Session 4: Algorithms on Text Data

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Main application

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Application: Analyzing every annual report from 2014

- All 10-K filings in EDGAR in 2014
 - This keeps the data small enough to keep in memory easily, but large enough to get some power in our analyses
 - Supervised classification
 - Method from Hassan et al. (2019 QJE)



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- **Unsupervised classification**
- Word-level: word2vec

Document-level: LDA

Supervised methods

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The Hassan et al. (2019 QJE) approach

- Just like how we can used data about a phenomenon to supervise algorithm construction with numeric data (i.e., regression), Hassan et al. (2019 QJE) suggests a similar idea based on using text to supervise text.
- The methodology requires 3 sets of textual information:
 - 1. Data that you want to analyze
 - 2. Data that represents the information you want to quantify the extent of
 - 3. Data that represents the rest of the information, e.g., what you **don't** want to quantify

There is a simple requirement here: what you want and what the baseline text in your file is must be sufficiently different

The method is mentioned in the computer science literature in Song and Wu (2008) and Schütze et al. (2008)



The study

Goal: measure political risk

- Data:
 - 1. Conference call transcripts from 2002 to 2016
 - 2. Political text: American Politics Today (Bianco and Canon); articles from NYT, USA Today, WSJ, Washington Post on "domestic politics"
 - 3. Nonpolitical text: Financial Accounting (Libby, Libby and Short); articles from NYT, USA Today, WSJ, Washington Post on "performance," "ownership changes," and "corporate actions;" the Santa Barbara Corpus of Spoken American English (excluding politics-related episodes)

A lot of baseline data is needed! But why?





Other work needed

- 1. Cleaning up the data
 - Removing a lot of bi-grams based on part-of-speech tags that are unlikely to be relevant
 - Removing Bi-grams with: i, ve, youve, weve, im, youre, were, id, youd, wed, thats
 - Removing "princeton university"
- 2. Removing 3 synonyms for risk due to contextual differences: questions, question, venture



What do they do with the data?

- They construct a list of *bi-grams* (2 word phrases) such that
 - Each bi-gram appears in the political baseline
 - Each bi-gram never appears in the nonpolitical baseline
- They will weight words accordingly
- They will measure risk by using these weights paired with phrases where a synonym for risk is nearby.

Top political bi-grams (weight)

- 1. the constitution
- 2. the states
- 3. public opinion
- 4. interest groups
- 5. of government

- **Top risk words (frequency)**
 - 1. risk
 - 2. risks
 - 3. uncertainty
 - 4. variable
 - 5. chance

Building the measure

- Let \mathbb{N} be the set of bi-grams that are non-political
- Let \mathbb{P} be the set of bi-grams that are political
- b is a bi-gram in the set of bi-grams in the set $\mathbb B$
- Let the set $\mathbb{B}(\mathbb{P})$ have B(P) elements
- Let r_b be the closest risk word to b
- Let $f_{b,\mathbb{P}}$ be the number of times that b appears in \mathbb{P}

Total discussion of politics

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 $\mathbb{E}\left[\left| b - r_b
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Benefits of the method

1. More complete than a dictionary approach 2. Very clean approach given that political discussion should be fairly different from other discussion in annual reports 3. Generally applicable for any easy to pick out discussion So long as you can find training data



What do we need to know to implement it?

- 1. How to chunk text into bi-grams
- 2. How to tokenize text
 - Done in Session $3\sqrt{}$
- 3. How to count words or phrases
 - Use a Counter() ✓

Optional advanced stuff: You can vectorize most of the calculation and just use matrix algebra with numpy

Workflow

Set up blacklists

word blacklist = "i i've you've we've i'm you're we're i'd you'd we'd that's".split(' ') 😴 pattern blacklist = ["PRP|PRP", "IN|IN", "RB|RB", "WRB|RB", "IN|RB", "RB|IN", "IN|WRB", "WRB|IN", "DT|IN", "IN|DT", "RB|WRB", "RB|DT", "DT|RB", "WRB|DT", "DT|WRB", "SYM|SYM"] gram blacklist = 'princeton|university'

