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Syntax-Guided Controlled Generation of Paraphrases



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DISCLAIMER

All experiments conducted on English language datasets

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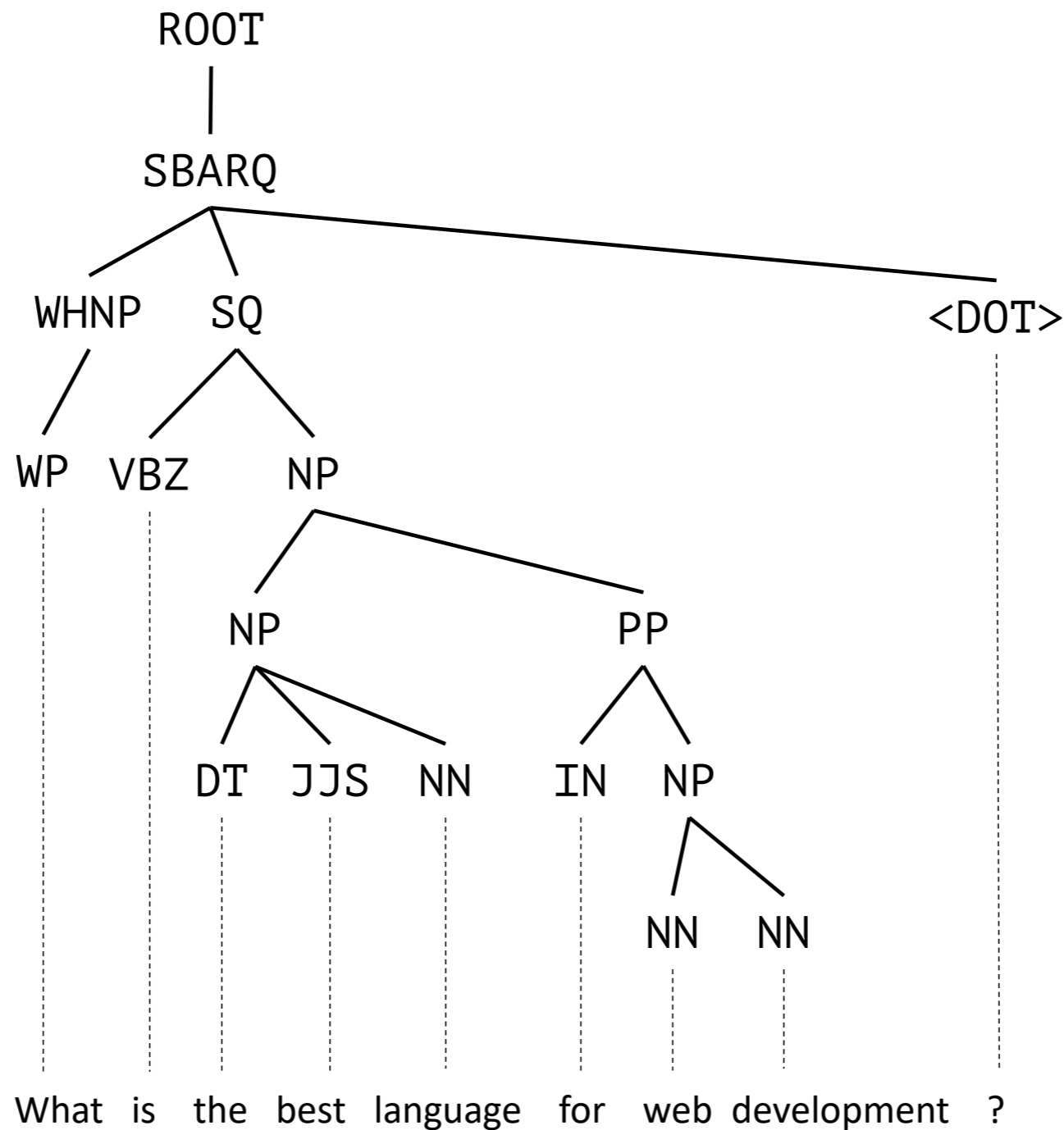
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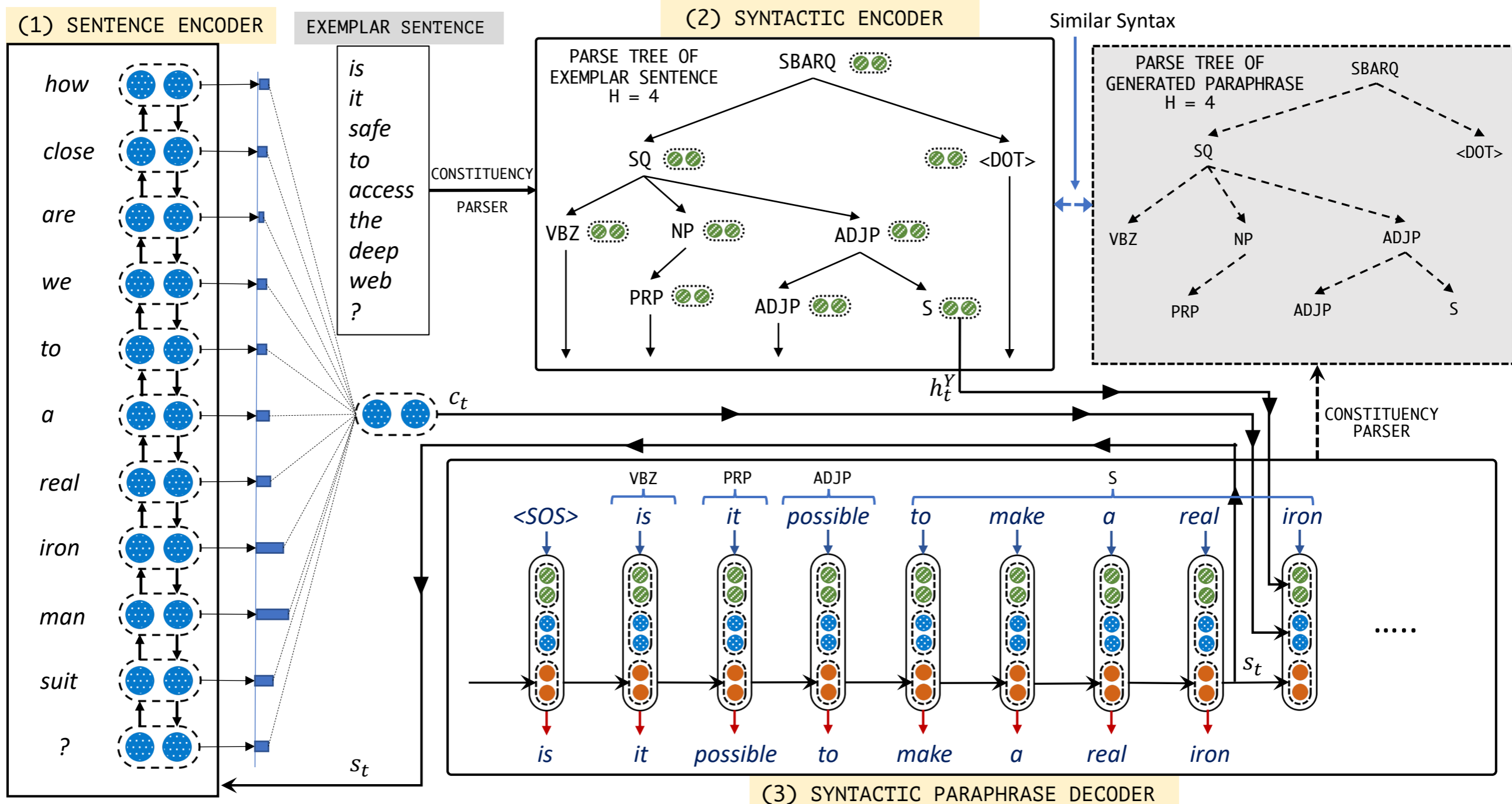
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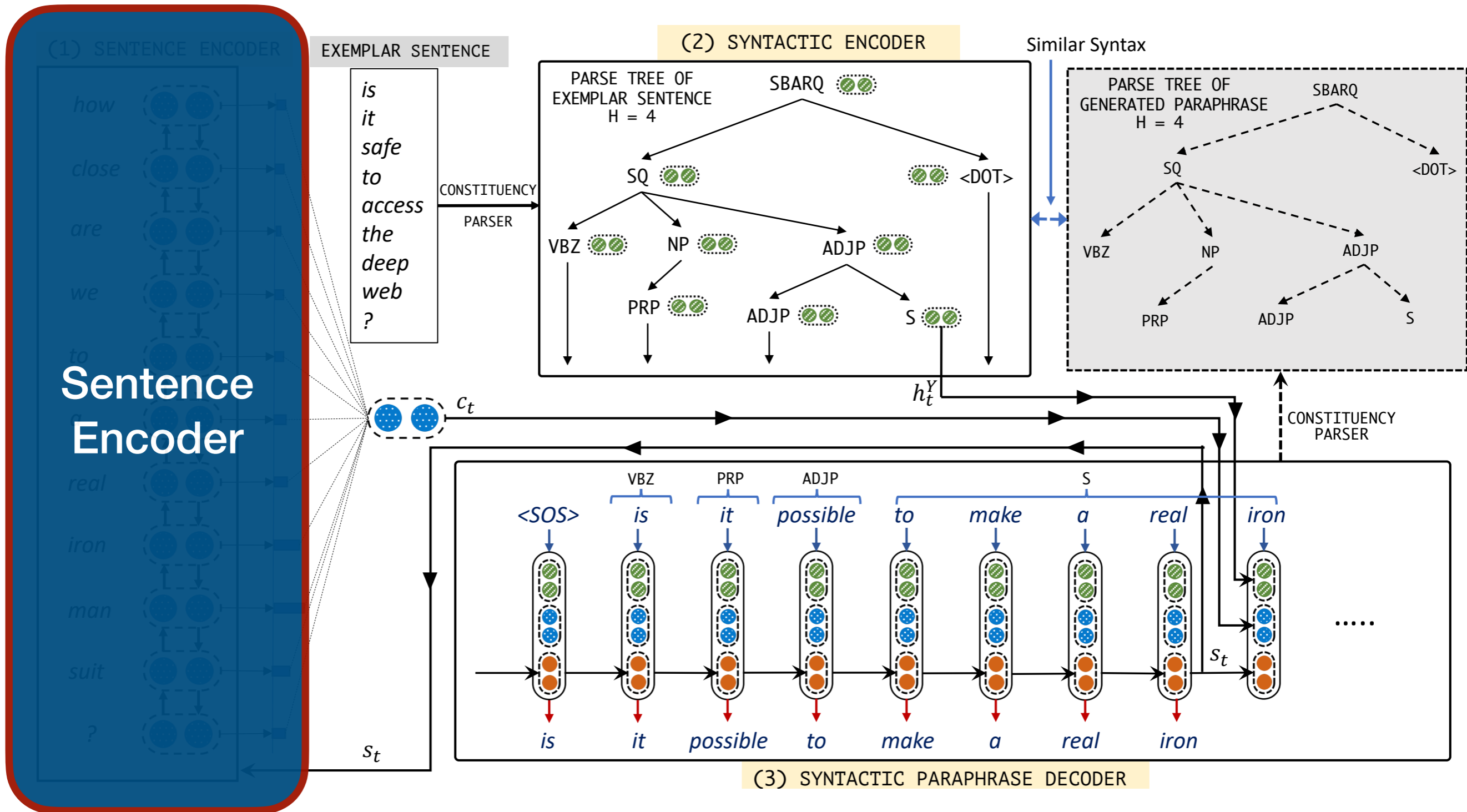
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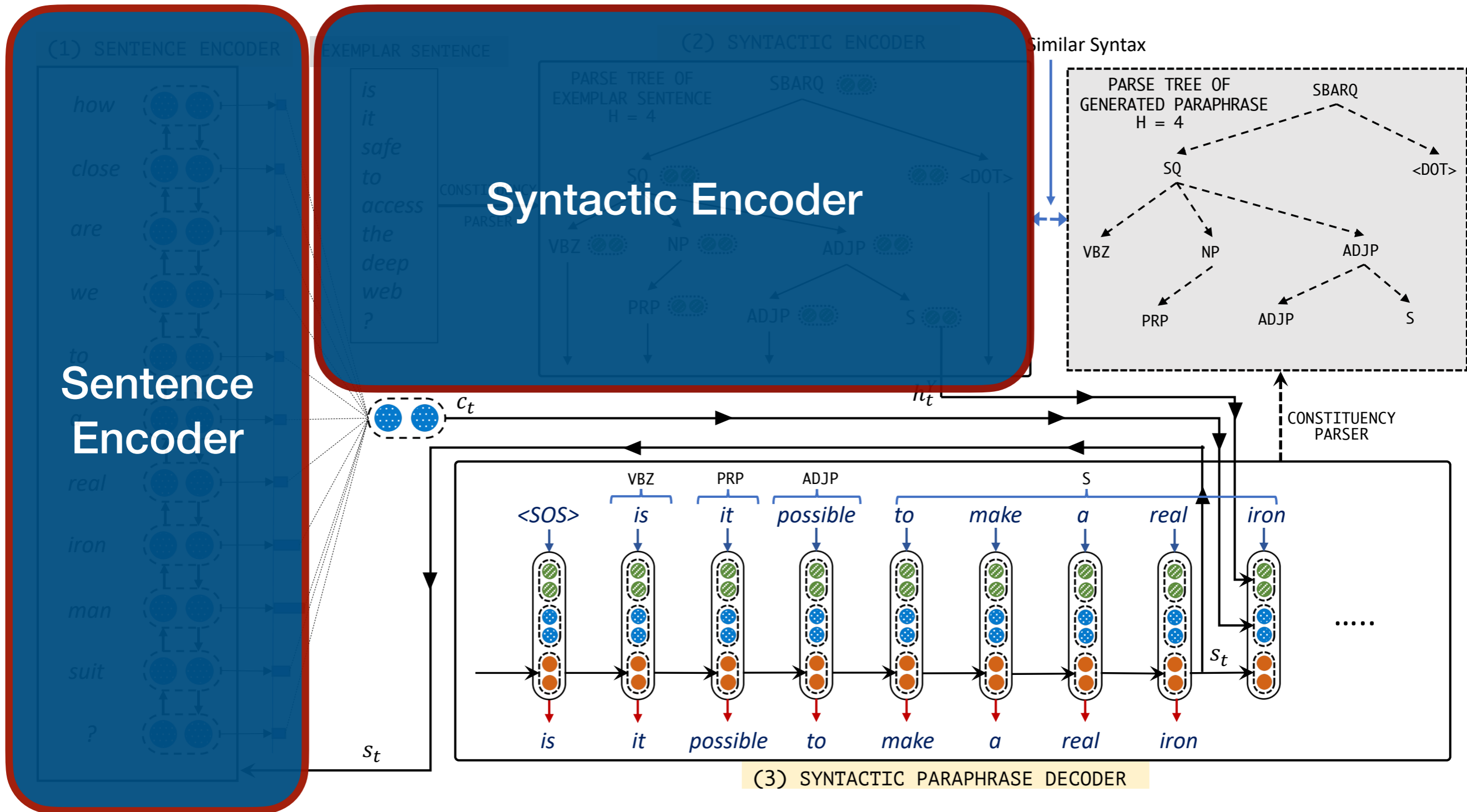
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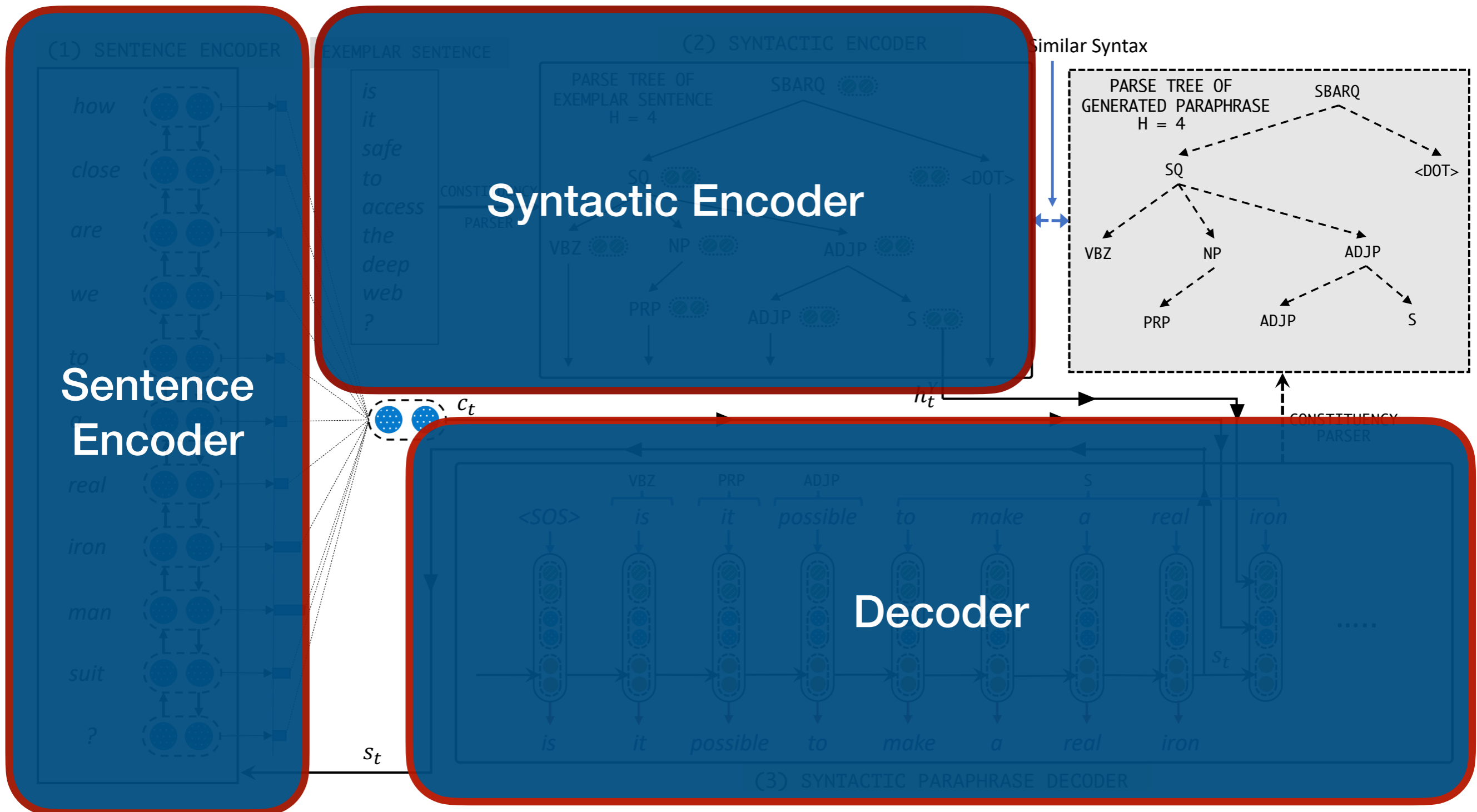
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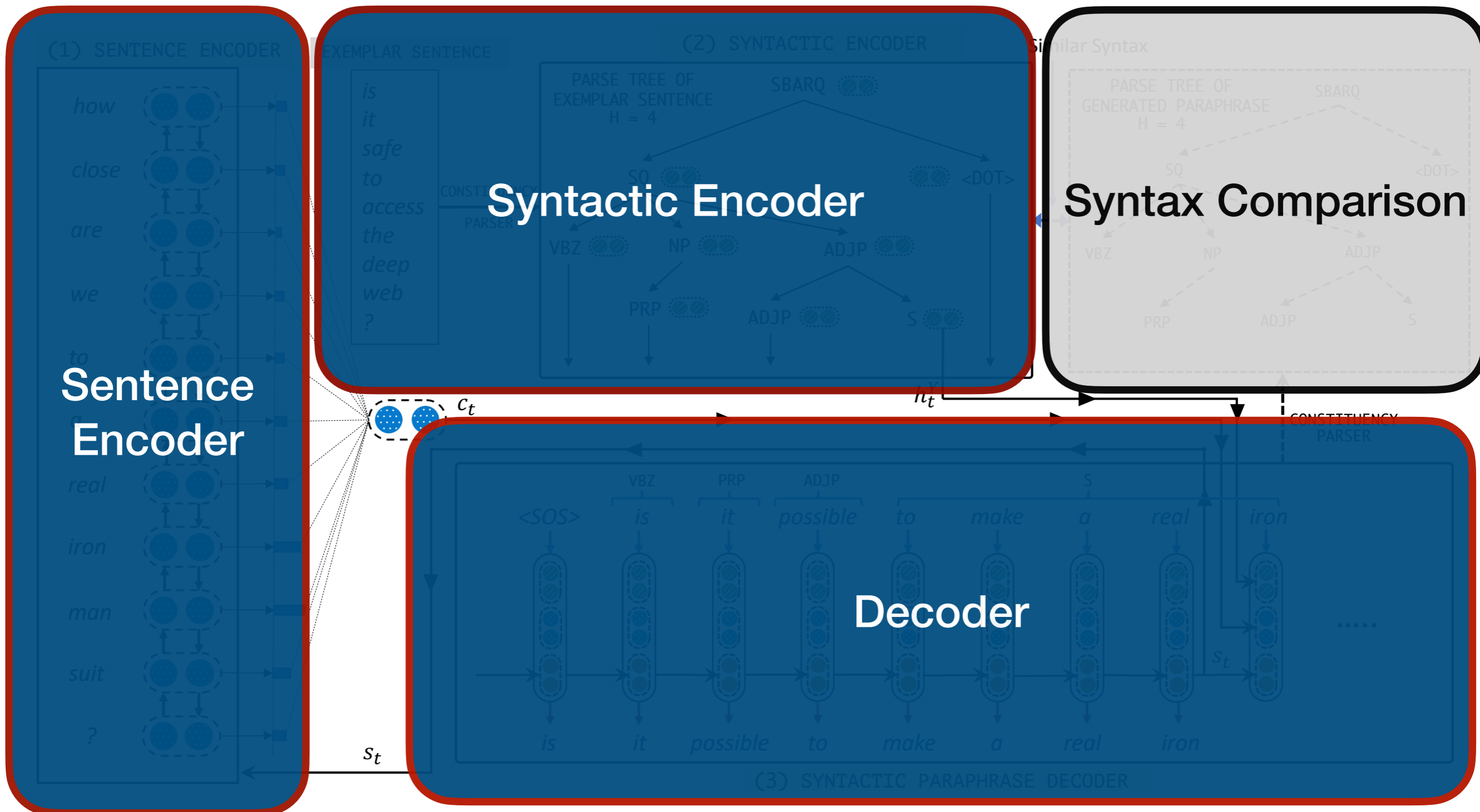
