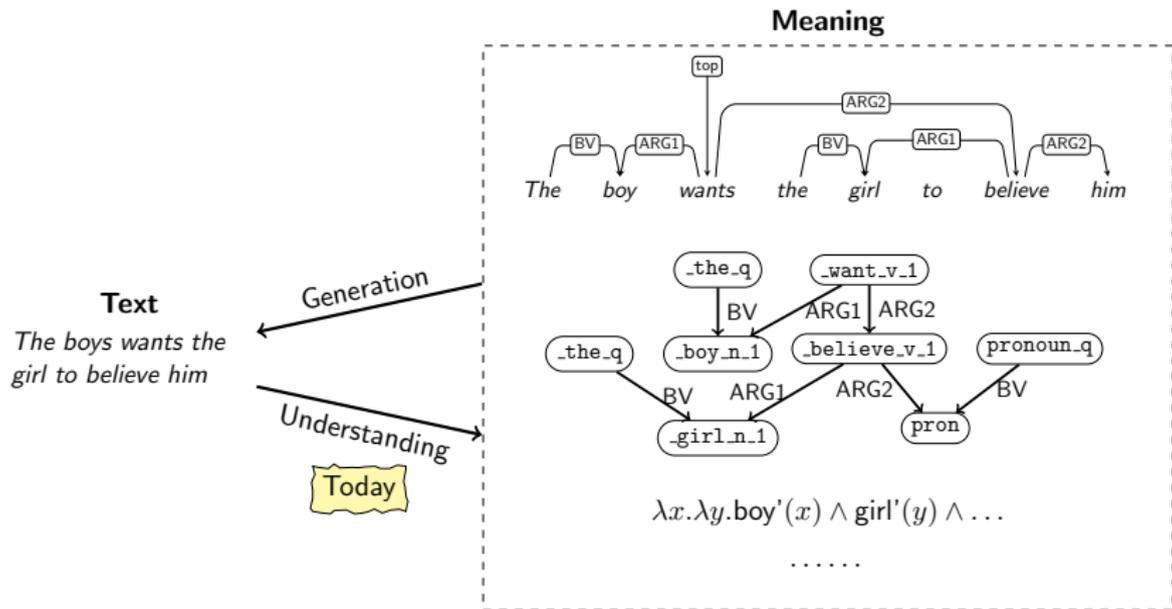


## Lecture 5: Graph-Based Meaning Representations

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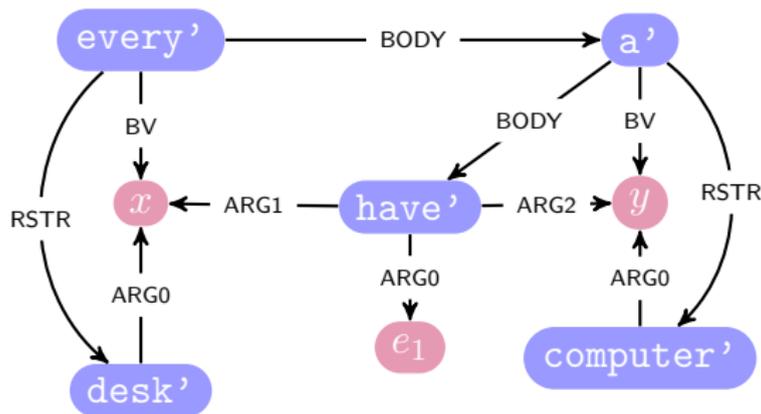
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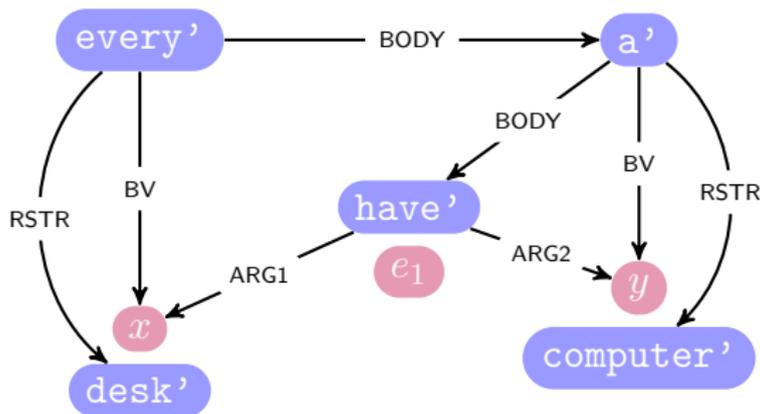
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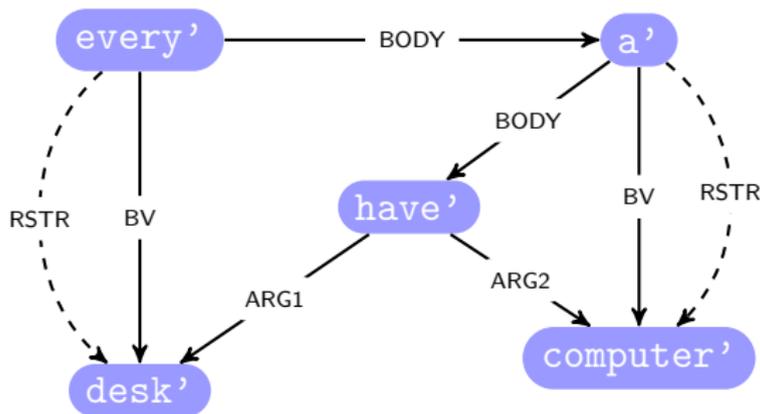
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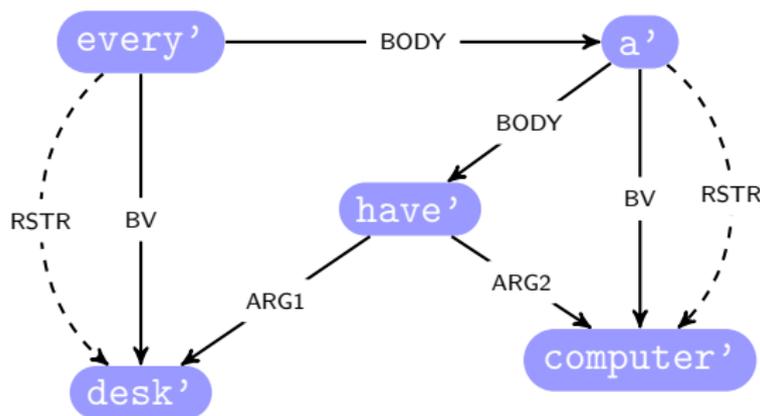
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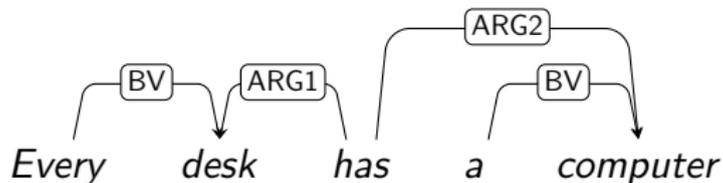
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# String-to-Graph Parsing

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- String to Graph parsing is the task of turning a string into a semantic graph
- We always need to solve two main subtasks:
  - Task 1: Concept Identification
  - Task 2: Relation Extraction
- For some semantic graphs such as EDS we additionally need to do concept-to-word alignment (task 0).

