

# Using Text as Data

# Which pages are those of job ads?

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pg. E51

BUSINESS HELP

## Grow with us at Fidelity!

Call 367-8960  
Sunday, 3PM-7PM

or Monday thru Friday, 9AM-5PM

Fidelity is a leading financial services organization which is experiencing rapid growth through continued innovation and diversification. If you are a highly motivated person who takes pride in your work and the company you work for, consider a career with Fidelity.

### MUTUAL FUNDS CLERKS

Individuals with 1-2 years' mutual funds transfer experience to process Keogh/IRA accounts and adjustments.

### PAYMENTS CLERKS

Varied responsibilities processing new account applications and payments.

### SHAREHOLDER SERVICES CLERKS

Interesting positions offering diversified responsibilities, processing and maintaining client accounts.

### PERSONNEL CLERK

Interesting and diversified position for a well organized individual with strong record-keeping abilities. To process personnel changes and maintain insurance records. Typing 55 wpm.

### ACCOUNTING CLERKS

With A/R, A/P experience. To reconcile account activity in our Data Control Department. Experience with computerized systems a plus.

### STATISTICAL TYPIST

To work in our Word Processing Department. Typing: 55 wpm minimum.

### MAIL CLERKS

Monday thru Friday, 12:30 AM-6:30 AM

Diversified responsibilities in our General Services Department involving sorting and distribution of mail, messenger trips, mail processing.

### SECRETARIES: Investments, Sales, Brokerage

Interesting opportunities in dynamic and rapidly growing environments with diversified responsibilities. Typing 55 wpm.

Fidelity provides an outstanding fringe benefits package for our employees. We are located in downtown Boston, convenient to the MBTA, Government Center and Quincy Market.

We encourage you to grow with Fidelity  
and share in our success.

an equal opportunity employer M/F

Fidelity  
Group

BUSINESS HELP



## A SPECIAL T FOR SPECIAL P

SPECIAL INTERVIEWING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER

5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

100 FEDERAL STREET, 1

### SPECIAL CONVENIENCE

Now, you can explore the world of The First at your convenience. If you're looking for a position that's really special, look to The First.

And, since our Wednesday interviews are held at our 100 Federal Street, Boston location, you'll find The First easy to get to in a convenient downtown location. You'll be close to all the action, shopping, and Quincy Market.

### SPECIAL BENEFITS

In addition to excellent starting salaries, The First provides you with a generous package of insurance and vacation benefits. Plus additional special benefits, such as free checking, reduced rates on auto loans and master charge for eligible employees.

### SPECIAL JOBS

SECRETARIES

When you join The First, you have a choice. If you have shorthand skills or the equivalent, you can explore and work in as many job environments as you like. Move from branch to branch or department to department, until you find the spot that suits you best.

CLERK TYPISTS

Take your pick of working at our Morrissey Blvd. or our downtown Head Office facility. To qualify, you should

### SPECIAL PEOPLE

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### SPECIAL FUTURE

When you join Tl there are great r tremendous adv limited only by c

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If you are intere our employer Federal Street li through Friday, next two weeks 7:30 PM. Or call visit our Morris 40 Morrissey Bl from 9 AM-4 PM

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CLASSIC ELEGANCE

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Spectacular two-level penthouse at 415 Greenwich Street, featuring 3,600 sq ft of luxurious finishes, a full chef's kitchen, a wine cellar, a library, a home theater, and a private gym. Located on a quiet street in the heart of Lower Manhattan. Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456.

**TRIBECA** **HALSTEAD**  
**DIETZ LANTERN BUILDING**  
Open-concept loft with 2,100 sq ft of space, featuring a full kitchen, a living area with a fireplace, a home office, and a private gym. Located on a quiet street in the heart of Lower Manhattan. Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456.

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**TRIBECA** **THE HUBERT**  
Stunning two-level penthouse at 415 Greenwich Street, featuring 3,600 sq ft of luxurious finishes, a full chef's kitchen, a wine cellar, a library, a home theater, and a private gym. Located on a quiet street in the heart of Lower Manhattan. Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456.

**TRIBECA** **CLASSIC CHARM**  
Magnificent two-level penthouse at 415 Greenwich Street, featuring 3,600 sq ft of luxurious finishes, a full chef's kitchen, a wine cellar, a library, a home theater, and a private gym. Located on a quiet street in the heart of Lower Manhattan. Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456.

**TRIBECA** **SUNNY CORNER LOFT**  
A fine Tribeca loft with sun in the face, featuring 2,100 sq ft of space, a full kitchen, a living area with a fireplace, a home office, and a private gym. Located on a quiet street in the heart of Lower Manhattan. Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456.

