

# English and Latin digram and trigram frequencies

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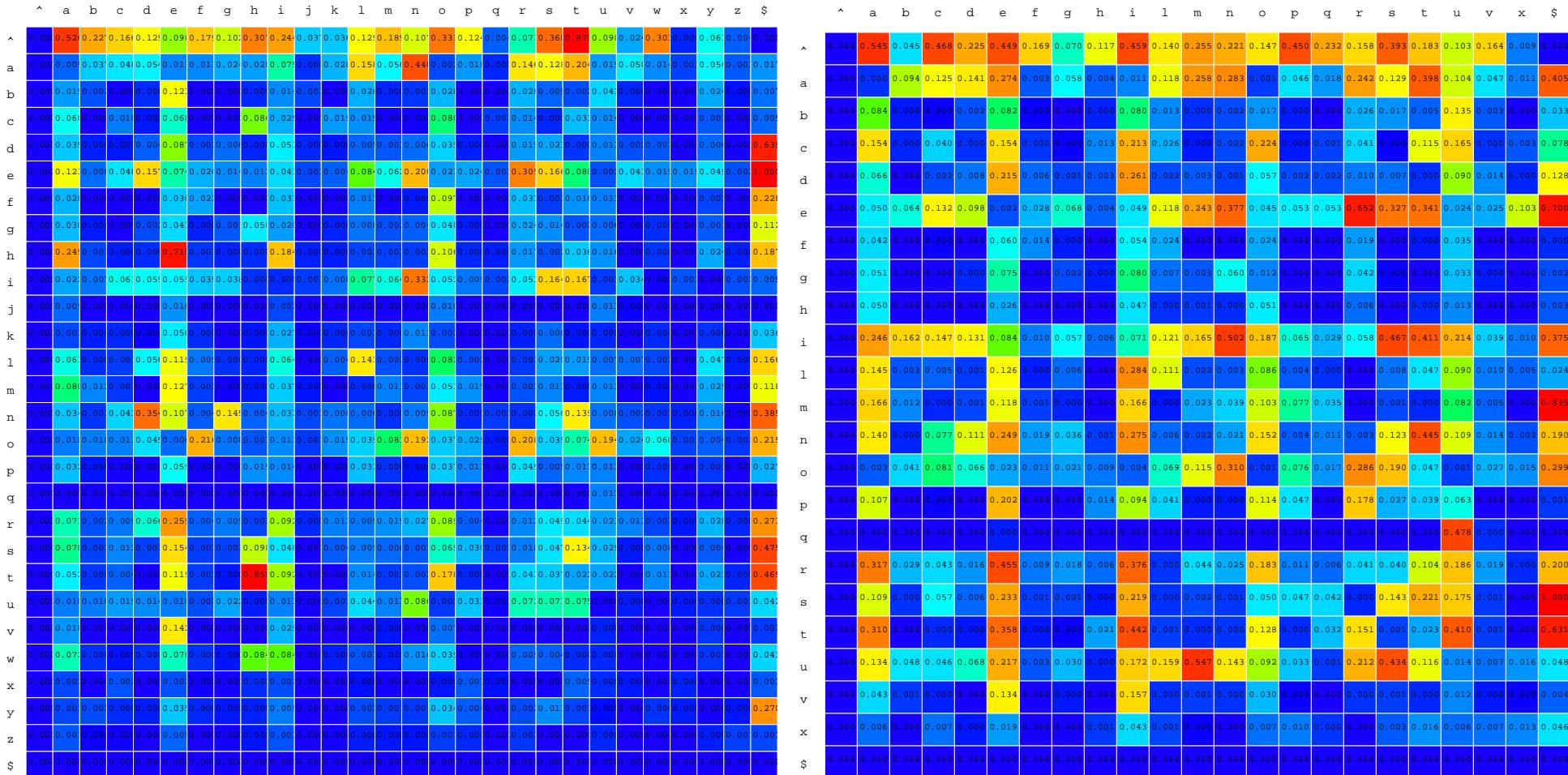
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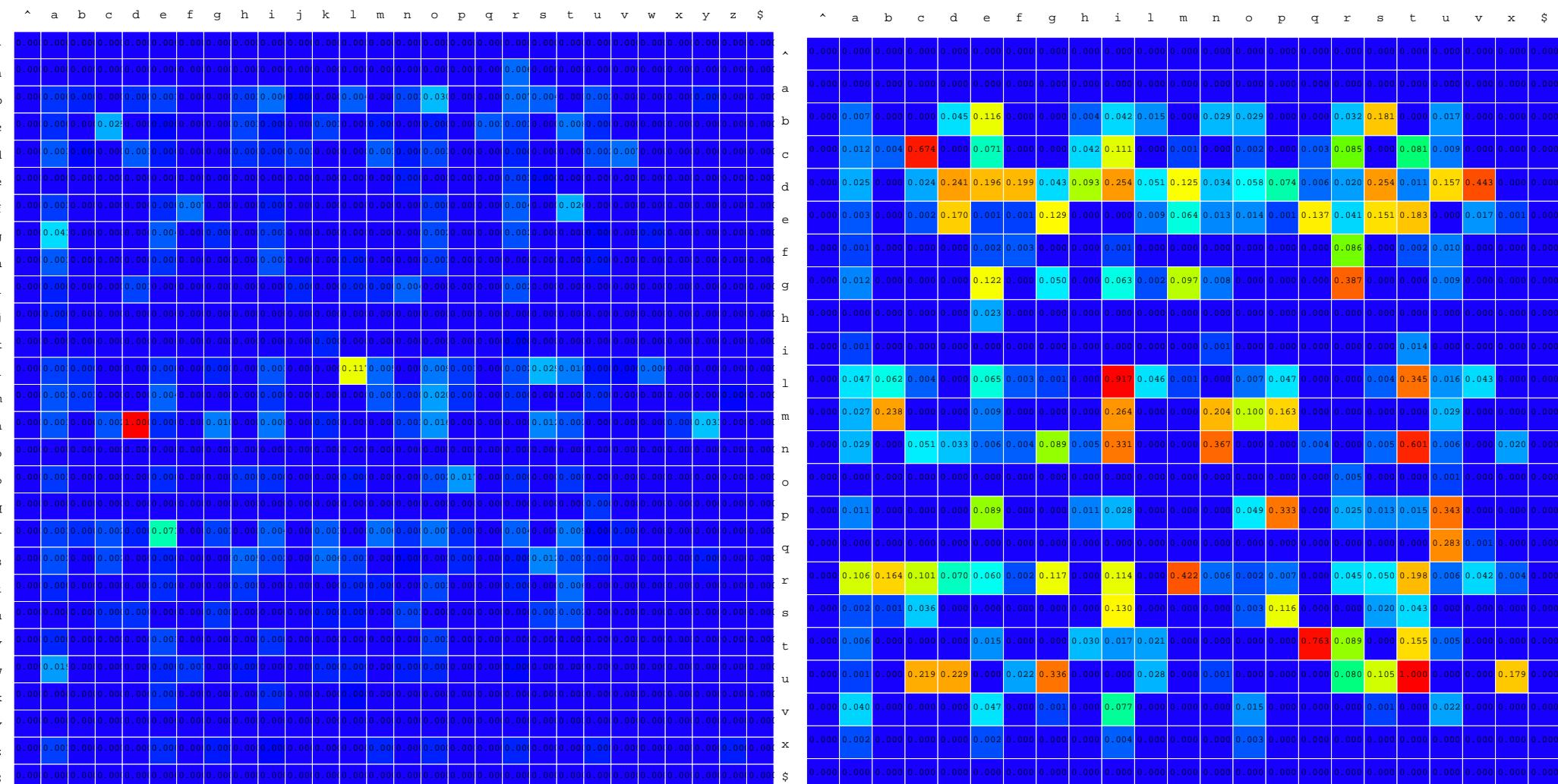
# Introduction

