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Advanced Machine Learning

Models of Text & Documents

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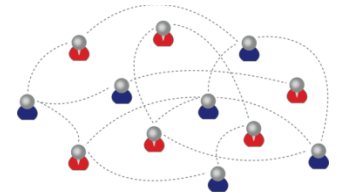
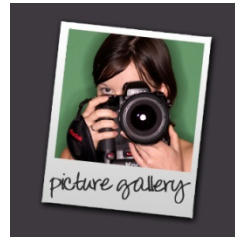
Outline

Models of words and documents

- Simple document models
- Probabilistic document models
 - Aspect model
 - Latent Dirichlet Allocation
- Extensions of topic models
 - Author-recipient topic model
 - Dynamic topic model
 - Hierarchical topic models
- Topic models and vision

Topic Models

- Have been applied to many types of data
 - Text
 - Images
 - Biological data
 - Relational data
 - Videos
 - and more...



Document Modeling

- automated analysis, visualization of text documents: crucial to effective use of large text archives (news stories, email collections, web)
- information retrieval: one of largest application areas of ML, growing steadily
- for example, the next generation of web searching will likely rely on automated summarization; paper-reviewer matching example
- today: statistical models of documents and text; examples of influential/interesting models

Representations of Documents

standard document representation: count occurrences of each word stem (**bag-of-words**)

$$P(\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N\}) = \prod_{n=1}^N P(w_n)$$



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aardvark	0
about	2
all	2
Africa	1
apple	0
anxious	0
...	
gas	1
...	
oil	1
...	
Zaire	0

Representations of Documents

D documents; V distinct words \rightarrow

F = VxD word-count matrix

Does high value of f_{wd} indicate an important word?

One transform: tf-idf (term frequency-inverse document frequency) \rightarrow

G = VxD matrix of tf-idf values = tf * idf

$$\text{tf}_{vd} = P(v | d) = f_{vd} / \sum_{v'} f_{v'd} \quad \text{idf}_v = D / \sum_d [f_{vd} > 0]$$

Used to represent search query: sum of tf-idf of each query words

Topic Modeling

Aim: Find low-dimensional description of high-dimensional text

From ML viewpoint - just a latent variable problem!

Topic models facilitate:

- Summarization: find concise restatements
- Similarity: evaluate distance between texts

Great case study of simple, extendable graphical model: test-bed for approximate inference, nonparametric variants

Latent Semantic Analysis/Indexing

Reduced representation of F : apply SVD

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Terms} \\ \boxed{F} \\ \text{Documents} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{A} \\ V \times M \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{D} \\ M \times M \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{B} \\ M \times D \end{array}$$

- reduced representation of word i : row of AD -- can describe semantic relationships
- relationships between words described by cosine of angle between respective vectors

applications:

- train on 2K pages of English text, achieved average score on synonym portion of TOEFL
- train on introductory psychology textbook, achieved passing score on multiple-choice exam (Deerwester et al, 1990)

Plates for Graphical Models

Probabilistic representations of documents: start with plate notation

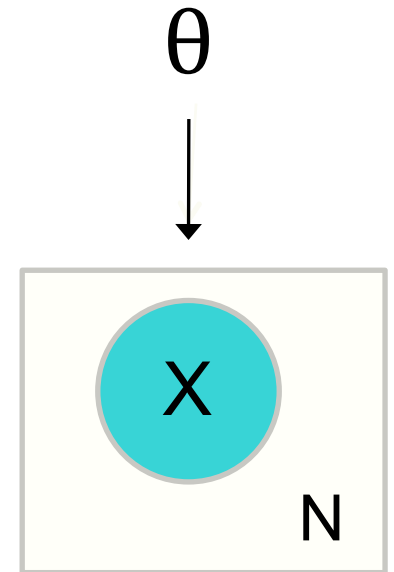
Example: coin with unknown bias

θ = probability of heads (parameter)

X = coin toss outcome

N observations (repetitions)

$$P(X = H \mid \theta) = \theta$$

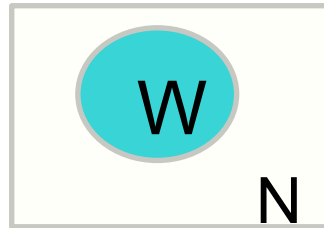


Observe: T T H T T T H T

ML: $\theta = 1/4$

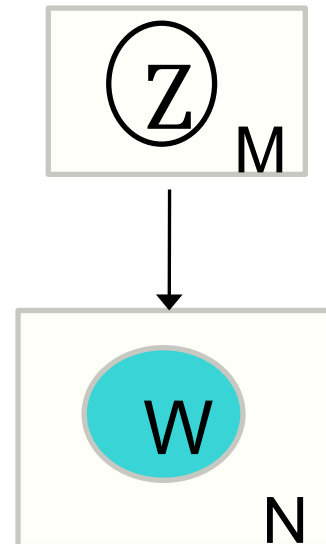
Simple Probabilistic Topic Models

Unigram model - each word with its own probability of appearing in document of length N



Problem: does not represent document containing a set of topics

Mixture of unigrams (single topic per document)



Probabilistic LSI

Topic (aspect) model (Hoffman, 1999): probabilistic model of word production

$$P(w, d) = \sum_k P(w | z_k) P(z_k | d) P(d)$$

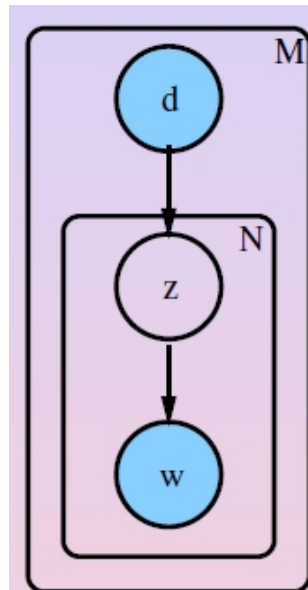
Generative model:

- select document d with probability $P(d)$
- select latent topic z with probability $P(z|d)$: $\text{Mult}(z_k | \theta_k^{d_i})$
- generate word with probability $P(w|z)$:

$$\text{Mult}(w_j | \phi_j^k)$$

Problems

- Lots of parameters - mixture parameters for each document
- Does not generalize well