## String to Graph parsing: TASKS 1 and 2

- There are two methods for performing tasks 1 and 2.
- One is based on **Factorisation**
  - Make some global analysis
  - eg. for Task1, use sequence-labelling for concept identification
  - For task 2, use Maximum Subgraph Parsing for relation detection (bilinearity can be applied)
  - This is the classic approach for AMR parsing, but any semantic graph can be parsed this way, even MRS.
- The other is based on **Composition**
  - local
  - judge quality of each composition step
  - computation is by classification over rules
  - Tasks 1 and 2 are performed in parallel
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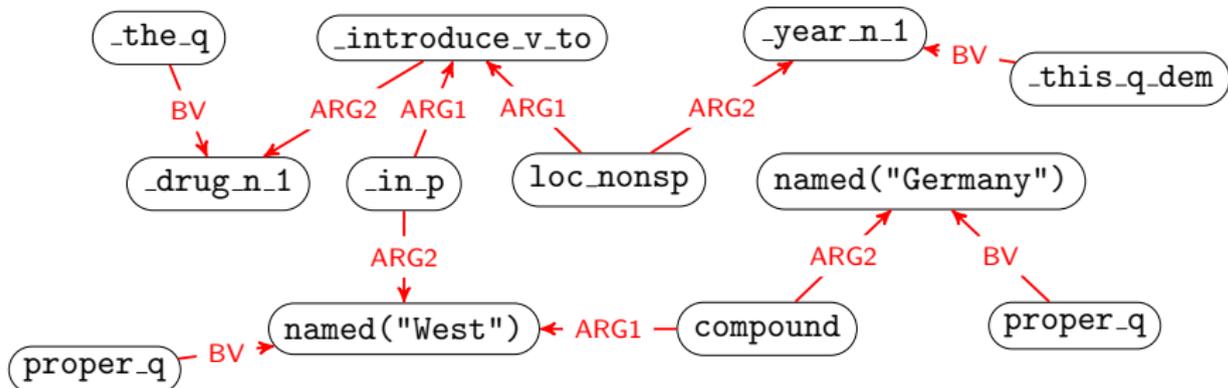
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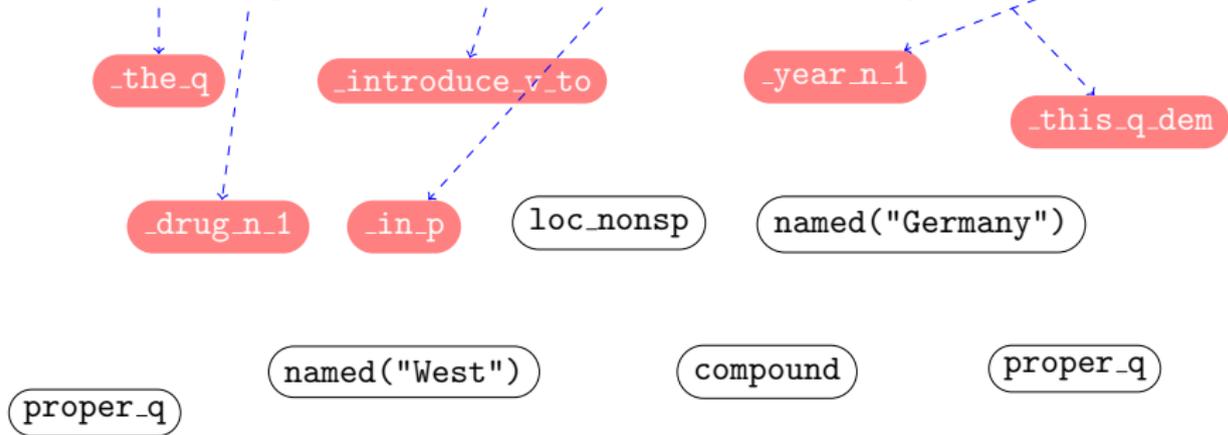
