

# **Text Analysis for Social Scientists and Leaders**



**Class 2: Interpretability & Clustering**

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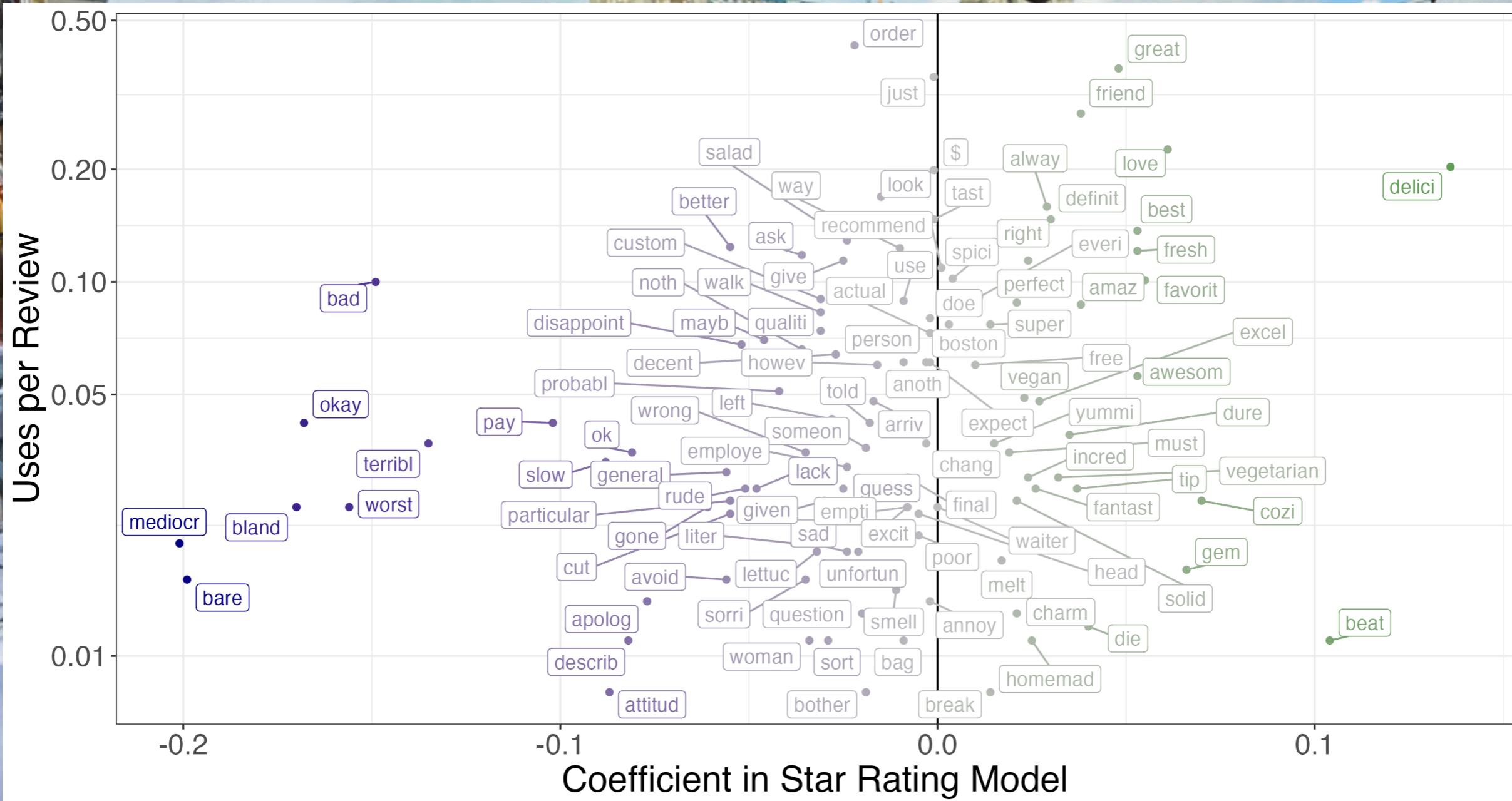
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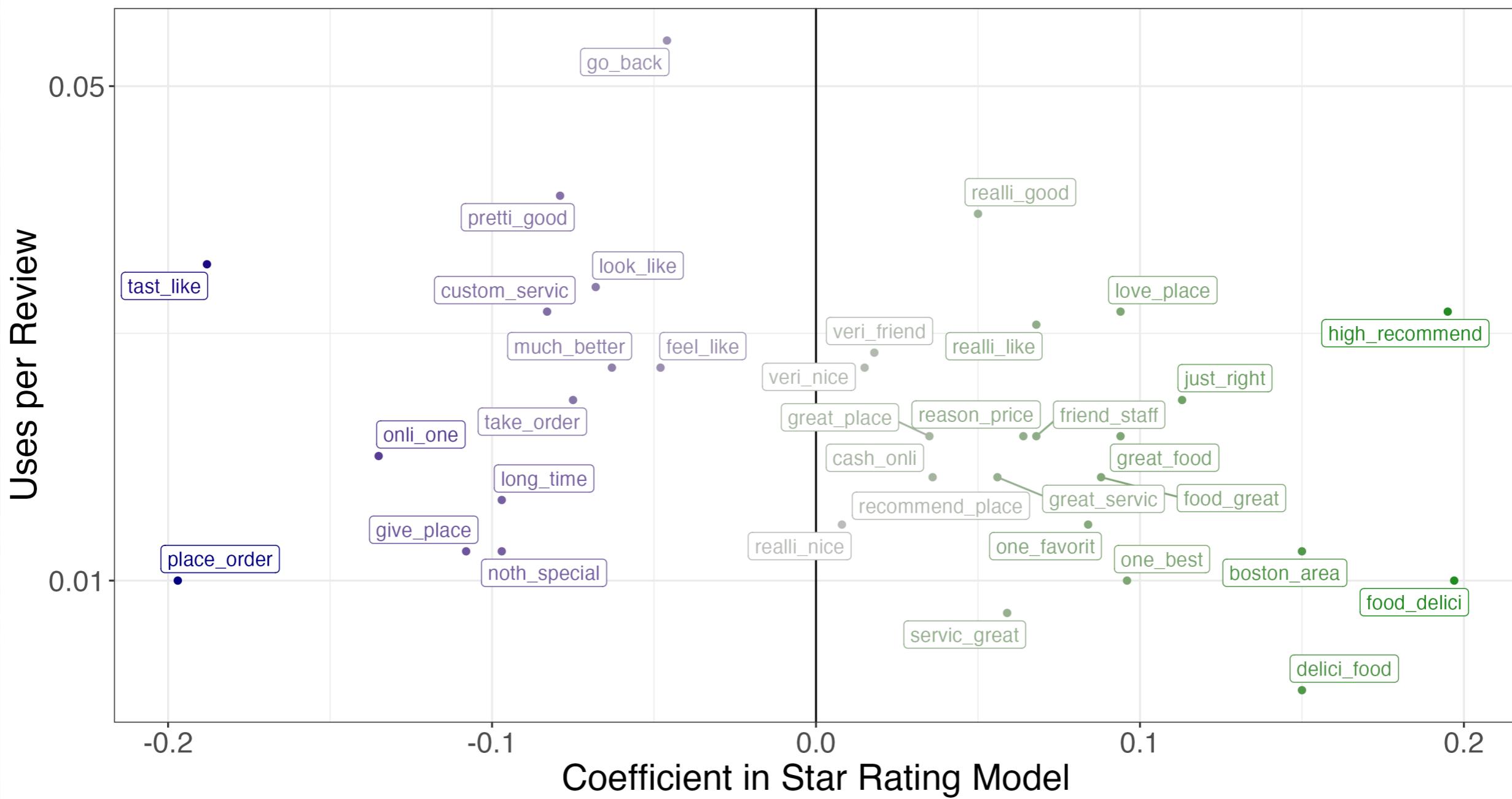
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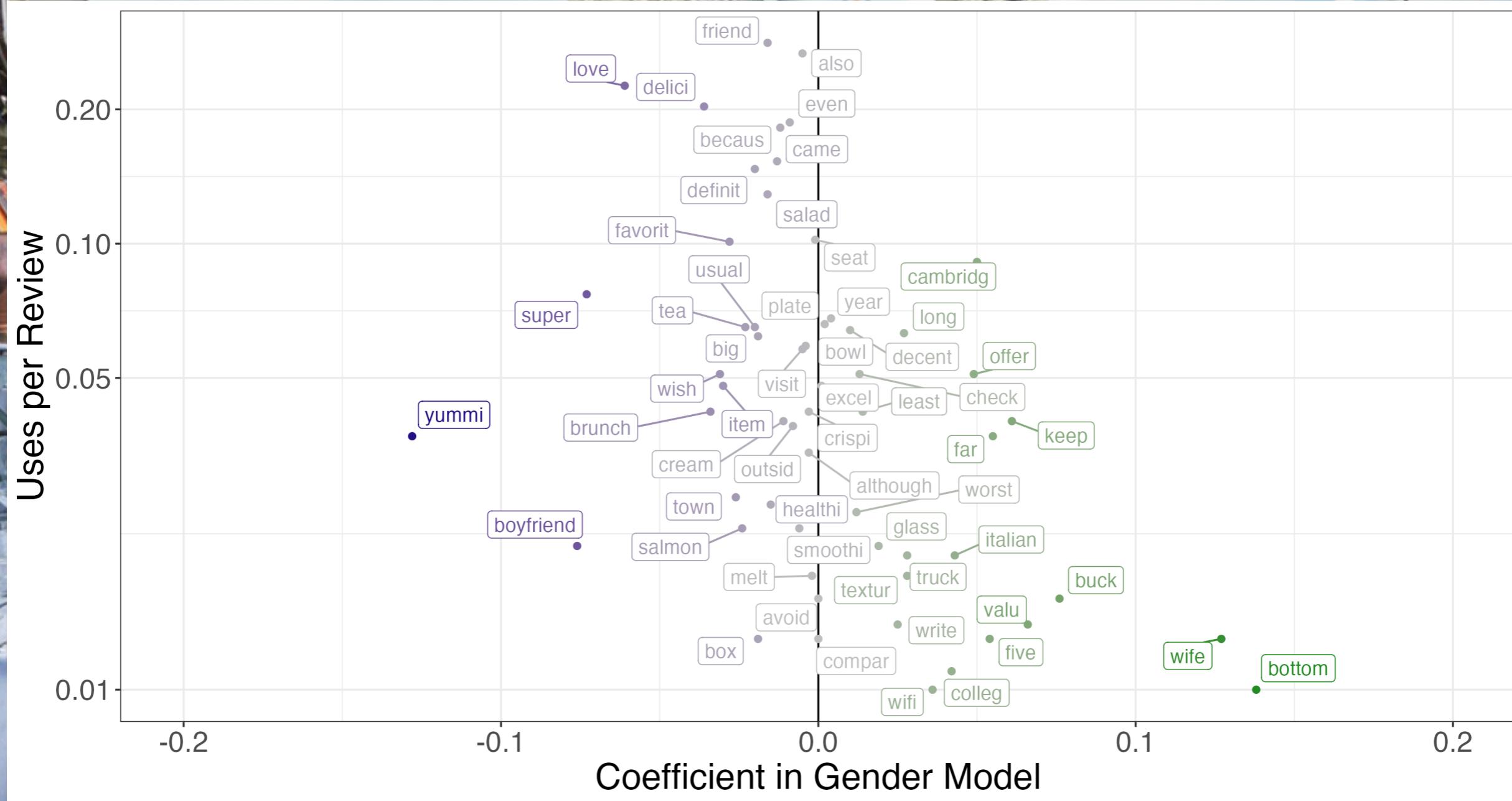
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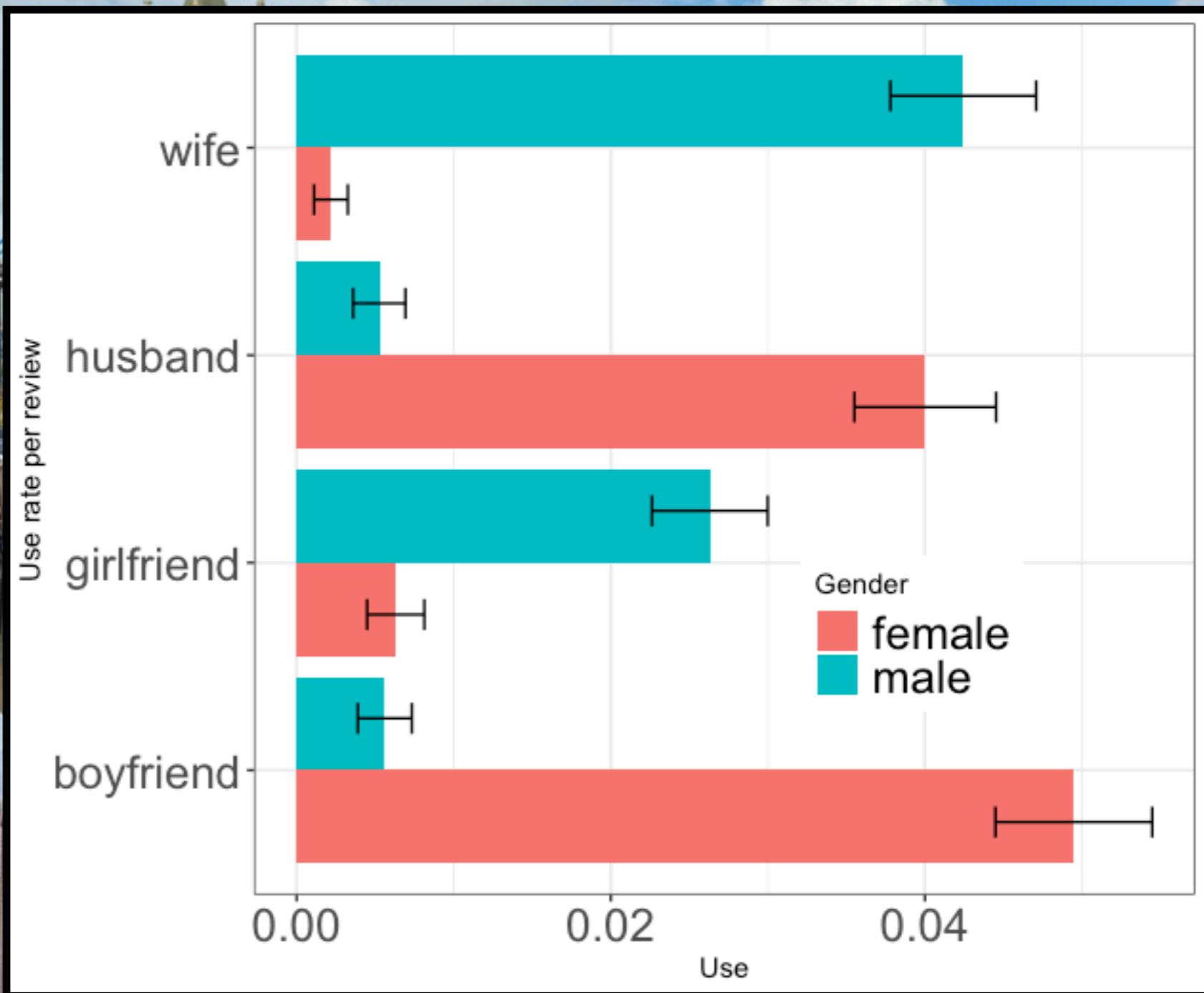
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**Basic Ingredients:** beef, pork, noodle, egg, soy, ramen, pho,

**Cuisines** Vietnamese, Dim Sum, Thai, Mexican, Japanese, Chinese, American, Pizza, Sushi, Indian, Italian, Asian

**Sentiment:** cheap, never,

**Service & Atmosphere** cash, worth, district, delivery, think, really, thing, parking, always, usually, definitely

- door: “The wait is always out the *door* when I actually want to go there”,

- sticker: “I had *sticker* shock when I saw the prices.”,

- student: “*heap*, large portions and tasty = the perfect *student* food!”,

- the size: “*i* was pretty astonished at *the size* of all the plates for the money.”,

- was dry: “The beef *was dry*, the sweet soy and anise-like sauce was TOO salty (almost inedible).”,

- pool: “There are *pool* tables, TV airing soccer games from around the globe and of course - great drinks!”

Table 2: Lexical Cues & Examples - Unhygienic (dirty)

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review count	*50.00	0.489	0.0005
np review count	*52.94	0.522	0.0017
cuisine	*66.18	0.227	0.1530
zip code	*67.32	0.209	0.1669
avrg. rating	*57.52	0.248	0.0091
inspection history	*72.22	0.202	0.1961
unigram	78.43	0.461	0.1027
bigram	*76.63	0.476	0.0523
unigram + bigram	82.68	0.442	0.0979
all	81.37	0.190	0.2642

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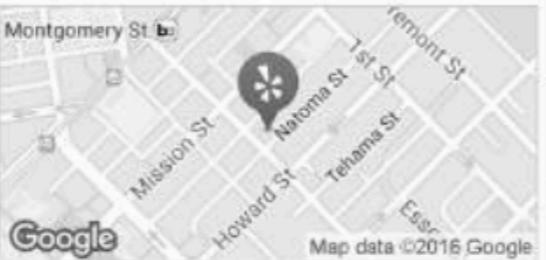
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Pad see ew chicken by Donna T.


See all 963

"My usual orders are the Pumpkin Curry (chicken), Volcano Beef, Pad See You (chicken), & Crab Fried Rice." in 165 reviews  
Pad See You

"Volcanic beef (isn't super spicy -- so that's good for me) and honey duck are really good dishes." in 118 reviews  
Volcanic Beef

"What stood out to me the most was the Tom Yum soup, pumpkin curry, and spicy catfish." in 138 reviews  
Pumpkin Curry

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**Make a Reservation**

Today 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Closed now

[Full menu](#)

Price range: \$11-30

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**Consumer Alert: Poor Food Safety Score!**

Did you know that local officials inspect food service facilities to improve food safety?

Following a recent inspection, this facility received a food safety rating that is in the bottom 5% locally, and is categorized by inspectors as "poor."

Being in the consumer protection business, we care a lot about your safety and will display this alert for six months or until we receive a significantly improved food safety rating for this business.

[Got it, thanks!](#)

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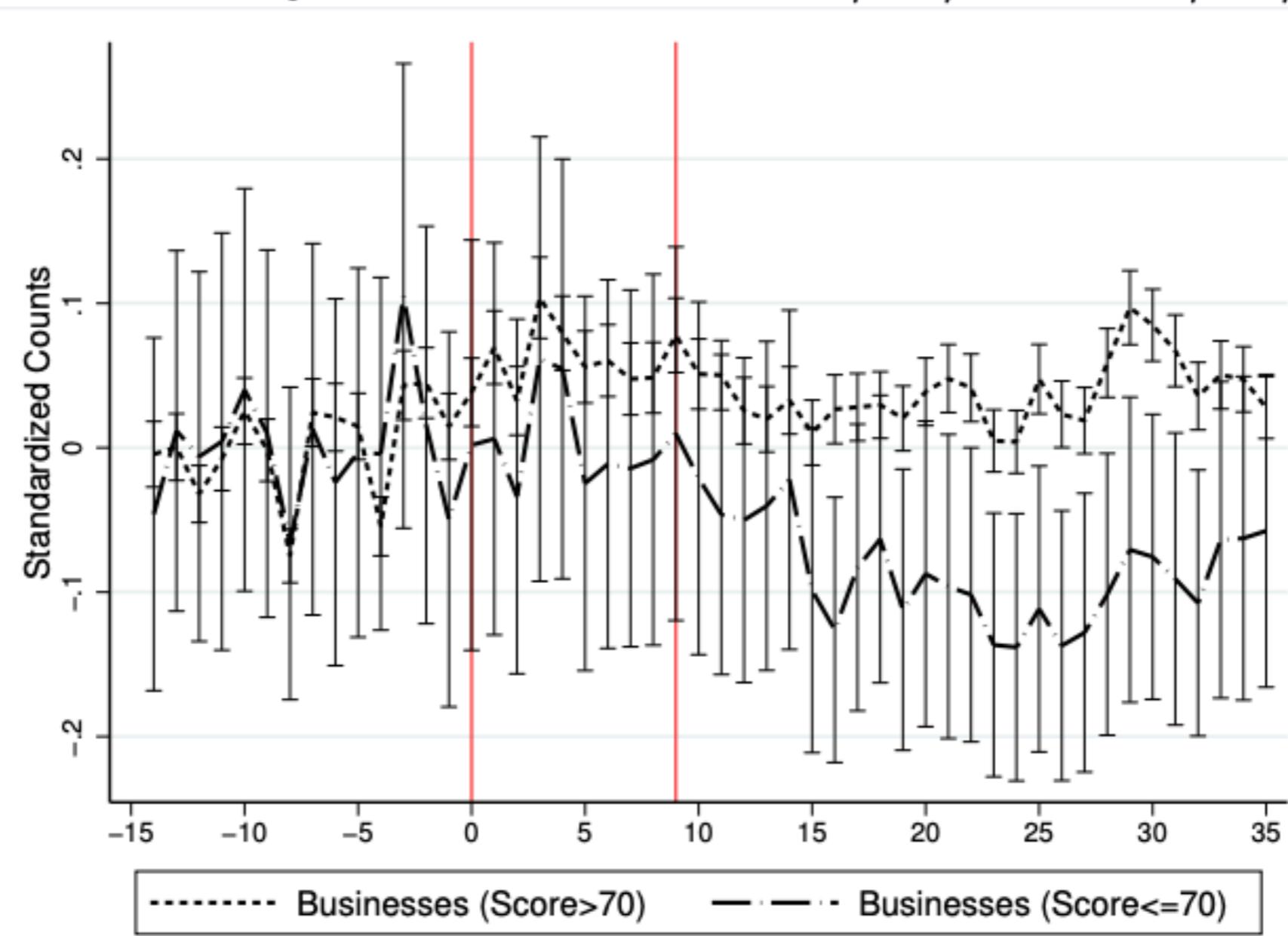
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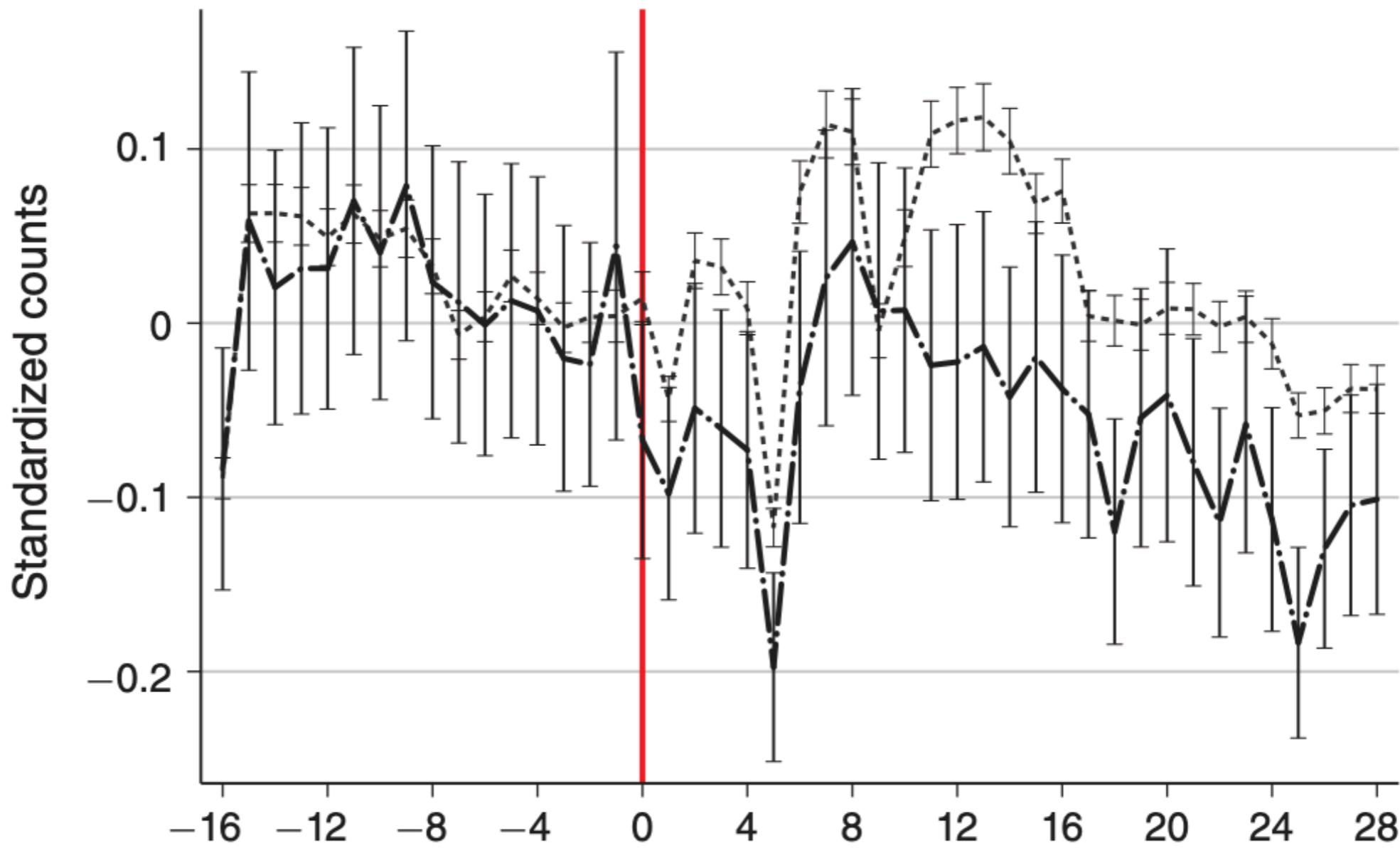


