

models and algorithms #2

MGMT|from text analysis to actionable knowledge

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the goal of **statistical learning** is to build a machine that can learn from data and automatically make the right decisions

unsupervised

identify latent classes in the data → lack theoretical 'ground truth'

supervised

infer mapping between data & class-information → theoretical 'ground truth'

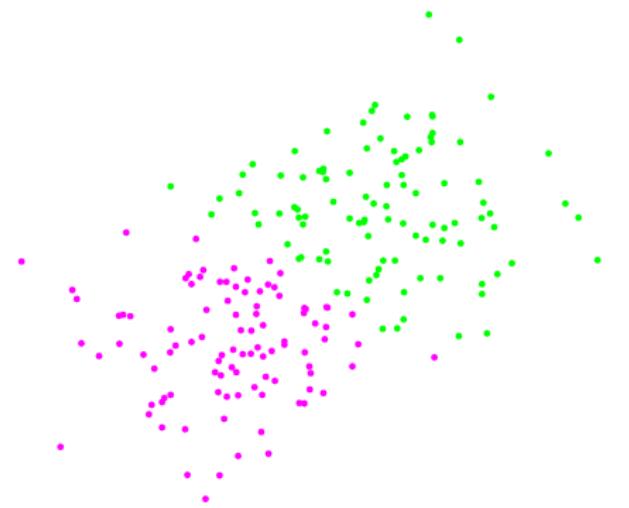
unsupervised learning|clustering

there are often groups of features or latent variables that identify subsets in a collection of documents

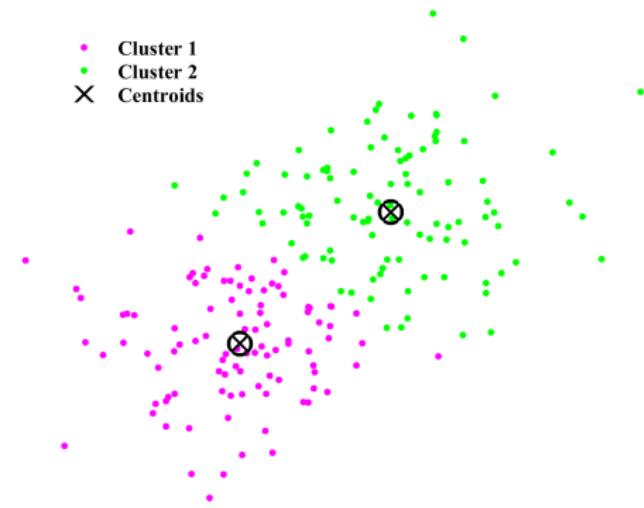
the 'clusters' can be used for understanding (e.g., thematic analysis) and utility (e.g., prototype documents)



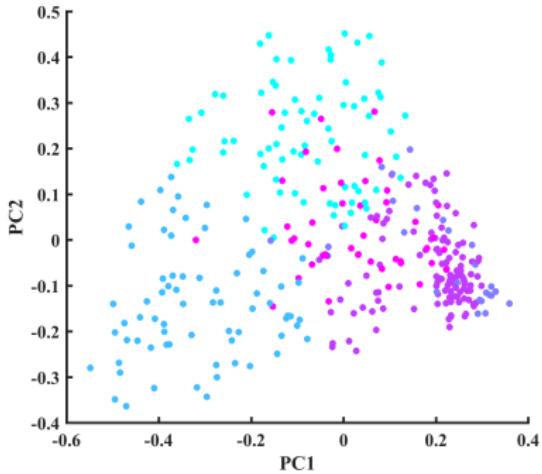
implicit assumption that we study differences in variables (e.g., terms) between homogeneous objects (e.g., documents)



