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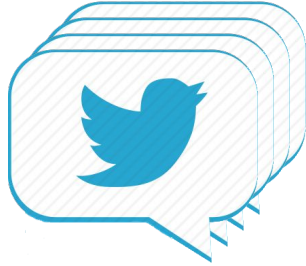
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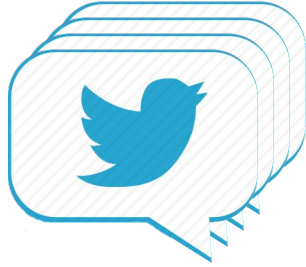
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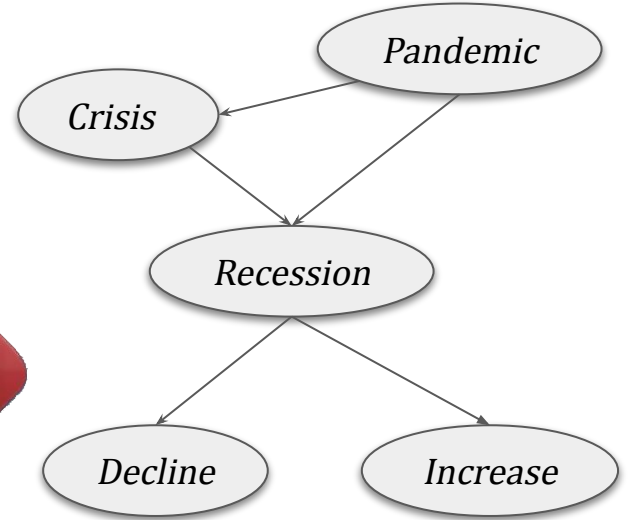
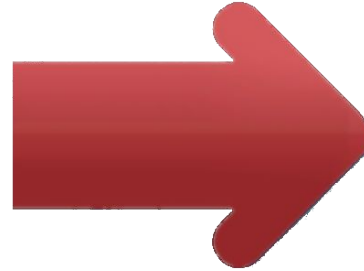


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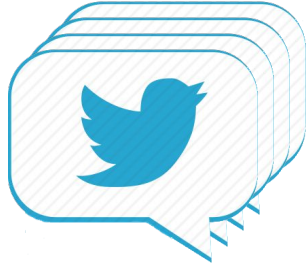


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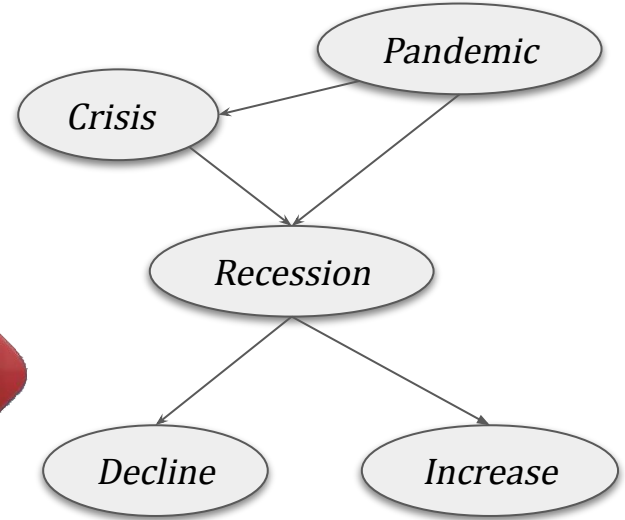
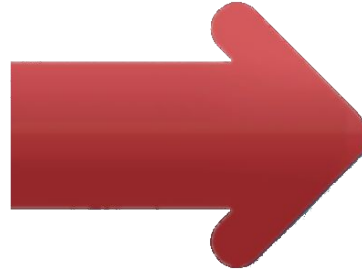
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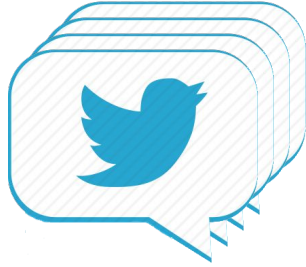


