





## Latent Variable Models of Lexical Semantics

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### Agenda

- Topic Modeling Tutorial
- Quick Overview of Lexical Semantics
- Examples & Practical Tips
  - Selectional Preferences
    - Argument types for relations extracted from the web
  - Event Type Induction
    - Induce types for events extracted from social media
  - Weakly Supervised Named Entity Classification
    - Classify named entities extracted from social media into types such as PERSON, LOCATION, PRODUCT, etc...

### **TOPIC MODELING**

### **Useful References:**

### Parameter estimation for text analysis

- Gregor Heinrich
- http://www.arbylon.net/publications/text-est.pdf

### Gibbs Sampling for the Uninitiated

- Philip Resnik, Eric Hardisty
- http://www.cs.umd.edu/~hardisty/papers/gsfu.pdf

### Bayesian Inference with Tears

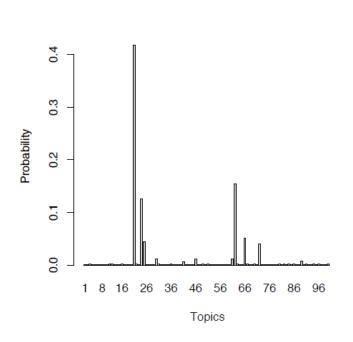
- Kevin Knight
- http://www.isi.edu/natural-language/people/bayeswith-tears.pdf

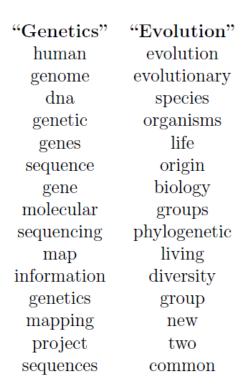
## Topic Modeling: Motivation

- Uncover Latent Structure
- Lower Dimensional Representation

- Probably a good fit if you have:
  - Large amount of grouped data
  - Unlabeled
  - Not even sure what the labels should be?

## Topic Modeling: Motivation





"Disease" "Computers" disease computer models host information bacteria diseases data resistance computers bacterial system network new strains systems model control infectious parallel malaria methods networks parasite parasites software united new tuberculosis simulations

Figure 2: **Real inference with LDA.** We fit a 100-topic LDA model to 17,000 articles from the journal *Science*. At left is 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

## Terminology

- I'm going to use the terms:
  - Documents / Words / Topics
- Really these models apply to any kind of grouped data:
  - Images / Pixels / Objects
  - Users / Friends / Groups
  - Music / Notes / Genres
  - Archeological Sites / Artifacts / Building Type

### **Estimating Parameters from Text**

Consider document as a bag of random words:

$$P(D|\theta) = \prod_{j} P(w_{j}|\theta) = \prod_{j} \theta_{w_{j}} = \prod_{w} \theta_{w}^{N_{w}}$$

• How to estimate  $\theta$ ?

$$P(\theta|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)}$$

Posterior = 
$$\frac{\text{Likelihood} \times \text{Prior}}{\text{Evidence}}$$

Dirichlet Distribution (Dir $(\theta | \alpha)$ ):

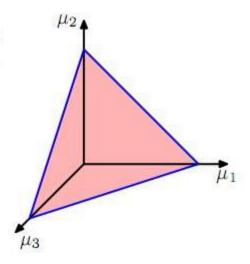
$$P(\theta|\alpha) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \times \prod \theta_j^{\alpha_j - 1}$$

$$(\theta|D,\alpha) = \frac{\prod_{w} \theta_{w}^{n_{w}} P(\theta|\alpha)}{P(D)}$$
$$= Dir(\theta|n+\alpha)$$

• Dirichlet Distribution (Dir( $\theta | \alpha$ )):

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The Dirichlet distribution over three variables  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  is confined to a simplex (a bounded linear manifold) of the form shown, as a consequence of the constraints  $0 \le \mu_k \le 1$  and  $\sum_k \mu_k = 1$ .



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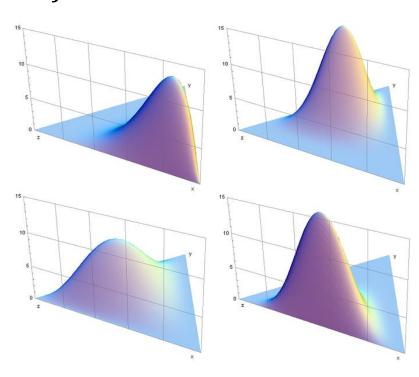
Examples:

Dir(6,2,2)

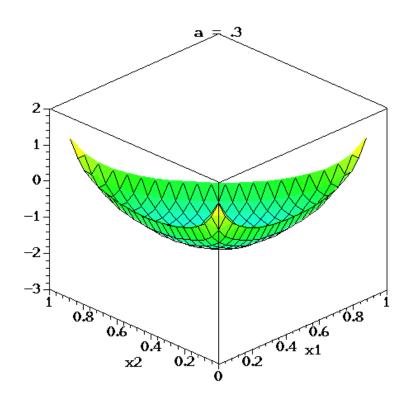
Dir(3,7,5)

