

# 61A Lecture 16

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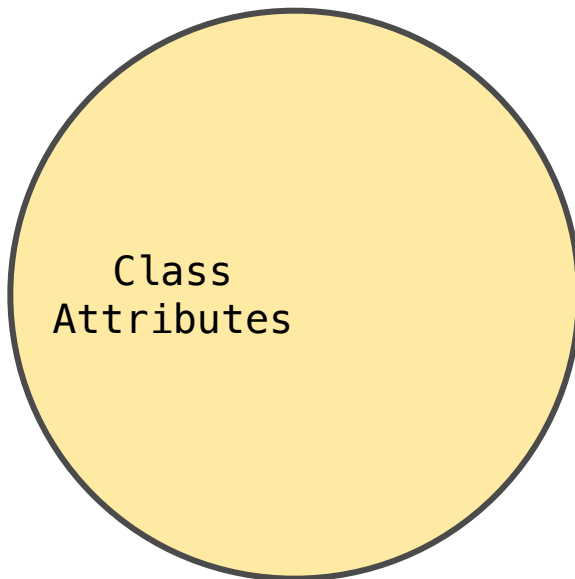
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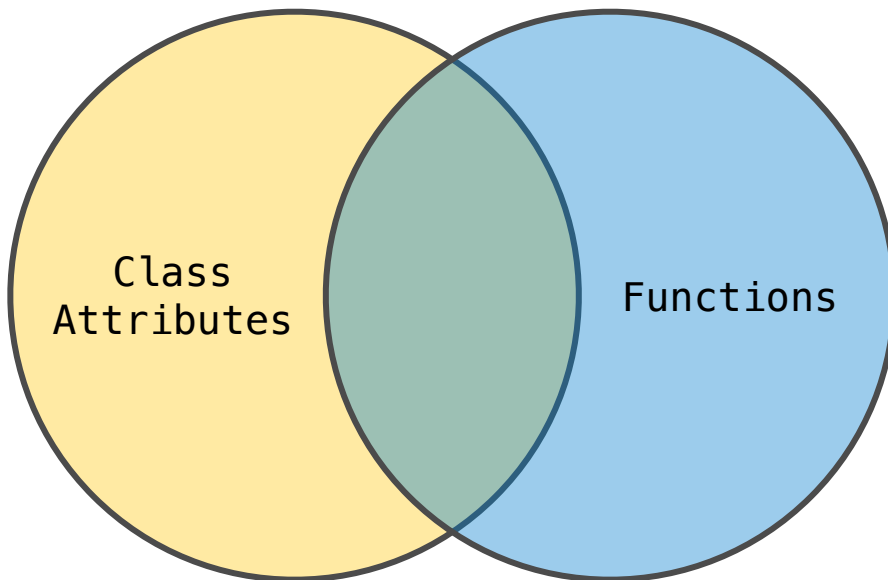
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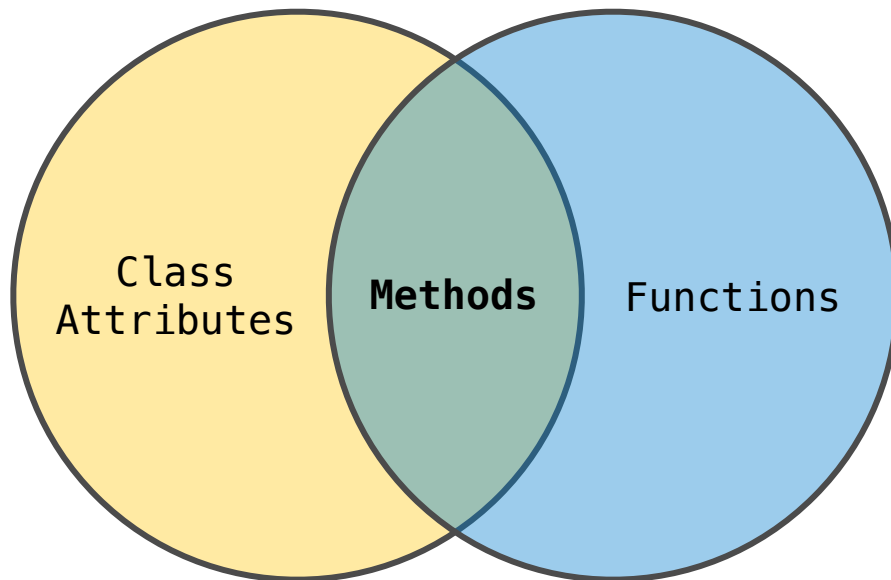
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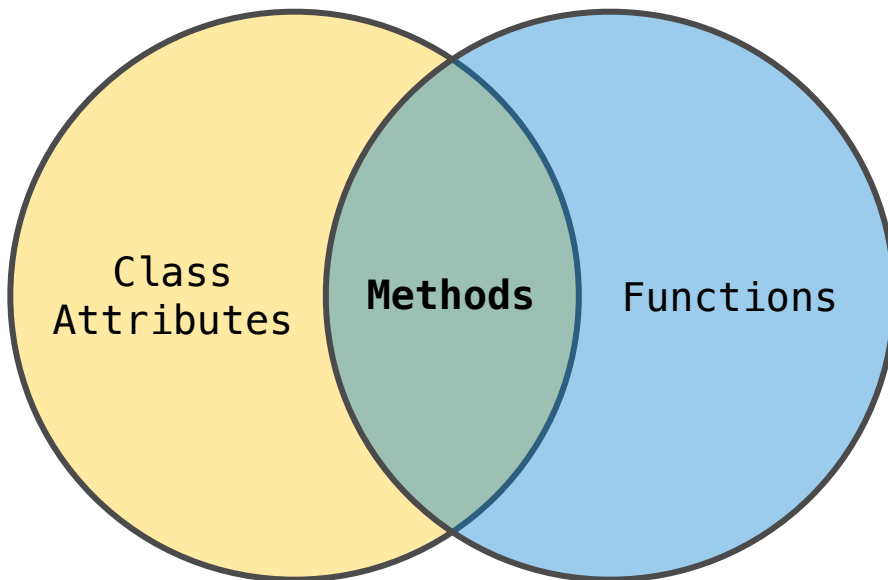
