

Topic Mining and Analysis: Motivation

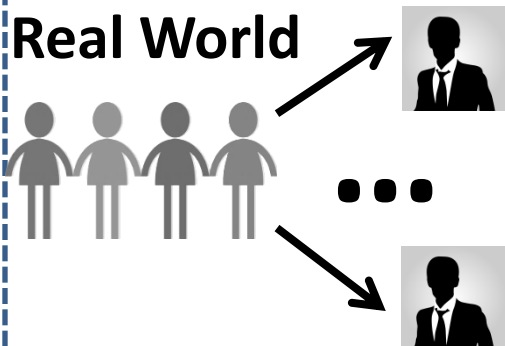
- Topic \approx main idea discussed in text data
 - Theme/subject of a discussion or conversation
 - Different granularities (e.g., topic of a sentence, an article, etc.)
- Many applications require discovery of topics in text
 - What are Twitter users talking about today?
 - What are the current research topics in data mining? How are they different from those 5 years ago?
 - What do people like about the iPhone 6? What do they dislike?
 - What were the major topics debated in 2012 presidential election?

Topics As Knowledge About the World

Knowledge about the world

Non-Text Data

Real World



Text Data



+ Context
Time
Location
...

Topic 1

Topic 2

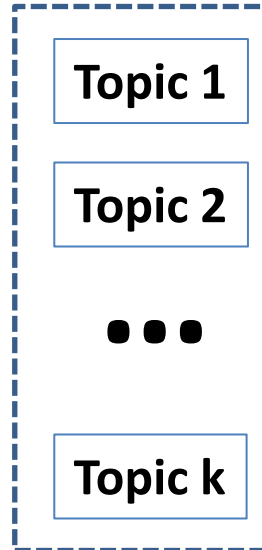
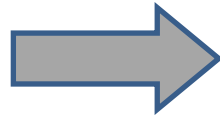
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Topic k

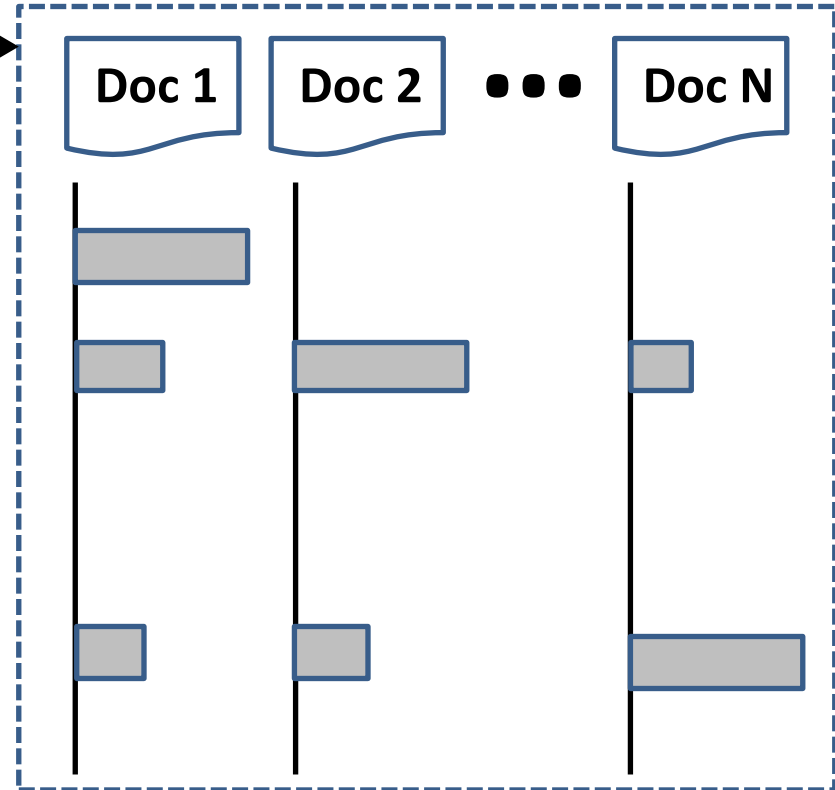
Tasks of Topic Mining and Analysis

Task 2: Figure out which documents cover which topics

Text Data



Task 1: Discover k topics



Formal Definition of Topic Mining and Analysis

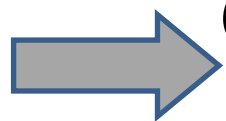
- Input
 - A **collection** of **N** text documents **$C = \{d_1, \dots, d_N\}$**
 - **Number of topics: k**
- Output
 - **k topics: $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k\}$**
 - **Coverage of topics in each d_i : $\{\pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{ik}\}$**
 - π_{ij} = prob. of d_i covering topic θ_j

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_{ij} = 1$$

How to define θ_i ?

Initial Idea: Topic = Term

Text Data

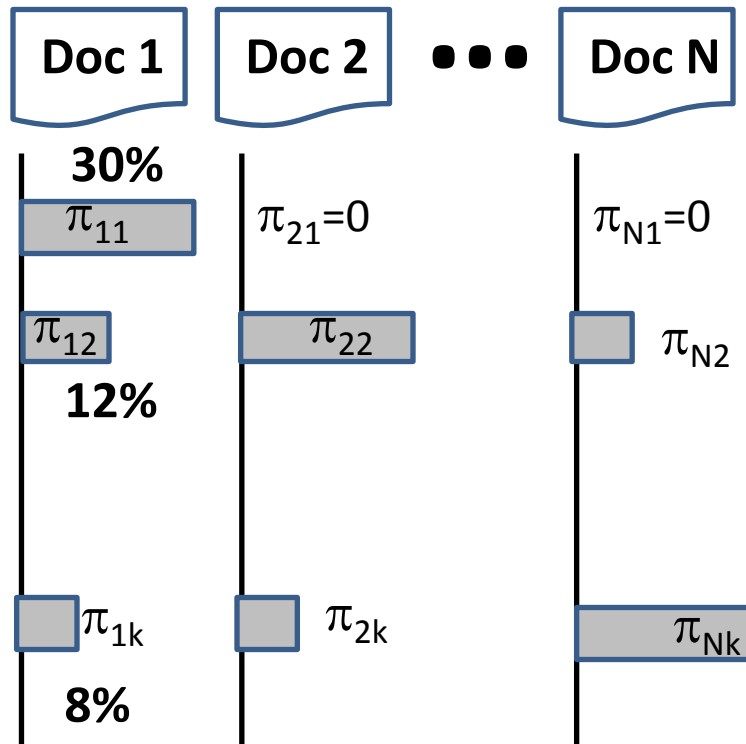


θ_1 "Sports"

θ_2 "Travel"

...

