

# Lecture 1: Introduction

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# Welcome to Berkeley Computer Science!

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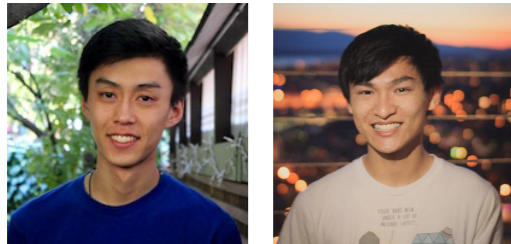
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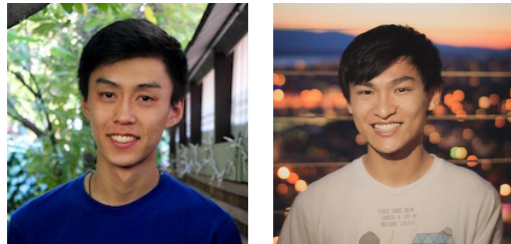
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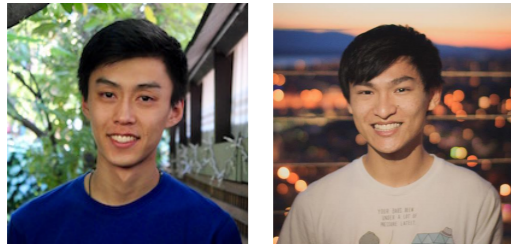
