

Advanced quantitative text analysis (2023W)

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Day 3





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Supervised classification

Day 3 Session 1



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Steps

- 1. Create a labeled data set
- 2. Classify documents with supervised learning algorithm
- 3. Check performance
- 4. Using the measures



1. Create a labeled data set

How:

- Human coders annotate parts of the corpus (see also slides in session on dictionaries)
- Found data (e.g., self-reported profession in users' profile)

Considerations:

- Sampling should be representative for the corpus (e.g., Random, Stratified sample e.g., across time and source)
- Quality of human coding matters (Assess the intercoder reliability)
- Number of documents



1. Create a labeled data set

Number of documents

- the higher the number of categories and the lower the reliability of the coders, the higher the number of documents (Barberá et al., 2021)
- increase the sizes of manually coded validation dataset as large as possible, preferably to more than N = 1,300 (i.e., more than 1% of all data to be examined) assuming acceptable reliability (equal to or higher than .7) (Song et al., 2021)

Table 2. Simulation input parameters

Factors	Input Parameters		
N of human coders	2 (minimum), 5 (intermediate), & 10 (large manual coding)		
Intercoder reliability	0.5 (low), 0.7 (acceptable), & 0.9 (high levels of reliability)		
N of validation data	600 (0.5%), 1300 (1%), 6500 (5%), & 13000 (10%) of total data		
Sampling variability	Random sample vs. nonrandom (biased) subset for validation		
Coding per entry	Sole coding vs. duplicated coding for each entry		

Song et al., 2021, p. 555

Song, H., Tolochko, P., Eberl, J. M., Eisele, O., Greussing, E., Heidenreich, T., ... & Boomgaarden, H. G. (2020). In validations we trust? The impact of imperfect human annotations as a gold standard on the quality of validation of automated content analysis. *Political Communication*, 37(4), 550-572.



1. Create a labeled data set

Split labeled data in training data, test data, validation set

Training data

The subset that is used to learn the model parameters

Test data

- Another subset used to evaluate the model's predictive quality
- Not used for learning!

Validation data

Only used to evaluate in the end, no further optimization allowed



2. Classify documents with supervised learning

Classifier learns the mapping between features and the labels in the training set

- We define a model f(Y)=g(X)
- And apply a learning algorithm to establish which features in X (features extracted from the training documents) matter to recover Y (i.e, the labels of the training documents)
- We fit the model



2. Classify documents with supervised learning

Considerations:

- Feature representation (Bag of words representation or embeddings)
- Feature selection (remove irrelevant features)
- Classifier selection
 - E.g., Naive Bayes, SVM, KNN, or ensemble methods



The fitted model (the trained classifier) is applied to a held-out test set (which is a part of the labeled set but was not used for training the model).

Considerations:

- Danger of overfitting (focus on features that work well with training set but do not generalize)
 - Solutions: cross-validation
- Performance metric (i.e., recall, precision)



k-fold cross-validation

- We randomly split the data into k sets ("folds") of roughly equal size
- Each set is hold out once as test set, while training on the remaining sets
- The problem of a lucky split is reduced





Performance metrics

Confusion matrix

	Actual label	
Classification (algorithm)	Negative	Positive
Negative	True negative	False negative
Positive	False negative	True positive

$$Accuracy = \frac{True\ Negative + True\ Positive}{True\ Negative + True\ Positive + False\ Negative + True\ Positive}$$

$$Precision_{positive} = \frac{True\ Positive}{True\ Positive + False\ Positive}$$

$$Recall_{positive} = \frac{True\ Positive}{True\ Positive + False\ Negatives}$$



Check convergent validity (Adcock & Collier, 2001)

- Compare the measures with other established measures, e.g.,
 - Use trained model to classify texts (open-ended answers relationship uncertainty as described by participants of an online survey) and compare it with the self-assessment in response to a closed question, see Pilny et al. 2019

Adcock, R., & Collier, D. (2001). Measurement validity: A shared standard for qualitative and quantitative research. *American political science review*, *95*(3), 529-546.



