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# Machine Learning Shouldn't Be a Black Box

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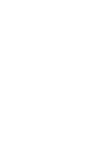
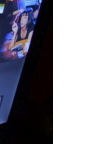
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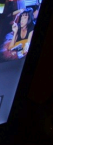
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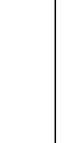
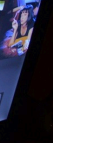
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Category:Information retrieval - Relevance - Human-computer information ...

**Introduction to Information Retrieval - Stanford University**

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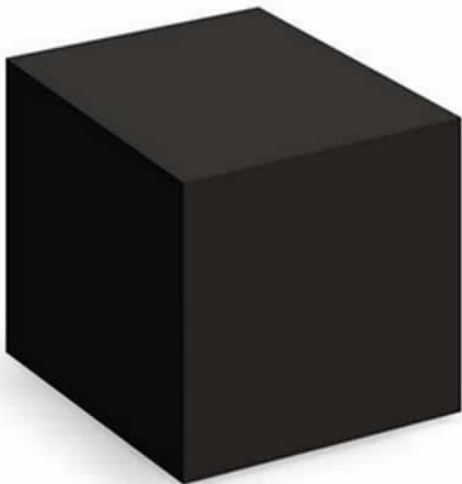
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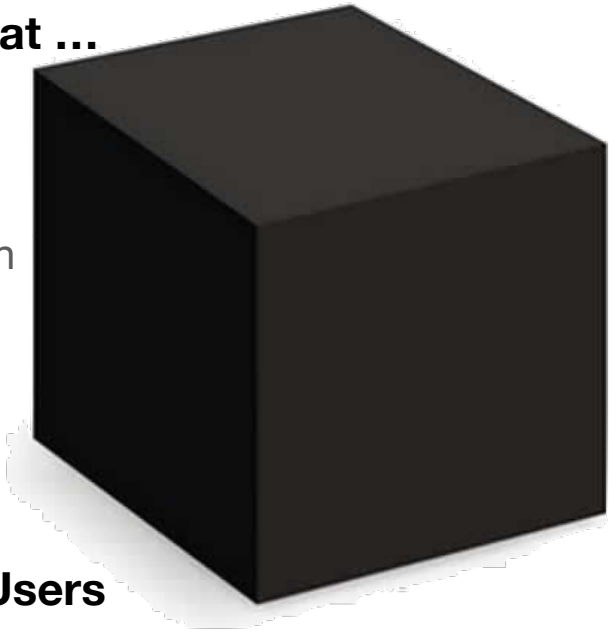
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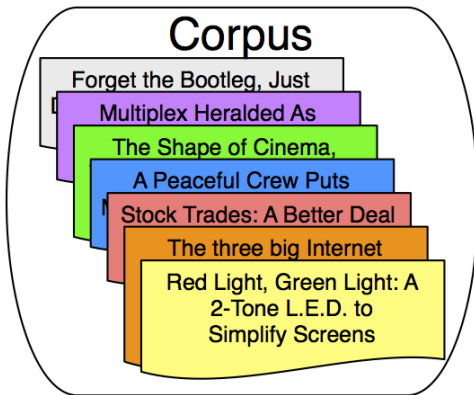
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Common solution: topic models

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computer,  
technology,  
system,  
service, site,  
phone,  
internet,  
machine

### TOPIC 2

sell, sale,  
store, product,  
business,  
advertising,  
market,  
consumer

### TOPIC 3

play, film,  
movie, theater,  
production,  
star, director,  
stage

## Evaluating Topic Models

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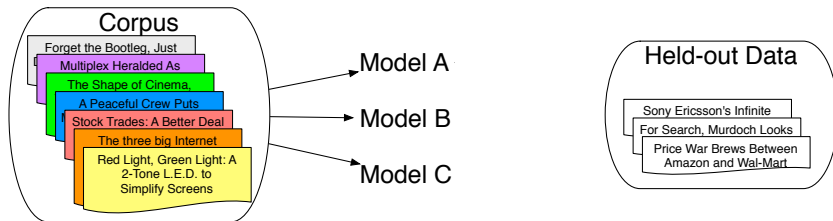
### Reading Tea Leaves: How Humans Interpret Topic Models

Jonathan Chang, Jordan Boyd-Graber, Chong Wang, Sean Gerrish, and David M. Blei. Reading Tea Leaves: How Humans Interpret Topic Models. Neural Information Processing Systems, 2009.

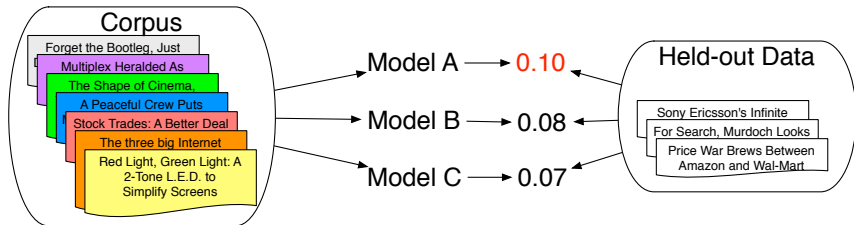


# Evaluation

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## Evaluation



Measures predictive power (likelihood / perplexity)



## Qualitative Evaluation of the Latent Space

“segment 1”	“segment 2”	“matrix 1”	“matrix 2”	“line 1”	“line 2”	“power 1”	power 2”
imag SEGMENT texture color tissue brain slice cluster mri volume	speaker speech recogni signal train hmm source speakerind. SEGMENT sound	robust MATRIX eigenvalu uncertainti plane linear condition perturb root suffici	manufactur cell part MATRIX cellular famili design machinepart format group	constraint LINE match locat imag geometr impos segment fundament recogn	alpha redshift LINE galaxi quasar absorp high ssup densiti veloc	POWER spectrum omega mpc hsup larg redshift galaxi standard model	load memori vlsi POWER systolic input complex arrai present implement

Figure 3: Eight selected factors from a 128 factor decomposition. The displayed word stems are the 10 most probable words in the class-conditional distribution  $P(w|z)$ , from top to bottom in descending order.

[Hofmann 1999]

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“Arts”	“Budgets”	“Children”	“Education”
NEW	MILLION	CHILDREN	SCHOOL
FILM	TAX	WOMEN	STUDENTS
SHOW	PROGRAM	PEOPLE	SCHOOLS
MUSIC	BUDGET	CHILD	EDUCATION
MOVIE	BILLION	YEARS	TEACHERS
PLAY	FEDERAL	FAMILIES	HIGH
MUSICAL	YEAR	WORK	PUBLIC
BEST	SPENDING	PARENTS	TEACHER
ACTOR	NEW	SAYS	BENNETT
FIRST	STATE	FAMILY	MANIGAT
YORK	PLAN	WELFARE	NAMPHY
OPERA	MONEY	MEN	STATE
THEATER	PROGRAMS	PERCENT	PRESIDENT
ACTRESS	GOVERNMENT	CARE	ELEMENTARY
LOVE	CONGRESS	LIFE	HAITI

[Blei et al. 2003]

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DA centralbank europæiske ecb s lån centralbanks  
DE zentralbank ezb bank europäischen investitionsbank darlehen  
EL τράπεζα τράπεζας κεντρική εκτ κεντρικής τράπεζες  
EN **bank central ecb banks european monetary**  
ES banco central europeo bce bancos centrales  
FI keskuspankin eip n euroopan keskuspankki eip  
FR banque centrale bce européenne banques monétaire  
IT banca centrale bce europea banche prestiti  
NL bank centrale ecb europese banken leningen  
PT banco central europeu bce bancos empréstimos  
SV centralbanken europeiska ecb centralbankens s lån

[Mimno et al. 2009]

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(a) Topic labeled as SSL

Keyword	Probability
ssl	0.373722
expr	0.042501
init	0.033207
engine	0.026447
var	0.022222
ctx	0.023067
ptemp	0.017153
mctx	0.013773
lookup	0.012083
modssl	0.011238
ca	0.009548

(b) Topic labeled as Logging

Keyword	Probability
log	0.141733
request	.036017
mod	0.0311
config	0.029871
name	0.023725
headers	0.021266
autoindex	0.020037
format	0.017578
cmd	0.01512
header	0.013891
add	0.012661

**Table 2:** Sample Topics extracted from Apache source code

[Maskeri et al. 2008]

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<b>Probabilistic Models</b>	model word probability set data number algorithm language corpus method
<b>Prosody</b>	prosodic speech pitch boundary prosody phrase boundaries accent repairs intonation
<b>Semantic Roles*</b>	semantic verb frame argument verbs role roles predicate arguments
<b>Yale School Semantics</b>	knowledge system semantic language concept representation information network concepts base
<b>Sentiment</b>	subjective opinion sentiment negative polarity positive wiebe reviews sentence opinions
<b>Speech Recognition</b>	speech recognition word system language data speaker error test spoken
<b>Spell Correction</b>	errors error correction spelling ocr correct corrections checker basque corrected detection
<b>Statistical MT</b>	english word alignment language source target sentence machine bilingual mt
<b>Statistical Parsing</b>	dependency parsing treebank parser tree parse head model al np
<b>Summarization</b>	sentence text evaluation document topic summary summarization human summaries score
<b>Syntactic Structure</b>	verb noun syntactic sentence phrase np subject structure case clause
<b>TAG Grammars*</b>	tree node trees nodes derivation tag root figure adjoining grammar
<b>Unification</b>	feature structure grammar lexical constraints unification constraint type structures rule
<b>WSD*</b>	word senses wordnet disambiguation lexical semantic context similarity dictionary
<b>Word Segmentation</b>	chinese word character segmentation corpus dictionary korean language table system
<b>WordNet*</b>	synset wordnet synsets hypernym ili wordnets hypernyms eurowordnet hyponym ewn wn

Table 2: Top 10 words for 43 of the topics. Starred topics are hand-seeded.

[Hall et al. 2008]

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3. We ask users to find the word that doesn't belong

Hypothesis

If the topics are interpretable, users will consistently choose true intruder



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### Model



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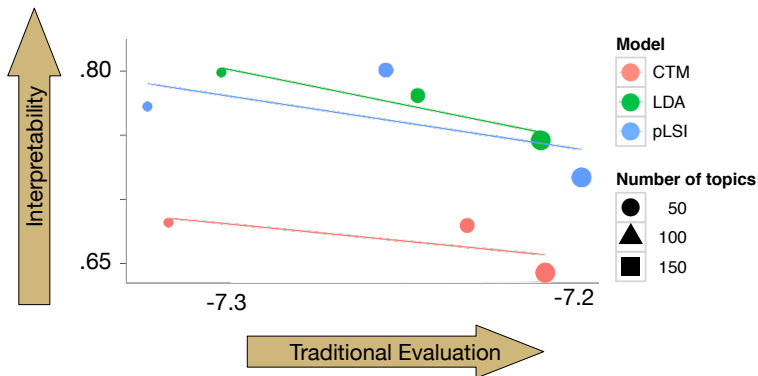
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## Interpretability and Likelihood (NYT)



Within a model, higher likelihood  $\neq$  higher interpretability

## Since then ...

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- A way to get at an evaluation that matches **what we care about**
- A necessary step to improving topic models for navigating large datasets [Talley et al. 2011]
- Others have discovered automatic methods that uncover the same properties [Newman et al. 2010, Mimno et al. 2011]
- And extended the technique to structured topics and phrases [Lindsey et al. 2012, Wenginger et al. 2012]

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## The Problem: User Perspective

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bladder  
spinal\_cord  
sci  
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spinal  
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## Interactive Topic Modeling

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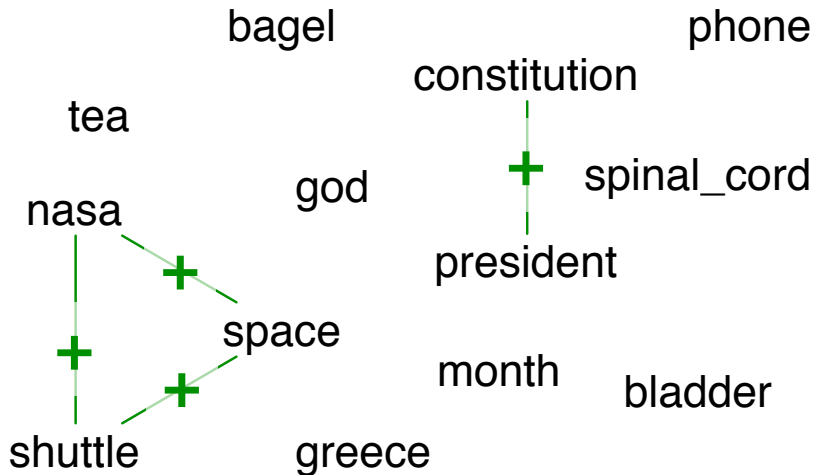
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bagel phone  
constitution  
tea  
nasa god spinal\_cord  
president  
space month bladder  
shuttle greece

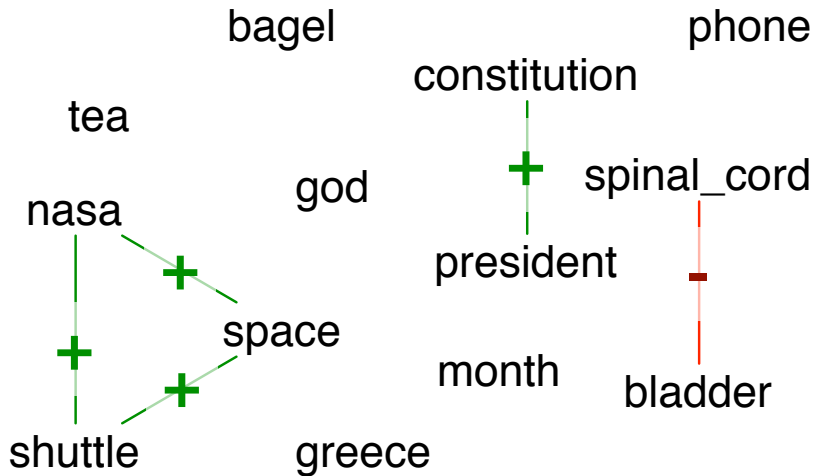
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nuclear, arms, weapon, defense, treaty, missile, world, unite, yet, soviet, lead, secretary, would, control, korea, intelligence, test, nation, country, testing