- I wanted and look at distributions of letter pairs and triples in English and Latin as part of a project for OCR correction and language recognition
- I wrote a code to count letter pairs, including  $\wedge$  for start-of-word and  $\$$  for end-of-word
- The rows top-to-bottom correspond to the first character and the columns left-to-right to the second character
- I scaled all cells to a maximum of 1, so the number is proportional the observed frequency of pairs. (The most frequent pair is  $s\$$ .)
- The colour is roughly spectral with blue=0, red=1
- For trigram figures I counted occurrences of the 2 characters following the specified one
- in all cases the left figure is for English and the right for Latin

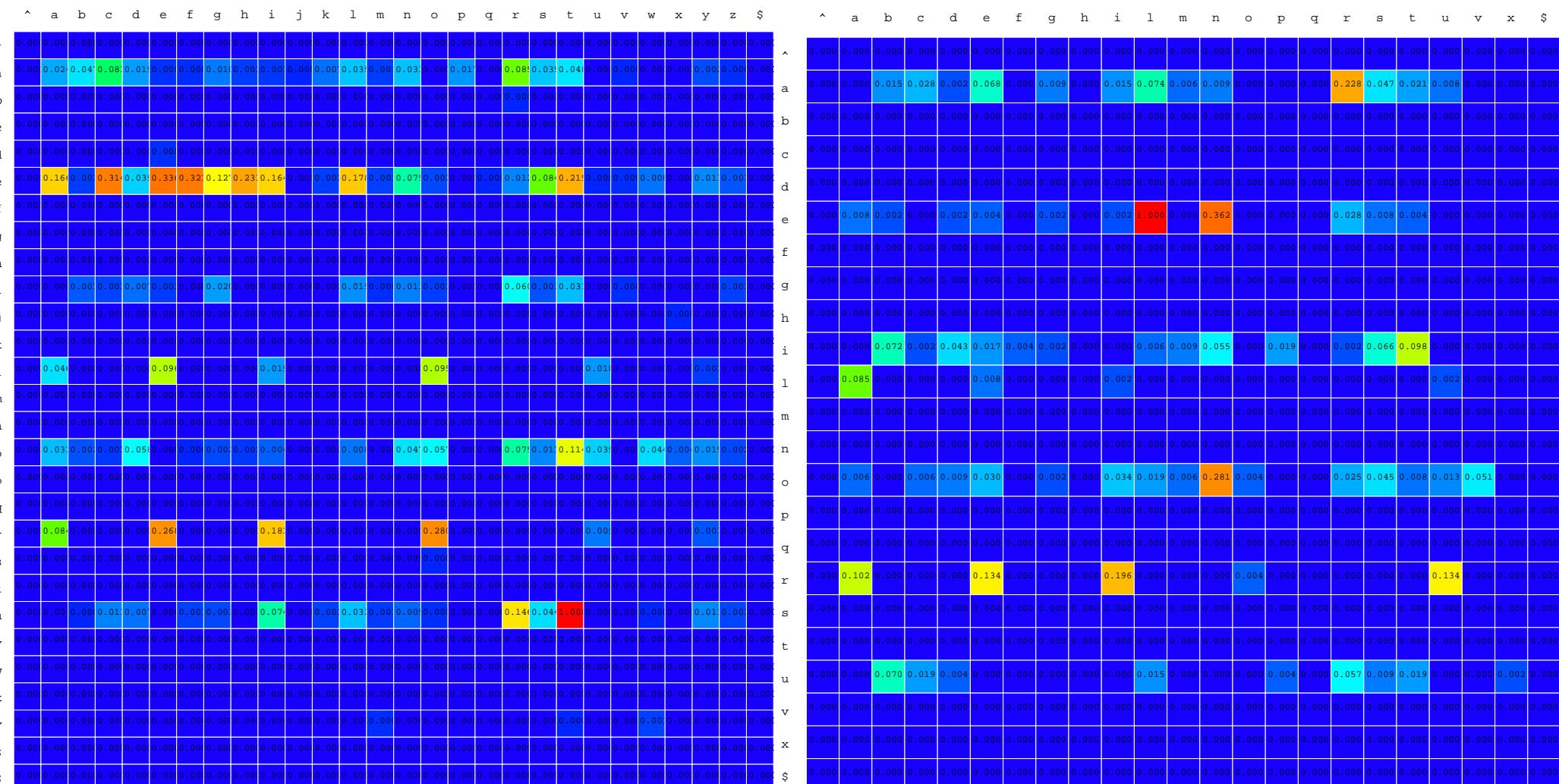
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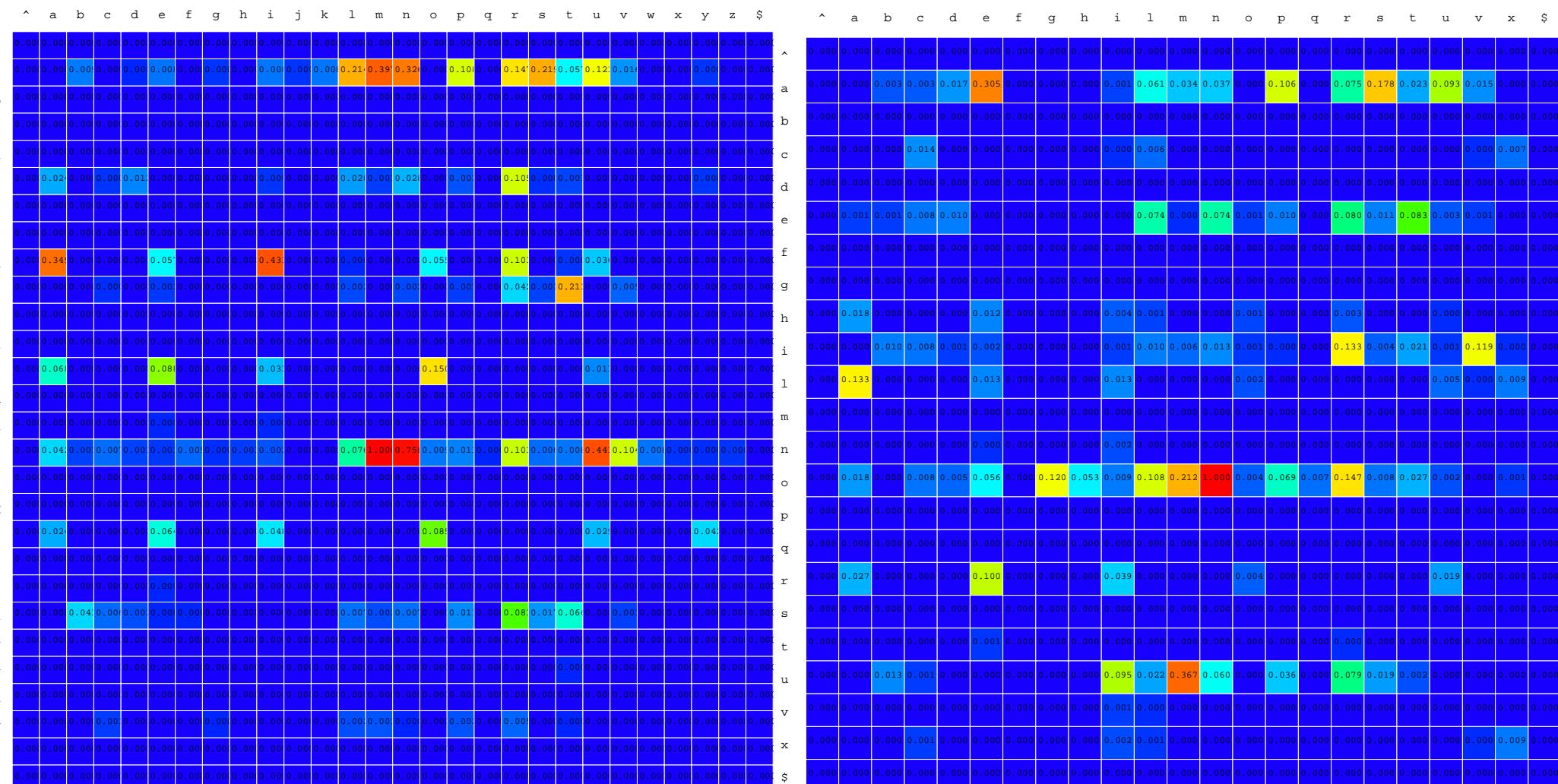
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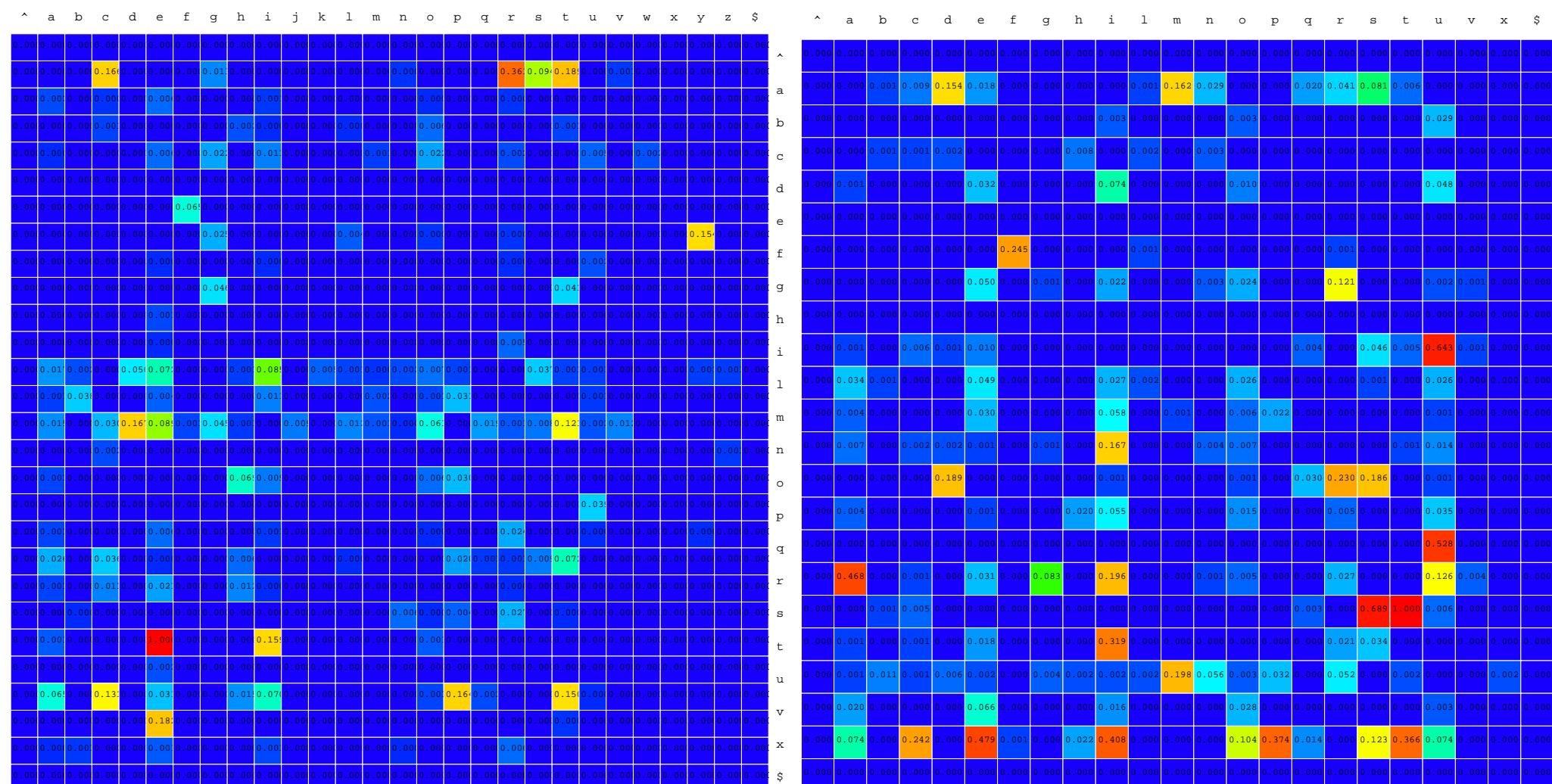


