



# Modeling text topics with Latent Dirichlet Allocation

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1.

Identify the top 3 most probable words for the first topic.

- ☐ institute
- ☐ university
- ☐ professor
- ☐ research
- ☐ studies
- ☐ game
- ☐ coach

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2.

What is the sum of the probabilities assigned to the top 50 words in the 3rd topic? Round your answer to 3 decimal places.

0.210

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3.

What is the topic most closely associated with the article about former US President George W. Bush? Use the average results from 100 topic predictions.

general politics

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4.

What are the top 3 topics corresponding to the article about English football (soccer) player Steven Gerrard? Use the average results from 100 topic predictions.

- ☐ international athletics
- ☐ science and research
- ☐ team sports
- ☐ Great Britain and Australia
- ☐ music, TV, and film

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5.

Using the LDA representation, compute the 5000 nearest neighbors for American baseball player Alex Rodriguez. For what value of  $k$  is Mariano Rivera the  $k$ -th nearest neighbor to Alex Rodriguez?

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6.

Using the TF-IDF representation, compute the 5000 nearest neighbors for American baseball player Alex Rodriguez. For what value of  $k$  is Mariano Rivera the  $k$ -th nearest neighbor to Alex Rodriguez?

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7. What was the value of  $\alpha$  used to fit our original topic model?

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8.

What was the value of  $\gamma$  used to fit our original topic model? Remember that GraphLab Create uses "beta" instead of "gamma" to refer to the hyperparameter that influences topic distributions over words.

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9.

How many topics are assigned a weight greater than 0.3 or less than 0.05 for the article on Paul Krugman in the **low  $\alpha$**  model? Use the average results from 100 topic predictions.

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10.

How many topics are assigned a weight greater than 0.3 or less than 0.05 for the article on Paul Krugman in the **high alpha** model? Use the average results from 100 topic predictions.

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11.

For each topic of the **low gamma model**, compute the number of words required to make a list with total probability 0.5. What is the average number of words required across all topics? (HINT: use the `get_topics()` function from GraphLab Create with the `cdf_cutoff` argument.)

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12.

For each topic of the **high gamma model**, compute the number of words required to make a list with total probability 0.5. What is the average number of words required across all topics? (HINT: use the `get_topics()` function from GraphLab Create with the `cdf_cutoff` argument).

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