Conjugate Distributions

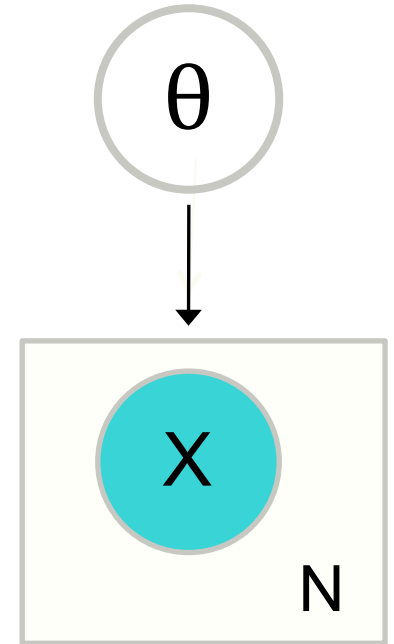
To improve generative model, need to understand conjugate distributions

X = coin toss outcome (Bernoulli)

N observations (repetitions)

Prob of observing n heads:

$$P(n | \theta, N) \propto \theta^n (1 - \theta)^{N-n}$$



Prior over θ : Beta(α, β) [think of α as count of heads; β as count of tails]

θ = probability of heads (variable)

Key property: posterior is same form as prior

Conjugate Distributions

Prior: pseudo-observations of heads/tails:

$$\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta): P(\theta | \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)}$$

After n heads and $N-n$ tails, posterior another Beta distribution, with a change in parameters:

$$P(\theta | n, N, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{P(n, N | \theta)P(\theta | \alpha, \beta)}{\int P(n, N | \theta')P(\theta' | \alpha, \beta) d\theta'}$$

$$\propto [\theta^n (1-\theta)^{N-n}] [\theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}]$$

$$\propto \theta^{n+\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{N-n+\beta-1}$$

Conjugate Distributions

Prior $P(\theta)$ is conjugate to class of likelihood if resulting posterior is in same family as $P(\theta)$

$$P(\theta | X) = \frac{P(X | \theta)P(\theta)}{\int P(X | \theta')P(\theta')d\theta'}$$

Important because it avoids integration required to calculate posterior

Other conjugate distributions (all exponential family distributions have conjugate priors), e.g.,

[Likelihood-Prior-Posterior]: Gaussian-Gaussian-Gaussian; Poisson-Gamma-Gamma; Multinomial-Dirichlet-Dirichlet

(Dirichlet generalizes Beta to K alternatives)

Dirichlet Distribution

Exponential family distribution over simplex of positive vectors that add up to 1

$$\text{Dir}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K): P(\theta | \alpha) = \prod_{k=1}^K (\theta_k)^{\alpha_k - 1} \frac{1}{B(\alpha)}$$

Used as a distribution over discrete distributions

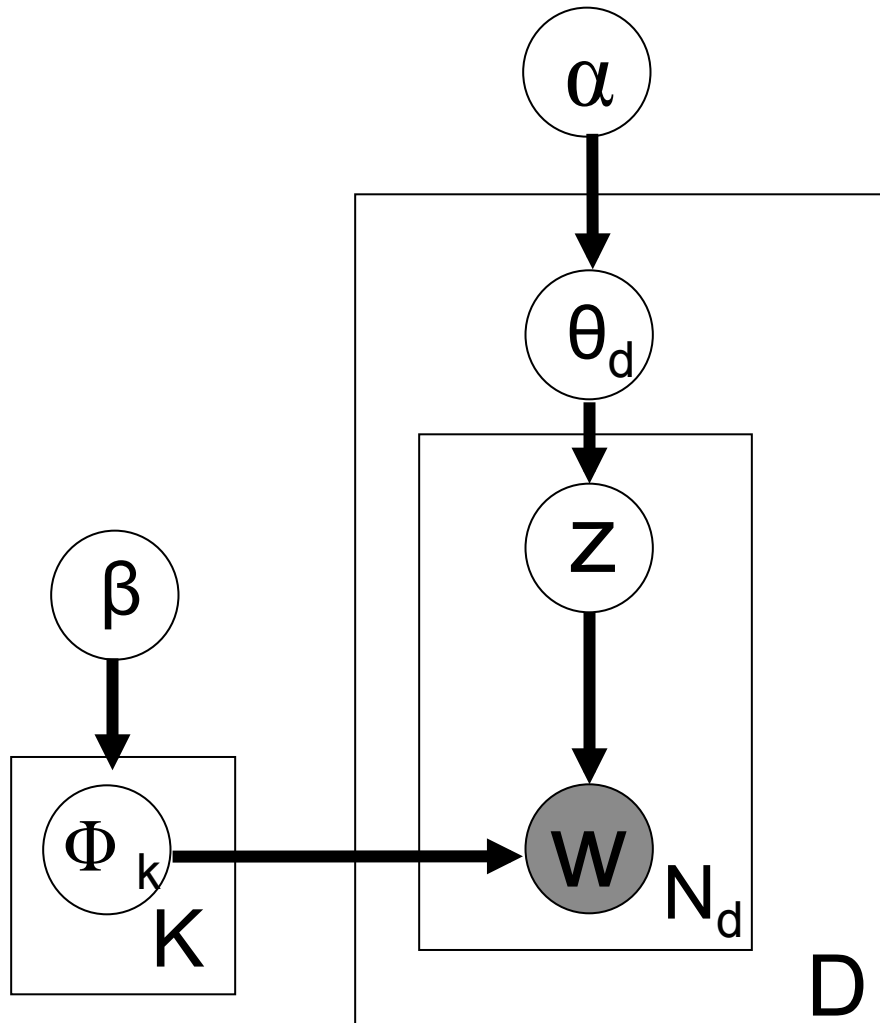
Symmetric Dirichlet: all α_k equal

Concentration param. α controls shape, peakiness of θ

grows from 1: more uniform

shrinks from 1 to 0: sparse

Latent Dirichlet Allocation



K – number of latent topics.

D – number of documents

N_d – Number of words in document d .

