

# EXTRACTIVE TEXT SUMMARIZATION AND TOPIC MODELING OVER **REDDIT** POSTS

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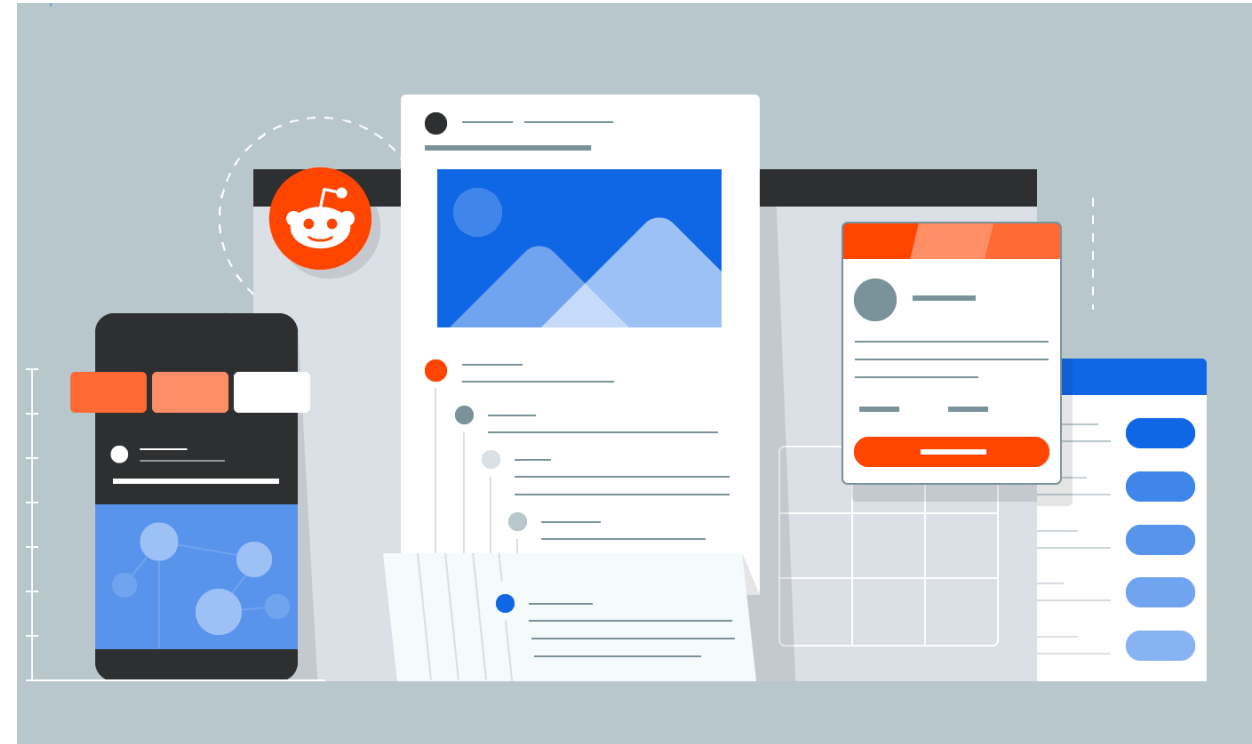
A black silhouette of a person's head and hand holding a smartphone, positioned on the right side of the slide. The person is looking at the phone, and the word 'reddit' is visible on the screen.

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# reddit : the front page of the internet

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- ❑ Social news aggregation & discussion website
- ❑ 100k+ communities & 430M+ posts in 2022
- ❑ **Redditors** post, comment and rate content
- ❑ **Subreddit**: domain-specific community
- ❑ **TL;DR** = "Too Long; Didn't Read" → summary for lengthy posts
- ❑ The fraction of posts containing TL;DR is decreasing



# Project objectives

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1. To perform **Extractive Text Summarization** on reddit posts
  - to obtain very short summaries resembling TL;DRs
2. To perform **Topic Modelling** on reddit posts
  - to extract the main topics in a collection of posts

## POST:

We are **students** and we go to **college** together, we have three lessons a week together. At **school** he normally sits at the front and I sit at the back, but recently the person I sit next to has been struggling with mental health and hasn't been in, so I moved and sit next to her most **classes**. For a while now we 've texted each other a few times, but outside of that, we don't really hang out at all. I see a lot of theatre, and about a week ago she said she wanted to come see a show with me. When we find our seats, mine has a pole in the way so I can't see a section of the stage unless I lean away from her. About half an hour in, this **girl** leans on my shoulder and starts hugging my arm, while still leaning on my shoulder. She was kind of cuddling all day, we went to an arcade earlier as well. She doesn't seem like the cuddling type of **friend**, and I'm very worried she has a **crush** on me. I don't want to ruin our **friendship**, I don't like her back. Should I just ignore it until she asks me? What if she thinks that was a **date**?

## TL;DR:

I took my friend to see a show, she leant on my shoulder the whole time. I 'm not into her but I think she has a crush on me?

## TOPICS:

- **Topic 7**: school, class, college, student, ...
- **Topic 1**: relationship, friend, girl, dating, ...
- ...

