Modeling Natural Text

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Admin

- Final project
  - Paper draft
    - due next Friday by midnight
    - Saturday, I'll e-mail out 1-2 paper drafts for you to read
    - Send me your reviews by Sunday at midnight
    - Monday morning, I'll forward these so you can integrate comments
  - Initial code submission
    - Make sure to start integrating your code sooner than later
    - Initial code submission due next Friday

Admin

- Final project continued
  - At the beginning of class on Tuesday and Thursday we'll spend 15 min. discussing where things are at
  - Any support from me?
    - let me know sooner than later…

Watson paper discussion

- First application attempts
- How did the discussion go?
- One more paper discussion next Tuesday…

Modeling natural text

Questions

- what are the key topics in the text?
- what is the sentiment of the text?
- who/what does the article refer to?
- what are the key phrases?
- ...

Phenomena

- synonymy
- sarcasm/hyperbole
- variety of language (slang), mispellings
- coreference (e.g. pronouns like he/she)
- ...

Applications

search engines

Google

- search
- advertising
- corporate databases

language generation

speech recognition

machine translation

I think, therefore I am

I am

text simplification

text classification and clustering

SPAM

YAHOO!

document hierarchies

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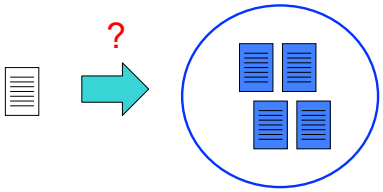
sentiment analysis

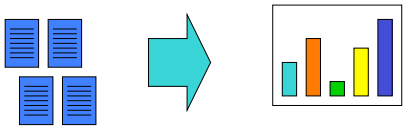
Document modeling: learn a probabilistic model of documents

Predict the likelihood that an unseen document belongs to a set of documents



Model should capture text characteristics

Training a document model



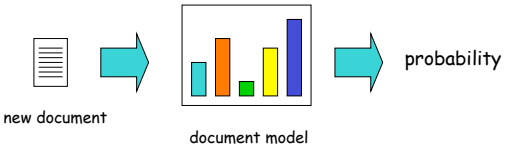
training documents

model parameter estimation

document model

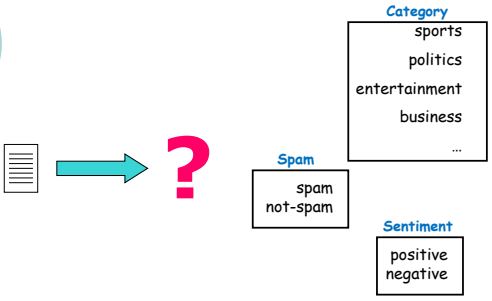
Applying a document model

Document model: what is the probability the new document is in the same "set" as the training documents?

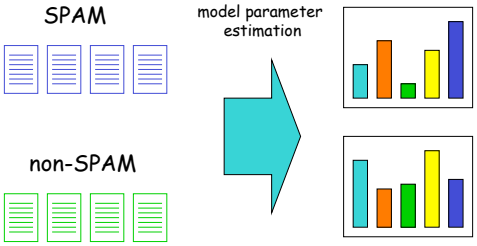


Applications?

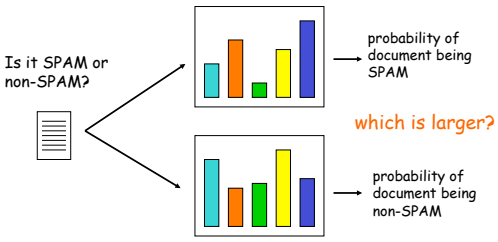
Application: text classification



Text classification: Training



Text classification: Applying



Representation and Notation

Standard representation: bag of words

- Fixed vocabulary ~50K words
- Documents represented by a count vector, where each dimension represents the frequency of a word

Clinton said banana repeatedly last week on tv, "banana, banana, banana"

(4, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, …)

banana clinton said california across tv wrong capital

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Representation allows us to generalize across documents

Downside: lose word ordering information

Word burstiness

What is the probability that a political document contains the word "Clinton" *exactly* once?

The Stacy Koon-Lawrence Powell defense! The decisions of Janet Reno and Bill **Clinton** in this affair are essentially the moral equivalents of Stacy Koon's. …

p("**Clinton**"=1|political)= 0.12

Word burstiness

What is the probability that a political document contains the word "Clinton" *exactly* **twice**?

