

Information Retrieval & Document Understanding (IT MSc)

Topic Modeling & Clustering

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Overview

Topic modeling & clustering

- "classical" approach (tfi-df, bag-of-words, LDA, ...)
- "advanced" approach (Transformers, SBERT, UMAP, HDBSCAN, ...)

Planning

- 2 x (1.5h CM + 3h TP)

TP

- apply classical & advanced approaches on Europarl corpus
- scientific presentation and comparative results between both approaches (end of second session)
- work to be done in pairs

Why Topic Modeling?

Back to the basics

Preprocessing for query and documents

- tokenization, normalization (e.g., lemmatization / stemming), filtering, treatment of synonyms and antonyms ...

Vector space model (VSM) \rightarrow *bag-of-words*

- binary : 1 if term j in sentence μ , 0 otherwise ;
- frequency ($\mathbf{tf}_{\mu,j}$) : number of occurrences of j in μ ;
- corrective : corrected $\mathbf{tf}_{\mu,j}$ taking into account distribution of j in corpus (e.g., $\mathbf{tf}_{\mu,j} \times \mathbf{idf}_j = \mathbf{tf}_{\mu,j} \times \ln \frac{N}{\mathbf{df}_j}$).

Back to the basics

Distance between vectors

- $sim(q, A) := \cos(q, A) = \frac{q \cdot A}{|q| \cdot |A|}$

Ranking

- $sim(q, A) > sim(q, B) > sim(q, C) > sim(q, D)$

Indexing

- Avoids going through all the documents to find the relevant ones.

Back to the basics

Evaluation metrics

- Confusion matrix

		Reference	
		Relevant	Not relevant
Predicted	Retrieved	TP	FP
	Not retrieved	FN	TN

- Precision : fraction of retrieved documents that are relevant

$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

- Recall : fraction of relevant documents that are retrieved

$$R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

- F-score : weighted harmonic mean of P and R

$$F_1 = 2 \cdot \frac{P \cdot R}{P + R}$$

Bag-of-words limits

- large sparse matrices
- unable to handle synonymy and polysemy
- no relation between words (2-grams, 3-grams, ...)
- ...
- How to sort document into topics?

Topic modeling

Refers to :

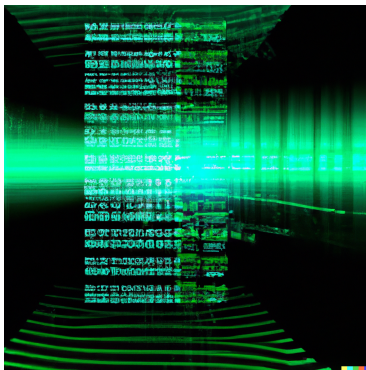
Unsupervised machine learning technique capable of scanning a set of documents, detecting patterns of words and phrases within them, and automatically clustering groups of similar words and expressions that best characterize a set of documents.

- Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI)
- probabilistic latent semantic indexing (PLSI)
- **Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)**
- ...

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

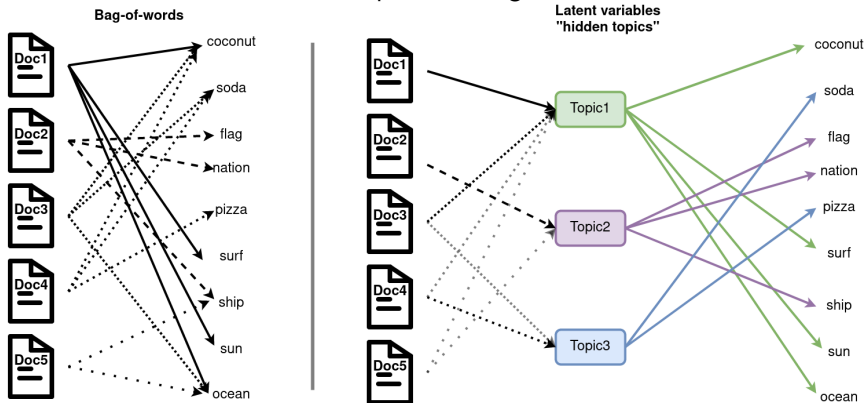
Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

"...a generative statistical model that explains a set of observations through unobserved groups, and each group explains why some parts of the data are similar."



