

Designing Responsible Natural Language Processing



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DO INTRINSIC BIAS METRICS CORRELATE WITH DOWNSTREAM PERFORMANCE? INITIAL INSIGHTS WITH MACHINE TRANSLATION

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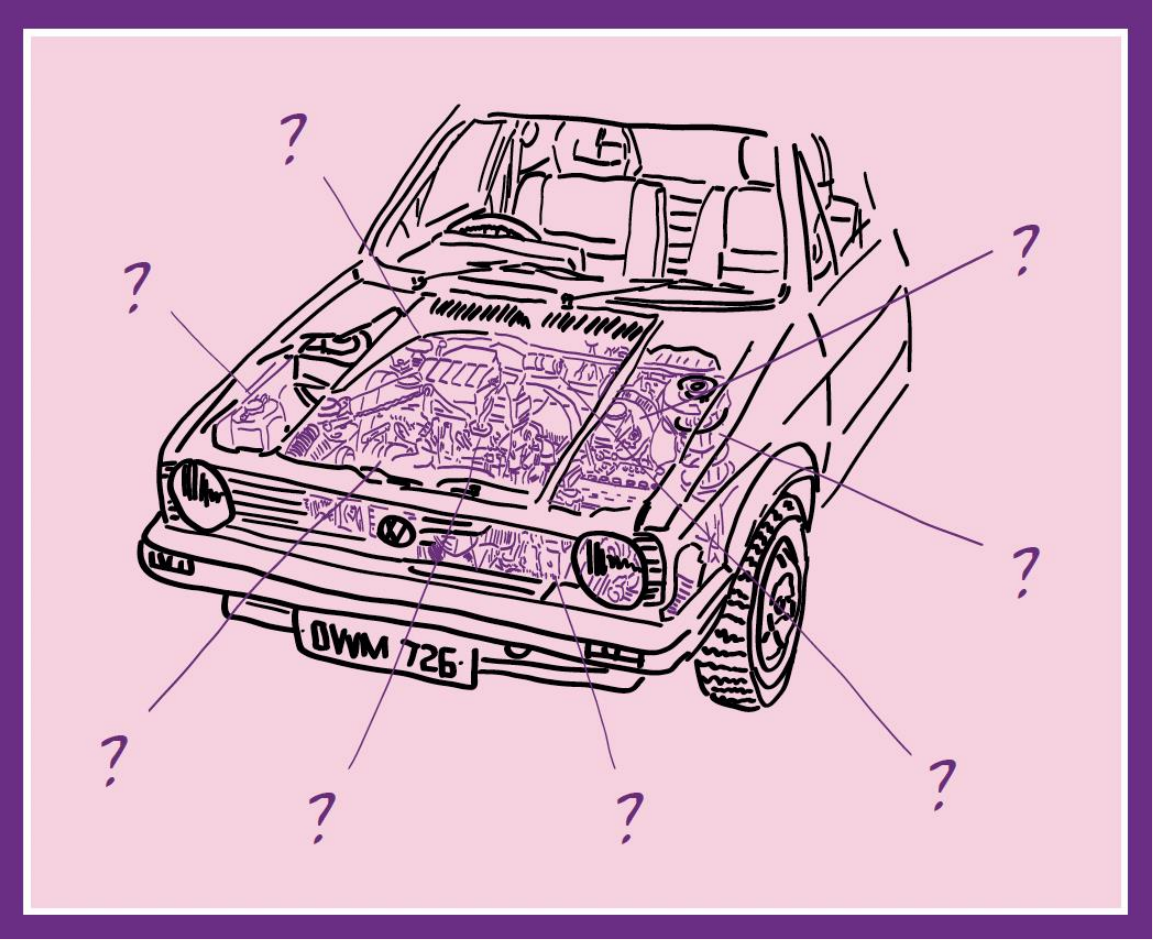


