# Probabilistic Archetypal Analysis 

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Can we find archetypes for observations that are not real valued?


| Obs. | Favorite <br> sports | Marital <br> status | Gender | $\cdots$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | Tennis | Single | Female |  |
| 2 | Golf | Divorced | Male |  |
| 3 | Soccer | Divorced | Male |  |
| 4 | Soccer | Divorced | Male |  |
| 5 | Golf | Married | Female |  |
| 6 | Tennis | Married | Female |  |
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| 8 | Golf | Single | Male |  |
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Probabilistic archetypal analysis: given $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$


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\mathbf{h}_{n} & \sim \operatorname{Dir}(\mathbf{1})  \tag{6}\\
\mathbf{x}_{n} & \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{\Theta W} \mathbf{h}_{n}, \sigma^{2} \mathbf{I}\right) \tag{7}
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We consider $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n}$ to be the maximum likelihood point estimate from observation $\mathbf{x}_{n}$

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- PAA solves

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\begin{equation*}
\underset{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H} \geq 0}{\arg \min }-\mathbb{L L}(\mathbf{X} \mid \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}) \text { such that } \mathbf{1 W}=\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1} \mathbf{H}=\mathbf{1} . \tag{10}
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under suitable observation model compared to AA that solves

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- This optimization problem can be solved using majorization-minimization for Poisson likelihood, and expectation maximization and variational Bayes' for multinomial observation model and the latter takes advantage of conjugacy
- K can be chosen using 'elbow criterion' or setting prior over $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ over $\mathbf{h}$




## Disasters worldwide 1900-2008

(1) complex disasters (CD),
(2) drought (DR),
(3) earthquake (EQ),
(4) epidemic (EP),
© extreme temperature (ET),
© flood (FL),
(2) industrial accident (IA),

8 insect infestation (II),
(9) mass movement dry (MD),
(1) mass movement wet (MW),
(1) miscellaneous accident (MA),
(2) storm (ST),
(3) transport accident (TA),
(4) volcano (VO), and
(b) wildfire (WF).



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## SUN attribute

14340 images with 102 attributes with 4 annotations each converted to binary


A1 outdoor sport activities
A2 abstract images
A3 buildings and constructions
A4 natural blue and horizon
A5 enclosed area
A6 natural green and trees


## Big5 Personality

## 19718 responses, 50 Likert-scale rated questions converted to \{agree, disagree, neutral\}



| outgoing | outgoing | solitary | solitary | * | solitary | * |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| energetic | energetic | reserved | reserved | * | reserved | * |
| secure | sensitive | sensitive | * | $*$ | sensitive | * |
| confident | nervous | nervous | * | * | nervous | * |
| friendly | friendly | friendly | analytical | friendly | * | * |
| compassi. | compassi. | compassi. | detached | compassi. | * | * |
| efficient | * | * | * | efficient | * | * |
| organized | * | * | * | organized | * | * |
| inventive | inventive | inventive | inventive | inventive | * | * |
| curious | curious | curious | curious | curious | $*$ | * |


| disagree | agree |
| :---: | :--- |
|  | S straight |
|  | R reversed |
|  | E extrovert |
|  | N neurotic |
|  | A agreeable |
|  | C conscient |
|  |  |
|  | O open to experience |

## Summary

- PAA finds extreme representations for non-real-valued observations
- PAA also helps in choosing an appropriate number of archetypes
- PAA provides more distinguishable representation compared to clustering

Thank you for your patience!

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