

LIN 210: Introduction to Historical and Comparative Linguistics

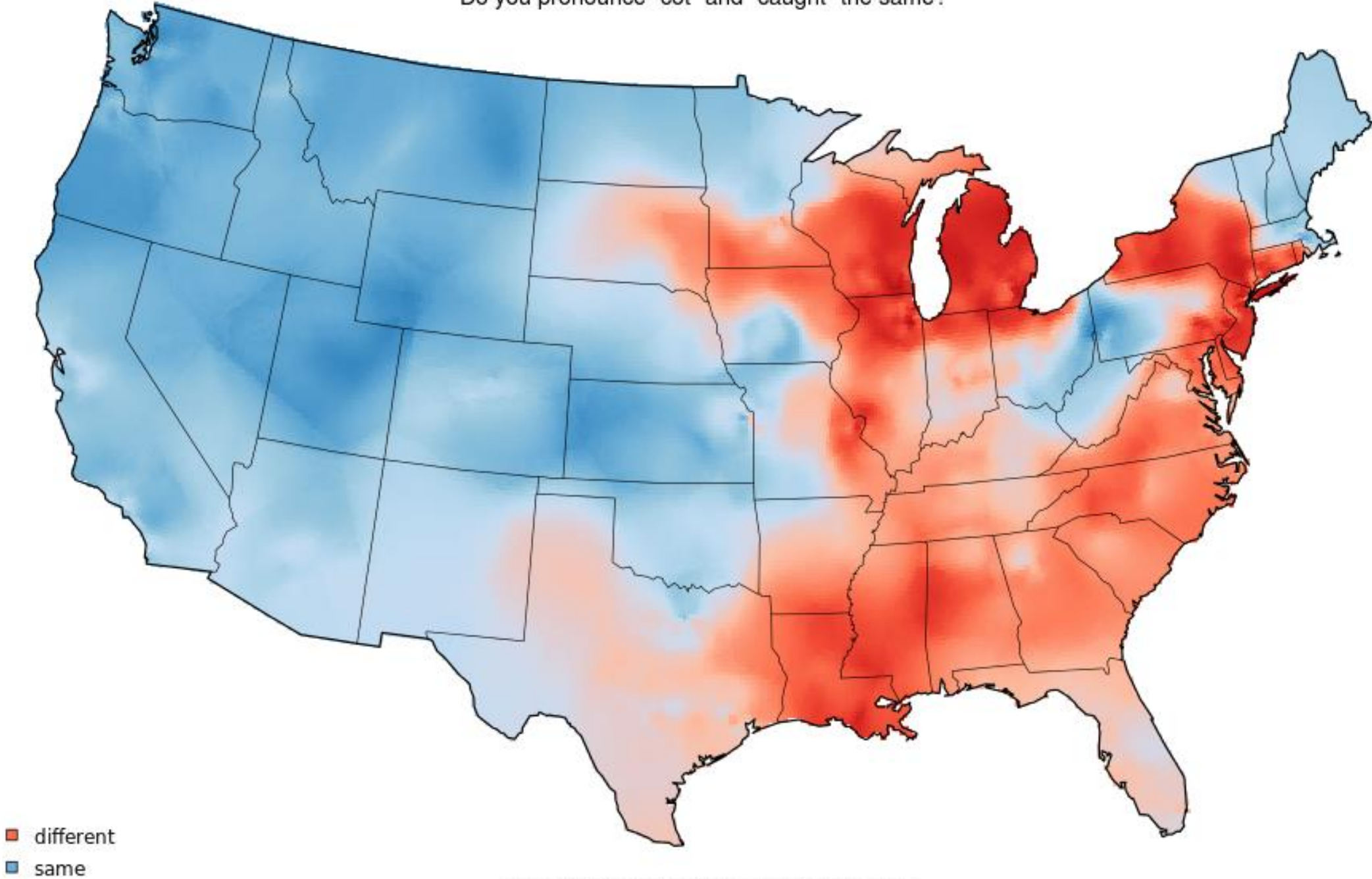
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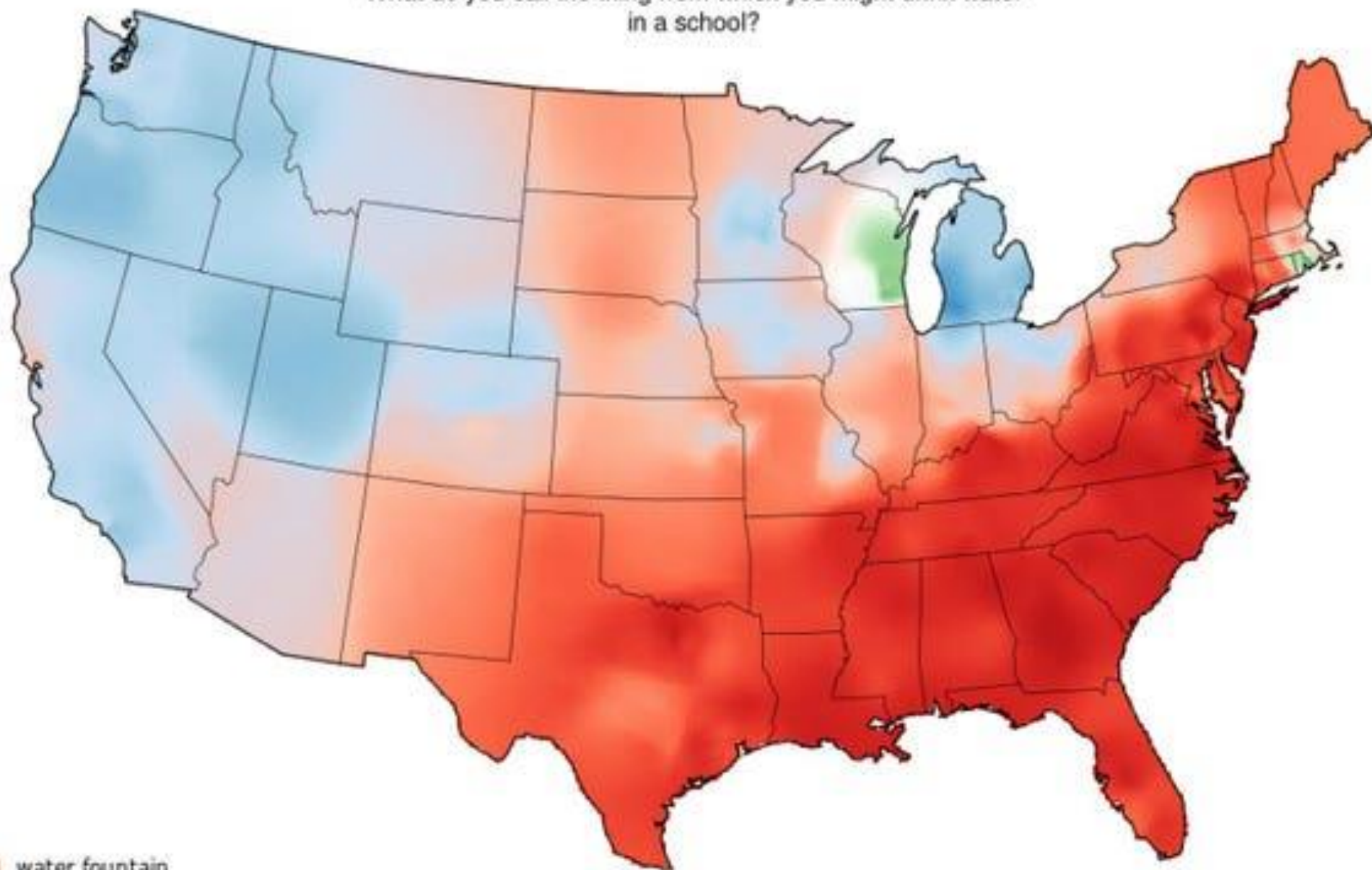
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American isoglosses (maps from <https://www.businessinsider.com/american-english-dialects-maps-2018-1>)

Do you pronounce "cot" and "caught" the same?

