

Abstract

In this article we will explore the model of Latent Dirichlet Allocation theoretically by introducing the model and multiple algorithms for model selection and inference and practically by implementing an inference algorithm based on Gibbs's sampling and exploring and visualizing the results. The first section will give an overview about the model and the domain of problems it is applied to. The second section explains how to implement the model-selection algorithm and will guide the way to . In the third section we will train the model on a subset of the simple english wikipedia and evaluate the results by visualizing the learned topics with the Python library pyLDAviz.

1 Latent Dirichlet Allocation

The model of Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) is a generative probabilistic model for collections of discrete data proposed by Blei, Ng and Jordan [1]. It is a mixture model that tries to model latent topics or concepts of multinomial observations, e.g. words in text corpus.

K : Number of topics to be found by the model

M : Number of documents in the corpus

V : Number of unique terms in the dictionary

$\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^K$: Hyperparameter of the document-topic Dirichlet distribution

$\vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^V$: Hyperparameter of the topic-word Dirichlet distribution

$\vec{\vartheta}_m \in \mathbb{R}^K$: Topic distribution of each document m .

$\vec{\phi}_k \in \mathbb{R}^V$: Term distribution of each topic k .

N_m : The length of the m -th document.

$z_{m,n}$: Topic index for the n -th word in document m .

$w_{m,n}$: the n -th word in document m .

Figure 1: Notation

To understand the structure of the model we will look at the Likelihood-function for The probability of a term to occur in a document $p(w = t)$ is modeled as a marginal distribution of the joint distribution over topics and terms.

$$p\left(\vec{w}_m, \vec{z}_m, \vec{v}_m \mid \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}\right) = \prod_{w_{m,n}}^{N_m} p\left(w_{m,n} \mid \vec{\phi}_{z_{m,n}}\right) p\left(z_{m,n} \mid \vec{v}_m\right) p\left(\vec{v}_m \mid \vec{\alpha}\right) p\left(\phi \mid \vec{\beta}\right)$$

1.1 Generative Process

To understand the model better we analyze the LDA generative model. To generate a corpus consisting of documents, that consist of words, the steps shown in figure 2 have to be taken.

Given the number of topics K , the number of documents M , the Dirichlet-hyperparameters α, β and the moment of the Poisson distribution ξ we start by specifying the topics by sampling a categorical topic-word distribution for every topic. These hold a probability for every possible term to occur in the context of the topic. We sample the topic-categoricals from a Dirichlet distribution with the parameter β .

With the Dirichlet-samples we can start to generate documents. For every document d we sample from a Dirichlet distribution again, this time using with the hyperparameter α . The resulting categorical distribution sets probabilities for all topics to be included in the documents. Furthermore we sample a document length from the Poisson distribution.

Finally, for every word to be generated, we sample a topic index from the documents own document-topic-categorical distribution and then sample the term given the Look in section 4.4 for an implementation of the process.

Data: Number of topics K , Number of Documents M , Dirichlet parameters α and β , Poisson parameter ξ

Result: Corpus c

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for all topics  $k \in [1, K]$  do
  | sample topic-term distribution parameters  $\phi_k \sim \text{Dir}(\beta)$ 
end
for all documents  $m \in [1, M]$  do
  | sample document-topic distribution parameters  $\vartheta \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$ 
  | sample document-length  $l_m \sim \text{Poisson}(\xi)$ 
  | for all words  $w \in [1, l_m]$  do
    | sample topic index  $z_{m,n} \sim \text{Mult}(\xi)$ 
    | sample term for word  $w_{m,n}$  from  $p(w_{m,n} \mid z_{m,n}, \beta)$ 
    |  $w_{m,n} \sim \text{Mult}(\phi_{z_{m,n}})$ 
  | end
end

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Figure 2: The generative model of LDA [1, 2]

1.2 Model Selection

1.2.1 algorithm

Various algorithms to tackle the inference problem for LDA have been proposed [1]. In this report we will focus on a specific Markov-Chain Monte-Carlo based method, namely a Gibb's sampler. We will execute the inference with the algorithm explained by Pefta et. al.

