

Topic Modeling

CPE 393: Text Analytics

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Review

Text Clustering

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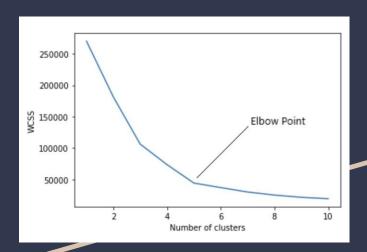
- Similarity
- Distance functions
- Quality (inter-cluster, intra-cluster)
- K-means clustering

- Some **drawbacks** for K-means clustering

- Dependent on K value
- Trial-and-error

Elbow method

Elbow Method



A technique to determine an optimal number of clusters

- Plotting output from different K values
- ldentifying the elbow point

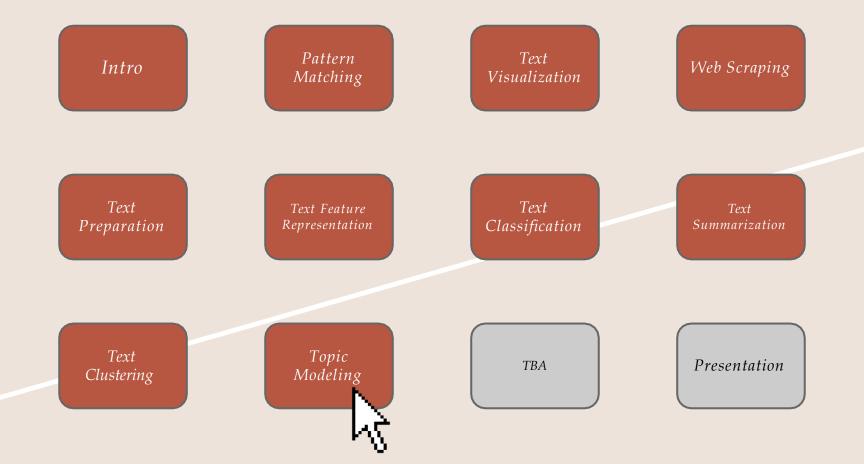
Computation

- **WCSS** (Within-Cluster Sum of Square)
- Squared average distance of all the points within a cluster to the cluster centroid
- As the number of clusters increases, the WCSS value decreases

Weaknesses

- May not hold for complex datasets with irregularly shaped or differently sized clusters
- Sensitive to initial cluster centroids
- Inefficient for large datasets
- Only works for K-means clustering

That was *Hard* Clustering...



Outline

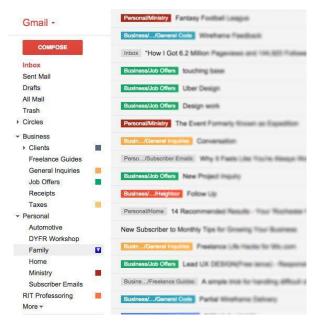
- Intro to Topic Modeling
- LSA: Latent Semantic Analysis
- LDA: Latent Dirichlet Allocation
- BERTopic

Topic Modeling

Why?

Imagine you have **1M** emails to sort through...

- School
- Meeting
- Finance
- Internship



Ref: https://mattolpinski.com/articles/gmail-label-system/

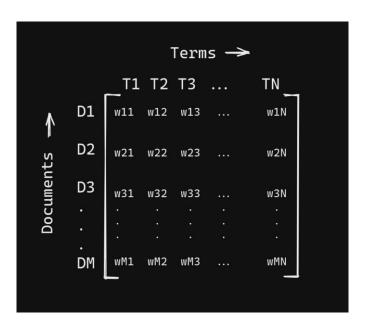
Topic Modeling

In a Nutshell

- **Unsupervised** Learning
- A technique for discovering <u>abstract</u> topics in a collection of documents.
- Goal:
 - To discover latent topics within a corpus
 - Latent = Hidden
- Key Elements:
 - Every document is a mix of topics
 - Every topic is a mix of words
- Input
 - Topics & words
 - Document-term matrix
- Output
 - Various topics

