

# Embeddings Learned By Matrix Factorization

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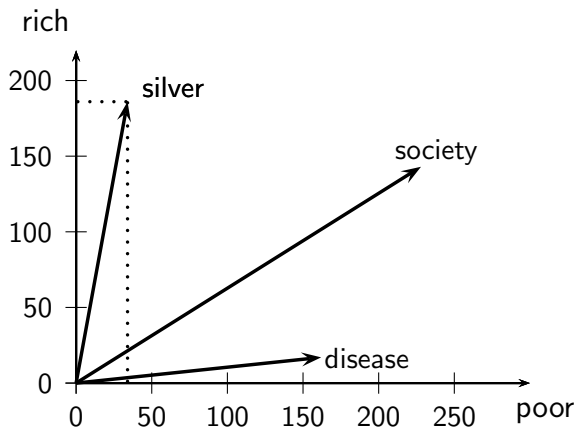
# Embeddings

## Definition

The embedding of a word  $w$  is a **dense** vector  $\vec{v}(w) \in \mathcal{R}^k$  that represents semantic and other properties of  $w$ . Typical values are  $50 \leq k \leq 1000$ .

- In this respect, there is no difference to WordSpace: Both embeddings and WordSpace vectors are representations of words, primarily semantic, but also capturing other properties.
- Embeddings have much lower dimensionality than WordSpace vectors.
- WordSpace vectors are **sparse** (most entries are 0), embeddings **dense** (almost never happens that an entry is 0).

# WordSpace



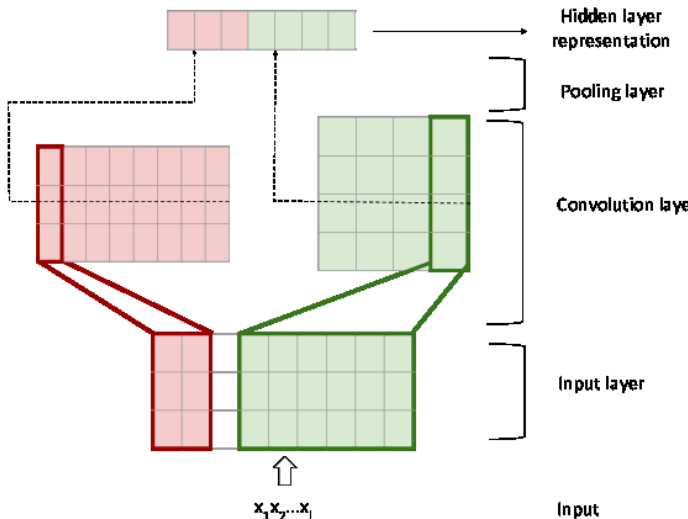
# Word representations: Density and dimensionality

- WordSpace vectors are **sparse** and **high-dimensional**.
- In contrast, embeddings are **dense** and **lower-dimensional**.
- Why are embeddings potentially better?
- Embeddings are more **efficient**.
- Embeddings are often more **effective**.

# Efficiency of embeddings

High  
dimensionality  
→ slow  
training

The time to  
train a neural  
network is  
roughly linear  
in the  
dimensionality  
of word  
vectors.



# WordSpace vectors: Example for non-effectiveness

- Example: polarity classification
- Cooccurrence with “bad” indicates negative polarity.
- But corpora are often random and noisy and a negative word may not have occurred with “bad” .
- Possible result:  
Incorrect classification based on WordSpace vectors
- Embeddings are more robust and “fill out” missing data.
- Details: below



