# Distributional word representations 

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## Related materials

- Core reading: (Turney and Pantel 2010)
- Assignment: http://www.stanford.edu/class/cs224u/hw/hw1/
- Code/data:
- http://stanford.edu/class/cs224u/hw/hw1/cs224u-hw1.zip or
- /afs/ir/class/cs224u/hwcode/hw1/
- (Expanded with a word $\times$ document matrix.)


## 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/.

|  | $d 1$ | $d 2$ | $d 3$ | $d 4$ | $d 5$ | $d 6$ | $d 7$ | $d 8$ | $d 9$ | $d 10$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| against | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| age | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| agent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ages | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ago | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| agree | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ahead | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ain't | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| air | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| aka | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 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.

## Overview: great power, a great many design choices

| Matrix type | Weighting |  | Dimensionality reduction |  | Vector comparison |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| word $\times$ document | probabilities |  | LSA |  | Euclidean |
| word $\times$ word | length normalization |  | PLSA |  | Cosine |
| word $\times$ search proximity $\times$ | TF-IDF | $\times$ | LDA | $\times$ | Dice |
| adj. $\times$ modified noun | PMI |  | PCA |  | Jaccard |
| word $\times$ dependency rel. | Positive PMI |  | IS |  | KL |
| verb $\times$ arguments | PPMI with discounting |  | DCA |  | KL with skew |
| : | : |  | $\vdots$ |  | : |

(Nearly the full cross-product to explore; only a handful of the combinations are ruled out mathematically, and the literature contains relatively little guidance.)

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

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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)?


## Goals of semantics (from class meeting 2)

(1) Word meanings

2 Connotations
(3) Compositionality
(4) Syntactic ambiguities
(5) Semantic ambiguities

6 Entailment and monotonicity
(7) Question answering

## Other resources for word meanings

(1) WordNet (Miller 1995; Fellbaum 1998)

- http://wordnet.princeton.edu
- http://compprag.christopherpotts.net/wordnet.html
- http://www.stanford.edu/class/cs224u/slides/2013/ cs224u-2013-lec02.pdf
(2) GlobalWordNet: http://www.globalwordnet.org
(3) Harvard General Inquirer (Stone et al. 1966)
- http://wjh.harvard.edu/~inquirer/spreadsheet_guide.htm
- http://wjh.harvard.edu/~inquirer/homecat.htm
(4) FrameNet (Fillmore and Baker 2001)
- https://framenet.icsi.berkeley.edu/fndrupal/
(5)...


## 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


## Word $\times$ document

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|  | $d 1$ | $d 2$ | $d 3$ | $d 4$ | $d 5$ | $d 6$ | $d 7$ | $d 8$ | $d 9$ | $d 10$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| against | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
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| agent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ages | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ago | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| agree | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ahead | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ain't | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| air | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| aka | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## Word $\times$ word

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

|  | against | age | agent | ages | ago | agree | ahead | ain.t | air | aka | al |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| against | 2003 | 90 | 39 | 20 | 88 | 57 | 33 | 15 | 58 | 22 | 24 |
| age | 90 | 1492 | 14 | 39 | 71 | 38 | 12 | 4 | 18 | 4 | 39 |
| agent | 39 | 14 | 507 | 2 | 21 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 25 |
| ages | 20 | 39 | 2 | 290 | 32 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| ago | 88 | 71 | 21 | 32 | 1164 | 37 | 25 | 11 | 34 | 11 | 38 |
| agree | 57 | 38 | 5 | 5 | 37 | 627 | 12 | 2 | 16 | 19 | 14 |
| ahead | 33 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 25 | 12 | 429 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 7 |
| ain't | 15 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 166 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| air | 58 | 18 | 9 | 6 | 34 | 16 | 12 | 0 | 746 | 5 | 11 |
| aka | 22 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 261 | 9 |
| al | 24 | 39 | 25 | 6 | 38 | 14 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 861 |

## 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 |

## Phonological segment $\times$ feature values

Derived from http://www.linguistics.ucla.edu/people/hayes/120a/. Dimensions: $(141 \times 28)$.

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| D | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
| a | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
| © | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
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| æ | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
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| $\bigcirc$ | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
| o | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
| V | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
| ә | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
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## Other designs

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- 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 :


## Loading the R code and data

Enter the Python shell while in the directory containing the code and data:
(1) \# Load the code for this unit: from vsm import *
(2) \# The matrix is large and so might take a while to load: m = Matrix('imdb-wordword.csv')

## 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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Between vectors $x$ and $y$ of dimension $n: 1-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} \times y_{i}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2}} \times \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{2}}}$


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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 $1-\frac{2 \times\left|S_{n}(x) \cap S_{n}(y)\right|}{\left|S_{n}(x)\right|+\left|S_{n}(y)\right|}$

## Definition (Jaccard distance)

Between vectors $x$ and $y$ of dimension $n$ :

$$
\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \min \left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \max \left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)}
$$

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).