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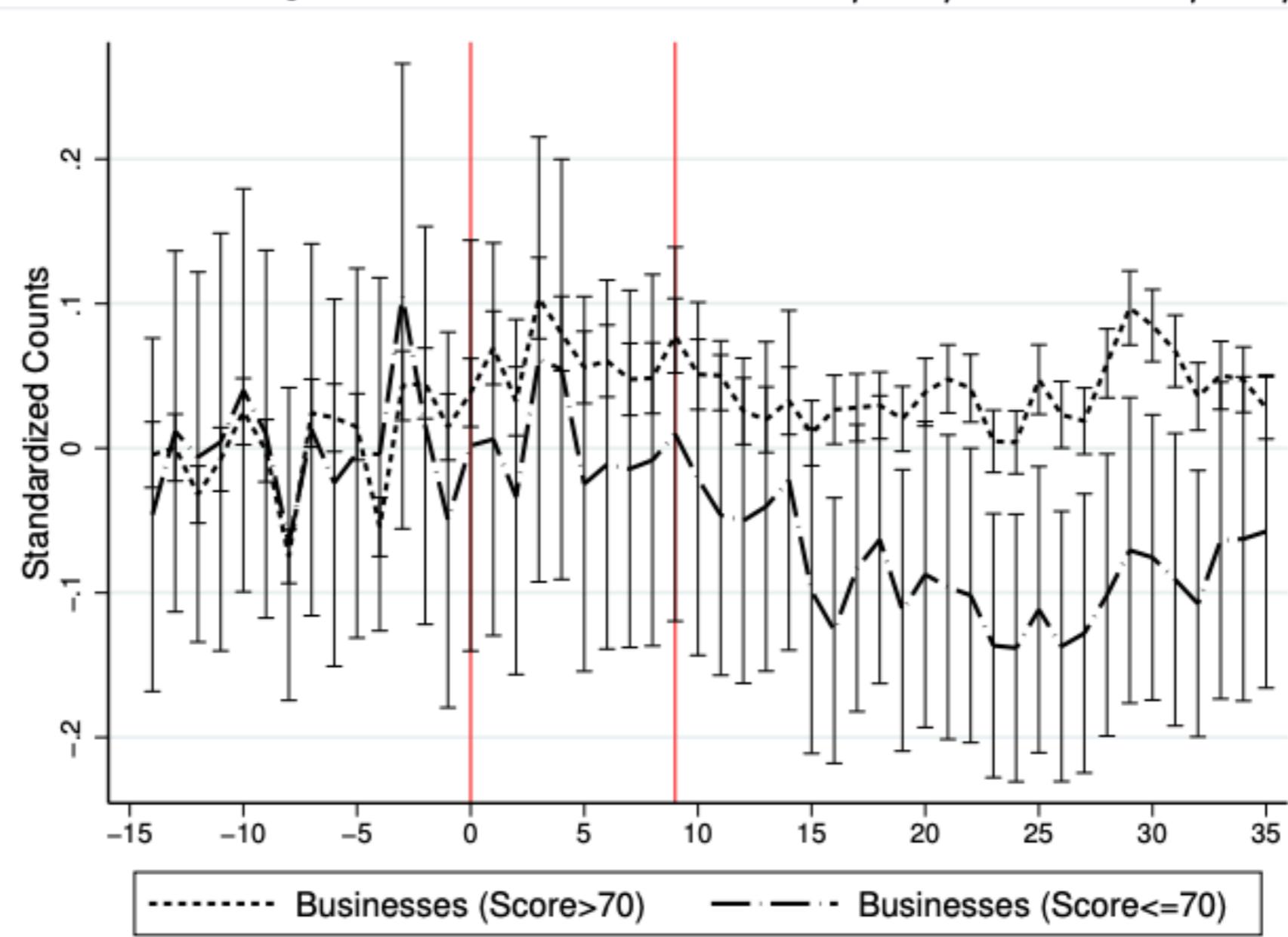


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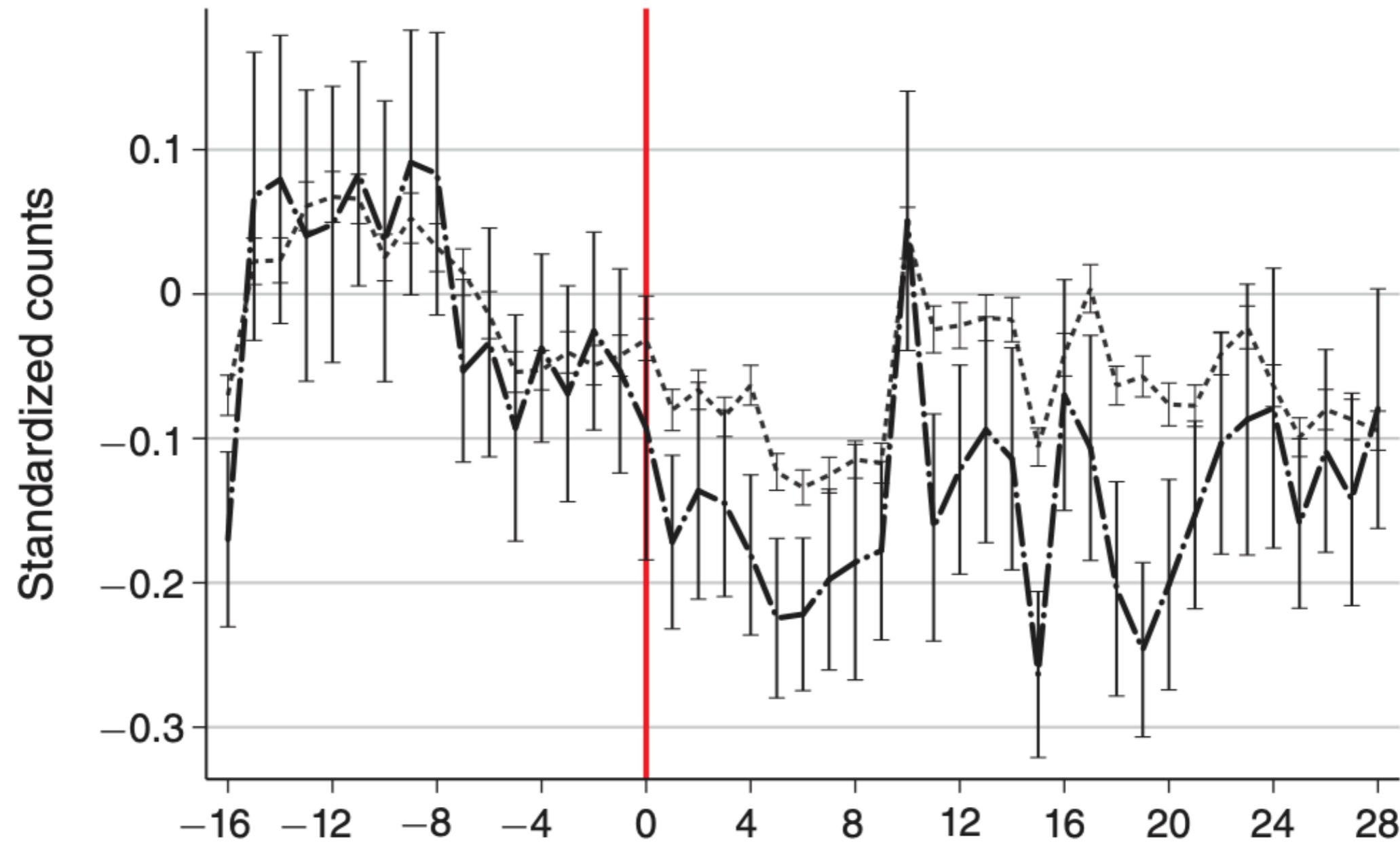


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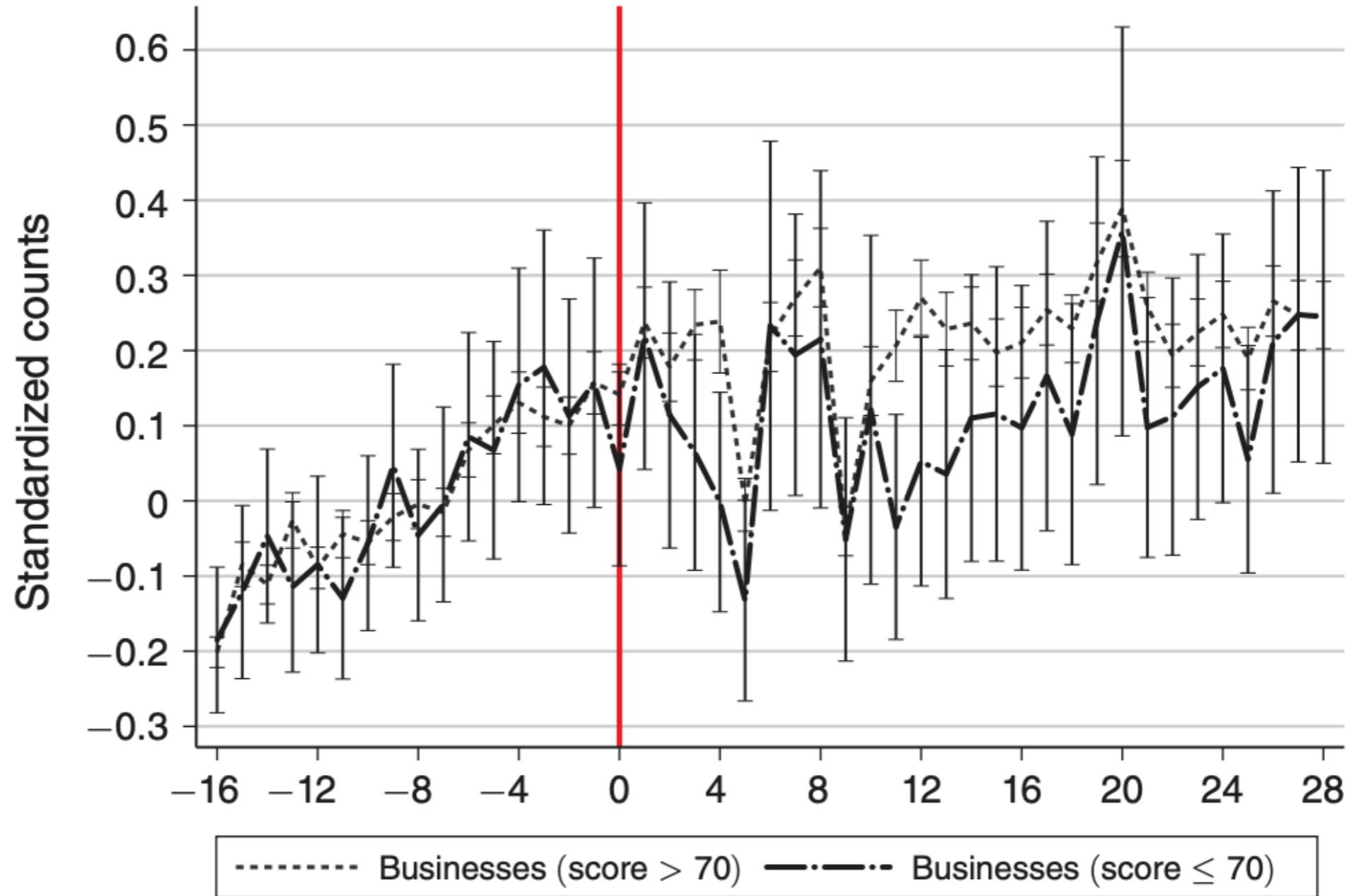


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Panel C. Weekly number of takeout orders: 7/1/2015–5/9/2016



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March 27, 2014 — Routine Inspection

### Violations

- Inadequate and inaccessible handwashing facilities
- Wiping cloths not clean or properly stored or inadequate sanitizer
- Inadequate food safety knowledge or lack of certified food safety manager

### Previous Inspections

Date	Inspection Type	Violations	Score
July 25, 2013	Routine	10	49
February 11, 2013	Routine	11	60

### Health Score

**90**

out of 100

### About Yelp Health Scores

We collect public inspection data directly from your local health department. Due to the local health department's inspection schedule as well as the time it takes to pass that information on to us, it is possible that we may not display the most recent inspection data. Please report any unreasonable delay and data inaccuracies to your local health department via their [website](#) or [email](#).

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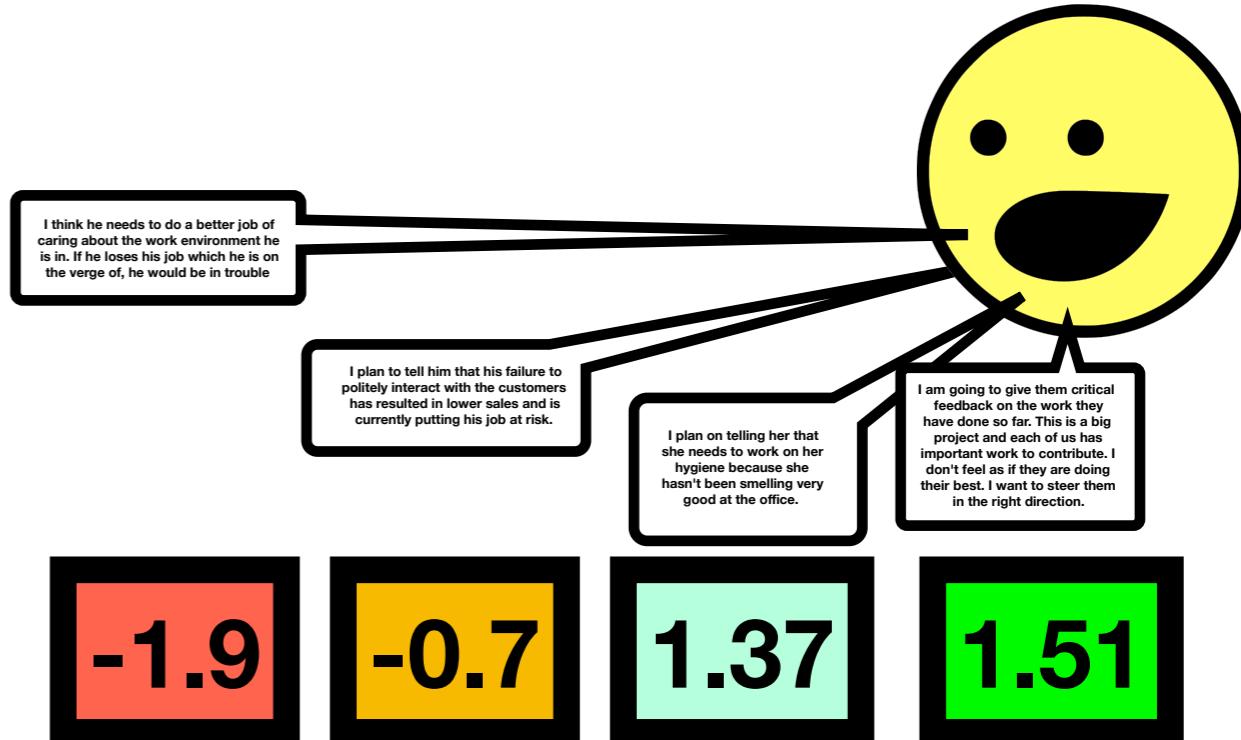
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What we've always been doing

More accurate than algorithms

for complex tasks

Can understand context, nuance



## Humans: Minuses

High marginal cost of labor

Not reliable

Not transparent



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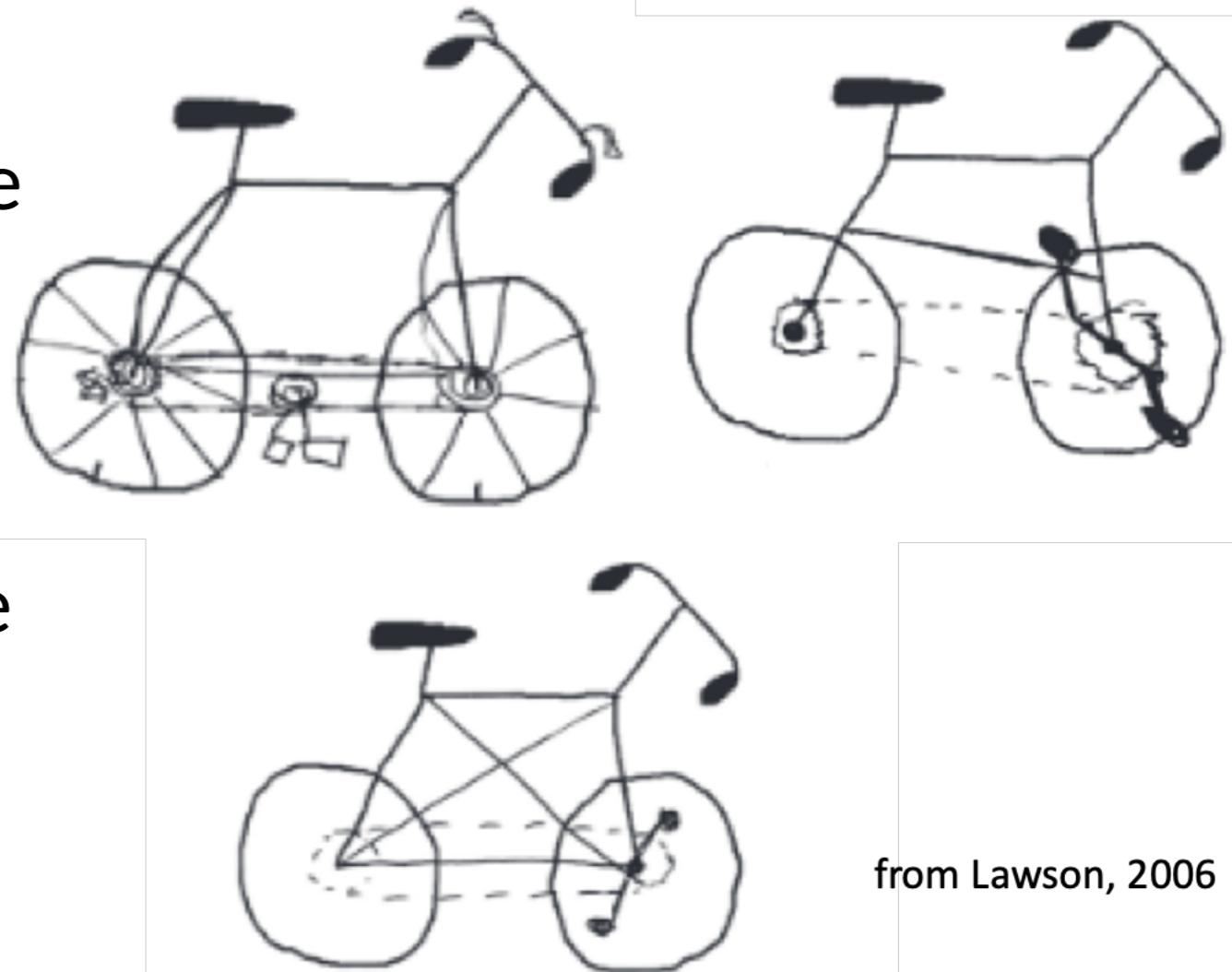
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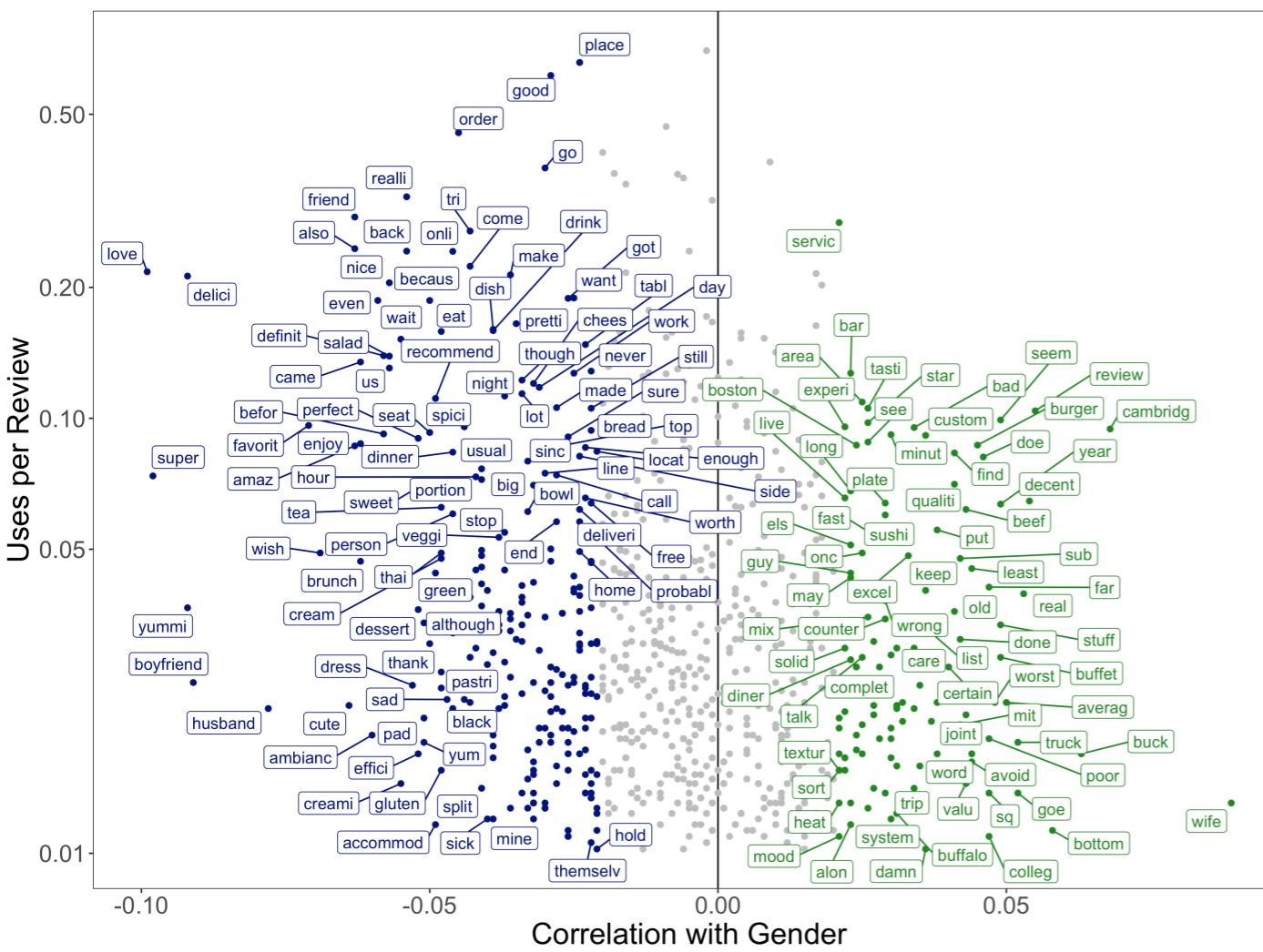
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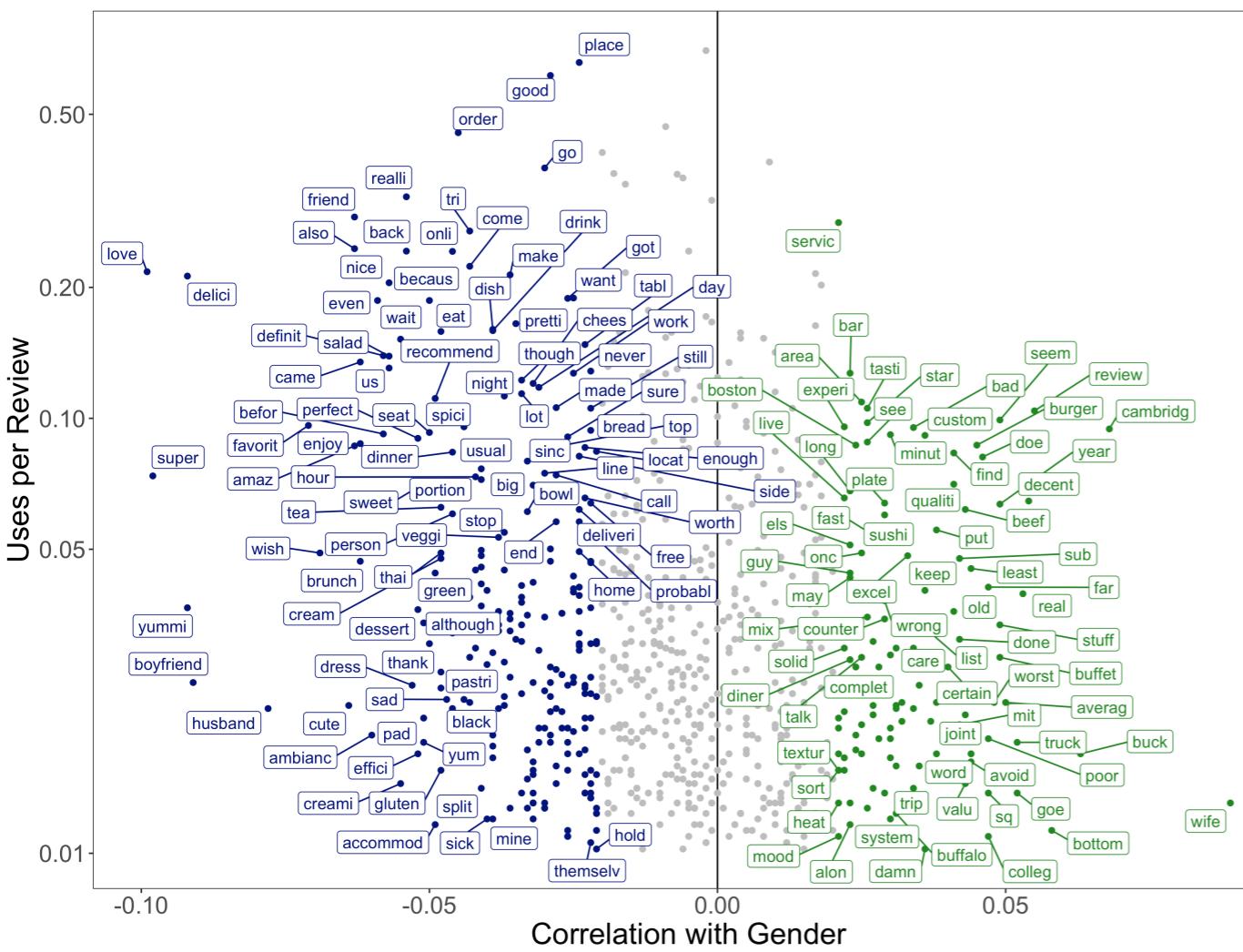
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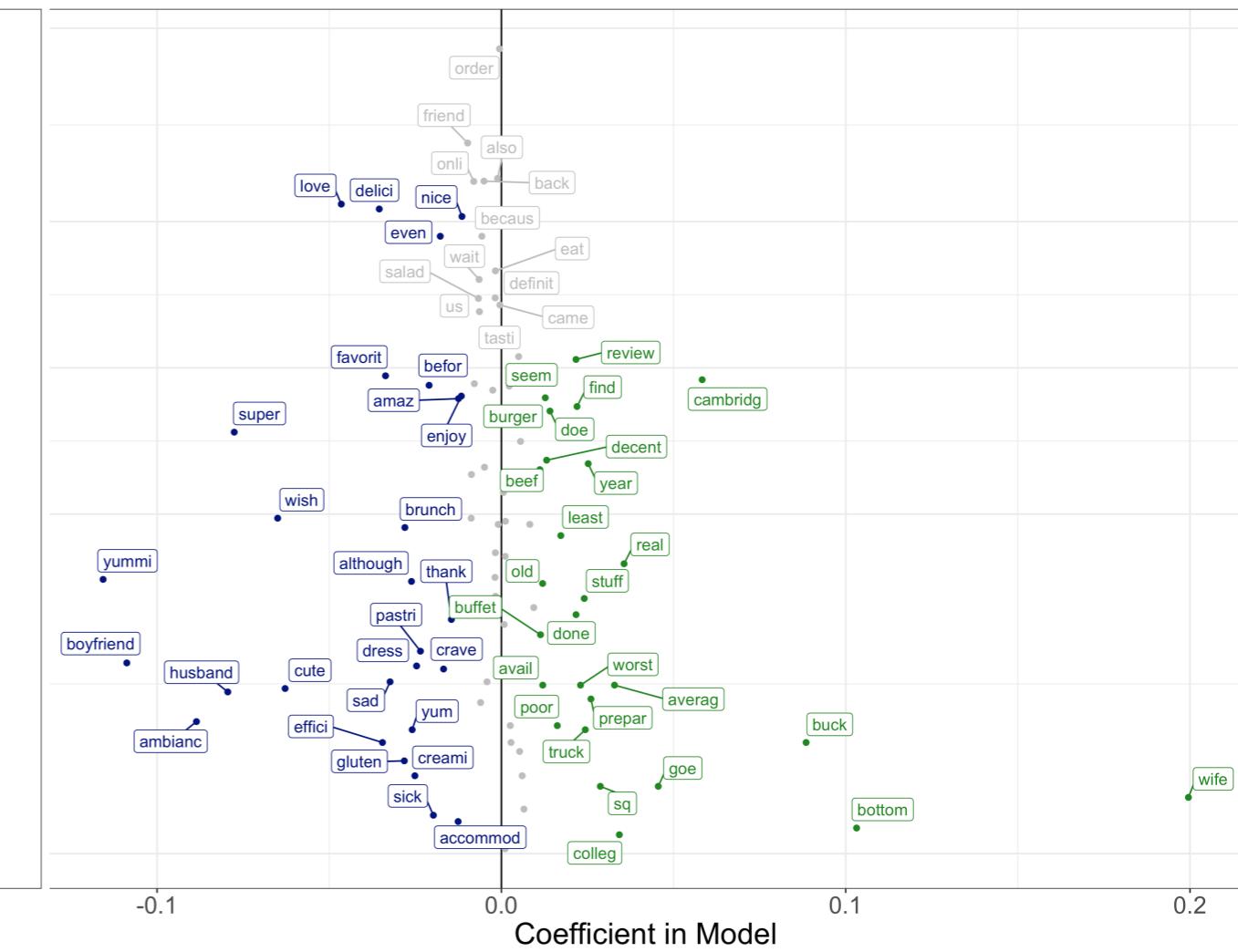