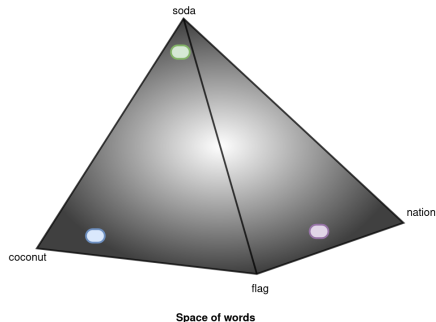
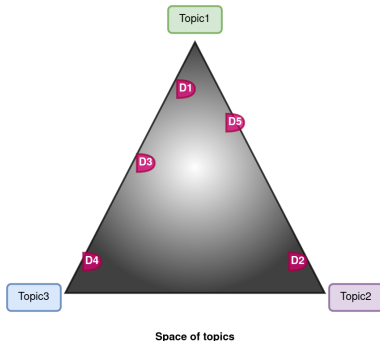
How does LDA works ?

LDA *extracts* certain sets of topic according to documents we fed to it.



How does LDA works ?

- documents represented in a space of topics
- topics represented in a space of words



- geometric approach** : documents are closer to the corner of the topic they belong to

How does LDA works ?

Assumptions :

- documents with similar topics use similar groups of words ;
- latent variables "hidden topics" can be extracted by searching for groups of **words that frequently occur together in documents across the corpus** (distributional semantics) ;
- documents and topics are Dirichlet probability distributions.

Probability density function for Dirichlet distributions

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_K; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K) = \frac{1}{B(\boldsymbol{\alpha})} \prod_{i=1}^K x_i^{\alpha_i - 1}; \alpha > 0$$

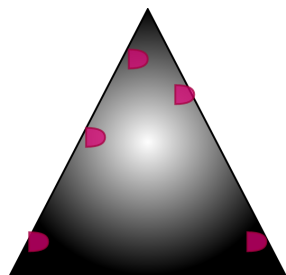
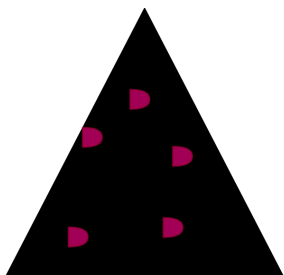
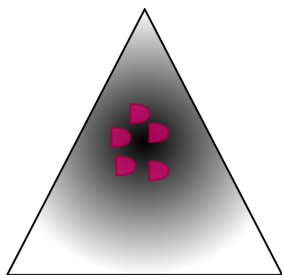
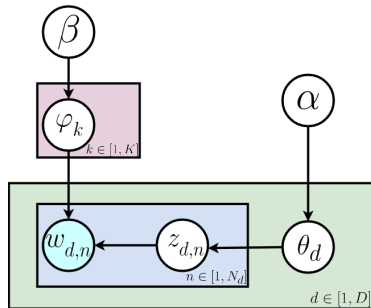

 $\alpha < 1$

 $\alpha = 1$

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Plate notation of LDA

- K : topics
- D : documents
- N_d : words in document d
- $w_{d,n}$: word n in document d
- $z_{d,n}$: topic of $w_{d,n}$
- φ_k : word distribution for topic k
- θ_d : topic distribution for document d
- α : controls per-document topic distribution
- β : controls per-topic word distribution



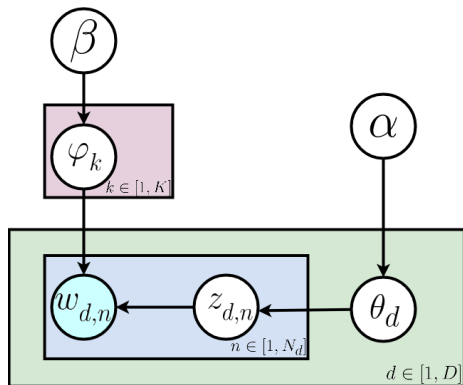
Total probability of the model

$$P(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}; \alpha, \beta) = \prod_{d=1}^D P(\theta_d; \alpha) \prod_{k=1}^K P(\varphi_k; \beta) \left(\prod_{n=1}^{N_d} P(Z_{d,n} | \theta_d) P(W_{d,n} | \varphi_{Z_{d,n}}) \right)$$

