



Bayesian Machine Learning

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1 Bayesian statistics

2 Latent variable models

3 **Variational Inference**

- Variational Inference for probabilistic models
- Introduction to NLP
- Application on textual data with LDA

4 Markov Chain Monte Carlo

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Reminder

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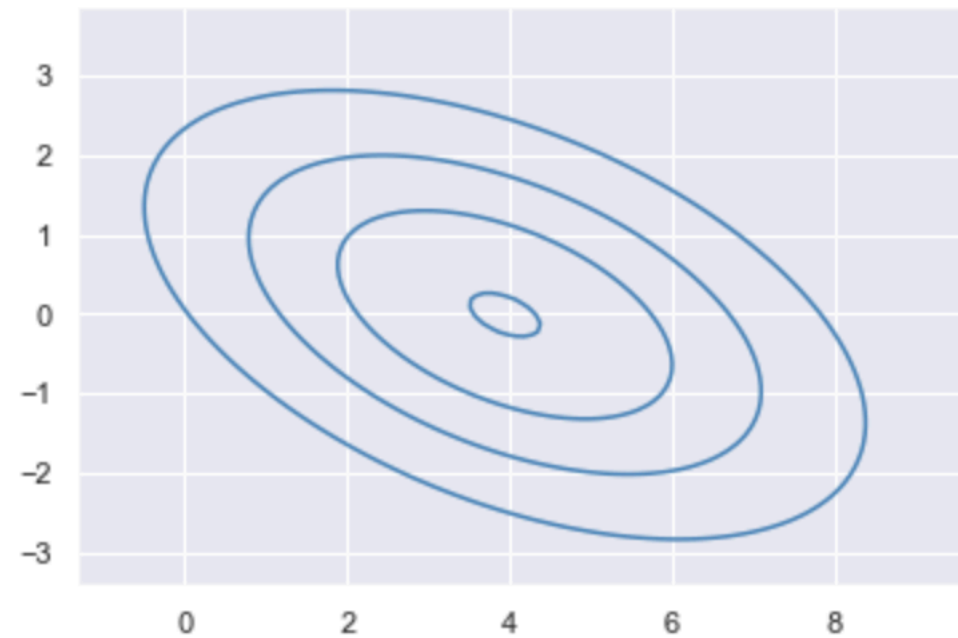
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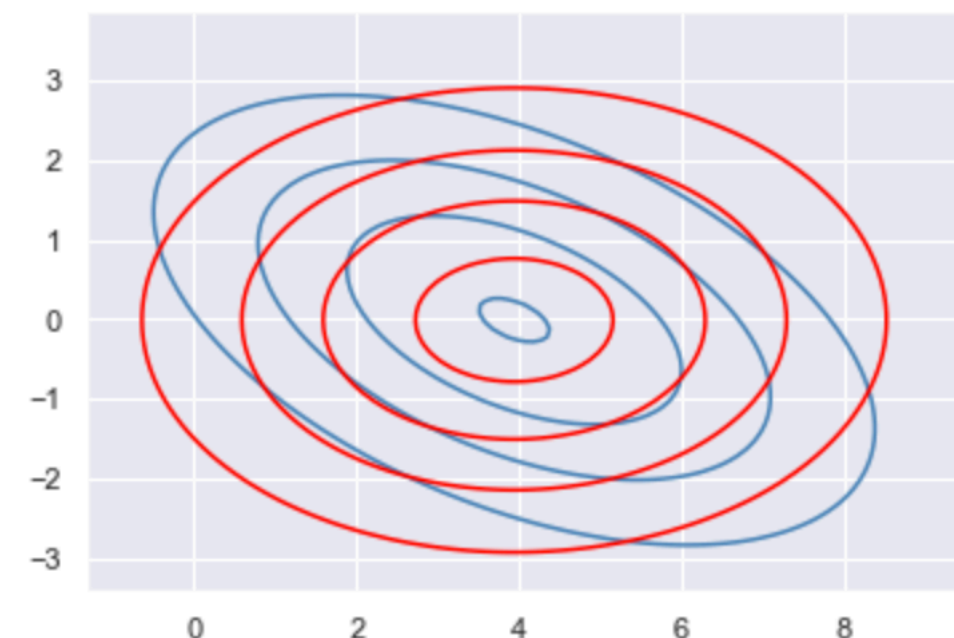


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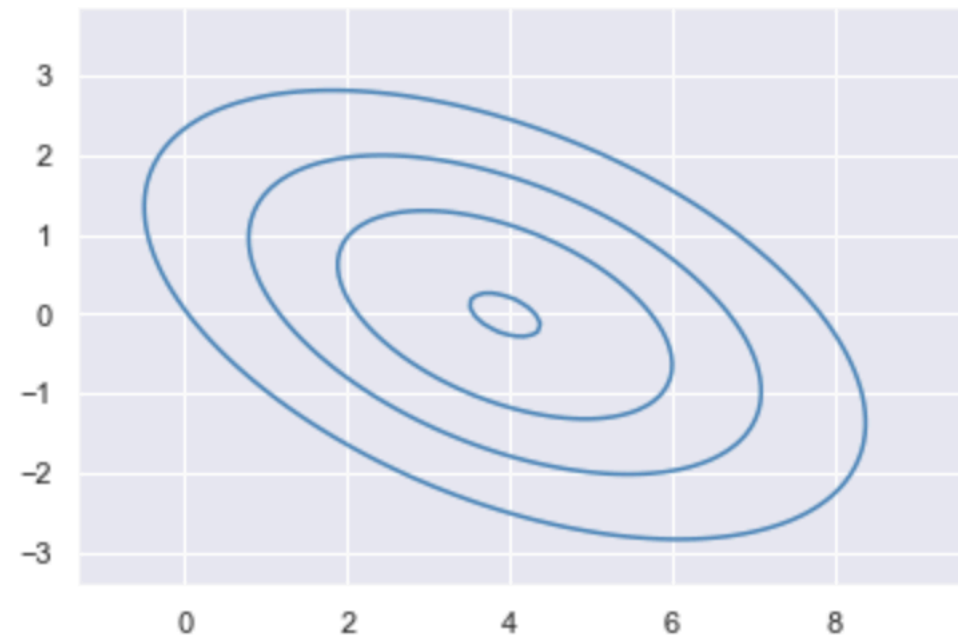
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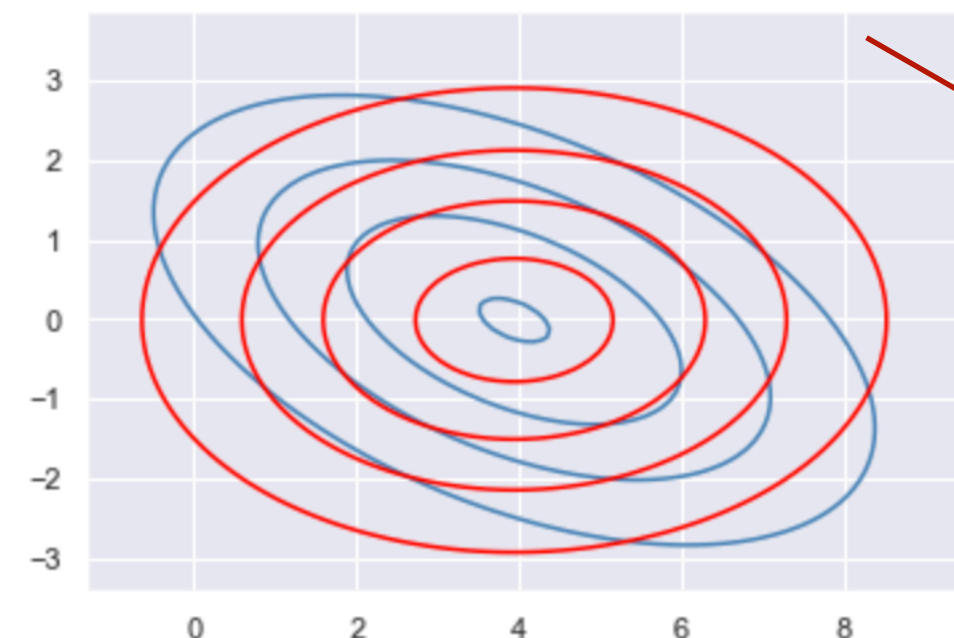


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We will see in section 3 an example with the model LDA

