

SparseMAP: DIFFERENTIABLE SPARSE STRUCTURED INFERENCE

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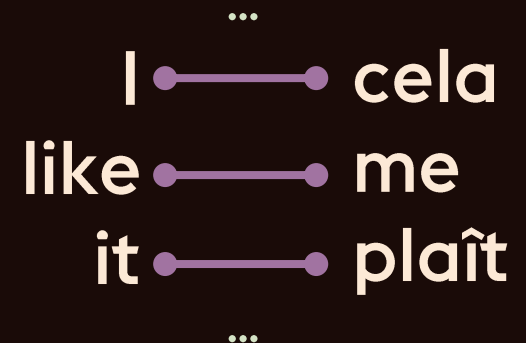
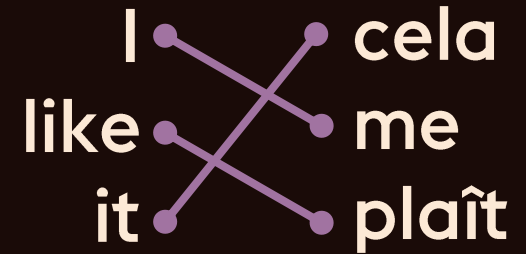
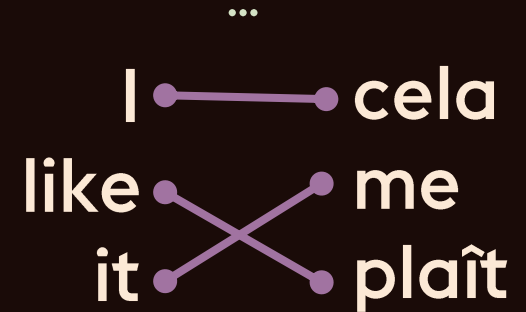
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 github.com/vene/sparsemap

Structured Inference



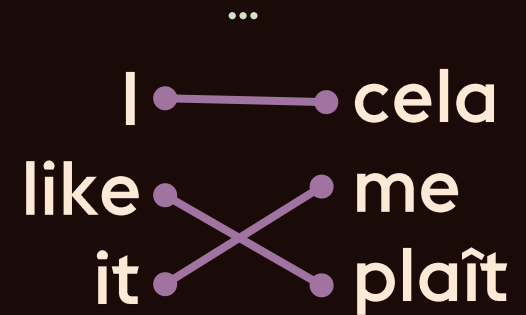
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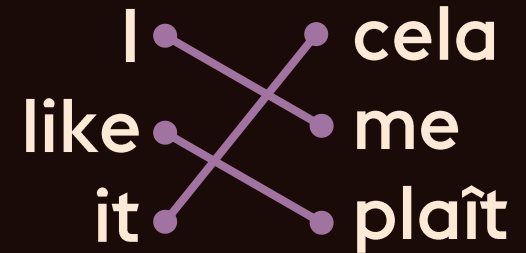
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I	like	it



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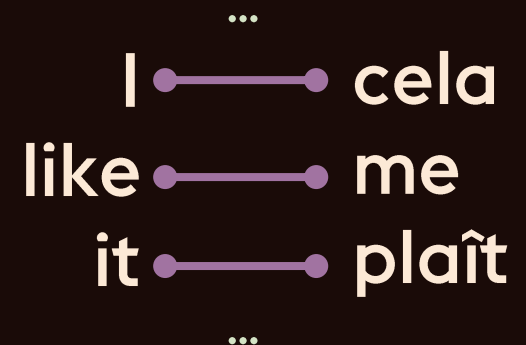
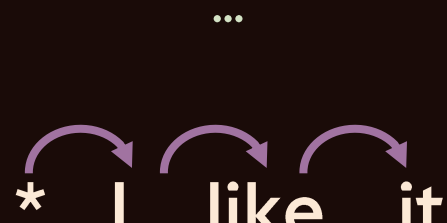
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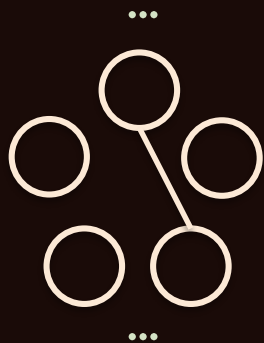
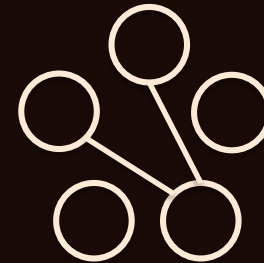
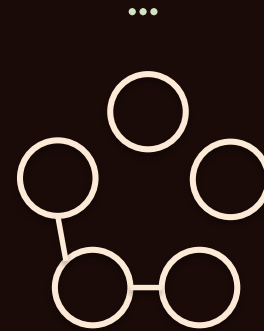
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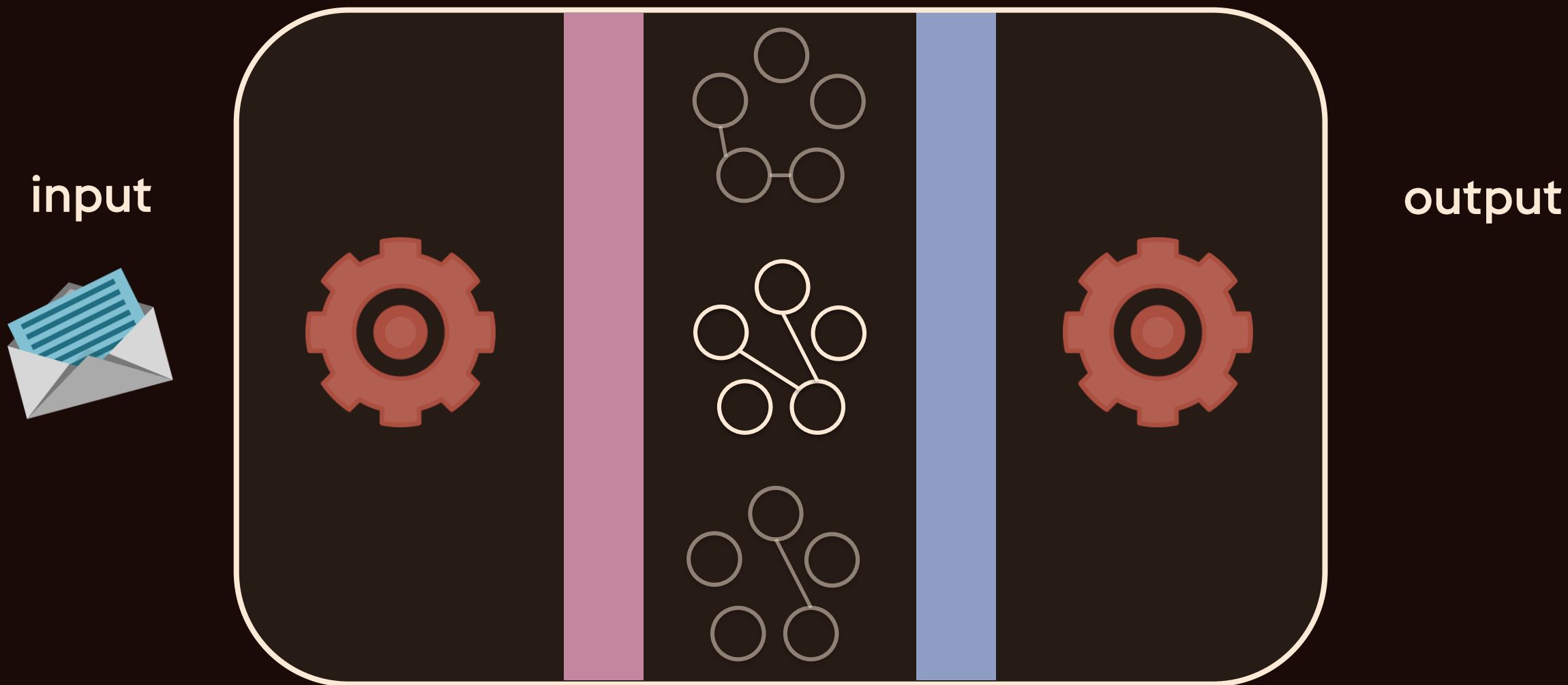
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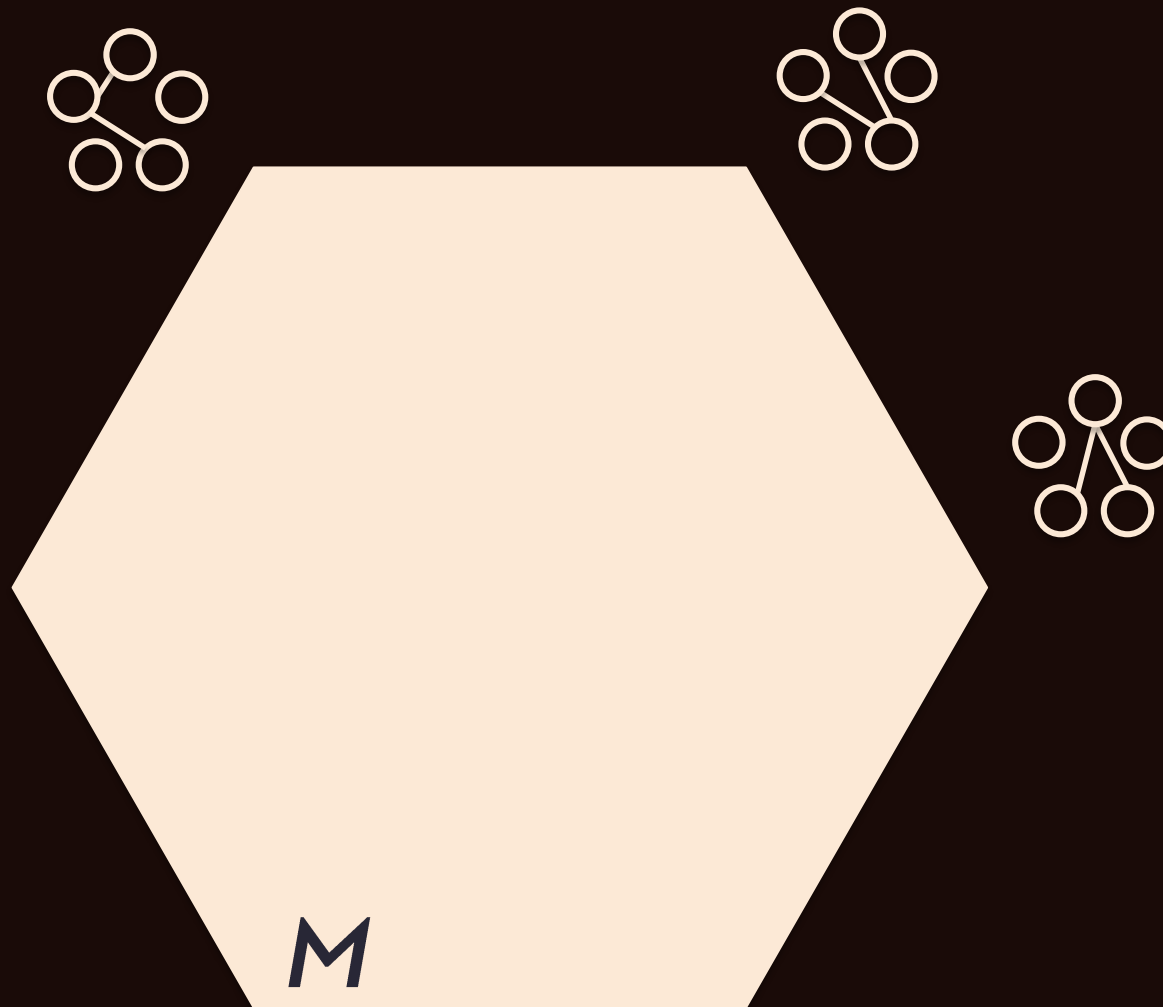
Structured Inference