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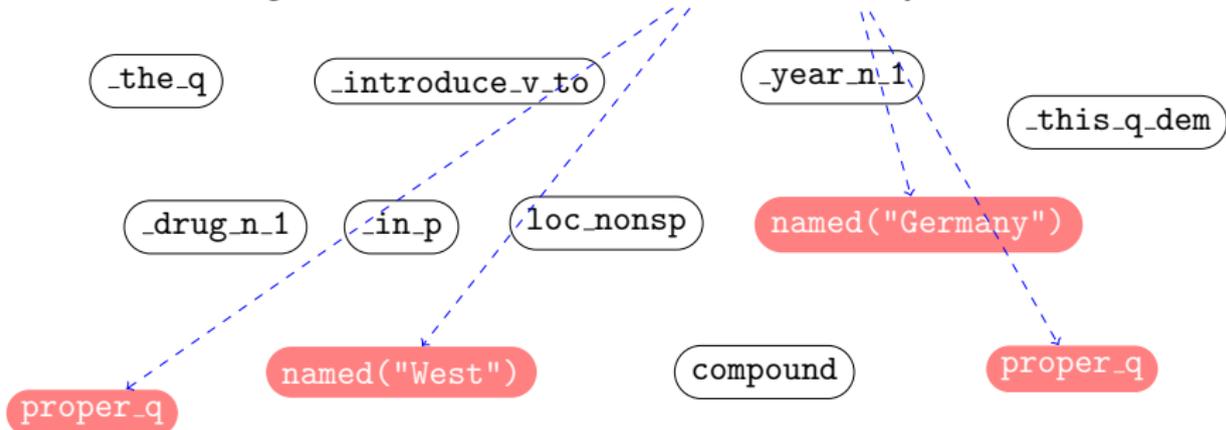
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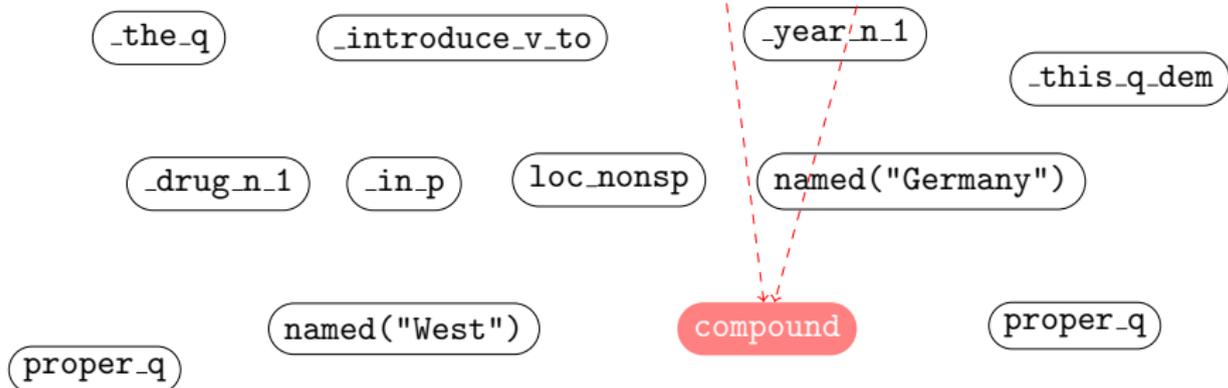
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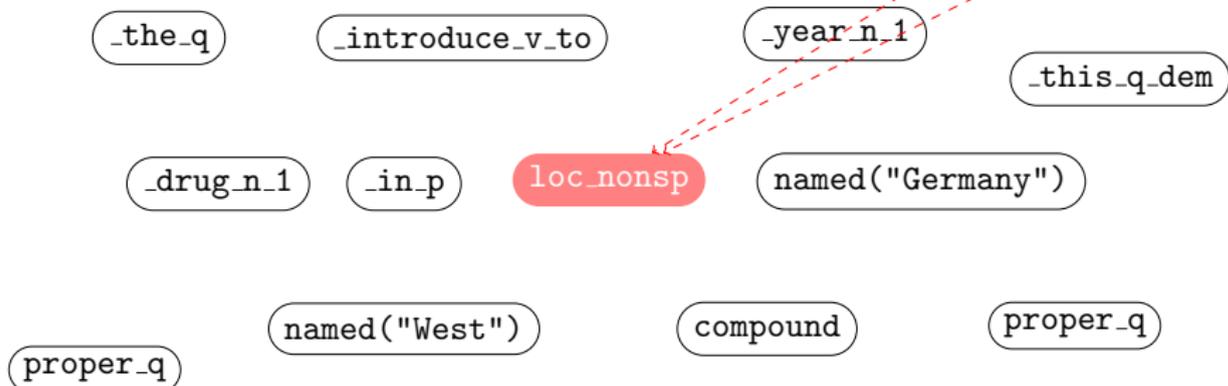
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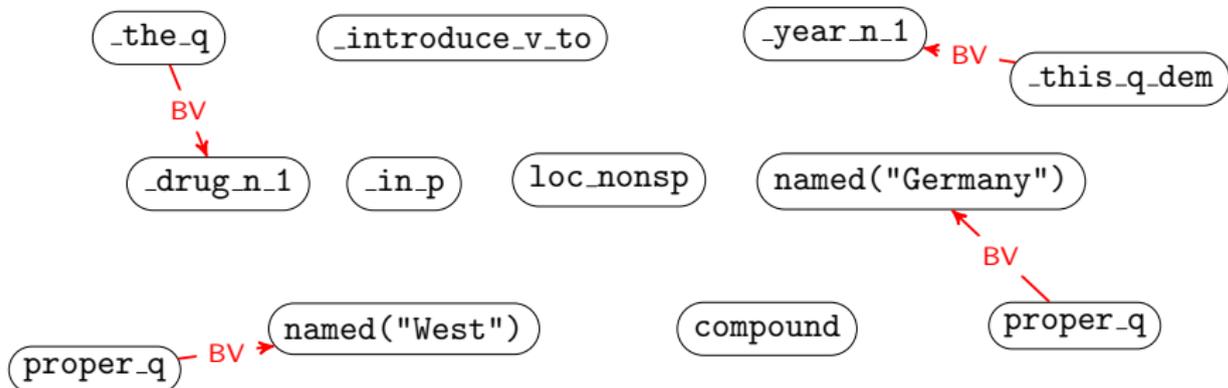
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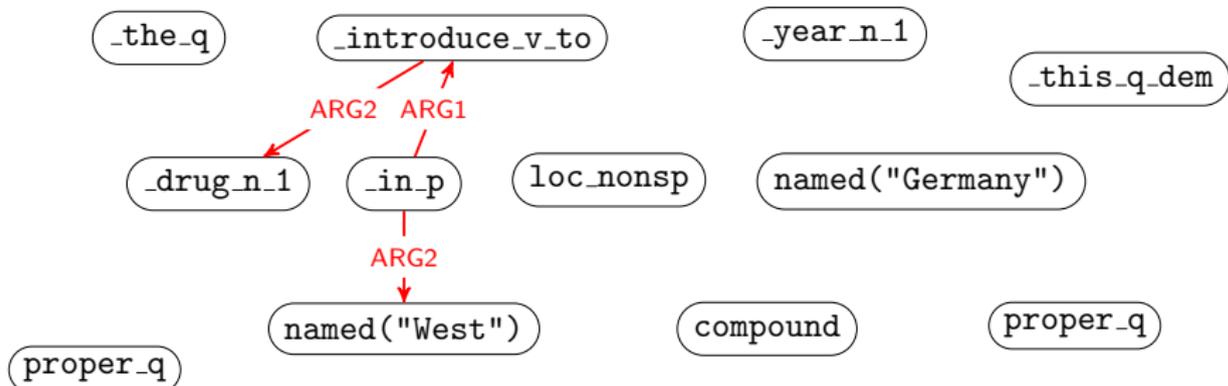