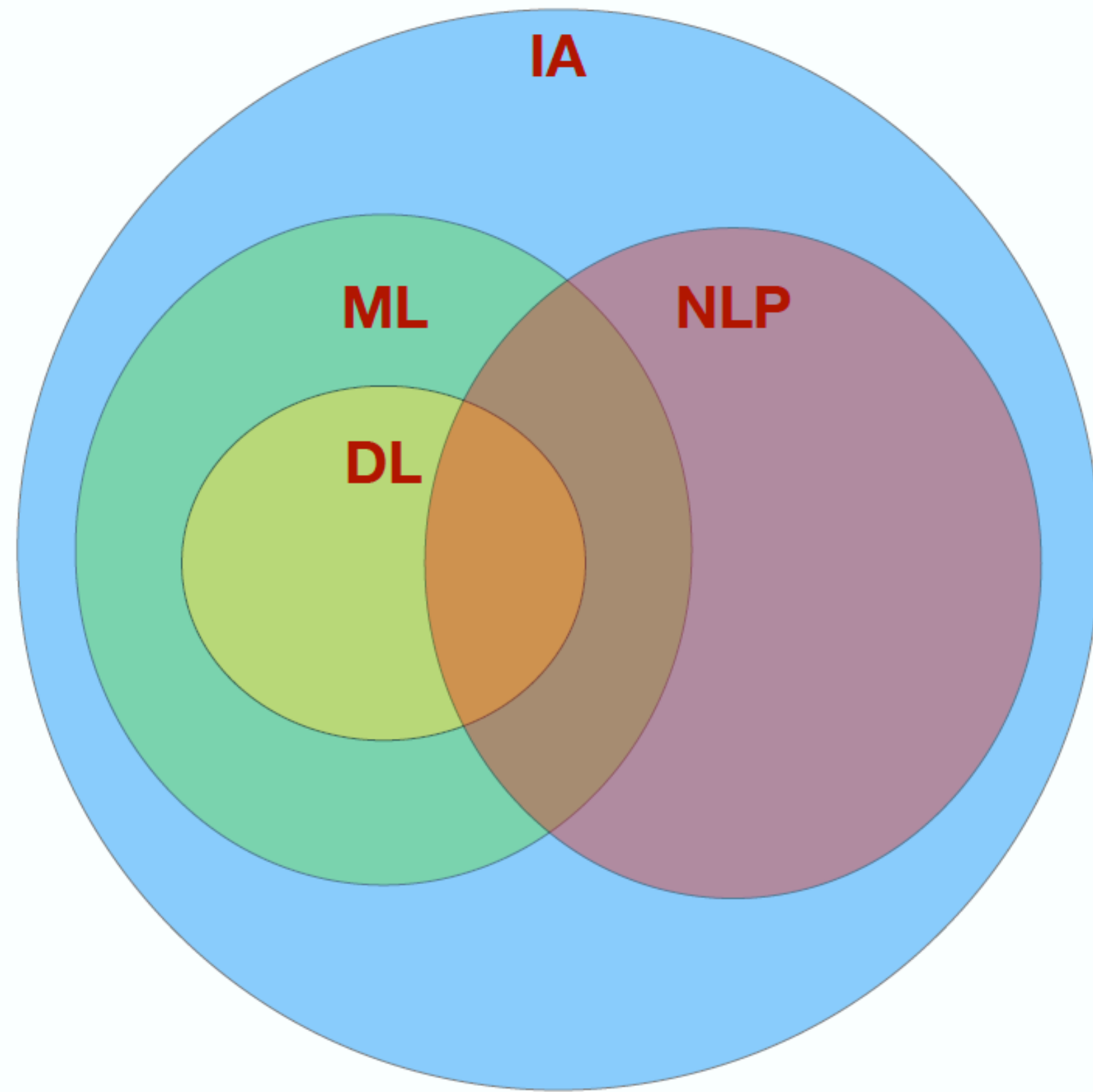
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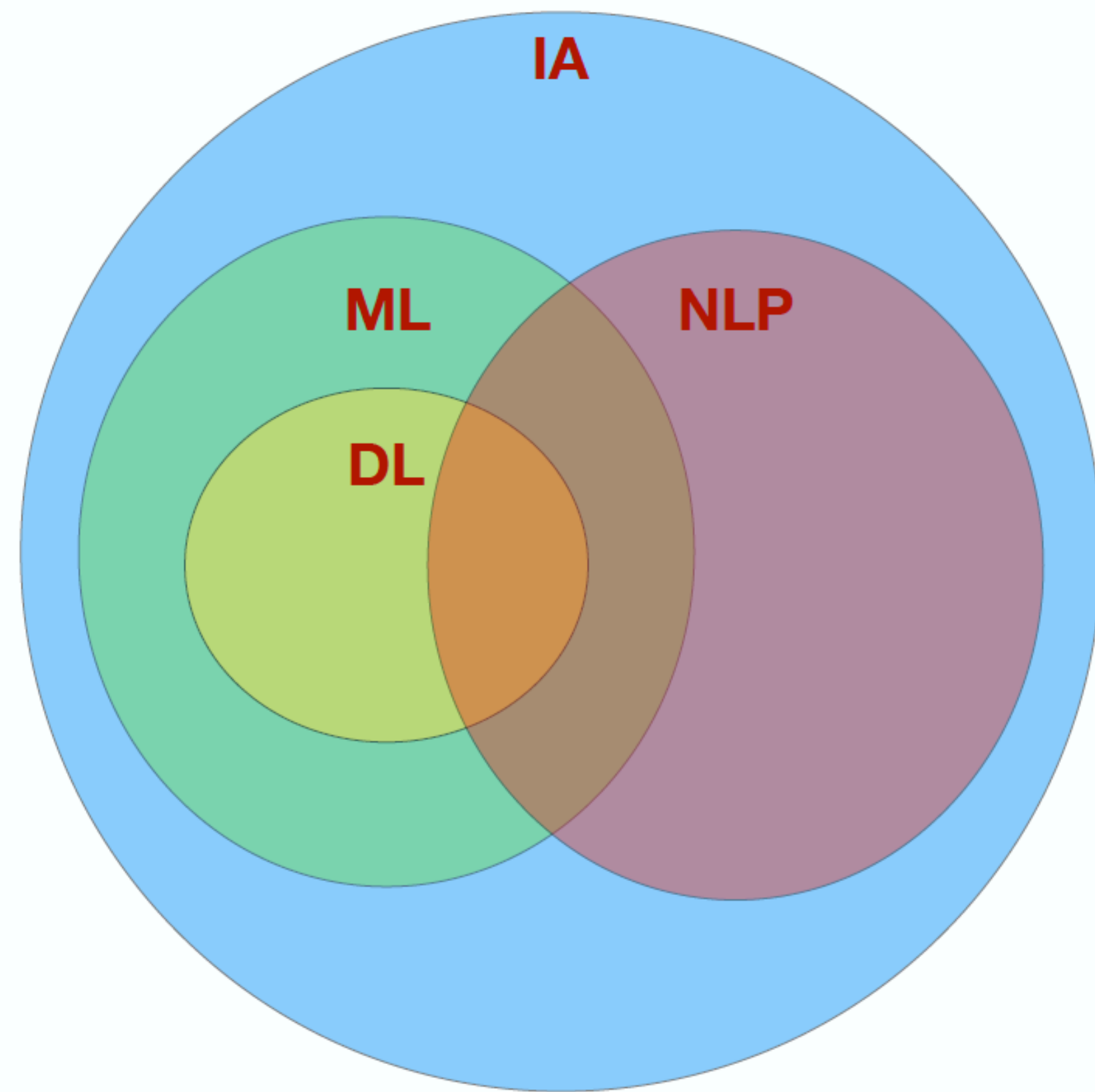
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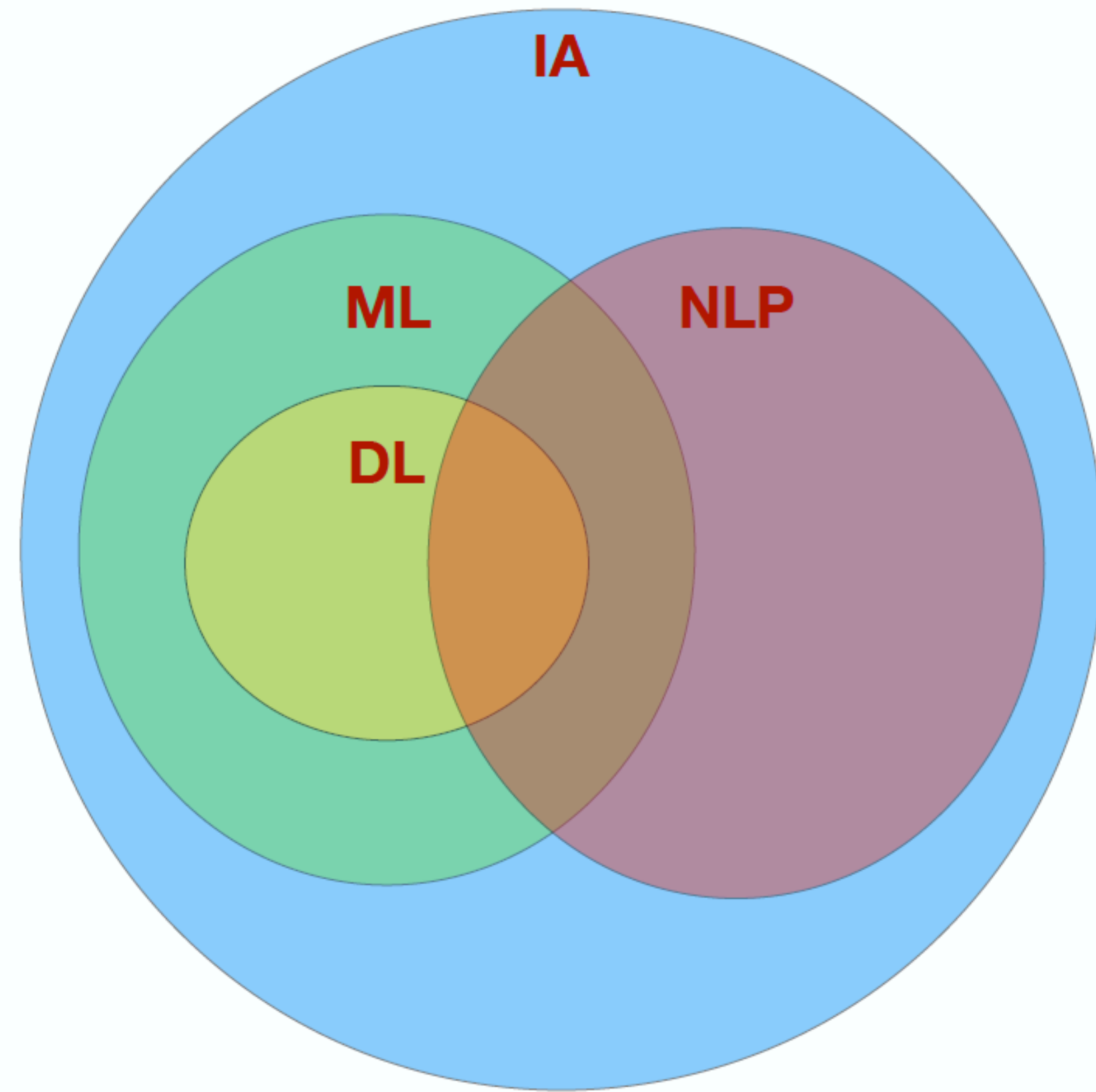
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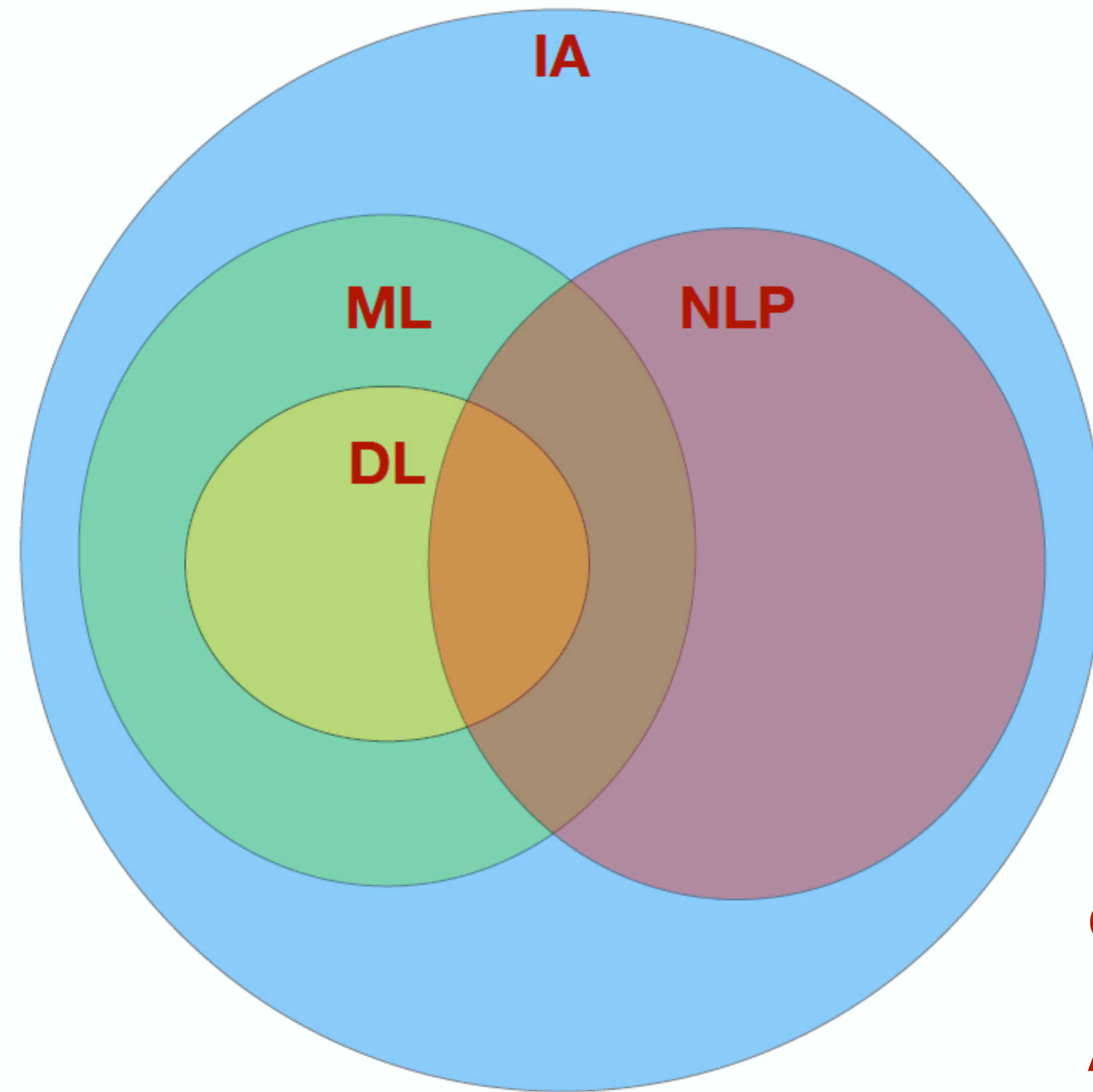
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Answer : In French/English, we can separate words by spaces and punctuation

Example : When should I start my job search ? \longrightarrow ['When', 'should', 'I', 'start', 'my', 'job', 'search']