Revisit

Document-Term Matrix



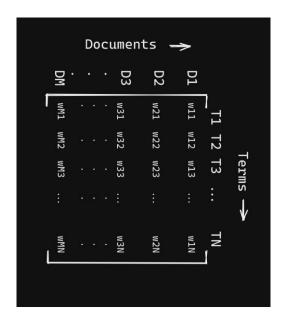
Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

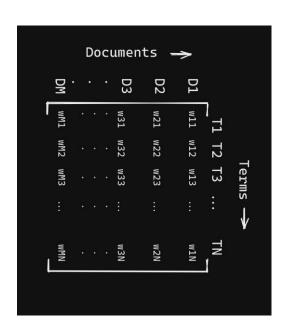
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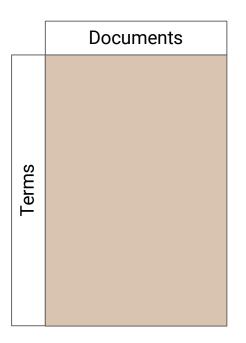
Analysis: LSA



- Introduced in the late 1980s
- Statistical Method
- To analyze terms & documents relationships
- Text data → Term-Document Matrix



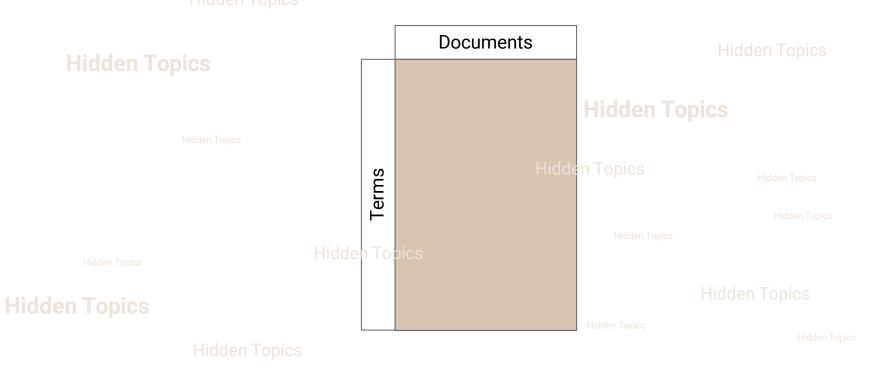




Let's say..

This matrix presents a total of n documents and m terms. What's the dimension of this matrix?

Hidden Topics Hidden Topics Hidden Topics



Hidden Topics

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Matrix:

Dimension Property

In order for matrix multiplication to be defined, the number of columns in the first matrix must be equal to the number of rows in the second matrix.

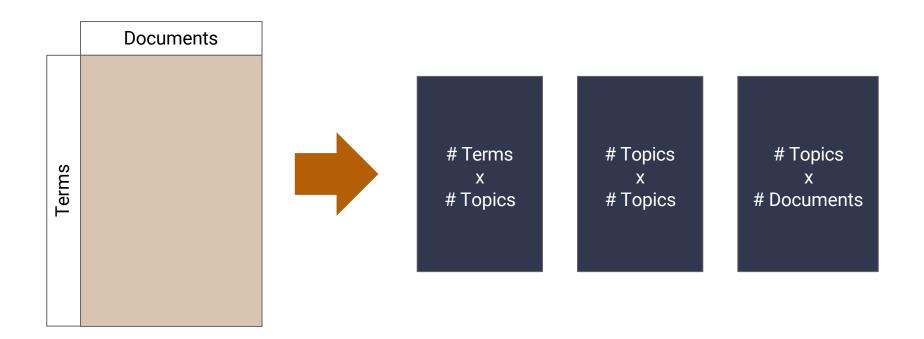
1	3
2	4
2	5

1	3	2	2
2	4	5	1

B

Δ

What's the dimension of AB?



