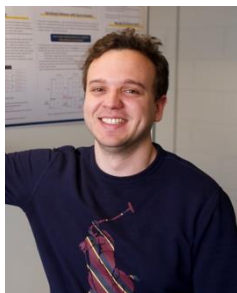


# StarfishDB: a Query Execution Engine for Relational Probabilistic Programming

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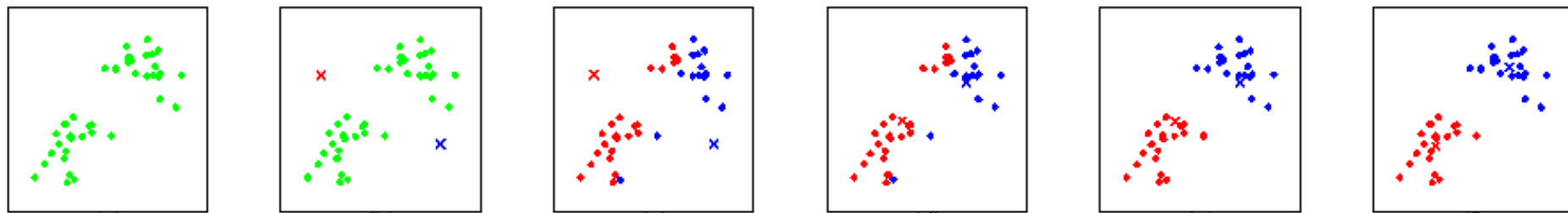


# What is Probabilistic Programming?

**Generative Story:**  $z \sim \text{Categorical}(\phi)$   
 $\mathbf{x} \sim \text{Gaussian}(\mu_z, \Sigma_z)$

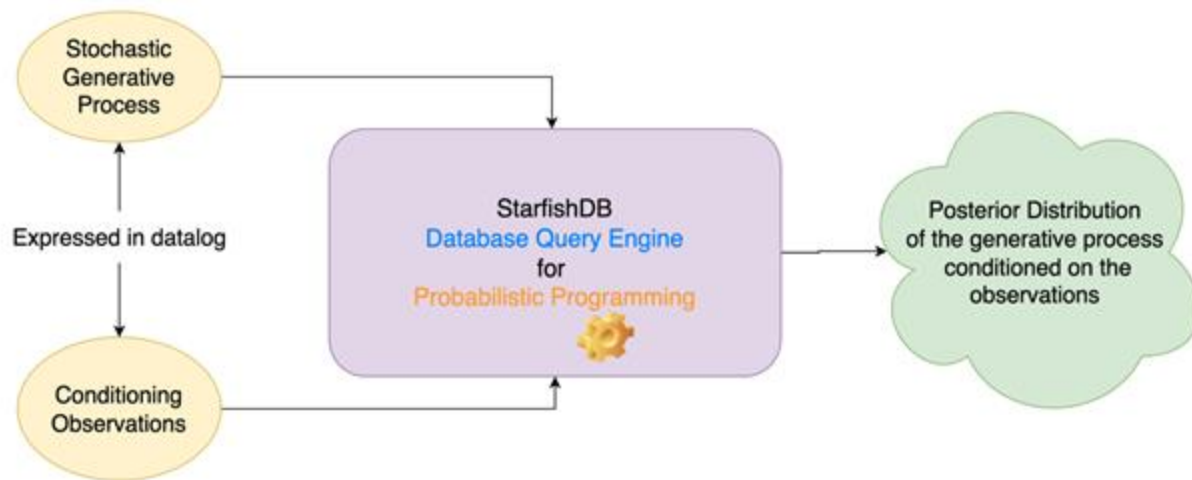
**Data:**  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$  where  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^M$

Goal: compute the **posterior density** of the generative process w.r.t. the data.