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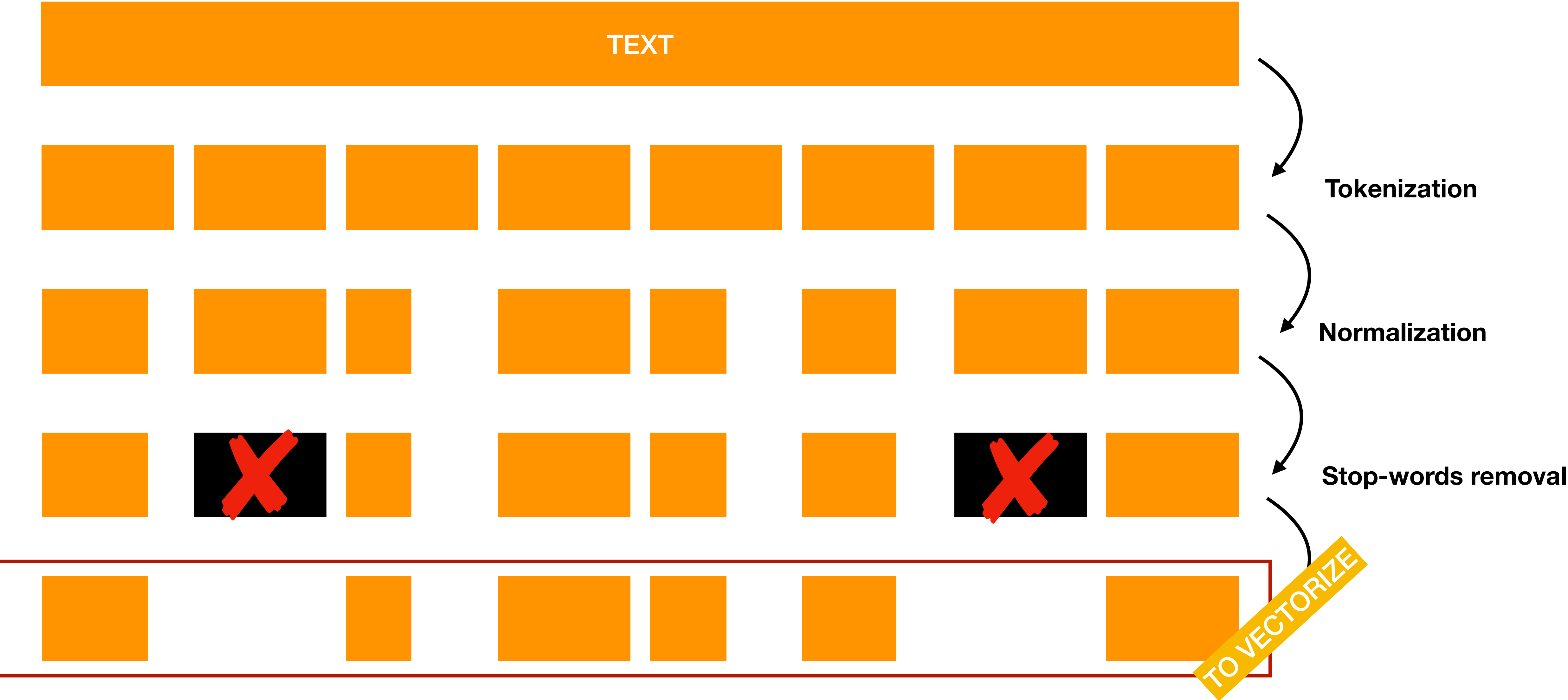
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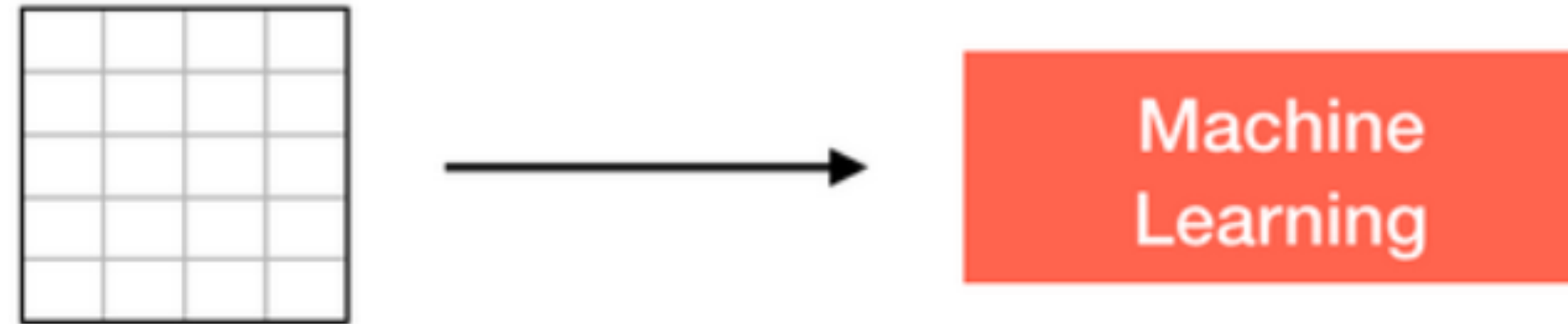
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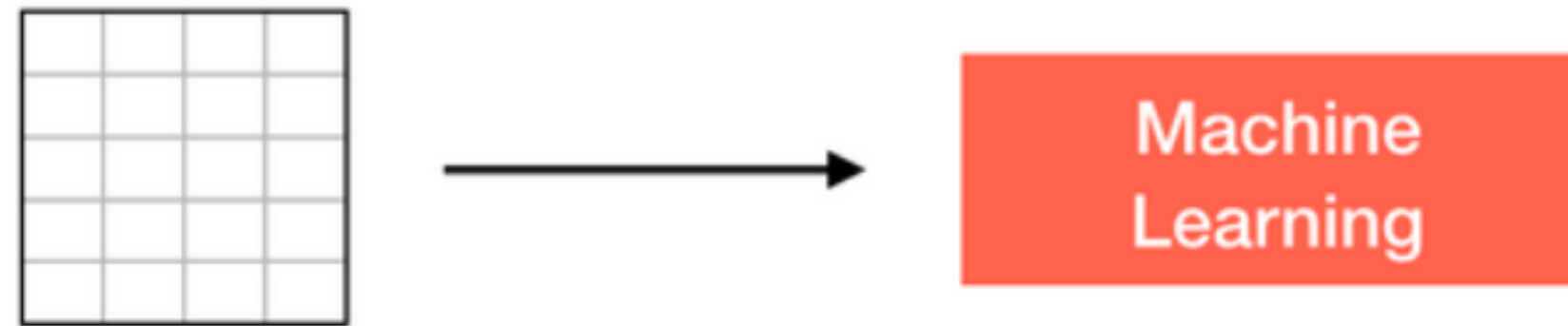
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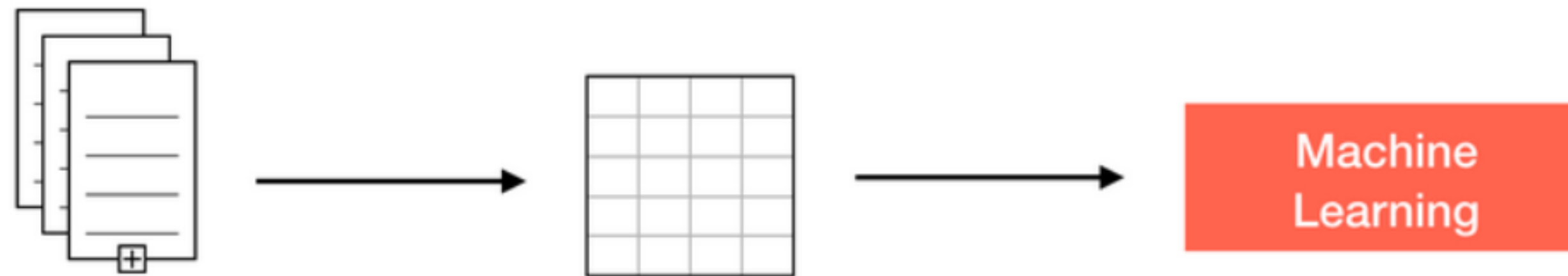
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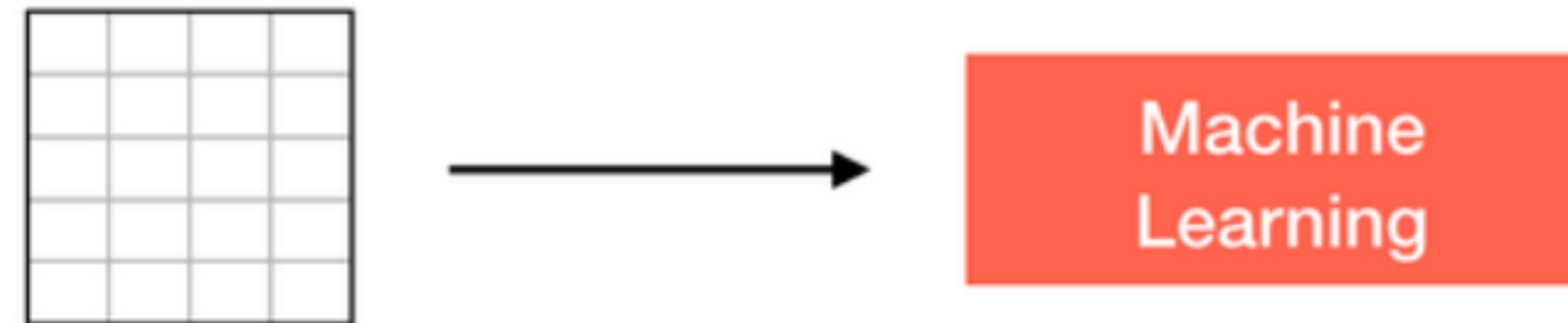
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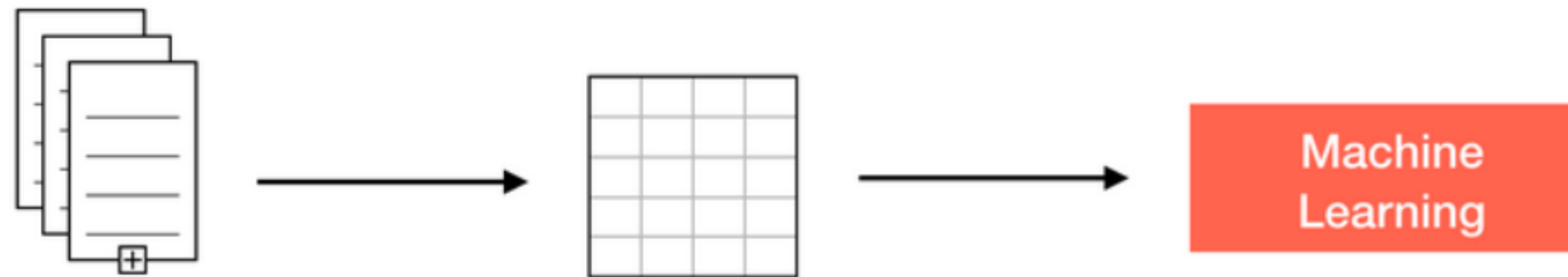
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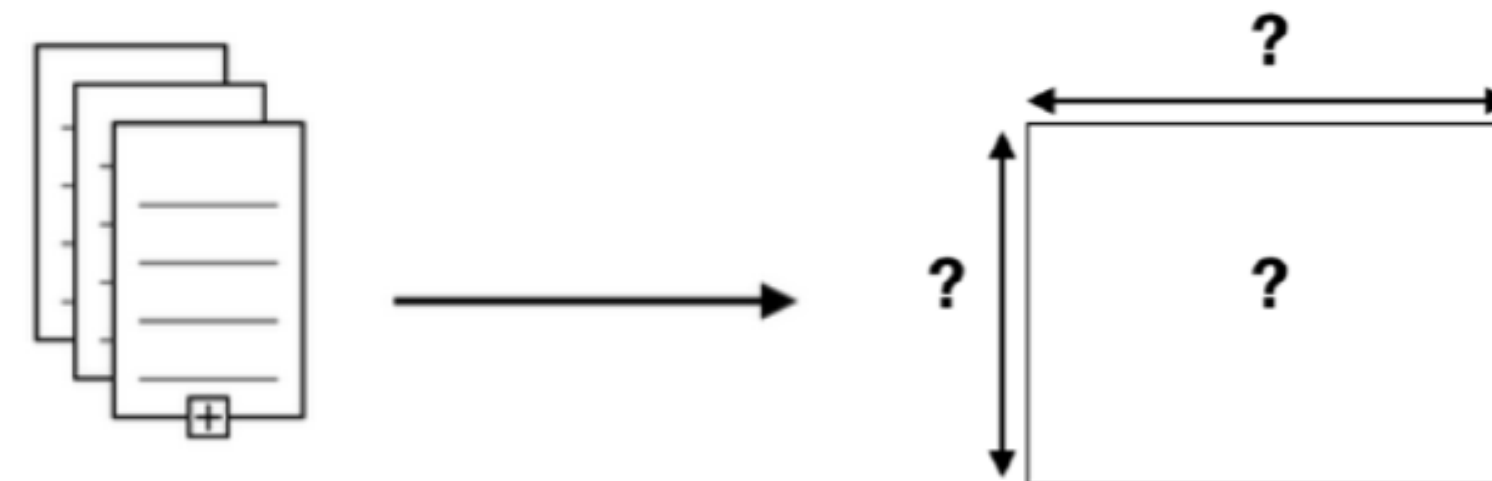
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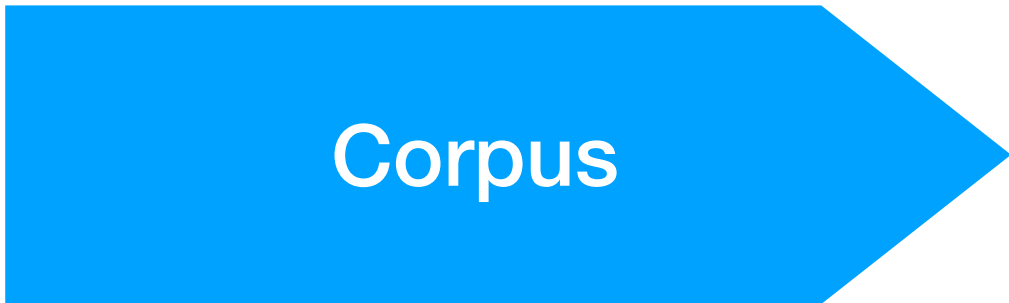


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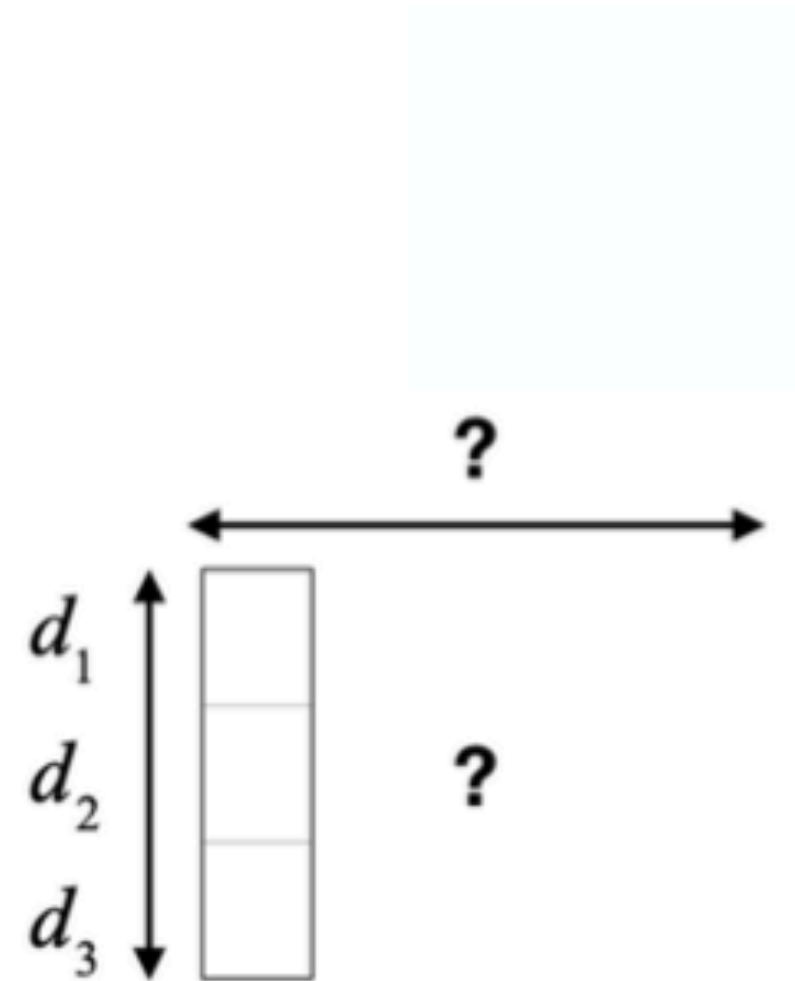


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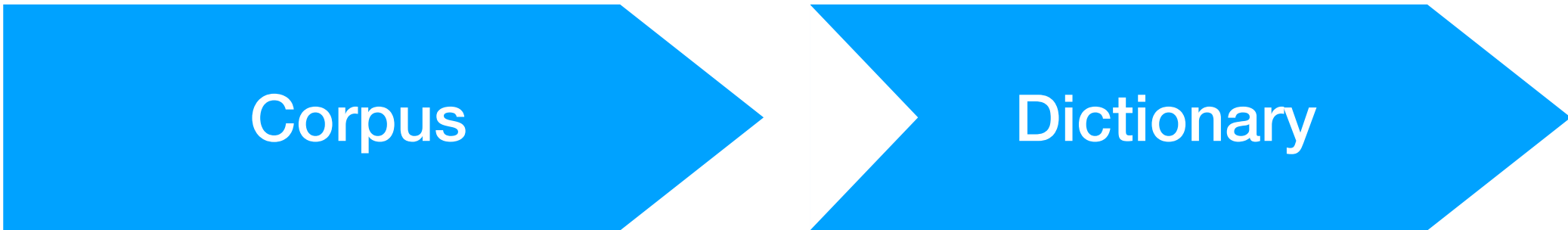


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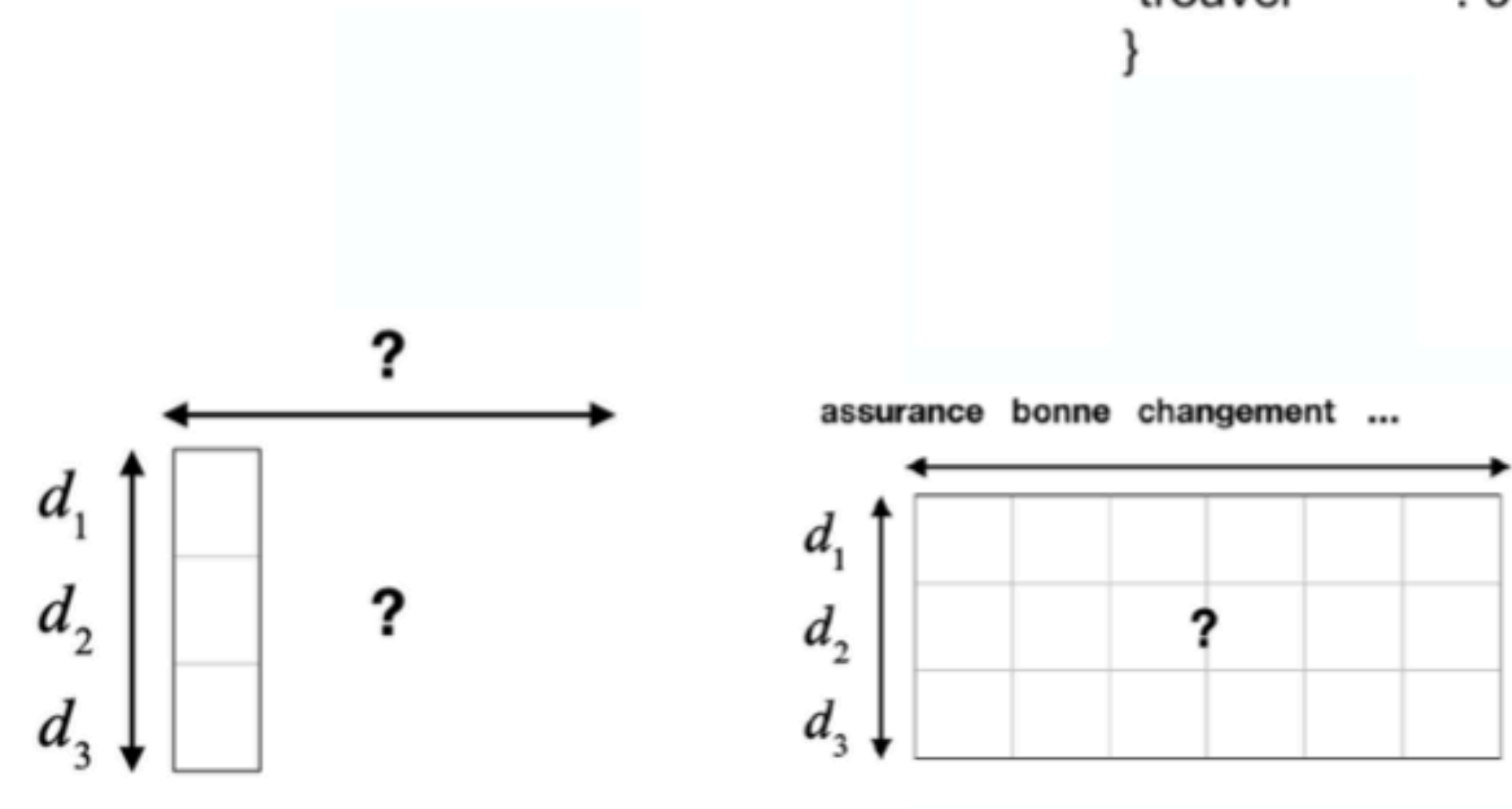
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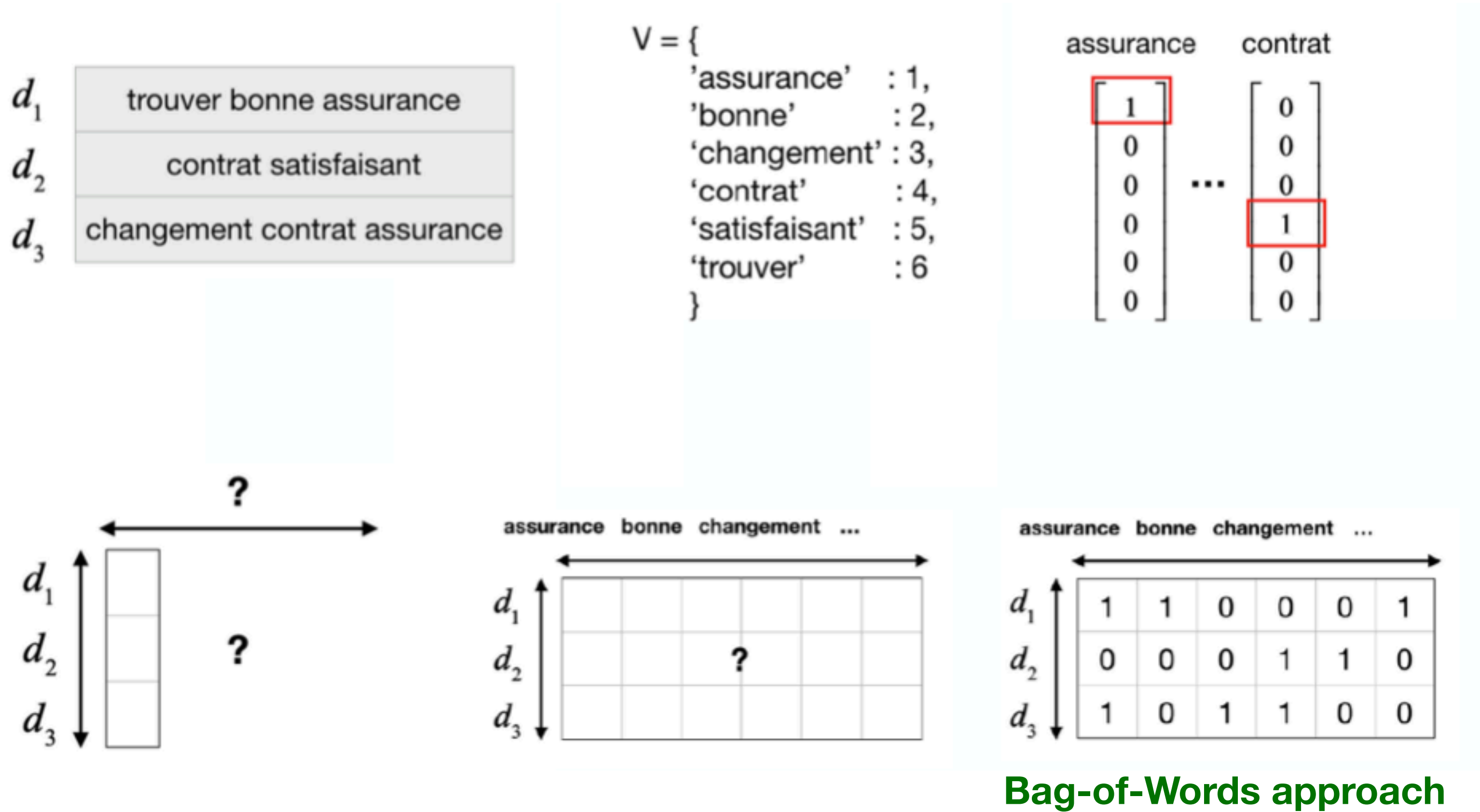
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Some important considerations on vectorization

