

First- and Second-order Expectation Semirings with Applications to **Minimum-Risk Training on Translation Forests**

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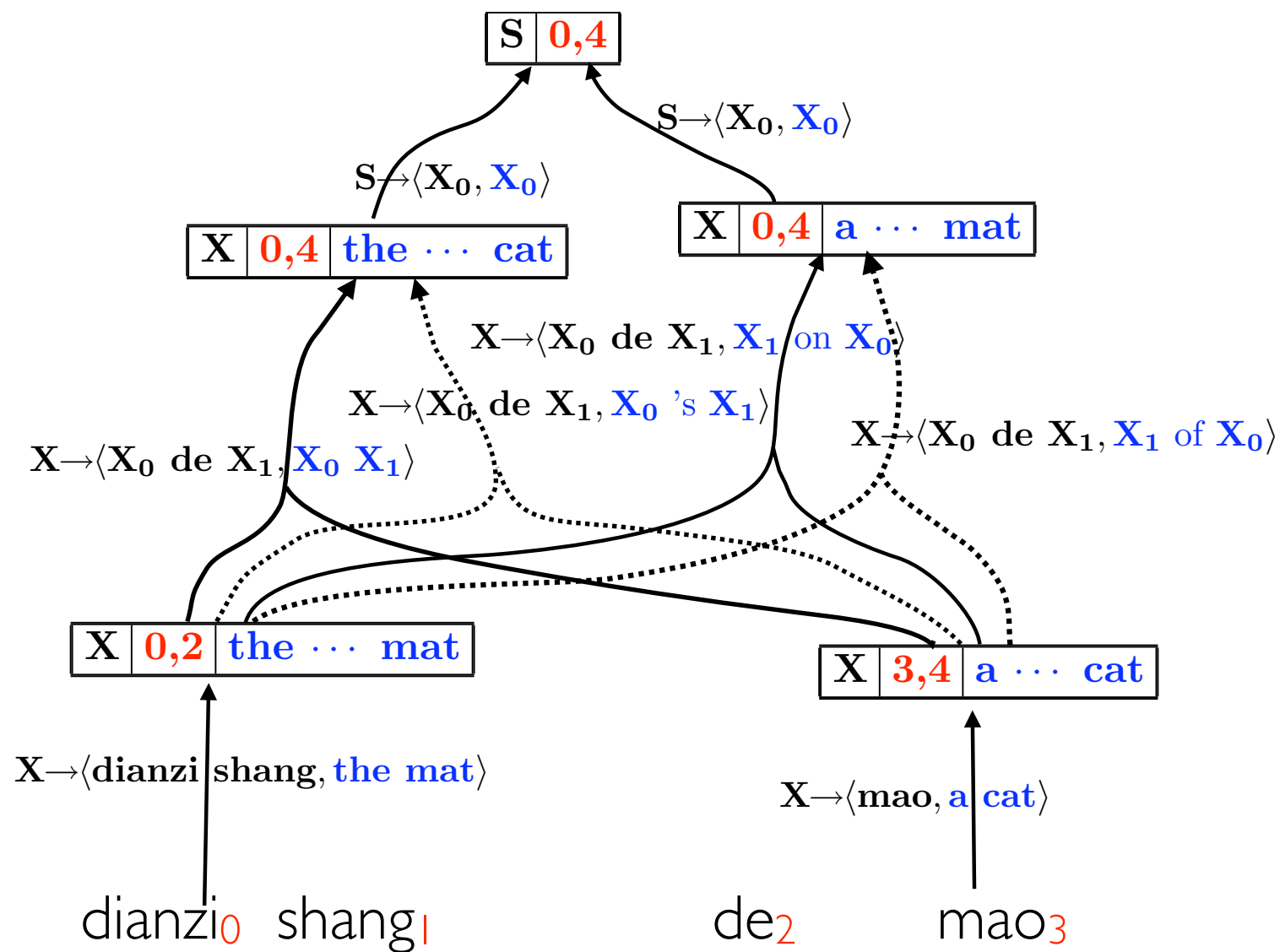


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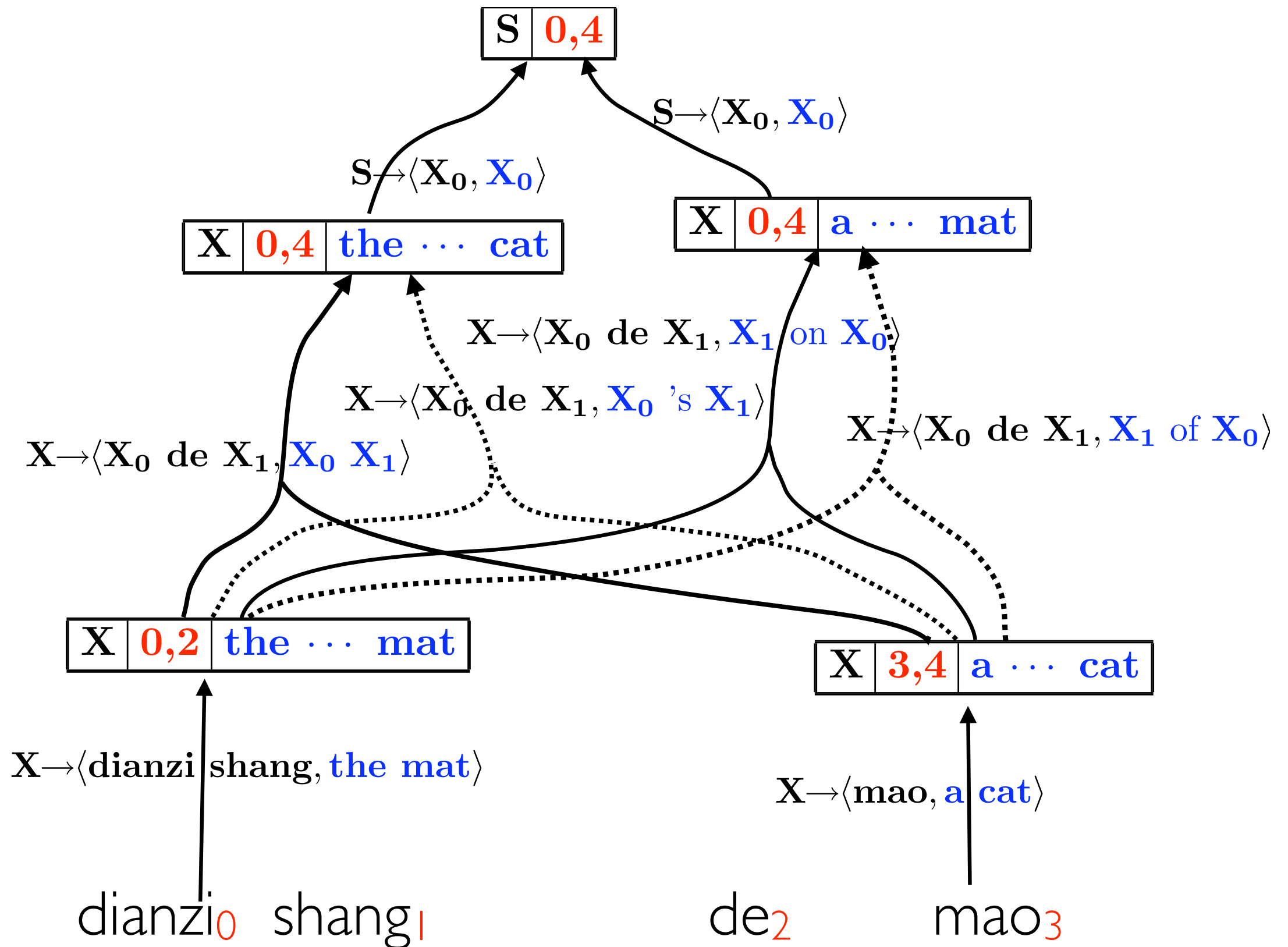
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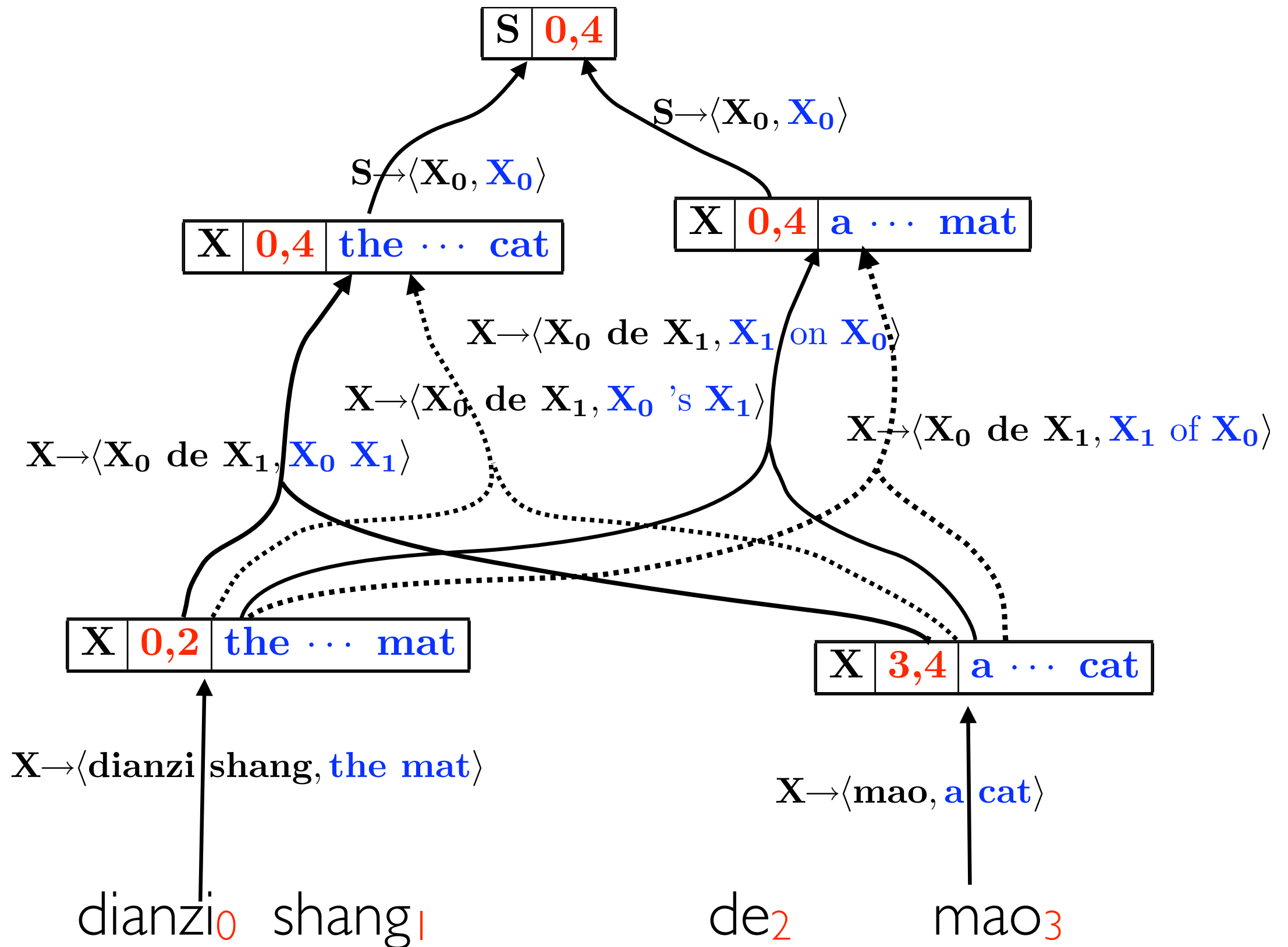
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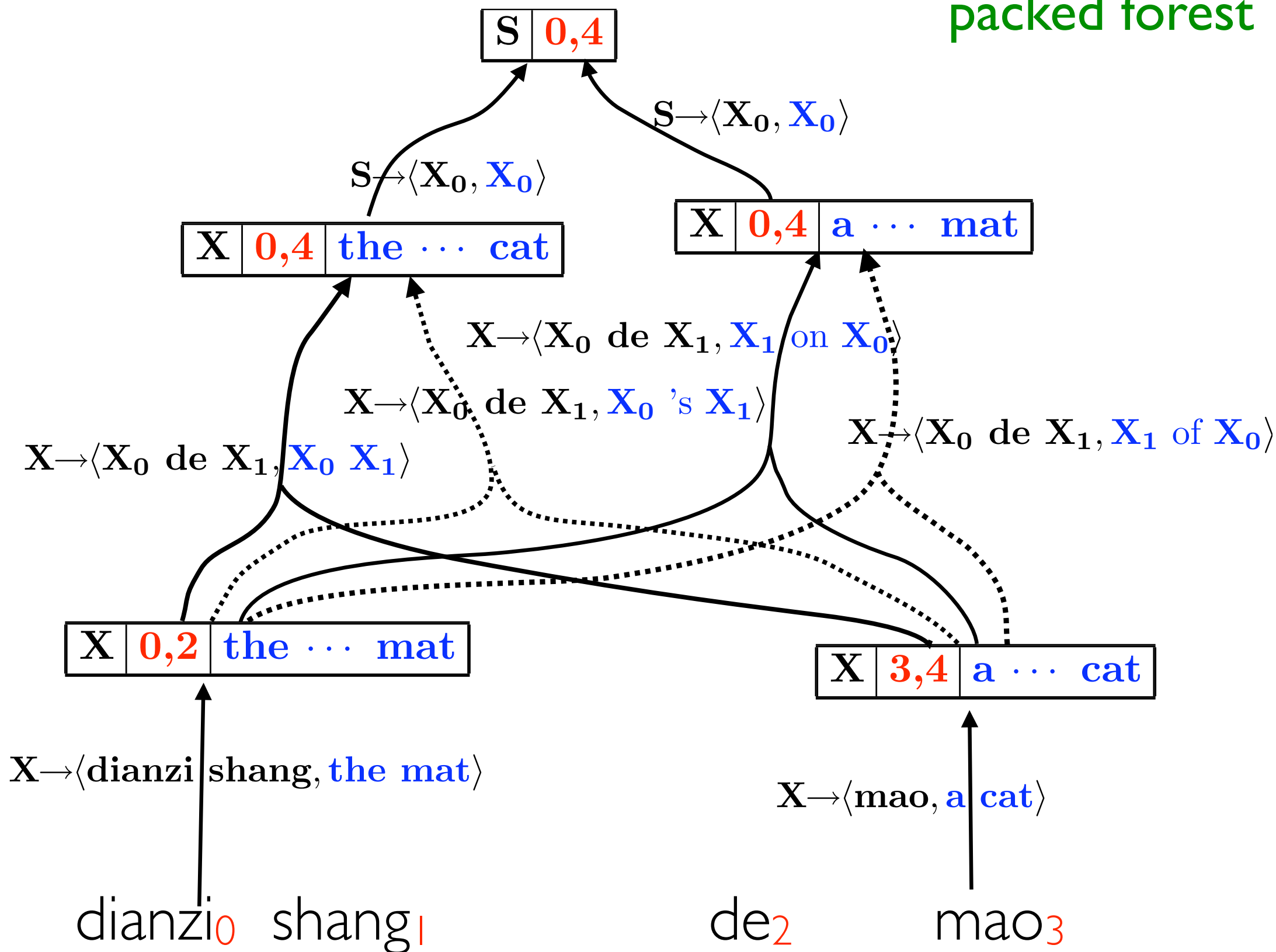


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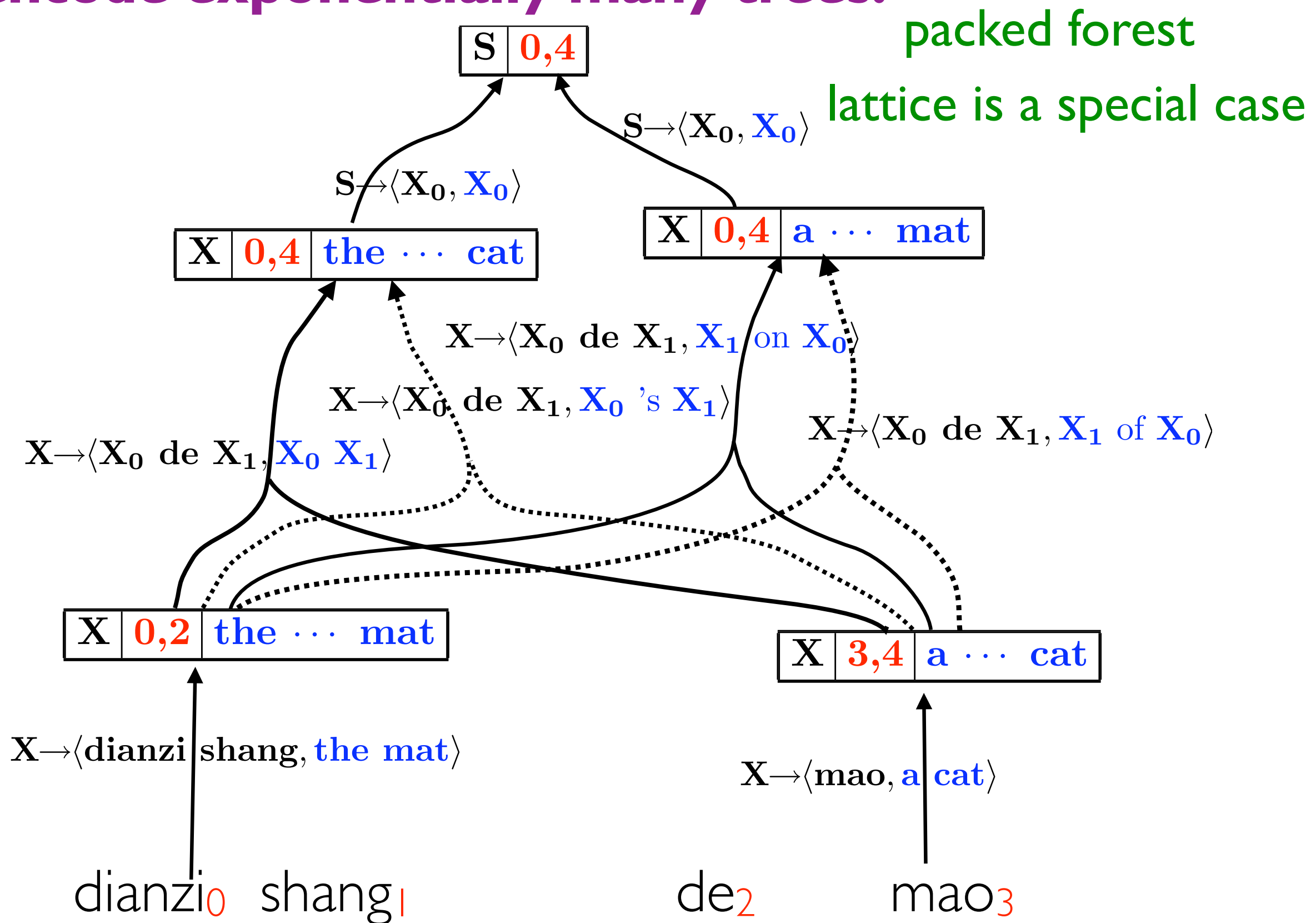


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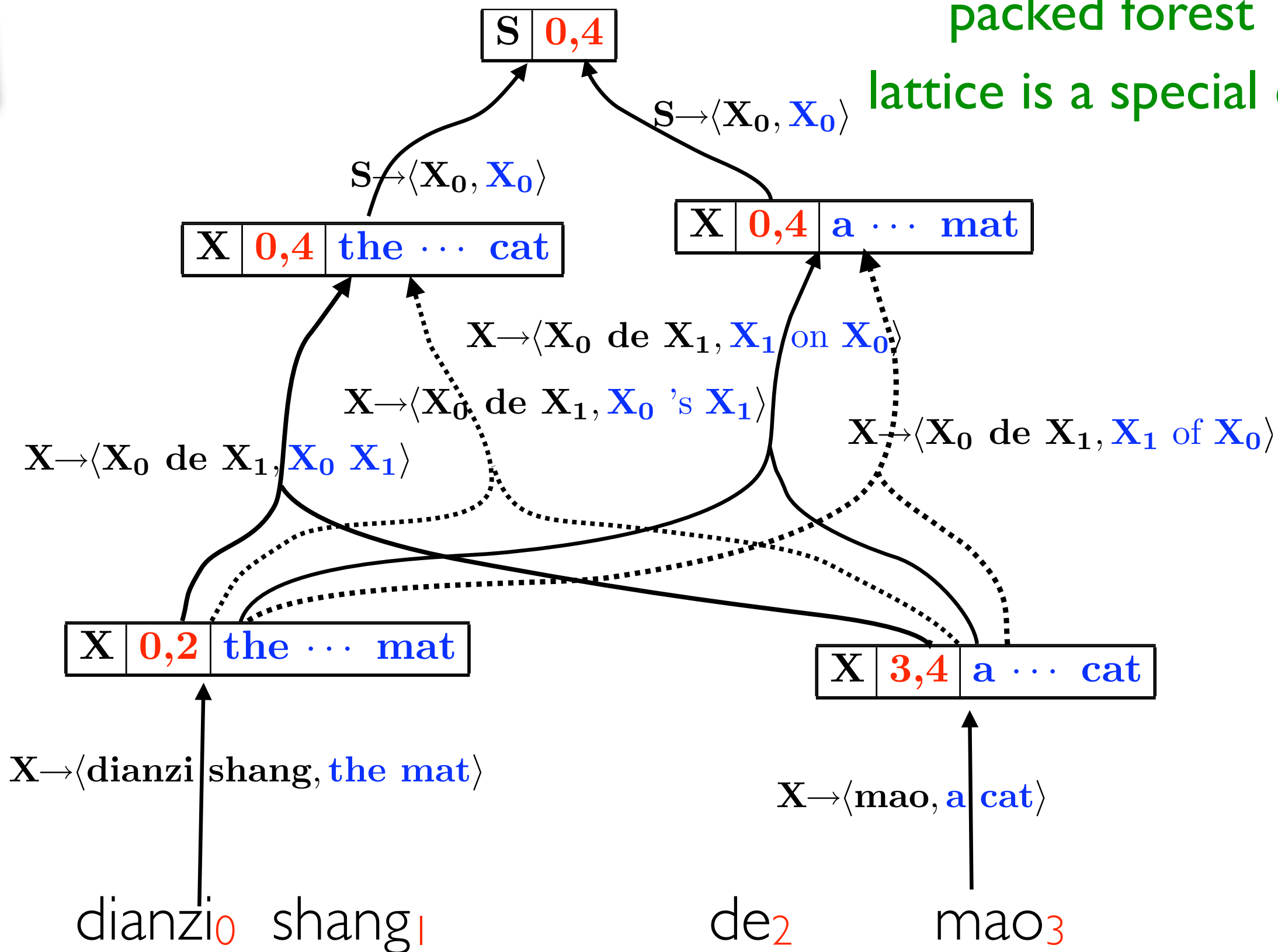


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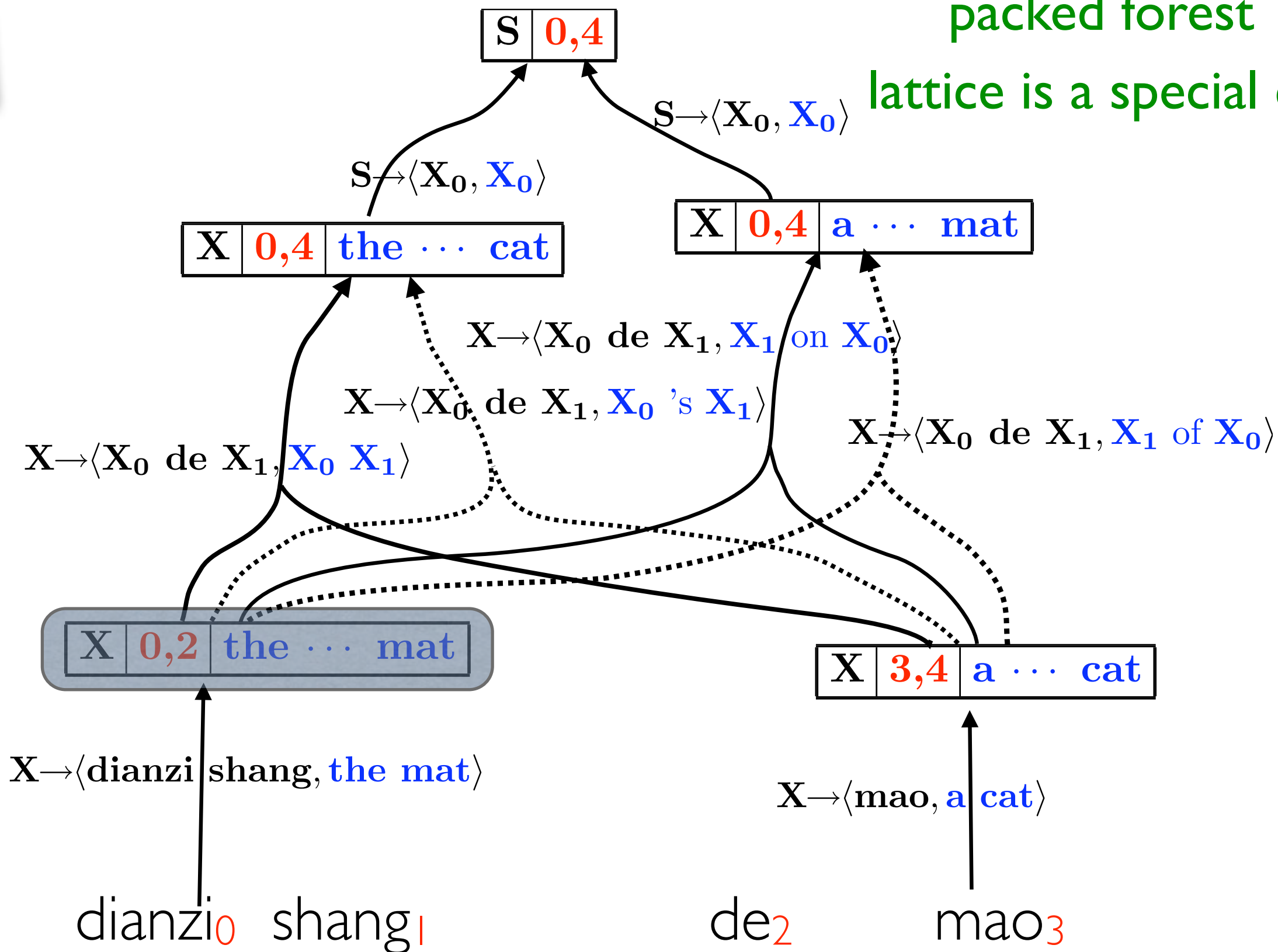


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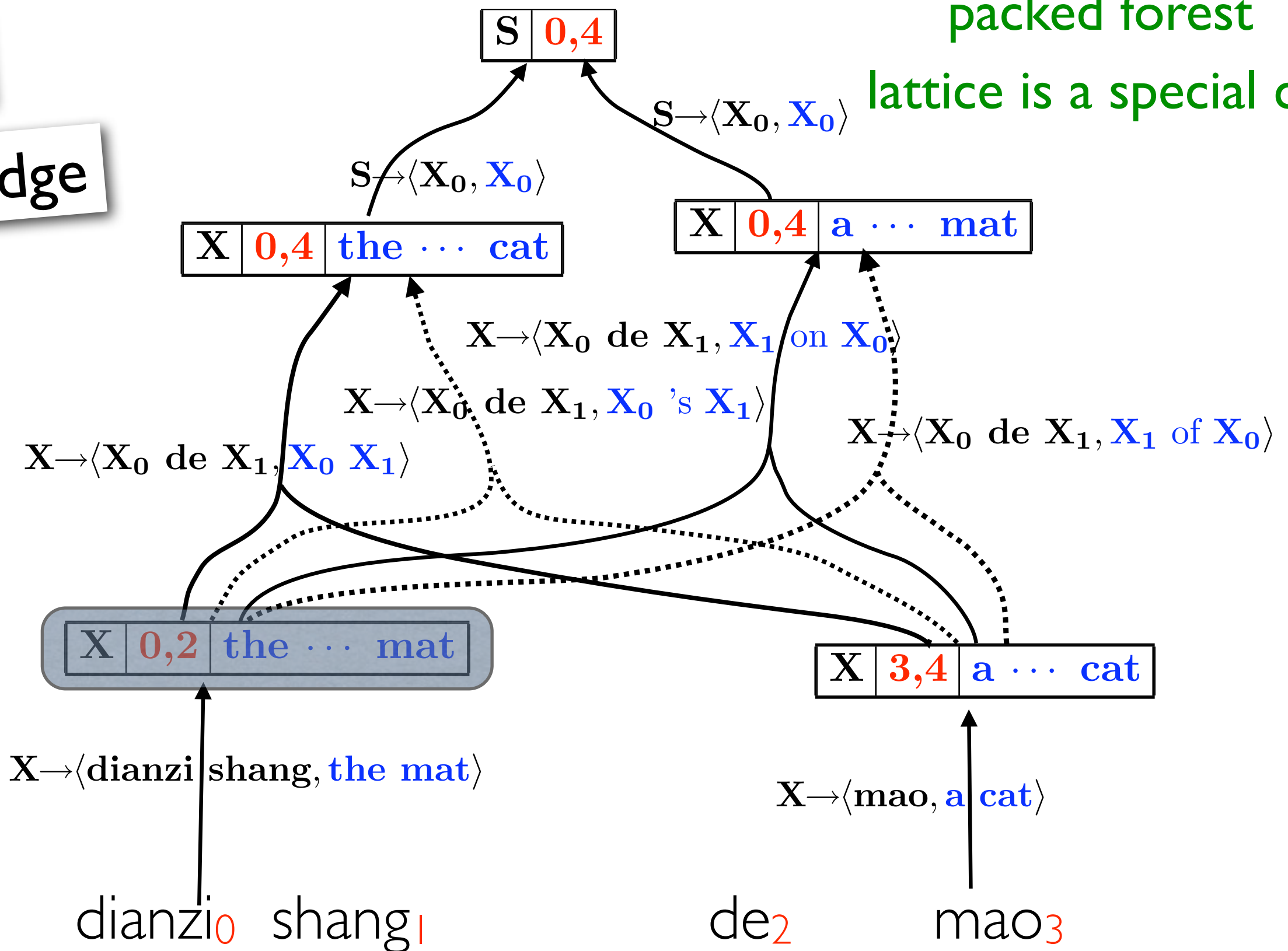
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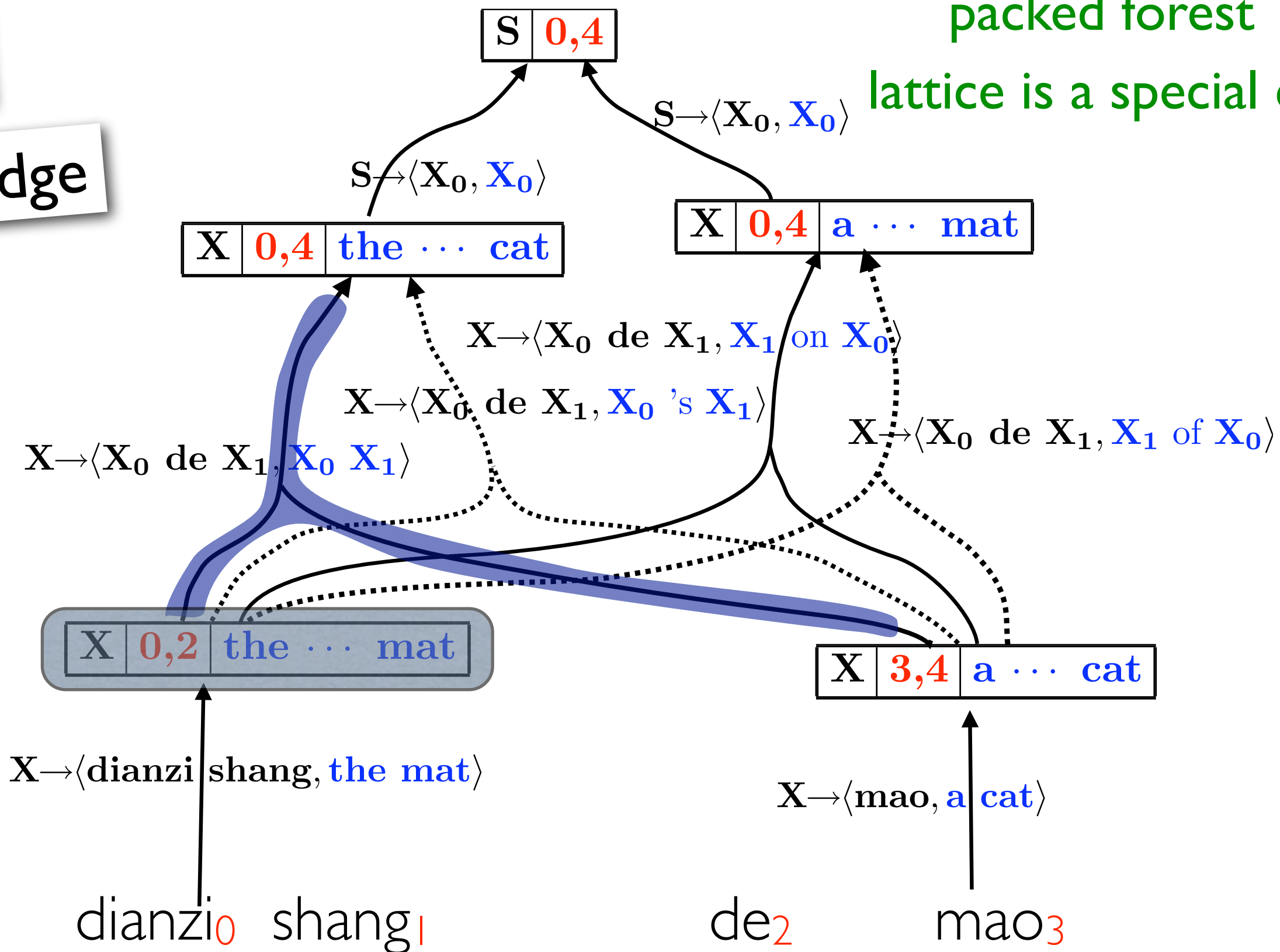
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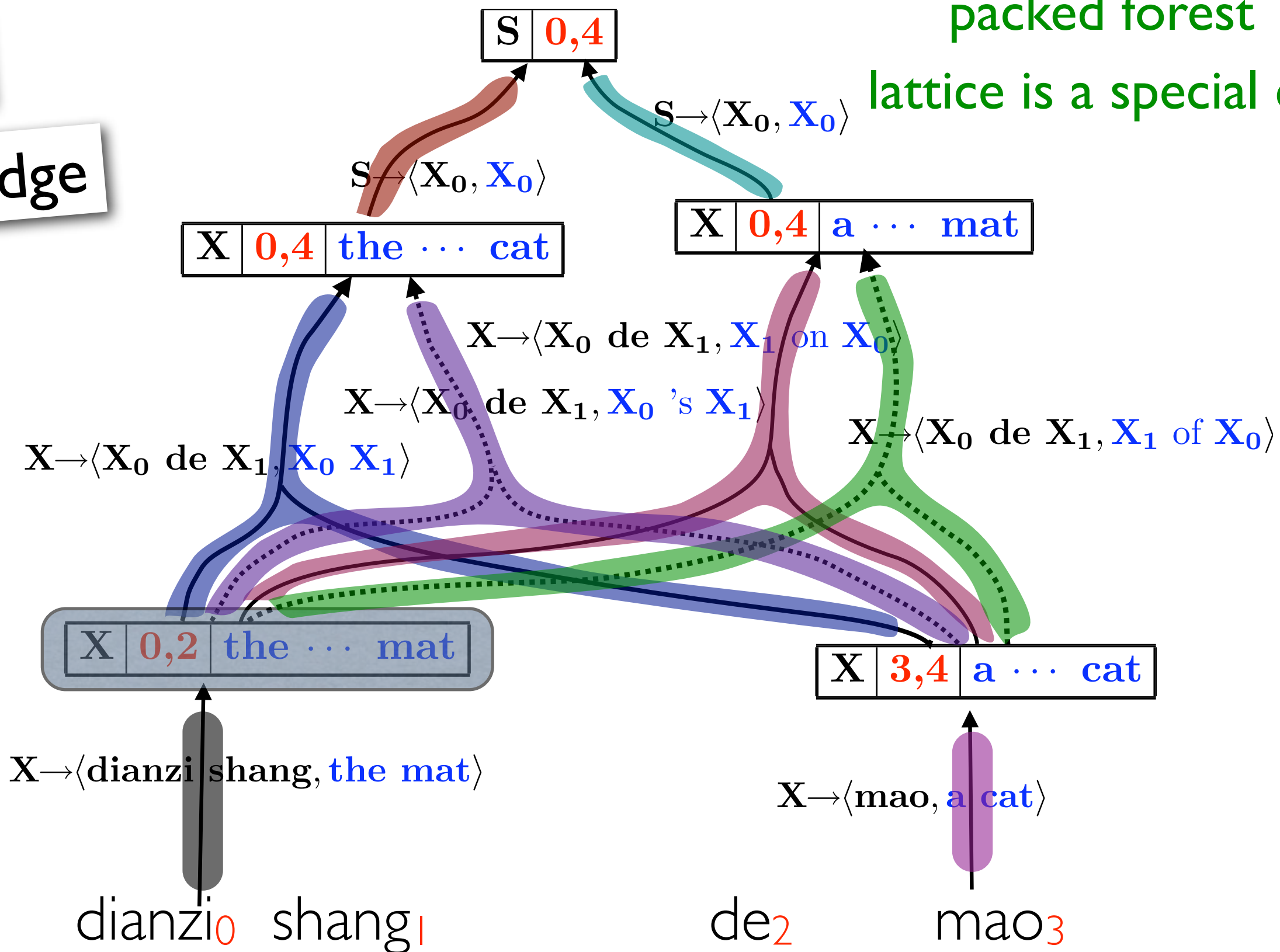
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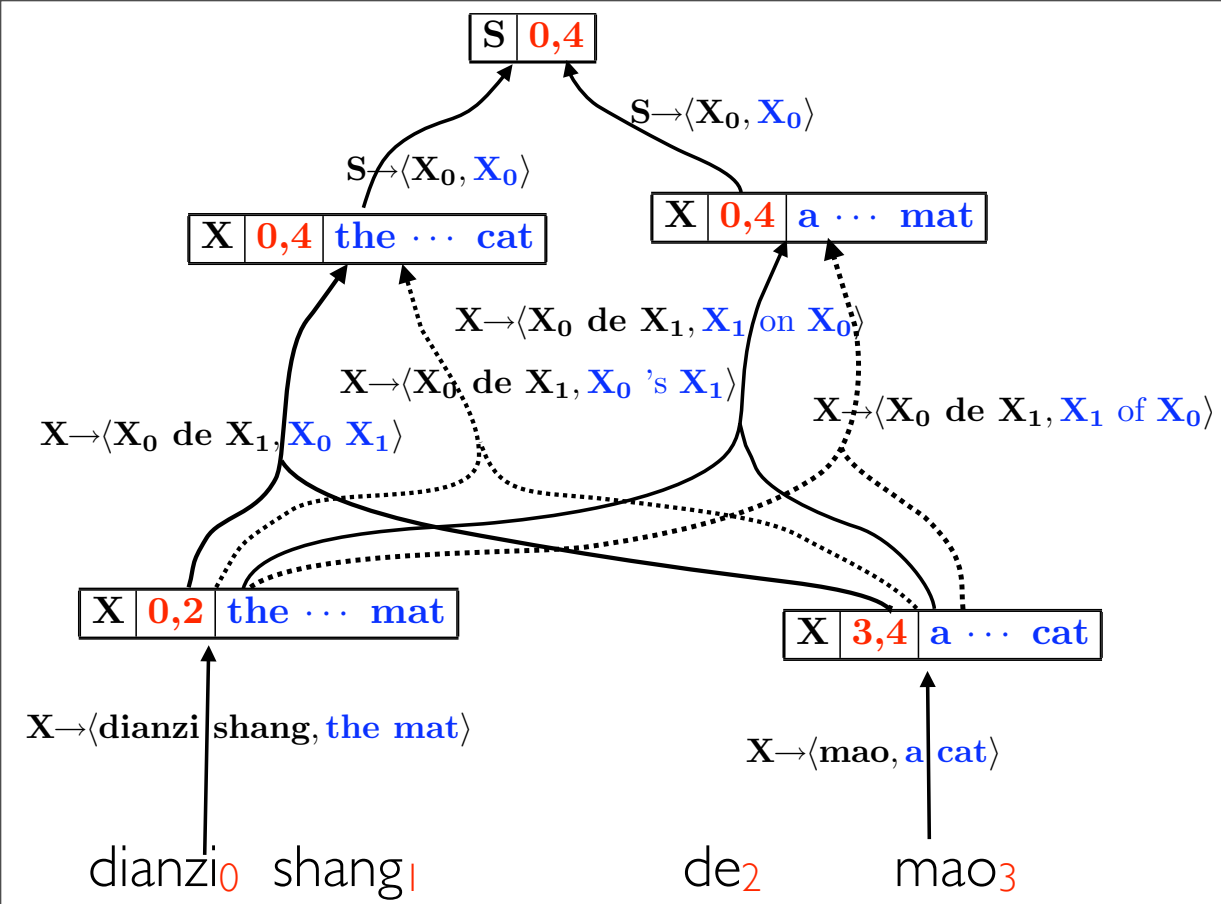
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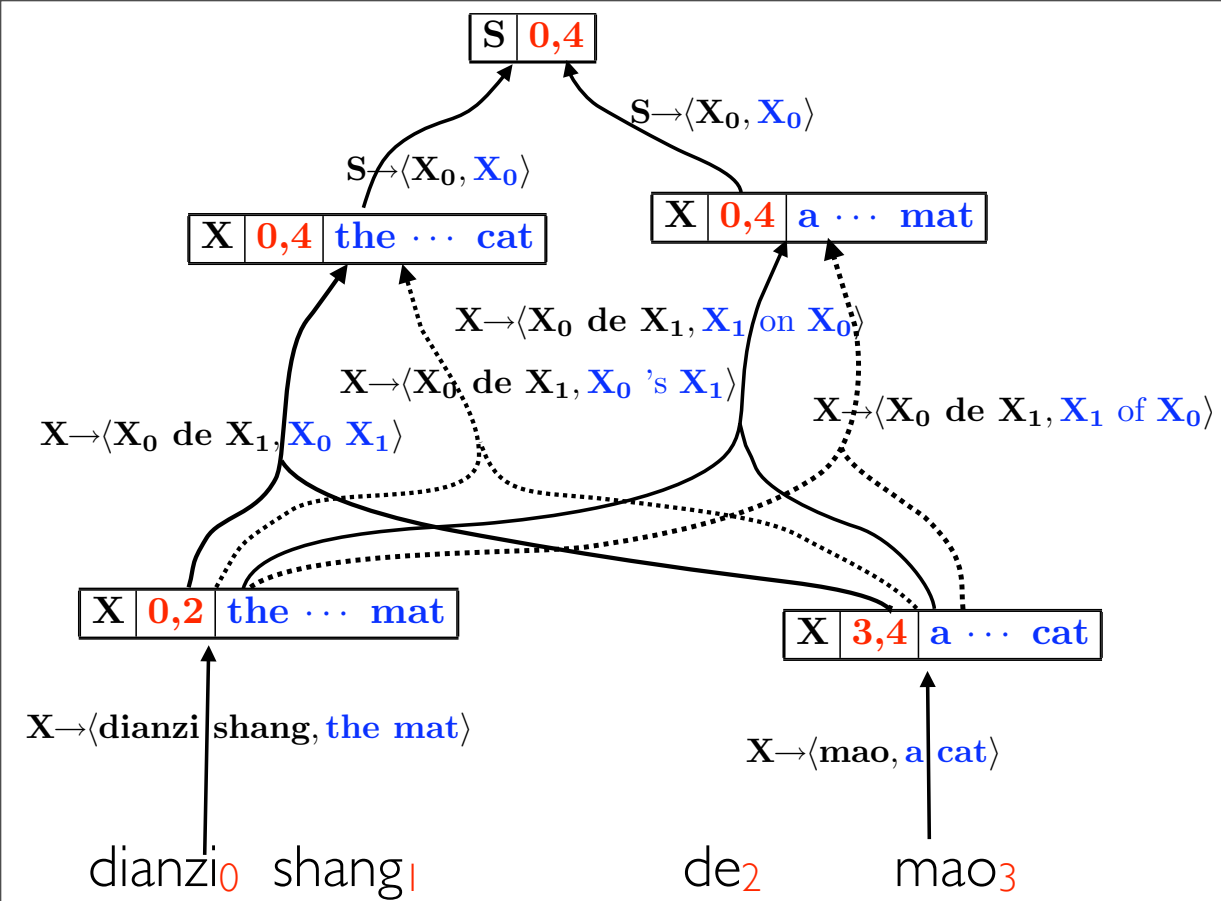
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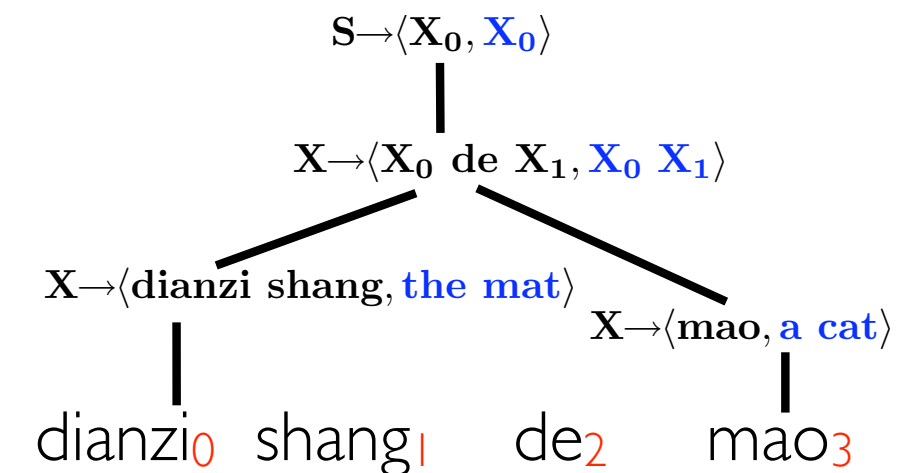
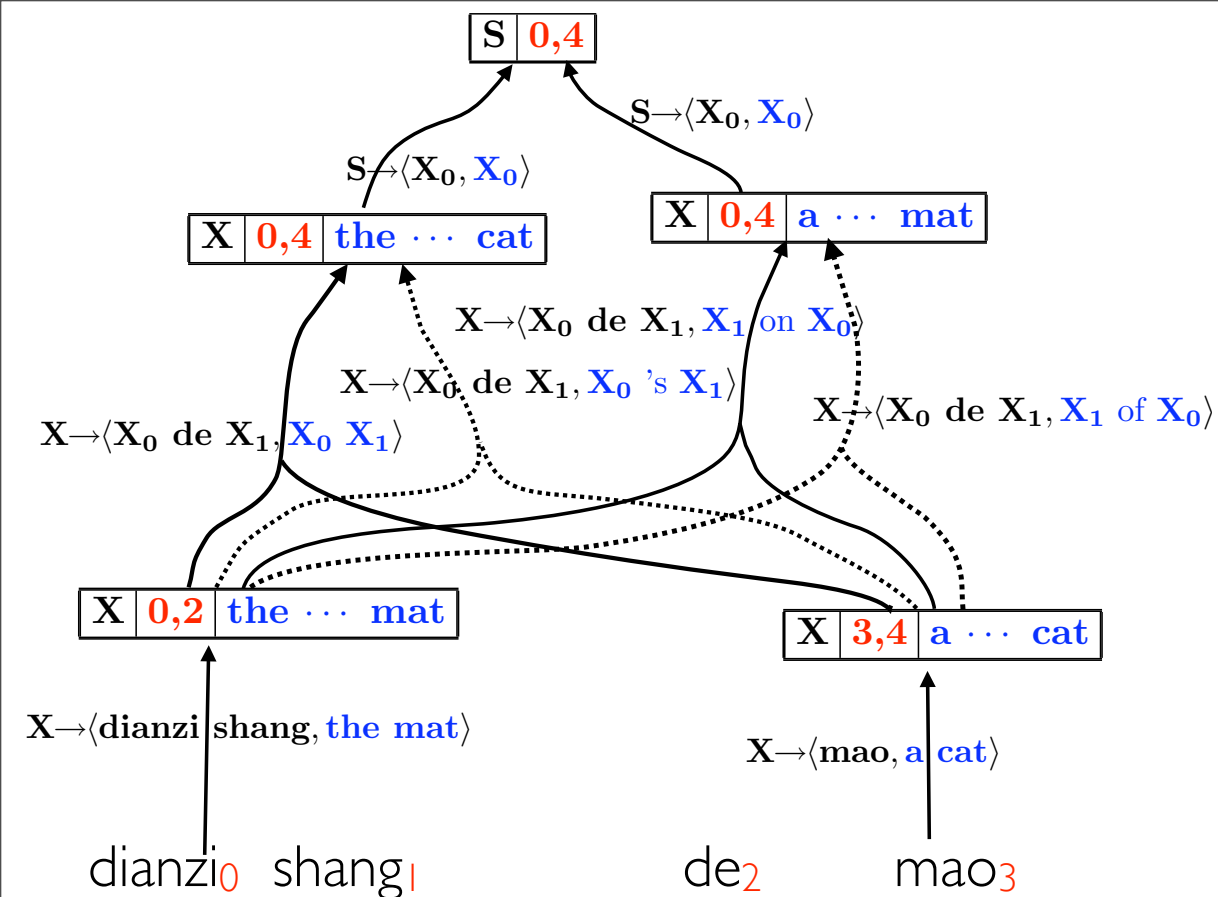