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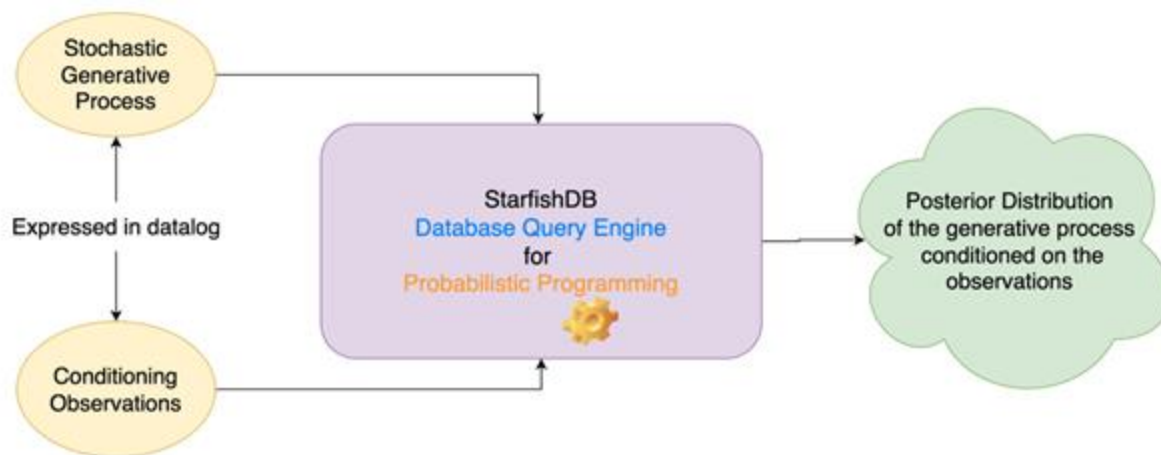
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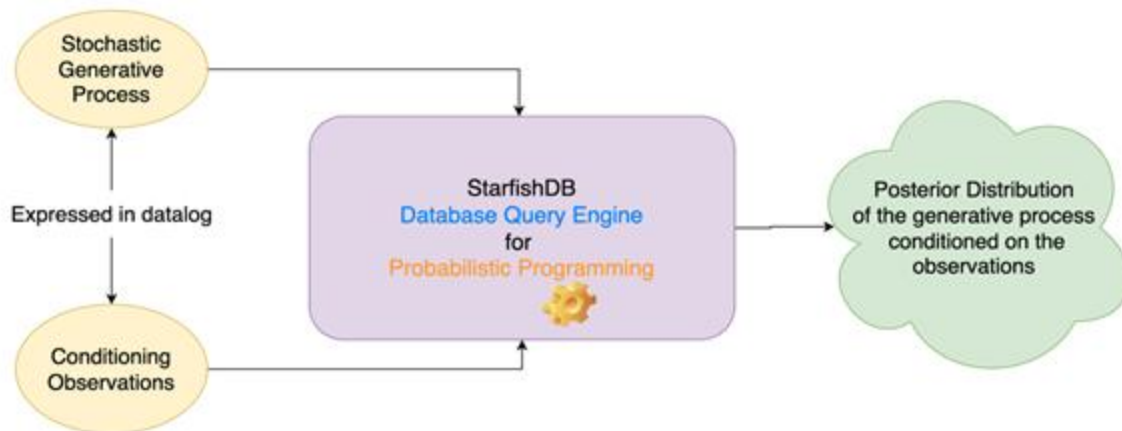
