

Machine Learning 2

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Topic Modeling 1

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Last time:

Clustering —> *Mixture Models* —>
Expectation Maximization (EM)

Today:
Topic models

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(Marginal) Log-likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\theta) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^N p_{\theta, \phi}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log \sum_{z=1}^K p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}|z)p_{\phi}(z)\end{aligned}$$

Naive Bayes

The model

$$p(c|w_{1:N}, \pi, \theta) \propto p(c|\pi) \prod_{n=1}^N p(w_n|\theta_c)$$

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\theta_{1:C}, \pi) = \prod_{d=1}^D \left(p(c_d|\pi) \prod_{n=1}^N p(w_n|\theta_{c_d}) \right)$$

(Soft) EM

Initialize **parameters** randomly
while not converged

1. **E-Step:**

Create one training example for each possible value of the **latent variables**

Weight each example according to model's confidence

Treat parameters as observed

2. **M-Step:**

Set the **parameters** to the values that maximizes likelihood

Treat pseudo-counts from above as observed

And for NB

For "soft" EM

$$P(\tau | c) = \frac{\sum_i P(z_i = c) \cdot \text{count}(\tau \text{ in } x_i)}{\sum_i P(z_i = c) \cdot |x_i|}$$

expected # of times τ occurs in c

$$\sum_i P(z_i = c) \cdot |x_i|$$

total token count in x_i

TOPIC MODELS



Some content borrowed from:
David Blei
(Columbia)

Topic Models: Motivation

- Suppose we have a giant dataset (“corpus”) of text, e.g., all of the NYTimes or all emails from a company
 - ❖ Cannot read all documents
 - ❖ But want to get a sense of what they contain



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- Can be viewed as a sort of soft clustering of documents into topics.





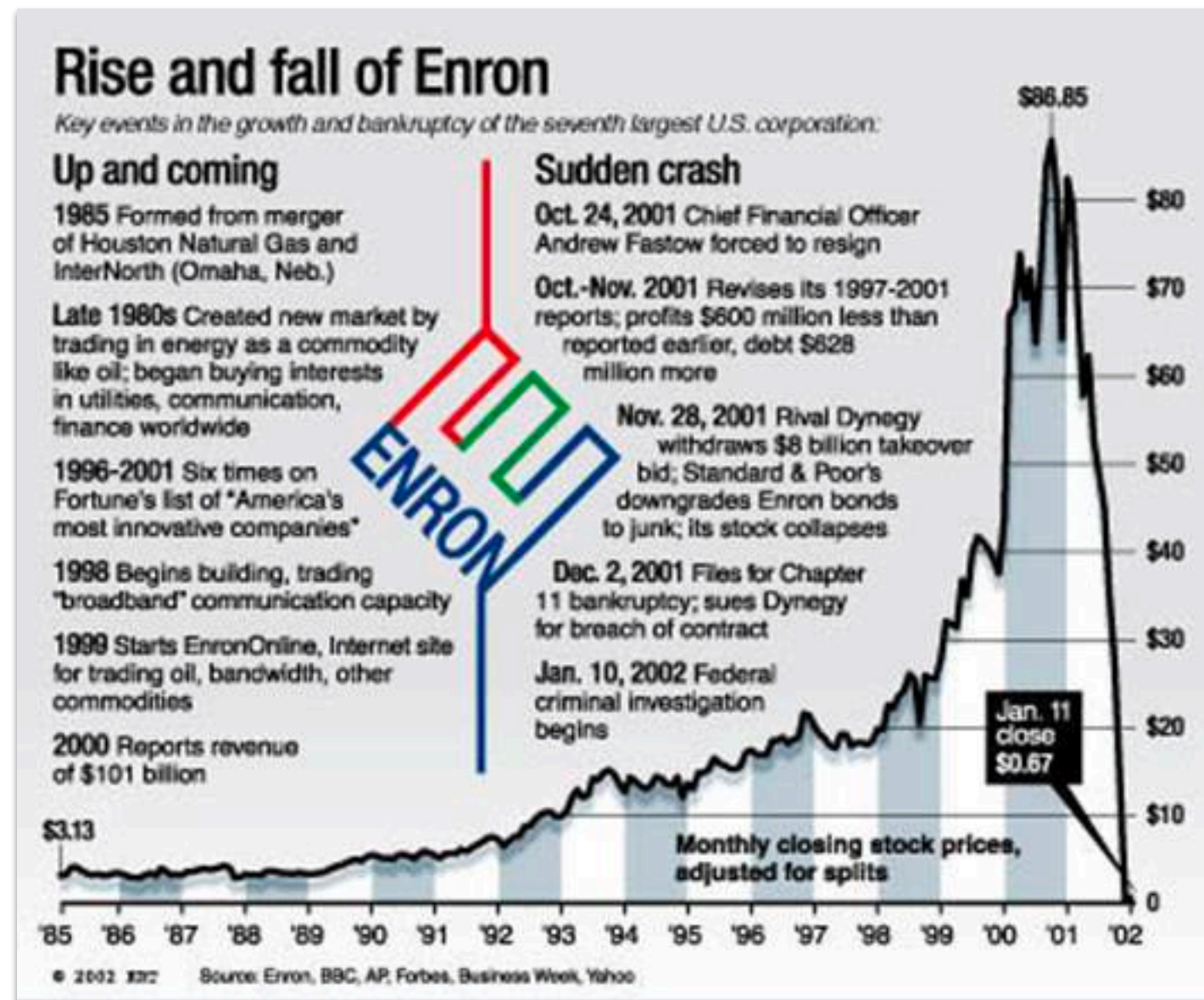
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Example from Wallach, 2006