The Stacy Koon-Lawrence Powell defense! The decisions of Janet Reno and Bill **Clinton** in this affair are essentially the moral equivalents of Stacy Koon's. Reno and **Clinton** have the advantage in that they investigate themselves.

p("**Clinton**"=2|political)= 0.05

Word burstiness in models

p("**Clinton**"=2|political)= 0.05

Many models incorrectly predict:

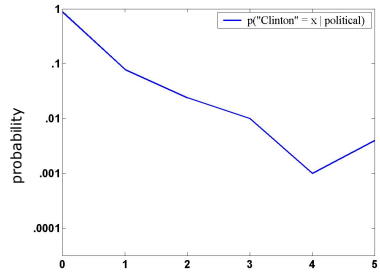
p("Clinton"=2|political) ≈ p("Clinton"=1|political)^2

0.05 ≠ ***0.0144*** (0.12^2)

And in general, predict:

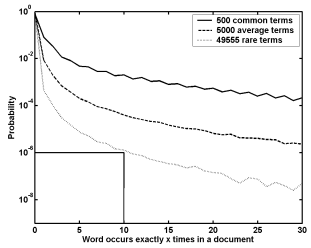
p("Clinton"=i|political) ≈ p("Clinton"=1|political)^i

p("Clinton" = x | political)



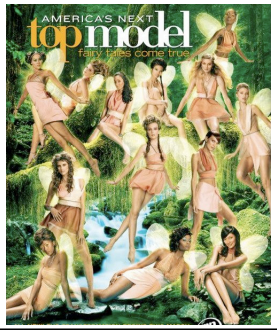
"Clinton" occurs exactly x times in document

Word count probabilities



common words – 71% of word occurrences and 1% of the vocabulary
average words – 21% of word occurrences and 10% of the vocabulary
rare words – 8% or word occurrences and 89% of the vocabulary

The models…



Multinomial model

20 rolls of a fair, 6-side die –
each number is equally probable

(1, 10, 5, 1, 2, 1)
ones twos threes fours fives sixes

(3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4)
ones twos threes fours fives sixes

Which is more probable?

Multinomial model

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How much more probable?

Multinomial model

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(1, 10, 5, 1, 2, 1)
0.000000764

(3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4)
0.000891

1000 times more likely

Multinomial model for text

Many more "sides" on the die than 6, but the same concept…

(4, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, …)
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multinomial document model

probability

Generative Story

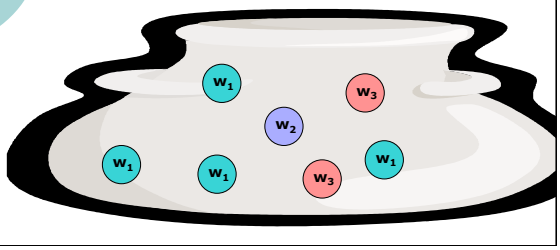
To apply a model, we're given a document and we obtain the probability

We can also ask how a given model would *generate* a document

This is the "generative story" for a model

Multinomial Urn: Drawing words from a multinomial

Selected:



Drawing words from a multinomial

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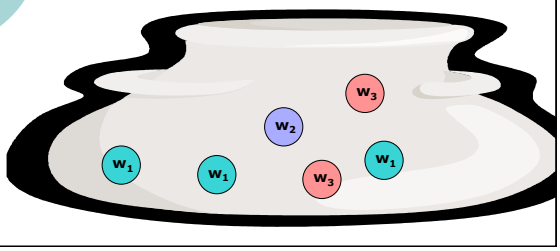

