

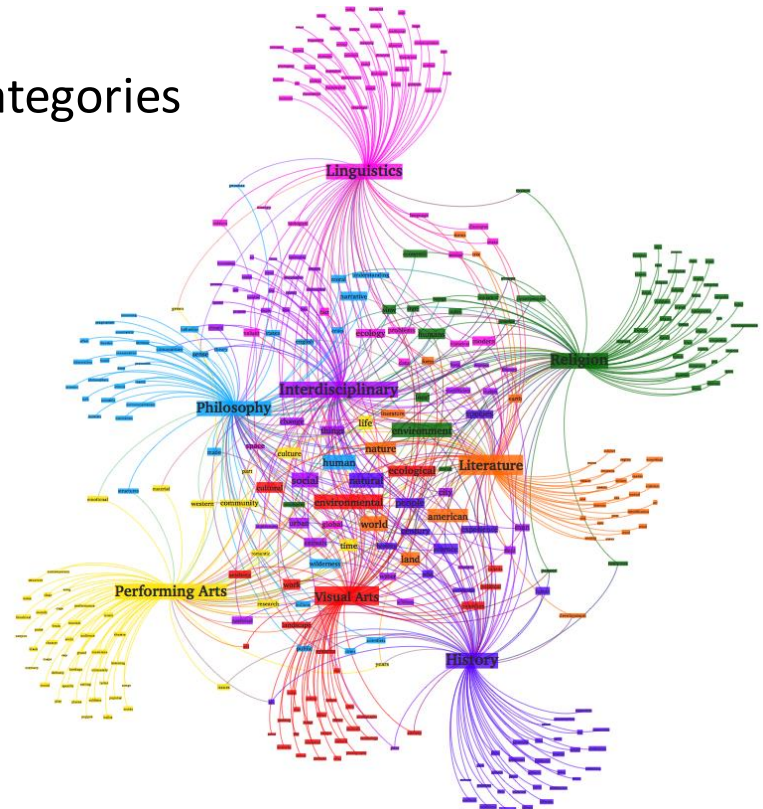
# A Comprehensive Overview of Topic Modelling

# Motivation

## Motivation 1:

Given a corpus of text documents understand high level latent structure

- Organize the documents into thematic categories
- Find relationship between categories
- Representation learning of texts
- Global dependency identification
- Soft clustering of texts

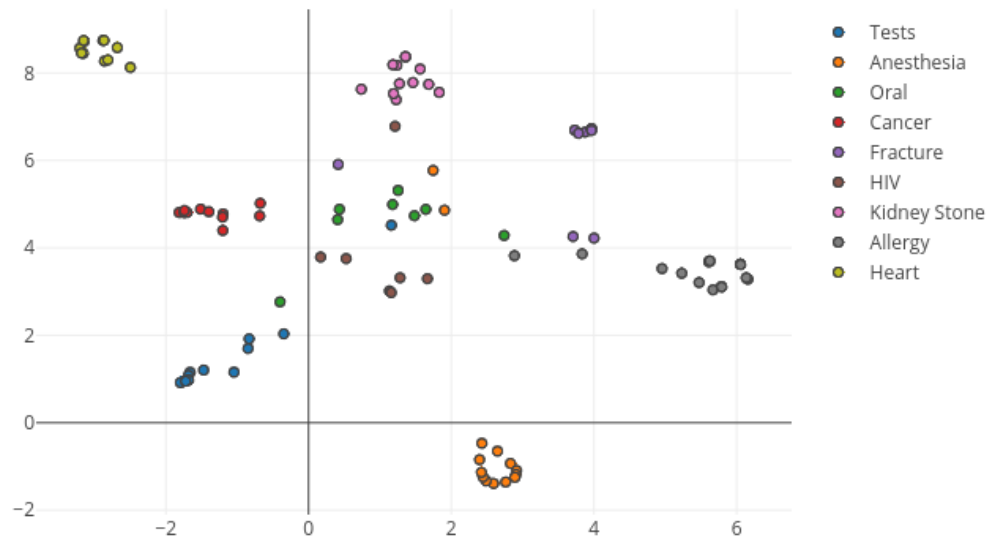


# Motivation

## Motivation 2:

### Dimensionality reduction

- Convert sparse document-word matrix into low dimensional matrix
- Better interpretation at a lower dimension



t-SNE plot on low dimensional representation of patient discharge summaries

# What is Topic Modelling

- An unsupervised text mining method
- Assumes -
  - Each text document is a mixture of latent (hidden) topics
  - Each topic is a collection of fixed set of words
- Fixed number of topics

Text = "The economy has crashed by 10%"

Text = 0.65 \* Topic1 + 0.01 \* Topic2 + 0.04 \* Topic3 + 0.2 \* Topic4 + 0.1 \* Topic5

Topic1: 0.3 \* finance + 0.25 \* market + 0.15 \* economy + 0.1 \* stock + 0.06 \* sector