# Effectiveness of embeddings: Polarity

high:0  
 cold:0  
 tree:2  
 good:0  
 white:0  
 bad:0  
 sweet:0  
 smelly:0



positive

neutral

negative

$\vec{v}(\text{skunk})$

# Effectiveness of WordSpace: Thought experiment

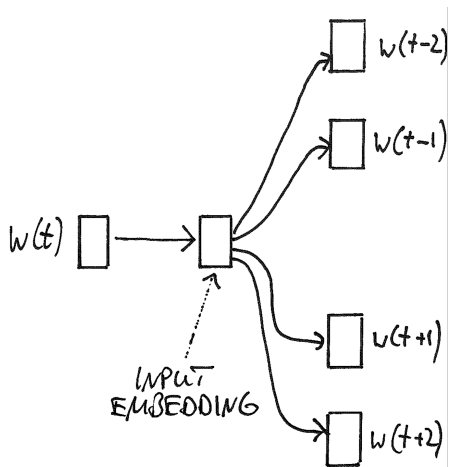
- Construct an example of a corpus and two words  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  occurring in it having the following properties:
  - $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are **semantically related**.
  - The WordSpace vectors of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are **not similar**.
- Goal: Embeddings eliminate failure modes of WordSpace.

# Best-known embedding model: word2vec skipgram

- word2vec skipgram is
  - more **effective** than WordSpace  
(embeddings and similarities of higher quality)
  - more **efficient** than WordSpace  
(lower dimensionality)

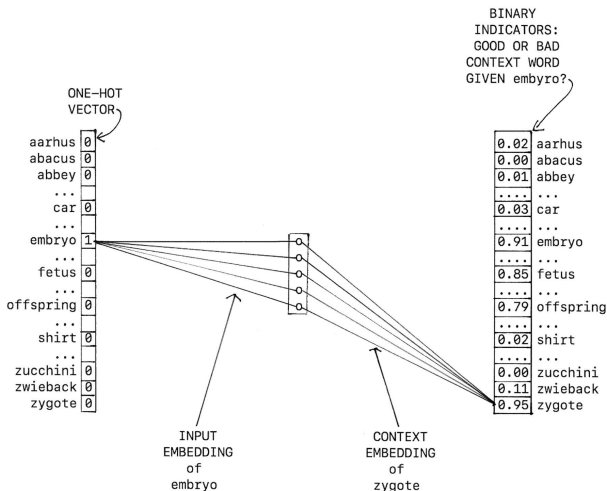
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predict, based on input word, a context word



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# word2vec

## learning = parameter estimation

- The embedding of a word is a real-valued vector  $\in \mathcal{R}^k$ .
- The coordinates are parameters that we need to learn/estimate from the corpus.
- Learning of a WordSpace model:
  - (i) count, then (ii) PPMI weighting
- For word2vec, learning is more complicated.
- Two different methods
  - Embeddings learned via matrix factorization
  - Embeddings learned via gradient descent
- These estimation methods are roughly equivalent.

## Example of an embedding vector:

The numbers (or coordinates) are the parameters.

embedding of the work "skunk":

(-0.17823, -0.64124, 0.55163, -1.2453, -0.85144, 0.14677, 0.55626, -0.22915,  
-0.051651, 0.22749, 0.13377, -0.31821, 0.2266, -0.056929, -0.17589,  
-0.077204, -0.093363, 1.2414, -0.30274, -0.32308, 0.29967, -0.0098437, -0.411,  
0.4479, 0.60529, -0.28617, 0.14015, 0.055757, -0.47573, 0.093785, -0.36058,  
-0.75834, -0.37557, -0.32435, -0.39122, -0.24014, 0.5508, -0.26339, 0.30862,  
0.36182, 0.25648, 0.10642, -0.098591, -0.042246, 0.11275, 0.068252,  
0.092793, -0.12239, 0.054094, 0.648, 0.30679, -0.38904, 0.32872, -0.22128,  
-0.26158, 0.48044, 0.86676, 0.1675, -0.37277, -0.53049, -0.13059, -0.076587,  
0.22186, -0.81231, -0.2856, 0.20166, -0.41941, -0.60823, 0.66289, -0.059475,  
-0.14329, 0.0091092, -0.52114, -0.31488, -0.48999, 0.77458, -0.026237,  
0.094321, -0.50531, 0.19534, -0.33732, -0.073171, -0.16321, 0.44695,  
-0.64077, -0.32699, -0.61268, -0.48275, -0.19378, -0.25791, 0.014448, 0.44468,  
-0.42305, -0.24903, -0.010524, -0.26184, -0.25618, 0.022102, -0.81199,  
0.54065)