## 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 $\epsilon$.

|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ | $d_{5}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $A$ | 10 | 15 | 0 | 9 | 100 |
|  | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| $C$ | 14 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 9 |
| $D$ |  |  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ |
| $D$ | 13 | 14 | 10 | 11 | $d_{4}$ |



| 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 $=0.11$
$\alpha=0.2$; skew $=0.05$

p

p


## 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 shortcomings 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: $\frac{1}{2} D\left(p \| \frac{p+q}{2}\right)+\frac{1}{2} D\left(q \| \frac{p+q}{2}\right)$


## Distance calculations

(1) import numpy as np
\# Define the vectors we used before:
(2) $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{np} \cdot \operatorname{array}([2,4])$
(3) $b=n p \cdot \operatorname{array}([10,15])$
(4) $c=n p . \operatorname{array}([14,10])$
\# Get their Euclidean distances:
(5) euclidean_distance(a, b)
(6 euclidean_distance(a, c)
(7) euclidean_distance(b, c)
\# Compare with cosine:
(8) cosine_distance(a,b)

## Lexical neighbors experiments


(1) joy = neighbors(m,'joy',distfunc=euclidean_distance,n=None)
(2) $[x[0]$ for $x$ in joy[: 5]]
(3 ['joy', 'emotionally', 'ordinary', 'delivered', 'attitude']
(4) $[x[0]$ for $x$ in joy[-5: ]]
(5 ['to', 'of', 'a', 'and', 'the']

## Exploration

(1) We saw that euclidean distance favors raw frequencies. Find words in the matrix that help make this point: a pair that are semantically unrelated but close according to euclidean_distance, and a pair that are semantically related by far apart according to euclidean_distance.
(2) To what extent does using cosine_distance address the problem you uncovered in the previous exercise.

## The semantic orientation method

(1) Get your VSM into shape by weighting and/or dimensionality reduction.
(2) Define two seed-sets $S_{1}$ and $S_{2}$ of words (they should be opposing in some way that is appropriate for your matrix).
(3) For a given distance metric dist and word $w$ :

$$
\left(\sum_{w^{\prime} \in S_{1}} \operatorname{dist}\left(w, w^{\prime}\right)\right)-\left(\sum_{w^{\prime} \in S_{2}} \operatorname{dist}\left(w, w^{\prime}\right)\right)
$$

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## Turney and Littman's (2003:343) hypothesis

The ideas in SO-A can likely be extended to many other semantic aspects of words. The General Inquirer lexicon has 182 categories of word tags [Stone et al. 1966] and this paper has only used two of them, so there is no shortage of future work.

## Using our code

\# Load the source code:
(1) neg = ['bad', 'nasty', 'poor', 'negative', 'unfortunate', 'wrong', 'inferior']
(2) pos $=[$ 'good', 'nice', 'excellent', 'positive', 'fortunate', 'correct', 'superior']
(3) so = semantic_orientation(m, seeds1=neg, seeds2=pos)
\# Most negative:
(4) [x[0] for $x$ in so[: 5]]
(5 ['1/10', 'suck', 'gonna', 'crap', 'renting'] \# Most positive:
(6 [x[0] for x in so[-5: ]]
(7) ['breathtaking', 'titanic', 'victoria', 'powell', 'columbo']

Does your preferred matrix design (HW 1, question 3) do better?

## Pos/neg semantic orientation results (top and bottom 15)

My preferred design:

| Neighbor | Score |
| :--- | :---: |
| bad | -1.22 |
| worst | -1.13 |
| awful | -1.10 |
| waste | -1.02 |
| terrible | -1.02 |
| worse | -1.00 |
| horrible | -0.95 |
| crap | -0.95 |
| wrong | -0.95 |
| stupid | -0.93 |
| avoid | -0.90 |
| pointless | -0.89 |
| even | -0.89 |
| garbage | -0.88 |
| pathetic | -0.88 |


| Neighbor | Score |
| :--- | ---: |
| excellent | 1.17 |
| nice | 0.93 |
| great | 0.89 |
| superior | 0.83 |
| well | 0.76 |
| very | 0.74 |
| perfect | 0.71 |
| role | 0.67 |
| performance | 0.67 |
| always | 0.66 |
| correct | 0.66 |
| good | 0.65 |
| fantastic | 0.65 |
| job | 0.65 |
| superb | 0.64 |

## 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


## Goal of reweighting and related questions

- The goal of reweighting is to amplify the important, trustworthy, an unusual, while deemphasizing the mundane and the quirky.
- Absent a defined objective function, this will remain fuzzy.
- The intuition behind moving away from raw counts is that frequency is a poor proxy for the above values.
- So we should ask of each weighting scheme:
- How does it compare to the raw count values?
- How does it compare to the word frequencies?
- What overall distribution of values does it deliver?