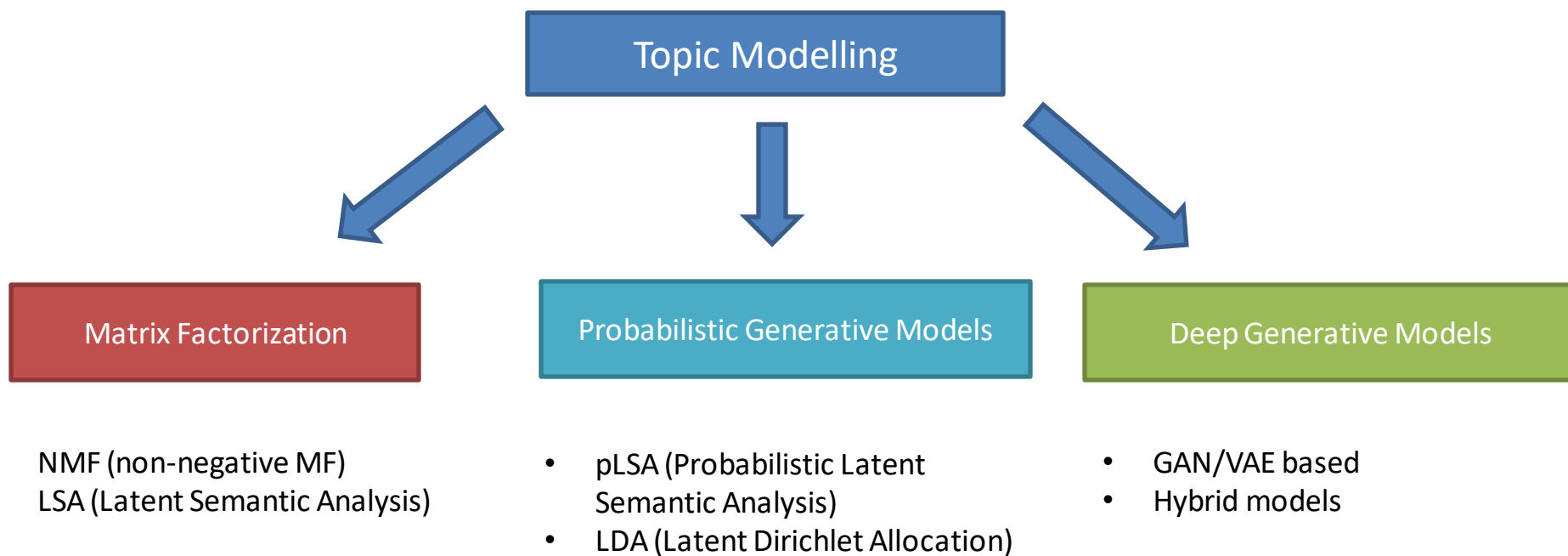
Topic2: 0.35 \* crime + 0.22 \* violence + 0.15 \* war + 0.12 \* gun + 0.09 \* fire

Topic3: 0.4 \* politic + 0.15 \* globe + 0.1 \* policy + 0.08 \* government + 0.05 \* ministry

Topic4: 0.3 \* accident + 0.2 \* car + 0.16 \* crash + 0.1 \* driver + 0.05 \* casualty

Topic5: 0.3 \* bad + 0.3 \* die + 0.15 \* kill + 0.1 \* virus + 0.1 \* hospital

# Topic Modelling Techniques



# NMF based Topic Modelling

## Input

- $X$  : document-term matrix of size  $N \times M$ 
  - Count Matrix
  - Tf-idf Matrix

## Parameters

- $t$  : Number of topics (Latent dimension)

## Outputs

- $W$  : Document-topic matrix of size  $N \times t$
- $H$  : Word-topic matrix of size  $M \times t$

such that

$$\text{minimize } \|X - WH\|_F^2 \text{ w.r.t. } W, H \text{ s.t. } W, H \geq 0$$

# How to Solve NMF

- The loss function is minimized using iterative method (e.g. – SGD)

$$H \leftarrow H \odot \frac{W^T X}{W^T W H}$$

$$W \leftarrow W \odot \frac{X H^T}{W H H^T}$$

- Regularization can be added with the loss function

# LSA (Landauer, T.K et al. 1998)

## Input

- $A$  : document-term matrix of size  $N \times M$ 
  - Count Matrix
  - Tf-idf Matrix

## Parameters

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## Outputs

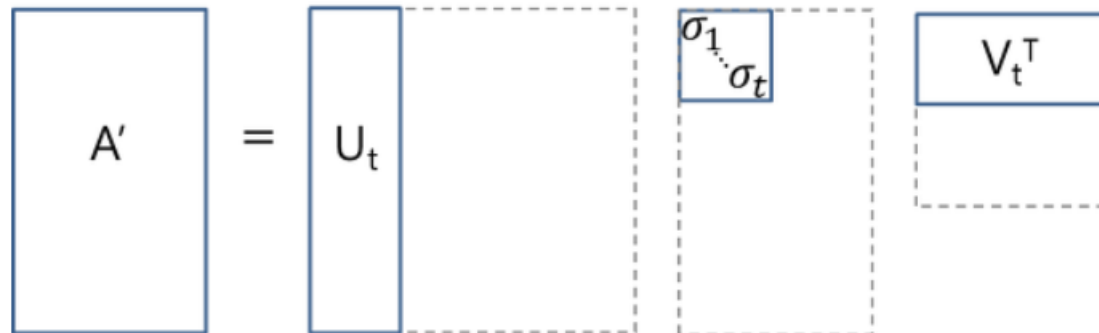
$$A \approx U_t S_t V_t^T$$

- $U_t$ : Document-topic matrix of size  $N \times t$
- $S_t$ : Matrix with singular values of  $A$  of size  $t \times t$
- $V_t$ : Word-topic matrix of size  $M \times t$



# Solving LSA

- Singular Value Decomposition of document-term matrix
- Pick  $t$  most significant dimensions