# word2vec parameter estimation: Historical development vs. presentation in this lecture

- Mikolov et al. (2013) introduce word2vec, estimating parameters by gradient descent.
  - Still the learning algorithm used by default and in most cases
- Levy and Goldberg (2014) show near-equivalence to a particular type of matrix factorization.
  - Important because it links two important bodies of research:  
[neural networks and distributional semantics](#)
- More natural progression in this lecture:  
distributional semantics
  - embedding learning via matrix factorization
  - embedding learning via gradient descent



word2vec skipgram:

Embeddings learned via gradient descent

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## Efficient Estimation of Word Representations in Vector Space

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# word2vec skipgram: Embeddings learned via matrix factorization

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## Neural Word Embedding as Implicit Matrix Factorization

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### Abstract

We analyze skip-gram with negative-sampling (SGNS), a word embedding method introduced by Mikolov et al., and show that it is implicitly factorizing a word-context matrix, whose cells are the pointwise mutual information (PMI) of the respective word and context pairs (shifted by a global constant). We find that another embedding method, NCE, is implicitly factorizing a similar matrix, where each cell is the (shifted) log conditional probability of a word given its context.

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## Dot product / scalar product

$$\vec{w} \vec{c} = \sum_i w_i c_i$$

Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = w_1 c_1 + w_2 c_2 + w_3 c_3$$

# Linear algebra review: $C = AB$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc|cc}
 & & & & B \\
 & & & 1 & -2 \\
 & & & -1 & 2 \\
 \hline
 A & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 & 2 & 1 & 1 & -2
 \end{array}$$

$$C_{11} = A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21}$$

$$C_{12} = A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22}$$

$$C_{21} = A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21}$$

$$C_{22} = A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22}$$

# Linear algebra review: $C = AB$

			$B$	
			0.7	0.3
			0.2	0.8
$A$	0	1	0.2	0.8
A	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.7
	0.3	0.7	0.35	0.65

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$$C_{31} = A_{31}B_{11} + A_{32}B_{21}$$

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# Euclidean length of a vector $\vec{d}$

$$|\vec{d}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2}$$

$\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are orthogonal iff

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot d_i = 0$$



# Exercise

$V^T$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
1	-0.75	-0.28	-0.20	-0.45	-0.33	-0.12
2	-0.29	-0.53	-0.19	0.63	0.22	0.41
3	0.28	-0.75	0.45	-0.20	0.12	-0.33
4	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.00	-0.58	0.58
5	-0.53	0.29	0.63	0.19	0.41	-0.22

Show: column  $d_1$  has unit length:  $\sqrt{\sum_i d_{i1}^2} = 1$

Show: columns  $d_1, d_2$  are orthogonal:  $\sum_i d_{i1} \cdot d_{i2} = 0$

$$0.75^2 + 0.29^2 + 0.28^2 + 0.00^2 + 0.53^2 = 1.0059$$

$$-0.75 * -0.28 + -0.29 * -0.53 + 0.28 * -0.75 + 0.00 * 0.00 + -0.53 * 0.29 = 0$$

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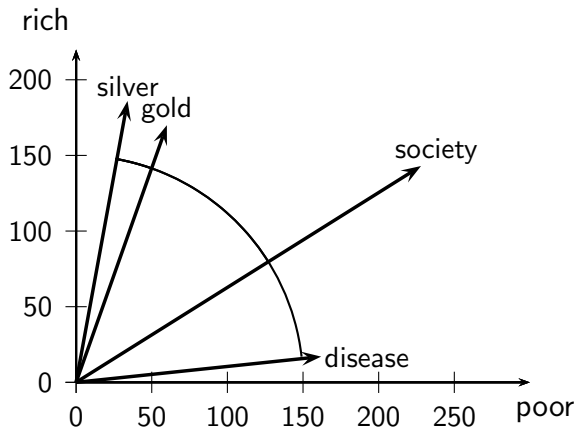
# Outline of this section

- Recall:
  - We learn embedding parameters by [matrix factorization](#).
- We need an [input matrix](#) for matrix factorization.
- Brief recap on how to create the input matrix
- (You already know this, but it looks slightly different.)
- Also: link to information retrieval
- This type of “technology” comes from information retrieval.
- Brief overview of information retrieval setting

# Vector representations: Words vs. Documents/Queries

- Statistical NLP & Deep learning:  
Embeddings as model for **word** similarity
- Information retrieval:  
Vector representations as model of **query-document** similarity
- Simple search engine:
  - User enters query.
  - Query is transformed into query vector.
  - Documents are transformed into document vectors.
  - Order document vectors according to similarity to query
  - Return ranked list of documents to user:  
The documents with highest similarity to query.


