# Vector-space models of meaning 

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## A corpus in matrix form

Upper left corner of a matrix derived from the training portion of this IMDB data release: http://ai.stanford.edu/~amaas/data/sentiment/.

|  | $d 1$ | $d 2$ | $d 3$ | $d 4$ | $d 5$ | $d 6$ | $d 7$ | $d 8$ | $d 9$ | $d 10$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $!$ | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $):$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $) ;$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $1 / 10$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $1 / 2$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $10 / 10$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## Guiding hypotheses (Turney and Pantel 2010:153)

Statistical semantics hypothesis: Statistical patterns of human word usage can be used to figure out what people mean (Weaver, 1955; Furnas et al., 1983). - If units of text have similar vectors in a text frequency matrix, ${ }^{13}$ then they tend to have similar meanings. (We take this to be a general hypothesis that subsumes the four more specific hypotheses that follow.)

Bag of words hypothesis: The frequencies of words in a document tend to indicate the relevance of the document to a query (Salton et al., 1975). - If documents and pseudodocuments (queries) have similar column vectors in a term-document matrix, then they tend to have similar meanings.

Distributional hypothesis: Words that occur in similar contexts tend to have similar meanings (Harris, 1954; Firth, 1957; Deerwester et al., 1990). - If words have similar row vectors in a word-context matrix, then they tend to have similar meanings.

Extended distributional hypothesis: Patterns that co-occur with similar pairs tend to have similar meanings (Lin \& Pantel, 2001). - If patterns have similar column vectors in a pair-pattern matrix, then they tend to express similar semantic relations.

Latent relation hypothesis: Pairs of words that co-occur in similar patterns tend to have similar semantic relations (Turney et al., 2003). - If word pairs have similar row vectors in a pair-pattern matrix, then they tend to have similar semantic relations.

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## tokenization

annotation
tagging
parsing
feature selection
: cluster texts by date/author/discourse context/...

| $\frac{\Downarrow}{\text { Matrix type }}$ |
| :--- |
| word $\times$ document |
| word $\times$ word |
| word $\times$ search proximity |
| adj. $\times$ modified noun |
| word $\times$ dependency rel. |
| verb $\times$ arguments |



Vector comparison
Euclidean
Cosine
$\times$ Dice Jaccard KL
KL with skew
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## General questions for vector-space modelers

- How do the rows (words, phrase-types, ...) relate to each other?
- How do the columns (contexts, documents, ...) relate to each other?
- For a given group of documents $D$, which words epitomize $D$ ?
- For a given a group of words $W$, which documents epitomize $W$ (IR)?


## Matrix designs

- I'm going to set aside pre-processing issues like tokenization - the best approach there will be tailored to your application.
- I'm going to assume that we would prefer not to do feature selection based on counts, stopword dictionaries, etc. - our VSMs should sort these things out for us!
- For more designs: Turney and Pantel 2010:§2.1-2.5, §6


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| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $1 / 10$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $1 / 2$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| $10 / 10$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## Word $\times$ word

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|  | $!$ | $):$ | $) ;$ | 1 | $1 / 10$ | $1 / 2$ | 10 | $10 / 10$ | 100 | 11 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $!$ | 343744 | 225 | 441 | 2582 | 264 | 254 | 3211 | 307 | 683 | 179 |
| $):$ | 143 | 218 | 9 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 36 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| $) ;$ | 291 | 5 | 472 | 39 | 2 | 6 | 37 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| 1 | 1871 | 14 | 30 | 1833 | 17 | 63 | 523 | 20 | 74 | 41 |
| $1 / 10$ | 195 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 107 | 0 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| $1 / 2$ | 174 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 0 | 161 | 26 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| 10 | 2212 | 16 | 29 | 319 | 13 | 18 | 2238 | 27 | 56 | 65 |
| $10 / 10$ | 208 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 166 | 2 | 4 |
| 100 | 482 | 1 | 3 | 52 | 3 | 2 | 38 | 2 | 523 | 11 |
| 11 | 116 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 46 | 3 | 9 | 172 |

