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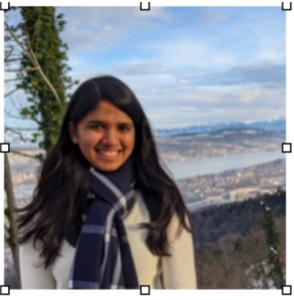
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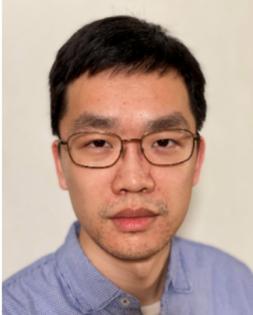
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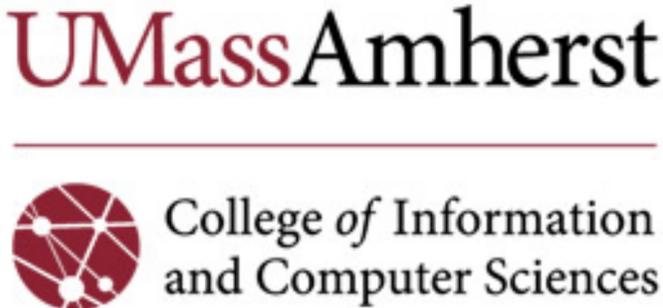
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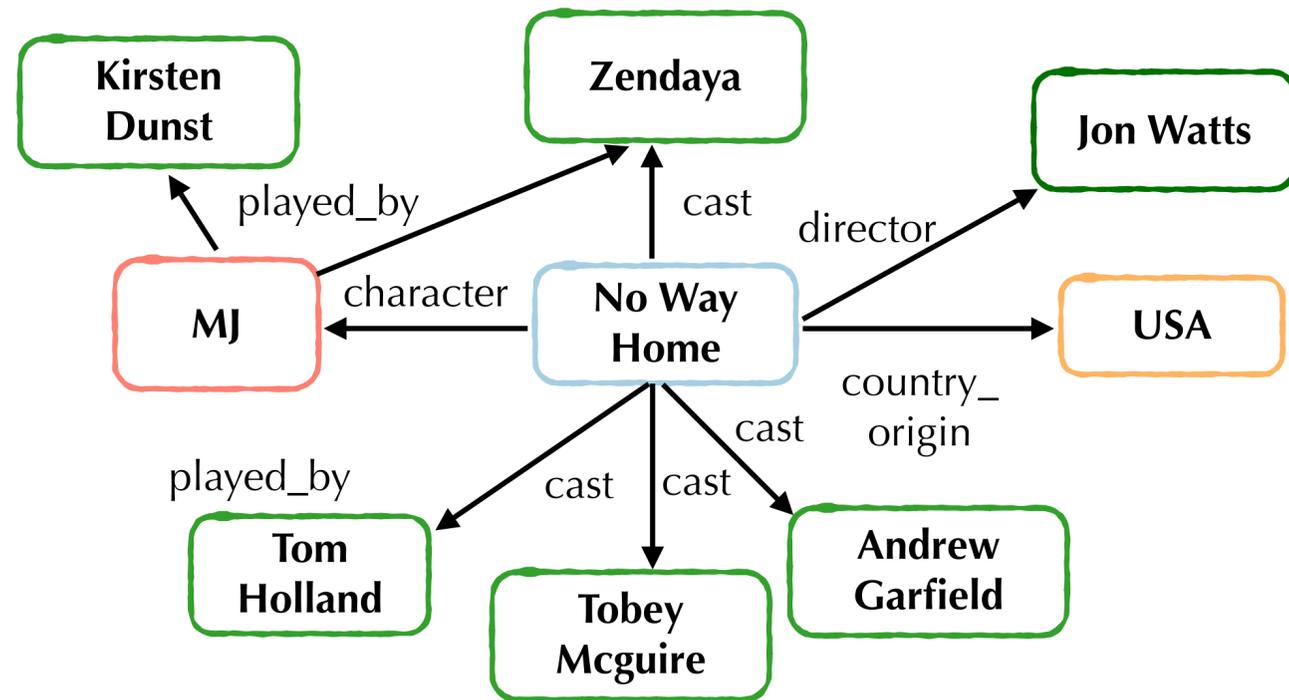
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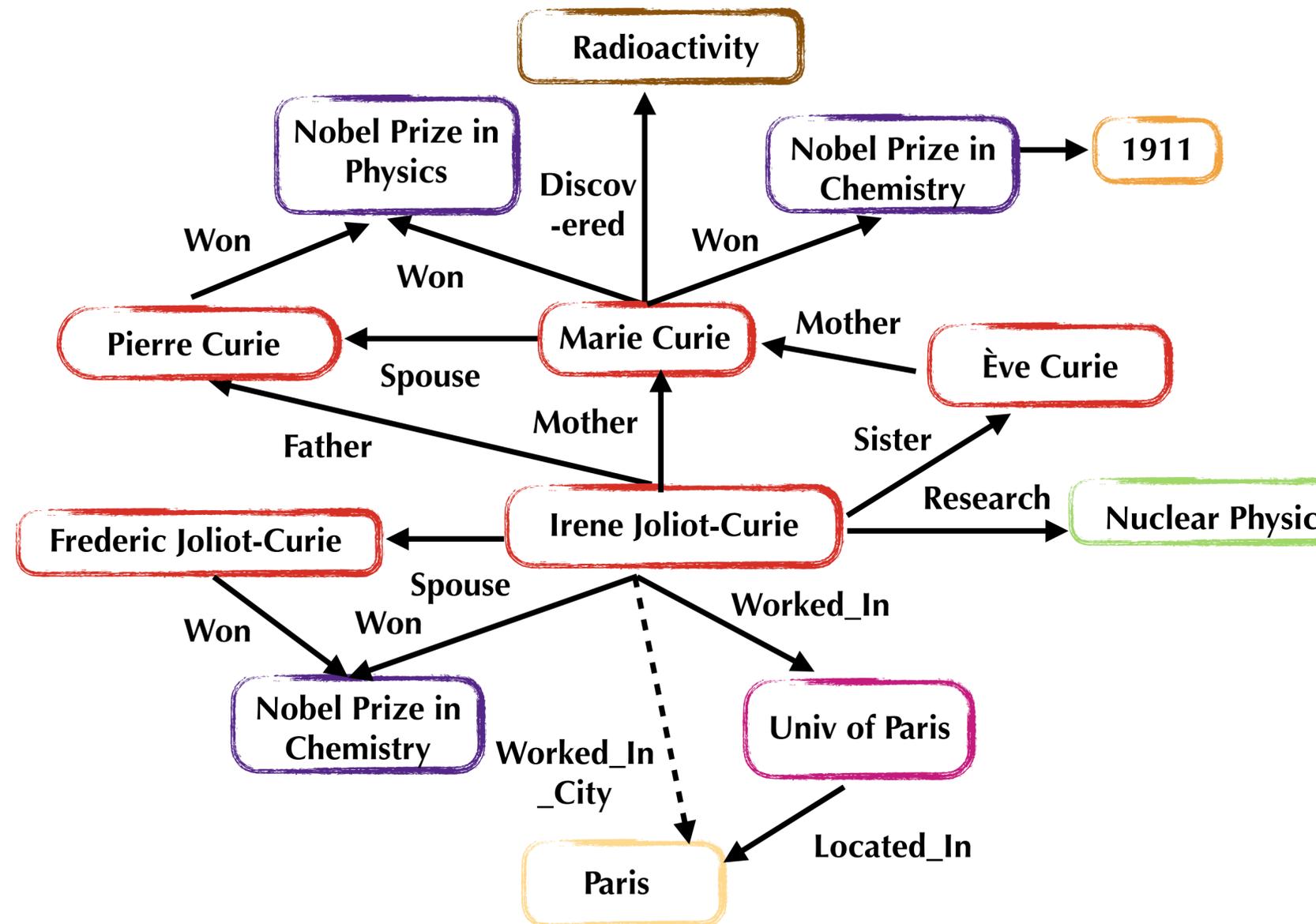
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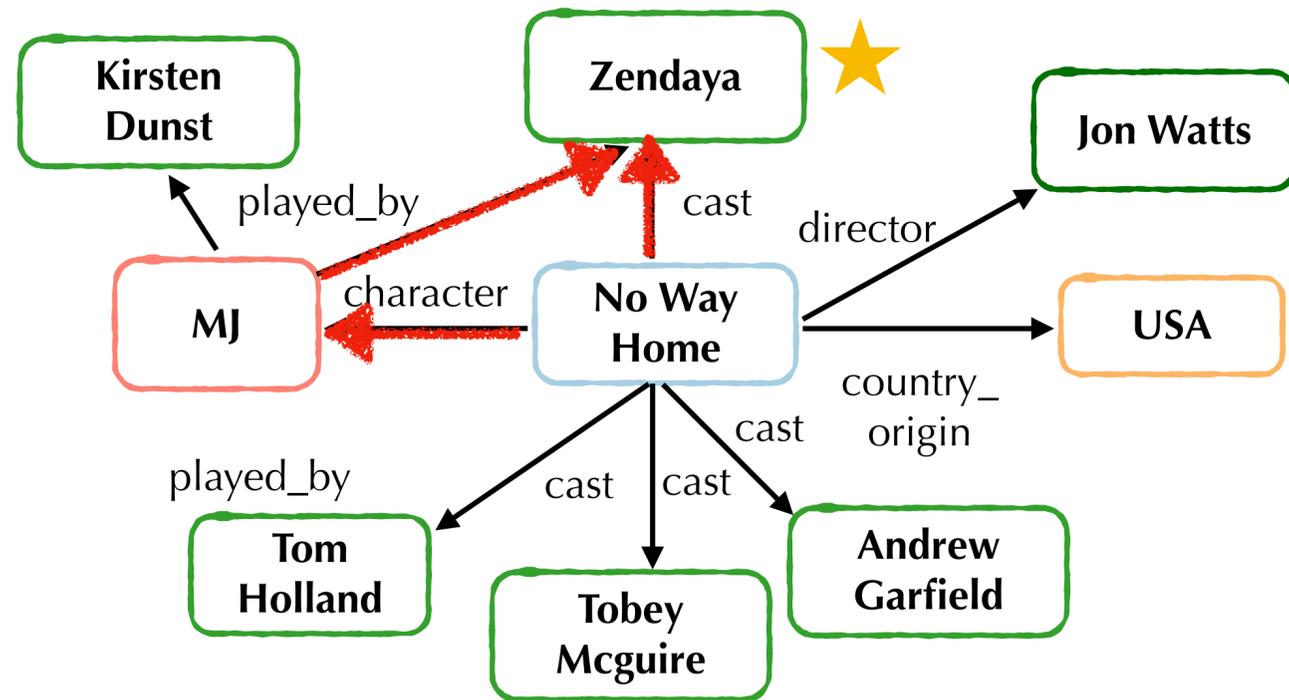


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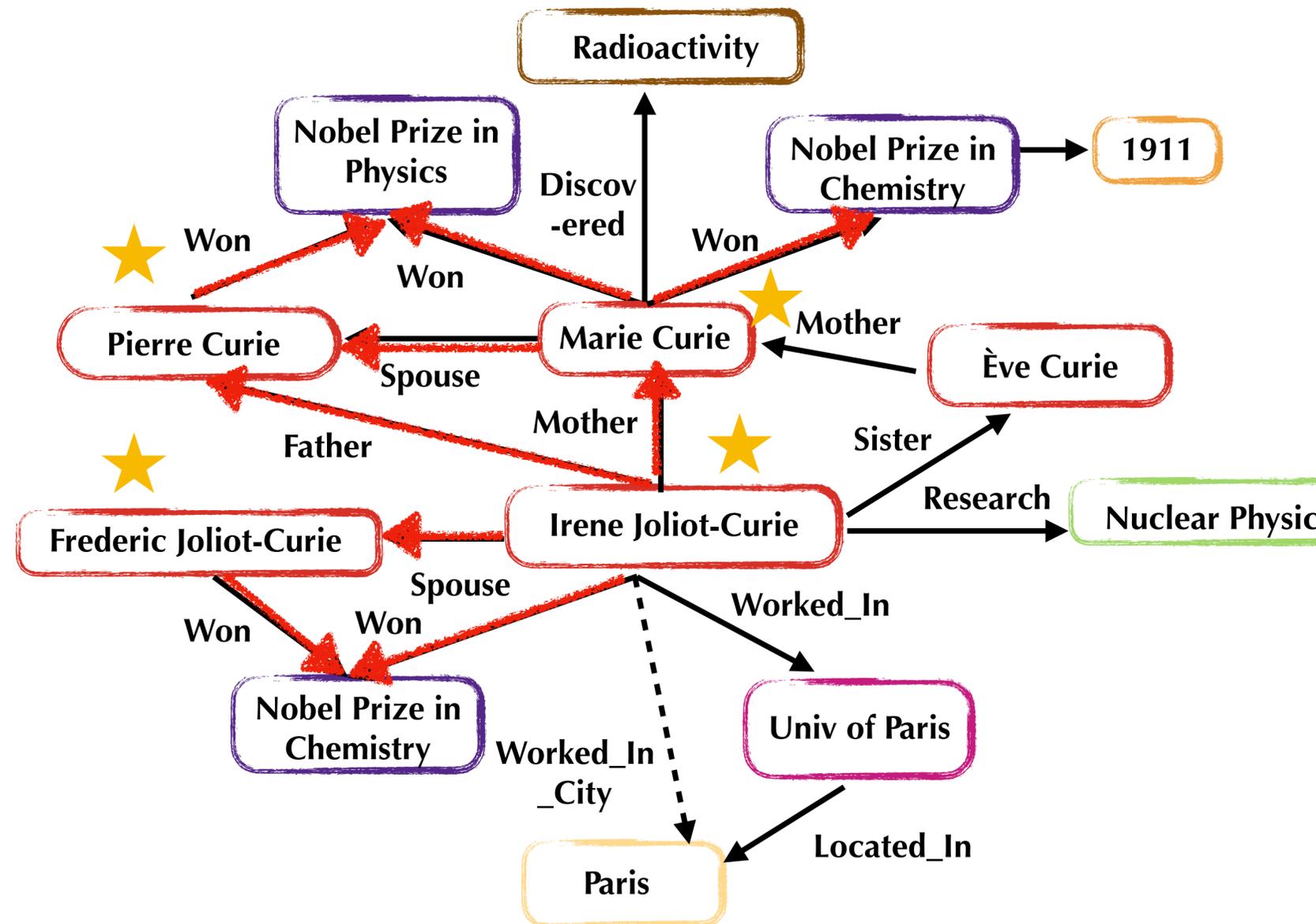


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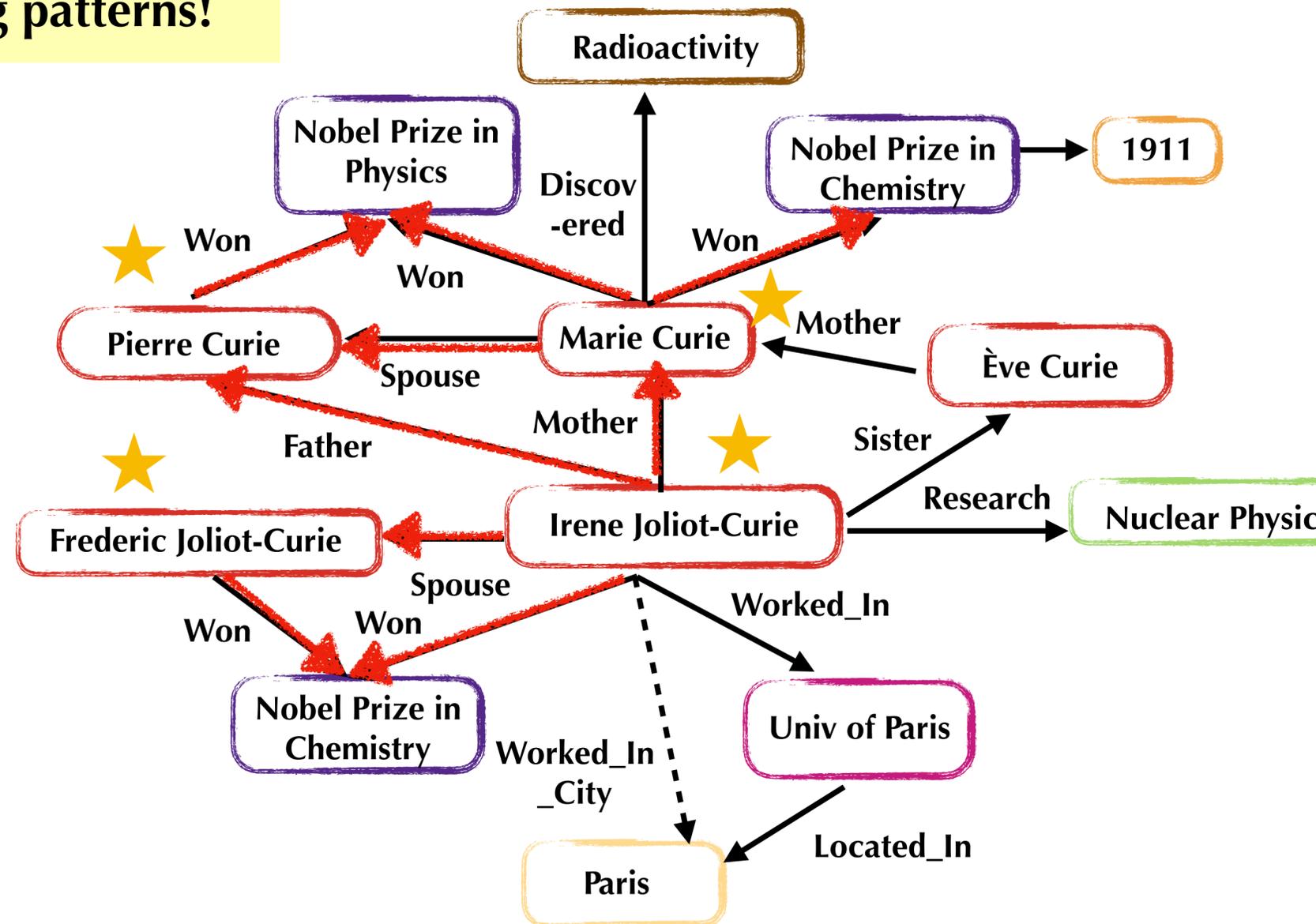
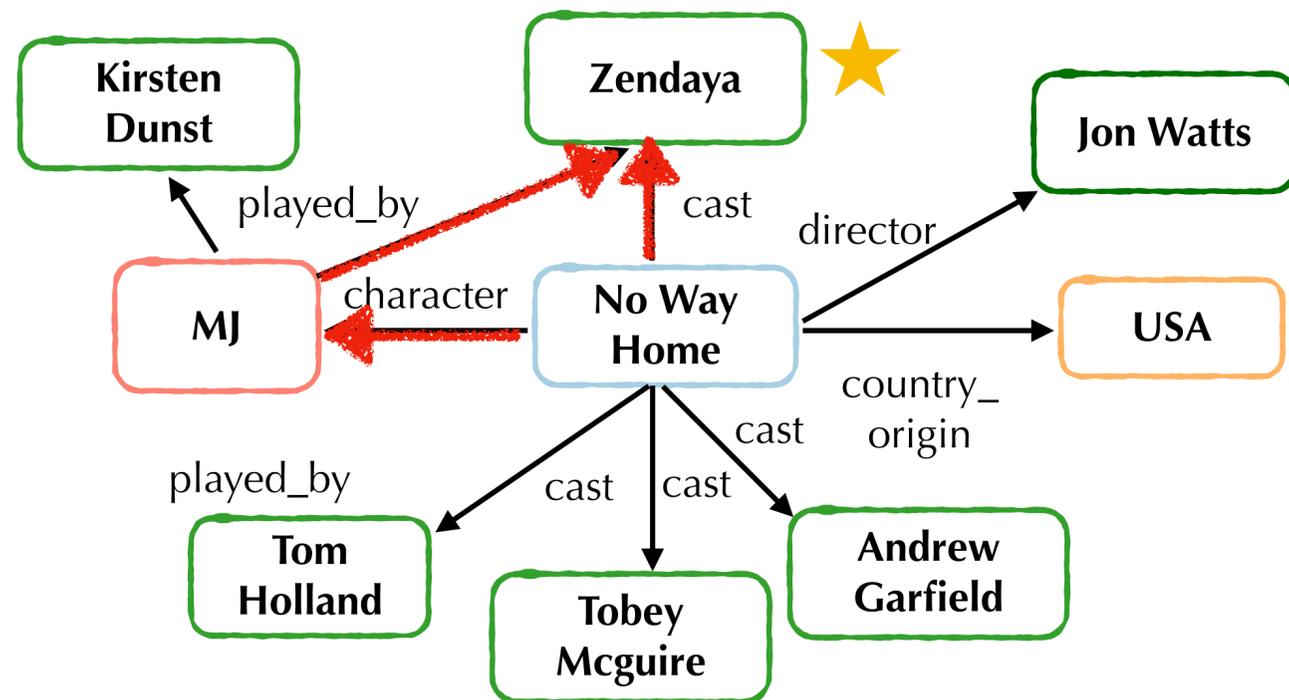


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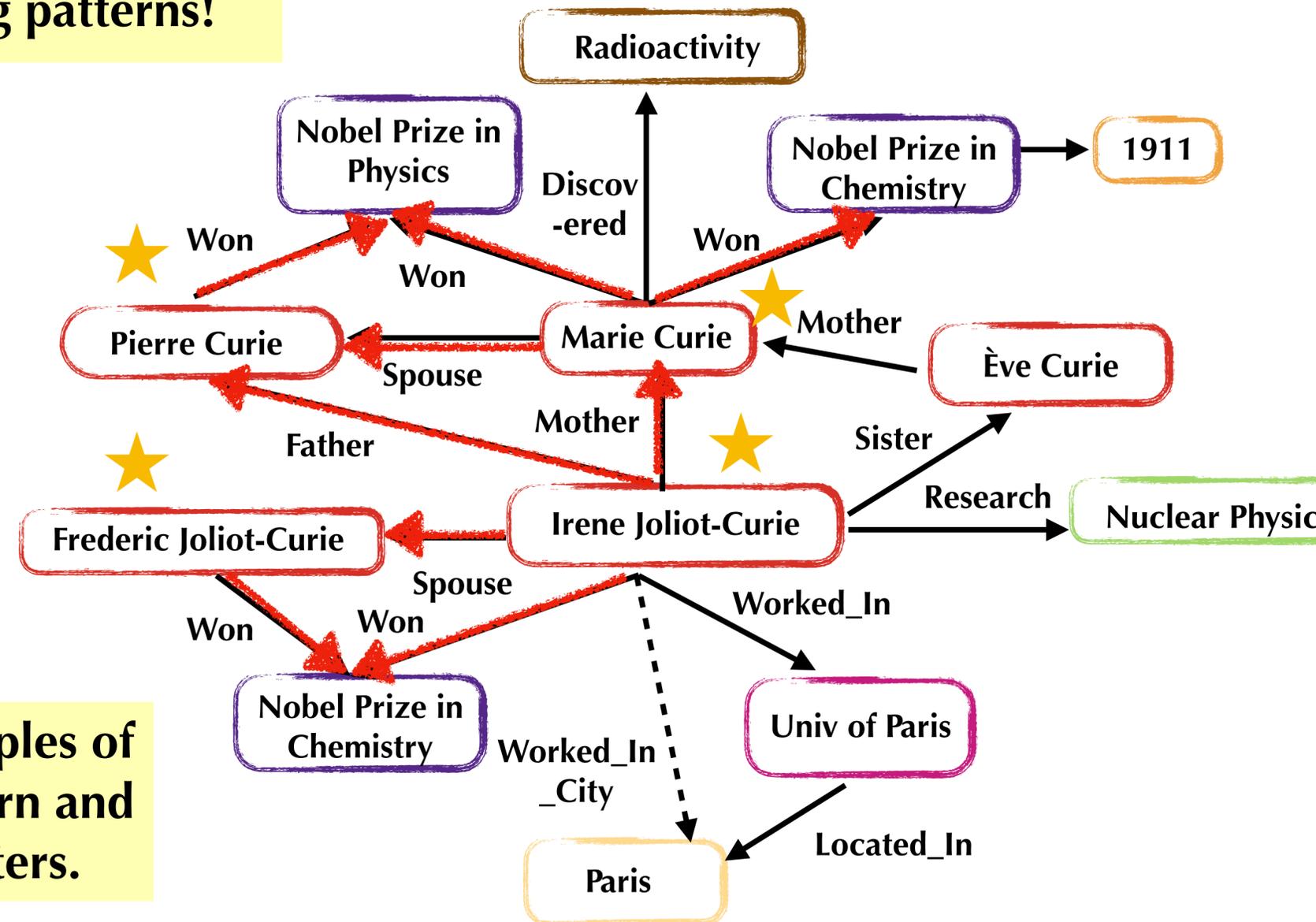