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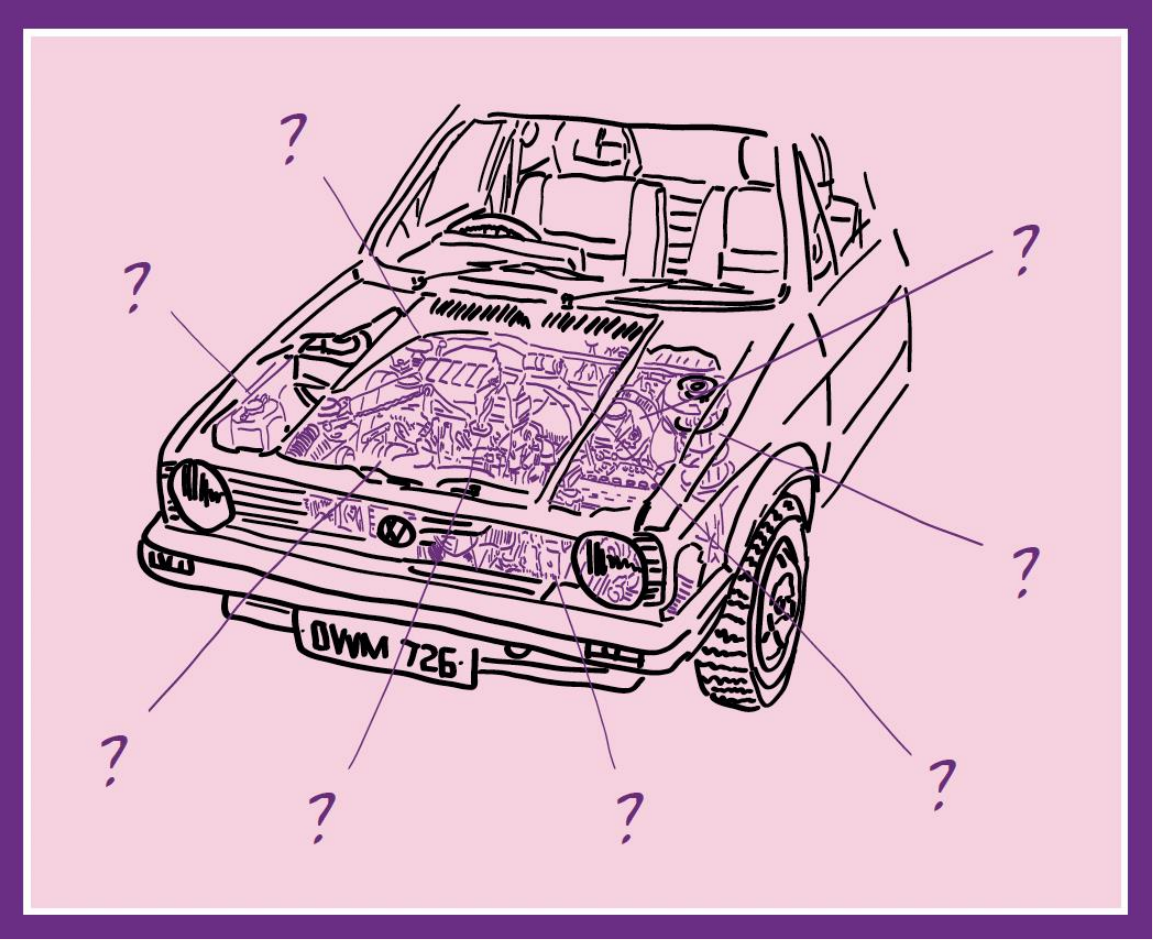