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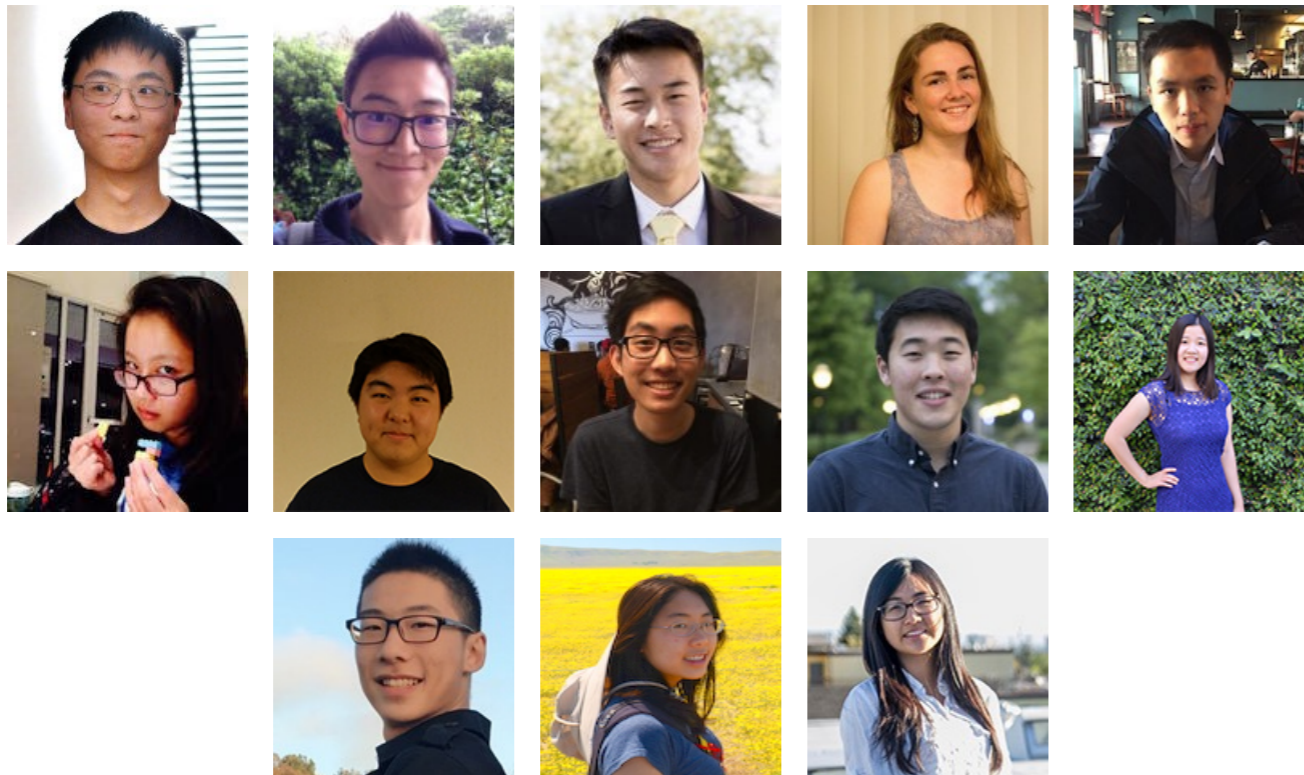
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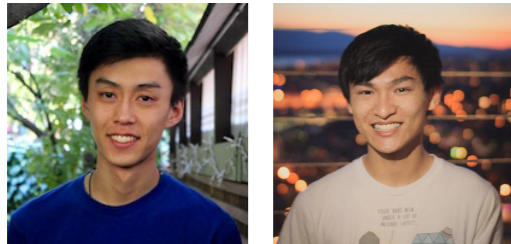




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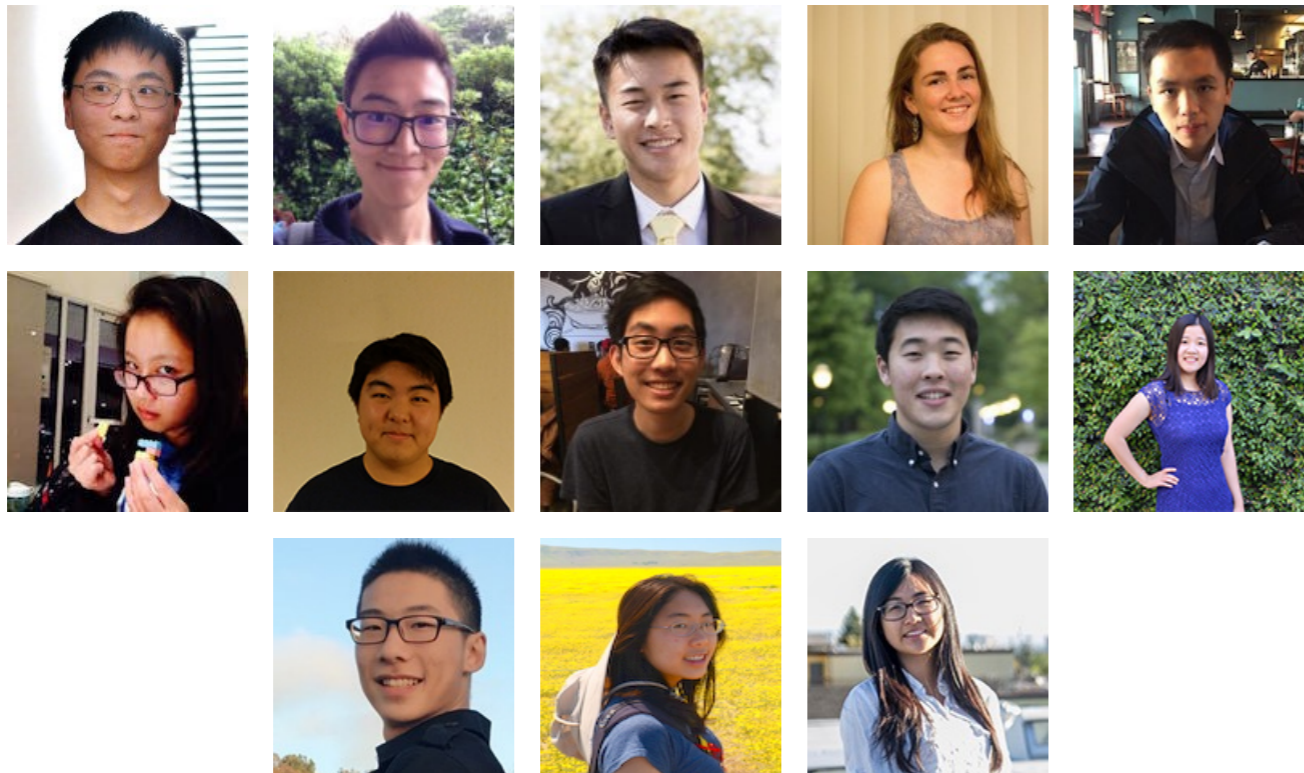
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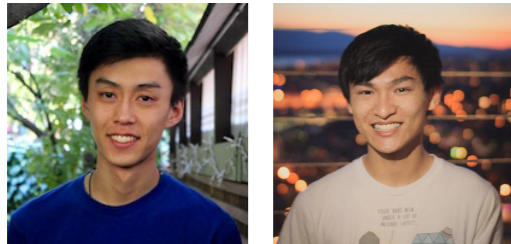
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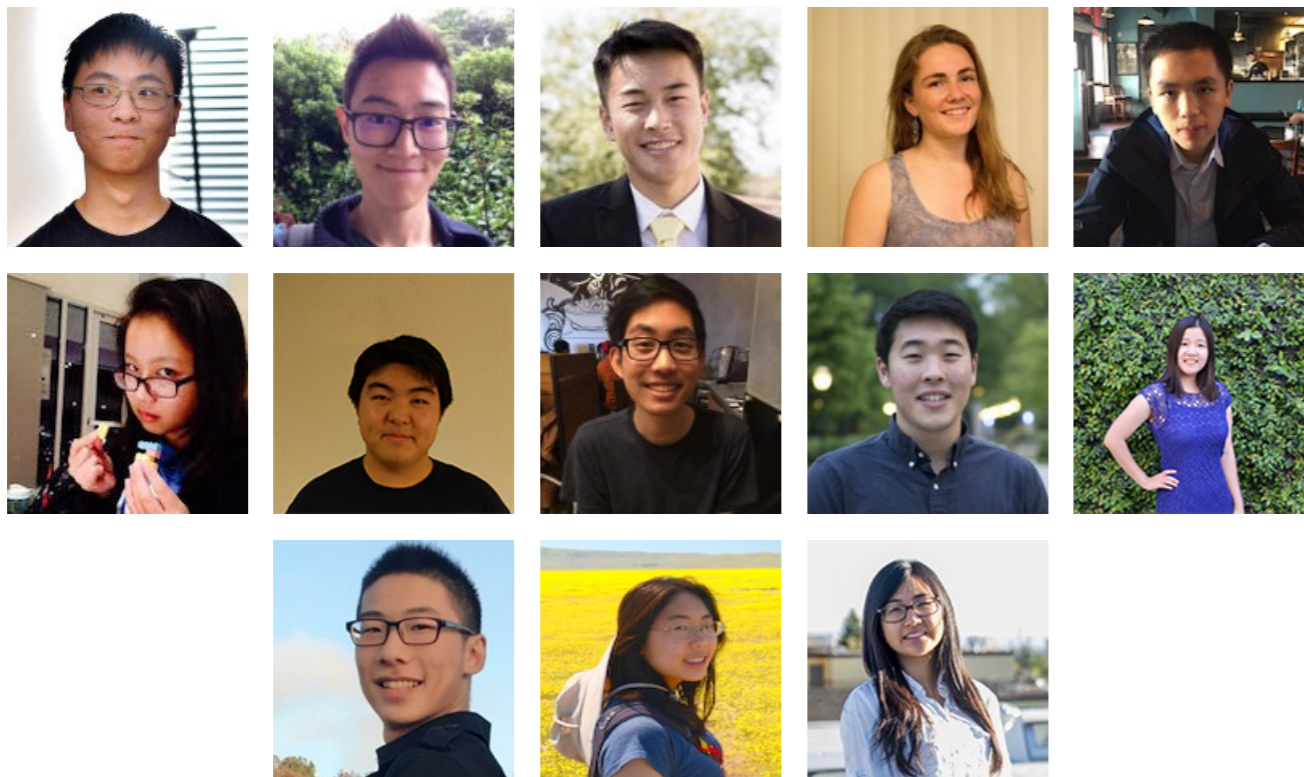
