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Not at all? What's possible and what's not?
What exactly is needed inference-rule-wise for
a full natural-deduction system for TOL. Can a
chatbot like GPT-5 preview etc. handle TOL
reasoning challenges expressed in English?
What specimens do you have for your answer?

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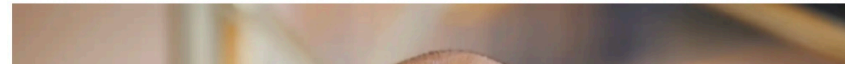


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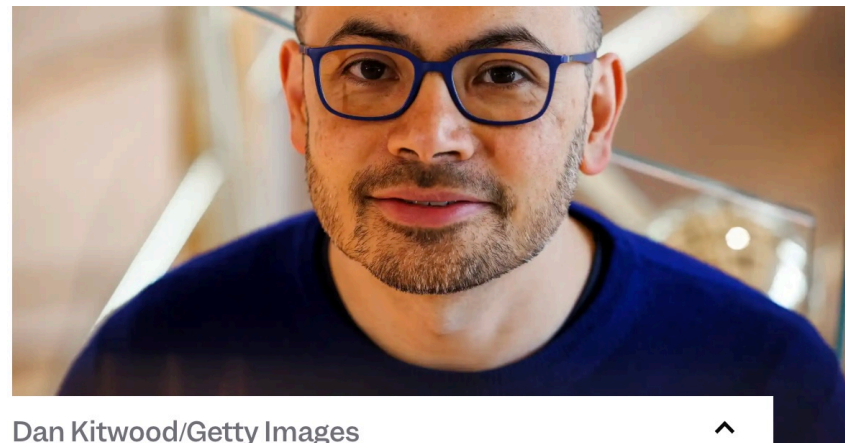
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Does Reinforcement Learning Really Incentivize Reasoning Capacity in LLMs Beyond the Base Model?



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TL;DR: We systematically examine the current state of RLVR and surprisingly find that it does not elicit fundamentally new reasoning patterns—revealing a gap between the potential of RL and the actual impact of current RLVR methods.

Abstract:

Reinforcement Learning with Verifiable Rewards (RLVR) has recently demonstrated notable success in enhancing the reasoning performance of large language models (LLMs), particularly in mathematics and programming tasks. It is widely believed that, similar to how traditional RL helps agents to explore and learn new strategies, RLVR enables LLMs to continuously self-improve, thus acquiring novel reasoning abilities that exceed the capacity of the corresponding base models. In this study, we take a critical look at the current state of RLVR by systematically probing the reasoning capability boundaries of RLVR-trained LLMs across diverse model families, RL algorithms, and math/coding/visual reasoning benchmarks, using $\text{pass}@k$ at large k values as the evaluation metric. While RLVR improves sampling efficiency towards the correct path, we surprisingly find that current training does not elicit fundamentally new reasoning patterns. We observe that while RLVR-trained models outperform their base models at smaller values of k (e.g., $k=1$), base models achieve higher $\text{pass}@k$ score when k is large. Moreover, we observe that the reasoning capability boundary of LLMs often narrows as RLVR training progresses. Further coverage and perplexity analysis shows that the reasoning paths generated by RLVR models are already included in the base models' sampling distribution, suggesting that their reasoning abilities originate from and are bounded by the base model. From this perspective, treating the base model as an upper bound, our quantitative analysis shows that six popular RLVR algorithms perform similarly and remain far from optimal in fully leveraging the potential of the base model. In contrast, we find that distillation can introduce new reasoning patterns from the teacher and genuinely expand the model's reasoning capabilities. Taken together, our findings suggest that current RLVR methods have not fully realized the potential of RL to elicit genuinely novel reasoning abilities in LLMs. This underscores the need for improved RL paradigms—such as continual scaling and multi-turn agent-environment interaction—to unlock this potential.

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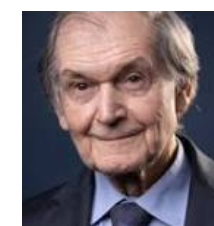
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Abstract

We now know both that hypercomputation (or super-recursive computation) is mathematically well-understood, and that it provides a theory that according to some accounts for some real-life computation (e.g., operating systems that, unlike Turing machines, never simply output an answer and halt) better than the standard theory of computation at and below the “Turing Limit.” But one of the things we do not know is whether the human mind hypercomputes, or merely computes—this despite informal arguments from Gödel, Lucas, Penrose and others for the view that, in light of incompleteness theorems, the human mind has powers exceeding those of TMs and their equivalents. All these arguments fail; their fatal flaws have been repeatedly exposed in the literature. However, we give herein a novel, formal *modal* argument showing that since it's mathematically *possible* that human minds are hypercomputers, such minds *are* in fact hypercomputers. We take considerable pains to anticipate and rebut objections to this argument.

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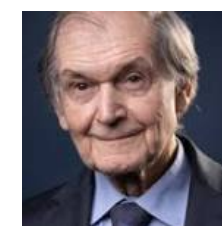
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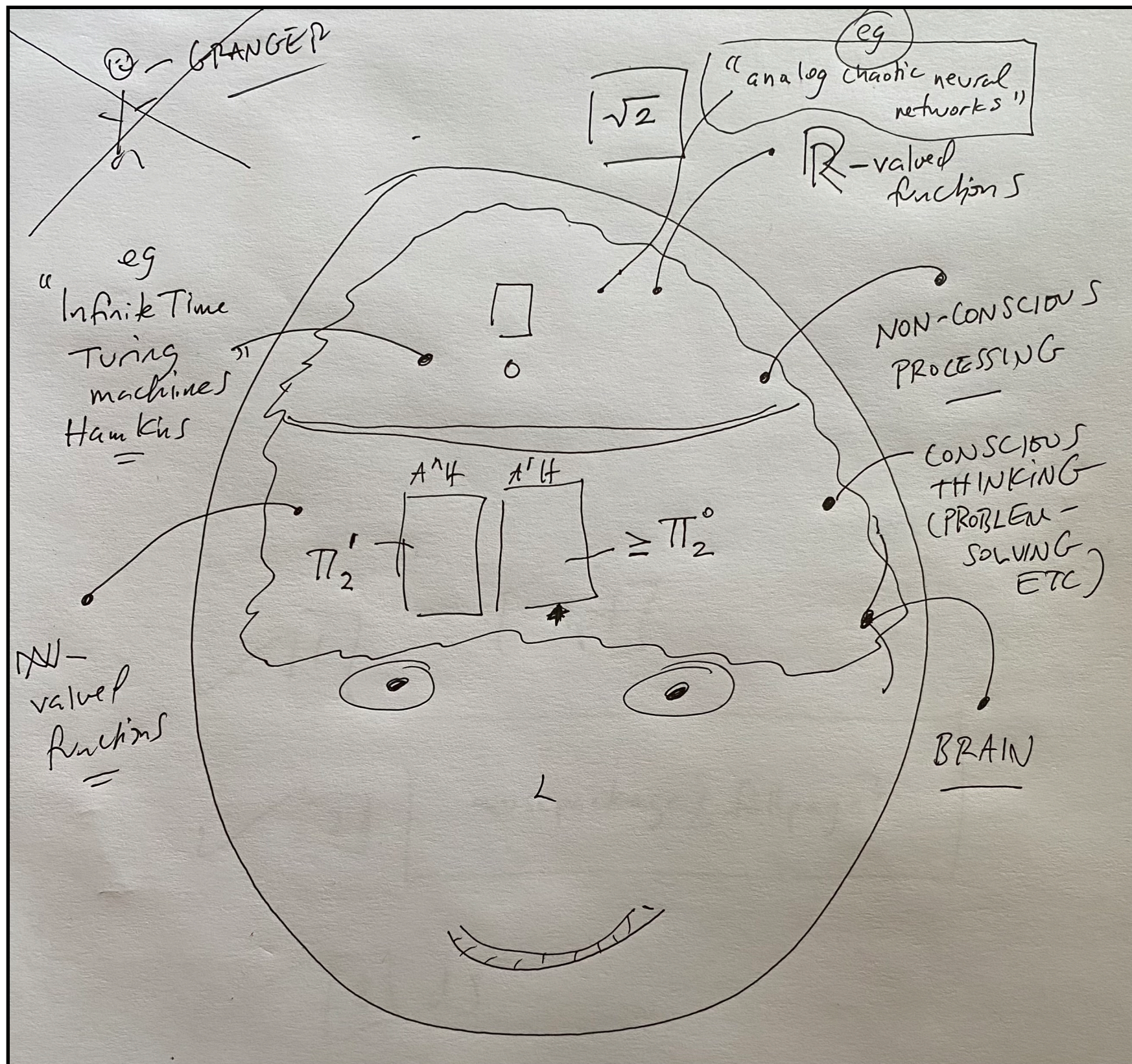
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Four decades ago, Lucas [50] expressed supreme confidence that Gödel's first incompleteness theorem (= Gödel I) entails the falsity of computationalism, the view that human persons are computing machines (e.g., Turing machines). Put barbarically, Lucas' basic idea is that minds are more powerful than Turing machines. Today, given our understanding of hypercomputation in theoretical computer science, and given the absolute consensus reigning in cognitive science that the human mind is, at least in large part, *some* sort of information-processing device, we know enough to infer that if Lucas is right, the mind is a hypercomputer. However, Lucas' arguments have

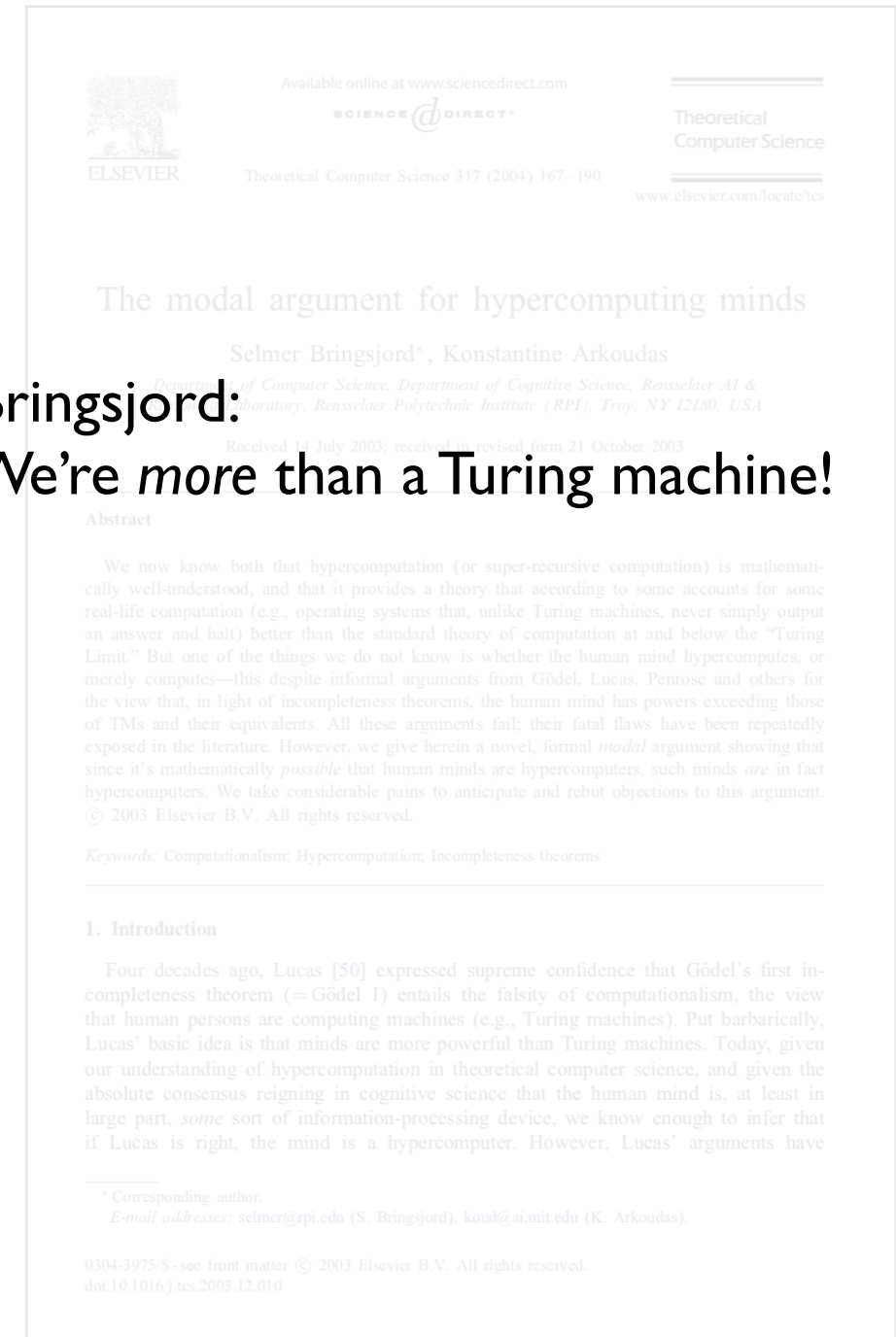
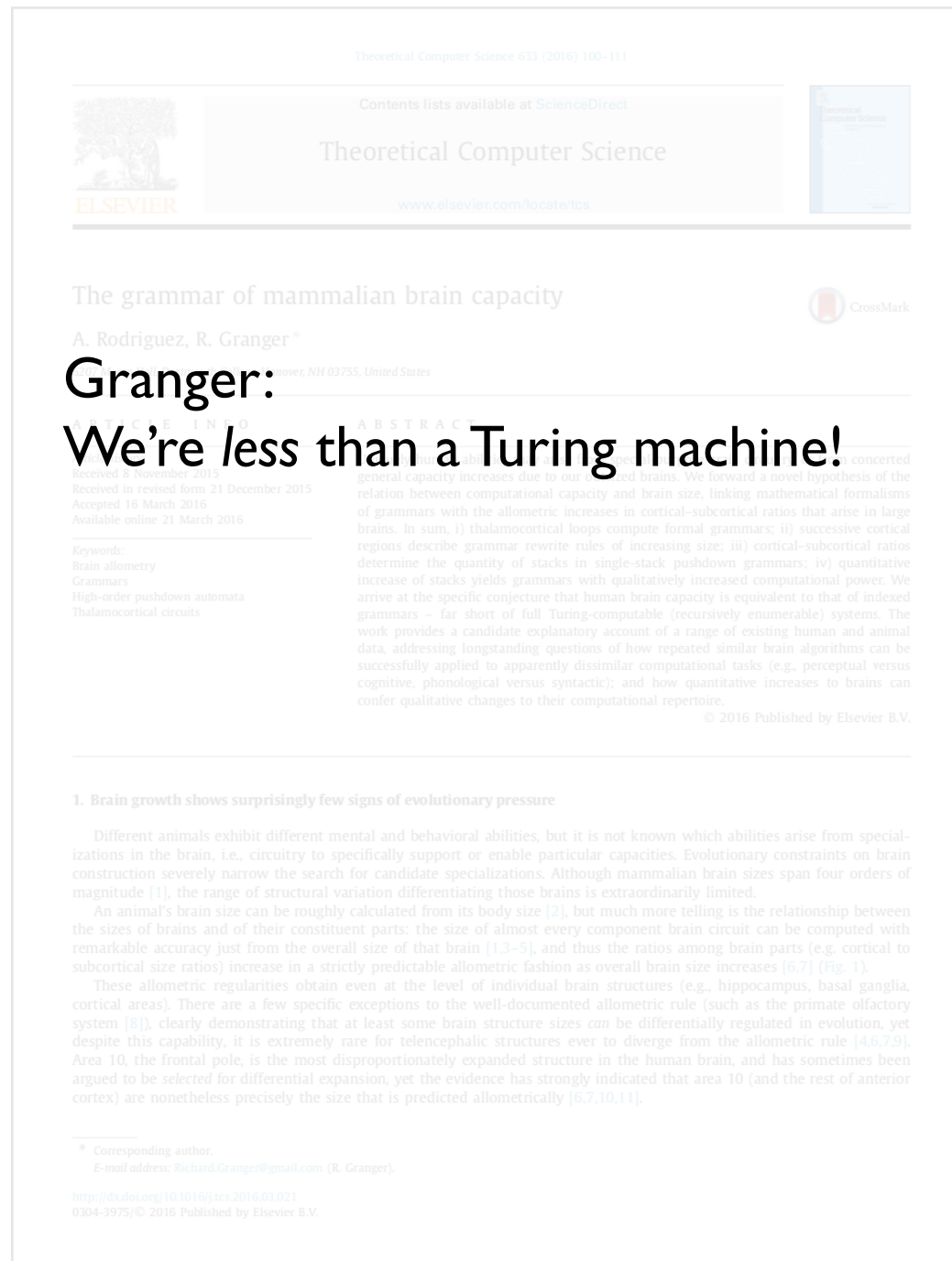
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Some Roots of the Debate



Fatal Objection?

I can simulate a logic machine that's at least a Turing machine ... e.g. by simulating some of what o1 preview provides me. Let's explore for SOL ...



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9: The Future of Logic Machines

The ease with which formal logics can be translated into electric circuits leaves little doubt that we are entering a period in the history of logic that will witness a steady development in the construction of more powerful and versatile electrically operated machines. This does not mean that the nonelectrical logic device has reached any state of near perfection. The few that have been constructed are obviously crude models, and there are probably all kinds of ways in which compact little logic machines, operating along mechanical lines, can be designed. But the power of such devices is so limited that attempts to invent better ones will likely be rare and undertaken only in a recreational spirit. The most exciting, as well as the most potentially useful area of exploration will undoubtedly be in the electrical and electronic direction.

Electrical syllogism machines are so easily constructed and their uselessness so apparent that it is unlikely much thought will be given to improving them. The few that have been built are almost devoid of theoretical interest because their circuits bear no formal analogy to the logical structure of the syllogism. For classroom purposes it should be possible, however, to construct a class logic machine that would have such formal analogy, and it is surprising that this has not, to my knowledge, been attempted. Such a machine would not be confined to the traditional *S*, *M*, *P* labels, with their limited premises and conclusions. It would take care of many more variables,

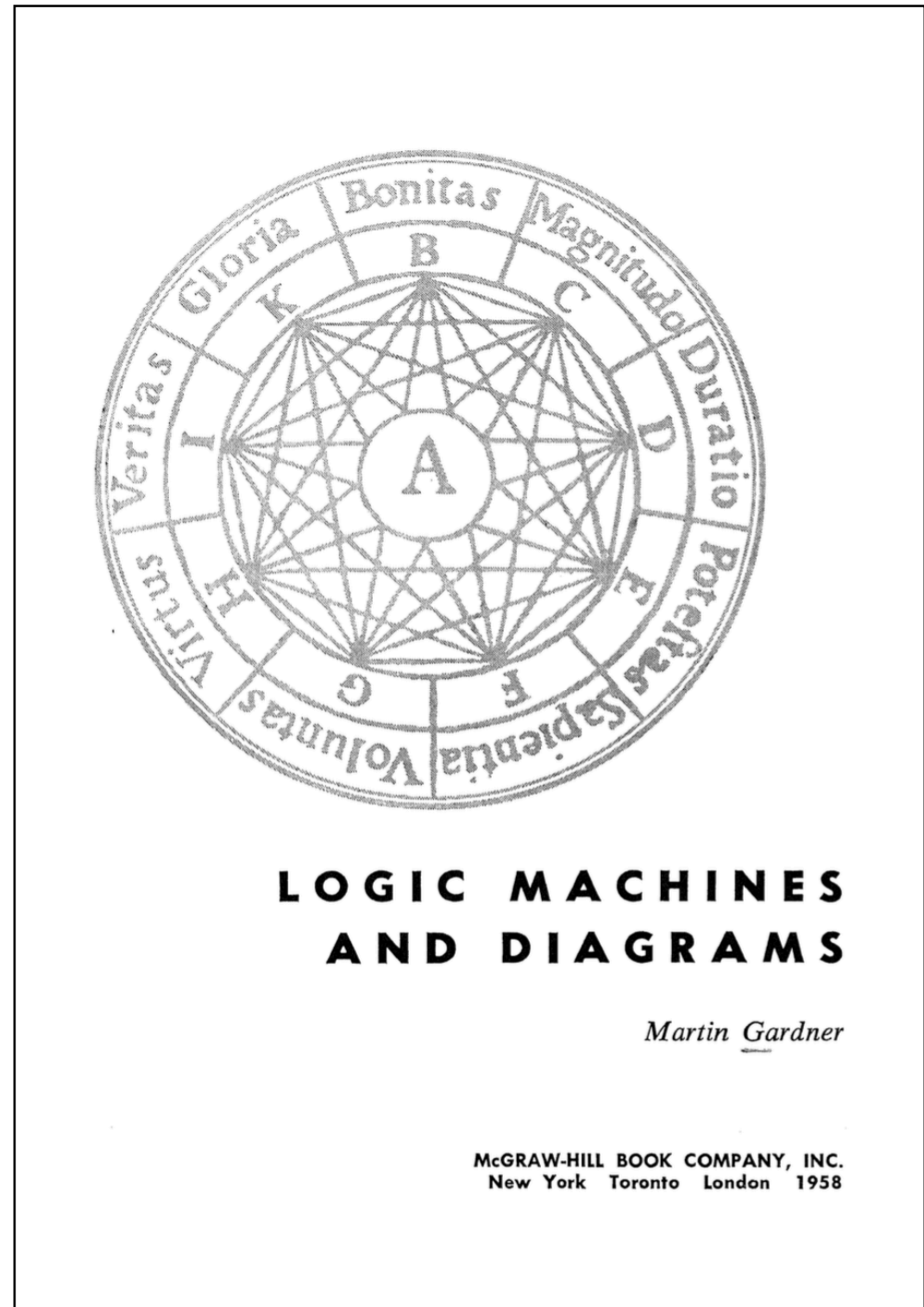
and these could be applied to the terms of any number of class-inclusion statements. When such statements were fed to the machine it would show at once all the valid inferences that could be drawn. Such a machine would have a network structure analogous to the topological properties of the Venn circles. There is of course such an analogy in the network of propositional calculus machines, since the underlying structure of class and propositional logic is the same; but the truth-value machines are not designed primarily for class logic and a great deal of awkward translation has to take place before such machines can handle even simple syllogisms with particular statements. It should not be difficult to construct electrical machines designed specifically for class logic, and perhaps capable (like the Stanhope demonstrator) of handling statements involving "most," as well as statements with numerical quantifiers.

In the field of the propositional calculus, a great deal of experimental work is now going on. We can reasonably expect that simpler, more efficient, more powerful machines of this type will be devised in the near future. Will such machines have any practical uses? D. G. Prinz and J. B. Smith (in their chapter on logic machines in the anthology *Faster Than Thought*, edited by B. V. Bowden, 1953) suggest the following areas in which logic computers may some day be put to use: checking the consistency of legal documents, rule books of various sorts, and political policy statements; checking signal operations at railway junctions; preparing complex time schedules for university classes, plane landings at an airport, and so on. The rapidly growing field of "operations research" is riddled with problems for which logic machines may prove helpful. Edmund C. Berkeley, in his description of the Kalin-Burkhart machine (*Giant Brains*, 1949, Chapter 9), gives a complicated problem involving insurance coverage and shows how quickly it can be solved on the machine. Although none of these areas has so far grown complex enough to justify the frequent use of logic calculators, it may be that the employment of such devices will come with increasing complexity and may even be a factor in making such an increase possible.

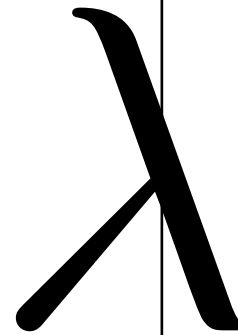
It is amusing to speculate on what might happen to speculative philosophy if progress in semantics should some day permit the symbolic codification of systems of metaphysics. Fed with the required axioms and factual data, a machine might then examine the

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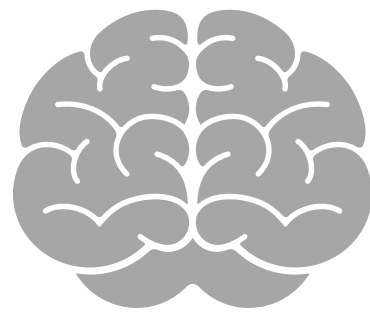
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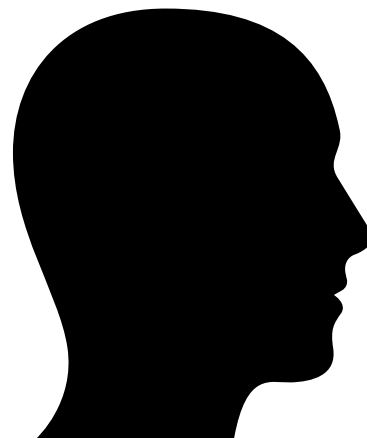
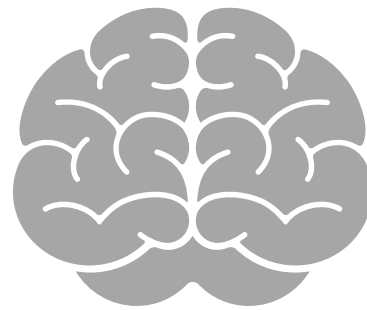
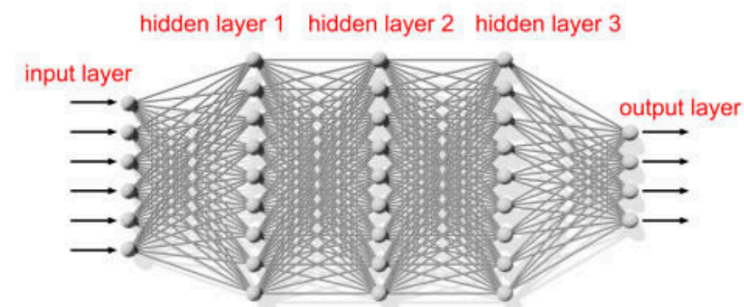
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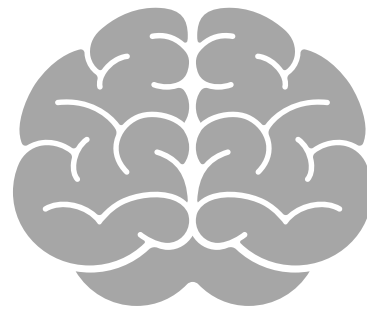
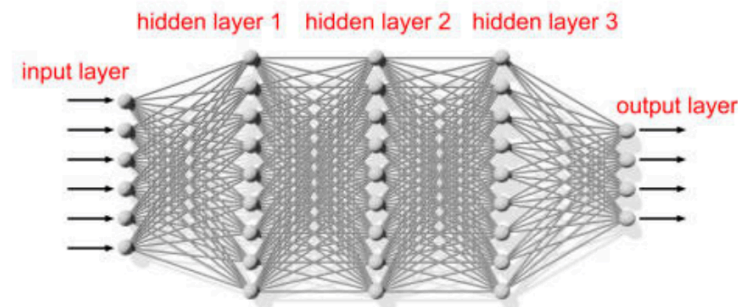