## Word $\times$ discourse context

Upper left corner of an interjection $\times$ dialog-act tag matrix derived from the Switchboard Dialog Act Corpus (Stolcke et al. 2000):
http://compprag.christopherpotts.net/swda-clustering.html

|  | $\%$ | + | ${ }^{\wedge} 2$ | ${ }^{\wedge} \mathrm{g}$ | ${ }^{\wedge} \mathrm{h}$ | ${ }^{\wedge} \mathrm{q}$ | aa |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| absolutely | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 |
| actually | 17 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| anyway | 23 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| boy | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| bye | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| bye-bye | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| dear | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| definitely | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 |
| exactly | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 294 |
| gee | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| goodness | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

## Other designs

- word $\times$ search query
- word $\times$ syntactic context
- pair $\times$ pattern (e.g., mason : stone, cuts)
- adj. $\times$ modified noun
- word $\times$ dependency rel.
- person $\times$ product
- word $\times$ person
- word $\times$ word $\times$ pattern
- verb $\times$ subject $\times$ object $\vdots$


## Challenge problem: Horoscoped

"Do horoscopes really all just say the same thing?"


InformationIsBeautiful.net
Research: David McCancless // Design: Matt Hancock // Scraping: Thomas Winringham

http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/2011/horoscoped/

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Horoscoped
Unique words from the top 50 of each star sign
(scraped from daily predictions, common words tigntly titered)

|  | star sign | unique words | our interpretation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{M}{M}$ | aquarius | special, deal | bargain hunters? |
| $\eta$ | aries | busy, sit, problem | hard workers |
| $\sigma$ | cancer | head, home, share, surprised | house cats |
| Yo | capricorn | willing, instead | up for it? |
| $\amalg$ | gemini | party, stay, issues, listen certainly | emotionally disturbed party animals who never say no |
| $\delta$ | leo | charm, looking | ever seductive |
| $\Omega$ | libra | learn, stars, almost | nerds? |
| 犬 | pisces | stop, decision | just can't make up their minds |
| $\chi$ | sagittarius | thanks, sign, sense play, meet | they sound like fun! |
| $m$ | scorpio | chance, dear, means talking, tough | almost a sentence there |
| $\%$ | taurus | nice, open, eyes worrying | naive? |
| mb | virgo | totally, perfect | hah! can it be true? |

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> "Ready? Sure?
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> Family and friends matter. The world is life, fun and energy.
> Maybe hard. Or easy. Taking exactly enough is best.
> Help and talk to others. Change your mind and a better mood comes along..."

Meta-horoscope made from most common words in 4,000 star sign predictions

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| :--- | ---: |
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| aries | 2,746 |
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| capricorn | 2,744 |
| gemini | 2,745 |
| leo | 2,745 |
| libra | 2,745 |
| pisces | 2,746 |
| sagittarius | 2,740 |
| scorpio | 2,736 |
| taurus | 2,746 |
| virgo | 2,744 |
| Total | 32,926 |



## Weighting and normalization

- This section focusses on methods for adjusting the counts in a matrix to better capture the underlying reationships.
- The examples are given in terms of word $\times$ document matrices, focussing on row-wise comparisons in places.
- The methods can also be applied column-wise, and to other kinds of matrices, though some (design, weighting) combos are better than others, as we will see.
- Further reading:
- Manning and Schütze 1999:§15.2
- Bullinaria and Levy 2007
- Turney and Pantel 2010:§4.2


## Relative frequencies

|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ | $d_{5}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $A$ | 10 | 15 | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| $B$ | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| $C$ | 14 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 9 |
| $D$ | 13 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Columns to $P(w \mid d)$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\downarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ | $d_{5}$ |
| $A$ | 0.24 | 0.31 | 0.00 | 0.28 | 0.28 |
| $B$ | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.14 |
| $C$ | 0.33 | 0.23 | 0.00 | 0.31 | 0.25 |
| $D$ | 0.31 | 0.29 | 0.91 | 0.34 | 0.33 |

Dangers of prob. values: exaggerated estimates for small counts; comparisons that ignore differences in magnitude

## Length (L2) normalization

## Definition (L2 normalization)

Given a vector $x$ of dimension $n$, the normalization of $x$ is a vector $\hat{x}$ also of dimension $n$ obtained by dividing each element of $x$ by $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2}}$.




## Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)

## Definition (TF-IDF)

For a corpus of documents $D$ :

- Term frequency (TF): $P(w \mid d)$
- Inverse document frequency (IDF): $\log \left(\frac{|D|}{\mid\{d \in D|w \in d|}\right) \quad$ (assume $\log (0)=0$ )
- TF-IDF: TF $\times$ IDF



## Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)



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## Selected TF-IDF values



## Pointwise Mutual Information (PMI)

## Definition (PMI)

$$
\log \left(\frac{P(w, d)}{P(w) P(d)}\right) \quad(\text { assume } \log (0)=0)
$$

|  |  |  |  |  |  | $P(w, d)$ |  |  |  |  | $P(w)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $\mathrm{d}_{4}$ |  | A | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.44 |
| A | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |  | B | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.33 |
| B | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | $\rightarrow$ | C | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.22 |
| C | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 |  | D | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | $P(d)$ | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.22 | 0.12 |  |


| PMI |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| $A$ | -0.28 | -0.28 | 0.13 | 0.73 |
| $B$ | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.42 | 0.00 |
| $C$ | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| $D$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.11 |

## Pointwise Mutual Information (PMI)

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## PMI with Lapacian smoothing

## Definition (Lapacian smoothing)

Add a constant amount to all the counts.


## PMI with contextual discounting

## Definition (Contextual rescaling)

For a matrix with $m$ rows and $n$ columns:

$$
\text { newpmi }_{i j}=\operatorname{pmi}_{i j} \times \frac{f_{i j}}{f_{i j}+1} \times \frac{\min \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{k j}, \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_{i k}\right)}{\min \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{k j}, \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_{i k}\right)+1}
$$



| Discounted PMI |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| $A$ | -0.24 | -0.24 | 0.11 | 0.61 |
| $B$ | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.36 | 0.00 |
| $C$ | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| $D$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.53 |

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$$



## Expected and observed/expected values

## Definition (Expected values)

$$
\text { expected }_{i j}=\sum_{r} \text { observed }_{i r} \times\left(\frac{\sum_{k} \text { observed }_{k j}}{\sum_{k r} \text { observed }_{k r}}\right)
$$



Observed/Expected

|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $A$ | 0.76 | 0.76 | 1.14 | 2.07 |
| $B$ | 1.01 | 1.01 | 1.52 | 0.00 |
| $C$ | 1.52 | 1.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| $D$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.27 |

## Other weighting/normalization schemes

- t-test: $\frac{p(w, d)-p(w) p(d)}{\sqrt{p(w) p(d)}}$
- Positive PMI: set all PMI values $<0$ to 0
- TF-IDF variants that seek to be sensitive to the empirical distribution of words (Church and Gale 1995; Manning and Schütze 1999:553; Baayen 2001)


## Relationships and generalizations

- Many weighting schemes end up favoring rare events that may not be trustworthy. Discounting procedures seek to combat this.
- The magnitude of counts can be important; $[1,10]$ and $[1000,10000]$ might represent very different situations; creating probability distributions or length normalizing will obscure this.
- TF-IDF severely punishes words that appear in many documents - it fails for dense matrices, which can include word $\times$ word matrices


## Back to the Horoscoped challenge problem

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## Vector distance measures

- All the definitions are in terms of distance measures. They can be turned into similarity measures by subtracting appropriate constants.
- Examples focus on row vectors; the definitions and assessments hold for column-wise comparisons as well.
- Further reading:
- van Rijsbergen 1979:§3
- Manning and Schütze 1999:§8.5
- Lee 1999
- Bullinaria and Levy 2007
- Turney and Pantel 2010:§4.4-4.5


## Euclidean distance

## Definition (Euclidean distance)

Between vectors $x$ and $y$ of dimension $n: \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|x_{i}-y_{i}\right|^{2}}$

|  | $d_{x}$ | $d_{y}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $A$ | 2 | 4 |
| $B$ | 10 | 15 |
| $C$ | 14 | 10 |

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|  | $d_{x}$ | $d_{y}$ | L2 norm the rows |  | $d_{x}$ | $d_{y}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 2 | 4 |  | A | 0.45 | 0.89 |
| B | 10 | 15 |  | B | 0.55 | 0.83 |
| C | 14 | 10 |  | C | 0.81 | 0.58 |




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| ---: | ---: | ---: |
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## Dice and Jaccard distances

