

The Semantics of Biology

Vaccine and Drug Research with Knowledge
Graphs and Logical Inferencing on Apache Spark



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Last year's talk

Querying Bio Knowledge Graph with
Spark + Sparql

This year's talk

Querying Bio Knowledge Graph with
Spark + Sparql + **Logical inferencing**

Takeaway

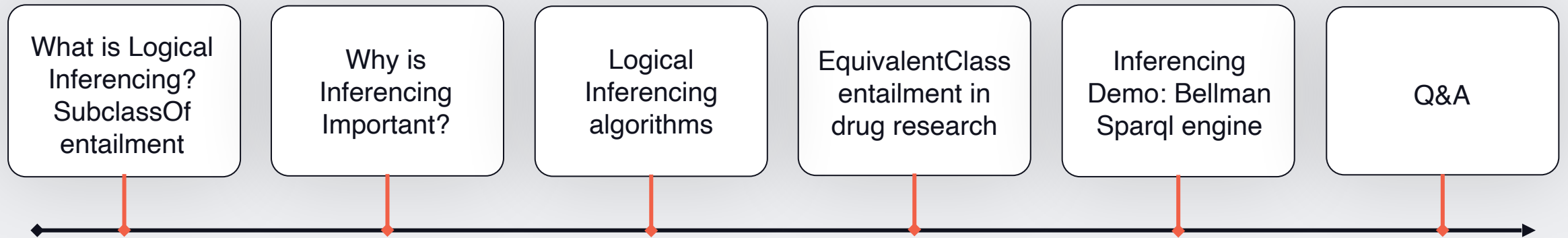
Takeaway

There is no such thing as a....



FISH

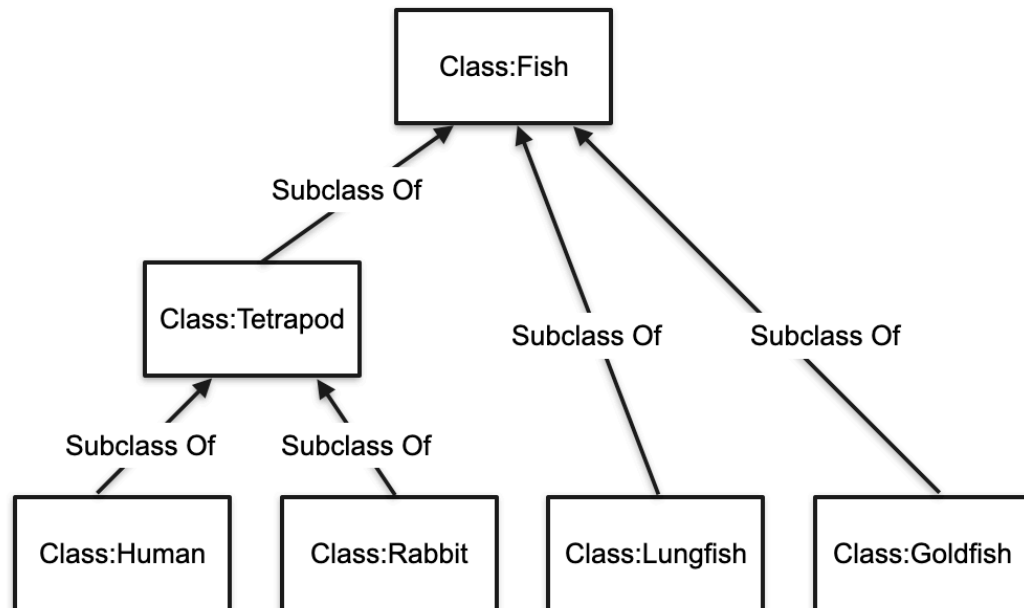
Agenda



What is Logical Inferencing?

Schema + Instances = Knowledge Graph

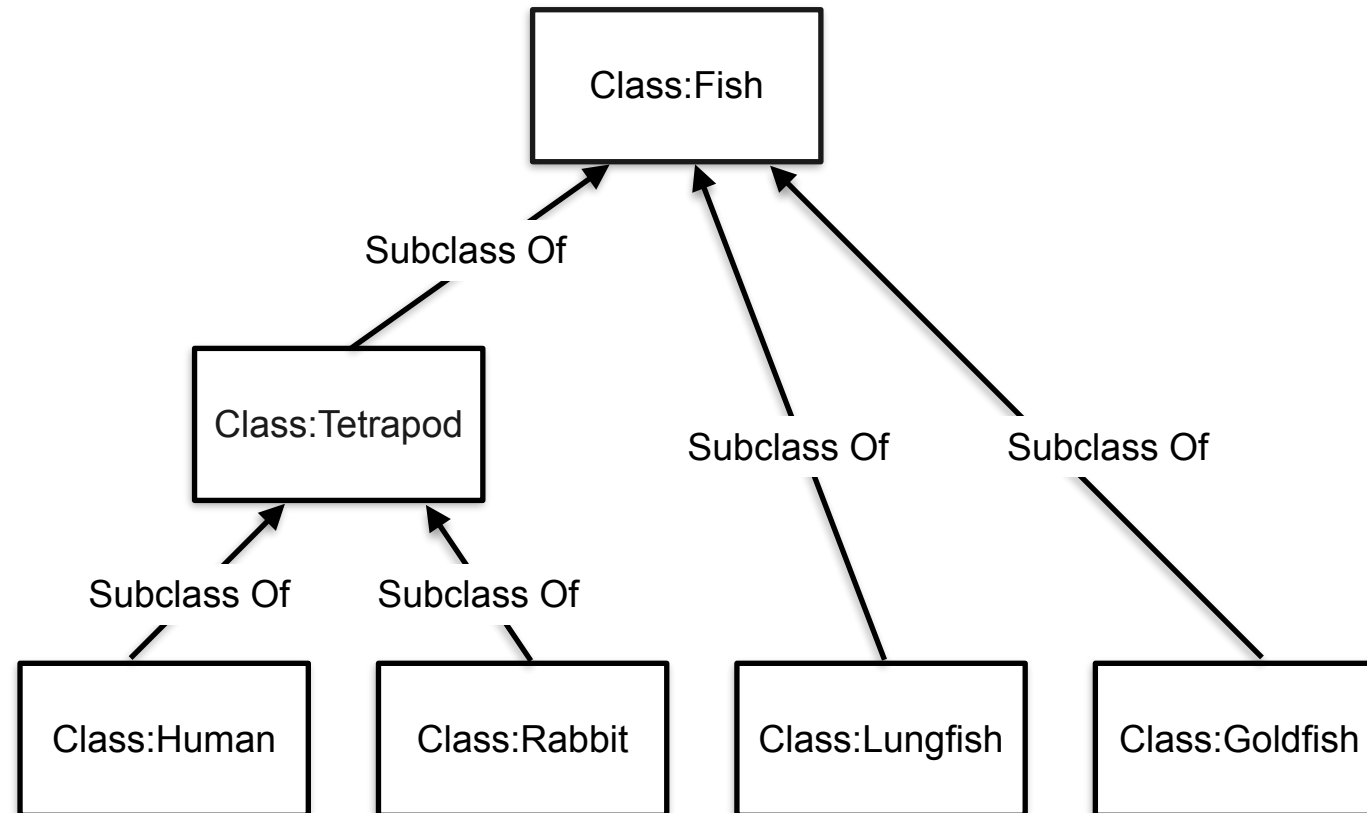
The Schema



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The Schema: Terminological knowledge of a domain



