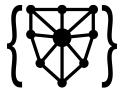


Text Analysis in R with quanteda

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- 2. Text Analysis Fundamentals
- 3. Situating Quanteda
- 4. Getting started
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- 7. Document-feature matrix
- 8. Dictionary (sentiment) Analysis
- 9. Textual statistics

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You!

- Name
- Affiliation
- How you use / want to use text analysis
- Popcorn to next person

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Purpose of the workshop

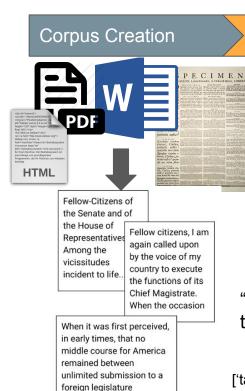
- Provide an overview of the text analysis workflow
- Introduce tools for quantitative text analysis
- Focus specifically on the quanteda package
- Demonstrate several major categories of analysis
- Answer any questions about text analysis that you might have

Whom this short course is for

- Those familiar with text analysis methods but not in R/quanteda
- Those who have tried R/quanteda but want to learn more proficiency
- The merely "text-curious"
- No real prerequisites: We're all here to learn

Text analysis fundamentals

Text Analysis Workflow



Preprocessing

Reshaping

Analysis

Tokenization

- Lowercasing
- Stemming
- Lemmatization
- Stopword removal
- Punctuation removal
- Normalization
- Noise removal
- Enrichment and annotation

"Of all tax, income taxes are the worst."



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Document term matrix or other representations

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1793-Washington	0	11	13	0	2
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1801-Jefferson	2	104	130	0	81
1805-Jefferson	0	101	143	0	93
1809-Madison	1	69	104	0	43
1813-Madison	1	65	100	0	44
1817-Monroe	5	164	275	0	122
1821-Monroe	1	197	360	0	141
1825-Adams	0	245	304	0	116
1829-Jackson	0	71	92	0	49
1833-Jackson	0	76	101	0	53
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1841-Harrison	11	604	829	5	231
1845-Polk	1	298	397	0	189

Statistics

- Term frequencies
- Keyness
- Readability
- Lexical Diversity
- Similarity, distance

Models

- Supervised ML
- Unsupervised ML
- Scaling
- Word embeddings
- Topic modeling

Plots

- Keyness
- Networks
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- Word Clouds

Corpus Creation

- Texts: Organized into documents
- Corpus: Collection of texts
 - Often with associated document-level metadata ("document variables" or docvars)
 - Examples: { "pages": 326, "pub_date": 1897, "genre": "crime"}
 - Plural is corpora
- Domain knowledge
- Creating a corpus
 - Downloading
 - Web scraping
 - Transcribing
 - Copyright issues
- Document ingestion
 - Plaintext
 - HTML / XML
 - PDF
 - Images
 - Word

Preprocessing

- Bringing a text into a predictable, analyzable state for a specific task
 - Task: approach + domain
 - Human consumption (reading text) -> computer consumption (preprocessed text)
- Steps
 - Tokenization
 - Stemming
 - Lemmatization
- Definitions
 - Stems: words with suffixes removed (using a set of rules)
 - Lemmas: canonical word form
 - o Tokens: a sequence of characters grouped together as a useful semantic unit
 - words
 - could also include punctuation characters or symbols
 - multi-word expressions
 - named entities
 - usually, but not always, delimited by spaces
 - Type: a unique token

Word	win	winning	wins	won
Stem	win	win	win	won
Lemma	win	win	win	win

Preprocessing (continued)

Steps

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Definitions

- Stop words: words that are designed for exclusion from any analysis of text
- Parts of speech: linguistic markers indicating the general category of a word's linguistic property, e.g. noun, verb, adjective, etc.
- Named entities: a real-world object, such as persons, locations, organizations, products, etc., that can be denoted with a proper name, often a phrase, e.g. "Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science"
- Multi-word expressions: sequences of words denoting a single concept (and would be in German), e.g. value added tax (in German: Mehrwertsteuer)