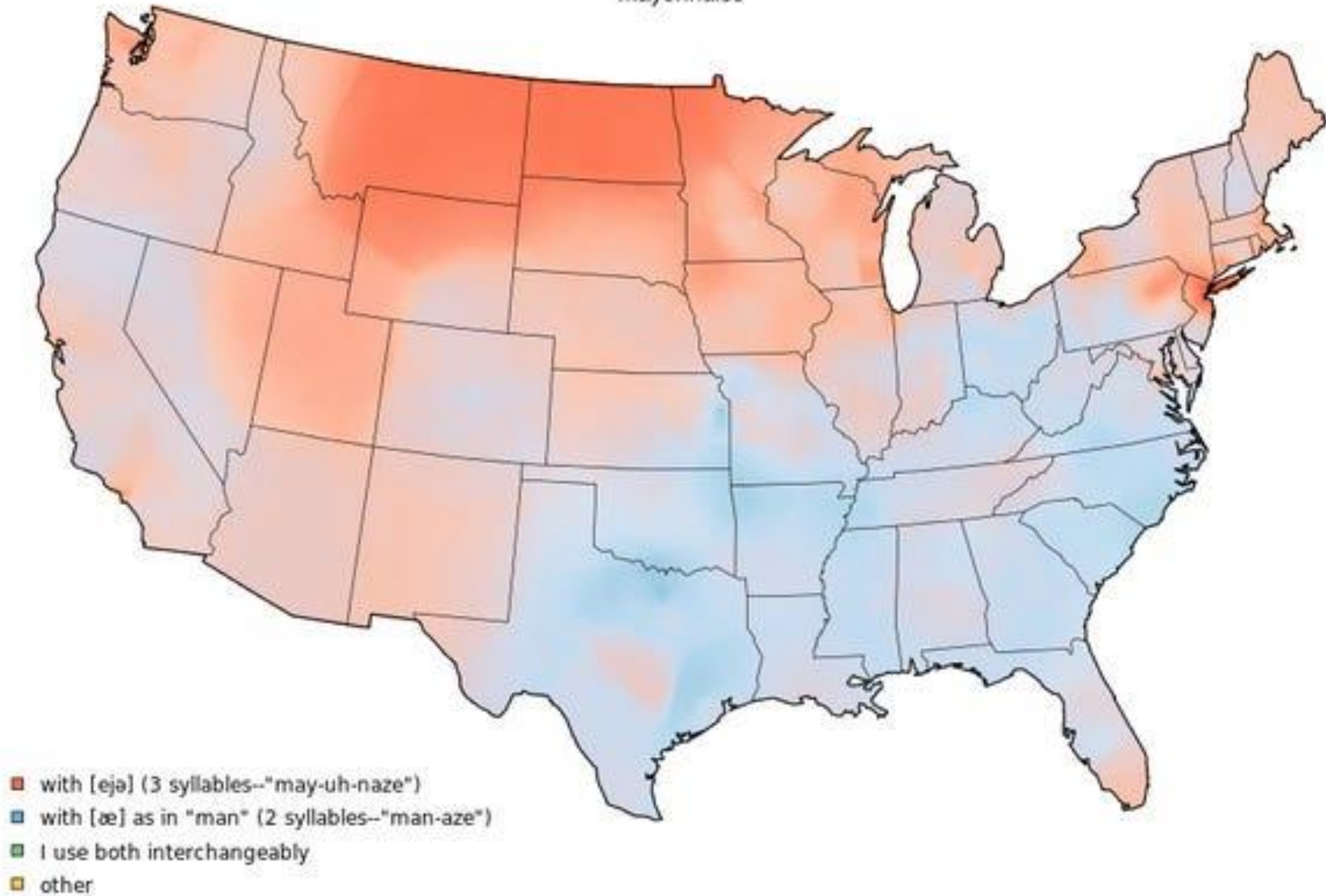


What do you call the thing from which you might drink water
in a school?

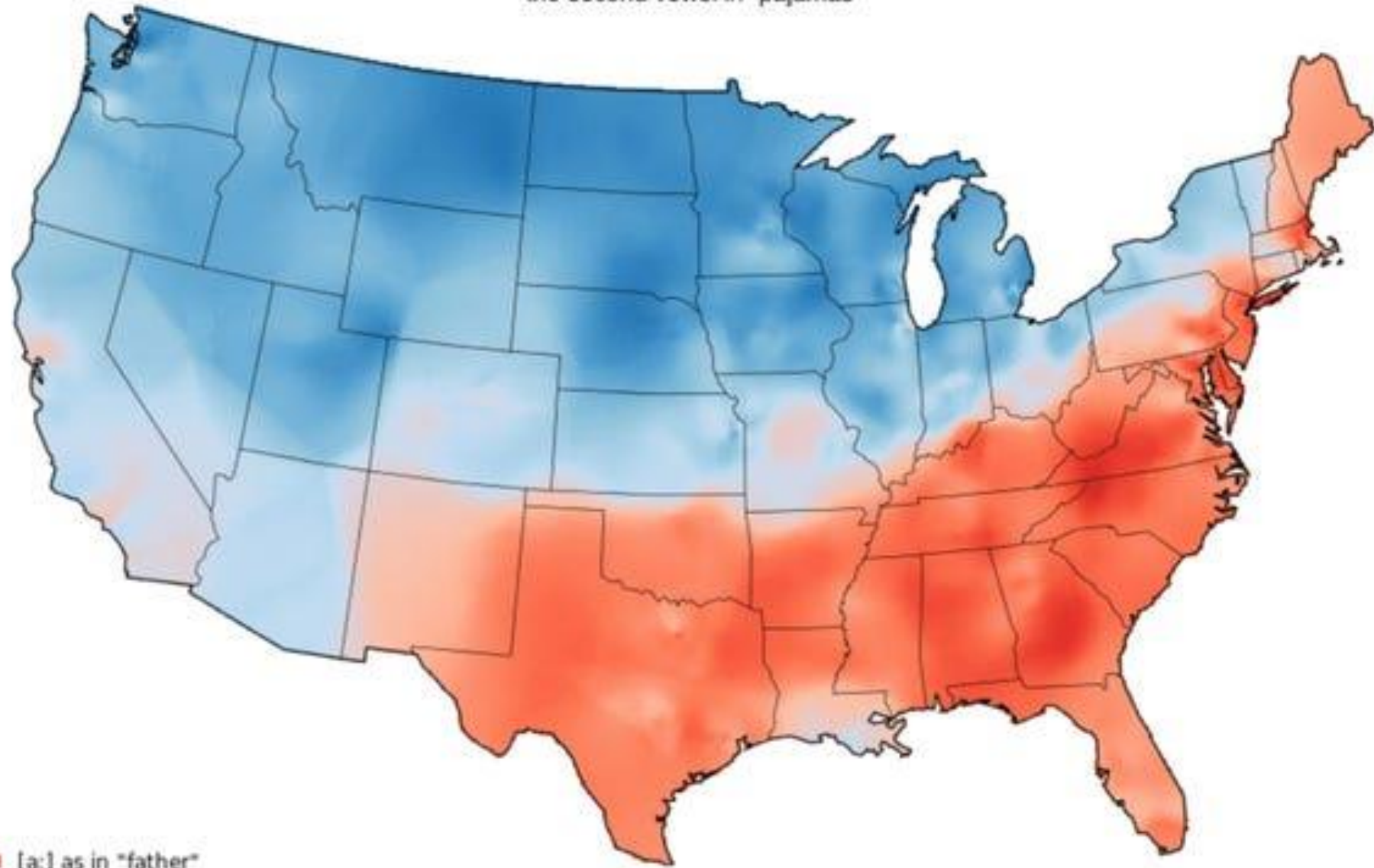


- water fountain
- drinking fountain
- bubbler

mayonnaise



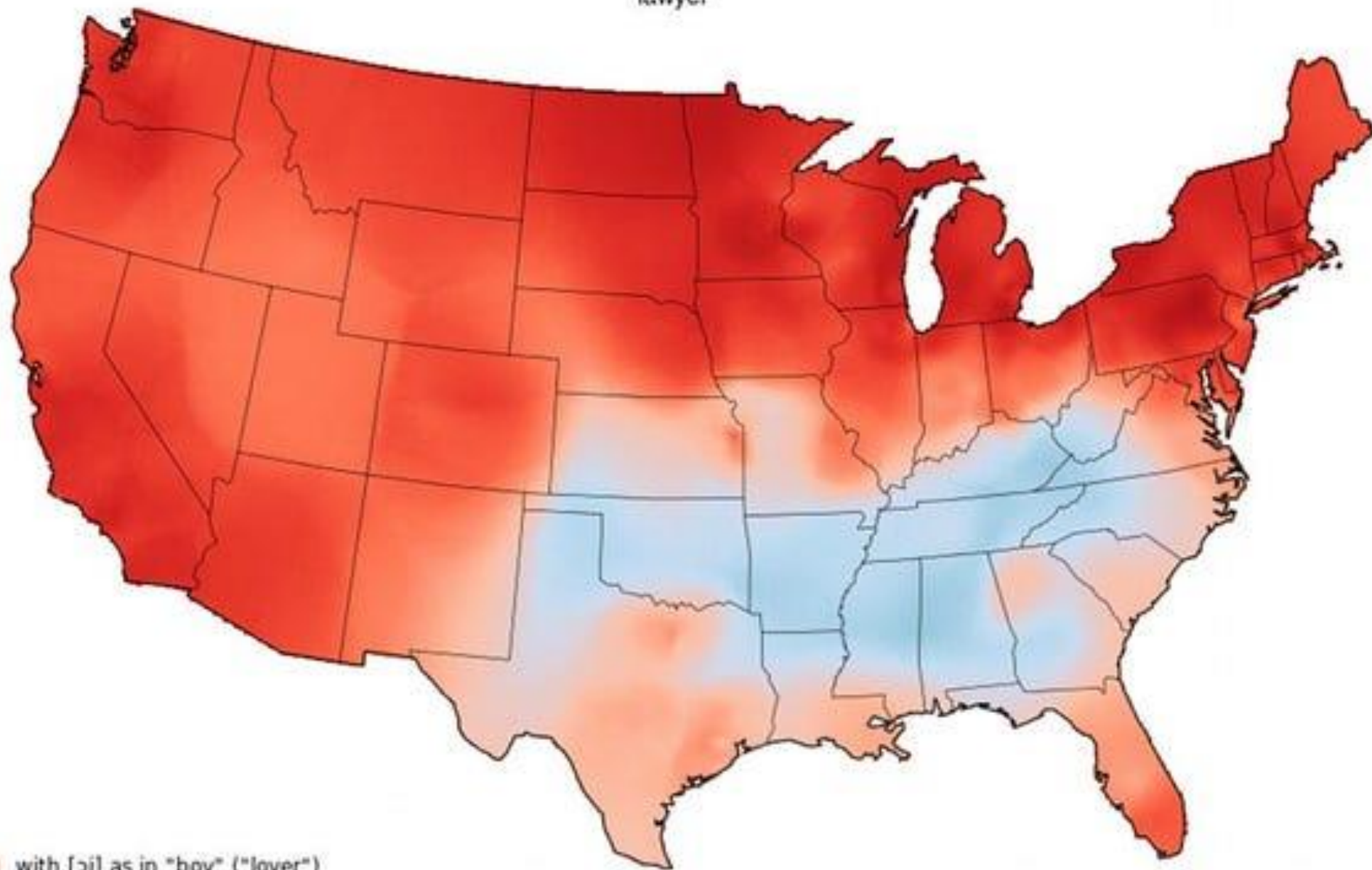
the second vowel in "pajamas"



