

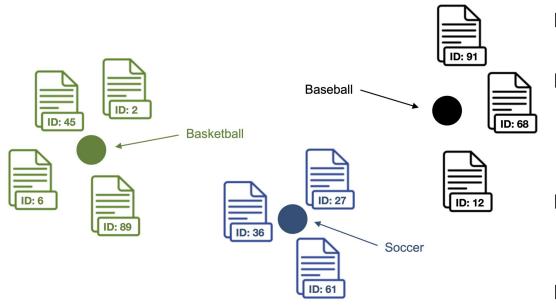
Solving Business Problems with NLP

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Topic Classification



- Text Classification and relating with a topic
- Used in legal document classification, electronic health record classification, social media analytics, etc.
- Both supervised and unsupervised models can be used.
- Unsupervised approach is more convenient

Reference: Towards Data Science blog

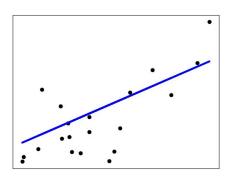
Unsupervised vs Supervised Learning

Supervised learning: discover patterns in the data that relate feature attributes with a target (class/value).

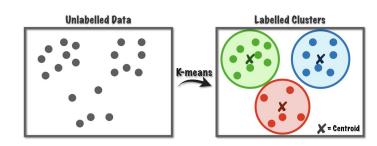
These patterns are then utilized to predict the values of the target attribute in future data instances.

Unsupervised learning: The data have no target attribute.

We want to explore the data to find some intrinsic structures in them.



Example- Linear Regression



Example- KMeans Clustering

Popular NLP methods for Topic Classification

■ Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI)

Packages:

- Scikit-learn
- Gensim

Pre-processing:

- Cleaning, stopword removal, vectorizing
- Same as supervised learning

N.B. Most of the topic classification methods are generative and not discriminative - same document may belong to different topics

Discriminative vs Generative Models

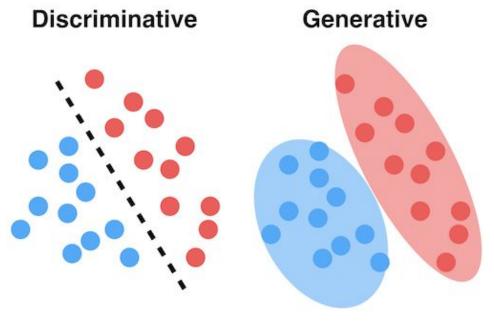


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https://dataisutopia.com/blog/discremenet-generative-models

Discriminative models (SVM, RF, LR) also called *conditional models*, tend to learn the boundary between classes/labels in a dataset.

Generative models (HMM, NB, LDA, etc.) are models where the focus is the distribution of individual classes in a dataset and the learning algorithms tend to model the underlying patterns/distribution of the data points.

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

	Word1	word2	word3	word4	****
Topic1	0.01	0.23	0.19	0.03	
Topic2	0.21	0.07	0.48	0.02	
Topic3	0.53	0.01	0.17	0.04	

- In LDA, documents are represented as a mixture of topics and a topic is a bunch of words.
- Topic = multinomial distribution of words
- Each row in the table represents a different topic
- each column a different word in the corpus.
- Each cell contains the probability that the word(column) belongs to the topic(row).

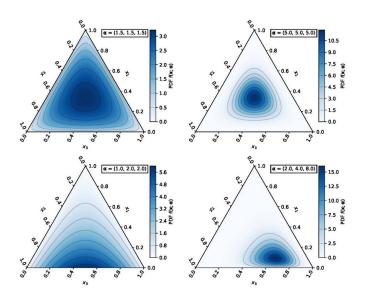
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LDA explained

'Latent' indicates that the model discovers the 'yet-to-be-found' or hidden topics from the documents. '

Dirichlet' indicates LDA's assumption that the distribution of topics in a document and the distribution of words in topics are both Dirichlet distributions. '

Allocation' indicates the distribution of topics in the document.



Non-negative Matrix Factorization

- Nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF) has become a widely used tool for the analysis of high dimensional data as it automatically extracts sparse and meaningful features from a set of nonnegative data vectors.
- NMF approximates a matrix X with a low-rank matrix approximation such that

X~WH

$$X(:,j) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{r} W(:,k)$$

th document

$$\underbrace{H(k,j)}_{\text{importance of }k\text{th topic}}$$
,

with $W \geq 0$ and $H \geq 0$.

in jth document

Supplemental Materials:

- 1. https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~mgormley/courses/10701-f16/slides/lecture20-topic-models.pdf
- 2. https://personal.utdallas.edu/~nrr150130/cs6347/2017sp/lects/Lecture_18_LD_A.pdf
- 3. https://towardsdatascience.com/dirichlet-distribution-a82ab942a879
- 4. https://blog.acolyer.org/2019/02/18/the-why-and-how-of-nonnegative-matrix-fa
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