## Definition (Dice distance; Dice 1945)

Between vectors $x$ and $y$ of dimension $n: \quad 1-\frac{2 \times \sum_{i=1}^{n} \min \left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}+y_{i}}$
Alternatively, define a mapping $S_{n}$ from vectors to sets such that $S_{n}(v)=\left\{v_{i}>n\right\}$ for $n \geqslant 0$, and use $1-\frac{2 \times\left|\left.\right|_{n}(x) \cap S_{n}(y)\right|}{\left|S_{n}(x)\right|+\left|S_{n}(y)\right|}$

## Definition (Jaccard distance)

Between vectors $x$ and $y$ of dimension $n: \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \min \left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \max \left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)}$
Alternatively, with $S_{n}$ from above, use $\frac{\left|S_{n}(x) \cap S_{n}(y)\right|}{\left|S_{n}(x) \cup S_{n}(y)\right|}$

- Jaccard and Dice give different numerical values, with Jaccard penalizing large numerical differences more, but the two deliver identical rankings (van Rijsbergen 1979:§3; Lee 1999).
- Cosine distance penalizes large numerical differences less than both (Manning and Schütze 1999:299).
- Dice is not a true distance metric: it fails the triangle inequality.


## KL divergence

## Definition (KL divergence)

Between probability distributions $p$ and $q: \quad D(p \| q)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i} \log \left(\frac{p_{i}}{q_{i}}\right)$
$p$ is the reference distribution.
Before calculation, map all 0 s to $\epsilon$.

|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $\mathrm{d}_{4}$ |  |  |  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ | $d_{5}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10 | 15 | 0 | 9 |  | 0 | $\xrightarrow{\text { Rows to prob. dists. }}$ | 0.23 | 0.34 | 0.00 | 0.20 | 0.23 |
|  | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 |  | 5 |  | 0.24 | 0.38 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.24 |
| C 1 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 10 |  | 9 |  | C 0.32 | 0.25 | 0.00 | 0.23 | 0.20 |
| D 1 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 11 |  | 12 |  | D 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.20 |



| Word | KL distance from $A$ | Rank |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A | 0.00 | 1 |
| C | 0.03 | 2 |
| B | 0.10 | 3 |
| D | 0.19 | 4 |

## KL divergence with skew

## Definition ( $\alpha$ skew; Lee 1999)

Between probability distributions $p$ and $q$ :

$$
\operatorname{Skew}_{\alpha}(p, q)=D(p \| \alpha q+(1-\alpha) p)
$$

$$
p=[0.1,0.2,0.7] \quad q=[0.7,0.2,0.1] \quad D(p \| q)=1.17
$$


$\alpha=0.5 ;$ skew $=0.25$

p

q
$\alpha=0.4 ;$ skew $=0.17$


$q$
$\alpha=0.3$; skew $=0.11$

q


## Relationships and generalizations

(1) Euclidean, Jaccard, and Dice with raw count vectors will tend to favor raw frequency over distributional patterns.
(2) Euclidean with L2-normed vectors is equivalent to cosine w.r.t. ranking (Manning and Schütze 1999:301).
(3) Jaccard and Dice are equivalent w.r.t. ranking.
(4) Both L2-norms and probability distributions can obscure differences in the amount/strength of evidence, which can in turn have an effect on the reliability of cosine, normed-euclidean, and KL divergence. These shortcoming might be addressed through weighting schemes.
(5) Skew is KL but with a preliminary step that gives special credence to the reference distribution.

## Other vector distance measures

## For vectors $x$ and $y$ of dimension $n$

Let $X=S_{n}(x)$ and $Y=S_{n}(y)$, where $S_{n}(v)=\left\{v_{i}>n\right\}$ for $n \geqslant 0$.

- Matching coefficient (counts): $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \min \left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)$
- Matching coefficient (binary): $|X \cap Y|$
- Overlap (counts): $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \min \left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)}{\min \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}, \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}\right)}$
- Overlap (binary): $\frac{|x \cap y|}{\min (|X|,|Y|)}$
- Manhattan distance: $\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|x_{i}-y_{y}\right|$


## For probability distributions $p$ and $q$

- Symmetric KL: $D(p \| q)+D(q \| p)$
- Jensen-Shannon: $\frac{1}{2} D\left(p \| \frac{p+q}{2}\right)+\frac{1}{2} D\left(q \| \frac{p+q}{2}\right)$


## Back to the Horoscoped challenge problem

Get my version of the data (restricted link):