trouver	contrat	assurance	...
1	0	1	...
0	1	0	...
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trouver	assurance	contrat assurance	...
0.10	0.41	0	...
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Bag-of-Words (BoW) approach

- based on term frequency
- **problem** : don't keep the word orders
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TF-IDF approach

- Based on the product of two values :

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$TF(t, d) = \text{frequency of } t \text{ in } d$

- **Inverse Document Frequency (IDF):**

$$IDF(t, D) = \log \frac{\#documents}{\#documents \text{ with terme } t}$$

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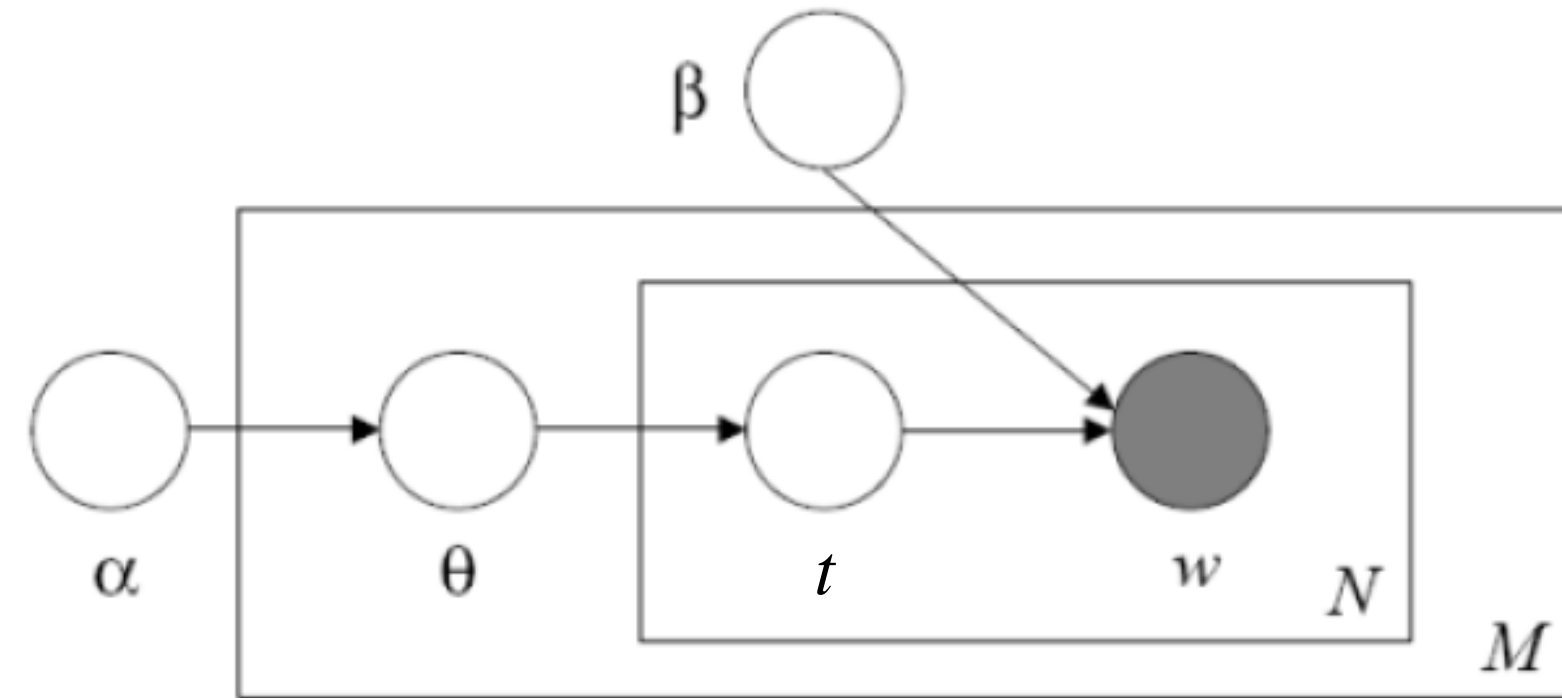
Idea :

- Every **document** consists of a mix of **topics**
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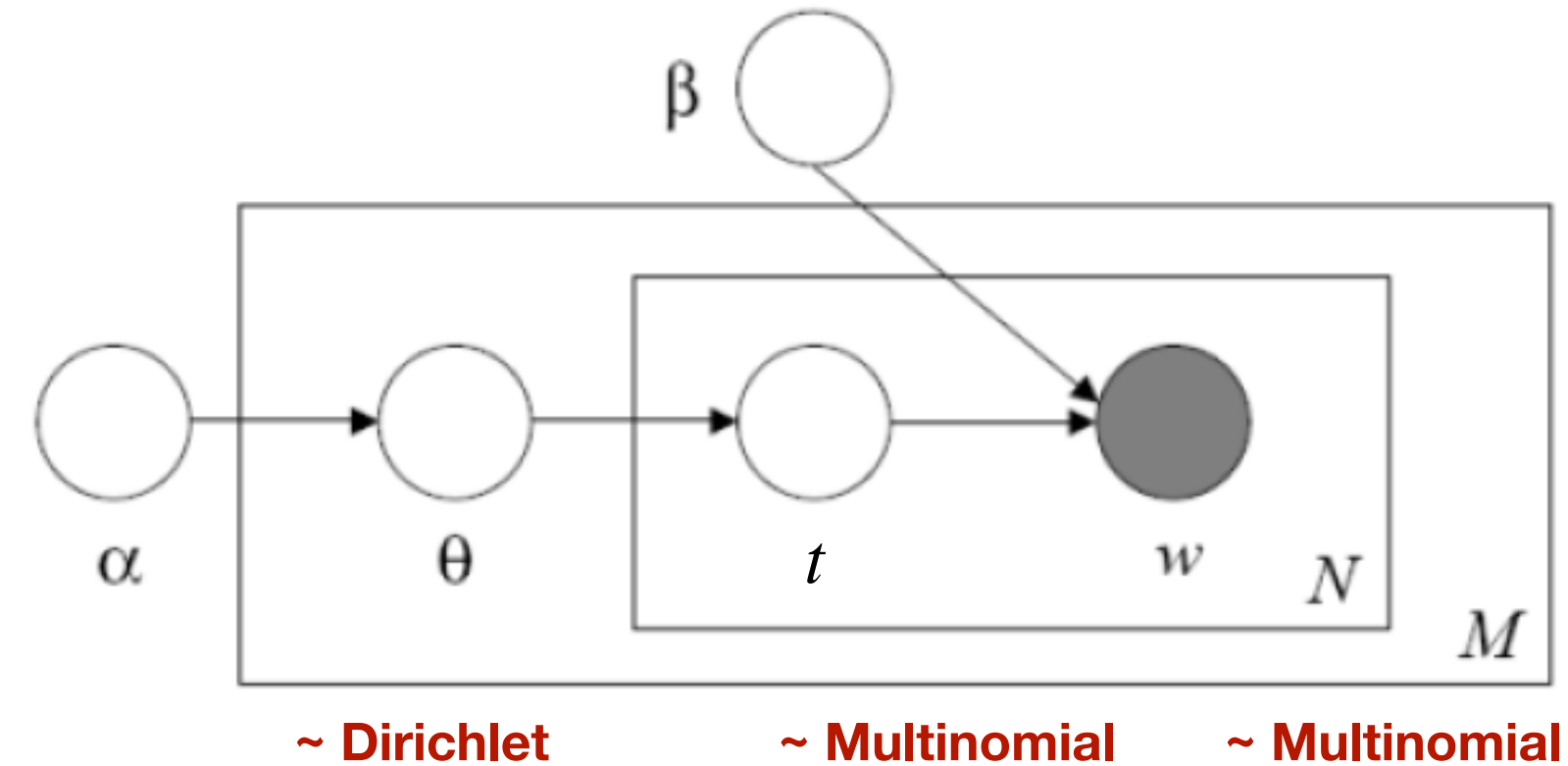
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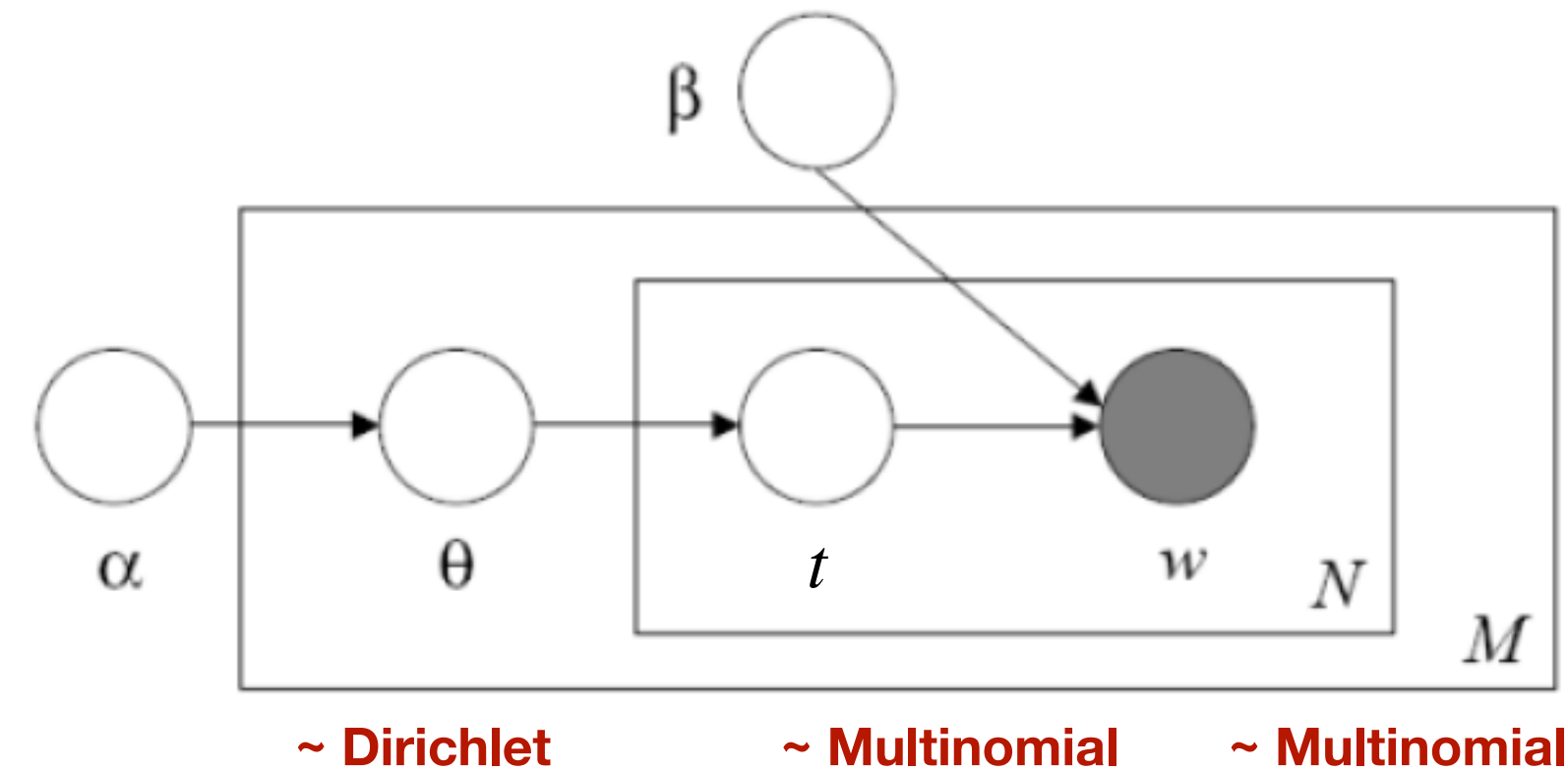
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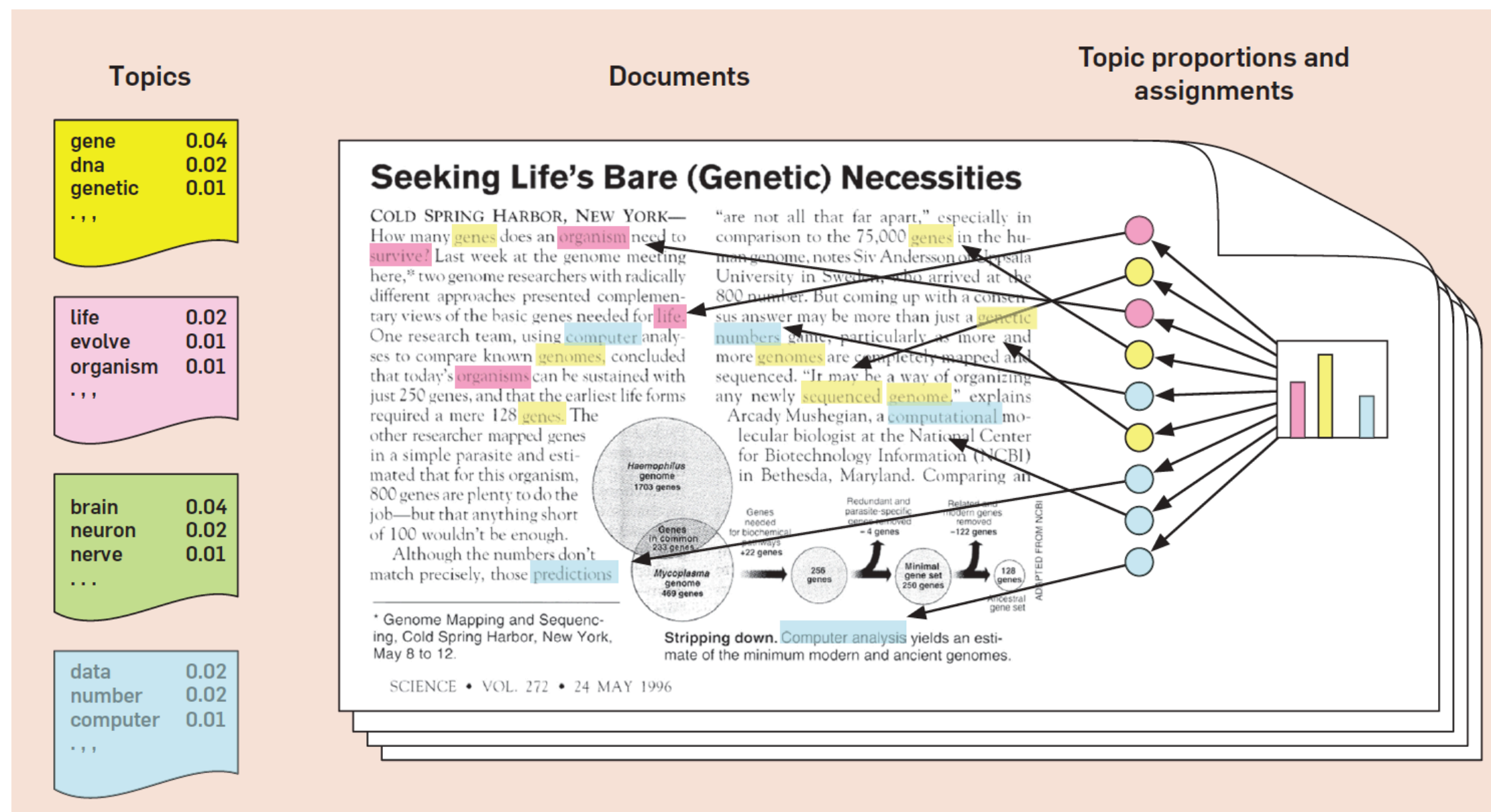