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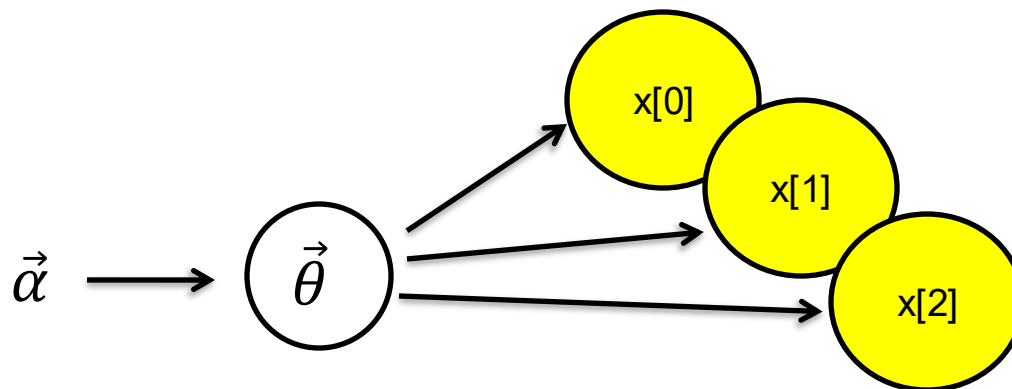
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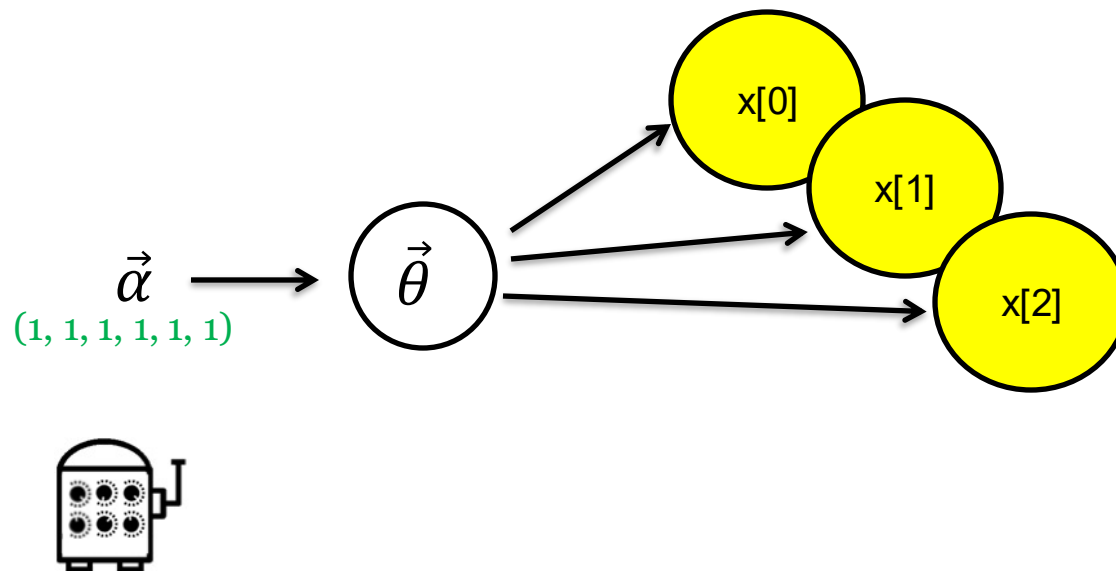
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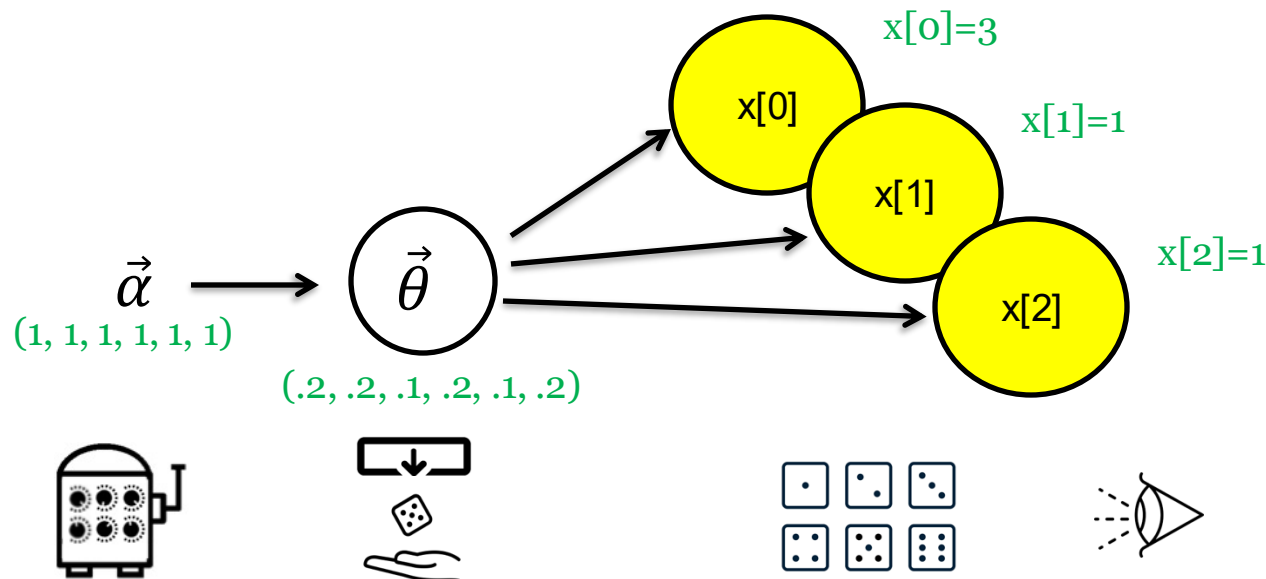
