

Data Cleaning

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Data Cleaning?

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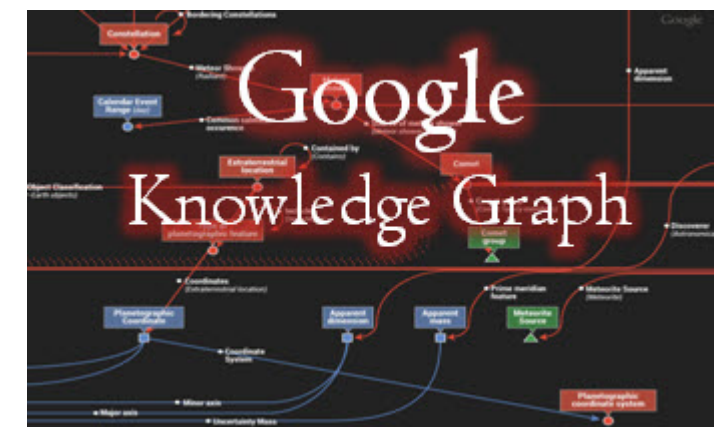
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Big (clean) data: new oil

Data Cleaning Market



Data Cleaning Problems

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Data Cleaning Problems

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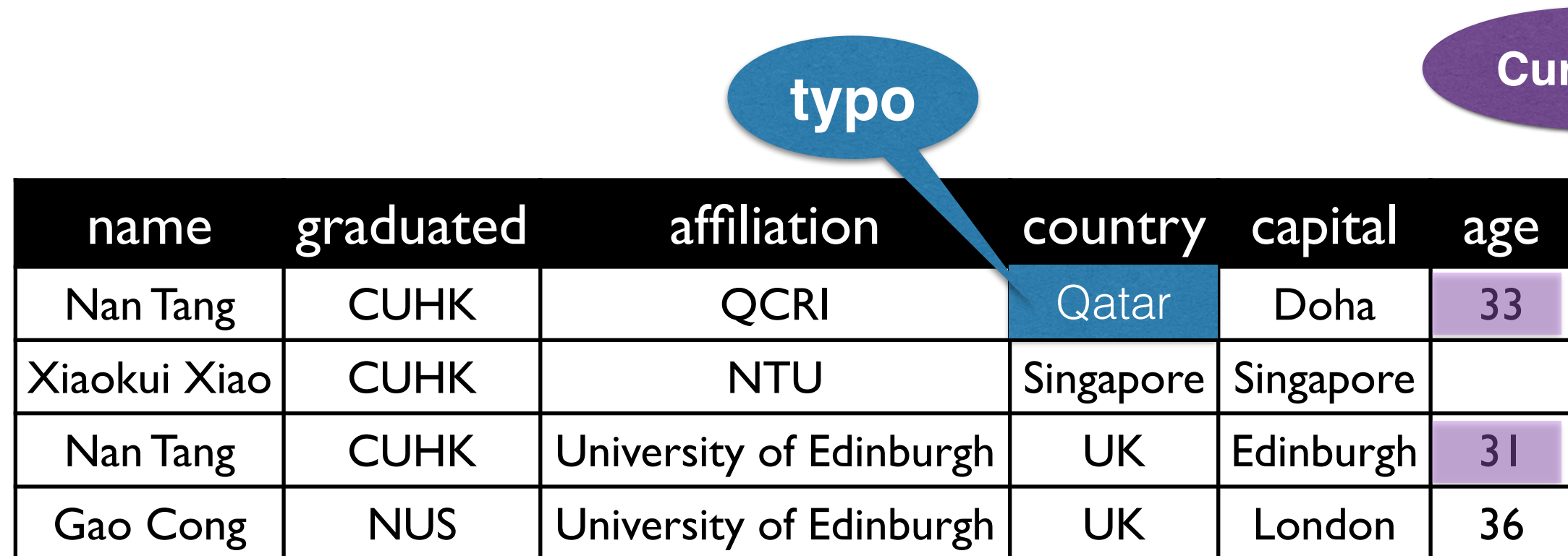
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The diagram illustrates data cleaning problems using a table. A blue callout labeled 'typo' points to the 'country' column, specifically the value 'Qatar'. A purple callout labeled 'Currency' points to the 'age' column, specifically the value '31'.

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The diagram illustrates four data cleaning problems using callouts pointing to specific data entries in a table:

- typo**: Points to the 'country' cell 'Qatar' in the first row, which is highlighted in blue.
- Consistency**: Points to the 'country' cell 'Singapore' in the second row, which is highlighted in green.
- Currency**: Points to the 'age' cell '31' in the third row, which is highlighted in purple.
- Completeness**: Points to the 'age' cell '36' in the fourth row, which is highlighted in light blue.

