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key insights

- Topic models are algorithms for discovering the main themes that pervade a large and otherwise unstructured collection of documents. Topic models can organize the collection according to the discovered themes.
- Topic modeling algorithms can be applied to massive collections of documents. Recent advances in this field allow us to analyze streaming collections, like you might find from a Web API.
- Topic modeling algorithms can be adapted to many kinds of data. Among other applications, they have been used to find patterns in genetic data, images, and social networks.