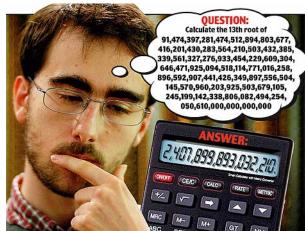
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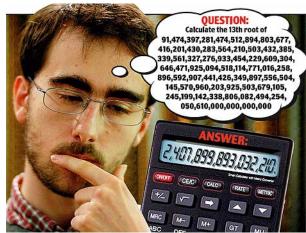
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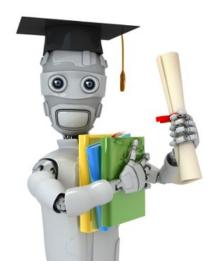






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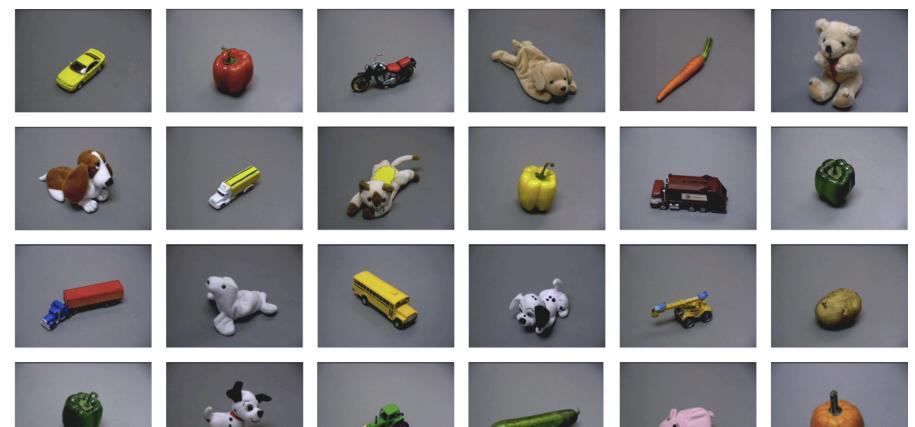


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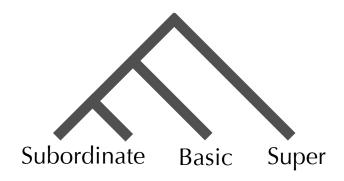


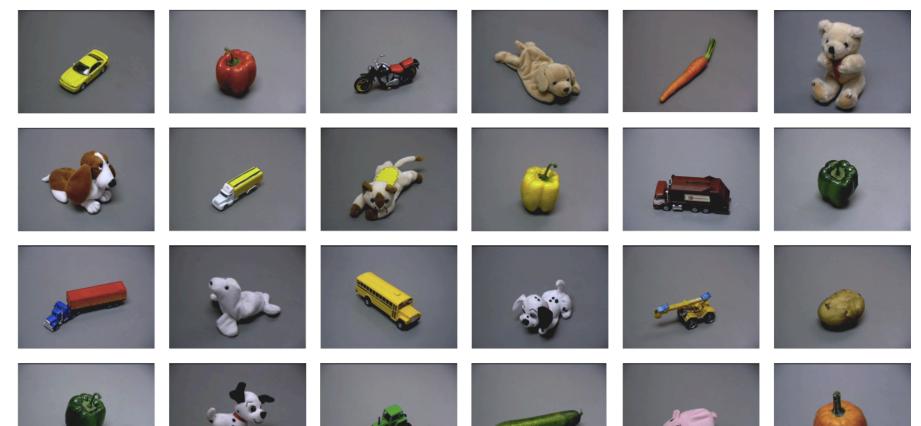


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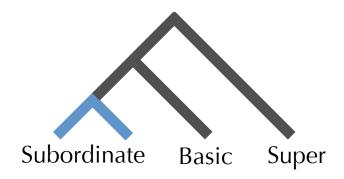