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Data Cleaning Problems

Duplicates

typo

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Velocity

Completeness

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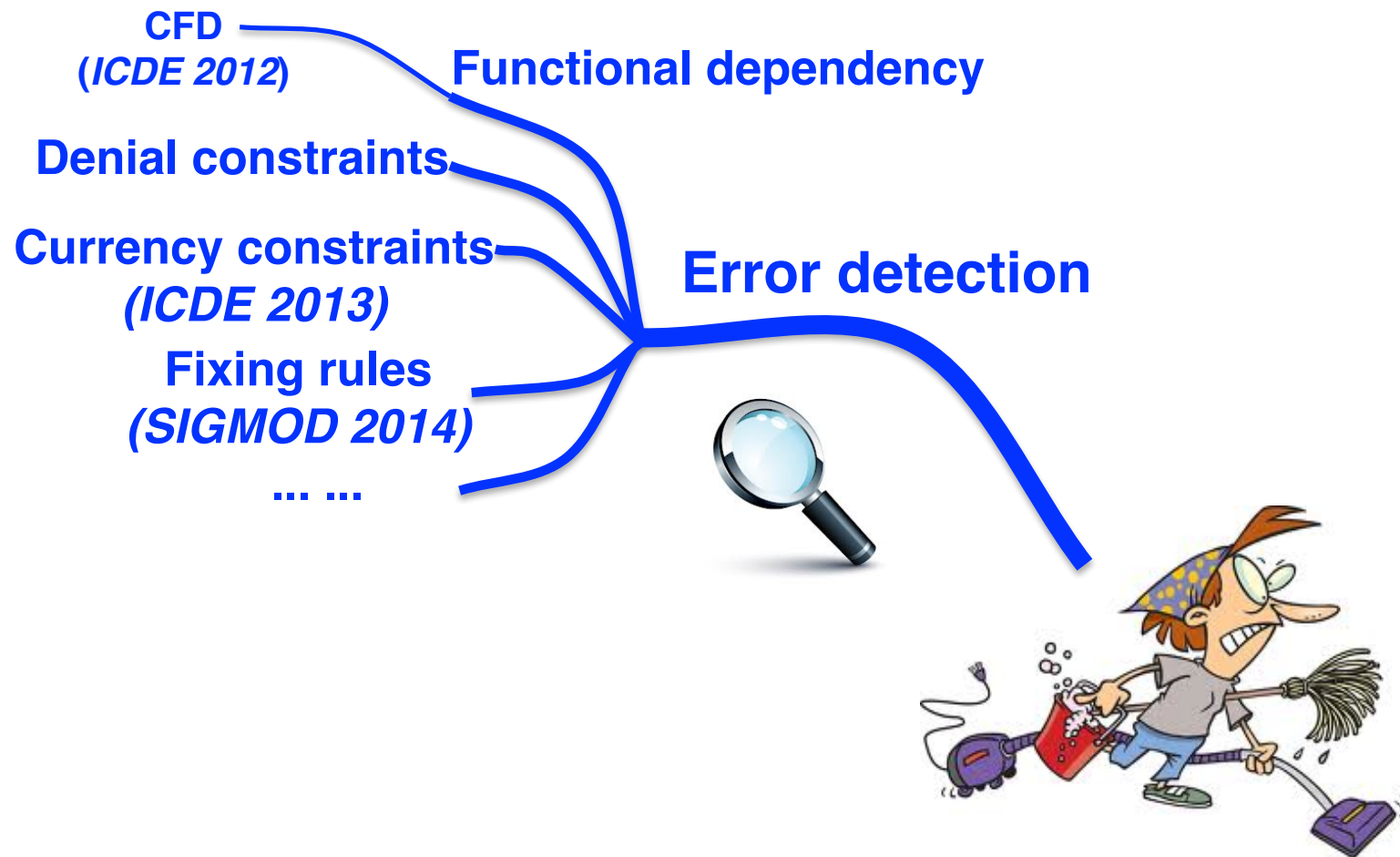
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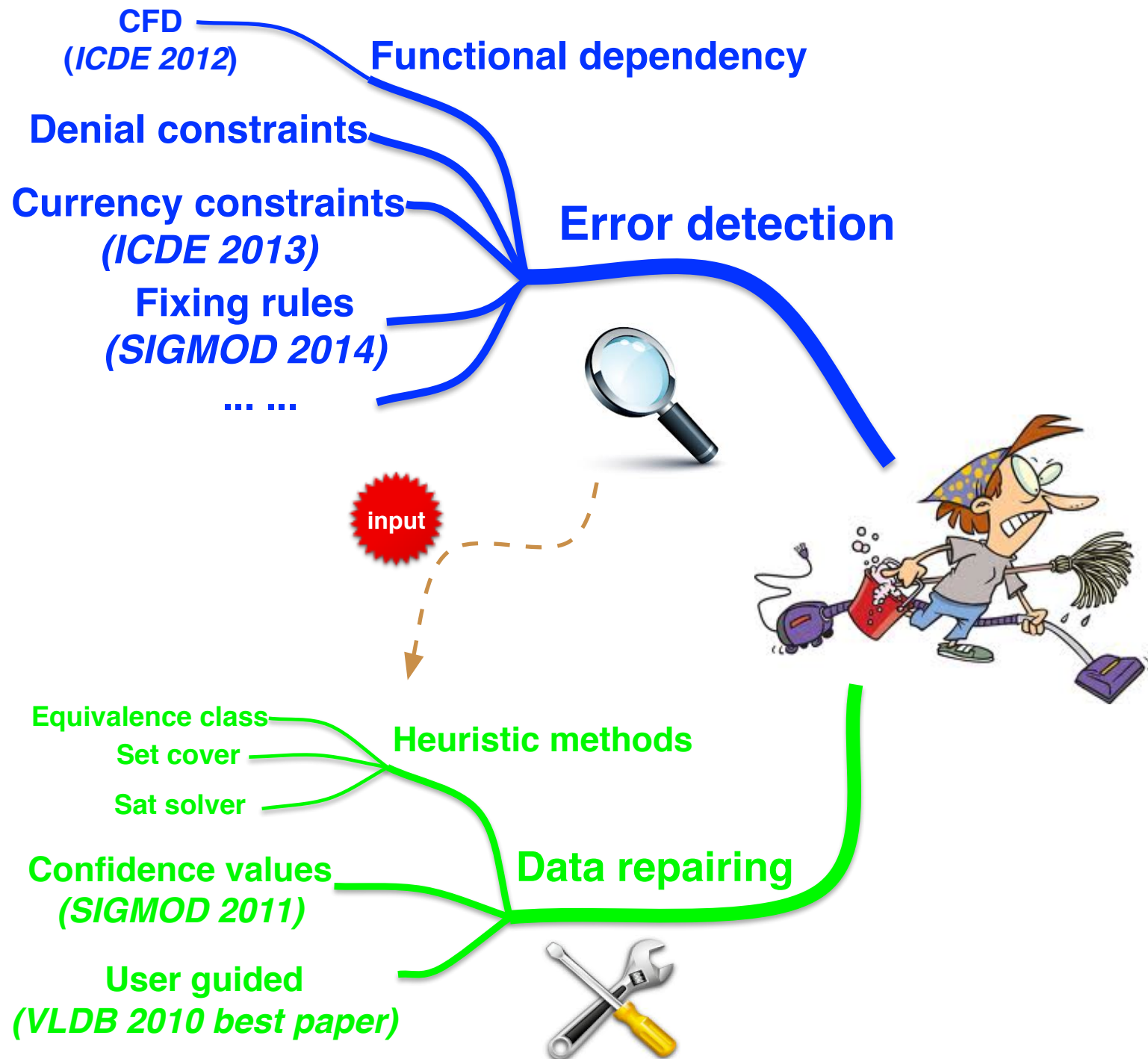
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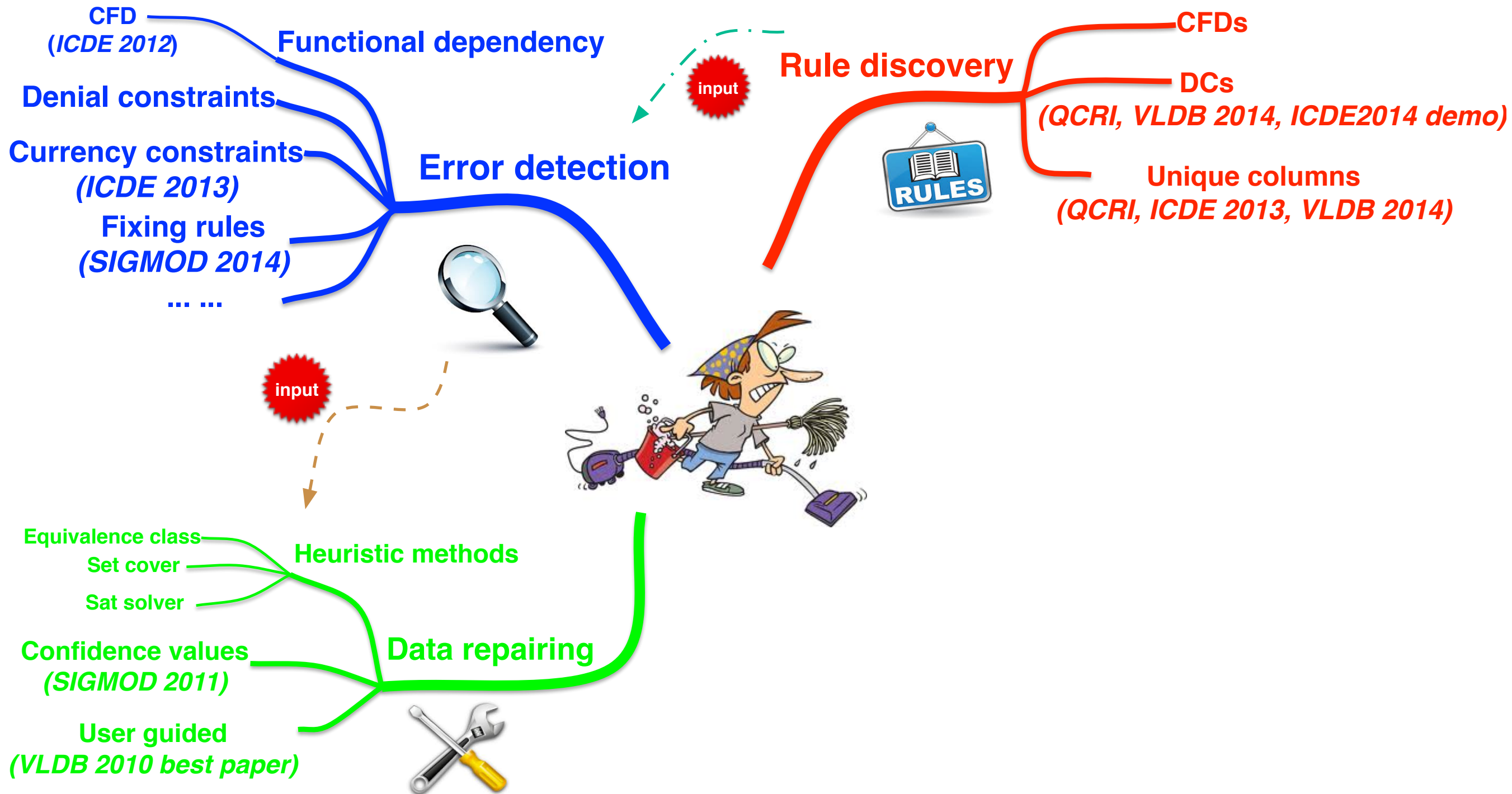
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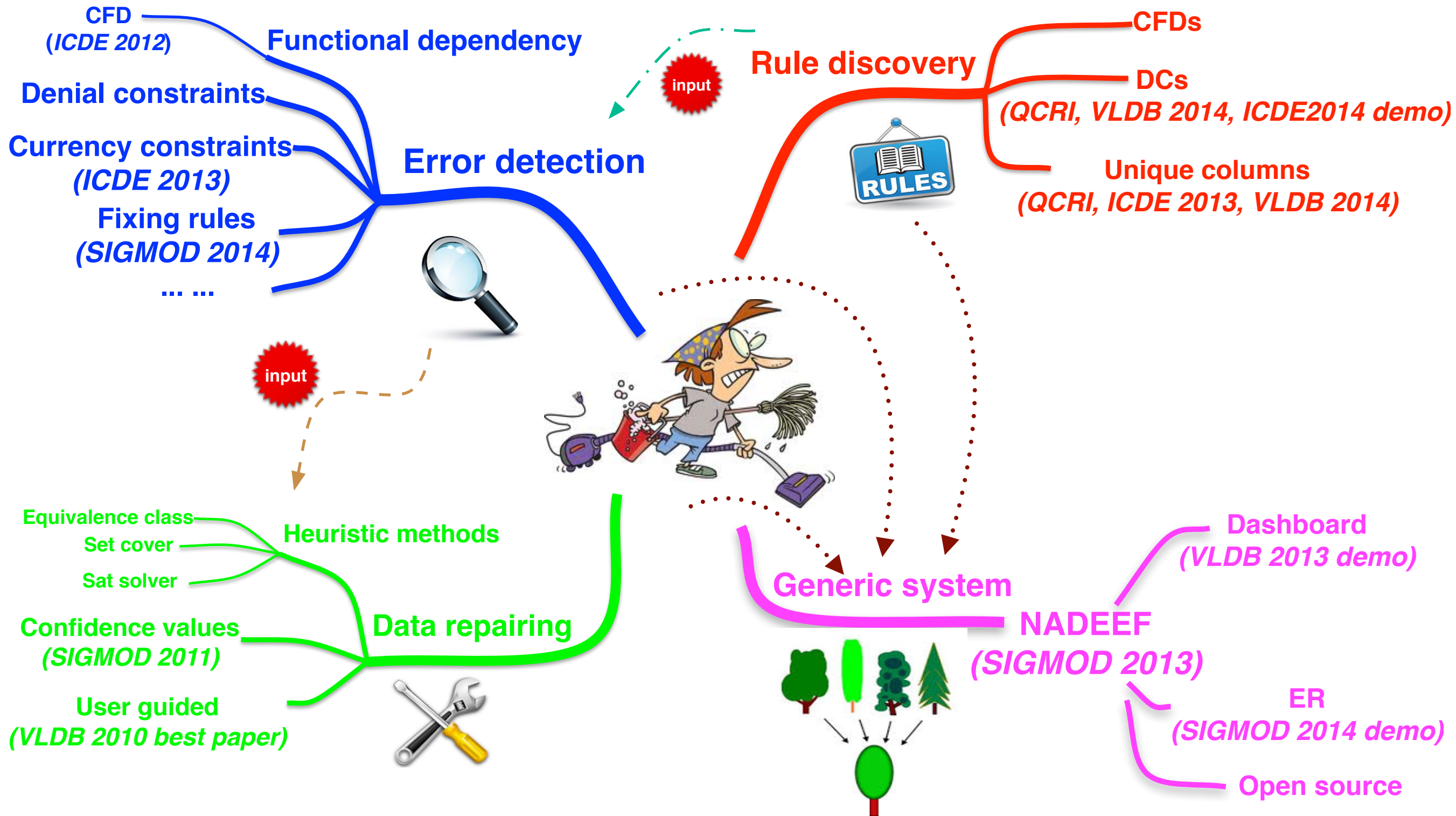