- [ɑ:] as in "father"
- [æ] as in "jam"
- other

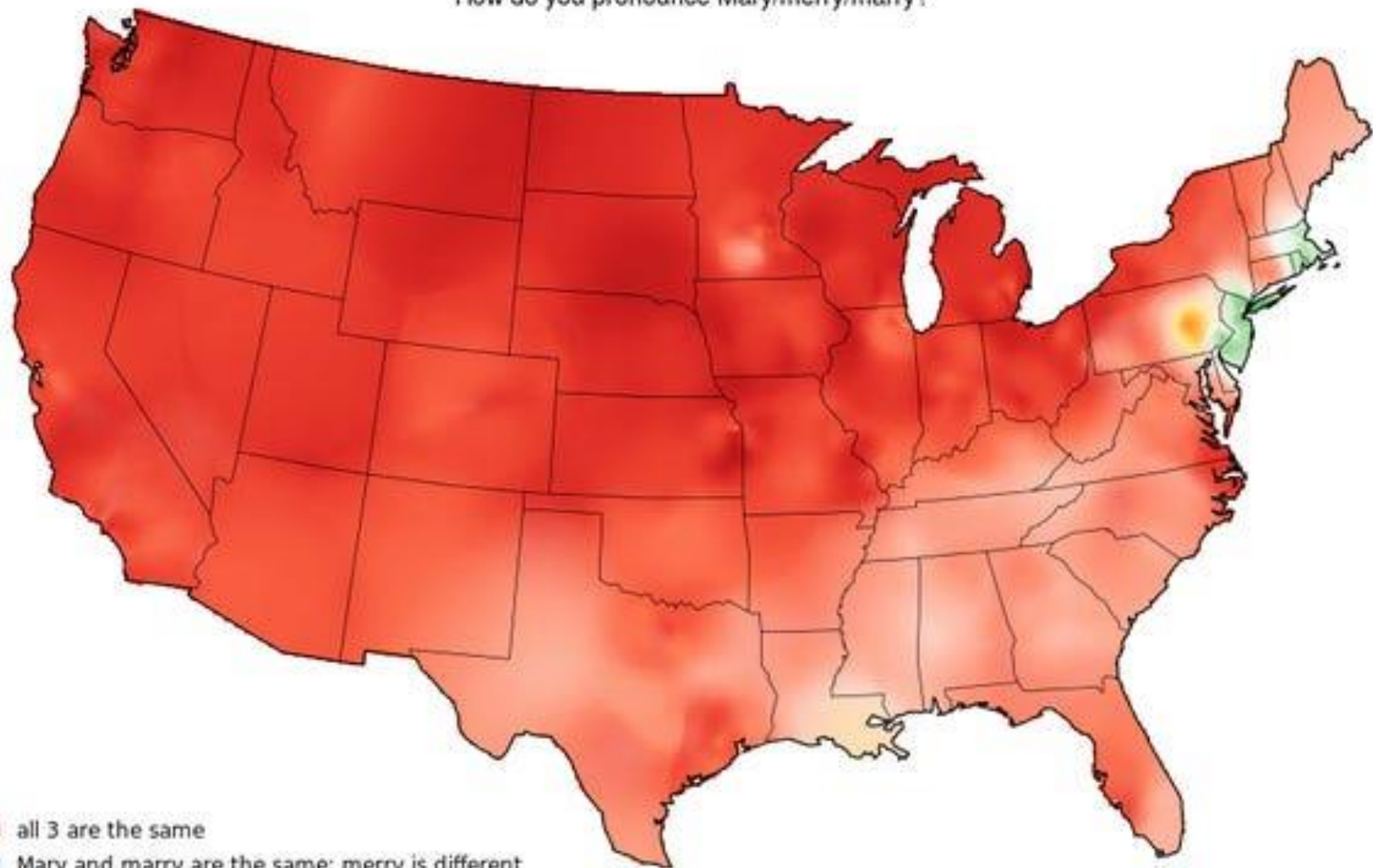
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lawyer



- with [ɔj] as in "boy" ("loyer")
- with [o] as in "saw" ("law-yer")
- I use both interchangeably

How do you pronounce Mary/merry/marry?

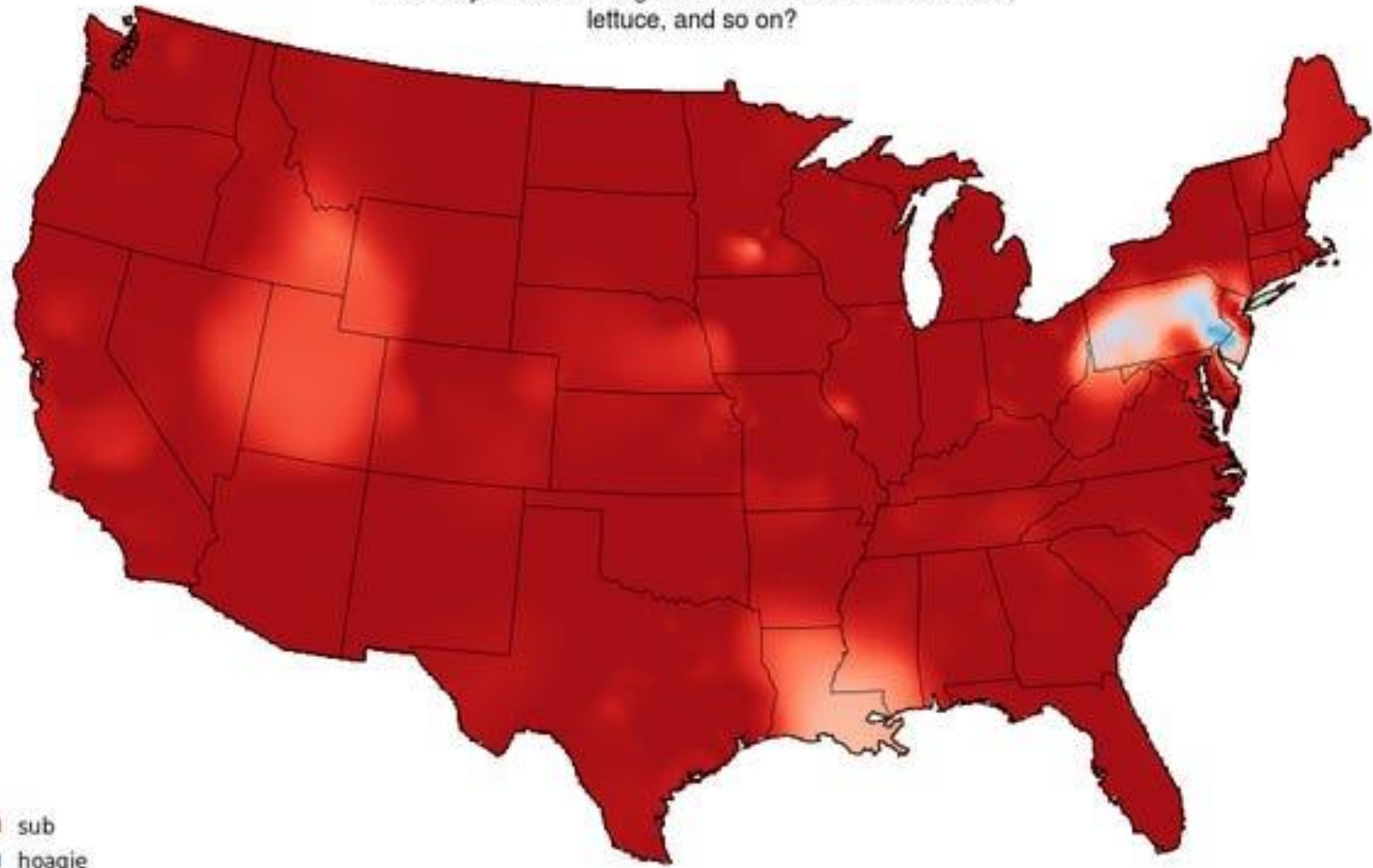


- all 3 are the same
- Mary and marry are the same; merry is different
- all 3 are different
- Mary and merry are the same; marry is different