# Basis for WordSpace: Cooccurrence $\rightarrow$ Similarity



The similarity between two words is the cosine of the angle between them.

Small angle: silver and gold are similar. Medium-size angle: silver

# Documents ranked according to similarity to query

   
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# Words ranked according to similarity to query word

1.000 silver 0.865 bronze 0.842 gold 0.836 medal 0.826 medals  
0.761 relay 0.740 medalist 0.737 coins 0.724 freestyle 0.720 metre  
0.716 coin 0.714 copper 0.712 golden 0.706 event 0.701 won 0.700  
foil 0.698 Winter 0.684 Pan 0.680 vault 0.675 jump

# Setup for cooccurrence count matrix

Dimension words ( $w_2$ ) and points/vectors ( $w_1$ )

		$w_2$				
		rich	poor	silver	society	disease
$w_1$	rich					
	poor					
	silver					
	society					
	disease					



# Cooccurrence count (CC) matrix

		$w_2$				
		rich	poor	silver	society	disease
$w_1$	rich	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$
	poor	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$
	silver	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$
	society	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$
	disease	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$	$CC(w_1, w_2)$

# PPMI matrix $C$

This is the input to matrix factorization,  
which will compute word embeddings.

		$w_2$				
		rich	poor	silver	society	disease
$w_1$	rich	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$
	poor	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$	$\text{PPMI}(w_1, w_2)$
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# PPMI: Weighting of raw cooccurrence counts

- PMI: pointwise mutual information



$$\text{PMI}(w, c) = \log \frac{P(wc)}{P(w)P(c)}$$

- PPMI =  
positive pointwise mutual information
- $\text{PPMI}(w, c) = \max(0, \text{PMI}(w, c))$
- More generally (with offset  $k$ ):  
 $\text{PPMI}(w, c) = \max(0, \text{PMI}(w, c) - k)$

# Information Retrieval: Word-document matrix

	doc 1	doc 2	doc 3	doc 4	doc 5	query
anthony	5.25	3.18	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.35
brutus	1.21	6.10	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
caesar	8.59	2.54	0.0	1.51	0.25	0.0
calpurnia	0.0	1.54	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
cleopatra	2.85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
mercy	1.51	0.0	1.90	0.12	5.25	0.88
worser	1.37	0.0	0.11	4.15	0.25	0
...						

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# Matrix factorization: Overview

- We will **decompose** the word-document matrix into a product of matrices.
- The particular decomposition we'll use: **singular value decomposition** (SVD).
- SVD:  $C = U\Sigma V^T$  (where  $C$  = word-document matrix)
- We will then use the SVD to compute a **new, improved word-document matrix**  $C'$ .
- We'll get **better query-document similarity** values out of  $C'$  (compared to  $C$ ).
- Using SVD for this purpose is called **latent semantic indexing** or LSI. □

# Matrix factorization: Embeddings

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# Example of $C = U\Sigma V^T$ : The matrix $C$

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0
tree	0	0	0	1	0	1

We use a non-weighted matrix here to simplify the example. □



## Example of $C = U\Sigma V^T$ : The matrix $U$

$U$	1	2	3	4	5
ship	-0.44	-0.30	0.57	0.58	0.25
boat	-0.13	-0.33	-0.59	0.00	0.73
ocean	-0.48	-0.51	-0.37	0.00	-0.61
wood	-0.70	0.35	0.15	-0.58	0.16
tree	-0.26	0.65	-0.41	0.58	-0.09

One row per word, one column per  $\min(M, N)$  where  $M$  is the number of words and  $N$  is the number of documents.