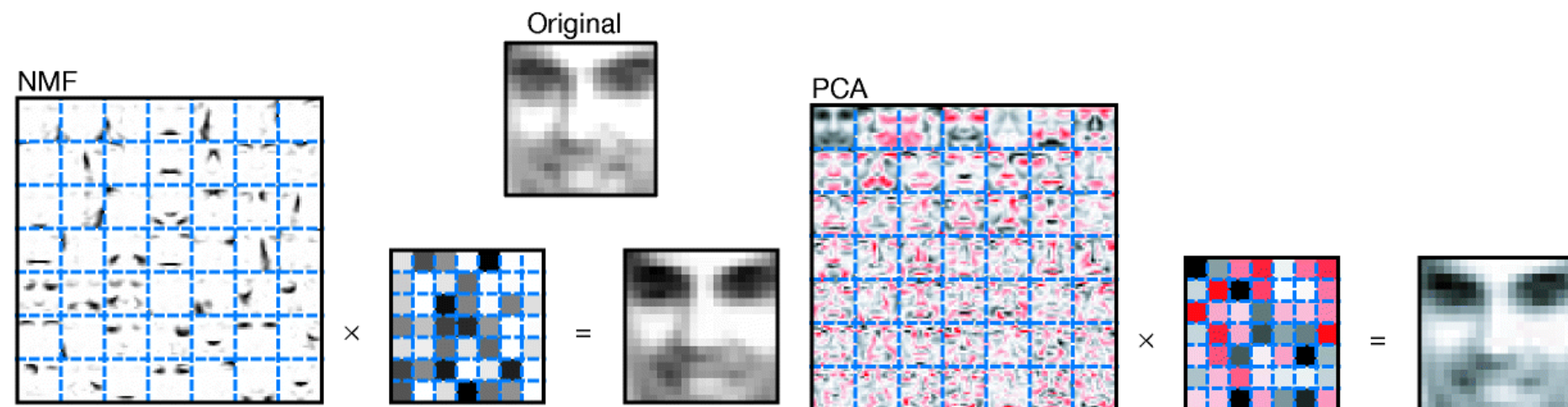


The diagram illustrates the truncated Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of a document-term matrix  $A'$ . It shows the equation  $A' = U_t \Sigma V_t^T$ . The matrix  $A'$  is represented by a solid blue rectangle. The matrix  $U_t$  is represented by a solid blue rectangle. The matrix  $\Sigma$  is represented by a dashed rectangle containing a solid blue box with the singular values  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_t$  along its diagonal. The matrix  $V_t^T$  is represented by a solid blue rectangle. The entire decomposition is shown as  $A' = U_t \Sigma V_t^T$ .

# Matrix based Topic Modelling

**Question:** Why NMF is preferred over SVD/PCA?

Negative components are difficult to interpret

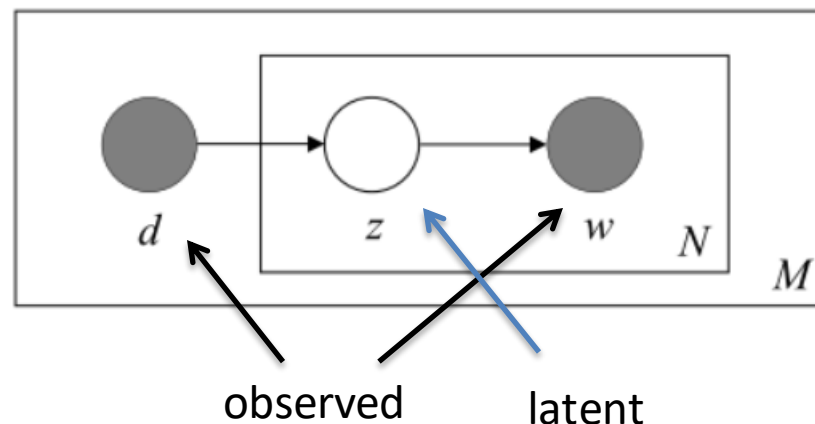


# pLSA (Hofmann 1999)

- Use probabilistic method instead of SVD
- Generative model for  $P(d, w)$  for each document  $d$  and word  $w$

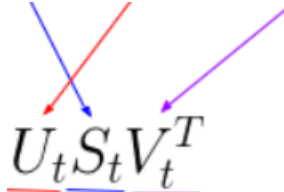
## Model assumption

- Given a document  $d$ , topic  $z$  is present with  $P(z | d)$
- Given a topic  $z$ , word  $w$  is drawn with  $P(w | z)$



# Solving pLSA

For each document  $d$  and word  $w$ ,

$$P(d, w) = \sum_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} P(z) P(d|z) P(w|z)$$


$U_t$   $S_t$   $V_t^T$

Solve using Expectation-Maximization

E Step:

$$P(z|d, w) = \frac{P(z)P(d|z)P(w|z)}{\sum_{z' \in \mathcal{Z}} P(z')P(d|z')P(w|z')}$$

M step:

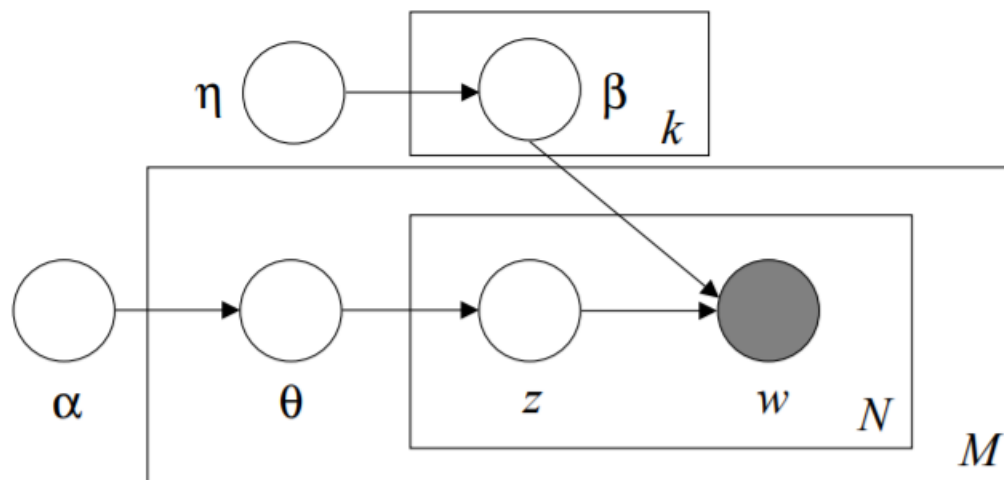
$$P(w|z) \propto \sum_{d \in \mathcal{D}} n(d, w) P(z|d, w),$$

$$P(d|z) \propto \sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}} n(d, w) P(z|d, w),$$

$$P(z) \propto \sum_{d \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}} n(d, w) P(z|d, w).$$