Sample Preprocessing Pipeline

- Corpus
 - "A corpus is a set of documents."
 - "This is the second document in the corpus."
- 1. Lowercase
 - o "a corpus is a set of documents."
 - "this is the second document in the corpus."
- 2. Remove stopwords and punctuation
 - o "a corpus is a set of documents:"
 - "this is the second document in the corpus."
- 3. Stem
 - "corpus set documents"
 - "second document corpus"
- 4. Tokenize
 - [corpus, set, document]
 - [second, document, corpus]
- 5. Create a document-feature matrix
 - o a "bag-of-words" conversion of documents into a matrix that counts the features (types) by document

```
toks <- tokens("Of all tax, income taxes are worst.", remove_punct = TRUE)
toks
## tokens from 1 document.
## text1:
## [1] "Of" "all" "tax" "income" "taxes" "are"
                                                     "worst"
tokens_wordstem(toks)
## tokens from 1 document.
## text1:
## [1] "Of" "all" "tax" "incom" "tax" "are" "worst"
tokens wordstem(toks) %>%
  tokens_remove(stopwords("english"))
## tokens from 1 document.
## text1:
## [1] "tax" "incom" "tax" "worst"
tokens_wordstem(toks) %>%
  tokens_remove(stopwords("english")) %>%
  types()
```

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Reshaping

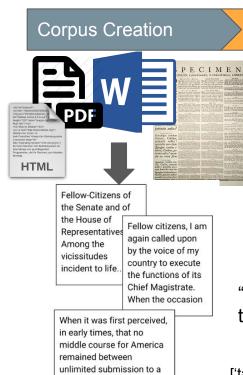
Document Term Matrix

Document 1: "A corpus is a set of documents."

Document 2: "This is the second document in the corpus."

	corpus	set	document	second
Document 1	1	1	1	0
Document 2	1	0	1	1
Document n	0	1	1	0

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Text analysis tools and libraries

Tools

- Voyant Tools: https://voyant-tools.org/
- MALLET: http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/quick-start.php
- Google NGrams: http://books.google.com/ngrams/
- Many commercial options, from GUIs to APIs
 - MonkeyLearn
 - IBM Watson
 - Google Cloud NLP
 - Amazon Comprehend
 - Many more ...

Python Text Analysis Libraries



- Natural Language
 Toolkit
- Released 2001
- Focus: teaching and research
- Functions: Text manipulation and preprocessing
- String-oriented
- Less opinionated;
 many algorithms
- Not as performant
- Researcher > developer

spaCy

- Released 2015
- Focus: production ready NLP code
- Functions: text preprocessing, word vectors, tagging, classification, deep learning integration
- Object oriented
- Opinionated: state-of-the-art algorithms
- Developer > researcher





- Focus: machine learning
- Functions:classification,clustering, regression



- Released 2009
- Focus: NLP, especially topic modeling and document similarity
- Functions: topic modeling, TF-IDF, fastText, word2vec, doc2vec

R Text Analysis Libraries

QUANTEDQuantitative Analysis of Textual Data

tm

- Many methods for importing data and creating corpora
- Reading Word docs,
 PDFs
- Metadata management
- Preprocessing
- Analysis

 Succinct and powerful fullstack text analysis

(https://quanteda.io/articles/pkgdown/replication/digital-humanities.html?q=topic%2
Omodeling#topic-modelling)

- Preprocessing
- Document term matrices
- Metadata management
- Document classification
- Topic modeling
- Can work with tm corpora

- Others
 - spaCyR
 - OpenNLP
 - tidytext
 - corpus
- See:

https://quanteda.io/articles/pkgdown/comparison.html

Getting started

Installing quanteda

```
Install the quanteda package from CRAN:
     install.packages("quanteda")
You should also install the readtext package:
     install.packages("readtext")
Afterwards, load both packages, and check versions:
     library("quanteda")
     library("readtext")
     packageVersion("quanteda")
     packageVersion("readtext")
```

Reproduce example in quanteda

Create a text corpus

Exercise: Create this corpus and get a summary using summary(mycorp).

```
summary(mycorp)
```

Reproduce example in quanteda

Create a document-feature matrix

Question: How does the dfm change when we change the preprocessing steps?

The quanteda infrastructure

Design of the package

- consistent grammar
- flexible for power users, simple for beginners
- analytic transparency and reproducibility
- compatibility with other packages
- pipelined workflow using magrittr's %>%

Quanteda Initiative

- UK non-profit organization devoted to the promotion of open-source text analysis software
- User, technical and development support
- Teaching and workshops
- https://quanteda.org

Additional packages

For some exercises, we will need quanteda.corpora:

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("quanteda/quanteda.corpora")
```

For POS tagging, entity recognition, and dependency parsing, you should install spacyr (not covered extensively).