Define the main function for cleaning

```
def grammer(doc, n, processed patterns, word blacklist, gram blacklist, lower=True, stopwor
    if not stopword:
        grams = textacy.extract.ngrams(doc, n=n, filter stops=False, filter nums=True)
    else:
        grams = textacy.extract.ngrams(doc, n=n, filter stops=True, filter nums=True)
   ngrams = Counter()
    for gram in grams:
        pos = '|'.join([word.tag for word in gram])
        if not lower:
            text = '|'.join([word.text for word in gram])
        else:
            text = '|'.join([word.text for word in gram]).lower()
```

Process a document

We'll use the same data as Session 3

```
nlp = spacy.load('en core web sm', disable=['parser', 'ner'])
nlp.max length = 1000000
```

```
with open('../../Data/0001104659-14-015152.txt', 'rt') as f:
    text = f.read()
```

```
document = nlp(text)
grams = grammer(document, n=2, processed patterns=pattern blacklist,
                word blacklist=word blacklist,
                gram blacklist=gram blacklist)
```

```
# Intermediary measures
gram count = sum(grams.values())
gram set = set(grams)
```

What is this set()?

- Sets in python are an interesting and rather useful structure
- Like lists, they contain a bunch of objects, such as text in our case
- Unlike lists, they do not have an order and cannot contain duplicates
- Also unlike lists, they are very fast to query
 - E.g., if you ask if something is in a very large set, the response is quick
- We can apply set functions to them!
 - set1 & set2 represents the intersection of the two sets
 - Much faster than [i for i in list1 if i in list2]
 - set1 | set2 represents the union

Applying a hypothetical dictionary

The hypothetical weighted dictionary:

weights = {'earnings|foreign':0.5, 'currency|foreign':0.4, 'foreign|currencies':0.35, 'foreign' 'foreign|currency':0.25, 'foreign|investment':0.2, 'foreign|holdings':0.2} weight set = set(weights)

• Use set intersection to quickly get the overlap:

shared_keys = list(gram_set & weight_set)

Determine the aggregate weight of the overlapping text

```
ns = len(shared keys)
v_weights = np.empty(ns)
v counts = np.empty(ns)
C = 0
for key in shared keys:
    v weights[c] = weights[key]
    v counts[c] = grams[key]
```

Finalize the measure

measure = spec_weight / gram_count if gram count > 0 else 0 measure

0.0004479123801082587

- Note that this exercise shows you how to calculate a simple disclosure score, not the risk score from Hassan et al. (2019 QJE)
 - For the risk score, you need to replace the counts by a count of times the bi-gram was within 10 words of a risk word

Exercise

Do Set 1 in the Session 4-Exercises file

- This goes through a simplified version of the same calculation
- In fact, the exercise is pretty much just cosine-similarity under an L_1 distance metric



Unsupervised methods

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A motivating example

Talk **Books**

Browse passages from books using experimental AI

Learn more



Not a traditional search

Use this demo as a creativity tool to explore ideas and discover books by getting quotes that respond to your queries.



Use natural language

Speaking to it in sentences will often get better results than keywords. That's because the AI is trained on human conversations.



What are unsupervised methods?

Unsupervised methods try to find some patterns in data without being told what exactly it is that they should find

- Examples of what can be accomplished:
 - 1. Word meaning
 - Calculate similarity of words
 - Useful for finding synonyms or comparing text snippets
 - 2. Sentence or phrase meaning
 - Useful for directly comparing sentence or paragraph similarity
 - 3. Document classification
 - Useful for clustering documents
 - 4. Content grouping (topic analysis)
 - Useful for simplistic text summarization in a quantified manner

What are "vector space models"

- Different ways of converting some abstract information into numeric information
 - Focus on maintaining some of the underlying structure of the abstract information
- Examples (in chronological order):
 - Word vectors:
 - Word2vec
 - GloVe
 - Paragraph/document vectors:
 - Doc2Vec
 - Sentence vectors:
 - Universal Sentence Encoder
 - Topic vectors:
 - Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

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Word vectors

- Instead of coding individual words, encode word meaning
- The idea:
 - Our old way (encode words as IDs from 1 to N) doesn't understand relationships such as:
 - Spatial
 - Categorical
 - Grammatical (weakly when using stemming)
 - Social
 - etc.