# **DATASET & DATA EXPLORATION**

# Dataset: TLDRHQ

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- ❑ Released in **2021**
- ❑ Posts published in 2005-2021
- ❑ **1,671,099 reddit posts** and their TL;DRs
  - Training set → 1,590,132 instances
  - Validation set → 40486 instances
  - Test set → 40481 instances
- ❑ Attributes
  - **id** → ID of the post
  - **document** → Text of the user's post
  - **summary** → Text of the user-written TL;DR
  - **ext\_labels** → Extractive labels of the post's sentences
  - **rg\_labels** → Rouge scores of the post's sentences

<b>id</b>	train-TLDR_RS_2012-02-4890.json
<b>document</b>	i 'm looking for a new pair of headphones that i will carry around with me when i travel .</s><s> i do n't want to spend more than \ \$ 50 .</s><s> i do n't like earbuds because they do n't stay in very well .</s><s> i wear glasses so the headphones ca n't be too tight . </s><s> i 'm not an audiophile but i do appreciate quality .</s><s> i prefer over-ear style . </s><s> i 've tried [ skullcandy ] ( <a href="https://www.amazon.com/stores/page/E0223B">https://www.amazon.com/stores/page/E0223B</a> ) , sony , and some other weird brand a while a back and so far the sony 's have the least amount of pressure but also the least amount of volume . </s><s> i ca n't turn them up because they do n't cover the ear and i 'm not that guy who walks around and forces people to listen to distorted music from headphones .
<b>summary</b>	want new headphones - prefer over-ear . i wear glasses so ca n't be too tight . around \$ 50 . thanks !
<b>ext_labels</b>	[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0]
<b>rg_labels</b>	[0.10165, 0.11729, 0.07898, 0.36880, 0.03765, 0.15032, 0.04066, 0.10461]

# Data Exploration

- ❑ Most of the posts published after 2013
- ❑ 53.8% submissions / 46.2% comments
- ❑ No missing values
- ❑ **document** and **summary** → 38K and 67K **duplicates**
  - announcements, bots messages, spam
- ❑ **compression rate** =  $\frac{\text{document words count (avg)}}{\text{summary words count (avg)}} = 12.1$ 
  - TLDRs heavily shorten the post's text

	document	summary
<b>words count (tot)</b>	~468M	~38M
<b>words count (avg)</b>	291	24
<b>sentences count (tot)</b>	~24M	~3.8M
<b>sentences count (avg)</b>	15	2
<b>words count / sentence (avg)</b>	20	11
<b>unique words</b>	~738K	~254K
<b>compression rate</b>	12.1	

# Data & Text Pre-processing

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1. Data Cleaning → duplicates removal
2. Sentences Splitting
3. Text Cleaning
4. Text Normalization → Words and punctuation
5. Tokenization → unigrams
6. Stop-words and 1-character words removal
7. Lemmatization
8. POS Tagging

	Text Cleaning & Tokenization	+Lemmatization & Stop-Words Removal
<b>words count (tot)</b>	~468M	~213M
<b>words count (avg)</b>	291	133
<b>words count / sentence (avg)</b>	20	9
<b>unique words</b>	~738K	~715K

