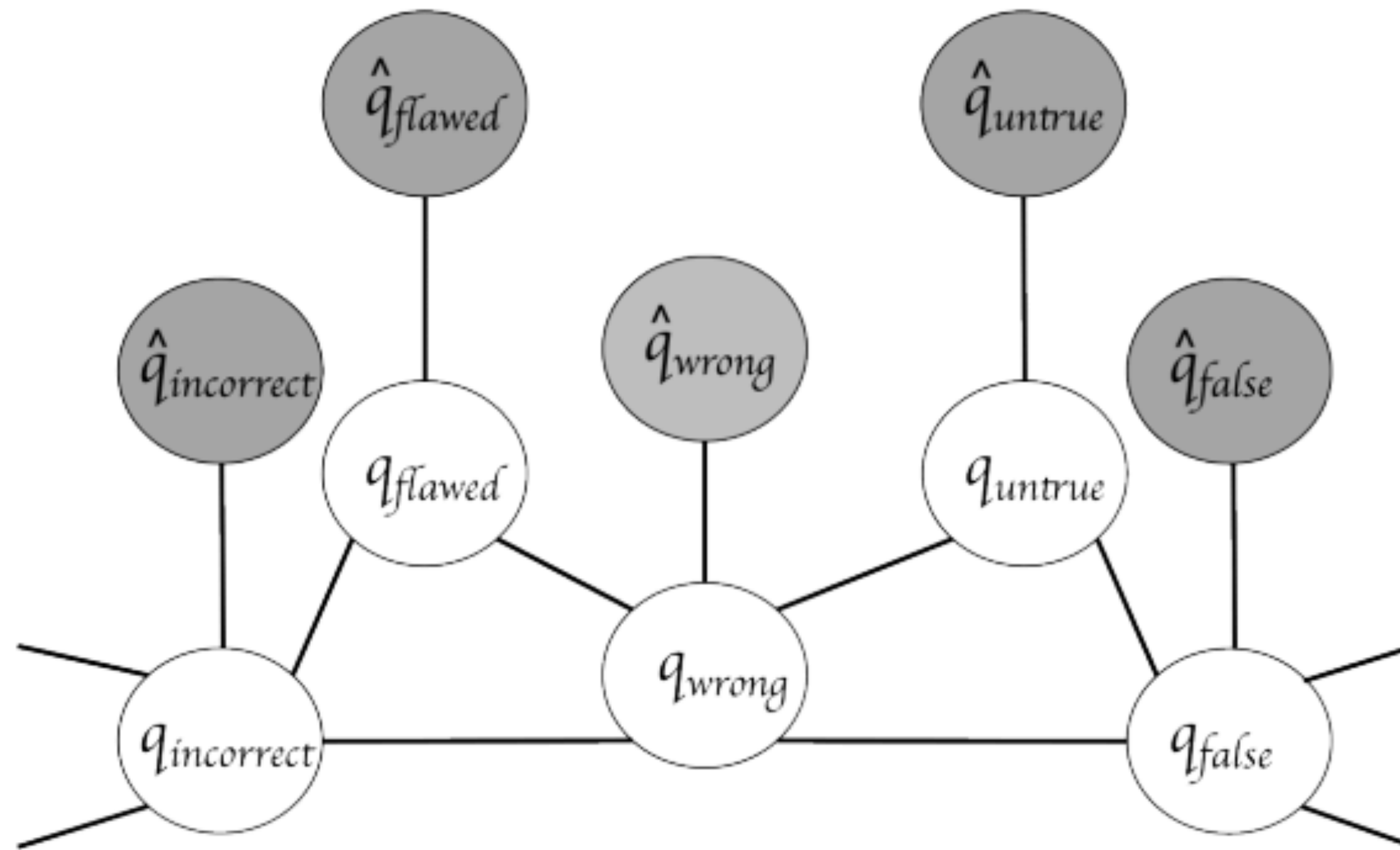
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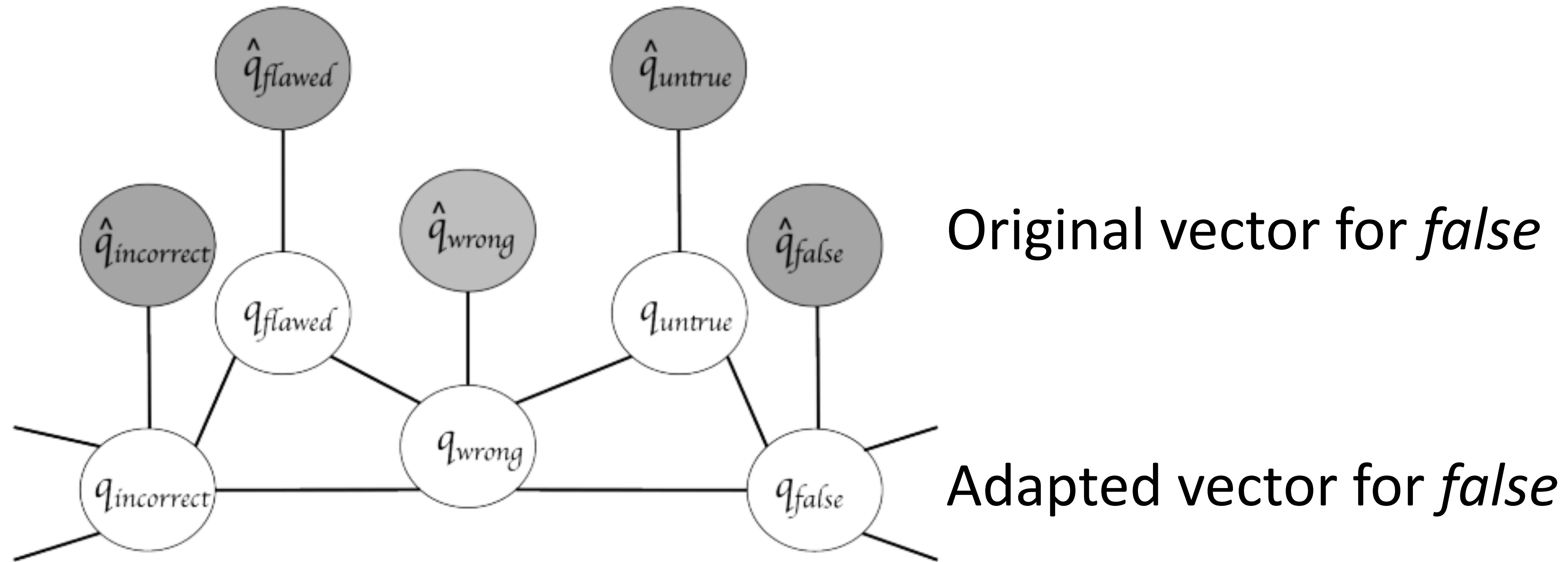


