



“The Snark was a Boojum.”

All Boojums are Snarks, but not all Snarks are Boojums. The diagram depicts that as a *state diagram*. (It is *not* a *Venn diagram*, which would show a Snark set with a Boojum subset.) The “?” stands for the question, whether the state transition “Snark is Boojum” to “Snark was Boojum” is reversible. “The Snark is a mixed up thing, and the Boojum is the thing before it got mixed up” fits into that diagram. So does a cigar after and before having been lightened. But does it have a fondness for bathing-machines?