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president, bush, administration, clinton, american, force, reagan, war, unite, lead, economic, iraq, congress, america, iraqi, policy, aid, international, military, see

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## Suggestion

*boris, communist, gorbachev, mikhail, russia, russian, soviet, union, yeltsin*



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## Example: Negative Constraint

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## ALTO: Active Learning with Topic Overviews for Speeding Label Induction and Document Labeling

Forough Poursabzi-Sangdeh,  
Jordan Boyd-Graber, Leah  
Findlater, and Kevin Seppi.  
Association for Computational  
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## Real-World Use Cases

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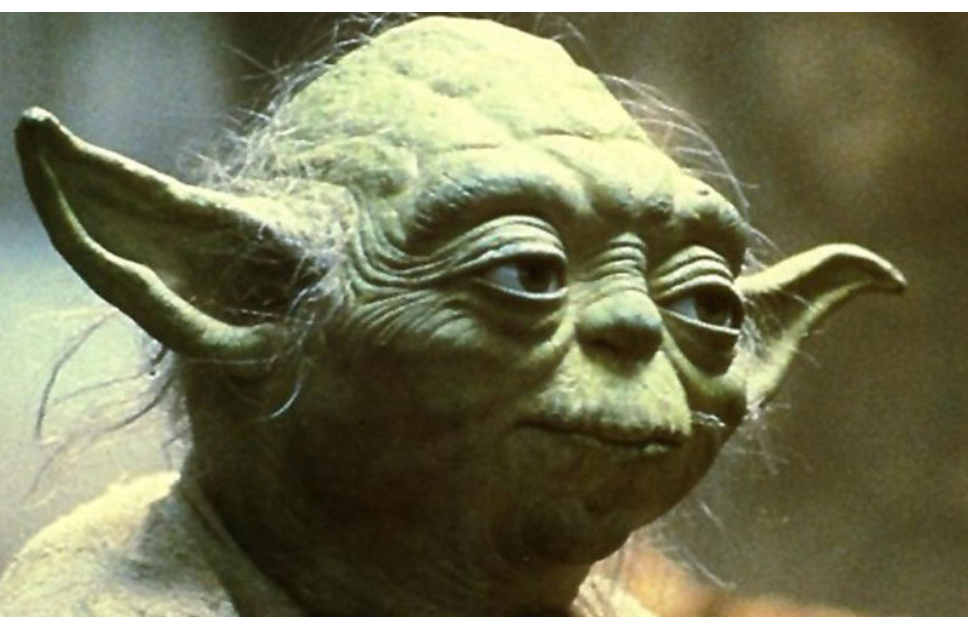
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When you at the dark side **look**, careful you must **be**.



ich bin mit dem Zug nach Ulm **gefahren**

I am with the train to Ulm **traveled**

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I (.....*waiting*.....) **traveled** by train to Ulm





## Learning from Interpreters

- What tricks do they use?
- How can we teach machines to use them?
- How do we know when to use them?
- Giving back to interpreters





## Don't Until the Final Verb Wait: Reinforcement Learning for Simultaneous Machine Translation

Alvin Grissom II, **Jordan  
Boyd-Graber**, He He, John  
Morgan, and Hal Daumé III.  
*Empirical Methods in Natural  
Language Processing*, 2014



You

You auto-complete me.

YouTube

You are not a robot

You are my sunshine lyrics





## Predict the Verb

- Predicting the verb “unlocks” sentence
- Language models are good at word prediction
- But instead, we’ll predict the verb

You auto-  
YouTube  
You are not a robot  
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## Language Models of Verbs

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Apple ist zum wertvollsten Konzern aller Zeiten avanciert

Nein, mit dem Virus ist es noch lange nicht getan

Eine vielbefahrene Brücke in New Jersey wurde grundlos gesperrt

Mit Drohen und Interpretieren ist es nicht getan

Frankfurter Flughafen für Passagiere weitgehend gesperrt

Als ruppiger Bad Boy mit Herz namens Daryl ist er zum Superstar der Besetzung avanciert

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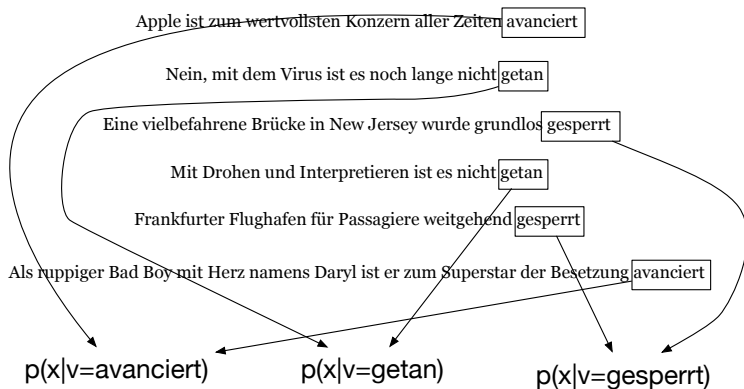
Eine vielbefahrene Brücke in New Jersey wurde grundlos **gesperrt**

Mit Drohen und Interpretieren ist es nicht **getan**

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Als ruppiger Bad Boy mit Herz namens Daryl ist er zum Superstar der Besetzung **avanciert**

## Language Models of Verbs



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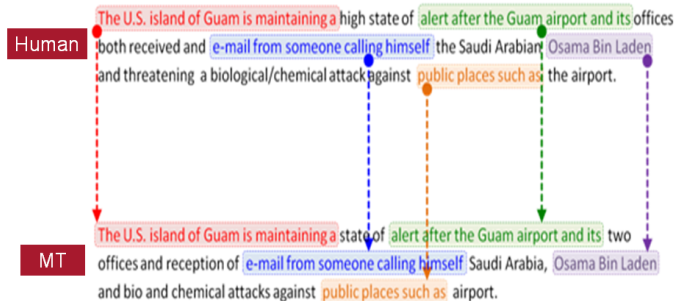
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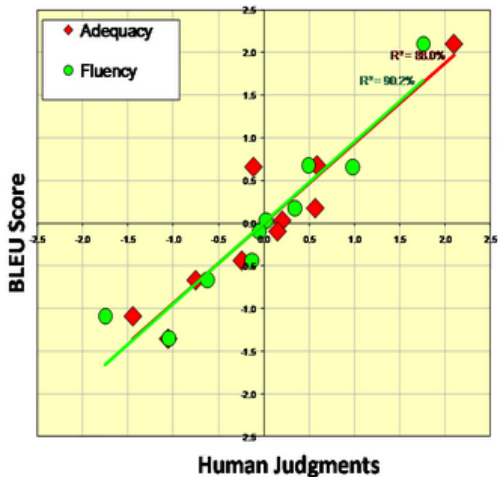
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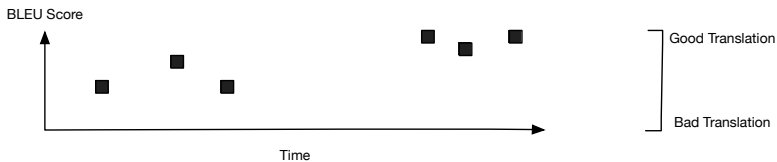




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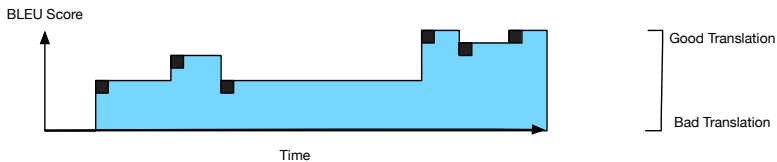
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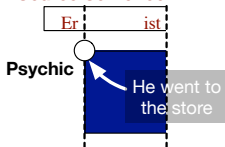
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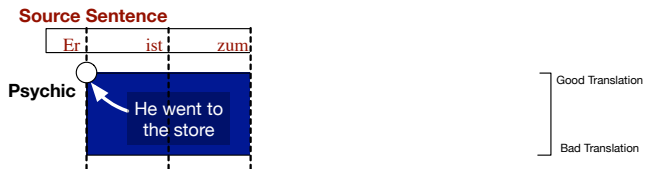


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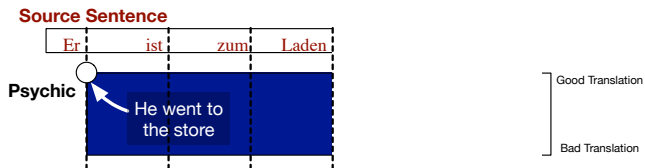
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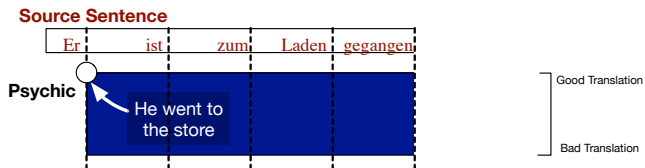
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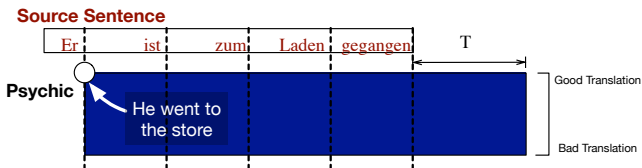
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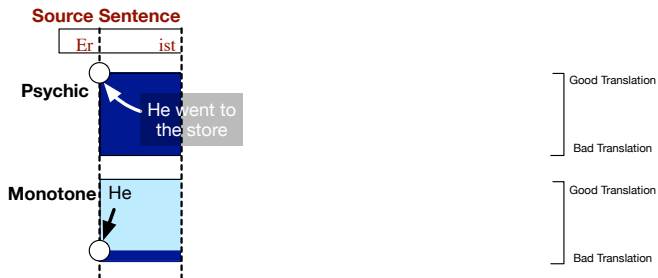
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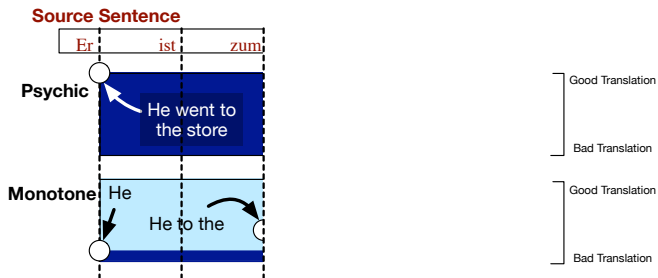
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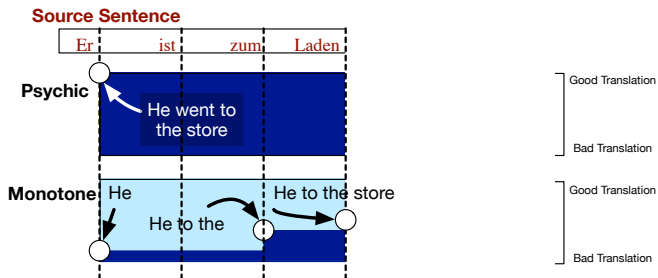


