04 lda with sklearn

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0.1 Topic Modeling: Latent Dirichlet Allocation with sklearn

0.1.1 Imports & Settings

```
[1]: import warnings
     warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
[2]: %matplotlib inline
     from collections import OrderedDict
     from pathlib import Path
     import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     # Visualization
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     from matplotlib.ticker import FuncFormatter
     import seaborn as sns
     import pyLDAvis
     from pyLDAvis.sklearn import prepare
     from wordcloud import WordCloud
     from termcolor import colored
     # sklearn for feature extraction & modeling
     from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer, TfidfVectorizer
     from sklearn.decomposition import LatentDirichletAllocation
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
     import joblib
[3]: sns.set_style('white')
```

plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (14.0, 8.7)

[4]: pyLDAvis.enable_notebook()

```
[5]: # change to your data path if necessary

DATA_DIR = Path('../data')

data_path = DATA_DIR / 'bbc'
```

```
[6]: results_path = Path('results')
  model_path = Path('results', 'bbc')
  if not model_path.exists():
      model_path.mkdir(exist_ok=True, parents=True)
```

0.2 Load BBC data

Using the BBC data as before, we use sklearn.decomposition.LatentDirichletAllocation to train an LDA model with five topics.

```
[7]: files = sorted(list(data_path.glob('**/*.txt')))
    doc_list = []
    for i, file in enumerate(files):
        with open(str(file), encoding='latin1') as f:
            topic = file.parts[-2]
            lines = f.readlines()
            heading = lines[0].strip()
            body = ' '.join([l.strip() for l in lines[1:]])
            doc_list.append([topic.capitalize(), heading, body])
```

0.2.1 Convert to DataFrame

```
[8]: docs = pd.DataFrame(doc_list, columns=['topic', 'heading', 'article'])
docs.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 2225 entries, 0 to 2224
Data columns (total 3 columns):
    Column Non-Null Count Dtype
             _____
    _____
0
    topic
             2225 non-null
                            object
    heading 2225 non-null
1
                            object
    article 2225 non-null
                            object
dtypes: object(3)
memory usage: 52.3+ KB
```

0.3 Create Train & Test Sets

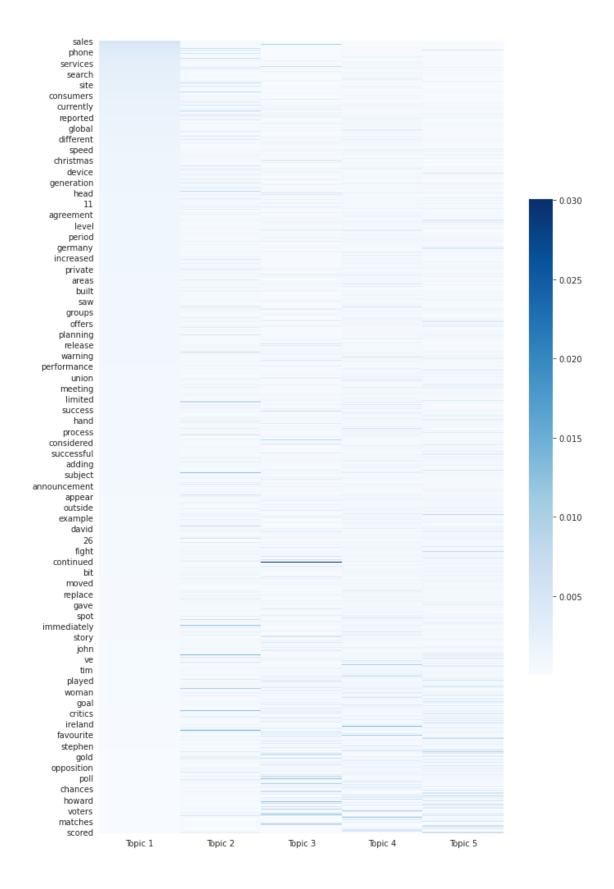
```
[10]: train_docs.shape, test_docs.shape
[10]: ((2100, 3), (125, 3))
[11]: pd.Series(test_docs.topic).value_counts()
[11]: Sport
                       29
      Business
                       29
      Politics
                       23
      Tech
                       22
      Entertainment
                       22
      Name: topic, dtype: int64
     0.3.1 Vectorize train & test sets
[12]: # experiments with different settings results yields the following.
      →hyperparameters (see issue 50)
      vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(max_df=.11,
                                   min df=.026,
                                   stop_words='english')
      train_dtm = vectorizer.fit_transform(train_docs.article)
      words = vectorizer.get_feature_names()
      train_dtm
[12]: <2100x1097 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
              with 113356 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
[13]: test_dtm = vectorizer.transform(test_docs.article)
      test_dtm
[13]: <125x1097 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
              with 6779 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
     0.4 LDA with sklearn
[14]: n\_components = 5
      topic_labels = [f'Topic {i}' for i in range(1, n_components+1)]
[15]: | lda_base = LatentDirichletAllocation(n_components=n_components,
                                           n_jobs=-1,
                                           learning_method='batch',
                                           max_iter=10)
      lda_base.fit(train_dtm)
```

