



# **Bibliometrics: Predicting Publication Success**

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*Knowledge is power*  
– Sir Francis Bacon

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- 2.5 million scientific papers published each year<sup>1</sup>
- Research trends
- Research *funding*

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<sup>1</sup>The STM Report; Fourth Edition, March 2015

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# Background: Bibliometrics

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# Defining the Problem

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- Given: a corpus of academic publications
- Goal: predict which papers will be “successful”
- Success Metric: citation count
- Success Definition: citation count  $>$  median citation count for that cluster
- Evaluation Metric: accuracy

# Overview

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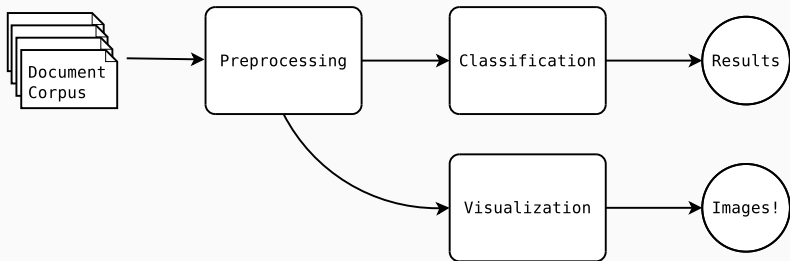
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# Preprocessing

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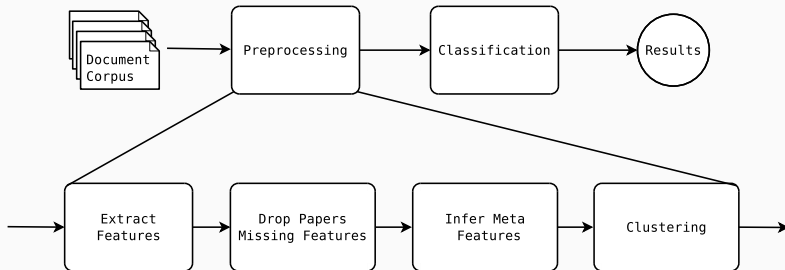
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# Extraction, Thinning, and Meta Features

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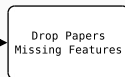
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Features
+Title: Text
+Abstract: Text
+Keywords: List
+Authors: List
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- Initial Corpus: 22,588
- Removed:
  - ☐ Papers after 2013
  - ☐ Outliers
  - ☐ Papers missing features
- Final Corpus: 4,914

# Clustering

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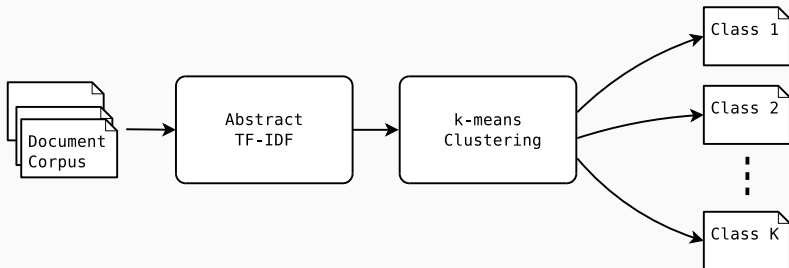
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# Clustering: Choosing K

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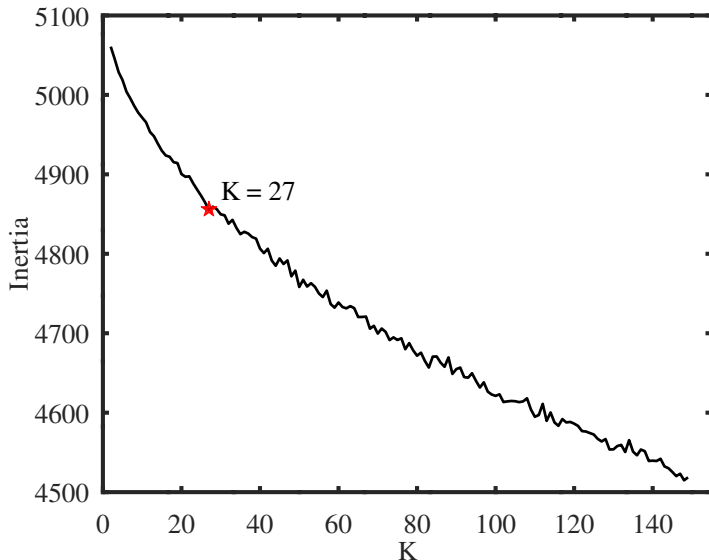
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# Clustering: Good Clusters

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Cluster	Count	Keywords
0	15	<del>alice, bob, girls, programming, communication</del>
4	106	video, videos, 3D, quality, streams, users
15	170	query, XML, search, data, databases
17	869	design, people, user, information, research
20	93	internet, TCP, network, protocol, congestion
22	60	privacy, private, data, information, awareness