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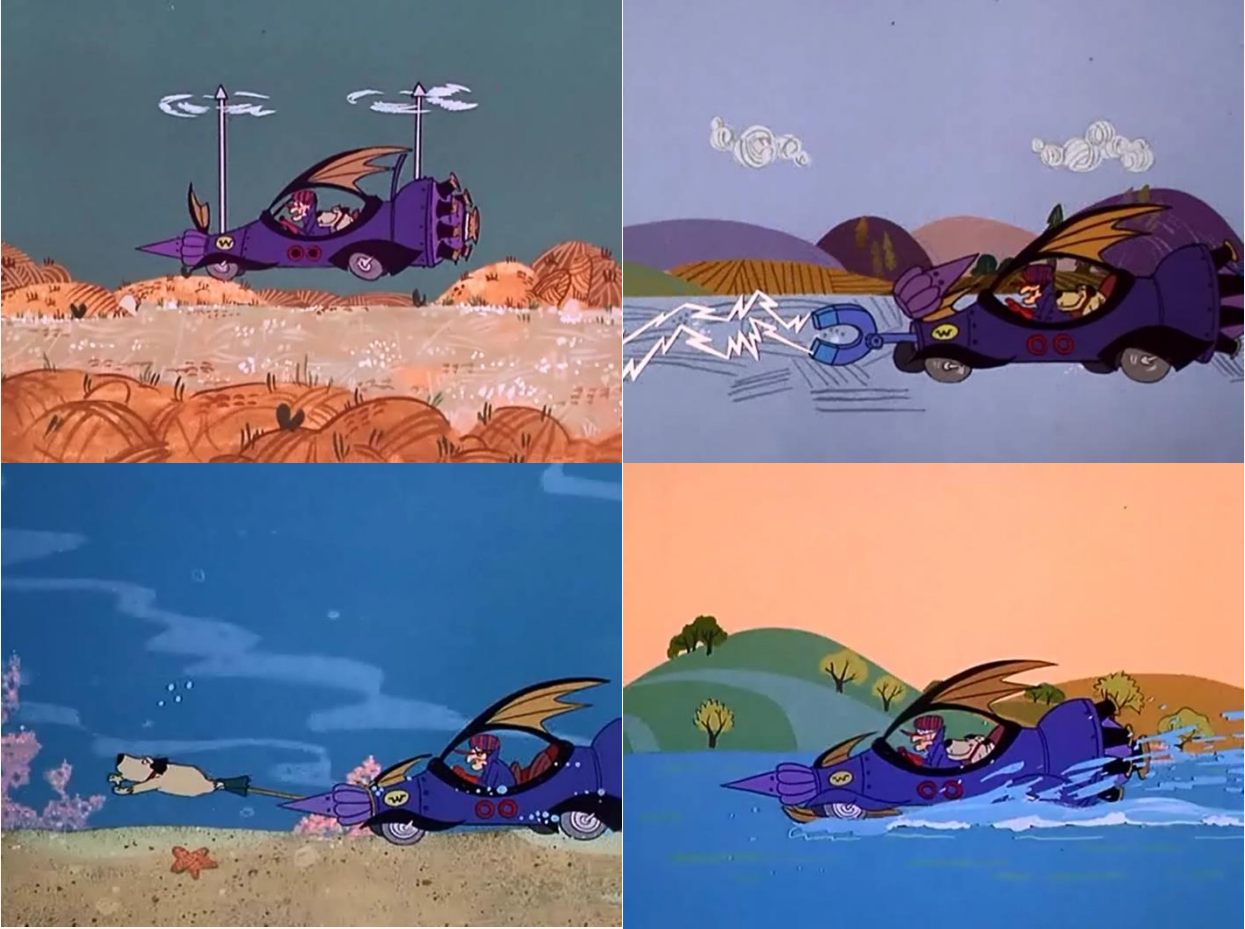
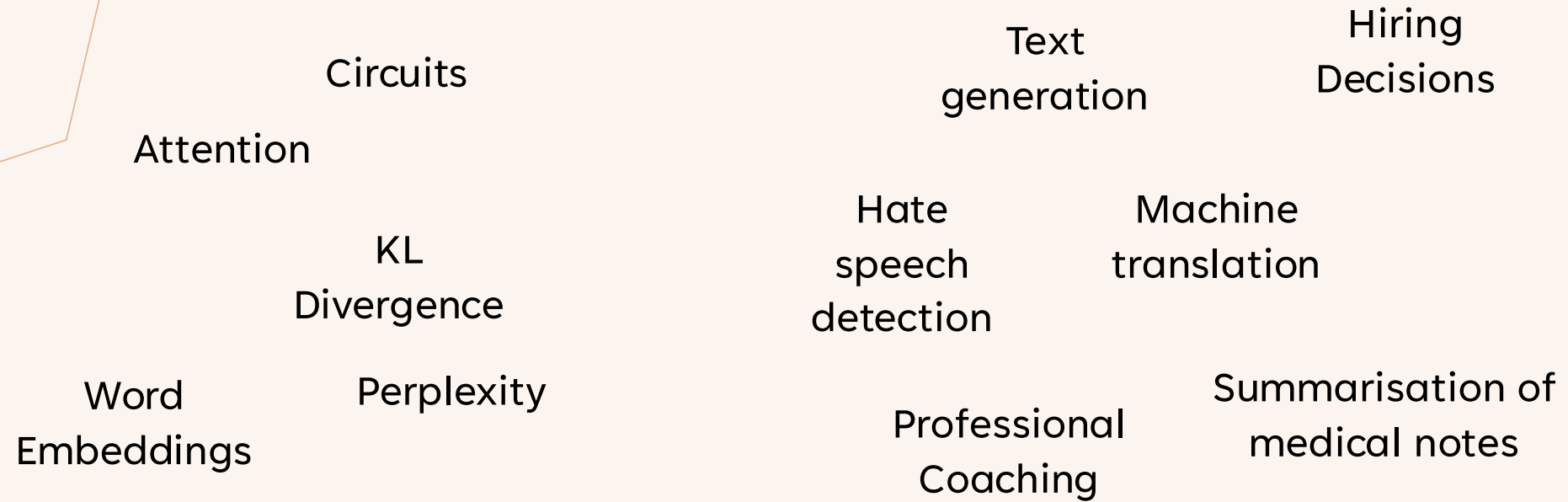