(Latent) Structured Inference



$M = \text{conv}(\mathcal{Y})$ where $\mathcal{Y} = \{$  ,  $\}$



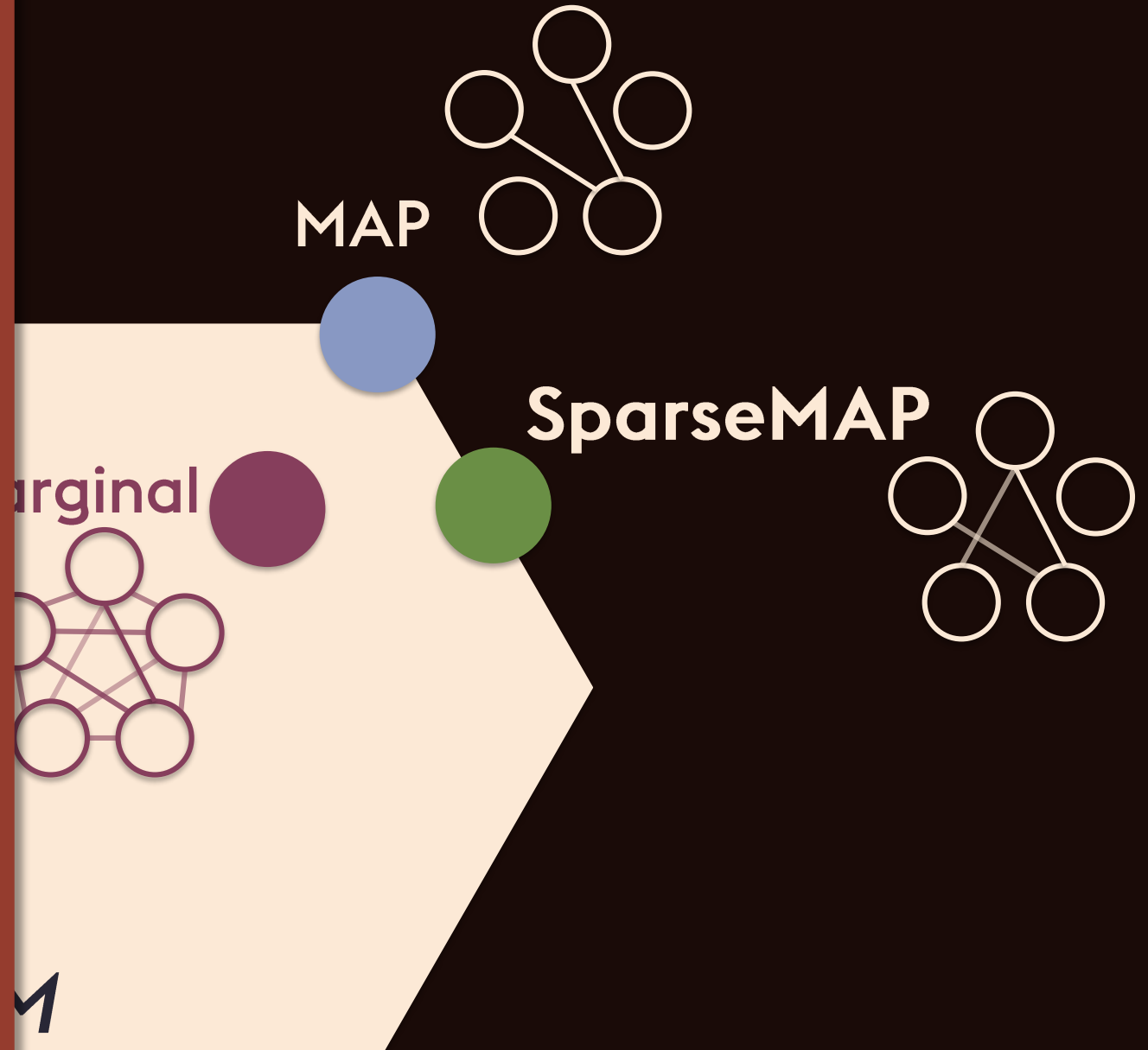
SparseMAP

Efficient & simple to:

- compute
- back-propagate

Useful as:

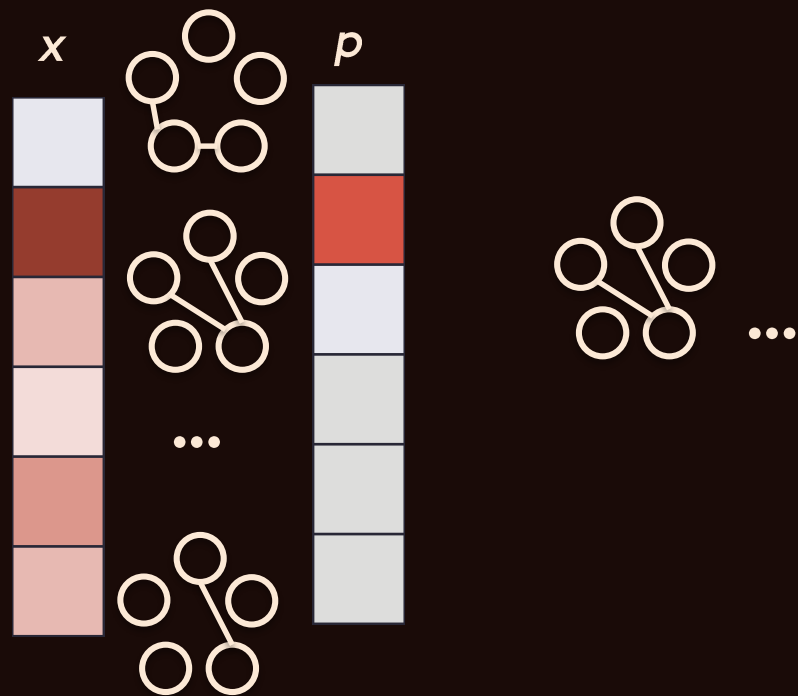
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Deriving SparseMAP

Structured Inference as argmax

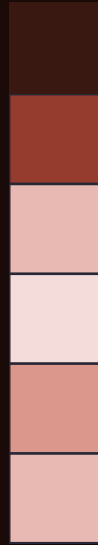
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argmax