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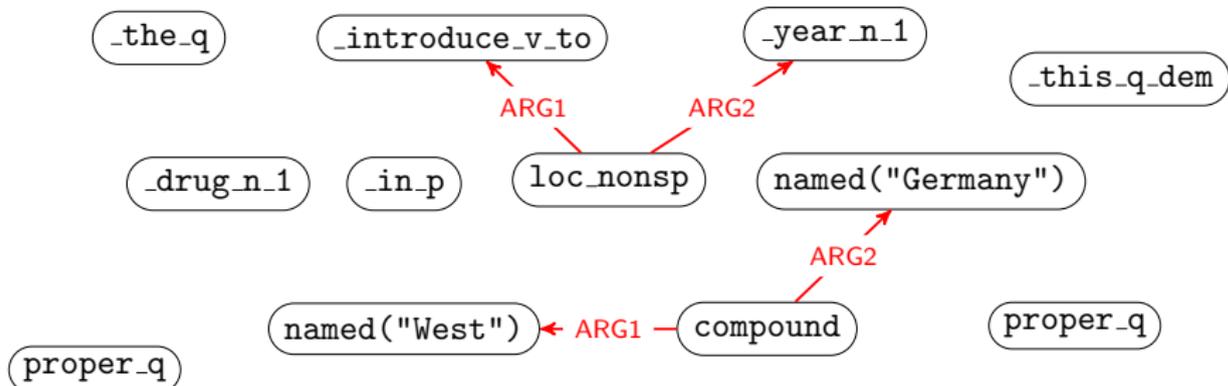