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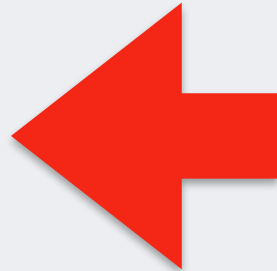
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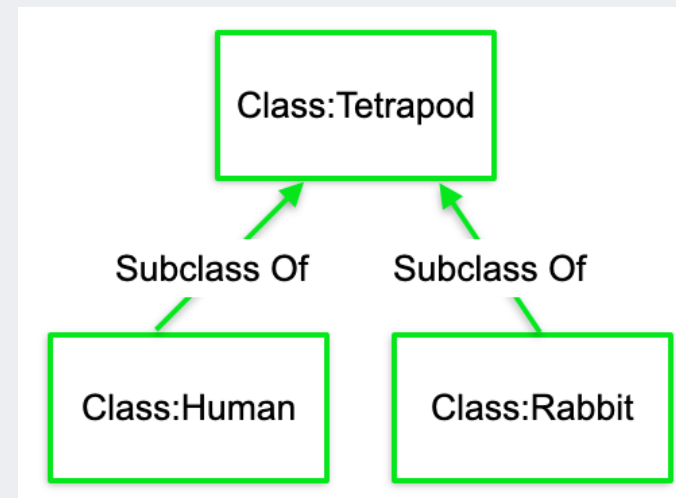
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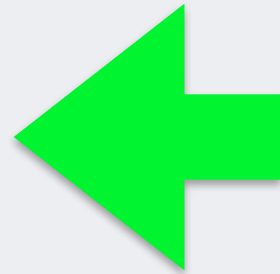
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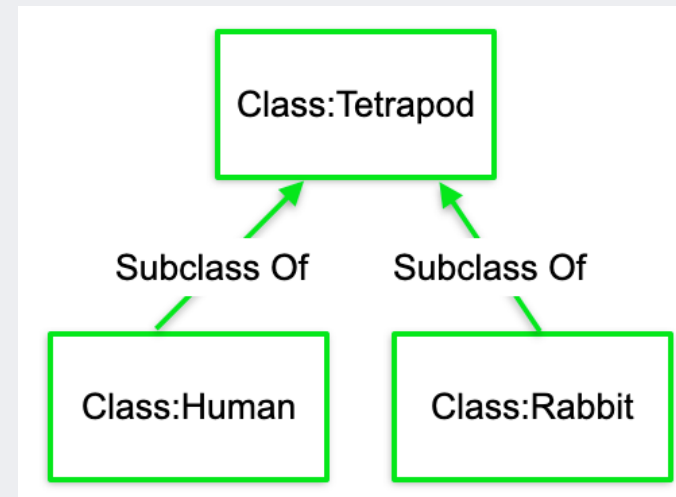
Results:

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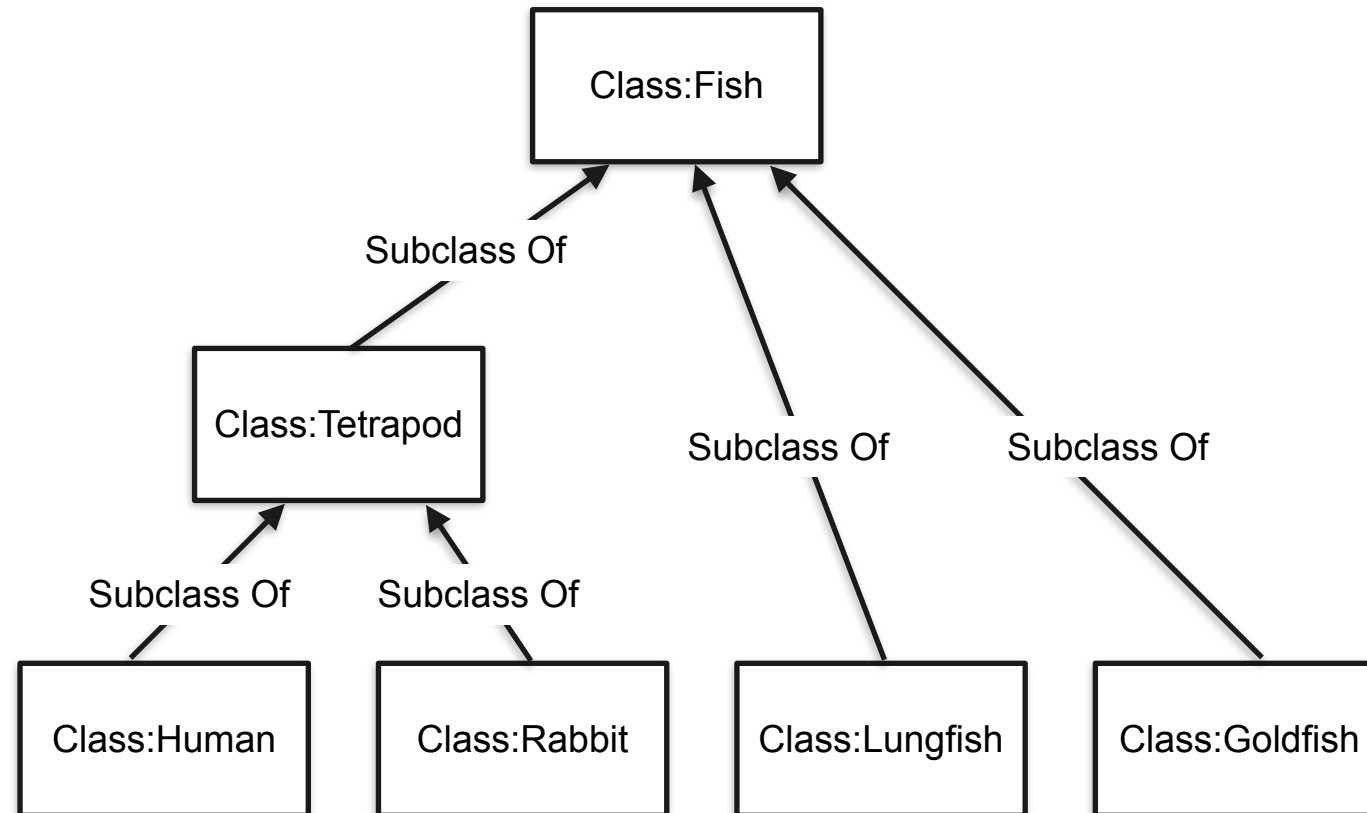
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Why is Logical Inferencing important?

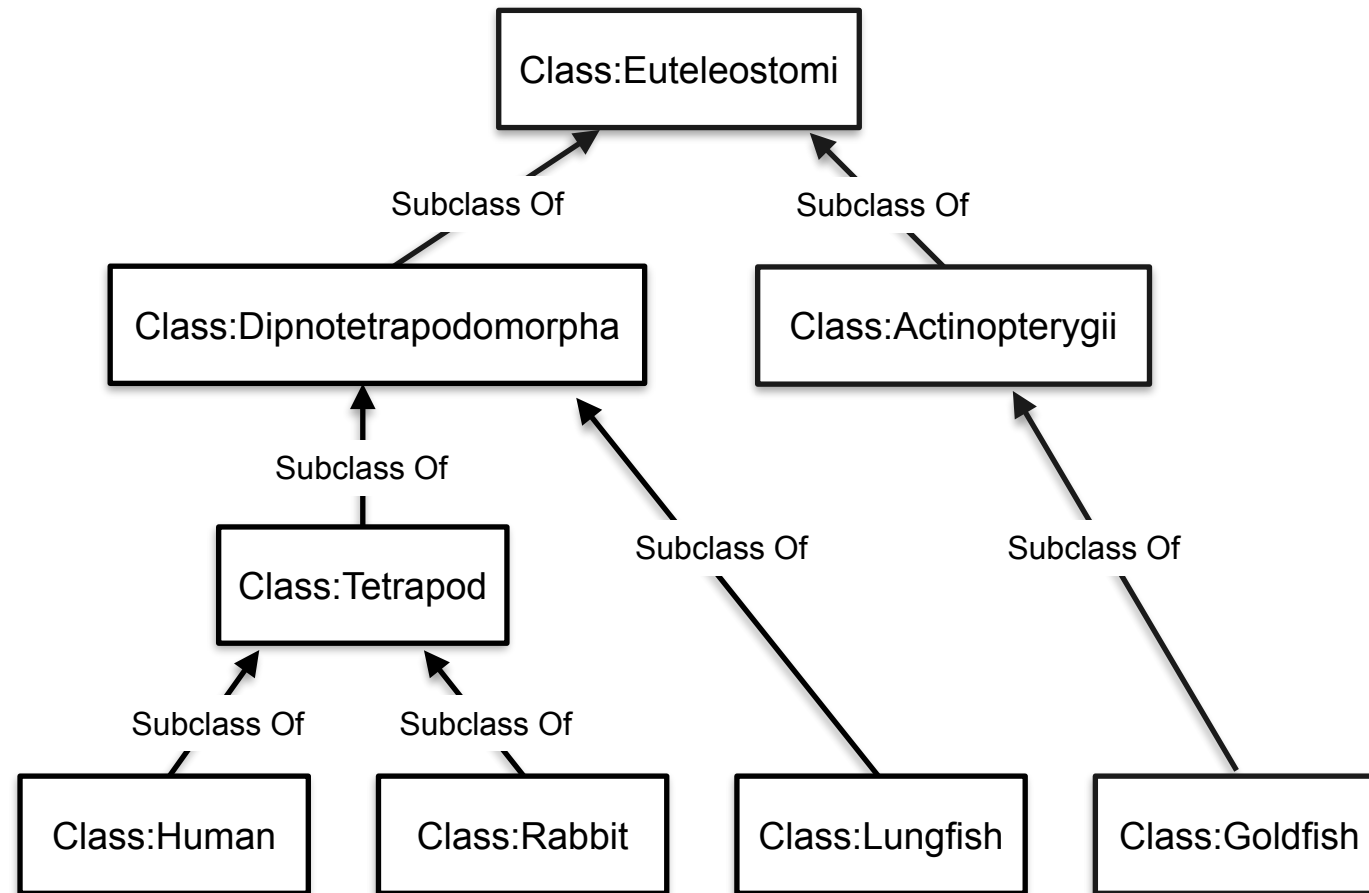
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No such thing as a fish
- Science

