CASE 2 –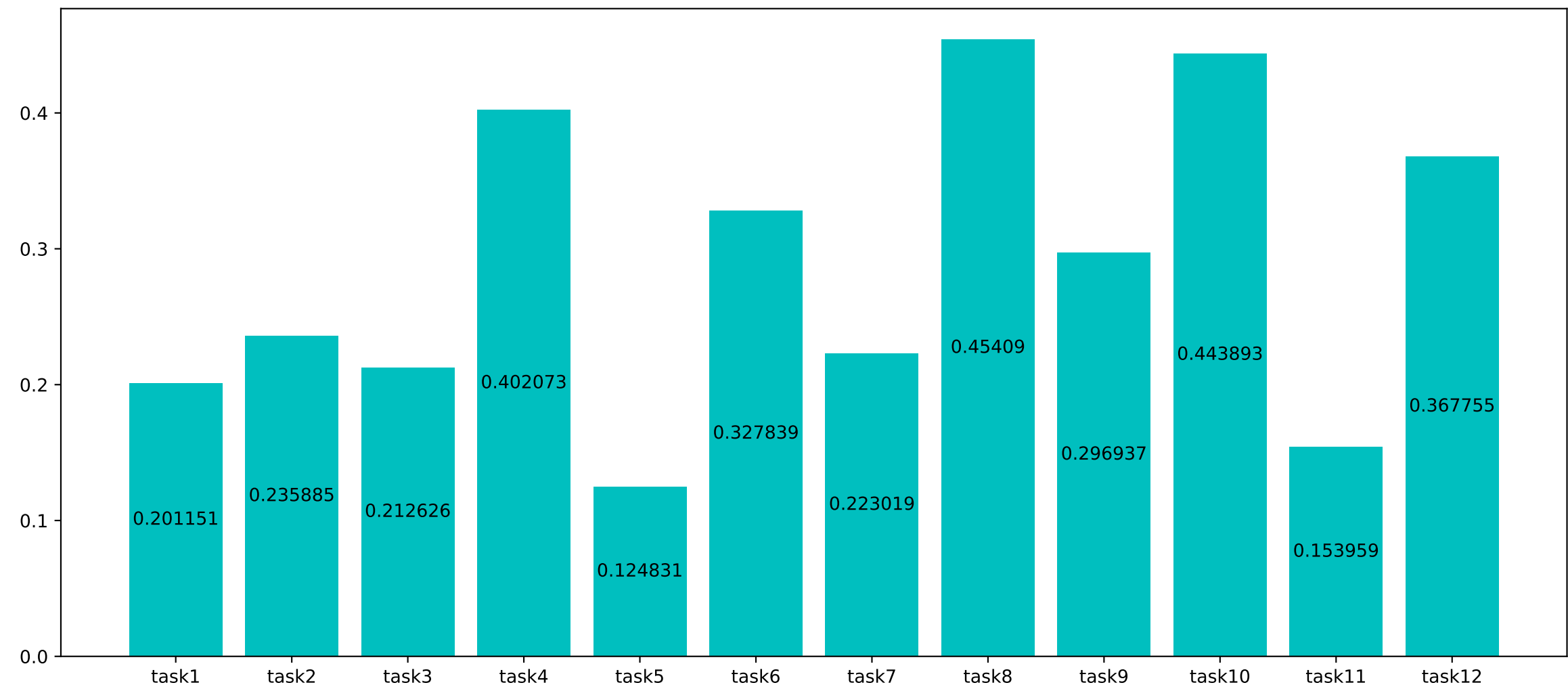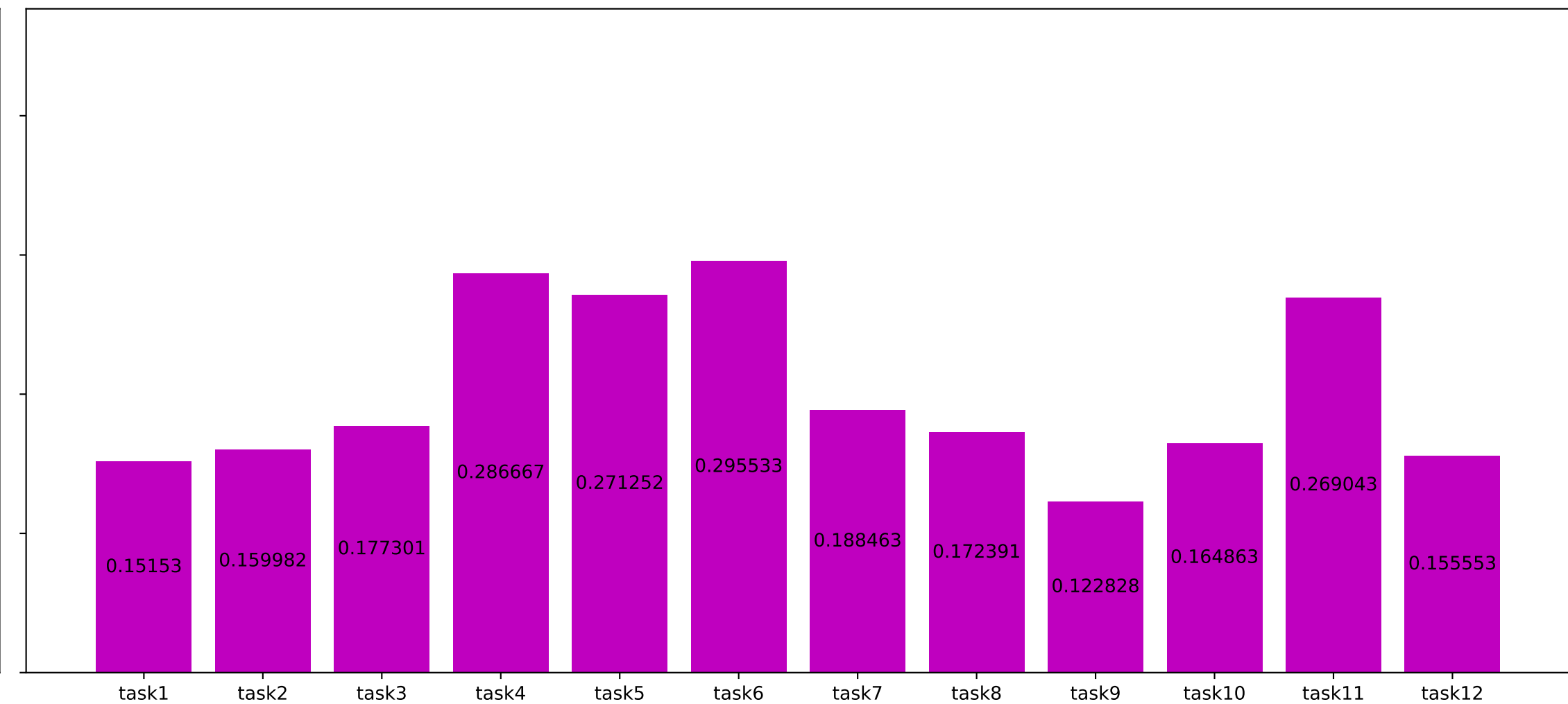 except head marker