Key outputs

- **Topics** Distributions over words; we hope these are somehow thematically coherent
- **Document-topics** Probabilistic assignments of topics to documents

Example: Enron emails



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enron_scandal

<https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~enron/>

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Topic	Terms
3	trading financial trade product price
6	gas capacity deal pipeline contract
9	state california davis power utilities
14	ferc issue order party case
22	group meeting team process plan

Document-topic probabilities

Yesterday, SDG&E filed a motion for adoption of an electric procurement cost recovery mechanism and for an order shortening time for parties to file comments on the mechanism. The attached email from SDG&E contains the motion, an executive summary, and a detailed summary of their proposals and recommendations governing procurement of the net short energy requirements for SDG&E's customers. The utility requests a 15-day comment period, which means comments would have to be filed by September 10 (September 8 is a Saturday). Reply comments would be filed 10 days later.

Topic	Probability
9	0.42
11	0.05
8	0.05

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- We will try and take a more probabilistic view, but useful to keep this in mind

Probabilistic Word Mixtures

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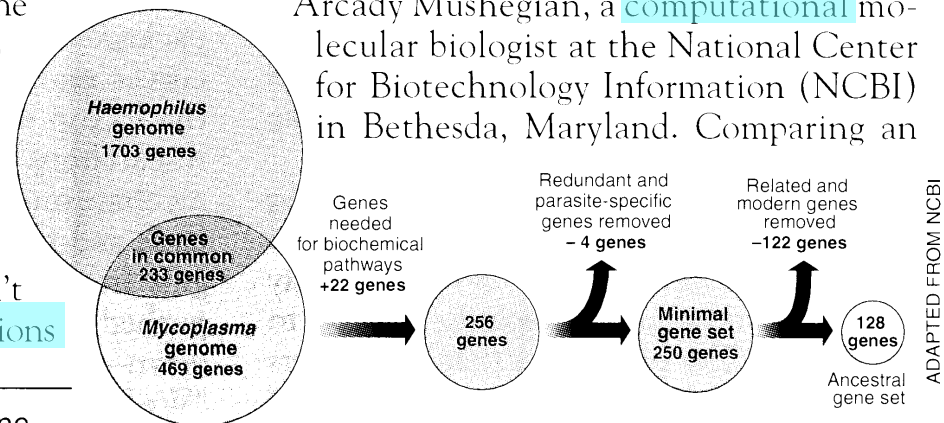
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Words: $x_n | z_n = k \sim \text{Discrete}(\beta_k)$

Topics: $z_n \sim \text{Discrete}(\theta)$

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Each document has
Different topic proportions

LDA's view of a document

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will give \$1.25 million to Lincoln Center, Metropolitan Opera Co., New York Philharmonic and Juilliard School. “Our board felt that we had a real opportunity to make a mark on the future of the performing arts with these grants an act every bit as important as our traditional areas of support in health, medical research, education and the social services,” Hearst Foundation President Randolph A. Hearst said Monday in announcing the grants. Lincoln Center’s share will be \$200,000 for its new building, which will house young artists and provide new public facilities. The Metropolitan Opera Co. and New York Philharmonic will receive \$400,000 each. The Juilliard School, where music and the performing arts are taught, will get \$250,000. The Hearst Foundation, a leading supporter of the Lincoln Center Consolidated Corporate Fund, will make its usual annual \$100,000 donation, too.