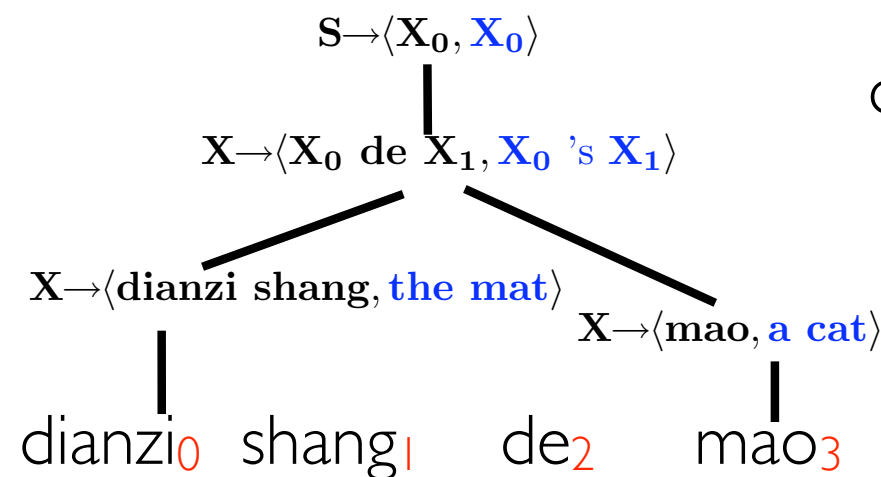
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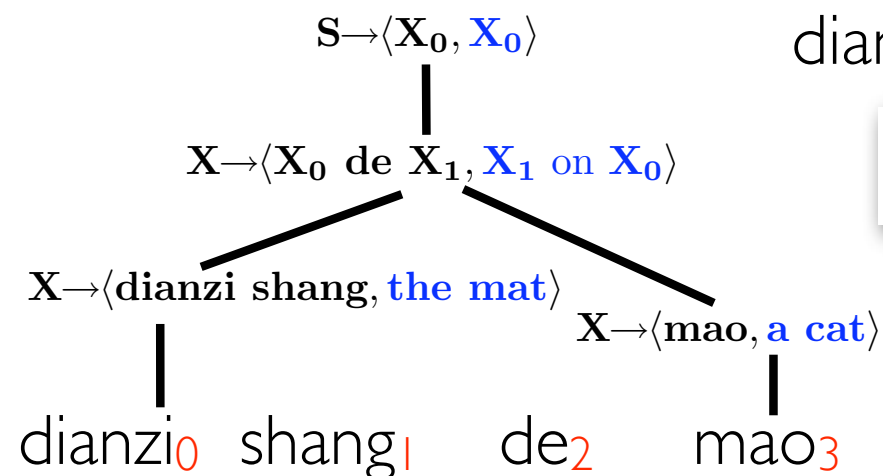
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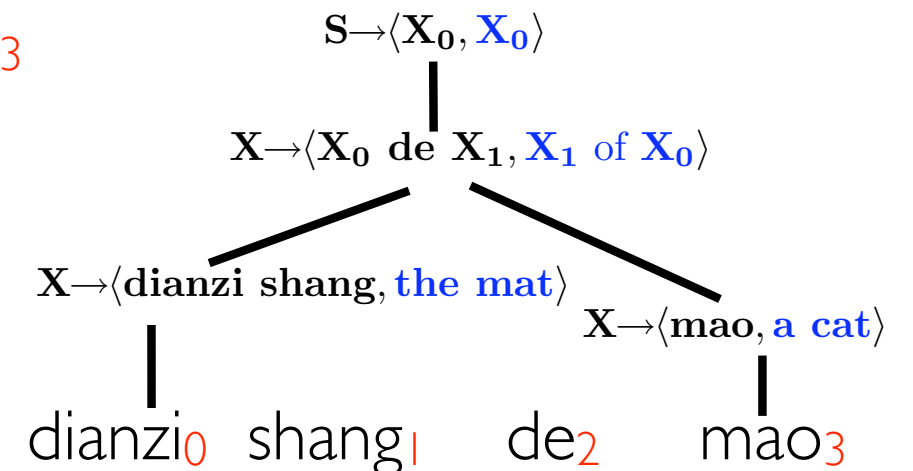
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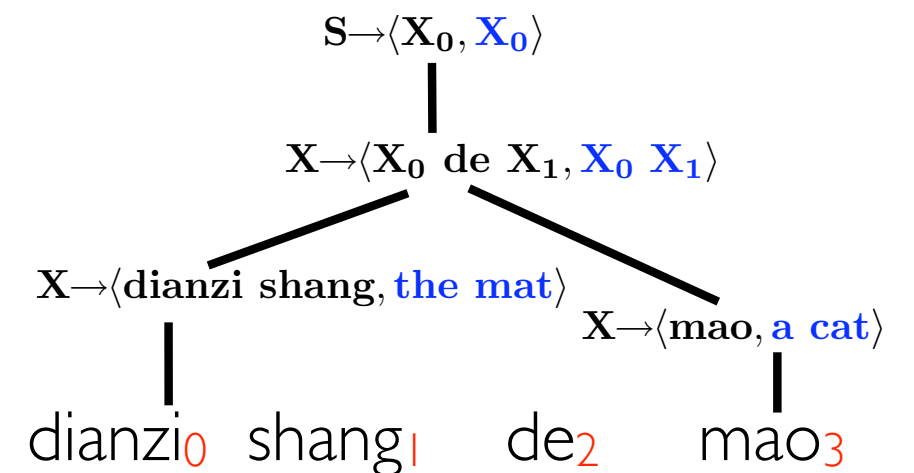
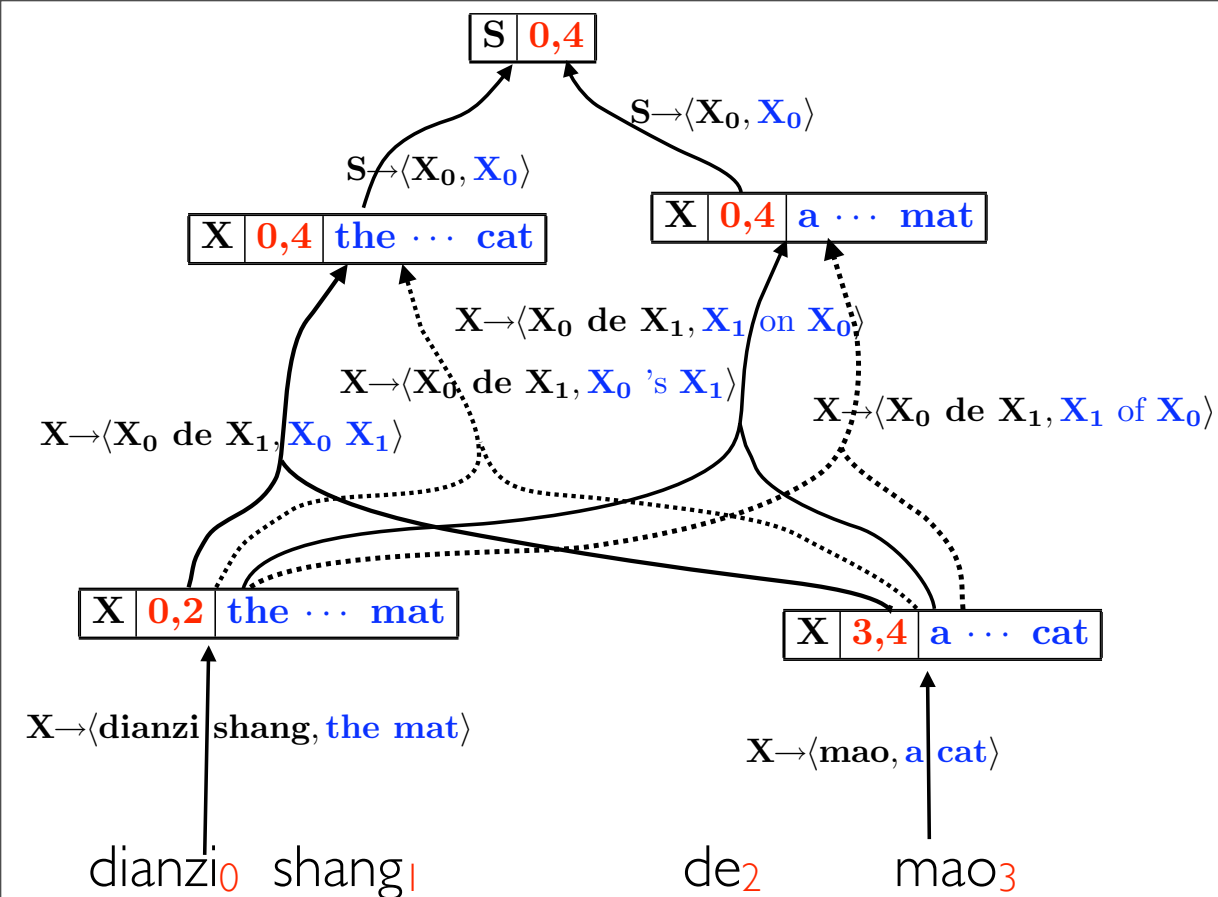
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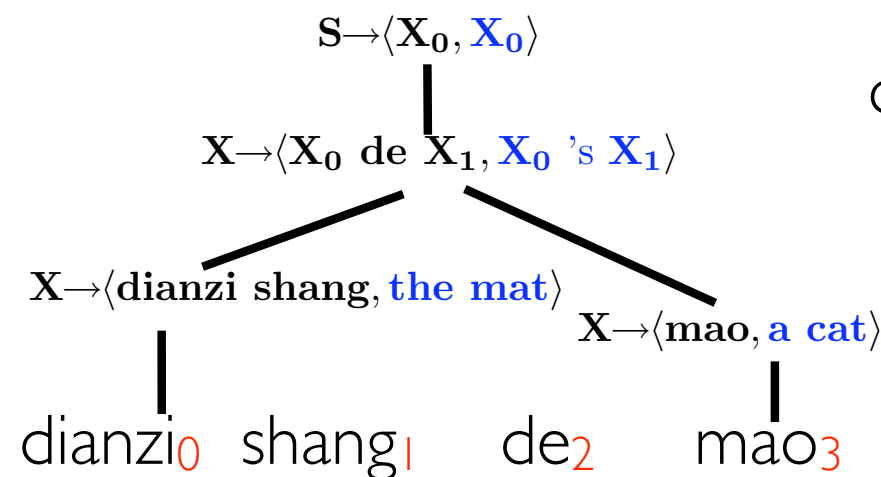
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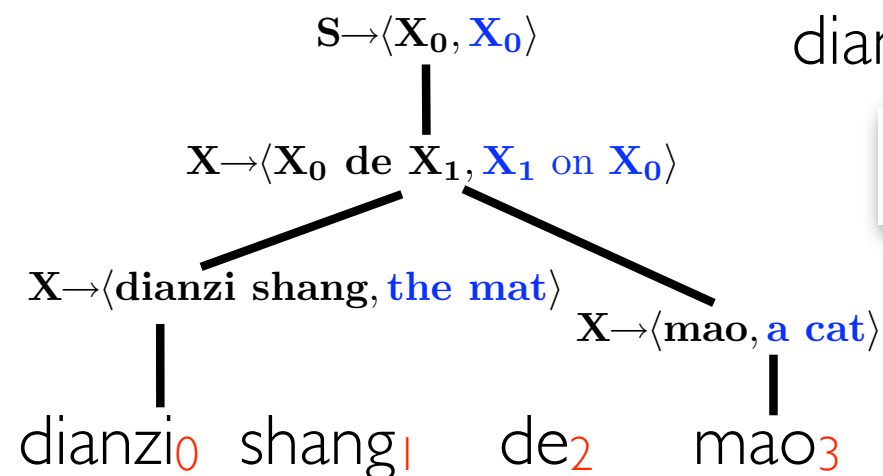
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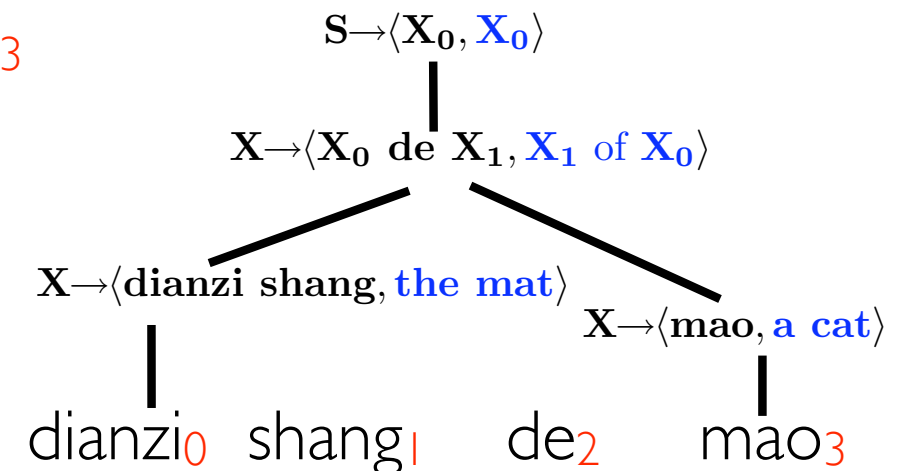
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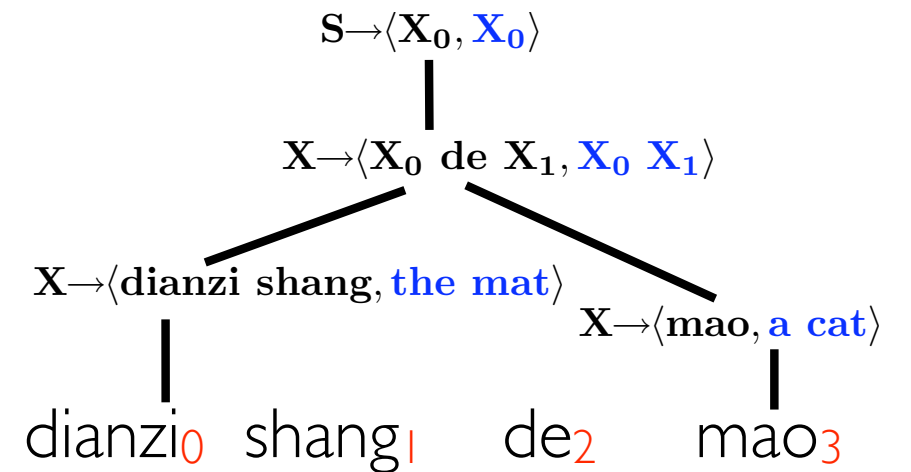
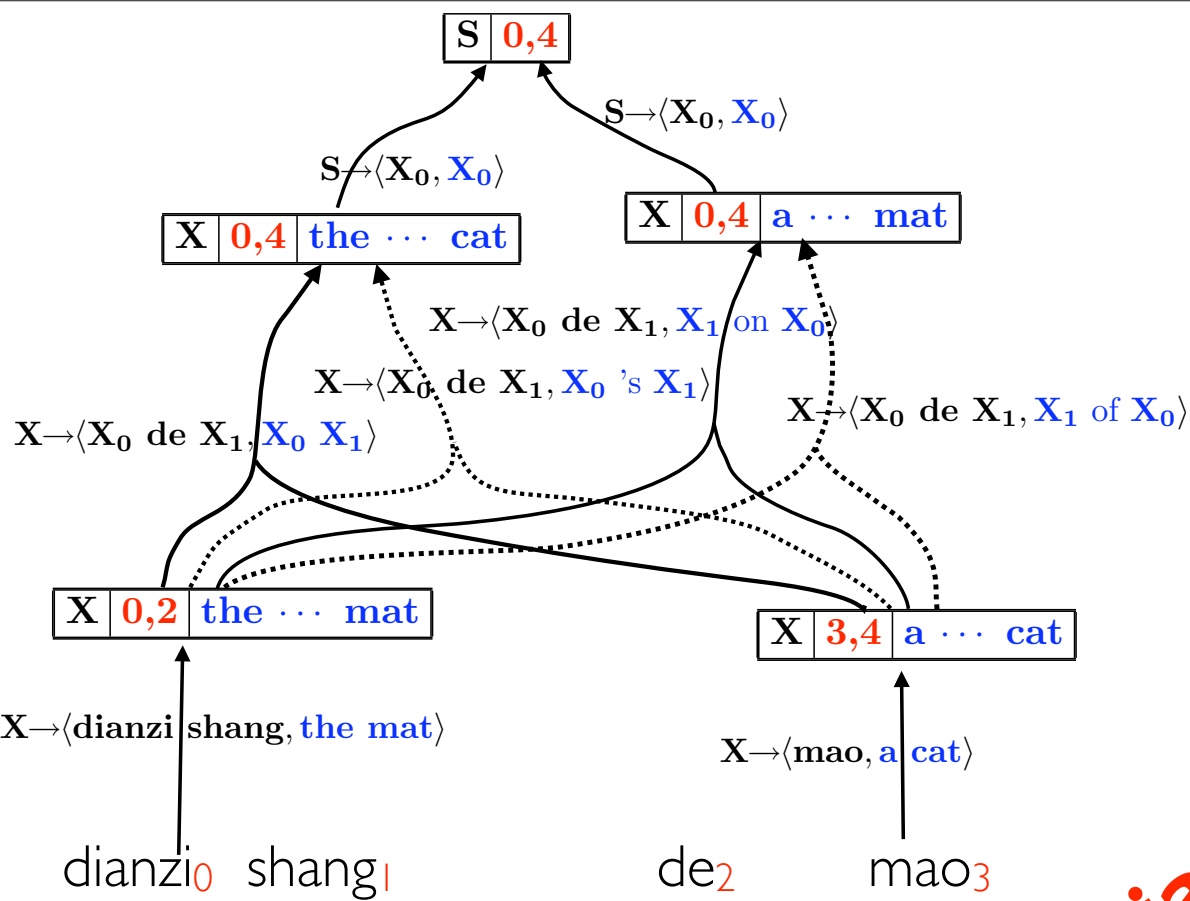


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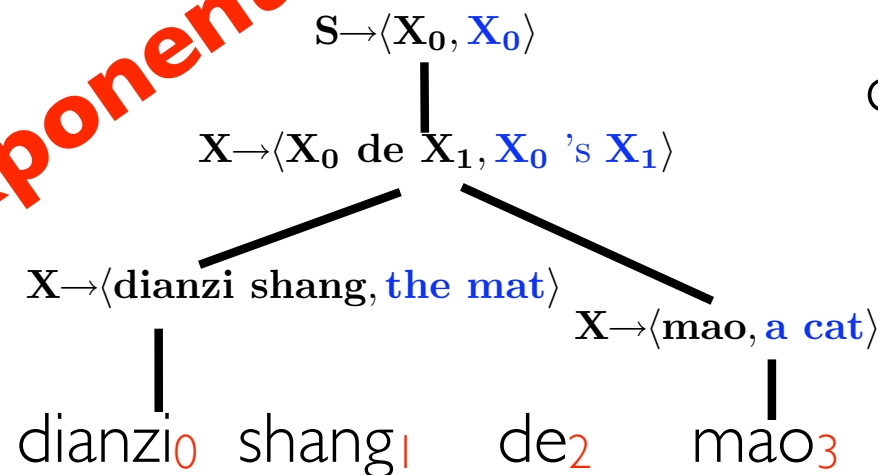
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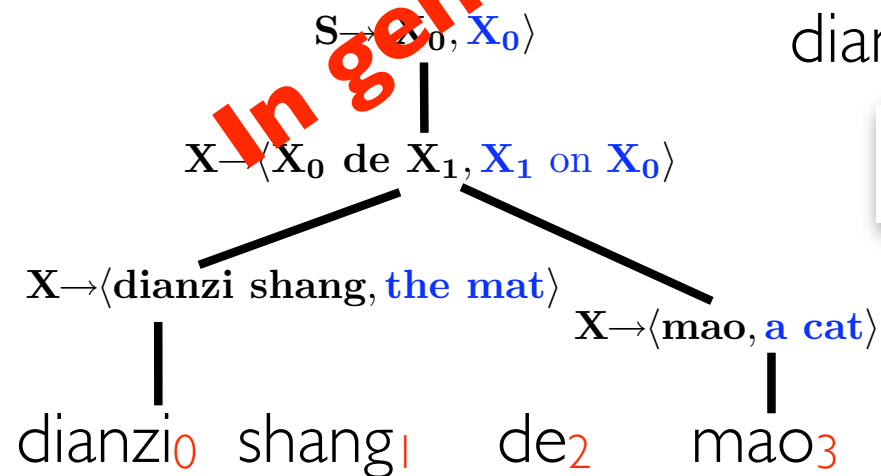
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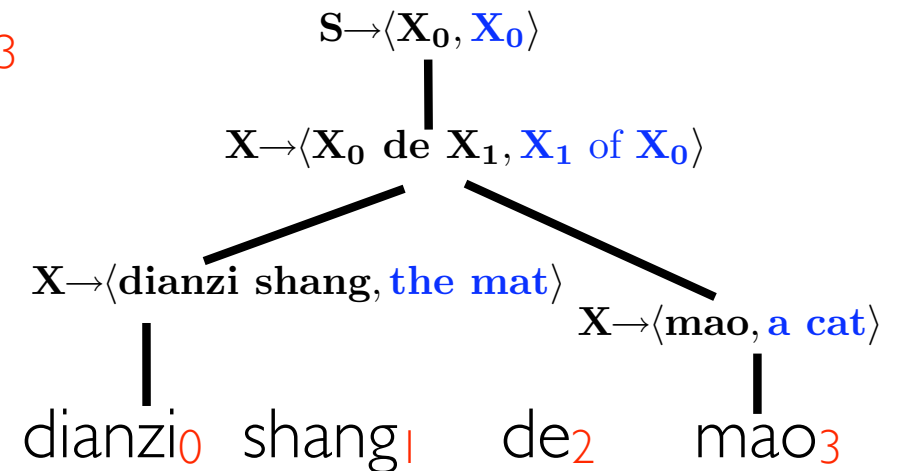
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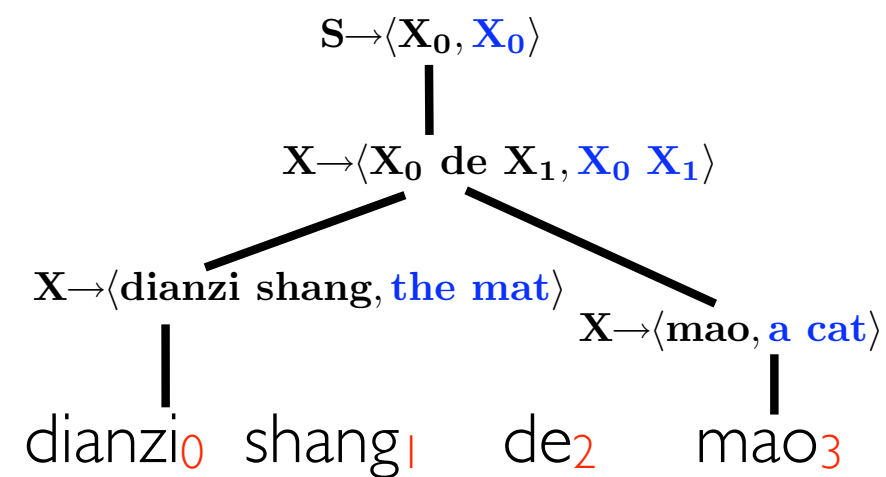
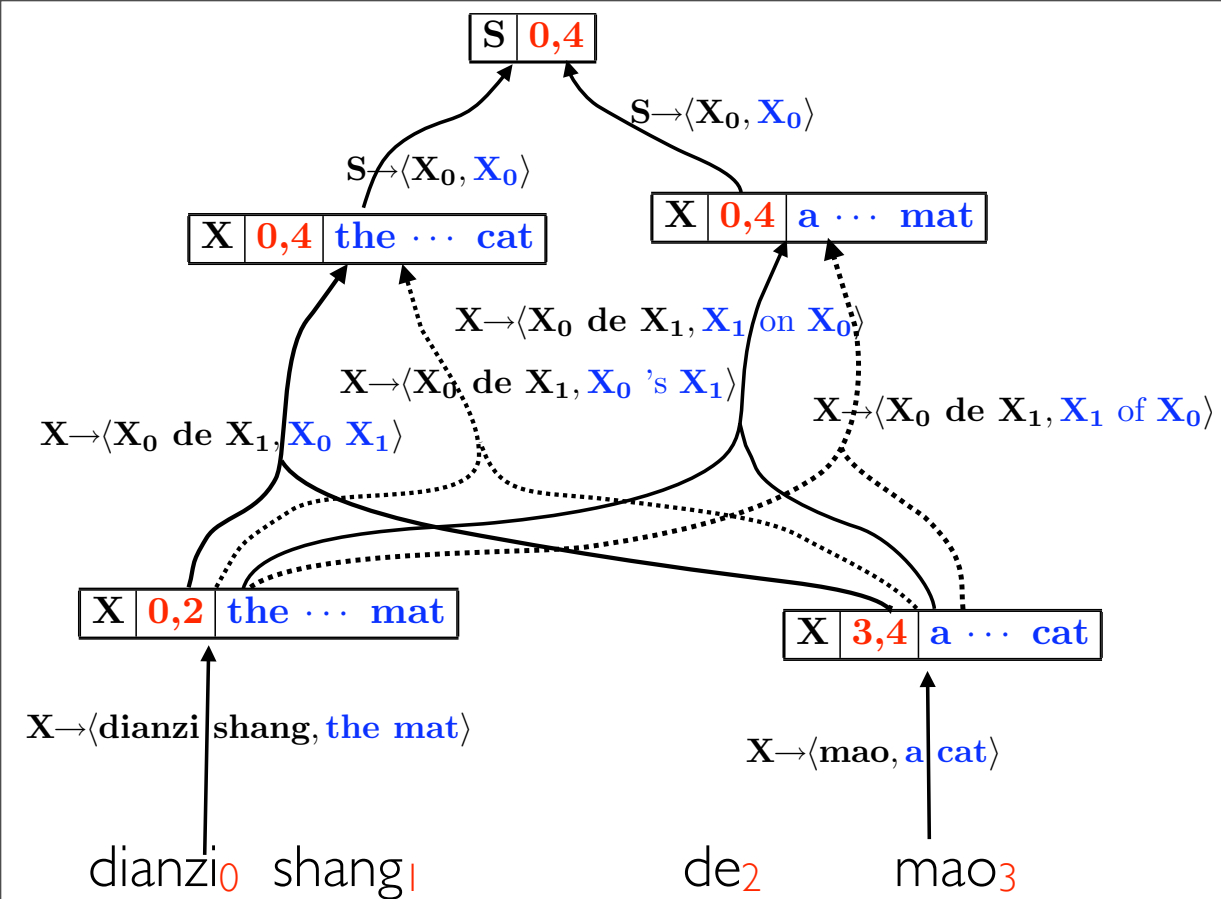
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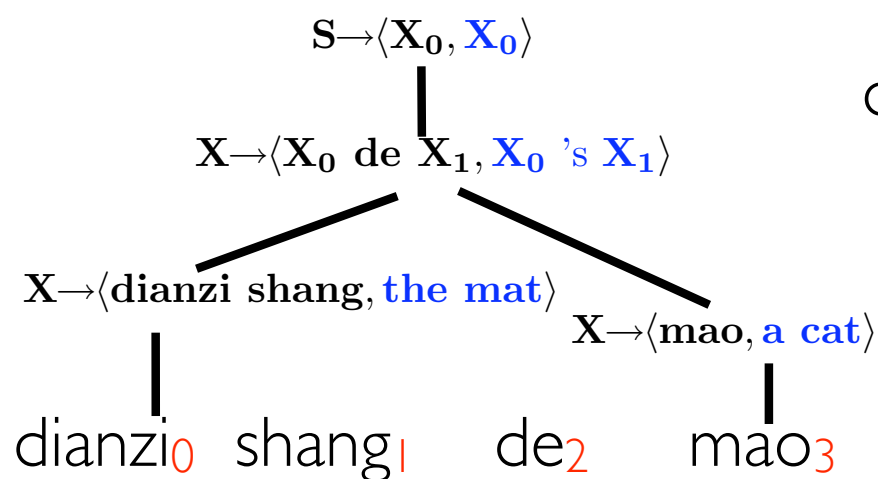
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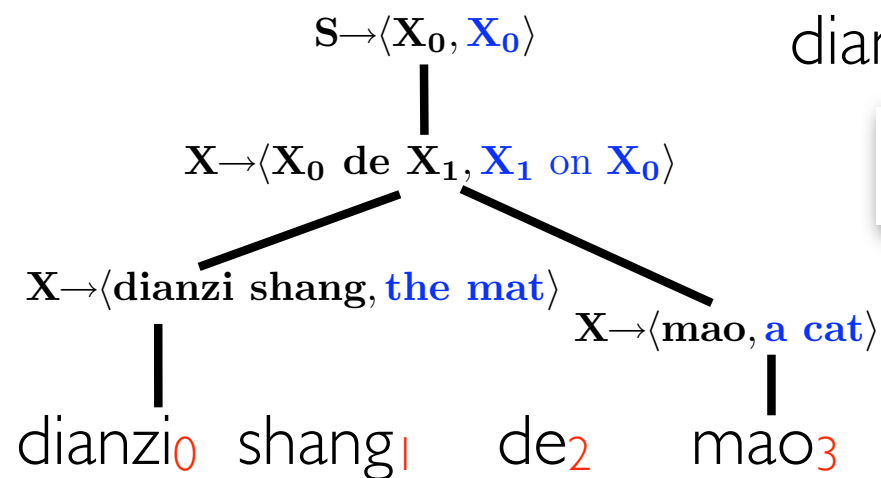
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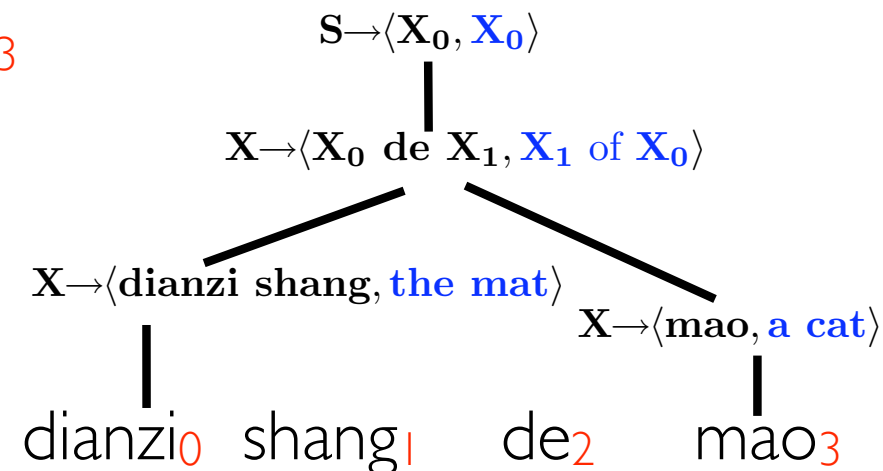
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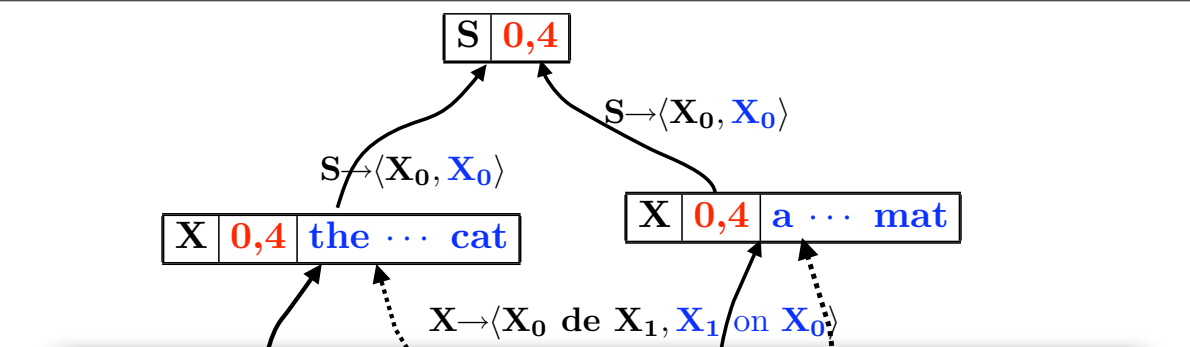
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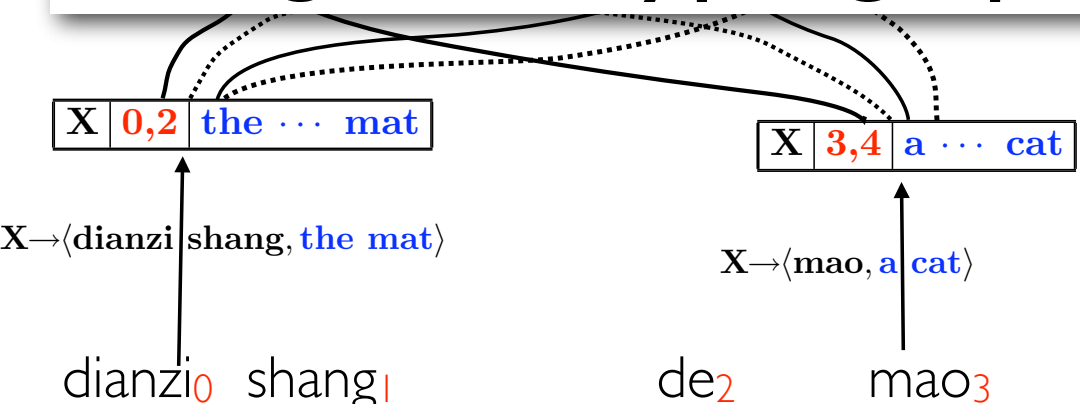
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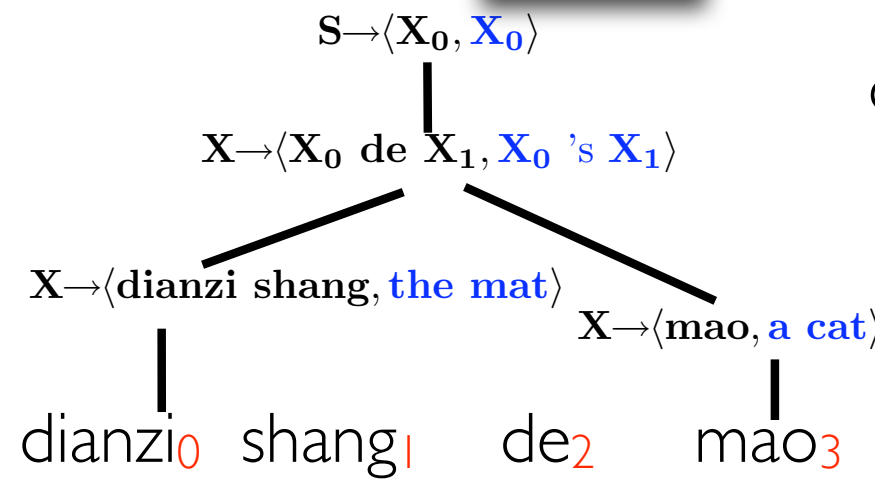
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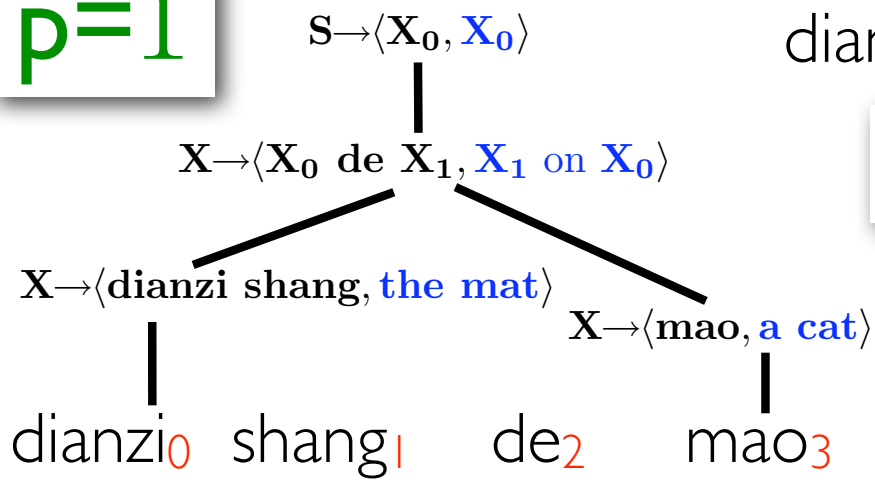


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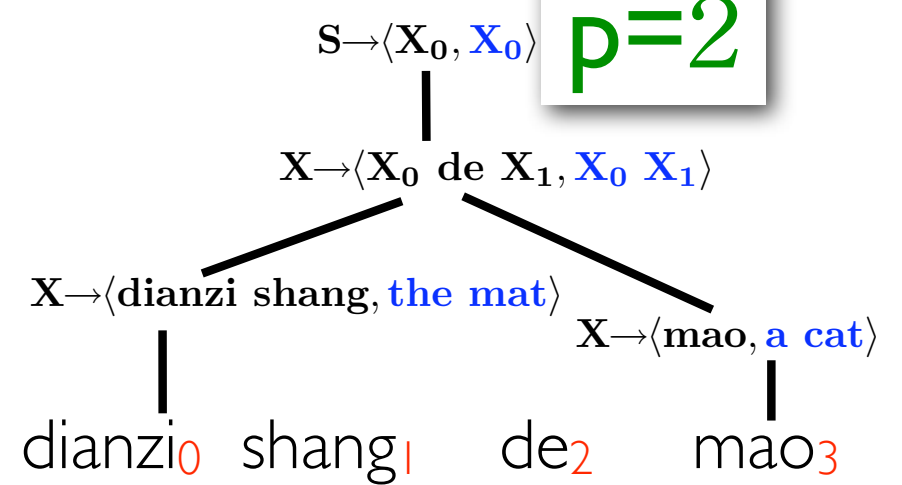
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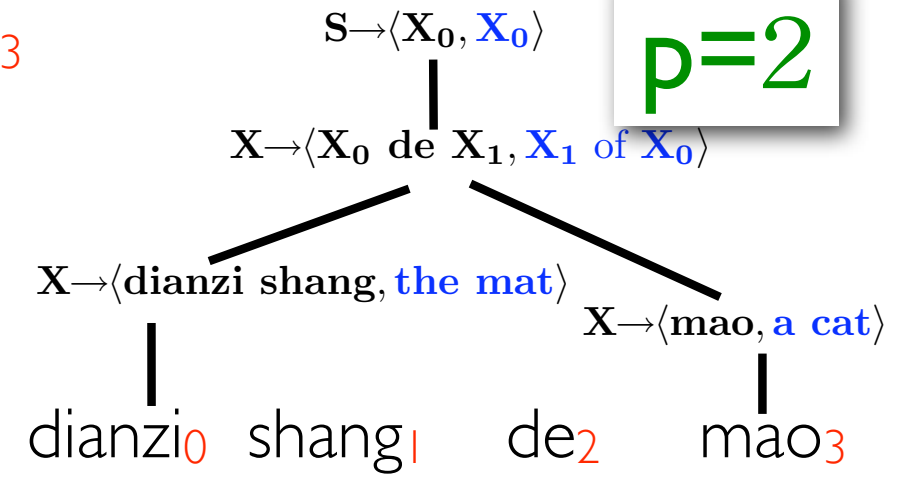
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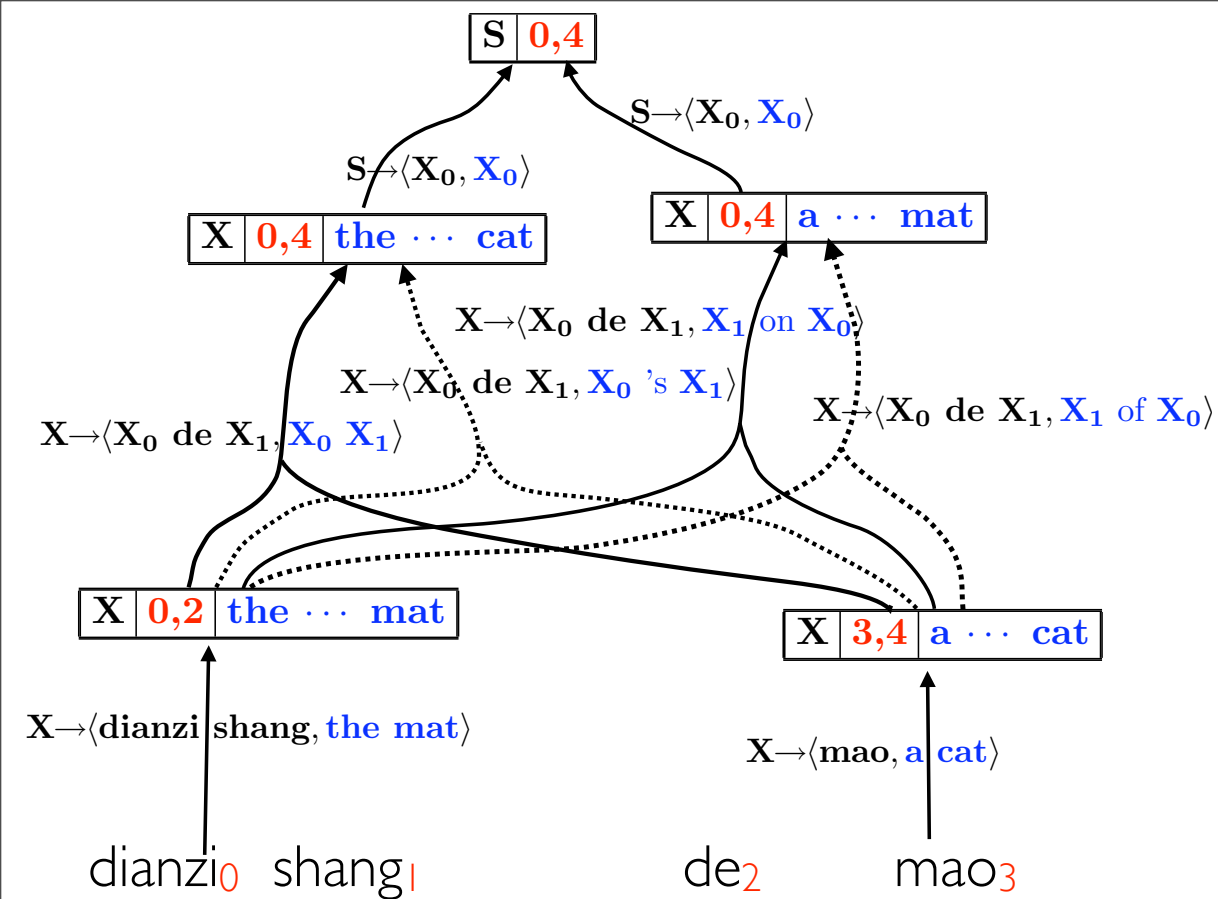


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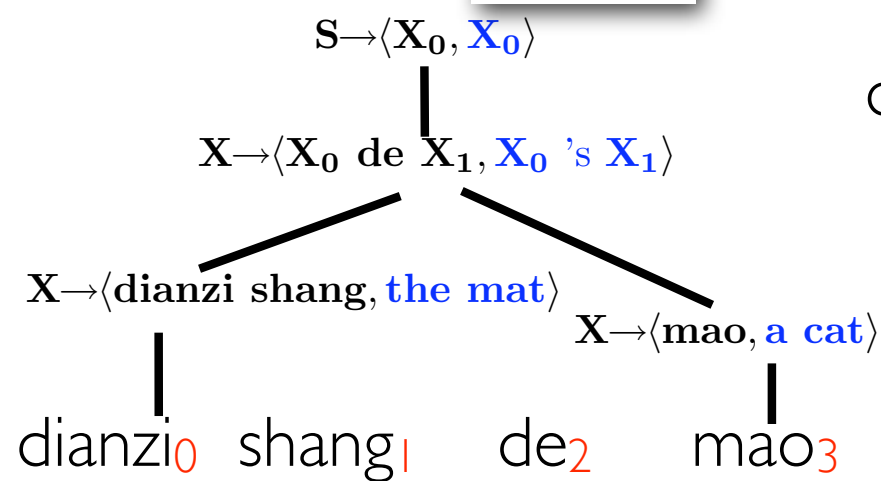
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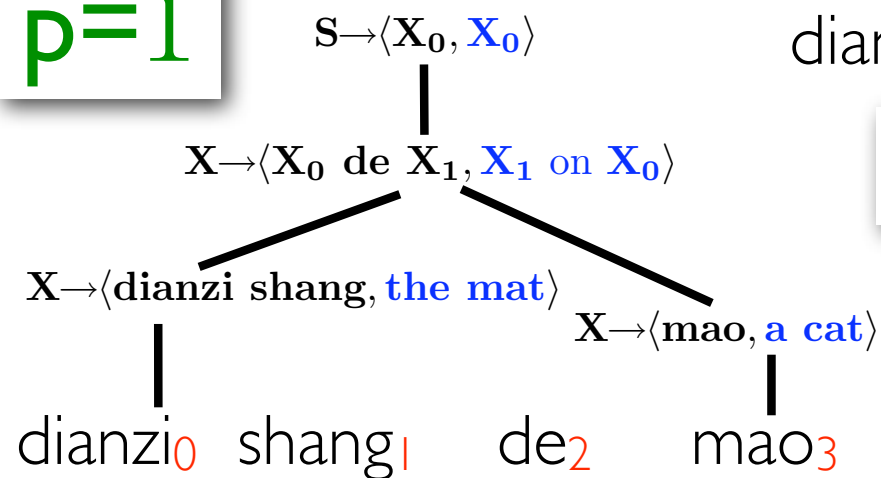


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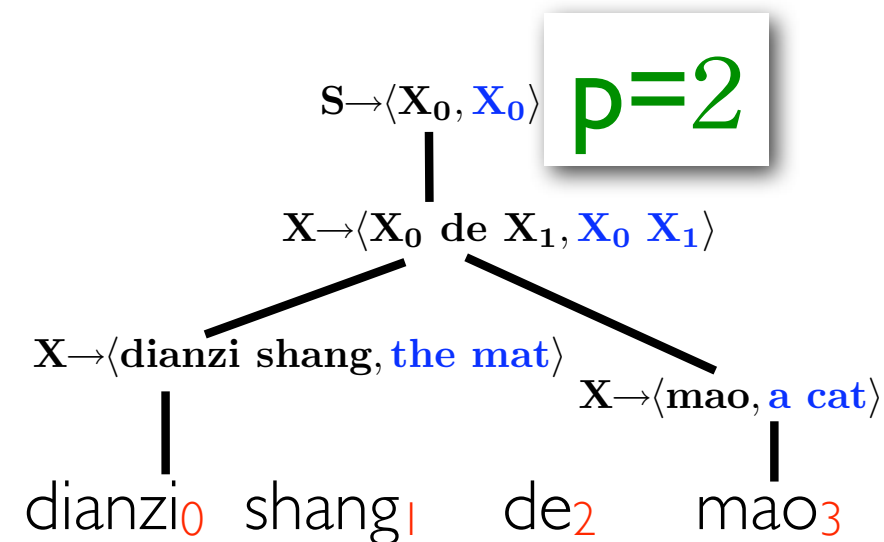


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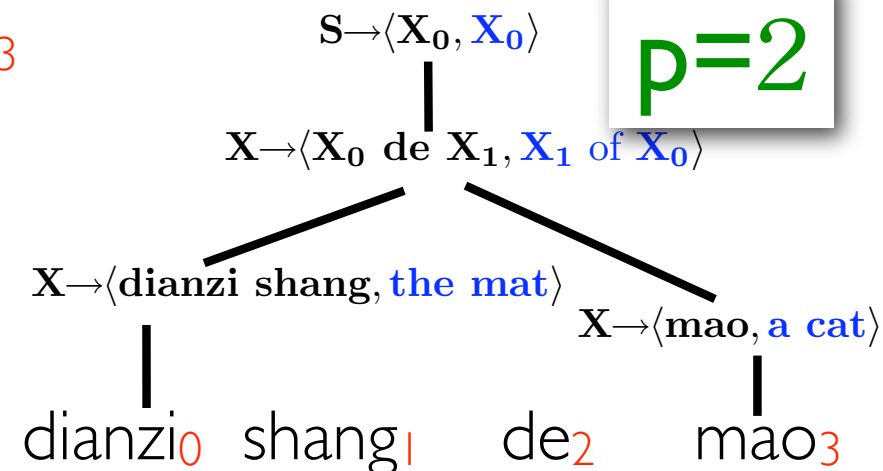
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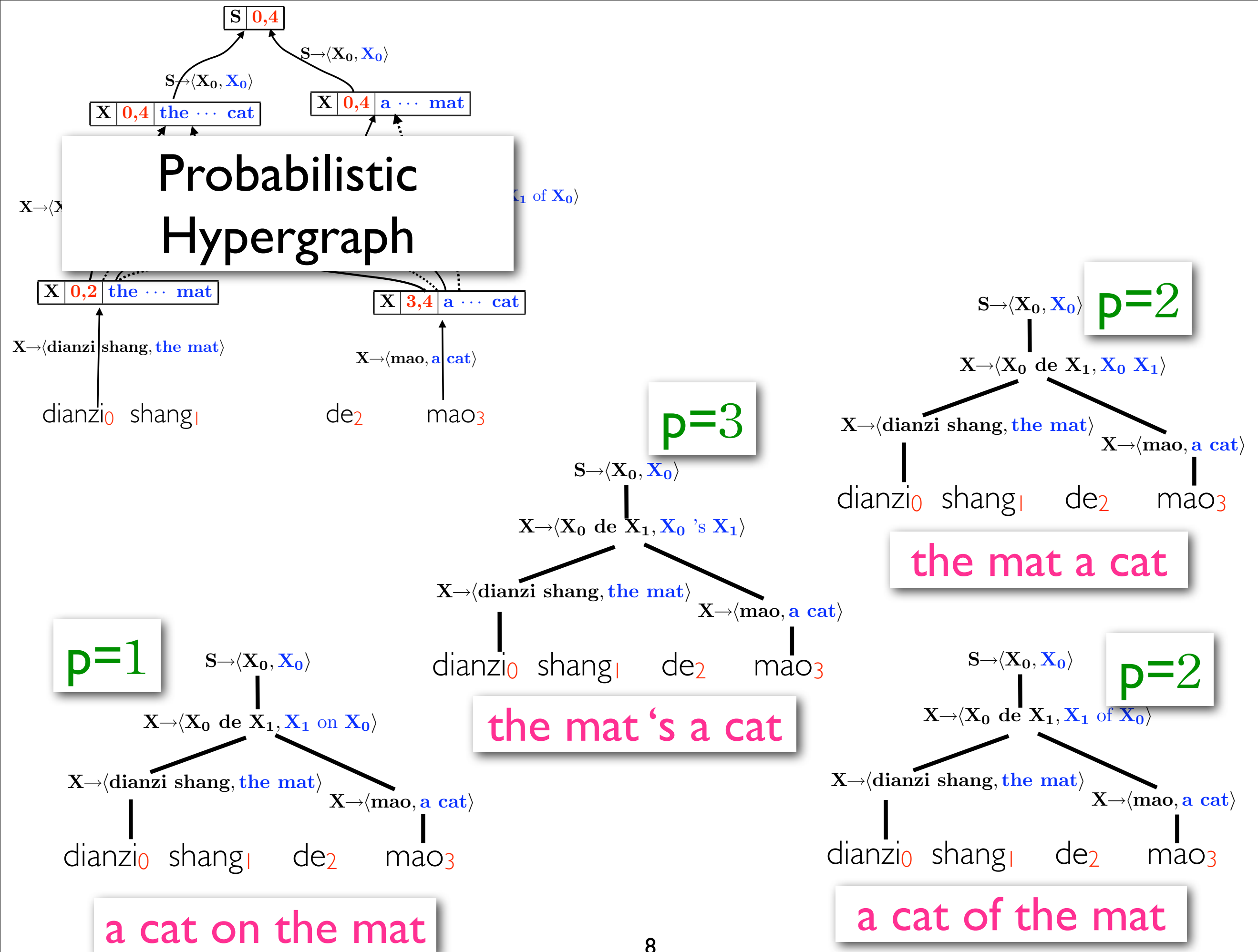


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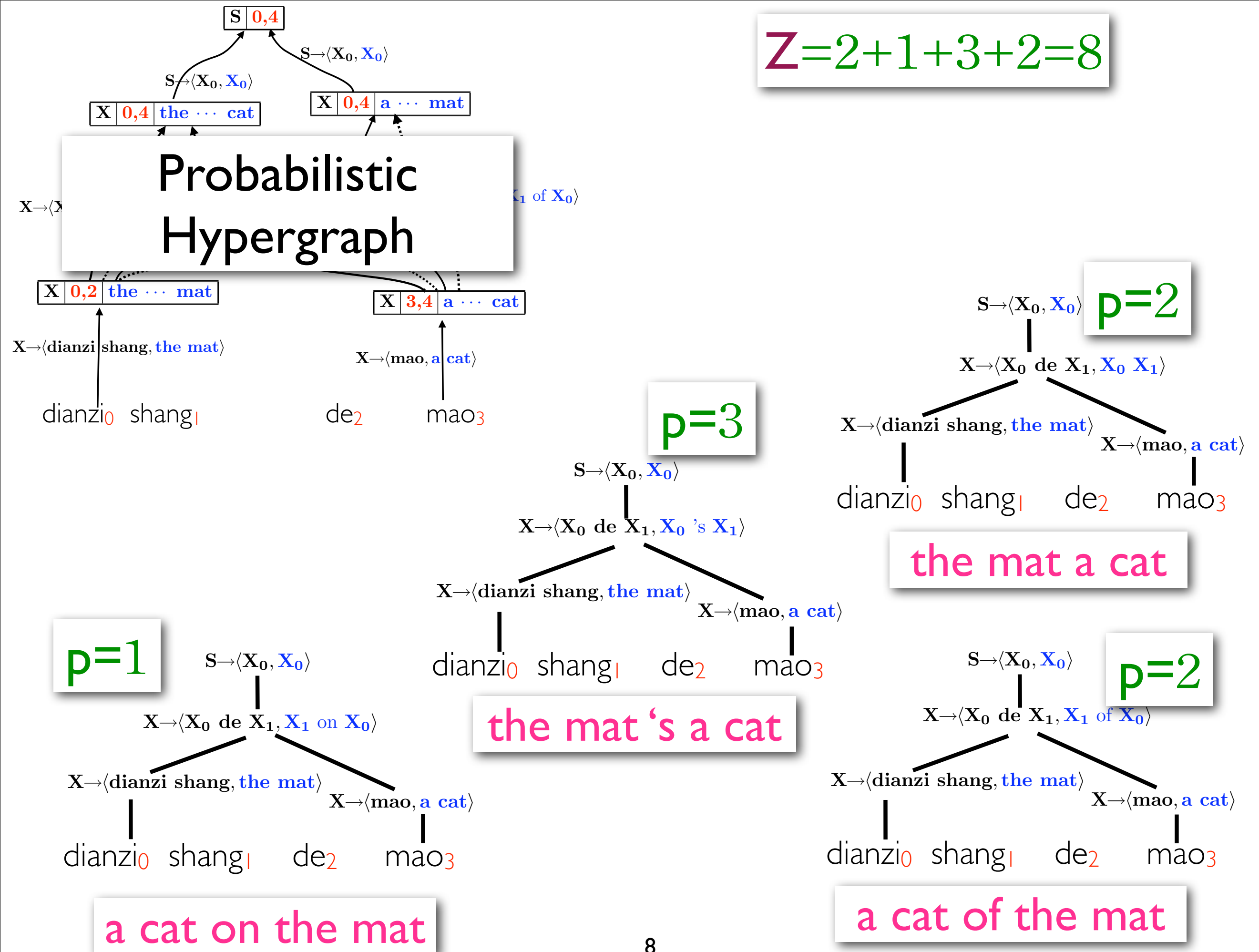
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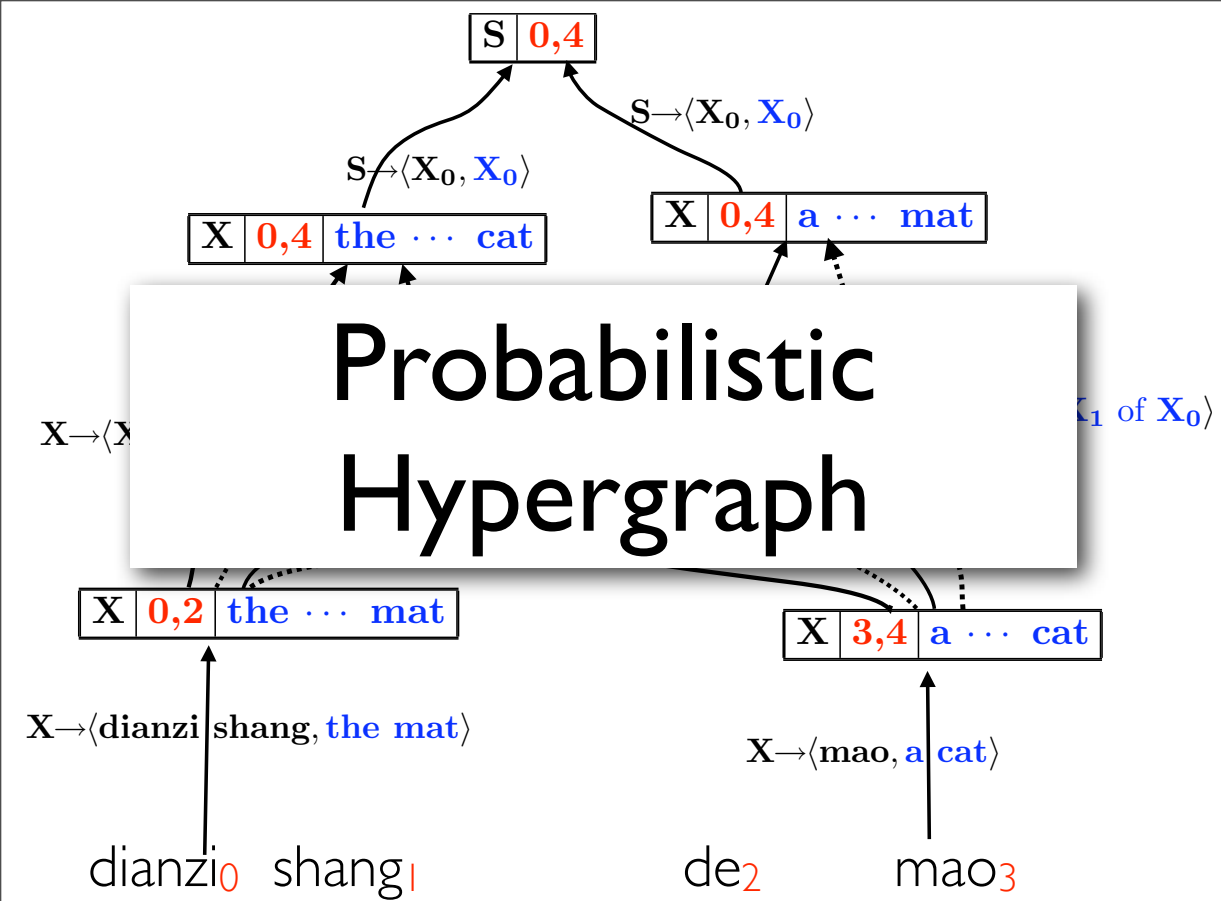
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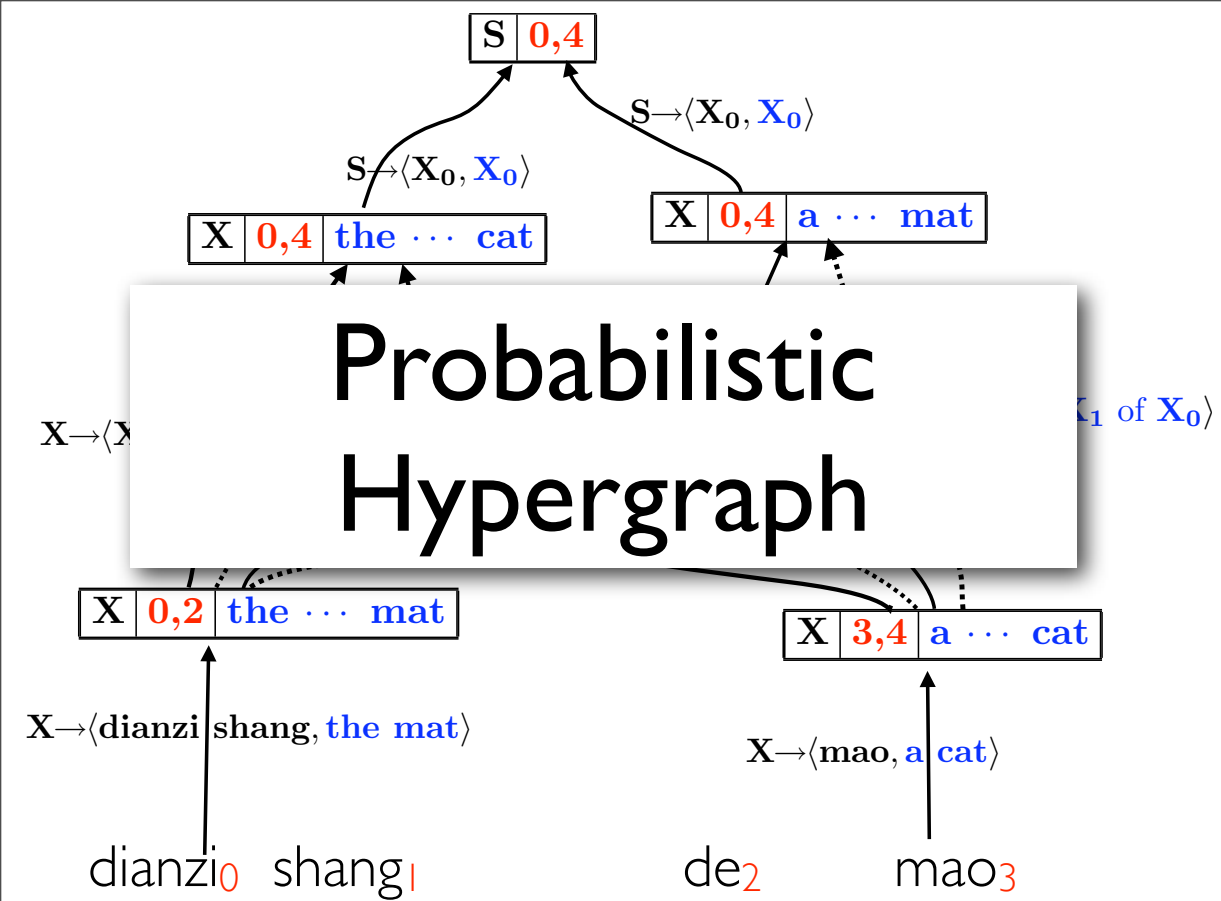
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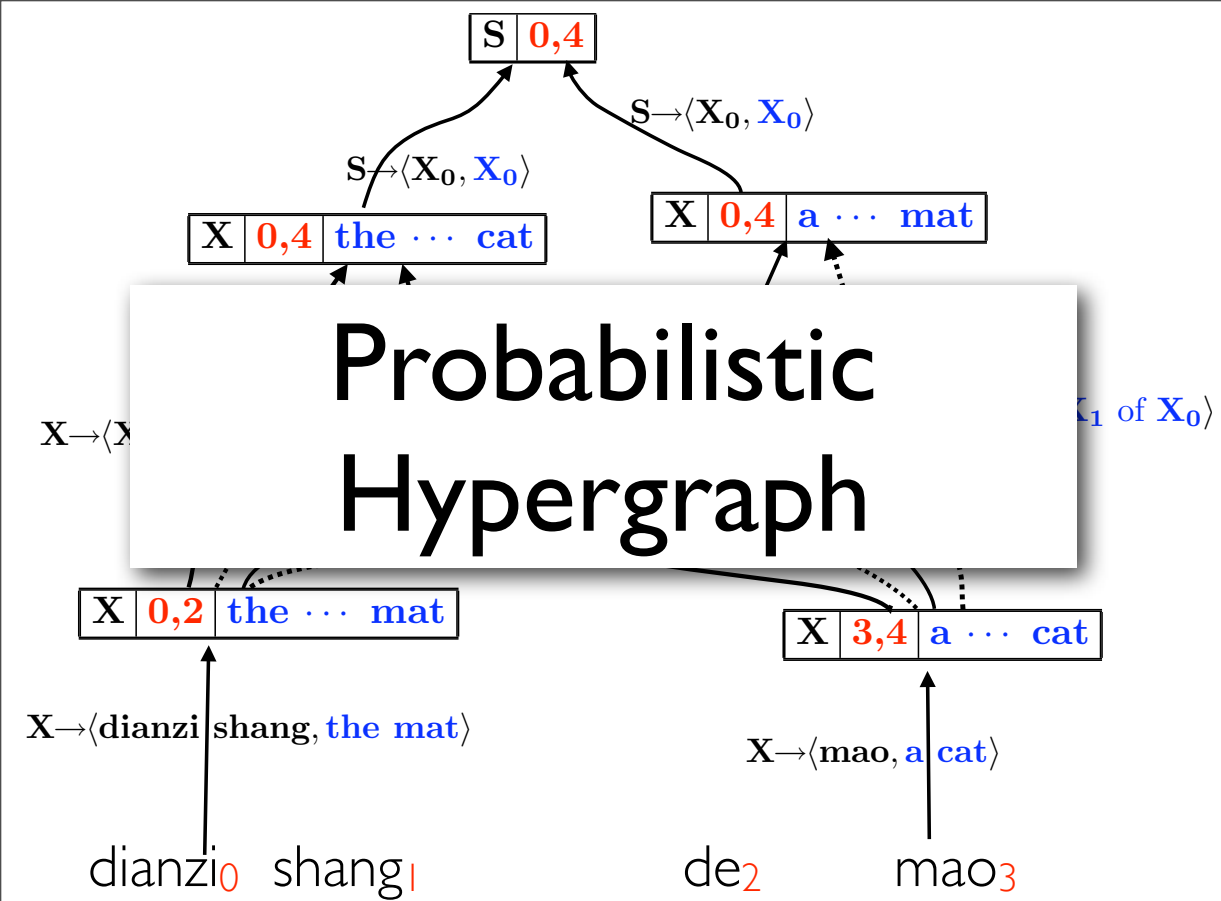