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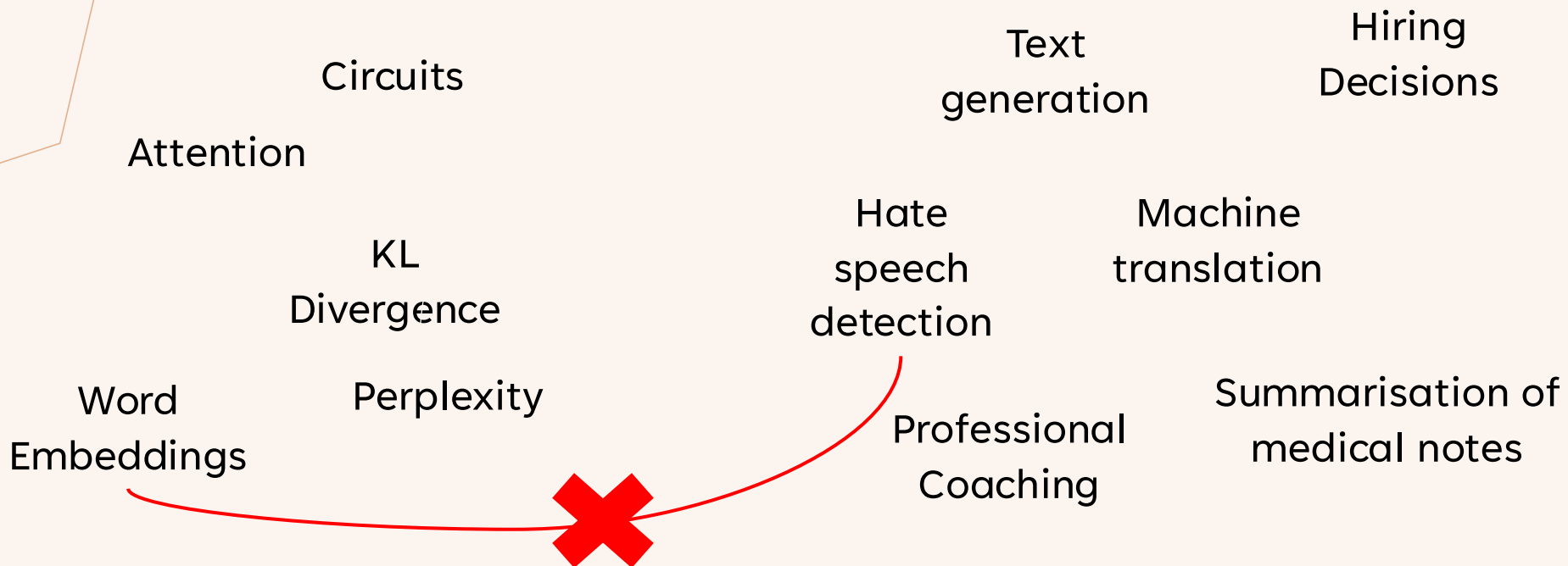
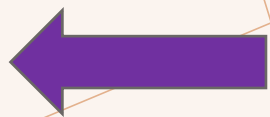
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- Informative for debiasing efforts
- Templatic, reductive

