

# Sampling Table Configurations for the Hierarchical Poisson-Dirichlet Process

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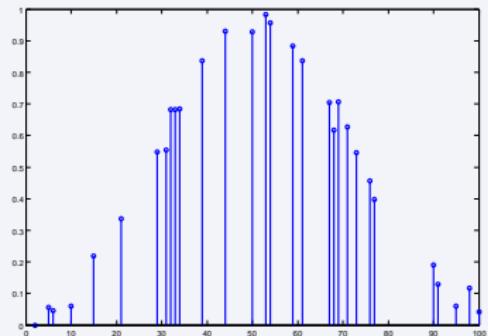
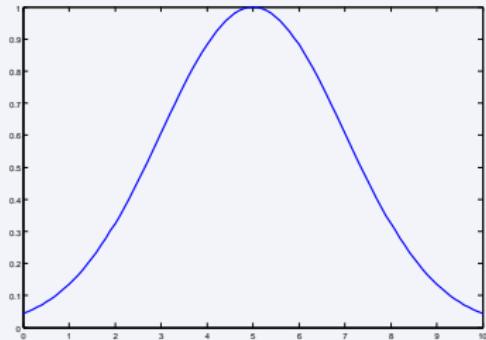
# What can We Do with the Poisson-Dirichlet Process?

- Applications of the Poisson-Dirichlet process:
  - **Topic modeling:** Finding meaningful topics discussed in large scale documents. Beneficial to automatic document analysis and understanding.
  - **Computational linguistic:** e.g., the  $n$ -gram model, adaptor grammar.
  - **Computer vision.** Using PDP/HPDP for image annotation, image segmentation, scene learning, and etc.
  - **Others:** Data compression, relational modeling, etc.



# What is the Poisson-Dirichlet Process?

- The Poisson-Dirichlet process takes as input a base distribution, and yields as output a discrete distribution which is somewhat similar to the base distribution.



$$y = f(x)$$

$$y = \sum_{i=0}^K p_i \delta_{x_i}$$

# What is the Poisson-Dirichlet Process?

- The *Poisson-Dirichlet process* (PDP) is a random probability measure, or a distribution over distributions.
- The basic form of the PDP is:

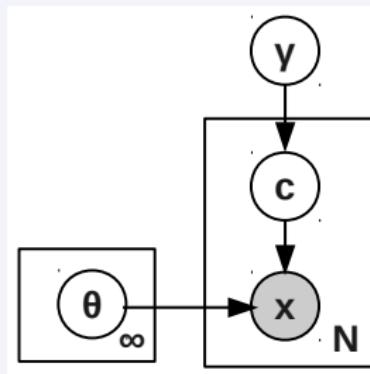
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k \delta_{X_k^*}(\cdot) \quad (1)$$

where  $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots)$  is a probability vector so  $0 \leq p_k \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k = 1$ . Also,  $\delta_{X_k^*}(\cdot)$  is a discrete measure concentrated at  $X_k^*$ . The values  $X_k^* \in \mathcal{X}$  are *i.i.d.* drawn from the base measure  $H(\cdot)$ .

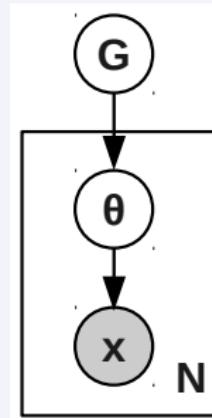
- The one parameter version of the PDP is the *Dirichlet process* (DP), and the two parameter version is the *Pitman-Yor process*.

# Why Poisson-Dirichlet Processes?

- It allows us to extend finite mixture models to infinite mixture models, by putting a PDP prior on the mixture components.



$$c \sim P(\gamma|\lambda), \quad x \sim P(x|\theta_c)$$



$$\theta \sim G, \quad x \sim P(x|\theta)$$

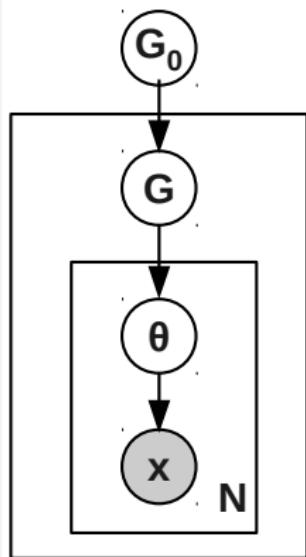
$P(\gamma|\lambda)$  is a infinite discrete distribution with parameter  $\lambda$ ,  $G$  is the distribution over mixture components  $\theta$ , or a Poisson-Dirichlet distribution.

Poisson-Dirichlet Process.

# Why Poisson-Dirichlet Processes?

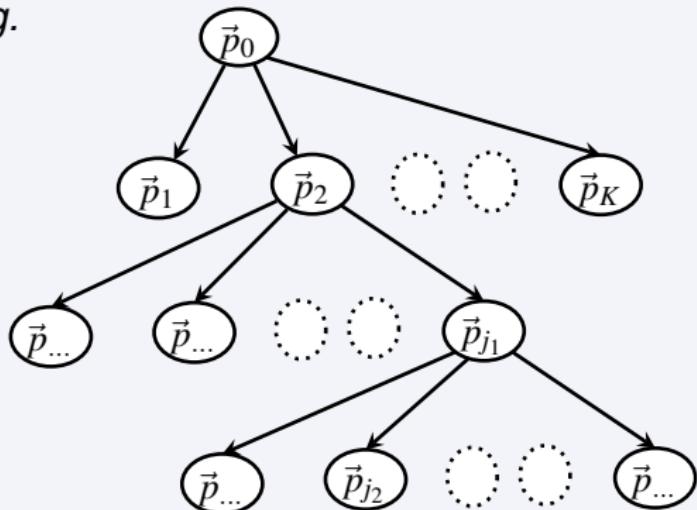
- Easily extend to model hierarchical discrete distributions, e.g., hierarchical Dirichlet processes (HDP) or hierarchical Poisson-Dirichlet process (HPDP).

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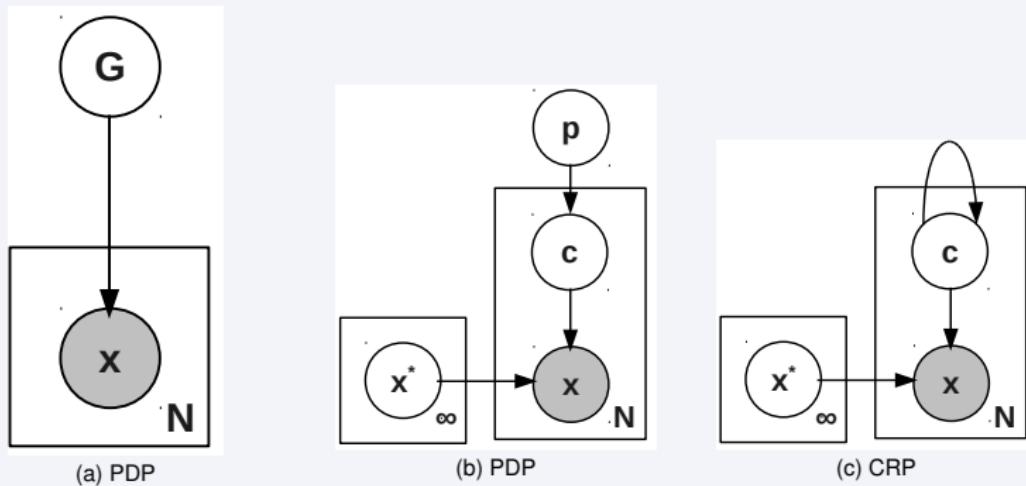
(a) HDP

e.g.