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Example :



Assumption on the generation of texts :

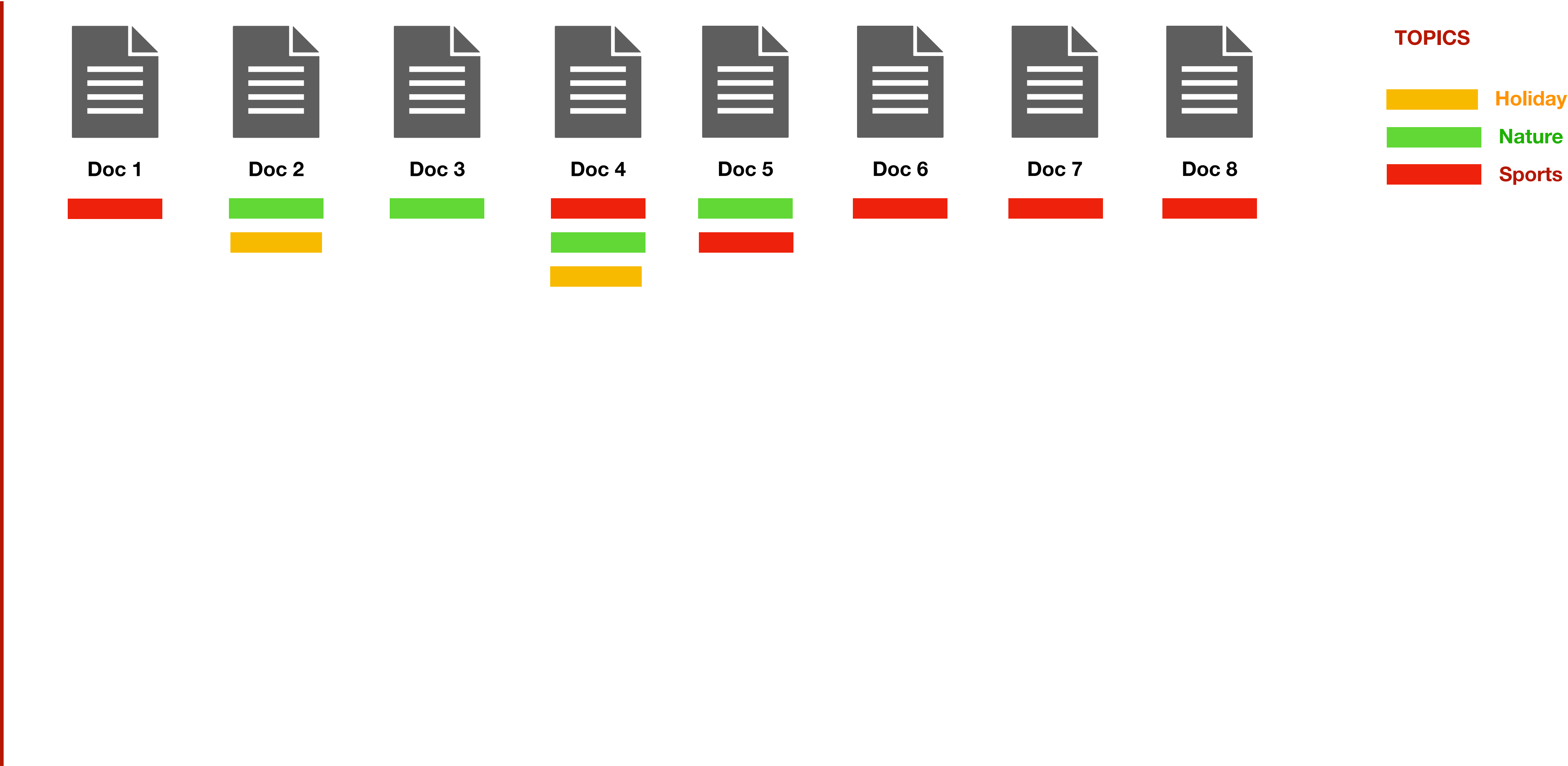
For each of M documents d ,

- Choose the **topic distribution** $\theta_d \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha)$
- For each of N words w ,
 - choose a **topic** $t \sim \text{Multinomial}(\theta_d)$
 - choose a **word** $w \sim \text{Multinomial}(\beta)$