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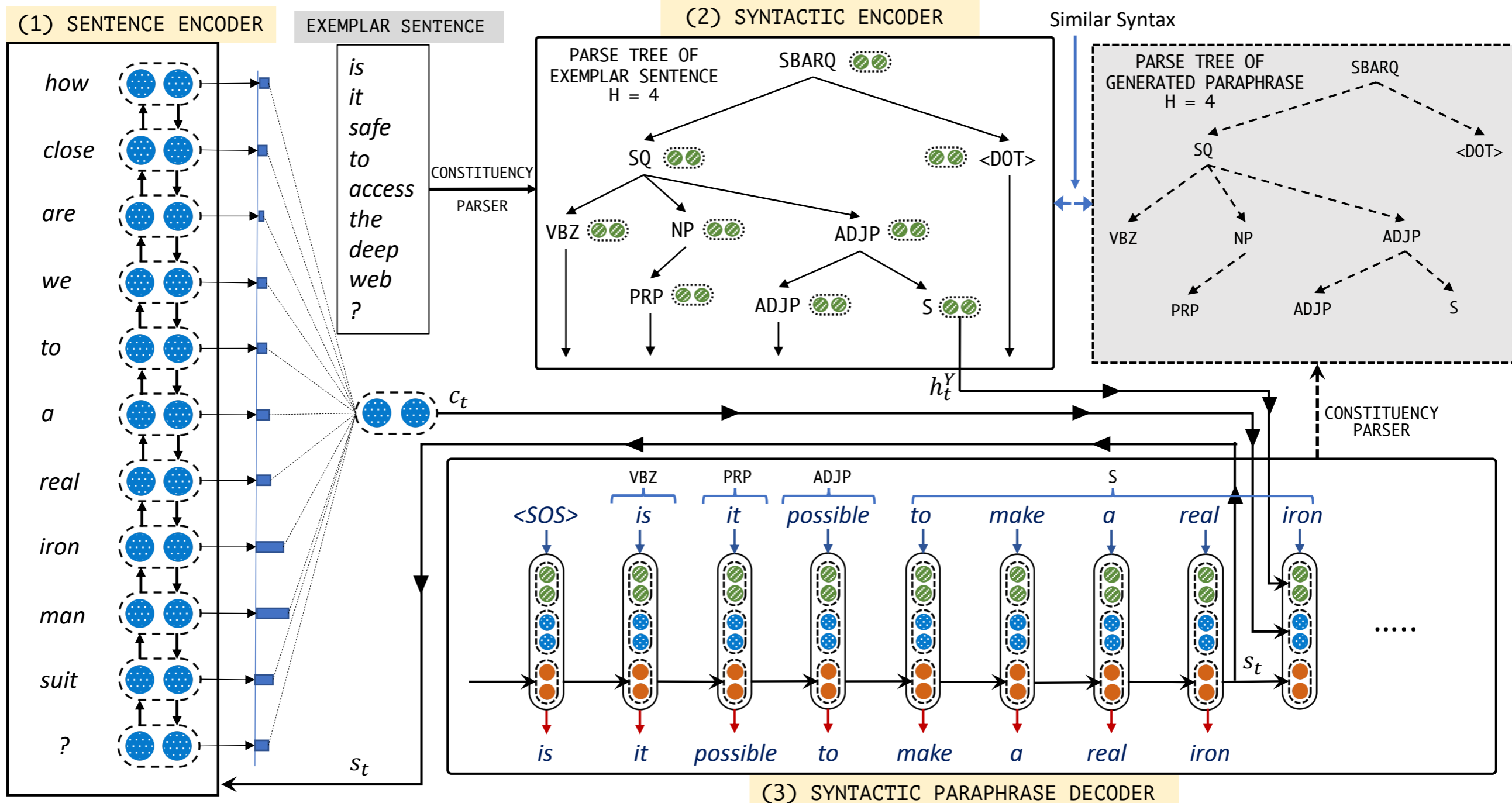
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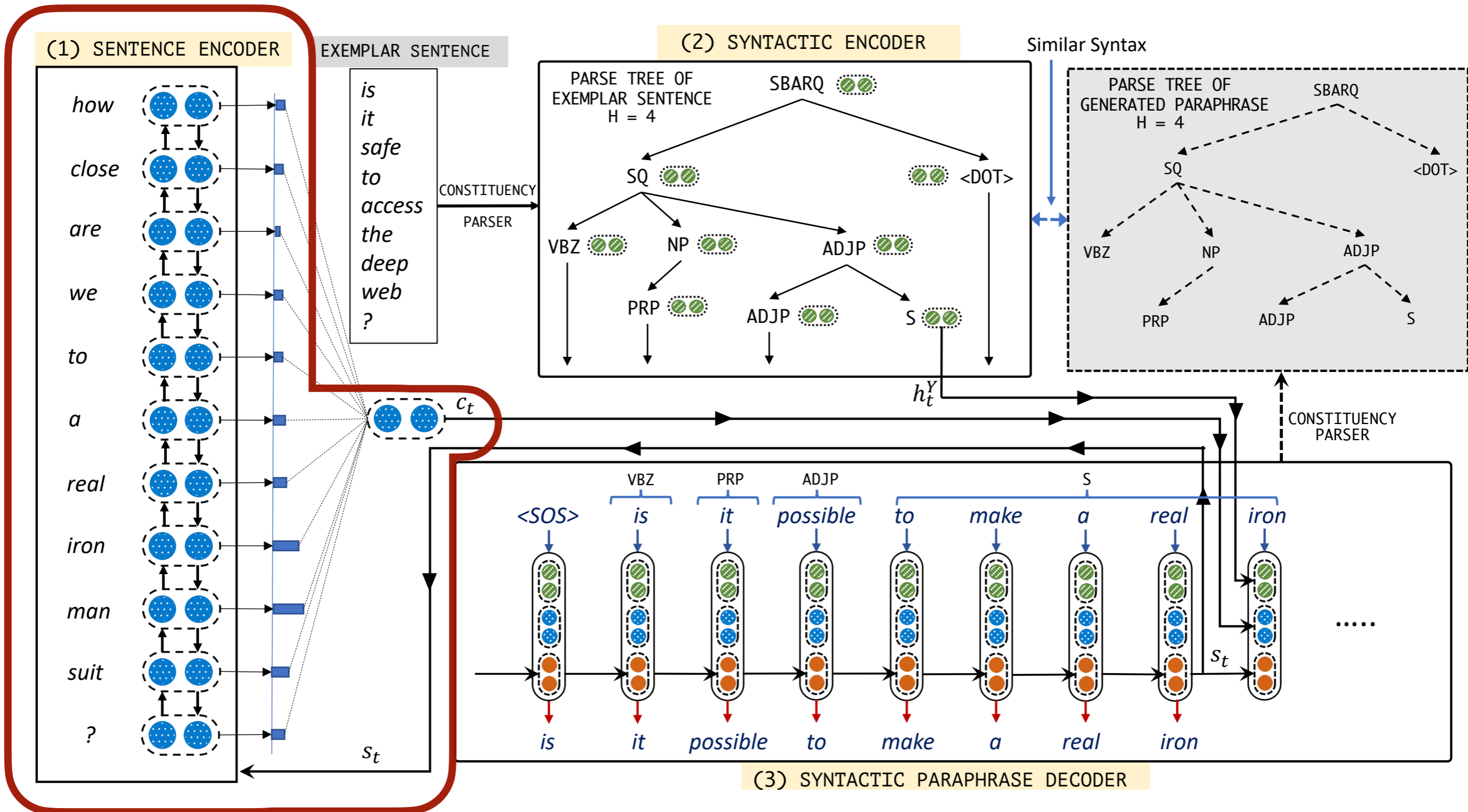
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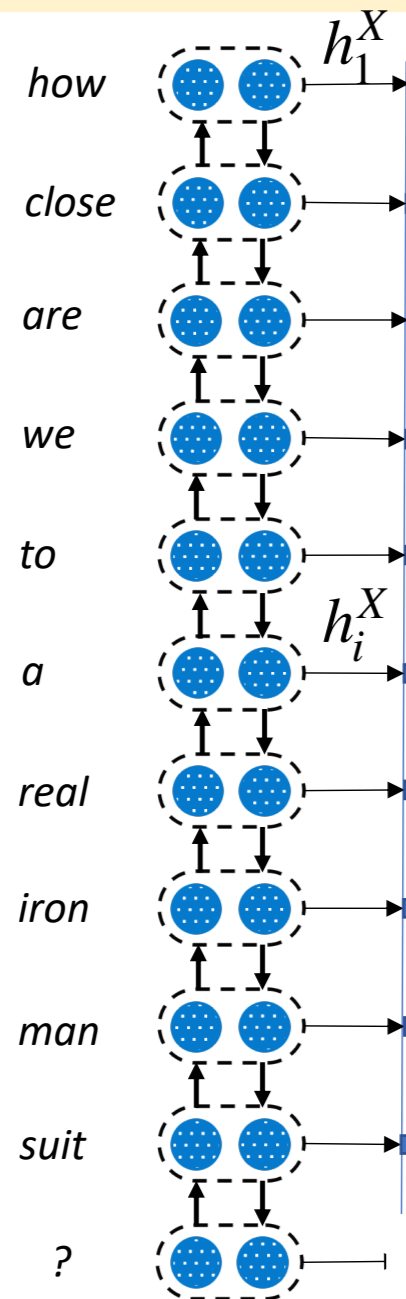
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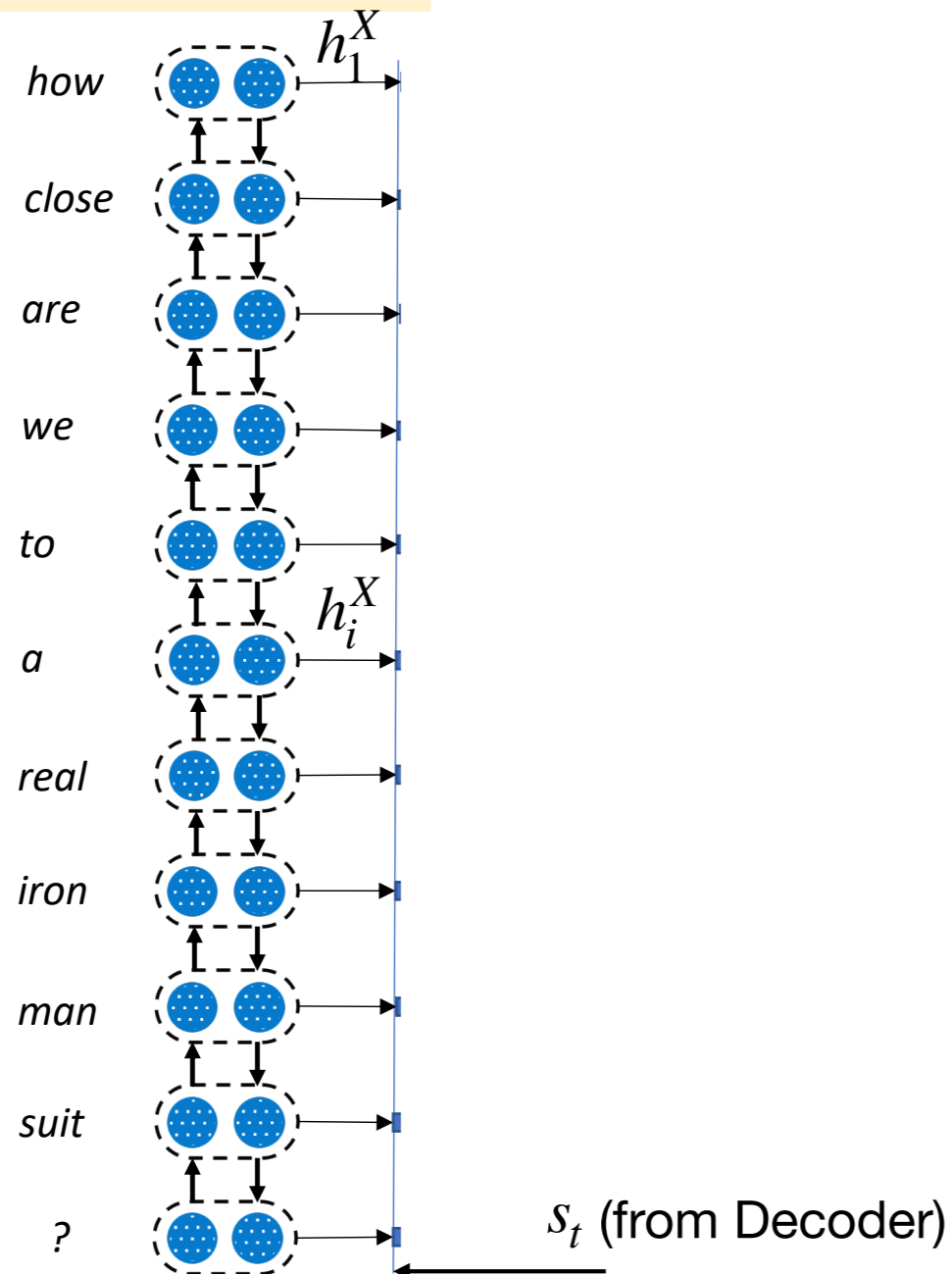
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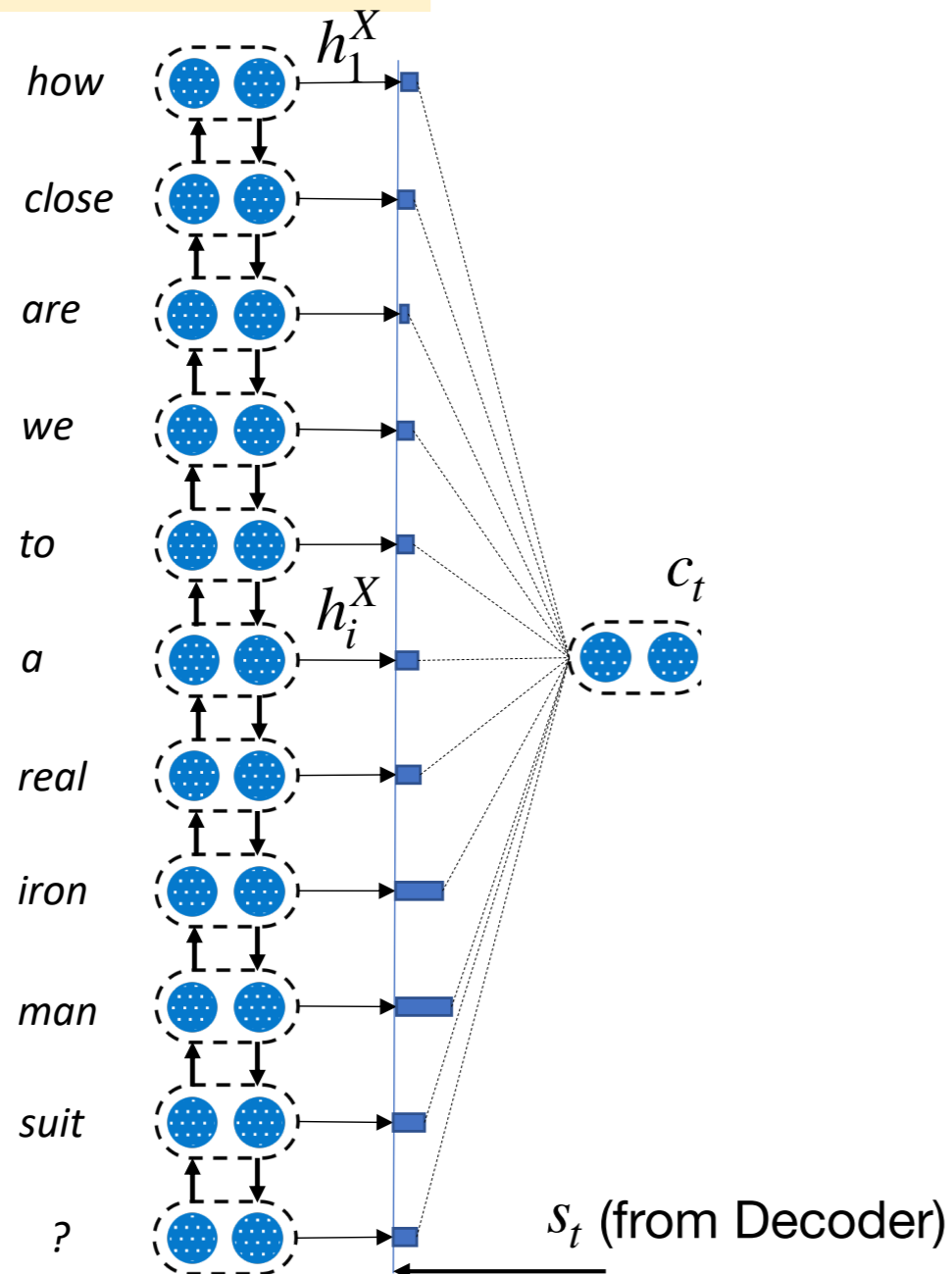
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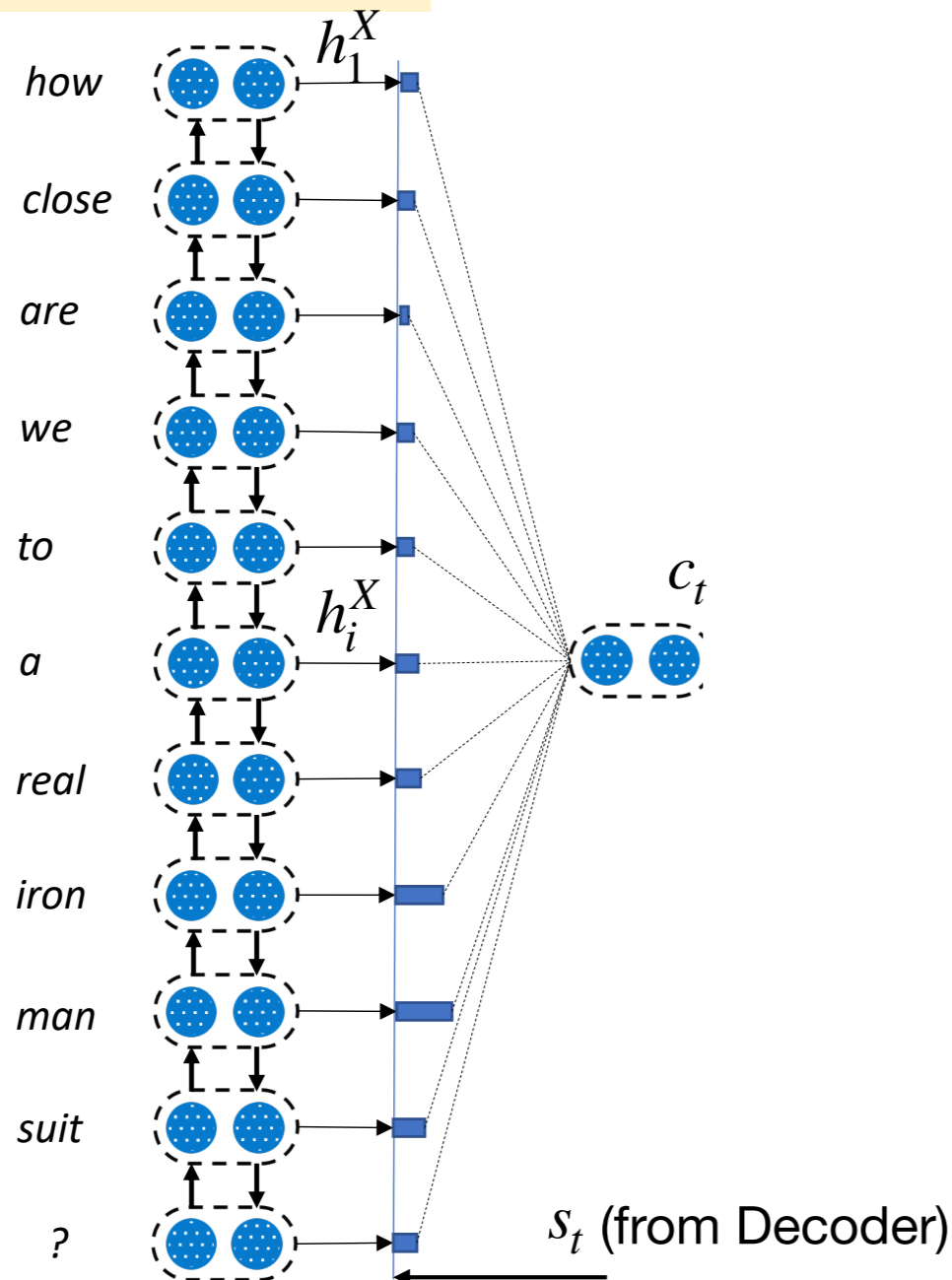
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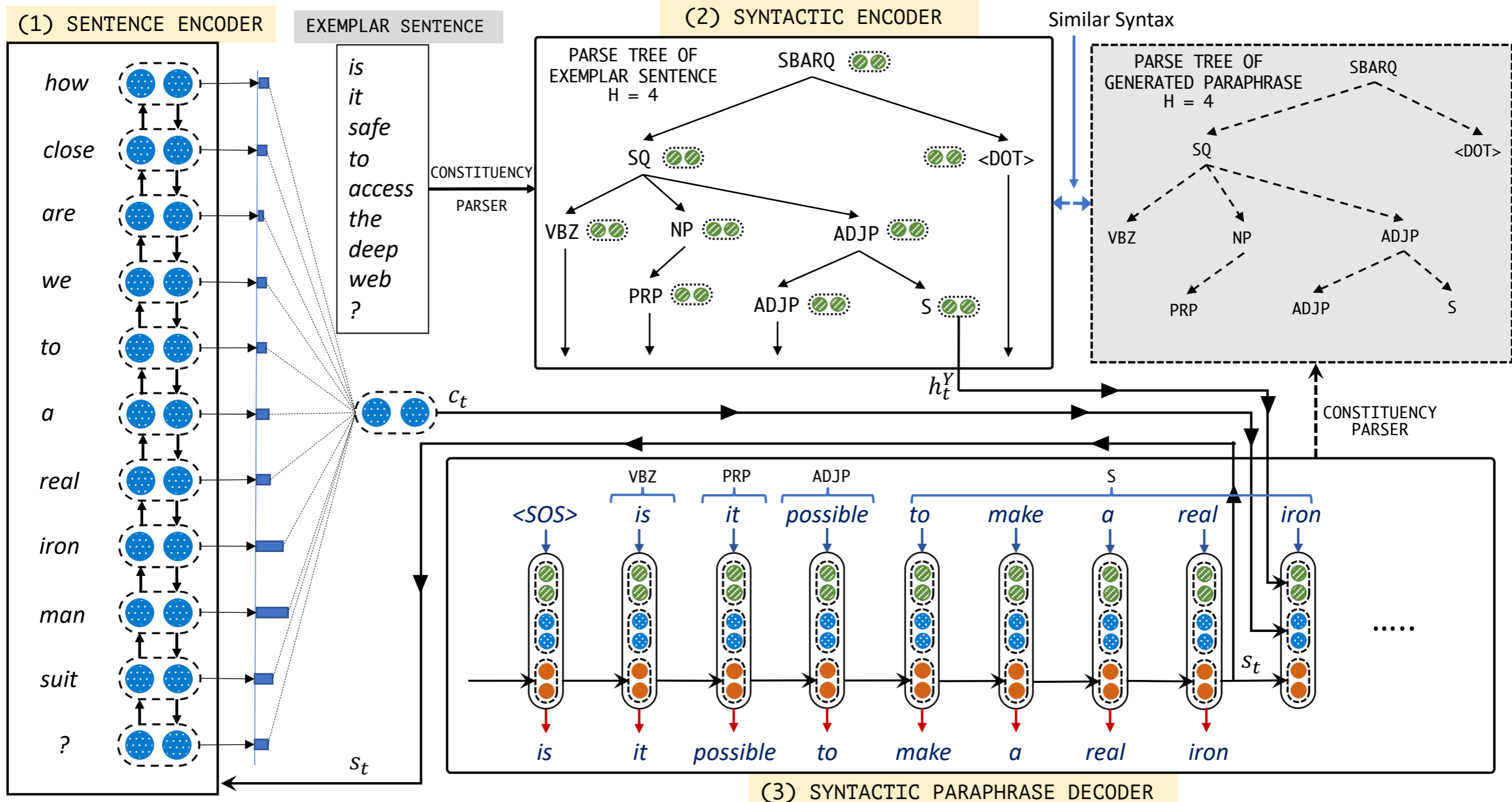
$$e_i^t = v^T \mathbf{tanh}(W_h h_i^X + W_s s_t + b_{attn})$$

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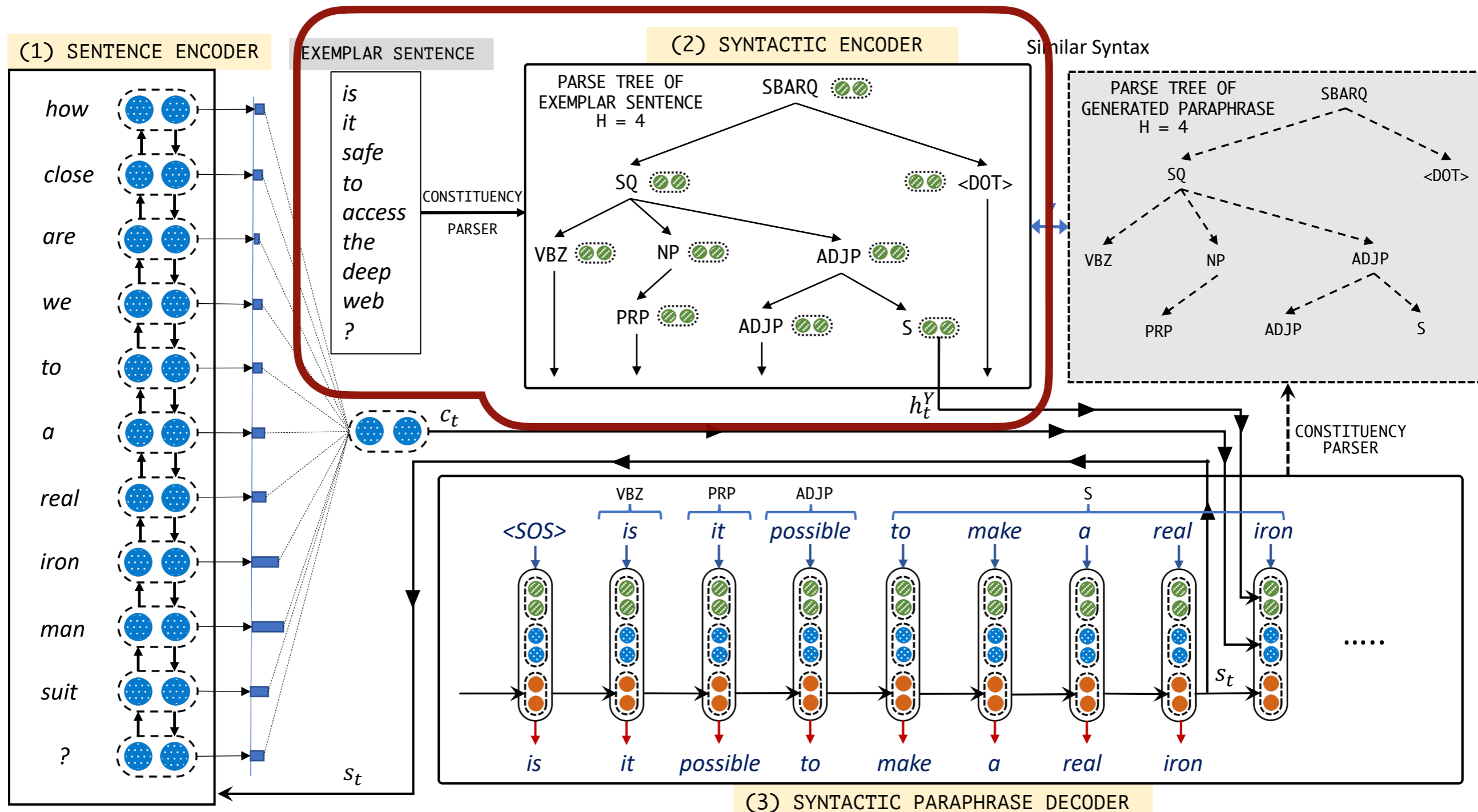