(b) Probability vector hierarchy

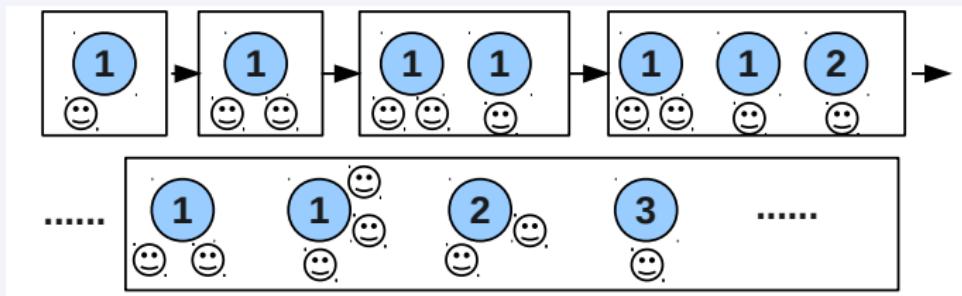
# The Chinese Restaurant Process



- The Chinese restaurant process (c) (CRP) is the marginalized version of the PDP (b).
- Sampling the PDP can be done following the CRP's metaphor.

# The Chinese Restaurant Process

- The CRP assumes a Chinese restaurant has an infinite number of tables, each with infinite capacity, the customers go in and sit at the restaurant as:
  - The first customer sits at the first unoccupied table with probability 1.
  - For the subsequent  $(n + 1)$ -th customer:
    - He can choose to sit at an occupied table to share the dish with other seated customers with probability proportional to the number of customers that have already sit at that table.
    - or to sit at an unoccupied table with probability proportional to the sum of strength parameter and the total table count.

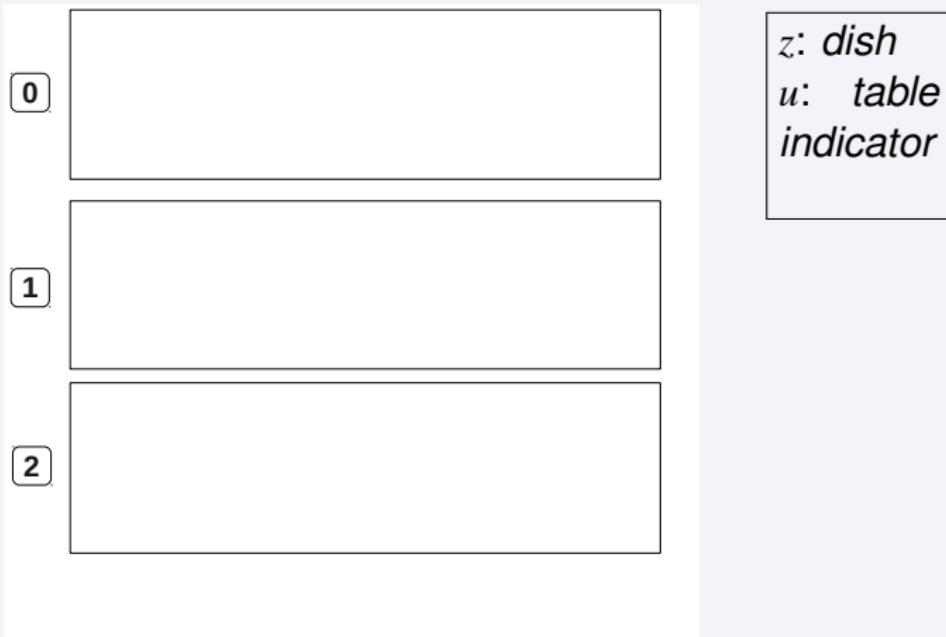


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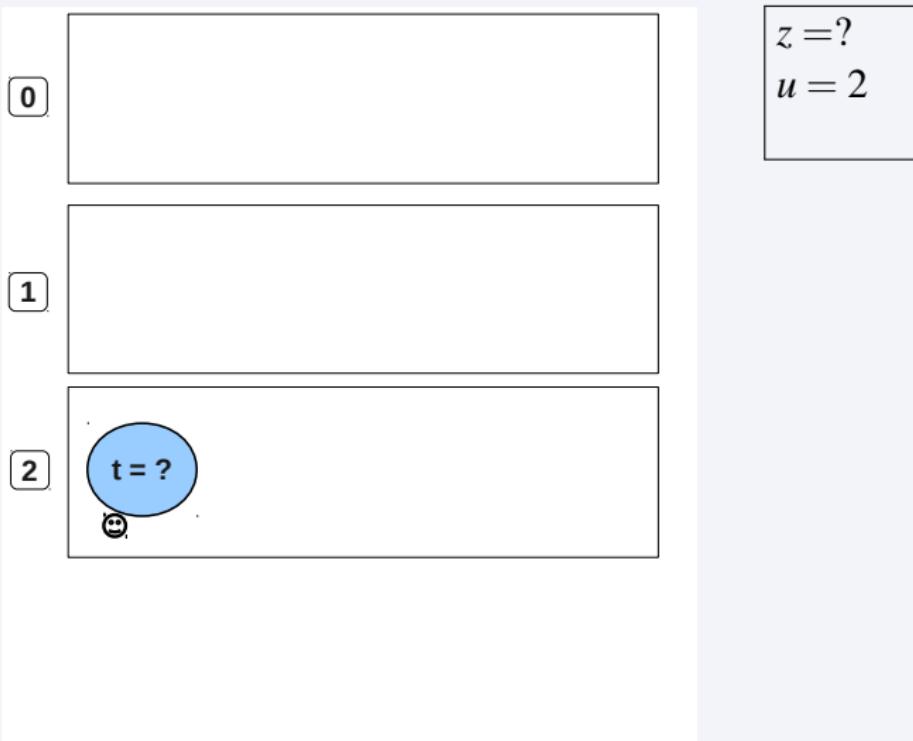
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# HPDP in the Chinese Restaurant Process Metaphor

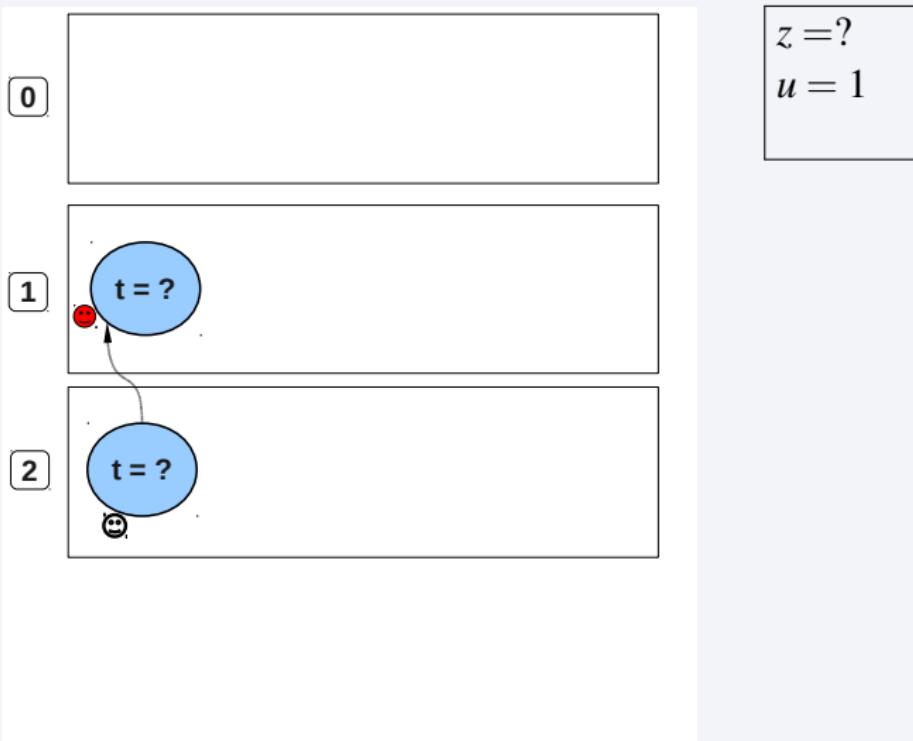
- This shows a simple linear hierarchy of 3 Chinese restaurants. We'll bring customers in and watch the seating.



