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Introduction to the Polysemy of the Chinese Term

***Jue* 絕**

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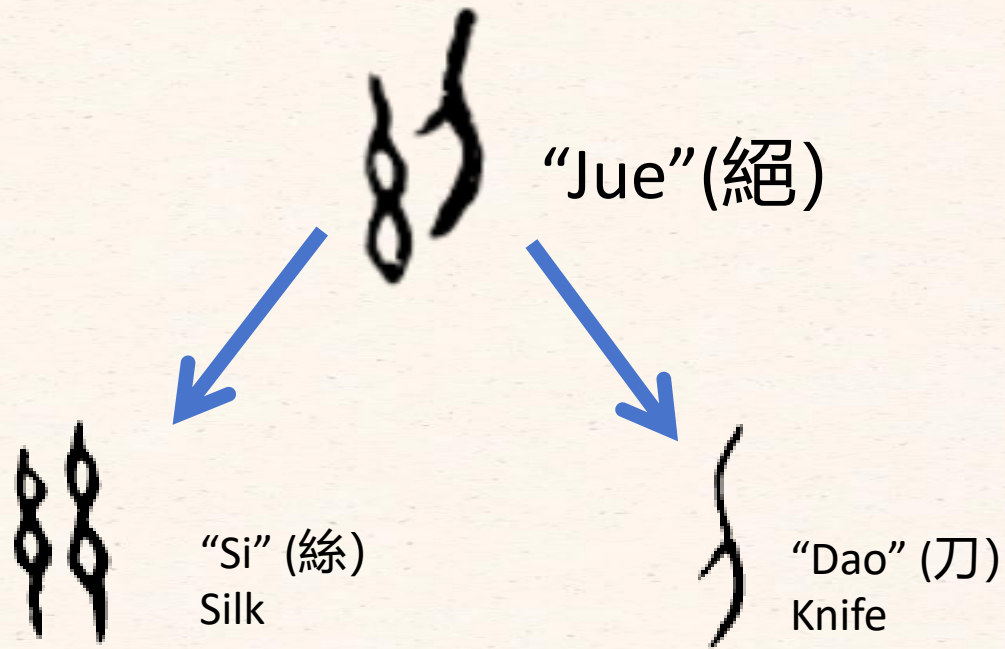
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Part 1

The Graphic Shape Introduction

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The Oracle bone script in Shang Dynasty



《說文解字》：「斷絲也。从糸从刀从卩。」

Part 1 The Graphic Shape Introduction

The Graphic Shape Evolution



Oracle Bones
Script

Shang Dynasty



Bronzeware
Script

Warring States Period



Small Seal
Script

Eastern Han Dynasty



Clerical
Script

Eastern Han Dynasty



Regular
Script

Eastern Han Dynasty
to present

1600BCE

25CE

Time

Part 2

The Variety of Meanings

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動

1. 斷、隔開。如：「斷絕」、「隔絕」。《史記·卷八六·刺客傳·荊軻傳》：「未至身，秦王驚，自引而起，袖絕。」
2. 停止。如：「杜絕」、「滔滔不絕」、「絡繹不絕」。
3. 竭盡、完畢。如：「氣絕而死」。《淮南子·本經》：「江河三川，絕而不流。」
4. 暈死。《南史·卷七三·孝義傳上·師覺援傳》：「捨車奔歸，聞家哭聲，一叫而絕，良久乃蘇。」《封神演義》第七回：「血染衣襟，昏絕于地。」
5. 沒有後代。如：「絕子」、「絕孫」、「絕後」。
6. 回拒、不接受。如：「拒絕」、「謝絕」。
7. 橫渡、穿越。《荀子·勸學》：「假舟楫者，非能水也，而絕江河。」《漢書·四〇·張良傳》：「羽翼以就，橫絕四海。」
8. 超越。《孔子家語·卷九·本姓解》：「其人身長十尺，武力絕倫。」《聊齋志異·卷七·青蛾》：「遺生最幼，聰惠絕人。」

形

1. 卓越、獨一無二。如：「絕技」、「絕響」、「絕代風華」、「絕世美女」。
2. 距離遙遠。《漢書·卷六·武帝紀》：「其令州邵察吏民有茂材異等，可為將相及使絕國者。」《文選·李陵·答蘇武書》：「昔先帝授陵步卒五千，出征絕域。」
3. 絲毫沒有、毫無希望。如：「絕路」、「絕處」。
4. 形容舉止怪異、特殊。如：「這人可絕了！」