input

x

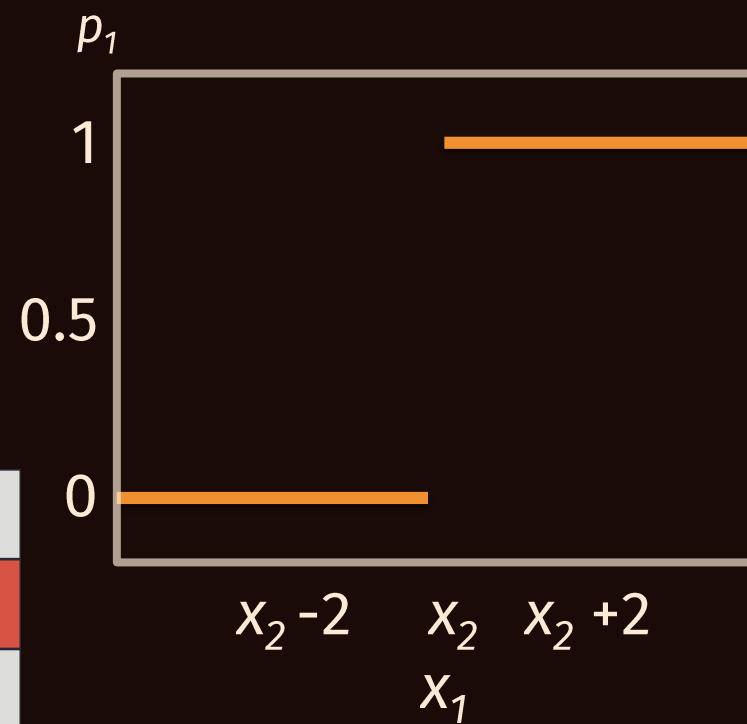


p



$\partial p / \partial x ?$

input



$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} ?$$

argmax \rightarrow softmax

$$p_i = \exp x_i / Z$$

input

x



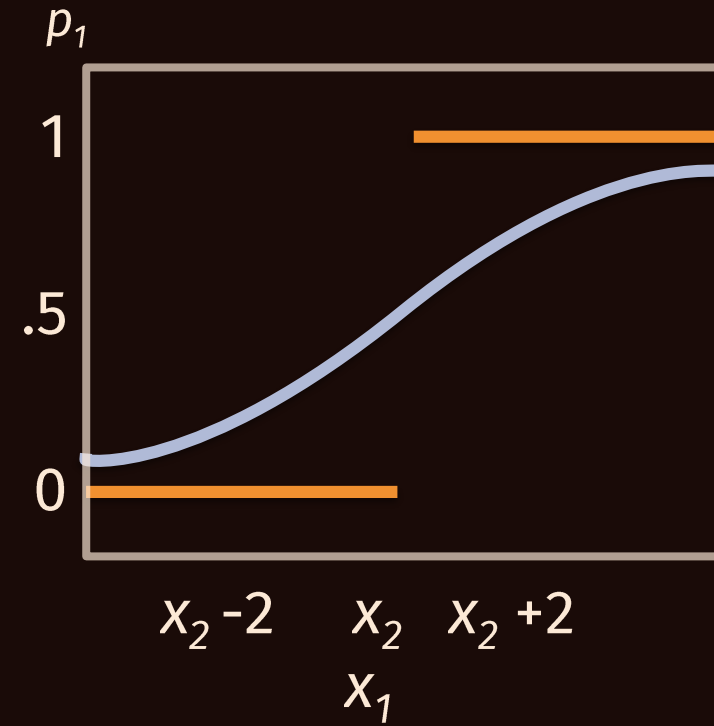
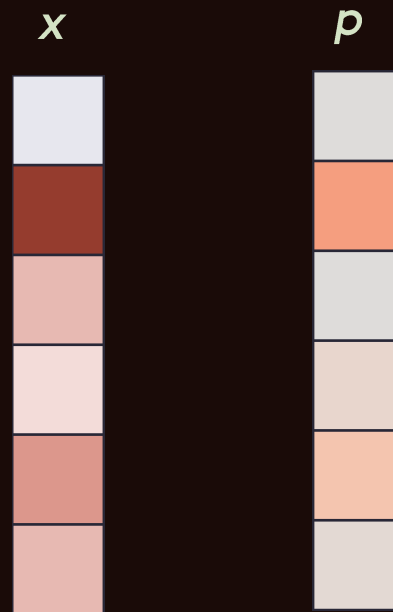
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argmax → **softmax**

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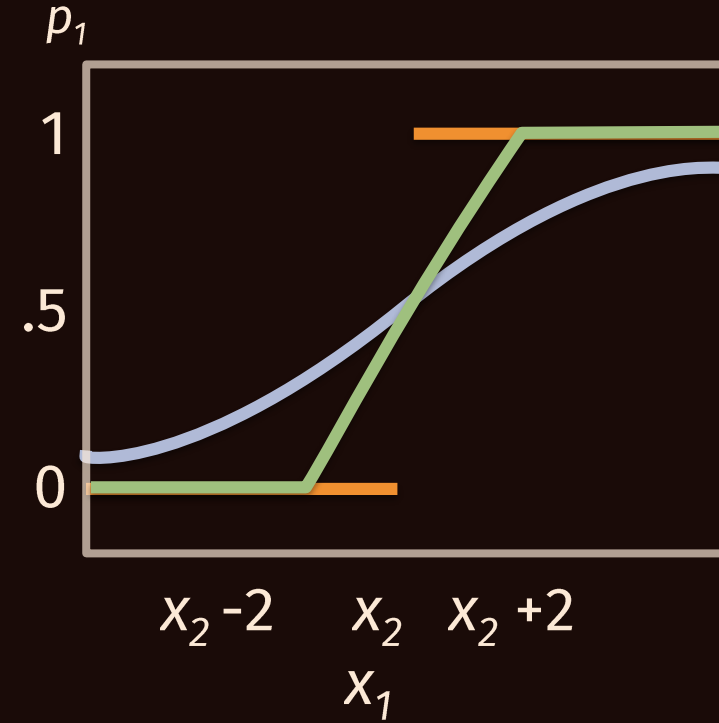
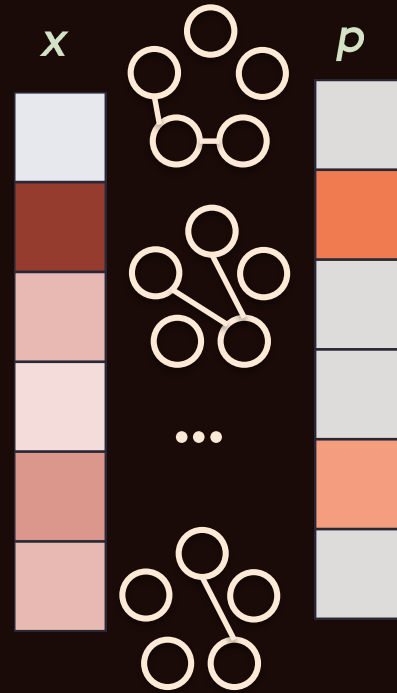


$\partial p / \partial x$?

argmax → **softmax** → **sparsemax**

$\dim(x)$ = number of possible structures!

(exponentially large)



$\partial p / \partial x$?

[Martins and Astudillo, 2016]

[Niculae and Blondel, 2017]

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \boldsymbol{\eta}$$

$\in \mathbb{R}^k$

$\in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$k \gg d$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \boldsymbol{\eta}$$

* I like it

A diagram illustrating word relationships. The words are '* I like it'. There are three curved arrows: one from '*' to 'like', one from 'I' to 'like', and one from 'like' to 'it'.

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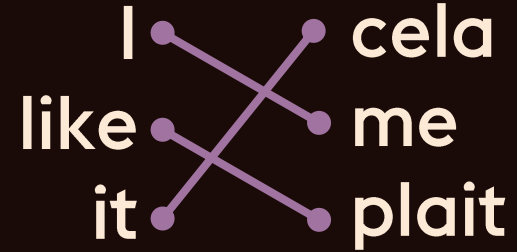
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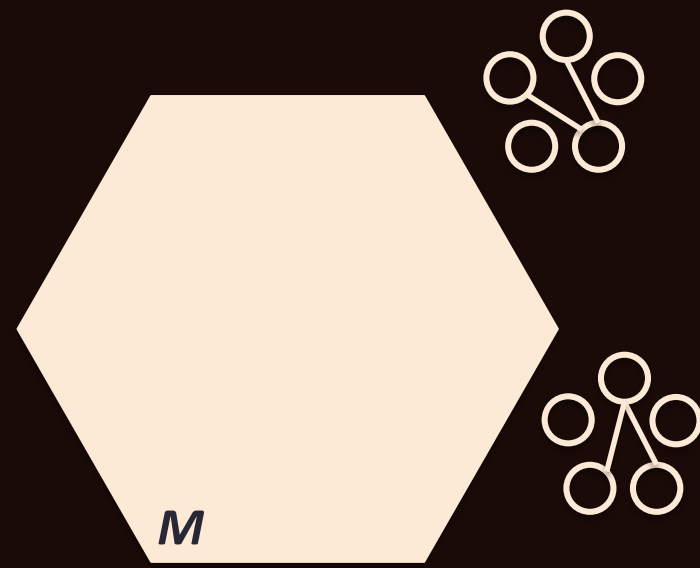
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$(1, 0, 0)$

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$(0, 1, 0)$



$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$

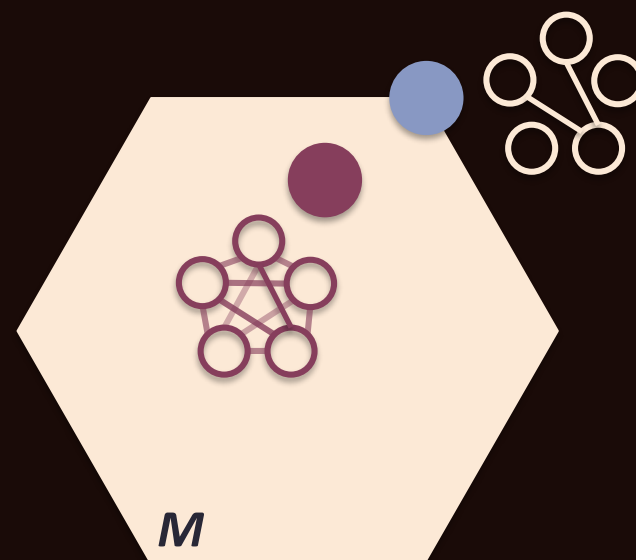
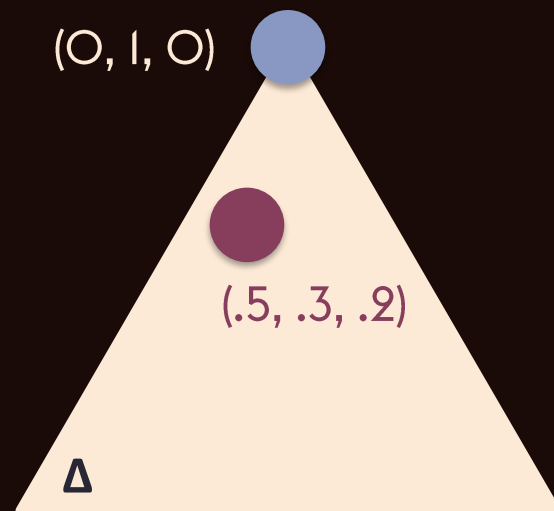
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$$\mathbf{p}^* = \mathbf{e}_i \text{ where } i = \operatorname{argmax}(\mathbf{x})$$