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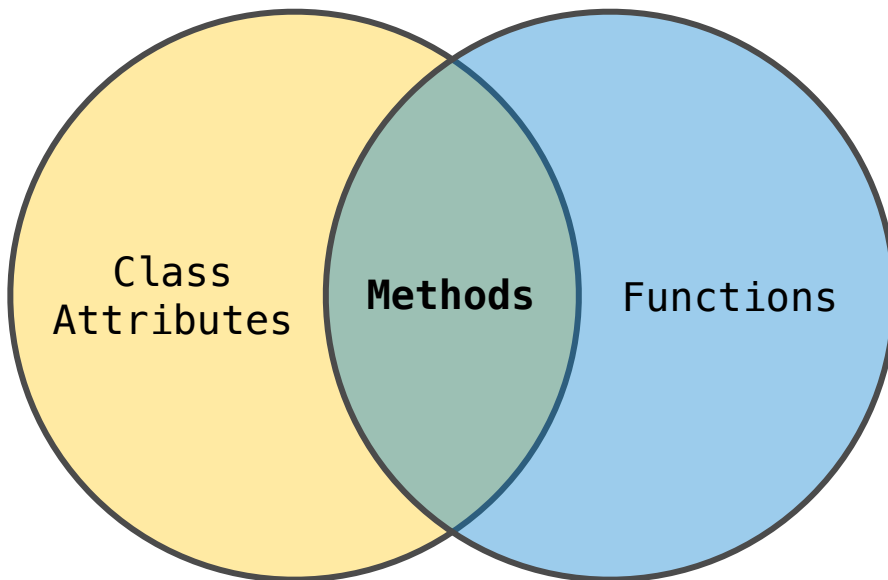
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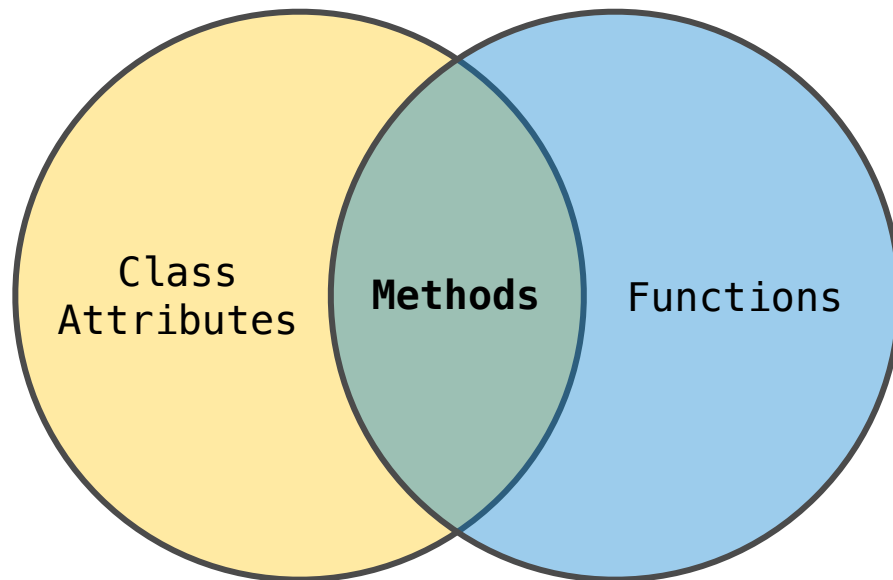
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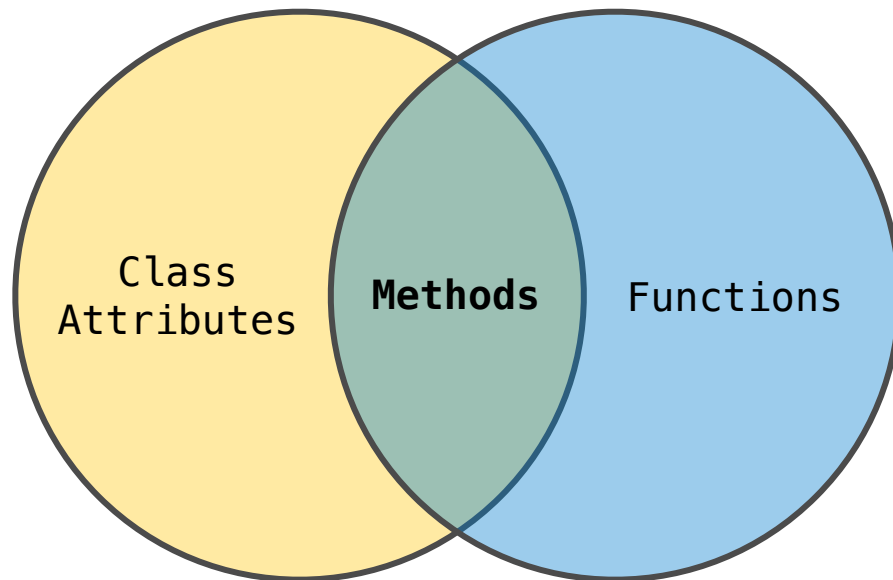
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*Dot expressions* evaluate to bound methods for class attributes that are functions.