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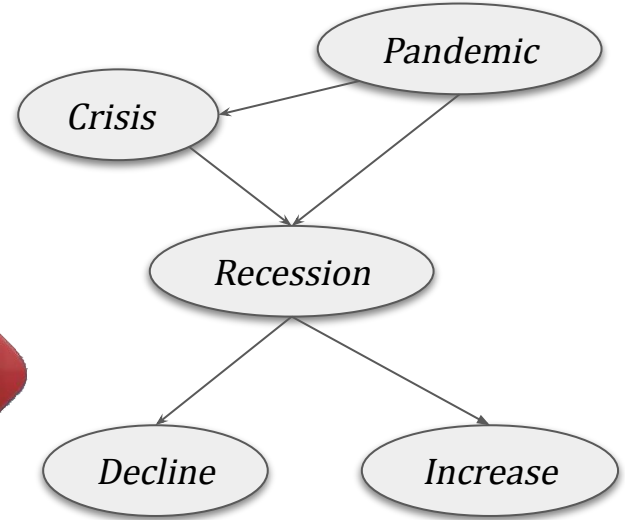
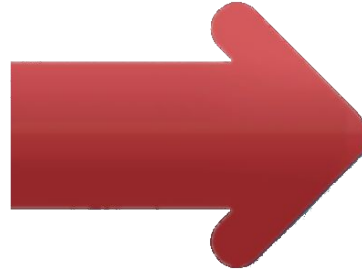
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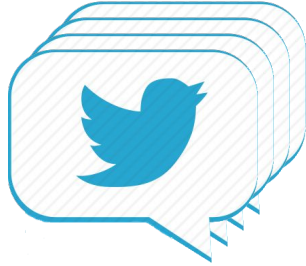


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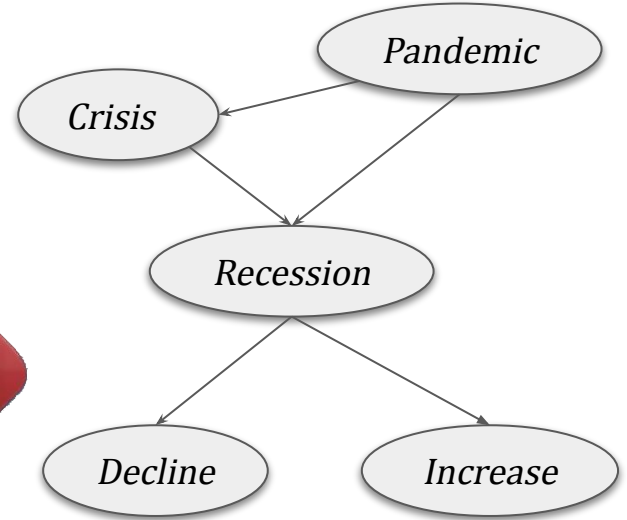
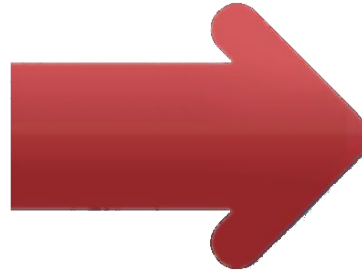


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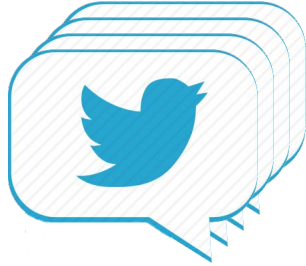