4. Using the measures

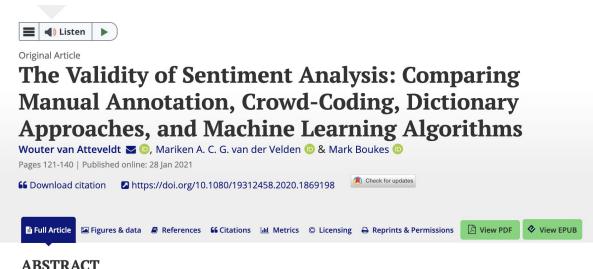
The classifier is applied to all documents in the corpus



Dictionary vs. supervised machine learning

Category: sentiment

Result: machine learning significantly outperformed dictionary coding



Van Atteveldt el al. (2021)



Dictionary vs. supervised machine learning

 Supervised machine learning requires (potentially larger amounts) labeled data

If the training sample is large enough supervised learning will outperform dictionaries

González-Bailón, S., & Paltoglou, G. (2015). Signals of public opinion in online communication: A comparison of methods and data sources. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 659(1), 95-107.



Additional considerations

- Hyperparameter selection
 - Via systematic comparison of different hyperparameters per algorithm
- Random undersampling (Galar et al., 2011)
 - Method to deal with unbalanced classes: use the max. number of positive instances per class and randomly sample the same number of instances of the negative class



- Probabilistic classifier
- Simple
- Fast
- Good Accuracy

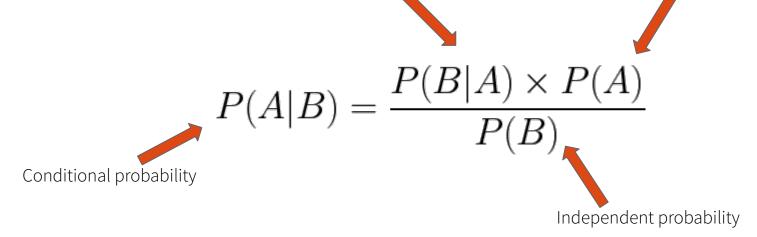


$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \times P(A)}{P(B)}$$



Conditional probability

Independent probability

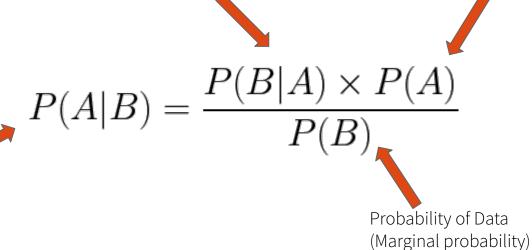




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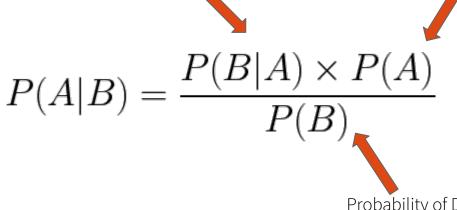




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Probability of Data (Marginal probability) (Evidence)

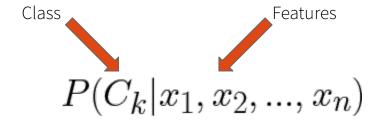


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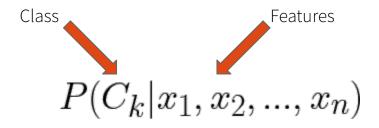


$$P(C_k|x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$$









Features are assumed to be independent. Hence, "Naïve"



$$P(C_k|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C_k) \times P(\mathbf{x}|C_k)}{P(\mathbf{x})}$$



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Decision Rule

$$\hat{y} = argmax \ p(C_k) \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(x_i | C_k)$$