Matrix Factorization

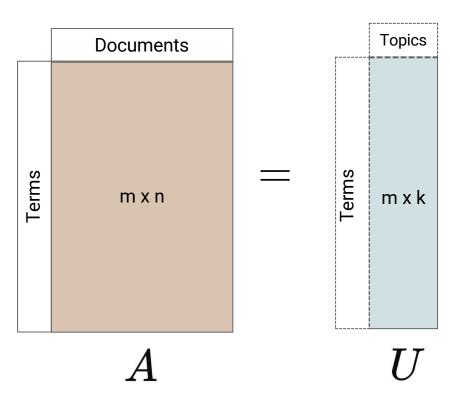
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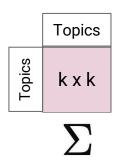
- 1. A: Data Matrix
 - o $[m \times n] \rightarrow m$ terms, n documents
 - Aka Term-Document Matrix

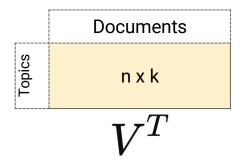
Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) decomposes the term-document matrix A (1) into three matrices (2)-(4):

- **2. U**: Left singular vectors
 - \circ [m x k] \rightarrow m terms, k concepts
 - Word Assignment to Topics
- 3. Σ : Diagonal matrix of singular values
 - $\circ \qquad [k \ x \ k] \to k \ concepts$
 - Topic Importance
- **4. V**^T: Right singular vectors
 - o $[n \times k] \rightarrow n$ documents, k concepts
 - Topic Distribution Across Documents

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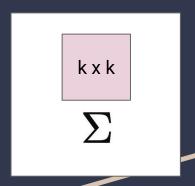






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Diagonal Matrix of Singular Values



- Capture the significance of each latent dimension in the data
- Values arranged in descending order along the diagonal

12.5	0	0
0	9.0	0
0	0	1.4

- Each singular value indicates the importance of the concept in the reduced space
- Larger value:
 - Capture more of the variance in the data
 - Represent the most significant underlying pattern
- Hence, Singular Value Decomposition

Singular Value Decomposition:



Capture Hidden Patterns

→ Topics

Dimensionality Reduction

→ Retaining only the top k singular values

Noise Reduction

- SVD in LSA helps filter out noise from the data
- → Focusing on the most significant singular values and vectors

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

Latent Dirichlet

Allocation: LDA

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<u>Read the paper</u>

- Introduced in 2003
- Probabilistic model
- Latent → Hidden
- Dirichlet → Type of probability distribution
- Allocation → Allocation
- Key Elements:
 - Every document is a mix of topics



Every document is a distribution of topics

Every topic is a mix of words
 Every topic is a distribution of words

Example

5 Documents

The apple was crisp and sweet, bursting with flavor.

The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.

The lion roared loudly in the jungle, asserting its dominance.

The ripe banana was yellow and fragrant, ready to be enjoyed as a healthy snack.

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The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.	ТОРІС В
The lion roared loudly in the jungle, asserting its dominance.	TOPIC B
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TOPIC A: apple, banana, mango, crisp, sweet, flavor, juicy, ...

(each has percentage of distribution)

TOPIC B: puppy, tail, lion, monkey, roared, dominance, curious, ...

The apple was crisp and sweet, bursting with flavor.	FRUIT
The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.	ANIMAL
The lion roared loudly in the jungle, asserting its dominance.	ANIMAL
The ripe banana was yellow and fragrant, ready to be enjoyed as a healthy snack.	FRUIT
The curious monkey reached for the juicy mango hanging from the tree.	FRUIT & ANIMAL

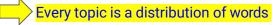
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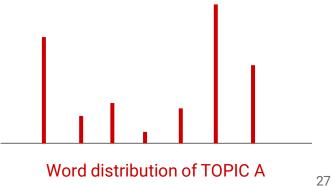
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How LDA works

FRUIT

ANIMAL

- Choose the number of topics beforehand (K)
- Randomly assign each word in each document to one of the K topics
- Go through every word and its assignment
 - How often the topic occurs in the document?
 - How often the word occurs in the topic overall?
- Assign the word to a new topic accordingly
- Perform this for multiple iterations

The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.