Word vectors try to encapsulate all of the above implicitly, through by encoding words as a vector based on how features manifest themselves in text

Word vectors: Simple example

words	f_animal	f_people	f_locati
dog	0.5	0.3	-0.3
cat	0.5	0.1	-0.3
Bill	0.1	0.9	-0.4
turkey	0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Turkey	-0.5	0.1	0.7
Singapore	-0.5	0.1	0.8

- The above is a simplified illustrative example
- Notice how we can tell apart different animals based on their relationship with people
- Notice how we can distinguish turkey (the animal) from Turkey (the country) as well



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What it retains: word2vec





Country-Capital

What it retains: **GloVe**







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How to build word vectors

- In python:
 - gensim allows you to import pre-trained models
 - It also allows you to train your own
 - tensorflow allows you to use pre-trained models or train your own
- In R:
 - 1. Word co-occurrence-based like GloVe
 - Available from the text2vec package
 - 2. Word order based (using a neural network)
 - Available from the rword2vec package

How does word order work?

Infer a word's meaning from the words around it



How else can word order work?

Infer a word's meaning by *generating* words around it



Refered to as the Skip-gram model





An example of using word2vec

- In the BCE paper from Session 6, word2vec was used to provide assurance that the LDA model works reasonably well on annual reports
 - 1. We trained a word2vec model on random issues of the Wall Street Journal (247.8M words)
 - 2. The resulting model "understood" words in the context of the WSJ
 - 3. We then ran a psychology experiment (word intrusion task) on the algorithm



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Loading in word2vec with Gensim

- The gensim package comes with the ability to download word2vec and GloVe vectors from a repository The code below would allow you to download a model trained on Google News
- - In this model, each word is represented as a 300-dimensional vector

import gensim import gensim.downloader

base w2v = gensim.downloader.load('word2vec-google-news-300')

Note: The model it downloads is 1.7GB

- The model will be stored in ~/gensim models/
 - ~ represents your user directory
 - You can safely delete this directory after you are done using it

Examining word2vec: Odd one out

base_w2v.doesnt_match(['Queen', 'King', 'Prince', 'Peasant'])

'Peasant'

base_w2v.doesnt_match(['Singapore', 'Malyasia', 'Indonesia', 'Germany'])

'Germany'

base_w2v.doesnt_match(['Euro', 'USD', 'RMB', 'computer'])

'computer'

base_w2v.doesnt_match(['mee goreng', 'char kway teoh', 'laksa', 'hamburger'])

'hamburger'



Examining word2vec: Closes

base_w2v.most_similar(['Earnings'])

('Pro_Forma_EPS', 0.6441532373428345) ('Diluted_EPS', 0.636042058467865)
('Goodwill_Impairment', 0.6357625126838684) ('Tax_Expense', 0.6289322376251221)
('Reconciling_Items', 0.6285154819488525) ('Restructuring_Charges', 0.626827120
('Backs_FY##', 0.6254147291183472) ('Raises_FY##_EPS', 0.6230234503746033)
('Restructuring Charge', 0.6216667294502258) ('FFO Per Share', 0.62072199583053

base_w2v.most_similar('IASB')

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## ('Accounting_Standards_Board', 0.7211726307868958) ('FASB', 0.6697319149971008)
## ('IAASB', 0.6319378614425659) ('IAS##', 0.6150702834129333)
## ('FASB_IASB', 0.593984842300415) ('Exposure_Draft', 0.5892050266265869)
## ('Board_IASB', 0.5818656086921692) ('IFRS', 0.5813880562782288)
## ('GNAIE', 0.5802473425865173) ('Solvency_II', 0.574397087097168)
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('Deloitte', 0.7856791019439697) ('Grant Thornton', 0.7815379500389099) ('PriceWaterhouseCoopers', 0.7609084248542786) ('KMPG', 0.7575340270996094)


Examining word2vec: Analogies

man : King :: woman : ?