V – Number of words in vocabulary

β – Dirichlet prior on Φ_k (V -dim)

Φ_k – distribution of words generated from topic k

α – Dirichlet prior on θ_d (K -dim)

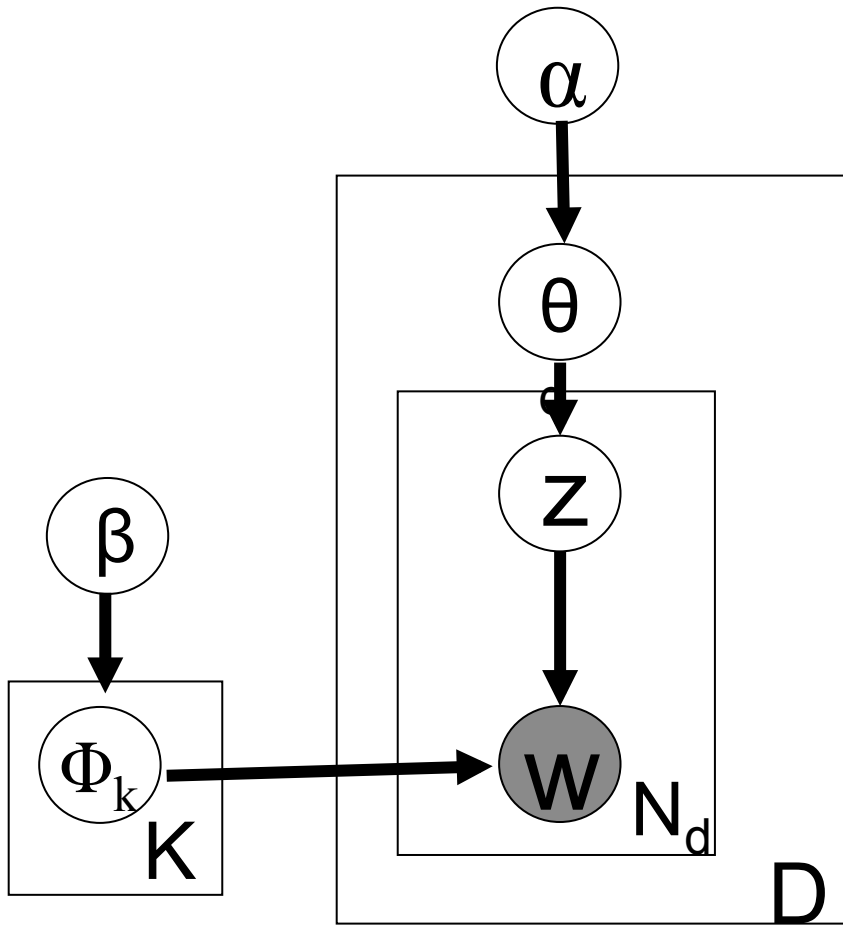
θ_d – distribution of topics in document d (K -dim)

z – latent topic (per-word)

w – observed word

(Blei et al., 2003)

Latent Dirichlet Allocation



Generative process per doc:

Choose $\theta_d \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$

For each of N_d words w :

Choose topic $z_{dn} \sim \text{Mult}(\theta_d)$

Choose word $w_{dn} \sim \text{Mult}(\Phi_{z_{dn}})$

Intuition into Representation

Topics

gene	0.04
dna	0.02
genetic	0.01
...	

life	0.02
evolve	0.01
organism	0.01
...	

brain	0.04
neuron	0.02
nerve	0.01
...	

data	0.02
number	0.02
computer	0.01
...	

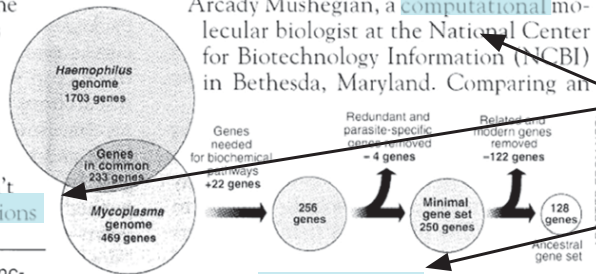
Documents

Seeking Life's Bare (Genetic) Necessities

COLD SPRING HARBOR, NEW YORK— How many **genes** does an **organism** need to survive? Last week at the genome meeting here,³⁸ two genome researchers with radically different approaches presented complementary views of the basic genes needed for **life**. One research team, using **computer** analyses to compare known **genomes**, concluded that today's **organisms** can be sustained with just 250 genes, and that the earliest life forms required a mere 128 **genes**. The other researcher mapped genes in a simple parasite and estimated that for this organism, 800 genes are plenty to do the job—but that anything short of 100 wouldn't be enough.

Although the numbers don't match precisely, those **predictions**

"are not all that far apart," especially in comparison to the 75,000 **genes** in the human genome, notes Siv Andersson of Uppsala University in Sweden, who arrived at the 800 number. But coming up with a consensus answer may be more than just a **genetic numbers game**, particularly as more and more **genomes** are completely mapped and sequenced. "It may be a way of organizing any newly **sequenced genome**," explains Arcady Mushegian, a **computational** molecular biologist at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in Bethesda, Maryland. Comparing an

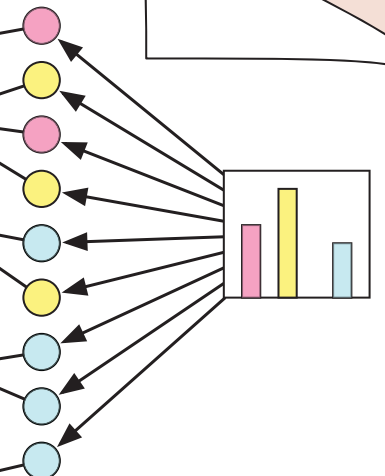


* Genome Mapping and Sequencing, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, May 8 to 12.

Stripping down. **Computer analysis** yields an estimate of the minimum modern and ancient genomes.