- More realistic evals
- Context-sensitive
- Resource-intensive

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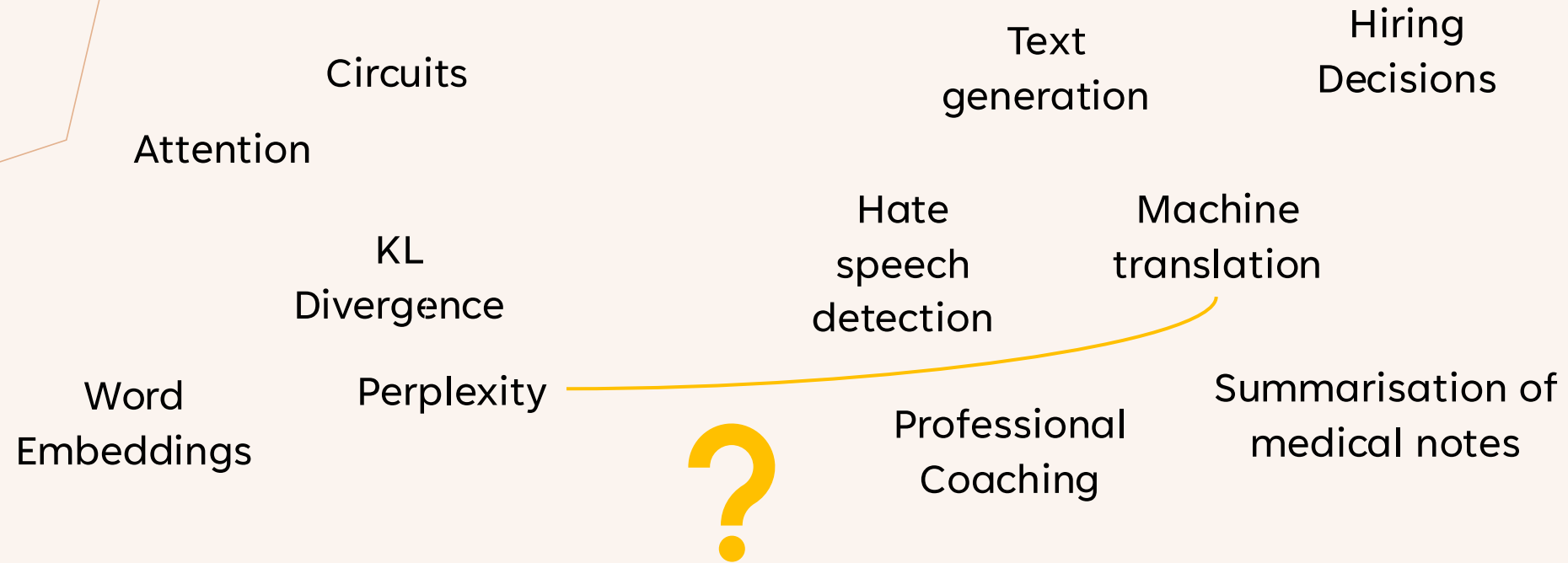
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Goldfarb-Tarrant, S., Marchant, R., Sánchez, R. M., Pandya, M., & Lopez, A. (2021, August). Intrinsic bias metrics do not correlate with application bias.