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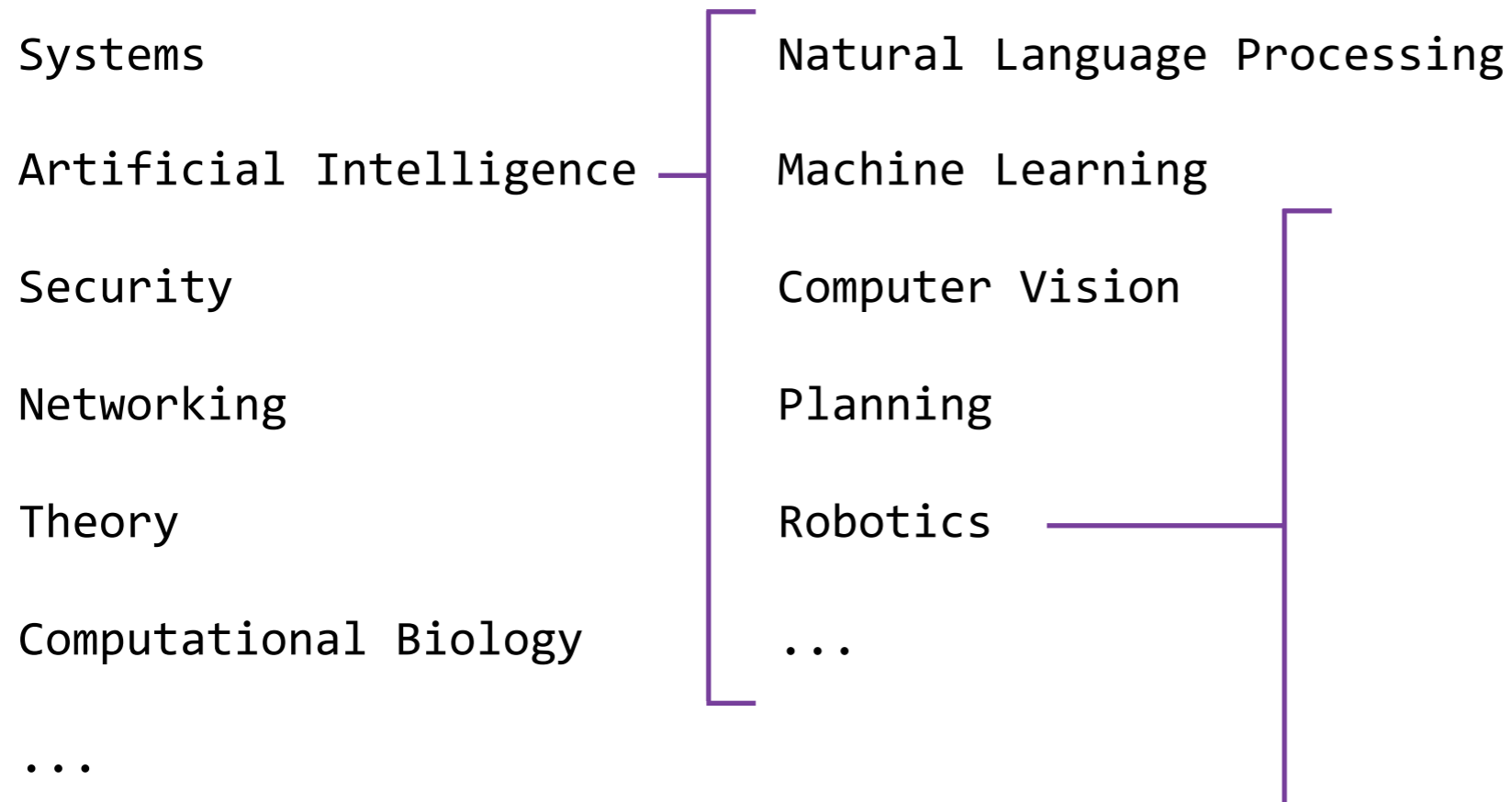
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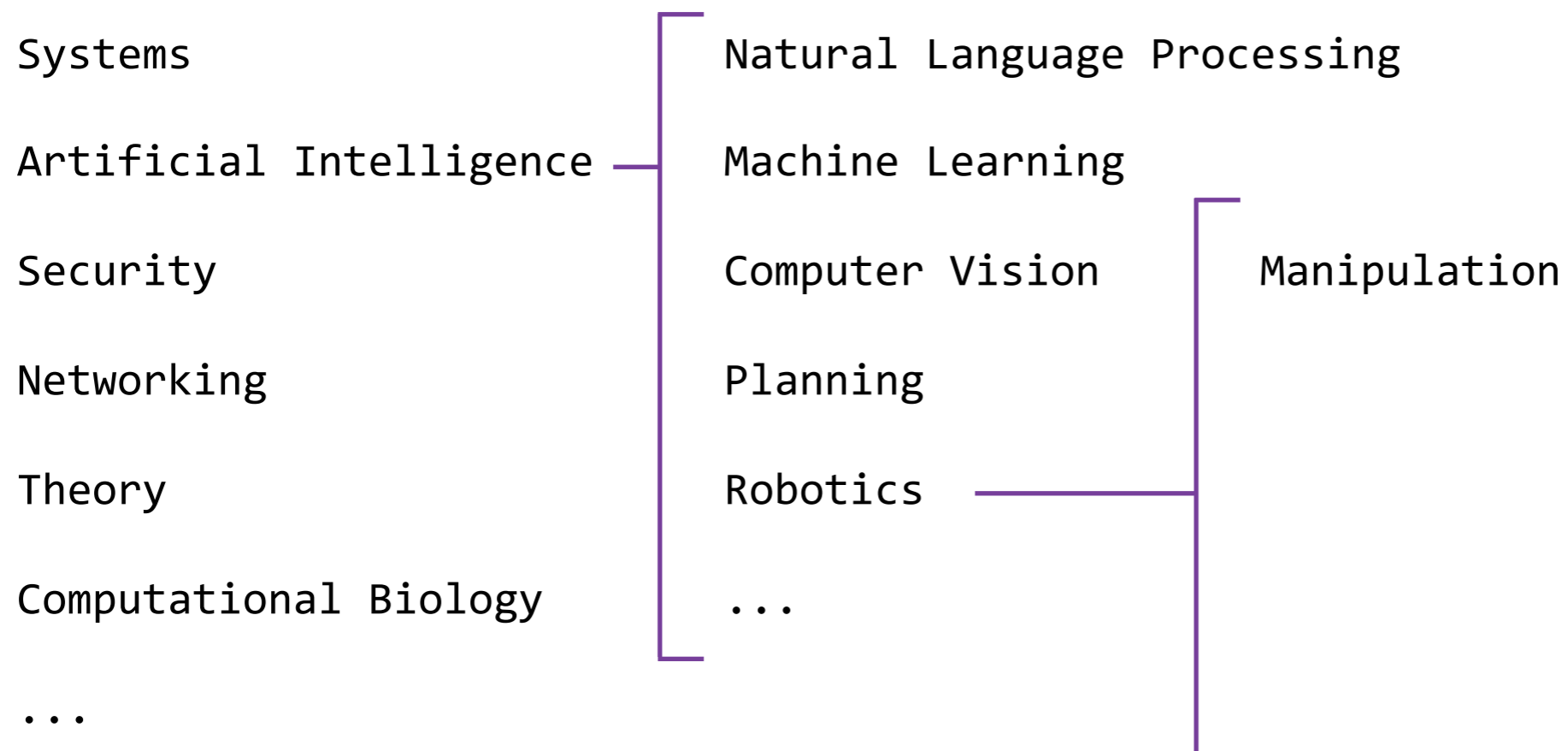
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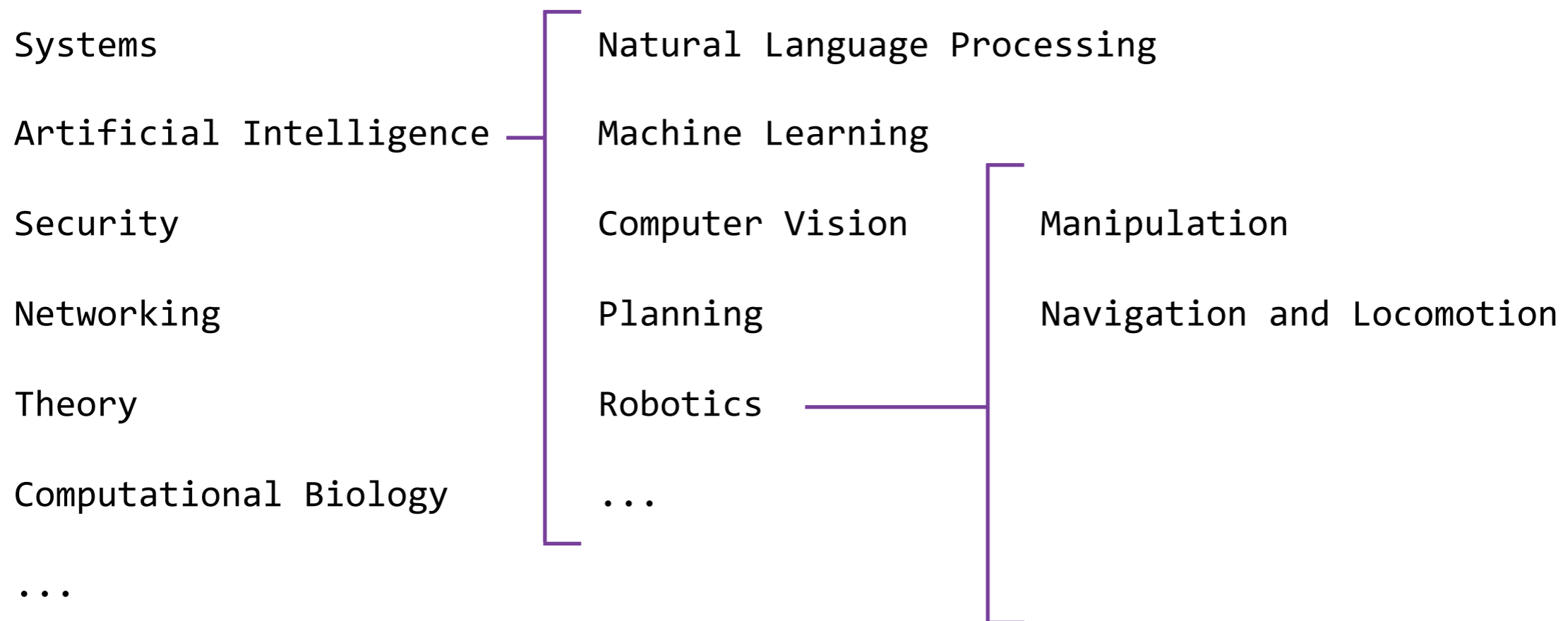
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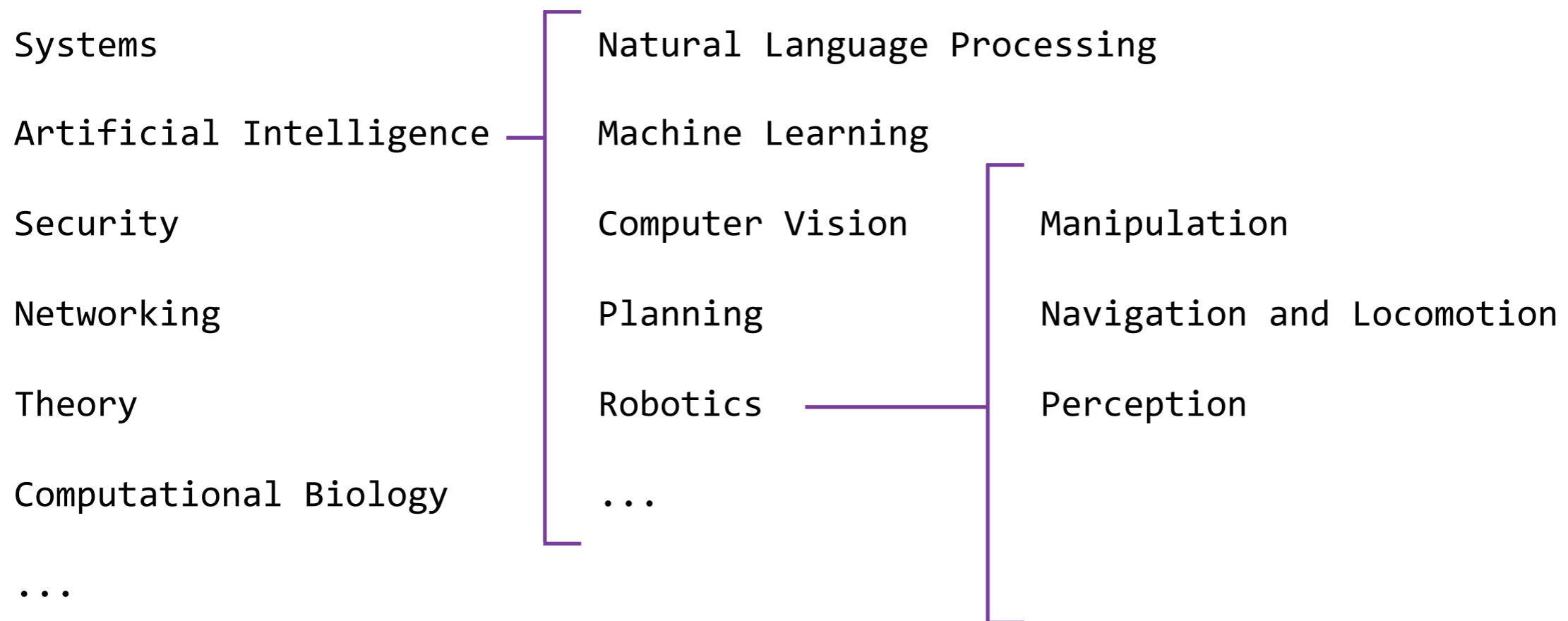
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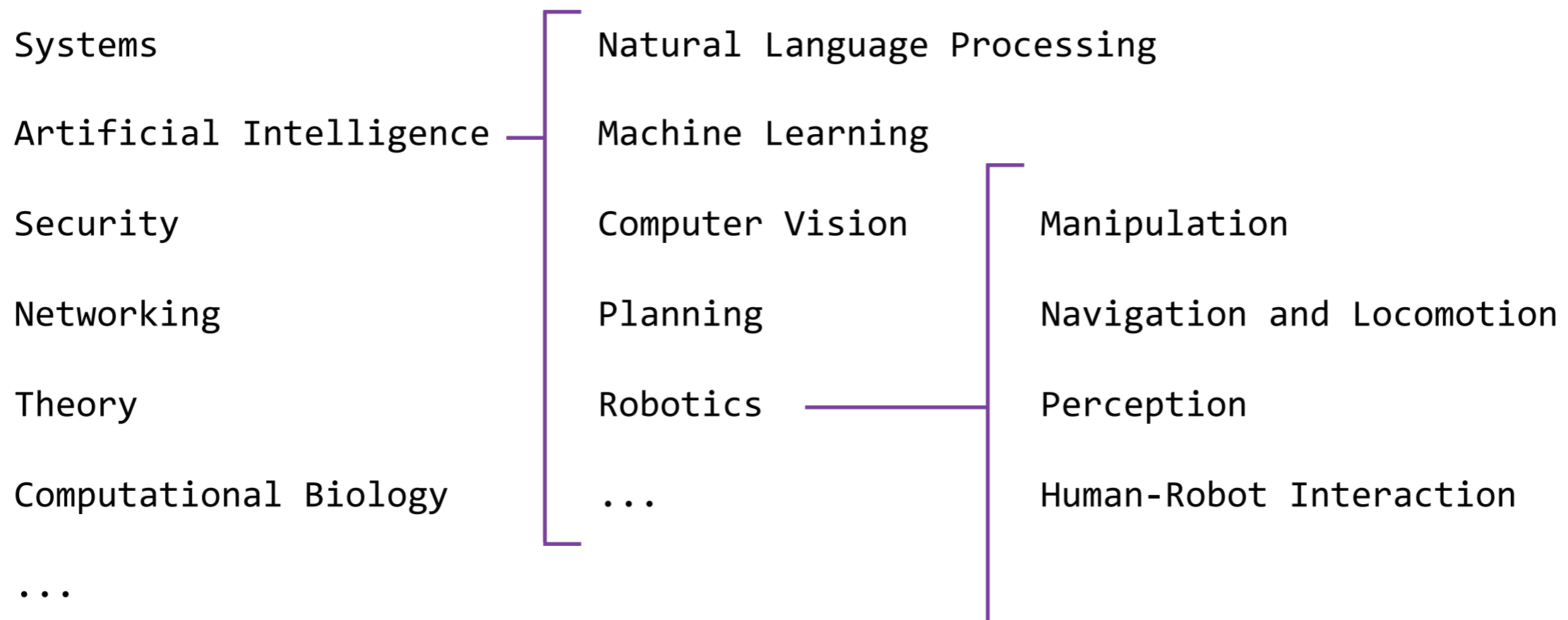