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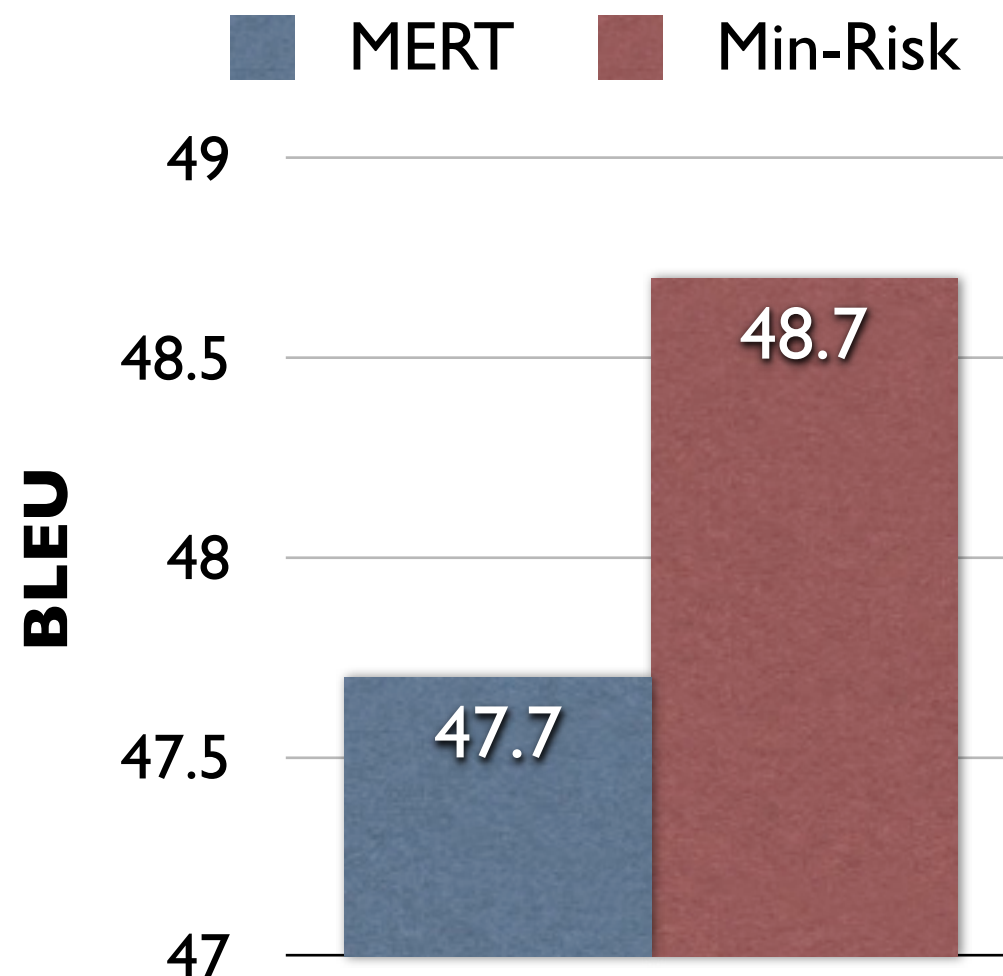
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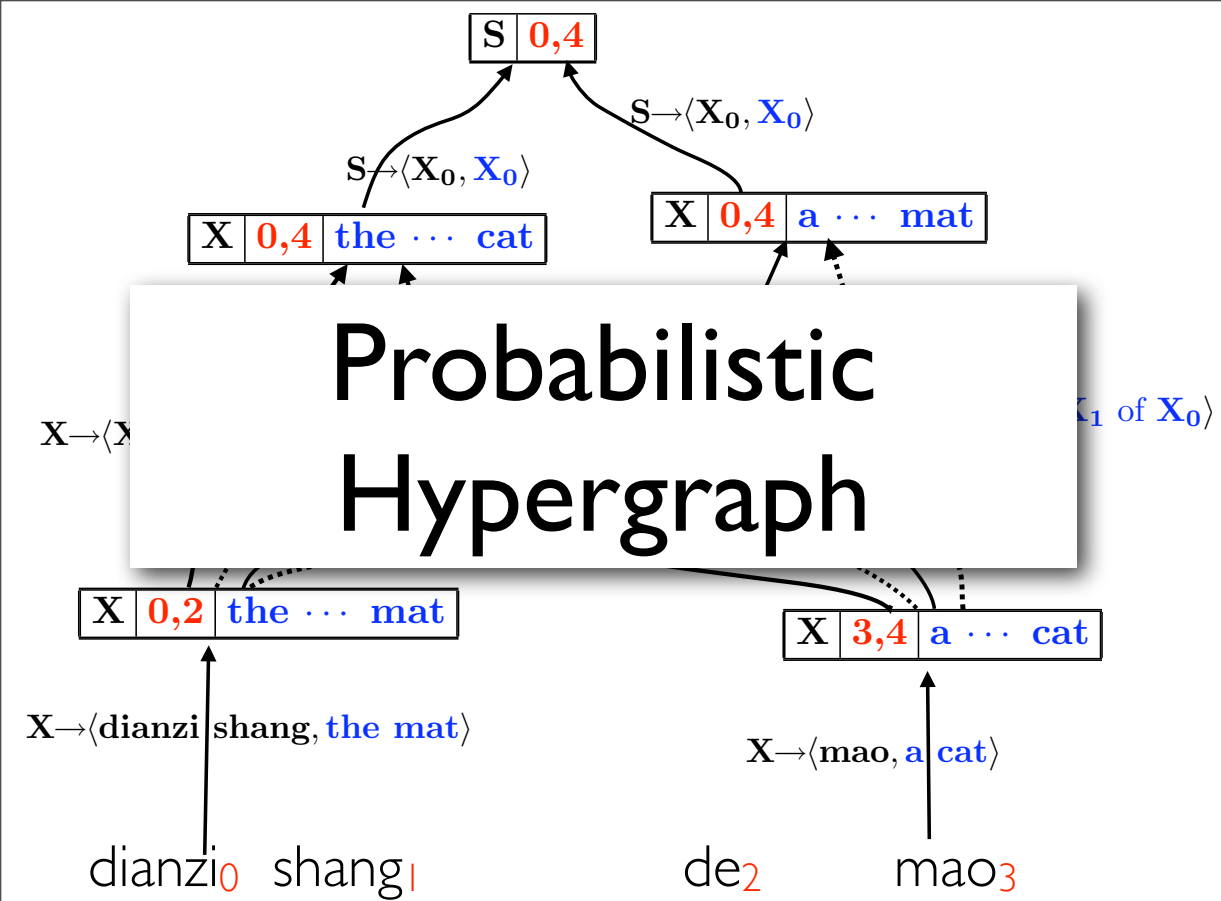
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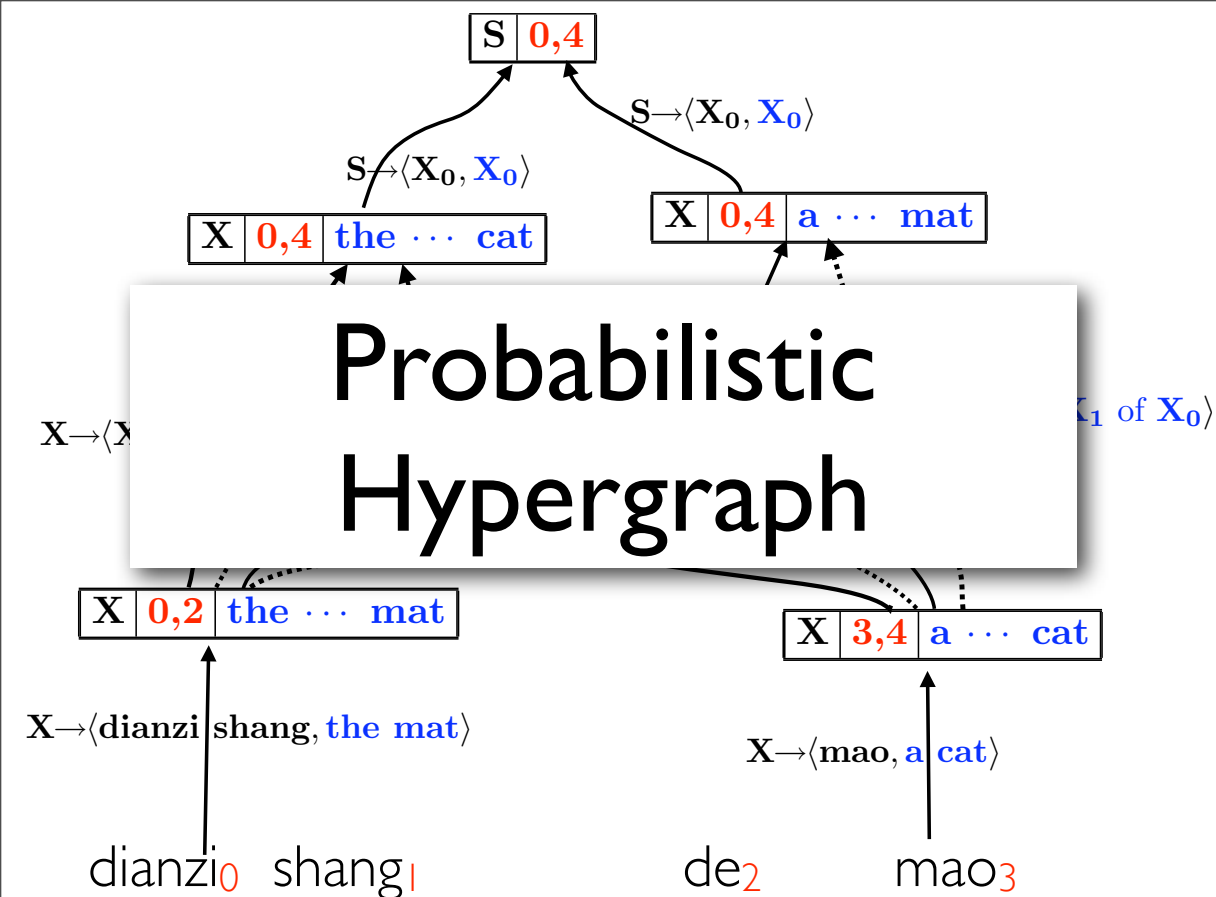
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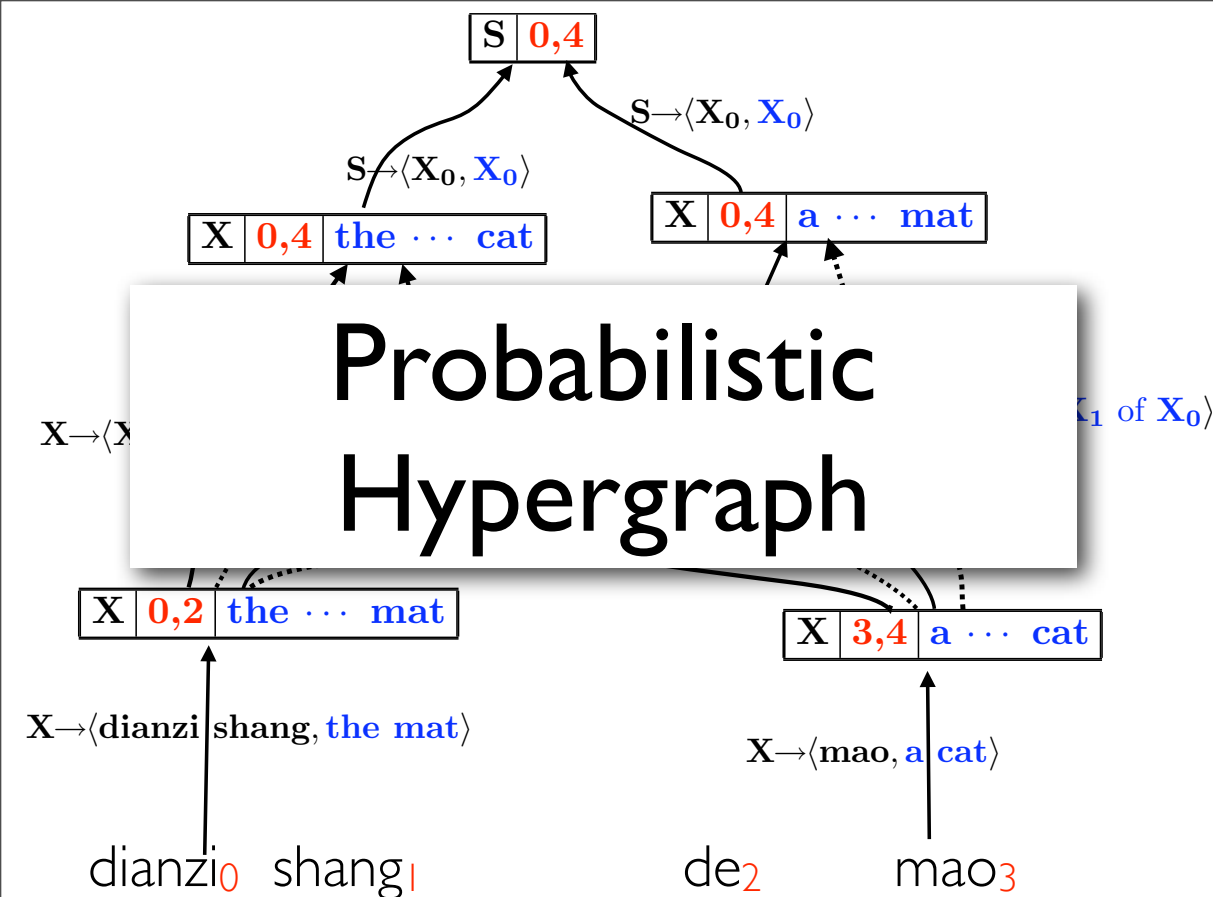
BLEU scores on an IWSLT Chinese-English test set

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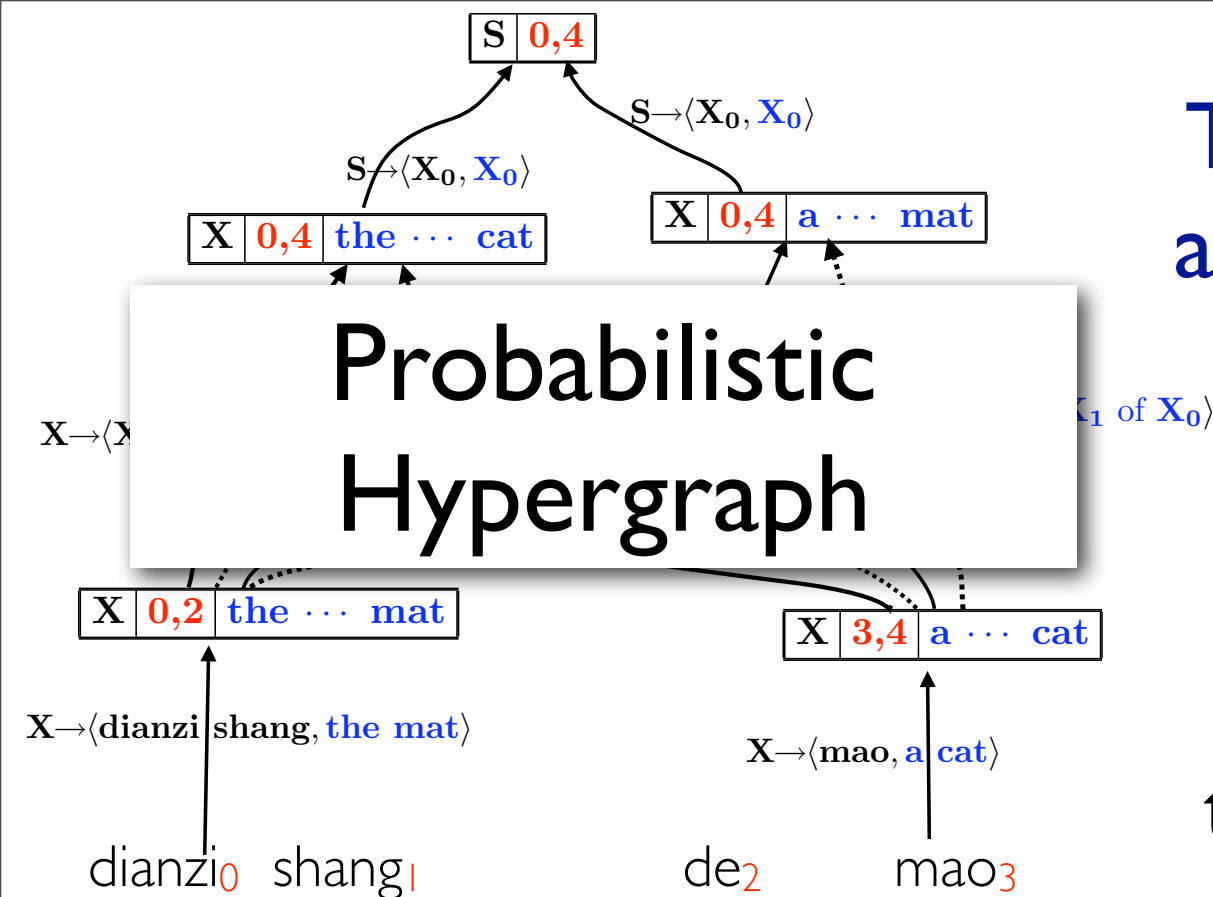
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useful in applying machine learning techniques into machine translation

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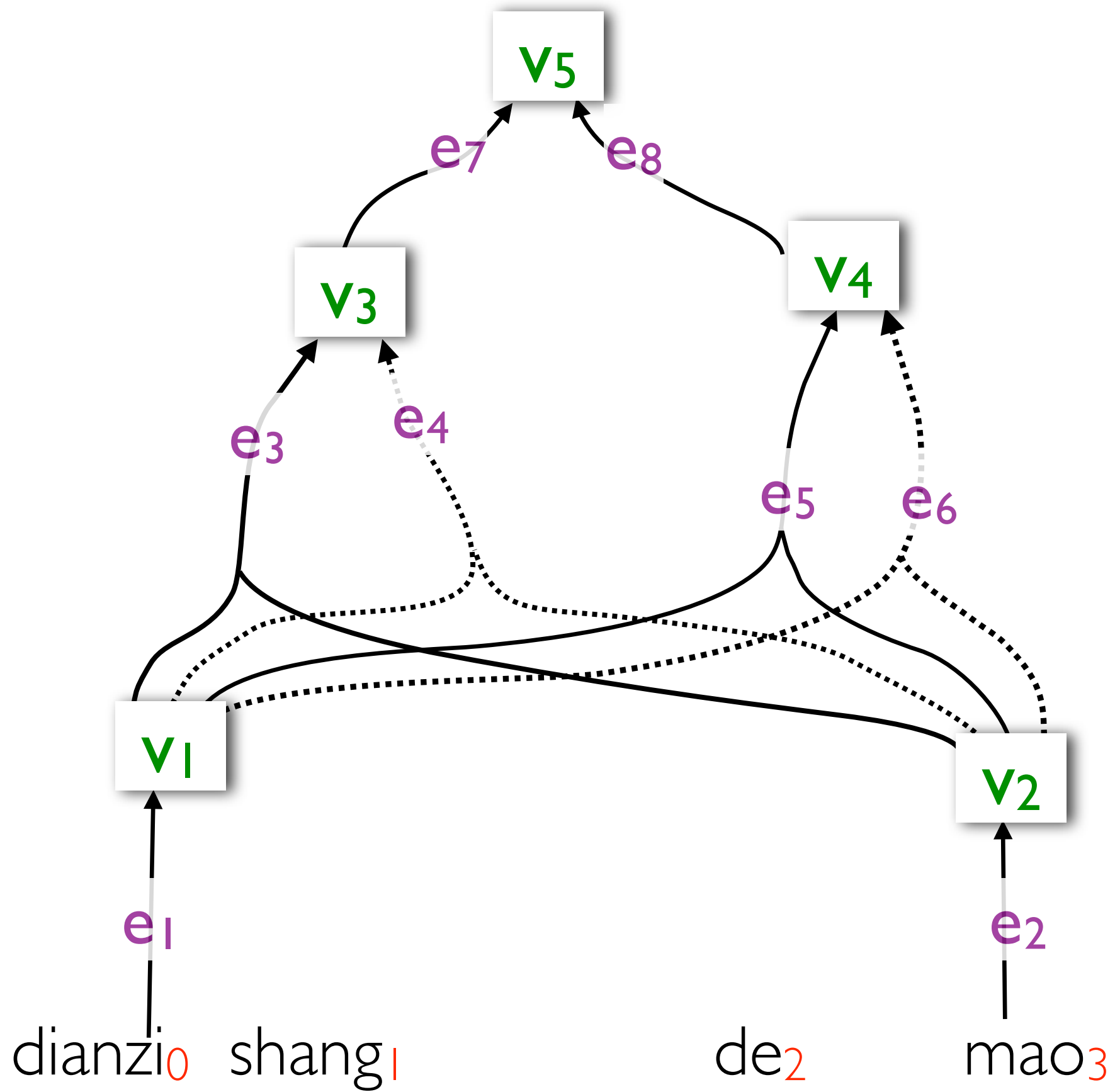
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 - counting semiring (Goodman, 1999)
 - expectation semirings (Eisner, 2002)
 - second-order expectation semirings (new)
- Applications of the Semirings (new)
- Speed-up with Inside-outside (new)
- Minimum Risk Training over **Forests** (new)

Semiring-weighted Inside Algorithm



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a **set** with **plus** and **times** operations

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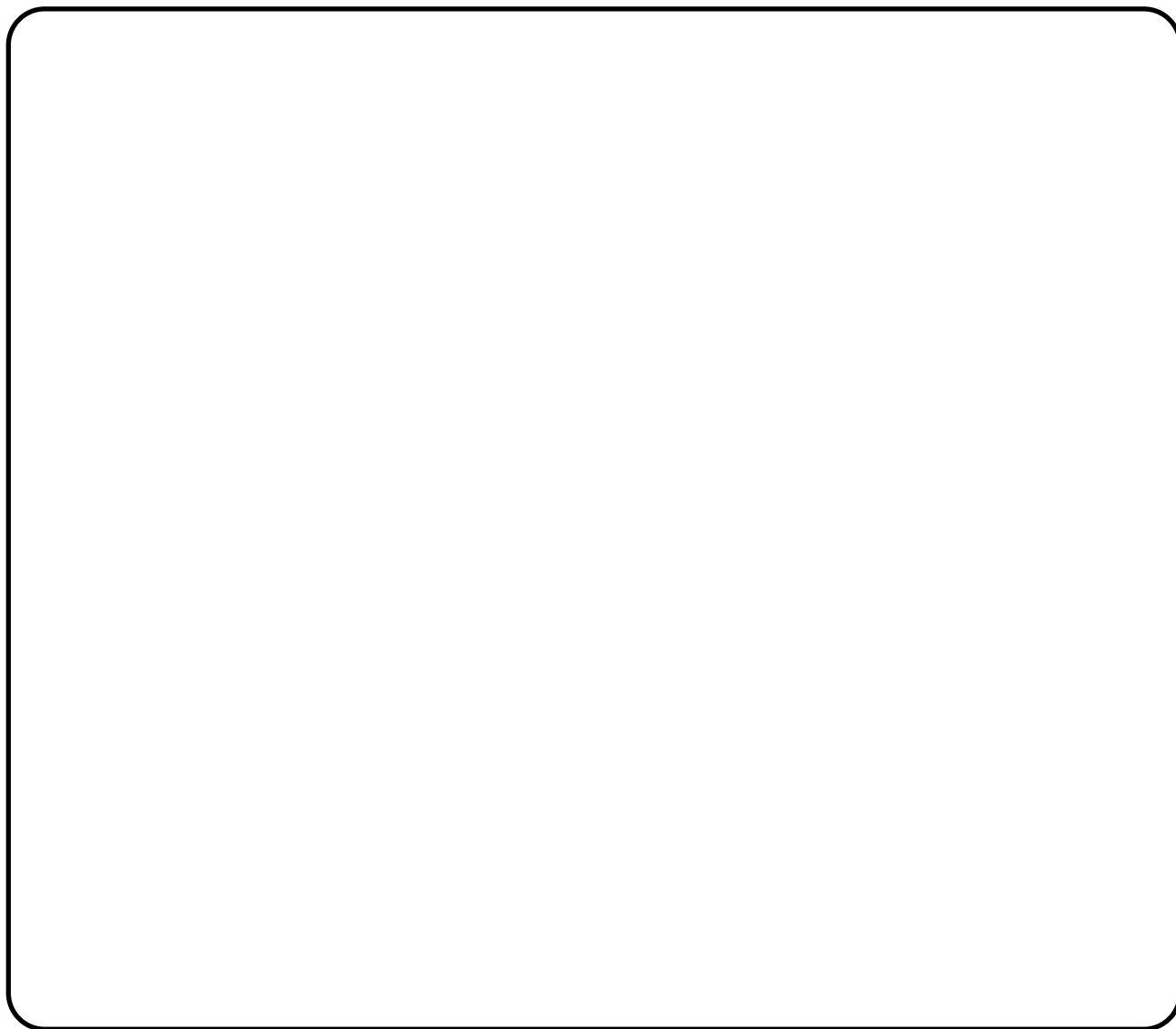
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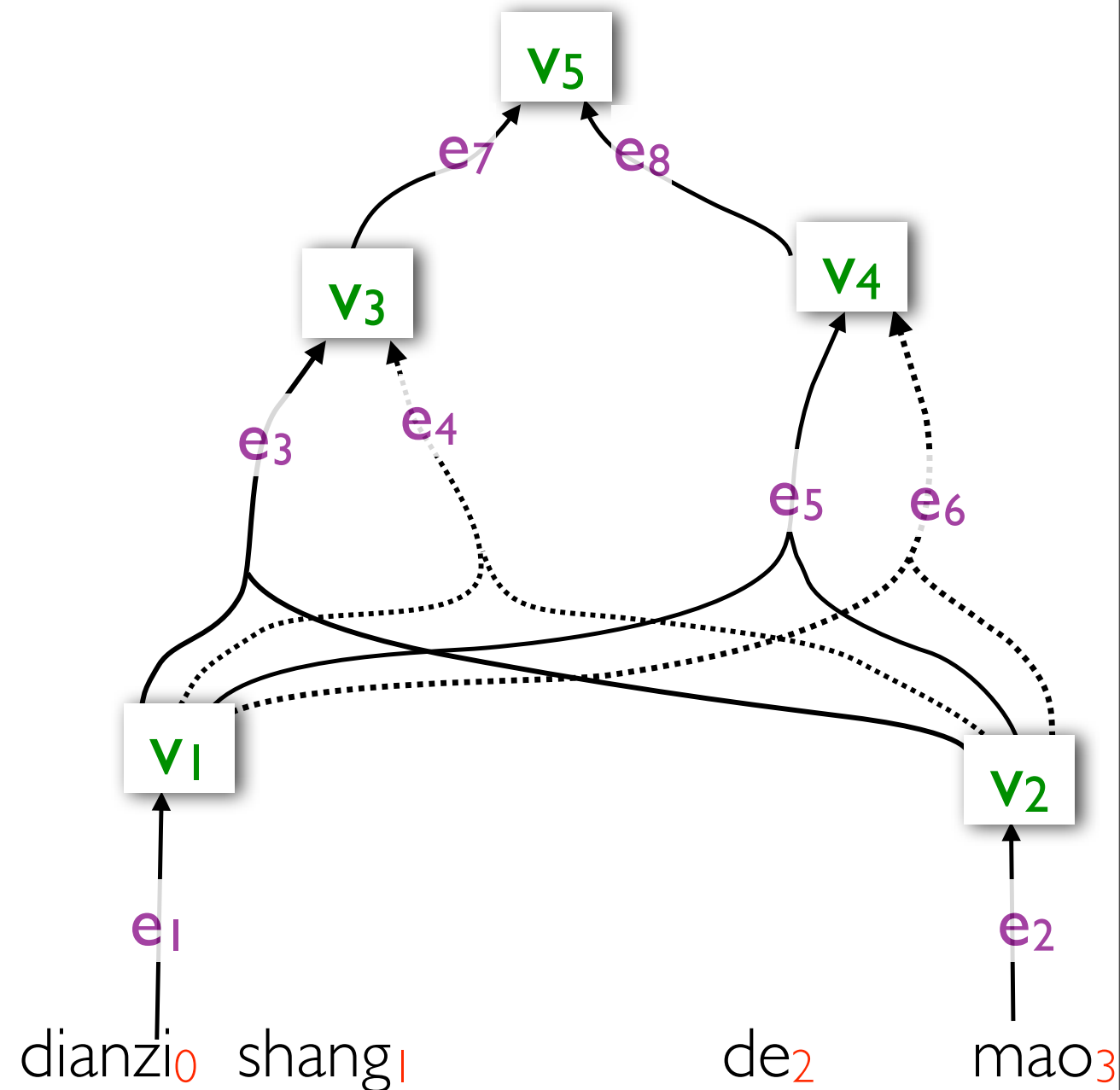
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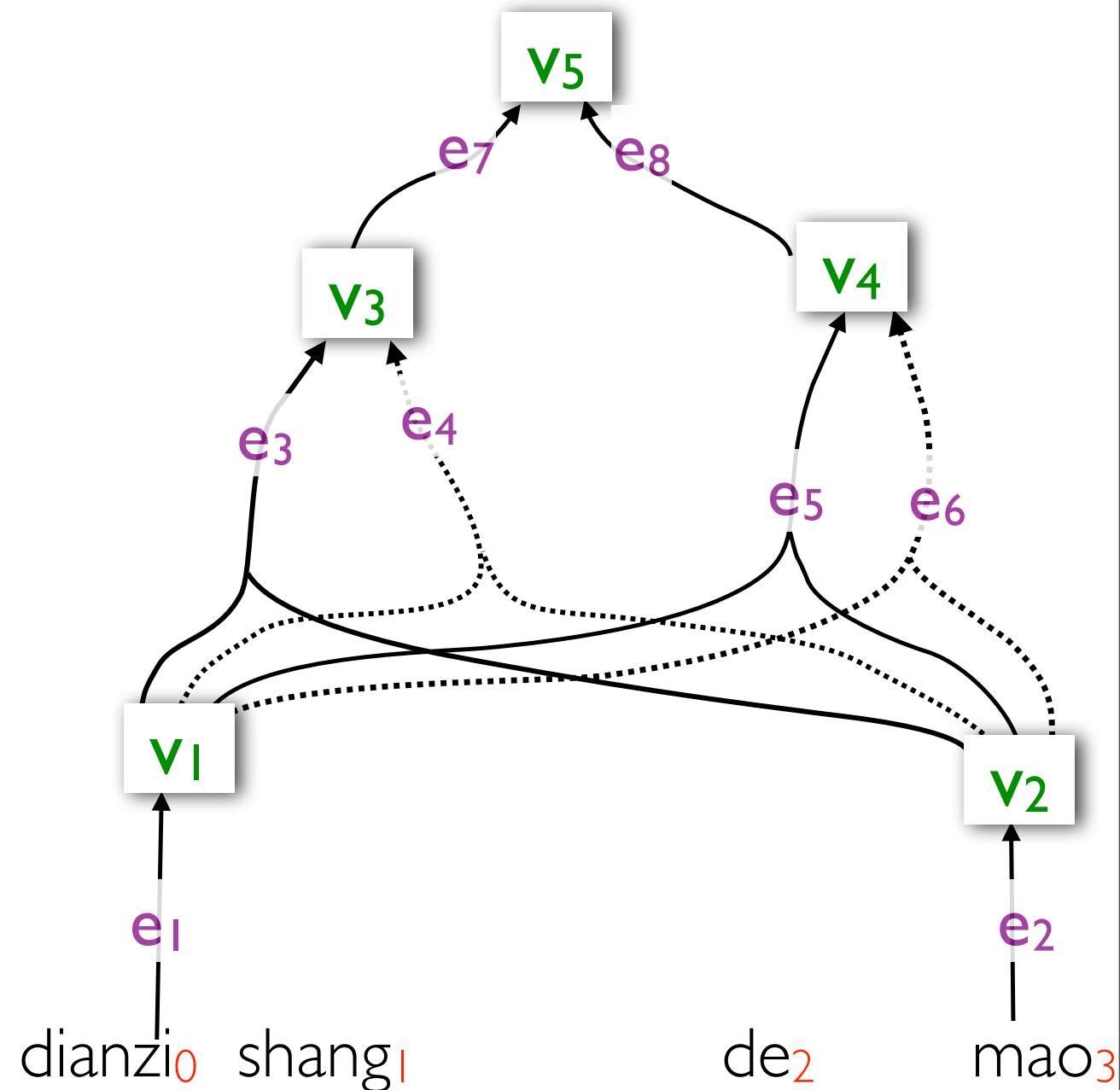
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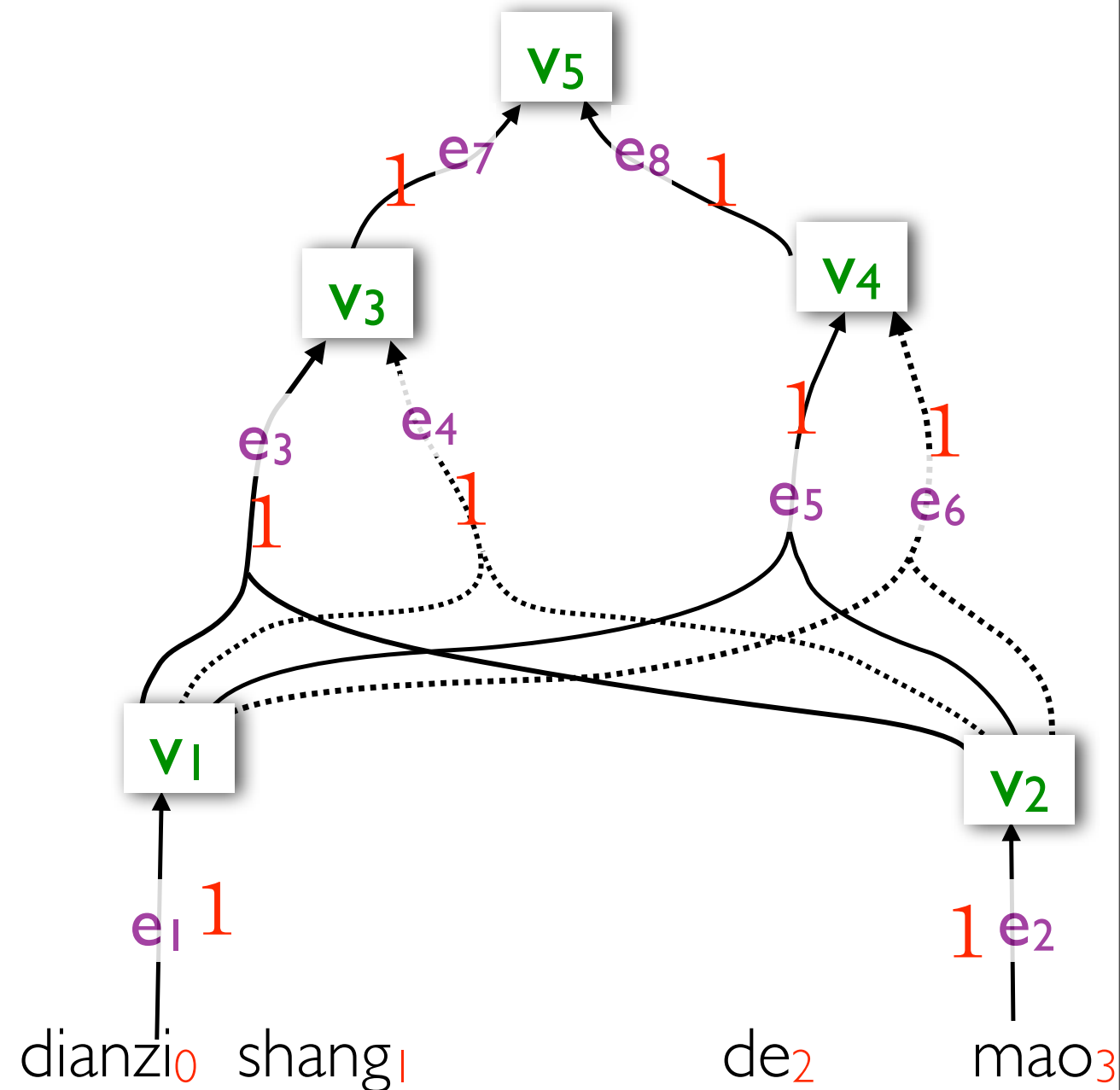
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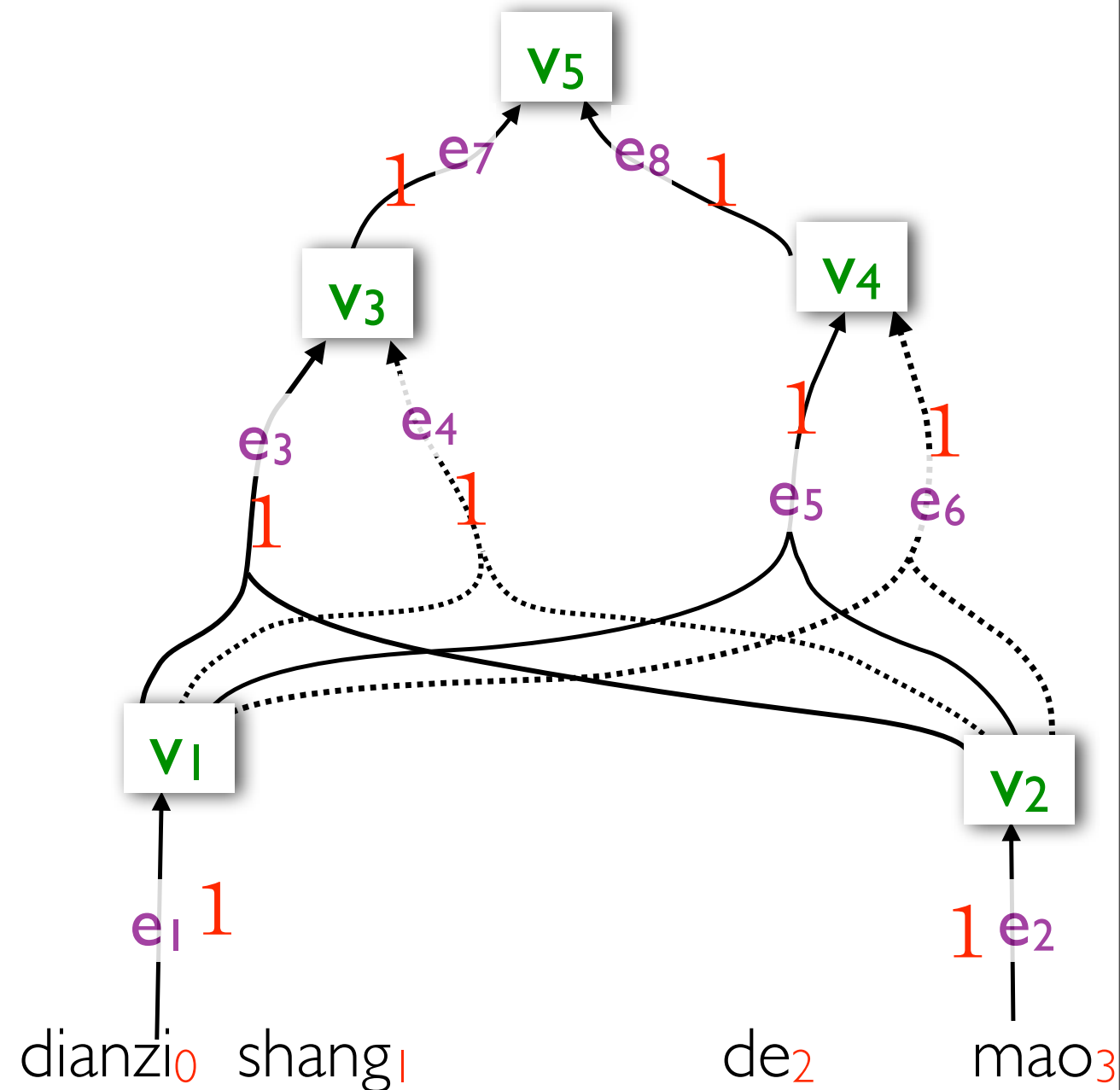
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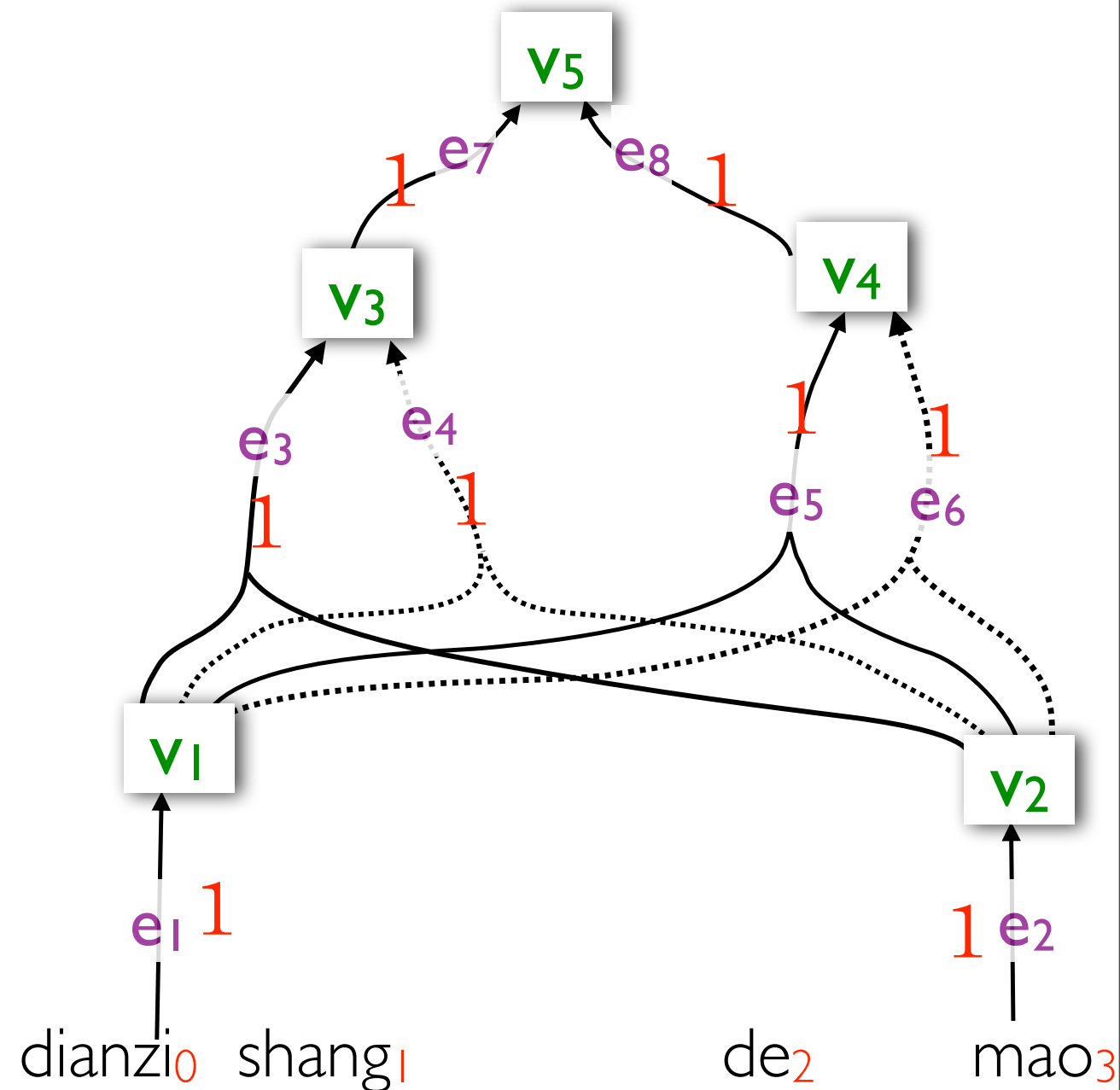
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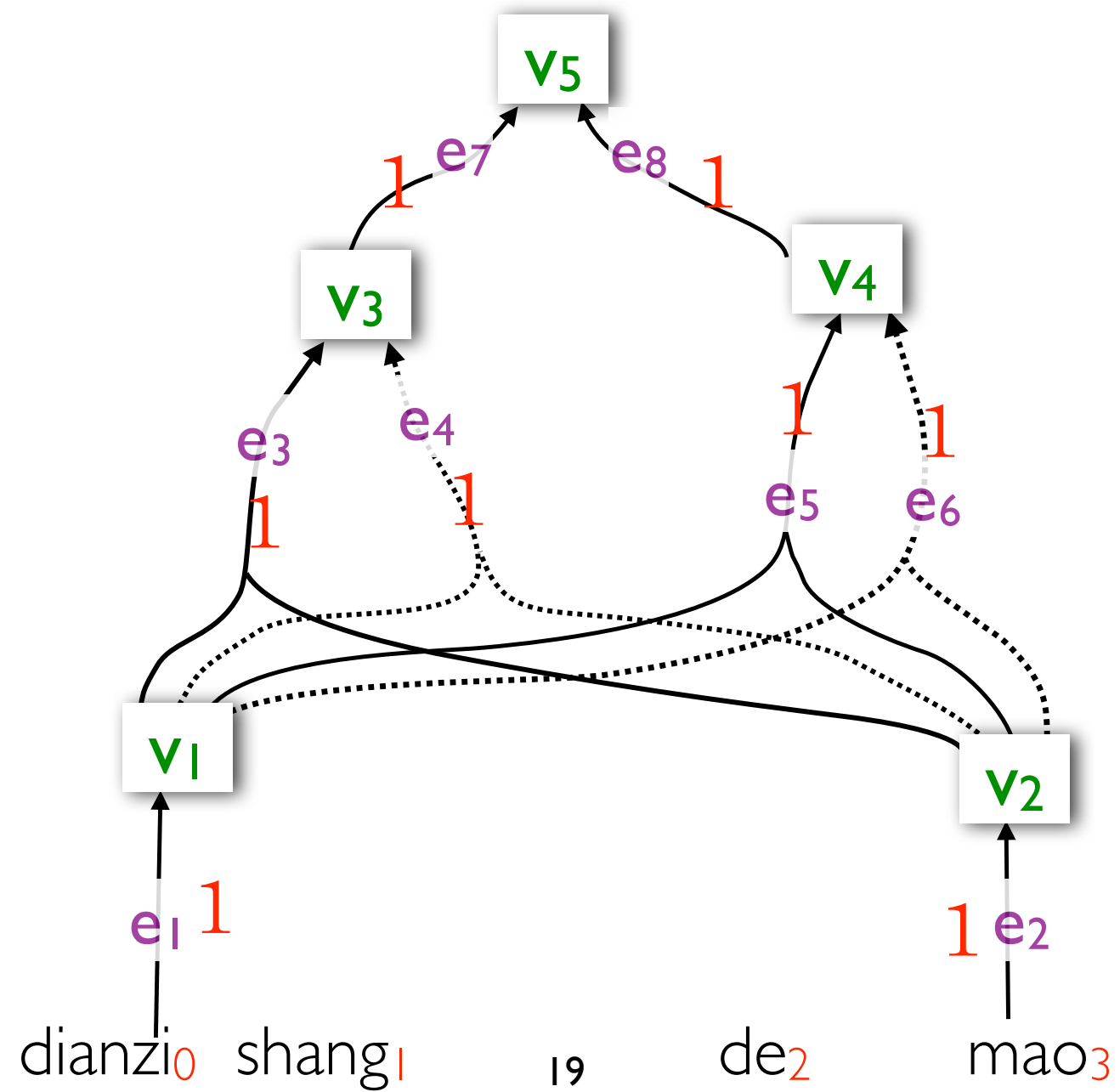
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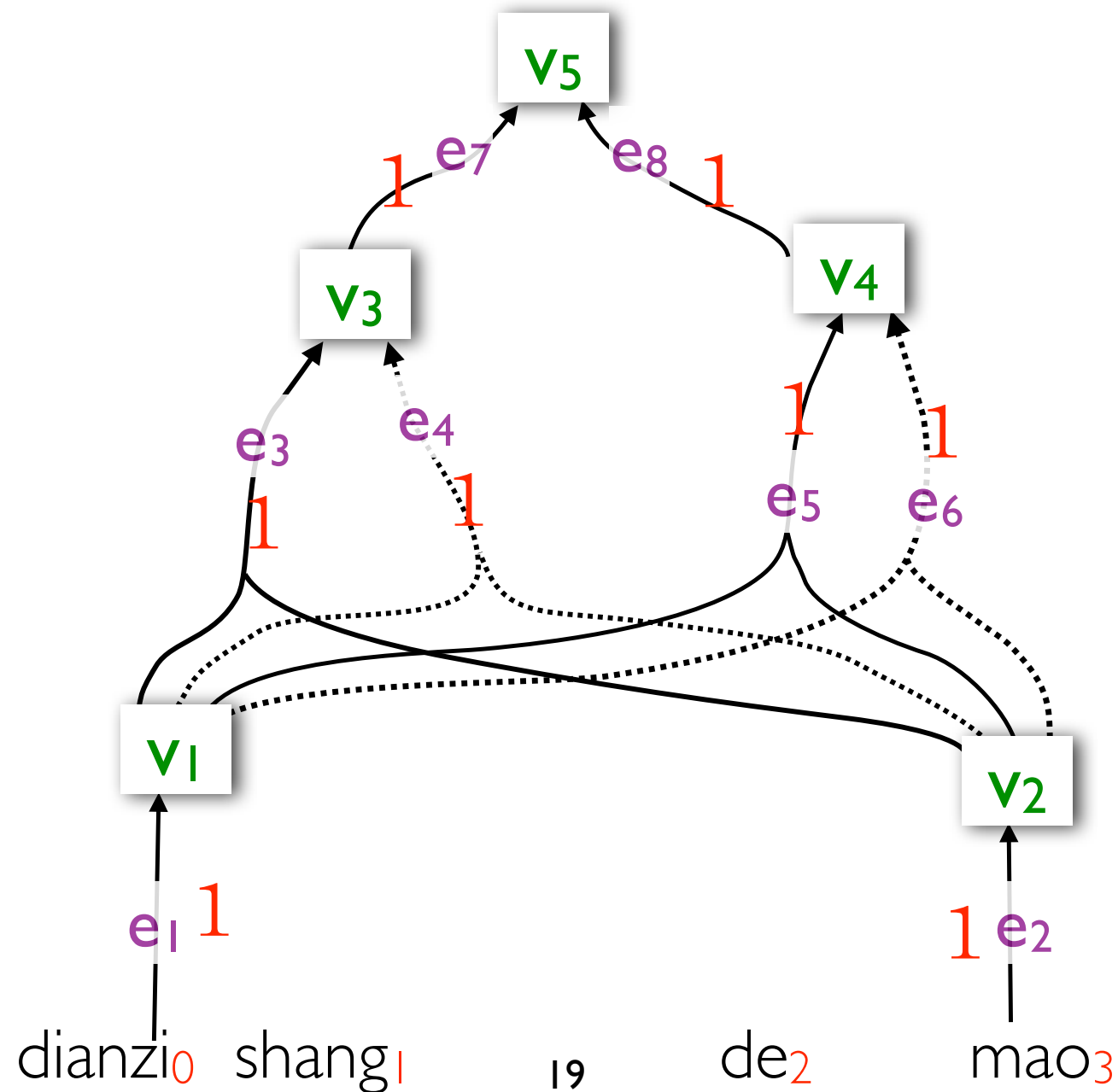
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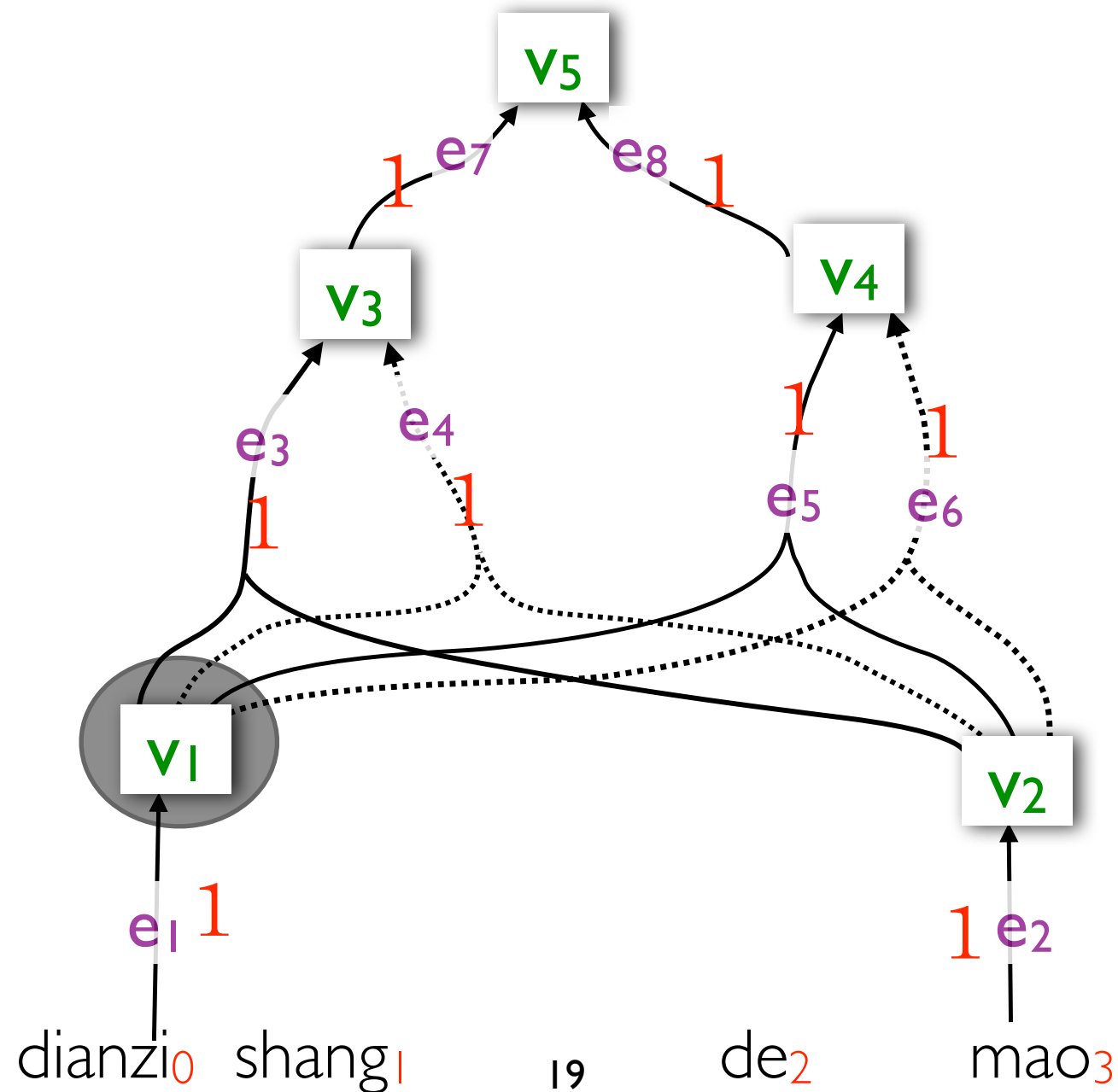




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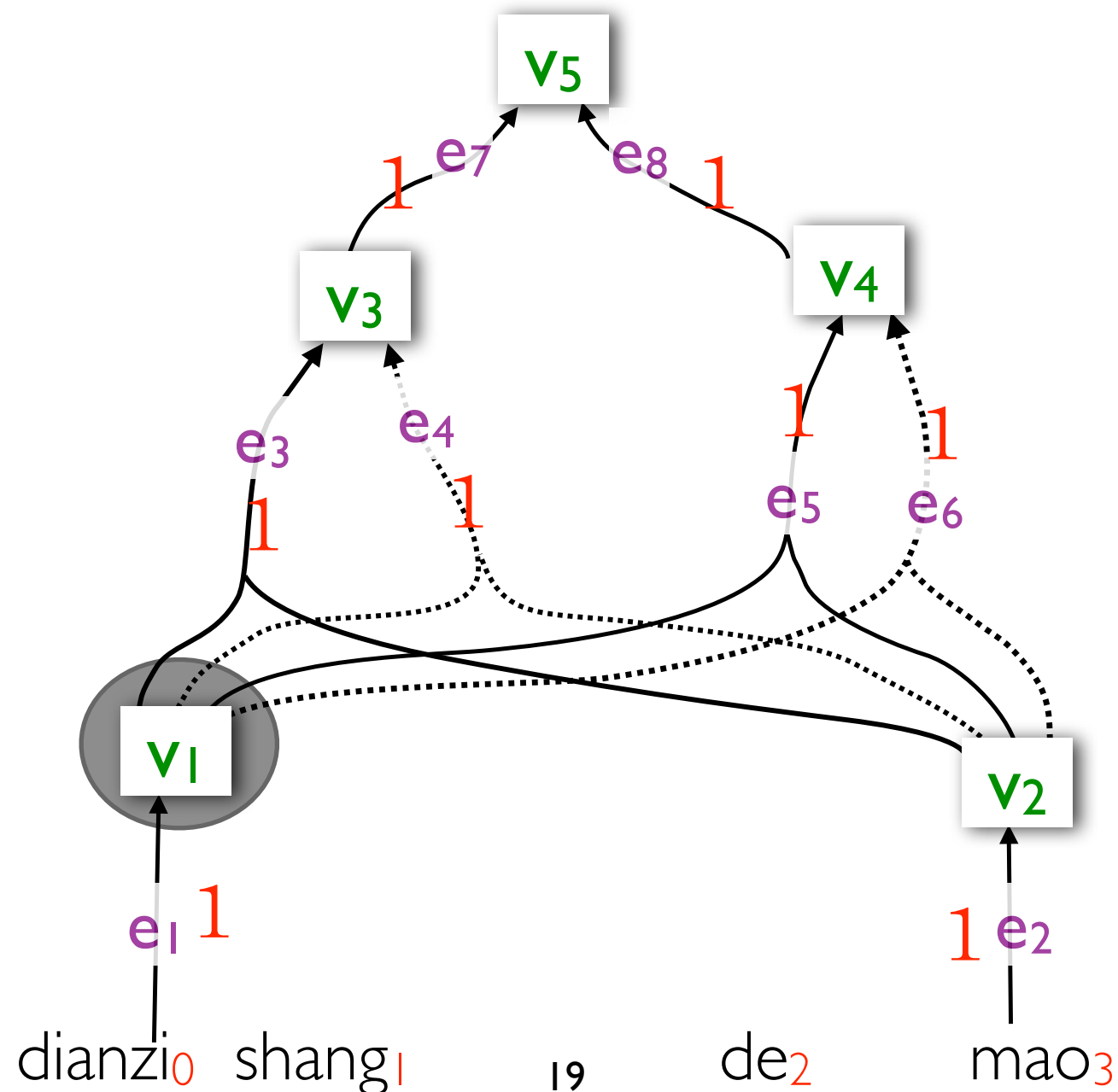