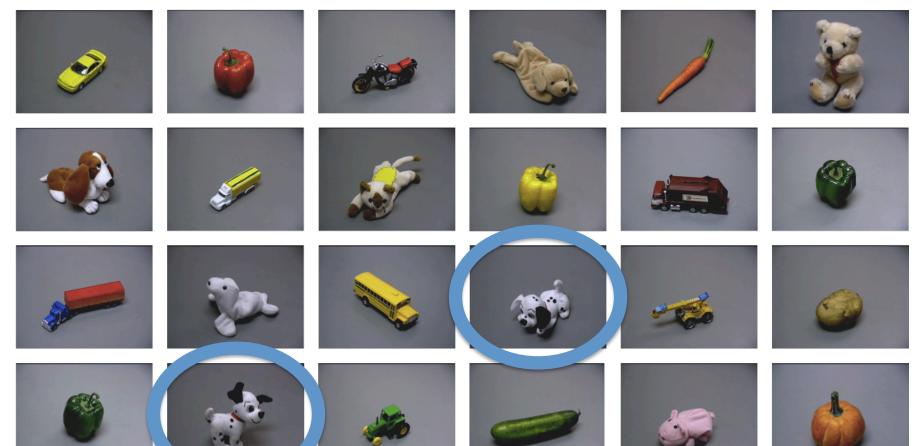


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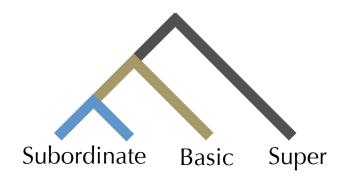




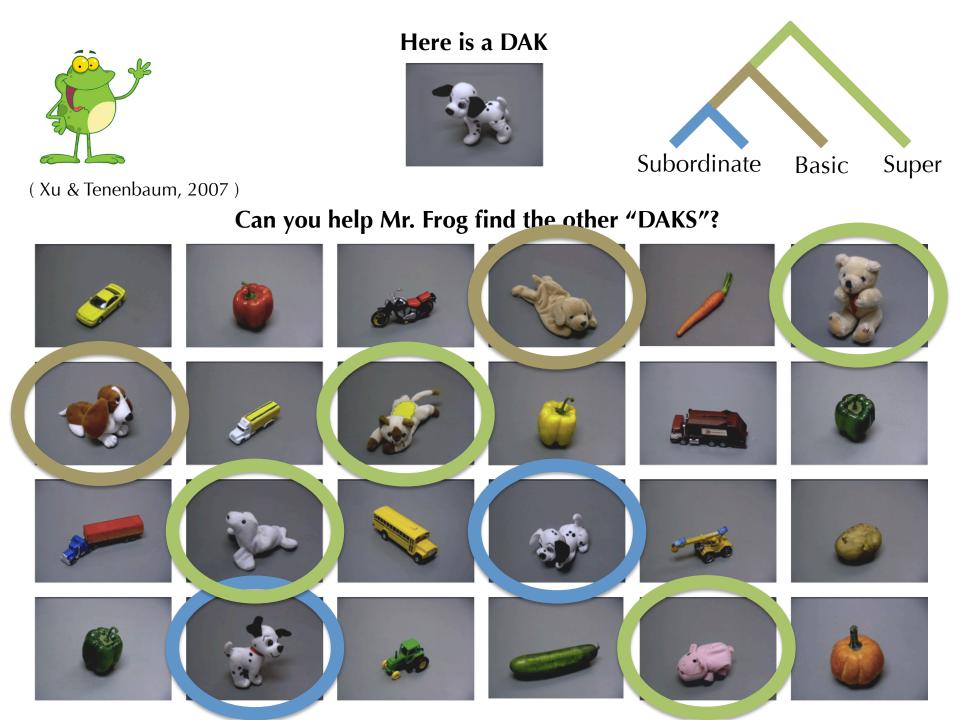