## 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

## Relative frequencies compared to counts

Raw counts, word x word


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Relative frequency, word x word


## Relative frequencies compared to counts

Relative frequency, word x word


## Relative frequencies compared to counts

## Relative frequency, word x word



## Relative frequencies compared to counts

Raw counts, word $x$ doc


## Relative frequencies compared to counts

Relative frequency, word $x$ doc


## Relative frequencies compared to counts

Relative frequency, word $x$ doc


## Relative frequencies compared to counts

Relative frequency, word $x$ doc


## 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)



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

## Selected TF-IDF values



## TF-IDF compared to counts

Raw counts, word x word


## TF-IDF compared to counts

## TF-IDF, word $x$ word



## TF-IDF compared to counts

## TF-IDF, word x word



## TF-IDF compared to counts

## TF-IDF, word x word



## TF-IDF compared to counts

## Raw counts, word x doc



## TF-IDF compared to counts

## TF-IDF, word x doc



## TF-IDF compared to counts

## TF-IDF, word x doc



## TF-IDF compared to counts

## TF-IDF, word x doc



## 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) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |  | A | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 |  |
| 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)

## Selected PMI values



## PMI compared to counts

Raw counts, word x word


## PMI compared to counts

## PMI, word x word



## PMI compared to counts

PMI, word $x$ word


## PMI compared to counts

## PMI, word x word



## PMI compared to counts

## Raw counts, word x doc



## PMI compared to counts

## PMI, word x doc



## PMI compared to counts

PMI, word $x$ doc


## PMI compared to counts

## PMI, word $x$ doc



## 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:

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

| Count matrix $\begin{array}{llll}d_{1} & d_{2} & d_{3} & d_{4}\end{array}$ |  |  |  | $d_{1}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \mathrm{PMI} \\ d_{2} \end{array}$ | $d_{3}$ |  |  |  | $\overline{f_{i j} /\left(f_{i j}\right.}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +1) \\ & 2 \quad d_{3} \end{aligned}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A 10101010 |  |  |  | -0.28 | -0.28 | 0.13 | 0.73 |  | A 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| B 1010100 |  |  | B | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.42 | 0.00 |  | B 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.00 |
| C 10 | 1000 |  | C | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  | C 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| D 0 | $0 \quad 0 \quad 1$ |  | D | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.11 |  | D 0.00 |  | 0.00 | 0.50 |
| $\frac{\min \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{k j} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_{i k}\right)}{\min \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{k j}, \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_{i k}\right)+1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A | $\frac{30}{} \frac{30}{}$ | 20 | 11 | 40 |  |  |  |  | Disco | ounted | d PMI |  |
| B |  | $\stackrel{20}{20}$ | $\frac{11}{11+1}$ | 30 |  |  |  |  | $d_{1}$ |  | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{ll}\frac{30}{30+1} & \frac{30}{30+1} \\ 30\end{array}$ | $\frac{20}{201}$ | $\frac{11}{11+1}$ | 30 |  |  |  | A | -0.24 | -0.24 | 0.11 | 0.61 |
|  | $\frac{30}{30+1} \frac{30}{30+1}$ | $\frac{20}{20+1}$ | $\frac{1}{11+1}$ | 20 |  |  |  | B | -0.01 |  | 0.36 |  |
| D | $\frac{1}{1+1} \frac{1}{1+1}$ | $\frac{1}{1+1}$ | $\frac{1}{1+1}$ | 1 |  |  |  | C | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sum | 3030 | 20 | 11 |  |  |  |  | D | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.53 |