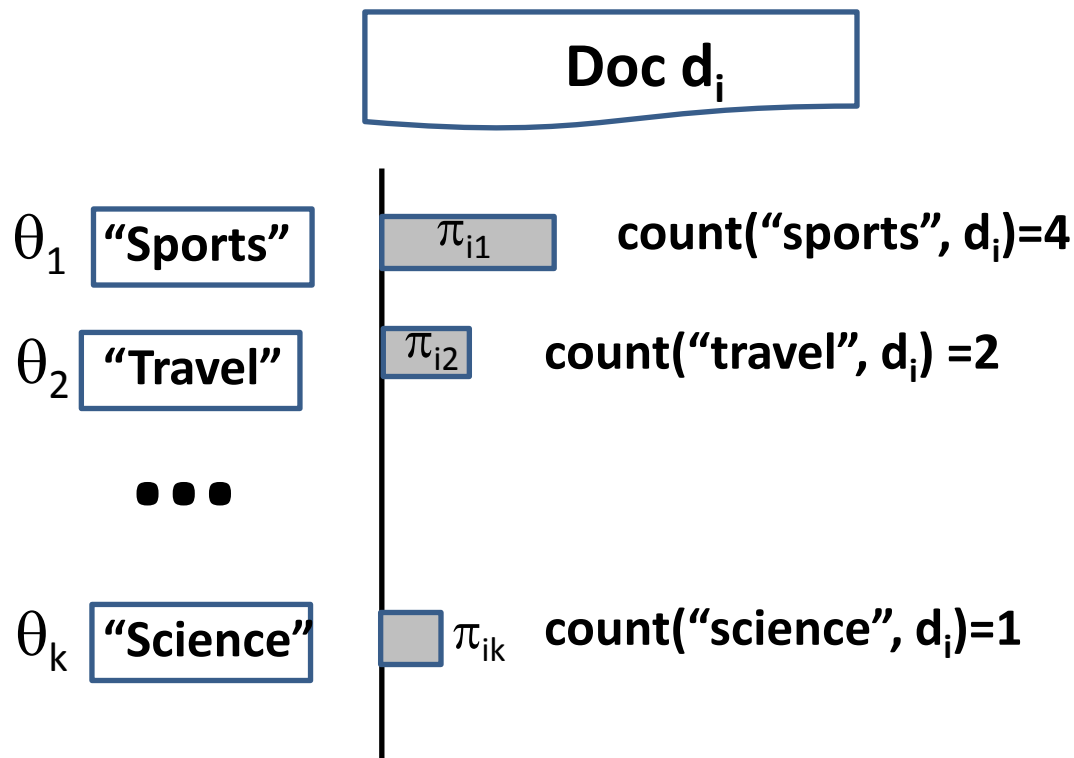
θ_k "Science"



Mining k Topical Terms from Collection C

- Parse text in C to obtain candidate terms (e.g., term = word).
- Design a scoring function to measure how good each term is as a topic.
 - Favor a representative term (high frequency is favored)
 - Avoid words that are too frequent (e.g., “the”, “a”).
 - TF-IDF weighting from retrieval can be very useful.
 - Domain-specific heuristics are possible (e.g., favor title words, hashtags in tweets).
- Pick k terms with the highest scores but try to minimize redundancy.
 - If multiple terms are very similar or closely related, pick only one of them and ignore others.

Computing Topic Coverage: π_{ij}



$$\pi_{ij} = \frac{\text{count}(\theta_j, d_i)}{\sum_{L=1}^k \text{count}(\theta_L, d_i)}$$

How Well Does This Approach Work?

Doc d_i

Cavaliers vs. Golden State Warriors: NBA playoff finals ...
basketball game ... **travel** to Cleveland ... **star** ...

θ_1 "Sports"

$$\pi_{i1} \propto c(\text{"sports"}, d_i) = 0$$

θ_2 "Travel"

$$\pi_{i2} \propto c(\text{"travel"}, d_i) = 1 > 0$$

...

θ_k "Science"

$$\pi_{ik} \propto c(\text{"science"}, d_i) = 0$$

1. Need to count
related words also!

2. "Star" can be ambiguous (e.g., star in the sky).

3. Mine complicated topics?

Problems with “Term as Topic”

- Lack of expressive power → **Topic = {Multiple Words}**
 - Can only represent simple/general topics
 - Can't represent complicated topics
- Incompleteness in vocabulary coverage **+ weights on words**
 - Can't capture variations of vocabulary (e.g., related words)
- Word sense ambiguity → **Split an ambiguous word**
 - A topical term or related term can be ambiguous (e.g., basketball star vs. star in the sky)

A probabilistic topic model can do all these!

Improved Idea: Topic = Word Distribution

θ_1 **"Sports"**

$P(w|\theta_1)$

sports	0.02
game	0.01
basketball	0.005
football	0.004
play	0.003
star	0.003
...	
nba	0.001
...	
travel	0.0005
...	

θ_2 **"Travel"**

$P(w|\theta_2)$

travel	0.05
attraction	0.03
trip	0.01
flight	0.004
hotel	0.003
island	0.003
...	
culture	0.001
...	
play	0.0002
...	

...

θ_k **"Science"**

$P(w|\theta_k)$

science	0.04
scientist	0.03
spaceship	0.006
telescope	0.004
genomics	0.004
star	0.002
...	
genetics	0.001
...	
travel	0.00001
...	

$$\sum_{w \in V} p(w|\theta_i) = 1$$

Vocabulary Set: $V = \{w_1, w_2, \dots\}$

Probabilistic Topic Mining and Analysis

- Input

- A **collection** of **N** text documents **$C=\{d_1, \dots, d_N\}$**
- **Vocabulary set:** **$V=\{w_1, \dots, w_M\}$**
- **Number of topics:** **k**

- Output

- **k topics, each a word distribution:** **$\{ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \}$**
- **Coverage of topics in each d_i :** **$\{ \pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{ik} \}$**
- π_{ij} =prob. of d_i covering topic θ_j

$$\sum_{w \in V} p(w | \theta_i) = 1$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_{ij} = 1$$

The Computation Task

INPUT: C, k, V

OUTPUT: $\{ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \}, \{ \pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{ik} \}$

Text Data

θ_1

sports 0.02
game 0.01
basketball 0.005
football 0.004
...

θ_2

travel 0.05
attraction 0.03
trip 0.01
...

...

θ_k

science 0.04
scientist 0.03
spaceship 0.006
...

Doc 1

30%

π_{11}

Doc 2

$\pi_{21}=0\%$

...

Doc N

$\pi_{N1}=0\%$

12%

π_{12}

π_{22}

π_{N2}

8%

π_{1k}

π_{2k}

π_{Nk}

Generative Model for Text Mining

Modeling of Data Generation: $P(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$

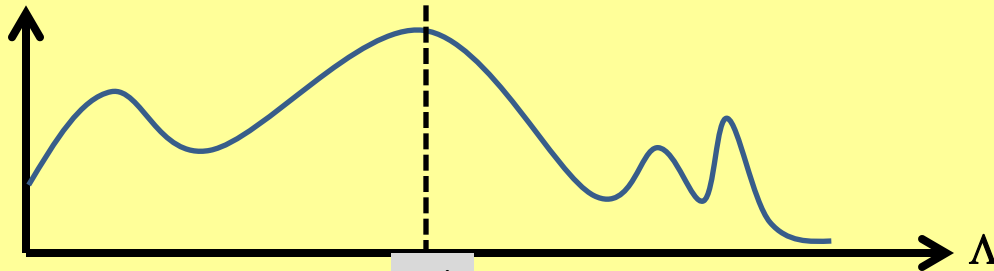
$$\Lambda = (\{ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \}, \{ \pi_{11}, \dots, \pi_{1k} \}, \dots, \{ \pi_{N1}, \dots, \pi_{Nk} \})$$

How many parameters in total?