Drawing words from a multinomial

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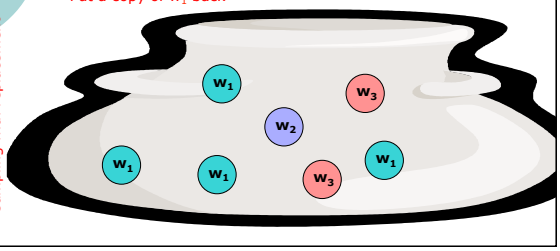
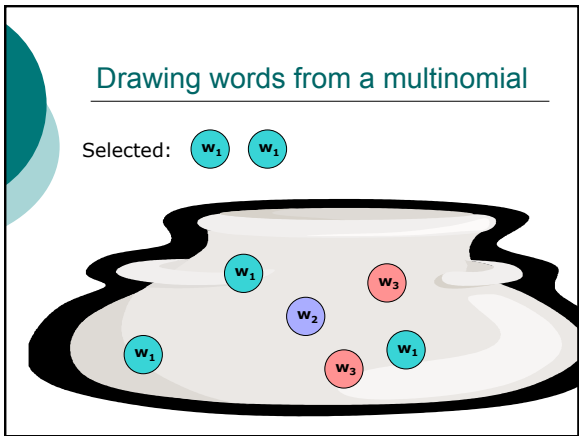
Put a copy of w_1 back

sampling with replacement

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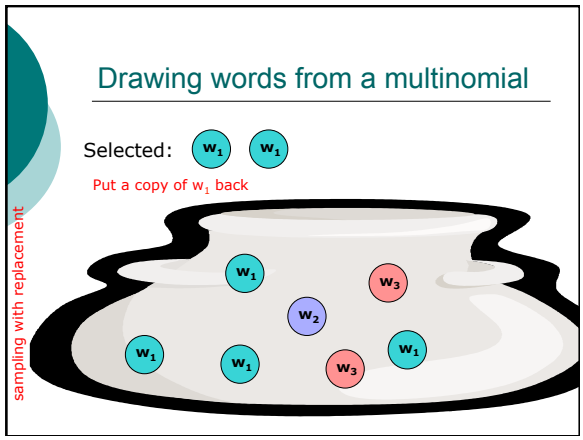
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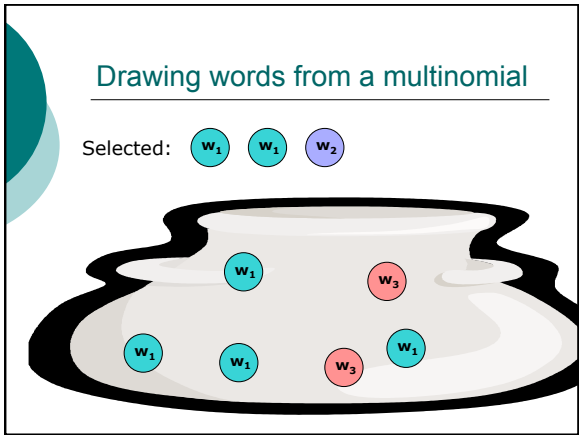
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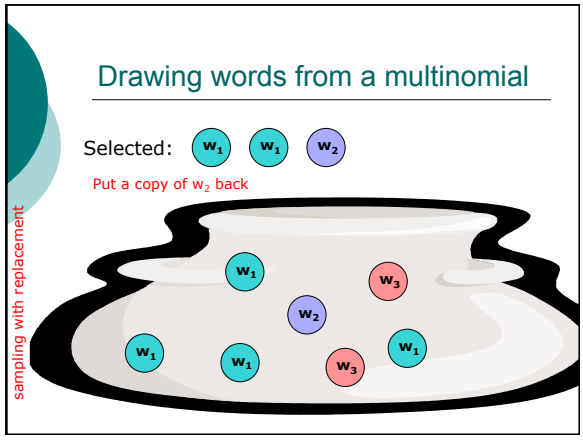
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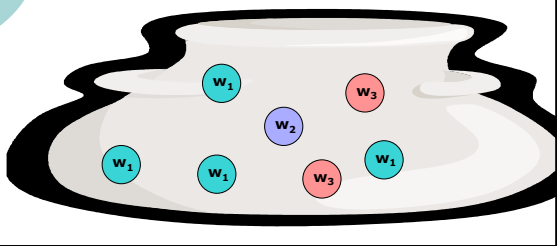
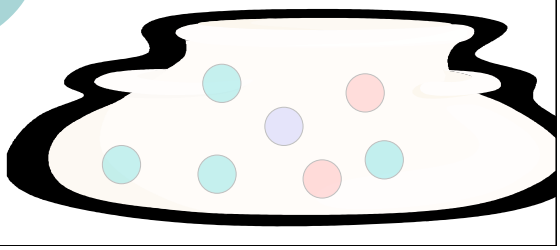
Drawing words from a multinomial

Selected: w_1 w_1 w_2 ...