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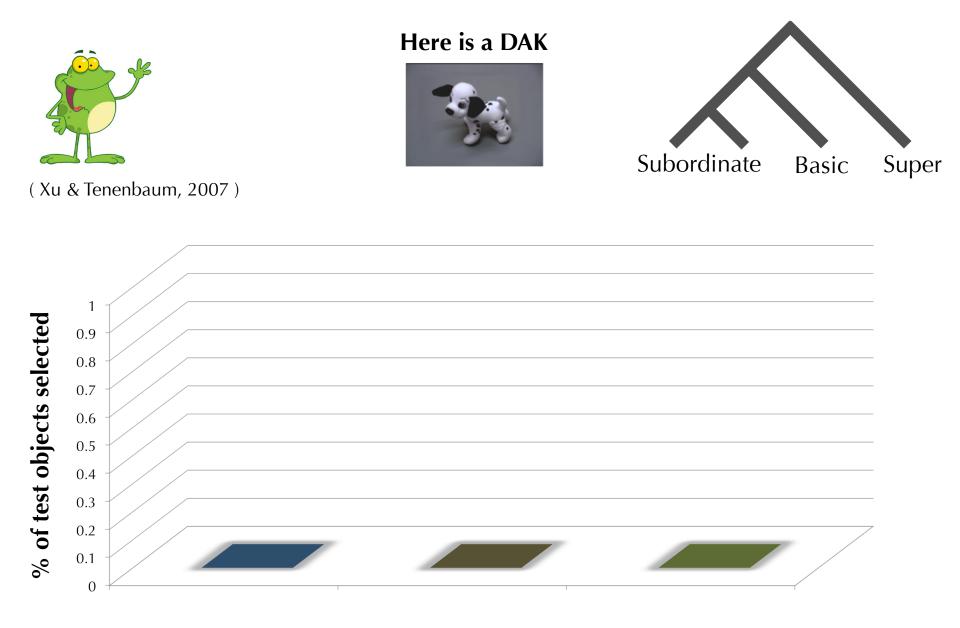
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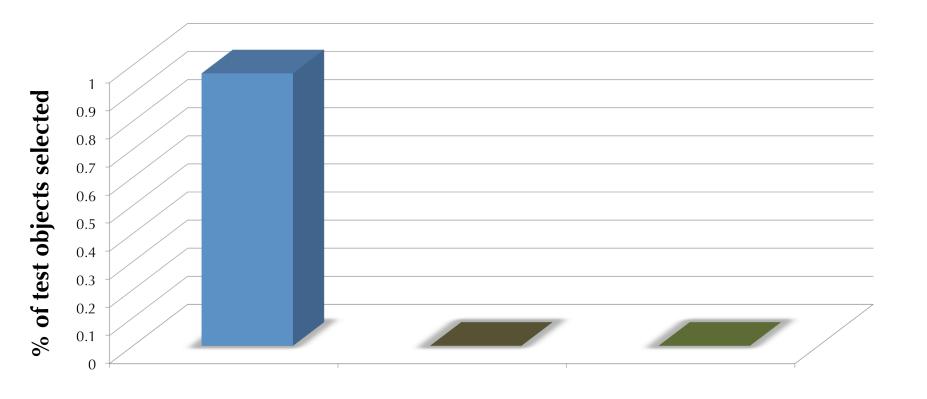