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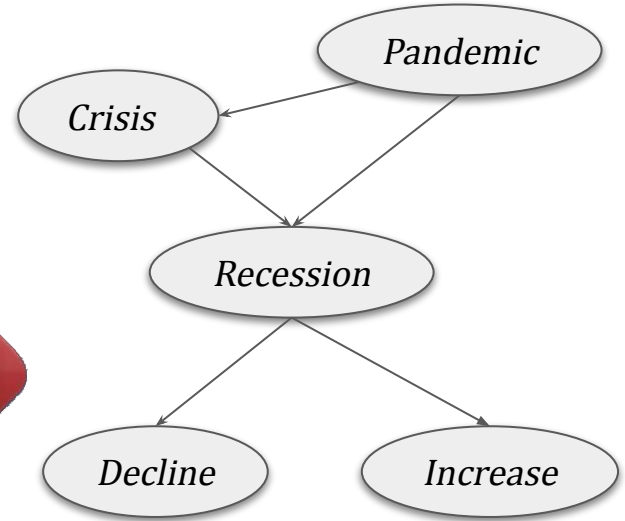
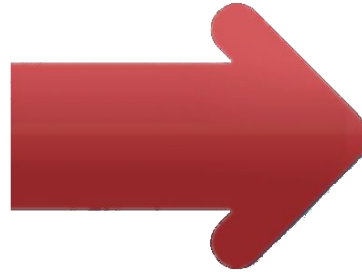


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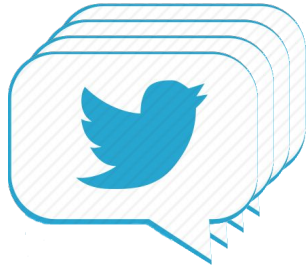
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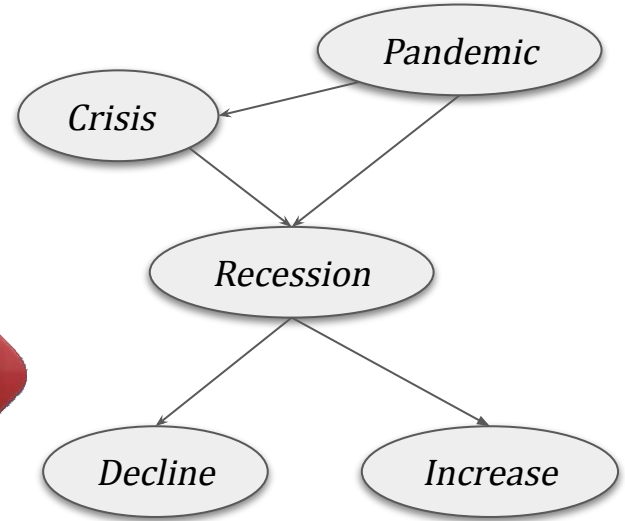
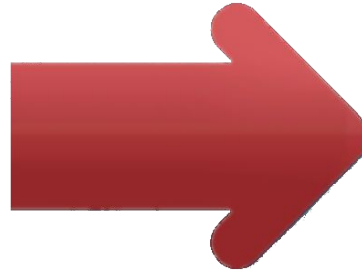


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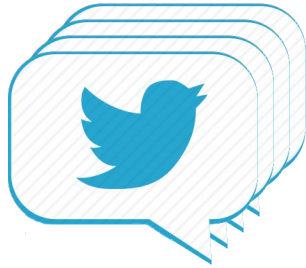
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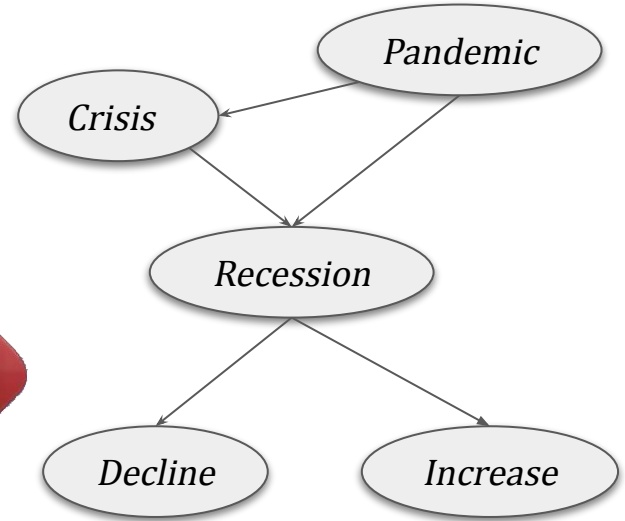
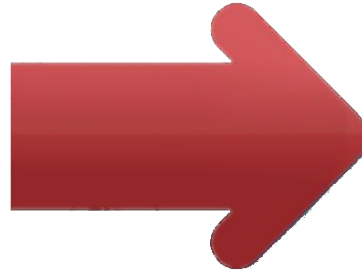