2 Implementation

Although the inference algorithm can potentially be parallelized in multiple ways [?, ?], we aim to create a serial implementation for to strive for correctness instead of performance.

2.1 Preparation

First we have to choose a text corpus to estimate the parameters of the LDA-model from. For this we use a dump from the simple english wikipedia [3], namely the

version named 'All pages, current versions only'.

For the purpose of speeding up the development process we will perform our operations on an even smaller subset of only 5 articles, to avoid long loading times on every run. We split some articles of the downloaded file into a smaller file with the script in section 4.1.

2.2 Class : Dataset

We aggregate all operations regarding the preprocessing of the corpus in a class named Dataset, which can be examined in section 4.2. Our goal here is to process all articles and end up with a datastructure that provides us with counts of terms for every document. Therefore we have to establish a common dictionary containing all occurring words from all documents and process

2.3 Class : LDA

3 Evaluation

To evaluate the topics that the model has learned in the trainingprocess on the wikipedia dataset we will use the Python package PyLDAviz. The plots of the first six found topics can be found in the figures 3, 4 and 5. All plots show an intertopic distance map on the left side and a histogram on the right side. The distance map is a two dimensional projection of the topic space computed with a multidimensional scaling algorithm [4]. The Histogram shows the most frequent terms for the chosen topic in descending order, in which the the red bar shows the term frequency in the topic and the blue bar the overall term frequency. The model in use is trained for 50 iterations on the first 10000 artices of the dataset consiting of 196934 documents.

To try to find a possible semantic we will take a look at the most frequent terms in the topics.

Topic 1 The first topic contains many terms related to the internet, communcation and publication. The five most frequent terms are "title", "http", "cite", "url" and "web".