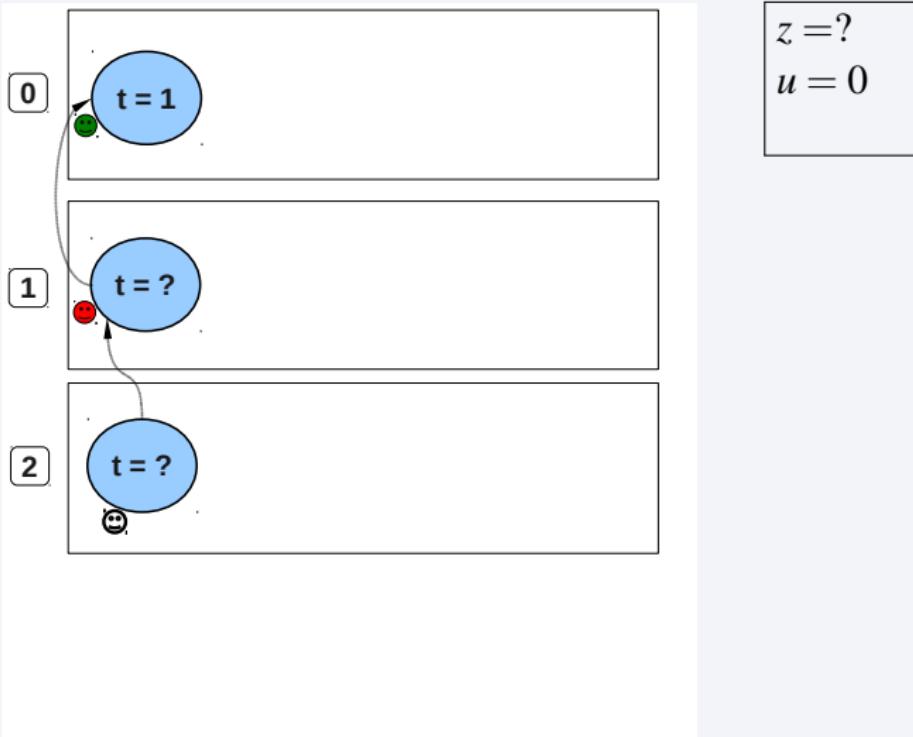
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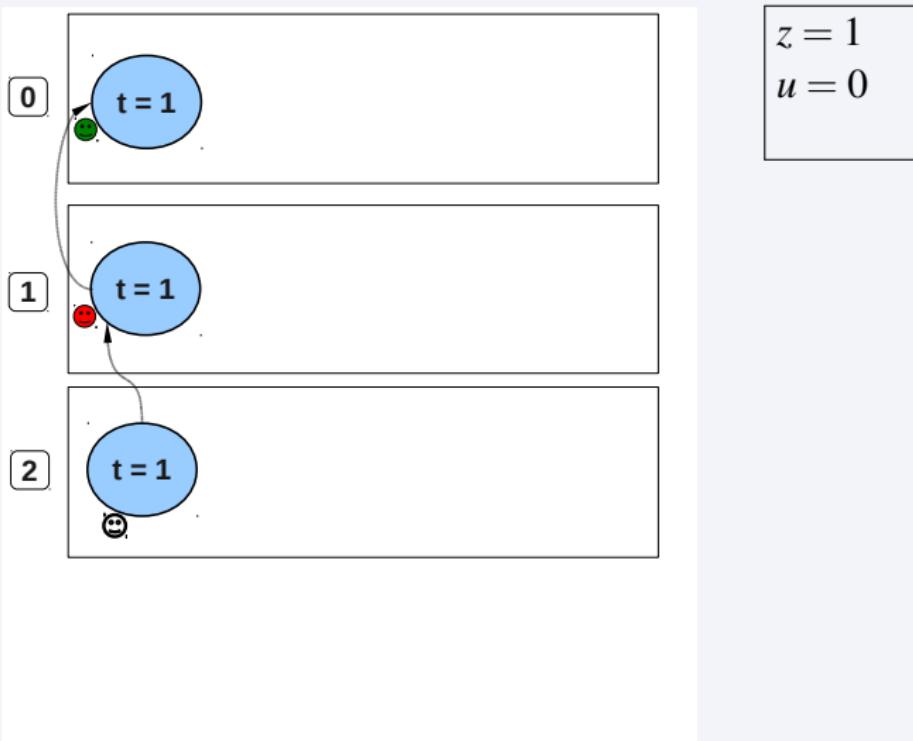
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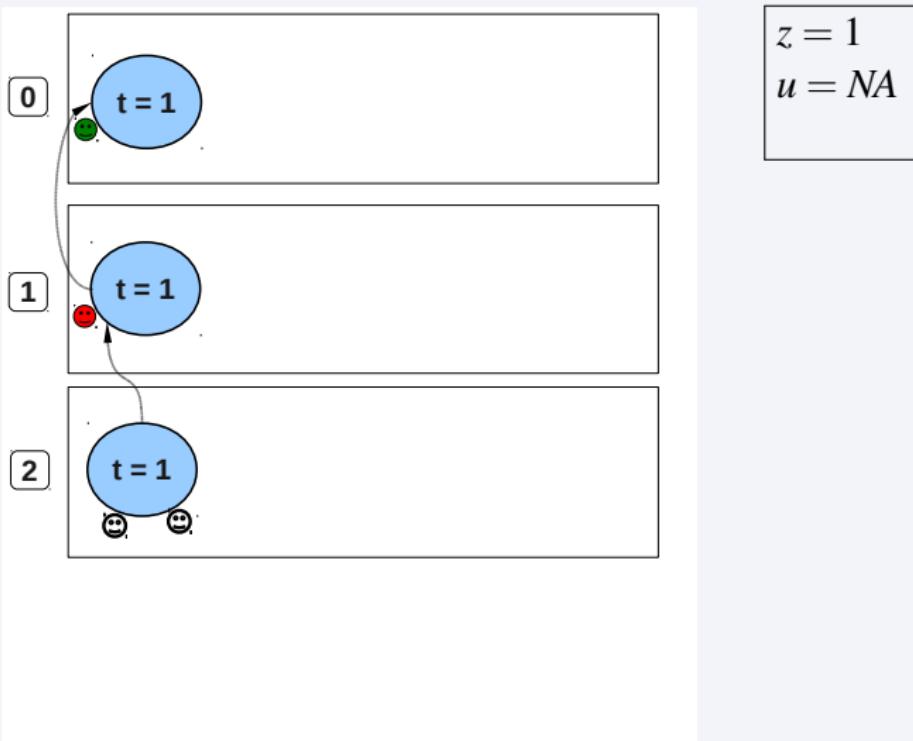
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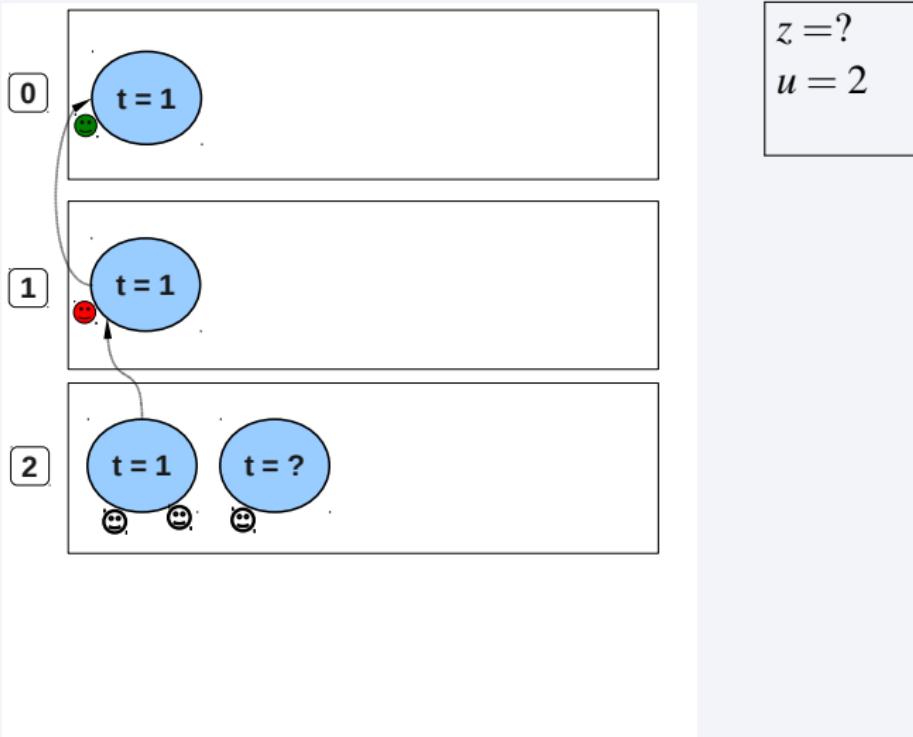