```
install.packages("spacyr")
```

Installation instructions: http://spacyr.quanteda.io

Course resources

- Documentation:
 - https://quanteda.io
 - https://readtext.quanteda.io
 - https://spacyr.quanteda.org
- Tutorials: https://tutorials.quanteda.io
- Cheatsheet: https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/
- Kenneth Benoit, Kohei Watanabe, Haiyan Wang, Paul Nulty, Adam Obeng, Stefan Müller, and Akitaka Matsuo. 2018.
 "quanteda: An R Package for the Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data." Journal of Open Source Software 3(30): 774.

Recap: workflow

1. Corpus

- Saves character strings and variables in a data frame
- Combines texts with document-level variables

2. Tokens

- Stores tokens in a list of vectors
- Positional (string-of-words) analysis is performed using textstat_collocations(), tokens_ngrams() and tokens_select() or fcm() with window option

3. Document-feature matrix (DFM)

- Represents frequencies of features in documents in a matrix
- The most efficient structure, but it does not have information on positions of words
- Non-positional (bag-of-words) analysis are performed using many of the textstat_* and textmodel_* functions

Main function classes

- Text corpus: corpus()
- Tokenization: tokens()
- Document-feature matrix: dfm()
- Feature co-occurrence matrix: fcm()
- Text statistics: textstat_()
- Text models: textmodel_()
- Plots: textplot_()

Naming conventions and useful shortcuts

Recommended naming conventions for objects

In the **quanteda** style quide, we recommend to name objects consistently, e.g.:

```
Corpus: corp_...

Tokens object: toks_...

Dfm: dfmat_...

Textmodel: tmod_...
```

Useful RStudio keyboard shortcuts

- Insert pipe operator (%>%): Shift + Cmd/Cntrl + M
- Insert assignment operator (<-): Alt + -

More shortcuts for RStudio can be found here

Clarification

The following expressions result in the same output

```
data_corpus_inaugural %>%
    tokens()

tokens(data_corpus_inaugural)
```

Working with corpus objects

Corpus functions in quanteda

- corpus()
- corpus_subset()
- corpus_reshape()
- corpus_segment()
- corpus_sample()

Corpora in quanteda

- data_corpus_inaugural
- data_corpus_irishbudget2010

Additional corpora in the quanteda.corpora package

Using magrittr's pipe

```
data_corpus_inaugural %>%
    corpus_subset(President == "Obama") %>%
    ndoc()

data_corpus_inaugural %>%
    corpus_subset(President == "Obama") %>%
    corpus_reshape(to = "sentences") %>%
    ndoc()
```

Access number of types and tokens of corpus

```
ntype(data_corpus_inaugural) %>%
    head()
ntoken(data_corpus_inaugural) %>%
    head()
```

Overview of document-level variables

head(docvars(data_corpus_inaugural))

Exercise

- 1. Based on data_corpus_inaugural, create an object data_corpus_postwar (speeches since 1945).
- 2. What speech has the most tokens? What speech has the most types?

Note: You can find the documentation and examples using? followed by the name of the function.

Solution

```
data_corpus_postwar <- data_corpus_inaugural %>%
    corpus_subset(Year > 1945)
# number of tokens per speech
data_corpus_postwar %>%
      ntoken() %>%
      sort(decreasing = TRUE) %>%
      head()
# number of types per speech
data_corpus_postwar %>%
   ntype() %>%
    sort(decreasing = TRUE) %>%
   head()
```

Adding document-level variables

```
# new docvar: PresidentFull
docvars(data_corpus_inaugural, "Order") <- 1:ndoc(data_corpus_inaugural)
head(docvars(data_corpus_inaugural, "Order"))
# new docvar: PresidentFull
docvars(data_corpus_inaugural, "PresidentFull") <-
    paste(docvars(data_corpus_inaugural, "FirstName"),
    docvars(data_corpus_inaugural, "President"),
    sep = " ")
head(docvars(data_corpus_inaugural))</pre>
```

Exercise

- 1. Use data_corpus_inaugural and reshape the entire corpus to the level of sentences and store the new corpus. What is the number of documents of the reshaped corpus?
- 2. Add a document-level variable to the reshaped corpus that counts the tokens per sentence.
- 3. Keep only sentences that are longer than 10 words.
- 4. Reshape the corpus back to the level of documents and store the corpus as data_corpus_inaugural_subset.
- 5. Optional: find a more efficient solution.

Solution

Solution (cont'd)