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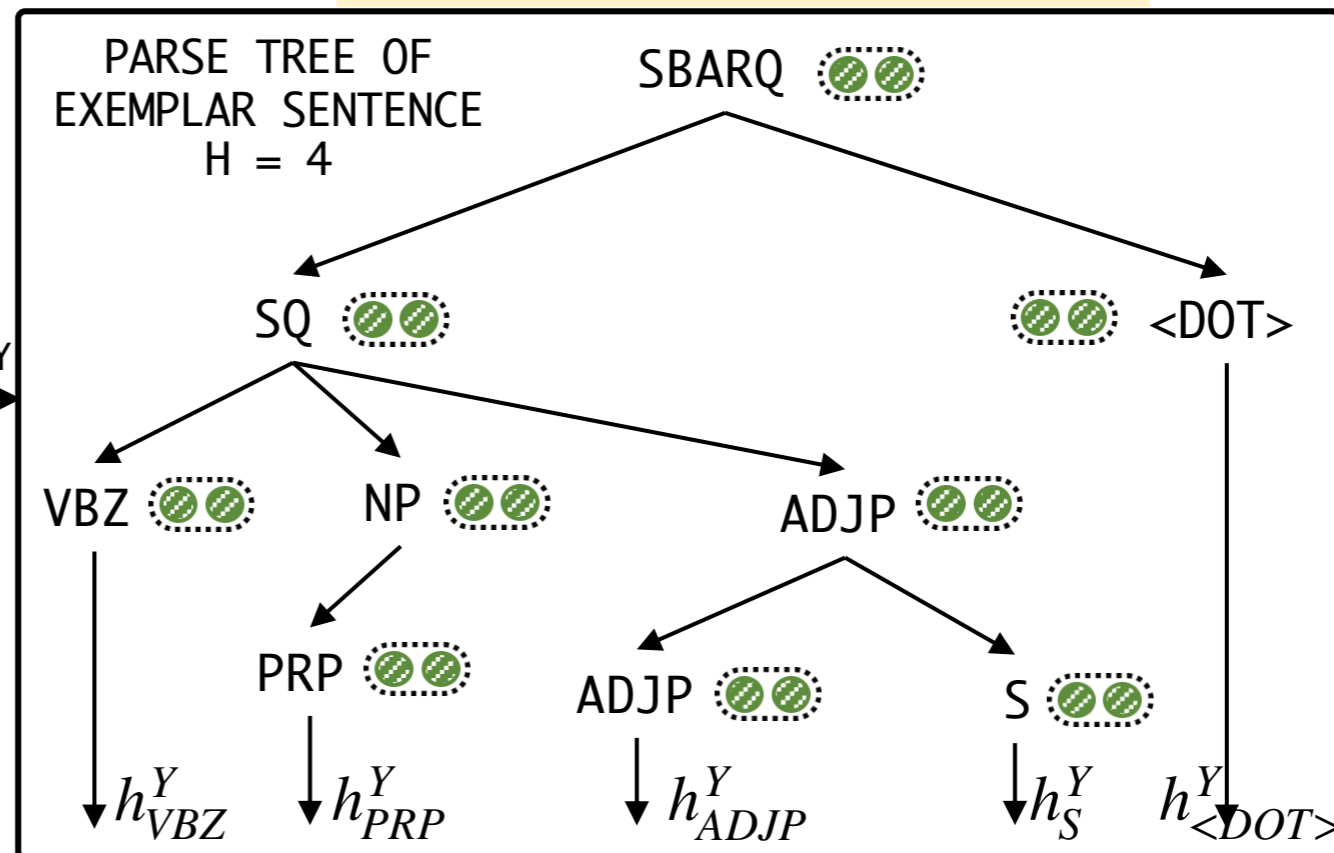
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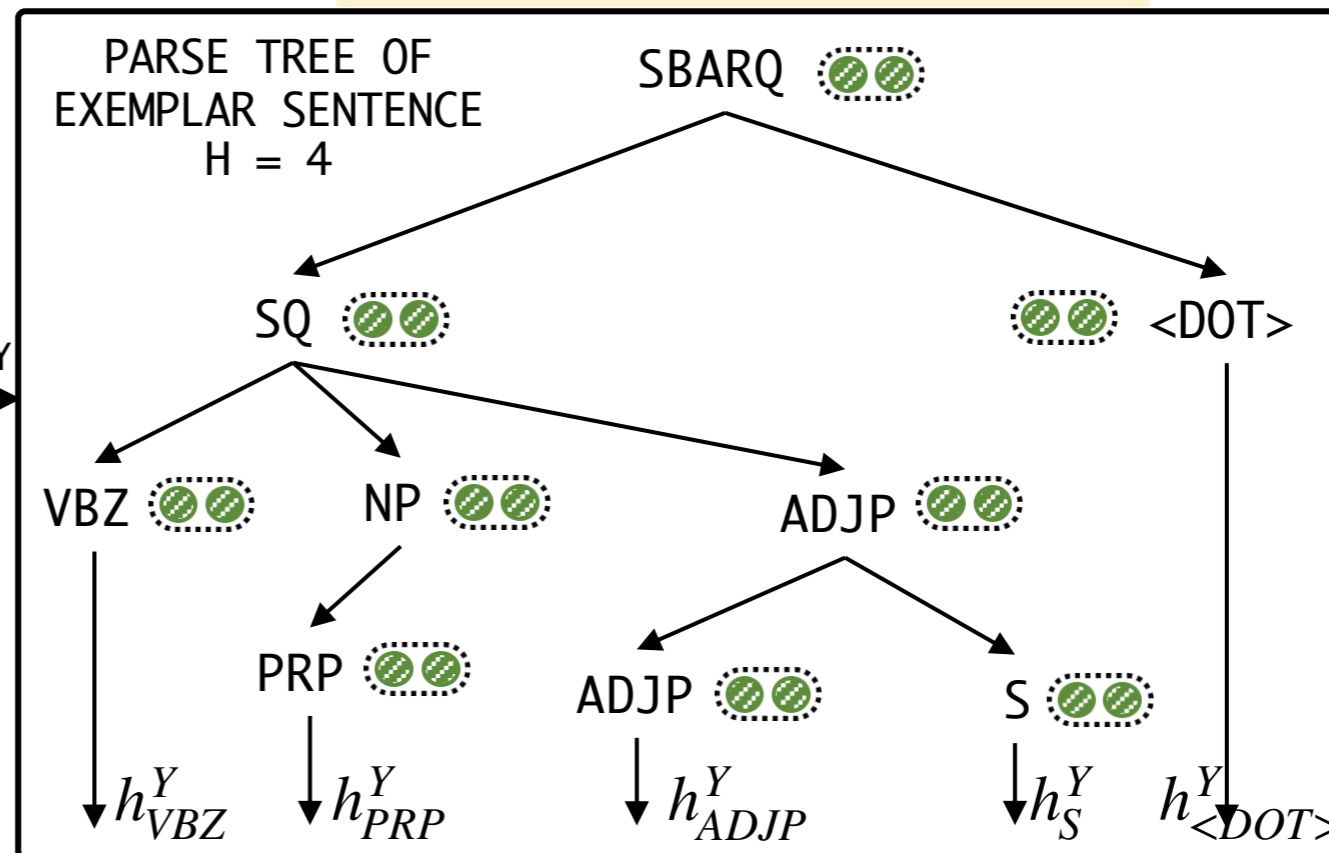
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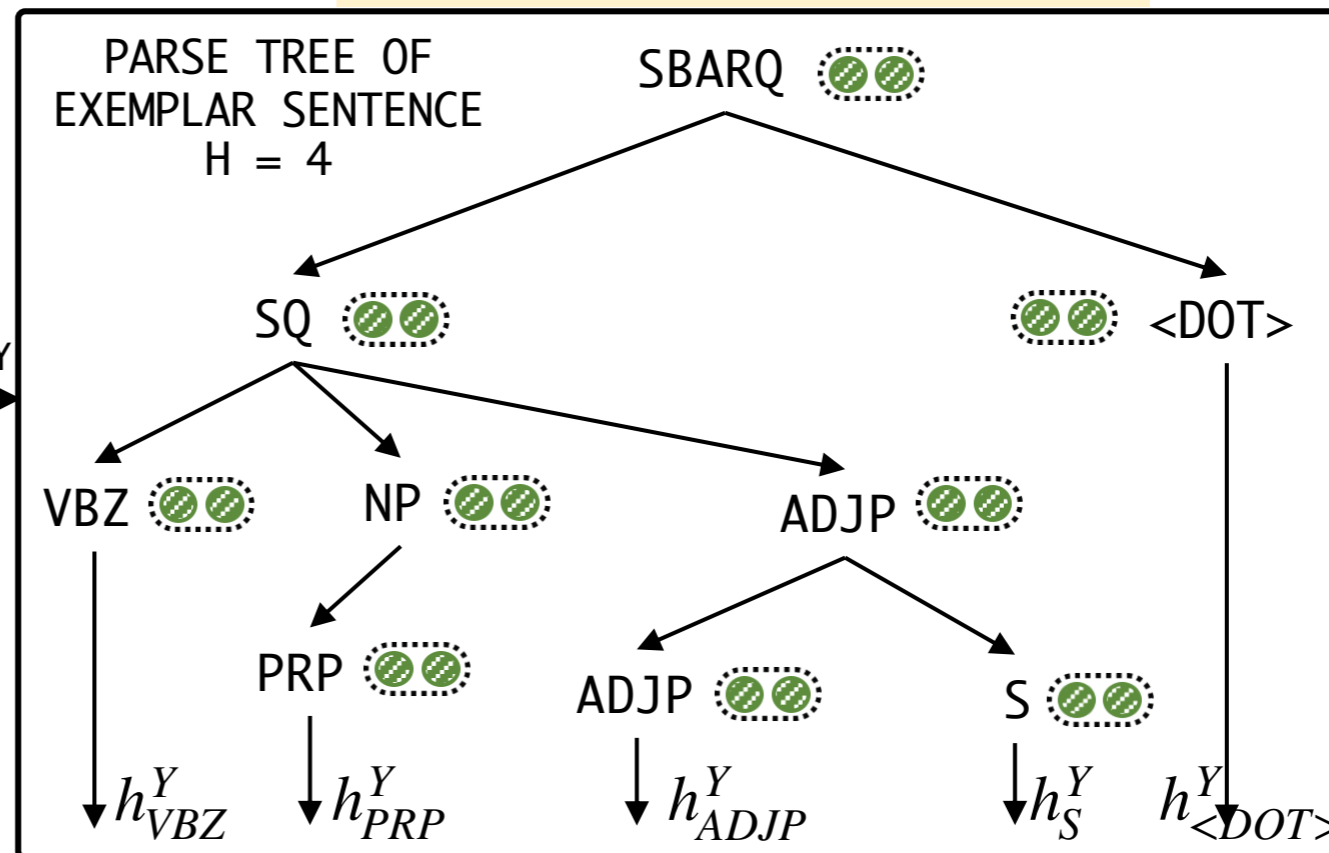
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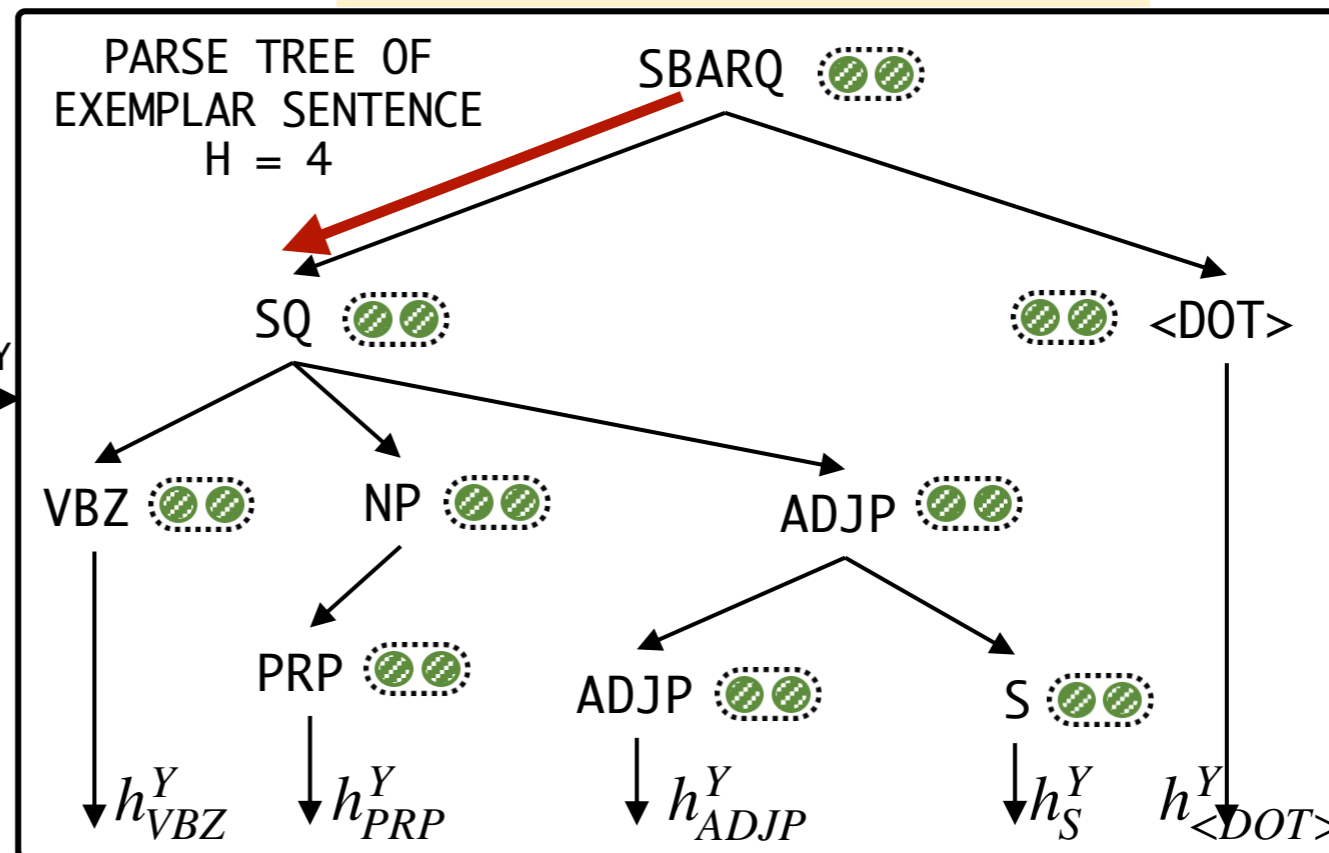
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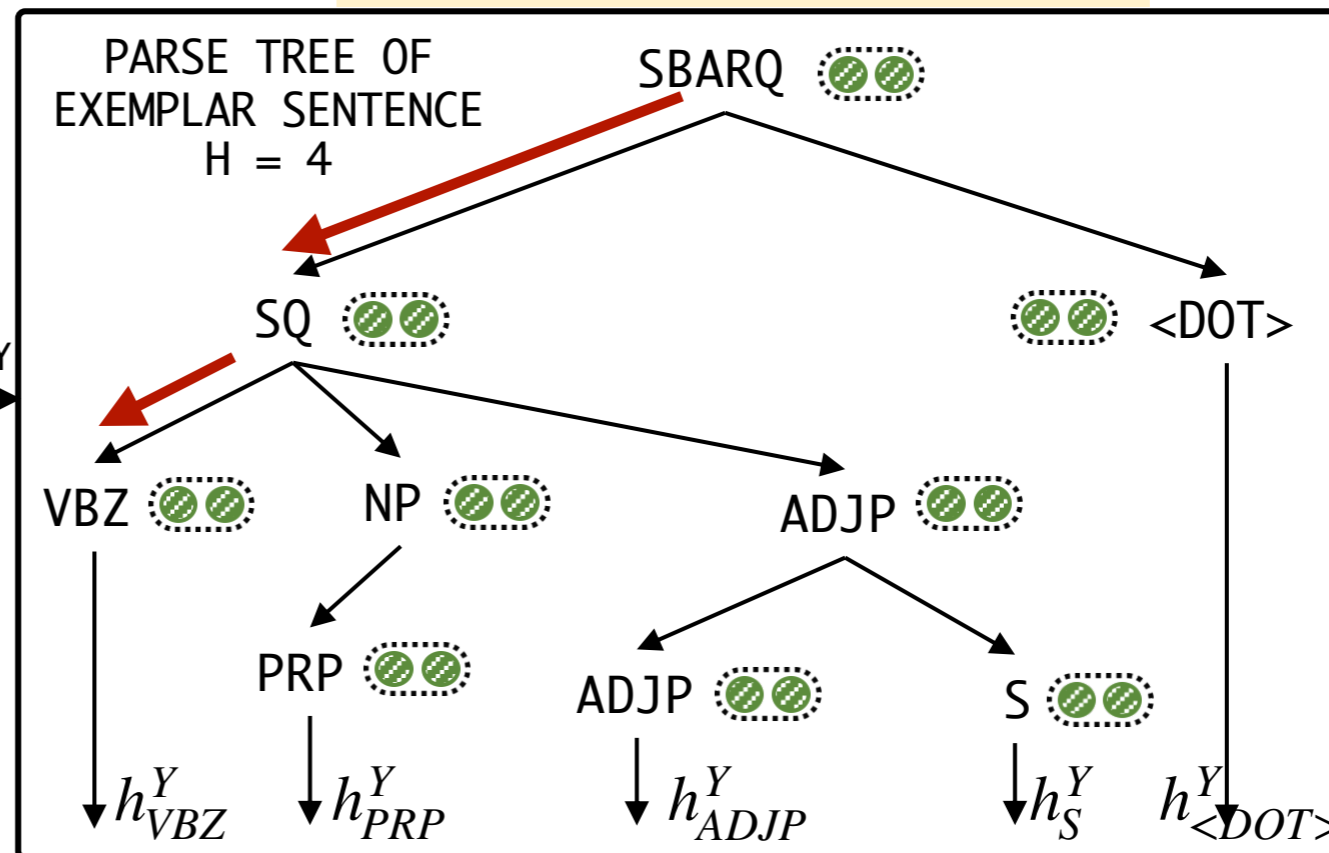
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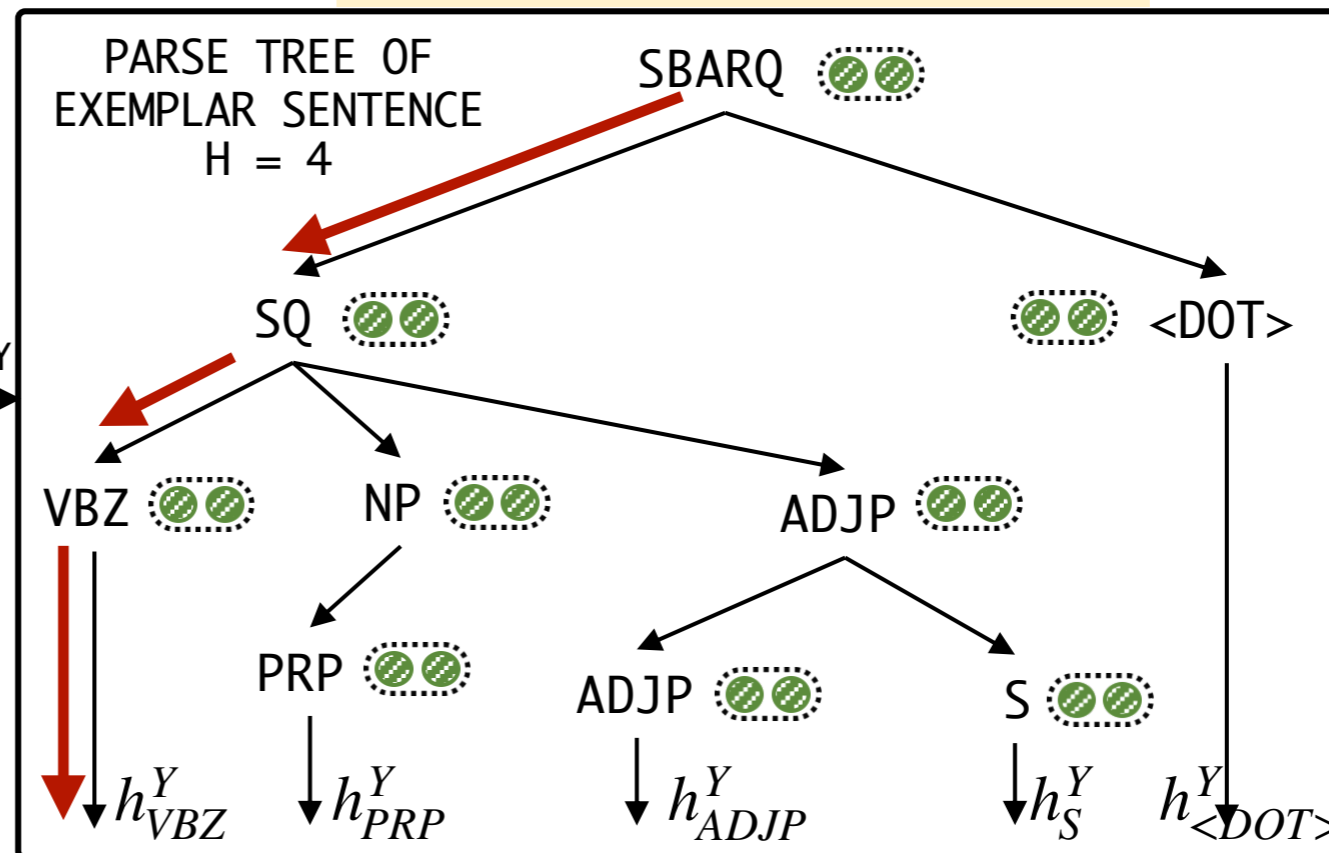
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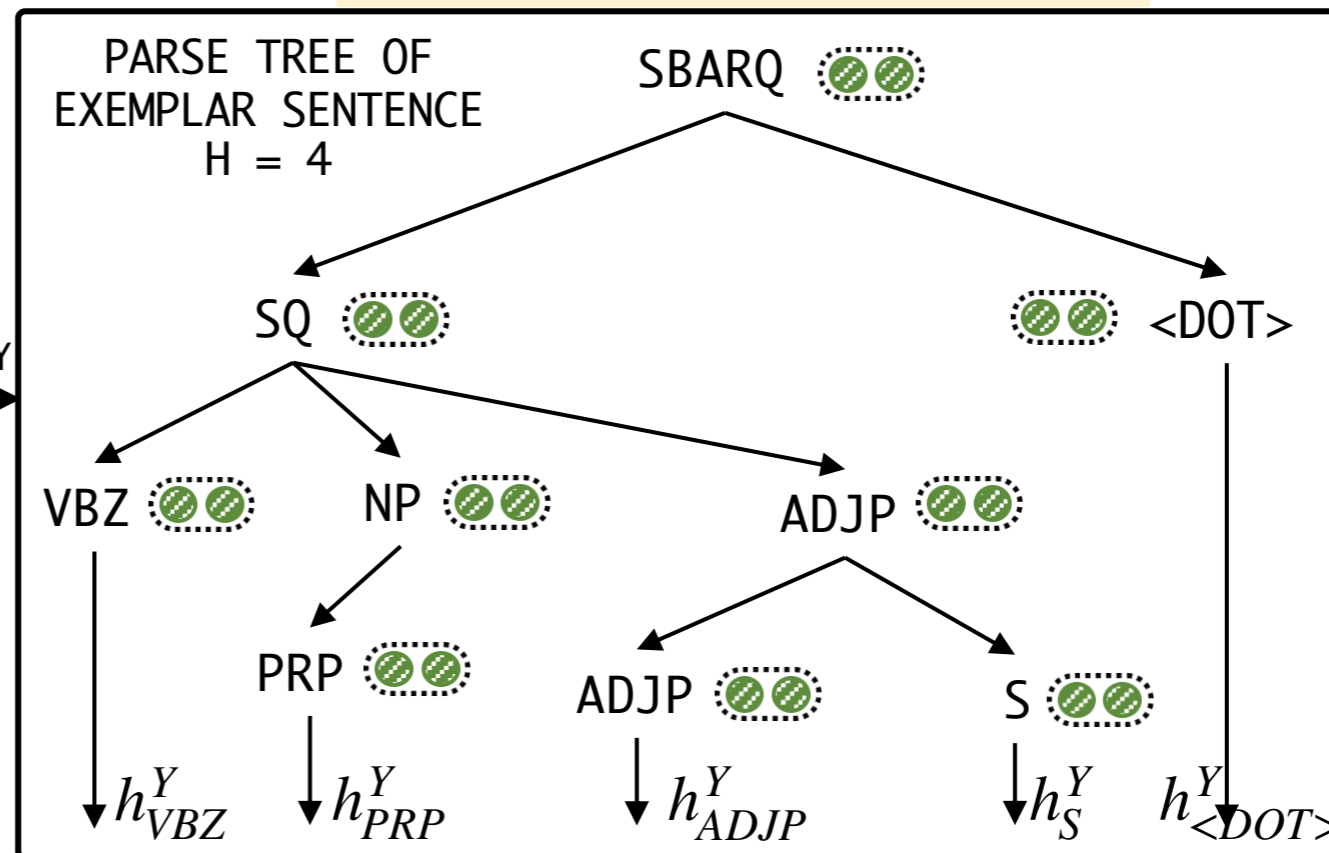
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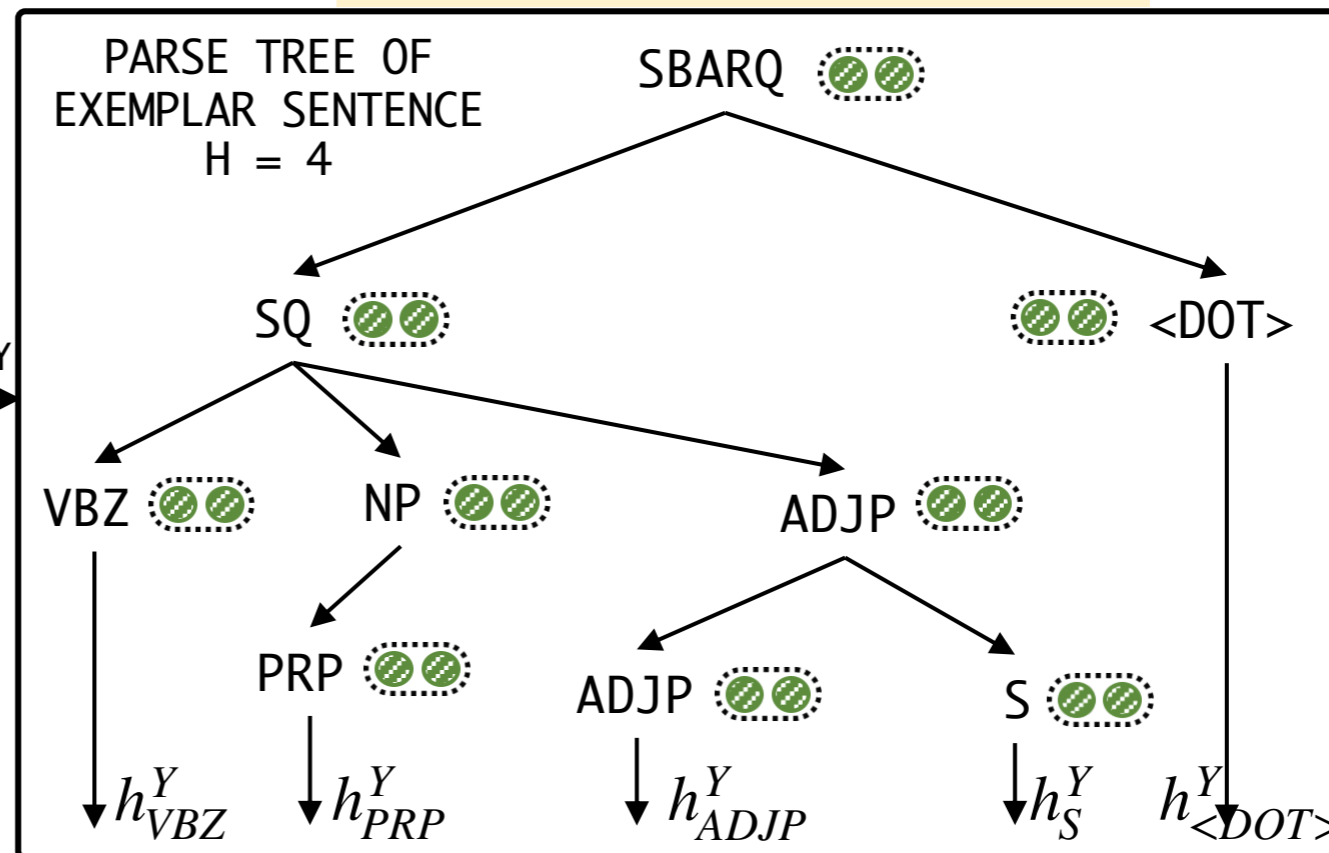