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# Model Cards for Model Reporting

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- **Model Details.** Basic information about the model.
  - Person or organization developing model
  - Model date
  - Model version
  - Model type
  - Information about training algorithms, parameters, fairness constraints or other applied approaches, and features
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  - License
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- **Intended Use.** Use cases that were envisioned during development.
  - Primary intended uses
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  - Out-of-scope use cases
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  - Relevant factors
  - Evaluation factors

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  - Model performance measures
  - Decision thresholds
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(Mitchell et al., 2018)

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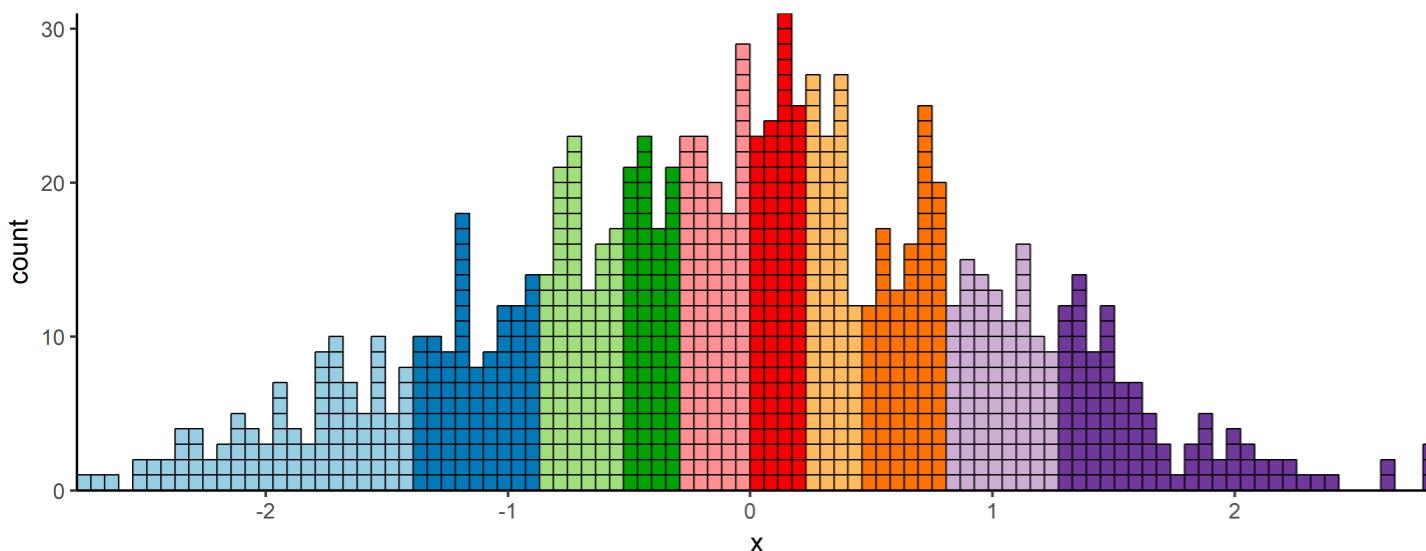
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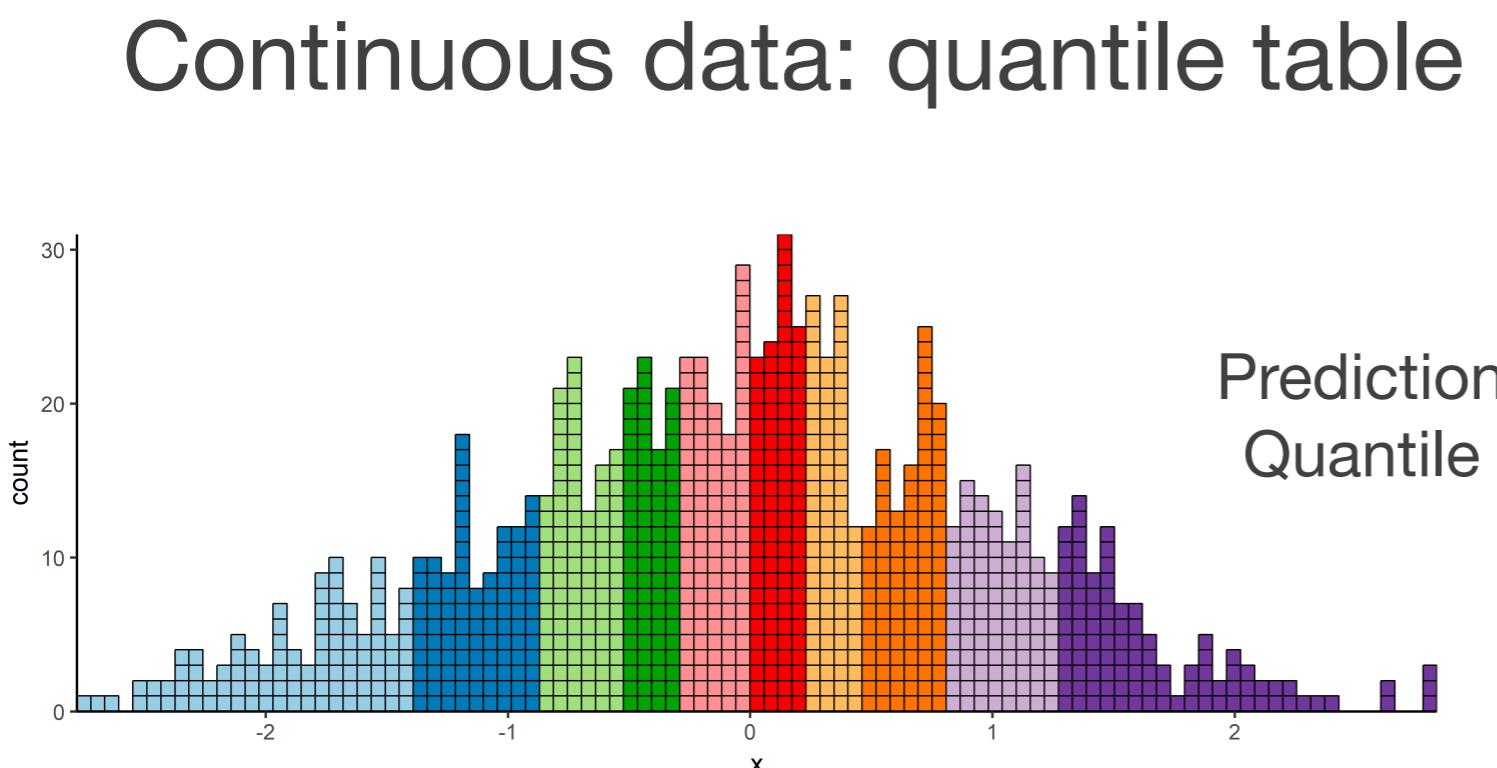
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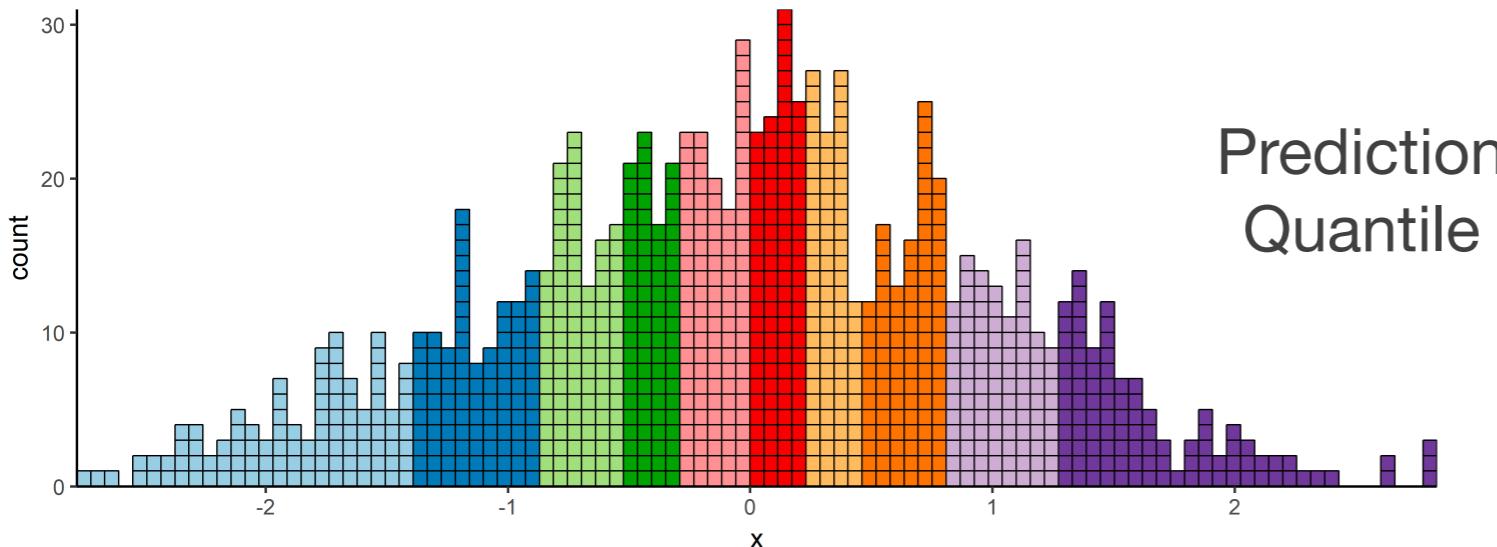
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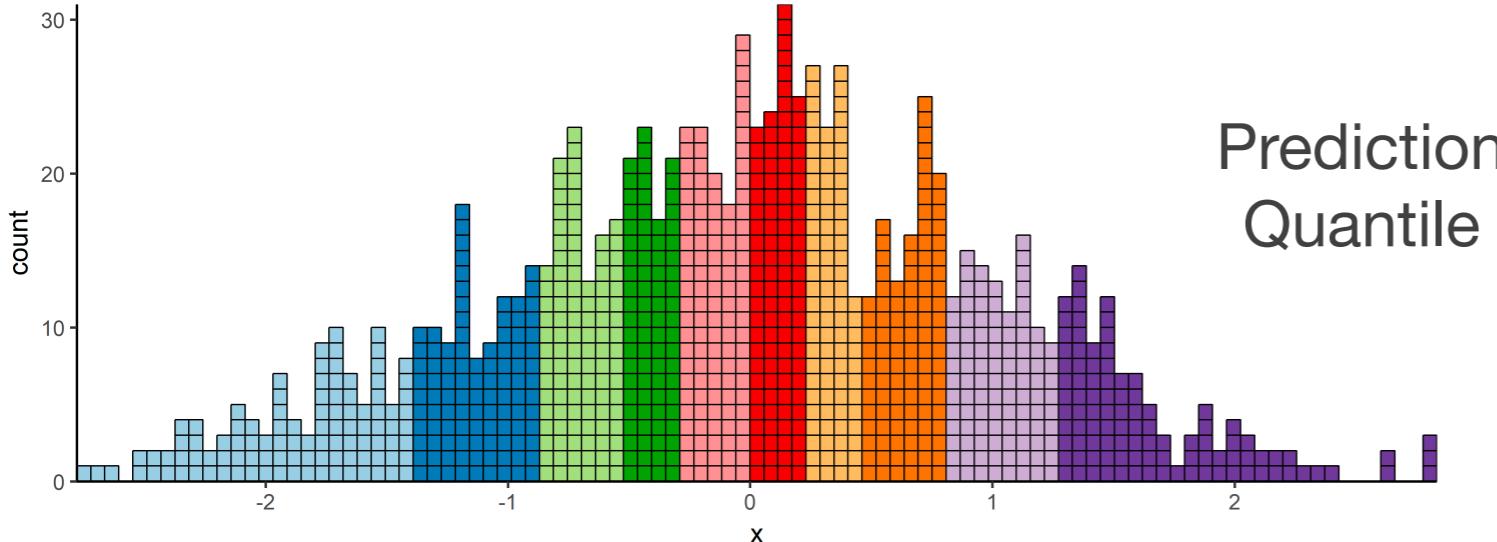
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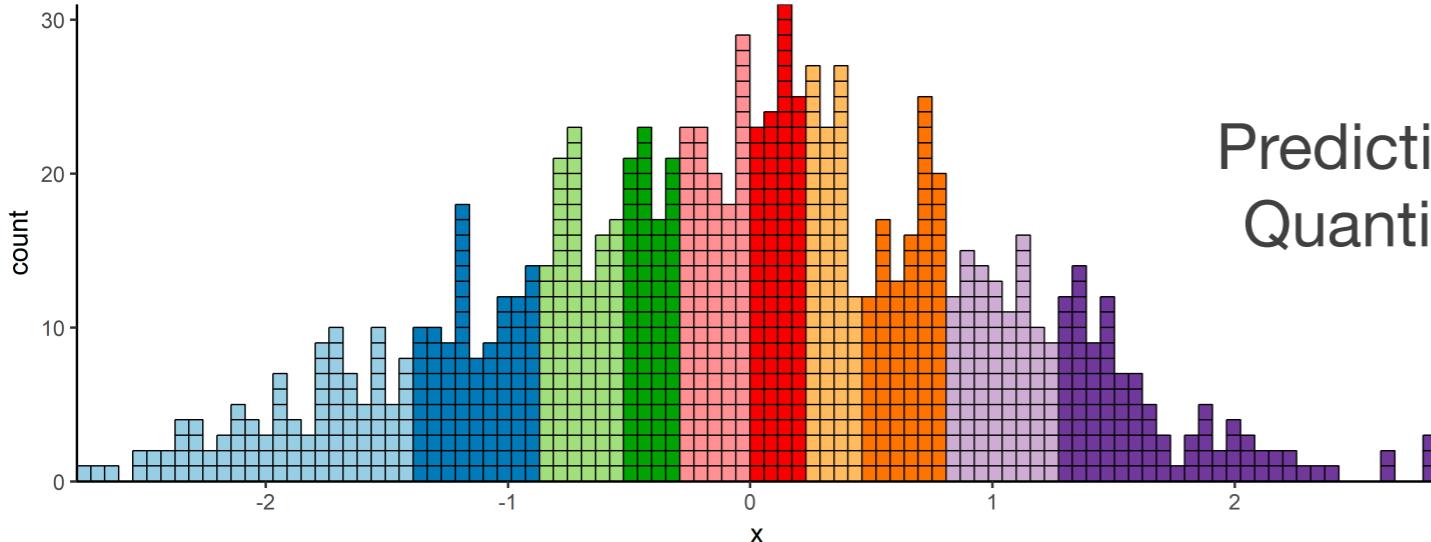
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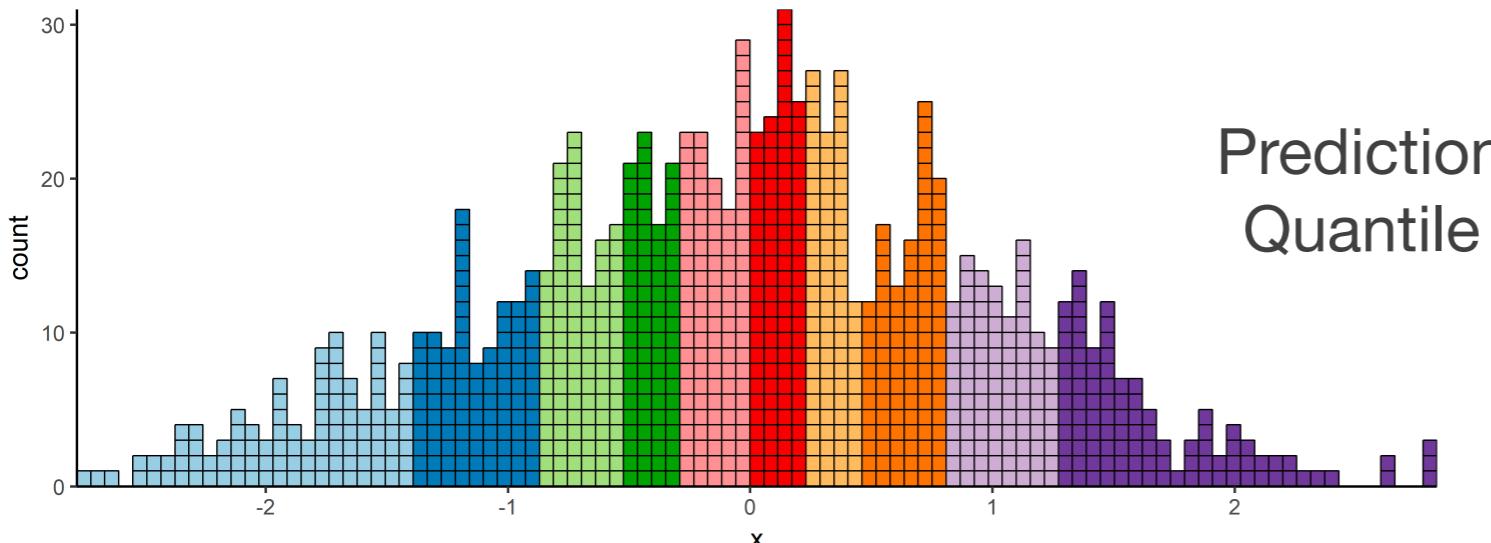