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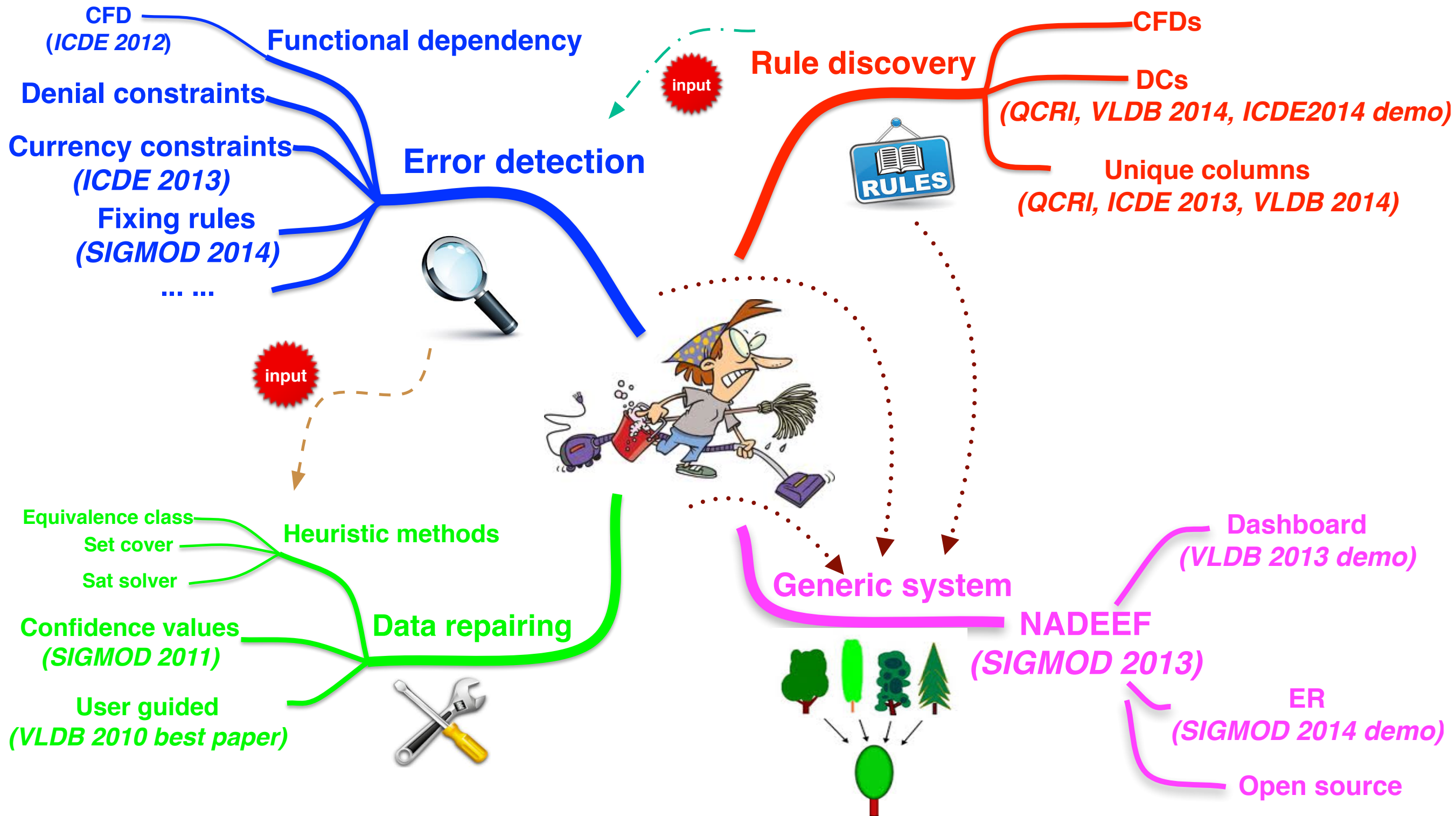
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Inclusion dependency

Currency constraint

Sequential dependency

Aggregation constraint

Accuracy constraint

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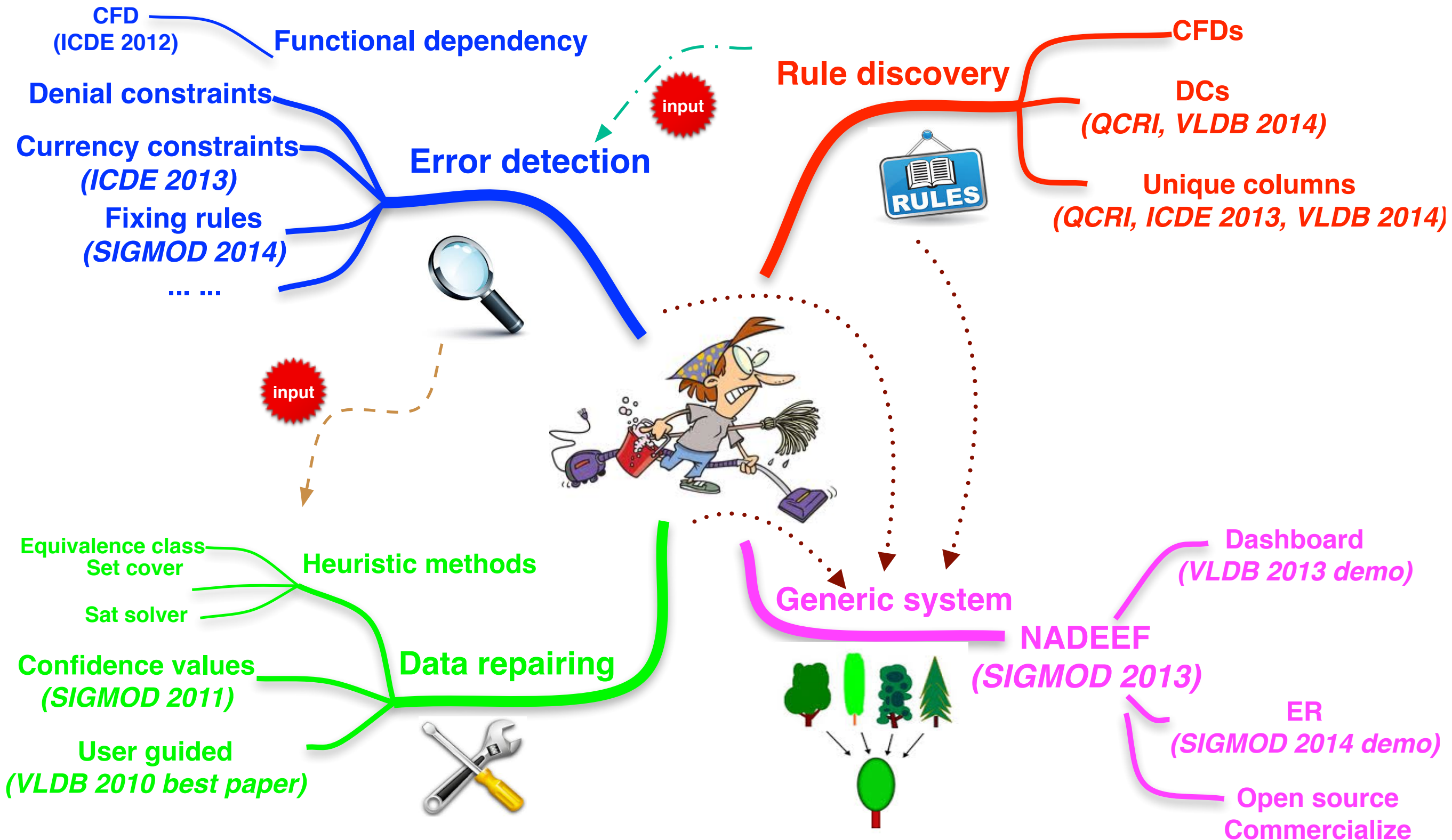
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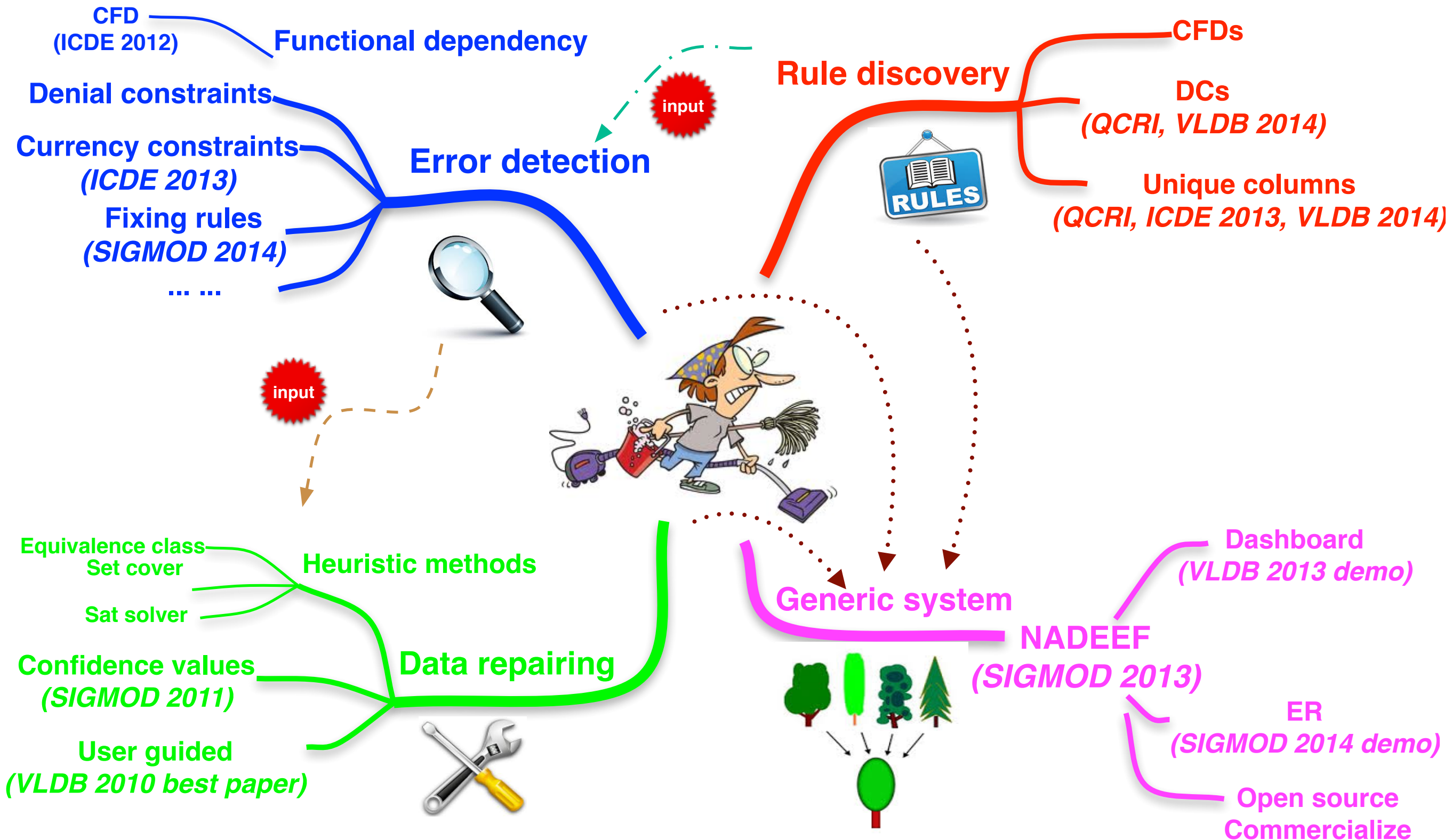
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Data Repairing