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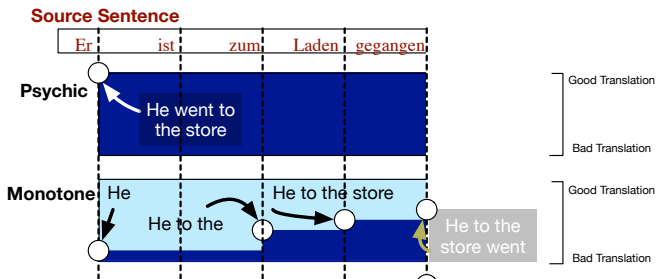
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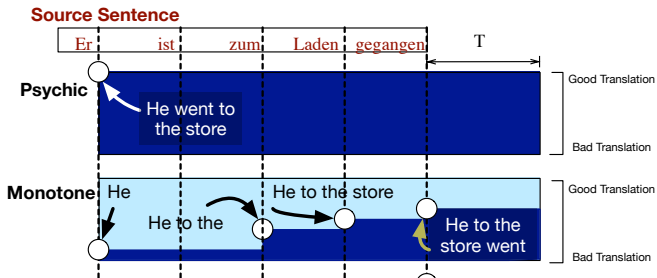
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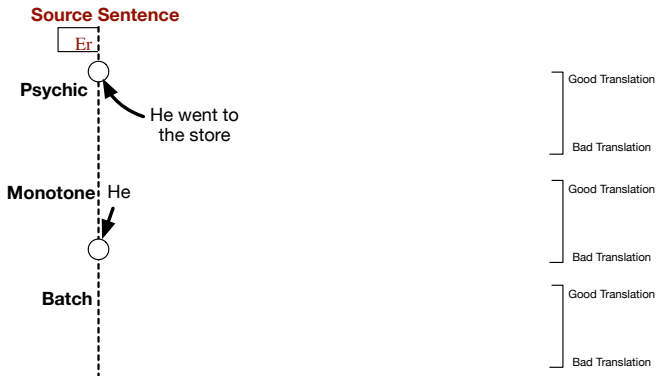
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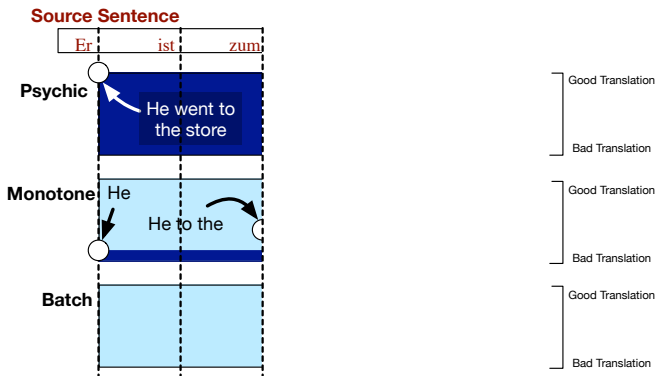
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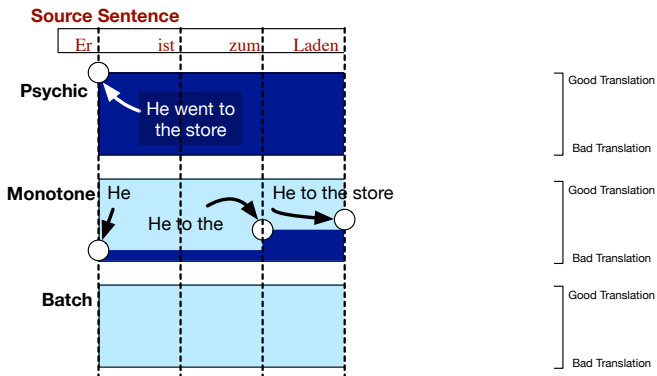
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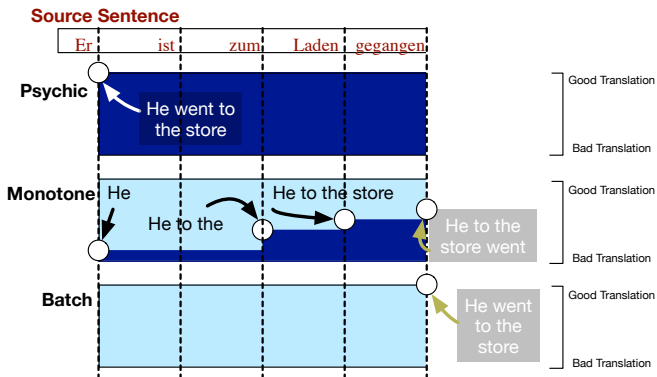
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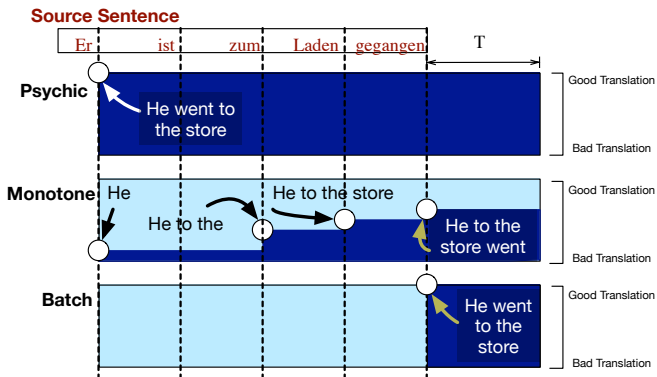
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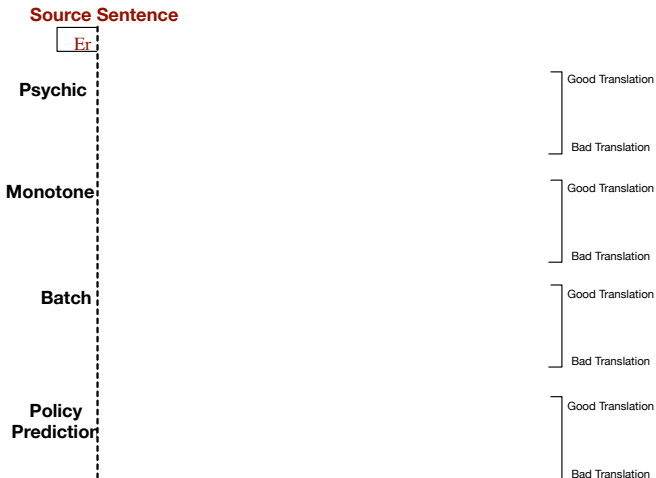


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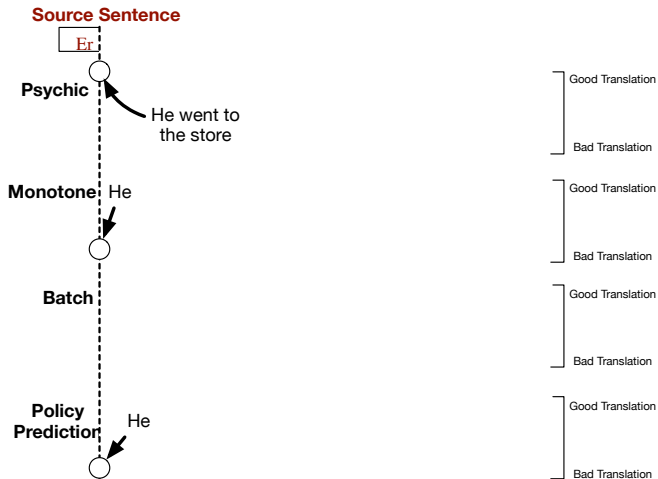
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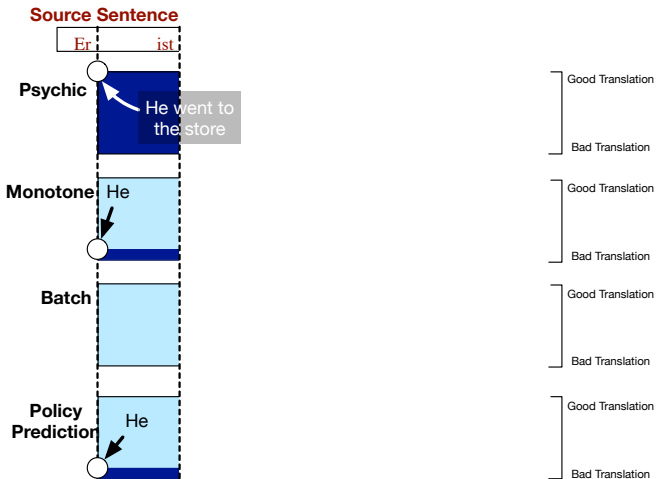




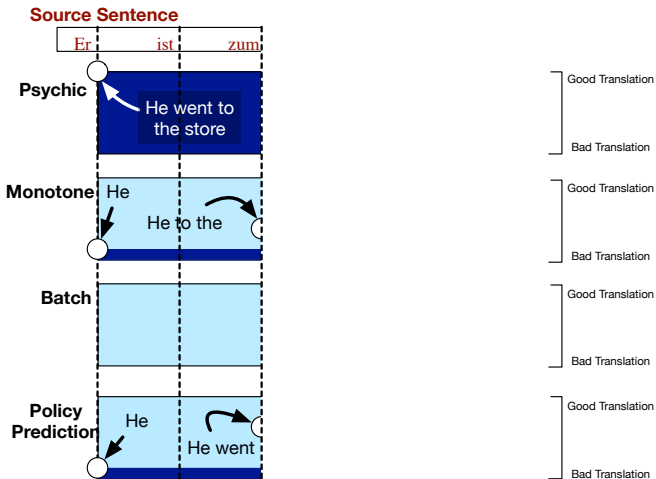
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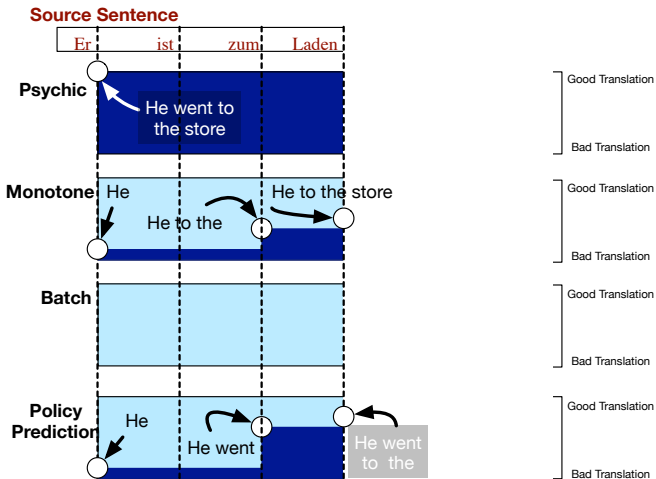
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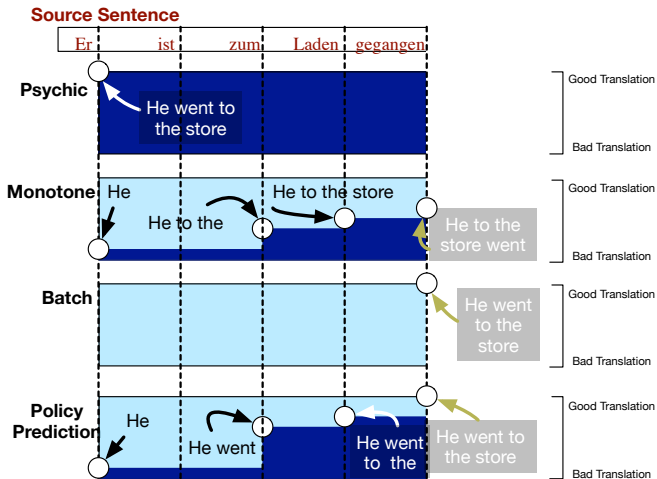
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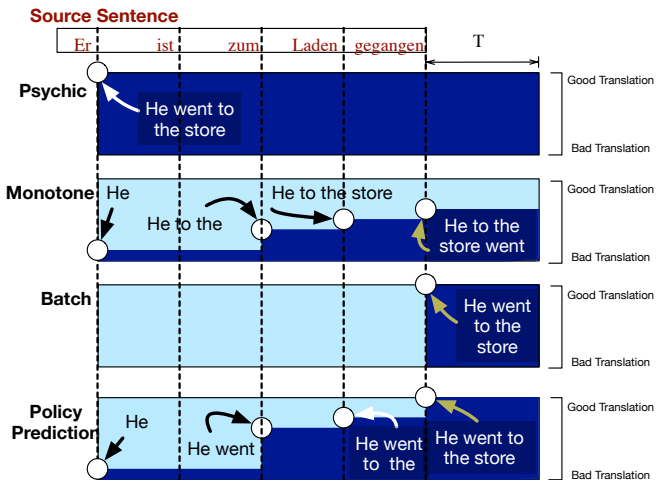
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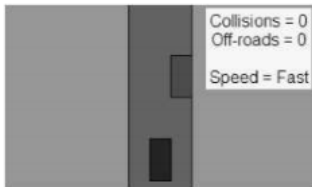
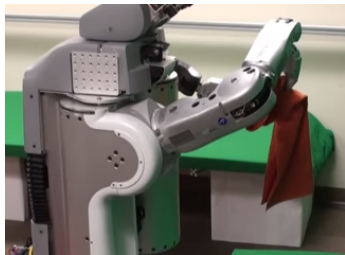


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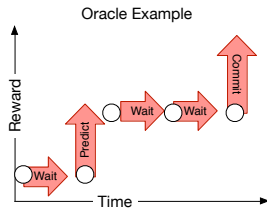
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- Given all the predictions that we make (and the resulting translations) ...
- Discover the optimal in hindsight policies
- Goal: Teach our algorithm to think on its feet
- Challenge: Represent states in a way that will generalize

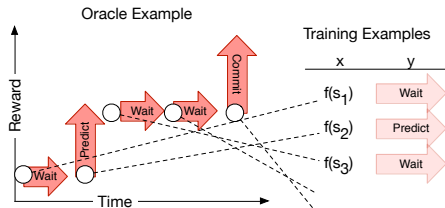
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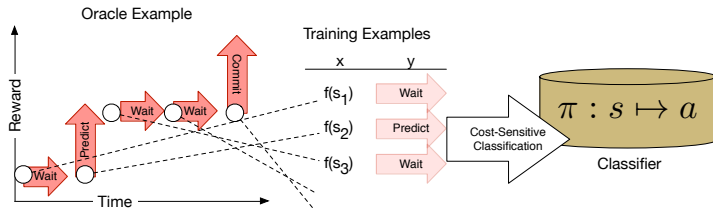




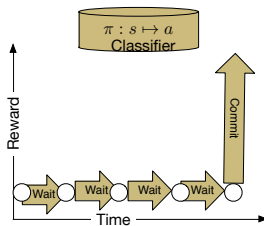
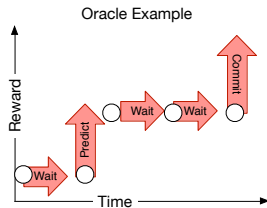
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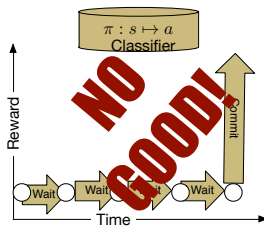
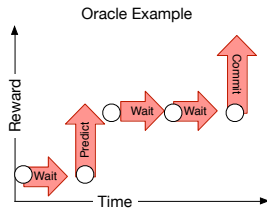
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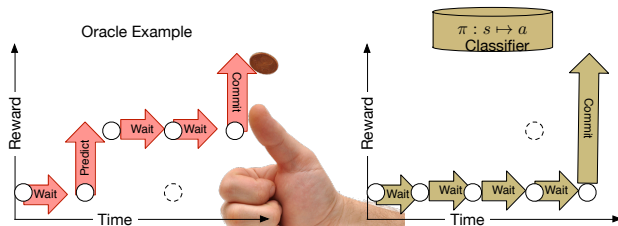
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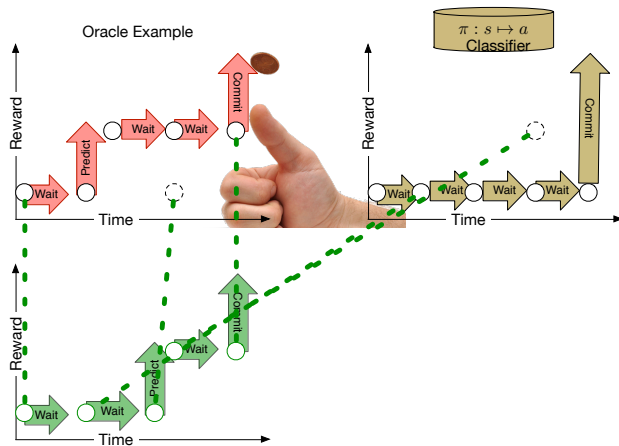
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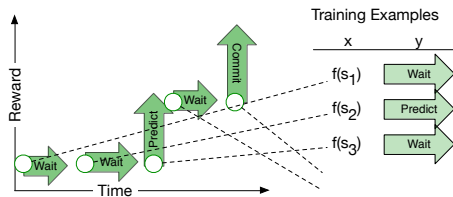