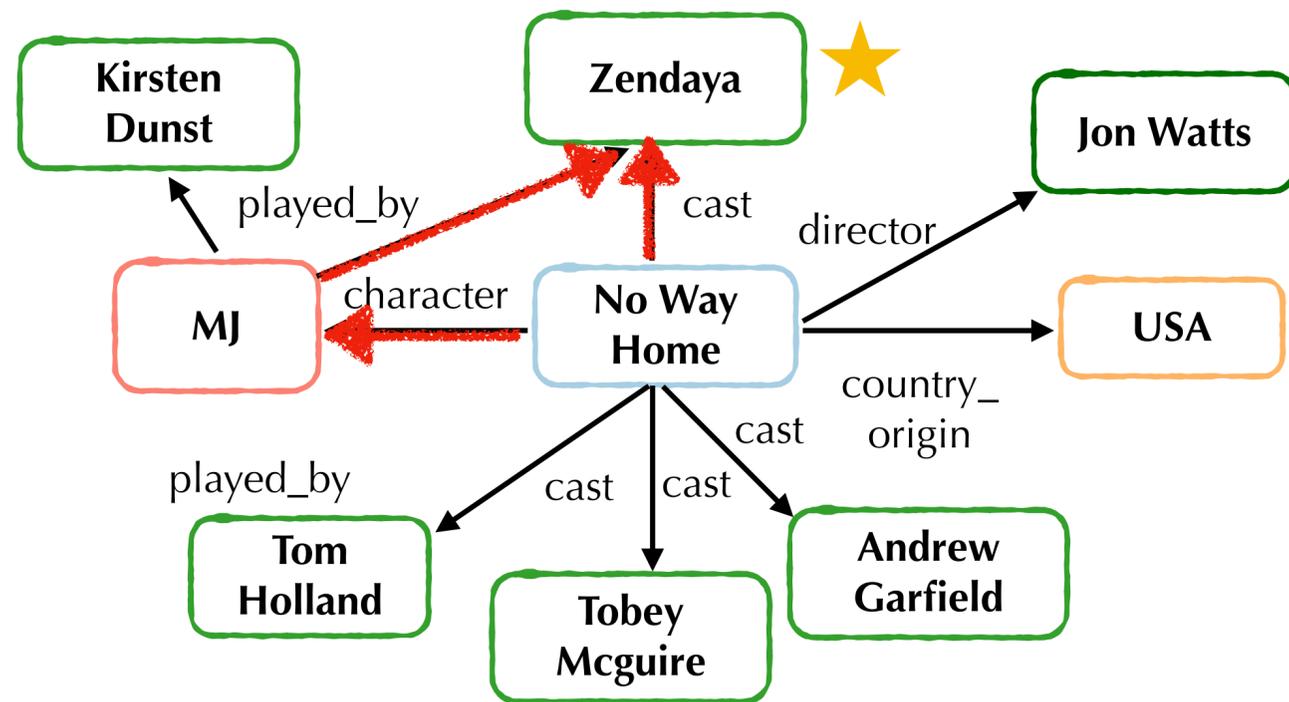


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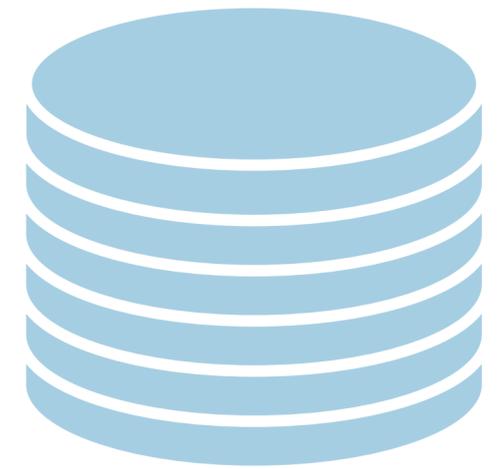
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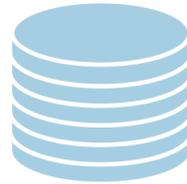
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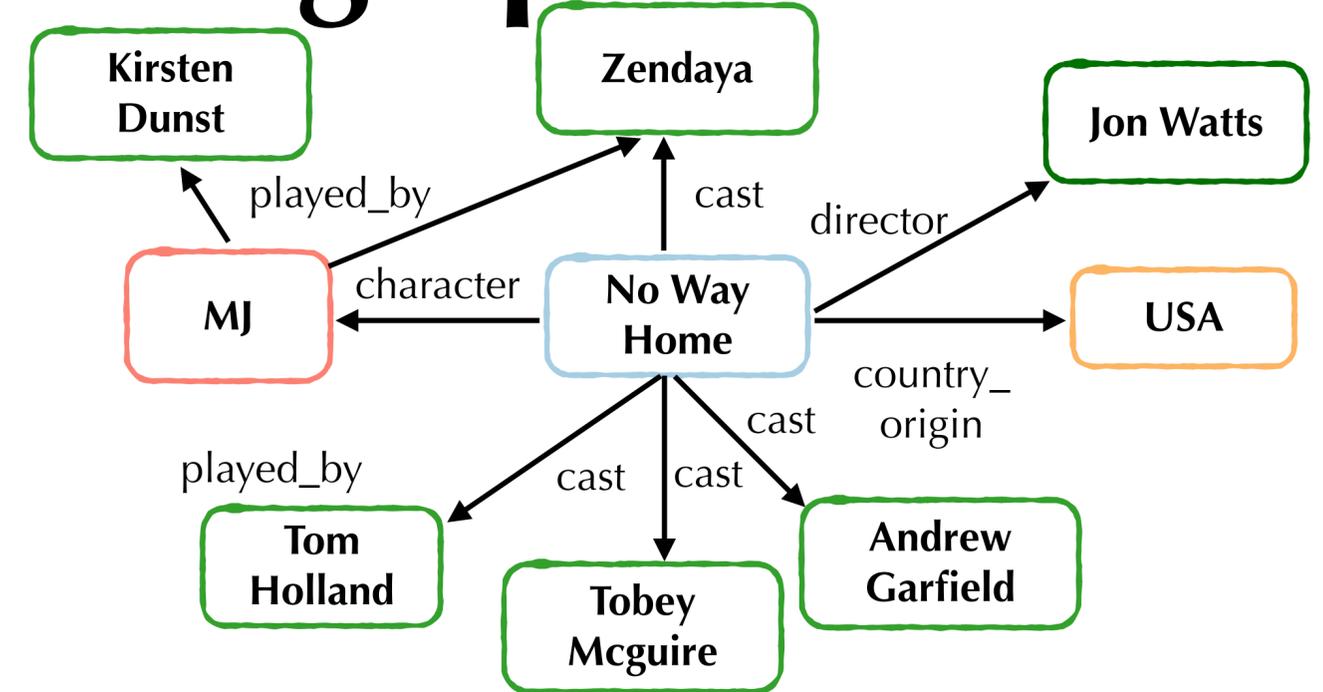
Train set with only (Q,A) pairs
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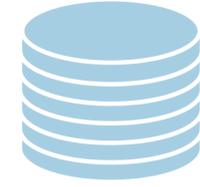
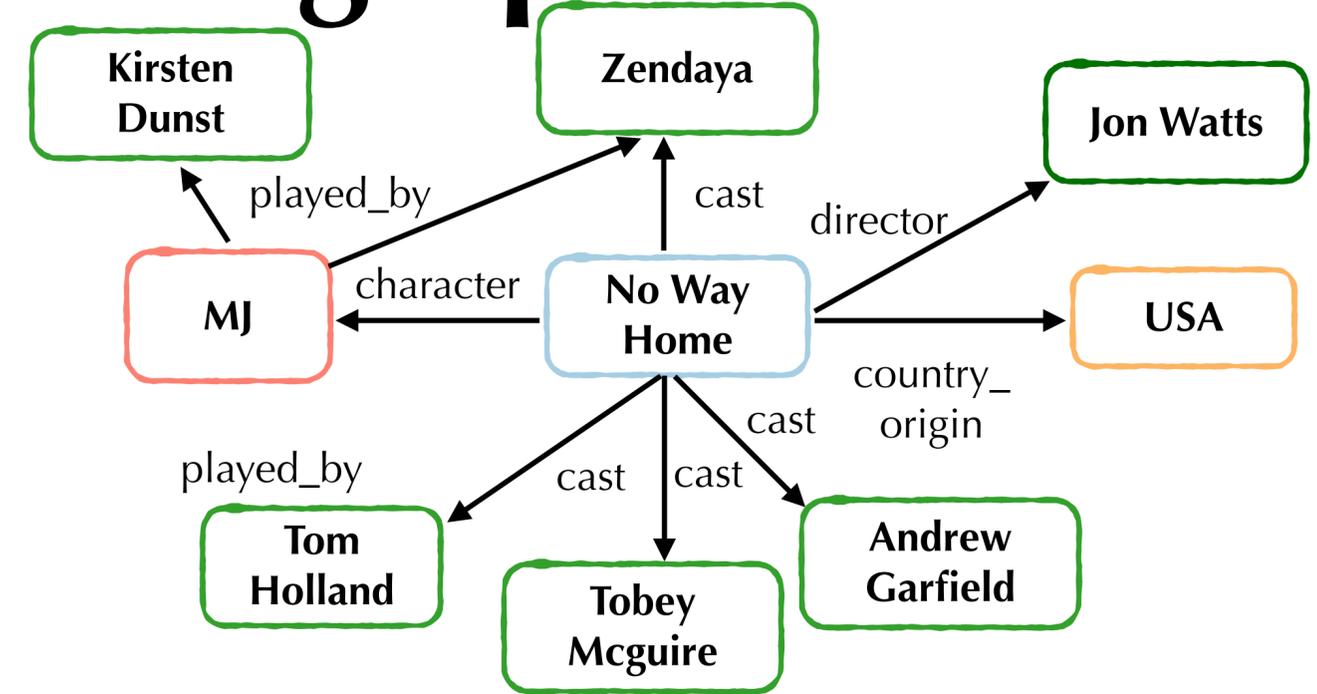


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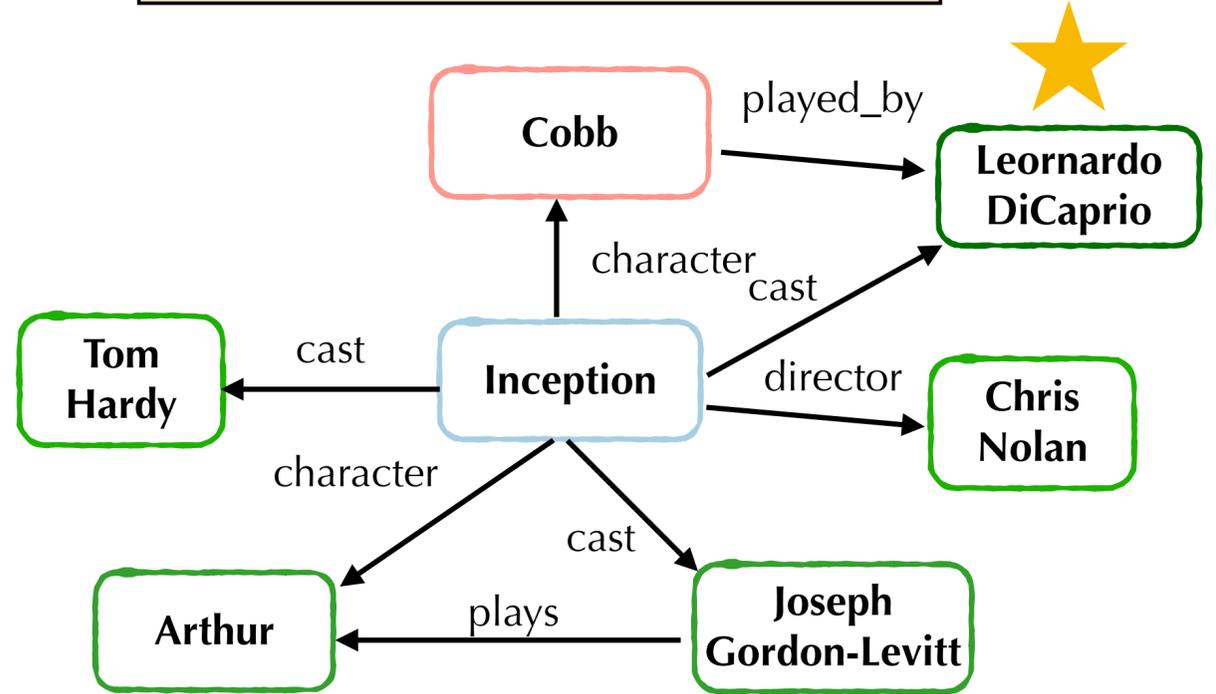
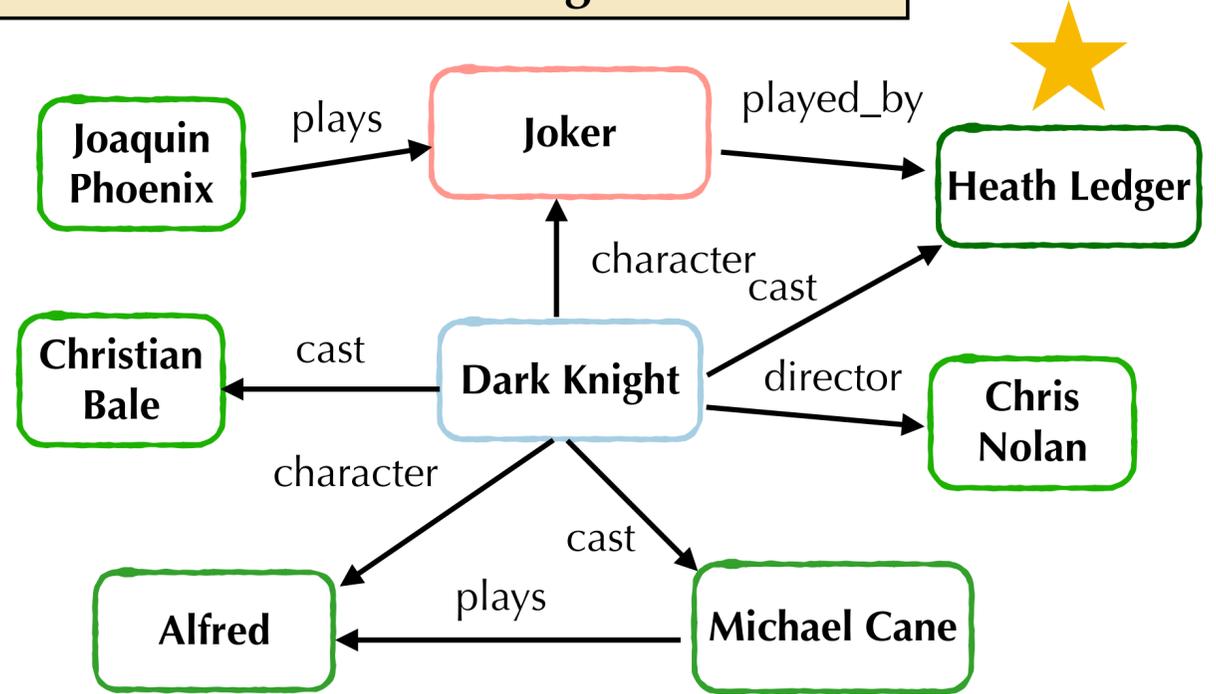
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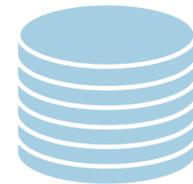
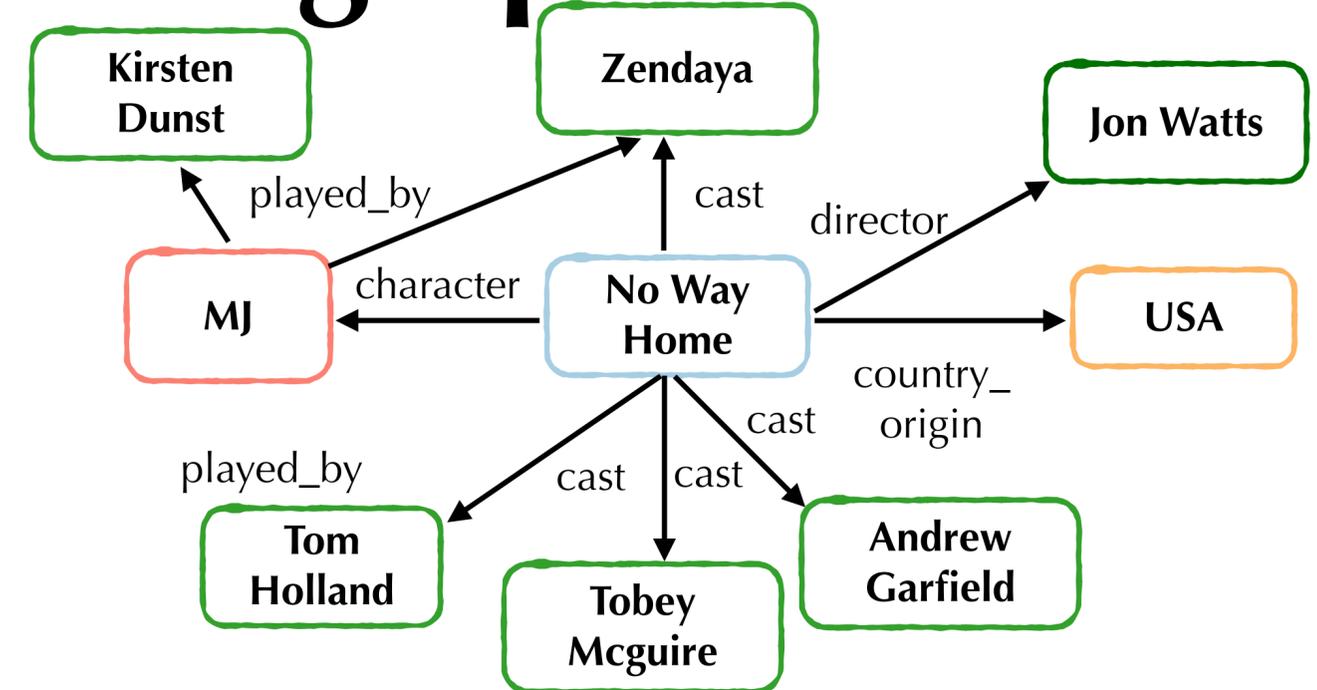
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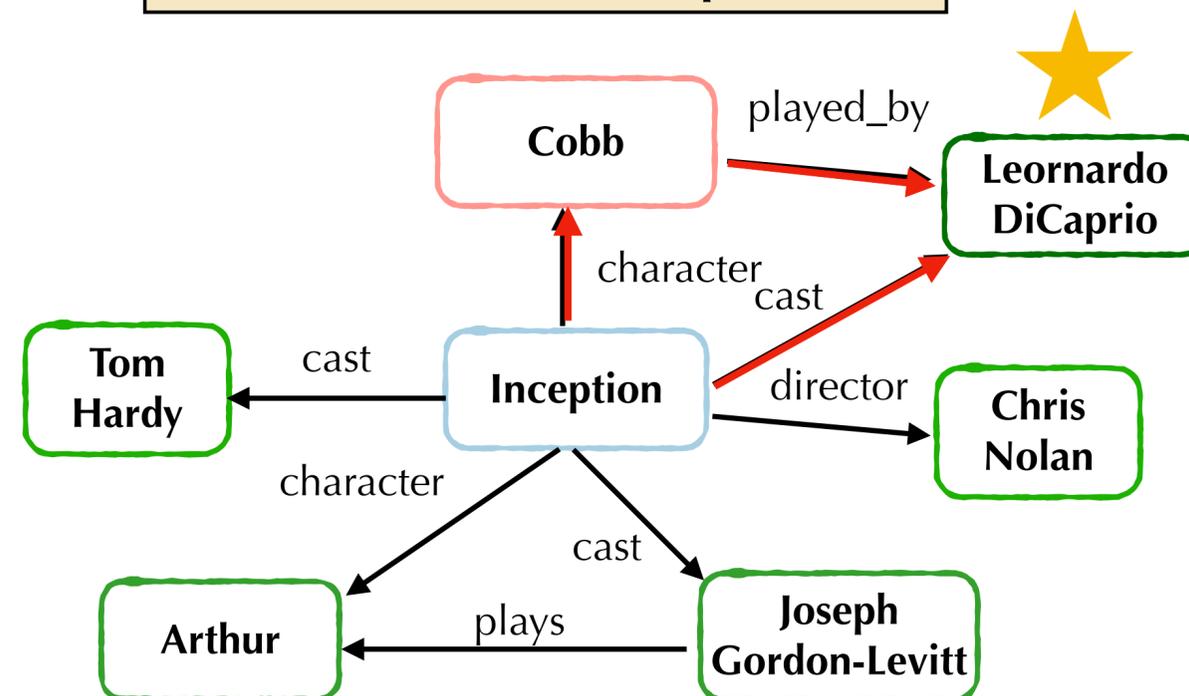
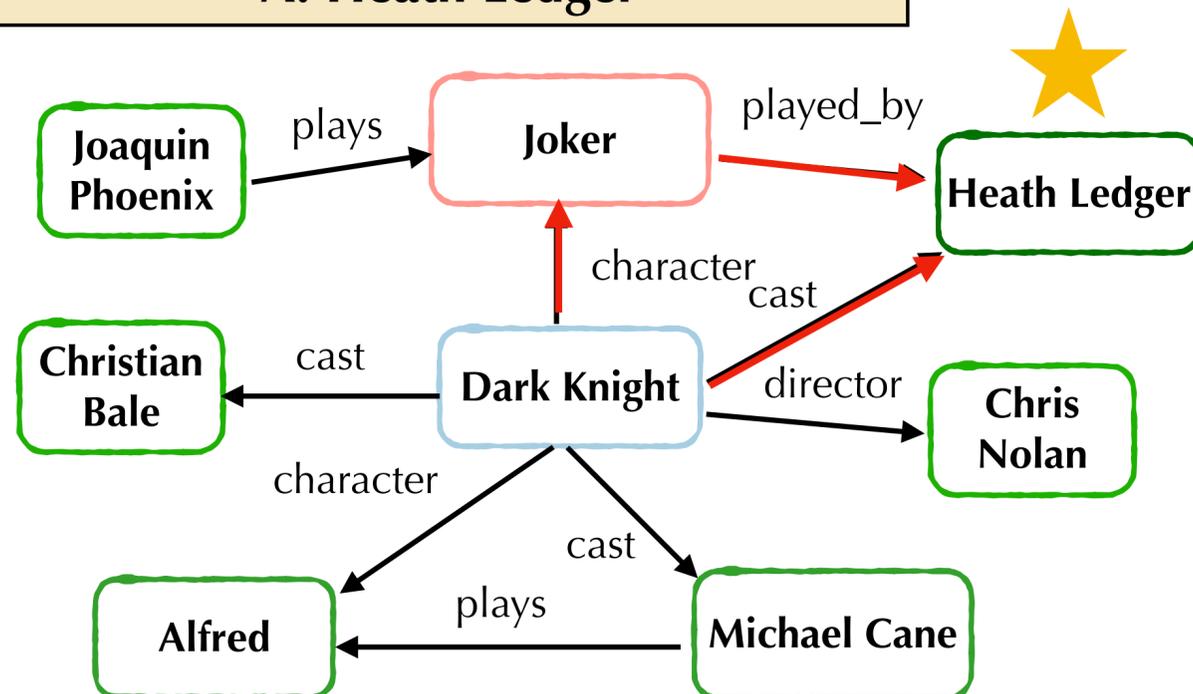