This is an **orthonormal matrix**: (i) Row vectors have unit length. (ii) Any two distinct row vectors are orthogonal to each other.

Think of the dimensions as “semantic” dimensions that capture distinct topics like politics, sports, economics. 2 = land/water

Each number  $u_{ij}$  in the matrix indicates how strongly related word  $i$  is to the topic represented by semantic dimension  $j$ . □

# Example of $C = U\Sigma V^T$ : The matrix $\Sigma$

$\Sigma$	1	2	3	4	5
1	2.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00	1.28	0.00	0.00
4	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39

This is a **square, diagonal matrix** of dimensionality  $\min(M, N) \times \min(M, N)$ .

The diagonal consists of the **singular values** of  $C$ .

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We'll make use of this by **omitting unimportant dimensions**. □

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$V^T$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
1	-0.75	-0.28	-0.20	-0.45	-0.33	-0.12
2	-0.29	-0.53	-0.19	0.63	0.22	0.41
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4	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.00	-0.58	0.58
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Again: This is an **orthonormal matrix**: (i) Column vectors have unit length. (ii) Any two distinct column vectors are orthogonal to each other.

These are again the semantic dimensions from matrices  $U$  and  $\Sigma$  that capture distinct topics like politics, sports, economics.

Each number  $v_{ij}$  in the matrix indicates how strongly related document  $i$  is to the topic represented by semantic dimension

# Example of $C = U\Sigma V^T$ : All four matrices

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$	
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0	
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0	
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0	=
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0	
tree	0	0	0	1	0	1	
$U$	1	2	3	4	5		
ship	-0.44	-0.30	0.57	0.58	0.25		
boat	-0.13	-0.33	-0.59	0.00	0.73		
ocean	-0.48	-0.51	-0.37	0.00	-0.61		×
wood	-0.70	0.35	0.15	-0.58	0.16		
tree	-0.26	0.65	-0.41	0.58	-0.09		
$\Sigma$	1	2	3	4	5		
1	2.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2	0.00	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00		
3	0.00	0.00	1.28	0.00	0.00		×



# Recall unreduced decomposition $C = U\Sigma V^T$

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$				
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0				
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0				
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0	=			
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0				
tree	0	0	0	1	0	1				
$U$		1		2		3		4		5
ship		-0.44		-0.30		0.57		0.58		0.25
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# Exercise: Why can this be viewed as soft clustering?

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$				
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0				
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0				
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0	=			
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0				
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# SVD: Summary

- We've decomposed the word-document matrix  $C$  into a product of three matrices:  $U\Sigma V^T$ .
- The word matrix  $U$  – consists of one (row) vector for each word
- The document matrix  $V^T$  – consists of one (column) vector for each document
- The singular value matrix  $\Sigma$  – diagonal matrix with singular values, reflecting importance of each dimension
- Next: Why are we doing this? □

# Property of SVD that we exploit here

- Key property:
  - Each singular value tells us how important its dimension is.
- By setting less important dimensions to zero, we keep the important information, but get rid of the “details”.
- These details may
  - be **noise** – in that case, reduced SVD vectors are a better representation because they are less noisy.
  - **make things dissimilar that should be similar** – again, reduced SVD vectors are a better representation because they represent similarity better.
- Analogy for “fewer details is better”
  - Image of a blue flower
  - Image of a yellow flower
  - Omitting color makes it easier to see the similarity



## Reducing the dimensionality to 2

$U$	1	2	3	4	5	
ship	-0.44	-0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	
boat	-0.13	-0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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wood	-0.70	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
$V^T$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
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4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Actually, we only zero out singular values in  $\Sigma$ . This has the effect of setting the corresponding dimensions in  $U$  and  $V^T$  to zero when computing the product  $C = U\Sigma V^T$ .  $\square$

# Reducing the dimensionality to 2

$C_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
ship	0.85	0.52	0.28	0.13	0.21	-0.08
boat	0.36	0.36	0.16	-0.20	-0.02	-0.18
ocean	1.01	0.72	0.36	-0.04	0.16	-0.21
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ocean	-0.48	-0.51	-0.37	0.00	-0.61	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
wood	-0.70	0.35	0.15	-0.58	0.16	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
tree	-0.26	0.65	-0.41	0.58	-0.09	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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5	-0.53	0.29	0.63	0.19	0.41	-0.22



# Original matrix $C$ vs. reduced $C_2 = U\Sigma_2V^T$

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0
tree	0	0	0	1	0	1

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We can view  $C_2$  as a **two-dimensional** representation of the matrix  $C$ . We have performed a **dimensionality reduction** to two dimensions.