Topic 2

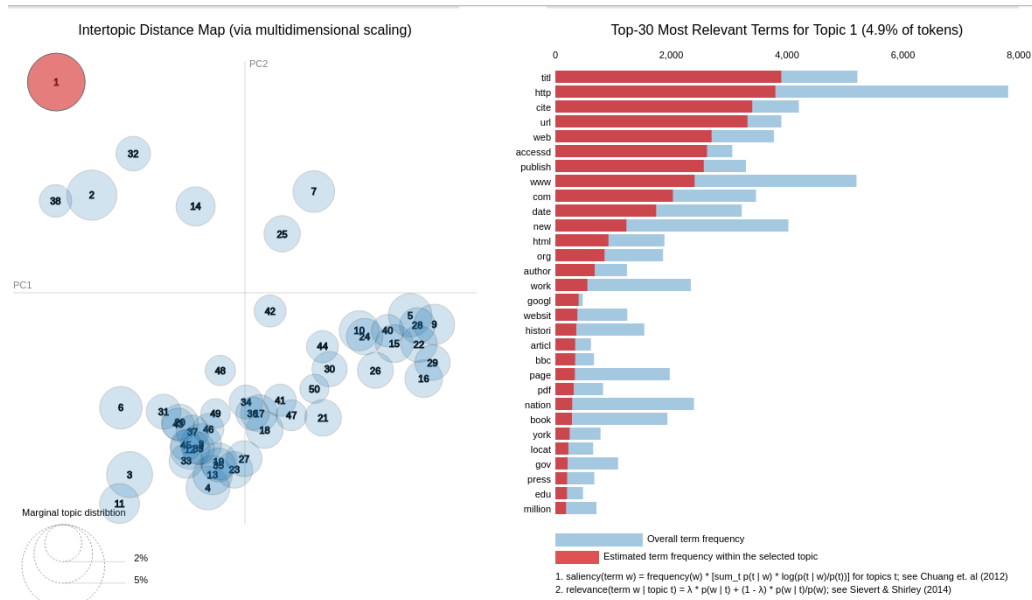
Topic 3

Topic 4

Topic 5

Topic 5

(a) Topic 1



(b) Topic 2

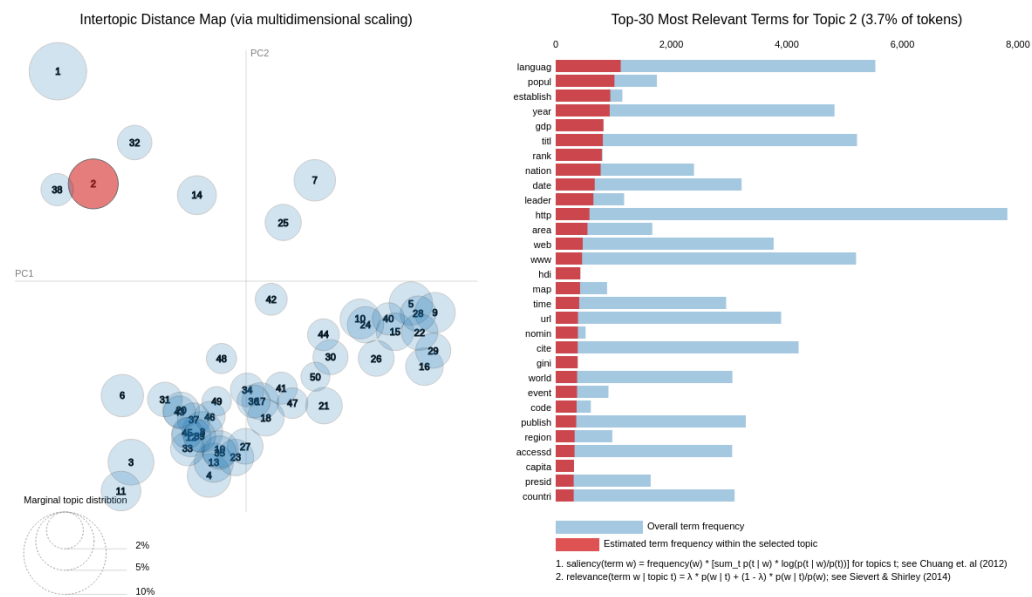
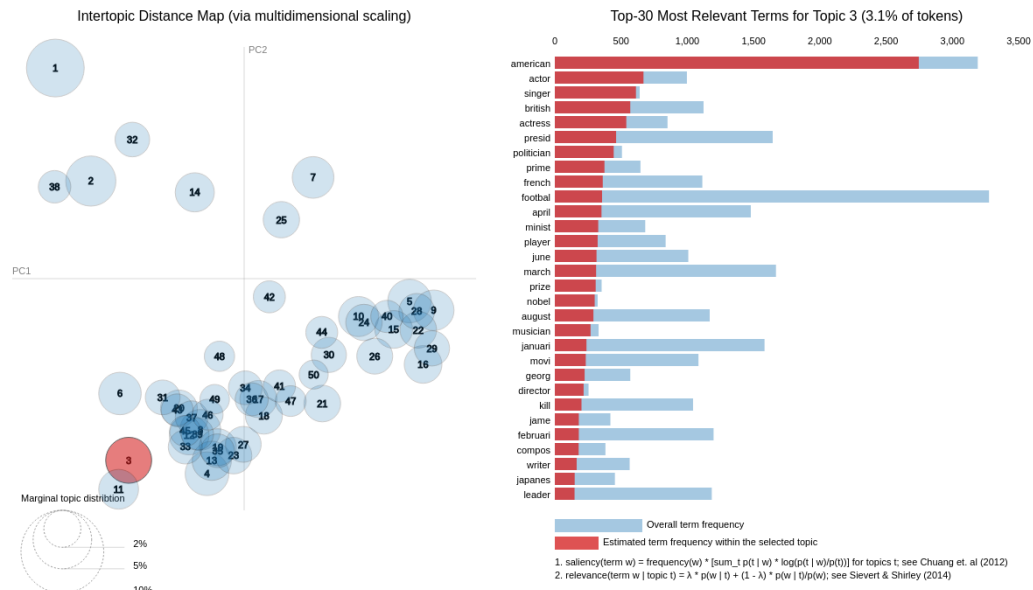