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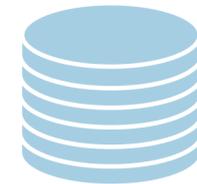
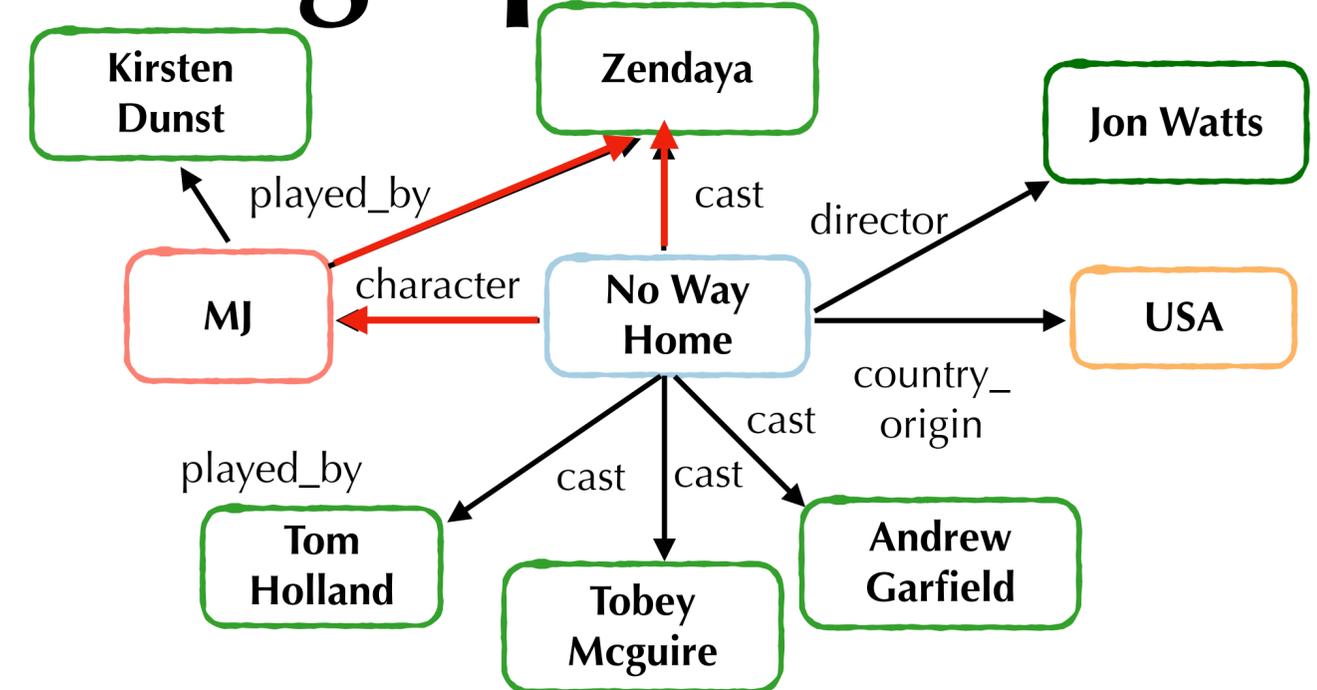
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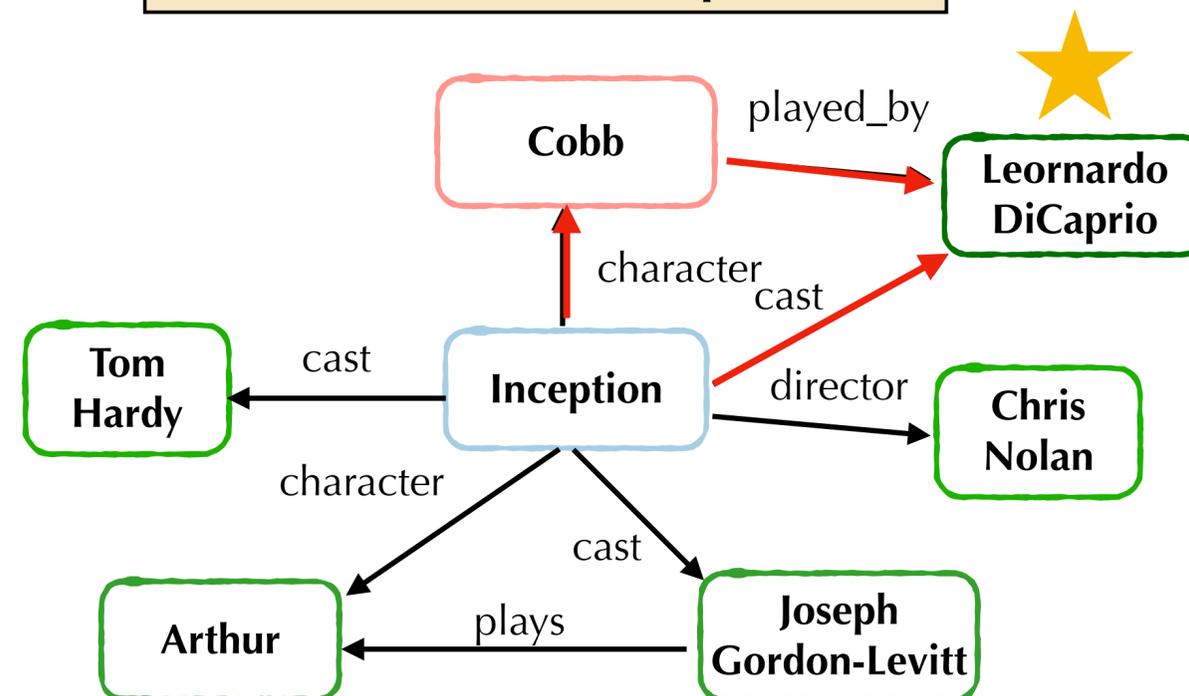
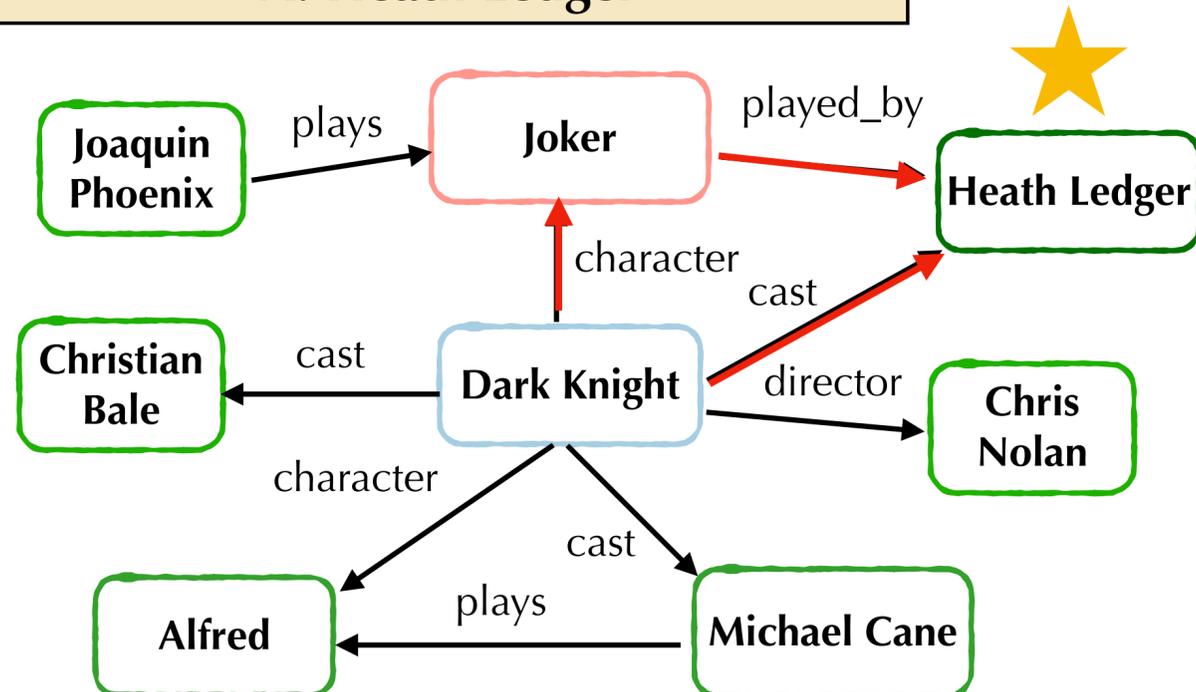
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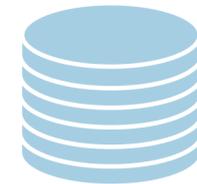
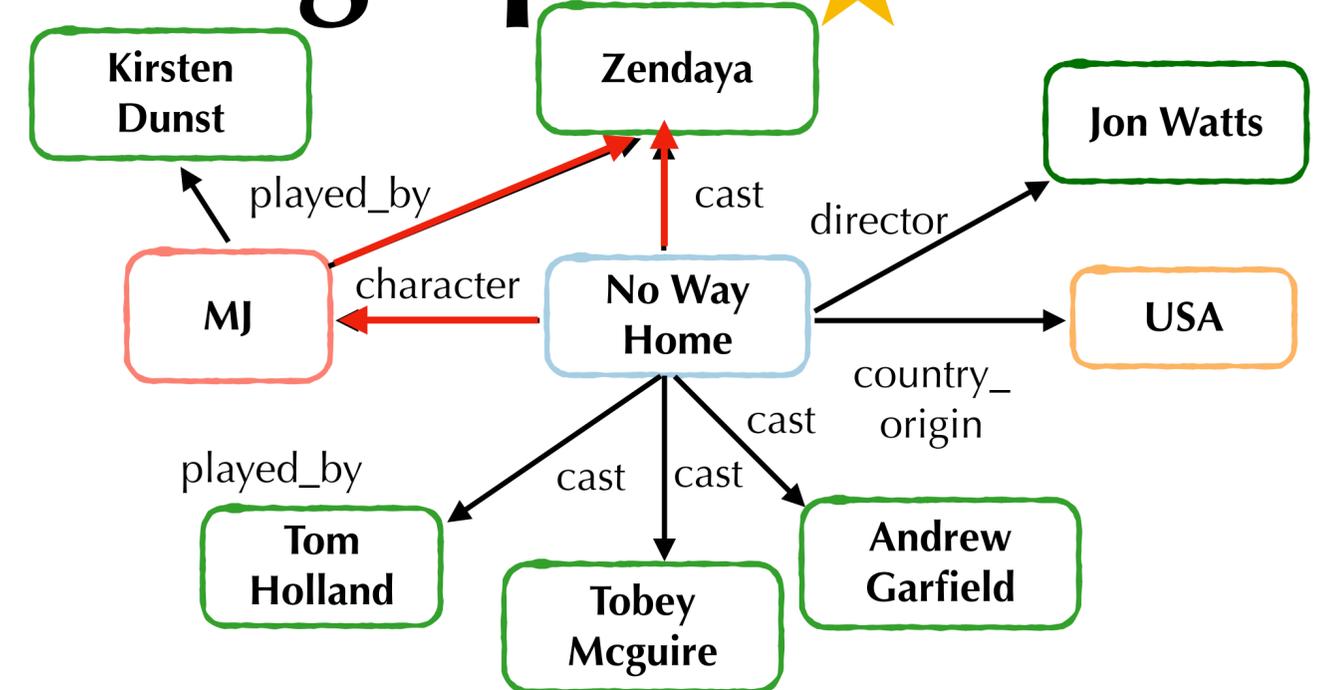
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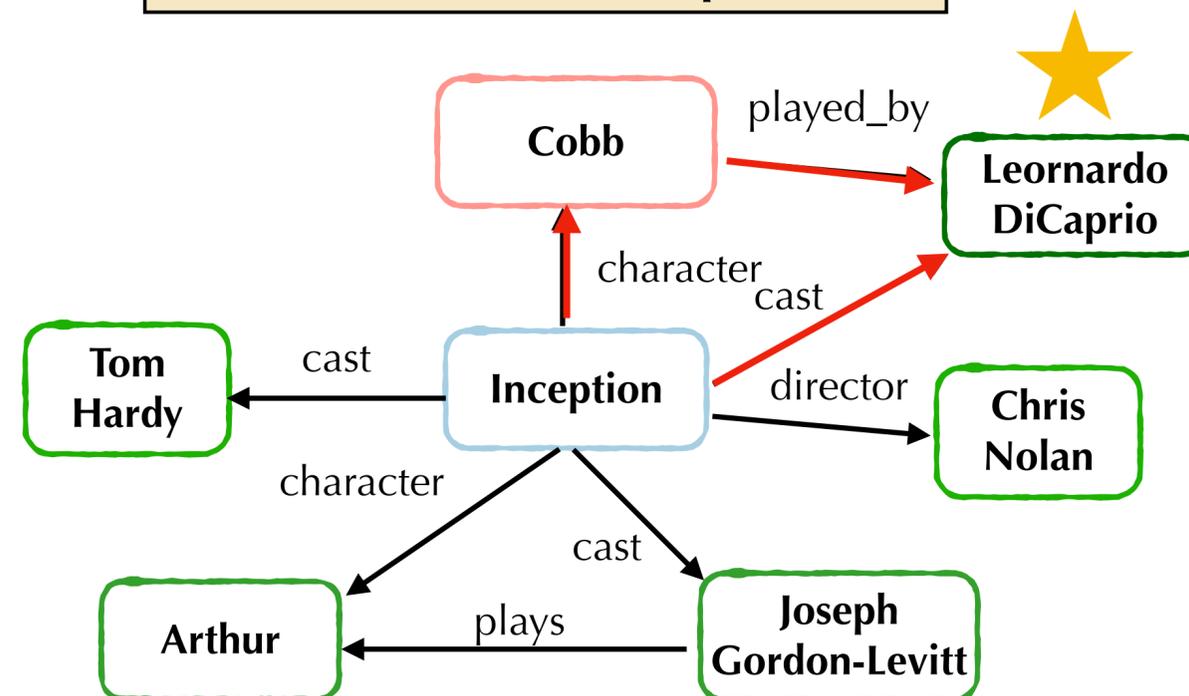
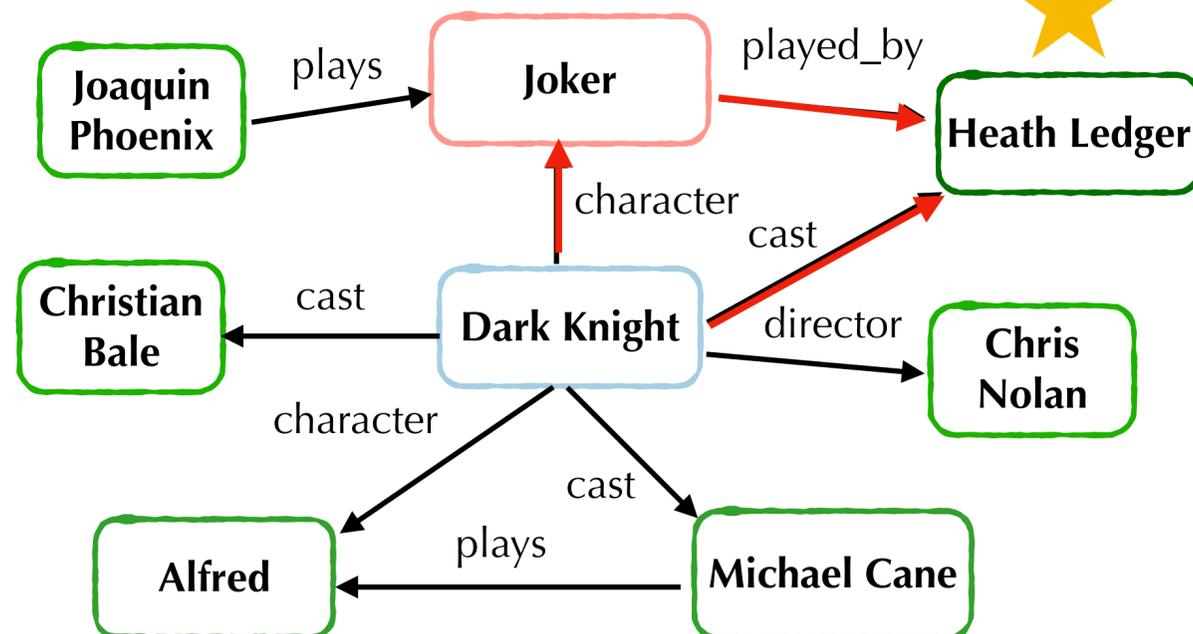
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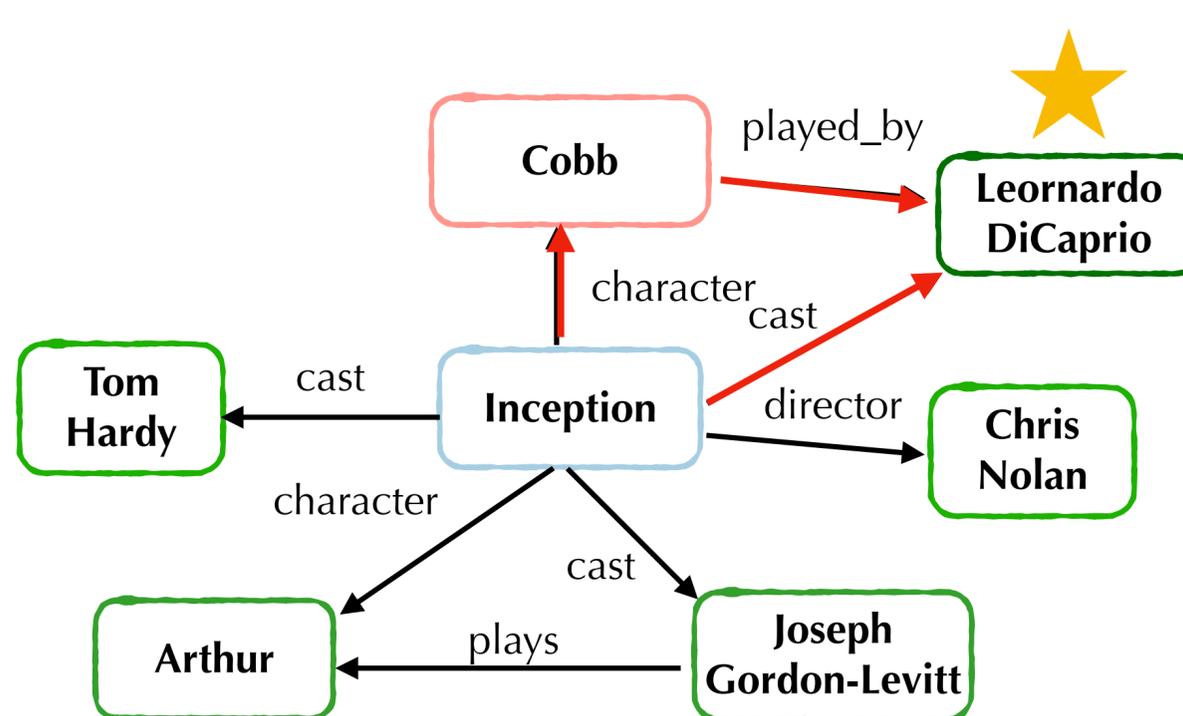
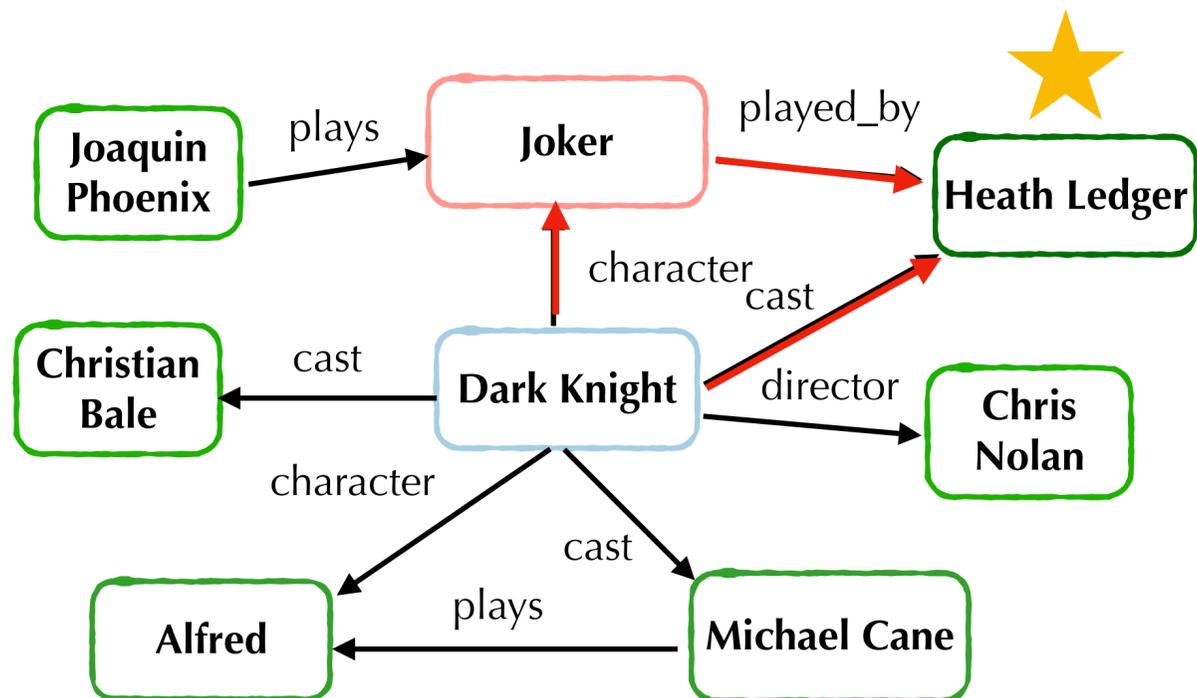
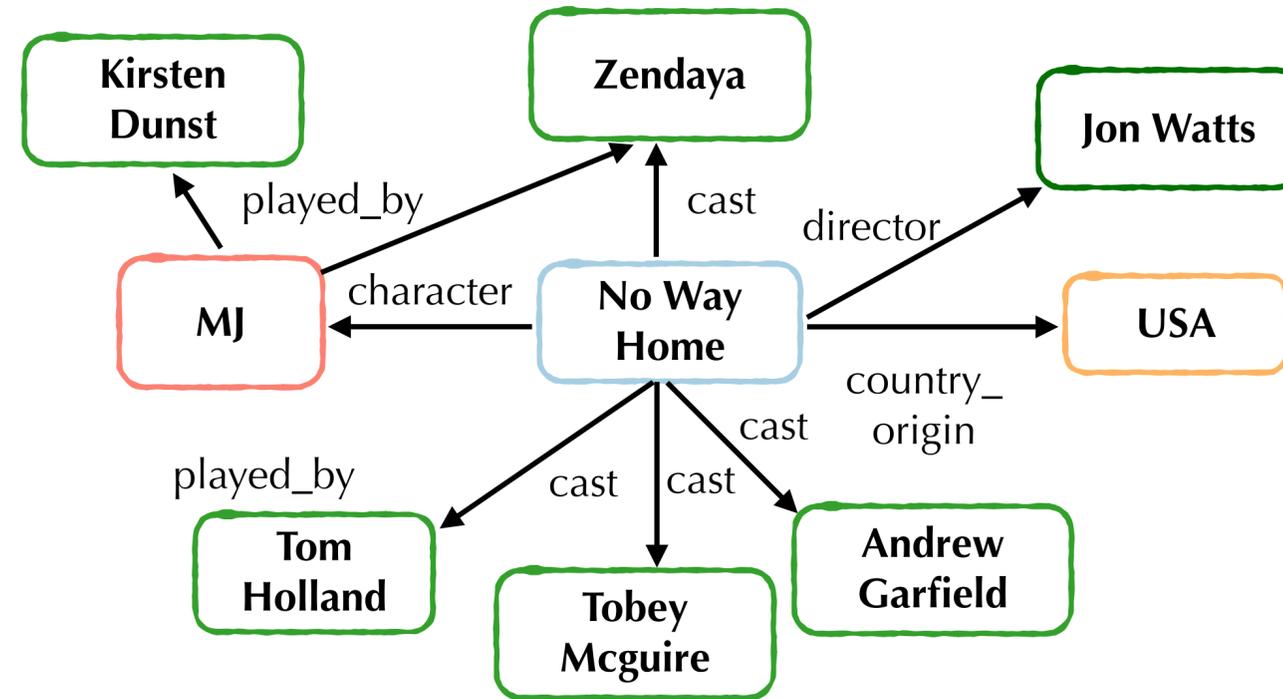
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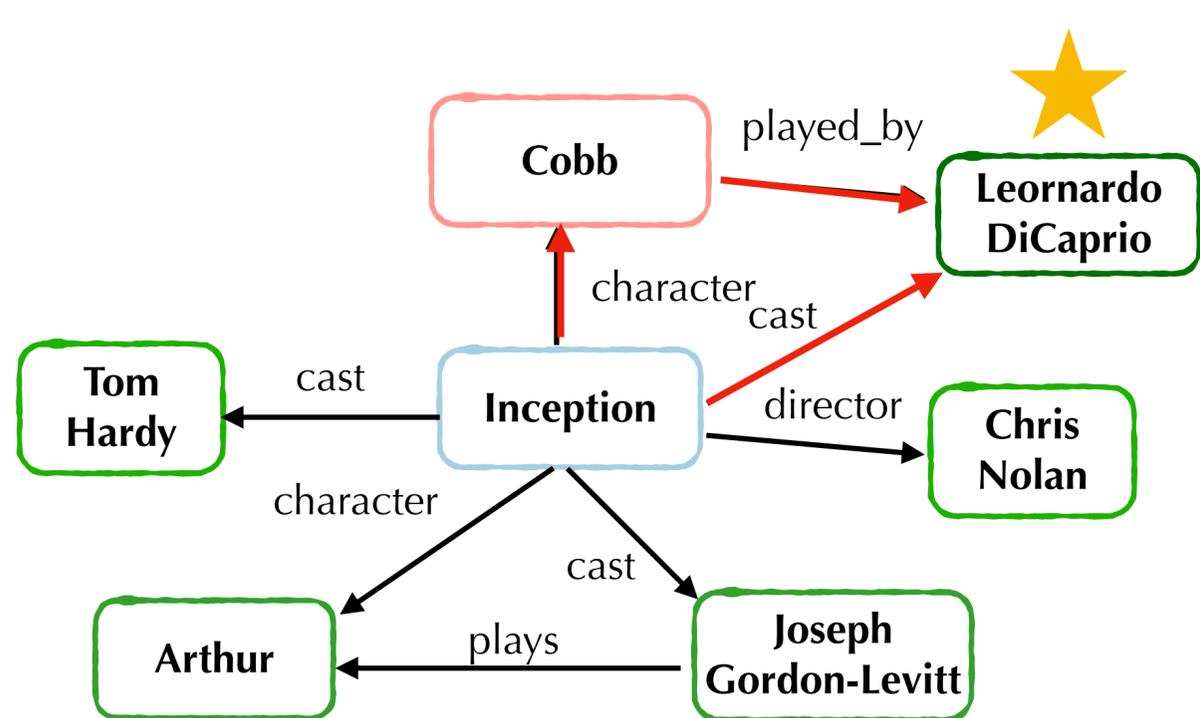
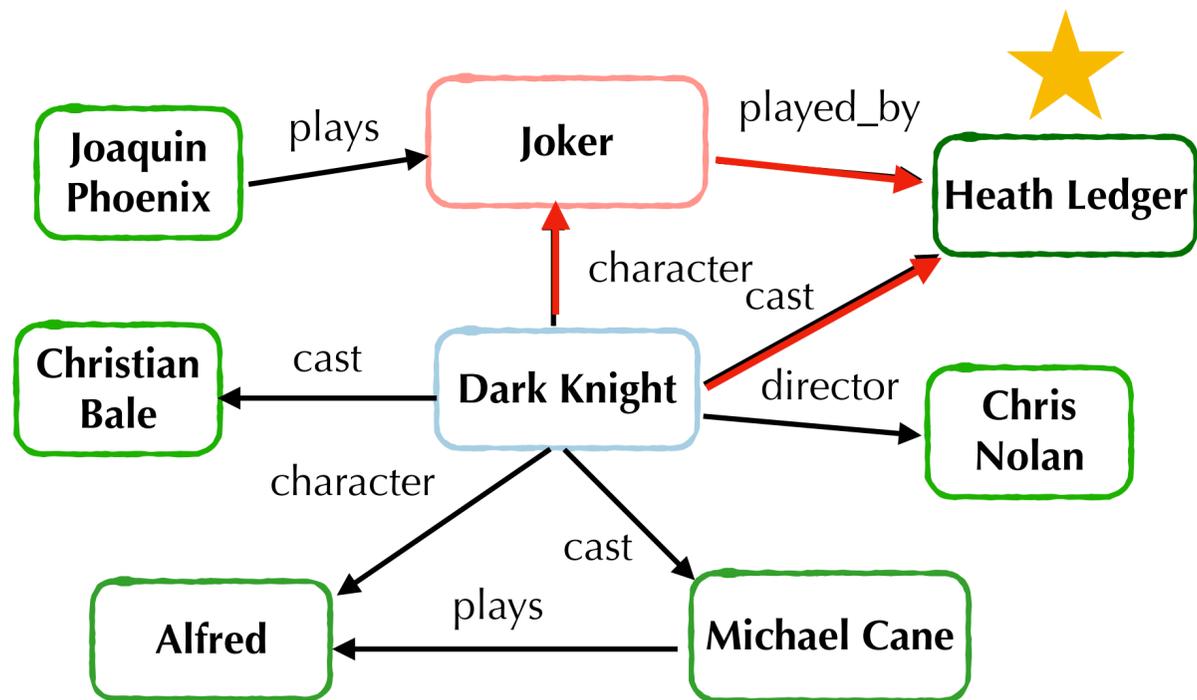
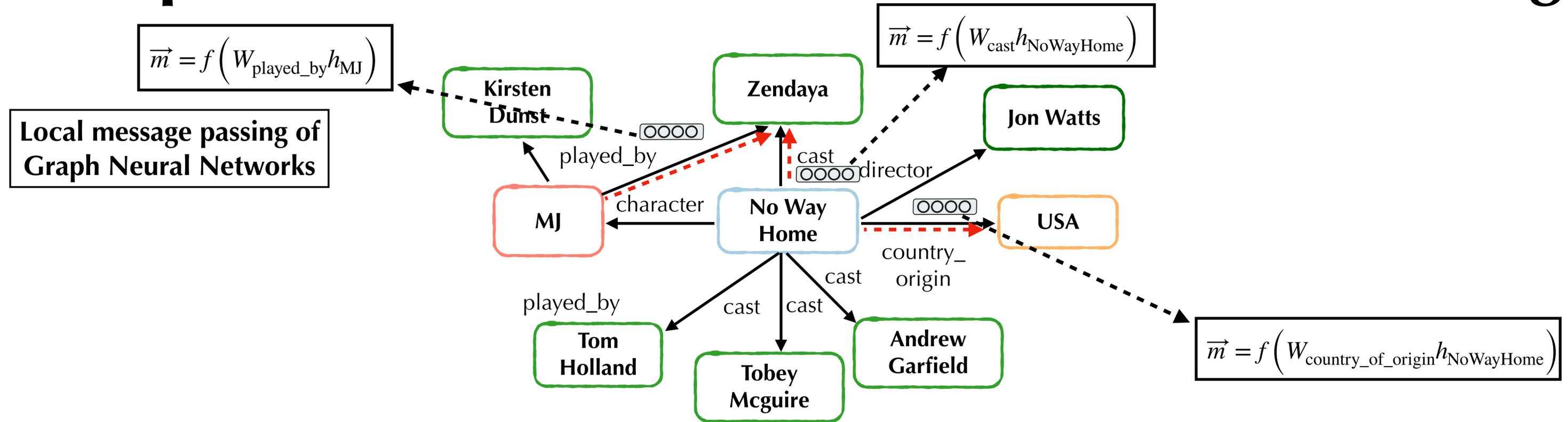