Dir(6,2,6)

Dir(2,3,4)



• Sparse Prior:  $0 < \alpha < 1$   $\log(Dir(\theta | \alpha, \alpha, \alpha))$ 

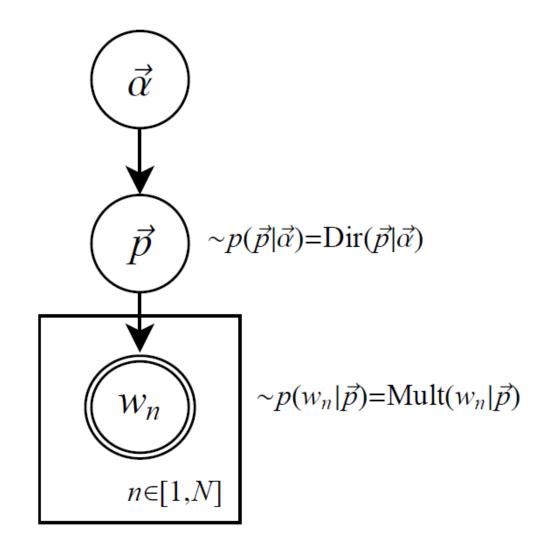


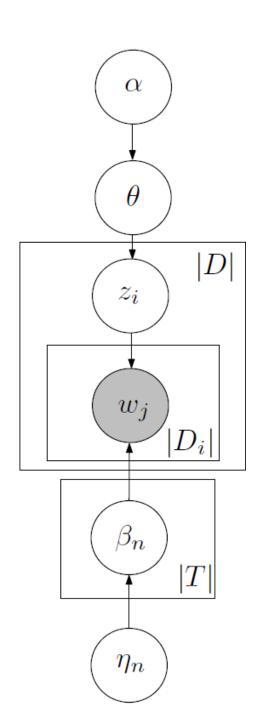
### Generative Latent Variable Models

- Make up a story about how the data were generated
  - Involves Latent Variables which we never see
- Apply Bayesian inference to invert generative model
- Generative Story:

$$\theta \sim \text{Dir}(\theta | \alpha)$$
  
 $w \sim \text{Mult}(w | \theta)$ 

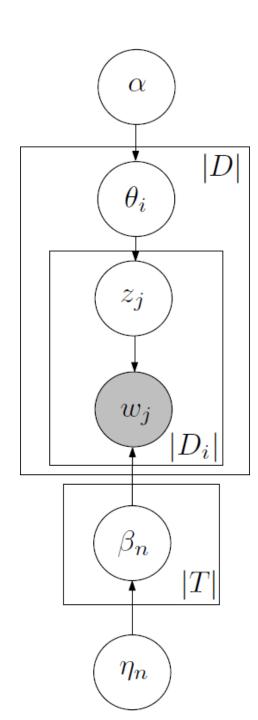
## **Graphical Models: Plate Notation**





### Naïve Bayes Mixture Model

- Data is a set of "documents"
- Hidden Variables are categories
- Inference typically performed using EM
  - Maximize lower bound on likelihood



### Latent Dirichlet Allocation

- Admixture Model
- Grouped Data
  - Each group is a mixture of underlying causes

### Latent Dirichlet Allocation

#### **Topics**

0.04 gene dna 0.02 0.01 genetic

life 0.02 0.01 evolve organism 0.01

brain 0.04 neuron 0.02 nerve 0.01

0.02 data 0.02 number computer 0.01

#### **Documents**

Topic proportions and assignments

#### Seeking Life's Bare (Genetic) Necessities

COLD SPRING HARBOR, NEW YORK— How many genes does an organism need to survive? Last week at the genome meeting here,\* two genome researchers with radically different approaches presented complementary views of the basic genes needed for life. One research team, using computer analyses to compare known genomes, concluded that today's organisms can be sustained with just 250 genes, and that the earliest life forms

required a mere 128 genes. The other researcher mapped genes in a simple parasite and estimated that for this organism, 800 genes are plenty to do the job-but that anything short of 100 wouldn't be enough.

Although the numbers don't match precisely, those predictions

May 8 to 12.

\* Genome Mapping and Sequencing, Cold Spring Harbor, New York,

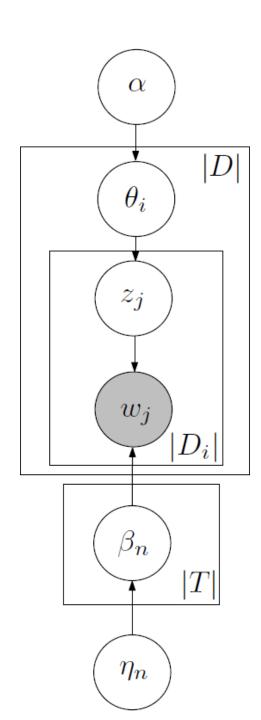
"are not all that far apart," especially in comparison to the 75,000 genes in the human genome, notes Siv Andersson o University in Swed ... -ho arrived at 800 number. But coming up with a co sus answer may be more than just a numbers game, particularly as more and more genomes are completely mapped an sequenced. "It may be a way of organiz any newly sequenced genome," explains

Arcady Mushegian, a computational molecular biologist at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in Bethesda, Maryland, Comparing



Stripping down. Computer analysis yields an estimate of the minimum modern and ancient genomes.

