

Aligning Formal Meaning Representations
with Surface Strings
For Wide-coverage Text Generation

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“a blue cup”



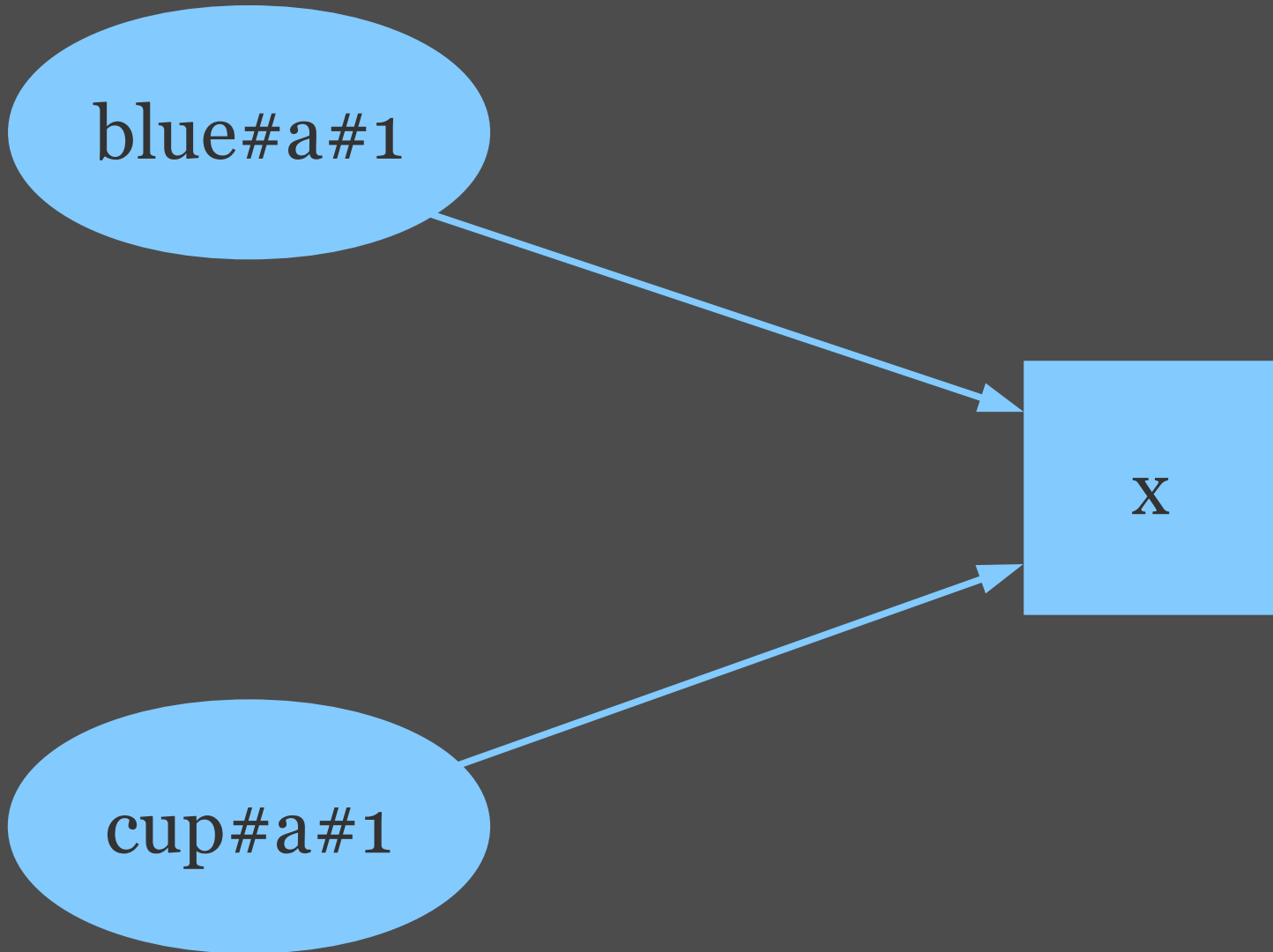


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$\exists x \text{blue}\#a\#1(x) \wedge \text{cup}\#n\#1(x)$