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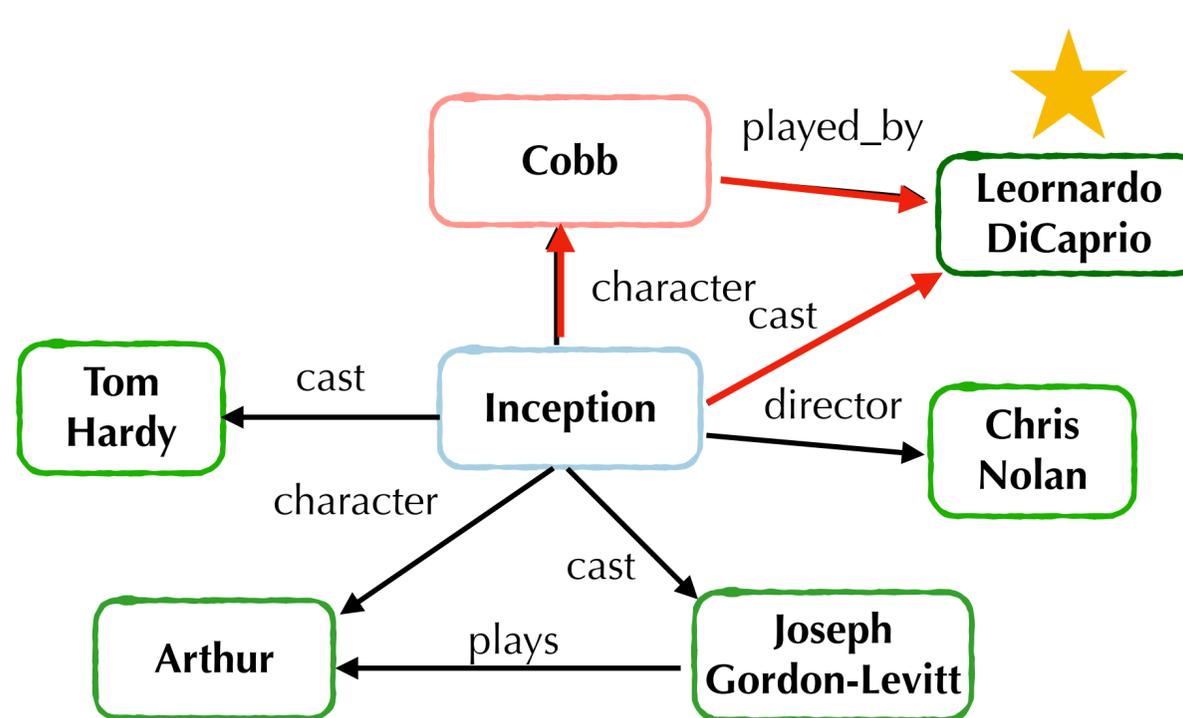
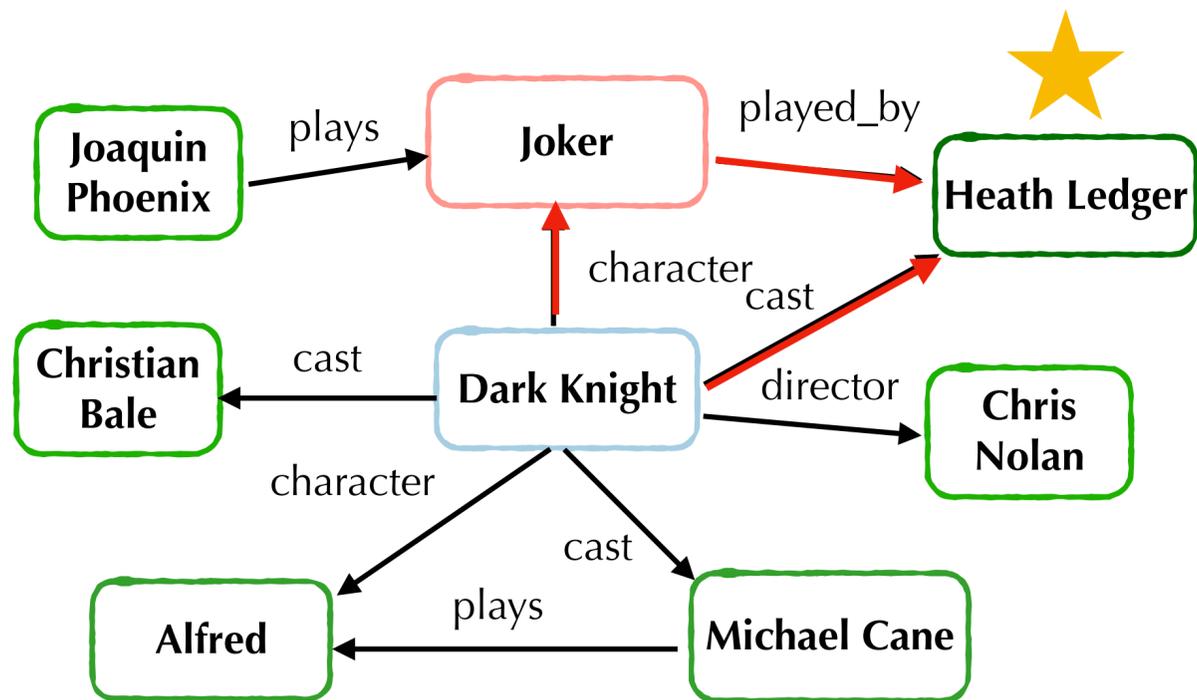
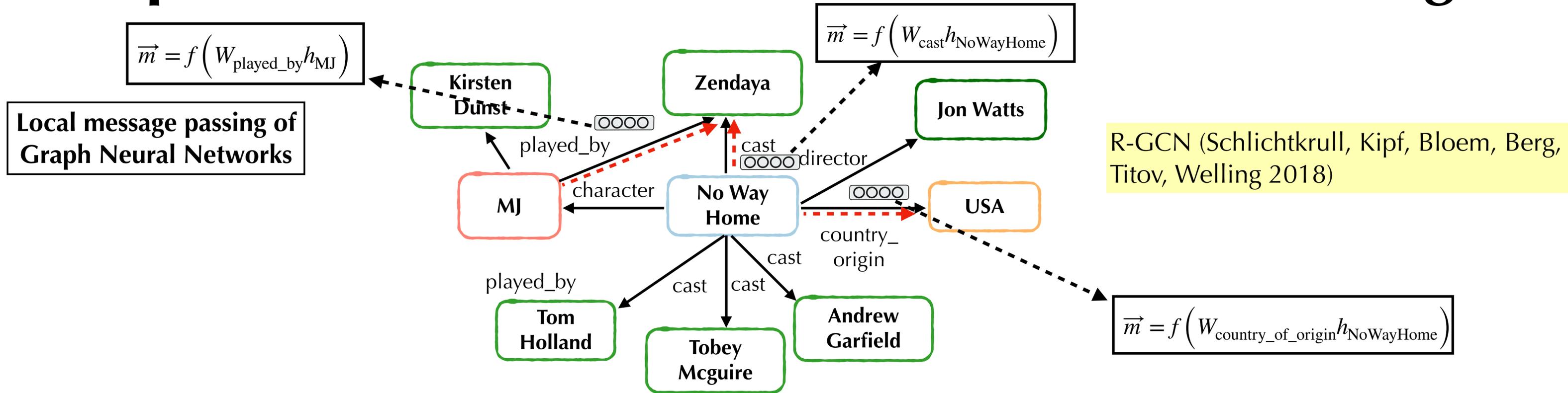
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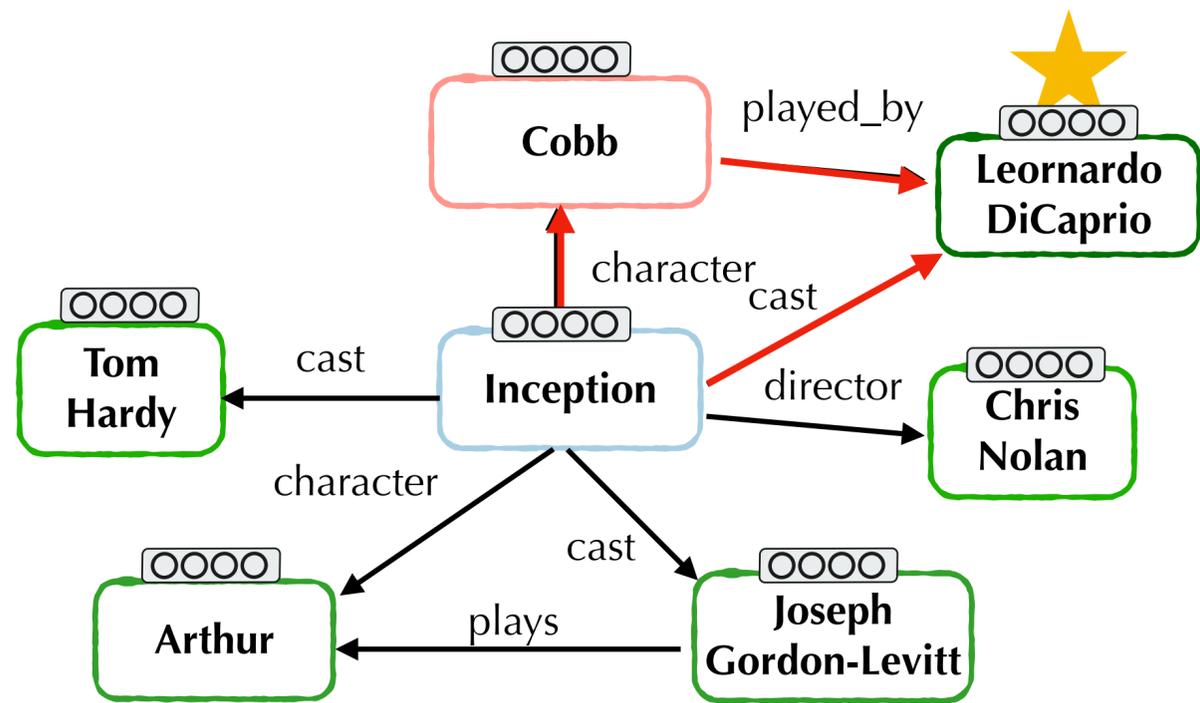
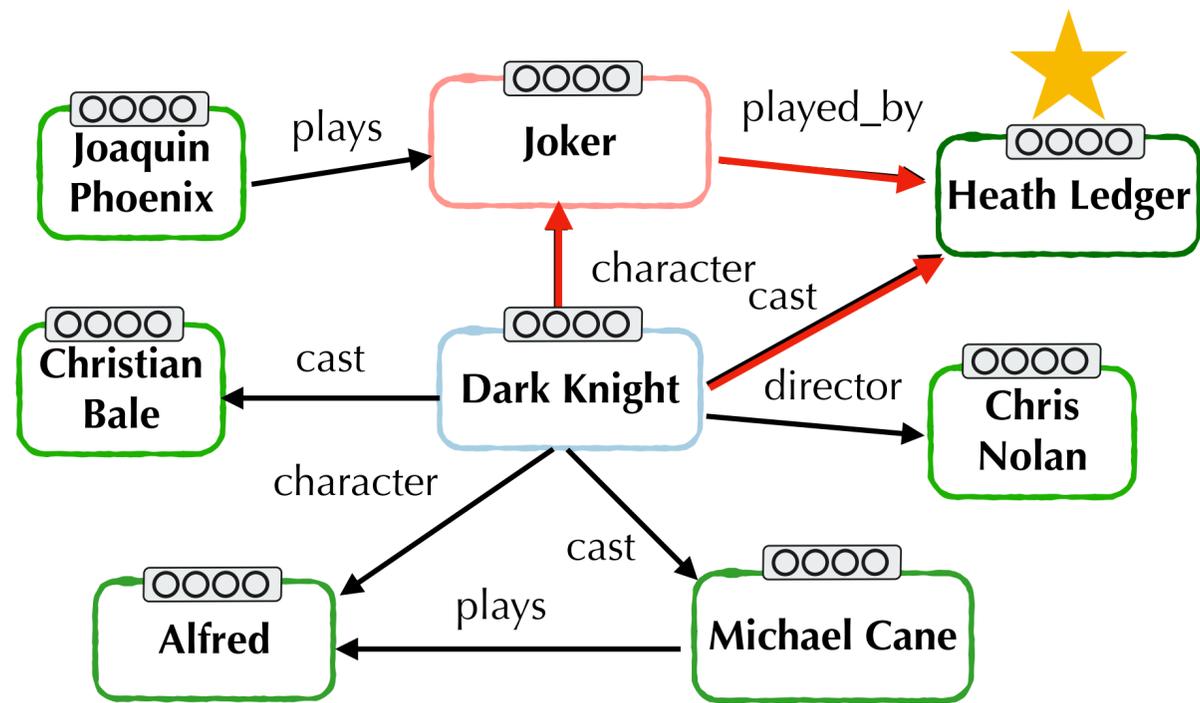
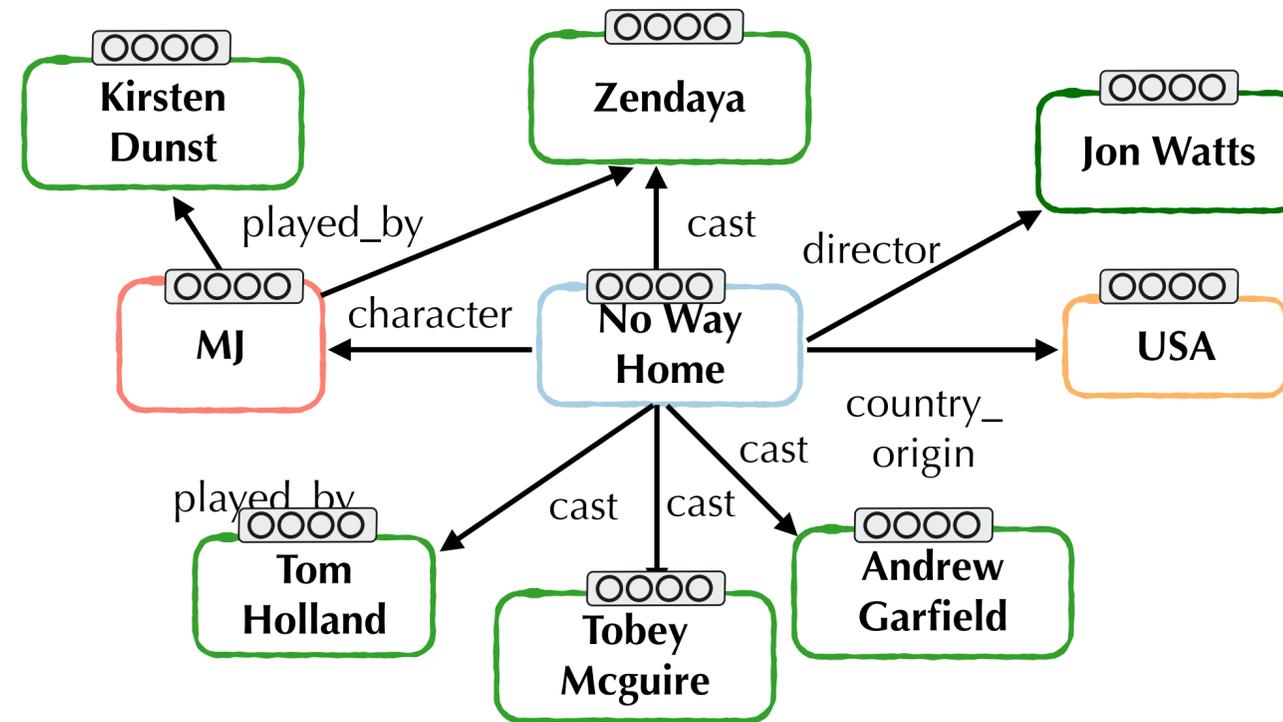
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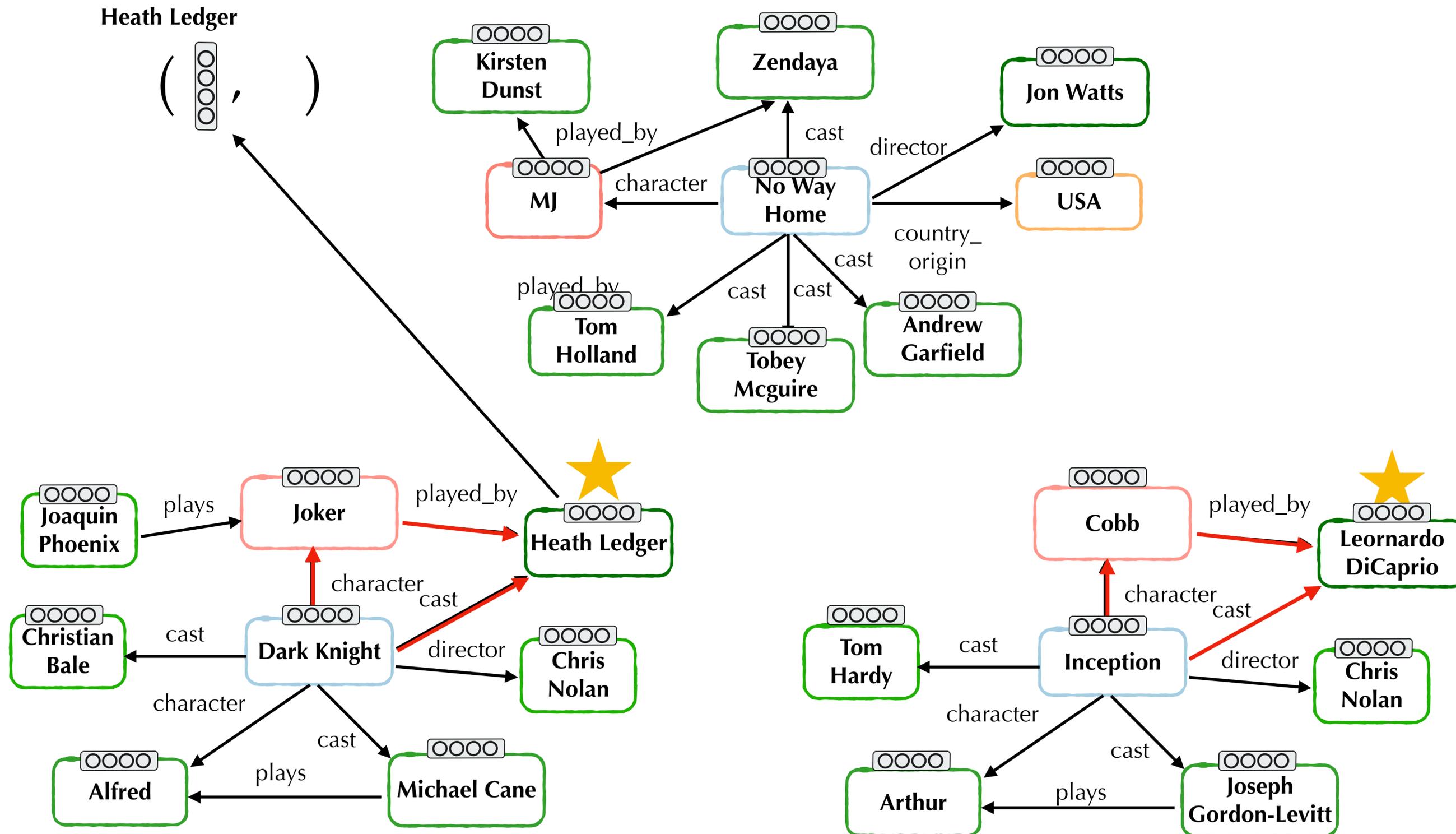
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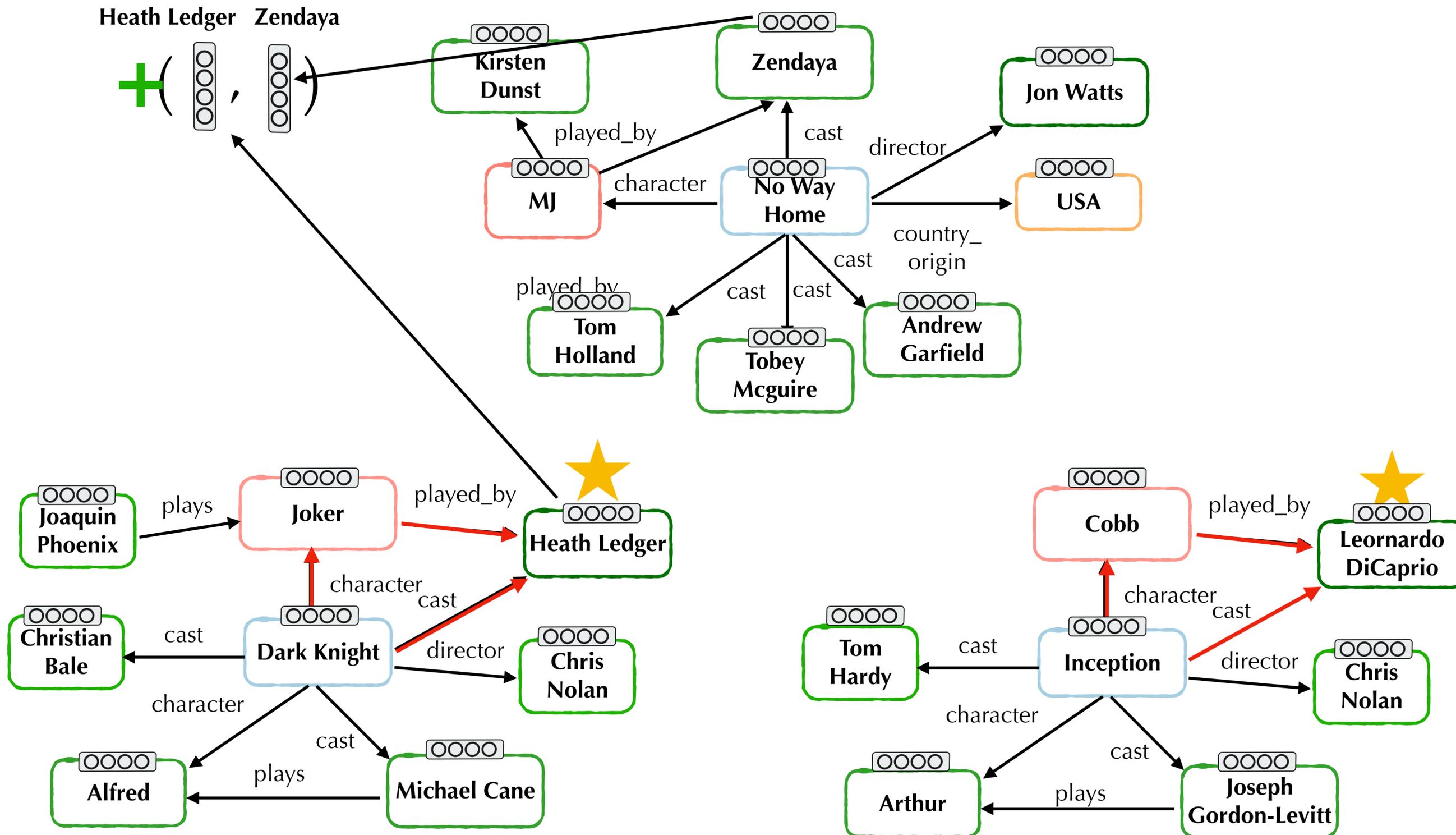
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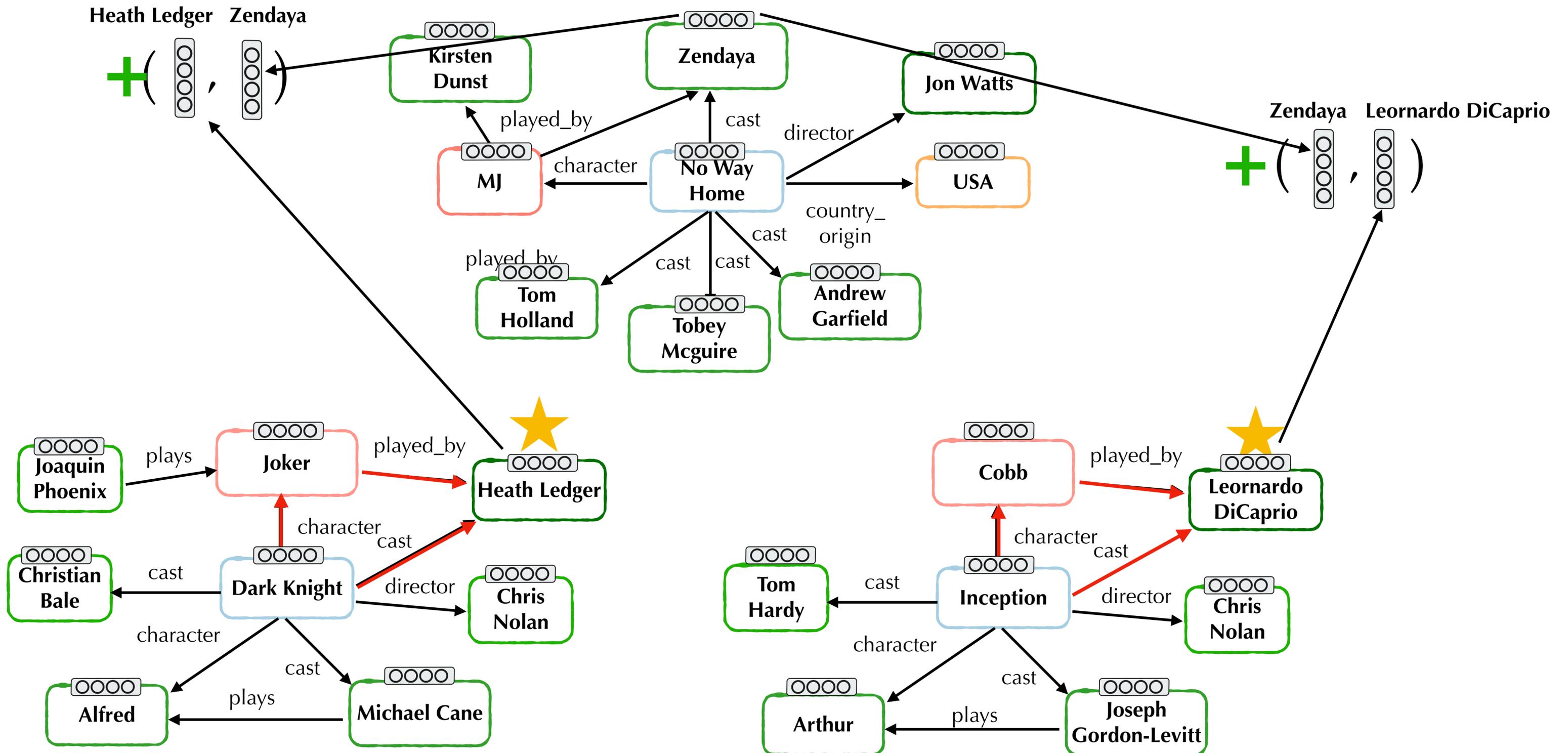
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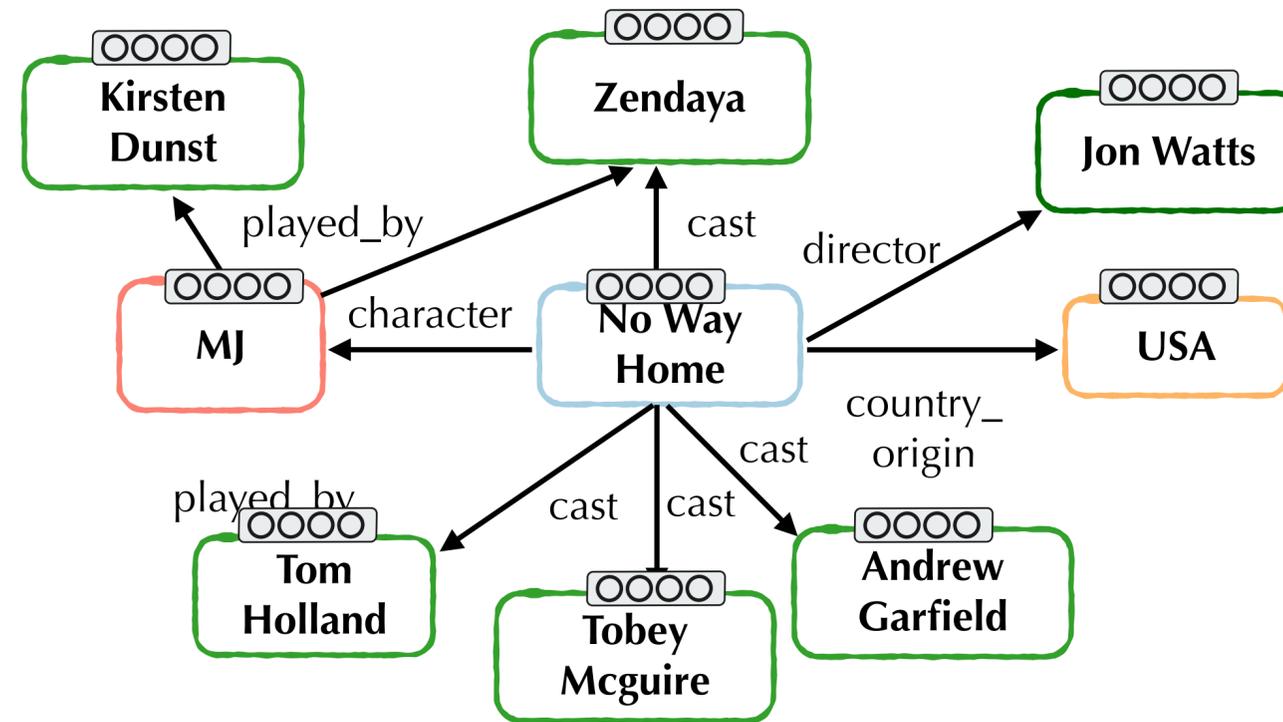
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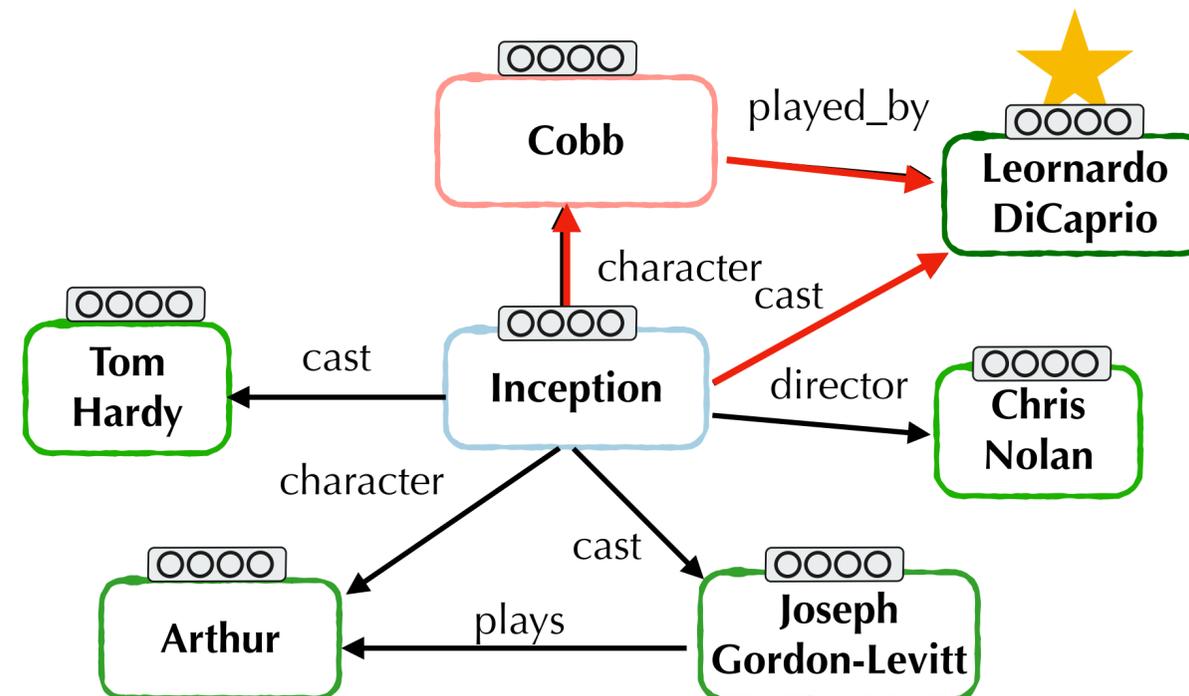
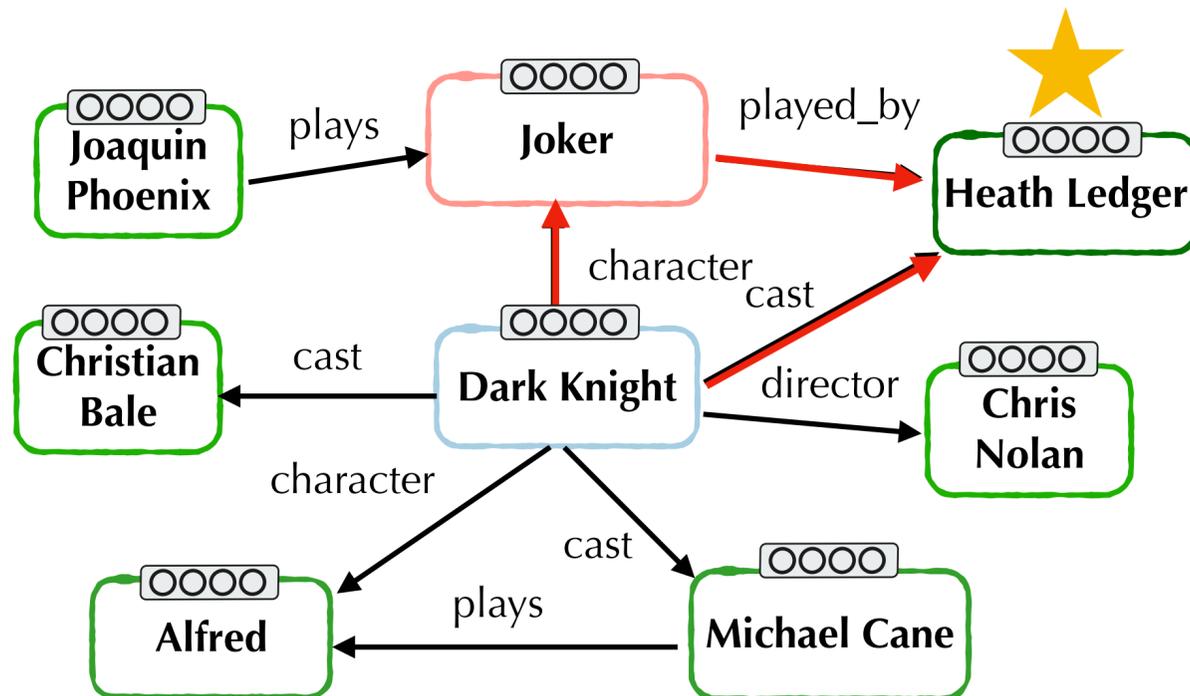