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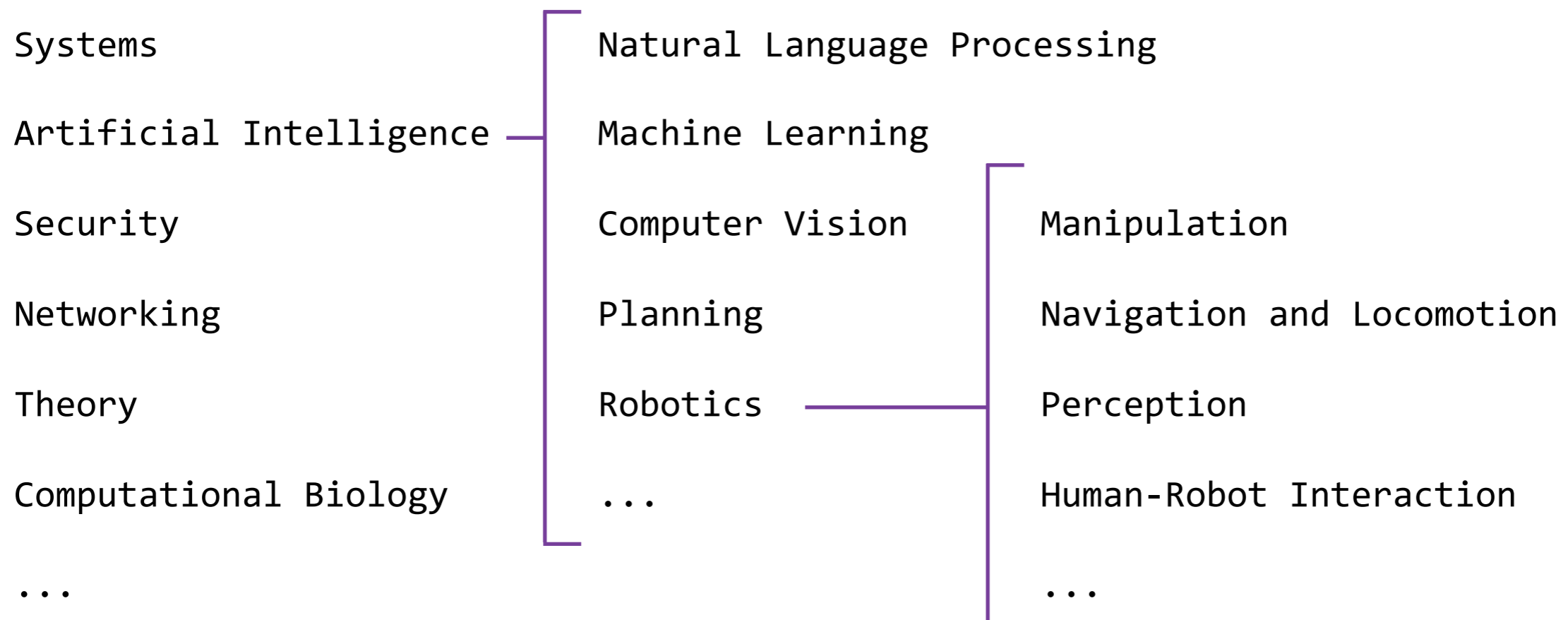
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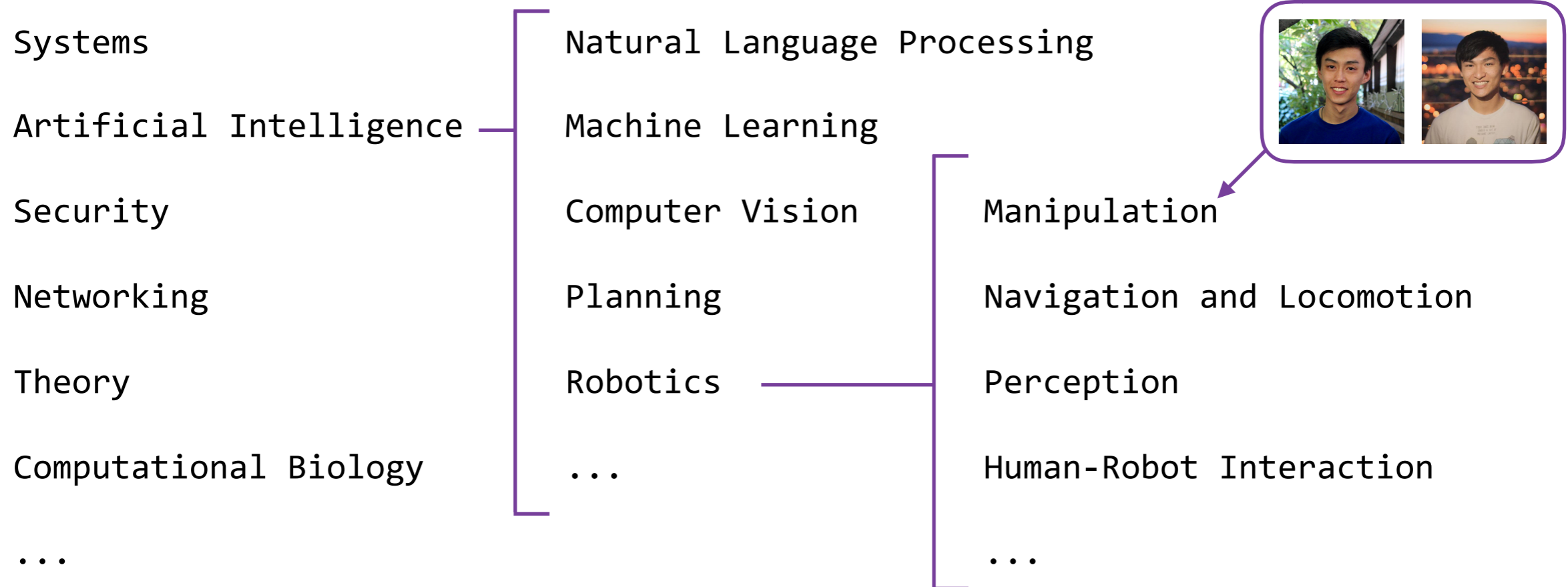
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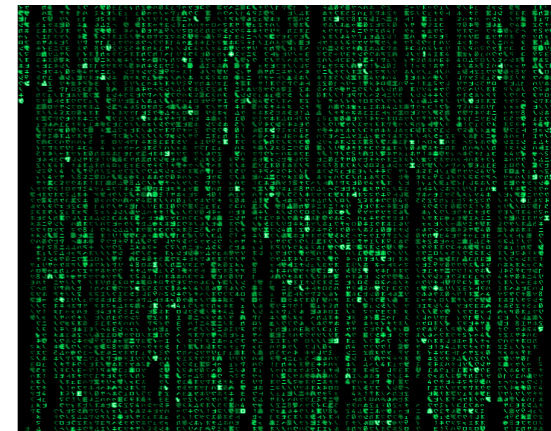
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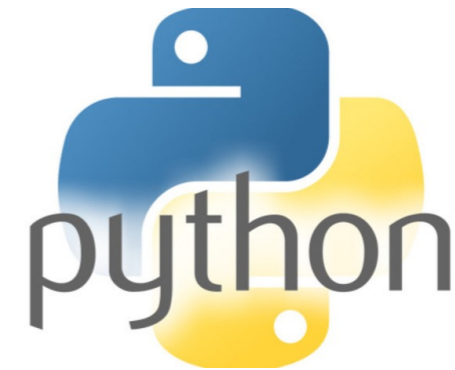
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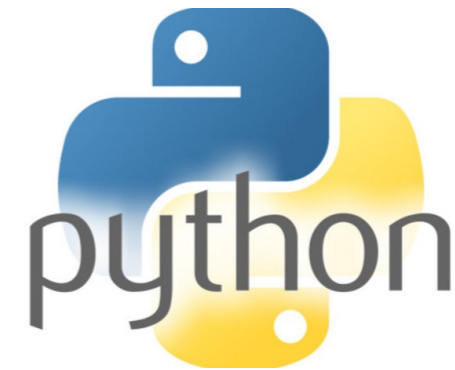
