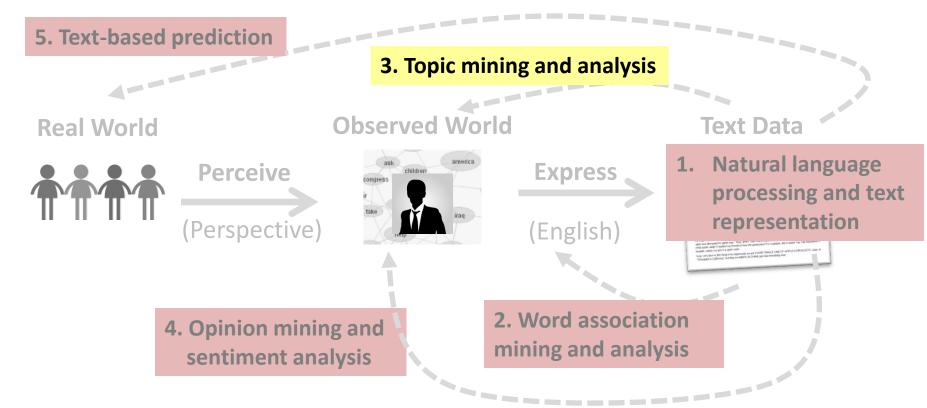
# Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

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#### **Extensions of PLSA**

- PLSA with prior knowledge → User-controlled PLSA
- PLSA as a generative model → Latent Dirichlet Allocation

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### PLSA with Prior Knowledge

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- Users may have expectations about which topics to analyze:
  - We expect to see "retrieval models" as a topic in IR
  - We want to see aspects such as "battery" and "memory" for opinions about a laptop
- Users may have knowledge about what topics are (or are NOT) covered in a document
  - Tags = topics → A doc can only be generated using topics corresponding to the tags assigned to the document
- We can incorporate such knowledge as priors of PLSA model

### Maximum a Posteriori (MAP) Estimate

$$\Lambda^* = \arg\max_{\Lambda} \underbrace{p(\Lambda)}_{A} \underbrace{p(Data \mid \Lambda)}_{A \text{ data}}$$

- We may use  $p(\Lambda)$  to encode all kinds of preferences and constraints, e.g.,
  - $p(\Lambda)>0$  if and only if one topic is precisely "background":  $p(w|\theta_B)$
  - p( $\Lambda$ )>0 if and only if for a particular doc d,  $\pi_{d,3}$ =0 and  $\pi_{d,1}$ =1/2
  - p( $\Lambda$ ) favors a  $\Lambda$  with topics that assign high probabilities to some particular words
- The MAP estimate (with conjugate prior) can be computed using a similar EM algorithm to the ML estimate with smoothing to reflect prior preferences

### EM Algorithm with Conjugate Prior on p(w| $\theta_i$ ) 共轭失论

 $p(z_{d,w} = j) = \frac{\pi_{d,j}^{(n)} p^{(n)}(w | \theta_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^k \pi_{d,i}^{(n)} p^{(n)}(w | \theta_{i'})}$ 

Prior:  $p(w|\theta'_i)$ 

 $p(z_{d,w} = B) = \frac{\lambda_B p(w | \theta_B)}{\lambda_B p(w | \theta_B) + (1 - \lambda_B) \sum_{j=1}^{k} \pi_{d,j}^{(n)} p^{(n)}(w | \theta_j)}$ 

battery 0.5

Pseudo counts of w from prior  $\theta$ '

 $\pi_{d,j}^{(n+1)} = \frac{\sum_{w \in V} c(w,d)(1-p(z_{d,w}=B))p(z_{d,w}=j)}{\sum_{j'} \sum_{w \in V} c(w,d)(1-p(z_{d,w}=B))p(z_{d,w}=j')} \qquad \text{from prior}$  from prior from prior prior

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We may also set any parameter to a constant (including 0) as needed

### **Deficiency of PLSA**

- Not a generative model
  - Can't compute probability of a new document
  - Heuristic workaround is possible, though
- Many parameters → high complexity of models

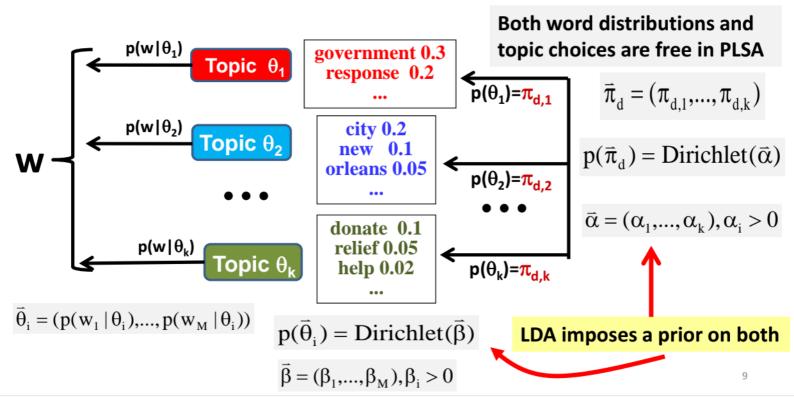
Many local maxima
Prone to overfitting

 Not necessarily a problem for text mining (only interested in fitting the "training" documents)

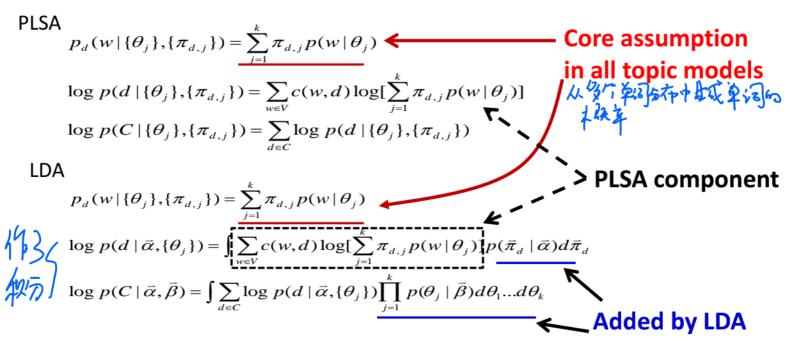
## Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

- Make PLSA a generative model by imposing a Dirichlet prior on the model parameters →
  - LDA = Bayesian version of PLSA
  - Parameters are regularized
- Can achieve the same goal as PLSA for text mining purposes
  - Topic coverage and topic word distributions can be inferred using Bayesian inference

# PLSA + LDA 例 27 Dirichlet 练



#### Likelihood Functions for PLSA vs. LDA



### Parameter Estimation and Inferences in LDA

Parameters can be estimated using ML estimator

$$(\hat{\vec{\alpha}}, \hat{\vec{\beta}}) = \underset{\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}}{\operatorname{arg max}} \log p(C \mid \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta})$$

How many parameters in LDA vs. PLSA?

- However,  $\{\theta_j\}$  and  $\{\pi_{d,j}\}$  must now be computed using posterior inference
  - Computationally intractable
  - Must resort to approximate inference
  - Many different inference methods are available

### Summary of Probabilistic Topic Models

- Probabilistic topic models provide a general principled way of mining and analyzing topics in text with many applications
- Basic task setup:
  - Input: Text data
  - Output: k topics + proportions of these topics covered in each document
- PLSA is the basic topic model, often adequate for most applications
- LDA improves over PLSA by imposing priors
  - Theoretically more appealing
  - Practically, LDA and PLSA perform similarly for many tasks

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