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Automated



Computing a Consistent Database

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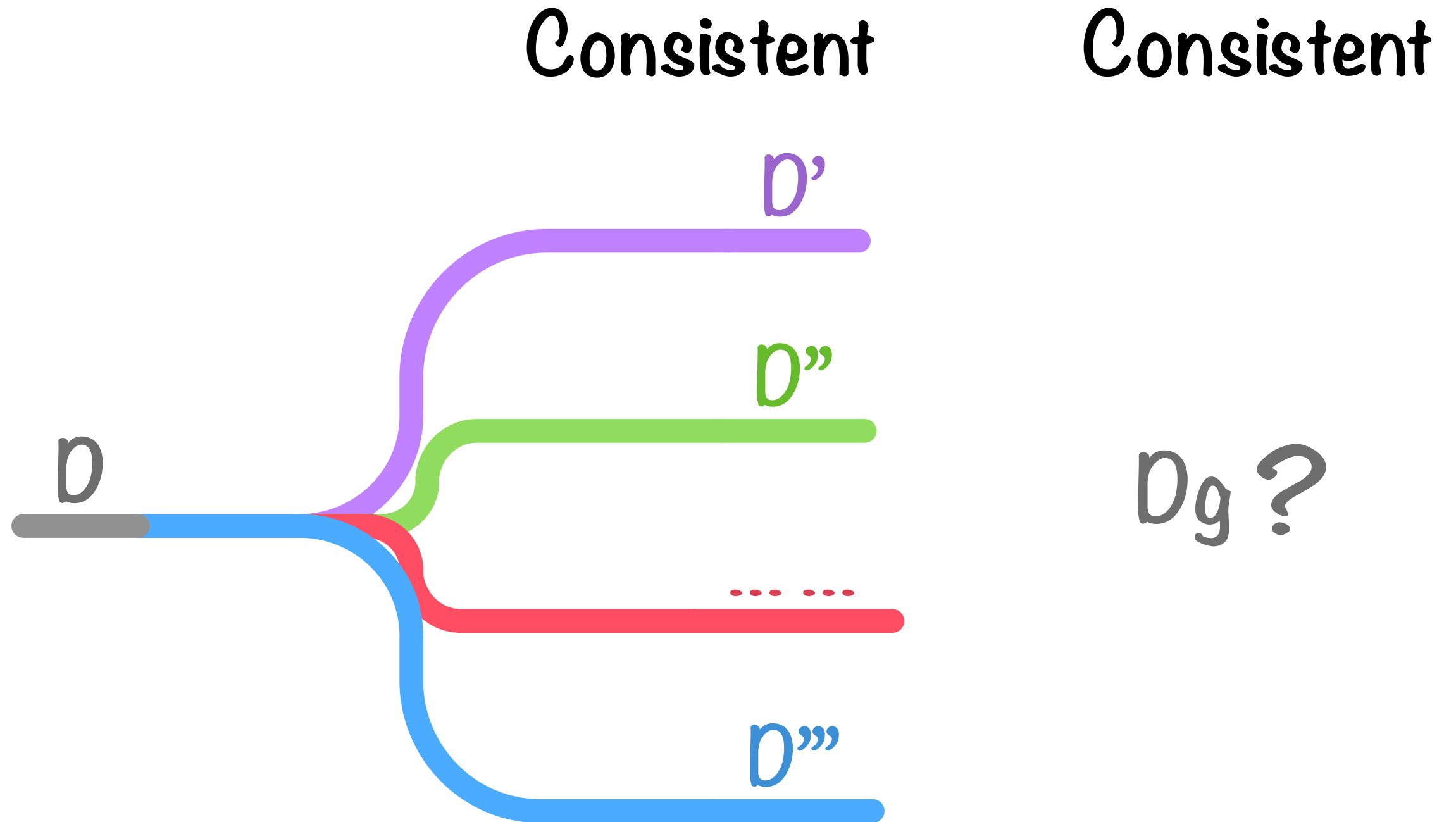
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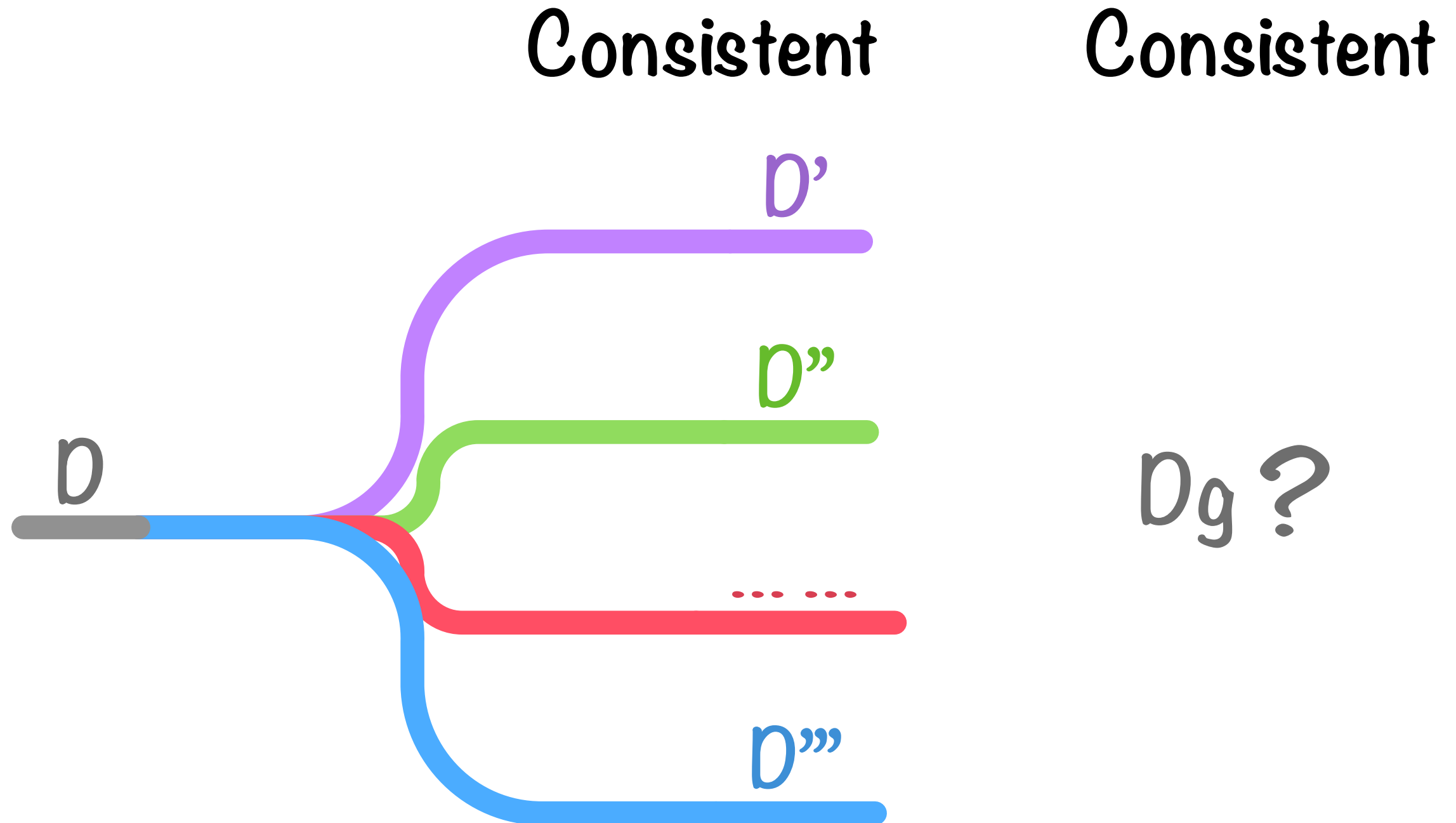
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find a D' such that $\text{dist}(D, D')$ is minimum

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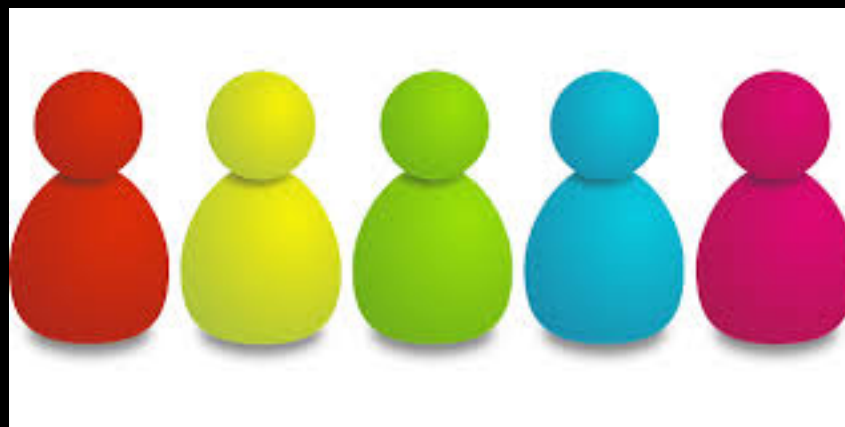
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User Guided



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check *each* tuple: not cheap !!