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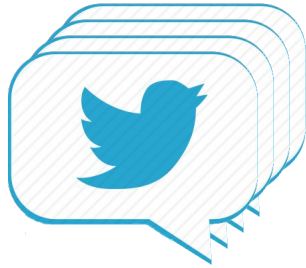
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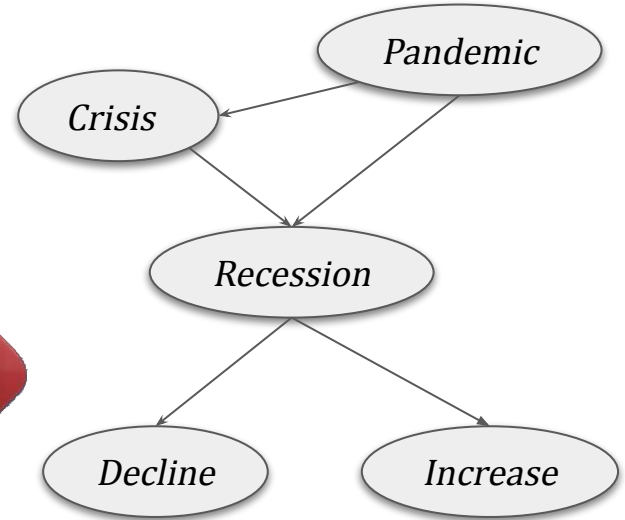
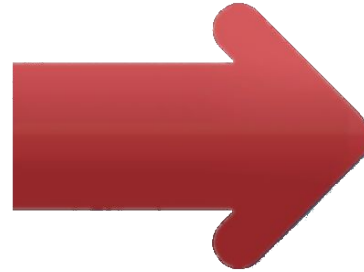


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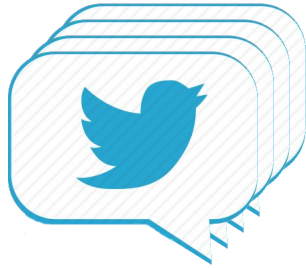
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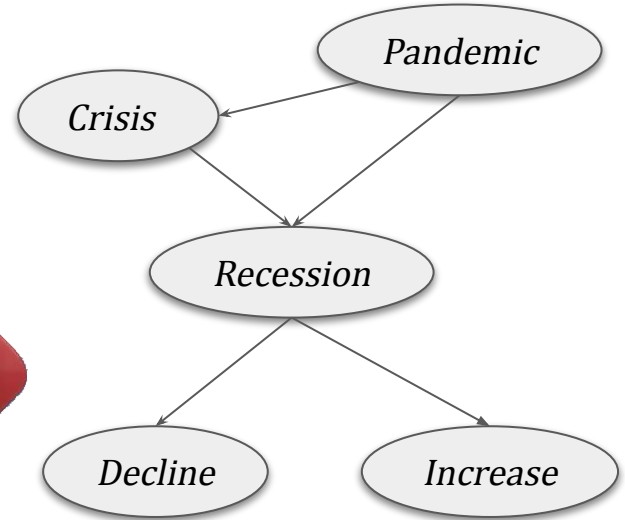
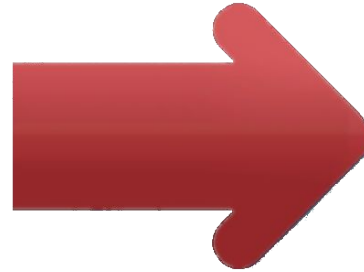