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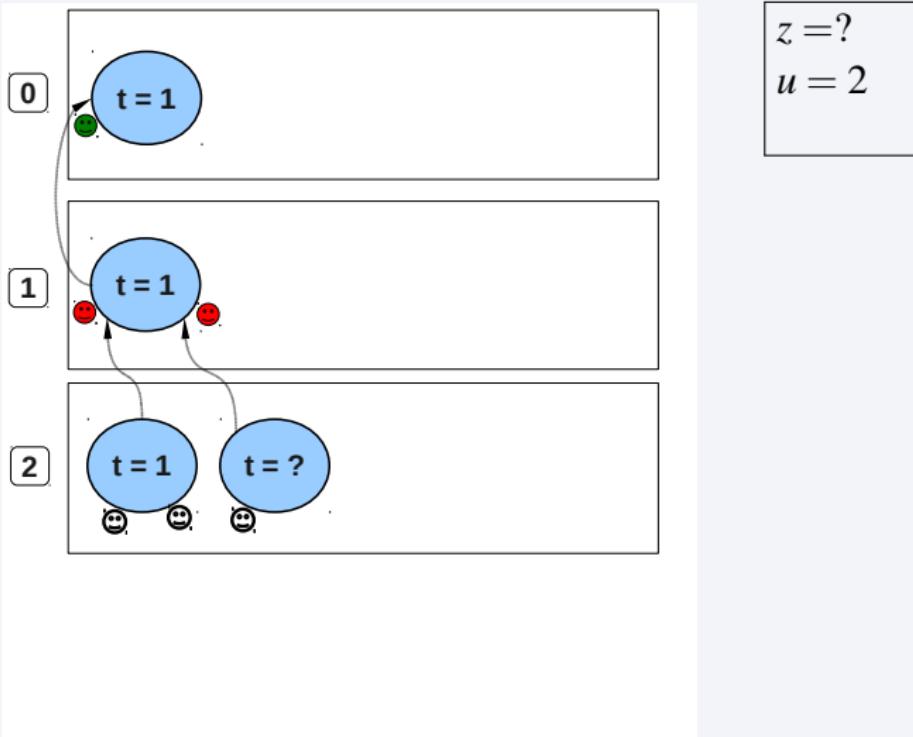
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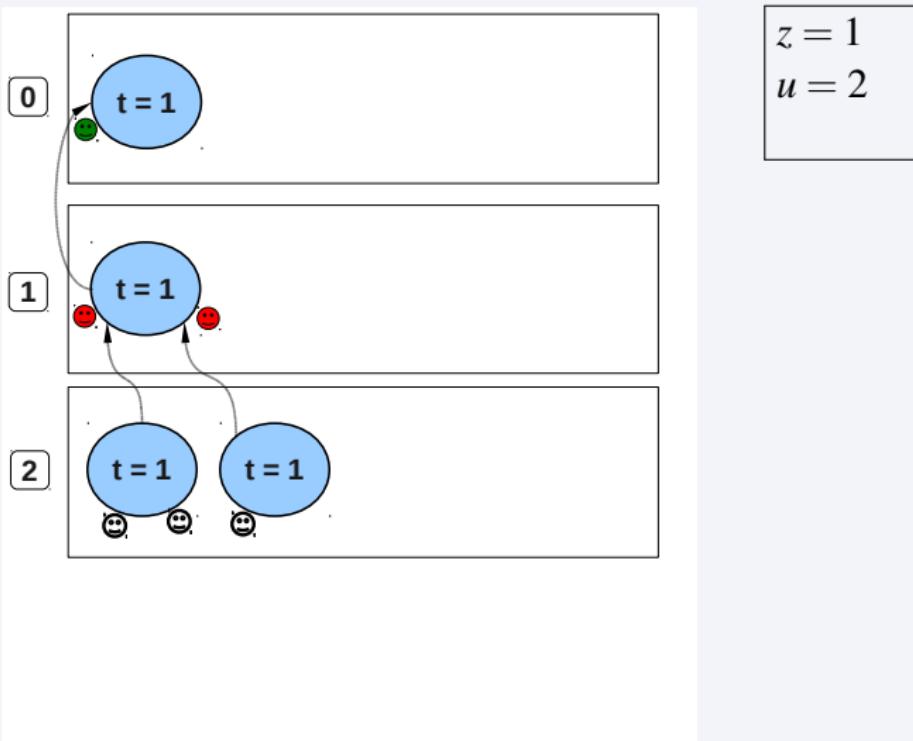
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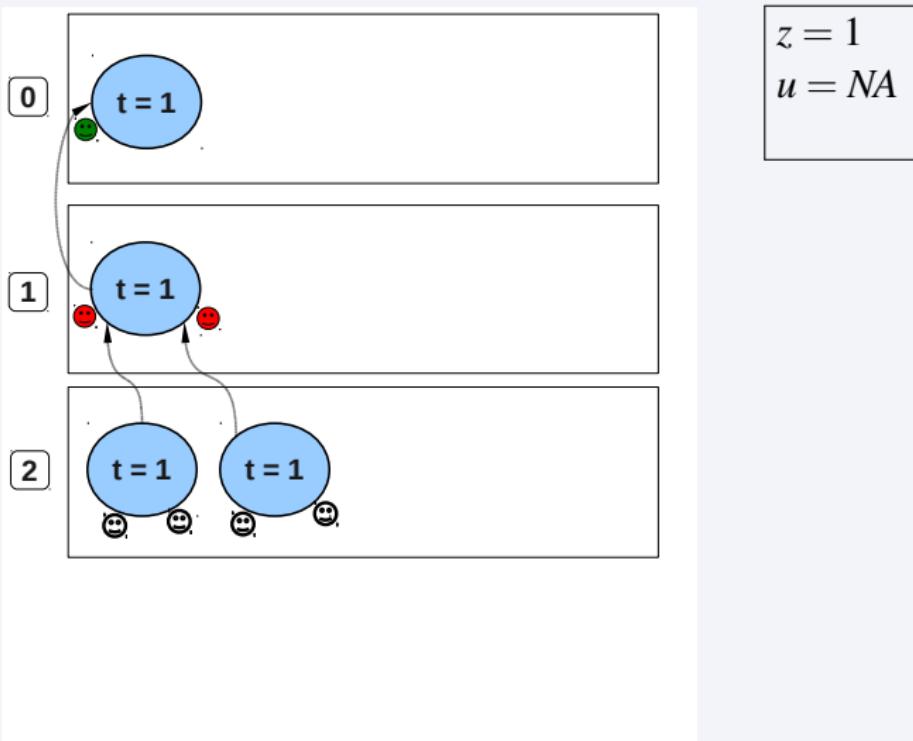
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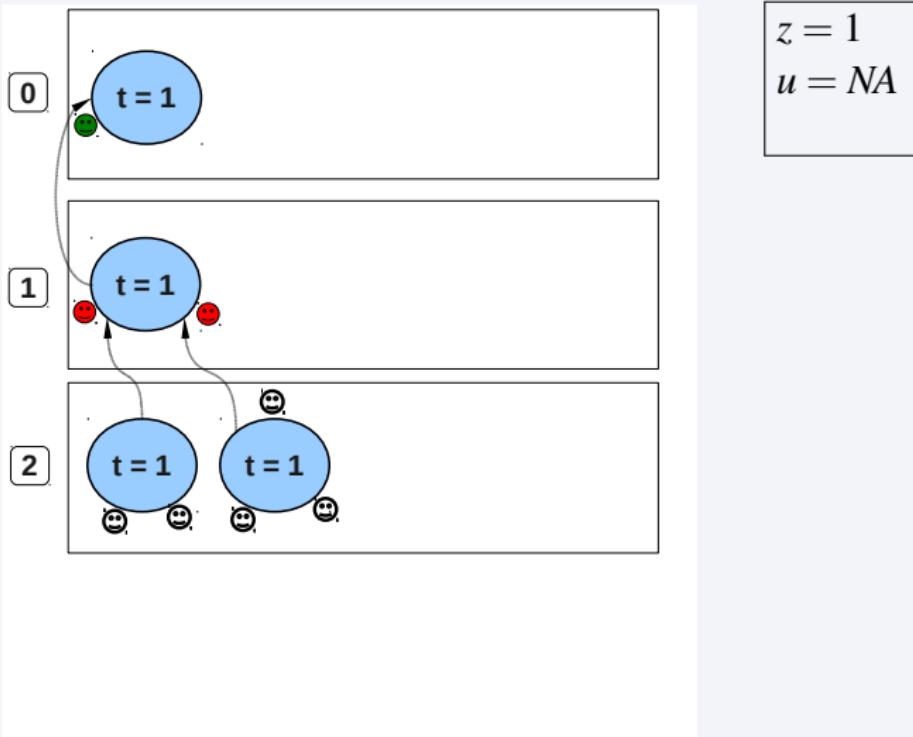