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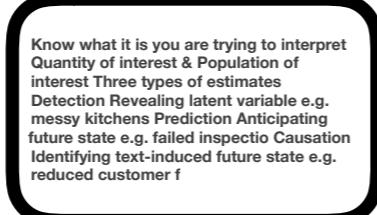
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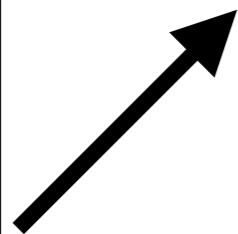
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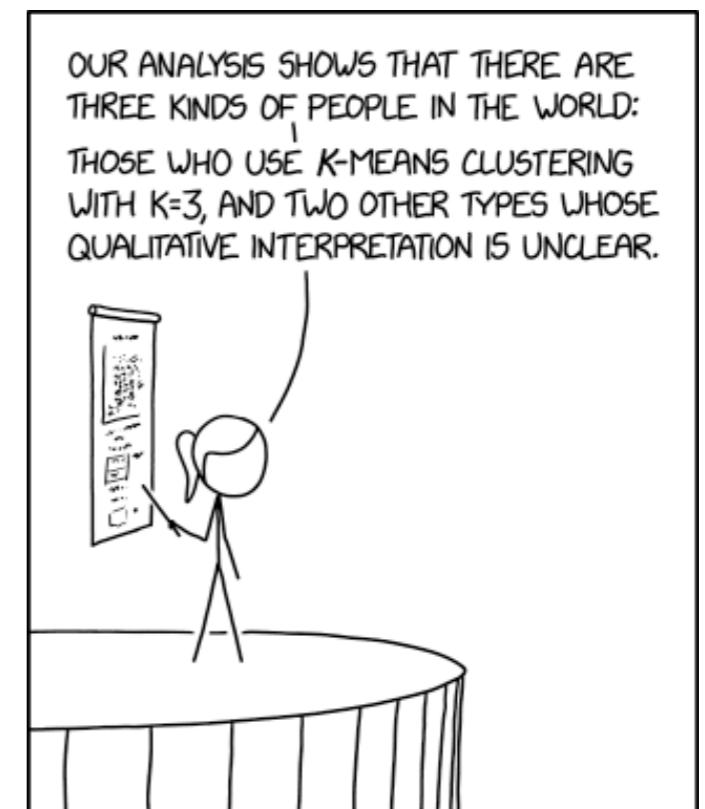
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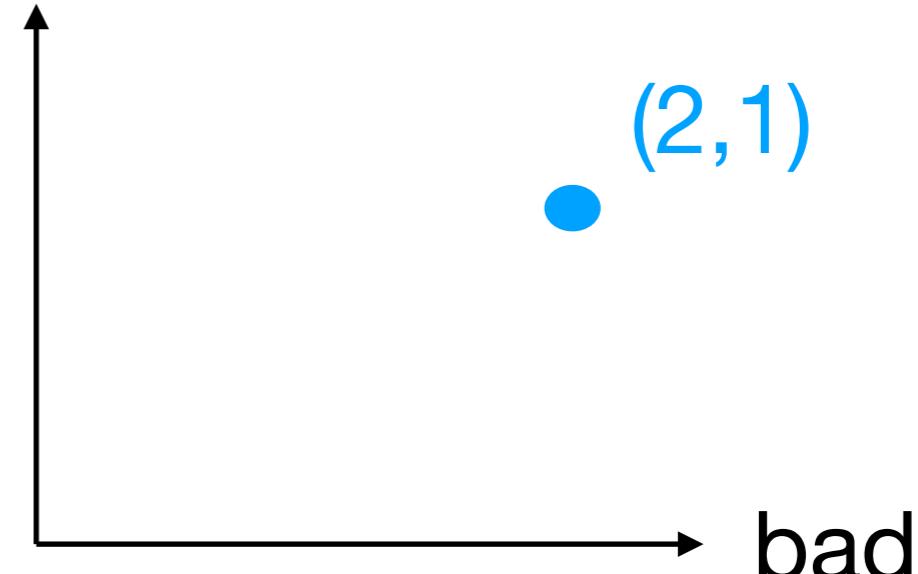
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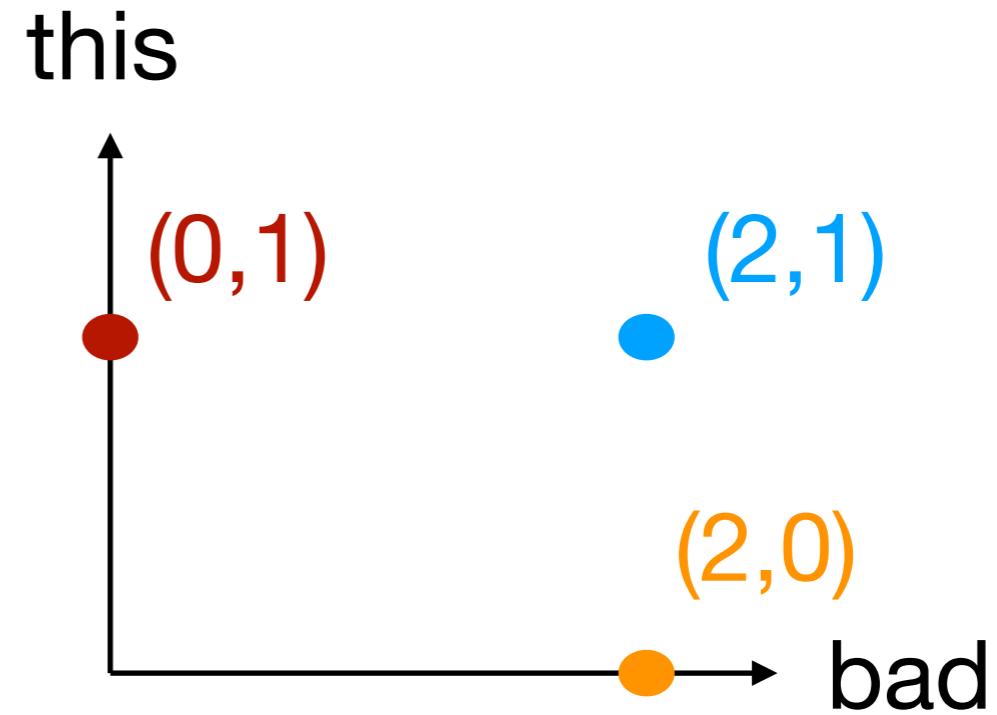
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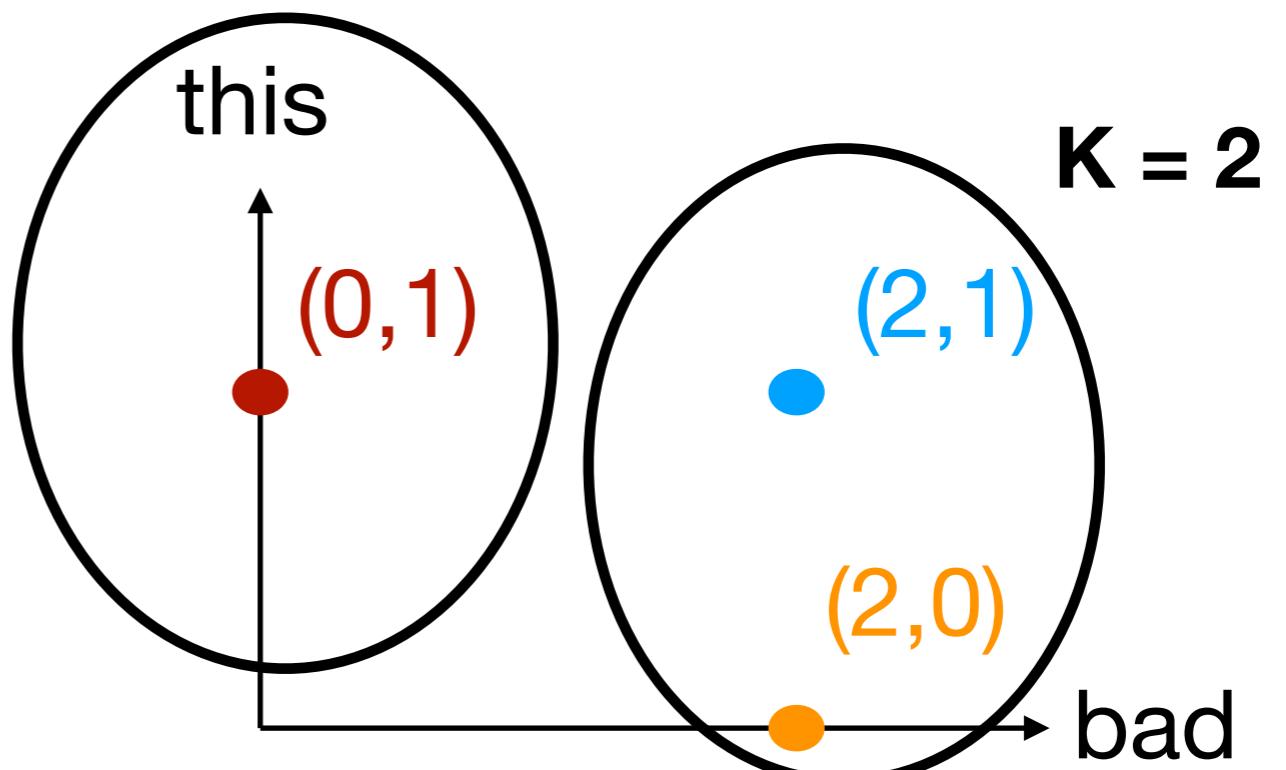
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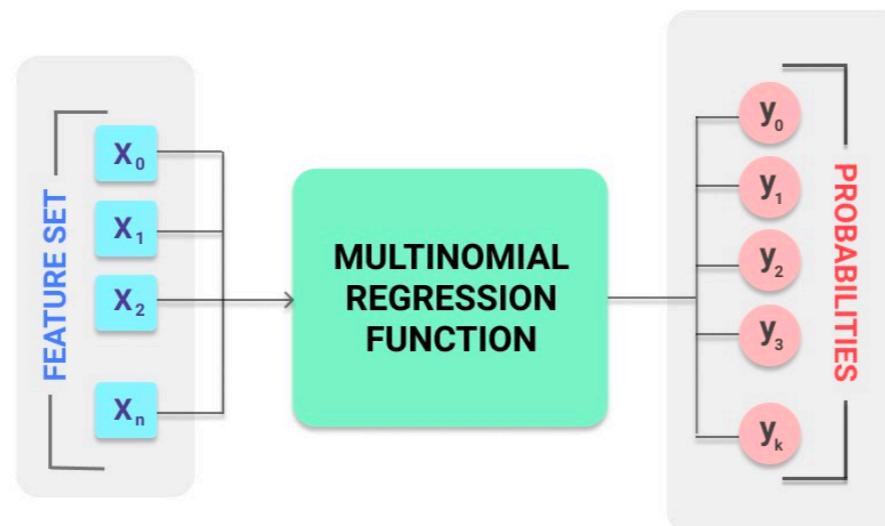
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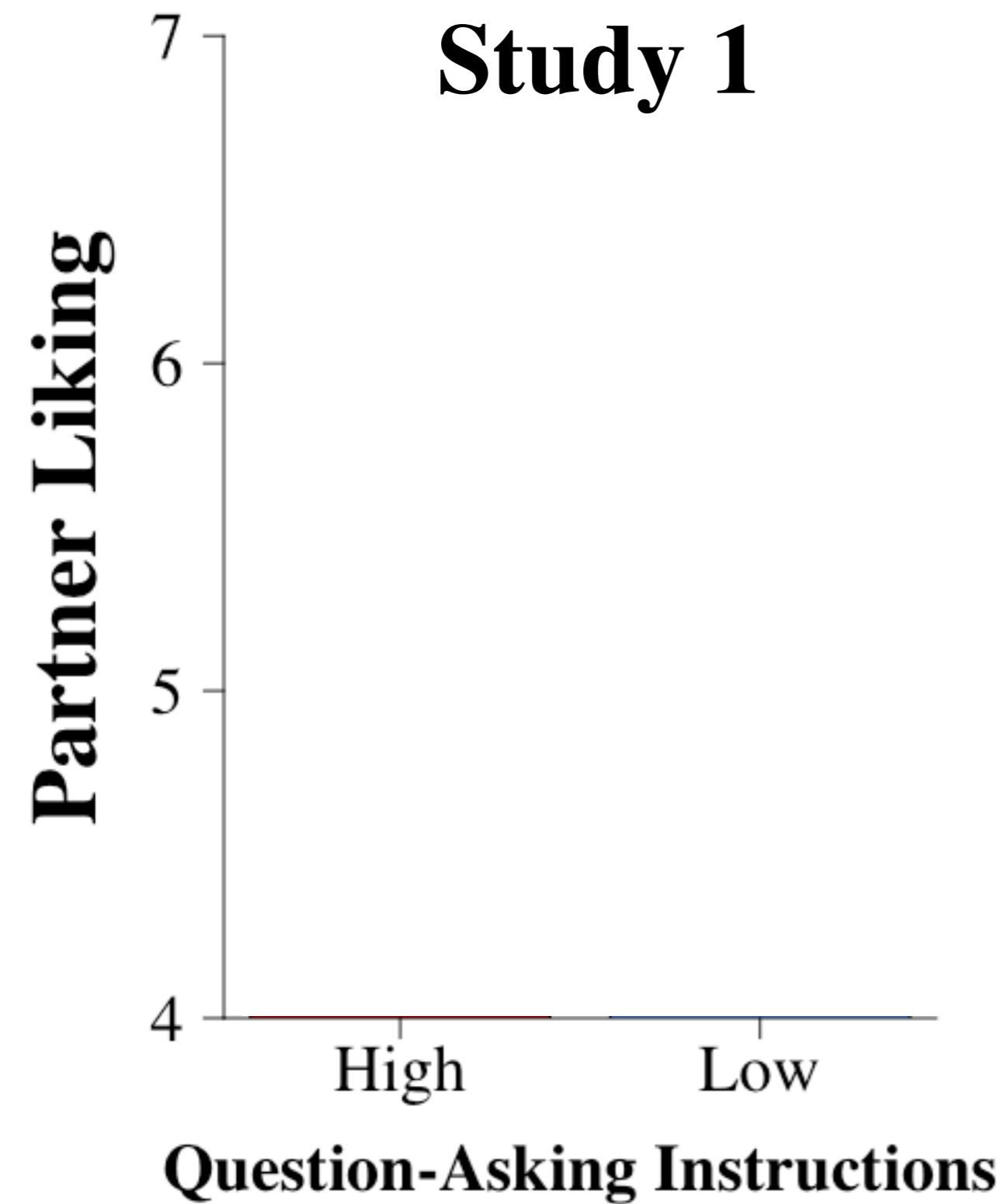
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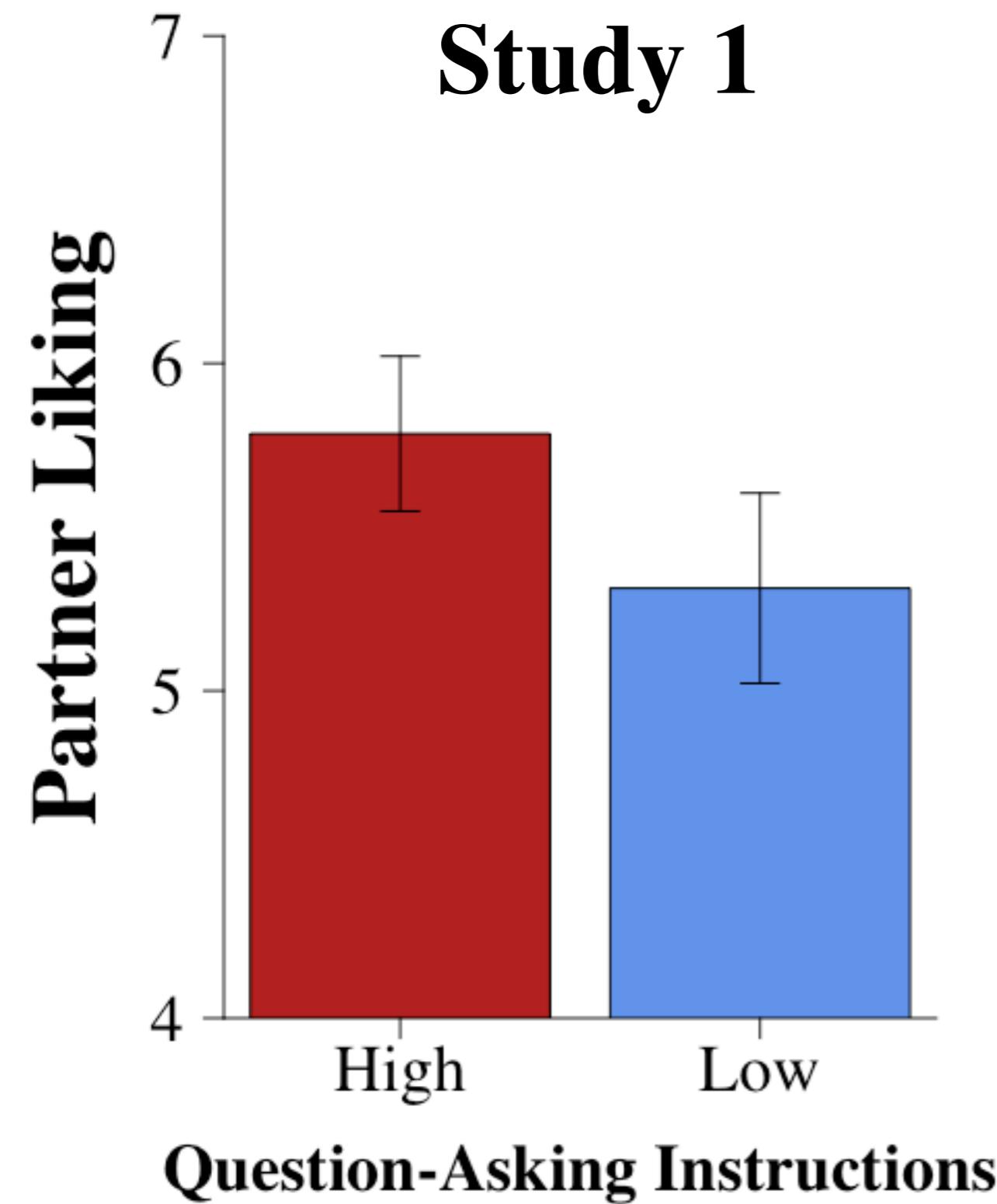
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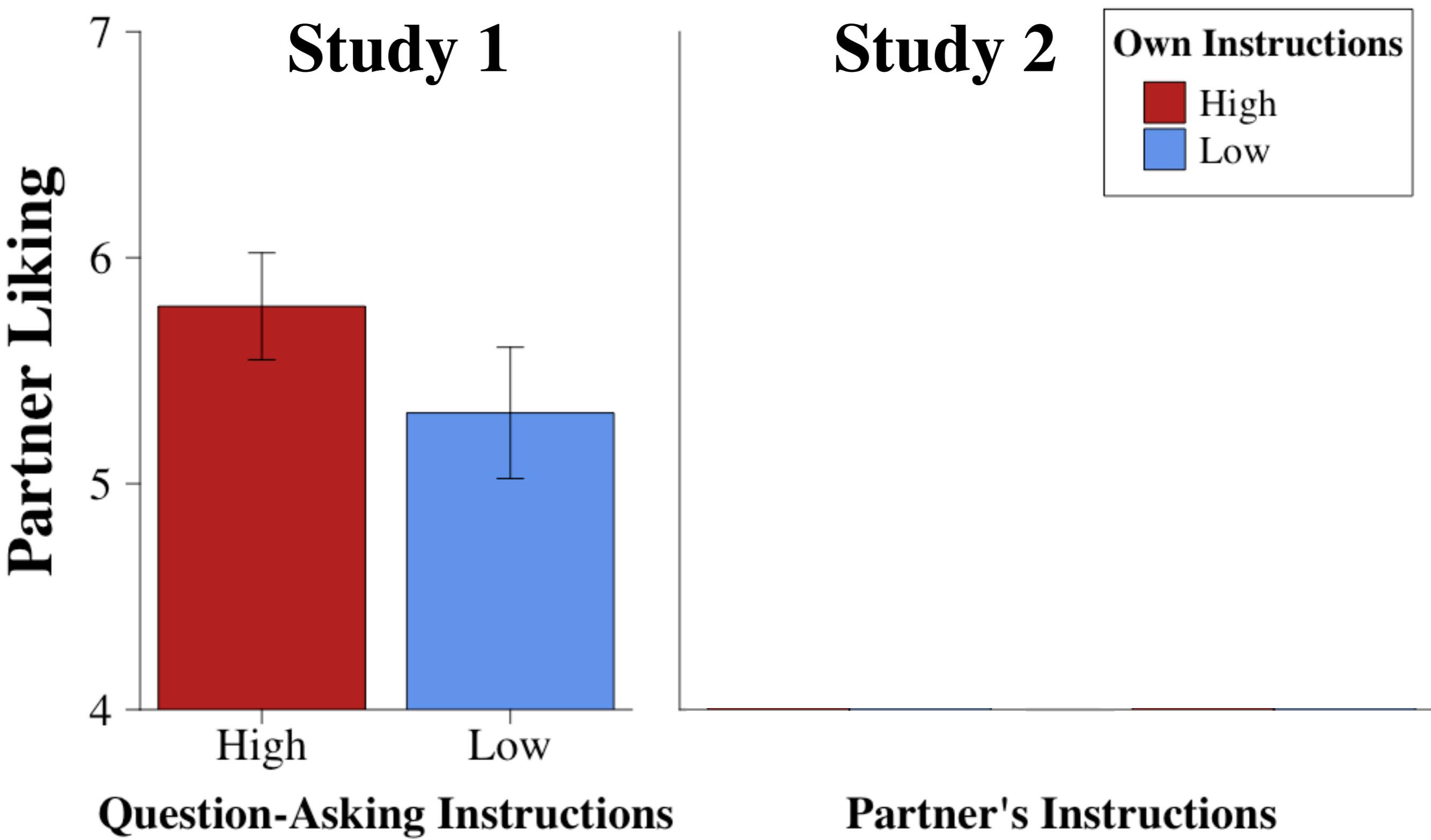
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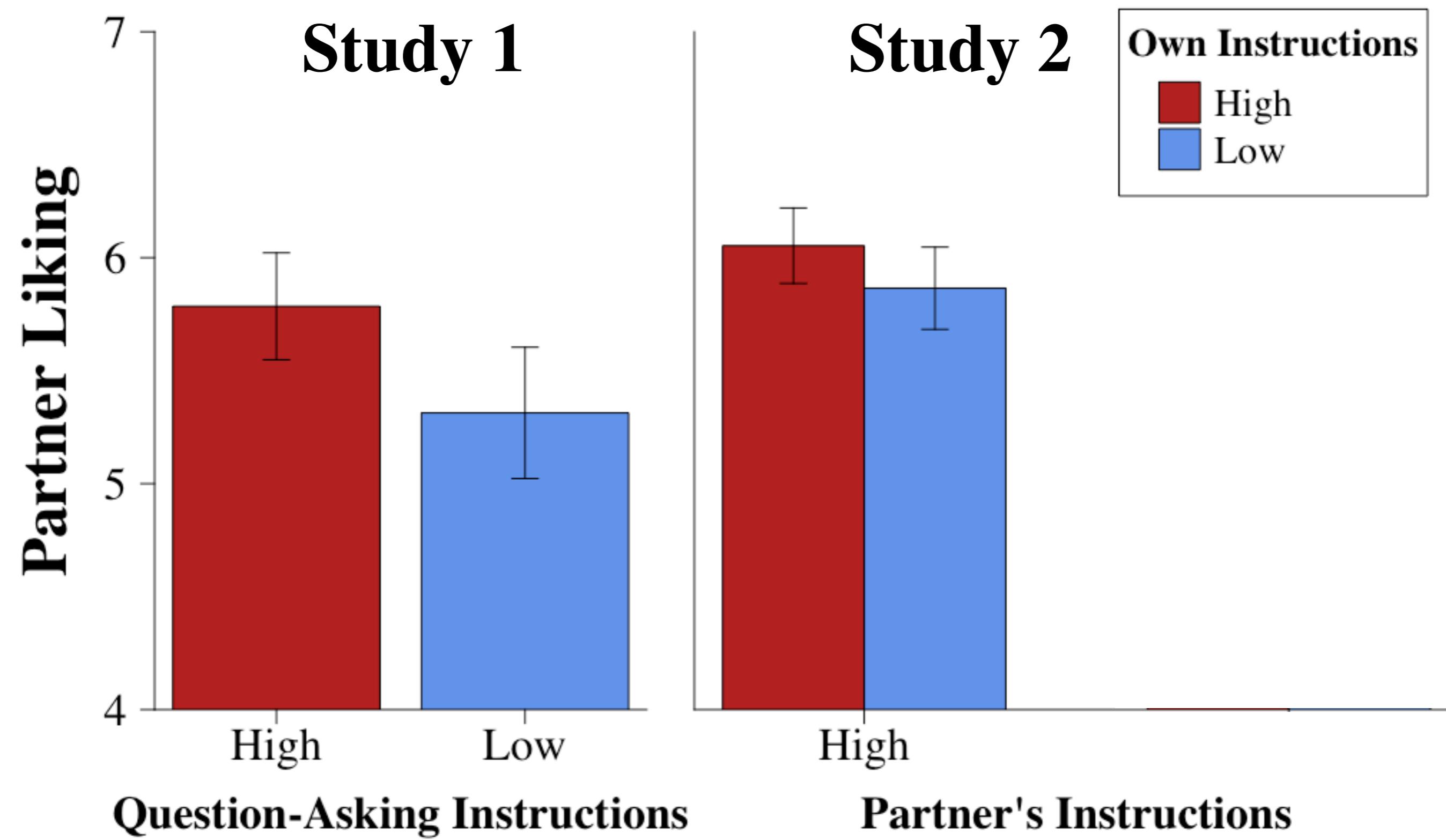
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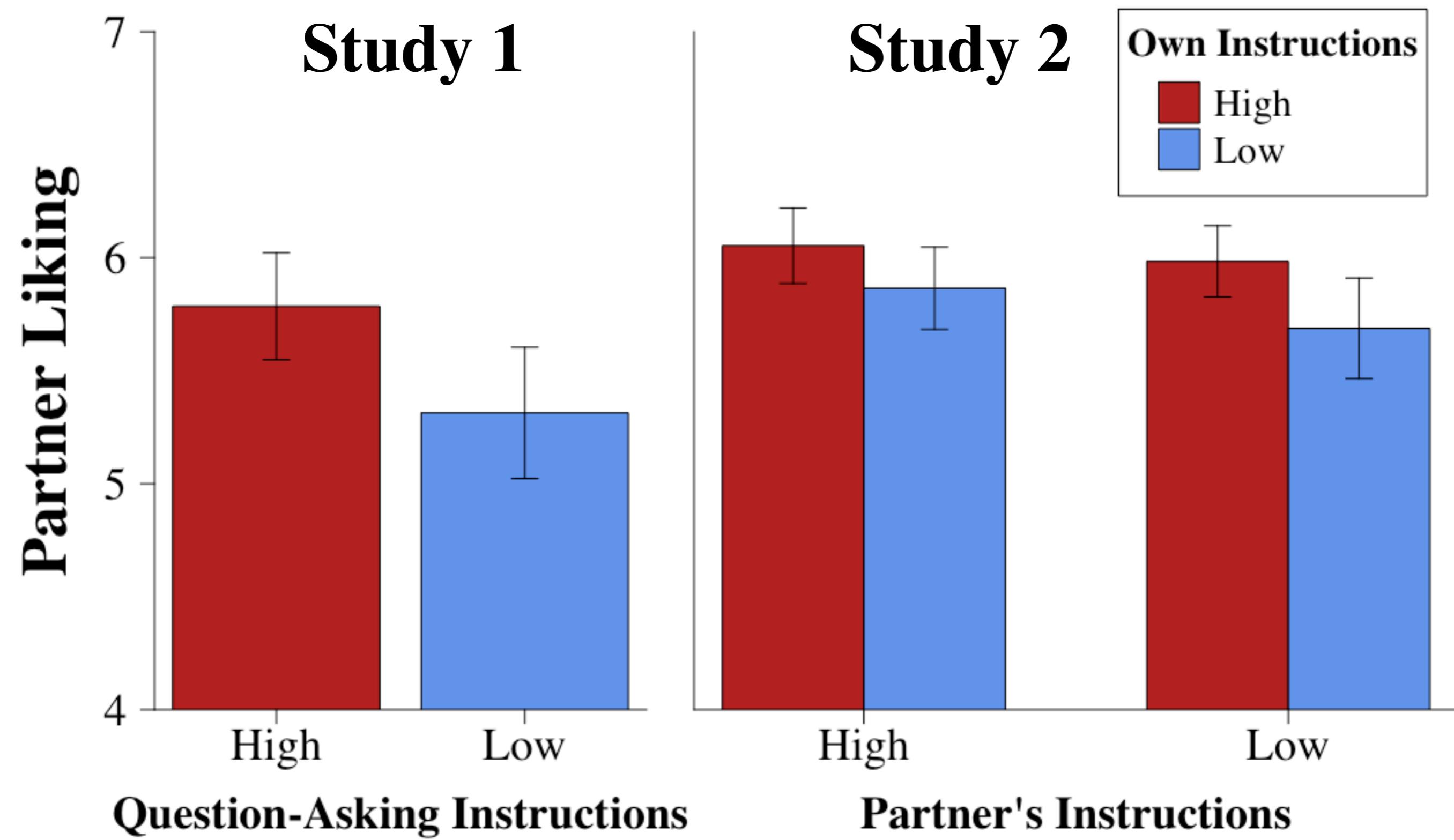
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Follow-Up	Person 1: I'm planning a trip to Canada. Person 2: Oh, cool. <b>Have you been there before?</b>	.87	40.5%
Full Switch	Person 1: I am working at a dry cleaners. Person 2: <b>What do you like doing for fun?</b>	.86	27.6%
Partial Switch	Person 1: Not super outdoorsy, but not opposed to a hike or something once in awhile. Person 2: <b>Have you been to the beach in Boston?</b>	.47	5.5%
Mirror	Person 1: What did you have for breakfast? Person 2: I had eggs and fruit. <b>How about you?</b>	.94	19.0%
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we	off	be	m	it	such	of	ma	his	both	but	hadn't
our	over	been	o	it's	no	at	mightn	himself	each	if	hasn
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you	further	has	y	they	only	with	mustn't	whom	t	after	wasn't
you're	then	had	ain	them	own	about	needn	this	can	above	weren
you've	once	having	aren	their	same	against	needn't	that	will	below	weren't
you'll	here	do	aren't	theirs	so	between	shan	that'll	just	to	won
you'd	there	does	couldn	themselves	than	into	shan't	these	don	from	won't
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# Distinctive Question Features