“Arts”

“Budgets”

“Children”

“Education”

Example: Discovering
scientific topics

Example Inference

human	evolution	disease	computer
genome	evolutionary	host	models
dna	species	bacteria	information
genetic	organisms	diseases	data
genes	life	resistance	computers
sequence	origin	bacterial	system
gene	biology	new	network
molecular	groups	strains	systems
sequencing	phylogenetic	control	model
map	living	infectious	parallel
information	diversity	malaria	methods
genetics	group	parasite	networks
mapping	new	parasites	software
project	two	united	new
sequences	common	tuberculosis	simulations

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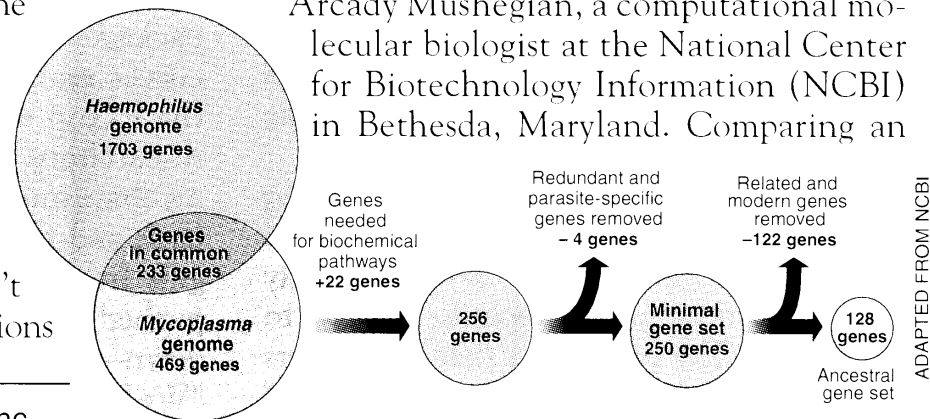
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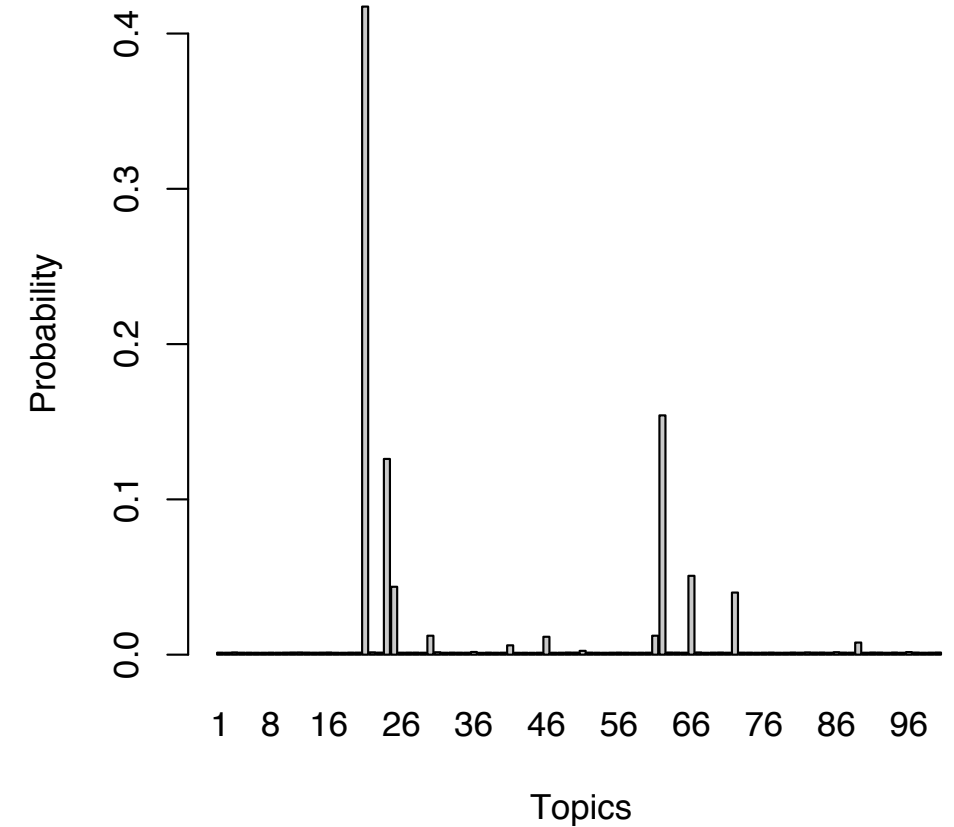
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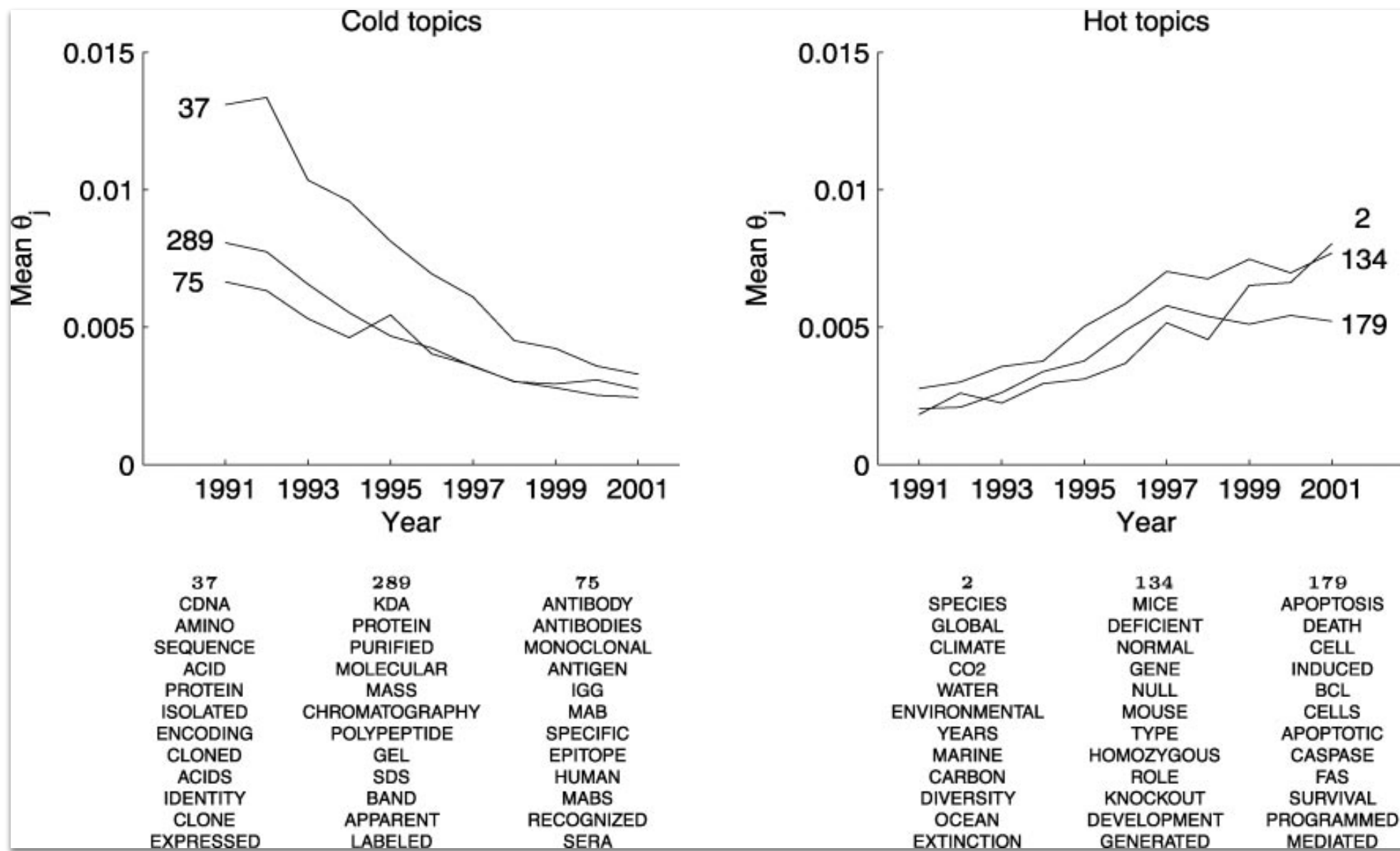