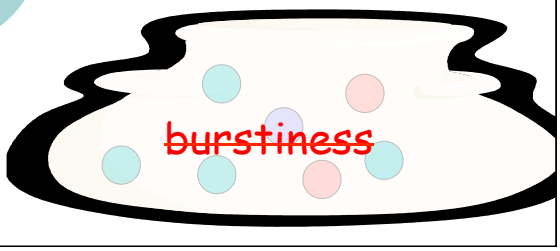
Drawing words from a multinomial

Does the multinomial model capture burstiness?



Drawing words from a multinomial

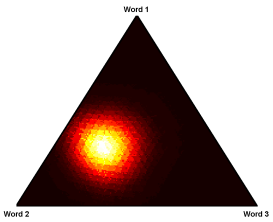
p(word) remains constant, independent of which words have already been drawn (in particular, how many of this particular word have been drawn)



Multinomial probability simplex

Generate documents containing 100 words from a multinomial with just 3 possible words

word 1 word 2 word 3
{0.31, 0.44, 0.25}



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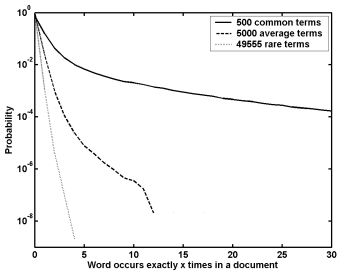
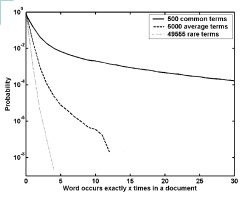
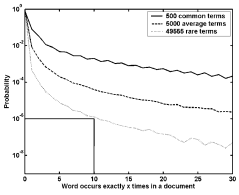


Multinomial does not model burstiness of average and rare words





Better model of burstiness: DCM

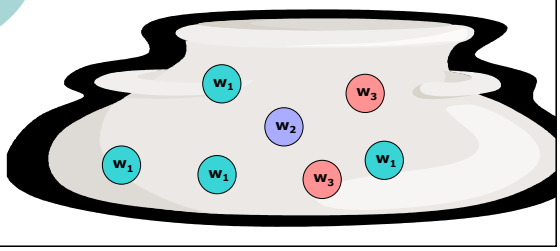
Dirichlet Compound Multinomial

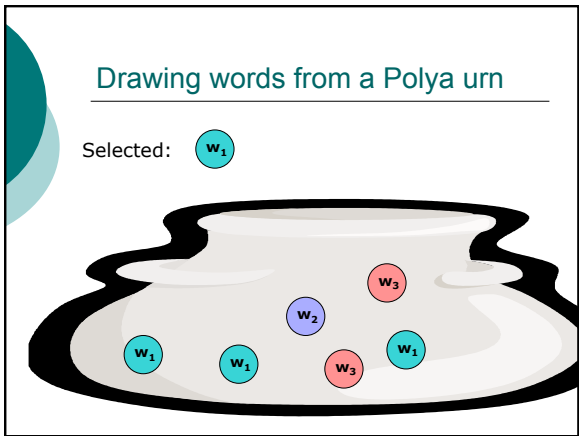
Polya Urn process

- **KEY**: Urn distribution changes based on previous words drawn
- Generative story:
  - Repeat until document length hit
    - Randomly draw a word from urn – call it w_i
    - Put **2** copies of w_i back in urn

Drawing words from a Polya urn

Selected:

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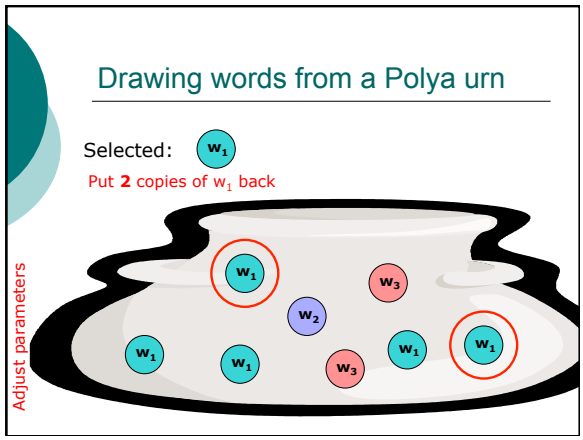
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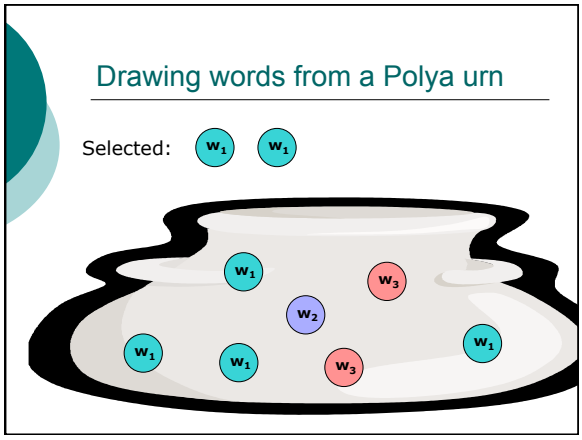
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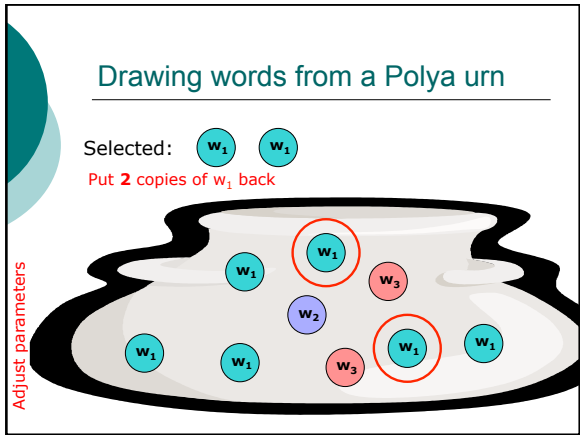
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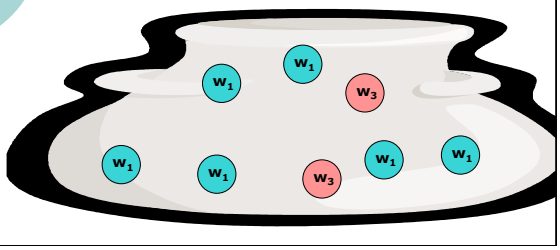
Drawing words from a Polya urn

Selected: w_1 w_1 w_2



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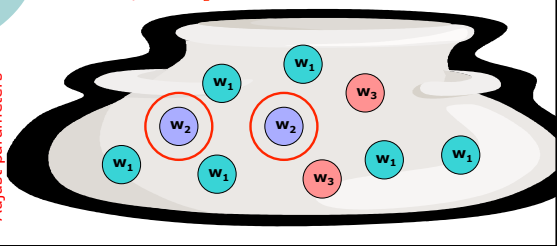
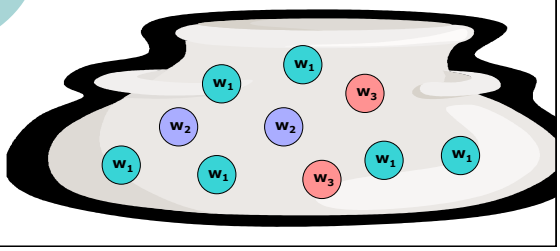
Put **2** copies of w_2 back

Adjust parameters



Drawing words from a Polya urn

Selected: w_1 w_1 w_2 …



Polya urn

- Words already drawn are more likely to be seen again

Results in the DCM distribution

We can modulate burstiness by increasing/ decreasing the number of words in the urn while keeping distribution the same

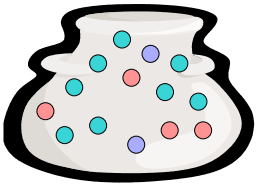
Controlling burstiness

Same distribution of words

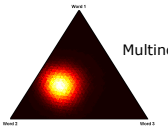
Which is more bursty?

more bursty

less bursty

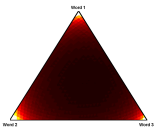


Burstiness with DCM



Multinomial

DCM



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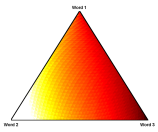

