



## Topic Models

### Advanced Machine Learning for NLP

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## Learning the Hidden Space

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- Two major tools:
  - Gibbs Sampling: Easier to implement, easier to understand
  - Variational Inference: faster, harder to implement
- Variational shows the connections to “deep” models better, so it’s the focus
- However, would be injustice to not at least discuss Gibbs sampling

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$$p(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\beta} | \alpha, \lambda) = \prod_k p(\beta_k | \lambda) \prod_d p(\theta_d | \alpha) \prod_n p(z_{d,n} | \theta_d) p(w_{d,n} | \beta_{z_{d,n}})$$

## Gibbs Sampling

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- A form of Markov Chain Monte Carlo
- Chain is a sequence of random variable states
- Given a state  $\{z_1, \dots, z_N\}$  given certain technical conditions, drawing  $z_k \sim p(z_1, \dots, z_{k-1}, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_N | X, \Theta)$  for all  $k$  (repeatedly) results in a Markov Chain whose stationary distribution *is* the posterior.
- For notational convenience, call  $\mathbf{z}$  with  $z_{d,n}$  removed  $\mathbf{z}_{-d,n}$

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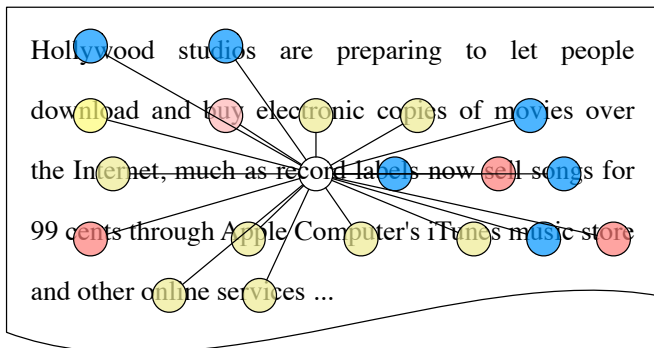
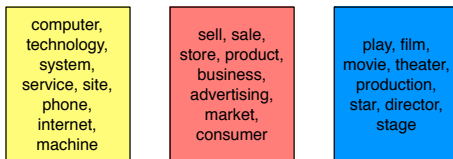
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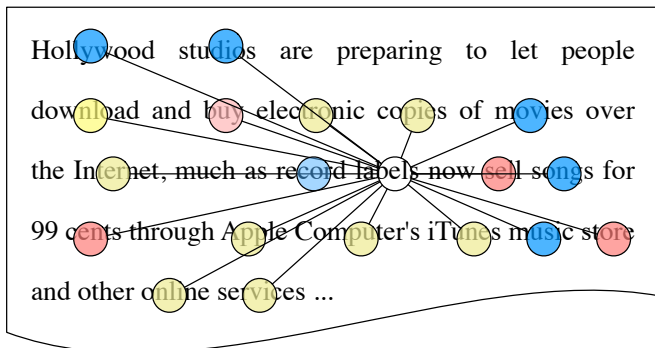
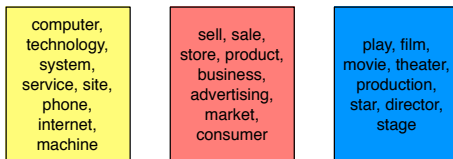
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- The topics and per-document topic proportions are integrated out / marginalized
- Let  $n_{d,i}$  be the number of words taking topic  $i$  in document  $d$ . Let  $v_{k,w}$  be the number of times word  $w$  is used in topic  $k$ .

$$= \frac{\int_{\theta_d} \left( \prod_{i \neq k} \theta_d^{\alpha_i + n_{d,i} - 1} \right) \theta_d^{\alpha_k + n_{d,k}} d\theta_d \int_{\beta_k} \left( \prod_{i \neq w_{d,n}} \beta_{k,i}^{\lambda_i + v_{k,i} - 1} \right) \beta_{k,w_{d,n}}^{\lambda_i + v_{k,w_{d,n}}} d\beta_k}{\int_{\theta_d} \left( \prod_i \theta_d^{\alpha_i + n_{d,i} - 1} \right) d\theta_d \int_{\beta_k} \left( \prod_i \beta_{k,i}^{\lambda_i + v_{k,i} - 1} \right) d\beta_k}$$