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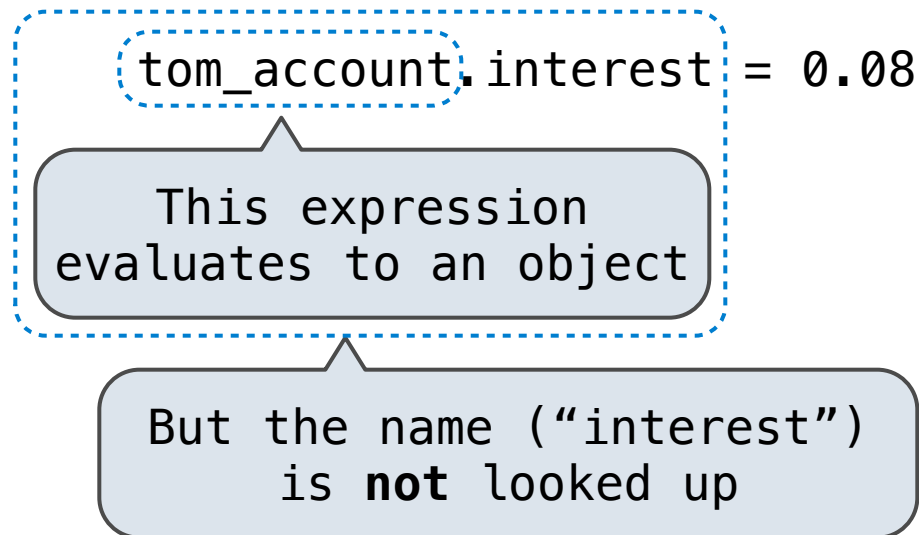
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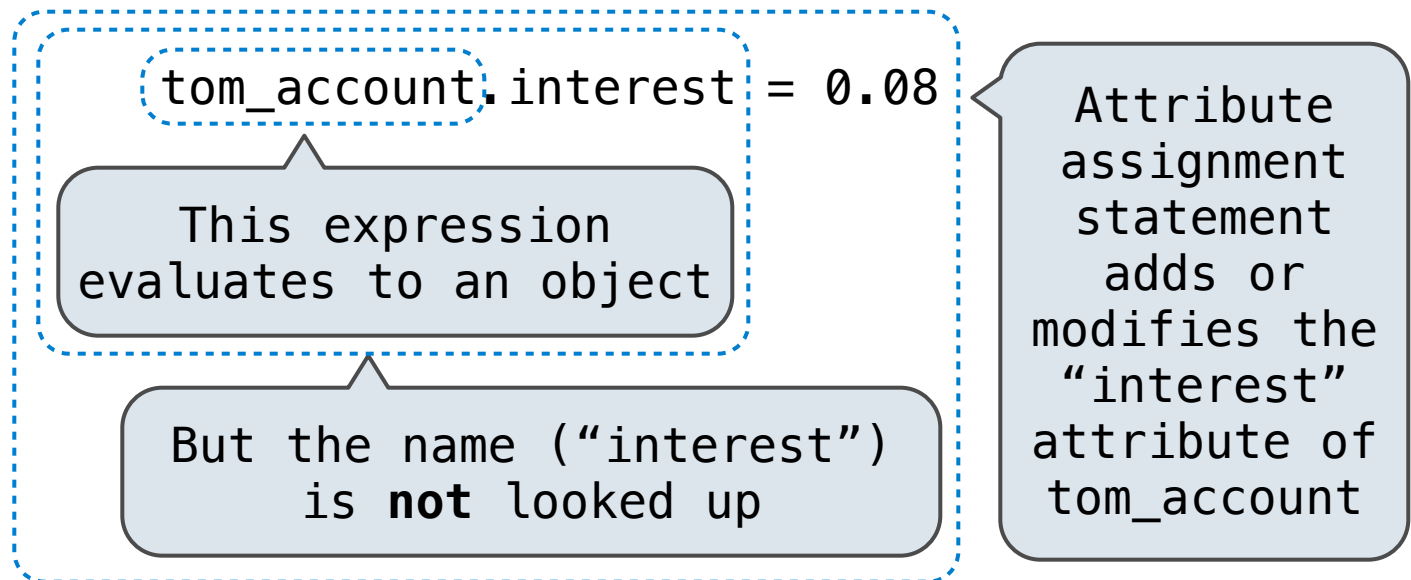


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Using inheritance, we implement a subclass