Implemented in many stats/ML packages







Support Vector Machine

- Comes from computer science
- Very good
- Rather difficult math

Considered one of the best of-the-shelf classification algorithms



• n-1 dimensional plane that separates the n-dimensional space



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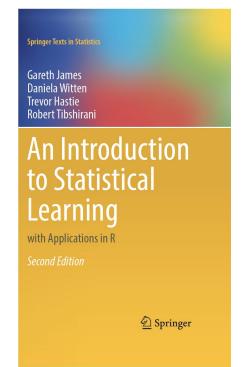
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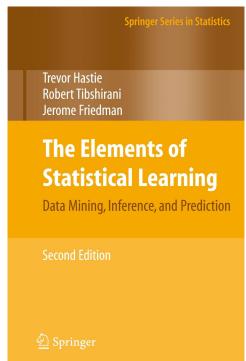
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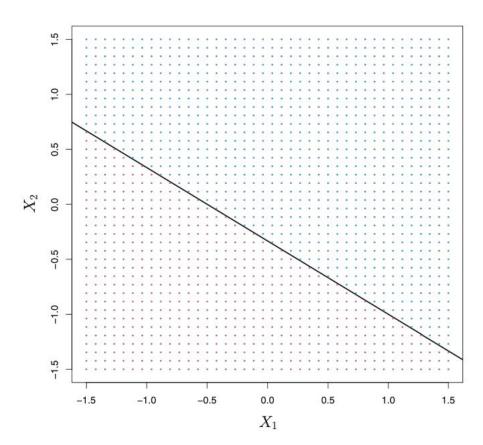


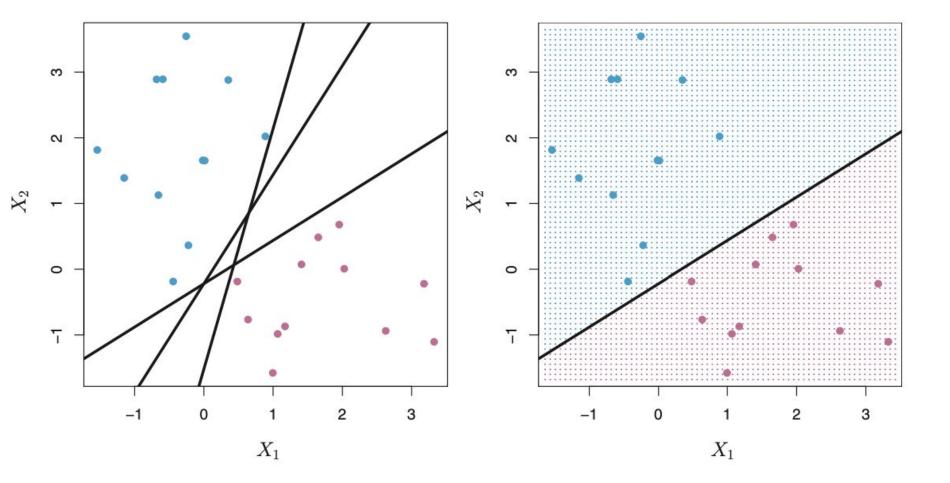
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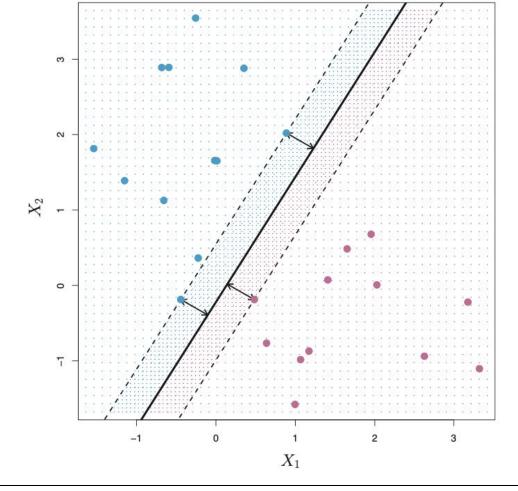








SV Classifier





Support Vector Machine

- Non-linear version of the Support Vector Classifier
- Extension using Kernels



$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_i \langle x, x_i \rangle$$

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i \in S} \alpha_i K(x, x_i)$$



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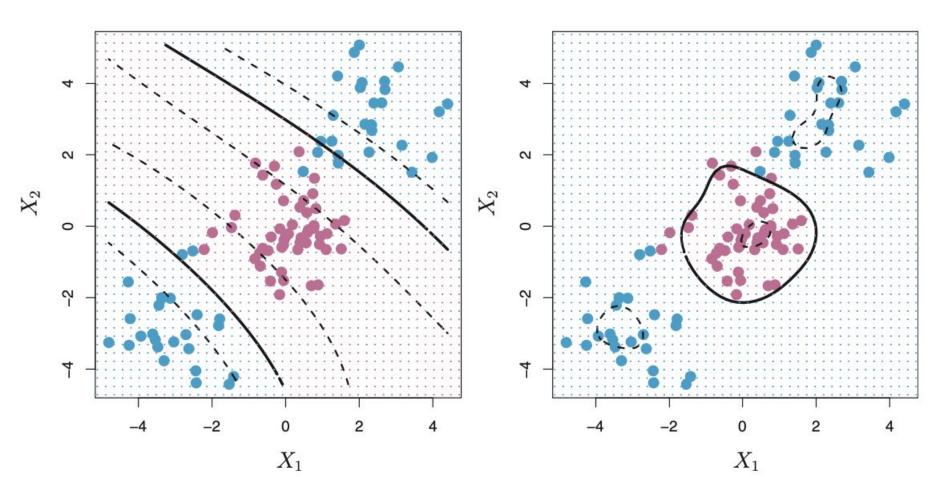