MAP

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MAP inference:

Maximum spanning tree
(Chu-Liu/Edmonds)

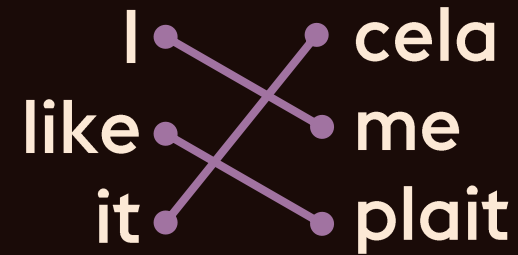


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Hungarian algorithm



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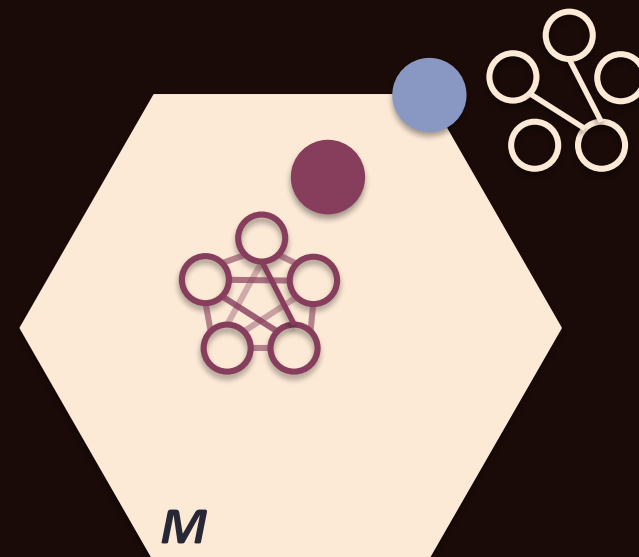
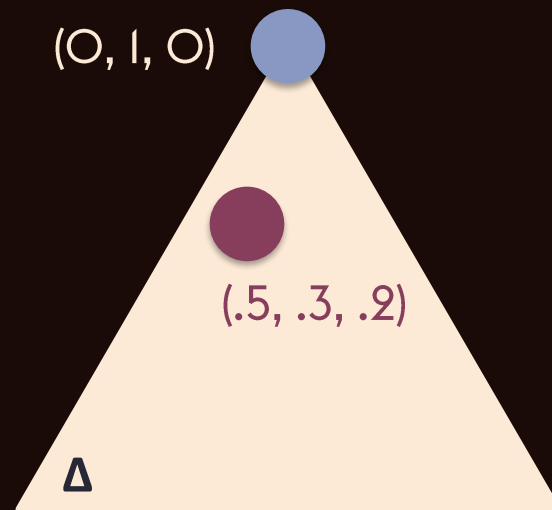
Marginal

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softmax, closed-form
solution: $\mathbf{p}^* = \exp(\mathbf{x}) / Z$

structured attention networks
[Kim et al, 2017],
[Liu et al, 2017]

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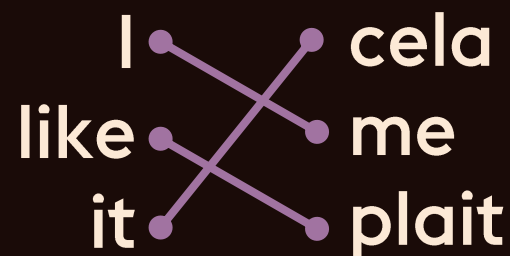
MAP inference:
Maximum spanning tree

Marginal inference:
Matrix-Tree theorem



Hungarian algorithm

#P complete



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like	→	I
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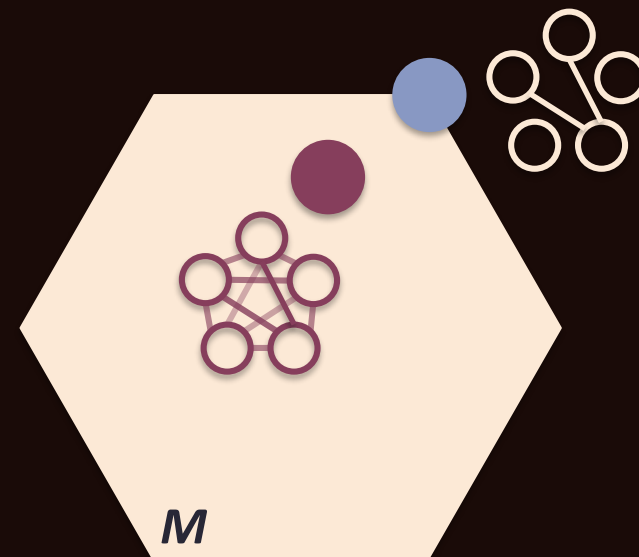
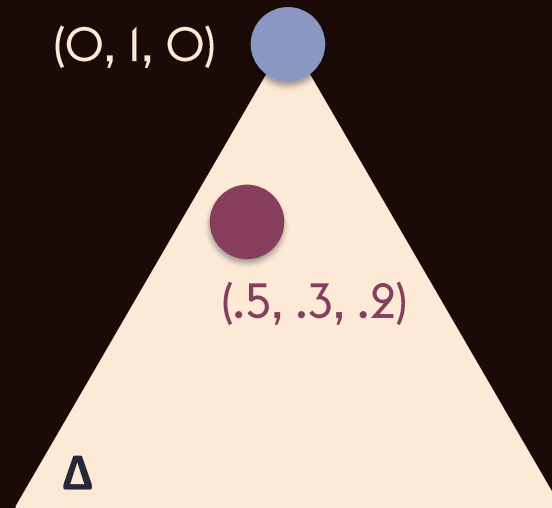
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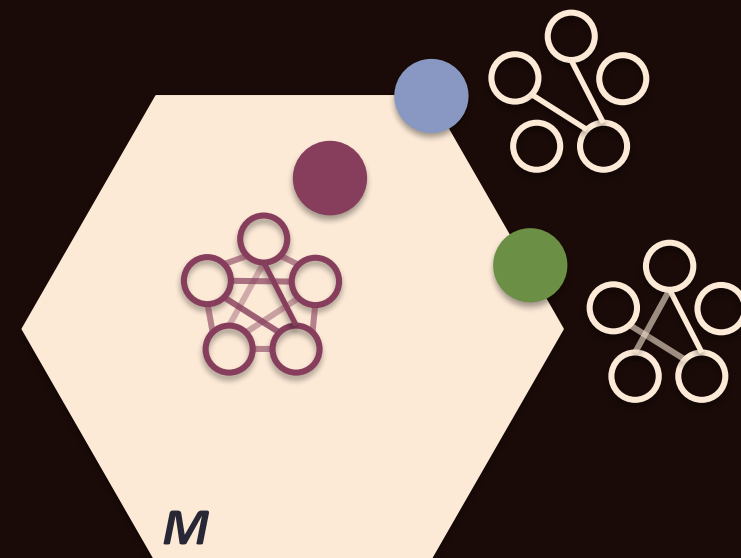
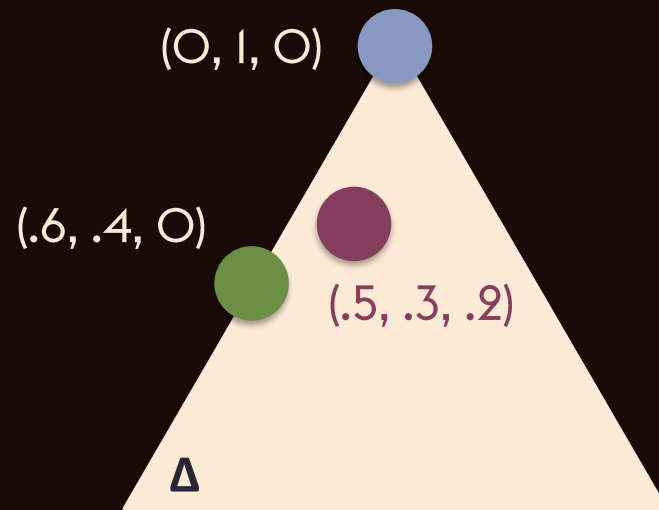
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SparseMAP

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Efficiently Computing SparseMAP

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{argmax} \quad & \langle \eta, \mu \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\mu\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mu \in M \end{aligned}$$

QP with exponentially
many vertices!

Forward Pass:

Active Set algorithm

only accesses M
through MAP calls

linear & **finite**
convergence

Backward Pass:

$$\frac{\partial \mu^*}{\partial \eta}$$

Linear in $\dim(M)$
and in # selected structures

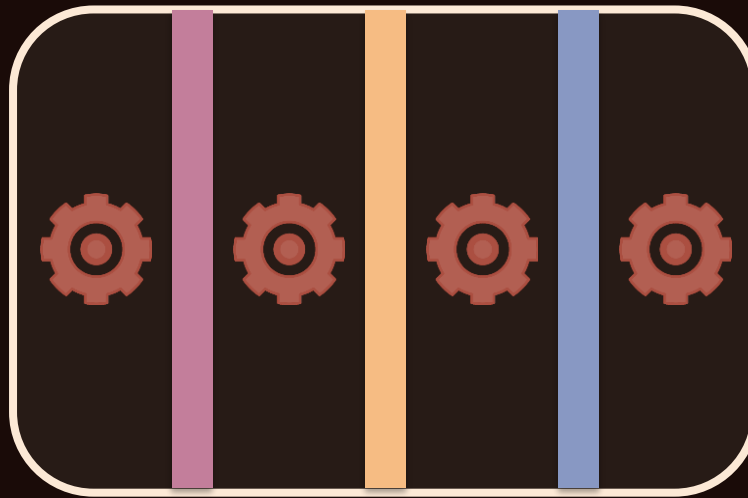
Sparse Latent Structure

Natural Language Inference

Prem: A gentleman overlooking a neighborhood situation.