# Exercise

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0
tree	0	0	0	1	0	1

Compute the similarity between  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  for the original matrix and for the reduced matrix.

$C_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
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# Why the reduced matrix $C_2$ is better than $C$

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0
tree	0	0	0	1	0	1

$C_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
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“boat” and “ship” are semantically similar. The “reduced” similarity measure reflects this.

What property of the SVD reduction is responsible for improved similarity?  $\square$

# Why the reduced matrix $C_2$ is better than $C$

$C$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$
ship	1	0	1	0	0	0
boat	0	1	0	0	0	0
ocean	1	1	0	0	0	0
wood	1	0	0	1	1	0
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Similarity of  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  in the original space: 0.

Similarity of  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  in the reduced space:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &0.52 * 0.28 + \\
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# Exercise: Compute matrix product

$C_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$	
ship	0.09	0.16	0.06	-0.19	-0.07	-0.12	
boat	0.10	0.17	0.06	-0.21	-0.07	-0.14	???????
ocean	0.15	0.27	0.10	-0.32	-0.11	-0.21	
wood	-0.10	-0.19	-0.07	0.22	0.08	0.14	
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# word2vec learning via matrix factorization

- Collect and weight cooccurrence matrix
- Compute SVD of cooccurrence matrix
- Reduce the space
- embeddings = left singular vectors (left matrix)

# embeddings = left singular vectors

$U$	1	2	3	4	5	
ship	-0.44	-0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	
boat	-0.13	-0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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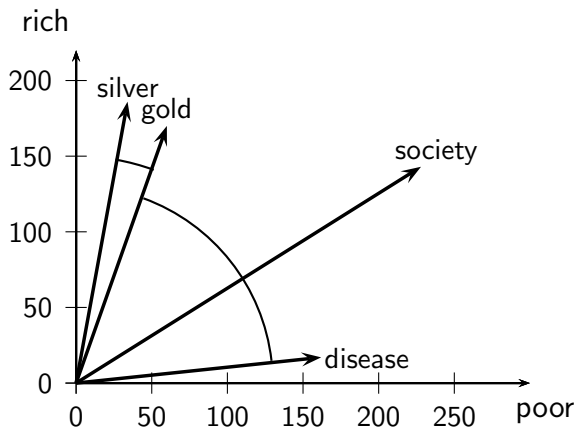
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# Optimality

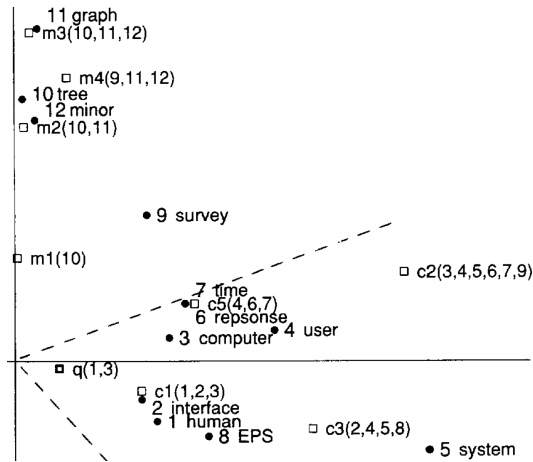
- SVD is **optimal** in the following sense.
- Keeping the  $k$  largest singular values and setting all others to zero gives you the optimal approximation of the original matrix  $C$ . **Eckart-Young theorem**
- Optimal: no other matrix of the same rank (= with the same underlying dimensionality) approximates  $C$  better.
- Measure of approximation is Frobenius norm:  
$$\|C\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_i \sum_j c_{ij}^2}$$
- So SVD uses the “best possible” matrix.
- There is only one best possible matrix – unique solution (modulo signs).
- Caveat: There is only a tenuous relationship between the Frobenius norm and cosine similarity between documents.  $\square$