Follow-up	Switch	Introductory	Mirror
which	how old	how are you	how about
why	do you like	hello	what about
what kind	travel	your name	yourself?
cool	fun	how are	and
nice	do you live	hi how	i am
wow	interests	today?	and you
is it	hobbies?	what is	what about you
how do	you a student	go?	and
where do	weather	name?	no, i
want to	you from?	are you?	yes, i

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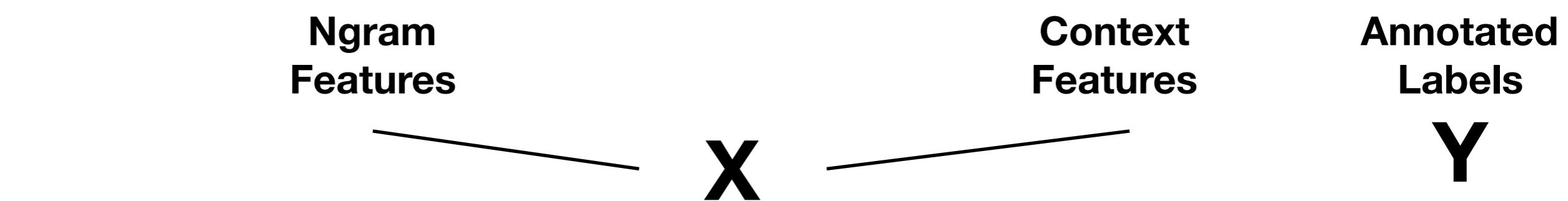
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Q4	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
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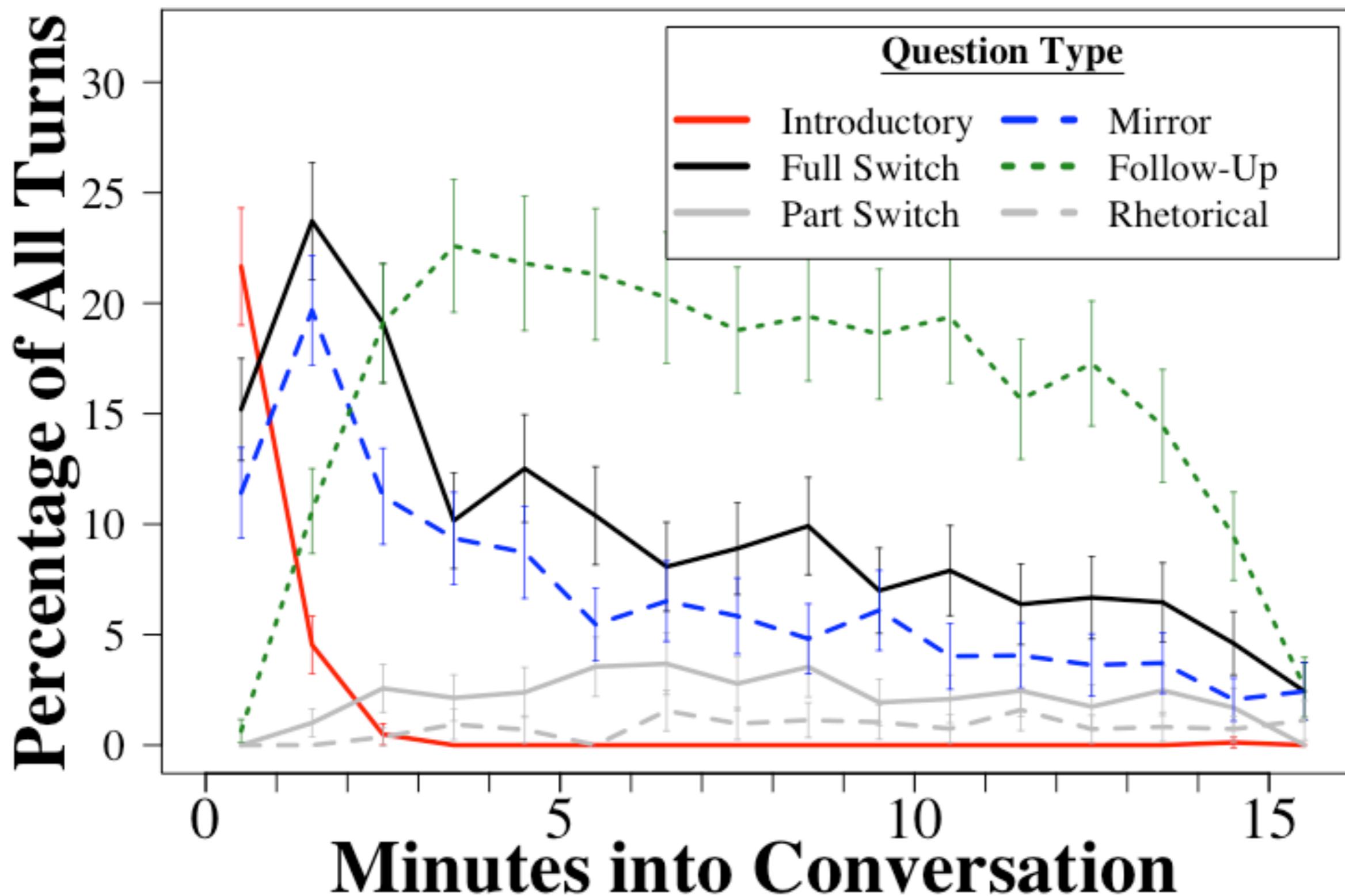
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i love travelling

me too

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no, I am from Colombia. and you?

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Yeah I loved it. Only classical music but I still enjoyed it so much. And  
now obviously I still really like listening to music, and producing it.

Classical? or other genres

you should try out Snarky Puppy. it's an instrumental based music.  
my favorite band

Cool! I'll definitely check it out. What kind of music do you mostly  
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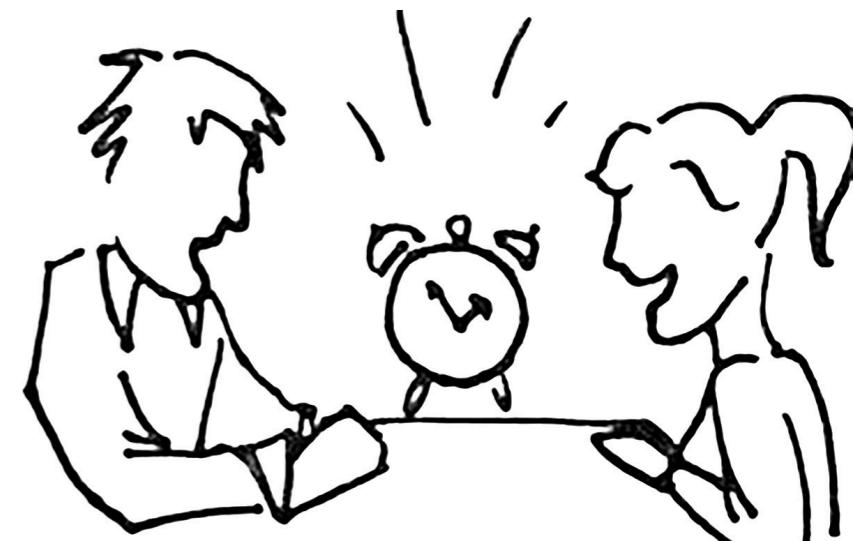
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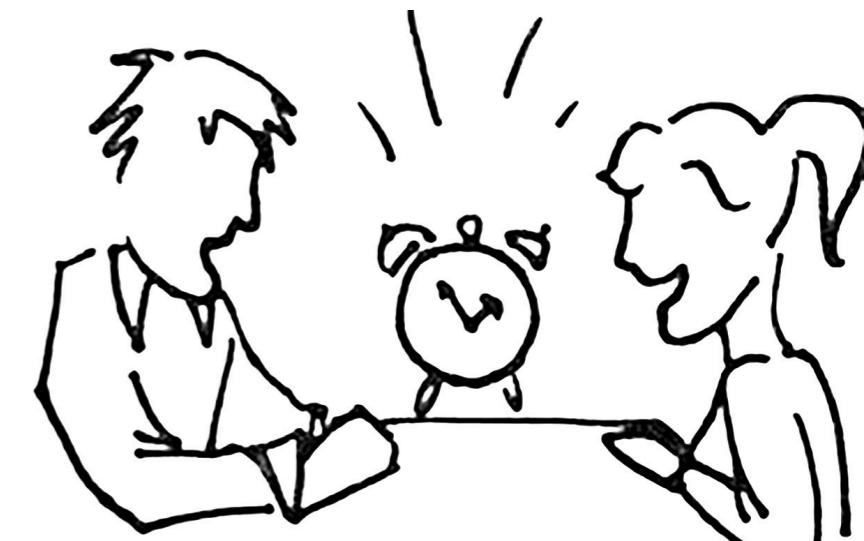
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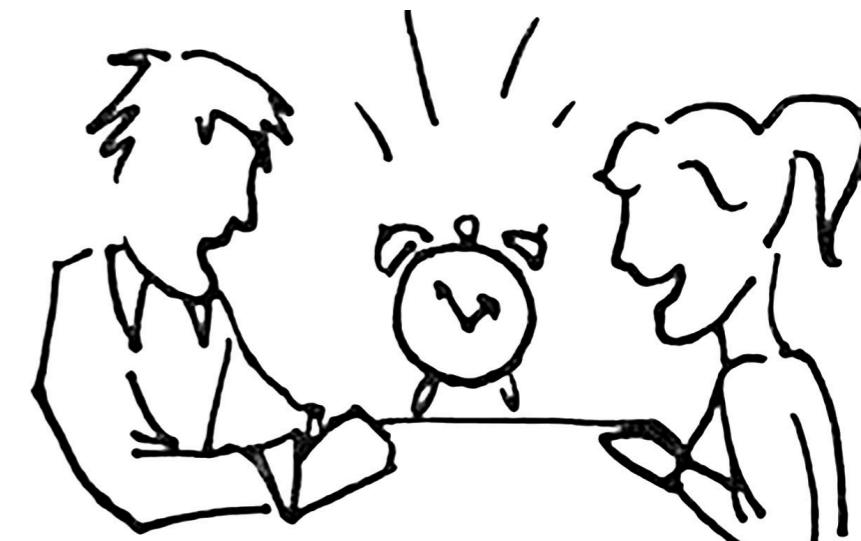
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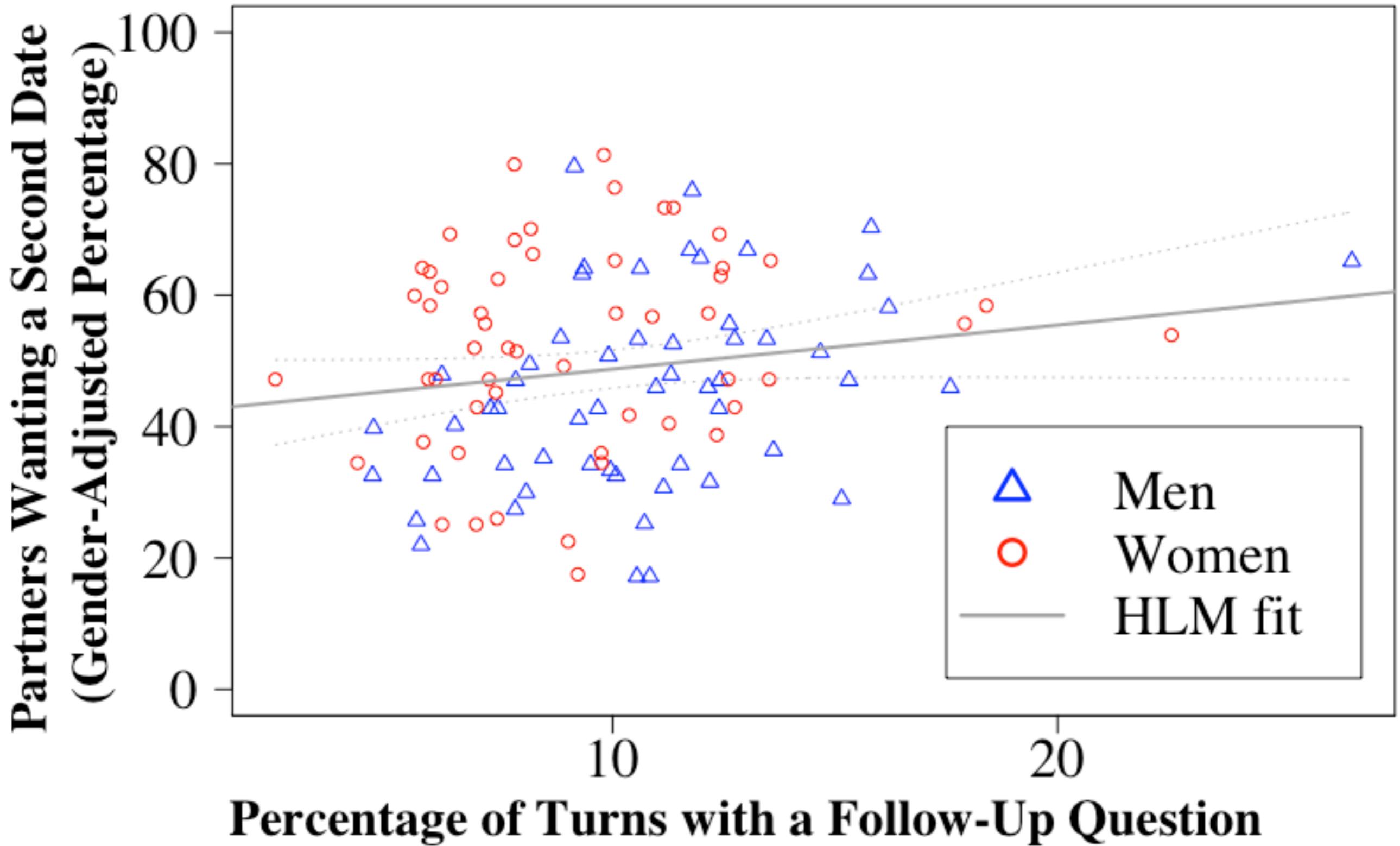
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# Follow-Up Questions in Speed Dates



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e.g. job descriptions are "accounting", "teaching", "IT", etc.

Unsupervised approach: if you don't have labeled documents

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*k-means* clustering algorithm

assign clusters to minimize intra-cluster distance

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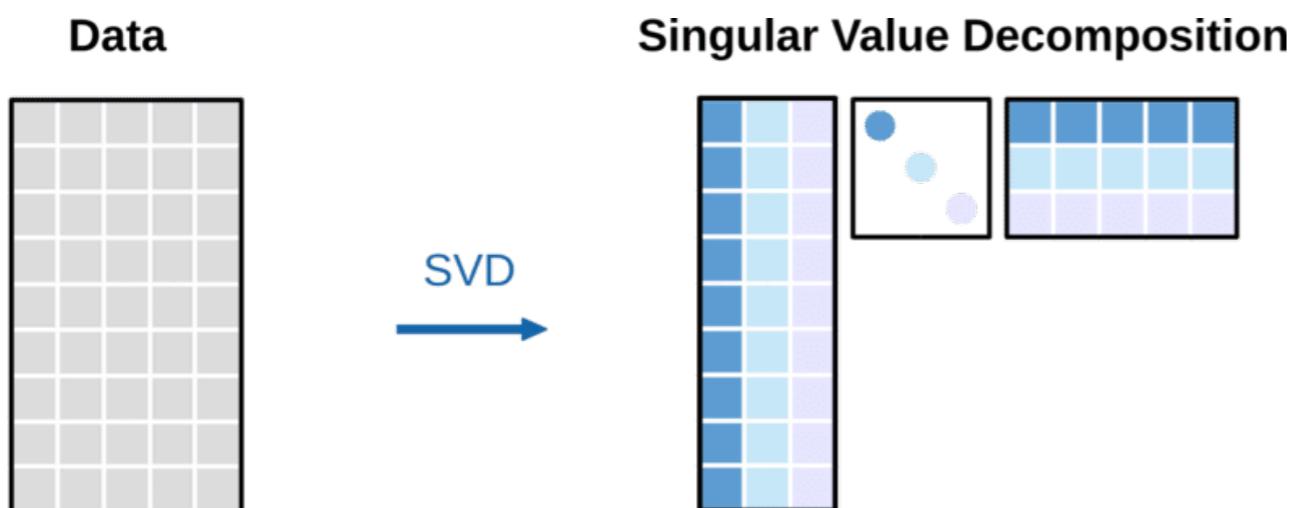
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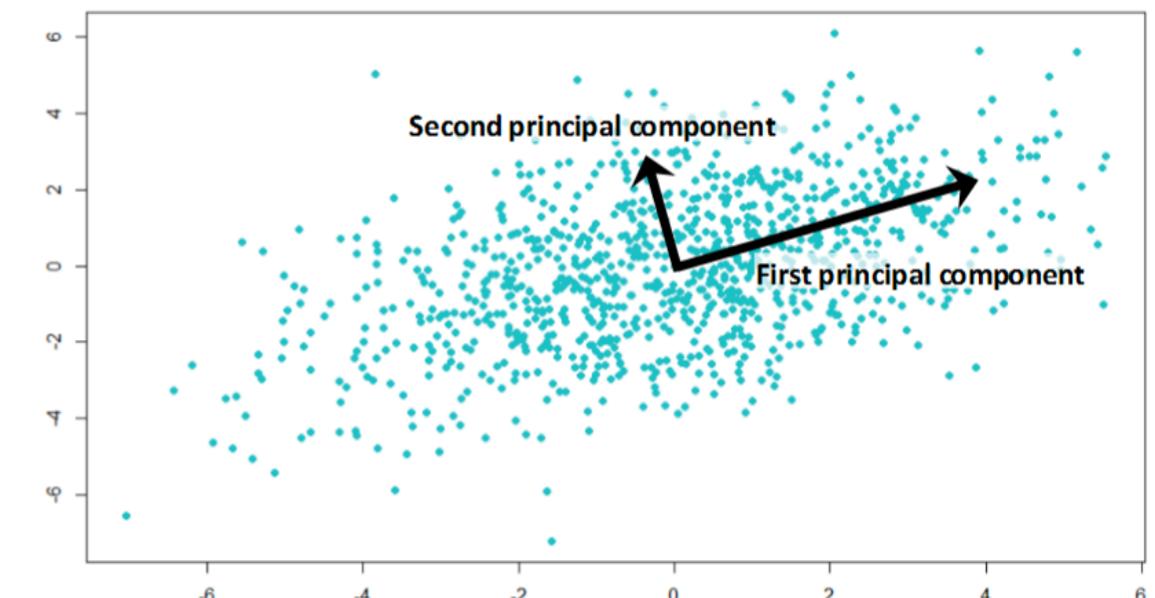
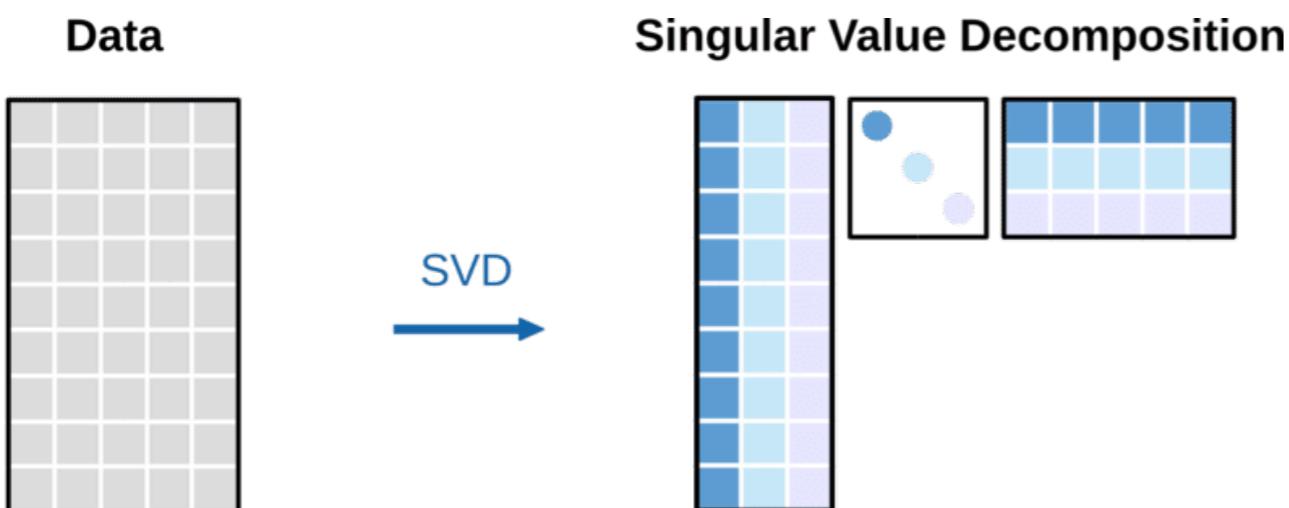
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*Topics*

gene 0.04  
dna 0.02  
genetic 0.01  
...

life 0.02  
evolve 0.01  
organism 0.01  
...

brain 0.04  
neuron 0.02  
nerve 0.01  
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## Seeking Life's Bare (Genetic) Necessities