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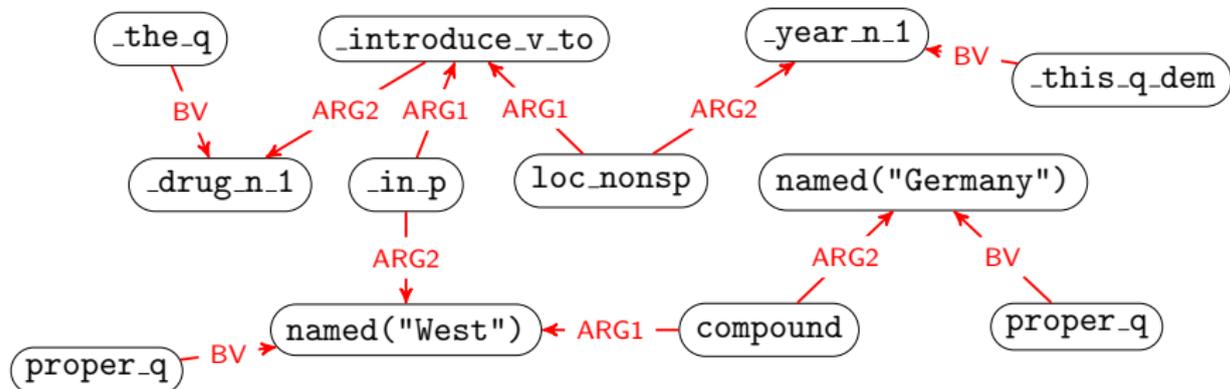


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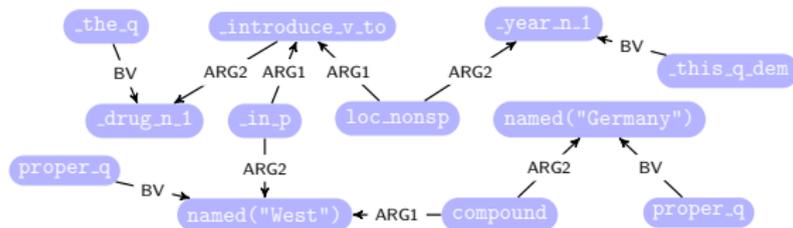
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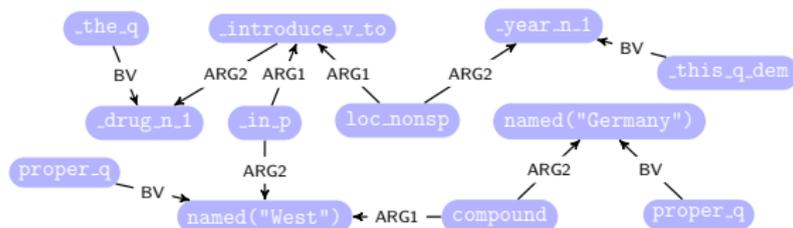
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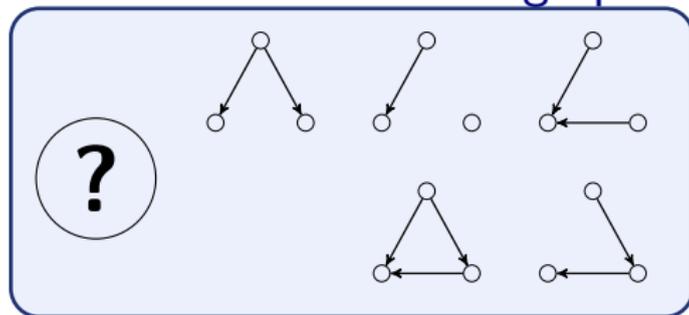
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## Relation detection and maximum subgraph



### Maximum Subgraph Parsing

- **Start from** a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  that corresponds to the input sentence and a **score function** that evaluates the *goodness* of a graph.
- **Search for** a *good* subgraph  $G' = (V, E' \subseteq E)$ :

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### First-order factorization

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