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Heuristic
(Automated)

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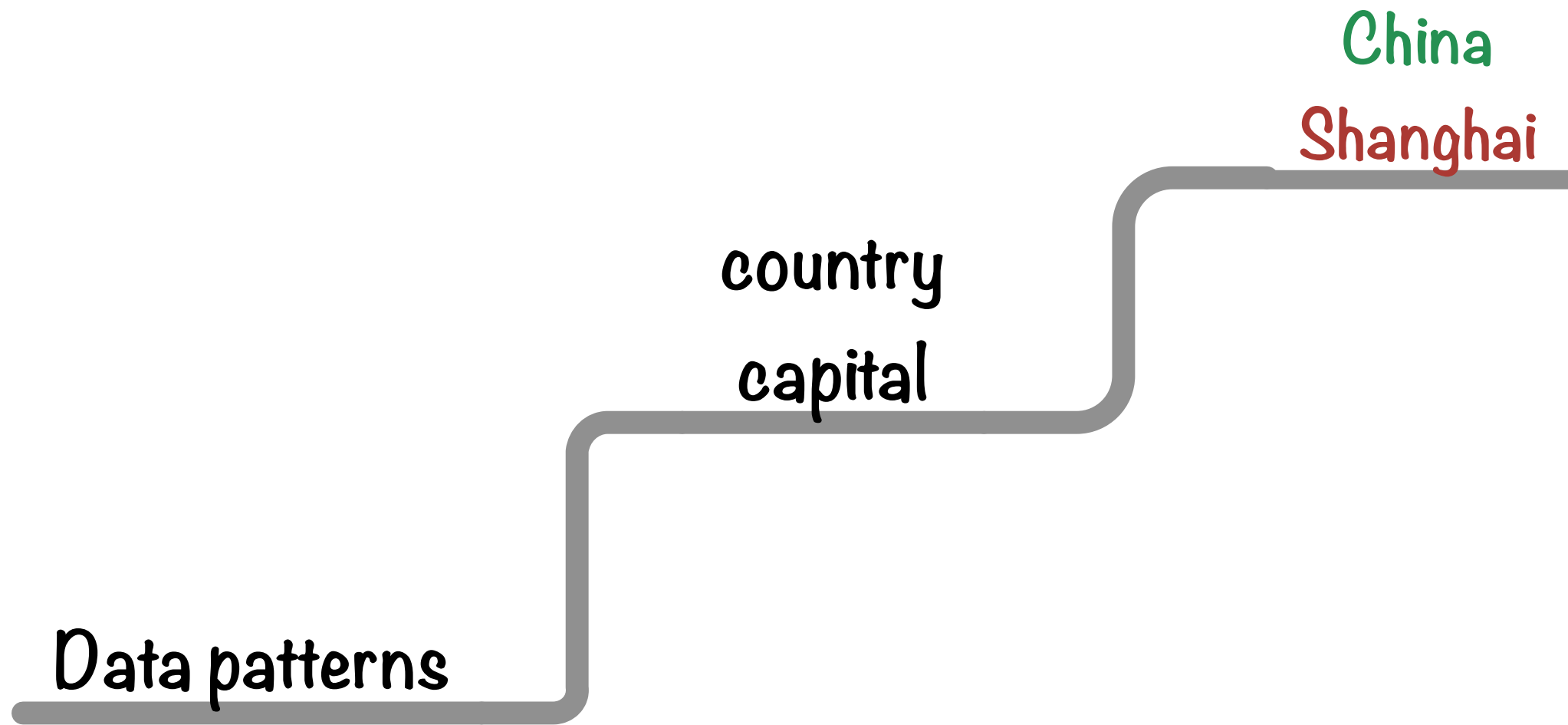
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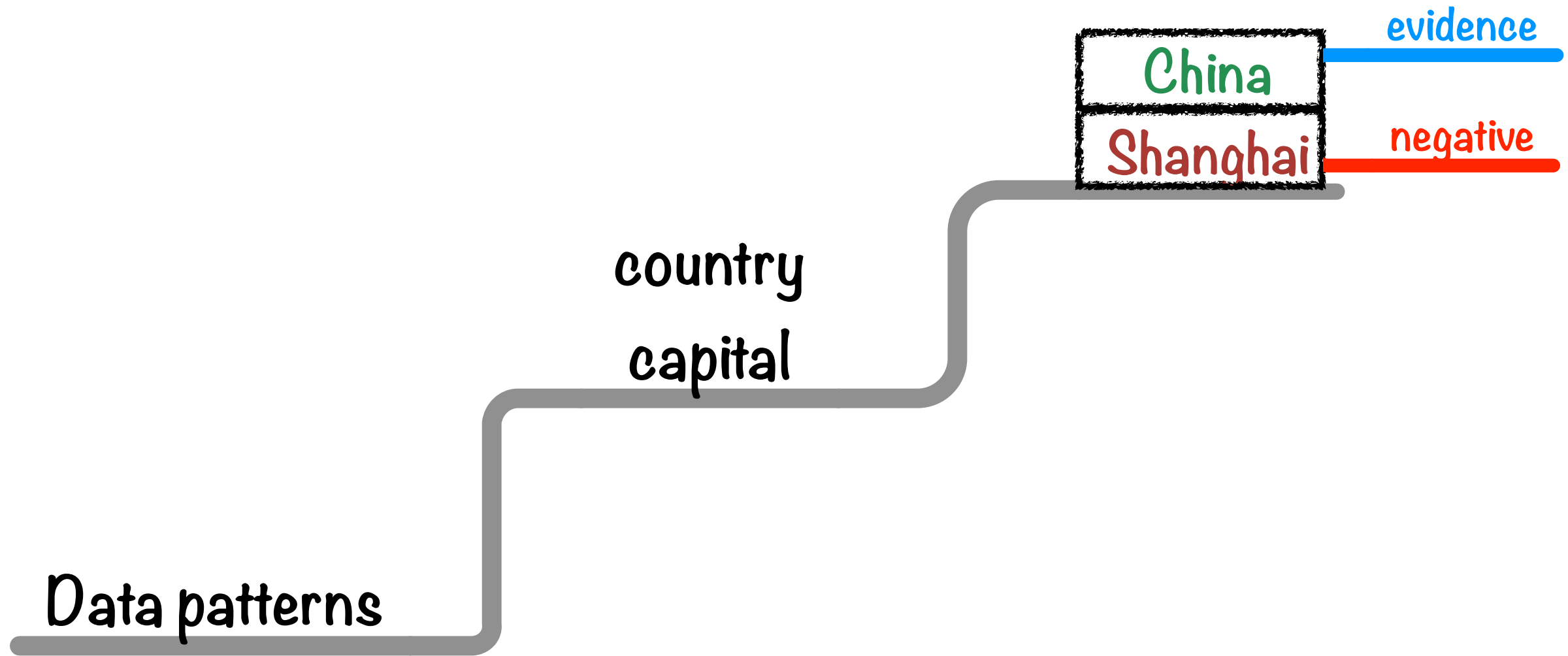
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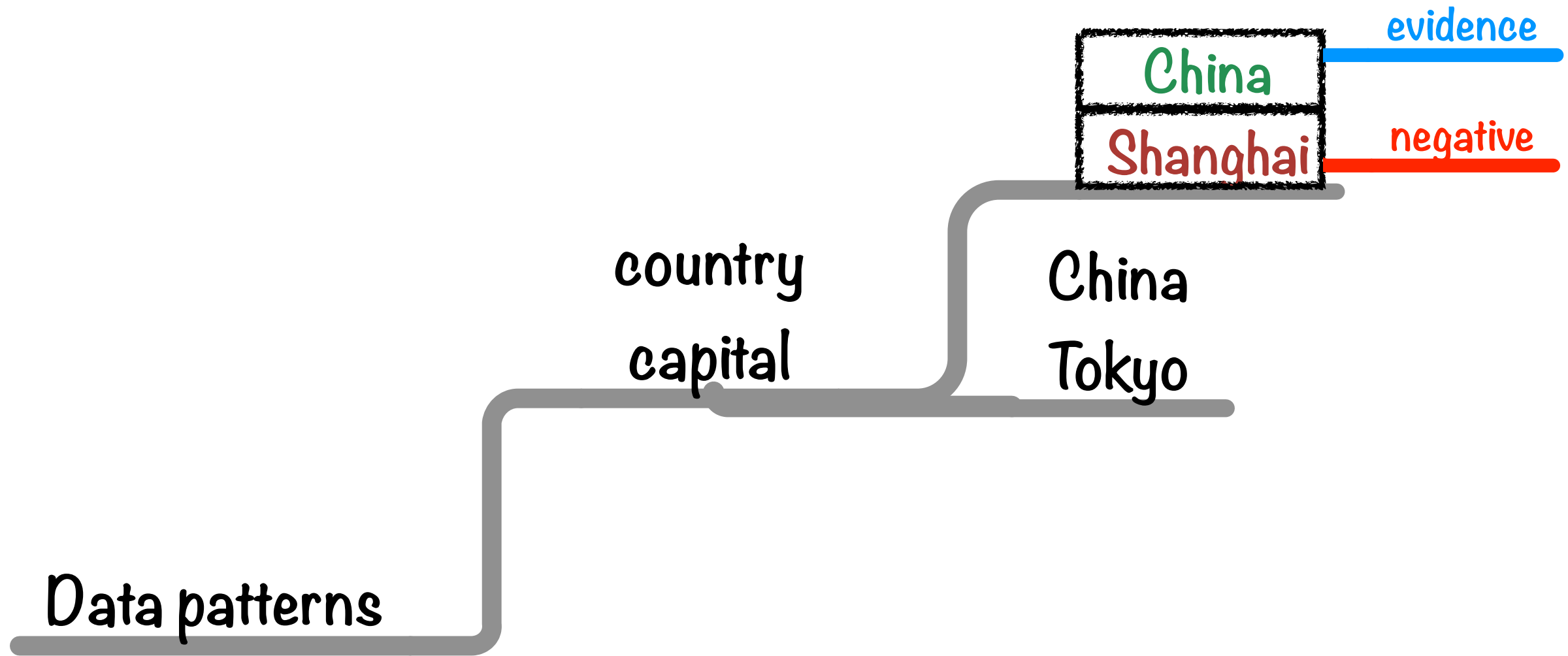
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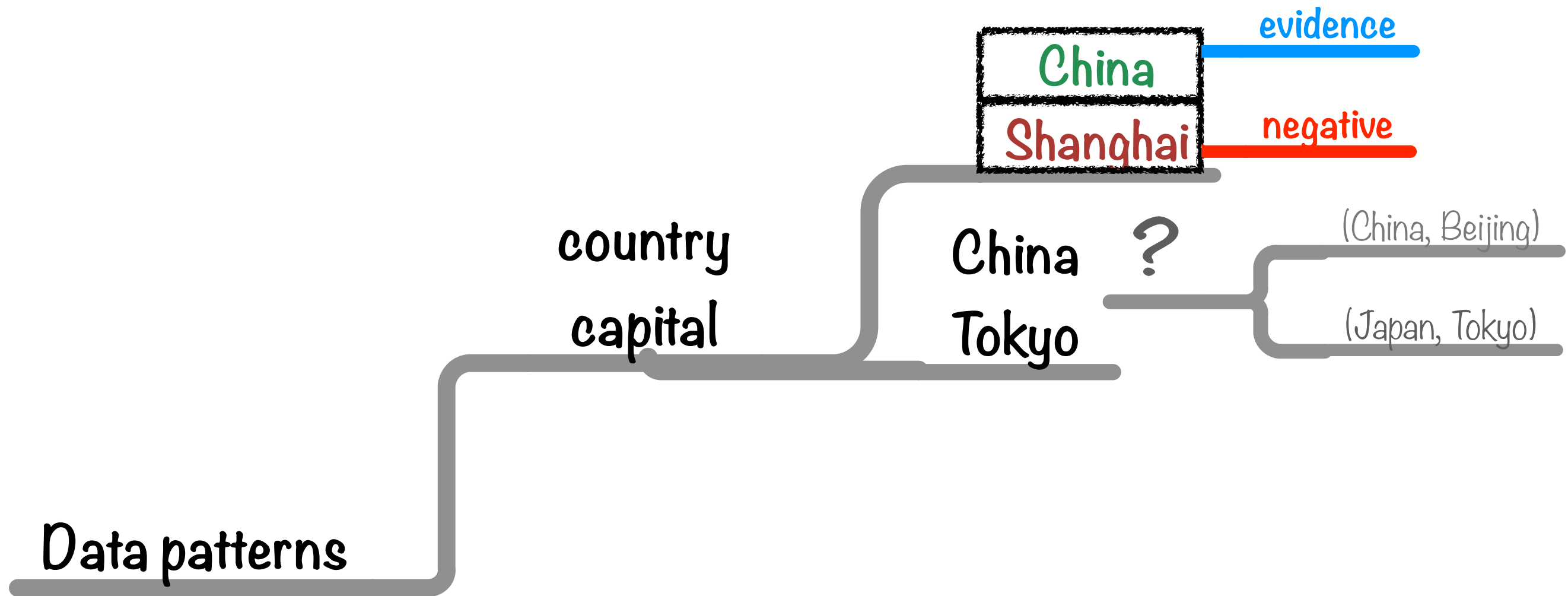
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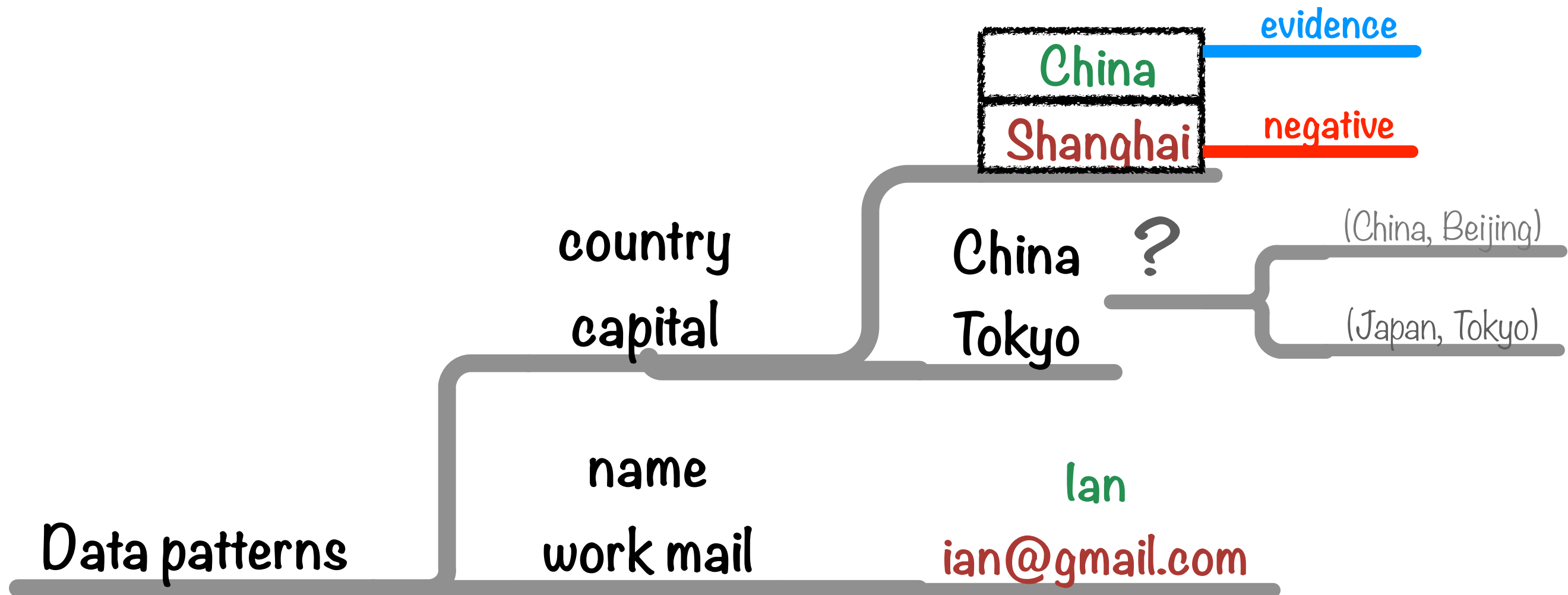
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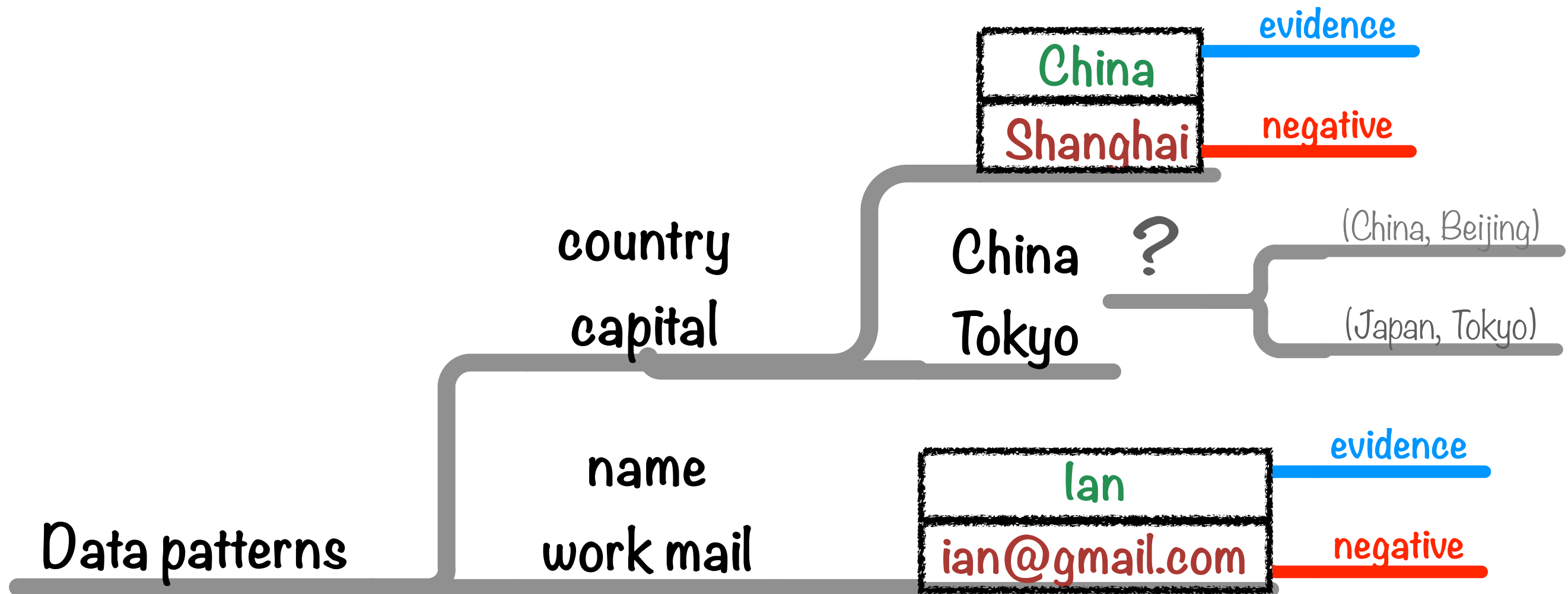


