



# Latent Topics in Microposts



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# Introduction to Topic Models

Topic 1 100 %

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**Document Collection (sentences):** 

- I teach math and science
- I prefer science and literacy
- Spring and autumn are my favourite seasons

- Topic 2 100 %
- The weather during winter and autumn is awful

Topic 2 100 %

They learn about spring in science class Topic 1 60 %

Topic 2 40 %

LDA will discover the topics in this sentences (or documents). However you should define the number of topics.

For 2 topics LDA would produce something like this:

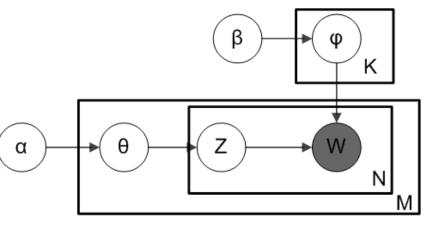
Topic 1={math 15%, science 30%, literacy 15%, teaching 10%, class 10%..}

Topic 2={spring 30%, autumn 30%, winter 10%, season 10% weather 10%..}

# LDA – Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Allows sets of observations (words) to be explained by <u>unobserved</u> groups (Topics) that explain why some parts of the data are similar.

- M: Documents
- N: Words
- K: Topics
- $\theta_i$ : topic distribution for document *i*
- $\Phi_k$ : is the word distribution for topic k
- z<sub>i,j</sub>: is the topics for the j-th word in the doc
- w<sub>i,i</sub>: is the j-tj word in the doc I
- α: Dirichlet prior on the per-document topic distributions.
- 6: Dirichlet prior on the per-topic word distribution



$$p(\theta, \phi, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{w}, \alpha, \beta)$$

Bayesian Inference problem



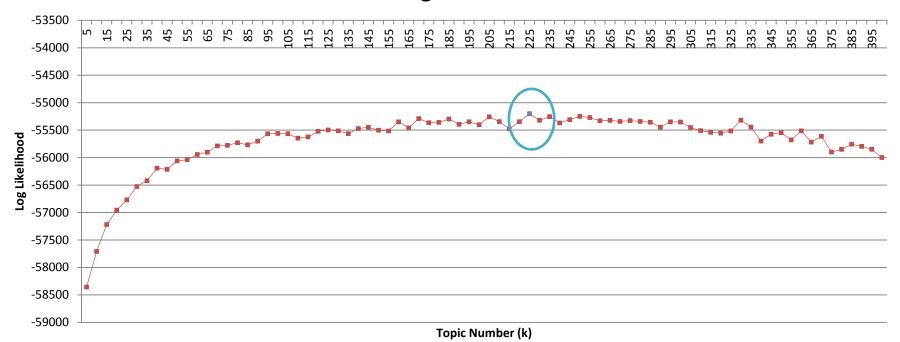


# Topic Models: Tweets



- 144 theatre plays announced in TimeOut London.
- We collected ~7000 geo-localized (London) tweets

## Finding the best K





# **Topic Models: Tweets**



# • K = 225

"Jamie Parker as Henry V at #TheGlobe was AMAZING. He said 'Cry God for Harry, England & St.Geooorge!' Then we won 6 Gold medals! #Olympics" ok

### **Topic 46, 0.379**

"v";0.202
"henry";0.195
"globe";0.061
"parker";0.028
"jamie";0.025
"watch";0.023

## **Topic 51, 0.324**

"v";0.100
"henry";0.094
"england";0.040
"bbc";0.033
"olympics";0.033
"crown";0.033

## Topic 55, 0.0549

"amazing";0.065
":)";0.061
"many";0.061
"see";0.051
"seen";0.041
"times";0.041



# **Topic Models: Tweets**



"Tonight I'm going to see a play I've never seen before... 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'."

### **Topic 94, 0.286**

# "night";0.157 "dream";0.153 "midsummer";0.134 "theatre";0.046 "open";0.046 "air";0.042

## **Topic 56, 0.197**

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"see";0.115
"going";0.054
"tonight";0.051
"today";0.038
"tomorrow";0.036
"off";0.035
```

"Regent's Park Open Air Theatre's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Absolutely brilliant.

## Topic 94, 0.696

```
"night";0.157
"dream";0.153
"midsummer";0.134
"theatre";0.046
"open";0.046
"air";0.042
```

## **Topic 92, 0.178**

"night";0.080
"last";0.070
"great";0.061
"show";0.040
"saw";0.040
"loved";0.036

# How can we use these models?

## **Opinions**

"Jamie Parker as Henry V at #TheGlobe was AMAZING. He said 'Cry God for Harry, England & St.Geooorge!'
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"Regent's Park Open Air Theatre's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Absolutely brilliant.

## **Expectations**

"Tonight I'm going to see a play I've never seen before... 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'."

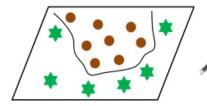
"At the Open Air Theatre for A Midsummer Night's Dream #excited"

## **Advertisement**

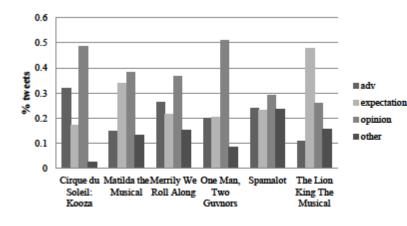
"FLASH SALE! Get tickets for 'One Man, Two Guvnors' at The Haymarket Theatre for only £39.99! Buy before time runs out! http://t.co/CSVpgyfP"



# **Tweet Classifier**

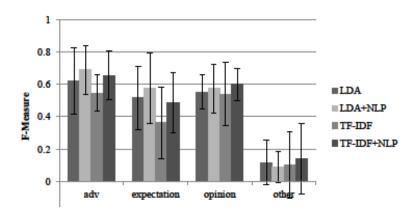






### Evaluation of classifiers using precision, recall and f-measure

	P	R	F	P	R	F	P	R	F
	Spamalot			Merrity We Roll Along			Matilda the Musical		
TF-IDF	0.509	0.442	0.444	0.503	0.557	0.493	0.465	0.471	0.435
LDA	0.479	0.496	0.484	0.634	0.608	0.611	0.494	0.563	0.521
TF-IDF + NLP	0.599	0.575	0.573	0.543	0.547	0.524	0.464	0.52	0.49
LDA + NLP	0.617	0.653	0.623	0.565	0.529	0.544	0.506	0.563	0.529
	Cirque du Soleil: Kooza			One Man, Two Guynors			The Lion King The Musical		
TF-IDF	0.484	0.554	0.488	0.631	0.651	0.597	0.471	0.515	0.423
LDA	0.627	0.635	0.608	0.575	0.583	0.555	0.584	0.621	0.585
TF-IDF + NLP	0.524	0.558	0.5	0.697	0.72	0.695	0.497	0.584	0.526
LDA + NLP	0.594	0.615	0.599	0.708	0.748	0.725	0.617	0.653	0.623



#### Cirque du Soleil: Kooza

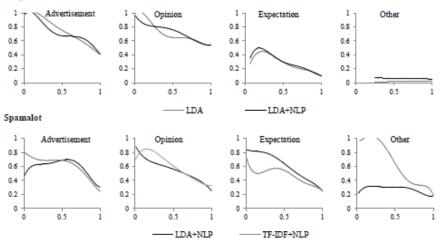


Figure 5. Precision (y-axis) and recall (x-axis) curve per category for two of the shows