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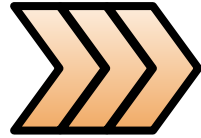
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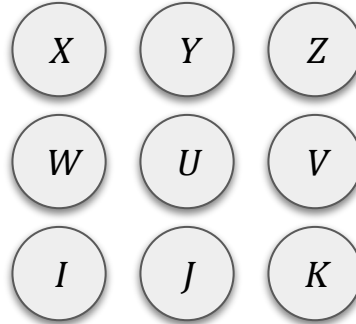
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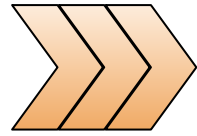


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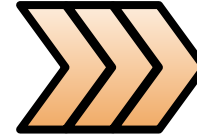
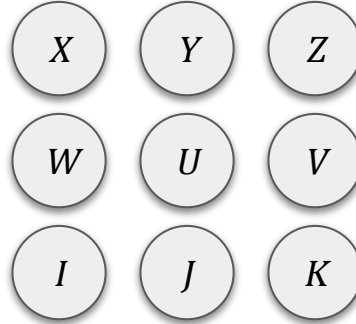


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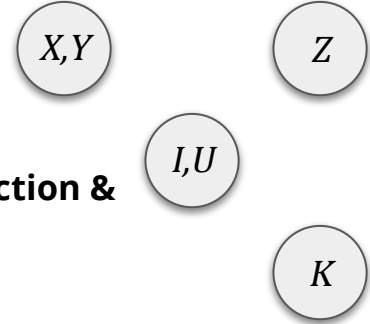
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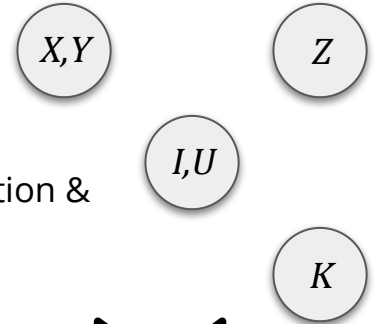
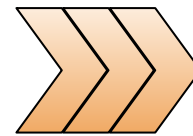
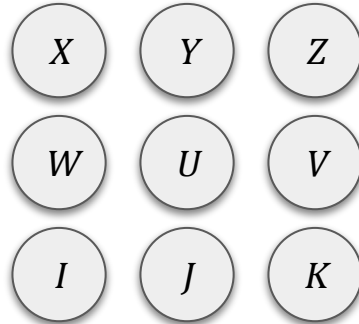


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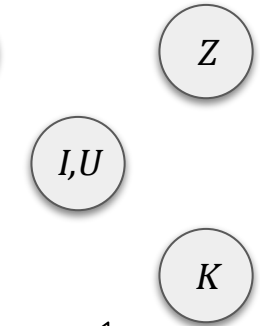
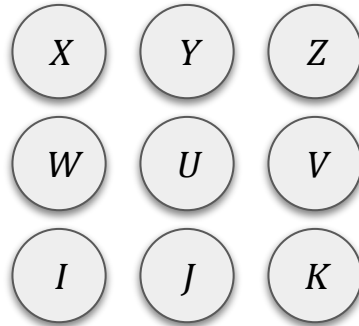
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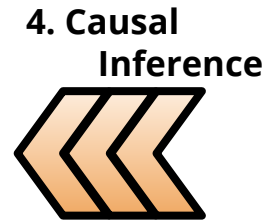
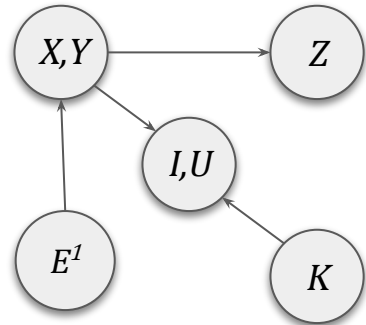
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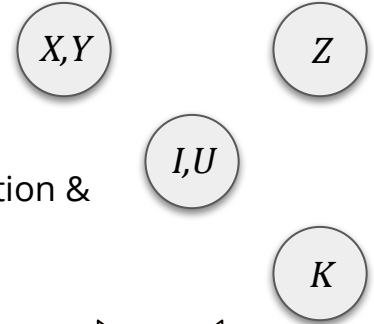
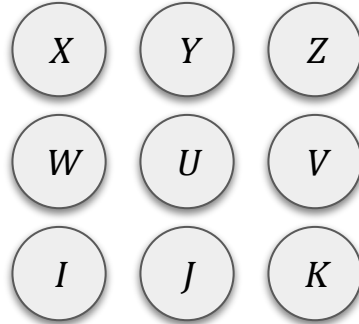
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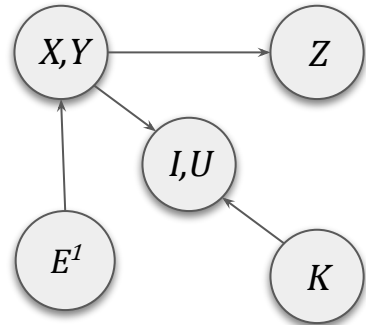
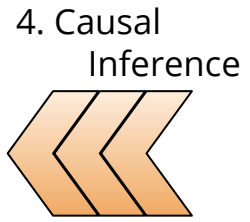