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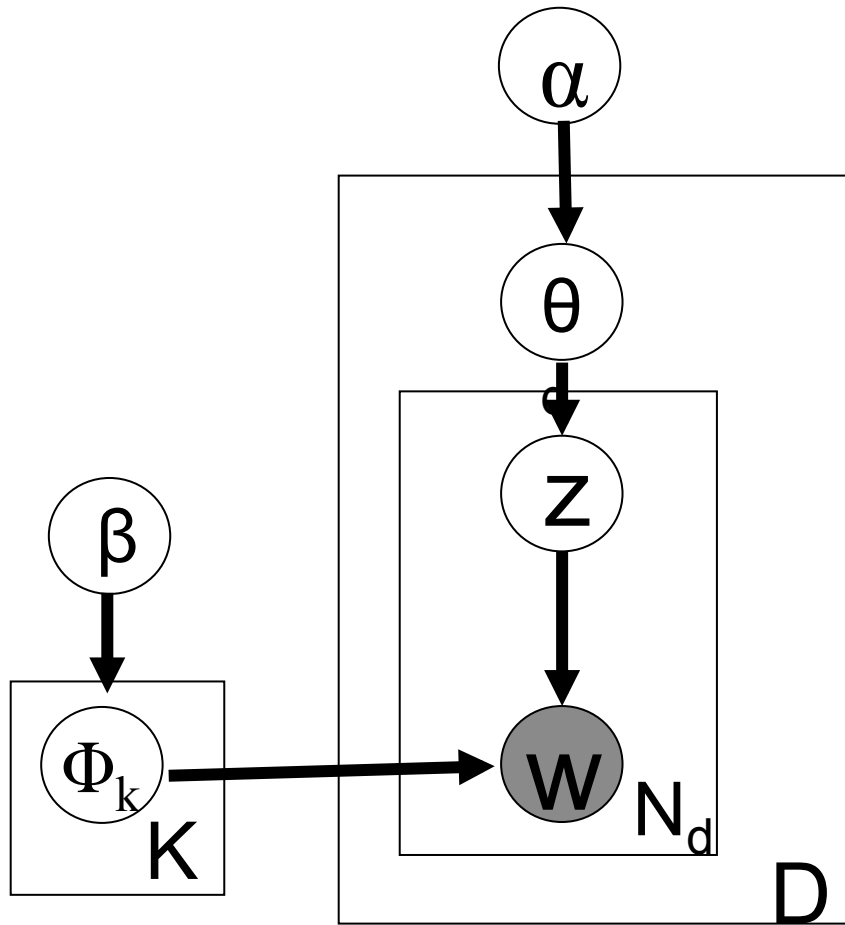
Topic proportions and assignments



Rough Summary of LDA

- Two aims
 - For each document, allocate words to just a few topics
 - For each topic, assign high probability to just a few terms
- But:
 - If one topic in document, all words must have high prob under that topic
 - If few terms in topic, cannot cover document's words

Latent Dirichlet Allocation



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Mixed membership model:
generalized mixture, each doc exhibits multiple topics

$$P(\phi_{1:K}, \theta_{1:D}, z_{1:D}, w_{1:D} \mid \alpha, \beta) = \prod_{k=1}^K P(\phi_k \mid \beta) \prod_{d=1}^D \left[P(\theta_d \mid \alpha) \prod_{n=1}^{N_d} \left(P(z_{d,n} \mid \theta_d) P(w_{d,n} \mid z_{d,n}, \phi_{1:K}) \right) \right]$$

Inference in LDA

- Aim is to infer from a collection of documents
 - Per-corpus topic distributions Φ_k
 - Per-document topic proportions θ_d
 - Per word topic assignments z_{dn}
- Tricky to compute posterior over hidden variables given a document:

$$P(z, \phi, \theta | w, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{P(z, \phi, \theta, w | \alpha, \beta)}{P(w | \alpha, \beta)}$$

- Numerator tractable (conjugacy), but denominator not tractable, since it involves summing over all z
- note that document represented as continuous mixture:

$$P(w | \alpha, \beta) = \int P(\theta | \alpha) \left(\prod_{n=1}^N P(w_n | \theta, \beta) \right) d\theta$$

Variational Inference for LDA

- Coordinate ascent in objective
- Each update closely related to true posterior
- For each topic k , term v

$$\lambda_{kv} = \beta_{kv} + \sum_d \sum_n I[w_{dn} = v] \varphi_{dnk}$$

- For each document d

$$\gamma_{dk} = \alpha_k + \sum_n \varphi_{dnk}$$



- For each word n

$$\varphi_{dnk} \propto \exp\{E_q[\log(\theta_{dk}) + \log(\phi_{kw_{dn}})]\}$$

Collapsed Gibbs Sampling for LDA

- The latent topics, z , are sampled
- The Dir. distributions θ and Φ are integrated out
- Closed form sampling equations

$$\Pr(z_{nd} = k \mid \mathbf{z}_{-(nd)}, \mathbf{w}) \propto (N_{kd} + \alpha) \frac{(N_{wk} + \beta)}{\sum_{w'} (N_{w'k} + \beta)}$$

- Each iteration requires $O(K \cdot \text{corpus size})$ ops.
- **EXPENSIVE** when counts are large
- Overall - slower, more accurate than variational inference

Model visualization

Can compute expectations of key terms based on posterior
e.g., probability of term v in topic k :

$$\hat{\phi}_{kv} = E[\phi_{kv} \mid w_{1:D,1:N}]$$

Given variational parameters these are easy to compute

Describe topic:

term probabilities:

$$\hat{\phi}_{kv} = \frac{\lambda_{kv}}{\sum_{v'} \lambda_{kv'}}$$

term-score (like tf-idf):

$$\hat{\phi}_{kv} \log \left(\frac{\hat{\phi}_{kv}}{\left(\prod_{k'} \hat{\phi}_{k'v} \right)^{1/K}} \right)$$

Describe document: topic proportions

$$\hat{\theta}_{dk} = \frac{\gamma_{dk}}{\sum_{k'} \gamma_{dk'}}$$

Example learned topics & doc model

Train on 160K documents; use variational EM, 100 topics, compute topic proportions and word assignments for test document

NEW	MILLION	CHILDREN	SCHOOL
FILM	TAX	WOMEN	STUDENTS
SHOW	PROGRAM	PEOPLE	SCHOOLS
MUSIC	BUDGET	CHILD	EDUCATION
MOVIE	BILLION	YEARS	TEACHERS
PLAY	FEDERAL	FAMILIES	HIGH
MUSICAL	YEAR	WORK	PUBLIC
BEST	SPENDING	PARENTS	TEACHER
ACTOR	NEW	SAYS	BENNETT
FIRST	STATE	FAMILY	MANIGAT
YORK	PLAN	WELFARE	NAMPHY
OPERA	MONEY	MEN	STATE
THEATER	PROGRAMS	PERCENT	PRESIDENT
ACTRESS	GOVERNMENT	CARE	ELEMENTARY
LOVE	CONGRESS	LIFE	HAITI

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will give \$1.25 million to Lincoln Center, Metropolitan Opera Co., New York Philharmonic and Juilliard School. "Our board felt that we had a real opportunity to make a mark on the future of the performing arts with these grants an act every bit as important as our traditional areas of support in health, medical research, education and the social services," Hearst Foundation President Randolph A. Hearst said Monday in announcing the grants. Lincoln Center's share will be \$200,000 for its new building, which will house young artists and provide new public facilities. The Metropolitan Opera Co. and New York Philharmonic will receive \$400,000 each. The Juilliard School, where music and the performing arts are taught, will get \$250,000. The Hearst Foundation, a leading supporter of the Lincoln Center Consolidated Corporate Fund, will make its usual annual \$100,000 donation, too.

