# 02 probabilistic latent analysis

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## 1 Topic Modeling: probabilistic LSA / Non-negative Matrix Factorization

Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis (pLSA) takes a statistical perspective on LSA and creates a generative model to address the lack of theoretical underpinnings of LSA.

pLSA explicitly models the probability each co-occurrence of documents d and words w described by the DTM as a mixture of conditionally independent multinomial distributions that involve topics t. The symmetric formulation of this generative process of word-document co-occurrences assumes both words and documents are generated by the latent topic class, whereas the asymmetric model assumes the topics are selected given the document, and words result in a second step given the topic.

$$P(w,d) = \underbrace{\sum_{t} P(d \mid t) P(w \mid t)}_{\text{symmetric}} = \underbrace{P(d) \sum_{t} P(t \mid d) P(w \mid t)}_{\text{asymmetric}}$$

The number of topics is a hyperparameter chosen prior to training and is not learned from the data.

The benefits of using a probability model is that we can now compare models by evaluating the probability they assign to new documents given the parameters learned during training.

## 1.1 Imports & Settings

```
[1]: import warnings warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
from pathlib import Path
from random import randint
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

# sklearn for feature extraction & modeling
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.decomposition import NMF
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

```
# Visualization
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

```
[3]: np.random.seed(42)
sns.set_style('whitegrid')
pd.options.display.float_format = '{:,.2f}'.format
```

#### 1.2 Load BBC data

```
[4]: # change to your data path if necessary
DATA_DIR = Path('../data')
```

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[5]: path = DATA_DIR / 'bbc'
files = sorted(list(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])
```

## 1.2.1 Convert to DataFrame

```
[6]: docs = pd.DataFrame(doc_list, columns=['Category', 'Heading', 'Article'])
docs.info()
```

#### 1.3 Create Train & Test Sets

```
[8]: train_docs.shape, test_docs.shape
 [8]: ((2175, 3), (50, 3))
 [9]: pd.Series(test_docs.Category).value_counts()
 [9]: Sport
      Business
                       11
      Politics
                        9
      Tech
                        9
      Entertainment
                        9
      Name: Category, dtype: int64
     1.3.1 Vectorize train & test sets
[10]: vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(max_df=.2,
                                   min_df=.01,
                                   stop_words='english')
      train_dtm = vectorizer.fit_transform(train_docs.Article)
      words = vectorizer.get_feature_names()
      train_dtm
[10]: <2175x2907 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
              with 205235 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
[11]: test_dtm = vectorizer.transform(test_docs.Article)
      test_dtm
[11]: <50x2907 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
              with 4649 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
     1.3.2 Get token counts
[12]: train_token_count = train_dtm.sum(0).A.squeeze()
      tokens = vectorizer.get_feature_names()
      word_count = pd.Series(train_token_count, index=tokens).
       →sort_values(ascending=False)
      word count.head(10)
                 41.47
[12]: film
                 36.54
      game
                 36.33
      best
                 32.75
      labour
                 30.97
      music
                 29.73
      company
```

election

28.09

```
england 28.08
market 27.67
party 27.44
dtype: float64
```

## 1.4 probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis

### 1.4.1 Implementation using Non-Negative Matrix Factorization

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pLSI is equivalent to Non-Negative Matrix Factorization using a Kullback-Leibler Divergence objective (see references on GitHub). Hence, we can use the sklearn.decomposition.NMF class to implement this model, following closely the LSA example.

```
[13]: n_components = 5
topic_labels = ['Topic {}'.format(i) for i in range(1, n_components+1)]
```

Using the same train-test split of the DTM produced by the TfidfVectorizer, we fit pLSA like so:

We get a measure of the reconstruction error that is a substitute for the explained variance measure for LSI:

```
[15]: nmf.reconstruction_err_
```

[15]: 315.93734706741594

#### 1.4.2 Explore Topics

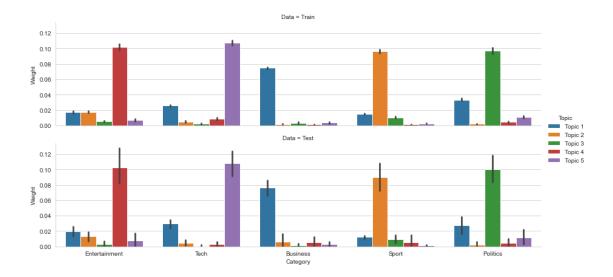
```
[16]: train_doc_topics = nmf.transform(train_dtm)
train_doc_topics.shape
```