[15]: LatentDirichletAllocation(n_components=5, n_jobs=-1)

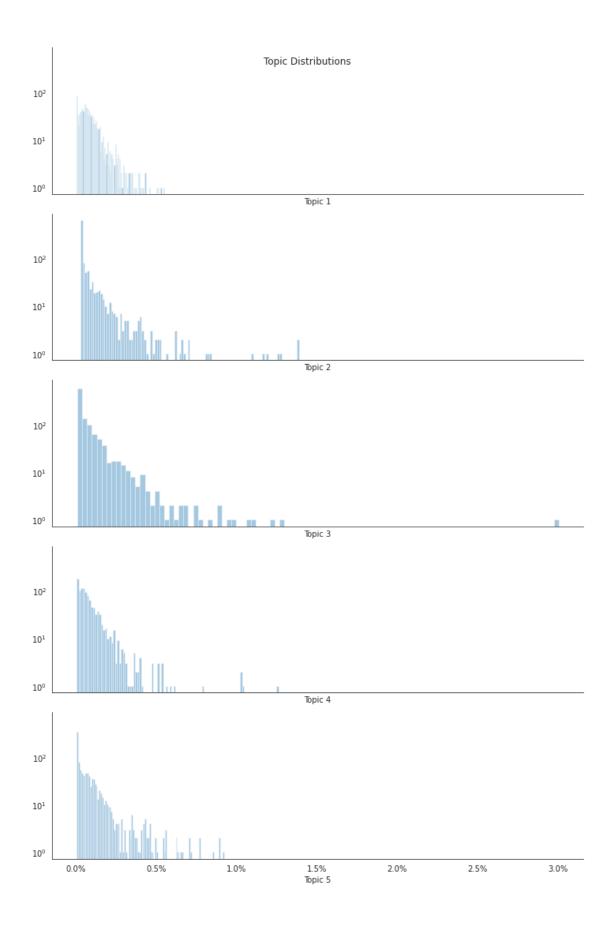
0.4.1 Persist model

The model tracks the in-sample perplexity during training and stops iterating once this measure stops improving. We can persist and load the result as usual with sklearn objects:

```
[16]: joblib.dump(lda_base, model_path / 'lda_10_iter.pkl')
[16]: ['results/bbc/lda_10_iter.pkl']
[17]: lda_base = joblib.load(model_path / 'lda_10_iter.pkl')
      lda_base
[17]: LatentDirichletAllocation(n_components=5, n_jobs=-1)
         Explore topics & word distributions
[18]: # pseudo counts
      topics_count = lda_base.components_
      print(topics_count.shape)
      topics_count[:5]
     (5, 1097)
[18]: array([[8.31468034, 6.82423569, 9.47292822, ..., 1.62405735, 6.75742624,
             1.59182715],
             [0.21908957, 0.6953881, 0.81608557, ..., 0.40814018, 2.41744349,
             0.20047286],
             [1.08540207, 4.36071935, 3.83209219, ..., 0.80952393, 6.2400053,
             5.32256921],
             [3.56473365, 2.70835622, 1.96359096, ..., 5.37990662, 0.20629507,
             4.65551798],
             [1.35376149, 2.4864043, 3.4180758, ..., 2.13436728, 0.28239299,
             4.4297076 ]])
[19]: topics prob = topics count / topics count.sum(axis=1).reshape(-1, 1)
      topics = pd.DataFrame(topics_prob.T,
                            index=words,
                            columns=topic_labels)
      topics.head()
[19]:
           Topic 1
                     Topic 2
                               Topic 3
                                          Topic 4
                                                    Topic 5
      100 0.001578
                    0.000320 0.000615
                                         0.001148
                                                   0.000478
      11
           0.001295
                     0.001017 0.002473
                                         0.000872
                                                   0.000879
      12
           0.001797
                     0.001194 0.002173
                                         0.000632
                                                   0.001208
      13
           0.000899 0.000338 0.001881 0.000322
                                                   0.001292
      14
          0.000846 0.001080 0.001260 0.000731 0.001074
```



```
[22]: top_words = {}
      for topic, words_ in topics.items():