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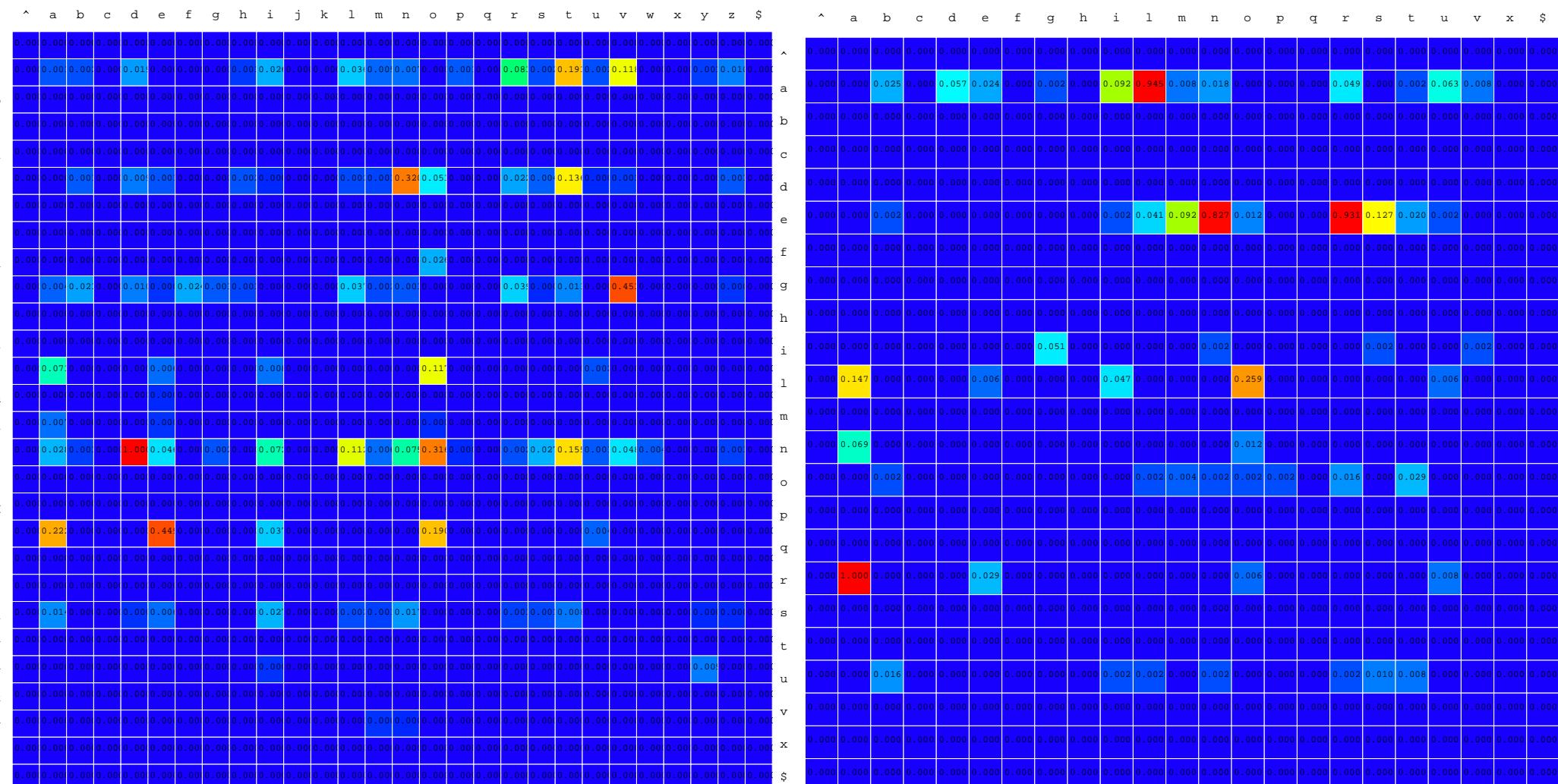
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## Trigrams - e..