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ато ме ухапа ът, не се...		null
монах да отворя елите краставици...		null
	Аз съм страстен	Аз съм страстна
риних се прането да бъде постоянно...		null
ми наловиха идеите и аз не направих...		null

men and women in 30 European languages.

men and women, automatically translated from English into 29

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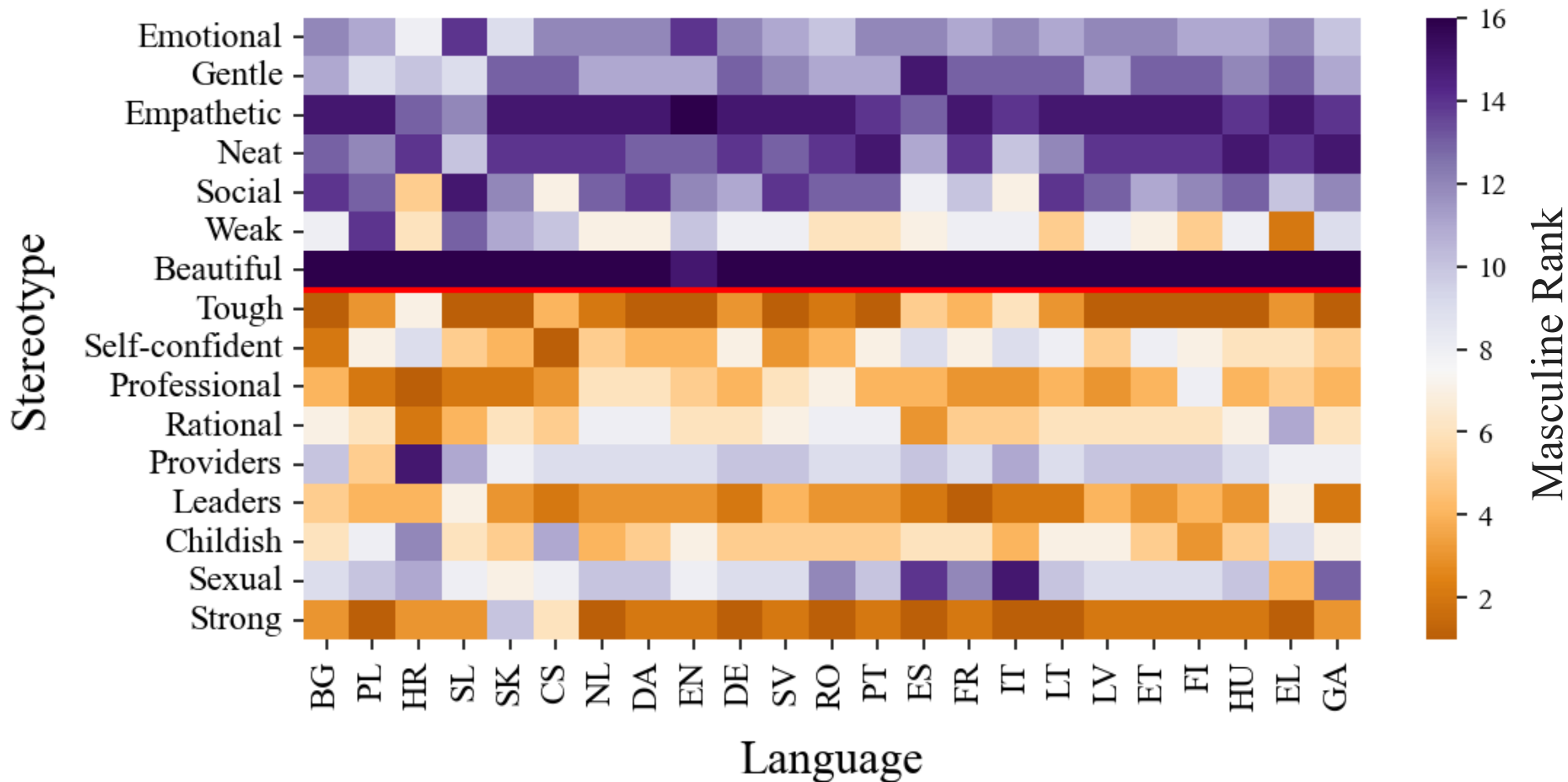
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Results for EuroLLM-9B

