

Identifying Topics in Modern Love



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Modern Love Podcast: Beyond Girlfriend-Boyfriend


For one Black woman, embracing polyamory has allowed her to “experience the expansiveness of love.”



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Tiny Love Stories: ‘I Really Didn’t Want to Hurt Her’

Modern Love in miniature, featuring reader-submitted stories of no more than 100 words.




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Becoming a Woman Without Her

In my mother’s absence, I’m learning how to construct a sense of self — and femininity — from fragments, friends, music and memories.

By BECKY MILLER



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Toy Story [Repeat]

Sometimes, we find peace in the most unexpected places. Karla was ...



EPISODES

The Only Interpreter

Jhon says out loud what others say with their hands. Although...

Objective and Goal

A faint, stylized background illustration in a sketchy, hand-drawn style. It depicts a person from the chest up, holding a rectangular frame. Inside the frame is a drawing of a man and a woman standing close together. The person holding the frame has long, dark hair and is wearing a red garment with white star-like patterns. The background shows some architectural elements like a door and windows, and some floating circular shapes.

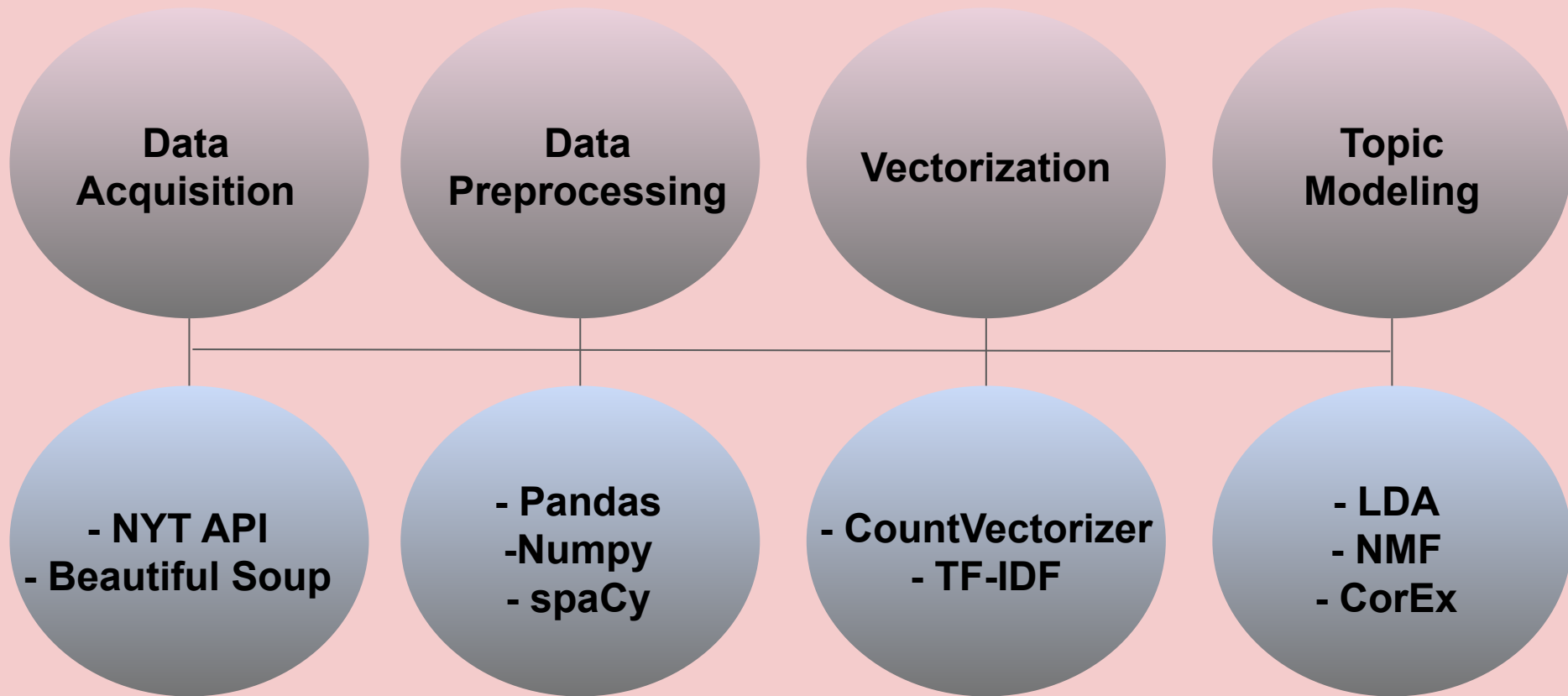
Objective:

Build a topic model that identifies key topics among Modern Love essays and short stories

Goal:

Use topics to create topic links on the New York Times' website

Workflow



Results - LDA Topic Model

Topic 1: mother, father, life, marriage, come, new, look, friend, find, child

Topic 2: look, date, mother, find, marriage, **home**, life, **enjoy**, father, leave

Topic 3: mother, look, father, life, new, friend, marriage, date, meet, **way**

Topic 4: friend, marriage, father, life, date, look, mother, meet, later, come

Topic 5: mother, life, father, child, friend, date, marriage, come, leave, later

Topic 6: mother, marriage, friend, child, father, come, life, meet, look, date

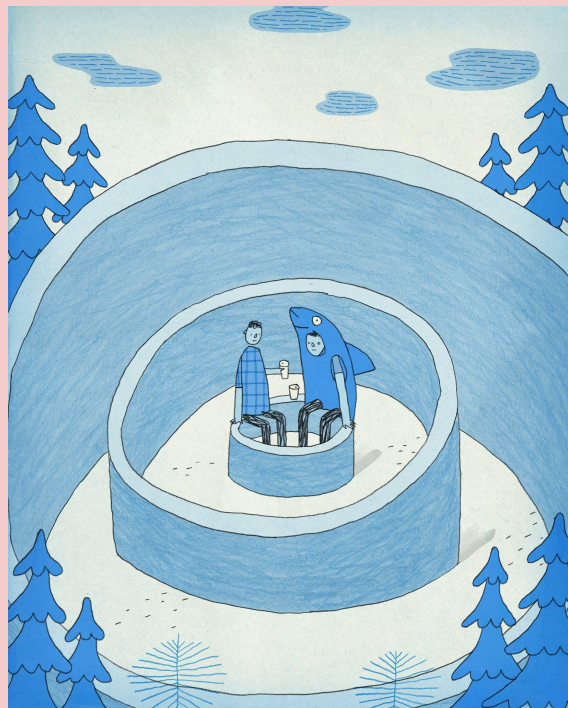
Topic 7: mother, father, husband, child, life, come, look, marriage, friend, new