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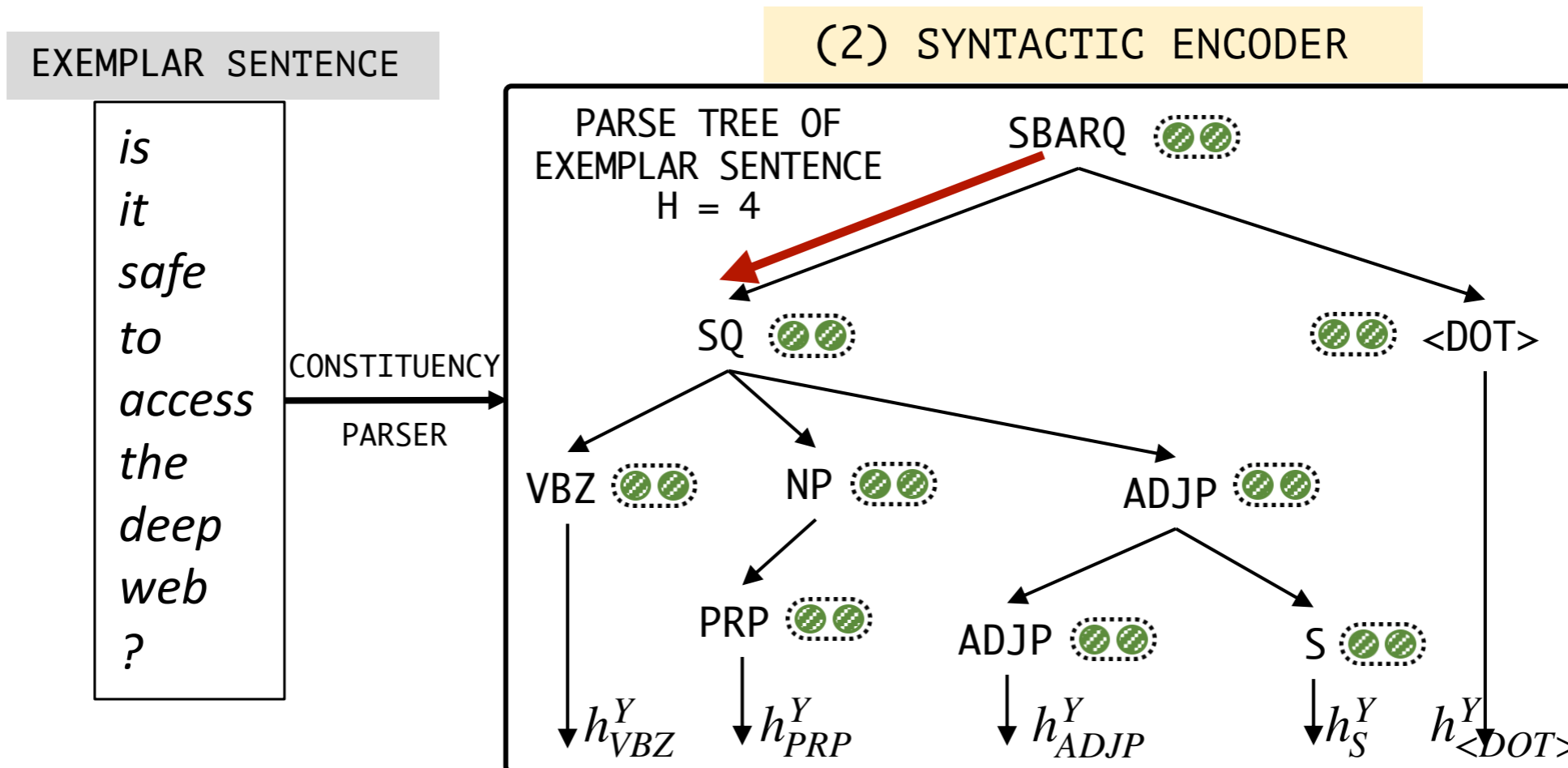
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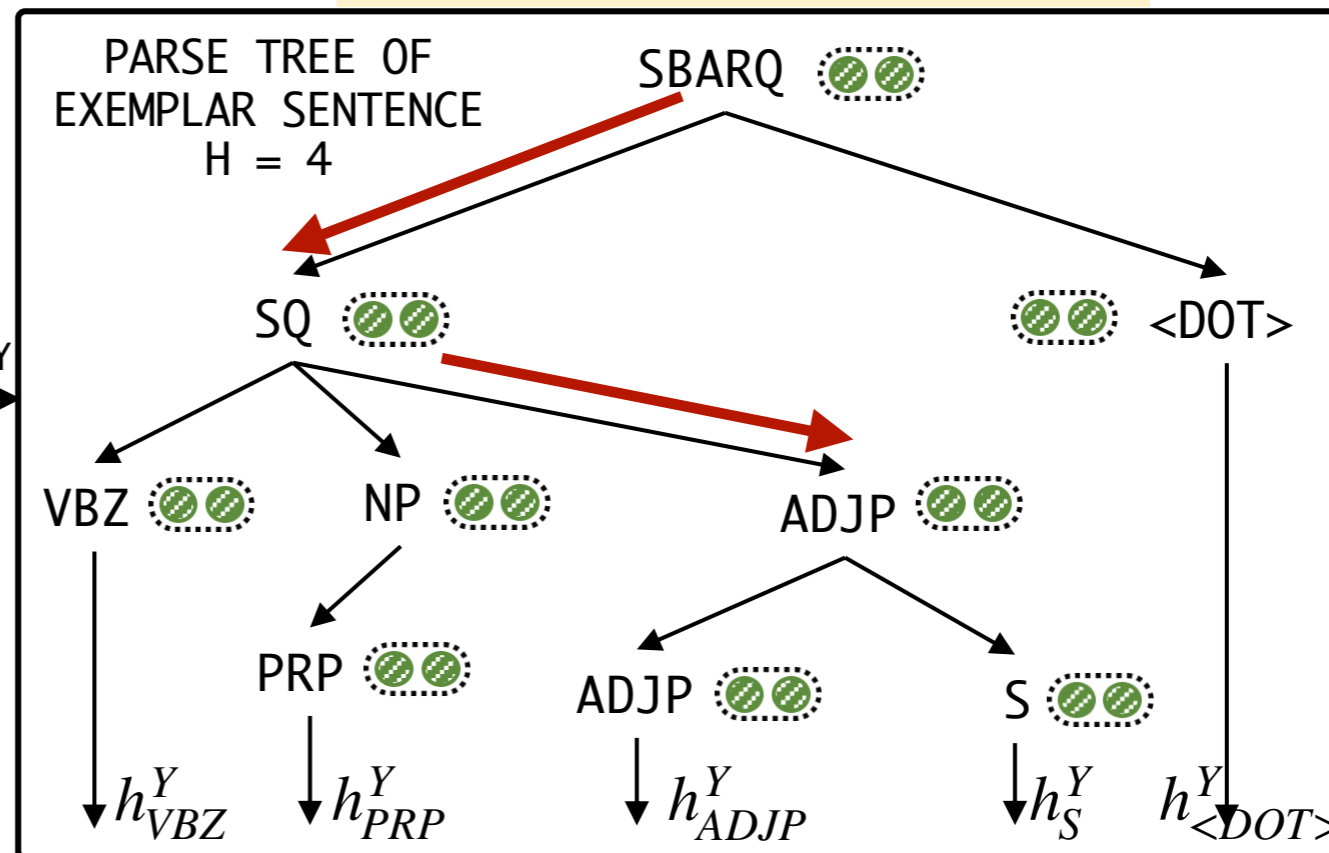
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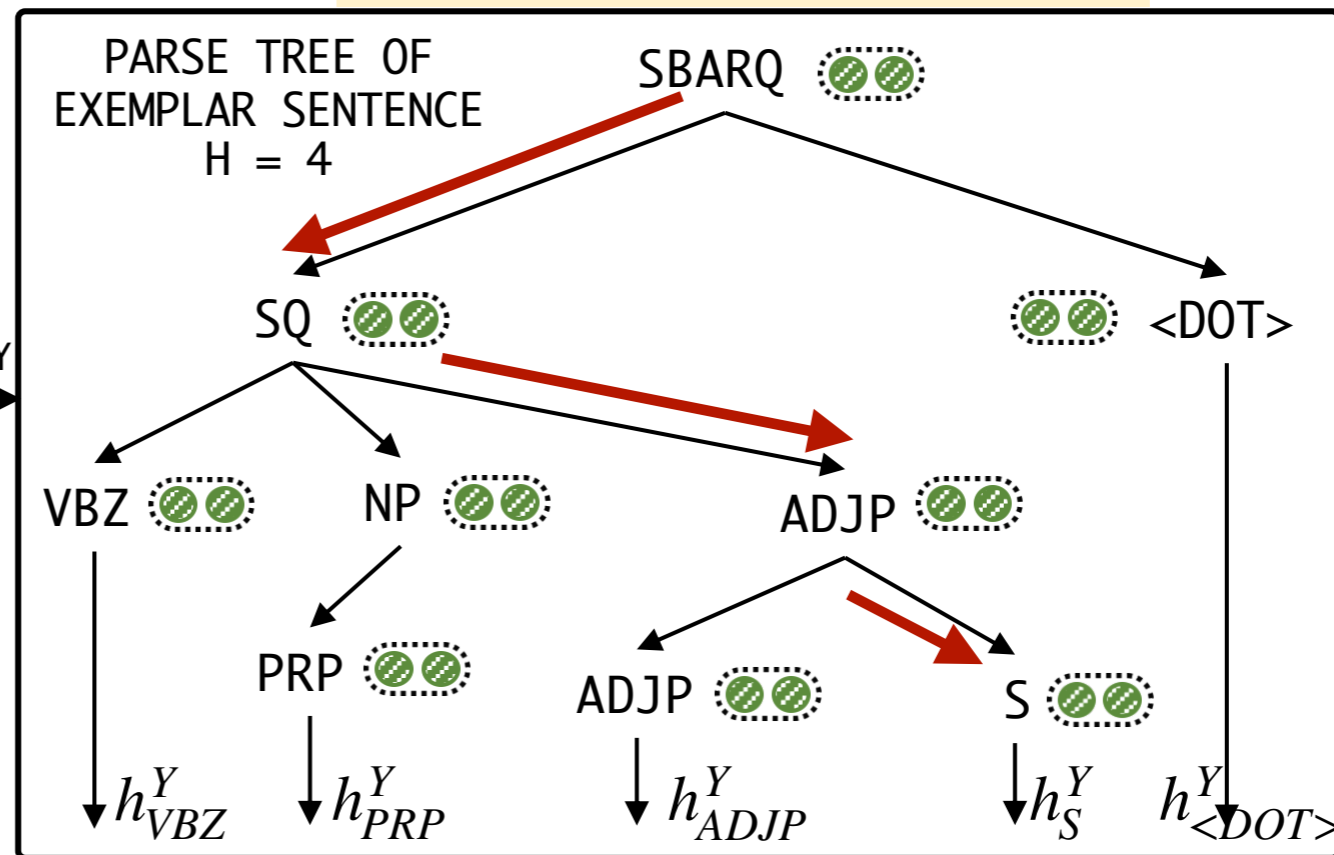
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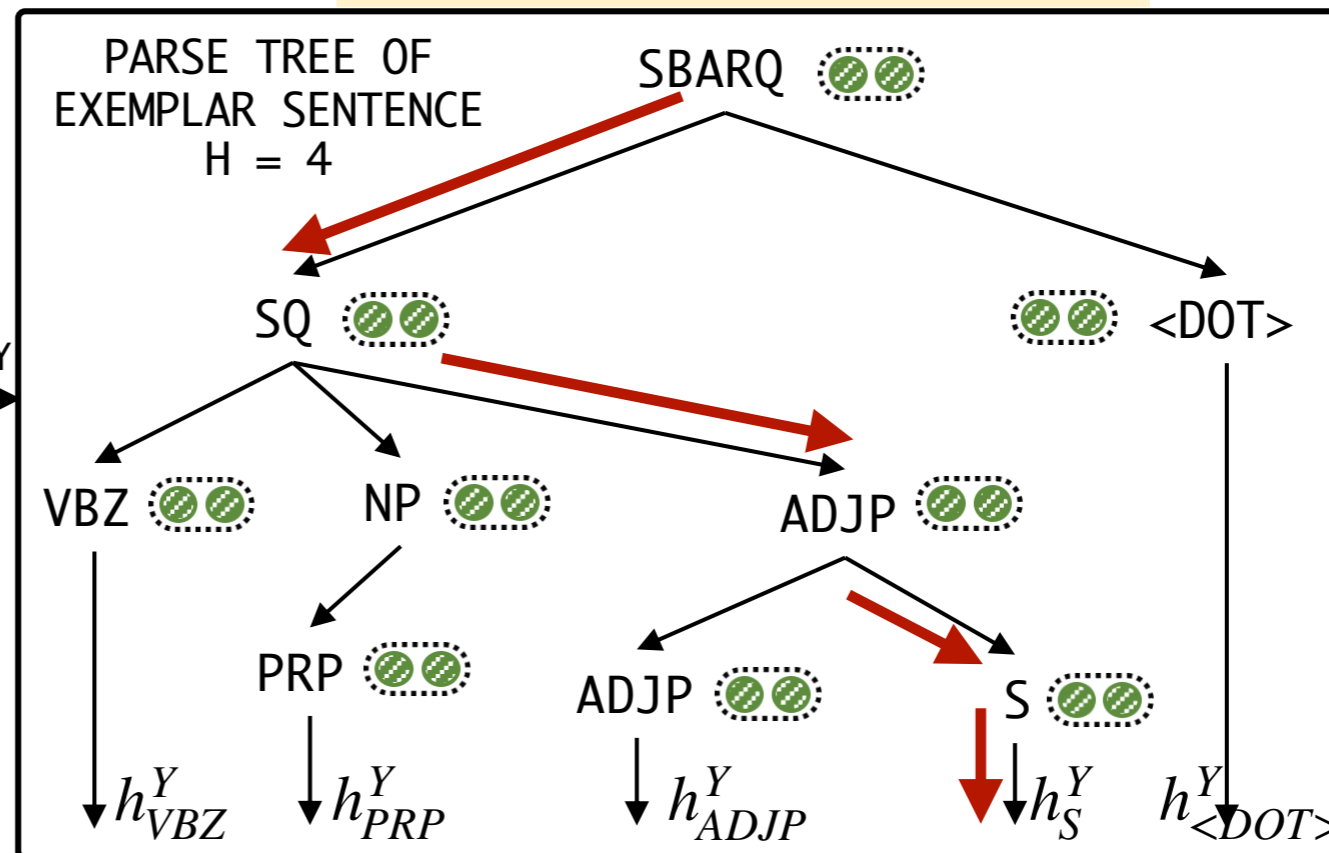
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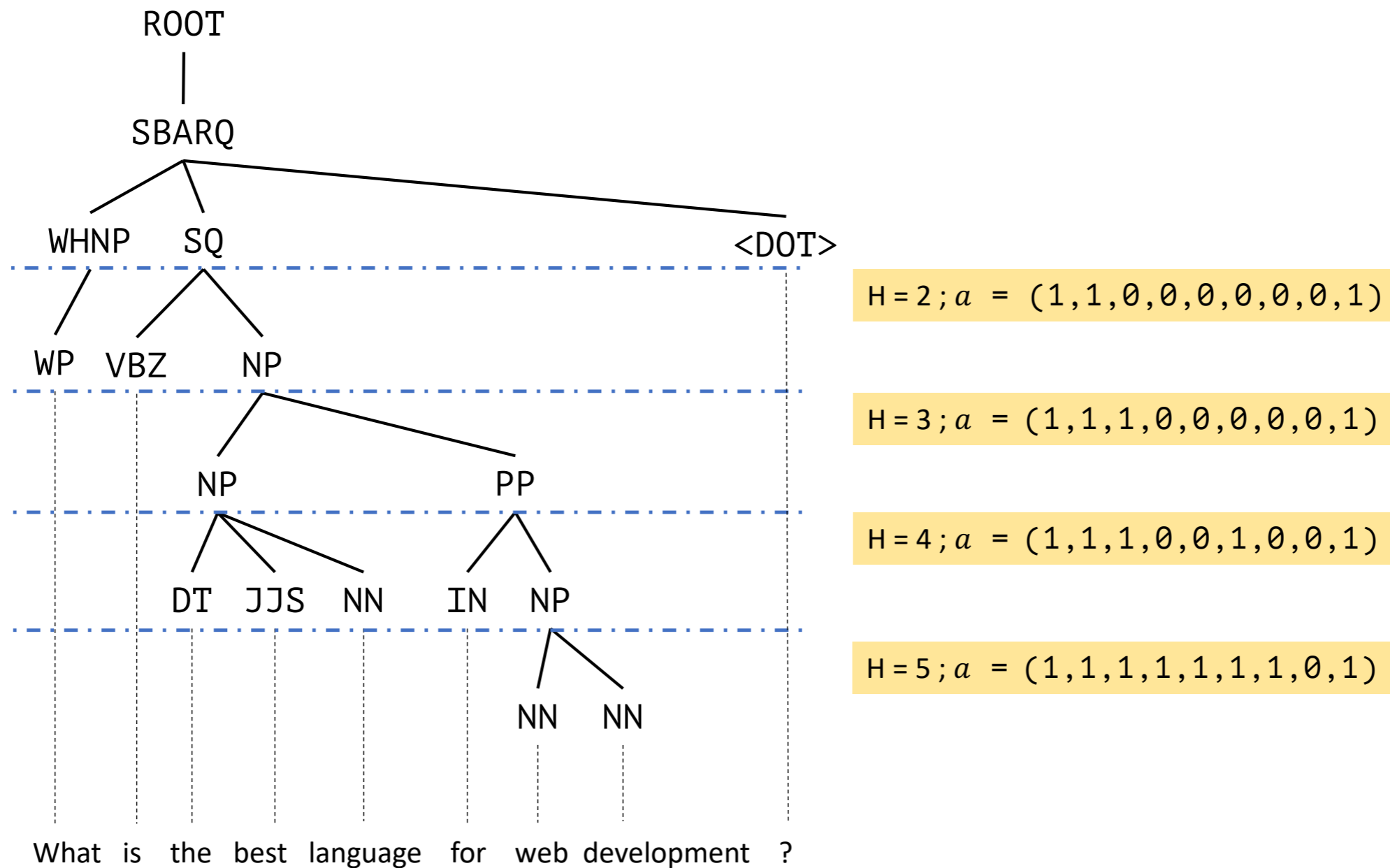
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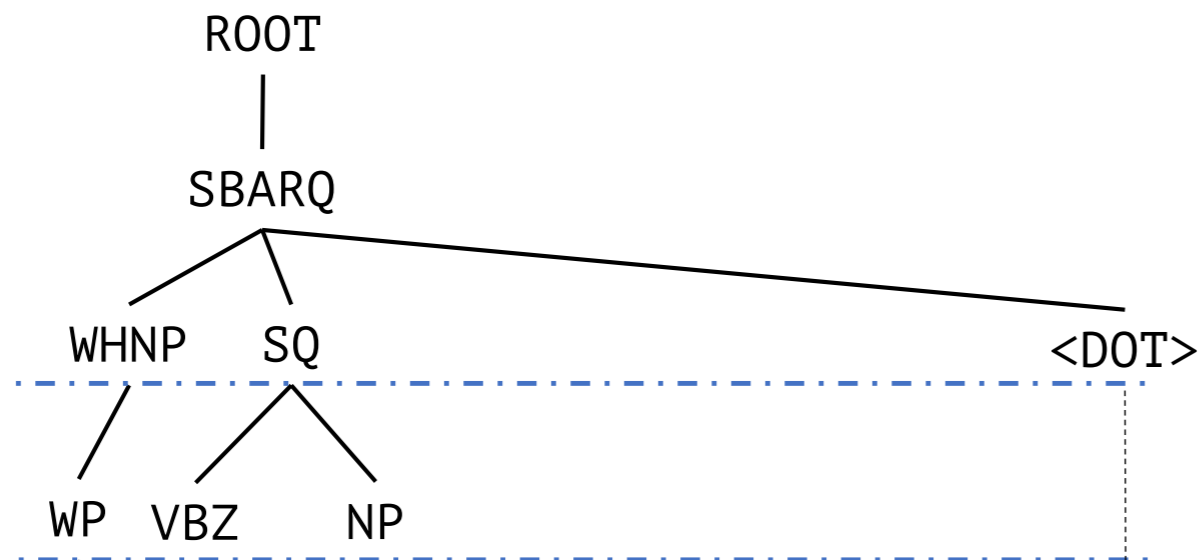
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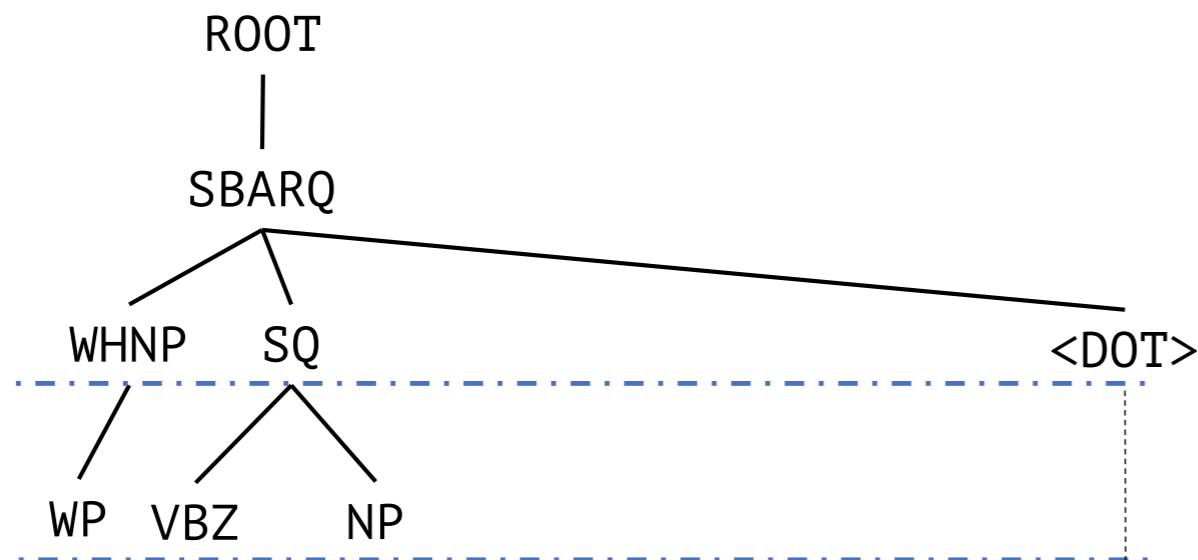
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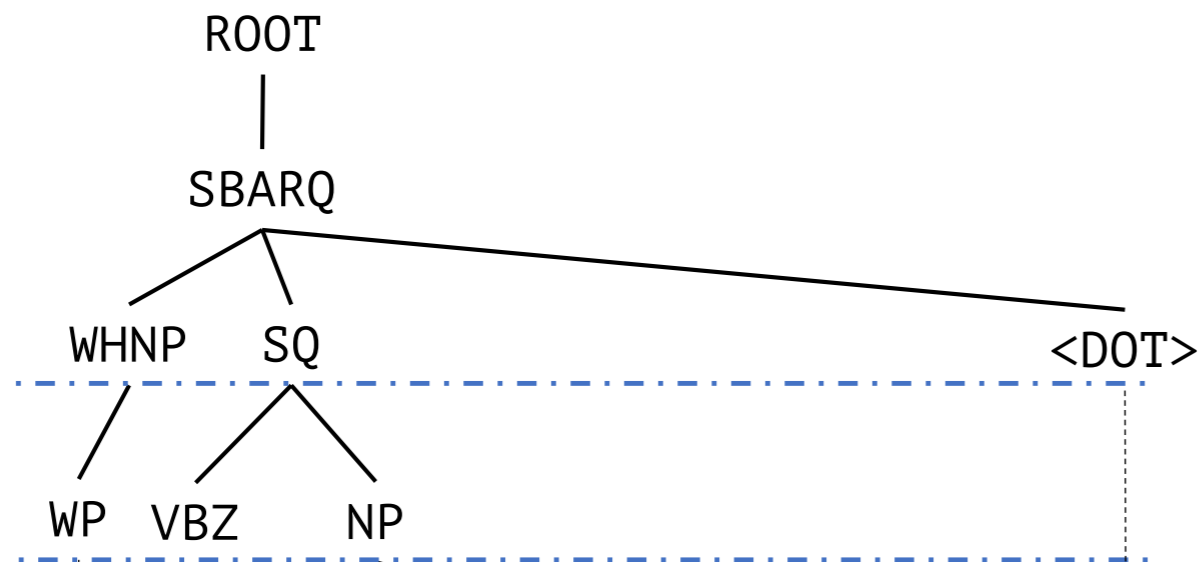
