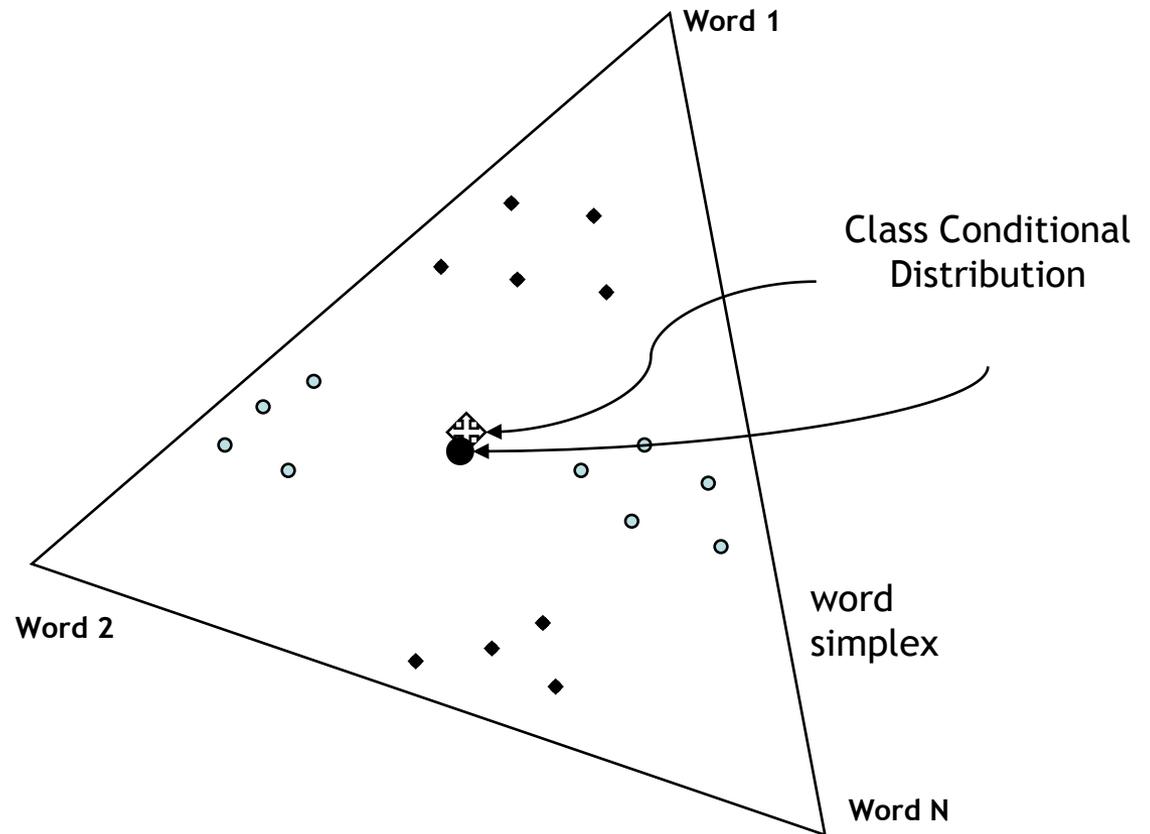


## Problem of:

- Intra-class variations.



# Topic Models

- Different words are not independent and usually there is a **semantic relationship between words**.
- Introduce “**topics**” to capture relationship between words
- A document may contain multiple “topics”

**Note: For the next few slides we will not worry about classification and focus on “capturing the semantic relationship between words”**

# Intuition

## Facebook

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Facebook** is a **social networking website** that was launched on **February 4, 2004**. The **website** is owned and operated by Facebook, Inc., the parent company of the **website** and a **privately held company**. The free-access **website** allows **users** to join one or more **networks**, such as a **school**, **place of employment**, or **geographic region** to easily **connect** with other people in the same **network**. The name of the **website** refers to the paper **facebook**s depicting members of a **campus community** that some **American colleges** and **preparatory schools** give to incoming **students**, **faculty**, and **staff** as a way to get to know other people on **campus**.

**Mark Zuckerberg** founded Facebook while still a **student** at **Harvard University**. **Website** membership was initially limited to only **Harvard students**, but was later expanded to include any **university student**, then **high school students**, and finally to anyone aged 13 and over.

The **website** has more than 64 million active **users** worldwide.<sup>[3]</sup> From September 2006 to September 2007, the **website's** ranking among all **websites**, in terms of traffic, increased from 60th to 7th, according to **Alexa**.<sup>[4]</sup> It is also the most popular **website** for uploading photos, with 14 million uploaded daily.<sup>[3]</sup> Due to the **website's** popularity, Facebook has met with some **criticism** and **controversy** in its short lifespan because of **privacy concerns**, the **political views** of its founders, and **copyright issues**.

1. Words are correlated
2. Document has many topics

topic: Social network website

topic: education

topic: criticism

## Intuition: Images

- Although it is arguable, but for the sake of understanding:
  - Document  $\Leftrightarrow$  Image
  - Topic  $\Leftrightarrow$  Objects
  - Words  $\Leftrightarrow$  Visual words



zebra



grass

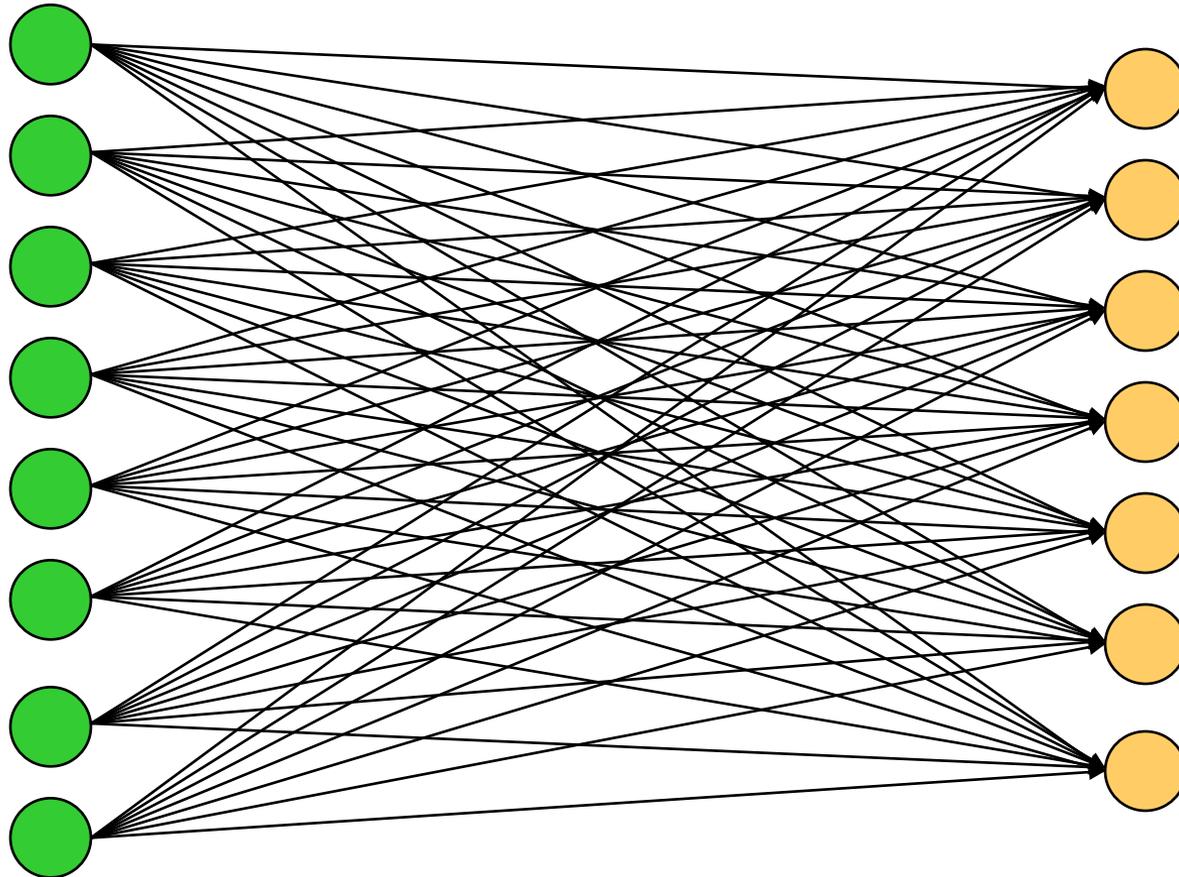


tree

“visual topics”

Documents

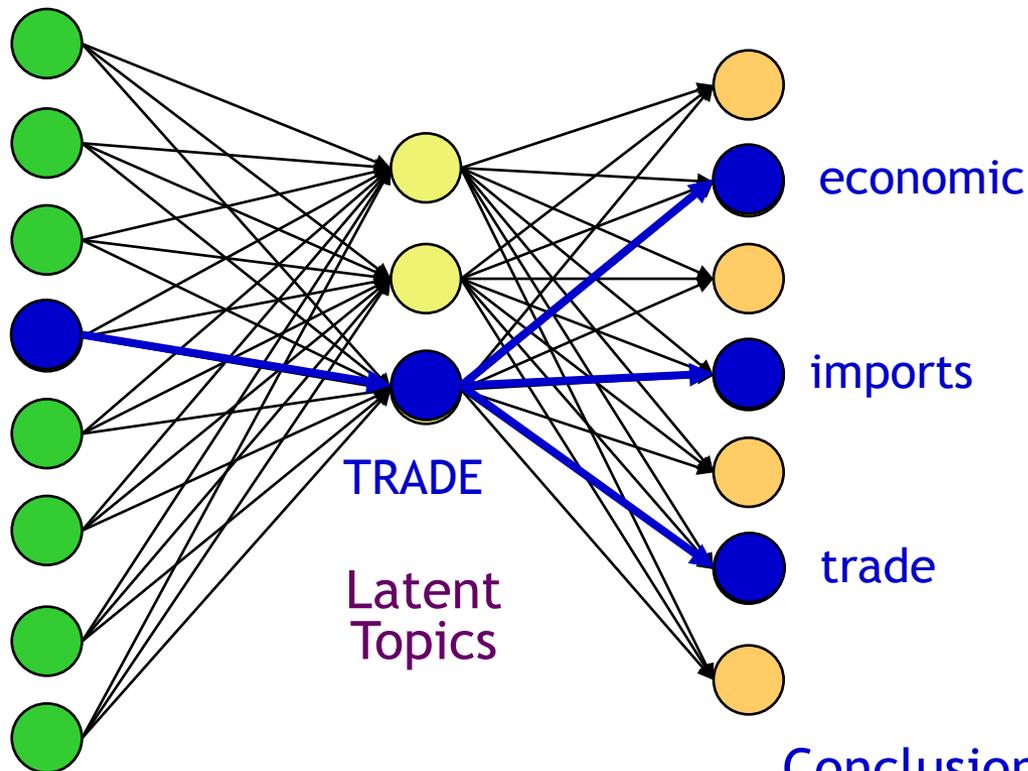
Words



# Topic Models

Documents

Words



Topic probabilities are estimated based on all documents that are dealing with a topic.

“Unmixing” of superimposed concepts is achieved by statistical learning algorithm.

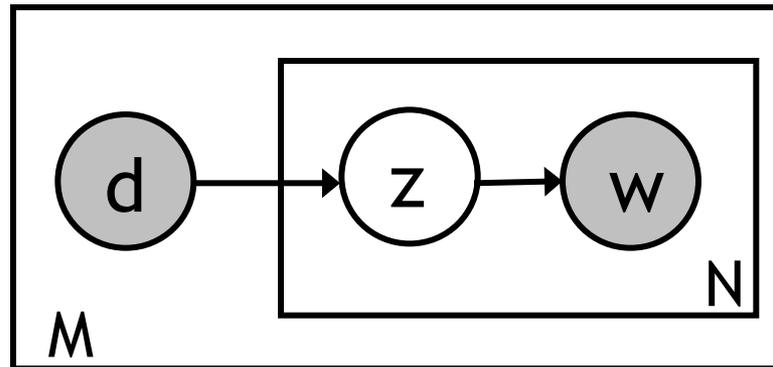
**Conclusion:**  $\Rightarrow$  No prior knowledge about concepts required, context and term co-occurrences are exploited

# General Idea of Probabilistic Topic Models

- Cast this intuition into a generative probabilistic process
  - Each document is a mixture of corpus-wide topics
  - Each word is drawn from one of those topics
- Since we only observe the documents, need to figure out (Estimation/Inference)
  - What are the topics?
  - How are the documents divided according to those topics?
- Two basic models: PLSA and LDA

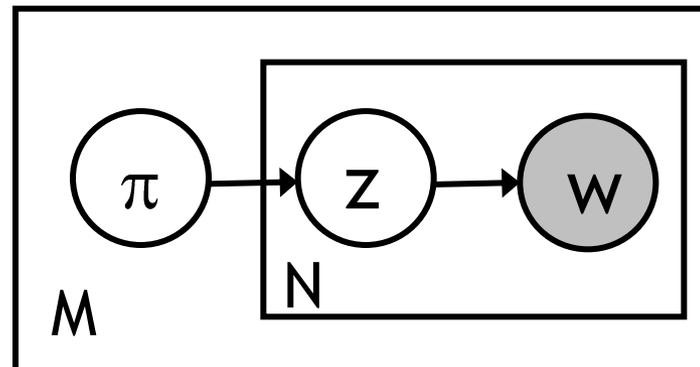
# Probabilistic Topic Models

Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis (pLSA)