Topic 8: marriage, mother, husband, father, child, come, life, friend, new, look

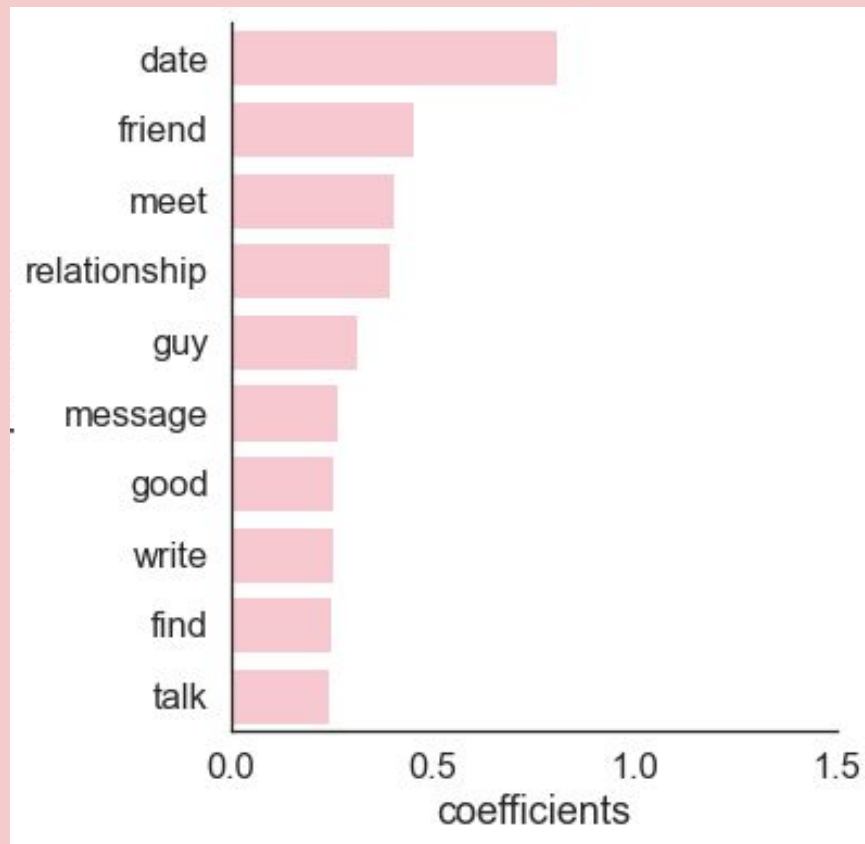
The background of the slide features a whimsical illustration. At the bottom, a person with a triangular body and long hair is shown from the waist up, looking upwards. Above them, several large, overlapping circles in shades of pink and grey float in the air. Some of these circles contain simple line drawings of faces, suggesting a dreamlike or abstract scene. The overall color palette is soft, with a light beige background and a pink border.

Results - NMF Topic Model

Topic 4 - “Dating”



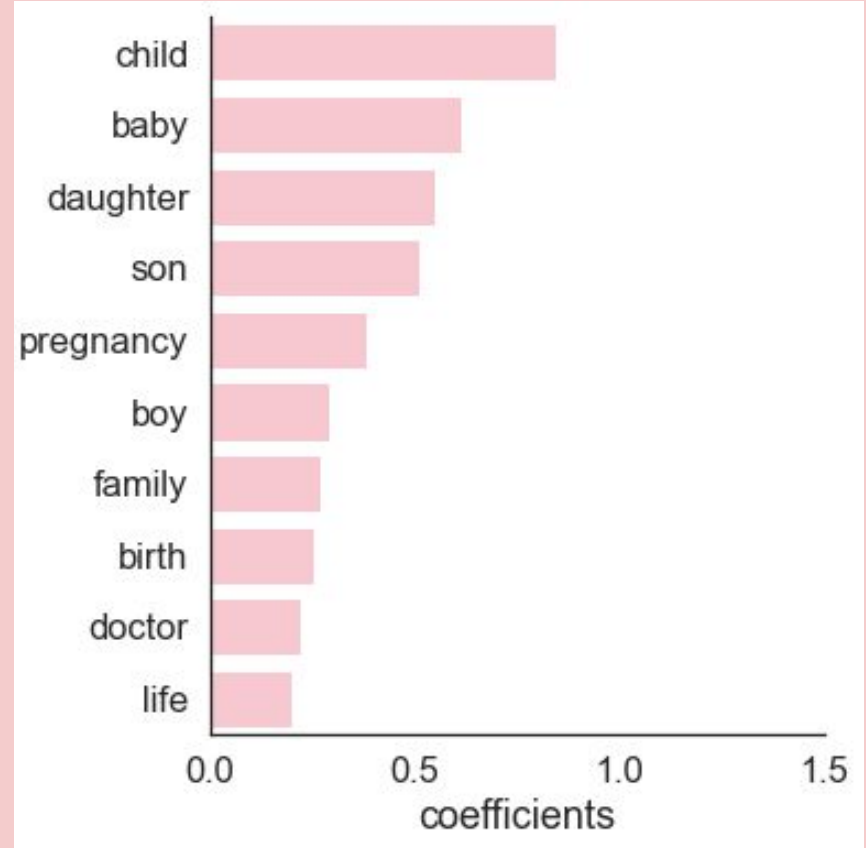
What if the fastest path to a committed relationship is to actively avoid one?