Parameter Estimation/ Inferences

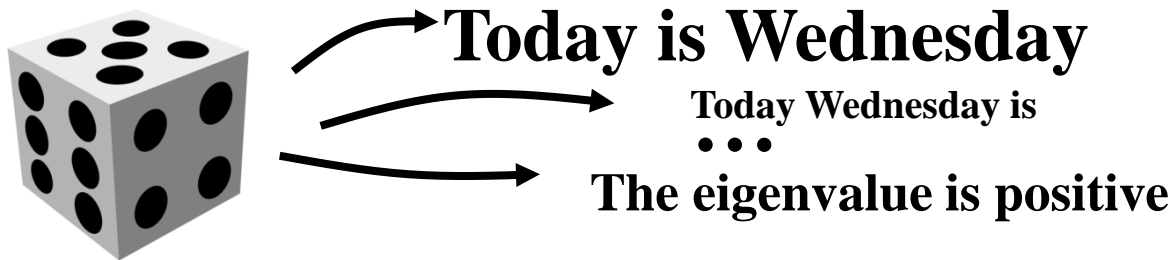
$$\Lambda^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Lambda} p(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$$

$P(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$



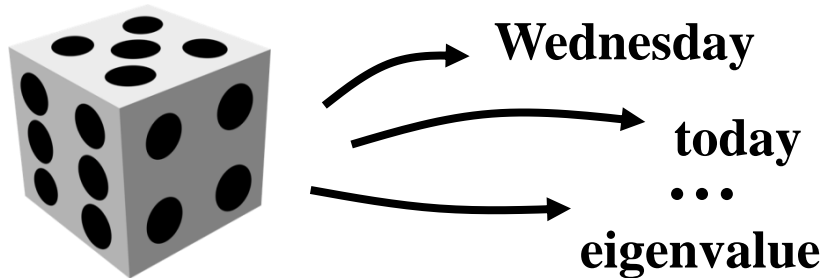
What Is a Statistical Language Model (LM)?

- A probability distribution over word sequences
 - $p(\textit{“Today is Wednesday”}) \approx 0.001$
 - $p(\textit{“Today Wednesday is”}) \approx 0.0000000000000001$
 - $p(\textit{“The eigenvalue is positive”}) \approx 0.000001$
- Context-dependent!
- Can also be regarded as a probabilistic mechanism for “generating” text – thus also called a “generative” model



The Simplest Language Model: Unigram LM

- Generate text by generating each word INDEPENDENTLY
- Thus, $p(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n) = p(w_1)p(w_2)\dots p(w_n)$
- Parameters: $\{p(w_i)\}$ $p(w_1) + \dots + p(w_N) = 1$ (N is voc. size)
- Text = sample drawn according to this **word distribution**



$$\begin{aligned} p(\text{"today is Wed"}) \\ &= p(\text{"today"})p(\text{"is"})p(\text{"Wed"}) \\ &= 0.0002 \times 0.001 \times 0.000015 \end{aligned}$$

Text Generation with Unigram LM

Unigram LM $p(w|\theta)$

Sampling

Document d

$p(d|\theta)=?$

Topic 1:
Text mining

...
text 0.2
mining 0.1
association 0.01
clustering 0.02
...
food 0.00001
...



**Text mining
paper**

Topic 2:
Health

...
food 0.25
nutrition 0.1
healthy 0.05
diet 0.02
...

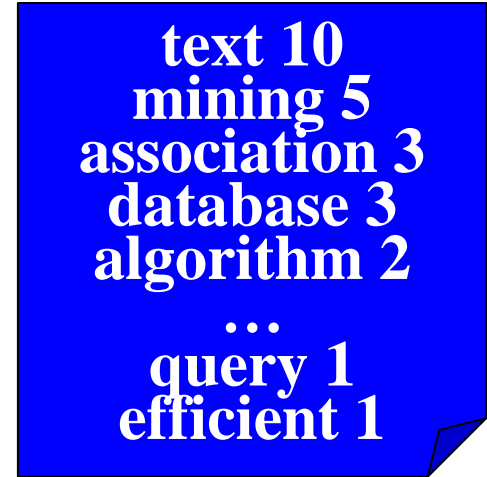
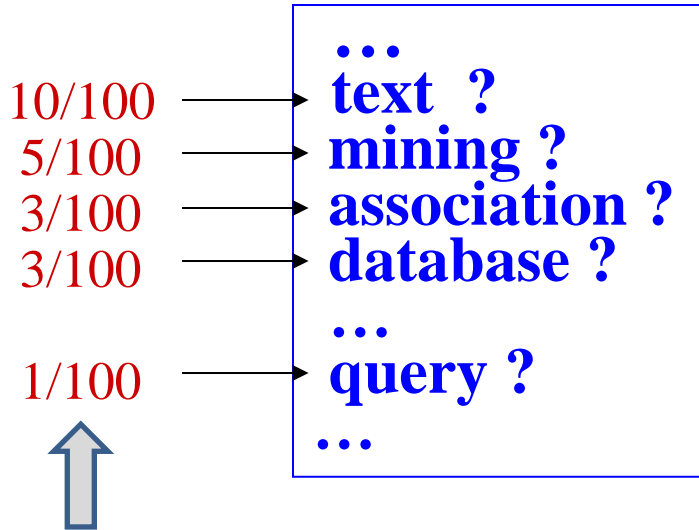


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Estimation of Unigram LM

Unigram LM $p(w|\theta)=?$ **Estimation** ← Text Mining Paper d

Total #words=100



Maximum Likelihood
Estimate

Is this our best estimate?
How do we define “best”?

Maximum Likelihood vs. Bayesian

- Maximum likelihood estimation

- “Best” means “data likelihood reaches maximum”

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathbf{X} | \theta)$$

- Problem: Small sample

- Bayesian estimation:

Bayes Rule

$$p(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X})p(\mathbf{X})}{p(\mathbf{Y})}$$

- “Best” means being consistent with our “prior” knowledge and explaining data well

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\theta | \mathbf{X}) = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathbf{X} | \theta)P(\theta)$$

- Problem: How to define prior?



Maximum a Posteriori (MAP) estimate

Illustration of Bayesian Estimation

Bayesian inference: $f(\theta)=?$

$$\hat{f}(\theta) = \sum_{\theta} f(\theta) p(\theta | X)$$

**Posterior
Mean**

$$\hat{\theta} = \sum_{\theta} \theta^* p(\theta | X)$$

Posterior:

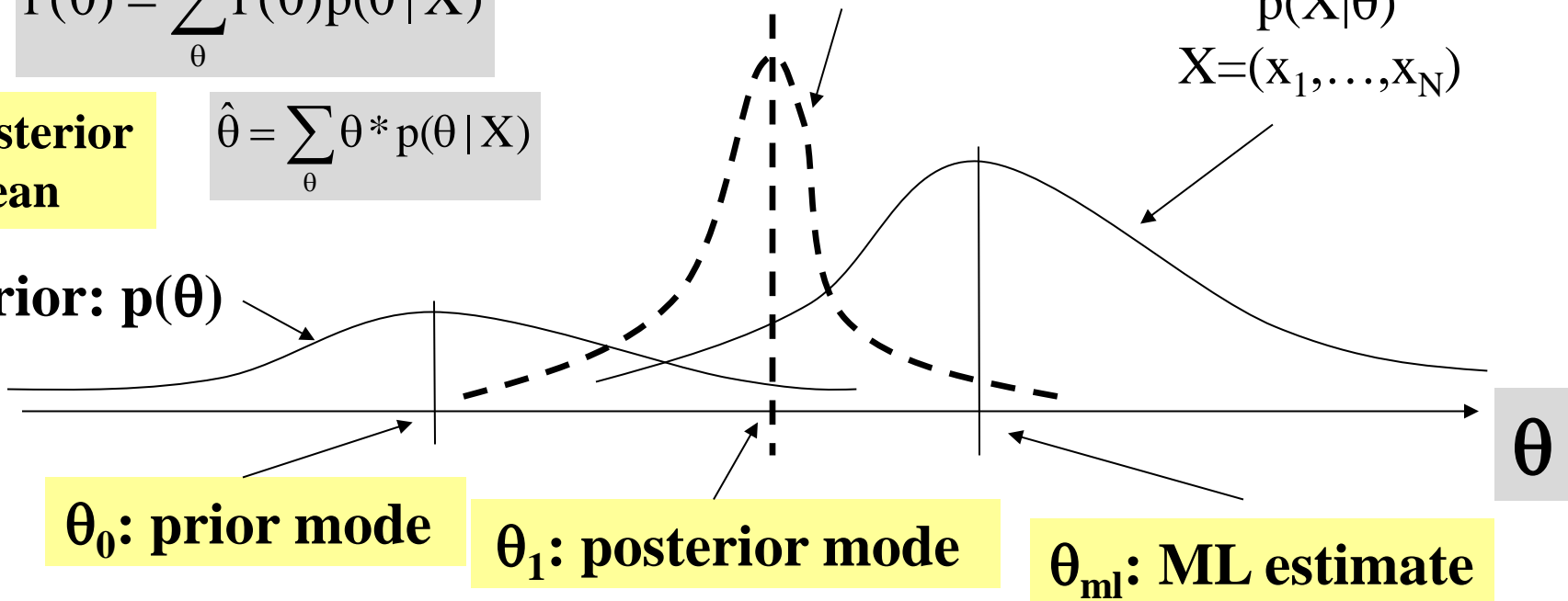
$$p(\theta|X) \propto p(X|\theta)p(\theta)$$

Likelihood:

$$p(X|\theta)$$

$$X=(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

Prior: $p(\theta)$

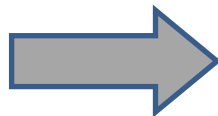


Simplest Case of Topic Model: Mining One Topic

INPUT: $C=\{d\}, V$

OUTPUT: $\{\theta\}$

Text Data



$P(w|\theta)$

θ

text ?
mining ?
association ?
database ?
...
query ?
...

Doc d

100%



Language Model Setup

- **Data:** Document $d = x_1 x_2 \dots x_{|d|}$, $x_i \in V = \{w_1, \dots, w_M\}$ is a word
- **Model:** Unigram LM θ (=topic) : $\{\theta_i = p(w_i | \theta)\}$, $i=1, \dots, M$;
 $\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_M = 1$
- **Likelihood function:** $p(d | \theta) = p(x_1 | \theta) \times \dots \times p(x_{|d|} | \theta)$
$$= p(w_1 | \theta)^{c(w_1, d)} \times \dots \times p(w_M | \theta)^{c(w_M, d)}$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^M p(w_i | \theta)^{c(w_i, d)} = \prod_{i=1}^M \theta_i^{c(w_i, d)}$$
- **ML estimate:** $(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_M) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} p(d | \theta) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \prod_{i=1}^M \theta_i^{c(w_i, d)}$

Computation of Maximum Likelihood Estimate

Maximize $p(d | \theta)$ $(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_M) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} p(d | \theta) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \prod_{i=1}^M \theta_i^{c(w_i, d)}$

Max. Log-Likelihood $(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_M) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \log[p(d | \theta)] = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d) \log \theta_i$

Subject to constraint:

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \theta_i = 1$$

Use Lagrange multiplier approach

Lagrange function: $f(q | d) = \sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d) \log q_i + \lambda (\sum_{i=1}^M q_i - 1)$

$$\frac{\partial f(q | d)}{\partial q_i} = \frac{c(w_i, d)}{q_i} + \lambda = 0 \rightarrow q_i = -\frac{c(w_i, d)}{\lambda}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^M -\frac{c(w_i, d)}{\lambda} = 1 \rightarrow \lambda = -\sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d) \rightarrow \hat{q}_i = p(w_i | \hat{q}) = \frac{c(w_i, d)}{\sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d)} = \frac{c(w_i, d)}{|d|}$$

**Normalized
Counts**



What Does the Topic Look Like?

d

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$p(w | \theta)$

the 0.031

a 0.018

...

text 0.04

mining 0.035

association 0.03

clustering 0.005

computer 0.0009

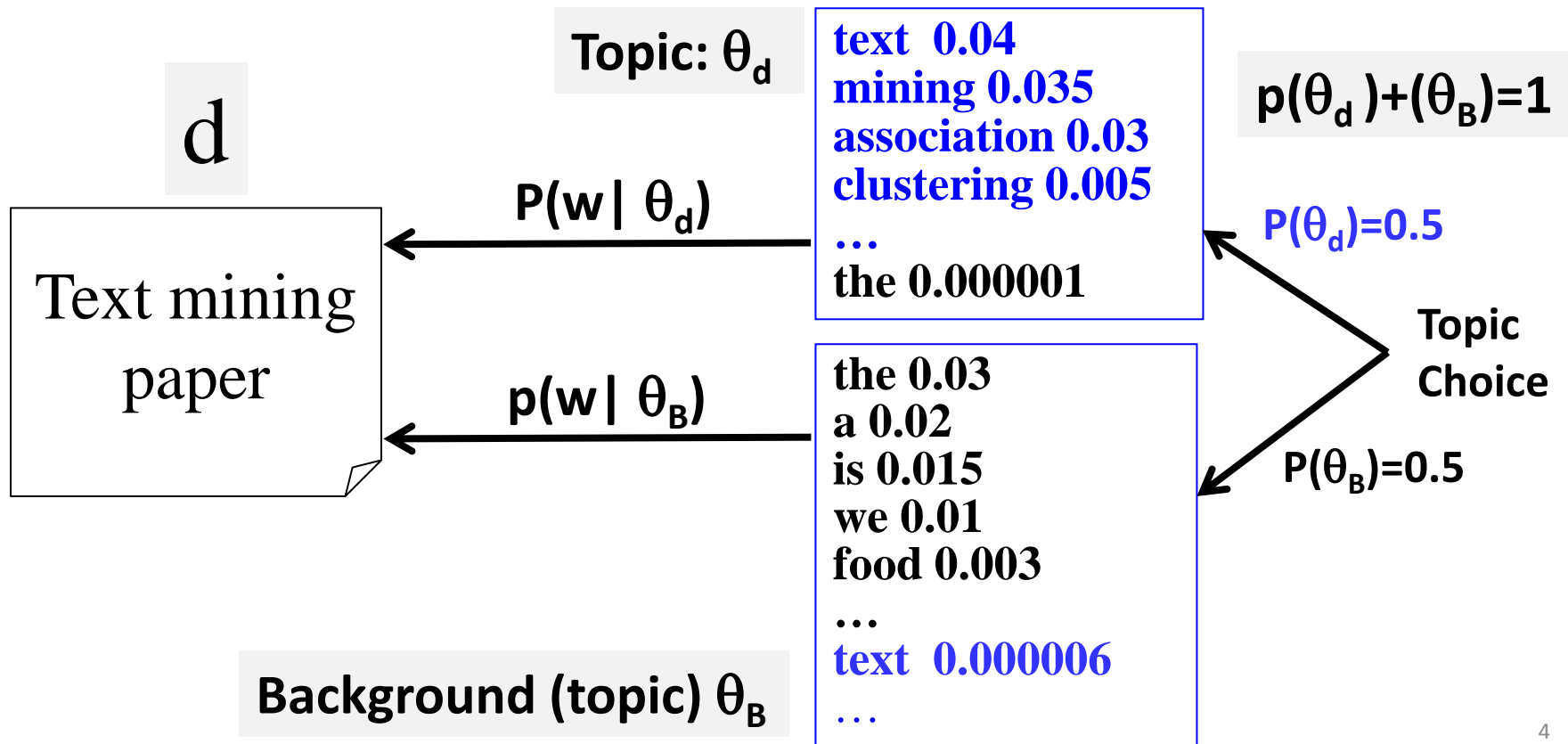
...