```
data_corpus_inaugural_subset <- corp_sentence_subset %>%
    corpus_reshape(to = "documents")
sum(ntoken(data_corpus_inaugural))
sum(ntoken(data_corpus_inaugural_subset))
```

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Tokenization

Tokenization of a corpus

```
corp_immig <- corpus(data_char_ukimmig2010)
toks_immig <- tokens(corp_immig)
head(toks_immig[[1]], 20)</pre>
```

Remove punctuation

Remove stopwords

Customize stopwords list

- Stopwords for other languages: check the **stopwords** package
- Remove feature from stopword list

```
"will" %in% stopwords("en")
my_stopwords_en <- stopwords("en")[!stopwords("en") %in% c("will")]
"will" %in% my_stopwords_en</pre>
```

Review variations

```
head(toks_immig[[1]], 20)
head(toks_nopunct[[1]], 20)
head(toks_nostopw[[1]], 20)
```

Select certain terms

Select certain terms and their context

Compound multiwords expressions

Compound multiwords expressions

Preserve these expressions in bag-of-word analysis:

Exercise

- 1. Tokenize data_corpus_irishbudget2010 and compound the following party names: fianna fáil, fine gael, and sinn féin.
- 2. Select only the three party names and the window of +-10 words
- 3. How can we extract only the full sentences in which at least one of the parties is mentioned?

Solution

N-grams

```
# Unigrams
tokens("insurgents killed in ongoing fighting")
# Bigrams
tokens("insurgents killed in ongoing fighting") %>%
    tokens_ngrams(n = 2)
```

Skipgrams

```
# Skipgrams
tokens("insurgents killed in ongoing fighting") %>%
    tokens_skipgrams(n = 2, skip = 0:1)
```

Look up tokens from a dictionary

The transition from tokens() to dfm()

dfm(dict_toks)

Summary of tokens functions

tokens()
tokens_tolower()/tokens_toupper()
tokens_wordstem()
tokens_compound()
tokens_lookup()
tokens_ngrams()
tokens_skipgrams()
tokens_skipgrams()
tokens_select()/tokens_remove()/tokens_keep()
tokens_replace()
tokens_sample()
tokens_subset()

Recall to use? to read the manual and examples for each function.

Exercise

- 1. Tokenize data_corpus_irishbudget2010
- 2. Convert the tokens object, remove punctuation, change to lowercase, remove stopwords, and stem
- 3. Get the number of types and tokens per speech

Solution

```
toks_ire <- data_corpus_irishbudget2010 %>%
    tokens(remove_punct = TRUE) %>%
    tokens_remove(stopwords("en")) %>%
    tokens_tolower() %>%
    tokens_wordstem()

ire_ntype <- ntype(toks_ire)

ire_ntoken <- ntoken(toks_ire)</pre>
```

Document-feature matrix

Exercise

- 1. Create a document-feature matrix from the tokens object above.
- 2. Get the 50 most frequent terms using topfeatures().

Solution

```
toks_ire <- tokens(data_corpus_irishbudget2010)</pre>
dfmat_ire <- dfm(toks_ire) # dfm() transforms to lower case by default</pre>
topfeatures(dfmat_ire)
## alternative approach without tokens() -- less control!
dfmat_ire2 <- data_corpus_irishbudget2010 %>%
    dfm(remove_punct = TRUE,
        remove = stopwords("en"),
        stem = TRUE)
topfeatures(dfmat_ire2)
```

Select features based on frequencies

```
nfeat(dfmat_ire)
dfmat_ire_trim1 <- dfm_trim(dfmat_ire,</pre>
min_termfreq = 5)
nfeat(dfmat_ire_trim1)
dfmat_ire_trim2 <- dfm_trim(dfmat_ire,</pre>
                         min_docfreq = 5)
nfeat(dfmat_ire_trim2)
dfmat_ire_trim3 <- dfm_trim(dfmat_ire,</pre>
max_docfreq = 0.1,
docfreq_type = "prop")
nfeat(dfmat_ire_trim3)
```

Exercise

- 1. Create a dfm from the two documents below, and weight it using dfm_weight().
- 2. For dfm_weight() try out the scheme arguments "count", "boolean" and "prop".
- 3. What are the advantages and problems of each weighting scheme?

Solution