Hypo: A police officer watches a situation closely.

(P, H)



{
entailment
contradiction
neither

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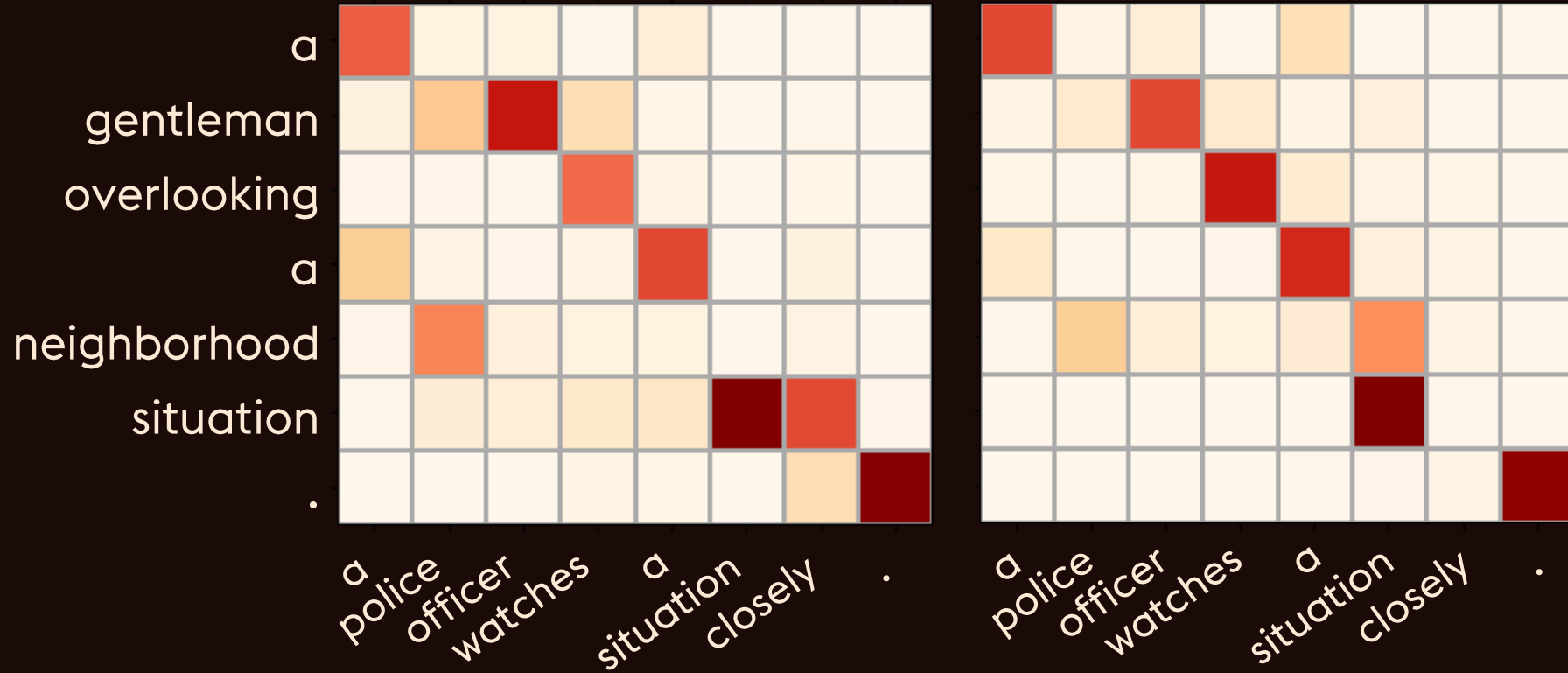
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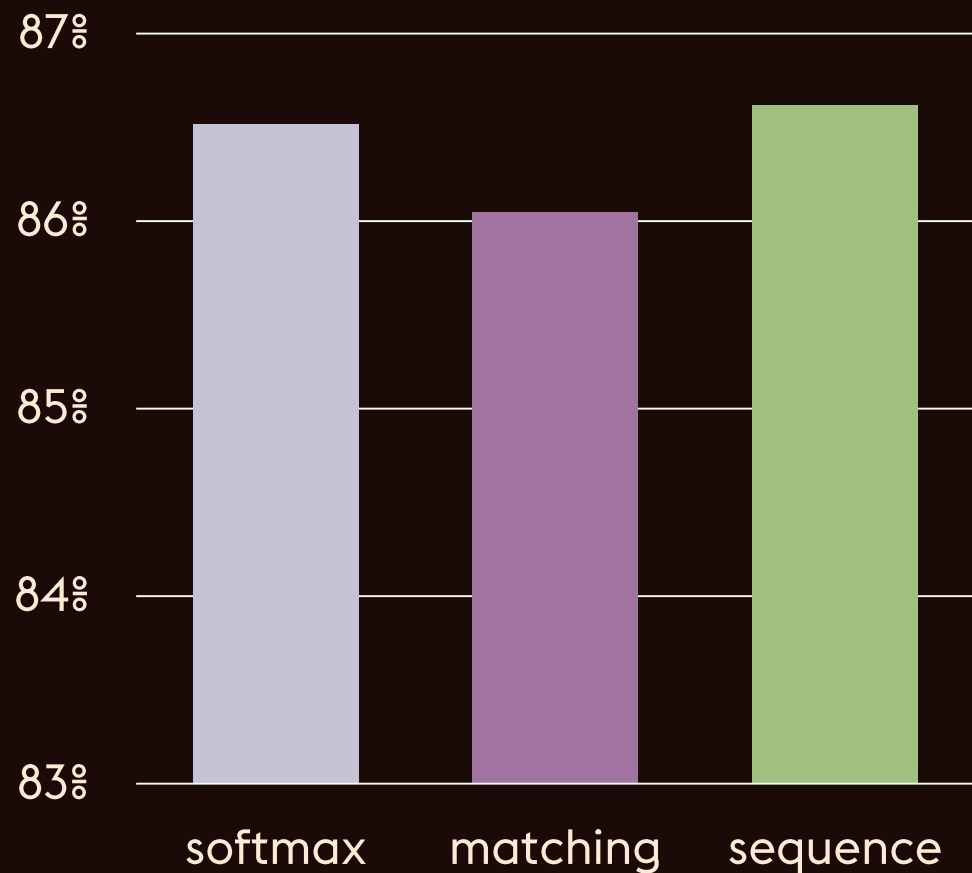
Natural Language Inference with Linear Assignment

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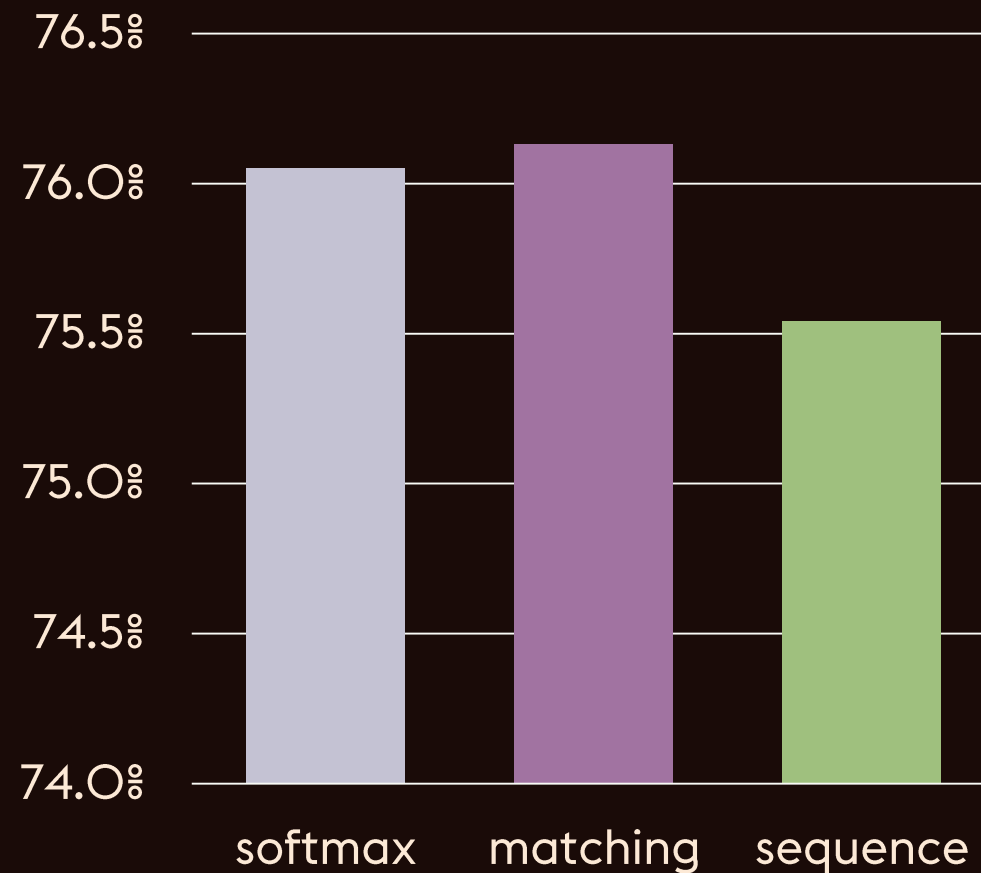
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SNLI