# LDA (Blei et al. 2003)

- pLSA is not well-defined generative model, as there is no natural way to assign probability to unseen document
- LDA is a Bayesian version of pLSA

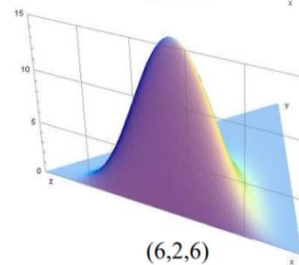
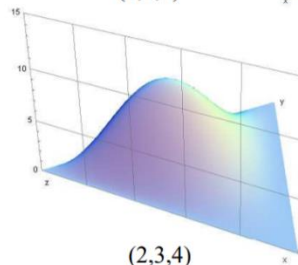
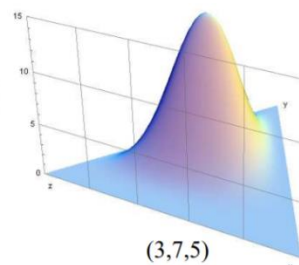
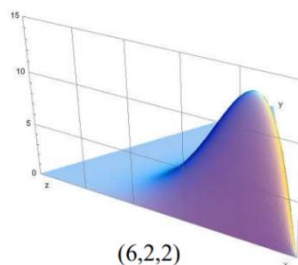


- $\alpha, \eta$  are Dirichlet hyper parameters
- $\theta, \beta$  are drawn from  $\text{Dir}(\alpha)$  and  $\text{Dir}(\eta)$
- $z$  is drawn from  $\text{Mult}(\theta)$

# Dirichlet Distribution

- Dirichlet distribution can be thought as a distribution over probability simplex.
- It is conjugate prior for Multinomial distribution (posterior distribution same as prior)

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^d \Gamma(\alpha_i)} \prod_{i=1}^d x_i^{\alpha_i-1}; \quad \text{for "observations": } \sum_{i=1}^d x_i = 1, \quad x_i \geq 0$$



# Generative Process of LDA

For each topic  $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ :

Sample  $\beta_k \sim \text{Dir}(\eta)$

For each document  $d \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ :

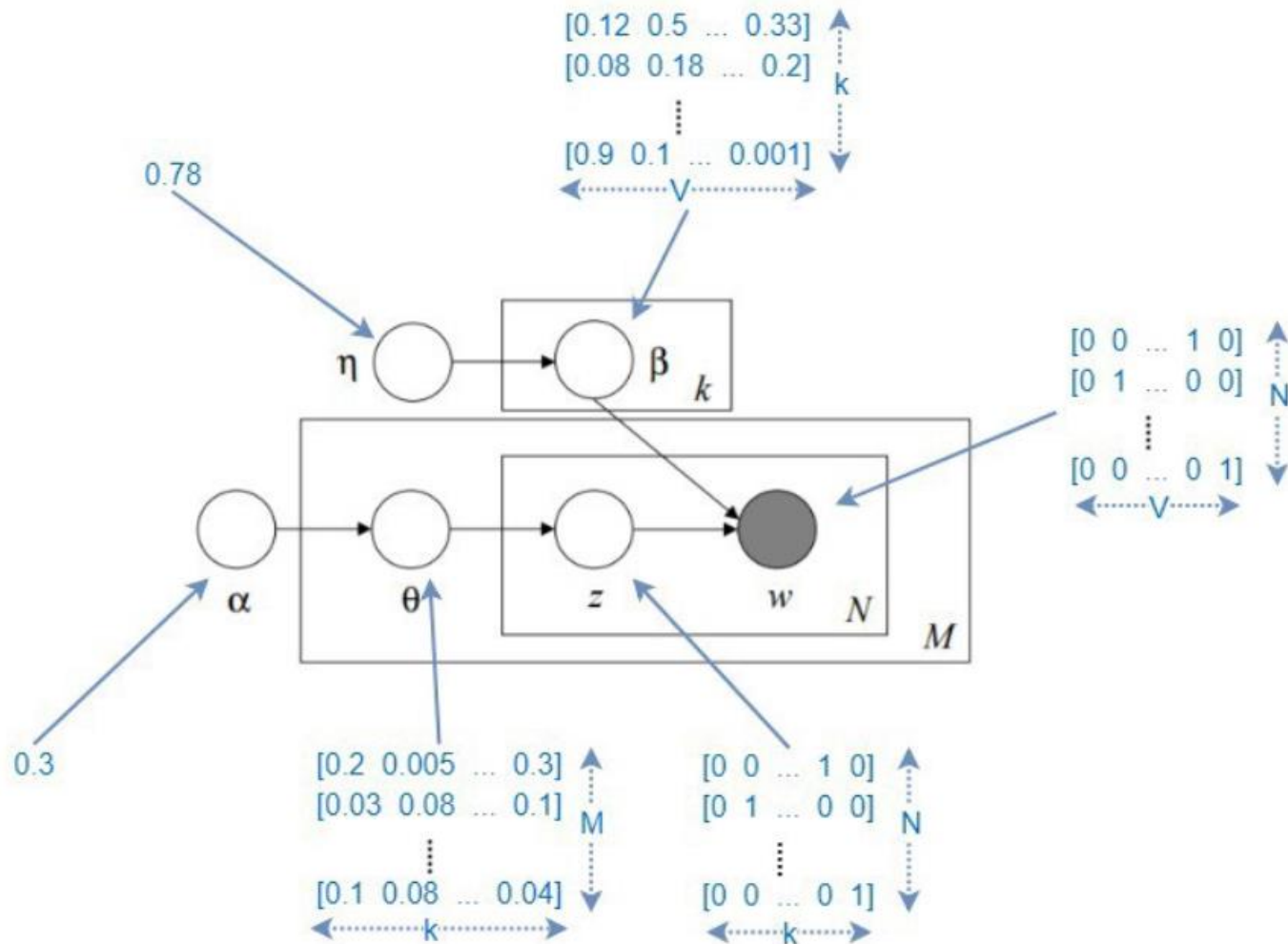
Sample  $\theta_d \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$