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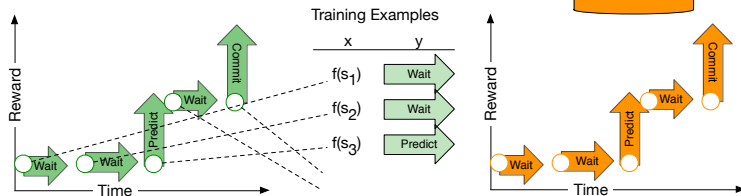


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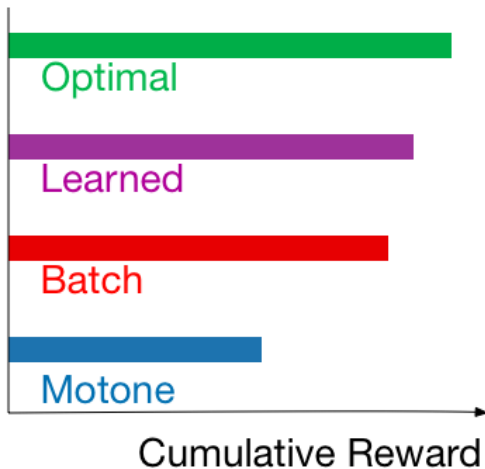


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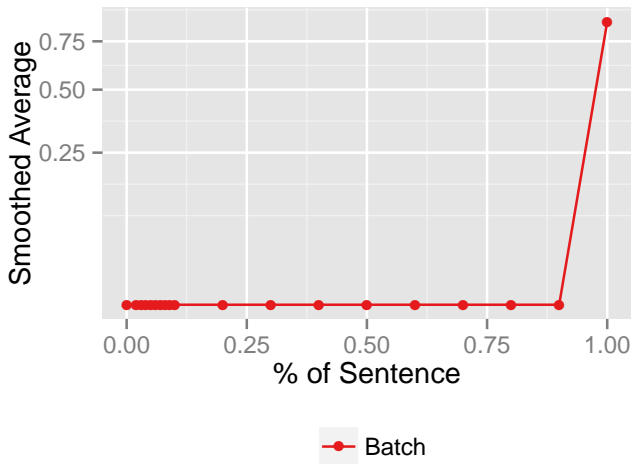
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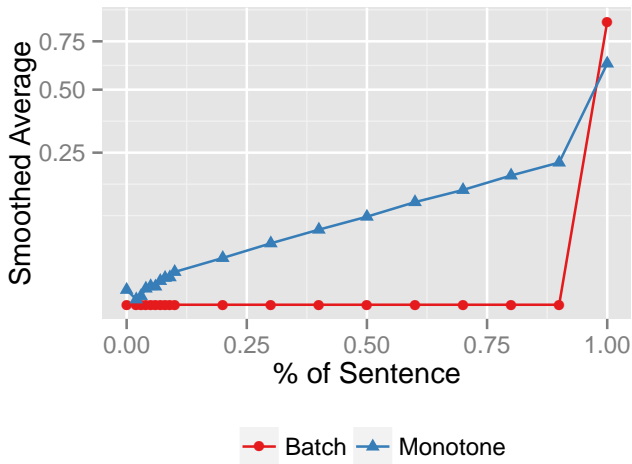


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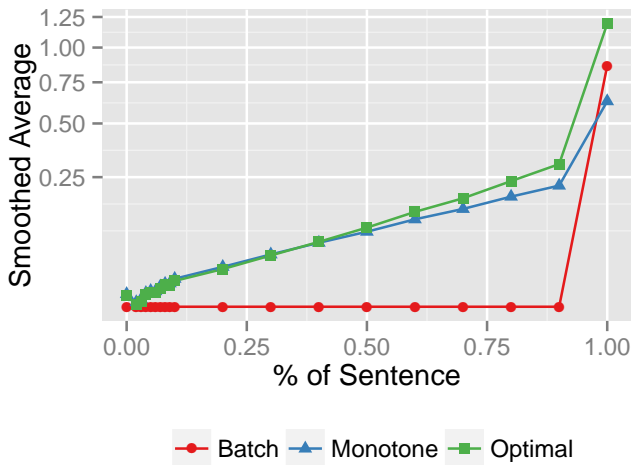
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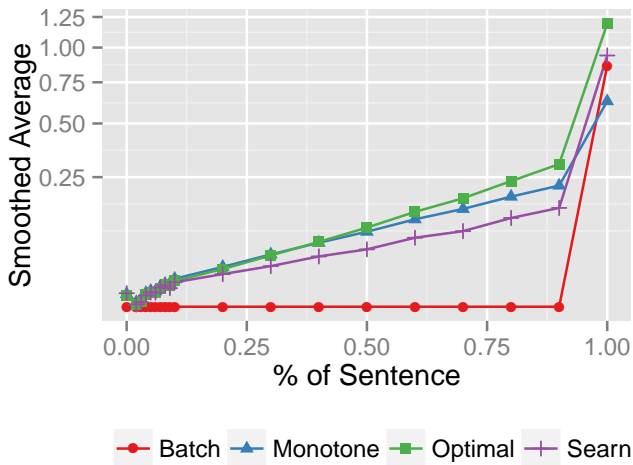
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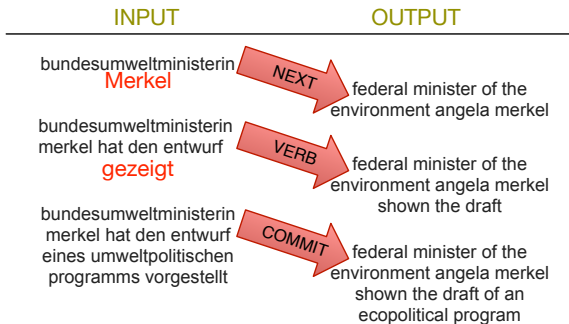


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## Example Sentence

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## What tricks do interpreters use?

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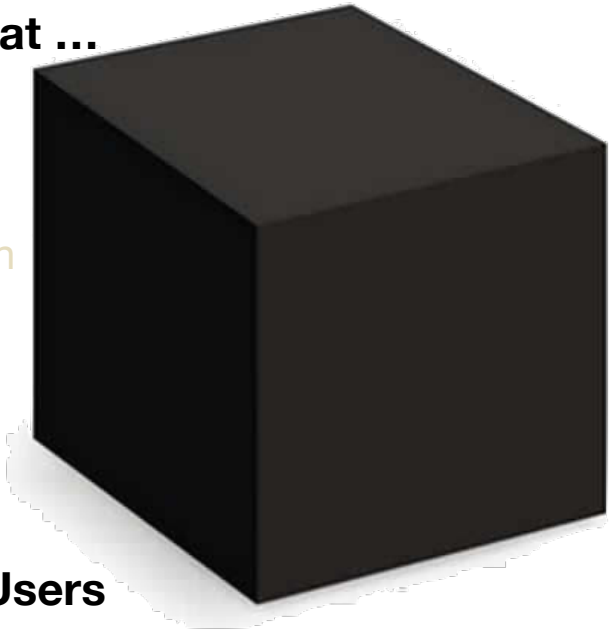
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This is **not** Jeopardy [Ferrucci et al. 2010]

- Jeopardy: must decide to answer **once**, after complete question
- Quiz Bowl: decide after each word



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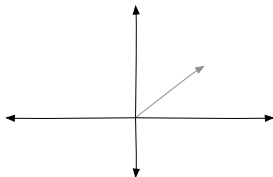
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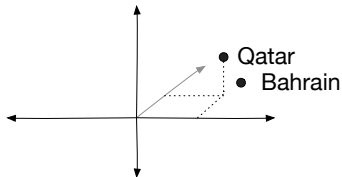
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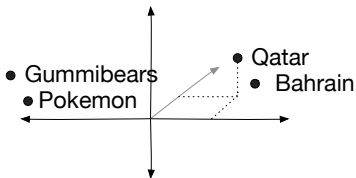
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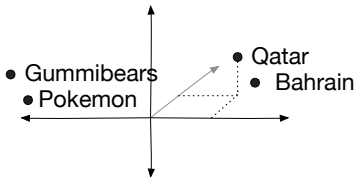
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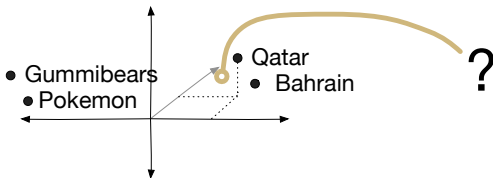
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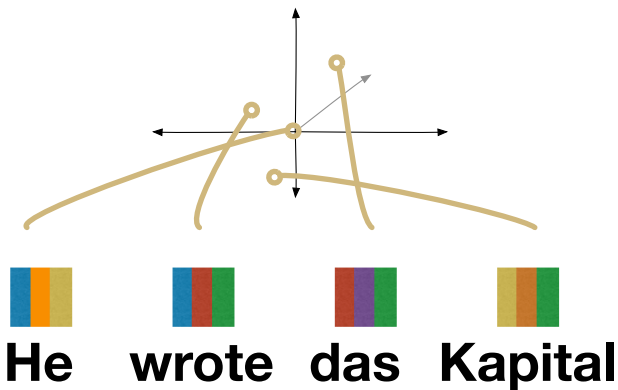
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- Use relationship between questions (“China” and “Taiwan”)
- Use learned features and dimensions, not the words we start with

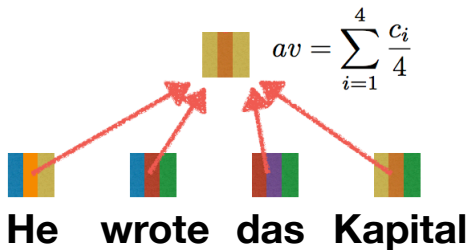
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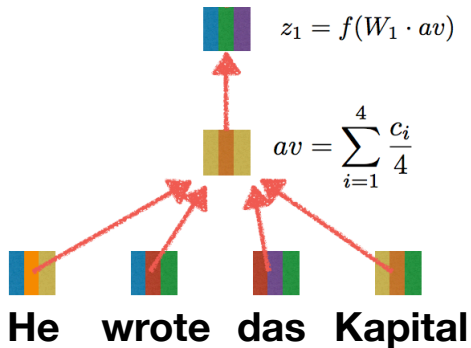
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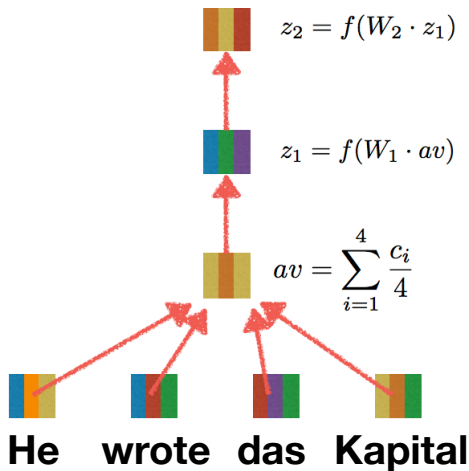
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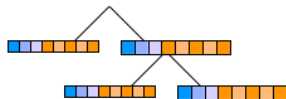


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- Update using WARP
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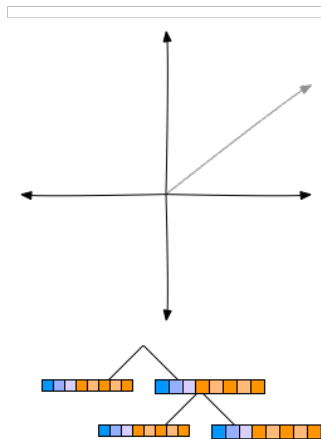




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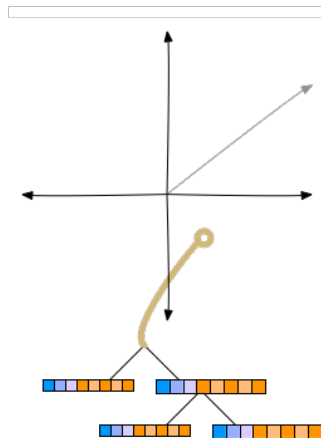
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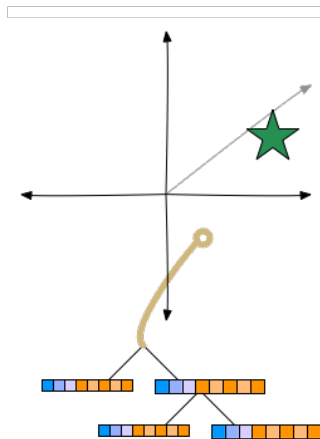
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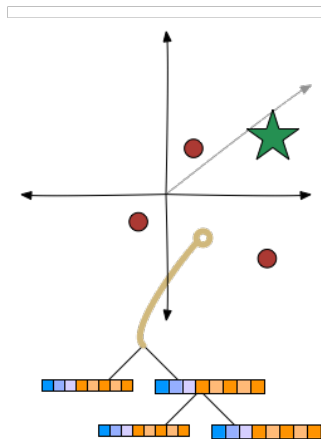
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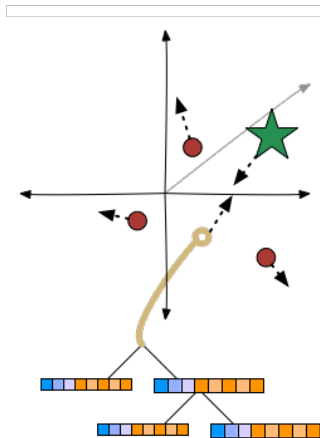
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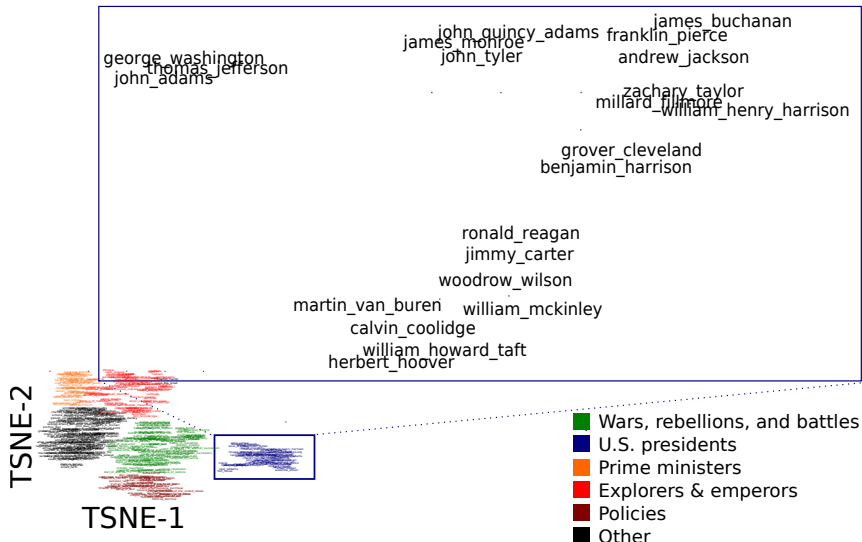
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  - Push away wrong answers
  - Bring correct answers closer



## Embedding



## How to approach this problem ...

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With Leo Szilard, he invented a doubly-eponymous refrigerator with no moving parts. He did not take interaction with neighbors into account when formulating his theory of heat capacity, so Debye adjusted the theory for low temperatures. His summation convention automatically summed indices in tensor products. His name is associated with the famous equation  $E=mc^2$ .