food 0.000001

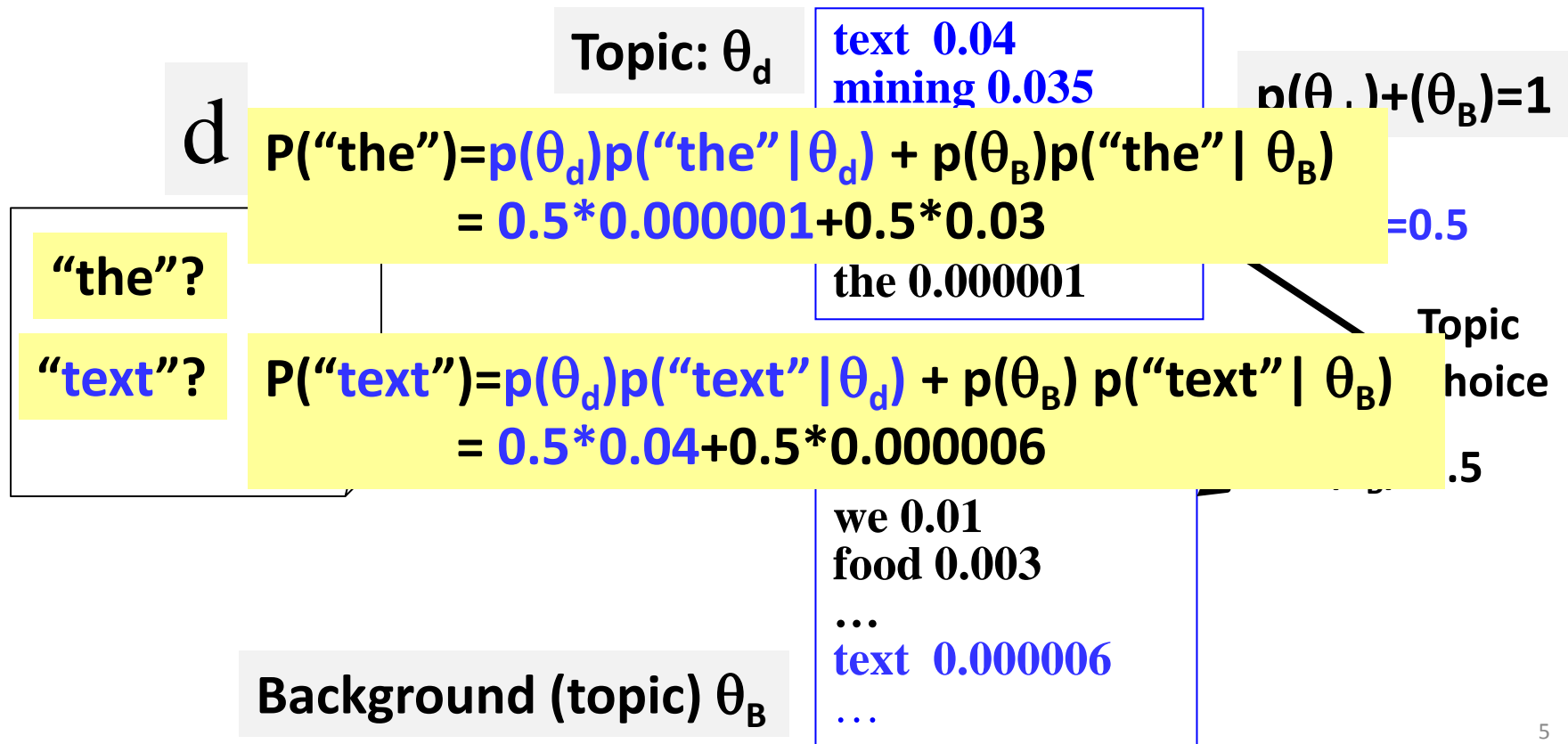
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Can we get rid of
these common words?