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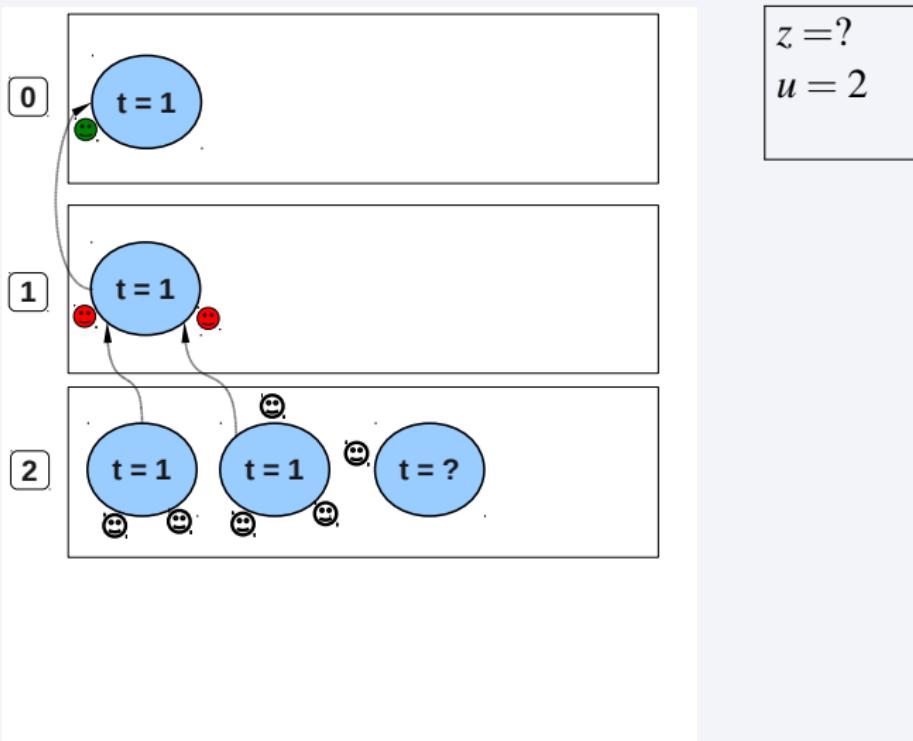
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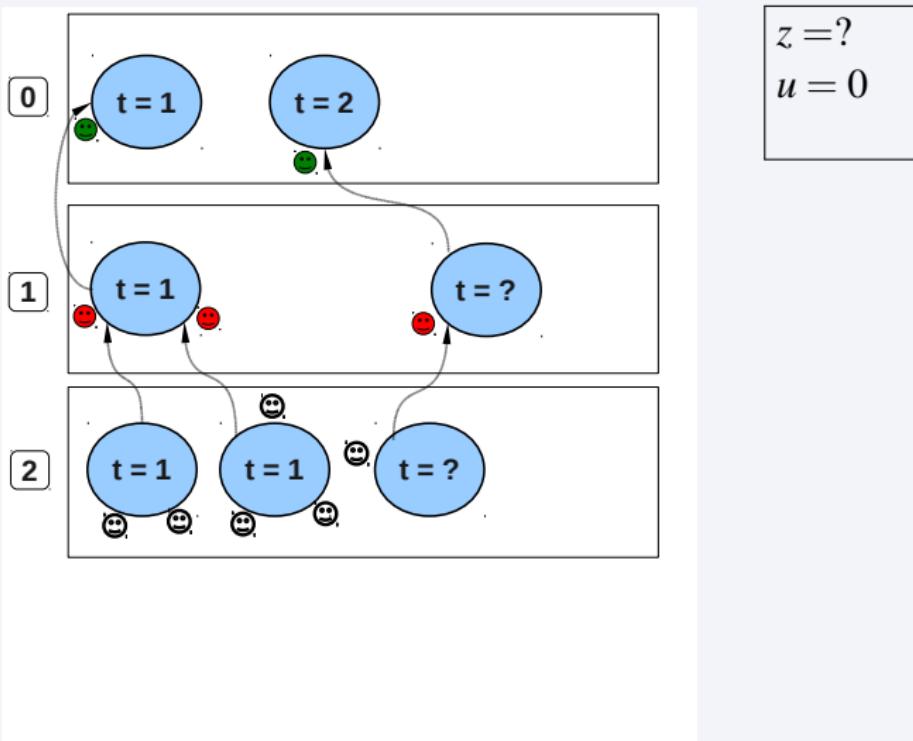
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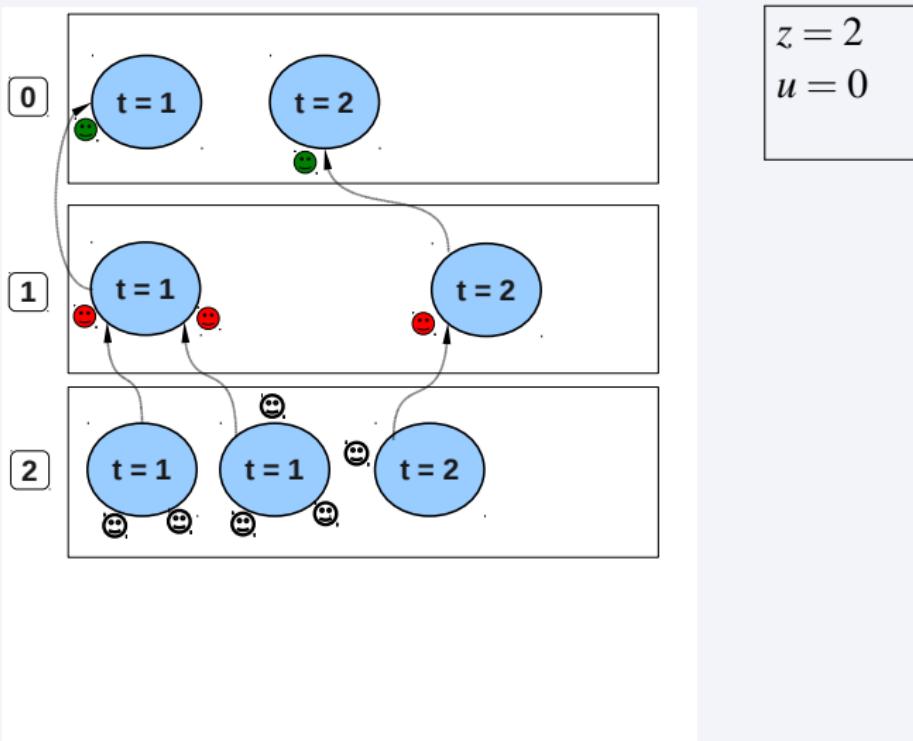
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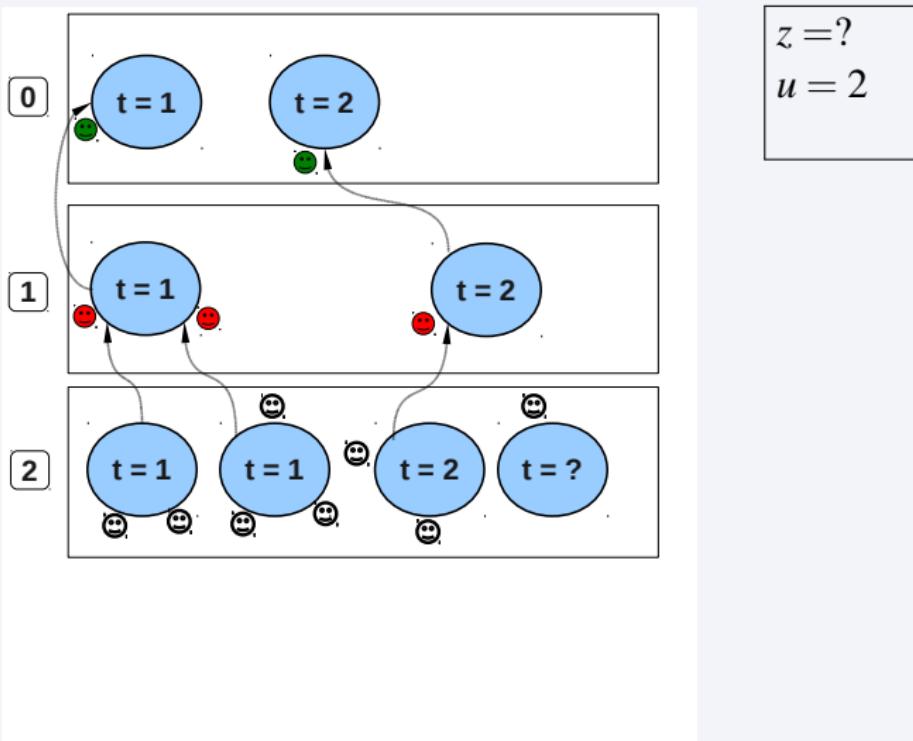