## How to approach this problem ...

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## Besting the Quiz Master: Crowdsourcing Incremental Classification Games

**Jordan Boyd-Graber**, He He, and  
Hal Daumé III. *Empirical Methods  
in Natural Language Processing*,  
2012

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- 7000 questions: first day
- 43000 questions: two weeks
- 461 unique users
- Imitated ...

Protobowl doing one thing and doing it acceptably well

It looks like Protobowl is taking a while to connect to the server. This might not mean anything more than a slow connection, or it could be a sign of several possible issues. You could [enter offline mode](#) which will start Protobowl as if it did not have a connection to the server at all, but that has the obvious drawback of being offline and only being able to access a limited pool of questions.

If you wait a little bit, Protobowl will keep on trying to connect using different transports until it finds something that works.

**Observation:** This man won the Battle

content {  
0.02 Tokugawa  
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◆ — Text — ◆    ◆ — Guess — ◆    ◆ — Posterior — ◆

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State Representation

idx: 05  
ftp: f  
  
this\_man: 01  
won: 01  
battle: 01

gss: tokugawa

top\_1: 0.02  
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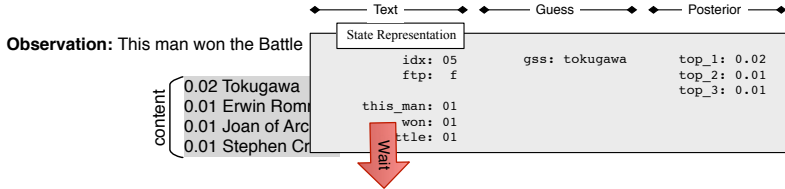
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Wait

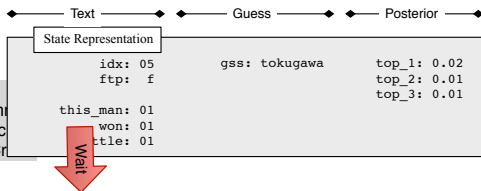


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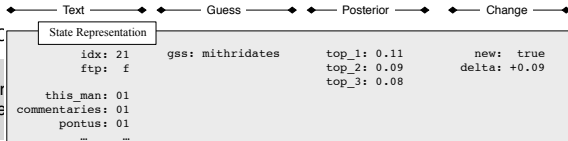
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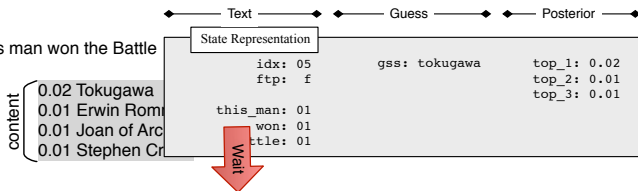
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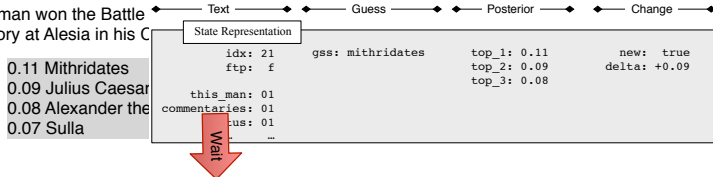


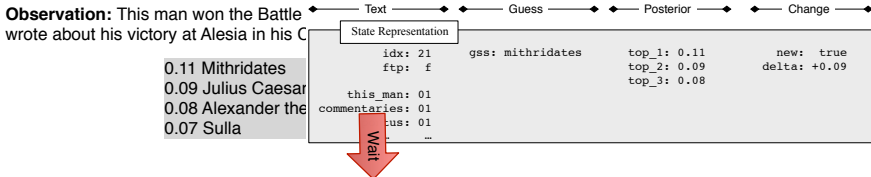
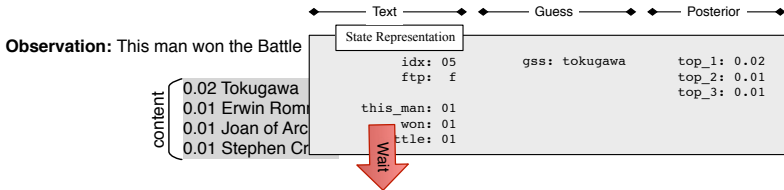


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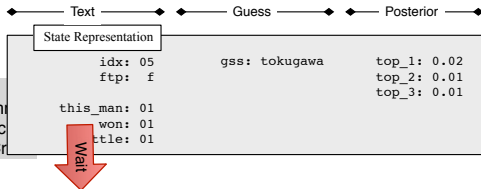


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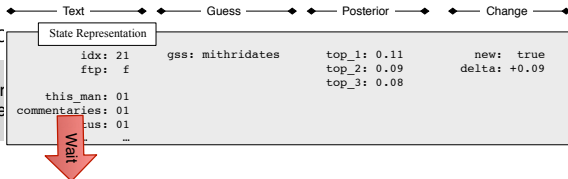
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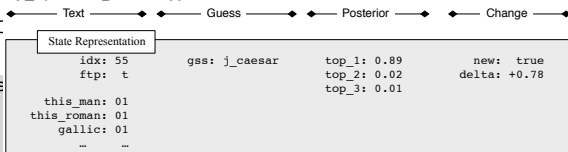


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State Representation

idx: 21      gss: mithridates      top\_1: 0.11      new: true  
ftp: f      top\_2: 0.09      delta: +0.09  
top\_3: 0.08  
this\_man: 01  
commentaries: 01  
opus: 01  
...

Wait

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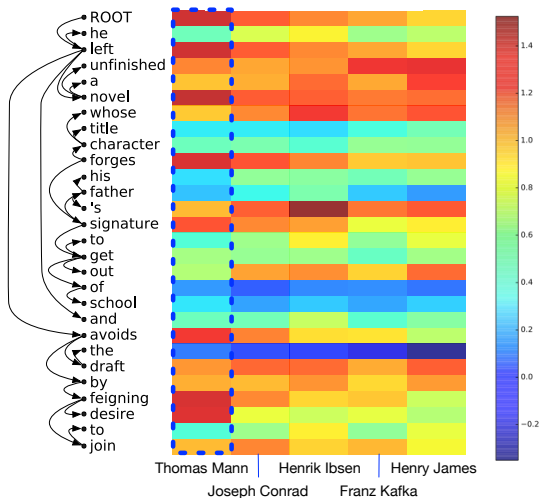
State Representation

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this\_man: 01  
this\_roman: 01  
genre: 01  
...

Buzz

**Answer: Julius Caesar**

## Examining vectors



## Experiment 1

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End result: 200-200 tie!







23. October 2015, Seattle





Humans 345-145



Humans 190-155

## Where we have problems

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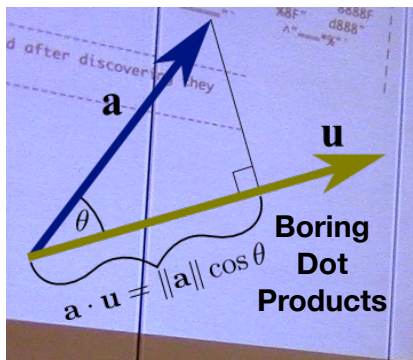
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**Algorithms that ...**

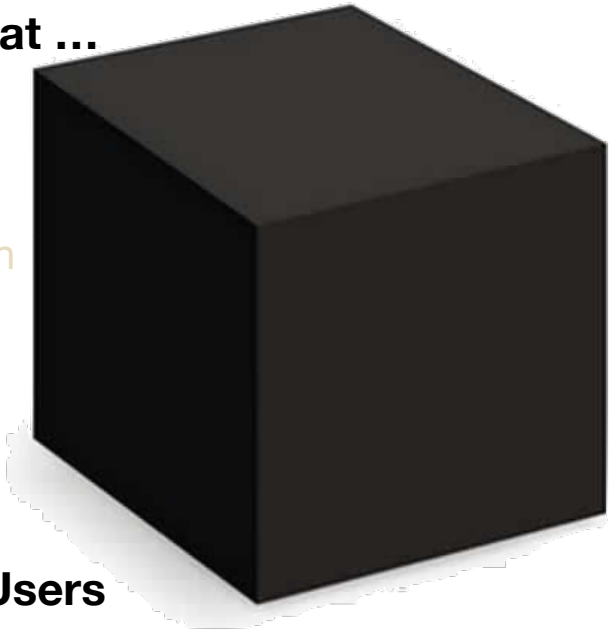
Inform

Collaborate with

Compete with

Understand

**their Human Users**





## Linguistic Harbingers of Betrayal: A Case Study on an Online Strategy Game

Vlad Niculae, Srijan Kumar,  
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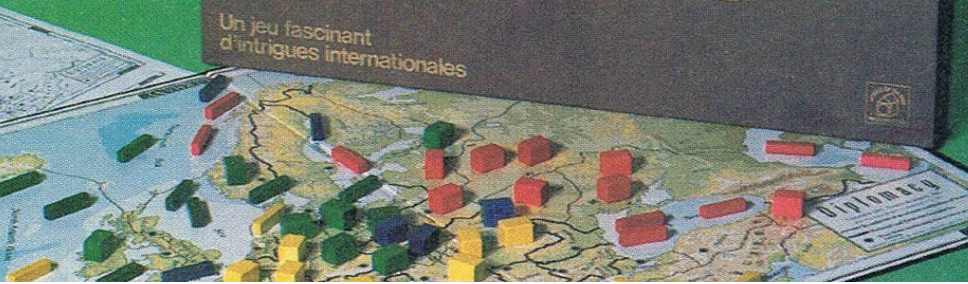
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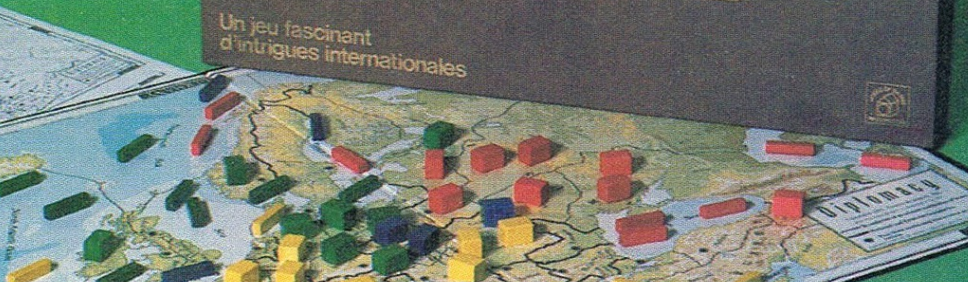
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249 games

~6 months/game

145k messages

[diplom.org](http://diplom.org); [usak.asciiking.com](http://usak.asciiking.com)















help?



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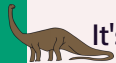
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stabs



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**NOW STAND BACK,**



**I GOTTA PRACTICE MY STABBIN'**

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Not really sure what to say, except that I regret you did what you did.





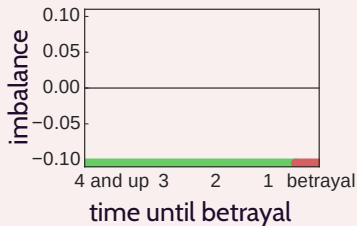
A man with a menacing expression, wearing a dark shirt and a light-colored jacket, is shown from the chest up. He is holding two dinosaur toys in his hands. The toy on the left is a blue and green Stegosaurus, and the toy on the right is a yellow and orange T-Rex. The background is dark, and there are some colorful lights visible in the upper left corner.

Curse your sudden  
but inevitable  
betrayal!



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Imbalance:  $f(\text{betrayer}) - f(\text{victim})$ . Looking only at betrayals.