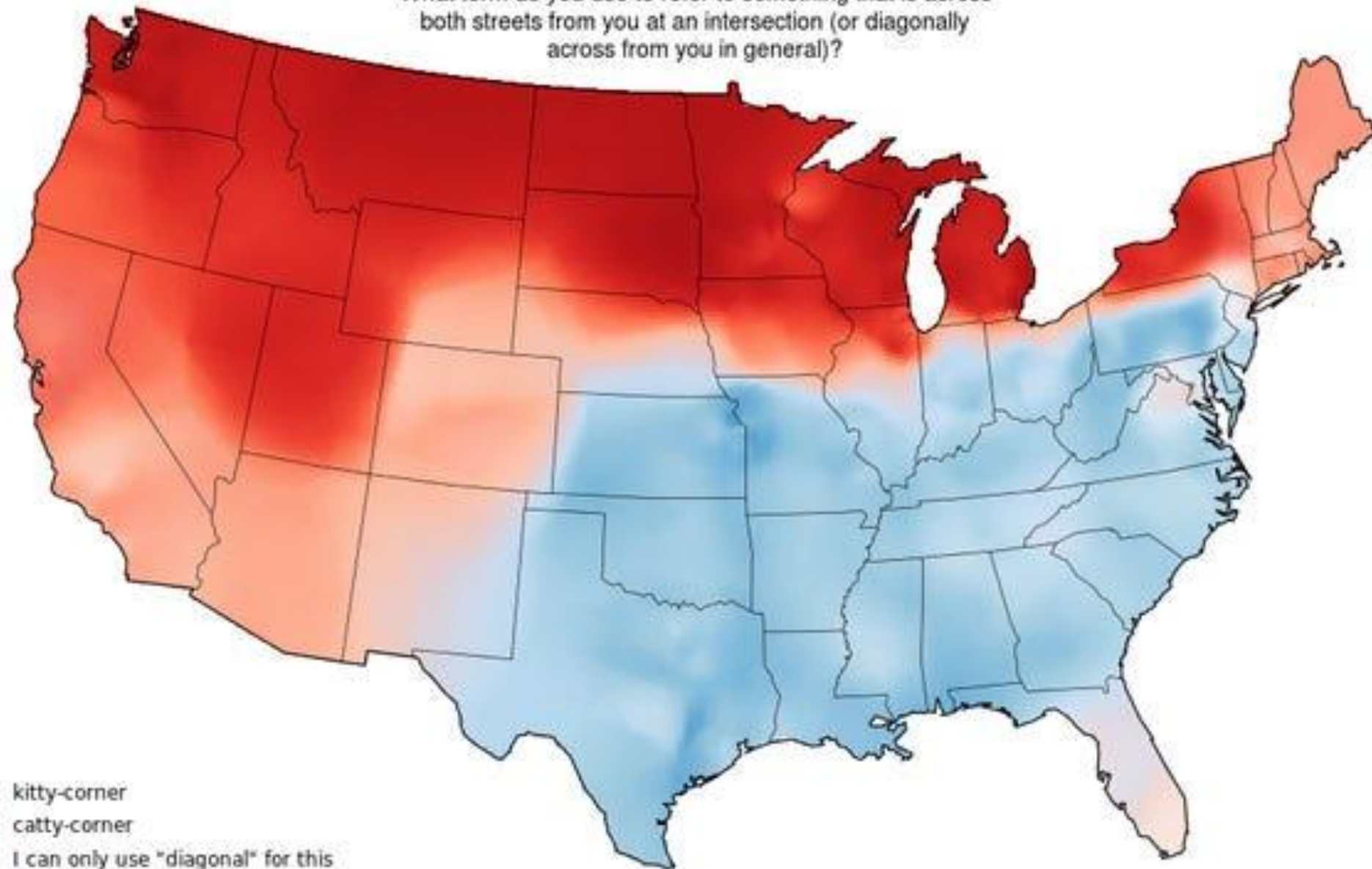
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What do you call the long sandwich that contains cold cuts, lettuce, and so on?

- sub
- hoagie
- hero
- other



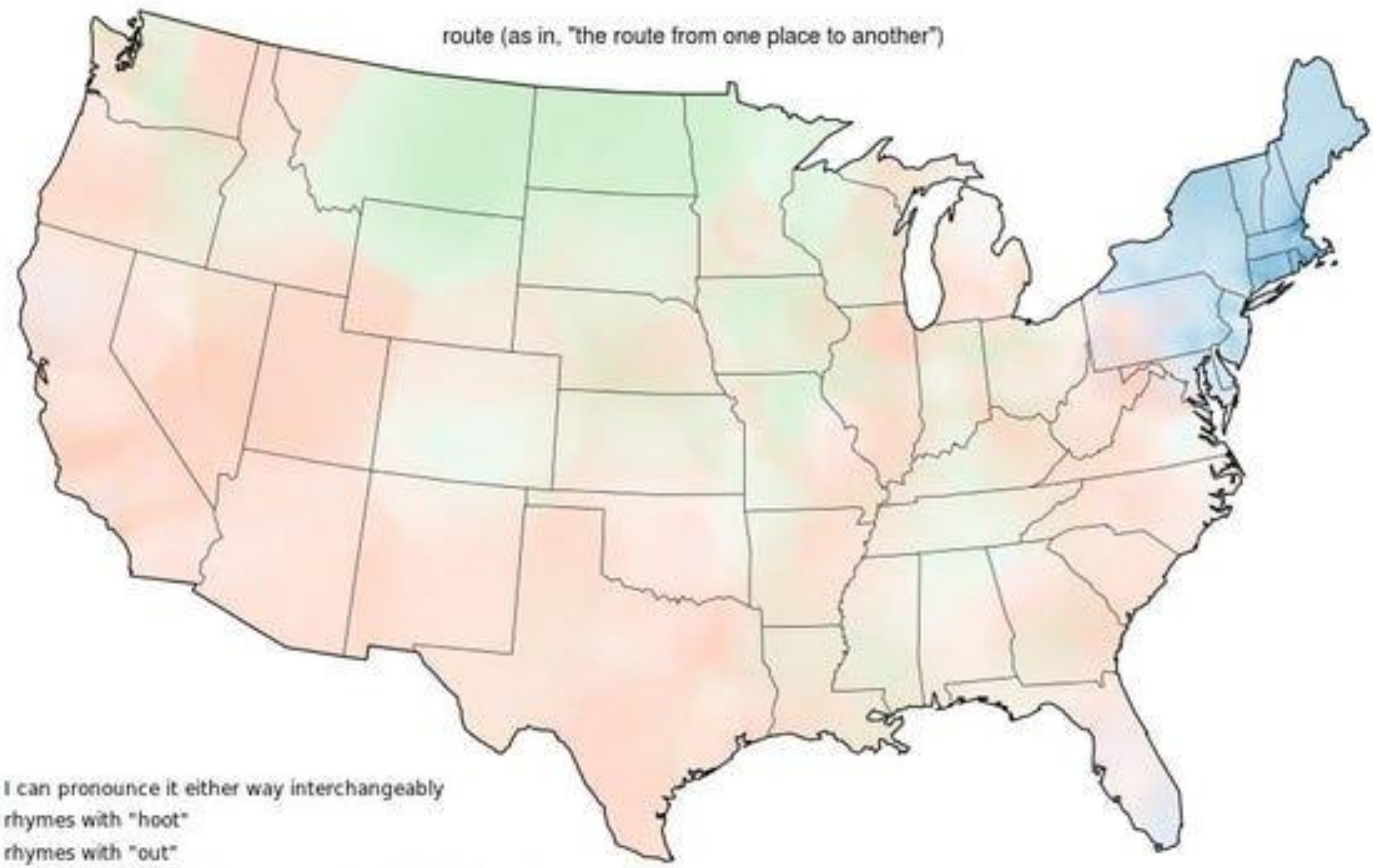
What term do you use to refer to something that is across both streets from you at an intersection (or diagonally across from you in general)?