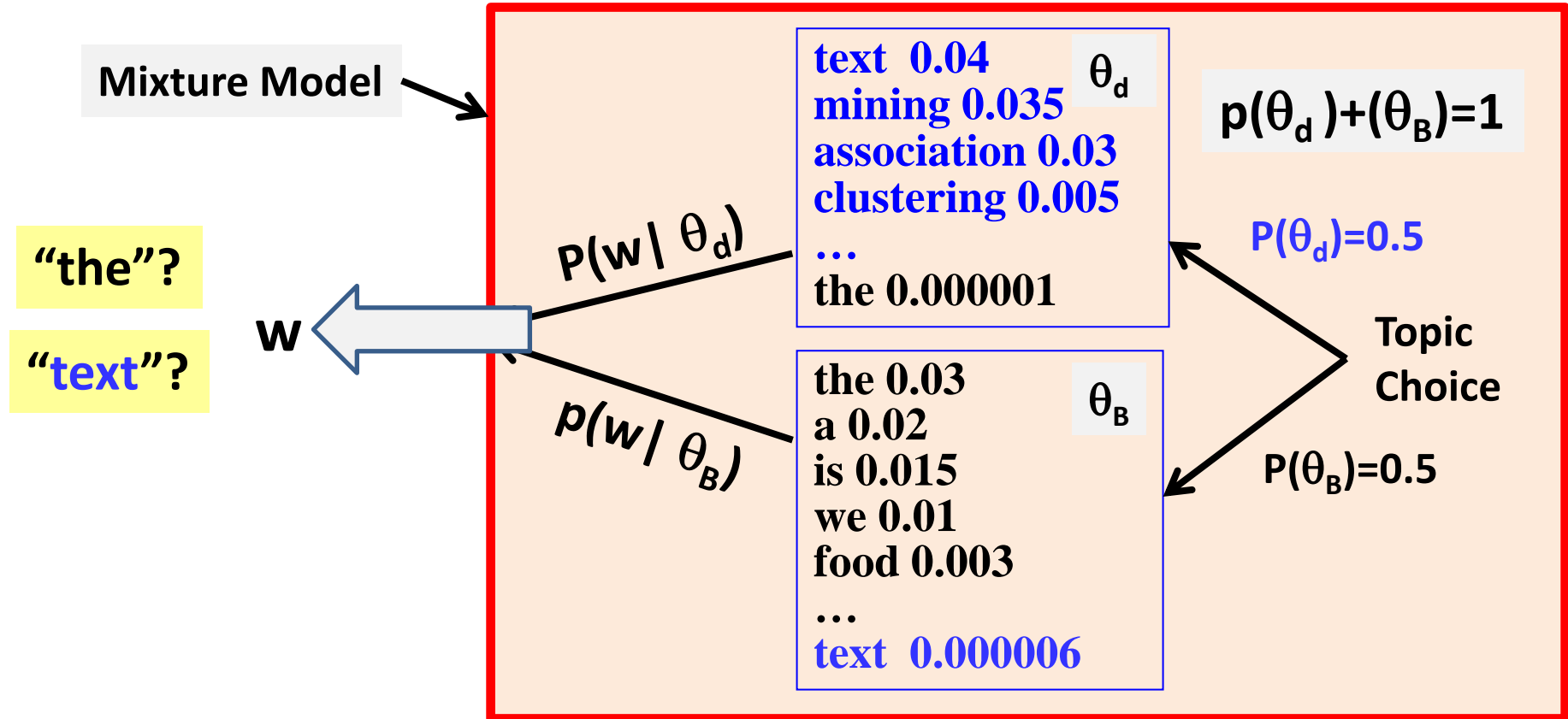
Generate d Using Two Word Distributions



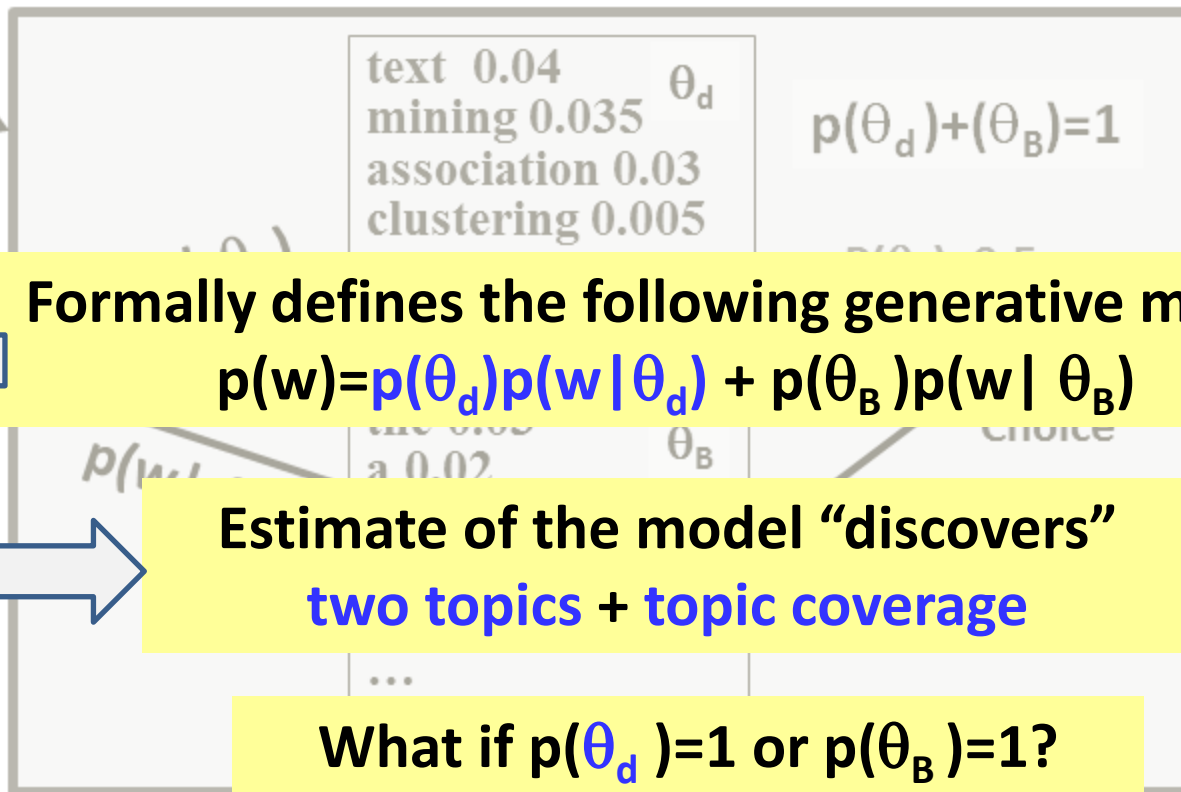
What's the probability of observing a word w ?



The Idea of a Mixture Model



As a Generative Model...



Mixture of Two Unigram Language Models

- **Data:** Document d
- **Mixture Model: parameters** $\Lambda = (\{p(w | \theta_d)\}, \{p(w | \theta_B)\}, p(\theta_B), p(\theta_d))$
 - Two unigram LMs: θ_d (the topic of d); θ_B (background topic)
 - Mixing weight (topic choice): $p(\theta_d) + p(\theta_B) = 1$

- **Likelihood function:**

$$\begin{aligned} p(d | \Lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^{|d|} p(x_i | \Lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{|d|} [p(\theta_d)p(x_i | \theta_d) + p(\theta_B)p(x_i | \theta_B)] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^M [p(\theta_d)p(w_i | \theta_d) + p(\theta_B)p(w_i | \theta_B)]^{c(w,d)} \end{aligned}$$

- **ML Estimate:** $\Lambda^* = \arg \max_{\Lambda} p(d | \Lambda)$

$$\text{Subject to} \quad \sum_{i=1}^M p(w_i | \theta_d) = \sum_{i=1}^M p(w_i | \theta_B) = 1 \quad p(\theta_d) + p(\theta_B) = 1$$