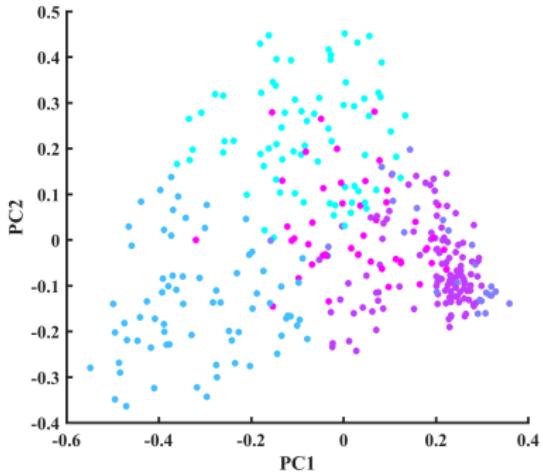
systematic differences between documents result in non-random sub-corpora (e.g., genre, author characteristics, community effects)



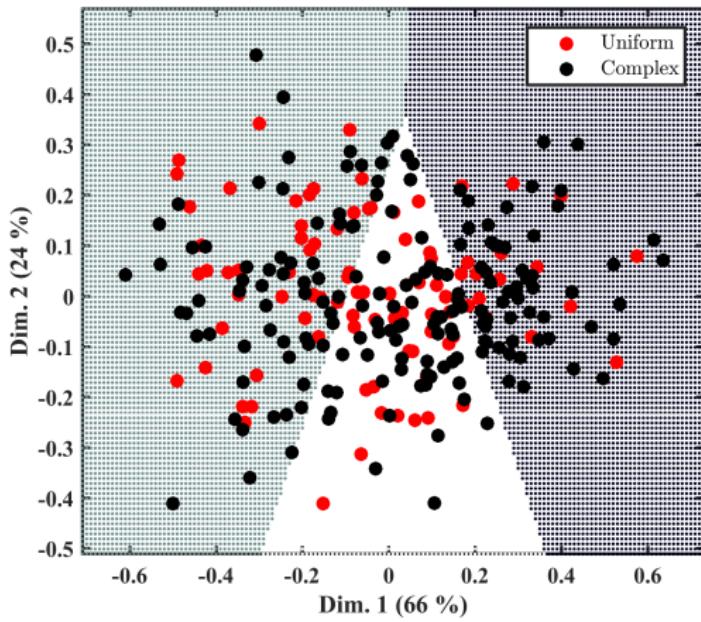
partition documents (or other objects) into homogeneous subsets using document similarity/distance from prototype