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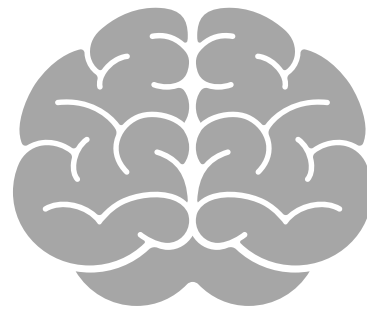
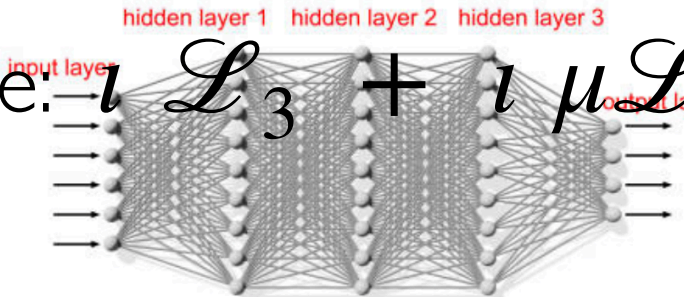
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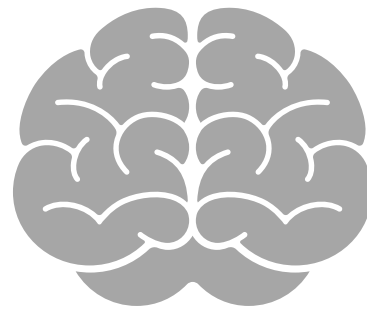
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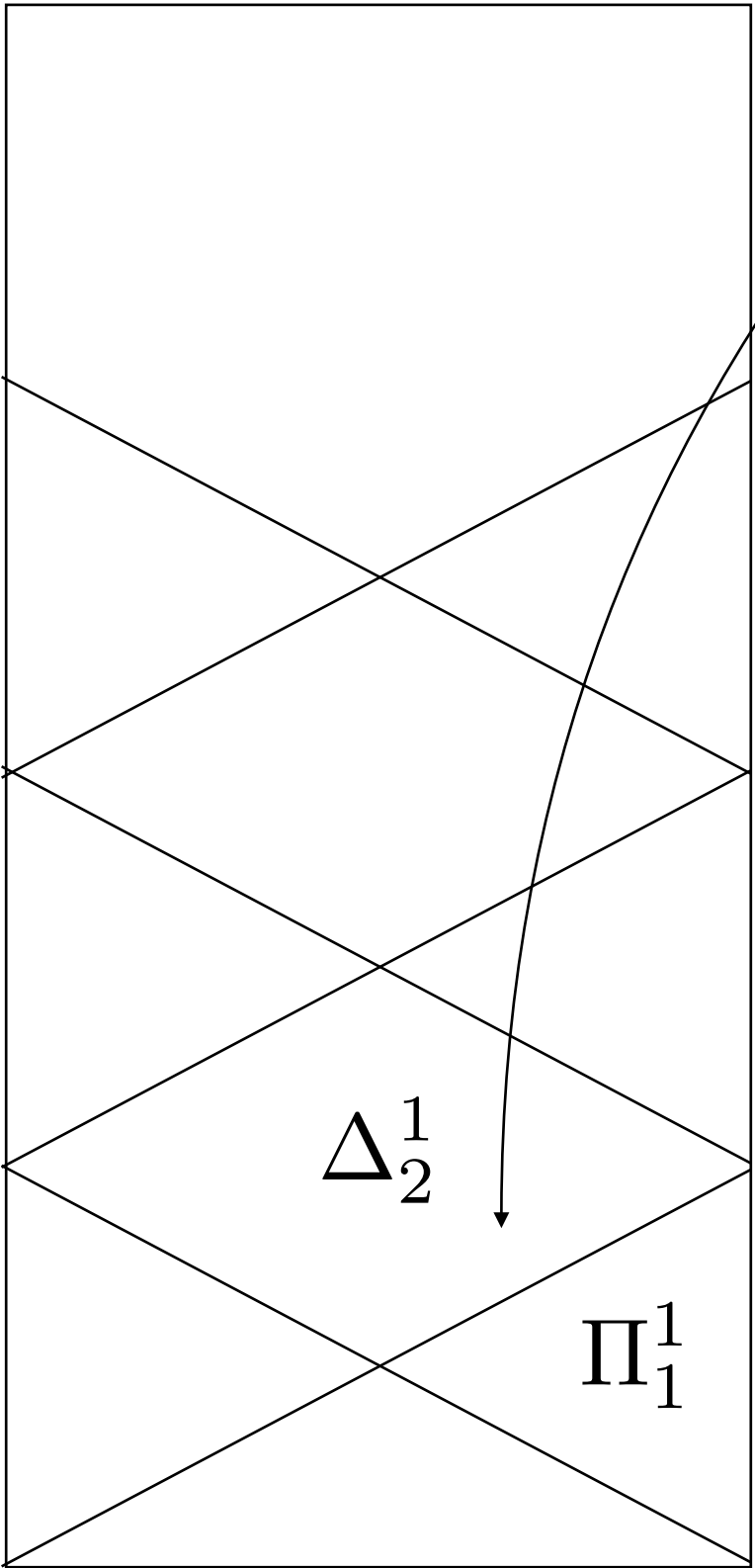
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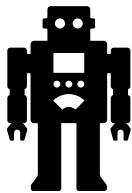


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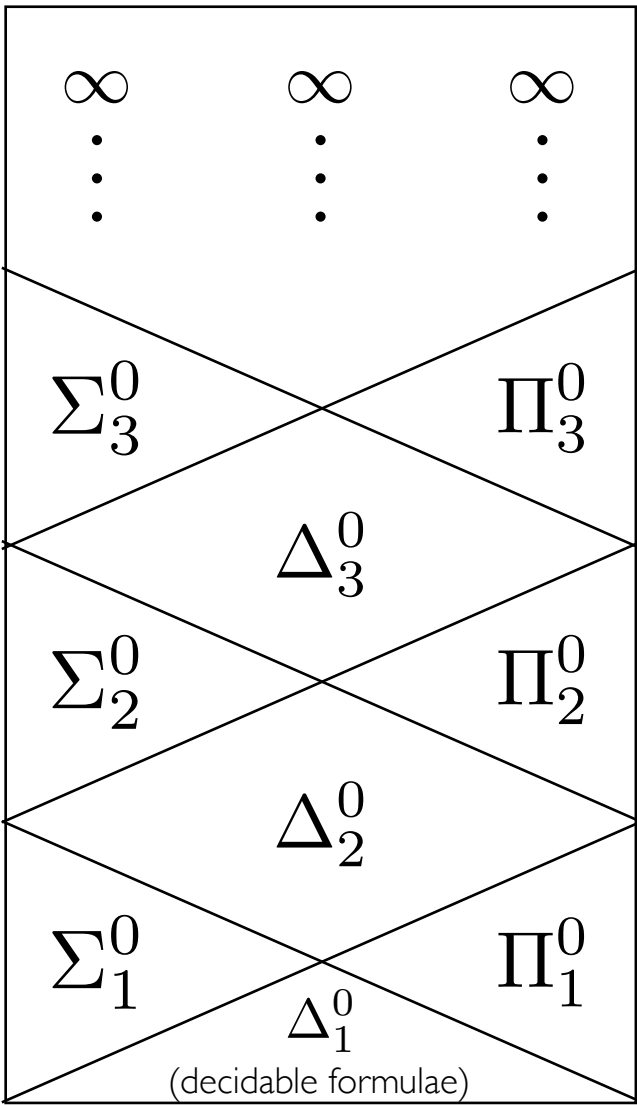
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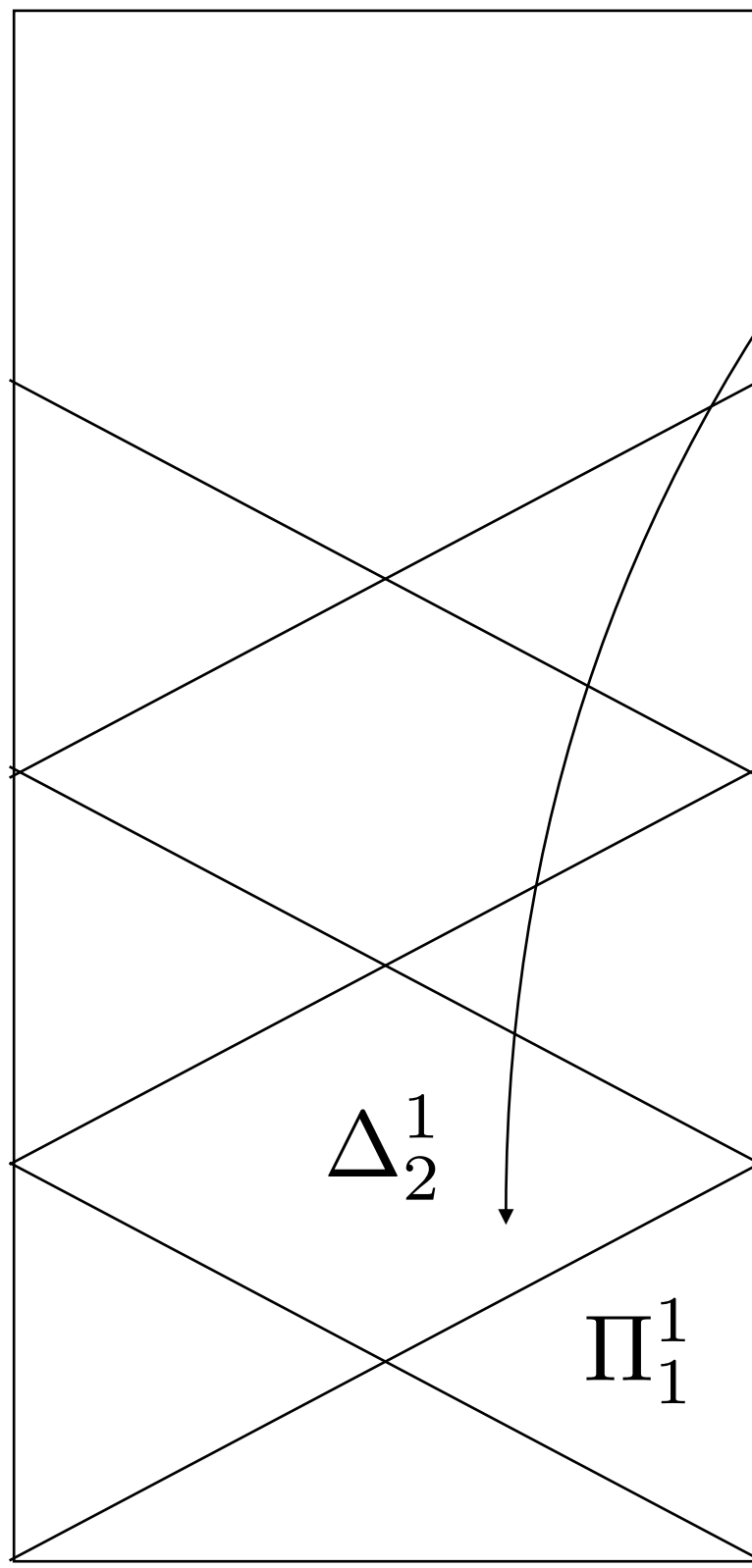
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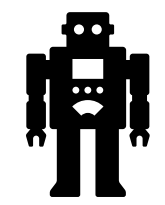


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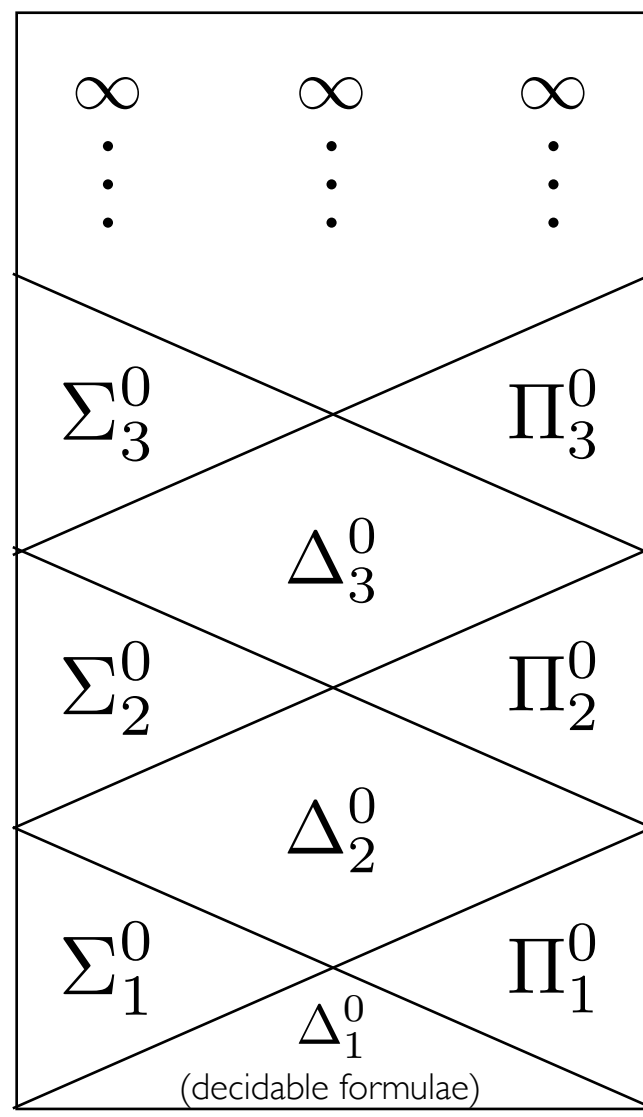


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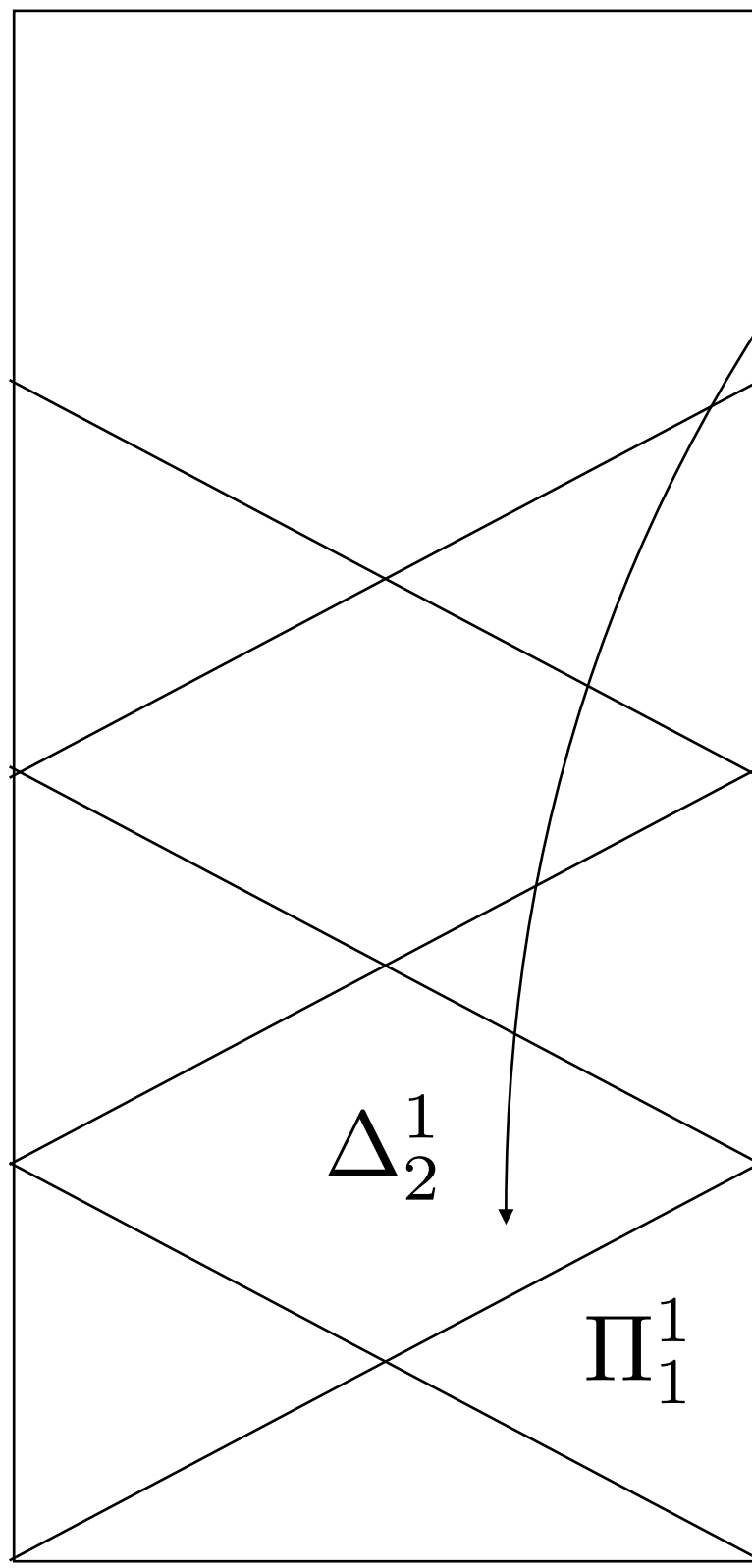


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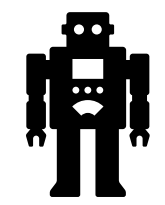
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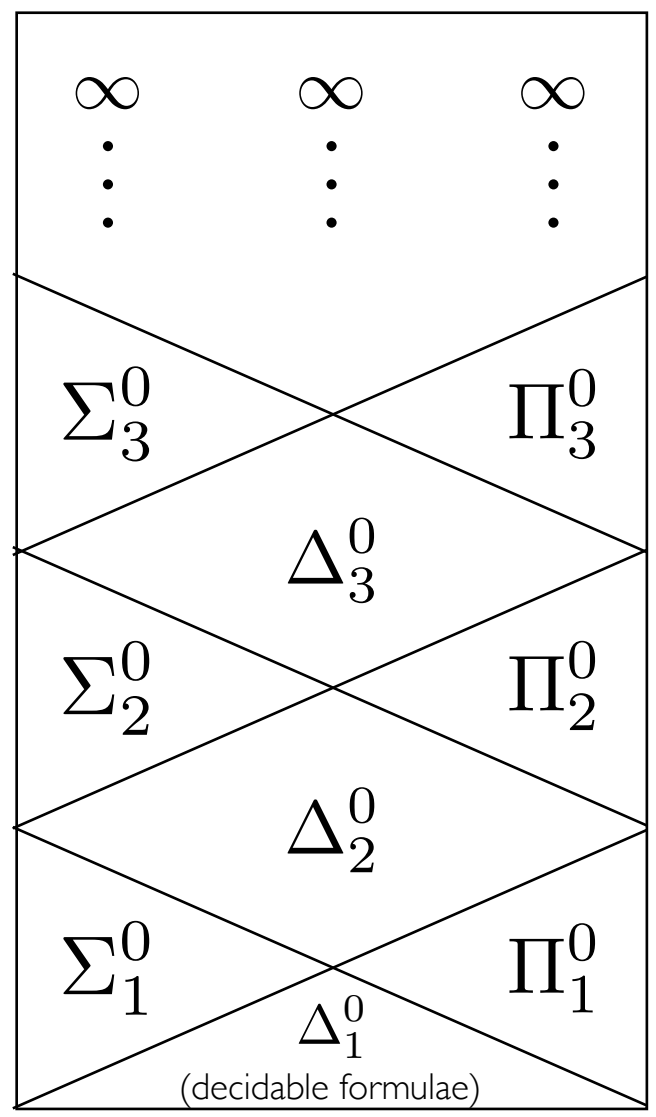


