CookSmart

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Project Overview

- What recipe can I make with my ingredients?
- Can Topic Modeling help?
- 50,000 Kaggle Recipe Dataset^[1] to the rescue!



Technology Evaluation

For the purpose of this technology review, we chose to explore the below libraries for Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA).

- Scikit learn
- Gensim

Evaluation framework

- Documentation
- 2. Functionality
- 3. Ease of Implementation & Speed
- 4. Amount of hyperparameter tuning



Scikit learn vs Gensim

1. Documentation

- Scikit learn has a consistent API interface and more familiar to us
- Cover all badge



2. Functionality

 Gensim has more functionality as it's a dedicated topic modeling library, however for the purposes of this project, both met our requirements.

Scikit learn vs Gensim

3. Ease of Implementation & Speed

Scikit Learn^[2]

Gensim^[3]

4. Amount of hyperparameter tuning

 Scikit Learn worked better with default hyperparameters compared to Gensim.

Why Scikit Learn?



Evaluation Framework	Scikit Learn	Gensim
Documentation	Recommended	X
Functionality	Recommended	Recommended
Ease of Implementation	Recommended	х
Speed	x	Recommended
Hyperparameter tuning	Recommended	х

Scikit learn vs Gensim



References

- [1] Dataset https://www.kaggle.com/elisaxxygao/foodrecsysv1
- [2] Scikit Learn LDA -

https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.decomposition.LatentDirichlet Allocation.html

[3] Gensim LDA - https://radimrehurek.com/gensim/models/ldamodel.html

THANK YOU!!



Appendix I

Gensim

Pros

- Gensim was able to run the model in 18.35 seconds.
- Has lot more built in functionality which makes it easy to evaluate performance metrics such as coherence or perplexity.
- Optimized for parallel processing.

Limitations

- Gensim relies on Python's multiprocessing libraries which has its limitations resulting in memory usage issues causing the multiprocessing to crash.
- Scikit learn's default Ida model was better compared to Gensim's default Ida model.
- Lot more tuning required to improve the model performance.
- Gensim doesn't have an implementation for NMF

Appendix II

Scikit learn

Pros

- Scikit Learn LDA model worked well with default hyperparameters.
- Scikit Learn being a well tested library provides API consistency which makes it almost easy to perform topic modeling using both LDA and NMF
- Scikit Learn also includes seeding options for NMF which greatly helps with algorithm convergence and offers both online and batch variants of LDA.

Limitations

- Scikit Learn was able to run the model in 170 seconds which was longer compared to Gensim.
- Evaluating the model performance using coherence or perplexity metrics is not a straightforward implementation in Scikit learn.