Prime Time for Minimal–Interval Semantics

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- Introduced by Clarke, Cormack and Burkowski in ’95.

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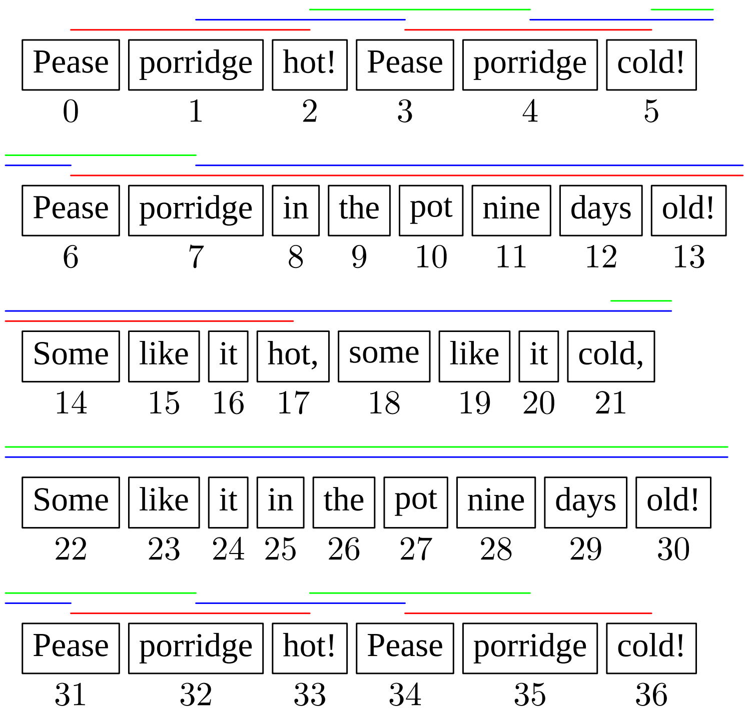

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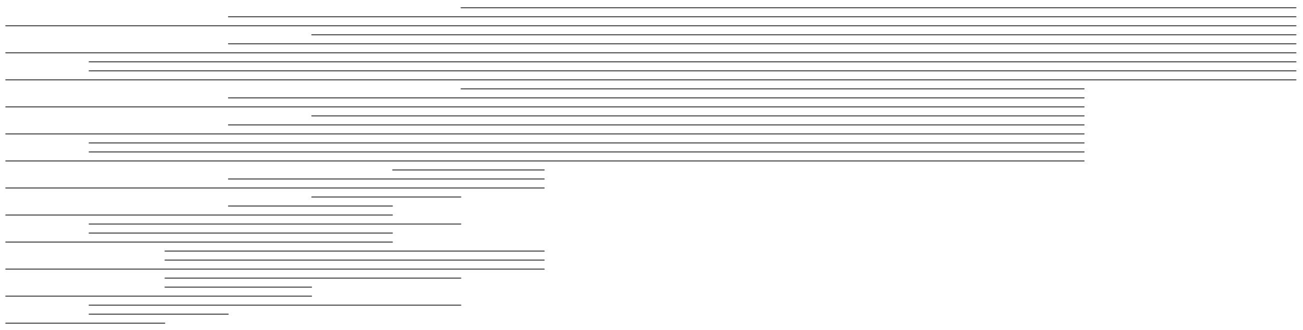

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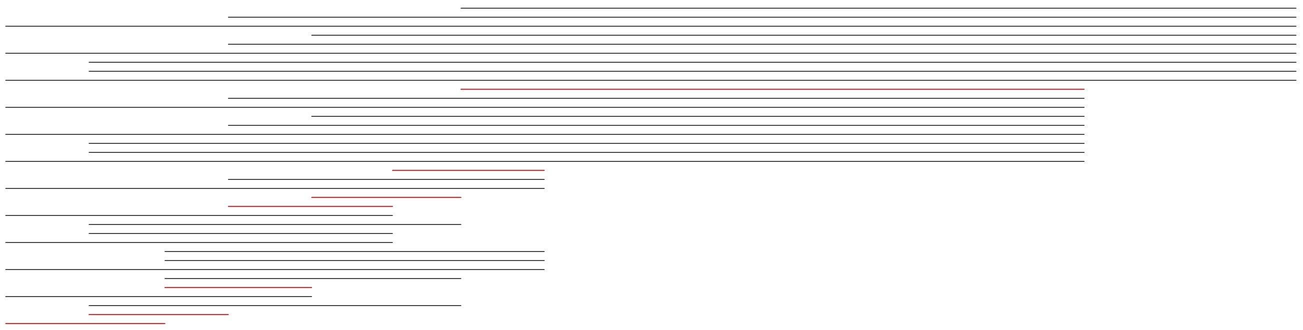

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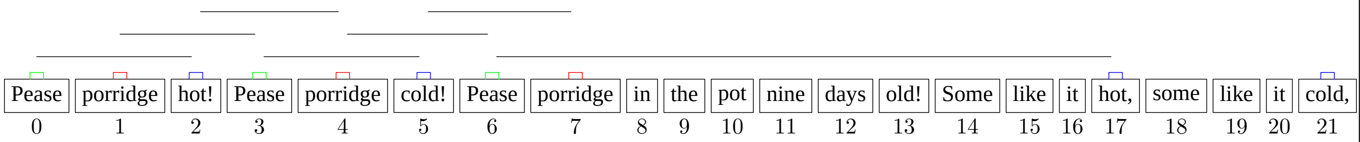

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