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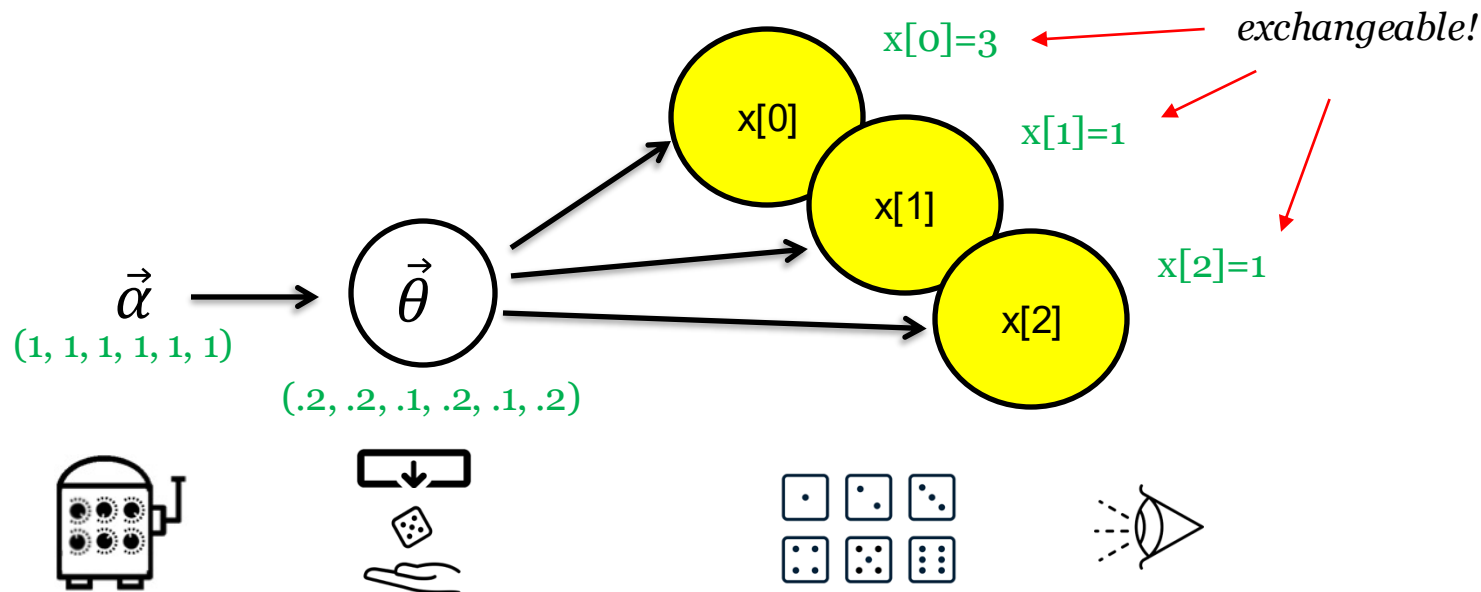
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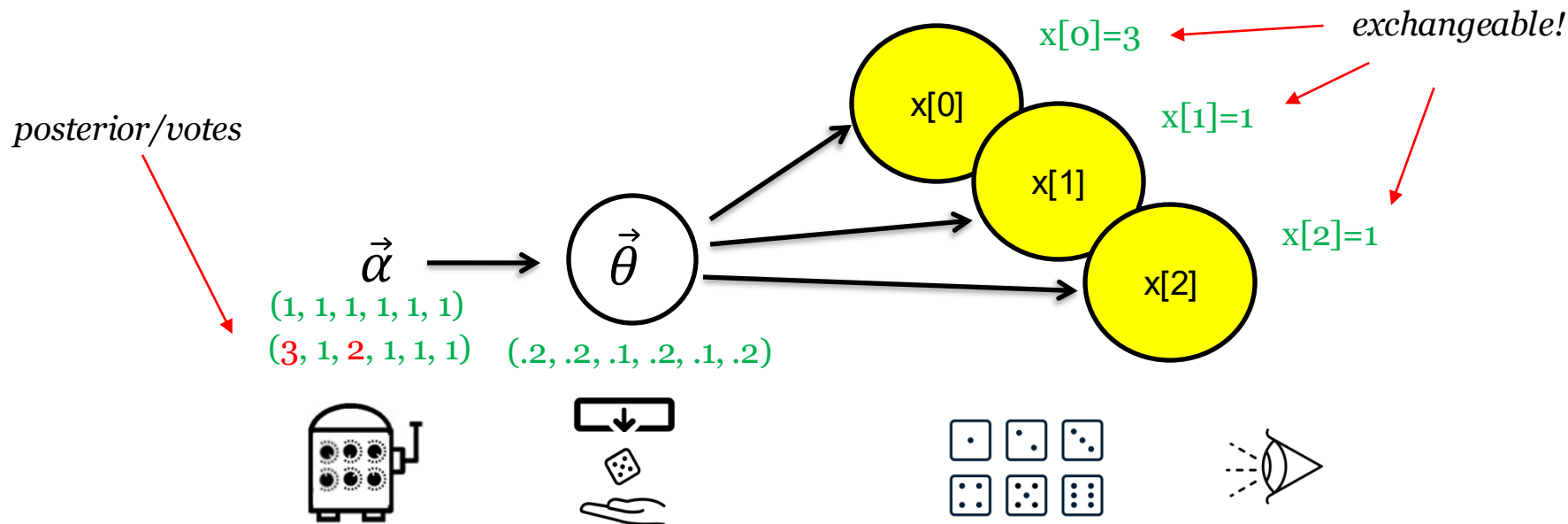