          top_words[topic] = words_.nlargest(10).index.tolist()
      pd.DataFrame(top_words)
[22]:
            Topic 1
                    Topic 2 Topic 3
                                        Topic 4 Topic 5
              sales
                     charges
                                film
                                         labour
                                                     club
        technology
                                          blair
      1
                       drugs awards
                                                    team
      2
             growth russian
                               award
                                       election
                                                   match
      3
             mobile
                         bid
                                band
                                          party
                                                      cup
      4
           software
                       court
                                star
                                          brown
                                                   injury
      5
              music
                       women
                               music
                                         howard
                                                  season
                       trial album
      6
              users
                                          prime ireland
      7
            digital
                       offer
                               actor
                                                   final
                                             eu
      8
            economy
                        case
                               films secretary chelsea
      9
           computer
                      russia singer
                                           lord
                                                   wales
[23]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=5, sharey=True, sharex=True, figsize=(10, 15))
      for i, (topic, prob) in enumerate(topics.items()):
          sns.distplot(prob, ax=axes[i], bins=100, kde=False, norm_hist=False)
          axes[i].set yscale('log')
          axes[i].xaxis.set_major_formatter(FuncFormatter(lambda x, _: '{:.1%}'.
       \hookrightarrowformat(x)))
      fig.suptitle('Topic Distributions')
      sns.despine()
      fig.tight_layout()
```