Example of learned topics

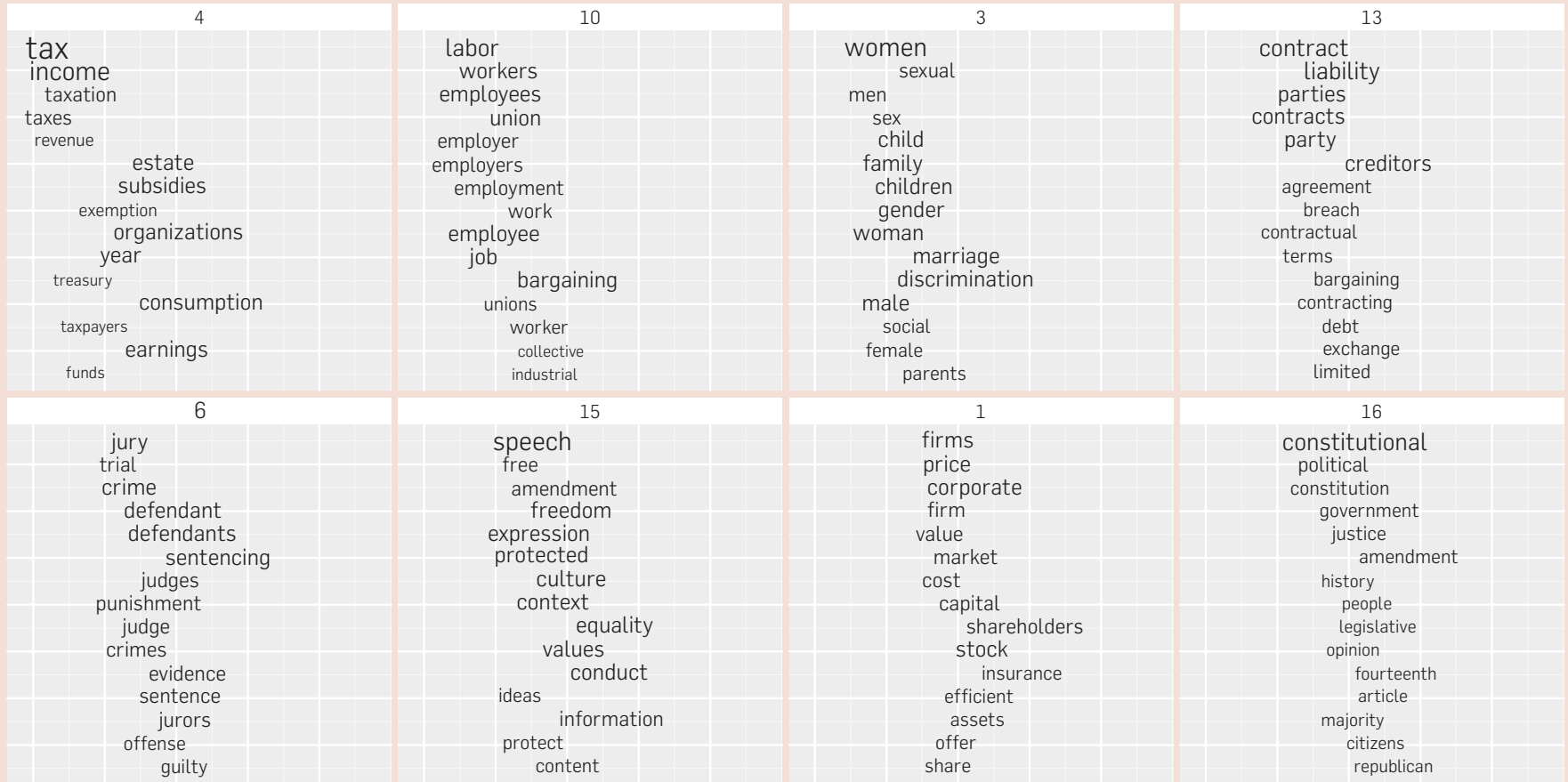
Learned topics reveal hidden, implicit semantic categories in corpus

In many cases, can represent documents with 10^2 topics instead of 10^5 words

Especially important for short documents, e.g., emails - topics overlap when words don't

<u>FIELD</u>	SCIENCE	BALL	JOB
MAGNETIC	STUDY	GAME	WORK
MAGNET	SCIENTISTS	TEAM	JOBS
WIRE	SCIENTIFIC	FOOTBALL	CAREER
NEEDLE	KNOWLEDGE	BASEBALL	EXPERIENCE
CURRENT	WORK	PLAYERS	EMPLOYMENT
COIL	RESEARCH	PLAY	OPPORTUNITIES
POLES	CHEMISTRY	<u>FIELD</u>	WORKING
IRON	TECHNOLOGY	PLAYER	TRAINING
COMPASS	MANY	BASKETBALL	SKILLS
LINES	MATHEMATICS	COACH	CAREERS
CORE	BIOLOGY	PLAYED	POSITIONS
ELECTRIC	<u>FIELD</u>	PLAYING	FIND
DIRECTION	PHYSICS	HIT	POSITION
FORCE	LABORATORY	TENNIS	<u>FIELD</u>
MAGNETS	STUDIES	TEAMS	OCCUPATIONS
BE	WORLD	GAMES	REQUIRE
MAGNETISM	SCIENTIST	SPORTS	OPPORTUNITY
POLE	STUDYING	BAT	EARN
INDUCED	SCIENCES	TERRY	ABLE