Figure 3: Plots of the first six topics

(a) Topic 3



(b) Topic 4

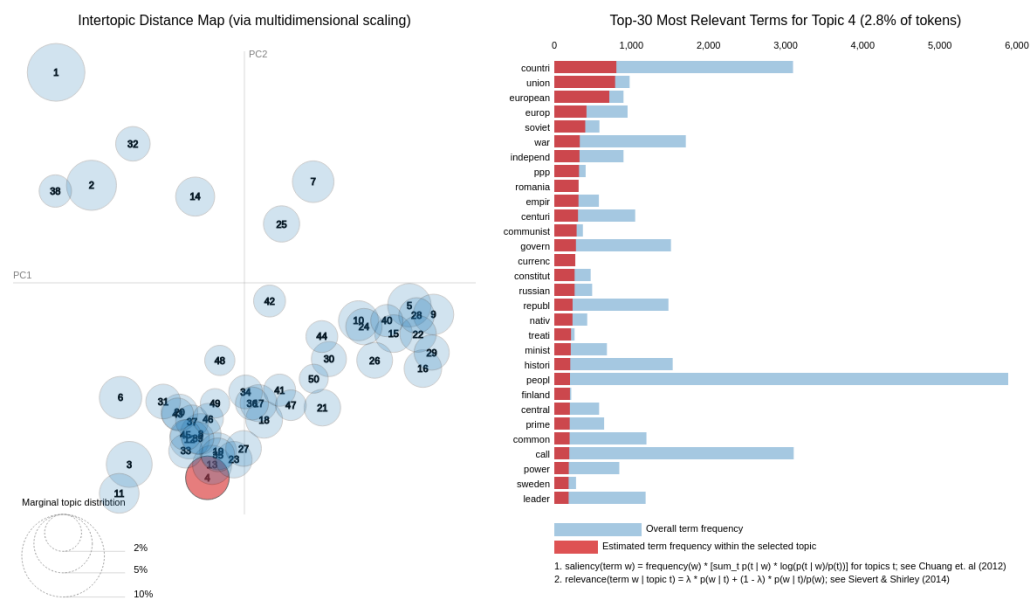
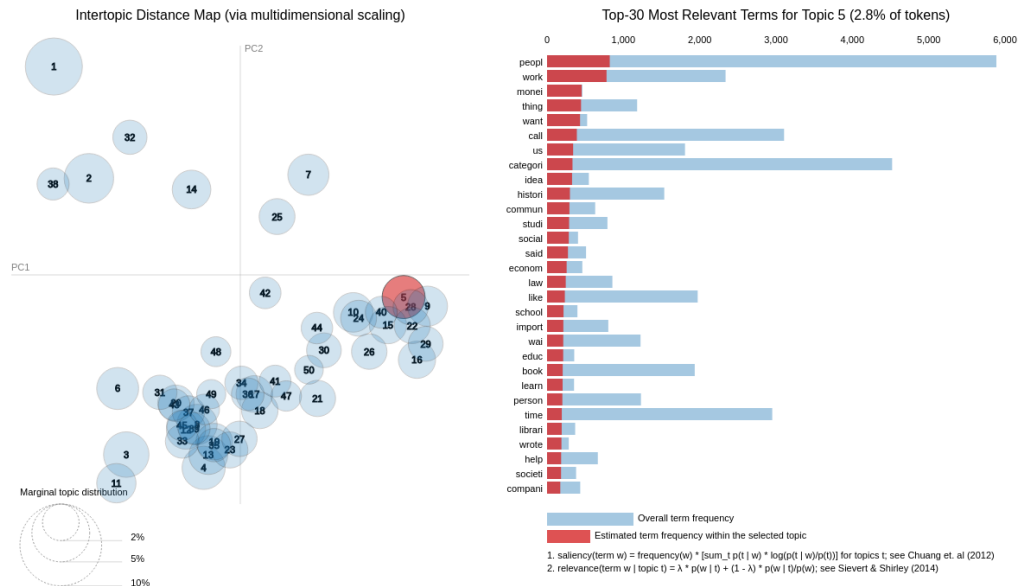