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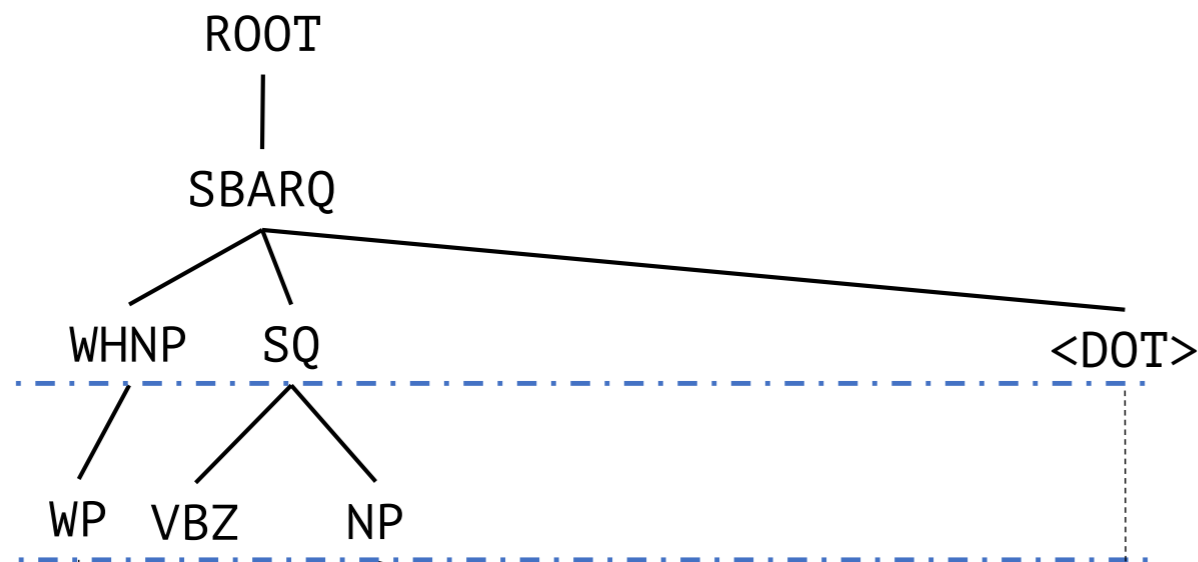
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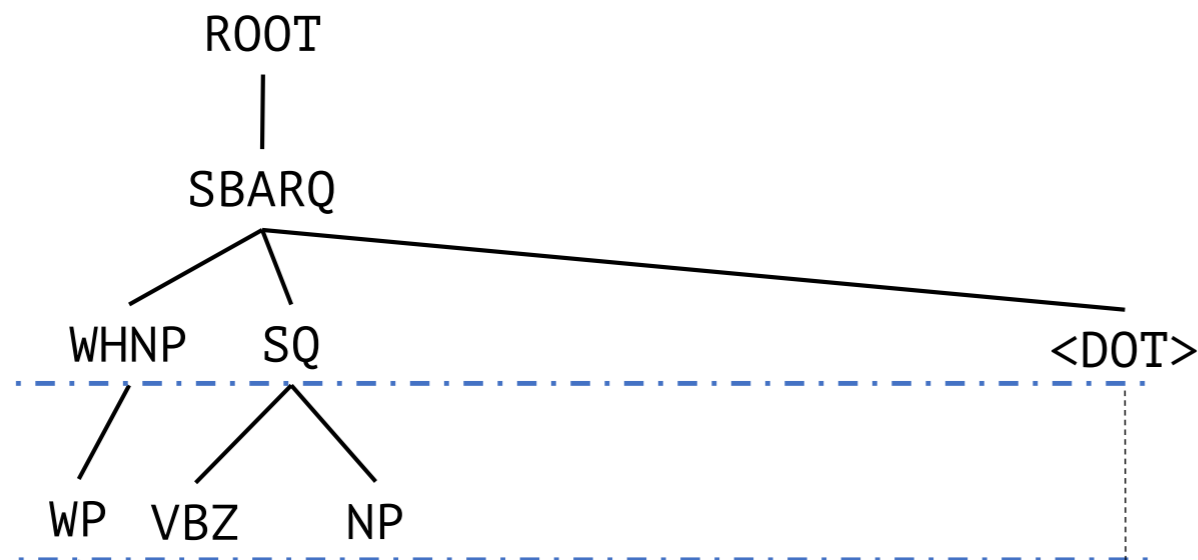
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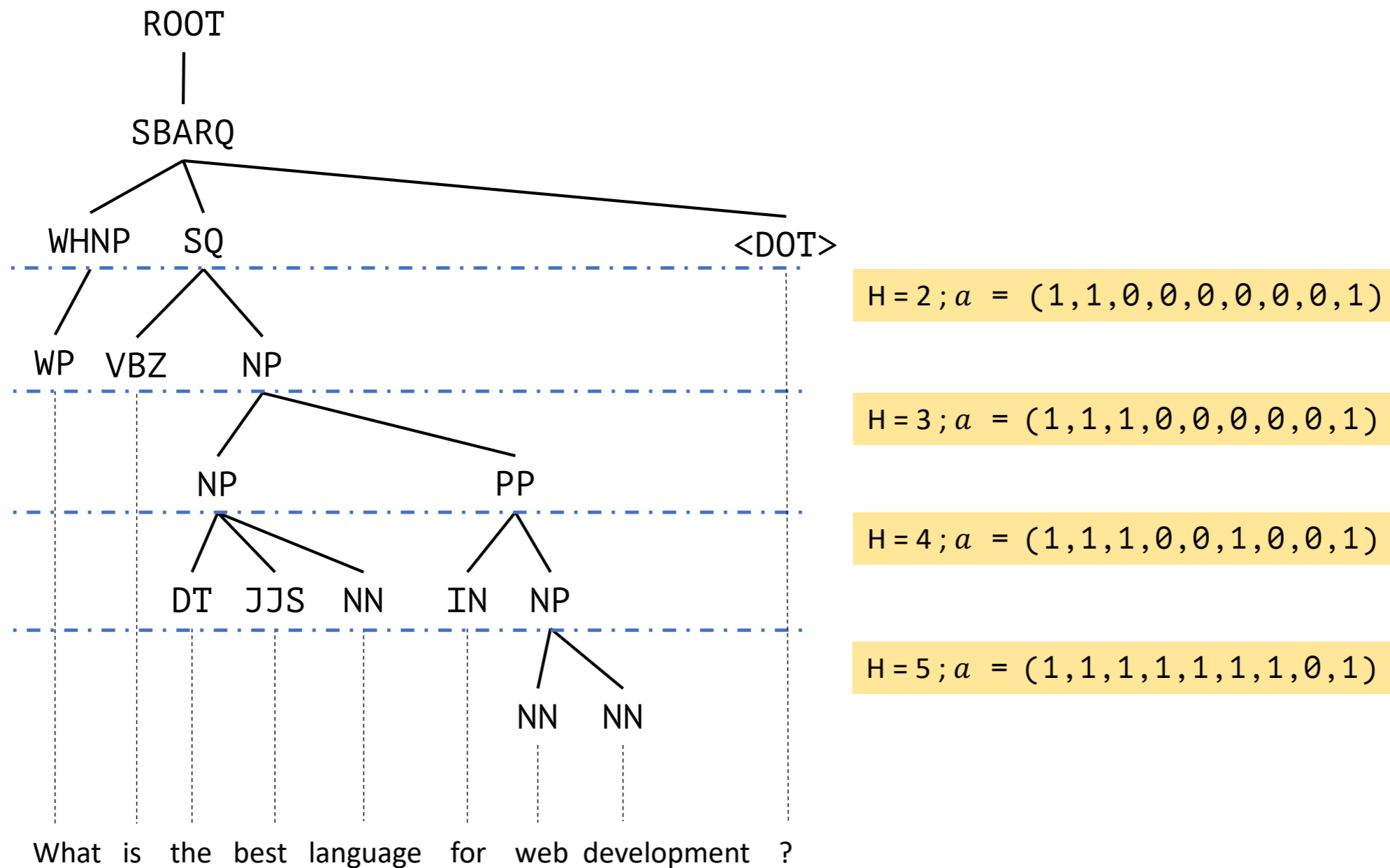
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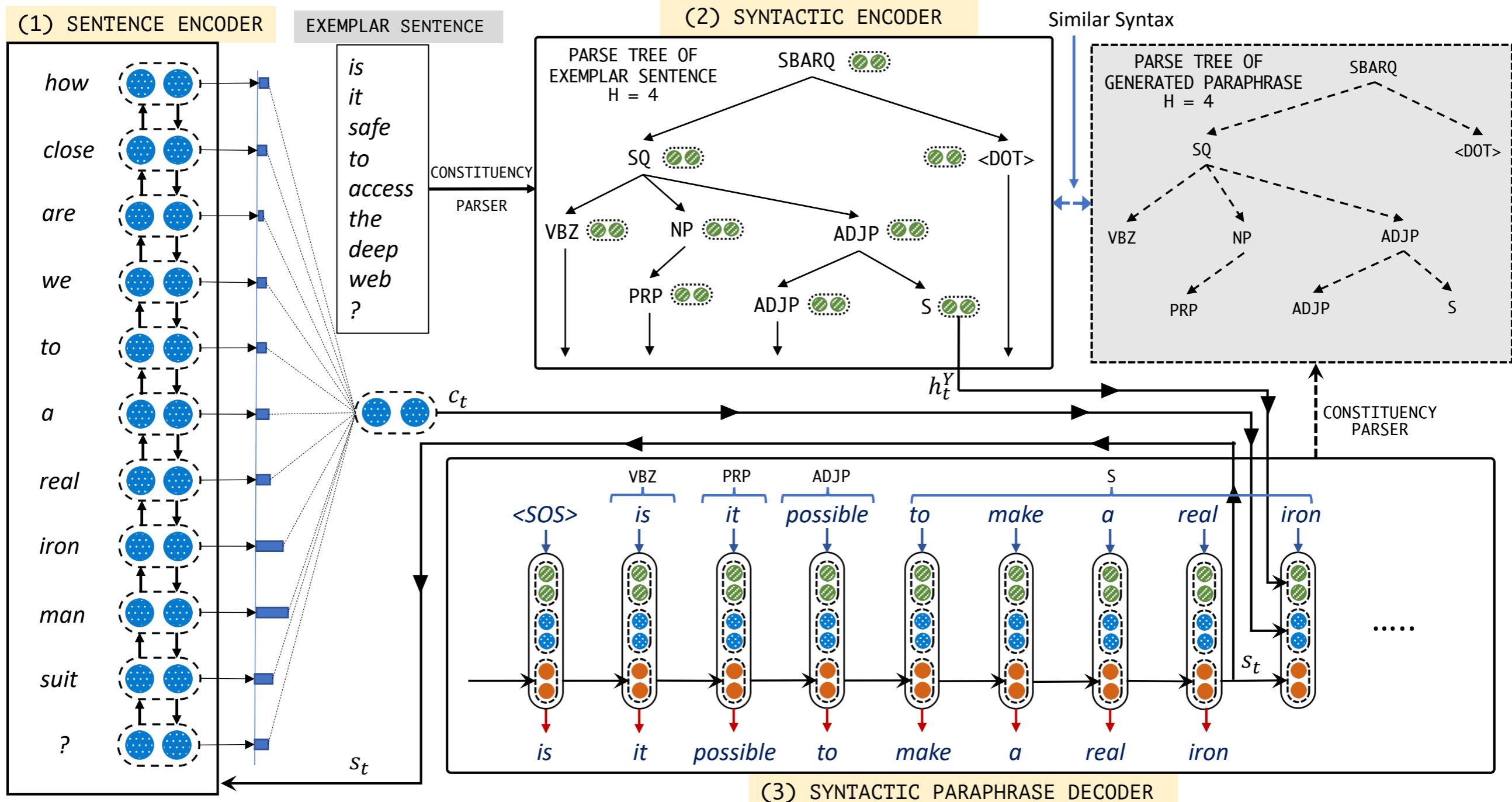
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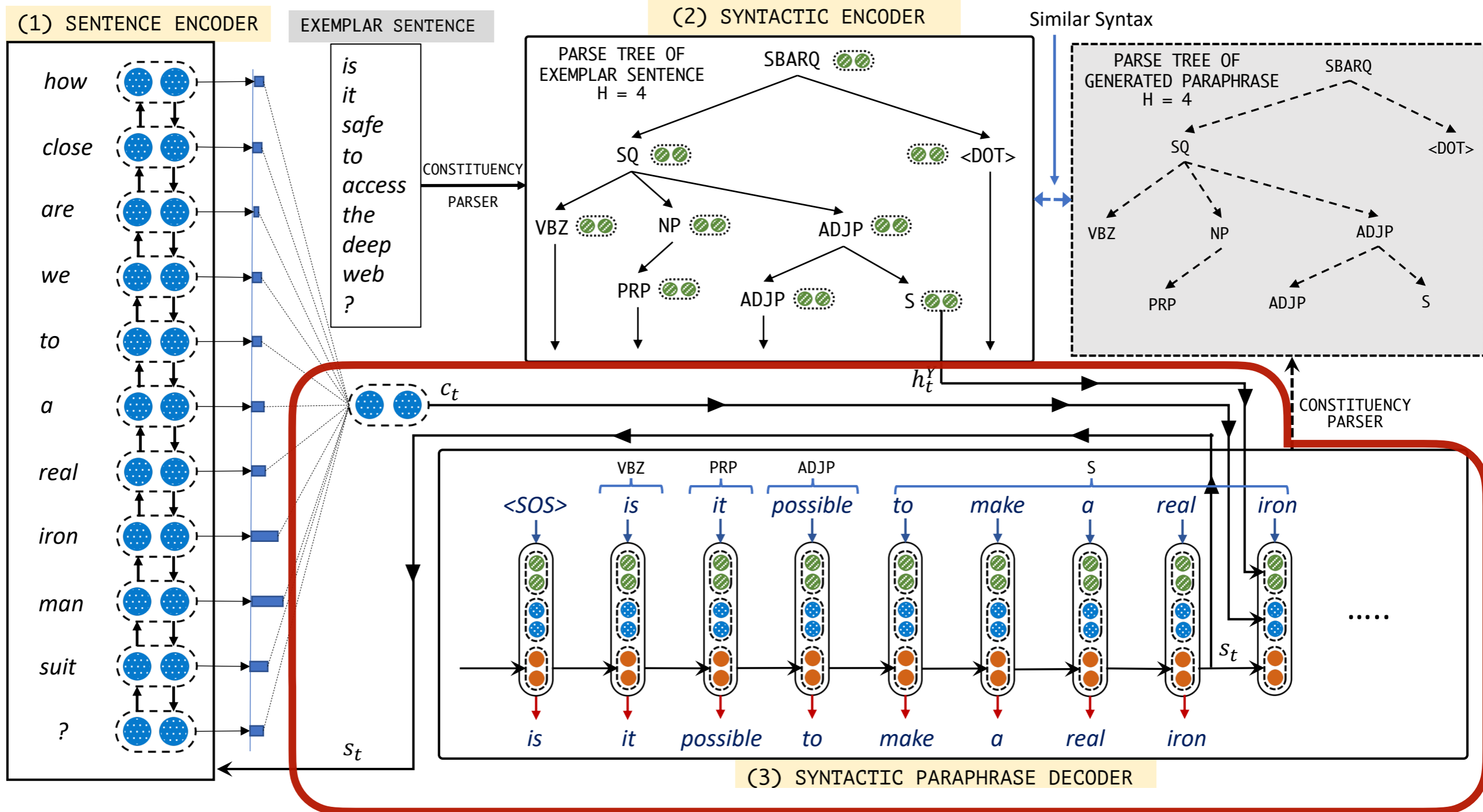
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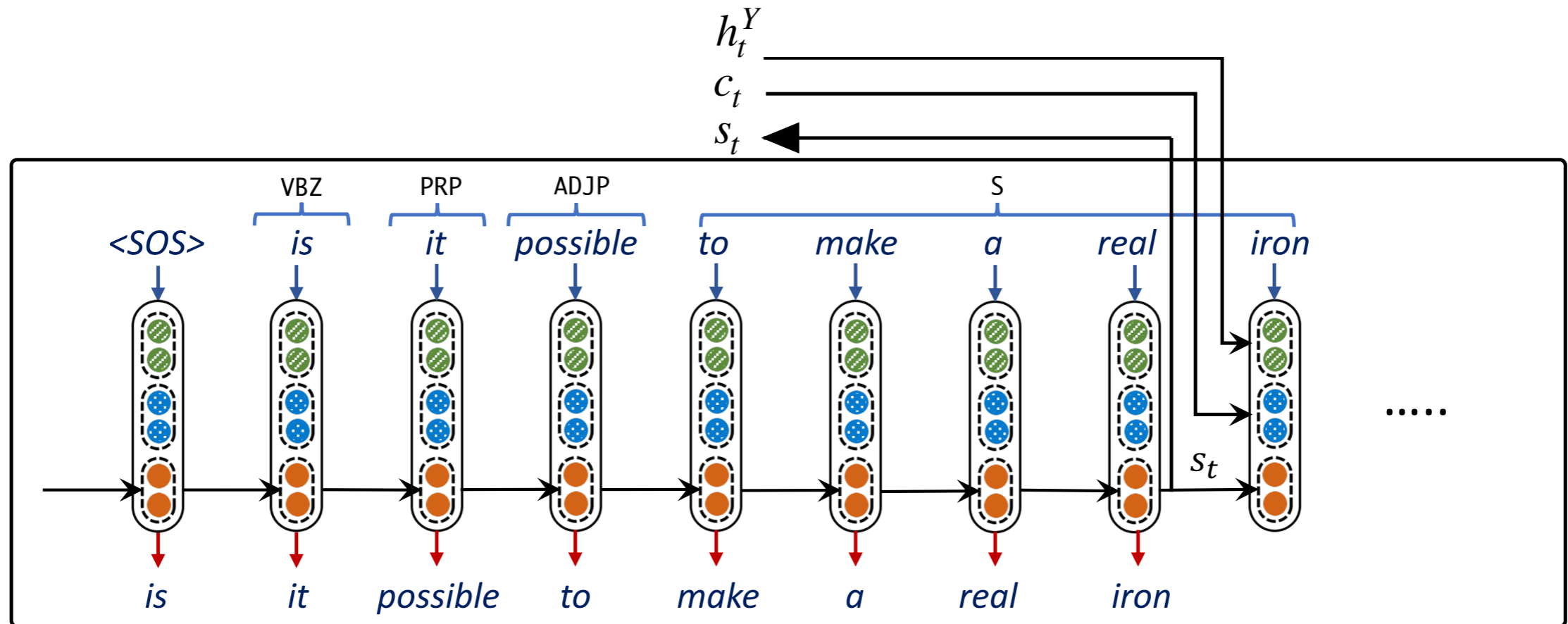


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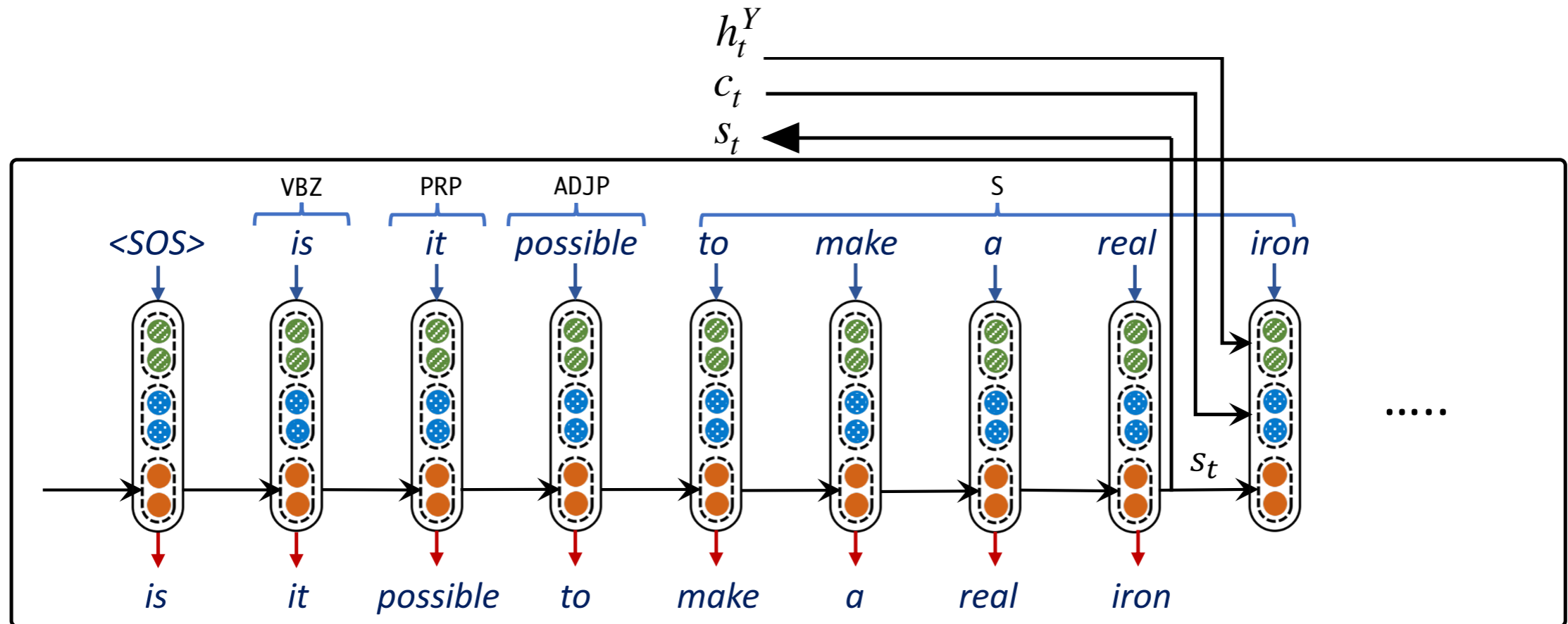


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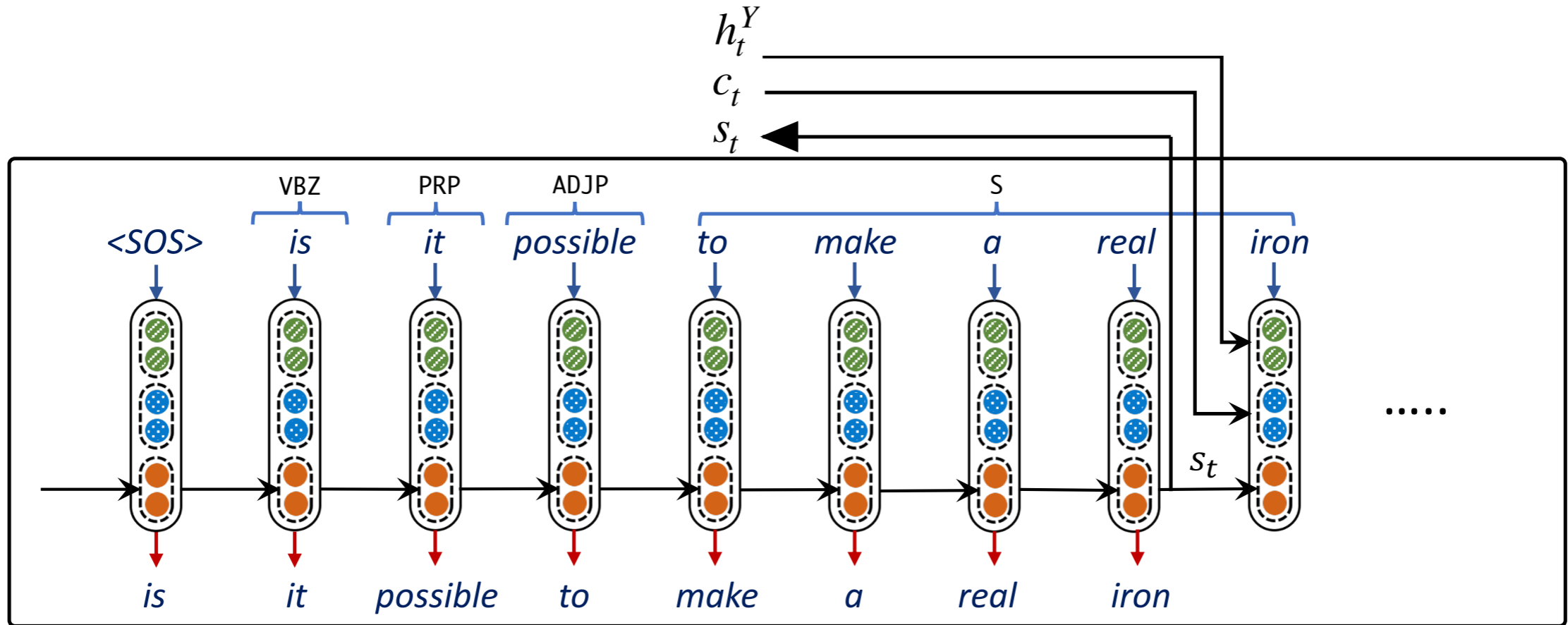
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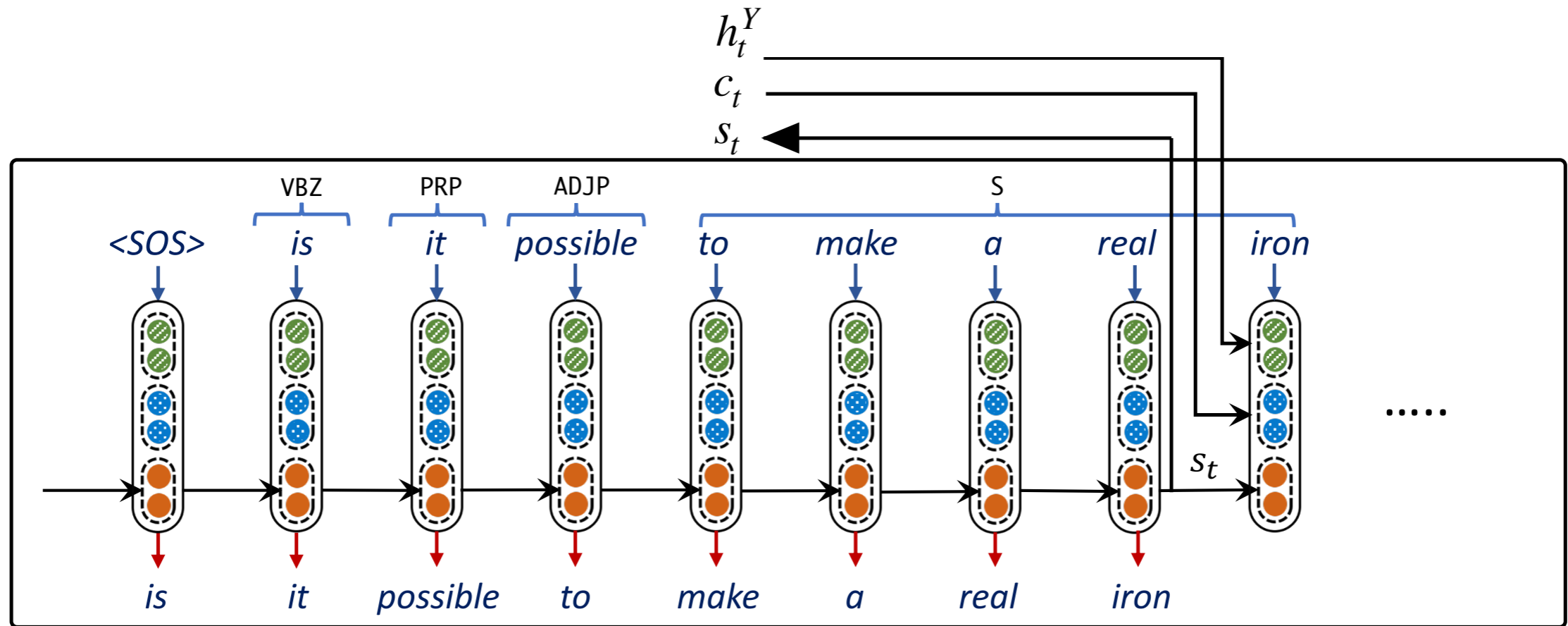