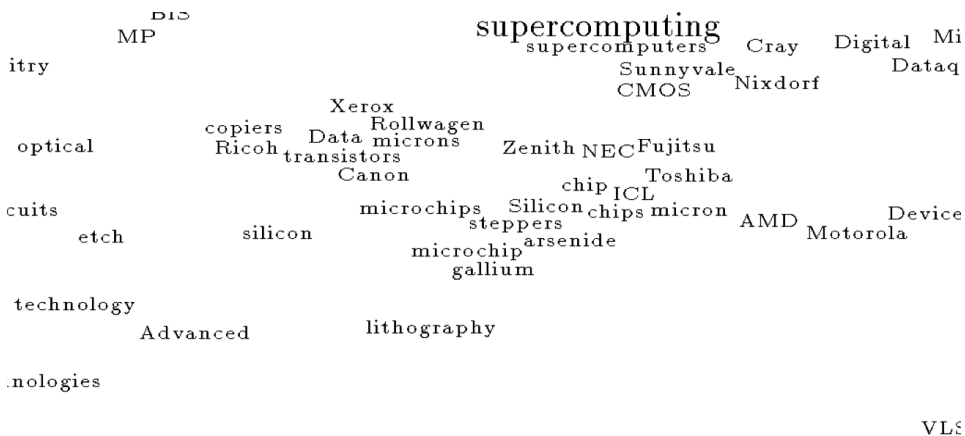
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# Embeddings (2): Latent Semantic Indexing (Deerwester, Dumais, Landauer . . . , 1980s)

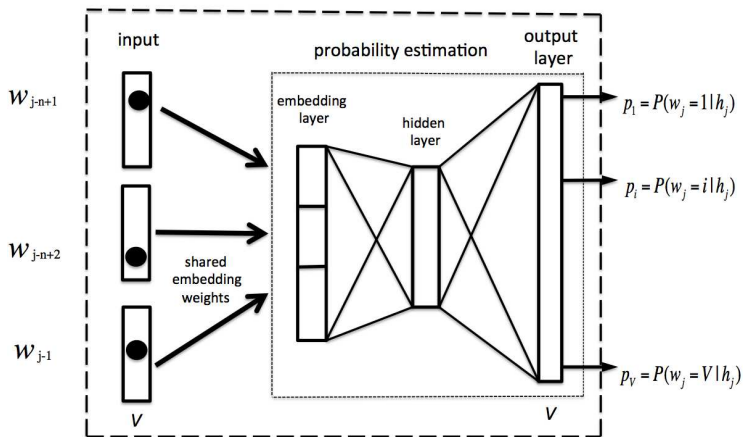


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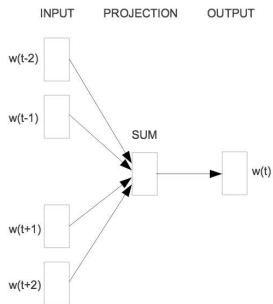


The semantic field of *supercomputing* in sublexical space.

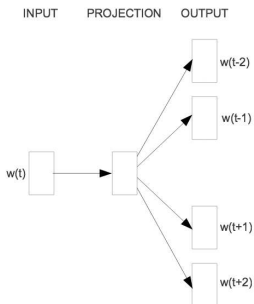
# Embeddings (4): Neural models (Bengio, Schwenk, . . . , 2000s)



# Embeddings (5): word2vec



**CBOW**



**Skip-gram**



# Embeddings (6):

## SVD-based methods (Stratos et al., 2015)

- Scale statistics to construct a matrix  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ :

### SPECTRAL-TEMPLATE

**Input:** word-context co-occurrence counts  $\#(w, c)$ , dimension  $m$ , transformation method  $t$ , scaling method  $s$ , context smoothing exponent  $\alpha \leq 1$ , singular value exponent  $\beta \leq 1$