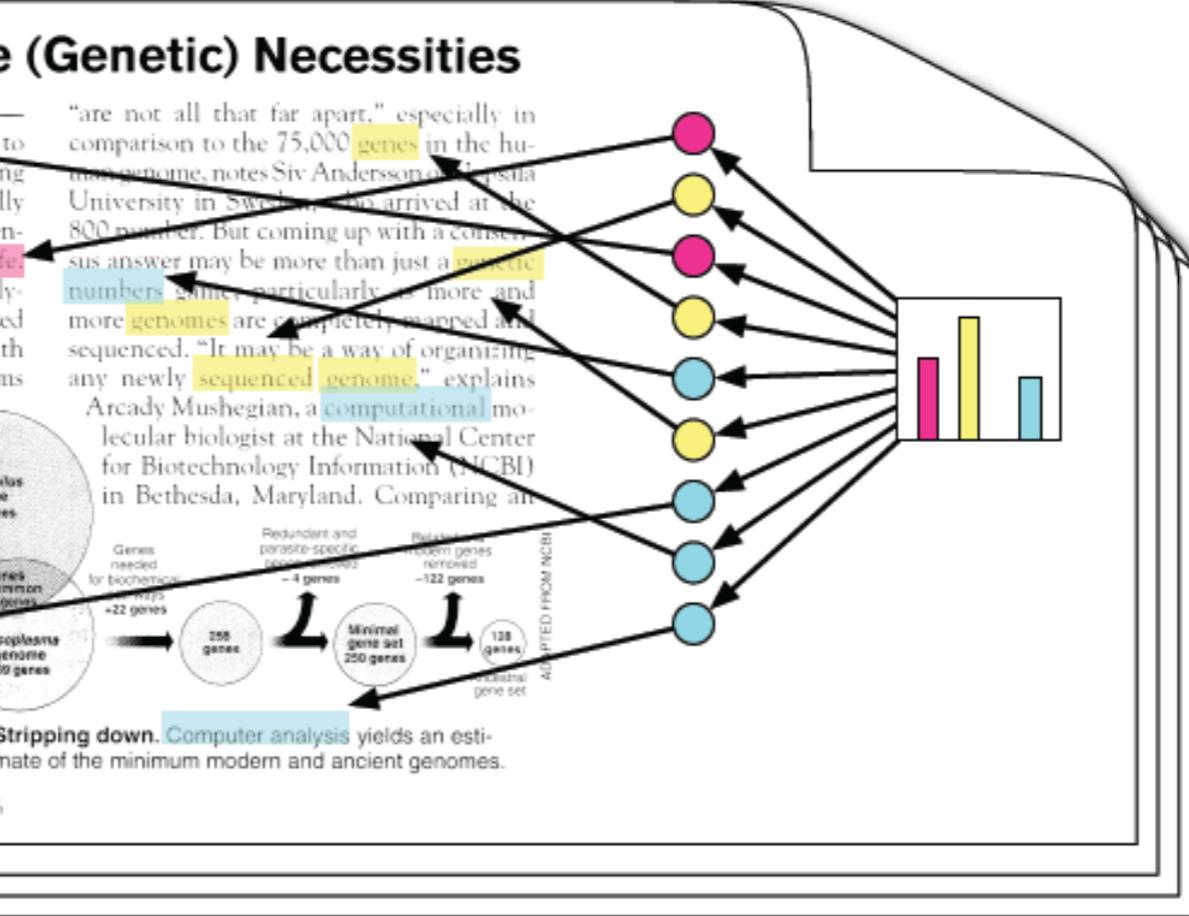
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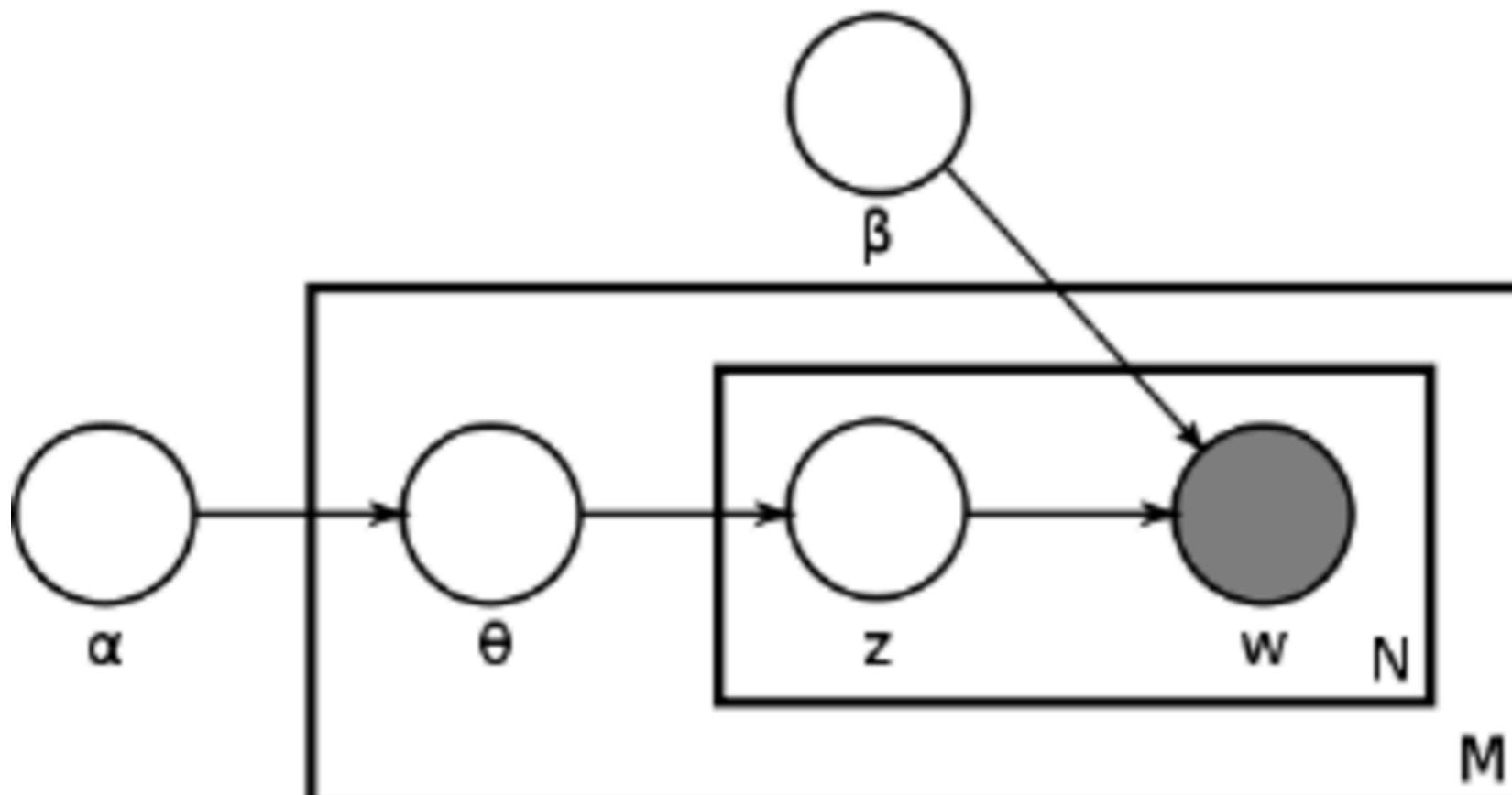
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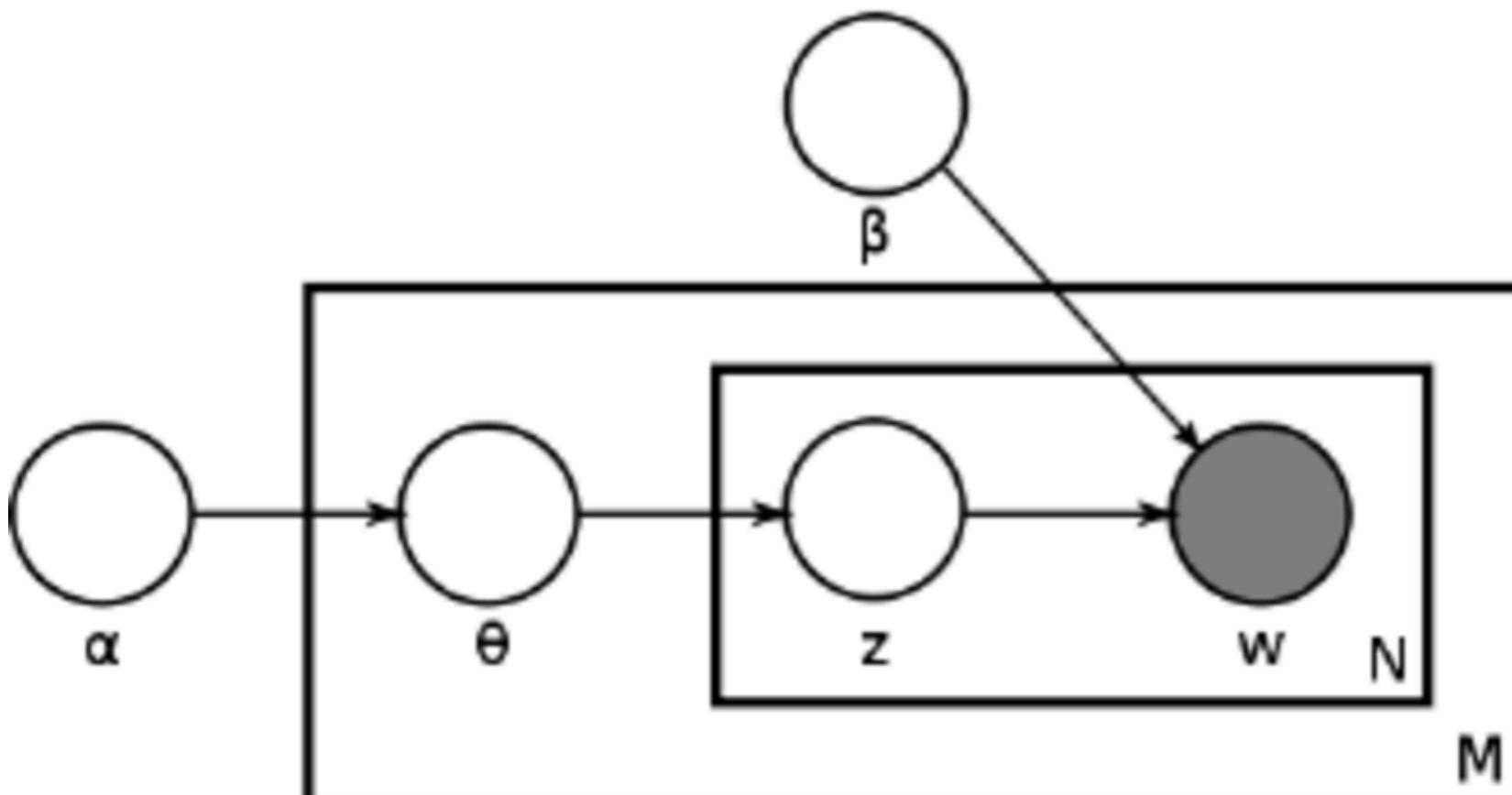
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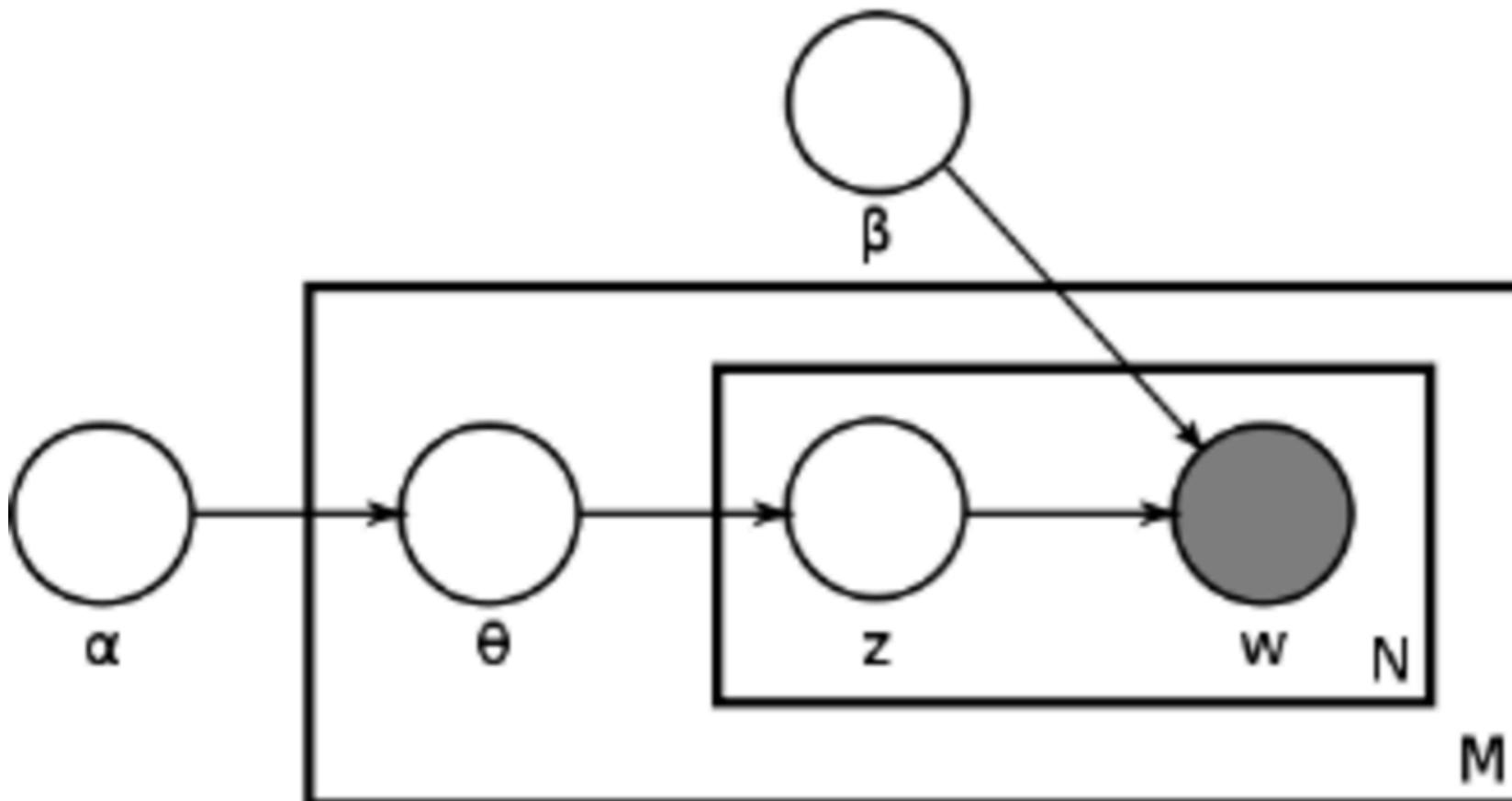
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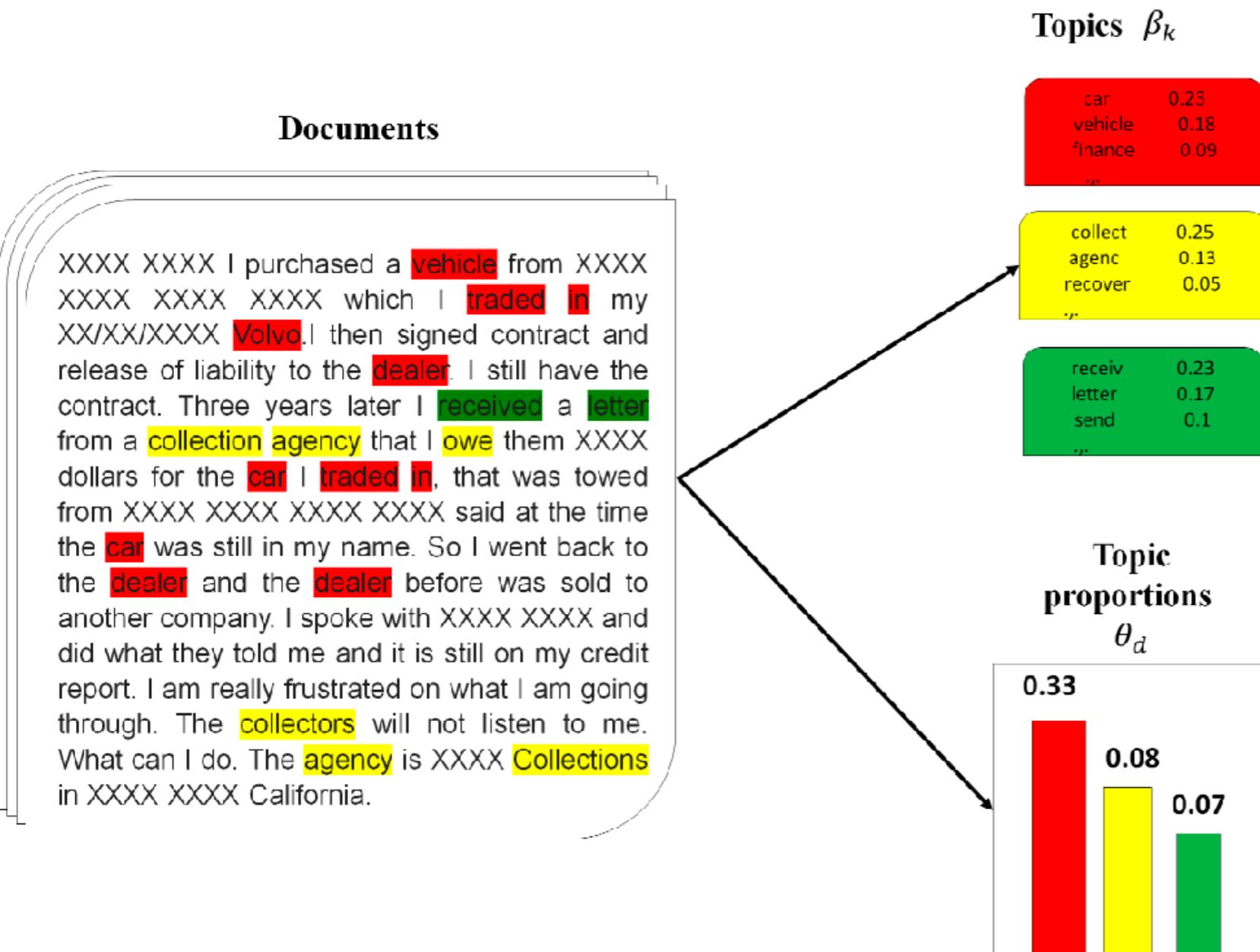
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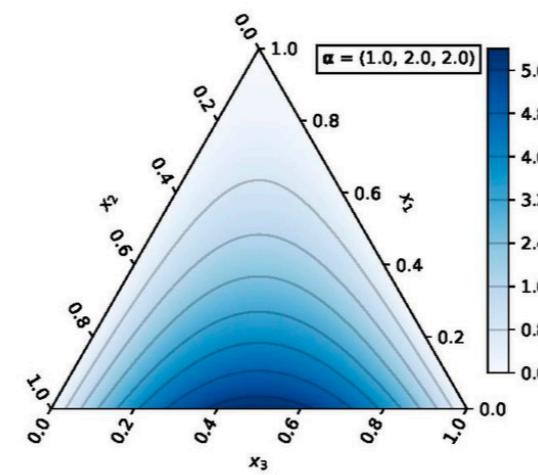
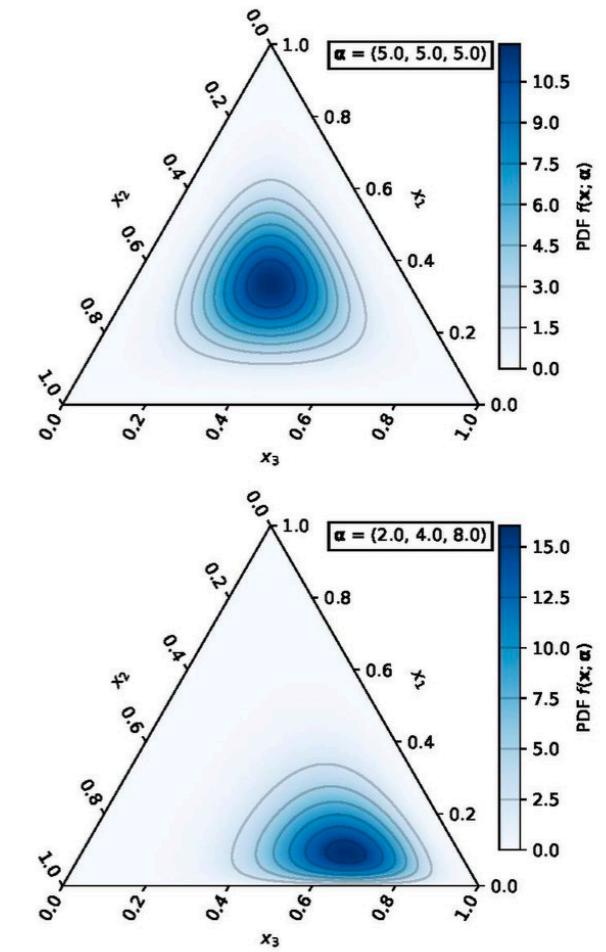
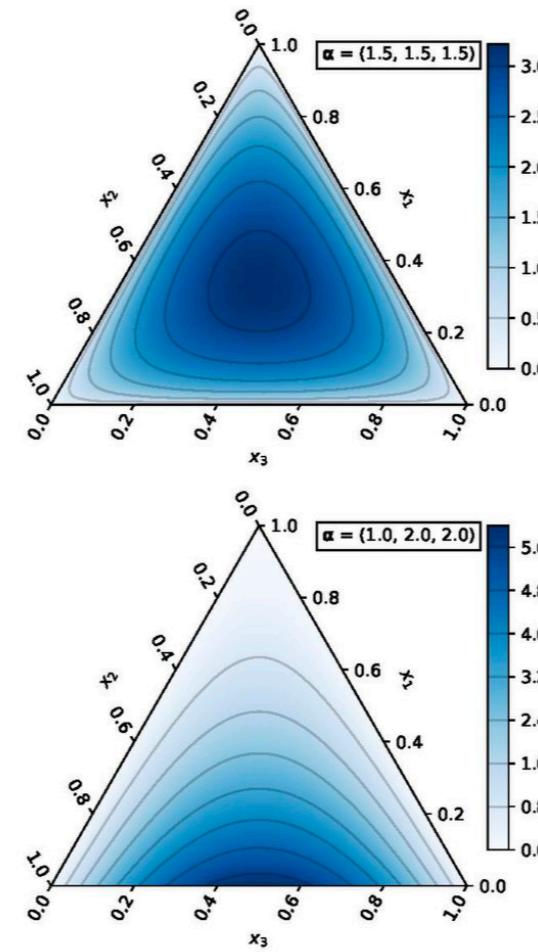
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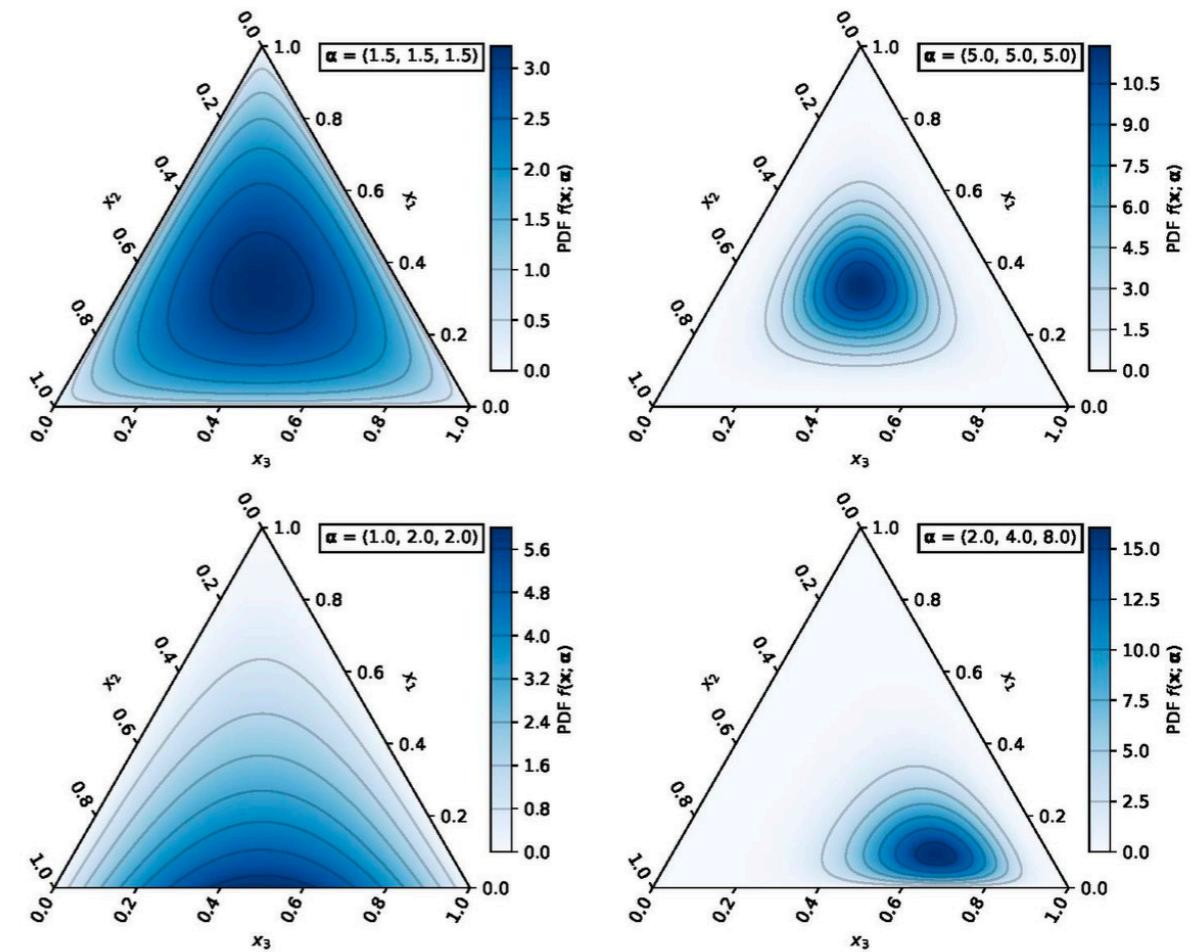
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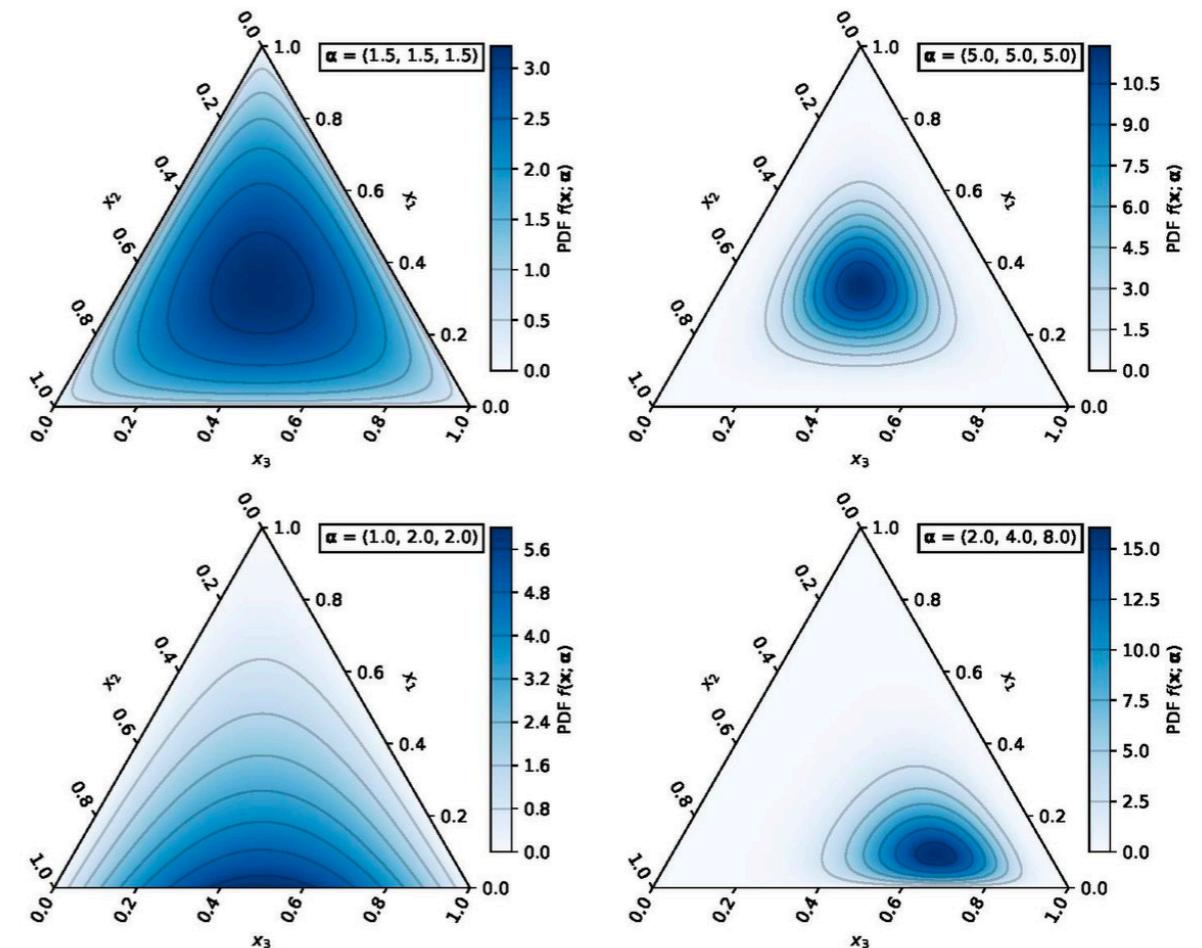
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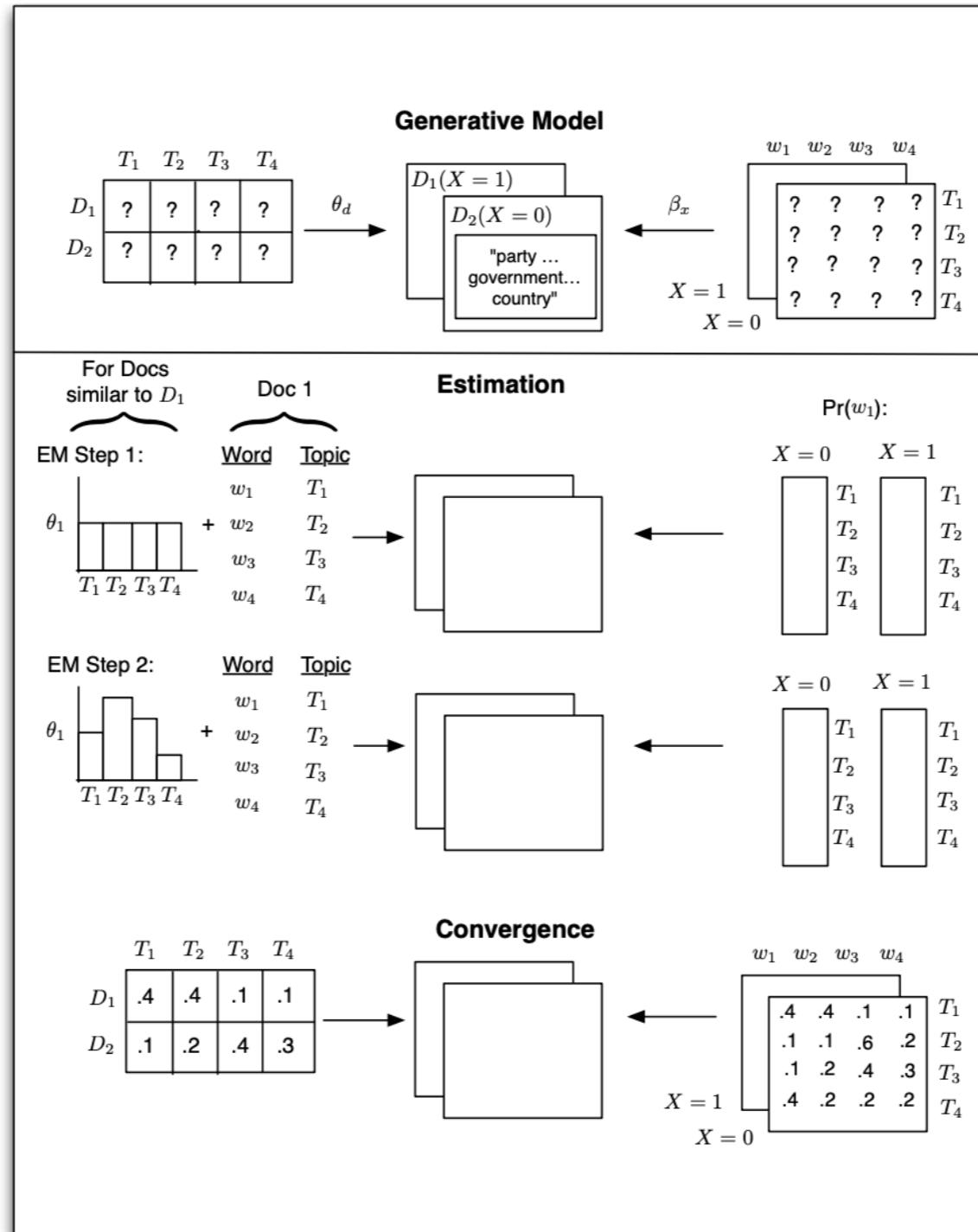
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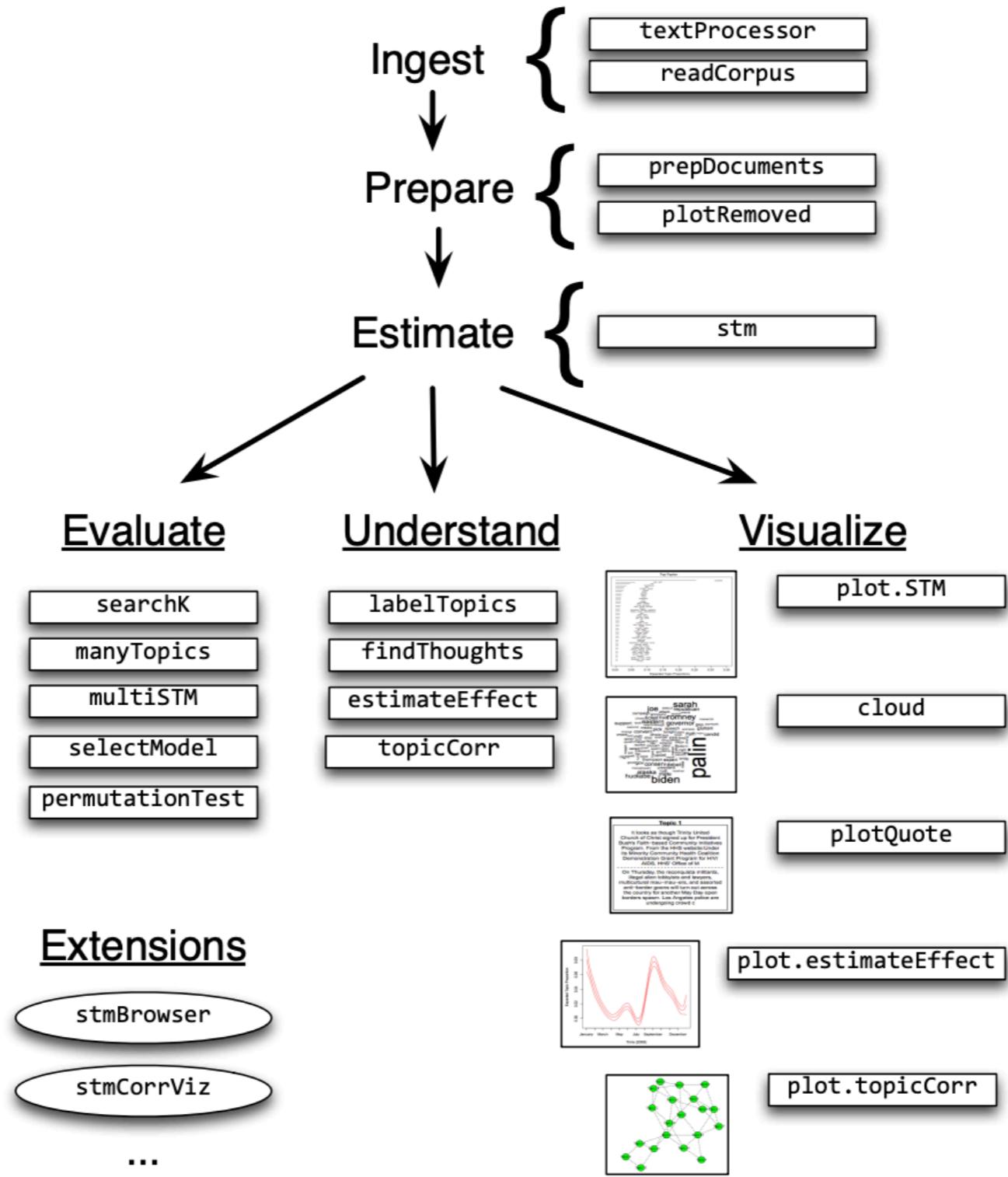
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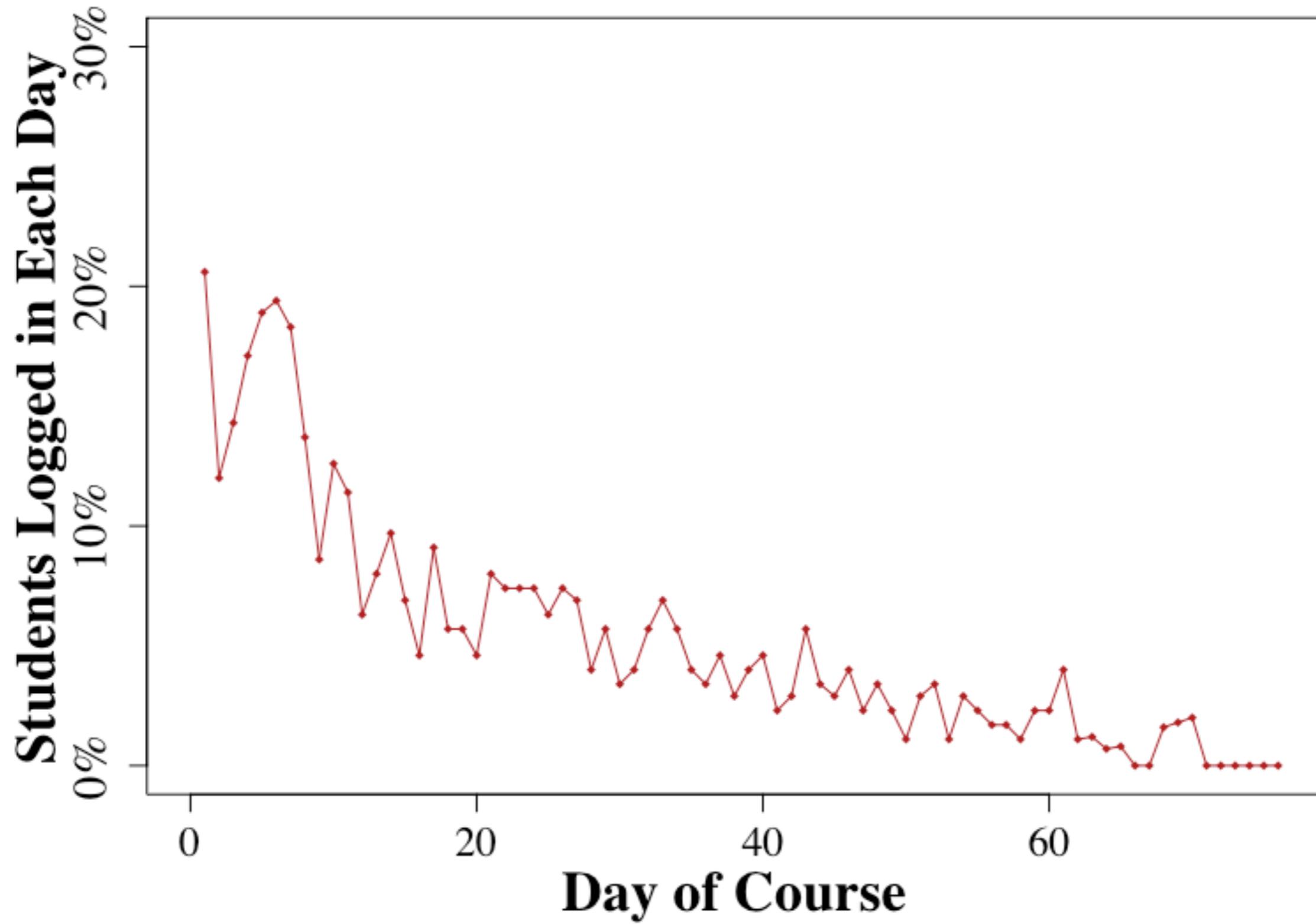
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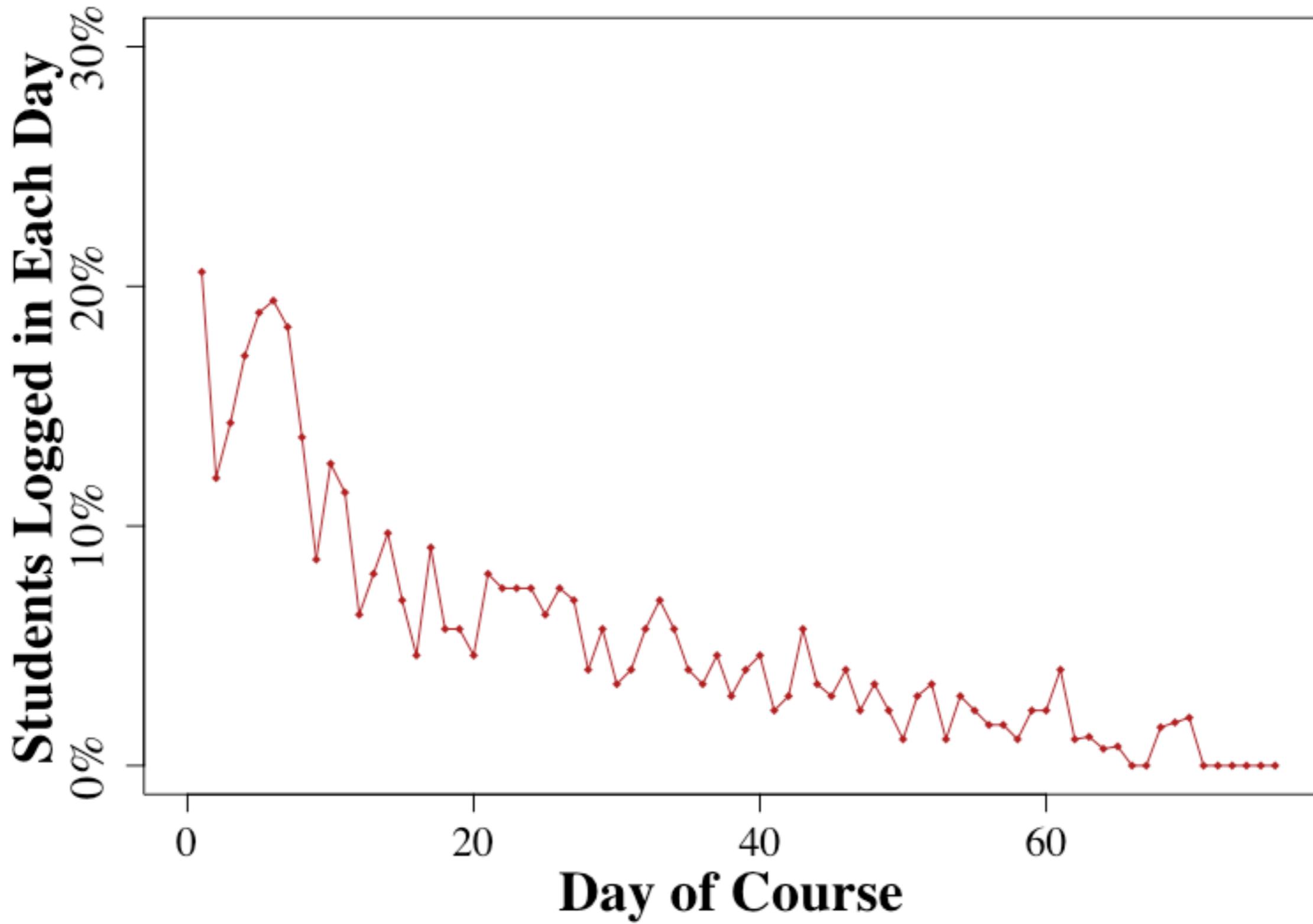