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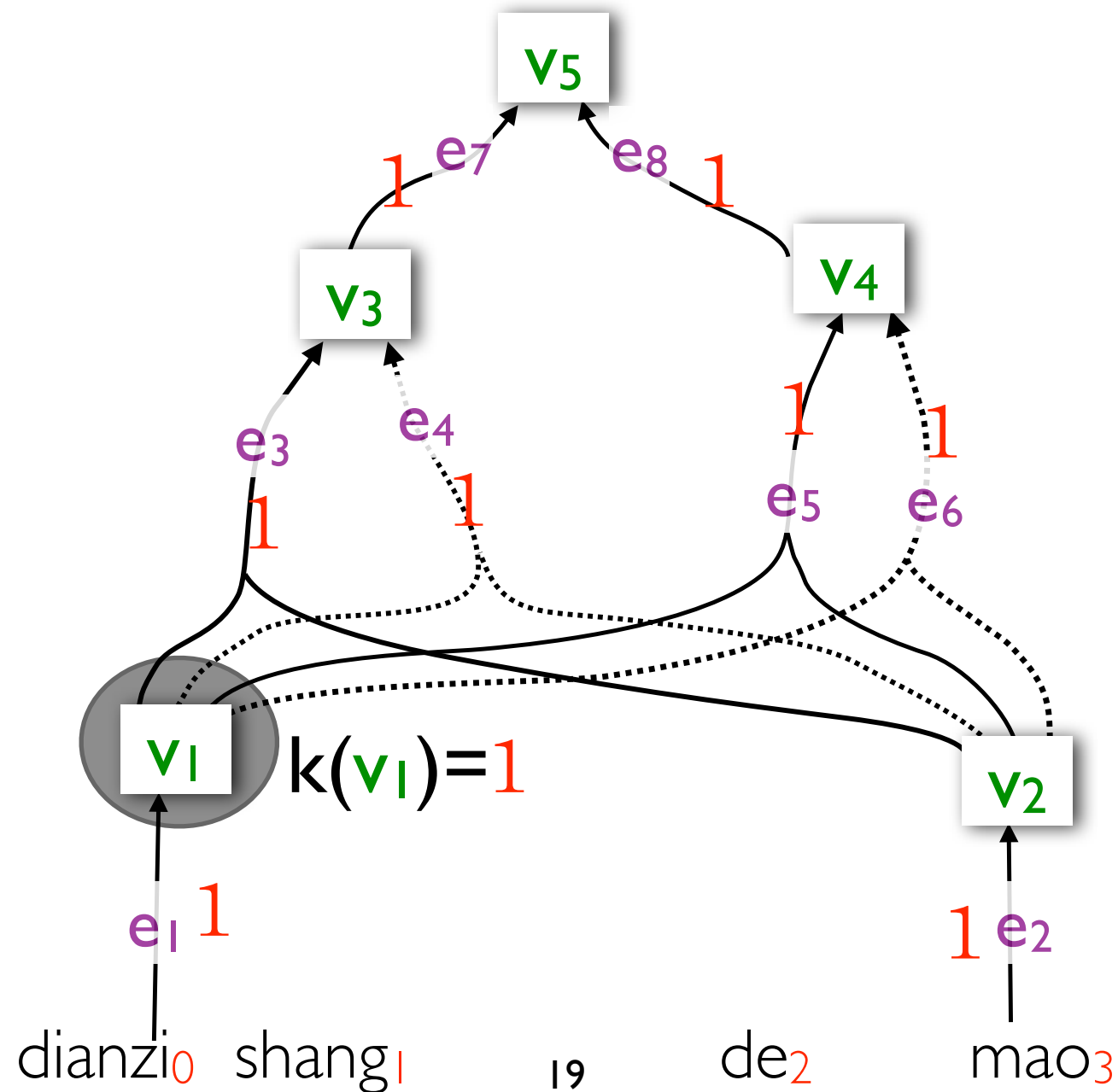
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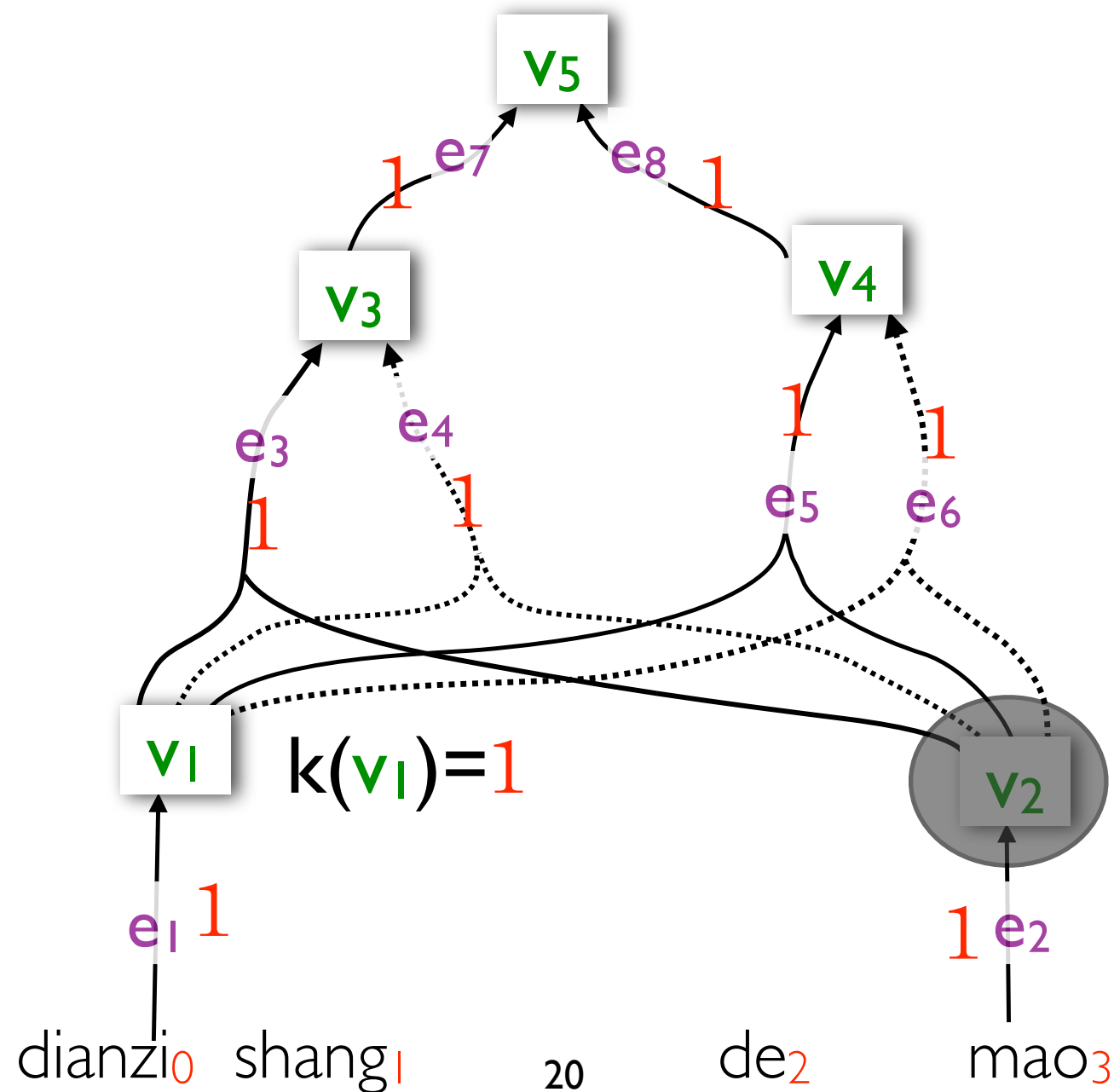
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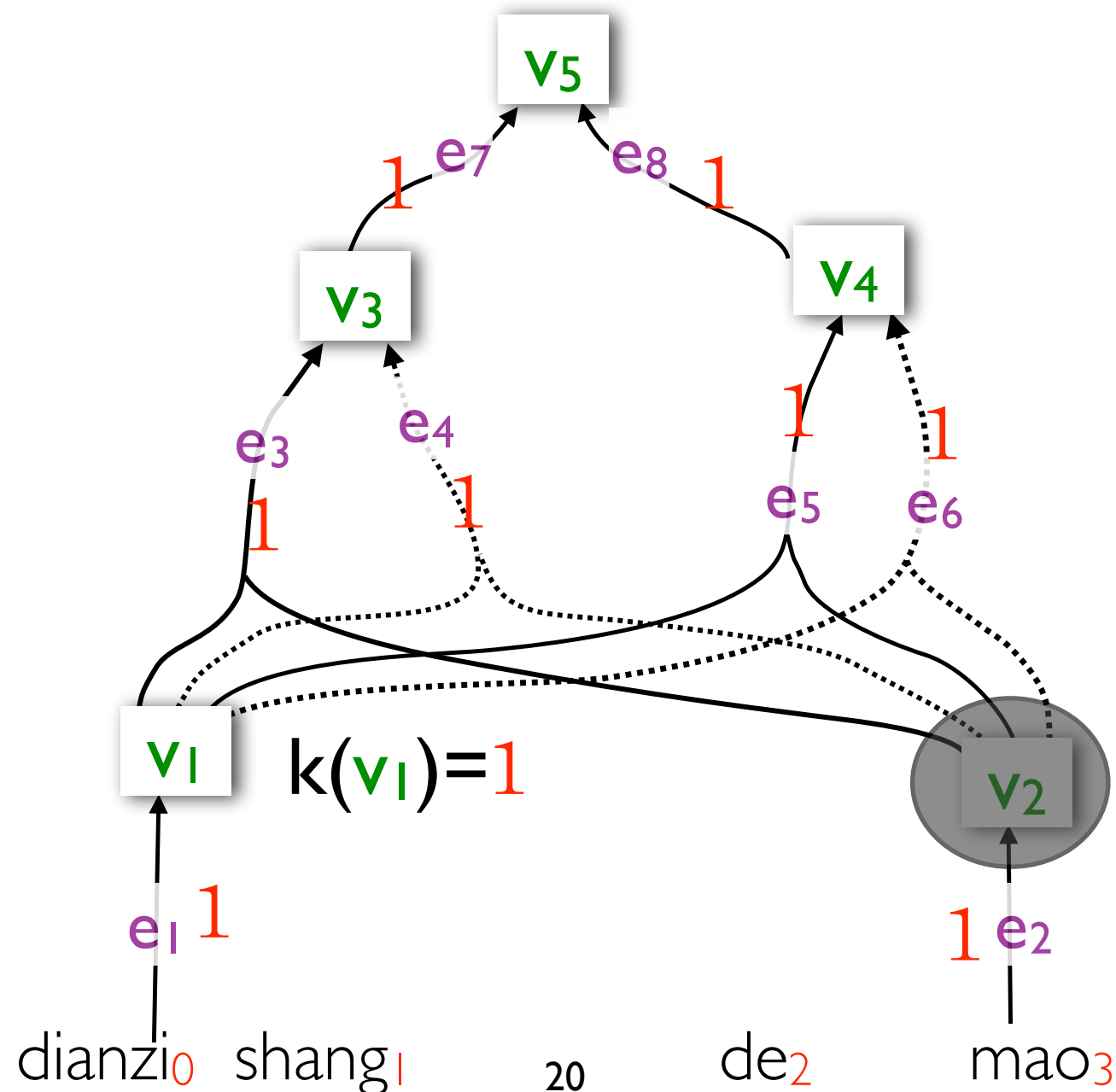
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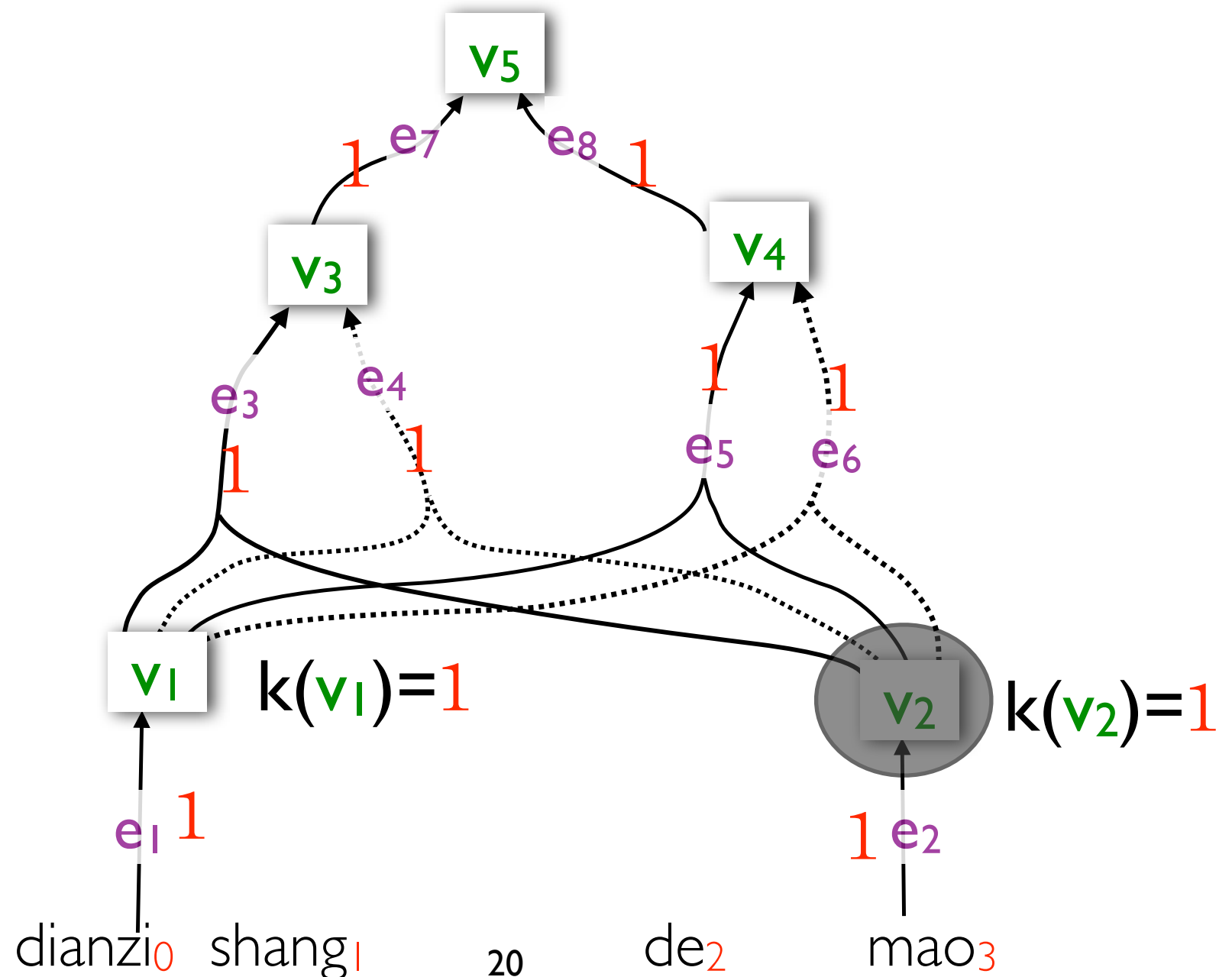
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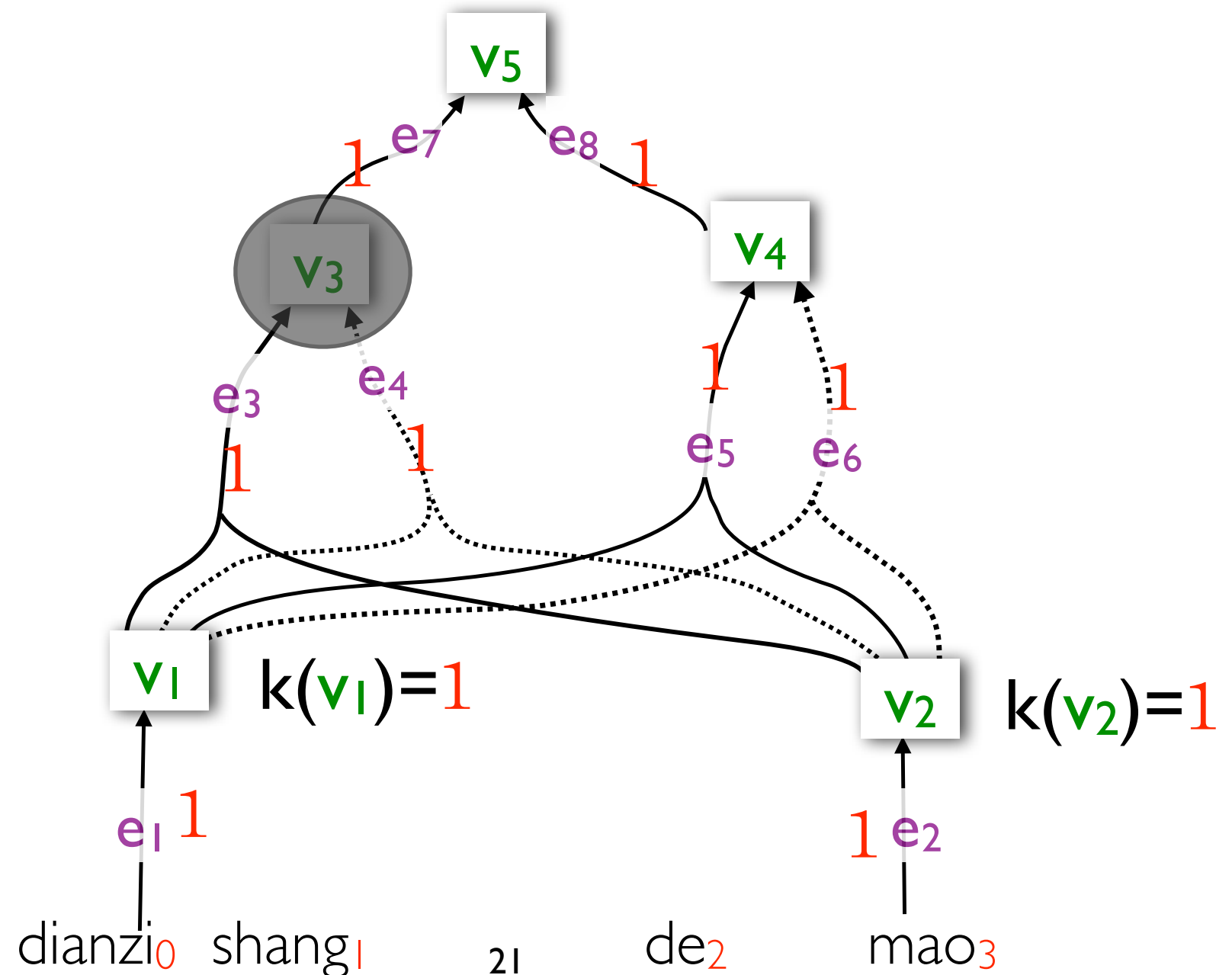
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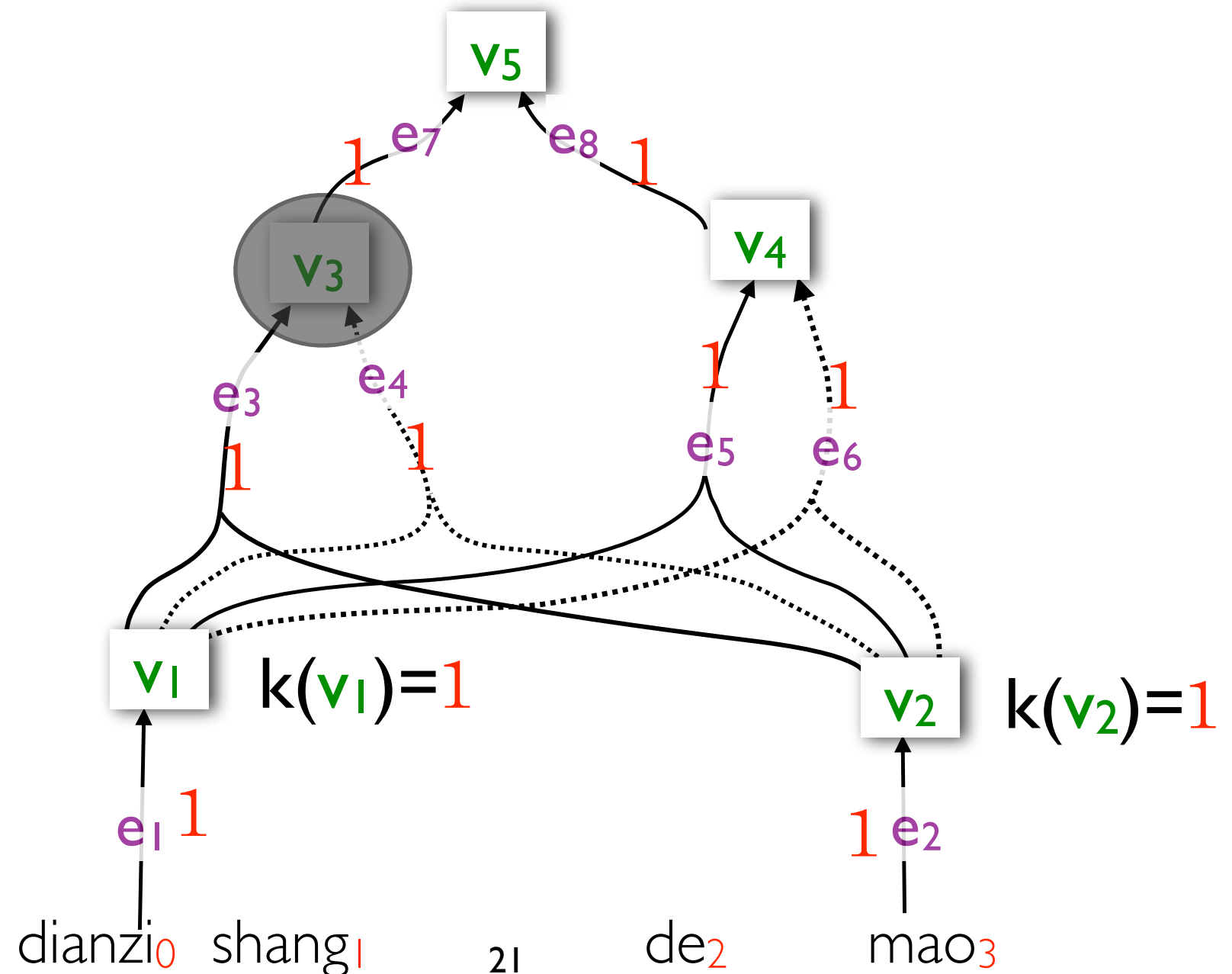
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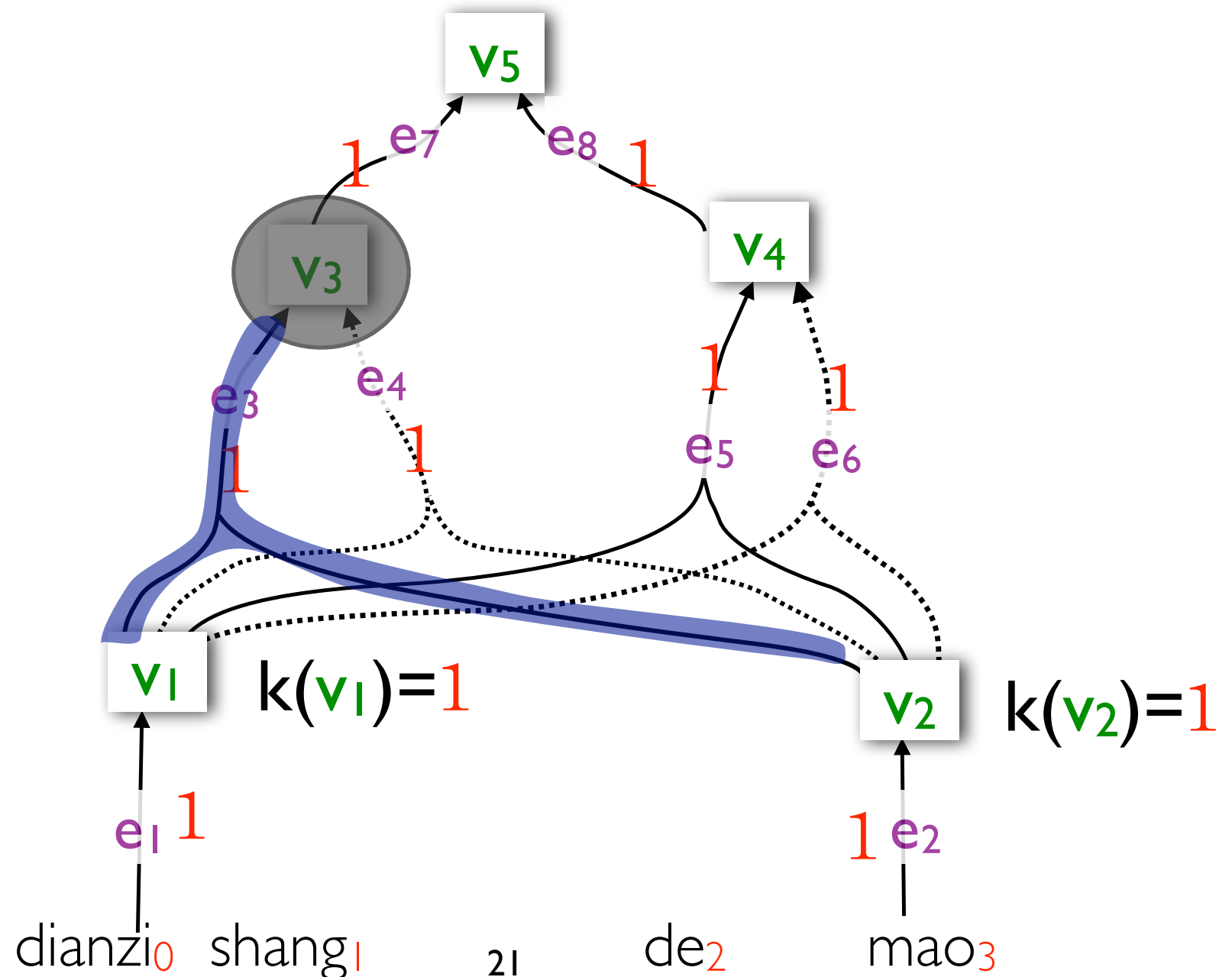
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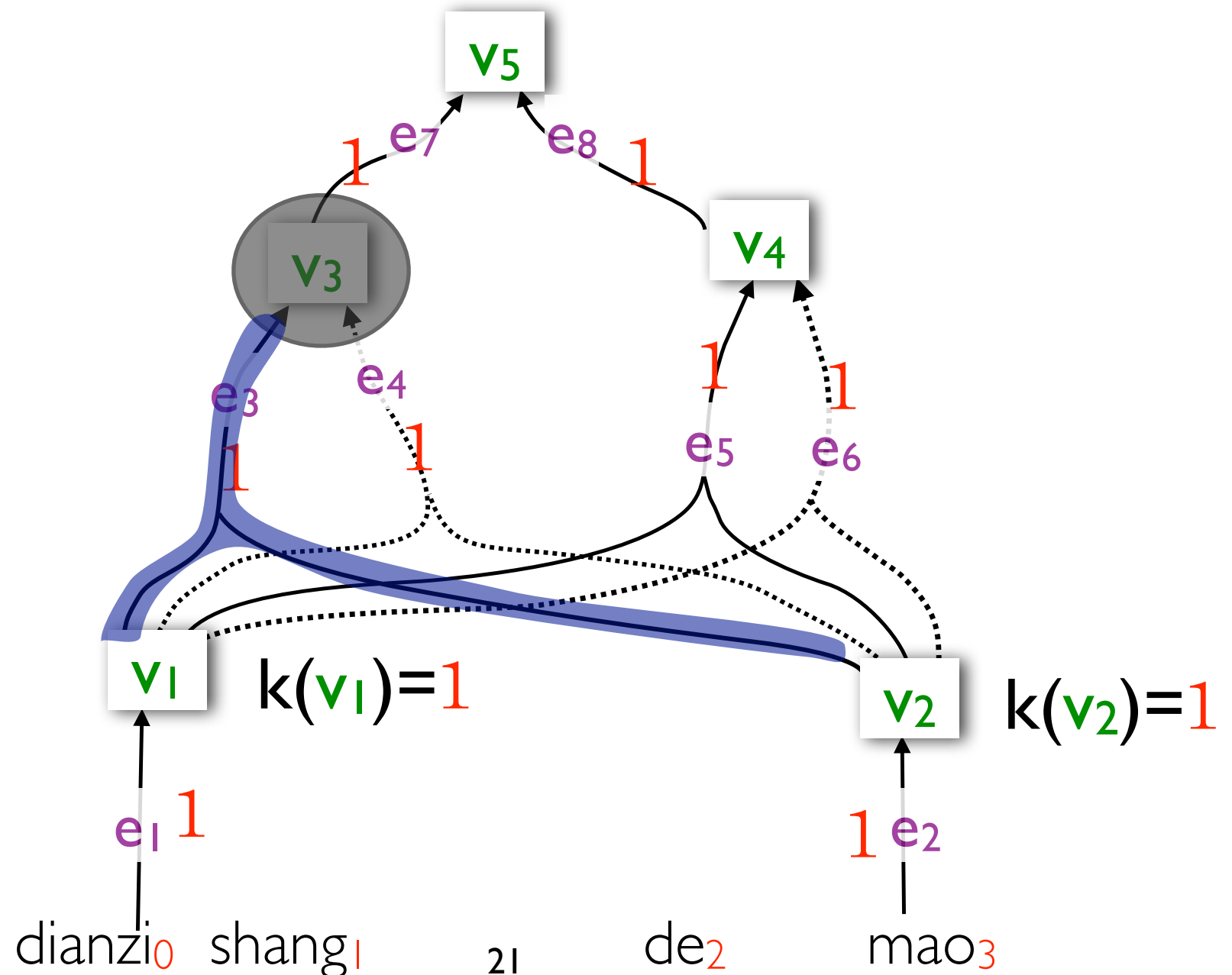
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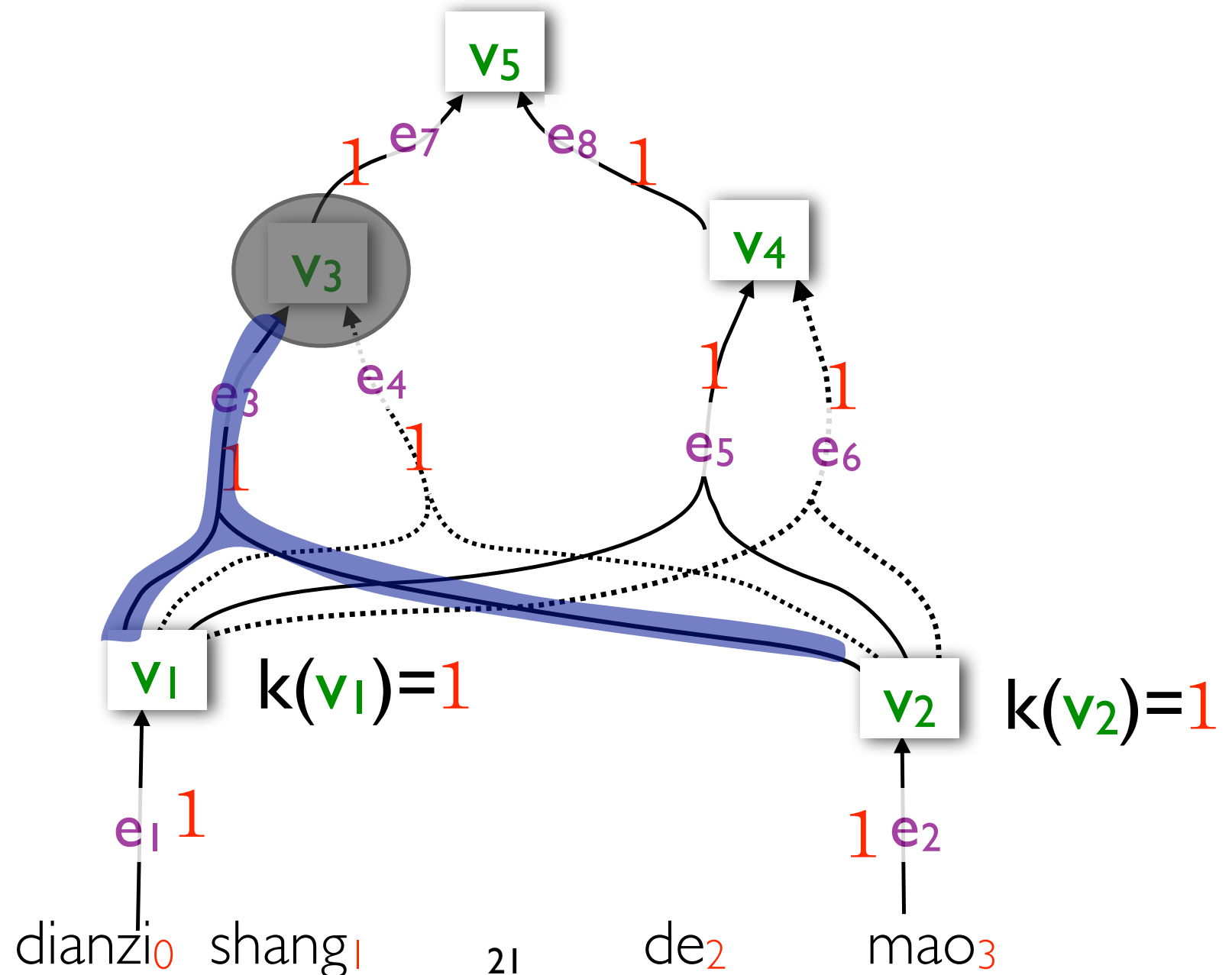
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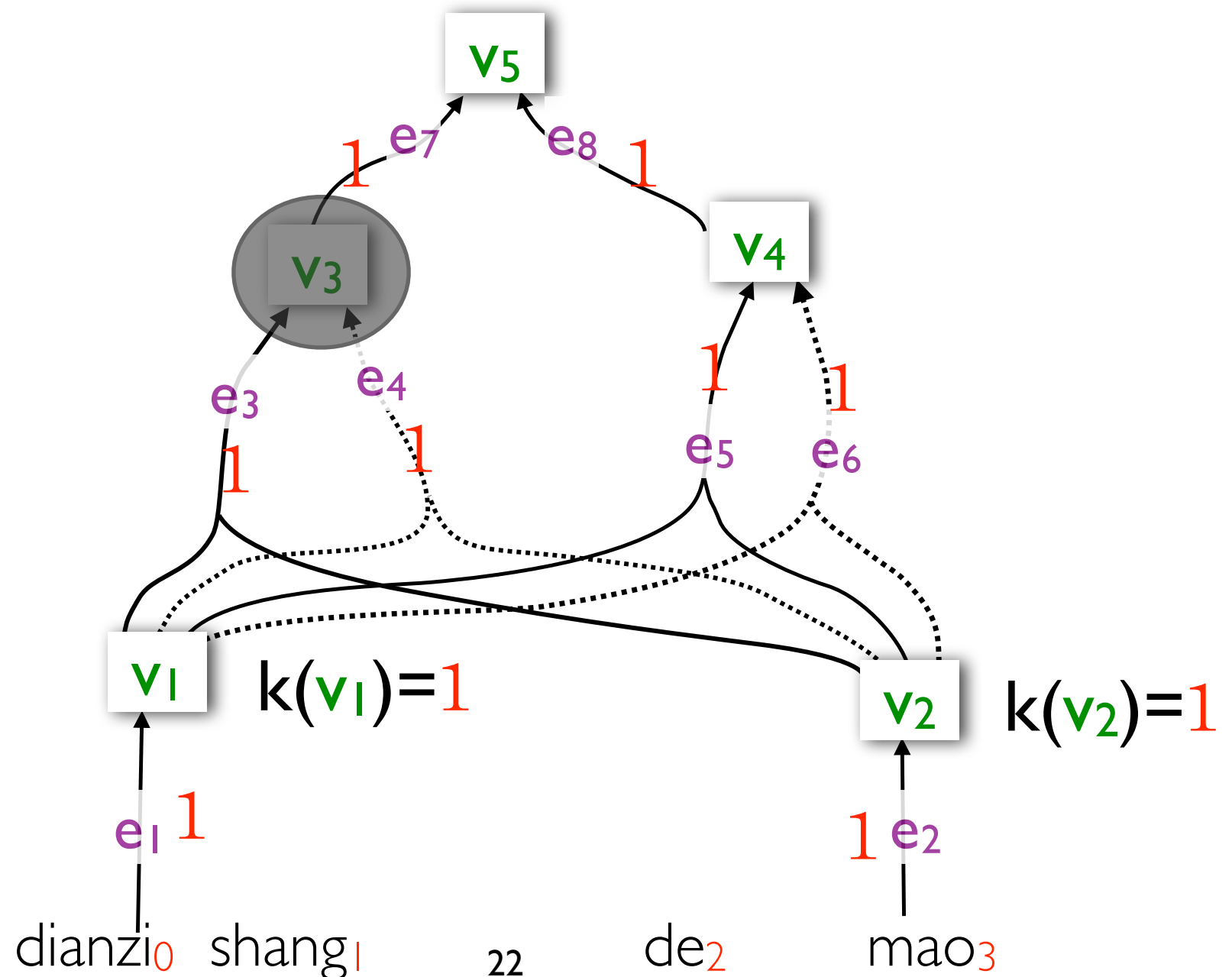
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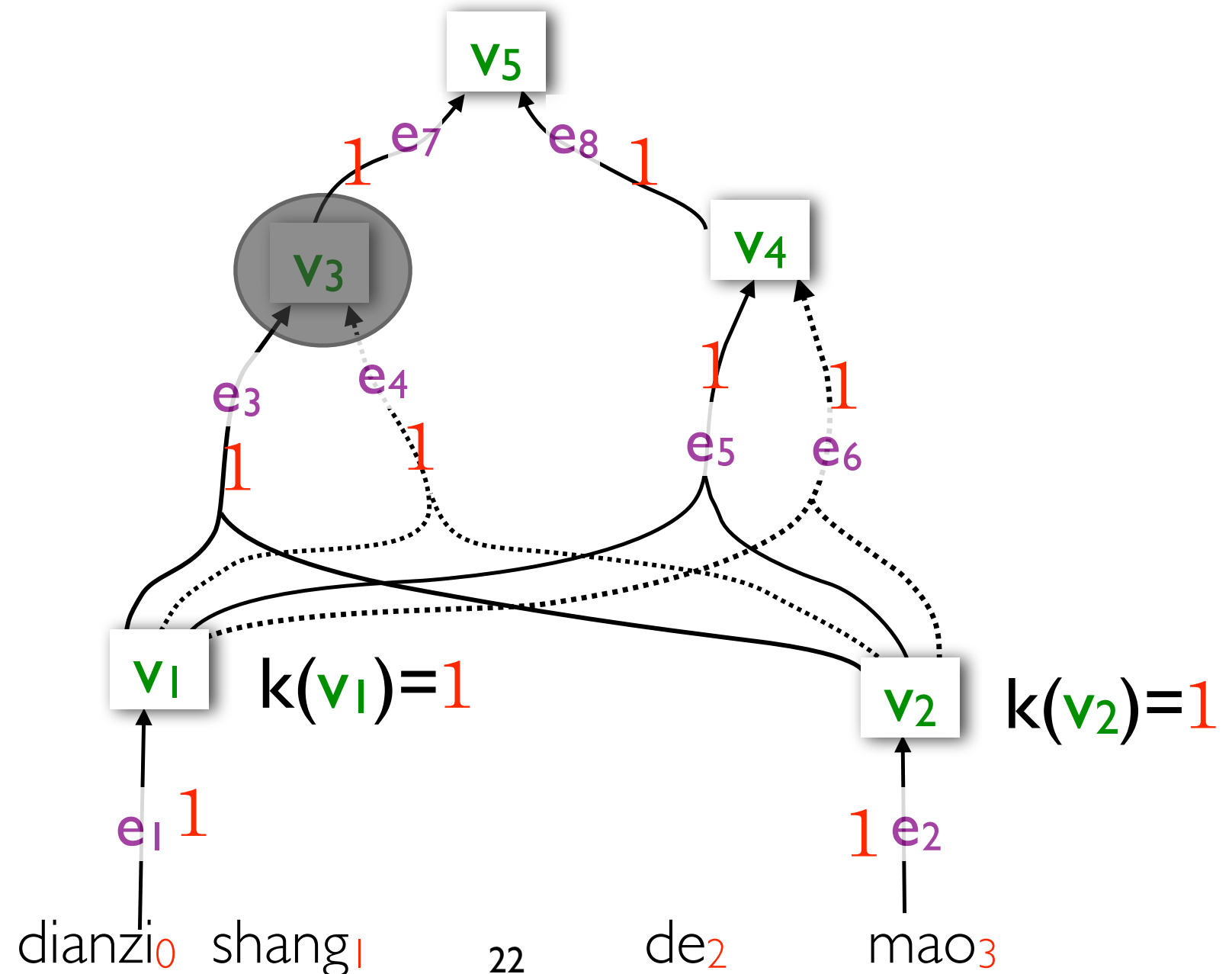
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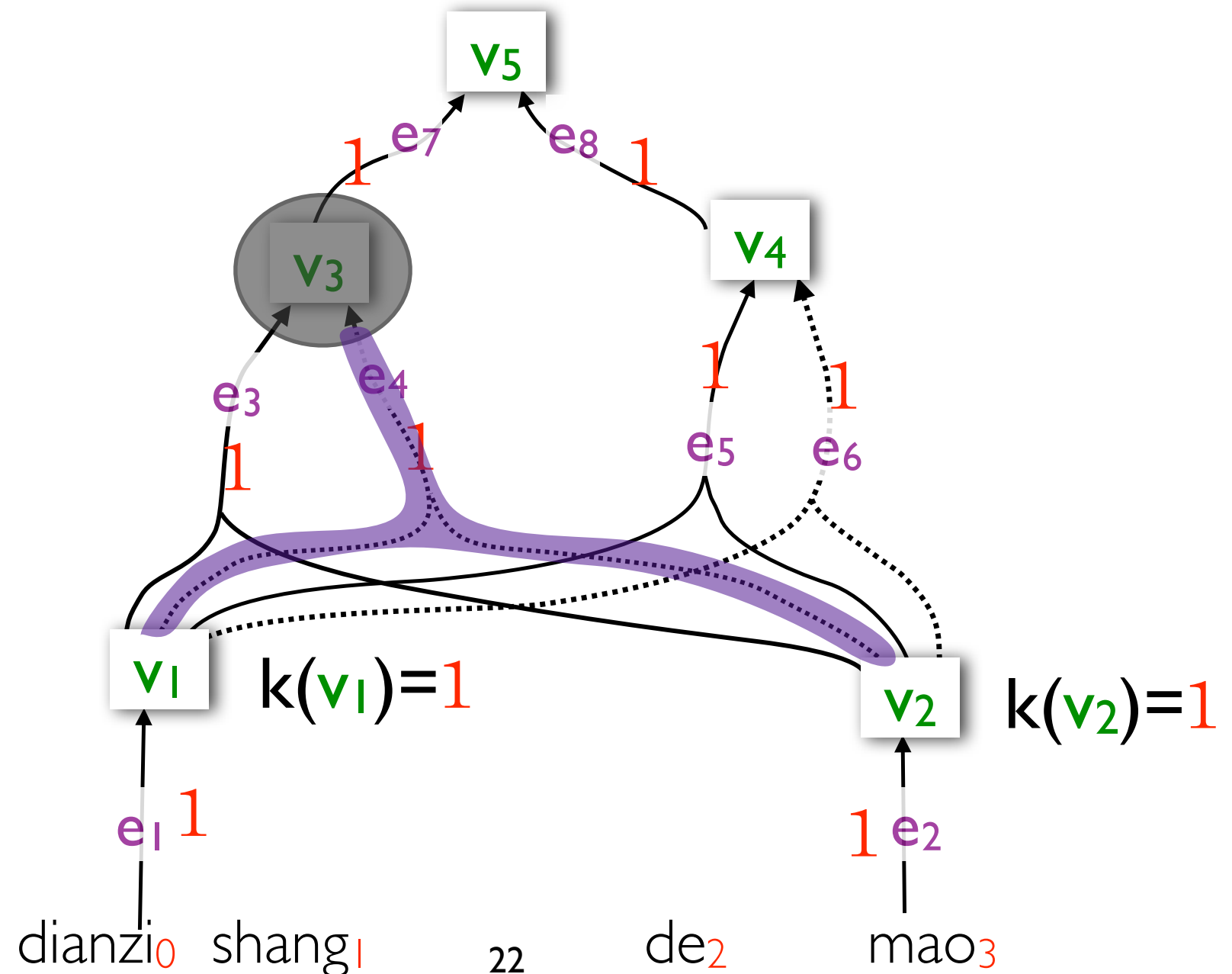
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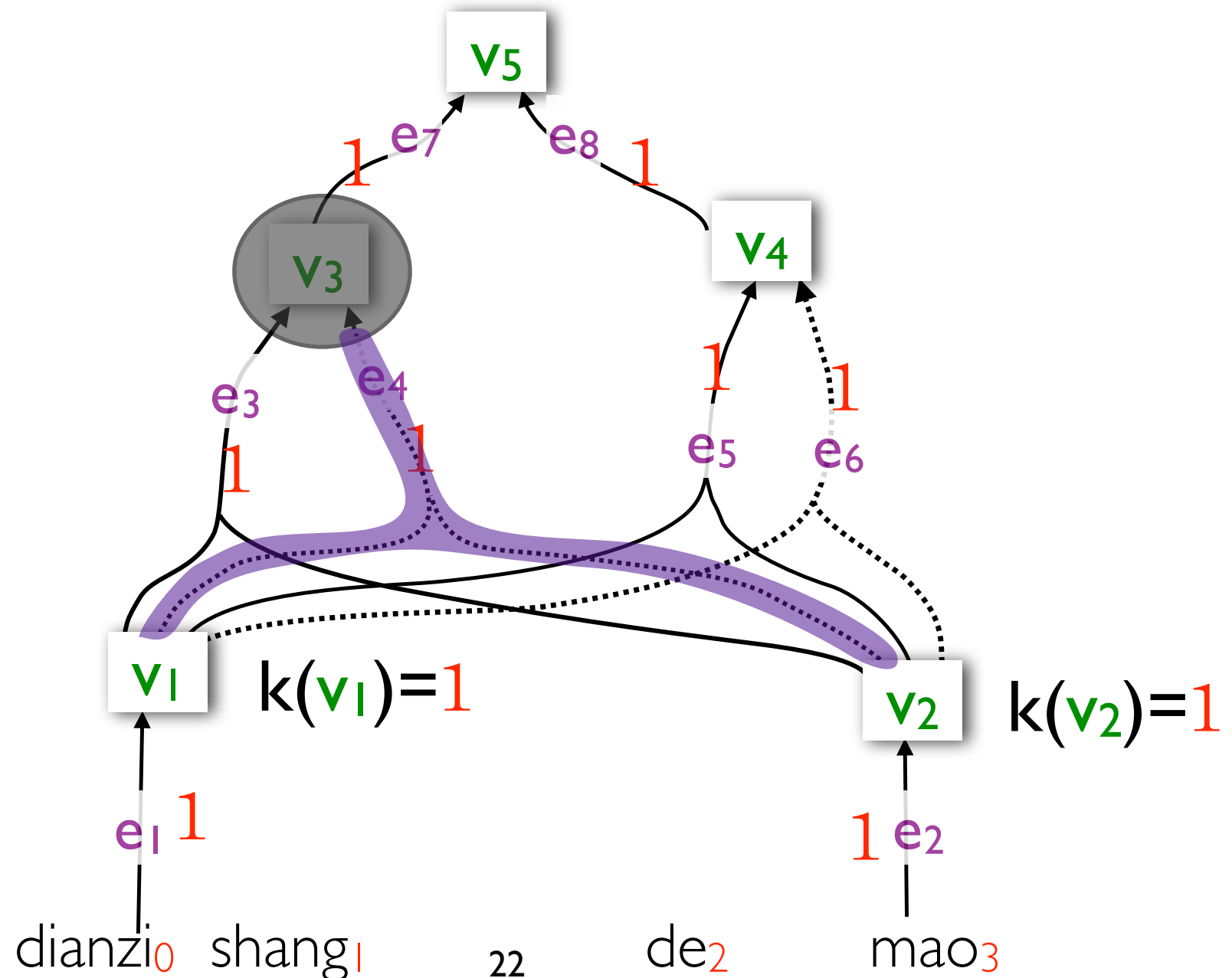
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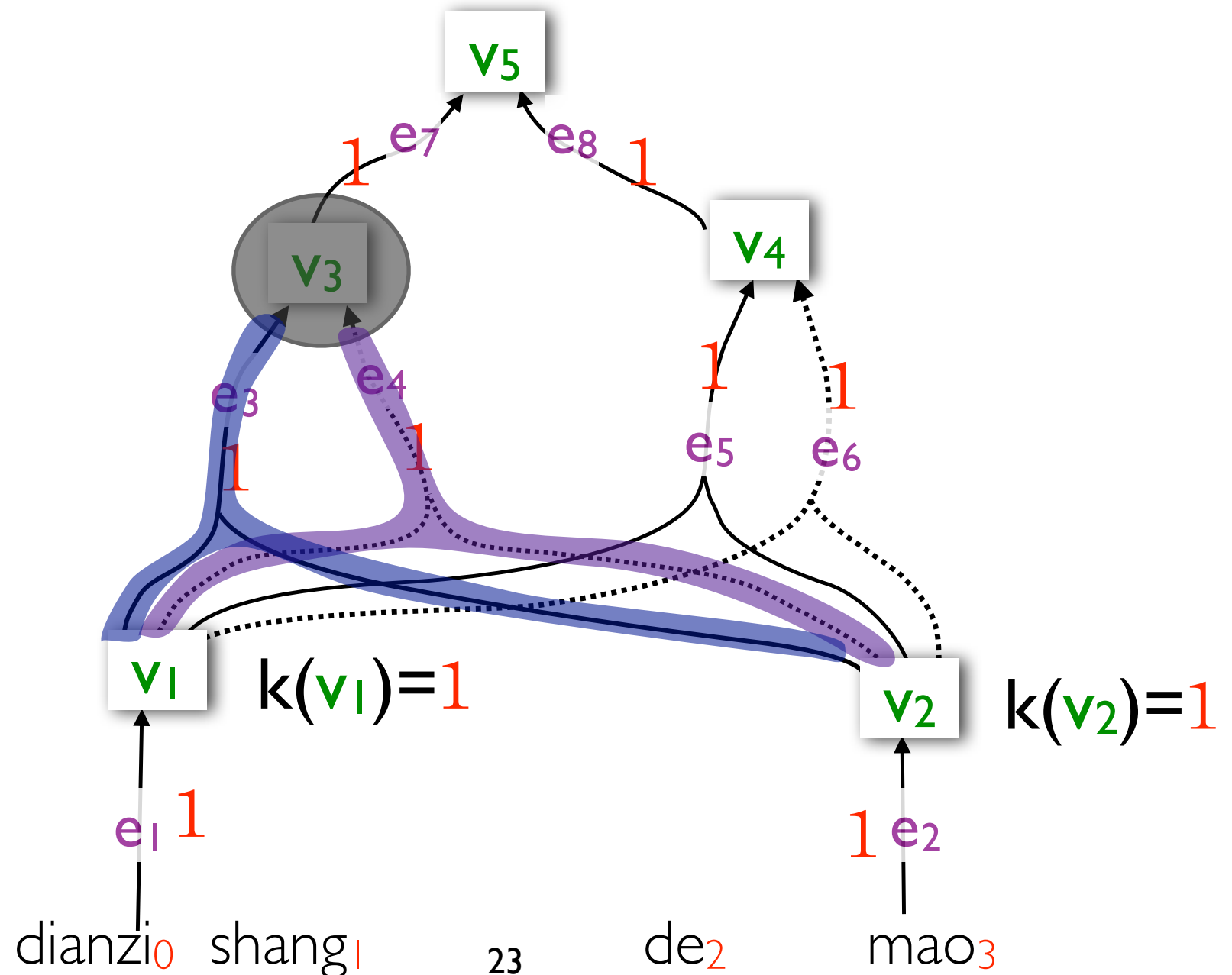


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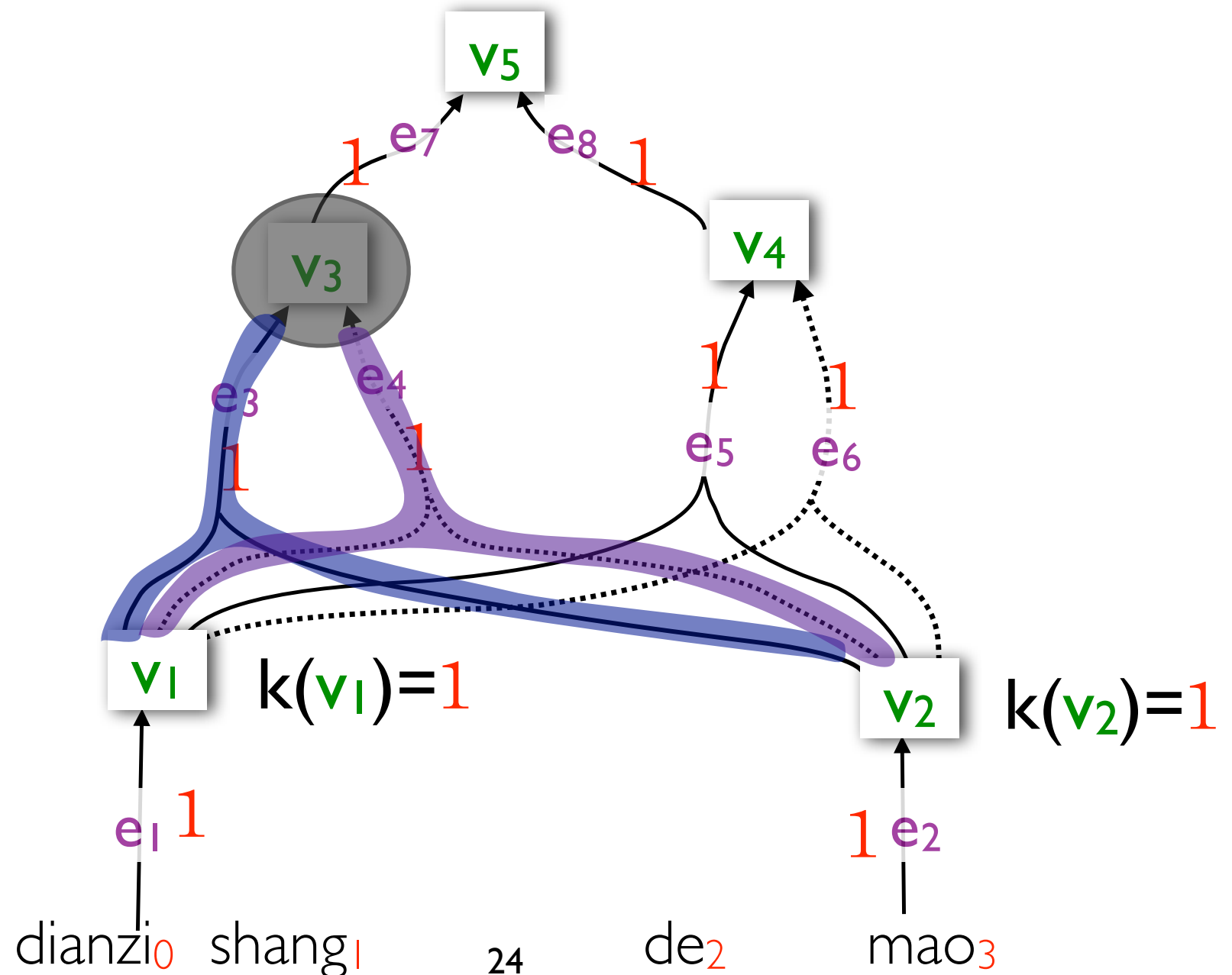