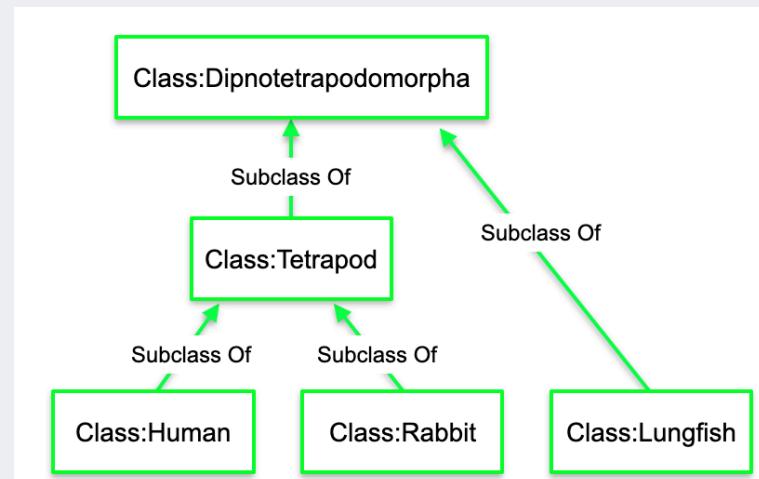
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Please give me all instances of *Dipnotetrapodomorpha* in the Knowledge Graph

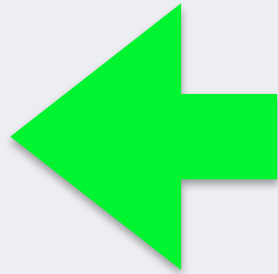
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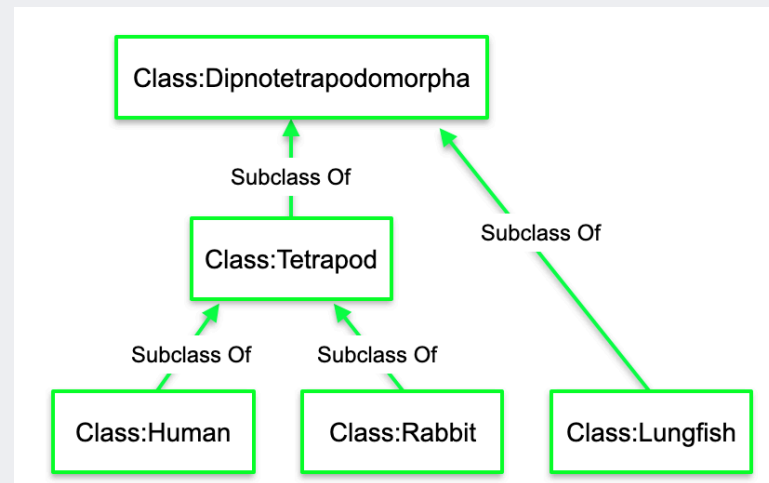
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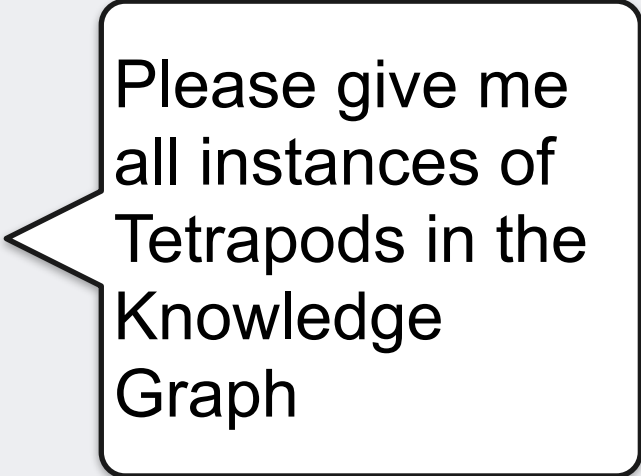


Logical inferencing in code

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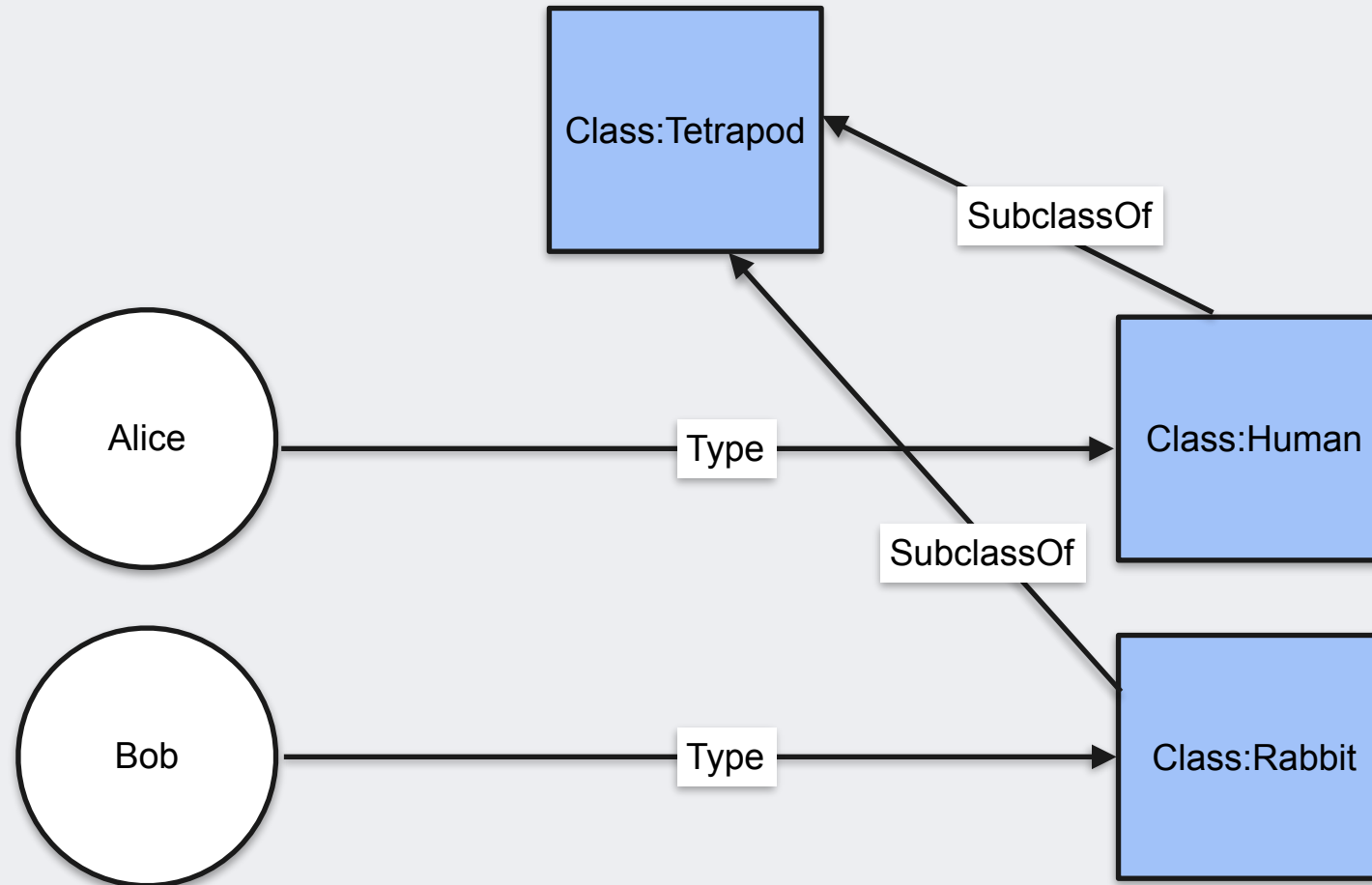
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Forward Chaining Algorithm