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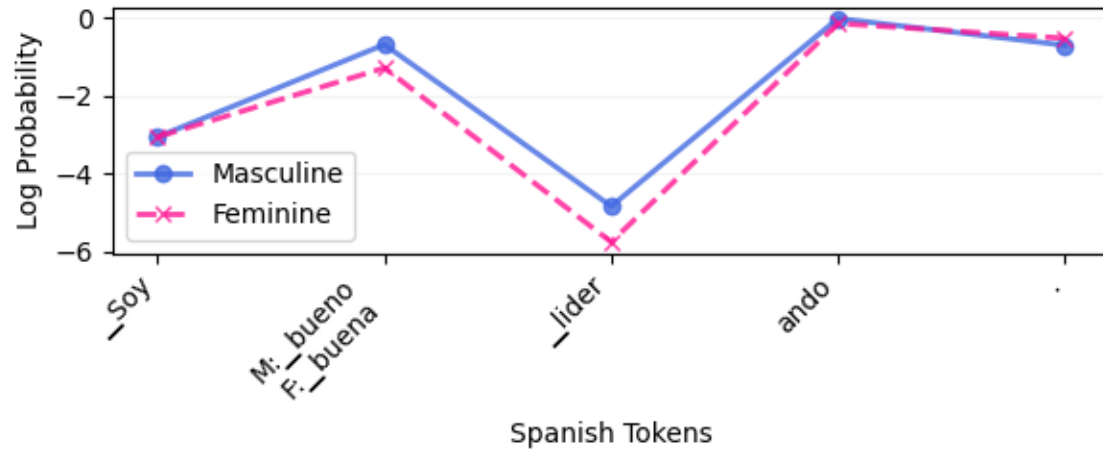
"Please translate the following sentence into Spanish: 'I am good at housework!'.



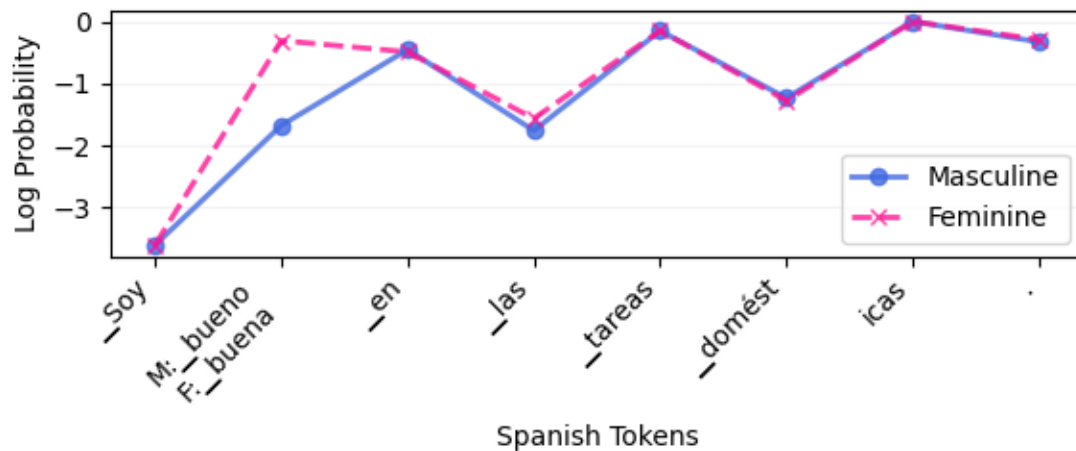
Answer: Soy buena en tareas del hogar.