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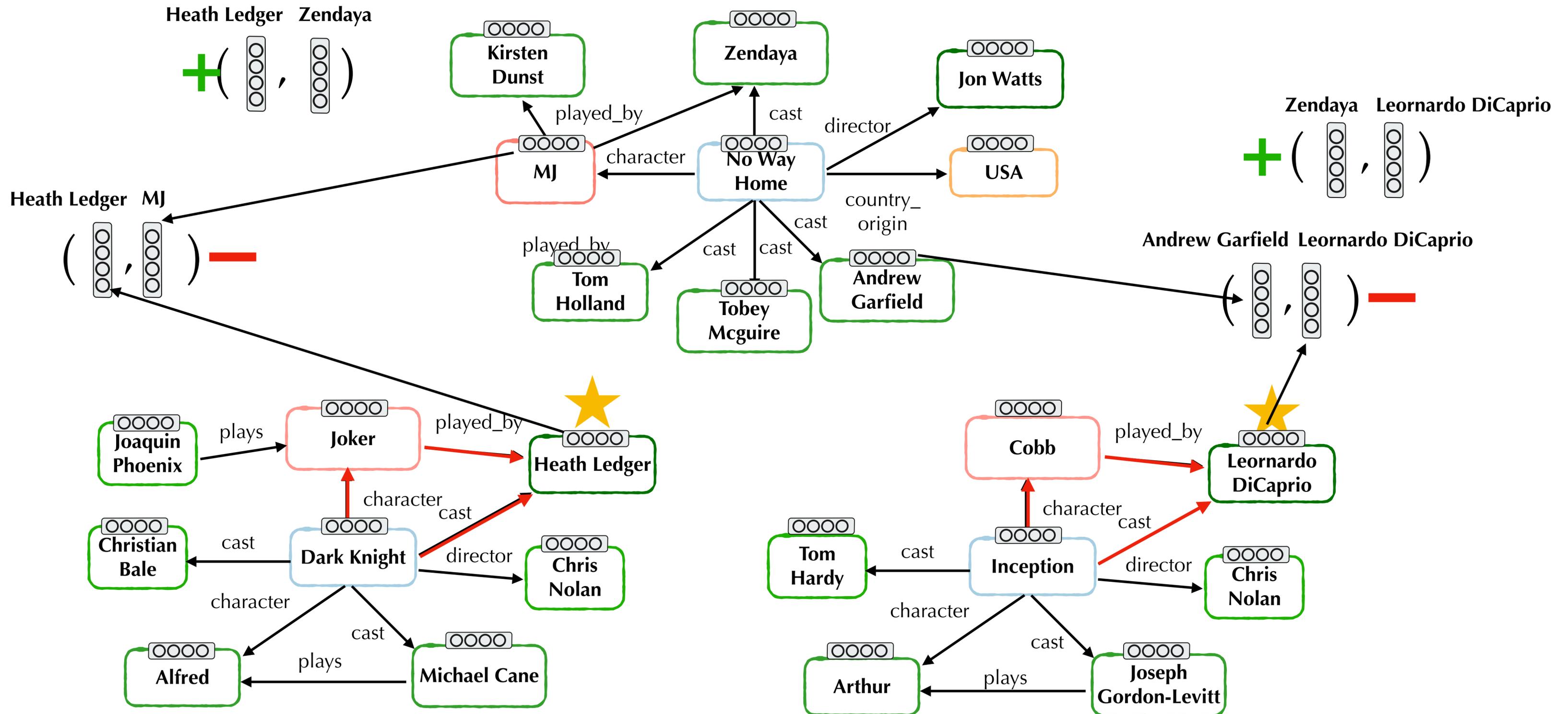


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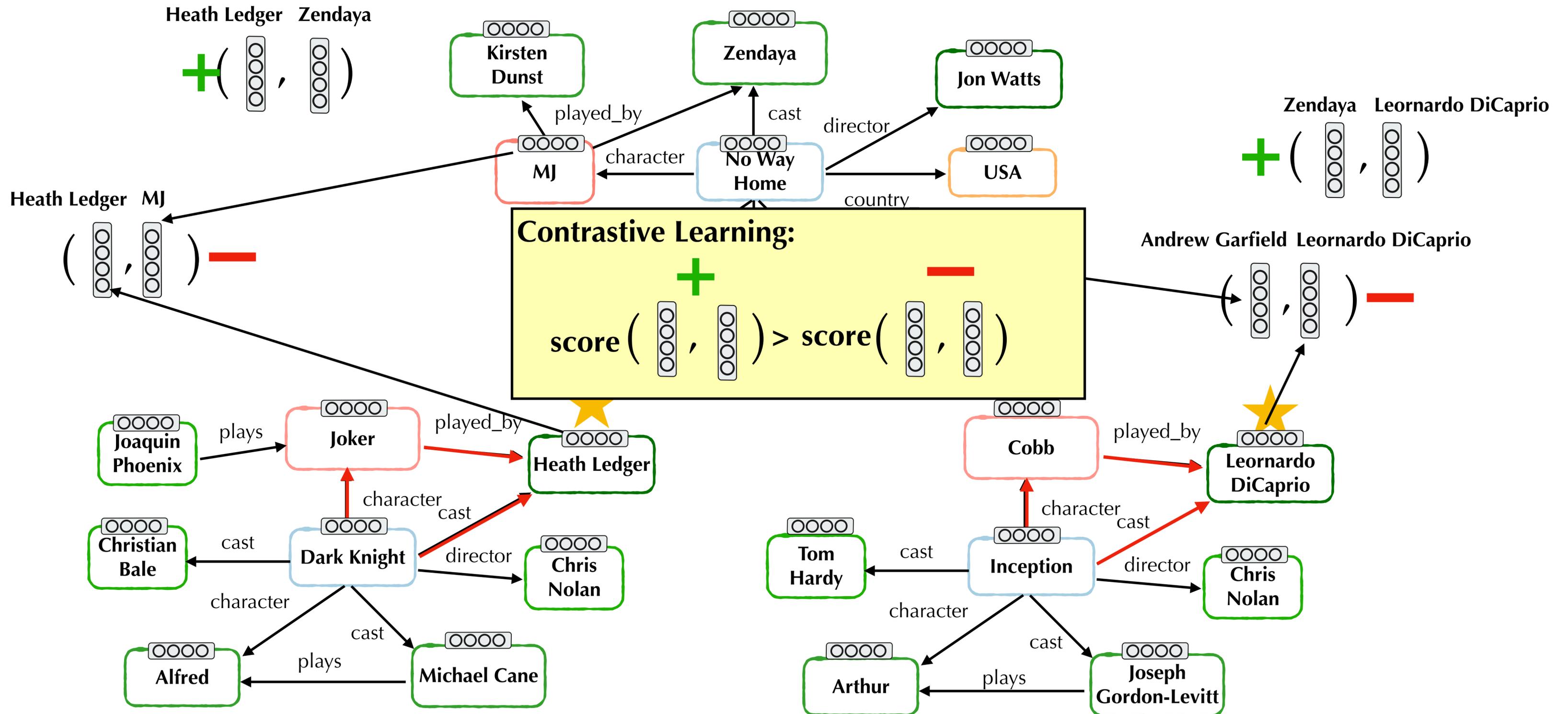
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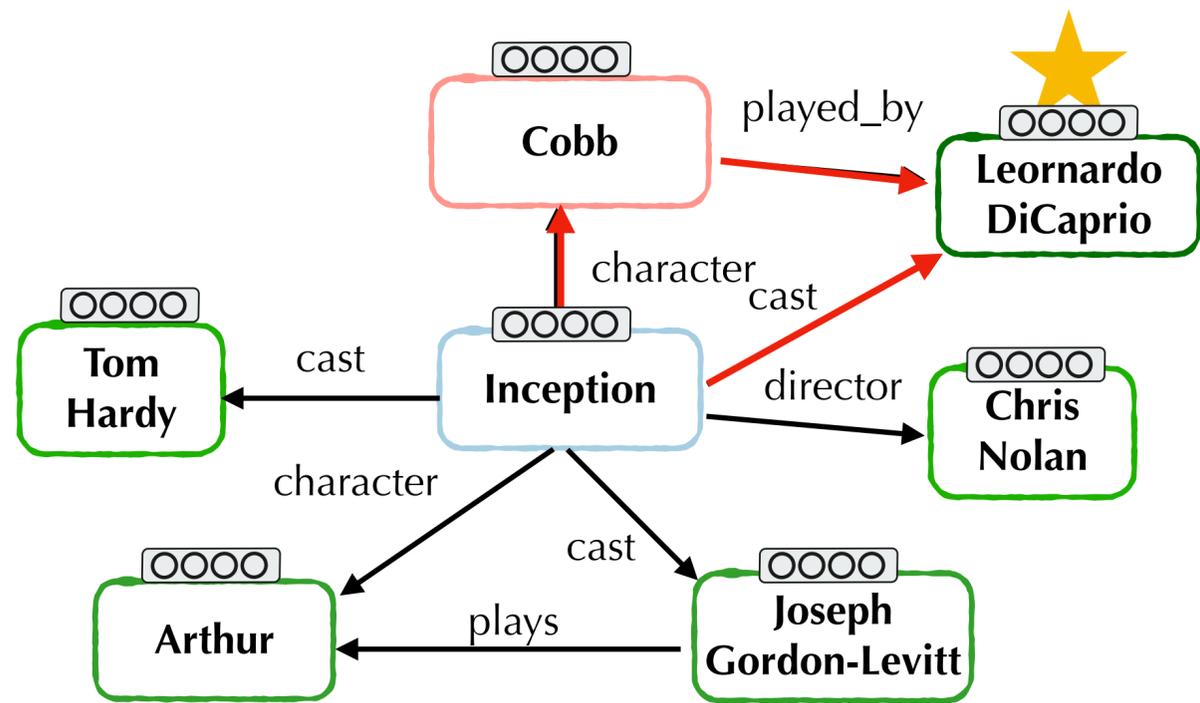
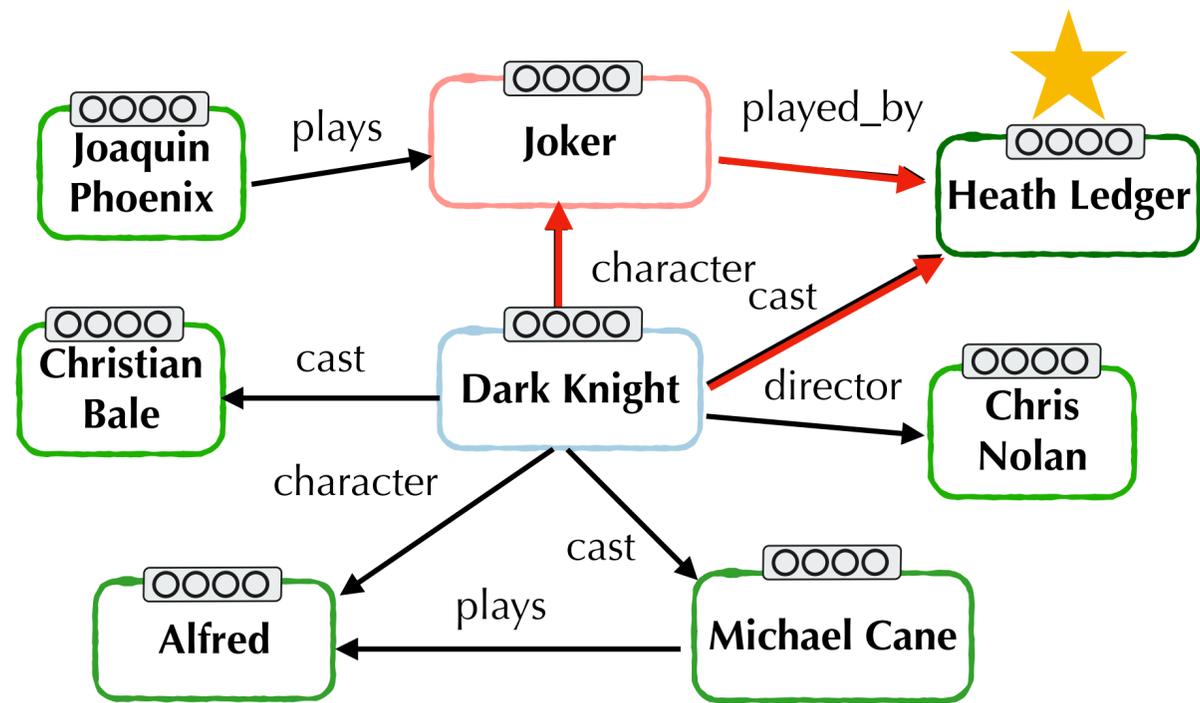
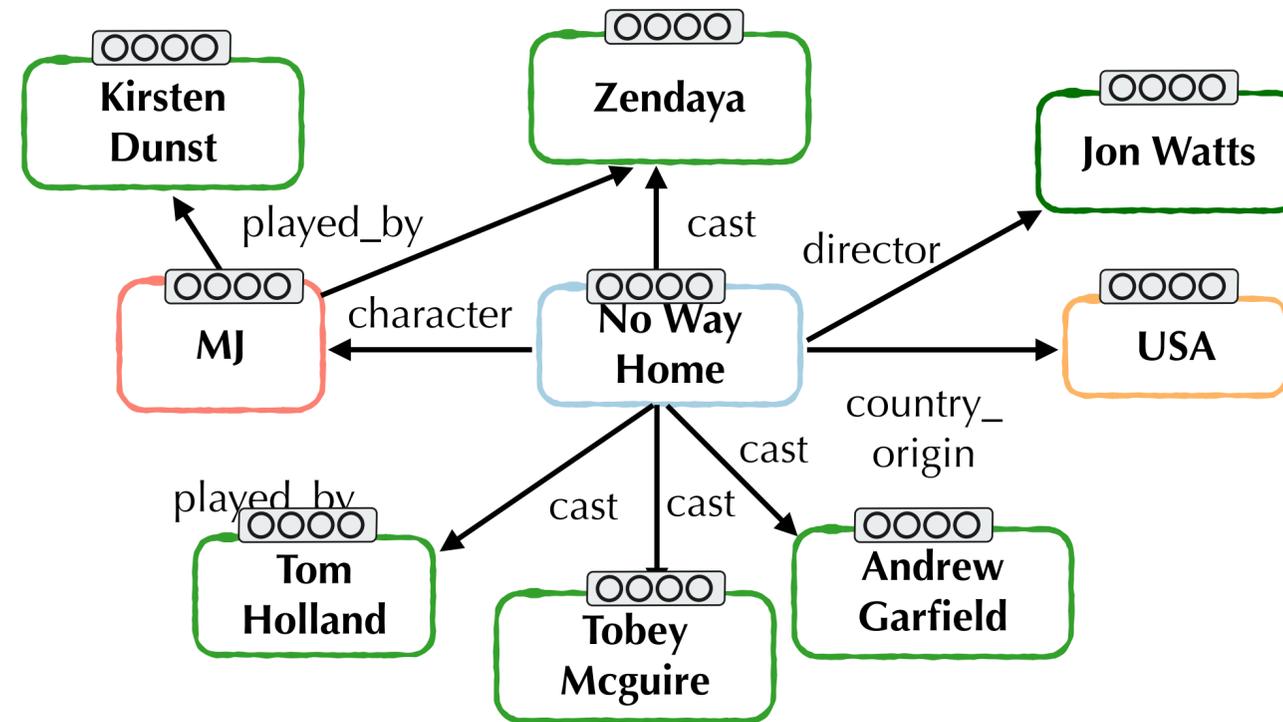
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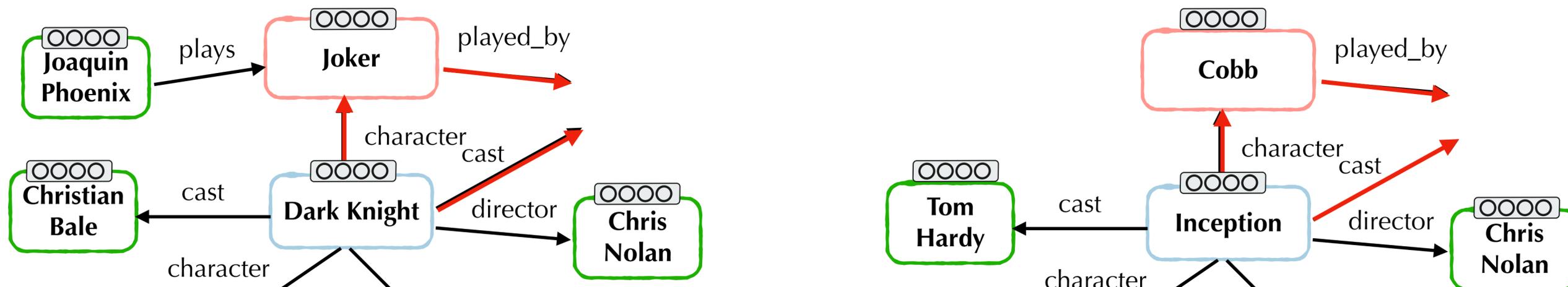
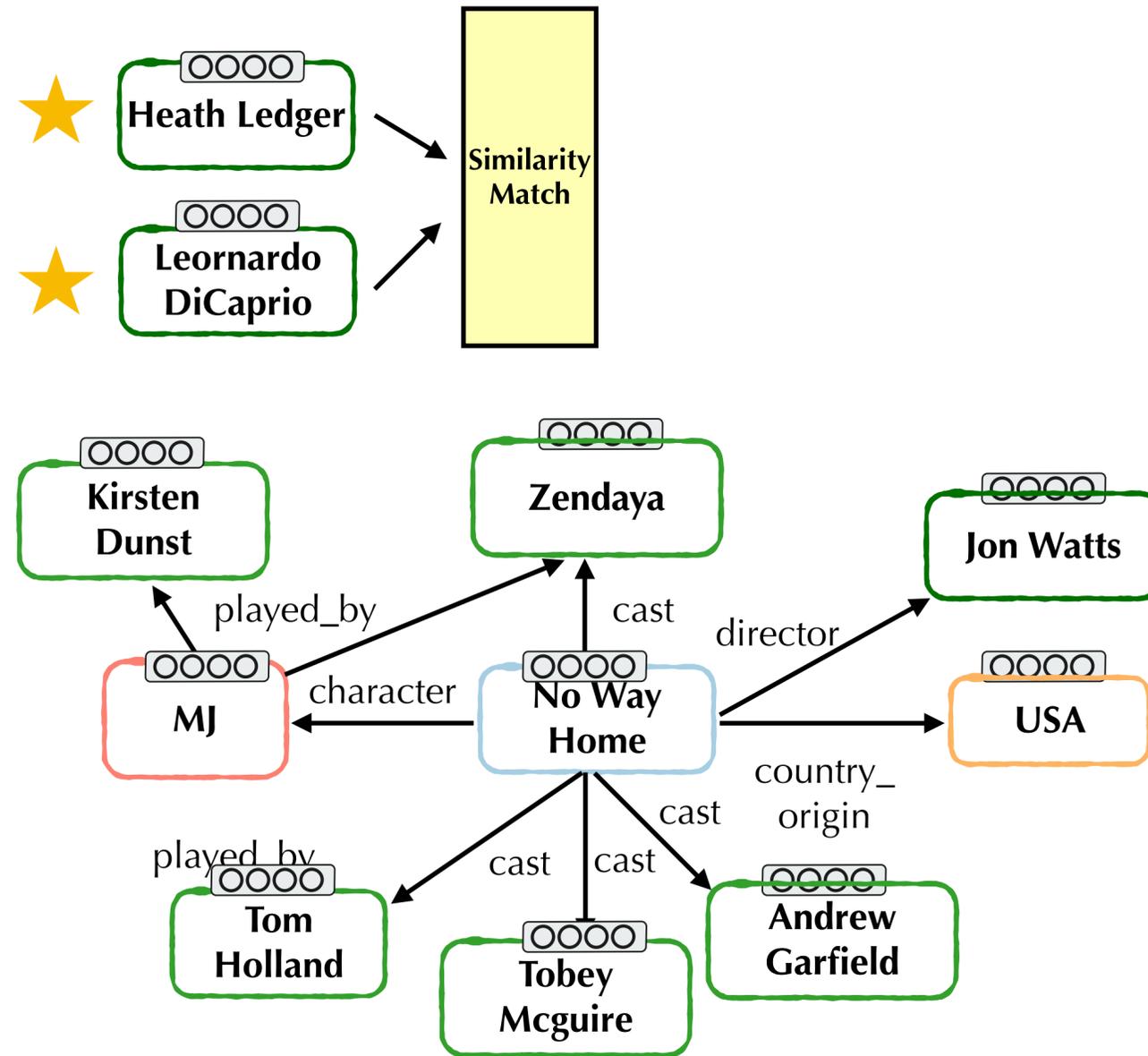
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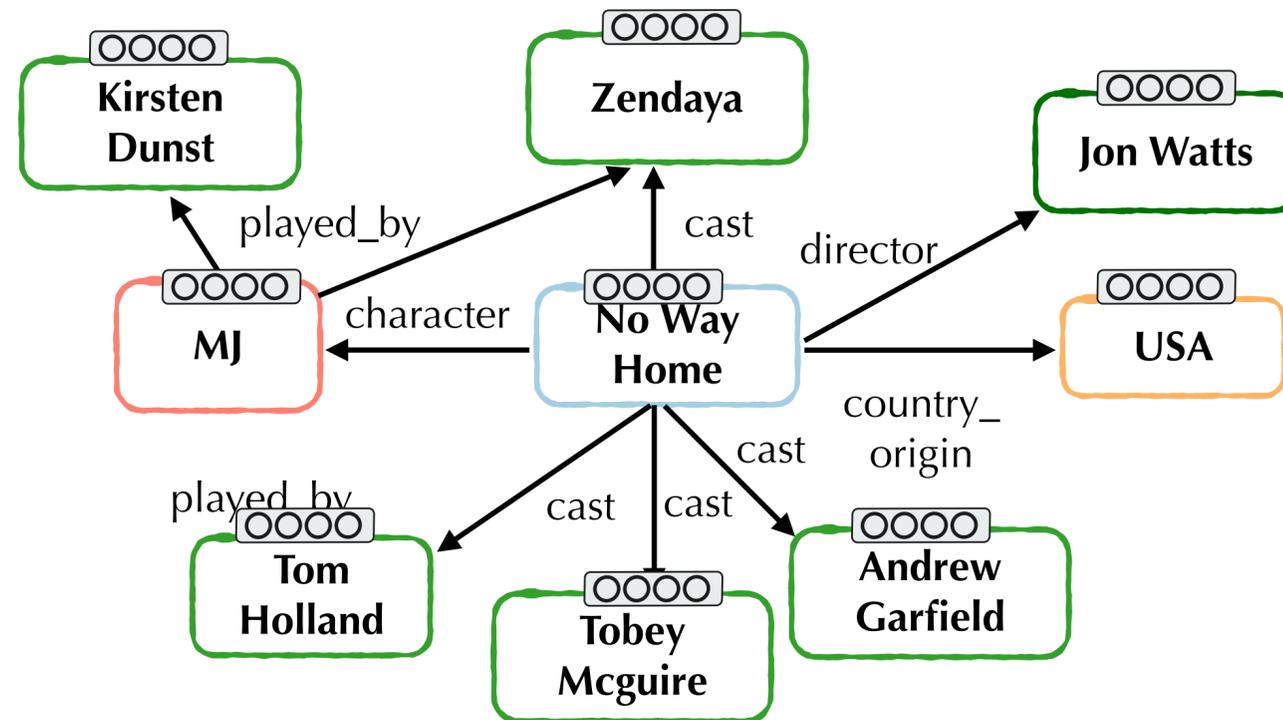
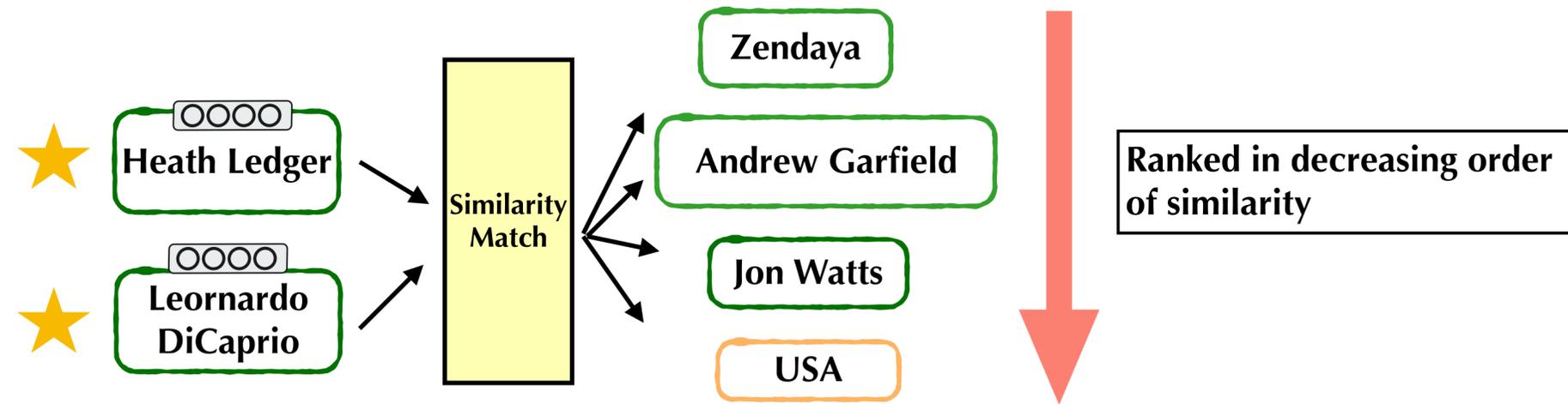
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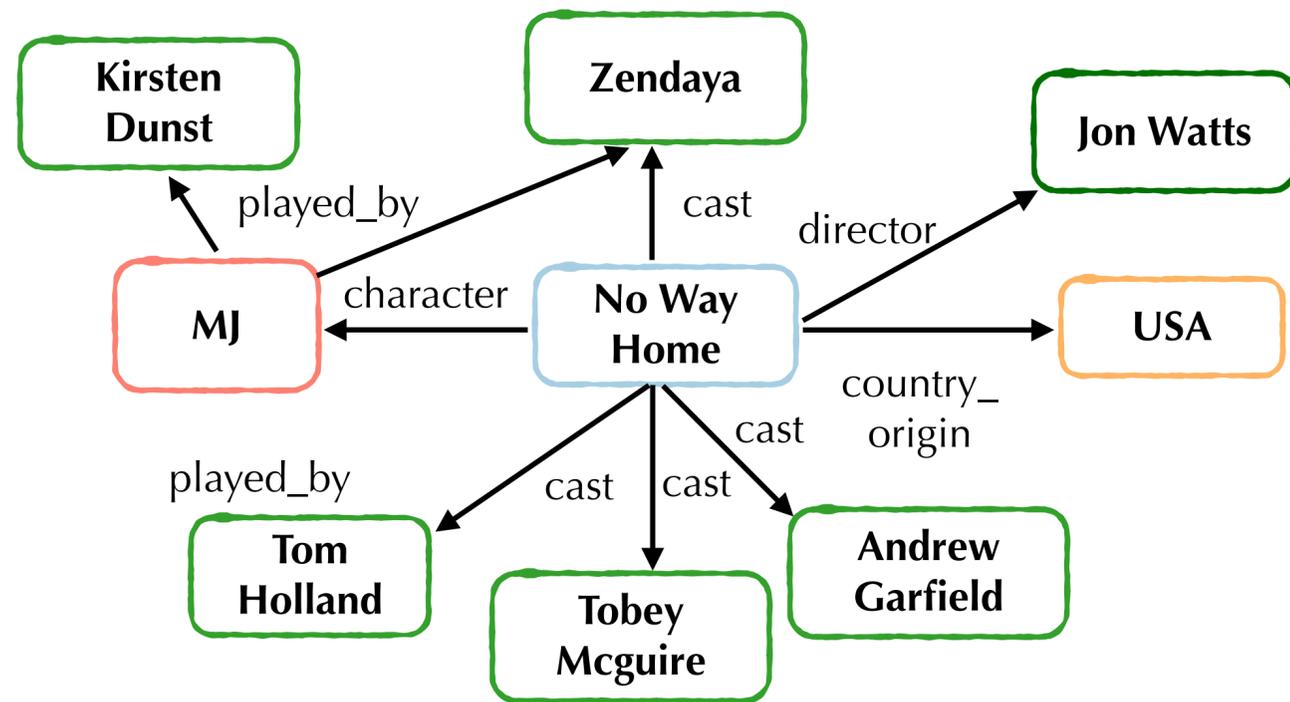
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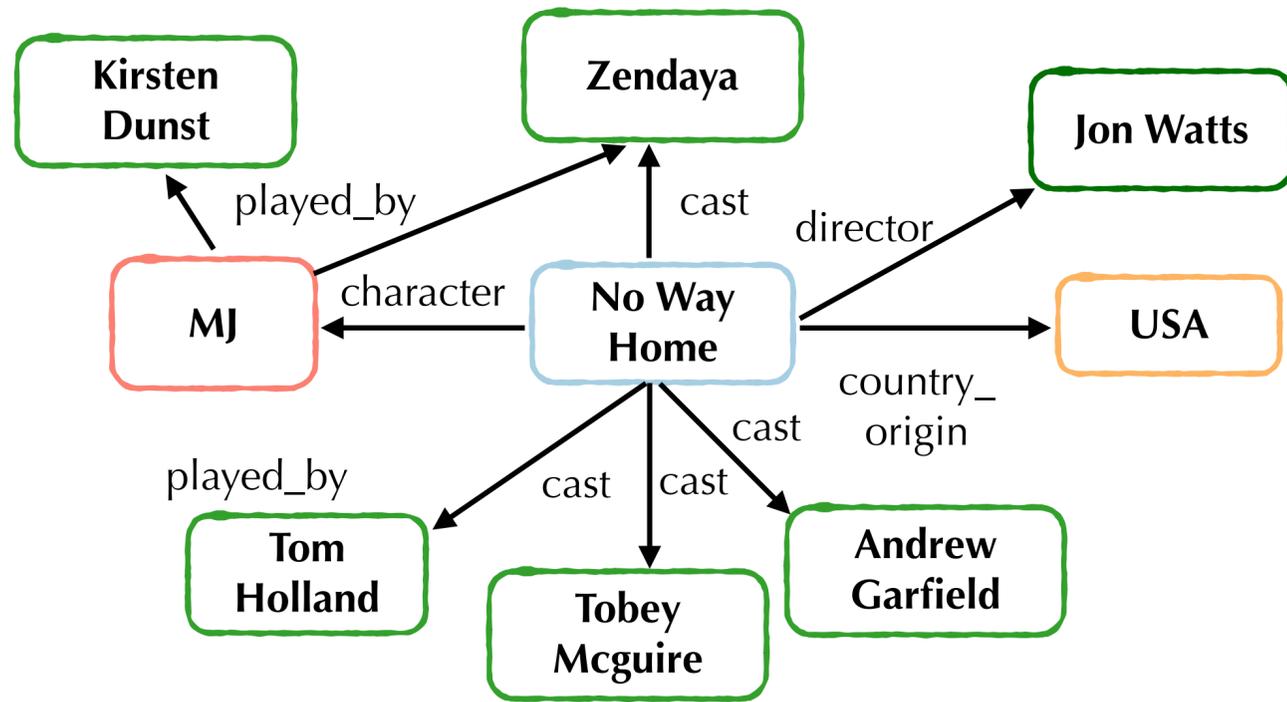
Inference: Search for most similar node in query subgraph wrt KNN answer nodes.