Forward Chaining Algorithm

RDFS9 entailment: SubclassOf

IF

uuu rdfs:subClassOf xxx .
vvv rdf:type uuu .



THEN

vvv df:type xxx .

Forward Chaining Algorithm

Modus Ponens Applied

IF

Human rdfs:subClassOf Tetrapod .
Alice rdf:type Human .



THEN

Alice df:type Tetrapod .

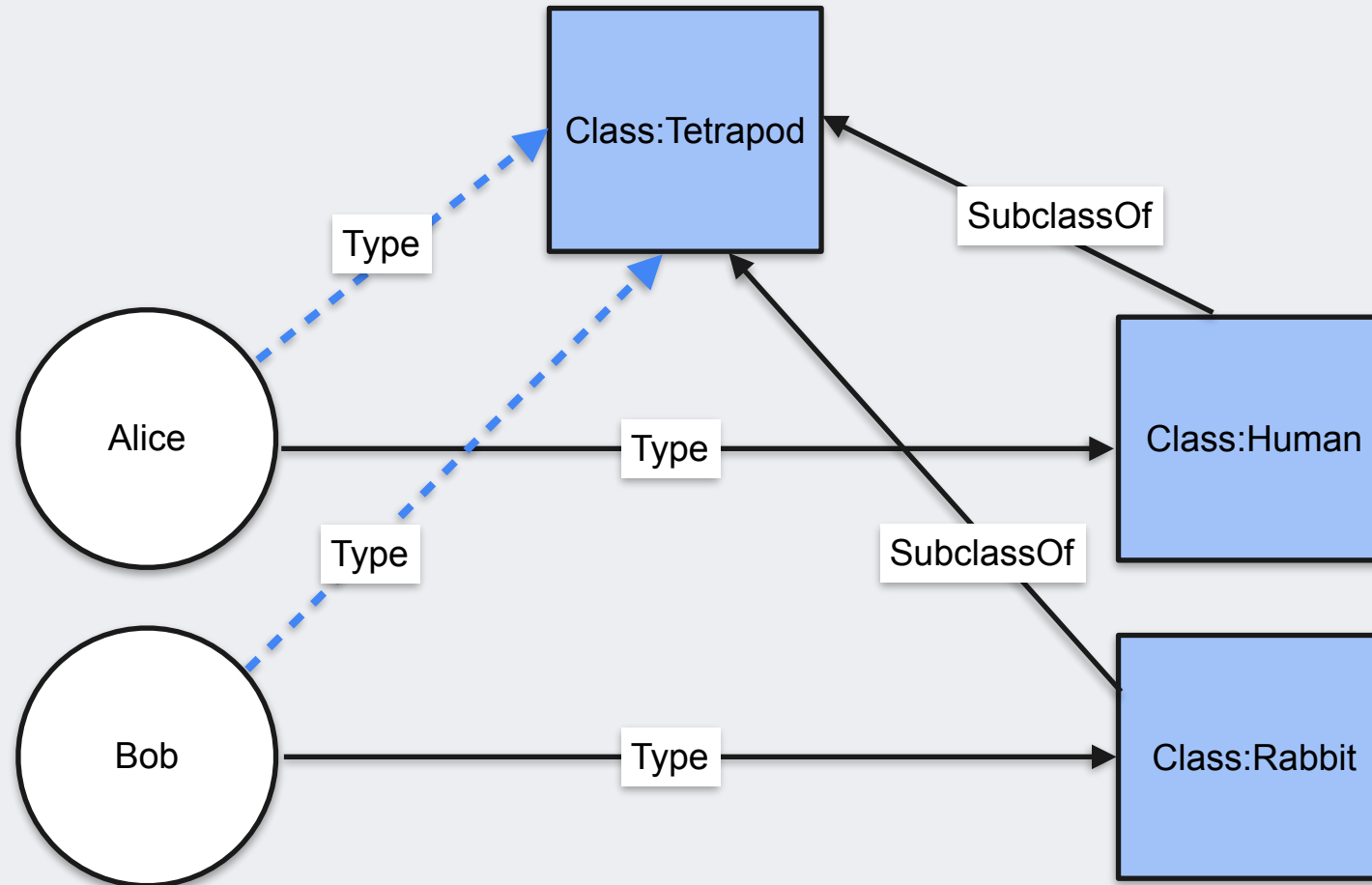
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CONSTRUCT { ?z rdf:type ?y } ← Materialize inferred triples  
WHERE {  
  uuu rdfs:subClassOf class:Tetrapod . ← Left hand side of the entailment  
  ?tetrapod ref:type ?uuu .  
}
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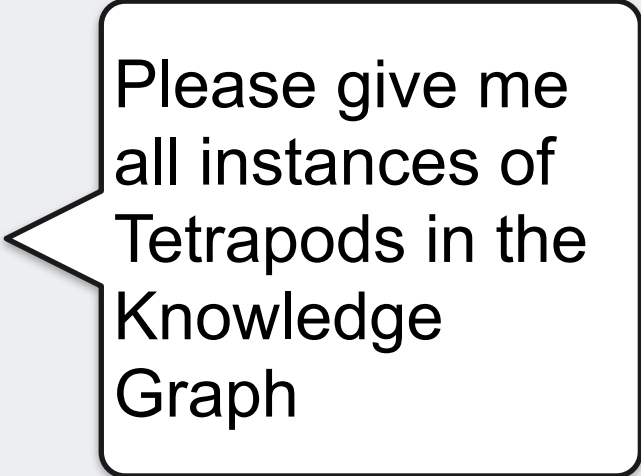
Runtime connection materialization applied



