

It Is Not Just What We Say, But How We Say Them: LDA-based Behavior-Topic Model Supplementary Material

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1 The Task

In this paper, we propose a LDA-based [1] behavior-topic model (B-LDA) which jointly models user topic interests and behavioral patterns for micro-blogs like Twitter. Our model is an extension of Twitter-LDA [2] which is catered for Twitter setting. The following presents the model and discuss the related inference details. Note that, this is a supplementary material for our paper on “It Is Not Just What We Say, But How We Say Them: LDA-based Behavior-Topic Model”.

2 Model

Table 1 summarizes the set of notations and descriptions of our model parameters.

Notations	Descriptions
U	the total number of users
N_u	the total number of tweets in user u
$L_{u,n}$	the total number of words in u 's n -th tweet
T	the total number of topics
b	a behavior in $\mathcal{B} = \{post, retweet, reply, mention\}$
y	a switch
z	a topic label
w	a word label
ϕ_t	topic-specific word distribution
ψ_t	topic-specific behavior distribution
ϕ'	background word distribution
θ_u	user-specific topic distribution
φ	Bernoulli distribution
$\alpha, \eta, \beta', \beta, \gamma$	Dirichlet priors

Table 1: Notations and descriptions.

We now present our B-LDA model. First, we assume that there are T hidden topics, where each topic has a multinomial word distribution ϕ_t and a multinomial behavior distribution ψ_t . Each tweet has a single hidden topic which is sampled from the corresponding user's topic distribution θ_u ($1 \leq u \leq U$). We further assume that given a tweet with hidden topic t ($1 \leq t \leq T$), the words in this tweet are generated from two multi-

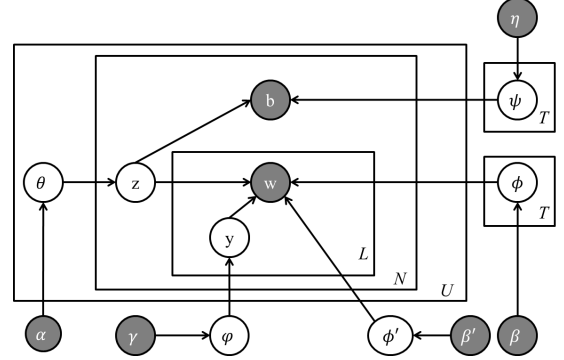


Figure 1: LDA-based behavior-topic model (B-LDA)

- For each topic $t = 1, \dots, T$
 - Draw $\psi_t \sim \text{Dir}(\eta)$, $\phi_t \sim \text{Dir}(\beta)$
- Draw $\phi' \sim \text{Dir}(\beta')$, $\varphi \sim \text{Dir}(\gamma)$
- For each user $u = 1, \dots, U$
 - Draw topic distribution $\theta_u \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$
 - For u 's n -th tweet, $n = 1, \dots, N_u$
 - Draw a topic $z_{u,n}$ from θ_u
 - For each word $l = 1, \dots, L_{u,n}$
 - Draw $y_{u,n,l}$ from $\text{Bernoulli}(\varphi)$
 - Draw $w_{u,n,l} \sim \phi'$ if $y_{u,n,l} = 0$, otherwise draw $w_{u,n,l} \sim \phi_{z_{u,n}}$
 - Draw a posting behavior $b_{u,n} \sim \psi_{z_{u,n}}$

Figure 2: The generative process for all posts in B-LDA.

nomial distributions, namely, a background model and a topic specific model. The background model ϕ' generates words commonly used in many tweets. The topic specific model ϕ_t generates words related to topic t . When we sample a word w ($1 \leq w \leq V$), we use a switch $y \in \{0, 1\}$ according to Bernoulli distribution φ , to decide which word distribution the word comes from. Specifically, if $y = 0$, the word w is sampled from ϕ' ; otherwise, it is sampled from ϕ_t . We also assume the behavior pattern b ($b \in \mathcal{B}$) is sampled from the behavior distribution ψ_t . Lastly, we assume θ_u , ψ_t , ϕ' , ϕ_t and φ have Dirichlet priors α , η , β' , β and γ respectively. The plate notation and the generative process of the model

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are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

2.1 Inference

We use Gibbs Sampling to estimate the parameters in the model. The Gibbs Sampling process is described in Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1 Gibbs Sampling for B-LDA.