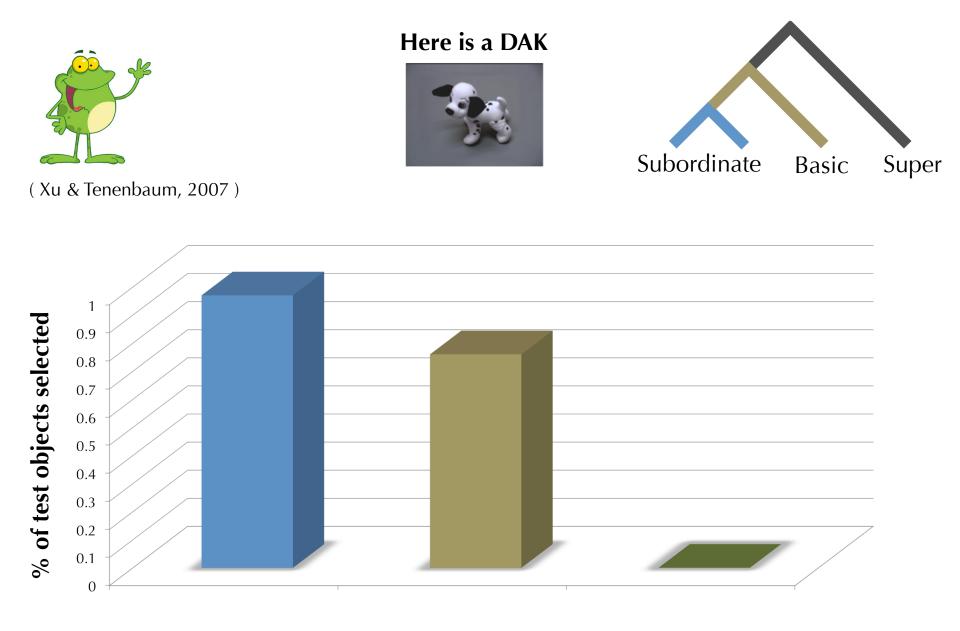


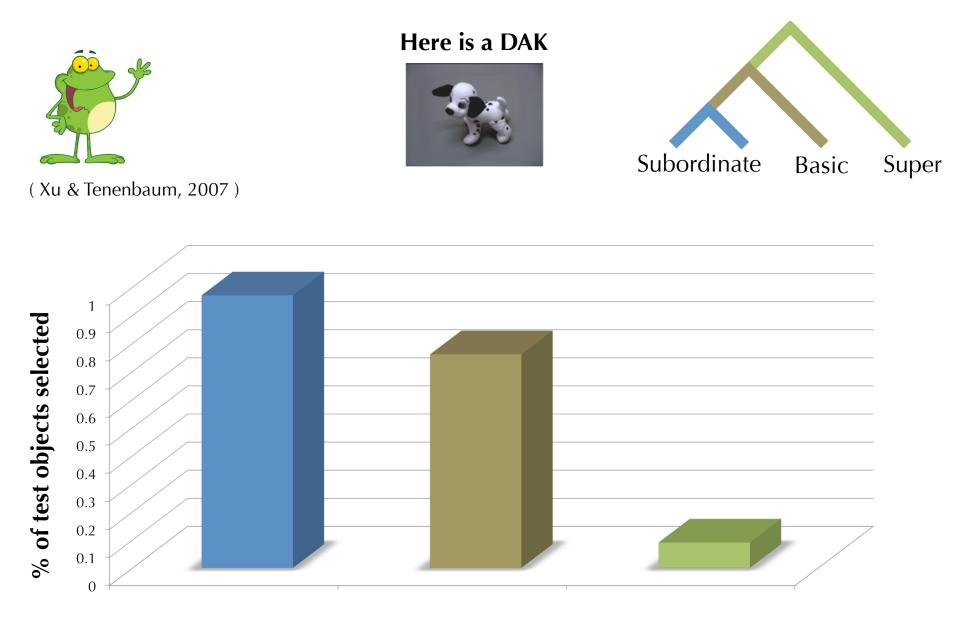






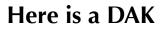




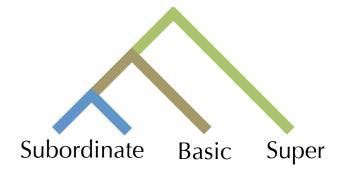


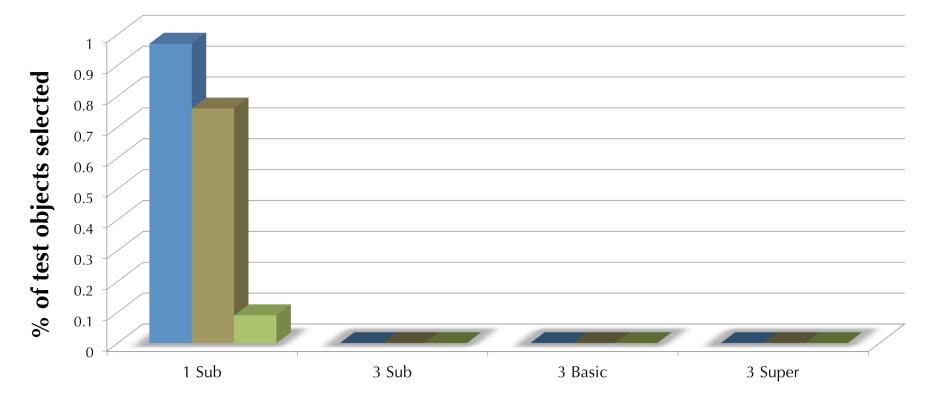


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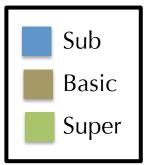


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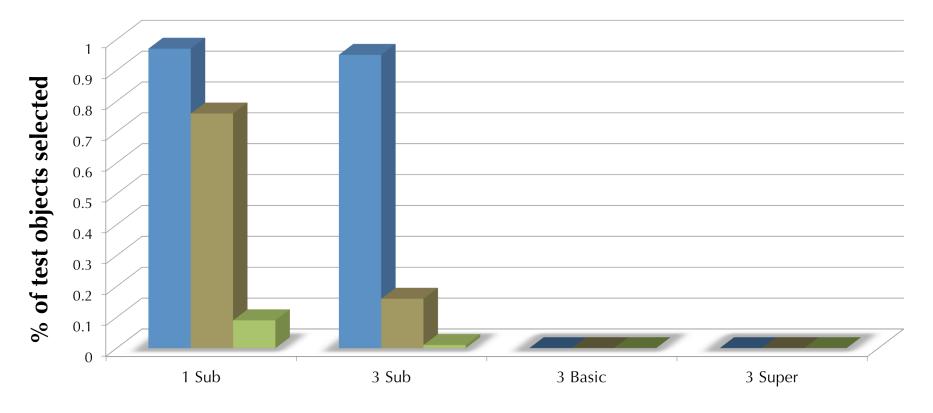








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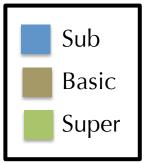