```
dfmat_fruits <- dfm(texts)
dfm_weight(dfmat_fruits, scheme = "count")
dfm_weight(dfmat_fruits, scheme = "boolean")
dfm_weight(dfmat_fruits, scheme = "prop")</pre>
```

Sentiment analysis

Sentiment analysis on the Irish Budget corpus

tokens from 1 document.

text1:

```
Sentiment analysis using the Lexicoder Sentiment Dictionary (data_dictionary_LSD2015)

#Take a quick look at the dictionary
head(data_dictionary_LSD2015)

Options are: negative, positive, negating a positive, negating a negative. Here is more info on the dictionary.

# simple example
txt <- "This aggressive policy will not win friends."
tokens_lookup(tokens(txt), dictionary = data_dictionary_LSD2015, exclusive = FALSE)
```

[1] "This" "NEGATIVE" "policy" "will" "NEG_POSITIVE" "POSITIVE" "."

```
# tokenize and apply dictionary
toks_dict <- data_corpus_irishbudget2010 %>%
   tokens() %>%
   tokens_lookup(dictionary = data_dictionary_LSD2015)
head(toks_dict)
# transform to a dfm
dfmat_dict <- dfm(toks_dict)

#What did we get?
head(dfmat_dict)</pre>
```

```
View(dict_output)
View(docvars(data_corpus_irishbudget2010))
#Combine the data to get a bigger dataframe with the docvars info included
dict_output <- cbind(dict_output, docvars(data_corpus_irishbudget2010))
View(dict_output)</pre>
```

Plot our sentiment analysis using ggplot. If you haven't used ggplot, it's confusing, some bare bones:

- Specify data (a data.frame)
- Specify the aesthetics (x-axis, y-axis, colours, shapes etc.)
- Choose a geometric object (e.g. scatterplot, boxplot)

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```
#We're going to do a scatterplot of negative vs positive from dict_output
#to show you the very basics. First, specify data and axes:
library(ggplot2)
myplot <- ggplot(data = dict_output,</pre>
                 aes(x = negative, y = positive))
myplot
#Then, specify a geometry -- you can put aesthetics in there, too.
myplot +
  geom_point(aes(colour = party)) +
  labs(x = "Negative Statements",
       v = "Positive Statements")
```

Textual statistics

Textual statistics: Simple frequency analysis

```
#Simple frequency analysis
ire_dfm <- data_corpus_irishbudget2010 %>%
  dfm(remove = stopwords("en"),
      remove_punct = TRUE)
ire_freq <- ire_dfm %>%
  textstat_frequency(n=15, ties_method = "first")
head(ire_freq)
#Plot
ire_freqplot <- ire_freq %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = frequency, y = reorder(feature, frequency))) +
  geom_point() +
 labs(x = "Frequency", y = NULL)
ire_freqplot
```

Textual statistics: Frequency analysis for groups

Textual statistics: Relative frequency analysis

Relative frequency analysis, also called keyness, compares the frequency of words in one sample compared with another.

```
#"Keyness"
docvars(data_corpus_irishbudget2010, "gov_opp") <-</pre>
  ifelse(docvars(data_corpus_irishbudget2010, "party") %in%
           c("FF", "Green"), "Government",
         "Opposition")
# compare government to opposition parties by chi^2
key_dfm <- data_corpus_irishbudget2010 %>%
 dfm(groups = "gov_opp",
      remove = stopwords("english"),
      remove_punct = TRUE)
#What did we do?
head(key_dfm)
```

Textual statistics: Relative frequency analysis

Textual statistics: Collocation analysis

In corpus linguistics, a collocation is a series of words or terms that co-occur more often than would be expected by chance.

```
ire_col <- data_corpus_irishbudget2010 %>%
  tokens() %>%
  textstat_collocations(min_count = 20, tolower = TRUE)
head(ire_col, 10)
```

Textual statistics: Exercise

- 1. Repeat the step above, but remove stopwords, and stem the tokens object.
- 2. Compare the most frequent collocations. What has changed?

