

Gibbs sampling for LDA

1 Derivation of The Full Conditional Posterior Distribution

We will use collapsed Gibbs sampling to estimate unknown parameters. The full conditional posterior distribution is $P(z_i^d | \mathbf{z}_{-i}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha, \eta)$ where z_i^d is the i -th word in document d . \mathbf{z}_{-i} is the assignment of all topics except z_i^d , \mathcal{C} is a list of observed words.

According to Bayes' rule, $P(z_i^d | \mathbf{z}_{-i}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha, \eta) = \frac{P(\mathbf{z}, \mathcal{C} | \alpha, \eta)}{P(\mathbf{z}_{-i}, \mathcal{C} | \alpha, \eta)}$, when sampling z_i^d , all other topics are considered to be known, so the denominator can be ignored. Let $(\theta^0, \dots, \theta^D)$ be topic proportions for D documents and θ_k^d is the weight of k -th topic in document d . There are K topics in total. Topics are independent given θ and $(\theta^0, \dots, \theta^D)$ are independent given α . Similarly let (ψ^0, \dots, ψ^K) be word probabilities for K topics and ψ_v^k is the weight of v -th word in topic k . There are V unique words in total. Words are independent given ψ and \mathbf{z} , and (ψ^0, \dots, ψ^K) are independent given η .

$$\begin{aligned} P(z_i^d | \mathbf{z}_{-i}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha, \eta) &\propto P(\mathbf{z}, \mathcal{C} | \alpha, \eta) = \iint P(\mathbf{z}, \mathcal{C}, \theta, \psi | \alpha, \eta) d\theta, d\psi \\ &= \iint P(\mathcal{C} | \psi, \mathbf{z}) P(\psi | \eta) P(\mathbf{z} | \theta) P(\theta | \alpha) d\theta, d\psi \\ &= \int P(\mathcal{C} | \psi, \mathbf{z}) P(\psi | \eta) d\psi \int P(\mathbf{z} | \theta) P(\theta | \alpha) d\theta \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Then we derive the formula for two integrals. Let $m^k = (m_0^k, \dots, m_V^k)$ be the number of times a word v assigned to topic k in all documents. Let $n^d = (n_0^d, \dots, n_K^d)$ be the number of words assigned to each topic in document d .

$$\begin{aligned}
\int P(\mathbf{z}|\theta)P(\theta|\alpha) d\theta &= \int \cdots \int P(\mathbf{z}|\theta^0, \dots, \theta^D) \cdot P(\theta^0, \dots, \theta^D|\alpha) d\theta^0 \dots d\theta^D \\
&= \int \cdots \int \prod_{d=1}^D \prod_{k=0}^K (\theta_k^d)^{n_k^d} \cdot \prod_{d=0}^D \frac{\prod_{k=0}^K (\theta_k^d)^{\alpha_k-1}}{B(\alpha)} d\theta^0 \dots d\theta^D \\
&= \prod_{d=0}^D \int \frac{\prod_{k=0}^K (\theta_k^d)^{n_k^d + \alpha_k - 1}}{B(\alpha)} d\theta^d \\
&= \prod_{d=0}^D \frac{B(\alpha + n^d)}{B(\alpha)}
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int P(\mathcal{C}|\psi, \mathbf{z})P(\psi|\eta) d\psi &= \int \cdots \int P(\mathcal{C}|\psi^0, \dots, \psi^K, \mathbf{z}) \cdot P(\psi^0, \dots, \psi^K|\eta) d\psi^0 \dots d\psi^K \\
&= \int \cdots \int \prod_{k=0}^K \prod_{v=0}^V (\psi_v^k)^{m_v^k} \cdot \prod_{k=0}^K \frac{\prod_{v=0}^V (\psi_v^k)^{\eta_v-1}}{B(\eta)} d\psi^0 \dots d\psi^K \\
&= \prod_{k=0}^K \int \frac{\prod_{v=0}^V (\psi_v^k)^{m_v^k + \eta_v - 1}}{B(\eta)} d\psi^k \\
&= \prod_{k=0}^K \frac{B(m^k + \eta)}{B(\eta)}
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Let M^k be number of words with topic k in all documents. To sample a topic z_p^q for w_p^q (p-th word in document q), full conditional posterior distribution (1) is reduced to:

$$\begin{aligned}
P(z_p^q|\mathbf{z}_{-i}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha, \eta) &\propto \prod_{d=0}^D \frac{B(\alpha + n^d)}{B(\alpha)} \cdot \prod_{k=0}^K \frac{B(m^k + \eta)}{B(\eta)} \\
&\propto \prod_{d=0}^D B(\alpha + n^d) \cdot \prod_{k=0}^K B(m^k + \eta) \\
&= \prod_{d=0}^D \frac{\prod_{k=0}^K \Gamma(\alpha_k + n_k^d)}{\Gamma \sum_{k=0}^K (\alpha_k + n_k^d)} \cdot \prod_{k=0}^K \frac{\prod_{v=0}^V \Gamma(\eta_v^k + m_v^k)}{\Gamma \sum_{v=0}^V (\eta_v^k + m_v^k)} \\
&\propto \frac{\prod_{k=0}^K \Gamma(\alpha_k + n_k^q)}{\Gamma \sum_{k=0}^K (\alpha_k + n_k^q)} \cdot \prod_{k=0}^K \frac{\Gamma(\eta_v^k + m_{w_p^q}^k)}{\Gamma \sum_{v=0}^V (\eta_v^k + m_v^k)}
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[Continue] &\propto \prod_{k=0}^K \Gamma(\alpha_k + n_k^q) \cdot \prod_{k=0}^K \frac{\Gamma(\eta_v^k + m_{w_p^q}^k)}{\Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v^k + M^k)} \\
&= \left(\prod_{k \neq z_p^q} \Gamma(\alpha_k + n_k^q) \frac{\Gamma(\eta_v^k + m_{w_p^q}^k)}{\Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v + M^k)} \right) \cdot \Gamma(\alpha_{z_p^q} + n_{z_p^q}^q) \frac{\Gamma(\eta^{z_p^q} + m_{w_p^q}^{z_p^q})}{\Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v + M^{z_p^q})} \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

Let $(n_k^d)^-$ be defined same way as n_k^d , only without the count for (z_p^q, w_p^q) . Let $(m_v^k)^-$ be defined same way as m_v^k without the count for (z_p^q, w_p^q) .

$$\begin{aligned}
[Continue] &= \left(\prod_{k \neq z_p^q} \Gamma(\alpha_k + n_k^{q-}) \frac{\Gamma(\eta_v^k + m_{w_p^q}^{k-})}{\Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v + M^k)} \right) \cdot \Gamma(\alpha_{z_p^q} + (n_{z_p^q}^q)^- + 1) \frac{\Gamma(\eta^{z_p^q} + (m_{w_p^q}^{z_p^q})^- + 1)}{\Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v + M^{z_p^q} + 1)} \\
&= \left(\prod_{k \neq z_p^q} \Gamma(\alpha_k + n_k^{q-}) \frac{\Gamma(\eta_v^k + m_{w_p^q}^{k-})}{\Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v + M^k)} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left(\alpha_{z_p^q} + (n_{z_p^q}^q)^- \right) \Gamma(\alpha_{z_p^q} + (n_{z_p^q}^q)^-) \frac{\left(\eta^{z_p^q} + (m_{w_p^q}^{z_p^q})^- \right) \Gamma(\eta^{z_p^q} + (m_{w_p^q}^{z_p^q})^-)}{(\sum_v \eta_v + M^{z_p^q}) \Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v + M^{z_p^q})} \\
&= \left(\prod_{k=0}^K \Gamma(\alpha_k + n_k^{q-}) \frac{\Gamma(\eta_v^k + m_{w_p^q}^{k-})}{\Gamma(\sum_v \eta_v + M^k)} \right) \times \frac{\left(\alpha_{z_p^q} + (n_{z_p^q}^q)^- \right) \left(\eta^{z_p^q} + (m_{w_p^q}^{z_p^q})^- \right)}{(\sum_v \eta_v + M^{z_p^q})} \\
&\propto \frac{\left(\alpha_{z_p^q} + (n_{z_p^q}^q)^- \right) \left(\eta^{z_p^q} + (m_{w_p^q}^{z_p^q})^- \right)}{\sum_v \eta_v + M^{z_p^q-}} \quad (6)
\end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, if we want to sample a topic for i -th word in d -th document, the probability distribution is

$$P(z_i^d = j | w_i^d = v, \mathbf{z}_{-i}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha, \eta) = \frac{\left(\alpha_j + (n_j^d)^- \right) \left(\eta_v^j + (m_v^j)^- \right)}{\sum_v \eta_v^j + M^j} \quad (7)$$