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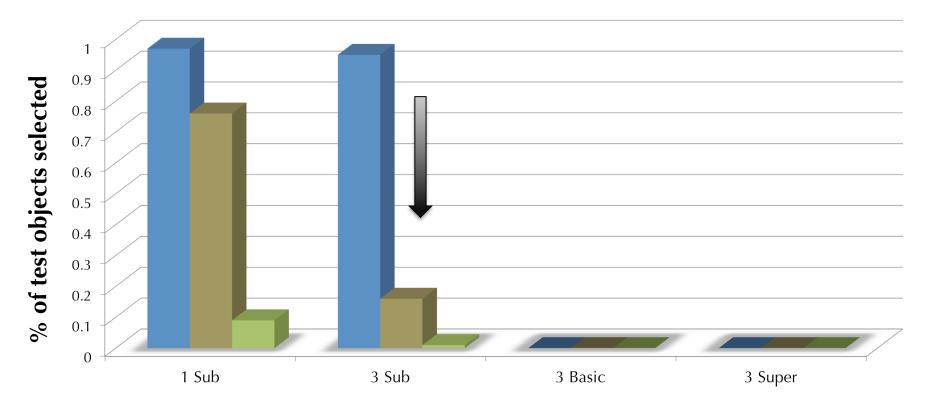








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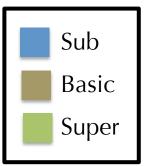


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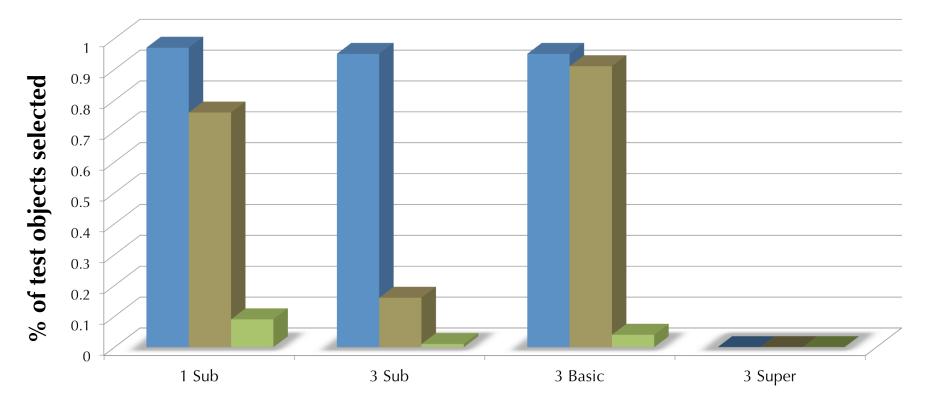








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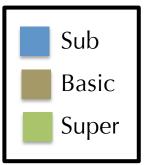
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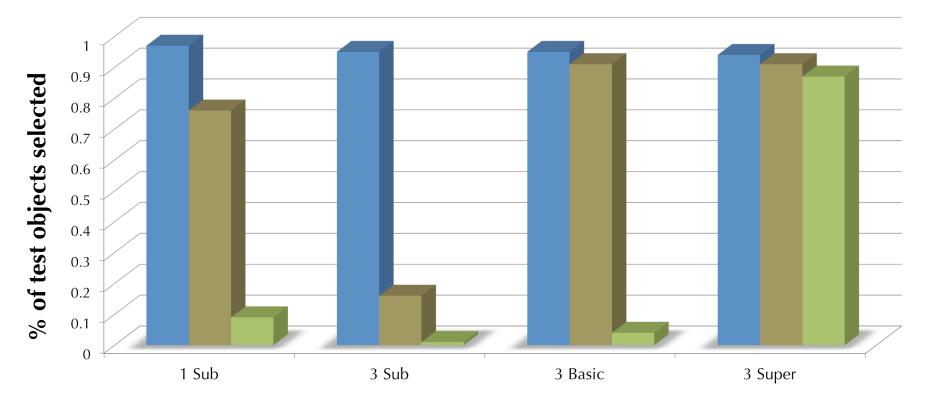