by specifying its difference from the the base class.

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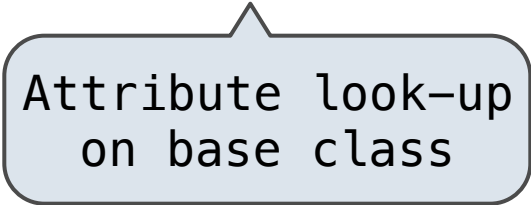
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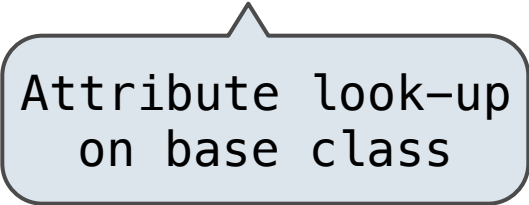
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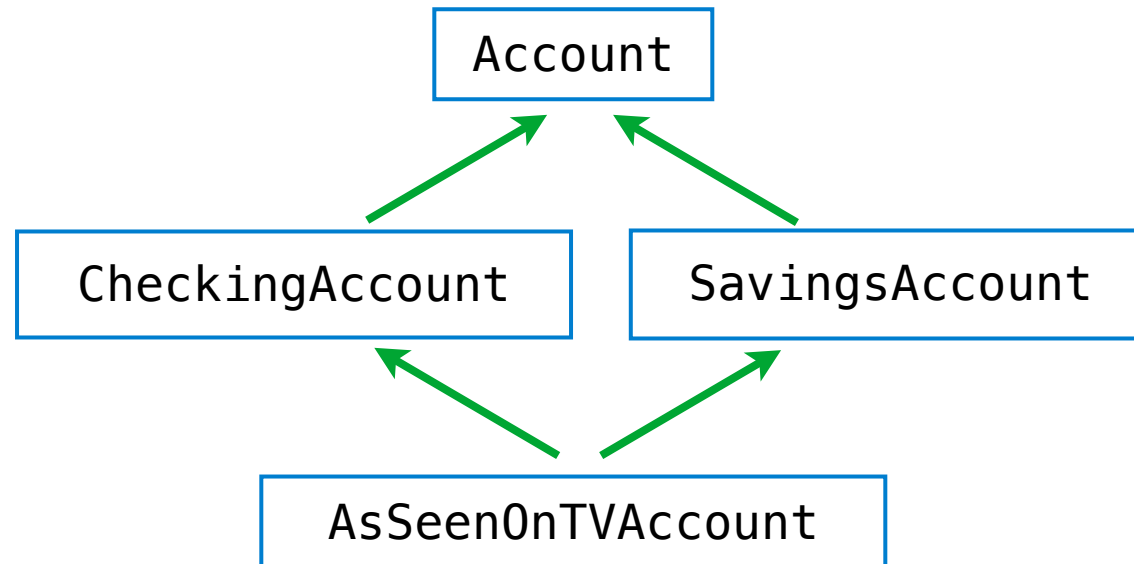
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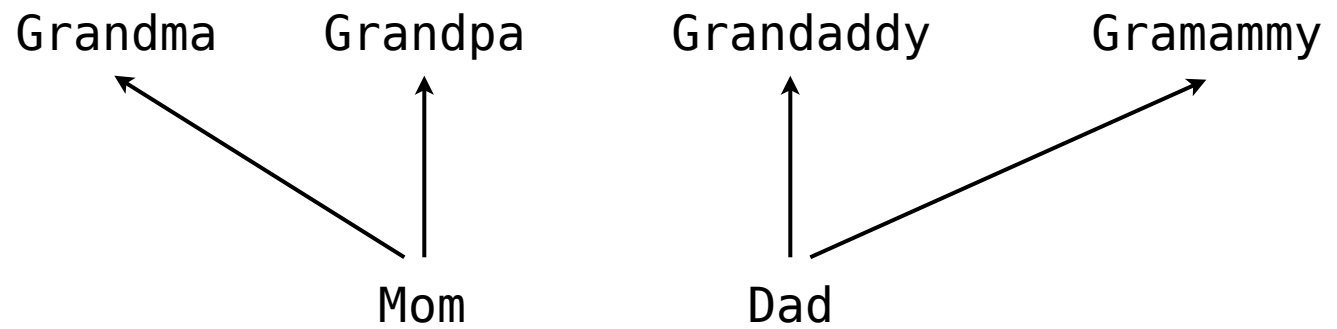
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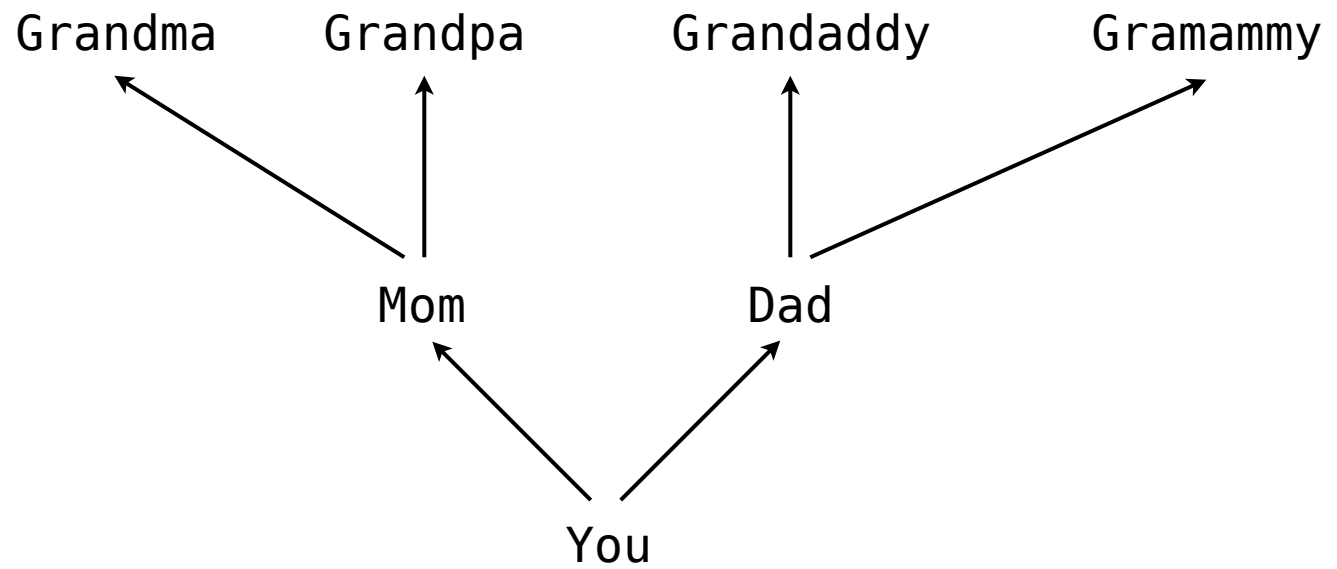
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