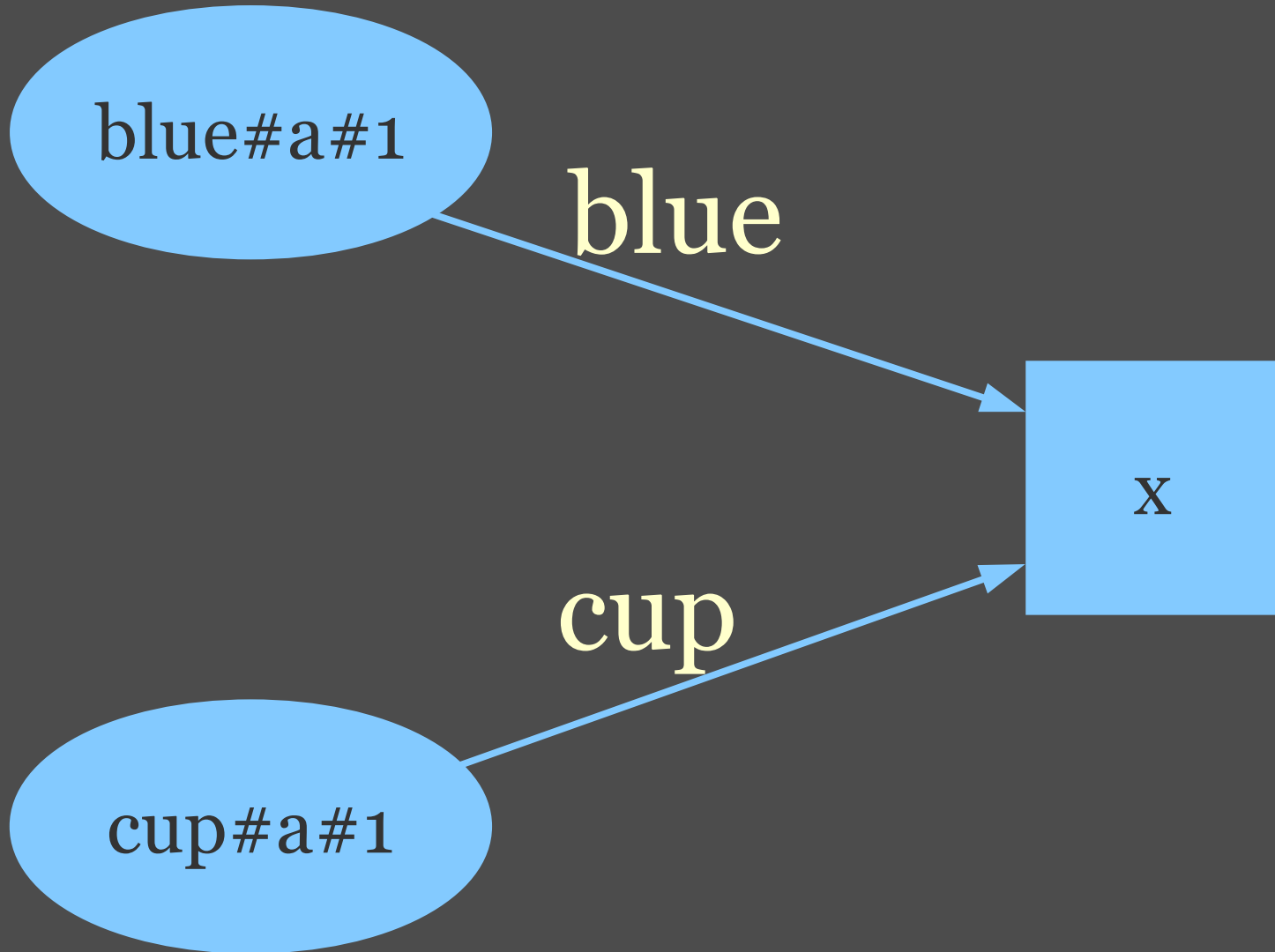


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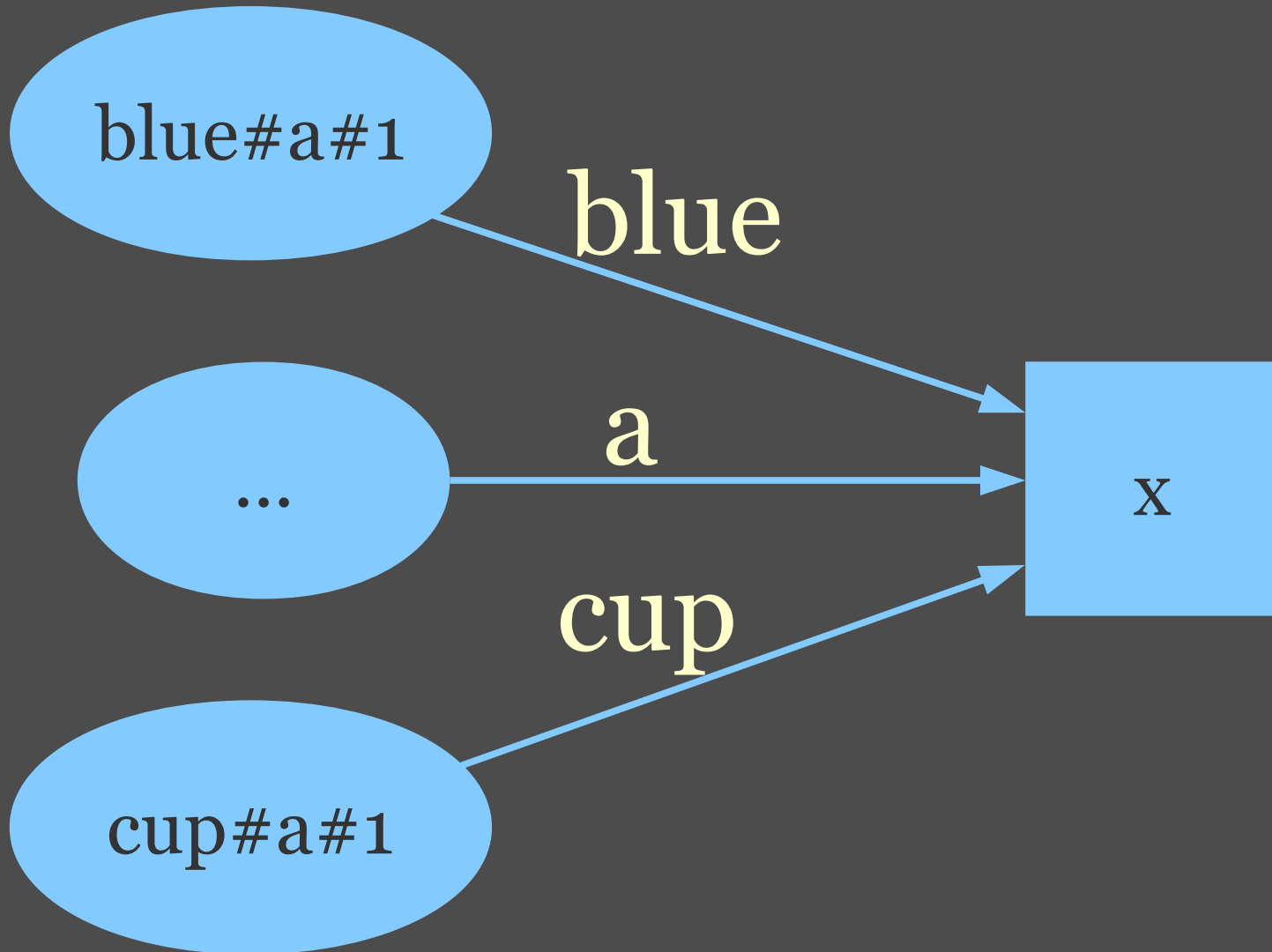


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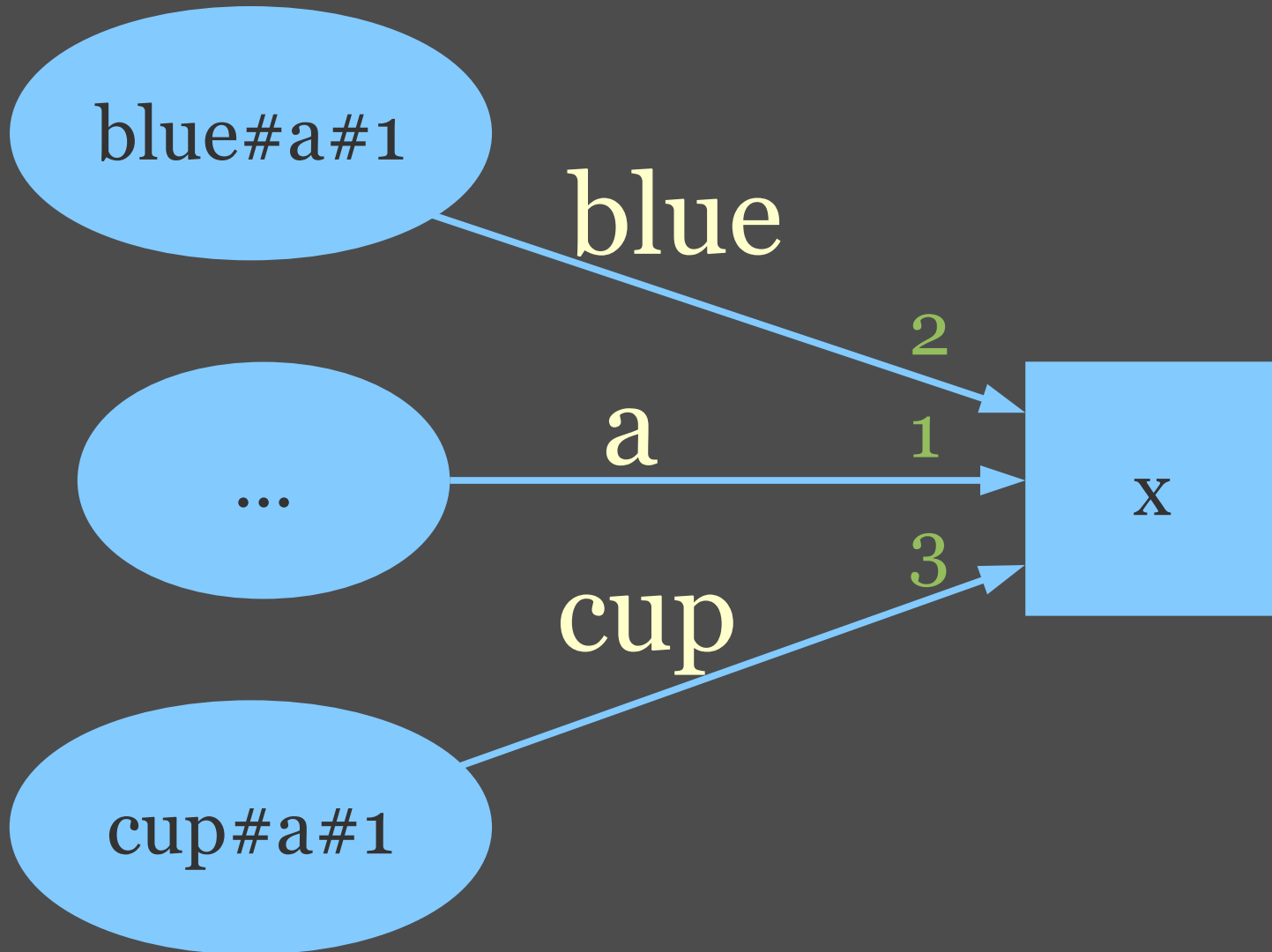