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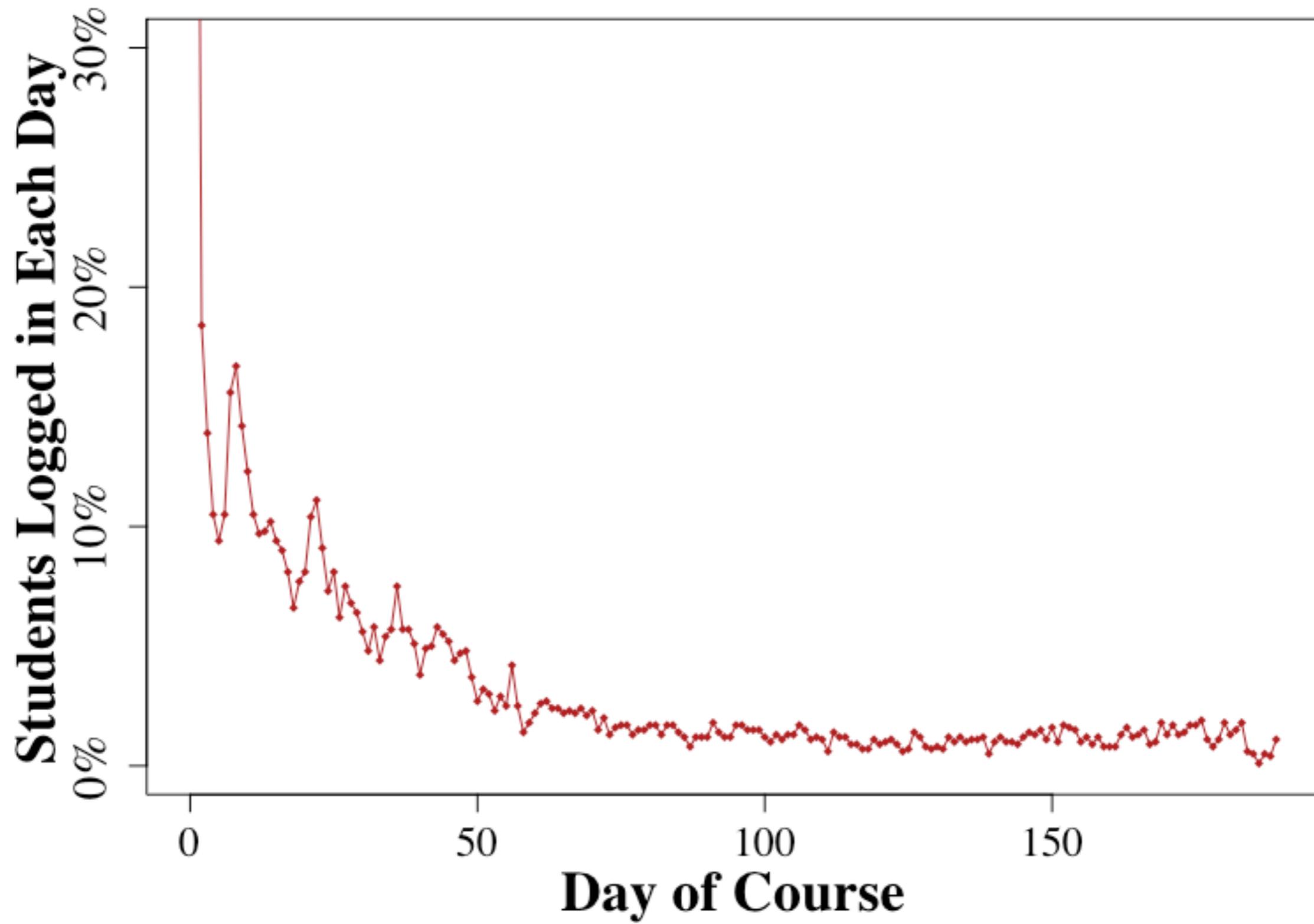
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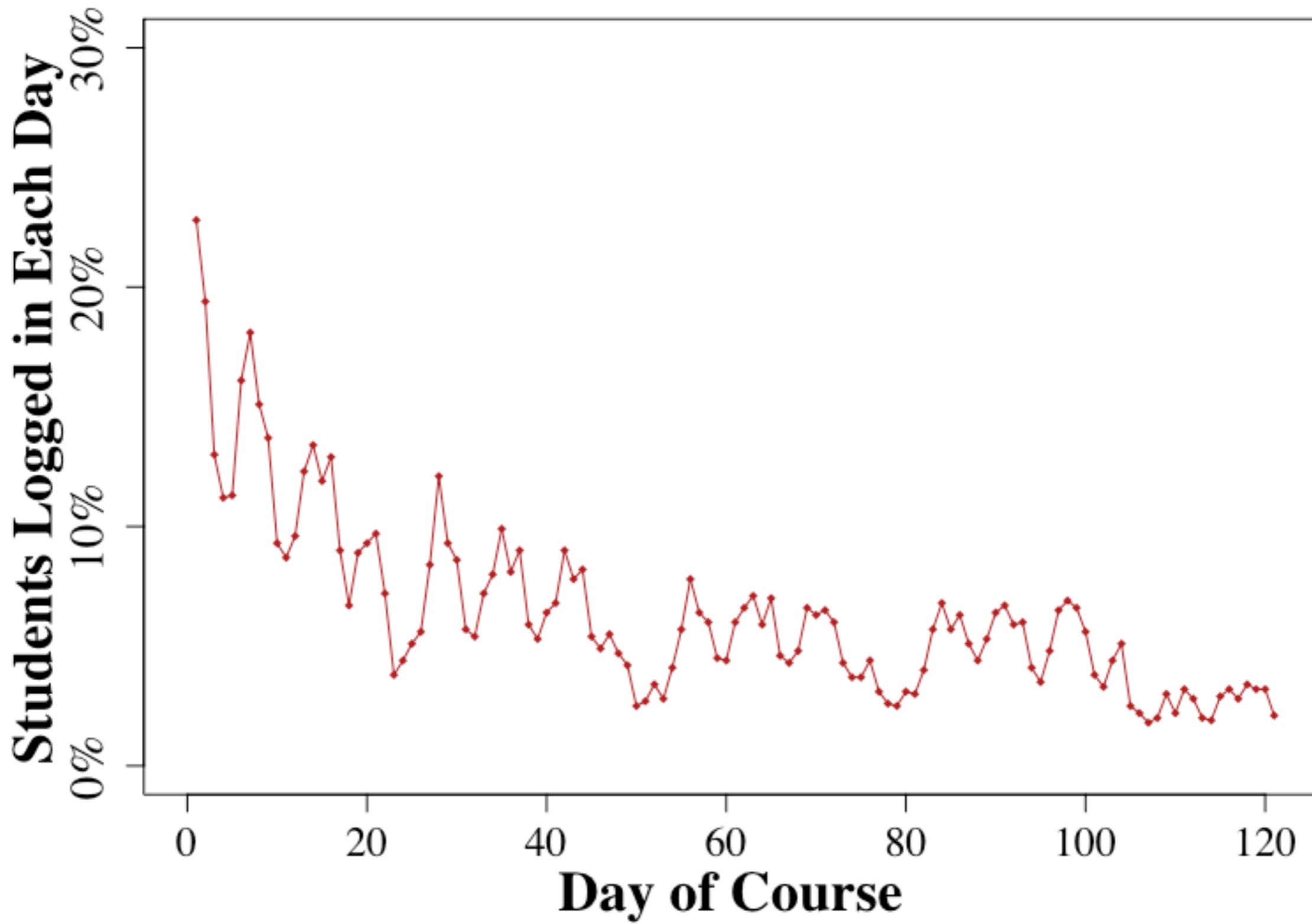
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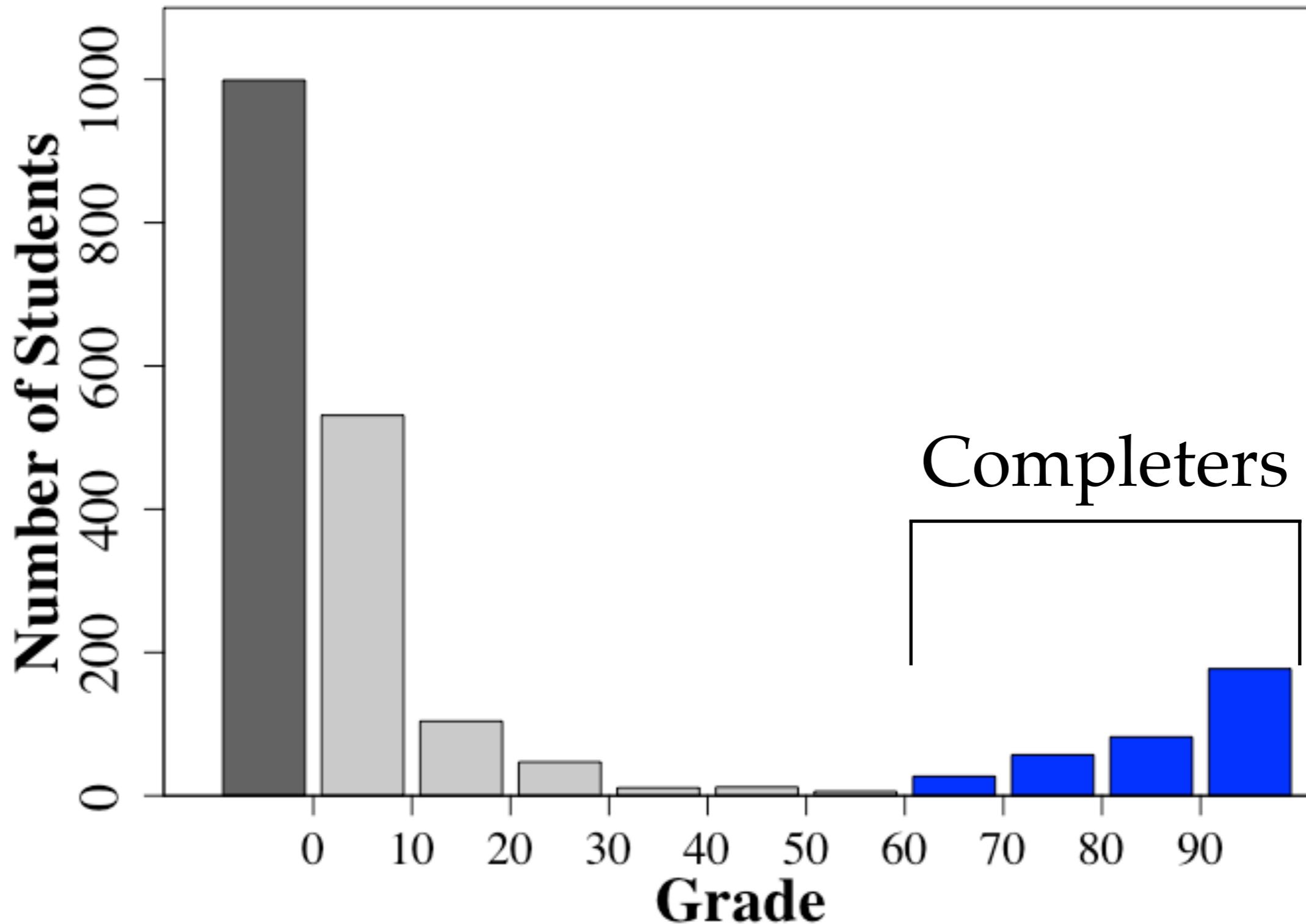
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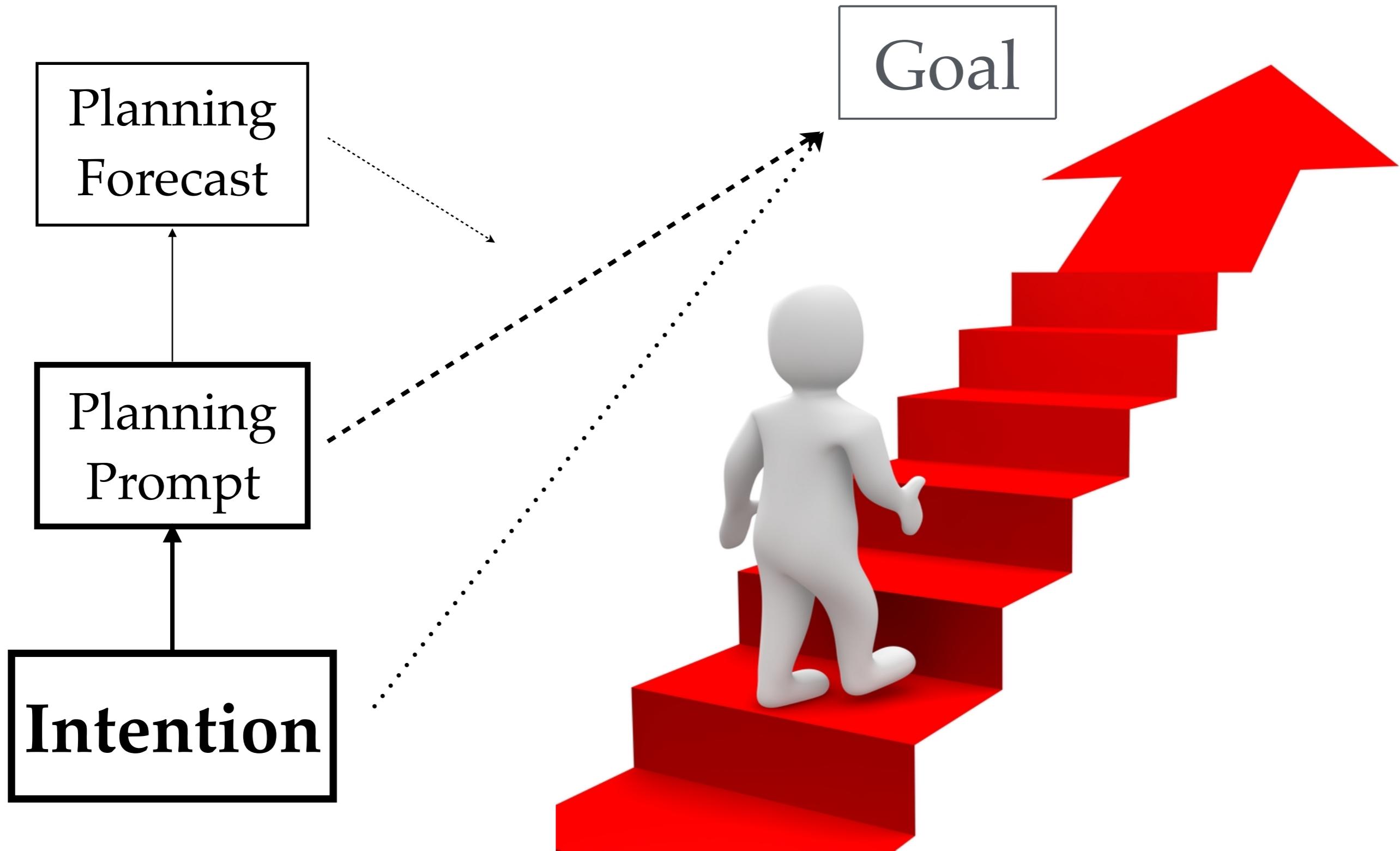
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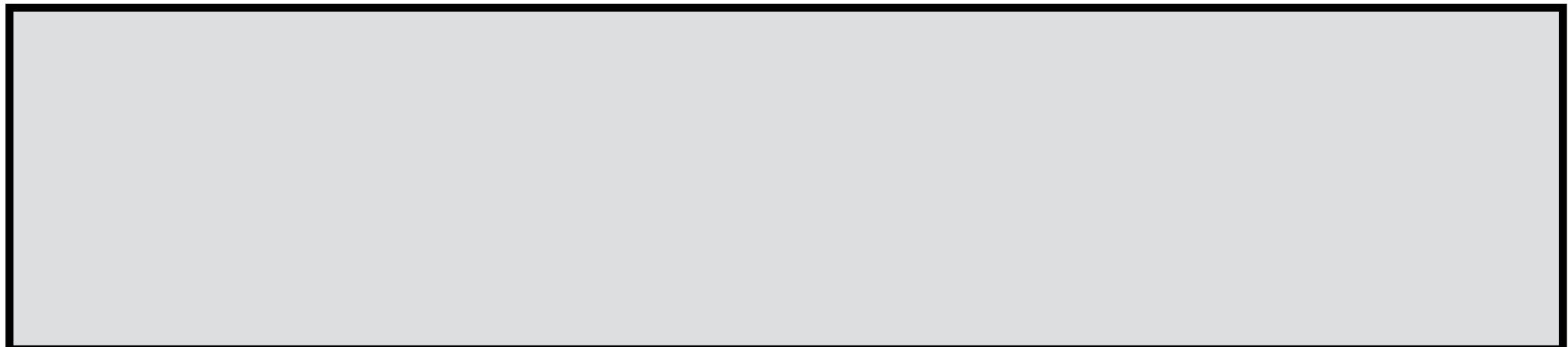
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For example, try to specify:

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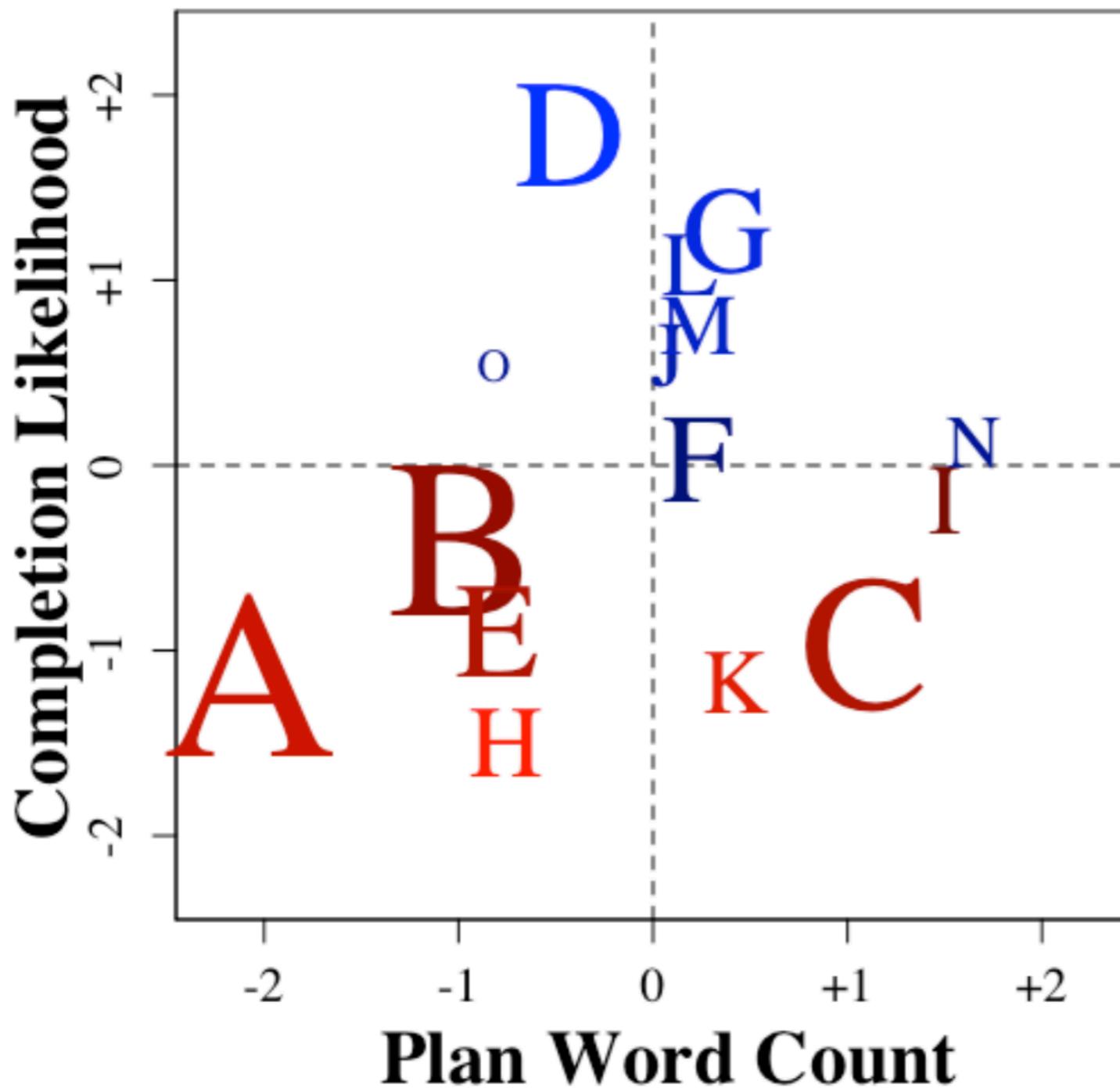
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- B hour, least, per, week, dedic
- C will, hous, put, sure, make
- D watch, video, lectur, question, answer
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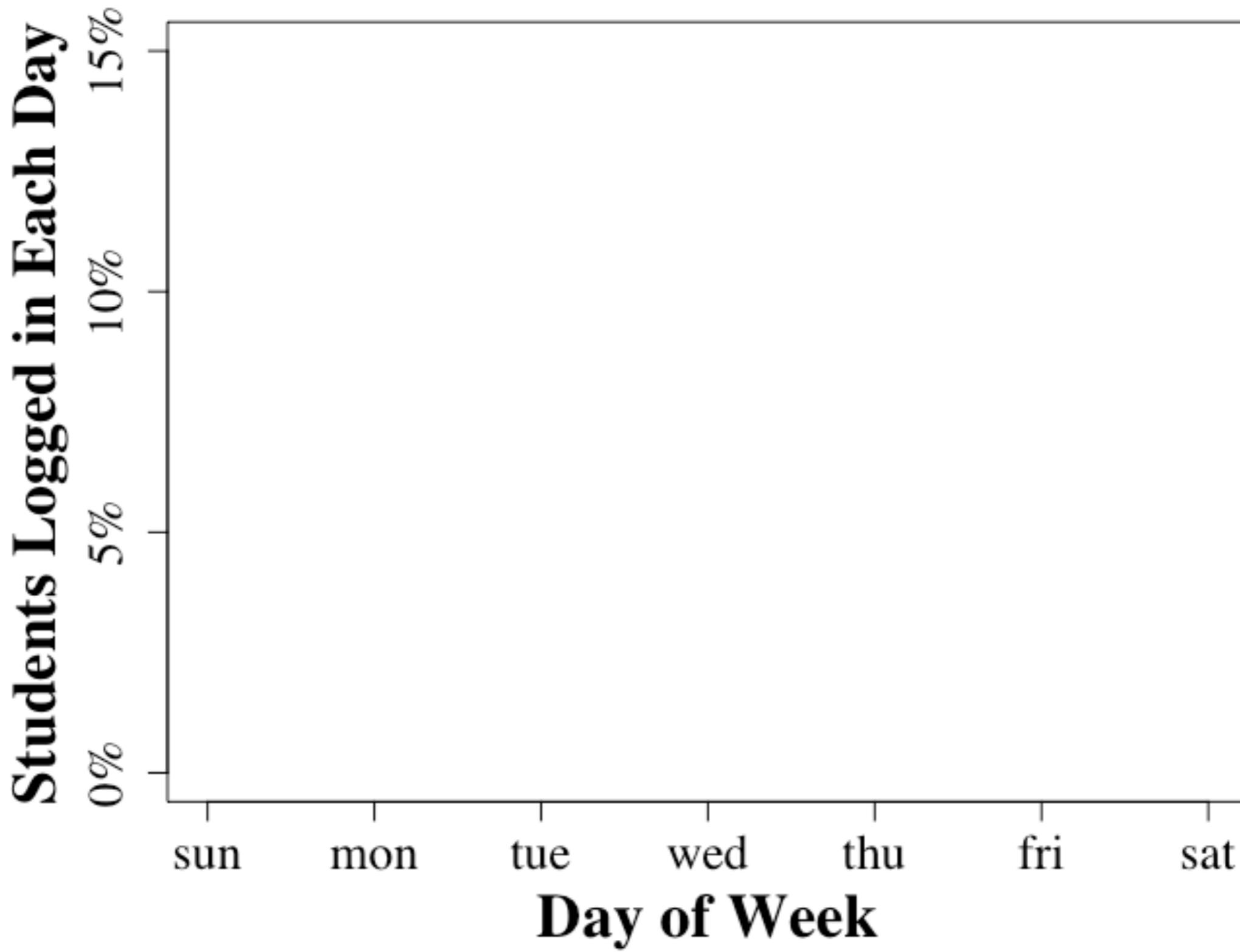
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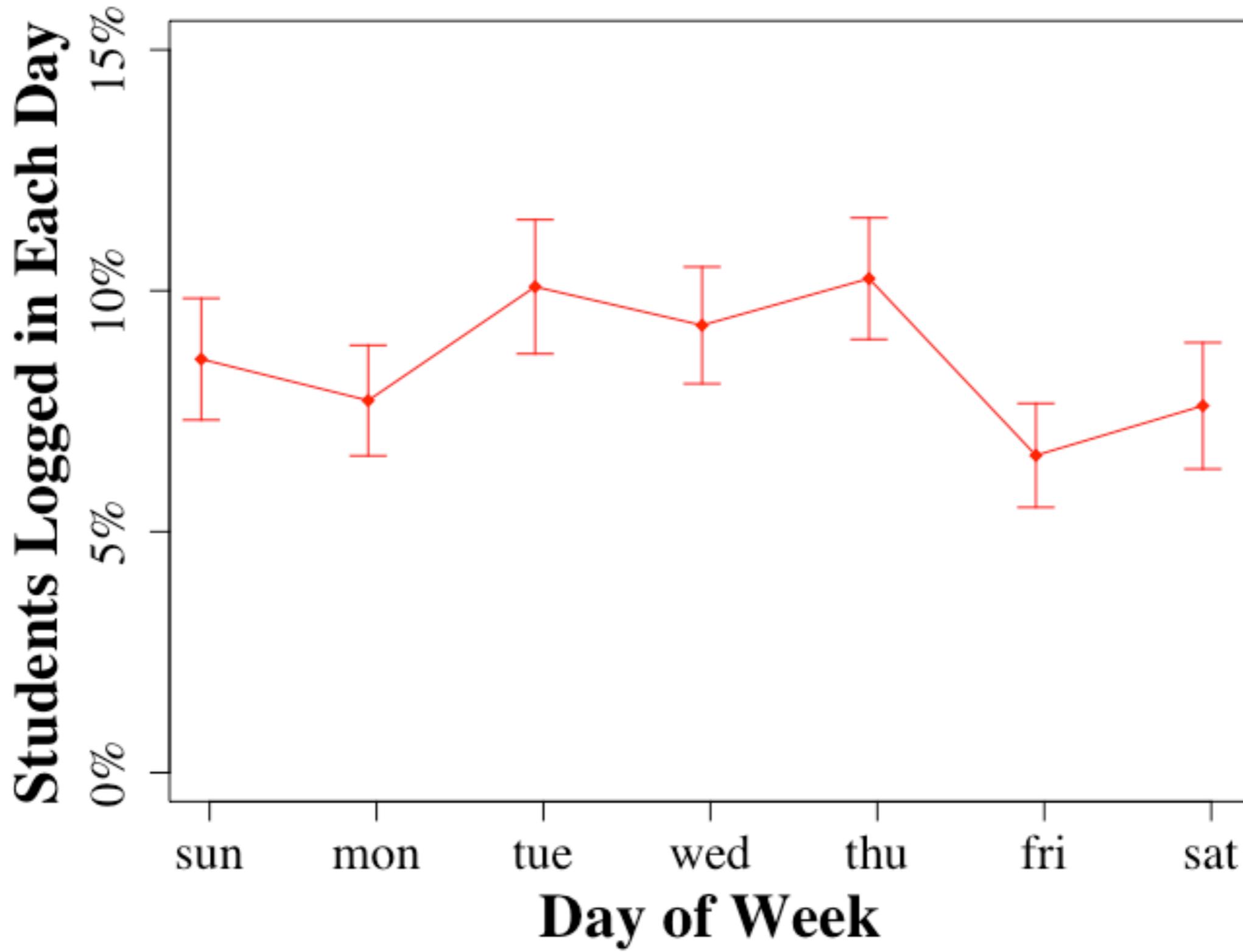
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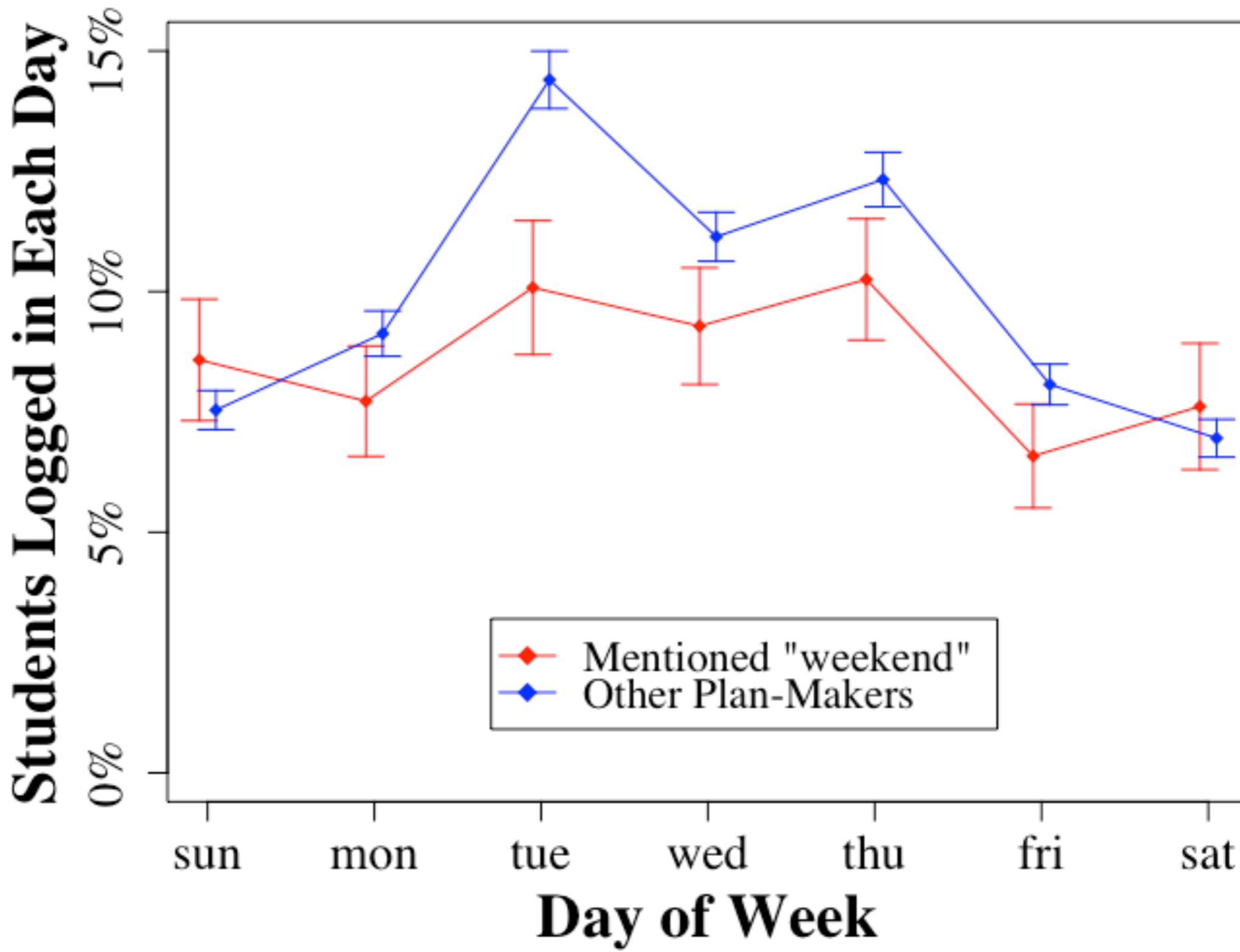
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Best for longer, single-author documents (e.g. news articles)

Much better for interpretation than estimation