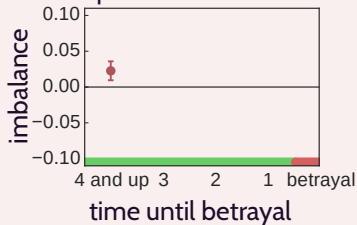


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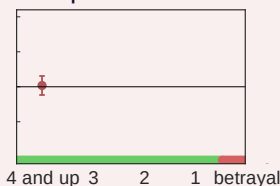
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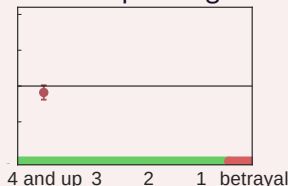
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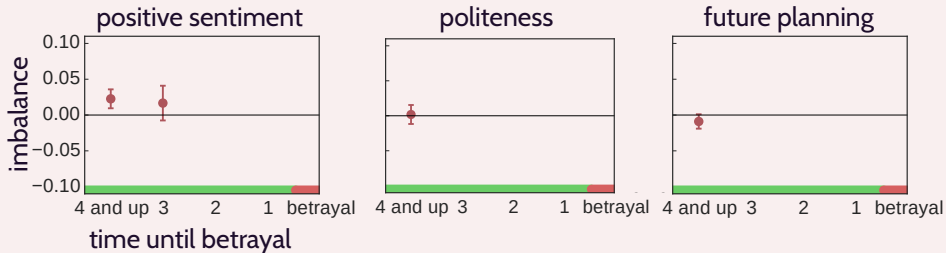
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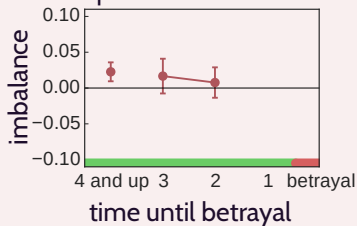


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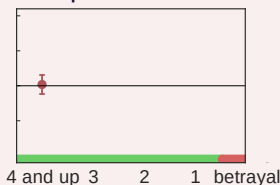
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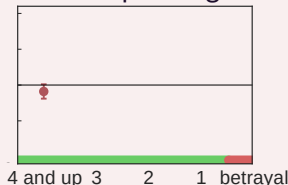
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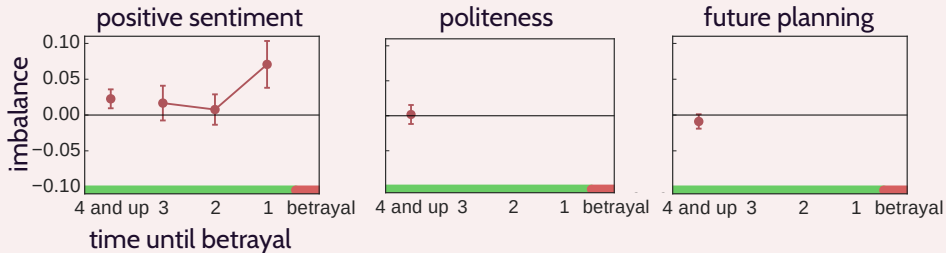
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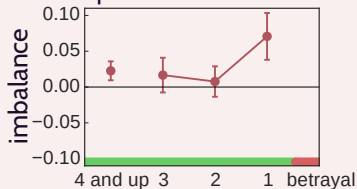


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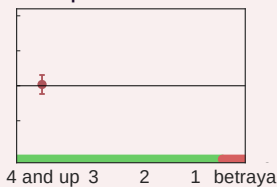
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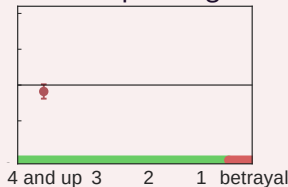
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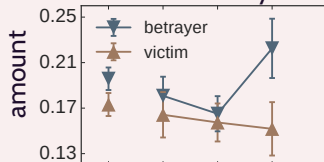
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time until betrayal

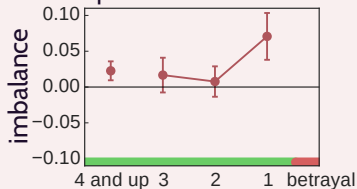


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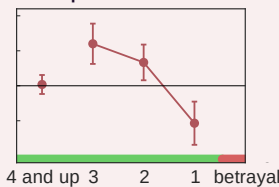
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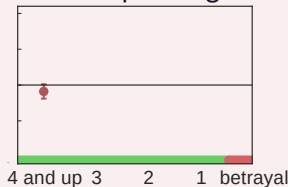
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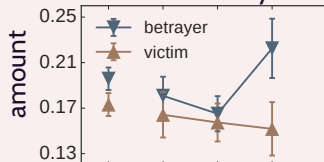
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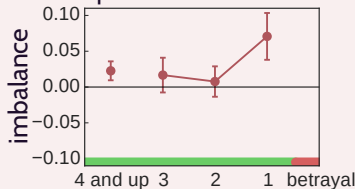
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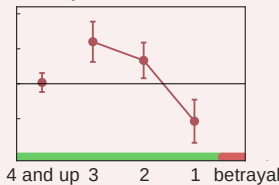
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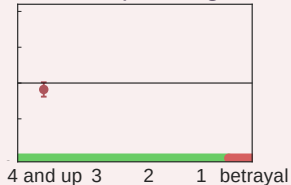
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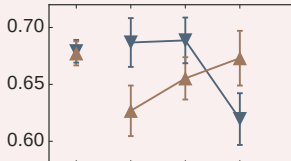
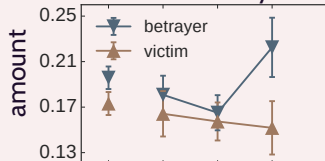
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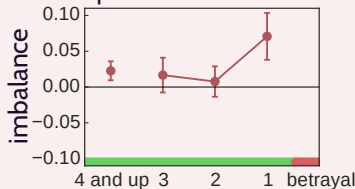
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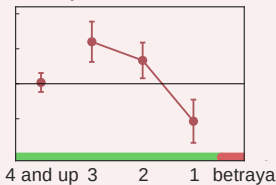
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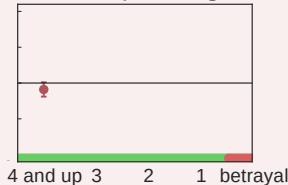
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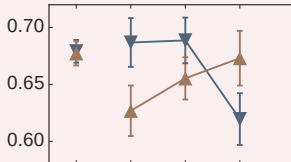
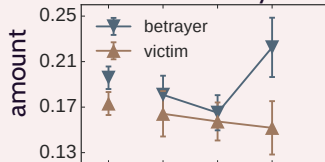
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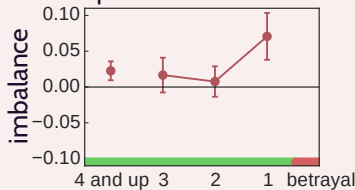
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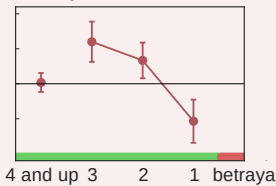
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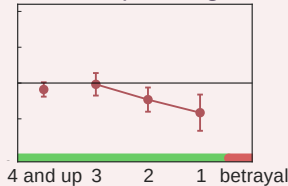
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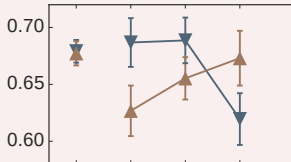
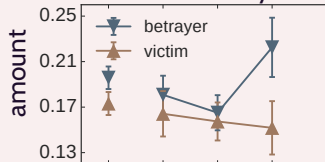
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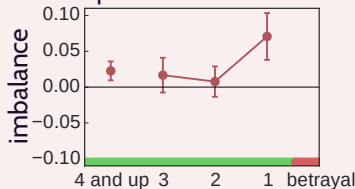
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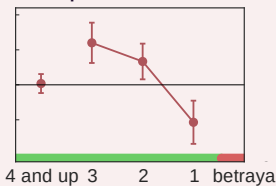
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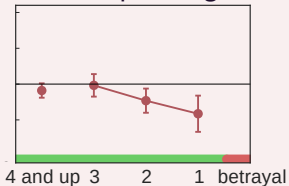
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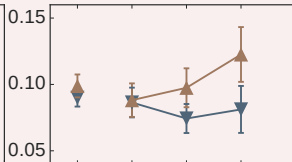
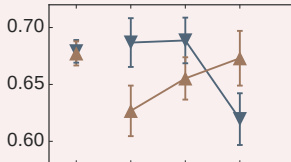
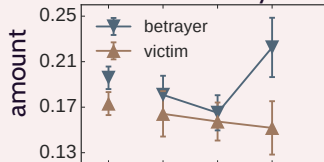
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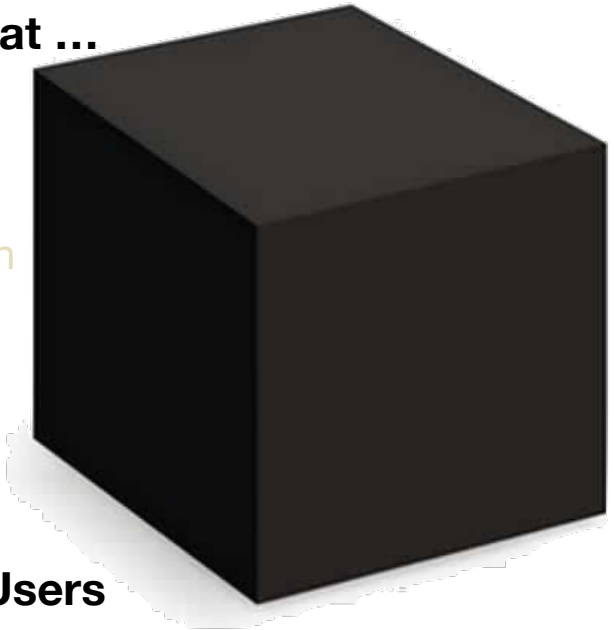
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Viet-An Nguyen, Jordan Boyd-Graber, Philip Resnik, and Kristina Miler. *Association for Computational Linguistics*, 2015

## Evaluation: Tea Party in the House

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### The Tea Party

- American political movement for freedom, small government, lower tax
- Disrupting Republican Party and recent elections
- Organizations:
  - Institutional: Tea Party Caucus
  - Other: Tea Party Express, Tea Party Patriots, Freedom Works
- **“Conventional views of ideology as a single–dimensional, left–right spectrum experience great difficulty in understanding or explaining the Tea Party.”**

[Carmines and D’Amico 2015, ARPS]

### Goal

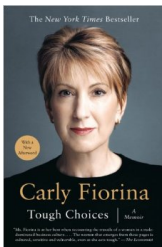
- Explain Tea Partiers in terms of issues and votes
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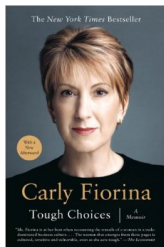


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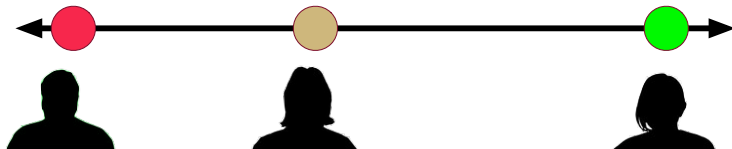
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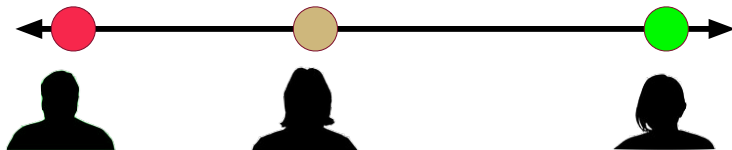
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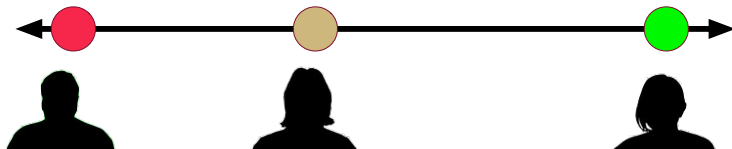


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patient, doctor, physician, hospital, insure