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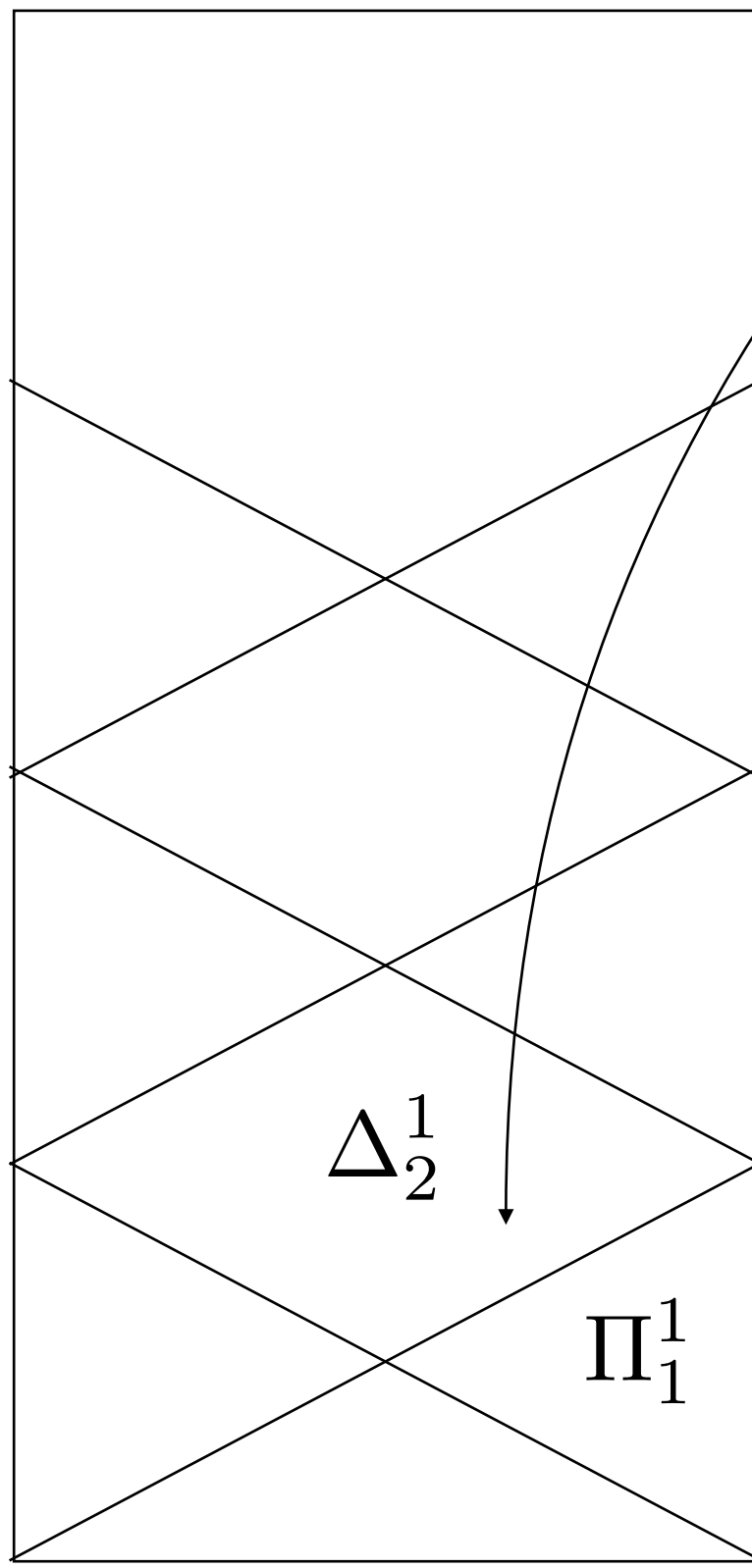
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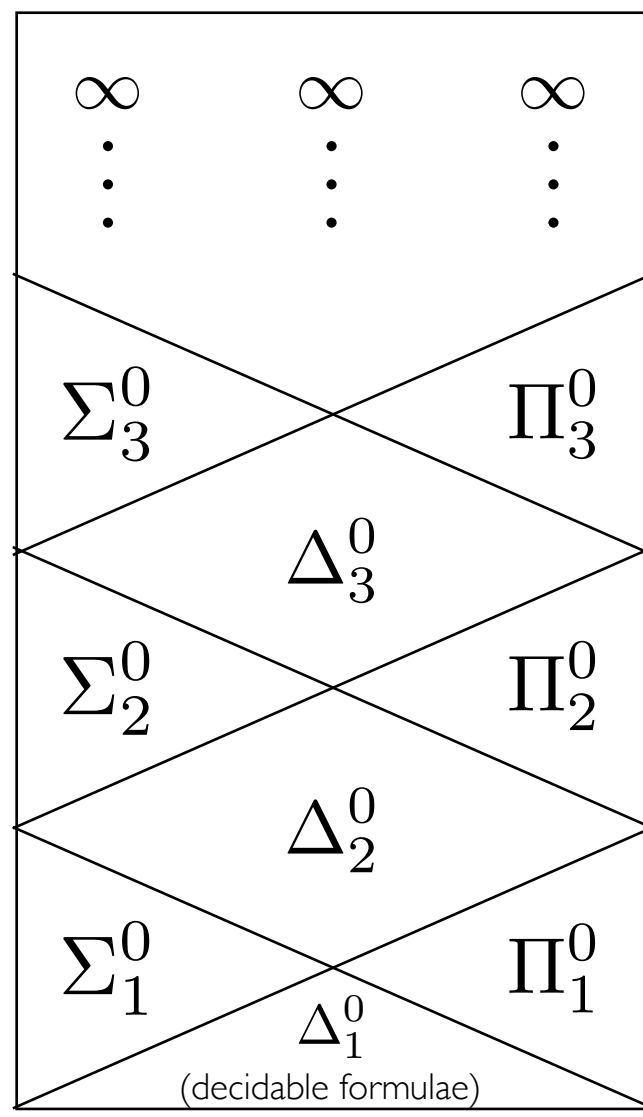
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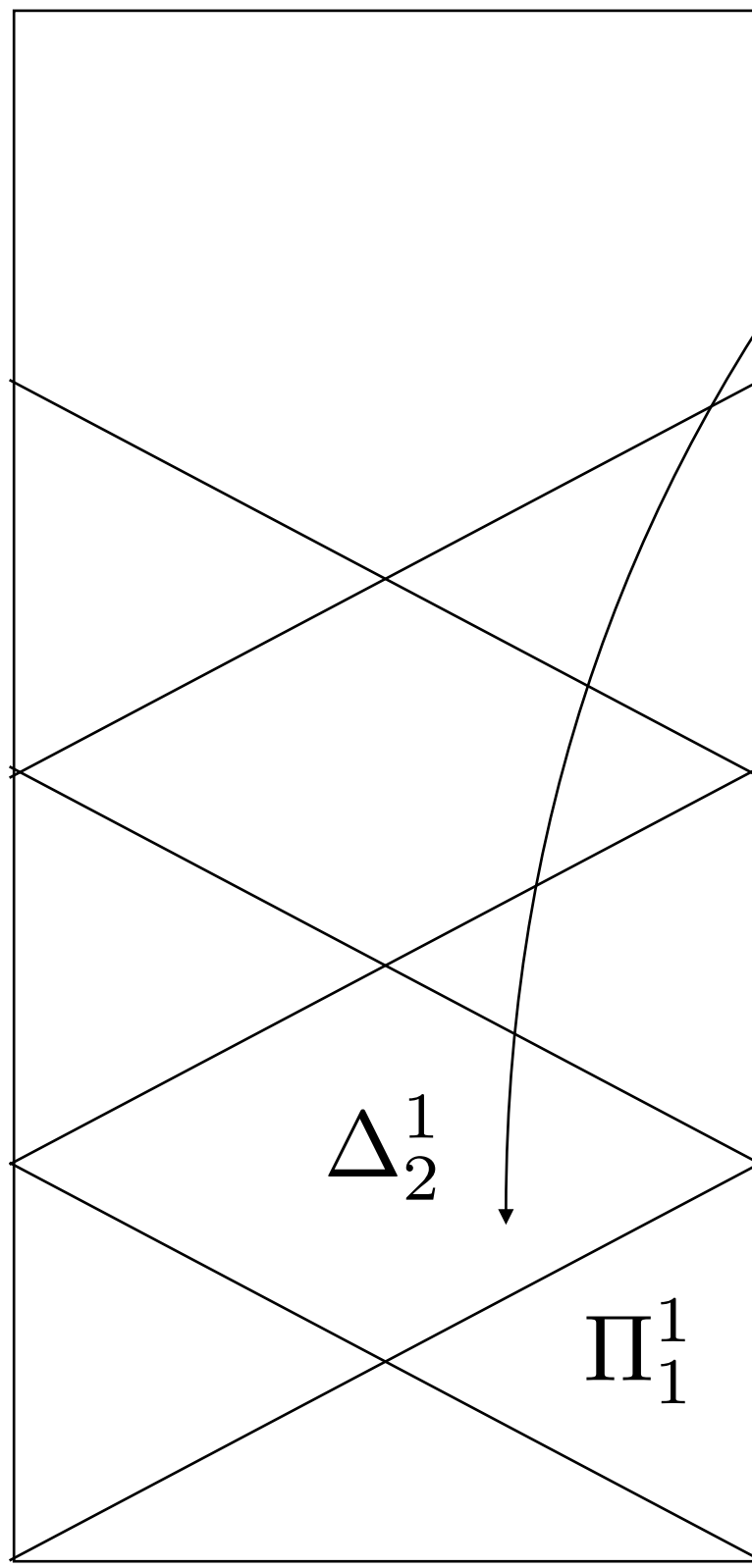
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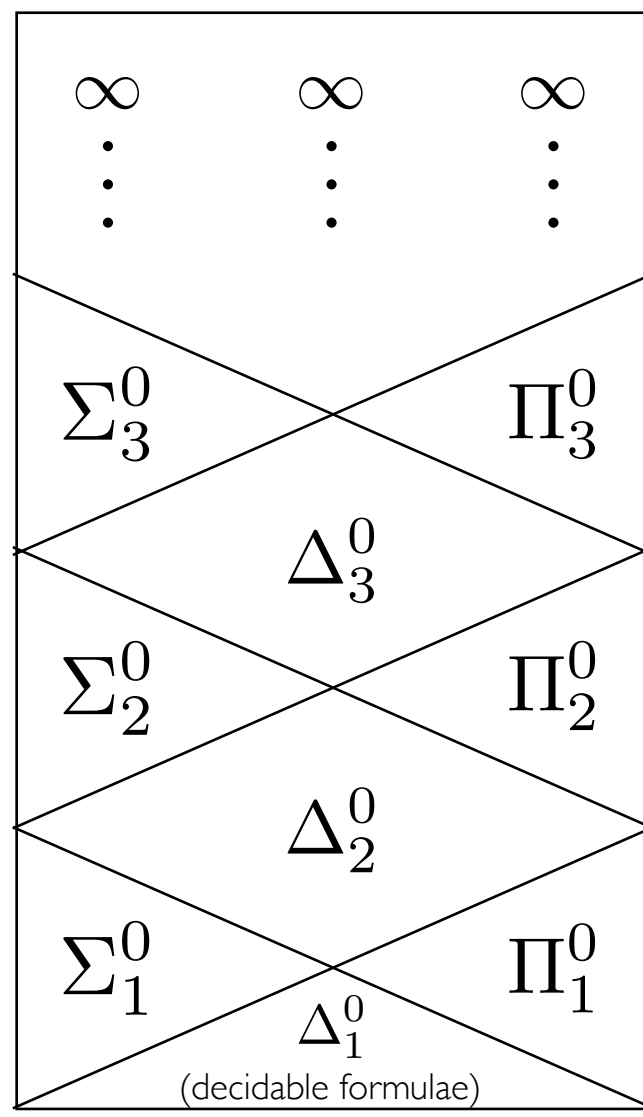
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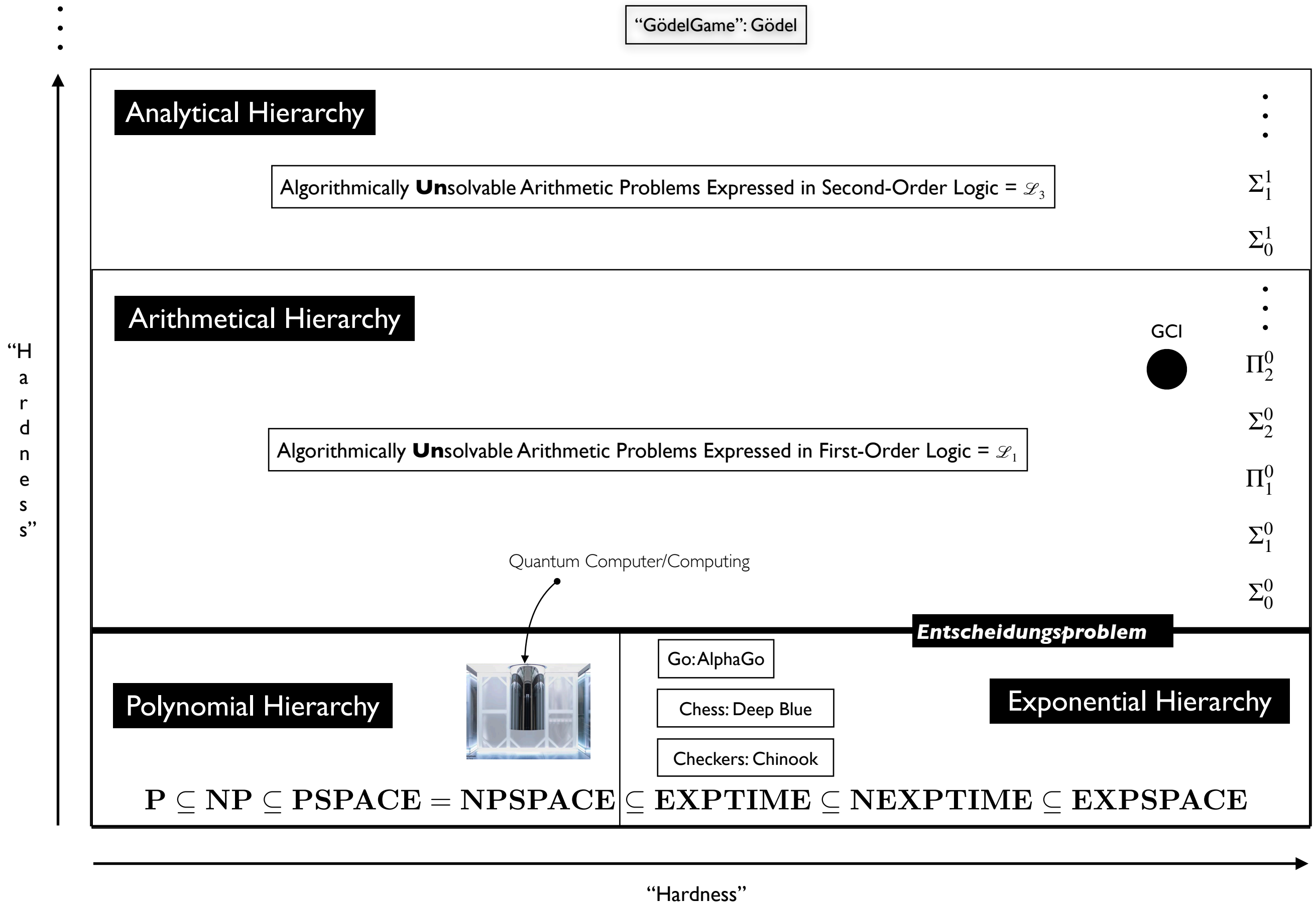
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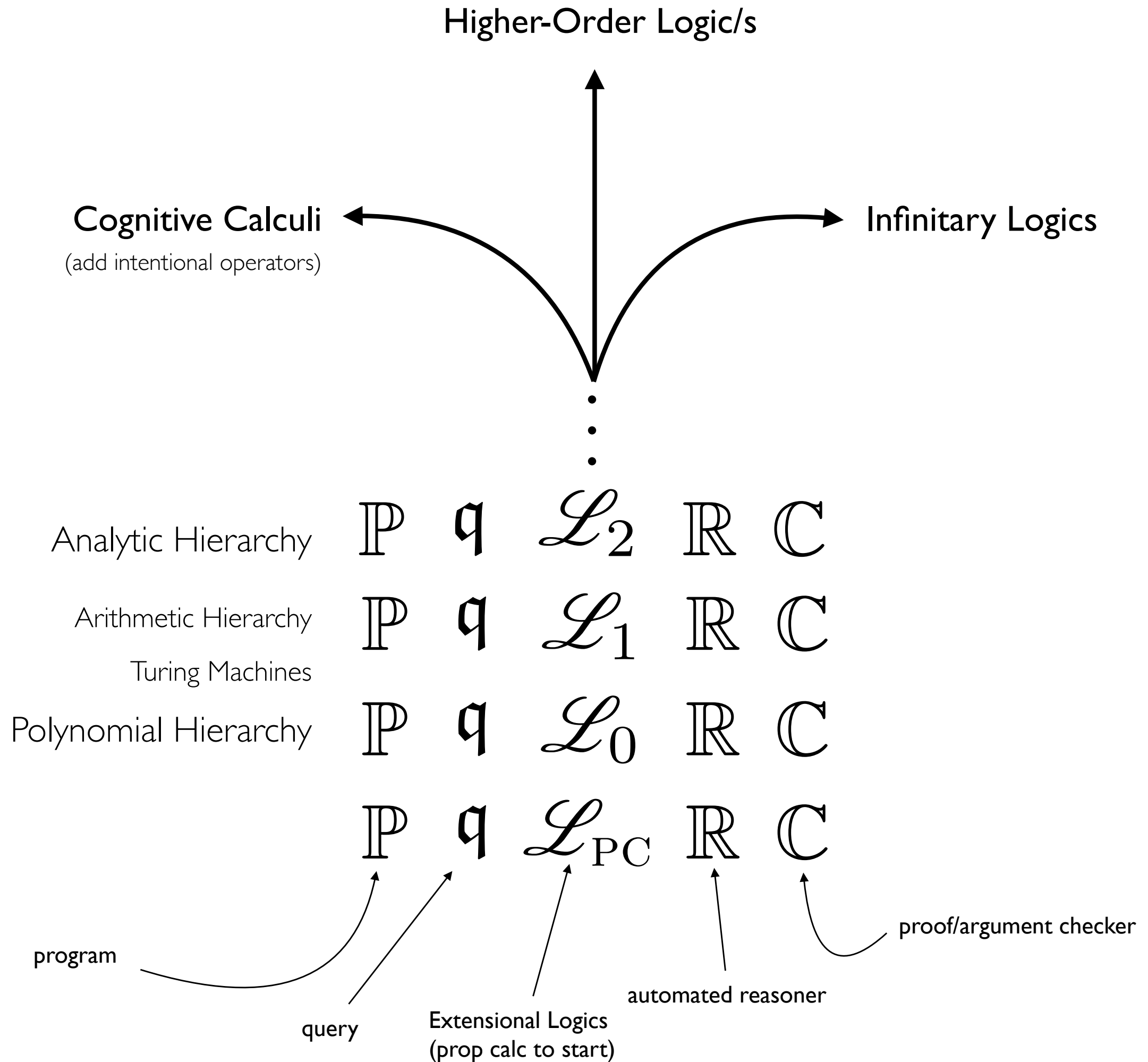