Step 1

The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.

Choose the number of topics beforehand (K)

Let the number of topics be two:

- 1. Fruit
- 2. Animal

Step 2

The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.

- Randomly assign each word in each document to one of the K topics
- Aka Topic-word Distribution

Topic 1 (Fruit) might start with words like "chased" and "yard."

Topic 2 (Animal) might start with words like "puppy" and "tail."

chased playful puppy tail

Fruit Animal

Step 3 (Iterative)

The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.

Go through every word and its assignment

- How often the topic occurs in the document?
 - Document-Topic Distribution
- How often the word occurs in the topic overall?
 - Topic-Word Distribution

chased playful puppy tail

Fruit Animal

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Step ...

The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.

After several iterations, we may observe the following refinements:

- Words like "playful," "puppy," and "tail" increasingly align with Animal.
- Words like "yard" and "circles" might stay with Fruit if they lack strong relevance to Animal.

playful
puppy
chased
tail

Fruit

Animal

Final Step

The playful puppy chased its tail in circles around the yard.

Let's talk about the final output..

Document-Topic Distribution:

→ LDA will estimate that this document is primarily about the Animal topic (e.g., 80% Animal, 20% Fruit).

Topic-Word Distribution:

- Topic 1 (Fruit): Words like "circles" and "yard"
 may have a small association.
- (Animal): Strongly associated with "playful," "puppy," "chased," and "tail."

Multiple Documents

"I love playing football."

"The match was exciting."

"The player scored a goal."

Topics

Sports and **Emotions**

Adjustment of distribution through iterations..

I love playing football.

The match was exciting.

The player scored a goal.

With each iteration, LDA updates:

- Document-Topic Distribution
- Topic-Word Distribution

Let's talk about the final output..

- Topic 1 (Sports): High probability of words like "football," "player," "goal."
- Topic 2 (Emotions): High probability of words like "exciting," "love."
- **Document 1**: 80% Sports, 20% Emotions.
- **Document 2**: 30% Sports, 70% Emotions.
- **Document 3**: 90% Sports, 10% Emotions.

In Practice

class gensim.models.ldamodel.LdaModel(corpus=None, num_topics=100, id2word=None, distributed=False, chunksize=2000, passes=1, update_every=1, alpha='symmetric', eta=None, decay=0.5, offset=1.0, eval_every=10, iterations=50, gamma_threshold=0.001, minimum_probability=0.01, random_state=None, ns_conf=None, minimum_phi_value=0.01, per_word_topics=False, callbacks=None, dtype=*class 'numpy.float32'>)

Input

- Document-Term Matrix
- Number of topics (K)
- Number of iterations

Gensim

- Go through every word
- Find the best word & topic distribution
- Assignment

Output

- Top words in each topic
- Adjust parameter as needed

LDA vs LSA

	LSA	LDA
Туре	Statistical method	Probabilistic method
Technique	Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)	Bayesian inference with Dirichlet distributions
Document Representation	Concepts are derived from word co-occurrence patterns	Topics are probabilistic distributions over words
Scalability	Effective with smaller datasets; performance decreases with size	Scales well with large datasets, widely used in big data applications
Interpretability	Concepts are less interpretable; dimensions represent abstract concepts	Topics are explicit with assigned probabilities
Applications	Better for semantic search, synonym discovery	Better for text generation, topic categorization

Applications

- Text summarization
- Information retrieval
- Recommendation systems
- Sentiment analysis
- And more...

Conclusion

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Q & A