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { https://stanford.edu/class/cs224u/restricted/data/horoscoped.csv.zip } \\
\text { Or: /afs/ir/class/cs224u/restricted/data/horoscoped.csv.zip }
\end{gathered}
$$

| Sign | Texts |
| :--- | ---: |
| aquarius | 2,744 |
| aries | 2,746 |
| cancer | 2,745 |
| capricorn | 2,744 |
| gemini | 2,745 |
| leo | 2,745 |
| libra | 2,745 |
| pisces | 2,746 |
| sagittarius | 2,740 |
| scorpio | 2,736 |
| taurus | 2,746 |
| virgo | 2,744 |
| Total | 32,926 |



## Some experimental comparisons

- Matrices derived from the training portion of this IMDB data release:
http://ai.stanford.edu/~amaas/data/sentiment/:
- word $\times$ document matrices: $3000 \times 3456$
- word $\times$ word matrices: $3000 \times 3000$
- For word $\times$ document, all the reviews for each movie were pooled into a single document. (These matrices are sparse but not absurdly so.)
- For word $\times$ word, two words co-occur if they appear in the same document as defined above. (This gives really dense matrices.)
- For the sake of computational efficiency, the matrices contain only the top 3,000 words ordered by frequency. I did no additional filtering.
- Available:
- http://www.stanford.edu/class/cs224u/data/imdb-worddoc.csv.zip (From your Stanford account: /afs/ir/class/cs224u/WWW/data/imdb-worddoc.csv.zip)
- http://www.stanford.edu/class/cs224u/data/imdb-wordword.csv.zip (From your Stanford account: /afs/ir/class/cs224u/WWW/data/imdb-wordword.csv.zip)


## outstanding (417 tokens): raw counts

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| delight | and | superb | and | great | excellent |
| successfully | as | supporting | as | as | performances |
| extraordinary | in | powerful | in | and | performance |
| fortunately | of | moving | is | best | wonderful |
| nonetheless | great | today | of | in | great |
| nowadays | who | perfectly | the | well | best |
| poignant | is | emotional | a | of | perfect |
| viewed | the | roles | to | very | as |
| marvelous | performance | tells | this | is | well |

## word $\times$ word

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| intense | performances | stunning | performances | performances | performances |
| stunning | excellent | recommended | performance | excellent | excellent |
| lovely | superb | intense | excellent | best | best |
| thoroughly | beautifully | lovely | best | performance | performance |
| delivers | brilliant | delivers | brilliant | as | as |
| fascinating | cinematography | fascinating | wonderful | brilliant | brilliant |
| tragic | strong | thoroughly | as | wonderful | wonderful |
| fresh | memorable | fresh | role | great | story |
| recommended | and | includes | great | role | great |

## good (14,841 tokens): raw counts

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| good | good | good | good | good | good |
| really | a | some | a | a | a |
| some | but | if | the | the | the |
| very | and | has | and | and | and |
| can | the | out | of | it | but |
| when | it | just | to | this | it |
| time | this | there | this | but | is |
| up | is | very | is | is | this |
| more | to | like | in | to | to |
| only | for | when | it | of | of |

word $\times$ word

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| good | good | good | good | good | good |
| very | pretty | even | but | but | but |
| even | better | very | it | it | it |
| no | but | it's | this | this | this |
| it's | acting | no | really | really | really |
| up | worth | up | some | some | some |
| only | actually | only | like | like | like |
| time | basically | which | better | better | all |
| which | like | can | not | not | not |
| can | decent | time | all | all | better |

## outstanding (417 tokens): TF-IDF

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| a | viewed | superb | and | great | superb |
| of | remain | excellent | as | as | excellent |
| the | kim | supporting | is | excellent | wonderful |
| and | superb | wonderfully | of | very | performance |
| to | aware | wonderful | in | and | great |
| this | remarkable | perfect | the | time | best |
| in | adds | performances | a | best | perfect |
| viewed | existence | powerful | this | has | performances |
| remain | color | today | to | story | supporting |

