# **Assignment 2: Topic Modelling**

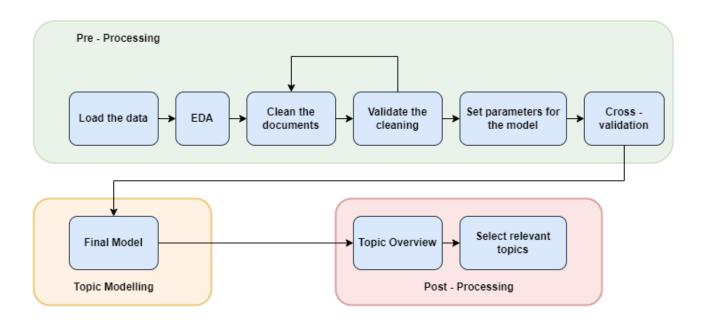
## Introduction:

Topic modelling is an unsupervised machine learning technique that's capable of scanning a set of documents, detecting word and phrase patterns within them, and automatically clustering word groups and similar expressions that best characterize a set of documents. By using topic analysis models, businesses can offload simple tasks onto machines instead of overloading employees with too much data. Just imagine the time your team could save and spend on more important tasks if a machine was able to sort through endless lists of customer reviews or support tickets.

## **Objective:**

The primary objective is to analyse the presented data assuming the position of a Brand Manager of a particular firm and derive meaningful insights to make an informed decision about how the firm is faring compared to its competitors and for a better brand positioning.

## **Methodology:**



## **Datasets:**

The data sets used for this analysis are the files which contain reviews of three different hotels namely – Oberoi, Park and Radisson from the city of Mumbai. Each of these files consists of approximately 1000 reviews.

### Features:

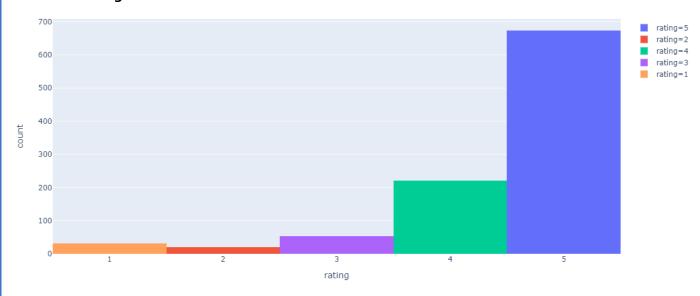
Review title, Date, Reviewer, Rating, Review

We shall be using the Date, Rating and Reviews for further exploratory data analysis and the review data is used for modelling after appropriate text pre-processing.

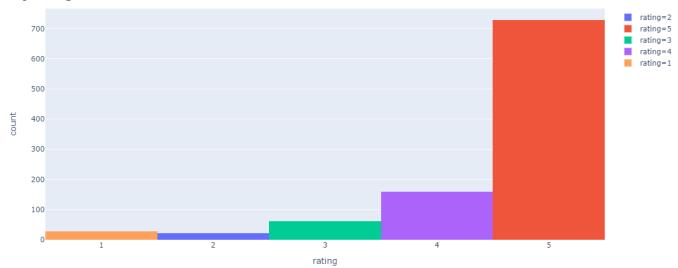
## EDA:

After looking at the EDA report, there are very few duplicates (<1%).

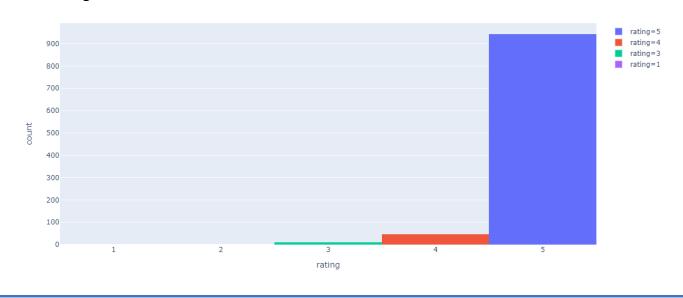
## Radisson rating distribution:



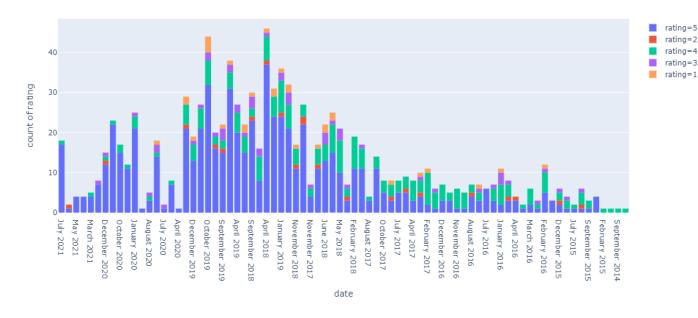
## Taj rating distribution:



