

# Hierarchical Optimal Transport for Document Clustering

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## NLP Tasks

- 1 **Natural Language Processing** : Achieve computer understanding of language
- 2 **Applications for documents** : Includes Document Classification, Document Retrieval, Document Clustering, Sentiment Analysis, Multilingual Document Matching

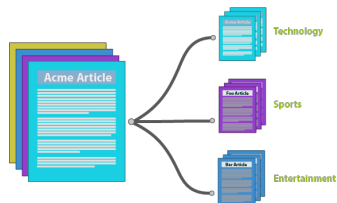


Figure: Document Classification

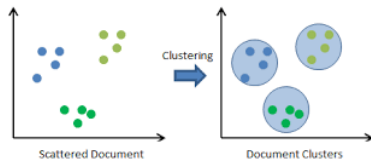
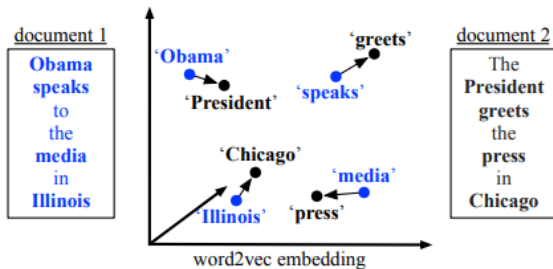


Figure: Document Clustering

# Problem

## How to Design Meaningful distances between documents ?

- 1 **Characteristics** : A distance between documents should be meaningful / computationally viable / Interpretable
- 2 **Previous Works** : Involves Bag-Of-Words representation, topic Modelling or Word embedding.
- 3 **Limitations** : Lack of either representational power, computational viability or interpretability



Figure

## Word Mover's Distance

The 1-Wasserstein distance between  $p$  and  $q$  is

$$W_1(p, q) = \begin{cases} \min_{\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times m}} & \sum_{i,j} C_{i,j} \Gamma_{i,j} \\ \text{s.t} & \sum_j \Gamma_{i,j} = p_i \text{ and } \sum_i \Gamma_{i,j} = p_j \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- ❶  $C_{i,j} = d(x_i, y_j)$ , where  $d(., .)$  denotes the distance
- ❷  $\Gamma$  can be interpreted as a transport plan
- ❸ The Word Mover Distance (WMD) between documents is then  $WMD(d^1, d^2) = W_1(d^1, d^2)$ , where  $d^1$  and  $d^2$  are normalized word counts and the ground metric is Euclidean in some embedding space

# Proposed method : Hierarchical Optimal Transport

## Hierarchical Optimal Transport (HOTT)

Topics  $t_i$  are inferred by LDA on the corpus, then the HOTT is defined as:

$$\mathbf{HOTT}(d^i, d^j) = w_1 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{|T|} d_k^i \delta_{t_k}, \sum_{k=1}^{|T|} d_k^j \delta_{t_k} \right) \quad (2)$$

The cost matrix is computed one time per corpus with:

$$d(t_i, t_j) = WMD(t_i, t_j) \quad (3)$$

# Proposed method : Hierarchical Optimal Transport

## Wasserstein Barycenter

Solves, where  $(a_k)$  are  $m$  measures and  $\sum_k \lambda_k = 1$ :

$$\min_b \sum_k \lambda_k \times W_\epsilon(a_k, b) \quad (4)$$

Where

$$W_\epsilon(p, q) = \begin{cases} \min_{\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times m}} & \sum_{i,j} C_{i,j} \Gamma_{i,j} - \epsilon E(\Gamma) \\ \text{s.t} & \sum_j \Gamma_{i,j} = p_i \text{ and } \sum_i \Gamma_{i,j} = p_j \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

And

$$E(\Gamma) = - \sum_{i,j} \Gamma_{i,j} (\log(\Gamma_{i,j}) - 1) \quad (6)$$

Problem solved with Bregman Iteration algorithm.

## Guarentees

### 1 Link between HOTT and WMD :

$$WMD(d^i, d^j) \leq HOTT(d^i, d^j) + diam(X) \left[ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} KL\left(d^j \parallel \sum_{k=1}^{|T|} d_k^j t_k\right)} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} KL\left(d^i \parallel \sum_{k=1}^{|T|} d_k^i t_k\right)} \right] \quad (7)$$

### 2 Complexity : HOTT complexity is $\mathcal{O}(|T|^3 \log(|T|))$ K-means clustering has a complexity of

$$\mathcal{O}(n_{iter} \times \underbrace{|D| \times k \times |T|^3 \log(|T|)}_{\text{Pairwise Distances}} \times \underbrace{|D| \times \frac{|T|^2}{\epsilon^2}}_{\text{Computation Barycenters}})$$