Figure 4: Plots of topic 3 and 4

(a) Topic 5



(b) Topic 6

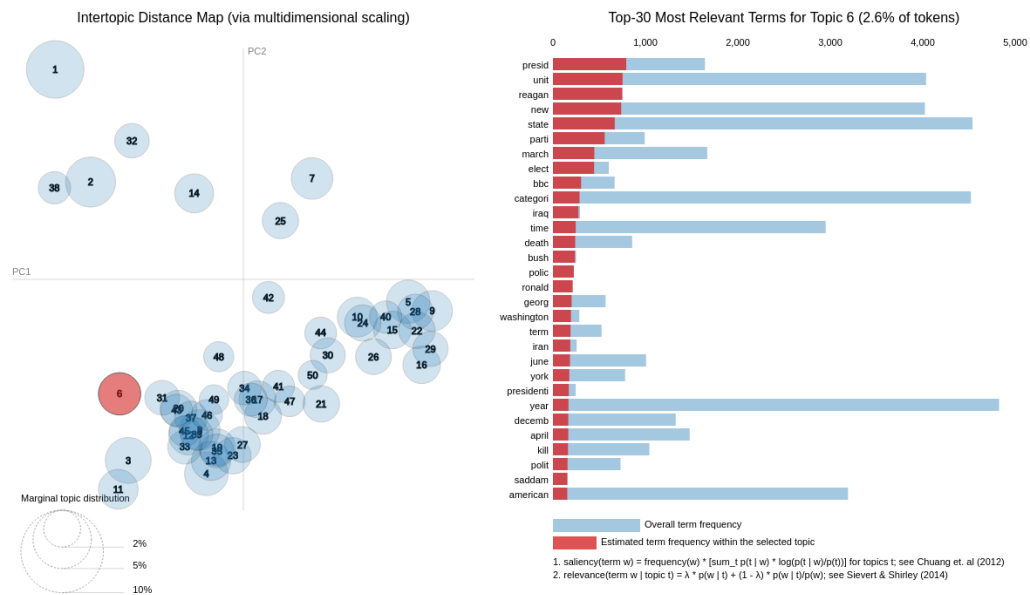


Figure 5: Plots of the first six topics

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- [4] S. Sievert, “Ldavis: A method for visualizing and interpreting topics,” 2014.

4 Appendix

4.1 Extract subset

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash

cd dataset

#Choose how many pages to extract
n=100
#Get line number of n-th occurrence of the closing tag "</page>"
lineNum=$(
    grep -n "</page>" simplewiki-20181120-pages-meta-current.xml | \
        head -n${n} | \
        tail -n1 | \
        cut -d: -f1 \
)

#Copy large set upto lineNum into the file small.xml
head simplewiki-20181120-pages-meta-current.xml -n${lineNum} > small.xml

#Add closing tag to small.xml
echo "</mediawiki>" >> small.xml
```

4.2 Class : Dataset

```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as ET
import multiprocessing as mp
import gensim as gsm
import scipy.sparse as sps
import scipy as sp
import numpy as np
from functools import partial
import time
from tqdm import tqdm
import pickle
import sys
```

```
def preprocessText(page, onlyOverview=True):
    # Shortcut to get it running
    # return page
    return gsm.parsing.preprocessing.preprocess_string(page)

def tuples2Matrix(tuples,
                  dictionarySize,
                  matrixFormat,
                  matrixDType):
    matrix = matrixFormat(
        (1, dictionarySize),
        dtype=matrixDType
    )

    for t in tuples:
        matrix[0, t[0]] = t[1]

    return matrix

class DataSet:
    def __init__(self,
                  path='../dataset/small.xml',
                  verbose=True,
                  ):
        self.verbose = verbose

    def load(self, path='../dataset/small.xml'):
        self.path = path

        if self.verbose:
            print("Dataset => Loading File")

        start = time.perf_counter()
        documents, self.documentLengths, self.dictionary = self.loadXML(
            path)
        end = time.perf_counter()
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self.loadTime = end - start

if self.verbose:
    print("Dataset => Parsing " + str(len(documents))
          + " documents took: " + "{:10.4f}".format(self.loadTime))

if self.verbose:
    print("Dataset => Building Matrix")

start = time.perf_counter()
self.documents = self.countTerms(documents, self.dictionary)
self.docLengths = list(map(lambda pairList: np.sum(
    list(map(lambda p: p[1], pairList))), self.documents))
end = time.perf_counter()

self.termCounts = np.ones(len(self.dictionary))
for document in self.documents:
    for termIndex, count in document:
        self.termCounts[termIndex] += count