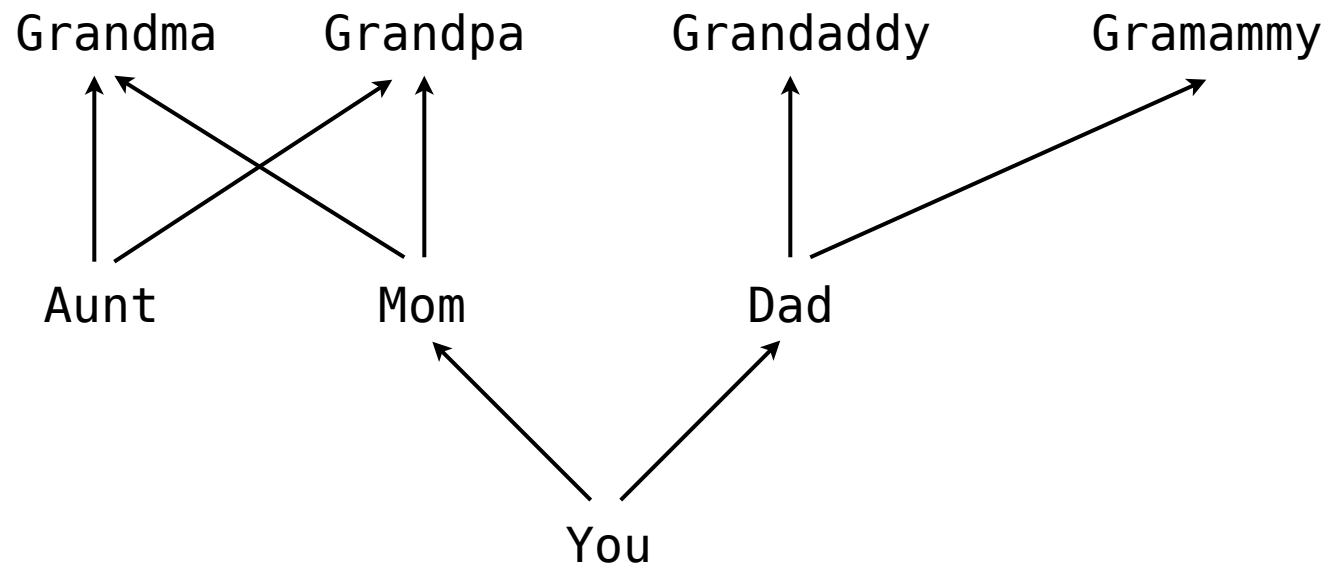
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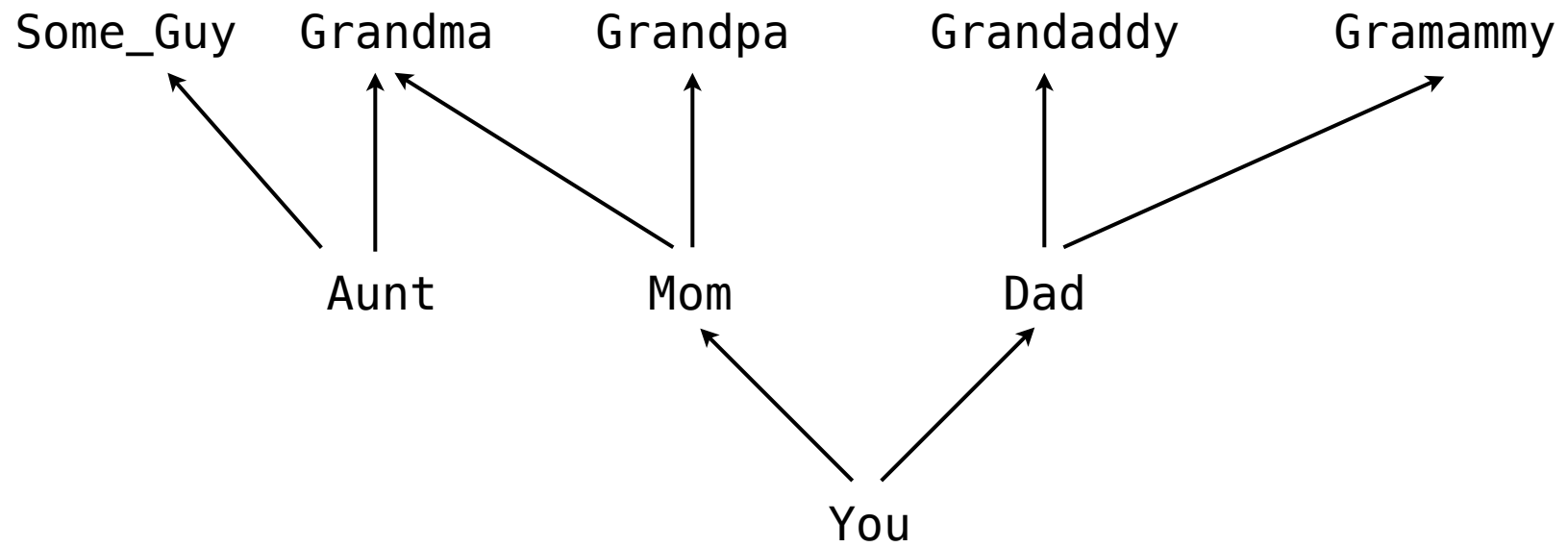
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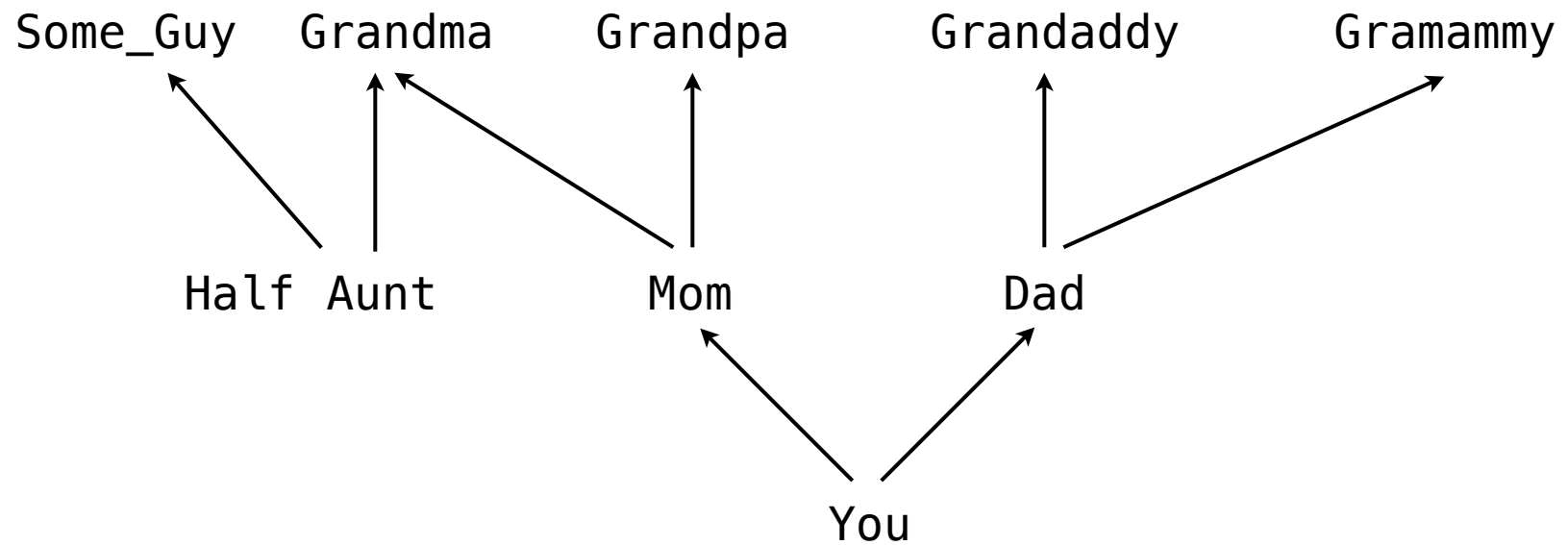
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