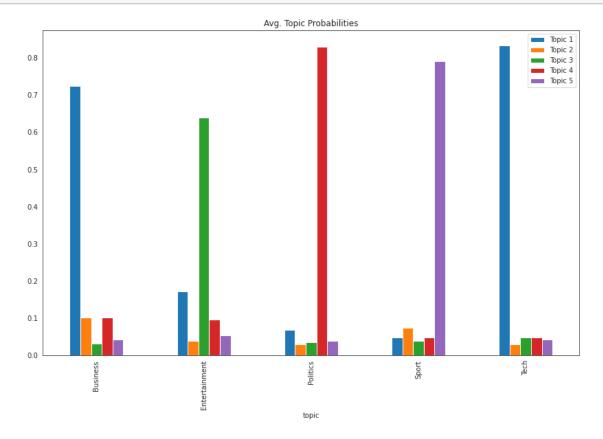


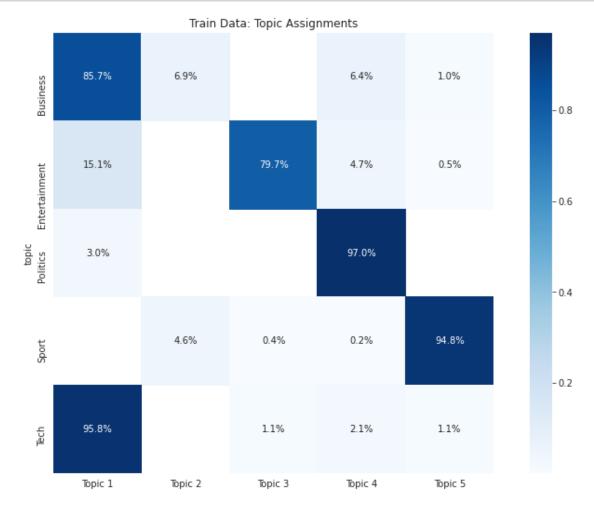
0.6 Evaluate Fit on Train Set

```
Topic 2
                                                 Topic 4
[25]:
                 Topic 1
                                      Topic 3
                                                           Topic 5
      topic
      Sport
                0.029769
                           0.029407
                                     0.029715
                                               0.029823
                                                          0.881286
      Tech
                0.875581
                           0.030722
                                     0.032709
                                               0.030722
                                                          0.030266
      Politics
                                     0.021013
                                                          0.021173
                0.021231
                           0.021085
                                               0.915498
      Sport
                0.041099
                           0.040811
                                     0.041030
                                               0.041172
                                                          0.835889
      Tech
                0.809909
                          0.029494
                                     0.042780
                                               0.029660
                                                          0.088158
```

[26]: train_eval.groupby(level='topic').mean().plot.bar(title='Avg. Topic

→Probabilities');





0.7 Evaluate Fit on Test Set

```
[28]:
                Topic 1
                         Topic 2
                                   Topic 3
                                             Topic 4
                                                      Topic 5
     topic
     Politics 0.025285 0.025023 0.025241 0.897775
                                                     0.026675
     Sport
               0.037109 0.215594 0.036951
                                            0.036369
                                                     0.673977
     Business 0.842231
                        0.031315
                                  0.032697
                                            0.031516
                                                     0.062242
     Business 0.875120 0.031362 0.031252
                                            0.031147
                                                     0.031118
     Tech
               0.880013 0.029674 0.030008 0.030047
                                                     0.030258
[29]: test_eval.groupby(level='topic').mean().plot.bar(title='Avg. Topic_
```

```
[29]: test_eval.groupby(level='topic').mean().plot.bar(title='Avg. Topic

→Probabilities',

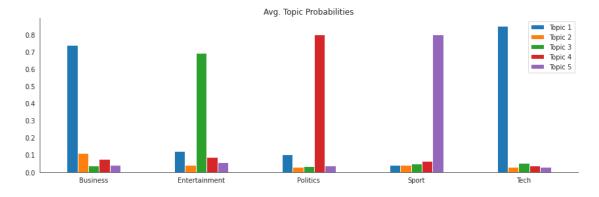
figsize=(12, 4),

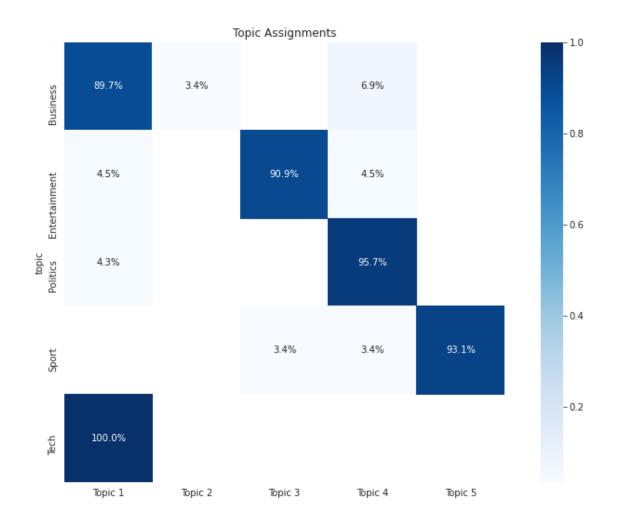
rot=0)

plt.xlabel('')

sns.despine()

plt.tight_layout()
```