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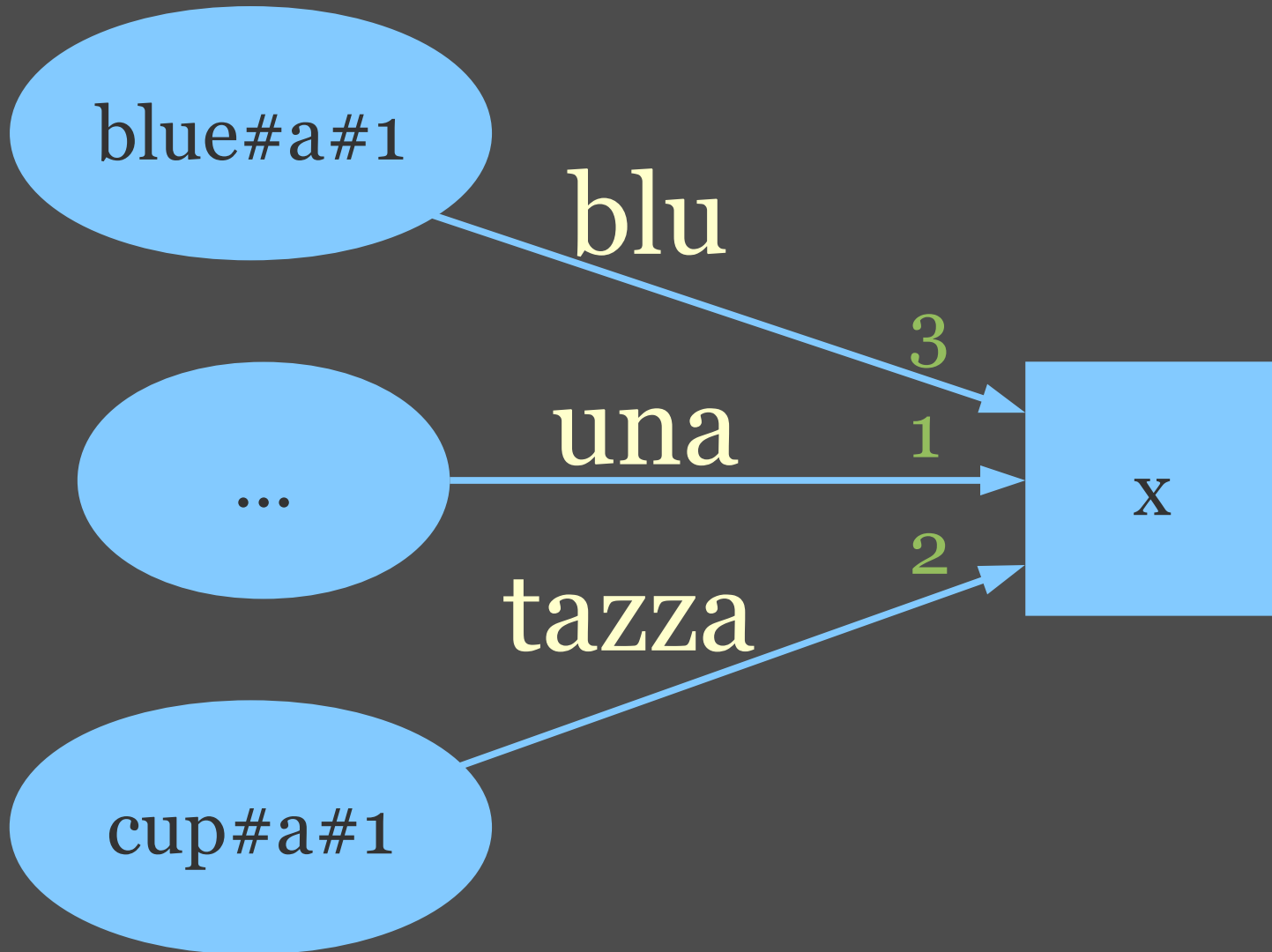


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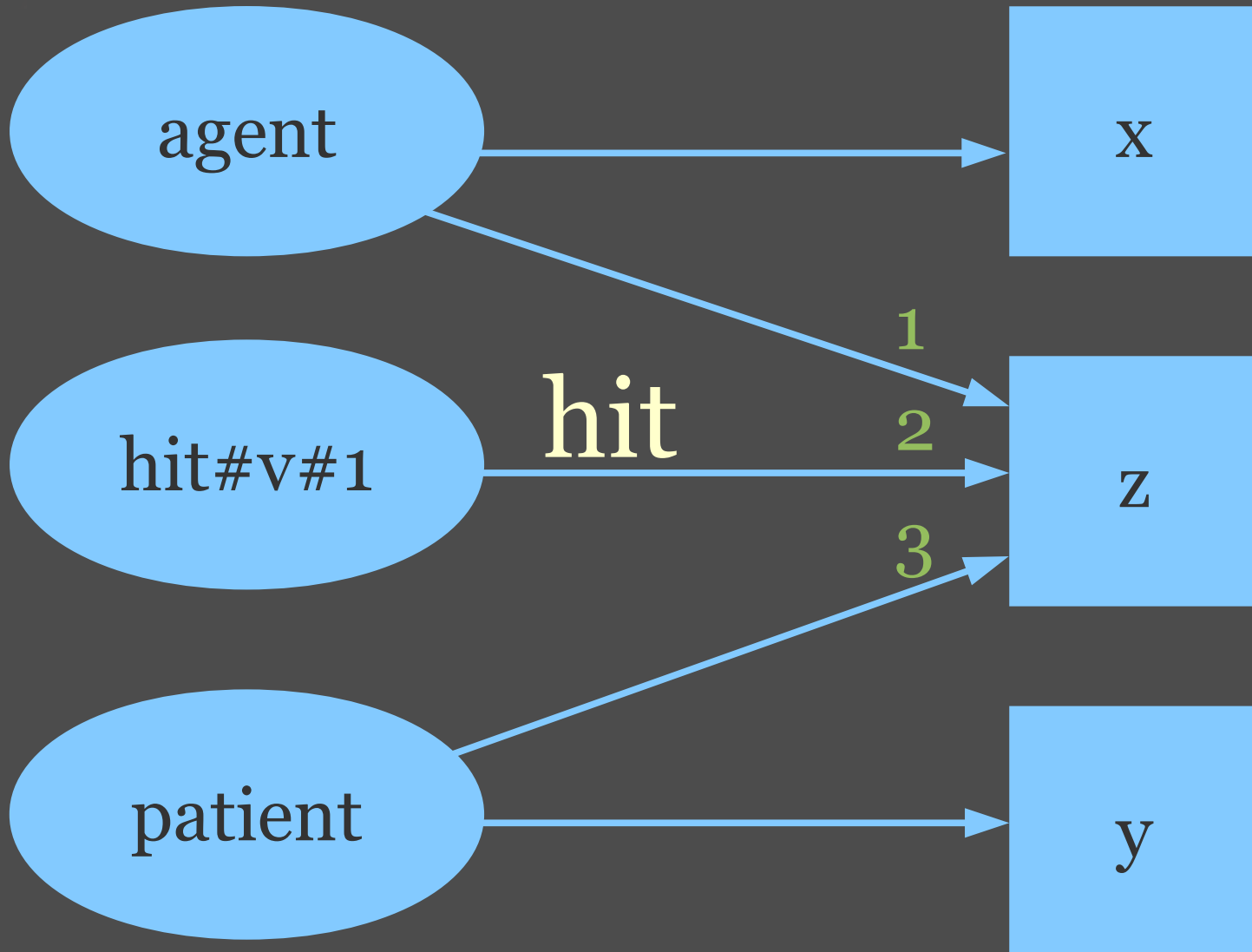


“una tazza blu”



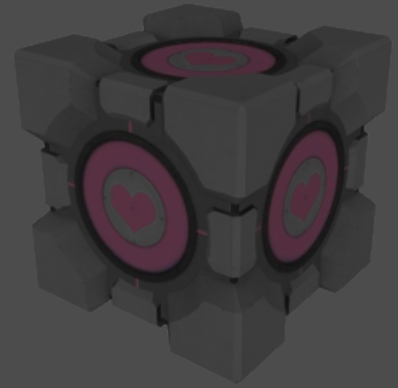


“x hit y”





Discourse Representation Theory



“A customer did not pay.”