self.countTermsTime = end - start

if self.verbose:
    print("Dataset => Building took: "
          + "{:10.4f}".format(self.countTermsTime) + "s")

if self.verbose:
    print("Dataset => Constructed")

def numOfDocuments(self):
    return len(self.documents)

def documentLengths(self):
    return self.docLengths

def dictionarySize(self):
    return len(self.dictionary)
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def countTerms(self, documents, dictionary):
    with mp.Pool(mp.cpu_count() - 1) as p:
        counts = p.map(dictionary.doc2bow, tqdm(
            documents, desc='Counting words'))
    return counts

def loadXMLFile(self, path):
    documents = list()
    root = ET.parse(path).getroot()
    xmlNamespaces = {'root': 'http://www.mediawiki.org/xml/export-0'}

    # Extract text-attribute of pages in Wikipedia-namespace '0'
    texts = [
        page.find('root:revision', xmlNamespaces)
        .find('root:text', xmlNamespaces).text
        for page in root.findall('root:page', xmlNamespaces)
        if 0 == int(page.find('root:ns', xmlNamespaces).text)
    ]

    # Only use description text
    texts = [text.split('==')[0] for text in texts]

    if self.verbose:
        print('Parse xml')

    # Parallel preprocessing of pages
    with mp.Pool(mp.cpu_count() - 1) as p:
        documents = p.map(preprocessText, tqdm(
            texts, desc='Preprocessing text'))
    documentsLengths = list(map(len, documents))
    # Build gensim dictionary
    dictionary = gsm.corpora.dictionary.Dictionary(documents)
    return [documents, documentsLengths, dictionary]

def saveToDir(self, savePath):
    with open(savePath + 'corpus.pickle', 'wb') as handle:
        pickle.dump(self.documents, handle,
            protocol=pickle.HIGHEST_PROTOCOL)
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with open(savePath + 'dictionary.pickle', 'wb') as handle:
    pickle.dump(self.dictionary, handle,
                protocol=pickle.HIGHEST_PROTOCOL)

def loadFromDir(self, path):
    self.dictionary = pickle.load(
        open(path + "/" + "dictionary.pickle", 'rb'))
    )
    self.documents = pickle.load(open(path + "/" + "corpus.pickle",
    self.docLengths = list(map(
        lambda pairList: np.sum(list(map(
            lambda p: p[1],
            pairList
        ))),
        self.documents
    ))
    self.termCounts = np.ones(len(self.dictionary))
    for document in self.documents:
        for termIndex, count in document:
            self.termCounts[termIndex] += count

if __name__ == '__main__':
    dataset = DataSet()
    dataset.load(sys.argv[1])
```

4.3 Class : LDA

```
from lda.dataset import DataSet
from tqdm import tqdm
import time
import scipy.sparse as sps
import scipy as sp
import numpy as np
import numpy.random as npr
import scipy.stats as spst
import lda.helpers as hlp
import multiprocessing as mp
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import itertools as it
import threading as th
from functools import partial
import json
import multiprocessing as mp
import pickle

class LDA():
    def __init__(self,
                  maxit=3,
                  verbose=True,
                  readOutIterations=10,
                  estimateHyperparameters=True,
                  # Mixture proportions; length = num of topics
                  alpha=None,
                  # Mixture components ; length = num of terms
                  beta=None
                  ):
        self.verbose = verbose
        self.maxit = maxit

        self.alpha = None
        self.beta = None
        self.iterations = 0
        self.converged = False
        self.readOutIterations = readOutIterations
        self.lastReadOut = 0

        if self.verbose:
            print("LDA-Model => constructed")

    def saveJson(self, file):
        saveDict = {'topic_term_dists': self.phi,
                    'doc_topic_dists': self.topicTerm_count_n_kt,
                    'doc_lengths': dataset.documentLengths(),
                    'vocab': dataset,
                    'term_frequency': data_input['term.frequency']}
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jsonString = json.dumps(my_dictionary)

def fit(self, dataset,
        nTopics=5):
    self.nTopics = nTopics
    self.dataset = dataset
    if self.alpha == None:
        self.alpha = np.repeat(50 / nTopics, nTopics)
    if self.beta == None:
        self.beta = np.repeat(0.01, dataset.dictionarySize())

    if self.verbose:
        print("LDA-Model => fitting to dataset")
    start = time.perf_counter()