0.8 Retrain until perplexity no longer decreases

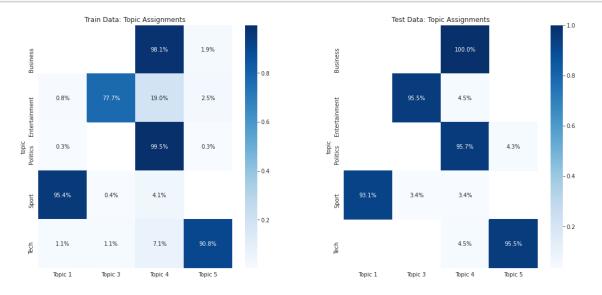
iteration: 1 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 2 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 3 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 4 of max_iter: 500

iteration: 5 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1934.2397

iteration: 6 of max_iter: 500

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iteration: 7 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 8 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 9 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 10 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1874.2381
     iteration: 11 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 12 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 13 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 14 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 15 of max iter: 500, perplexity: 1849.3832
     iteration: 16 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 17 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 18 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 19 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 20 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1837.3395
     iteration: 21 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 22 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 23 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 24 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 25 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1831.0049
     iteration: 26 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 27 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 28 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 29 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 30 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1830.5178
     iteration: 31 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 32 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 33 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 34 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 35 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1828.5662
     iteration: 36 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 37 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 38 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 39 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 40 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1828.4966
[31]: LatentDirichletAllocation(evaluate_every=5, max_iter=500, n_components=5,
                                n_jobs=-1, random_state=42, verbose=1)
[32]: joblib.dump(lda_opt, model_path / 'lda_opt.pkl')
[32]: ['results/bbc/lda opt.pkl']
[33]: | lda_opt = joblib.load(model_path / 'lda_opt.pkl')
[34]: train_opt_eval = pd.DataFrame(data=lda_opt.transform(train_dtm),
                                    columns=topic_labels,
                                    index=train_docs.topic)
```

0.9 Compare Train & Test Topic Assignments



0.10 Explore misclassified articles

```
[48]: test_assignments = test_docs.assign(predicted=test_opt_eval.idxmax(axis=1).

→values)
test_assignments.head()
```

```
[48]:
               topic
                                                heading \
          Politics
                        Kilroy launches 'Veritas' party
      1006
      1358
               Sport
                      Radcliffe eyes hard line on drugs
                      S Korean consumers spending again
      71
            Business
      372
            Business
                         Quiksilver moves for Rossignol
                        Britons fed up with net service
      2151
                Tech
```

```
article predicted

1006 Ex-BBC chat show host and East Midlands MEP R... Topic 4

1358 Paula Radcliffe has called for all athletes f... Topic 1

71 South Korea looks set to sustain its revival ... Topic 4

372 Shares of Skis Rossignol, the world's largest... Topic 4
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2151 A survey conducted by PC Pro Magazine has rev... Topic 5

[51]: 677 Campaigners attack MTV 'sleaze' Name: heading, dtype: object

```
[52]: misclassified.article.tolist()
```