Backward Chaining Algorithm

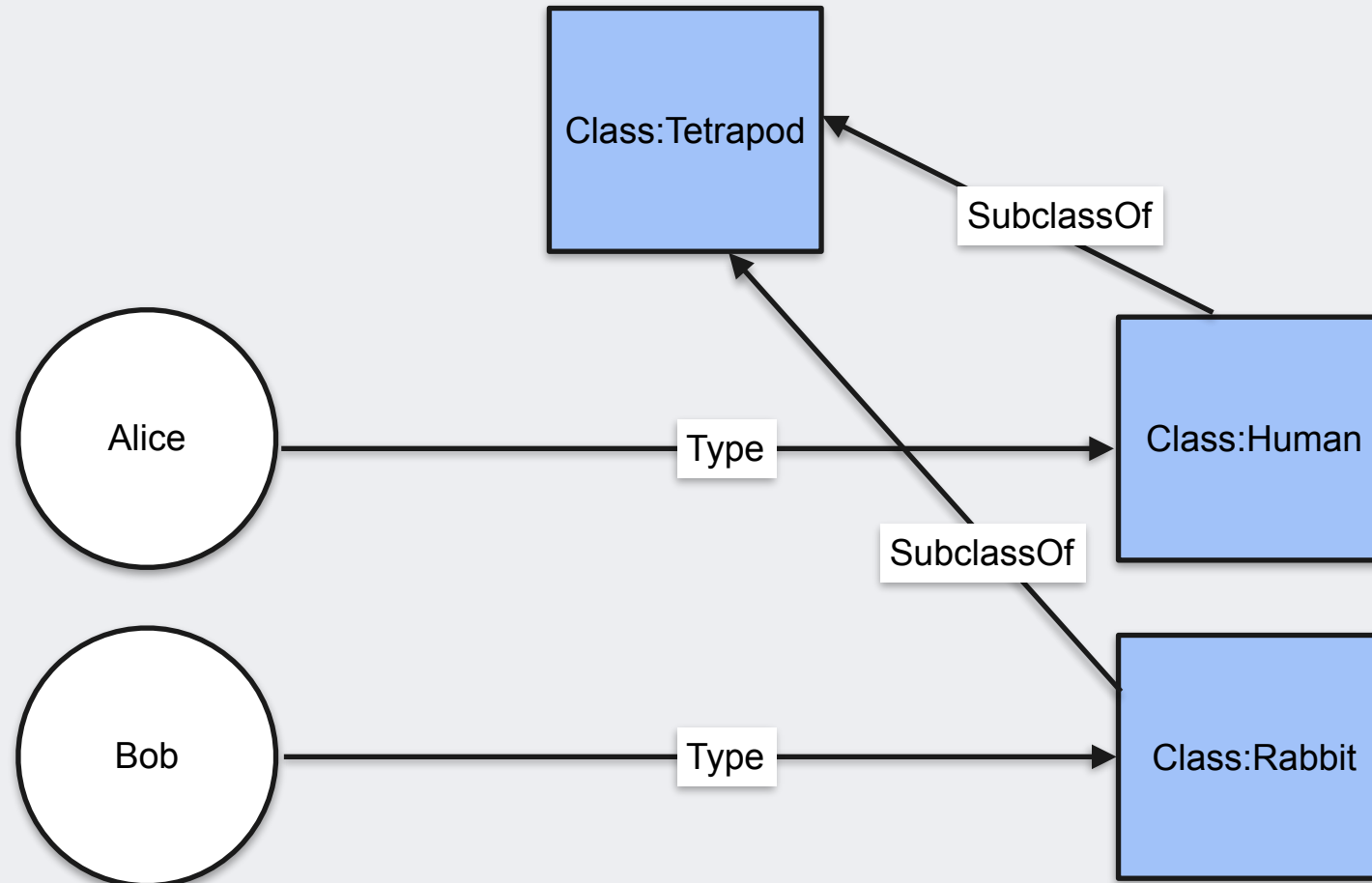
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RDFS9 entailment (non transitive subclassOf)

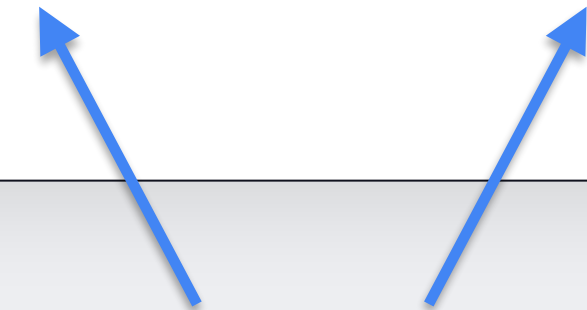
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Goal parsed from query!

Backward Chaining Algorithm

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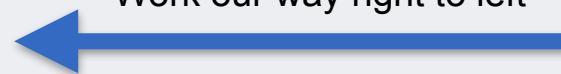
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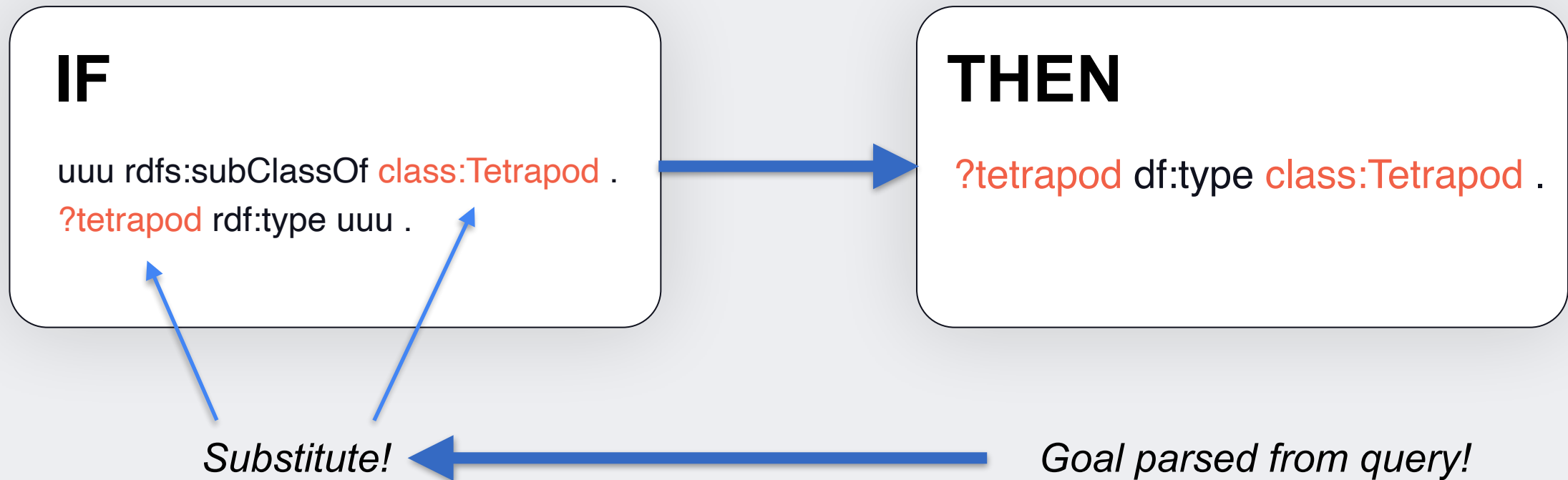


Work our way right to left

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WHERE {
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{
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?tetrapod ref:type ?uuu .
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} UNION {
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?tetrapod rdf:type class:Tetrapod
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}
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}
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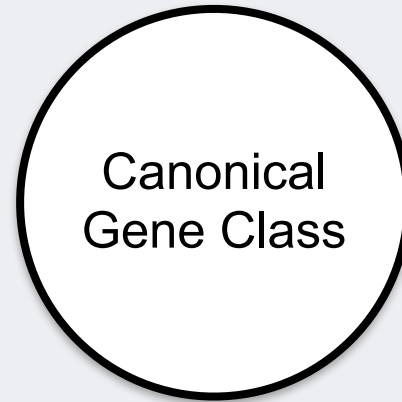
Rewrite the query with the left hand side of the entailment

Union with the right hand side of the entailment

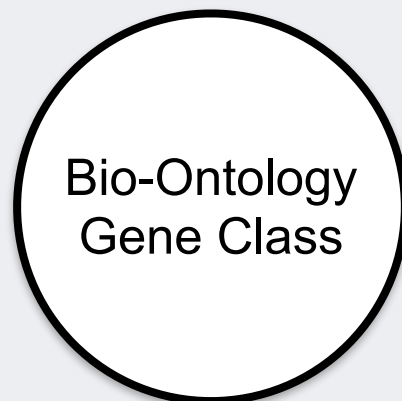
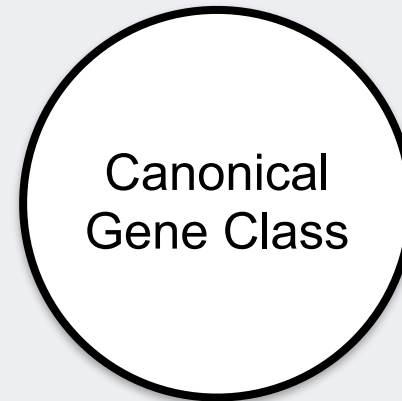
“The great thing about standards is that you have so many to choose from”