• Mathematically: King - man + woman =?

base_w2v.most_similar(positive=['King', 'woman'], negative=['man'])

('Queen', 0.5515626668930054) ('Oprah_BFF_Gayle', 0.47597548365592957)
('Geoffrey_Rush_Exit', 0.46460166573524475) ('Princess', 0.4533674716949463)
('Yvonne_Stickney', 0.4507041573524475) ('L._Bonauto', 0.4422135353088379)
('gal_pal_Gayle', 0.4408389925956726) ('Alveda_C.', 0.4402790665626526)
('Tupou_V.', 0.4373864233493805) ('K._Letourneau', 0.4351031482219696)



The sleight of hand behind this

- Word2Vec implementations usually bar a word in the analogy from being an output
 - E.g., it will never report **man : King :: woman : King**
 - But this is actually the mathematical answer

```
analogy = base_w2v['King'] + base_w2v['woman'] + base_w2v['man']
analogy = analogy / np.linalg.norm(analogy)
print('King', np.linalg.norm(analogy - base_w2v['King']))
```

King 1.9888592

print('Queen', np.linalg.norm(analogy - base_w2v['Queen']))

Queen 2.7364814

It's still pretty good though!

- Note that since word2vec's original answer was Queen, this implies it was second best
 - If Queen is the closest word to King, then this would be mathematically uninteresting
 - It's actually 7th though!

base_w2v.most_similar('King')

[('Jackson', 0.5326348543167114), ('Prince', 0.5306329727172852), ('Tupou_V.', 0.5292826294898987), ('KIng', 0.522750139236



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What is this good for?

- 1. You care about the words used, by not stylistic choices
 - Abstraction
- 2. You want to crunch down a bunch of words into a smaller number of dimensions without running any bigger models (like LDA) on the text.
 - E.g., you can toss the 300 dimensions of the Google News model to a Lasso or Elastic Net model
 - This is a big improvement over the past method of tossing vectors of word counts at Naive Bayes
- 3. You want synonyms for a set of words that are selected in a less-researcher-biased fashion
 - You can even get n-gram synonyms this way
 - A popular method for augmenting small dictionaries

Exercise: Trying out word2vec

Do Set 2 in the Session 4-Exercises file

- This set of exercise is to help you understand a bit better about what word2vec is good at
 - As well as what it isn't good at



Understanding documents using topic analysis



What is LDA?

- Latent Dirichlet Allocation
- One of the most popular methods under the field of topic modeling
- LDA is a Bayesian method of assessing the content of a document
- LDA assumes there are a set of topics in each document, and that this set follows a *Dirichlet* prior for each document
 - Words within topics also have a Dirichlet prior

More details from the creator



An example of LDA

Topics



Documents

Seeking Life's Bare (Genetic) Necessities

urvive! Last week at the genome meeting here,⁶ two genome researchers with radically different approaches presented complementary views of the basic genes needed for late One research team, using computer analyses to compare known genomes, concluded that today's organisms can be sustained with just 250 genes, and that the earliest life forms

required a mere 128 genes. The other researcher mapped genes in a simple parasite and estimated that for this organism. 800 genes are plenty to do the job-but that anything short of 100 wouldn't be enough.

Although the numbers don't match precisely, those predictions

* Genome Mapping and Sequencing, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, May 8 to 12.

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How does it work?