Learned topics: term-scores

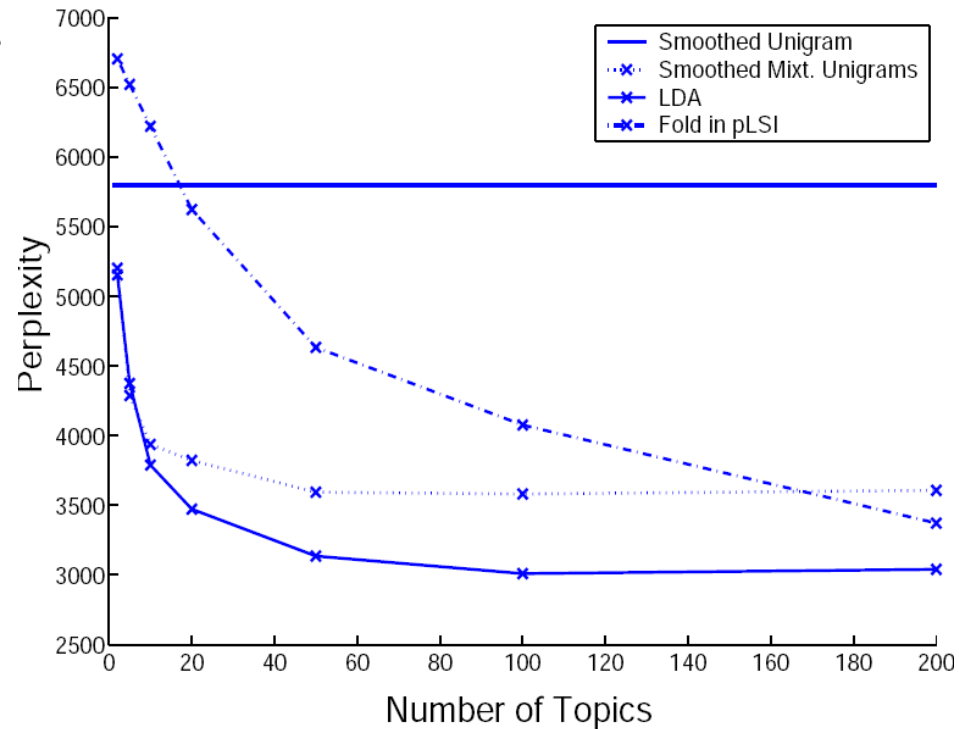


Model evaluation

Standard topic model results entail showing some suggestive groupings of words into topics; quantitative evaluation hard

Perplexity of test documents

$$\text{Perp}(D_{\text{test}}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_d \log p(\mathbf{w}_d)}{\sum_d N_d}\right)$$



Or document classification: represent document based on its posterior topic proportions → win when small proportion of dataset labeled

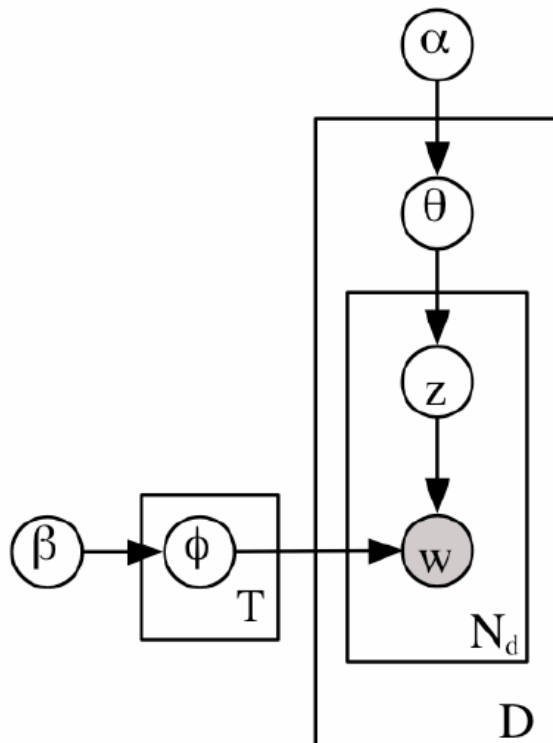
Author-Recipient-Topic model (McCallum et al., 2007)

extend LDA: analyze roles and relationships between people by analyzing email words wrt topic distributions

Latent Dirichlet Allocation

(LDA)

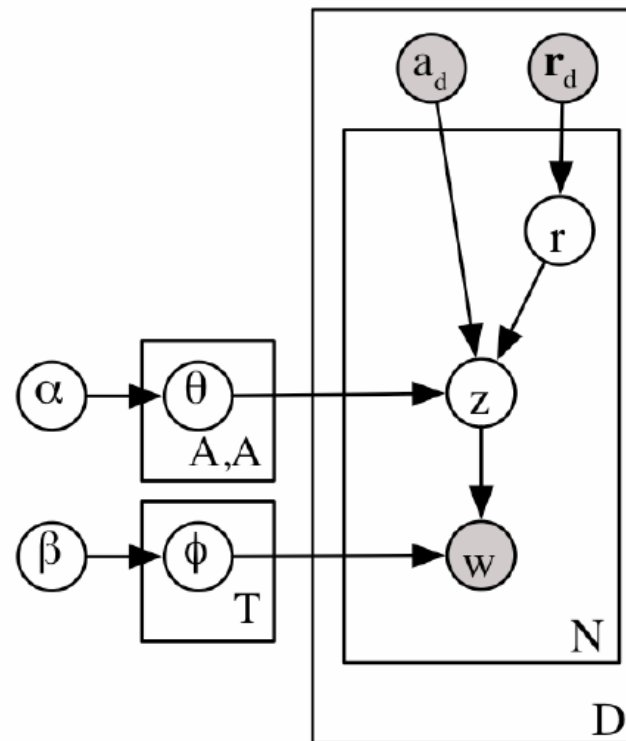
[Blei, Ng, Jordan, 2003]



Author-Recipient Topic

(ART)

[McCallum, Corrada, Wang, 2004]



Inference in Author-Recipient-Topic model

models message content, and directed social network in which messages are sent

generative process, for each message d :

1. observe author a_d and set of recipients \mathbf{r}_d
2. for each word in message d
 - (a) pick recipient r from \mathbf{r}_d
 - (b) pick topic from author-recipient pair-specific multinomial $\theta_{a_d, r}$
 - (c) pick word w from topic-specific multinomial ϕ_z

Aim: calculate posterior distribution of topic and recipient assignments given words – $P(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{w}) = P(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{r}) / \sum_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{r}} P(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{r})$

can compute joint, by integrating out unknown ϕ and θ distributions (taking advantage of conjugate Dirichlet priors), but denominator cannot be calculated directly

instead use Gibbs sampling (see tutorial)

Enron email corpus

250K email messages, 147 people, 23K unique words

Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2001 06:56:00 -0700 (PDT)
From: debra.perlingiere@enron.com
To: steve.hooser@enron.com
Subject: Enron/TransAltaContract dated Jan 1, 2001

Please see below. Katalin Kiss of TransAlta has requested an electronic copy of our final draft? Are you OK with this? If so, the only version I have is the original draft without revisions.