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ParaNMT-small	4,92,878	500	800
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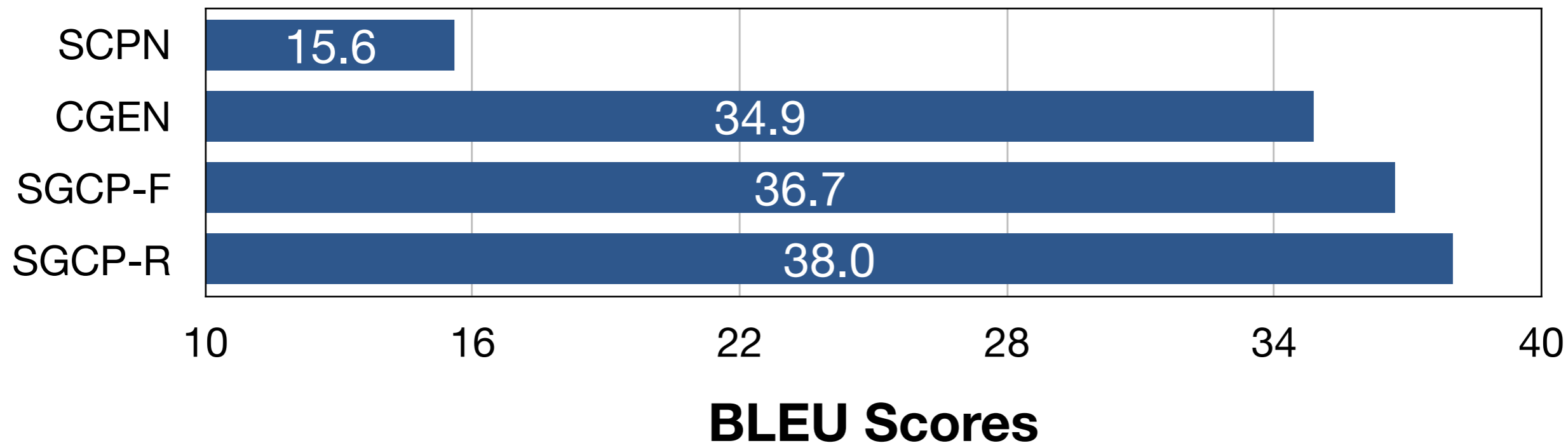
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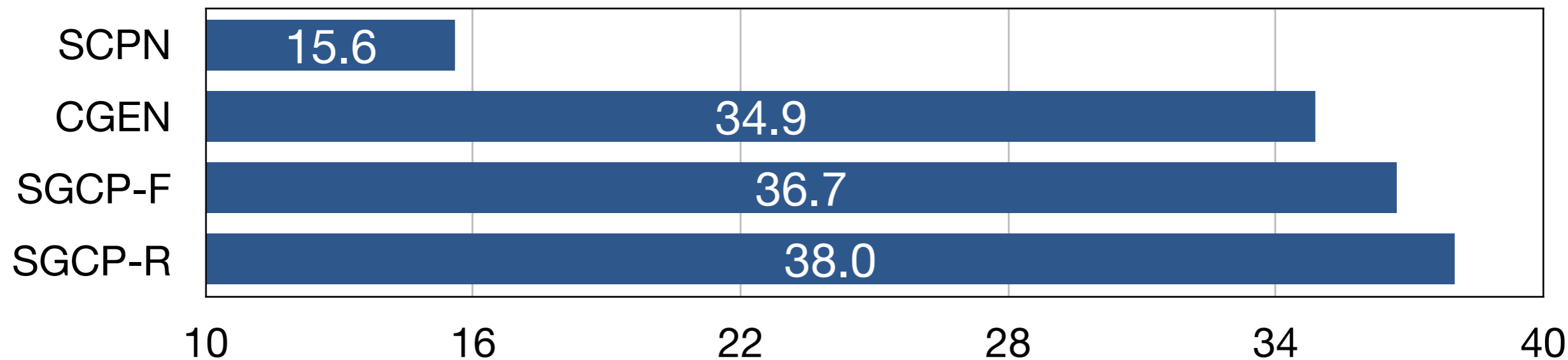
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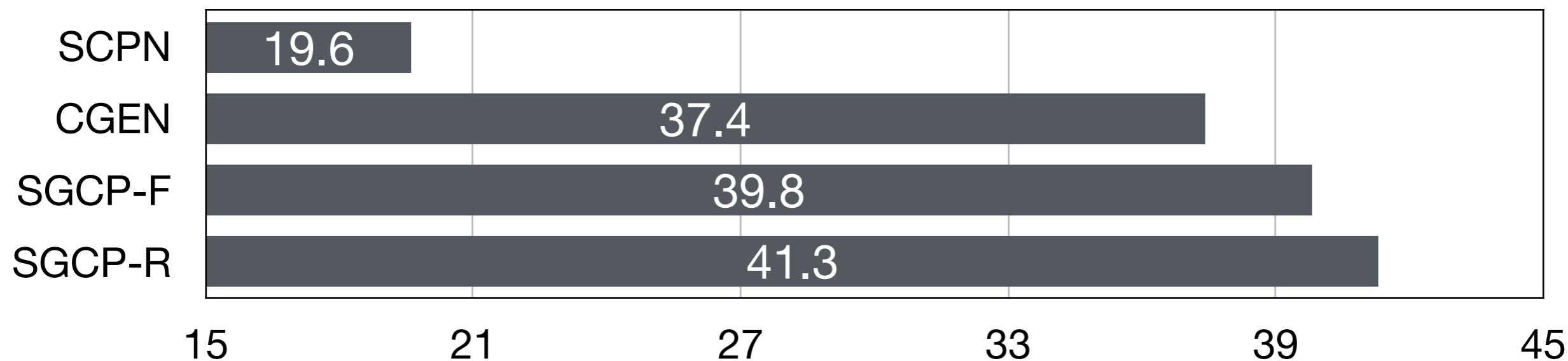


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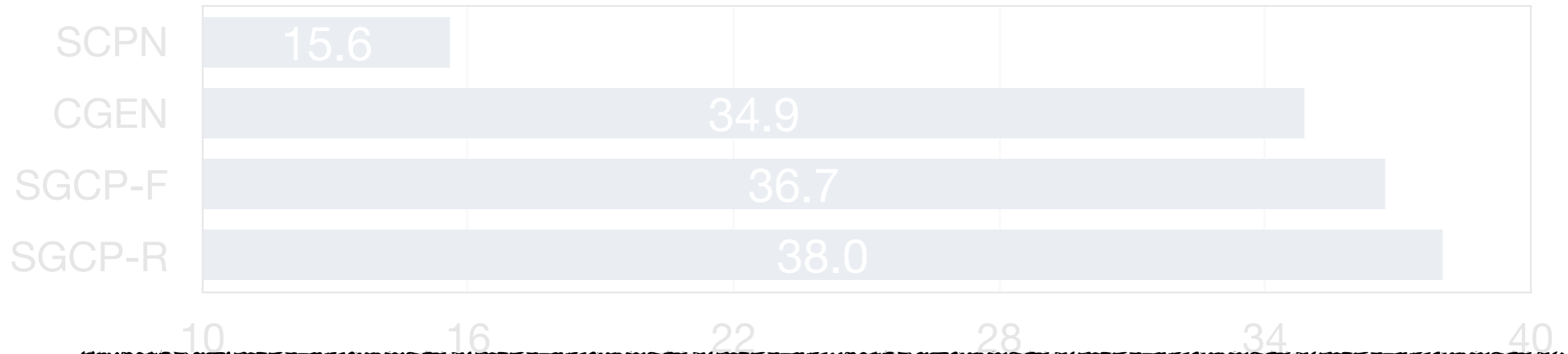
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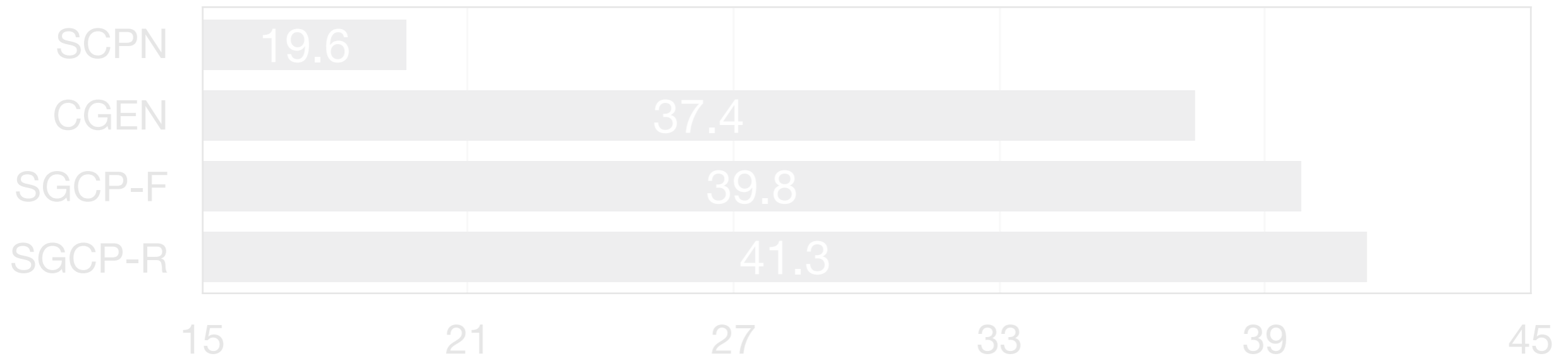
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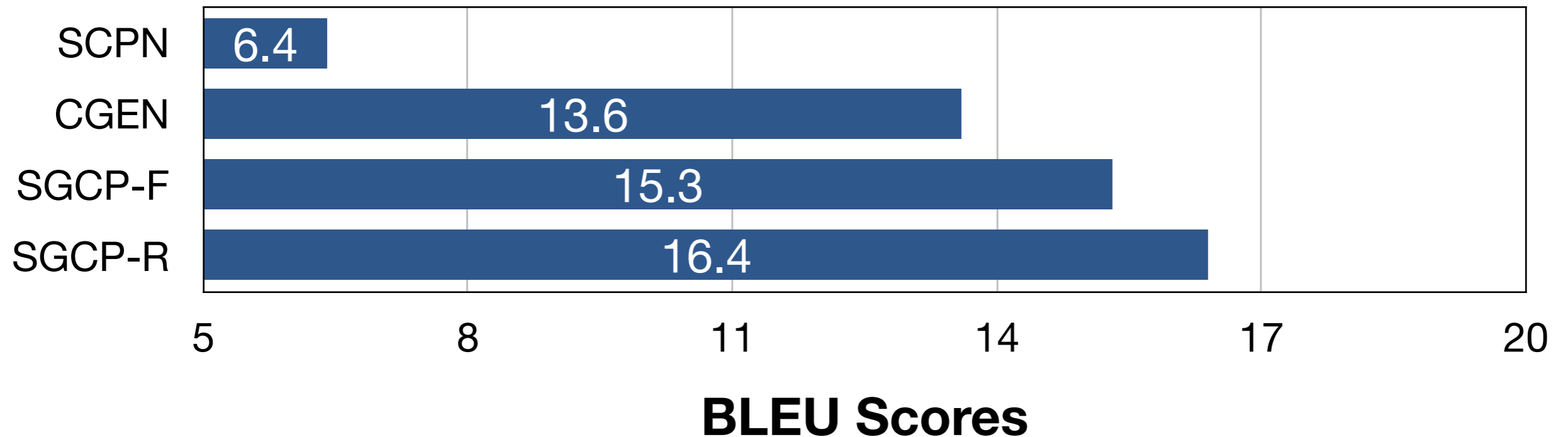
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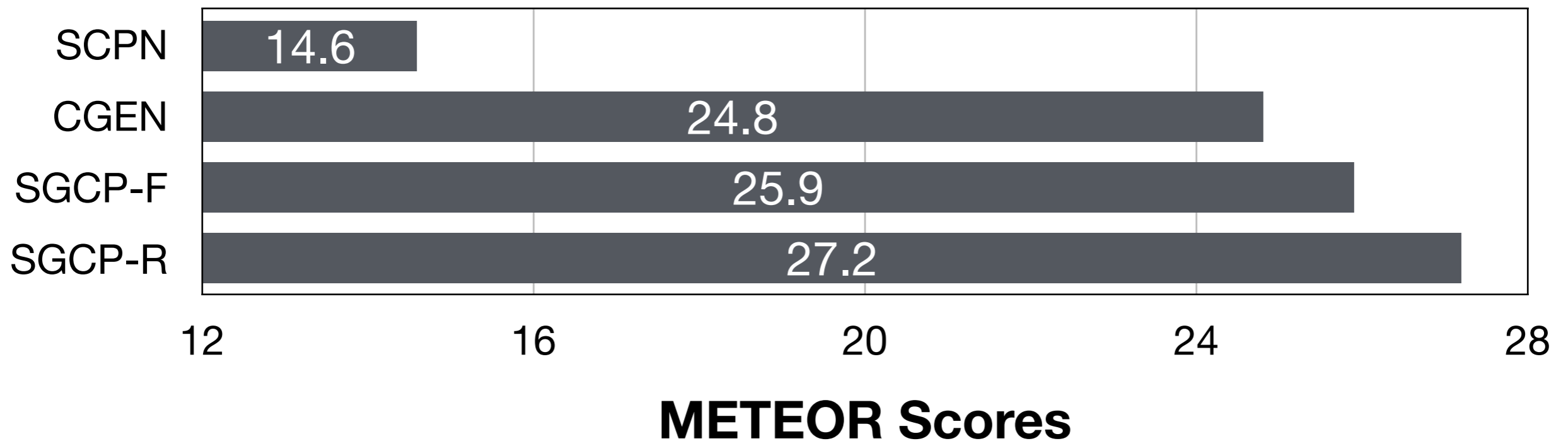