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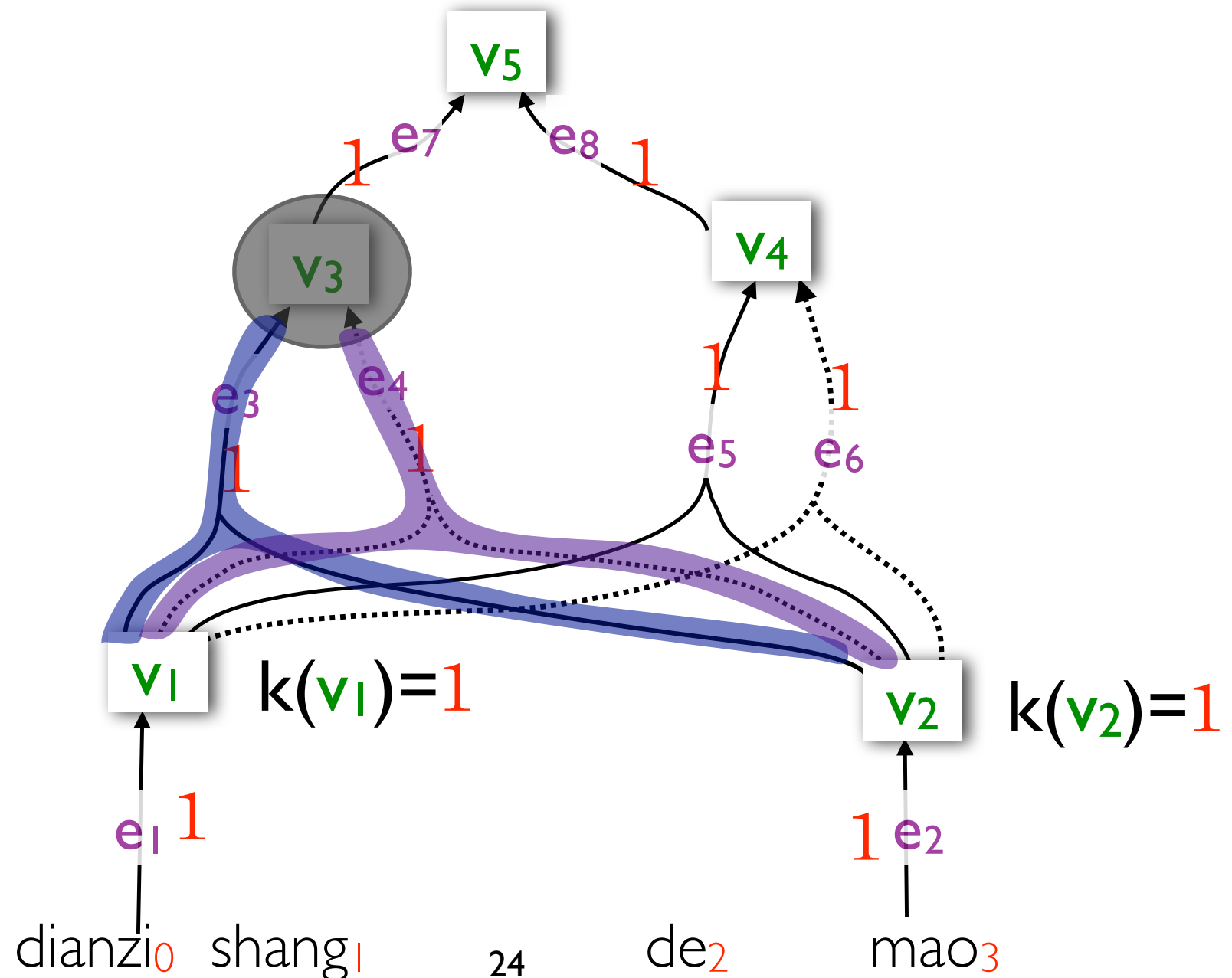
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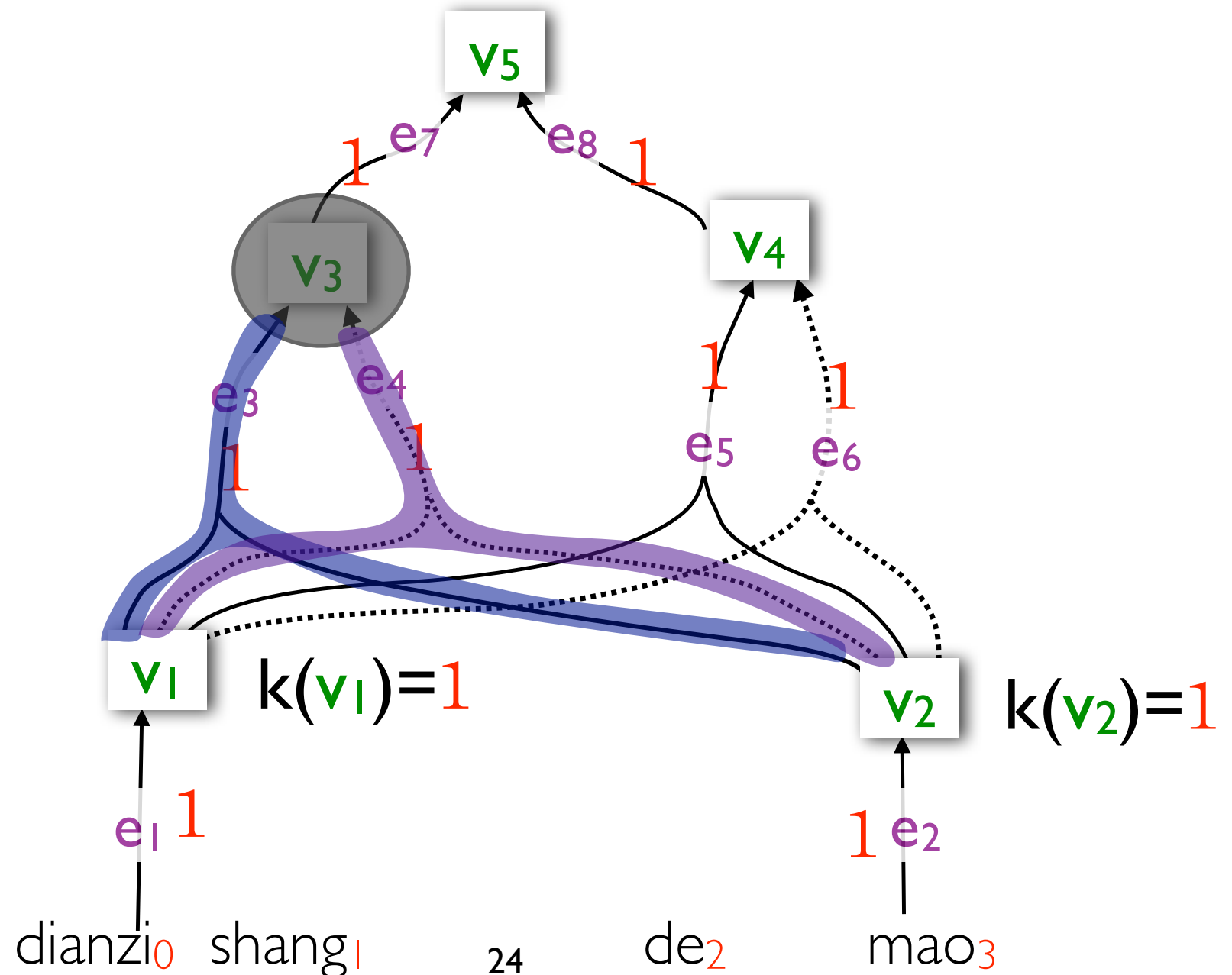


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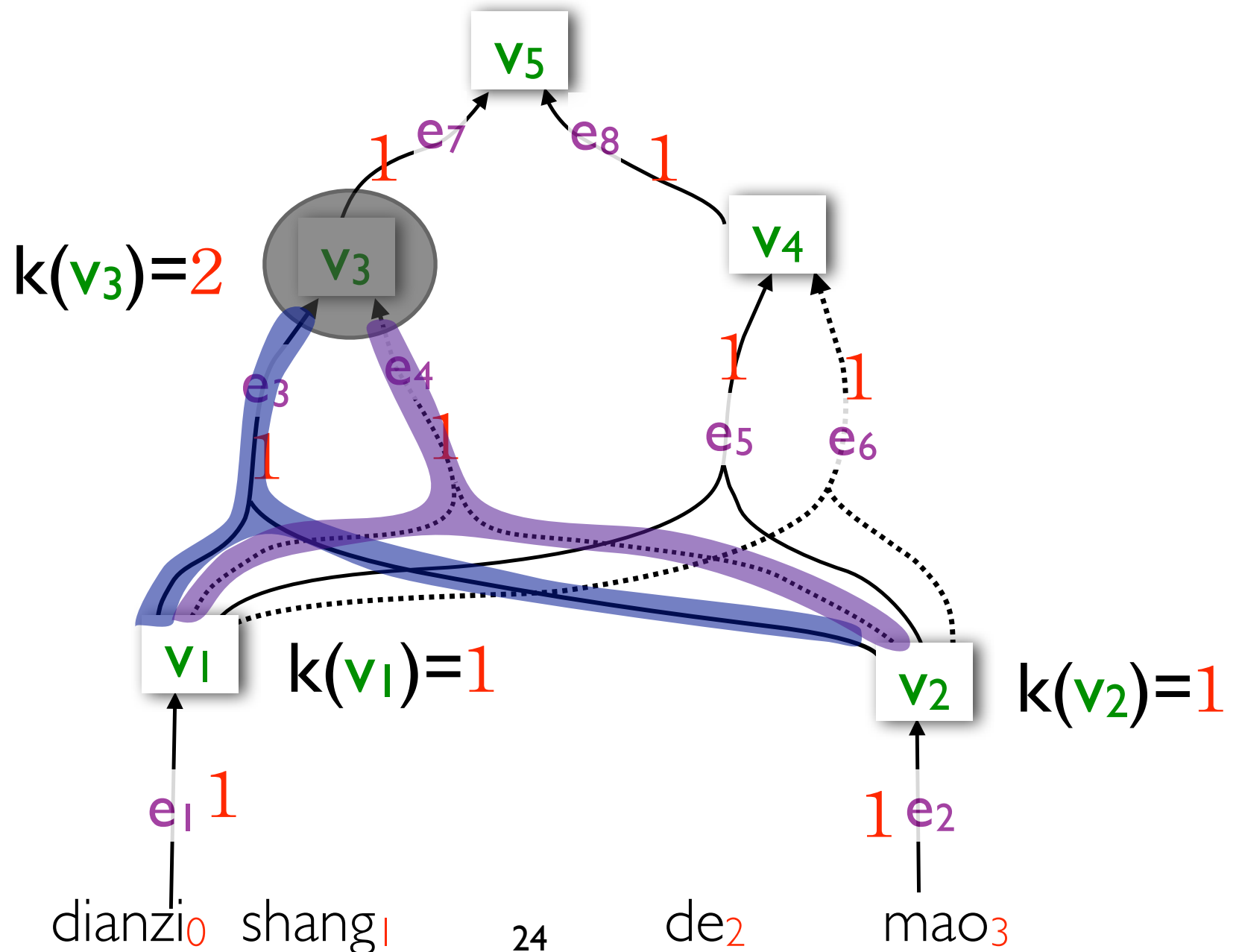


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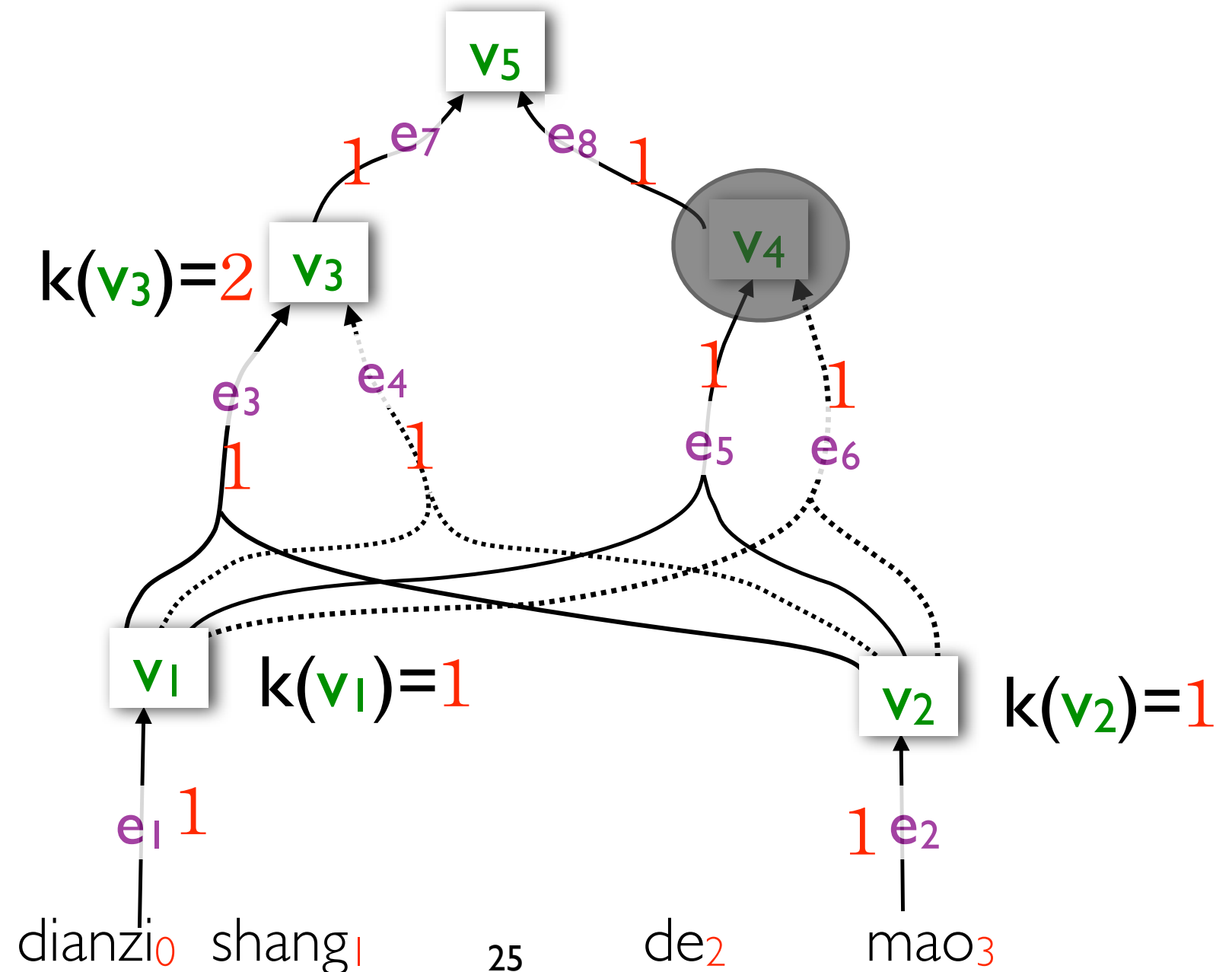


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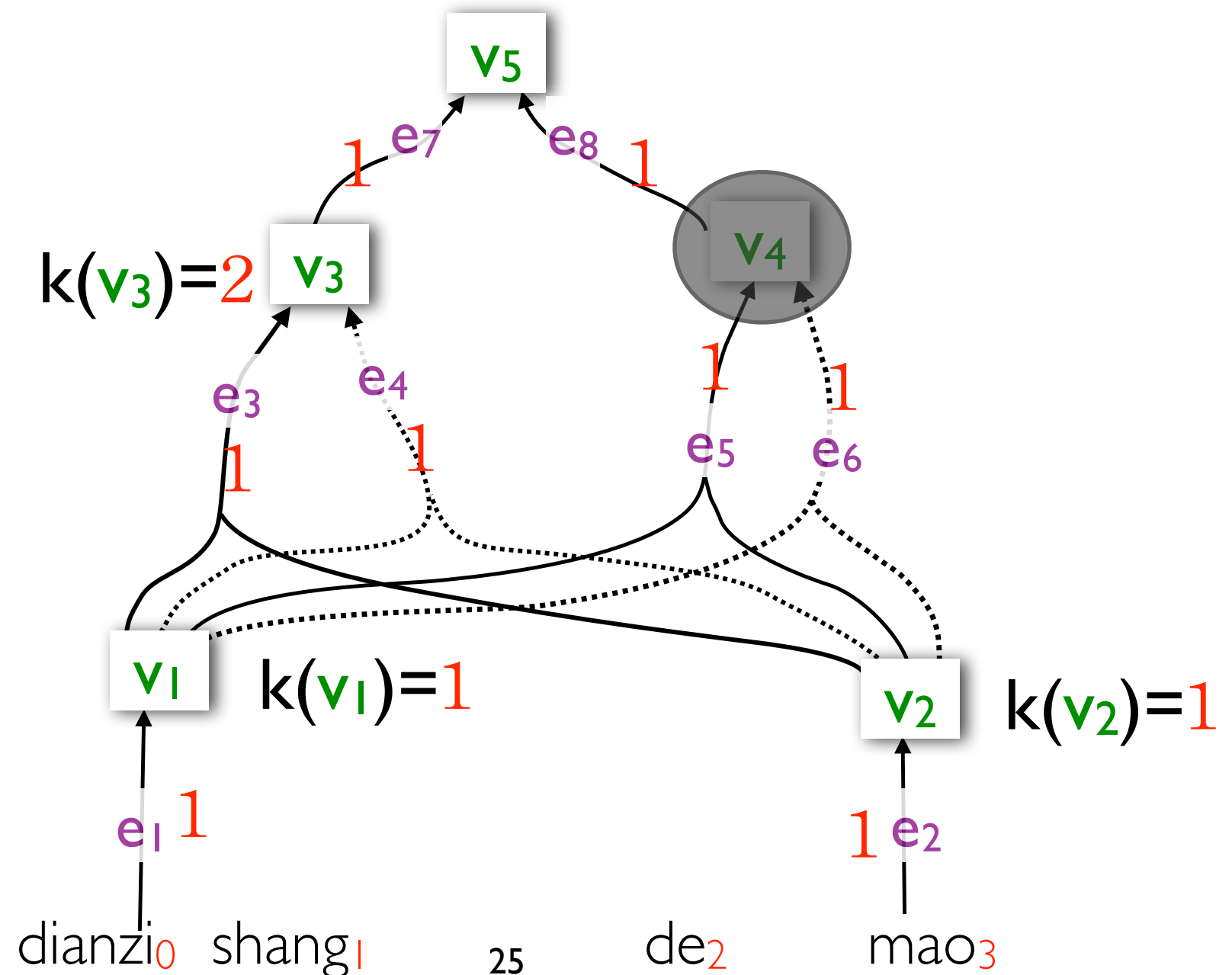
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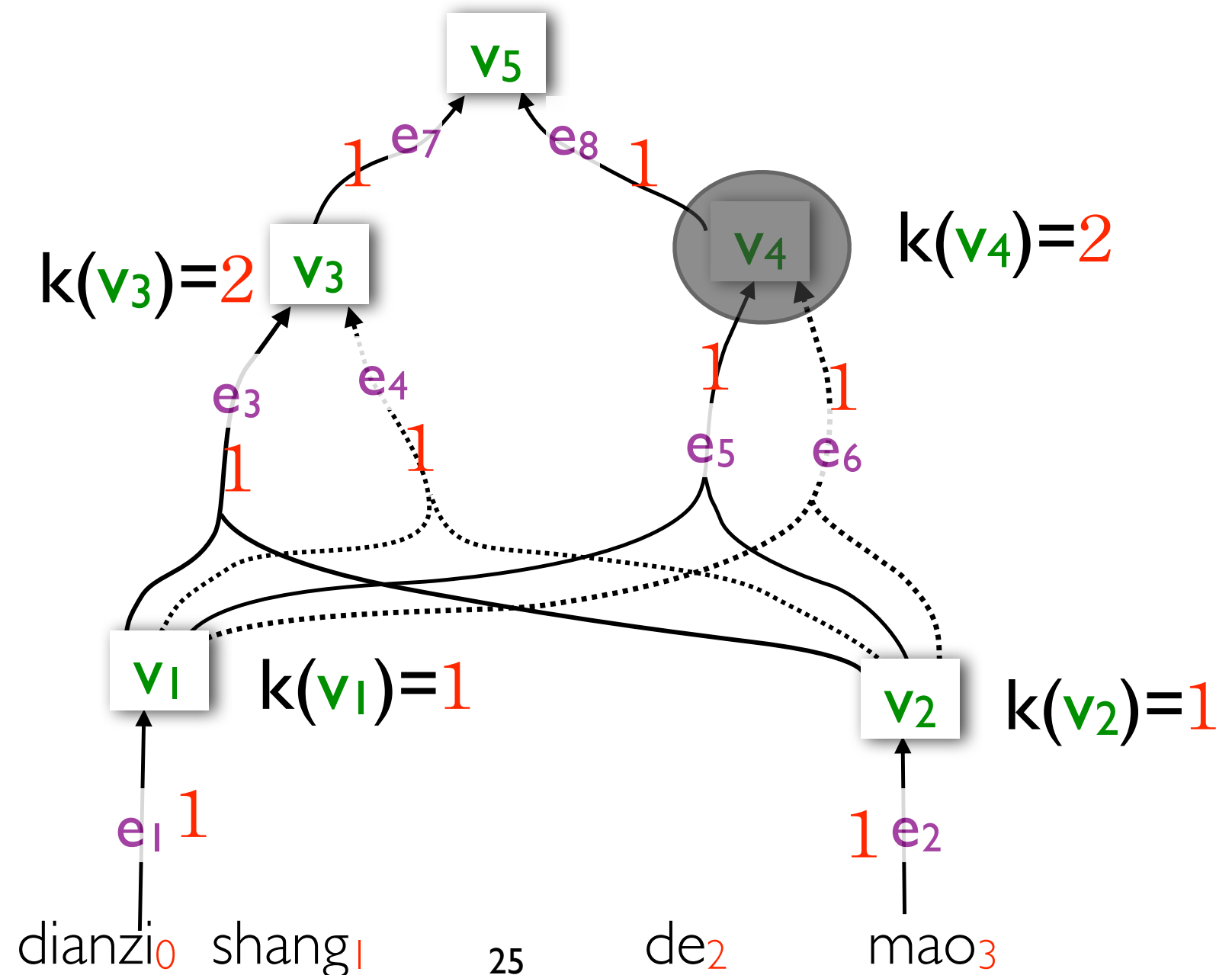
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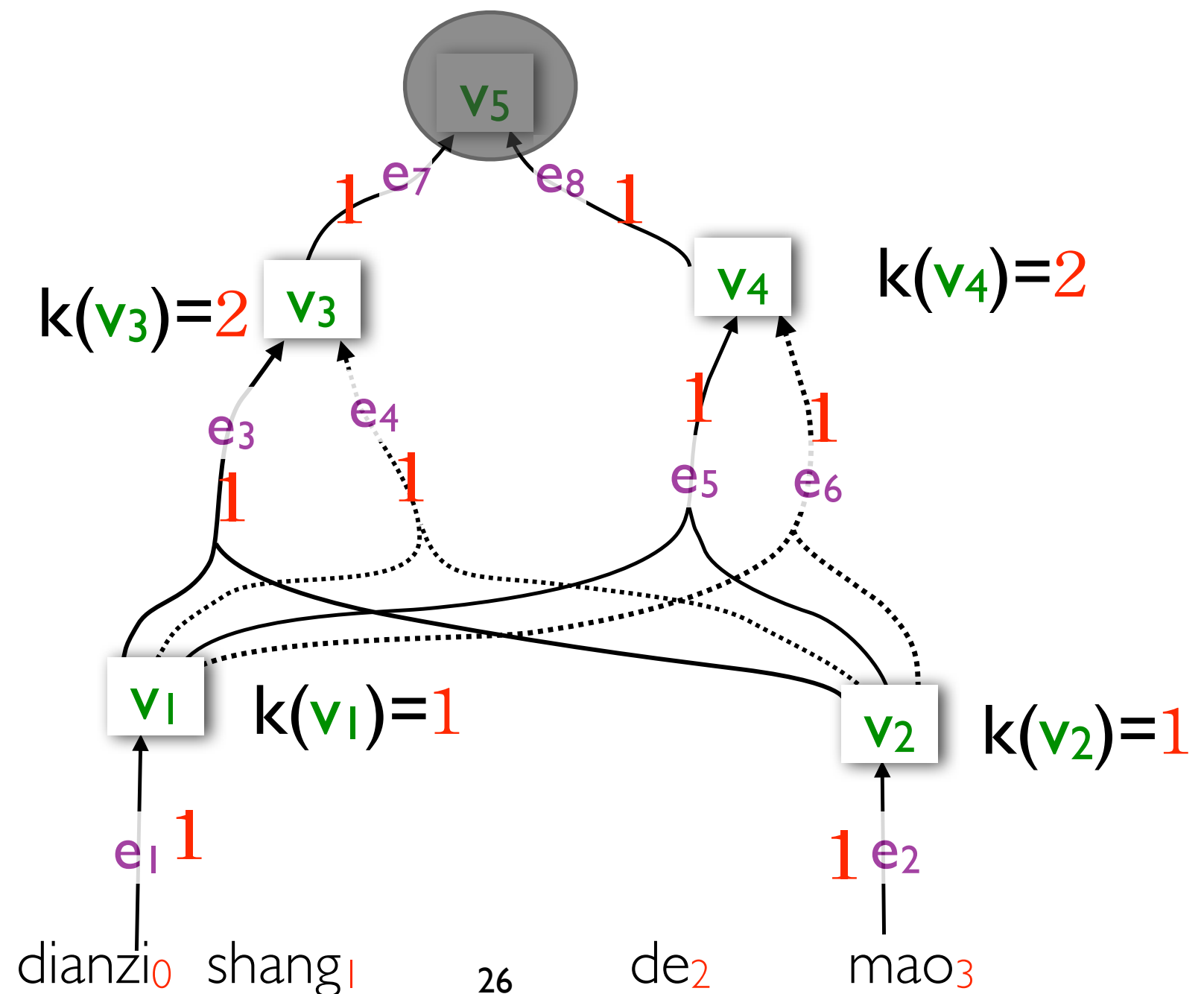
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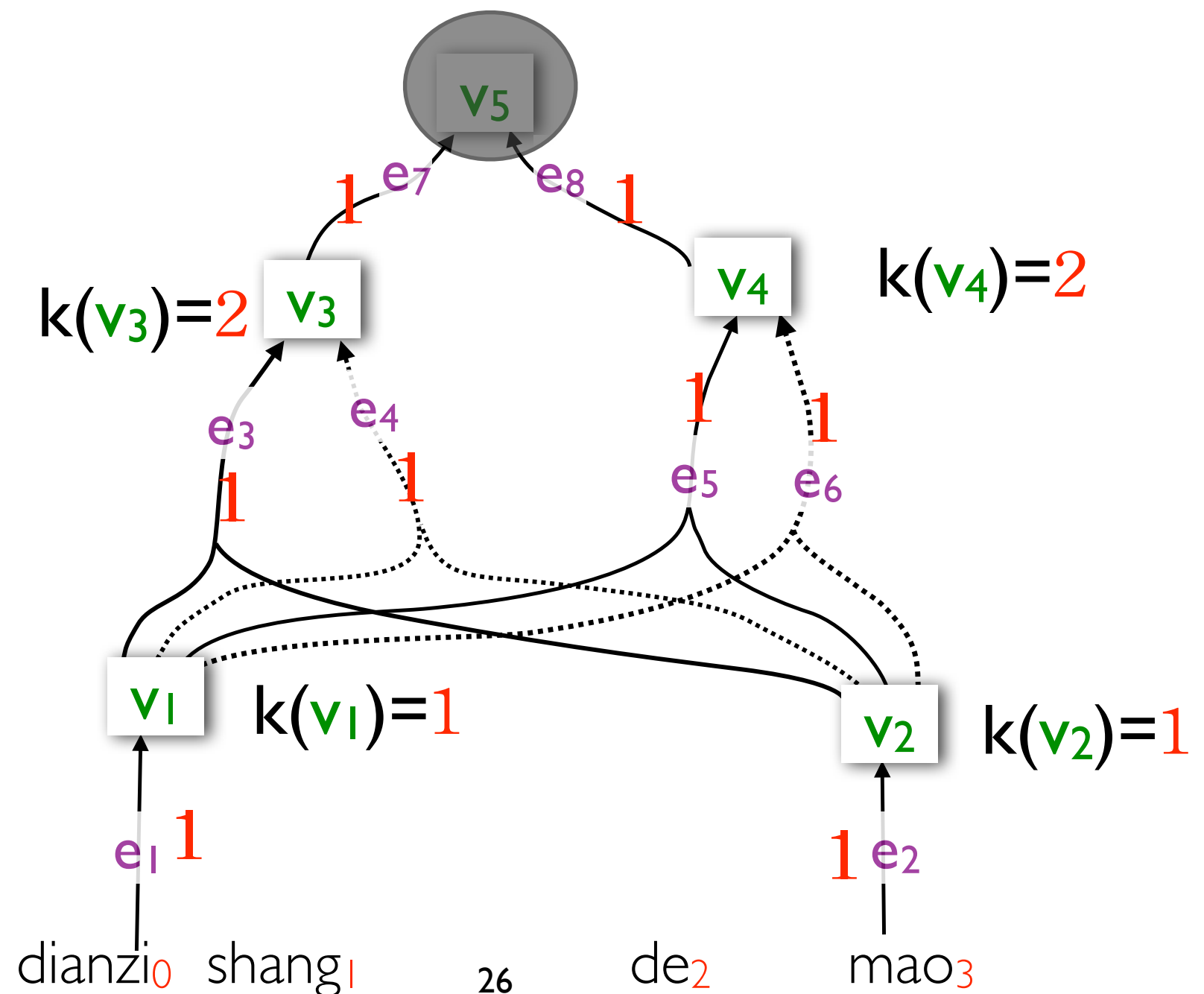
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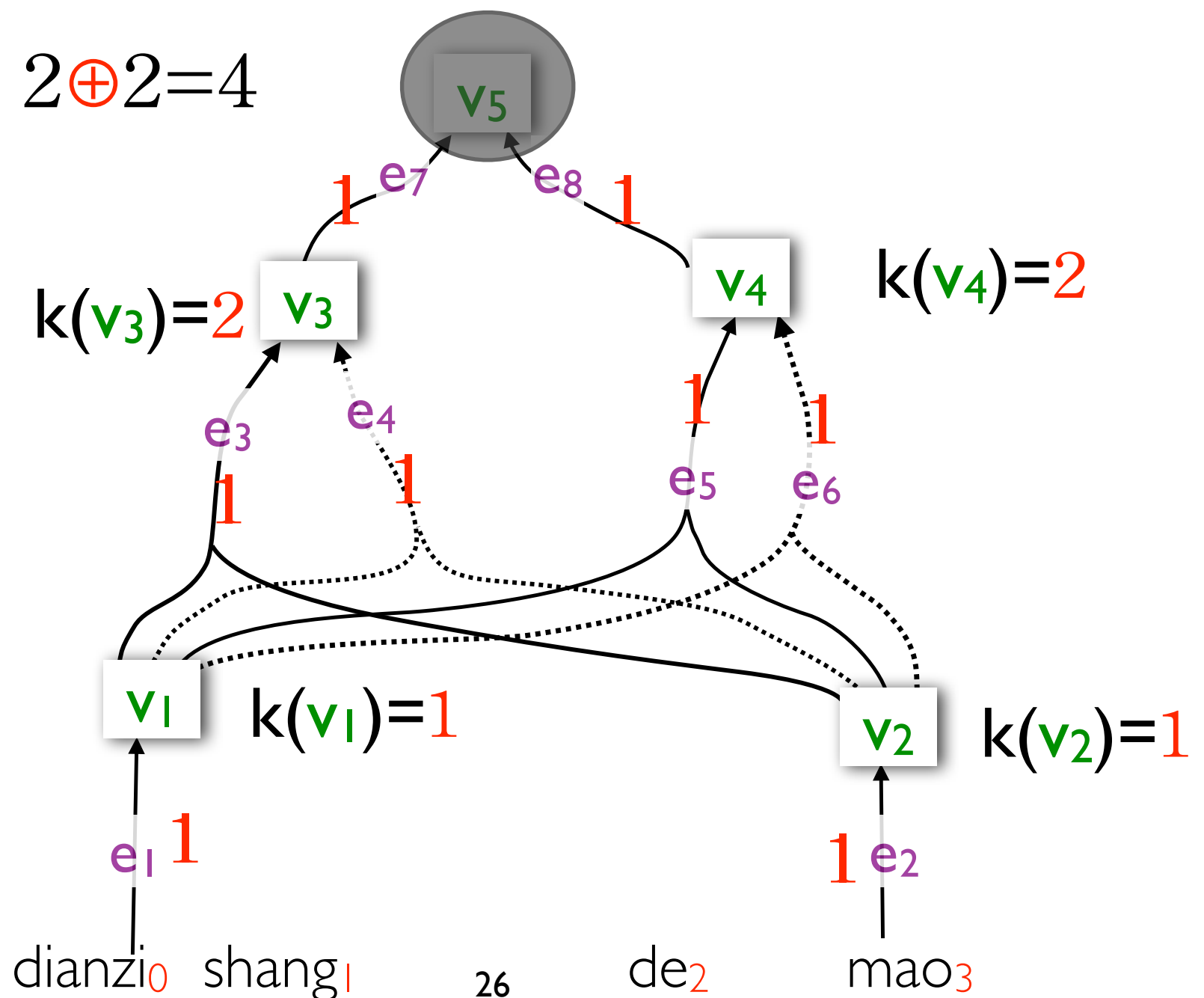
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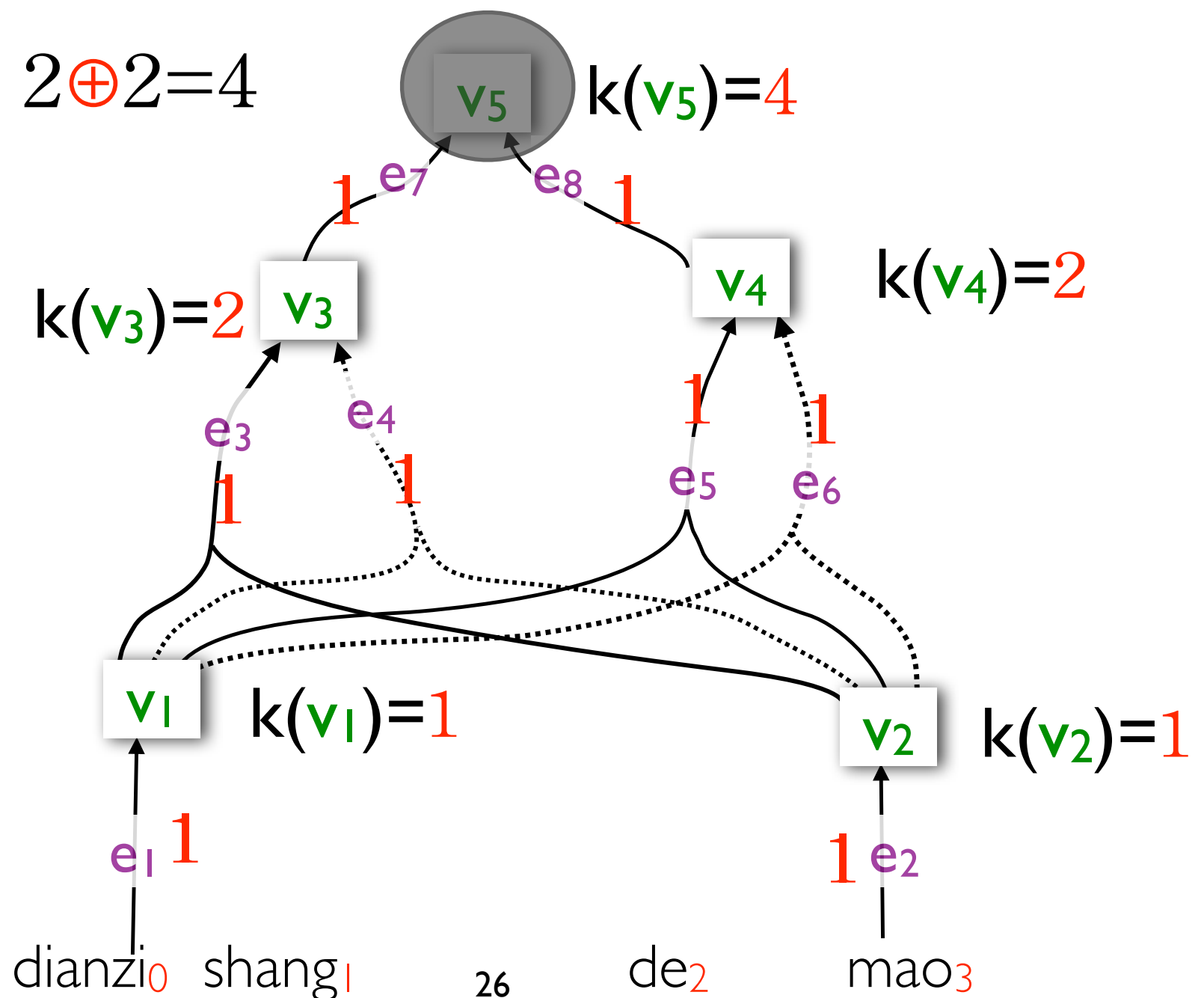
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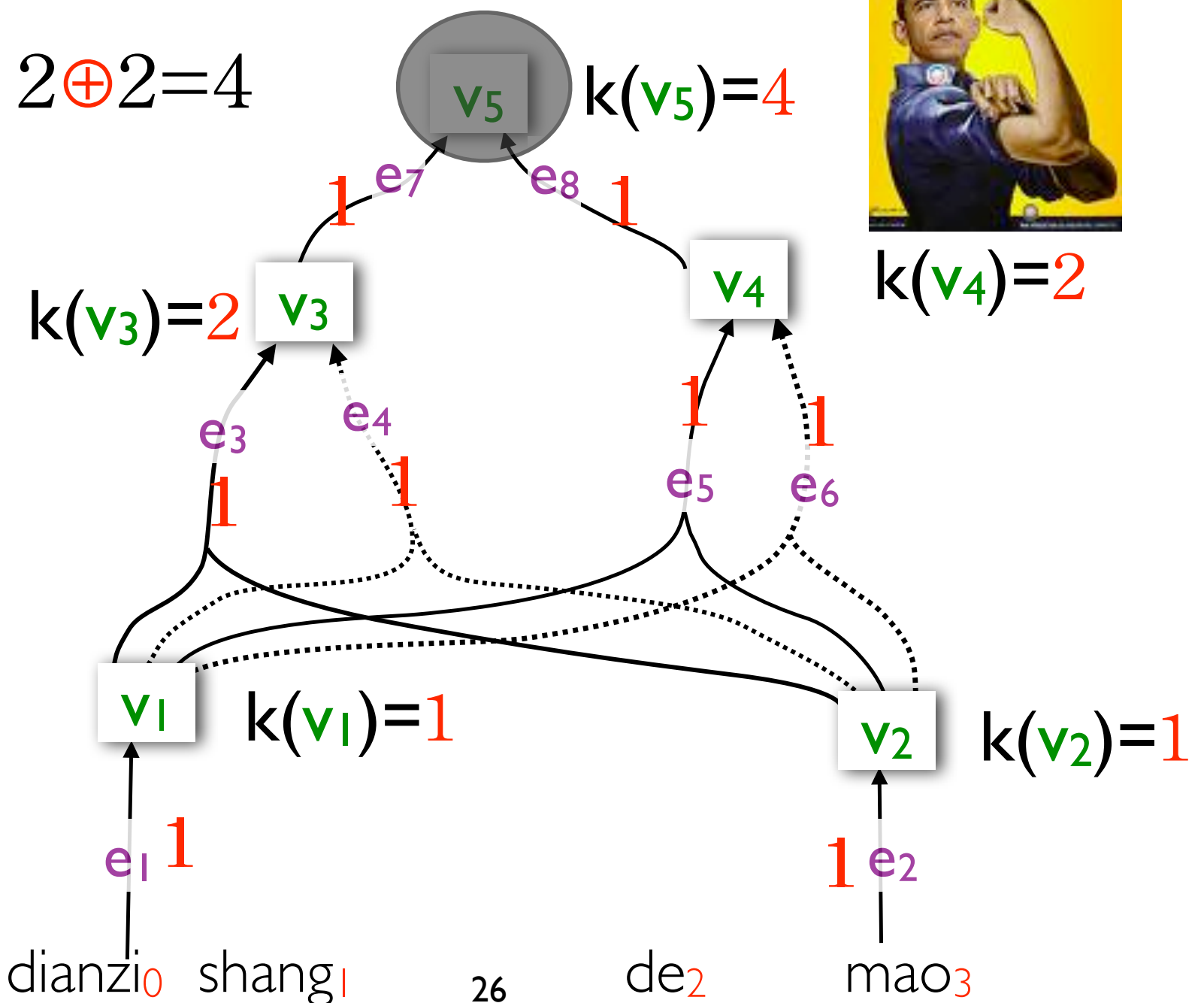
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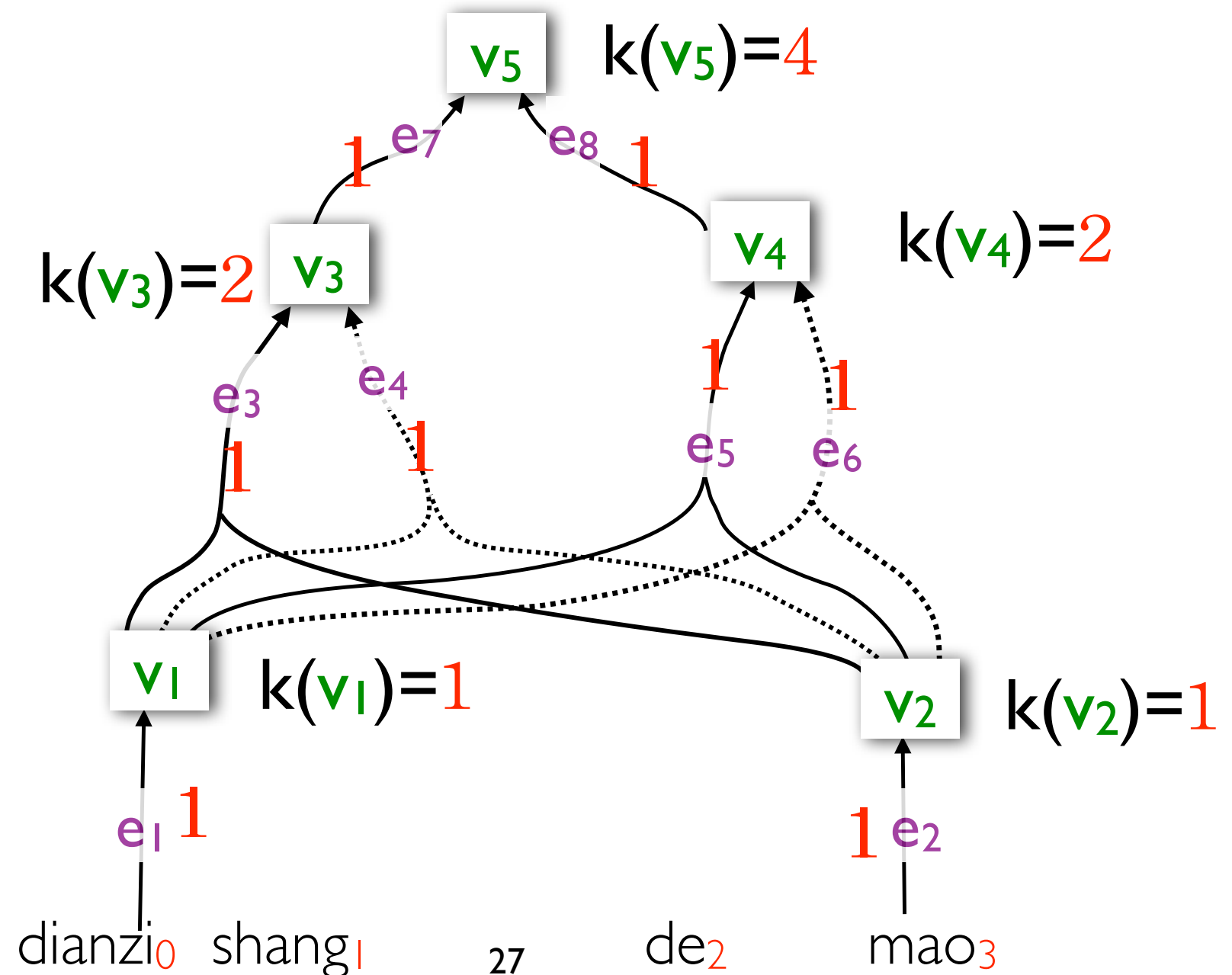
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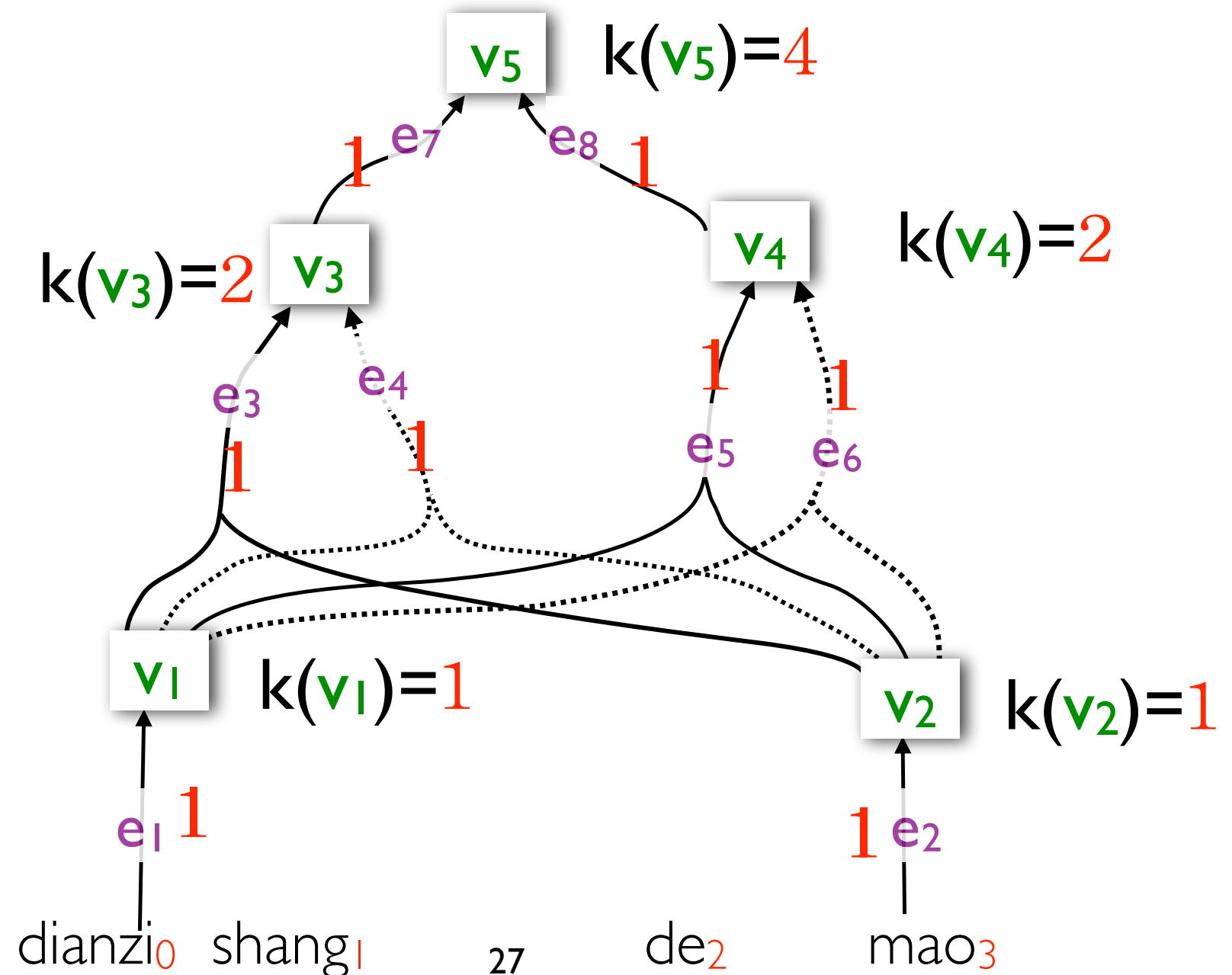
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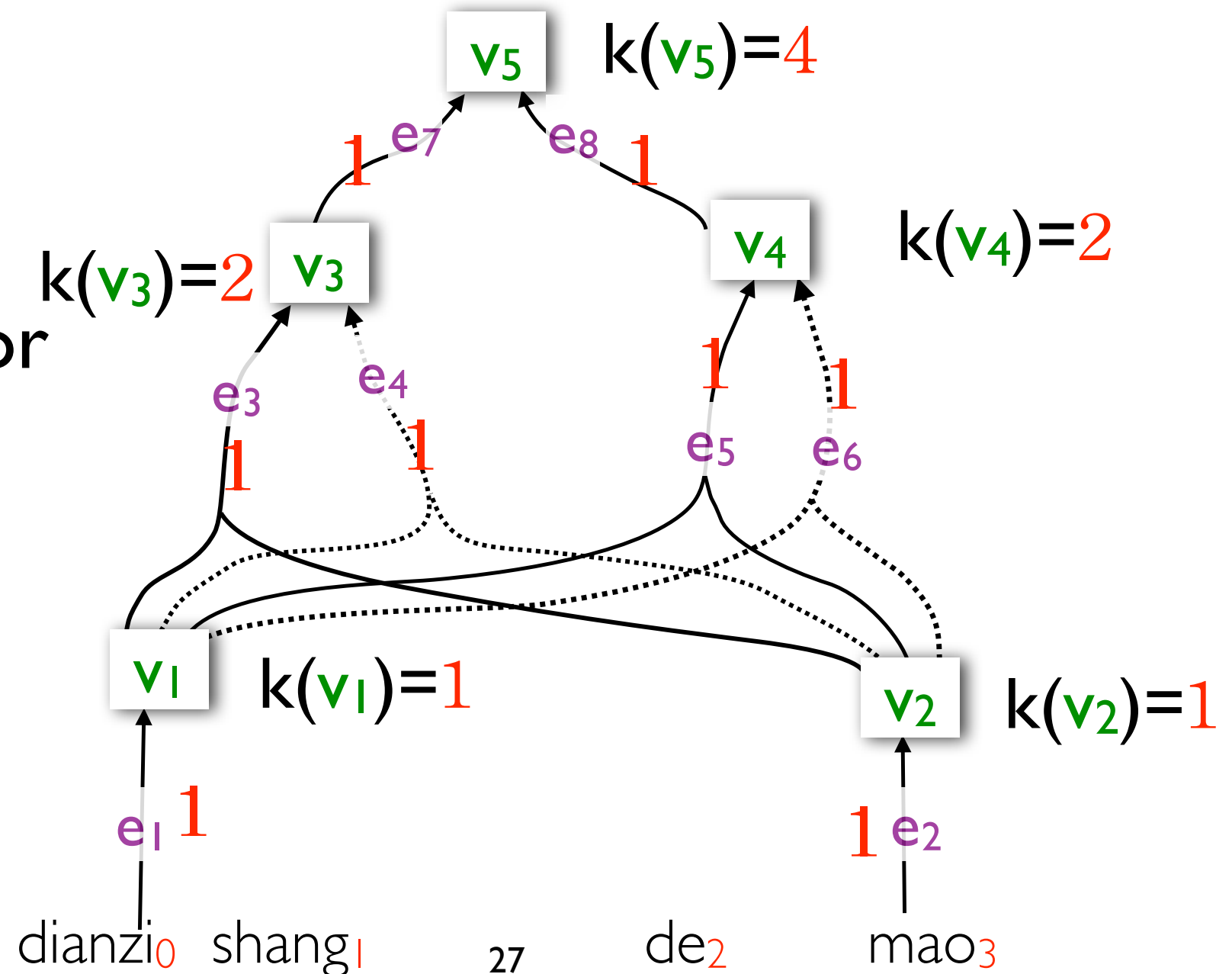
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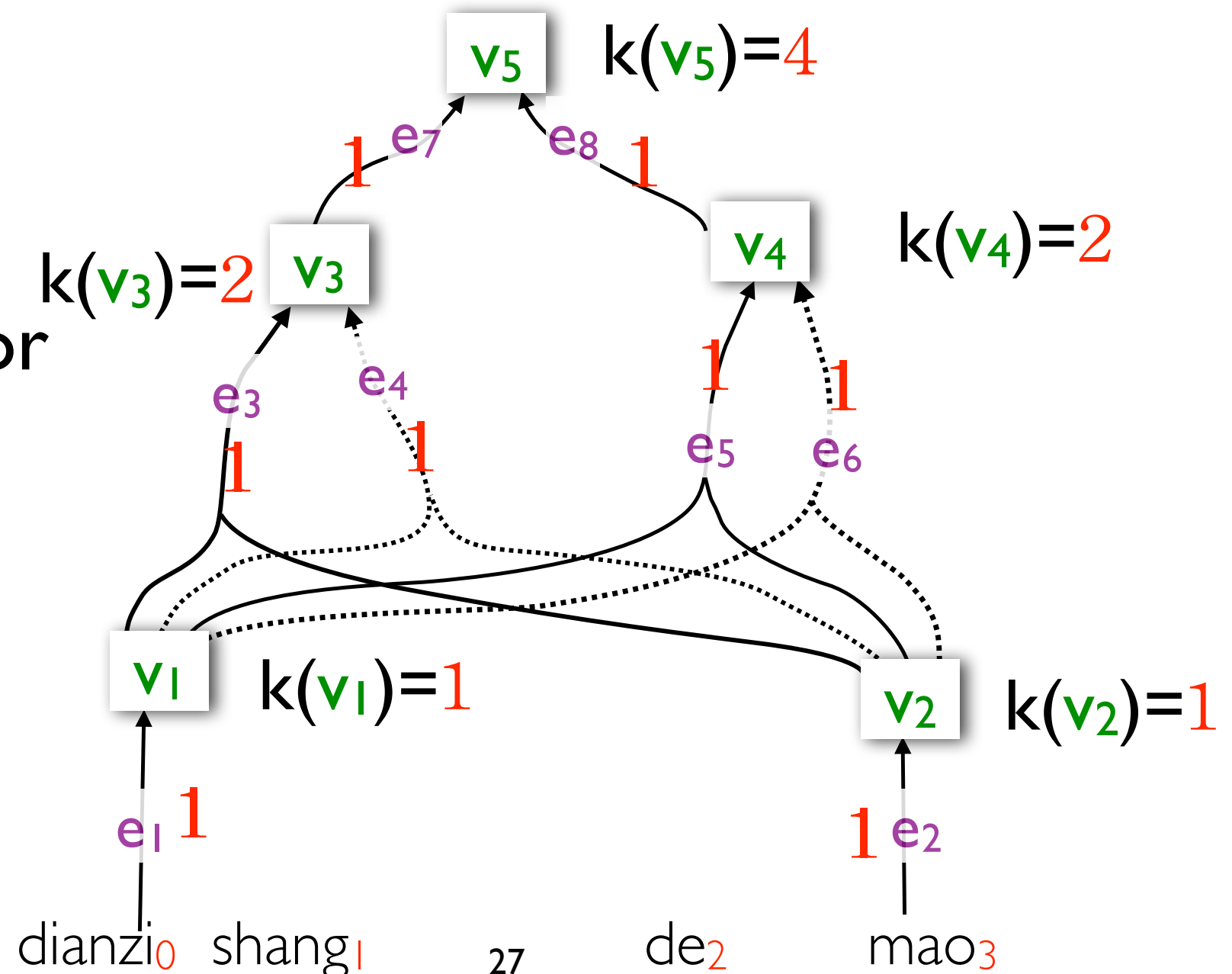
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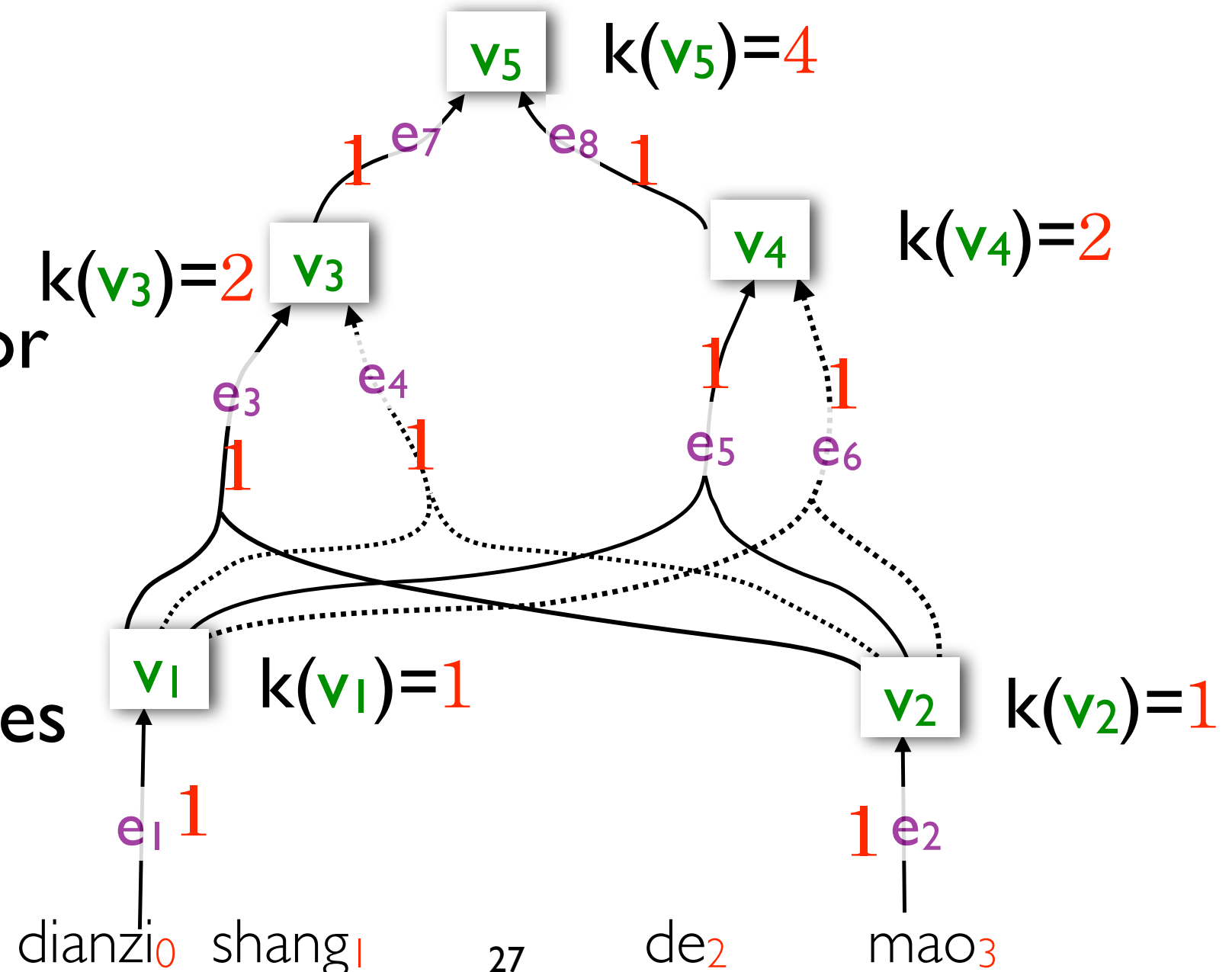
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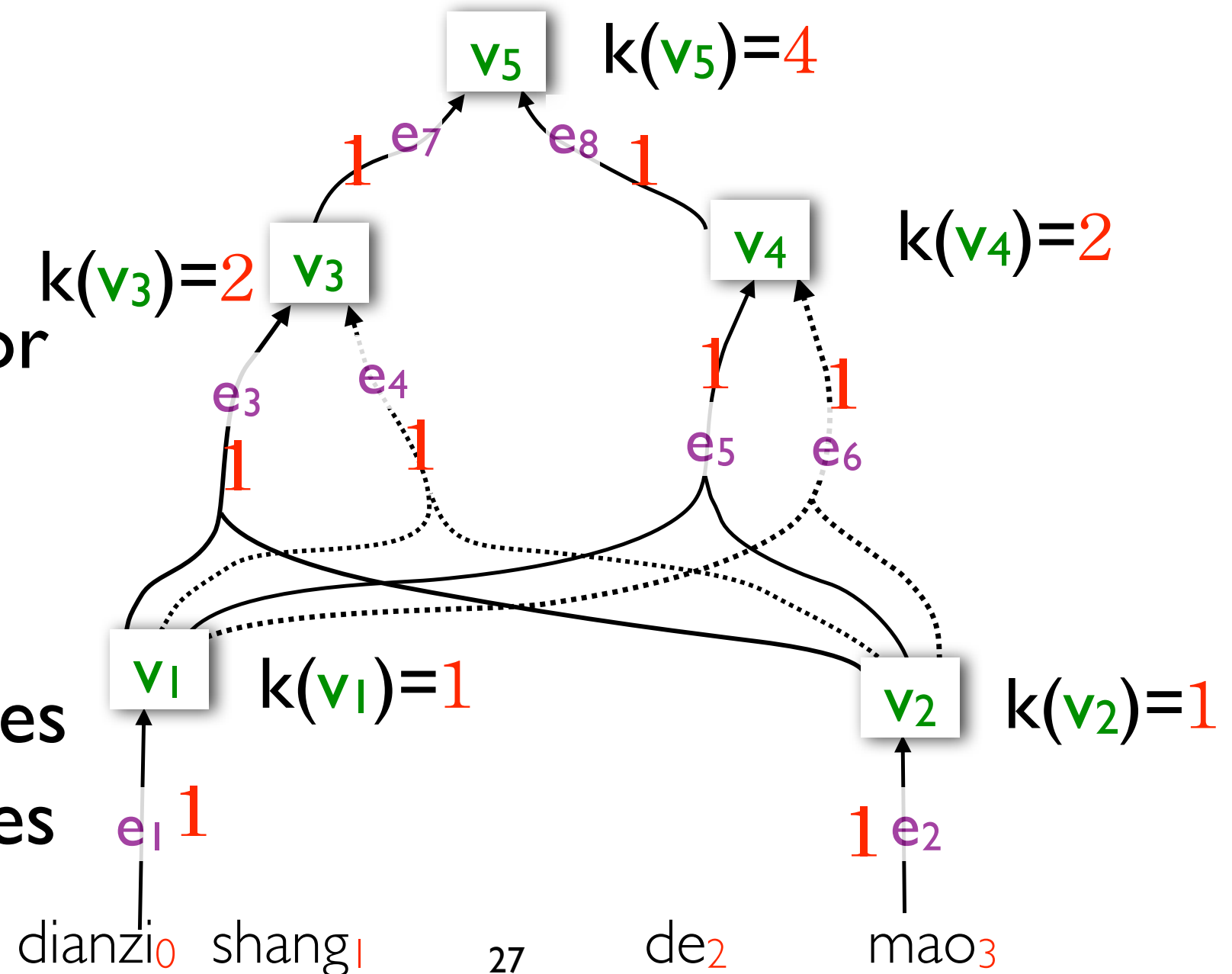
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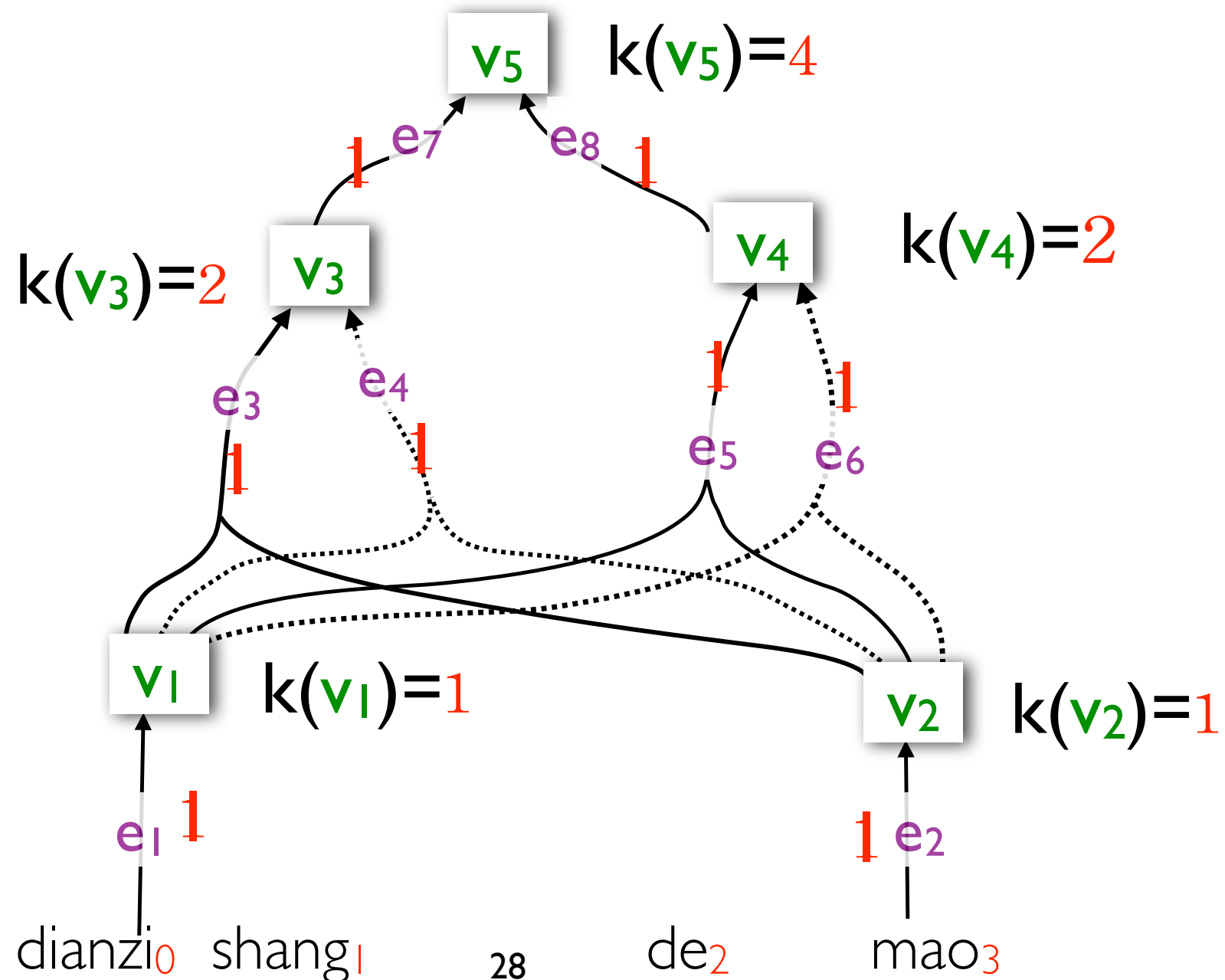
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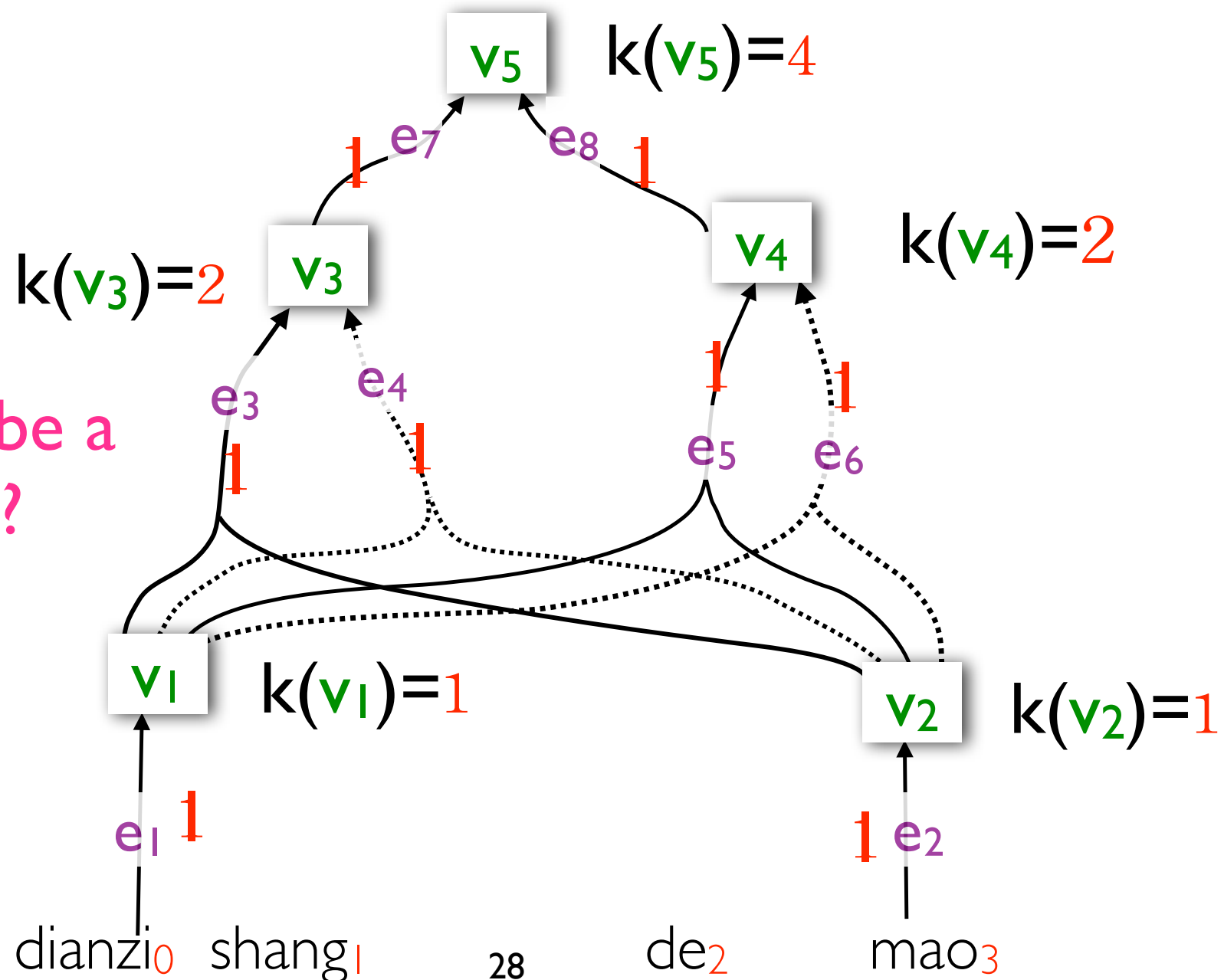
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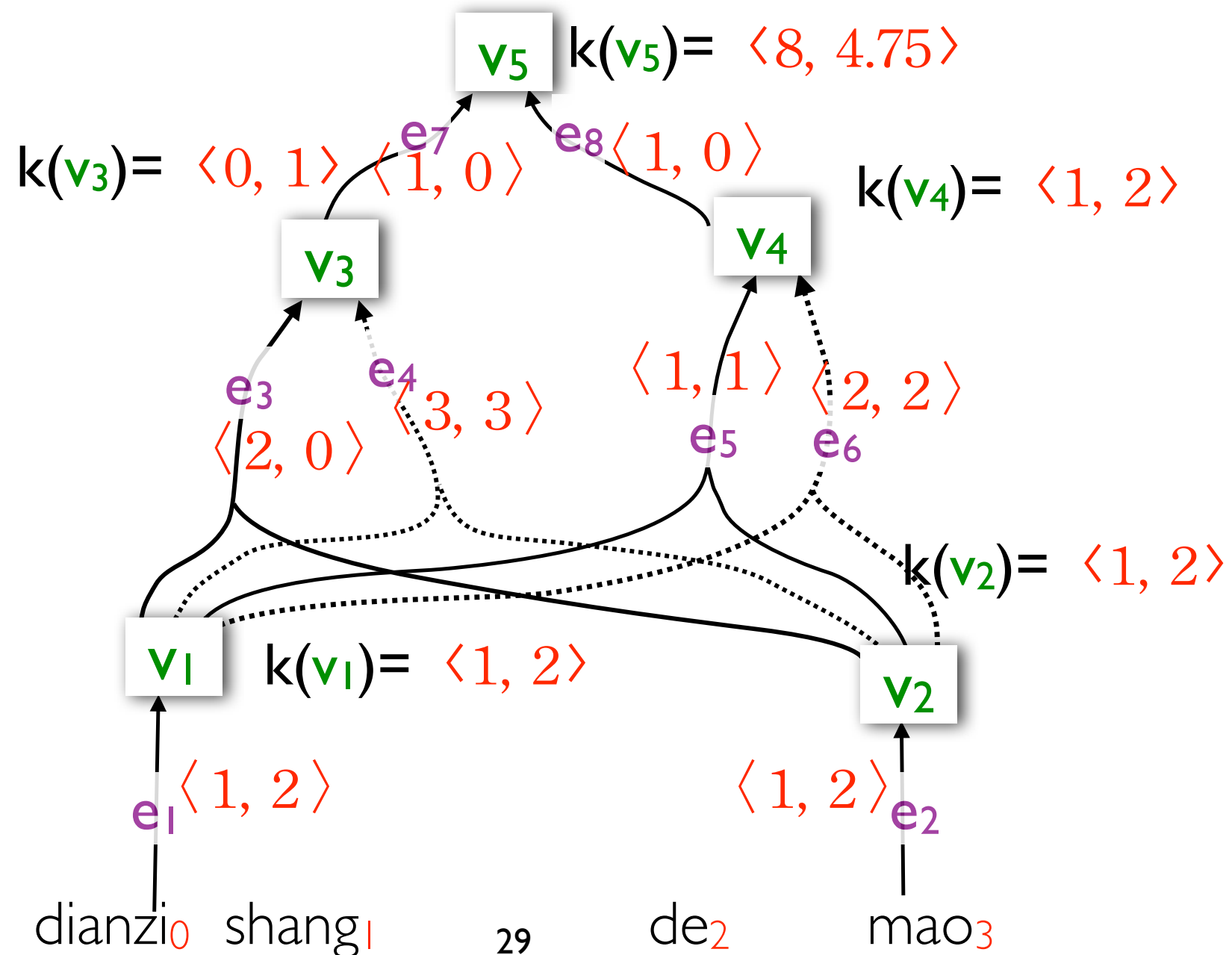
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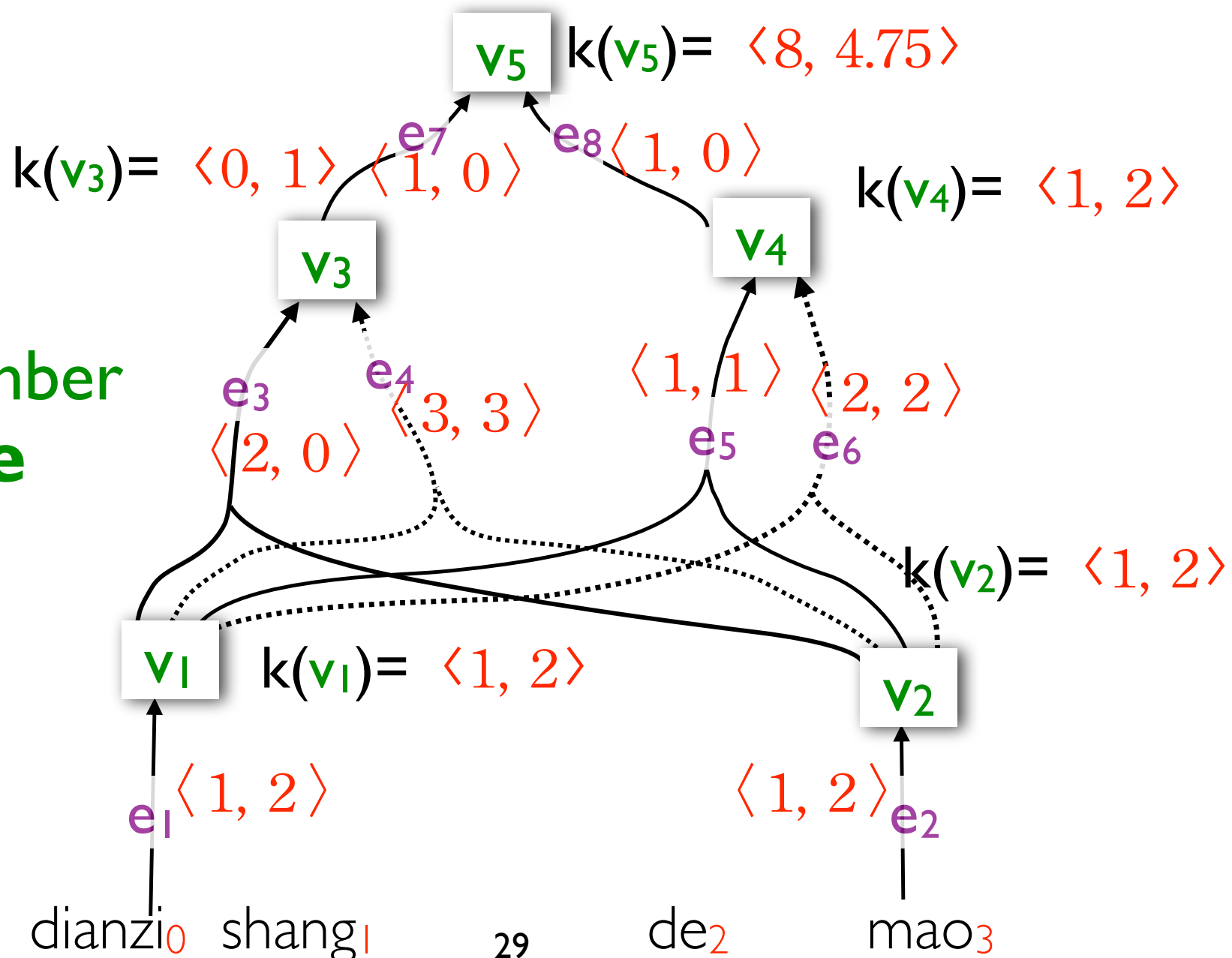
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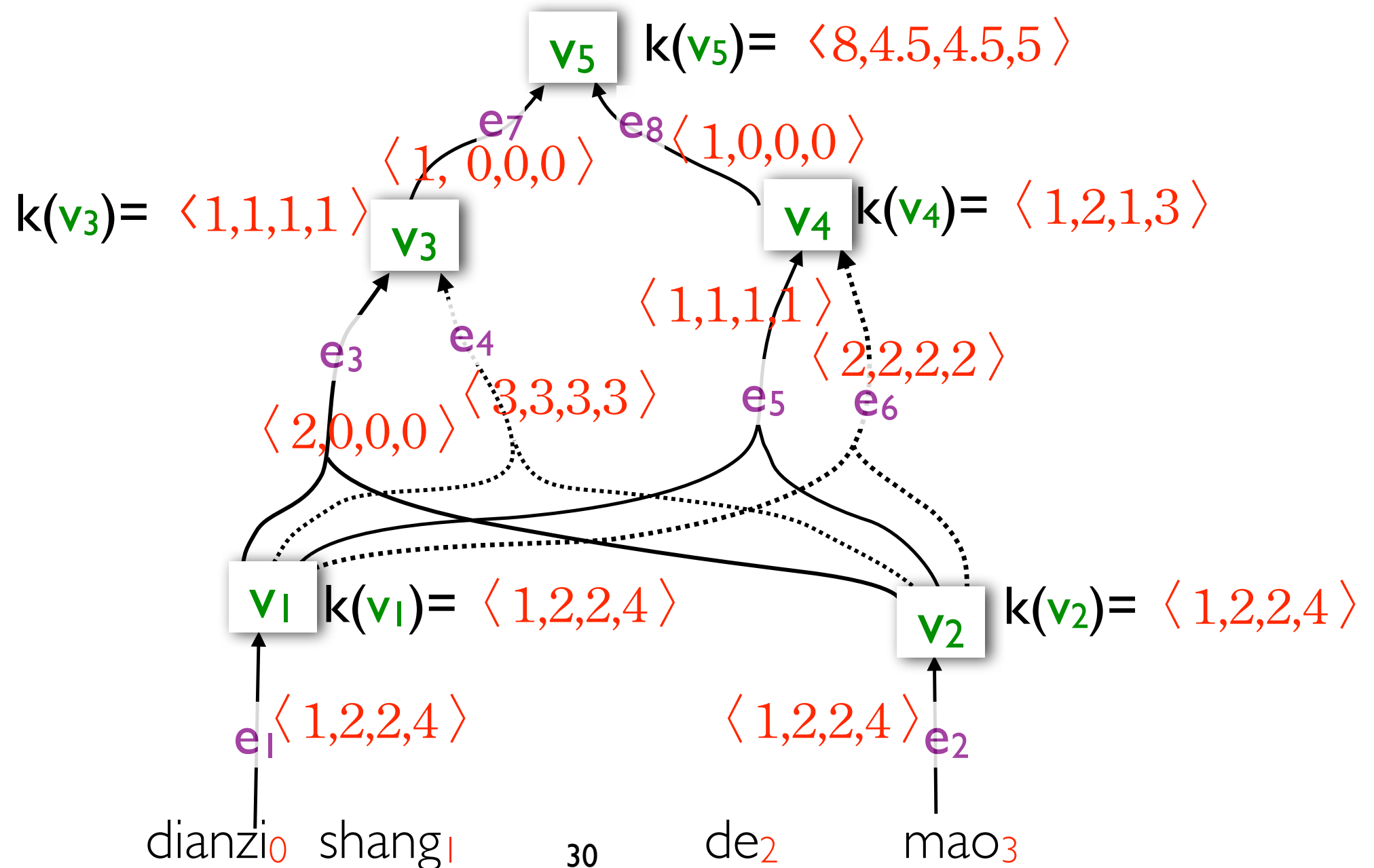
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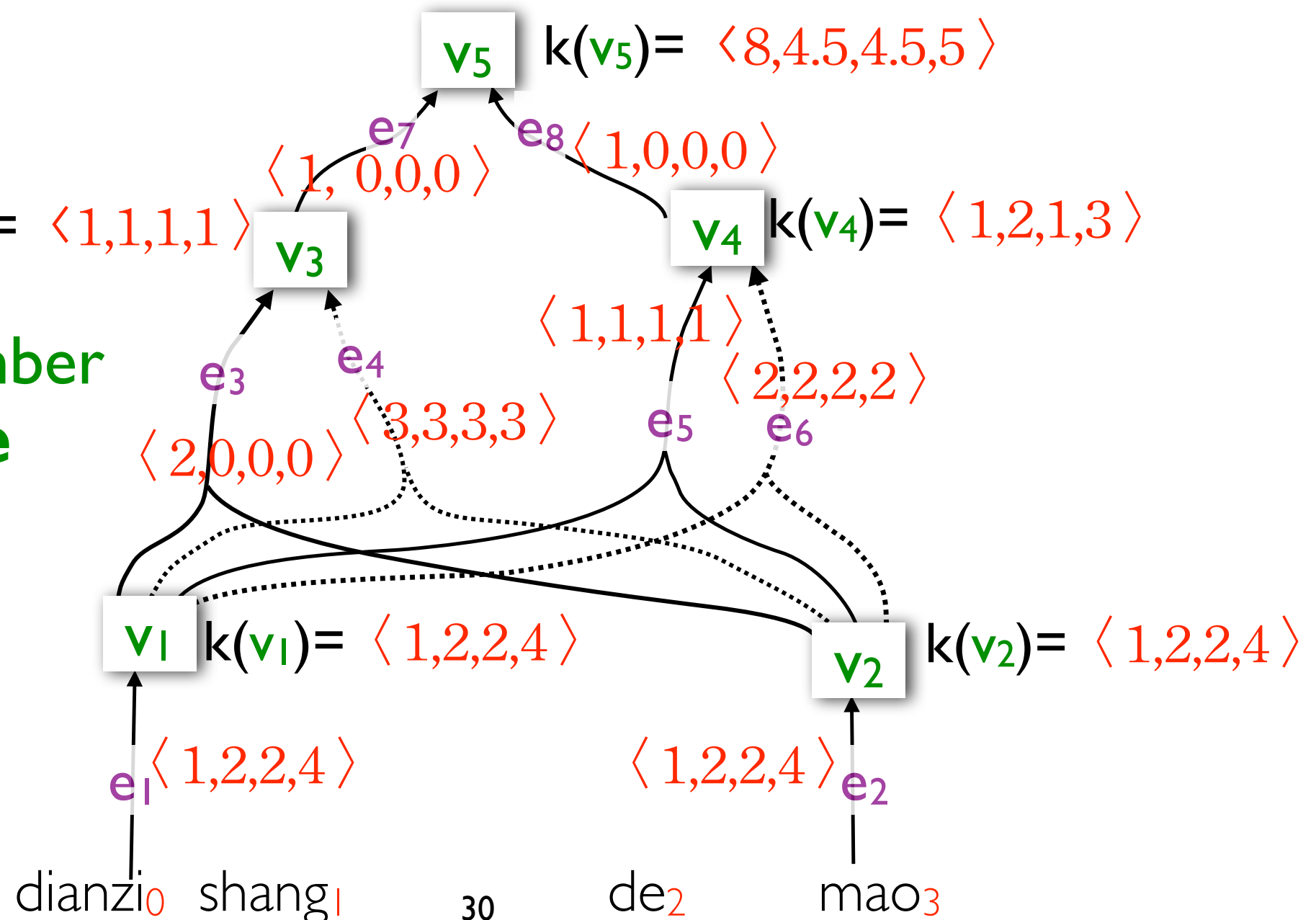
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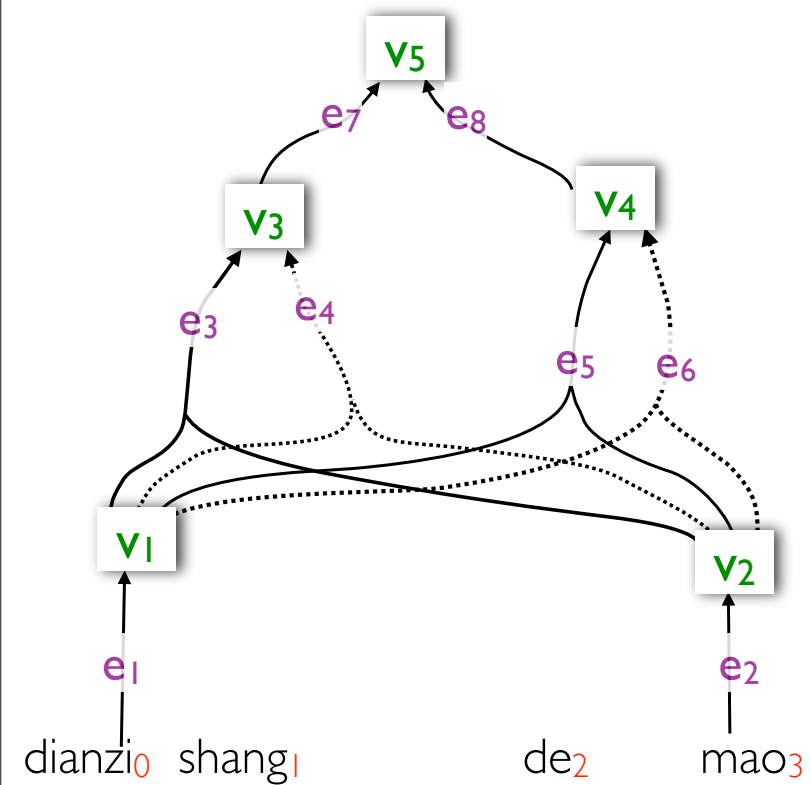
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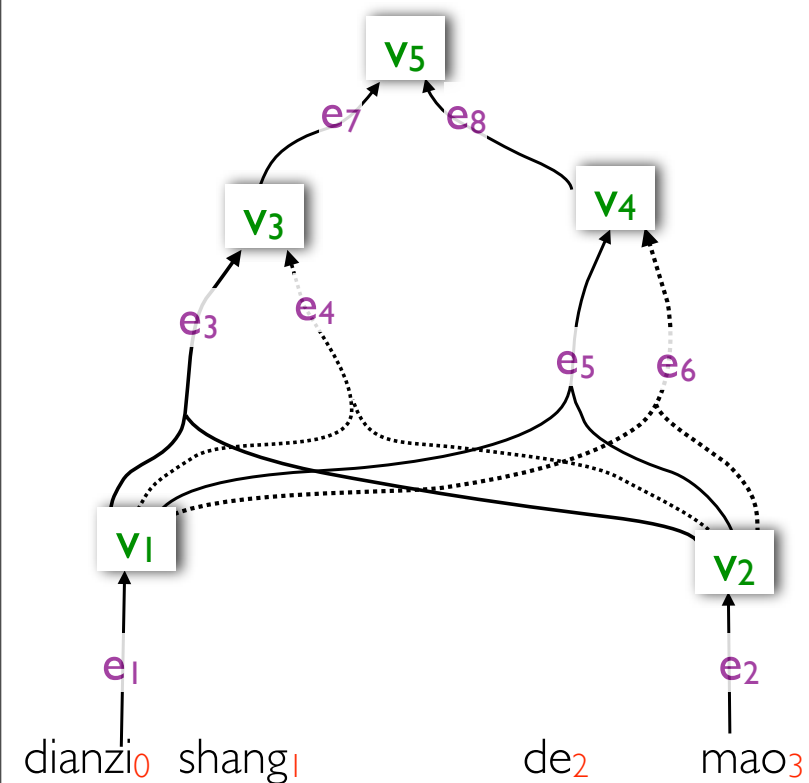
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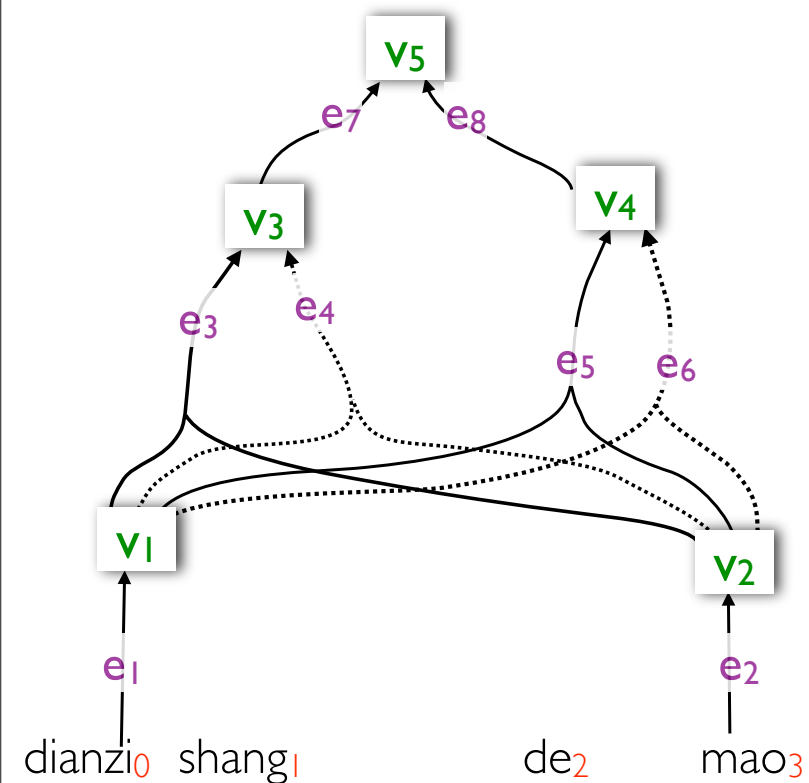
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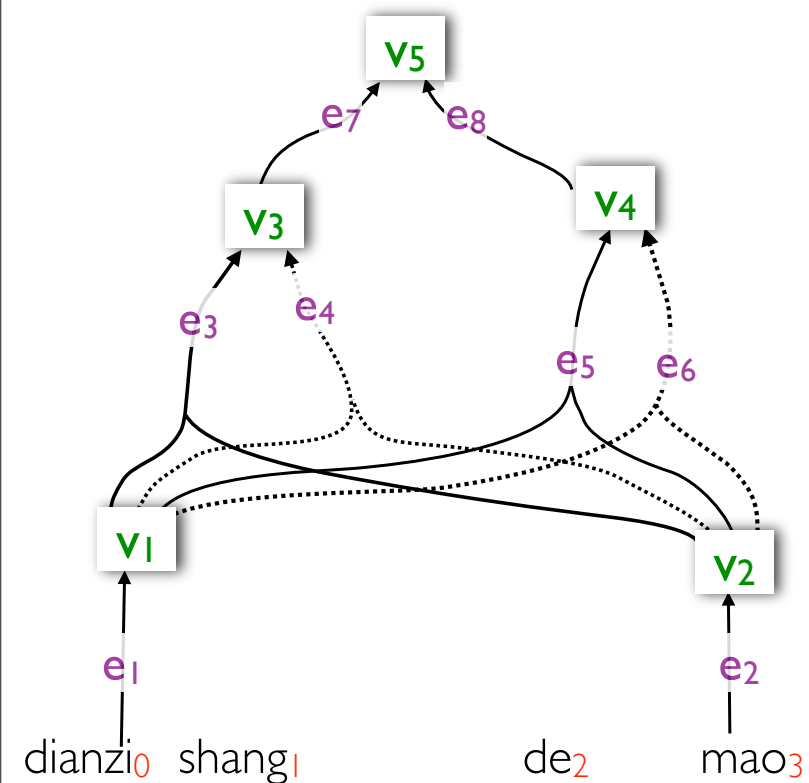
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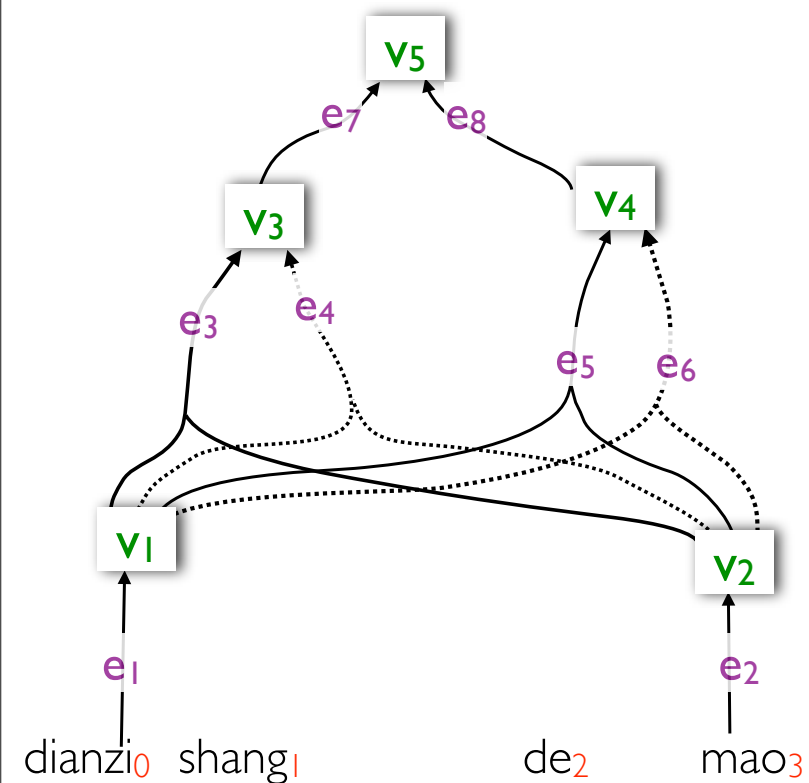