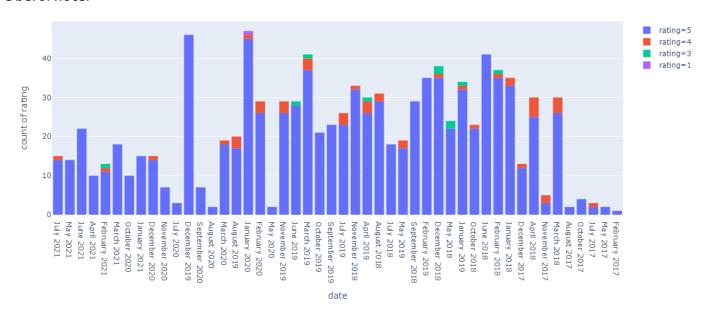
## Oberoi rating distribution:



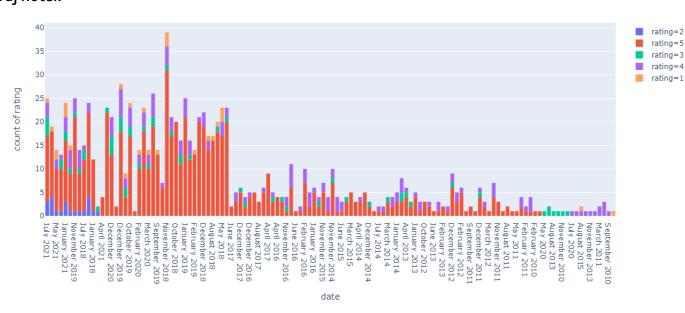
### Radisson hotel



### Oberoi hotel



### Taj hotel:



From the above distributions, we can clearly observe that, all the three hotels are performing exceptionally good in terms of the reviews they got over a period of 7 – 8 years on an average as most of their rating are on the higher side. This tells us that, if a brand manager must infer some insights out of this, he can certainly look at the time periods for which each of the hotel gets more bookings and what are the rating distributions for those bookings and compare them against each other for the better understating od where a certain hotel can improve on. For example, Radisson and Taj hotel have got almost equal distribution of ratings but then, the time periods for those differ and if we further drill down, Taj hotel got most of those ratings starting from the second quarter of 2018 with majority of them being 5 and 4. Now, if we compare those ratings against Radisson, we can see that the ratings are same, but the number of different ratings differ. If we want to understand it as what makes the customers better like either of these hotels, we can perform the topic modelling which gives us what are the distinct features that pulls the customers towards a particular hotel and what are those features that the customers like about their stay at the hotel. This information comes in handy while a brand manager performs competitive analysis.

## **Pre-Processing:**

In order to get fair understanding of the review data and what are the words that stand out in most of the reviews, we try and build the word clouds for the review data and see the most used words. Before going to this step, the data has been pre-processed which involves text cleansing, tokenization, stop words removal, lemmatization and stemming.

#### Word clouds:





Taj Radisson



Oberoi

From these word clouds, we can see what are the top spoken topics in the reviews which helps us in the further analysis of what can be the top topics which can be used for decision making.

## **Topic Modelling:**

I have tried using three models for this topic modelling of hotel reviews.

#### LSI Model:

#### Radisson:

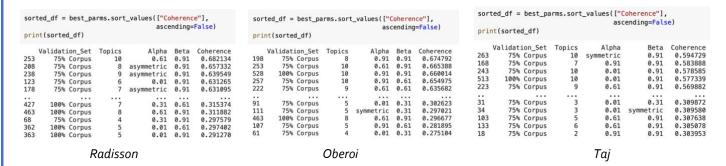
#### Oberoi:

#### Taj:

The above pictures shows the top 5 topics for each of the hotels.