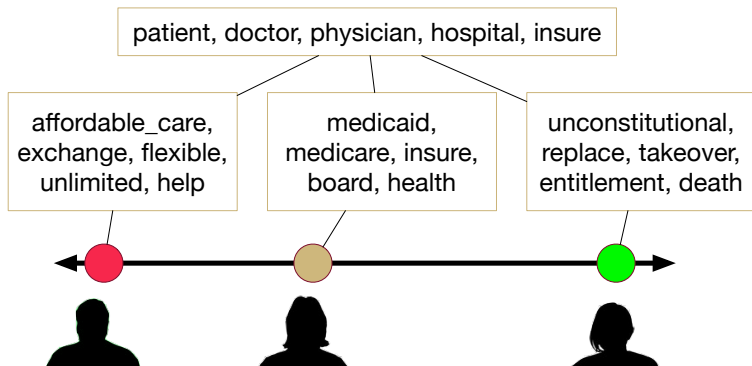




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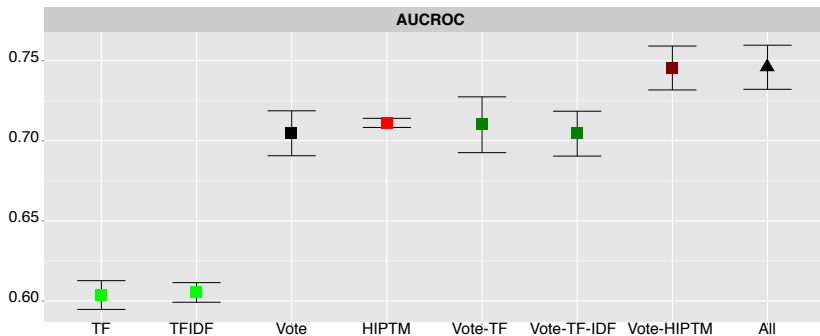
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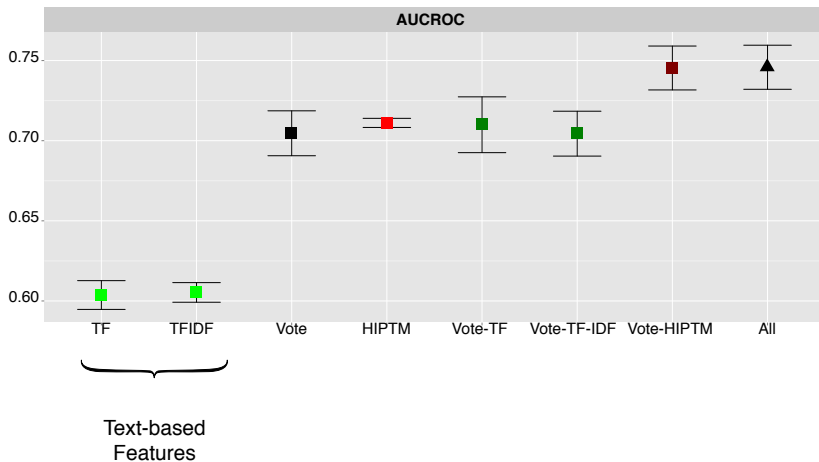
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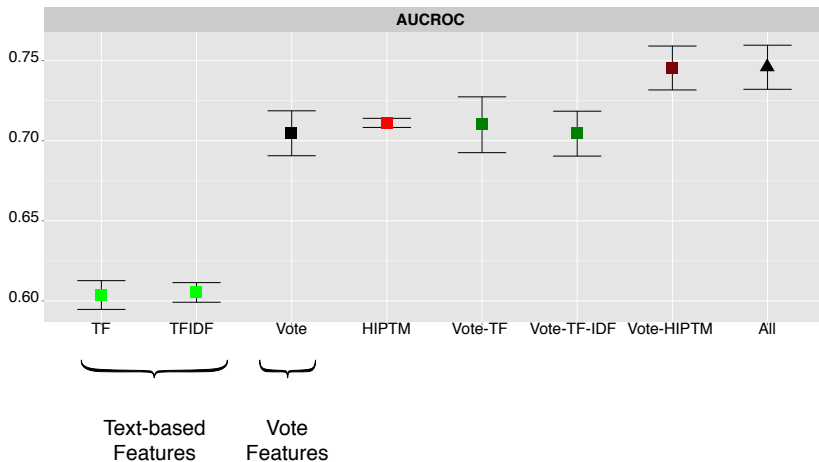
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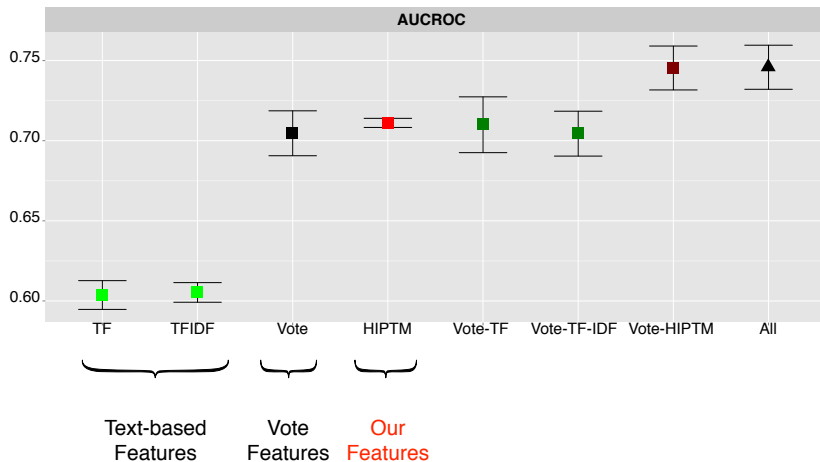
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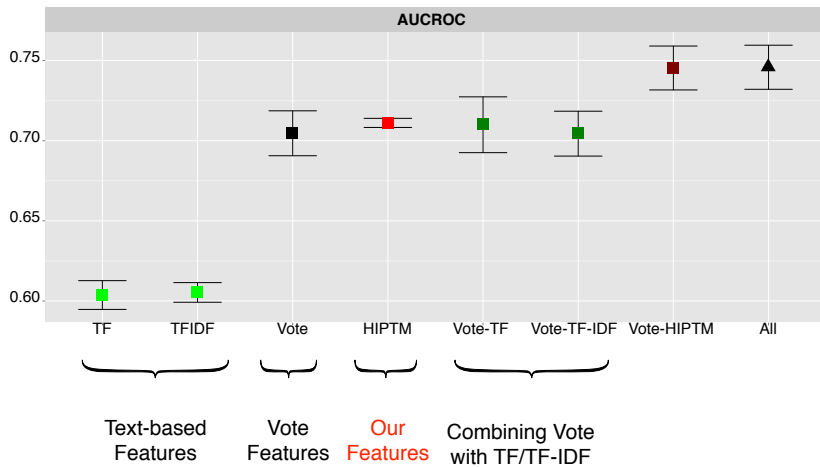
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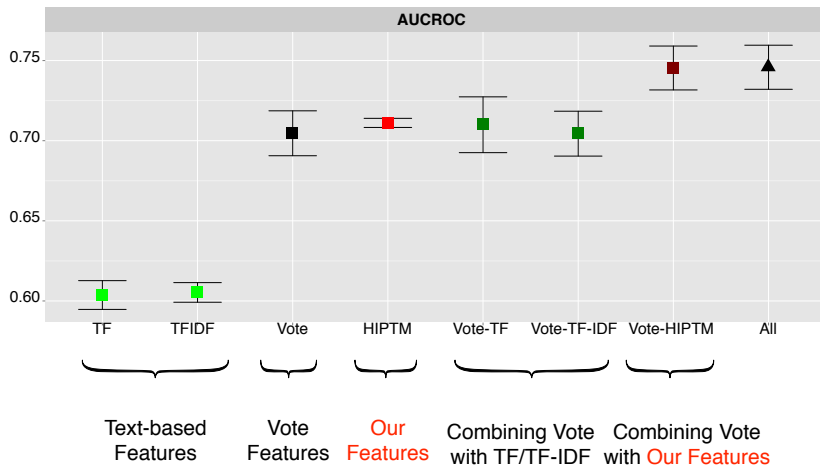


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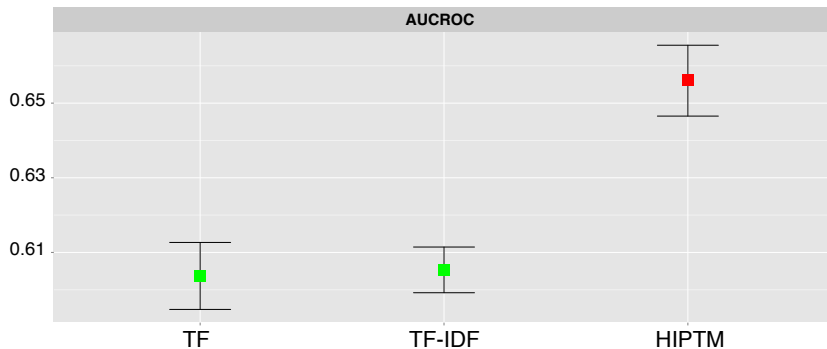




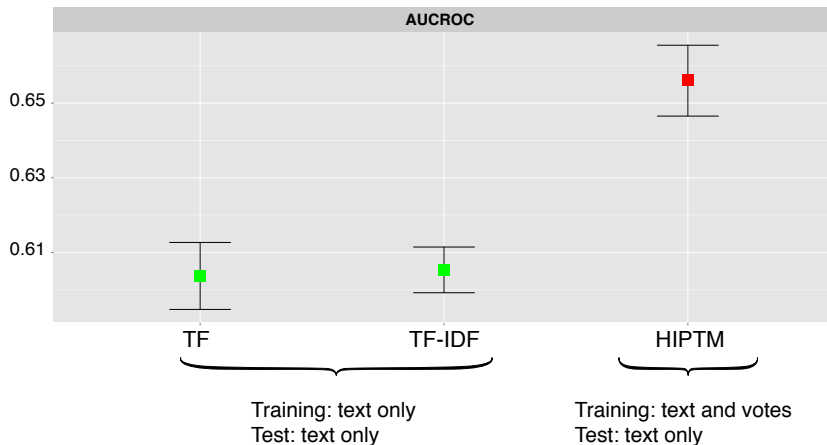
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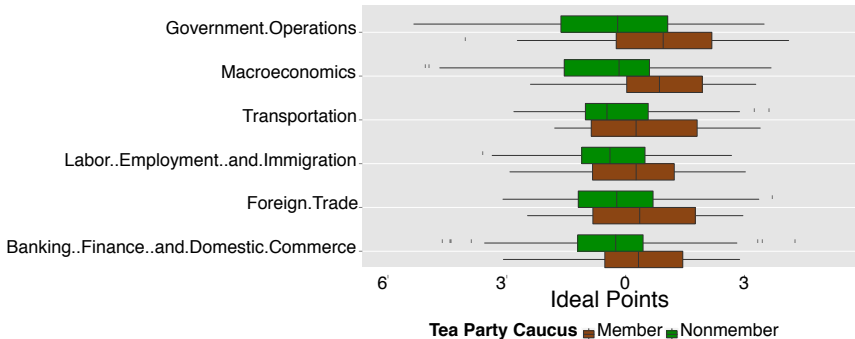
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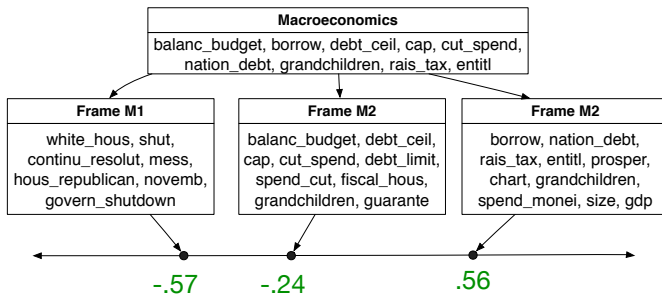


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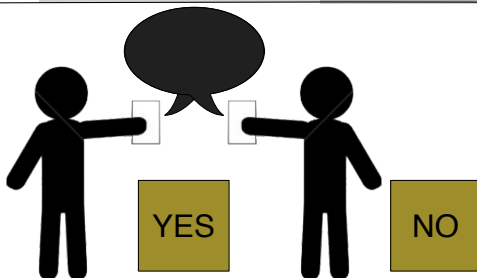
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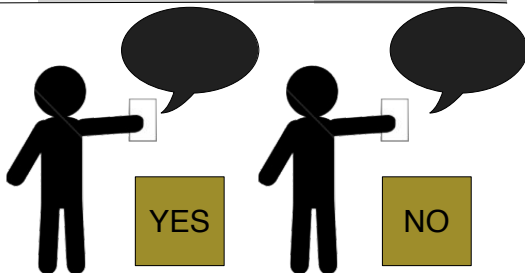
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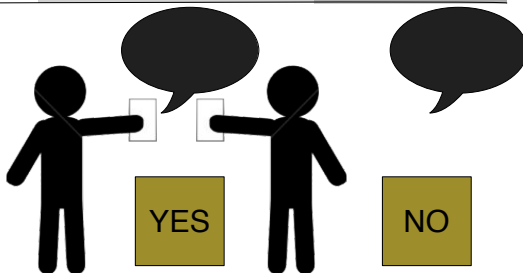
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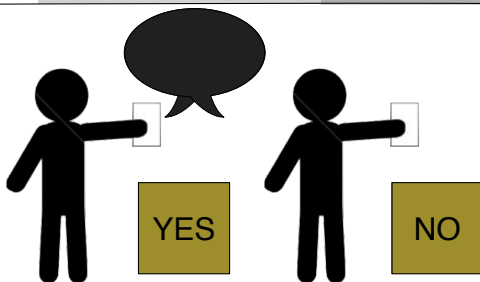




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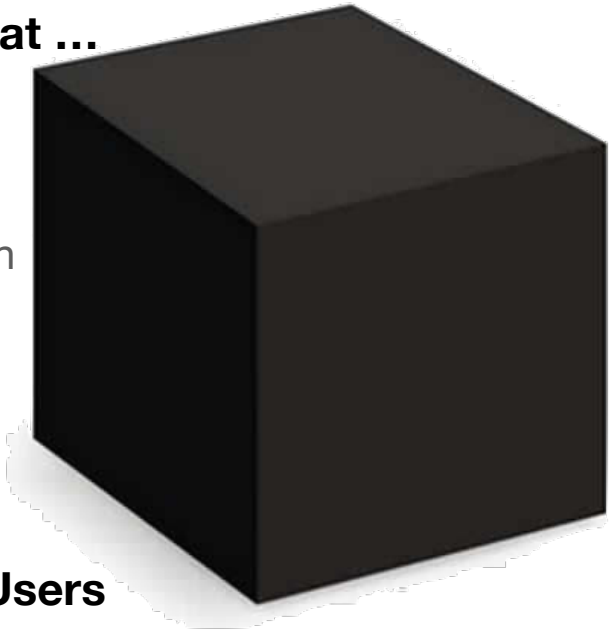
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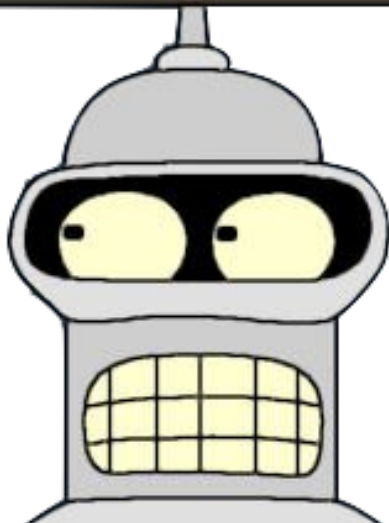
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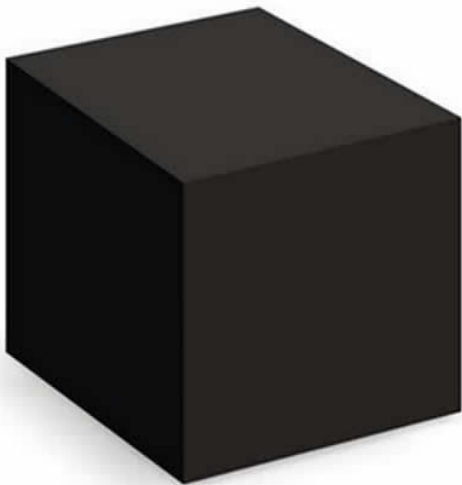
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We need ML that understands our gratitude and our fears