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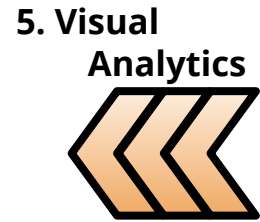
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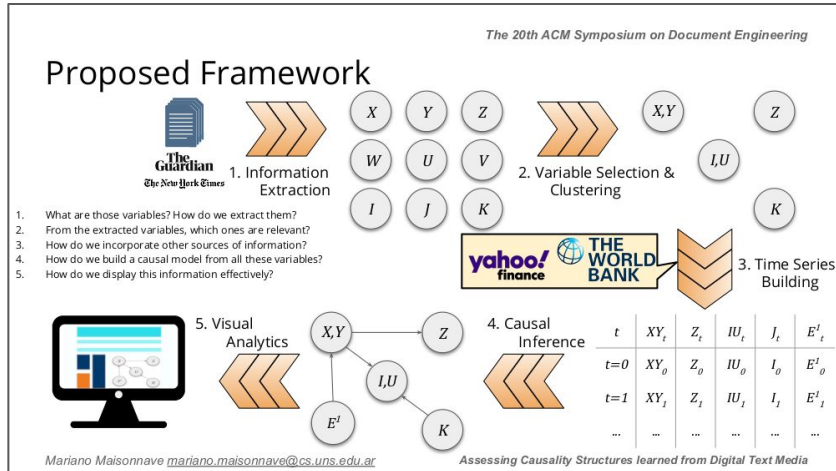
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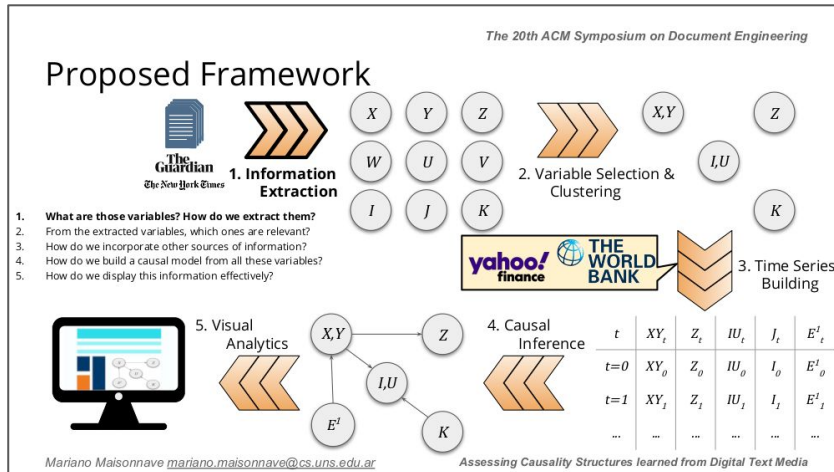
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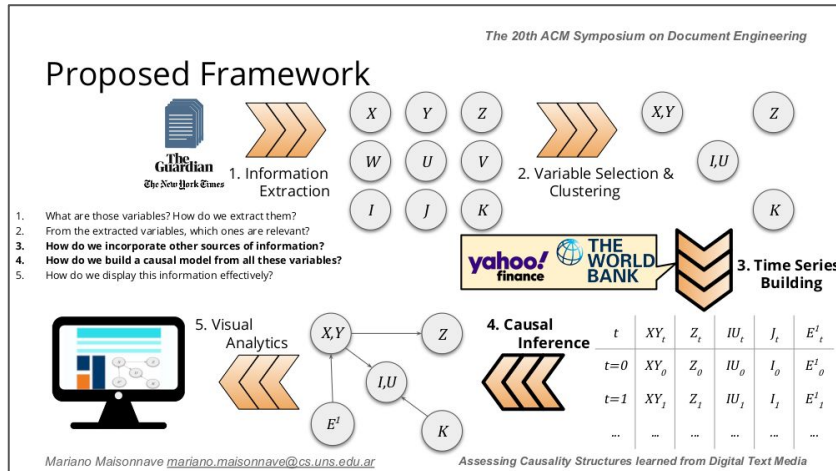
In this paper we describe a framework to uncover potential causal relations between event mentions from streaming text of news media. This framework relies on a dataset of manually labeled events to train a recurrent neural network for event detection. It then creates a time series of event clusters, where clusters are based on BERT contextual word embedding representations of the identified events. Using these time series dataset, we assess four methods based on Granger causality for inferring causal relations. Granger causality is a statistical concept of causality that is based on forecasting. It states that a cause occurs before the effect, and the cause