**TRIBECA** **OPEN HOUSE**  
4100'5 MELO LOFT  
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**TRIBECA** **ARTFUL SPACES**  
LIMITED EDITION HOMES



**GRAND OPENING.**  
OWN ONE OF SIXTEEN EXCLUSIVE RESIDENCES IN TRIBECA  
Along with the business of this, the cornerstone of the development.

Features include:  
• 2.5-hour downtown  
• Lobby with art installation  
• Fully furnished pent  
• Landscaped roof terrace  
• Complete contractor services  
• Personal storage lockers  
• Pet free

2.2 & 2.5 bedroom homes priced from \$1,375,000  
View our sales gallery  
212.338.3413  
3fordwell.com

**34 LEONARD**  
TRIBECA, NY 10013  
212.965.0030

**TRUE LOFT LIVING IN HISTORIC TRIBECA**

Spacious 2-4 Bedroom Lofts, Townhouses and Penthouses Duplexes

**AN ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE**  
Landmark Building

Atriums landscaped by Thomas Bakley  
open to the sky  
4-trials landscaped sundeck  
4-trials landscaped sundeck  
Scoring 126" to 150" ceilings  
4-trials interior designed  
linkers and bath

4-trials Center  
Children's playroom by Blue Bench  
Bicycle Room  
Storage available  
Starting at \$2,650K

**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAYS**  
12-2PM

**SALES & DESIGN CENTER**  
EXCLUSIVE MODEL RESIDENCE  
415 GREENWICH ST.

The complete address you've been waiting for  
415 GREENWICH STREET  
New York, NY 10013  
212.965.0030

**TRIBECA Alternative Pricing Guide**

**S★ THE SOUTH STAR 80 JOHN STREET**

Downtown's Smartest Buy

2BRs from \$1,075K  
3BRs from \$1,395K

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday April 13th, 12-3PM  
Circle Presentation Center  
80 John Street  
212.809.3180  
soflystarcnyc.com

Exclusive Marketing & Sales agent  
corcoran.com  
corcoran group marketing  
New York office  
The complete offering is also available at  
www.corcoran.com  
Sponsored by KVA Design LLC, 188th St  
Royal West, Garden City, NY  
Equal Housing Opportunity

**TRIBECA EXCLUSIVES**  
**corcoran**  
OPEN HOUSE

TRIBECA WITH A VIEW  
Open House Sunday, April 13th, 12-3pm  
Only 7 2/2+ Bedrooms Only, 1400 sq ft  
Prime Location  
**TODAY 2:30-4:30**  
Call us at 212-907-1111  
415 Green St. Tribeca, NY 10013  
10013  
**TODAY 2:30-4:30**  
New York, NY 10013

**TRIBECAfive**  
**OPEN HOUSE 1-3PM**

Attractive 1 1/2 floor penthouse  
3 luxury bedrooms  
2 full baths  
Open concept  
High ceilings  
Close to shopping and public facilities  
30 min to Grand Central Station  
About 45 min to Lincoln Tunnel  
Starting at \$2.4M  
See us at 415 Greenwich Street  
212-965-0030

TRIBECA OPEN HOUSE EAST GREENWICH

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Sun 4/13, 12-3 PM  
To see our new 1,200 sq ft, large 20th floor duplex in Tribeca  
Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456

**TRIBECA** **OPEN HOUSE**  
TRIBECA 415 GREENWICH STREET  
Tribeca  
Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456

**TRIBECA** **RARE PENTHOUSE LOFT**  
Center of Manhattan  
Call Richard Cherman at 212-368-6456

**TRIBECA** **415 GREENWICH STREET**  
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**tribeca summit**

415 GREENWICH STREET

**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY**

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**The SE**  
NEW YORK

The World's Privileged Condominium Club & Spa Experience

April Spa  
Private Library  
Private Library  
Private Library  
Private Dining Room  
Private Dining Room

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# Topic classification

- ▶ There are a number of possible types of pages of advertisements: for jobs, for real estate, for cars, in retail, etc...
- ▶ Within each type of advertisements certain types of words are more likely to appear:
  - ▶ employment, responsibility, manager in job ads
  - ▶ foot, loft, architectural in real estate ads
- ▶ If we knew the predictive words for each type of ad, we could estimate the likelihood for each topic for each page.
- ▶ Goal: Figure out the "predictive words" of each type of ad.
- ▶ Idea: Words come from different *topics*. Within a given page of ads, certain topics are more or less represented.

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Let

- ▶  $V$  = size of vocabulary;  $K$  = number of topics
- ▶  $\alpha$  ( $K \times 1$ ) and  $\beta$  ( $K \times V$ ) parameters to be estimated
- ▶  $w$  (a word) is a vector of length  $V$ .  $w_i = 1$  for one  $i$  and 0 elsewhere.
- ▶  $d_m$  is a particular page of ads.