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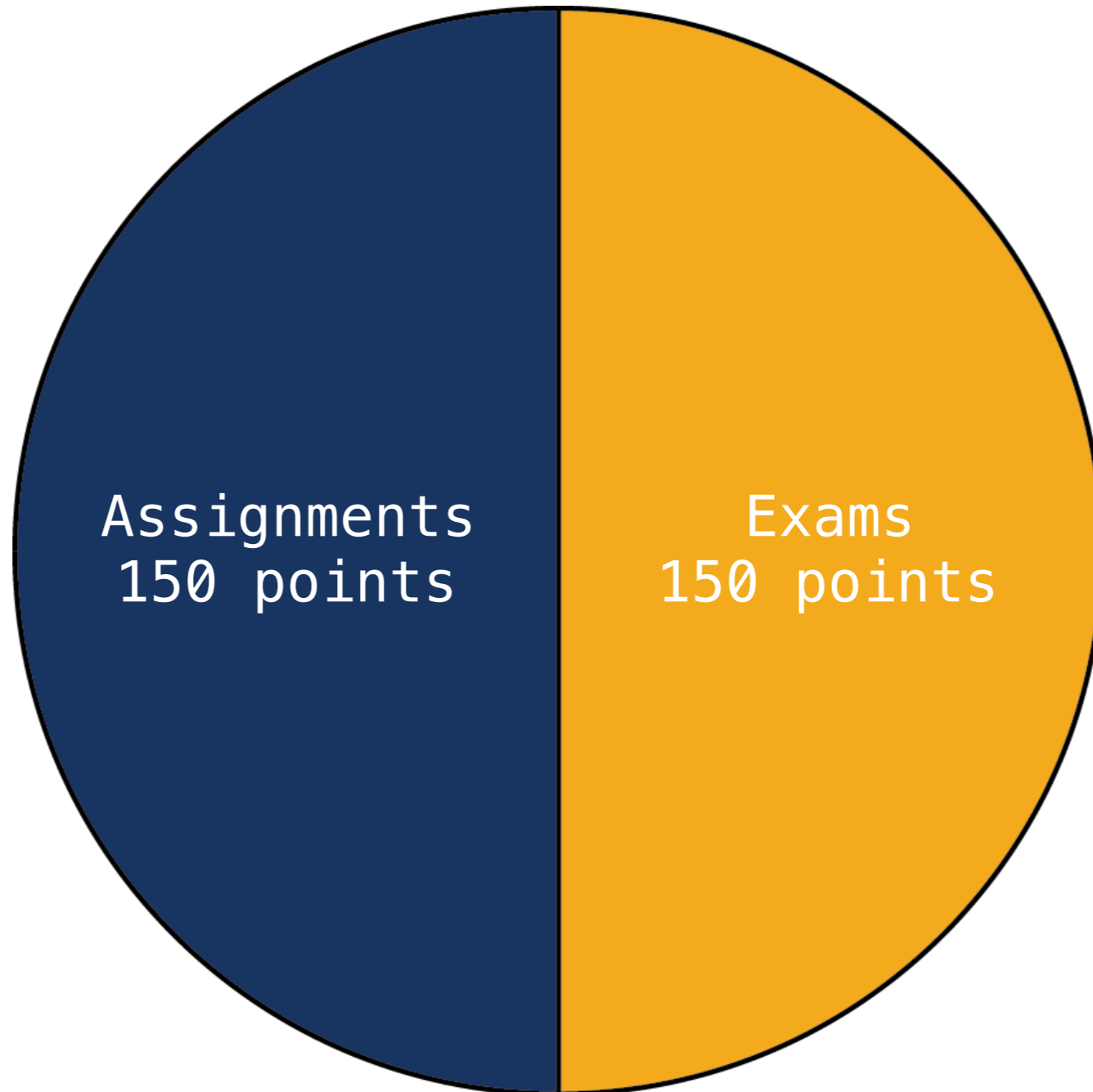
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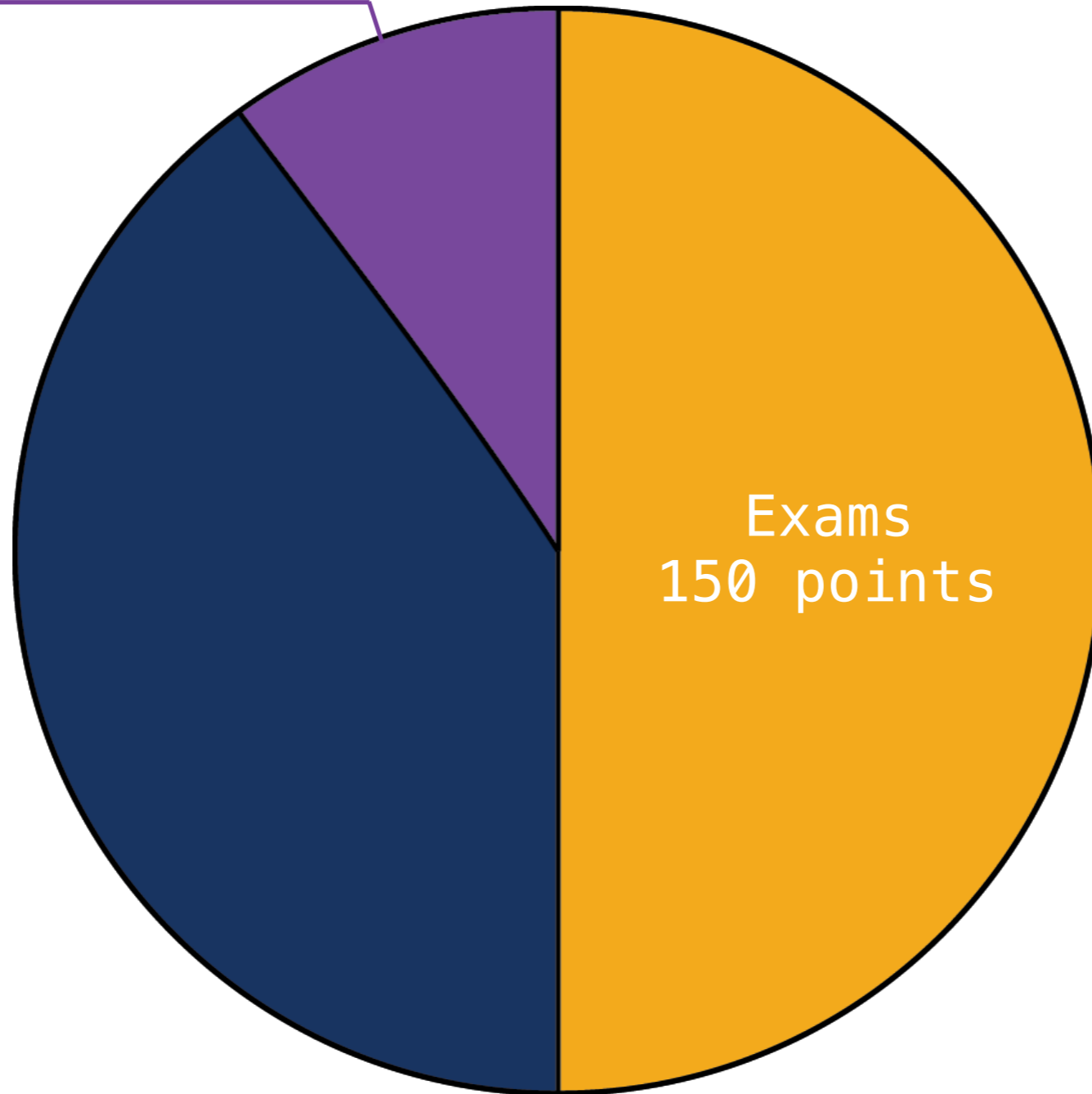
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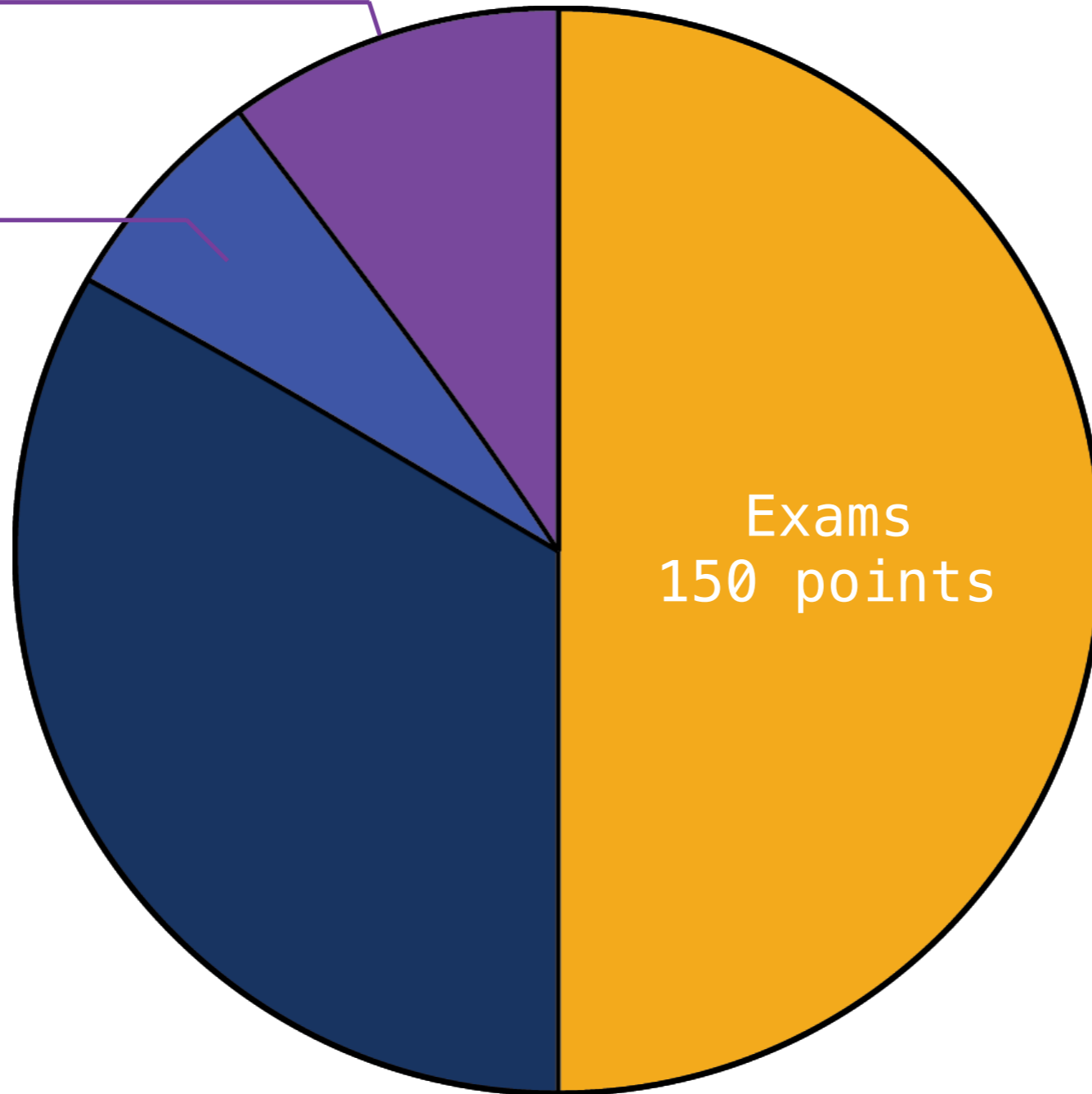


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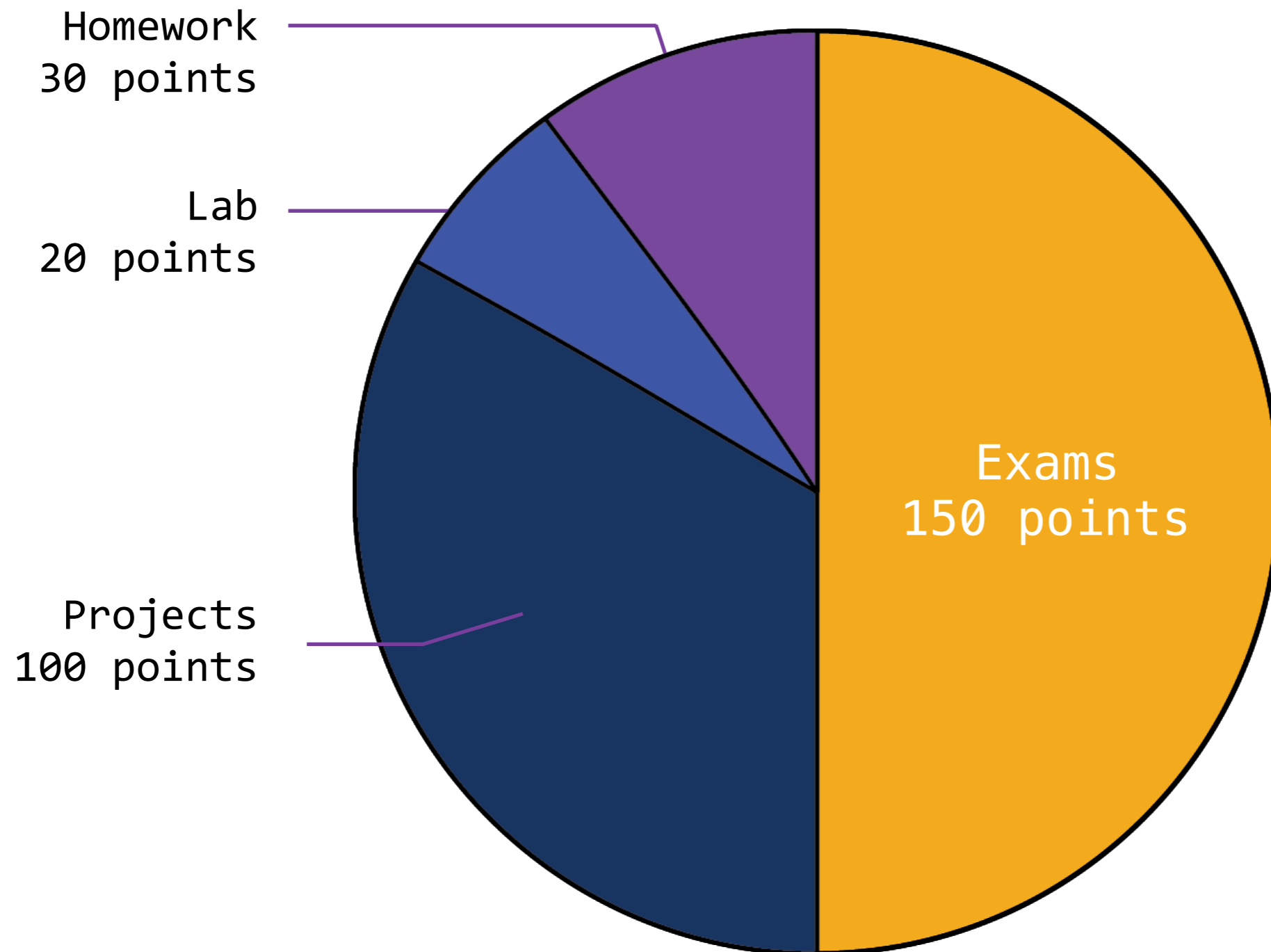