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## Gamma Function Identity

$$z = \frac{\Gamma(z+1)}{\Gamma(z)} \quad (3)$$

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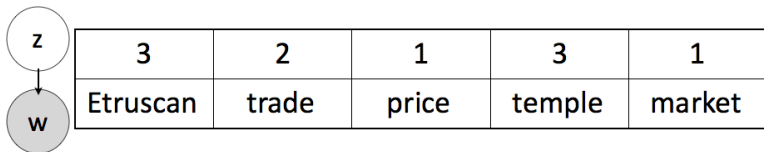
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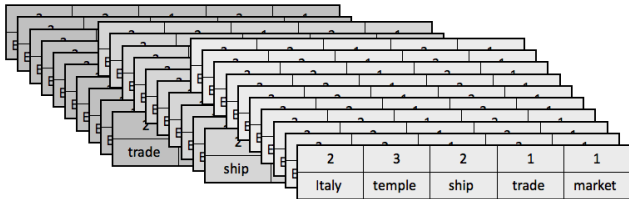
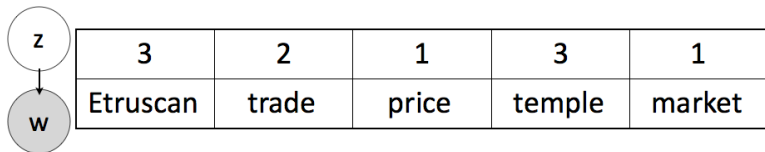
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Total  
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from **all**  
docs



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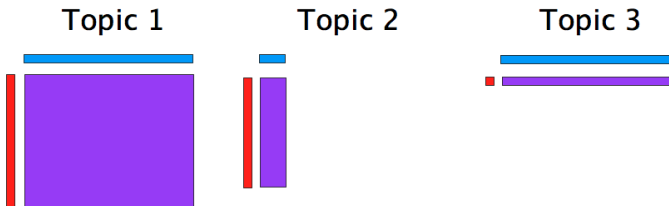
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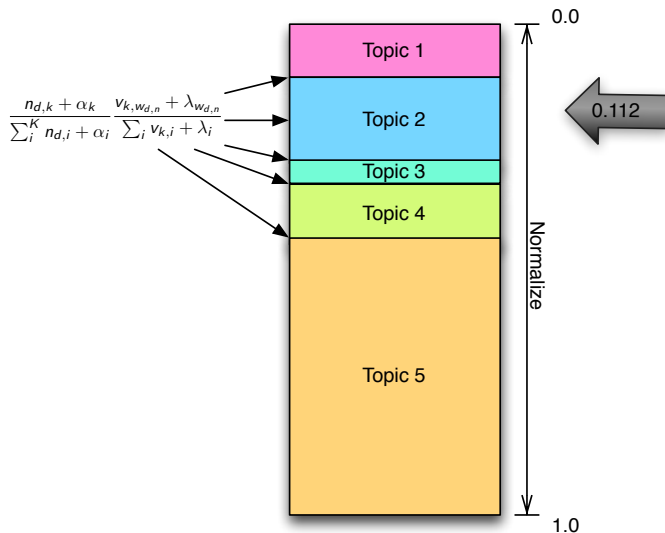
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## Details: how to sample from a distribution



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## Desiderata

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- Hyperparameters: Sample them too (slice sampling)
- Initialization: Random
- Sampling: Until likelihood converges
- Lag / burn-in: Difference of opinion on this
- Number of chains: Should do more than one

## Available implementations

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- Mallet (<http://mallet.cs.umass.edu>)
- LDAC (<http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~blei/lda-c>)
- Topicmod (<http://code.google.com/p/topicmod>)