Hoffman, 1999

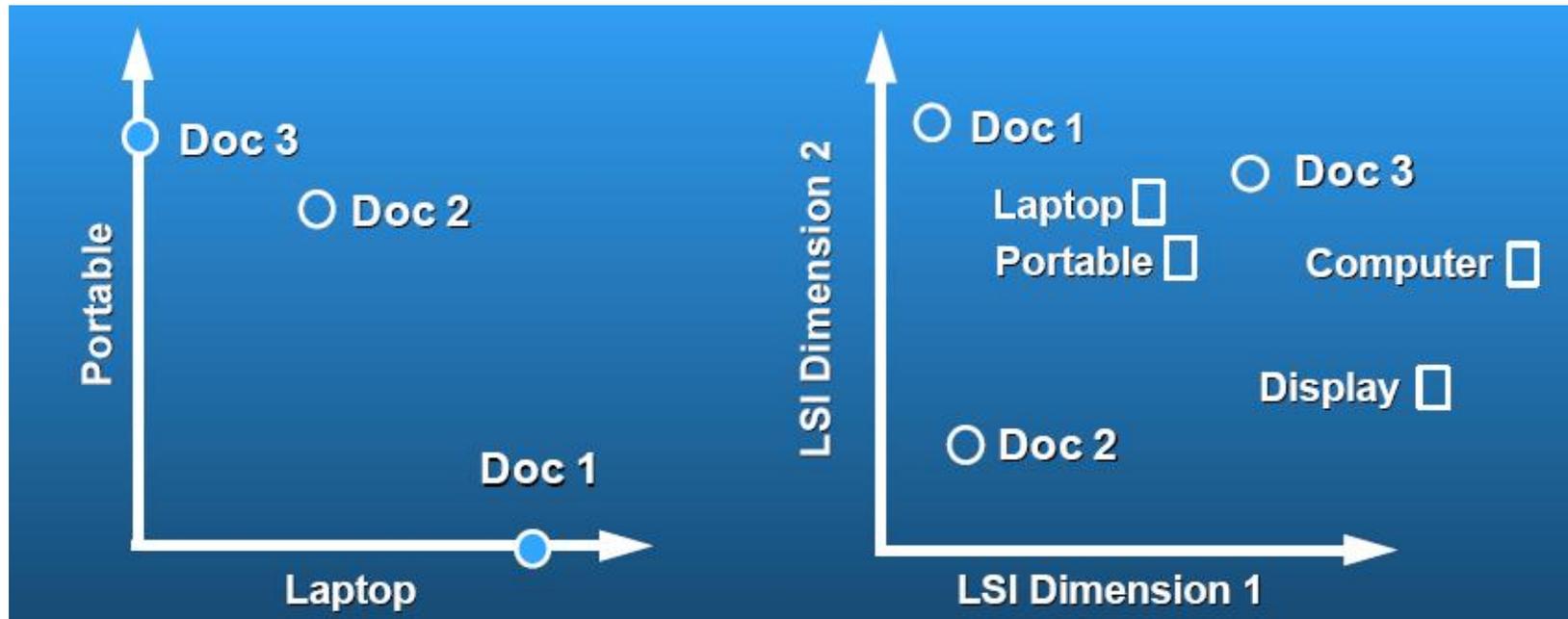
Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)



Blei et al., 2001

## Lets start slow...

- **Latent semantic Analysis:** illustrating example

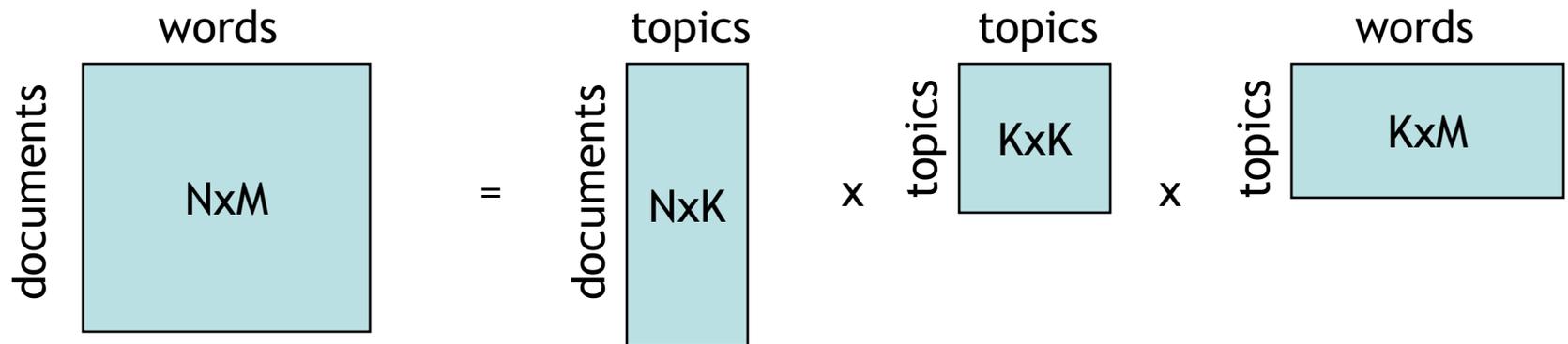


# Latent Semantic Analysis

- 1990: Latent Semantic Analysis
  - Perform a **low-rank approximation** of **document-term matrix**
  - Map documents (and terms) to a **low-dimensional** representation.
  - Design a mapping such that the low-dimensional space reflects **semantic associations** (latent semantic space).
- Goals
  - Similar terms map to similar location in low dimensional space
  - Noise reduction by dimension reduction

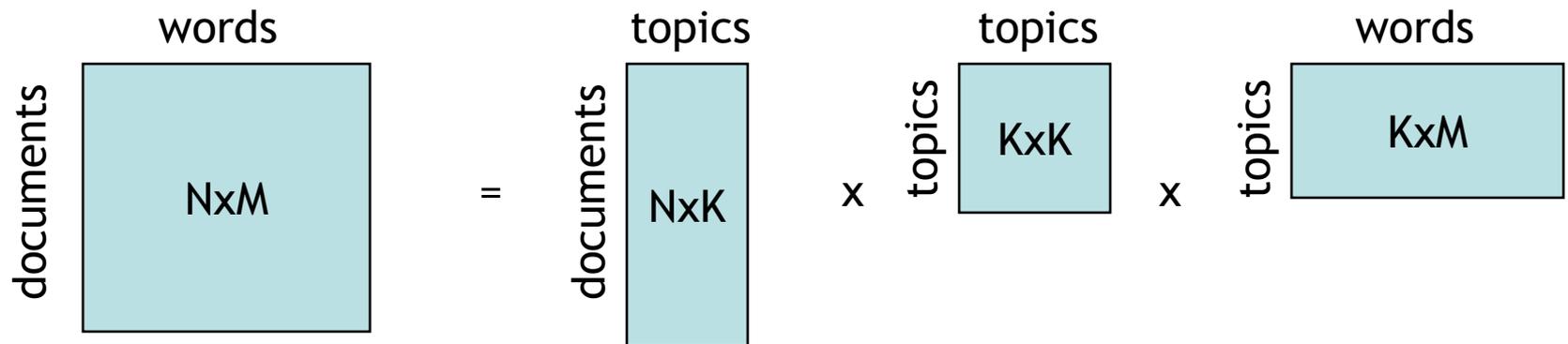
# 1990: Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

- $D = \{d_1, \dots, d_N\}$      $N$  documents
- $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_M\}$      $M$  words
- $N_{ij} = \#(d_i, w_j)$      $N \times M$  co-occurrence term-document matrix



# What did we just do?

## Singular Value Decomposition



## Problems with LSA

- LSA does not define a properly normalized **probability distribution**
- No **obvious interpretation** of the directions in the latent space
- Polysemy problem: **LSI does not deal with the problem of polysemy.**

# Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis/Indexing [Hofmann 99]

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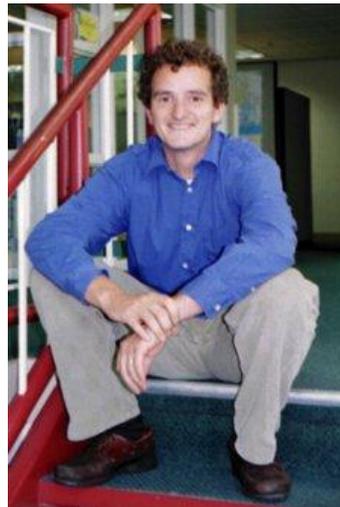
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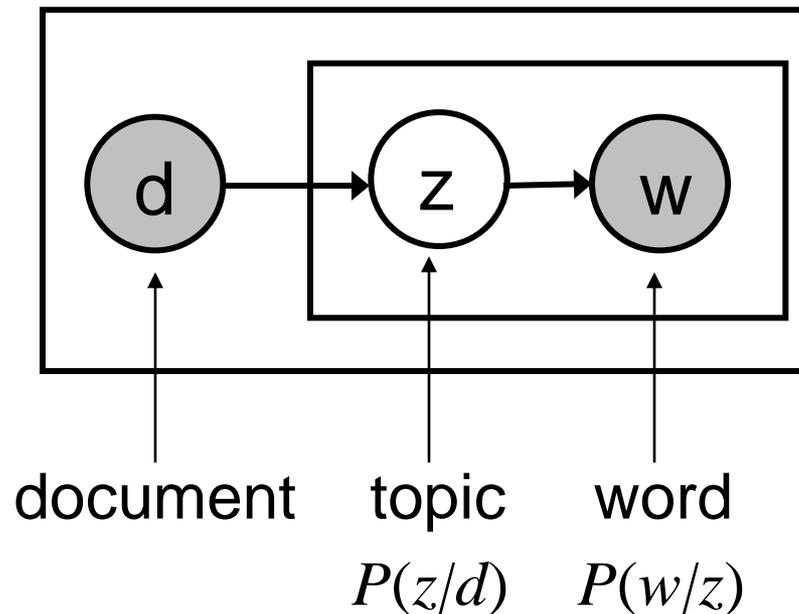
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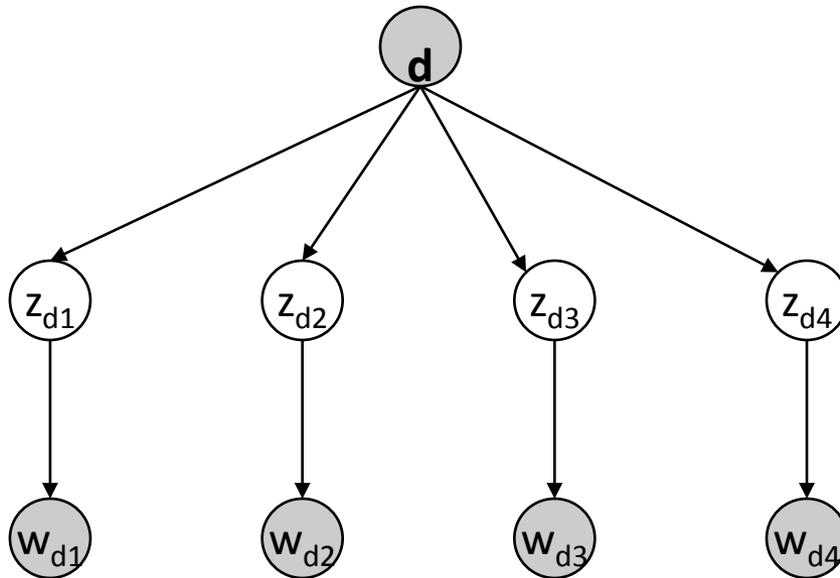


# Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis

- Unsupervised technique
- **Two-level generative model:** a document is a mixture of topics, and each topic has its own characteristic word distribution



## The pLSA Model



Probabilistic Latent  
Semantic Indexing  
(pLSI) Model

For each word of document  $d$  in the training set,

- Choose a topic  $z$  according to a multinomial conditioned on the index  $d$ .

$$p(z|d)$$

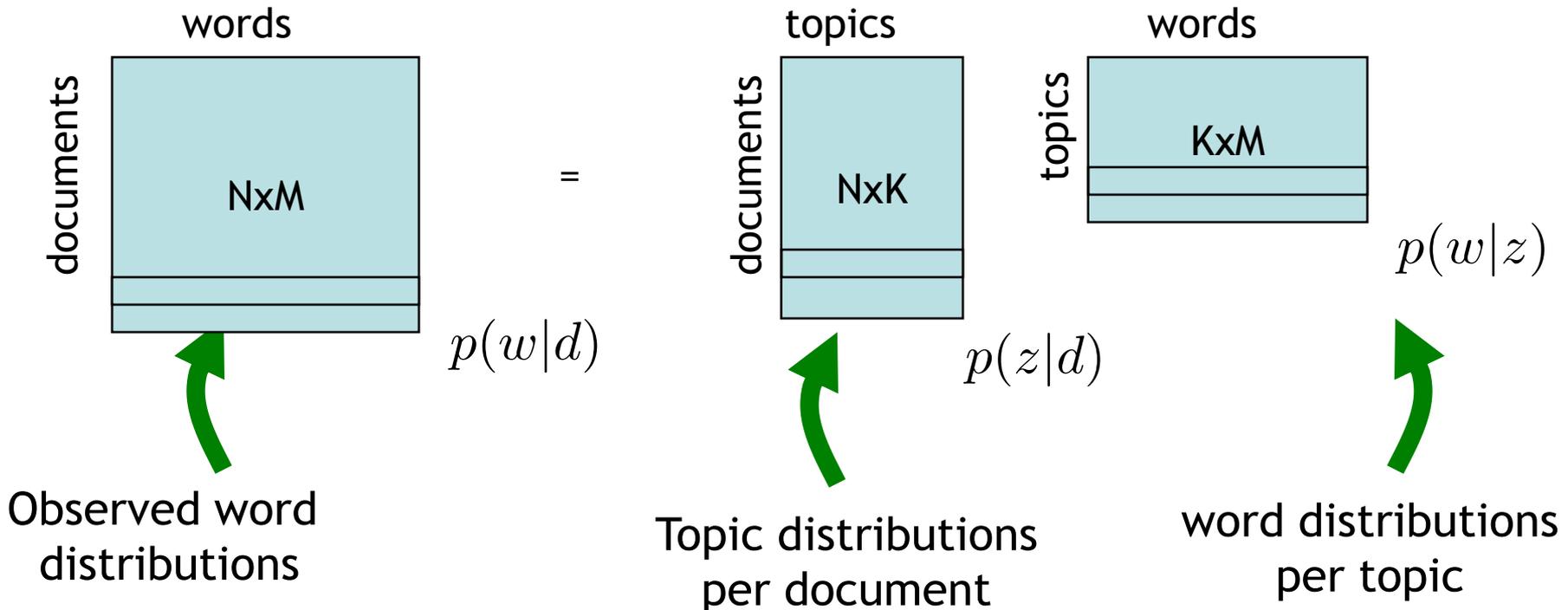
- Generate the word by drawing from a multinomial conditioned on  $z$ .