Textual statistics: Solution

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```
ire_toks_adjusted <- data_corpus_irishbudget2010 %>%
  tokens() %>%
  tokens_remove(pattern = stopwords("en")) %>%
  tokens_wordstem()
col_adjusted <- ire_toks_adjusted %>%
  textstat_collocations(min_count = 5, tolower = FALSE)
head(col_adjusted, 10)
nrow(col_adjusted)
```

Textual statistics: Lexical diversity

Compute lexical diversity through with the type-token ratio.

Textual statistics: Lexical diversity

Topic Modeling

Topic Models

Topic models are algorithms for discovering the main themes that pervade a large and otherwise unstructured collection of documents, and for organizing the collection according to these themes, or topics.

(Blei 2012)

Definitions and Preparation

Documents: any collection of texts; should be comparable

Topics: a "pattern of tightly co-occurring terms" (Blei 2012)

Preparation Decisions

- Prepare your corpus: size (larger is better), cleanup, etc.
- Choose the number of topics you want the model to produce

Topic Modeling: How do the algorithms work?

(Non-math explanations ...)

- Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)
- Latent Dirichlet Analysis (LDA)
- Others: Correlated Topic Model (CTM), Structural Topic Model (STM)

Steps (LDA)

- 1. Choose the topics
- 2. Generate the documents

Figure 1. The intuitions behind latent Dirichlet allocation. We assume that some number of "topics," which are distributions over words, exist for the whole collection (far left). Each document is assumed to be generated as follows. First choose a distribution over the topics (the histogram at right); then, for each word, choose a topic assignment (the colored coins) and choose the word from the corresponding topic. The topics and topic assignments in this figure are illustrative—they are not fit from real data. See Figure 2 for topics fit from data.

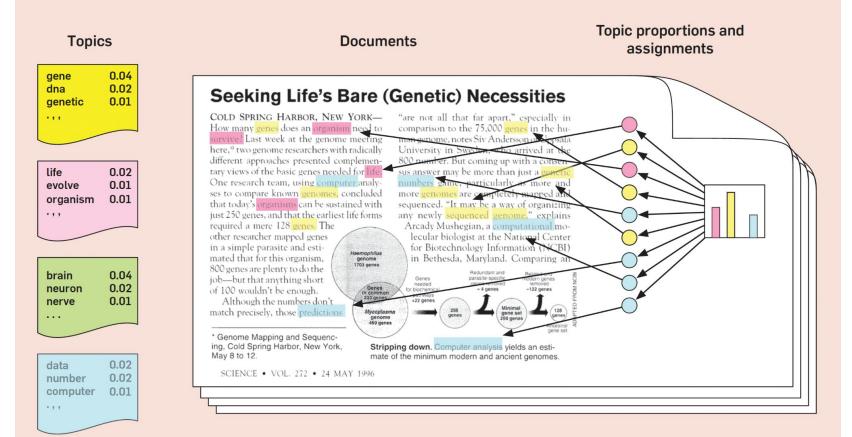
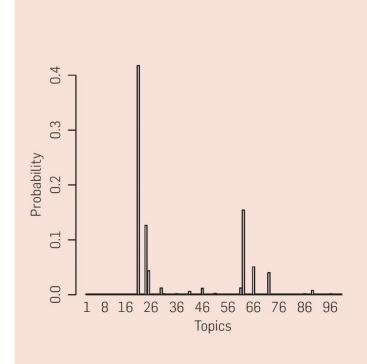


Figure 2. Real inference with LDA. We fit a 100-topic LDA model to 17,000 articles from the journal *Science*. At left are the inferred topic proportions for the example article in Figure 1. At right are the top 15 most frequent words from the most frequent topics found in this article.



"Genetics"	"Evolution"	"Disease"	"Computers"
human	evolution	disease	computer
genome	evolutionary	host	models
dna	species	bacteria	information
genetic	organisms	diseases	data
genes	life	resistance	computers
sequence	origin	bacterial	system
gene	biology	new	network
molecular	groups	strains	systems
sequencing	phylogenetic	control	model
map	living	infectious	parallel
information	diversity	malaria	methods
genetics	group	parasite	networks
mapping	new	parasites	software
project	two	united	new
sequences	common	tuberculosis	simulations

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