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### Inference

- Exact Inference is Generally Intractable
- Instead, use approximate inference:
  - Collapsed Gibbs Sampling
  - Mean-Field Variational Inference
  - Expectation Propagation

## Markov Chain Mote Carlo (MCMC)

- 1. Hidden Variables assignments are state space
- 2. Design a transition function
- 3. Start with arbitrary assignment to hidden variables
- 4. Randomly transition around the state space
- 5. After sufficient "burn in" samples come from the desired posterior

## Gibbs Sampling

- Start with random assignment to hidden variables
- Iteratively sample each hidden variable
  - Forget the value of  $z_i$
  - Condition on assignment to all other z's
  - Analytically integrate out parameters
- Want to sample from:

$$z_j \sim P(z_j | Z_{-j}, W)$$

# Sampling $z_j \sim P(z_i | Z_{-i}, W)$

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$$P(z_j|Z_{-j},W) = \frac{P(z_j,Z_{-j},W)}{P(Z_{-j},W)}$$

- Note: parameters integrated out
  - A bunch of gamma functions cancel out...

$$P(z_{j} = z | Z_{-j}, W) = \frac{n_{w_{-j}}^{z} + \beta_{w_{j}}}{n^{z} + \beta} \times \frac{n_{z_{-j}}^{d} + \alpha_{z_{j}}}{n^{d} + \alpha}$$

## Collapsed Gibbs Sampling for LDA

- Maintain counts:
  - $-n_d^z$  = Document topic counts
  - $-n_z^w = \text{Topic word counts}$
- For each word position j in document i:
  - Forget  $z_i$ :
    - Decrement  $n_{d_i}^{z_j}$
    - Decrement  $n_{z_j}^{\vec{w_j}}$
  - Sample new  $z_i$ :
    - $z_j \sim P(z_j | Z_{-j}, W)$
  - Increment counts for new  $z_i$ :
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One Gibbs Iteration

## Gibbs Sampling in Practice

- Start out with random assignment to  $z_j$ 's
- Run gibbs sampling for some number of "burn in iterations"
  - No way to really tell when the markov chain has converged to the posterior distribution
  - 1000 iterations often works well in practice...
- Use final assignment to  $z_j$ 's to estimate  $\theta_i$ 's and  $\beta_k$ 's

## Gibbs Sampling: Scalability

- For each word, have to enumerate distribution over possible topics before sampling:
  - $-O(w \times t)$
- Parallelization (Newmann et. al. 2009)
  - Simple approach to parallelization
  - Approximation (to approximate inference technique)
  - Works great in practice

### **LEXICAL SEMANTICS**

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$S$ $\lambda x   state(x) \wedge borders(x)   texas(x)   texas(x)$					
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S: (n) state, province (the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation) "his state is in the deep south"

<u>S:</u> (n) **state** (the way something is with respect to its main attributes) "the current state of knowledge"; "his state of health"; "in a weak financial state"

<u>S: (n)</u> **state** (the group of people comprising the government of a sovereign state) "the state has lowered its income tax"

S: (n) state, nation, country, land, commonwealth, res publica, body politic (a politically organized body of people under a single government) "the state has elected a new president"; "African nations"; "students who had come to the nation's capitol"; "the country's largest manufacturer"; "an industrialized land"
S: (n) state of matter, state ((chemistry) the three traditional states of matter are solids (fixed shape and volume) and liquids (fixed volume and shaped by the container) and gases (filling the container)) "the solid state of water is called ice"
S: (n) state (a state of depression or agitation) "he was in such a state you just couldn't reason with him"

 $\underline{S}$ : (n) country, **state**, land (the territory occupied by a nation) "he returned to the  $\underline{S}$  land of his birth"; "he visited several European countries"

S: (n) Department of State, United States Department of State, State Department, State, DoS (the federal department in the United States that sets and maintains foreign policies) "the Department of State was created in 1789"

$$\lambda g.\lambda x.state(x) \wedge g(x)$$

 $\lambda y.borders(y, texas)$ 

$$\lambda x state(x) \land borders(x, texas)$$

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Texas

NP texas

texas

## Why Latent Variable Models?

- Automatically Induce dictionaries
  - Similar to topics in topic models
  - Matches the domain
- Little Supervision/Annotation Required
  - Annotate/Train/Test paradigm doesn't scale well to problems is Lexical Semantics
- Generative Models Provide Principled Answers:
  - How to learn dictionaries from corpora?
  - How to disambiguate words in context?
  - Answer a wide variety of task-specific queries