$$p(w|z)$$

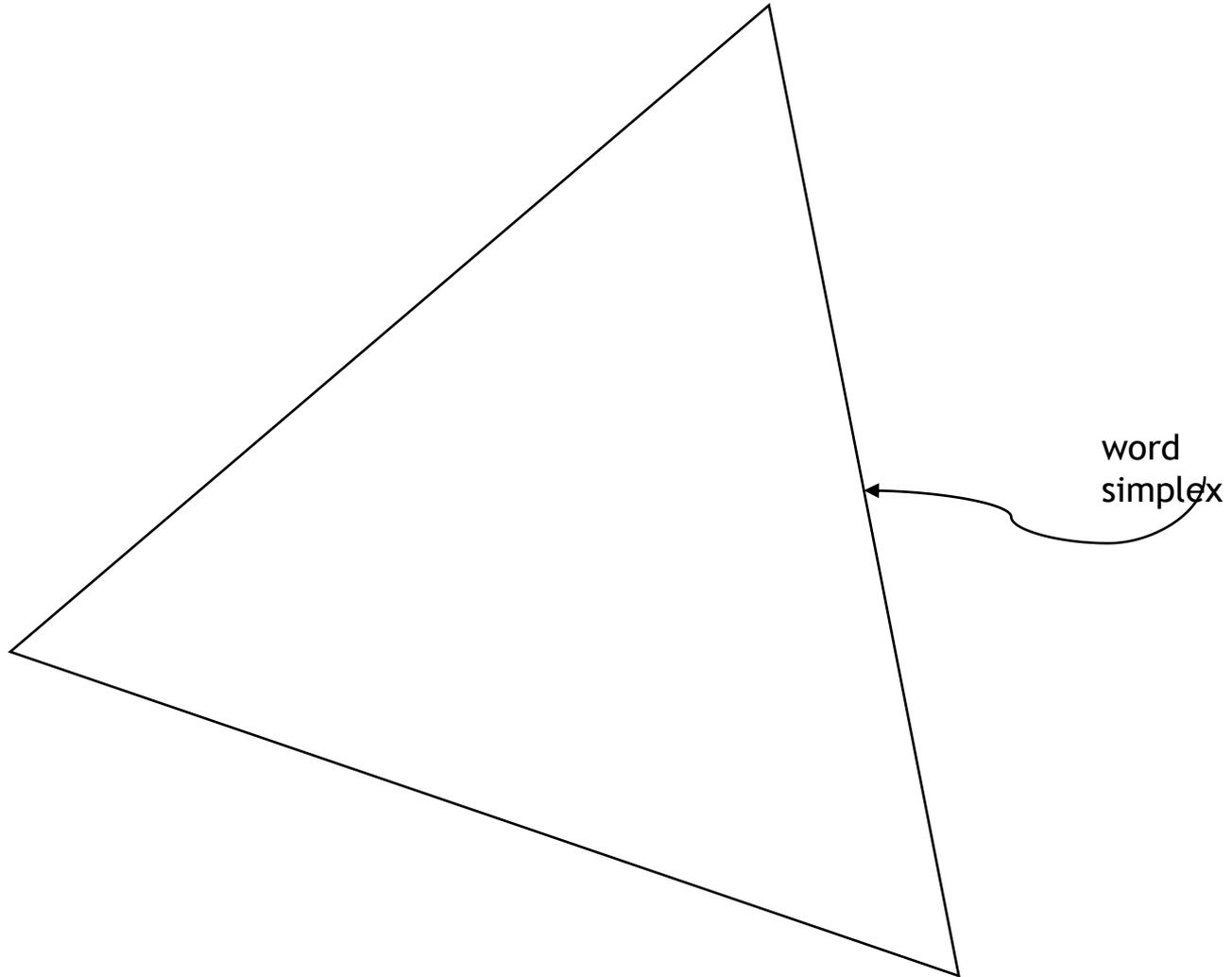
## pLSA to the rescue

Decomposition into Probabilities!

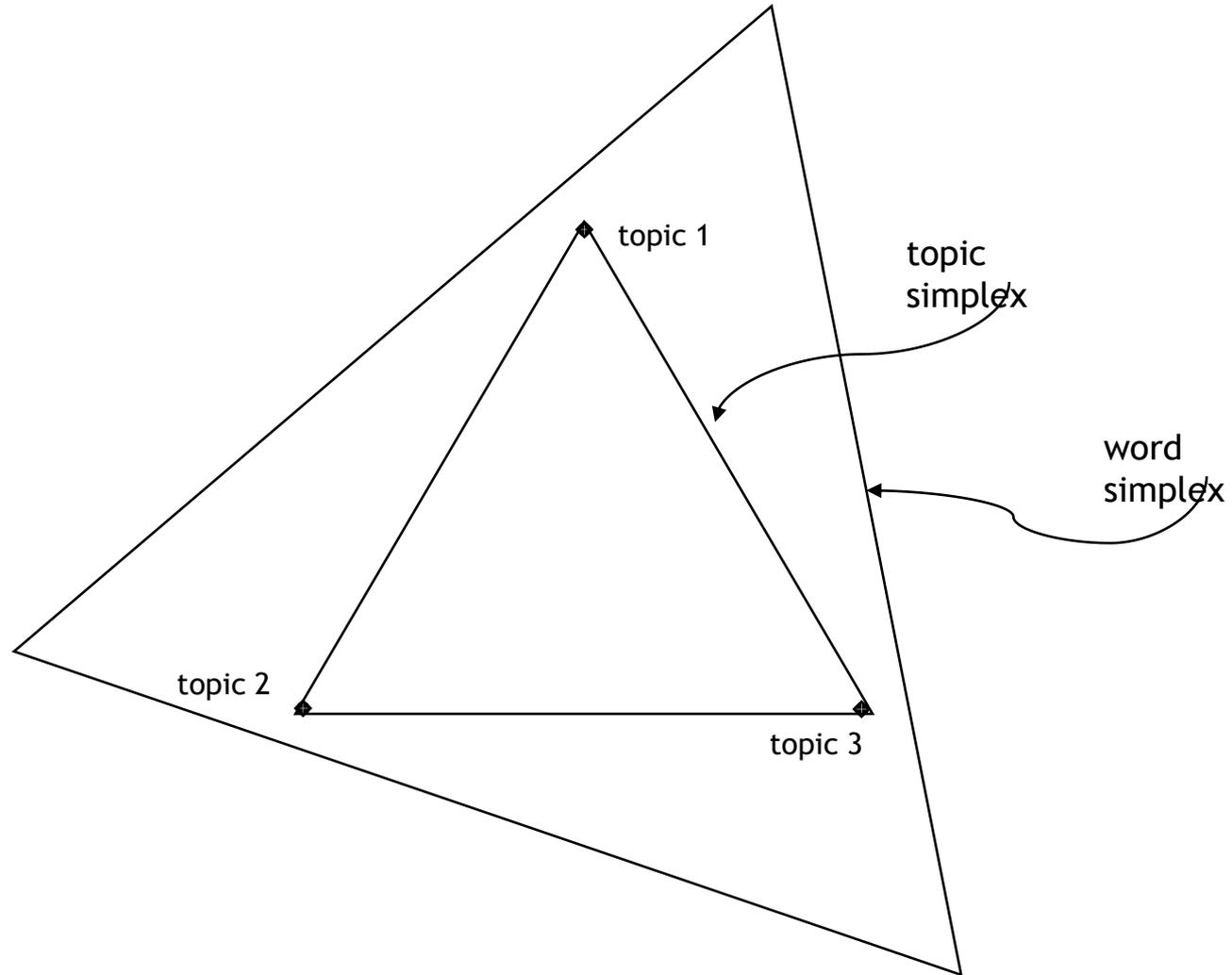
$$p(w_i | d_j) = \sum_{k=1}^K p(w_i | z_k) p(z_k | d_j)$$



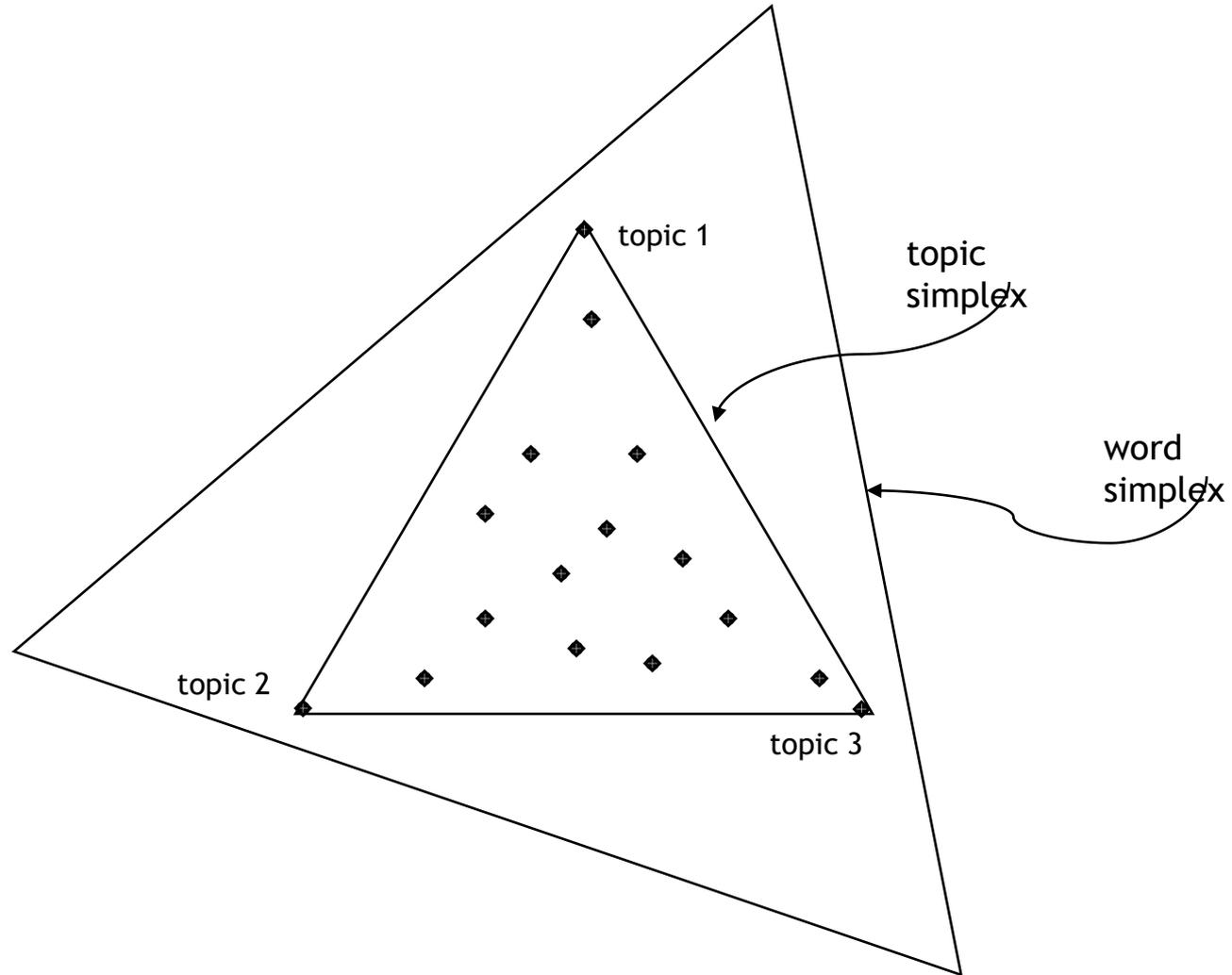
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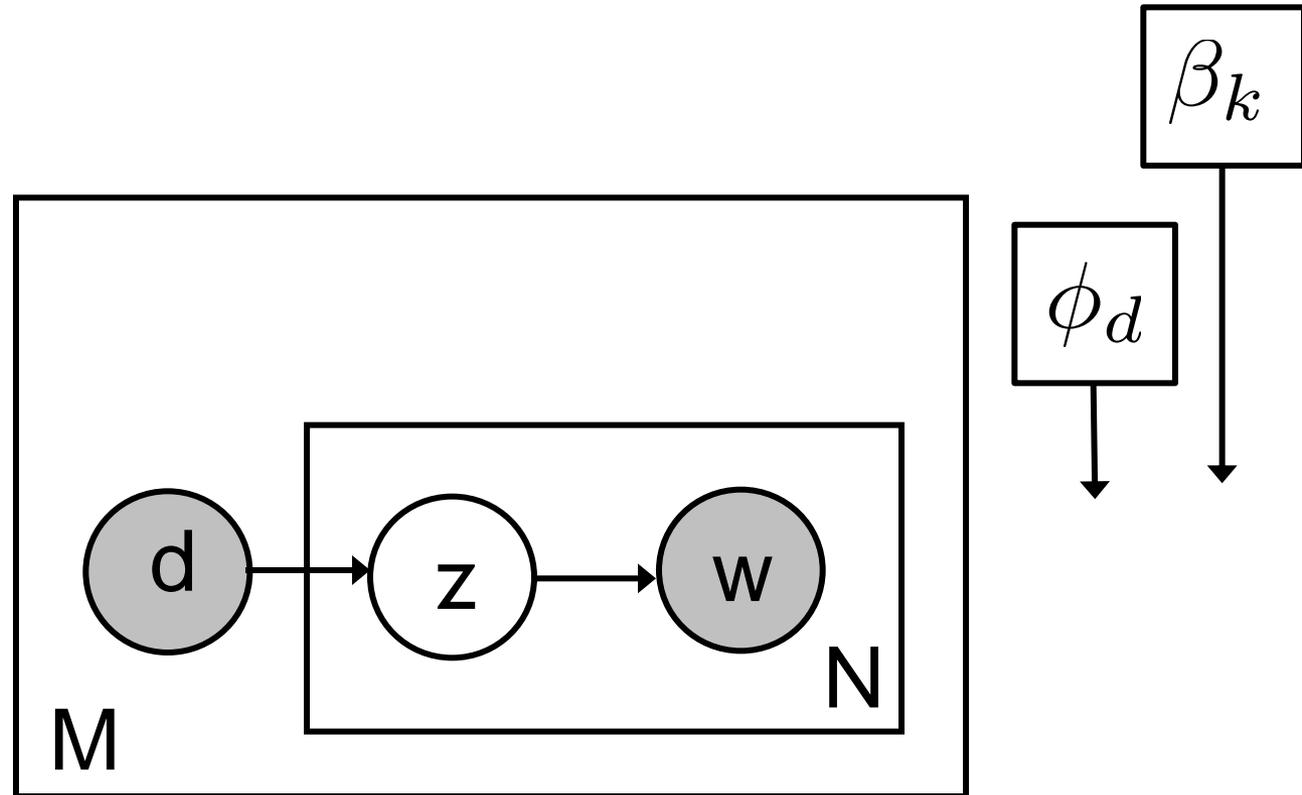
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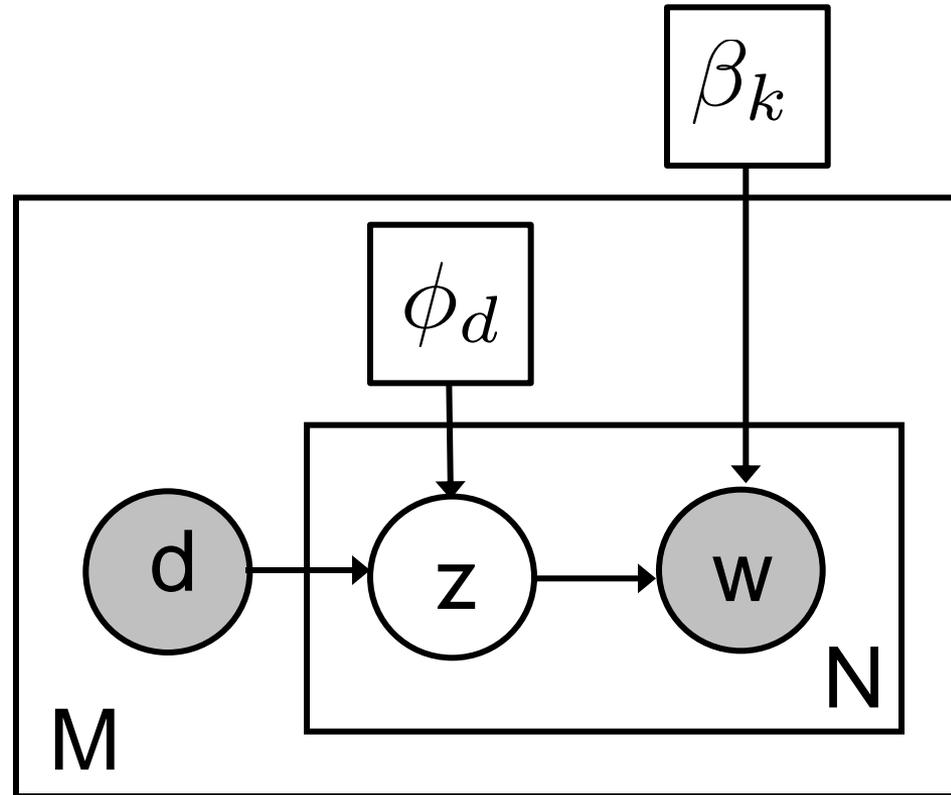
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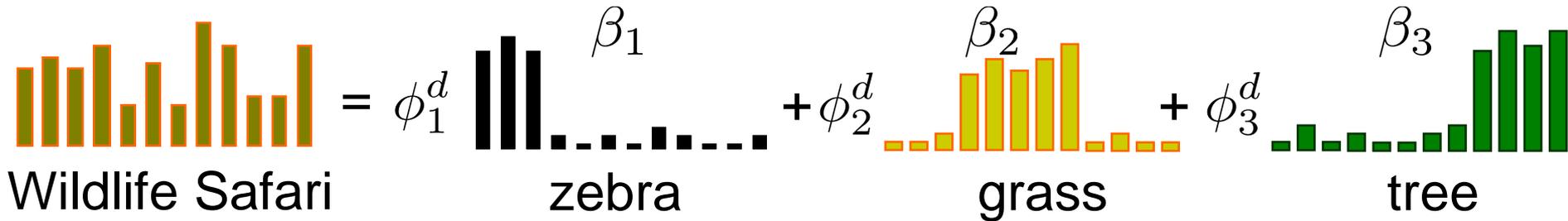
Parameters?