- kitty-corner
- catty-corner
- I can only use "diagonal" for this
- other

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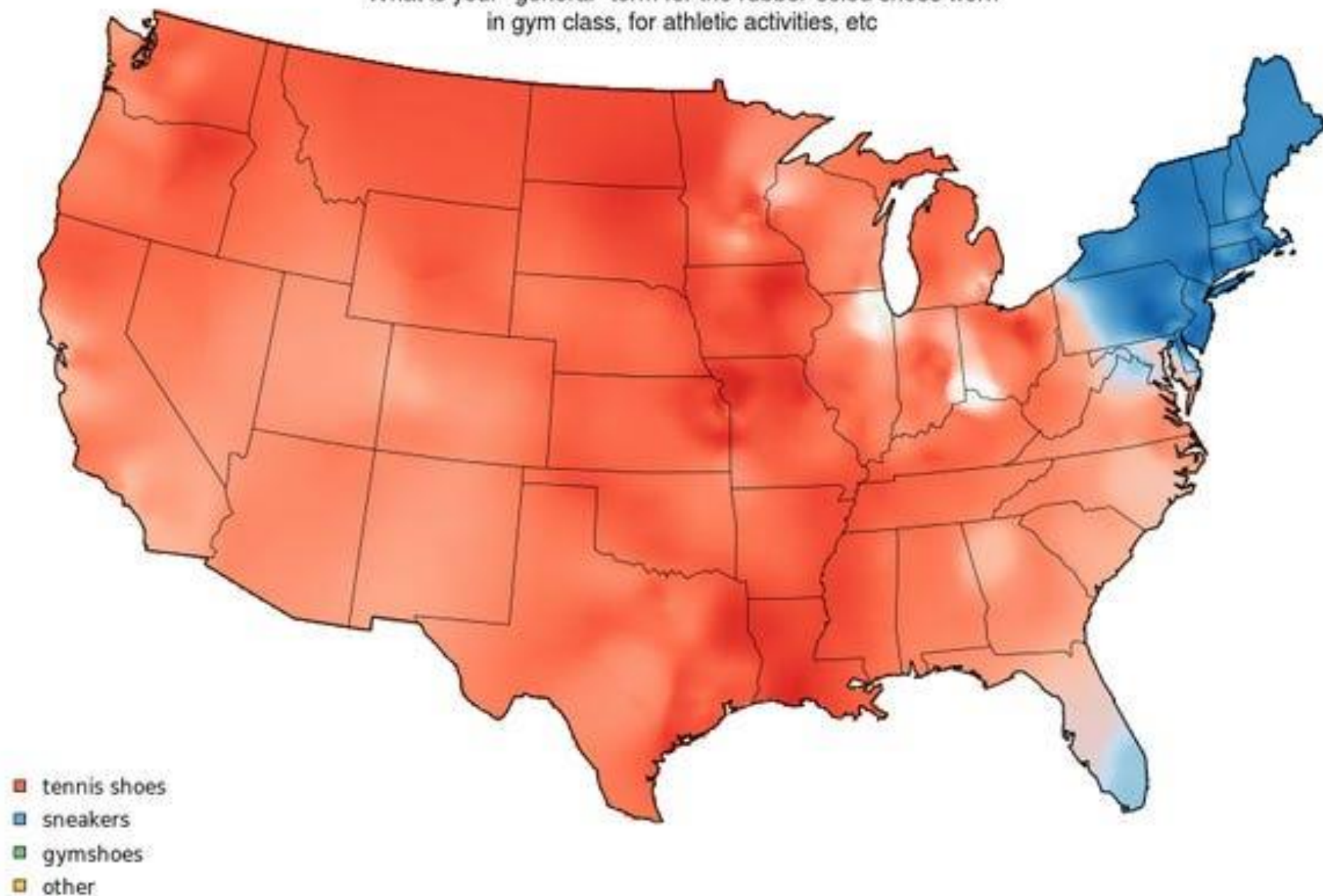
route (as in, "the route from one place to another")



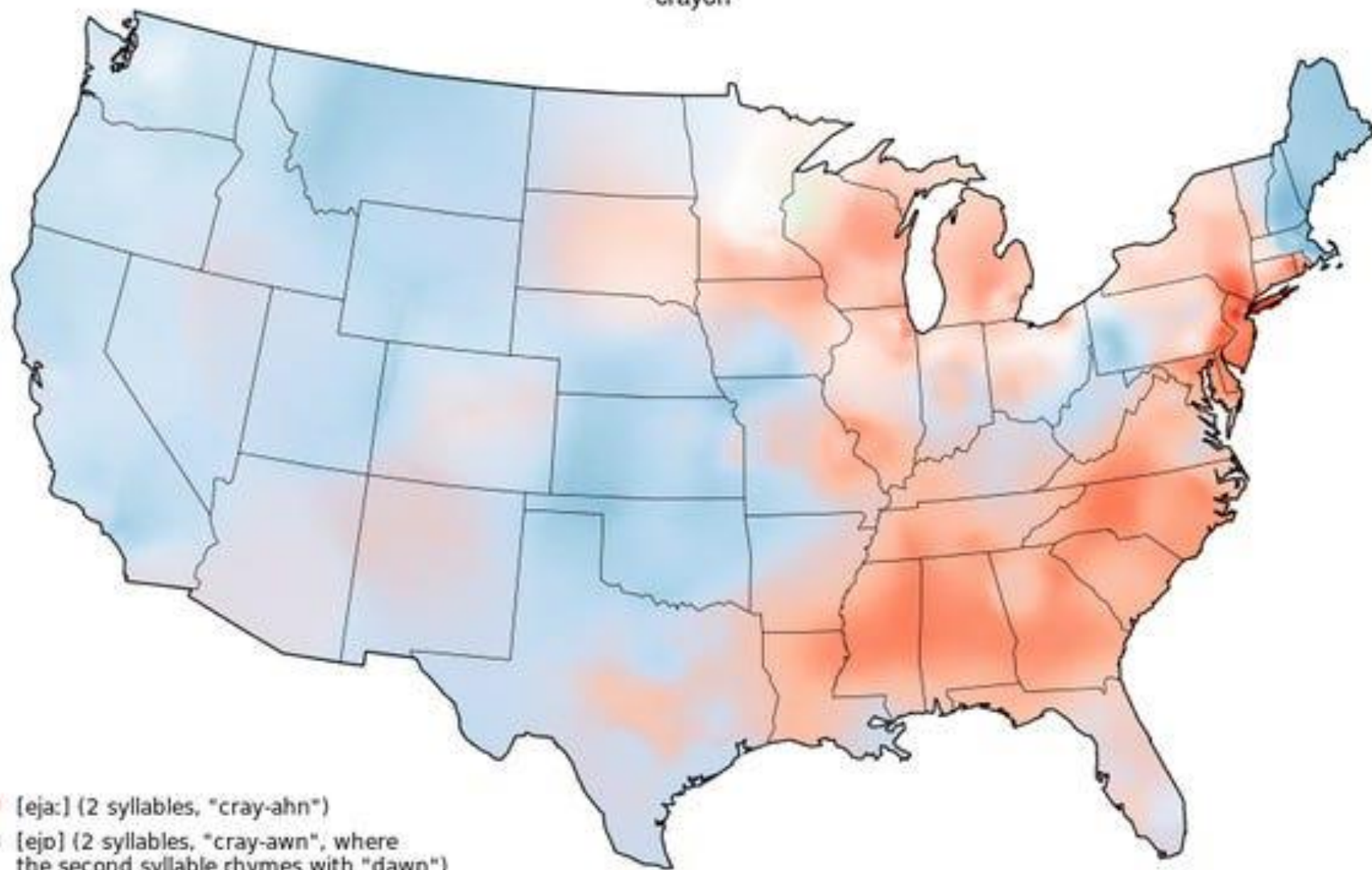
- I can pronounce it either way interchangeably
- rhymes with "hoot"
- rhymes with "out"
- I say it like "hoot" for the noun and like "out" for the verb.

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What is your "general" term for the rubber-soled shoes worn in gym class, for athletic activities, etc



