

# Interdisciplinary topics extraction and evolution

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## Introduction

### ◆ Background:

- ◆ Interdisciplinary research often **leads to innovations** that are not available in a single discipline
- ◆ Existing studies have focused on macroscopic studies of disciplinary intersections, **few** have studied interdisciplinary intersections **from a microscopic perspective**.
- ◆ the extraction of interdisciplinary research topics **relies mainly on a single unit of measurement**, such as keywords.

Reality requirement

Lack of microscopic research

Single measurement unit

- ◆ **Research Target:** Taking Library and Information Science and Management as an example,we did interdisciplinary research from microscopic perspective:

- ◆ use LDA to **extract interdisciplinary topics** based on the abstracts;
- ◆ construct dynamic LDA models for **interdisciplinary topics evolution** research.

### ◆ Significance:

- ◆ Extracting potential interdisciplinary topics in different disciplines can **promote disciplinary breakthroughs and innovations**.
- ◆ Topic evolution research **reveals the laws and processes of topic evolution** through the comparison of knowledge structures or contents of different time windows, and can **understand the current development trends of disciplinary fields**.

## Methodology

The research methodology of this paper is divided into two main parts: interdisciplinary topics extraction & interdisciplinary topics evolution analysis(Figure 1).

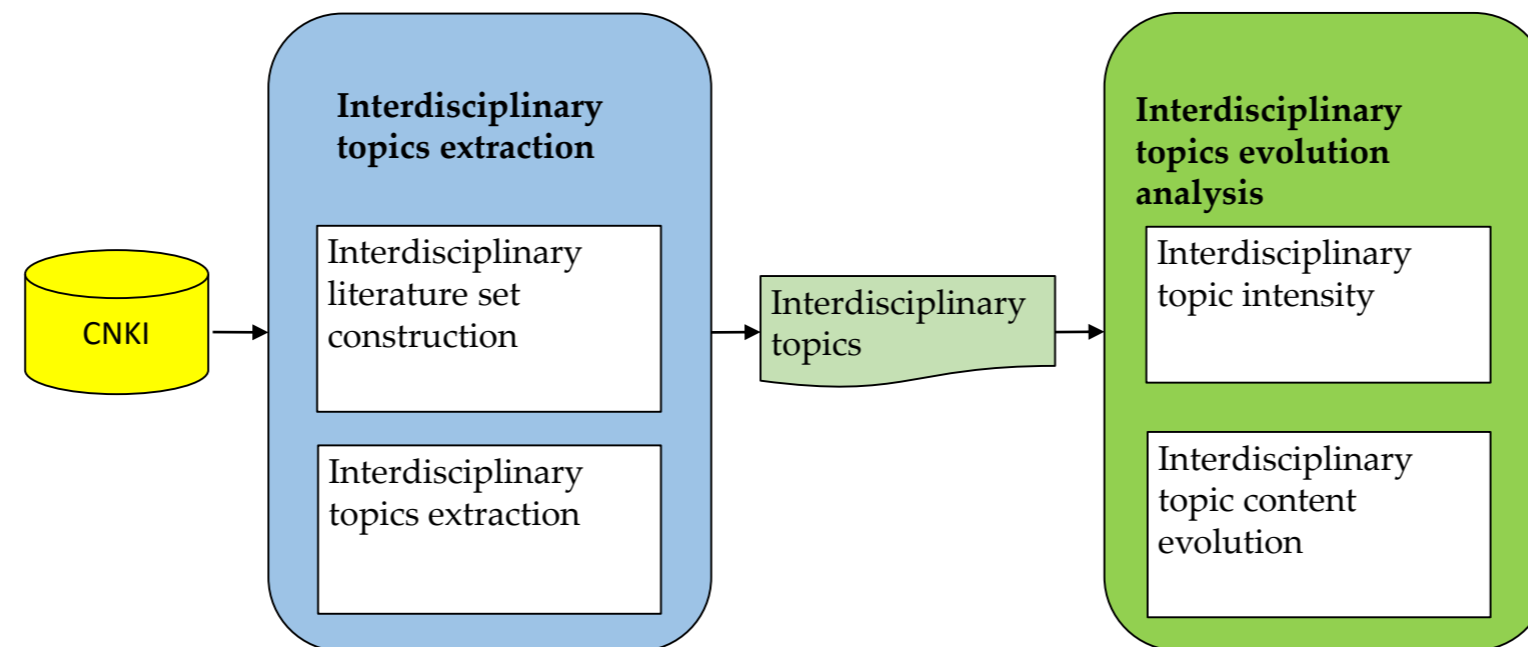


Figure 1: Research framework

## Experiment and results

Table 1: Distribution of core journals and number of papers

Discipline	Journal Source	Journals	Papers	Percentage
Library and Information Science	CSSCI	20	2363 3	58.6%
Management	CSSCI	36	3345 9	41.4%

The dataset of this paper was obtained from the CNKI database with the years 2016-2021, the specific data are shown in Table 1.

After data pre-processing,we defines a K-Means algorithm with a **K value of 15** to perform K-means clustering on the dataset and finally select class **cluster 8** as the basic dataset for interdisciplinary topic extraction and evolutionary research, which contains **3006 documents**.

## Interdisciplinary topic extraction

According to the interdisciplinary topic extraction method, we got the interdisciplinary topics(Table2).

Table 2: Results of interdisciplinary topic extraction (parts)

Topic number	Feature words(partial)
Topic #0	Change Indicator Status Logic Farmers Sector Revenue Banks Strategic emerging industries Change Systemic risk

## Interdisciplinary topic evolution analysis

Interdisciplinary topic intensity results(Figure2) and Interdisciplinary topic content evolution results(Figure 3).

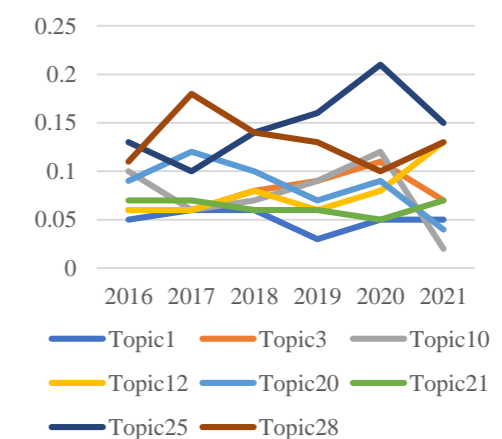


Figure 2: Evolution of the intensity of the interdisciplinary topics of Library and Information Science and Management

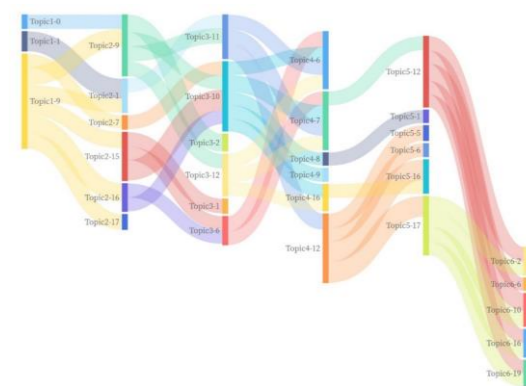


Figure 3: Evolutionary pathway of the content of interdisciplinary topics in the field of Library and Information Science and Management

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