Where to place them?



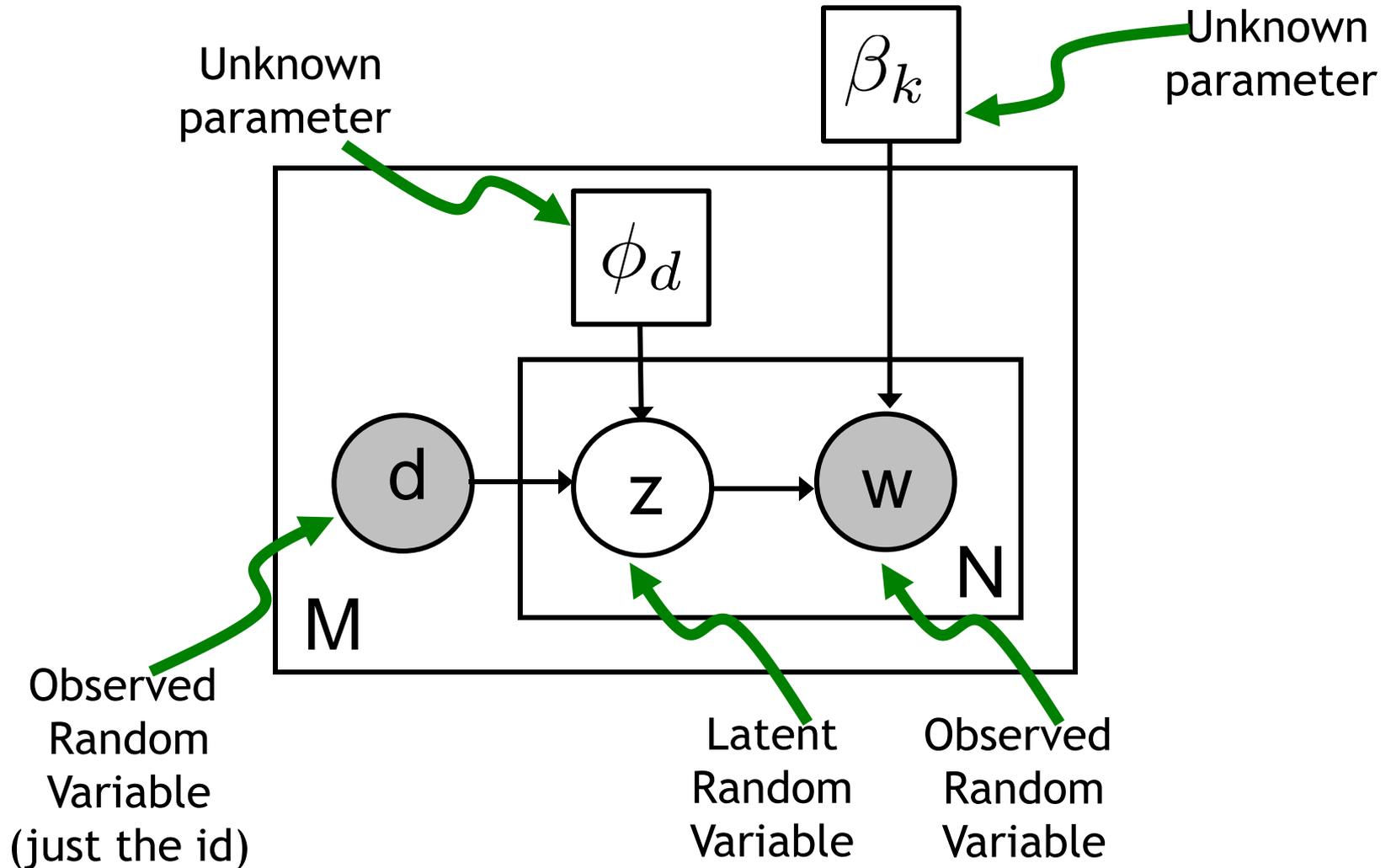
# Full Graphical Model





“visual topics”

# Graphical Model – Parameter Learning



# Learning: Maximum likelihood estimation

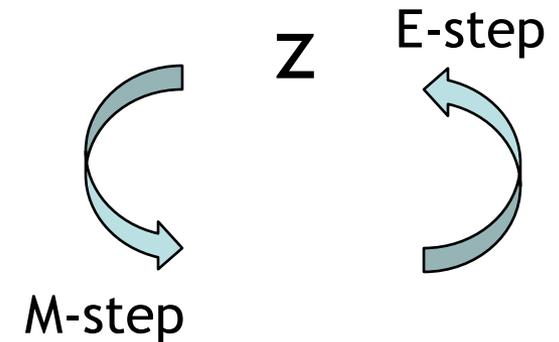
Maximize (log)likelihood of data:

$$\begin{aligned}\log L &= \sum_{m=1}^M \log p(\mathbf{w}_m, d_m) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N \log p(w_{mn}, d_m) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N \log \sum_{k=1}^K p(w_{mn}|z_k)p(z_k|d_m)p(d_m) \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N \log \sum_{k=1}^K p(w_{mn}|z_k)p(z_k|d_m)\end{aligned}$$

**The summation inside the log makes it difficult to directly optimize. Hence we use Expectation-Maximization.**

## EM for pLSA in a nutshell

- The latent variable  $z$  is a concern
- Expectation step:
  - Assume the parameters are known and estimate “expected”  $z$
- Maximization step:
  - Given  $z$ , estimate the parameters.
- Repeat until convergence



## EM for pLSA (training on a corpus)

- **E-step:** posterior probabilities for the latent variables

$$\hat{z}_{mvk} = \frac{\beta_{kv} \phi_{mk}}{\sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{lv} \phi_{ml}}$$

*Probability that the occurrence of term  $v$  in document  $m$  can be “explained” by concept  $z$*

- **M-step:** parameter estimation based on “completed” statistics

$$\phi_{mk} = \frac{\sum_v n(d_m, v) \hat{z}_{mvk}}{N_d}$$

$$\beta_{kv} = \frac{\sum_m n(d_m, v) \hat{z}_{mvk}}{\sum_{v'} \sum_m n(d_m, v') \hat{z}_{mv'k}}$$

- ▶ Concepts (10 of 128) extracted from Science Magazine articles (12K)

$P(w z)$	universe	0.0439	drug	0.0672	cells	0.0675	sequence	0.0818	years	0.156
	galaxies	0.0375	patients	0.0493	stem	0.0478	sequences	0.0493	million	0.0556
	clusters	0.0279	drugs	0.0444	human	0.0421	genome	0.033	ago	0.045
	matter	0.0233	clinical	0.0346	cell	0.0309	dna	0.0257	time	0.0317
	galaxy	0.0232	treatment	0.028	gene	0.025	sequencing	0.0172	age	0.0243
	cluster	0.0214	trials	0.0277	tissue	0.0185	map	0.0123	year	0.024
	cosmic	0.0137	therapy	0.0213	cloning	0.0169	genes	0.0122	record	0.0238
	dark	0.0131	trial	0.0164	transfer	0.0155	chromosome	0.0119	early	0.0233
	light	0.0109	disease	0.0157	blood	0.0113	regions	0.0119	billion	0.0177
	density	0.01	medical	0.00997	embryos	0.0111	human	0.0111	history	0.0148
$P(w z)$	bacteria	0.0983	male	0.0558	theory	0.0811	immune	0.0909	stars	0.0524
	bacterial	0.0561	females	0.0541	physics	0.0782	response	0.0375	star	0.0458
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	coli	0.0381	males	0.0477	einstein	0.0142	responses	0.0322	mass	0.021
	strains	0.025	sex	0.0339	university	0.013	antigen	0.0263	disk	0.0173
	microbiol	0.0214	reproductive	0.0172	gravity	0.013	antigens	0.0184	black	0.0161
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	strain	0.0165	sexual	0.0166	theories	0.01	immunology	0.0145	stellar	0.0127
	salmonella	0.0163	reproduction	0.0143	aps	0.00987	antibody	0.014	astron	0.0125
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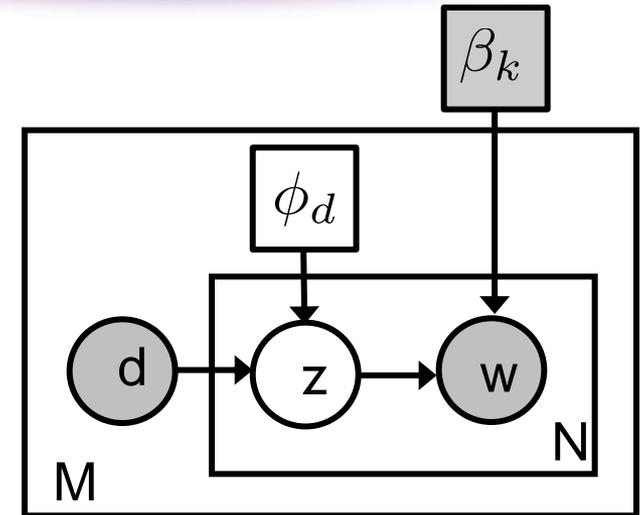
# Inference

- “Folding-in” Heuristic
- First train on Corpus to obtain

$$p(w|z)$$

- Now re-run same training EM algorithm, but estimate

$$p(z|d)$$



## Problems with pLSA

- **Not a well-defined generative model** of documents; **d is a dummy index** into the list of documents in the training set (as many values as documents)
- **No natural** way to assign probability to a previously unseen document
- Number of **parameters to be estimated grows with size of training set**

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation [Blei et al. 03]

## Latent Dirichlet Allocation

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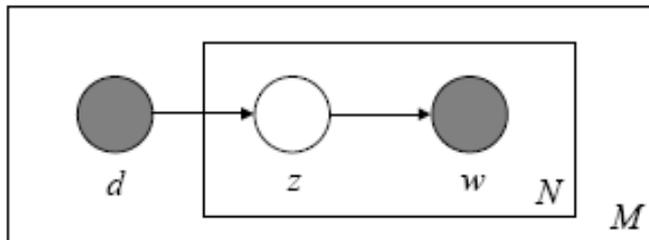
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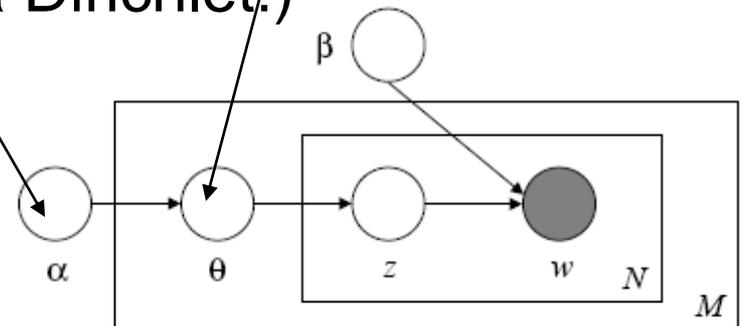


## LDA to the rescue

- Latent Dirichlet Allocation treats the topic mixture weights as a  $k$ -parameter hidden random variable and places a Dirichlet prior on the multinomial mixing weights
- Dirichlet distribution is conjugate to the multinomial distribution (most natural prior to choose: the posterior distribution is also a Dirichlet!)