For each word  $n \in \{1, \dots, N_d\}$ :

Sample  $z_{dn} \sim \text{Mult}(1, \theta_d)$

Sample  $x_{dn} \sim \text{Mult}(1, \beta_{z_{dn}})$

# Generative Process of LDA





# Posterior Calculation for LDA

For each word  $w$  in document  $d$ ,

$$p(\theta, \beta, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w} | \alpha, \eta) = p(\theta | \alpha) p(\beta | \eta) \prod_{n=1}^N p(z_n | \theta) p(w_n | z_n, \beta)$$

Integrate out latent variable to calculate likelihood -

$$p(\mathbf{w} | \alpha, \eta) = \iint p(\theta | \alpha) p(\beta | \eta) \prod_{n=1}^N \sum_{z_n} p(z_n | \theta) p(w_n | z_n, \beta) d\theta d\beta$$

Finally, calculate posterior -

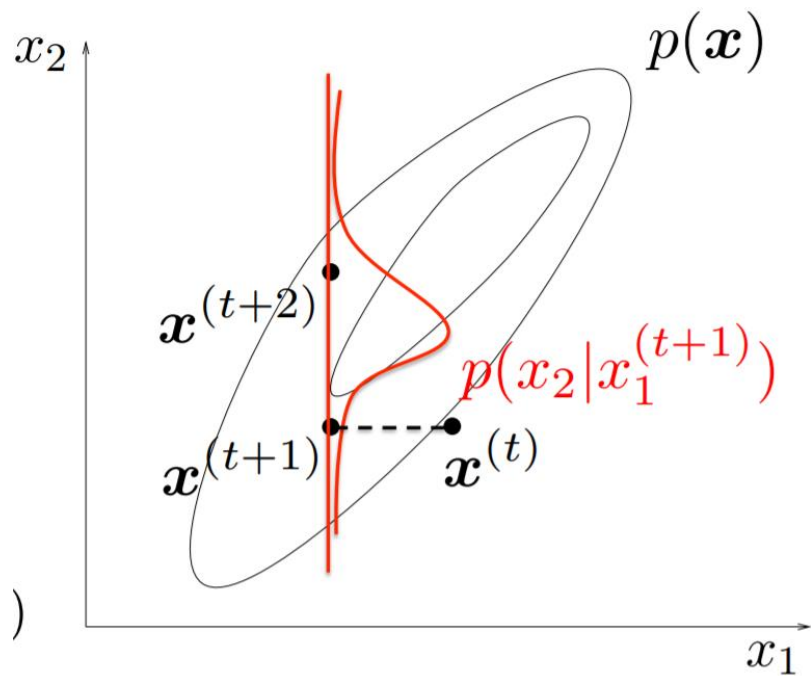
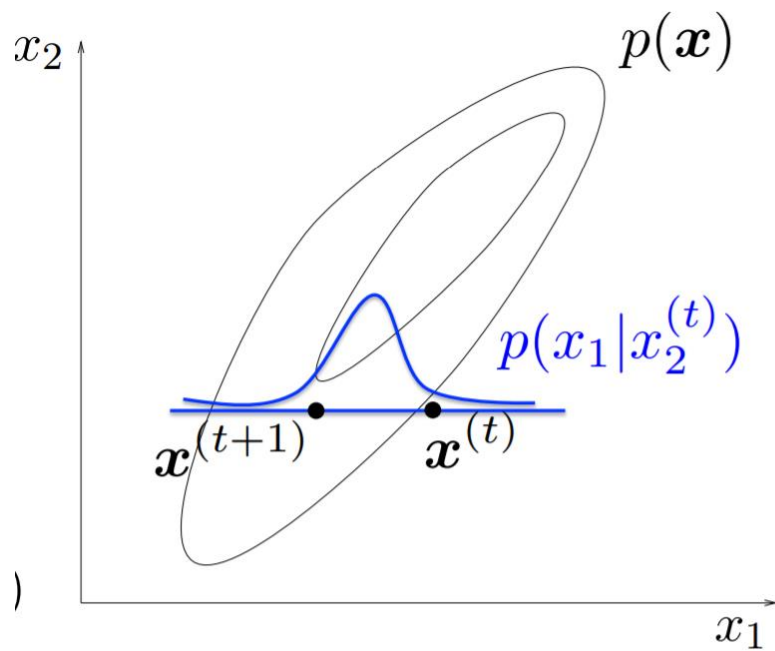
$$p(\theta, \beta, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{w}, \alpha, \eta) = \frac{p(\theta, \beta, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w} | \alpha, \eta)}{p(\mathbf{w} | \alpha, \eta)}$$

Posterior is intractable!! Need approximate inference to solve.