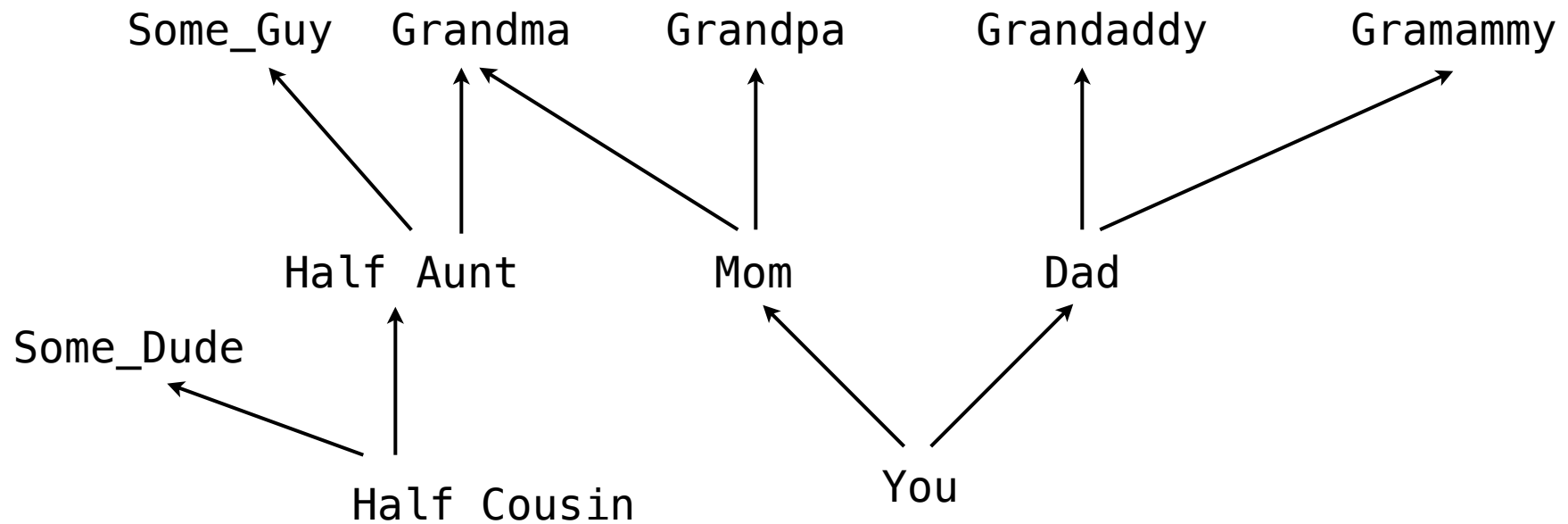
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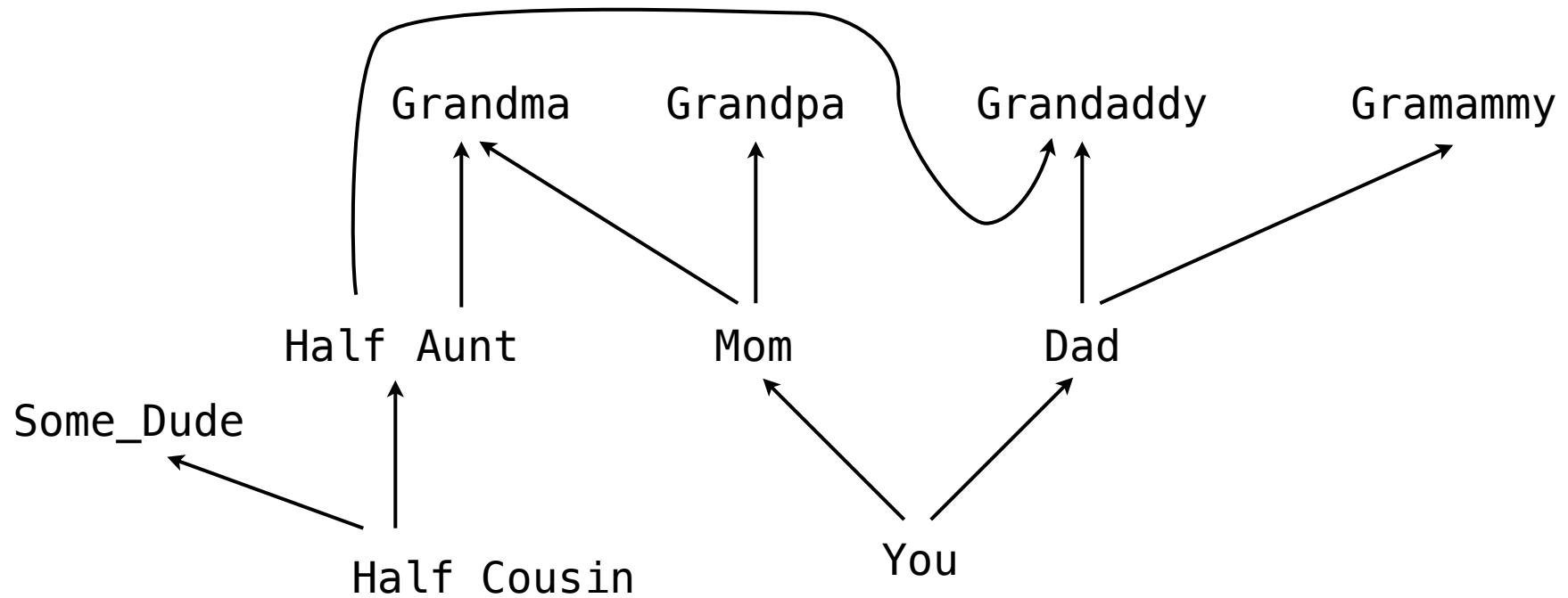
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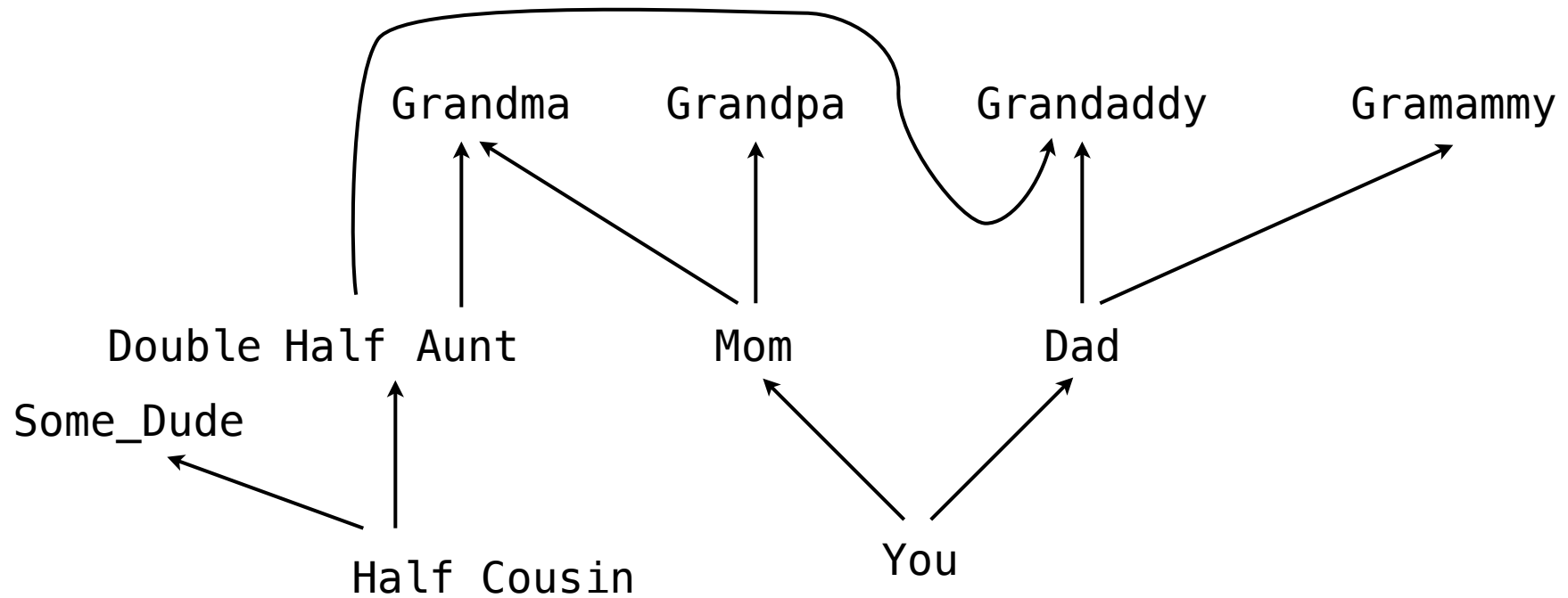
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