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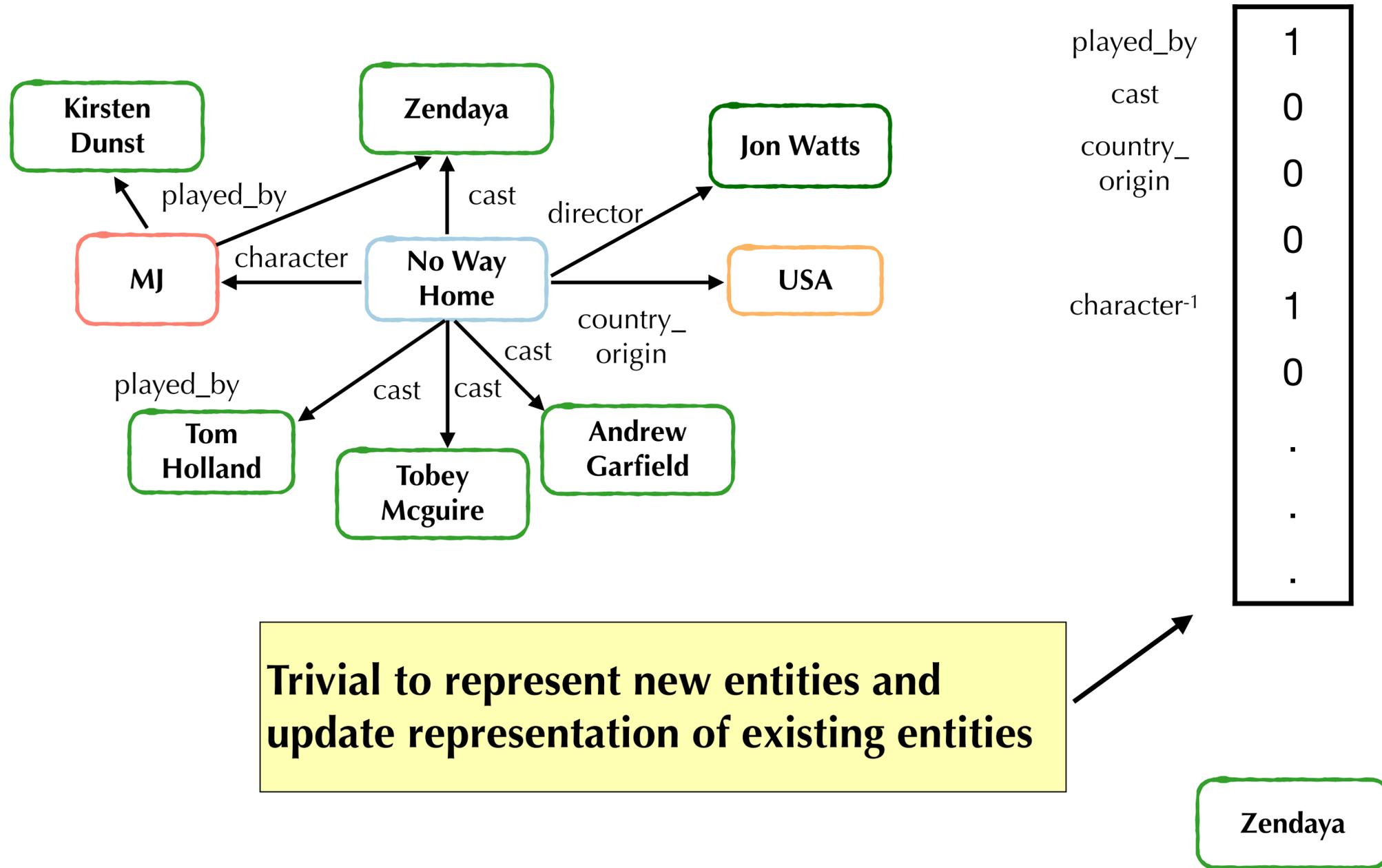
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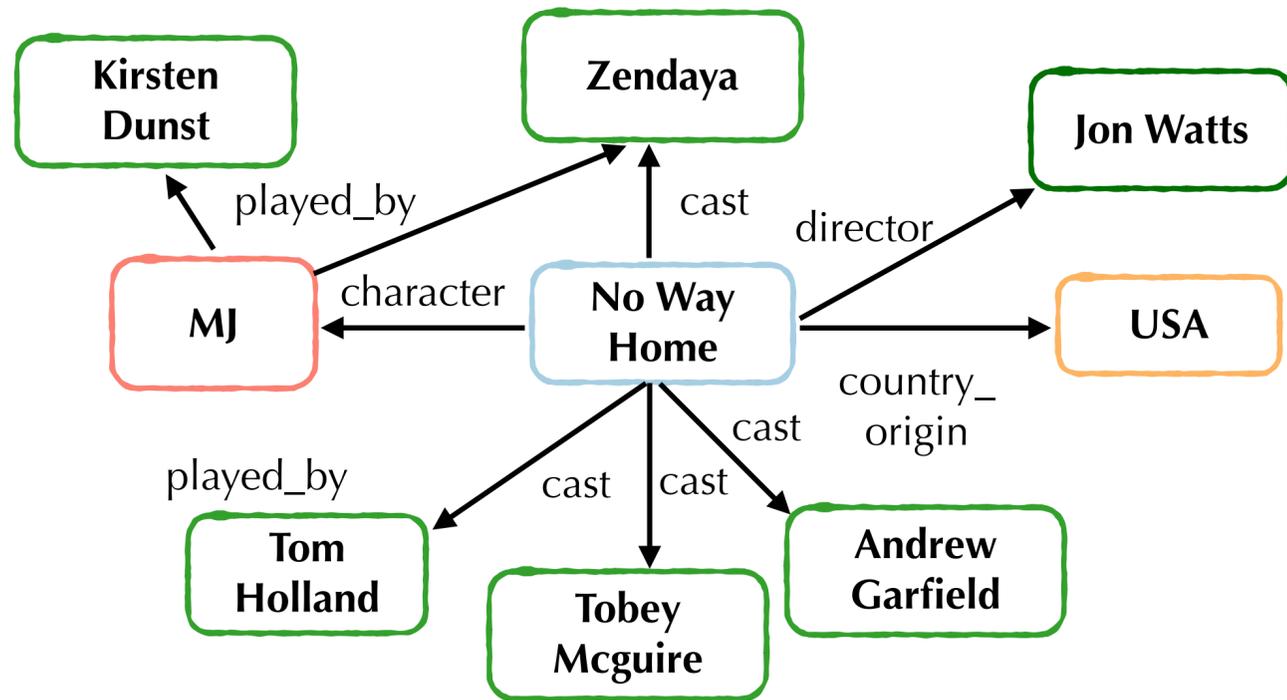
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Trivial to represent new entities and update representation of existing entities

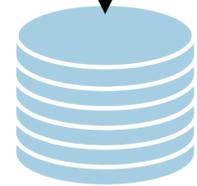
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Distance from query entities

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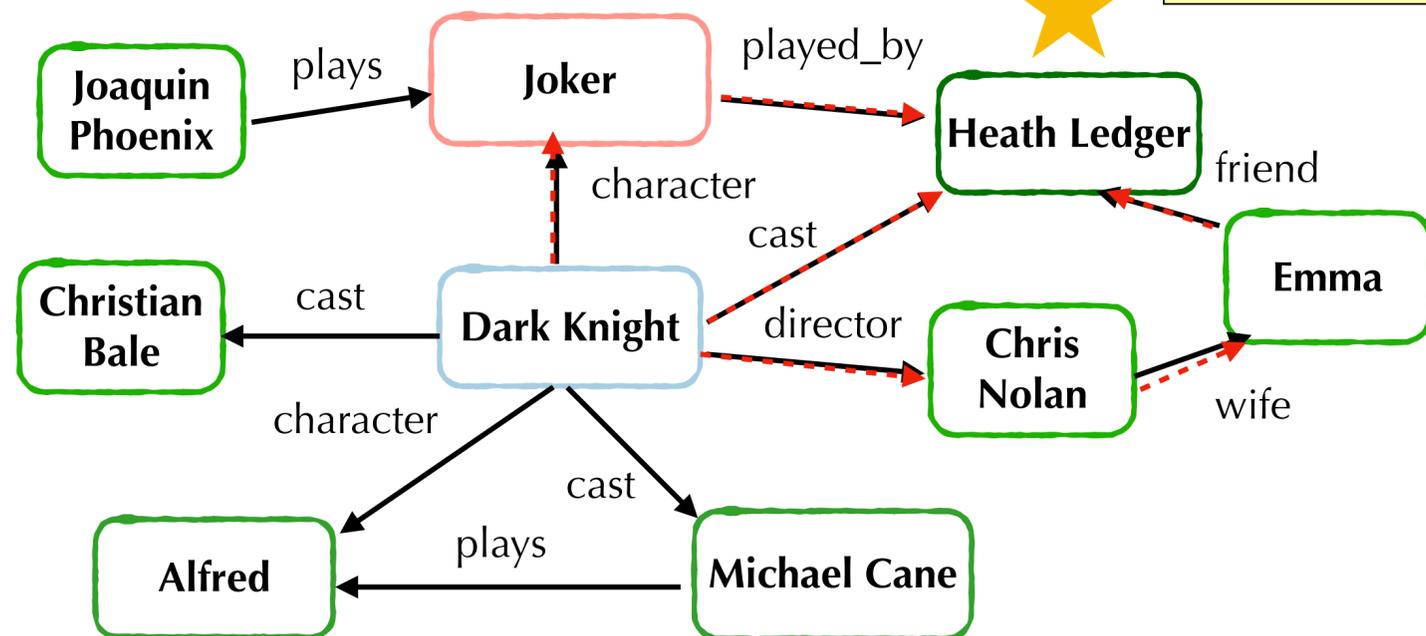
Adaptive Query-Subgraph Collection

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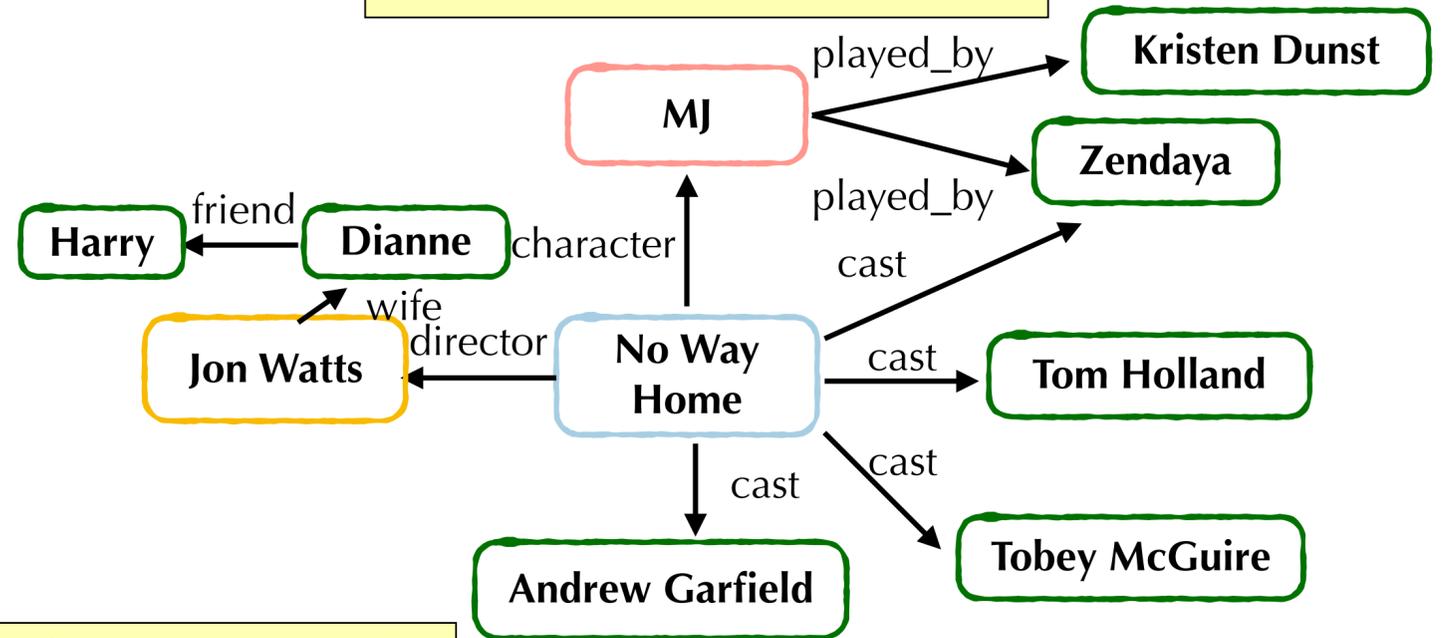
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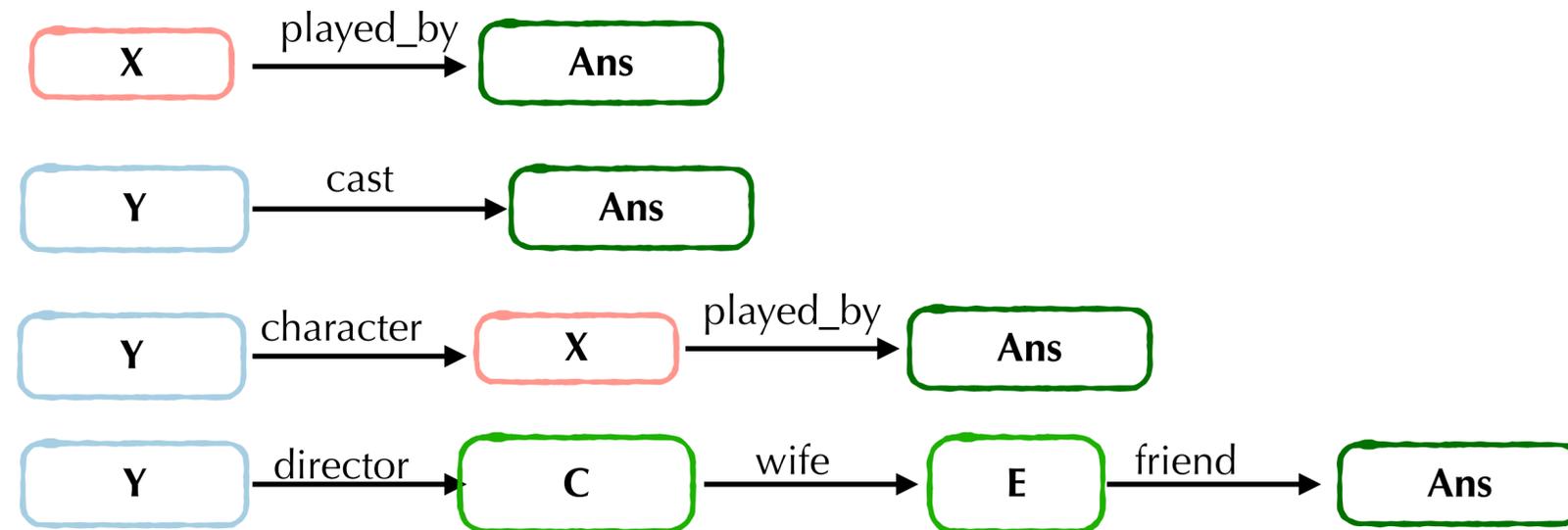


1. Search for paths that connect an entity in the retrieved query to the answer entity

3. "Follow" the path types starting from the query entities

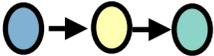
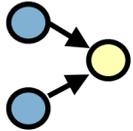
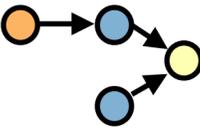
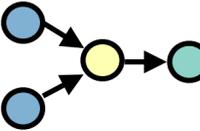


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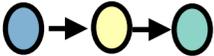