### Latent Variables in Lexical Semantics: Selected Work

Word Sense Induction

```
(Brody and Lapata 2009)
(Reisinger and Mooney 2011)
```

Selectional Preferences

```
(Ritter, Mausam, Etzioni 2010)
(O Seaghda 2010)
```

Named Entity Classification

```
(Elsner, Charniak, Johnson 2009)
(Ritter, Clark, Mausam, Etzioni 2011)
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Event Type Induction

(Ritter, Mausam, Etzioni, Clark 2012)

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- X defeated Y => X played Y
  - Lions defeated the Giants
  - Britian defeated Nazi Germany

#### **Topic Modeling For Selectional Preferences**

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born in (Sergey Brin, Moscow)
headquartered in (Microsoft, Redmond)
born in (Bill Gates, Seattle)
born in (Einstein, March)
                          1998)
founded in (Google,
headquartered in (Google,
                              Mountain View)
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#### Verbs as "Documents"

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headquartered_in(Google,
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#### Args can have multiple Types

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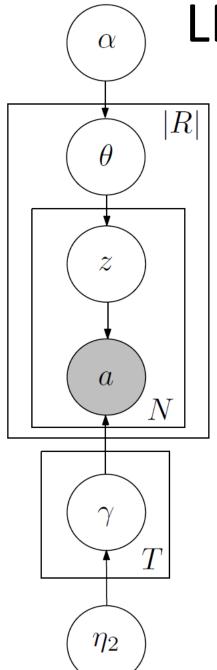
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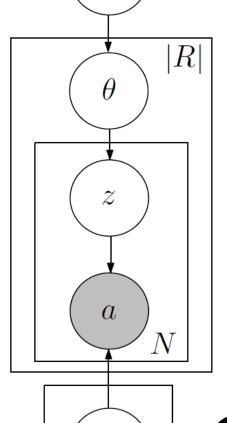
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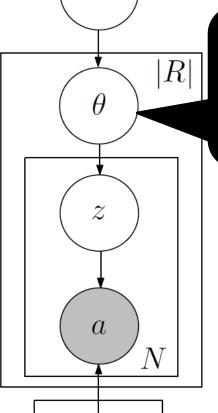
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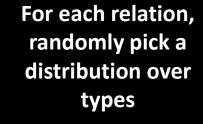
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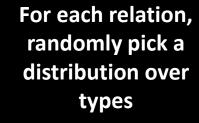
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born in Location

born in New York



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born in Date

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born\_in New York born\_in 1988



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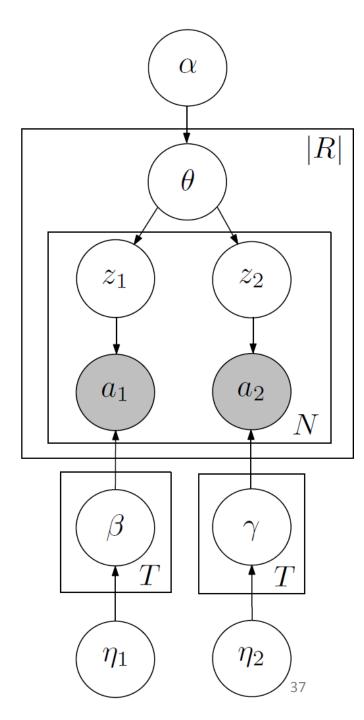
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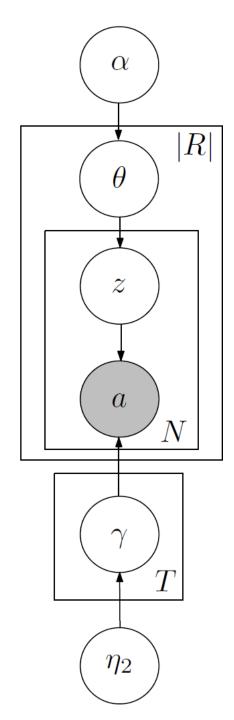
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#### LinkLDA

[Erosheva et. al. 2004]

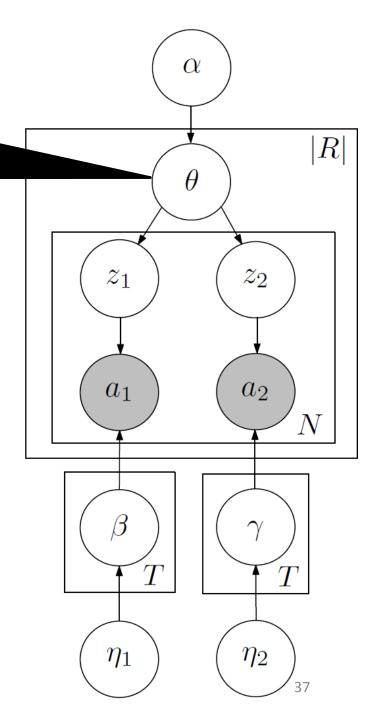


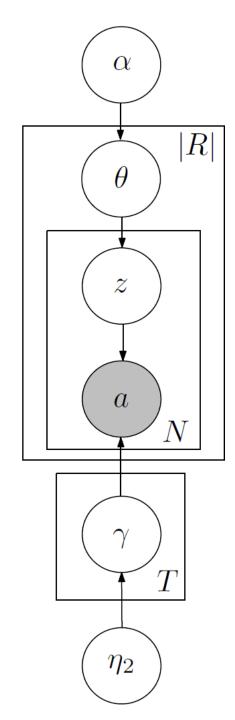




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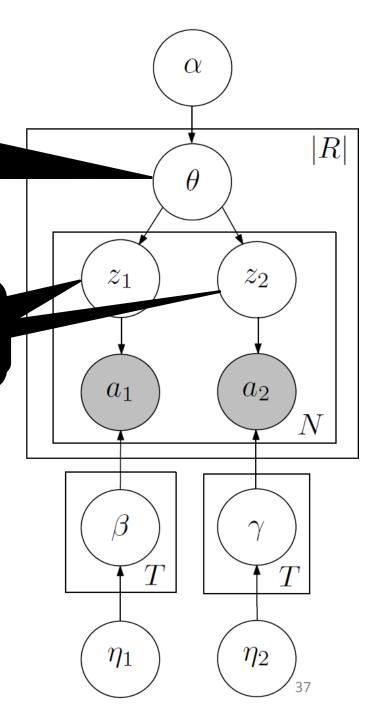




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Likely that z1 = z2 (Both drawn from same distribution)