#### LDA Model:

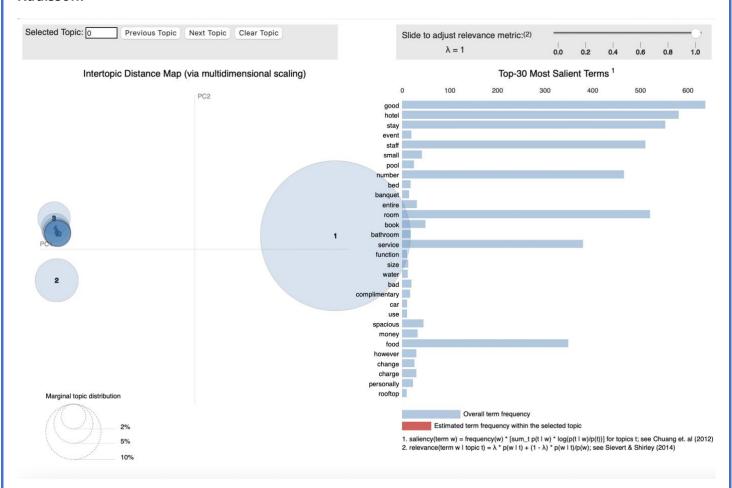
For the LDA model, have built the model with arbitrary parameter values and then used hyper parameter tuning for obtaining the optimized values of no of topics, alpha and eta.



From the above analysis, we can see that the no of topics for each of the hotel varies and the key words which make up the topics differs as well.

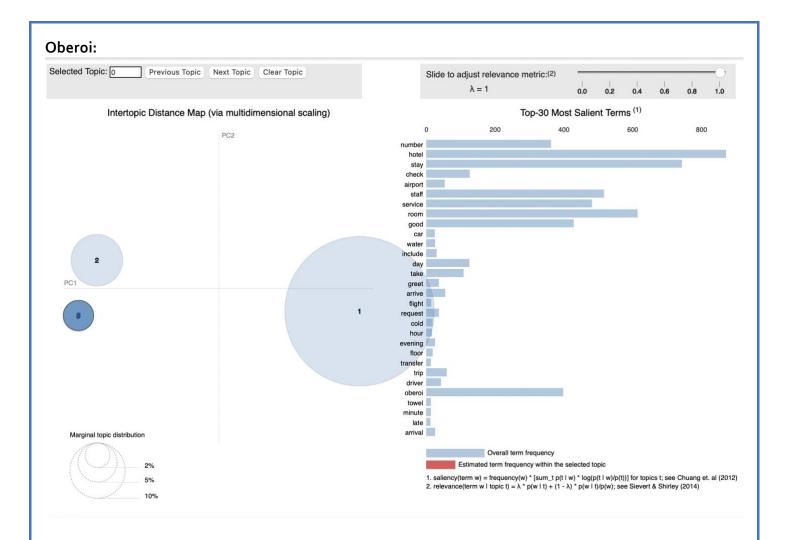
Now, we try to visualize the topics for each of the hotels.

#### Radisson:

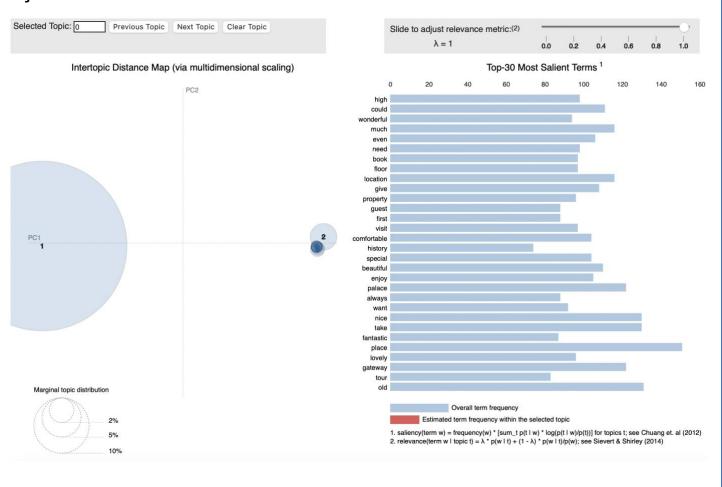


Each bubble on the left-hand side plot represents a topic. The larger the bubble, the more prevalent is that topic. A model with too many topics, will typically have many overlaps, small sized bubbles clustered in one region of the chart. If we move the cursor over one of the bubbles, the words and bars on the right-hand side will update. These words are the salient keywords that form the selected topic.

The top words for the Radisson hotel are good, hotel, stay, staff which characterizes the type of services which are most liked by the customers who have visited the hotel.



### Taj:



We can see that the Taj hotel has good number of features which customers have liked during their stay at the hotel. One can try to do a competitive analysis of how they can try and add in those features if those are viable and profitable.