Polynomial Kernel Non-linear

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$$K(x_i, x_{i'}) = (1 + \sum_{i=1}^{p} x_{ij} x_{i'j})^d$$







Kernel Trick

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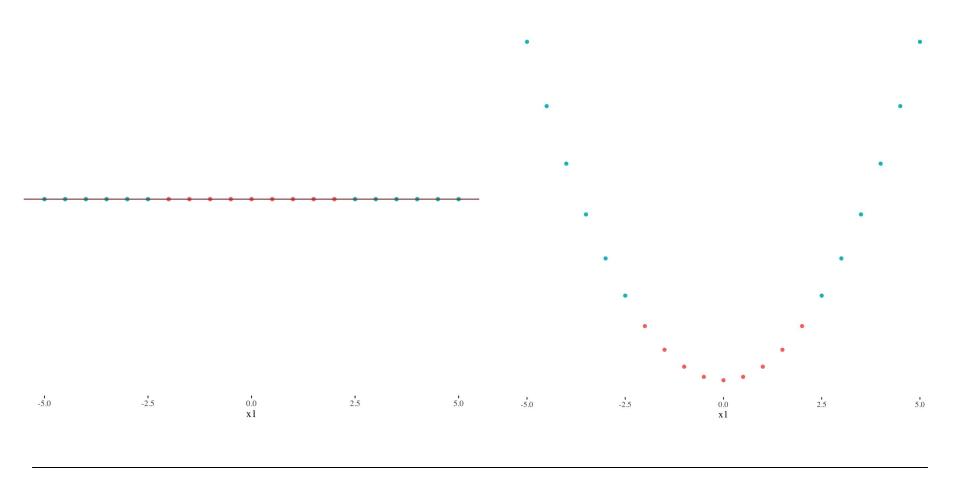


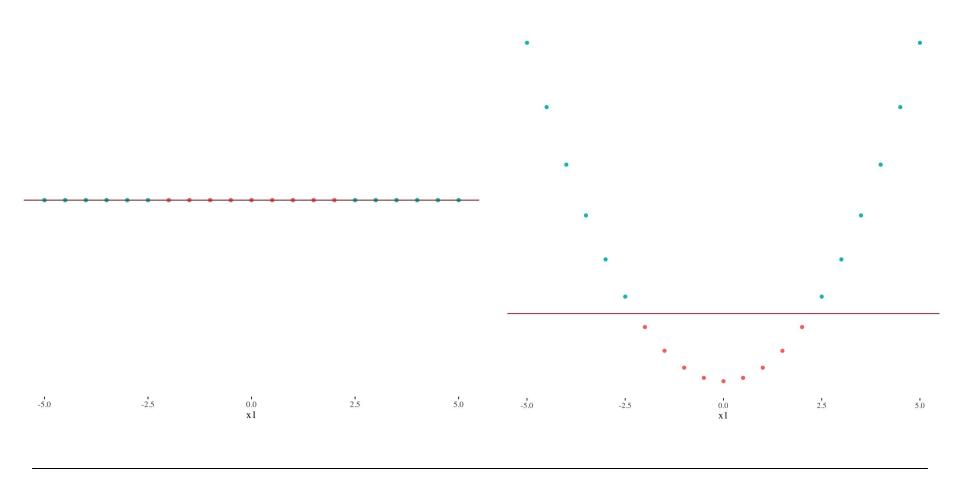
Kernel Trick

- Actual name
- Attempt to place n-dimensional data into n+1 dimensional space

-5.0 -2.5 0.0 2.5 5.0 x1

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Performing supervised machine learning in R and Python

R: quanteda, caret, e1071, klaR, C5.0, OneR

Python: scikit-learn



Coding session

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Unsupervised classification

Day 3 Session 2



What do you see here?