副

1. 極、甚。如：「絕妙好辭」。《史記·卷六六·伍子胥傳》：「秦女絕美，王可自取，而更為太子取婦。」
2. 必定、鐵定。如：「絕不延期」、「絕不通融」、「絕無僅有」。
3. 冷酷，做事不留餘地。如：「這件事，他做的太絕了！」

名

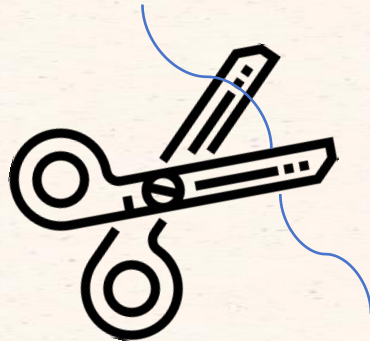
絕句的簡稱。如：「五絕」、「七絕」。

Part 2 The Variety of Meanings

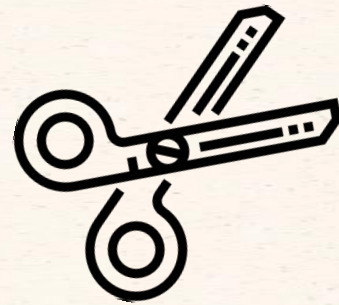
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To cut off a
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To cut off...