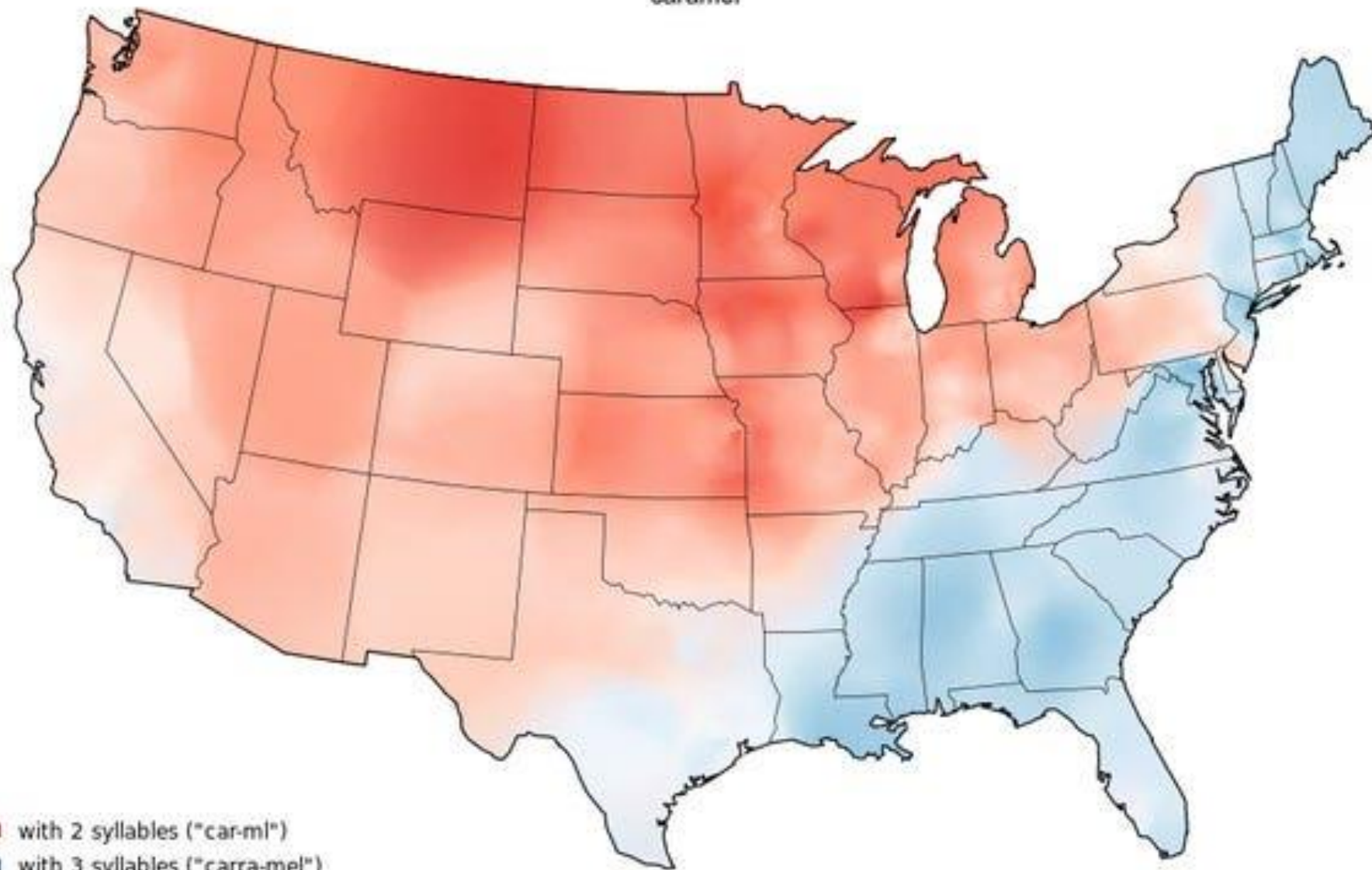
crayon



- [eja:] (2 syllables, "cray-ahn")
- [ejo:] (2 syllables, "cray-awn", where the second syllable rhymes with "dawn")
- [æ] as in "man" (1 syllable, "cran")
- [aw] (I pronounce this the same as "crown")

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caramel



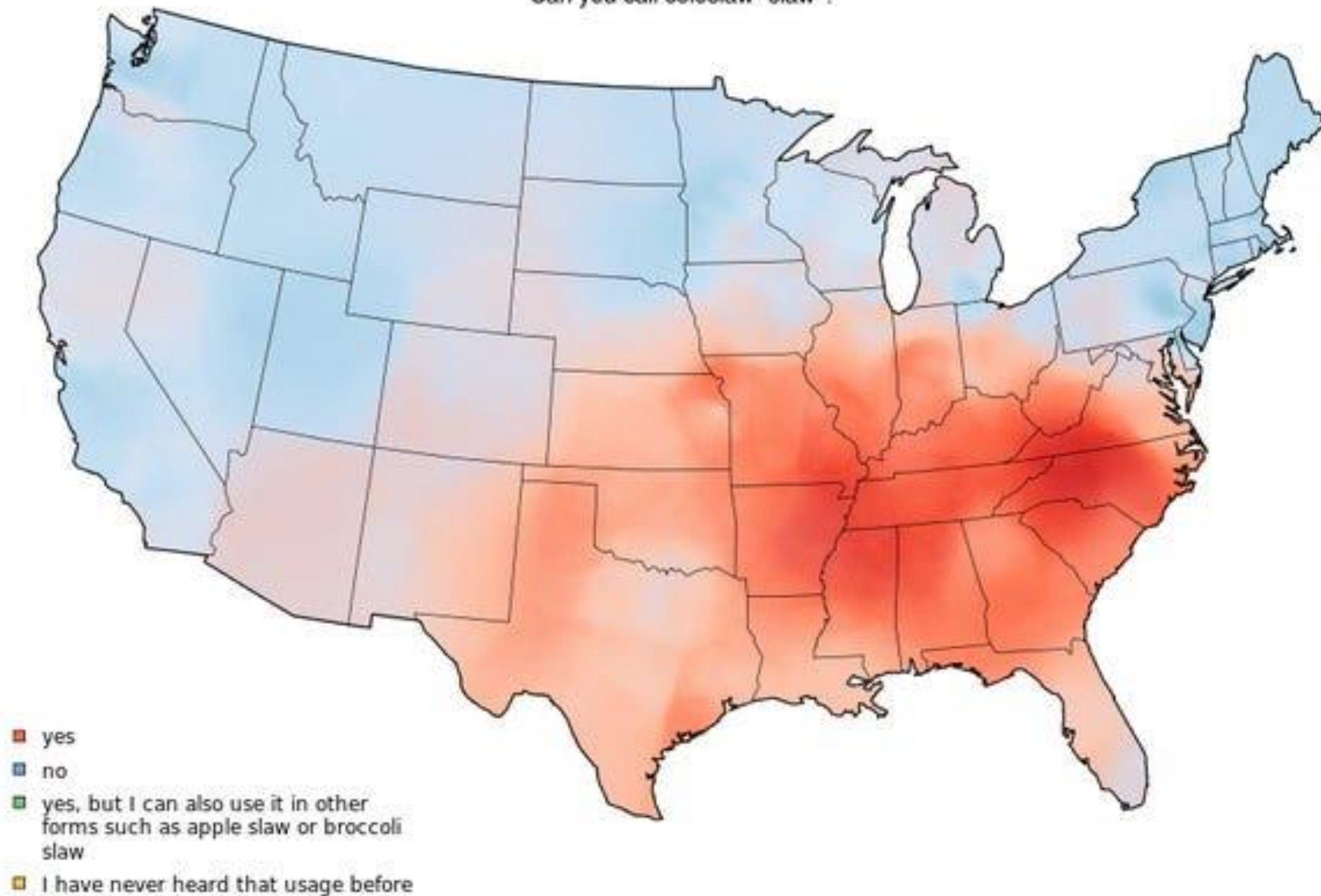
- with 2 syllables ("car-mel")
- with 3 syllables ("carra-mel")
- I use both interchangeably
- I use both forms, but the two have different meanings

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What do you call the night before Halloween?

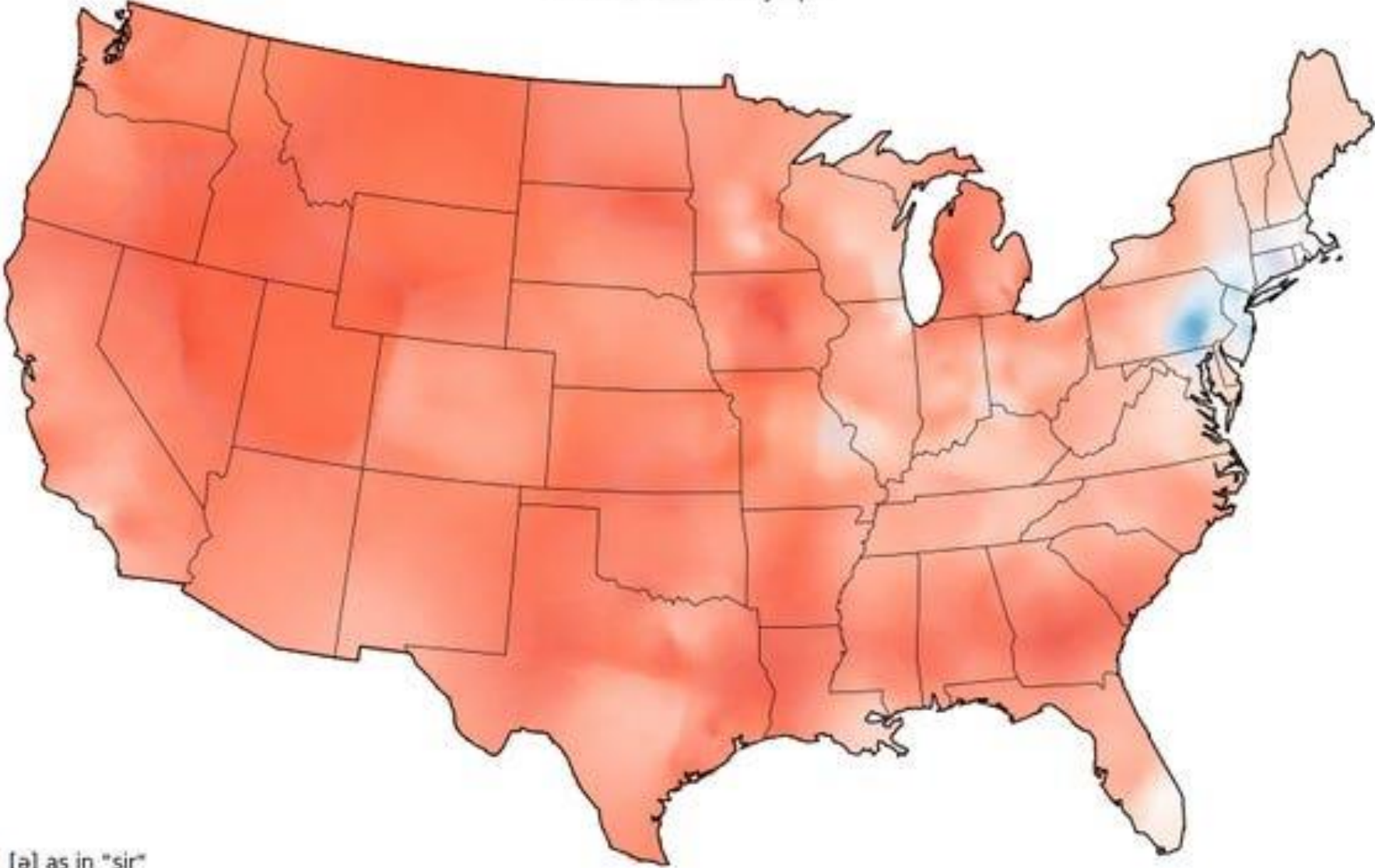


Can you call coleslaw "slaw"?