#### Example inferred topics

Topic t	Arg1	Relations which assign	Arg2
		highest probability to $t$	
18	The residue - The mixture - The reaction	was treated with, is	EtOAc - CH2Cl2 - H2O - CH.sub.2Cl.sub.2
	mixture - The solution - the mixture - the re-	treated with, was	- H.sub.2O - water - MeOH - NaHCO3 -
	action mixture - the residue - The reaction -	poured into, was	Et2O - NHCl - CHCl.sub.3 - NHCl - drop-
	the solution - The filtrate - the reaction - The	extracted with, was	wise - CH2Cl.sub.2 - Celite - Et.sub.2O -
	product - The crude product - The pellet -	purified by, was di-	Cl.sub.2 - NaOH - AcOEt - CH2C12 - the
	The organic layer - Thereto - This solution	luted with, was filtered	mixture - saturated NaHCO3 - SiO2 - H2O
	- The resulting solution - Next - The organic	through, is disolved in,	- N hydrochloric acid - NHCl - preparative
	phase - The resulting mixture - C. )	is washed with	HPLC - to0 C
151	the Court - The Court - the Supreme Court	will hear, ruled in, de-	the case - the appeal - arguments - a case -
	- The Supreme Court - this Court - Court	cides, upholds, struck	evidence - this case - the decision - the law
	- The US Supreme Court - the court - This	down, overturned,	- testimony - the State - an interview - an
	Court - the US Supreme Court - The court	sided with, affirms	appeal - cases - the Court - that decision -
	- Supreme Court - Judge - the Court of Ap-		Congress - a decision - the complaint - oral
	peals - A federal judge		arguments - a law - the statute
211	President Bush - Bush - The President -	hailed, vetoed, pro-	the bill - a bill - the decision - the war - the
	Clinton - the President - President Clinton	moted, will deliver,	idea - the plan - the move - the legislation -
	- President George W. Bush - Mr. Bush -	favors, denounced,	legislation - the measure - the proposal - the
	The Governor - the Governor - Romney -	defended	deal - this bill - a measure - the program -
	McCain - The White House - President -		the law - the resolution - efforts - the agree-
	Schwarzenegger - Obama		ment - gay marriage - the report - abortion
224	Google - Software - the CPU - Clicking -	will display, to store, to	data - files - the data - the file - the URL -
	Excel - the user - Firefox - System - The	load, processes, cannot	information - the files - images - a URL - the
	CPU - Internet Explorer - the ability - Pro-	find, invokes, to search	information - the IP address - the user - text
	gram - users - Option - SQL Server - Code	for, to delete	- the code - a file - the page - IP addresses -