# Visualization

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# Yearly Publications

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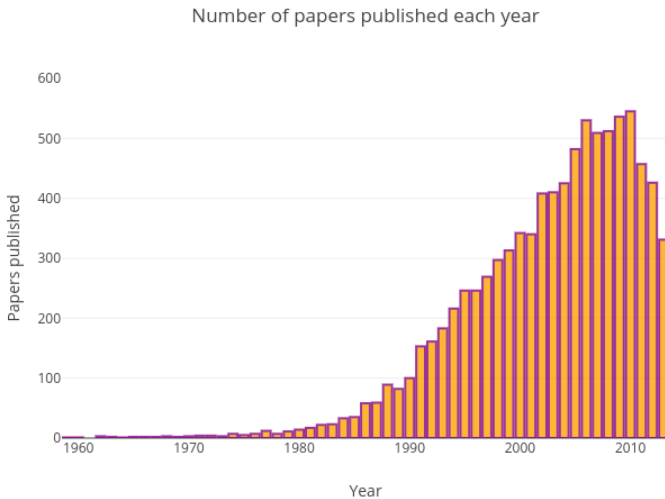
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# Author Publications

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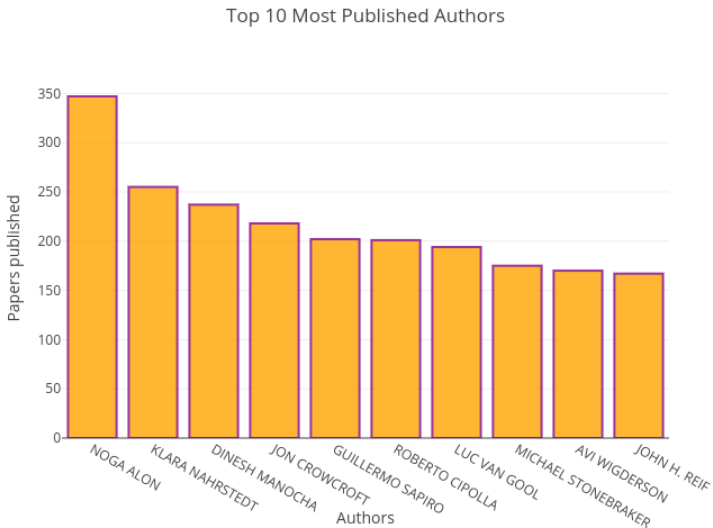
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# Popular Publications

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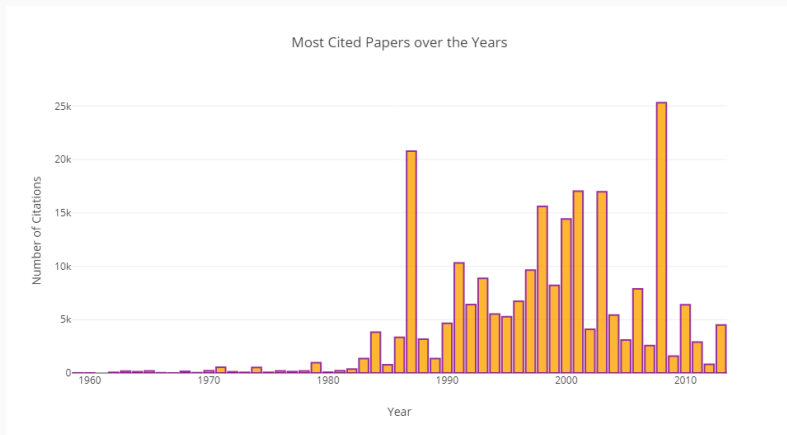
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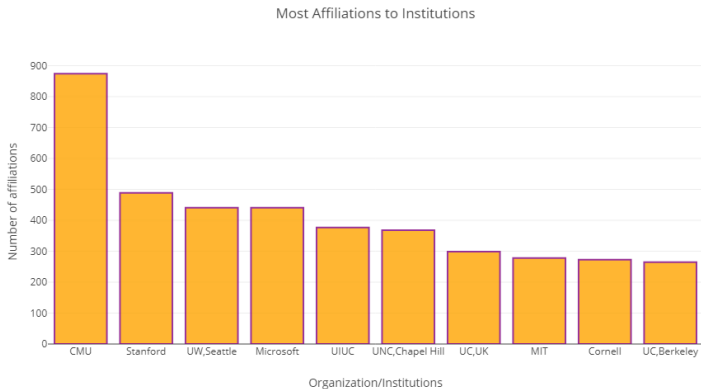
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# Classification

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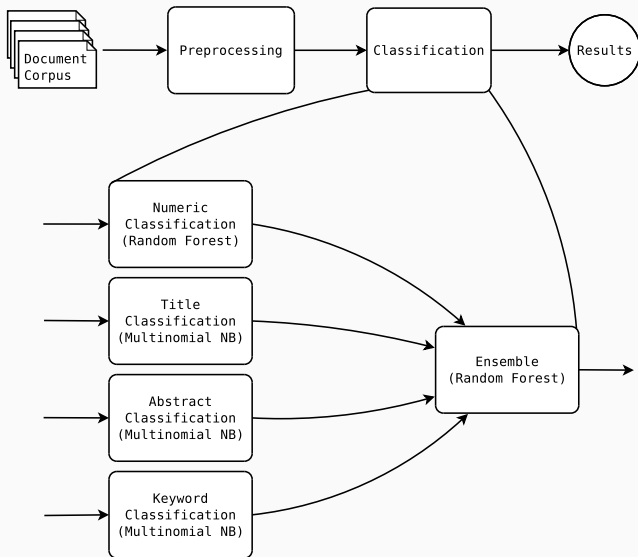
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# Random Forest