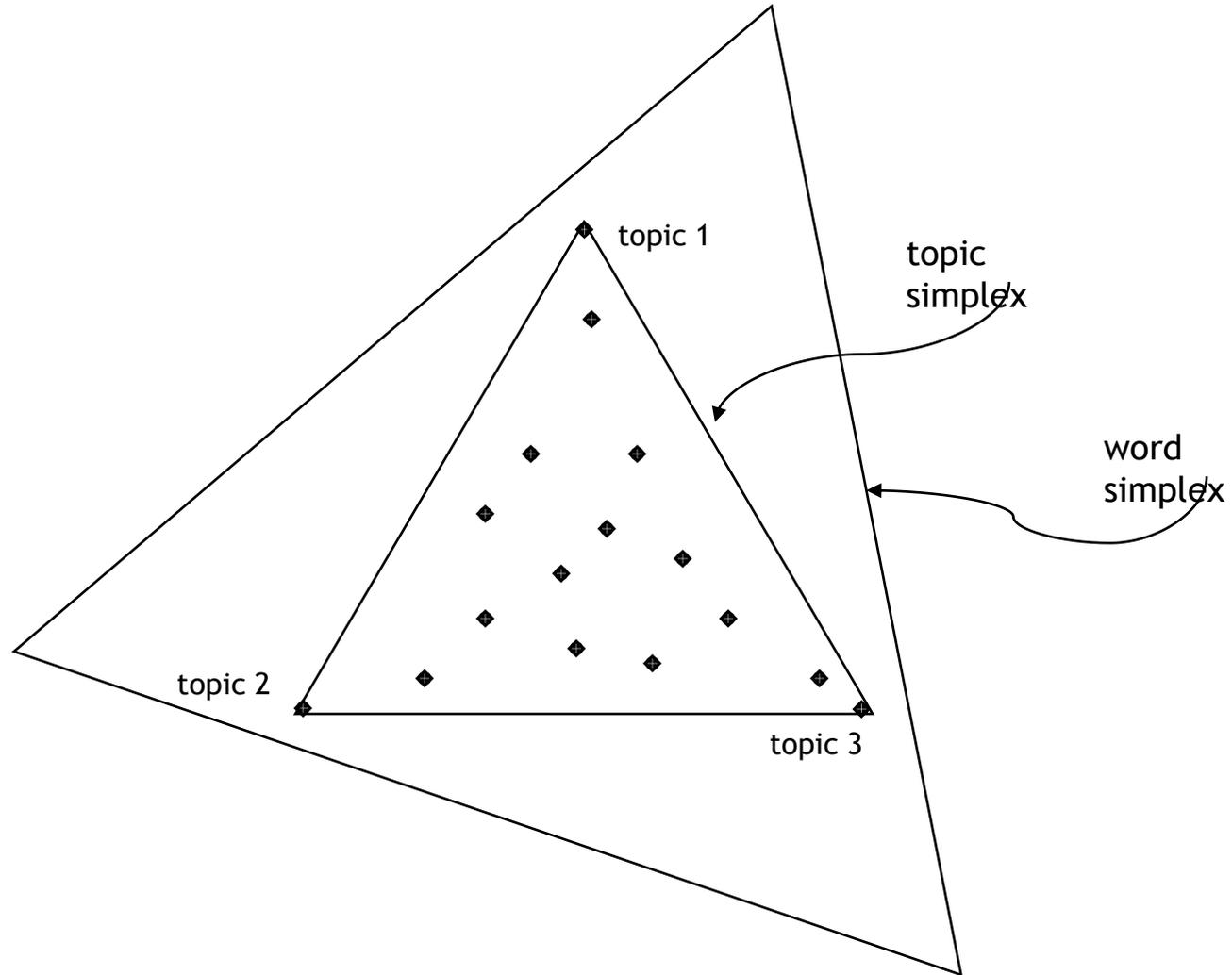


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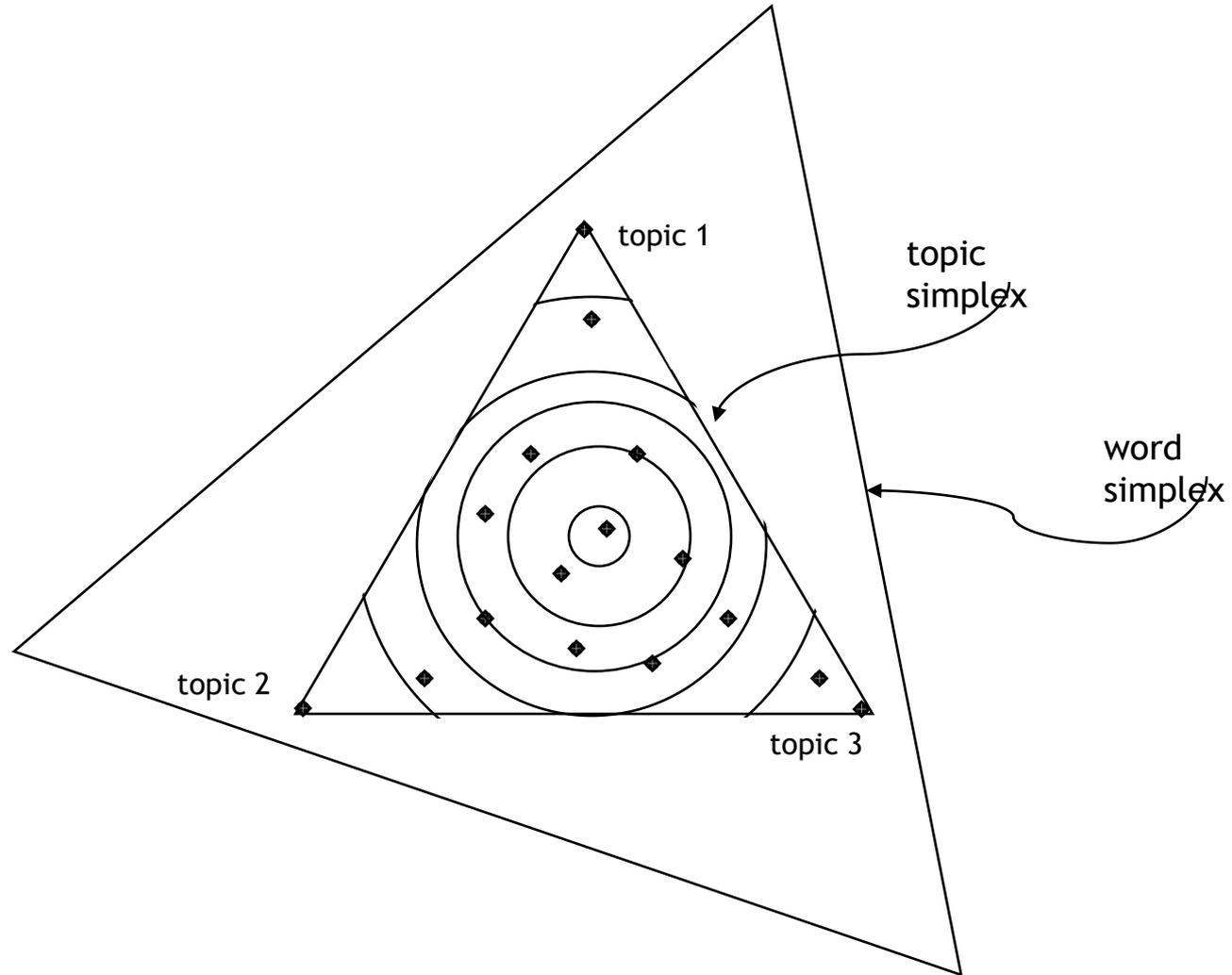


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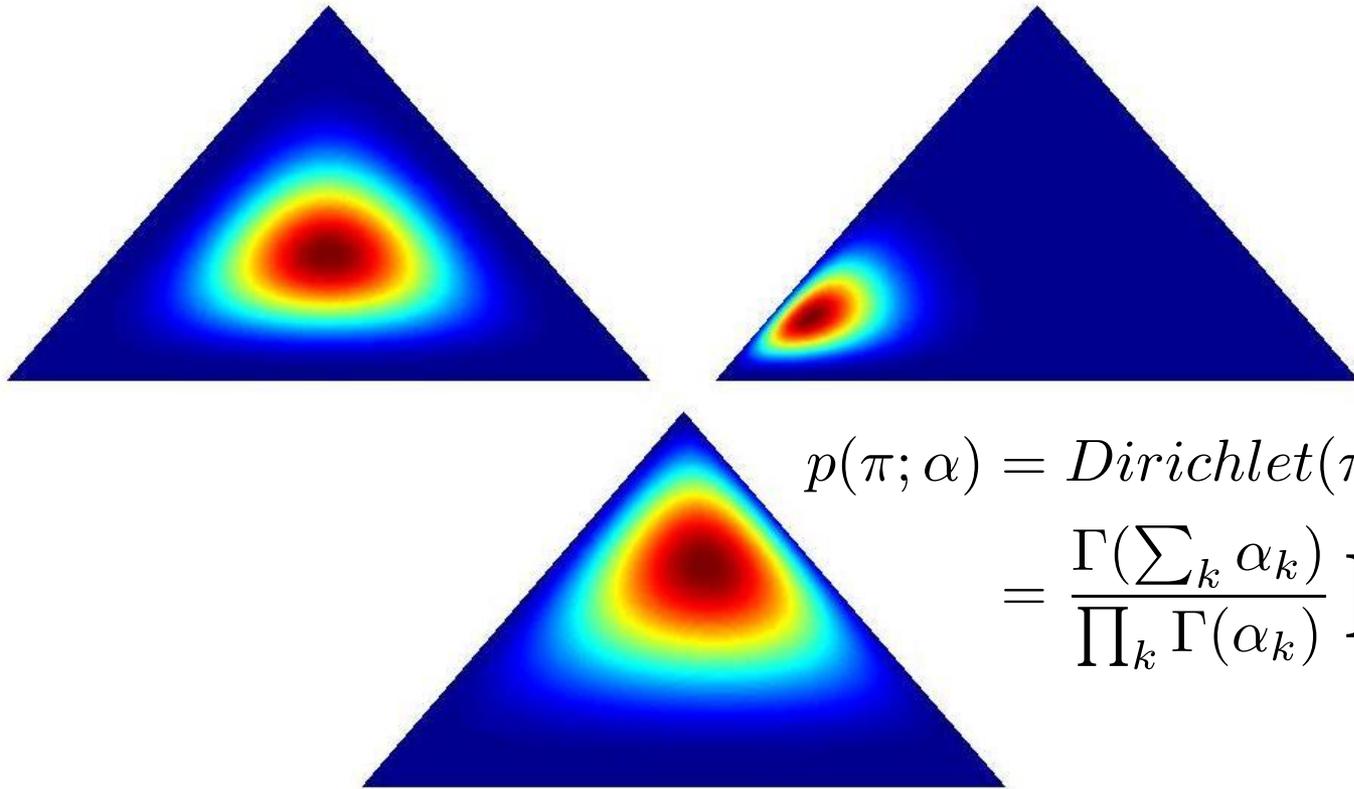
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## Dirichlet Examples



$$\begin{aligned} p(\pi; \alpha) &= \text{Dirichlet}(\pi; \alpha) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\sum_k \alpha_k)}{\prod_k \Gamma(\alpha_k)} \prod \pi_k^{\alpha_k - 1} \end{aligned}$$

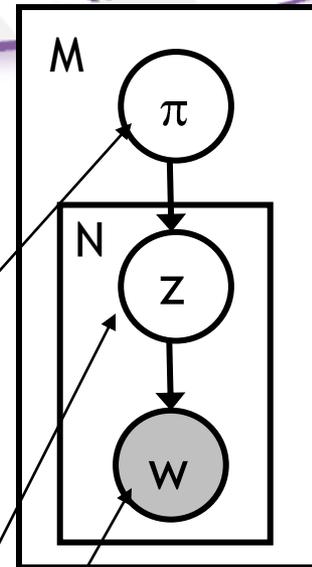
## How to Generate an Image?