- Either Grace Hopper
- Or Andrew Tanenbaum

Equivalent Class Entailment



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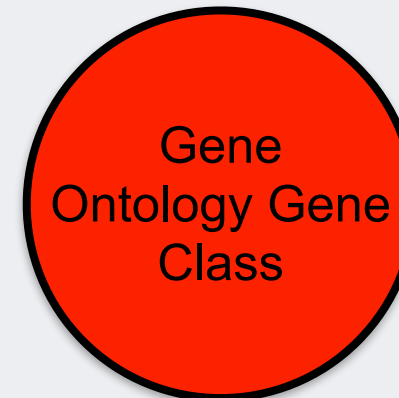
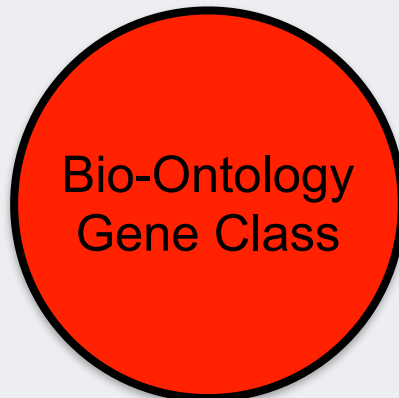
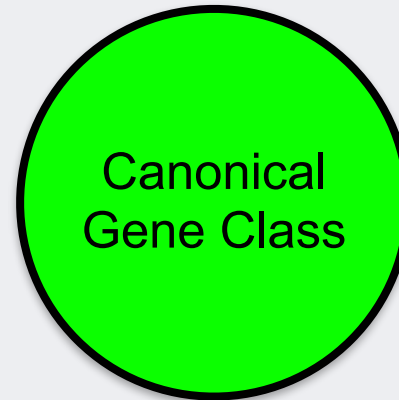
Canonical
Gene Class