Topic 7 - “Pregnancy”



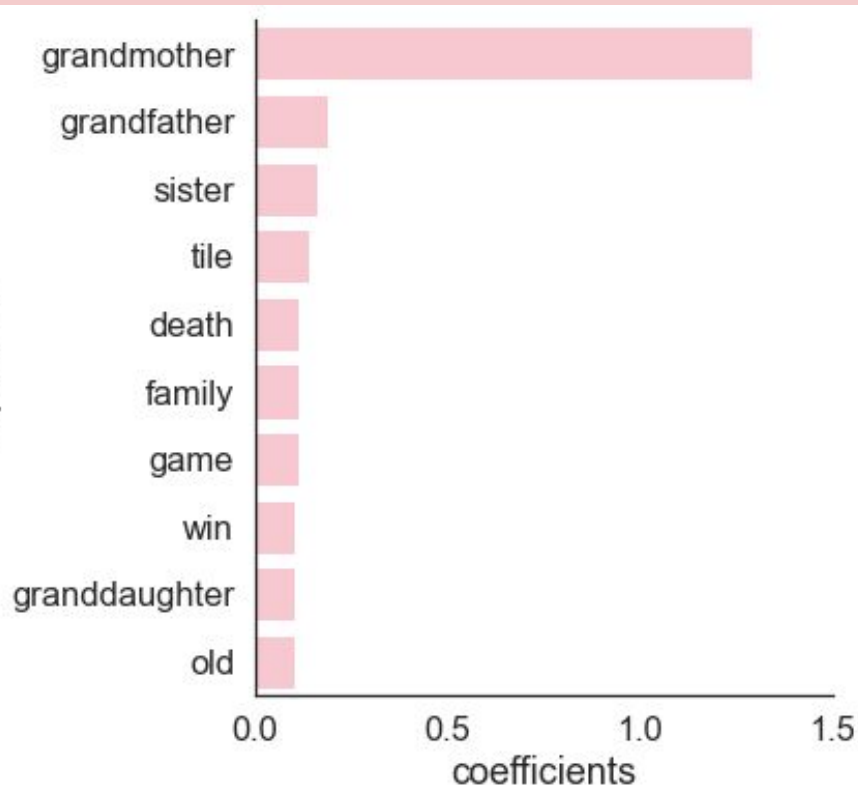
We found out by text message. “Don’t get on the plane. The birth mother is unsure.”