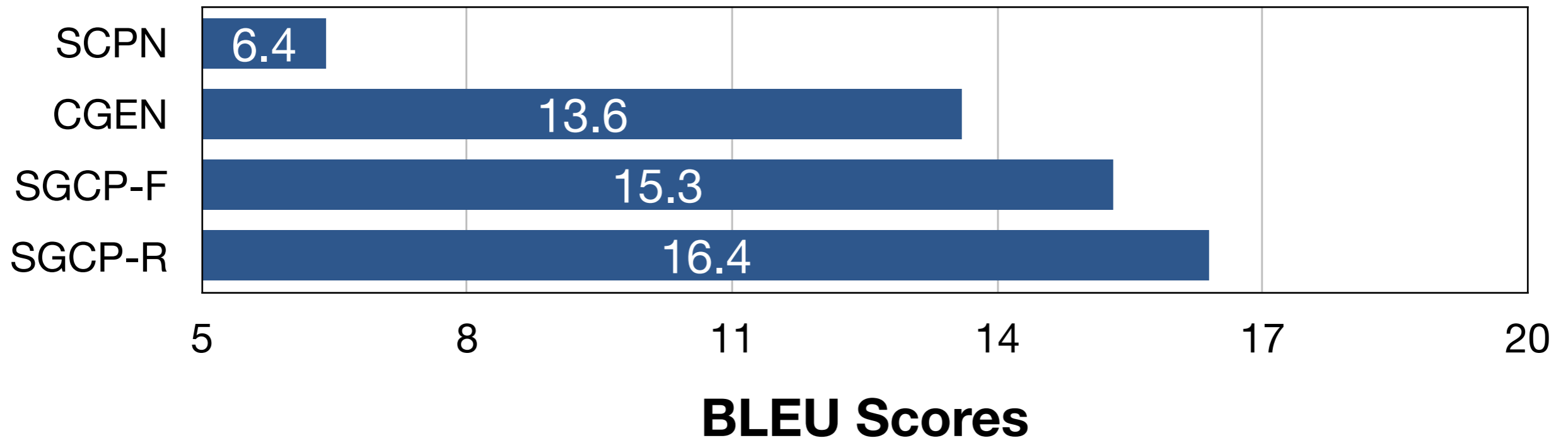
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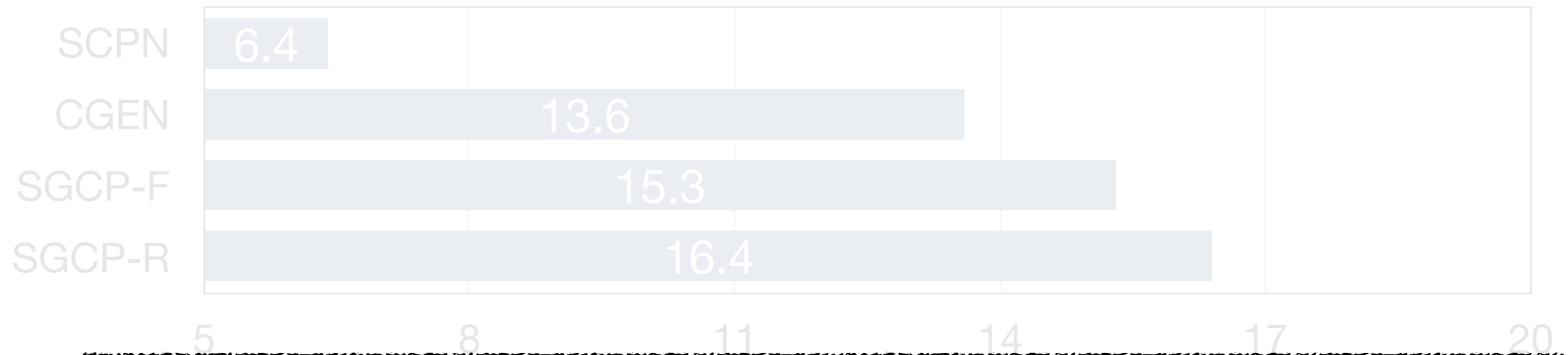
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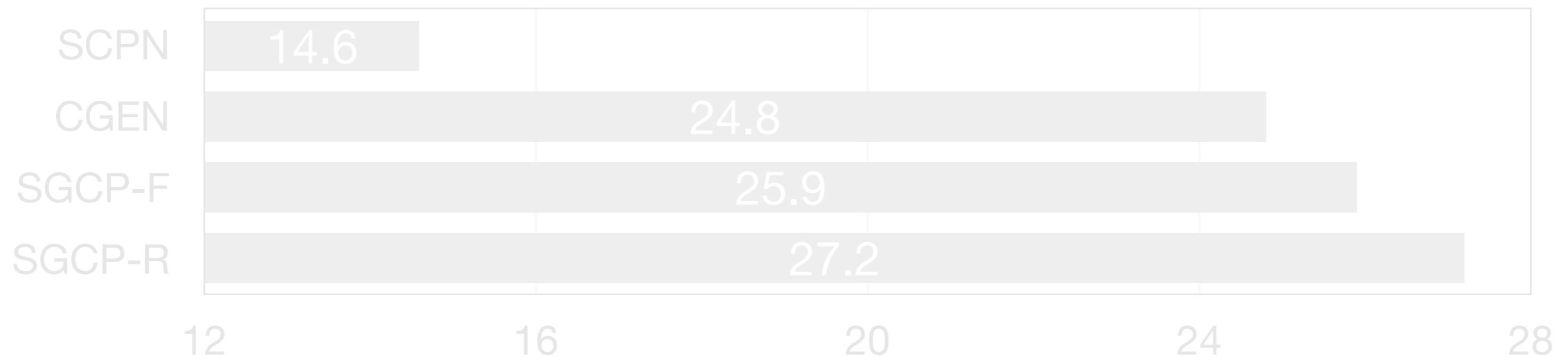


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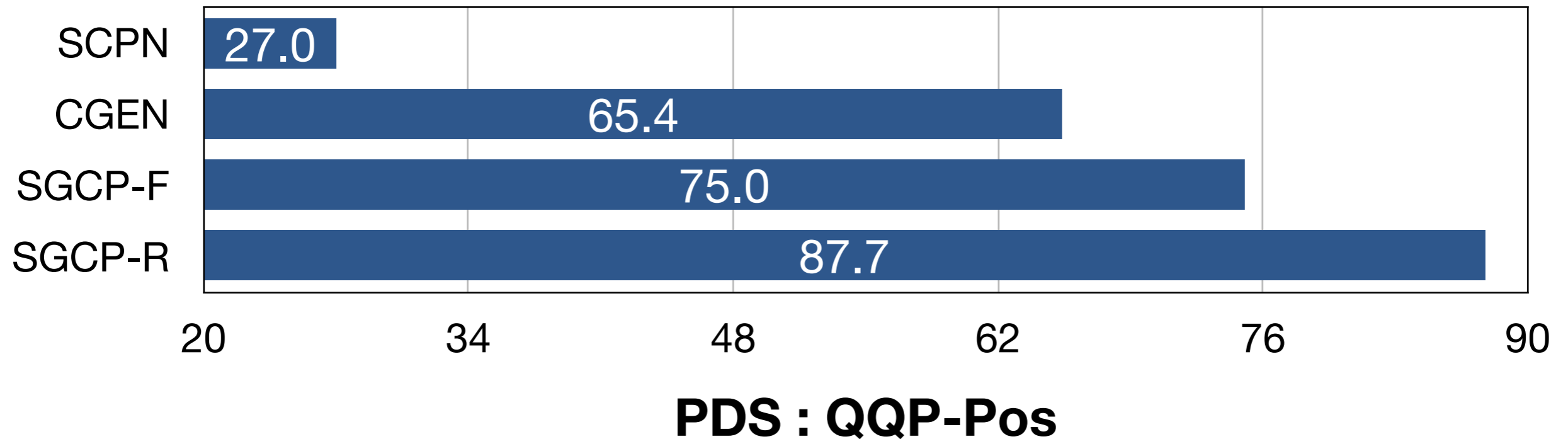
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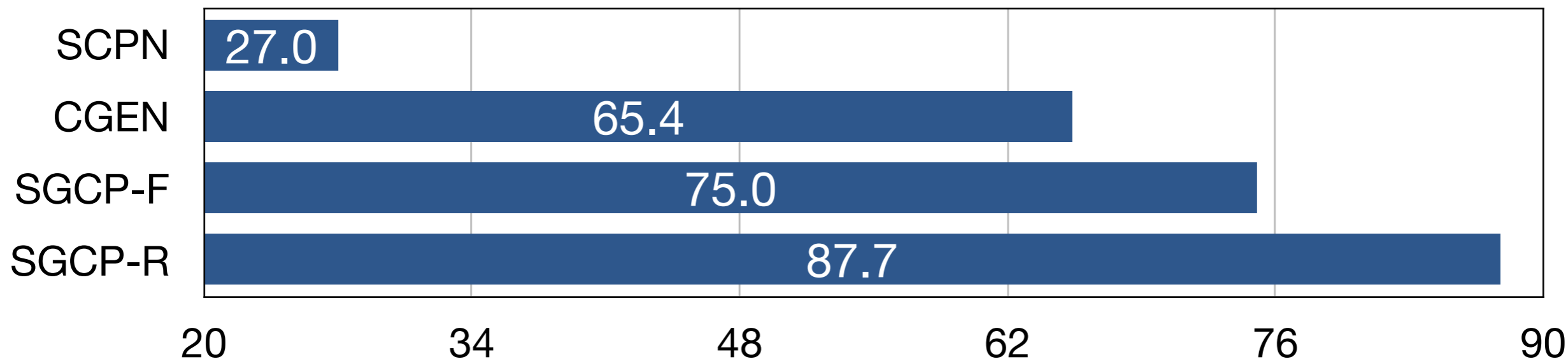
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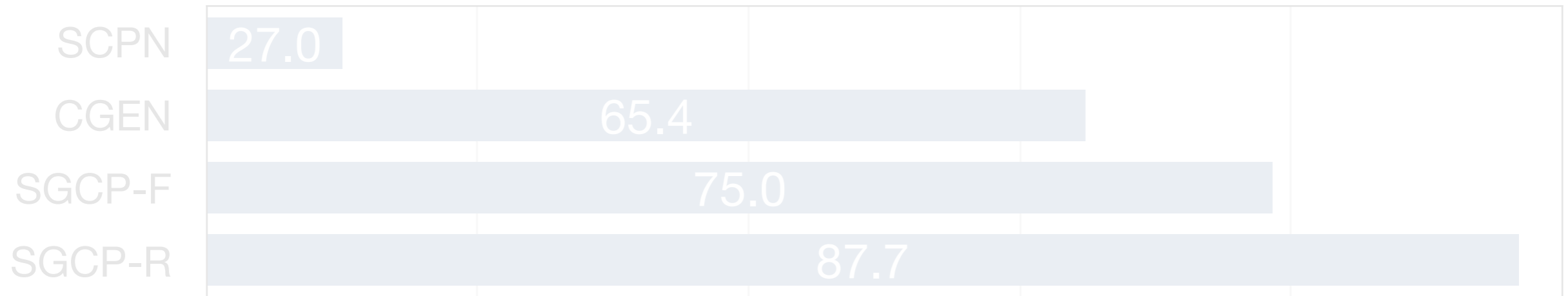


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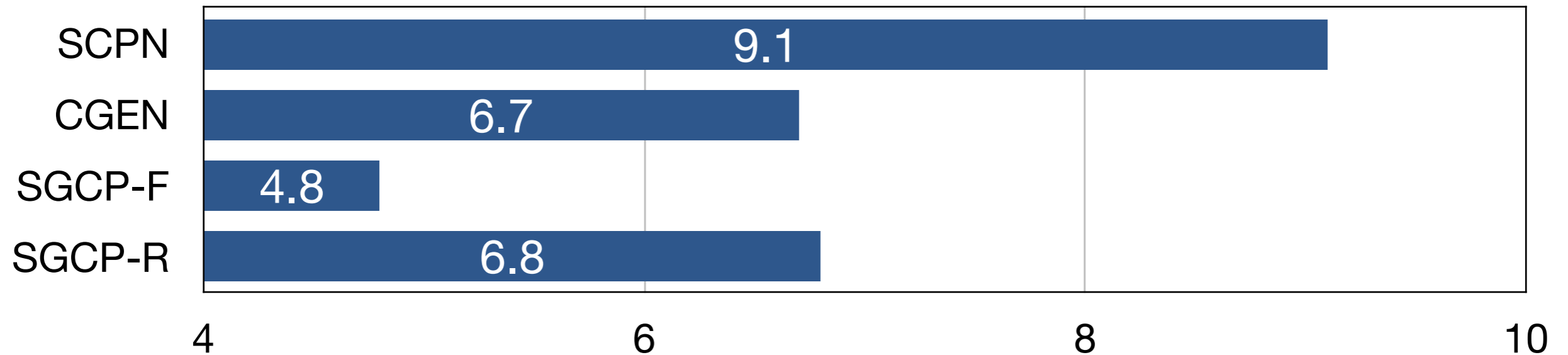
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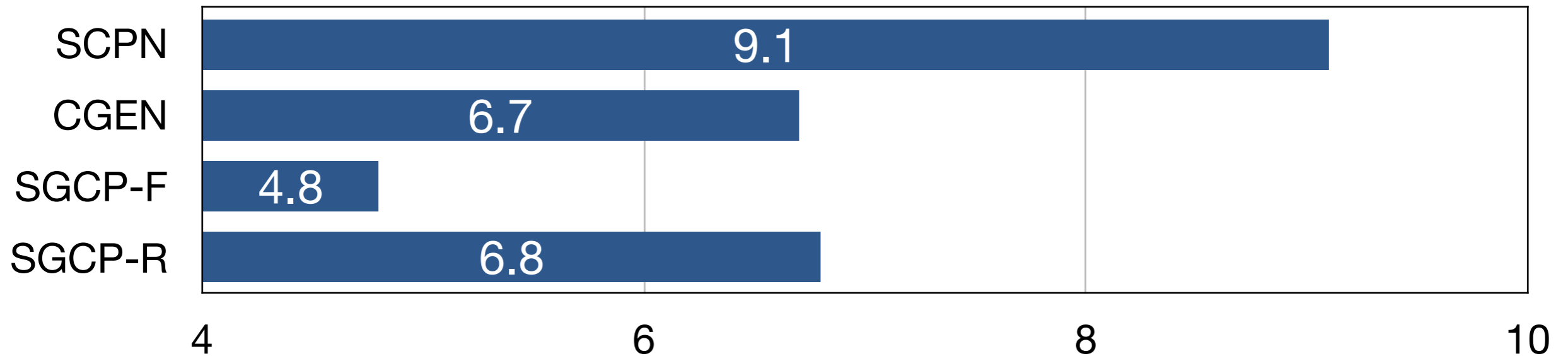
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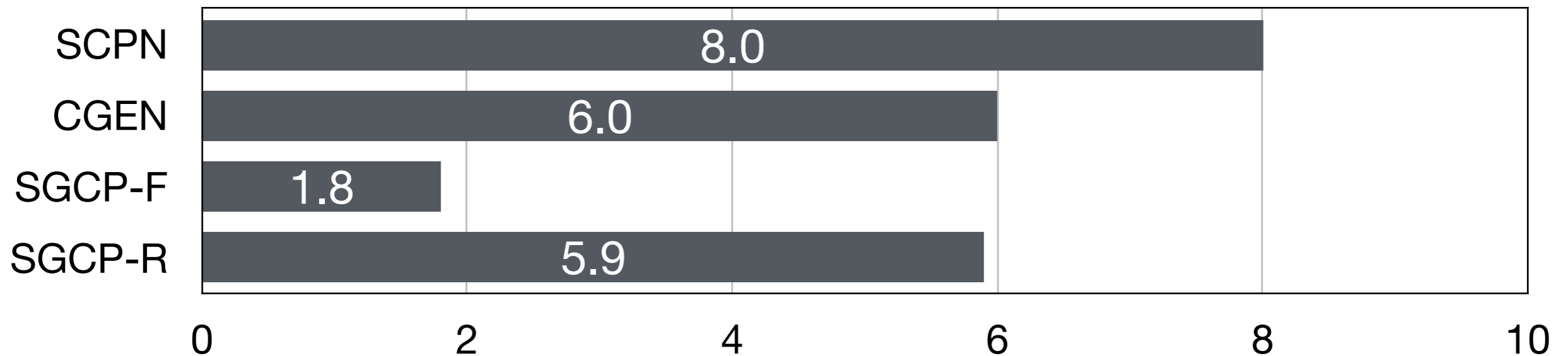