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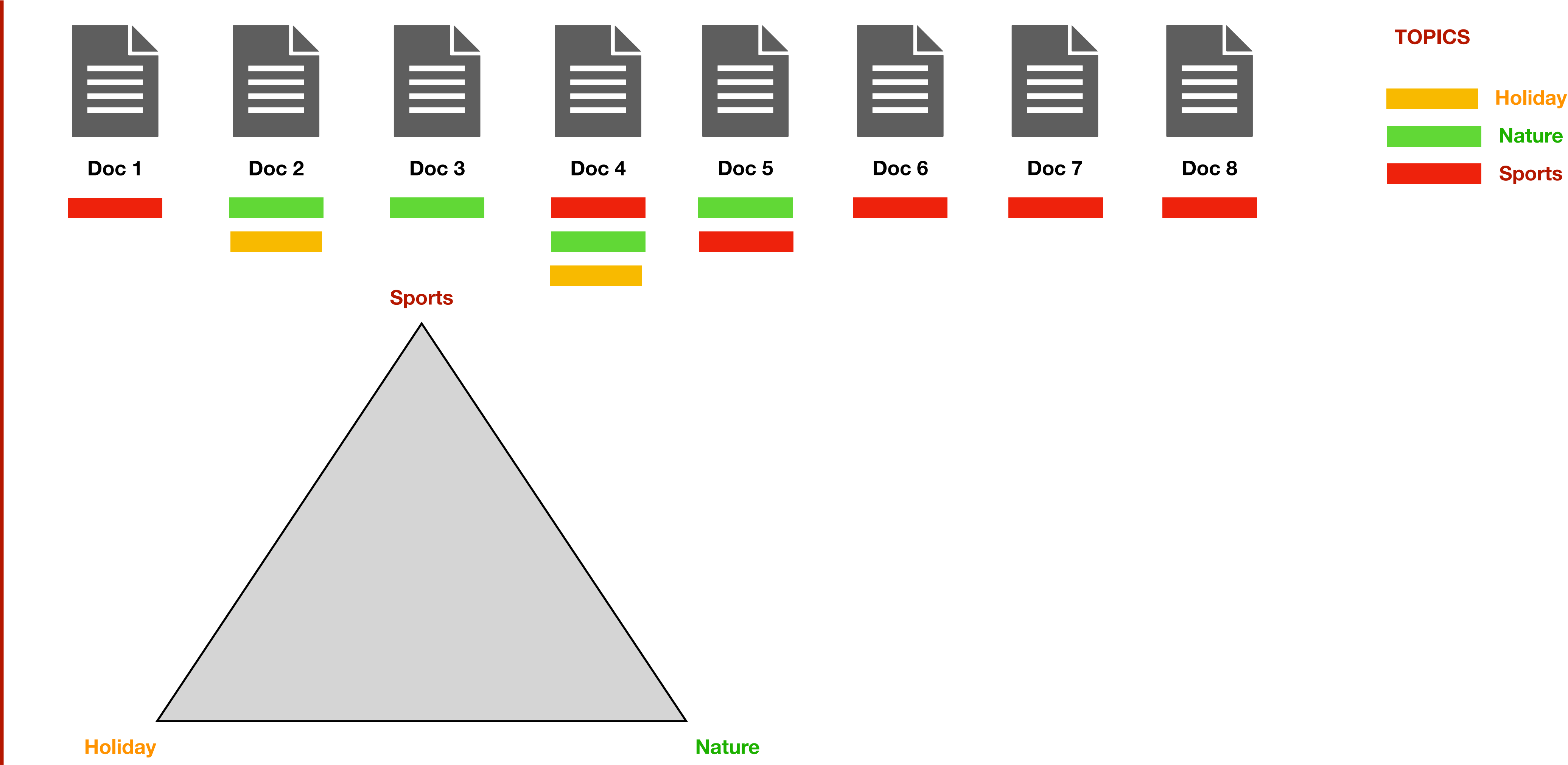
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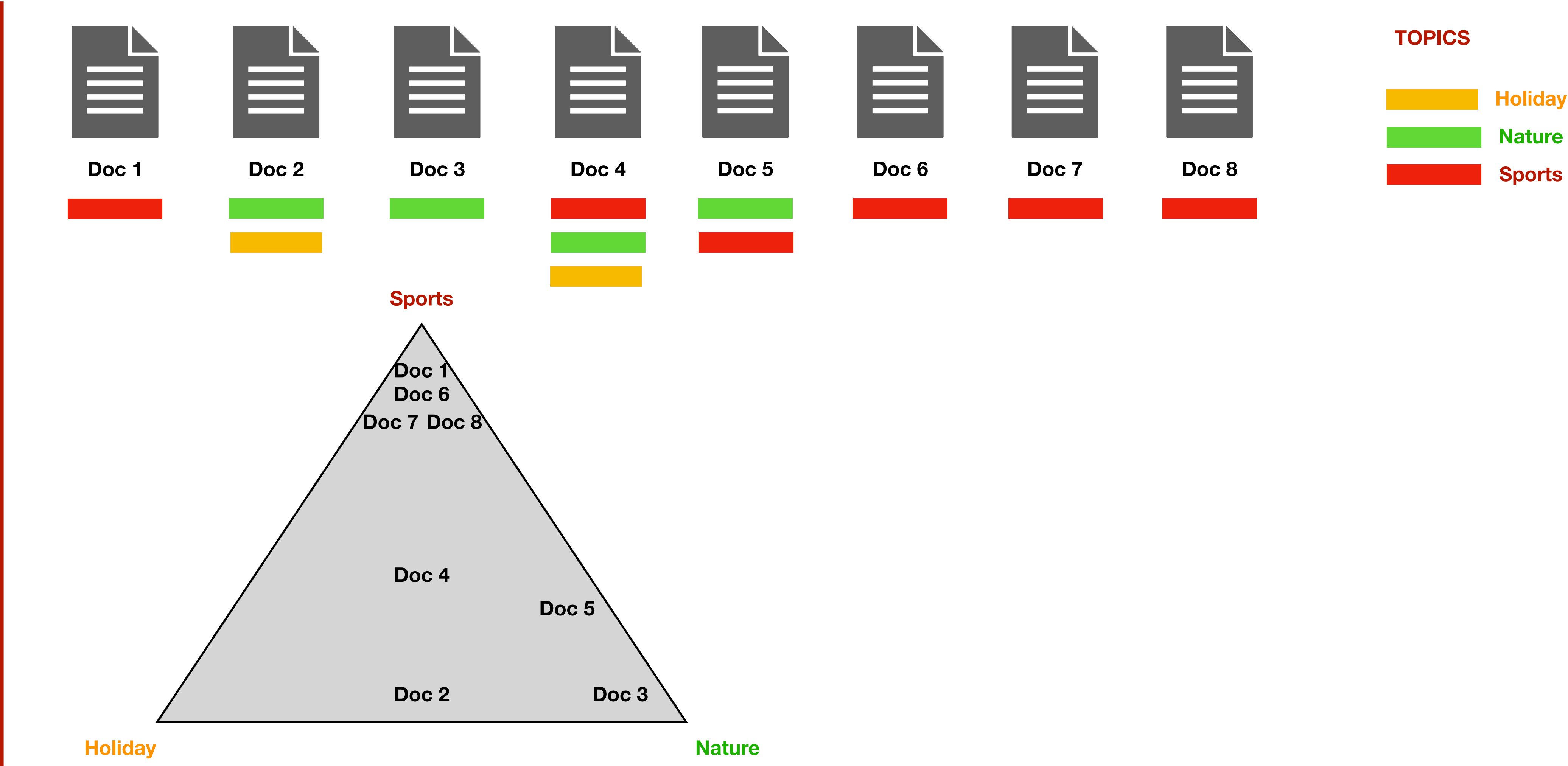
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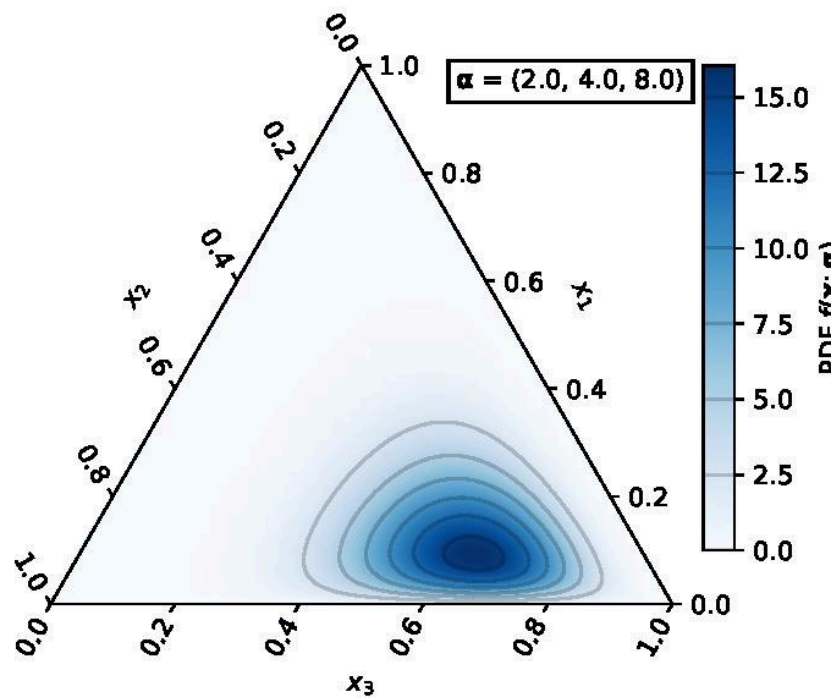
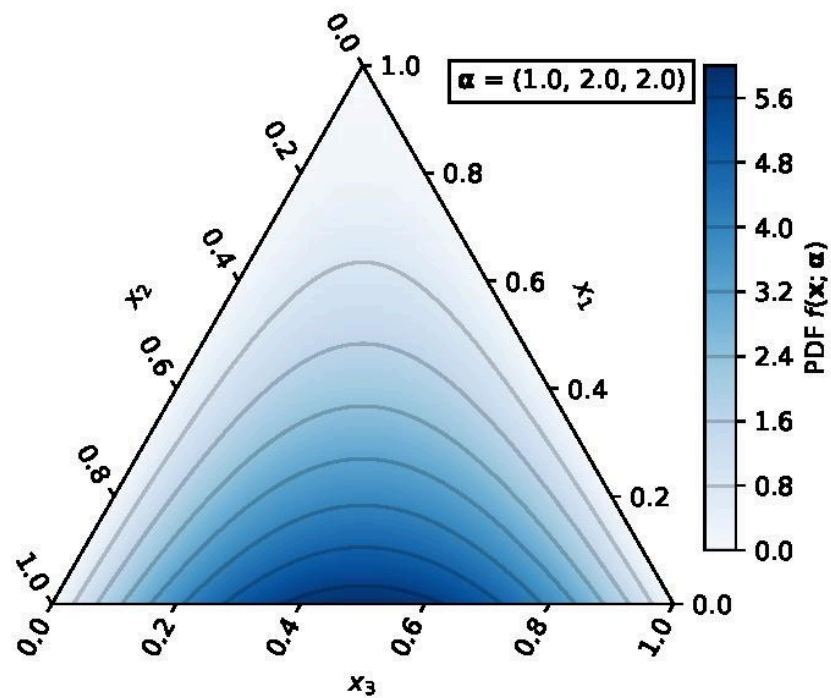
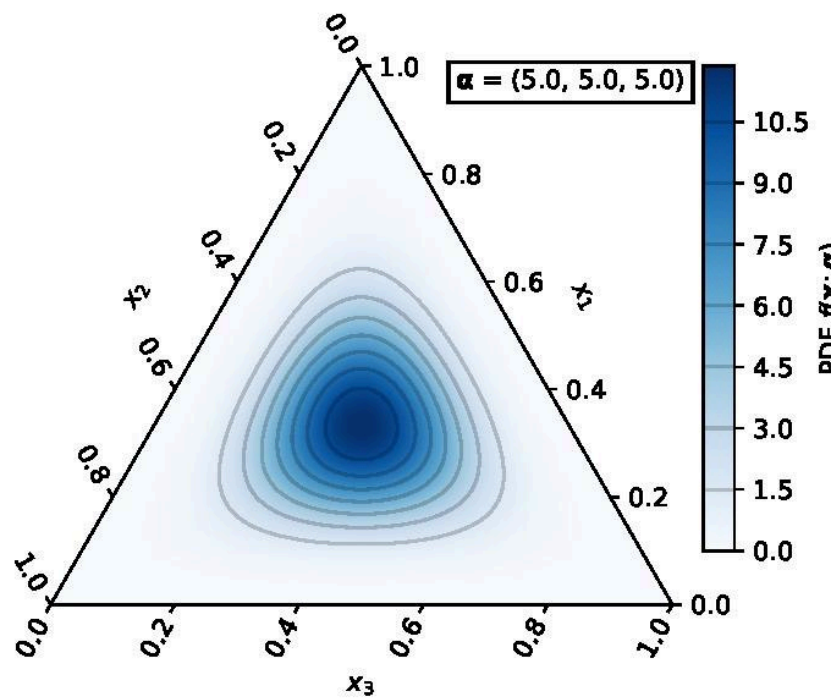
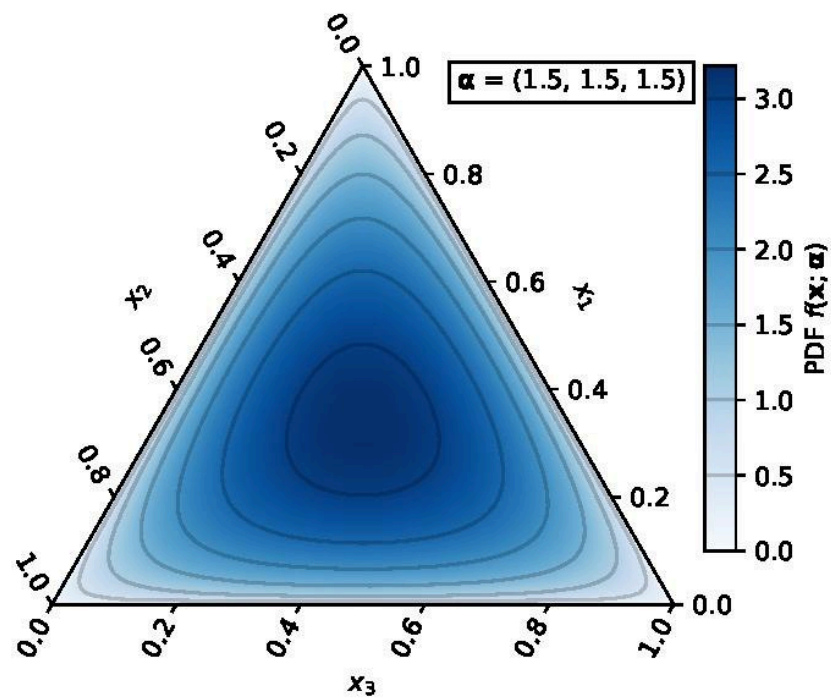
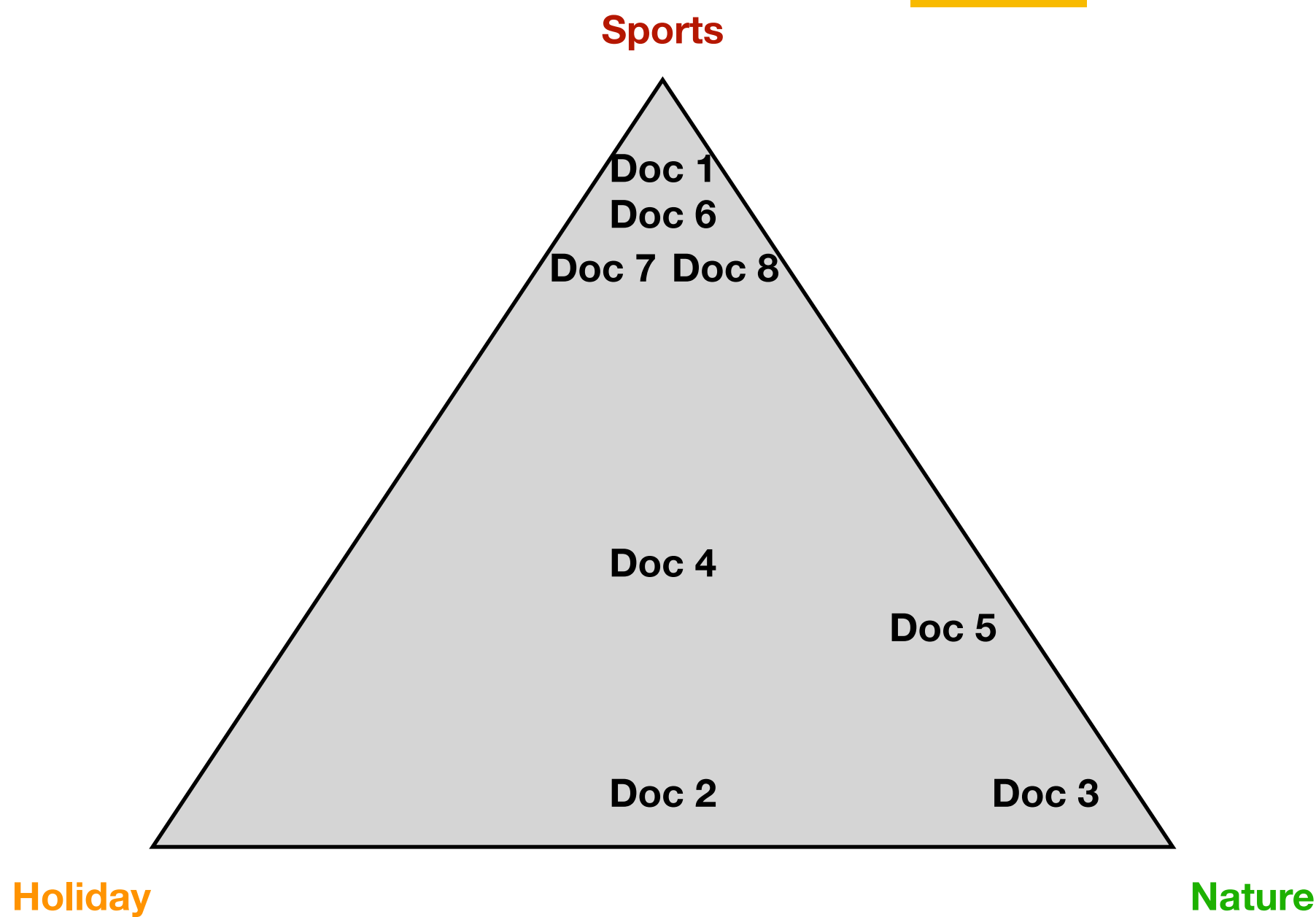
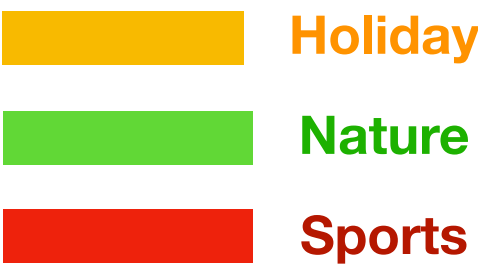
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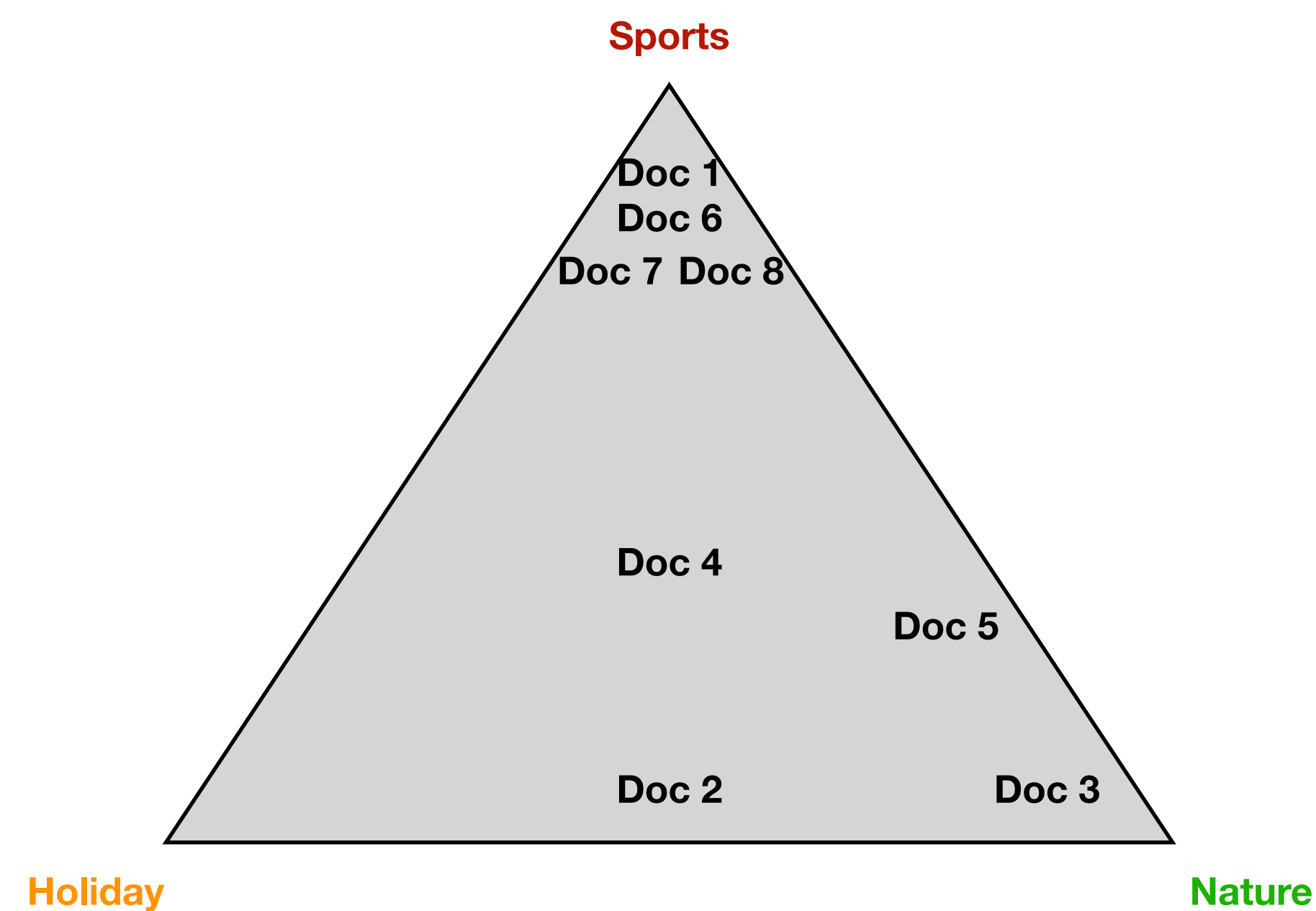