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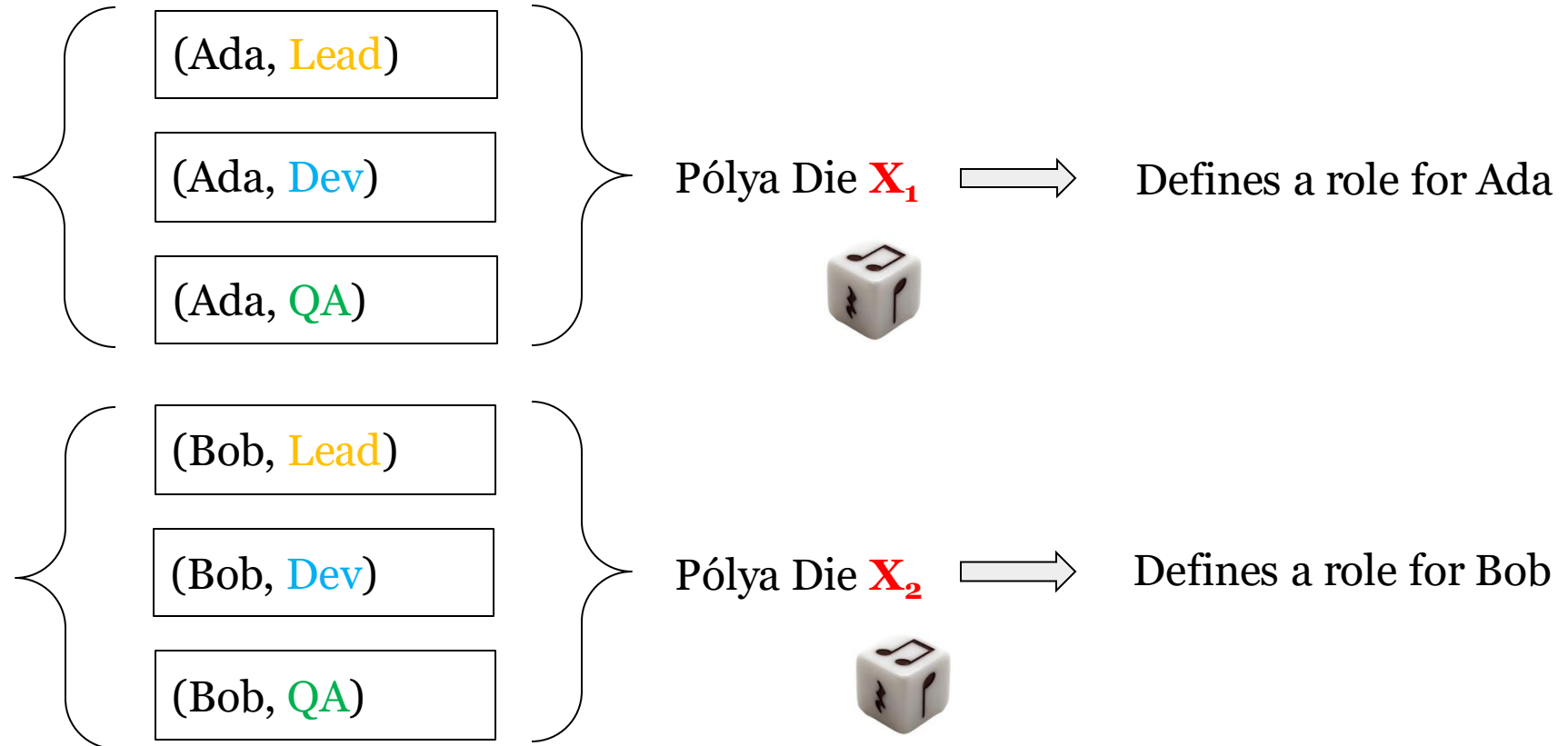
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