## word $\times$ word

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| it's | performances | beautifully | performances | performances | performances |
| mother | excellent | stunning | excellent | excellent | excellent |
| complex | although | finest | wonderful | wonderful | wonderful |
| portrayal | wonderful | fascinating | brilliant | brilliant | brilliant |
| fantastic | gives | tragic | perfect | $!$ | $!$ |
| innocent | actor | provides | roles | 10 | 10 |
| convincing | perfect | surprising | although | $?$ | $?$ |
| superb | brilliant | terrific | $!$ | a | a |
| minor | it's | physical | 10 | able | able |

## good (14,841 tokens): TF-IDF

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| good | good | good | good | good | good |
| but | a | i | the | a | a |
| is | the | but | a | the | the |
| it | is | not | of | and | and |
| that | and | as | and | of | is |
| for | of | was | this | is | of |
| in | this | are | to | this | to |
| with | to | for | is | to | but |
| i | but | movie | in | it | this |
| not | in | with | it | in | it |

## word $\times$ word

Fail! good co-occurs with every other word (document-level)!

## outstanding (417 tokens): PPMI

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| and | superb | superb | and | superb | superb |
| the | excellent | terrific | of | excellent | wonderful |
| of | wonderful | date | is | wonderful | excellent |
| in | performance | $10 / 10$ | great | performances | powerful |
| a | performances | emotional | as | performance | emotional |
| to | supporting | incredible | an | perfect | terrific |
| is | finest | powerful | in | great | performances |
| as | emotional | compelling | well | supporting | $10 / 10$ |
| that | $10 / 10$ | supporting | film | brilliant | supporting |

## word $\times$ word

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| performances | performances | performances | as | performances | performances |
| performance | performance | finest | and | as | performance |
| excellent | excellent | performance | an | and | wonderful |
| best | wonderful | superb | of | performance | excellent |
| wonderful | finest | portrayal | by | wonderful | as |
| brilliant | brilliant | excellent | performances | excellent | and |
| role | superb | wonderful | in | finest | finest |
| great | as | terrific | youth | an | superb |
| as | and | stunning | performance | superb | brilliant |

## good (14,841 tokens): PPMI

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| good | good | good | good | good | good |
| a | movie | movie | movie | movie | movie |
| is | bad | acting | this | this | bad |
| the | acting | very | a | but | acting |
| but | but | not | but | bad | but |
| and | very | bad | was | acting | not |
| of | not | really | i | not | this |
| this | this | i | is | i | very |
| to | was | like | it | was | i |
| in | i | was | not | like | was |

## word $\times$ word

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| good | good | good | good | good | good |
| it | really | really | better | really | really |
| but | pretty | better | really | better | better |
| really | movie | movie | pretty | pretty | pretty |
| this | better | lot | acting | acting | movie |
| like | acting | acting | entertaining | movie | acting |
| some | ok | pretty | lot | lot | lot |
| all | liked | like | some | ok | ok |
| so | watch | some | decent | watch | watch |
| have | it | watch | average | liked | liked |

## outstanding (417 tokens): PPMI with discounting

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| the | superb | superb | and | performances | superb |
| and | performances | performances | of | excellent | wonderful |
| of | excellent | wonderful | great | wonderful | performances |
| in | wonderful | terrific | is | superb | excellent |
| to | performance | excellent | as | performance | performance |
| a | great | supporting | well | great | brilliant |
| is | actor | $10 / 10$ | in | perfect | emotional |
| that | supporting | date | an | brilliant | supporting |
| victoria | perfect | performance | film | supporting | perfect |

## word $\times$ word

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding | outstanding |
| performances | performances | performances | as | performances | performances |
| performance | performance | performance | and | as | performance |
| excellent | excellent | finest | an | performance | wonderful |
| best | wonderful | excellent | performances | and | excellent |
| as | finest | superb | of | wonderful | as |
| great | brilliant | wonderful | by | excellent | and |
| wonderful | superb | portrayal | in | finest | finest |
| story | as | terrific | youth | an | superb |
| brilliant | and | brilliant | performance | superb | brilliant |