[52]: [' MTV has been criticised for "incessant sleaze" by television indecency campaigners in the US. The Parents Television Council (PTC), which monitors violence and sex on TV, said the cable music channel offered the "cheapest form" of programming. The group is at the forefront of a vociferous campaign to clean up American television. But a spokeswoman for MTV said it was "unfair and inaccurate" to single out MTV for criticism. The PTC monitored MTV\'s output for 171 hours from 20 March to 27 March 2004, during the channel\'s Spring Break coverage. In its report - MTV Smut Peddlers: Targeting Kids with Sex, Drugs and Alcohol - the PTC said it witnessed 3,056 flashes of nudity or sexual situations and 2,881 verbal references to sex. Brent Bozell, PTC president and conservative activist said: "MTV is blatantly selling raunchy sex to kids. "Compared to broadcast television programmes aimed at adults, MTV\'s programming contains substantially more sex, foul language and violence - and MTV\'s shows are aimed at children as young as 12. "There\'s no question that TV influences the attitudes and perceptions of young viewers, and MTV is deliberately marketing its raunch to millions of innocent children." The watchdog decided to look at MTV\'s programmes after Janet Jackson\'s infamous "wardrobe malfunction" at last year\'s Super Bowl. The breast-baring incident generated 500,000 complaints and CBS - which is owned by the same parent company as MTV - was quick to apologise. MTV spokeswoman Jeannie Kedas said the network follows the same standards as broadcasters and reflects the culture and what its viewers are interested in. "It\'s unfair and inaccurate to paint MTV with that brush of irresponsibility," she said. "We think it\'s underestimating young people\'s intellect and level of sophistication." Ms Kedas also highlighted the fact MTV won an award in 2004 for the Fight for Your Rights series that focused on issues such as sexual health and tolerance.']

0.11 PyLDAVis

LDAvis helps you interpret LDA results by answer 3 questions:

1. What is the meaning of each topic?

- 2. How prevalent is each topic?
- 3. How do topics relate to each other?

Topic visualization facilitates the evaluation of topic quality using human judgment. pyLDAvis is a python port of LDAvis, developed in R and D3.js. We will introduce the key concepts; each LDA implementation notebook contains examples.

pyLDAvis displays the global relationships among topics while also facilitating their semantic evaluation by inspecting the terms most closely associated with each individual topic and, inversely, the topics associated with each term. It also addresses the challenge that terms that are frequent in a corpus tend to dominate the multinomial distribution over words that define a topic. LDAVis introduces the relevance r of term w to topic t to produce a flexible ranking of key terms using a weight parameter 0 <= <=1.

With ϕ_{wt} as the model's probability estimate of observing the term w for topic t, and as the marginal probability of w in the corpus:

$$r(w, k|\lambda) = \lambda \log(\phi_{kw}) + (1-\lambda) \log \frac{\phi_{kw}}{p_w}$$

The first term measures the degree of association of term t with topic w, and the second term measures the lift or saliency, i.e., how much more likely the term is for the topic than in the corpus.

The tool allows the user to interactively change to adjust the relevance, which updates the ranking of terms. User studies have found that =0.6 produces the most plausible results.

0.12 Refit using all data

```
iteration: 1 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 2 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 3 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 4 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 5 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 6 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 7 of max_iter: 500
iteration: 8 of max_iter: 500
```

```
iteration: 9 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 10 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1036.6739
     iteration: 11 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 12 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 13 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 14 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 15 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 16 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 17 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 18 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 19 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 20 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1034.0495
     iteration: 21 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 22 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 23 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 24 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 25 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 26 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 27 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 28 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 29 of max iter: 500
     iteration: 30 of max iter: 500, perplexity: 1033.2341
     iteration: 31 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 32 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 33 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 34 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 35 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 36 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 37 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 38 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 39 of max_iter: 500
     iteration: 40 of max_iter: 500, perplexity: 1033.1438
[54]: LatentDirichletAllocation(evaluate_every=10, max_iter=500, n_components=5,
                                random state=42, verbose=1)
[55]: joblib.dump(lda_all, model_path /'lda_all.pkl')
[55]: ['results/bbc/lda_all.pkl']
[56]: lda_all = joblib.load(model_path / 'lda_all.pkl')
```

Lambda

- $\lambda = 0$: how probable is a word to appear in a topic words are ranked on lift P(word | topic) / P(word)
- $\lambda = 1$: how exclusive is a word to a topic words are purely ranked on P(word | topic)

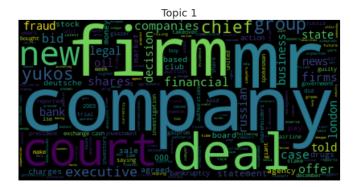
The ranking formula is $\lambda * P(\text{word}|\text{topic}) + (1 - \lambda) * \text{lift}$ User studies suggest $\lambda = 0.6$ works for most people.