1. Reads all the documents

- Calculates counts of each word within the document, tied to a specific ID used across all documents
- 2. Uses variation in words within and across documents to infer topics
 - By using a Gibbs sampler to simulate the underlying distributions
 - An MCMC method
- It's quite complicated in the background, but it boils down to a system where generating a document follows a couple rules:
 - 1. Topics in a document follow a multinomial/categorical distribution
 - 2. Words in a topic follow a multinomial/categorical distribution

Motivating example: Huang et al. 2015 MS

- A goal of the paper is to see what analysts discuss in their reports, with a focus on two possibilities 1. Discussing content from conference calls
 - 2. Discussing content that is beyond the scope of conference calls

Analysts discuss both, and both are useful to investors

- As expected, there is some variation when both are useful:
 - If a conference call is more difficult to understand, analysts discussing the same content is more useful
 - If executives have incentives to withhold information, then information beyond the conference call is more useful



Why LDA in this paper: Conference calls

- There are a lot of potential things that could be discussed in conference calls
 - Some are consistently brought up:
 - **Economic conditions**
 - Earnings
 - Expenses
 - Product launches
 - Some can be particular to a specific time and a specific company
 - Example: comments on why a buggy video game was released (Source)
 - "I don't expect next-gen performance on last-gen, but I would like to be able to play through the game."
- If a researcher takes a dictionary approach, they can probably get many of the consistently discussed topics
 - But they will likely miss the less common or more variable topics



Why LDA in this paper: Analyst reports

The goal is to have a text model that is valid for both document types

- Train LDA on both document types!
- Difficult to ensure the same words are used for a dictionary approach
 - Need to repeat your dictionary creation task for both settings (doubles workload)



Why LDA in this paper: Other considerations

- 1. The model is trained *per industry*
 - Since relevant topics for analyst reports and conference calls change quite a bit by industry, this allows them to get a more accurate portrayal of each industry
 - This adds essentially no extra work for the researcher, other than calling some for loops
 - Contrast with a dictionary approach, where you would now need to multiple your effort by the number of industries
- 2. Not all words are as relevant
 - LDA provides Bayesian-based probabilistic weights rather than 1/0 indicators



Implementing LDA

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Implementing LDA in python

- The best package for this is gensim
 - As long as your data fits in memory comfortably, it is easy to use
 - If not, you will need to construct a generator to pass to it, which is more complex
 - The code file for this session has an example of this!
- There is also an implementation in sklearn
- In terms of computation time, you will likely spend more time prepping your text than running the LDA model



Prepping text

- We will take a more thorough approach using spaCy for preprocessing
 - Remove stopwords using spaCy'
 - Remove numbers, symbols, and punctuation based on a neural network dependency parser
 - Lemmatize words based on the word and its POS tags
- If accuracy is less important or your computer can't handle spacy's approach, another approach is:
 - Use a regex or NLTK to tokenize into words
 - Use the stop-words package or NLTK to get a list of stopwords
 - Filter them out using a list comprehension
 - doc = [w for w in doc if w not in stopwords]
 - Apply a word-based lemmatizer from NLTK such as WordNet

Running the LDA model

```
# docs contains all of our cleaned 10-K filings
# doc names contains the filings' accession numbers
```

```
# Prepare the needed parts for gensim's LDA implementation
words = gensim.corpora.Dictionary(docs)
words.filter extremes(no below=50, no above=0.5)
words.filter_tokens(bad_ids=[words.token2id['_']]) # '_' is not treated as a symbol by spaCy
corpus = [words.doc2bow(doc) for doc in docs]
```

```
# Free up some memory
del docs
```

```
# Save the intermediate data -- useful if we want to tweak model parameters and re-run later
with open('../Data/corpus.pkl', 'wb') as f:
   pickle.dump([corpus, words, doc names], f, protocol=pickle.HIGHEST PROTOCOL)
```

```
# Run the model
lda = gensim.models.ldamodel.LdaModel(corpus, id2word=words, num_topics=10, passes=5,
                                      update every=5, alpha='auto', eta='auto')
```