## PMI with contextual discounting

## Definition (Contextual rescaling)

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

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

| Count matrix $\begin{array}{llll}d_{1} & d_{2} & d_{3} & d_{4}\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | PMI |  |  |  |  | $f_{i j} /\left(f_{i j}+\right.$ | 1) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ |  |  |  | $d_{2}$ |  | $d_{4}$ |
| A 10101010 |  |  |  | -0.28 | -0.28 | 0.13 | 0.73 |  | A 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| B 10 | 10100 |  | B | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.42 | 0.00 |  | B 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.00 |
| C 10 | 100 |  | C | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  | C 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| D 0 | $0 \quad 0 \quad 1$ |  | D | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.11 |  | D 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.50 |
| $\frac{\min \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{k j}, \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_{i k}\right)}{\min \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{k j}, \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_{i k}\right)+1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Discour | unted | PMI |  |
| A | 0.970 .97 | 0.95 | 0.92 | 40 |  |  |  |  | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $\mathrm{d}_{4}$ |
| B | 0.970 .97 | 0.95 | 0.92 | 30 |  |  |  | A | -0.24 | -0.24 | 0.11 | 0.61 |
| C | 0.950 .95 | 0.95 | 0.92 | 20 |  |  |  | B | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.36 | 0.00 |
| D 0 | 0.500 .50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 1 |  |  |  | C | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sum | 3030 | 20 | 11 |  |  |  |  | D | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.53 |

## Other weighting/normalization schemes

- Expected values: expected $_{i j}=\sum_{r}$ observed $_{i r} \times\left(\frac{\sum_{k} \text { observed }_{k j}}{\sum_{k r} \text { observed }_{k r}}\right)$
- t-test: $\frac{p(w, d)-p(w) p(d)}{\sqrt{p(w) p(d)}}$
- 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)


## Summary comparisons

Relative frequency, word $x$ word


TF-IDF, word $x$ word


PMI, word x word




PMI, word x word


Relative frequency, word $x$ word


TF-IDF, word $x$ word


PMI, word x word


Relative frequency, word $x$ doc




PMI, word $x$ doc


## 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 behaves oddly for dense matrices, which can include word $\times$ word matrices


## Using our code

\# Reweight the imdb matrix using PPMI with discounting:
(1) $\mathrm{p}=\mathrm{pmi}(\mathrm{m}$, positive=True, discounting=True)
\# Reweight the imdb matrix using TF-IDF:
(2) $\mathrm{t}=\mathrm{tfidf}(\mathrm{m})$
\# Use neighbors on 'outstanding' and 'good'
(3) neighbors( p , 'outstanding')
(4) neighbors(t, 'good', distfunc=euclidean_distance)
(5)...

## Exploration

(1) Which combination of weighting and distance seems to give the best results?
(2) Do you notice systematic differences that we can understand in terms of the underlying properties of the matrix and/or the distance measure?
(3) Load the word $x$ document version of the imdb matrix:
d = Matrix('imdb-worddoc.csv')
and see how it interacts with the weighting and distance concepts.

## 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)

- 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)

| d 1 |  |  |  |  |  | d 2 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d 3 | d 4 | d 5 | d 6 |  |  |  |
| gnarly | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| wicked | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| awesome | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| lame | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| terrible | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $\\|$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\Downarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |


| 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

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



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

## Using our code

```
    # Run LSA on the PMI imdb matrix:
```

(1) $\mathrm{s}=1 \mathrm{sa}(\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{k}=100)$
\# Use neighbors to see what's happening:
(2) $\mathrm{df}=$ neighbors(s, 'happy')
(3) $\mathrm{df}=$ neighbors(s, 'happy')
(4)...

## Exploration

(1) How do the results compare with what you saw for these matrices before reduction?
(2) What happens if you set $\mathrm{k}=1$ using lsa. What do the results look like then? What do you think this first (and now only) dimension is capturing?

## Comparisons before and after LSA with $\mathrm{k}=100$






PMI, word x word


## Comparisons before and after LSA with $\mathrm{k}=100$



PMI, word x doc


PMI, word x doc



PMI with LSA $(k=100)$, word $x$ doc


PMI with LSA ( $k=100$ ), word $x$ doc

PMI with LSA $(k=100)$, word $x$ doc


## Other dimensionality reduction techniques

- Probabilistic LSA (PLSA; Hofmann 1999)
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA; Blei et al. 2003; Steyvers and Griffiths 2007)
- t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE; van der Maaten and Geoffrey 2008)
- For even more: Turney and Pantel 2010:160


## Tools for VSMs

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


## Tools for visualization

- t-SNE implementations for dimensionality reduction and 2d visualization: http://homepage.tudelft.nl/19j49/t-SNE.html
- Multiple maps t-SNE (van der Maaten and Hinton 2012)
- Gephi: http://gephi.org/


## Visualization with t-SNE



## Visualization with t-SNE



## Visualization with t-SNE



Visualization with t-SNE


## Looking ahead in the course

- VSMs and (semi-)supervised training
- VSMs and the goals of semantics
(next meeting)
(next meeting)
- VSMs and semantic composition
(May 14)
- VSMs and sentiment analysis (May 14, 19)
- VSMs and relation extraction


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