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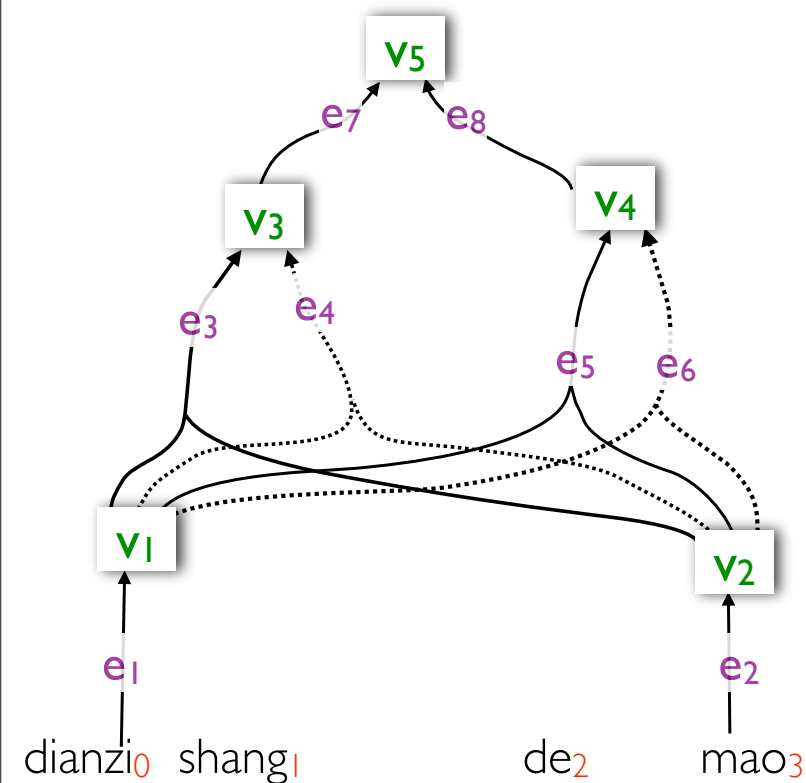
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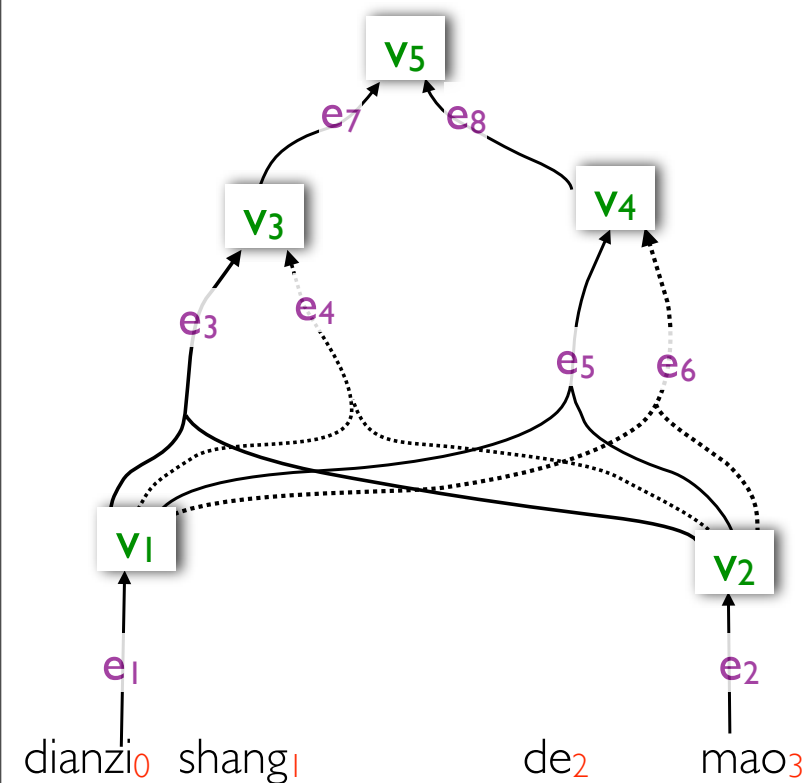
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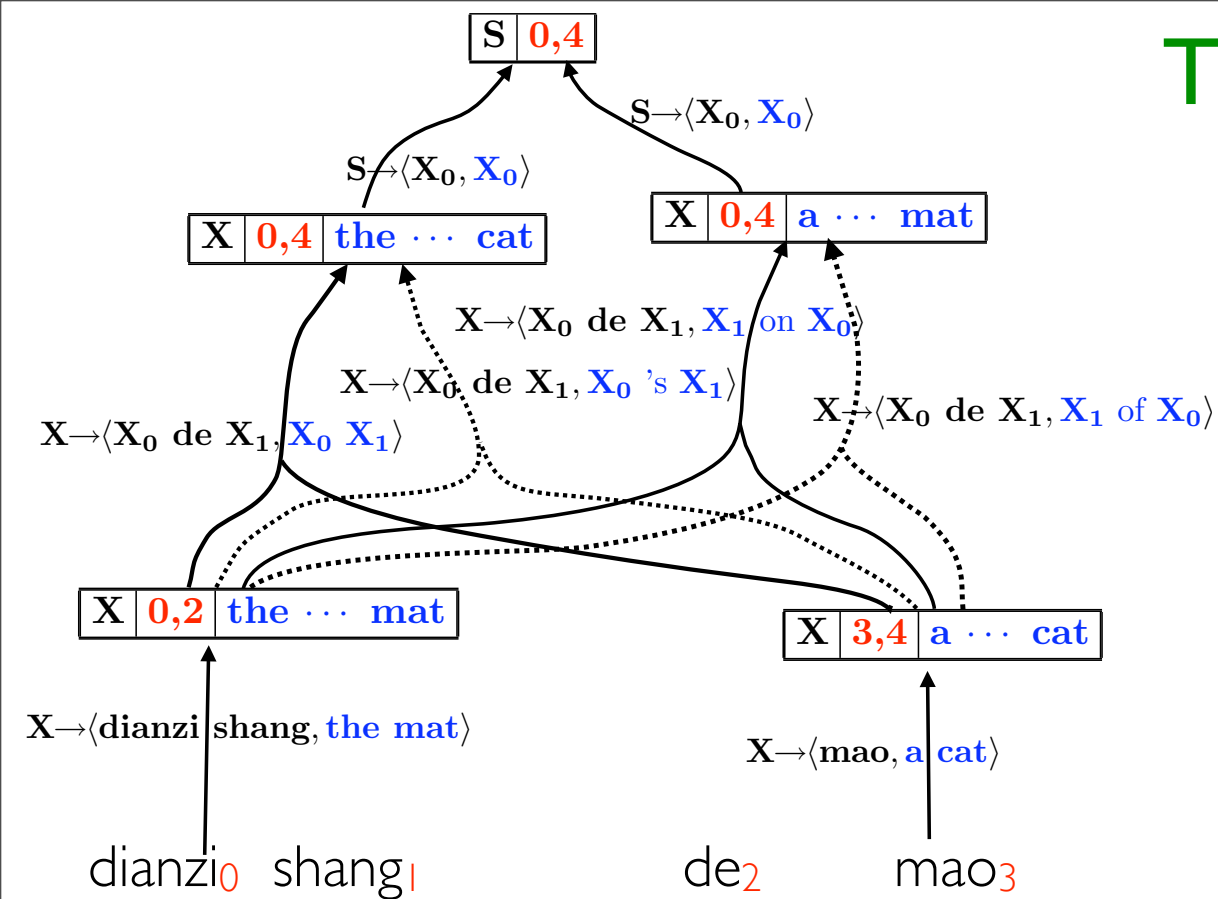
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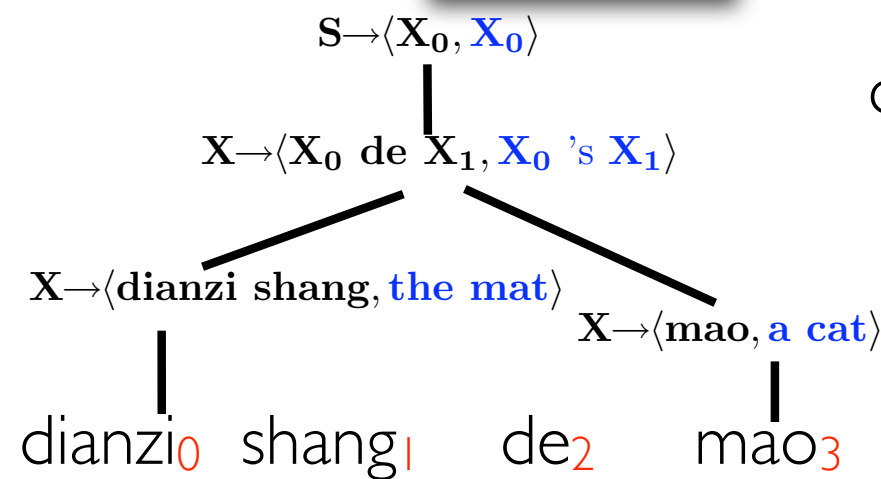
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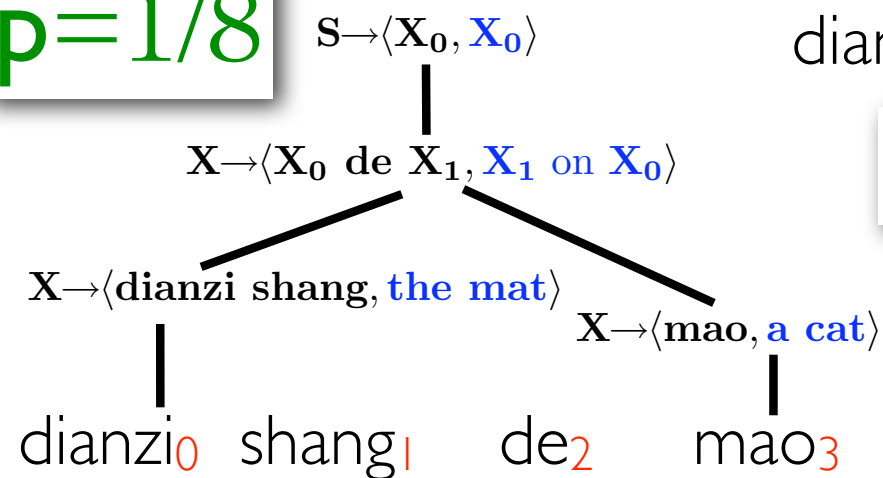


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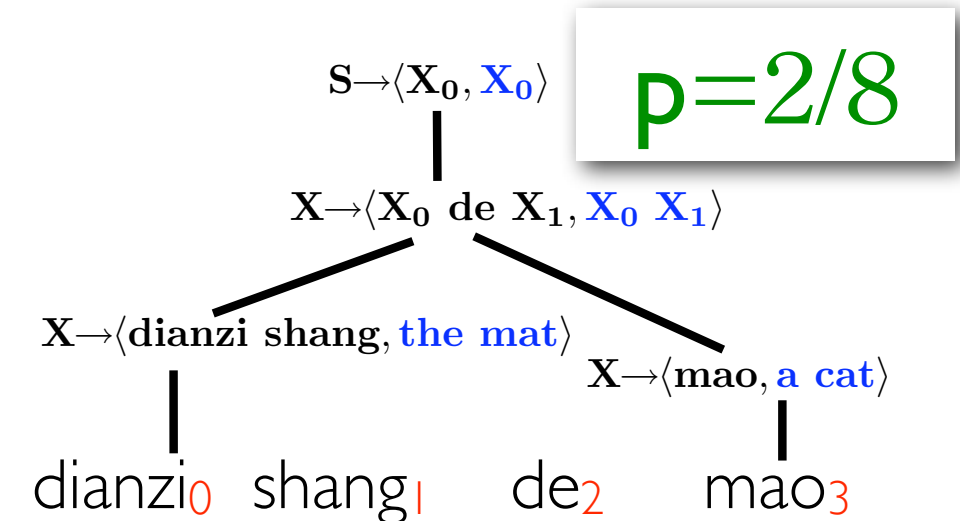


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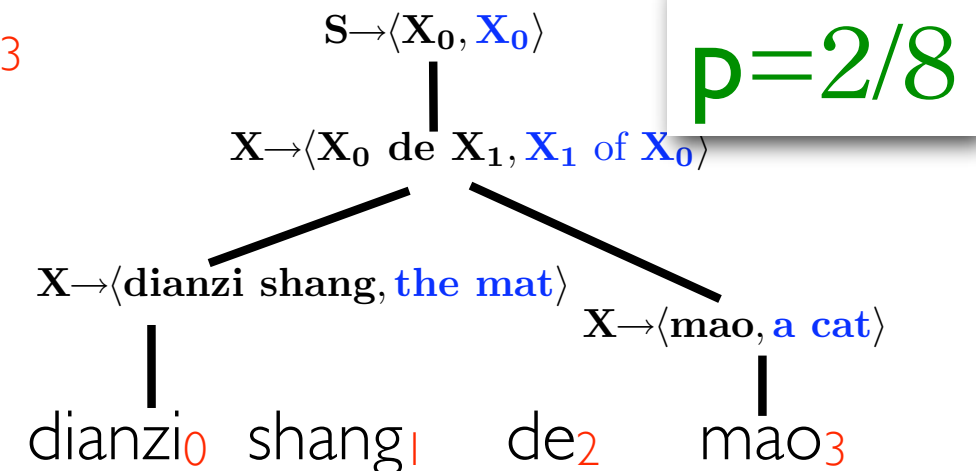
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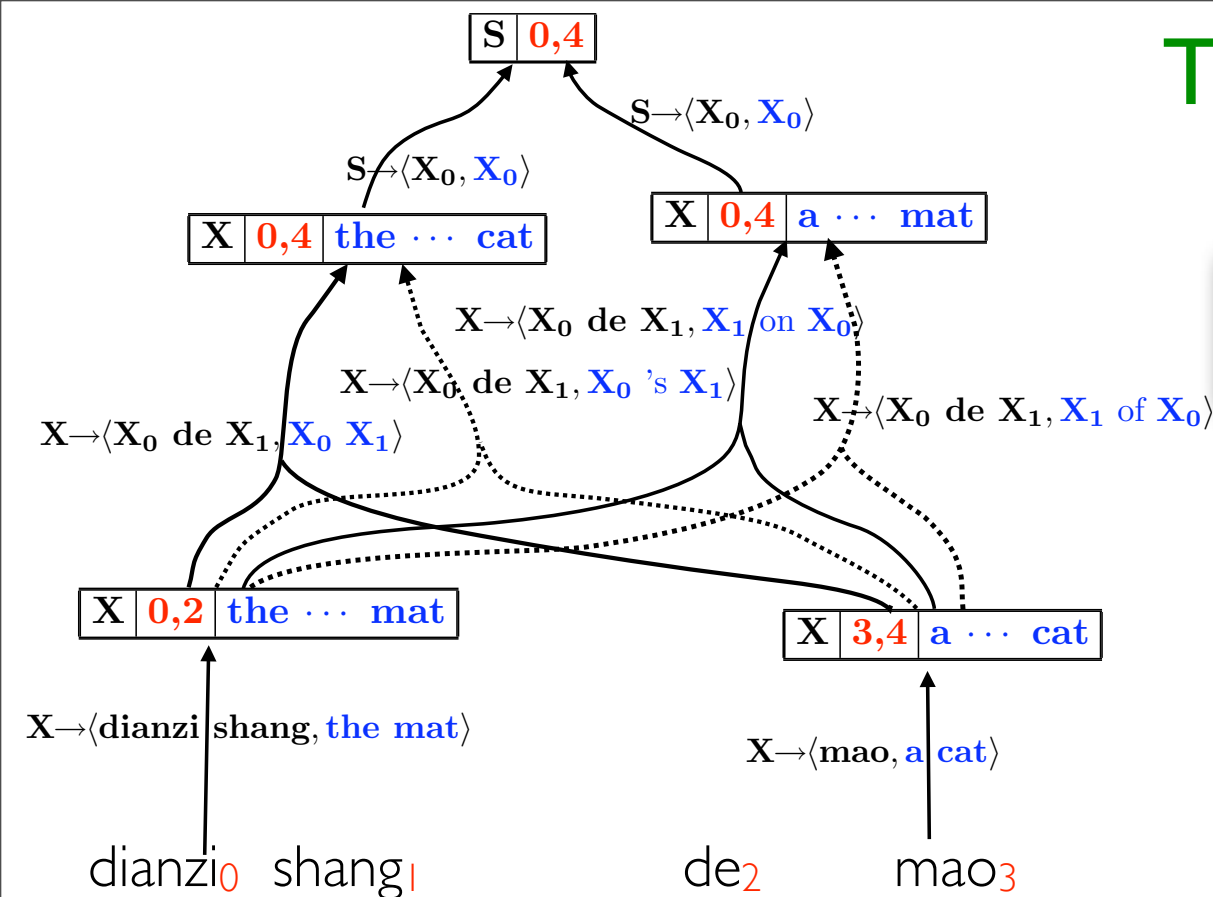
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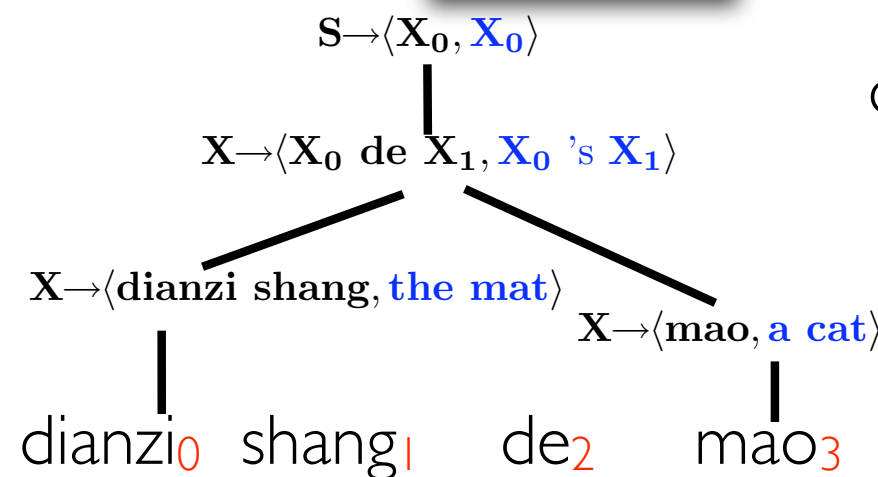
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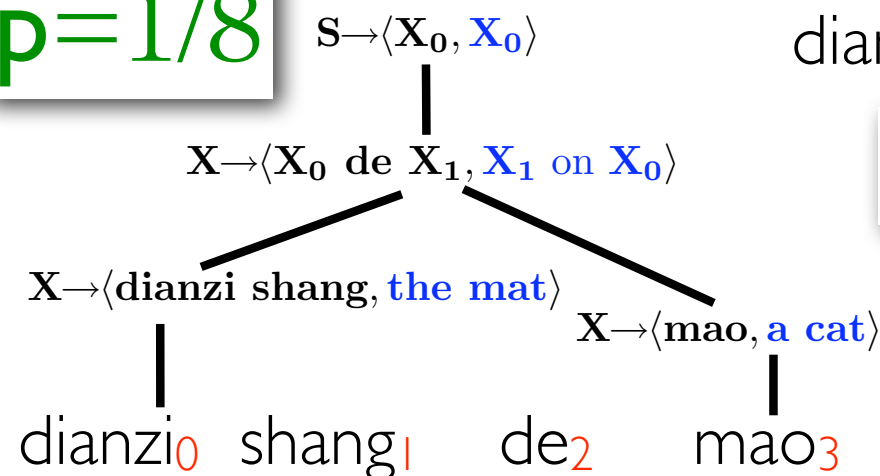