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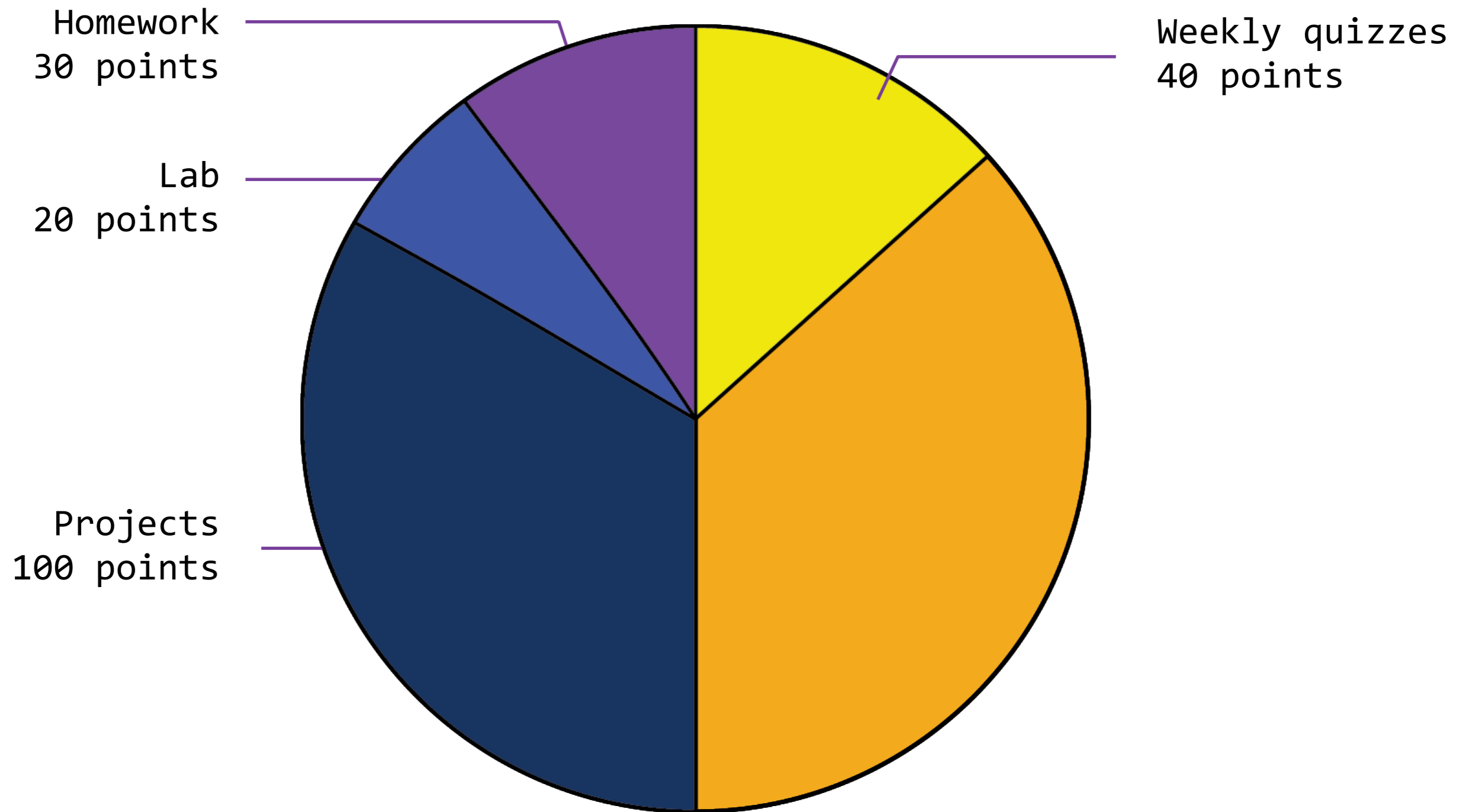
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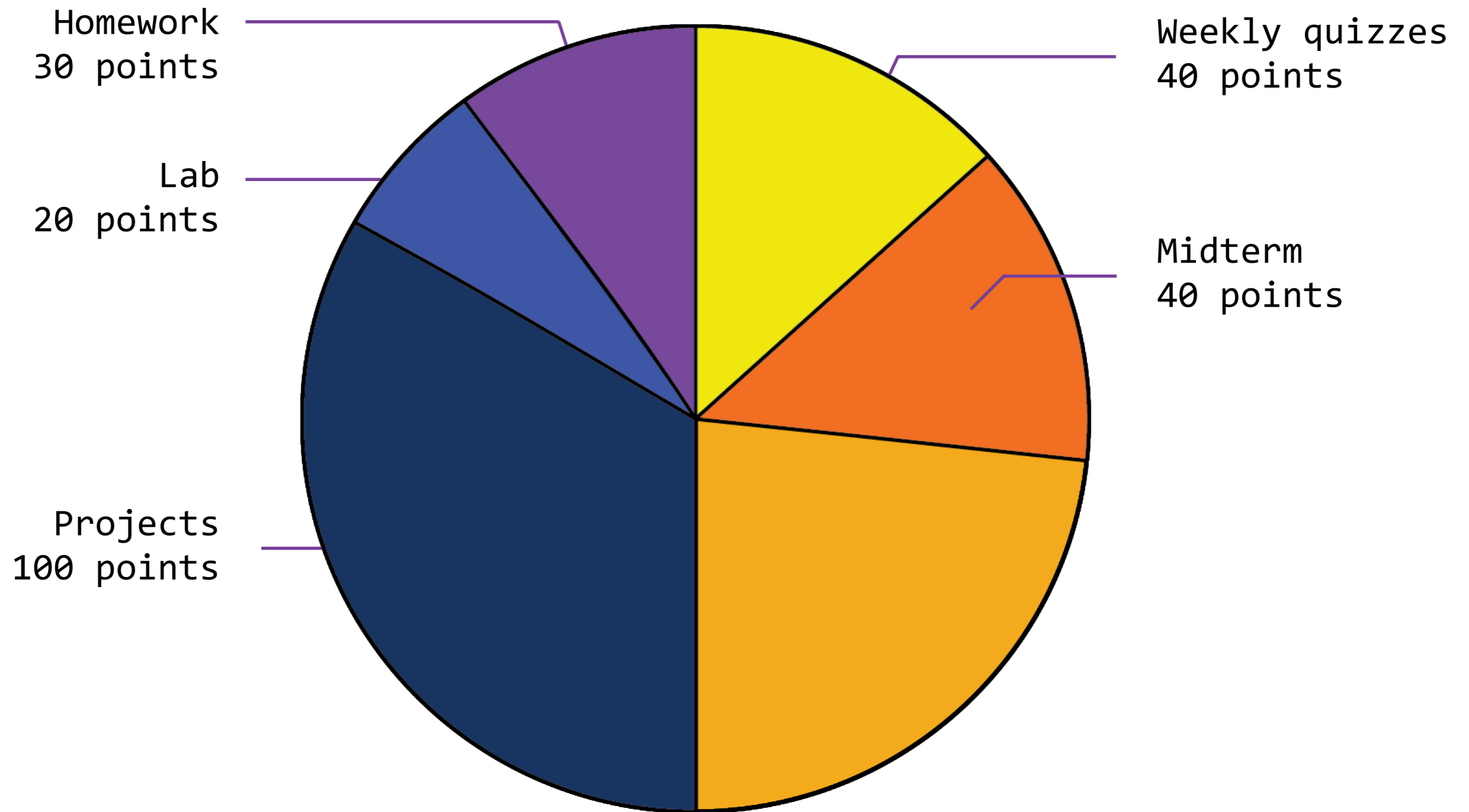
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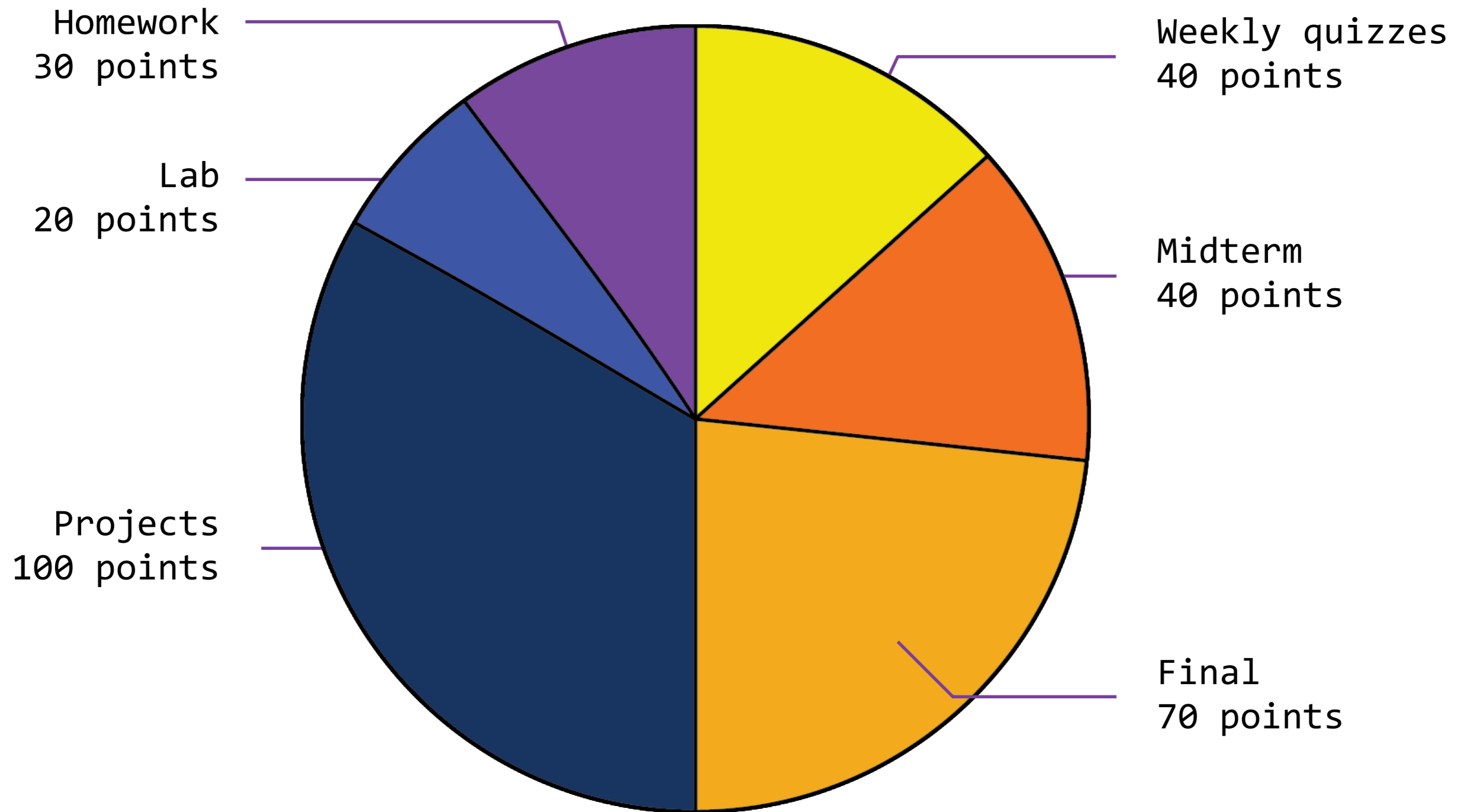
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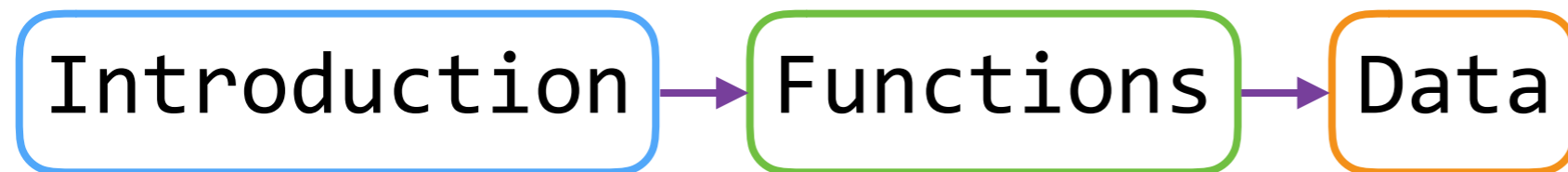
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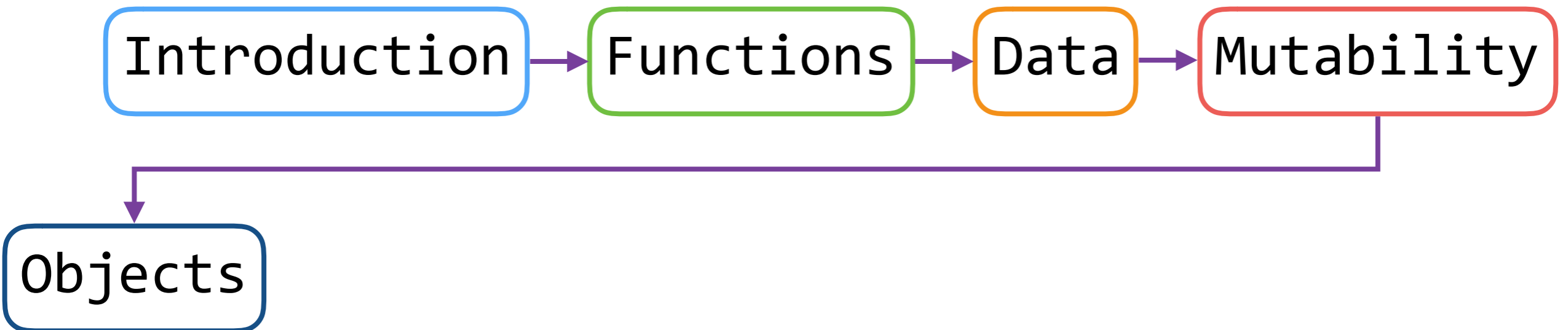