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Assessing Causality Structures learned from Digital Text Media

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we describe a framework to uncover potential causal relations between event mentions from streaming text of news media. This framework relies on a dataset of manually labeled events to train a recurrent neural network for event detection. It then creates a time series of event clusters, where clusters are based on BERT contextual word embedding representations of the identified events. Using these time series dataset, we assess four methods based on Granger causality for inferring causal relations. Granger causality is a statistical concept of causality that is based on forecasting. It states that a cause occurs before the effect, and the cause

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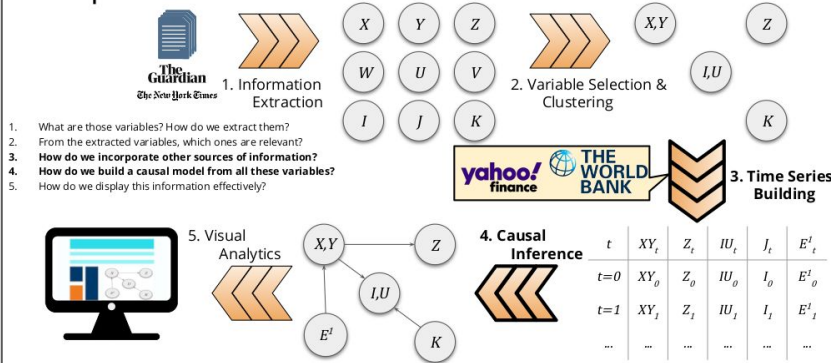
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1 INTRODUCTION

Prediction and explanation are essential tasks in almost any scientific discipline and inferring causality relations is a major step towards achieving these tasks. In particular, the use of text data

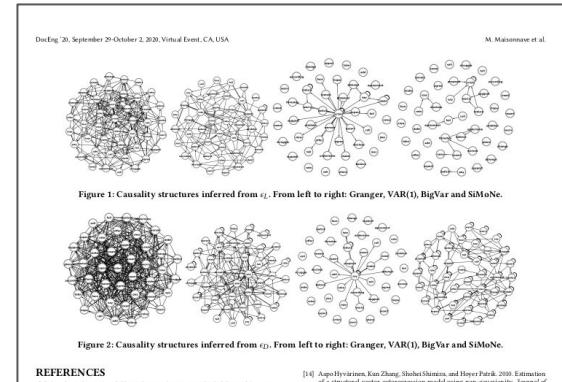
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