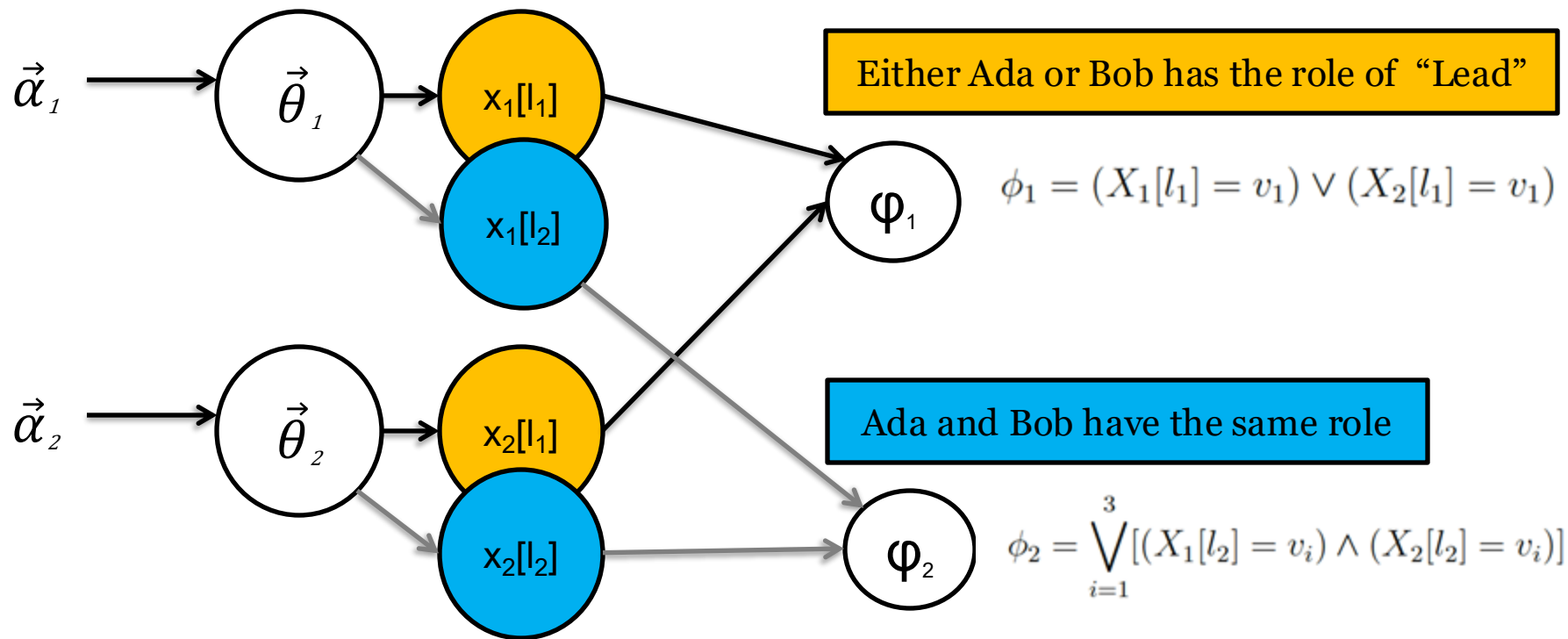
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There 9 possible worlds for Ada and Bob positions