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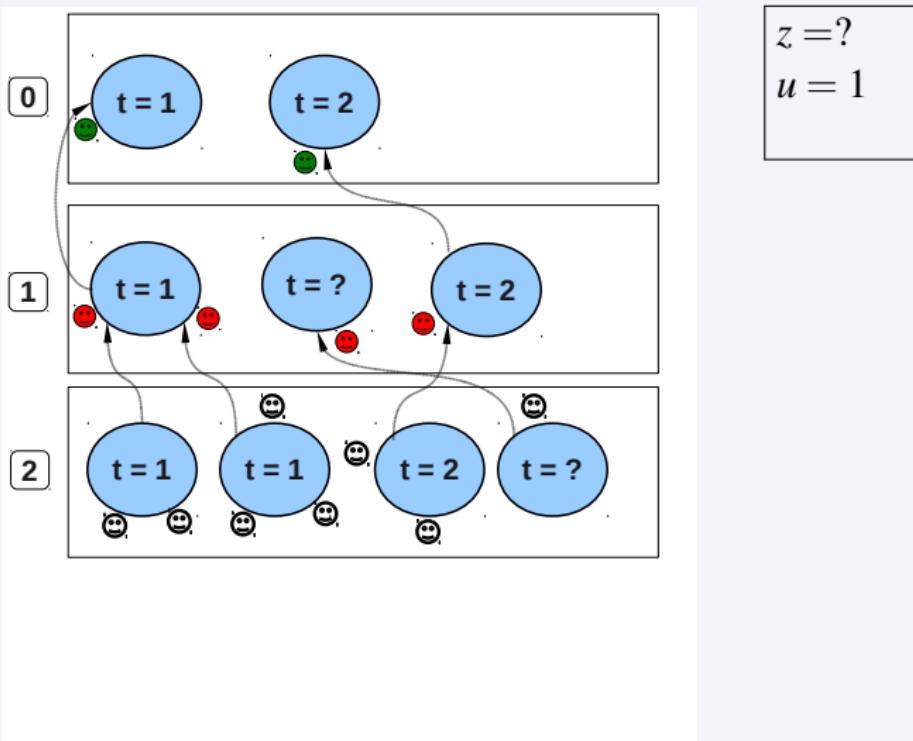
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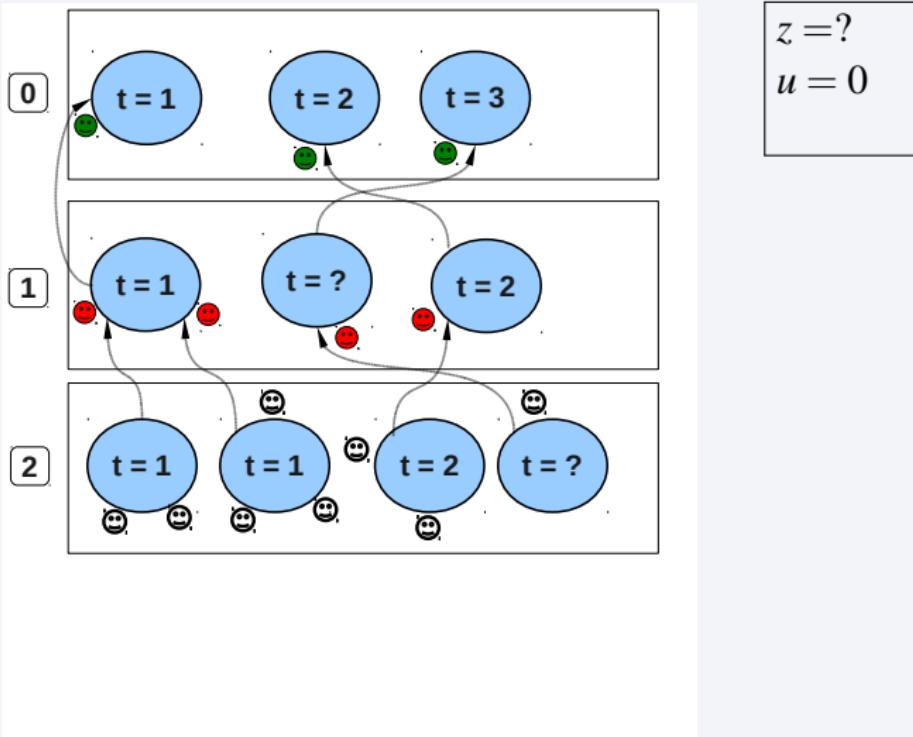
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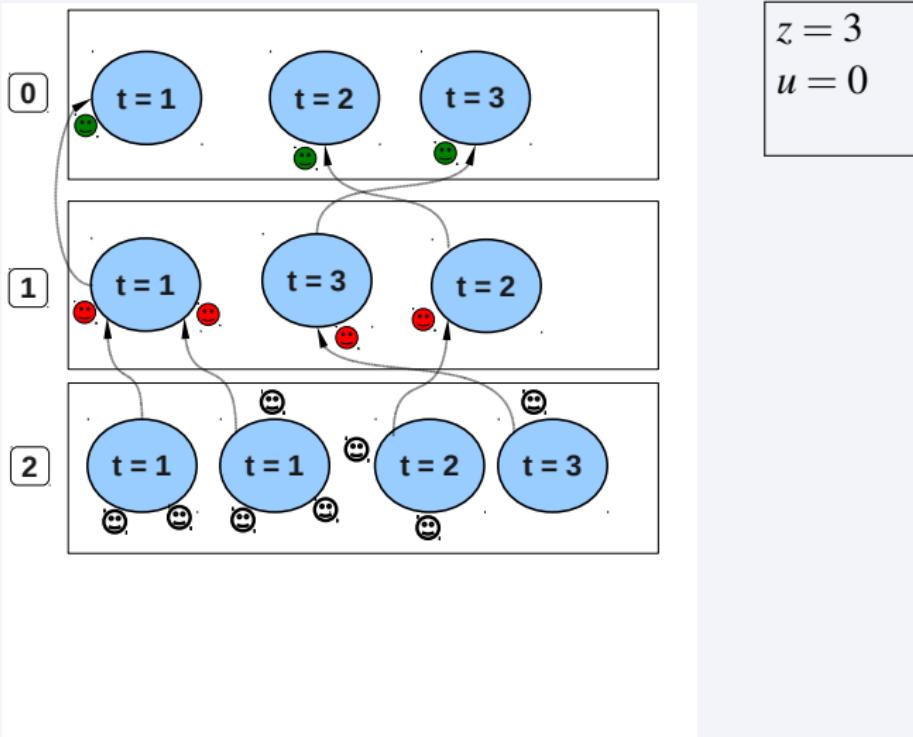
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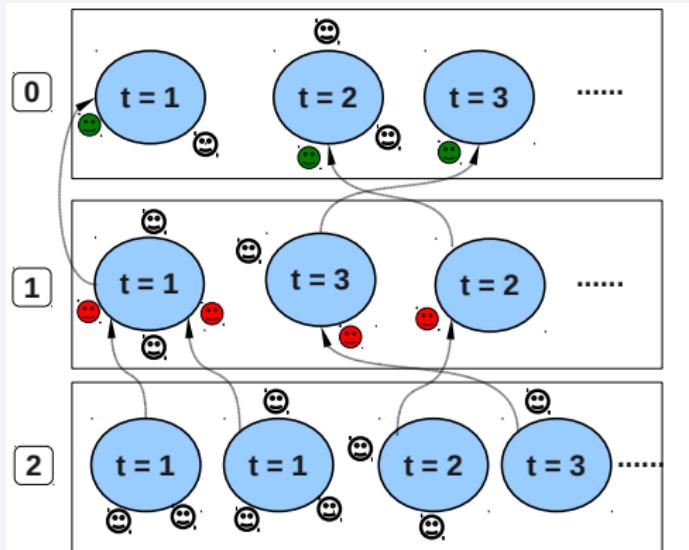