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Examining the LDA model

1. Load in the LDA model along with the corpus structure and the document names

No need to do this if the model is still in memory

```
lda = gensim.models.ldamodel.LdaModel.load('../../Data/lda')
with open('../../Data/corpus.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    corpus, words, doc names = pickle.load(f)
```

2. Examine a topic

Parameters: topic number, number of words da.show topic(0, 10)

[('vehicle', 0.012847863), ('commodity', 0.010794649), ('oil', 0.007663337), ('funds', 0.007322089)] [('gas', 0.005776752), ('partnerships', 0.0057128207), ('mortgage', 0.0052304408), ('swap', 0.004704417)] [('futures', 0.0043137535), ('advisor', 0.0043026144)]

Note the weights associated with the words – some words are more meaningful than others



Examining the LDA model

3. See the top words in each topic

for i in range(0,10):
 top = lda.show_topic(i, 10)
 top_words = [w for w, _ in top]
 print('{}: {}'.format(i, ' '.join(top_words)))

0: vehicle commodity oil funds gas partnerships mortgage swap futures advisor ## 1: banking restaurant hotel mortgage fdic borrower lending banks tier residential ## 2: mining exploration mineral gold manufacture silver land metal tobacco ore ## 3: gaming television station contents advisor client programming casino fuel broadcast ## 4: store brand solution mobile contents card online platform channel merchandise ## 5: mortgage reit borrower residential tenant home reinsurance rating contents banking ## 6: china client solution prc manufacture manufacturer holdings contents pension raw ## 7: clinical trial drug patient fda candidate study medical care healthcare ## 8: gas oil drilling pipeline crude water exploration unitholder drill commodity ## 9: gas coal fuel plant electric pension utility generation contents transmission



Examining the LDA model

• The pyLDAvis package produces a nice interactive map of the topics

ldavis = pyLDAvis.gensim_models.prepare(lda, corpus, words, sort_topics=False) pyLDAvis.display(ldavis)

Click here to see the output



Topic labels

- For the sake of exposition, I will label the topics as:
 0. Investments
 - 1. Loans
 - 2. Mining
 - 3. Media
 - 4. Stores
 - 5. Financial
 - 6. Foreign
 - 7. Medical
 - 8. Oil and gas
 - 9. Utilities



Applying the LDA topics

- The model parameter gamma contains a full matrix of the raw topic amounts per document
 - We can get this by calling . inference (corpus) on our model
- Best to normalize this to get percentages

```
= lda.inference(corpus)
gamma,
topic dist = topic dist = gamma / gamma.sum(axis=1)[:,None]
topic dist.shape
```

• Next, we can build this into a data frame and merge it with Compustat

```
topic names = ['Investments', 'Loans', 'Mining', 'Media', 'Stores', 'Financial',
               'Foreign', 'Medical', 'Oil and gas', 'Utilities']
df = pd.DataFrame(data=topic dist, columns=topic names)
df['Accession'] = doc names
df_comp = pd.read_csv('../../Data/S4_Data.csv')
df = df.join(df comp, how='left')
df['industry'] = sic to industry(df.regsic)
```

Comparing two companies' 10-Ks

```
long = pd.melt(df[(df['Accession'] == '0001104659-14-015152') | (df['Accession'] == '0000019617-14-000289')],
               id_vars='Accession', value_vars=topic_names)
long['Company'] = np.where(
   long.Accession == '0001104659-14-015152', 'JPM', 'Citi')
with sns.plotting_context("notebook", font_scale=1.25):
   g = sns.catplot(x='variable', y='value', col='Company',
                   data=long, kind='bar')
     = g.set xticklabels(rotation=90)
```





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Topic weights by SIC industry

```
long = pd.melt(df, id_vars='industry', value_vars=topic_names)
long = long.groupby(['industry', 'variable']).mean().reset_index()
with sns.plotting_context("notebook", font_scale=1.25):
    g = sns.catplot(x='variable', y='value', col='industry', col_wrap=3,
                    data=long[long.industry != 'NA'], kind='bar')
    _ = g.set_xticklabels(rotation=90)
```