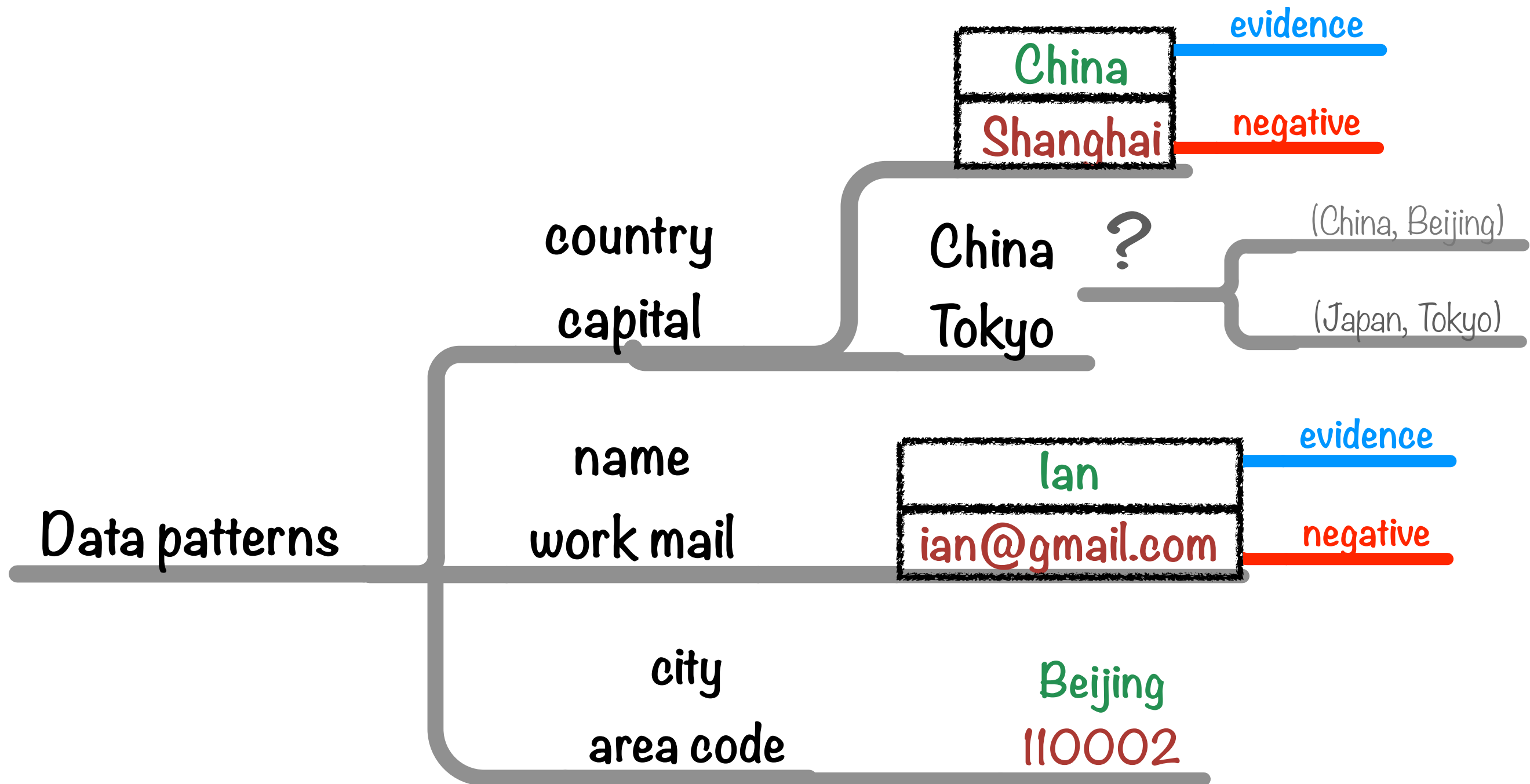


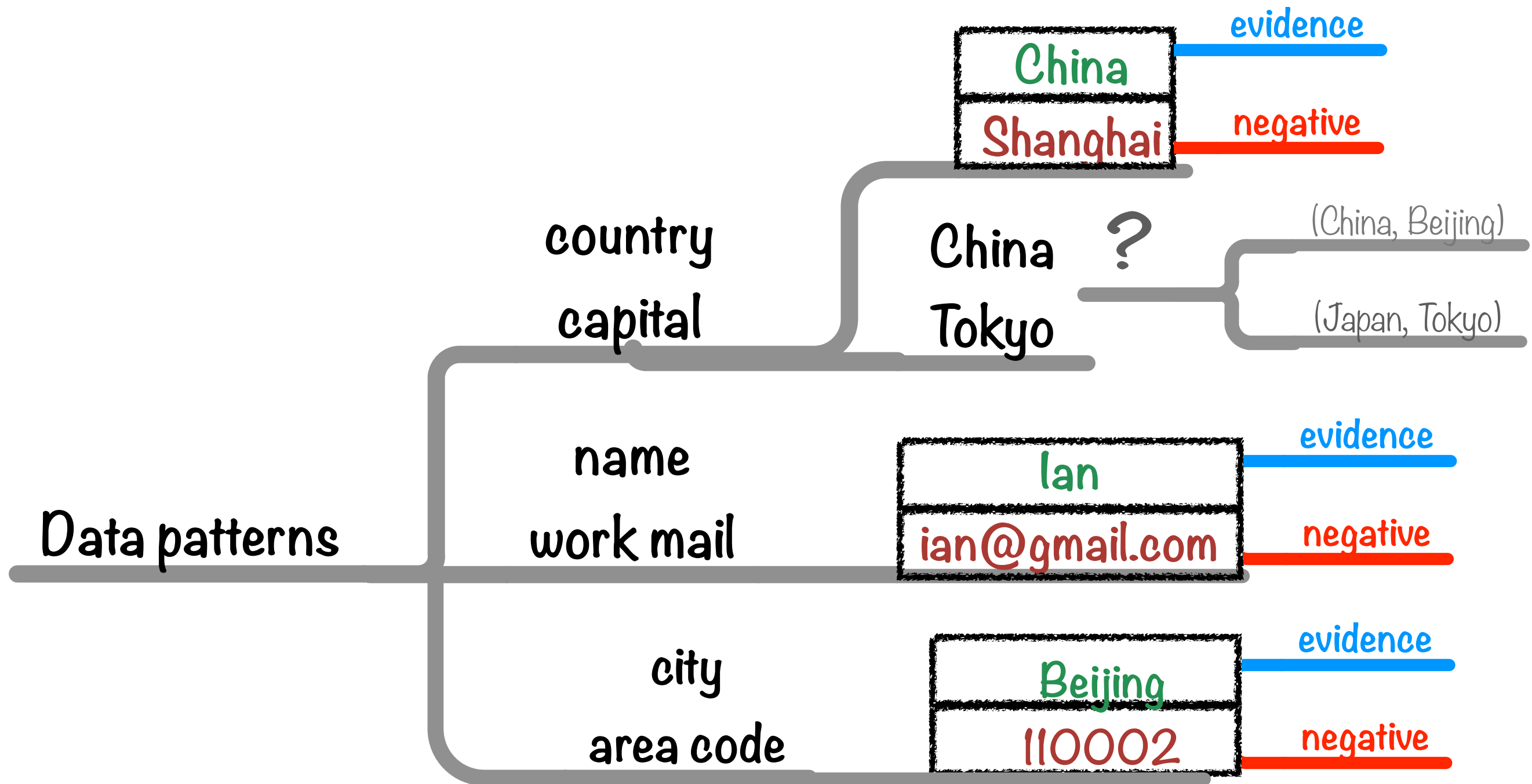












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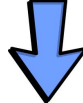
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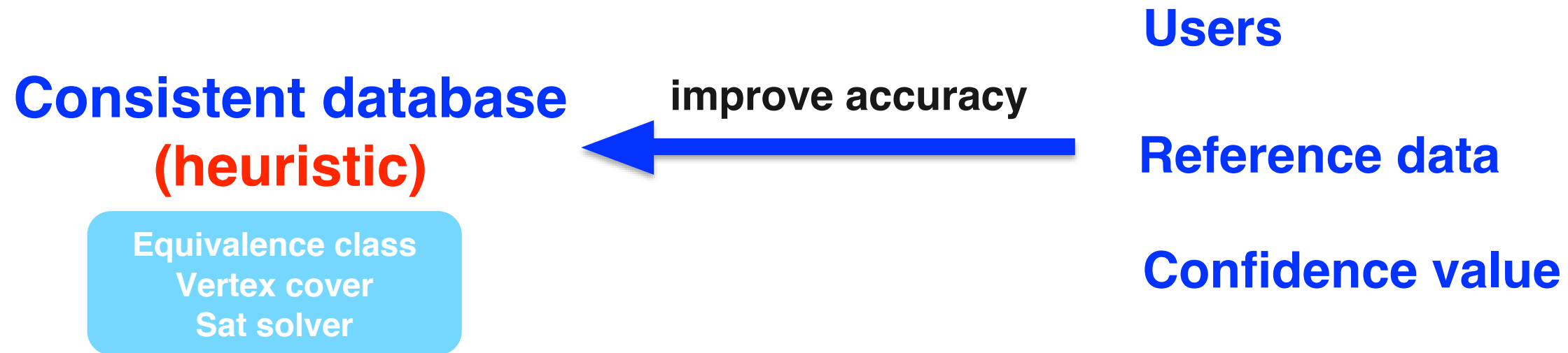
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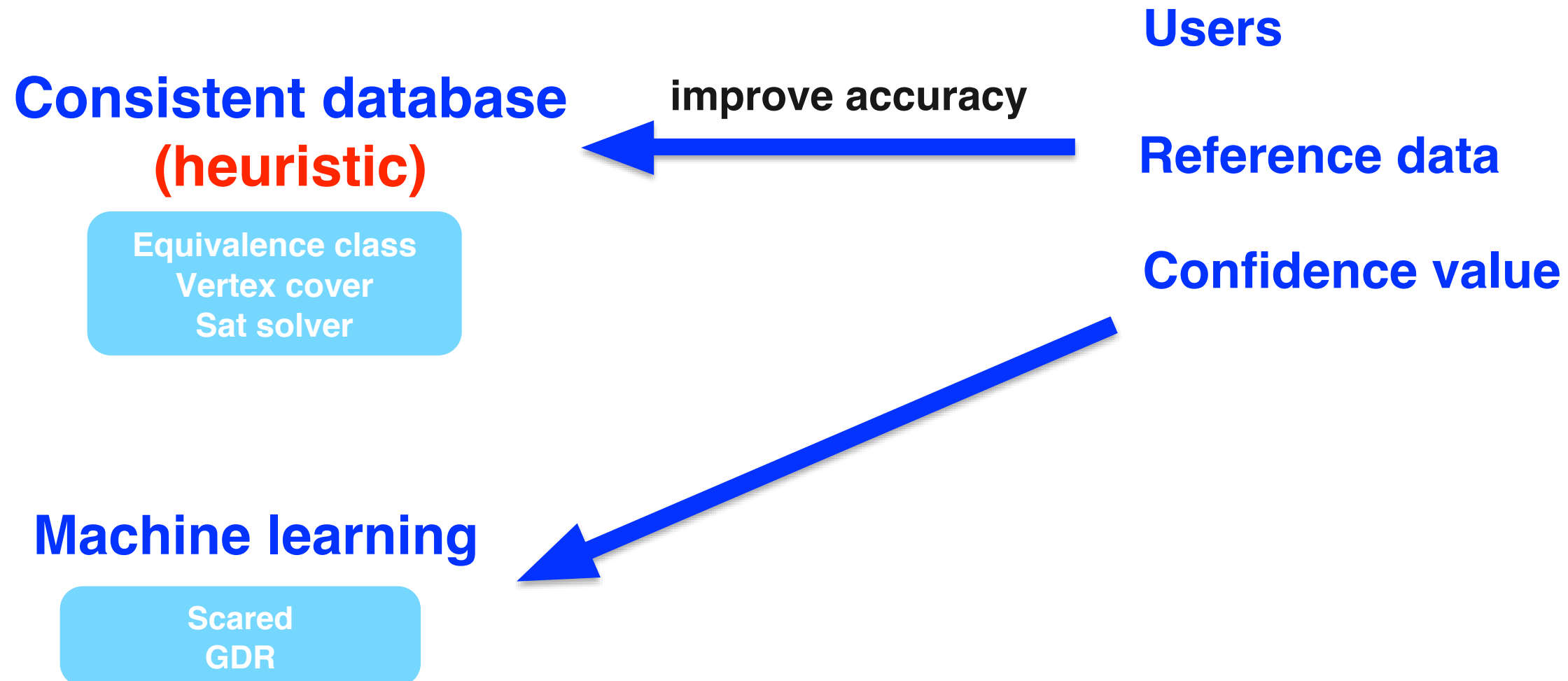
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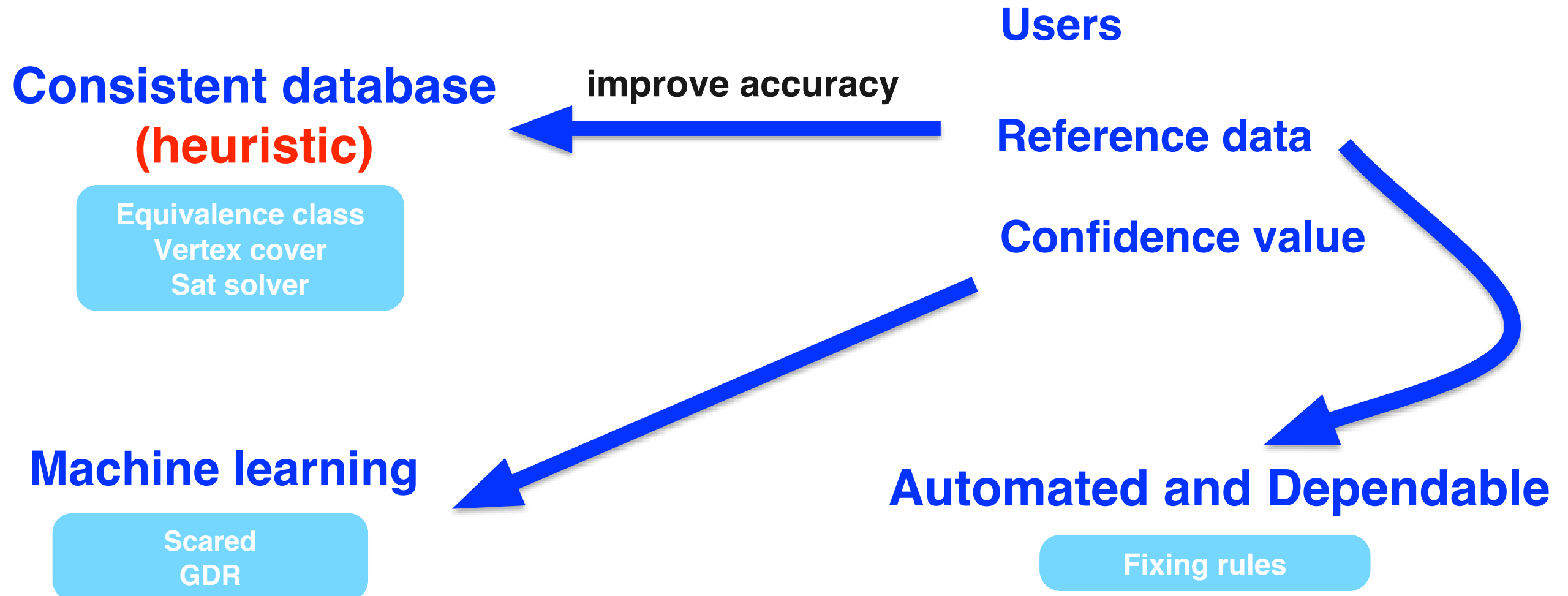
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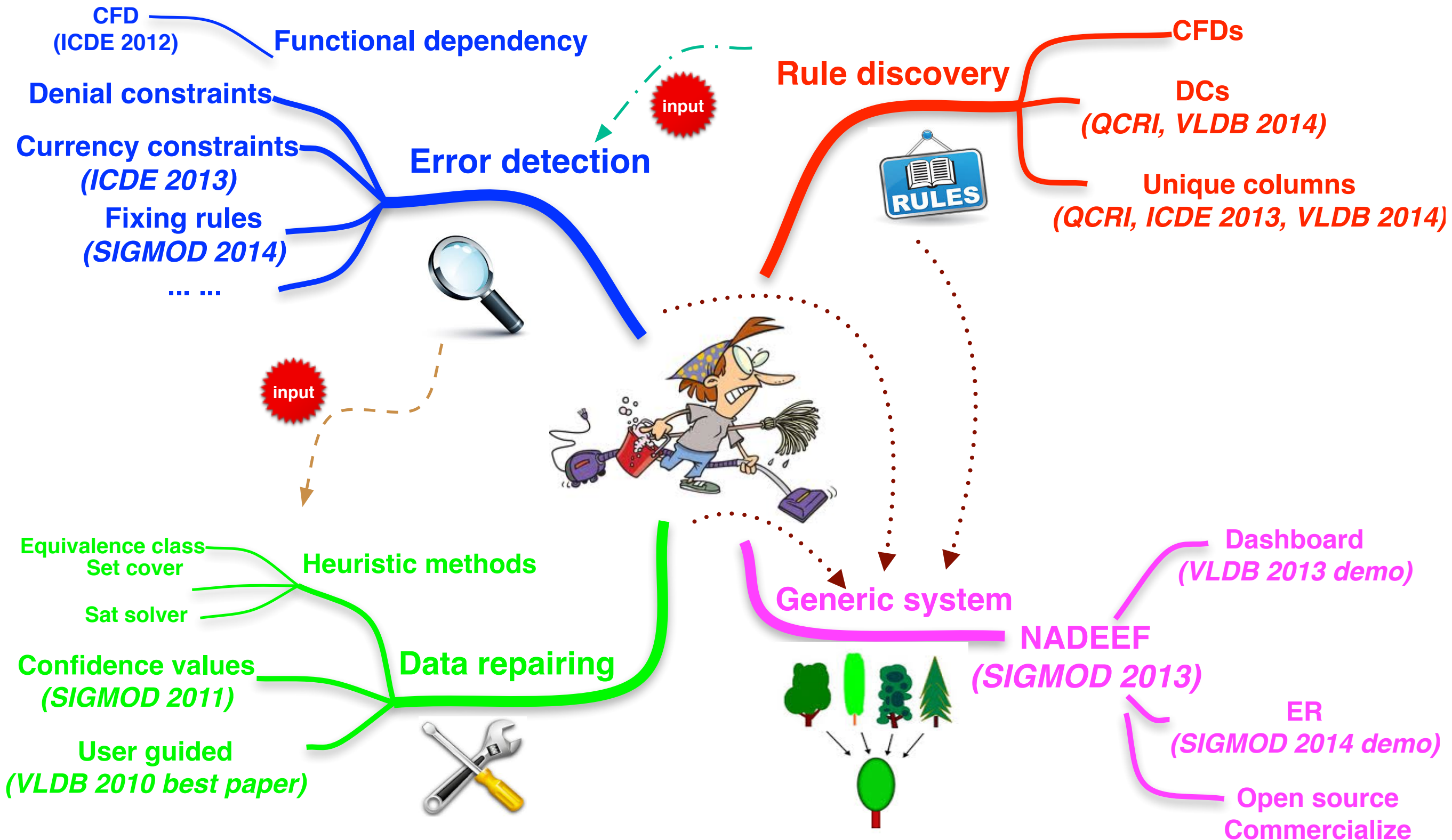