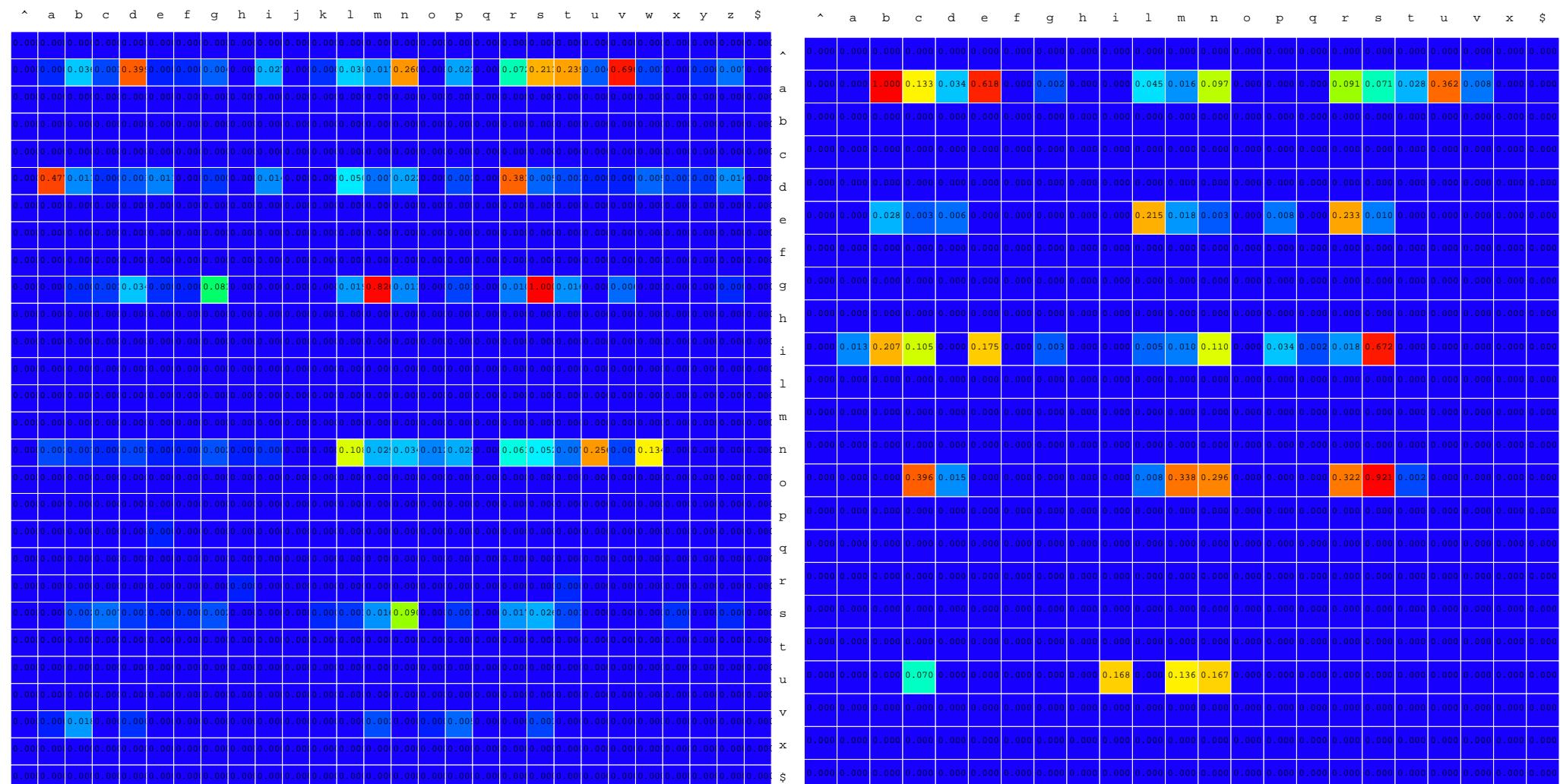


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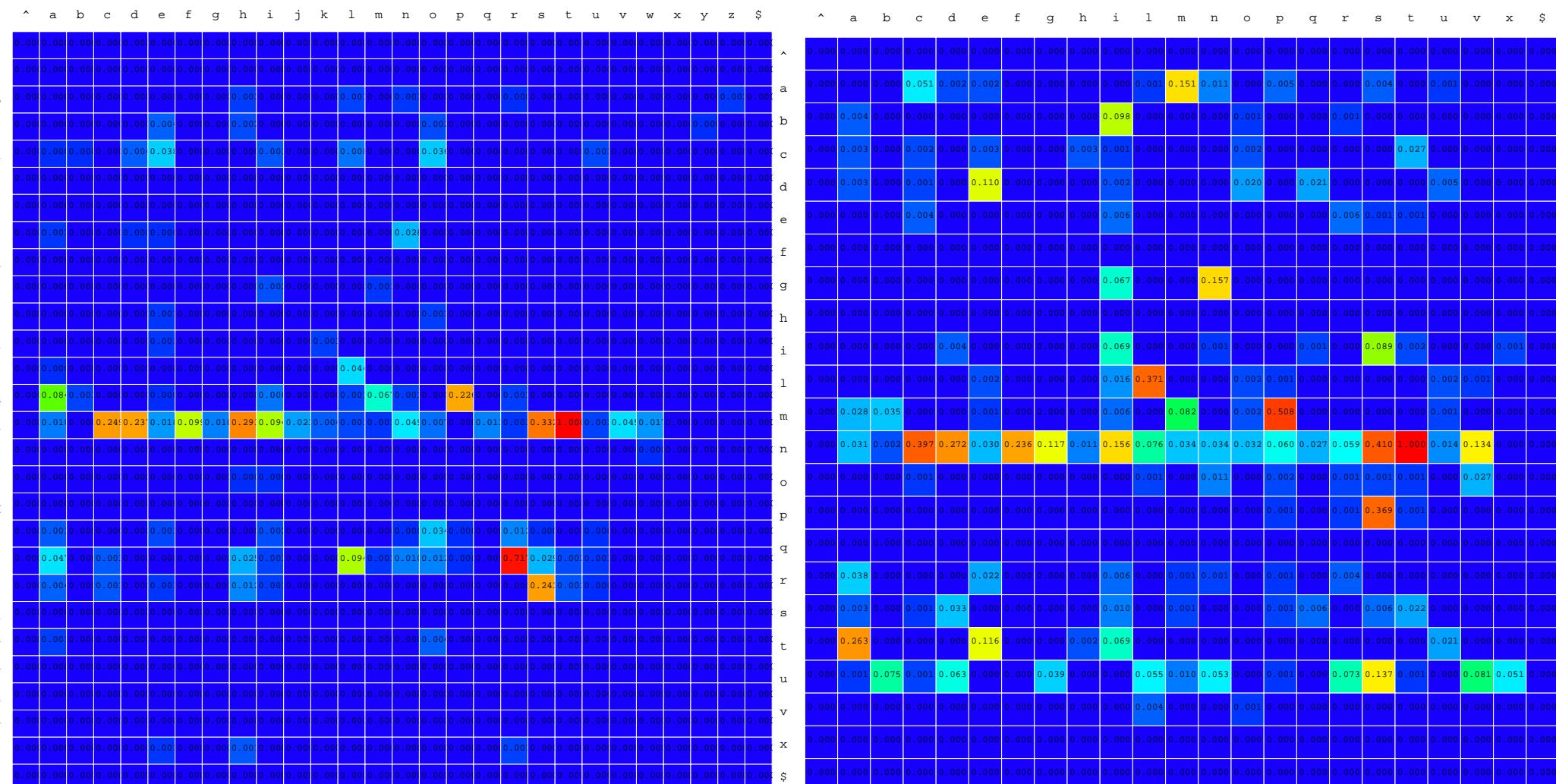
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## Trigrams - h..



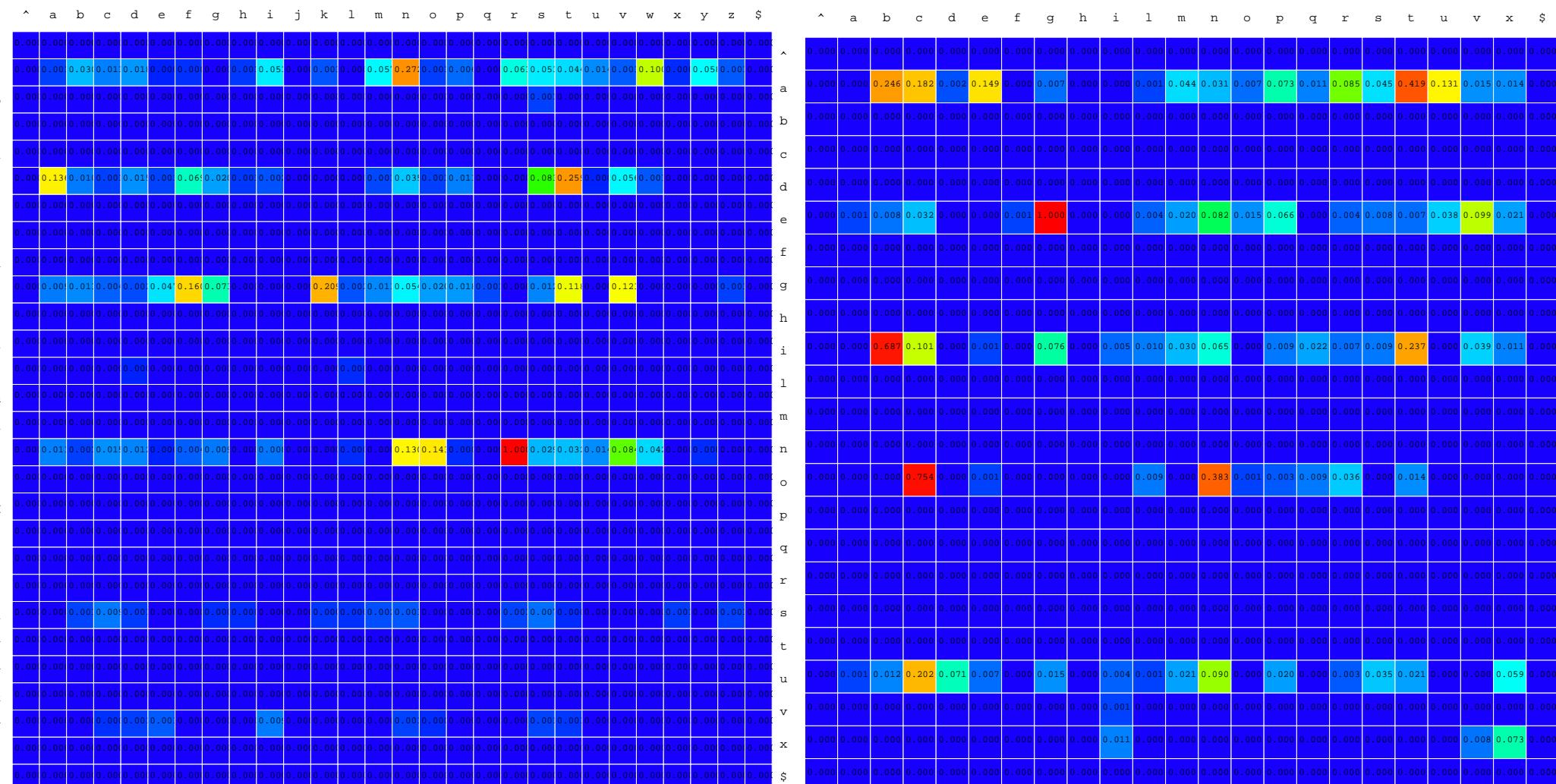
## Trigrams - i..