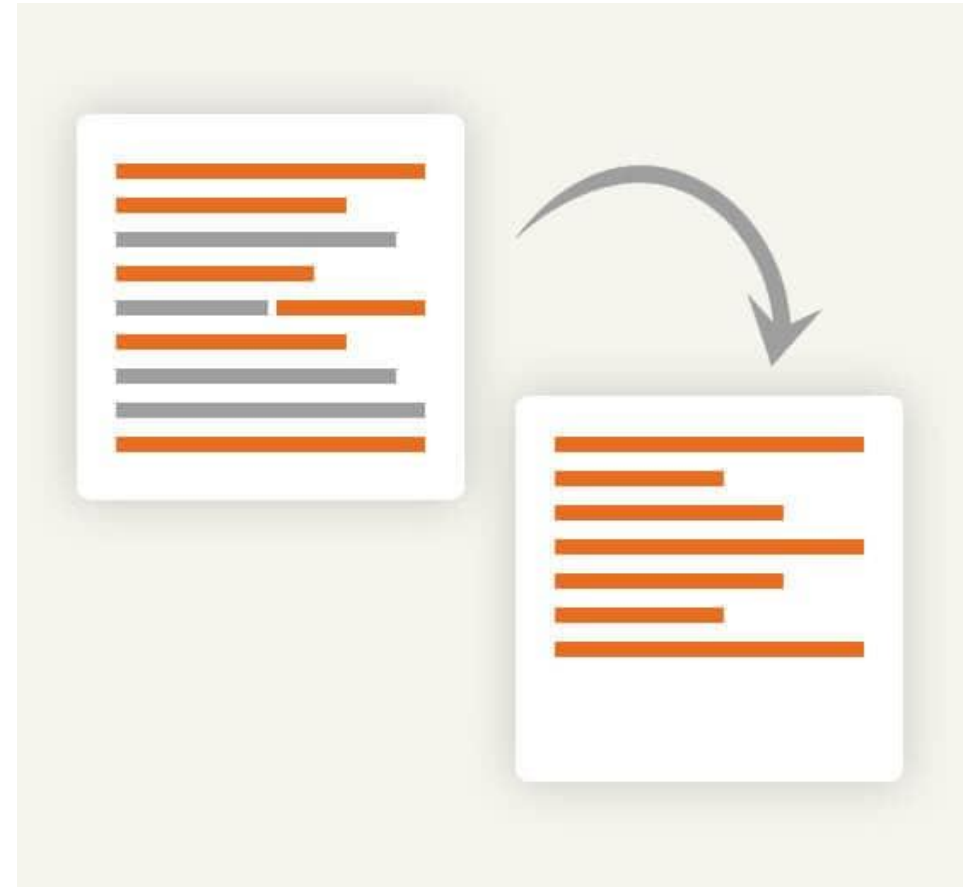
# **TEXT** **SUMMARIZATION**



# Text Summarization

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- ❑ NLP task aimed at identifying and extract **the most important information** within a text
- ❑ **Many ways** to undertake this task
- ❑ Characteristics of **our approach**:
  - ❑ **single-document**
  - ❑ **generic**
  - ❑ **extractive**
- ❑ Moreover, **extreme summarization**

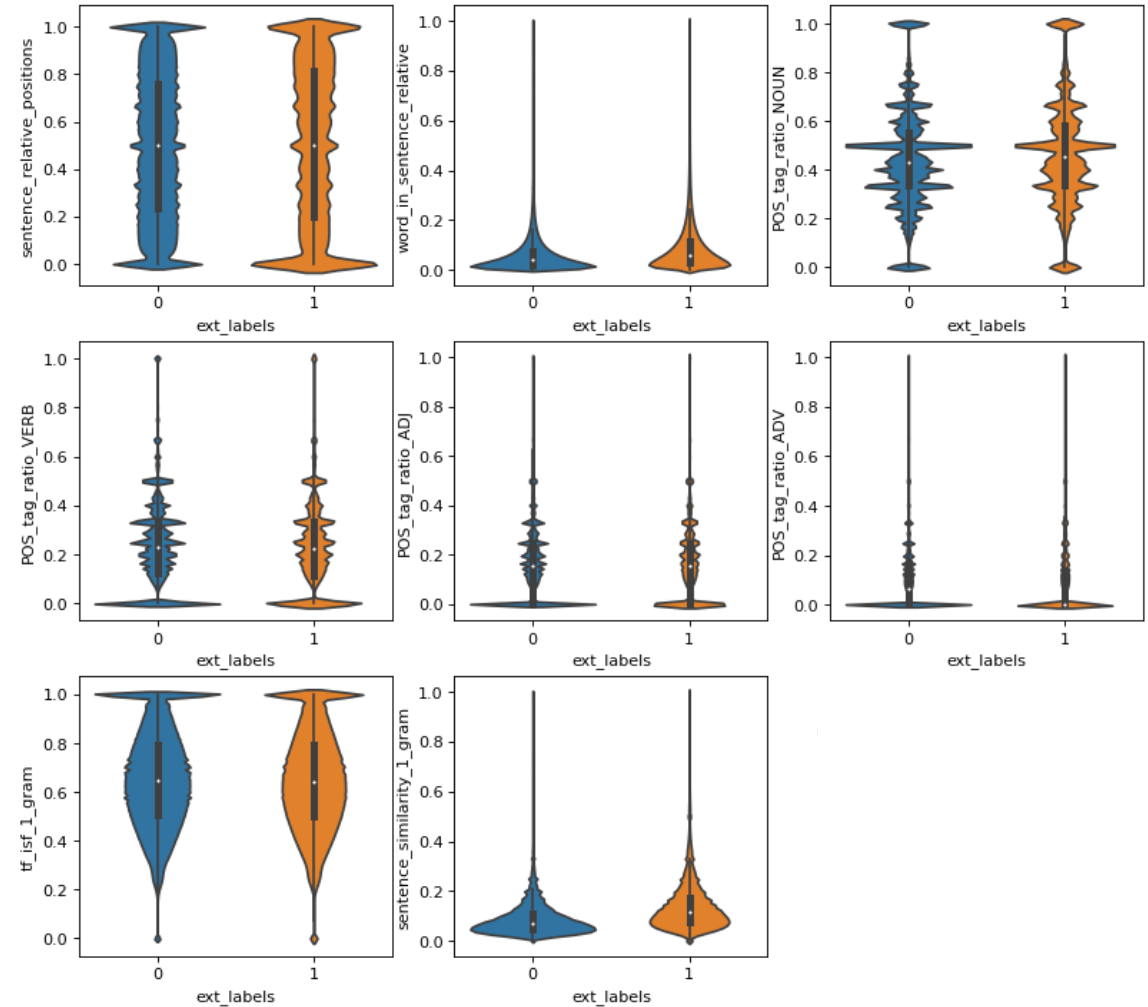


# Features Matrix

## 8 features:

1. Sentence **relative position**
2. **Word in sentence** (relative)
3. **NOUN** tag ratio
4. **VERB** tag ratio
5. **ADJ** tag ratio
6. **ADV** tag ratio
7. **TS-ISF**
8. Sentence **similarity score**

Features distribution per type of sentence



# Model Selection

- ❑ **3-Fold** Cross Validation

- ❑ **Two** models:

- ❑ Random Forest

- ❑ Hist Gradient Boost

- ❑ **Final Model**

- ❑ **Hist Gradient Boost:**

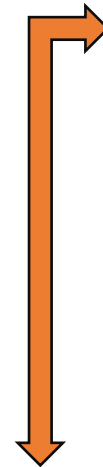
- ❑ 500 max iterations

- ❑ 255 bins

- ❑ 0.05 as learning rate

- ❑ {0:1, 1:3} as class weights

	F1		Recall		Precision	
	Train	Val	Train	Val	Train	Val
<b>1</b>	0.70	0.59	0.91	0.76	0.57	0.48
<b>2</b>	0.83	0.60	0.88	0.61	0.78	0.60
<b>3</b>	0.61	0.59	0.74	0.72	0.51	0.50
<b>4</b>	0.57	0.56	0.86	0.84	0.43	0.42
<b>5</b>	0.73	0.60	0.81	0.66	0.66	0.56
<b>6</b>	0.59	0.59	0.73	0.73	0.50	0.49
<b>7</b>	0.61	0.59	0.74	0.72	0.51	0.50
<b>8</b>	0.56	0.56	0.85	0.85	0.41	0.41
<b>9</b>	0.73	0.60	0.81	0.66	0.66	0.55
<b>10</b>	0.78	0.60	0.94	0.69	0.67	0.52



Selected Model						
	F1		Recall		Precision	
	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test
<b>6</b>	0.59	0.24	0.73	0.72	0.50	0.16

# Summary Selection

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## ❑ Three length summaries

### ❑ One - sentence

❑ extreme summarization

### ❑ Two - sentences

### ❑ Sqrt - sentences

$$MMR = \arg \max_{D_i \in R \setminus S} \left[ \lambda score(D_i) - (1 - \lambda) \max_{D_j \in S} Sim(D_j, D_i) \right]$$

- $D_i$ , sentences in a document  $D$
- $R$ , set of sentences not yet chosen
- $S$ , current summary
- $\lambda = 0.05$

# Summary Evaluation

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- ❑ Comparable performance
  - ❑ Despite **lower** complexity
- ❑ More sentences
  - ❑ Slightly **increase** in RG scores

Model	RG-1(%)	RG-2(%)	RG-L(%)
<b>BertSumExt</b>	28.40	11.35	21.38
<b>One-sentence Hist Gradient Boost</b>	21.99	7.06	17.15
<b>Two-sentences Hist Gradient Boost</b>	24.34	7.83	17.44
<b>Sqrt-sentences Hist Gradient Boost</b>	24.83	7.99	17.83

# Example 1

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- ❑ Example in which the model **couldn't capture** the crucial information in all summaries

<b>Original Post</b>	[ light ] : casual confessions i met this german girl through my best friend , we drank at my house and then head to the club . we party , we dance , we have a good time . i then proceed to go to the couch and sit down , i was tired . my best friend and the other girl we were with go to the bar to order something . the german girl then comes and sits besides me , we talk and then i put my arm around her and she comes closer . i could n't believe it ! this is one of the most beautiful girls i 've ever met . she 's tall , blonde , blue eyes ... perfect . i start to caress her arm , and then it happened . she goes in for the kiss . i ca n't believe what is just happening ! we make out for a solid 10 - 15 . but it goes beyond that . when i had my arm around her , i felt comfortable , and when she leaned in for the kiss , i felt like the whole world stopped , i felt happy ... i forgot about all my problems ... like if she was the one . i remember when i got home i was drunk and happy , but then it sank in that i 'm never going to see this girl again . then i got really sad about it , like if all of this was just a happy coincidence that was n't really meant to happen . i woke up today , feeling kinda hangover . but all that i could think about was her . her accent , her face , those beautiful blue eyes and they way she smiled at me . all i can think off is her , and the fact that i 'm never going to see her again it 's really hurting me . i go back and remember when we were kissing . it was romantic , how she hold me . the way she would stop and look at me , then continue to kiss me . is like we were in love , an impossible love .
<b>TL;DR</b>	the love of my life may very well be on a plane back to germany , and i 'm never going to see her again , and that fact is destroying me .
<b>Extractive reference summary</b>	all i can think off is her , and the fact that i 'm never going to see her again it 's really hurting me .
<b>One sentence summary</b>	i go back and remember when we were kissing .
<b>Two sentence summary</b>	this is one of the most beautiful girls i 've ever met . i go back and remember when we were kissing ..
<b>Sqrt sentence summary</b>	this is one of the most beautiful girls i 've ever met . but all that i could think about was her . i go back and remember when we were kissing . it was romantic , how she hold me . the way she would stop and look at me , then continue to kiss me .

## Example 2

- ❑ The **one sentence** summary is **not representative** of the TL;DR.
- ❑ The **two sentence one** captures the most relevant **information** inside the post

<b>Original Post</b>	so i live at home with my parents and we all work full time . my parents both work day shift while my schedule varies . over the course of the past year i 've noticed that i 'm honestly quiet the jerk and i 'd like to change that . i 'm closest to my parents because i do n't have much of an extended family that 's worth writing about . so sometimes my parents do things that bug me . my mom for examples tends to burp a lot when she eats and it really disgusts me . i 'm not sure how i can go about saying " hey , that 's really disgusting can you not " without saying it like that . my dad tends to eat with his mouth open a lot which again , is rather annoying at a restaurant . the same applies here , how do i say something without being a jerk . one thing they both do is smoke and i want them to quit because of obvious reasons . i know i ca n't force them to stop but it hurts me knowing that everytime they have a smoke it takes a couple minutes away from them . i love my parents and these are just a few of things that seem to bug me . i guess i just want some advice on how to be a better person to my parents .
<b>TL;DR</b>	been a jerk to my parents , how do i fix it .
<b>Extractive reference summary</b>	the same applies here , how do i say something without being a jerk . ' , ' i guess i just want some advice on how to be a better person to my parents .
<b>One sentence summary</b>	so sometimes my parents do things that bug me .
<b>Two sentence summary</b>	so sometimes my parents do things that bug me . the same applies here , how do i say something without being a jerk .
<b>Sqrt sentence summary</b>	so sometimes my parents do things that bug me . my mom for examples tends to burp a lot when she eats and it really disgusts me . the same applies here , how do i say something without being a jerk .