Back to Factoring out Background Words

Text Mining Paper

d

... text mining...
is... clustering...
we.... Text.. the

$$P(w | \theta_d)$$

text 0.04 θ_d
mining 0.035
association 0.03
clustering 0.005
...
the 0.000001

$$p(\theta_d) + p(\theta_B) = 1$$

$$P(\theta_d) = 0.5$$

Topic
Choice

$$P(\theta_B) = 0.5$$

$$p(w | \theta_B)$$

the 0.03 θ_B
a 0.02
is 0.015
we 0.01
food 0.003
...
text 0.000006

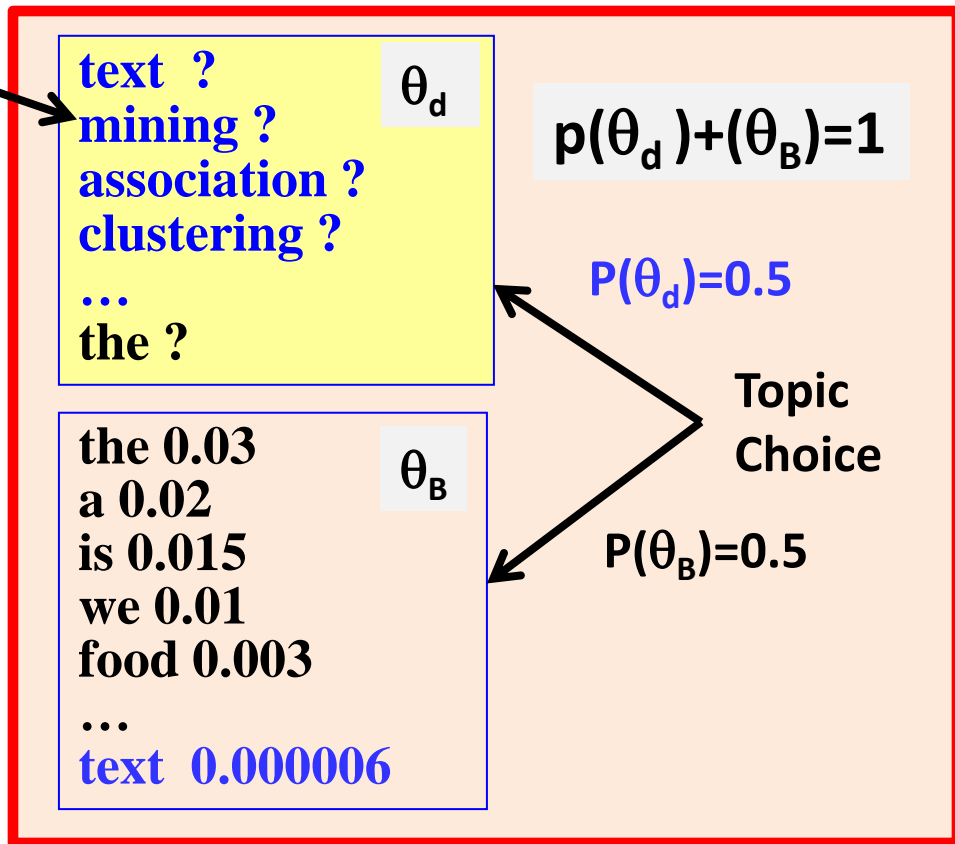
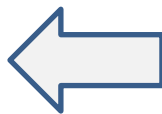
Estimation of One Topic: $P(w | \theta_d)$

Adjust θ_d to maximize $p(d | \Lambda)$
(all other parameters are known)

Would the ML estimate demote
background words in θ_d ?

d

... text mining...
is... clustering...
we.... Text.. the



Behavior of a Mixture Model

d = text the

Likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{"text"}) &= p(\theta_d)p(\text{"text"} | \theta_d) + p(\theta_B)p(\text{"text"} | \theta_B) \\ &= 0.5 * p(\text{"text"} | \theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{"the"}) = 0.5 * p(\text{"the"} | \theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(d | \Lambda) &= p(\text{"text"} | \Lambda) p(\text{"the"} | \Lambda) \\ &= [0.5 * p(\text{"text"} | \theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.1] \times \\ &\quad [0.5 * p(\text{"the"} | \theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9] \end{aligned}$$

text ?
the ? θ_d

$P(\theta_d) = 0.5$

$P(\theta_B) = 0.5$

the 0.9
text 0.1 θ_B

How can we set $p(\text{"text"} | \theta_d)$ & $p(\text{"the"} | \theta_d)$ to maximize it?

Note that $p(\text{"text"} | \theta_d) + p(\text{"the"} | \theta_d) = 1$

“Collaboration” and “Competition” of θ_d and θ_B

$$\begin{aligned} p(d|\Lambda) &= p(\text{“text”}|\Lambda) p(\text{“the”}|\Lambda) \\ &= [0.5 * p(\text{“text”}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.1] \times \\ &\quad [0.5 * p(\text{“the”}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9] \end{aligned}$$

Note that $p(\text{“text”}|\theta_d) + p(\text{“the”}|\theta_d) = 1$

If $x + y = \text{constant}$, then xy reaches maximum when $x = y$.

$$0.5 * p(\text{“text”}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.1 = 0.5 * p(\text{“the”}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\text{“text”}|\theta_d) = 0.9 \gg p(\text{“the”}|\theta_d) = 0.1 !$$

$d =$ text the

text ?
the ? θ_d

$P(\theta_d) = 0.5$

$P(\theta_B) = 0.5$

the 0.9
text 0.1 θ_B

Behavior 1: if $p(w1|\theta_B) > p(w2|\theta_B)$, then $p(w1|\theta_d) < p(w2|\theta_d)$

Response to Data Frequency

$d =$ text the

$$p(d|\Lambda) = [0.5 * p(\text{"text"}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.1] \\ \times [0.5 * p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9]$$

$$\rightarrow p(\text{"text"}|\theta_d) = 0.9 \gg p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) = 0.1 !$$

$d' =$ text the
the the
the ...the

$$p(d'|\Lambda) = [0.5 * p(\text{"text"}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.1] \\ \times [0.5 * p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9] \\ \times [0.5 * p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9] \\ \times [0.5 * p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9]$$

...

What if we increase $p(\theta_B)$?

$$\times [0.5 * p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) + 0.5 * 0.9]$$

What's the optimal solution now? $p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) > 0.1$? or $p(\text{"the"}|\theta_d) < 0.1$?

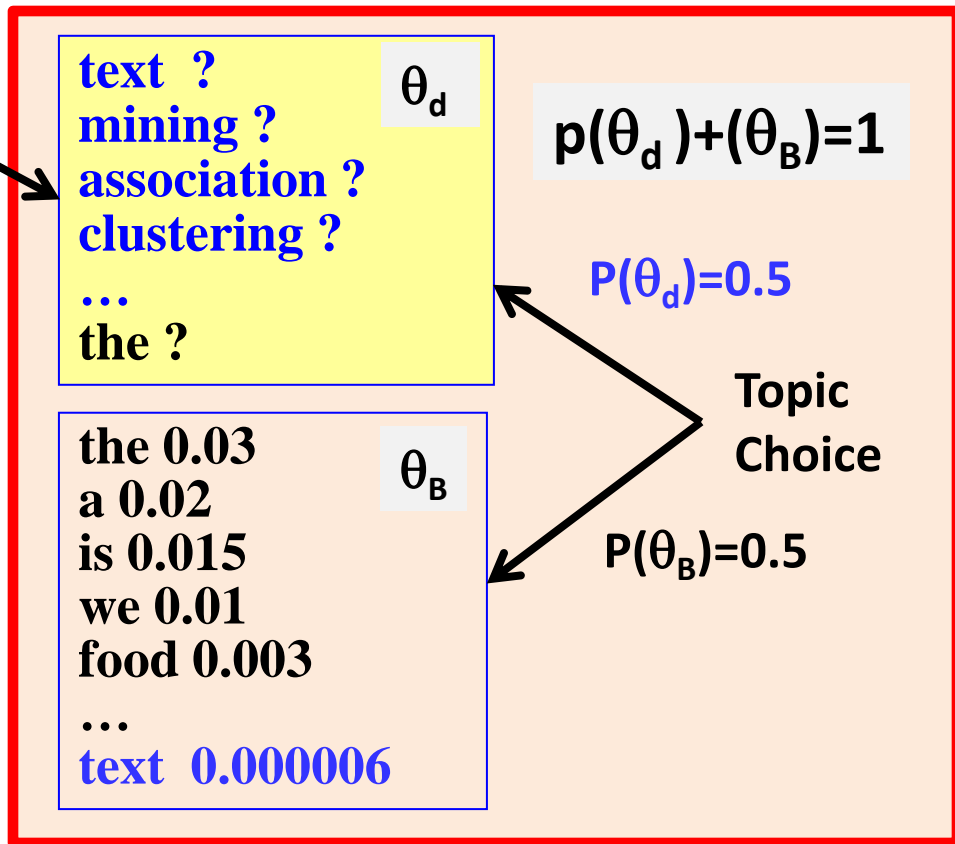
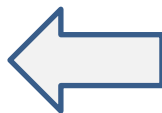
Behavior 2: high frequency words get higher $p(w|\theta_d)$