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- We can also add customers at any restaurant.



# HPDP Statistics used in Sampling

Seating  
arrangements  
representation

$t_{0,1} = 1, m_{0,1,1} = 2$
$t_{0,2} = 1, m_{0,2,1} = 3$
$t_{0,3} = 1, m_{0,3,1} = 1$
$t_{1,1} = 1, m_{1,1,1} = 4$
$t_{1,2} = 1, m_{1,2,1} = 1$
$t_{1,3} = 1, m_{1,3,1} = 2$
$t_{2,1} = 2, m_{2,1,1} = 2,$ $m_{2,1,2} = 3$
$t_{2,2} = 1, m_{2,2,1} = 2$
$t_{2,3} = 1, m_{2,3,1} = 1$

$\vec{m}$  = counts at each table

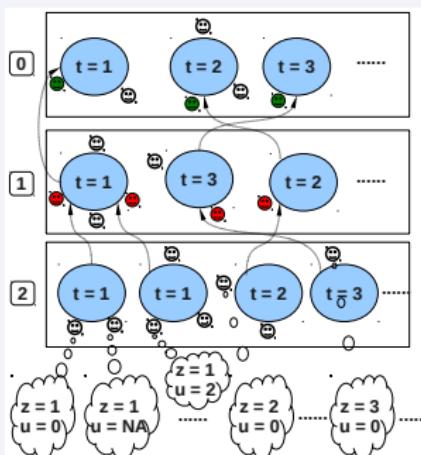


Table indicators representation

$n_{0,1} = 2, t_{0,1} = 1$
$n_{0,2} = 3, t_{0,2} = 1$
$n_{0,3} = 1, t_{0,3} = 1$
$n_{1,1} = 4, t_{1,1} = 1$
$n_{1,2} = 1, t_{1,2} = 1$
$n_{1,3} = 2, t_{1,3} = 1$
$n_{2,1} = 5, t_{2,1} = 2$
$n_{2,2} = 2, t_{2,2} = 1$
$n_{2,3} = 1, t_{2,3} = 1$

$\vec{t}$  = number of tables

# Table Indicator Representation of the HPDP

- The above  $u$  is called the table indicator, defined as:

## Definition (Table indicator $u_l$ )

The table indicator  $u_l$  for each customer  $l$  is an auxiliary latent variable which indicates up to which level in the restaurant hierarchy  $l$  has contributed a table count (*i.e.* activated a new table).

- It is enough to use this variable to represent the HPDP, *e.g.*, other statistics (#customers and #tables in each restaurant) can be reconstructed from the table indicators easily.
- A block Gibbs sampler can be derived using this representation.

