

# Formal Definition of Topic Mining and Analysis

- Input
  - A collection of **N** text documents  $C=\{d_1, \dots, d_N\}$
  - Number of topics: **k**
- Output
  - **k topics:**  $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k\}$
  - **Coverage of topics in each  $d_i$ :**  $\{\pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{ik}\}$
  - $\pi_{ij} = \text{prob. of } d_i \text{ covering topic } \theta_j$

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_{ij} = 1$$

How to define  $\theta_i$  ?