Estimation of One Topic: $P(w | \theta_d)$

How to set θ_d to maximize $p(d | \Lambda)$?
(all other parameters are known)

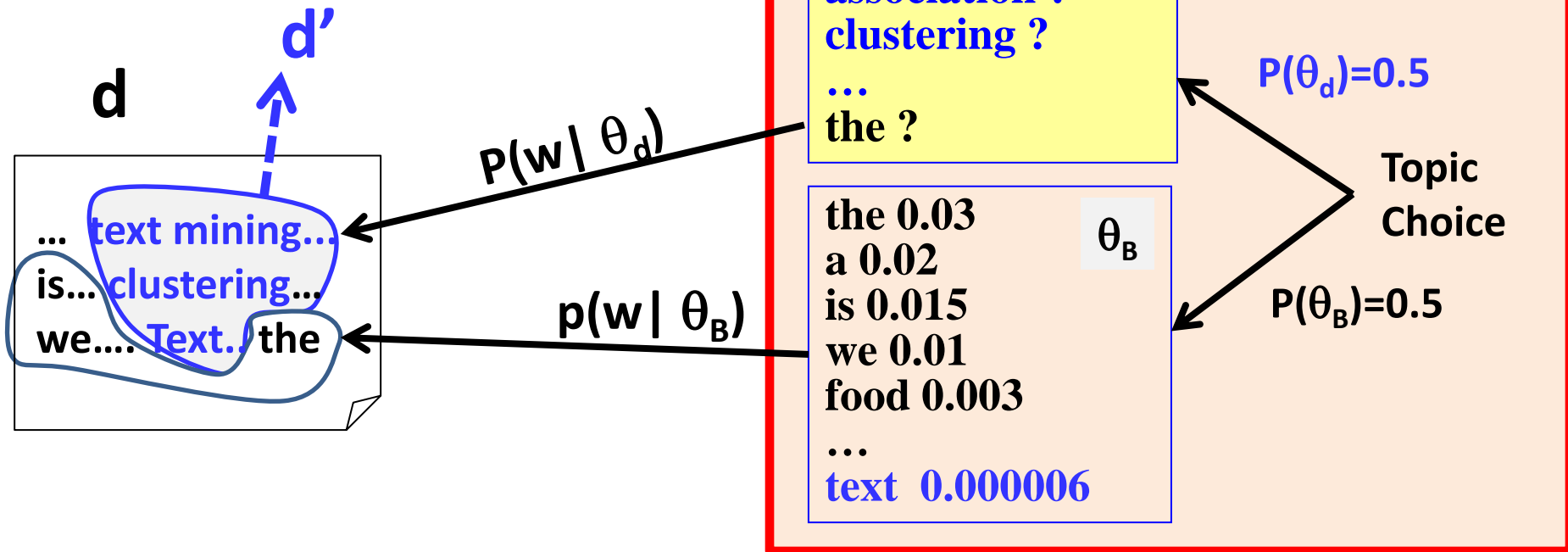
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If we know which word is from which distribution...

$$p(w_i | \theta_d) = \frac{c(w_i, d')}{\sum_{w' \in V} c(w', d')}$$



Given all the parameters, infer the distribution a word is from...

Is “**text**” more likely from θ_d or θ_B ?

From θ_d ($Z=0$)?

$p(\theta_d)p(\text{“text”} | \theta_d)$

$P(w | \theta_d)$

text 0.04
mining 0.035
association 0.03
clustering 0.005
...
the 0.000001

θ_d

$p(\theta_d) + p(\theta_B) = 1$

$P(\theta_d) = 0.5$

Topic Choice

From θ_B ($Z=1$)?

$p(\theta_B)p(\text{“text”} | \theta_B)$

$p(w | \theta_B)$

the 0.03
a 0.02
is 0.015
we 0.01
food 0.003
...
text 0.000006

θ_B

$P(\theta_B) = 0.5$

$p(z = 0 | w = \text{“text”}) =$

$$\frac{p(\theta_d)p(\text{“text”} | \theta_d)}{p(\theta_d)p(\text{“text”} | \theta_d) + p(\theta_B)p(\text{“text”} | \theta_B)}$$

The Expectation-Maximization (EM) Algorithm

Hidden Variable:

$z \in \{0, 1\}$

	z
the	1
paper	1
presents	1
a	1
text	0
mining	0
algorithm	0
for	1
clustering	0
...	...

Initialize $p(w|\theta_d)$ with random values.

Then iteratively improve it using E-step & M-step.

Stop when likelihood doesn't change.

$$p^{(n)}(z = 0 | w) = \frac{p(\theta_d)p^{(n)}(w | \theta_d)}{p(\theta_d)p^{(n)}(w | \theta_d) + p(\theta_B)p(w | \theta_B)}$$

E-step

How likely w is from θ_d

$$p^{(n+1)}(w | \theta_d) = \frac{c(w, d)p^{(n)}(z = 0 | w)}{\sum_{w' \in V} c(w', d)p^{(n)}(z = 0 | w')}$$

M-step

EM Computation in Action

E-step
$$p^{(n)}(z = 0 | w) = \frac{p(\theta_d)p^{(n)}(w | \theta_d)}{p(\theta_d)p^{(n)}(w | \theta_d) + p(\theta_B)p(w | \theta_B)}$$

M-step
$$p^{(n+1)}(w | \theta_d) = \frac{c(w, d)p^{(n)}(z = 0 | w)}{\sum_{w' \in V} c(w', d)p^{(n)}(z = 0 | w')}$$

Assume
 $p(\theta_d) = p(\theta_B) = 0.5$
 and $p(w | \theta_B)$ is known

Word	#	$p(w \theta_B)$	Iteration 1		Iteration 2		Iteration 3	
			$P(w \theta)$	$p(z=0 w)$	$P(w \theta)$	$P(z=0 w)$	$P(w \theta)$	$P(z=0 w)$
The	4	0.5	0.25	0.33	0.20	0.29	0.18	0.26
Paper	2	0.3	0.25	0.45	0.14	0.32	0.10	0.25
Text	4	0.1	0.25	0.71	0.44	0.81	0.50	0.93
Mining	2	0.1	0.25	0.71	0.22	0.69	0.22	0.69
Log-Likelihood			-16.96		-16.13		-16.02	

Likelihood increasing

“By products”: Are they also useful?

EM As Hill-Climbing → Converge to Local Maximum