# Table Counts Representation of the HPDP

Theorem: (Teh *et. al.*, 2006 [1]; Buntine and Hutter, 2010 [2])

Posterior of the HPDP with table count representation:

$$P_r(\vec{z}_{1:J}, \vec{t}_{1:J} \mid H_0) = \prod_{j \geq 0} \left( \frac{(b_j | a_j)_{T_j}}{(b_j)_{N_j}} \prod_k S_{t_{jk}, a_j}^{n_{jk}} \right)$$

$n_{jk}$  : #customers in the  $j$ -th restaurant eating dish  $k$

$t_{jk}$  : #tables in the  $j$ -th restaurant serving dish  $k$

$$N_j := \sum_k n_{jk}, \quad T_j := \sum_k t_{jk}$$

$S_{M,a}^N$  : the generalized Stirling number

$(x|y)_N$  : the Pochhammer symbol with increment  $y$  (2)

$H_0$  : base distribution

# Table Indicator Representation of the HPDP

## Theorem

Posterior of the HPDP in our representation:

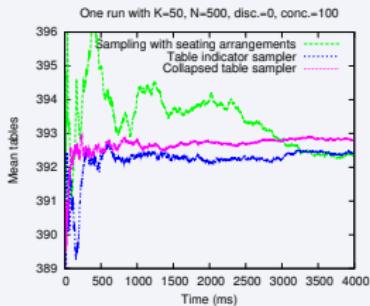
$$P_r(\vec{z}_{1:J}, \vec{u}_{1:J} \mid H_0) = \prod_{j \geq 0} \left( \frac{(b_j | a_j)_{T_j}}{(b_j)_{N_j}} \prod_k S_{t_{jk}, a_j}^{n_{jk}} \frac{t_{jk}!(n_{jk} - t_{jk})!}{n_{jk}!} \right)$$

the symbols are the same with the previous ones except that  $t_{jk}$  can be constructed from the table indicators:

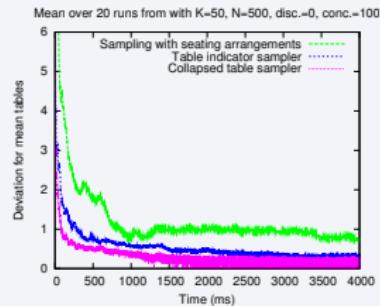
$$t_{jk} = \sum_{j' \in T(j)} \sum_{l \in D(j')} \delta_{z_l=k} \delta_{u_l \leq d(j)}$$

# How does our Sampler Work?

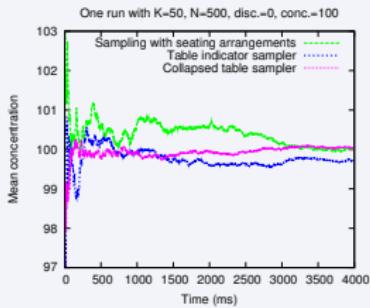
- Sampling a DP with  $dim = 50$ , data=500 points, true conc.=100:



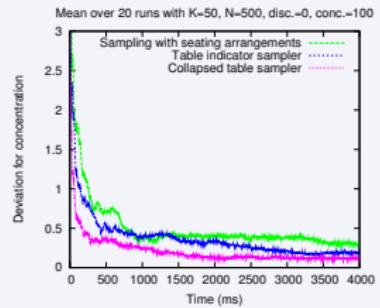
(a) Estimate of total table counts



(b) Std.Dev. of total table counts



(c) Estimate of concentration par. b



(d) Std.Dev. of concentration par. b

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# Datasets, Compared Algorithms and Evaluations

- We use five datasets (from Blogs, Reuters, NIPS, UCI):

	Health	Person	Obama	NIPS	Enron
# words	1,119,678	1,656,574	1,382,667	1,932,365	6,412,172
# documents	1,655	8,616	9,295	1,500	39,861
vocabulary size	12,863	32,946	18,138	12,419	28,102

- Compared algorithms:
  - Teh *et.al.* 's sampling direct assignment SDA [1]
  - Buntine and Hutter's collapsed table sampler CTS [2]
  - Our proposed block Gibbs sampler STC
  - STC initialized with SDA, denoted as STC + SDA
- We used the unbiased left-to-right algorithm [3] to calculate the testing perplexities for the topic models, which is a standard evaluation.

# Perplexities

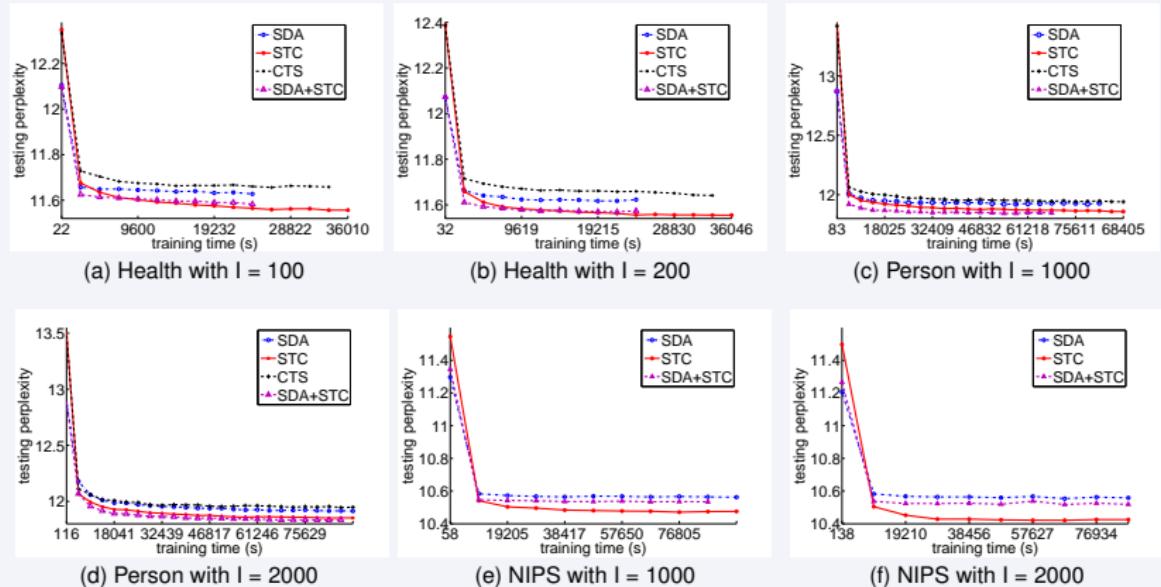
**Table:** Test  $\log_2(\text{perplexities})$  on the five datasets

Dataset	Health		Person		Obama	
	$I = 100$	$I = 200$	$I = 1000$	$I = 2000$	$I = 1000$	$I = 2000$
SDA	11.628281	11.619546	11.930657	11.904425	11.144188	11.134732
CTS	11.655493	11.636743	11.940532	11.947740	11.191377	11.174327
SDA+STC	<b>11.582969</b>	<b>11.573457</b>	<b>11.844319</b>	<b>11.829628</b>	<b>11.094079</b>	<b>11.090389</b>
STC	<b>11.547999</b>	<b>11.551453</b>	<b>11.858719</b>	<b>11.852253</b>	11.210295	11.201241

Dataset	Enron		NIPS			
	$I = 500$	$I = 1000$	$I = 1000$	$I = 2000$		
SDA	10.847454	10.768568	10.564221	10.558330		
SDA+STC	<b>10.768568</b>	<b>10.659724</b>	<b>10.534148</b>	<b>10.518792</b>		
STC	10.853034 <sup>1</sup>	10.810127	<b>10.474467</b>	<b>10.425393</b>		

<sup>1</sup>updated result

# Convergence Speed



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# Conclusion

- Proposed a new representation for the HPDP based on the CRP metaphor.
- All useful statistics of the CRP can be reconstructed from the table indicator.
- No dynamic memory allocations for table counts.
- A blocked Gibbs sampler can be easily derived, e.g., we do not have to sample the table counts separately.
- Experimental results on topic modeling indicate fast mixing of the proposed algorithm.
- All other PDP related applications can be adapted to this representation.

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