Given an image generate intermediate probability vector over 'topics'

**For each word:**

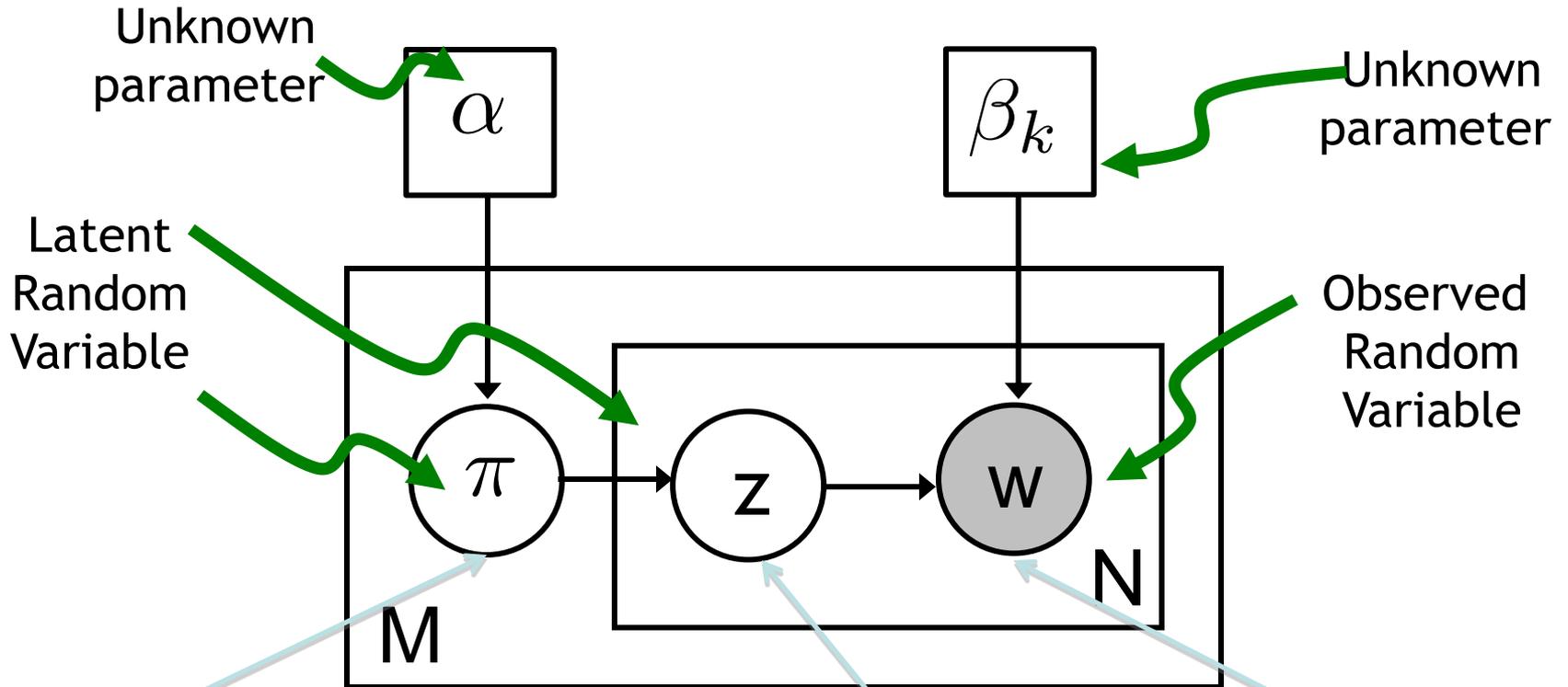
Determine current topic from mixture of topics

Draw a codeword from that topic



$$p(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}, \pi; \alpha, \beta_k) = p(\pi; \alpha) \prod_{n=1}^N p(z_n | \pi) p(w_n | z_n; \beta_{z_n})$$

## Graphical Model - Learning



$$p(\pi; \alpha) = \text{Dirichlet}(\pi; \alpha)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\sum_k \alpha_k)}{\prod_k \Gamma(\alpha_k)} \prod \pi_k^{\alpha_k - 1}$$

$$p(z|\pi) = \pi_z$$

$$p(w|z) = \beta_{zw}$$

# Learning: Maximum likelihood estimation

Maximize (log)likelihood of data:

- **Exact inference is intractable** due to integral inside log
- Approximation techniques:
  - **Mean field variational methods** (Blei et al., 2001, 2003)
  - Expectation propagation (Minka and Lafferty, 2002)
  - Collapsed Gibbs sampling (Griffiths and Steyvers, 2002)
  - Collapsed variational inference (Teh et al., 2006)

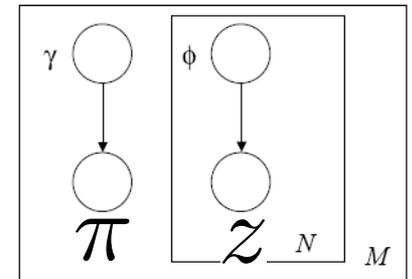
# Variational Approximation for LDA

- Approximation the true posterior for latent variables

$$p(\pi, z_1, \dots, z_n) \text{ by } q(\pi, z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

- Assume independence for variational distribution

$$q(\pi, z_1, \dots, z_n) = q(\pi; \gamma) \prod_n q(z_n; \phi_n)$$



Variational distribution

- Optimal Variational Parameters (image-specific) are obtained by minimizing the KL divergence between the variational distribution and the true posterior

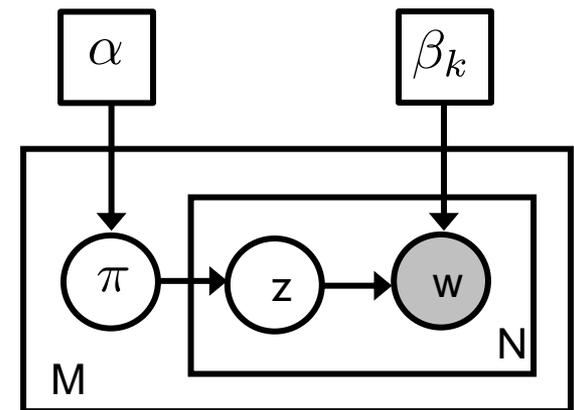
$$(\gamma^*, \phi_n^*) = \arg \min_{\gamma, \phi_n} KL(q(\pi, z_1, \dots, z_n) || p(\pi, z_1, \dots, z_n))$$

## Parameter estimation

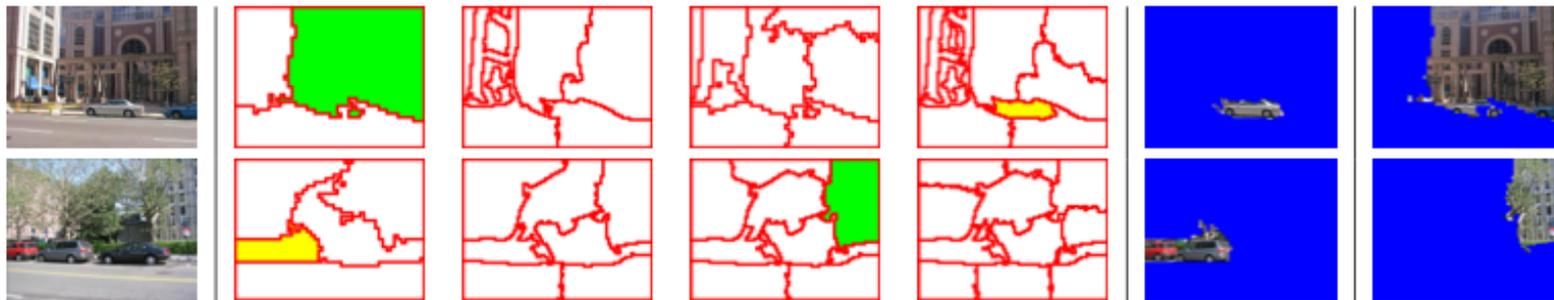
- Use **Expectation Maximization** where expectations are computed with respect to **variational distributions**.
- Variational EM
  - (E Step) For each document, find the optimizing values of the variational parameters  $(\gamma, \varphi)$  with  $\alpha, \beta$  fixed.

$$g_i = a_i + \dot{a}_{n=1}^N j_{ni}$$

$$j_{ni} \propto b_{iv} \exp\left(\Upsilon(g_i) - \Upsilon\left(\dot{a}_{j=1}^k g_j\right)\right)$$



- (M Step) Maximize variational distribution w.r.t.  $\alpha, \beta$  for the  $\gamma$  and  $\varphi$  values found in the E step.
  - Using standard lagrangian approach.



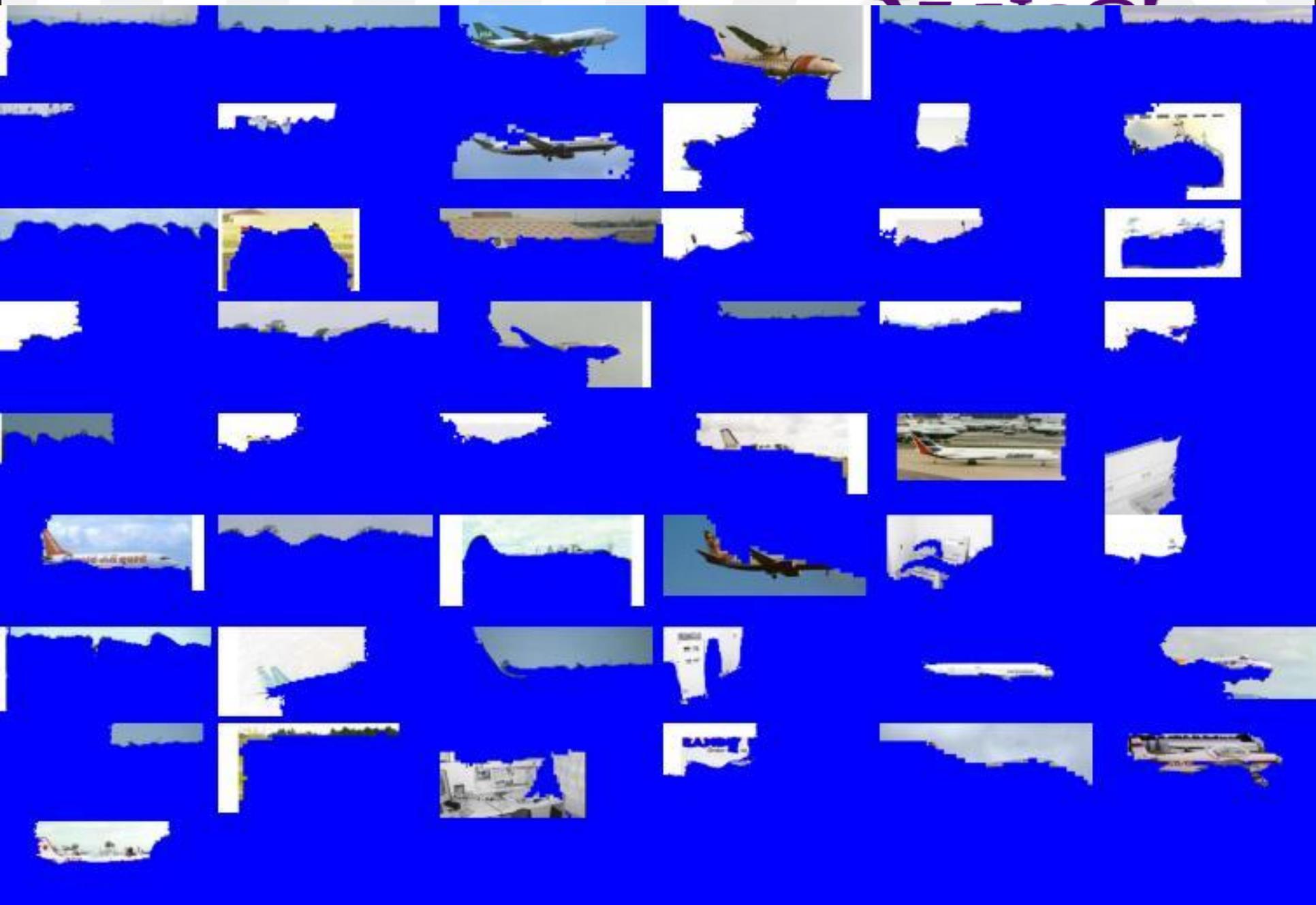
Given a large, unlabeled collection of images:

1. For each image in the collection, compute multiple candidate segmentations, e.g. using Normalized Cuts [20] (section 2.1).
2. For each segment in each segmentation, compute a histogram of “visual words” [22] (section 2.2).
3. Perform topic discovery on the set of *all segments* in the image collection (using Latent Dirichlet Allocation [2]), treating each segment as a document (section 2.3).
4. For each discovered topic, sort *all segments* by how well they are explained by this topic (section 2.4).

B. C. Russell, A. A. Efros, J. Sivic, W. T. Freeman, and A. Zisserman, Using Multiple Segmentations to Discover Objects and their Extent in Image Collections, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), New York, New York, June, 2006.





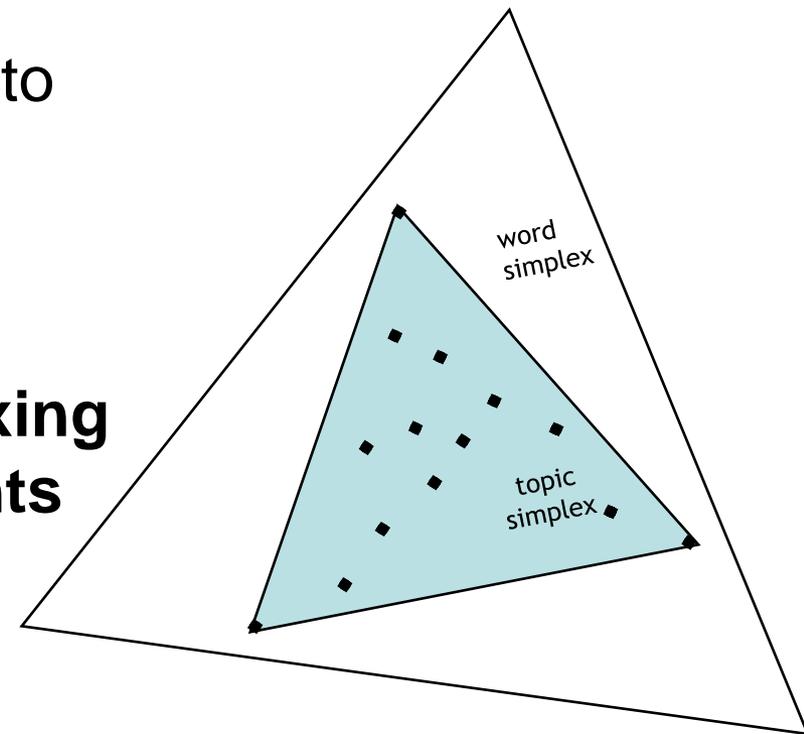


## What about classification?

- Until now we have introduced pLSA and LDA to account for correlation between words.
  - How do we use these models for classification?
- Three approaches
  - First: Use discriminative approaches.
  - Second: Using “topic-supervision”
  - Third: Model class label into the generative process

# 1. Using Discriminative Approaches

- LDA/pLSA serves as **dimensionality reduction** techniques from word-simplex to topic-simplex
- Learn discriminative classifiers such as SVM, **using topic mixing probabilities of the documents as feature vectors**. [Blei'2003, Bosch'2008, Quelhas'2007, etc.]
- Not very interesting.