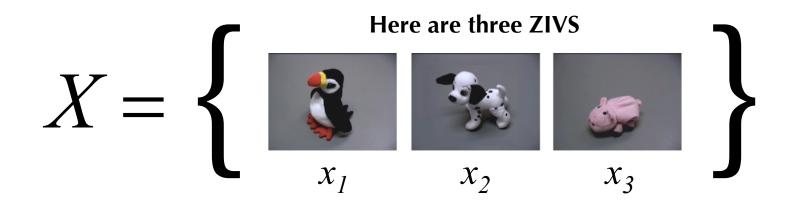




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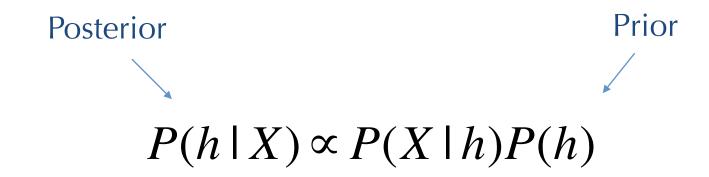
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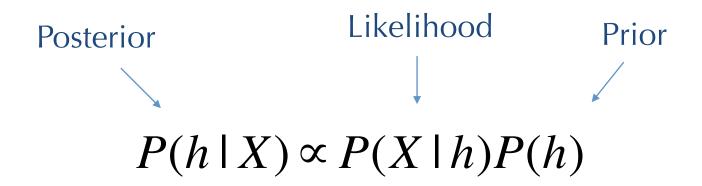
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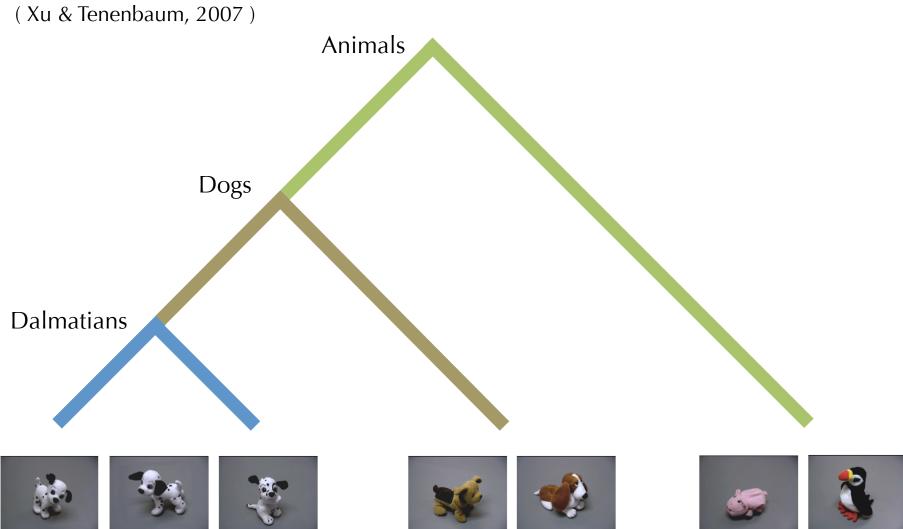
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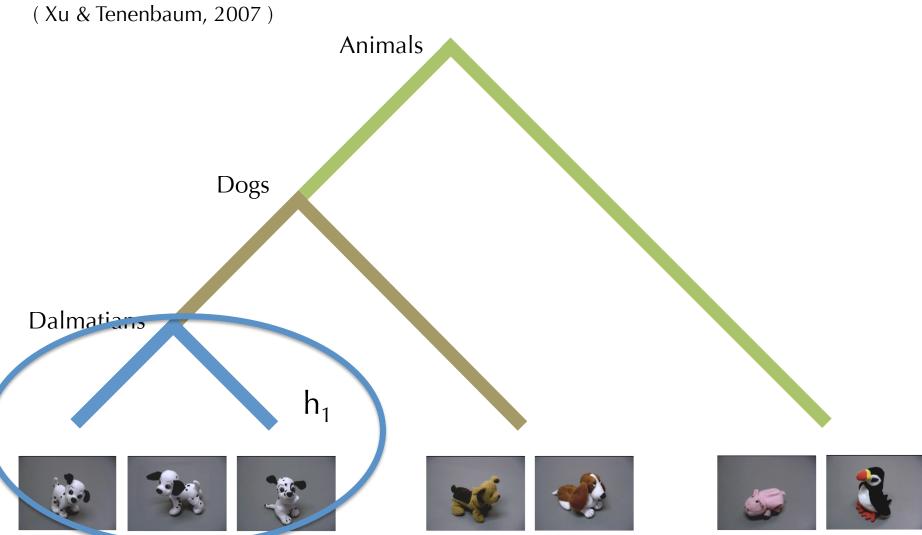
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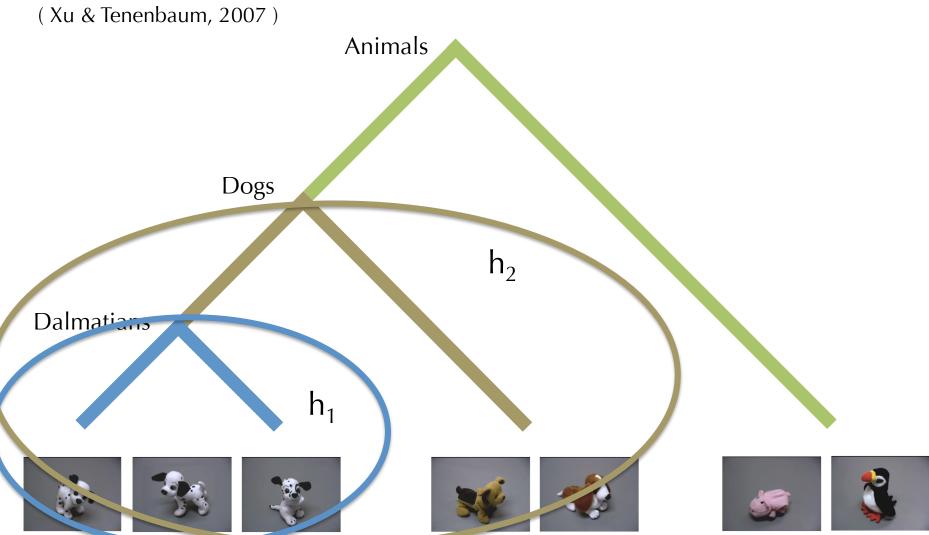