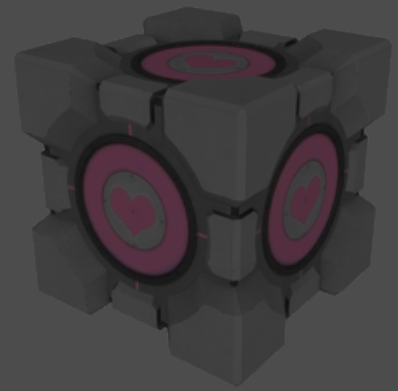
$x_1 \quad e_1$

customer(x_1)

pay(e_1)

agent(e_1, x_1)

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“A customer did not pay.”

$k_1:$

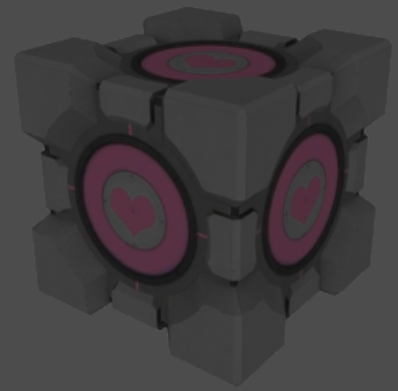
$k_2: \neg$

$x_1 \quad e_1$

customer(x_1)

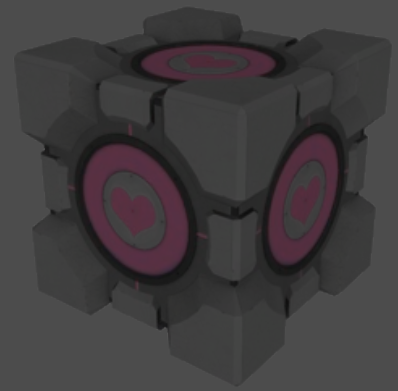
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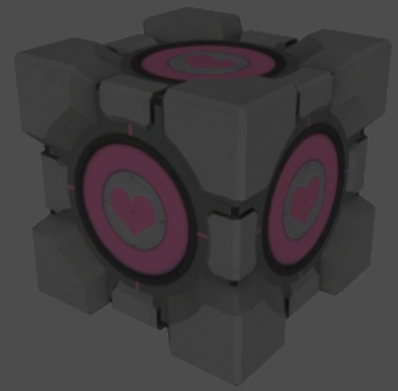
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| k_1 | unary | \neg |
| \neg | scope | k_2 |
| k_2 | referent | e_1 |
| k_2 | referent | x_1 |
| k_2 | event | pay |
| k_2 | concept | customer |
| k_2 | role | agent |
| customer | instance | x_1 |
| pay | instance | e_1 |
| agent | internal | e_1 |
| agent | external | x_1 |



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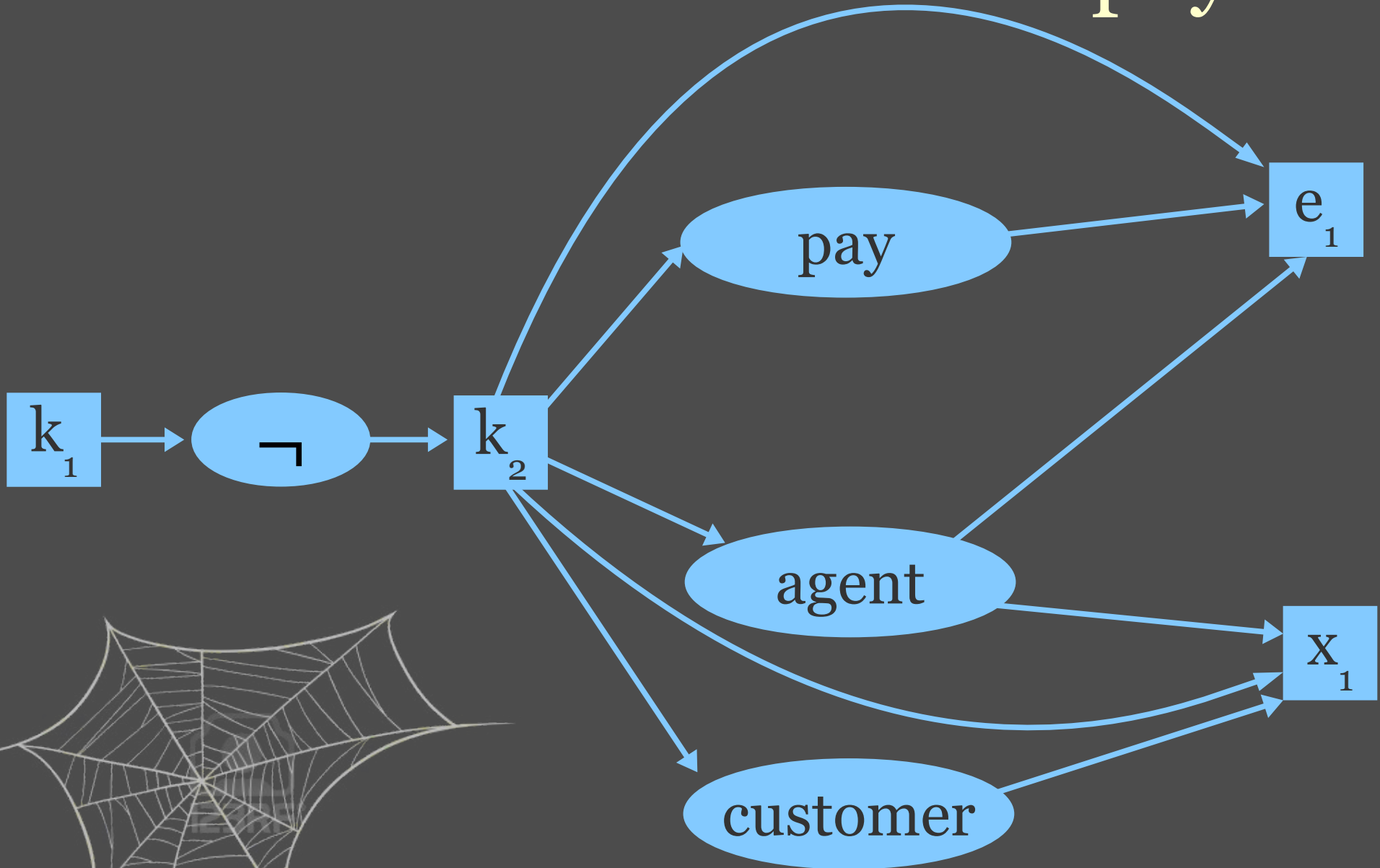
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| k_2 | event | pay | |
| k_2 | concept | customer | |
| k_2 | role | agent | |
| customer | instance | x_1 | customer |
| pay | instance | e_1 | pay |
| agent | internal | e_1 | |
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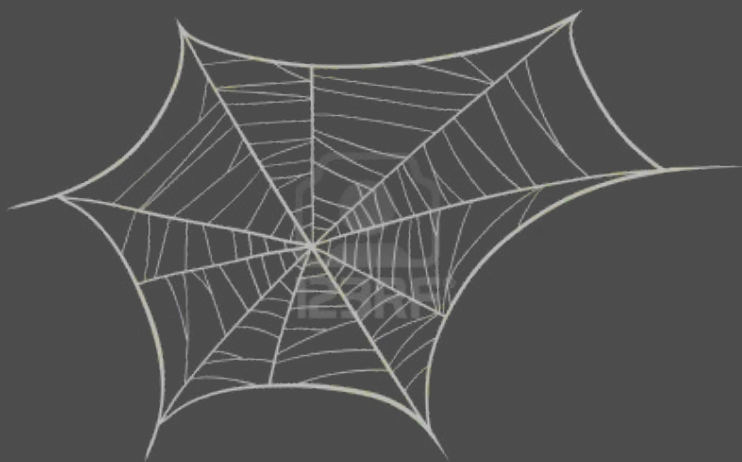
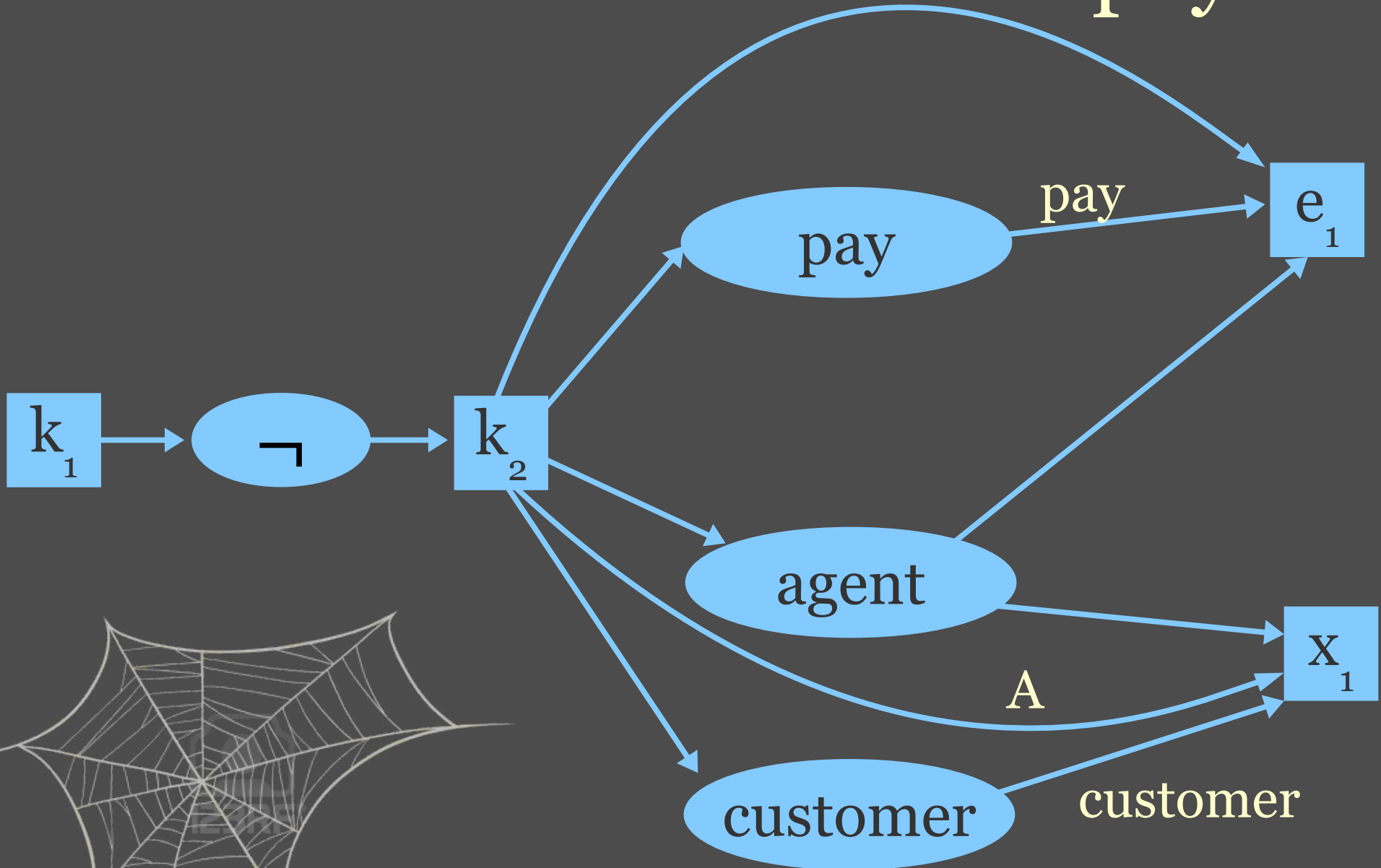
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| k_2 | role | agent | |
| customer | instance | x_1 | customer |
| pay | instance | e_1 | pay |
| agent | internal | e_1 | |
| agent | external | x_1 | |
| k_2 | surface | e_1 | did |
| k_2 | surface | e_1 | not |
| k_2 | surface | e_1 | . |

