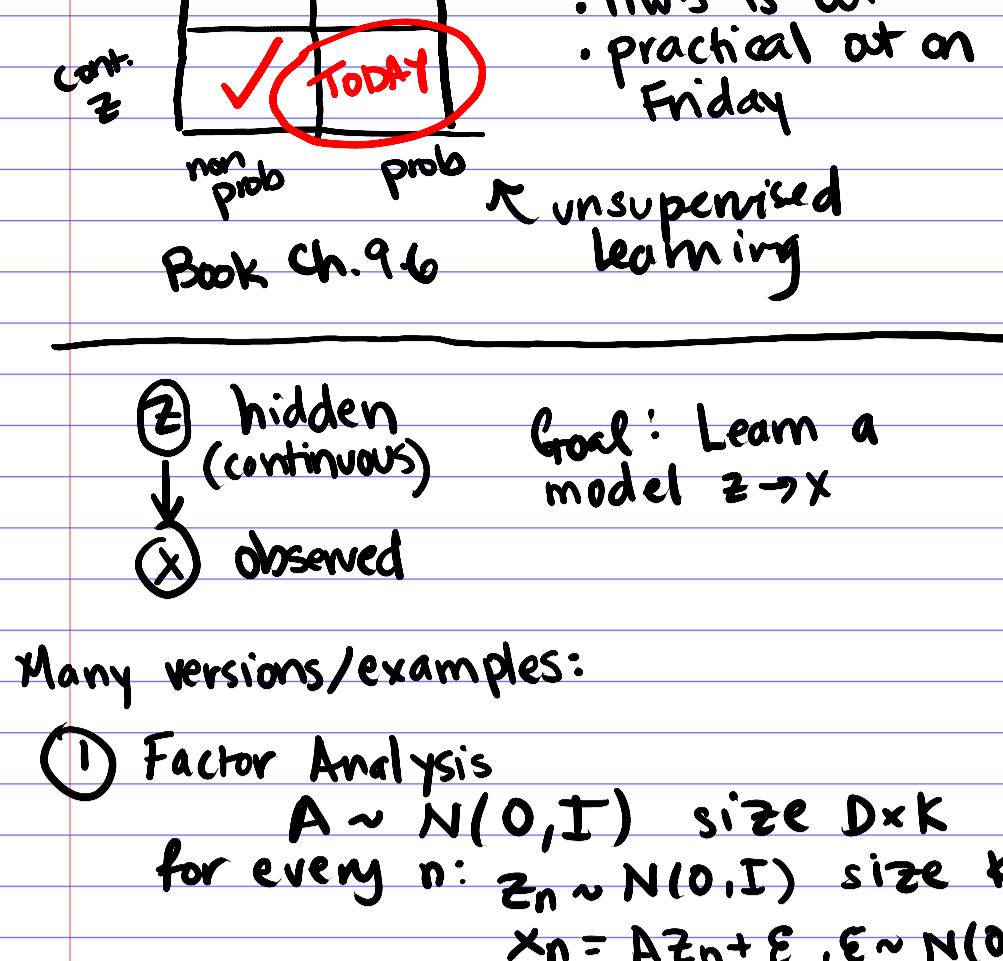


CS181: Topic Models



(z) hidden (continuous)
↓
(x) observed

Goal: Learn a model $z \rightarrow x$

Many versions/examples:

① Factor Analysis

$$A \sim N(0, I) \text{ size } D \times K$$

for every n : $z_n \sim N(0, I)$ size K

$$x_n = Az_n + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

- Note:
- if we knew z , then finding A is relatively easy \rightarrow regression!
 - if we knew A , then solving for z is relatively easy

$$p(z|x, A) \propto p(x|z, A) \cdot p(z)$$

\hookrightarrow algorithm that alternates btw opt $z|A$, opt $A|z$

② Variational Autoencoder

$$z \sim N(0, I) \text{ (size } K)$$

$$x = f_\theta(z) + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, I)$$

neural net char. by θ ;
 θ are the global params

learn an inference network:

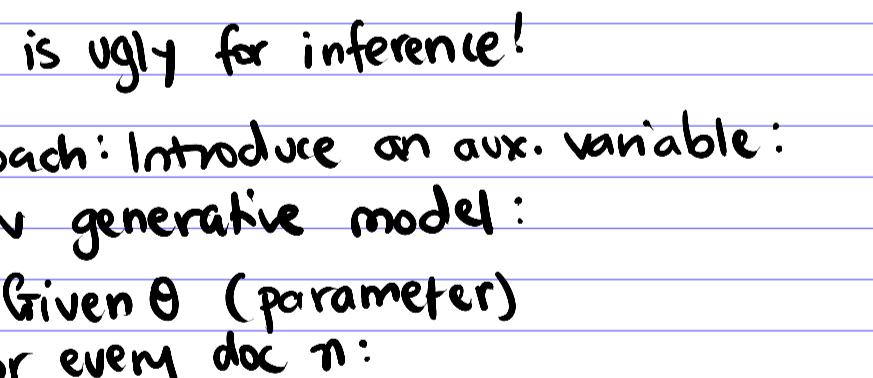
$$p(z|x, \theta) \propto q_\phi(z)$$

now hard to compute new neural net with params ϕ

③ Deep Dive: Topic Models

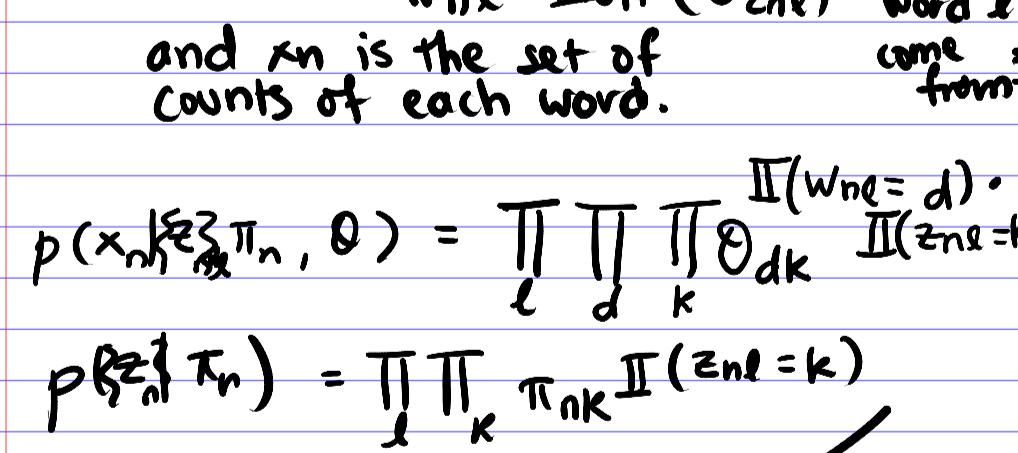
Model:

- We will have a global matrix Θ $D \times K$



- For each document

$$\pi_n \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$$



What is a Dirichlet?

$$\text{Dir}(\pi) \propto \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{\alpha_k - 1}$$

$K=3$

$$[1, 0, 0] \quad [0, 1, 0] \quad [0, 0, 1]$$

$$\alpha_k = 1$$

all valid prob dist on K outcomes,
 $K=3$

$$p(\pi_n | \Theta) \propto \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_{nk}^{\alpha_k - 1} (\text{dims of } x)$$

$$p(x, \pi | \Theta) \propto \left(\prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_{nk}^{\alpha_k - 1} \right) \left(\prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_{nk} \Theta_{kd}^{w_{nk}} \right)^{\pi_{nk}}$$

note: inference is over just Θ and $\{\pi_n\}$
this is ugly for inference!

Approach: Introduce an aux. variable:

Equiv generative model:

Given Θ (parameter)

For every doc n :

$$\pi_n \sim \text{Dir}(d)$$

For each of the L words:

$$z_{nl} \sim \text{Mult}(\pi_n) \quad \text{what topic}$$

$w_{nl} \sim \text{Mult}(\Theta_{z_{nl}})$ does word l come from?

and x_n is the set of counts of each word.

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