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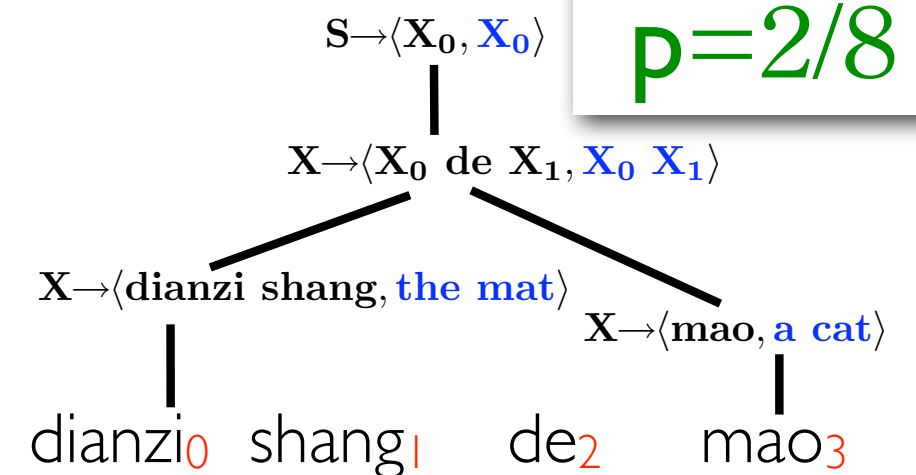


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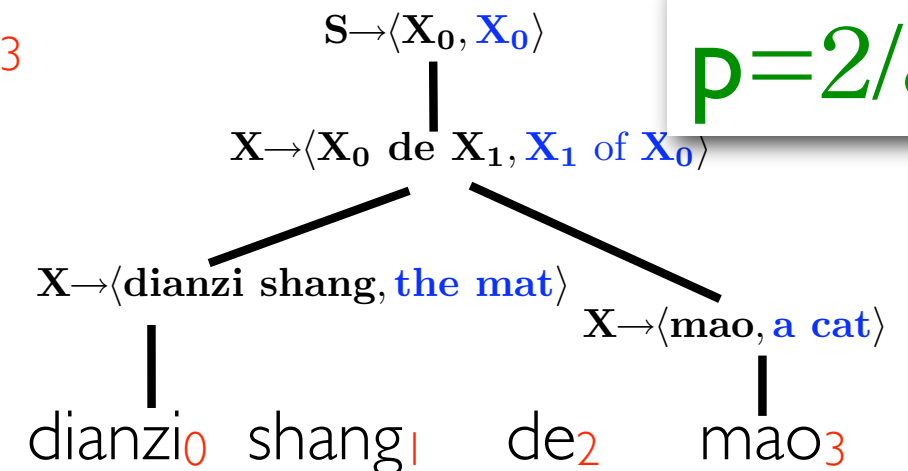
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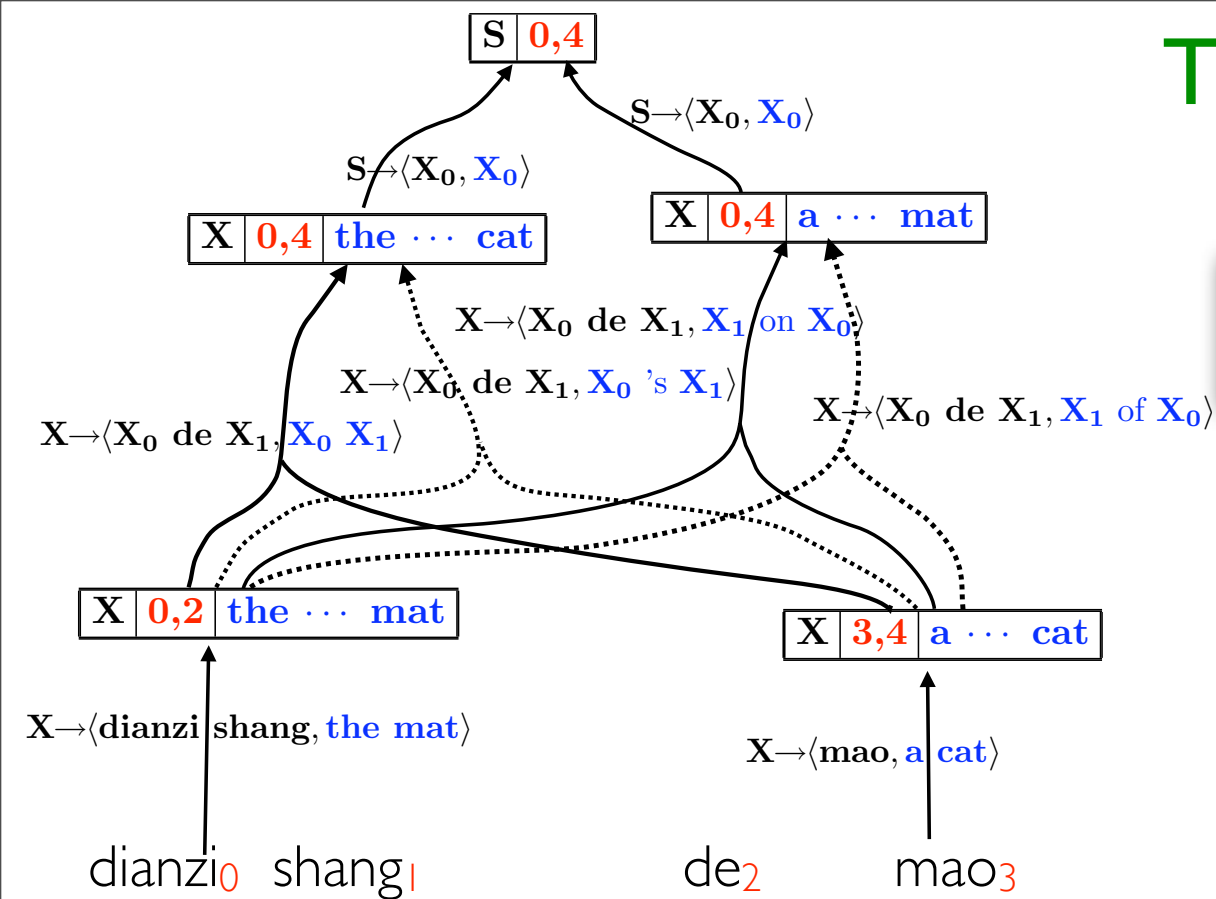
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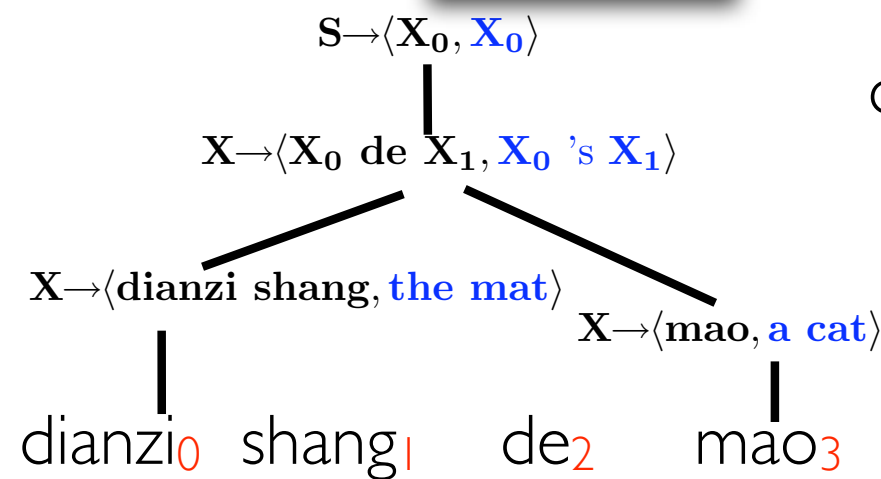
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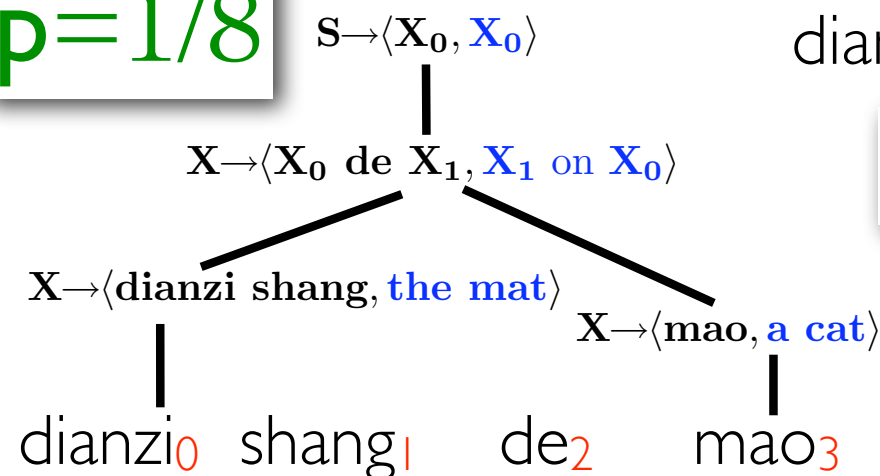


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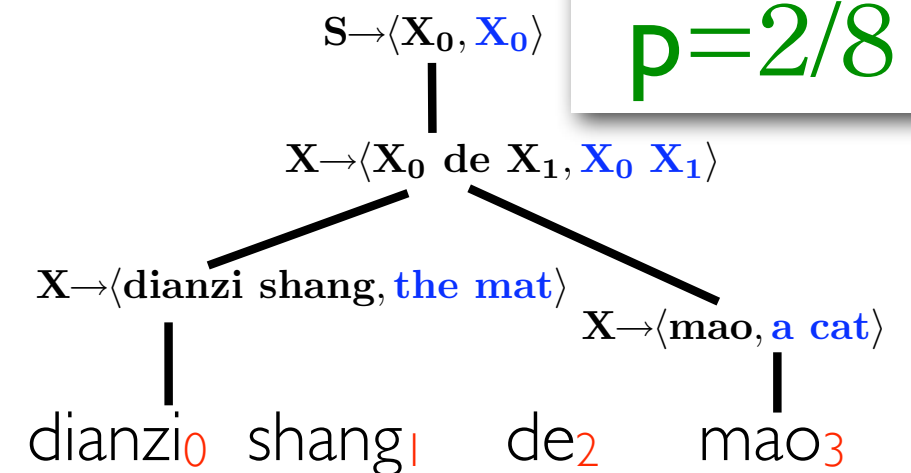
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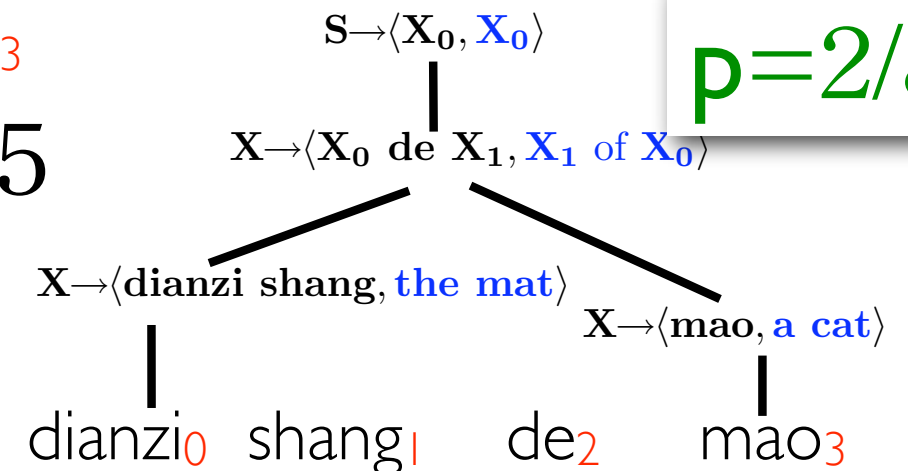
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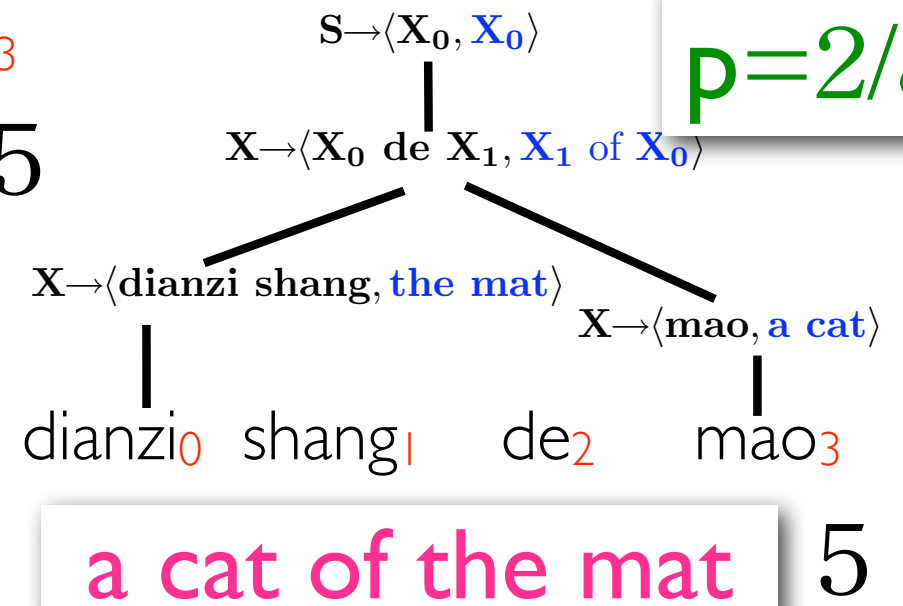
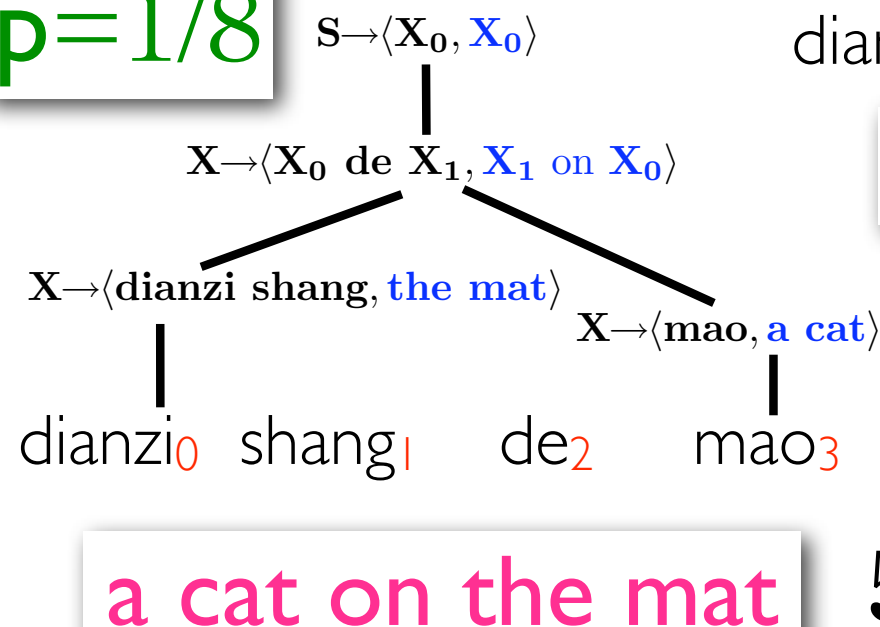
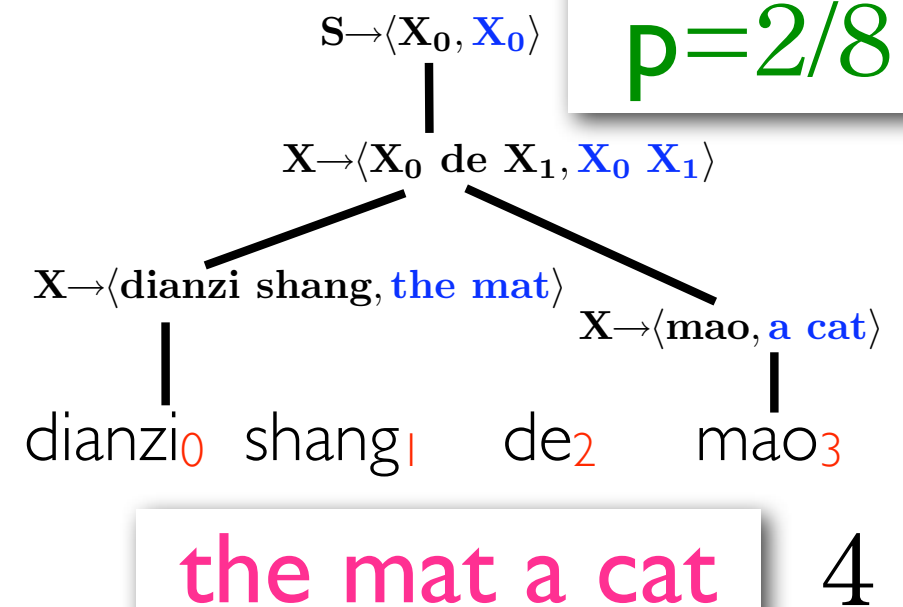
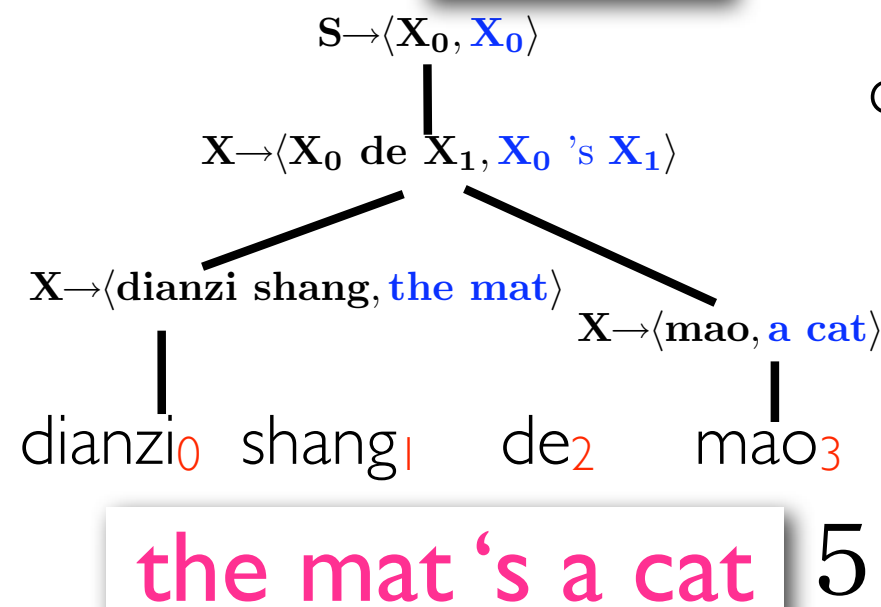
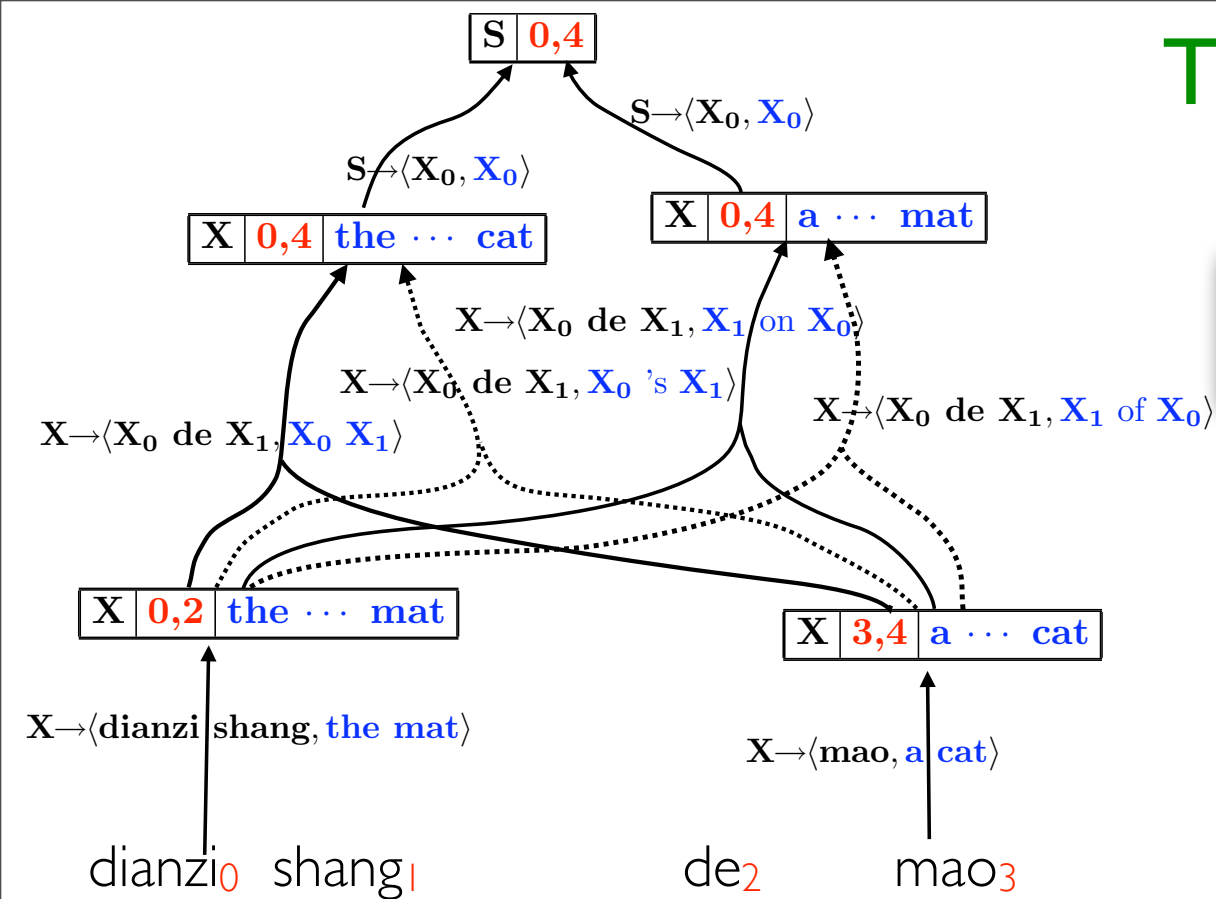
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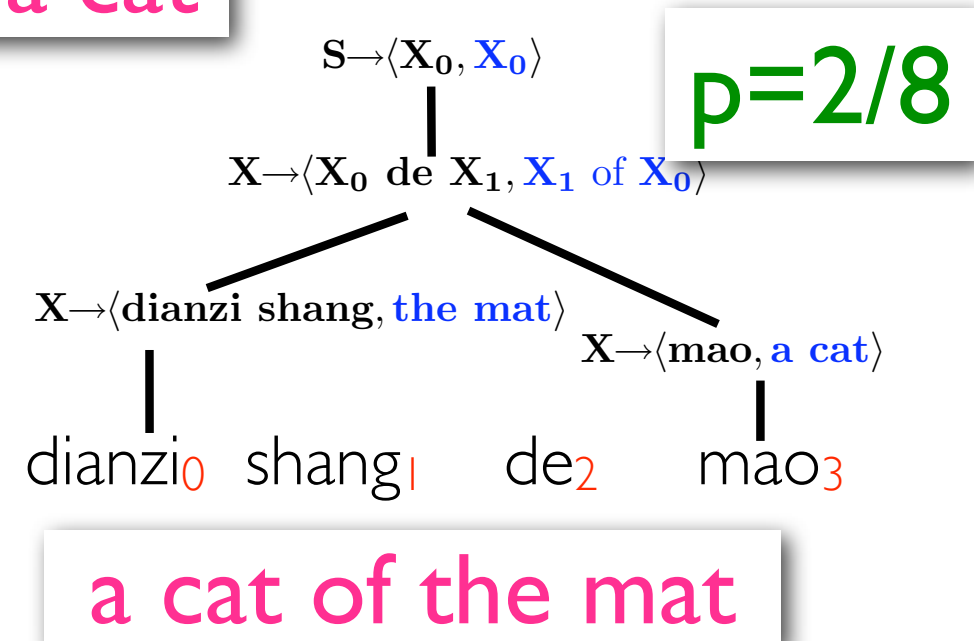
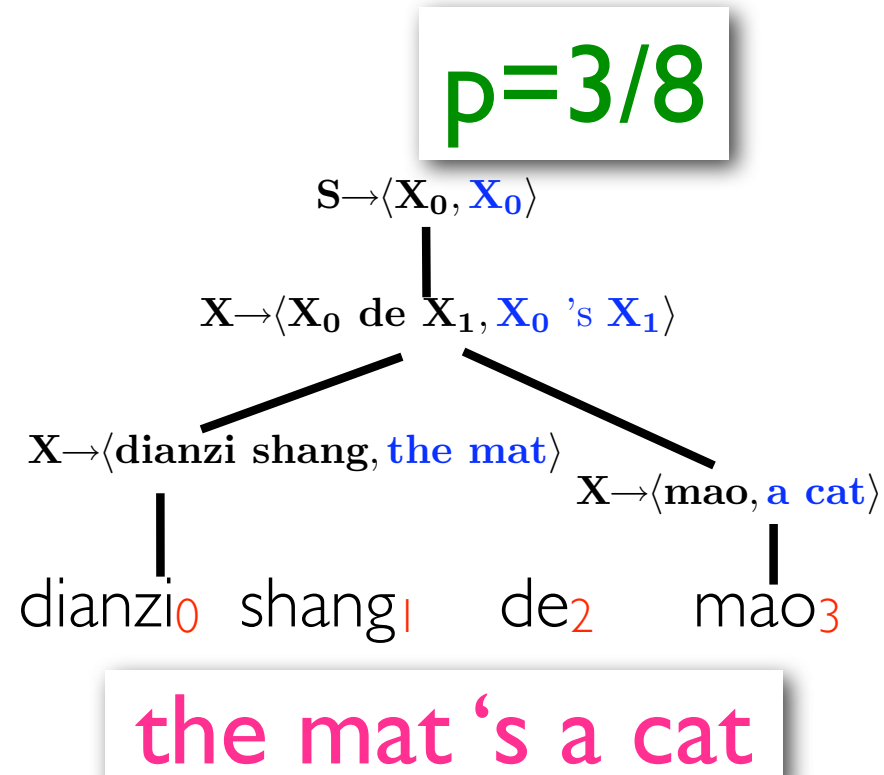
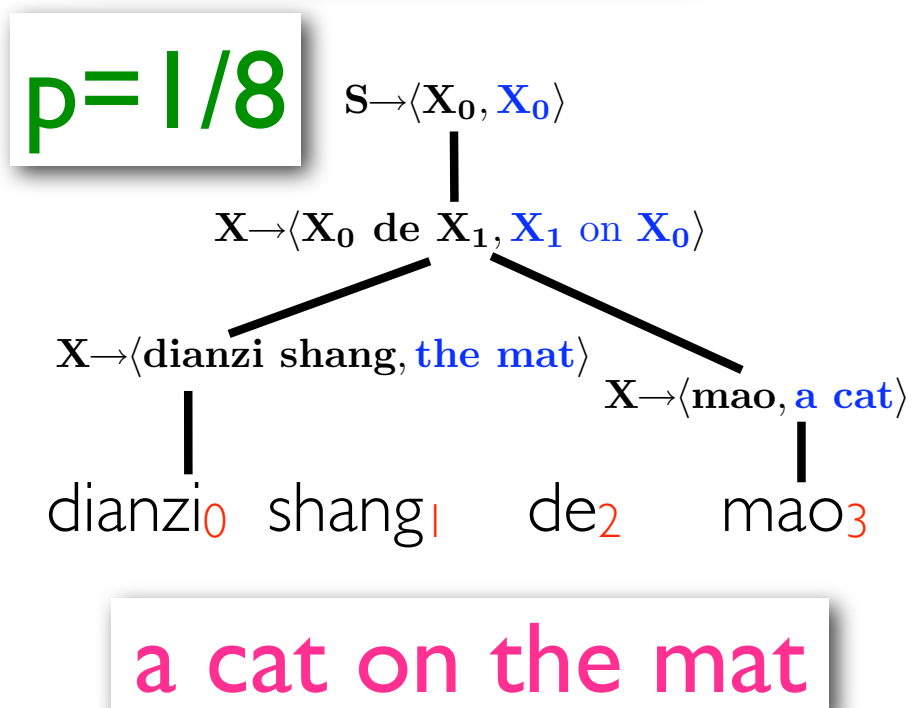
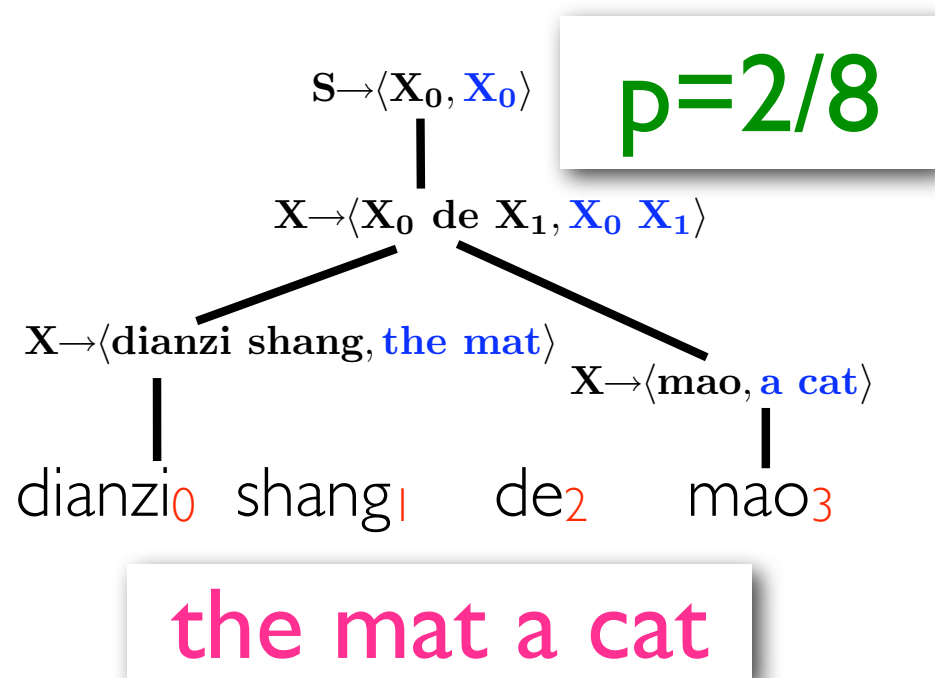
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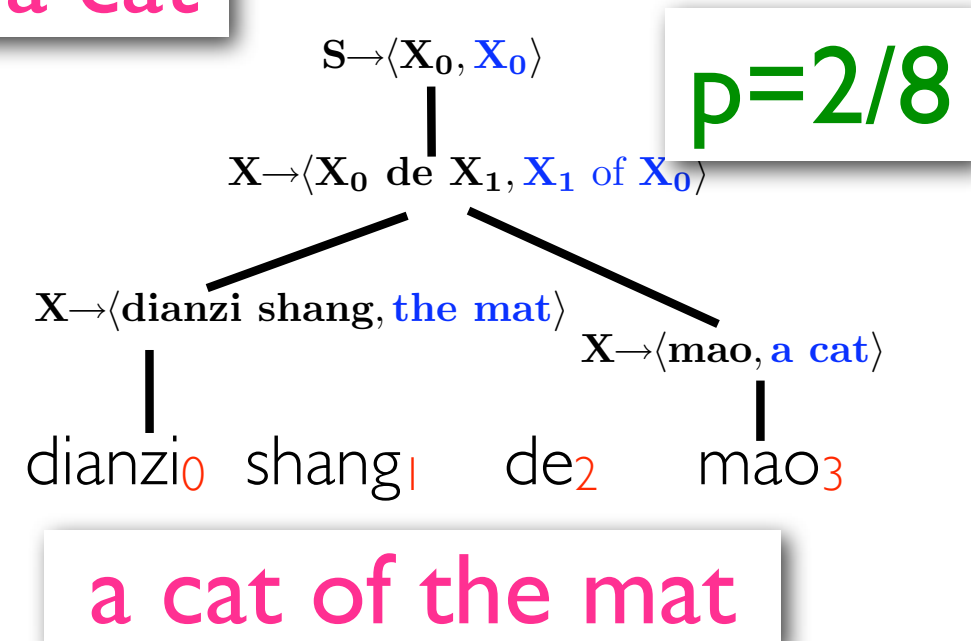
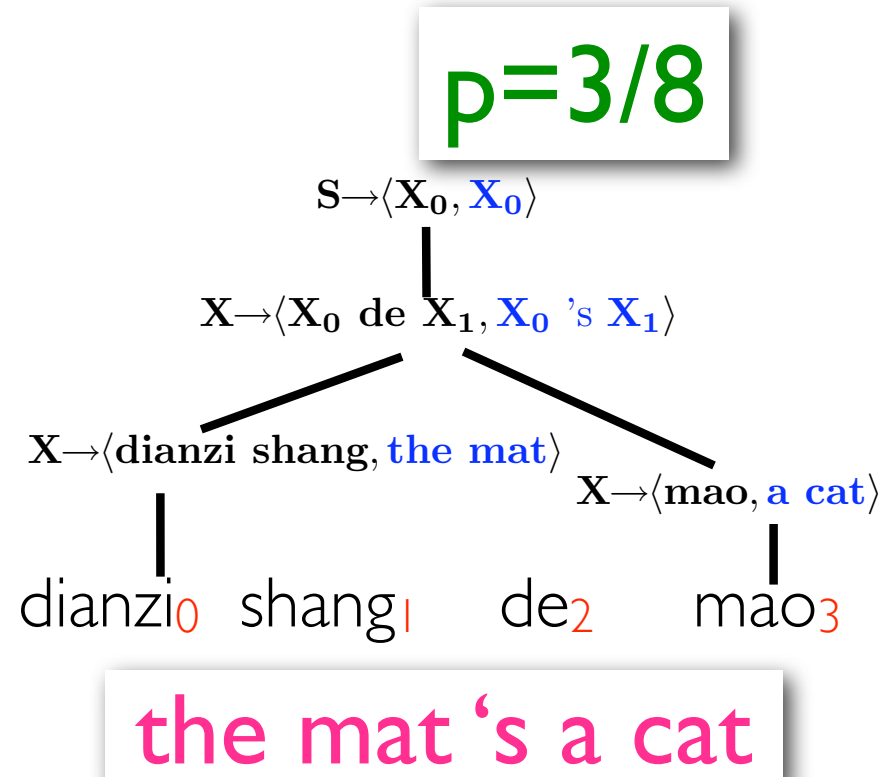
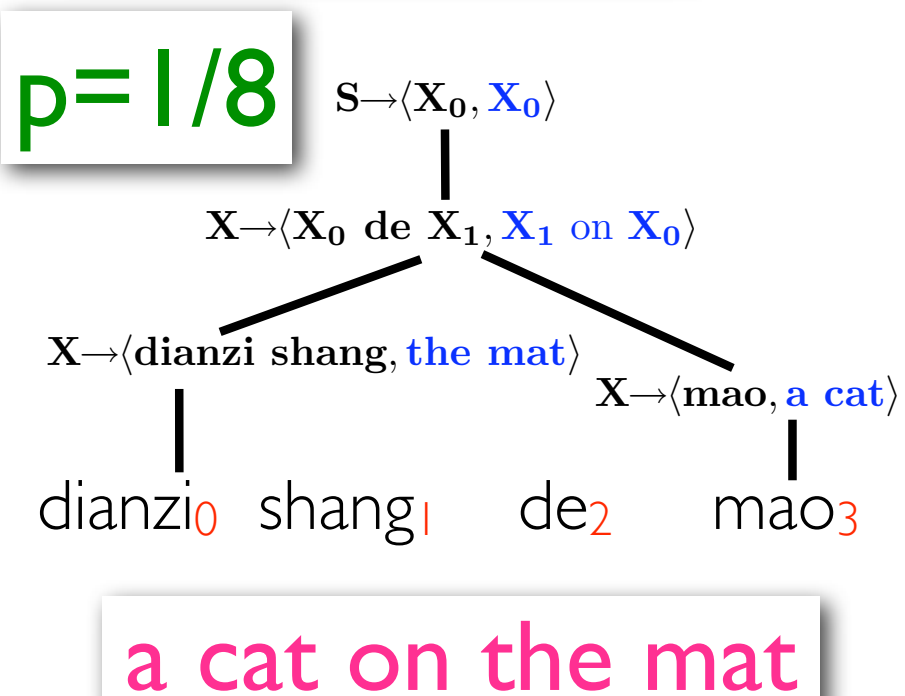
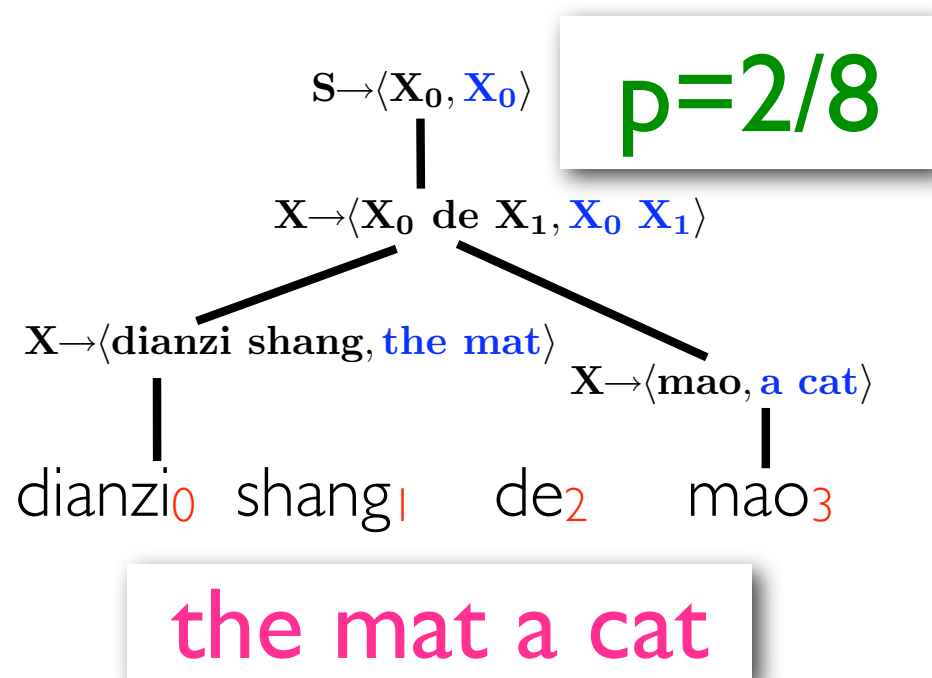
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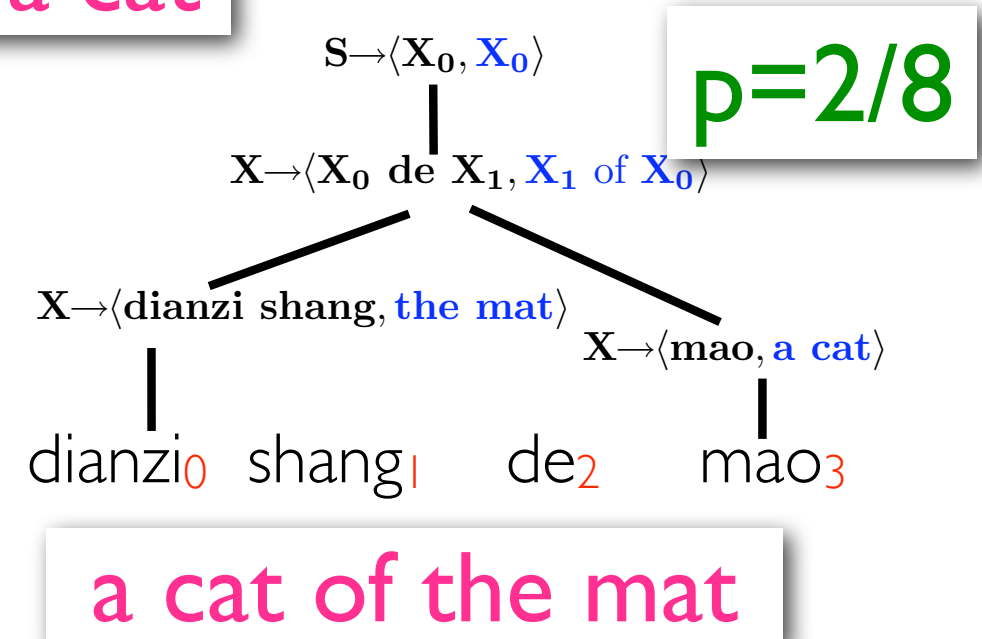
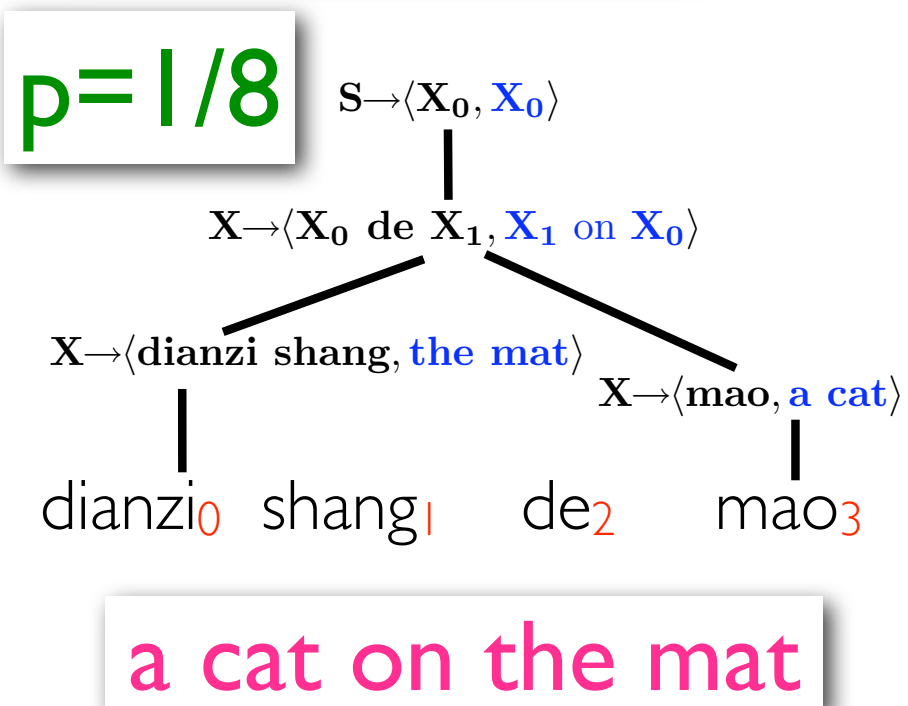
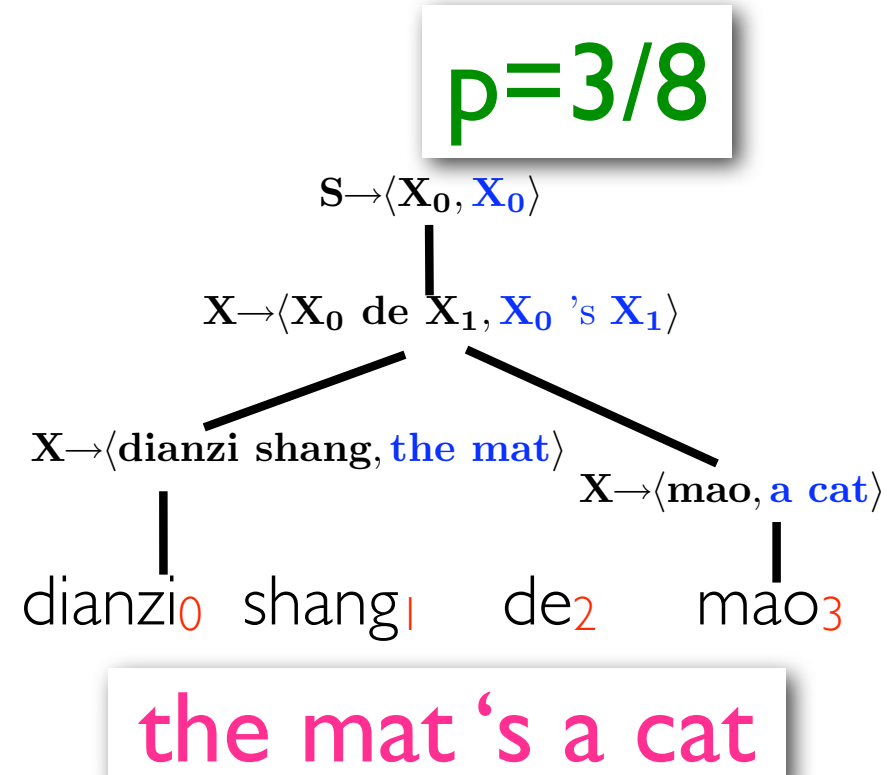
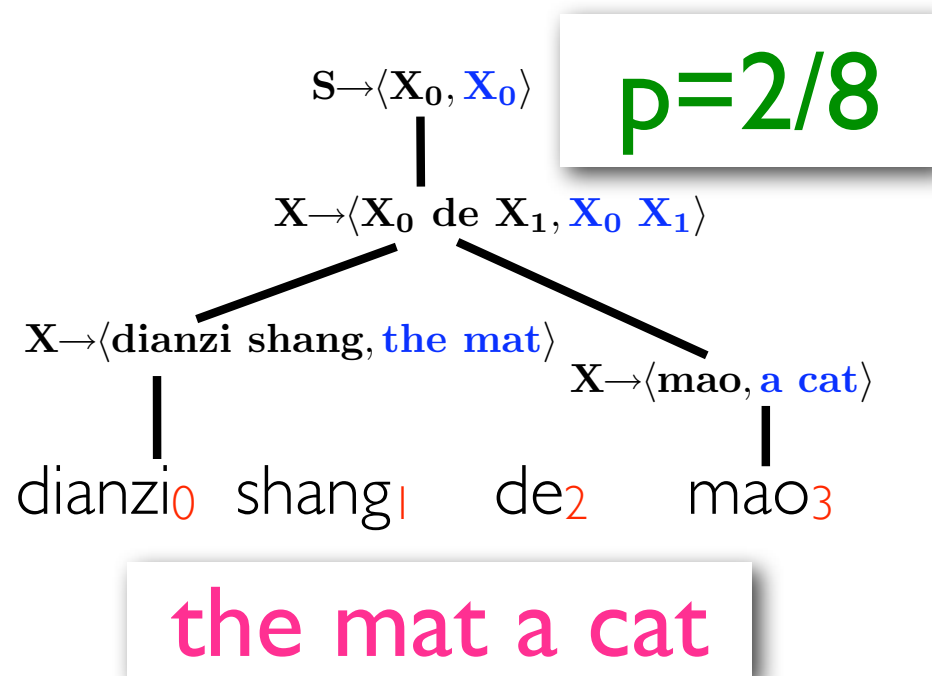


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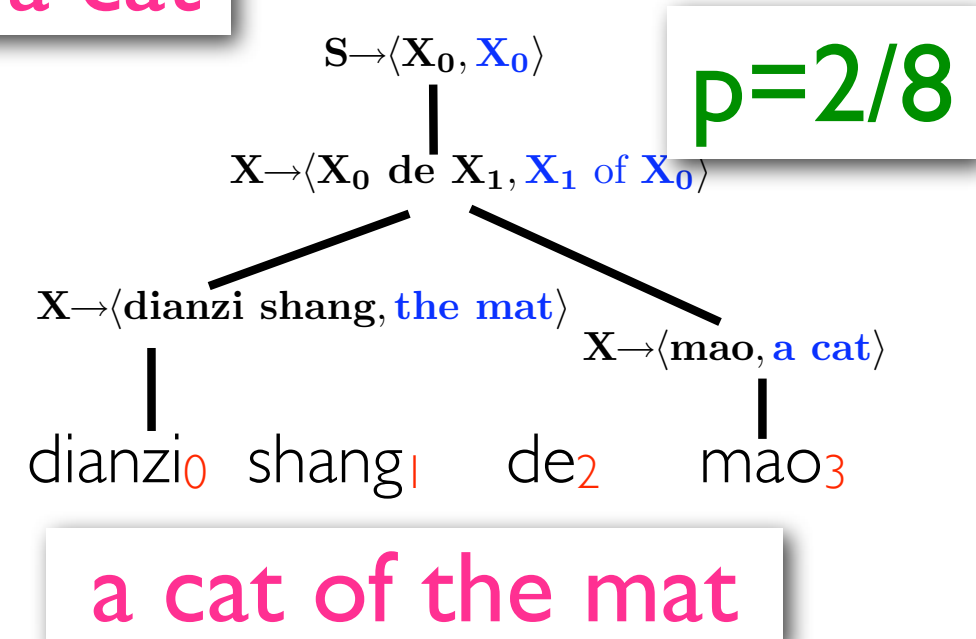
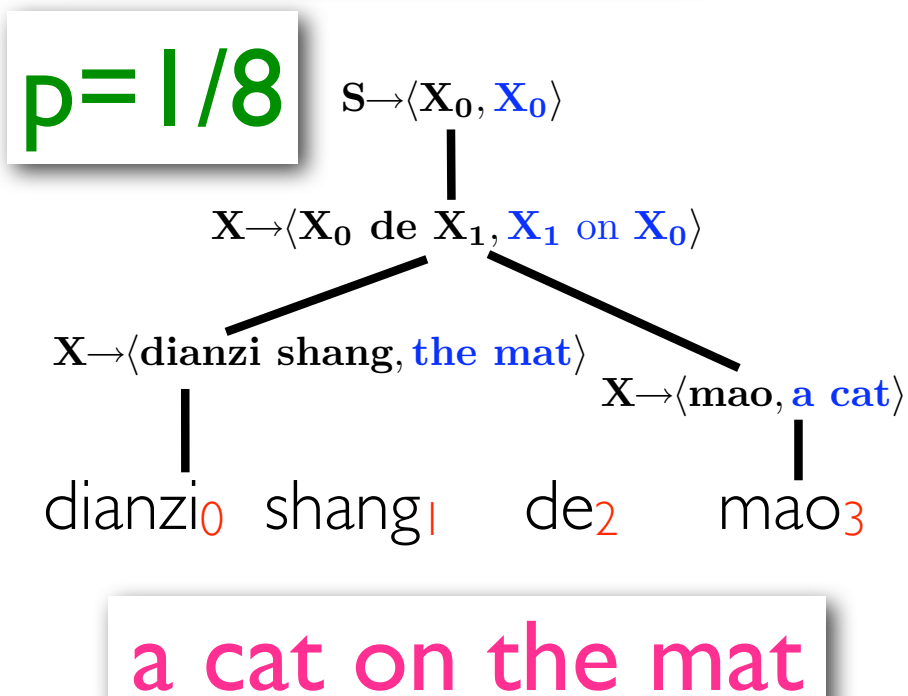
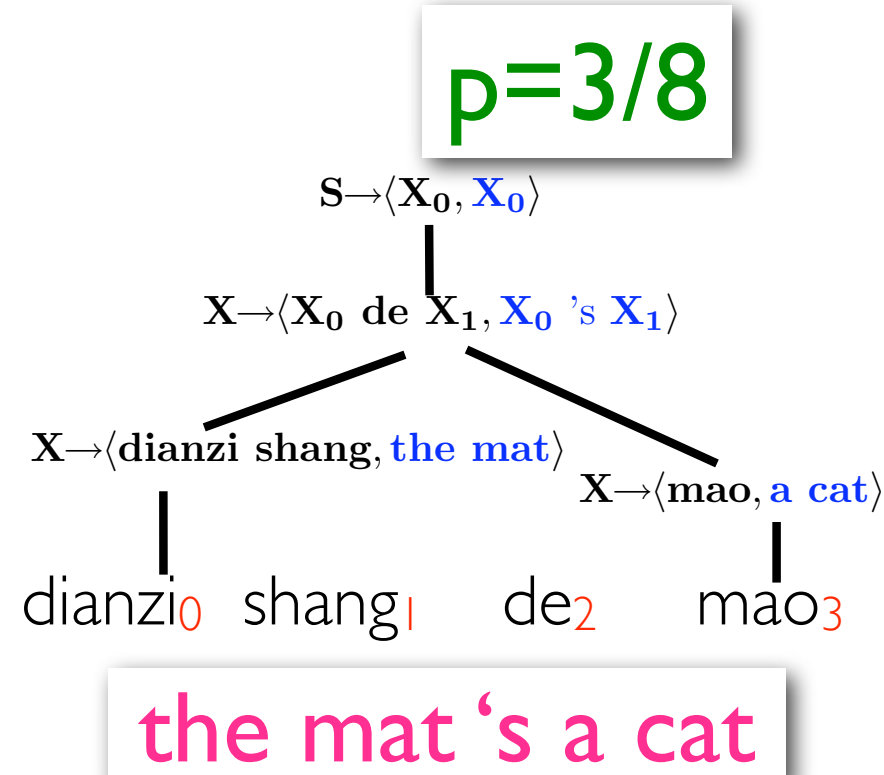
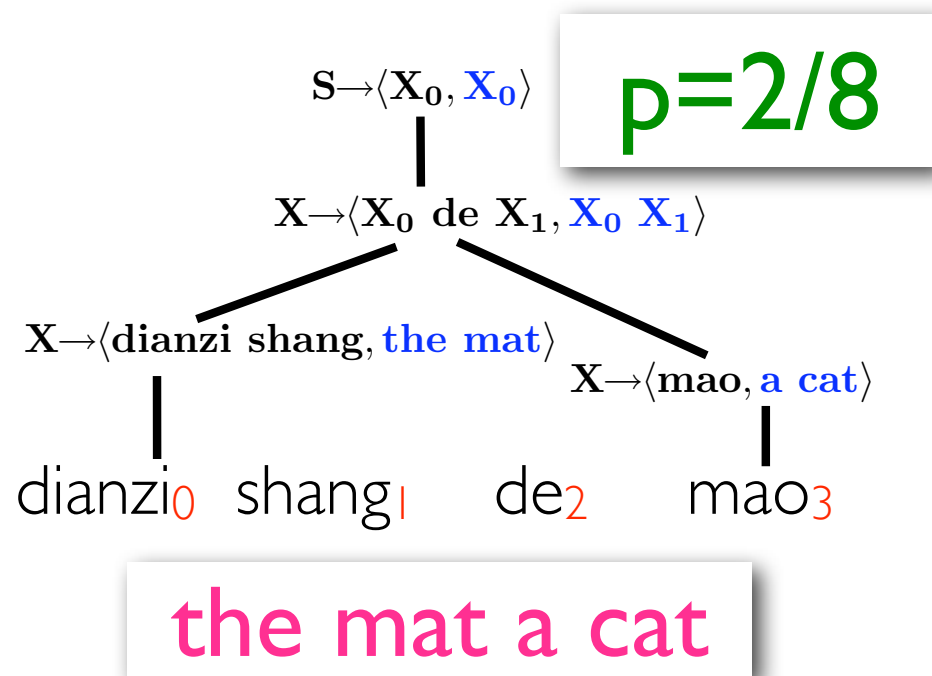
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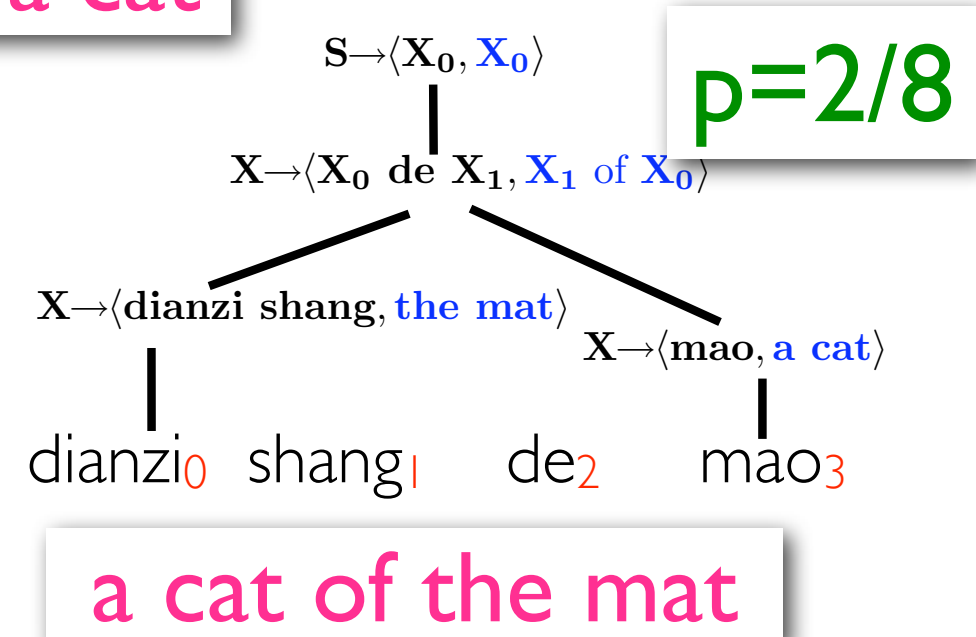
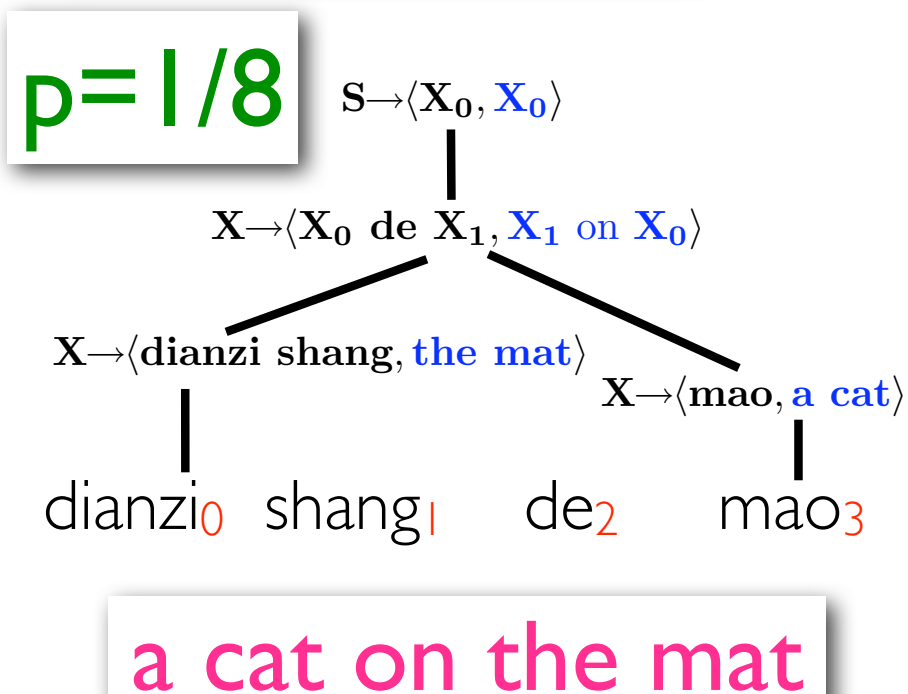
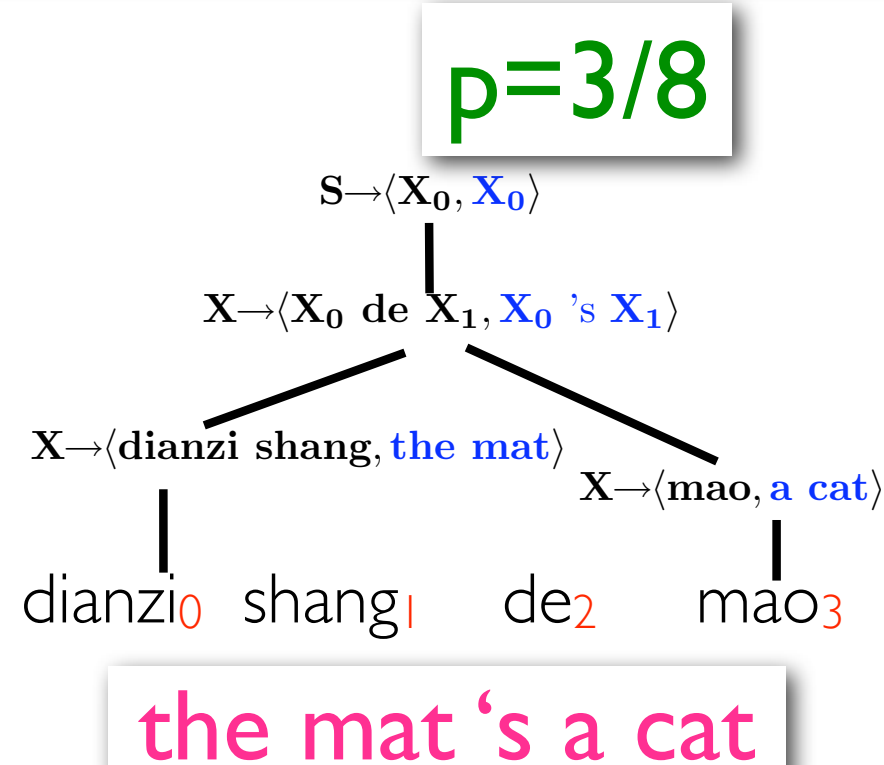
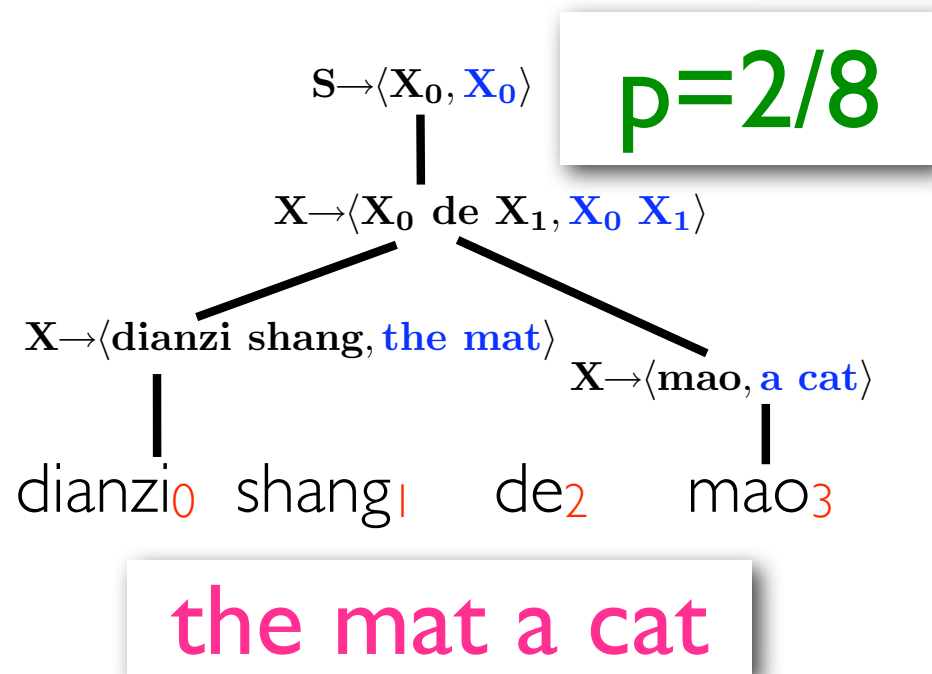