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- aroma
- roast

- programming
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How to use the *supervised* methods?

- Easy
- At least conceptually
- Clear objective function



How to use the *supervised* methods?

$$Y = (y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$$

$$X = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$$

$$(y_1, x_1), (y_2, x_2), ..., (y_n, x_n)$$

Task to predict \hat{y} as close to y



How to use the *supervised* methods?

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$$

$$\hat{y} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} E\left[L(model(\mathbf{x}, \theta), y)\right]$$



How to use unsupervised learning

• Objective function?



How to use unsupervised learning

- Objective function?
- Quantity of interest?



How to use unsupervised learning

Objective function = your quantity of interest







How to use unsupervised learning

- Objective function = your quantity of interest
- This is difficult



Measurement

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Measurement

- A collection of quantitative or numerical data that describes a property of an object or event
- What is the **object**?



Measurement (in the social sciences)

- Operationalisation ⇒ Data Collection ⇒ Analyses ⇒ Measurement
- The quantity of interest is **extrinsic** to the model



Measurement (in computer science)

- Model Building⇒Measurement of Performance
- The quantity of interest is *intrinsic* to the model



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Main quantity of Interest for computer science

$$\hat{\theta} \approx \theta$$

What social science wants



Prediction vs. Inference

- Computer scientists often emphasise **prediction**
- Social scientists are often more interested in inference
- Vast, multidimensional parameter space = not suitable for inference
 - Good for prediction
- E.g., Turing test
 - Machine passes
 - Why does it pass/not pass



Problems

- Translation of Social Science concepts
- Connecting Methods to Theory
- Difficult to understand what is being measured



Unsupervised Learning Example

- Clustering algorithms are great tools
- Not well suitable for the "standard" social science paradigm
- Needs external validation, but there is no "best" method
- "Validation" based on "theory" or "expectation" leads to biases



The paradigm

- Approximating a data-generating process



The paradigm

- Approximating a data-generating process
- Assumption: there is one (and only one) "true" data-generating process
- It *is* the reality



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- Unsupervised methods are *meaningless* in conjunction with the "true" data-generating process assumption



Focus is on Discovery

Grimmer et al. 2022



Objectives

Descriptive analysis/Discriminating words:

- What are the characteristics of a corpus? How do some documents compare to each other
- Keyness, collocation analysis, readability scores, Cosine/Jaccard similarity

Clustering and scaling:

- What groups of documents are in the corpus? Can the documents be placed on a dimension?
- Cluster analysis, principal component analysis, wordfish...

Topic modeling:

- What are the main themes in a corpus?
- LDA, STM, BERTopic

Grimmer et al. 2022, Barberá, 2018



K-Means Clustering

- Simple(ish) algorithmic method
- Partitions the data into K non-overlapping clusters



Setup

$$C_1, C_2, ..., C_k$$

$$C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \ldots \cup C_K = \{1, \ldots, n\}$$

$$C_k \cap C_{k'} = \emptyset$$
 for all $k \neq k'$



Assumption and task

 Optimal clustering solution is the one where within-cluster variation is as small as possible

$$W(C_k)$$

$$\underset{C_1, \dots, C_K}{\text{minimize}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K W(C_k) \right\}$$



Within cluster variation

$$W(C_k) = \frac{1}{|C_k|} \sum_{i,i' \in C_k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} (x_{ij} - x_{i'j})^2$$



$$\underset{C_1, \dots, C_K}{\text{minimize}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{|C_k|} \sum_{i, i' \in C_k} \sum_{j=1}^p (x_{ij} - x_{i'j})^2 \right\}$$



Algorithm

- Randomly assign cluster numbers (1 through K) for each observation
- 2. Iterate until no further changes to the cluster assignment:
 - a. For each cluster determine the *centroid* (average of all observations in the cluster)
 - b. Re-assign observations to a cluster with the closest centroid (calculated with a distance metric).