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1: procedure GIBBSAMPLING
2:   for each user  $u = 1, \dots, U$  do
3:     for  $u$ 's  $n$ -th tweet,  $n = 1, \dots, N_u$  do
4:       Randomly assign a topic to  $z_{u,n}$ 
5:       for each word  $l = 1, \dots, L_{u,n}$  do
6:         Randomly assign 0 or 1 to  $y_{u,n,l}$ 
7:       end for
8:     end for
9:   end for
10:  for each Gibbs Sampling iteration do
11:    for each user  $u = 1, \dots, U$  do
12:      for  $u$ 's  $n$ -th tweet,  $n = 1, \dots, N_u$  do
13:        Draw a topic  $z_{u,n}$  according to Eqn. 2.1
14:        for each word  $l = 1, \dots, L_{u,n}$  do
15:          Draw  $y_{u,n,l}$  according to Eqn. 2.2
16:        end for
17:      end for
18:    end for
19:  end for
20:  Estimate model parameters  $\theta, \varphi, \phi', \phi$  and  $\psi$ 
21: end procedure

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Hence, the problem is to compute the following two Gibbs updating rules.

To sample topic $z_{u,n}$, we use the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.1) \quad & p(z_{u,n} | \mathbf{Z}_{-\{u,n\}}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&= \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)}{p(\mathbf{Z}_{-\{u,n\}}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)} \\
&\propto \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)}{p(\mathbf{Z}_{-\{u,n\}}, \mathbf{W}_{-\{u,n\}}, \mathbf{Y}_{-\{u,n\}}, \mathbf{B}_{-\{u,n\}} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{Z}_{-\{u,n\}}$ denotes the set of all the topics in the data sets not including the topic of user u 's n -th tweet.

Similarly, to sample topic $z_{u,n}$, we use the following equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.2) \quad & p(y_{u,n,l} | \mathbf{Y}_{-\{u,n,l\}}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&\propto \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)}{p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}_{-\{u,n,l\}}, \mathbf{Y}_{-\{u,n,l\}}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)}.
\end{aligned}$$

After this process, we can obtain model parameters $\phi', \phi, \varphi, \psi$ and θ .

2.2 Sampling topic $z_{u,n}$

We discuss how to derive Eqn. 2.1 for sampling topic $z_{u,n}$ in this section.

The problem is to compute $p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)$. According to the model, we derive it as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta) \\
&= p(\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Y}, \beta, \beta') p(\mathbf{Y} | \gamma) p(\mathbf{B} | \mathbf{Z}, \alpha) p(\mathbf{Z} | \eta).
\end{aligned}$$

We further derive $p(\mathbf{Z} | \eta)$ as:

$$p(\mathbf{Z} | \eta) = \int_{\theta} p(\mathbf{Z} | \theta) p(\theta | \eta) d\theta = \prod_{u=1}^U \frac{B(n_u^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}{B(\eta)},$$

where $n_u^{\mathbf{t}}$ is a vector in which each element denotes number of times that the corresponding topic occurs in user u 's tweets.

Similarly, we can derive $p(\mathbf{B} | \mathbf{Z}, \alpha)$ and $p(\mathbf{Y} | \gamma)$ as:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{B} | \mathbf{Z}, \alpha) &= \int_{\psi} p(\mathbf{B} | \psi) p(\psi | \mathbf{Z}, \alpha) d\psi = \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_t^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)}{B(\alpha)}, \\
p(\mathbf{Y} | \gamma) &= \frac{B(n_{(\cdot)}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)}{B(\gamma)},
\end{aligned}$$

where $n_t^{\mathbf{b}}$ is a vector in which each element denotes number of times that the corresponding posting behavior co-occurs with topic t , $n_{(\cdot)}^{\mathbf{y}}$ has two elements denoting number of time $y = 0$ and $y = 1$ occurs.

We assume each word has a corresponding label y that indicates which model it is sample from. Specifically, if $y = 0$, the word is sample from background model, if $y = 1$, it is from topic specific model. To derive $p(\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Y}, \beta, \beta')$, we then need to consider two types of word distribution ϕ and ϕ' . Specifically, we derive it as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& p(\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Y}, \beta, \beta') \\
&= \int_{\phi} \int_{\phi'} p(\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Y}, \phi, \phi') p(\phi | \beta) p(\phi' | \beta') d\phi d\phi' \\
&= \frac{B(n_{y=0}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')}{B(\beta')} \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_{t,y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(\beta)},
\end{aligned}$$

where $n_{y=0}^{\mathbf{w}}$ is a count vector in which each value denotes number of times the word is sampled and its label is $y = 0$, and each element in $n_{t,y=1}^{\mathbf{w}}$ means number of time the word is sampled when its topic is t and label is $y = 1$.