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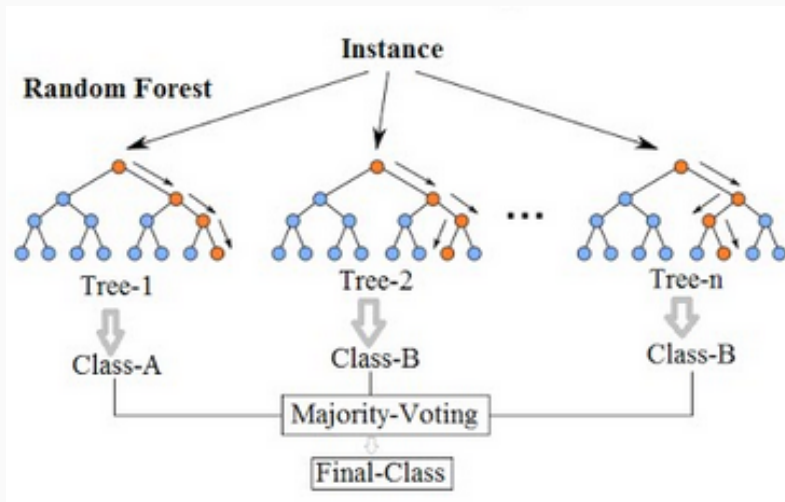
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# Multinomial Naive Bayes

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$$\hat{c} = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in \mathcal{C}} P(d|c)P(c)$$

$$P(d|c) = P(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n|c) = P(f_1|c)P(f_2|c)\dots P(f_n|c)$$

$$P(c) = \frac{N_c}{N_d}$$

- $c$ : Class
- $d$ : Document
- $f_i$ : Feature
- $N_c$ : Number of words in class  $c$
- $N_d$ : Number of words in document  $d$

# Classifier Accuracy

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$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{TP} + \text{TN} + \text{FP} + \text{FN}}$$





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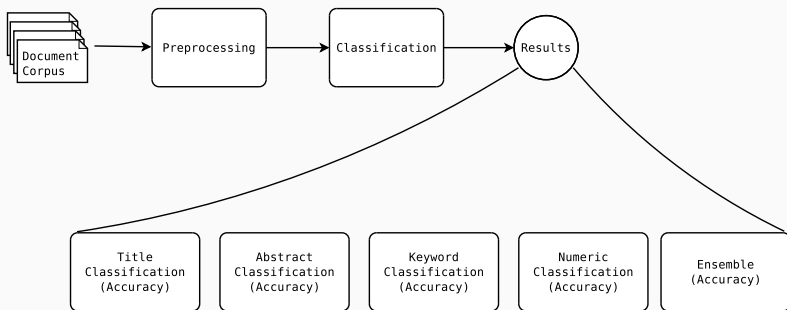
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# Classification Parameters

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Cluster	Numeric Classifier Parameters	
	n_estimators	max_features
4	10	2
15	10	6
17	8	2
20	12	2
22	6	4

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Cluster	Ensemble Classifier Parameters	
	n_estimators	max_features
4	1	1
15	4	1
17	1	1
20	1	1
22	1	1

# Feature Importance

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Cluster	Numeric Feature Weight					
	Title (length)	Abstract (length)	Keyword (length)	Year	Author Count	Page Count
4	0.089	0.117	0.143	0.240	0.188	0.223
15	0.160	0.157	0.121	0.321	0.065	0.175
17	0.136	0.253	0.174	0.183	0.089	0.165
20	0.087	0.214	0.121	0.242	0.109	0.228
22	0.140	0.038	0.066	0.556	0.155	0.045

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Cluster	Ensemble Feature Weight			
	Numeric Classifier	Title Classifier	Abstract Classifier	Keyword Classifier
4	1	0	0	0
15	0.420	0.271	0.059	0.250
17	0.917	0	0.083	0
20	1	0	0	0
22	1	0	0	0

# Classification Accuracy

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Cluster	Accuracy (%)				
	Numeric	Title	Abstract	Keywords	Ensemble
4	60.4	45.8	56.3	58.3	60.4
15	63.0	64.2	65.4	55.6	61.7
17	64.2	59.1	59.6	62.5	68.5
20	64.3	42.9	35.7	38.1	64.3
22	64.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	64.3

- Overall Accuracy (All Clusters): 57.7%
- Overall Accuracy (4,15,17,20,22): 66.5%



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- Cleaning data is important
- Some clusters are better than others
- **66.5% prediction accuracy in optimal clusters**
- Future work: targeted dataset
- Controlling for year