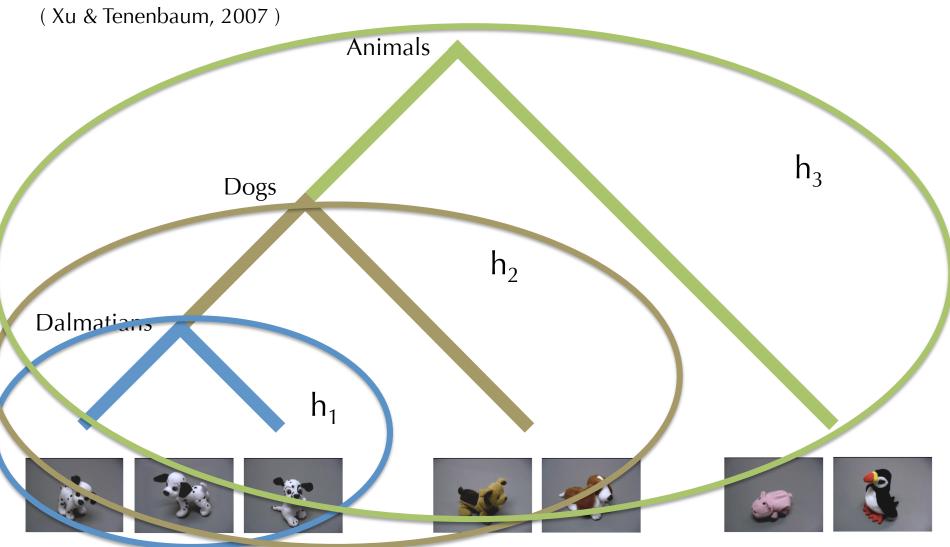
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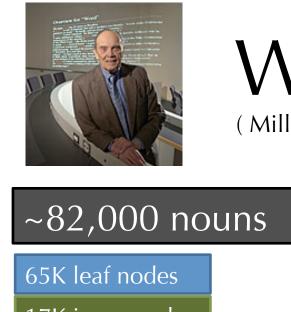
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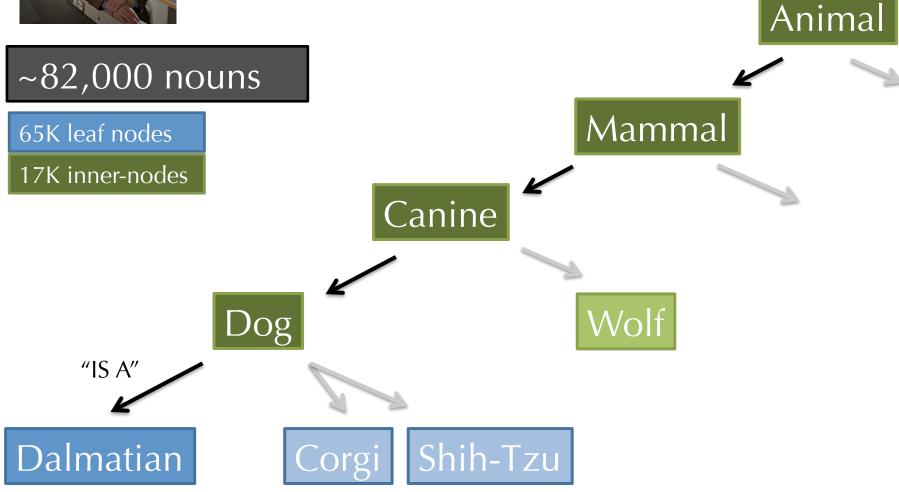
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# WordNet

(Miller, 1995; Fellbaum, 2010)