# Inference for LDA

1. Gibbs Sampling – Gibbs sampling is a method of a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC). Iteratively sample for a variable by keeping all others fixed
2. Variational Inference – Solve an intractable posterior with a tractable distribution

# Gibbs Sampling



# Variational Inference

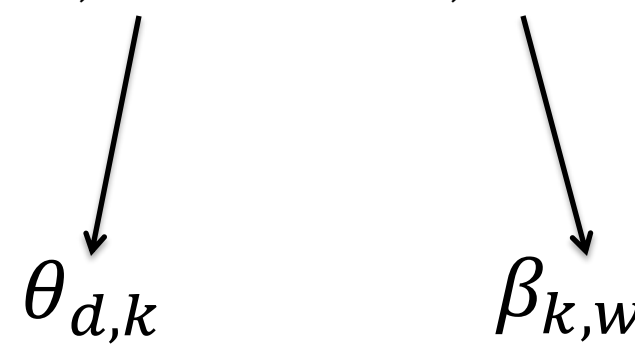
Approximate the intractable posterior  $p(H|D)$  with a tractable distribution  $q(H|D,V)$ , where  $V$  is a set of free variational parameter

## **Variational Inference:**

Find the free parameters  $V$  which minimizes KL divergence  $KL(q||p)$

# Gibbs Sampling for LDA

For each word  $w$  in document  $d$ , at  $i$ th iteration of Collapsed Gibbs sampling

$$p(z_{d,n} = k | \mathbf{z}_{-d,n}, \alpha, \eta) = \frac{N_{d,k} + \alpha}{\sum_i N_{d,i} + K\alpha} \frac{V_{k,w} + \eta}{\sum_w V_{k,w} + |V|\eta}$$


The diagram shows two arrows pointing from the terms in the equation to their corresponding parameters. The first arrow points from  $N_{d,k} + \alpha$  in the numerator of the first fraction to  $\theta_{d,k}$ . The second arrow points from  $V_{k,w} + \eta$  in the numerator of the second fraction to  $\beta_{k,w}$ .

$\theta_{d,k}$   $\beta_{k,w}$

# Variational Inference for LDA

$$\arg \min_{\vec{\gamma}_{1:D}, \vec{\lambda}_{1:K}, \vec{\phi}_{1:D, 1:N}} \text{KL}(q(\vec{\theta}_{1:D}, z_{1:D, 1:N}, \vec{\beta}_{1:K}) || p(\vec{\theta}_{1:D}, z_{1:D, 1:N}, \vec{\beta}_{1:K} | w_{1:D, 1:N}))$$

Loss function to be optimized -

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \sum_{k=1}^K \text{E}[\log p(\vec{\beta}_k | \eta)] + \sum_{d=1}^D \text{E}[\log p(\vec{\theta}_d | \vec{\alpha})] + \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{n=1}^N \text{E}[\log p(Z_{d,n} | \vec{\theta}_d)] \\ & + \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{n=1}^N \text{E}[\log p(w_{d,n} | Z_{d,n}, \vec{\beta}_{1:K})] + H(q), \end{aligned}$$

**One iteration of mean field variational inference for LDA**

1) For each topic  $k$  and term  $v$ :

$$\lambda_{k,v}^{(t+1)} = \eta + \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{n=1}^N 1(w_{d,n} = v) \phi_{n,k}^{(t)}.$$

2) For each document  $d$ :

(a) Update  $\gamma_d$ :

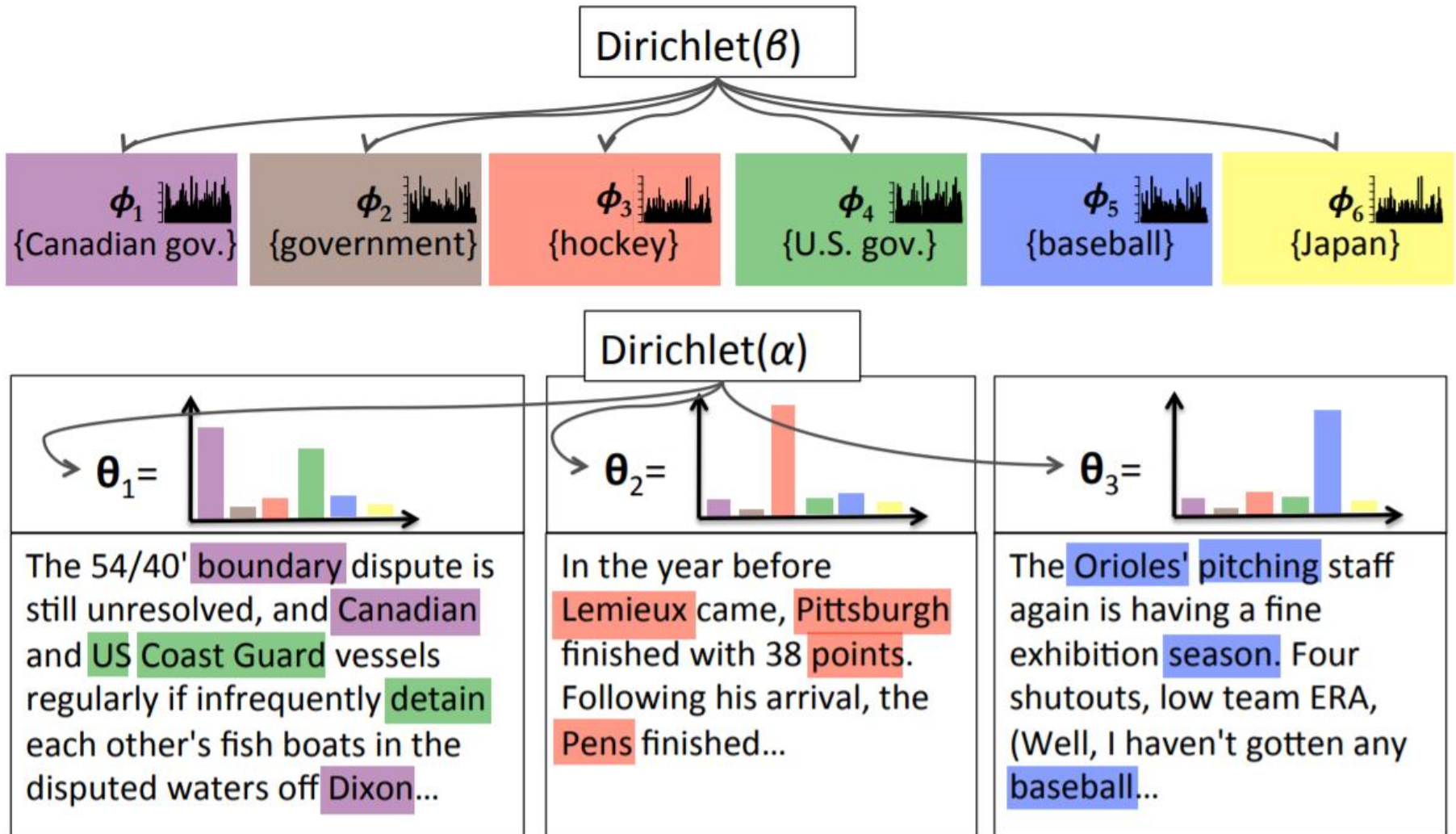
$$\gamma_{d,k}^{(t+1)} = \alpha_k + \sum_{n=1}^N \phi_{d,n,k}^{(t)}.$$