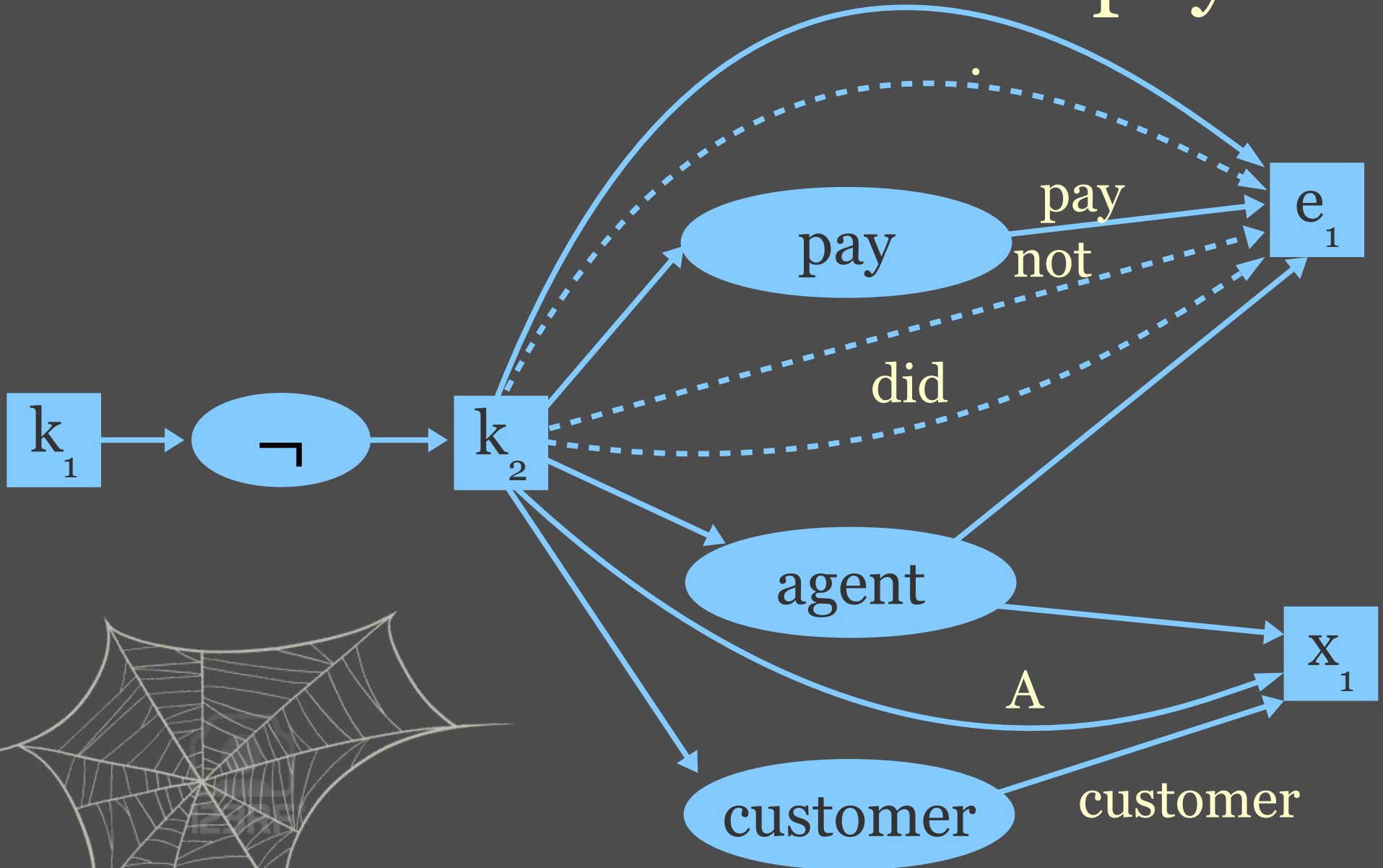
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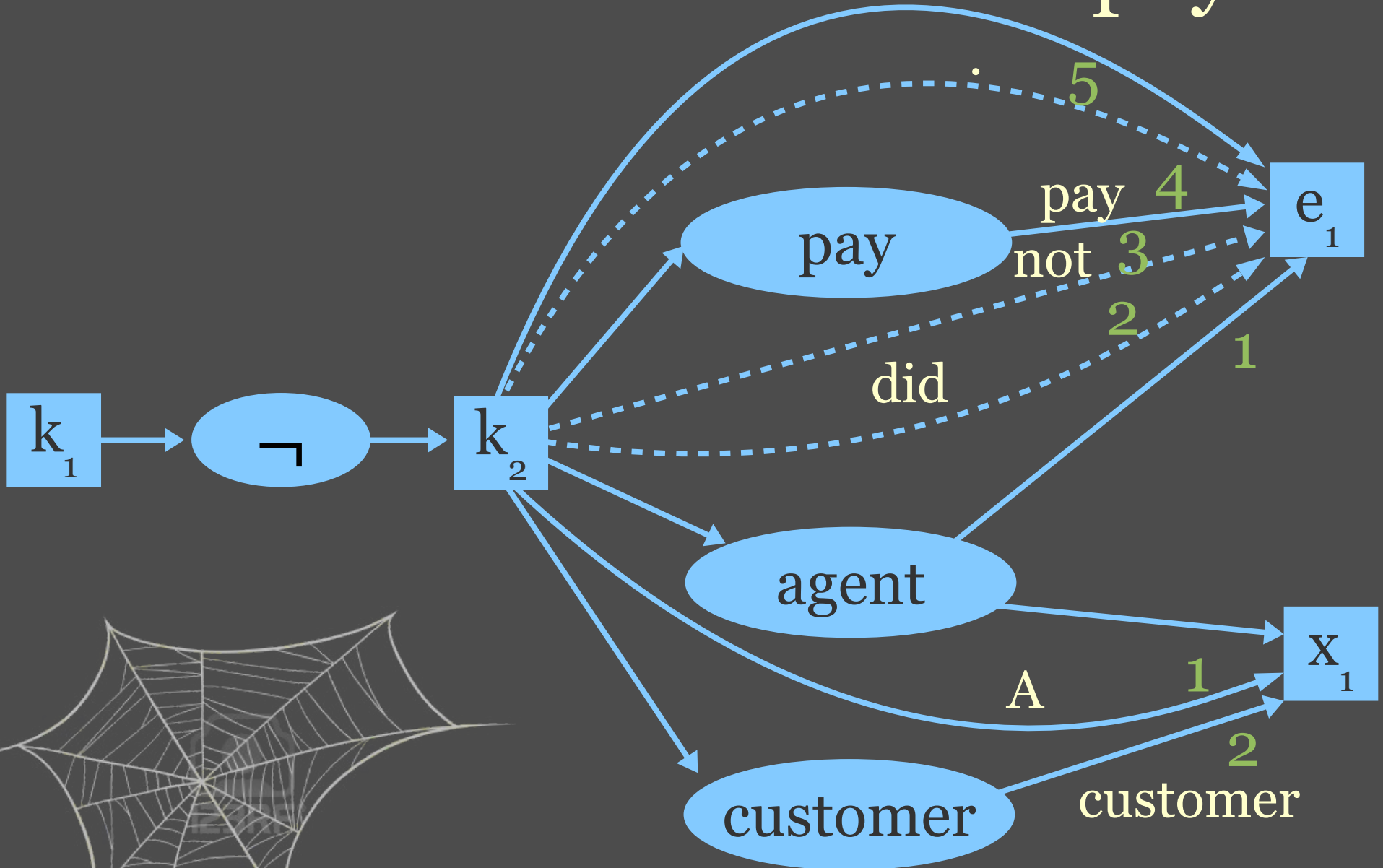
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