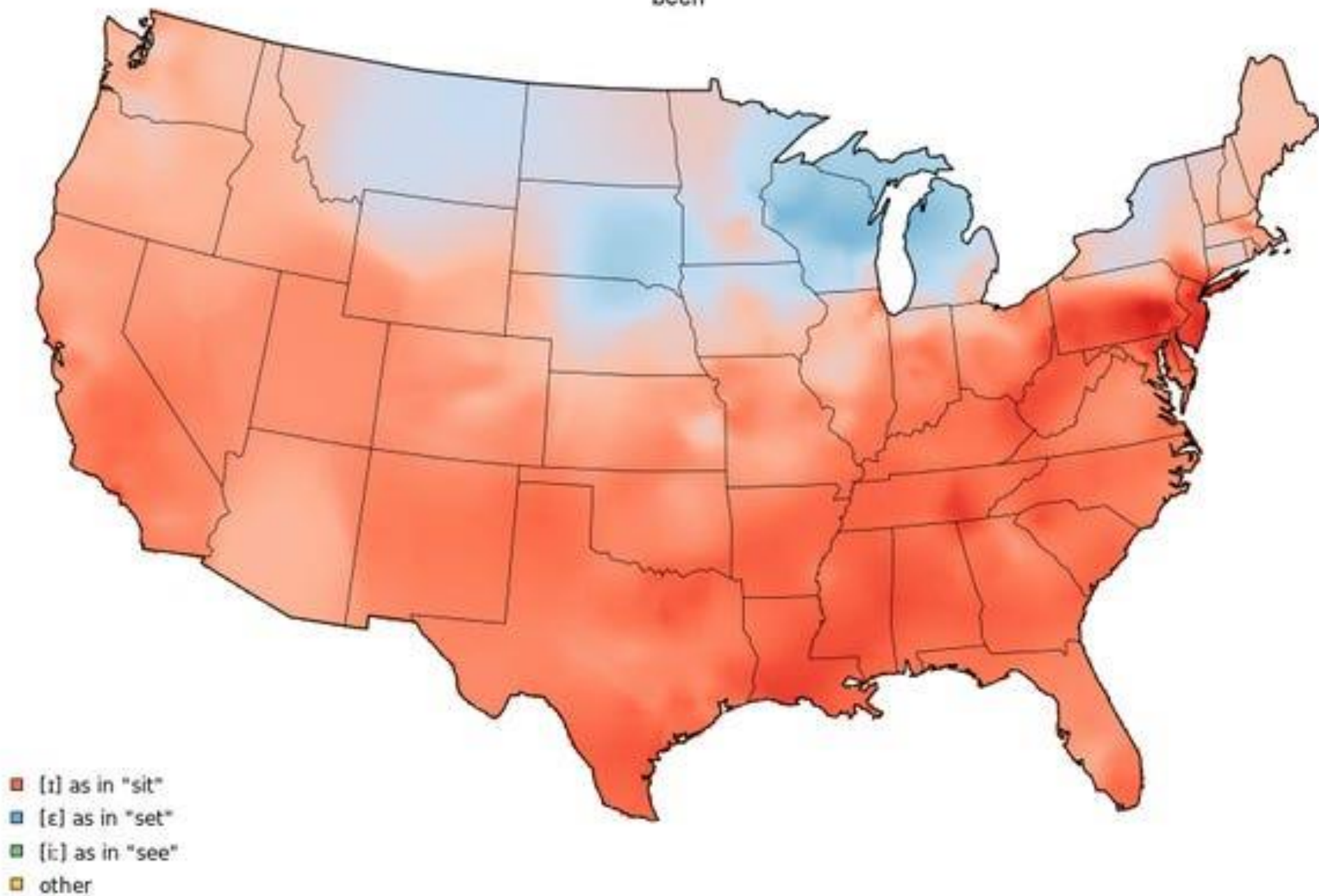
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the first vowel in "syrup"

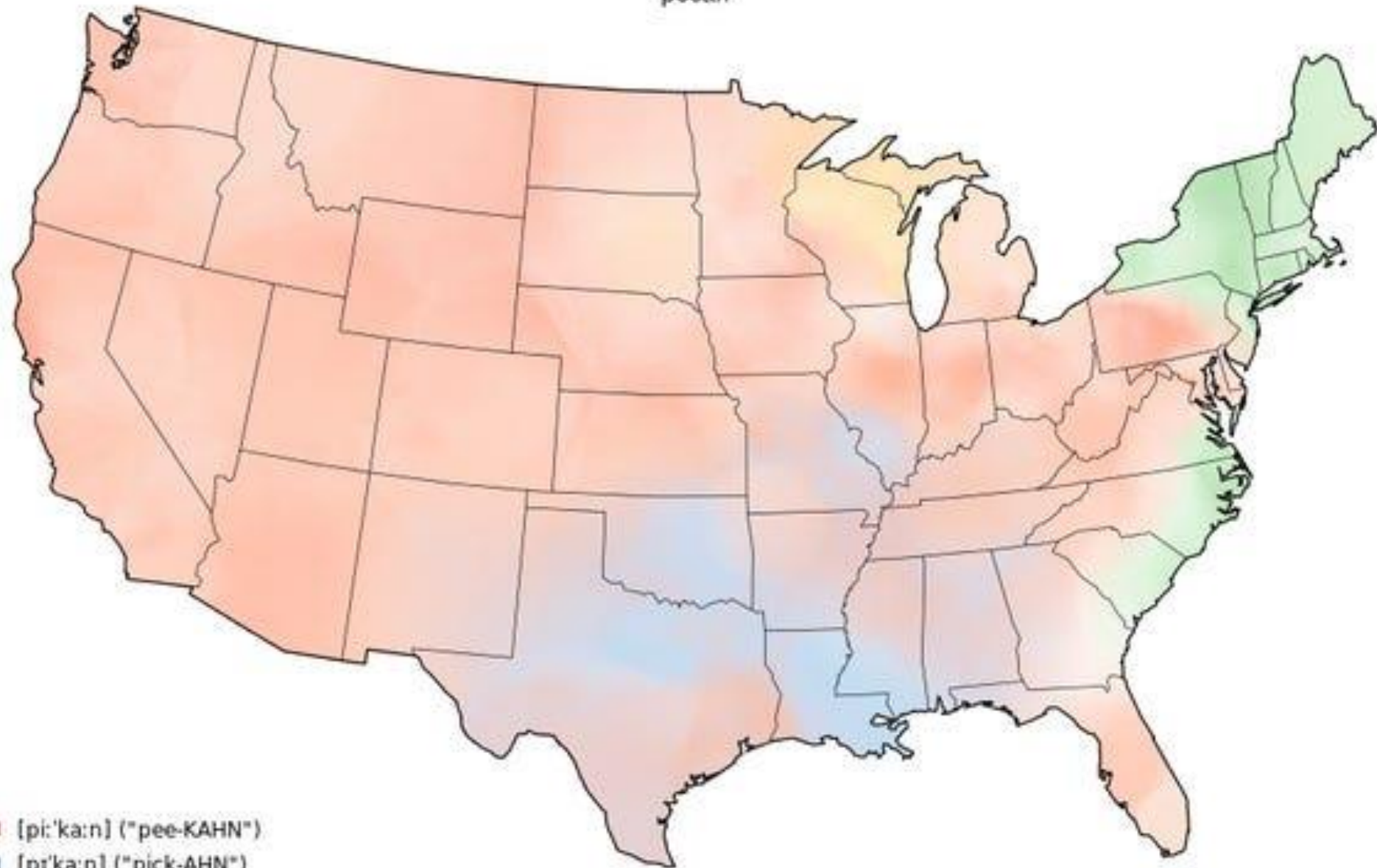


- [ə] as in "sir"
- [i] "sear-up"
- [ɪ] "sih-rup"