Guarantees convergence at a local optimum

- Cannot guarantee the best solution
- But are rather good one
- Sensitive to random assignment at the start



Cluster Algorithms Validation

- Data assumptions (think data generation)
- Internal validity (best results for the data)
- External validity (matches with pre-existing understanding of data)
- Cross-validity (similar results across similar datasets)
- You are the validation method



Topic Modelling

- A model to discover latent topics
- Not synonymous with LDA
- LDA is one of topic models

- Latent semantic analysis
- Singular value decomposition
- Even clustering methods (like the one we just discussed)



Latent Dirichlet Allocation

- Bayesian generative hierarchical model
- First introduced as a way to simultaneously model traits and genes (Pritchard, 2000)
- Adjusted for text analysis ML applications (Blei et al., 2003)



Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Estimates a distribution of words across documents across latent topics



Latent Dirichlet Allocation

 By modeling distributions of topics over words and words over documents, topic models identify the most discriminatory groups of documents automatically.

Assumption: if a document is about a certain topic, one would expect words, that are related to that topic, to appear in the document more often than in documents that deal with other topics.



Mixture Models

$$P(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k \times P(x \mid \theta_k)$$

- P(x) represents the probability density function (PDF) of the observed data point x
- K is the number of components in the mixture model
- π _k is the mixing proportion or weight assigned to the k-th component, representing the probability of a data point belonging to that component. These weights satisfy the condition sum(π _k) = 1 and 0 <= π _k <= 1
- $P(x|\theta_k)$ represents the conditional probability of observing data point x given the parameters θ_k of the k-th component distribution





$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \ldots + \beta_k X_k + \epsilon$$



$$y \sim Normal(\mu, \sigma)$$

$$\mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k$$

$$\beta \sim Normal(0, 5)$$

$$\sigma \sim Exponential(1)$$



Likelihood Function

$$y \sim Normal(\mu, \sigma)$$

$$\mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k$$

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Prior distribution of the parameters



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$$\mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \ldots + \beta_k X_k$$

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$$\sigma \sim Exponential(1)$$
Hyperparameters



$$\theta_k \sim Dirichlet(\alpha)$$
 for each topic k

$$\eta_d \sim Dirichlet(\beta)$$
 for each document d

$$z_{d,w} \sim Multinomial(\eta_d)$$
 for each word w in document d

$$x_{d,w} \sim Multinomial(\theta_{z_{d,w}})$$
 for each word w in document d



- θ_k is the topic-word distribution for topic k, representing the probability of each word given the topic.
- η _d is the document-topic distribution for document d, representing the probability of each topic in the document.
- z_d,w is the topic assignment for word w in document d, indicating which topic generated the word.
- x_d,w is the observed word in document d.

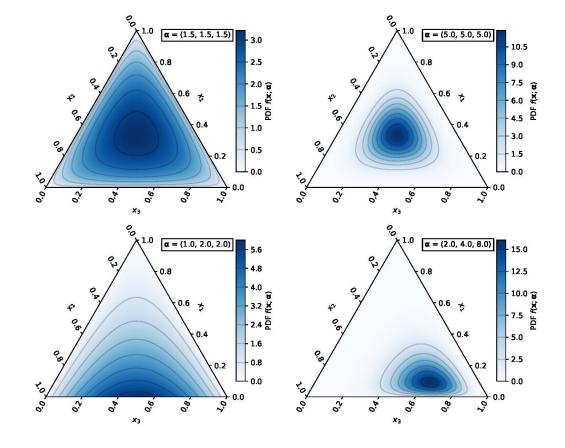


- For each topic k **∈** {1, ..., K}:
 - Draw a distribution over words $\theta_k \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha)$, where α is a hyperparameter representing the topic-word prior.
 - For each document d ∈ {1, ..., D}:
 - Draw a distribution over topics $\eta_d \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta)$, where β is a hyperparameter representing the document-topic prior.
- For each word w in document d:
 - Draw a topic assignment z_d,w ~ Multinomial(η_d), indicating which topic generated the word.
 - Draw a word x_d,w ~ Multinomial($\theta_{z_d,w}$), indicating the specific word generated by the chosen topic.



- The goal of LDA is to infer the posterior distributions of the latent variables θ and η given the observed documents.
- Once the posterior distributions are estimated, LDA can be used to assign topics to new documents or extract the most probable words for each topic.







Tricky to estimate

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