MultiNLI

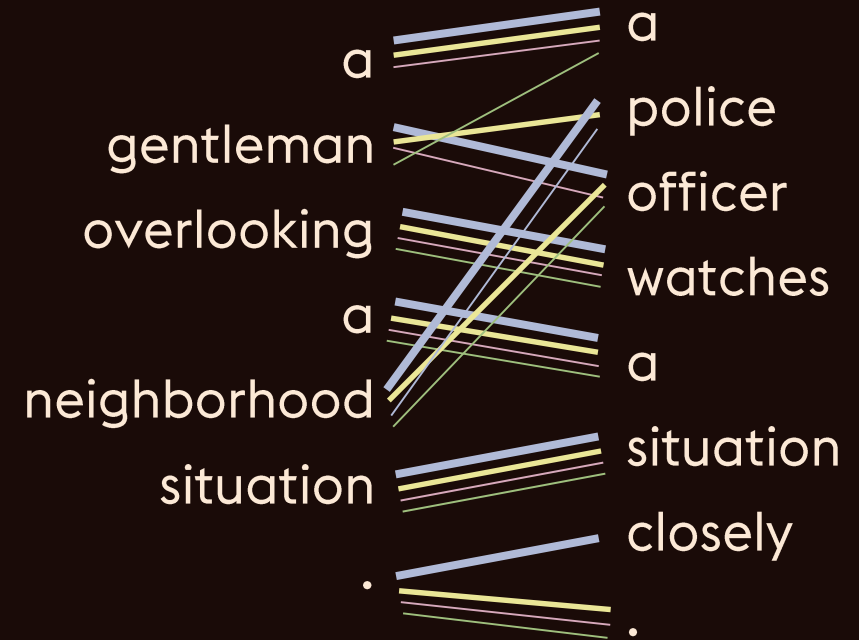
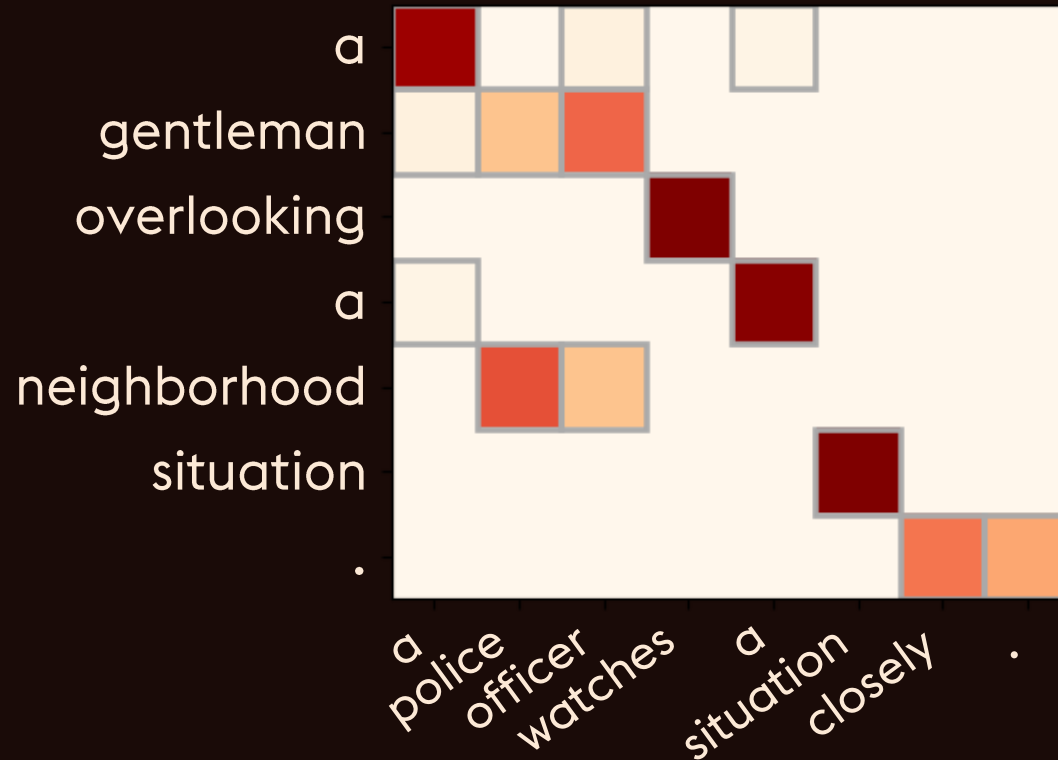


(3-class accuracy)

Natural Language Inference with Linear Assignment



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Sparse Structured Output Prediction

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SparseMAP
loss

scores

gold structure

$$L_A(\eta, \vec{\mu}) = \max_{\mu \in M} \left\{ \langle \eta, \mu \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\mu\|^2 \right. \\ \left. - \langle \eta, \vec{\mu} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{\mu}\|^2 \right\}$$