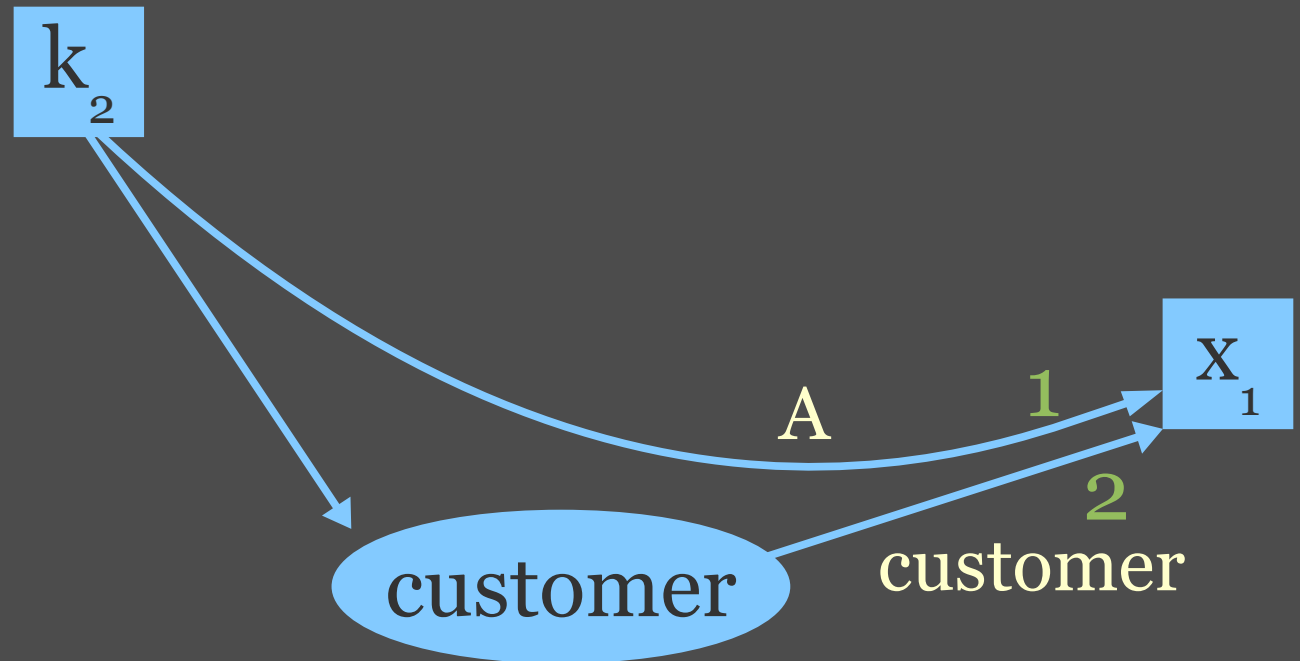
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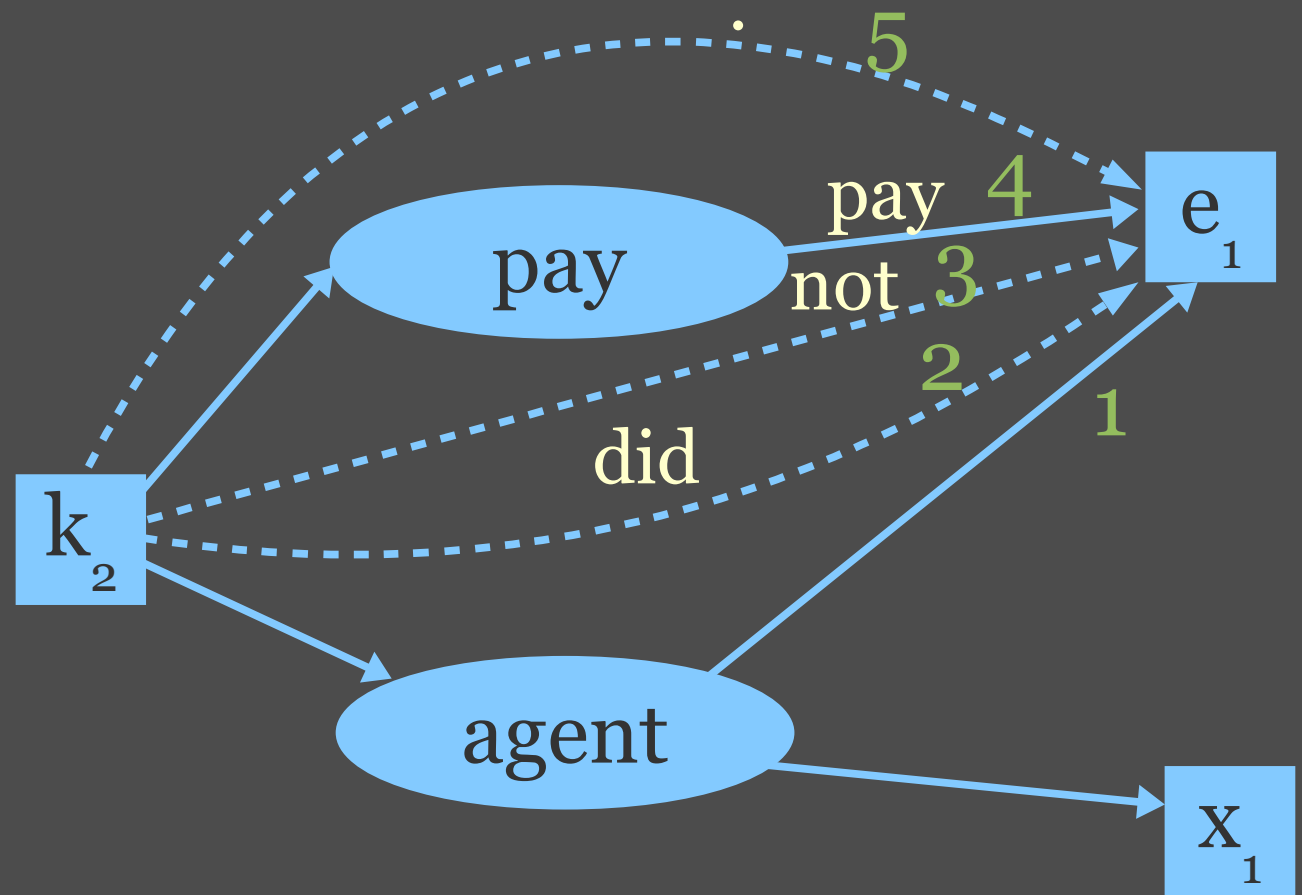
x_1 : A customer