- α, β : Dirichlet distributions
- θ, φ : Multinomial distributions

Goal

Maximize $P(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}; \alpha, \beta)$

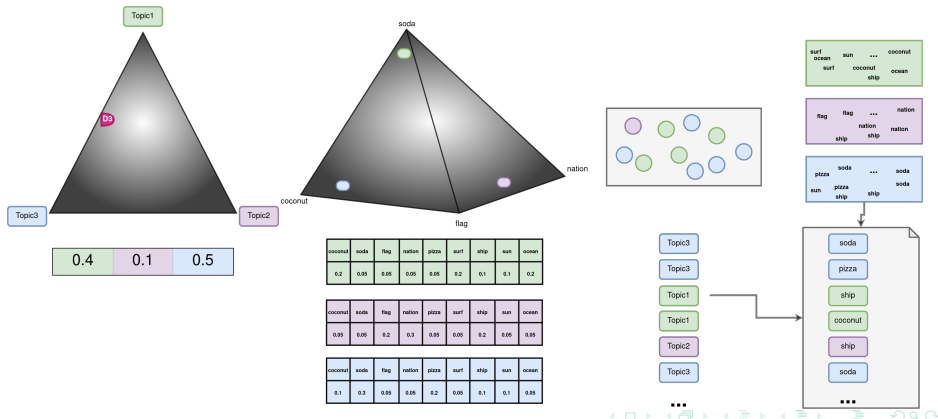


Constructing documents

$$\prod_{d=1}^D P(\theta_d; \alpha)$$

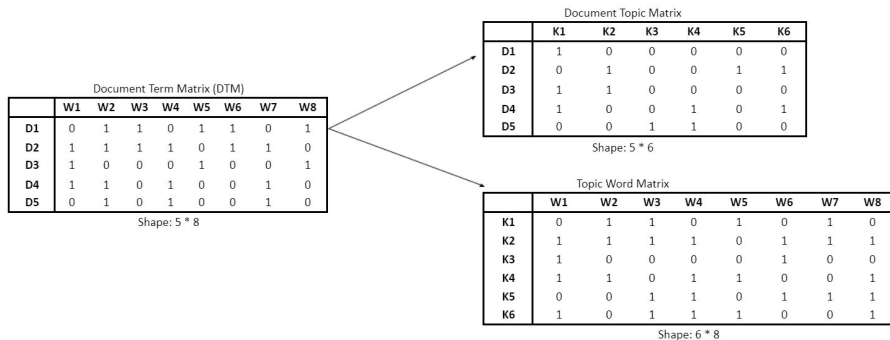
$$\prod_{k=1}^K P(\varphi_k; \beta)$$

$$\prod_{n=1}^{N_d} P(Z_{d,n} | \theta_d) \quad P(W_{d,n} | \varphi_{Z_{d,n}})$$



In practice

Find the most optimal representation of the document-topic matrix and the topic-word matrix to find the most optimized document-topic distribution (α) and topic-word distribution (β).



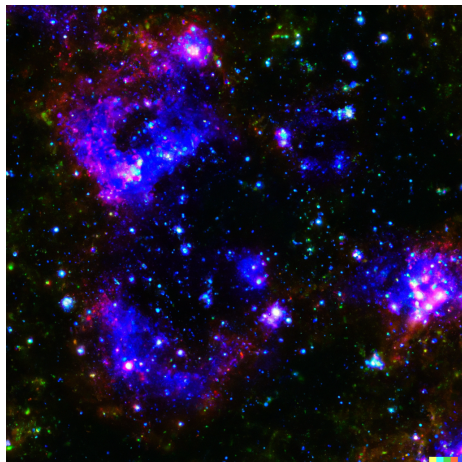
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Clustering

Introduction

Clustering

- is unsupervised learning approach ;
- aims to assign a set of document samples into groups such that documents in a group are more similar to each other than documents in different groups ;
- can be classified based in **exclusivity** and **hierarchy**.



Exclusivity

The property of the clustering algorithm to assign a document to one or more groups.