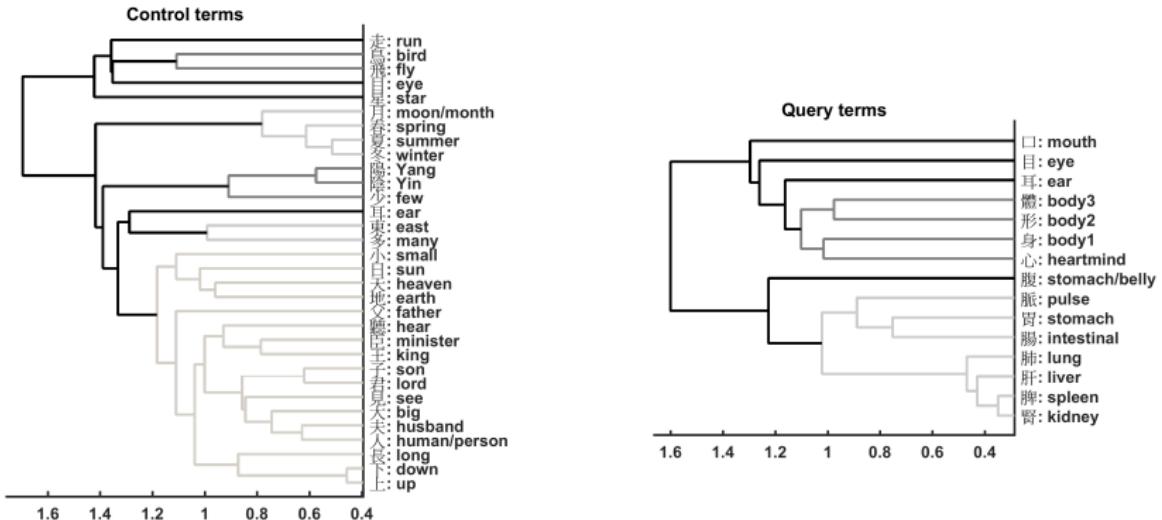


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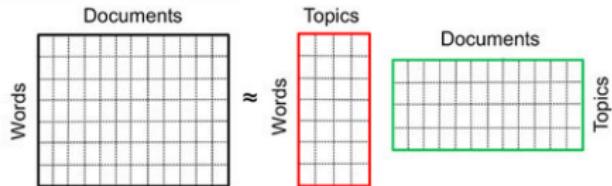
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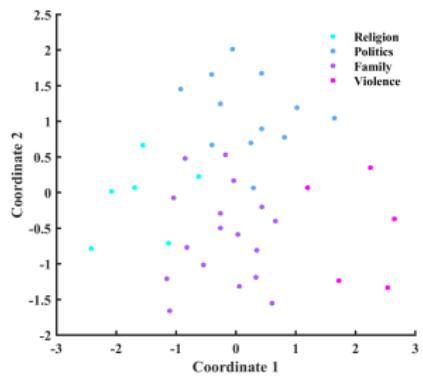
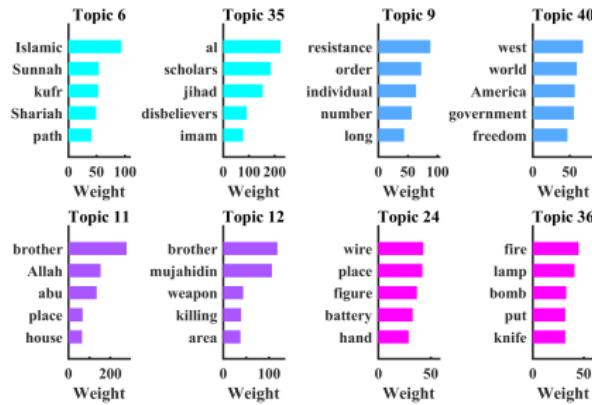
– with hierarchical clustering you cut or prune the tree at some level to define clusters

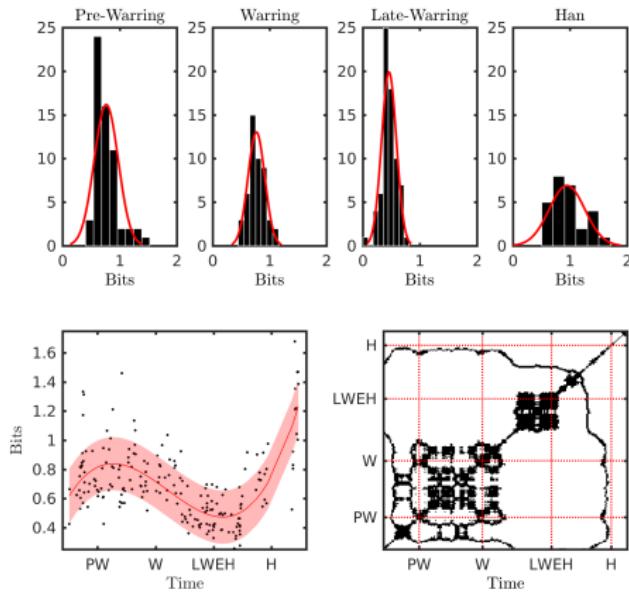
we can extract latent semantic variables that generated the documents by reverse engineering the process *words & doc* \Rightarrow *topics*



topic modeling a set of unsupervised mixed models where each document is more or less likely within each clusters

- ① **discover** thematic structure
- ② **annotate** documents
- ③ **use** the annotations to visualize, organize, summarize, ...





represent each document as a distribution on topics: $\theta_{d=1\dots M}$

semantic innovation \sim relative entropy between documents:

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \sum_i P(i) \log \frac{P(i)}{Q(i)}$$

supervised learning|classification

documents often come with associated metadata in the form of classes or labels (e.g., genres, departments, companies) → approximate a function that can map documents features onto class information

train a classifier on labeled documents, test on unseen documents, and generalize to new instances

while clustering (unsupervised learning) searches for groups within the corpus, classification learns to map a collection of documents onto a categorical class values