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2

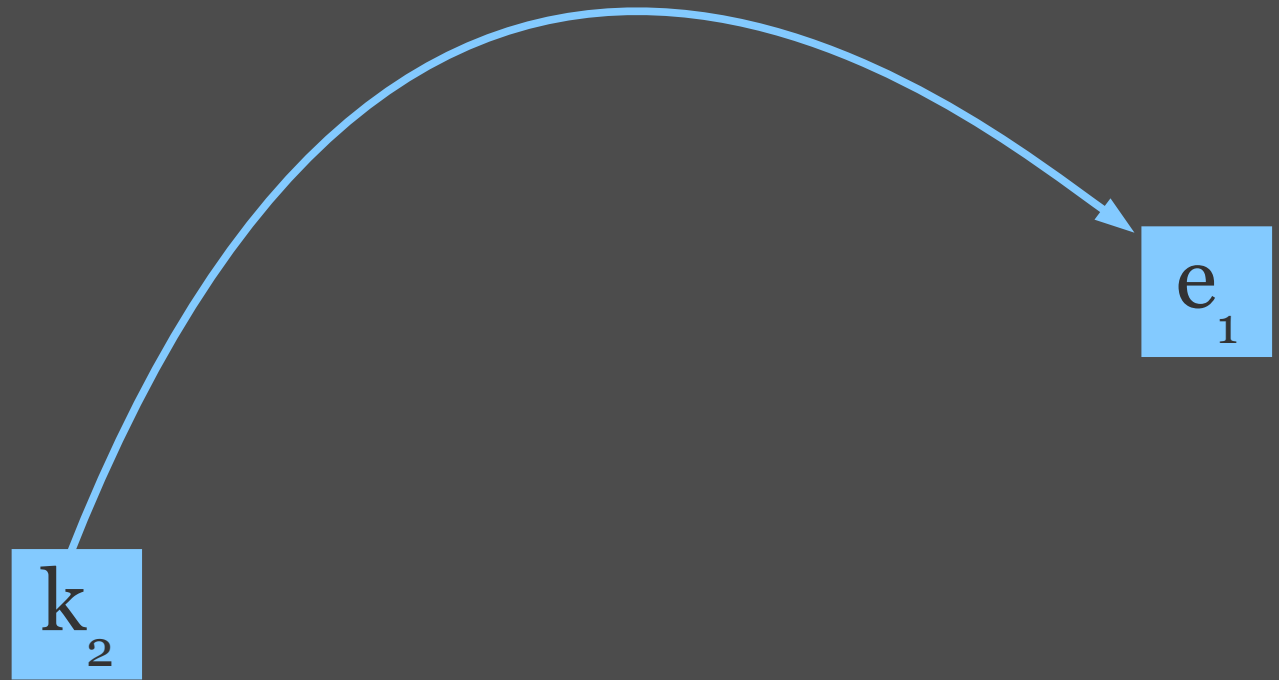


e_1 : x_1 did not pay .



$$k_2 \quad \vdots \quad e_1$$

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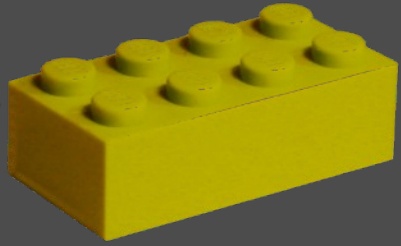


x_1 : A customer
1 2

e_1 : x_1 did not pay .
1 2 3 4 5

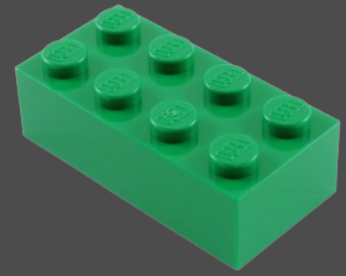
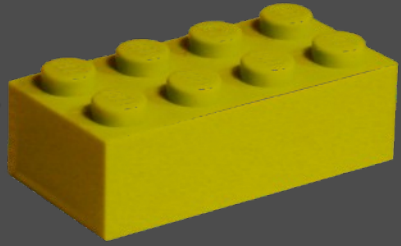
k_2 : e_1
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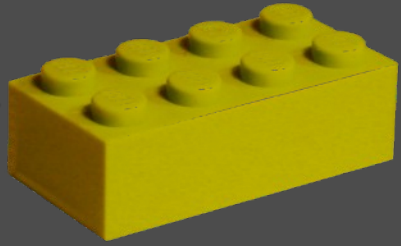
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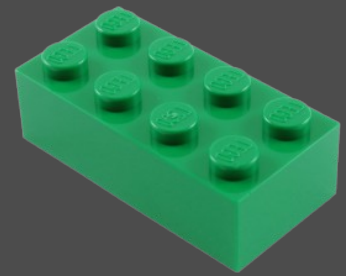
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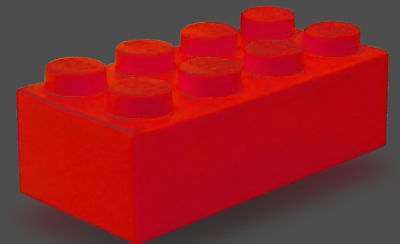
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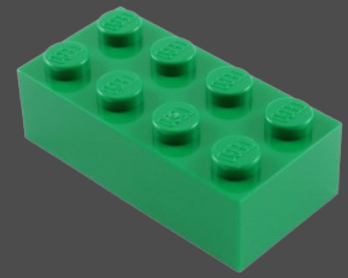
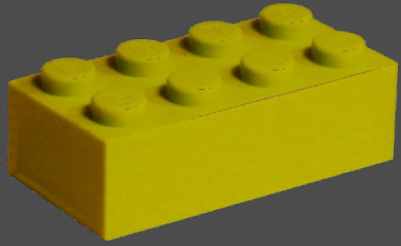


e_1 : x_1 did not pay .

k_2 : e_1

e_1 : A customer did not pay .