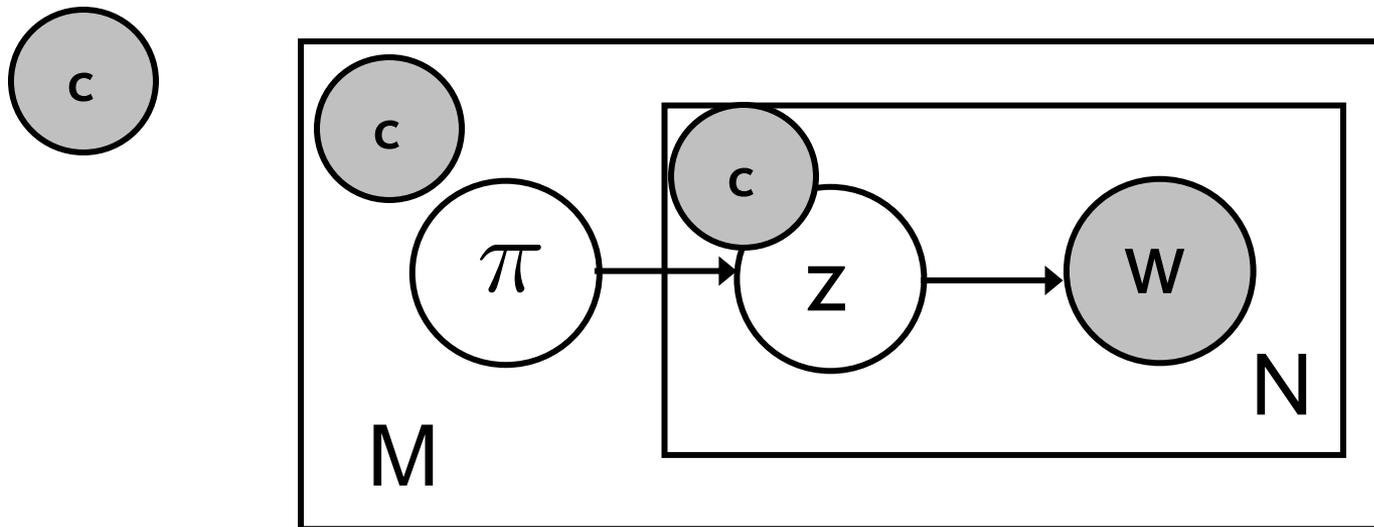


## 2. Using “topic supervision”

- Instead of “discovering” topics, set them to the class labels.
  - **The topic variables  $z$  are class labels.**
  - **The topic conditional distributions  $P(w|z)$  are learned in a supervised manner.**
- Labelled-LDA [Ramage'2009]
- Semi-LDA [Wang'2007]
- Prior-LDA, Dependency-LDA [Rubin'2011]
- Ts-cLDA, ts-sLDA [Rasiwasia'2012, under review]

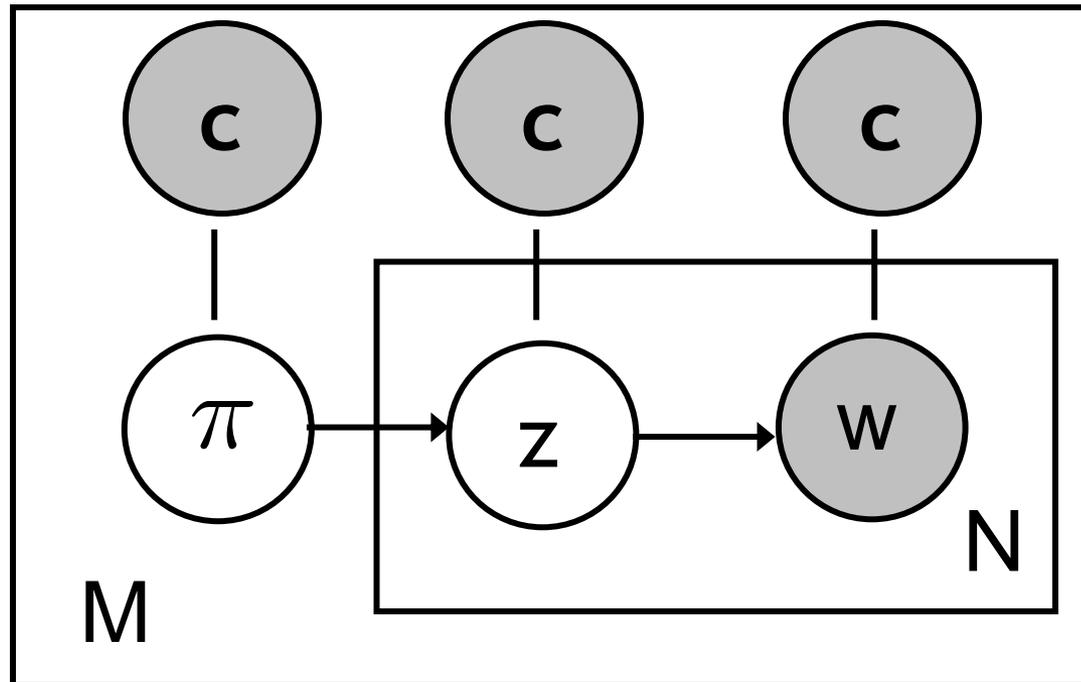
### 3. Model class label

- Should it be inside the box or outside?



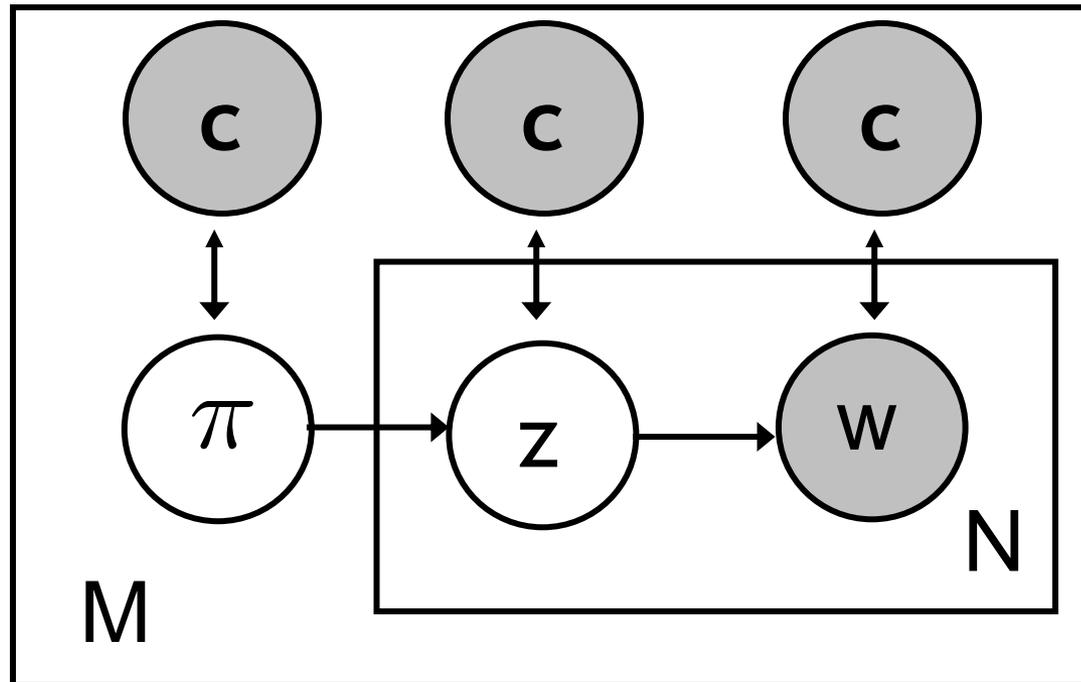
## Where?

- Where should it be placed?

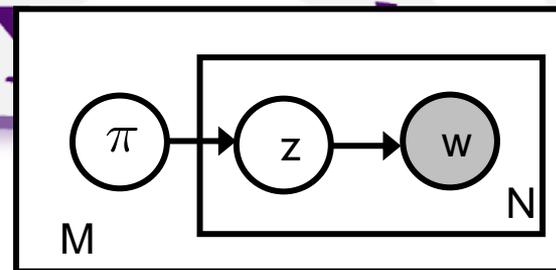


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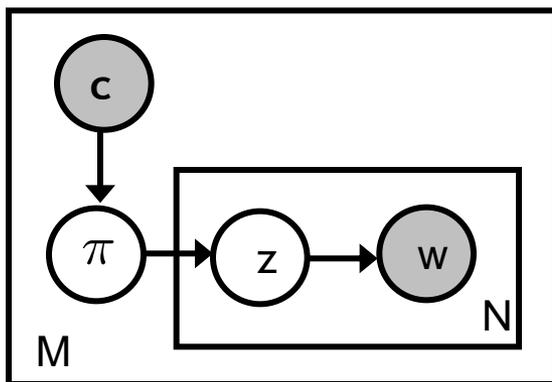
- How should the arrow look like?



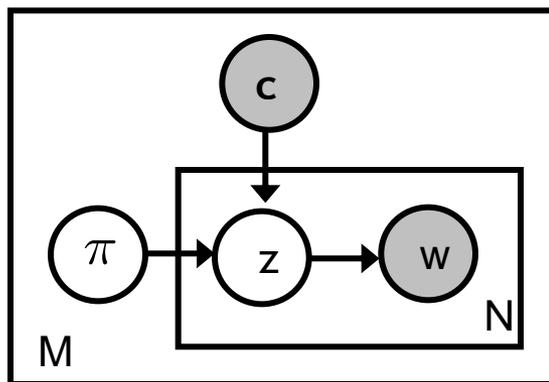
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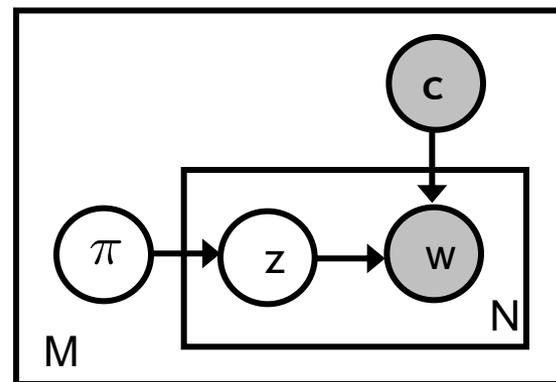
cLDA [L. Fei-Fei'05]



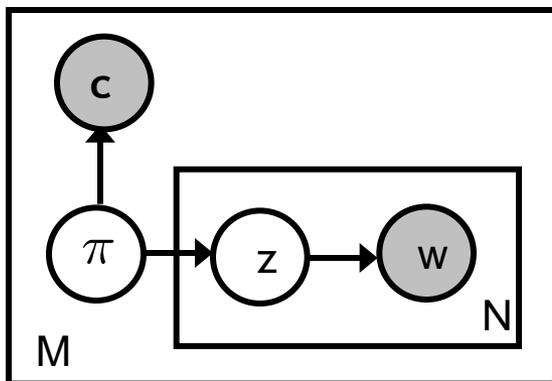
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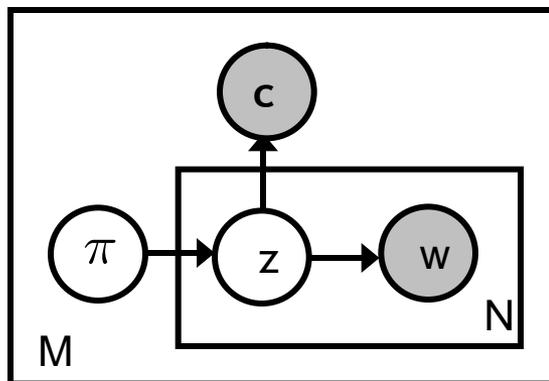
Css-LDA [Rasiwasia'12]