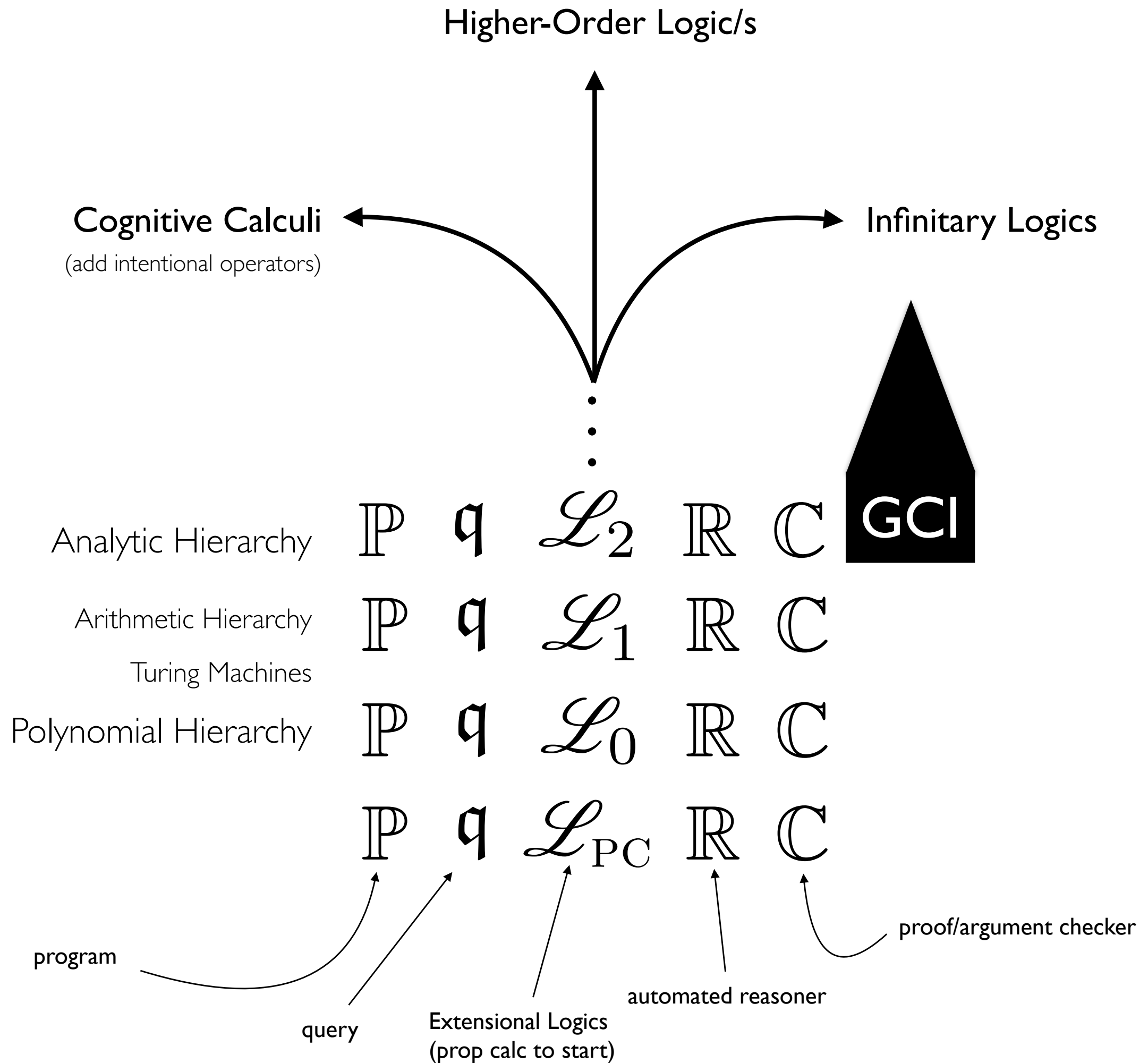
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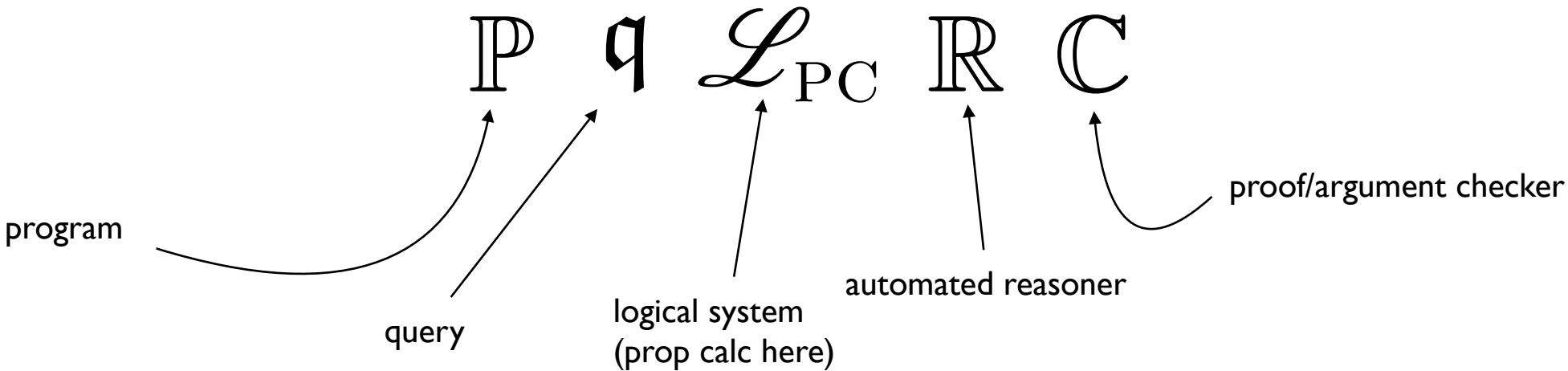
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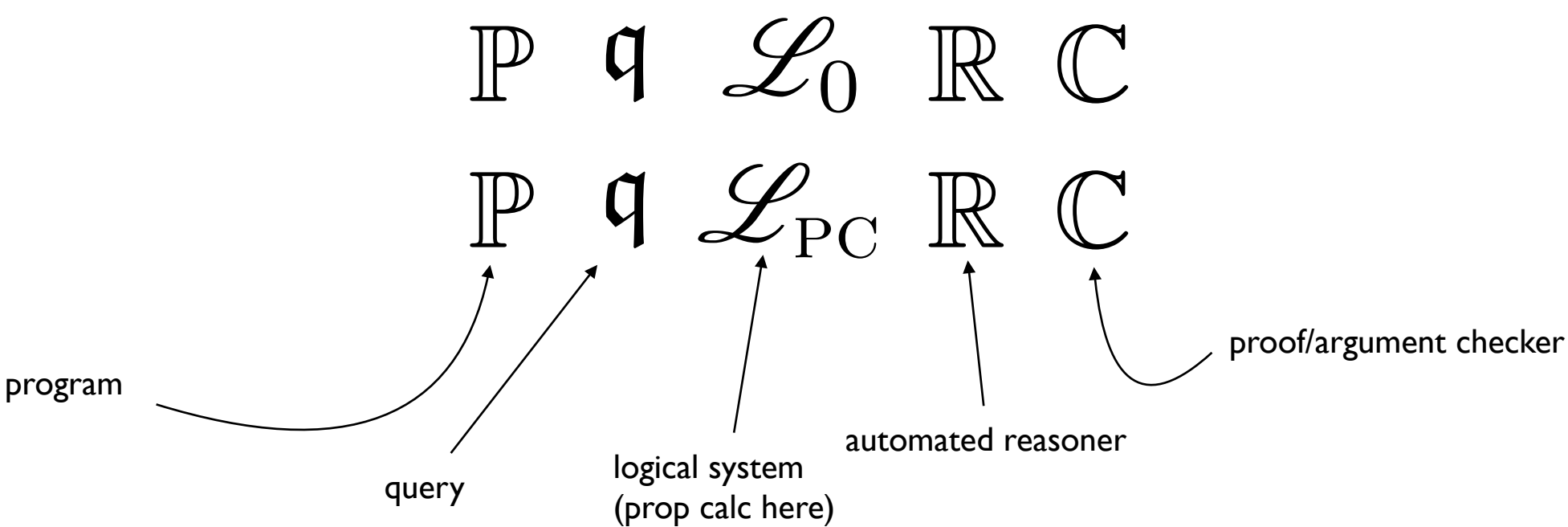
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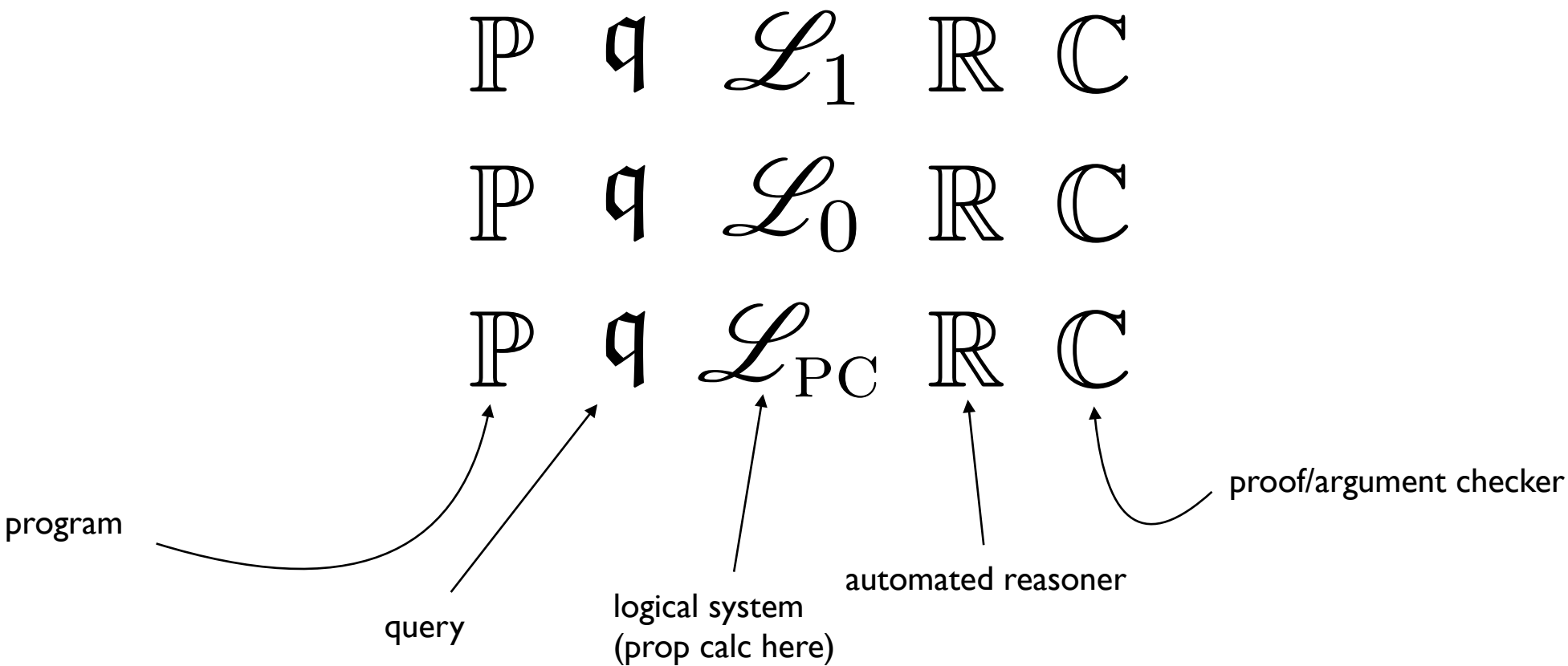
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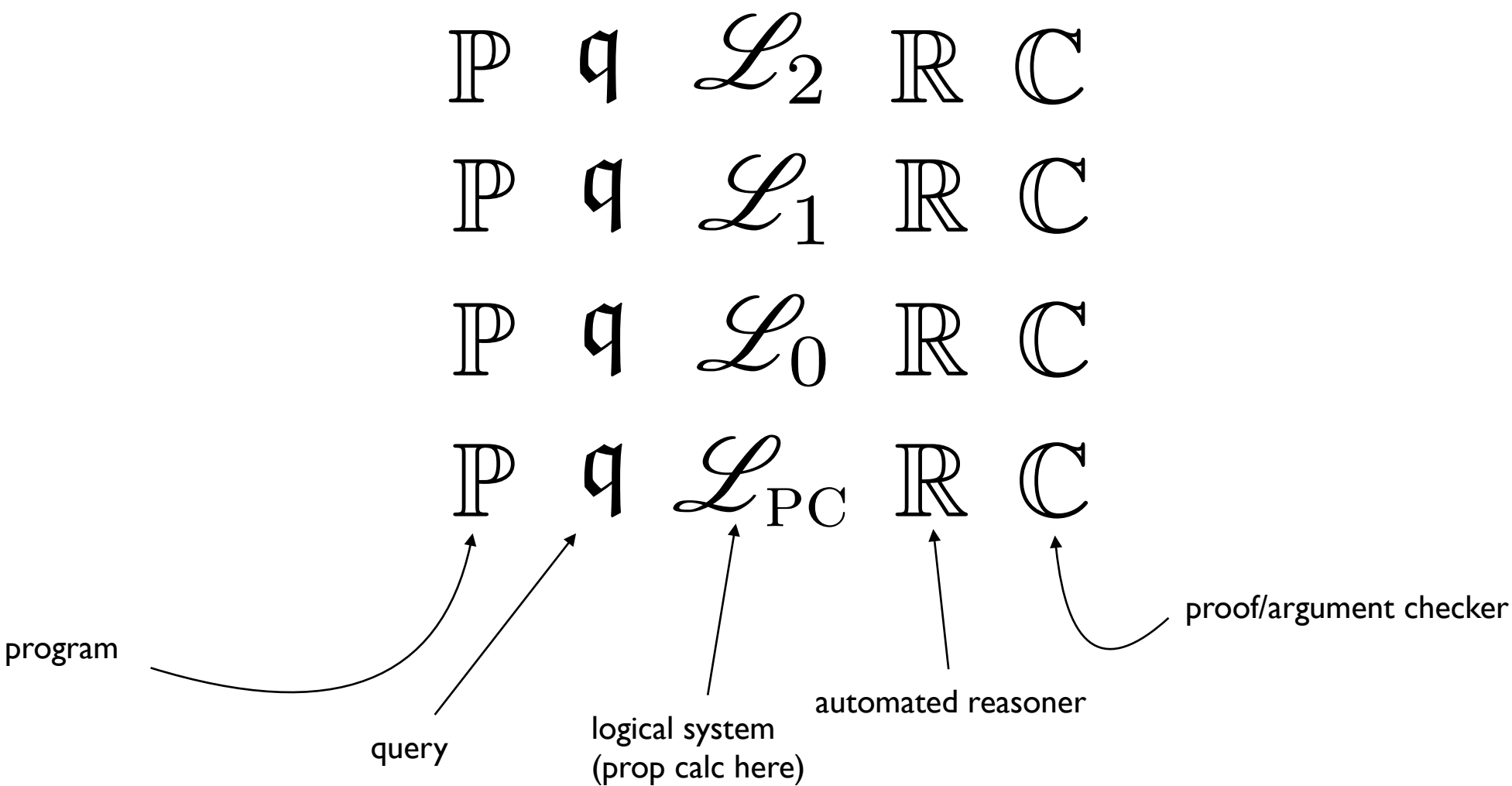
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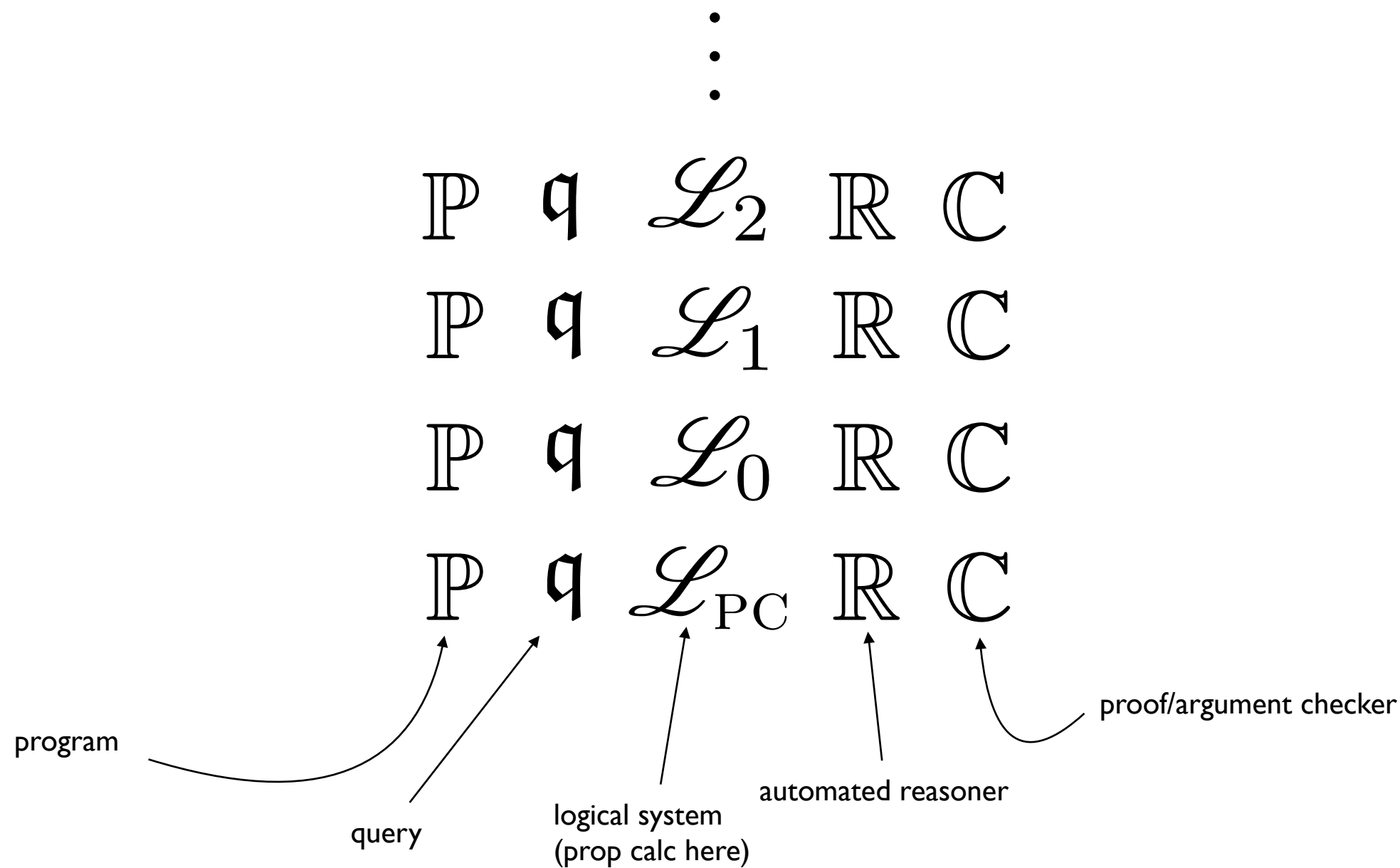
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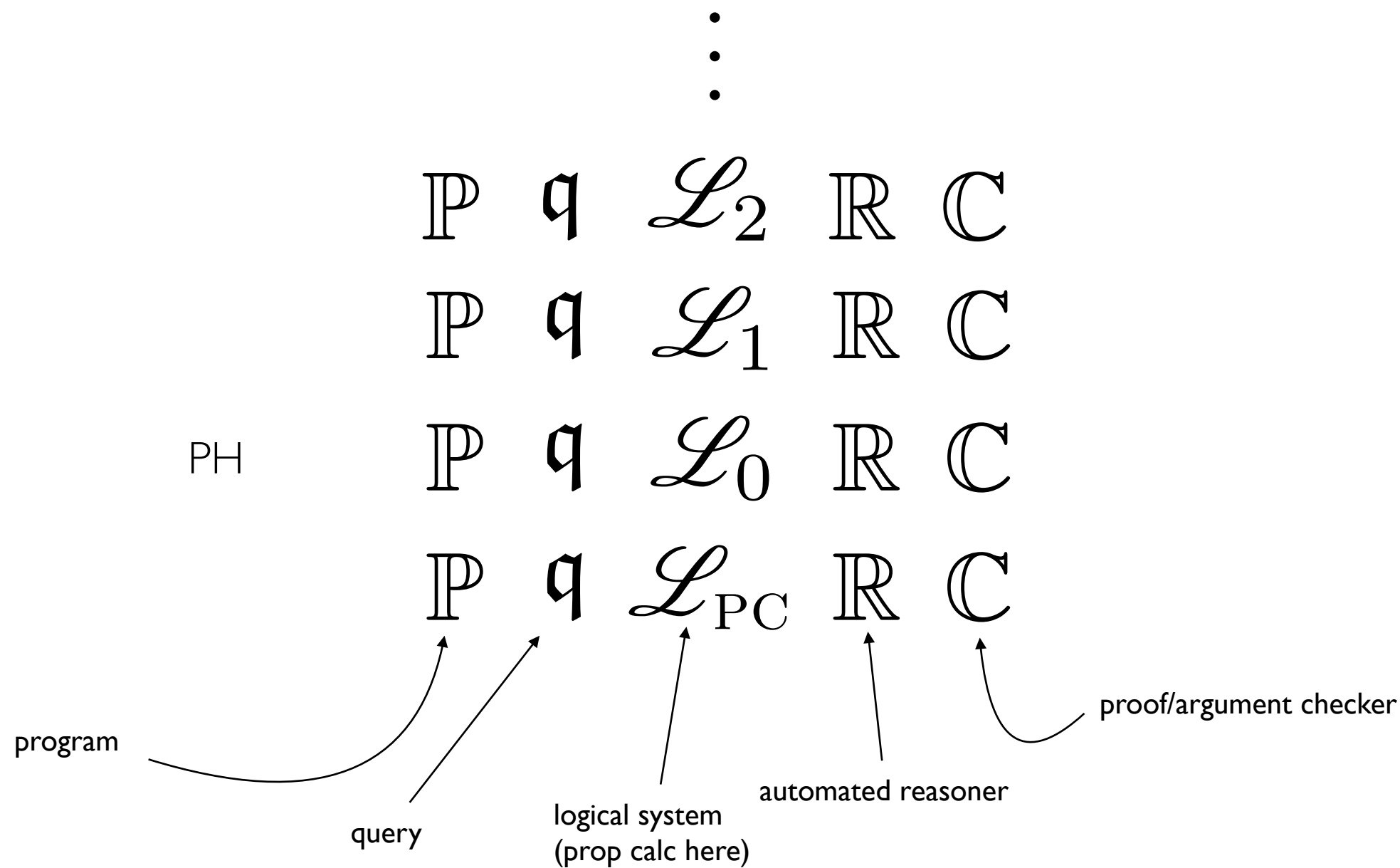
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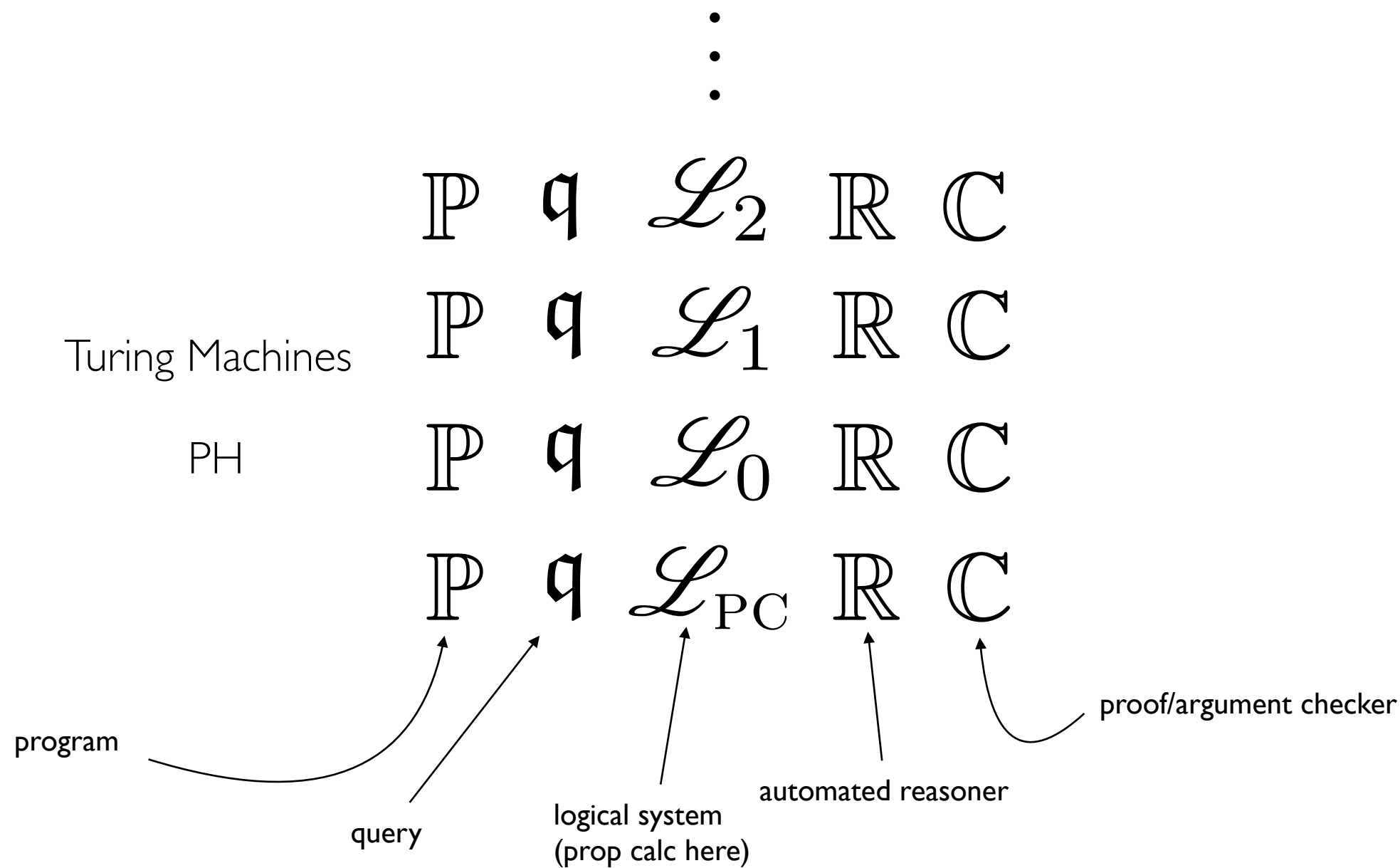
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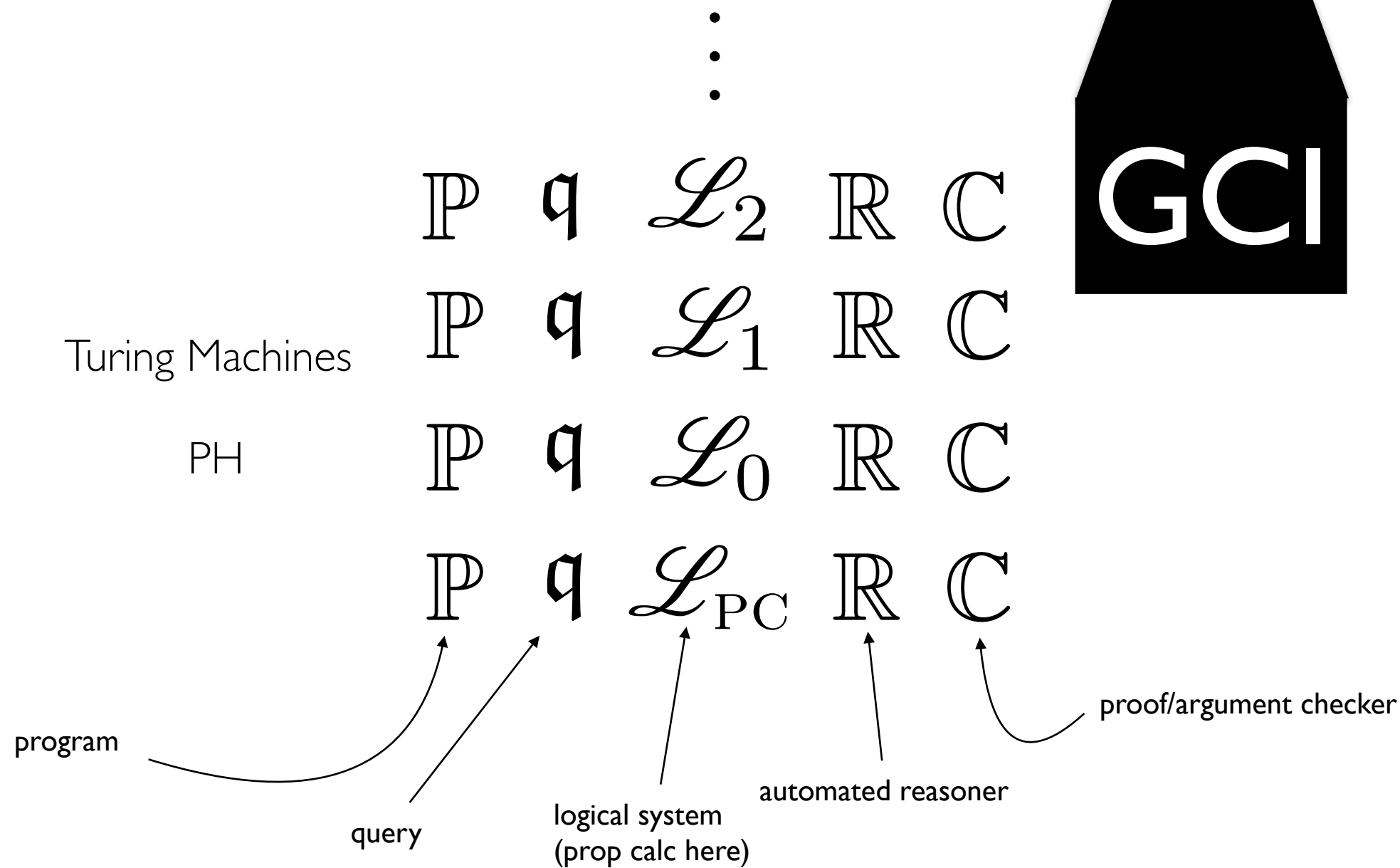
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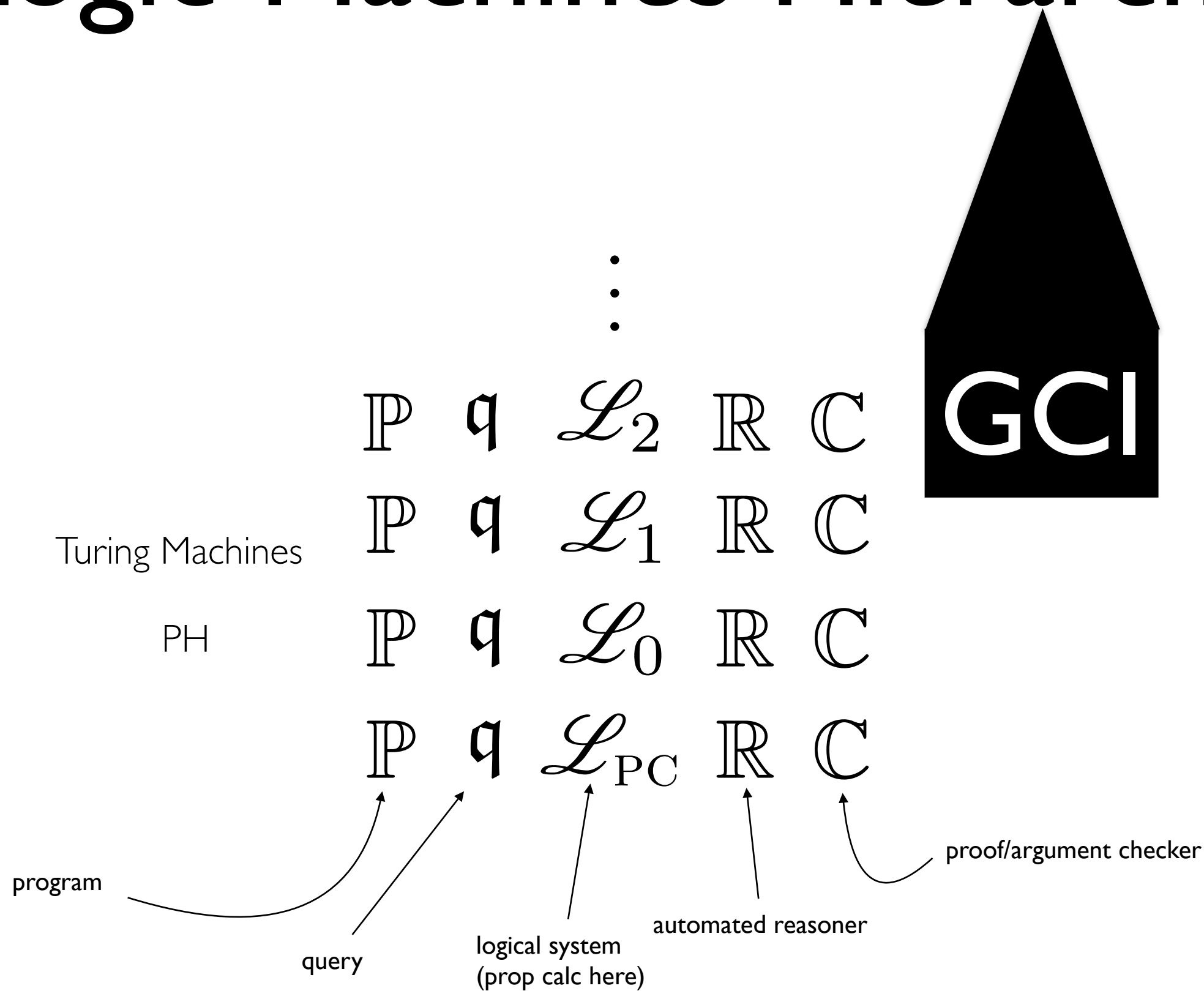
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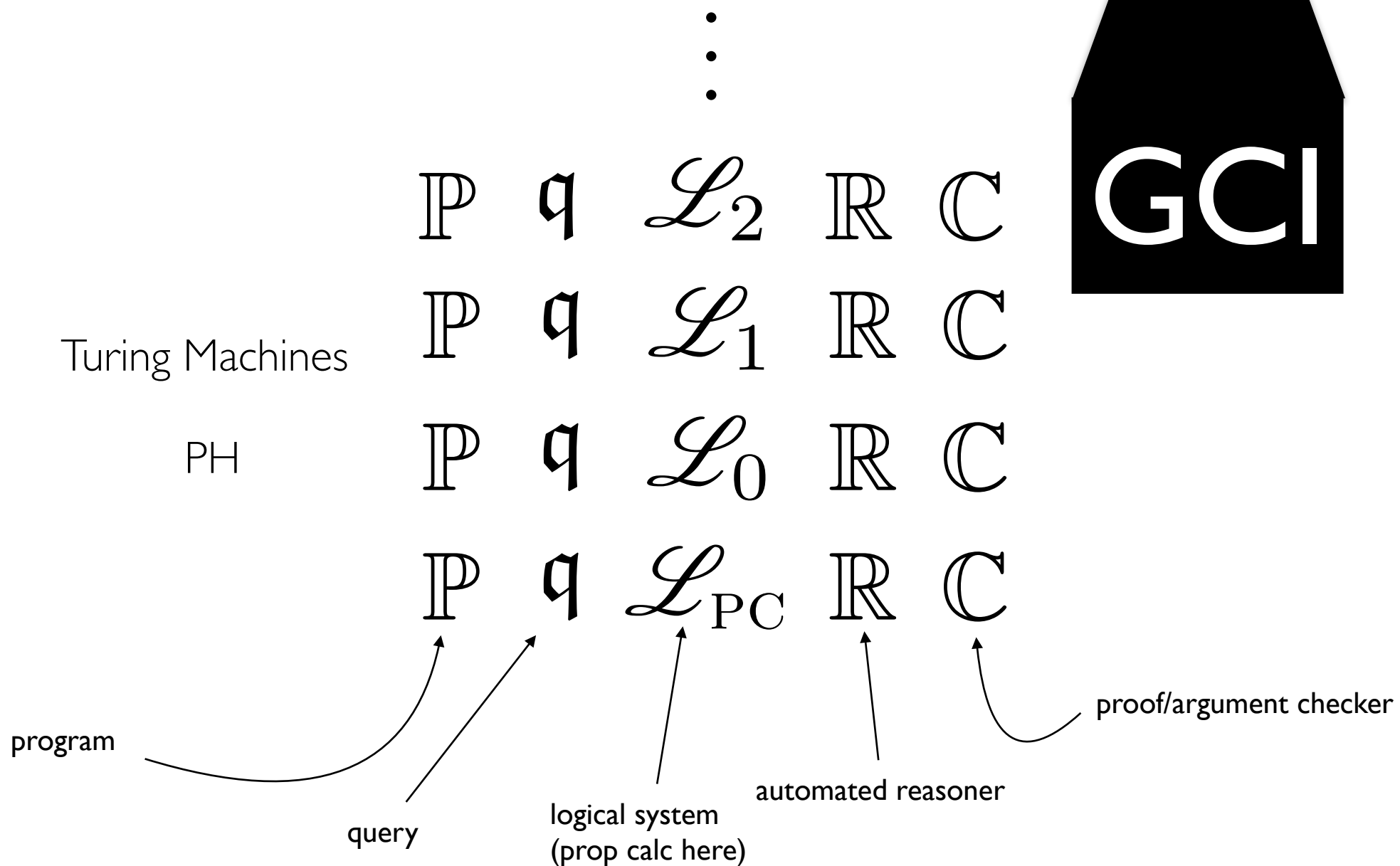
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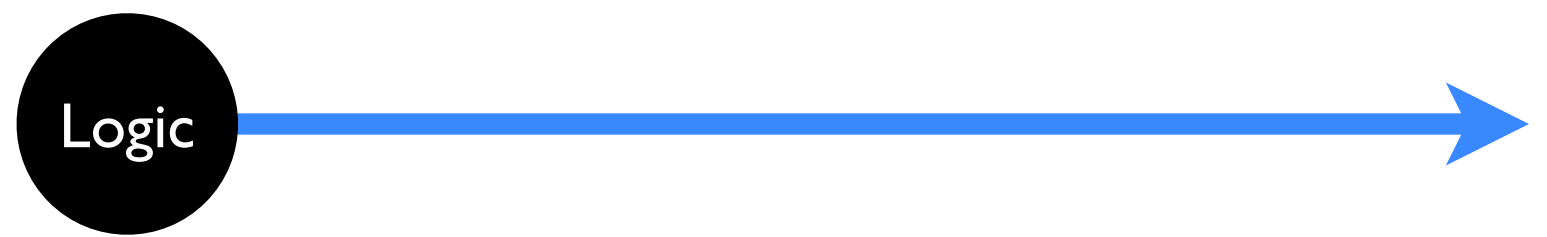
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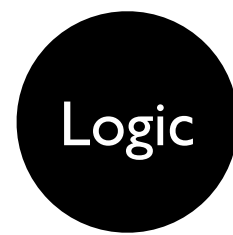
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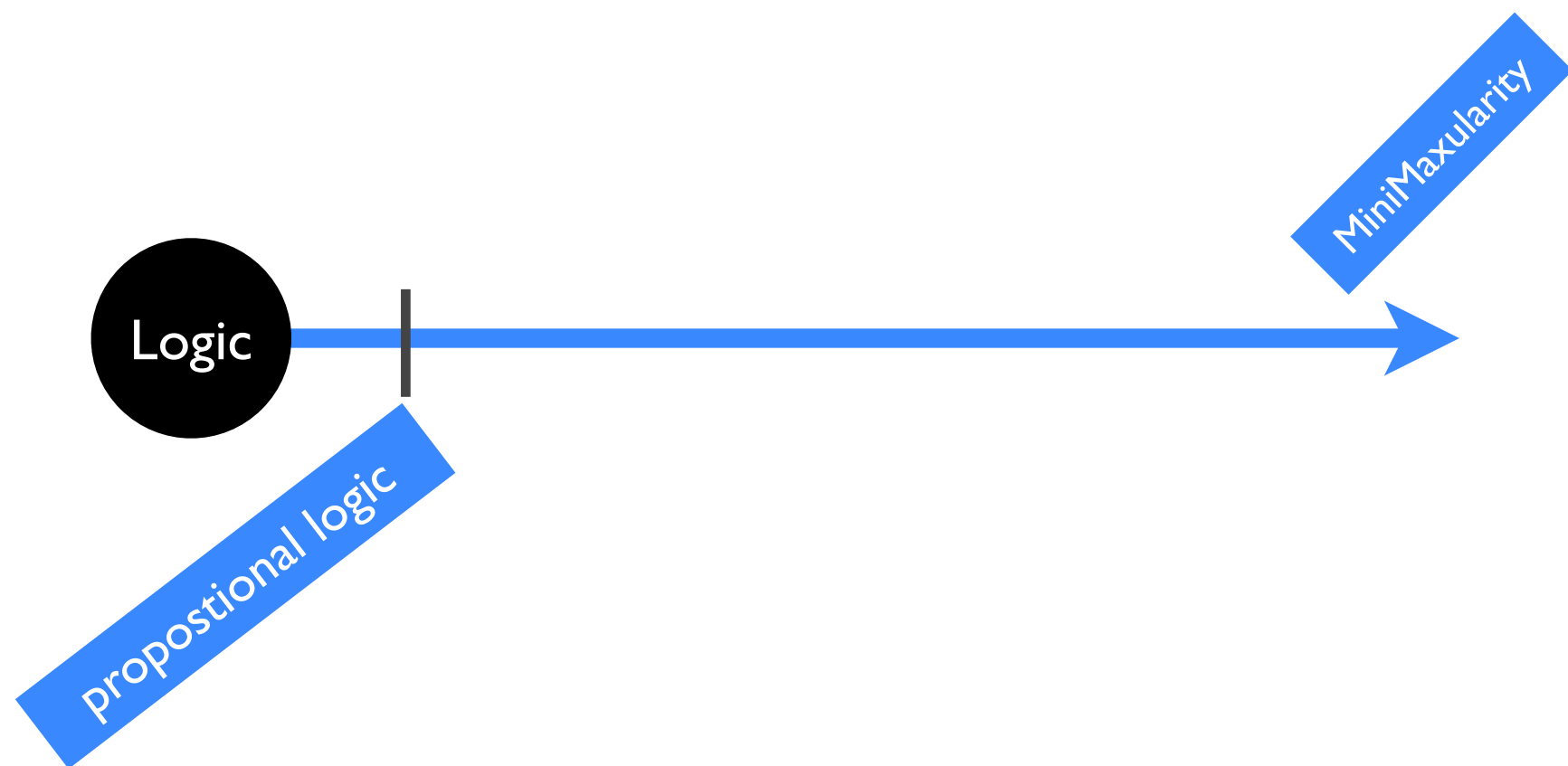