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# Main Goal of a Probabilistic Program

Compute the posterior distribution of generative process w.r.t constraints :

*product of Dirichlet densities*



$$p(\Theta \mid \Phi, \mathbb{A}) = \sum_{\tau \in \text{SAT}(\Phi, \mathbb{X})} p(\Theta \mid \tau, \mathbb{A}) \cdot P(\tau \mid \Phi, \mathbb{A})$$

*posterior*

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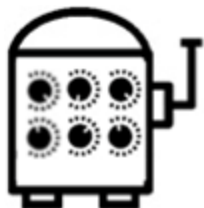
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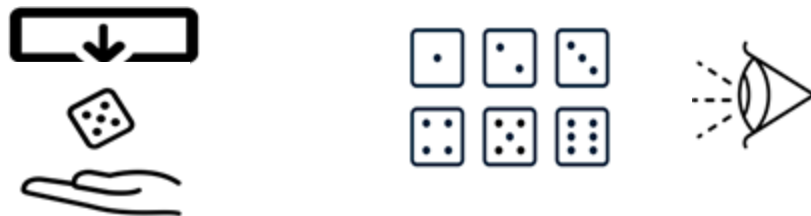
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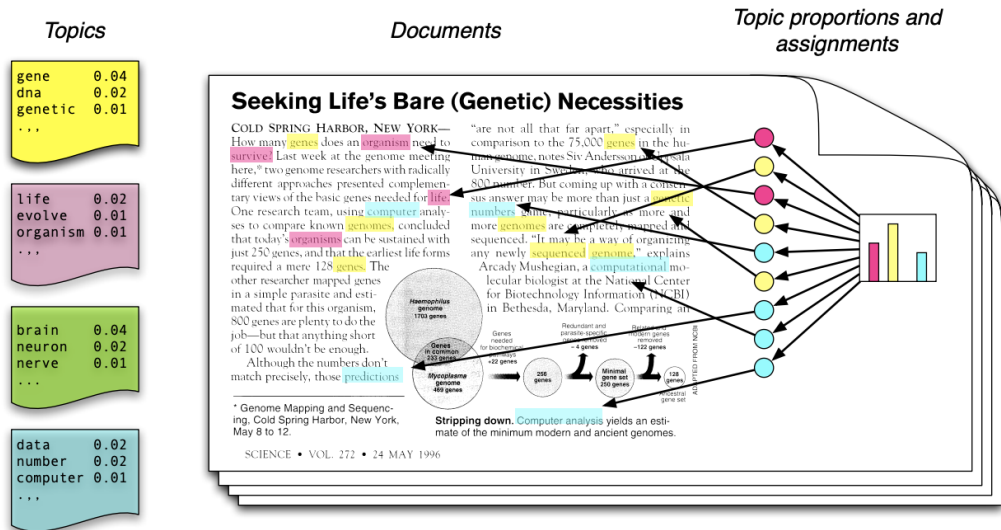
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$\text{obs}(\underline{\text{VarId}}, \text{ObsId}, v \in D \sim \text{Cat}[\![P]\!]) \leftarrow \text{lp}(\text{VarId}, D, P),$   
 $\text{sample}(\text{VarId}, \text{ObsId})$

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation<sup>[3]</sup> with Pólya Dice



$N$  documents  $\rightarrow N$  red dice

$K$  topics  $\rightarrow K$  blue dice



Red die: generate numbers between 1 and  $K$



Blue die: generate words from a fixed vocabulary

- Each **topic** is a distribution over words
- Each **document** is a mixture of corpus-wide topics
- Each **word** is drawn from one of those topics

Source: Blei, ICML 2012 Tutorial

[3] Blei, David M., Andrew Y. Ng, and Michael I. Jordan. "Latent Dirichlet allocation

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$\text{dt}([\text{red}, D], \text{ts}, [1, 1, \dots, 1]) \leftarrow \text{d}(D, P, W)$



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$\text{sample}([\text{red}, D], P) \leftarrow \text{d}(D, P, W).$  Roll the red die for a given document  $D$  and position  $P$

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For every document  $D$  and position  $P$ , **roll the blue die** that corresponds to the topic sampled by rolling the red die

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Generative  
Process

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$$\text{qa}^*(D, P, W) \leftarrow d(D, P, W), \text{obs}([\text{blue}, T], [D, P], W).$$

Enforce the condition that the generated words must match the initial words that we observed in the corpus.

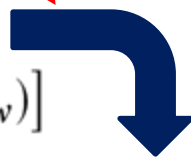


# The Grounding Engine

(probabilistic program)