[57]: prepare(lda_all, dtm, vectorizer)

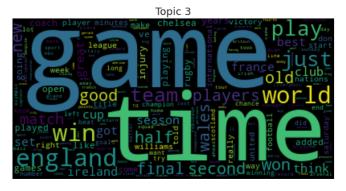
```
[57]: PreparedData(topic_coordinates=
                                                                  topics cluster
                                                     Х
      Freq
      topic
      4
             0.069615 0.052014
                                        1
                                                    30.791906
                                                 1
      3
             0.004624 -0.114806
                                        2
                                                 1
                                                    22.890616
                                        3
      2
             0.193820 -0.004663
                                                 1
                                                    20.458475
      1
            -0.108541 0.168193
                                        4
                                                 1
                                                    15.589063
                                                    10.269940, topic_info=
      0
            -0.159517 -0.100738
                                        5
                                                 1
                                                                                      Term
      Freq
                  Total Category
                                   logprob loglift
      1203
                      2987.000000
                                    2987.000000
                                                  Default 30.0000
                                                                     30.0000
      405
                                                  Default 29.0000
                                                                     29.0000
             company
                        677.000000
                                     677.000000
      1025
              labour
                        770.000000
                                     770.000000
                                                  Default 28.0000
                                                                     28.0000
      728
                film
                        839.000000
                                     839.000000
                                                  Default
                                                           27.0000
                                                                     27.0000
      1208
                        810.000000
                                     810.000000
                                                  Default
                                                           26.0000
               music
                                                                     26.0000
                                                           -5.4726
      283
            business
                        123.119682
                                     386.230263
                                                   Topic5
                                                                      1.1327
      1822
                told
                        141.396865
                                     904.836094
                                                   Topic5
                                                           -5.3341
                                                                      0.4198
      206
                bank
                        115.958418
                                     360.365538
                                                   Topic5
                                                           -5.5325
                                                                      1.1421
      1084
              london
                        117.264384
                                                   Topic5
                                                           -5.5213
                                                                      0.9204
                                     454.835103
      1228
                news
                        115.733343
                                     510.509978
                                                   Topic5
                                                           -5.5344
                                                                      0.7918
      [357 rows x 6 columns], token_table=
                                                  Topic
                                                             Freq
                                                                       Term
      term
                                  000
      0
                1 0.310466
                   0.211167
                                  000
      0
                2
      0
                3
                   0.016340
                                  000
      0
                4
                   0.331834
                                  000
      0
                5
                   0.130723
                                  000
      1992
                4 0.231871
                                years
      1992
                5
                   0.079643
                                years
      1993
                4 0.989479
                                  yen
      1997
                5
                   0.990858
                              yugansk
      1998
                   0.996523
                                yukos
```

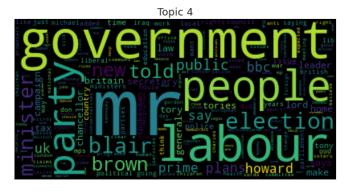
[726 rows x 3 columns], R=30, lambda_step=0.01, plot_opts={'xlab': 'PC1', 'ylab': 'PC2'}, topic_order=[5, 4, 3, 2, 1])