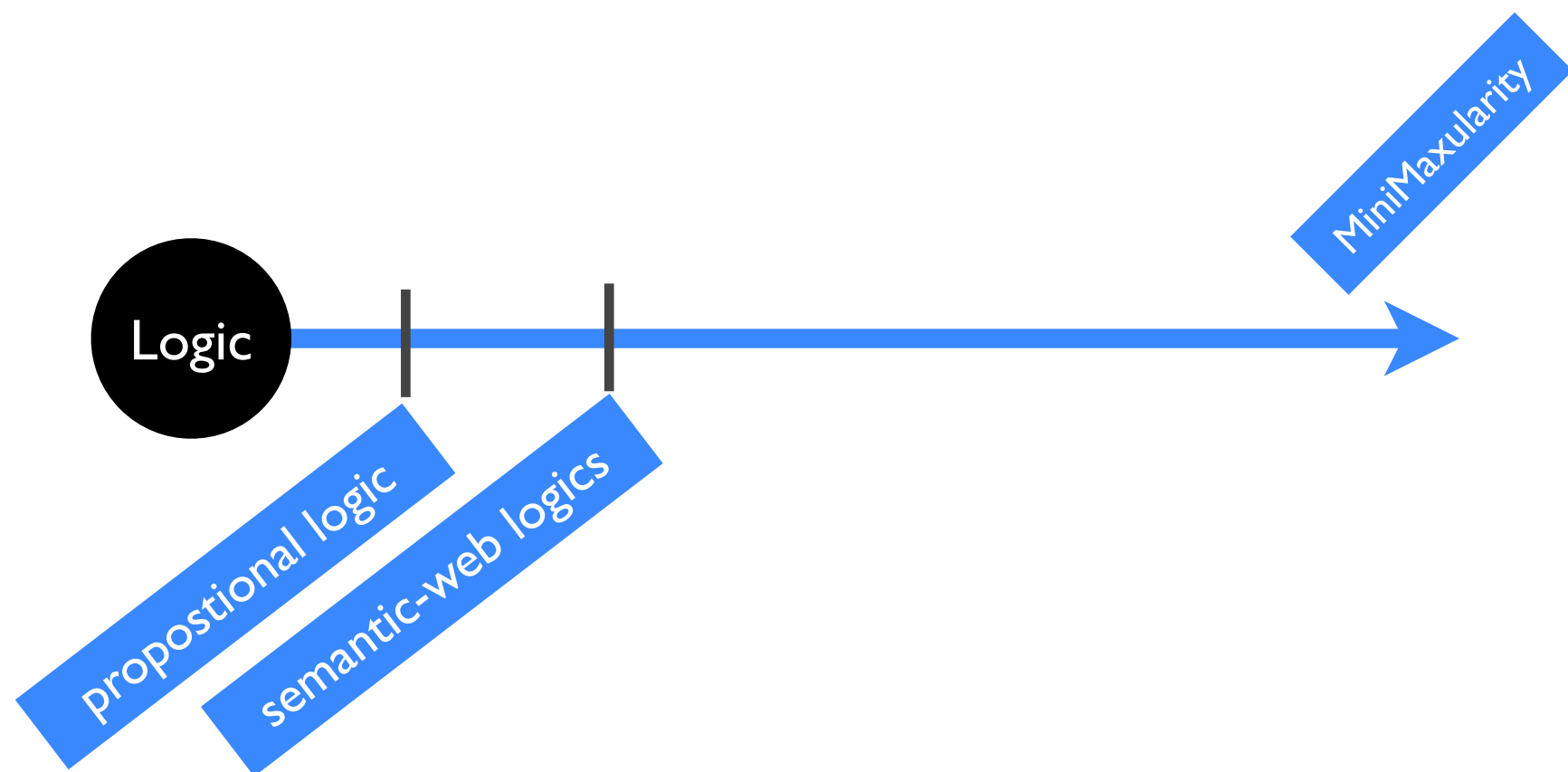
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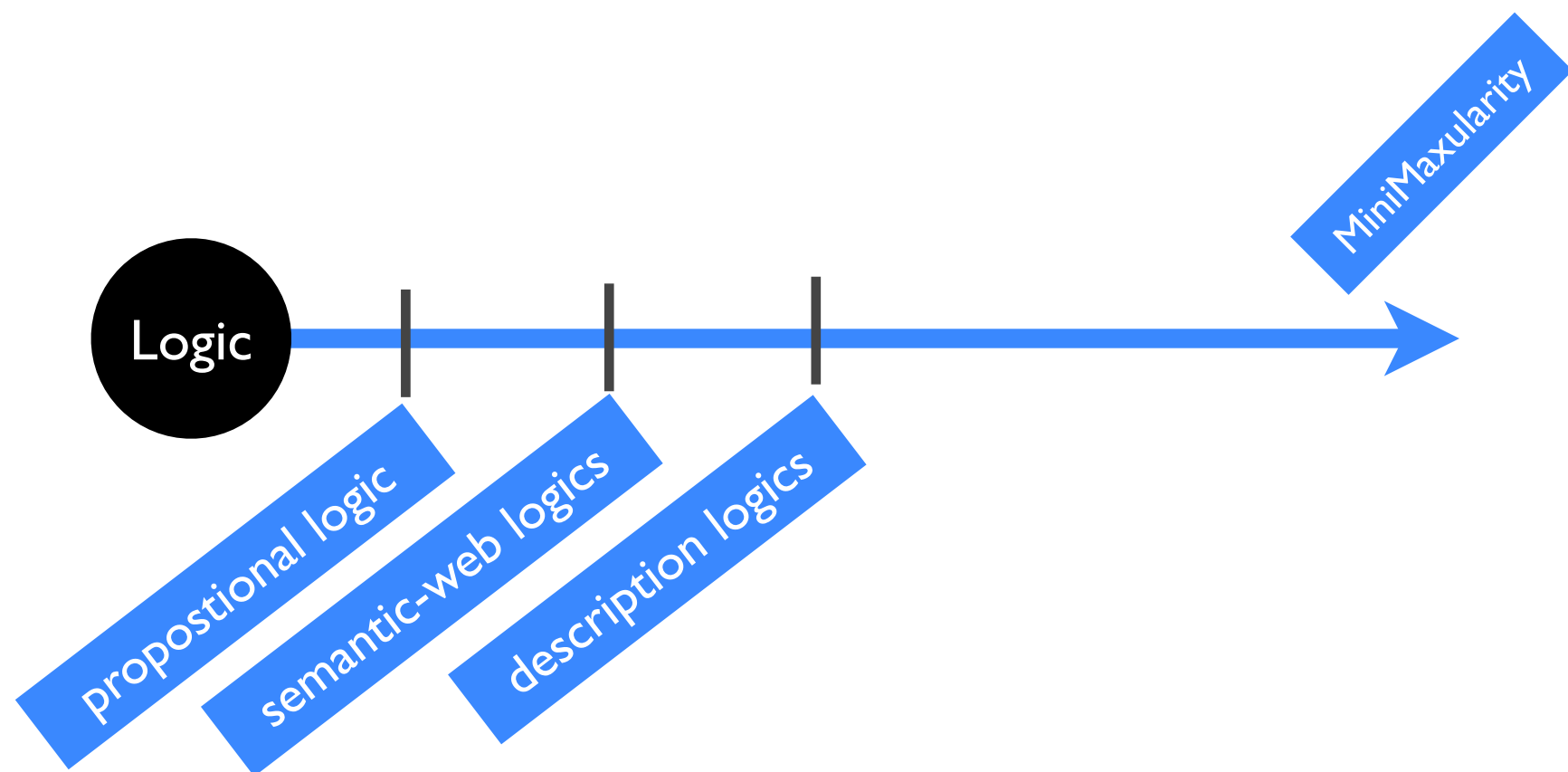


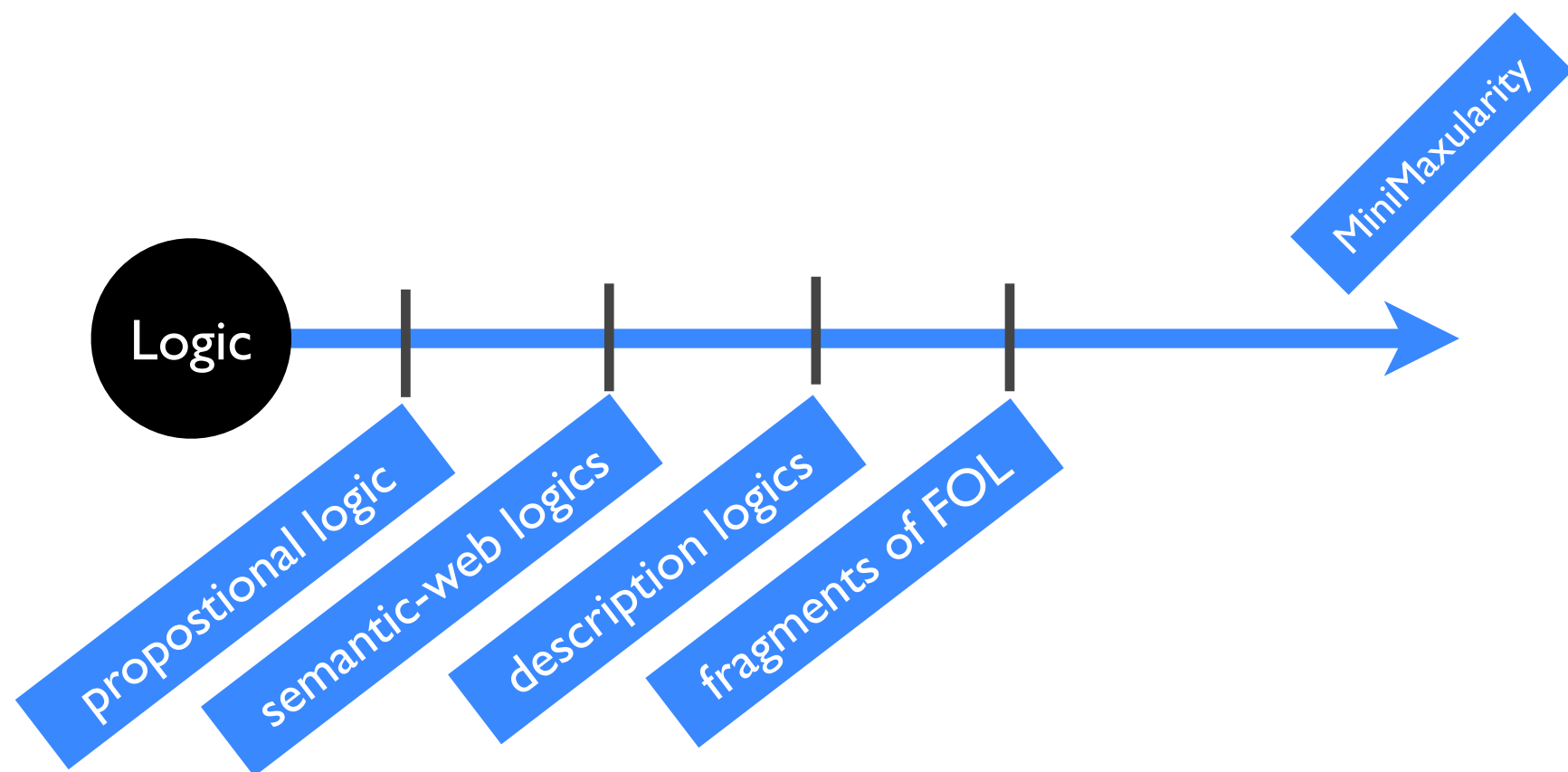


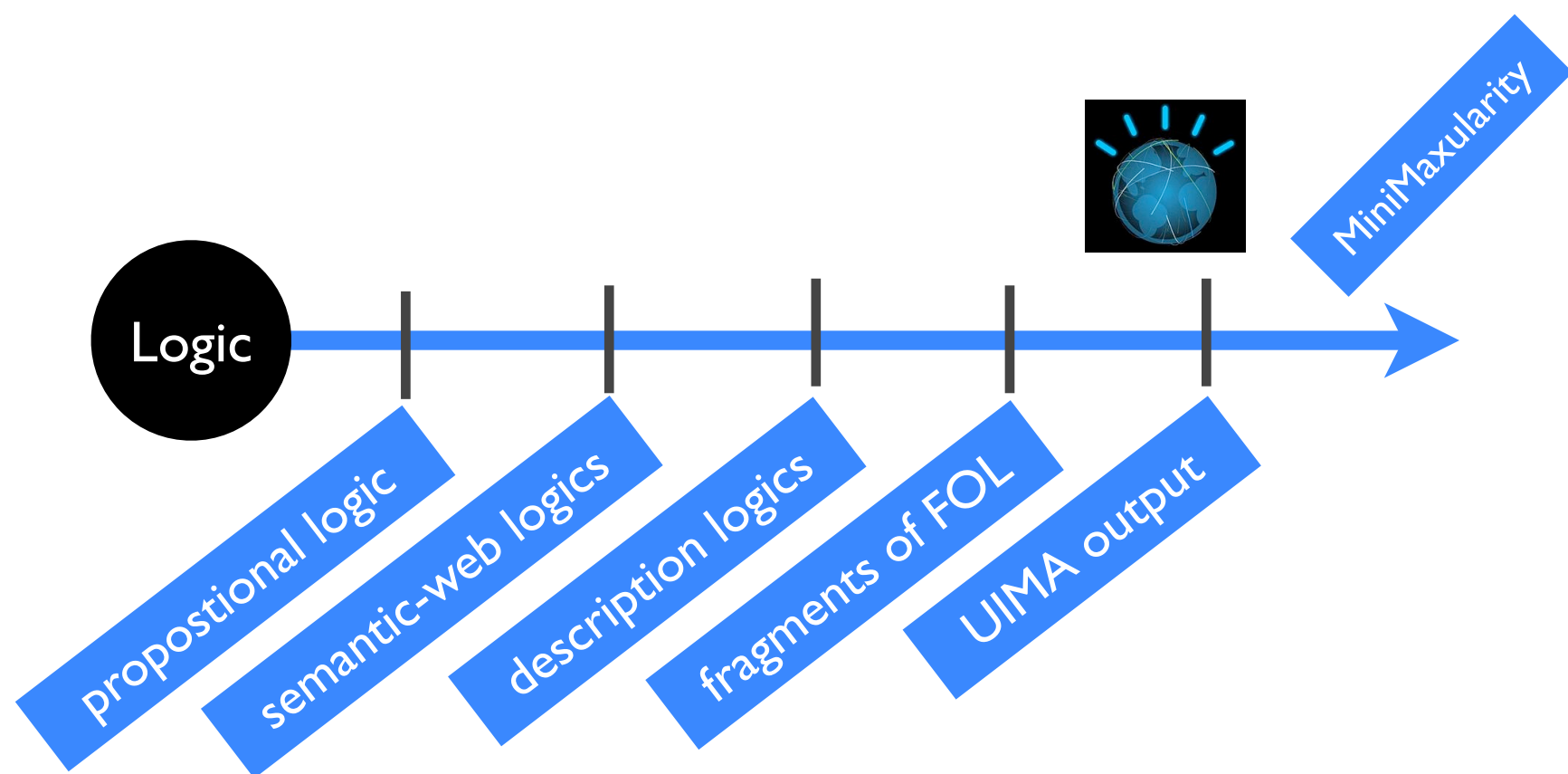


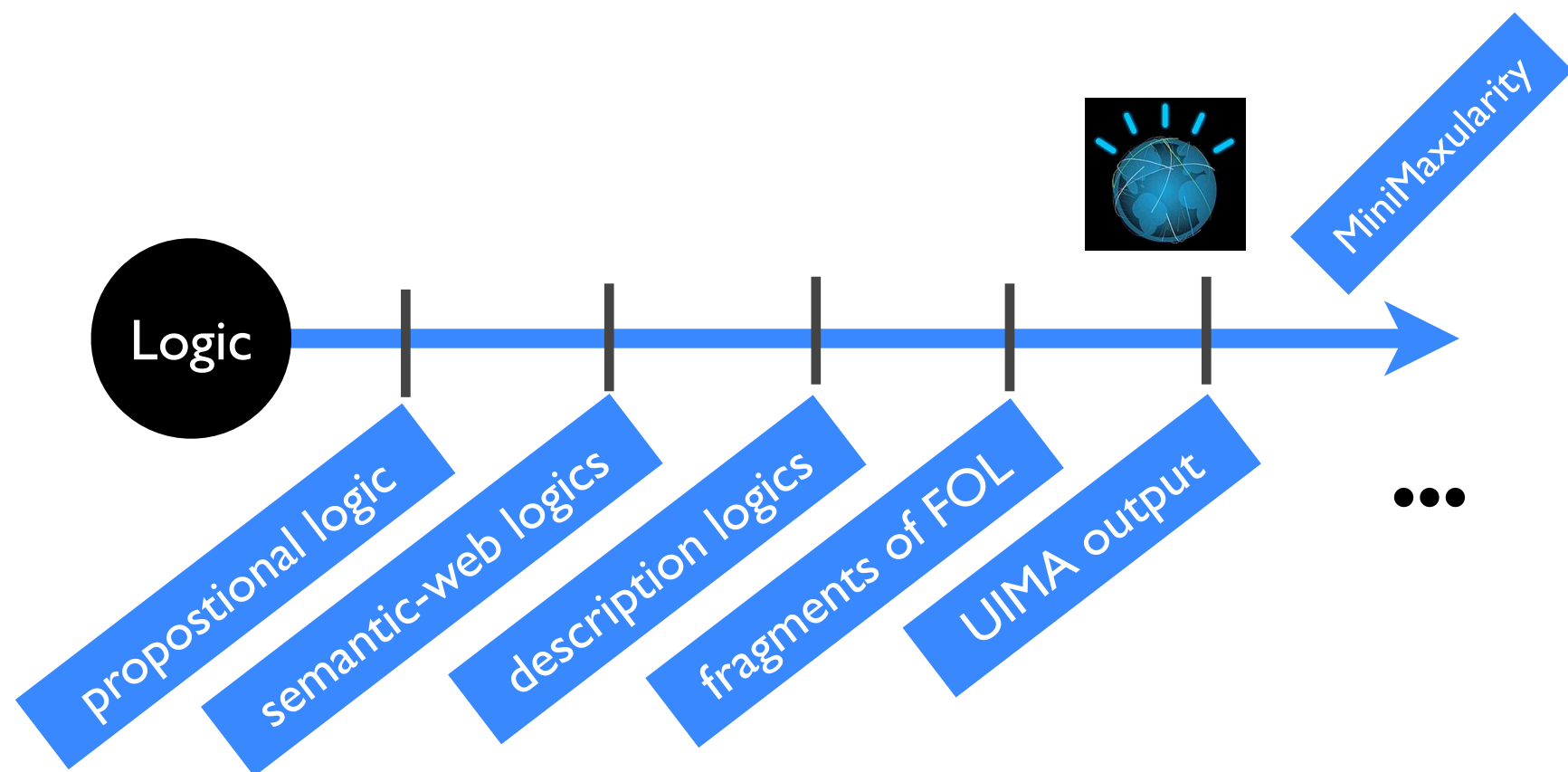


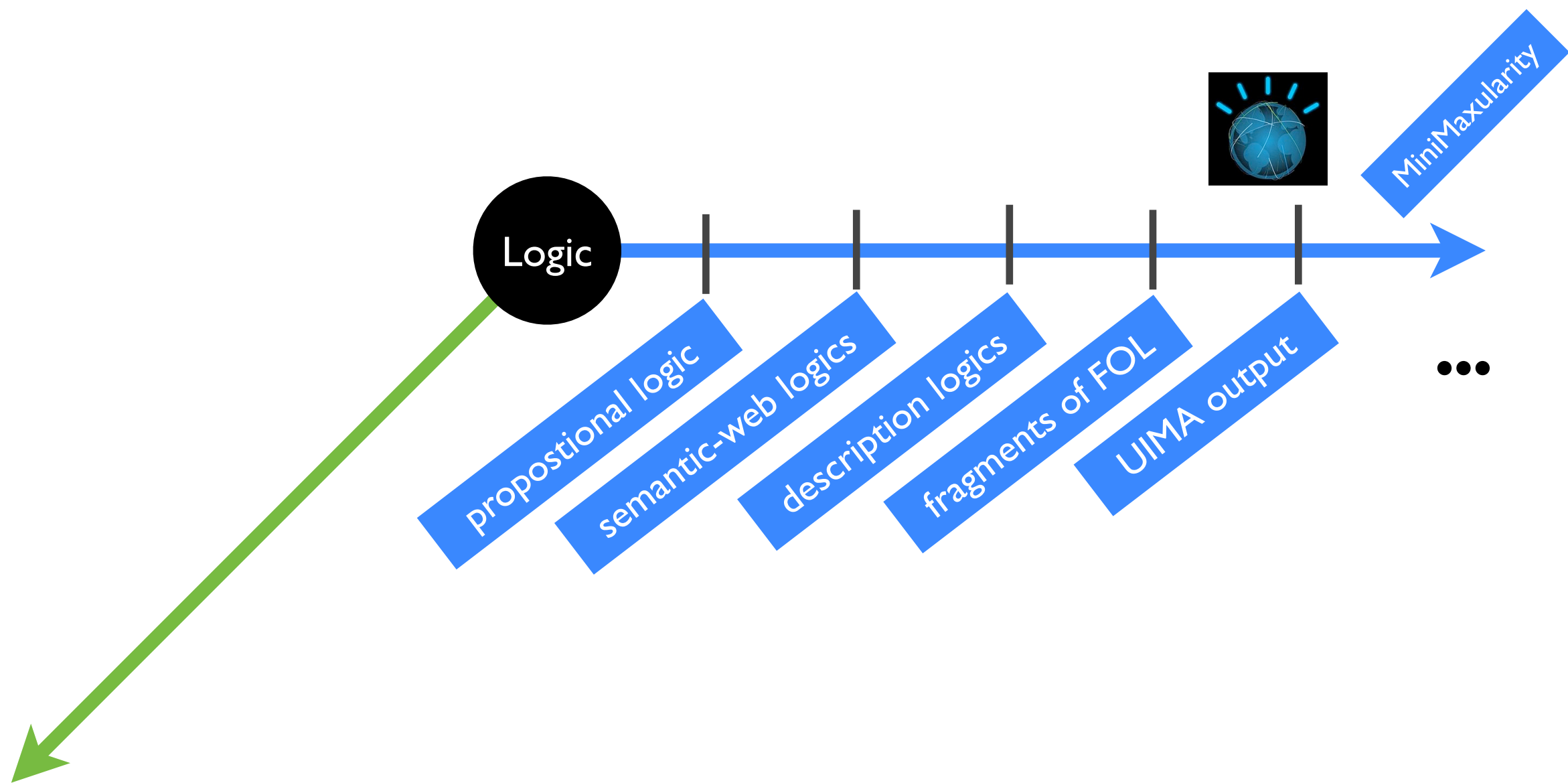














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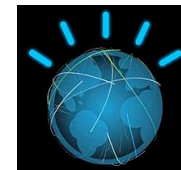
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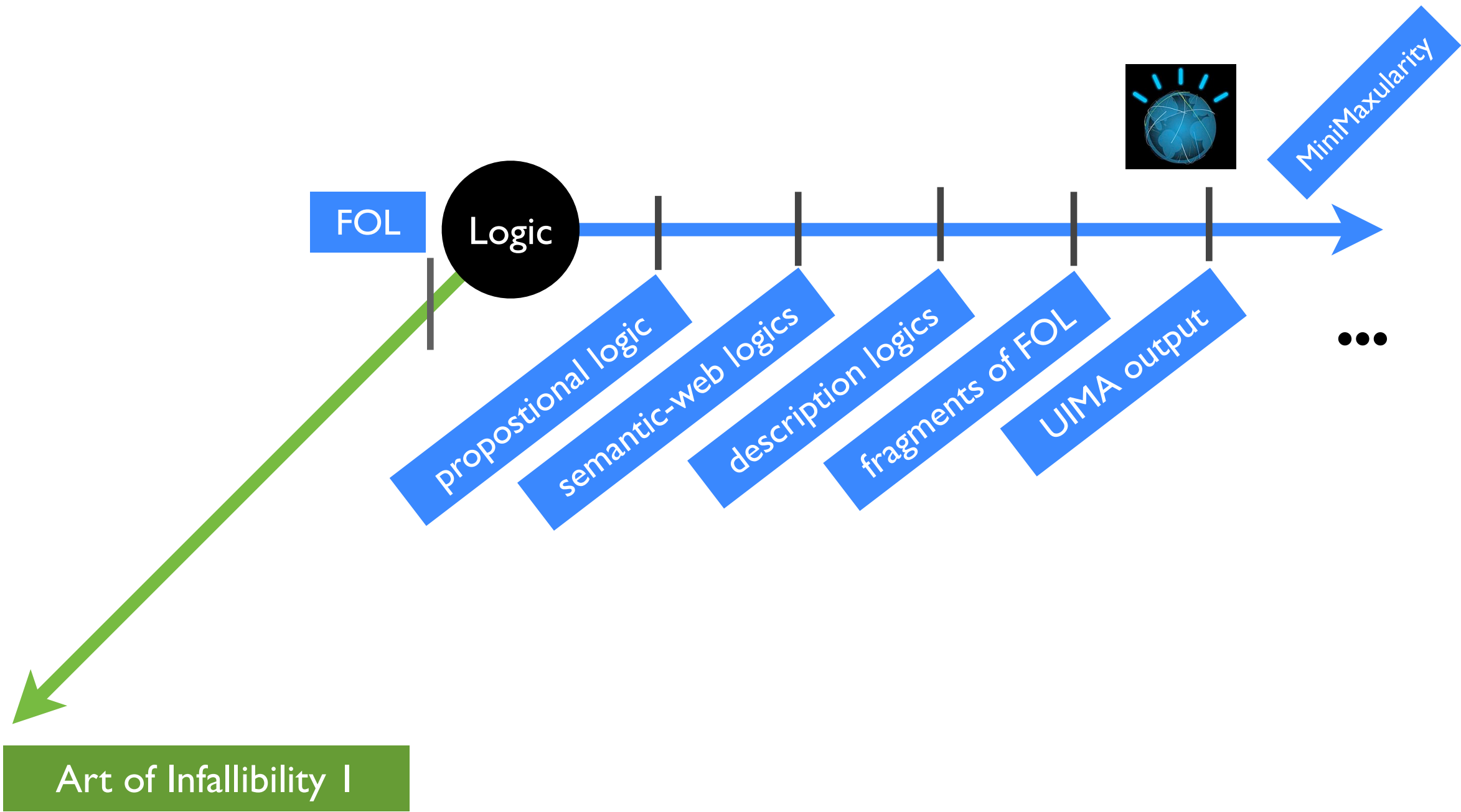
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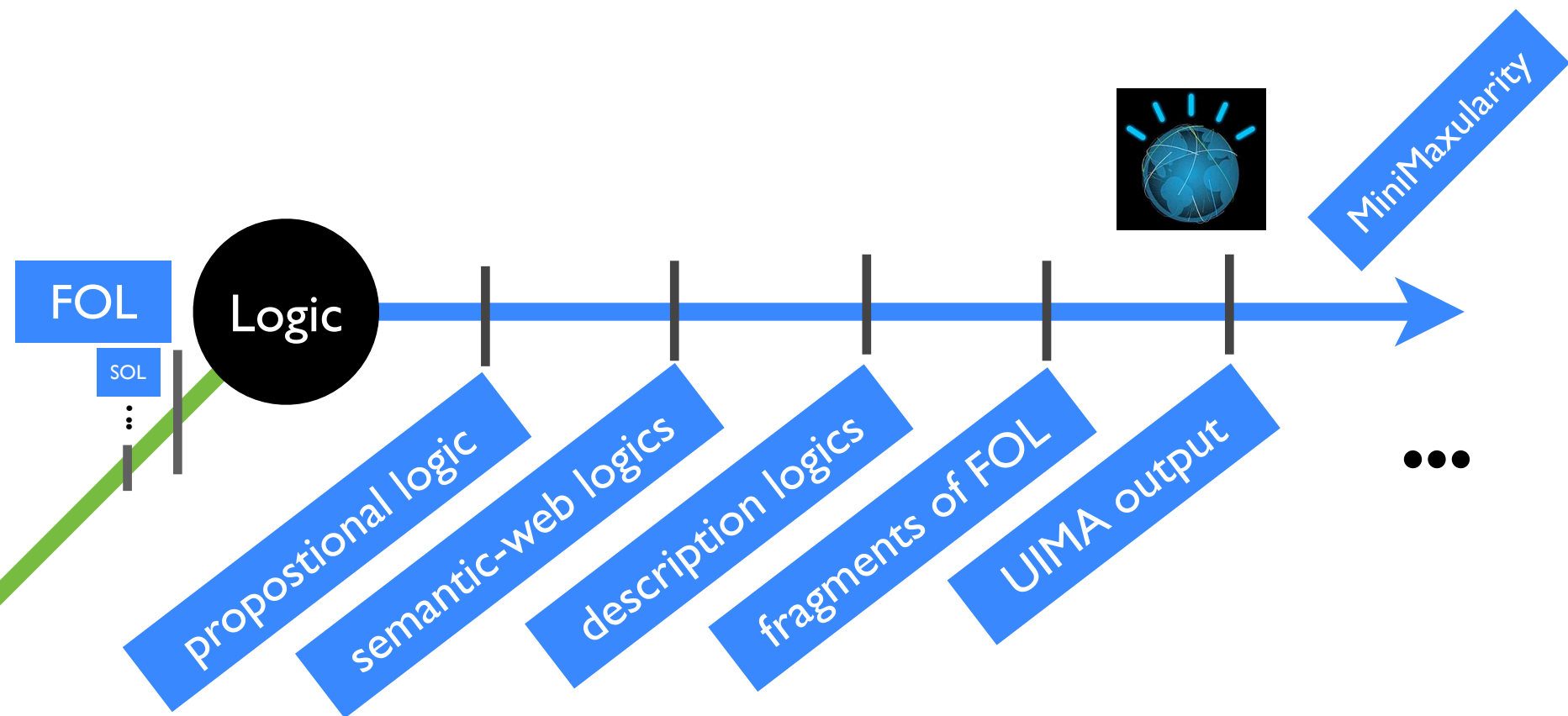
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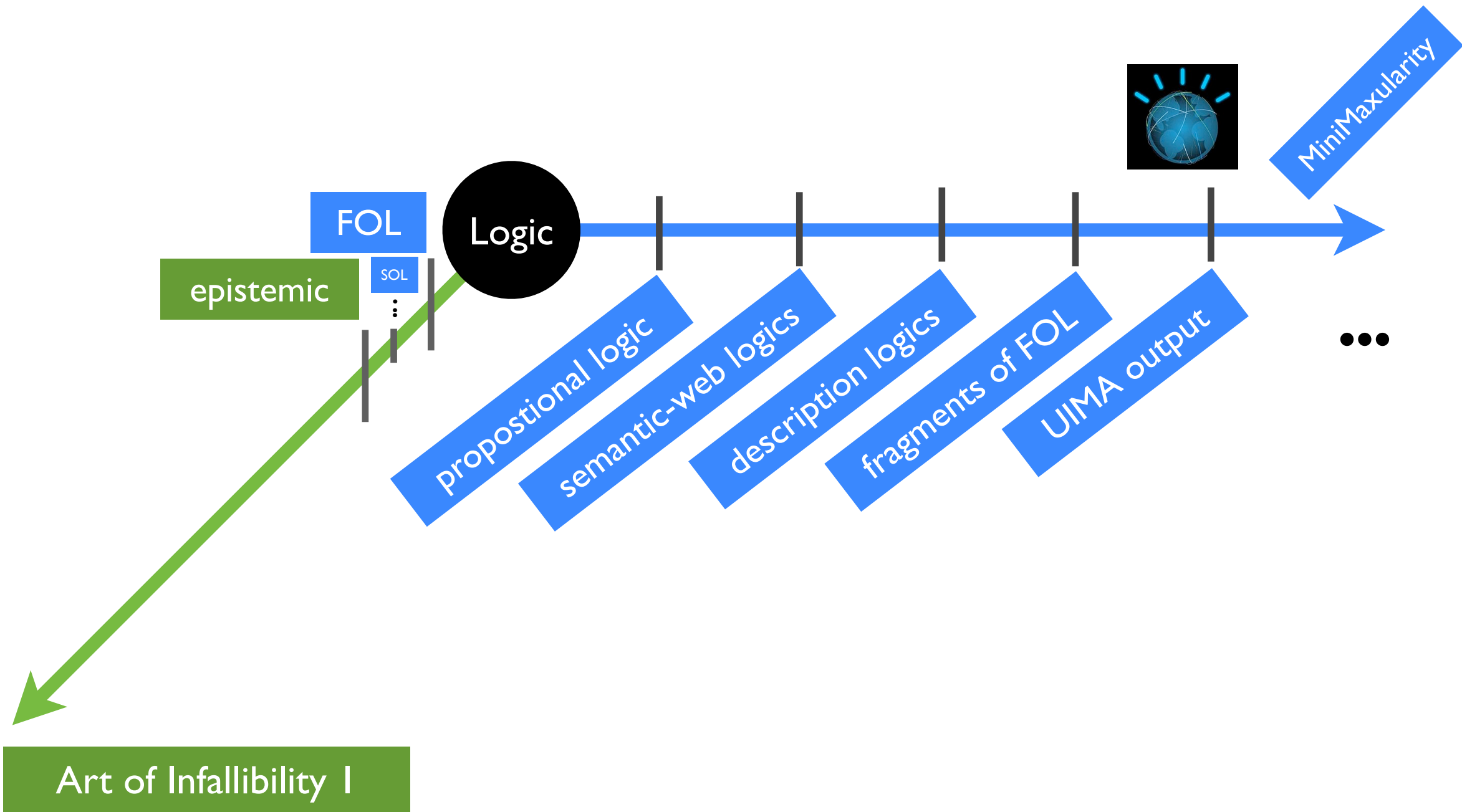
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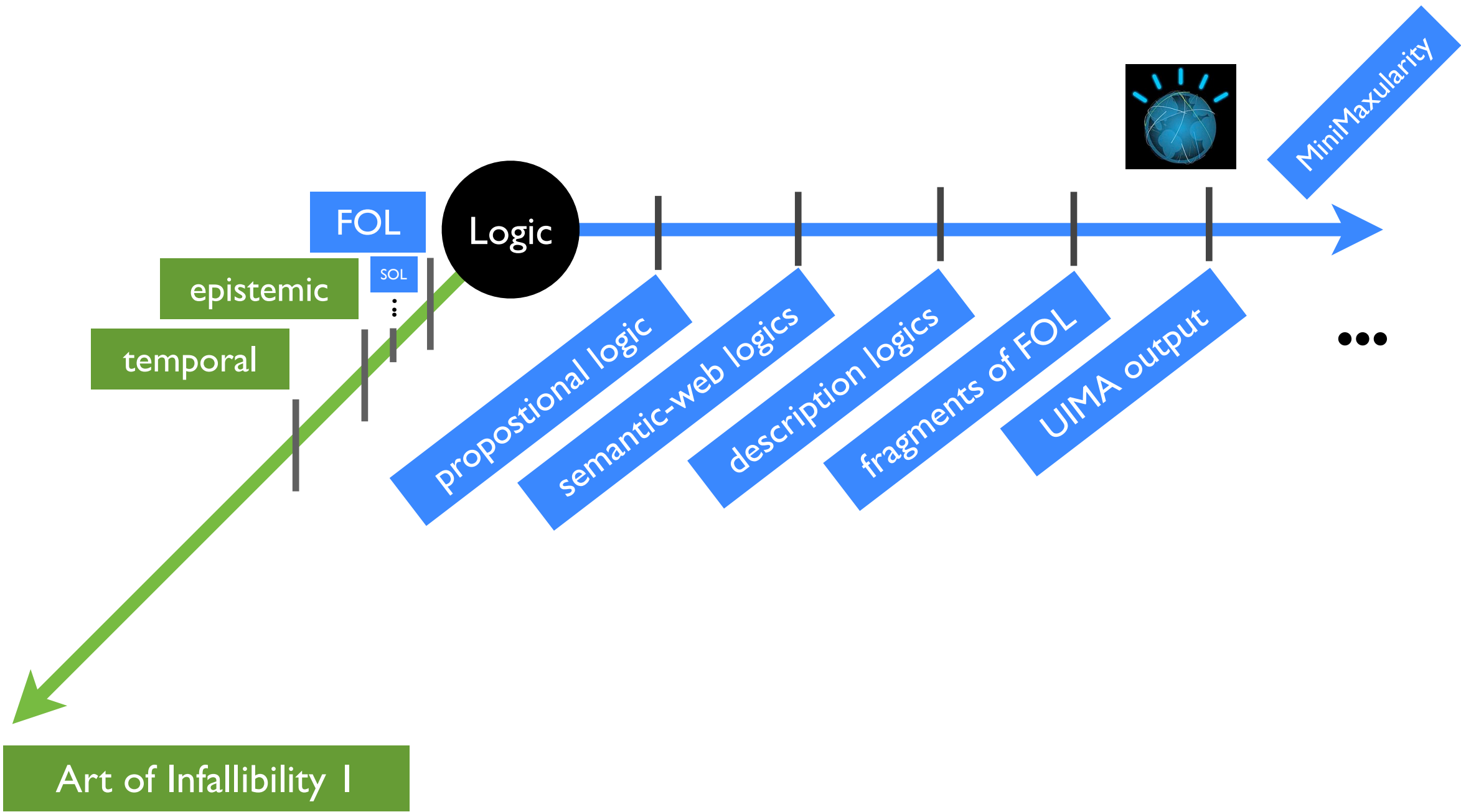