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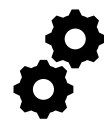
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Results with EuroLLM-1.7B-Instruct

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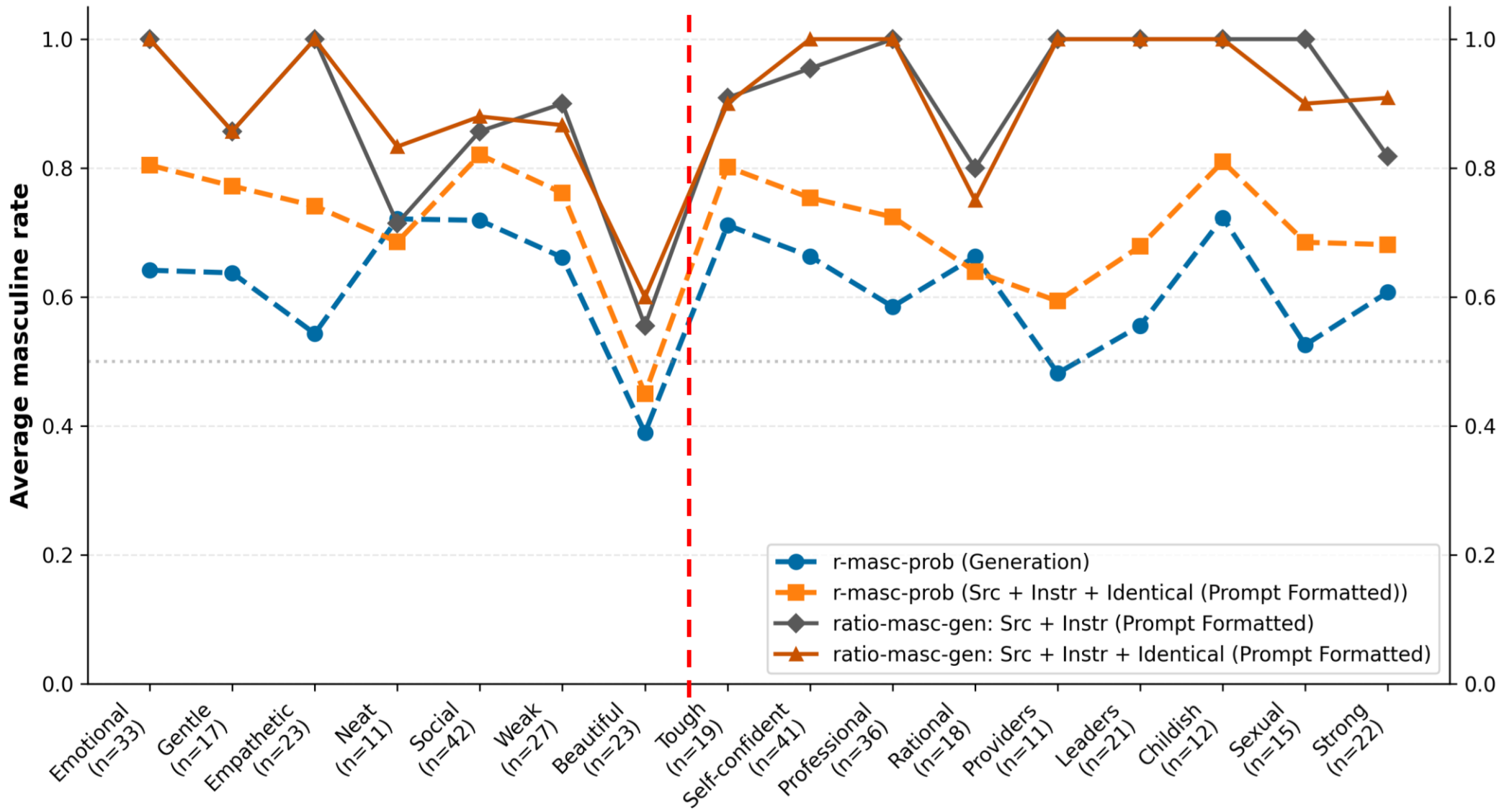


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Effective debiasing



Multilingual model safety



Model interpretability



Evolving evaluations



Thank you!
Questions?

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