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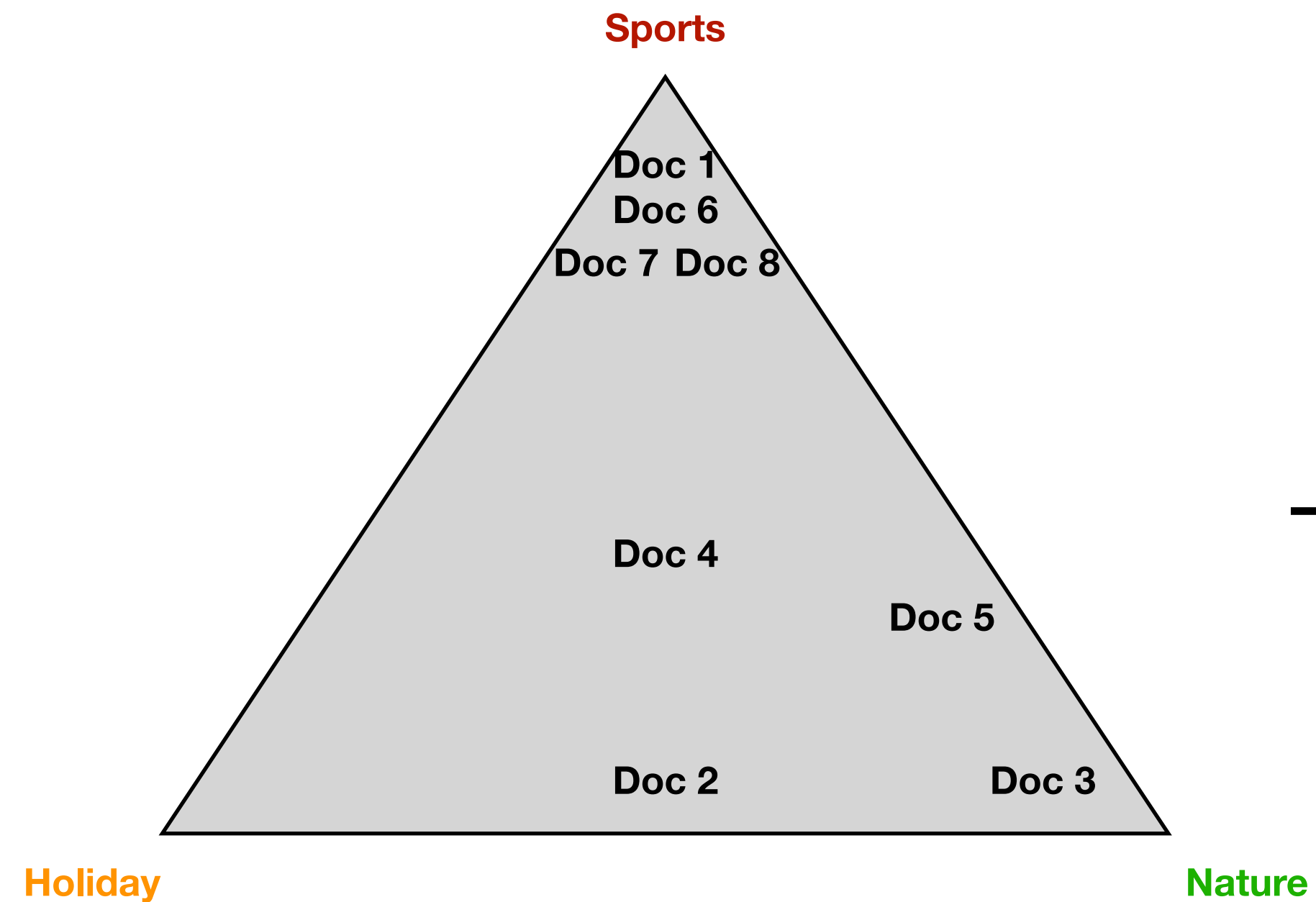
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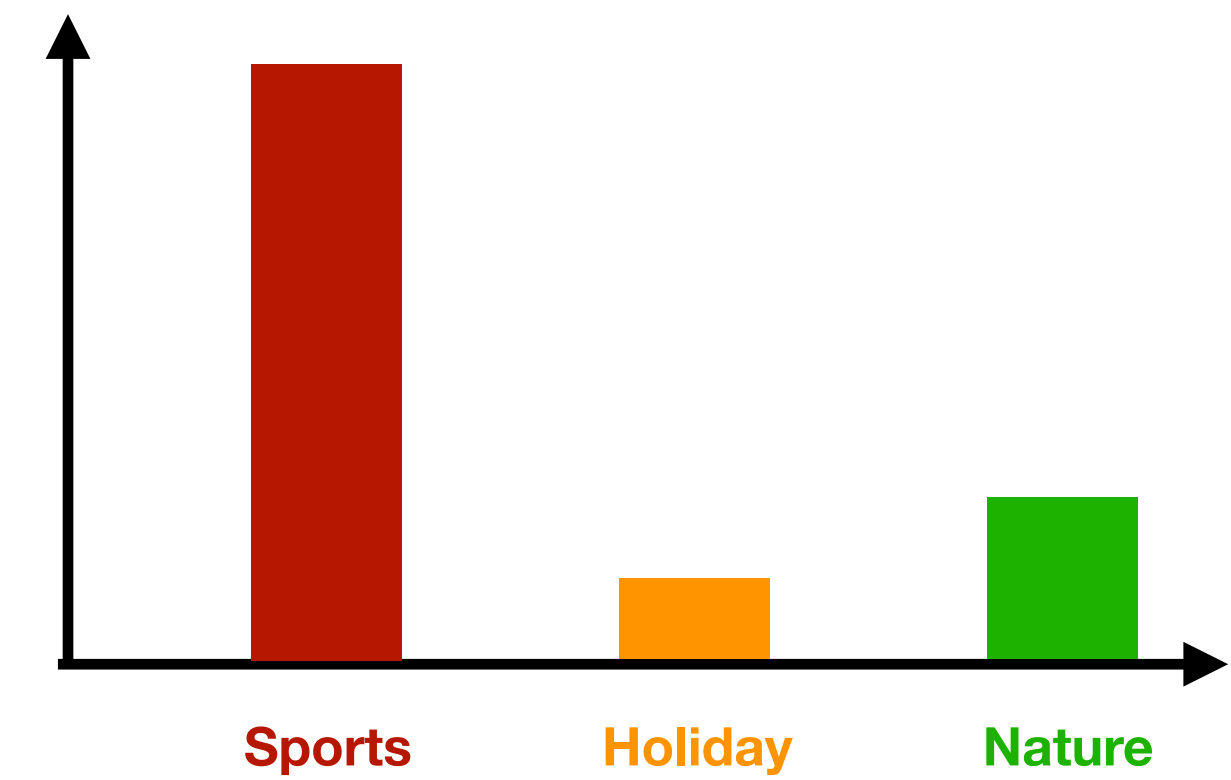


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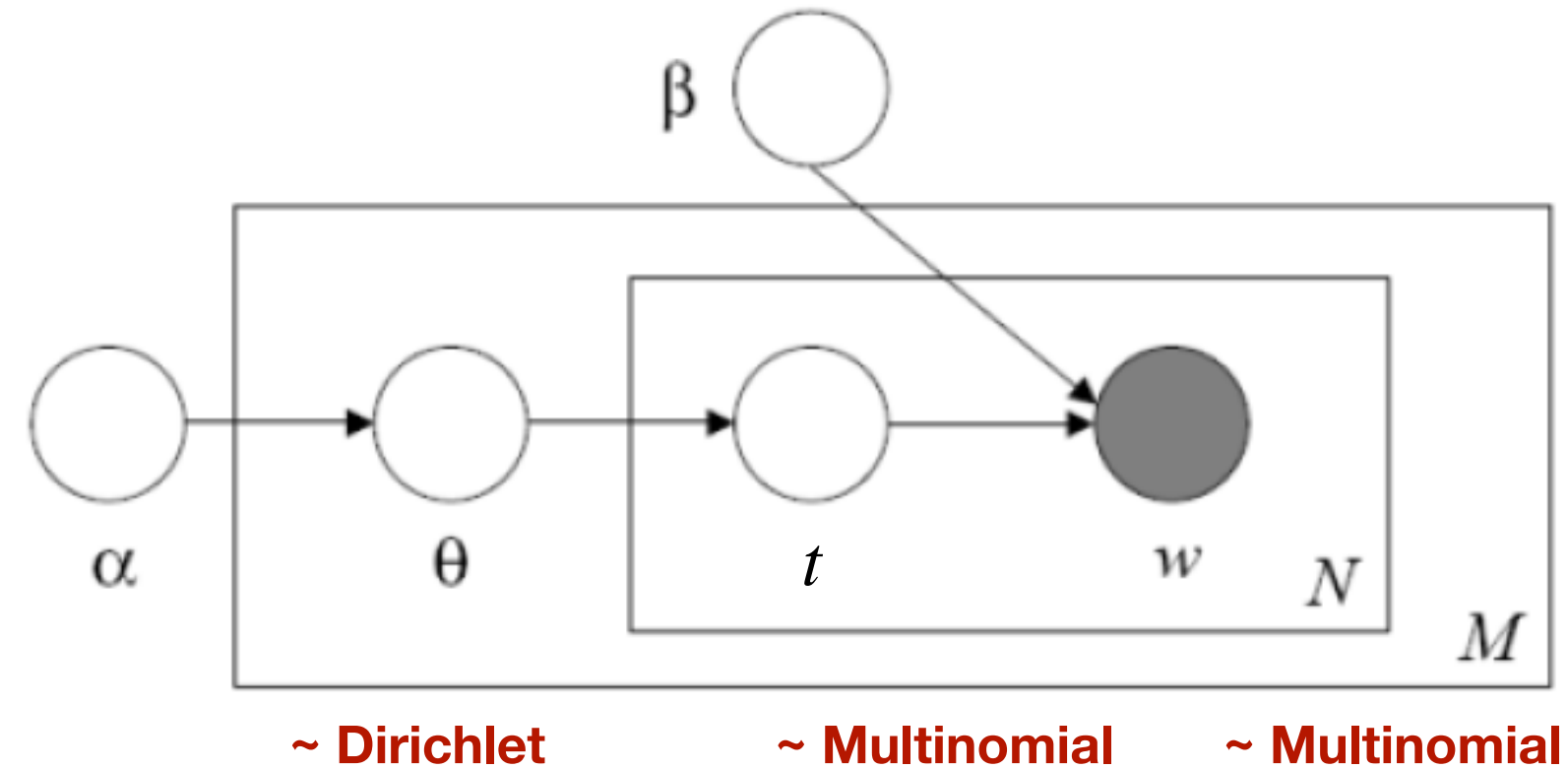