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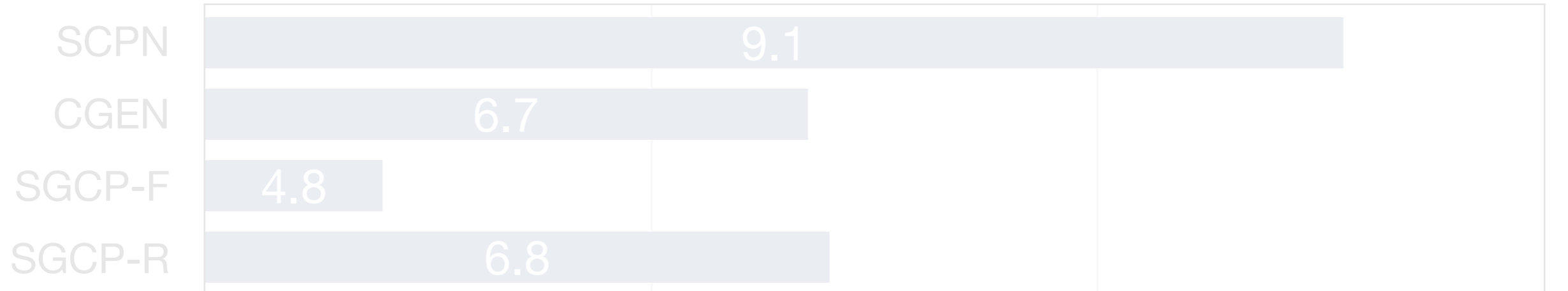
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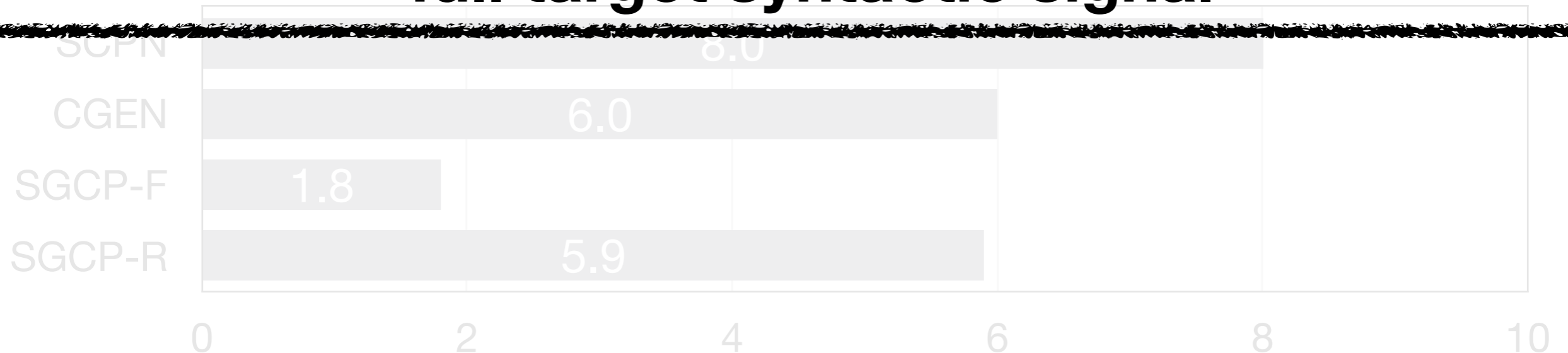
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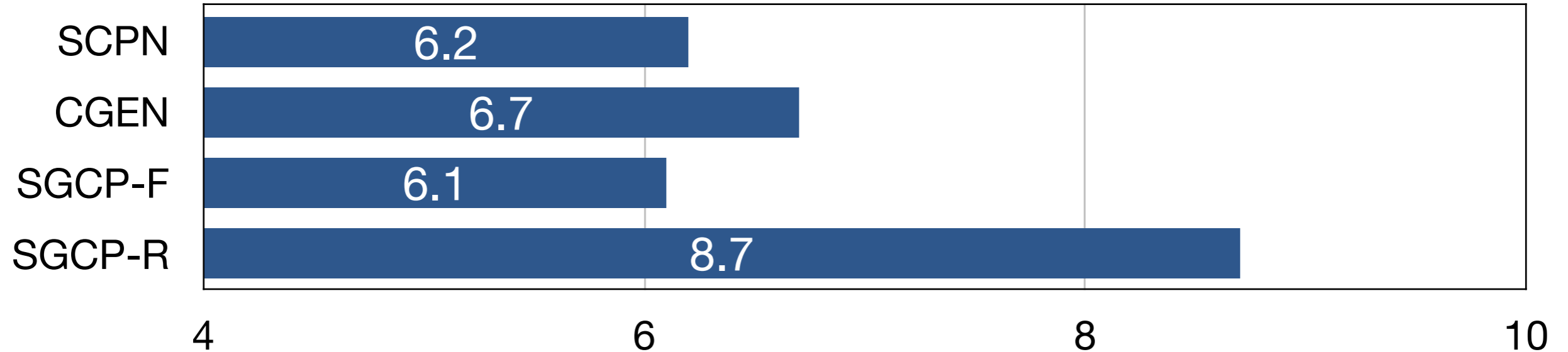


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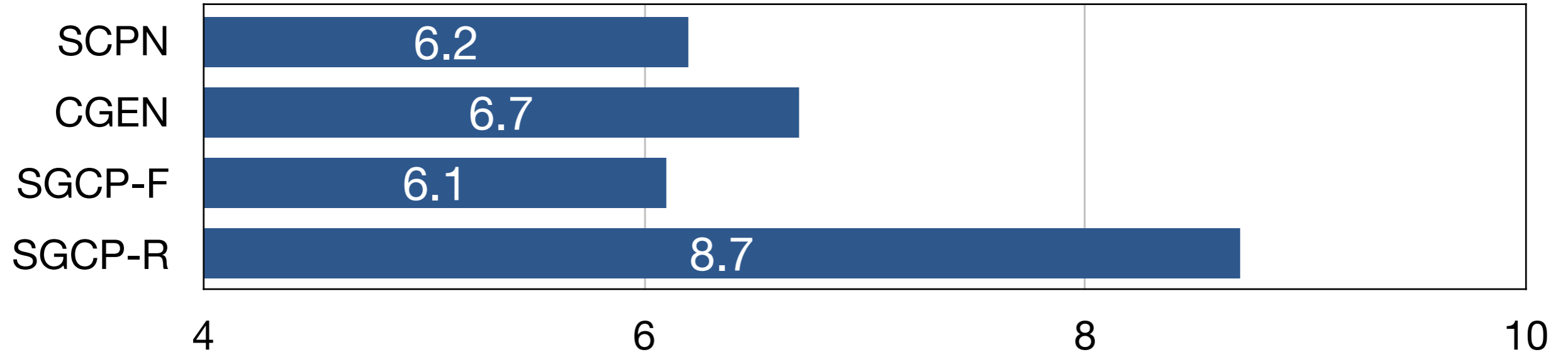
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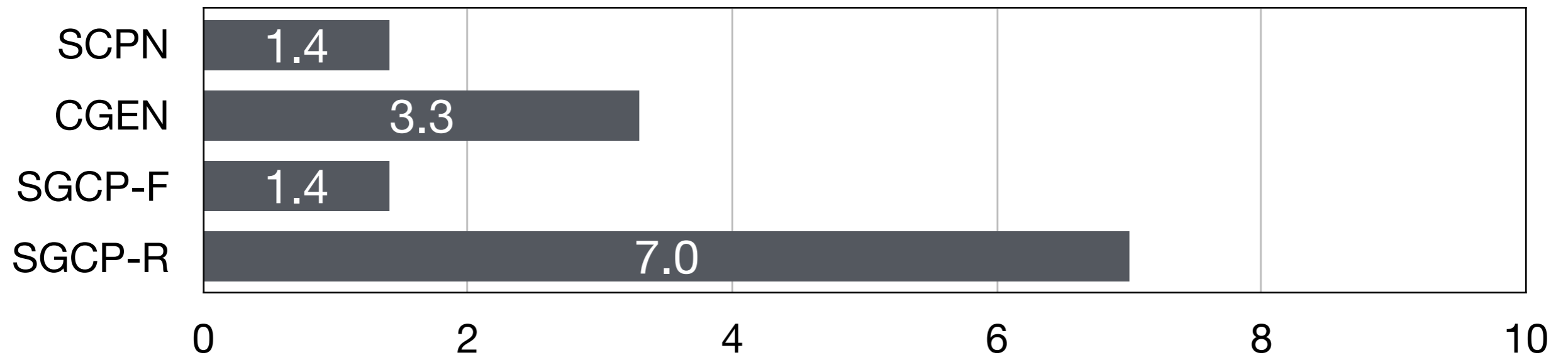
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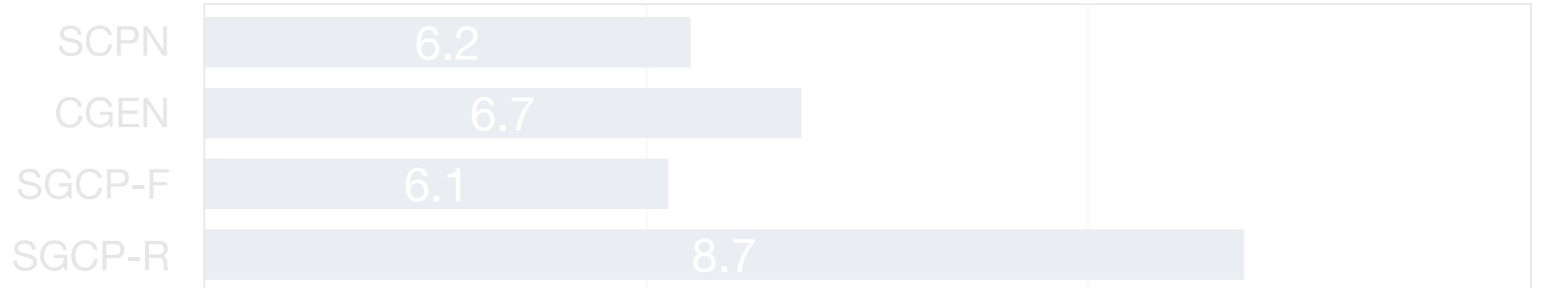
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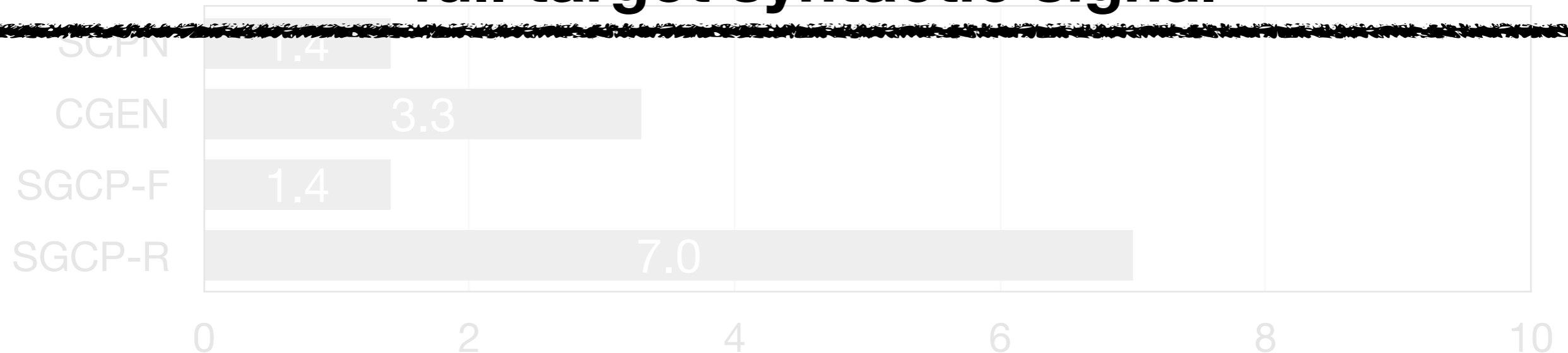
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SGCP-R GENERATIONS

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