## Example 3

- ❑ A **good** one sentence summary.
- ❑ Two and Sqrt summaries **add non relevant information**
- ❑ The extractive reference summary is **wrong**.
  - ❑ Examples like this one, negatively affected the performance of our model

Original Post	perk sends this after over a week of back and forth . " thank you for your response . we have now closed any additional accounts in your household and have unflagged the accounts linked xxxxxxxx happy perking ! please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions or concerns and we will be happy to assist you . thank you for choosing perk ! i redeemed for my account yesterday and i got this your reward has been cancelled your perk account has been found in violation of our terms of service by our fraud detection software . your account has been flagged and your rewards have been cancelled . why bother unflagging me if you are just going to say " just kidding they are all cancelled " perk is really pissing me off . i refuse to use it until they figure their crap out .
TL;DR	unflagged my account and then cancelled all rewards i tried to redeem for .
Extractive reference summary	i redeemed for my account yesterday and i got this
One sentence summary	your account has been flagged and your rewards have been cancelled .
Two sentence summary	your account has been flagged and your rewards have been cancelled . perk is really pissing me off .
Sqrt sentence summary	thank you for your response . your account has been flagged and your rewards have been cancelled . perk is really pissing me off .



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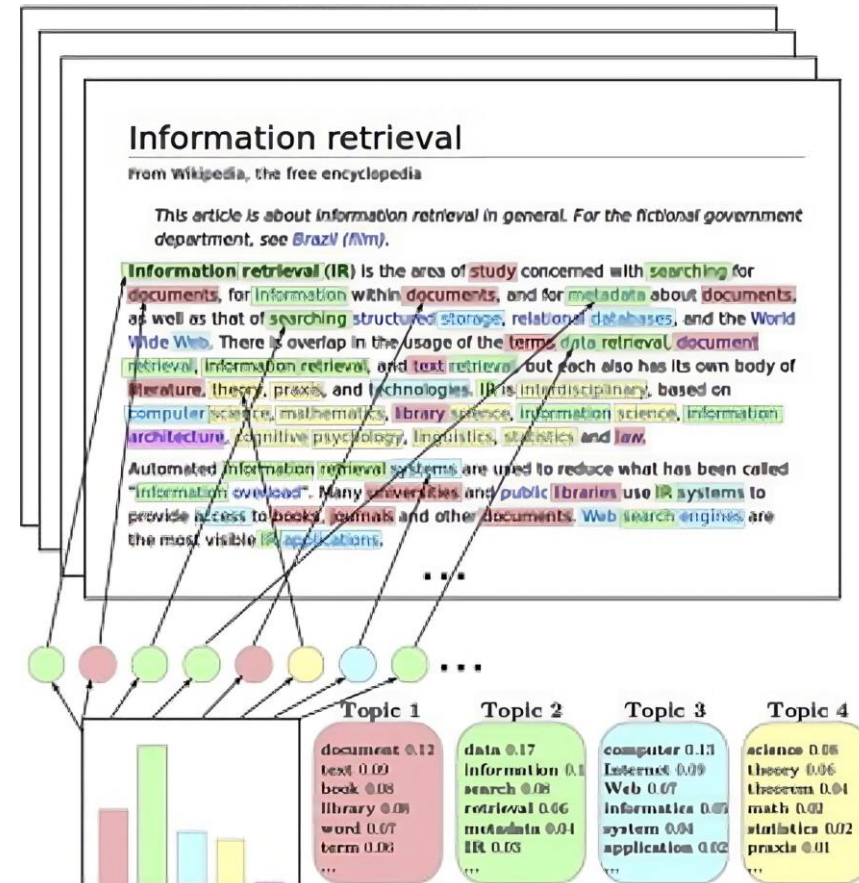
- ❑ The one sentence summary **captures quite well all the information** inside the TL:DR
  - ❑ it is equal to the reference extractive summary
- ❑ Two and Sqrt summaries **add non relevant information**

Original Post	even with deniability , the problem is that something has hooked into the account to store these scripts in their cloud system tied to the account and pull it down whenever a sync is ran . why the system is able to create these files out in a standard malware target location , instead of keeping contained to user appdata folders for config files of macros and lighting profiles is beyond me . sure , you could craft a macro to craft those files if you really felt like it , but that would be something that requires a button press , not an automatic thing on sync .
TL;DR	someone has figured out how to hook some scripts into the cloud storage system tied to razer 's accounts and it will pull down automatically with no way for you to remove it .
Extractive reference summary	even with deniability , the problem is that something has hooked into the account to store these scripts in their cloud system tied to the account and pull it down whenever a sync is ran .
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# **TOPIC MODELING**