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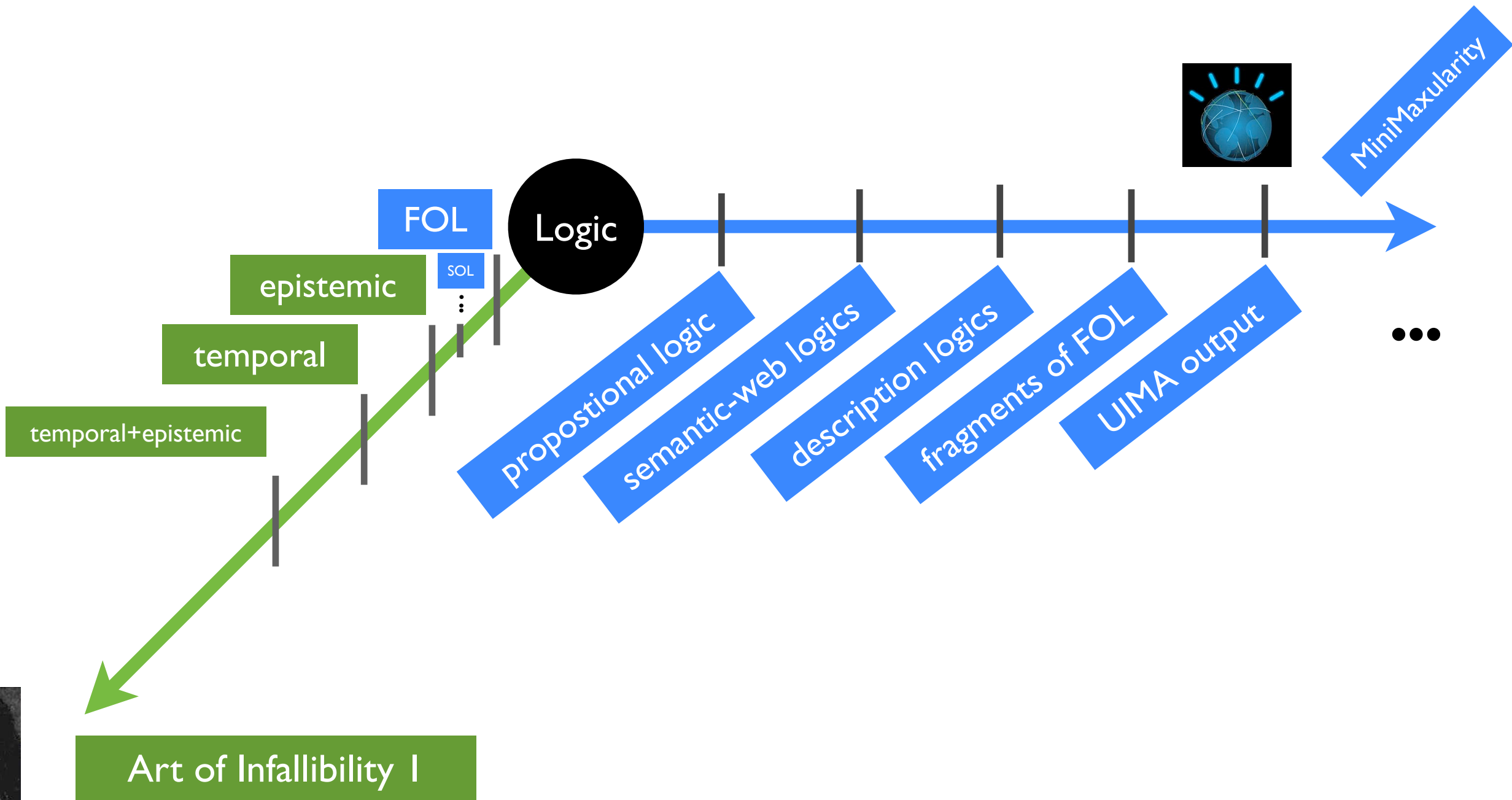








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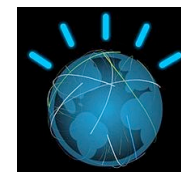
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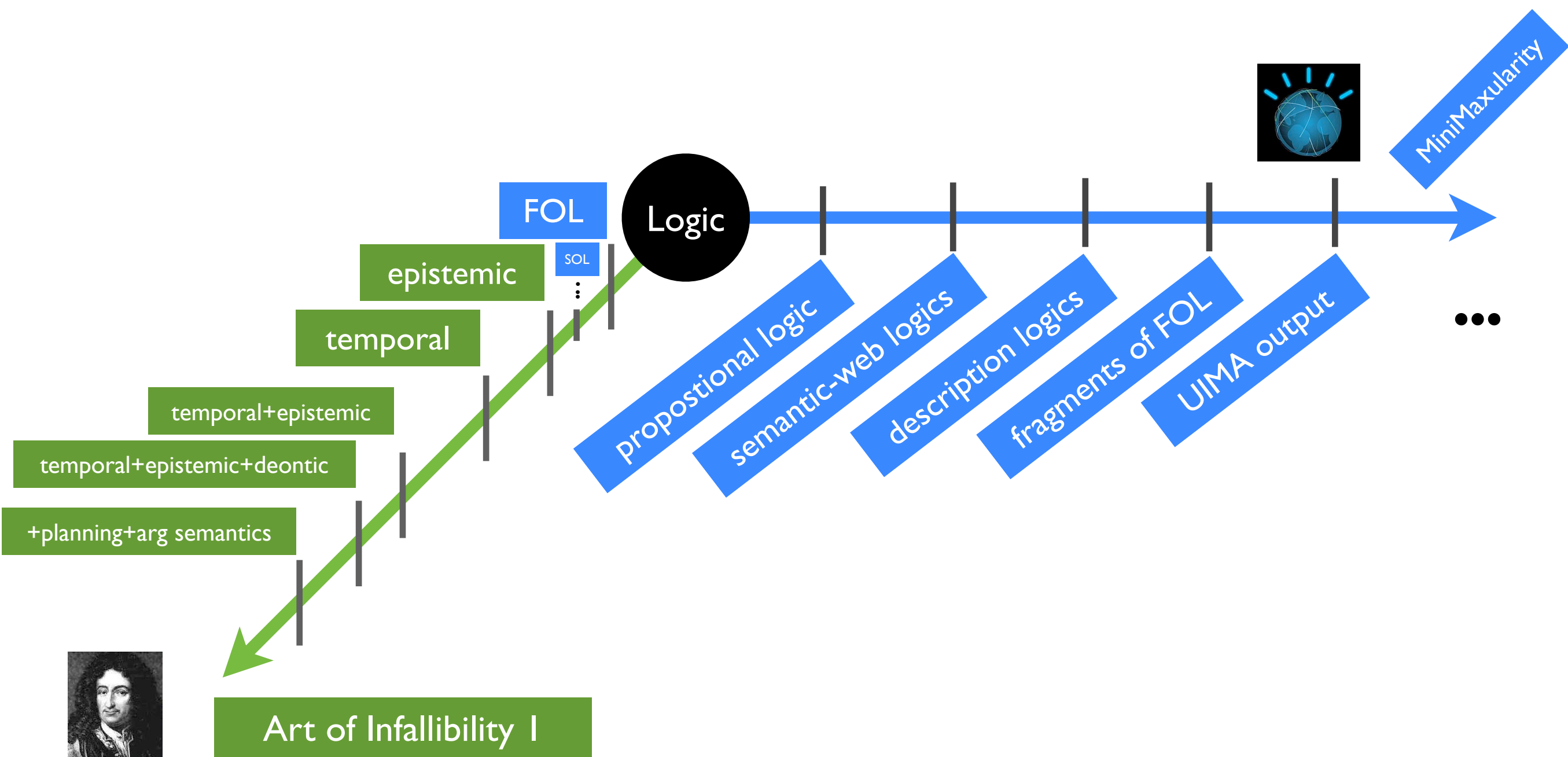
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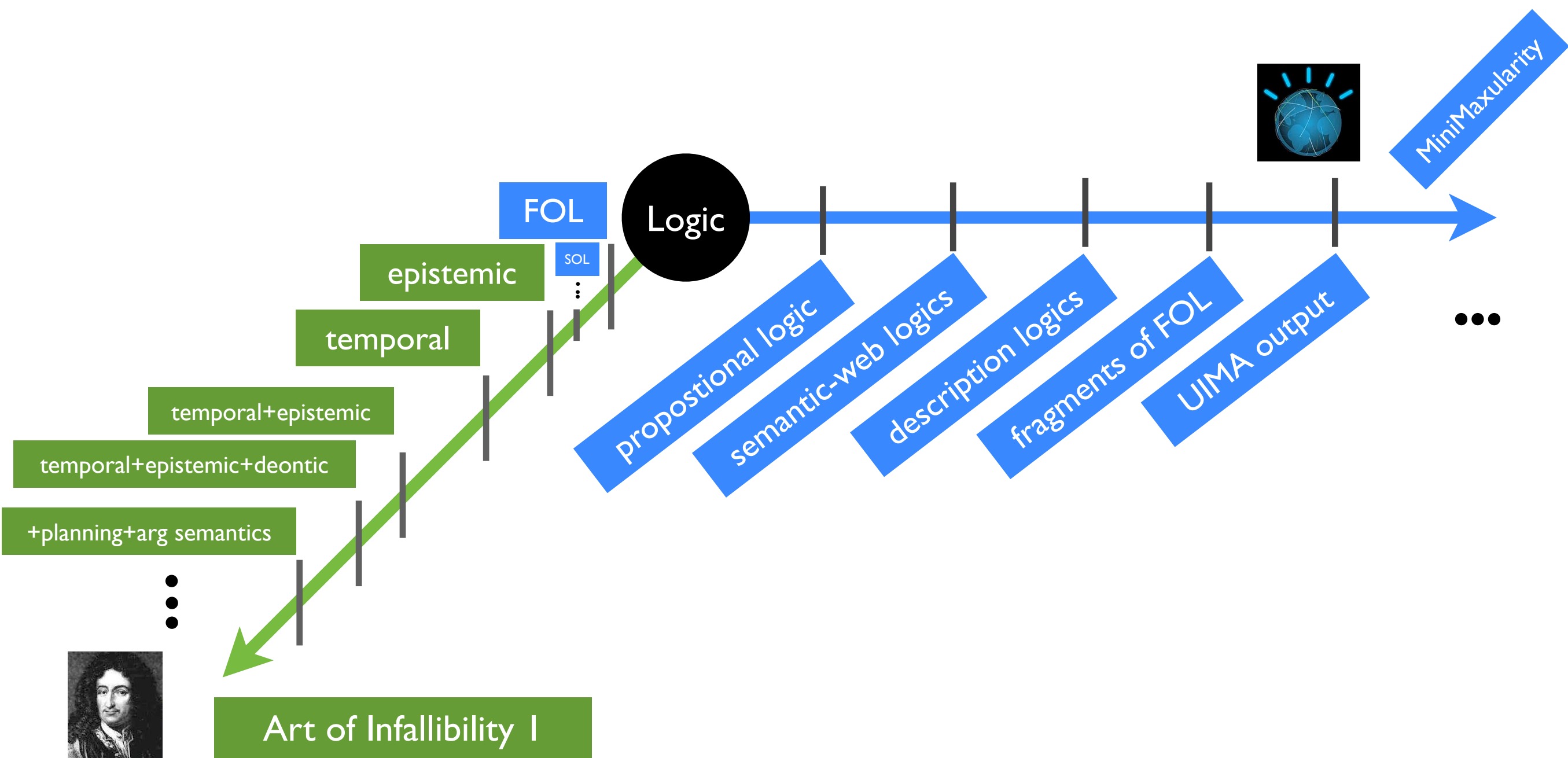
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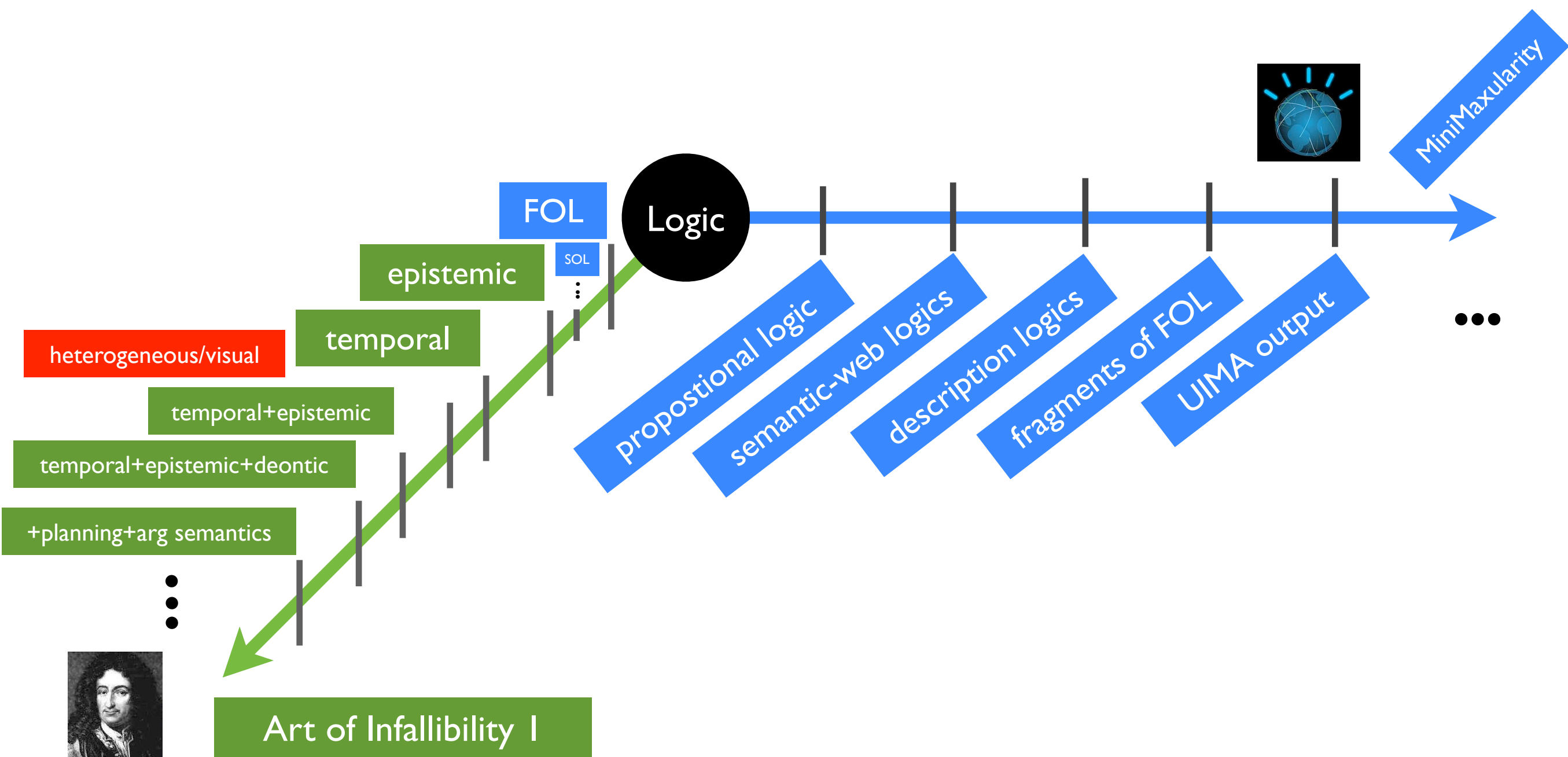
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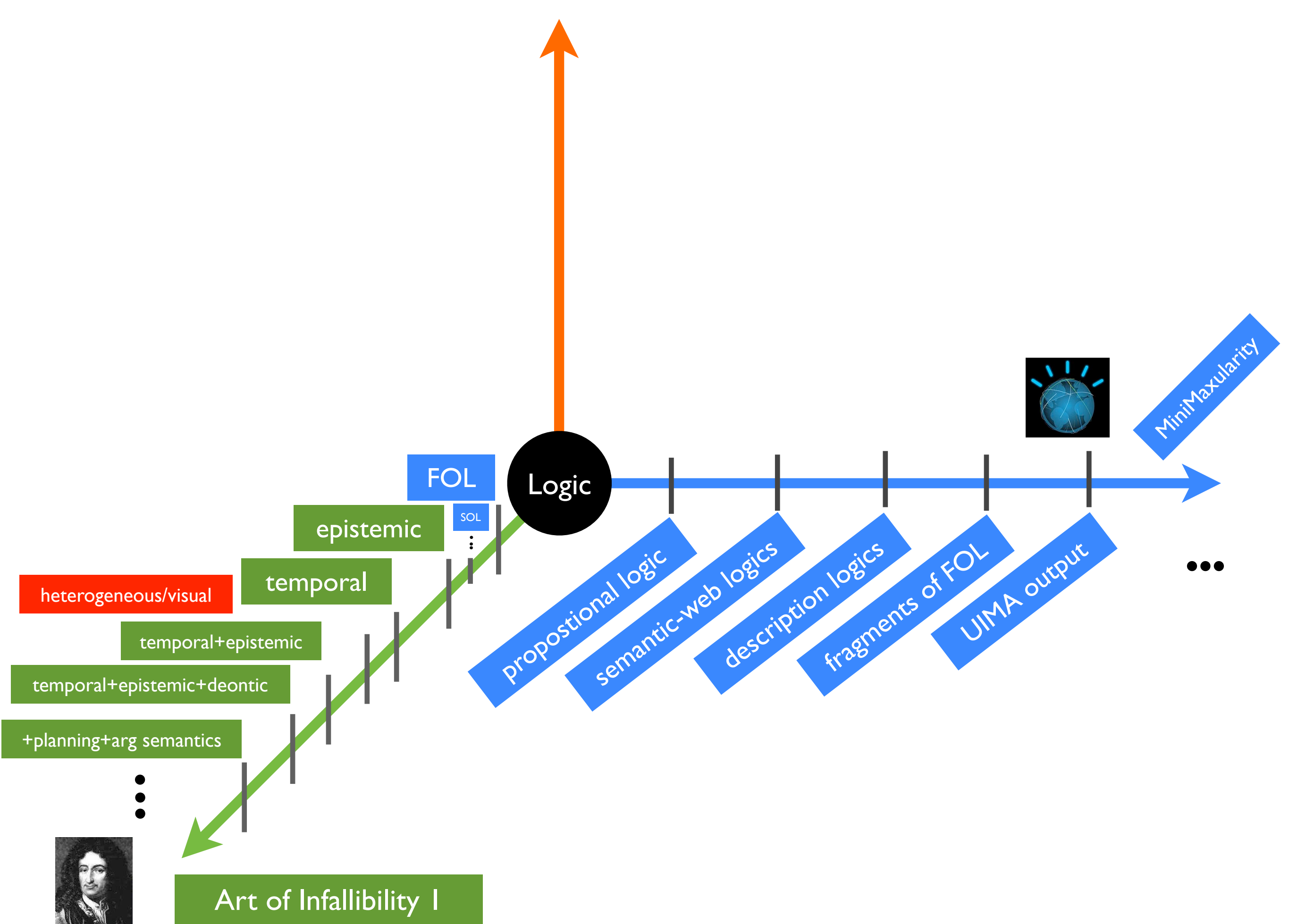