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Grounding



**LLVM/ClangJIT<sup>[2]</sup>**

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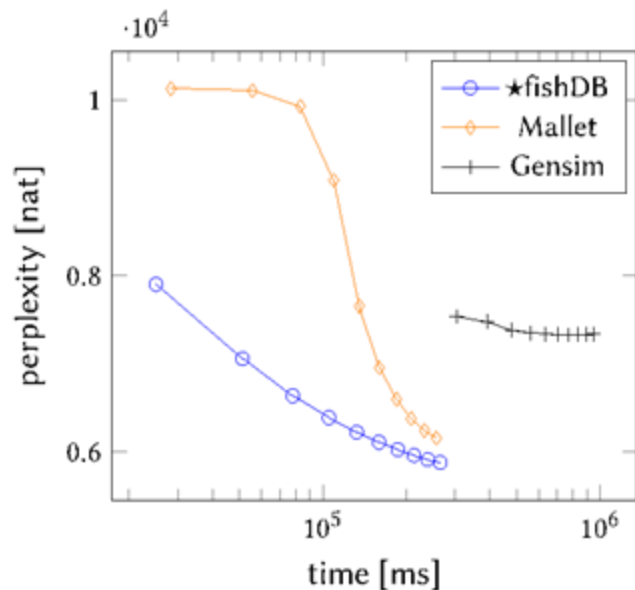
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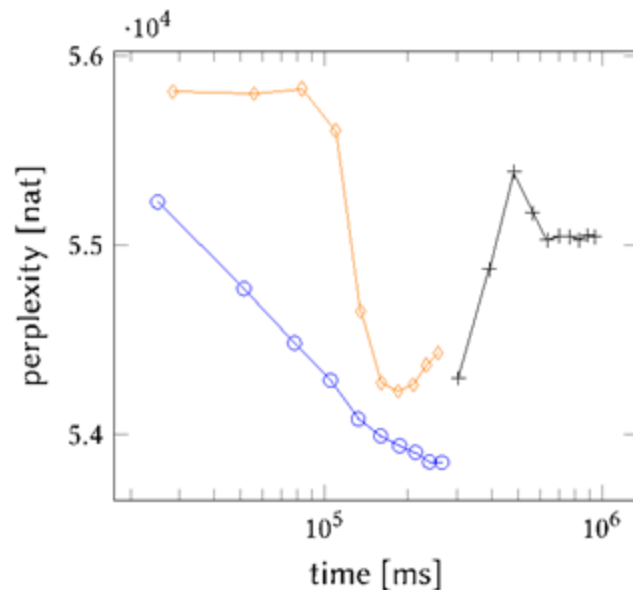
... and many many others

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# Experimental Evaluation: LDA

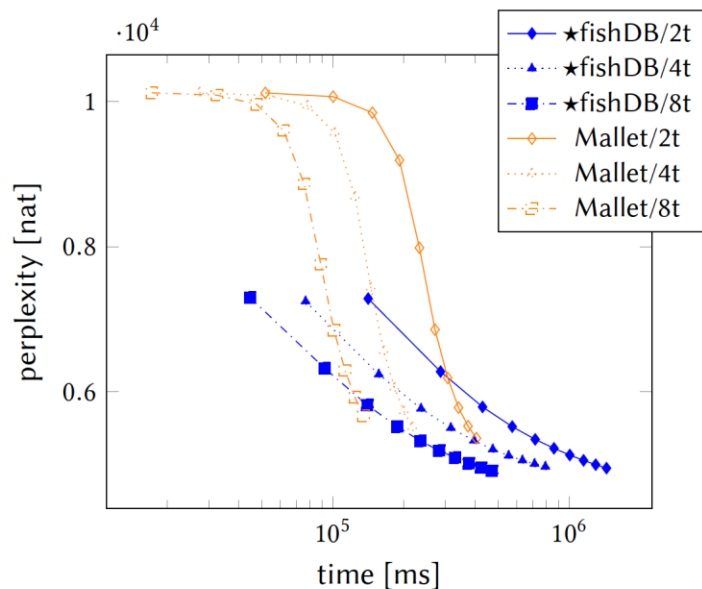


(a) Train-set NYTIMES

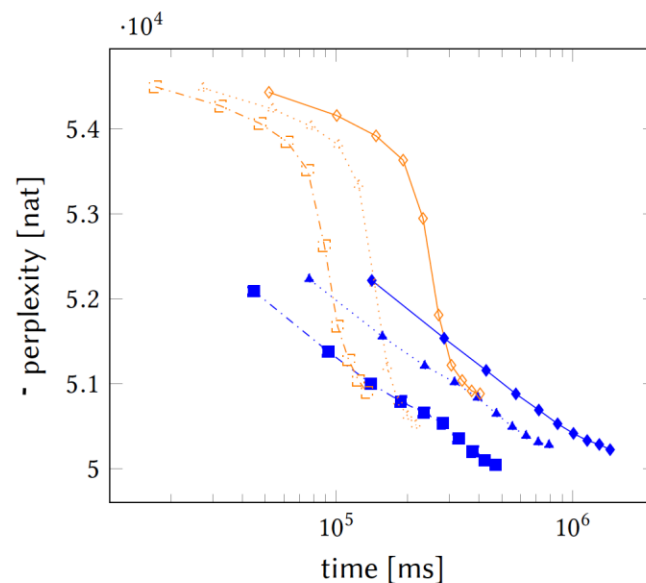


(b) Test-set NYTIMES

# Experimental Evaluation: LDA



(a) Train-Set NYTIMES



(b) Test-Set NYTIMES

LDA Multithreaded 100 topics benchmarking on NYTIMES using 2, 4 and 8 threads

# Future work

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# Thank You ^^

## Any Questions?



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