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Each page of ads comes from a mixture of topics:

- ▶ For page  $m$ , random variables  $\theta_{mk}$  are drawn from a (Dirichlet- $\alpha$ ) distribution.
- ▶ For each word within a page, the probability that a word is from topic  $z = z_k$  is  $\theta_{mk}$
- ▶ Conditional on the topic,  $\beta_{ki} = \Pr(w_i = 1 | z = z_k)$
- ▶ We can write the likelihood of each doc:

$$\Pr(d_m | \alpha, \beta) = \int p(\theta | \alpha) \cdot \times \left( \prod_{n \in \text{Words in } d_m} \sum_{k \in \text{Topics}} \Pr(z_k | \theta) \Pr(w_n | z_k, \beta) \right) d\theta$$

# Latent Dirichlet Allocation

- ▶ Need to reduce the dimensionality of the maximization problem.
  - ▶ Stem
  - ▶ Drop very frequent and infrequent words.

Results for  $K = 3$  (highest  $\beta$  word stems for each topic):

- ▶ Topic 1: new, home, owner, acr, call, car, hous, den, area, ask
- ▶ Topic 2: resum, seek, call must, work, exp, excel, new, salari, send.
- ▶ Topic 3: build, ave, new, park, call, studio, east, avail, fee, firm

# Similarity

- ▶ Do the words/phrases lpn, rn, registered nurse, nurse represent the same occupation?
  - ▶ What about finance professor and econometrician?
  - ▶ What about finance professor and nurse?
- ▶ Do the words/phrases delegating and directing refer to the same work activity?
  - ▶ What about monitor and motivating?
  - ▶ What about scheduling and coordinating?

Idea: Similar words appear in similar contexts:

- ▶ "Limits how many patients can be assigned to each *registered nurse* in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other healthcare facilities."
- ▶ "Newton-Wellesley Hospital *registered nurse* Betty Sparks is a member of the Committee to Ensure Safe Patient Care, which advocates for increased staffing levels."
- ▶ "With a busy hospital job as a *licensed practical nurse*, it was hard not to miss some of those frequent injections."



# Continuous Bag of Words

- ▶ Suppose we see a chunk of text that is of the form " each registered X Massachusetts hospitals" What is the probability that...
  - ▶  $X = \text{"nurse"}$
  - ▶  $X = \text{"econometrician"}$
  - ▶  $X = \text{"programmer"}$  ?
- ▶ Would like representation of words that assigns a high probability to  $X = \text{"nurse"}$ .
- ▶ Model to estimate  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$  each which is of dimension  $V$  (number of words)  $\times n$  (number of "features")
- ▶ As before:  $w$  (a word) is a vector of length  $V$ .  $w_i = 1$  for one  $i$  and 0 elsewhere.

# Continuous Bag of Words

1. Take word vectors for each of the words in the context of (e.g.,  $w_{\text{nurse}}$ ,  $w_{\text{registered}}$ ,  $w_{\text{Massachusetts}}$ ,  $w_{\text{hospitals}}$ )
2. Recover the embedded word vectors for a given context:  $\tilde{c}' w_{\text{nurse}}$ ,  $\tilde{c}' w_{\text{registered}}$ ,  $\tilde{c}' w_{\text{Massachusetts}}$ ,  $\tilde{c}' w_{\text{hospitals}}$ .
3. Average these to get a measure of the context:  
$$\tilde{v} = \frac{\tilde{c}' w_{\text{nurse}} + \tilde{c}' w_{\text{registered}} + \tilde{c}' w_{\text{Massachusetts}} + \tilde{c}' w_{\text{hospitals}}}{4}.$$
4. Generate a probability of this context:  $p_c = \frac{C \tilde{v}}{\sum C \tilde{v}}$

Log likelihood of a data set is given by comparing the actual words in the "X" position to what would be predicted out of step 4

$$\log \mathcal{L} = \sum_c y_c \cdot \log p_c$$

## Examples Elsewhere

- ▶ Gentzkow and Shapiro (2010): Measuring media slant.
  - ▶ Link Congressional record (words/phrases used by Dem./Repub. congresspeople) to newspapers.
    - ▶ Democrats mention "estate tax," while Republicans mention "death tax"
    - ▶ Washington Post: 13.7 ratio mentions of estate tax to death tax.
    - ▶ Washington Times: 1.3 ratio mentions of estate tax to death tax.
- ▶ Baker, Bloom, Davis (2016): Measuring policy uncertainty.
- ▶ In the optional papers.
  - ▶ Hoberg and Philips: SEC Filings to learn about firms' products/competitors
  - ▶ Mann and Puttmann: Google text of all US patents to learn about new technologies which lead to automation.
- ▶ For other examples, see Gentzkow, Kelly, Taddy (2017, JEL)