Natural Language Processing for Trend Forecasting

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- 2: Something in the things she shows me



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0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1



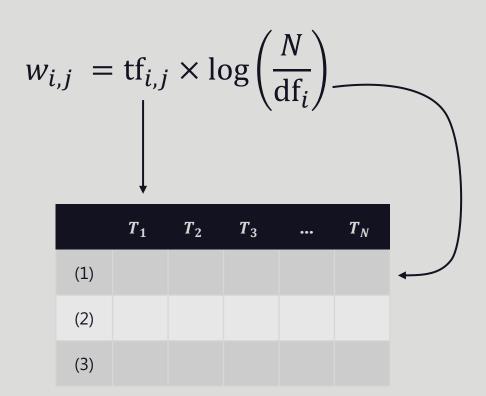
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LITERATURE TO REVIEW | Word Embedding



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LITERATURE TO REVIEW | Topic Clustering



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Finding meaningful topics in a document collection has been used for a lot of authors for the most various applications like forecast trends. Predicting future trends can be very helpful in various applications, like to model the evolution of research.

Topic Modeling





Jelodar et al (2020) recently use topic modeling in Reddit related posts about the new disease Covid-19 to group similar comments and perform a sentiment analysis.



Using pre labeled scholarly articles over 25 years, Shen (2018) performed a neural network forecaster to study the topics growth and codependency between them.



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Data set containing titles and abstracts over more than six thousand academic papers distributed between 2002 and 2010, data acquired by Tang *et al.* (2008).



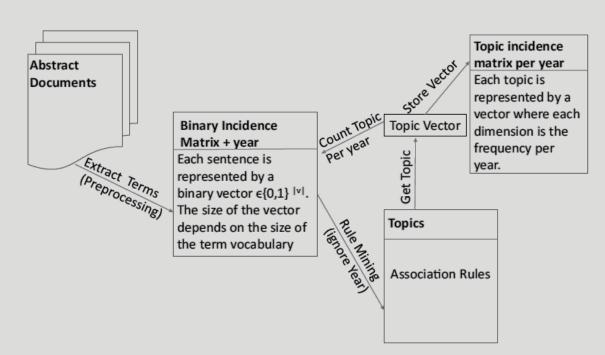
Sentence-level association aiming to discover meaningful topics to study the temporal correlation between the topic and predict the popularity of research topics in the future.



Find topics in the set of articles, model them as an annual time series, forecast those series using the others as input and evaluate the prediction.



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- Split the documents in transaction level
- Preprocess the transactions:
 - Basic Normalization
 - Remove common words in scientific publications
- Slight variation of BoW
- Topic discovery and rule refinement
- Topic incidence matrix per year

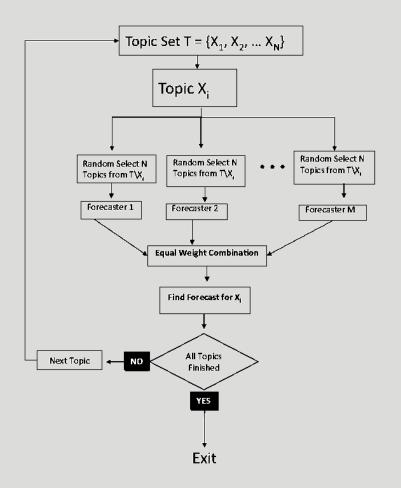


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Topic	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Random_walk	0	0	4	4	4	10	9	11	19
Neural_network	14	4	2	2	2	5	7	12	7
Compon_princip	2	3	9	5	12	8	11	7	9
Transfer_learn	0	0	0	0	1	6	10	19	18
Collabor_filter	0	3	10	9	2	8	19	16	20
Select_featur	18	9	28	35	17	32	47	35	77
Topic_model	4	0	5	0	22	27	22	56	36