Bio-Ontology
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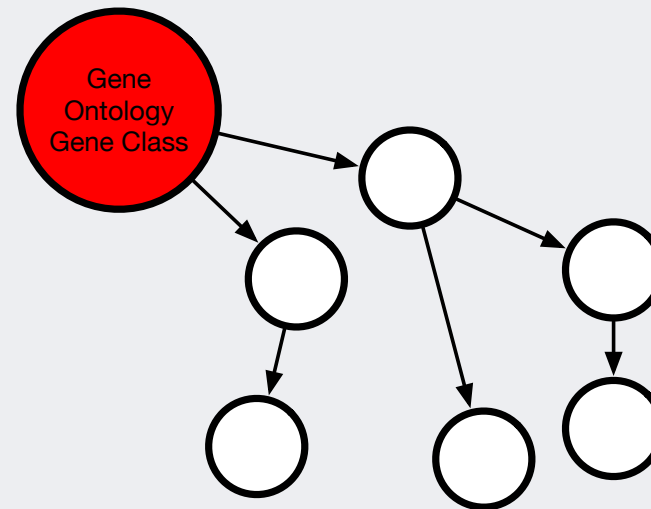
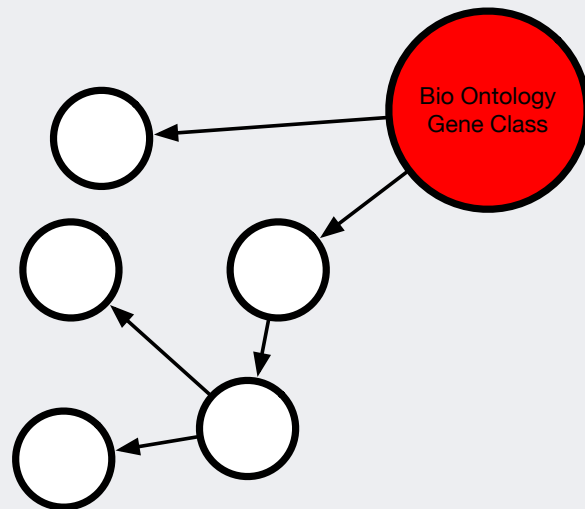
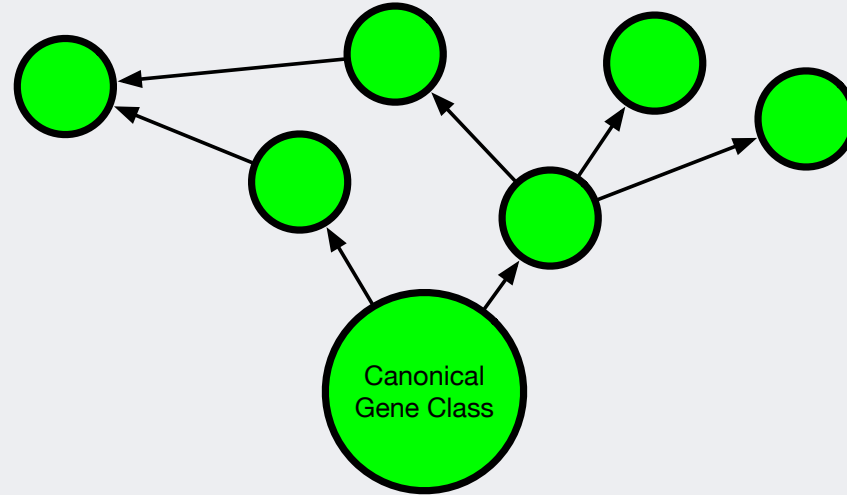
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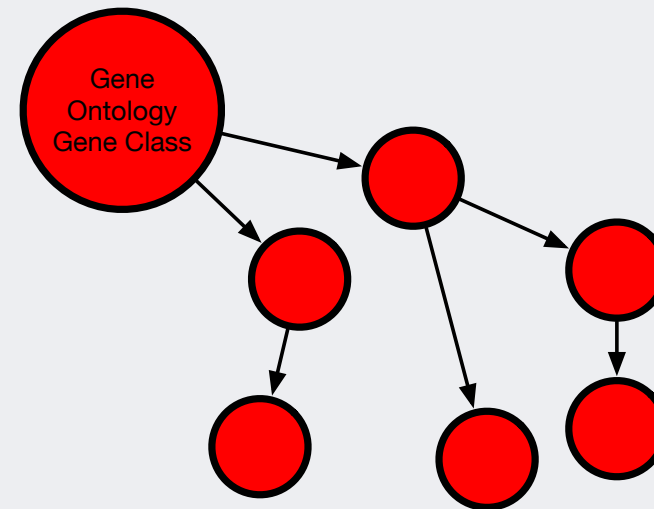
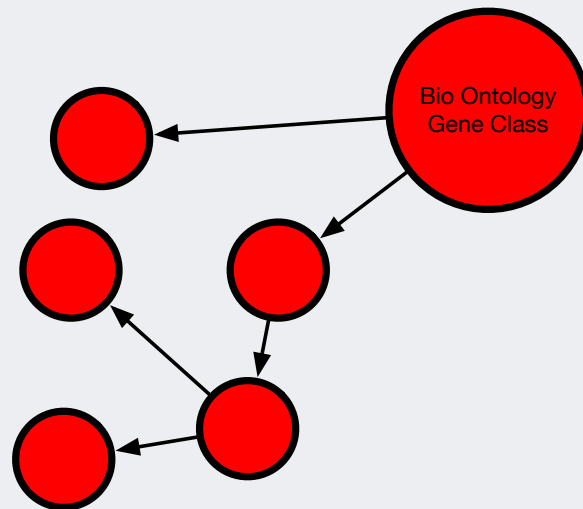
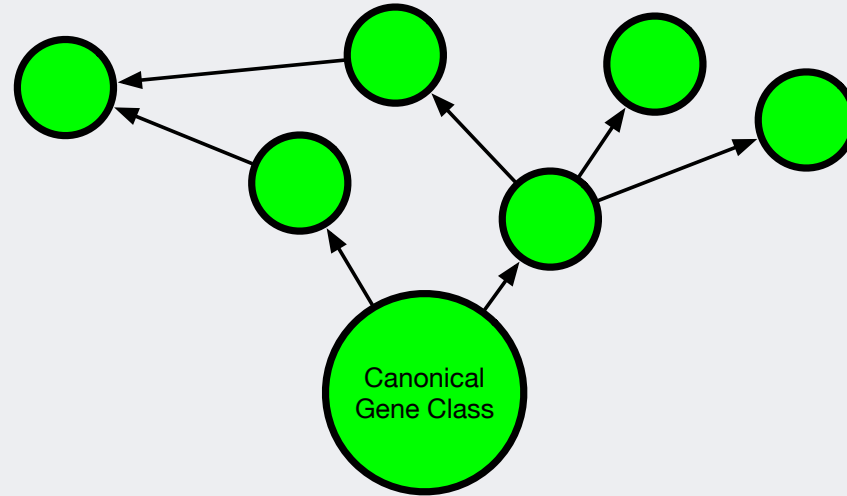
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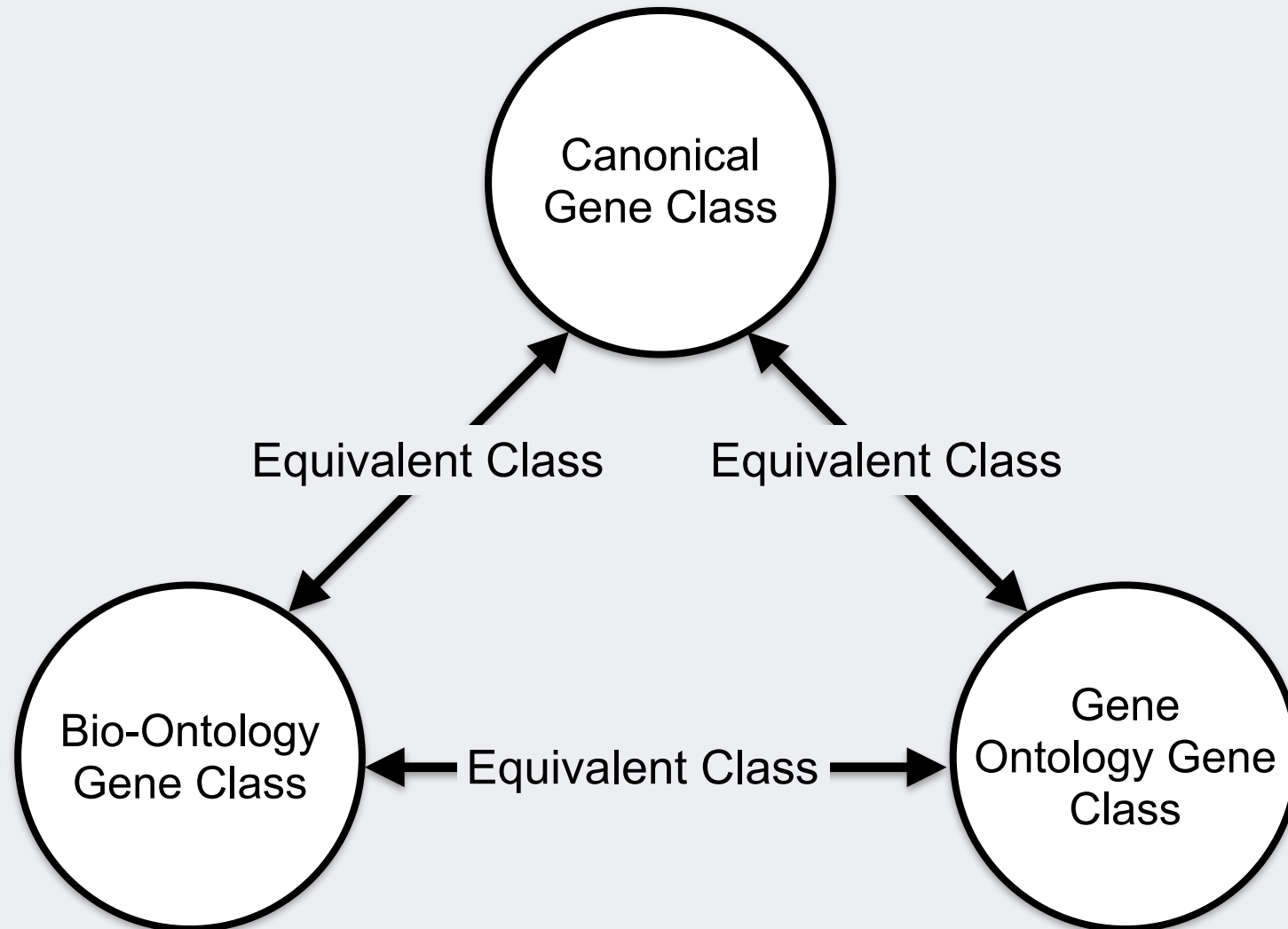
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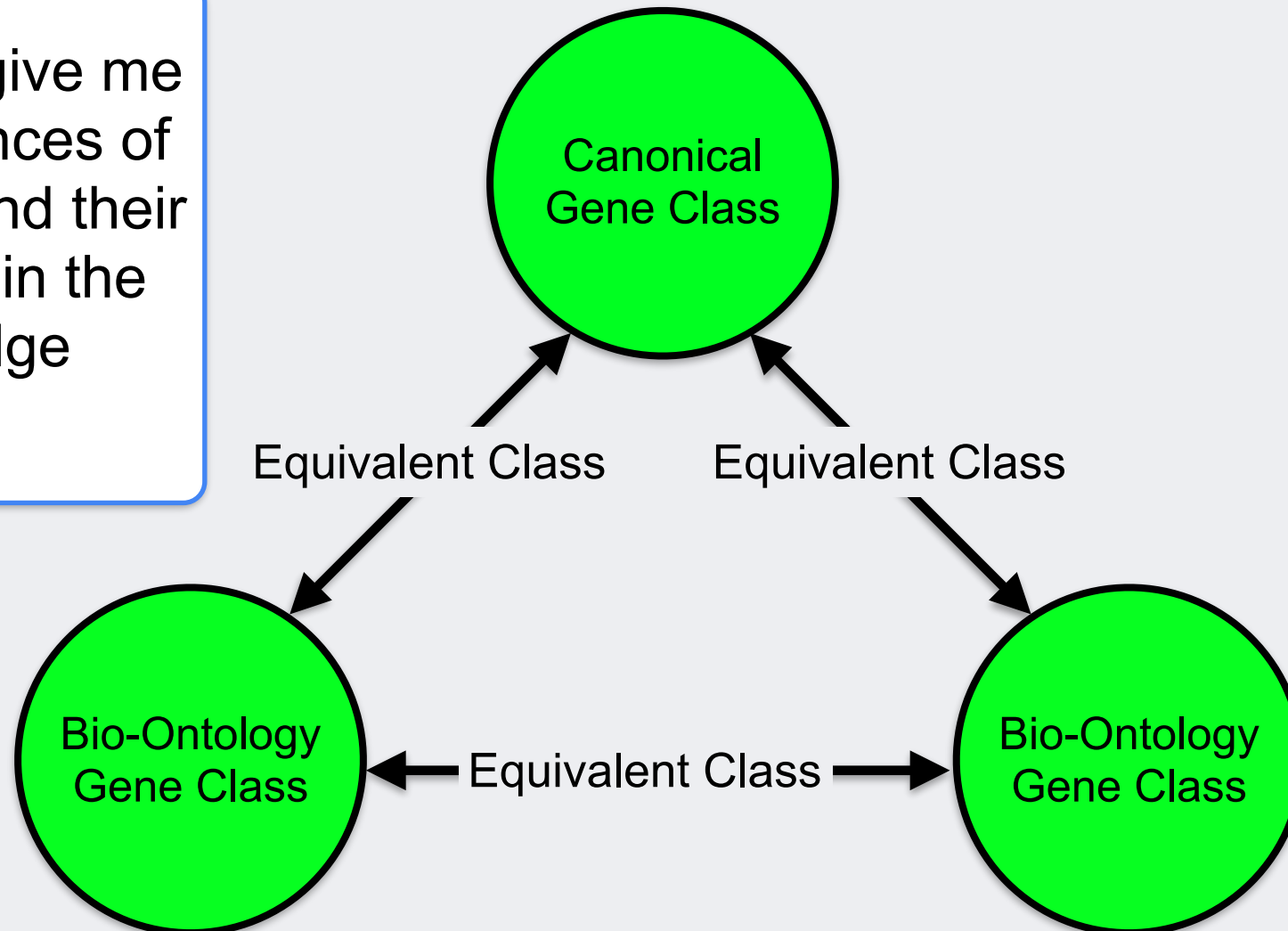