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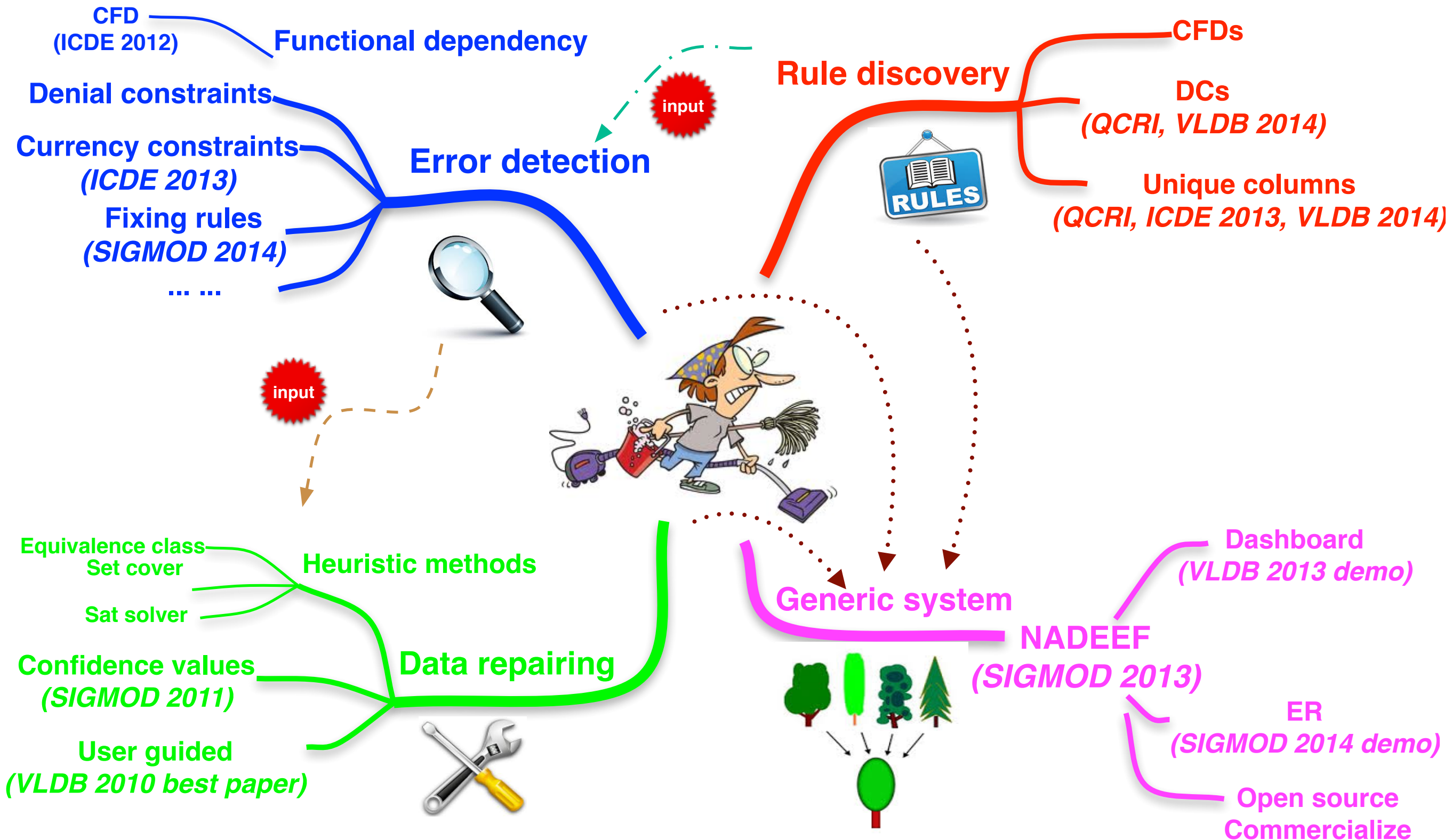
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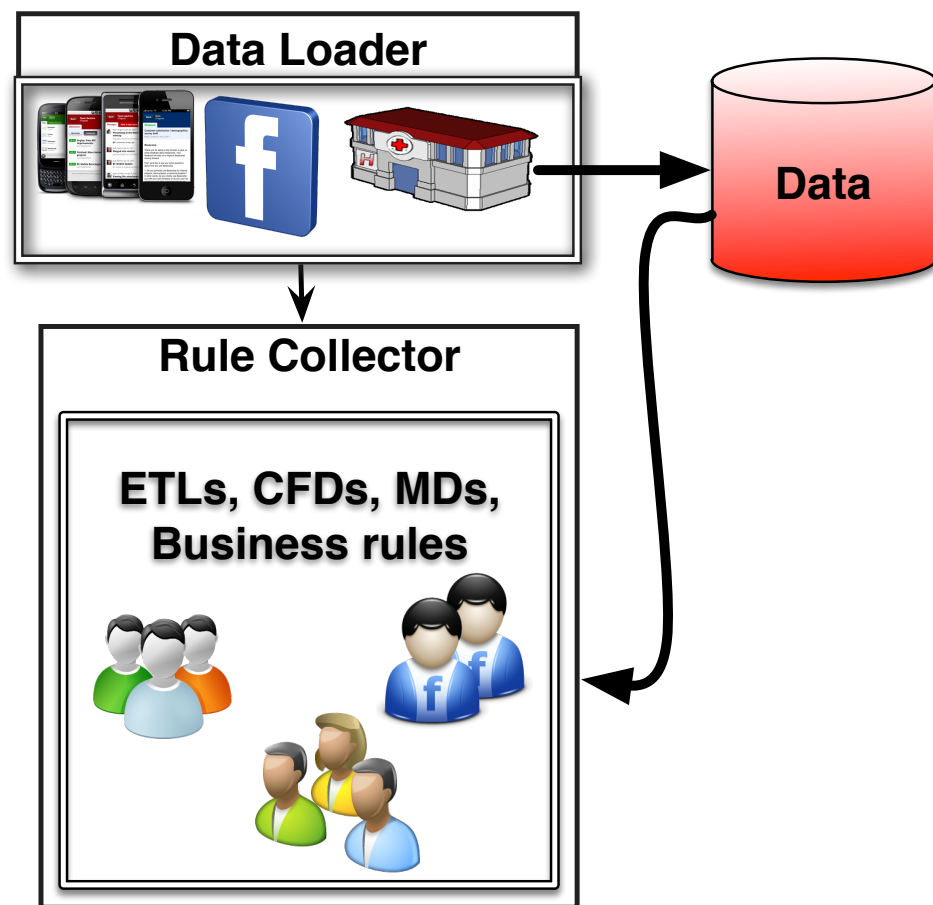
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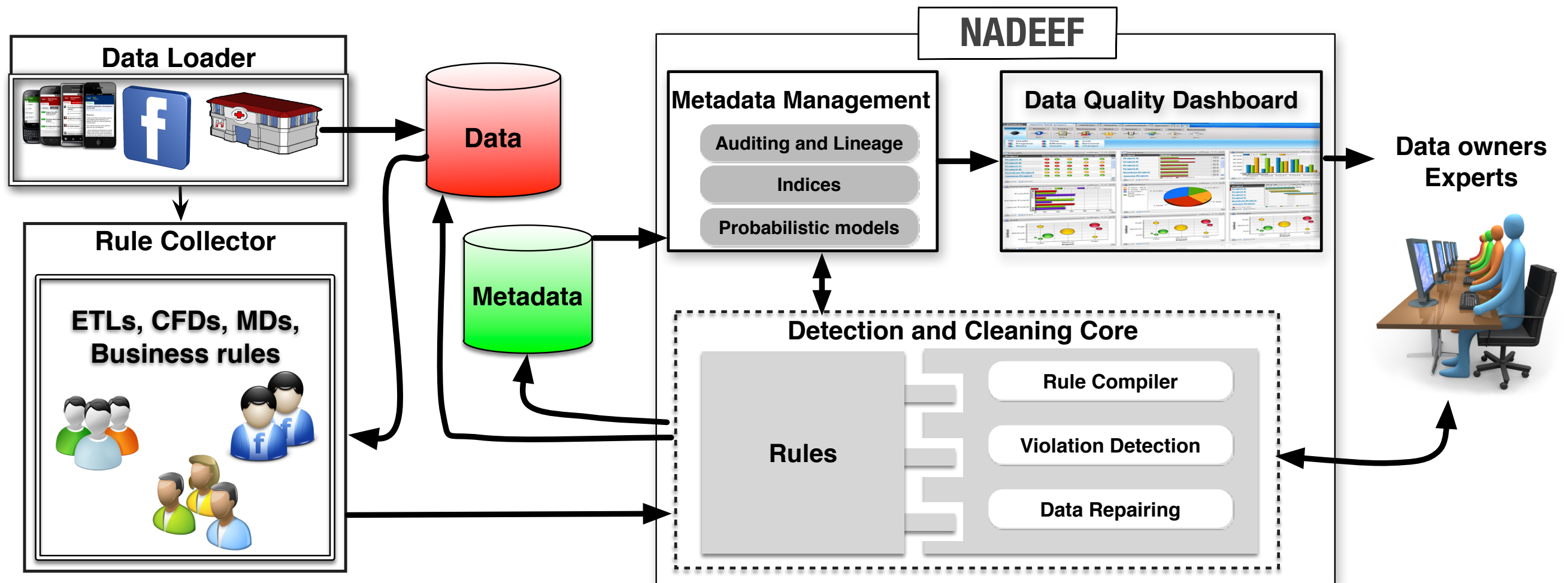
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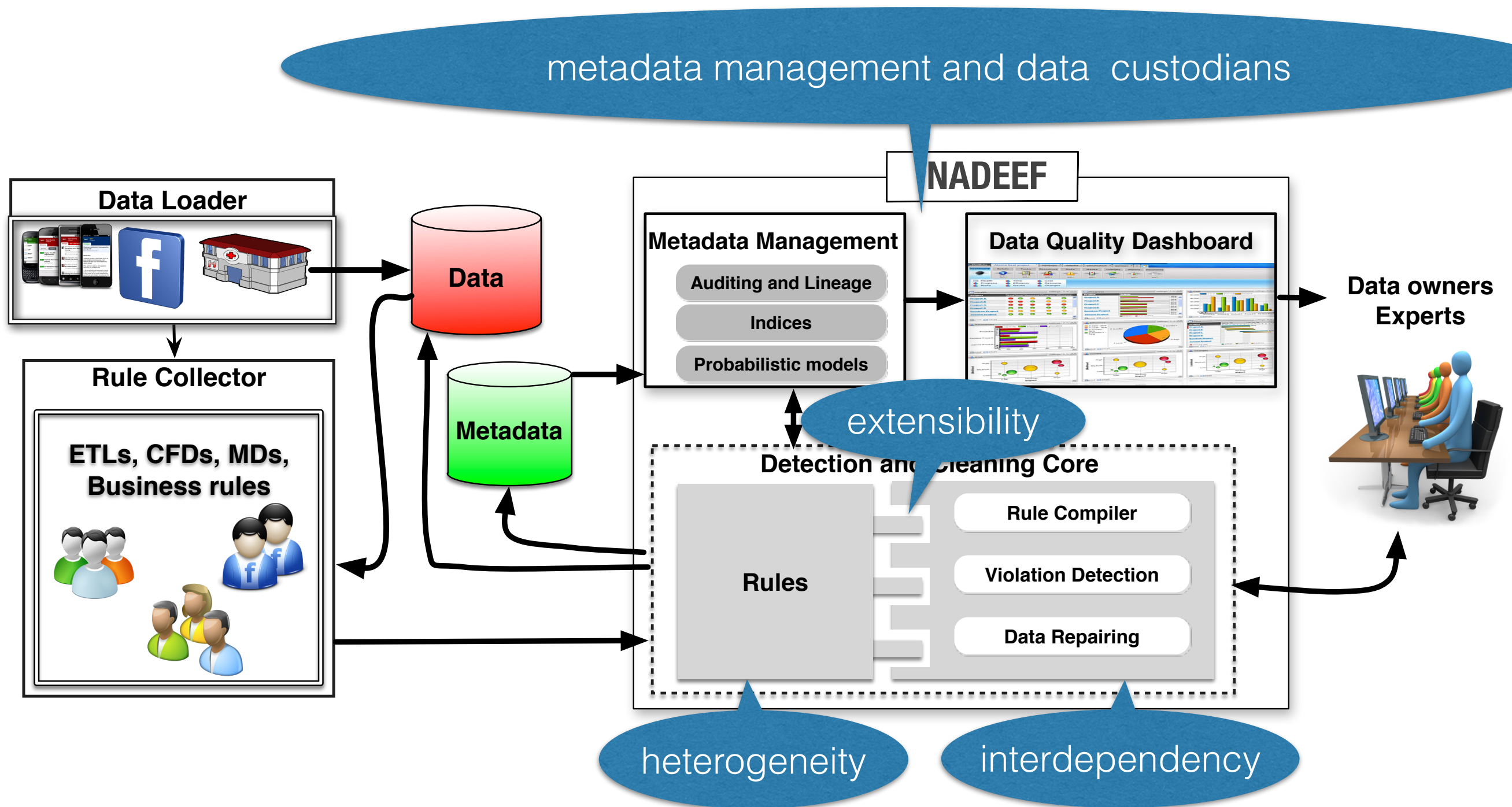
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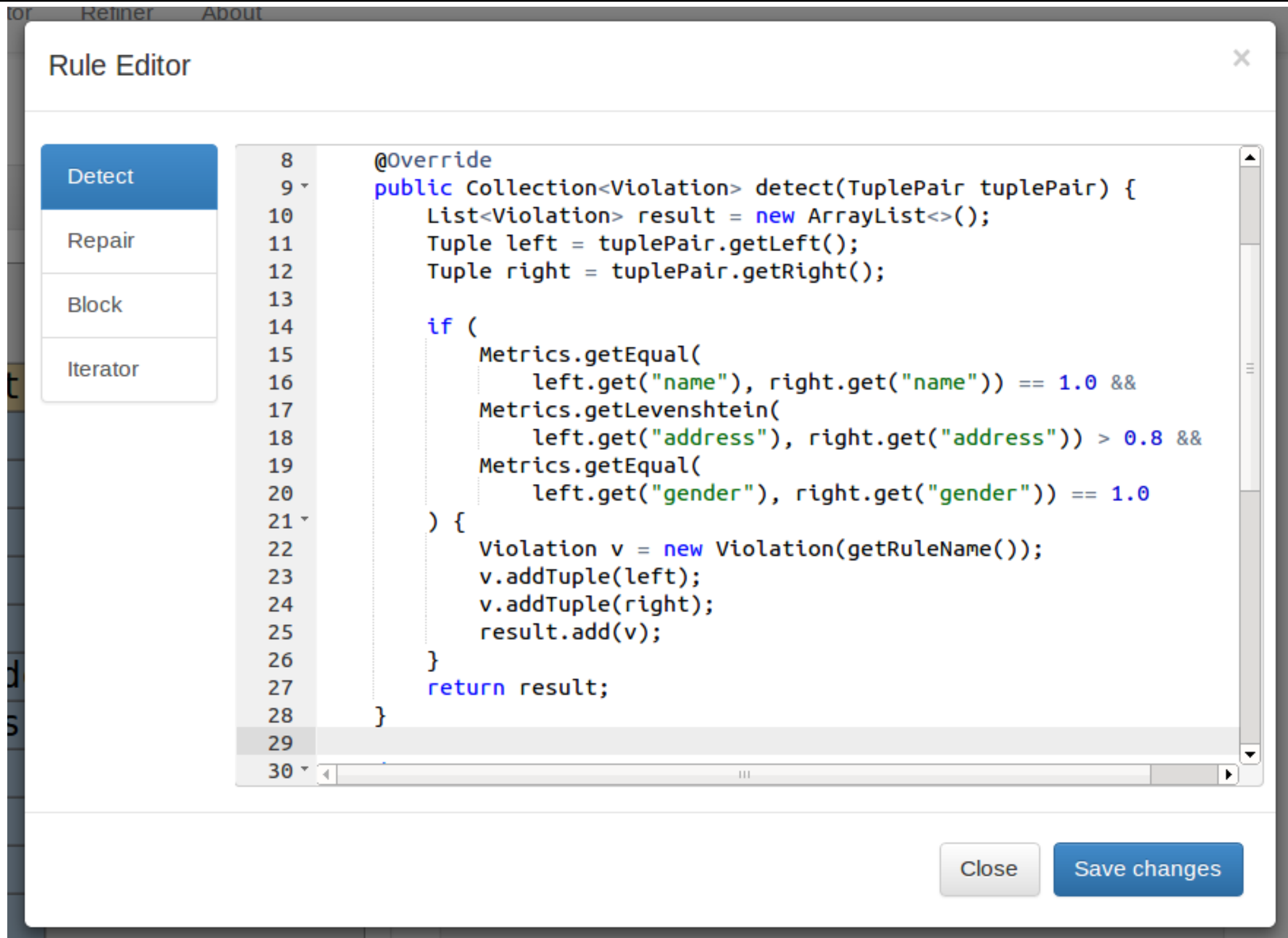
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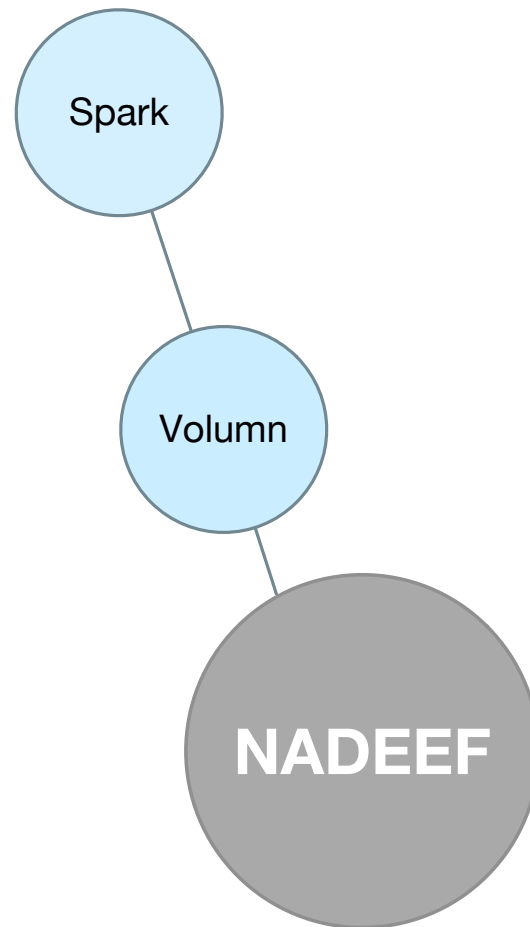