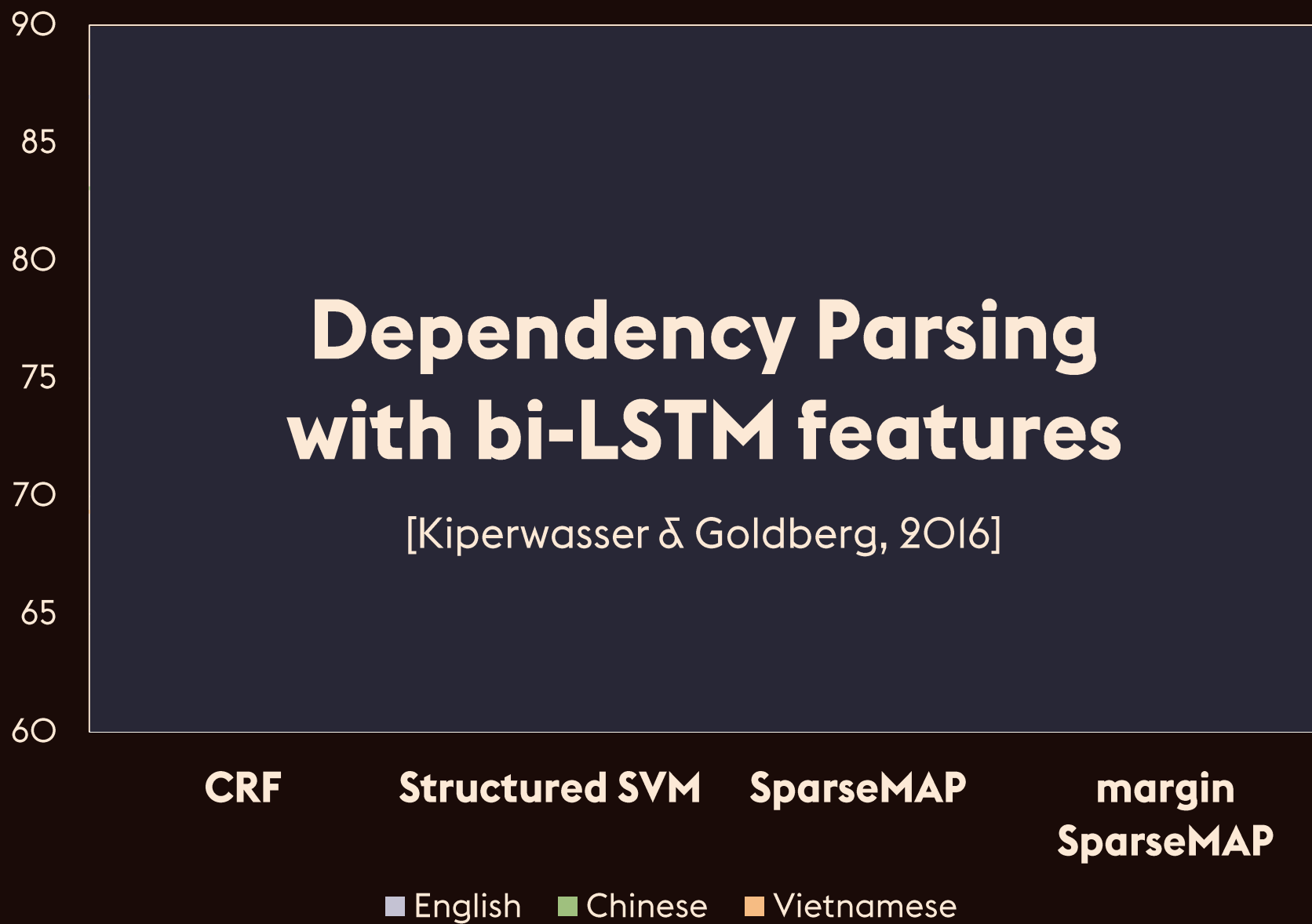
margin-SparseMAP
loss

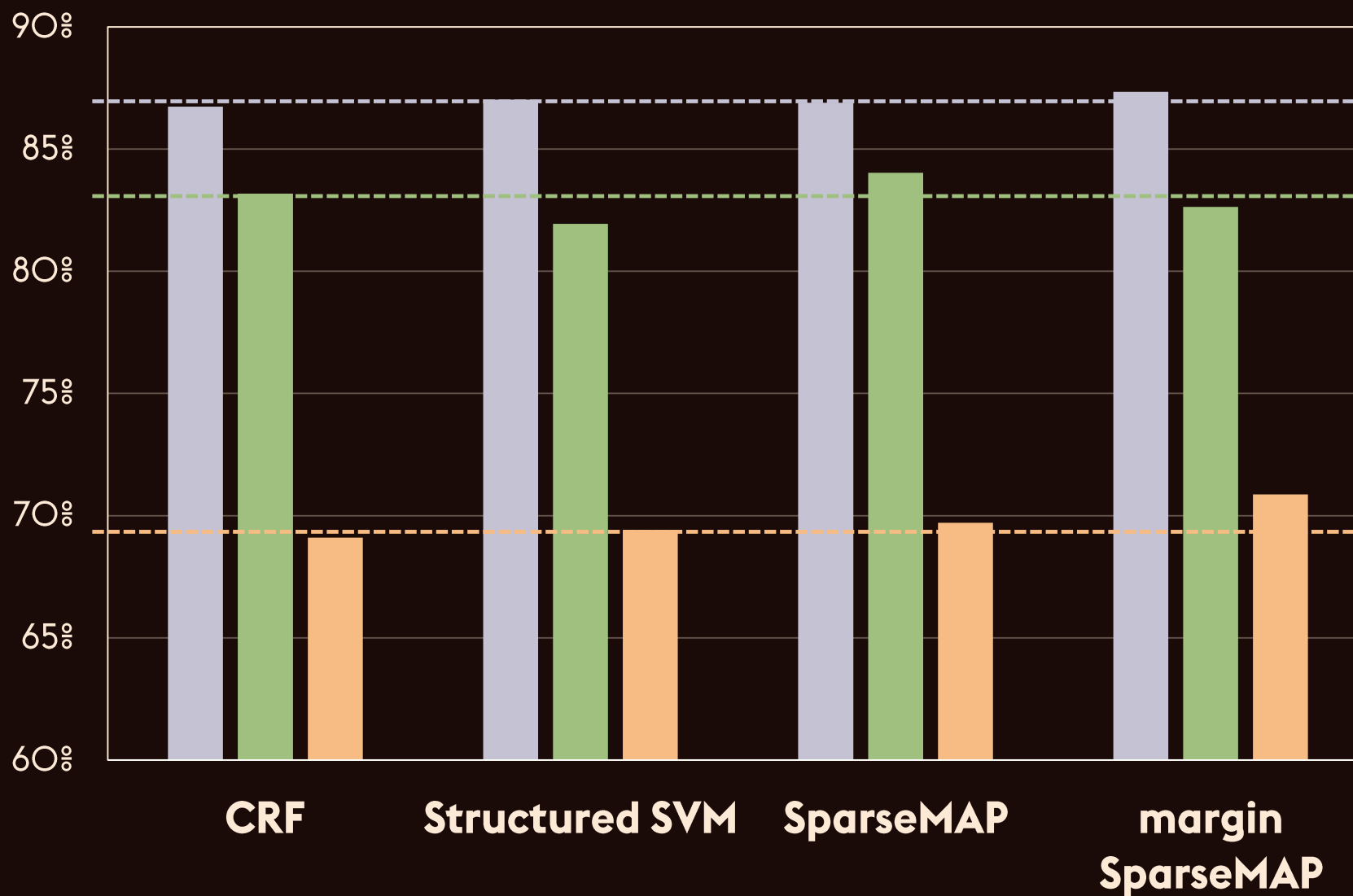
cost (as in structured SVM)

$$L_A^\rho(\eta, \vec{\mu}) = \max_{\mu \in M} \left\{ \langle \eta, \mu \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\mu\|^2 + \rho(\mu, \vec{\mu}) \right\} \\ - \langle \eta, \vec{\mu} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{\mu}\|^2$$

Instance of a structured Fenchel-Young loss, like CRF, SVM, etc.

[Blondel, Martins, Niculae '18]



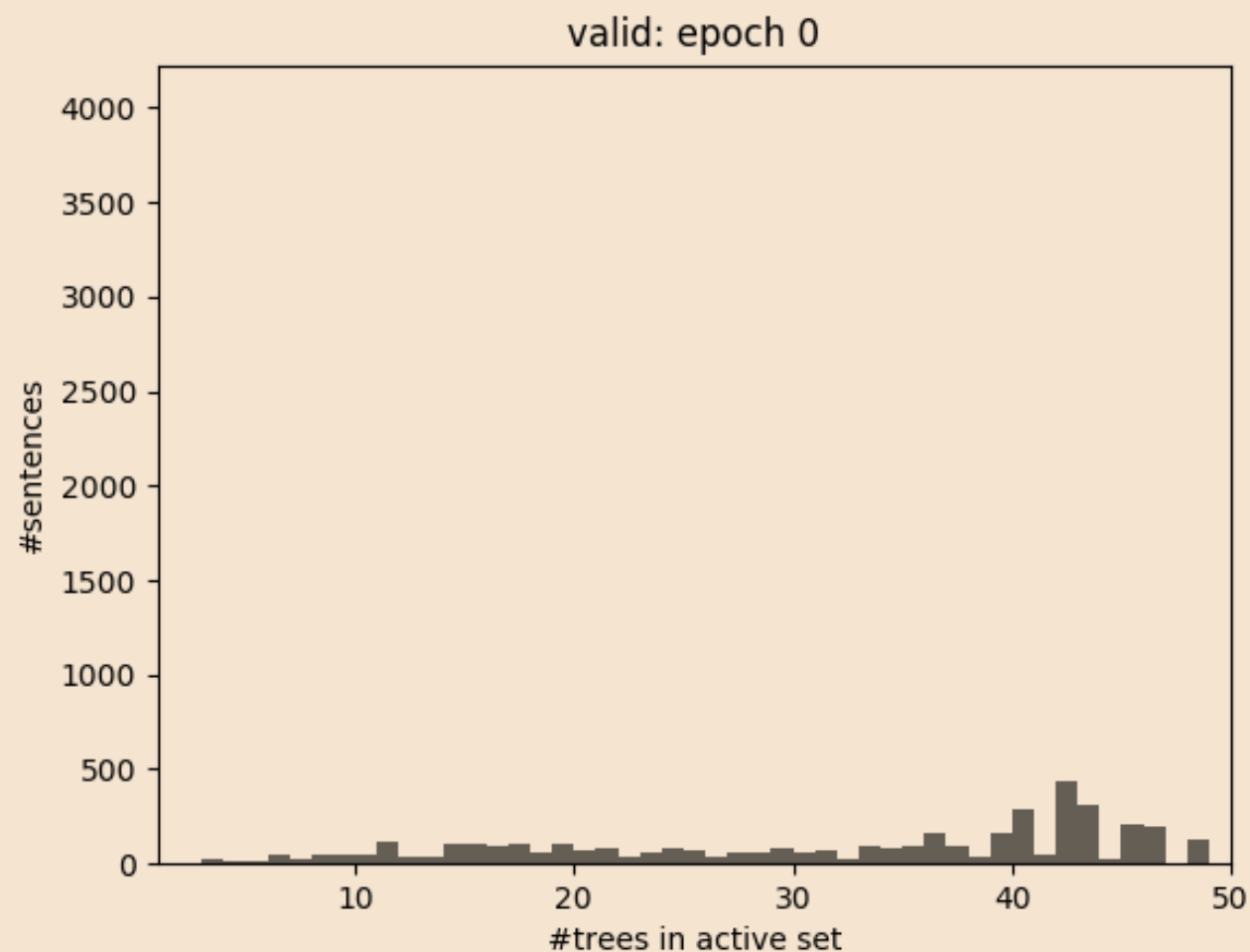
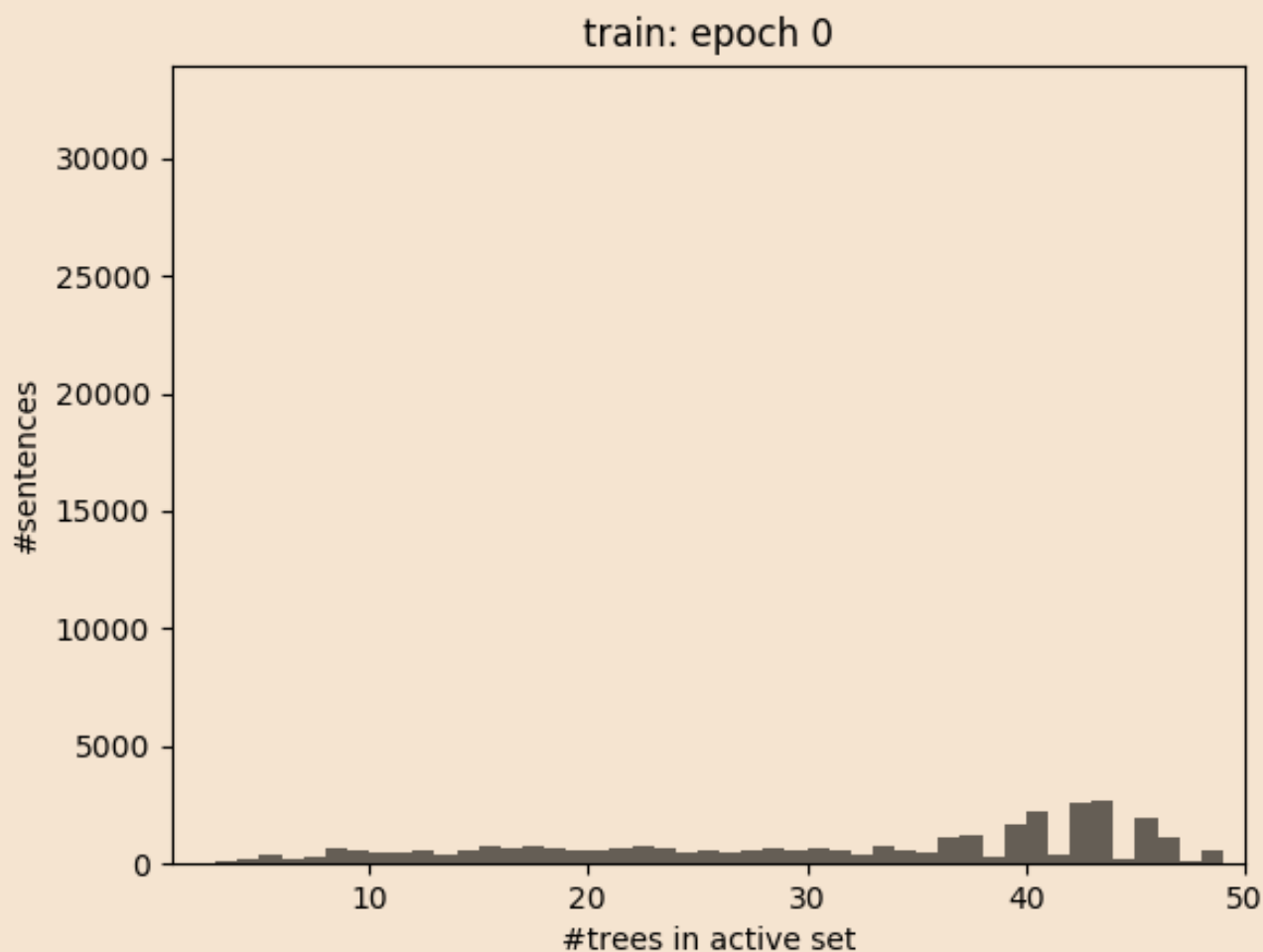