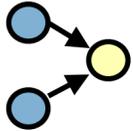
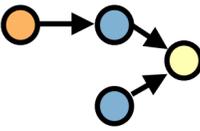
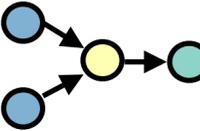
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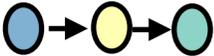
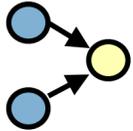
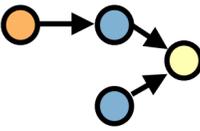
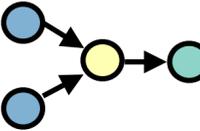
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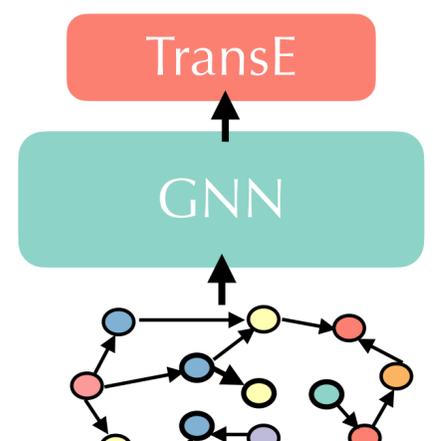
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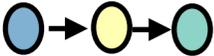
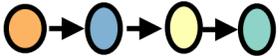
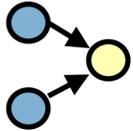
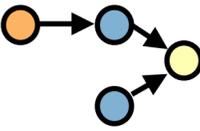
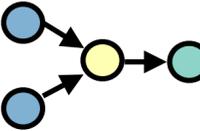
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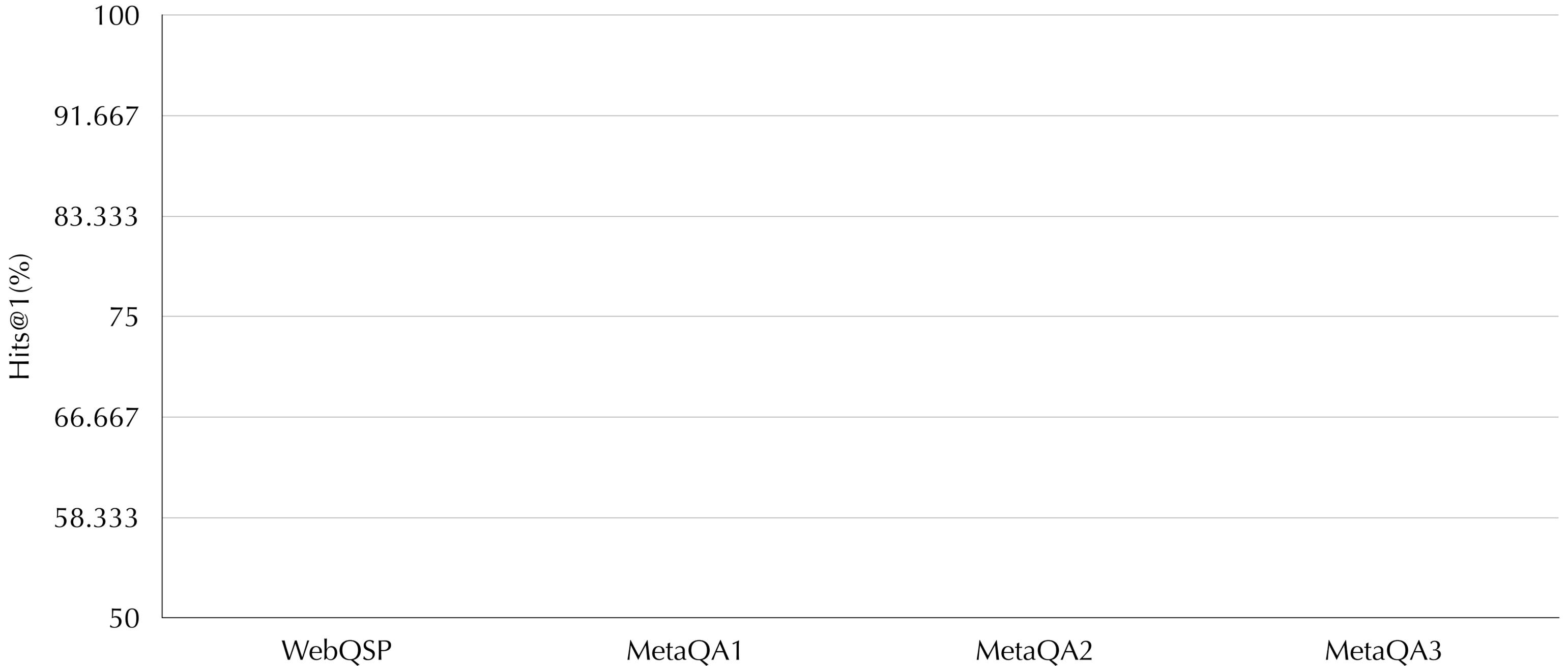
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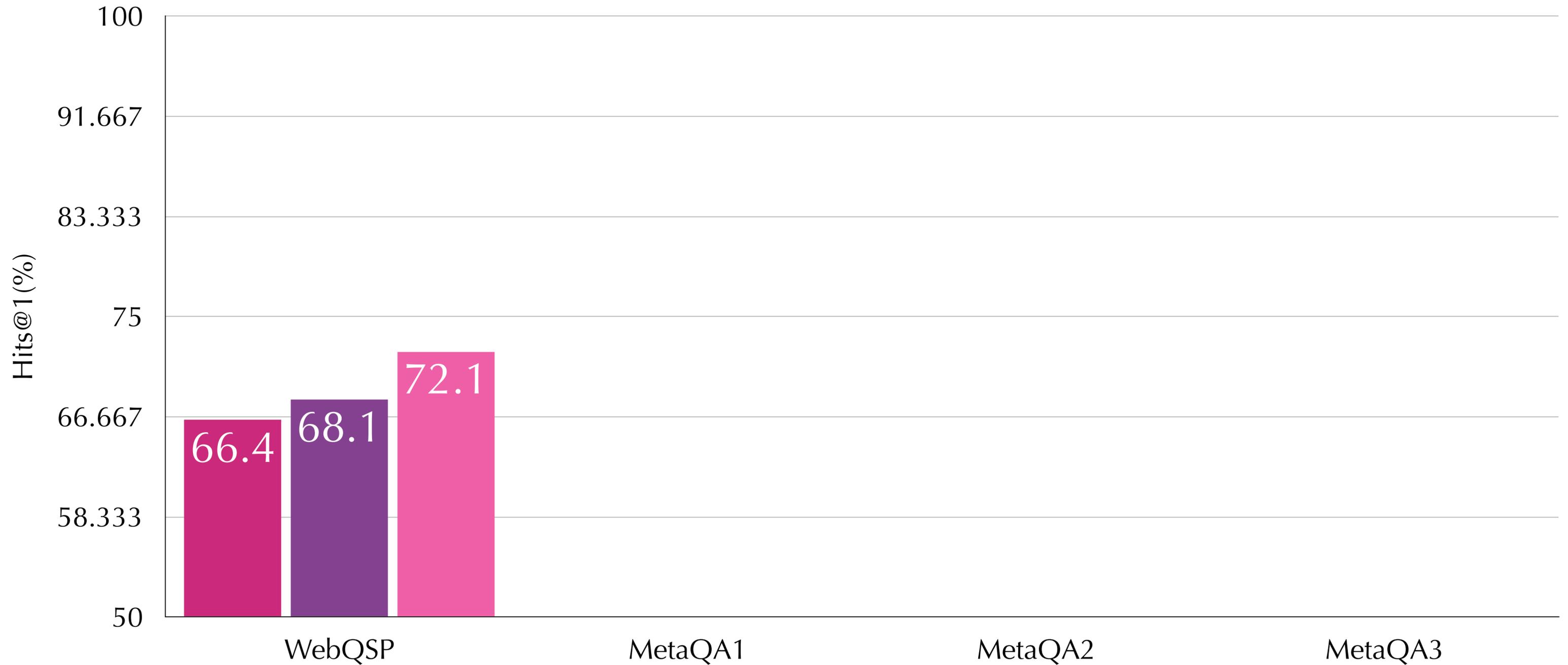
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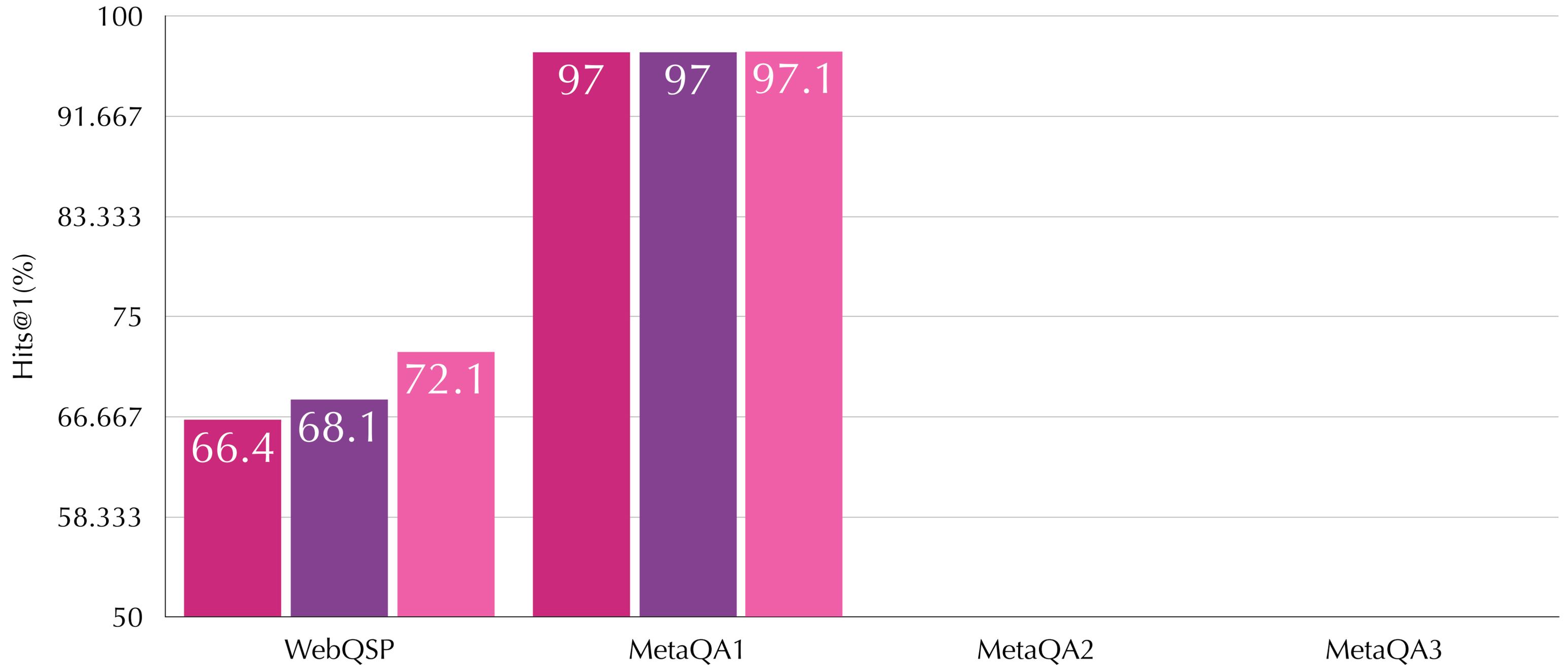
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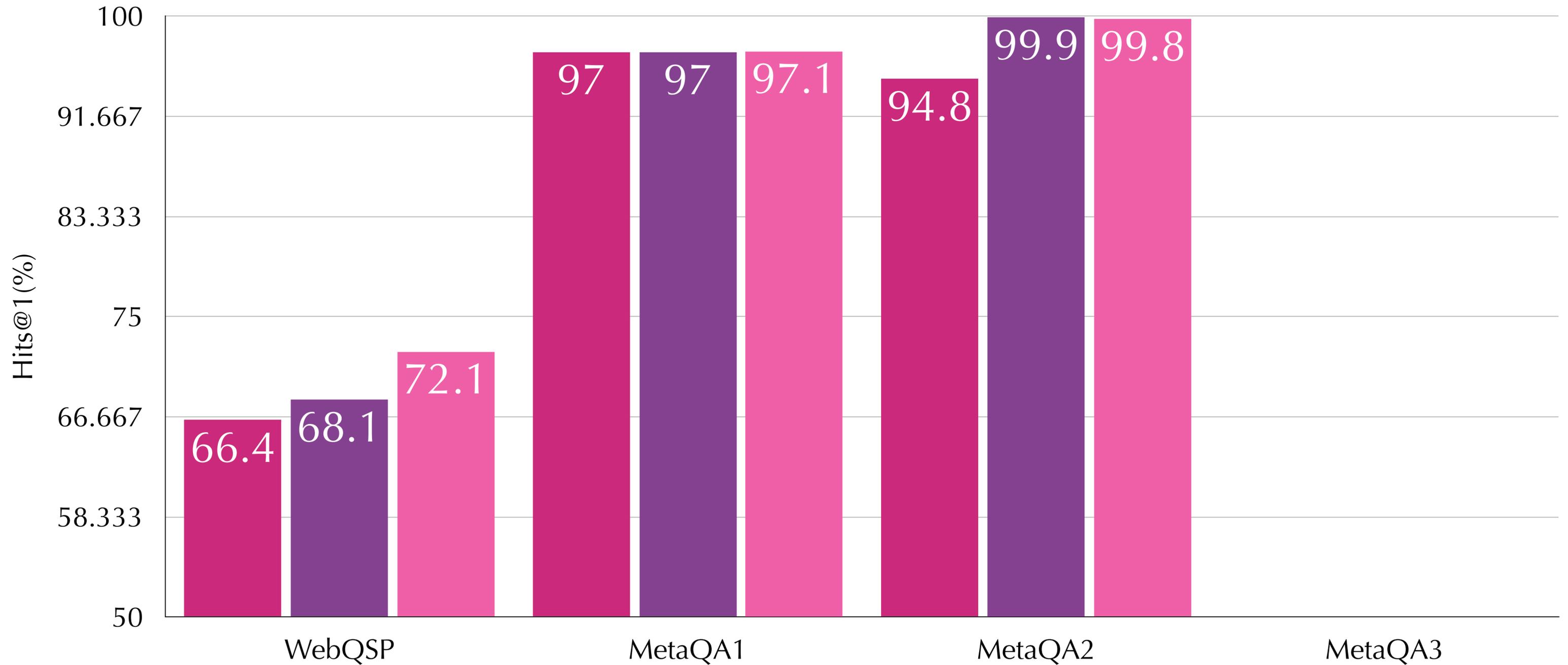
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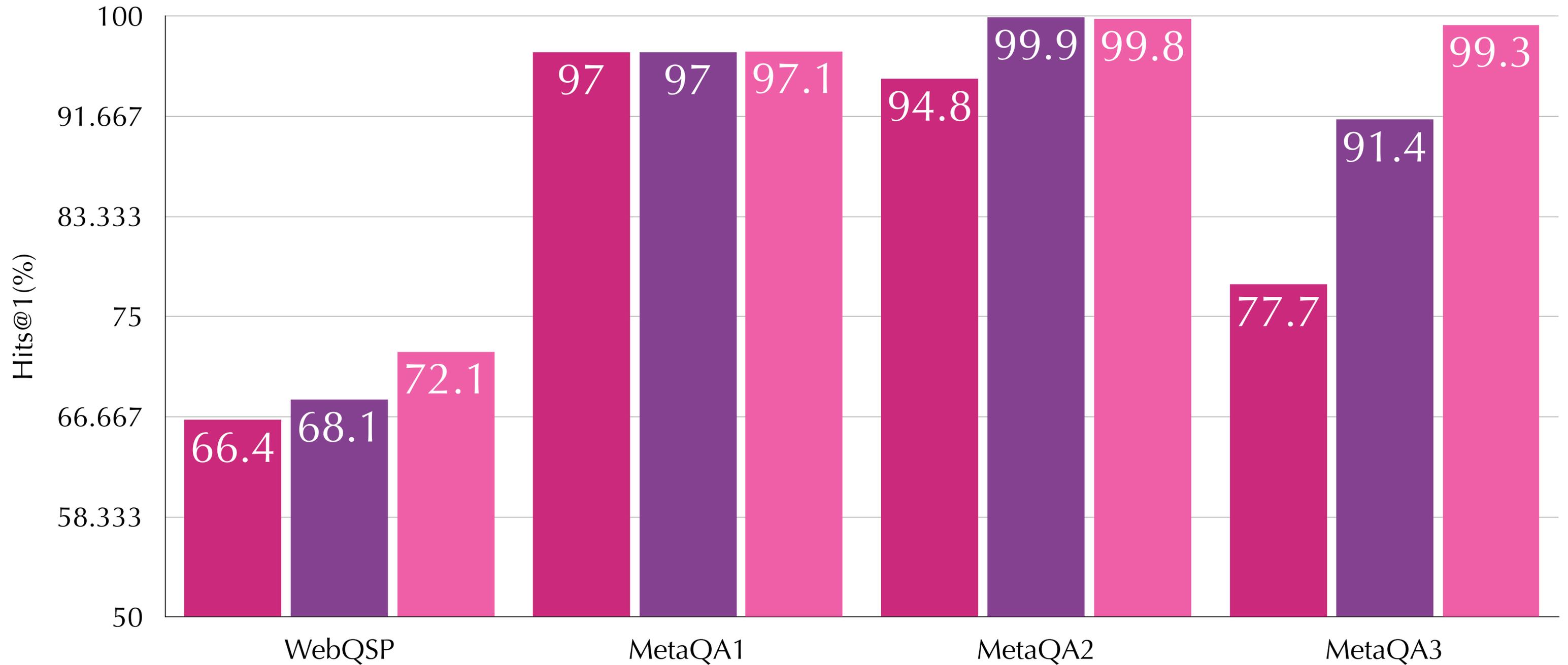