	- the OS - the BIOS		PDF files - messages - pages - an IP address

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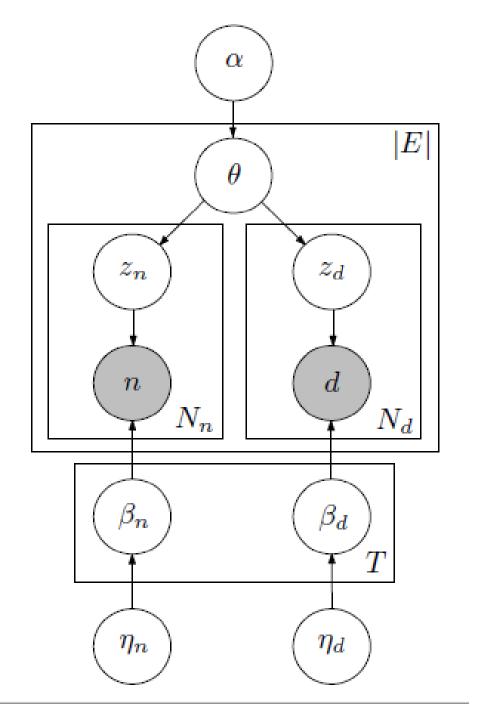
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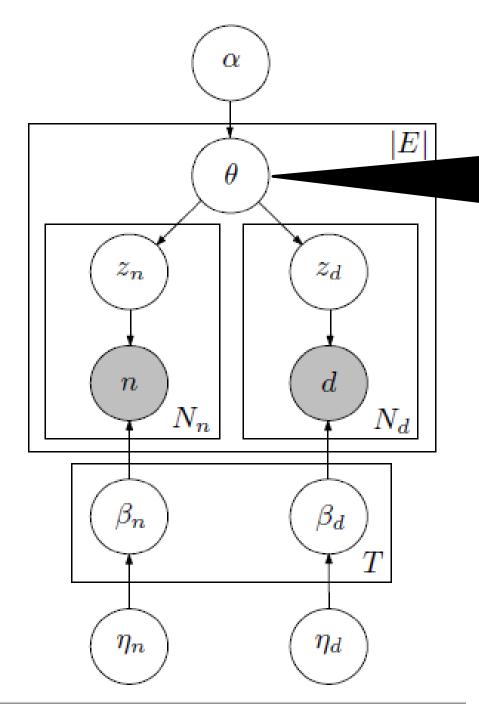
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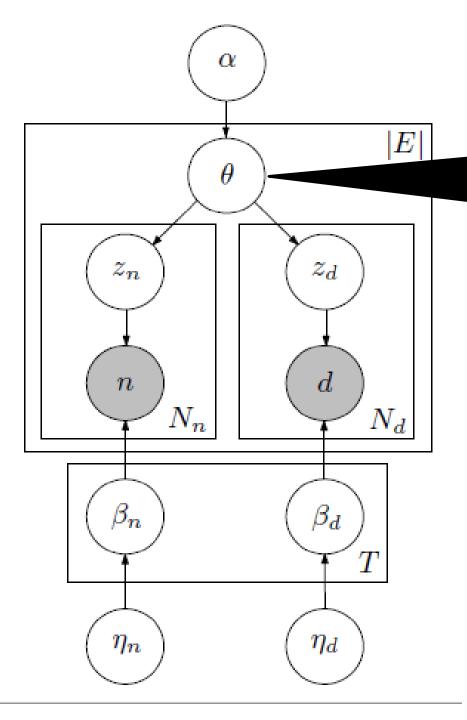
# Classifying Events: Challenges

- Many Different Types
- Not sure what is the right set of types
- Set of types might change
  - Might start talking about different things
  - Might want to focus on different groups of users





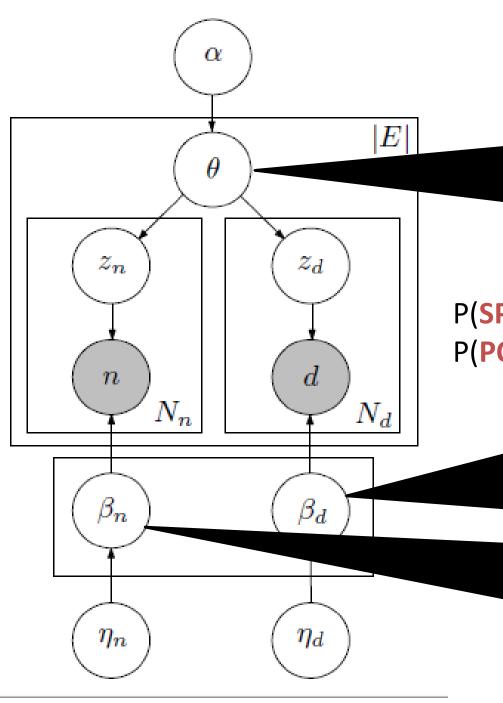
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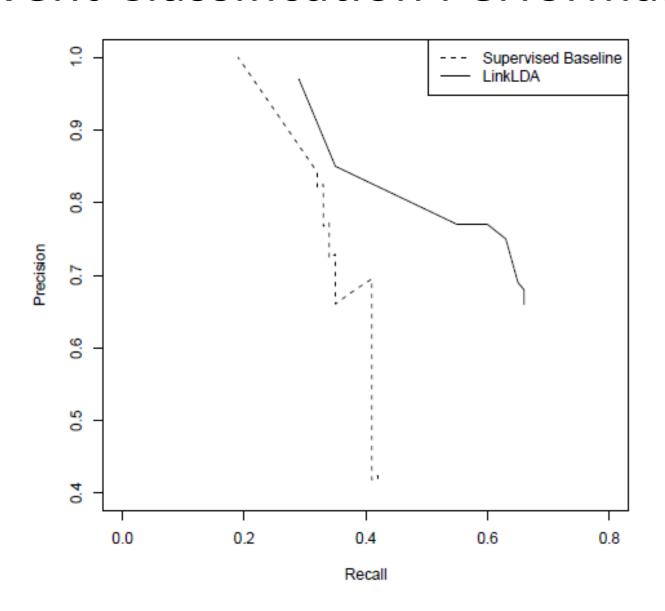
Each **Event Type** is Associated with a Distribution over Entities and Dates

Topic t	Entity	Event Phrases which assign highest proba-	Date
		bility to $t$	
60	obama, gop, anna, president obama, in- dia, reuters, libya, congress, perry, cnn, is- rael, anna hazare, china, pakistan, delhi, washington, republican, senate, new delhi, rick perry, white house, america tripoli, #bahrain, romney, parliament, syria, ians, egypt, #syria, cairo, ron paul, gaddafi, #libya, ontario, iran, president barack obama, florida, united states	accused - address - addressing - advised - approved - arrested - attack - attacked - backs - bill - bombing - boost - briefing - campaign - charged - debate - discuss - elected - election - endorsed - fast - fasting - fired - meets - movement - plan - plea - poll - proposed - protests - reform - rejected - scam - seeks - sends - speaks - speech - talks - urged - violence - visits - vote - voted - voting - warned	20110922, 20110907, 20110912, 20110919, 20110913, 20110926, 20110927, 20110920, 20110928, 20110923, 20111004, 20111006, 20110908, 20110921, 20111003, 20110915, 20111005, 20110816, 20110906, 20110929, 20110826, 20110914, 20110825, 20110824, 20110817, 20111011, 20111007, 20110930, 20111017, 20110909, 20110827, 20110901
4	itunes, ipod, cole, drake, carter iv, pan- dora, wayne, cd, christmas, uk, ep, carter, unbroken, cole world, amazon, nirvana, nevermind, mv, j cole, mixtape, aus- tralia, blink, rihanna, walmart, midnight, lil wayne, japan, madden, blue slide park, kung fu panda 2, prince	album - bumping - cop - copy - download - downloaded - downloading - droppin - dropping - drops - leaked - preordered - produced - release - released - releases - re- leasing - single	20110927, 20110920, 20111004, 20110829, 20110926, 20110913, 20110919, 20110923, 20110921, 20110928, 20111003, 20110816, 20110916, 20111007, 20110922, 20110914, 20110912, 20111005, 20111024, 20110906, 20110929, 20110915, 20110924, 20110823