Projecting to 2D with UMAP

• Like last session, we will use UMAP to get a sense of how well topic line up with SIC industries





Projecting to 2D with UMAP

- It is also interesting to see how well the topics can be clustered
 - The below colors UMAP by a k=9 kmeans algorithm applied to the LDA output



lustered applied to the LDA output

Things to note

- There are a number of parameters in this design to optimize
 - 1. The cleaning of the data removed any words in less than 50 documents or more than 50% of documents
 - This can be tweaked depending on the needs of the model
 - 2. LDA does have hyperparameters that can be specified: α and η
 - We used gensim's auto option to learn it from the data
 - 3. There are also 2 hyperparameters we didn't touch: κ (decay) and \tau_ (offset)
 - These can be tuned as well
- Most importantly, you need to decide on the number of topics
 - There are multiple ways to do this
 - 1. Iteratively conducting in-sample testing of the performance of the model on a regression of interest (see Brown, Crowley, and Elliott (2020 JAR) for details)
 - 2. Condition number test (see my dissertation for details)
 - 3. A geometric approach to orthogonalizing topics (see my dissertation for details)
 - 4. Based on human-reading of the output see, e.g., Crowley, Huang, and Lu (2020)

Addendum: Using R

- There are at least four good implementations of LDA in R
 - 1. stm: A bit of a tweak on the usual LDA model that plays nicely with quanteda and also has an associated stmBrowser package for visualization (on Github)
 - 2. 1da: A somewhat rigid package with difficult setup syntax, but it plays nicely with the great LDAvis package for visualizing models. Supported by quanteda.
 - 3. topicmodels: An extensible topic modeling framework that plays nicely with quanteda
 - 4. mallet: An R package to interface with the venerable MALLET Java package, capable of more advanced topic modeling



Optimizing K-means clustering



Overview

• Kmeans clustering is very fast to run, but suffers from the same issue as LDA:

You need to specify the number of clusters!

- Often times the solutions to this are similar to what we discussed for LDA
 - Hand tuning
 - In sample performance
- However, there is a statistics-based, researcher-bias-free method

The Gap Statistic

How does the Gap statistic work?

- Let...
 - *k* be the number of clusters,
 - *B* the number of simulated samples
 - W_k be the K-Means inertia score on actual data
 - $W^*_{k,r}$ be the K-Means inertia score for iteration r with synthetic data
 - \overline{l} be the average of the $W^*_{k,r}$ s

$$egin{aligned} & eap(k) = \left(rac{1}{B}
ight)\sum_{r=1}^B \log\left(W_{k,r}^*
ight) - \log\left(W_k
ight) ext{ and } \ & s_k = sd_k\sqrt{1+rac{1}{B}}, ext{ where } sd_k = \sqrt{\left(rac{1}{B}
ight)\sum_{r=1}^B} \end{aligned}$$

• Select the lowest k such that $Gap(k) \geq Gap$

I.e., select the lowest k s.t. the log-scaled error removed by clustering on real data at k is no worse than 1 SD below the log-scaled error removed at k+1

$${iggstyle 1} \left\{ \log \left(W^*_{k,r} - ar{l}
ight)
ight\}^2$$

$$\left(k+1
ight)-s_{k+1}$$

Implementation in python

- The code is too long to put in the slides, but it is in the code file
- Sketch of the code:
 - 1. Iterate through k values starting at 2
 - 2. Determine performance (inertia) at k with real data
 - 3. Determine performance (inertia) at k with simulated (random) data 10 times
 - 4. Calculate the standard deviation of the log of performance on random data
 - 5. See if the 2x2 difference in log inertia between k and k+1 on real and random data is less than the standard deviation
 - If so, k is optimal, stop iterating
 - If not, k = k + 1 and start again