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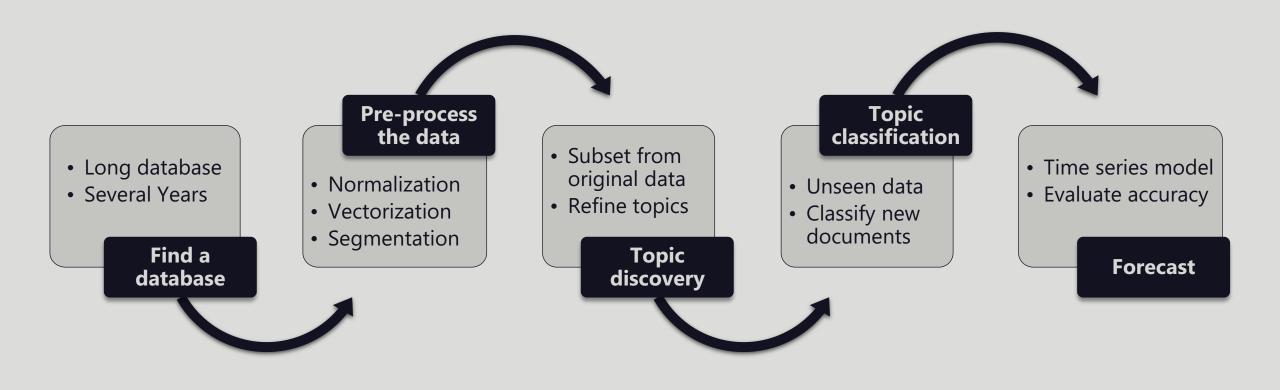
- Iterate over the topic set
- Ensemble topic forecast
- Predict a topic with others chosen at random
- Average the ensemble
- Evaluate:
 - MSE
 - Accuracy



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MATERIALS AND METHODS | Objectives





MATERIALS AND METHODS | Database



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Wikipedia Daily News



Newspapers Articles



Academic Papers



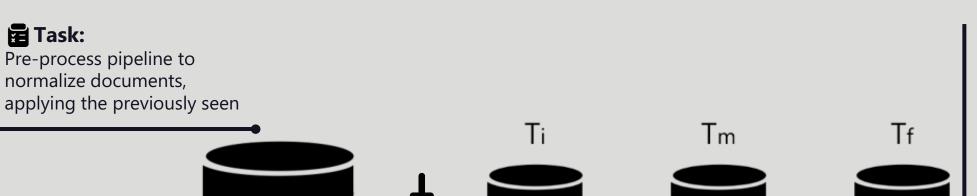
Social Media - Reddit



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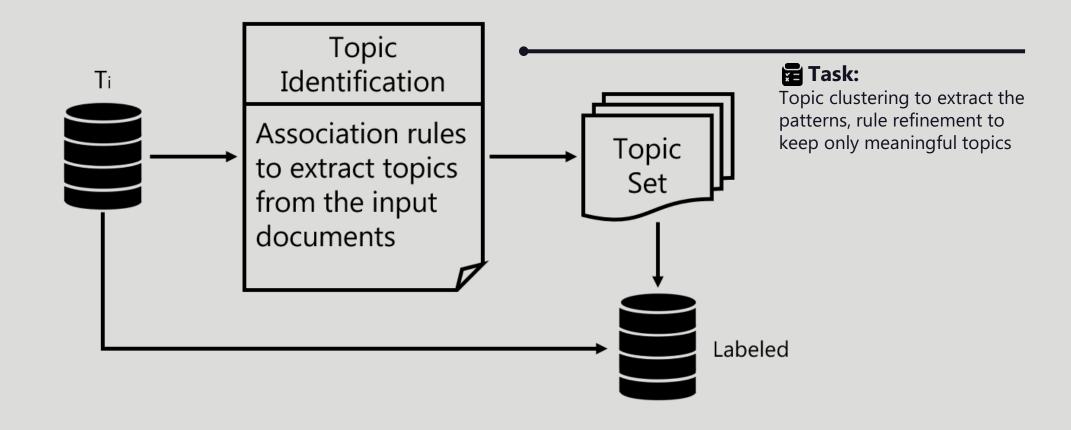


Task:

Database segmentation: Identifier (T_0-T_j) Modeler $(T_{j+1}-T_k)$ Validation $(T_{k+1}-T_n)$