50	england, eagles, arsenal, nfl, chelsea, espn, yankees, ireland, wales, red sox, packers, stoke, michigan, dallas, lsu, saints, jets, united, good luck, detroit, spurs, barcelona, liverpool, rangers, colts, auburn, falcons, scotland, miami, cow- boys, lions, bolton, tigers, ravens, al- abama, rugby, mlb, the lions, phillies, bears, romo, the game, florida, redskins, manchester united, france, college, texas, tom brady, clemson, ortiz, torres	#football - action - assist - baseball - beat - beaten - beating - beats - betting - bounce back - career - cheer - cheering - choke - clash - clinch - clinched - coaching - col- lapsed - combined - comeback - completed - conceded - crush - crushing - debut - defeat - defeated - defending - destroy - destroyed - dissapointing - dominate - dominated - dominating - draft - draw - drew - elimi- nated - facing - football - game - gameday - games - goals - great result - great win - hopping - improve - injured - injury - in- ning - kick	20110917, 20110924, 20110918, 20110925, 20110910, 20110911, 20111001, 20111002, 20110923, 20110916, 20111007, 20110926, 20111009, 20111008, 20110912, 20110903, 20110919, 20110927, 20110902, 20110908, 20110828, 20110920, 20110901, 20110928, 20110909, 20110930, 20110827, 20110921, 20110906, 20110913, 20111003, 20110922, 20110915, 20110826, 20110914, 20111006, 20111004, 20110821, 20110825, 20110904
79	jersey shore, glee, netflix, uk, america, mtv, abc, fox, nbc, true blood, dexter, big brother, hbo, cbs, vmas, charlie sheen, espn, vma, vampire diaries, bbc, x factor, harry potter, nfl, twilight, bb, grey, dvr, sons of anarchy, sky, big bang, terra nova, towie	air - airing - airs - breaking - cast - caught up - documentary - episode - new season - premier - premiere - premiered - premieres - premiering - premiers - returns - season - seasons - series - shore - shown - starts - stream - tuning - watch - watched - watch- ing	20110919, 20110922, 20110925, 20110920, 20110923, 20110926, 20110924, 20110921, 20110915, 20110828, 20111002, 20110912, 20110917, 20110913, 20110918, 20110927, 20111004, 20110914, 20110928, 20111003, 20110829, 20111005

#### **Experiment: Categorizing Events**

- Randomly Sampled 100 (entity, date) pairs
- Annotated with event types
  - Using types discovered by the topic model
- Baseline:
  - Supervised classification using 10-fold cross validation