Unlabeled Accuracy (UAS)
Universal Dependencies dataset

■ English ■ Chinese ■ Vietnamese

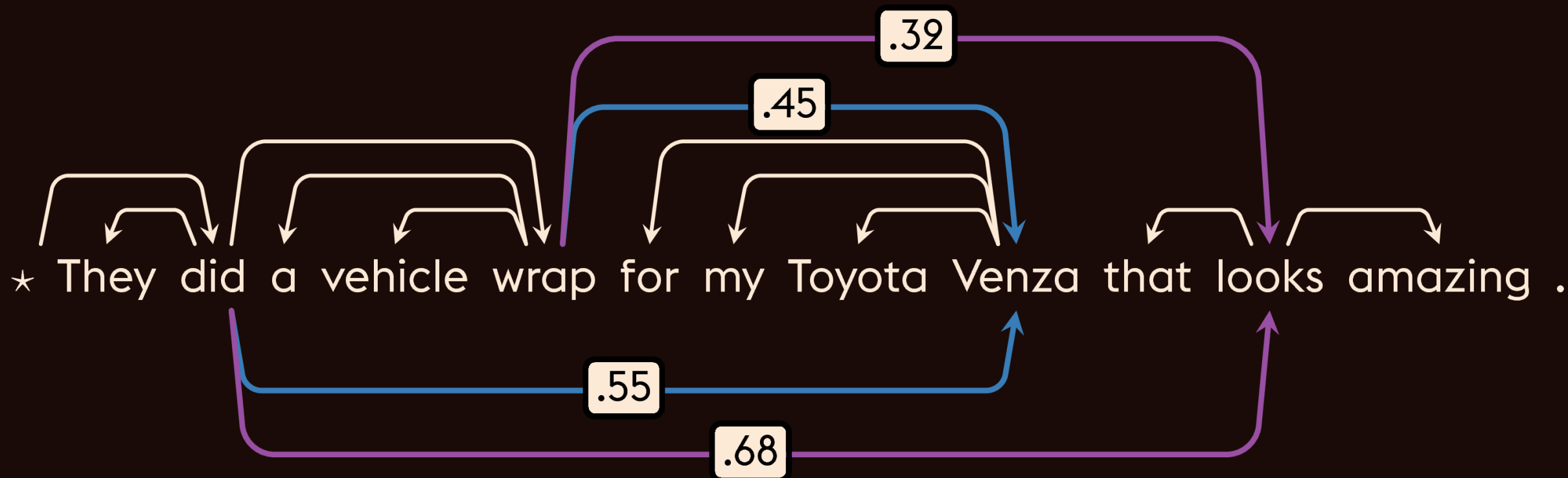
Sparse Structured Output Prediction

As models train, inference gets sparser!



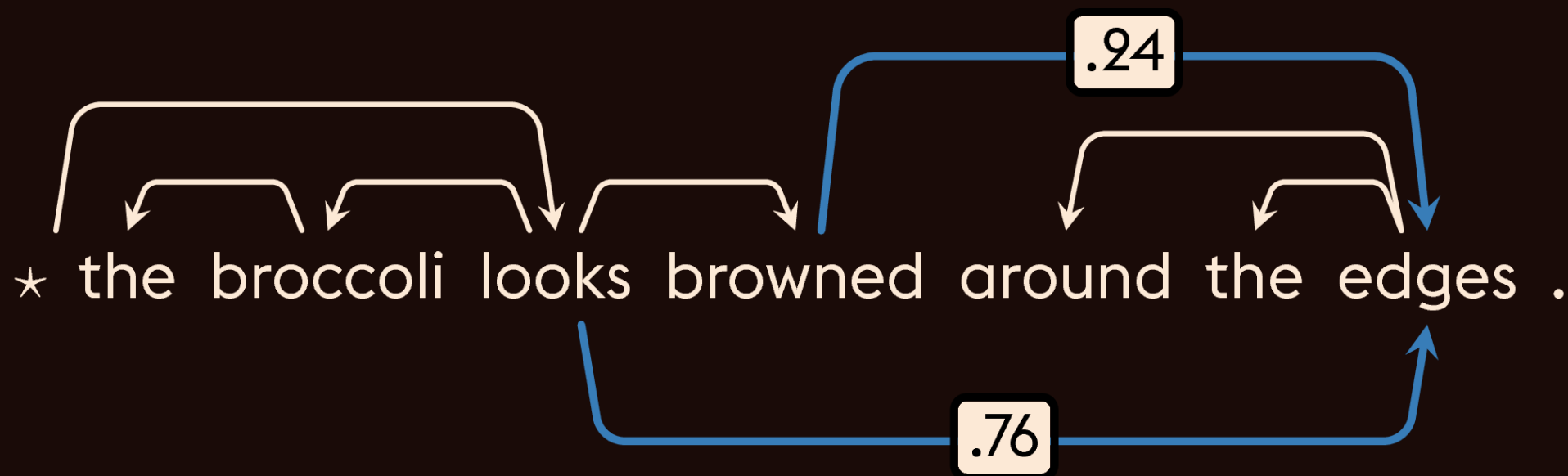
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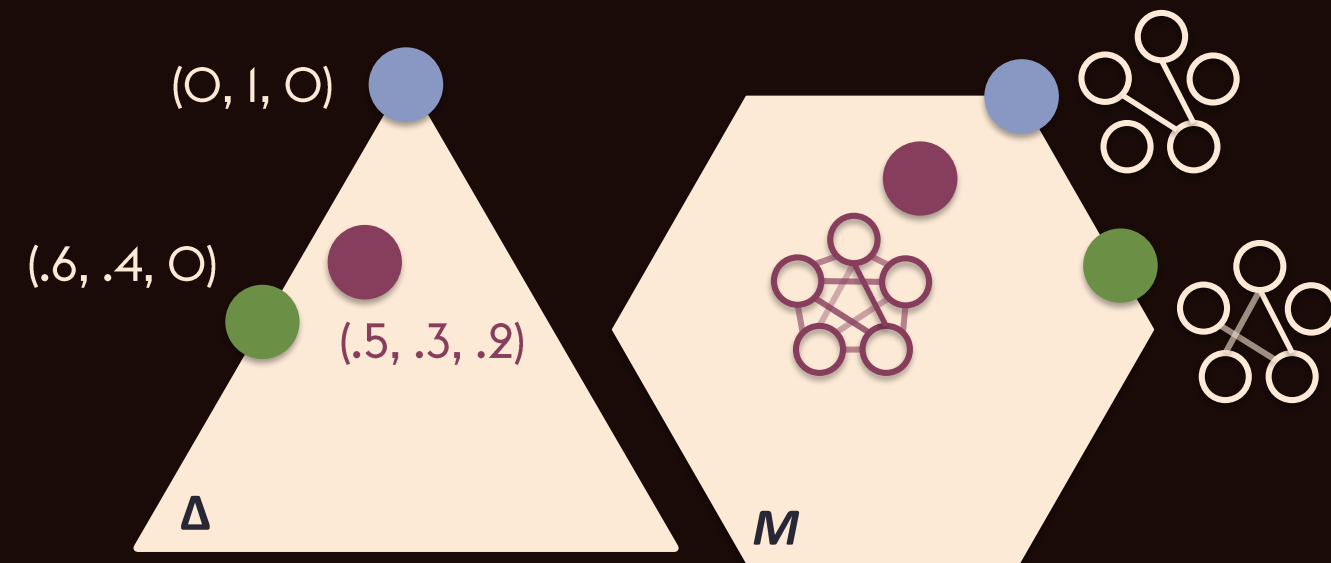
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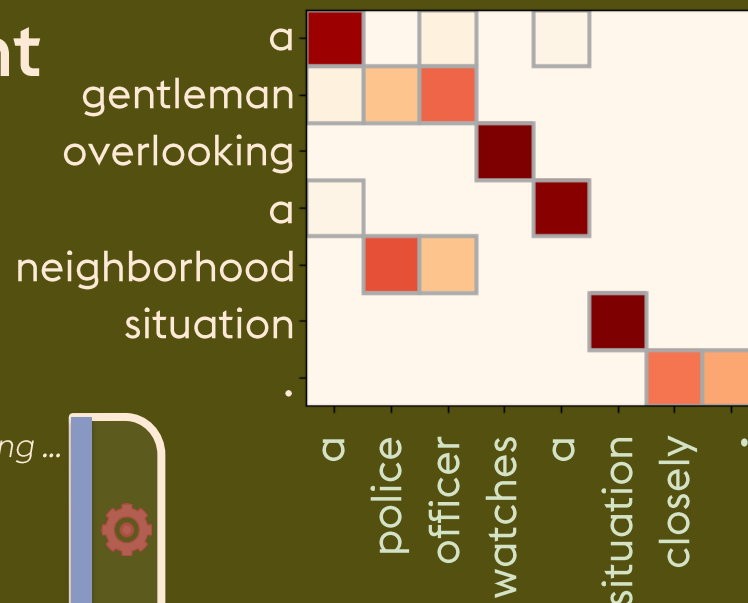
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