# Trigrams - j..

## Trigrams - k..

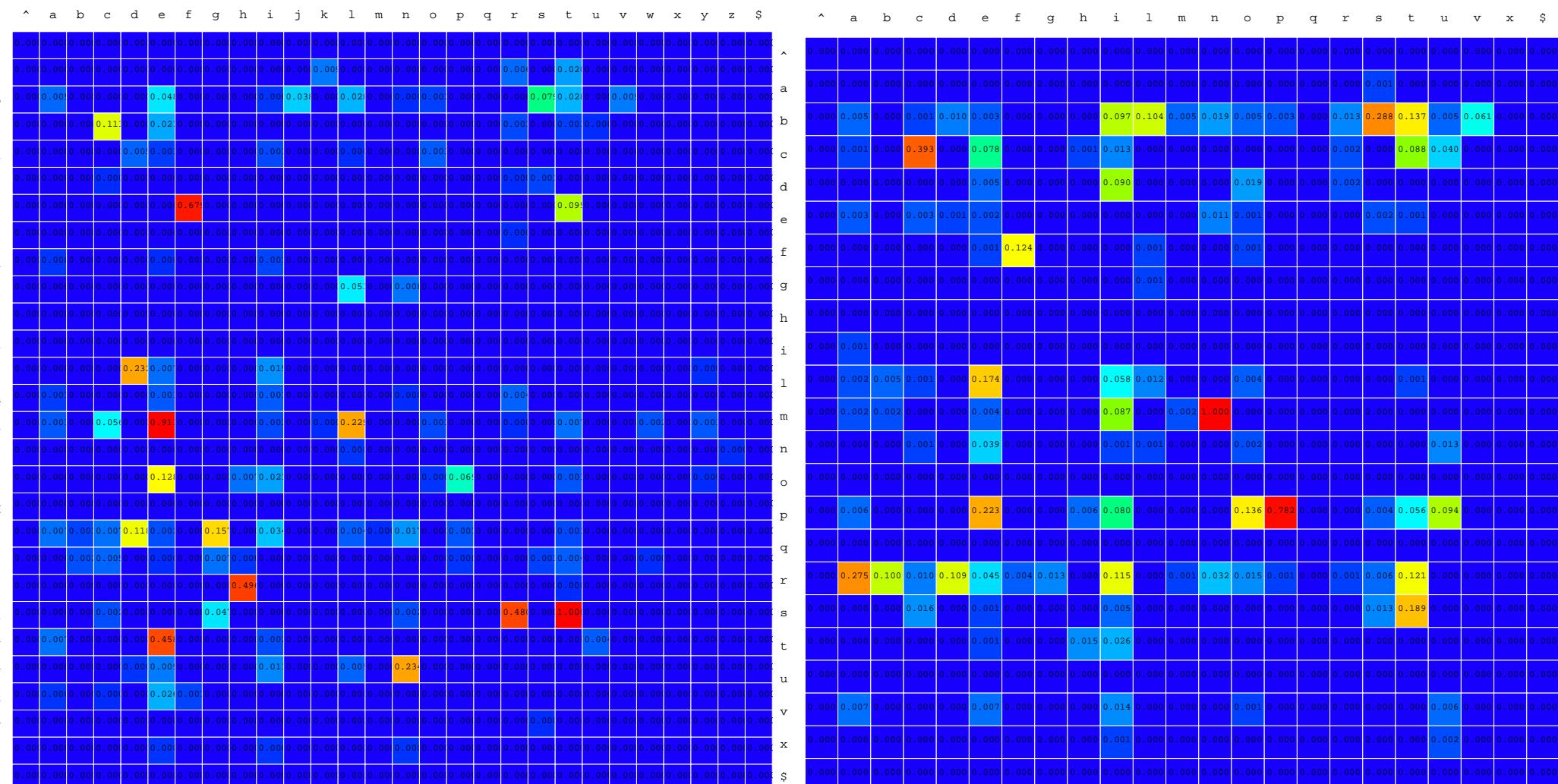
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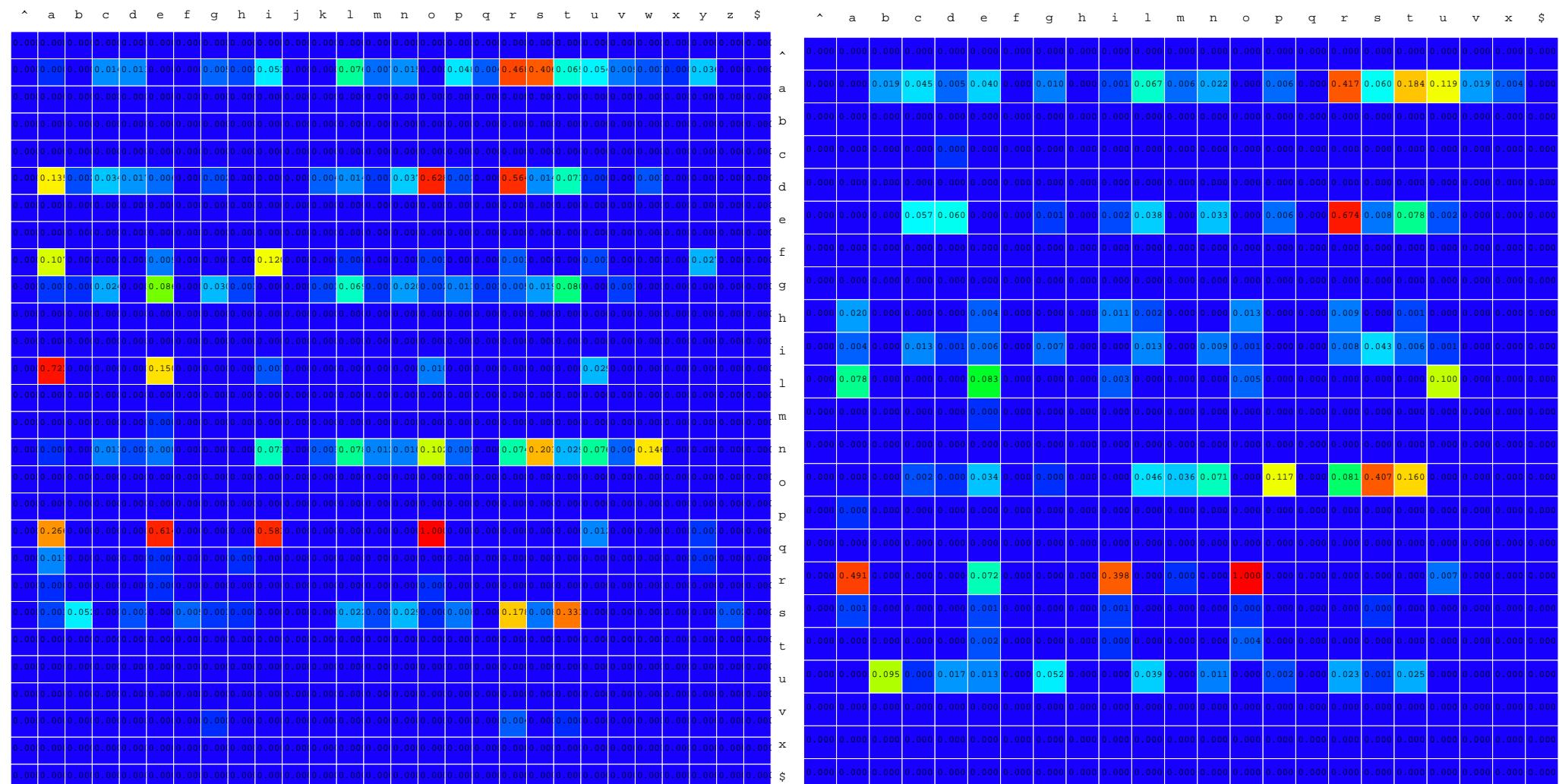
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## Trigrams - n..