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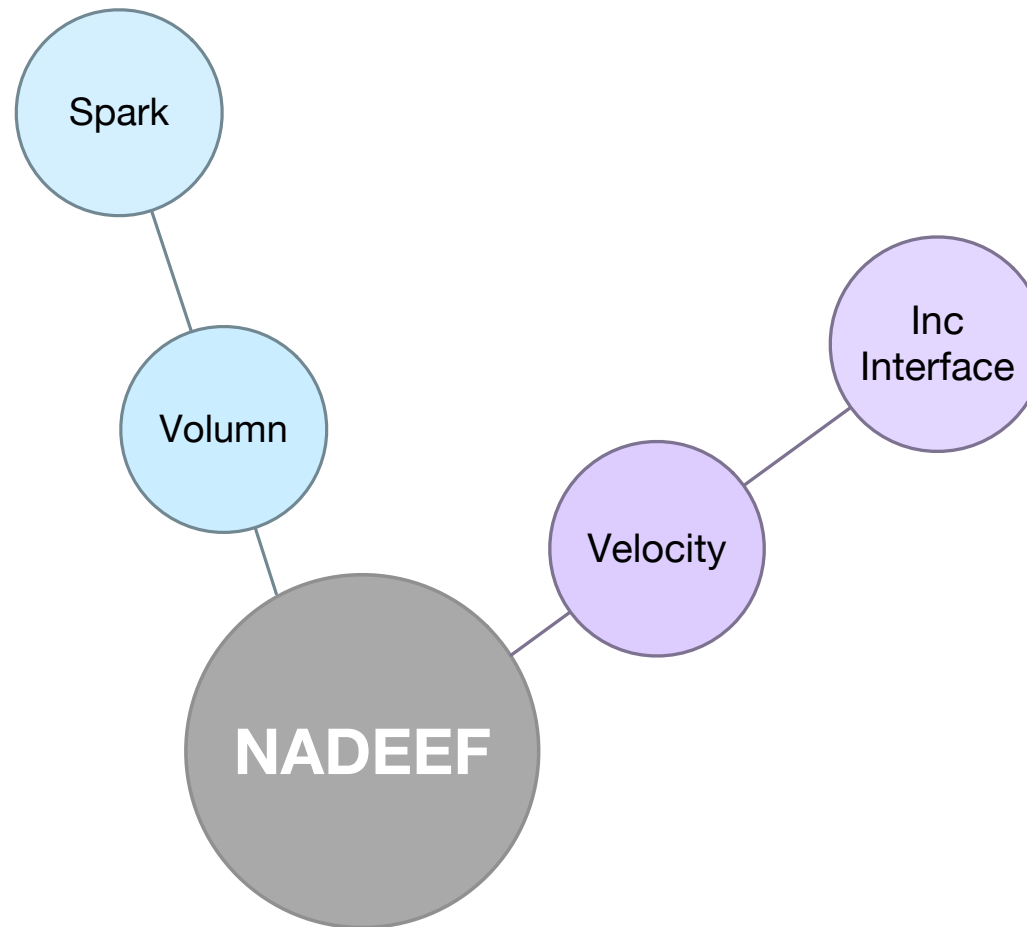
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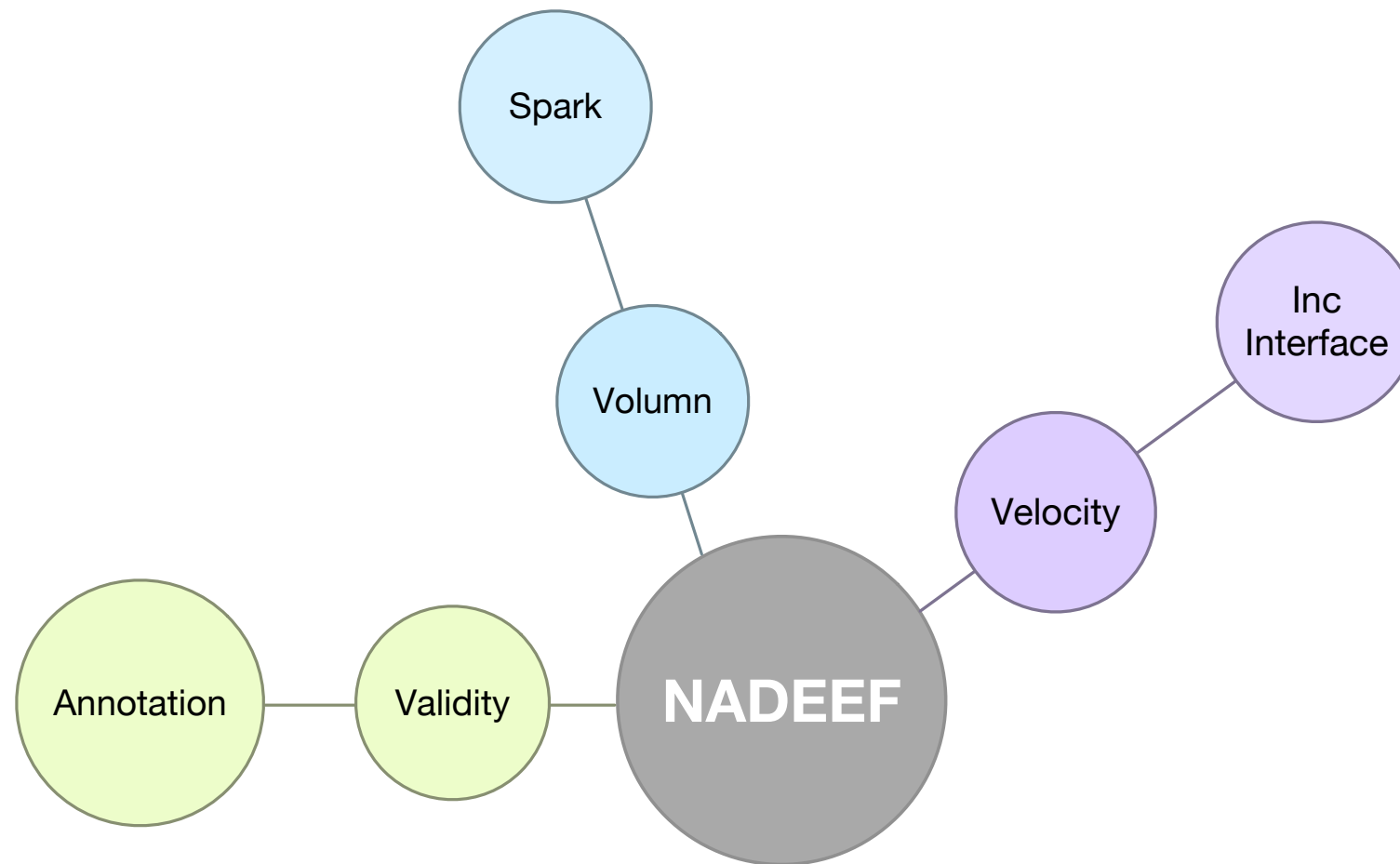
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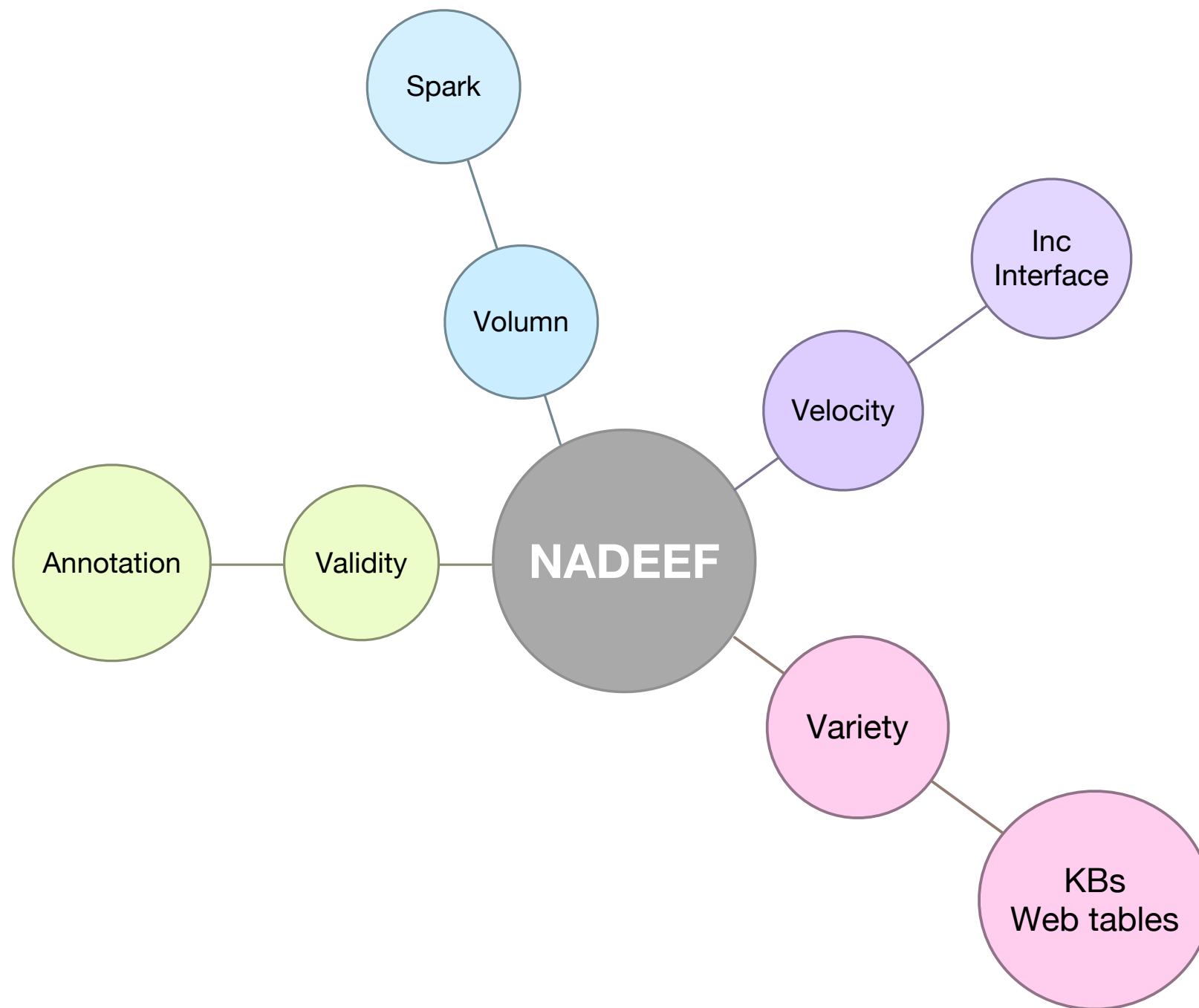
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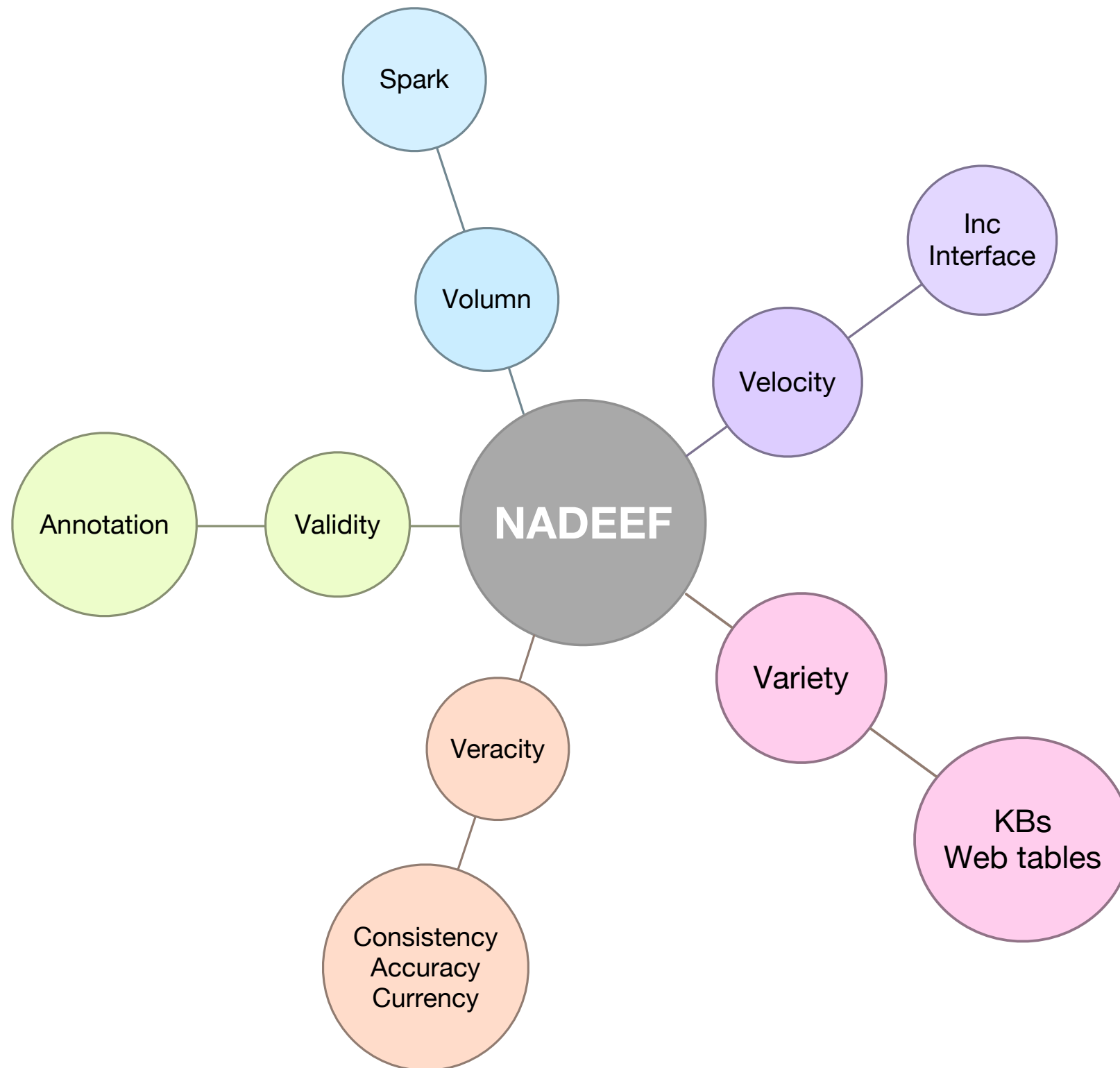
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 - Combining different methods
- Explain errors to users
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