# (Deng et al., 2009)

### 14.2 million images

2563

pictures

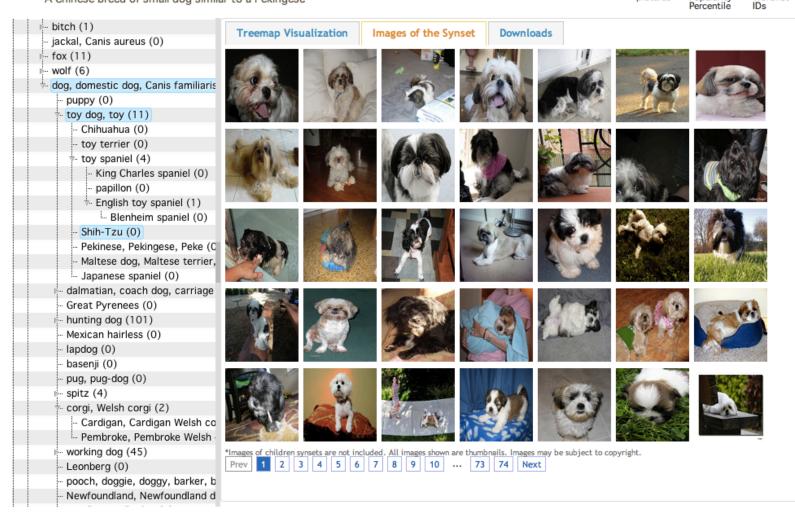
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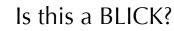














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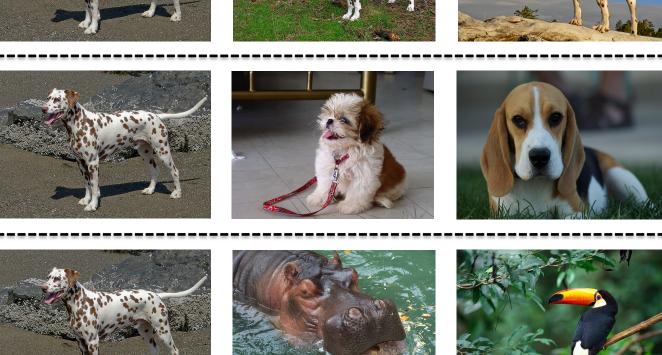
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3 basic-level



3 superordinate







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### **TEST SET**

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#### Can you help Mr. Frog find the other "FEPS"?



















































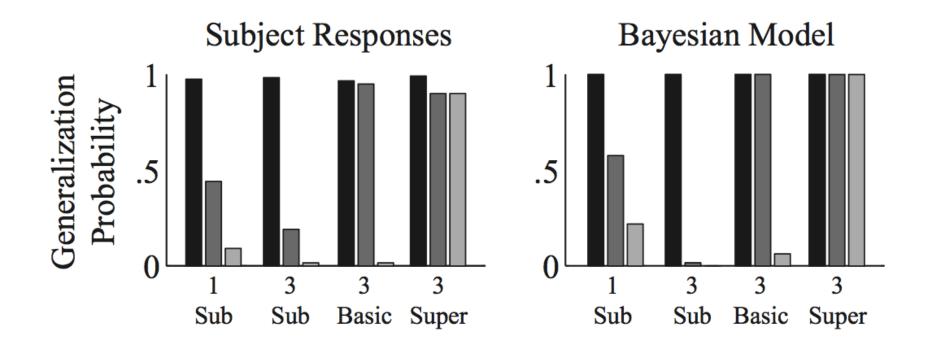








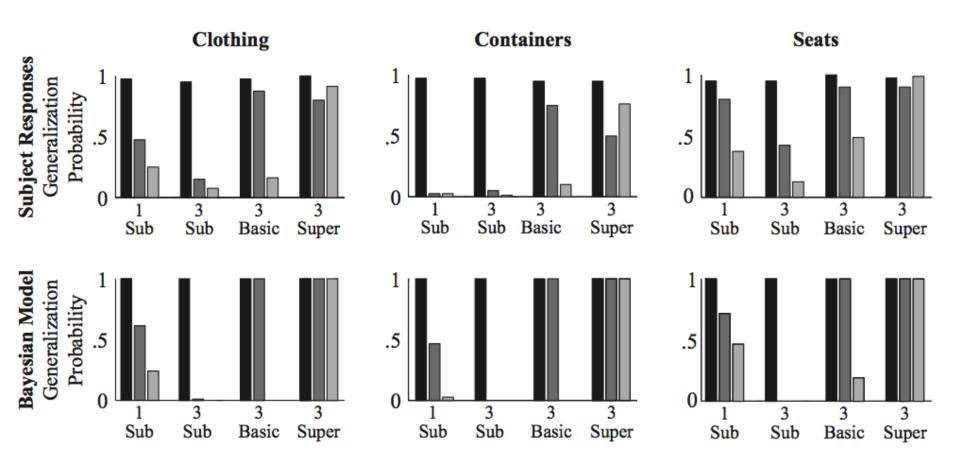
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