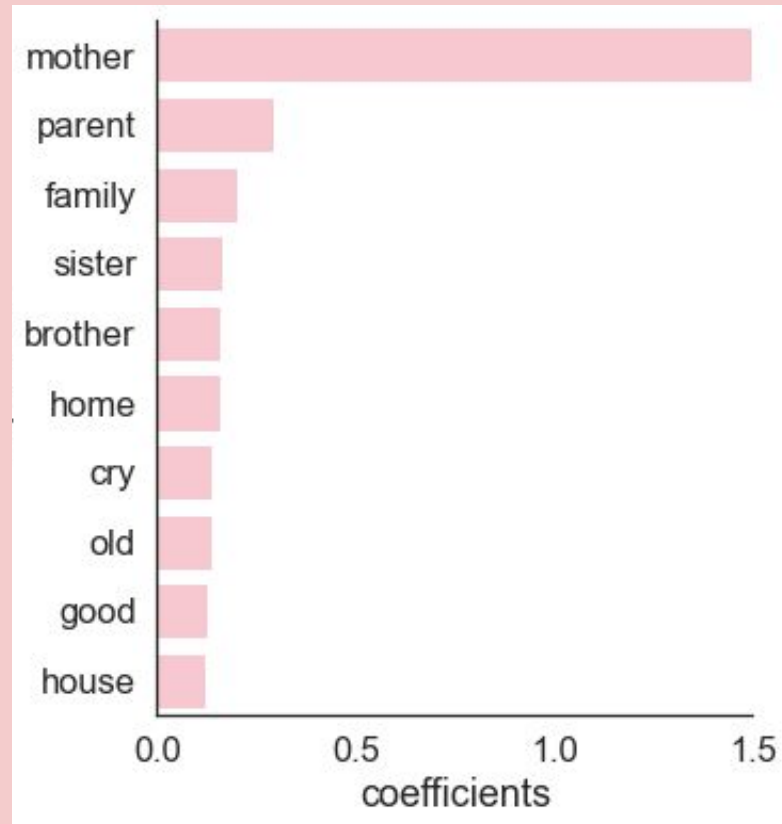
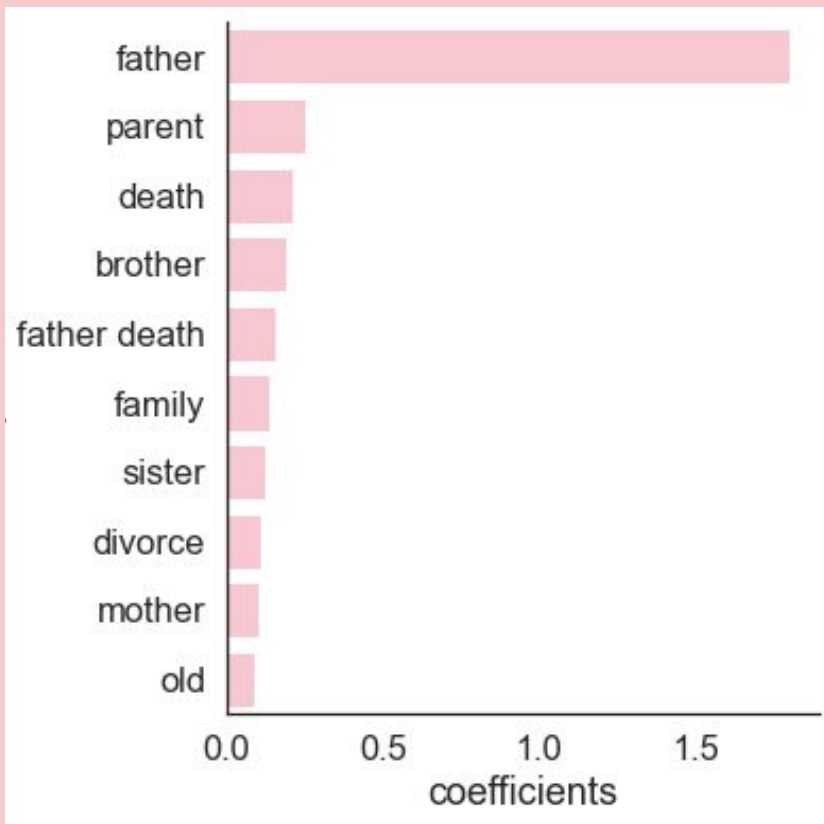
Topic 8 - “Grandparents”



When my mother died young, her mother held loss for me. Now I fear losing her, too.



Topics 1 and 4 - both about family



Future Work

A background illustration featuring a variety of stylized, hand-drawn figures of people in different poses and outfits, walking across a light-colored ground. The figures are rendered in a simple, sketchy style with muted colors like pinks, blues, and greys. Some figures are walking in groups, while others are alone. The overall composition is a collage-like arrangement of these figures, creating a sense of a diverse crowd.

- Preprocess the texts further
- Try topic modeling the essays and short stories separately
- Try clustering essays/short stories