```
[16]: (2175, 5)
```

```
[17]: Category
                                          Politics
     Heading
                  UK firms 'embracing e-commerce'
      Topic 1
                                              0.04
      Topic 2
                                              0.01
      Topic 3
                                              0.00
      Topic 4
                                              0.00
      Topic 5
                                              0.06
      dtype: object
[18]: train_result = pd.DataFrame(data=train_doc_topics,
                         columns=topic_labels,
                         index=train_docs.Category)
[19]: test_eval = pd.DataFrame(data=nmf.transform(test_dtm),
                               columns=topic_labels,
                                index=test_docs.Category)
```

Due to its probabilistic nature, pLSA produces only positive topic weights that result in more straightforward topic-category relationships for the test and training sets:

```
[20]: result = pd.melt(train_result.assign(Data='Train')
                        .append(test_eval.assign(Data='Test'))
                        .reset_index(),
                       id_vars=['Data', 'Category'],
                       var_name='Topic',
                       value name='Weight')
      result = pd.melt(train_result.assign(Data='Train')
                        .append(test_eval.assign(Data='Test'))
                        .reset index(),
                       id_vars=['Data', 'Category'],
                       var_name='Topic',
                       value_name='Weight')
      g =sns.catplot(x='Category',
                     y='Weight',
                     hue='Topic',
                     row='Data',
                     kind='bar',
                     data=result,
                     height=3,
                     aspect=4);
```



## 1.4.3 Most important words by topic

We can also see that the word lists that describe each topic begin to make more sense, e.g. the 'Entertainment' category is most directly associated with Topic 4 that includes the words 'film', 'start', etc.

```
[21]:
                 Topic 1
                           Topic 2
                                     Topic 3
                                               Topic 4
                                                         Topic 5
                                                            0.00
      film
                    0.01
                              0.00
                                        0.00
                                                  0.95
      game
                    0.00
                              0.53
                                        0.00
                                                  0.00
                                                            0.12
      best
                    0.05
                                        0.02
                                                  0.53
                                                            0.00
                              0.15
      labour
                    0.02
                              0.00
                                        0.67
                                                  0.00
                                                            0.00
      music
                    0.00
                              0.00
                                        0.00
                                                  0.37
                                                            0.30
      company
                    0.38
                              0.00
                                        0.00
                                                  0.00
                                                            0.00
                    0.03
                              0.00
                                        0.56
                                                  0.00
                                                            0.00
      election
      england
                    0.04
                              0.38
                                        0.07
                                                  0.00
                                                            0.00
      market
                    0.35
                                                  0.00
                                                            0.00
                              0.00
                                        0.00
      party
                    0.01
                              0.00
                                        0.55
                                                  0.01
                                                            0.02
```

```
[22]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 4))
  top_words, top_vals = pd.DataFrame(), pd.DataFrame()
  for topic, words_ in topics.items():
     top10 = words_.nlargest(10).index
     vals = words_.loc[top10].values
     top_vals[topic] = vals
     top_words[topic] = top10.tolist()
```

Top Words per Topic									
0	company	game		film	mobile	- 0.9			
-	market	win			technology				
2	2004	england		awards	software	- 0.8			
m	firm	play		music	users	- 0.7			
4	sales	dub	brown	award	digital				
2	european	team	minister	band	use	- 0.6			
9	growth	match	howard	album	music	- 0.5			
7	economy	cup	prime	films	computer				
00	expected	players	britain	star	phone	- 0.4			
6	group	old	chancellor	actor	games	- 0.3			
	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5				

```
[23]:
            Topic 1 Topic 2 Topic 3 Topic 4 Topic 5
      000m
               0.00
                        0.07
                                 0.00
                                          0.00
                                                    0.00
      10
               0.18
                        0.07
                                 0.00
                                           0.08
                                                    0.00
      100
               0.10
                        0.00
                                 0.00
                                          0.00
                                                    0.04
      100m
               0.02
                        0.05
                                 0.00
                                          0.00
                                                    0.00
               0.10
                        0.02
                                 0.00
                                          0.07
                                                    0.00
      11
```

```
[24]: top_words = {}
for topic, words_ in topics.items():
    top_words[topic] = words_.nlargest(10).index.tolist()
pd.DataFrame(top_words)
```

```
[24]:
         Topic 1 Topic 2
                              Topic 3 Topic 4
                                                 Topic 5
     0
         company
                     game
                               labour
                                         film
                                                  mobile
          market
     1
                      win
                             election
                                        best technology
     2
            2004 england
                                blair awards
                                                software
     3
            firm
                     play
                                       music
                                                   users
                                party
     4
                     club
           sales
                                brown
                                       award
                                                 digital
```

5	european	team	minister	band	use
6	growth	${\tt match}$	howard	album	music
7	economy	cup	prime	films	computer
8	expected	players	britain	star	phone
9	group	old	chancellor	actor	games