Given the above formulas, we can compute $p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.3) \quad & p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta) \\
&= p(\mathbf{Y} | \gamma) p(\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Y}, \beta, \beta') p(\mathbf{B} | \mathbf{Z}, \alpha) p(\mathbf{Z} | \eta) \\
&= \frac{B(n_{(\cdot)}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)}{B(\gamma)} \frac{B(n_{y=0}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')}{B(\beta')} \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_{t,y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(\beta)} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_t^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)}{B(\alpha)} \prod_{u=1}^U \frac{B(n_u^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}{B(\eta)}.
\end{aligned}$$

With Eqn 2.3, we are ready to derive 2.1. Let c denote $\{u, n\}$, we can derive it as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad & p(z_c | \mathbf{Z}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&= \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B} | \alpha, \beta, \beta', \gamma, \eta)}{p(\mathbf{Z}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{W}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{Y}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{B}_{\neg c} | \alpha, \beta', \beta, \gamma, \eta)} \\
&= \frac{B(n_{(\cdot)}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)}{B(n_{\neg c}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)} \frac{B(n_{y=0}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')}{B(n_{y=0, \neg c}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')} \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_{t, y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(n_{t, y=1, \neg c}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_t^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)}{B(n_{t, \neg c}^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)} \prod_{u=1}^U \frac{B(n_u^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}{B(n_{u, \neg c}^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}.
\end{aligned}$$

When we sample a topic for z_c , we assume \mathbf{Y} , \mathbf{W} and $\mathbf{Z}_{\neg c}$ are fixed. Hence the above equation could be further simplified.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad & p(z_c | \mathbf{Z}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&= \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_{t, y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(n_{t, y=1, \neg c}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_t^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)}{B(n_{t, \neg c}^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)} \prod_{u=1}^U \frac{B(n_u^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}{B(n_{u, \neg c}^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}.
\end{aligned}$$

To estimate the probability of assigning topic z to z_c , we need to compute $p(z_c = z | \mathbf{Z}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B})$, which can be derived as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad & p(z_c = z | \mathbf{Z}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&= \frac{B(n_{z, y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(n_{z, y=1, \neg c}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{B(n_z^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)}{B(n_{z, \neg c}^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)} \frac{B(n_u^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}{B(n_{u, \neg c}^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)},
\end{aligned}$$

where the first component is computed as the following.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.7) \quad & \frac{B(n_{z, y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(n_{z, y=1, \neg c}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)} \\
&= \frac{\prod_{w=1}^V \Gamma(n_{z, y=1}^w + \beta)}{\prod_{w=1}^V \Gamma(n_{z, y=1, \neg c}^w + \beta)} \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{w=1}^V n_{z, y=1, \neg c}^w + V\beta)}{\Gamma(\sum_{w=1}^V n_{z, y=1}^w + V\beta)} \\
&= \frac{\prod_{w=1}^V \prod_{p=1}^{n_c^w} (n_{z, y=1}^w + \beta - p)}{\prod_{q=1}^{n_c^w} (\sum_{j=1}^V n_{z, y=1}^j + V\beta - q)},
\end{aligned}$$

where n_c^w and n_c^w denotes number of words and number of times word w occurs in user u 's n -th tweets respectively.

For the rest two components, we can derive them similarly:

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{B(n_z^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)}{B(n_{z, \neg c}^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)} = \frac{n_{z, \neg c}^{b_c} + \alpha}{\sum_{b=1}^B n_{z, \neg c}^b + B\alpha},$$

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{B(n_u^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}{B(n_{u, \neg c}^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)} = \frac{n_u^z + \eta - 1}{\sum_{t=1}^T n_u^t + T\eta - 1},$$

where n_z^b denotes number of times topic z co-occurs with behavior b , n_u^z denotes number of times topic z is sampled in user u 's tweets.

Given Eqn. 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9, we can then compute Eqn. 2.1.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.10) \quad & p(z_c = z | \mathbf{Z}_{\neg c}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&= \frac{\prod_{w=1}^V \prod_{p=1}^{n_c^w} (n_{z, y=1}^w + \beta - p)}{\prod_{q=1}^{n_c^w} (\sum_{j=1}^V n_{z, y=1}^j + V\beta - q)} \frac{n_{z, \neg c}^{b_c} + \alpha}{\sum_{b=1}^B n_{z, \neg c}^b + B\alpha} \\
&\quad \times \frac{n_u^z + \eta - 1}{\sum_{t=1}^T n_u^t + T\eta - 1}.
\end{aligned}$$

2.3 Sampling label $y_{u, n, l}$

We discuss how to derive Eqn. 2.2 to update $y_{u, n, l}$ for each word in the tweet in this section.