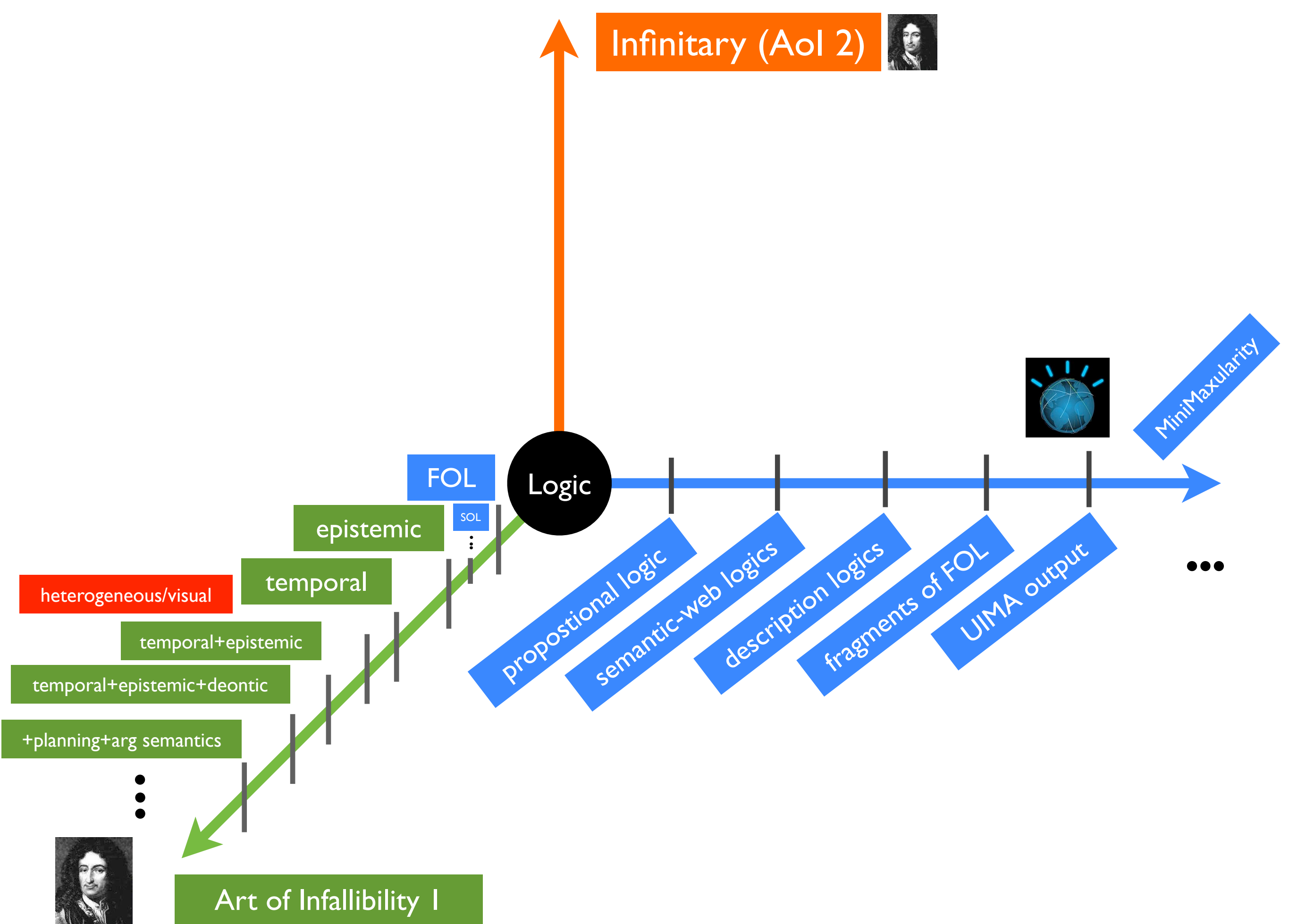
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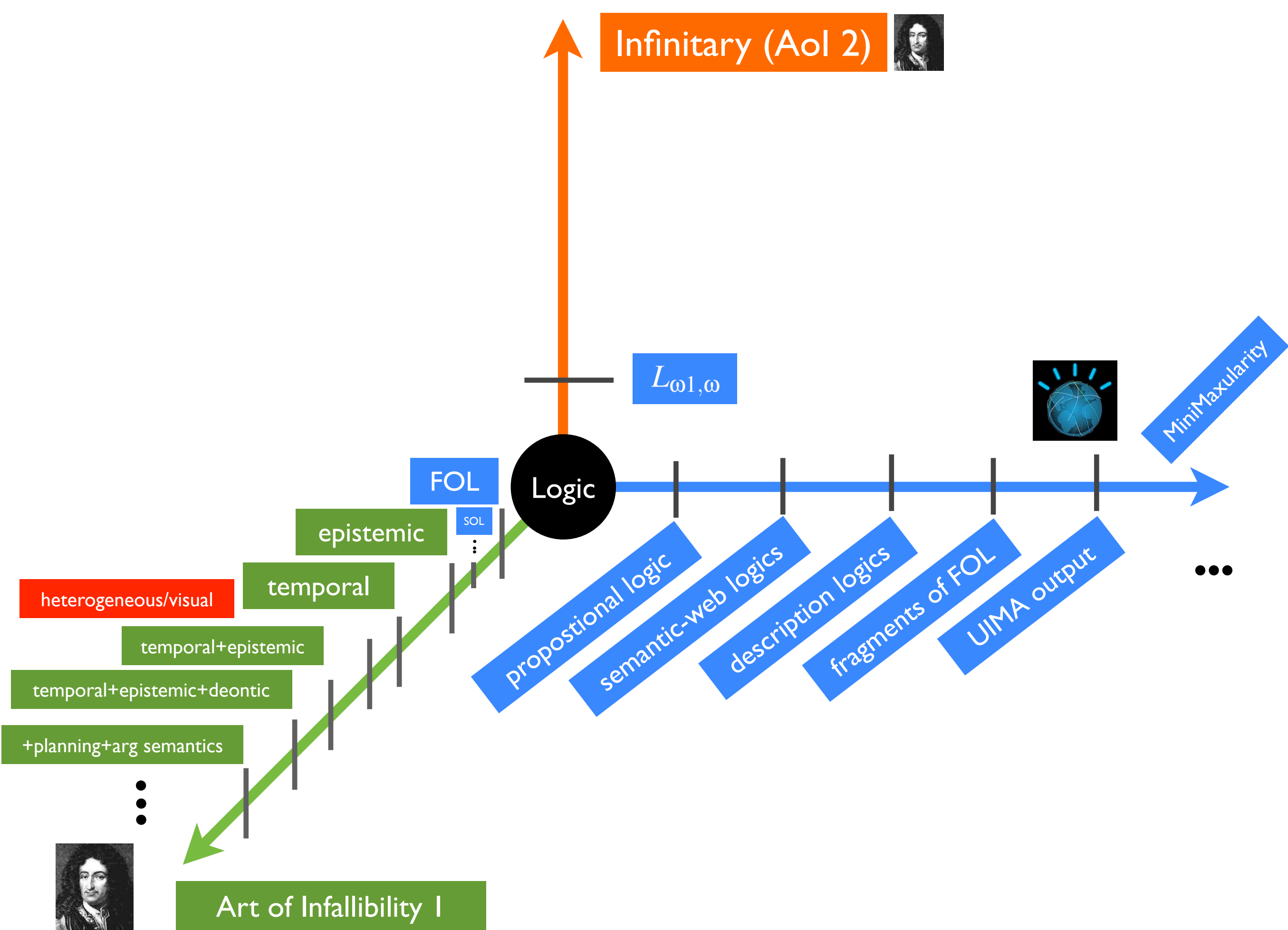


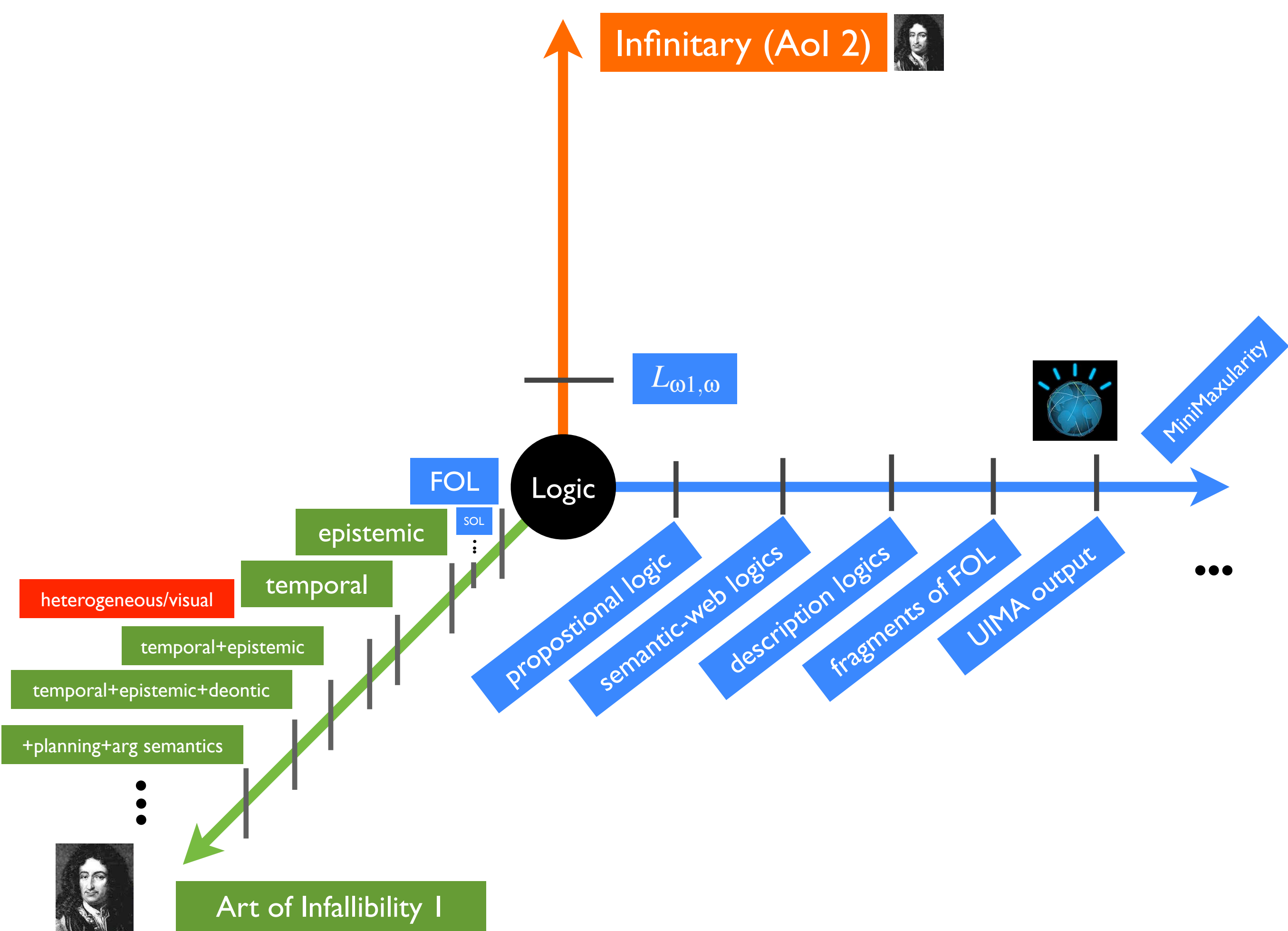












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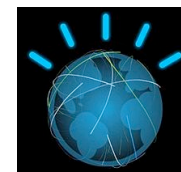
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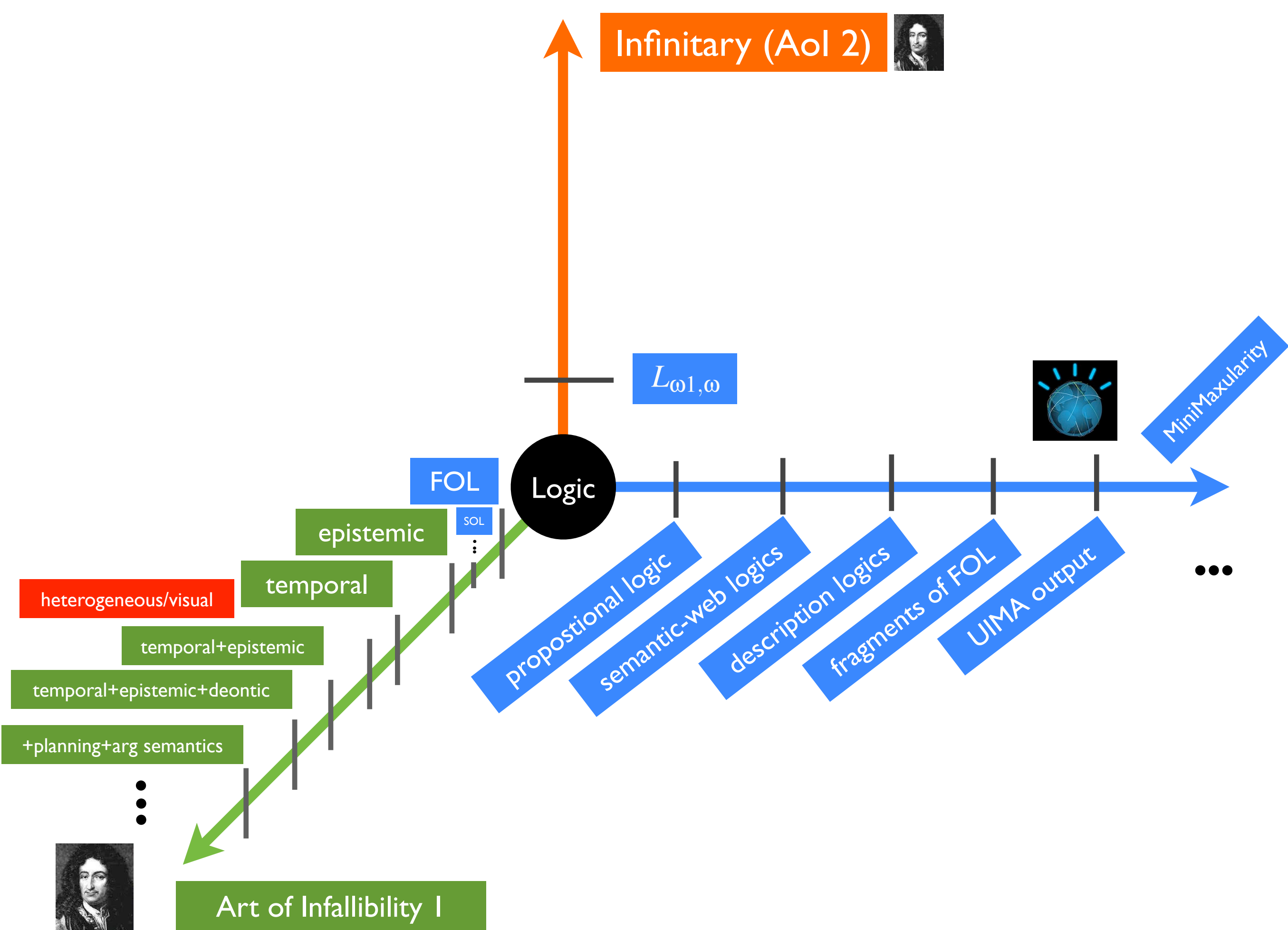
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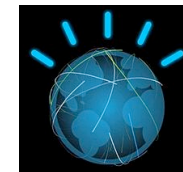
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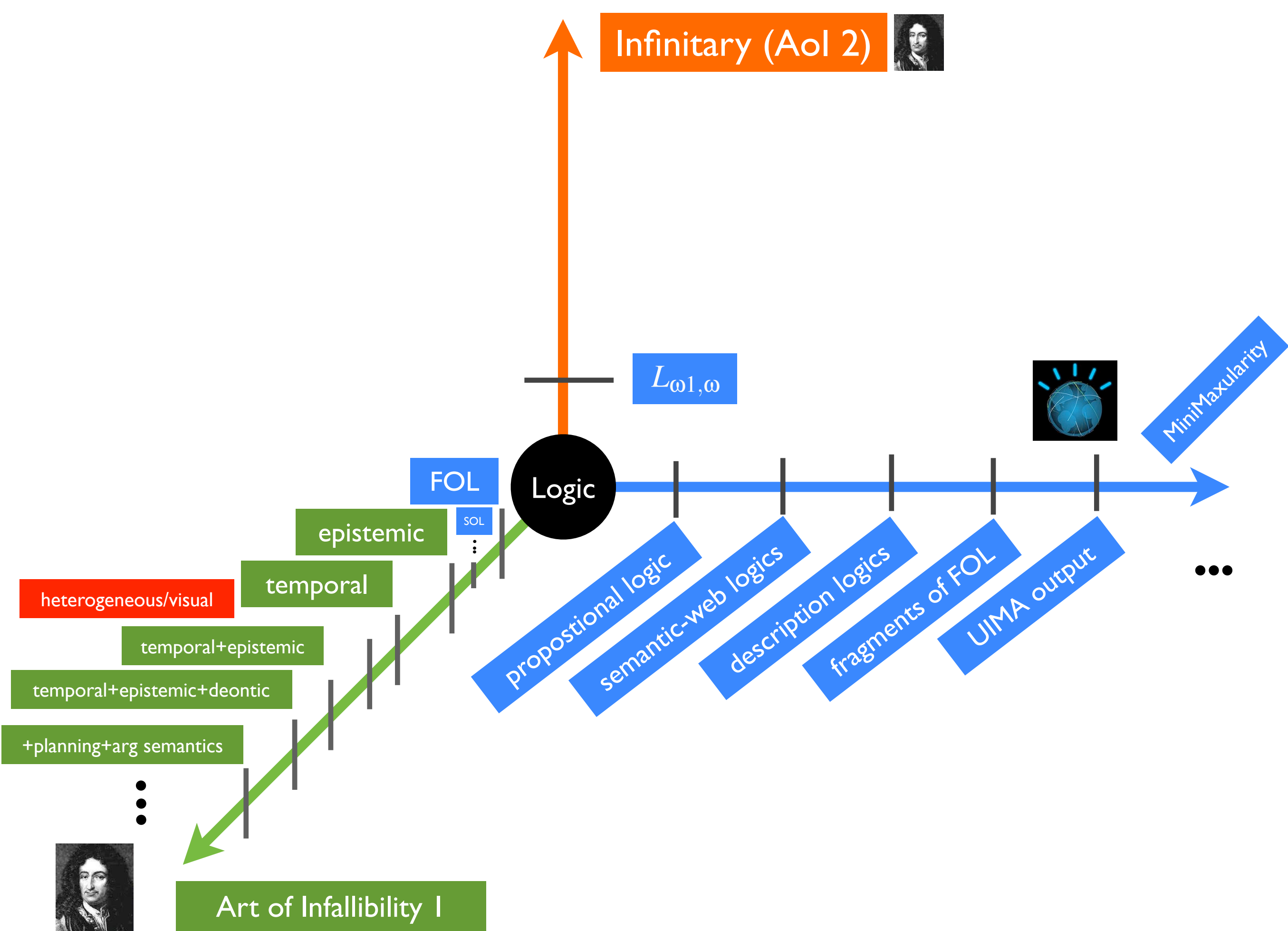
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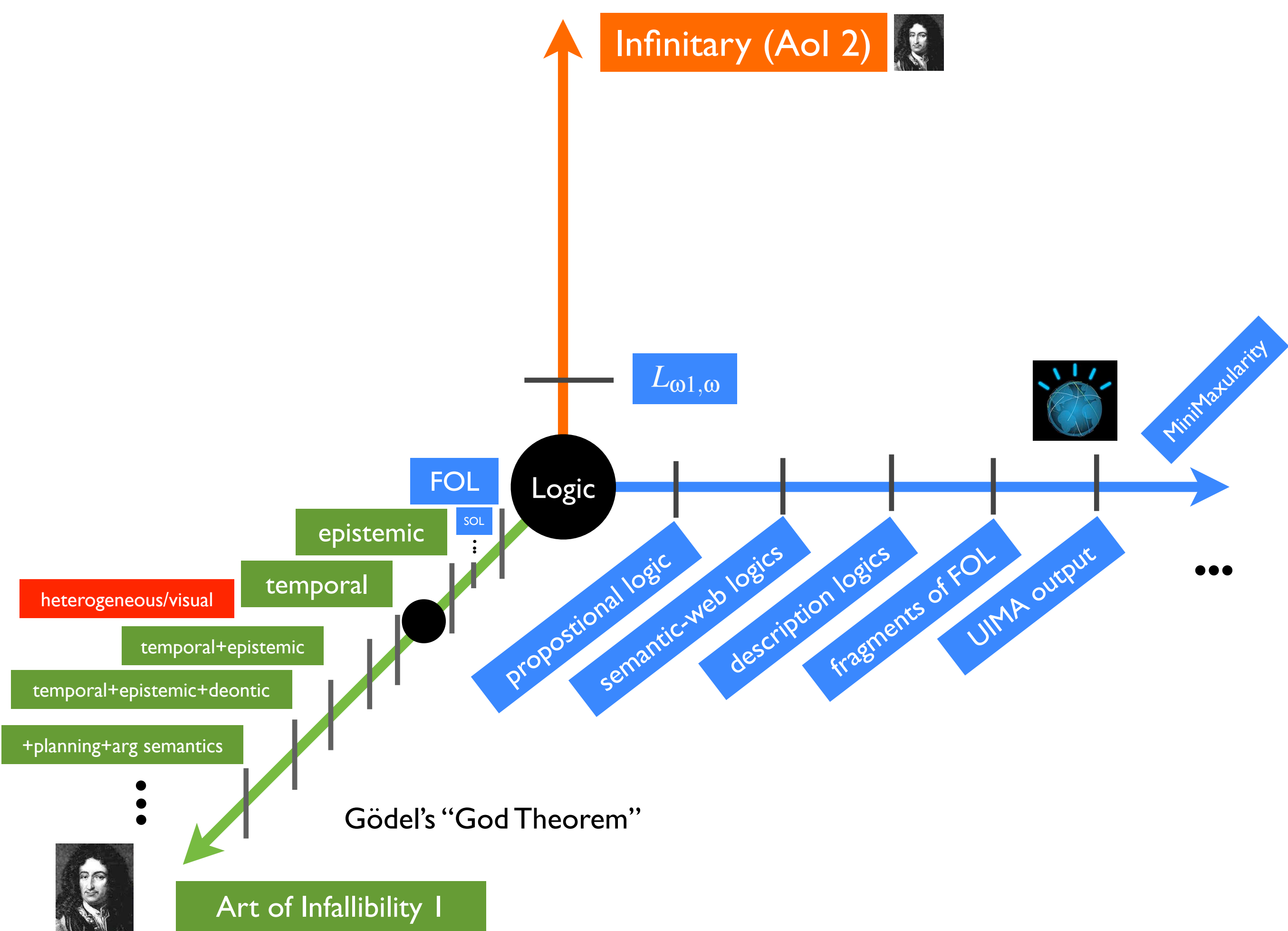
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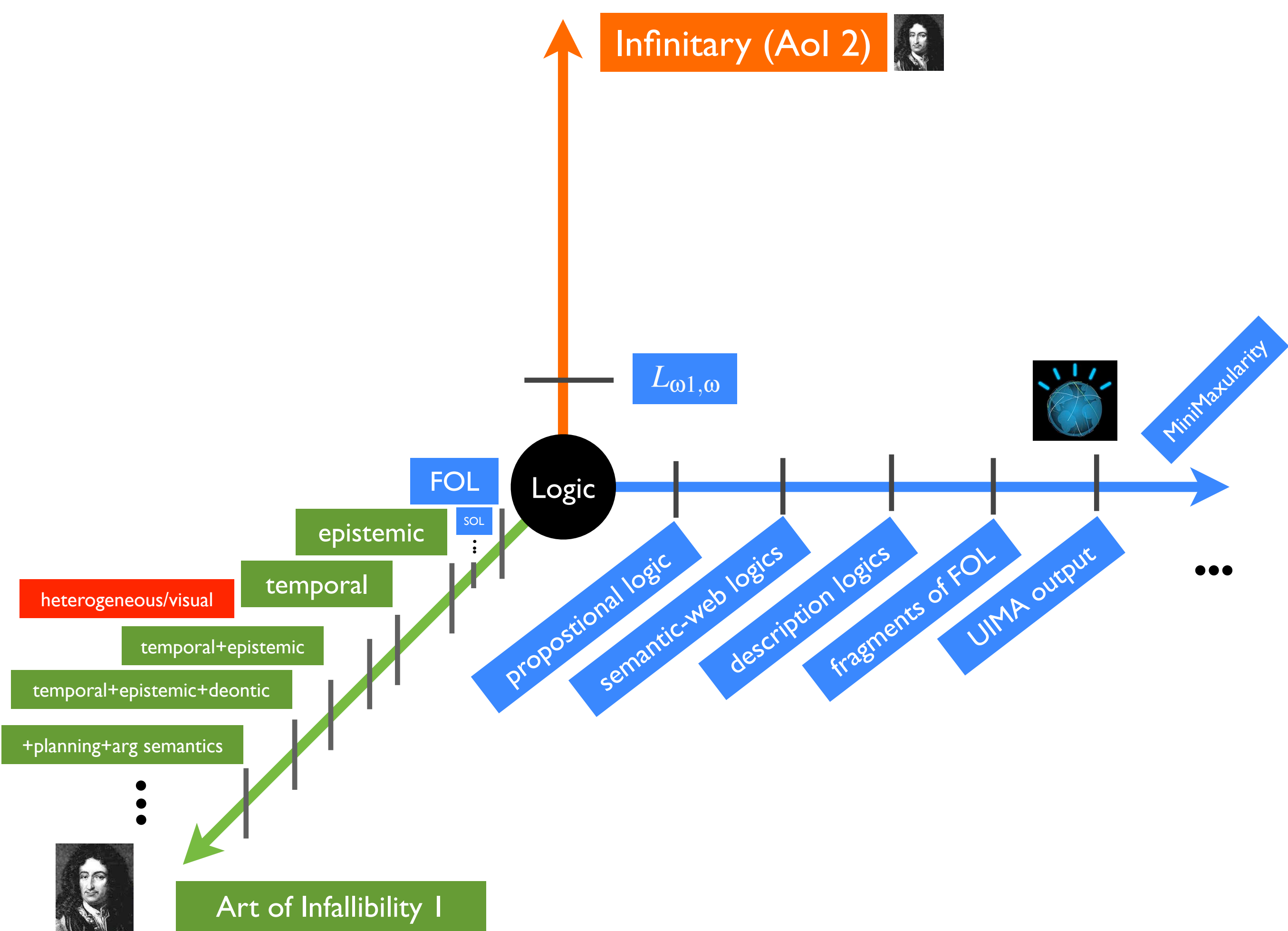
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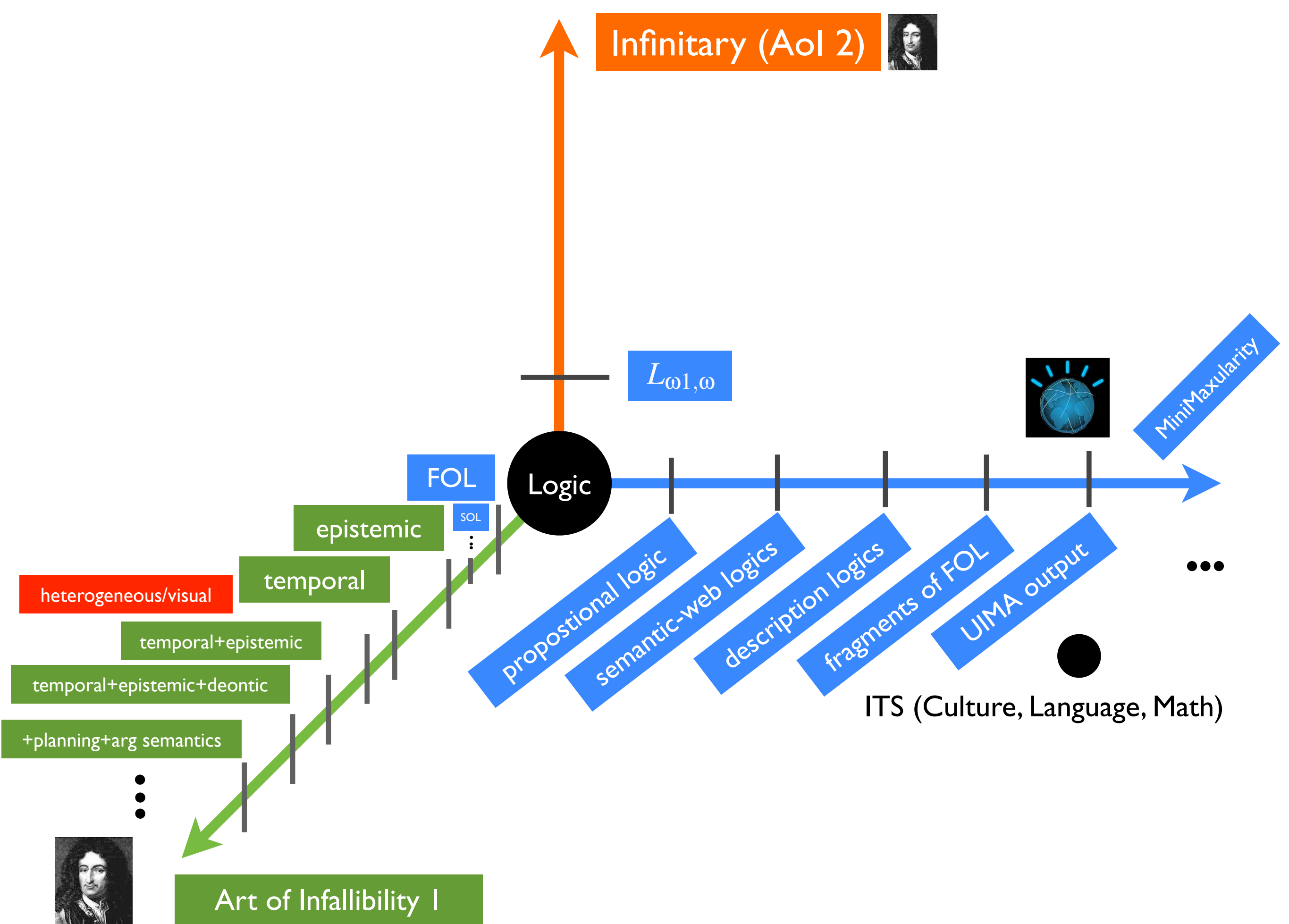
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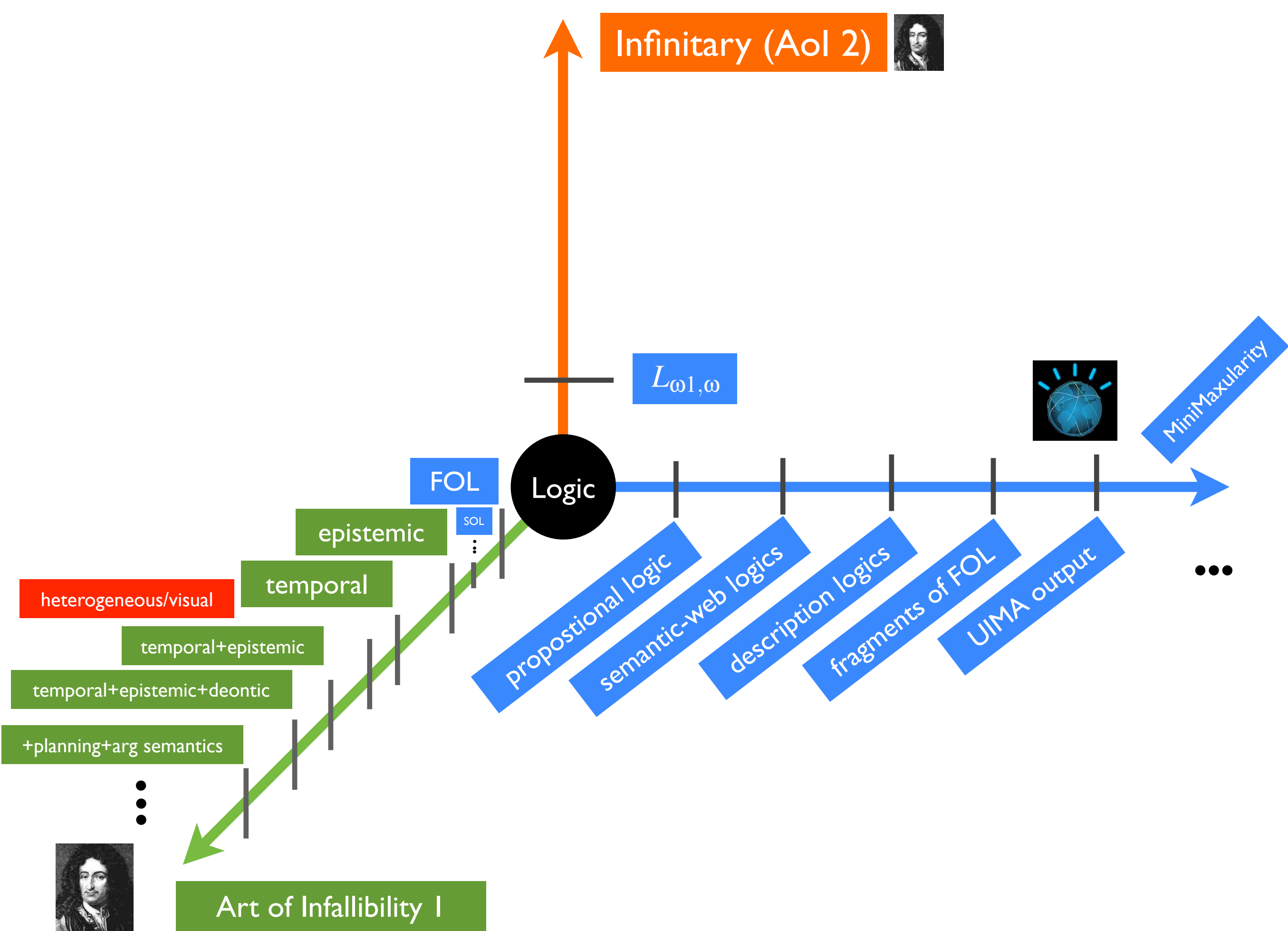
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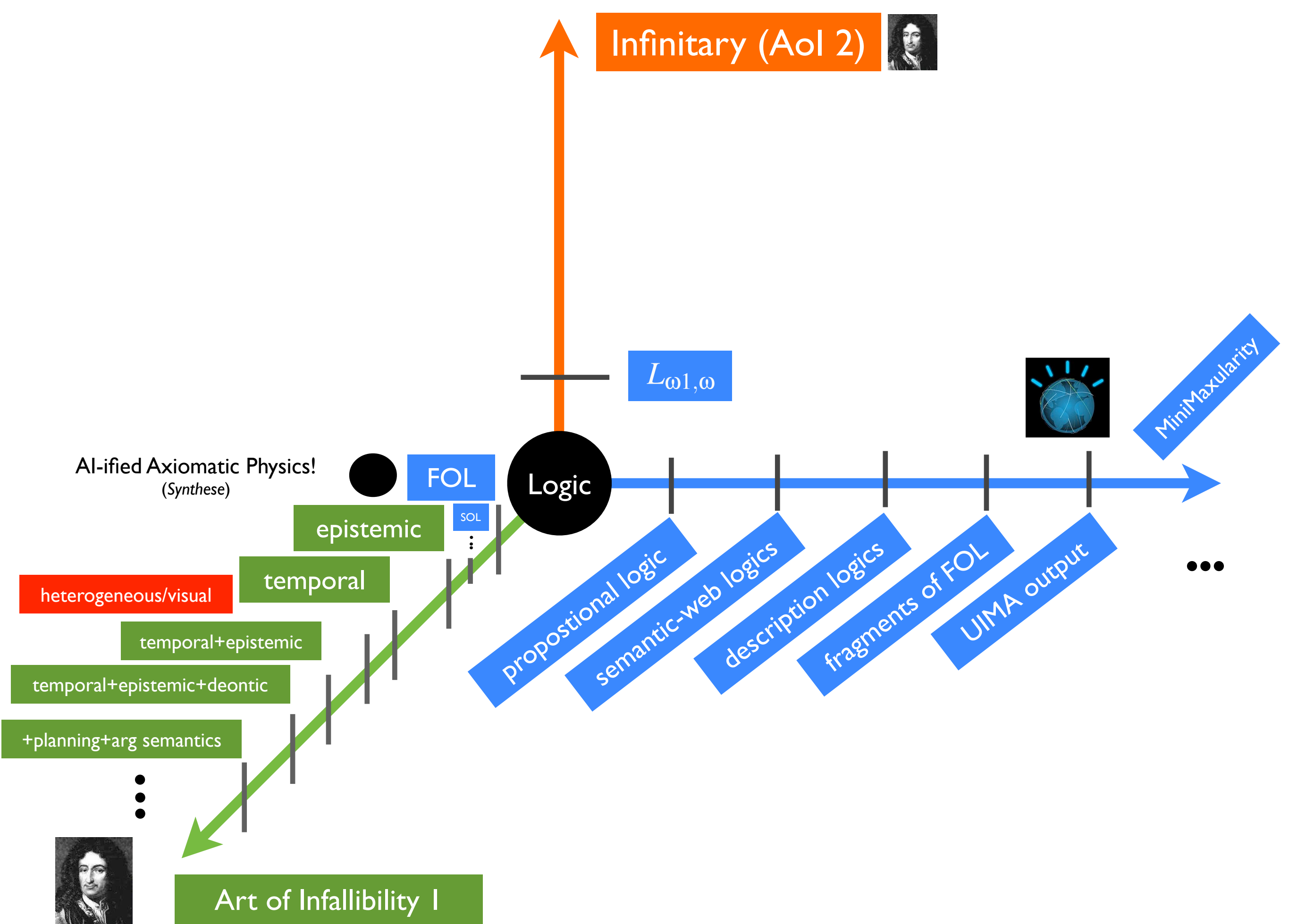