    # M: Number of documents
    # K: Number of topics
    # V: number of Terms

    partialMultilist = partial(hlp.randomMultilist, nTopics=nTopics)
    self.topicAssociations_z = list(
        map(partialMultilist, dataset.documentLengths()))

    # M x K
    self.documentTopic_count_n_mk = np.zeros(
        (dataset.numOfDocuments(),
         nTopics)
    )

    print("Dsize:", dataset.dictionarySize())
    # K x v
    self.topicTerm_count_n_kt = np.zeros(
        (nTopics,
         dataset.dictionarySize())
    )

    for documentIndex in range(dataset.numOfDocuments()):
        document = dataset.documents[documentIndex]
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        wordIndex = 0
        for pair in document:
            termIndex = pair[0]
            for c in range(pair[1]):
                topicIndex = self.topicAssociations_z[documentIndex,
                self.documentTopic_count_n_mk[documentIndex,
                topicIndex] += 1
                self.topicTerm_count_n_kt[topicIndex, termIndex] += 1
            wordIndex += 1

# M
self.documentTopic_sum_n_m = np.sum(
    self.documentTopic_count_n_mk, axis=1)
assert (
    len(self.documentTopic_sum_n_m.shape) == 1
)
assert (
    self.documentTopic_sum_n_m.shape[0] == dataset.numOfDocuments
)

# K
self.topicTerm_sum_n_k = np.sum(self.topicTerm_count_n_kt, axis=1)
assert (
    len(self.topicTerm_sum_n_k.shape) == 1
)
assert (
    self.topicTerm_sum_n_k.shape[0] == nTopics
)
# end = time.perf_counter()
end = time.perf_counter()
self.initializationTime = end - start
if self.verbose:
    print("LDA => Initialization took: {:.10.4f}".format(
        self.initializationTime) + "s")

# ----- Sampling -----
if self.verbose:
    print("LDA => fitting to Dataset")

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start = time.perf_counter()

for iteration in tqdm(range(self.maxit), desc='Sampling: '):
    for documentIndex in range(len(dataset.documents)):
        document = dataset.documents[documentIndex]
        wordIndex = 0
        for pair in document:
            termIndex = pair[0]
            for c in range(pair[1]):
                previousTopicIndex = self.topicAssociations_z[c]

                # For the current assignment of k to a term t
                self.documentTopic_count_n_mk[documentIndex,
                                                previousTopicIndex] -= 1
                self.documentTopic_sum_n_m[documentIndex] -= 1
                self.topicTerm_count_n_kt[previousTopicIndex,
                                           termIndex] -= 1
                self.topicTerm_sum_n_k[previousTopicIndex] -= 1

            # multinomial sampling acc. to Eq. 78 (decremen

        params = np.zeros(self.nTopics)
        for topicIndex in range(self.nTopics):
            n = self.topicTerm_count_n_kt[topicIndex,
                                           termIndex] +

            d = self.topicTerm_sum_n_k[topicIndex] + \
                self.beta[termIndex]
            f = self.documentTopic_count_n_mk[documentIndex,
                                                topicIndex]

            params[topicIndex] = (n / d) * f

        # Scale
        params = np.asarray(params).astype('float64')
        params = params / np.sum(params)
        newTopicIndex = hlp.getIndex(
            spst.multinomial(1, params).rvs()[0])

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        self.topicAssociations_z[documentIndex][wordIndex] += z_mn
        # For new assignments of  $z_{\{m,n\}}$  to the term  $t$ 
        self.documentTopic_count_n_mk[documentIndex,
                                         newTopicIndex] += 1
        self.documentTopic_sum_n_m[documentIndex] += 1
        self.topicTerm_count_n_kt[newTopicIndex,
                                   termIndex] += 1
        self.topicTerm_sum_n_k[newTopicIndex] += 1
        wordIndex += 1

    self.iterations += 1

    if self.converged and self.lastReadOut > self.readOutIterations:
        print("reading")

    if self.iterations > self.maxit:
        self.converged = True
        if self.verbose:
            print("LDA.fit() => Maximum number of iterations reached")