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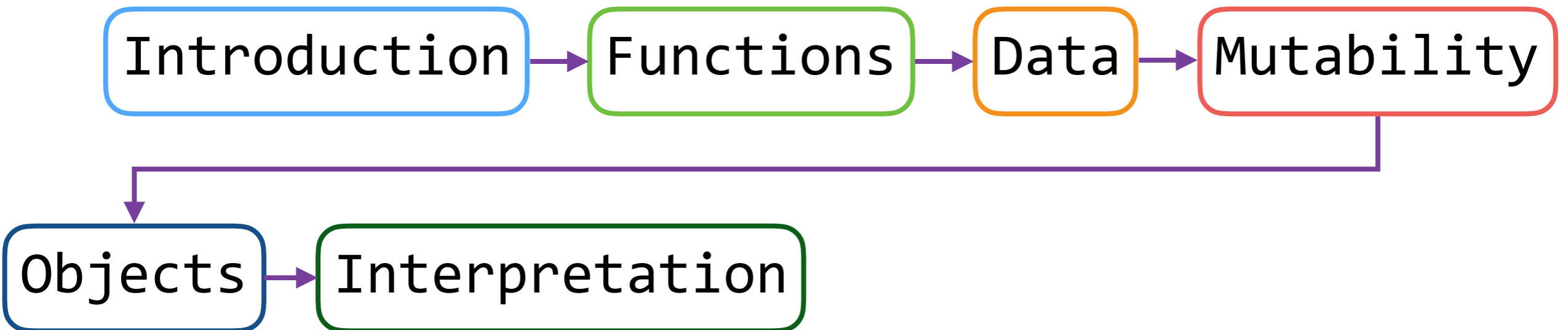
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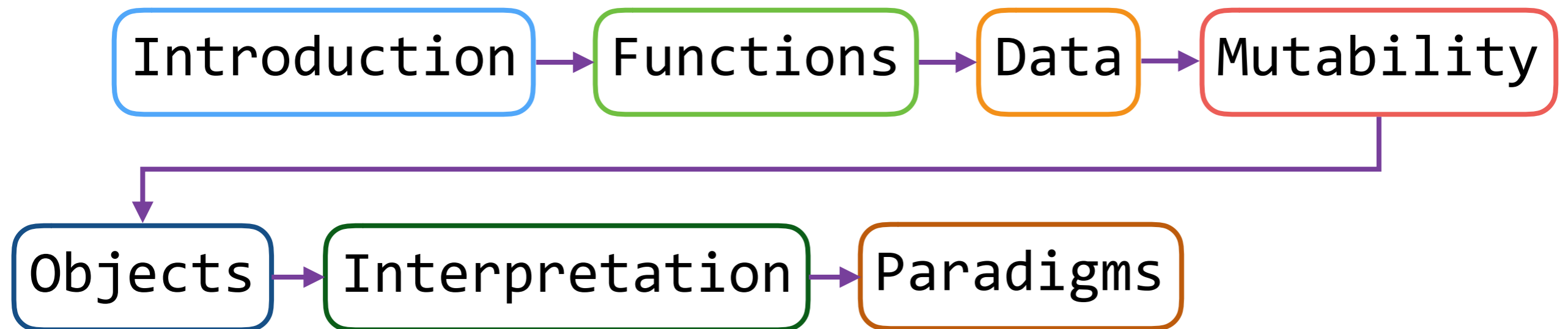
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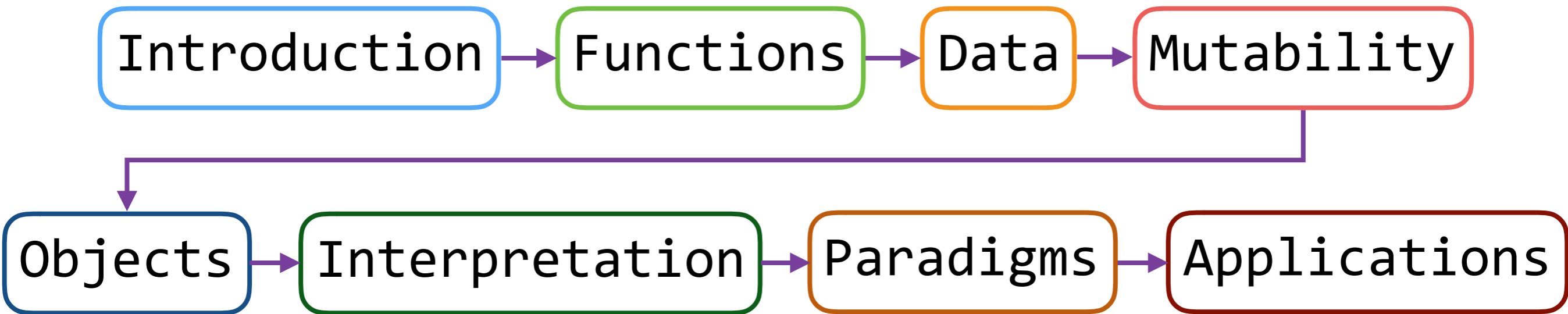
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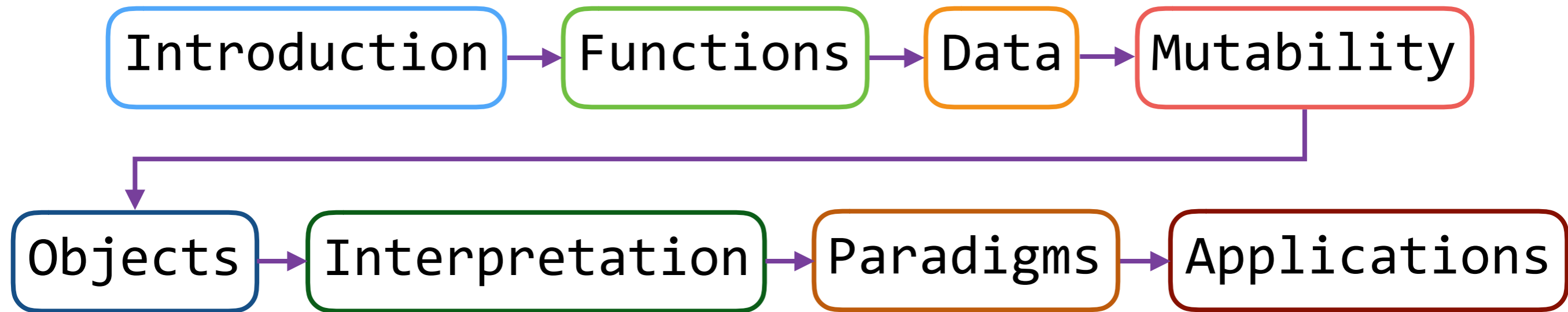
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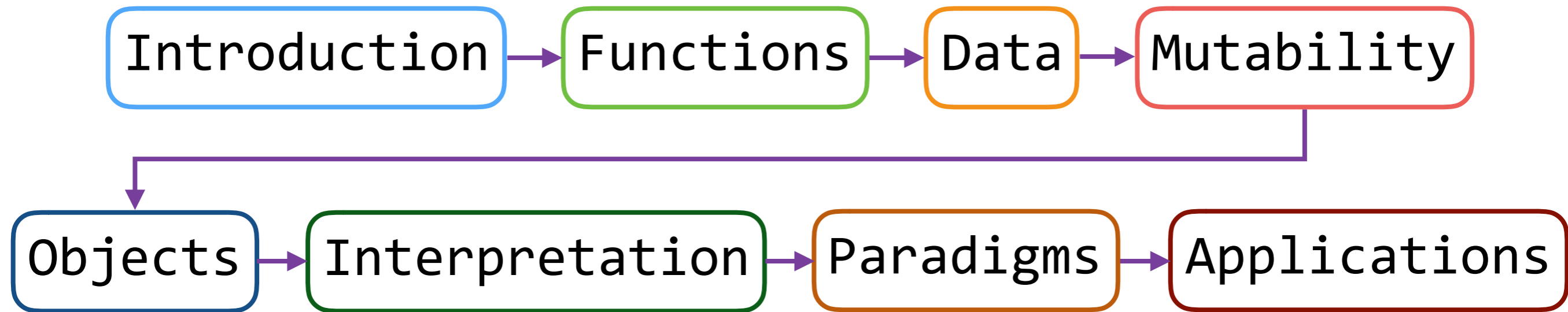