# Numerical findings : K-means Clustering with Wasserstein Barycenters

The metrics are described in annex.

| Dataset  | Tf-Idf                            | LDA         | HOTT                              |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| bbcsport | $1.41 \pm 0.23$                   | 1.35        | <b><math>1.28 \pm 0.20</math></b> |
| twitter  | <b><math>1.16 \pm 0.25</math></b> | 1.80        | $1.70 \pm 0.14$                   |
| classic  | $1.40 \pm 0.08$                   | <b>0.62</b> | $0.66 \pm 0.15$                   |
| ohsumed  | <b><math>2.65 \pm 0.3</math></b>  | 3.76        | $3.74 \pm 0.02$                   |
| r8       | $1.69 \pm 0.14$                   | <b>1.38</b> | <b><math>1.39 \pm 0.12</math></b> |
| amazon   | $1.35 \pm 0.15$                   | <b>1.08</b> | <b><math>1.08 \pm 0.02</math></b> |

Table: Variation of Information

| Dataset  | Tf-Idf            | LDA         | HOTT                                |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| bbcsport | $0.34 \pm 0.18$   | 0.53        | <b><math>0.648 \pm 0.08</math></b>  |
| twitter  | $0.017 \pm 0.015$ | 0.052       | <b><math>0.053 \pm 1e-17</math></b> |
| classic  | $0.11 \pm 0.07$   | 0.76        | <b><math>0.77 \pm 0.06</math></b>   |
| ohsumed  | $0.12 \pm 0.03$   | 0.122       | <b><math>0.131 \pm 0.005</math></b> |
| r8       | $0.31 \pm 0.07$   | <b>0.59</b> | <b><math>0.58 \pm 0.02</math></b>   |
| amazon   | $0.17 \pm 0.2$    | <b>0.58</b> | <b><math>0.57 \pm 0.003</math></b>  |

Table: NMI Score



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| Dataset  | Tf-Idf            | LDA         | HOTT                                 |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| bbcsport | $0.23 \pm 0.17$   | 0.50        | <b><math>0.639 \pm 0.09</math></b>   |
| twitter  | $0.011 \pm 0.014$ | 0.045       | <b><math>0.0468 \pm 1e-20</math></b> |
| classic  | $0.06 \pm 0.06$   | <b>0.75</b> | $0.73 \pm 0.07$                      |
| ohsumed  | $0.08 \pm 0.03$   | 0.113       | <b><math>0.121 \pm 0.04</math></b>   |
| r8       | $0.28 \pm 0.08$   | 0.49        | <b><math>0.53 \pm 0.03</math></b>    |
| amazon   | $0.11 \pm 0.17$   | <b>0.54</b> | <b><math>0.54 \pm 0.003</math></b>   |

Table: AMI Score

| Dataset  | Tf-Idf      | LDA         | HOTT        |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| bbcsport | -2          | $\leq -300$ | $\leq -300$ |
| twitter  | -1          | -62         | -60         |
| classic  | -2          | $\leq -300$ | $\leq -300$ |
| ohsumed  | -140        | $\leq -300$ | $\leq -300$ |
| r8       | $\leq -300$ | $\leq -300$ | $\leq -300$ |
| amazon   | -1          | $\leq -300$ | $\leq -300$ |

Table: log P Value Score

# Conclusion

- 1 Leverages optimal transport, topic modeling, and word embedding and provide global semantic language information.
- 2 The HOTT distance matches our intuition of how humans compare documents : by breaking down each document into easy to understand concepts, and then comparing the concepts
- 3 Our k-means algorithm performs better or at least equally well on every data set.
- 4 Necessity to gain insights into the nested metric HOTT to learn its representational capacity, and the nature of the Regularized Wassertstein Barycenters computed with performing k-means. These insights would allow us to design faster and more accurate adaptation of this algorithm.

We evaluate our clusters with the true labels.

## Evaluation of clusters

- 1 **Variation of Information** :  $VI(C, C') = H(C) + H(C') - 2I(C, C')$
- 2 **Normalized Mutual Information** :  $NMI(C, C') = \frac{2I(C, C')}{H(C) + H(C')}$
- 3 **Adjusted Mutual Information** :  
 $AMI(C, C') = \frac{I(C, C') - \mathbb{E}(I(C, C'))}{(H(C) + H(C'))/2 - \mathbb{E}(I(C, C'))}$
- 4 **P-value** : P-value Chi-Square independence test.

Where  $P(k) = \frac{n_k}{n}$ ,  $P(k, k') = \frac{|C_k \cap C'_{k'}|}{n}$ ,  $H(C) = -\sum_{i=1}^K P(k) \log(P(k))$   
and  $I(C, C') = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{k'=1}^{K'} P(k, k') \log\left(\frac{P(k, k')}{P(k)P(k')}\right)$