#### **Evaluation metrics used: Coherence Measure**

Coherence: A set of statements or facts is said to be coherent, if they support each other. Thus, a coherent fact set can be interpreted in a context that covers all or most of the facts. An example of a coherent fact set is "the game is a team sport", "the game is played with a ball", "the game demands great physical efforts"

**C\_v** measure is based on a sliding window, one-set segmentation of the top words and an indirect confirmation measure that uses normalized pointwise mutual information (NPMI) and the cosine similarity

### The limitations of LDA:

Long documents are poorly represented because they have poor similarity values, search keywords must precisely match document terms; word substrings might result in a "false positive match", semantic sensitivity; documents with similar context but different term vocabulary won't be associated, resulting in a "false negative match", the order in which the terms appear in the document is lost in the vector space representation, theoretically assumes terms are statistically independent and last weighting is intuitive but not very formal.

#### LDA Mallet model:

I have used LDA mallet model for three hotels data. Below are the results of the analysis.

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Num Topics = 2 has Coherence Value of 0.3573 Num Topics = 14 has Coherence Value of 0.3922 Num Topics = 20 has Coherence Value of 0.3467 Num Topics = 26 has Coherence Value of 0.3467 Num Topics = 26 has Coherence Value of 0.3725 Num Topics = 32 has Coherence Value of 0.3897 Num Topics = 32 has Coherence Value of 0.3897 Num Topics = 32 has Coherence Value of 0.3897 Num Topics = 32 has Coherence Value of 0.3897 Num Topics = 32 has Coherence Value of 0.3695 has Coherence Value of 0.3777 Num Topics = 38 has Coherence Value of 0.3695 has Coheren
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LDA assumes documents are produced from a mixture of topics. Those topics then generate words based on their probability distribution. Gensim is a python library with good tools to work on topic modelling, however genism does not provide an out of the box running commands to perform topic modelling, it requires python knowledge. Mallet is an out of the box tool but unfortunately it doesn't let you tweak or see in between steps like GenSim does. Mallet regardless being a console application is much more user friendly than GenSim, but for advanced work is better to use GenSim as it lets you tweak more parameters than Mallet.

# **Applications:**

### The dominant topic in each sentence:

One of the practical application of topic modelling is to determine what topic a given document is about. To find that, we find the topic number that has the highest percentage contribution in that document.

Document_No	Dominant_Topic	Topic_Perc_Contrib	Keywords	Text
0	2.0	0.2486	number, check, time, book, room, upgrade, thin	taj should relook and compare yourself with y
1	0.0	0.1617	experience, taj, feel, amazing, property, love	every time i stay here i feel welcomes and lo
2	0.0	0.2836	experience, taj, feel, amazing, property, love	custom porridge was provided to the baby brea
3	6.0	0.3017	room, view, gateway, give, floor, high, small,	allocated the numbernd room number which was $\dots$
4	1.0	0.1798	staff, make, service, visit, hospitality, gues	amazing experience if you are visiting mumbai
5	2.0	0.2500	number, check, time, book, room, upgrade, thin	taj should relook and compare yourself with y
6	0.0	0.1653	experience, taj, feel, amazing, property, love	every time i stay here i feel welcomes and lo
7	0.0	0.2921	experience, taj, feel, amazing, property, love	custom porridge was provided to the baby brea
8	6.0	0.2949	room, view, gateway, give, floor, high, small,	allocated the numbernd room number which was $\dots$
9	1.0	0.1827	staff, make, service, visit, hospitality, gues	amazing experience if you are visiting mumbai

## The most representative document for each topic:

Sometimes just the topic keywords may not be enough to make sense of what a topic is about. So, to help with understanding the topic, you can find the documents a given topic has contributed to the most and infer the topic by reading that document.

Topic_Num	Topic_Perc_Contrib	Keywords	Text
0.0	0.2921	experience, taj, feel, amazing, property, love	custom porridge was provided to the baby brea
1.0	0.2775	staff, make, service, visit, hospitality, gues	in my travels around the world i have never e
2.0	0.4436	number, check, time, book, room, upgrade, thin	the hospitality was missing and most of the s
3.0	0.3014	hotel, pool, area, beautiful, nice, location, $\dots$	had a wonderful three night stay at this hote
4.0	0.2847	good, great, food, breakfast, restaurant, exce	the overall stay was great few things to call

## Topic distribution across documents:

Finally, we want to understand the volume and distribution of topics in order to judge how widely it was discussed. The below table exposes that information.

	Dominant_Topic	Topic_Keywords	Num_Documents	Perc_Documents
0.0	2.0	number, check, time, book, room, upgrade, thin	169.0	0.1693
1.0	0.0	experience, taj, feel, amazing, property, love	139.0	0.1393
2.0	0.0	experience, taj, feel, amazing, property, love	102.0	0.1022
3.0	6.0	room, view, gateway, give, floor, high, small,	135.0	0.1353
4.0	1.0	staff, make, service, visit, hospitality, gues	132.0	0.1323