  - Treat event phrases like bag of words

#### **Event Classification Performance**



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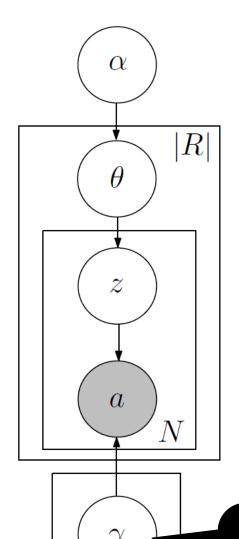
#### Distant Supervision With Topic Models

- Treat each entity as a "document"
  - Words in document are those which co-occur with entity
- LabeledLDA (Ramage et. al. 2009)
  - Constrained Topic Model
  - Each entity is associated with a distribution over topics
    - Constrained based on FB dictionaries
  - Each topic is associated with a type (in Freebase)

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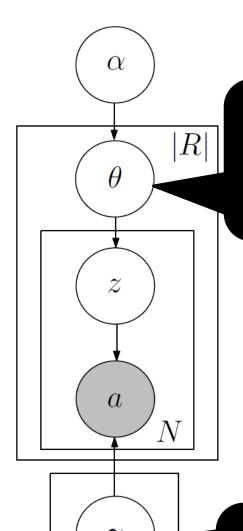
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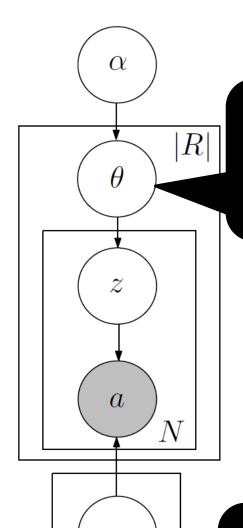


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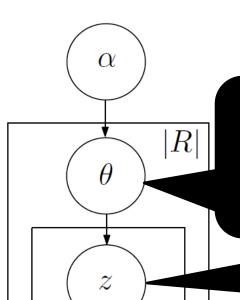
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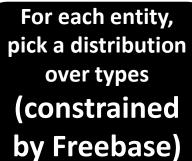
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# Type Lists

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	ple iphone, gb black, xperia, ipods, verizon media, mac app
	store, kde, hd video, nokia n8, ipads, iphone/ipod, galaxy tab,
	samsung galaxy, playstation portable, nintendo ds, vpn
TV-SHOW	pretty little, american skins, nof, order svu, greys, kktny, rhobh,
	parks & recreation, parks & rec, dawson 's creek, big fat gypsy
	weddings, big fat gypsy wedding, winter wipeout, jersey shores,
	idiot abroad, royle, jerseyshore, mr . sunshine, hawaii five-0,
	new jersey shore
FACILITY	voodoo lounge, grand ballroom, crash mansion, sullivan hall,
	memorial union, rogers arena, rockwood music hall, amway cen-
	ter, el mocambo, madison square, bridgestone arena, cat club,
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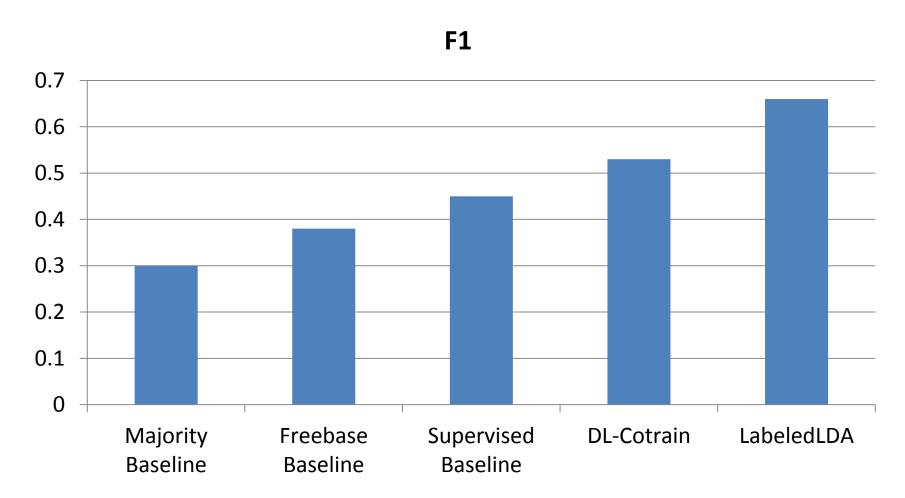
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- KKTNY = Kourtney and Kim Take New York
- RHOBH = Real Housewives of Beverly Hills

### **Evaluation**

- Manually Annotated the 2,400 tweets with the 10 entity types
  - Only used for testing purposes
  - No labeled examples for LLDA & Cotraining

# Classification Results: 10 Types (Gold Segmentation)



### Summary

- Latent Variable Models can be Useful If:
  - Your problem has many classes
  - You don't have good labeled data
  - Unlabeled data is plentiful
- Automatically induce useful structure
  - Generative models useful for many tasks
  - Principled way to infer latent structure using only a large sample of data