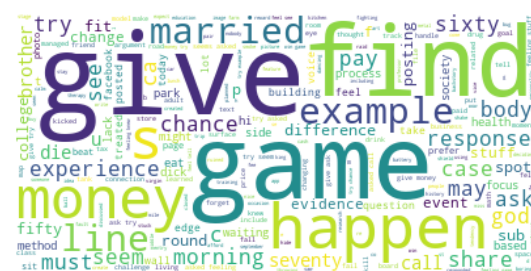
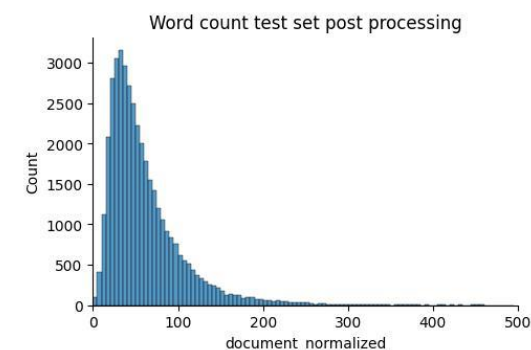
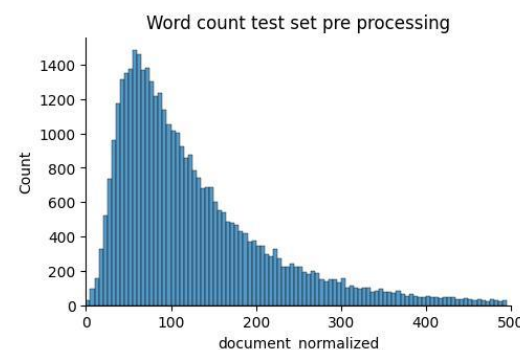
# Topic Modeling

- ❑ Groups words into different clusters named **topics**
- ❑ Results:
  - ❑ list of topics
  - ❑ probability of words for each topic
  - ❑ distribution of topics for each document
- ❑ Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) and Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)



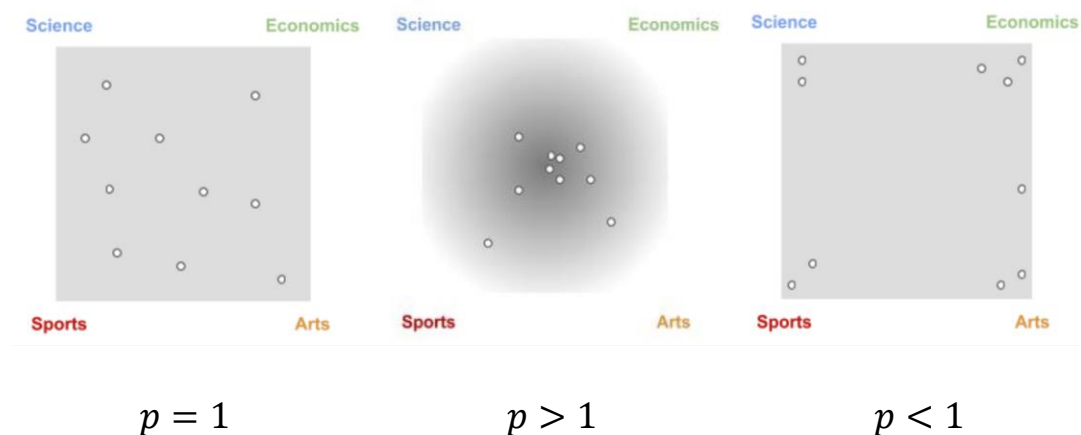
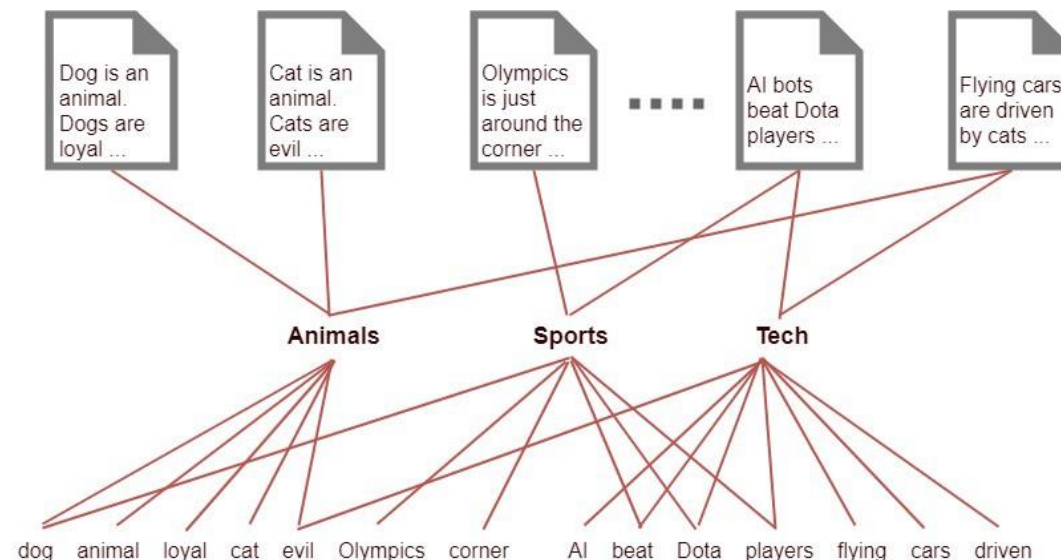
# Exploration and pre-processing