## $\operatorname{good}(14,841$ tokens): PPMI with discounting

## word $\times$ document

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| good | good | good | good | good | good |
| a | movie | movie | movie | movie | movie |
| the | acting | acting | this | this | acting |
| is | bad | very | a | but | bad |
| and | but | not | but | acting | but |
| but | very | but | was | bad | very |
| to | not | i | is | i | not |
| of | this | really | it | not | this |
| in | pretty | bad | i | was | i |
| that | is | was | not | a | really |

word $\times$ word

| Euclidean | Cosine | Jaccard/Dice | KL | Skew95 | Skew80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| good | good | good | good | good | good |
| it | really | really | better | really | really |
| but | pretty | better | really | better | better |
| really | movie | movie | pretty | pretty | pretty |
| this | better | lot | acting | acting | movie |
| like | acting | acting | entertaining | movie | acting |
| some | ok | pretty | lot | lot | lot |
| all | liked | like | some | ok | ok |
| so | watch | some | decent | watch | watch |
| have | it | watch | average | liked | liked |

## Dimensionality reduction

- The goal of dimensionality reduction is eliminate rows/columns that are highly correlated while bringing similar things together and pushing dissimilar things apart.
- This section looks briefly at Latent Semantic Analysis (Deerwester et al. 1990), which seeks not only to find a reduced-sized matrix but also to capture similaries that come not just from direct co-occurrence, but also from second-order co-occurrence.
- Latent Semantic Analysis is an application of truncated singular value decomposition (SVD). SVD is a central matrix operation; 'truncation' here means looking only at submatrices of the full decomposition.
- For more:
- Turney and Pantel 2010:§4.3
- Manning and Schütze 1999:§15.4
- Manning et al. 2009:§18


## Latent Semantic Analysis (truncated singular value decomposition)

- I won't try to give a complete exposition of SVD. Instead, I'll try to convey the intuition in 2d and then work through an example.
- For the 2d case, SVD is closely related to fitting a least-squares regression, where the idea is to find a line that minimizes the errors (equivalently, whose vector of errors is orthogonal to the fitted line):

- The least-squares regression reduces the matrix to a line.
- Trunctated SVD, as applied in LSA, is the process of reducing a rectangular $m \times n$ matrix to an $i \times n$ matrix where $i \ll m$ or a $m \times j$ matrix where $j \ll n$.
- In the reduced dimension matrices, once-correlated variables are orthogonal and only the dimensions of greatest variation remain.


## Example: toy dialect difference (gnarly for LA; wicked for Boston)

|  | d1 d2 d3 d4 d5 d6 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| gnarly | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
| wicked | 01 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| awesome | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| lame | 00 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| terrible | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |


| Distance from gnarly |
| :--- |
| 1. gnarly |
| 2. awesome |
| 3. terrible |
| 4. wicked |
| 5. lame |

## Example: toy dialect difference (gnarly for LA; wicked for Boston)



## Example: toy dialect difference (gnarly for LA; wicked for Boston)



| Distance from gnarly |
| :--- |
| 1. gnarly |
| 2. awesome |
| 3. terrible |
| 4. wicked |
| 5. lame |


$\left(\right.$| $D$ (ocument) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| d1 | 0.50 | -0.00 | 0.50 | 0.00 | -0.71 |
| d2 | 0.50 | 0.00 | -0.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| d3 | 0.50 | -0.00 | 0.50 | 0.00 | 0.71 |
| d4 | 0.50 | -0.00 | -0.50 | -0.00 | 0.00 |
| d5 | -0.00 | 0.53 | 0.00 | -0.85 | 0.00 |
| d6 | 0.00 | 0.85 | 0.00 | 0.53 | 0.00 |



| Distance from gnarly |
| :--- |
| 1. gnarly |
| 2. wicked |
| 3. awesome |
| 4. terrible |
| 5. lame |

## Other dimensionality reduction techniques

- Probabilistic LSA (PLSA; Hofmann 1999)
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA; Blei et al. 2003; Steyvers and Griffiths 2006)
- t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE; van der Maaten and Geoffrey 2008)
- For even more: Turney and Pantel 2010:160


## Tools

## VSMs

- See Turney and Pantel 2010:§5 for lots of open-source projects
- Python NLTK's text and cluster: http://www.nltk.org/
- R's topicmodels package (mostly for LDA)


## Visualization

- t-SNE implementations for dimensionality reduction and 2d visualization: http://homepage.tudelft.nl/19j49/t-SNE.html
- Gephi: http://gephi.org/


## Looking ahead in the course

- VSMs and semantic composition (Socher et al. 2011)
- VSMs and sentiment analysis (Turney and Littman 2003)
- VSMS and relation extraction (see Turney and Pantel 2010:§2.3-2.4, §5.3)


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