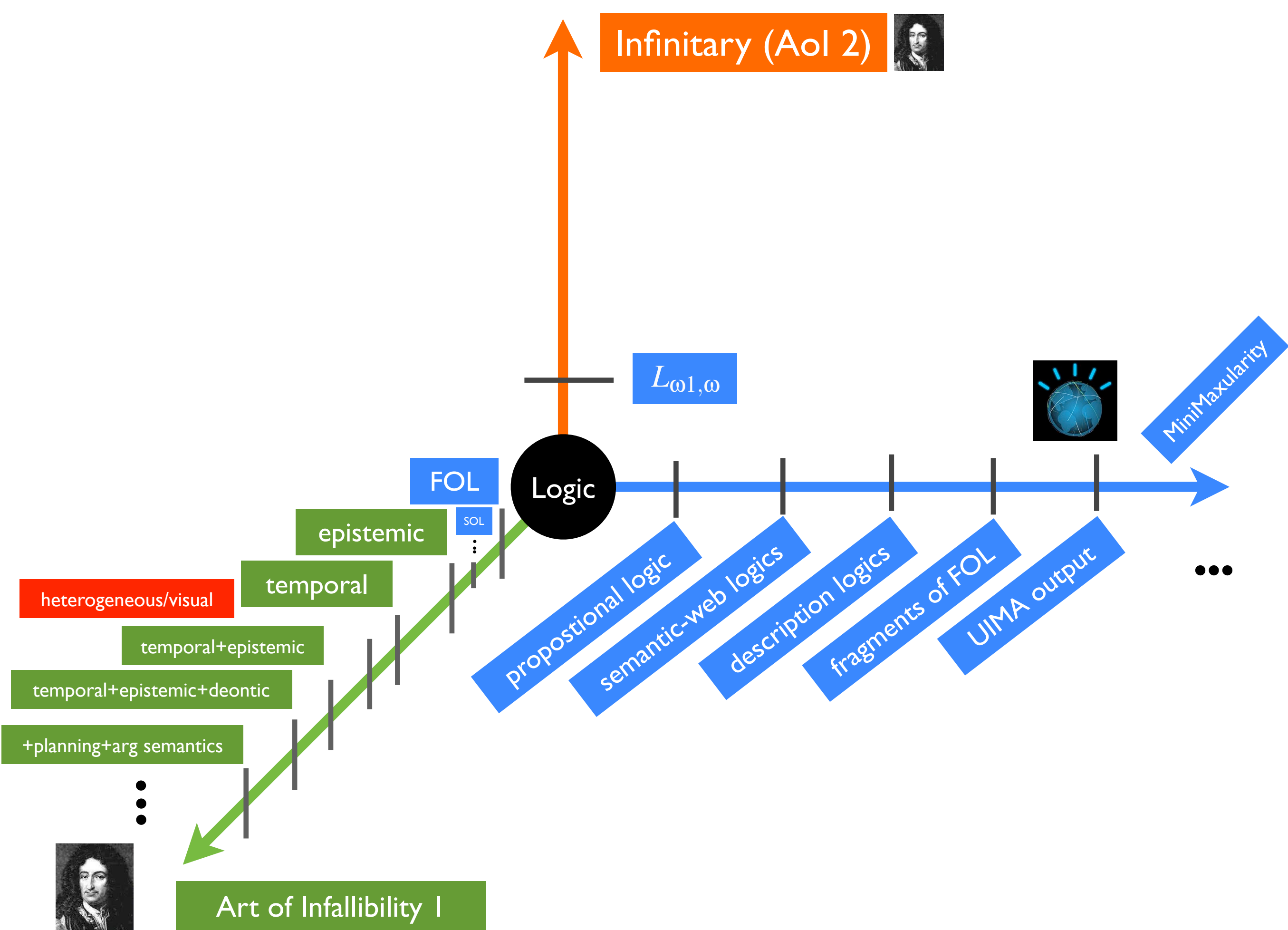


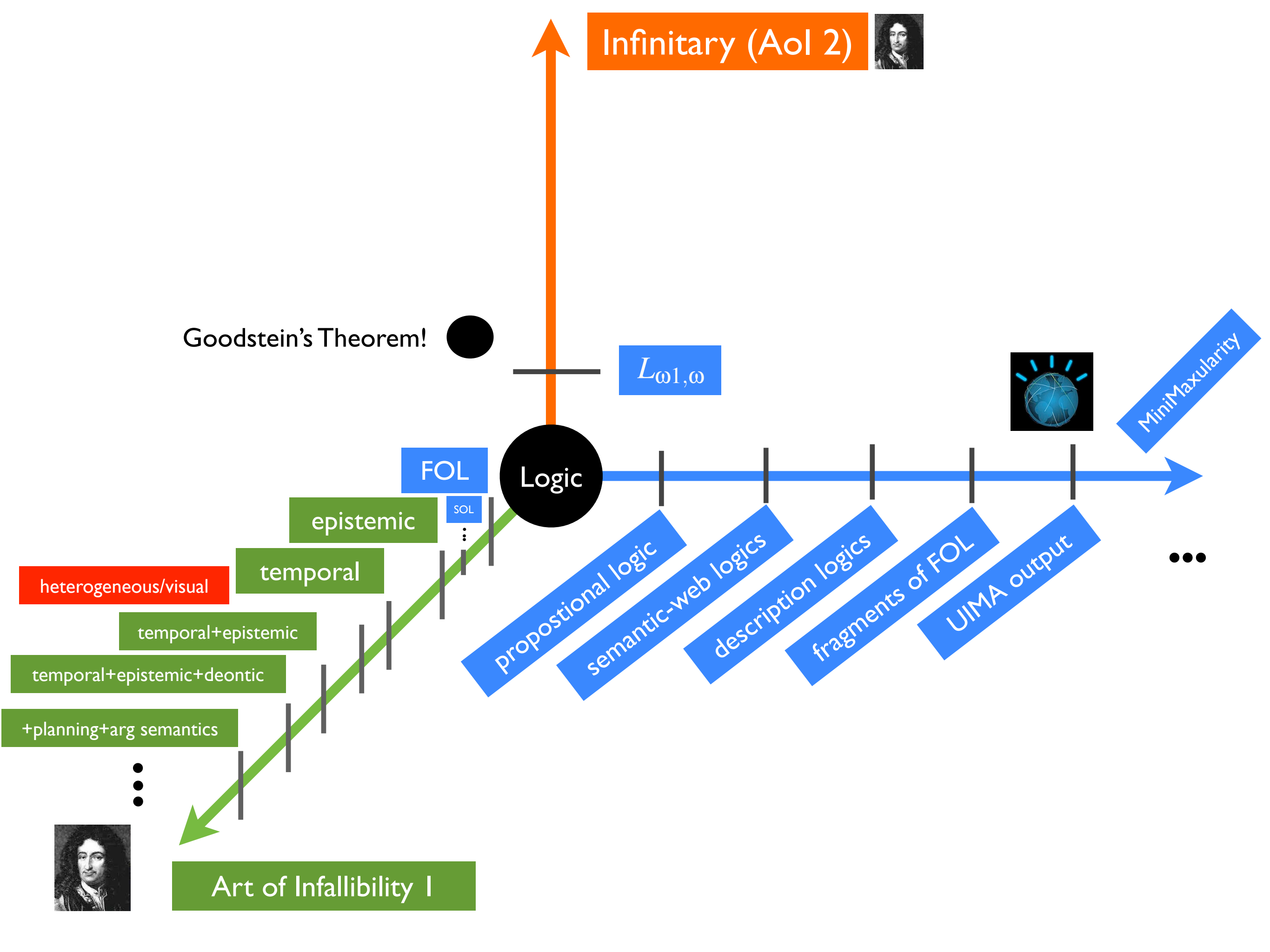


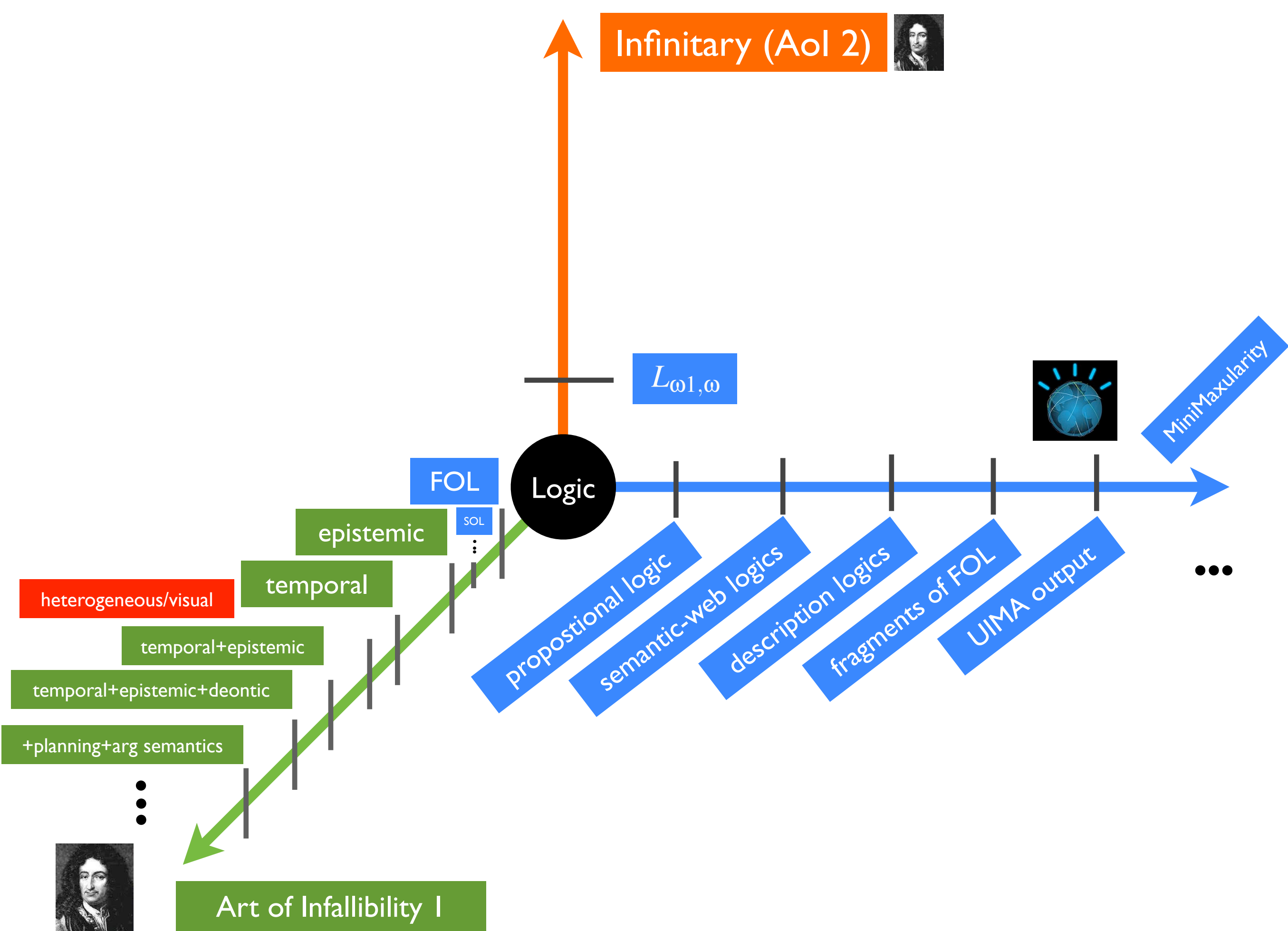












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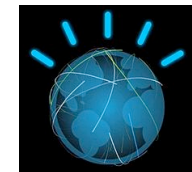
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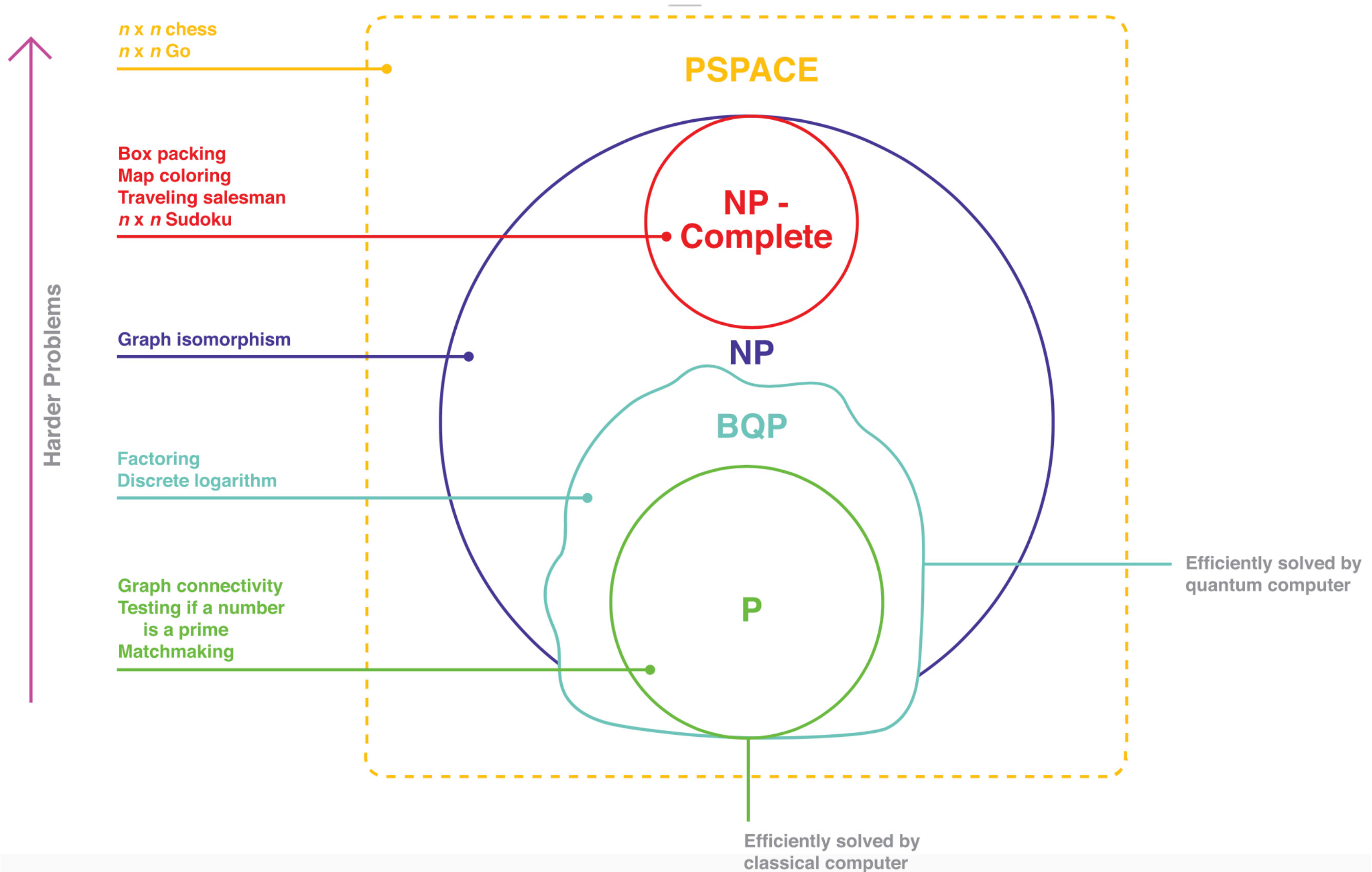
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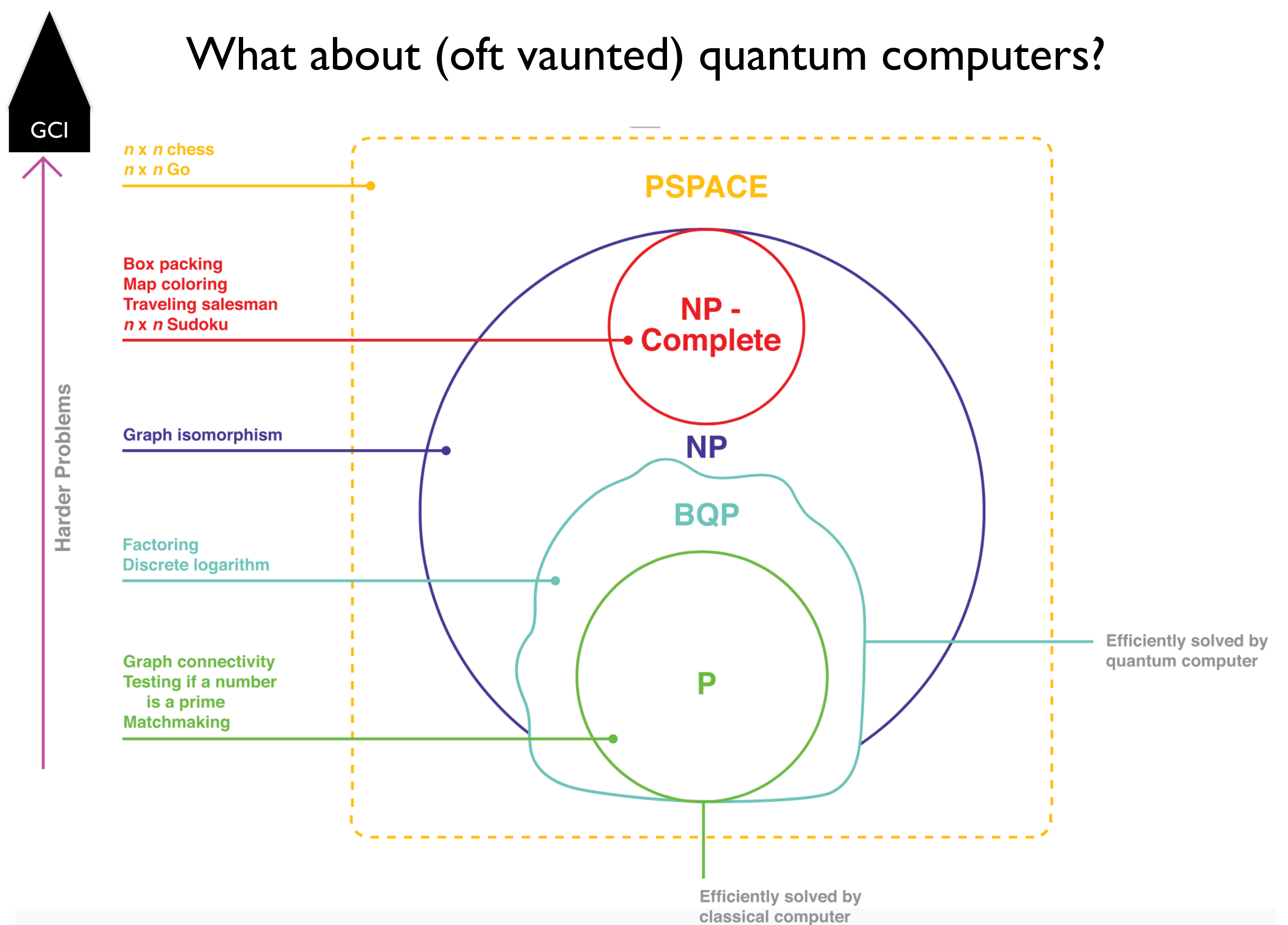


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