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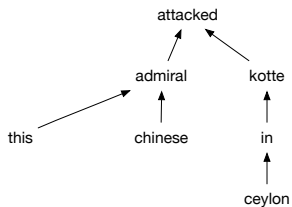
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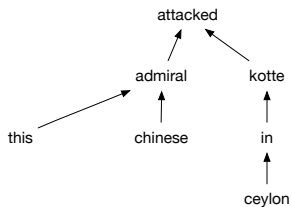
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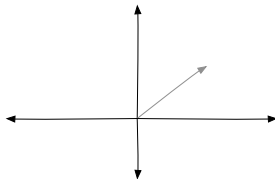
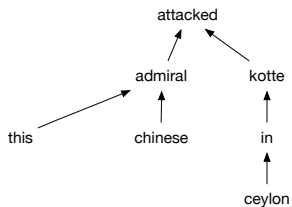
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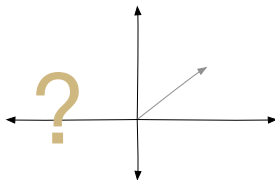
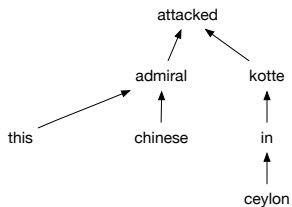
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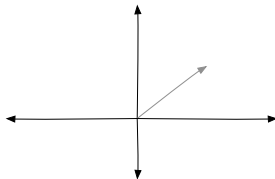
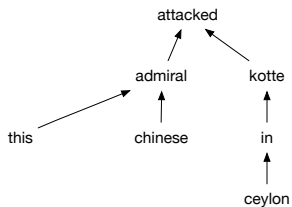
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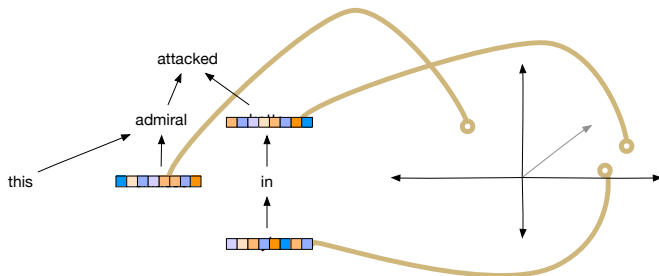


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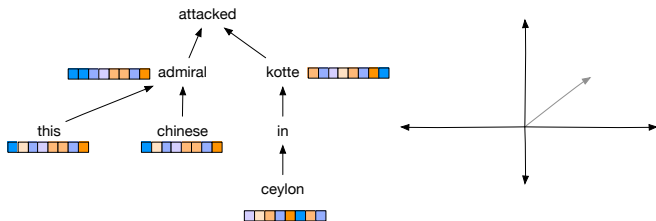


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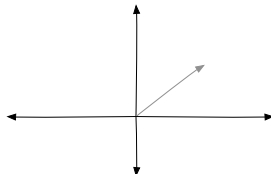
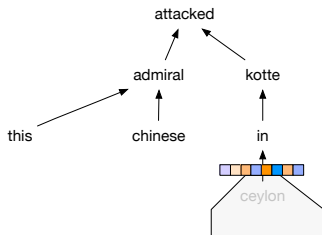
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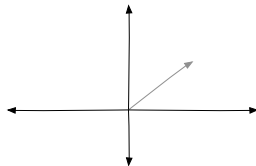
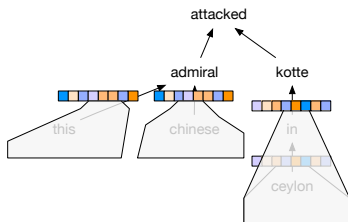


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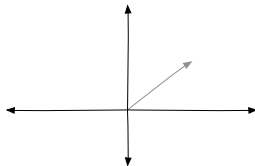
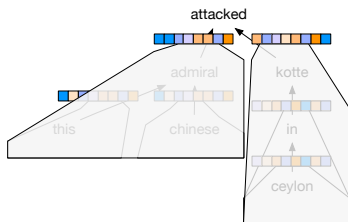


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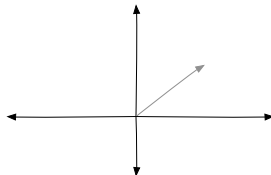
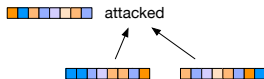
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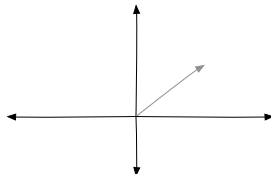
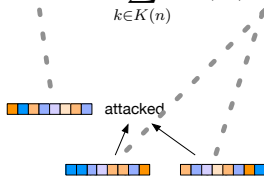
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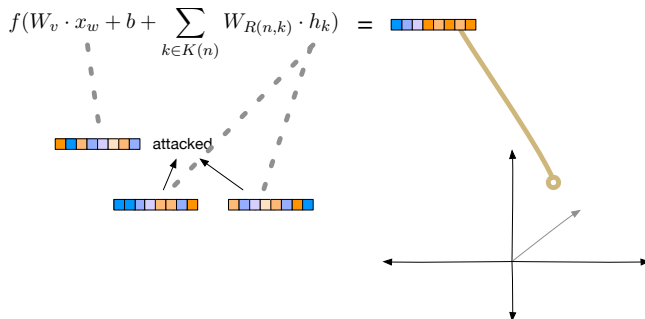
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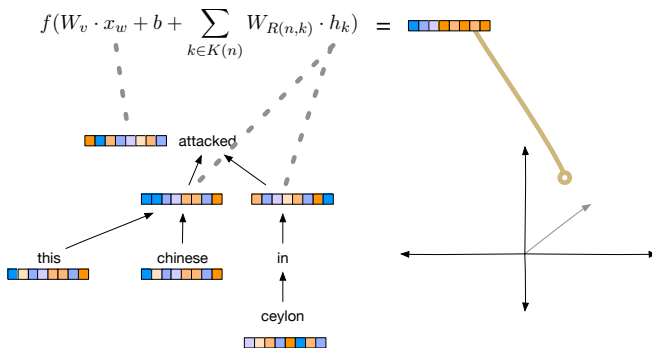
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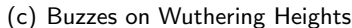
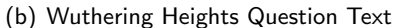
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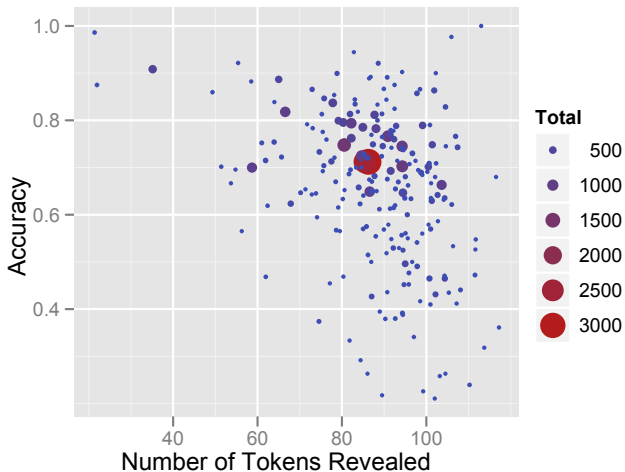
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	tf-idf	-	-	8.3	0.08
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	buzz-linear	-	1.1	-	0.10
	buzz-tier	-	1.6	0.5	0.07

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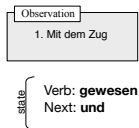
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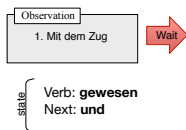
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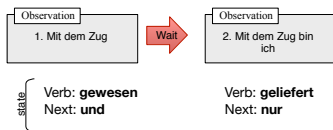
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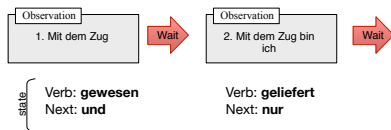
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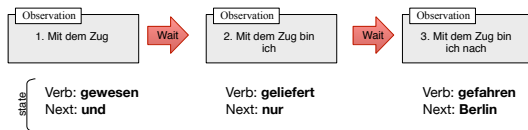
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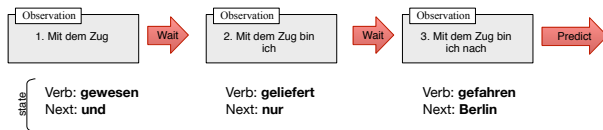
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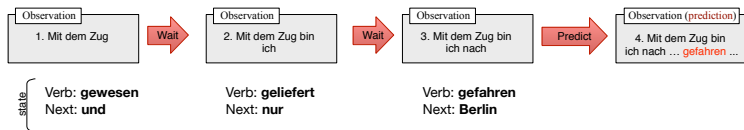


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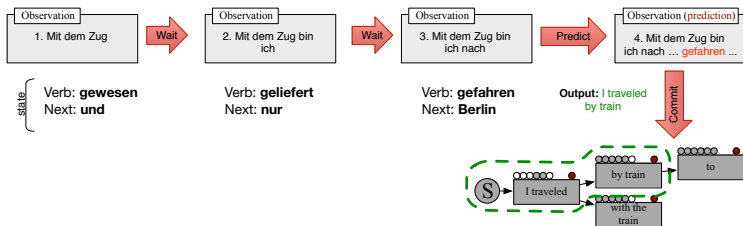
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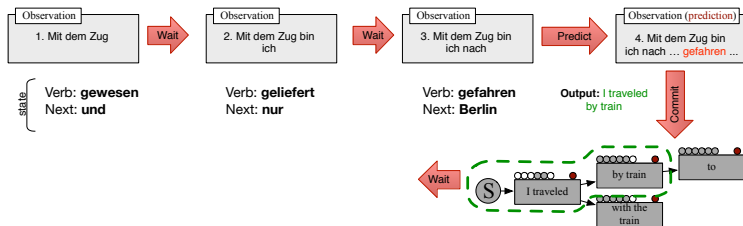
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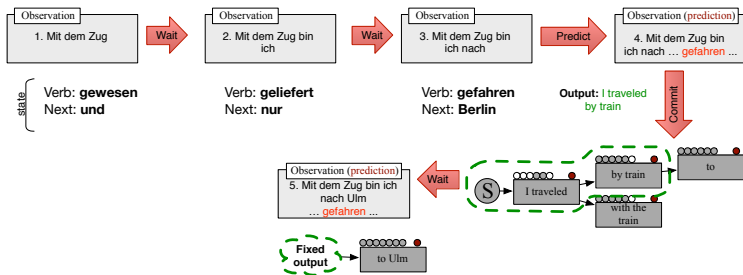


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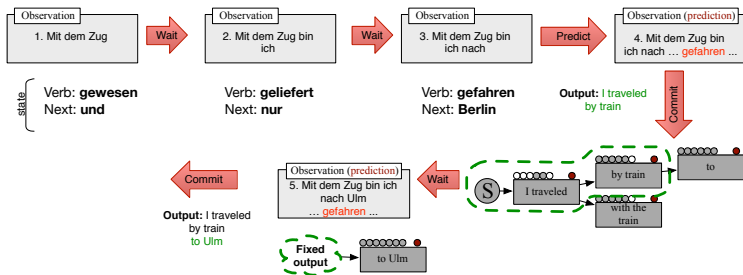




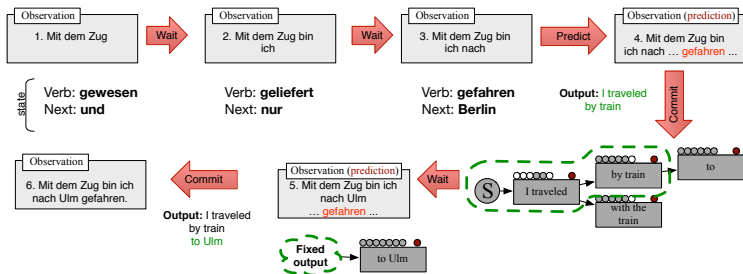
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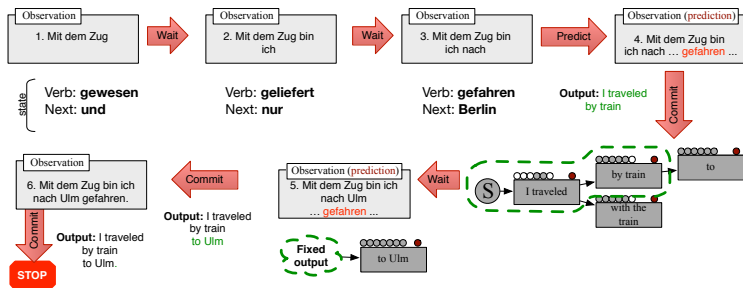
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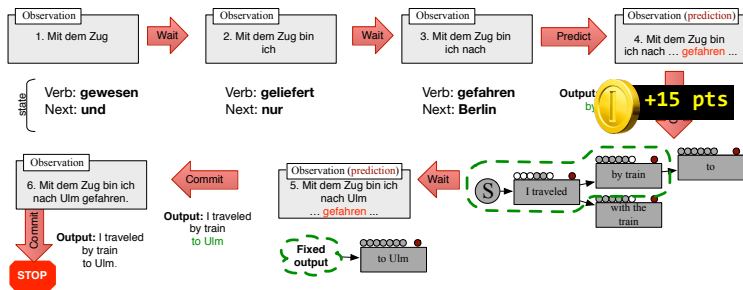
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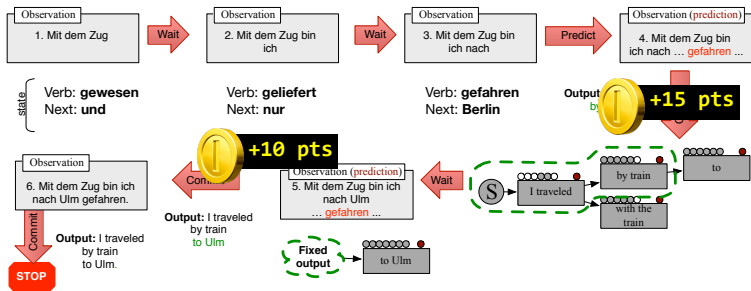
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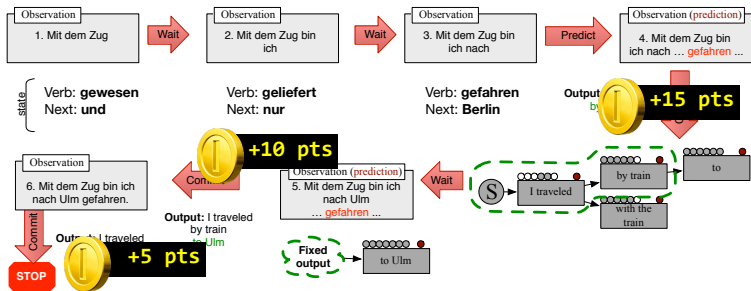
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