Let d be $\{u, n, l\}$, similar to Eqn. 2.4, we have the following equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
& p(y_d | \mathbf{Y}_{\neg d}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&\propto \frac{B(n_{(\cdot)}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)}{B(n_{\neg d}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)} \frac{B(n_{y=0}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')}{B(n_{y=0, \neg d}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')} \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_{t, y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(n_{t, y=1, \neg d}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_t^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)}{B(n_{t, \neg c}^{\mathbf{b}} + \alpha)} \prod_{u=1}^U \frac{B(n_u^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}{B(n_{u, \neg d}^{\mathbf{t}} + \eta)}.
\end{aligned}$$

When we sample y_d , we assume $\mathbf{Y}_{\neg d}$, \mathbf{Z} , \mathbf{W} and \mathbf{B} are fixed, similar to Eqn. 2.6, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& p(y_d | \mathbf{Y}_{\neg d}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&\propto \frac{B(n_{(\cdot)}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)}{B(n_{\neg d}^{\mathbf{y}} + \gamma)} \frac{B(n_{y=0}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')}{B(n_{y=0, \neg d}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta')} \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{B(n_{t, y=1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)}{B(n_{t, y=1, \neg d}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta)},
\end{aligned}$$

where to derive each component is similar to Eqn. 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9.

We show the derived results as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.11) \quad & p(y_d = 0 | \mathbf{Y}_{\neg d}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&= \frac{n_{\neg d}^{y_d=0} + \gamma}{\sum_{y=0}^1 n_{\neg d}^y + 2\gamma} \frac{n_{y=0, \neg d}^{w_d} + \beta'}{\sum_{w=1}^V n_{y=0, \neg d}^w + V\beta'}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.12) \quad & p(y_d = 1 | \mathbf{Y}_{\neg d}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) \\
&= \frac{n_{\neg d}^{y_d=1} + \gamma}{\sum_{y=0}^1 n_{\neg d}^y + 2\gamma} \frac{n_{z_c, y=1, \neg d}^{w_d} + \beta}{\sum_{w=1}^V n_{z_c, y=1, \neg d}^w + V\beta}.
\end{aligned}$$

With Eqn. 2.10 and Eqn. 2.11, we can perform Gibbs Sampling for B-LDA as in Algorithm 1.

2.4 Parameter estimation

With Gibbs sampling, we can make the following esti-

mation:

$$(2.13) \quad \phi'_w = \frac{n_{(\cdot)}^w + \beta'}{\sum_{w=1}^V n_{(\cdot)}^w + V\beta'},$$

$$(2.14) \quad \phi_{t,w} = \frac{n_t^w + \beta}{\sum_{w=1}^V n_t^w + V\beta},$$

$$(2.15) \quad \psi_{t,b} = \frac{n_t^b + \alpha}{\sum_{b=1}^B n_t^b + B\alpha},$$

$$(2.16) \quad \varphi_y = \frac{n_{(\cdot)}^y + \gamma}{\sum_{y=0}^1 n_{(\cdot)}^y + 2\gamma},$$

$$(2.17) \quad \theta_{u,t} = \frac{n_u^t + \eta}{\sum_{t=1}^T n_u^t + T\eta},$$

where $n_{(\cdot)}^w$ is number of times w appears, n_t^w is, when given the topic t , number of times w is sampled, n_t^b is number of time posting behavior b co-occurs with topic t , $n_{(\cdot)}^y$ is number of times y appears, where n_u^t is, when given the user u , number of times t is sampled.

3 Time Complexity

We compare the training time of our proposed B-LDA model against LDA in Table 2 on different number of users.

Model	Number of users			
	1k	2k	5k	All
LDA	1.73	2.73	6.00	10.00
B-LDA	2.20	3.07	6.27	10.61
B-LDA/LDA	1.26	1.12	1.05	1.06

Table 2: Comparison of training time of B-LDA model against LDA on 1k, 2k, 5k and all the users in terms of hour. Note that, 1k, 2k, 5k users are randomly selected from all the users.

Table 2 shows the running time ratio of B-LDA over LDA is from $1.05 \sim 1.26$, which means our proposed model B-LDA has a comparable time complexity with LDA.

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