k=30 for the model presented here

Optimal clusting

```
model = cluster.KMeans(n_clusters=30)
kmeans = model.fit(df[topic_names])
df['cluster_opt'] = kmeans.labels_
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umap_color(df[topic_names], df.cluster_opt.astype("category"))



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• 1.1344607913018796

Example companies in the optimized clusters

7264

7307

4740

3215

6278

7615

1599

3133

1187

3165

df[df.cluster_opt==2][['coname', 'industry']].sample(n=n]

##		coname	indu
##	1922	CALLIDUS SOFTWARE INC	Public A
##	2690	MUNRO DEVELOPMENTS, INC.	Construc
##	5021	RYMAN HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES, INC.	Serv
##	5462	AMPCO PITTSBURGH CORP	Utili
##	6816	PORTLOGIC SYSTEMS INC.	Public A
##	5369	ONCOTHYREON INC.	Public A
##	3083	FORD CREDIT AUTO OWNER TRUST 2010-B	Serv
##	5376	GSI GROUP INC	Utili
##	3635	GLOBALSTAR, INC.	Wholesale T
##	5977	AMERICREDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	Serv

df[df.cluster_opt==3][['coname', 'industry']].sample(n=10)

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AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC. PHARMA-BIO SERV, INC. TIME WARNER CABLE INC. REEF OIL & GAS INCOME & DEVELOPMENT FUND III LP PNM RESOURCES INC AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP TIPTREE FINANCIAL INC. ARTHROCARE CORP KIEWIT ROYALTY TRUST MS STRUCTURED TILES SERIES 2006-1

Conclusion





Wrap-up

Supervised text classification

Good when you only need one class, and that class is:
 1. Easy to pick up with some other text as a prior
 2. Very different from the baseline text in your documents

Word vectors

- Easy to implement
- Useful in some context where words matter

LDA

Good for getting a simple, quantitative summary of your data


Packages used for these slides



R

- kableExtra
- knitr
- reticulate

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Custom code

```
Convert SIC codes to their 2-digit labels
def sic_to_industry(mat):
   d = {0:'Agriculture', 1:'Mining', 2:'Construction', 3:'Manufacturing', 4:'Utilities', 5:'Wholesale Trade',
        6:'Retail Trade', 7:'Finance', 8:'Services', 9:'Public Admin', 10:'NA'}
   mat = np.where((mat >= 100) & (mat <=999), 1, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 1000) & (mat <=1499), 2, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 1500) & (mat <=1799), 3, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 2000) & (mat <=3999), 4, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 4000) & (mat <=4999), 5, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 5000) & (mat <=5199), 6, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 5200) & (mat <=5999), 7, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 6000) & (mat <=6799), 8, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 7000) & (mat <=8999), 9, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where((mat >= 9100) & (mat <=9999), 9, mat)</pre>
   mat = np.where(np.isnan(mat), 10, mat)
   return [d[i] for i in list(mat)]
```



Custom code

```
From umap.plot source code on Github
def _get_embedding(umap_object):
   if hasattr(umap_object, "embedding_"):
   return umap_object.embedding_
elif hasattr(umap_object, "embedding"):
       return umap_object.embedding
   else:
       raise ValueError("Could not find embedding attribute of umap_object")
# Cut down version of umap.plot.points to remove dependencies on datashader, bokeh, holoviews, scikit-image, and colorcet
# Introduces a dependency on seaborn though
def umap_color(data_map, data_color, cmap='viridis', subset=None, title=None):
   reducer = umap.UMAP()
   umap_object = reducer.fit(data_map)
   embed = _get_embedding(umap_object)
   if subset is not None:
        embed X = embed[subset,0]
        embed Y = embed[subset,1]
        data_color = np.array(data_color[subset])
   else:
        embed_X = embed[:, 0]
       embed_Y = embed[:, 1]
   point_size = 100.0 / np.sqrt(len(embed_X))
    # color by values
   fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
   g = sns.scatterplot(ax=ax, x=embed_X, y=embed_Y, hue=data_color, size=point_size)
     = plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc=2, borderaxespad=0.)
    return g
```