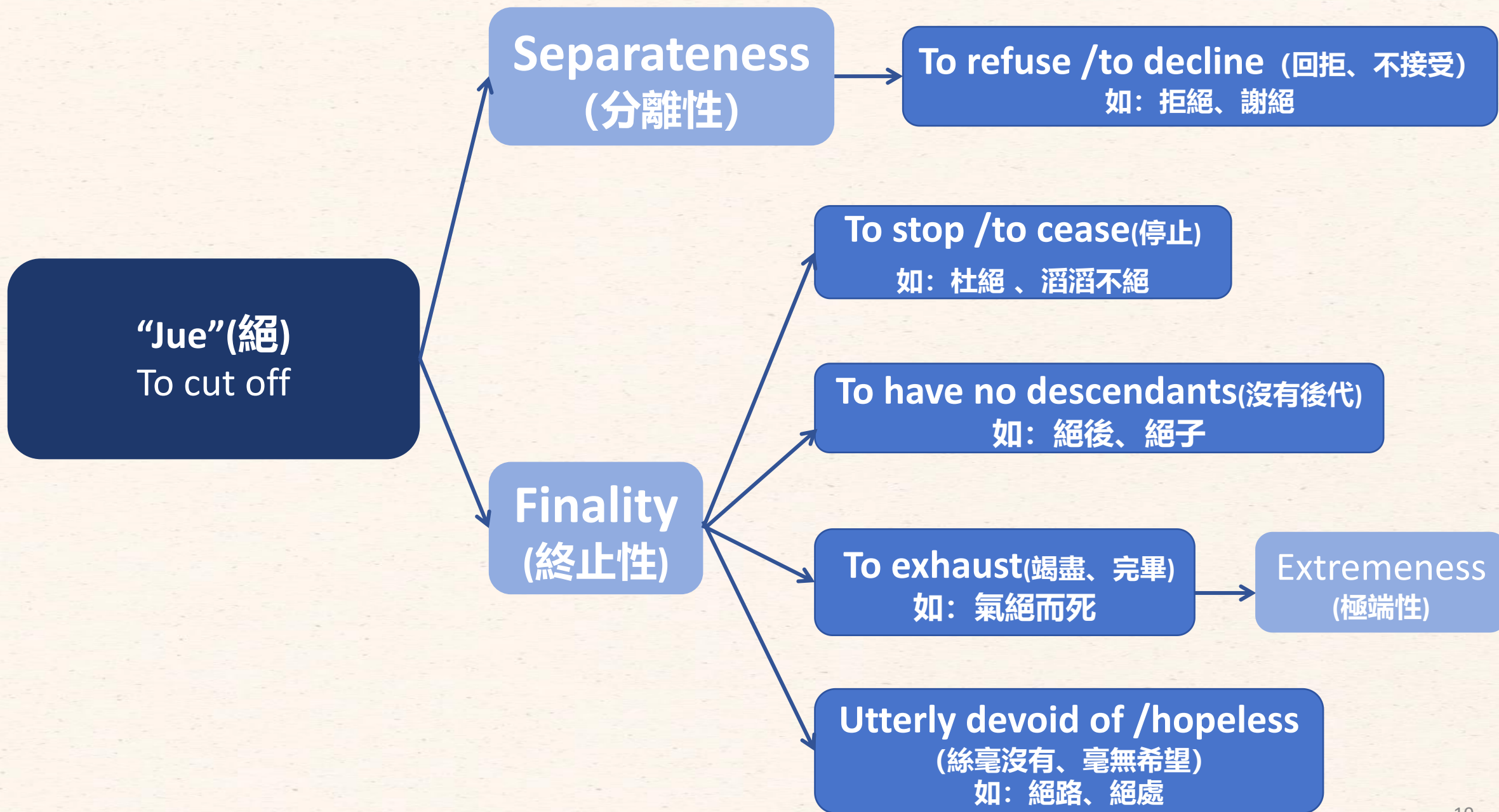


Prototype theory

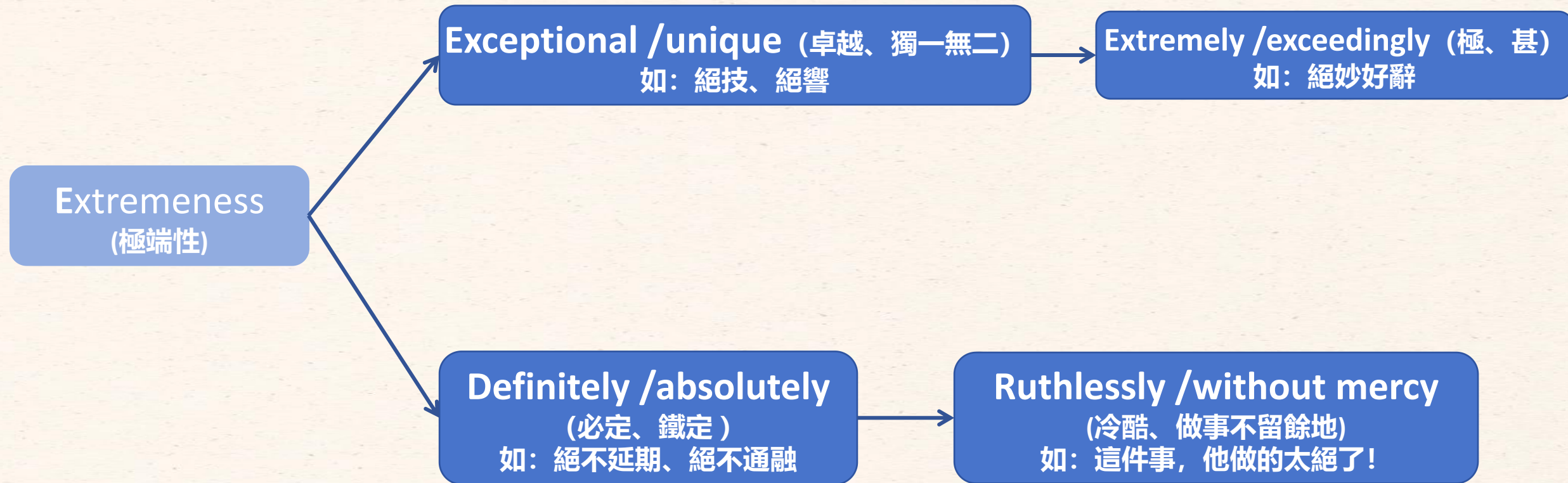


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Part 2 The Variety of Meanings



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Part 3

A new pragmatic phenomenon

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- 「絕了」
- It can mean "excellent" for praise, or "terrible" for sarcasm.
- E.g.:

這款蛋糕也太絕了，口感細膩還不膩。

絕了！他面對這麼大的挑戰還這麼從容。

他居然真的做到了，這波操作真絕了！

他連這麼簡單的題都不會，還敢說自己復習好了，真是太絕了！

他這麼不負責任！太絕了！

- The most
- Rapidly generalized

Part 3 A new pragmatic phenomenon

- From "*Jue*(絶) + Adj" (e.g., " 絕美") to "*Jue* (絶) + *Le* (了)"
- From concrete to abstract
- No longer limited to degree description
- Subjective emotion expression
- Other internet term related to "*Jue* (绝)"
- 「絕絕子」
- Examine the differences

Part 4

Conclusion

Part 4 conclusion

- Multi-layers and multi-directions
- A hybrid mode

Dominated by radiation and supplemented by serial progression

- Semantic extension relationship:
From the concrete to the abstract
From cause to effect
- From degree adverb to generalized term

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