**Output:** vector  $v(w) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  for each word  $w \in [n]$

**Definitions:**  $\#(w) := \sum_c \#(w, c)$ ,  $\#(c) := \sum_w \#(w, c)$ ,  $N(\alpha) := \sum_c \#(c)^\alpha$

- Transform all  $\#(w, c)$ ,  $\#(w)$ , and  $\#(c)$ :

$$\#(\cdot) \leftarrow \begin{cases} \#(\cdot) & \text{if } t = - \\ \log(1 + \#(\cdot)) & \text{if } t = \log \\ \#(\cdot)^{2/3} & \text{if } t = \text{two-thirds} \\ \sqrt{\#(\cdot)} & \text{if } t = \text{sqrt} \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega_{w,c} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \#(w, c) & \text{if } s = - \\ \frac{\#(w,c)}{\#(w)} & \text{if } s = \text{reg} \\ \max\left(\log \frac{\#(w,c)N(\alpha)}{\#(w)\#(c)^\alpha}, 0\right) & \text{if } s = \text{ppmi} \\ \frac{\#(w,c)}{\sqrt{\#(w)\#(c)^\alpha}} \sqrt{\frac{N(\alpha)}{N(1)}} & \text{if } s = \text{cca} \end{cases}$$

Perform rank- $m$  SVD on  $\Omega \approx U\Sigma V^\top$  where  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$  is a diagonal matrix of ordered singular values  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_m \geq 0$ .

Define  $v(w) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  to be the  $w$ -th row of  $U\Sigma^\beta$  normalized to have unit 2-norm.

# Embeddings (7): GloVe

(Pennington, Socher, Manning, 2014)

$$J = \sum_{i,j=1}^V f(X_{ij})(w_i^T \tilde{w}_j + b_i + \tilde{b}_j - \log X_{ij})^2$$

# Takeaway

## Limitations of WordSpace

- WordSpace vectors can be inefficient.  
(large number of parameters when used in deep learning)
- WordSpace vectors can be ineffective.  
(due to randomness and noisiness of cooccurrence)



# Takeaway

## Definition of embedding

- Real-valued vector representation of word  $w$
- Represents semantic and other properties of  $w$
- Low dimensionality  $k$  (e.g.,  $50 \leq k \leq 1000$ )
- Dense (as opposed to sparse)

# Takeaway

## Embeddings my matrix factorization

- Compute PPMI cooccurrence matrix
- Decompose it using SVD
- Reduce left matrix  $U$  to  $d$  dimensions
- Reduced  $U$  is then the embeddings matrix.

# Resources

- Chapter 18 of IIR at <http://cislmu.org>
- Deerwester et al.'s paper on latent semantic indexing
- Paper on probabilistic LSI by Thomas Hofmann
- Neural Word Embeddings as Implicit Matrix Factorization. Omer Levy and Yoav Goldberg. NIPS 2014.

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vec.bin
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# GoogleNews embeddings

- Embedding basis for `cis.lmu.de/schuetze/e`
- These were computed with `word2vec skipgram`.
- 3,000,000 words and phrases
- 300-dimensional embeddings
- Trained on 100 billion word Google news dataset

## word2vec parameters

- `-train <file>`  
input corpus
- `-output <file>`  
word vectors are saved in output file
- `-size <int>`  
dimensionality of word vectors
- `-window <int>`  
skip length between words
- `-sample <float>`  
threshold for downsampling frequent words
- `-hs <int>`  
use hierarchical softmax (0/1)
- `-negative <int>`  
number of negative samples
- `-threads <int>`  
number of threads

# word2vec parameters

- `-iter <int>`  
number of training iterations
- `-min-count <int>`  
discard words that occur less often than this
- `-alpha <float>`  
starting learning rate
- `-classes <int>`  
output word classes rather than word vectors
- `-debug <int>`  
set the debug mode
- `-binary <int>`  
use binary or plain text output format (0/1)



# word2vec parameters

- `-save-vocab <file>`  
save the vocabulary
- `-read-vocab <file>`  
read the vocabulary from file (don't take it from corpus)
- `-cbow <int>`  
use cbow or not (0/1)