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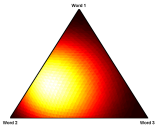
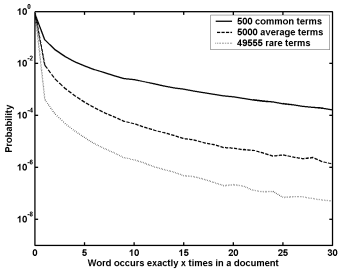


Up scaled
{2.81,3.94, 2.25}

DCM word count probabilities



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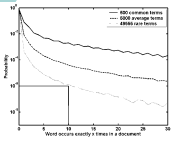

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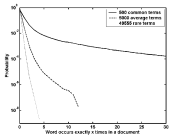

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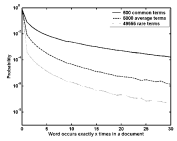


DCM

Modeling burstiness in other applications

Which model would be better: multinomial, DCM, other?

- User movie watching data

				...
horror	comedy	action	romance	

- Bags of M&Ms

				...
green	red	blue	brown	

- Daily Flight delays

				...
SFO	BTV	LAX	SLC	

A look at the code… multinomial model

Training

```
for i = 1:length(vectors)
    thetas(i,:) = log(sum(vector,1) + ones(1,size(vector,2))) -
    log(sum(sum(vector)) + size(vector,2));
```

Applying model

```
for i = 1:length(vectors)
    probs = thetas(:,idx) * vectors{i}(:,idx)';
    [temp, decisions{i}] = max(probs);
```

DCM model

$$p(\mathbf{x}\mid\alpha) = \int_\theta \frac{|\mathbf{x}|!}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} x_w!}\left(\prod_{w=1}^{W}\theta_w^{x_w}\right)\frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{w=1}^{W}\alpha_w\right)}{\prod_{w=1}^{W}\Gamma(\alpha_w)}\prod_{w=1}^{W}\theta_w^{\alpha_w-1}d\theta$$

$$= \frac{|\mathbf{x}|!}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} x_w!}\frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{w=1}^{W}\alpha_w\right)}{\prod_{w=1}^{W}\Gamma(\alpha_w)}\int_\theta\prod_{w=1}^{W}\theta_w^{\alpha_w+x_w-1}d\theta$$

$$= \frac{|\mathbf{x}|!}{\prod_{w=1}^{W} x_w!}\frac{\Gamma\left(\sum_{w=1}^{W}\alpha_w\right)}{\prod_{w=1}^{W}\Gamma(\alpha_w)}\prod_{w=1}^{W}\frac{\Gamma(x_w+\alpha_w)}{\Gamma(\alpha_w)}$$

Experiments

How can we test different models quantitatively?

Experiments

Modeling one class: document modeling

Modeling alternative classes: classification

Two standard data sets

Industry sector (web pages)

- More classes
- Less documents per class
- Longer documents

20 newsgroups (newsgroup posts)

- Fewer classes
- More documents per class
- Shorter documents

Modeling a single class: the fruit bowl

Mon Tue Wed Th Fri Sat Sun

Student 1

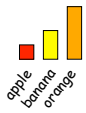
Student 2

Goal: predict what the fruit mix will be for the following Monday (assign probabilities to options)

Modeling a single class/group

How well does a model predict unseen data?

Model 1



Model 2

Monday

(3 2 0)

apple banana orange

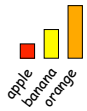
Which model is better?

How would you quantify how much better?

Modeling evaluation: perplexity

Perplexity is the average of the negative log of the model probabilities on test data

Model 1



test example

(3 2 0)

apple banana orange

Model 2

Use the same idea to measure the performance of the different models for modeling one set of documents

Perplexity results

20 newsgroups data set

Multinomial	**92.1**
DCM	**58.7**

Lower is better

- ideally the model would have a perplexity of 0!

Significant increase in modeling performance!

Classification results

Precision = number correct/ number of documents

	Industry	20 Newsgroups
Multinomial	0.600	0.853
DCM	**0.806**	**0.890**

(results are on par with state of the art discriminative approaches!)

Next steps in text modeling

- Modeling textual phenomena like burstiness in text is important
- Better grounded models like DCM **ALSO** perform better in applications (e.g. classification)

Better models

text substitutability

relax bag of words constraint (model co-occurrence)

Applications of models

multi-class data modeling (e.g. clustering)

text similarity

hierarchical models

handling short phrases (tweets, search queries)

language generation applications (speech recognition, translation, summarization)