(b) For each word  $n$ , update  $\vec{\phi}_{d,n}$ :

$$\phi_{d,n,k}^{(t+1)} \propto \exp \left\{ \Psi(\gamma_{d,k}^{(t+1)}) + \Psi(\lambda_{k,w_n}^{(t+1)}) - \Psi(\sum_{v=1}^V \lambda_{k,v}^{(t+1)}) \right\},$$

where  $\Psi$  is the digamma function, the first derivative of the  $\log \Gamma$  function.

# LDA Illustration



## Recent Works based on LDA

- Lda2vec (Chris Moody 2016) – Add word vector with topic document vector to predict context word
- Biterm Topic Model for Short Texts (Yan et. al. 2013) – Instead of unigram, used biterms to tackle short text sparsity
- Topic Modelling with Word Embeddings (Qiang et.al. 2016)
- Author-Topic model for Authors and Documents (Rosen-Zvi et. al. 2012)



# Deep learning based Topic Models

- Autoencoding Variational Inference for Topic Models (Srivastava, Sutton 2017)
- ATM: Adversarial-neural Topic Model (Wang et. al. 2019)
- Topic Modelling with Wasserstein Autoencoders (Nan et. al. 2019)

# Evaluation of Topic Models

- **Perplexity** – Normalized log-likelihood of held out test data

$$per(D_{test}) = exp\left\{-\frac{\sum_{d=1}^M \log p(w_d)}{\sum_{d=1}^M N_d}\right\}$$

However, perplexity may not yield human interpretable topics

- **Topic coherence** – Coherence is a score to measure degree of semantic similarity between high scoring words in topic.

$$CoherenceScore = \sum_{i < j} score(w_i, w_j)$$

1. Extrinsic UCI measure:

$$SCORE_{UCI}(w_i, w_j) = \log \frac{p(w_i, w_j)}{p(w_i)P(w_j)}$$

2. Intrinsic UMass measure:

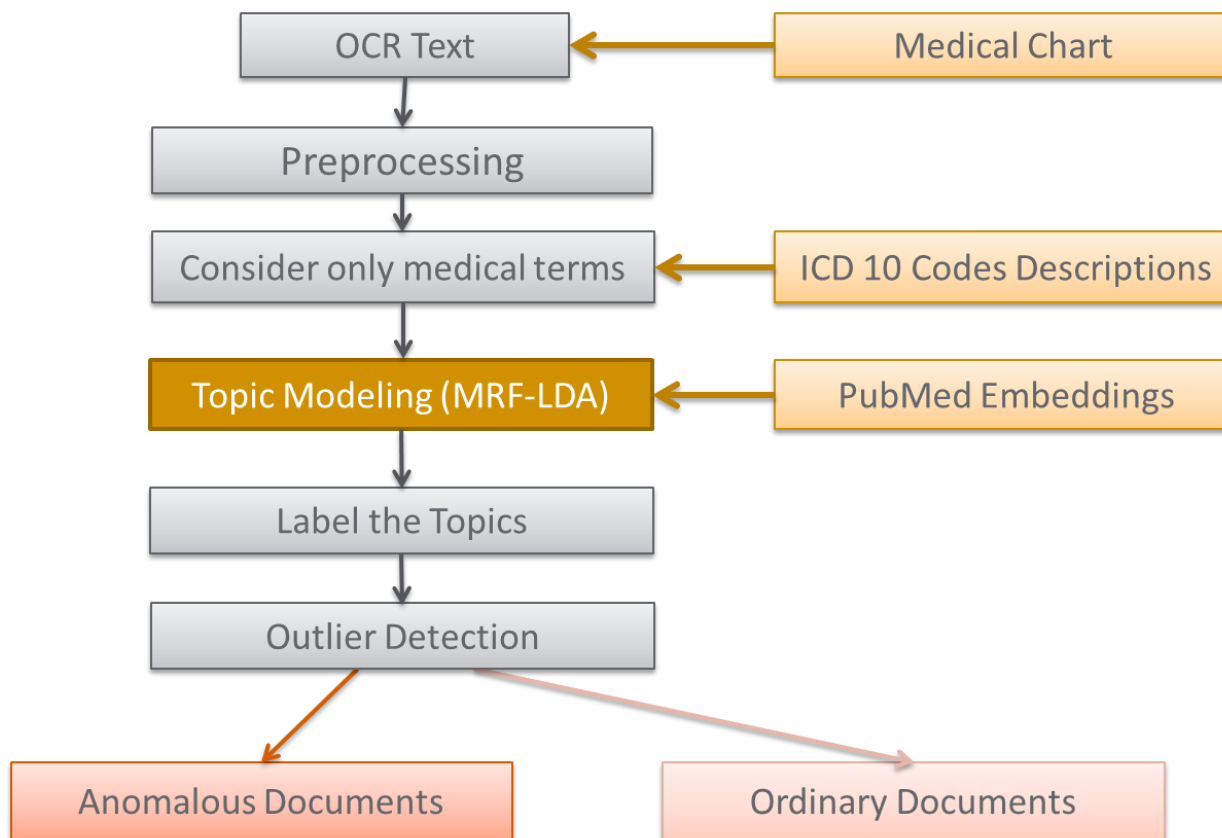
$$SCORE_{UMass}(w_i, w_j) = \log \frac{D(w_i, w_j) + 1}{D(w_i)}$$