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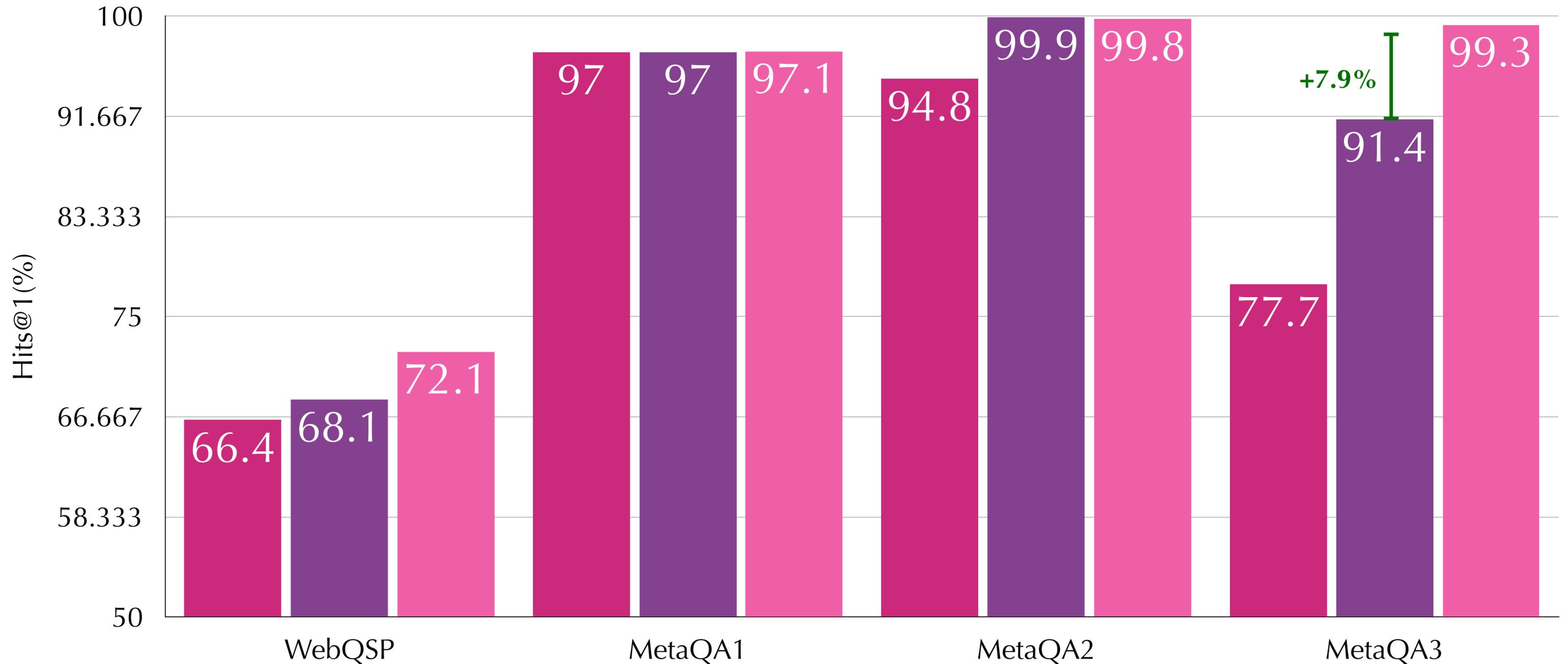
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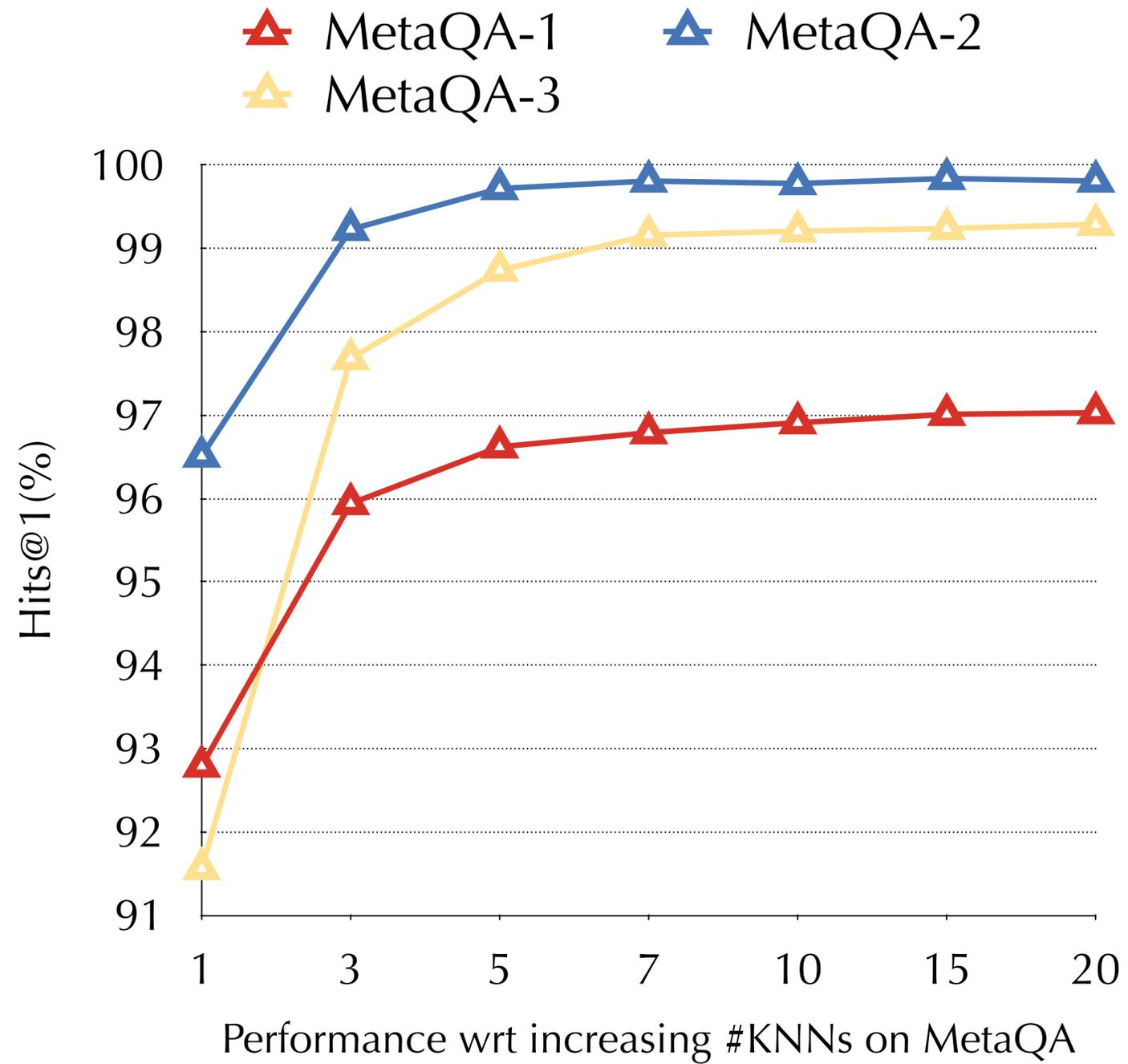
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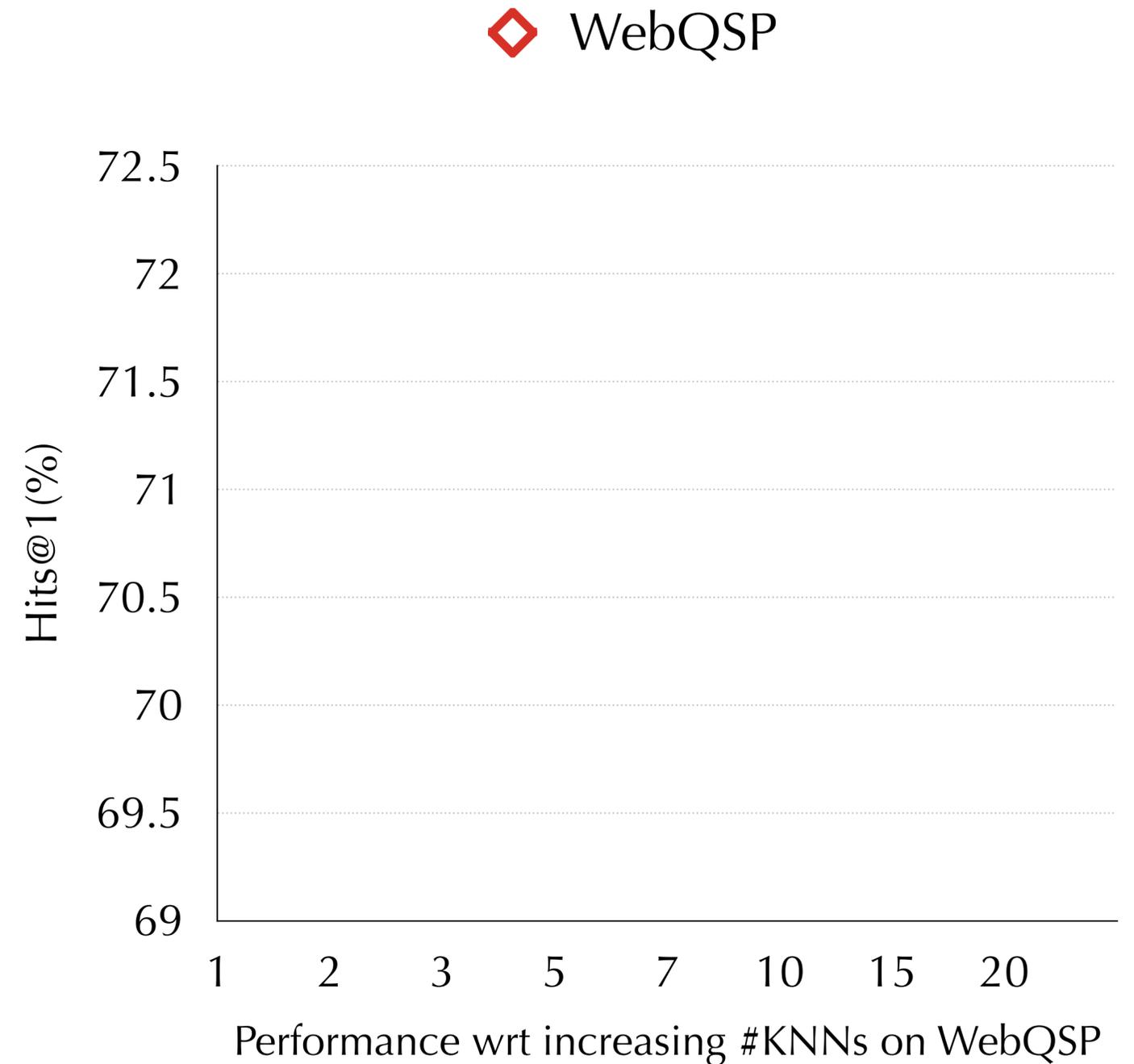
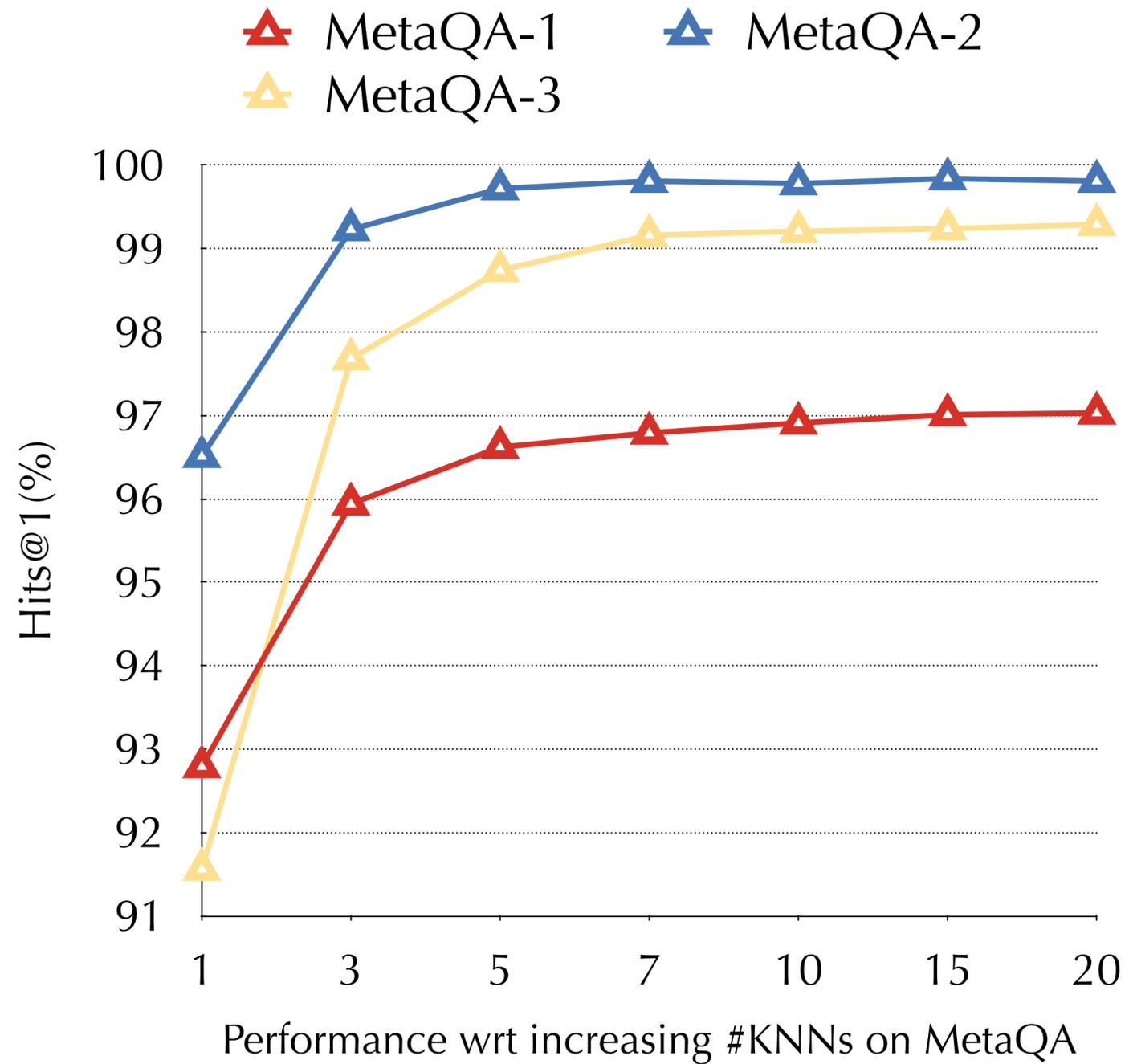
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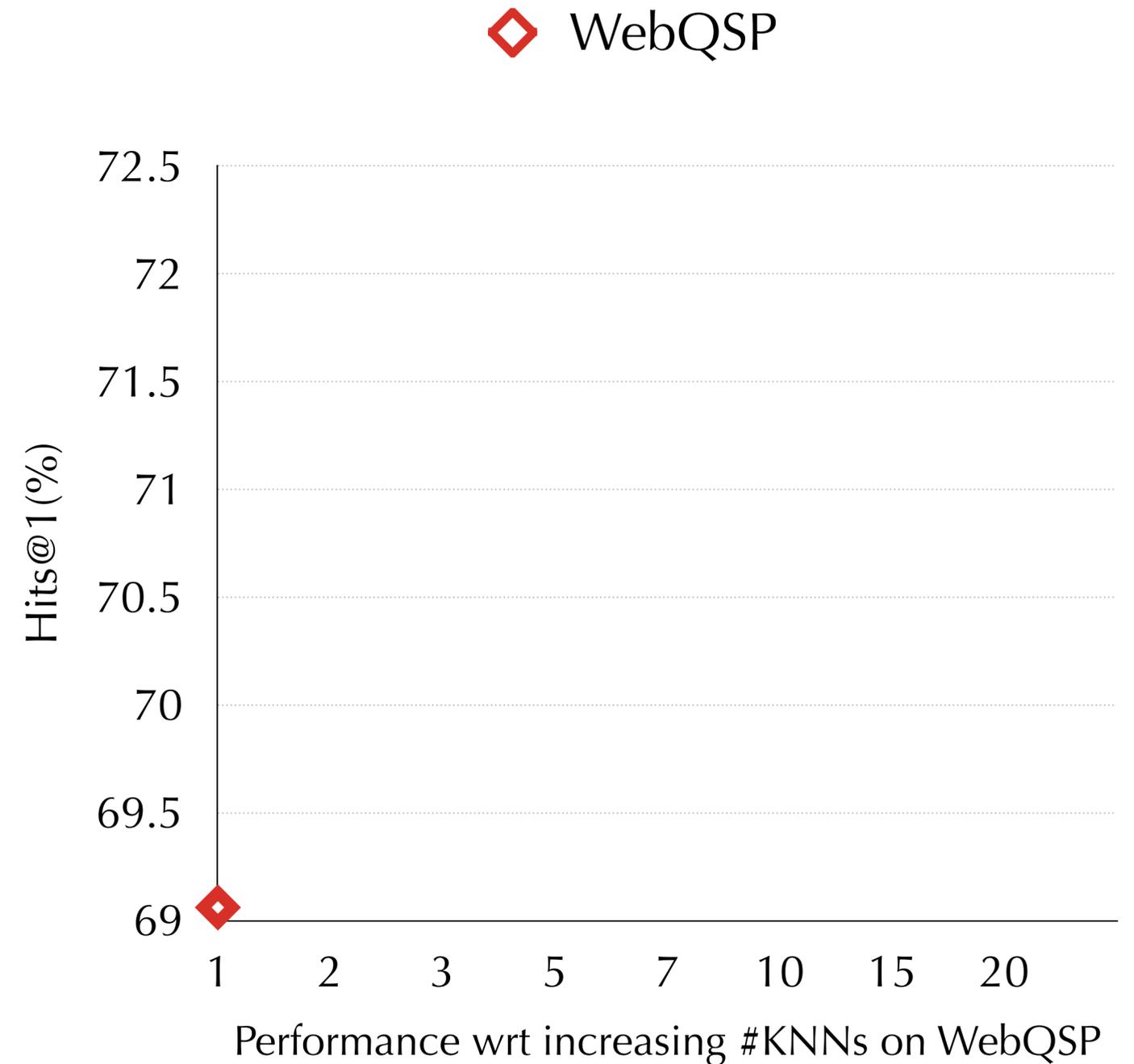
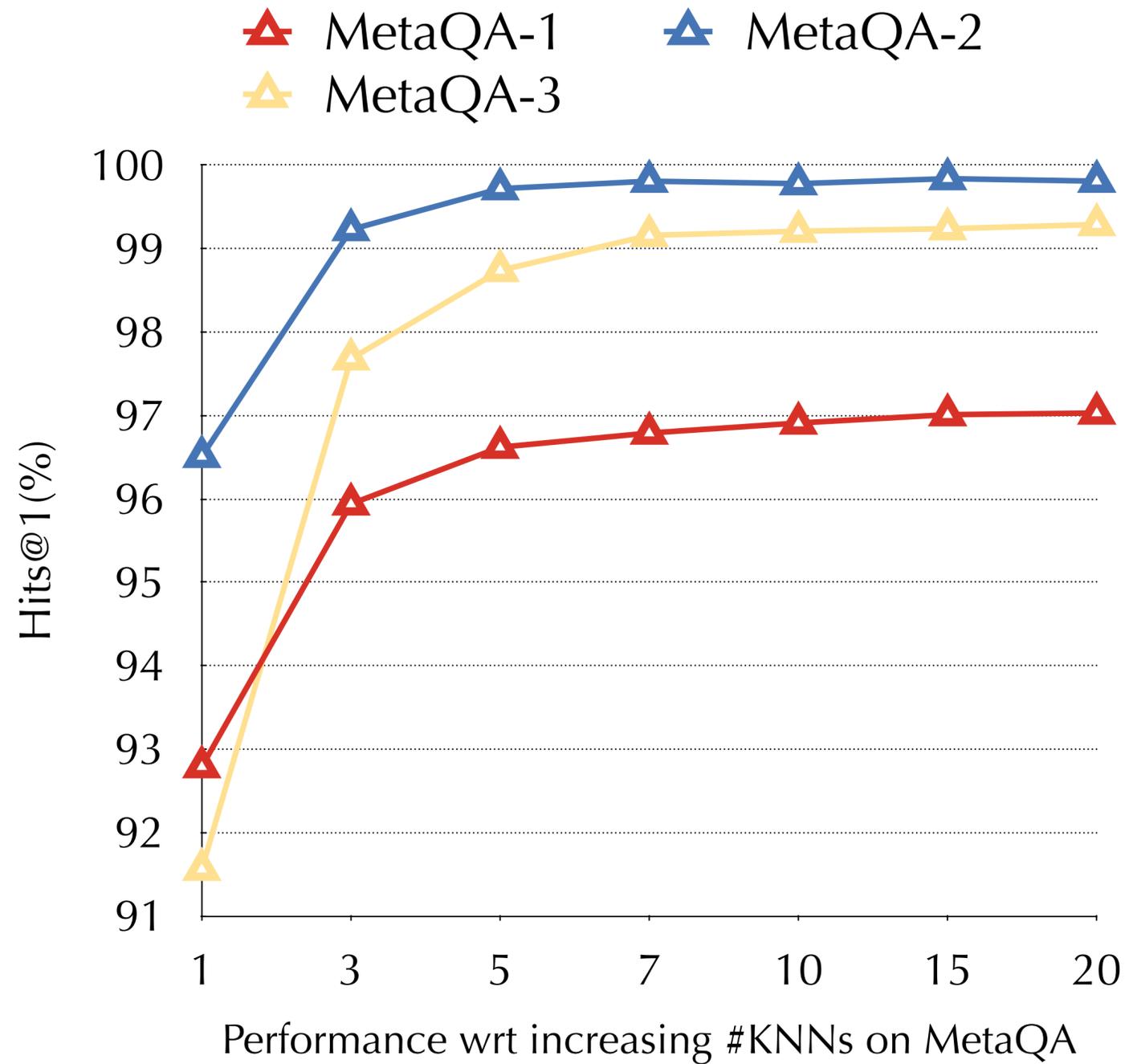
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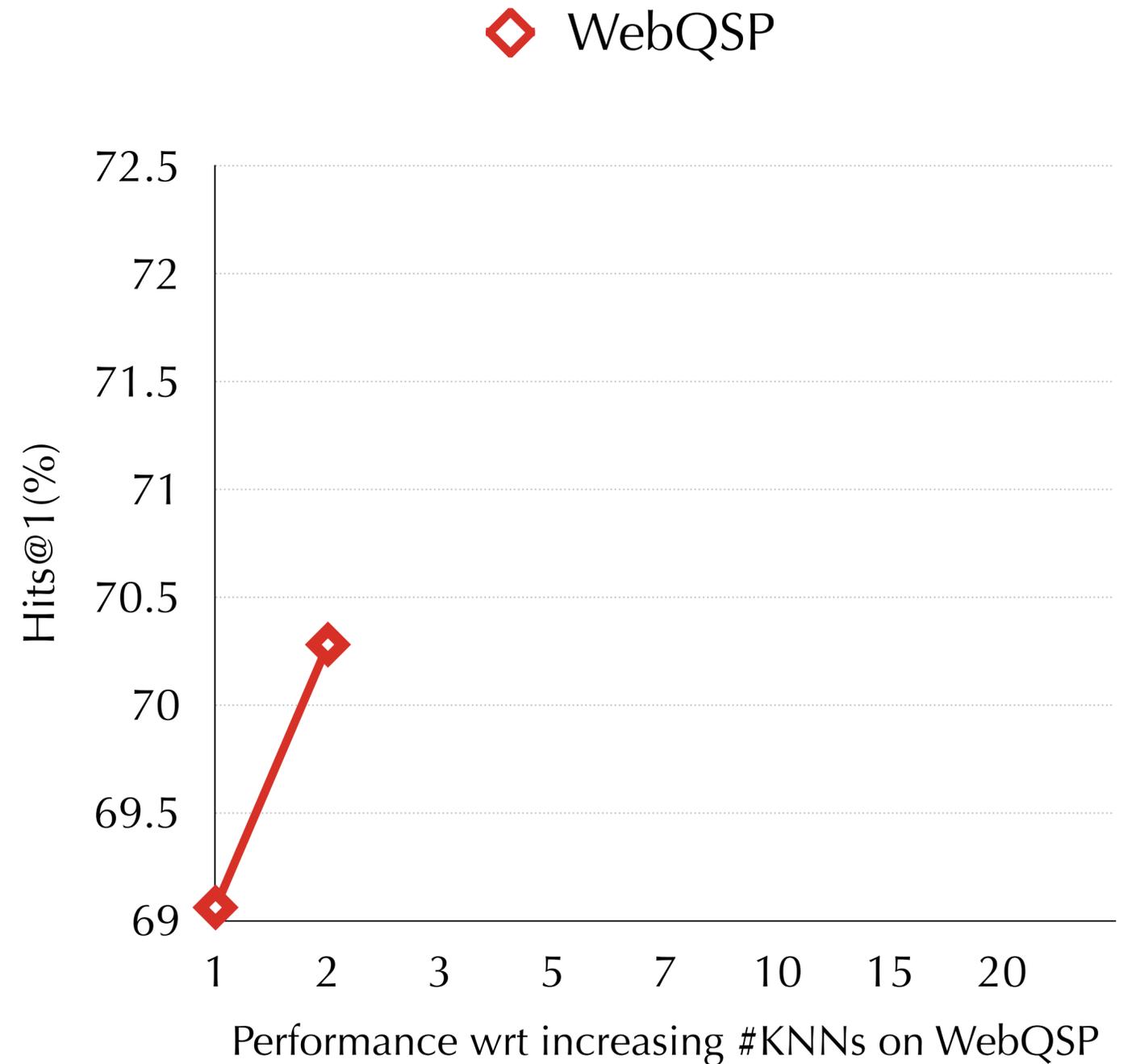
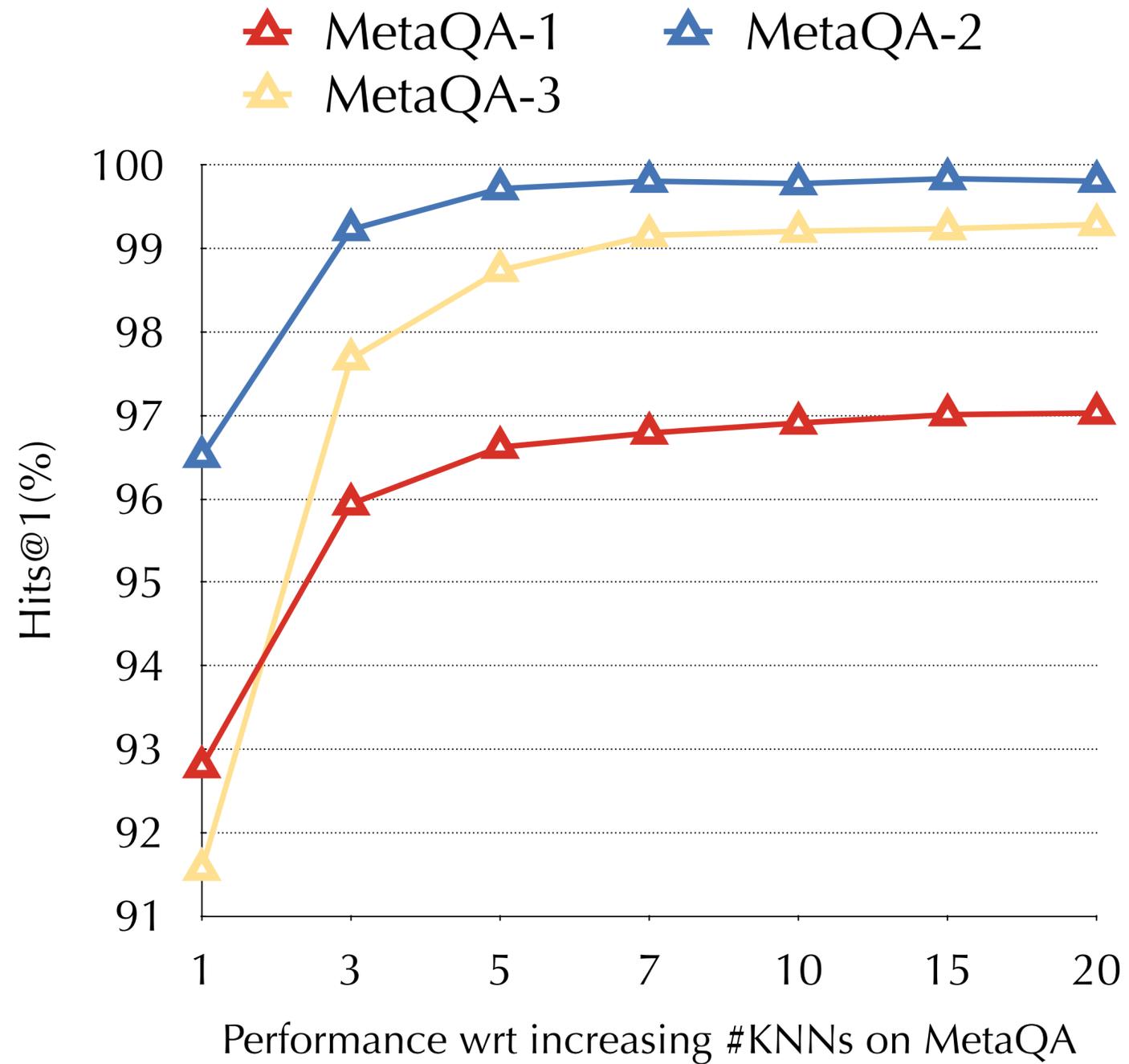
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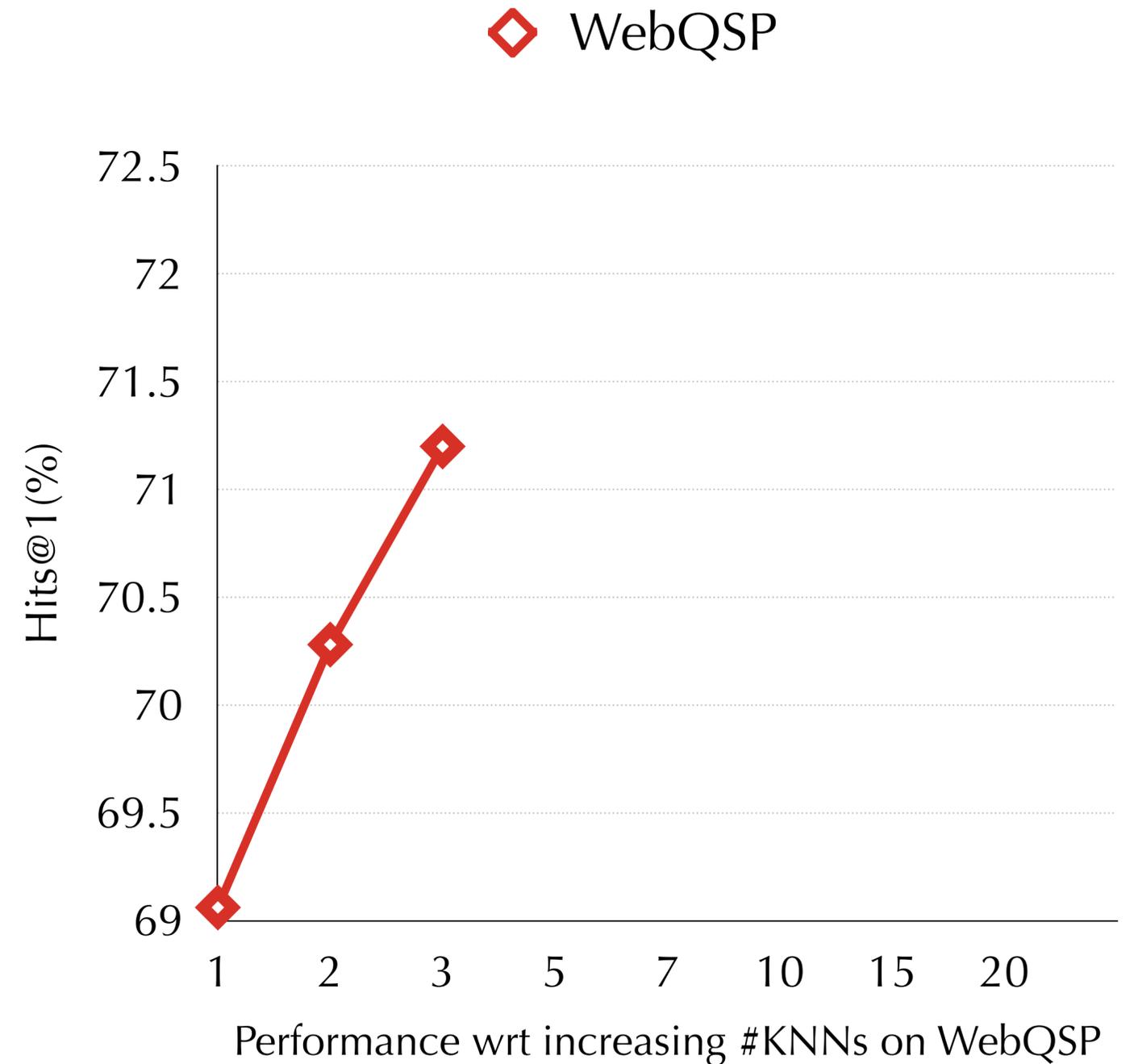
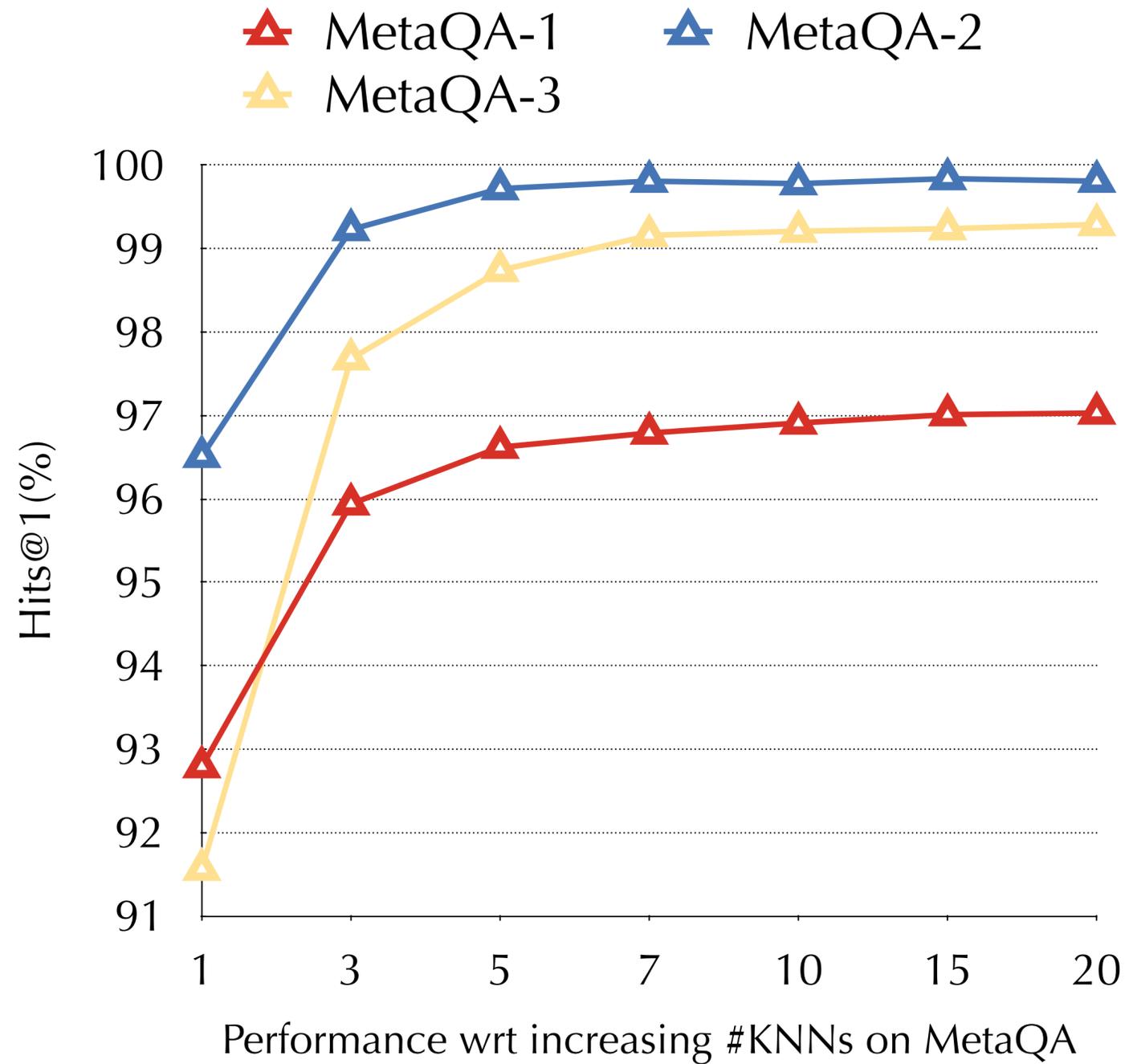
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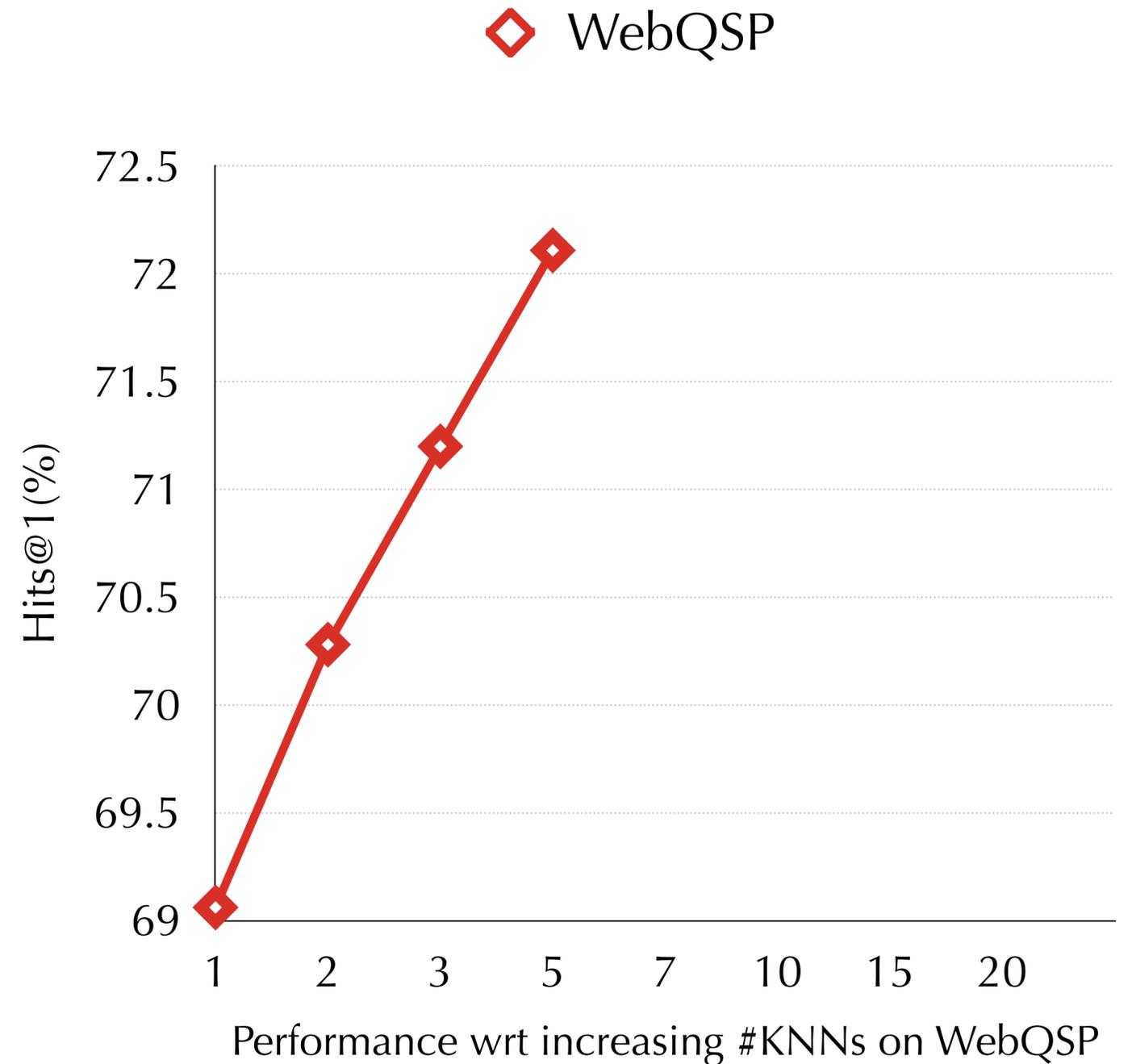
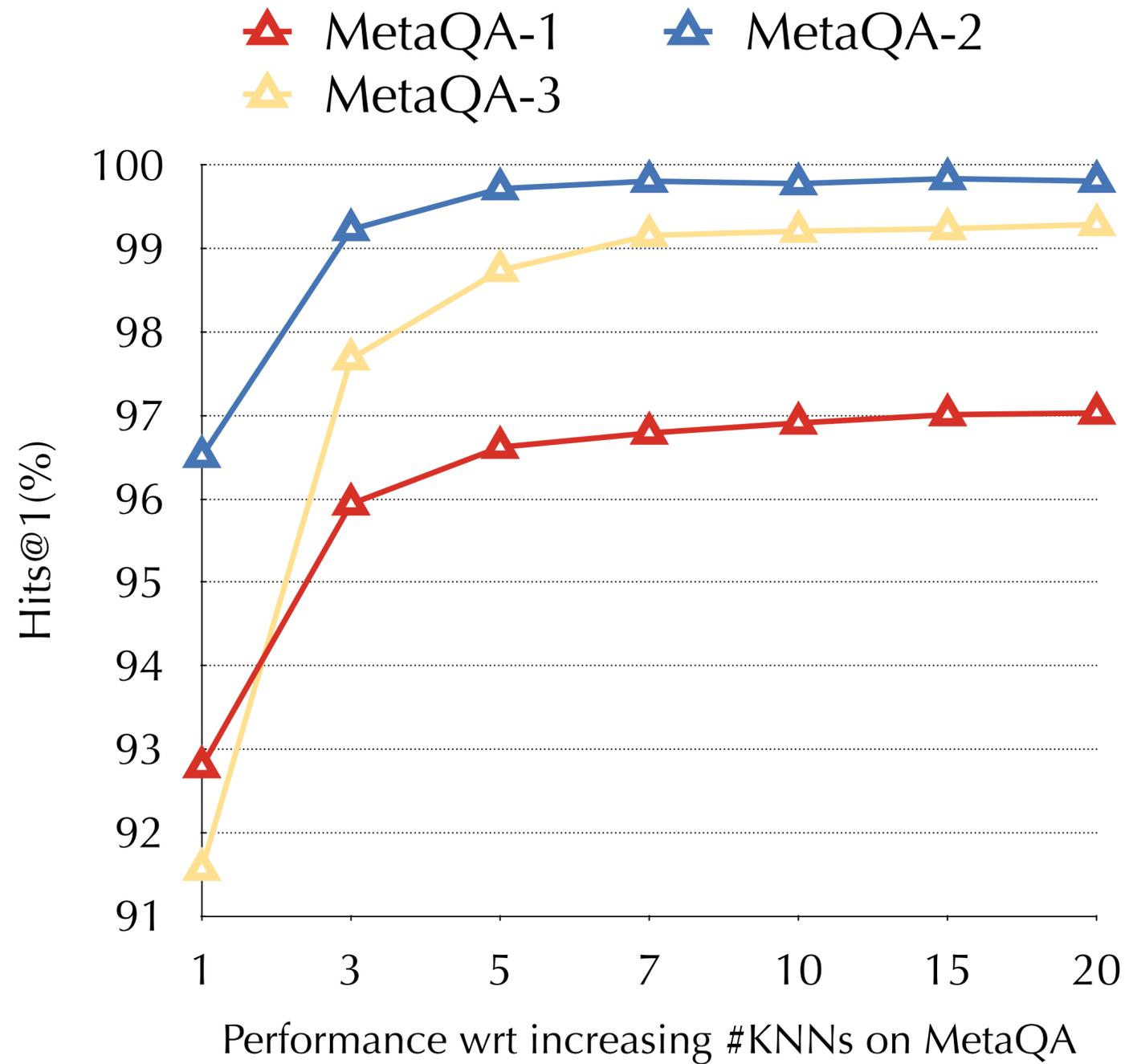
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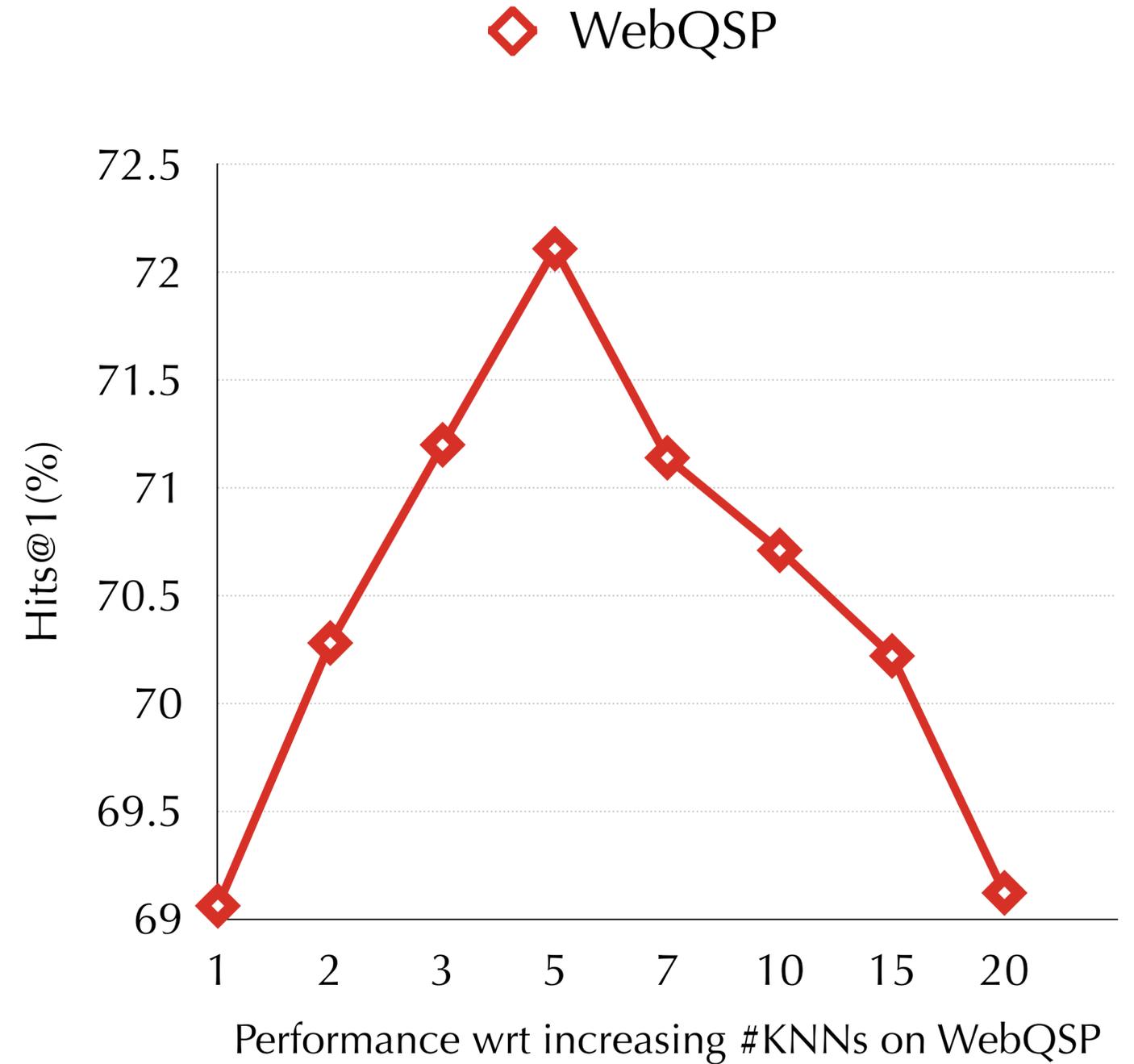
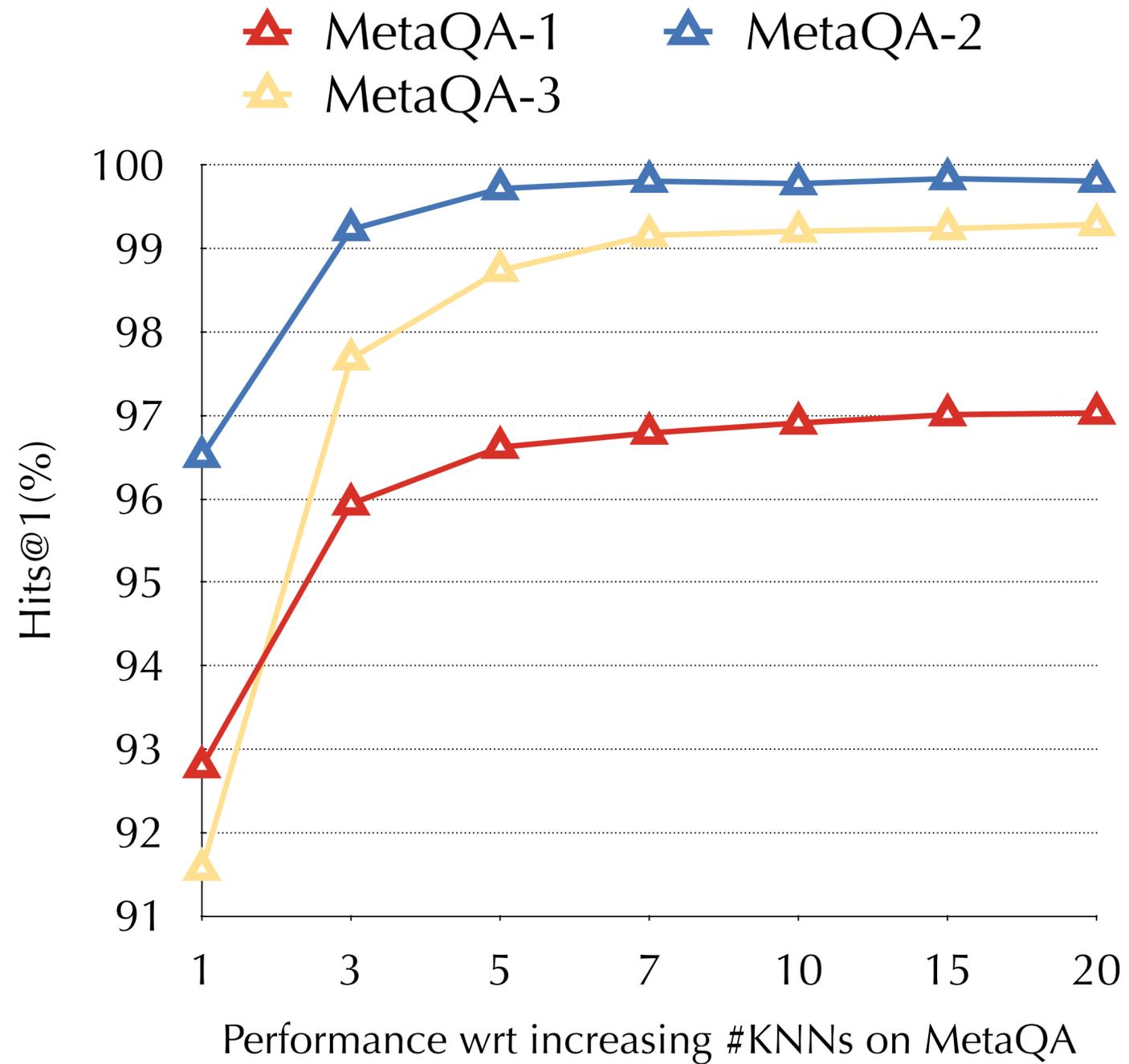
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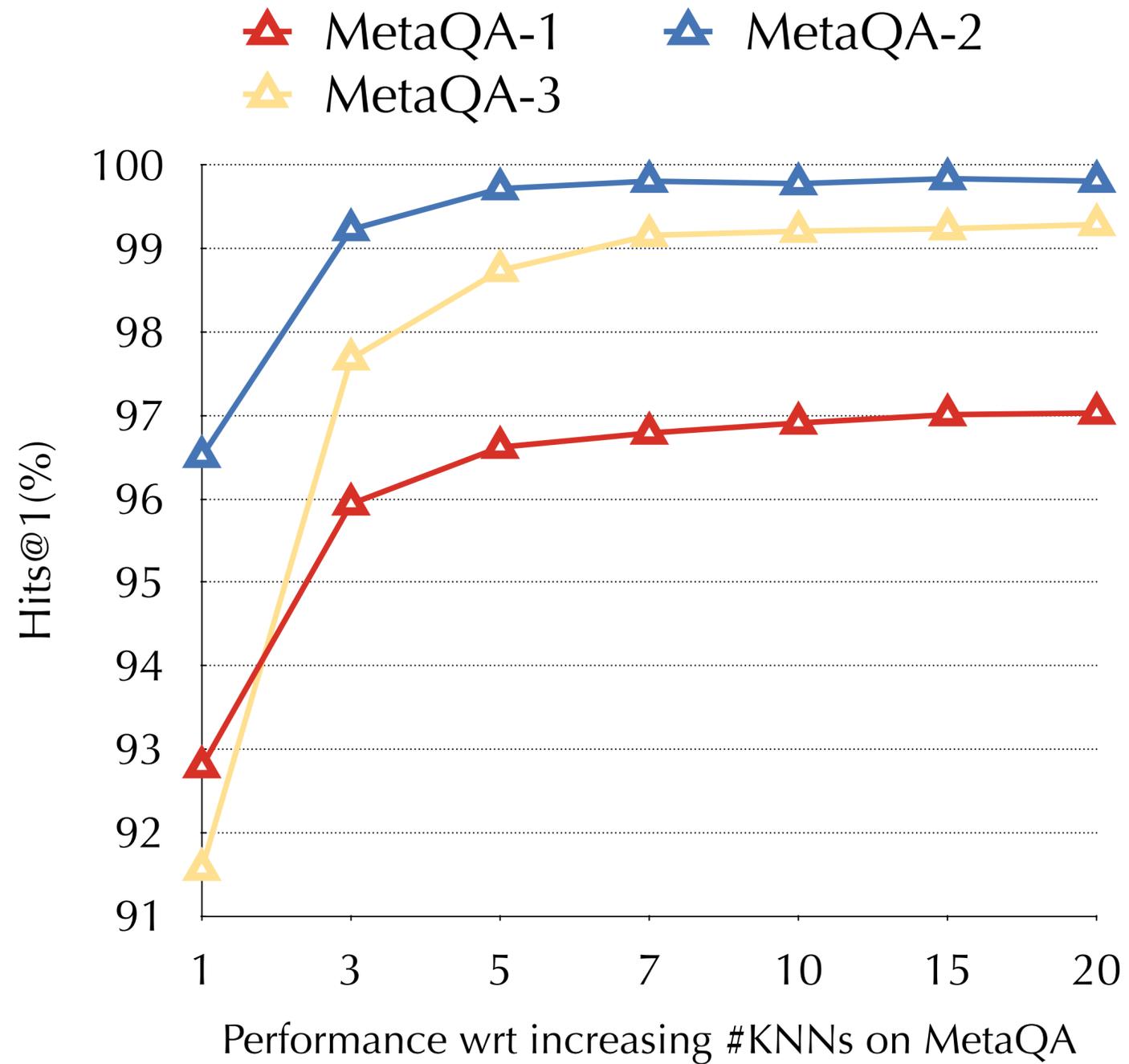
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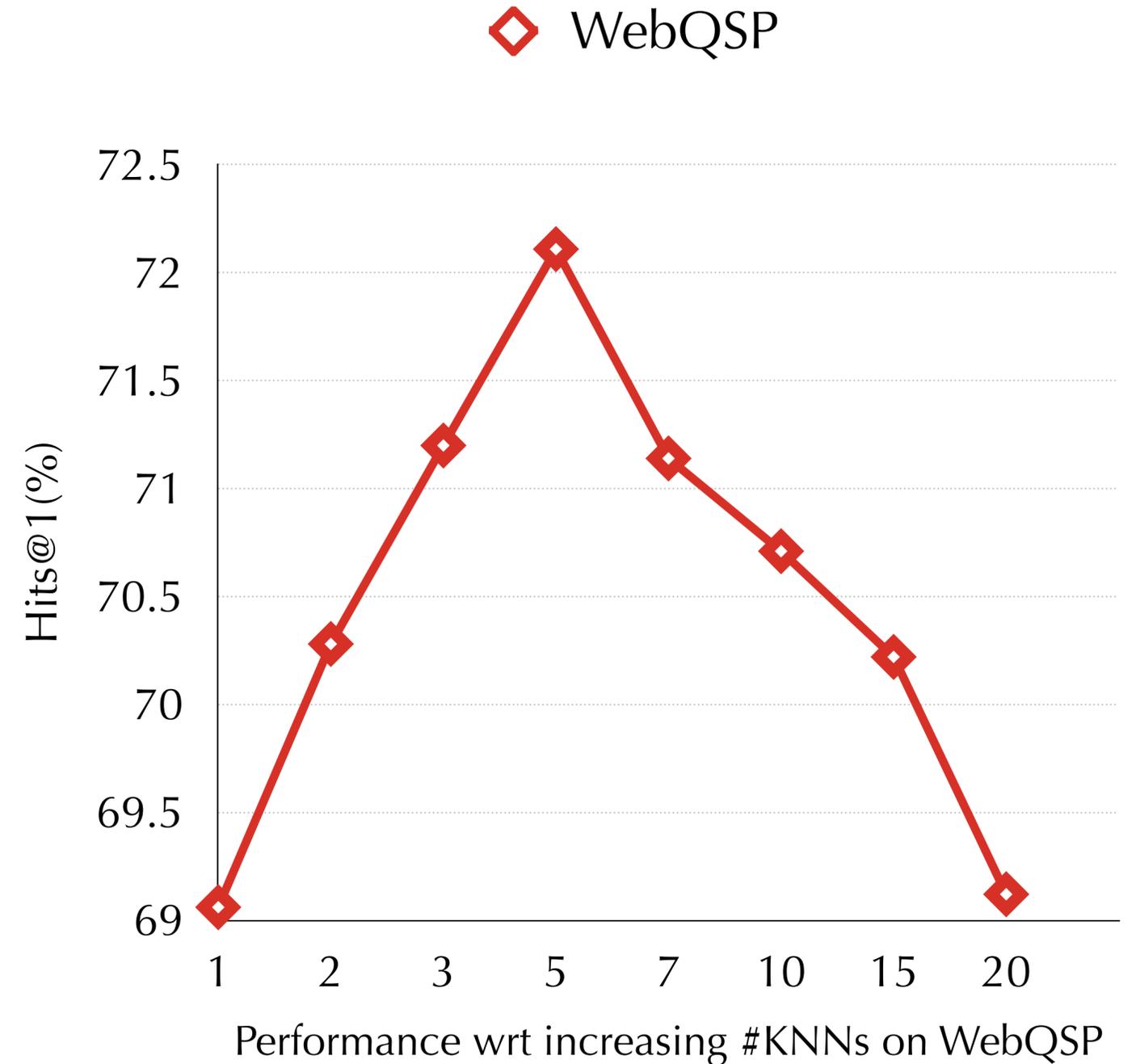
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