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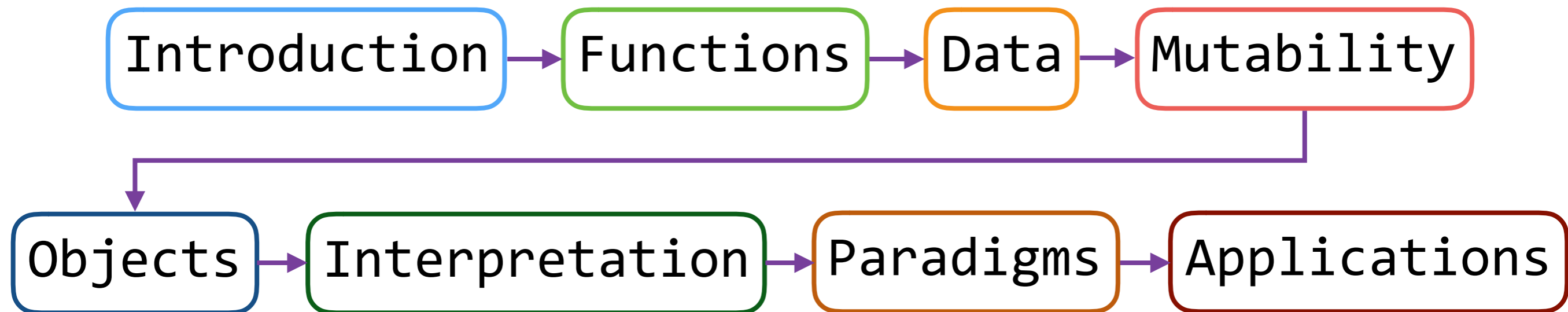


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  - To become comfortable with Python

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operator add ( 2 , 3 )



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# The Power of Python

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Shakespeare demo!