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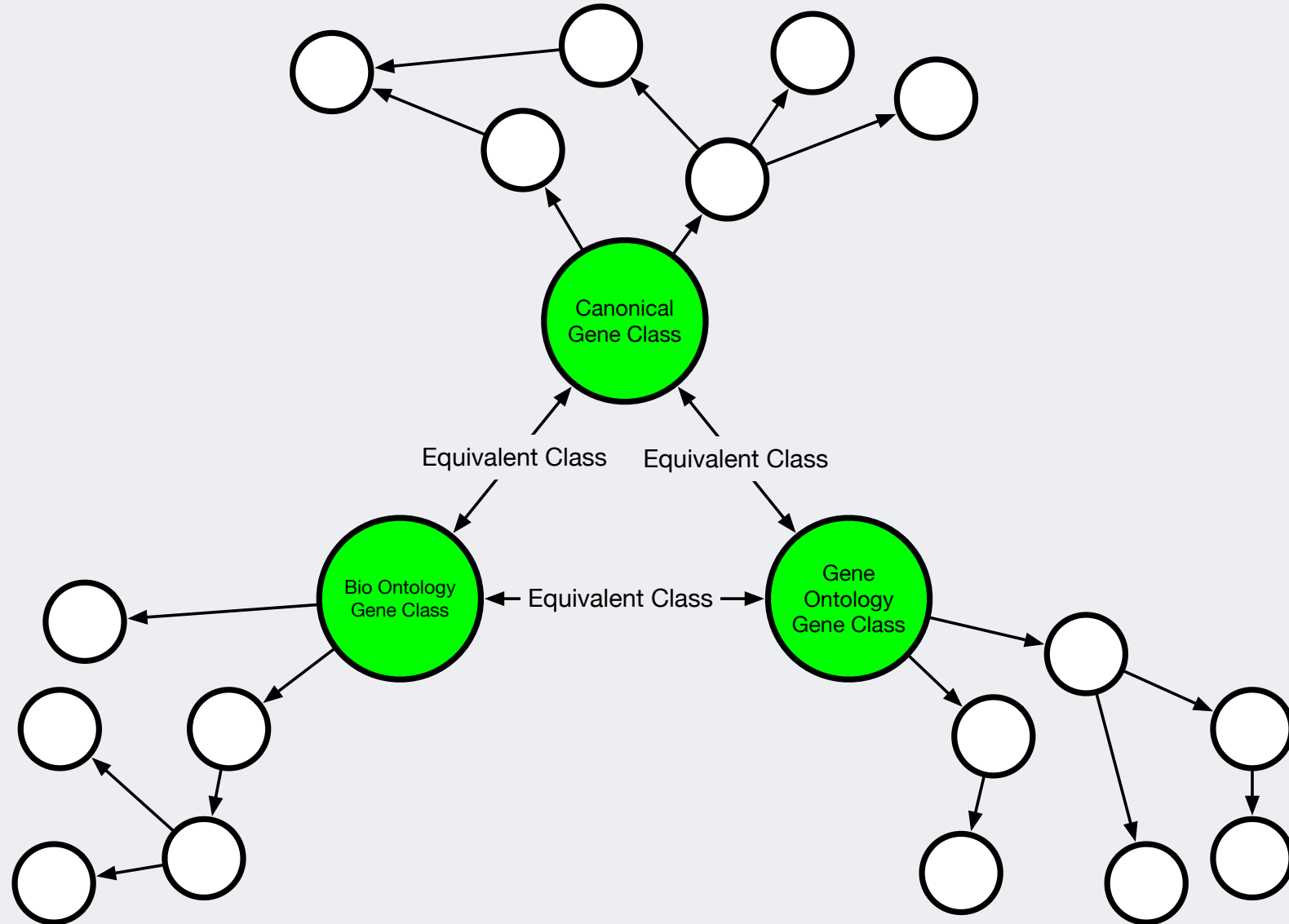


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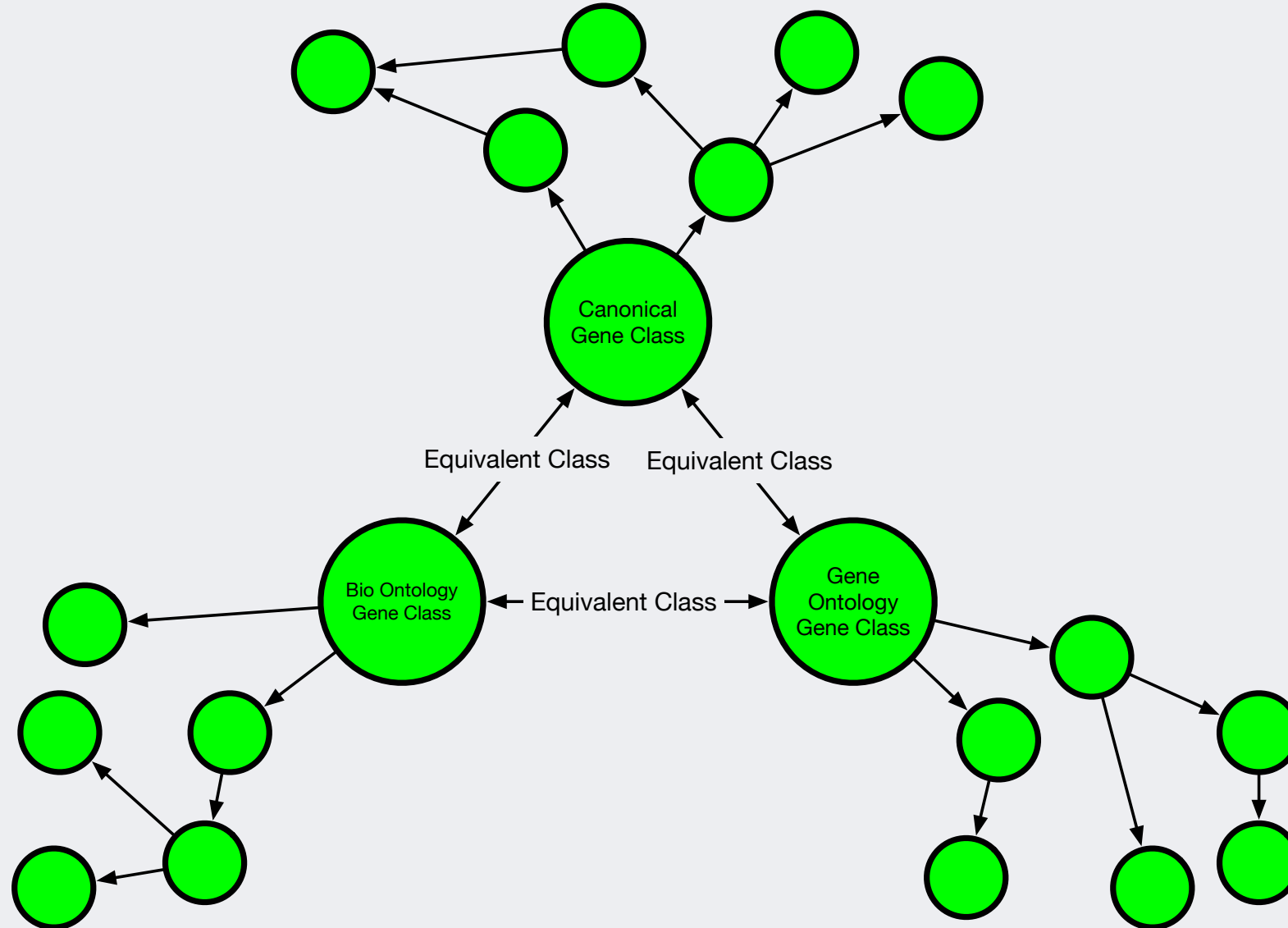
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Logical inferencing demo

Bellman engine on Github



<https://github.com/gsk-aiops/bellman>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kj5bZ2afWSU>

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Thank you



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