DP

Debra Perlingiere
Enron North America Corp.
Legal Department
1400 Smith Street, EB 3885
Houston, Texas 77002
dperlin@enron.com

Topics and prominent sender/receivers

Top words
within topic :

Topic 17 “Document Review”		Topic 27 “Time Scheduling”		Topic 45 “Sports Pool”	
attached	0.0742	day	0.0419	game	0.0170
agreement	0.0493	friday	0.0418	draft	0.0156
review	0.0340	morning	0.0369	week	0.0135
questions	0.0257	monday	0.0282	team	0.0135
draft	0.0245	office	0.0282	eric	0.0130
letter	0.0239	wednesday	0.0267	make	0.0125
comments	0.0207	tuesday	0.0261	free	0.0107
copy	0.0165	time	0.0218	year	0.0106
revised	0.0161	good	0.0214	pick	0.0097
document	0.0156	thursday	0.0191	phillip	0.0095
G.Nemec	0.0737	J.Dasovich	0.0340	E.Bass	0.3050
B.Tycholiz		R.Shapiro		M.Lenhart	
G.Nemec	0.0551	J.Dasovich	0.0289	E.Bass	0.0780
M.Whitt		J.Steffes		P.Love	
B.Tycholiz	0.0325	C.Clair	0.0175	M.Motley	0.0522
G.Nemec		M.Taylor		M.Grigsby	

Top
author-recipients
exhibiting this
topic

ART: Learns roles

ART implicitly finds roles of individuals

Topic 34 “Operations”		Topic 37 “Power Market”		Topic 41 “Government Relations”		Topic 42 “Wireless”	
operations	0.0321	market	0.0567	state	0.0404	blackberry	0.0726
team	0.0234	power	0.0563	california	0.0367	net	0.0557
office	0.0173	price	0.0280	power	0.0337	www	0.0409
list	0.0144	system	0.0206	energy	0.0239	website	0.0375
bob	0.0129	prices	0.0182	electricity	0.0203	report	0.0373
open	0.0126	high	0.0124	davis	0.0183	wireless	0.0364
meeting	0.0107	based	0.0120	utilities	0.0158	handheld	0.0362
gas	0.0107	buy	0.0117	commission	0.0136	stan	0.0282
business	0.0106	customers	0.0110	governor	0.0132	fyi	0.0271
houston	0.0099	costs	0.0106	prices	0.0089	named	0.0260
S.Beck	0.2158	J.Dasovich	0.1231	J.Dasovich	0.3338	R.Haylett	0.1432
L.Kitchen		J.Steffes		R.Shapiro		T.Geaccone	
S.Beck	0.0826	J.Dasovich	0.1133	J.Dasovich	0.2440	T.Geaccone	0.0737
J.Lavorato		R.Shapiro		J.Steffes		R.Haylett	
S.Beck	0.0530	M.Taylor	0.0218	J.Dasovich	0.1394	R.Haylett	0.0420
S.White		E.Sager		R.Sanders		D.Fossum	

Beck = “Chief Operations Officer”

Dasovich = “Government Relations Executive”

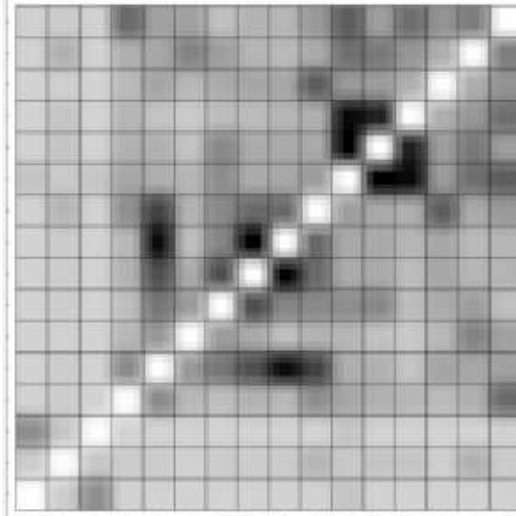
Shapiro = “Vice Presidency of Regulatory Affairs”

Steffes = “Vice President of Government Affairs”