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p_e : transition probability or log-linear score at edge e

$r_e = s_e$: number of English words generated at edge e

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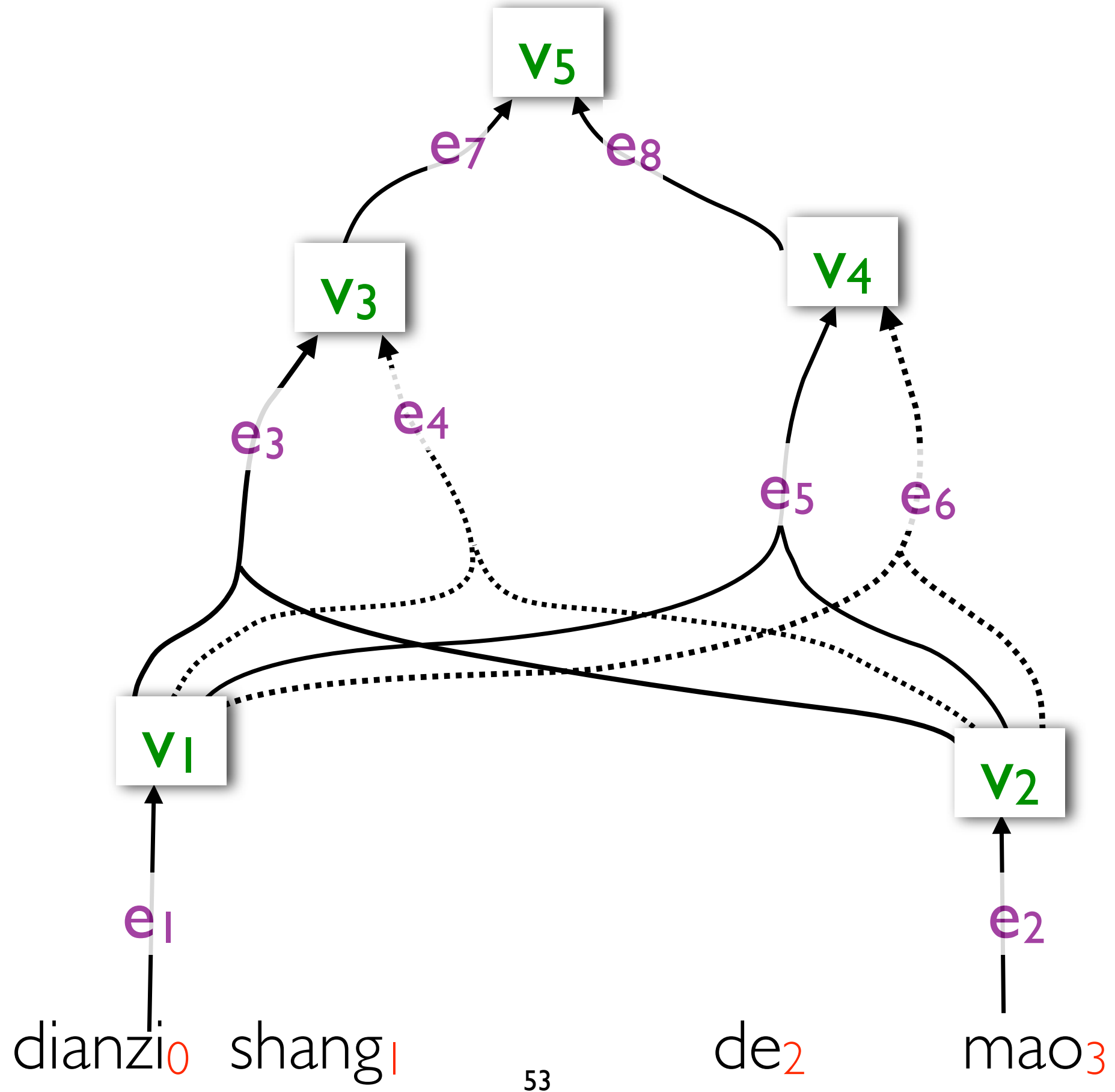
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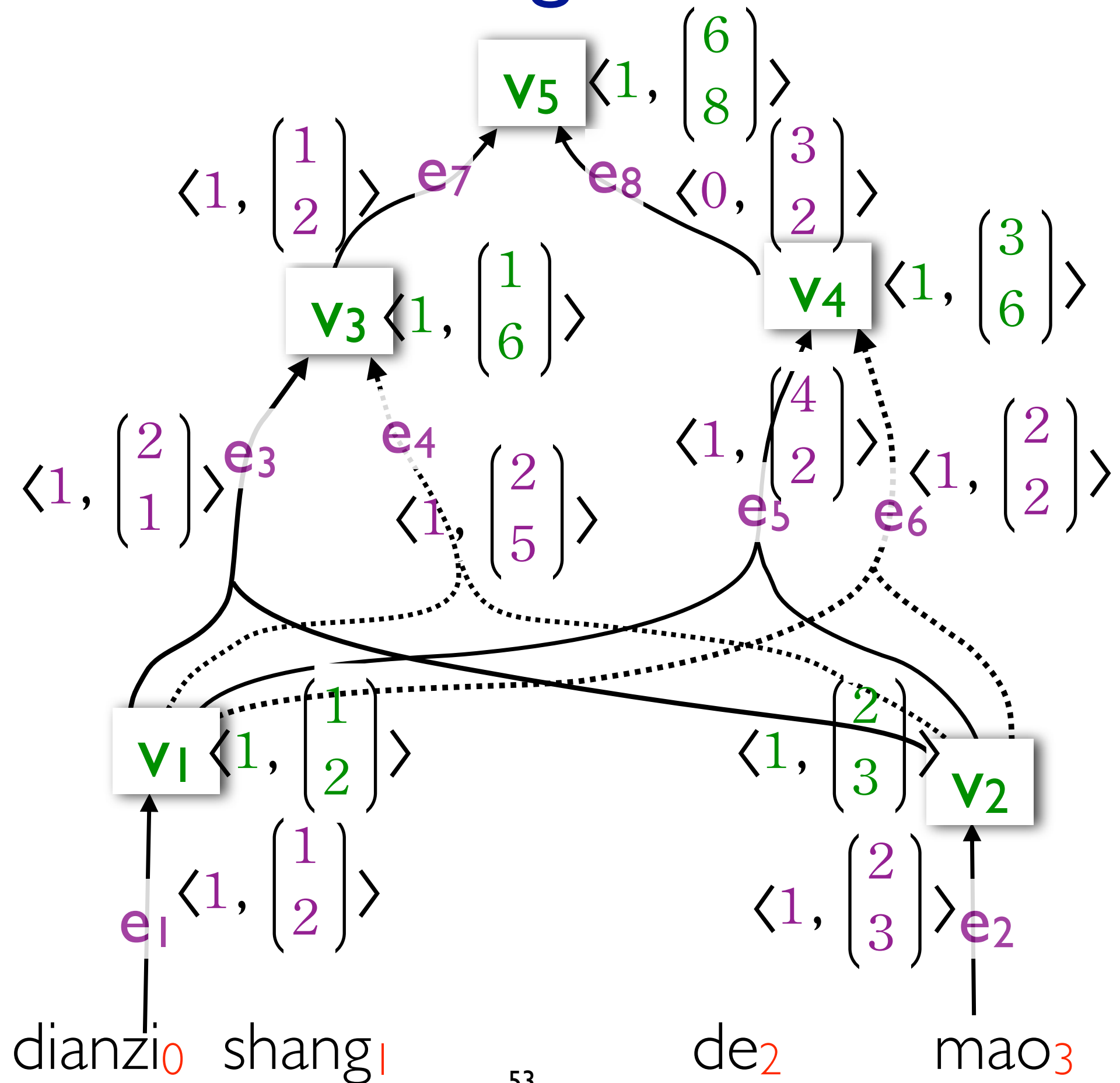
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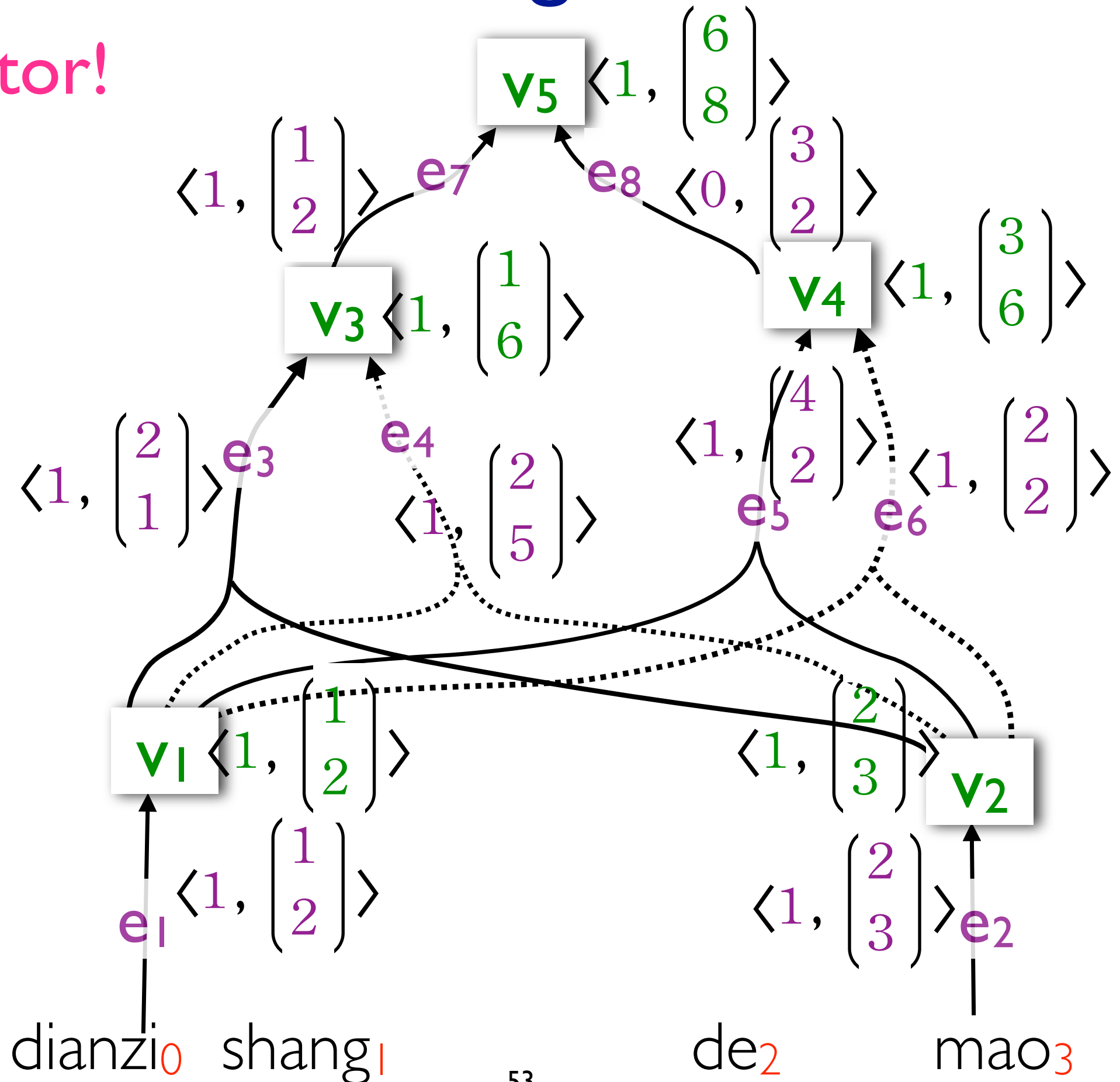


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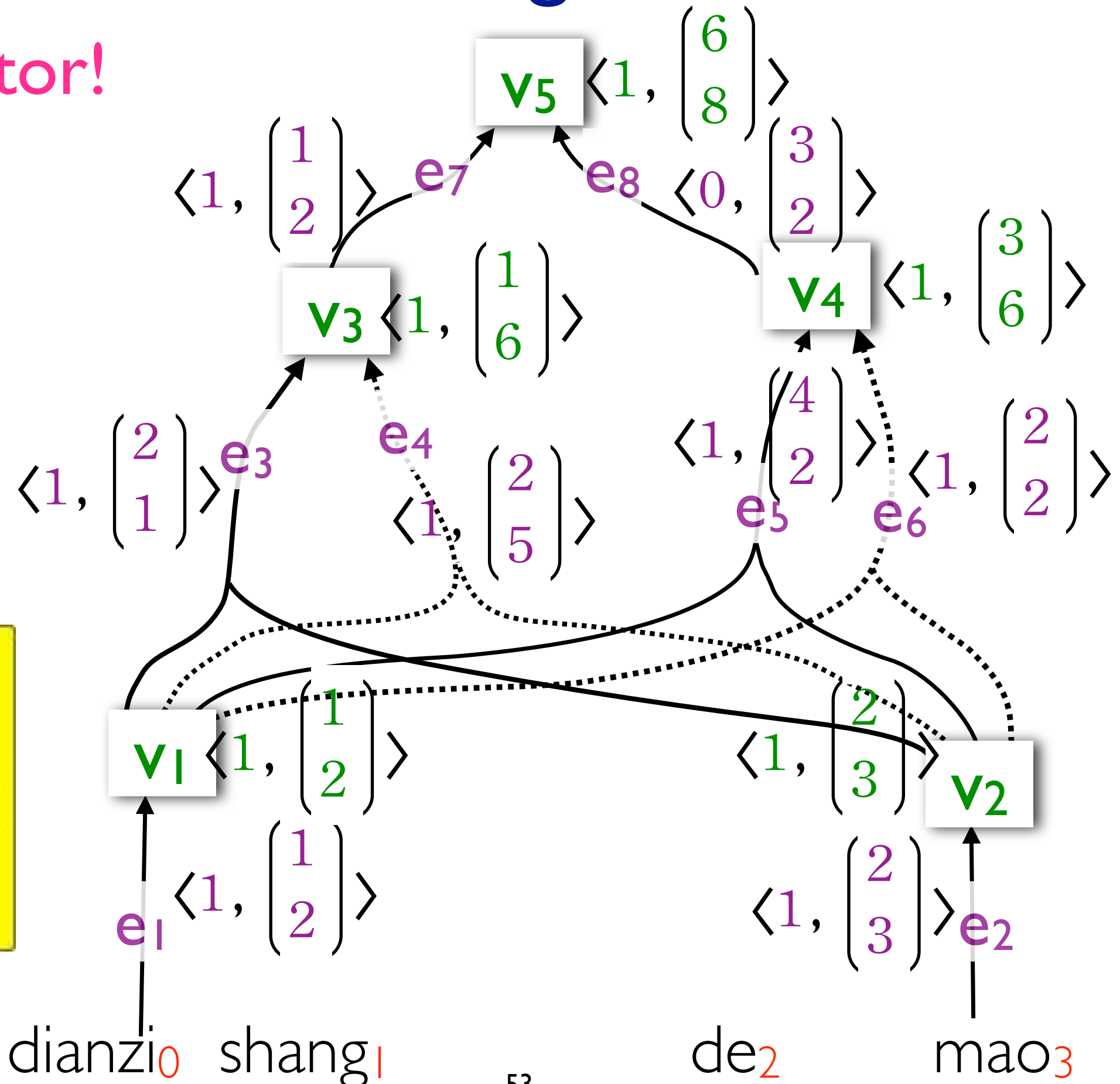
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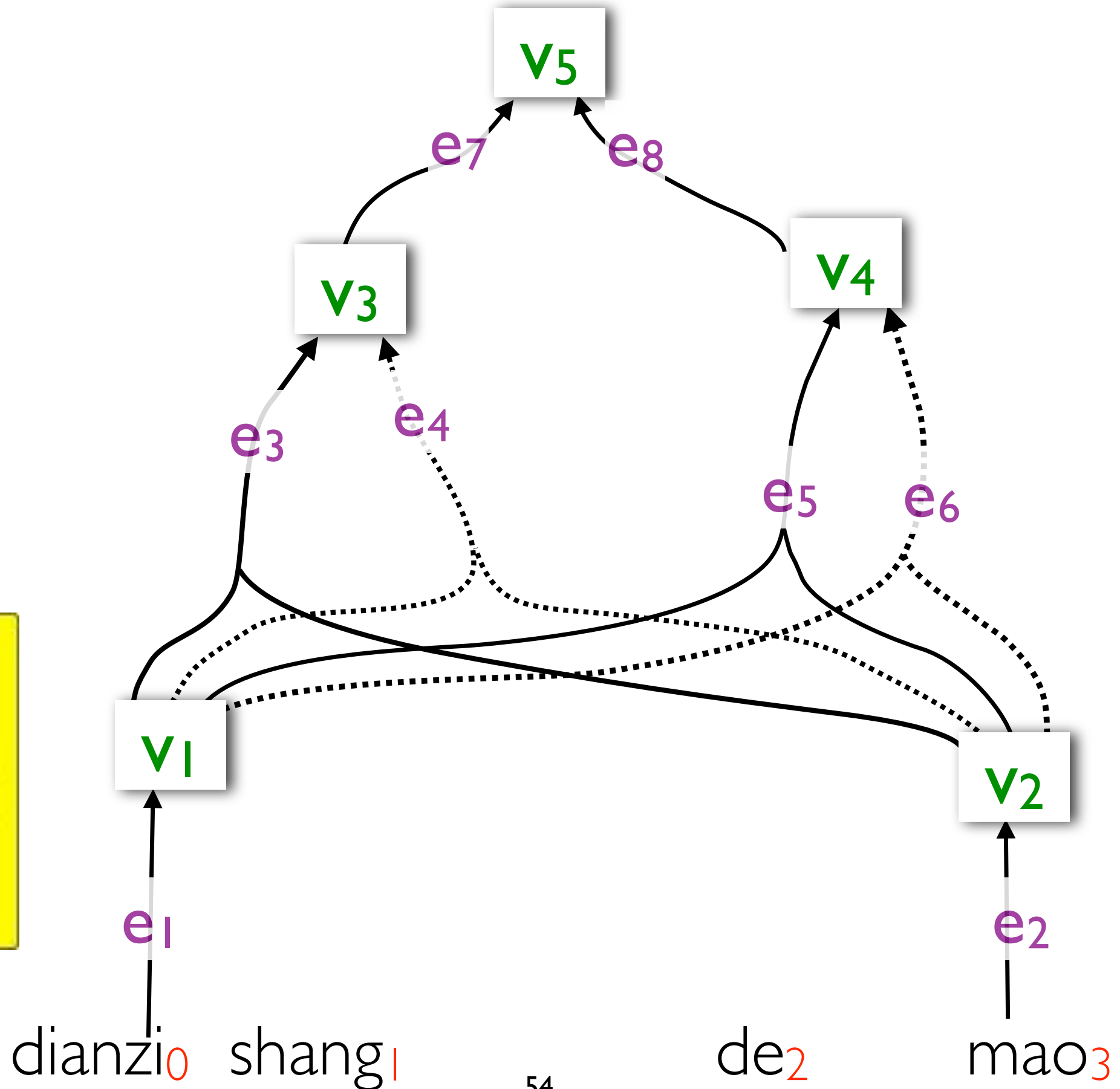


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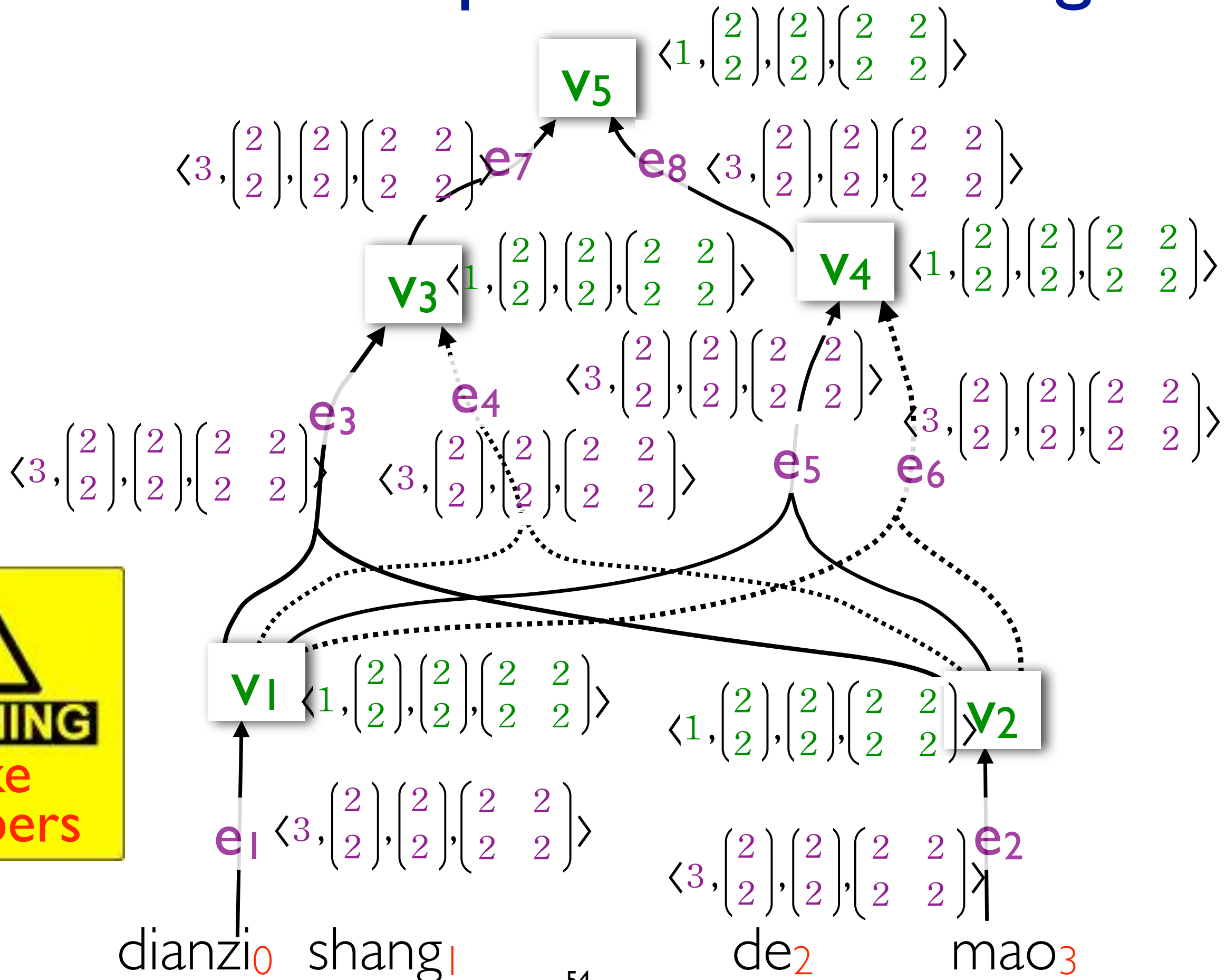
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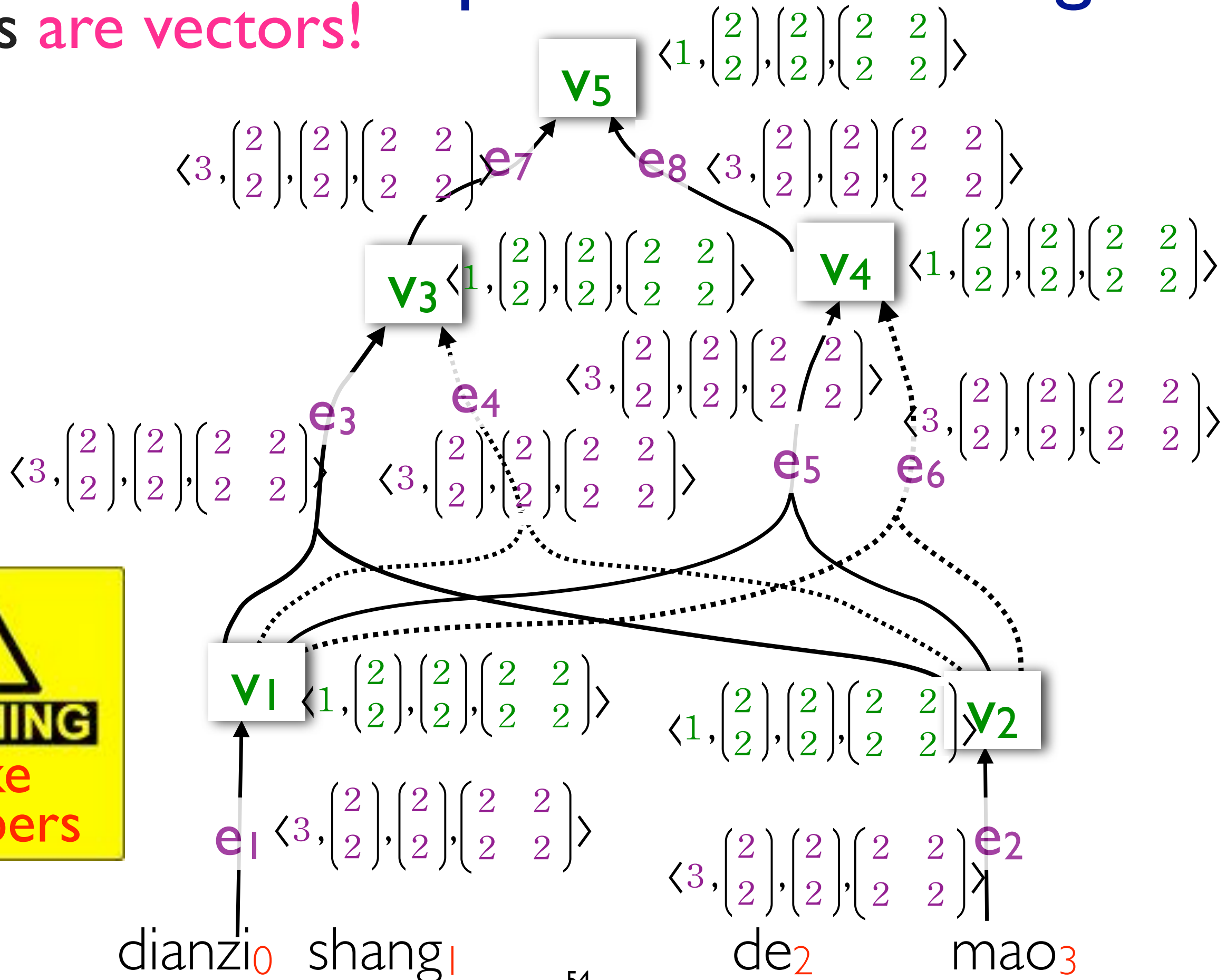


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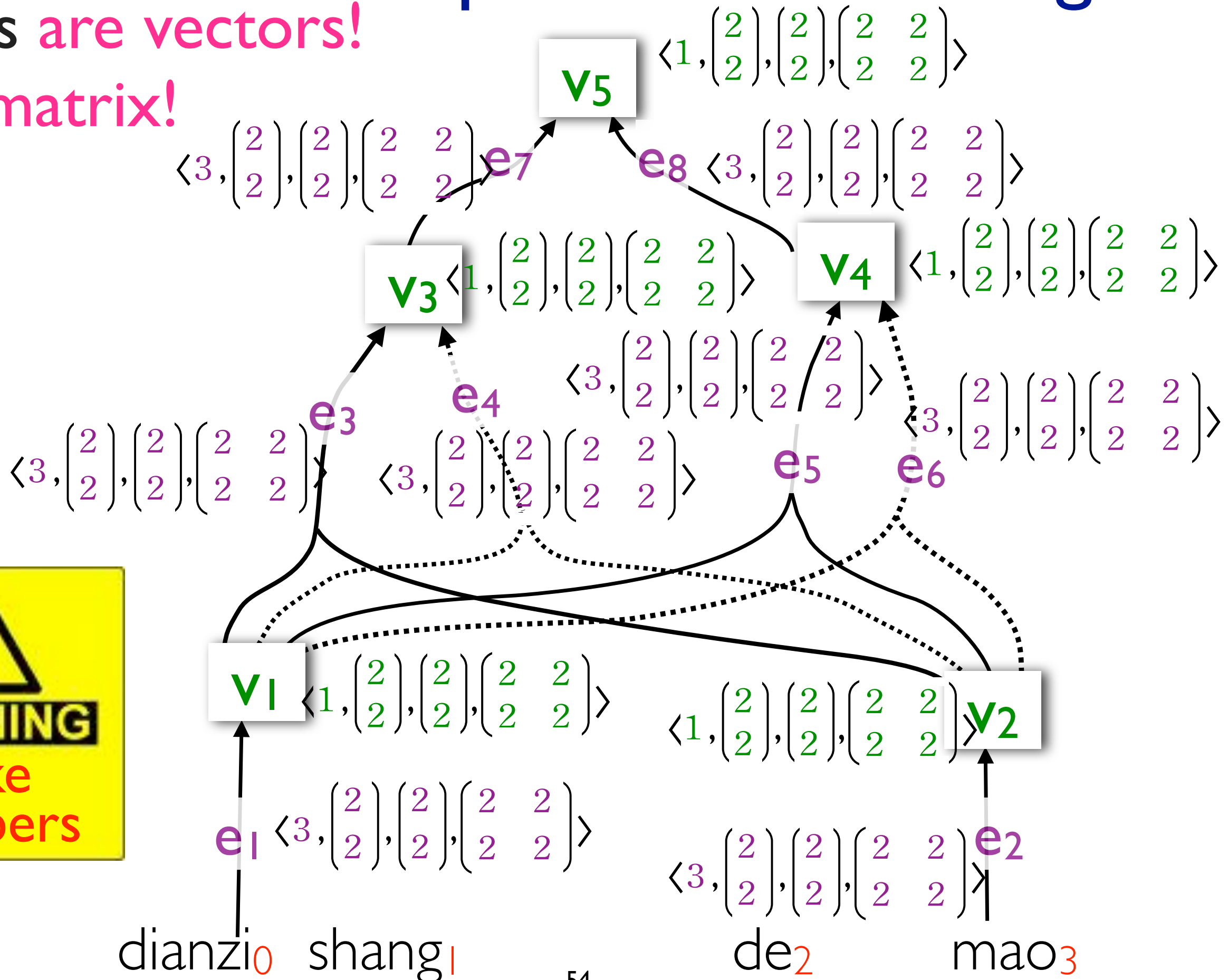
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See the paper for details!

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(Och, 2002)

(Smith and Eisner, 2006)

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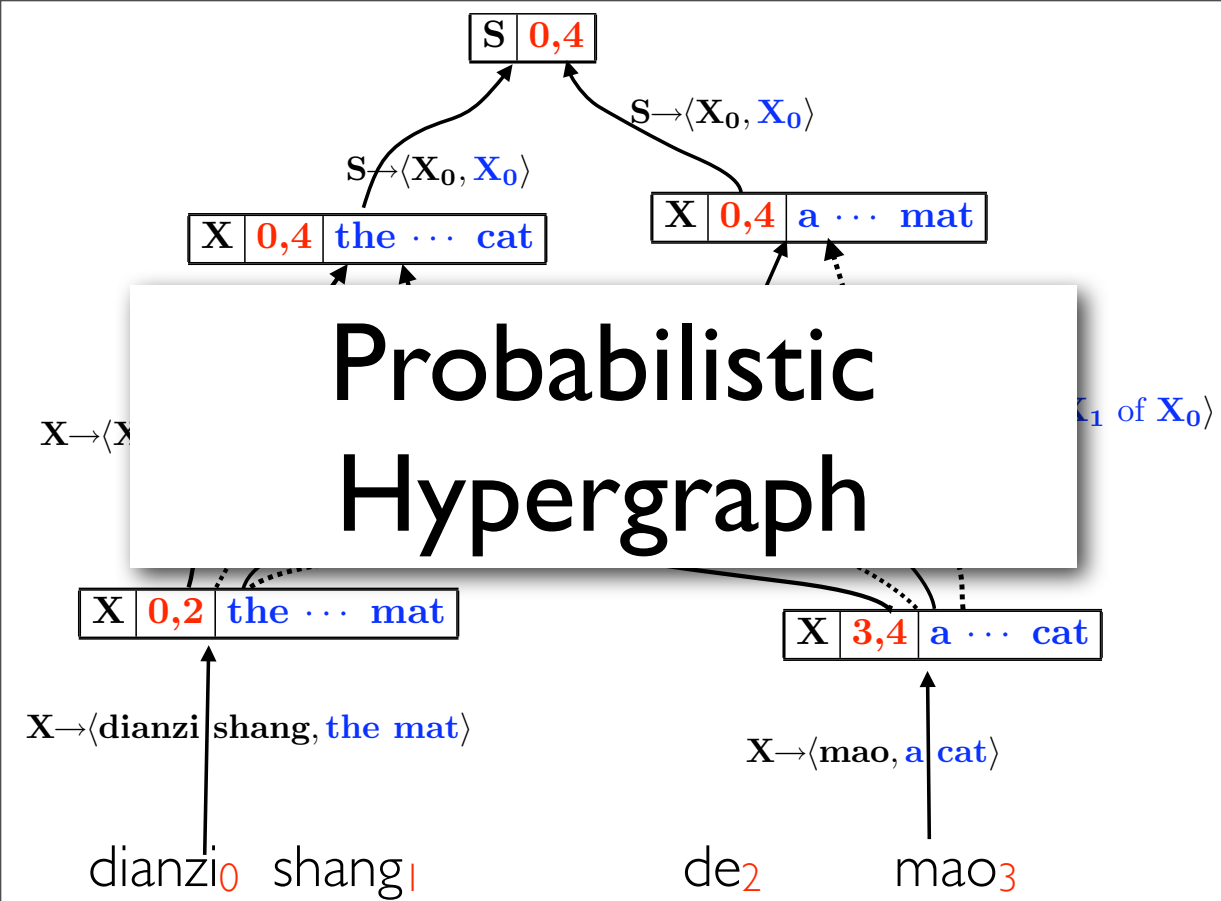
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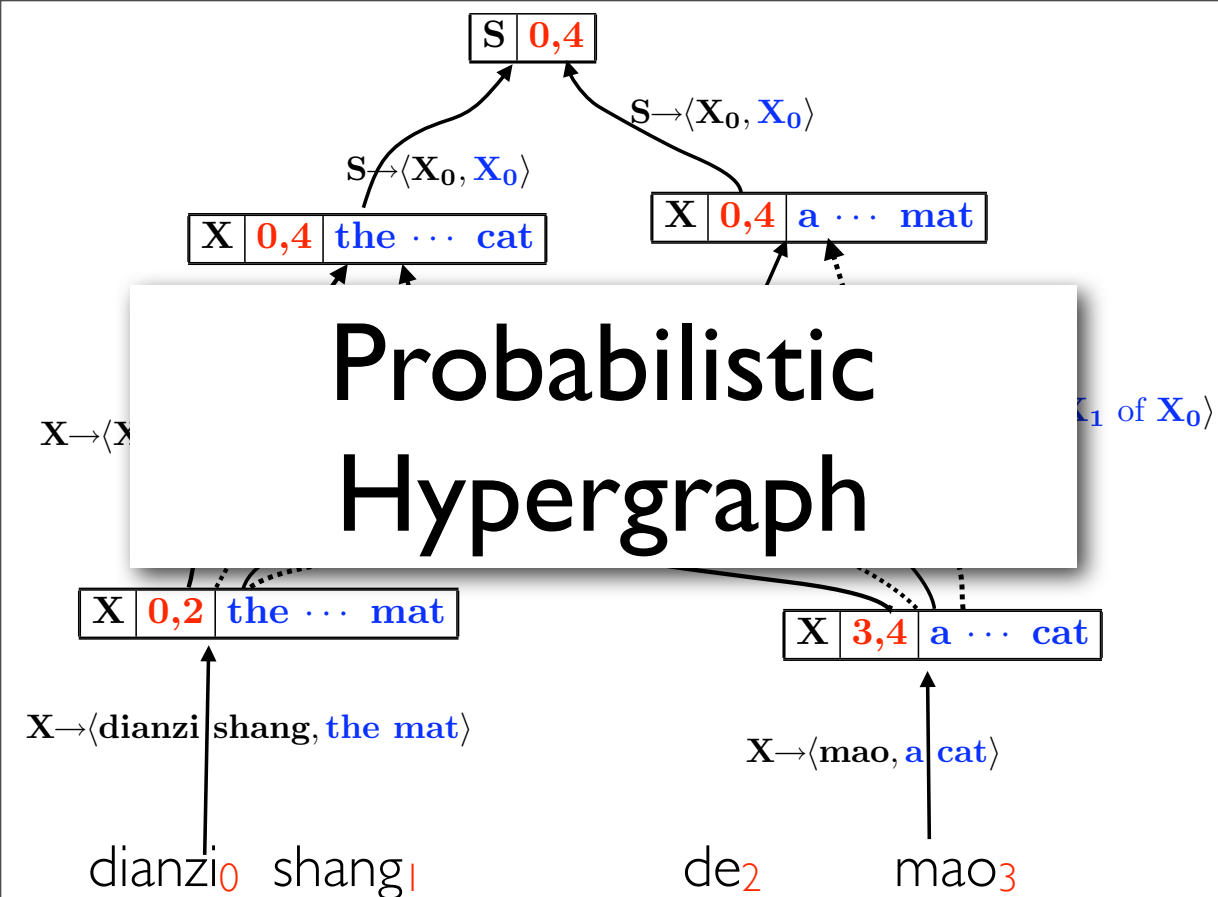
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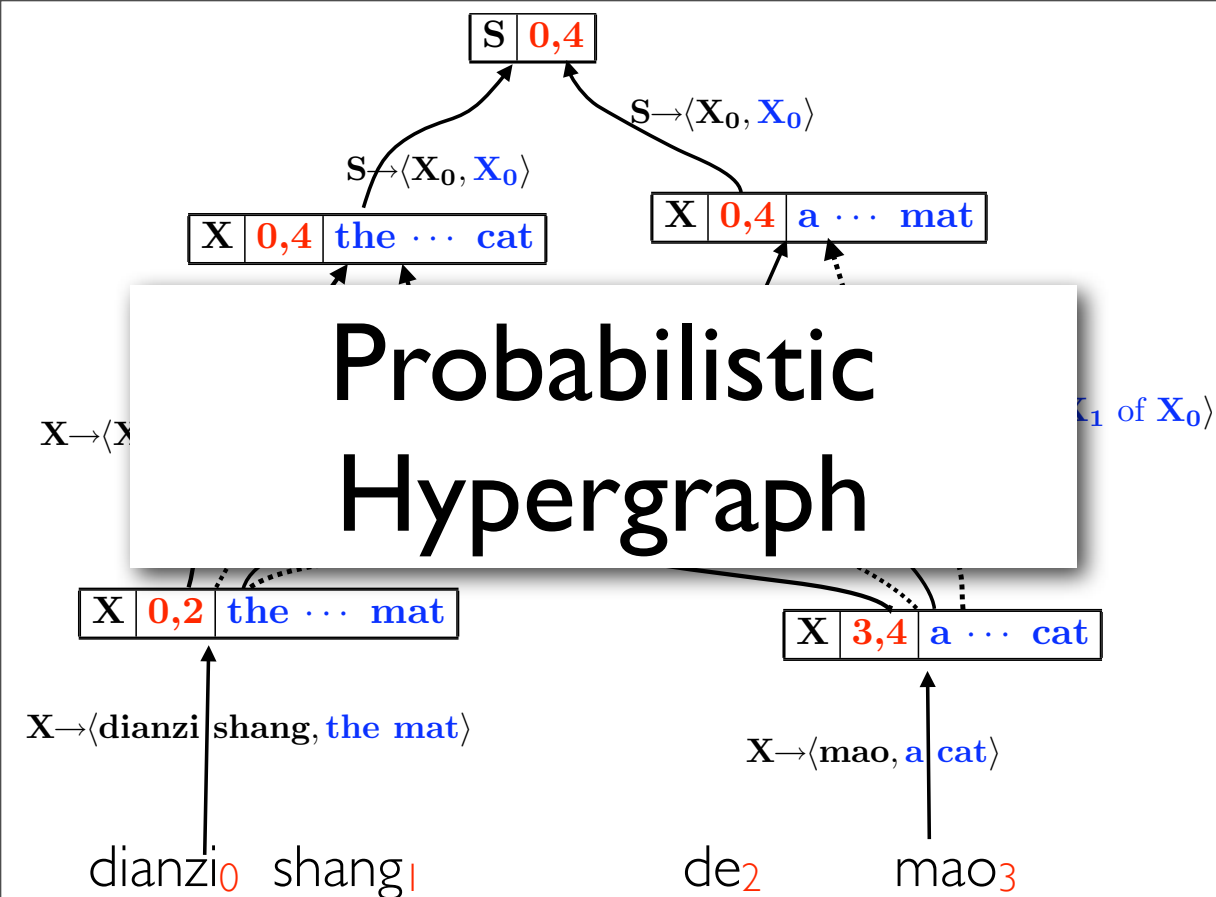
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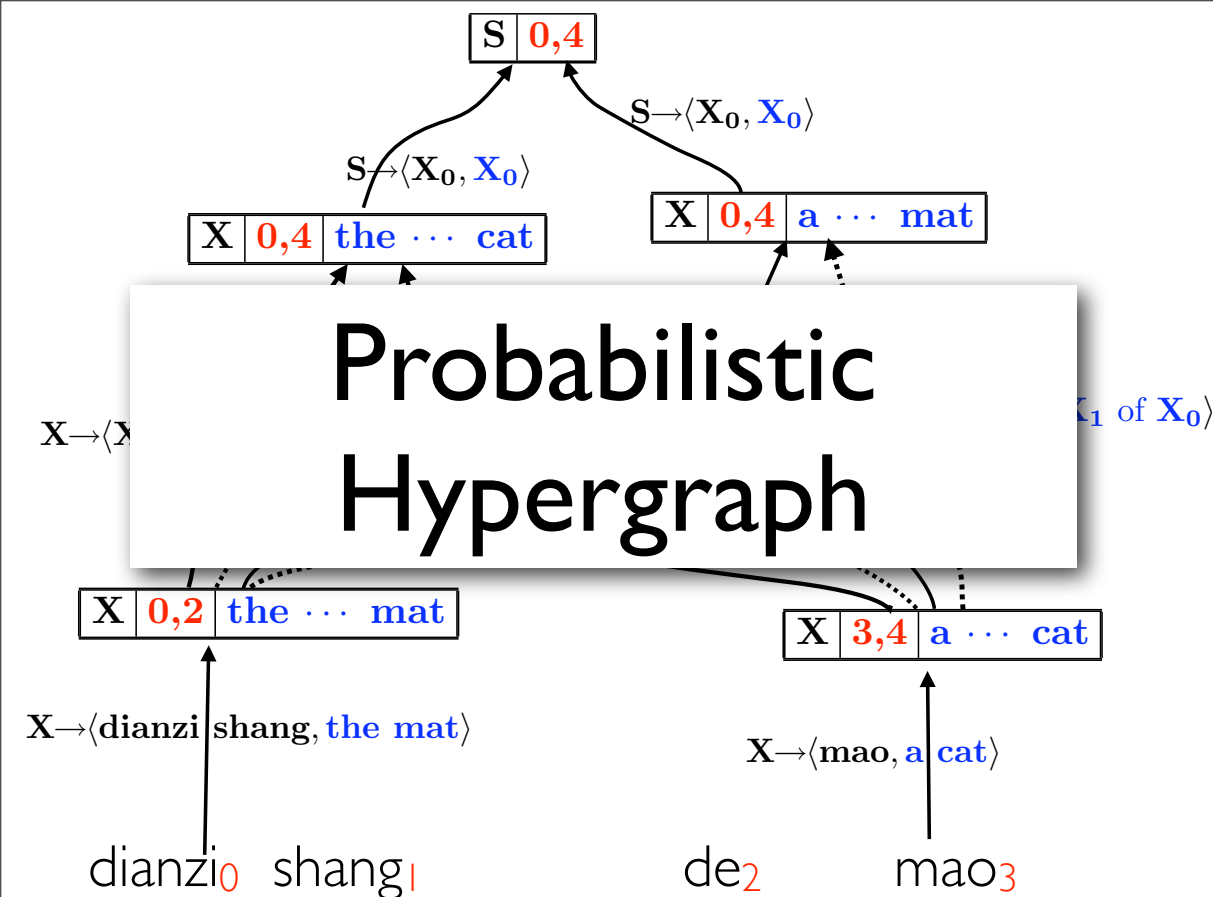


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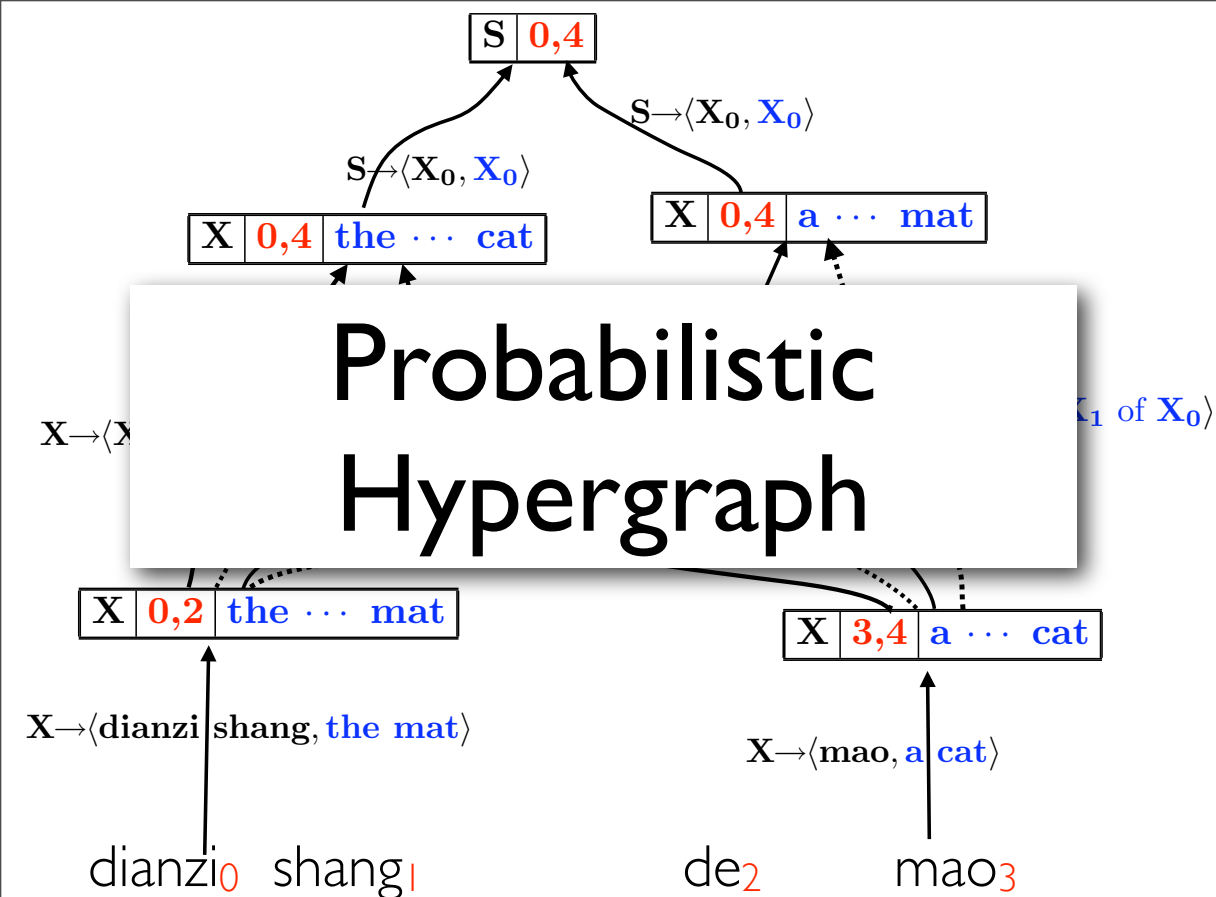
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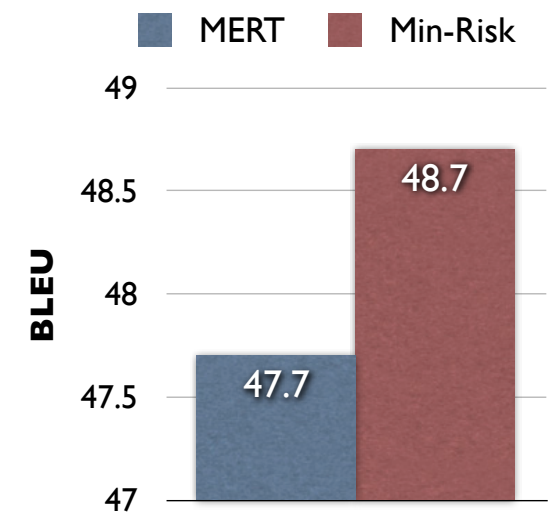
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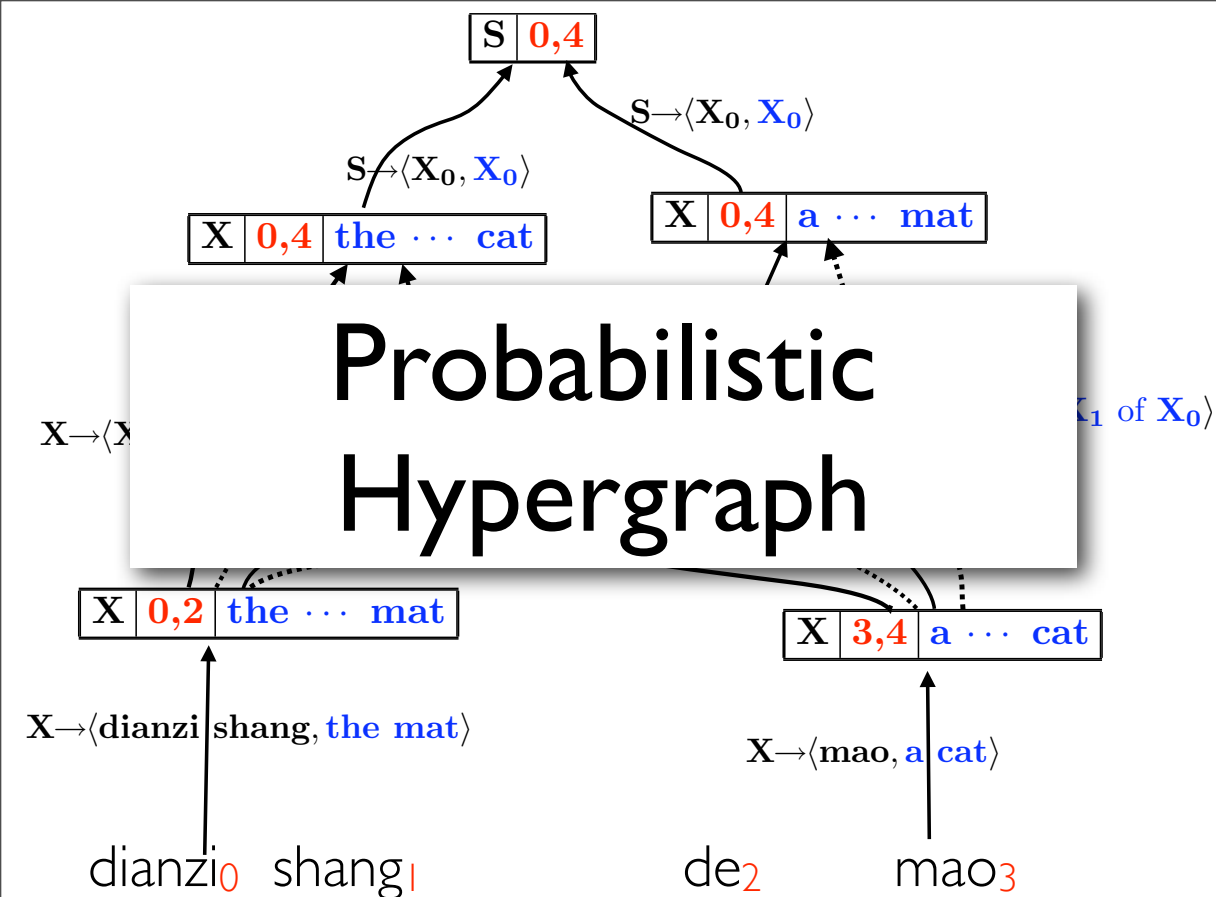
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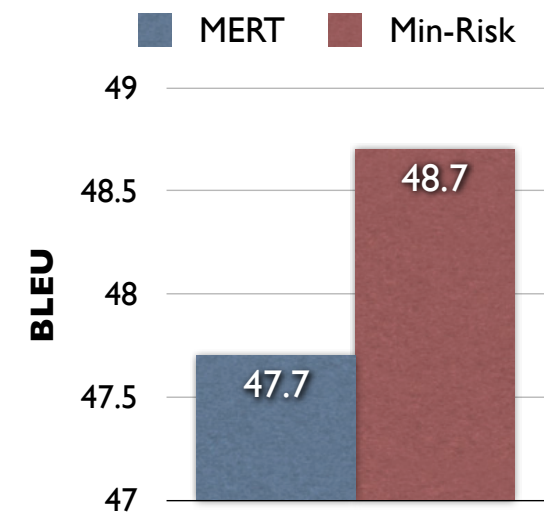
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