been

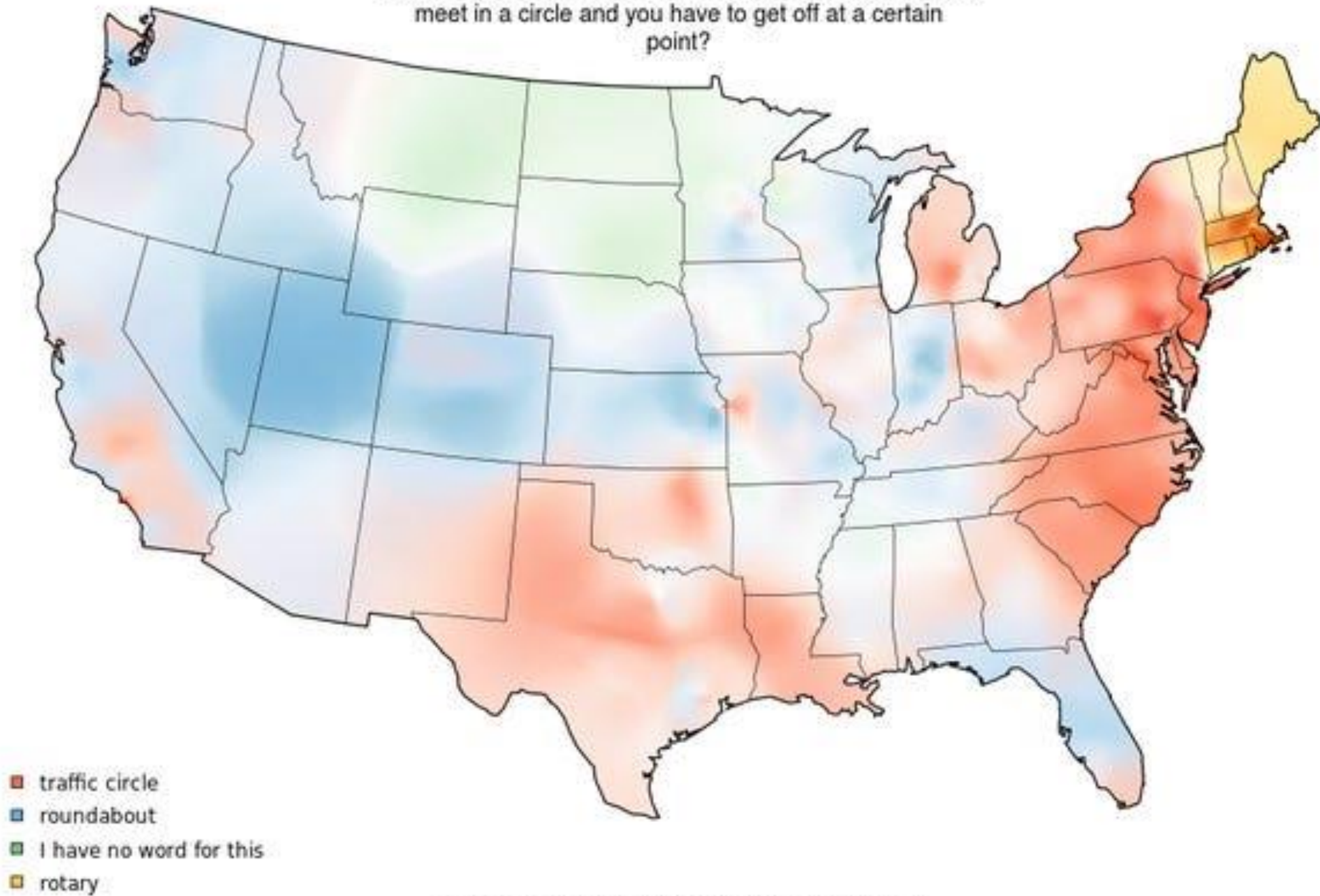


pecan

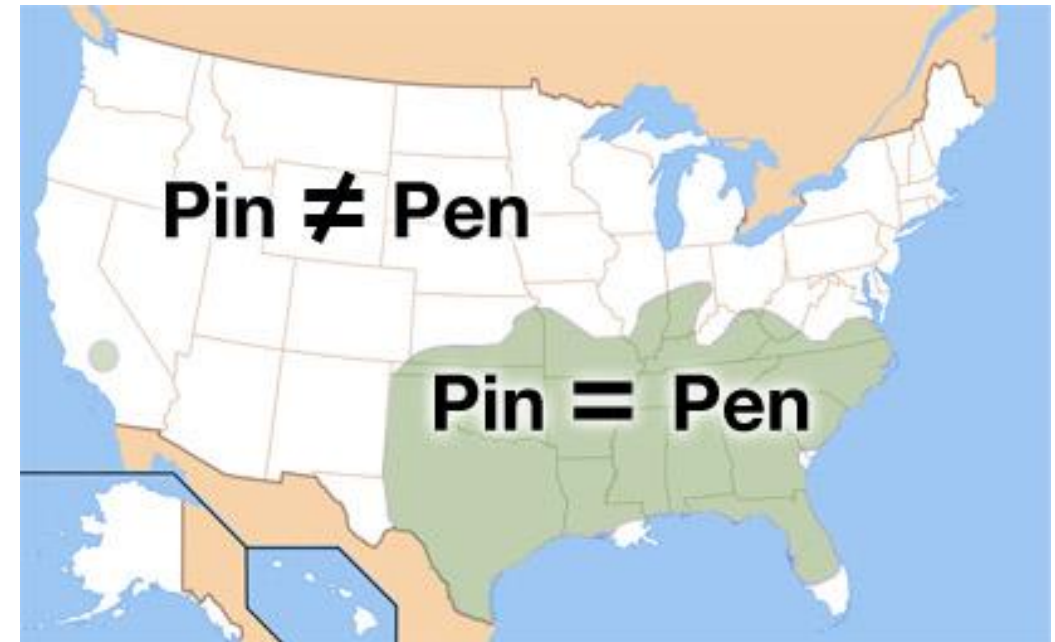
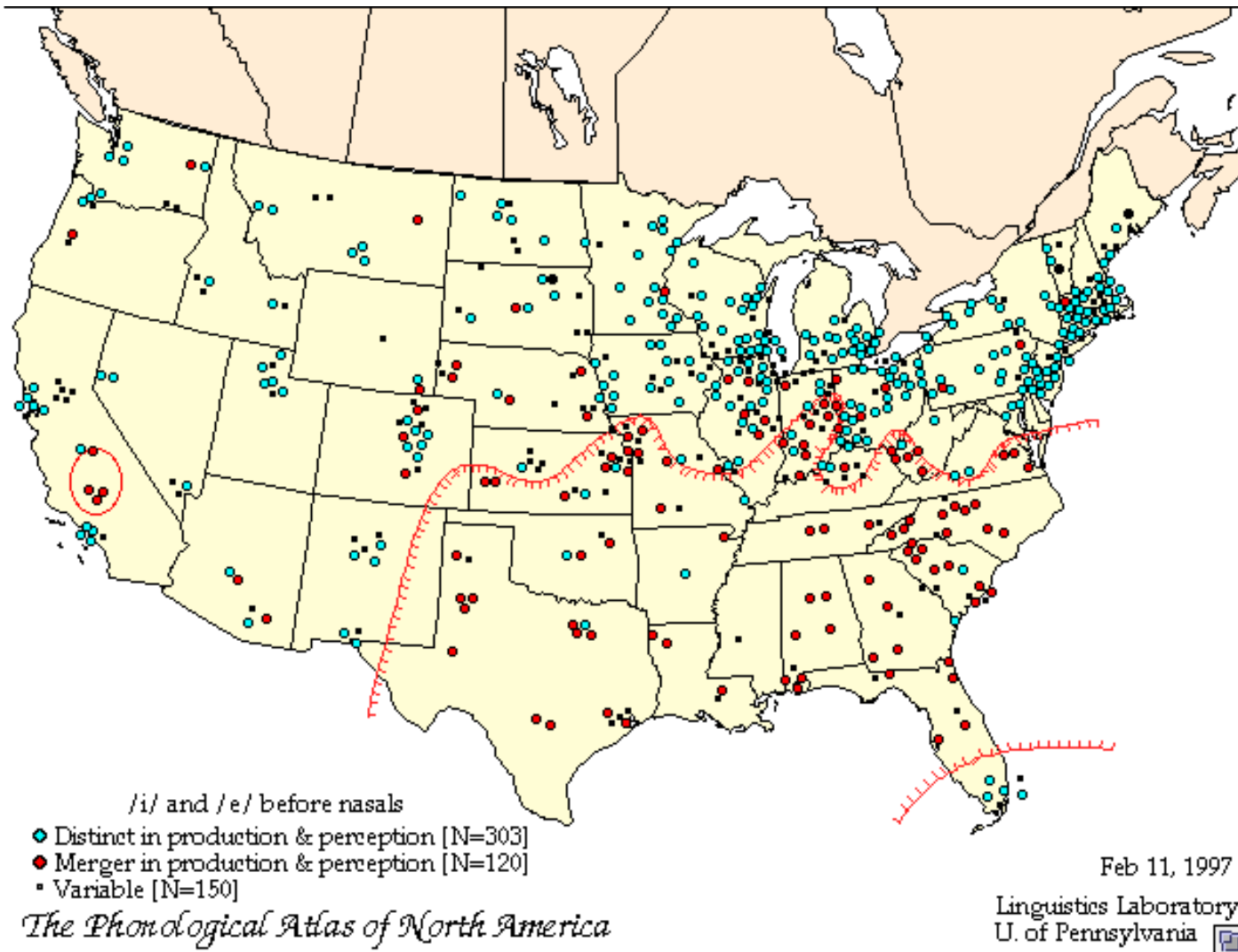


- [pi:'ka:n] ("pee-KAHN")
- [pɪ'ka:n] ("pick-AHN")
- ['pi:kæn] ("PEE-can")
- ['pi:ka:n] ("PEE-kahn")

What do you call a traffic situation in which several roads meet in a circle and you have to get off at a certain point?



Pin-Pen merger



<http://loststates.blogspot.com/2011/04/do-you-pronounce-pin-and-pen-same.html>