Discovering role similarity

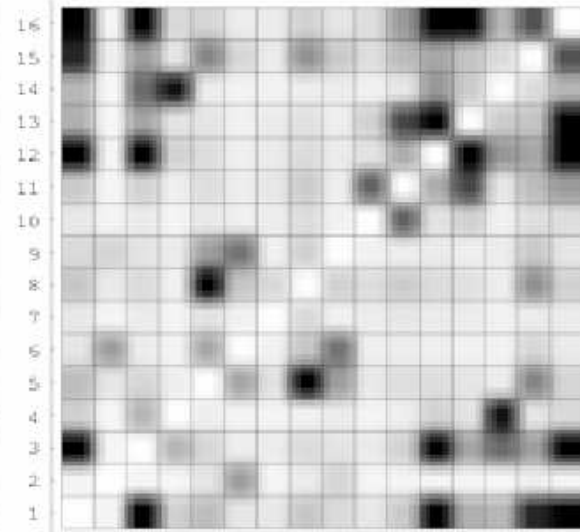
Traditional SNA

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16 : teb.lokey
15 : steven.harris
4 : kimberly.watson
13 : paul.y'barbo
12 : bill.rapp
11 : kevin.hyatt
10 : drew.fossum
9 : tracy.geaconne
8 : danny.mccarty
7 : shelley.corman
6 : rod.hayslett
5 : stanley.horton
4 : lynn.blair
3 : paul.thomas
2 : larry.campbell
: joe.stepenovitch
```



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

ART



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

connection strength (A,B) =

**Similarity in
recipients they
sent email to**

**Similarity in
authored topics,
conditioned on
recipient**

reflects jobs: Blair ('gas pipeline logistics') \approx Watson ('pipeline facility planning'); Geaconne ('executive assistant') vs. McCarty ('vice-president')

Dynamic Topic Models (Blei & Lafferty, 2006)

imagine topics evolve over time, so order of documents important; assume data divided by time-slice (e.g., year)

both Dirichlet distributions (over document topic proportions, and topic word proportions) replaced by simple dynamic model

1. Draw topics

$$\beta_t | \beta_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta_{t-1}, \sigma^2 I)$$

2. $\alpha_t | \alpha_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\alpha_{t-1}, \gamma^2 I)$

3. for each document

- (a) $\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\alpha_t, a^2 I)$

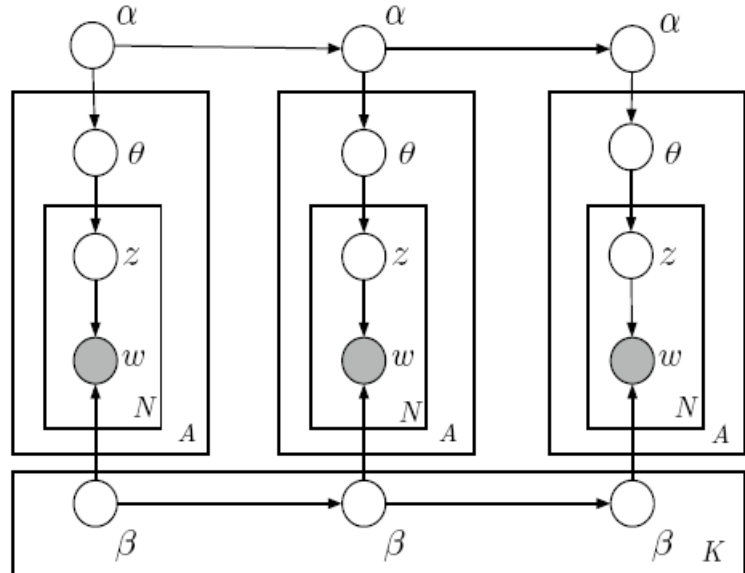
- (b) for each word

- i. $Z \sim$

$$\text{Mult}(\text{softmax}(\theta))$$

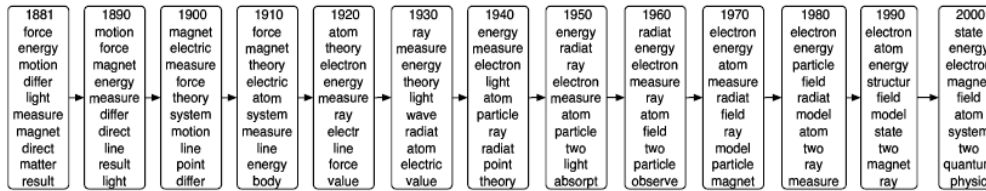
- ii. $W_{tdn} \sim$

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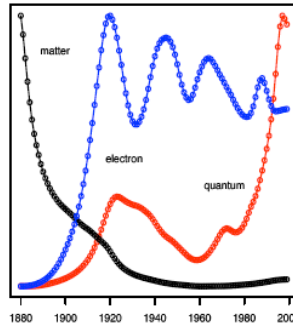


Dynamic Topic Models: Results

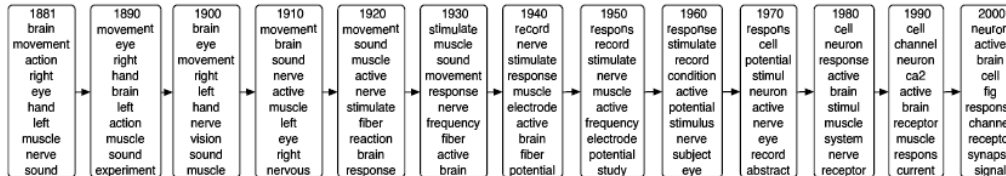
Science corpus: 30K articles, 1881-1999, 250/yr; 16K vocabulary; 20-topic dynamic model; trained using Kalman filter variational approximation



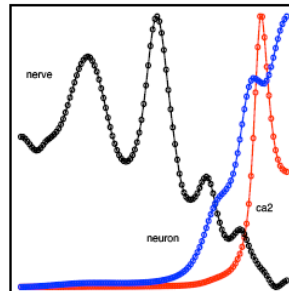
"Atomic Physics"



- 1881 On Matter as a form of Energy
- 1892 Non-Euclidean Geometry
- 1900 On Kathode Rays and Some Related Phenomena
- 1917 "Keep Your Eye on the Ball"
- 1920 The Arrangement of Atoms in Some Common Metals
- 1933 Studies in Nuclear Physics
- 1943 Aristotle, Newton, Einstein. II
- 1950 Instrumentation for Radioactivity
- 1965 Lasers
- 1975 Particle Physics: Evidence for Magnetic Monopole Obtained
- 1985 Fermilab Tests its Antiproton Factory
- 1999 Quantum Computing with Electrons Floating on Liquid Helium



"Neuroscience"



- 1887 Mental Science
- 1900 Hemianopsia in Migraine
- 1912 A Defence of the "New Phrenology"
- 1921 The Synchronal Flashing of Fireflies
- 1932 Myoesthesia and Imageless Thought
- 1943 Acetylcholine and the Physiology of the Nervous System
- 1952 Brain Waves and Unit Discharge in Cerebral Cortex
- 1963 Errorless Discrimination Learning in the Pigeon
- 1974 Temporal Summation of Light by a Vertebrate Visual Receptor
- 1983 Hysteresis in the Force-Calcium Relation in Muscle
- 1993 GABA-Activated Chloride Channels in Secretory Nerve Endings

Infinite Topic Models

So far all the topic models require specification of the number of topics

now consider infinite version, where the number of topics is potentially infinite

non-intuitive, yet fundamental idea underlying nonparametric Bayesian statistics

represent only as many topics as needed for a given dataset

examples of infinite models: Gaussian processes, Dirichlet process mixture models