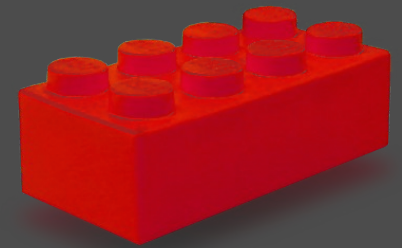
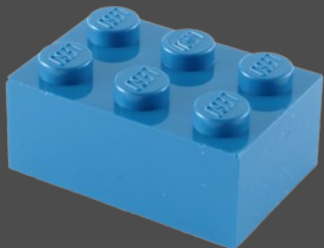
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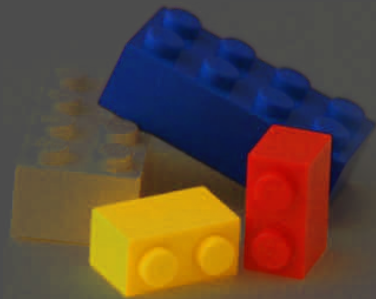
k_2 : e_1

e_1 : A customer did not pay .

k_2 : A customer did not pay .

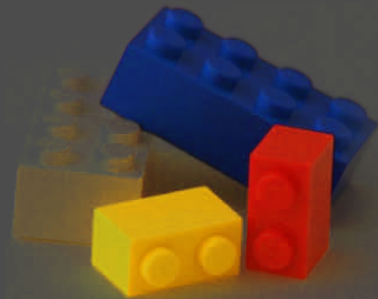


Michelle thinks that Obama smokes



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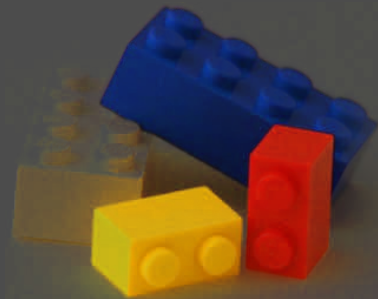
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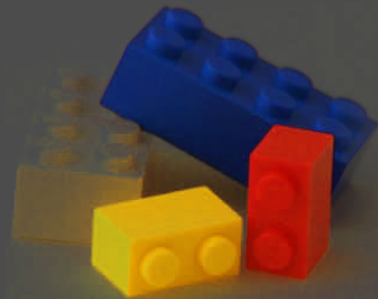
e_1 : x_1 thinks p_1



Michelle thinks that Obama smokes

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e_1 : Michelle thinks p_1

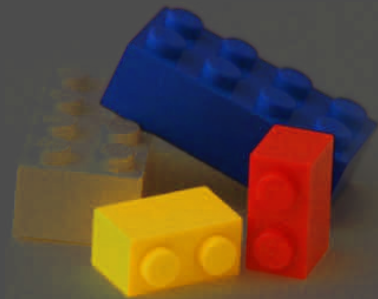


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e_1 : Michelle thinks p_1

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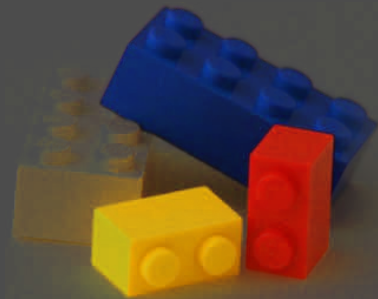


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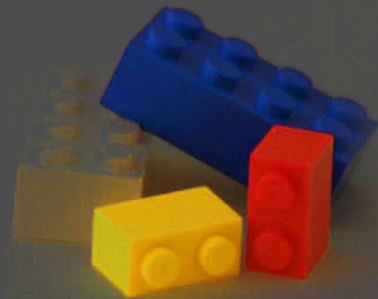
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x_1 : Michelle

x_2 : Obama

e_1 : Michelle thinks p_1

k_1 : Michelle thinks p_1



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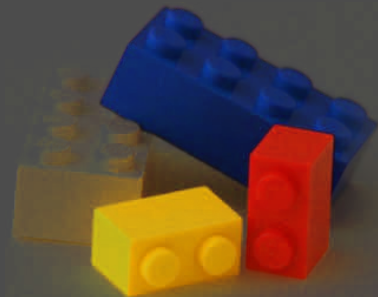
x_1 : Michelle

x_2 : Obama

e_1 : Michelle thinks p_1

e_2 : x_2 smokes

k_1 : Michelle thinks p_1



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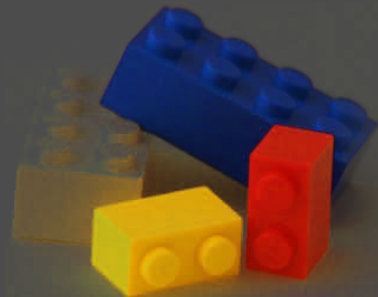
x_1 : Michelle

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e_1 : Michelle thinks p_1

e_2 : Obama smokes

k_1 : Michelle thinks p_1



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x_1 : Michelle

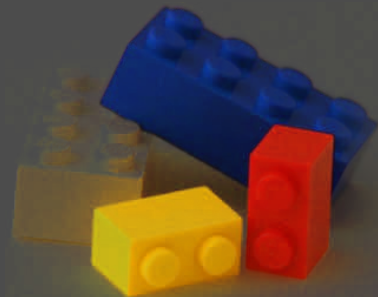
x_2 : Obama

e_1 : Michelle thinks p_1

e_2 : Obama smokes

k_1 : Michelle thinks p_1

p_1 : that e_2



Michelle thinks that Obama smokes

x_1 : Michelle

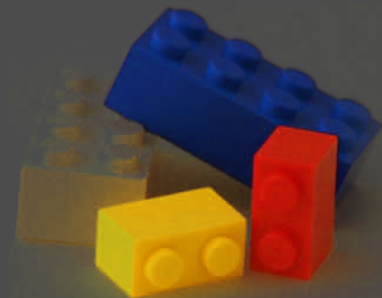
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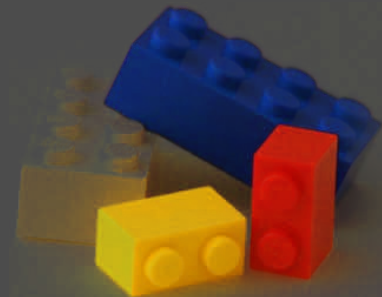
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p_1 : that Obama smokes

k_1 : Michelle thinks that Obama smokes



Coordination

Fishing occurs and trawling occurs

vs.

Fishing and trawling occurs



Long distance dependencies

Which car does Bill believe John bought



Control verbs

John wants to swim

VS.

John wants John to swim







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| customer | instance | x_1 | ? | ? |
| pay | instance | e_1 | ? | ? |
| agent | internal | e_1 | ? | |
| agent | external | x_1 | | |
| k_2 | surface | e_1 | ? | ? |
| k_2 | surface | e_1 | ? | ? |
| k_2 | surface | e_1 | ? | ? |



8k documents
1M tokens