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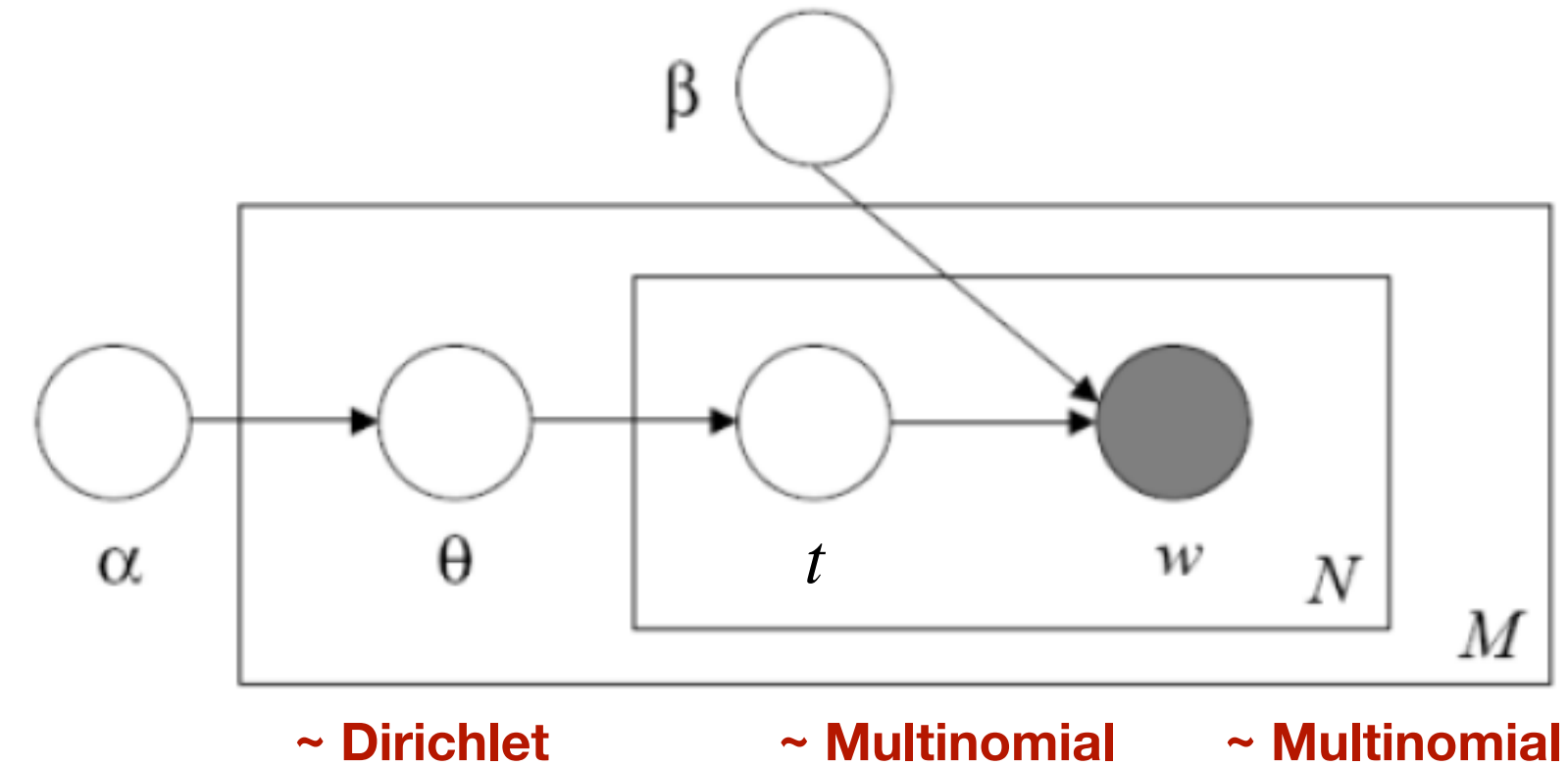
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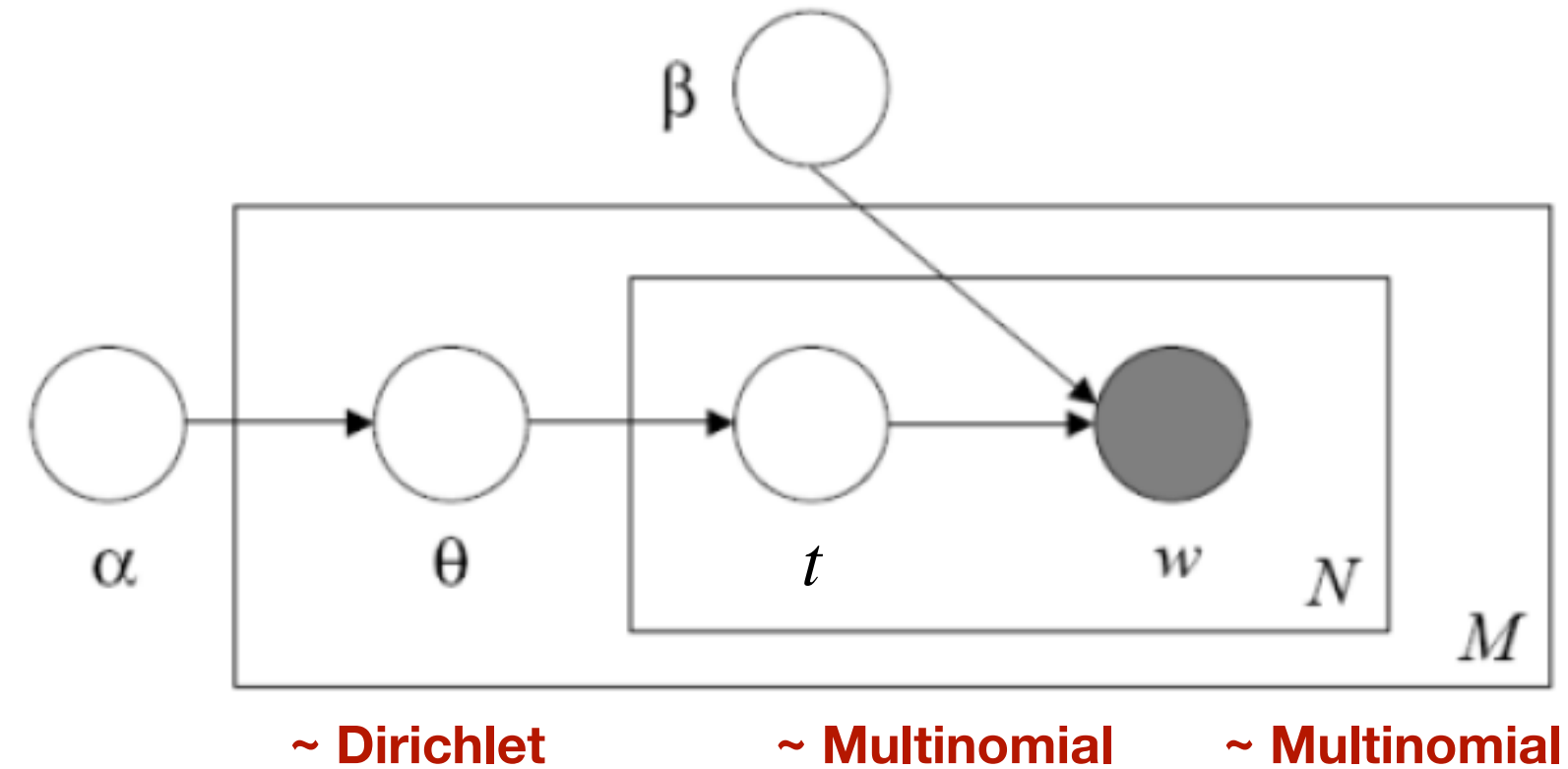
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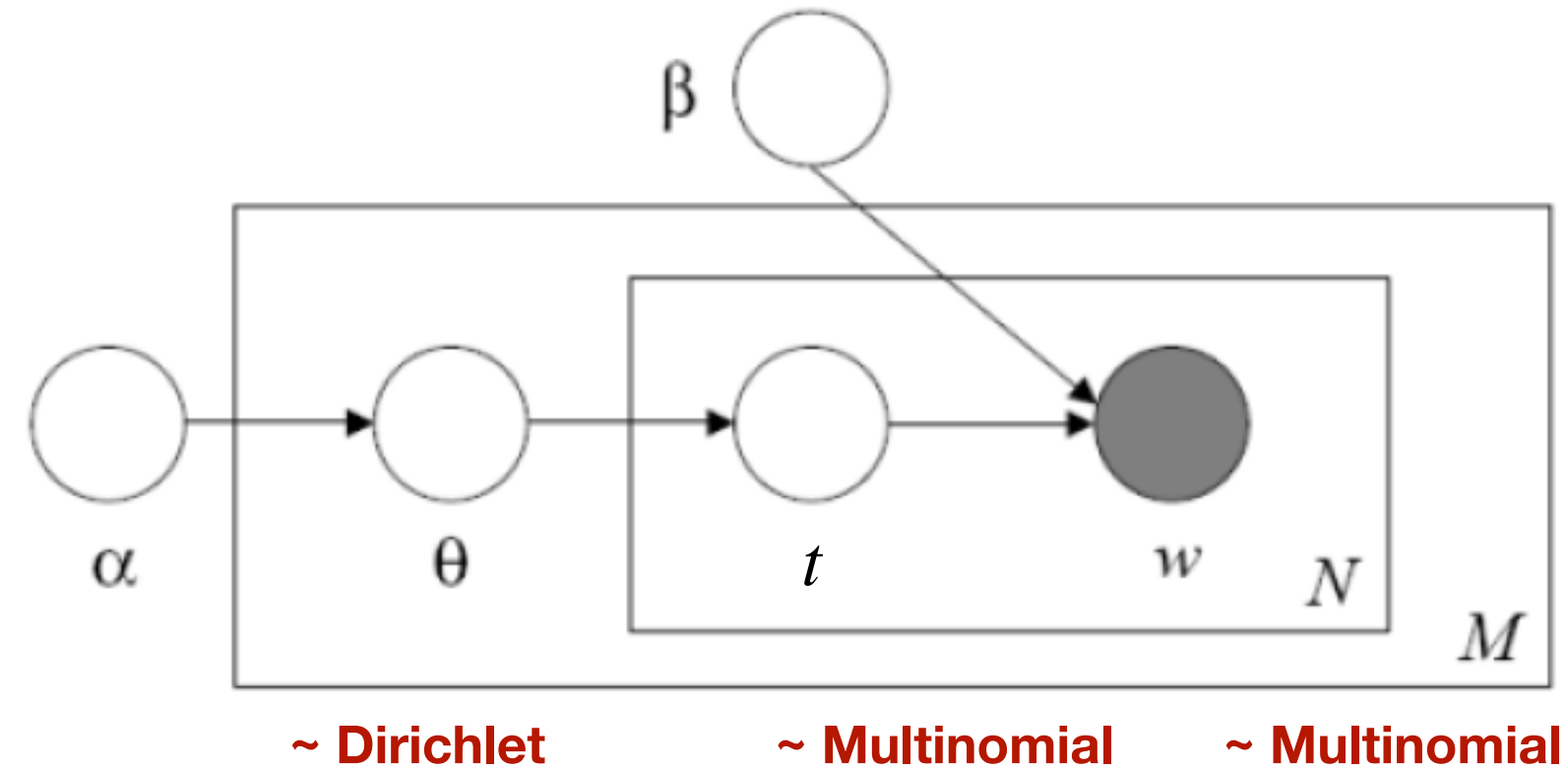
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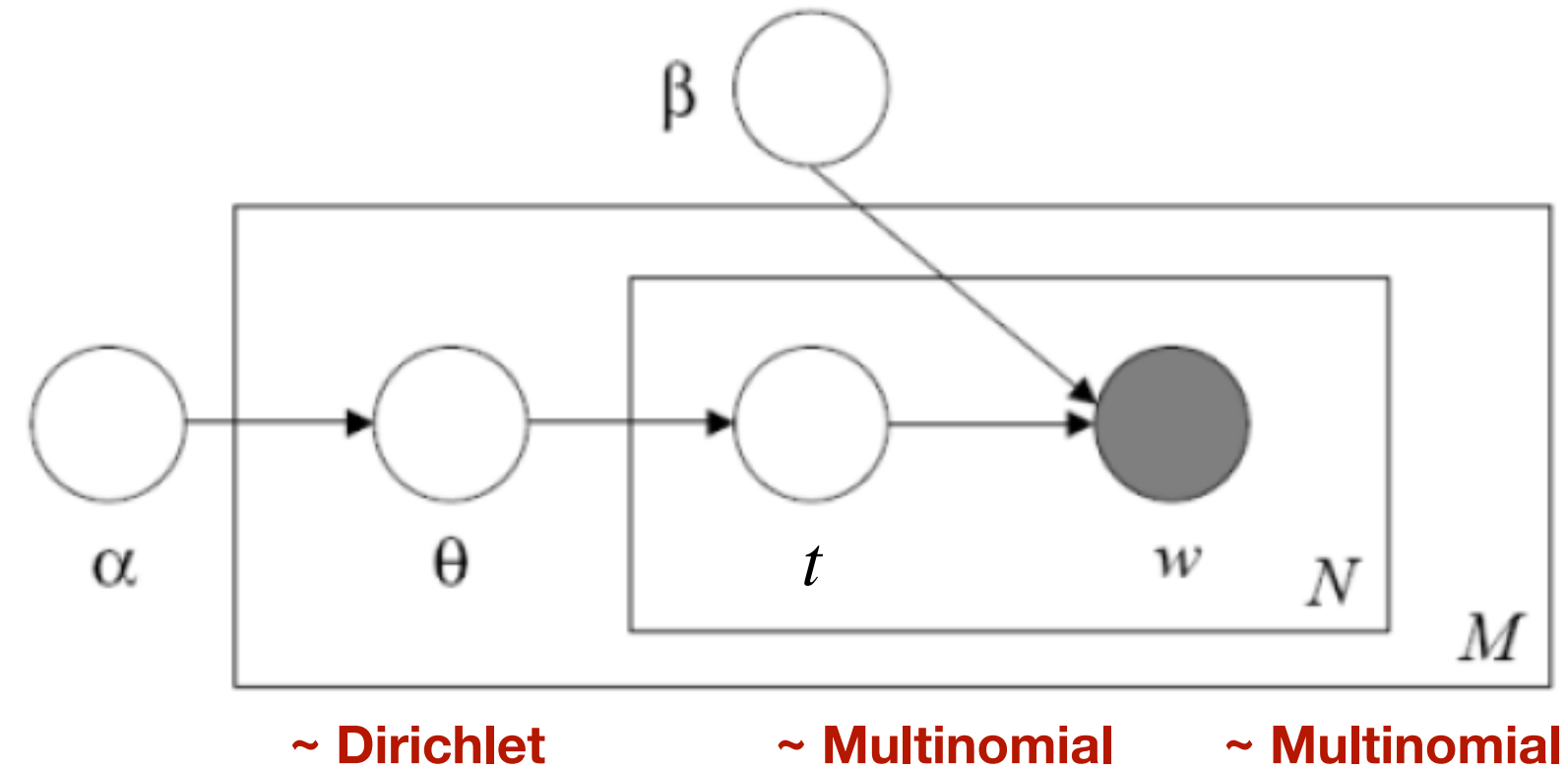
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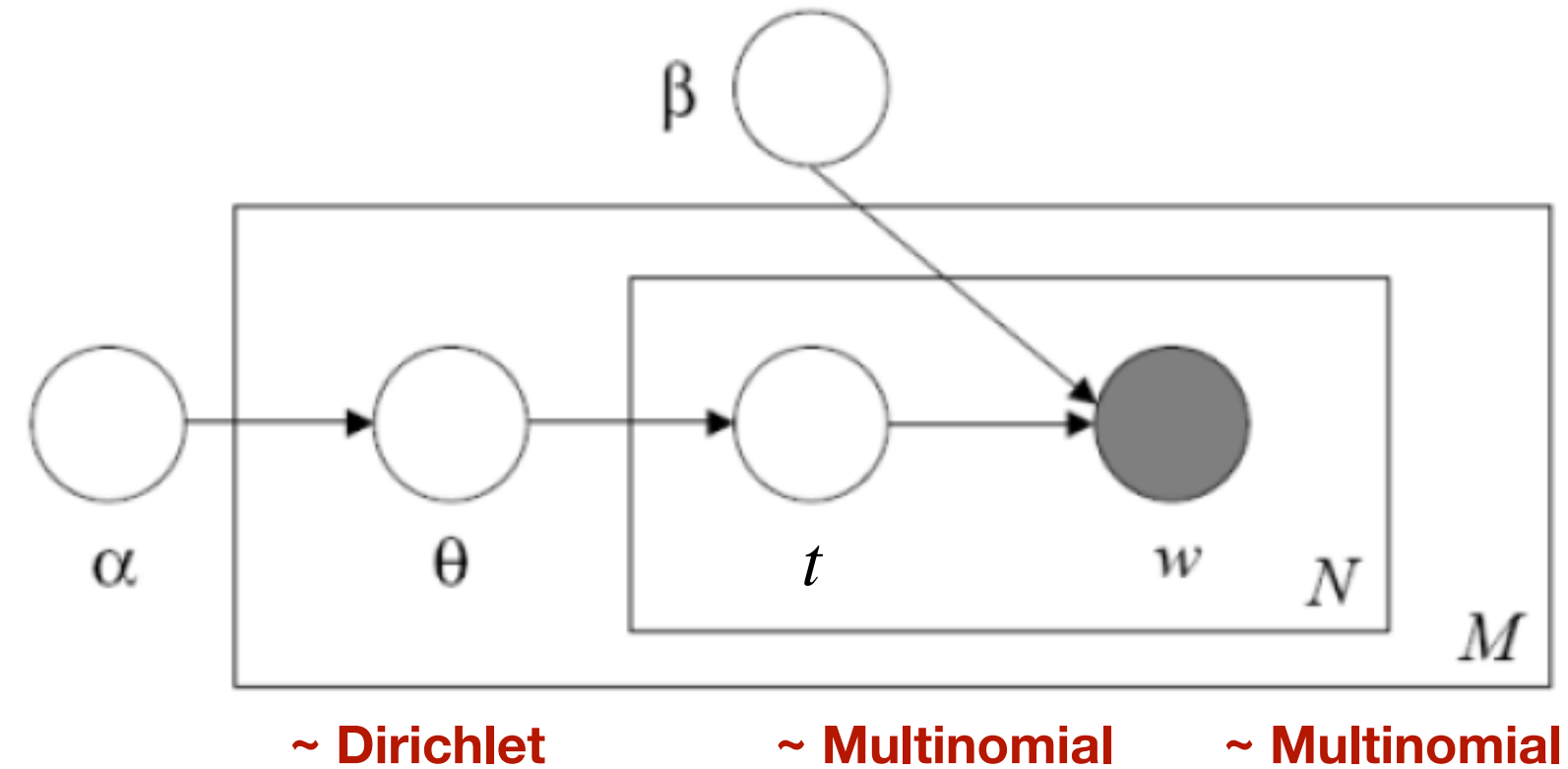
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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_{k,w}}(x, \lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

left as exercise

$$\beta_{k,w} = \frac{\sum_{d,n,k} \gamma_{d,n}(k) 1_{\{w_{d,n}=w\}}}{\sum_{w',d,n,k} \gamma_{d,n}(k) 1_{\{w_{d,n}=w'\}}}$$

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