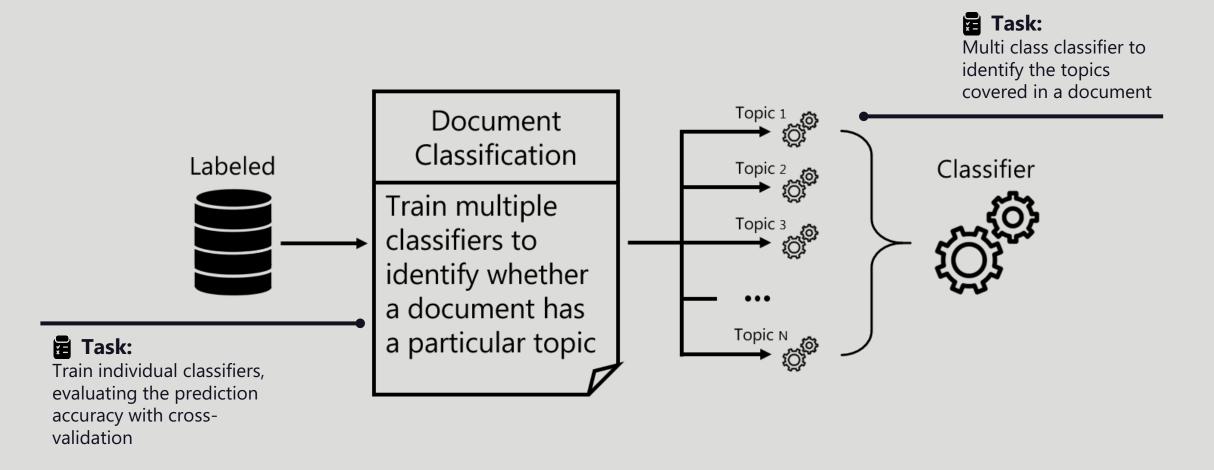
MATERIALS AND METHODS | Topic Identification





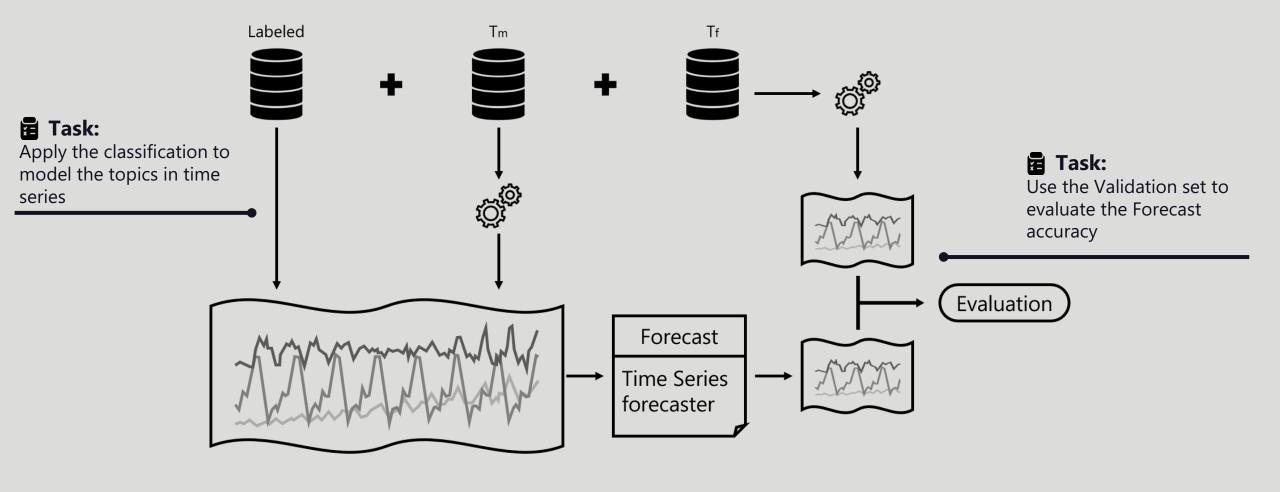
MATERIALS AND METHODS | Document Classification





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ROADMAP



In view of the problem's complexity, we can elaborate a schedule with the proposed tasks in the previously. The table above show the tasks over the remains months until the end of this work.

Sprint	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Task
#1	August 3	August 16	14 days	Choose a databasePre process the database
#2	August 17	September 6	21 days	- Topic Identification
#3	September 7	September 27	21 days	- Document Classification
#4	September 28	October 18	21 days	- Time Series Forecast
#5	October 19	November 8	21 days	- Test and fix bugs

Obrigado!