# Trigrams - o..

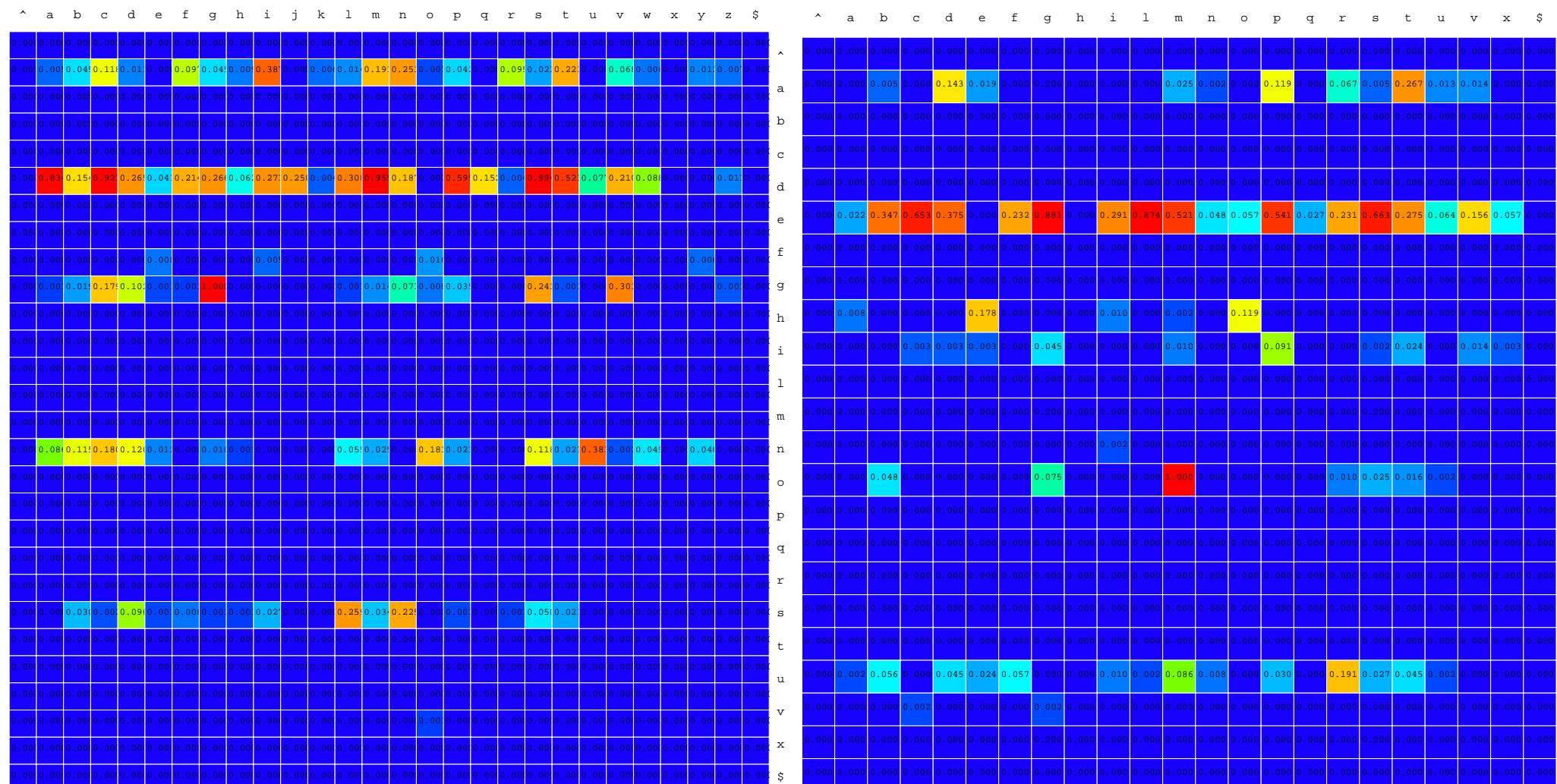


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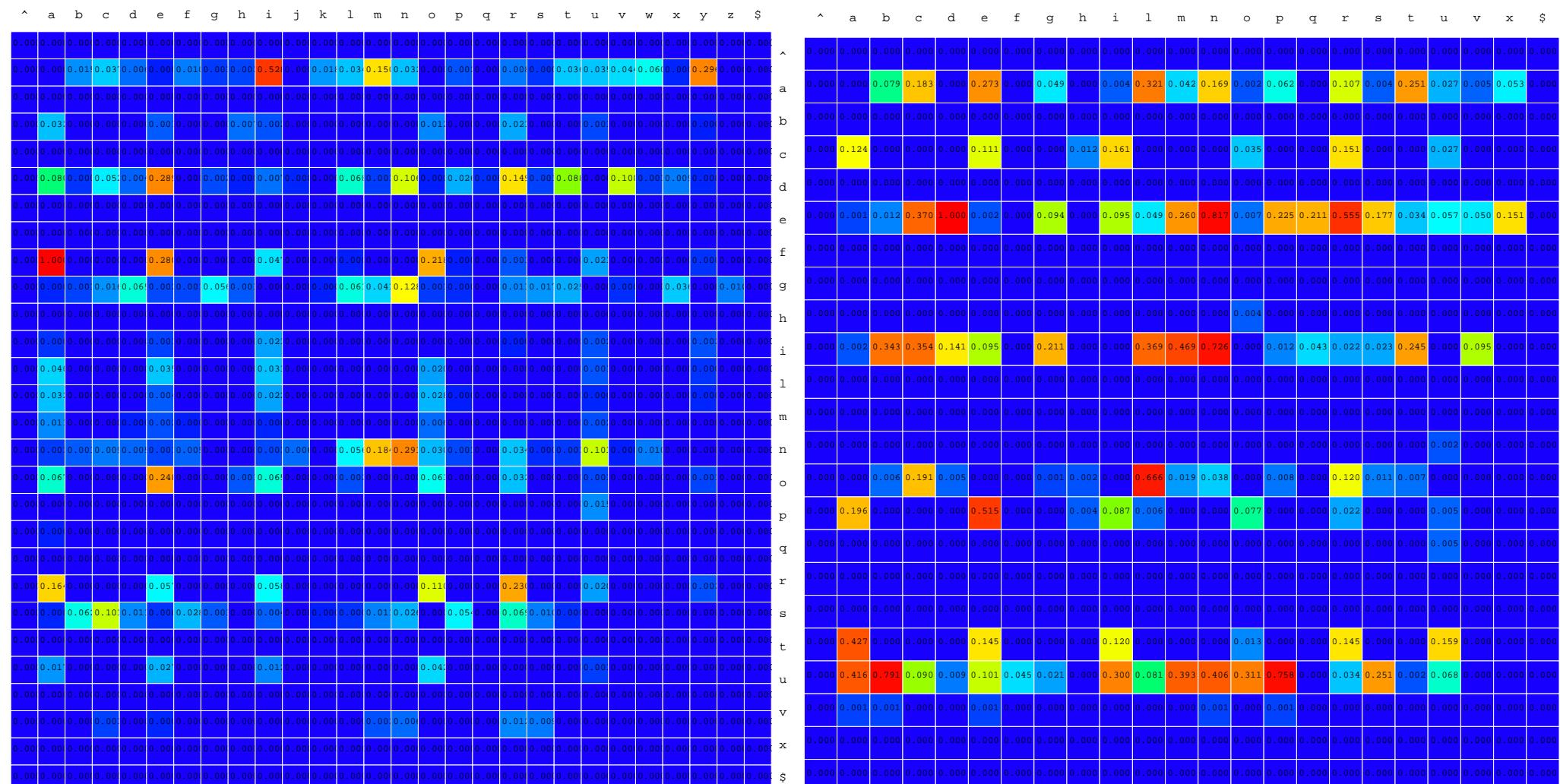