- **exclusive / hard clustering** : assigns a document to one and only one group
- **non-exclusive / soft clustering** : allows a document to belong to one or more groups with a certain degree of membership

Hierarchy

Takes into consideration the structure produced by the clustering algorithm.

flat / non-hierarchical clustering

- Produces a number of groups with an undetermined relation between them.
- Normally originated by iterative algorithms which start with a determined number of groups thus reallocating the documents by an iterative process.

hierarchical clustering

- Produce a stratified relation between groups where each group corresponds to a subgroup of its parent.
- The tree structure can be constructed bottom-up (*divisive*) or top-down (*agglomerative*).

Some clustering algorithms

		<i>Exclusivity</i>	
		exclusive	non-exclusive
<i>Hierarchy</i>	flat	k-means [11, 12], mean-shift [5], DBSCAN [8], OPTICS [2], affinity propagation [9]	EM [7], fuzzy [21], LSI [6]
	hierarchical	{ <i>divisive</i> } {Min-cut [14], DIANA [19]}, { <i>agglomerative</i> } {Ward [20], CURE [10], HDBSCAN [3]}	

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/clustering.html#overview-of-clustering-methods>

Evaluation

The ideal clustering is characterised by **minimal intra-cluster distance** and **maximal inter-cluster distance**.

Extrinsic measures

- need of ground truth labels
- e.g., Rand index, Mutual Information, homogeneity-completeness-V-measure, Fowlkes-Mallows score, etc.

Intrinsic measures

- do not require ground truth labels
- e.g., **Silhouette coefficient**, Calinski-Harabasz index, Davies-Bouldin index, etc.

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/clustering.html#clustering-performance-evaluation>

Silhouette coefficient

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{b_i - a_i}{\max(a_i, b_i)}; S \in [-1, 1]$$

- How well samples are clustered with samples that are similar to themselves.
- A higher score relates to a model with better defined clusters.
- a_i : mean intra-cluster distance of sample i
- b_i : mean nearest-cluster distance of sample i
- $S \approx 1$: well defined clusters
- $S \approx 0$: overlapping clusters
- $S \approx -1$: samples has been assigned to the wrong cluster

TP1 : What is the European Parliament talking about ?

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Objectives :

- Integrate knowledge from previous sessions
- Apply topic modeling and clustering to real data
- Interpret and analyse results

Prerequisites :

- Python 3
- Jupyter Notebook
- Google Colab

What to do ? :

- Download the Europarl corpus from the site course.
- Load, pre-process, transform documents into weighted vectors and train an LDA model.
- Choose a clustering algorithm and group documents before and after being process by LDA.
- Evaluate clusters and compare results.

Useful links :

- <https://scikit-learn.org/>
- <https://radimrehurek.com/gensim/index.html>
- <https://www.nltk.org/>

Distributed Representations of Topics (top2vec)

Generative statistical model limits

- number of topics are required a priori
- language and corpus specific tokenization, normalization (e.g., lemmatization / stemming), filtering and treatment of synonymy & polysemy
- word order and semantics are ignored
- ...

Distributed representations of words & documents

- `word2vec` [16, 17] : It learns word similarity by predicting which adjacent words should be present to a given context.
- `doc2vec` [13] : In addition to the context window of words, a paragraph vector is also used to predict which adjacent words should be present.

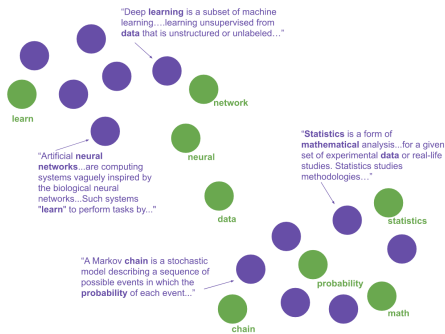
top2vec [1]

- leverage document and word semantic embeddings to find topic vectors
- resulting topics are jointly embedded with the **document** and **word** vectors
- distances represent semantic similarity

The semantic space 1/2

The **semantic space** is a continuous representation of **topics** in which each point is a different topic best summarized by its nearest words.