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problem	model	selection	species
problems	rate	male	forest
mathematical	constant	males	ecology
number	distribution	females	fish
new	time	sex	ecological
mathematics	number	species	conservation
university	size	female	diversity
two	values	evolution	population
first	value	populations	natural
numbers	average	population	ecosystems
work	rates	sexual	populations
time	data	behavior	endangered
mathematicians	density	evolutionary	tropical
chaos	measured	genetic	forests
chaotic	models	reproductive	ecosystem



From Naive Bayes to Topic Models (*board*)

Likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}\log(p(\mathbf{x}_d | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_d)) &= \sum_n \log(p(\mathbf{x}_{dn} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_d)) \\ &= \sum_n \log\left(\prod_v p(\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_d)^{I[\mathbf{x}_{dn}=v]}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n,v} I[\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v] \log(p(\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_d)) \\ &= \sum_{n,v} I[\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v] \log\left(\sum_k p(\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v, \mathbf{z}_{dn} = k | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_d)\right) \\ &= \sum_{n,v} I[\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v] \log\left(\sum_k p(\mathbf{z}_{dn} = k | \boldsymbol{\theta}_d) p(\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v | \mathbf{z}_{dn} = k, \boldsymbol{\beta})\right) \\ &= \sum_{n,v} I[\mathbf{x}_{dn} = v] \log\left(\sum_k \boldsymbol{\theta}_{d,k} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{k,v}\right) \\ &= \mathbf{X} \log \boldsymbol{\theta} \boldsymbol{\beta}\end{aligned}$$

How to estimate parameters in PLSA?

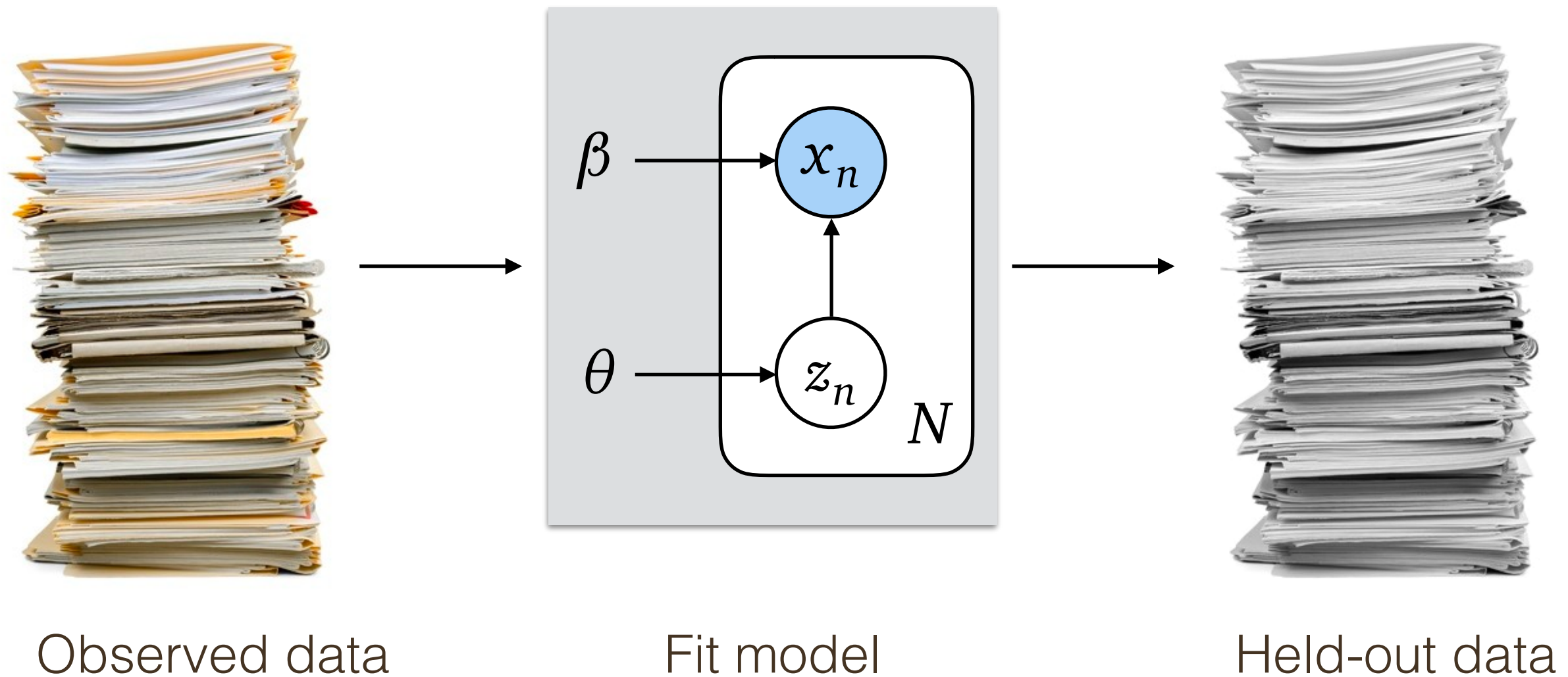
Let's implement...
(in class exercise)

Evaluation:

Are these topics any good?

- As for clustering: a bit tricky. Thoughts on how we might evaluate topics?

Likelihood of held-out data



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- ★ This will motivate *sampling-based* estimation