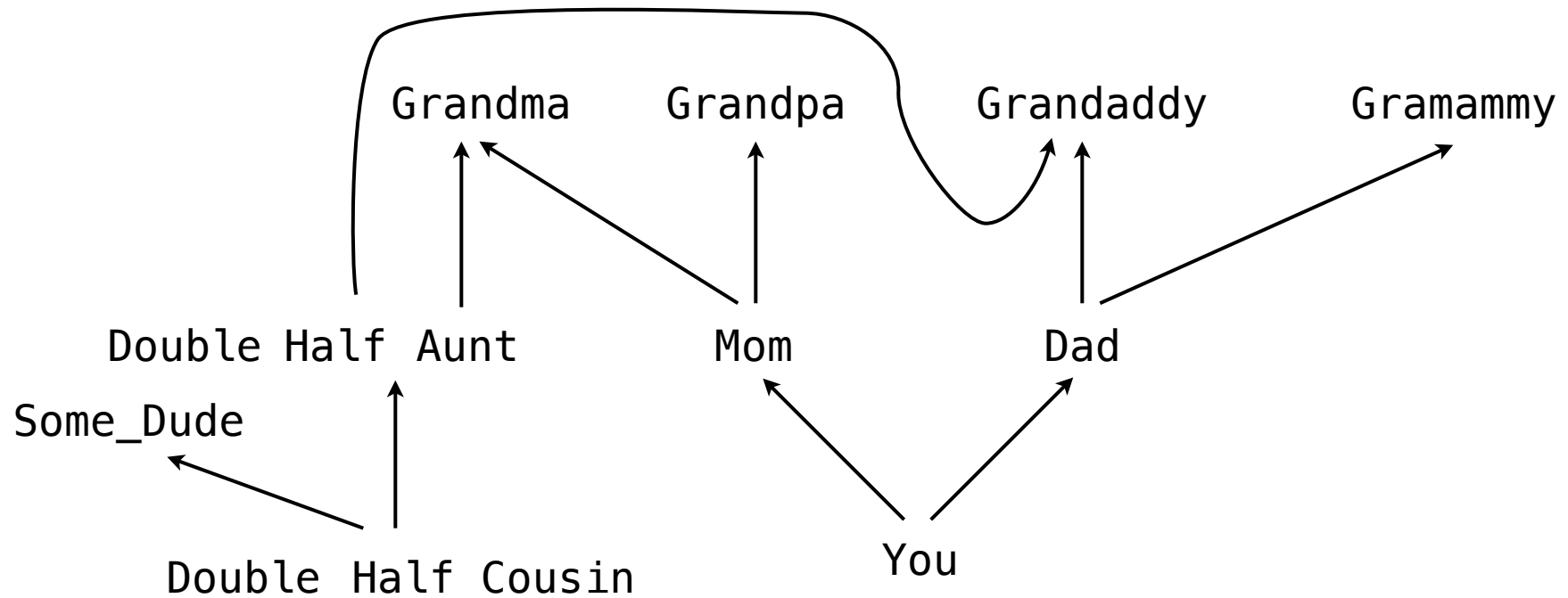
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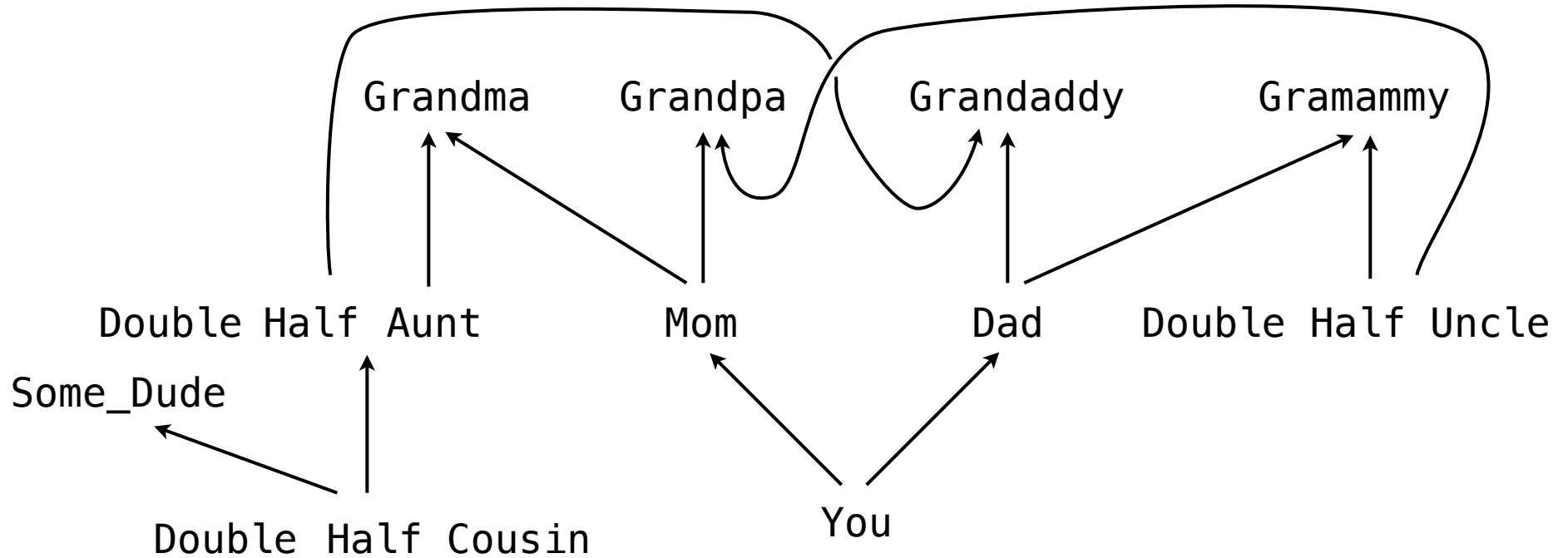
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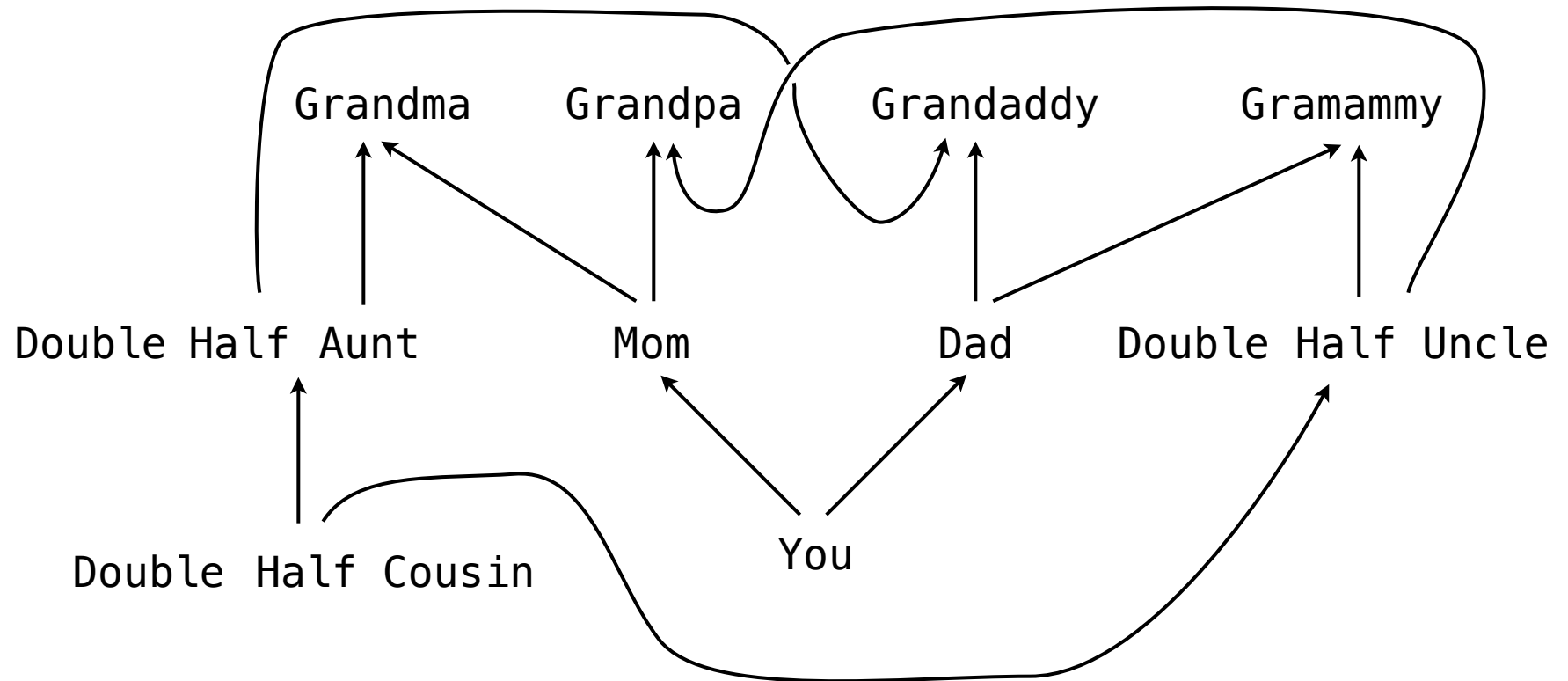
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