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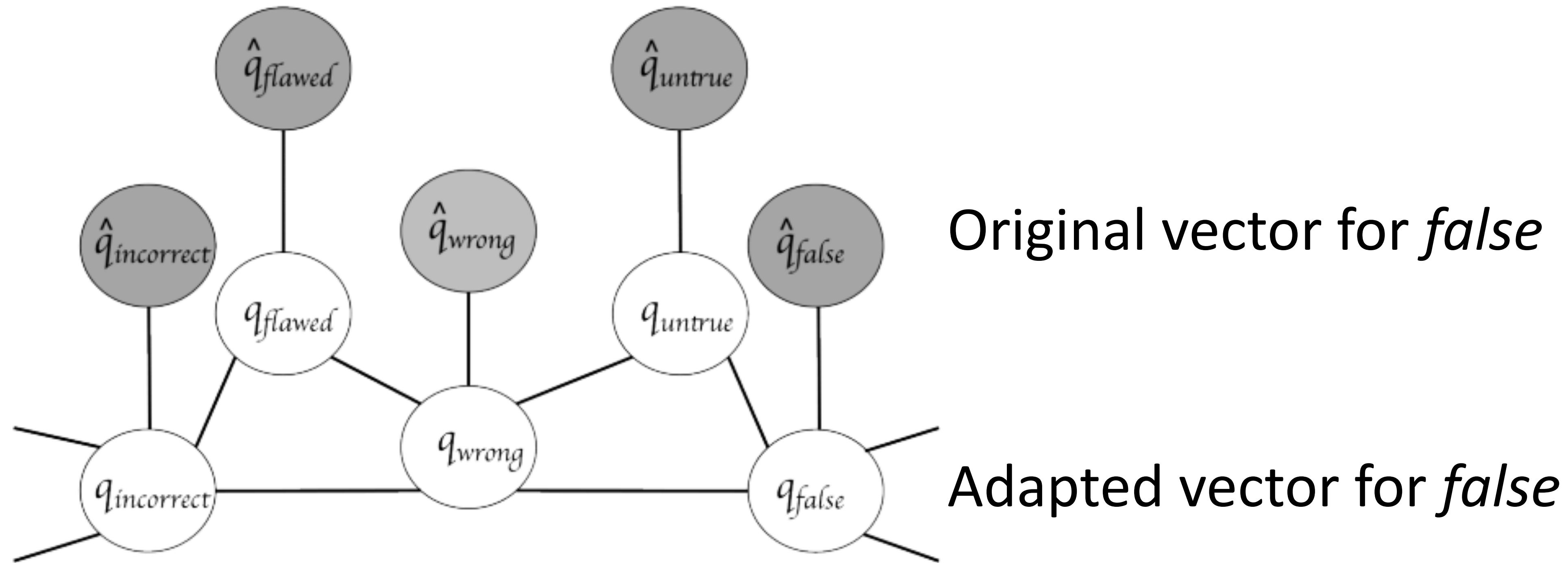
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