- ❑ Documents must contain only words with **high semantic value**
- ❑ Actions performed:
  - ❑ **Verb and noun filtering** based on POS tagging (90444 → 75879 terms)
  - ❑ **Common** (>50% of docs) and **rare** (<5 docs) **words removal** (75879 → 13554 terms)
  - ❑ **custom stop-words** ['time', 'something', 'going', 'year', 'week', 'month', 'day', 'get', 'got', ...] (13554 → 13536 terms)



# LDA: introduction

- ❑ Two key **assumptions**:
  - ❑ documents are a mixture of topics
  - ❑ topics are a mixture of words
- ❑ Both follow the **Dirichlet distribution**
- ❑ **Hyper-parameters**:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $k$



# LDA: hyper-parameters tuning

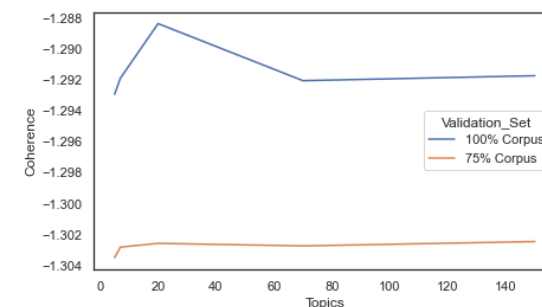
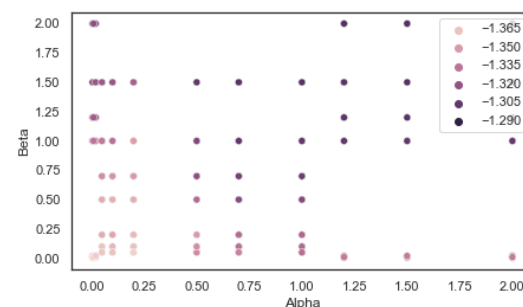
## Steps:

- BOW representation
- LdaMulticore() of Gensim
- CoherenceModel()

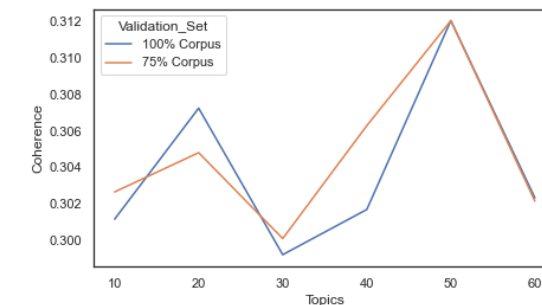
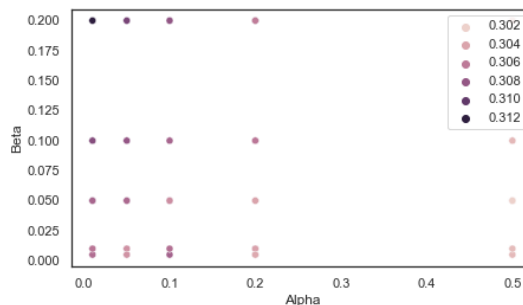
## □ Grid search maximizing **coherence**

	$\alpha$	$\beta$	k
UMass	>1	>1	20
C_V	0.01	0.2	{20, 50}

UMass



C\_V



# LDA: results

- ❑ Topics obtained are **not well distinguished** and many of them have **overlapped** terms
- ❑ Attempts at improvement:
  - ❑ Expanded ranges **grid search**
  - ❑ Different **coherence** measures
  - ❑ Additional **pre-processing** operations
  - ❑ Exclusion of **short documents**

Doc	Topic_0	Topic_1	Topic_2	Topic_3	Topic_4	Topic_5	Topic_6	Topic_7	Topic_8	Topic	Top10Word	Score
0	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0	people	0.0065
1	0.4687	0.0000	0.0993	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0	make	0.0065
2	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.7440	0.0005	0.0005	0.2300	0.0005	0	think	0.0059
3	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0	way	0.0051
4	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0	work	0.0049
5	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.1694	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0	need	0.0045
6	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.9930	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0	take	0.0044
7	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0	see	0.0043
8	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0	Friend	0.0042
9	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0	feel	0.0041

Top10Words	Topic_0	Topic_1	Topic_2	Topic_3	Topic_4	Topic_5	Topic_6	Topic_7	Topic_8
0	people	make	think	work	think	feel	way	make	make
1	make	think	feel	way	lot	way	think	work	see
2	think	feel	people	need	way	think	make	think	think
3	way	lot	make	people	make	let	people	people	way
4	work	friend	anything	think	people	make	see	point	lot
5	need	point	need	take	feel	anything	friend	friend	friend
6	take	work	point	point	see	lot	everything	way	made
7	see	way	see	make	friend	friend	getting	life	people
8	friend	life	way	getting	anything	see	lot	anything	take
9	feel	see	take	help	need	people	anything	help	let

# LSA: introduction

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- ❑ **Similar documents** contains approximately the **same distribution of word frequencies** for certain words
- ❑ **Truncated SVD** of the **Doc-Term matrix** resulting in Doc-Topic and Topic-Term matrices ( $A = U\Sigma V^T$ )
- ❑ **Hyper-parameter:**  $K = 20$