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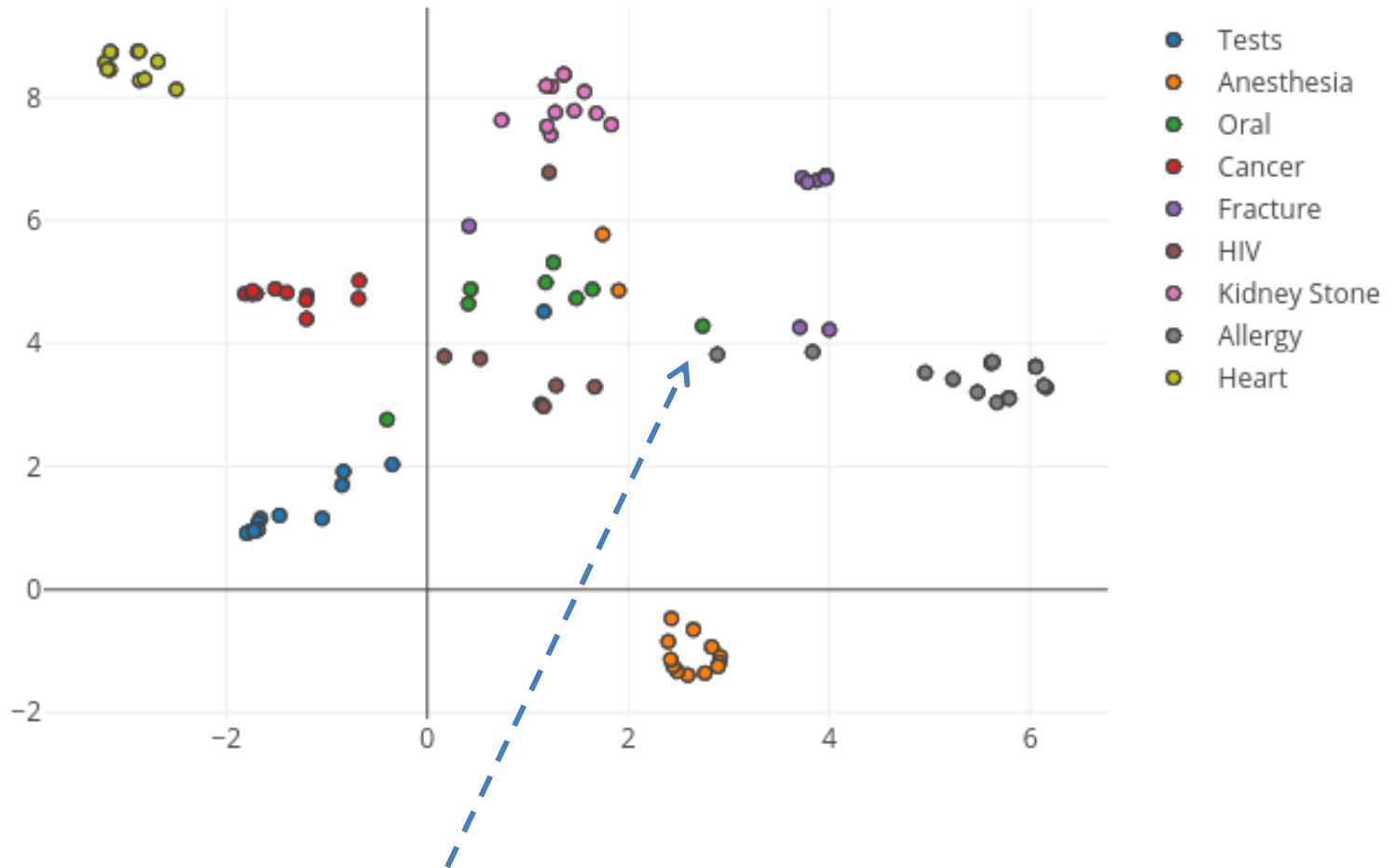
- **Clustering based methods –**
  - Silhouette Score
  - NMI (normalized mutual info)
- **Human evaluation (Qualitative methods)**

# Other Applications of Topic Modelling

- Outlier detection



# Outlier Detection with Topic Modelling



Possible outliers

# Other Applications of Topic Modelling

- Spacial LDA (Wang & Grimson, 2007)