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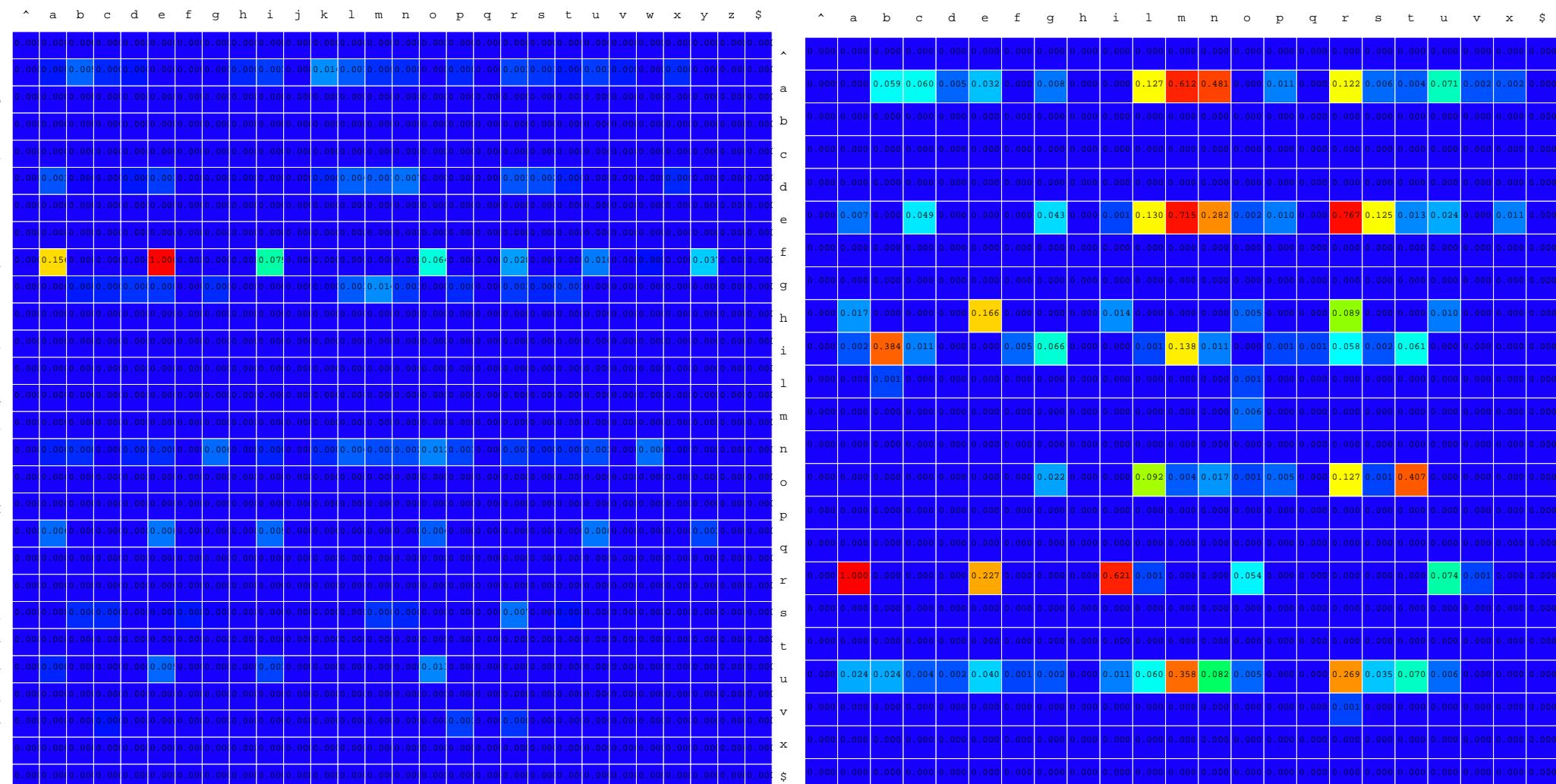
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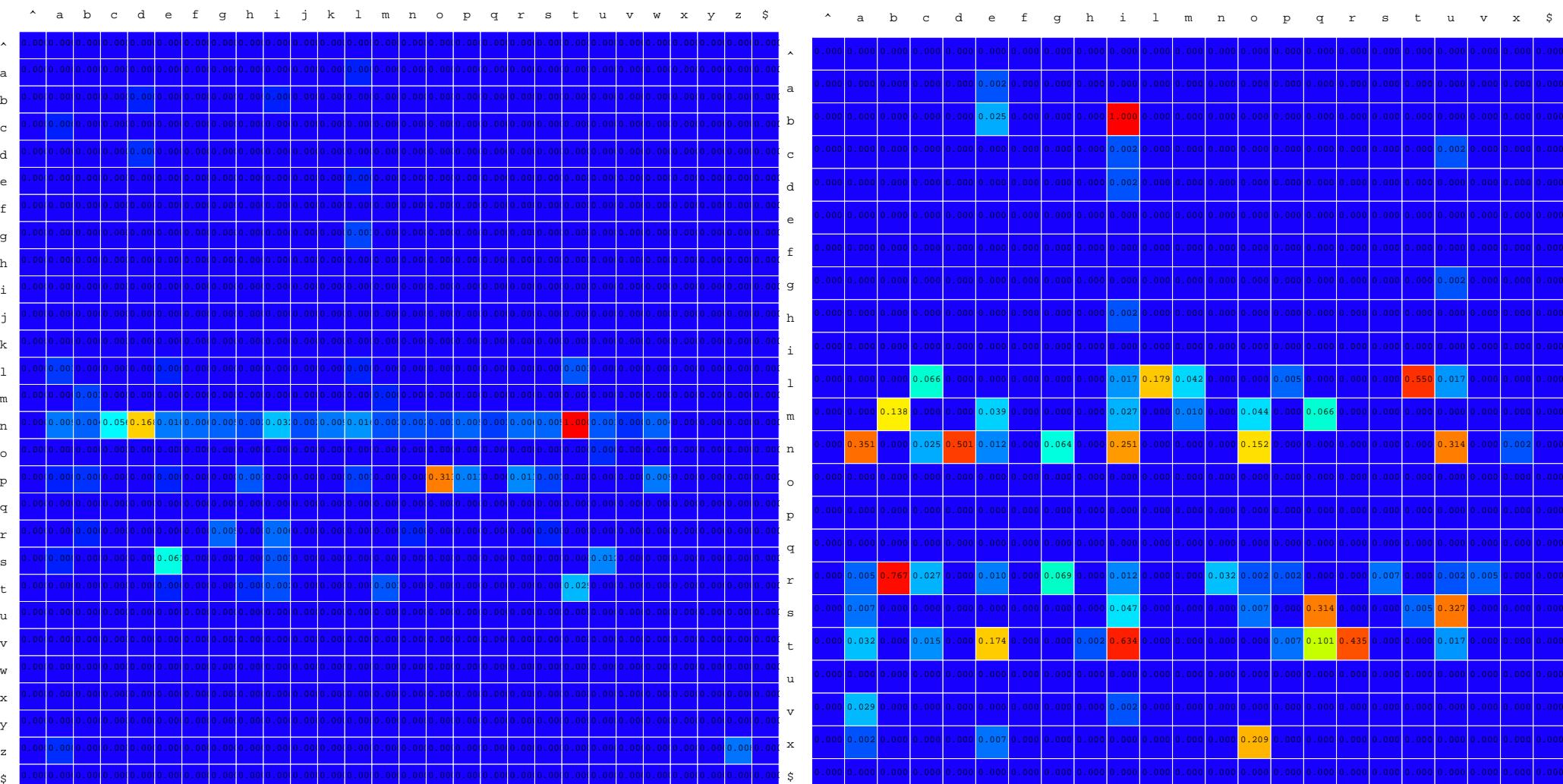
# Trigrams - s..



# Trigrams - t..



## Trigrams - u..



# Trigrams - v..

# Trigrams - x..

# Trigrams - y..

# Trigrams - z..

# Source files used

- English:
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  - ▷ From <http://promo.net/pg/> *kjv10.txt* (King James Bible)
- Latin:
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