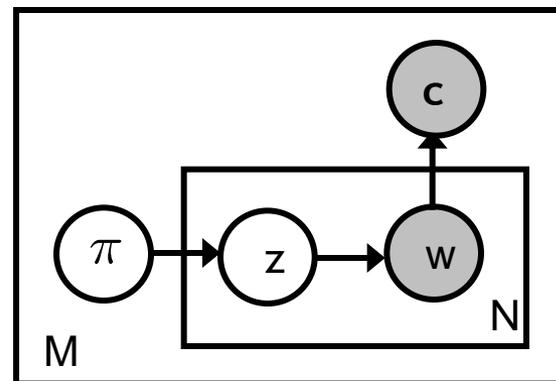
Similar to sLDA



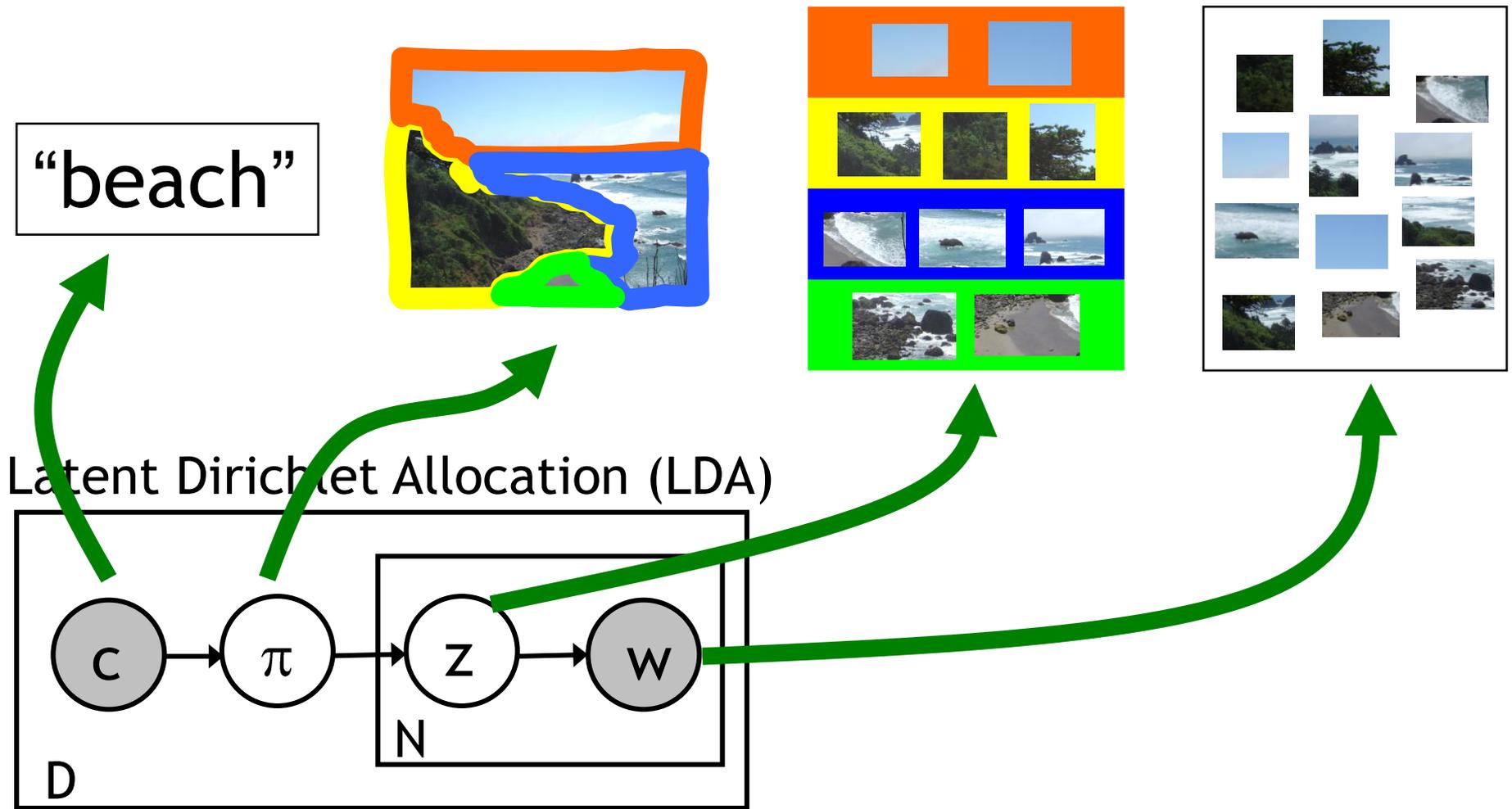
sLDA [Blei'07]



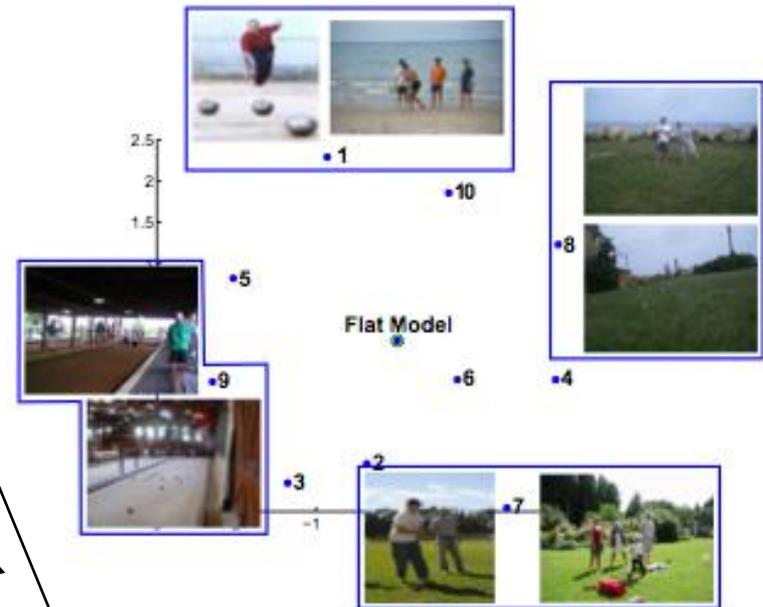
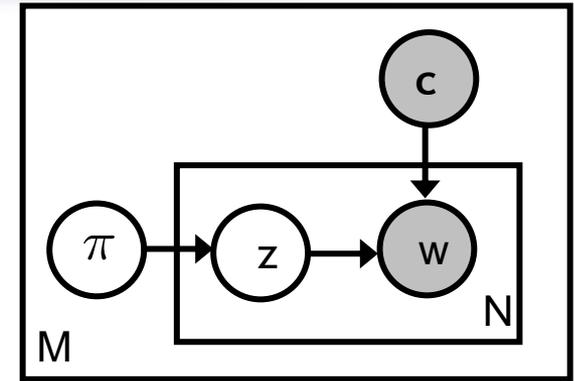
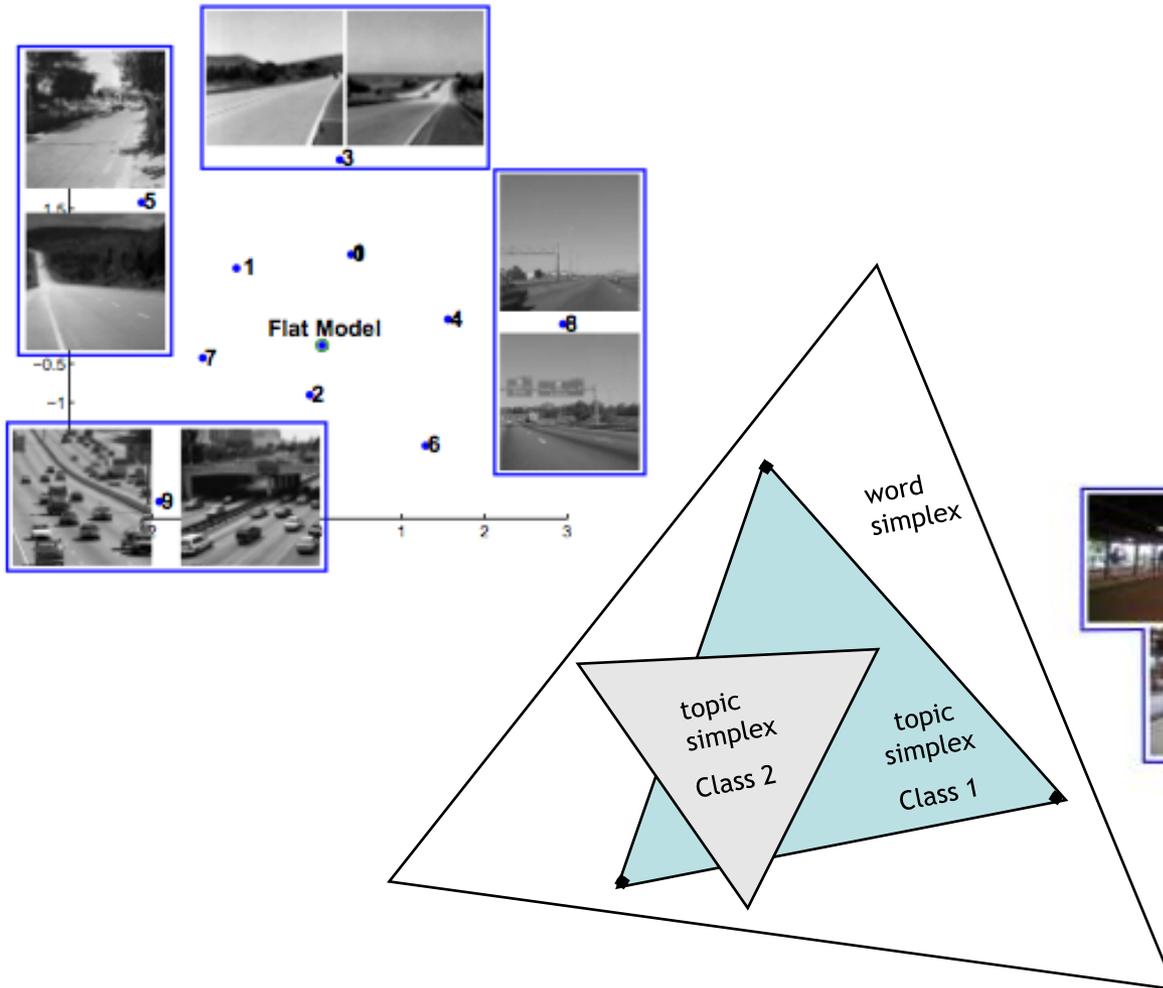
Does not make much sense



## Class - Latent Dirichlet Allocation



## Class specific simplex Latent Dirichlet Allocation



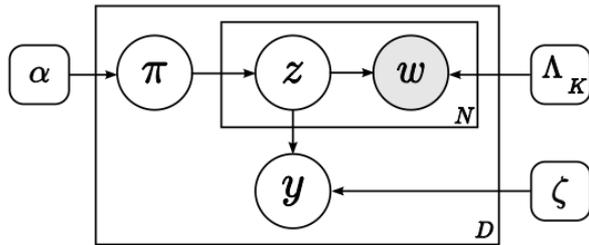
## How do they compare!

model	Dataset				
	N15	N13	N8	S8	C50
css-LDA	<b>76.62 ± 0.32</b>	<b>81.03 ± 0.74</b>	<b>87.97 ± 0.84</b>	<b>80.37 ± 1.36</b>	<b>46.04</b>
flat	74.91 ± 0.38	79.60 ± 0.38	86.80 ± 0.51	77.87 ± 1.18	43.20
ts-sLDA	74.82 ± 0.68	79.70 ± 0.48	86.33 ± 0.69	78.37 ± 0.80	42.33
ts-cLDA	74.38 ± 0.78	78.92 ± 0.68	86.25 ± 1.23	77.43 ± 0.97	40.80
ts-LDA	72.60 ± 0.51	78.10 ± 0.31	85.53 ± 0.41	77.77 ± 1.02	39.20
medLDA [27]	72.08 ± 0.59	77.58 ± 0.58	85.16 ± 0.57	78.19 ± 1.05	41.89
sLDA [24]	70.87 ± 0.48	76.17 ± 0.92	84.95 ± 0.51	74.95 ± 1.03	39.22
cLDA [14]	65.50 ± 0.32	72.02 ± 0.58	81.30 ± 0.55	70.33 ± 0.86	34.33
LDA-SVM	73.19 ± 0.51	78.45 ± 0.34	86.82 ± 0.93	76.32 ± 0.71	45.46

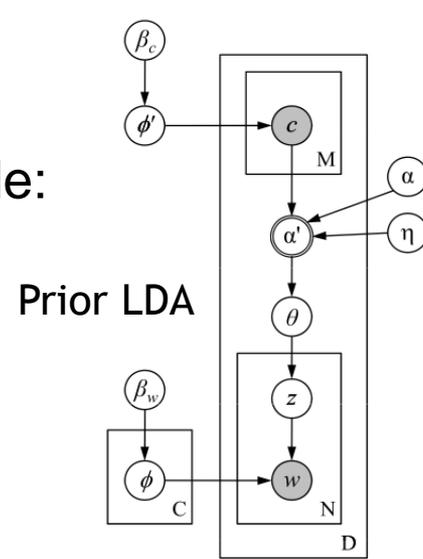
- LDA based models have not been very successful for classification
  - They underperform even the simple Naïve Bayes model (Flat)
- Recent advancements – cssLDA beats Naïve Bayes.
  - But does not beat discriminative models
- Recent advancement in text – Dependency LDA beats SVM
  - Needs to be tested on image datasets

## What next?

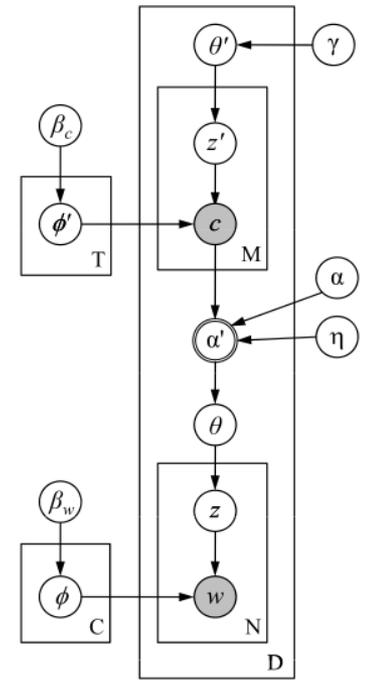
- Several advances have been made:



Supervised LDA



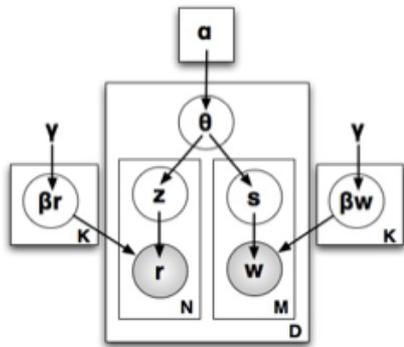
Prior LDA



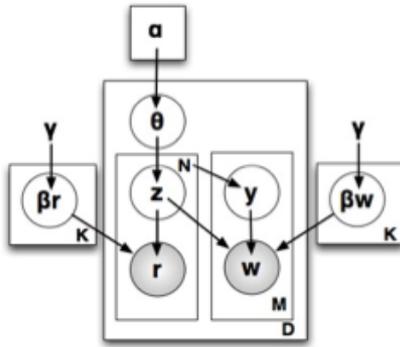
Dependency-LDA

Multimodal LDA

Correlation LDA

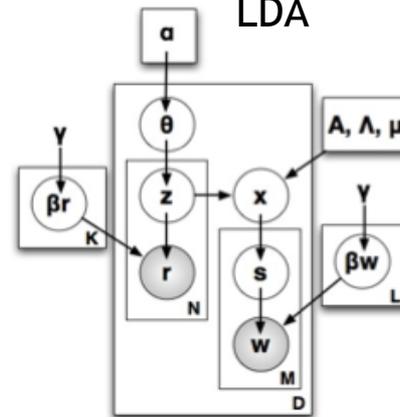


(b)



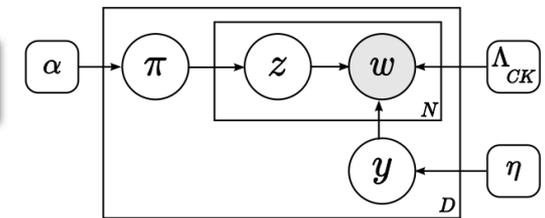
(c)

Topic Regression LDA



(d)

Class LDA



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