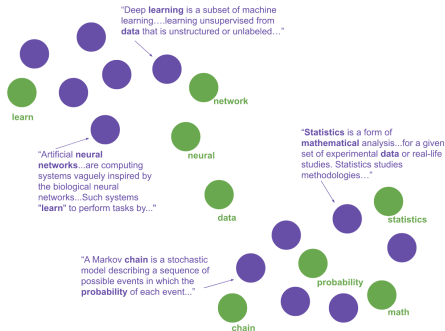
- jointly embedded document and word vectors
- words are closer to the documents they best represent
- similar documents are close together
- doc2vec [13], Universal Sentence Encoder [4], Sentence-BERT [18]



<https://github.com/ddangelov/Top2Vec>

The semantic space 2/2

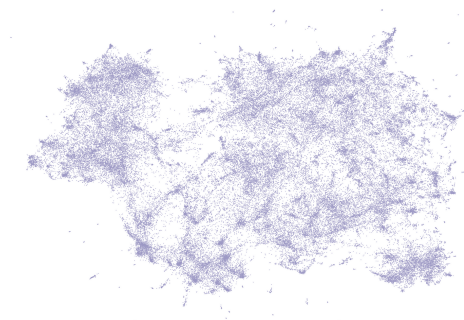
- dense area of documents → many documents that have a similar topic
- the number of dense areas is assumed to be the number of prominent topics
- topics vectors are calculated as the **centroids** of each dense area of document vectors



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Low dimensional document embedding

- dimension reduction helps for finding dense areas
- Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection for Dimension Reduction (UMAP) [15] :
 - preserves local & global structure
 - scalable to large datasets

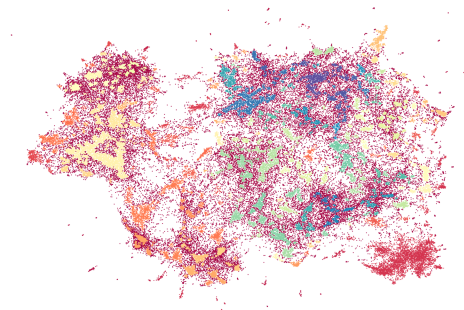


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Find dense clusters of documents

Hierarchical Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise (HDBSCAN) [3]

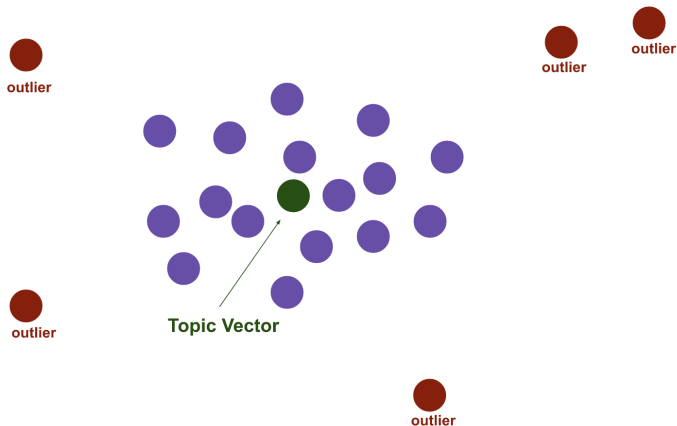
- clusters as areas of high density separated by areas of low density
- assigns a label to each dense cluster
- documents vectors not in a dense cluster → noise



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Calculate topic vectors

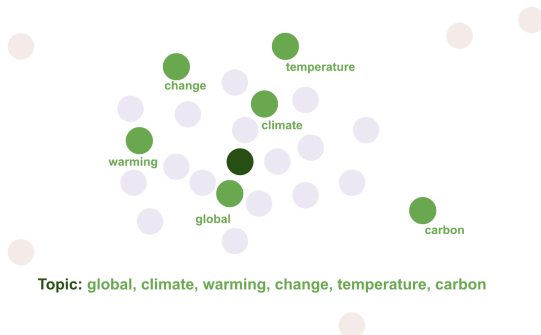
Topic vectors \rightarrow centroids of dense areas (in original semantic space)



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Retrieve topic words

- The word vectors closest to a topic vector are those that are most semantically representative of it.
- Common words are in regions of the semantic space that are equally distant from all documents.



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TP2 : Semantic space of the European Parliament

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Objectives :

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- Install, configure and run top2vec over data
- Evaluate clusters and compare results.

Useful links :

- <https://github.com/ddangelov/Top2Vec>
- <https://top2vec.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html>
- https://www.sbert.net/docs/pretrained_models.html
- <https://umap-learn.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>
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