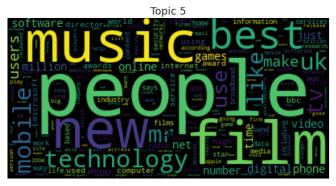
0.13 Topics as WordClouds











0.13.1 Visualize topic-word assocations per document

```
[60]: dtm = pd.DataFrame(data=lda_all.transform(dtm),
                         columns=topic_labels,
                         index=docs.topic)
[61]: dtm_.head()
[61]:
                                              Topic 4
                Topic 1
                          Topic 2
                                    Topic 3
                                                        Topic 5
      topic
      Business 0.217278 0.559808
                                   0.001364 0.001375
                                                       0.220175
      Business 0.001366 0.929723
                                   0.001361
                                             0.066198
                                                       0.001353
      Business 0.992347
                         0.001911
                                   0.001914
                                             0.001910
                                                       0.001918
      Business 0.001388 0.994458 0.001398 0.001375
                                                       0.001381
      Business 0.566180 0.425551
                                   0.002779
                                             0.002776
                                                       0.002714
[62]: color dict = OrderedDict()
      color_dict['Topic 1'] = {'color': 'white', 'on_color': 'on_blue'}
      color_dict['Topic 2'] = {'color': 'white', 'on_color': 'on_green'}
      color_dict['Topic 3'] = {'color': 'white', 'on_color': 'on_red'}
      color_dict['Topic 4'] = {'color': 'white', 'on_color': 'on_magenta'}
      color_dict['Topic 5'] = {'color': 'blue', 'on color': 'on_yellow'}
[63]: dtm_['article'] = docs.article.values
      dtm_['heading'] = docs.heading.values
      sample = dtm_[dtm_[topic_labels].gt(.05).all(1)]
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Business Market unfazed by Aurora setback
Business Beijingers fume over parking fees
Entertainment Row threatens Hendrix museum plan
Entertainment Musicians to tackle US red tape
Politics Sport betting rules in spotlight
Tech Dublin hi-tech labs to shut down

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[64]: colored_text = []
    for word in sample.iloc[0, 5].split():
        try:
            topic = topics.loc[word.strip().lower()].idxmax()
            colored_text.append(colored(word, **color_dict[topic]))
        except:
            colored_text.append(word)

print(' '.join([colored(k, **v) for k, v in color_dict.items()]))
    print('\n',sample.iloc[0, 6], '\n')
    text = ' '.join(colored_text)
    print(text)
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Japanese mogul arrested for fraud

One of Japan's best-known businessmen was arrested on Thursday on charges of falsifying shareholder information and selling shares based on the false data. Yoshiaki Tsutsumi was once ranked as the world's richest man and ran a business spanning hotels, railways, construction and a baseball team. His is the latest in a source of arrests of top executives in Japan over business scandals. He was taken away in a van outside one of his Prince hotels in Tokyo. There was a time when Mr Tsutsumi seemed untouchable.

Inheriting a large property business from his father in the 1960s, he became one of Japan's most powerful industrialists, with close connections to many of the country's leading

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politicians. He used his wealth and influence to
bring the Winter Olympic
Games to Nagano in 1998. But last year, he was
forced to resign from all the posts he held in his
business empire, after being accused of falsifying
the share-ownership structure of Seibu Railways, one of his companies. Under
Japanese stock market rules, no listed
company can be more than 80% owned by its
10 largest shareholders. Now
Tsutsumi faces criminal charges and
the possibility of a prison sentence because he made it
look as if the 10 biggest
shareholders owned less than this amount. Seibu
Railways has been delisted from the stock exchange, its
share value has plunged and it is the
target of a <mark>takeover</mark> bid. Mr
Tsutsumi's fall from grace follows the arrests of
several other top executives in Japan as the
authorities try to curb the murky
business practices which were once widespread in
Japanese companies. His determination to stay at the
top at all costs may have had its roots in his childhood. The
illegitimate third son of a rich father, who made his
money buying up property as
Japan rebuilt after World War II, he
has described the demands his father
made. "I felt enormous pressure when I dined with
him and it was nothing but pain, "Tsutsumi told a weekly
magazine in 1987. "He scolded me for pouring too much soy sauce or
told me fruit was not for children. He didn't let me
use the silk futon, saying it's a
luxury." There have been corporate governance issues
at some other Japanese companies too. Last year,
twelve managers from Mitsubishi Motors were charged with covering
up safety defects in their vehicles and three
executives from Japan's troubled UFJ bank were
charged with concealing the extent of the bank's bad
loans.
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