- ❑ **Steps:**
  - ❑ TF-IDF representation
  - ❑ `randomized_svd()` of Sklearn

The diagram illustrates the Truncated SVD decomposition of the Doc-Term matrix  $A$ . It shows the equation  $A \approx U \Sigma V^T$  with dimensions indicated for each matrix:

- Matrix  $A$  (teal square) has dimensions  $M$  (rows) by  $N$  (columns).
- Matrix  $U$  (brown rectangle) has dimensions  $M$  (rows) by  $K$  (columns).
- Matrix  $\Sigma$  (white square with a green diagonal) has dimensions  $K$  (rows) by  $K$  (columns).
- Matrix  $V^T$  (yellow rectangle) has dimensions  $K$  (rows) by  $N$  (columns).

The approximation is indicated by the symbol  $\approx$  between  $A$  and  $U \Sigma V^T$ .



# LSA: results

- ❑ These results are much more **meaningful** than the LDA analysis
- ❑ Topics are now **well defined and distinguished**

Doc	Topic_0	Topic_1	Topic_2	Topic_3	Topic_4	Topic_5	Topic_6	Topic_7	Topic_8	Topic	Top10Word	Score
0	0.0003	-0.0008	0.0001	0.0001	-0.0011	0.0002	0.0006	0.0004	0.0000	0	feel	0.12
1	0.0104	0.0074	0.0009	0.0006	-0.0025	0.0045	-0.0075	-0.0049	-0.0048	0	friend	0.12
2	0.0031	-0.0006	-0.0025	-0.0048	0.0009	0.0047	0.0034	0.0121	-0.0060	0	make	0.12
3	0.0062	-0.0034	-0.0095	-0.0028	-0.0081	0.0021	0.0006	0.0022	0.0059	0	think	0.12
4	0.0031	-0.0003	0.0012	-0.0044	-0.0003	0.0030	-0.0055	-0.0012	0.0003	0	people	0.11
5	0.0064	-0.0032	0.0026	-0.0011	0.0006	0.0026	-0.0027	0.0021	0.0018	0	see	0.11
6	0.0041	-0.0073	-0.0001	0.0087	0.0014	0.0036	0.0028	-0.0044	0.0009	0	way	0.11
7	0.0042	-0.0039	0.0073	-0.0054	0.0091	-0.0140	0.0054	-0.0137	-0.0015	0	lot	0.1
8	0.0034	0.0002	0.0019	-0.0041	0.0038	0.0085	-0.0018	0.0001	0.0051	0	relationship	0.1
9	0.0017	-0.0010	0.0016	-0.0003	-0.0052	-0.0012	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0041	0	work	0.1

Top10Word	Topic_0	Topic_1	Topic_2	Topic_3	Topic_4	Topic_5	Topic_6	Topic_7	Topic_8
0	feel	relationship	went	game	game	game	school	school	guy
1	friend	friend	home	play	hundred	family	people	class	girl
2	make	girl	house	playing	money	parent	class	college	people
3	think	dating	car	player	play	life	friend	student	hundred
4	people	told	room	played	work	play	college	experience	money
5	see	boyfriend	came	friend	buy	playing	game	started	car
6	way	feeling	minute	guy	pay	mom	student	looking	make
7	lot	met	took	team	hour	kid	everyone	girl	pay
8	relationship	talk	door	girl	playing	love	girl	grade	buy
9	work	asked	hour	fun	friend	dad	kid	help	date

# LSA: example

- ❑ Topic 7: **school**
- ❑ Topic 3: **games**
- ❑ Topic 13: **advices**

Top10Words	Topic_3	Topic_7	Topic_13
0	game	school	post
1	play	class	advice
2	playing	college	question
3	player	student	help
4	played	experience	anyone
5	friend	started	twenty
6	guy	looking	hundred
7	team	girl	looking
8	girl	grade	team
9	fun	help	thirty

Document	Top1 Topic
i can not for the life of me find a <b>school</b> for wing chun , and i am very eager to <b>learn</b> . i know that bad habits can come from <b>learning</b> online but i am getting restless . so if any one would like to help a ( hopefully ) soon to be chunner out , find a <b>school</b> near pleasanton , ca . lineage is n't a big concern of mine right now	Topic_7
i have noticed lately that while i may not be interested in a <b>game</b> for its <b>gameplay</b> i want to dig into the story and lore as much as possible . as an example i cant stand the puzzle platforming or <b>multiplayer</b> aspects of splatoon but the lore and <b>characters</b> are super interesting to me ... i want to enjoy those parts of it but have no desire to actually play the <b>game</b> .	Topic_3
since im using a ipad pro with a apple pencil for my work and my studies i had this cool idea of sketching little things and put them later on as wallpaper on my desktop but i ve tested some free apps like adobe sketch but sadly in all these apps , the screen resolution / format did nt fit my dektops one . so my sketch gets either cut off or i have like two big black bars on my desktop . so maybe can <b>anyone</b> of you <b>advice</b> me a sketching / drawing app where i can change the resolution or where the format fits my desktop . im using a 1080p monitor btw . i appreciate every <b>suggestion</b> :d	Topic_13

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