    self.compute_phi()
    self.compute_theta()

    end = time.perf_counter()

    self.inferenceTime = end - start

    if self.verbose:
        print("LDA => Fitting took: {:.10.4f}".format(
            self.inferenceTime) + "s")
        print("LDA => Convergence took: {:.10.4f}".format(self.iterations))

def saveToDir(self, savePath, protocol=2):
    # Save topic_term_dists, doc_topic_dists, doc_lengths, vocab, t
    with open(savePath + 'phi.pickle', 'wb') as handle:
        pickle.dump(
            self.phi, handle,
            protocol=protocol

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    )

    with open(savePath + 'theta.pickle', 'wb') as handle:
        pickle.dump(
            self.theta, handle,
            protocol=protocol
        )

    with open(savePath + 'docLengths.pickle', 'wb') as handle:
        pickle.dump(
            self.dataset.docLengths, handle,
            protocol=protocol
        )

    with open(savePath + 'vocabulary.pickle', 'wb') as handle:
        pickle.dump(
            list(map(
                lambda x: self.dataset.dictionary[x], self.dataset.terms
            )), handle,
            protocol=protocol
        )

    with open(savePath + 'termFrequencyCounts.pickle', 'wb') as handle:
        pickle.dump(self.dataset.termCounts, handle,
                    protocol=protocol
        )

def compute_phi(self):
    """Calculate Parameters of The topic-term multinomial"""
    self.phi = np.zeros((self.nTopics, self.dataset.dictionarySize))
    for topicIndex, termIndex in tqdm(it.product(range(self.nTopics), range(self.dataset.dictionarySize))):
        self.phi[topicIndex, termIndex] = (self.topicTerm_count_n_k[topicIndex, termIndex] + self.beta[termIndex]) / self.nTopics

def compute_theta(self):
    """Calculate Parameters of The document-topic multinomial"""
    self.theta = np.zeros((self.dataset.numOfDocuments(), self.nTopics))
    for documentIndex, topicIndex in tqdm(it.product(range(self.dataset.numOfDocuments()), range(self.nTopics))):
        self.theta[documentIndex, topicIndex] = (self.documentTopic_count_n_m[documentIndex, topicIndex] + self.alpha[topicIndex]) / self.dataset.numOfDocuments()

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```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    dataset = DataSet()  
    model = LDA()  
    model.fit(dataset)
```

4.4 Class : LDA

```
import numpy as np  
  
from scipy.stats import poisson  
from scipy.stats import multinomial  
from scipy.stats import dirichlet  
  
class GenMod:  
    def __init__(self,  
                 mDocuments,  
                 kTopics,  
                 topicWordConcentration_beta,  
                 documentTopicConcentration_alpha,  
                 poissonMoment=500):  
        self.mDocuments = mDocuments  
        self.kTopics = kTopics  
        self.topicWordDirichlet = dirichlet(topicWordConcentration_beta)  
        self.topicWordMultinomialsPhi = self.topicWordDirichlet.rvs(size=(self.kTopics, self.mDocuments))  
        self.documentTopicDir = dirichlet(documentTopicConcentration_alpha)  
        self.documentTopicMultinomialsTheta = self.documentTopicDir.rvs(size=(self.mDocuments, self.kTopics))  
        self.poissonMoment = poissonMoment  
        self.docs, self.wordTopicLists = self.randomize()  
  
    def randomize(self):  
        docs = list()  
        wordTopicLists = list()  
        for documentIndex in range(self.mDocuments):  
            documentLengths = [poisson.rvs(self.poissonMoment)  
                               for i in range(self.kTopics)]  
            doc = list()
```

```
docs.append(doc)

wordTopicList = list()
wordTopicLists.append(wordTopicList)

for wordIndex in range(documentLengths[documentIndex]):
    topicIndex = multinomial.rvs(
        p=self.documentTopicMultinomialsTheta[documentIndex])
    wordTopicList.append(topicIndex)
    word = multinomial.rvs(
        p=self.topicWordMultinomialsPhi[topicIndex, :][0],
        doc.append(word)
return ([docs, wordTopicLists])
```